

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Held at the Routes A/B Interchange over I-70 in Warren County



Above: Ribbon-cutting attendees participated in the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon to officially open the newly constructed Warren County Routes A/B bridge. Participates included members from the following organizations:

- MoDOT
- Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc.
- Boonslick Regional Planning Commission
- Jacobs Engineering
- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- City of Jonesburg
- Warren Co. Commission
- Flying J Travel Center

Below: Featured Speakers



Kevin James
MoDOT Northeast District Engineer



Eric Kopinski
Improve I-70 Program Director



Teresa Lee
Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Executive Director



Brian Burks
Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc. Vice President

On Nov. 12, 2025, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion and opening of the newly constructed bridge at the Warren County Routes A/B over I-70 Interchange near Pendleton. The event was well-attended by local officials, law enforcement, project partners and community members.

MoDOT Northeast District Engineer **Kevin James** recognized partnerships with area groups, thanked those involved in the project for their hard work and expressed appreciation to area travelers for their patience during the construction process.

This project is the first completed interchange improvement project along the I-70 corridor nearby the project limits of Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville, the second project awarded within the Improve I-70 Program. With construction work beginning in Spring of 2025, contractor crews with Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc. worked diligently to complete several phases of the work, months ahead of scheduled completion dates, including the bridge construction.

Speakers at the event included: Statewide Improve I-70 Program Director **Eric Kopinski**, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Executive Director **Teresa Lee**, and the project's contractor, Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc. Vice President **Brian Burks**.

"While this specific project is not funded by the General Revenue funds that will add a third lane in each direction across the state, MoDOT and its federal and local leaders are committed to improving and updating this critical transportation corridor, and this project is an excellent example of how we continue to deliver on that promise," mentioned Statewide Improve I-70 Program Director **Eric Kopinski**.

ESS **Brian Burks** remarked, "This project shows what can be accomplished when strong partnerships come together around a shared goal... We're honored to deliver projects that improve our infrastructure and strengthen the communities we call home."

Major interchange improvements included a corridor realignment, right turn lanes added to northbound and southbound Route B and a new wider bridge, consisting of 12' driving lanes, 12' left turn lane and 10' shoulders, with an updated structure to accommodate the Improve I-70 template, including a wider bridge span allowing for the addition of a third I-70 traffic lane and increased bridge clearance for I-70 traffic.



Above (L-R): **Jeff Niemeyer** (NE Area Engineer), **Teresa Lee** (BRPC), **Matt Flake** (Warren County Commissioner), and **Kevin James** (NE District Engineer)



Staff from the Flying J Truck Center



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