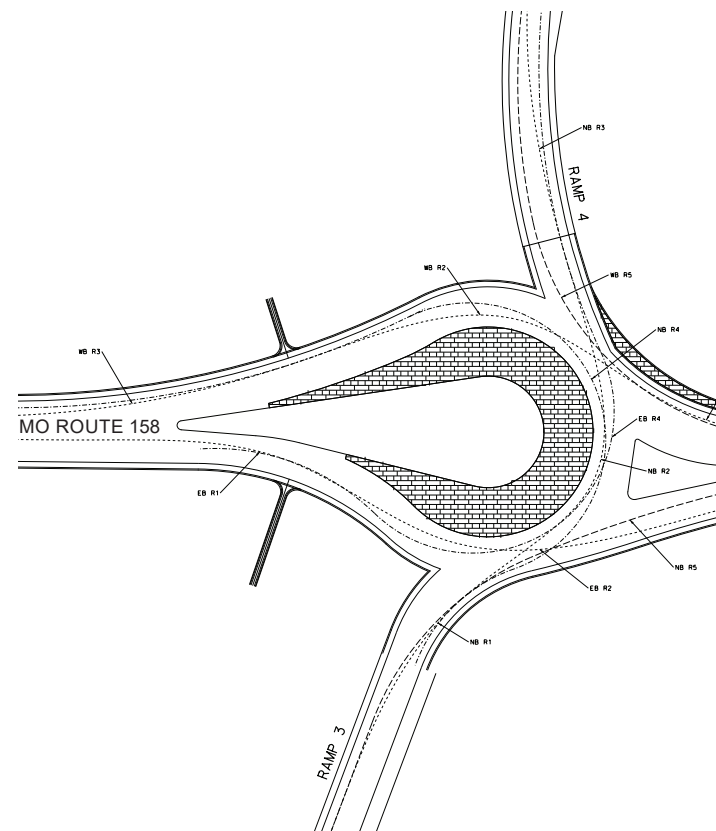


SOUTHBOUND TERMINAL



NORTHBOUND TERMINAL

U. S. Route 67/ Future I-57

BUTLER COUNTY
UPGRADING U.S. 67 TO INTERSTATE STANDARDS
FROM ROUTE 160/158 TO THE STATE LINE



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Future I-57 project in Butler County will include upgrading U.S. Route 67 to interstate standards from the Route 160/158 interchange south of Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the MO/AR state line. This will primarily be accomplished by constructing four new lanes west of the existing U.S. 67 pavement and converting the existing pavement into an east outer road. The entire project limits are broken down into five phases: Phases 1A and 1B, as well as Phases 2-4.

Phases 1A, 1B and 2 are currently funded. Funding is not yet secured for Phases 3 and 4; schedules will be determined as funding becomes available.

Phases 1A, 1B and 2 will include upgrading U.S. 67 to four lanes from the Route 160/158 interchange to County Road 352. The Route 160/158 interchange will be reconfigured with two roundabouts in place of the current loop ramps in the northwest and southeast quadrants. Westwood Boulevard will be extended as a new west outer road to County Road 338. The east outer road will be shifted and connected to existing U.S. 67.

In order to upgrade the area to interstate standards, any at-grade crossings along this section of U.S. 67 will be permanently closed.

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IMPROVE SAFETY

By reconfiguring the Route 160/158 interchange with roundabouts, conflict points will be reduced. Roundabouts eliminate conflict points where cars meet at a right angle. This reduces the risk of severe crashes.



INCREASE EFFICIENCY

With projected traffic demands, reducing congestion and increasing efficiency is vital. Over the next two decades, traffic is expected to double along the entire corridor.



ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY

Upgrading U.S. 67 to interstate standards will improve connectivity along the corridor between I-55 in Jefferson County to the MO/AR state line, as well as continuity of the National Highway System. The Arkansas Department of Transportation is currently conducting an environmental study to examine three potential alignments for U.S. 67/Future I-57, as well as the connection at the state line. This will be key once MoDOT moves forward with Phase 4 at the MO/AR state line.

Upgrading this section of U.S. 67 to enhance connectivity is also part of MoDOT honoring its commitments. This project has been a priority for Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, Butler County and the City of Poplar Bluff.



HISTORY

In fall 1997, MoDOT initiated the Route 67 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in Madison, Wayne, and Butler Counties.

Initially, U.S. 67 was upgraded from Fredericktown in Madison County to north of Poplar Bluff in Butler County thanks to the partnership of the Highway 67 Corporation, MoDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Funding was secured for the project after Poplar Bluff voters passed a tax to pay for a portion of the construction, Missouri voters passed Amendment 3 and an agreement was reached with the Army Corps of Engineers.

A ribboncutting ceremony was held in August 2011 to celebrate the improvements from Fredericktown to Poplar Bluff, but there has been a continued desire to reach the state line. MoDOT has made efforts to upgrade U.S. 67 and get closer to this ultimate goal. However, due to limited transportation funding, a section of U.S. 67 south of Poplar Bluff was left unfunded and without upgrades.

In Aug. 2019, the voters of the City of Poplar Bluff overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure led by the Highway 67 Corporation to fund the expansion of U.S. 67 south of Poplar Bluff, which supports plans for Future I-57. In Dec. 2019, Gov. Mike Parson announced Phase 1A for inclusion in his transportation cost share program.

MoDOT is currently in the planning stages for the conversion of U.S. 67 to Interstate 57. The original EIS was revisited and re-approved in January 2021. This project is broken down into five phases, with funding secured for Phases 1A, 1B and 2. Funding is not yet secured for Phases 3 and 4, which will allow for the final connection at the MO/AR state line.

CURRENT PROJECT TIMELINE

