

Interstate 70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project Update



Back in January, MoDOT made the decision to pause the I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project, and today I wanted to let you know we are resuming the project. We heard the public's concerns about a potential one-way conversion of the outer roads so we went back and looked at how both one-way and two-way options could work. Based on those findings, MoDOT has decided that leaving all options on the table will give the public the best possible project.

However, your feedback has still changed this project significantly. Your concerns about the roads you use every day helped us ensure the Project Goals fit the needs of the community. Since the Project Goals guide every decision on a Design-Build project, having the right goals is crucial to fixing the issues in this area. Connectivity, or how well you access local homes and businesses, is now our number one goal.

Along with connectivity, this project still needs to address a consistently high crash rate and serious congestion issues. The Highway Patrol has logged 3,000 crashes in a 5-year period, and we consistently see backups on the ramps and onto the interstate.

The Project Goals are now:

1. Improve connectivity for the local community while maximizing safety and efficiency of the transportation network within the program budget of \$62 million.
2. Provide a durable and maintainable transportation infrastructure allowing for future expansion.
3. Minimize impacts to the traveling public during construction while safely delivering the project by June 28, 2024.
4. Deliver the project using a diverse workforce.

To learn more about why we've made this decision please take a look at our latest project video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL-i-Hposuc. We have also revamped our project website with more information at www.i70csfg.com.

Stacey Smith, Project Director

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project will maximize improvements to address:

- Local Connectivity, Safety, Traffic Congestion
- Long-Lasting Infrastructure with Future Expansion in Mind
- Construction Impacts
- Workforce Diversity



NEXT STEPS

We are moving forward with the next steps in the Design-Build process and expect to award the project to the team that best achieves the Project Goals in February 2022. Once we've done that, we'll be able to release their plans for public review. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2022 and will be complete in summer 2024. Please reach out to us with any additional questions or concerns you have.

