

To: Elke Boyd, Chair – City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission

From: Improve I-70, MoDOT

Date: June 21, 2024

Subject: **Improve I-70 - Columbia to Kingdom City Project**

City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission,

We wanted to follow back up with you regarding bicycle and pedestrian aspects of the first Improve I-70 project which extends from Columbia to Kingdom City. We wanted to thank you again for taking time to meet with us back on March 1st and for your letter summarizing the meeting dated March 12th on behalf of the City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission.

While the focus of Improve I-70 is to add a third lane to eastbound and westbound I-70 across the state, several pedestrian improvements are being incorporated into the Columbia to Kingdom City project. These are all new connections that do not exist today. These improvements include:

- Sidewalk will be provided across the new Route 63 Connector bridge. This sidewalk will be on the west side of the bridge and will connect to the existing sidewalks at the intersection with Clark Lane on the north side of Interstate 70. After crossing Interstate 70 on the bridge, the sidewalk will continue south and connect to the existing sidewalks at the intersection of Business Loop 70 and Conley Road.
- Sidewalk will be provided across the new St. Charles Road bridge. This sidewalk will be on the west side of the bridge and will connect to the existing sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Interstate 70.
- Sidewalk will be constructed along the Hanover Boulevard Connection. This sidewalk will connect to the existing sidewalks near the intersection of Clark Lane and Hanover Boulevard and continue south and go under Interstate 70 utilizing the new underpass. On the south side of Interstate 70, the new sidewalk will connect to the existing sidewalks at the intersection of I-70 Drive SE and Woodridge Drive.



- Additionally, although the sidewalk will not be constructed under this project, space is being left under the new Route 63 underpass for a future sidewalk. This underpass allows traffic from the large shopping center south of the connector to go under Route 63 and flow north to the connector. Since there are no existing sidewalks to connect to east of US 63, the sidewalk will need to be constructed at a later date.

The current design to incorporate a pedestrian facility on one side of the bridge at the Connector and St. Charles over Interstate 70 meets MoDOT design standards and the Engineering Policy Guide (EPG). To incorporate design and construction of the pedestrian facility on the other side of the bridge at both locations, it is estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 per location. Our team would be able to administer these changes if desired, however funding for these improvements will need to come from another funding source. If interested, MoDOT can provide additional information about the Cost Share Program or State Infrastructure Bank.

We wanted to thank you again for your continued interest in the project and comments leading up to this point which have helped to shape the many planned improvements. We recognize the ongoing desire to bolster improvements related to bicycle and pedestrian traffic as well as those which exist in a number of other areas. Unfortunately, budget is a limiting factor on this project. We plan to work closely with the City and other stakeholders as we move forward and incorporate the additional items funded by the City, County and others. We would like to continue our discussions as the project progresses, fine tuning the final product wherever possible and look forward to meeting with you again soon.

Thank You,



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