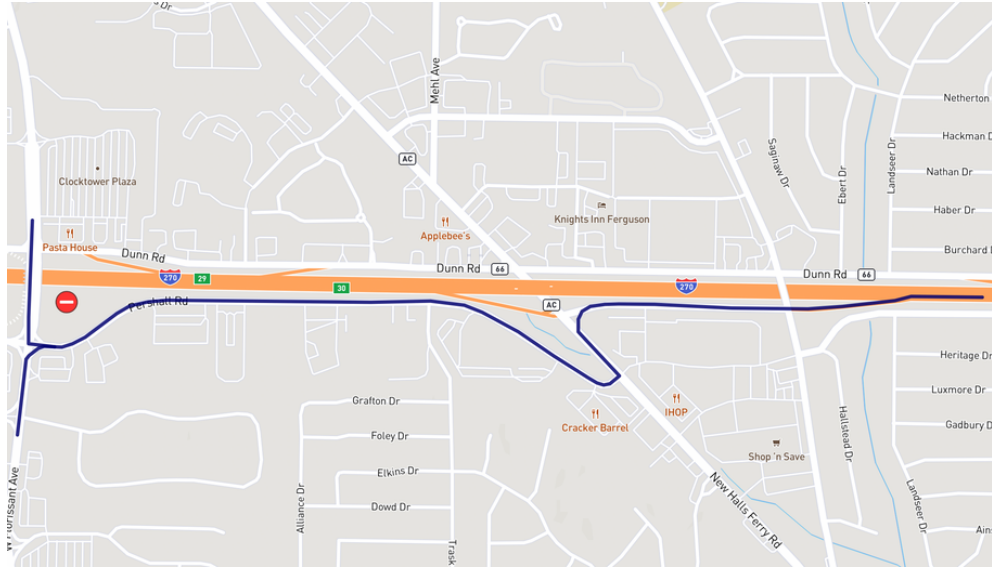


Project Happenings

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Project Outreach

Recently, Project Director Eric Kopiniski and Project Engineer Sheron Thomas gave a presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). They provided an update on the I-270 North Project and shared information about MoDOT's ongoing efforts to make our highways better and safer.



2022 Florissant Fall Festival

MoDOT and its contractor Millstone Weber participated in this year's Florissant Fall Festival for the second year in a row. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table to learn more about the progress of this project. We appreciate your feedback and support.

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PERMANENT CLOSURE – EASTBOUND RAMP FROM WEST FLORISSANT

Drivers who regularly use the entrance ramp from West Florissant Avenue to eastbound I-270, should be aware that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is closed. Drivers who wish to access eastbound I-270 in this area, can use the new eastbound I-270 entrance ramp from Pershall Road, between Washington Street/Elizabeth Avenue and West Florissant Avenue. Drivers can also gain access to eastbound I-270 at Old Halls Ferry Road. The new configuration and ramp location will improve mobility and safety.

The closure and construction work are part of the \$278 million I-270 North Project infrastructure upgrades. To stay current on the status of this closure and to view a project overview and graphic displays of planned construction, please visit the I-270 North Project website at: www.i270north.org.

Current and Upcoming Work Areas:

- Eastbound I-270 exit to New Florissant Road opened on 10/21.
- Eastbound I-270 exit to West Florissant Road opened on 10/21.
- Eastbound from Hanley Road to I-270 is scheduled to close for 60 days on 10/31.
- Westbound I-270 On Ramp from Dunn Road (underneath I-170) is scheduled to close on 11/2 for 1 week.
- Dunn Road is one way (Westbound only) from Old Halls Ferry Road to Hanley Road. Dunn Road is fully converted for the project.
- Pershall Road is one way (Eastbound only) from Hanley Road to Old Halls Ferry Road. Pershall Road is fully converted for the project.
- Eastbound I-270 and Westbound I-270 will be shifted at New Florissant in mid-November to complete the last phase of the New Florissant bridge.



Learn more about the I-270 North Project at: www.i270north.org



JAYDIN THOMAS

Operations Assistant | Millstone Weber
Project PAVE Cohort One Graduate

Ever since he was a junior at North County Tech, Jaydin Thomas had his sights set on a career in construction. Prior to that, he was torn between IT and construction, but when he enrolled in the school's construction career program where he learned about everything from electrical and carpentry to welding and HVAC, the choice was clear.

"I thought about how you get to be out and about at the different job sites and I liked that the industry had more room for growth. You could go from being a laborer to being a superintendent or project manager, like, you're in charge," Thomas said.

"Then, by the end of his junior year, Thomas discovered a program that would not only give him an opportunity to gain real-world experience in construction, but help him transition that knowledge from the classroom into a solid career. That program was Project PAVE. The Millstone Weber I-270 North STEM initiative is designed to engage north St. Louis high school students through immersive learning and mentorship, creating a pathway into future careers in the heavy design, engineering or construction industries. Thomas joined Project PAVE during his senior year in the fall of 2021 and landed a summer internship at Millstone Weber, which he largely credits to Project PAVE Director Vivian Martain. "I got even more exposure working with construction, carpenters, laborers... everything," he said.

Following the internship, Thomas worked as a field technician at CBB Transportation Engineers + Planners and currently, the 19-year-old works as an operations assistant at Millstone Weber. "Project PAVE played such an important role for me because it led me to all of my construction jobs," he said. Jaydin hopes to one day become a business owner and create a program to help other kids like himself, "stay out of trouble, be safe, take care of their studies for school and stay on track," like Project PAVE did for him.

His motto: "You can't go backwards. You have to move forward."

For more information about Project PAVE, visit: <http://www.i270north.org/opportunities/stem.aspx>



PROJECT TIMELAPSE CAMERA

VIEW CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

IN THE NEWS





Governor Parson and MoDOT Commissioner Chair Robert Brinkmann (Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission tour the I-270 North Project.



I-270 North Project team talk with public about the project at the Florissant Fall Festival.