

## Work Zone Safety Reminder

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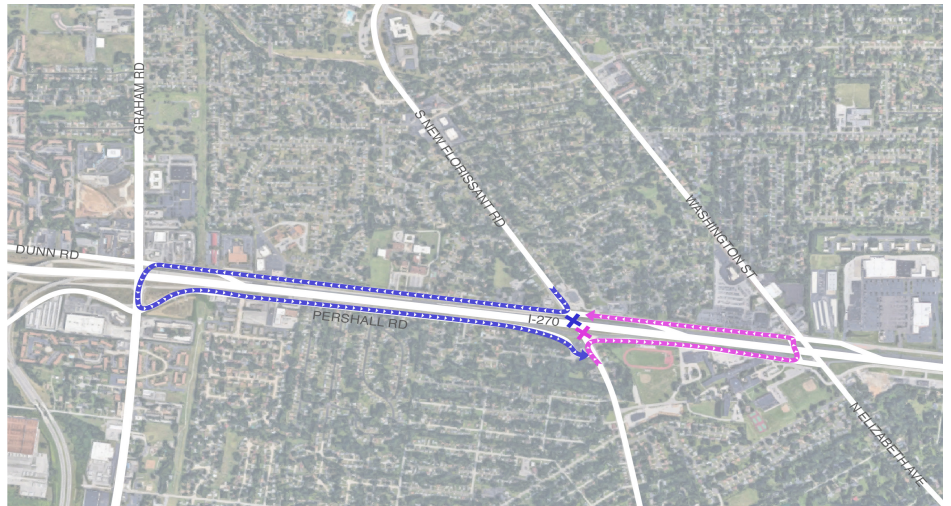
In June of last year, the I-270 North Project team began a campaign to engage community residents, elected officials and business owners in efforts to help decrease excessive speeding within the I-270 North Work Zone and all construction work zones.

Since the first video was recorded, more than 26 individuals from various age ranges (including grade schoolers) have been featured in this Slow Down social marketing campaign, providing a platform for those who live, work and play within the impacted communities to speak to their neighbors about the dangers of speeding.

Please remember buckle up, phone down, and slow down, especially in construction zones. We want everyone, including workers to arrive home alive. Visit our project website Gallery to view all the Slow Down videos.

Want to get involved with this campaign? Contact the I-270 North Team at: [I270North@modot.mo.gov](mailto:I270North@modot.mo.gov).

## New Florissant Road Closure Scheduled



Drivers should be aware that New Florissant Road will be closed under the I-270 bridge starting Friday, February 11, 2022 at 9 p.m. until Monday, February 13, 2022 at 5 a.m. This closure will allow crews to remove a section of the existing bridge, making room to begin staged construction of the new I-270 bridge over New Florissant Road. Travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes. All detours will be marked.

Drivers are encouraged to visit the I-270 North Project website to learn more about planned traffic impacts and details of the project, including a project overview and graphic displays of planned construction.

### Current Closures and Work Areas:

- Dunn Road between Washington and Hanley converted to one-way.
- Pershall Road between Washington Street/Elizabeth Avenue and West Florissant Avenue converted to one-way.
- Northbound 67 to westbound I-270 ramp closed until 6/8/22.
- Westbound I-270 exit ramp to New Halls Ferry closed permanently.
- Dunn Road closure between Old Halls and New Halls converted to one-way.

### Current and Upcoming Openings:

- Pershall Road at Cold Water Creek opened on 12/23/21.

Learn more about the I-270 North Project at [www.i270north.org](http://www.i270north.org)

Click to view our 2021 Year In Review Video





## **Tommie Pierson, Sr.** Mayor Bellefontaine Neighbors

Bellefontaine Neighbors Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr. is pleased MoDOT is completing \$278 million in infrastructure improvements along I-270 in North County. He believes that the much-needed upgrades and improvements increase safety, improve traffic, and improve access for pedestrians and cyclists. He hopes that in addition, they will increase opportunities for local communities to gain greater sustainability.

“This project, especially the new bridge that connects Pershall and Dunn roads across I-270, will provide greater access for those coming from both Illinois and downtown St. Louis. That has the potential to create a ‘gateway’ to greater opportunity for a lot of the small communities in the corridor; potentially bringing in additional revenue from businesses, hotels, and community events.” He cites the St. Louis Zoo’s plan to create a Wildcare Park on property near the corridor and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s planned headquarters in downtown St. Louis. “Both of these could increase the number of people who visit our communities. Our communities are small to medium-sized, offering visitors interesting places to eat, rest and enjoy themselves; away from all of the busyness of larger cities. That is an attraction for many travelers.” he said.

Pierson’s vision for capitalizing on the improved infrastructure, is instigated by a passion to help and serve people; one that began during his grade school years. “If someone was being picked on and could not defend themselves, I would fight the people that were picking on them. There was something in me as a child that wanted to help improve people’s lives and support them on their journey to better, and I still strive to support others in that way.”

He is grateful for the opportunities he has had to serve in public office, but that desire to help others was not the initial impetus that led him to seek elected offices. Pierson served in the Missouri House of Representatives between (2010 – 2016), chaired the Legislative Black Caucus (2011 – 2012) and sought the office of Lieutenant Governor in 2016.

“Each time I ran for office, it was because someone asked me to do it. I never initiated it. In the end though, I am honored that they sought me out and pleased that I was able to make a difference, even a small one, in the lives of people.” Pierson believes that his political work and his spiritual calling as founder and Senior Pastor of Greater St. Mark Family Church in Ferguson, complement, support one another, and demand the same focus.

“As a pastor, I work toward things that are in the best interest of my congregation and my community. It is the same when you serve in an elected office. The goal is to enhance the welfare of the people. Both positions are based in servanthood. My goal as mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors and as a member of this community is to address our shrinking tax base and develop strategies to increase our revenue. We must bring in more businesses, adequately address crime and speeding, upgrade our infrastructure, and develop new revenue streams – all while maintaining the beautiful “bedroom” community that now exists. These upgrades provide an opportunity for us to do those things.”