

## Construction to Start on I-270 North

On April 20, 2020, the eastbound I-270 exit ramp to Washington Street/Elizabeth Avenue closed. This closure will allow construction of a new south outer road connecting New Florissant Road and Elizabeth Avenue, that will make Pershall continuous. This closure serves as the official groundbreaking for the project, which runs from James S. McDonnell Boulevard to Bellefontaine Road.

To see renderings, and other elements of the project, sign up for ongoing updates, leave comments or simply to find out more about the I-270 project, please visit: [www.i270north.org](http://www.i270north.org)



Click on image to visit to the virtual groundbreaking

## DBE/Workforce Opportunities

Interested in working on the I-270 North project? Millstone Weber, along with its designer, Parsons, is looking for applicants. Apply at: [www.millstoneweber.com](http://www.millstoneweber.com)

### Current Opportunities with Millstone Weber

- Laborers
- Cement Masons
- Operators

### Current Opportunities with Subcontractors

- Iron Workers
- Electricians
- Carpenters

### HOW TO APPLY:

Visit [www.millstoneweber.com](http://www.millstoneweber.com) and click on the Careers tab to apply or send your resume to Colette Diedrich, HR/EEO Manager at [colette.diedrich@millstoneweber.com](mailto:colette.diedrich@millstoneweber.com)

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## Meet Our Project Director

Justin Wolf, project director with MoDOT, says he is excited to serve as the I-270 North Project director. "During my 20-year career at MoDOT, I have served in a number of roles on Interstate projects, including leading the design of I-270 widening to add lanes between I-44 and Route 100. I am pleased to be working on I-270 again, and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the I-270 North project presents."

Wolf says many people helped make the project come to fruition. "MoDOT was able to fund a design-build project to make comprehensive improvements along the I-270 North corridor. Our entire I-270 North team has worked diligently on the procurement of the project for the past two years, and along the way, there were many who helped move it forward."

The groundbreaking on April 20, 2020 represents a milestone and the culmination of years of studying, planning, and design.

"I am thankful to be part of a team of MoDOT professionals who are prepared to face this challenging endeavor," said Wolf. "All of us, including the Millstone Weber team, are committed to making the I-270 North project a resounding success for those who reside in and travel through North St. Louis County." Wolf added that the construction of I-270 North will impact residents, businesses and travelers along the corridor for the next four years. He encouraged everyone to rely on the monthly newsletter, the project's official website and other communication and community engagement opportunities to remain informed.

"Please be patient with the construction process for completing these much-needed upgrades to the corridor," said Wolf. "I encourage you to reach out to us if you have any comments, questions or concerns along the way."

## Meet Our Project Manager



Brandy Broeckling is the Project Manager for Millstone Weber, the contractor for the I-270 North Design-Build Project.

Broeckling says the entire team is excited to be working on a project of this magnitude and they are looking forward to seeing some of the innovative solutions within the plans come to reality.

"We are really pleased to be a part of this project; the largest single project done by MoDOT within the past decade. Our plan is to use this newsletter as a way to allow you to stay connected to the project, and to learn about all of the innovative and impactful work that will happen along the corridor," said Broeckling. This is the first of monthly editions of the newsletter that will be shared with the public via emails and posting on both the Millstone Weber and MoDOT I-270 North team websites. Broeckling says MW and MoDOT want people to get excited and stay informed about the project as it progresses.

Broeckling holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, is a registered professional engineer, and has more than 20 years of heavy highway construction experience. She says she is really excited about the project both professionally and personally. "Not only did I grow up in Florissant and graduate from Hazelwood Central High, but the first construction project I ever worked on was on this same stretch of 270, when I was a summer intern for MoDOT. I went on to spend the first nine years of my career working for MoDOT. The remainder has been spent working for Fred Weber Construction, and now, Millstone Weber."

In 2014, Fred Weber Construction and Millstone Bangert combined to create Millstone Weber. Both respective companies were founded almost 100 years ago, and Broeckling has been the contractor on numerous MoDOT construction projects throughout the greater St. Louis area. Fred Weber and Millstone Bangert were part of Gateway Constructors, the company who constructed the New I-64 project, which at the time of construction, was the largest Design-Build project in MoDOT history. Fred Weber and Millstone Bangert once again teamed up as Page Constructors, to construct the Route 364 Phase 3 project. The two companies that are now one – Millstone Weber – will be constructing the I-270 North Project, which is the largest single contract in Millstone Weber history.

"Our entire team is so proud to be partnering with MoDOT once again to bring the residents, businesses and municipalities this much needed infrastructure improvement that will have a positive impact on the North County region for many years to come," said Broeckling.

## Questions for the I-270 North Team

Would you like to know more details about the I-270 North Design-Build Project? Do you have questions about traffic changes, bridge upgrades or repairs, road closures or detours?

MoDOT's I-270 North Project team is providing yet another means for the public to learn about the project through the "What's Your Question?" segment of its monthly newsletter, produced by the contracting team led by Millstone Weber.

Beginning with the May newsletter, Project Director Justin Wolf and his team will answer questions submitted by the public. Some questions will be answered in the following month's newsletter, while time sensitive questions will be responded to directly. Please email questions to the I-270 North Project Team: [I270North@modot.mo.gov](mailto:I270North@modot.mo.gov)

"We are committed to providing access to information for everyone who will be impacted by I-270 North Project," said Wolf. "In addition to the newsletter, we encourage people to visit our website at: <http://www.i270north.com>. There is a lot of helpful information on the website as well."



MoDOT's I-270 North Project Team

## Community Snapshot Chats

Throughout the I-270 North Design-Build Project we have connected with impacted community members, asking them to share their thoughts with the public. This is the first of many "Community Snapshot Chats" that will be featured in our monthly project newsletter.



This month, we spoke with Mary C. Lamie, licensed professional engineer and Executive Vice President, Multi Modal Enterprises for Bi-State Development. In this capacity, she leads the St. Louis Regional Freightway, a Bi-State Development enterprise that works with local and state officials and transportation departments to set regional multimodal and infrastructure priorities.

Lamie says that the St. Louis Region ranks as the third largest rail hub and the second largest inland port in the nation, and is home to two international airports dedicated to transporting cargo by air.

"I-270 North serves as a major conduit for freight traffic, and is a major logistics corridor for national manufacturers, suppliers and distributors," said Lamie during a phone chat. "That makes the I-270 North Design-Build Project a top priority for us because the upgraded transportation infrastructure will improve truck transportation costs, which positively impacts and supports air, barge and rail modes. This project will help our region maintain its national freight standing as a global logistics hub."

According to Lamie, more than 18 million square feet of new industrial space became available in the St. Louis region's market over the last five years, with seven million square feet of new space located near the western limits of the project boundaries on both sides of St. Louis Lambert International Airport. She shared a list of some of the global companies that are dependent upon the I-270 North Design-Build Project, including Boeing, FedEx, Procter and Gamble, Chrysler, Bunge, World Wide Technologies, AB InBEV and Gray Bar.

Lamie applauded MoDOT for its leadership in securing the \$278 million for the improvements, and called it a great example of the importance of sustainable, long-term funding and the value of regional collaboration.

"The accelerated project schedule that this funding strategy created will allow freight volumes to travel through and to our region more safely, with fewer delays and greater reliability," said Lamie. "The collaboration between MoDOT, IDOT, other public and private partners and the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, resulted in both states contributing more than \$600 million to improvements of the I-270 north corridor on both sides of the Mississippi River. This is one of our region's greatest success stories."

The Missouri Department of Transportation's I-270 North Design-Build Project will replace aging pavement and bridges, better link communities, improve accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians, and enhance traffic operations and safety throughout the corridor.