



# MARCH 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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## MoDOT hosts public hearings for Rocheport to Columbia project



Nearly 450 people attended the two recent public hearings for the Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia project.



In early March, MoDOT and its Design-Build contractor organized two public hearings in Columbia to discuss the upcoming Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia project. These meetings focused on the design and traffic control plans, along with the proposed project timeline. Nearly 450 individuals attended the in-person meetings to learn more about the fourth project in MoDOT's Statewide Improve I-70 Program.

Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia is a \$441 million Design-Build project that will improve the 14-mile stretch of Interstate 70 from the Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to approximately U.S. Route 63 in Columbia.

Public meeting displays and other project information are available by visiting the project website. MoDOT will accept comments via the online webform until Wednesday, March 25: [www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/rocheportcolumbia](http://www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/rocheportcolumbia)

## Closure date scheduled for MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 in Warrenton

As part of the Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville project, crews will **CLOSE** the MO Route 47 bridge over Interstate 70 in Warrenton for replacement. This bridge replacement is part of an overall redesign of the I-70 and MO Route 47 interchange.

Weather permitting, beginning at 7 p.m. on on Friday, March 27, crews will close both directions of I-70 at MO Route 47 (Exit 193) to demolish the existing structure. Demolition work will take approximately 48 hours. During construction of the new bridge, there will be no access across MO Route 47 over I-70. Full details regarding the demolition, and traffic impacts during construction of the new bridge can be found via the QR code or by visiting: [www.modot.org/node/84714](http://www.modot.org/node/84714)



Rendering of future I-70 and MO Route 47 interchange in Warrenton (Exit 193).

## Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for Boonville to Rocheport project

MoDOT will host a formal groundbreaking ceremony for its fifth Improve I-70 project, Boonville to Rocheport, on Friday, April 3. This is the program's first design-bid-build project. It was awarded to Capital Paving and Construction and designed by Burns & McDonnell.

**Friday, April 3, 2026**

10:30 a.m.

Eastbound I-70 Rest Area in Boonville  
Mile Marker/Exit 104

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## Beyond the Barrels featuring Morgan Mundell



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 President & CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri, Morgan Mundell. He possesses over 20 years of both public and private sector experience involving association management, public policy analysis, and working alongside MoDOT and with other elected officials.

Watch the video here or scan the QR code: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLZ9hGe4Nz8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLZ9hGe4Nz8)

## New U.S. Route 63 underpass at Conley Road opens in Columbia



*New U.S. 63 underpass opens in Columbia near Conley Road.*



The traveling public now has a new way to access the Interstate 70/U.S. Route 63 connector in Columbia. The newly constructed U.S. Route 63 underpass from Conley Road opened to all traffic on March 16.

This new access point, located across from the entrance between IHOP and Panda Express, is designed to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion by providing an additional route to access the Connector. The underpass improves local connectivity by providing access to businesses on both sides of U.S. Route 63.

This improvement is part of the Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City project. The project began construction in summer 2024 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2027.

Learn more about the project by scanning the QR code or visit [www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity](https://www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity)

## Blue Springs to Odessa project completes first bridge deck pour

Crews with the Blue Springs to Odessa project completed the first bridge deck pour of the project in early March. The Sni-A-Bar Creek bridge is being completely replaced as part of this project. This is the first deck pour (within the median) and is the first of three total bridge deck pours this bridge will receive.

The Blue Springs to Odessa project includes 14 total bridge replacements located along I-70 at Sni-A-Bar Creek, Horseshoe Creek, Little Horseshoe Creek, East Fork Sni-A-Bar Creek, Route D, Route 131, Lefholz Rd., Johnson Dr., and the I-70 bridge over the Canadian Pacific Kansas City railroad. Learn more about this project via the QR code or visit: [www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/bluespringsodessa](https://www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/bluespringsodessa)



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## Construction beginning soon on new Conley Road roundabout

As part of the Columbia to Kingdom City project, the intersection of Conley Road and Business Loop 70 in Columbia is set to close starting at the end of March to build a roundabout. Local businesses will remain accessible, but through traffic will need to use an alternate route.

Starting on March 23, crews plan to close Conley Road at the intersection with Business Loop 70 for 60 days. During the closure, the business entrances on either side of the intersection will remain open and accessible. The roundabout is expected to be open to all traffic by the end of May.

When complete, the roundabout will provide a safer and more efficient intersection. Compared to a signalized intersection, roundabouts have fewer conflict points, which, along with slower speeds and calmer traffic, can translate into as much as 76 percent fewer crashes and fewer crash-related injuries.



## Updated Improve I-70 2026 Bridge Closure Information

### Improve I-70 | 2026 Bridge Closures

Location	Mile Marker	Start Date	Progress	Projected Opening	Closure Duration
LEFHOLZ OVER I-70	26.0	STARTED FEBRUARY 2026	10% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: July 2026	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
NITROGEN AVE. OVER I-70	85.8	STARTING JUNE 2026	0% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
PROVIDENCE RD. OVER I-70	126.6	STARTING MAY 2026	0% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
ST. CHARLES RD./LAKE OF THE WOODS OVER I-70	131.0	SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10	0% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 120 days
JONESBURG OVER I-70	184.0	STARTED FEBRUARY 2026	5% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
ROUTE 47 OVER I-70	193.6	STARTING MARCH 27	0% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 130 days