



I-44/U.S. 50 Interchange Improvements Project



October 2026

MoDOT is planning long-term improvements at the **I-44/U.S. 50 interchange and U.S. 50/Route AT intersection.** The project aims to increase safety and reliability while improving roadway conditions.

In our May newsletter, we shared how MoDOT will be seeking design and construction plans from contractors that will help meet our project goals.

In this newsletter, we will share what the interchange and intersection designs might look like and how they could help MoDOT meet the project goals while also reflecting community values.

Keep reading for information on upcoming opportunities to provide feedback on potential designs for the I-44/U.S. 50 interchange and U.S. 50/Route AT intersection, as well as details about an upcoming public meeting.

Project Update

- MoDOT is making great progress on the technical tasks needed to start working with contractors on the project.
- MoDOT is on track to release the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to potential Design-Build teams by the end of 2026, which will help us find the best team to design and construct the new interchange and intersection.
- Now, MoDOT is sharing potential interchange and intersection designs so the community is informed about options the Design-Build teams may consider.

Project Goals



1. **Improve safety and reliability within the I-44/U.S. 50 interchange, U.S. 50/ Route AT intersection, and throughout the entire project limits, all within the program budget.**
2. **Provide a long-lasting, expandable transportation system that minimizes maintenance needs and future traffic impacts.**
3. **Construct the project safely while minimizing impacts to the public.**
4. **Deliver the project by 2030.**

Project Needs



The current interchange experiences a high number of crashes, which are more likely to happen at conflict points, where roads meet or vehicles merge. A new roadway design could reduce the number and severity of conflict points, improving overall safety.



The current pavement no longer meets the freight corridor’s heavy traffic demands, resulting in potholes and uneven surfaces. This means frequent maintenance is needed, with more than 100 work zones logged annually in this area. Any proposed design would include full pavement replacement, creating smoother, safer travel.



Around 80 incidents occur annually, often causing long delays averaging three hours and making travel times unpredictable. With fewer crashes and maintenance work zones, trips along the corridor would become more reliable. That means travel takes about the same time, every time, even during peak hours.

Potential Interchange & Intersection Designs

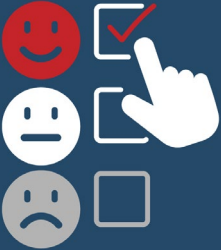
Safety is MoDOT's top priority.

- A new roadway design can reduce the **number and severity of conflicts** that cause crashes, improving overall safety.



I-44/U.S. 50 Interchange Improvements
Exploring Potential Designs

Watch this short video explaining the different types of interchange and intersection designs that contractor teams may consider for the project, and how each one can help improve safety.



Your voice matters. Provide feedback through our online survey today!

Your input will help guide MoDOT and the Design-Build teams to develop a design that best meets the project goals while also reflecting community values.

surveymonkey.com/r/MoDOT_I-44_US50

Please keep in mind that these potential designs we are sharing this fall are high-level in nature; the final design could look different due to the feedback received.



Join us at our open house-style public meeting

MoDOT invites you to **learn** about the potential designs, **speak** directly with members of the project team, and **share** your feedback.

Time: 4-6 p.m.
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026
Location: Union Community Center (1329 Union Avenue, Union, MO 63084)

Join us in-person or view materials and complete the survey online by Friday, October 30.

Next Steps			
Fall 2026	Winter 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
 Share Your Input	 Begin Design-Build Contractor Search	 Select Contractor/Begin Design Work	 Finalize Design/Begin Construction
MoDOT launches a public survey sharing possible designs that may be considered by the	MoDOT invites contractors to take part in the procurement process and shares	MoDOT chooses a design build team based on quality, price, and ability to meet project	MoDOT holds a public meeting to share the final design with the

selected design-build contractor and asks for community feedback.

results from the public survey with the potential design-build teams.*

goals. The selected team begins designing the project.

community prior to construction beginning.

*Design-Build Process

- **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

Contractors submit information about their experience, skills, and past design build projects. This helps MoDOT identify the most qualified teams.

- **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Short listed teams submit detailed proposals, including design ideas, schedules, costs, and construction approaches.



Learn more about the Forward 44: U.S. 50 Interchange Improvements project.
[Visit the project website.](#)



Have a question?
[Email the project team.](#)

