

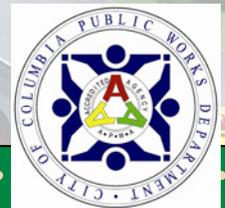
# Scott Boulevard & I-70 Interchange Location Study

## Informational Open House June 22, 2009



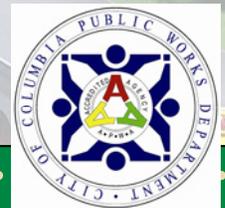
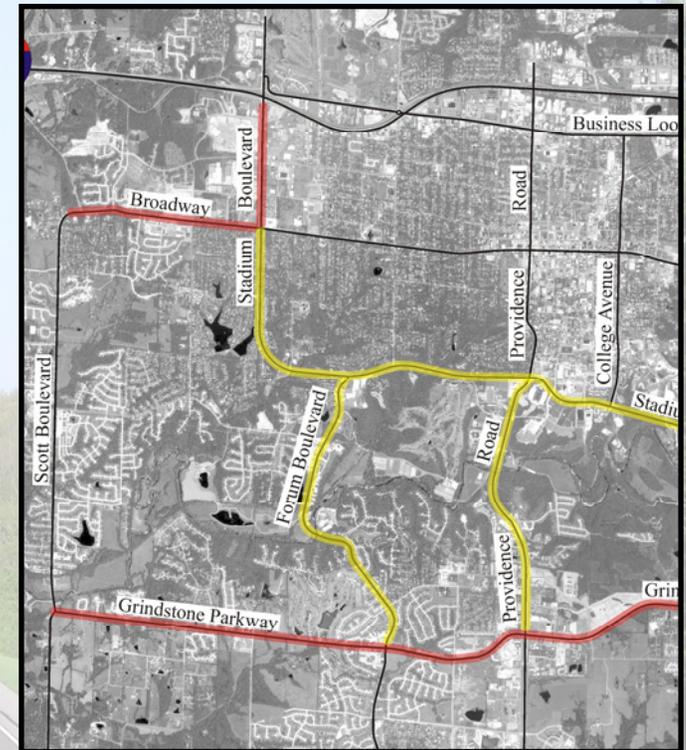
# Why are we here tonight?

- **Western Columbia** is currently served by **Stadium Boulevard**, which is already **congested**.
- The City of Columbia is working to **identify solutions** for **improving access** to I-70.
- We are investigating a **new interchange** on I-170 and **extension of Scott Boulevard**.



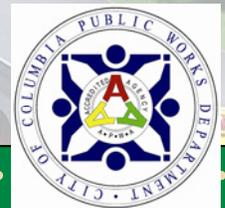
# Why do we need another interchange on I-70?

- **Western Columbia's** neighborhoods and business community are **growing**.
- This area **does not have adequate access to I-70**.
- An interchange at I-70/Scott Boulevard **will**:
  - Provide travel **options**;
  - Facilitate **safe and efficient** traffic flow;
  - Enhance **emergency service** access;
  - **Relieve congestion** along West Broadway and Stadium Boulevard; and
  - Benefit **regional** travel
- The Scott Boulevard extension and I-70 interchange were adopted into **CATSO's Major Roadway Plan**.



# Study Goals

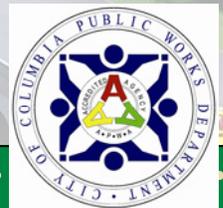
- Document the **purpose and need** for the proposed interchange
- Select a preferred **location & configuration** for a new interchange between Perche Creek and Stadium Boulevard
- Select a **preferred alignment** to extend Scott Boulevard from West Broadway to Route E to connect to the proposed I-70 interchange
- Complete **federally required** planning documentation Environmental Assessment and Access Justification Report





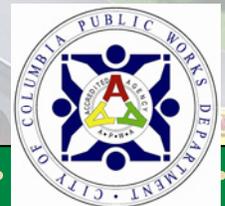
# Agencies Involved

City of Columbia  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Boone County  
Federal Highway Administration



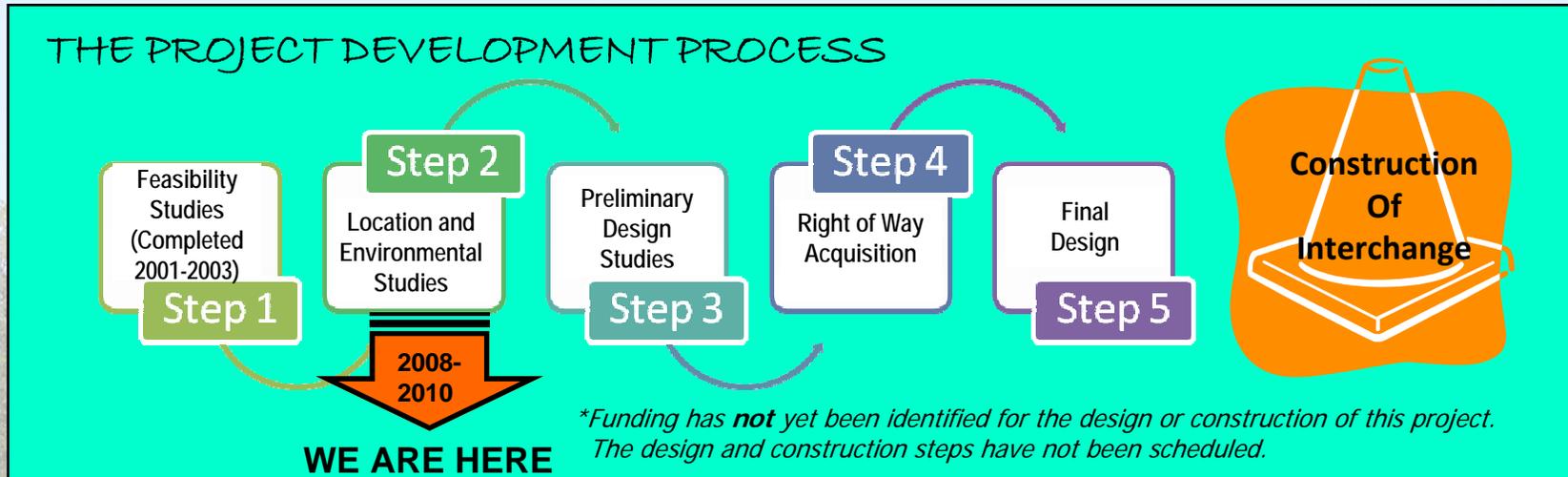
# Coordination with Improve I-70

- MoDOT has developed future plans for I-70. The latest plans include truck-only lanes across the state. You may have heard about these plans at other public meetings.
- MoDOT's plans do not include an interchange at Scott Boulevard.
- MoDOT's studies did find that an additional interchange would help **decrease local congestion** and **benefit the local community**
- The study concluded that the City could pursue a new interchange at Scott Boulevard as a part of its long range plans
- **Our team is coordinating with MoDOT**
- Additional information about MoDOT's Improve I-70 studies can be found at: <http://www.improvei70.org/>

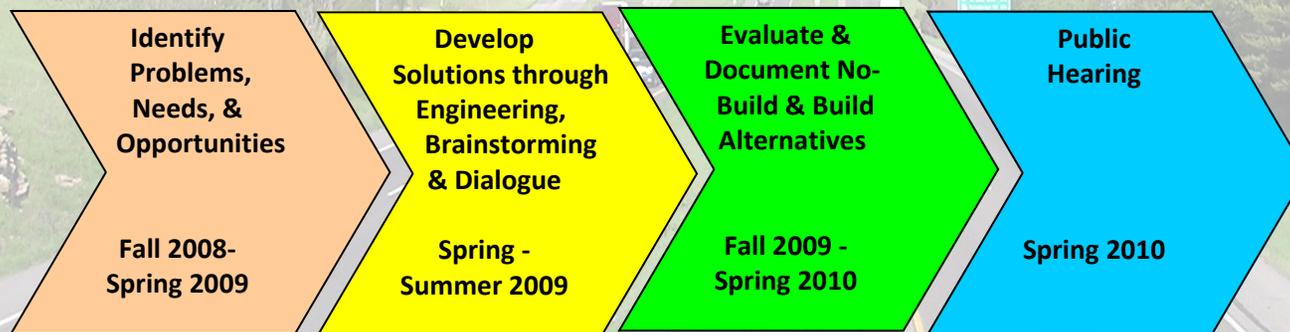


# Project Process Map

What is the process for building a new interchange?  
Where are we in the process?

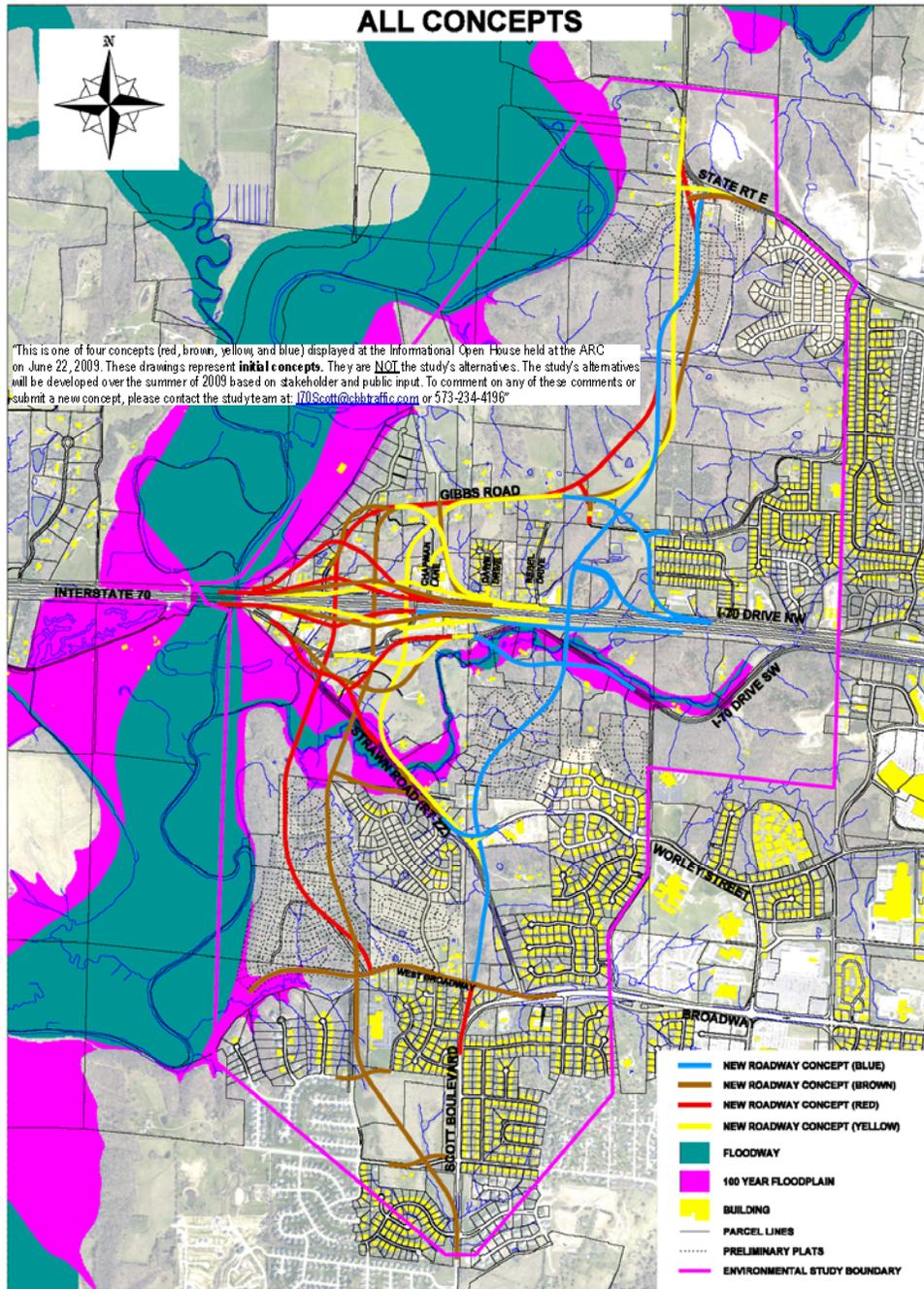


## THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROCESS



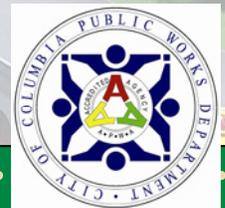
Select the Preferred Alignment & Interchange Configuration





# Where are we?

- ✓ Collect background information
- ✓ Evaluate project needs
- ✓ Brainstorm initial concepts
  - Gather input from stakeholders
  - Evaluate and refine concepts
  - Select preferred alternative

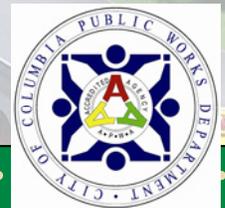


# Alignment Challenges

- Impacts to neighborhoods & businesses;
- Ability to serve travel demands in the community;
- Connectivity to the local street system;
- Spacing between interchanges along I-70;
- Topography; and
- Environmental impacts

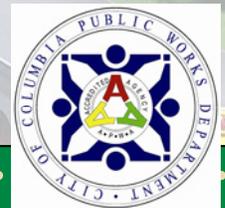


Topography near Blue Interchange Location



# When will we build?

- Construction schedule is undetermined
- There is currently **NO FUNDING** for design, right of way acquisition, or construction
- Timing depends on the availability of funding and the cooperation of the public, elected officials, local businesses, community groups, and involved agencies



# Thank You!

Your input will be considered as we further develop  
the concepts presented tonight

Please share your thoughts and opinions with us.

