

## Slow Down, Arrive Alive



The I-270 North Project team along with students from Halls Ferry Elementary School want to remind those who live, work, play and travel throughout the I-270 North work zone to **Slow Down, Arrive Alive.**

Here are a few quotes from students about the importance of driving safely.

"Speeding is not safe for anybody. When you are speeding you put yourself and others at risk." --Mark

"I think speeding is really horrible." --Pipa

"Go slower on the road , so you don't get into an accident."-- Tossiana

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

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

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## Eastbound I-270 On-Ramp Upcoming Closure



Drivers should be aware that Eastbound I-270 on-ramp from Elizabeth Avenue/Washington Street will close for up to 100 days in April. This closure will allow crews to complete construction of the new West Florissant Avenue off-ramp. 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 Street and Hanley Road 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 Road closed permanently.
- Dunn Road closure between Old Halls Ferry Road and New Halls Ferry Road converted to one-way.

### Current and Upcoming Openings:

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

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



# I-270 North Community Spotlight



## Ella Jones

### Mayor City of Ferguson

"The I-270 North Project is great for Ferguson. One goal I have is to help stabilize Ferguson businesses, and I think this project can help with that and to bring hope to our residents," said Ferguson Mayor Ella Jones. "We celebrated the opening of a Burlington store in Ferguson and cut the ribbon for renovations at the Emerson YMCA. I think the I-270 North Project is going to be great for us."

Jones, the first female and first African American mayor of Ferguson, brings a diverse set of credentials to the office. She served on the Ferguson City Council, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, worked as a highly successful Mary Kay sales director, been ordained as a pastor, and serves as the first African American on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Council.

Her work philosophy is demonstrated through a story she shared about a foster child placed in three different homes; all of which she chose to leave because she was not happy. Prior to leaving each home though, the child learned something new. One foster parent taught her to sew. Another taught her how to do carpentry, and in the final home she learned how to farm. She got shipwrecked later in life and ended up using all three skills to survive.

"We should strive to learn as much as we can. We don't know what we are being prepared for, and we never know when we may need to use seemingly unrelated skills to achieve a unified goal. Each position I have served in taught me how to work well with others; to listen to them. Each experience was a learning opportunity that helped propel me into the servant leader that I am today." She also says she is a strategist who moves in the direction that God leads her, believing strongly in purpose.

"I have had the opportunity to do a lot of what I wanted to do in life, and to do for others, but I think now it's time for me to give more back to the community. People are ready to stabilize this community, and if this project adds to that goal by addressing traffic congestion, improving safety, attracting new businesses, offering viable employment opportunities – just bringing more hope – that would be a win for our community. I was called to serve in this position."

When Jones thinks of hope, she gets excited about Project Pave as well, a Millstone Weber STEM Initiative that mentors, educates and supports students attending identified North St. Louis County high schools. The program gives high school students a chance to learn about and choose a career in trades that can offer them a great living.

"Young people have to see a future in themselves, and when the first cohort graduated, they showed so much pride in their participation. The project goes further though and impacts overall employment throughout our community by allowing adults to train on the job to work in construction; something that could keep them financially stable for the rest of their lives. This project is one of the best things that has happened in this area. I commend MoDOT for its great leadership; this team is doing a great job overall."

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