



I-55 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

BETWEEN ROUTE Z AND U.S. 67 INTERCHANGES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the boundaries of this project?

The project area is along I-55, bounded by the Route Z interchange to the north and the U.S. 67 interchange to the south. The study also includes U.S. 67 between U.S. 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.

What happens in the next phase of the project?

The first phase of this project was the conceptual study phase, which studied what improvements are needed along the corridor and to determine what constraints need to be addressed during the design and construction process. The next phase of the project involves preliminary design of the recommended alternative, additional study of traffic patterns, safety, roadway conditions, noise analysis, and environmental documentation. The final phase is design/construction.

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

The project team has used the data gained from the conceptual study of the Route Z interchange to the U.S. 67 interchange to create recommended alternatives for the corridor. These alternatives will require more study of traffic patterns, safety, noise, and environmental needs to choose the best possible design. Changes are not yet set in stone as the project team continues to explore alternatives to develop the corridor improvements throughout the preliminary design and design/construction phase.

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

Traffic will not be impacted during the preliminary design and environmental documentation phase because MoDOT and its consulting team will be studying the existing corridor, analyzing data, and exploring alternatives. 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?

Public engagement is an important part of this project. MoDOT invites the public to attend public information meetings and provide feedback throughout all phases of the project. Visit [MoDOT.org/I-55-Corridor-Improvements](https://www.modot.org/I-55-Corridor-Improvements) to learn about the latest public engagement opportunities.

When will this project be completed?

MoDOT has already committed funds toward improving this corridor with an estimated project timeline for construction in FY2024.