



Message From the Region 5 Engineer

Work on the Interstate 55/64 Rehabilitation Project Study is now underway, and we could not be more excited. This study is the first step in the process to upgrade and rehabilitate one of the region's most heavily traveled interstates into St. Louis and beyond. We will make significant improvements to the Poplar Street Bridge complex, originally completed in the 1960s, which now carries more than 100,000 cars daily. IDOT also plans to complete many other structural and road repairs between the Mississippi River and the I-64 interchange.

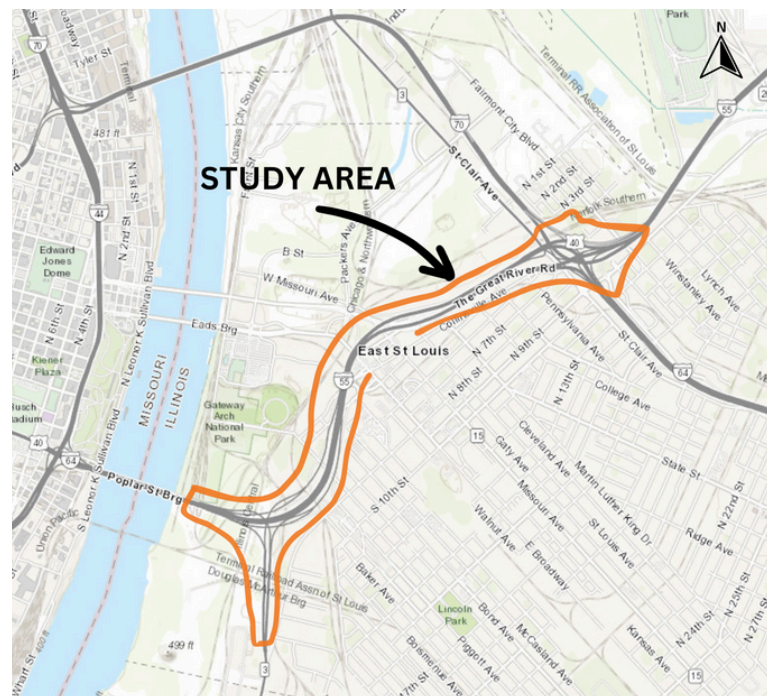
I hope you will take advantage of the various opportunities to become involved in the study process. Your feedback is critical to the study's overall success as we identify issues and challenges during this current phase. Please be sure to sign up for future e-newsletters and visit our study's website to stay connected and abreast of our progress.

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I-55/64 Rehabilitation Project Study is Underway

The Illinois Department of Transportation is conducting a Phase I Engineering Study to analyze and evaluate the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of various bridges and pavement on Interstate 55/64 from the Mississippi River to the I-64 interchange, including the Illinois 3 ramps, in St. Clair County. Over the next several months, IDOT and its team of engineering consultants will be evaluating the entire corridor and preparing several reports that focus on bridge condition, traffic management, pavement design, and drainage.



I-55/64 Rehabilitation Project Study is Underway (Cont.)

Throughout this study, the project team will use the principles of IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions process as outlined in its CSS Policy and Procedural Memorandum to engage with stakeholders to develop, build, and maintain a cost-effective transportation facility that fits into and reflects the project's surroundings, i.e., its "context." The resulting projects are designed to improve safety and mobility for the traveling public while seeking to preserve and enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the community settings through which it passes.

For more information about the CSS process, visit IDOT's website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/context-sensitive-solutions.html>

Overall Schedule

The progression of this project will occur in several stages, and construction is still several years away. We are currently in the early phases of Phase I where the project team has been busy collecting data and beginning their initial evaluation and analysis. Once this phase is completed, Phase II will begin, and final design and contract plans will be developed. Phase III will follow the completion of this phase with construction activities.



FAQs

What is the current scope of the study?

This study focuses on I-55/I-64 from the Mississippi River to the I-64 interchange. It includes the I-55/I-64 mainline, the I-55/I-64 collector-distributor roads, and the ramps to Illinois 3 and 13th Street/Tudor-Piggott Avenue, which is referred to as the Poplar Street Bridge Complex.

What improvements are planned?

Anticipated work includes replacing aging bridges and improving highway pavement within the project limits. The elevated ramps at the Poplar Street Bridge interchange and Illinois 3, which includes seven bridges, will be rehabilitated. Planned repairs will extend the service life of another 22 bridges. Locations of safety and operational improvements will be identified. The project team will also obtain feedback from stakeholders to help identify needed improvements.

FAQs(Cont.)

How can I find out about upcoming public involvement?

To find out about upcoming public involvement, please be sure to add your name to the mailing list and sign up for our e-newsletter. You can also visit the project study's website and be on the lookout for announcements in your local newspaper and social media.



Visit the Website for the Latest News

For detailed information and the latest updates, visit the study's website at <https://idot.click/i55-i64-rehab>. Here you can also sign up to receive the latest study updates as well as the study's e-newsletter. Please be sure to share this information with your friends and neighbors.

Be on the Lookout...

During this study, you may see survey crews on or near the roadway collecting data. Please slow down and be on the lookout for these workers and their equipment.