



I-49 Background

I-49 is a 3-state project, to create Interstate from Kansas City to New Orleans. (There is already Interstate from KC north to Winnipeg, Canada). The Departments of Transportation in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana are cooperating in completing the Corridor project. Completing I-49 from Kansas City to New Orleans will create an uninterrupted International Trade Corridor from Canada through the heart of America to New Orleans -- and, through the Port System of Louisiana, to Central and South America where trade is expected to triple in the next two decades.

I-49 from Kansas City to New Orleans is an approximately \$4.9 B project. Wilbur Smith Associates has estimated the time & travel cost savings, over a 6-year period, by having I-49 completed will also be approximately \$4.9 B.

I-49 completion will fill a void of 400 miles between North – South Interstates through the heart of America -- and will intersect East – West Interstates I-70, I-44, I-40, I-30, I-20, and I-10 (plus I-80, I-90, and I-94 North of Kansas City) thus creating a comprehensive transportation grid to enhance movement of goods and people to and from anywhere in mid-America and the rest of the world.

All of America, and especially all of mid-America, will benefit from increased trade, tourism, and economic development through the early completion of I-49.