



Why We're Here

Improving I-70

MoDOT is making long-term plans for the future widening and reconstruction of I-70. We need your input on our ideas for I-70 between Independence and Odessa for:



(1) additional lane locations;

and



(2) interchange improvements, including local access.

The construction already underway, including the reconstruction of I-70 between 291 and Route 7 is a separate project. Please see xxxxx for more information.

After this meeting, we will refine our ideas and go through a detailed evaluation process. A public hearing will be held next year to share the details of the evaluation.

We encourage you to stay involved.

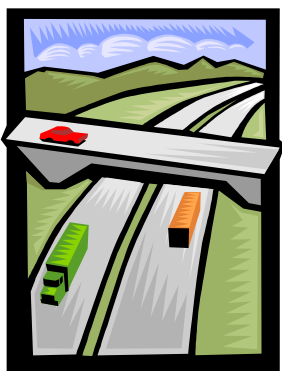




Why Plan When Funding is Limited?

The total cost for widening and reconstruction of I-70 between Kansas City and St. Louis is estimated to be three billion in today's dollars. Currently no funding is allocated for the design and construction of improvements to I-70.

However, planning now is important because:



1. MoDOT wants to make sure that major interim improvements, like bridges and overpasses, match the future I-70. To do that, we need to know what I-70 will look like.



2. MoDOT also wants to be sure that as funding becomes available, we're ready to begin work. Planning studies are federally required before final design and construction can begin.

