

# I-35/Route 291 Improvements

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- Adding dedicated turn lanes at Ash/96th Street onto Route 291;
- Adding an additional left turn lane on Glenn Hendren to southbound Route 291; and
- Building a multi-use path adjacent to the north of Route 291.

## What's the schedule?

This project is scheduled for a November 2012 letting. Construction could begin as early as January 2013 and finish by the end of 2013. This schedule is dependent on several factors, including right of way acquisition and weather. Additional right of way is required to complete the improvements.



## What impact will this have on my drive?

Once construction begins, motorists in the area should expect delays. Route 291 will remain open during construction with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction at all times. Motorists will also encounter temporary ramp closures during construction to tie them into the new bridge.

Access to businesses will be provided throughout the length of project construction.

**What does this project cost?** The construction cost is approximately \$12 million. The overall cost, which includes construction, engineering, right of way and utility relocations, is approximately \$15 million. This project is a cost share between MoDOT and the City of Liberty. Additional money will be provided by the Kansas City Shoal Creek TIF and Federal Surface Transportation Program funds.

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# I-35/Route 291 Interchange Improvements

## The Project:

Route 291 currently serves more than 22,000 vehicles per day at the I-35 Interchange. As the City of Liberty continues to grow and thrive, the interchange and roadway have become congested, creating capacity and safety issues in the area. The Missouri Department of Transportation is working closely with city officials to address the needs of the community.

The existing Route 291 Bridge over I-35 is not wide enough to carry the number of lanes for traffic required to help reduce congestion in the area. It creates a bottleneck, causing large backups during peak travel times.

The proposed solution will replace the existing bridge over I-35 with a wider structure to accommodate growth and alleviate congestion. The revised design will reduce cost associated with the project including fewer right of way impacts, provides for a more attainable project development schedule, reduces utility relocations and conflicts, and offers a better operation level of service on Route 291 for the next 20 years. The proposed solutions include:

- Building a new bridge on Route 291 over I-35 to accommodate growth in the area;
- Adding dual left turn lanes on southbound Route 291 to northbound I-35;
- Moving the northern ramps to I-35 closer to the new bridge to allow for smoother traffic flow through the area;
- Adding a third through lane on northbound Route 291 from Glenn Hendren to Ash Street
- Adding a right turn lane on southbound Route 291 from west of the Church Road intersection and extending it to the southbound ramp to I-35;



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