

Marine Highway M-70

Sponsors: Ohio DOT; Illinois DOT; Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Planning; Missouri DOT; West Virginia DOT; Ports of Indiana; Port of Pittsburgh Commission

**Landside Route
Served:** Interstate-70

Route Description:

The M-70 Route includes the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers, and connecting commercial navigation channels, ports, and harbors, from Pittsburgh to Kansas City. It spans Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, connecting to the M-55 Route at St. Louis, MO.

Attributes:

This Route contains major freight truck bottlenecks at numerous points, including Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. According to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, long haul truck volumes are expected to reach 25,000 per day along major segments by 2035. Similarly, rail congestion is evident in and around Kansas City, St. Louis, and several points along the Route in Ohio.

This Marine Highway Route has the potential to help alleviate a portion of the congestion from the existing landside routes, while at the same time reducing emissions, conserving energy, improving safety, and reducing highway maintenance costs. It can also contribute to increased economic and commercial activity in the region by removing barriers to efficient freight transportation.

