

Improve I-70 KC: The Paseo to U.S. 40/31st St. Open House Public Meeting #3



Public Meeting Summary of Outreach

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) hosted an in-person, open house public meeting in March of 2025, to share construction updates and project adjustments for the Improve I-70 KC project with the community. Details are as follows:

In-Person Open House Public Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

5-7 p.m.

Gregg/Klice Community Center

1600 E. 17th Street

Kansas City, MO 64108

Overview and Outreach Efforts

The project area spans approximately five miles of I-70 from The Paseo to U.S. 40/31st Street and several factors were taken into consideration to reach a wide-variety of stakeholders, such as:

- Offering materials in multiple formats (print and digital).
- Offering information through a variety of communications channels (social media, news media, postal service).

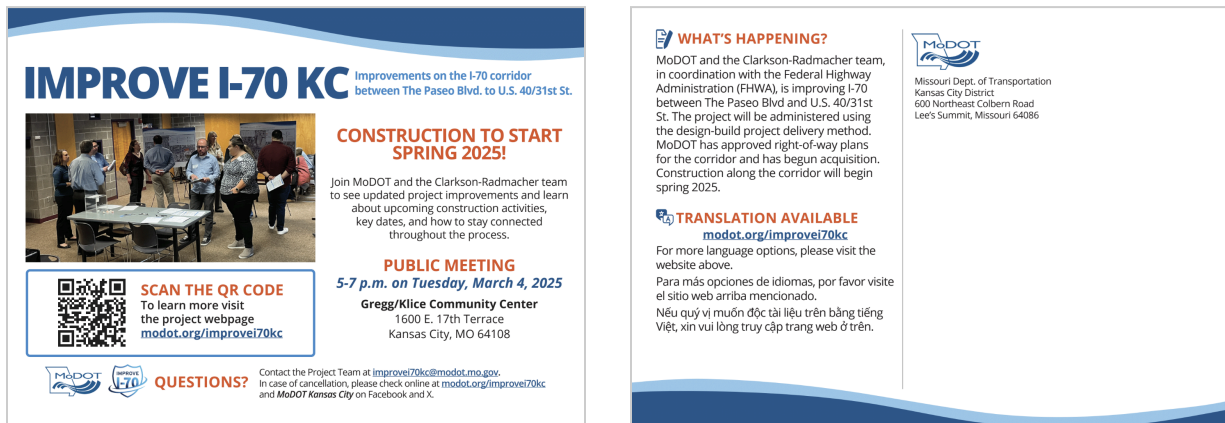
[Project display boards](#) and a [project fact sheet](#) were made available for those who could not attend through the project webpage.

The goal of the public meeting was to:

- Update the community on the construction timeline, key dates, and ways to stay connected.
- Share updated project improvements with community members.
- Collect feedback about construction concerns and project improvements.



Printed and Mailed Postcard Invitations



Postcard invitations were mailed through the United States Postal Service to approximately **850** property owners, business owners and residents in the immediate project area.

Postcards were also mailed to approximately over **350** stakeholders and organizations, including neighborhood leaders, community leaders, resource and social services agencies, state and city elected officials, faith-based institutions, civic organizations, city leadership, state leadership, and addresses collected from stakeholders in past studies for the project area.

Email Invitations and Toolkit

Email invitations were emailed to approximately **500** stakeholders including neighborhood leaders, city leadership, state leadership, elected officials, organization leaders, large employers, environmental agencies, resource and social service agencies, community centers, school districts, Native American groups, and email addresses collected from the most recent and past engagement efforts.

Reminder emails were sent to all email addresses associated with the project (**over 500**). This included, but was not limited to:

- Community/Neighborhood Advisory Group(s) contact lists
- KC Media Contacts (metro)
- Website project subscribers (both from study and new)
- Legislators - Jackson County
- MoDOT KC Admin group
- MoDOT KCCR
- Improve I-70 KC Project Team
- MoDOT Deputy Director Chief Engineer Eric Schroeter
- E-Update subscribers – Jackson County

- KCCR contacts for news and traffic advisories
 - Jackson County
 - KCMO
 - Independence
 - Raytown

A toolkit of promotional information was emailed to various individuals and agencies so they could share the information with their own constituencies. Those who received the promotional toolkit included: elected officials, civic organizations, Community Advisory Group members (CAG), Neighborhood Association Advisory Group members (NAAG), City Communications for Kansas City, and MoDOT District office.

The promotional toolkit consisted of materials that could be shared electronically or in print form with organization contacts. It included an invitation graphic with a QR Code and link to the project webpage, introductory content, and ready-made Facebook and Twitter posts.

Media Relations and Publications

A [media alert](#) regarding the public meeting was distributed by MoDOT Communications to news media representatives.

Earlier on the public meeting date, MoDOT held a news conference and offered media availability at their office (see a summary and the media kit in Appendix A).

Resources and Attendance

The project team prepared educational resources for the public meetings and to post online, including [informational display boards](#), a comment card, and a [fact sheet](#).

Project team members were stationed next to display boards to explain concepts to attendees as they visited each board.

A total of **53** community members attended the open house at Gregg/Klice Community Center; **four** of them completed comment forms.

Summary of Comments from Attendees

A total of **four** comment forms were collected at the open house event. Below are some of the highlights and comments as submitted:

- General approval and satisfaction with the design.
- Native plantings should be prioritized.
 - Suggestion to partner with [My Region Wins](#) for native plantings.

- Consideration of ingress and egress to/from 18th St. to I-70 for economic and cultural expansion.
- Add pedestrian connections and keep sidewalks clean during construction.
- Partner with law enforcement for speed enforcement.

Community Advisory Group and Neighborhood Association Advisory Group Meetings

The project team hosted two advisory group meetings prior to the open house public meeting, one for the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and one for the Neighborhood Association Advisory Group (NAAG). The goal of the meetings was to share key updates with the members prior to the public meeting. Details are as follows:

Community Advisory Group Meeting

3-4 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

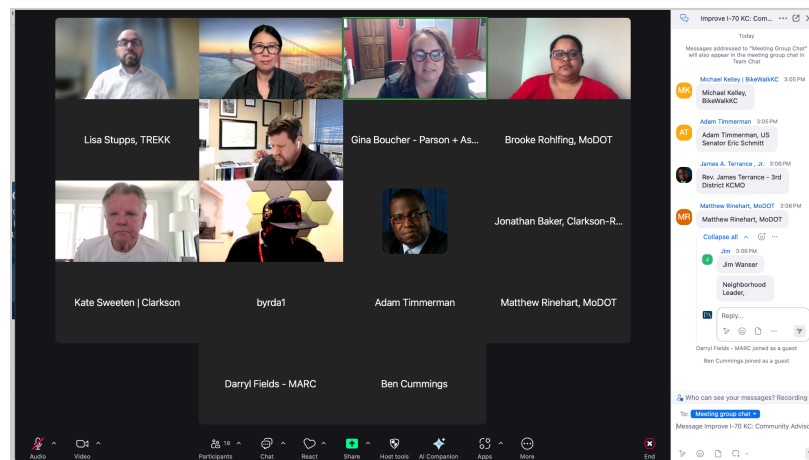
Via Zoom

Neighborhood Association Advisory Group Meeting

6-7 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Via Zoom



CAG/NAAG Overview and Outreach

The CAG/NAAG meetings consisted of a 30-minute presentation detailing important project updates, followed by a question and answer period. Topics discussed included:

- Introductions and agenda
- Project location, goals, and history
- Community engagement
- Project delivery, improvements, and benefits
- Three aerial views

- I-70 before and afters
- Local improvements
- Construction timeline and phases

For both meetings there was **a combined total of eight attendees**, seven for CAG and one for NAAG. Participant question and answer summaries from the meetings are as follows:

With 23rd, is it possible for a refuge island crossing the highway exit ramp?

MoDOT wants to keep roads narrow so as not to impact houses and did not feel a refuge island was necessary.

Can you talk about lighting considerations on pedestrian bridges?

Existing pedestrian bridges are not in good shape and will be replaced with new wider ADA accessible bridges by the project. The plan is to light the new bridges for safety and to encourage users.

Will Lister and Cleveland have sidewalks/ shared use paths over bridges themselves? Yes, Lister will look like 23rd with sidewalks on both sides, as will 27th Street. All intersections along I-70 updated with the project will have new sidewalks that will accommodate the KC Bike Plan so sidewalks will be built as shared-use paths.

With consideration for detours, what will you do to minimize truck traffic on local roads? How will you provide information to drivers who are foreign to the area?

MoDOT will use the Scout system and advanced message boards along I-70. They will divert traffic to 470 or 435. Many city streets have low bridge crossings and cannot accommodate truck traffic, so this will be a priority. MoDOT is coordinating with the US Postal Service at 18th Street with trucks that run 24/7. They will use Truman to access I-70 at Prospect. At this time, MoDOT is considering the most appropriate streets for detours.

Can you talk more about accessibility and accommodations - signals and tactile mats - at crossings (ADA considerations)?

All upgraded crossings will be brought up to ADA standards and will include audible detection as well. New facilities will be widened for all users.

CAG/NAAG Outreach

Prior to the meetings, email invitations were sent out to CAG and NAAG members. These invitations included a brief update about the project, meeting details and a virtual meeting link, and information about the public meeting. These emails were sent to **22** CAG members and **19** NAAG members. MoDOT also personally reached out to elected officials who began a new term during the project.

Calendar invitations were sent out to **20** CAG members and **19** NAAG members. Of the 20 CAG invites, 4 accepted, 2 declined, and 3 responded maybe. Of the 19 NAAG invites, 2 accepted, 0 declined, and 2 responded maybe.

Following the email and calendar invitations, follow-up calls (see Appendix B) were made to CAG and NAAG members with numbers on file. **13** calls were made to CAG members and **11** calls were made to NAAG members.

A legislative summary (Appendix C) was sent to local elected officials following the CAG and NAAG calls (see Appendix D for a list of recipients).

Appendix A

Improve I-70 KC Media Event Summary

The Improve I-70 KC project team along with representatives from MoDOT KC and the Clarkson-Radmacher Joint Venture held a news conference and offered media availability to hear more about project updates and future impacts from Project Director Allan Ludiker.

The event was held on Tuesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. in the KC Scout conference room at the district office located at 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086. More than 50 media contacts and news desks from every media outlet located in the district received the alert. This includes newspapers (online and print), radio stations, and television news media.

Attendees representing MoDOT included Project Director Allan Ludiker, Deputy Project Director James Pflum, Jackson County Area Engineer Jill Bruss, Communications Manager Brooke Rohlfing, and Senior Communications Specialist Matthew Rinehart.

Attendees representing the CRJV Stakeholder Communication included Kate Sweeten.

Media attendees included Fox 4 KC, KCTV 5, KMBC 9 News, KSHB 41, and Spectrum News.

The following media alert and packet was distributed by MoDOT Communications to news media representatives on March 3 and 4.

For more information, contact Brooke Rohlfing at (816) 607-2151

March 4, 2025 – For immediate release:

REMINDER: MEDIA ALERT: Media Event to Discuss Project Updates for Improve I-70 KC project, 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 4

The media event will be held at the MoDOT KC District Office 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Construction is set to begin in April 2025

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Clarkson-Radmacher team will host a media event at **1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at the MoDOT KC District Office, located at 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086** to discuss upcoming construction on the Improve I-70 Kansas City project (Improve I-70

KC) The Improve I-70 KC project includes improvements to the I-70 corridor from The Paseo to east of U.S. 40/31st Street.

This media event is ahead of the Open House Public Meeting #3, which will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the [Gregg/Klice Community Center](#) located at 1600 E. 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108

Construction on the project will begin in April 2025 and continue through the Spring of 2028. At the media event, the Improve I-70 KC Project Team will share more about project improvements and updates on key dates and construction impacts during the three construction phases.

Project improvements result from past phases of work and community engagement efforts. The project team incorporated community feedback into the modified design to identify ways to improve safety, reduce congestion, and reconnect the community.

More information, including contact information, is posted on the project webpage at <http://www.modot.org/improvei70kc>.

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Project Update Media Event - March 4, 2025 at 1 p.m.



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What's Happening?

The Kansas City District of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is improving Interstate 70 (I-70) between The Paseo Boulevard and U.S. 40/31st Street, also known as Improve I-70 KC. The project will be administered using the design-build delivery method.

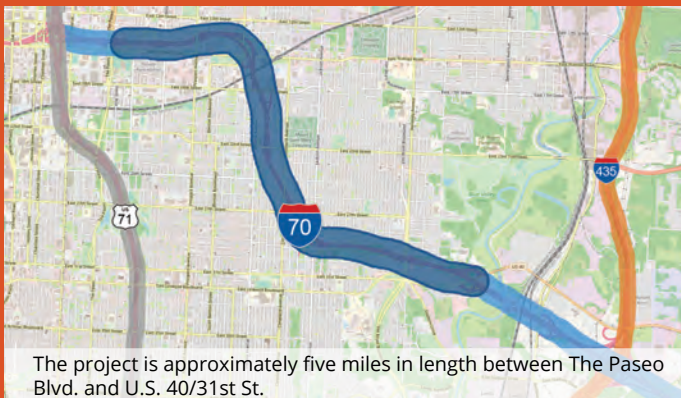
The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) has selected Clarkson-Radmacher Joint Venture as the best-value proposer and Design-Build contractor for the Improve I-70 Design-Build Project in Kansas City.

The Improve I-70 KC project:

- Adds a fourth eastbound I-70 lane from Prospect Ave. to the Manchester Ave. bridge
- Replaces 15 bridges and rehabilitates another seven bridges
- Improves pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the project area
- Reconstructs I-70 from Chestnut Ave. to 18th St. (Benton curve)
- Reconstructs eastbound I-70 from 27th St. to Cypress Ave. (Jackson curve)
- Makes improvements to the westbound I-70 near the Jackson Ave. bridge

While this project is funded separately from the Statewide Improve I-70 Program (<http://modot.org/improvei70/home>), which will add a third lane in each direction of I-70 between Blue Springs and Wentzville, Improve I-70 KC is one of several projects that will modernize the I-70 corridor across the state.

PROJECT AREA MAP



Improve I-70 KC Goals

- Deliver the project within the programmed budget of \$237 million by December 31, 2028.
- Implement innovative transportation solutions to improve safety and reliability along the corridor.
- Provide durable and maintainable infrastructure that revives the corridor and aligns with regional development.
- Improve accessibility for the local community and create opportunities to grow a diverse workforce.
- Minimize overall traffic impact during construction in partnership with stakeholders.

Project Timeline

- ☒ EIS Re-evaluation - January 2022 – July 2023
 - ☒ **Design-Build** Team Procurement - July 2023-August 2024
 - ☐ Construction Begins - **Spring 2025**
 - ☐ Construction Complete - **Spring 2028**
- Construction will be completed in three phases and the team will work to minimize construction impacts to Kansas City and the local community during the FIFA World Cup.


What is Design-Build?

Design-build is a delivery method that includes hiring one contracting team to complete the design work and build the highway improvement under one contract. MoDOT provides the project goals, budget and schedule and the contractor team completes the work. This technique has been known to significantly save time and provide cost savings.



Visit the Project Webpage

Scan the QR code or visit <http://modot.org/improvei70kc> for more information about the plan for construction impacts by year, and photos of anticipated improvements.

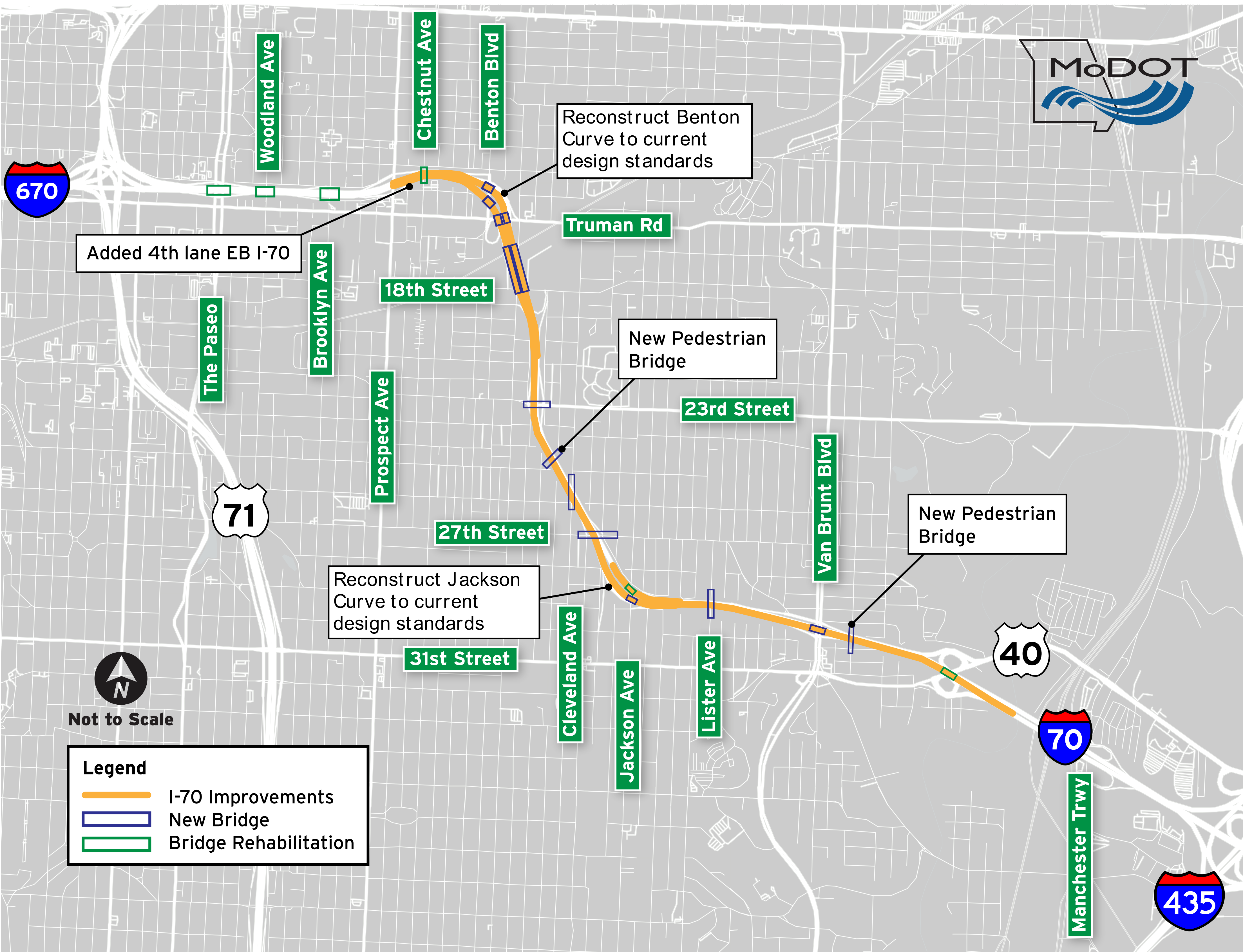
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Questions? Contact the Project Team at improvei70kc@modot.mo.gov.

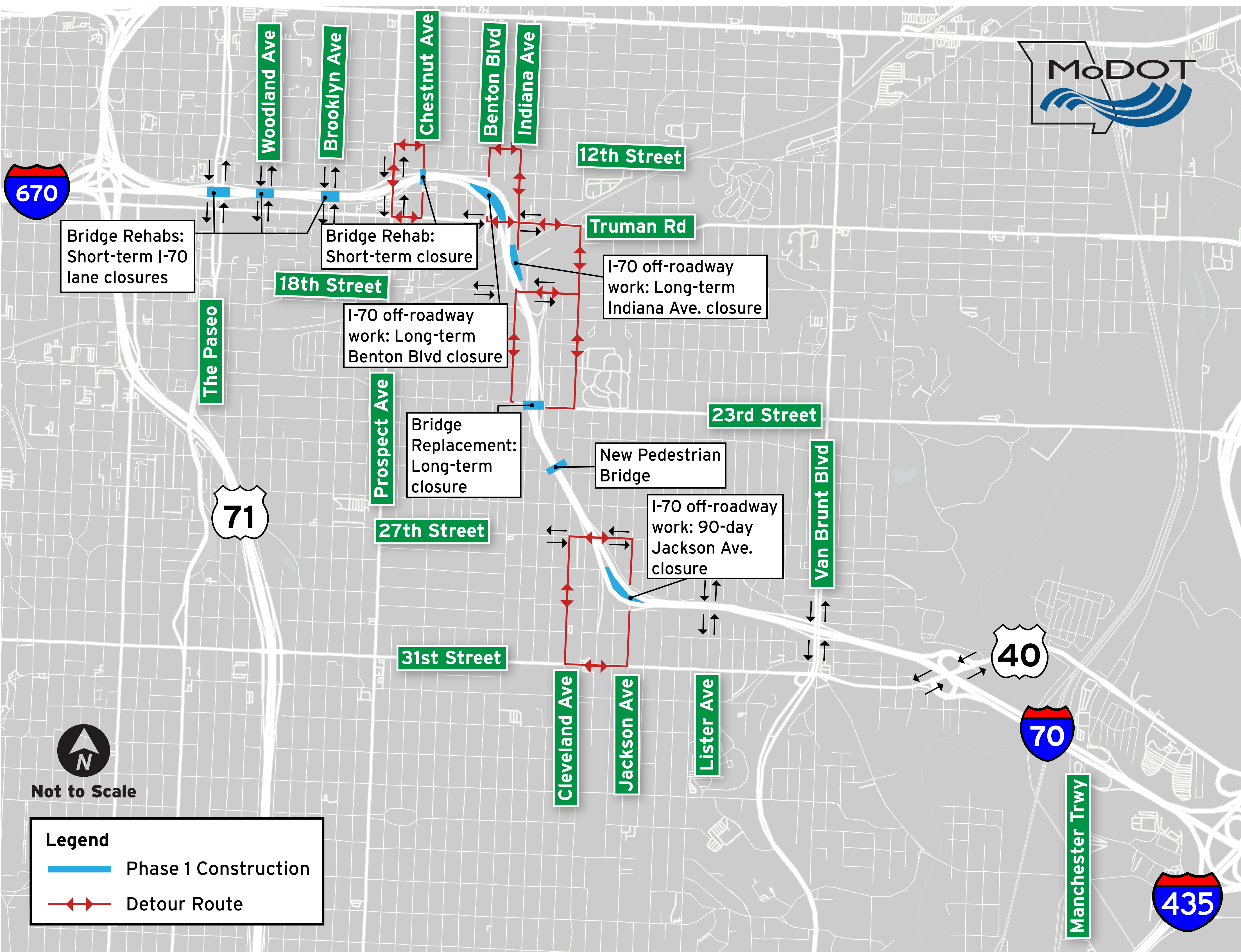
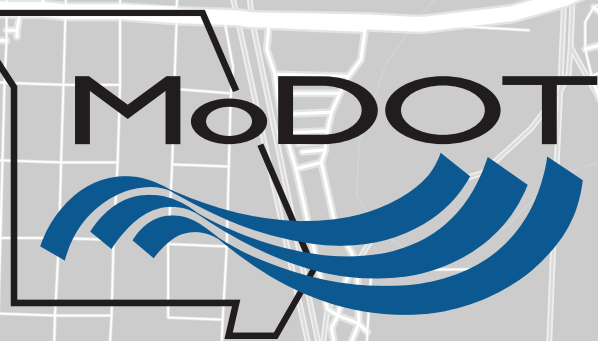
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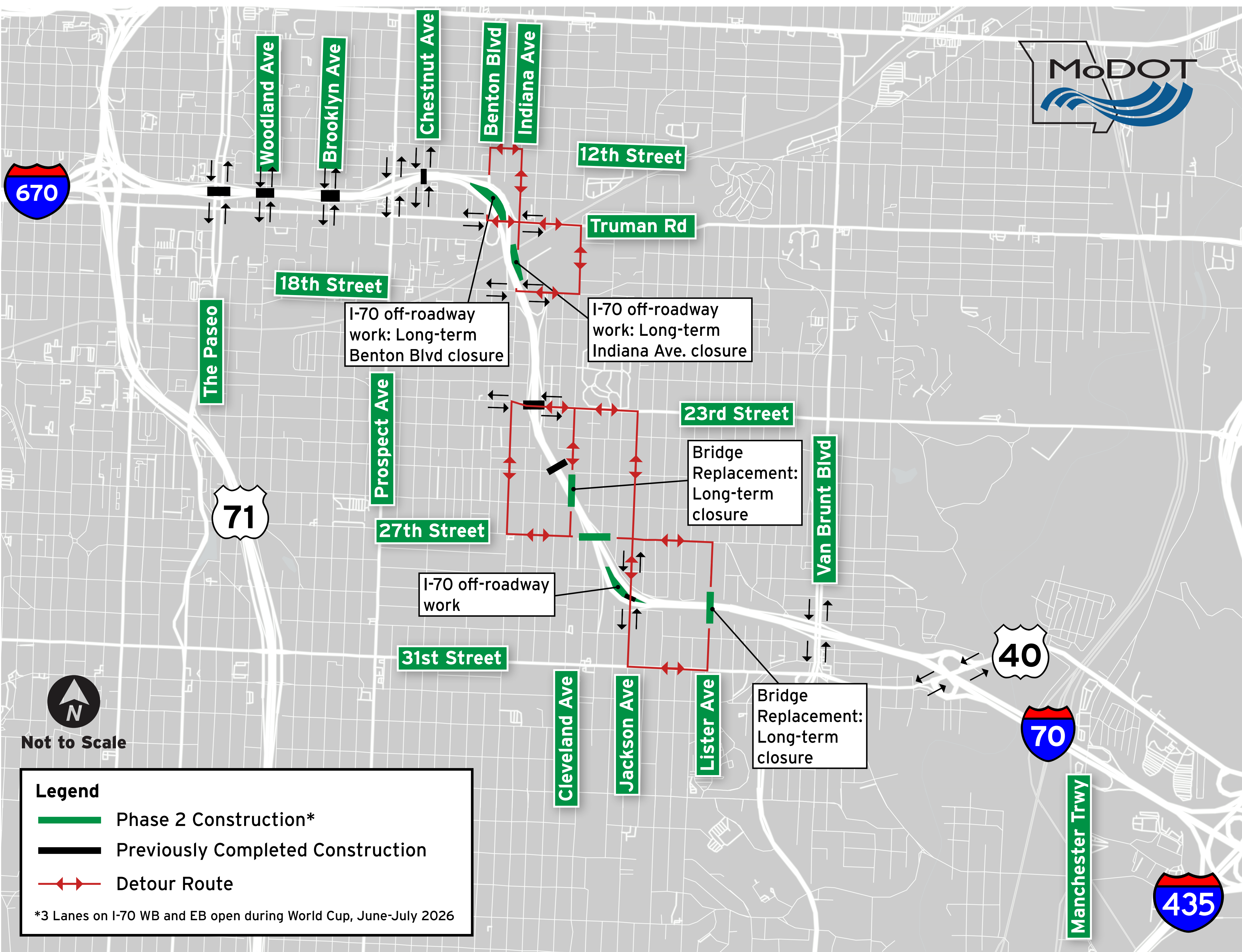
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Construction Phase I (2025)



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Construction Phase II (2026)



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Construction Phase III (2027)

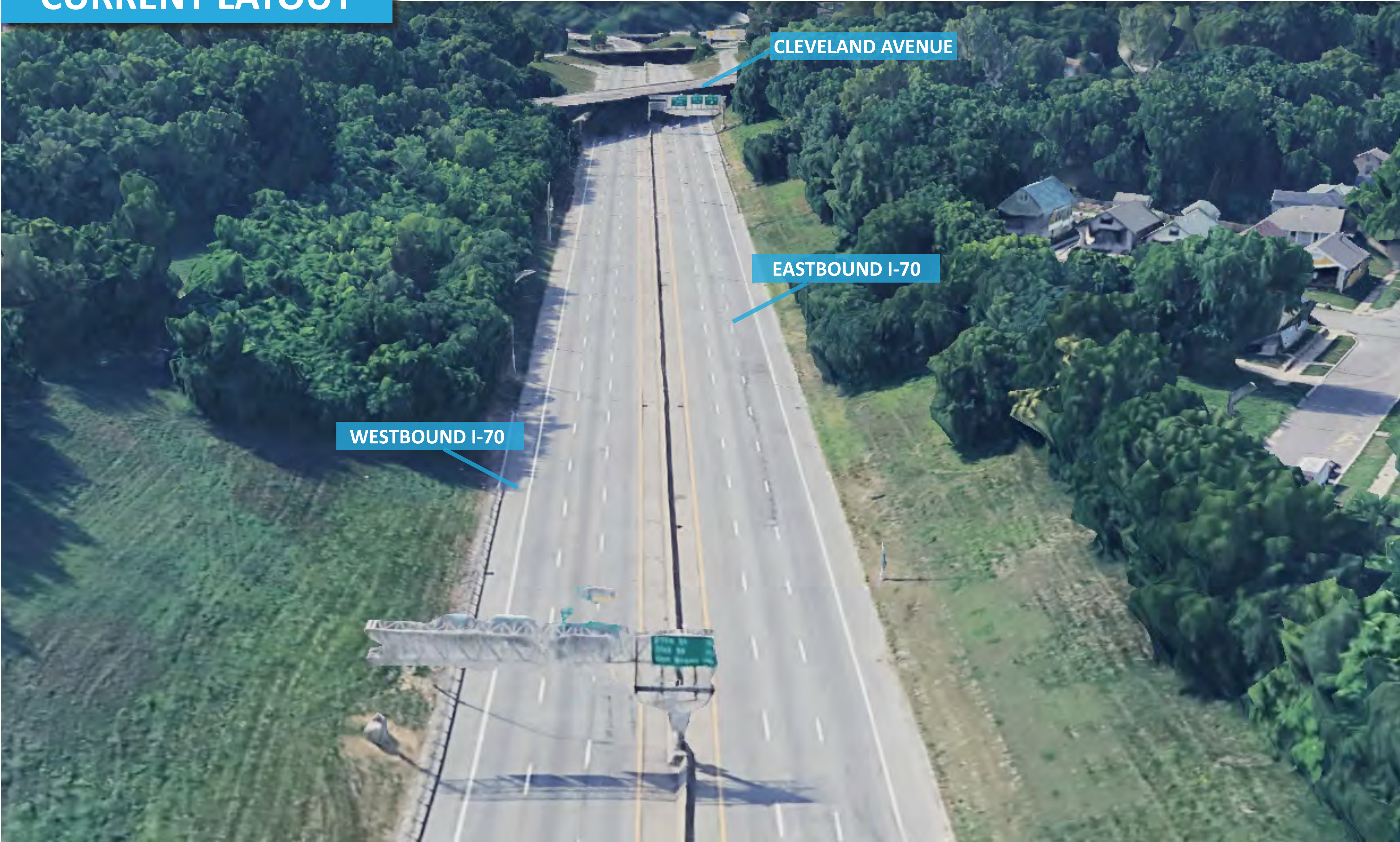


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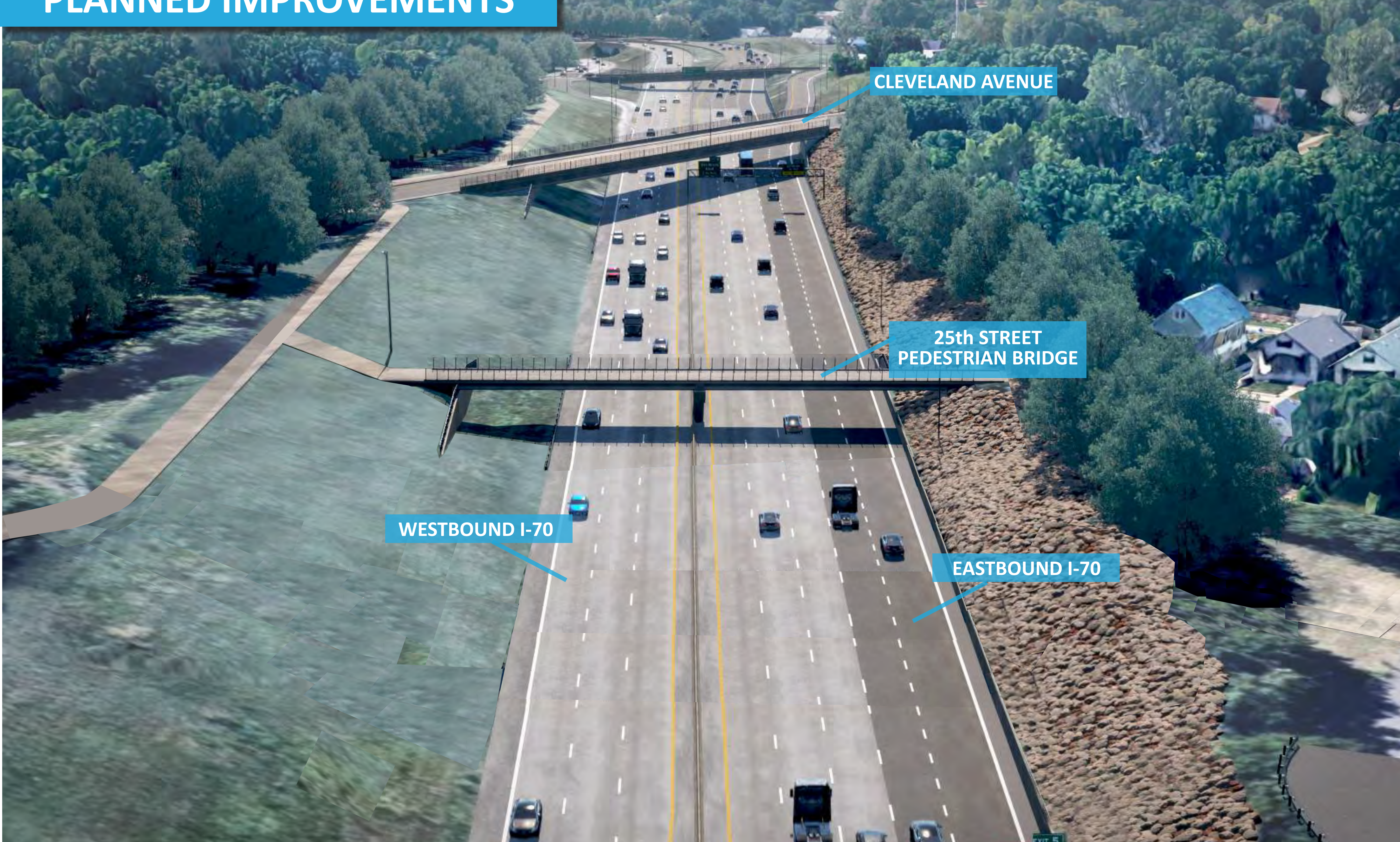
25th Street Pedestrian Bridge



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Jackson Avenue Curve



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Benton Boulevard Curve



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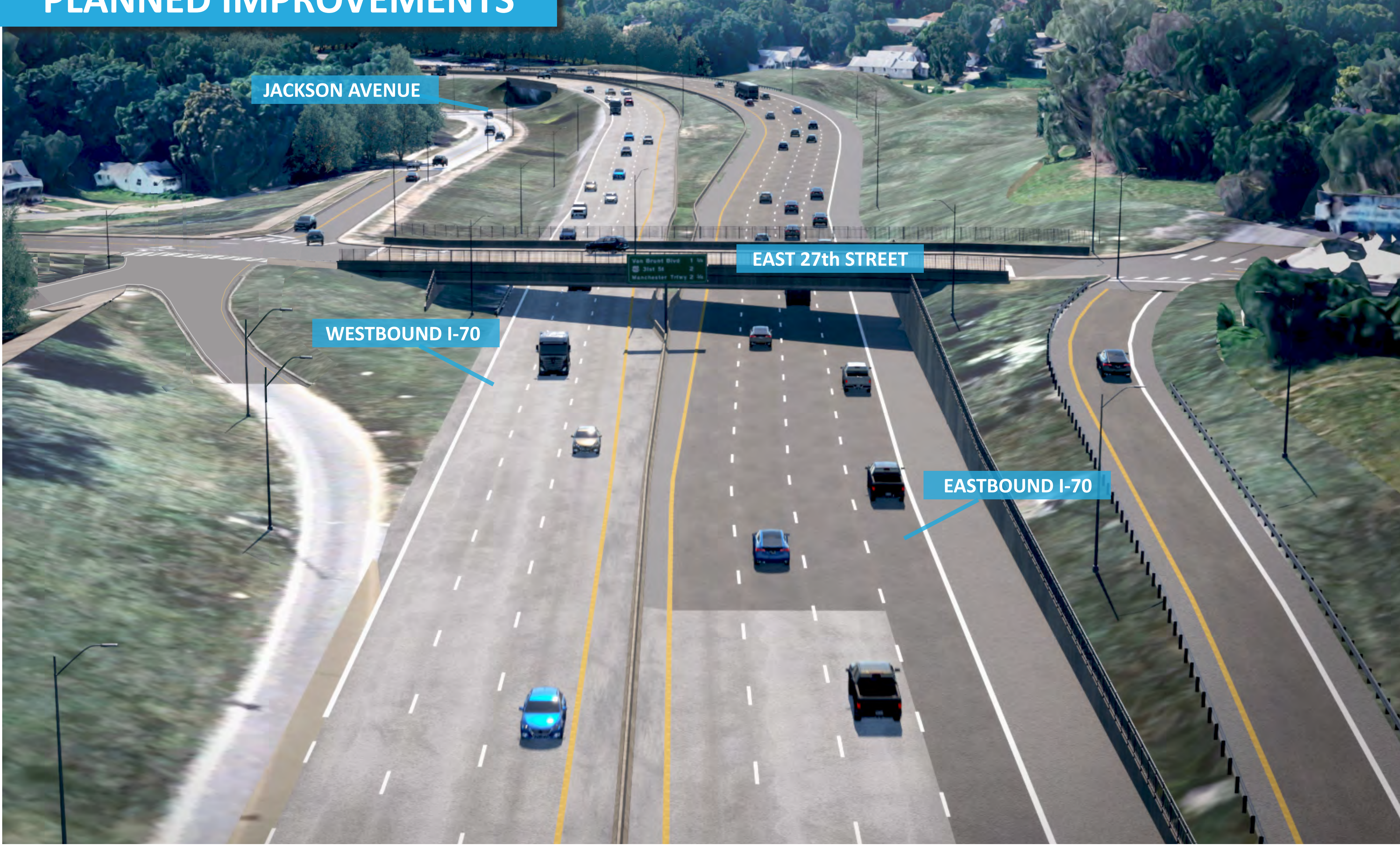
East 27th Street



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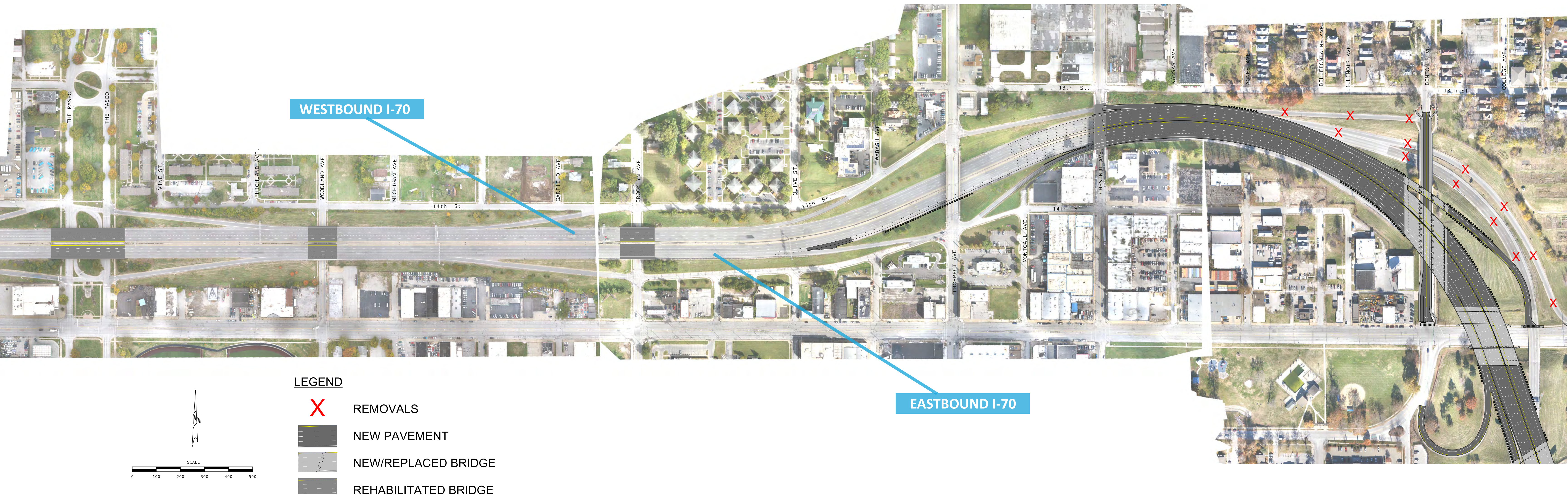


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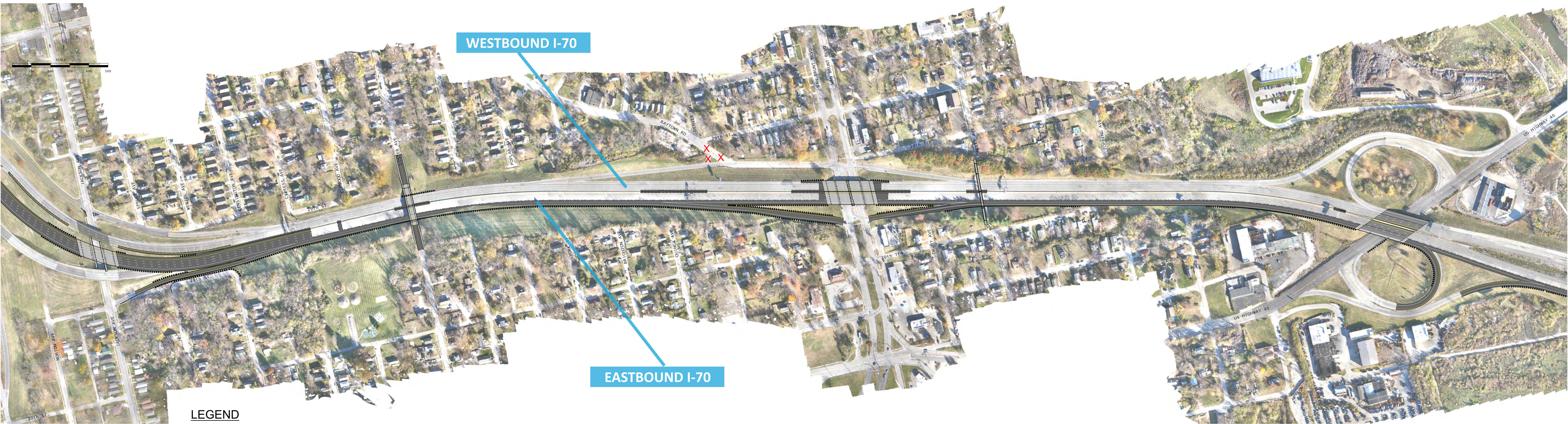
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- REHABILITATED BRIDGE



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APPENDIX B							
CAG/NAG	Organization Represented	Name	Phone	Call Date	Call Time	Who Was Spoken To	Notes
CAG	MARC	Ron Alchepohl	816-474-4240, general office number	2/20/25	9:15 a.m.	Left VM for Ron	
CAG	Mayor's Office	A.J. Herrmann	510-301-0951	2/20/25	9:20 a.m.	Left VM	
CAG	3rd Council District	Pastor James A. Terrance, Jr.	816-708-5054 816-861-3252	2/20/25	9:25 a.m.	Left VM	
CAG	3rd Council District	Forestine Beasley	(816) 935-5016	2/20/25	9:30 a.m.	Did not allow VMs	
CAG	3rd Council District at-Large	Melissa Patterson-Hazley	816-513-6512	2/20/25	9:32 a.m.	Left VM	
CAG	GKC Chamber of Commerce	Adam Timmerman	816-849-6234, office number	2/20/25	9:35 a.m.	Spoke with Adam, need contact info updated, had not received invite	adam_timmerman@schmitt.senate.gov
CAG	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Carlos Gomez	(816) 472-6767	2/20/25	9:38 a.m.	Got notification that he would call back.	
CAG	KCIC	Frank Weatherford	816-830-6061	2/20/25	9:40 a.m.	Left Vm	
CAG	Jackson County	Michael Kelly	816-205-7056 x15	2/20/25	9:43 a.m.	Spoke to Michael, he will attend CAG presentation	
CAG	4th Council District	Eric Bunch	816-513-6517, leg aide number	2/20/25	9:45 a.m.	Spoke with his legislative aide, Marissa Iden, and she asked to resend the invite and add her to it.	marissa.iden@kcmo.org
CAG	4th Council District at-Large	Crispin Rea	816-516-6515	2/20/25	9:50 a.m.		
CAG	MoDOT Diversity Council	Cervente Sudduth	816-363-4907			Did not call. He emailed and let know he couldn't make it.	
CAG	MoDOT Diversity Council	Pastor John Miles	(816) 923-3559	2/20/25	9:55 a.m. & 1:38	Asked to call back later; left message with his secretary	
NAAG	Downtown Neighborhood Association	Josh Boehm	(816) 200-2362	1:05 p.m.	Left VM	Called back; Peter Carnicelli is now president	
NAAG	Dunbar Neighborhood	Synthia Isah	816-701-8231	1:08 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	East 23rd Street PAC Neighborhood Association	Rachel Riley	(816) 405-0195	1:10 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	Forgotten Homes Association	Jen Enderson	(816) 668-0603	1:12 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	Independence Plaza Neighborhood Council, Inc.	Augusta Wilbon	816-483-1723	1:15 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	Northeast Chamber/IndepAve CID	Bobbi Baker	816-215-6813	1:17 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	Parade Park Tenants Association	Myrtle Bailey	816-853-5968	1:20 p.m.	Spoke with Myrtle	No longer lives in Parade Park or near I-70-owners are Flerigy & Collins	
NAAG	3rd District PIAC representatives	Tru-Kecia Smith	816-699-5412	1:23 p.m.	Kecia Smith	Needs invite resent	
NAAG	3rd District PIAC representatives	Sheron Fulson	816-536-9748	1:26 p.m.	Left VM		
NAAG	4th District PIAC representatives	John Fierro	(816) 581-5612	1:29 p.m.	John	Wanted the information for the call emailed to him.	
NAAG	4th District PIAC representatives	Maggie Green	573-201-9815	1:30 p.m.	Left VM		

Appendix C

Improve I-70 KC - Legislative Alert Summary

The project team worked with the MoDOT governmental relations director, statewide communications director, and MoDOT deputy director and chief engineer, to send an email update to legislators ahead of the public open house. The following email was sent around 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3.

The email was sent to legislative contacts, provided by the governmental relations director, and included all legislators representing Jackson County in State government and U.S. government.

Email update to Legislators

Attachment: Community and Neighborhood Advisory Group presentation.

Good Afternoon,

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is improving I-70 between The Paseo Boulevard and US 40/31st Street in Kansas City. The \$237 million project will improve safety and reliability, maintain the serviceability of bridges and pavement, and improve accessibility for the local community, while minimizing the overall traffic impacts along the corridor during construction. Project construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2025 with an anticipated project completion by Spring 2028.

The re-evaluation of the Second Tier Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the conceptual Access Justification Report for the corridor were approved by FHWA in July 2023.

Clarkson-Radmacher Joint Venture was awarded the design-build project in August 2024.

Currently, the project team is finalizing the construction schedule and MoDOT is continuing right-of-way acquisition. As the project moves into construction MoDOT and the project team have scheduled some additional opportunities for sharing information and project updates. If you missed our recent **Community and Neighborhood Advisory Group meetings on Feb. 27** the presentation from both meetings is attached.

This presentation details project updates, details of project improvements, and phases of construction.

The project will be completed in three phases. Major highlights include:

- 2026 – Three lanes of I-70 will be open during the World Cup. There will be minimal impacts to I-70 to accommodate the 2026 World Cup.
- 2027 - The closure I-70 in Phase 3 is expected to last for ten months from mid-February to mid-December 2027 (approximately). The closure of eastbound and westbound I-70 from Prospect Ave to Van Brunt Ave. Many of the overpasses in the corridor will be reconstructed prior to this year and open to the community during the full closure.

In addition, we have been promoting our public meeting #3 over the past few months and I have included the information for our upcoming public information meeting:

Public Information Meeting #3 (In-person)

Tuesday, March 4 from 5-7 p.m.

Gregg Klice Community Center, 1600 E 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108

*Open to the public, more information and updates on the project including the 10-month closure of I-70 in 2027

Media Event

Ahead of this public meeting, we hold a short media event on Tuesday, March 4 where the project team will share project updates, improvements, and construction impacts. The media event will also include information about the 10-month closure of I-70 from Prospect Ave to Van Brunt Ave. in 2027.

If you would like more information about any of the public information opportunities above or have any questions please reach out to the Improve I-70 KC Project Director Allan Ludiker at allan.ludiker@modot.mo.gov.

For more information about the project and to sign up for traffic alerts and updates related to the project, please visit <https://www.modot.org/improvei70kc>.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Brooke

Appendix D

Kansas City District

Area Engineers Legislators - Jackson

MoDOT AE Counties	District Counties	Name	District	Email	Phone Number
Cass Jackson	Jackson	Representative Wick Thomas	District 19 Democrat	wick.thomas@house.mo.gov	5737513310
	Jackson	Representative Mike Steinmeyer	District 20 Republican	Mike.Steinmeyer@house.mo.gov	5737513674
	Jackson	Representative Will Jobe	District 21 Democrat	will.jobe@house.mo.gov	5737515701
	Jackson	Representative Yolanda Young	District 22 Democrat	Yolanda.Young@house.mo.gov	5737513129
	Jackson	Representative Michael Johnson	District 23 Democrat	Michael.Johnson@house.mo.gov	5737510538
	Jackson	Representative Emily Weber	District 24 Democrat	Emily.Weber@house.mo.gov	5737514485
	Jackson	Representative Pattie Mansur	District 25 Democrat	Pattie.Mansur@house.mo.gov	5737512437
	Jackson	Representative Tiffany Price	District 26 Democrat	tiffany.price@house.mo.gov	5737512124
	Jackson	Representative Melissa Douglas	District 27 Democrat	Melissa.Douglas@house.mo.gov	5737517639
	Jackson	Representative Donna Barnes	District 28 Democrat	donna.barnes@house.mo.gov	5737519851
	Jackson	Representative Aaron Crossley	District 29 Democrat	Aaron.Crossley@house.mo.gov	5737513623
	Jackson	Representative Jon Patterson	District 30 Republican	jonathan.patterson@house.mo.gov	5737510907
	Jackson	Representative Ron Fowler	District 31 Republican	ron.fowler@house.mo.gov	5737518636
	Jackson	Representative Jeff Coleman	District 32 Republican	jeff.coleman@house.mo.gov	5737511487
	Cass Jackson	Representative Carolyn Caton	District 33 Republican	Carolyn.Caton@house.mo.gov	5737519766
	Jackson	Representative Kemp Strickler	District 34 Democrat	Kemp.Strickler@house.mo.gov	5737511456
	Jackson	Representative Keri Ingle	District 35 Democrat	keri.ingle@house.mo.gov	5737511459
	Jackson	Representative Anthony Ealy	District 36 Democrat	Anthony.Ealy@house.mo.gov	5737519469
	Jackson	Representative Mark Sharp	District 37 Democrat	Mark.Sharp@house.mo.gov	5737510238
	Jackson	Senator Patty Lewis	District 7 Democrat	Patty.Lewis@senate.mo.gov	5737516607
	Jackson	Senator Mike Cierpiot	District 8 Republican	mike.cierpiot@senate.mo.gov	5737511464
	Jackson	Senator Barbara Washington	District 9 Democrat	barbara.washington@senate.mo.gov	5737513158
	Jackson	Congressman Sam Graves via KC	District 6 MO	Buffey.Smith@mail.house.gov	8167923976
	Jackson	Congressman Emanuel Cleaver	District 5 MO	email and invite submitted through online p	8168424545
	Jackson	Senator Joe Nicola	District 11 Republican	joe.nicola@senate.mo.gov	5737513074