



# 2023 Missouri General Revenue Request

## \$28 Million

### Improving Reliability and Connectivity on a Critical Freight Corridor

I-44 carries more than 1.3 billion tons of freight through Missouri annually. However, tourist traffic and population growth in the Springfield region create delays and safety issues.

Capacity issues on the corridor and at the MO 13 interchange can lead to vehicle delays of up to 20 minutes during peak hours and special events. The proximity of the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds to the MO 13 interchange creates capacity and operation challenges for the current transportation network and is unable to sufficiently handle the high volumes of regional traffic during special events. Unpredictable travel times can also contribute to erratic driving behaviors in the project area, where 432 total crashes occurred from 2018-2021. Meanwhile, better pedestrian infrastructure is needed to connect the neighborhoods surrounding I-44 to schools, services, and recreation.

Upgrades are needed to keep up with growing demand, improve safety and connectivity, and facilitate continued economic growth in the region.

The Freight, Innovation and Safety for the Ozarks (FIX I-44) project will improve safety, connectivity, and the movement of goods while addressing major pavement condition concerns on the I-44 corridor through Springfield, MO.

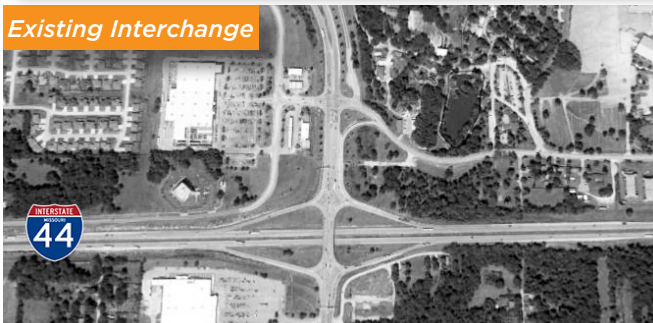
### The FIX I-44 Project Would:

- Reconstruct and widen I-44 and modify the I-44/MO 13 interchange, improving safety and reliability
- Replace 6 mainline bridges and more than 18 lane-miles of existing pavement
- Provide a pedestrian underpass and enhanced pedestrian connection across I-44
- Once I-44 corridor & Full MO-13 Interchange Improvement Phases are complete, the project is anticipated to save 12.6 million hours of travel time and result in more than \$15 million in freight reliability benefits over the 30-year analysis period



### I-44 / MO 13 INTERCHANGE

Existing Interchange



Proposed Improvements



# FIX I-44

US 65 TO ROUTE 13 | SPRINGFIELD, MO



I-44 IMPROVEMENTS: RTE 13 TO US 65

- I-44 Improvements: Rte 13 to US 65**
  - Mainline Capacity Improvements
  - Pavement Rehabilitation
  - Add Sound Walls
- Interchange Improvements**
  - Rte 13 Interchange Reconfiguration
  - Norton Road Intersection Improvements
- I-44 Bridge Replacement (WB & EB)**
  - Add ADA Improvements Below
  - Enhance Pedestrian Connections Below
- Doling Trail I-44 Underpass**
  - Install Pedestrian Underpass for Future Peak Ridge Creek Greenway Trail Connection
- Ozark Empire Fairgrounds**



## PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

