## Industry Meeting

## Southwest I-44 Improvements Project

November 13, 2025



#### Welcome & Introductions

## Southwest I-44 Improvements Project

## **Presenting Today:**

Kristi Bachman – MoDOT Project Director

#### **MoDOT Team:**

- Matt Koppitz Deputy Project Director
- Beth Schaller Deputy Project Director
- Bethany Willis
- Terrell De 'Sha
- Eric Turner
- Tyler Lindsay
- Mia Crossfield
- Dave Simmons

#### **Consultant Team:**

- Wilson & Company
- Garver
- TREKK
- EFK Moen
- Shockey
- GeoEngineers
- OR Colan





# Industry Meeting Agenda Southwest I-44 Improvements Project

## Agenda:

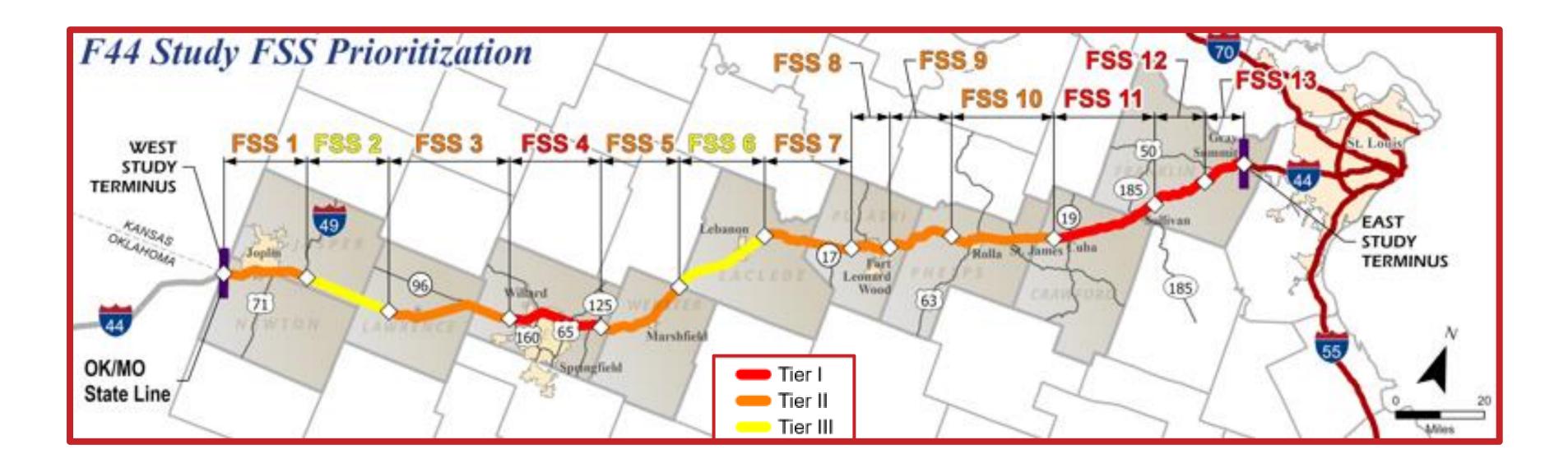
- Project Overview
- Project Goals
- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Review of Segments
- Request for Qualifications
- Risk Allocation and Update
- Networking





## **Project Overview**

#### Forward 44

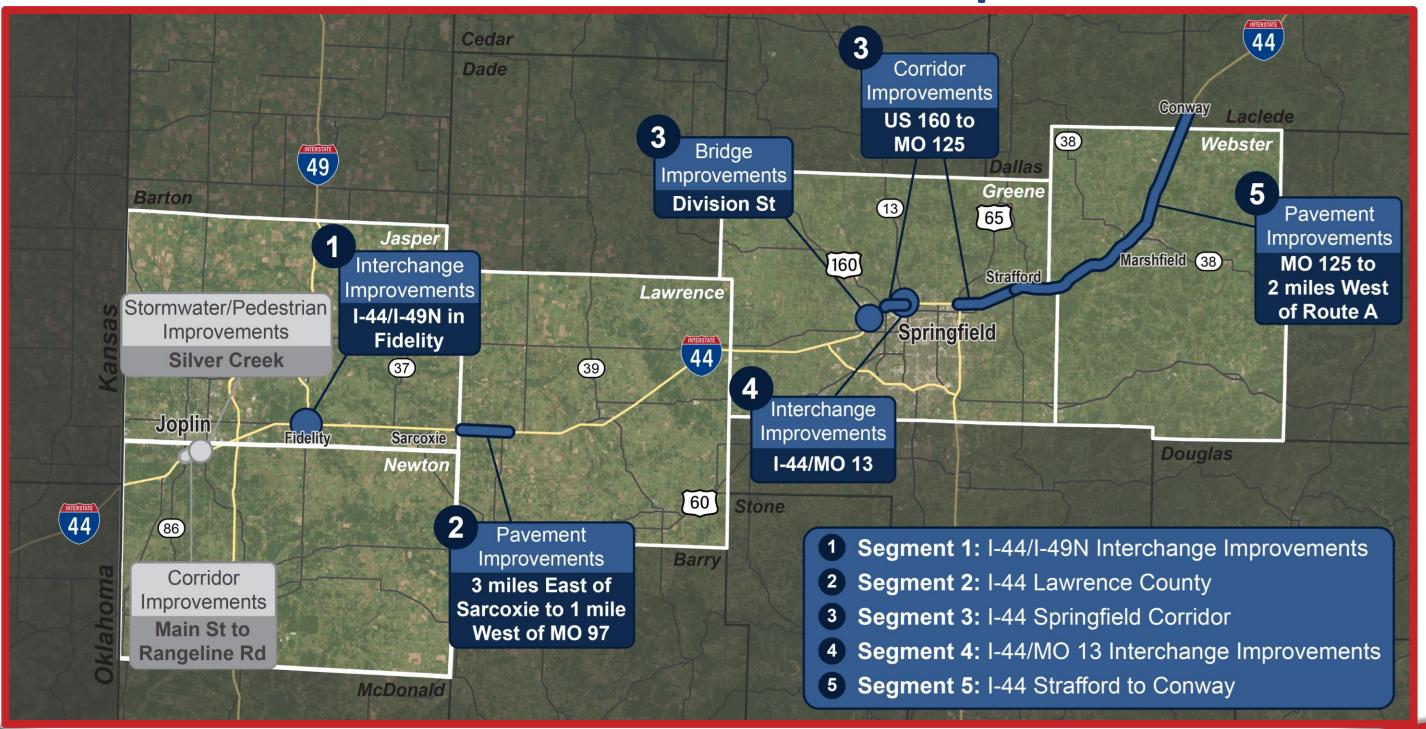






## **Project Overview**

## **Southwest District I-44 Bundled Improvements**







## **Project Goals**

- Deliver the project within the programmed budget
  - Maximize safety and reliability with innovative improvements that reduce crashes, and promote economic development
  - Construct a durable transportation facility that is compatible with freight movement and future expansion
  - Minimize and mitigate delays to the traveling public while ensuring the highest level of safety for both workers and the public
- 5 Deliver the project on or before November 15, 2031





## **Project Schedule**







## **Funding Sources**

#### **Southwest Forward 44**



#### STIP Funding

State and federal transportation revenues are distributed by formula to MoDOT districts around the state for capital projects. The projects, selected in coordination with regional planning partner agencies, are included in the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

#### General Revenue Funding

General Revenue Funds are the primary operating funds of the State of Missouri, collecting broad-based taxes not dedicated to a specific purpose. These funds primarily originate from state income taxes, state sales and use taxes, and various other fees and licenses. They are used to support a wide range of state services, including transportation projects, ensuring the state's ability to address diverse needs.





## **Programmed Budget**

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Design-Build Contract \$440M \$1.25M per eligible team

Programmed Budget - \$471M

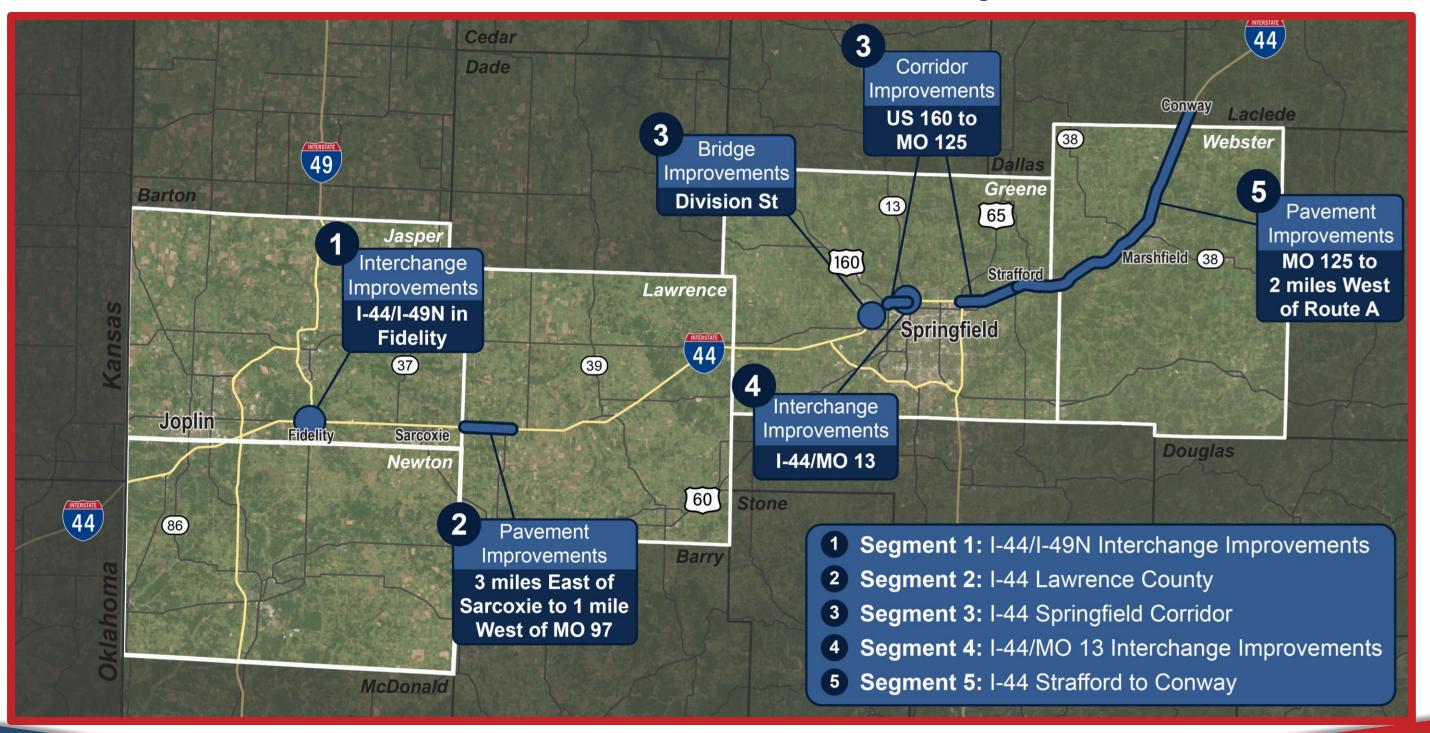
Fixed Price – Best Value





## **I-44 Improvement Segments**

## **Southwest District I-44 Bundled Improvements**







## Segment 1: I-44/I-49N Interchange Improvements **Southwest Forward 44**



Risks

- NEPA Approved PCE
- **Utilities Lumen**
- IAJR FHWA-HQ Approval anticipated by end of 2025
- Right of Way and Utility Relocations will be part DB contract





## Segment 1: I-44/I-49N Interchange Improvements Southwest Forward 44



## **Configuration Requirements**

- Reduce fatal and serious injuries
- Increase reliability of traffic operations
- Correct vertical clearances
- Direct connects for interstate-to-interstate movements





## **Segment 2: I-44 Lawrence County**

## **Southwest Forward 44**



#### Risks

- NEPA Approved PCE
- Lumen located in median







## **Segment 2: I-44 Lawrence County**

### **Southwest Forward 44**



## **Configuration Requirements**

Improve Pavement Conditions

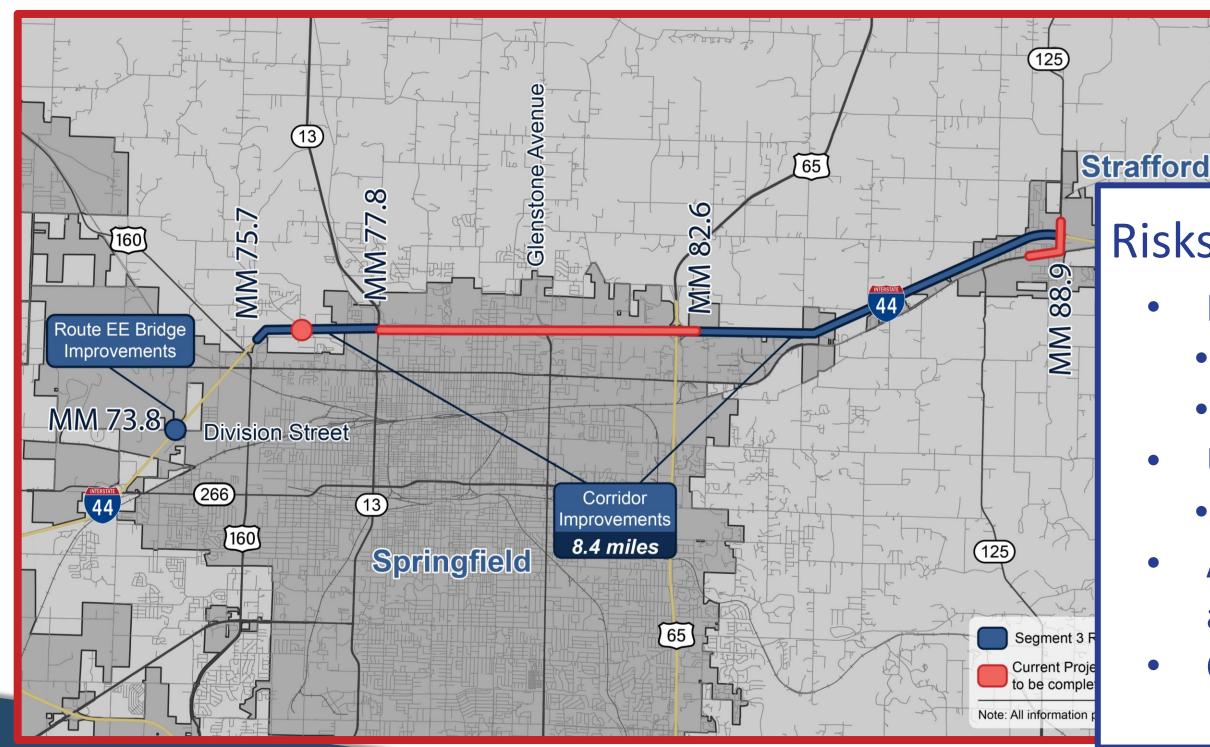






## **Segment 3: I-44 Springfield Corridor**

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#### Risks

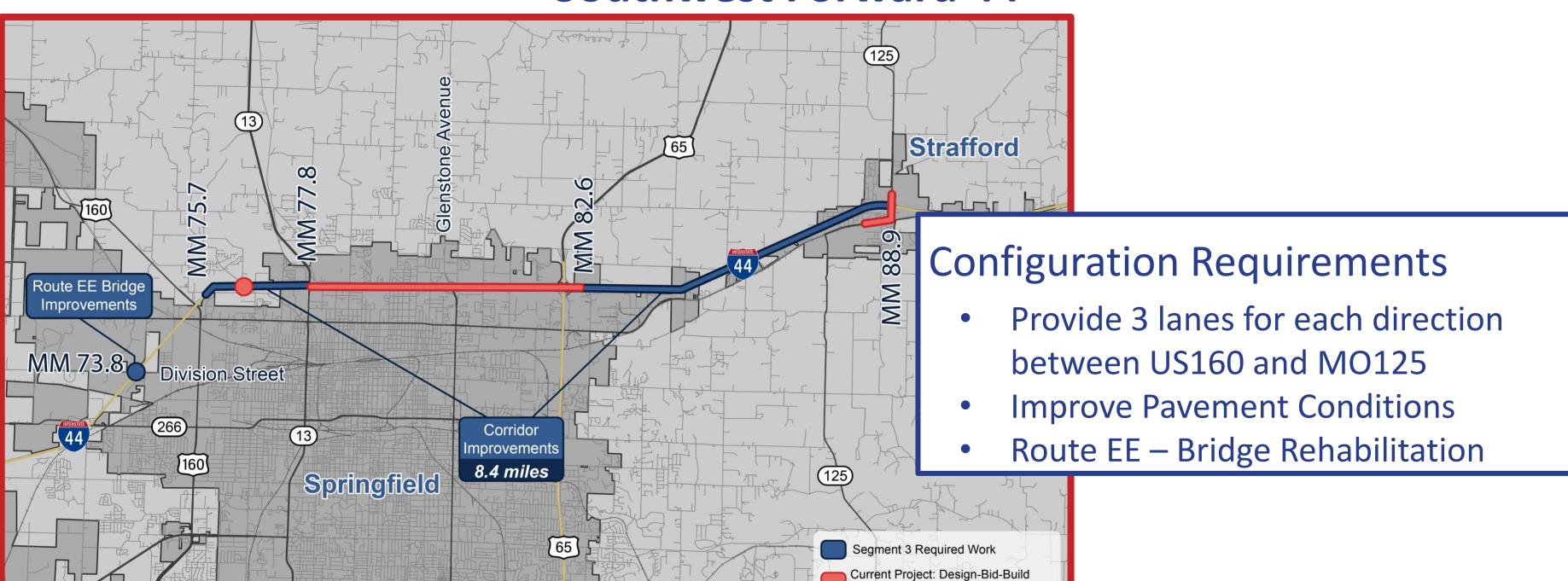
- **Environmental** 
  - **Approved PCE**
  - Potential Sound Wall near Strafford
- **Utilities** 
  - Relocation of Lumen in progress
- Additional Right of Way not anticipated
- Coordination with adjacent projects





## **Segment 3: I-44 Springfield Corridor**

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to be completed by Summer 2027

Note: All information provided is subject to change.





## Segment 4: I-44 / MO 13 Interchange

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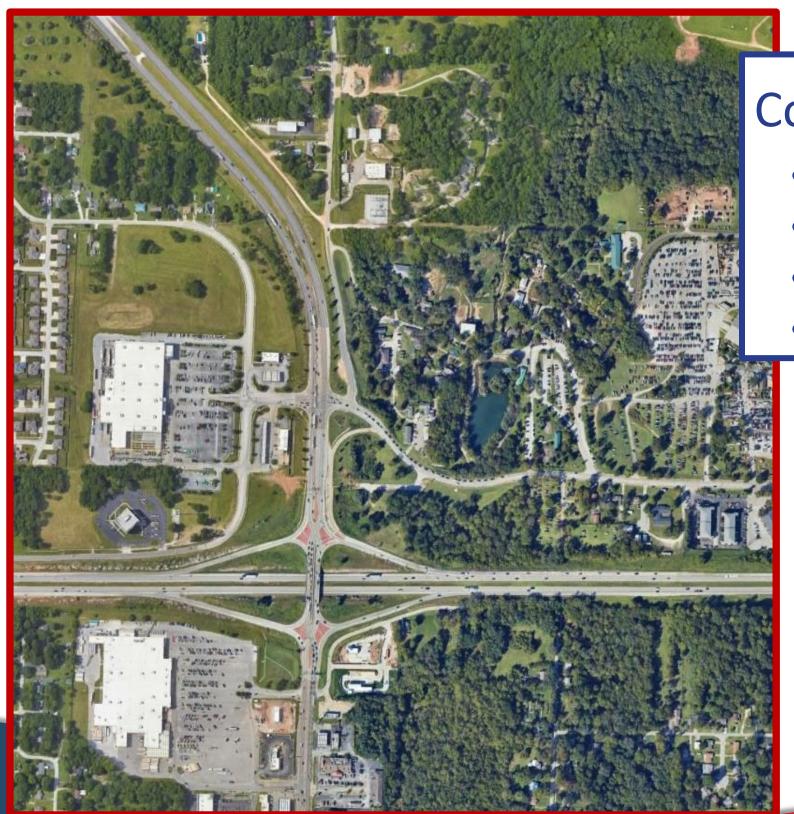
#### Risks

- NEPA Anticipate Approved PCE by end of 2025
  - No noise walls identified
- Utilities Coordination has started
  - City Utilities of Springfield (Water, Electric, Gas and Fiber)
  - Lumen Relocated
- Right of Way acquisition costs will be responsibility of DB team
- IAJR Anticipate Approval by FHWA-MO by end of 2025
- Third Parties Stakeholder Engagement



## Segment 4: I-44 / MO 13 Interchange

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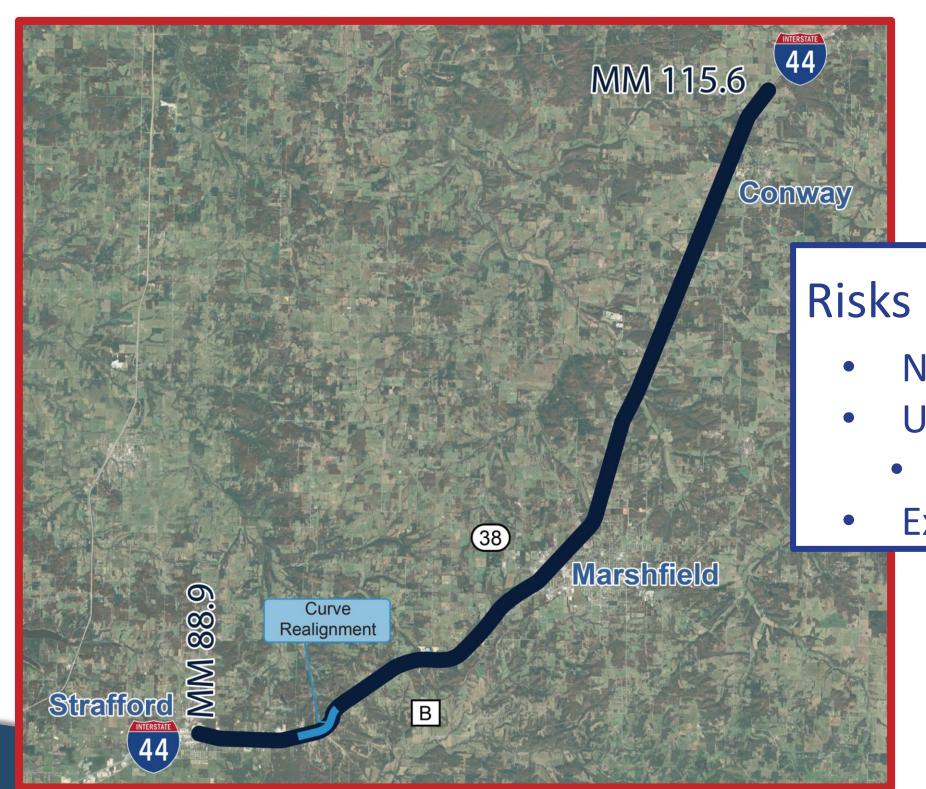
## **Configuration Requirements**

- Reduce fatal and serious injuries
- Increase reliability of traffic operations
- Upgrade condition of existing infrastructure
- Direct connect for MO13 SB to I-44 EB





## Segment 5: Greene, Webster, and Laclede Counties

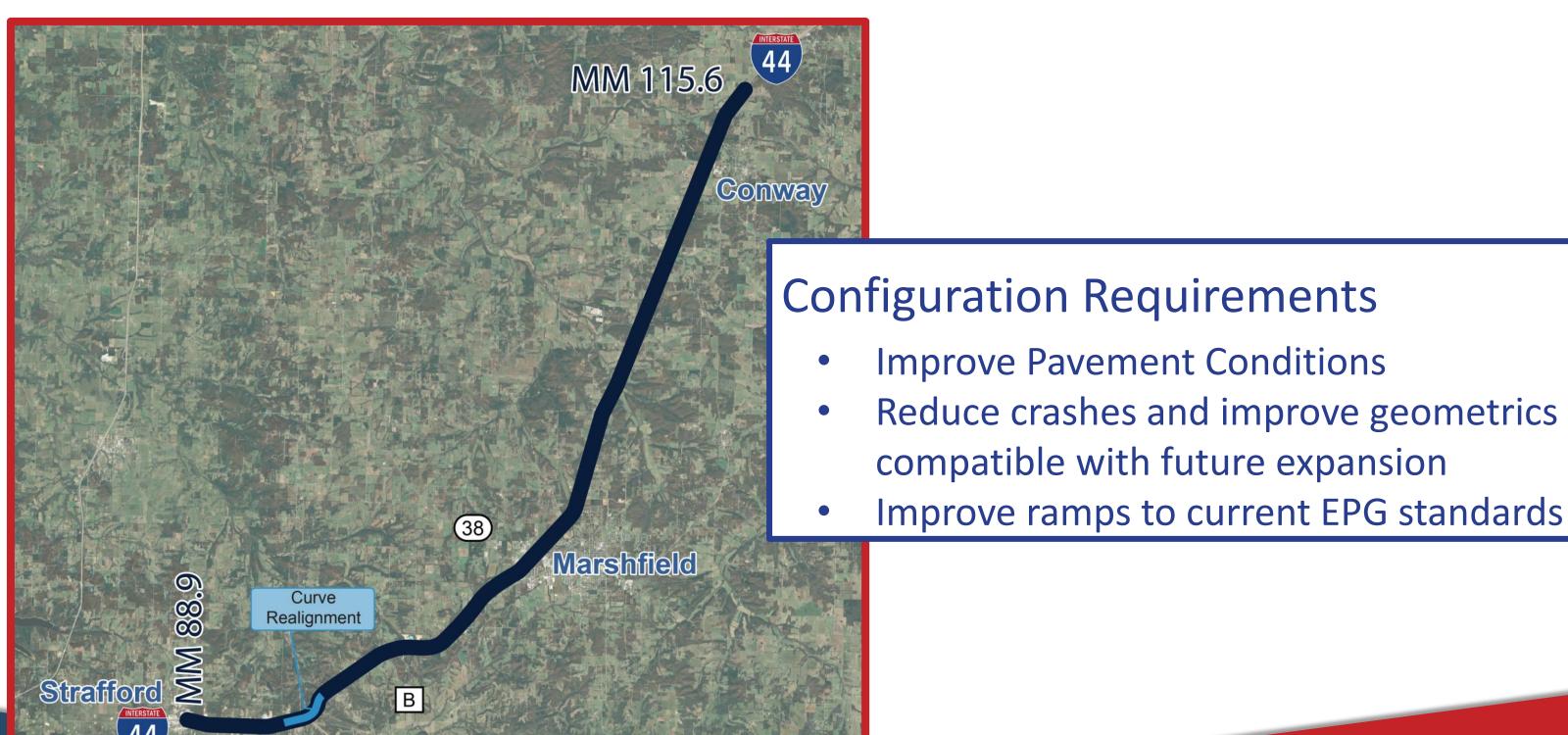


- NEPA Approved PCE
- Utilities Coordination has started
  - Relocation of Lumen in progress
- Existing Pavement Condition concerns





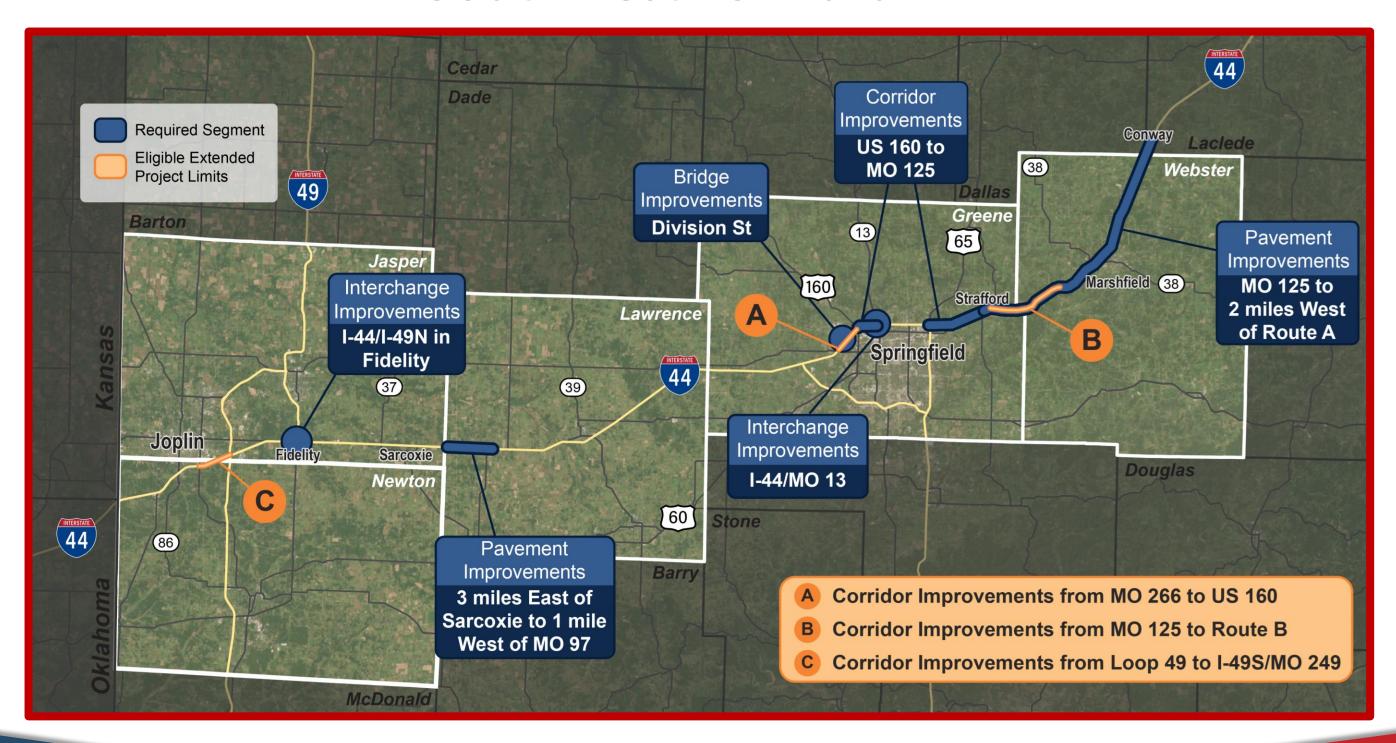
## Segment 5: Greene, Webster, and Laclede Counties







## **Eligible Extended Project Limits**







## Request for Qualifications

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#### Submitter Experience – 60 points

- Executive Summary
- 5 Reference Projects maximum

#### Key Personnel – 40 points

- Project Manager
- Quality Manager
- Design Manager
- Construction Manager
- Maintenance of Traffic Manager

#### **Additional Details**

- DBE Goal: 0%
- OJT Requirements: 3





## **Ineligible Firms**

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The following firms are assisting MoDOT with project procurement and are ineligible to compete:

- Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects
- Garver, LLC
- TREKK Design Group, LLC
- Shockey Consulting Services, LLC
- O.R. Colan Associates, LLC
- EFK Moen, LLC
- GeoEngineers, Inc.





## **Risk Updates**

- Construction Staging / Incident Management
- Utility Coordination Lumen, City Utilities
- Third Parties
- Environmental Clearances
- Right of Way Acquisitions
- Coordination with adjacent projects





#### **Information Release**

#### **Southwest Forward 44**

- Purpose and Need Study
- Existing Concept Reports
- Active Bridge and Roadway Plans
- Existing Structure Reports

- Survey Data
- Traffic Data
- Environmental Footprint
- Utility Information

#### Request access via email to SWForward44@modot.mo.gov

Email notices go out when new information is posted





# Questions?



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https://www.modot.org/projects/forward-44-southwest-i-44-improvements-project





# Networking

- Red Tag Contractor
- Blue Tag Consultant
- Green Tag Producer/Supplier
- Orange Tag Other





