

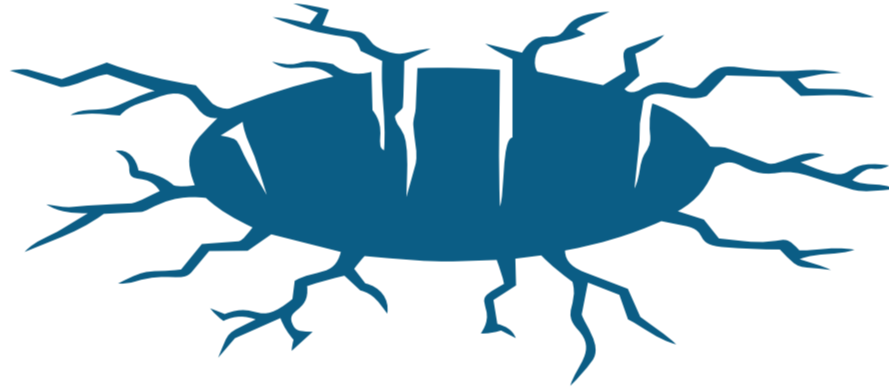
# Why Is This Work Needed?



Interstate 44 is a vital east–west connection in our region, linking communities across Missouri and the nation. Since it was completed in 1966, it has become an important route for both daily travel and freight movement.



Over time, however, conditions have changed. As engineering standards and safety expectations have evolved, many portions of I-44 no longer meet today’s design standards.



In addition, the roadway has aged. Not only has the pavement deteriorated, but the underlying base that supports it also needs to be replaced in certain locations.



The Missouri Department of Transportation is committed to improving this corridor to ensure I-44 remains safe, reliable, and efficient for years to come.

