Area Road Work This Year

- The new bridge on Route JJ near Bellflower will open this spring. It was the first bridge to go under construction that was funded through Governor Parson’s Focus On Bridge program.
- The Smith Branch Bridge on Missouri Route 161 will be replaced this year.
- Work continues on the I-70 Loutre River Bridges.
- The addition of climbing lanes on I-70 at Mineola Hill, east and west bound lanes.

www.modot.org/mineola-hill-climbing-lanes-design-build

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Missouri Route 19 at New Florence

Built in 1963, the existing Missouri Route 19 bridge over Interstate 70 is in poor condition and is in need of replacement. In the early 2000s, a study was conducted along the Interstate 70 corridor, which included replacing the Route 19 bridge and reconfiguring the interchange area. Since the study was completed in 2005, updated options to meet current and future needs related to traffic flow for the bridge and interchange area have been developed.

In order to comply with the Federal Highway Administration, MoDOT needs your input and feedback on the original study, plus the newly developed options. Please learn about the options, complete the survey, which is also available on our website, and share any comments you may have, as well as which option you prefer and why you prefer it.

The existing Highway 19 bridge over Interstate 70 is 28 feet wide and carries an annual average of 5000 vehicles per day. All designs, featured in our displays at the public meeting and online, as well as inside this handout, feature improvements to make the bridge wider and carry more traffic, as we expect more growth in this area in the coming years.

While the project is not actually funded at this time, it is expected to be included in Missouri’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). If added to the STIP, construction could begin as soon as Fall 2022.

Questions?
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Your input is needed

Four options are presented for the replacement of the Route 19 bridge over I-70. Customer input can help determine the best value for your tax dollars.

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The challenge is simple: when you get into any vehicle, buckle up your safety belt. If you are a driver, put the cellphone down. Turn it off if you have to. Every trip, every time!

Accept the challenge and challenge a friend, relative or members of your community to buckle their seat belts and put their phones down while driving.

www2.modot.org/BuckleUpPhoneDown/
**2020 MoDOT RECOMMENDATION**

- **Green Option**
  - Cost - $9.72 Million
  - Realign Route 19 to the West
  - 6-leg roundabout intersections
  - 36’ Wide Bridge
  - Free Flowing Traffic
  - No traffic signals to maintain
  - 51% Predicted crash reduction
  - Learning curve for traveling thru 6-leg roundabout

- **Red Option**
  - Cost - $9.78 Million
  - Realign Route 19 to the West
  - Reconstruct North Outer Road Signal
  - 4-leg Roundabout at South Outer Road
  - 56’ Wide Bridge
  - Intersections similar to existing configuration
  - Future traffic congestion due to 3 closely spaced signals
  - Highest bridge cost
  - Signal maintenance costs

- **Blue Option**
  - Cost - $9.45 Million
  - Realign Route 19 to the West
  - Reconstruct North Outer Road Signal
  - 5-leg oval roundabout for South Intersections
  - 48’ Wide Bridge
  - North intersection similar to existing
  - Lowest cost
  - Extended closure of Eastbound Off Ramp and South Outer Road
  - Future traffic congestion due to 2 closely spaced signals

- **2005 “Improve I-70” Orange Option**
  - Cost - $25.7 Million
  - Realign Route 19 to the West
  - Reconstruct ramps and outer roads at greater spacing
  - 48’ Wide Bridge
  - No traffic signals to maintain
  - Highest Cost
  - Access changes for all businesses
  - Greatest environmental impacts