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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Mike Parson provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue for the costs to plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate and repair three lanes in each direction on nearly 200 miles of Interstate 70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

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IMPROVE I-70: COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY PROGRESS CONTINUES

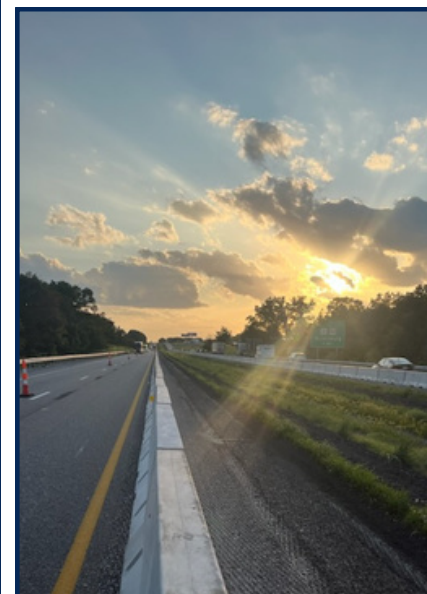
Crews on the first Improve I-70 project (Columbia to Kingdom City) have been working hard and continue to make noticeable progress on this historic investment in infrastructure. The first segment of work has been along eastbound and westbound I-70 between Callaway County Routes J and M. With the concrete traffic barrier wall now in place, field workers have a safer space to complete work in the median.

Following the installation of the barrier walls, crews removed the guard cable and removed the old pavement from the inside shoulders. With the removals completed, the contractor's crews are now in the process of placing approximately one foot of a rock fill base material in the median. This base material will be the foundation for the new I-70 pavement.

By mid-September, the first concrete pavement will be placed on the base. Currently, the plan is to pave the seven-mile stretch of eastbound I-70 between Callaway County Routes J and M and then pave westbound I-70 for the new inside lane and shoulder. It is expected to take around two months to pave both directions of this first segment.



Crews have been working overnight to install temporary barrier walls along both directions of I-70 between Callaway County Routes J and M.



Temporary concrete barrier walls installed along seven miles of I-70 in central Missouri. Barrier walls give crews a safer space to work within the median. Find more photos at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBBZry>

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IMPROVE I-70 WORK ZONE SAFETY REMINDER

Crews on the Columbia to Kingdom City project have set up a new lane configuration and temporary barrier walls between Callaway County Routes J and M. MoDOT has found that barrier wall is the best way to keep both crews and the traveling public safe during construction. With the reduced lane width and shifting traffic to the outside shoulder, it allows the project team to leave two lanes of travel open for both directions of I-70 in this first segment during peak travel times. The speed limit within the work zone is reduced to 55 miles per hour. The project team will be partnering with local law enforcement in the coming weeks to help with enforcement for those who are exceeding posted speeds through the work zone areas.

As construction continues, MoDOT wants to remind travelers to Work With Us by making safe, responsible choices behind the wheel and slowing down when driving through work zones. It's not just a courtesy to slow down and move over for these work zones—it's the law. Even when workers are behind barrier wall, the work zone speed limit is reduced because the driver lanes are narrowed and traffic has to drive next to the wall. Drivers should be aware of changing traffic conditions, observe warning signs and merge before reaching lane closures. MoDOT wants every driver to make it to their destination safely and for all workers to go home safe after each shift.



The speed limit has been reduced to 55 miles per hour along I-70 between Callaway County Routes J and M.

BEST VALUE PROPOSER SELECTED FOR IMPROVE I-70 KANSAS CITY (THE PASEO BLVD. TO U.S. ROUTE 40/31ST STREET)

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) has selected Clarkson-Radmacher Joint Venture as the apparent best-value proposer and Design-Build contractor for the Improve I-70 Kansas City Design-Build Project in Kansas City. Negotiations to finalize the contract are currently in progress. The Improve I-70 KC project is a five-mile stretch of Interstate 70 between The Paseo Blvd. and US 40/31 St. in the City of Kansas City.

This \$237 million project is **funded separately** from the [Statewide Improve I-70 Program](#), which will add a third lane in each direction of I-70 between Blue Springs and Wentzville, but it is one of several important projects that will modernize the I-70 corridor across the state. This project will improve the safety and reliability of this corridor section, maintain the serviceability of bridges and pavement, and improve accessibility for the local community, while minimizing the overall traffic impacts along the corridor. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2025 with an anticipated project completion by spring 2028. Three lanes of I-70 will remain open in both directions during the 2026 World Cup.

The winning Improve I-70 KC project proposal includes:

- Add a fourth eastbound I-70 lane from Prospect Ave to the Manchester Ave Bridge
- Replace 15 bridges and rehabilitate another seven bridges
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the project area
- Reconstruct I-70 from Chestnut Ave to 18th St (Benton curve)
- Reconstruct eastbound I-70 from 27th St to Cypress Ave (Jackson curve)
- Rehabilitate westbound I-70 from 27th St to Cypress Ave (Jackson curve)

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For more information on the Improve I-70 KC project, visit www.modot.org/improvei70kc.

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