

Why Outer Road Conversion?

Much of I-270 was designed during the 1960's when traffic volumes were much smaller. That configuration worked at that time. However, with increased traffic volumes, there is a need to update the design of the outer road system. In response to that need, the I-270 North project will bring a continuous one-way outer road system to Dunn and Pershall roads, between Hanley/Graham and Old Halls Ferry Road. This system will provide safer and more reliable access to the freeway system and the local network.

MoDOT is eliminating the unsignalized crossover slip ramps while maintaining the outer road system in order to provide efficient access to both I-270 and adjacent properties. Dunn and Pershall Roads will be converted to one-way in their current locations and ramp locations will be modified. This minimizes direct physical impacts to adjacent properties while improving safety and mitigating congestion on both the outer roads and I-270.

One-way conversions can also simplify street crossings for pedestrians who make up a large number of those who live and travel throughout the project boundaries.

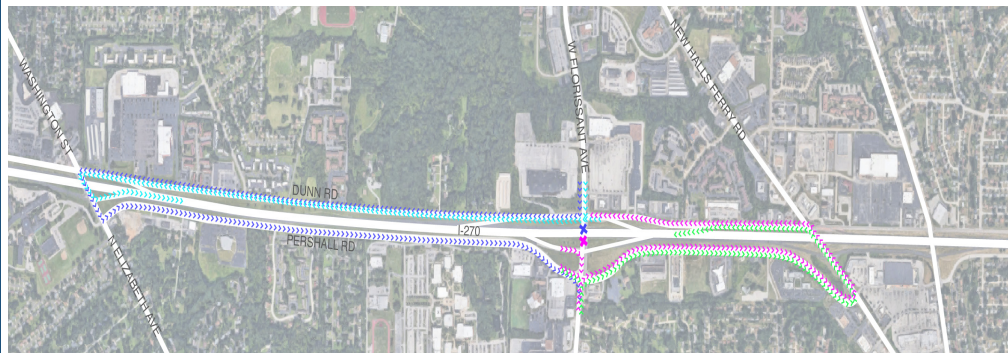
I-270 Detour During W Florissant Ave Bridge Demolition



Motorists should be aware that I-270 North near the W Florissant Ave. Bridge will be closed for a bridge demolition starting Friday, April 16 at 9 p.m. until Monday, April 19 at 5 a.m. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes. All detours will be marked.

"Our work over the next four months will rebuild West Florissant bridge over I-270. The new bridge will accommodate eight lanes of traffic on West Florissant and include a separate lane for the U-turn movement from eastbound Pershall to westbound Dunn. The U-turn lane allows travelers to avoid signals on West Florissant. The bridge also improves safety for pedestrians and cyclists by adding a sidewalk and an eight foot wide multi-use path to cross I-270," said Justin Wolf, I-270 North Project Director.

West Florissant Ave Closed at Interstate 270



The new W Florissant Avenue Bridge will be under construction for four months. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes during bridge construction. To help motorists navigate travel, interactive detour maps are available on the project's home page.

To stay updated 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. Travelers can also contact MoDOT's customer service center at 1-314-275-1500 or the I-270 North Project Team at: I270North@modot.mo.gov.

Impacts of conversion on drivers

Dunn traffic will travel one-way westbound starting east of Old Halls Ferry and ending at Hanley/Graham. Pershall traffic will travel eastbound beginning at Hanley/Graham and ending at Old Halls Ferry.

Everyone will still be able to access all areas along Dunn and Pershall roads, although the routes to your destinations may be different. On Pershall Road you will need to approach your destination from the west, and from the east on Dunn Road. Eastbound to westbound U-turn ramps will be provided at Washington St/Elizabeth Ave and West Florissant Ave. A new bridge will be constructed to connect Pershall Road and Dunn Road over I-270, west of Route 367, to accommodate the new travel patterns. The one-way outer road network will provide a reliable and safe transportation system for people to access their daily destinations including home, work, school, and to support local businesses.

"We want to make the corridor safer for everyone who uses it. That includes those who drive, walk or ride bicycles throughout the corridor," said Nina Thompson, Communications Coordinator for the I-270 North Project.

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





Rick Stevens Christian Hospital

Rick Stevens, president of Christian Hospital, is responsible for positioning the hospital as a provider of quality critical health care services in north St. Louis County. One of his goals is to make sure hospital clients can easily and safely access the health services that they need, and he says that the I-270 North Project will play a role in helping to achieve that goal.

“When the project is finished, both our employees and our clients will have safer and improved access to our facility. While the work is ongoing, we are focused on sharing critical information about construction activities like closures and detours, in our newsletter and on social media so that people know in advance and can choose alternate routes when necessary.”

Stevens learned about the project while serving as 2019 Board Chair for North County, Inc. He is a strong supporter of the \$278 million in planned upgrades. I-270 North is a part of his daily commute and he believes that the upgrades are very much needed.

“This stretch was built in the 1960s and this work will bring it into the 2020’s. I’m not a Missouri native and I am accustomed to driving on one-way outer roads and using dedicated turnaround bridges. The roundabouts, one-way roads and other intersection improvements will update an aging infrastructure and improve how traffic flows throughout the corridor.” He says the improvements also will be very critical to the hospital; especially in emergency situations.

“Emergency vehicles often operate in life or death situations. The goal is to get patients to the hospital as safely and as quickly as possible. These improvements could be critical in these situations; potentially helping to save lives.”

“Greater access to health care for the 375,000 North County residents and others who choose to travel here, along with improved safety and new infrastructure, are among the enhancements. We are very excited about these upgrades and can’t wait to see the results. Until then, we will just have to be patient and work hard to make the transition as easy as we can on our clients, partners and staff.”