



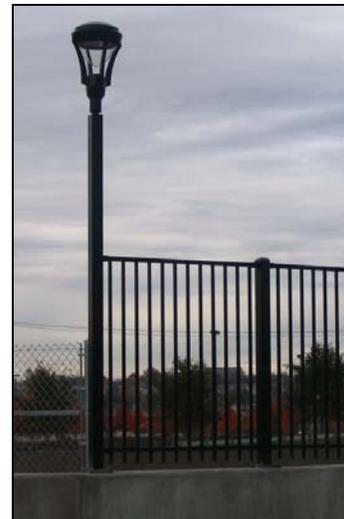
# Telegraph Road And Interstate 255 Bridge Replacement And Interchange Improvement Project

## What Is The Problem With The Telegraph Road Bridge And The Interstate 255 Interchange?

The Telegraph Road (Route 231) bridge over Interstate 255 is actually two separate bridges. One was built in the late 1940s and the other was built in the early 1950s. The bridges are beginning to show significant signs of deterioration and they no longer meet modern standards. In addition, there is a significant congestion problem on the bridge, especially for northbound Telegraph Road traffic entering westbound Interstate 255 and for eastbound Interstate 255 traffic exiting at Telegraph Road.

## What Is The Plan?

- MoDOT will maintain traffic on Telegraph Road over Interstate 255 during construction.
  - ➔ The bridge will be replaced one half at a time, and there will be one lane open for southbound Telegraph Road and three lanes open for northbound Telegraph Road during construction.
  - ➔ Southbound Telegraph Road traffic will not be able to make a left onto eastbound Interstate 255. Westbound Interstate 255 traffic exiting at Telegraph Road will not be able to go south on Telegraph Road. Traffic will be detoured to Lemay Ferry and Barracksview.
- We will construct a new two-lane loop ramp from northbound Telegraph Road to westbound Interstate 255. This new ramp will more efficiently move traffic from northbound Telegraph Road onto westbound Interstate 255.



## Estimated Project Cost:

- Approximately \$7 million is budgeted for construction of this project. Through the efforts of the South County Chamber of Commerce, MoDOT and St. Louis County have contributed toward upgrading the fence and adding lighting on the bridge.

## Current Project Timeline:

- **March 30, 2007** MoDOT will accept bids for this project.
- **April 2007** Commission is expected to award this project to the lowest bidder.
- **June 11, 2007** Expected notice to proceed date for construction.
- **May 1, 2008** Expected completion date.

## For more details:

Additional information, including staging plans and an overall image of the project, is available at [www.modot.org/stlouis/major\\_projects/Telegraph255Project.htm](http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/Telegraph255Project.htm).