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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony held for Boonville to Rocheport project



MoDOT Director Ed Hassinger and Improve I-70 Program Director Eric Kopinski alongside elected officials at the Boonville to Rocheport groundbreaking ceremony on April 3, 2026.

MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program team, alongside team members from Capital Paving & Construction, and Burns & McDonnell, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, April 3. Joined by federal, state, and local elected officials and leaders, the ceremony kicked off construction of MoDOT's Improve I-70: Boonville to Rocheport project.

This \$104 million project will add a third lane and make other improvements along I-70 between Boonville and Rocheport. While this was the fifth Improve I-70 project under contract, it is the first to be delivered by MoDOT's standard design-bid-build procurement. With this process, designs are completed before the plans are provided to contractors for bid. The lowest responsive bidder wins the construction contract.

"The Improve I-70: Boonville to Rocheport project is another outstanding example of improvements for Missourians delivered by Missourians," said MoDOT Director Ed Hassinger. "To date, every Improve I-70 project has been awarded to Missouri contractors. These projects are being built by people who live here, work here, and raise their families here. They know firsthand the importance of this corridor and understand the difference these improvements will make for daily life and commerce."

This project was designed by Burns & McDonnell and was awarded to Capital Paving & Construction in February 2026. Learn more about this project at www.modot.org/improvei70/boonvillerocheport.

MoDOT honors National Work Zone Awareness Week at I-70 work zone

As part of National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 20-24), MoDOT hosted an event alongside the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Associated General Contractors of Missouri to highlight the critical role drivers play in keeping themselves and highway workers safe in work zones. The event took place on Monday, April 20, near the Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa work zone in Grain Valley.

This year marks a historic construction season in Missouri, with I-70 being one of the most impacted routes in the state. By this summer, five Improve I-70 construction projects will be underway statewide, three of which will be in central Missouri alone, spanning nearly 50 miles from Boonville to Kingdom City.

MoDOT reminds motorists to "work with us" by making safe and responsible choices behind the wheel. These efforts are essential to protect highway workers and traveling motorists inside the hundreds of work zones expected across the state this construction season.



MoDOT Director Ed Hassinger alongside the Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa crew, and members of MoDOT's maintenance team.

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Construction begins on new I-70 and MO Route 47 interchange in Warrenton



At the end of March, crews with the Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville project demolished the former MO Route 47 bridge over I-70. This demolition is part of interchange improvements at the I-70 and MO Route 47 interchange in Warrenton (mile marker 193), included in the Warrenton to Wentzville project.

Watch the timelapse of the demolition by scanning the QR code or visiting https://youtu.be/c_nPlxW48Q4.

The MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 will be closed for approximately five months while the new structure is built. Motorists in the area can follow the signed detour or seek alternate routes during this time.

Crews with the Warrenton to Wentzville project demolished the MO Route 47 bridge over I-70.



Blue Springs to Odessa project continues to make progress

The Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project continues to make progress as it enters its first full construction season. Construction began in the fall in the western segment of the project, between Blue Springs and Grain Valley. Over the winter, the new concrete lanes were poured in the former I-70 median. Since then, westbound traffic has been shifted onto the new driving surface and crews have begun pouring the future westbound lanes. Later this spring, traffic will be shifted again to allow crews to construct the future eastbound lanes. All six lanes are expected to be completed in this section of the project by the end of this year.

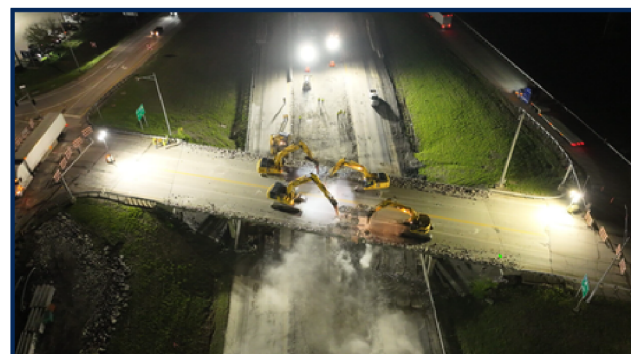


For more project updates, watch the video by scanning the QR code or by visiting: www.youtube.com/watch?v=goKUS62Pp0g



Traffic in certain sections of the Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project is driving on brand new pavement.

Demolition of St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 makes way for new bridge in Columbia



The St. Charles Road Bridge over I-70 was demolished in mid-April. It will be replaced with a longer structure that will accommodate three lanes of I-70 traffic.



Crews with the Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City project completed the demolition of the St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 in Columbia (mile marker 131) in mid-April. This bridge is being replaced because the original structure could not accommodate three lanes of I-70 travel.

Crews worked nonstop over the course of one weekend to demolish the bridge and have already started construction of its replacement. The new structure will be longer and will also have increased vertical clearance for taller vehicles. It will also provide pedestrian crossings on both sides and enhanced aesthetics.

To see footage of the demolition, scan the QR code or visit <https://youtu.be/y3yykEbWaoA>

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Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for Rocheport to Columbia project

MoDOT will host a formal groundbreaking ceremony for its fourth Improve I-70 project, Rocheport to Columbia, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7 in Columbia. The event includes speakers from MoDOT and its Design-Build contractor team, as well as Boone County Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick, Columbia Mayor Barbara Buffaloe, and University of Missouri Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Grounds Michael Graves.



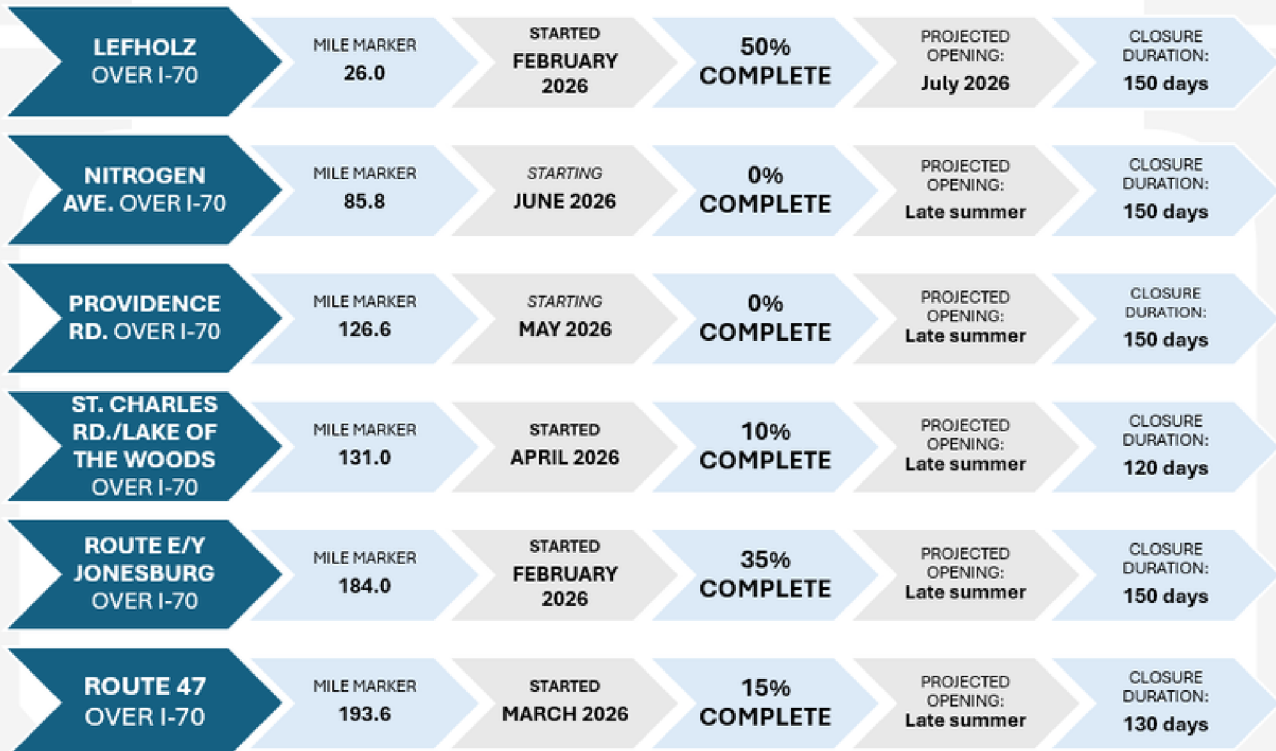
Thursday, May 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
North Parking Lot of Former Ellis
Fischel Cancer Center (115 Business
Loop 70 West Columbia, MO)

Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia is a \$441 million Design-Build project that will improve the 14-mile stretch of Interstate 70 from the Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to approximately U.S. Route 63 in Columbia. Anticipated project completion is in late 2029.

Updated Improve I-70 2026 Bridge Closure Information

In 2026, a total of five Improve I-70 projects will be under construction across the state. These projects include a number of a bridge replacements that will impact traffic throughout the year. The graphic below will be updated periodically to show the bridge progress being made along the corridor. All work is weather permitting.

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Improve I-70: Views from the Crews

Throughout this historic construction season, approximately 500 crew members are working along I-70 to add the third lane and make other improvements. Take a look at some of the progress photos taken by those in the field.

COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY:



Future northbound U.S. Route 63 fly over ramp to westbound I-70.



I-70 pavement work between Columbia and Kingdom City.

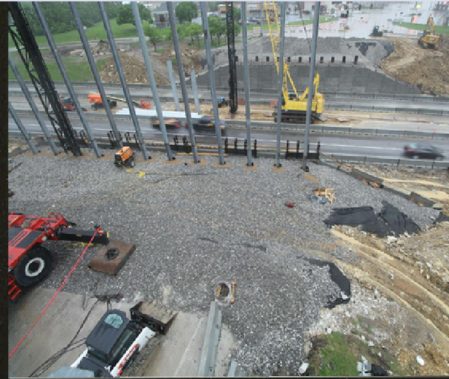


Crews driving bridge pile on the northbound U.S. Route 63 bridge over Conley Road.

WARRENTON TO WENTZVILLE:



Paving progress between Warrenton and Wentzville.



MO Route 47 over I-70 bridge replacement.

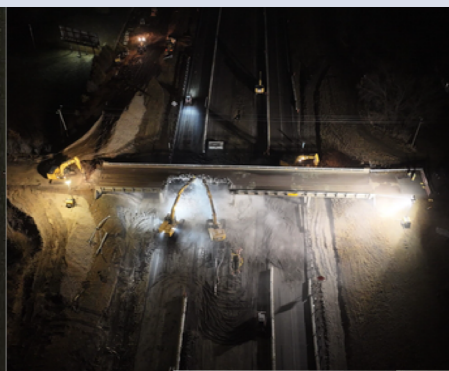


Bridge girder work along southbound U.S. 61 over I-70.

BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA:



I-70 pavement progress between Blue Springs and Odessa.



Lefholz Road over I-70 bridge demolition.



New westbound I-70 pavement construction.