

# D4 WESTport

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Welcome to the August edition of **WESTport**, MoDOT District 4's newsletter to our Missouri General Assembly members, city and county officials, and other transportation partners from the west central region.

You will receive monthly updates of District 4 projects and activities throughout the regular General Assembly session, and periodic updates during the rest of the year. We hope you will find the information useful and enlightening.

Our District 4 staff is always available to answer your questions and address constituent concerns. See our list of contacts at the bottom of this newsletter for telephone numbers and other information, or visit our district website at [www.modot.org/kansascity/](http://www.modot.org/kansascity/)

## **KC-Area Projects on New Five-year Program**

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has approved a new five-year transportation construction program that shows spending for Missouri's roads and bridges will plummet in fiscal year 2010, which begins July 1, 2009.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP, identifies all transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies for fiscal years 2008 through 2012 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2012). It reflects a large amount of highway construction in 2008, largely due to additional funding from voter-approved Amendment 3. However, stagnant state fuel taxes, lagging federal revenue and increasing construction, maintenance and fuel costs will cause highway funding to fall off a cliff in 2010.

"We go from a construction program totaling \$1.23 billion in 2008 to an annual program of \$569 million beginning in 2010," Missouri Department of Transportation Director Pete Rahn said. "During the first half of the STIP, about \$1 billion of Amendment 3 major projects will be delivered. However, as Amendment 3 bond proceeds run out, the last half of the STIP shifts primarily to a maintenance program with some safety projects and limited major project work."

Rahn said it would be a major setback to see the vast improvements made to Missouri's highways in recent years deteriorate because of a lack of future funding. Two recent national reports cited Missouri's gains in highway conditions, while keeping administrative and project costs low. Both reports also pointed out an \$18 billion gap in funding over the next 20 years and the need for additional funding.

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Kansas City-area projects in the STIP that are likely to be under way in the next two years include:

### **Cass County**

Route 71 - Replace bridges and reconstruct the interchange at 163<sup>rd</sup> Street in Belton (2008)

Route 71 - Construct a new North Cass Parkway interchange at about 187<sup>th</sup> Street in Belton and Raymore (2008)

Route D - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Route 150 in Kansas City to Route 58 west of Belton (2008)

Route 7 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Jackson County line to 163<sup>rd</sup> Street in Pleasant Hill (2009)

Route 291 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from the north leg of Route 58 to Crestwood Drive in Harrisonville (2008)

Route 291 - Island repair at various locations on Routes 291 and 2, and improvements at Route 2 and Independence, Harrisonville (2009)

### **Clay County**

Route 69 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from I-35 north junction to I-35 south junction in Claycomo (2007-08)

I-29 (KC Icon) - Reconstruct and widen corridor, including bridge over Missouri River, from Route 210 to the north leg of the Downtown Loop (2008)

I-35 - interchange improvements at I-35/Route 69/Route 33 in Liberty (2008)

Route 1 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from I-35 to Route 210 in Kansas City (2008)

Route 210 - Pavement resurfacing from Searcy Creek Parkway to Brighton Avenue in Kansas City (2008)

I-35 - pavement and shoulder treatments northbound from Pleasant Valley Road to Fishing River in Liberty (2009)

I-435 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Route 69 to the Missouri River in Kansas City (2009)

Route 1 - Pavement resurfacing from Route 152 to 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Gladstone (2009)

Route 92 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Route 29 to Route DD (2009)

Route 269 - Corridor improvements from I-35 to Route 210 in Kansas City (2009)

Route 291 - Pavement resurfacing from the bridge south of Route 33 to Route 210 in Liberty (2009)

Route B - Pavement treatments from Route 69 to Route H in Liberty (2009)

### **Henry County**

Route 13 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Route 18 to the St. Clair County line (2008)

Route 7 - Pavement resurfacing from Cass County line to Route 13 in Clinton (2009)

Route 7 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from Route 13 to Benton County line (2009)

### **Jackson County**

Route 24 - Replace bridge over Missouri Pacific Railroad between Overton Avenue and Huttig Avenue in Independence (Fall 2007)

I-70 - Replace bridge and interchange improvements at Noland Road in Independence (2008)

I-435 - Reconstruct interchange into a diverging diamond at Front Street in Kansas City (2008)

I-470 - Construct half diamond interchange at Pryor Road in Lee's Summit (2008)

I-470 - Construct a new interchange at Strother Road in Lee's Summit (2008)

Route 71 - Pavement repair and resurfacing on mainline and outer roads from Blue Ridge Boulevard to 155<sup>th</sup> in Grandview (2008)

Route 150 - Widen to four lanes from Route 71 to Route 291 (2008-2010)

Route 150 - Reconstruct interchange at Route 71 to a single-point urban configuration (2008)

Route F - Improve and widen near interchange at I-70 in Oak Grove (2008)

I-35 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to the Kansas state line (2009)

I-435 - Pavement resurfacing from Route 78 to Route 24 in Kansas City (2009)

Route 24 - Structural repairs, painting and bridge rehabilitation over Cambridge Avenue and Burlington Northern tracks (2009)

### **Johnson County**

Route 13 - Two-lane relocation on four-lane right of way from 0.6 mile north of Route 50 to just south of Route DD, and from just south of Route DD to just north of Route Y south of Warrensburg (2008)

Route DD - Pavement resurfacing from Route 23 to Route 13 in Warrensburg (2009)

### **Lafayette County**

I-70 - Pavement repair from west of the Sni A Bar bridge east 0.2 mile near Odessa (2007-8)

Business Route 13 - Pavement resurfacing from Route 20 north to Route 13 north of Higginsville (2007-8)

Route 13 - Two-lane relocation on four-lane right of way from Route 24 to County Road 113 (existing Route 13) (2009)

Route 13 - Pavement and shoulder treatment from Burns School Road to Business 13 near Higginsville (2009)

Route 224 - Pavement resurfacing from Route 24 to Route 13 near Lexington (2009)

### **Platte County**

I-29 - Bridge improvements at Line Creek (2007-8)

I-435 - Resurface pavement and shoulders from I-29 south junction to Clay County line (2007-8)

Route 45 - Construct a roundabout to relocate Route K and Union Chapel Road 600 feet west of the intersection of existing Routes 45 & K in Parkville (2007-8)

Route 9 - Add lanes east of Mattox Road to I-635 and Route 9 interchange (2009)

Route 9 - Construct four lanes with turn lanes and railroad bridge from Route 9 south in Riverside (2009)

I-29 - Resurfacing at bridge approaches, rest areas, weigh station and bridge rehabilitation from Buchanan County line to Line Creek (2007-8)

Route 92 - Pavement and shoulder treatments from the Kansas state line to Route 45 (2009)

## **Ray County**

Business Route 10 - Pavement resurfacing from Route 10 to Route 13 (2008)

Route 10 - Pavement resurfacing from Excelsior Springs to Route C (2008)

The highway construction program approved includes more than 770 highway and bridge projects, as well as funding for aviation, railroads, waterways and public transportation. The STIP totals approximately \$6.5 billion over the five-year period. It includes \$5.06 billion for highway and bridge projects, \$760 million for other modes of transportation, and \$700 million for city and county transportation programs.

Rahn said the program has three goals: to finish planned road and bridge projects as promised, improve the condition of major roads and repair or replace more than 800 bridges statewide.

The 2008-2012 program includes transportation improvements identified by metropolitan planning organizations in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia, Jefferson City, Joplin and St. Joseph. The STIP projects located in these areas are subject to discussion and approval by the appropriate metropolitan planning organization.

For a complete list of projects or for more information, contact MoDOT's customer service center at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636), visit the department's Web site at <http://www.modot.org/> or call the local MoDOT district offices.

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