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More road construction projects on hold amid coronavirus budget cuts

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About 20 road construction projects across Missouri are on hold after state spending was cut last week, the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports](#).

The construction of an additional lane on Interstate 70 in O'Fallon and a new roadway in St. Charles could be affected. In addition, \$1 million for airport improvements in Warrensburg and \$500,000 to study an interstate bypass around Hannibal have been withheld.

Gov. Mike Parson announced in December that 20 transportation projects would receive \$50 million through a transportation cost-share program.

However, the state transportation department put the projects on hold until July 1 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

In the meantime, lawmakers decreased that \$50 million budget to \$25 million. Parson cut another \$6.4 million last week when he announced more than \$200 million in cuts to state programs.

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