

# Interstate 70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project Update



*What's the Latest?*

The I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project continues to move forward. You may not have heard a lot from us in recent weeks, but that doesn't mean things haven't been very busy behind the scenes.

My team has been meeting one-on-one with the three contractor teams that were shortlisted in August. These confidential meetings allow them to ask questions about the data we provided to them – including all the public comments and questions that have been submitted.

These meetings are invaluable to both sides of this process. It allows the contractors to bounce their thoughts and ideas off of the MoDOT team as they develop their proposals. This helps ensure the contractors' proposals will achieve the project goals and focus on the most important aspects of the proposal documents we provided. Since this phase is confidential, it allows the teams to share more details and get more feedback, resulting in a more competitive and valuable proposal from each.

For my team, we spend the meetings emphasizing the project goals and representing both the concerns of MoDOT and the concerns of the public. In between meetings, we research questions asked by the teams and ensure our message and the data we provide is consistent and fair to all the teams.

**Stacey Smith**, Project Director



## NEXT STEPS

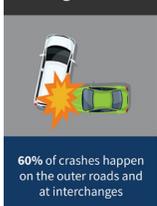
MoDOT will continue to meet with the contractors as they draft their proposals. Those proposals are due in late December. The team that gives the best value proposal based on our project goals will be recommended to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, who will make the final decision. That is anticipated to take place in February of 2022.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The I-70 Cave Springs to Fairgrounds Design-Build Project will maximize improvements to address:

- Local Connectivity, Safety, Traffic Congestion
- Long-Lasting Infrastructure with Future Expansion in Mind
- Construction Impacts
- Workforce Diversity

Average crash rate along the I-70 project area (2013-2017)



SB Cave Springs between West Clay and Mexico (0.3 miles)



NB Zumbahl between Regency Pkwy and West Clay (0.5 miles)

