

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



*What Are We Hearing?*

There is not really a problem in this area.  
**THIS IS NOT ACCURATE.**

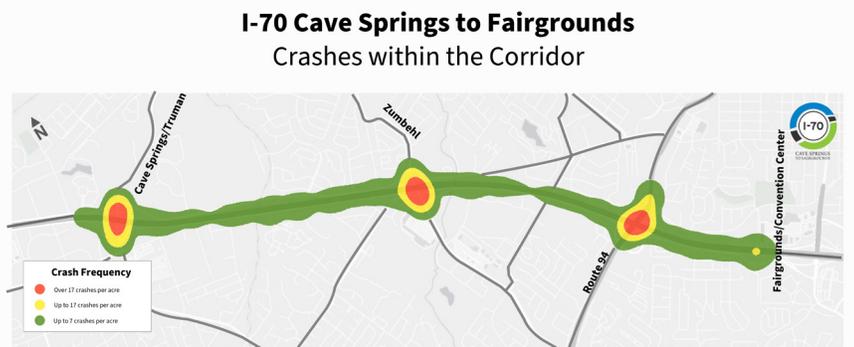


There are several major issues which make this an area of significant concern. Heavy congestion and the lack of full connections on the outer roads are two issues and safety is always MoDOT's number one concern. Prior to the pandemic, we frequently saw traffic back up onto the interstate as people waited to exit at the major interchanges. Take a look at our graphics below to see some stats on what that means for accidents in the area. In addition, I've heard from residents that the congestion on the overpasses makes it difficult to get from one side of the interstate to the other.

**Stacey Smith**, Project Director

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

We've heard from business owners in the area about their concerns about ease of access, visibility, traffic speed and the potential for wrong way travel. We are considering how to best address these concerns in data reports provided to interested Project teams.



## NEXT STEPS

The Project Team will update MoDOT Statewide Leadership this week on the feedback received from the public and the efforts of the team to listen to local residents and business owners. Project officials are continuing to meet with local business owners, residents and elected officials to listen to their thoughts about this project. If you'd like to schedule a virtual meeting for your organization, please send us an email at [i70csfg@modot.mo.gov](mailto:i70csfg@modot.mo.gov).

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

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

- Safety, Traffic Congestion and Local Connectivity
- Long-lasting Infrastructure with Future Expansion in Mind
- Construction Impacts
- Workforce diversity

<p>Average crash rate along the I-70 project area (2013-2017)</p> <p><b>More than 40% above</b> the Missouri statewide average rate</p> <p>60% of crashes happen on the outer roads and at interchanges</p> <p>Safety is a significant concern along this corridor</p>	<p>SB Cave Springs between West Clay and Mexico (0.3 miles)</p> <p><b>7 MPH</b> The average speed AM Rush*</p> <p><small>*Average travel time: 2 minutes 45 seconds</small></p>	<p>NB Zumbel between Regency Pkwy and West Clay (0.5 miles)</p> <p><b>18 MPH</b> The average speed AM Rush*</p> <p><small>*Average travel time: 1 minute and 40 seconds</small></p>
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