

SUMMER 2026

INTERSTATE 55 CORRIDOR UPGRADES



Demolition of southbound I-55 bridge over Route Z

I-55 Bridge Work Progressing

Over the weekend of June 19th, southbound I-55 was shifted onto the new median, allowing for demolition of the existing southbound I-55 bridge over Route Z. Demolition of the southbound I-55 bridges over BNSF and UP railroads is underway.

With the southbound I-55 ramps closed at Route Z, construction of a new roundabout that will connect Route Z with the sb I-55 ramps and Weier Road is underway. This northern section of the project will be in phase 2 construction all summer and fall to prepare for the third phase, which will demolish and reconstruct northbound I-55, beginning in December 2026.



Pile being set for new southbound I-55 over Route Z

I-55 BETWEEN MAIN ST. AND ROUTE A



Temporary barrier recently removed from I-55 between Main St. and Route A

At the southern end of the project, construction of noise walls and a concrete median barrier is wrapping up, allowing the temporary concrete barrier to be removed, and I-55 between McNutt Street and US 67 to accommodate wide-load vehicles that have been using US 61/67 through Festus & Crystal City.



Temporary barrier recently removed from I-55 north of Main St.

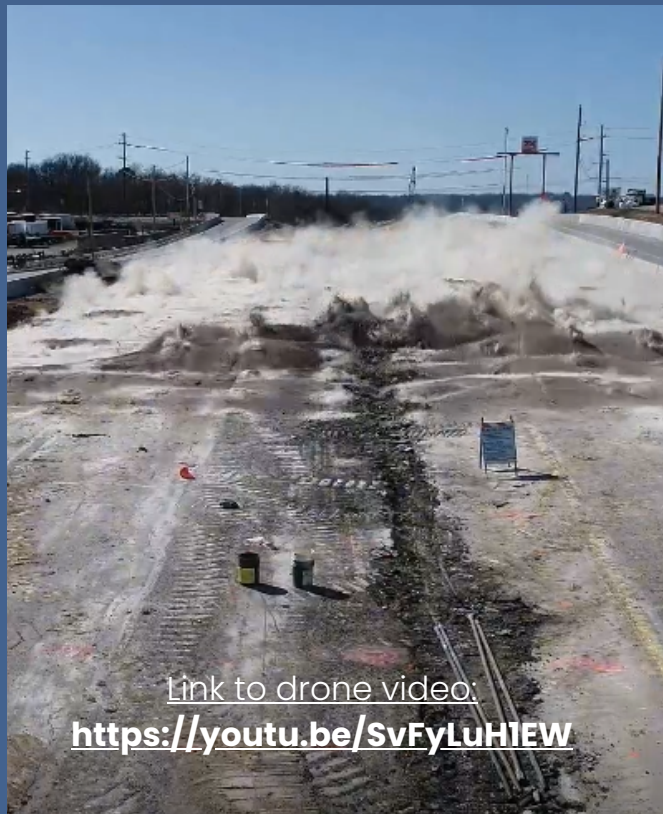
US ROUTE 67 AT ROUTE CC



Retaining wall panels ready to set at US 67/Route CC



In the middle zone of the project, the bridge deck for the northbound I-55 bridge over Herky Horine Road was poured in June. The existing deck and girders of northbound I-55 bridge over Joachim Creek have been removed. New girders will be placed in July and crews will focus on building the northbound bridge deck.



Link to drone video:
<https://youtu.be/SvFyLuHIEW>

PROJECT PROGRESS

Construction of retaining walls at US 67 and Route CC is progressing well. On the south side of US 67, crews are nearing completion and are currently focused on building the section that will sit directly beneath the new Route CC bridge. On the north side, work continues with two drill machines, excavating shafts for foundation placement, followed by the installation of retaining wall panels. Retaining wall construction is expected to continue through July. The team anticipates girders for the new Route CC bridge will be set in early August.

US ROUTE 67 AT ROUTE CC

Concrete paving on US 67 is progressing steadily. Storm sewer installation on the new US 67 east of the Route CC bridge is now complete, and paving crews have begun work on the newly lowered segment of the highway.



PROJECT PROGRESS

People interested in learning more about the project and signing up for project updates can visit the project website

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