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## Taking a Look Back at the Projects that Made an Impact in 2015

There are only a few days left in 2015 and as the year comes to an end I want to look back on some of the projects that made headlines this year.



- **Boone Bridge** - The new eastbound bridge opened this summer and westbound drivers are now using the old eastbound bridge to head into St. Charles. The 1930s bridge will be demolished in early 2016. Stay tuned for details on the big blast.

• **Route 94 at Terry Road** - It took longer than expected to get started thanks to a rainy spring, but crews raised the road height by more than three feet. This will help alleviate some of the flooding that often closes the road and forces motorists to detour to get to the wineries in places like Augusta and Dutzow.

- **Fifth Street/Fairgrounds at I-70** - Plans to redo the interchanges and add an additional lane on I-70 at Route 94 were presented to the public earlier this year. This project, being done in conjunction with the City of St. Charles and St. Charles County, will be getting underway in just a few months. You can stay up-to-date on the start date and traffic impacts by going to [http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major\\_projects/705thStImprovements.htm](http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/705thStImprovements.htm).
- **Route 61** - Although this safety improvement project is still more than a year away, the public got their first look in November at plans to remove several crossovers between Route P and Granville Drive. Project details can be seen at [http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major\\_projects/Route61SafetyProject.htm](http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/Route61SafetyProject.htm).

## And Taking a Look Forward at the Issues in 2016

As we move into 2016 two of the biggest issues that will continue to affect MoDOT are funding and safety. Safety will be the focus of my next Newsletter. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of fatal accidents this year and this is a trend we do not want to continue in 2016.

Starting in 2016 I will be doing my newsletters on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. Taking this position was the highlight of my 2015 and I look forward to continuing to work together in 2016 to make St. Charles County and the state of Missouri a safer and better place.

