



Route 67 ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

from the Missouri River to south of the Mississippi River in St. Charles County

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this project needed?

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and operations along the Route 67 corridor, a four-lane divided highway, from the Missouri River to just north of St. Charles Street in St. Charles County. Based on the existing intersections design, traffic volumes and motorists frequently speeding along the corridor, serious crash risks are possible as motorists cross the intersections.

From 2017-2022, there were 227 reported crashes in the study area, including 7 fatal injury and 11 serious injury crashes.

- Approximately 65% of the crashes were associated with intersections.
- Right angle, turning, and rear-end crashes are the most common at Route 94/Richard Drive.
- Right angle and turning crashes are the most common at Red School Road.
- Several wrong way crashes were also noted along the corridor.

Based on a recent speed study, prevailing speeds are 12-15 mph above the 55-mph posted speed limit.

A Road Safety Assessment (RSA) was conducted in December 2022. The RSA was performed by a multidisciplinary team, independent of the project, to review existing crash trends and identify potential safety issues, as well as opportunities for improvements considering all roadway users. The safety strategies evaluated during the RSA included improvements to the existing signalized intersection, roundabouts, median restrictions, offset left turns and J-Turns.

How many public meetings have been held for this project?

MoDOT has held two previous public meetings (Oct. 10, 2023 & March 5, 2024) regarding this project, with a third one scheduled for March 6, 2025 at the Audubon Center, 301 Riverlands Way 63386.

What are the proposed improvements on Route 67?

Based on the research conducted during the RSA, accommodating crossing movements via J-Turns and modifying how motorists make left-turns onto Route 67 from side streets, are considered the most cost-effective solutions that will function well into the future.

MoDOT is presenting its proposed plan to improve the existing at-grade intersections along Route 67 at Cinder Road, Red School Road, Route 94/Richard Drive, and St. Charles Street:

Proposed Design: J-Turns south of Cinder Road and north of Route 94/Richard Drive with offset left turn lane to St. Charles St. from northbound US Route 67 and crossovers for emergency and authorized vehicles only, north of Cinder Road and north of Richard Drive.

Proposed improvements include:

- Eliminating the existing signal and all median crossovers between northbound and southbound US Route 67 and constructing J-Turns
- Improving/adding acceleration and deceleration lanes at cross streets
- Realigning the curve along southbound US Route 67 just north of the Route 94 intersection

- Drainage, signing, lighting and guardrail improvements along the US Route 67 corridor
- Construct offset left-turn lane from northbound US Route 67 to St. Charles Street

MoDOT's historical experience with J-Turns anticipates the percentage of fatal and serious injury crashes to be reduced by approximately 80% and the total crashes along the corridor to be reduced by 25%. Implementing the proposed J-Turns with an offset left from northbound US Route 67 to St. Charles St. will reduce the number of conflict points by 60% along the corridor. J-Turns will also limit collision opportunities and, most typically, the severity of such collisions. The offset left turn to St. Charles St. specifically considers the balance of safety, operations, and user convenience in reducing travel time, especially given that the corridor is used by farmers and other large trucks/vehicles in the West Alton area.

Why is the traffic signal at Route 94/Richard Drive intersection being removed and not replaced on this project?

The existing signalized intersection on Route 67 at the Route 94/Richard Road intersection is the only remaining signalized intersection in the nine-mile corridor between I-270 and Alton, Illinois. The signalized intersection was evaluated early in the project as part of the RSA, and it is experiencing a higher than anticipated number of crashes. Non-compliance at the signalized intersection, poor driver perceptions and driver behaviors have resulted in several chronic safety issues at this intersection.

Once construction is complete of the J-Turns, will I still have access to both directions of Route 67 and will it take me longer to get around?

Access from Cinder Road, Red School Road, Route 94/Richard Drive and St. Charles St. will be maintained but due to the elimination of the median crossovers between southbound and northbound Route 67, traffic movements will be different and may include out of direction travel.

What are the anticipated impacts to traffic during construction?

During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on US Route 67. When construction is taking place on southbound US Route 67, both directions of US Route 67 traffic will be placed on the northbound US Route 67 roadway in order to reduce closure time. Access to cross streets along the corridor may be restricted for short periods of time to make improvements. Additional information will be provided on MoDOT's website once construction actually begins along US Route 67.

Is MoDOT doing anything to prevent wildlife along US 67 from being hit during this project?

MoDOT is planning to install a temporary wildlife barrier along northbound US Route 67 to reduce opportunities for wildlife to cross lanes of US 67 particularly when all traffic is placed on the northbound roadway during construction. The use of a temporary traffic barrier is expected to be minimal on the project and no permanent barrier separating the directions of US 67 is expected on this project.

What is the anticipated project schedule?

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026. The project is expected to take two years to construct.

How much will this project cost?

The cost of the project is \$19 million.

What if I have questions?

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Where can I find more information on this project?

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