

Missouri House of Representatives

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State Representatives Unveil Ambitious Plan to Rebuild Interstate 44 Corridor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State representatives from across southwest Missouri are set to convene and announce comprehensive plans aimed at rebuilding and revitalizing the critical Interstate 44 corridor.

Last week, House Budget Chairman Cody Smith revealed the House Budget substitutes for Fiscal Year 2025, introducing a comprehensive \$49.9 billion plan. The proposed plan includes a substantial \$727.5 million allocation designated for groundbreaking efforts to expand Interstate 44. This expansion project aims to widen the interstate to six lanes in critical areas like Springfield, Rolla, and Joplin, as well as establish new interchanges in Joplin at the junction of I-49 and I-44. Additionally, the proposal earmarks an extra \$100 million to tackle the infrastructure requirements of rural and low-volume roads, addressing a longstanding concern within the state.

The representatives will be hosting two press avails to announce the plans for I-44 on Tuesday, March 19th at the following locations:

When: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Contract Freighters, Inc (CFI), 4701 E 32nd St, Joplin, MO 64804, United States

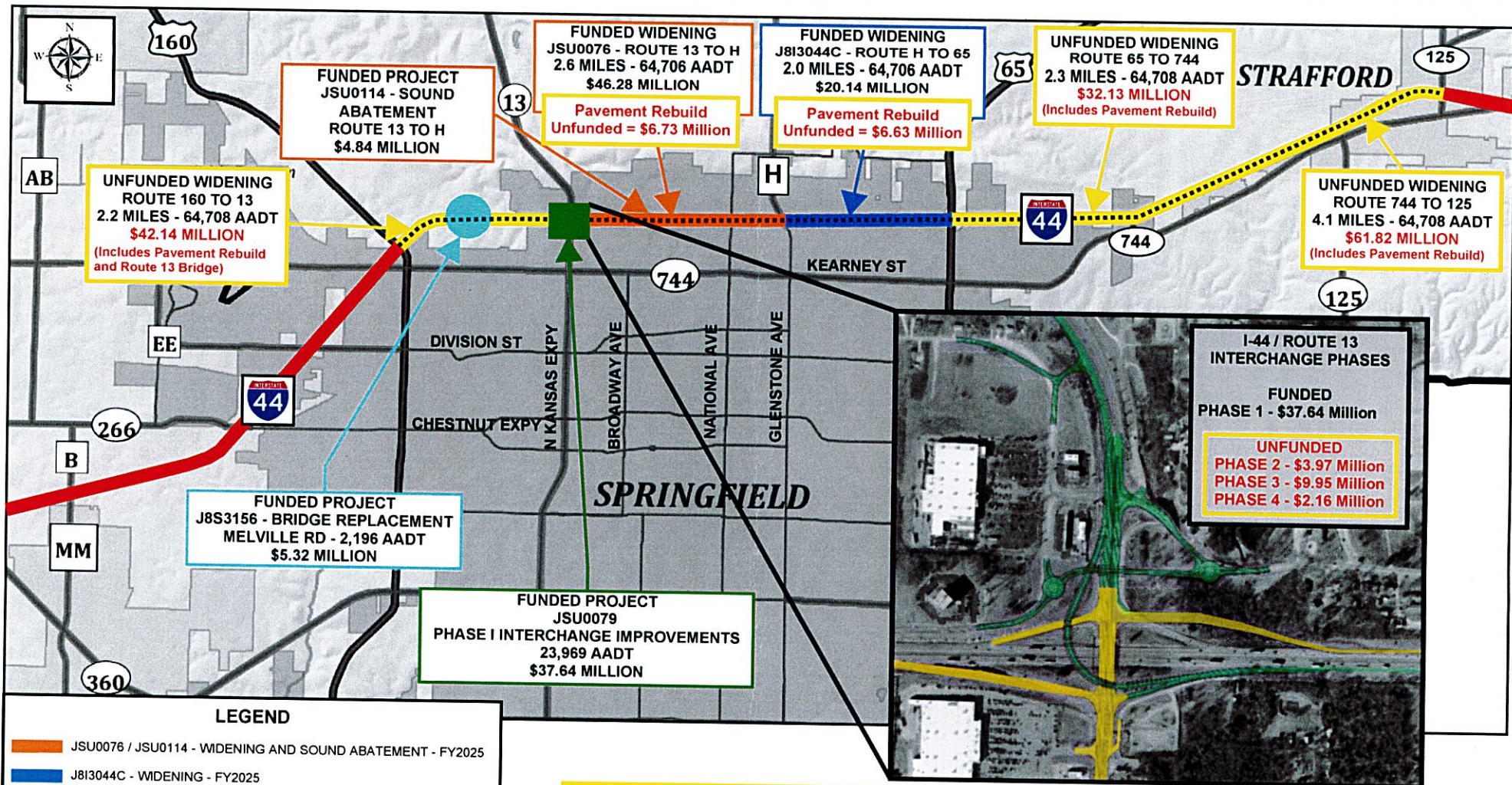
When: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Branco Enterprises, 1864 S State Hwy MM, Springfield, MO 65802, United States

Rep. Cody Smith, a Republican, represents part of Jasper County (District 163) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016 and re-elected in 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Smith at 573-751-5458 or via email at Cody.Smith@House.Mo.Gov. To view the FY 2025 Budget Chair Substitutes, please visit: <https://house.mo.gov/budget.aspx>

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SPRINGFIELD PROJECT DETAILS



LEGEND

- JSU0076 / JSU0114 - WIDENING AND SOUND ABATEMENT - FY2025
- J8I3044C - WIDENING - FY2025
- J8S3156 - MELVILLE ROAD OVERPASS - FY2025
- JSU0079 - PHASE I INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS - FY2027
- Unfunded - I-44 Widening Project
- Unfunded - Other Segments
- Unfunded - Pavement Rebuild

Estimates Reflect Total Project Costs
(Construction, Right of Way, Utilities, Engineering)

UNFUNDED PROJECTS	
I-44 WIDENING AND PAVEMENT PROJECTS	
Route 160 to 13..... Widening & Pavement Rebuild.....	\$42.14 Million
Route 13 to H..... Pavement Rebuild.....	\$6.73 Million
Route H to 65..... Pavement Rebuild.....	\$6.63 Million
Route 65 to 744..... Widening & Pavement Rebuild.....	\$32.13 Million
Route 744 to 125..... Widening & Pavement Rebuild.....	\$61.82 Million
TOTAL UNFUNDED I-44 PROJECTS = \$149.45 MILLION	
I-44 / ROUTE 13 INTERCHANGE	
Phase 2..... Widen Westbound Off-Ramp.....	\$3.97 Million
Phase 3..... Convert to Diamond Interchange.....	\$9.95 Million
Phase 4..... Widen Eastbound Off-Ramp.....	\$2.16 Million
TOTAL UNFUNDED INTERCHANGE = \$16.08 MILLION	

FORWARD 44



DETAILS ON POTENTIAL PROJECTS TARGETING
CONGESTION AND RELIABILITY*

MARCH 2024

Planned - \$145.5 million

Unfunded - \$727.5 million

ROLLA: MO ROUTE T (DOOLITTLE) TO MO ROUTE 68 (ST. JAMES) 17 MILES

\$271 million

\$271 million:

Widen interstate to six lanes and rebuild bridges, pavement and interchanges

SPRINGFIELD: U.S. ROUTE 160 TO MO ROUTE 125 (STRAFFORD) 13.2 MILES

\$114.1 million

\$165.5 million

\$66.4 million:

Widening from Route 13 to Route H, and from Route H to U.S. Route 65

\$37.6 million:

Phase 1 interchange improvements at Route 13

\$4.8 million:

Sound study from Route 13 to Route H

\$5.3 million:

Bridge replacement at Melville Road

\$71.6 million: (U.S. Route 160 to U.S. Route 65)

Widen 2.2 miles of interstate to six lanes, rebuild pavement and improve I-44/Route 13 interchange

\$32.1 million: (U.S. Route 65 to MO Route 744)

Widen 2.3 miles of interstate to six lanes and rebuild bridges, pavement and interchanges

\$61.8 million: (MO Route 744 to MO Route 125)

Widen 4.1 miles of interstate to six lanes and rebuild bridges, pavement and interchanges

JOPLIN: I-49 SOUTH TO I-49 NORTH/MO ROUTE 59 6.7 MILES

\$31.4 million

\$291 million

\$31.4 million:

Phase 1 of Fidelity I-49/I-44 interchange improvements: I-44 bridge replacements

\$116 million:

Widen interstate to six lanes and rebuild bridges, pavement and interchanges

\$175 million:

Implement phases 2 and 3 of the Fidelity I-49/I-44 interchange improvements

*Subject to ongoing environmental review. These numbers will be refined as a result of a study currently underway.

