

**Projects Added in the 2005-2009
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 that were identified after the previous schedule was approved and have been added in the years 2005-2009 of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule.

An explanation for the changes is included with each project. Of the added projects, 118 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 303, which represents 24 percent of the projects in the highway and bridge construction schedule. This relatively high number of added projects can be attributed to the increased funding projections. It can also be attributed to the fact that several projects split into smaller projects as locations are identified or project staging is established.

Also included in this section is a list of 78 highway and rail safety projects which were added as well. These projects are typically not identified until one year prior to construction. This accounts for the high number of new highway and rail safety projects compared to the total number of highway and rail safety projects.