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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held for Lefholz Road Bridge over I-70

The Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project team hosted a milestone event in early June commemorating the on-time completion of the Lefholz Road Bridge over I-70 near Grain Valley (approximately mile marker 26). Joined by numerous local leaders and elected officials, the ceremonial ribbon was cut on a brand new bridge. The original bridge was demolished and replaced in under four months.



Members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the Improve I-70 team, and elected officials cut the ribbon the new Lefholz Road bridge over I-70.

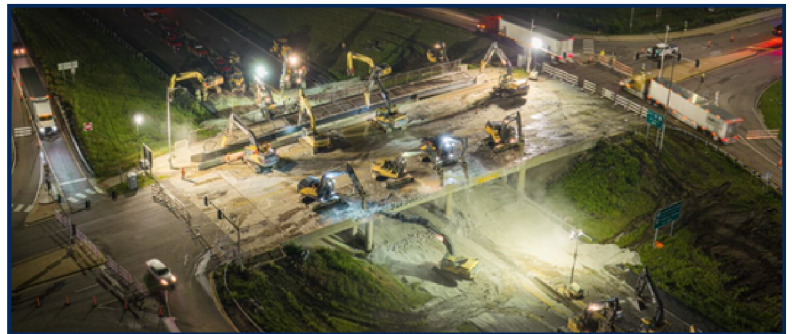
The original Lefholz Road bridge was built in 1963 and had reached the end of its service life. At just 24-feet wide, with 12-foot lanes in each direction, it no longer met the needs of modern traffic. By bringing in local funding through MoDOT's cost share program, the new bridge is 52-foot wide, offers improved vertical clearance, and is built to serve the community safely and reliably for decades to come.

The Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project will add a third lane in each direction to I-70 and make other improvements along the 25-mile stretch of interstate from just west of MO Route 7 in Blue Springs to approximately MO Route H. Project completion is anticipated in late 2028.

Providence Road Bridge over I-70 demolition in Columbia

Crews with the Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia project recently demolished the Providence Road Bridge, and its neighboring pedestrian bridge, over I-70 in Columbia (mile marker 126). This bridge is one of 14 total bridge replacements in the project limits. Crews worked nonstop over the course of a very rainy weekend to safely remove the existing Providence Road bridge and pedestrian crossing using excavators equipped with hydraulic breakers. Work was complete and the interstate was opened ahead of schedule.

This bridge is one of 14 total bridge replacements in the project limits. The new overpass bridge will be longer to accommodate the new I-70 lanes underneath and will be raised to allow taller vehicles to pass beneath it. The overpass will feature pedestrian crossings on both sides and, thanks to local partnerships, added beautification elements will include decorative lighting, enhanced railings and fencing, stone-pattern retaining walls, and bridge facade elements. The new bridge is scheduled for completion in late fall 2026.



Excavators on the former Providence Road bridge over I-70 beginning its demolition.

Construction of this project is scheduled to be complete by late 2029. Total program completion is anticipated by the end of 2030. **Watch the demolition video by scanning the QR code or visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmxFOsgIuvM**



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Bridge work continues at MO Route 47 over I-70 in Warrenton



Progress continues on the new MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 in Warrenton.

Progress continues on the construction of the new MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 in Warrenton (mile marker 193). Crews recently completed the substructure work on the new bridge. Over the next couple of weeks, crews will be setting bridge girders at this location and will start the process of getting the future driving surface ready for concrete. The bridge is anticipated to be complete by this summer, however, work to complete the full interchange in the area will continue through Spring 2028.

To see all the progress, check out the timelapse video at www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/warrentonwentzville

MoDOT announces prequalified teams for Improve I-70: Kingdom City to Warrenton

Pre-qualified Teams are as follows:



- **Ames Construction**
 - Ames Construction, Parsons Engineering
- **Improve 70 East Alliance**
 - Emery Sapp & Sons, Clarkson Construction Company, Wilson & Company, and Bartlett & West
- **Millstone Weber Team**
 - Millstone Weber, Jacobs Engineering, and WSP
- **Missouri Interstate Constructors**
 - William Charles Construction, Michels Road & Stone, Inc., KCI Construction, AECOM, and TYLin

MoDOT has received Statements of Qualifications from the teams interested in competing for the contract to design and construct an upcoming project within MoDOT's statewide Improve I-70 Program. Improve I-70: Kingdom City to Warrenton will be a \$583 million Design-Build project that will improve the 44-mile stretch of I-70 from Kingdom City to Warrenton.

MoDOT will issue the Request for Proposals in June 2026 to these teams to work through development of their Design-Build proposals for the project. The department will work through the procurement process with these teams, who will submit their proposal for the potential selection of the winning contract in October 2026. Construction could start as early as Spring 2027. There are still opportunities for additional consultants and subcontracting firms to be added to each team.

To stay up to date on this project, scan the QR code or visit www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/kingdomcitywarrenton

Beyond the Barrels featuring MoDOT Kansas City and the 2026 FIFA World Cup

This summer, Kansas City will host six matches as part of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. This event comes during one of the state's busiest construction seasons to date with five active Improve I-70 projects between Blue Springs and Wentzville. In addition to MoDOT's \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program, MoDOT's Kansas City District is delivering a \$237 million Design-Build project that will improve a portion of I-70 in downtown Kansas City between The Paseo Boulevard and U.S. 40/31st Street. MoDOT Kansas City has worked hard to ensure that Kansas City is ready for an increase in traffic volumes during this historic event.



Improve I-70 KC is underway but work has paused downtown for the World Cup.

In this edition of Beyond the Barrels, we will be showcasing how MoDOT's Kansas City District is preparing their work zones and roadways for increased traffic volumes during the World Cup festivities. **To watch the video, scan the QR code or visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKUNXb0rDM**



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I-70 and Route T/W Interchange work progresses in Foristell

As part of the Warrenton to Wentzville project, interchange improvements are underway for the I-70 and Route T/W interchange in Foristell (Exit 203). Crews are currently in Phase 3 (of six total phases) of their construction schedule and are anticipated to enter Phase 4 in July. During Phase 3, crews have been constructing the new westbound I-70 on ramp.



Construction progress at I-70 and Route T/W in Foristell.

As crews begin to switch into Phase 4 of construction, they will be constructing pavement for the interchange movements and completing the eastern Veterans Memorial Parkway connection. During this time, traffic within the interchange will notice a new traffic pattern. The ramp and outer road intersections to the north and south of I-70 will function as roundabouts with northbound traffic utilizing the new eastern bridge and southbound traffic using the existing bridge.

More information about this upcoming traffic pattern change will be available soon. For project details, scan the QR code or visit the project webpage at www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/warrentonwentzville.



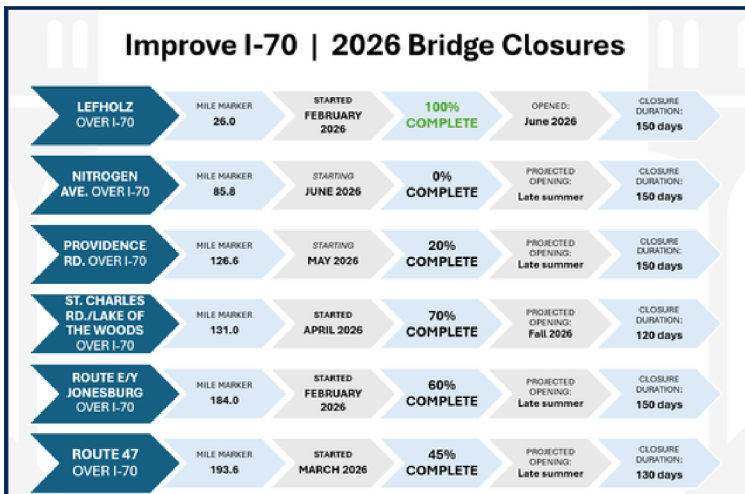
Bridge deck poured on new St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 in Columbia

In April 2026, crews with the Columbia to Kingdom City project demolished the St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 (mile marker 131) on the eastern side of Columbia. Over the course of just two months, crews have made significant progress on this replacement. In early June, the deck pour was completed for the driving surface. This work highlights another impressive milestone for the Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City project. While great progress is being made, there is still a lot of work to complete before opening the bridge, which is on track to open earlier than the original anticipated September 2026 date, weather permitting.



Crews poured the bridge deck of the St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 in Columbia.

The new St. Charles Road bridge will be longer to accommodate six lanes of I-70 traffic underneath and will also have an increased vertical clearance for taller vehicles, and pedestrian crossings on both sides. Upcoming work includes enhanced aesthetics such as powder coated pedestrian fence, decorative lighting and concrete staining. Watch the video by scanning the QR code or by visiting https://youtu.be/5_6gSATW10Q.



Updated Bridge Closure Information

This year, a total of five Improve I-70 projects are under construction across the state. These projects include a number of a bridge replacements that will impact traffic throughout the year. This graphic will be updated periodically to show the bridge progress being made along the corridor. All work is weather permitting.

