I-70 CAVE SPRINGS TO FAIRGROUNDS DESIGN-BUILD

PROJECT UPDATE





SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

After two consecutive years of more than 1,000 fatalities on Missouri's roadways, Governor Mike Parson last month signed the Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law, prohibiting all drivers from using a handheld electronic communication device while driving, effective Monday, August 28.

Under the Siddens Bening Hands-Free law, drivers are prohibited from physically holding or supporting a cell phone with any part of their body; manually typing, writing, sending, or reading text-based messages; recording, posting, sending or broadcasting video, including video calls and social media posts; and watching a video or movie.

The law does allow drivers to place and receive calls or send and receive text-based communication utilizing voice-operated or hands-free functions that can be engaged/disengaged with a single touch or swipe, including, but not limited to, built-in phone speakers, in-car Bluetooth, or voice-to-text features. Cell phone GPS navigation and listening to music or podcasts are also still allowed.

Distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes in Missouri. Between 2012 and 2021, there have been over 200,000 distracted driving-related crashes in Missouri, resulting in at least 801 fatalities.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Construction Workers Appreciation Week is here, and it's the perfect time to celebrate the dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment of our incredible I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project construction workers. To celebrate their contributions, we've collected testimonials from two Millstone Weber employees who work on the Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Project.

Here's what they had to say about working on this project.



Robert Forest, Field Engineer-Millstone Weber:

"Working with the team has been an incredible experience. The level of professionalism, attention to detail, and work ethic have not only exceeded my expectations but have also set a standard. The teamwork is commendable, and I'm proud to be a part of such a remarkable group of people."



Halee Gabris, Quality Manager-Millstone Weber:

"The biggest challenge that I believe we've faced was bringing it from the design process, reviewing those designs, and applying our knowledge regarding construction out in the field to its current state.



NAVIGATING THE WORKZONE

Starting this week, temporary traffic barrier will be installed along the outside shoulder of WB I-70 between Fairgrounds/Convention Center Blvd to 94/First Capitol. This will allow crews to start building the first phase of the new North Outer Road. The through lanes on I-70 and the auxiliary lane will maintain their existing widths, however the Fairgrounds on-ramp will be reduced to one lane.