



## Union Road Bridge Project over Interstate 55



The Union bridges over Interstate 55, the pedestrian bridge at Holly Hills and the pedestrian bridge near Delor Street were all built in the early 1960's. The side-by-side bridges over Union Road have deteriorated beyond the point of simply repairing the bridges and the structures need to be completely replaced. The clearances of the Union bridges over Interstate 55 have also been points of concern and the bridges have suffered damage from trucks striking the bridge supports. The pedestrian bridge near Holly Hills Avenue needs some rehabilitation work to extend its life and will also be upgraded with ADA ramps at this time. The pedestrian bridge near Delor Street has little use due to other pedestrian options in the area. This pedestrian bridge will be removed in lieu of rehabilitation.

### Planned Project Improvements

Improvements include rehabilitating or replacing four bridges between Lindbergh and 4500 South Broadway, as well as upgrading the interstate lighting and the signals at Loughborough.

Specifically, the work includes:

- Removing and replacing the two Union bridges over Interstate 55. These bridges will be built in the same location with a higher clearance over the interstate to meet current Federal Highway standards.
- Rehabilitating the pedestrian bridge on Interstate 55 north of Holly Hills. This bridge will be upgraded with ramps to become compliant with the requirements from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Removing the pedestrian bridge on Interstate 55 north of Delor
- Replacement of the existing interstate lighting along Interstate 55
- Replacement of the signals at Interstate 55 and Loughborough

## **Construction Impacts on Union Road and Interstate 55 Drivers**

During the demolition of the Union bridges and the pedestrian bridge, Interstate 55 will be required to close. This closure is expected to be necessary for a Friday– Monday timeframe. Traffic heading into Missouri from Illinois on Interstate 55 will be detoured to Interstate 44. Local traffic affected by the interstate closure will be required to use local roadways during the interstate weekend closure.

After the removal of the Union bridge over Interstate 55, local traffic will be required to use Bayless Road or Reavis Barracks as a detour. The Union bridges will be reconstructed and the roadway open to traffic again by late Fall 2010.

For more information, visit the project website at:

[http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major\\_projects/I55improvementproject.htm](http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/I55improvementproject.htm)

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