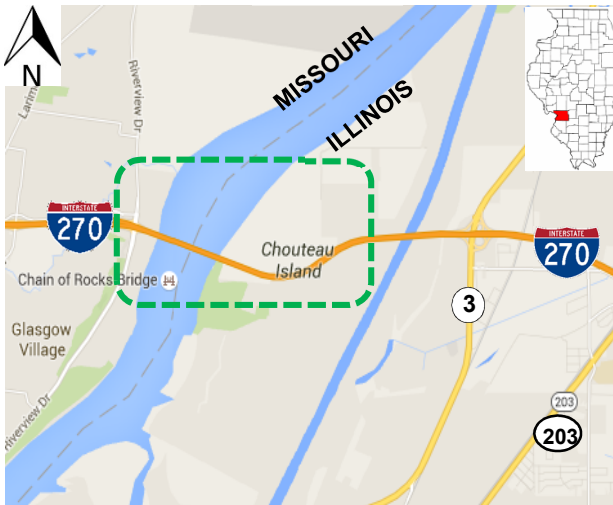


## WELCOME!

Welcome to the Public Informational Meeting for the I-270 over the Mississippi River Bridge Project connecting Madison County, Illinois with St. Louis, Missouri.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing Chain of Rocks bridge that carries I-270 over the Mississippi River. The reason for the meeting tonight is to work with the public to identify current transportation challenges within the project area on I-270.

The meeting format is informal; no presentation will be made. Please browse the available materials at your leisure. Representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and IDOT's consultant teams, Horner & Shifrin, Inc. and Parsons Transportation Group, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), are available to answer any questions that you may have.



STUDY AREA OUTLINED IN GREEN

## Project Description

The existing I-270 bridge over the Mississippi River, locally known as the Chain of Rocks Bridge, was constructed in 1966. The structure carries four lanes of traffic, two in each direction. The need for replacement has several factors: rising maintenance costs due to the age of the structure, increasing traffic volumes, and safety issues associated with the narrow shoulders. This structure has seen a significant increase in traffic from an average daily traffic (ADT) of 19,800 vehicles per day in 1975, to over 51,000 vehicles per day today, and it is projected to increase to 56,900 vehicles per day by 2030.

## Project Schedule

Phase I: preliminary engineering is currently underway.

Phase II: the preparation of the construction plans, will begin upon the completion of Phase I when "Design Approval" is granted.

Phase III: construction, is not currently funded; therefore, no timeframe for construction has been established.

## Funding

The engineering (Phase I & II) is included in IDOT's Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Phase III is currently not funded but is being considered for inclusion in future programs.

## Additional Right of Way

Right-of-way and easements, if required, would be purchased during Phase II, which could begin as soon as Design Approval is granted.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How much will the bridge cost?

Currently, it is estimated construction could cost approximately \$170 million.

### Is this part of MoDOT's I-270 Project?

MoDOT currently is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the widening of I-270 from the I-70 interchange to the western limits of the bridge over the Mississippi River. This bridge replacement project is not part of the MoDOT study. However, the proposed bridge will be designed to be compatible with MoDOT's proposed design.

### Will the new bridge be six lanes?

A bridge size has not yet been determined.

### Will the bridge be closed during construction?

It is too early in the study to know how exactly traffic will be managed during construction. The Department strives to manage traffic during construction to minimize inconvenience to the motoring public.



I-270 OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
(CHAIN OF ROCKS BRIDGE)  
LOOKING FROM ILLINOIS INTO MISSOURI

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

### Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

The I-270 Mississippi River Bridge project will be using Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). CSS is "a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach involving all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility." For more information about the CSS Process, visit the project website at: [www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river)

### Community Advisory Group (CAG)

One highlight of CSS is the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG). The purpose of the CAG is to provide input on various elements of the study, including developing a problem statement, identifying issues important to the public, and providing feedback on alternatives. The CAG will function as a liaison between IDOT and the public as a whole, and will help generate interest in and knowledge about the study. **Speak with a Study Team member today to discuss how you can submit a CAG application.**

### Wanted! Your Input

We also seek your input on the user experience of the existing I-270 Mississippi River Bridge. From your personal experience traveling the existing bridge, please let us know what you see as the problem with the bridge and related roadway, and what improvements could be made. Your questions, comments, and input are greatly appreciated! **You may fill out the comment form and return it today or mail it to the address on the form by July 27, 2016.** All comments received will become part of the permanent record for the project and included in the final project report.



Proposed I-270 Bridge  
Replacement over the  
Mississippi River linking  
Madison County, IL with  
St. Louis, MO



### PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

JUNE 30, 2016  
SWIC-Granite City Campus, IL

JULY 13, 2016  
Ann MacDonald Center  
Florissant, MO

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We welcome your questions and  
comments.

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### Project Website

A project website has been established.  
Visit us for the latest project information:  
[www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/i-270-over-the-mississippi-river)