

# Interstate 70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project Update



*What's the Latest?*

As we get closer to learning exactly what this project will look like, I want to share recent crash data with you.

It's been a year since our first public meeting on the I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build project. Thanks to the public's input there have been changes to the project. What hasn't changed are the issues in this area.

There continues to be a lot of traffic in this area. The interchanges still have higher-than-average crash rates. As we've said before, the Highway Patrol recorded nearly 3,000 crashes in the last five years. These trends have continued in the last year.

	CRASHES	FATAL	SERIOUS INJURY
	166	1	3
WEST CLAY	57	0	1
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY	24	1	1

Above stats are between **December 2020** and **November 2021**.

Addressing the issues in the area will help cut down on the number of crashes and the time motorists spend sitting in traffic.

**Stacey Smith**, Project Director



## WHAT'S NEXT

The competing teams are finalizing their proposals, which are due later this month. **As a reminder, no decision about the direction of the outer road has been made.** The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission is expected to approve the Best Value Proposer in February 2022. After that, we will release more information on the project to the public.

## 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

Average crash rate along the I-70 project area (2013-2017)

60% of crashes happen on the outer roads and at interchanges

**More than 40% above**  
the Missouri statewide average rate

Safety is a significant concern along this corridor

SB Cave Springs between West Clay and Mexico (0.3 miles)

**7 MPH**  
The average speed AM Rush\*  
\*Average travel time: 2 minutes 45 seconds

NB Zumbuhl between Regency Pkwy and West Clay (0.5 miles)

**18 MPH**  
The average speed AM Rush\*  
\*Average travel time: 1 minute and 40 seconds