



Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. The improvements include building a new interchange at I-70 – the first diverging diamond interchange to be built in central Missouri. In addition to the new diverging diamond interchange, the project will widen Stadium Boulevard from just north of Interstate 70 to south of Broadway. The work also includes widening Bernadette Drive from Knipp Street to Beverly Drive.

Q. What is the construction cost and who will be doing the work?

A. The improvements will cost approximately \$12.8 million and are being funded by MoDOT, the City of Columbia and three transportation development districts. Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc., of Columbia is the contractor on the job.

Q. How does a diverging diamond interchange work and why was 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.

Q. What type of pedestrian facilities are included as part of the roadway improvements?

A. The improvements include non-motorized transportation options. Sidewalks will be added along both sides of Stadium Blvd. through the project area. The diverging diamond interchange will also include a pedestrian walkway down the center of the bridge. Sidewalks will be included on both sides of Bernadette Drive within the project limits.

Q. When will work take place and how will traffic be handled during the work?

A. The work to improve the Stadium corridor will begin the week of March 18, 2013, and is scheduled to be completed in winter of 2014.

Q. How do I learn more?

A. You may learn more about this project by calling MoDOT toll free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or by visiting www.modot.org/central.