



Frequently Asked Questions, Part 1

Q. What work is being proposed as part of this project?

A. The project includes widening Route 740 (Stadium Blvd.) in Columbia from just north of Interstate 70 to south of Broadway. The plans also include modifying the interchange at I-70 and Stadium to a diverging diamond interchange. Lanes will be added to Fairview Road from Worley Avenue North to the west entrance of the Columbia Mall and to Bernadette Drive from Fairview Road to Beverly Drive. The work is being done to improve safety and traffic flow through the area.

Q. What is the project cost?

A. The improvements will cost approximately \$20 million and are being funded by MoDOT, the City of Columbia and three transportation development districts.

Q. How does a diverging diamond interchange work and why is it proposed at Stadium and I-70?

A. The diverging diamond interchange has proven to be an effective and innovative design that can handle large volumes of traffic resulting in less congestion and overall improved safety.

It's simple to use. Motorists on Stadium entering the interchange are directed to the opposite side of the roadway, after traveling through a set of traffic lights. Those wishing to enter the interstate, turn left onto the ramp without stopping for more lights or crossing opposing traffic, while drivers going straight proceed through a second set of traffic lights redirecting them to the right side of the road after leaving the interchange.

This type of interchange works well with areas of heavy traffic because it allows free left turns for motorists, meaning vehicles don't cross opposing traffic. The design is financially appealing because it uses existing lane space without requiring new land for additional bridge structure.