

Exit 117 (MO-J/O) to Exit 120 (U.S. 40)

This portion of I-70 west of Columbia is a glaciated, pastoral landscape of rolling hills, limestone outcroppings, agricultural lands, and oak-hickory forests. The visual resources include distant views of agricultural lands and intermittent vegetation, and near views of old farmsteads and limestone outcroppings along I-70.



Typical Limestone Outcropping



Typical Farm Scene

Exit 120 to Exit 124 (Stadium Boulevard)

The landscape in this portion of the project corridor slowly changes from predominantly rural to increasingly urban. The roadway consists of two lanes in either direction and a wide grass median. Two-way frontage roads line the interstate. Distant views of commercial establishments and associated signage break up the natural views of rural and natural landscapes. Visual resources include Perche Creek and associated floodplains.



Rural I-70 Section



Typical View of Perche Creek



Urbanizing of Rural Segment

Exit 124 to Exit 128A (U.S. 63)

The landscape is dominated by large manmade structures, such as office buildings, restaurants, hotels, roadways, and frontage roads. Important visual resources include Cosmo Park, the Candlelight Lodge Retirement Center, and the University of Missouri Cancer Center. Views of Cosmo Park (from I-70) are not largely visible because the park is offset several blocks from the highway. Distant views of I-70 are prominent. Views to/from the Candlelight Lodge from I-70 are obscured by buildings adjacent to I-70. Due to its elevation, architecture, and large scale, the Cancer Center is one of the few noncommercial landmarks along the corridor. Distant views of various large-scale commercial establishments are also common.



View of Exit 124, looking east



View at Exit 127, looking west



View of Cosmo Park



University of Missouri Rusk Cancer Research Center



Typical Neighborhood Adjacent to Exit 125



Looking East on I-70 at Exit 128

Exit 128A to Exit 133 (MO-Z)

The landscape slowly changes from large-scale, manmade, commercial establishments to small, light industrial establishments and large 1970s-style one-story residential developments buffered by natural vegetation or fences. Small to medium trailer parks are visible from I-70. Views to/from the trailer parks are largely screened by vegetation. Remnants of an agricultural past are still visible. Views include some small-scale, low-rise commercial establishments. The scene is marked by near views of a manmade landscape against a distant view of pastoral openness.



Distant View of Agricultural Elements



Views of Low-rise Development at Exit 133