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Tolls Could Pay for I-70 Repairs in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - A report from the Missouri Department of Transportation says tolls could pay for much-needed repairs to Interstate 70.

The report released Wednesday says the state doesn't have the money needed to widen and fix the interstate. The project would cost at least \$2 billion.

Earlier this month, Gov. Jay Nixon revived the possibility of using tolls to makeover the heavily traveled road.

Voters in August defeated a proposed three-quarter-cent sales tax that would have helped finance a \$1.5 billion rebuilding of I-70.

The transportation department report estimated that drivers would need to pay \$20-30 for a trip across the state to fully fund a rebuilding. Truck drivers would pay \$40-90.

The report also raises the possibility of a public-private partnership to fix the roadway, which also likely would include tolls.

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