



## 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.

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### MODOT ANNOUNCES PREQUALIFIED TEAMS FOR THIRD IMPROVE I-70 PROJECT: BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA

The Missouri Department of Transportation has received Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from teams interested in competing for the contract to design and construct the third project of MoDOT's statewide Improve I-70 Program. Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa will improve Interstate 70 from just west of MO Route 7 in Blue Springs to just east of Route 131 in Odessa. This project is one of several projects which will widen I-70 across the state. The teams are as follows:

- Ames Construction
  - Ames Construction with designers Parsons Transportation Group
- Capital - HDR
  - Capital Paving and Construction and Michels Road and Stone with designers HDR Engineering and TranSystems
- Improve 70 Alliance
  - Emery Sapp & Sons and Clarkson Construction with designers HNTB and Bartlett and West
- MasTec Design-Build Team
  - William Charles Construction Company, LLC and Koss Construction Company with designers T.Y. Lin International and Horner and Shifrin
- Radmacher-Ideker Joint Venture
  - Radmacher Brothers Excavating Inc. and Ideker with designers Wilson and Company, Inc.

MoDOT will issue the Request for Proposals in January 2025 to these teams. The department will work through the procurement process and teams will submit their proposal for the potential selection of the winning contract in spring 2025. Construction could start as early as summer 2025. There are still opportunities for additional consultants and subcontracting firms to be added to each team. For more details visit [www.modot.org/improvei70/bluespringsodessa](http://www.modot.org/improvei70/bluespringsodessa)

### IMPROVE I-70 COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City continues to make significant progress between Callaway County Routes J and M. Crews have completed pouring the concrete of what will be the inside shoulder and the new lane of westbound I-70 between this section of the project. Crews will now turn around and pour the concrete of what will be the inside shoulder and new lane of eastbound I-70 in this same section.



As weather allows, grading crews are starting to shape what will be the new alignment for westbound I-70 between Paris Road and the I-70 and U.S. Route 63 Interchange. This is being done to help provide fewer traffic impacts during construction. The new alignment will be closer to eastbound I-70 and will be separated by a new concrete barrier wall.

Crews have also been constructing a new bridge along U.S. Route 63 between the Broadway interchange and the Conley Rd. underpass. This new bridge will provide an underpass of Route 63 allowing traffic from Conley Road to move north directly into the I-70/U.S. Route 63 interchange.

*Bridge construction of the new southbound Route 63 bridge between Broadway and Conley Rd. This will allow for an underpass of Route 63. See the plans here: [www.modot.org/media/47387](http://www.modot.org/media/47387)*

Bridge crews are gearing to up start work on the northbound Route 63 to westbound I-70 fly over bridge. This will be one of the larger new bridges for the entire Improve I-70 Program. This bridge will allow for a safer and easier way for traffic to make the northbound to westbound movement, one of the heaviest movements in the region.



## CELEBRATING MAJOR BRIDGE MILESTONES

On Tuesday, December 10, a celebration with state and local leaders was held for the completion of the I-70 Lance Corporal Leon Deraps Missouri River (Rocheport) Bridge. The old, single bridge carried two lanes of traffic in each direction and has been replaced with two side-by-side bridges. The bridge is designed to carry three lanes of traffic for both eastbound and westbound I-70 and meets current the goals of the Improve I-70 Program to expand I-70 to three lanes each direction across the state of Missouri between Blue Springs and Wentzville.



Gov. Mike Parson and other leaders and elected officials cut the ribbon on the brand new I-70 Rocheport Bridge.

The original Rocheport Bridge was a Continuous two-span subdivided Warren through truss bridge over Missouri River and the Katy trail on I-70, just west of Columbia and south of Rocheport in Boone and Cooper County. The bridge was a 3,018-foot bridge constructed in 1960 and underwent an extensive rehabilitation in 1993.



Buck O'Neil Bridge Ribbon Cutting on Sept. 30, 2024.

In addition to the Rocheport Bridge, in 2019 MoDOT utilized a combination of federal funding, state funding, local funding, and federal grants to move forward with two other transformational projects across the state. The U.S. 169 Buck O'Neil Bridge project in Kansas City and the I-270 North Project in St. Louis also both started preliminary engineering work in preparation for construction in addition to the Rocheport Bridge.



I-270 North Ribbon Cutting on Dec. 12, 2023.

All three of these major projects needed significant improvements. Since originally opening in the late 1950s to early 1960s, each project had seen significant maintenance and reliability challenges over the years. Each location commonly experienced urgent repairs causing hours of delay throughout the region. The Buck O'Neil Bridge and I-270 North corridor upgrade projects both opened to traffic within the last year. While not directly located on I-70, in both locations there are noticeable improvements for how goods and services are able to utilize I-70 from the two largest cities in the state.

Collectively, these three projects resulted in over \$775 million of improvements and each of these complex projects were completed on time and on budget.

## IMPROVE I-70 AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the course of the Improve I-70 Program, MoDOT has made it a priority to keep in touch with its industry partners through regular industry update meetings across the state. Recently, the program team presented to 90 industry partners regarding the procurement of the Blue Springs to Odessa section of the program, and to about 150 industry partners at a statewide industry meeting discussing how MoDOT is coordinating its \$14.6 billion Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). FY 2025-2029 includes numerous large projects and historic levels of General Revenue funds for transportation projects including the \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program. MoDOT hopes to gather feedback from its partners to be able to get the right place on the scheduling for projects in the next few years. MoDOT relies heavily on its relationships with contractor and consultant partners to deliver these important projects. These partnerships are critical for the work being done on MoDOT maintained roads and interstates.

