



I-55 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

BETWEEN ROUTE Z AND ROUTE 67
INTERCHANGES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the boundaries of this project?

The Conceptual Study area is along I-55, bounded by the Route Z interchange to the north and the Route 67 interchange to the south. The study also includes Route 67 between Route 61 and Highway CC.

What is the purpose of this project?

Regular traffic, combined with recreational traffic, along the I-55 corridor has led to periodic traffic congestion. There are numerous drivers along this high-speed environment who are unfamiliar with the area, which has led to a crash rate that is higher than statewide averages. As the population grows in Festus, Crystal City, Herculaneum, and Pevely, this corridor will only experience more traffic. The purpose of this project is to better understand the current conditions of this corridor and what improvements are needed to meet the future transportation needs in this area.

What happens in this phase of the project?

The Conceptual Study is the project's first phase. The study's purpose is to understand what improvements are needed along the corridor and determine what constraints to address during the design and construction process. During the Conceptual Study, the project team's tasks will include looking at the current corridor's safety, traffic flow, bridge conditions, design standard and future changes and growth in the area.

What changes will be made to this I-55 corridor?

The project team does not yet know what changes will be made to the corridor from the Route Z interchange to the Route 67 interchange. The Conceptual Study will provide important information about what needs to be improved in the corridor and what design options are available. It's a blank slate!

How will traffic be impacted during this phase of the project?

Traffic will not be impacted during this phase because MoDOT and its consulting team will be studying the existing corridor, analyzing data and coming up with potential solutions. Future traffic impacts will be based on the design and construction plan, which has not yet been determined.

Will my residential/business property be impacted?

It is too early to determine whether any property will be impacted. Future property impacts will be based on the design and construction plan, which has not yet been determined.

Where can I share my thoughts?

We welcome you to attend one of our upcoming public meetings to share your thoughts about this project. Register for the Sept. 22 virtual public meeting at <https://bit.ly/I55register>. You can also submit your thoughts on the I-55 Corridor Improvements Public Comment Form at bit.ly/I55comment.

When will this project be completed?

The Conceptual Study, which is Phase One, is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022. MoDOT has already committed funds toward improving this corridor with an estimated project timeline for construction in FY2024.