

North County Inc. 45th Annual Leadership Breakfast



The I-270 North project team along with members from the MoDOT St. Louis District office and contractor team were excited to attend the 45th Annual Leadership Breakfast hosted by North County Incorporated (NCI). We appreciate the collaboration as we work together to build and create progress in North county. Congratulations to all the community partners that were recognized for their commitment to our community!

Do you have an upcoming community event? Feel free to share it with us.

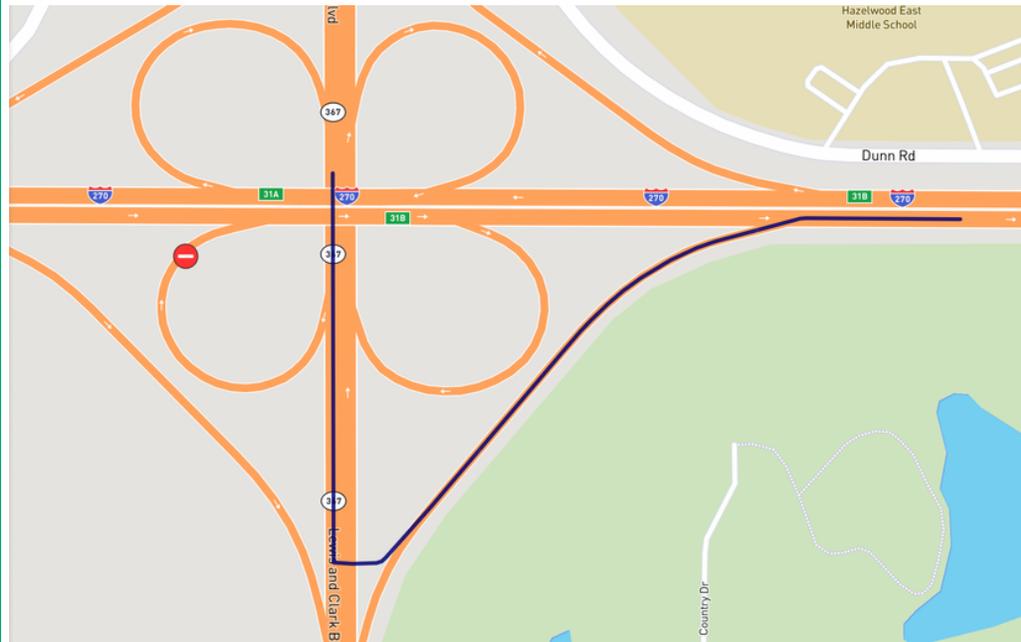
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MoDOT to close ramp on May 26 to prepare for new flyover

Drivers who regularly travel southbound on Route 367 to eastbound I-270 should be aware that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will close the ramp from southbound Route 367 to eastbound I-270 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, weather permitting. Drivers traveling from southbound Route 367 to eastbound I-270 will use the new signalized intersection connecting Route 367 to eastbound I-270, turn left and proceed to the entrance ramp to eastbound I-270.

This ramp closure is the first of three ramps to be removed at the I-270 and Route 367 cloverleaf interchange. Eventually, two more of the existing four ramps will be removed, allowing crews to construct a new dual lane flyover ramp that will connect eastbound I-270 and northbound Route 367.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORK AREAS:

- June 1**
 - Pershall Road one-way from West Florissant Avenue to New Halls Ferry Road.
- June 6**
 - Eastbound I-270 exit to Lindbergh closed for 7 days.
- June 13**
 - Southbound Lindbergh to westbound I-270 on ramp closed for 21 days.
- June 20**
 - Eastbound I-270 to northbound 367 to close loop ramp. Open new northbound intersection.



Learn more about the I-270 North Project at www.i270north.org



MILLSTONE WEBER RECEIVES DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Millstone Weber is known for its imprint on the construction and transportation industry throughout Missouri and multiple states beyond. However, it's not the only area they're passionate about. Millstone Weber's commitment to diversity and equity can be seen in the company's actions. From The Millstone Weber Equity Initiative, to Project PAVE and Communiversity initiatives, Millstone Weber works to effect real change not just in the construction industry, but throughout the region and beyond.



“We serve our communities and we should try to reflect that in everything we do. None of us got here alone and without some help. God knows I didn’t,” Millstone Weber CEO Thom Kuhn said. “We should be willing to share that with those who might not otherwise get the same opportunity.”

The firm’s legacy of diversity stems all the way back to I.E. Millstone, founder of Millstone Construction, who was known throughout his life for his dedication to the value and equality of all people. He earned a reputation for his support of civil rights, including his refusal to sign some contracts unless unions admitted African Americans. During the 1940s and ‘50s, he also started vocational schools for Black men to become skilled tradesmen eligible for jobs as bricklayers, plumbers and welders.

Most recently, the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) honored Millstone Weber with the Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award in the mid-size contractor category at its national convention. The award celebrates an AGC member who leads as a champion in advancing diversity and fostering a culture of inclusion within their workforce, supply chain and the communities they serve.

“It was really great to be recognized and singled out for that award because we are simply doing what our mission says we will do, which is to, ‘Be The Difference,’” Millstone Weber Compliance Officer Vivian Martain said. In fact, Millstone Weber’s commitment to its diversity and inclusion initiative is even bigger than receiving awards. “None of us should be willing to move forward if all of us are not moving forward together,” Kuhn said. “We have a long history of issues to overcome. We can do it. We simply have to be committed to it and not allow ourselves to take the easy ways out.”

The way Kuhn sees it, to ignore or disregard the importance of diversity isn’t just bad for business, but the entire industry. “It would be pretty short-sighted for an industry in need of a workforce to minimize the participation of a significant portion of the population. We need people. Those people are available... Why in the world wouldn’t we take ‘Yes’ for an answer?”

ALAN GRAY

State Representative | District 75



One could say that Missouri State Rep. Alan Gray (District 75) can view his step into the political arena as a part of his destiny; one that simply emerged at the appointed time. Though both his wife and his family members have been involved in politics for many years, the former U.S. Marine, Lucent Technologies Installation Technician and MoDOT Underground Utilities Locator, says he never truly thought about taking the elected office path himself.

“My wife was a state representative for eight years, and I went to a lot of events with her. One day she asked me if I would like to run for office. At that point, I just decided that I would.” That was in 2016.

“While my primary focus is on issues concerning veterans, seniors, youth, and children, I also support the efforts of other elected officials who specialize in other areas. We work together on issues of concern and importance to the people who sent us to Jefferson City.”

One thing that is on the radar of many people is the I-270 North Project. Gray hopes the Project will have an impact beyond the new infrastructure, creating additional benefits related to other issues that are important to people along with transportation.

“I support this project. My challenges right now are the lane drops, closures and all of the other things that come with an infrastructure project of this magnitude. But once it’s finished, I am sure I will like and appreciate it more. I think many people feel the same way.”

Gray hopes that new infrastructure will positively impact employment, safety, and mobility within the area. “While I am not excited about the one-way road conversions because I think they could mean a little further drive, especially for the emergency response vehicles, once we get used to it, I’m sure it will be fine. We will just need to find new routes.” Gray said the project is long overdue.

“I grew up near Lindbergh and the Jamestown Mall area. That area is perfect now, but when they first changed Route 367, it was a challenge. So, you almost have to wait until it’s completely done. But again, I am optimistic about the benefits it will bring to the North County area, and the St. Louis Region.”

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