



# MAY 2025

# IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget from the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Parson provides General Revenue for the costs to plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate and repair three lanes in each direction on nearly 200 miles of Interstate 70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville.



## RADMACHER-IDEKER JOINT VENTURE SELECTED AS BEST VALUE PROPOSER FOR IMPROVE I-70: BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA PROJECT

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) has selected the Radmacher-Ideker Joint Venture team as the apparent best-value proposer and Design-Build contractor of the next project in MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program. The joint venture team consists of contractors Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co., Inc. and Ideker Inc., with designers Wilson and Company, Inc. Negotiations to finalize the contract are currently in progress.

Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa is a \$350 million fixed-cost contract that will add a third lane to each direction and make other improvements to Interstate 70. The selected contractor team has also committed to **extending the third lane in both directions to mile marker 45.3, nearly seven miles past the project requirements**. The winning proposal includes:

- A third lane of I-70 in both directions beginning just west of MO Route 7 in Blue Springs to approximately MO Route H (mile marker 45.3), nearly seven miles past the project requirements.
- Replacement of the existing I-70 lanes with all new full-depth concrete pavement.
- Improved I-70 interchanges at MO Route D in Bates City and at MO Route 131 in Odessa.
- 14 bridge replacements.
- The team has also committed to keeping two lanes of traffic open in each direction during peak travel times.

“MoDOT continues to make significant progress at unprecedented speed towards delivering this generational opportunity to improve I-70 across the state,” explained MHTC Chairman Warren Erdman. “Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa will not only improve I-70; it is also an opportunity to make other much needed improvements to I-70 interchanges in Jackson and Lafayette counties. These improvements will continue to serve these growing communities for many years to come.”

Next, the contractor team will be doing more detailed design of the roadway and interchanges and the construction schedule with traffic control plans. MoDOT will host public information meetings in summer 2025 as these details are ready. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2025 with an anticipated completion in late 2028.

### PROJECT GOALS

- Deliver the project by December 31, 2028 within the program budget.
- Provide an additional lane of travel in each direction on I-70 from Blue Springs to Odessa.
- Modernize I-70 while improving the existing pavement, bridges, and interchanges to enhance safety and mobility.
- Minimize construction impacts with a focus on work zone safety, communication, and construction staging while maintaining mobility.
- Provide expanded employment opportunities while developing and using a diverse workforce.





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## PROJECT LIMITS UPDATED AS OF MAY 2025



MoDOT continues to work on the best plan to be efficient and innovative in how the 200 miles of I-70 will be delivered. **As of May 2025, the Improve I-70 individual project limits have been updated.** The former Odessa to Boonville project has been split into two smaller projects: Odessa to Concordia and Concordia to Boonville. Additionally, the former High Hill Realignment project has been absorbed into the Kingdom City to Warrenton project. [Click here](#) for updated Improve I-70 Program Placemat or scan the QR code above.

The nearly 200 miles will be broken into various contracts that will be awarded throughout 2029. Total completion of the corridor is anticipated by the end of 2030.

## BEYOND THE BARRELS FEATURING MODOT DIRECTOR ED HASSINGER

MoDOT's \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program is a massive undertaking made possible by Missouri's General Assembly and one that requires the coordination of thousands of people across multiple agencies. **In this new video series, MoDOT will be showcasing the variety of people working to bring the expansion of I-70 to life.**

This edition features MoDOT Director Ed Hassinger who has served the department for over 40 years. Director Hassinger recounts his first-hand experience in the amount of work I-70 has seen over the years and how the Improve I-70 Program came to be.



[Watch the video here](#)  
or scan the QR code.



## COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY PROJECT SWITCHES TRAFFIC ON I-70



*Crews have switched traffic along eastbound I-70 onto new pavement between Callaway County Routes J and M.*

In early May, crews with [Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City](#) successfully made the first traffic switch on eastbound I-70, moving eastbound traffic onto what will be the new pavement of the third lane. This traffic switch will allow crews to rebuild the existing lanes of eastbound I-70 in this area. While traffic is in this configuration, **motorists are urged to abide by the reduced speed limit and use caution in the work zone.**

Eastbound I-70 in this area has been narrowed to 10-foot lanes and the speeds reduced to 55 mph. Those traveling eastbound are unable to change lanes for the first three miles (mile marker 137-140). Additionally, there is currently **NO** access to or from Exit 137 for the next several months. As an alternate route, motorists can take Exit 133 and use the north Outer Road 70 to Route J or take the north Outer Road 70 to Exit 144. Outer Road 70 is not continuous south of I-70 and does not connect to Route J.

## INDUSTRY MEETING HELD FOR ROCHEPORT TO COLUMBIA PROJECT

On Thursday, May 1, approximately 100 industry partners gathered in Columbia to learn more about the next Improve I-70 Design-Build project and upcoming program schedule. [Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia](#) will begin procurement in June 2025 and is scheduled to be awarded at the December Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Meeting.



More program and project information available at [www.modot.org/improvei70](http://www.modot.org/improvei70)