

**Projects Added in the 2006-2010
Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule
RSMo 21.795.3(2)**

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(2) A detailed explanation of the methods or criteria employed to select construction projects, **including a listing of any new or reprioritized projects not mentioned in a previous report, and an explanation as to how the new or reprioritized projects meet the selection methods or criteria; ...**"* Section 21.795.3(2), RSMo Supp. 2002 (L. 2003 TAFP HB 668) (emphasis added).

This section lists projects identified after the previous schedule was approved and have been added in the years 2006-2010 of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule.

A general election was held November 2, 2004, for the qualified voters of the state of Missouri. The result of this election was a state constitutional amendment that increased MoDOT's share of existing revenues. The amendment required the bonding of the additional revenue. The estimated bonding level resulting from this additional revenue is approximately \$1.7 to \$1.9 billion. At the January 14, 2005, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting, the 2005-2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program was amended to include projects identified for funding as a result of the constitutional amendment.

A group of improvements projects was identified as the Smooth Roads Initiative. The goal of this initiative was to improve the pavement, striping and shoulders of the 2,200 miles of roads in Missouri that carry 60 percent of the vehicle traffic. About 86 percent of all Missourians live within 10 miles of one of these roads. The total programmed amount for the Smooth Roads Initiative was \$375 million.

The remaining bonding funds, which consist of the estimated \$1.7 to \$1.9 billion, less the \$375 million for the Smooth Roads Initiative, were used to fund another group of projects. This portion of the funds was allocated to major projects of statewide significance identified through MoDOT's Planning Framework processes. This planning method included regional and local planning partners and community leaders in the decision-making process. Thirty-eight projects were approved for \$1.62 billion.

An explanation for the project changes is included with each project. Of the added projects, 214 are rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. MoDOT does not fully program its money in the five-year program, although it is all assigned to specific categories such as safety or major projects. This allows the department to effectively use

its resources and to react to evolving needs that could not have been predicted at the start of the five-year period.

The total number of projects added is 540, which represents 42 percent of the projects in the highway and bridge construction schedule. This relatively high number of added projects can be attributed to the passage of Amendment 3. It can also be attributed to the fact that several projects are split into smaller projects as locations are identified or as project staging is established.