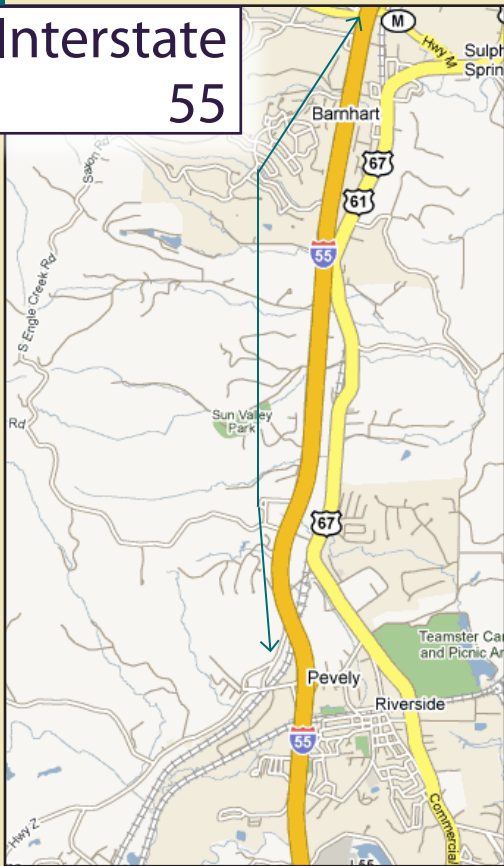


Interstate 55



Project Limits:
South of the new bridges over Route M and Glaize Creek to North of Route Z (approximately at the railroad bridge over I-55.)

Location:
Cable will be installed in the center of the median.

Impacts:
Work will be done in conjunction with the I-55 ARRA widening project.

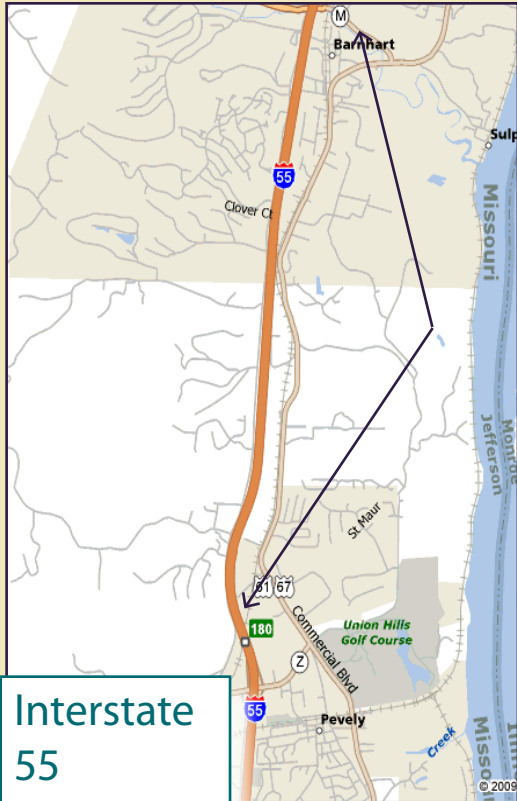
Time frame:
Work will start in spring 2010 with completion by 2012.

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To learn more about the Interstate 55 project, go to:
http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/Interstate55betweenRouteMandRouteZ.htm



Don't Cut The Cable



Vital Information for Emergency Responders



Fatalities have been reduced by 92 percent in four years thanks to median guard cables.

MoDOT is placing guard cable along hundreds of miles of high-traffic roadways with narrow medians across the state. These guard cables have stopped more than 95 percent of vehicles that enter the median before they cross into opposing traffic lanes.

In addition to successfully reducing these devastating types of crashes, median guard cable provides protection to emergency responders and is a cost-effective safety barrier.



Do Not Cut The Cable

Response personnel must work quickly during an emergency. If vehicles get tangled in the cable, it may seem easy to just cut the cable to gain better access, but it is very important that responders do not cut the cable. Because this barrier is so effective in preventing crossover median crashes, it is important that it stay intact, and there are better options than cutting.

The cable is held in place by posts spaced at specific intervals. Taking out support posts will create slack in the cable. This allows the cable to be moved out of the way, keeping the cable intact.



Each 1,000-foot section of cable is connected and tightened with a metal pocket tube.

Should the cable have to be cut, responders should cut the system at the center of this



connection, which also keeps the cable intact.

There is no way to splice the cable, so if it is cut the entire section must be replaced, which is costly. But most importantly, it takes four-to-six weeks for replacement, leaving motorists without the benefits of this important safety feature.

Contact Us For Help

MoDOT's maintenance personnel are trained on how to safely add slack to cables by taking out posts and loosening turn buckles.

Our team can provide guidance and on-site help at a crash scene, 24 hours a day, seven days a week through our toll-free Customer Service Center.



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