

## **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**



Washington Street/ Elizabeth Avenue The I-270 project has added an additional lane on the interstate in each direction.



**Lindbergh Boulevard Interchange**Aerial view of the project corridor.



Countdown to Completion: July 2022 Lindbergh Bridge Opening

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# I-270 NORTH NEWSLETTER

# **REMINDER: EXIT RAMP CLOSURE ON AUGUST 14**



The westbound I-270 exit ramp to northbound Route 367 will close for up to 60 days on August 14. This closure will allow crews to complete construction of the new flyover bridge. 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 AND UPCOMING CLOSURES**

- I-270 westbound on ramp from New Halls Ferry Road is open.
- Southbound New Florissant Road right lane is closed for 30 days.
- Dunn Road is one way(westbound only) between Old Halls Ferry Road and Hanley Road.
- Pershall Road is one way (eastbound only) between Hanley Road and Old Halls Ferry Road.
- Westbound I-270 widening work continues through 2023.

Please remember buckle up, phone down, and slow down, especially in construction zones. We want everyone, including workers to arrive home alive.





Learn more about the I-270 North Project at www.i270north.org Want to get involved with the campaign?

Contact the I-270 North Team at: I270North@modot.mo.gov

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## FACES OF I-270

# NINA THOMPSON | MODOT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

For Nina M. Thompson, the Missouri Department of Transportation's I-270 North Project isn't just another work assignment, it's personal. After all, she's not just the Communications Coordinator on the project, but an actual resident of the community it serves. So, when she was named to the role in June 2019 to help build community relations through engagement, Thompson knew it would take more than the typical public meetings.

"One of the things that I said when I first came on board is we really want the residents to own the project. So, our team employed a people-centered, inclusive engagement strategy that helped establish and maintain viable relationships with those most impacted by our work," Thompson said. And she couldn't be prouder of the progress thus far.

"Those who live, work and play within the I-270 North Corridor have helped us tell the story of the I-270 North Project in our newsletters, in project videos, on social media and on our website. Their faces, quotes and comments are a huge part of communications for the project, and an excellent example of truly inclusive engagement."

Thompson brings more than three decades of experience in public relations consultation and strategy development to the project. Her past work includes helping businesses, state agencies, and non-profit organizations strategically develop and execute public relations and communications efforts, and 14 years in Missouri state government.

She has served in various Missouri state agencies including the departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, Area Resources for Community and Human Services, and Missouri's Family and Community Trust Board.



Of course, as with any project of this magnitude, Thompson and her team have faced their share of challenges, especially when the COVID-19 global pandemic hit within her first year on the job.

"Just one day prior to our scheduled public meeting, inperson meetings were suspended state wide. Our team – which includes MoDOT staff, I-270 North Project staff, Millstone Weber and our website consultant WSP – immediately got to work and created an online public meeting where residents could view virtual presentations and submit questions," Thompson said.

"For our groundbreaking we invited residents to celebrate with us, offering a virtual format for uploaded videos from the public, celebrating the groundbreaking."

For that reason, Thompson wouldn't change a thing about her journey with the MoDOT project. "It's been a very challenging project, but it's also been exciting to be a part of the largest single project completed by MoDOT in 10 years," Thompson said. "And to be able to serve residents within my own community has been a blessing. They don't always love my answers, but they know for certain that I will at least work hard to ensure that they, and everyone who has concerns or questions, gets a response."

