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# I-70 Regional Needs Assessment and Strategies Development Study

## Senior Advisory Group March 2, 2017



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## What's Happened Since 2014?

- Project put on hold October 2014
- MoDOT issued a Notice to Proceed December 2016
- Project Team has been updating the Corridor Condition Assessment Report
  - Focus on changes in the corridor since 2014





# I-70 PEL STUDY

## Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

### What is it?

A transportation planning study that takes a broad look at transportation, economic, social, and environmental issues to determine the needs along a corridor



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## What is the I-70 PEL?

A transportation study that will provide a visioning framework for I-70.

Will the future I-70 be a commuter corridor?  
Freight? Short trips?

Who will be using I-70 in 20 years?



## Benefits of a PEL

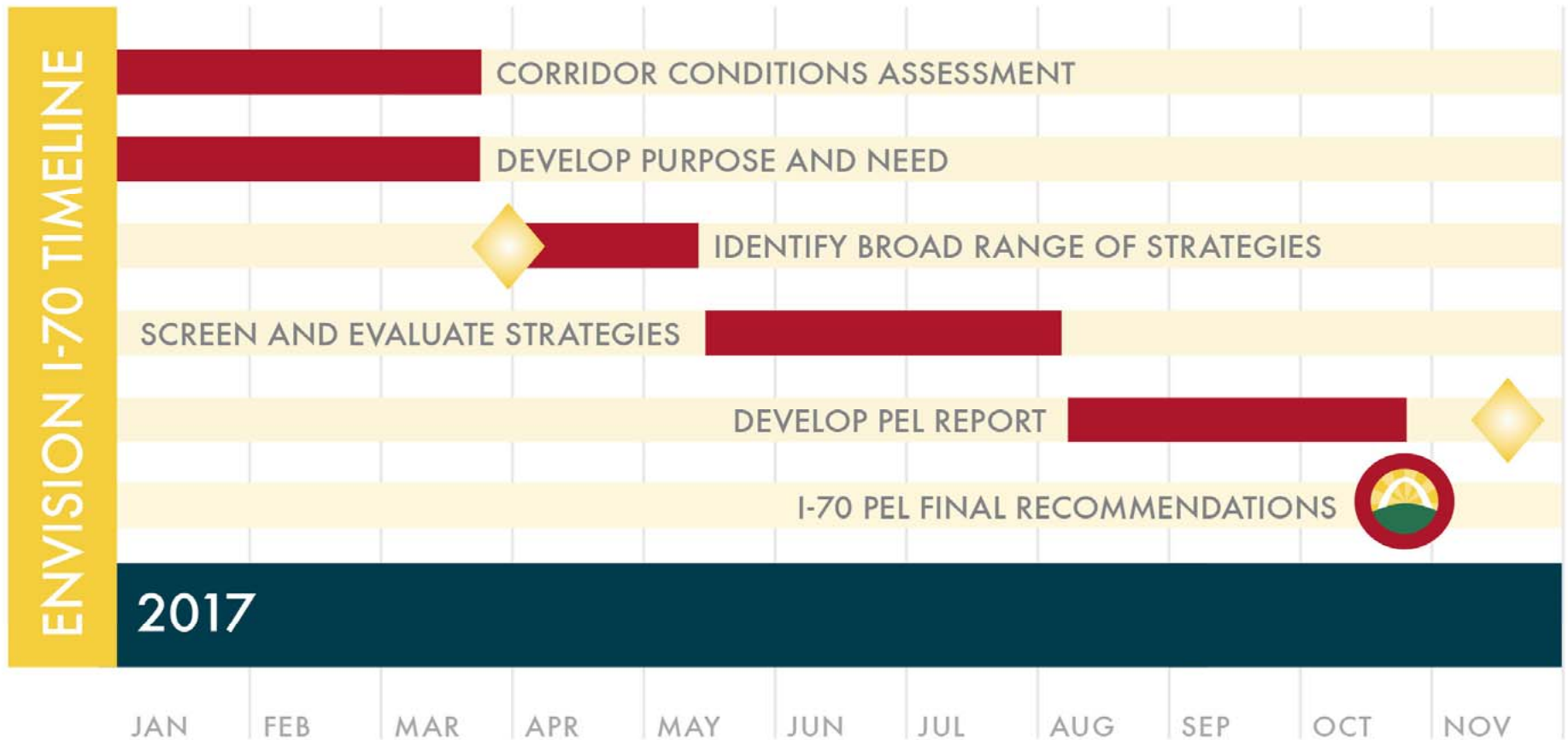
- Early public involvement
- Improved decision-making
- Streamlining project development
- Does not prohibit existing projects in corridor from moving forward



## Outcome of a PEL

- Determine system-wide strategies
- Identify infrastructure investments and services that would implement strategies
- Establish sections of independent utility that could progress into the NEPA process
- Prioritize and move forward sections as funding is available





◆ = Public Meetings

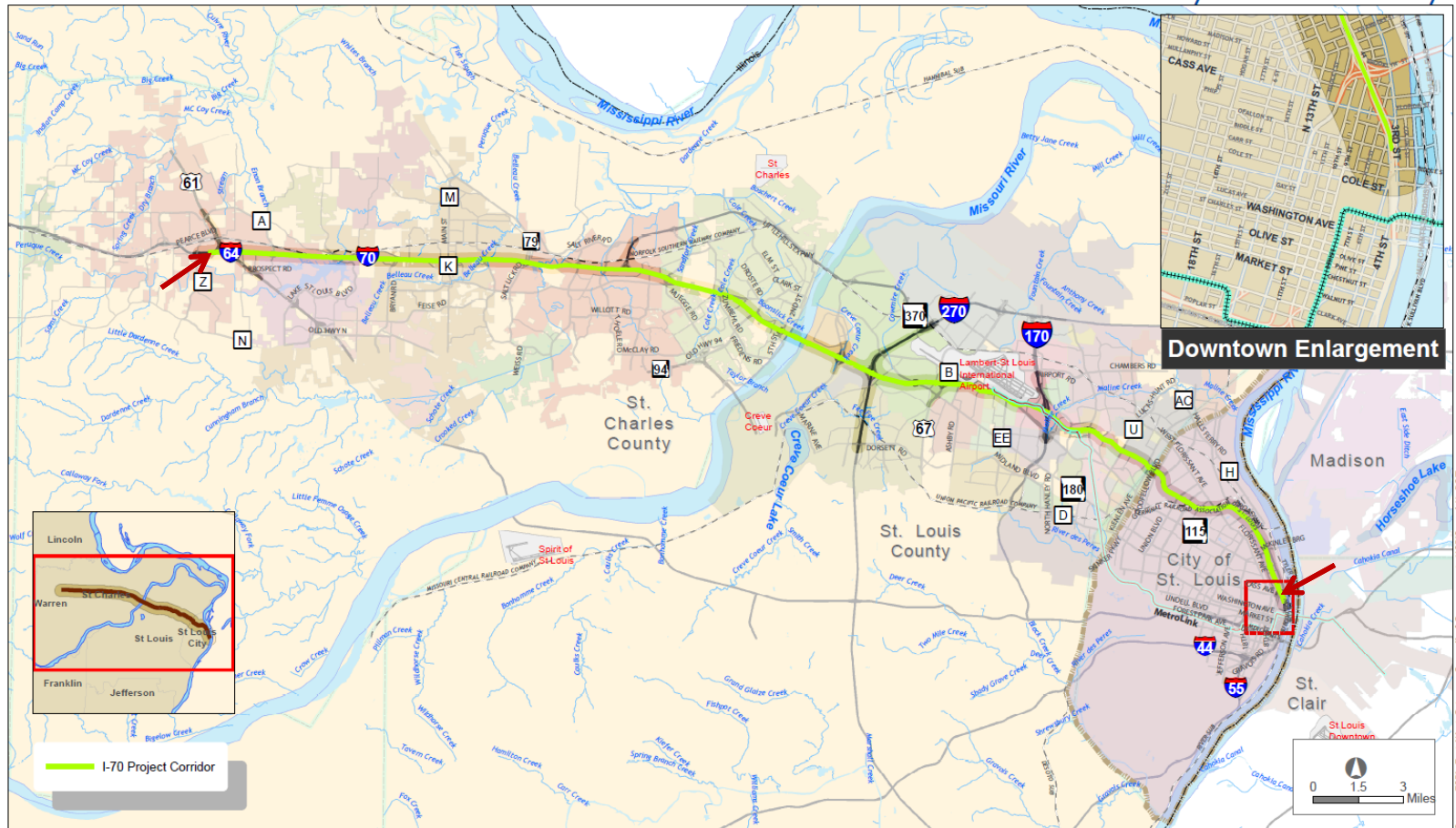


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## Study Area Boundary



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- Advisory Groups
- Public Official Briefings
- Public Meetings
- Website
- Social Media
- Digital Survey



## Senior Advisory Group (SAG)

**Role:** *Members of this group will provide strategy-level insights on the efforts of the project team, as well as explore and dive into some of the key issues around the study.*



## Senior Advisory Group (SAG)

*invited*

- Mayor, City of St. Louis
- County Executive –  
St. Louis County
- County Executive –  
St. Charles County
- Missouri Department of  
Transportation
- Metro
- East-West Gateway Council of  
Governments
- St. Louis Municipal League
- St. Charles County – Economic  
Development Council
- St. Louis Economic Development  
Partnership
- Greater St. Charles Chamber
- St. Louis Convention and Visitors  
Commission
- Greater St. Charles Convention and  
Visitors Bureau
- St. Louis Regional Chamber
- Lambert-St. Louis International  
Airport
- University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Lindenwood University
- St. Louis Regional Freightway



## Technical Advisory Groups (TAG)

- ✓ St. Charles County
- ✓ St. Louis County
- ✓ St. Louis City

### Role:

*Members have a unique perspective on the technical challenges along the I-70 corridor. These three groups are an important resource of technical input for the study.*





# ADVISORY GROUPS

## Technical Advisory Group (St. Charles)

*invited*

- Great Rivers Greenway
- St. Charles County Transportation Department
- City of O'Fallon Economic Development
- City of St. Peters Transportation and Development
- City of St. Charles Economic Development
- City of Jennings Street Department
- City of Lake Saint Louis Public Works
- St. Charles County Planning & Zoning Department
- St. Charles Area Transit (SCAT)
- St. Charles County Highways Department
- St. Charles Public Works and Engineering
- O'Fallon Planning and Development
- St. Peters Planning, Community & Economic Development
- Wentzville Public Works
- Ridefinders



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## Technical Advisory Group (St. Louis County) *invited*

- Berkeley Planning and Zoning Commission
- Bridgeton Planning & Economic Development
- Cool Valley Public Works Director
- Edmunson Public Works Director
- Ferguson Public Works Director
- Great Rivers Greenway
- Jennings Public Works, Streets and Parks
- Lambert St. Louis-International Airport
- Maryland Heights Public Works
- Normandy Public Works
- Northwoods Public Works
- Pasadena Hills Environmental Commissioner
- Pine Lawn Public Works
- Ridefinders
- St. Louis County Department of Planning
- St. Louis County Department of Transportation
- University of MO St. Louis
- Woodson Terrace Public Works



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*invited*

- Great Rivers Greenway
- Ridefinders
- St. Louis City Streets Department
- Lambert St. Louis-International Airport
- St. Louis Planning and Urban Design
- St. Louis City Board of Public Service
- St. Louis Port Authority
- St. Louis Development Corp.
- Project Connect



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## Previous and Ongoing Studies/Projects

- St. Peters' Outer Road AJR
- O'Fallon Transportation Study
- I-70/Hanley/Scudder AJR
- I-270 Environmental Assessment
- Metro Long Range Plan
- EWG Regional Freight Study/St. Louis Regional Freightway
- Metro Bus Rapid Transit Study
- St. Ann EA
- St. Charles 5<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Study
- Airport Plans
- MetroLink Studies (Northside/Southside and St. Louis County)
- Community Plans (land use, long range economic development)
- Other existing studies in the corridor, including bicycle and pedestrian plans





## Why Are You Here Today?

Help the project team identify other important information that we should consider incorporating into the Purpose and Need



## Purpose and Need Statement

- Drives the study process and outcomes
- Well-defined, well-established, and well-justified
- Determines which strategies are reasonable, prudent, and practicable



## Purpose Statement

The purposes of the proposed transportation improvements in the I-70 corridor are to increase safety, manage existing and future traffic congestion, provide efficient access for existing and future development along the corridor, enhance aesthetics, and expand multimodal mobility and connectivity.



## Needs

The needs for the I-70 corridor vary from end-to-end, but overall there are many that apply to the corridor as a whole.



## Needs - Corridor

- Improved connections across I-70 to maintain community cohesion on either side of the interstate, including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Enhanced aesthetics all along the corridor
- Maintain and increase access to current and future employment centers along the corridor



## Needs - Corridor

- Upgraded access to and from interchanges
- Upgraded freight vehicle access
- Increased multimodal travel options
- Improve the condition of the infrastructure for preservation of the corridor



## Needs – St. Charles County

- Improve alternative modes of transportation to local hospitals



## Needs – St. Louis County

- Improved access to Lambert Airport





## Needs – St. Louis City

- Better use of reversible lanes
- Identify transportation options to support development that will backfill areas of aging population
- Accommodate freight access to river ports
- Provide access to NGA





# BREAKOUT SESSION



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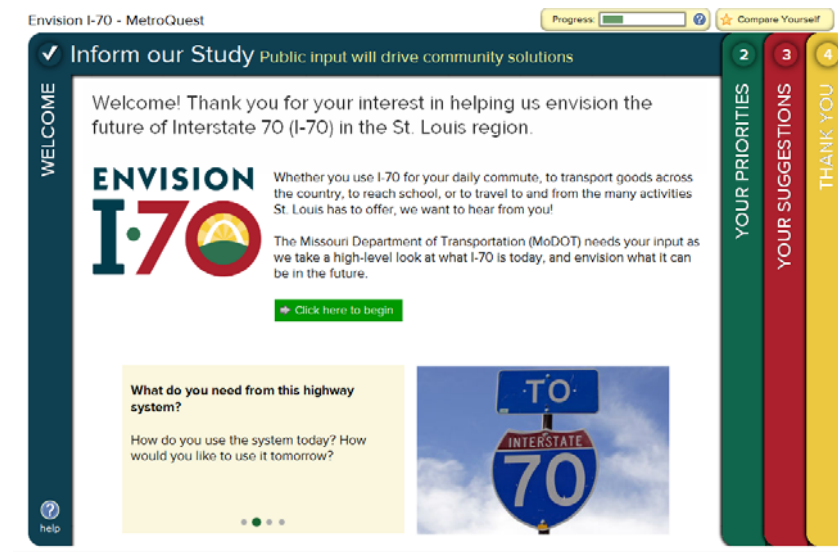
## How Else Can You Participate?

- Attend Future Meetings
- Share our website at [www.envisioni70.com](http://www.envisioni70.com) with co-workers, family, friends, and others
- Provide a link to [www.envisioni70.com](http://www.envisioni70.com) from your organization's website.
- Follow us on MoDOT's Facebook and Twitter pages



## How Else Can You Participate?

- Take our survey at [www.envisioni70.com](http://www.envisioni70.com)
- Does your organization have an email list that would be interested in the Envision I-70 PEL. Can you send them the [www.envisioni70.com](http://www.envisioni70.com) link and ask them to take the survey?
- Ask us to provide you with a paragraph(s) for your newsletter.



## What's Next?

- Public Meeting to gain further input on Purpose and Need – March 30, 2017
- Take our survey and pass it along!
- Next TAG meeting will begin to look at Alternatives to consider throughout the corridor – Summer 2017





THANK YOU!



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