

## 2025 TEAM - Tour Offerings & Descriptions

### Tour A: Melvin Price Lock and Dam (20 attendees)

Designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Melvin Price is one of the most technologically advanced locks and dams on the Mississippi River to date. Each year, it assists thousands of 15-barge tows along their journey. Fully operational by 1994, Melvin Price towers 80 feet above the water and spans from shoreline to shoreline. Its structure encompasses nine tainter gates which make up the dam, a 1,200 foot lock, and a 600 foot lock. Today, millions of tons of commerce are transported using the Mississippi River and Melvin Price has a helping hand in the process along with the 28 other lock and dam structures on the Upper Mississippi River. Visit us at the National Great Rivers Museum to view Melvin Price with your own eyes and learn the importance of its existence. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



*\*Please note that purses and bags are not allowed on the tour. There are storage lockers available near the check-in desk.*

### Tour B: I- 55 Design-Build (20 attendees)

Construction on MoDOT's \$246 million Design-Build project on I-55 in Jefferson County, started in early 2024 and is anticipated to continue through December 2026. The project is 12 miles long, an additional lane is being constructed within the 8-mile section from Route Z Interchange in Pevely (where the 3-lane section currently ends) to I-55/U.S. Route 67 in Festus. Three major interchanges are being reconstructed including I-55 at Route Z, I-55 at McNutt, and the I-55/U.S. Route 67 interchange. 27 bridges are being addressed with this project: 14 bridges will be replaced, 8 bridges will be rehabilitated, 4 bridges have superstructure replacements, and a completely new bridge will be built at Route CC over U.S. Route 67. Take a tour of the project, learn about the challenges with the construction, and see the project up close.



*\* **PPE REQUIRED** - This tour will require attendee to provide their own Personal Protective Equipment - a hardhat, safety vest, safety glasses, boots (steel toe).*

### Tour C: Hillsdale Fabricators (20 attendees)

Hillsdale Fabricators is a division of Alberici Constructors, Inc and we have been fabricating steel since 1957. We fabricate structural carbon steel and have AISC certification for Building Fabricator, Bridge Fabricator – Advanced, Fracture Control Endorsement, Complex Coating Endorsement 1 – Enclosed, Hydraulic Fabricator – Advanced. Our shop is approximately 250,000 SF under roof. Our process includes sawing, drilling, coping, processing parts (plates and angles), fit-up, welding, applying coatings, delivery.



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### Tour D: MetroLink-Bus Tour (20 attendees)

operates a fleet of more than 400 vehicles to provide transportation across the Greater St. Louis Region by bus, van, and train. The organization is in the middle of several efforts to promote the safety and sustainability of its transit network. A recently completed Real Time Camera Center operated by a dedicated Public Safety team monitors the network 24/7 through over 800 cameras using technology at the forefront of the public transportation industry. Work is ongoing



Metro Transit

for Metro Transit's Secure Platform Plan, an effort to add fencing and security gates to each of the 38 stations serviced by MetroLink, St. Louis's light rail system. Metro Transit's Maintenance team operates several facilities with new technologies to service a constantly operating fleet of diesel and battery-electric buses. Take a tour of the Real Time Camera Center, see the installation of fencing and security gates at MetroLink's Grand Station, and visit an active bus maintenance facility for a behind-the-scenes look at an operation that saw over 19 million customer boardings in 2023.

## Tour E: Chain of Rocks (12 attendees)

The existing bridge carrying I-270 over the Mississippi River was constructed in 1966 and connects Missouri and Illinois via four lanes of traffic spanning over 5,400 feet. The current construction efforts for the replacement structures will deliver a long-term solution that increases safety, accommodates future traffic growth, and provides



for continued movement of regional and national goods and services while preserving the environmental, recreational and economic viability within the project area. Take a tour of the project site (PPE required!), hear from project administrators on the current status and challenges, and view the project and accompanying construction firsthand.

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