



MoDOT FACT SHEET

I-64 Interchange Reconstruction at Tower Grove/Boyle

MoDOT has started construction on a new I-64 interchange at Tower Grove. This project, done in partnership with BJC HealthCare and Washington University in St. Louis, is intended to improve the flow of traffic around Kingshighway and into the medical campus.

Why are improvements needed?

This stretch of I-64 is more than 70 years old and needs to be improved to meet current Federal interstate standards. In addition, four bridges in the area, built in the early 1960s, have deteriorated to a point that they need to be replaced. While this project is underway, MoDOT, BJC and Washington University in St. Louis are making improvements to the roadway to help improve the flow of traffic into the medical campus.

This project will include:

- Building new bridges at Taylor, Newstead, Tower Grove and Boyle Avenues
- Constructing a new interchange at Tower Grove/Boyle
- Adding two new ramps at Tower Grove/Boyle to support the existing ramps
- Building a new roundabout on Tower Grove south of I-64
- Installing signals at the westbound entrance and exit ramps at Boyle, and at the intersection of Boyle and Papin
- Realigning and installing signals on Clayton Avenue at Tower Grove and Boyle to coordinate interchange traffic

- Constructing new I-64 pavement between Kingshighway and Newstead and resurfacing I-64 between Newstead and Sarah

How does this construction project impact I-64 Traffic?

MoDOT will keep three lanes open on I-64 in both directions from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. Overnight, drivers can expect lane closures with at least one lane open on I-64 in both directions.

Lanes on the interstate will be narrowed and shifted throughout the project. There are two weekend closures of the interstate scheduled to remove the bridges at Tower Groves, Taylor, Newstead and Boyle. The first closure is scheduled for mid-January, when crews remove the Taylor and Newstead bridges.

Drivers can expect Taylor and Newstead to be closed across I-64 until November 2013, while crews rebuild the roadway and bridges. The Tower Grove and Boyle bridges will be removed when Taylor and Newstead reopen. Tower Grove and Boyle will be closed across I-64 for three months. While Tower Grove and Boyle are closed, the westbound ramp at Boyle will be closed for three weeks. There are also short-term closures of the ramps at Vandeventer during this project.

What should I-64 commuters do?

Lanes though the project will be shifted and reduced to 10 feet, which will create congestion during morning and evening rush period. If possible, drivers who use this

stretch of I-64 for their commute should consider using alternate routes -- for instance, drivers can use I-44 or I-70 to travel between the city and western St. Louis County. Commuters who live on either side of the project can use Forest Park Parkway and Manchester/Chouteau to avoid congestion. They may also consider checking with their employers on telecommute options or shifting their working hours. Reducing peak hour traffic by 10 percent should help reduce congestion and slow downs through the work zone.

When will construction start?

Construction begins in January with the demolition of the Taylor and Newstead Bridges. Crews will close both directions of I-64 over a weekend to remove these bridges. This closure is tentatively set for January 19, 2013.

How long will construction take?

Work on I-64 and the new Taylor and Newstead bridges is scheduled to be complete by November 1, 2013

Tower Grove and Boyle Avenues will be closed for a maximum of 80 days after Taylor and Newstead are complete. During this time, there will be three-week periods when the westbound ramp to Boyle will be closed.

Throughout the project, there will be short-term closures of the Vandeventer on and off ramps.

All work will be completed by June 1, 2014.

What will construction cost?

Fred Weber Inc. won the bid for construction at \$17.9 Million.

Project Website:

Get more information at our website:
<http://tinyurl.com/towergve2013>

What accommodations are being built for bicycles?

Since Taylor Avenue is part of the Gateway Bike Plan and Tower Grove Avenue is part of the Bike St. Louis Network, both roads will be striped as shared traffic lanes.

There has been a lot of coordination to determine the best location for the bike route between Forest Park Southeast and the Cortex development. At this time Taylor Ave. provides the safest path across the interstate for the majority of cyclists.

Who Do I Contact For More Information?

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