



## What is a Diverging Diamond Interchange?

The Missouri Department of Transportation is building a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) on Dorsett Road underneath Interstate 270 in the city of Maryland Heights in 2010.

This new type of interchange reduces congestion, and can handle increasing amounts of traffic. It is a design that is also less costly to build compared to single urban point interchanges like at Olive Boulevard and I-270 or Route 141 at Manchester Road.

A Diverging Diamond Interchange allows drivers to make free left turns, meaning making left turns without stopping and conflicting with through traffic.

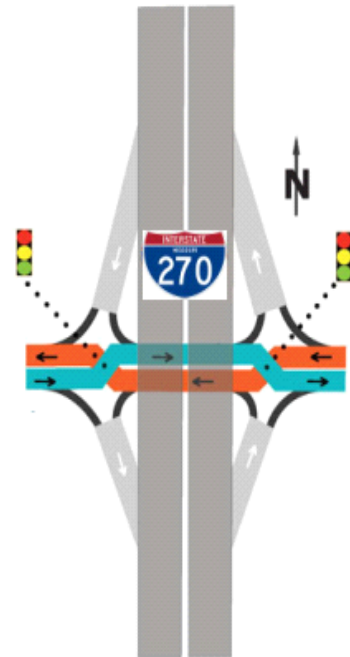
The first diverging diamond interchange ever built in the United States was constructed in 2009 at Interstate 44 and Route 13 in Springfield, Missouri by MoDOT.

More information about the diverging diamond interchange, including computer animation on driving a diverging diamond interchange can be found on the MoDOT St. Louis Region website at:

<http://www.modot.gov/stlouis/links/DivergingDiamondInterchange.htm>

More information about the I-270 and Dorsett/Page project can be found on the web at:

<http://www.270dorsettpage.com>



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