

Public Hearing

# I-70 First Tier Environmental Impact Statement



## Why We're Here

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting an environmental study of I-70 in Jackson County. The study is a First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (FTEIS) for the Future I-70 Kansas City Metro project. It spans 18 miles of I-70 from the last ramp termini east of the Missouri – Kansas state line to just east of I-470 and includes all of the Downtown Kansas City Central Business District Freeway Loop. The planning process is anticipated to be completed in 2011 with the Final First Tier Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

## What You Can Do

- ✓ **Review** the exhibits located in the meeting room.
- ✓ **Talk** to us. Staff from MoDOT and the consultant team are on hand to discuss the project's purpose and need, constraints, and preferred strategy, so ask questions and tell us what you think.
- ✓ **Blog** your comments with the laptop stations.
- ✓ **Record** your comments at the recording area.
- ✓ **Fill out** a comment card at the comment table before you leave.
- ✓ **Pick up** one of our business cards.

*Translators available. Look for people with blue name tags.*

*Traductores disponibles. Busque personas con nombre azul etiquetas.*

*Những người dịch sẵn có. Tìm kiếm những người với những nhãn tên xanh.*



# Purpose and Need

## What is the Purpose of the Study?

- ✓ Examine the transportation problems that should be addressed along I-70.
- ✓ Focus on broad issues, such as mode choice in transportation (automobile, transit, bike and pedestrian).
- ✓ Evaluate the improvement concepts developed during the I-70 Major Investment Study (MIS) and other studies.
- ✓ Explore the environmental and land use implications associated with the concepts.
- ✓ Narrow the list of concepts and create specific strategies based on them.
- ✓ Evaluate the strategies and recommend a single preferred strategy.
- ✓ Identify and prioritize sections of independent utility in the corridor for further detailed examination in a second tier study.

## Needs to be addressed include:

- ✓ Improve Safety – Reduce crash rates and crash severity on I-70 and within the Downtown Loop.
- ✓ Reduce Congestion – Remove bottlenecks, reduce potential freeway ramp back-ups onto the freeway, and improve travel times for cars, trucks, and buses.
- ✓ Improve Infrastructure – Improve bridge and pavement conditions and implement cost-effective investment strategies.
- ✓ Improve Accessibility – Provide travel options for all residents, increase safe access across I-70 and the Downtown Loop for non-motorized travel, and support local and regional land use plans.
- ✓ Improve Goods Movement – Improve the efficiency of freight movements.



*How an Idea  
Becomes Reality*

## Overview

The development of transportation improvements involves four phases. The study of future I-70 in the Kansas City Metro is in the environmental phase. MoDOT is currently conducting a First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (FTEIS) for it. The remaining step of the environmental phase is contingent upon available funding. Anywhere from a few to many years could be needed to complete the entire process.

