



I-44 IMPROVEMENTS IN LACLEDE COUNTY PROJECT FACT SHEET

About I-44 in Mid Missouri

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.

Project Goals

Enhance drivability.

Improve safety.

Address drainage needs.

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About the Project

MoDOT is planning a pavement reconstruction project on I-44 in Laclede County. This improvement project will span approximately 10.5 miles, focusing on replacing deteriorated pavement and rebuilding key sections of the driving surface between Missouri Route 133 and Route F (Exit 145 – 135). The goal of the project is to enhance drivability, improve safety, and address drainage needs along this section of I-44.

Schedule

Preliminary design in spring 2026.

Design complete in summer 2026.

Construction to begin in spring 2027.

Expected completion fall 2028.

Construction Impacts

Construction will require traffic crossovers and temporary ramp closures during some phases of work.

Closures of the Route F (Exit 135) and Route T (Exit 140) interchange ramps will be required during certain construction stages. A signed detour will be in place to direct motorists around the temporary ramp closures.

Throughout construction, at least one lane of interstate traffic is expected to be maintained in each direction.

Learn More

For more information about these improvements and other Forward 44 efforts, visit:

<https://www.modot.org/projects/interstate-44-corridor-upgrades-laclede-and-phelps-counties>

