

Columbus Park Community Garden Contribution

MoDOT was contacted by representatives from Columbus Park with a request: Would you have any extra rock we could use as fill in our community garden? MoDOT asked Paseo Corridor Constructors, the contractor, if they could help with the request. The answer was Yes. On December 15, 2009, the contractor delivered two truckloads of ½ inch rock to the Columbus Park Community Garden. Mike, the garden's keeper, was very pleased and came out to thank the driver personally. Mike will be building a wall around the outside of the garden and hoped the rock would help as a base. The kcICON Project team isn't always able to respond to each request in this manner, but was happy to be able to grant this community's wish.



A second truckload of rubbleized rock is delivered to the Columbus Park Community Garden.

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Construction Update and Preview



This photo was taken January 14, 2010 from the old Paseo Boulevard ramp bridge, now demolished. Visible on the left is the sound wall around the Columbus Park neighborhood. The north- and southbound temporary and permanent ramps at Front Street are easily seen straight ahead and on the right, along with the river bridge pylon progress.

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Independence Avenue/Paseo Blvd. Ramp Bridge

The Paseo Blvd. ramp bridge demolition is complete. Excavation and grading work to construct the new interchange will continue as the weather warms up.



Paseo Bridge demolition taking place in November 2009.

South Viaduct to Oak Street Area

Sound wall installation is complete. Colored accent tiles will be installed in the spring.

I-29/35 and Front Street/SPUI Construction

Construction for the single point urban interchange (SPUI) continues in all kinds of weather. Excavation work is complete, thanks in part to patient motorists. A two-week lane closure in November allowed dump trucks to access the site to remove over 3,500 truckloads of dirt. Pile driving continues, with the first 80 of 92 14-inch concrete piles installed.



In this photo, the piling is being tested for in-bearing capacity. Each piling will be tested on the kcICON Project. The contractor, PCC, does Quality Assurance, and the owner, MoDOT, inspects the contractor's Quality Assurance process.

Christopher S. Bond Missouri River Bridge Construction

Structural steel erection for the 565-foot north approach is now complete. The precast concrete deck panels for the north approach have also been set. These will make up the base for the future roadway across the bridge.

Twelve of the 14 lifts for both the downstream and upstream pylon legs have been cast. Two more concrete pours remain in order to complete pylon construction. At this time, the pylon is 295 feet above the river surface with only 22 feet remaining to top out and complete the pylon. Structural steel for the pier table (under the precast panels--the base for the future roadway) at the pylon has been erected.

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Structural steel for the back span (the edge girders and floorbeams) now extends 412 feet north of the pylon. There remains 38 feet to complete the 450-foot back span.



Precast panels, covered with snow, deck the back span of what will be the roadway for the new river bridge.

North Viaduct Construction

The widening of the northbound lanes is complete. Work has begun on the widening of the southbound lanes in this area.

16th Ave. Bridge Construction

The bridge for the northbound lanes of the interstate is complete and traffic has been shifted onto the new bridge and pavement in this area.

Armour Road Bridge

The southbound lanes for this bridge are now complete.

Armour Road Ramps

The on-ramp from Armour Road to southbound I-29/35 is now under construction. The off-ramp from southbound I-29/35 to Armour Rd., and the on-ramp from Armour Rd. to northbound I-29/35 remain open at this time.

Openings and Closures in Spring 2010*

- The on-ramp to southbound I-29/35 from eastbound Armour Road will open late April.
- The off-ramp from northbound I-29/35 to Armour Road will close in March for approximately six months. 16th Avenue and N.E. Parvin Rd. will serve as detours for traffic.
- The on-ramp from Bedford Avenue to southbound I-29/35 will be taken out of service in February 2010 and will reopen mid-2010.
- The off-ramp to Levee Rd. from southbound I-29/35 will close in late spring 2010 for approximately 90 days, reopening when the Bedford Avenue ramp is finished, and median work in the area is done.

**All construction work is weather dependent. These opening/closures are approximate and subject to change.*

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