



# JANUARY 2026

## IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law 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.

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### 2026 IMPROVE I-70 PROJECT LOOK AHEAD

MoDOT's historic \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program broke ground on its first construction project in June 2024 and continues to make progress across the I-70 corridor. Three projects are already under construction and two more are scheduled to begin this summer ([Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia](#) and [Improve I-70: Boonville to Rocheport](#)). As work along the corridor continues, traffic changes are anticipated. Crews are doing everything in their power to keep impacts to traffic minimal. In an effort to keep the traveling public updated as progress continues to be made, the following major traffic impacts are anticipated in 2026. Dates and details are weather permitting and are subject to change. [Sign up for specific project updates here or scan](#) the QR code.



PROJECT	ANTICIPATED 2026 TRAFFIC IMPACTS (DATES VARY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
<a href="#">Columbia to Kingdom City</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interchange improvements at I-70 and U.S. Route 63 connector (mile marker 128).</li><li>Lake of the Woods bridge over I-70 full closure for approximately four months. This work is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2026.</li><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-70 and rebuild existing pavement between Hatton and Kingdom City (mile markers 144-148).</li><li>Sign up for project emails for the latest information.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Warrenton to Wentzville</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MO Route 47 and I-70 interchange work in Warrenton requiring closure of Route 47 bridge for approximately four months. This work is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2026.</li><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-70 and rebuild existing pavement between Warrenton and Wright City (mile markers 191-198), Wright City and Foristell (mile markers 201-205), Wentzville (mile markers 205-208).</li><li>Interchange work at I-70/I-64/U.S. 61 interchange in St. Charles County ongoing through 2026.</li><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-64 between Route 364 and the I-70/I-64/U.S. 61 interchange ongoing now through Summer 2026.</li><li>Interchange work at I-70 and Route T/W in Foristell ongoing throughout Fall 2026.</li><li>Various long-term ramp closures.</li><li>Sign up for project emails for the latest information.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Blue Springs to Odessa</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-70 and rebuild existing pavement between Blue Springs and Grain Valley (mile markers 20-26).</li><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-70 and rebuild existing pavement between Route M/O and Route H in Lafayette County (mile markers 41-45).</li><li>Demolition of Lefholz Rd. bridge over I-70 in approximately mid-February 2026.</li><li>Sign up for project emails for the latest information.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Rocheport to Columbia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I-70 and Providence Rd. interchange work (mile marker 126) requiring closure of Providence Rd. bridge for approximately four months. This work is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2026.</li><li>Sign up for project emails for the latest information.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Boonville to Rocheport</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add a third lane of travel to I-70 and replace existing pavement between Boonville and Rocheport (mile markers 101-121).</li><li>Sign up for project emails for the latest information.</li></ul>

Take a look at the progress made between June 2024 and December 2025 in [this corridor-wide progress video](#).





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### IMPROVE I-70 TRUCK PARKING PROJECT BEGINS IN SPRING 2026

MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program includes approximately \$29 million in INFRA Grant funds to expand availability of truck parking along the I-70 corridor. This project could include improvements at existing truck parking and rest areas in Odessa, Concordia, Boonville, Mineola, and Wright City. This project will soon transition into a Design-Build project. Public information meetings highlighting the needs for more truck parking will be held in both Concordia and Wright City in late January. Meeting materials and an online comment/question form will be available on the project webpage soon.

Learn more at [www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/truckparking](http://www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/truckparking)

### PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 27 - Concordia**

4 - 6 p.m.

Concordia Community Center Gym  
802 S. Gordon St. Concordia, MO 64020

**Wednesday, January 28 - Wright City**

4 - 6 p.m.

Wright City Middle School Cafeteria  
100 Bell Rd. Wright City MO 63390

### BEYOND THE BARRELS FEAT. JOE GILDEHAUS

MoDOT's \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program is a massive undertaking made possible by Missouri's General Assembly and one that requires the coordination of thousands of people across multiple agencies. In this video series, MoDOT is showcasing the variety of people working to bring the expansion of I-70 to life.



This edition features Warren County Presiding Commissioner, Joe Gildehaus. Gildehaus has served on the Warren County Commission since 2019 and has lived in Warren County for over 30 years. During this tenure, he has worked to build relationships between Warren County and other government agencies, working closely with MoDOT and its Improve I-70 team to deliver the best results for Warren County residents and beyond. [Watch the video here](#) or scan the QR code.

### BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA PROJECT COMPLETES FIRST TRAFFIC SWITCH

Crews with the Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project have completed paving what will eventually be the third lane and inside shoulders of Interstate 70 between Route 7 in Blue Springs and Route AA/BB in Grain Valley, as well as between Route M/O and Route H in Lafayette County. In mid-December crews shifted westbound I-70 traffic in these areas onto the newly constructed lanes in the median. Switching traffic into this configuration will allow crews to reconstruct the existing westbound I-70 lanes. To learn more, [watch the video here](#) or scan the QR code.



Westbound I-70 in Blue Springs

### IMPROVE I-70 PROGRAM DIRECTOR FEATURED ON LOCAL PODCAST



MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program Director, Eric Kopinski, was recently interviewed on a local Kansas City area podcast, What's the Tea in Rural KC. Together with host Kelsey Legate, the two discuss the Improve I-70 Program, the Blue Springs to Odessa project, and what the expansion of I-70 means for communities along the I-70 corridor.

You can listen to this episode (Episode 13: Improve I-70 w/ Eric Kopinski) on platforms like [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [iHeart Radio](#).

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