

INTERSTATE 55

CAPE GIRARDEAU AND PERRY COUNTIES

Project Description

The I-55 overlay project will extend from the Route 61 interchange at Fruitland in Cape Girardeau County to the Route B interchange in Perry County.

The project has three sections, including:

1. Route 61 interchange to 2 miles north
 - 8-inch unbonded concrete overlay
2. Following 9.5 miles (ends just south of the Route KK ramps)

- 11-inch asphalt overlay

3. Last 6.5 miles (ends at the Route B interchange)
 - 3-3/4 inch asphalt overlay and undersealing

Due to additional funding recently added to the project's budget, the project will also provide a portion of the job to be rubblized and overlaid, instead of a 3-3/4 inch overlay for the entire project.

Traffic Impacts

Traffic will be shifted to utilize the southbound lanes and will run head-to-head as sections 1 and 2 of the project are completed. During this time, guardcable in these sections will be temporarily removed.

The guardcable is being removed in an effort to increase safety during construction. Essentially, the width of another lane exists between the passing lane and the guardcable. In normal conditions, there is adequate room for vehicles to pull over to the outside. However, with head-to-head traffic, it is safer to remove the guardcable until the improvements are completed so a shoulder is available on both sides.

As work on section 3 is underway, one lane will be closed at a time.

Route E northbound on and off ramps will be closed during construction from April to September 2010. Closing the route is the most cost-efficient solution, and will also allow the project to be completed more quickly. **Please see back for a map of available detour routes.*

Two crossovers will be constructed for the Route 61 on-ramp.

Route KK will remain open for the duration of the project.

Work zones will be marked with signs as the improvements are being made. Drivers are urged to use extreme caution near the work zone and plan for possible delays.

Timeline

The additional funding has also allowed MoDOT to accelerate the project. The project was originally scheduled to be awarded in SFY 2011, and it is now scheduled to be let in December 2009. If the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awards the project in January, work is expected to begin in spring 2010 with completion anticipated in fall 2010.

For More Information

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