

I-255 PROJECT FACT SHEET



Benefits from complete lane closures include:

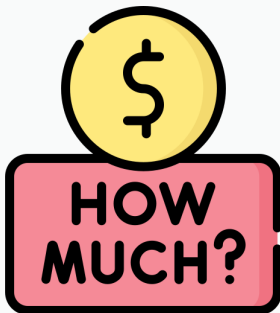
- Completion of the project in six months instead of two years.
- Save taxpayers over \$10 million, plus the ongoing costs of repairing lanes that would need to stay open with staged construction.
- Eliminate significant traffic backups entering a work zone, lane shifts for new configurations, thus reducing crashes and driver confusion.
- Ensure the safety of workers during construction by keeping traffic out of the work zone.

OVERVIEW

Due to the current condition of Interstate 255 (I-255), the Illinois Department of Transportation will start a major rehabilitation project in Fall 2024; while closing the interstate for approximately six months beginning February 2025. The closure will enable the project to be completed cheaper, faster and safer.

The project consists of rehabilitating and resurfacing approximately 3.5 miles of I-255, from Illinois 157 to Illinois 15, with significant bridge repairs, safety improvements and drainage upgrades. The project will restore the roadway and bridges to a smooth and safer condition for motorists and will support future investment in the region.

WHEN WILL THIS PROJECT START AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?



This project is scheduled to be on a summer 2024 letting with major construction activities including the full closure, expected to begin in February 2025. The estimated \$74.3 million project will be completed from Illinois 157 interchange to Illinois 15 Interchange.

The project corridor will be closed approximately six months. Signed detour routes utilizing I-64, Illinois 3 and I-55 in Missouri will be provided by the department. Local traffic is expected to use alternate ancillary routes to bypass the closure.

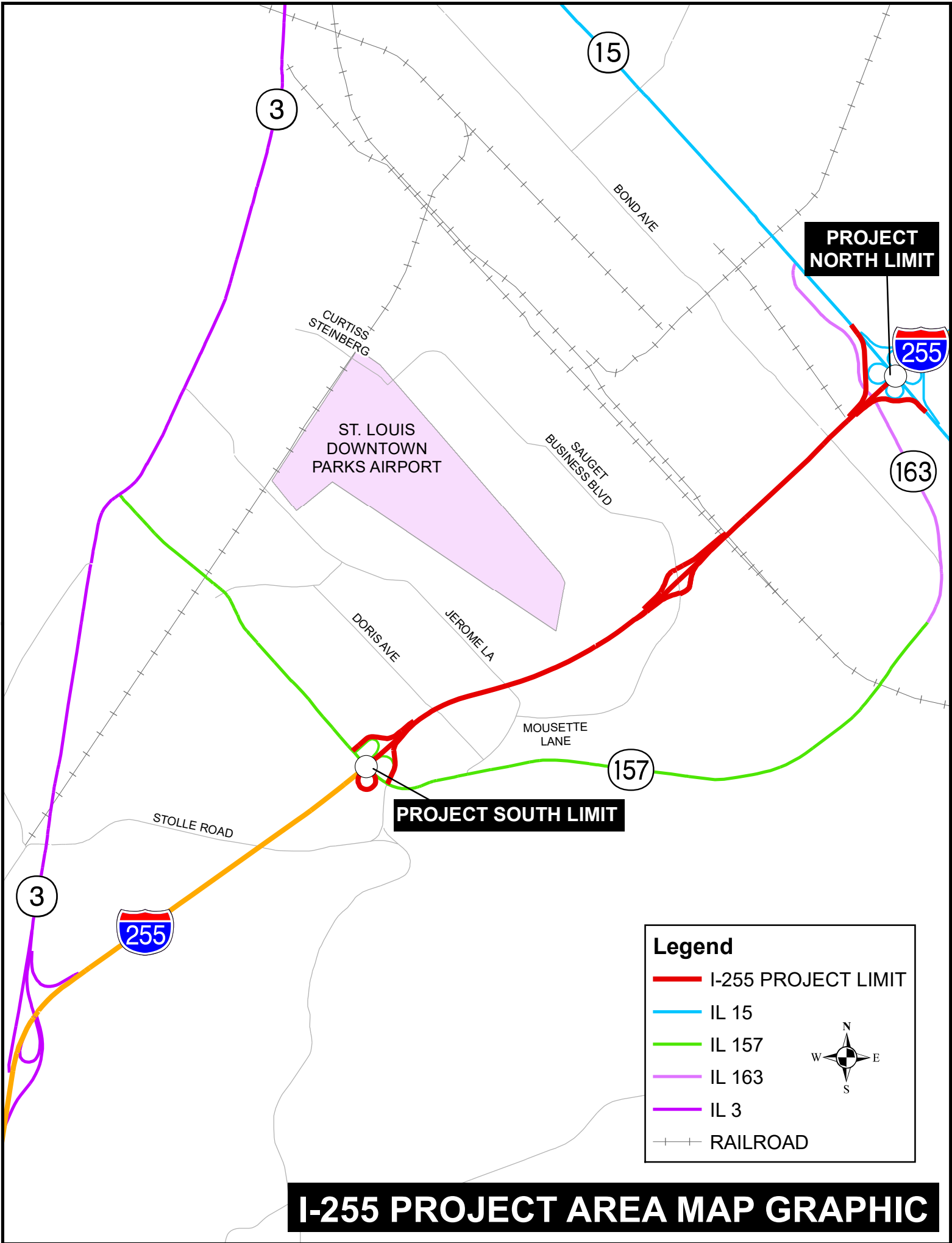
WHY AN INTERSTATE CLOSURE?



IDOT has determined that a full closure of I-255 is the best construction method to use for this particular project because it ensures the safety of both the workers and the motoring public. An interstate closure eliminates potential conflicts a motorist might have as a result of lane shifts and crossovers.

This construction method also provides significant cost and time savings. By closing this stretch of I-255, IDOT is able to save over \$10 million. These cost savings enable the department to use these funds elsewhere within the region on other critical infrastructure projects. It allows the work/project to be accelerated and compressed into one construction season; six months versus two years.

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