



# MARCH 2025

# IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.



## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR IMPROVE I-70: WARRENTON TO WENTZVILLE



*The Improve 70 Alliance joins MoDOT in an official groundbreaking for the Warrenton to Wentzville project. This team is a Joint Venture made up of contractors Emery Sapp & Sons and Clarkson Construction with designers HNTB and Bartlett and West.*

The groundbreaking of the second project within the Missouri Department of Transportation's Improve I-70 Program kicked off with an official ceremony on March 20, in Foristell. MoDOT, joined by federal, state and local elected officials, along with members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and its contractor team gathered at the closed eastbound I-70 weigh station to break ground on Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville.

"Today marks another historic milestone in MoDOT's efforts to Improve I-70," said Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman W. Dustin Boatwright. "This is a once in a generation opportunity to bring this transformative improvement to communities along I-70, the citizens of Missouri and those just traveling through."

Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville is one of several projects that will expand and improve I-70 across the state. This project includes the Improve I-70 and additional legislatively designated General Revenue funding. It also includes previously allocated funds in the state's program for other I-70 and I-64 projects for a total contract cost of \$600 million, the largest single contract in MoDOT's history.

This project was awarded to the Design-Build contractor team, the Improve 70 Alliance (Emery Sapp and Sons, Clarkson Construction, HNTB, and Bartlett and West). Construction began this spring and completion is anticipated in late 2028.



*Numerous elected officials joined MoDOT and its Design-Build contractor team for the groundbreaking of Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville on Thursday, March 20 in Foristell.*

Learn more about the project highlights at [www.modot.org/improvei70/warrentonwentzville](http://www.modot.org/improvei70/warrentonwentzville). Those interested in receiving construction details and other updates for this project can sign up for project e-mails on the project website. To see more photos of Improve I-70 progress, visit Improve I-70's Flickr account: <https://flic.kr/ps/42TykU>.

Motorists traveling on I-70 across the state should note that this project will be in construction concurrently with Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City, which will add a third lane to I-70 between Columbia and Kingdom City. Cross-state I-70 travelers should plan ahead, allow for extra time, and be vigilant in work zones. Buckle Up. Phone Down.

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## IMPROVE I-70: COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES MAKING MILESTONES



Crews placed the first bridge girders of the new southbound U.S. Route 63 bridge at Conley Rd. on Feb. 25.

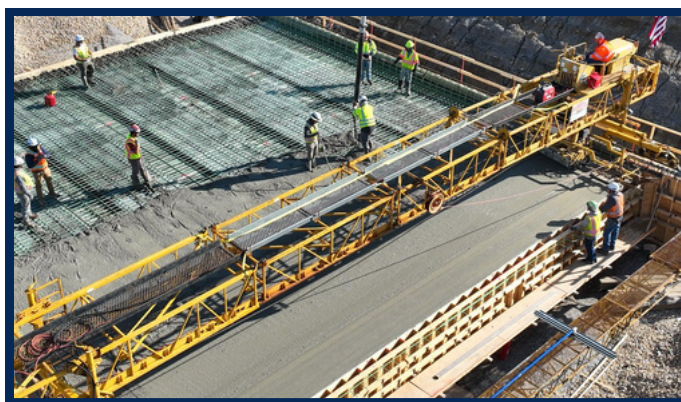
Construction crews with Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City placed the first bridge girders of the project in late February. The beams will eventually support the deck of the new bridge under construction on southbound U.S. Route 63 in Columbia. This southbound bridge, and its yet-to-be constructed northbound twin, will create an underpass at Route 63 and Conley Rd. allowing traffic from Conley Road to move north directly into the I-70/U.S. Route 63 interchange. This design also allows for better local connectivity on each side of Route 63.



Watch the video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je\\_eH1V3cOU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je_eH1V3cOU)

In addition to setting the girders, on Monday, March 10, crews also completed the first bridge deck pour on the new southbound Route 63 bridge. To pour the bridge deck, crews use a mobile concrete pump truck to funnel concrete via a large hose to the base of the bridge deck. Then, a bridge deck machine is run over the concrete to create a smooth driving surface.



Crews completed the first bridge deck pour of the new U.S. Route 63 bridge on March 10.

This bridge is anticipated to be complete by April 2025. Once completed, crews will shift Route 63 traffic onto the new bridge in order to construct the northbound side.



Watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/aDYA3w7SrLO>

## MODOT HOSTS DBE MIXER FOR BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA

MoDOT's Improve I-70 West Project Team hosted a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) mixer as part of the upcoming Improve I-70 project between Blue Springs and Odessa on Monday, March 17. These mixers allow local small businesses owned by socially and/or economically disadvantaged individuals the opportunity to meet the short listed Design-Build teams competing for this project. About 75 people attended the event.

Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa is scheduled to be awarded at the May Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting. Construction will begin in Fall 2025 with an anticipated completion by the end of 2028.

## UPCOMING INDUSTRY MEETING: ROCHEPORT TO COLUMBIA PROJECT

Industry partners interested in learning more about the upcoming Design-Build project, Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia, are invited to attend MoDOT's next Industry Meeting. MoDOT intends to award this project in late 2025 and start construction the following spring. Completion of this segment is currently anticipated by late 2029.

**Thursday, May 1, 2025  
Columbia, MO**

More information will be available soon at [www.modot.org/improvei70/industry-information](http://www.modot.org/improvei70/industry-information).