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A Year Filled with Roadway Improvements

Top St Charles County Projects for 2012

MoDOT has been very busy in 2012 providing transportation improvements in St Charles County. My thanks to all our partners who work with MoDOT to provide these great improvements. Here are the top ones on my 2012 list:

1. **Page Phase 2 opening** = The second phase opened to traffic on August 30. The additional four-mile improvement now provides a freeway connection from Mid Rivers Mall Drive all the way to I-270 in St Louis County.
2. **I-70 Blanchette Bridge rehabilitation project** = The \$63 million rehab began in late spring, but the major traffic impact happened the first weekend in November. The westbound bridge was closed and I-70 was reduced to three lanes in each direction using the eastbound bridge. I-70 was closed on two separate days for blasting of the old steel westbound truss. Traffic is moving smoothly on the alternates. My thanks to all for your cooperation on this project.
3. **I-64 Boone Bridge contract award** = The \$110.9 million Design-Build contract was awarded to Walsh-Alberici Joint Venture in July. Design is underway and construction on the new bridge will begin in early 2013.
4. **New lane westbound I-70 from TR Hughes to Route K** = The additional westbound lane opened in November and now provides four lanes all the way to Route K.
5. **Route 79 improvements** = Resurfacing extended from I-70 north to the County line and added left turn lanes at four intersections.
6. **Resurfacing of Route P and Route F**
7. **Emergency Culvert Replacement on Route D near Busch Wildlife**
8. **Flashing Yellow Arrows on Route K**



The December 4 blast of the remaining I-70 Blanchette Bridge steel truss used 65 pounds of explosives to drop 4.5 million pounds of steel into the river. Crews removed and recycled all of it.