

I-49 Progress Report – Joplin, MO
As of 8/29/13

Status of Completion

I-49 is complete from Kansas City to Pineville, MO. There are four miles remaining that will eventually connect with US 71 or 540 in Bella Vista, AR. The state of AR has started work on the two-lane road that will be the Bella Vista By-Pass.

Funding

MO has the funding for completion of I-49 to the AR border

A history of the project in MO can be found here:

www.modot.org/southwest/major_projects/I-49/I-49Conversion.htm.

Newspaper articles from the Joplin Globe can be found here:

www.joplinglobe.com/local/x1951923311/Newly-unveiled-I-49-seen-as-road-to-opportunity, <http://www.joplinglobe.com/editorial/x1951923881/Our-View-I-49-a-community-milestone>

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/topstories/x1951922937/New-interstate-makes-history-in-Missouri>

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x942850572/I-49-event-set-for-noon-today>

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x843242992/Interstate-49-signs-going-up-on-U-S-71>

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/x212159972/City-leaders-businesses-await-upgrade-of-U-S-71-to-I-49>

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x212030213/I-49-promoters-continue-hunt-for-funding>

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