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Ribbon Cutting for First K.C. Area Safe & Sound Bridge

WARRENSBURG, Mo. – The first MoDOT Safe & Sound bridge repair project to be completed in the Kansas City area opened today in rural Johnson County, signaling a major step forward in replacing or repairing most of the state’s worst bridges.

“This ambitious program to upgrade our most troubled bridges is off to a spectacular start,” said Assistant District Engineer Chris Redline. “We have Safe & Sound projects underway or about to begin in several counties in our eight-county Kansas City District. When we’re through, 140 of our District’s worst bridges will be safe and sound for the next two decades.”

The Route OO Bridge over Honey Creek in Johnson County re-opened Thursday, May 7 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the site. Joining Redline at the ceremony were Johnson County Presiding Commissioner Bill Brenner, and Commissioners Scott Sader and Destry Hough. Boone Construction Co. was awarded the \$323,424 contract to fix the Route OO Bridge.

The bridge is the first of MoDOT’s statewide Safe & Sound Bridge Program in the Kansas City District to be completed, and among 18 in Johnson County and more than 800 throughout Missouri to be repaired or replaced in the next five years.

Closing these bridges lets the contractor complete the work quickly and get the bridges back open faster. It also keeps costs down, saving taxpayer money.

Full closures reduce cost by minimizing the need for additional right of way and for costly roadway work. Every bridge that’s closed during construction allows MoDOT to work on another bridge in need of attention.

There are 10,249 bridges in the Missouri state highway system – 7th largest total nationwide. Approximately 1,100 of them are in poor/serious condition. The Safe & Sound Initiative will address most of these ailing bridges.

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