

Section of Salt River Road extension to open in St. Peters

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A 2.5-mile section of the Salt River Road extension will open at the newly constructed Salt River Road and Spencer Road interchange west of Highway 370 on June 30. A road opening ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. under the bridge at the interchange.

As part of a \$14.6 million project managed by the city of St. Peters, the new four-lane Salt River Road will open between Highway 370 and Mid Rivers Mall Drive, while Spencer Road will reopen north of Premier Parkway. The project came in well under the \$17 million budgeted amount.

The project was jointly funded by St. Peters and St. Charles County, and was the initial phase of the Salt River Road extension (Interstate 70 reliever) project that will connect Highway 370 to Highway 79 with a new four-lane road.

"This is another example of a great project, done well, and under budget, managed by our fantastic team at the city of St. Peters," Mayor Len Pagano said in a news release. "This is a road that will serve area residents for many generations to come, and help relieve traffic on Interstate 70."

The road project included the construction of three bridges: the "tight diamond" interchange at Salt River and Spencer roads as well as bridges over Dardenne Creek and Spencer Creek. Mid Rivers Mall Drive was extended to the new Salt River Road as part of the project.

Looking to the future continuation of the Dardenne Greenway trail system, pedestrian/bike trails were constructed on the bridges over Spencer Creek and Dardenne Creek with funding provided by Great Rivers Greenway.

The next phase of the Salt River Road extension is being managed by the St. Charles County Highway Department and will continue construction of the four-lane Salt River Road from Dardenne Creek west to Highway 79. This portion of the road will also connect Main Street to Highway C north of Old Town St. Peters. Work is under way and is scheduled to be completed in 2012.

To reach the June 30 ceremony, travel north on Spencer Road to the new interchange at Salt River Road.