



Route A Scott County

Caney Creek Bridge Replacement

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What's the problem? The Caney Creek Bridge on Route A located one mile north of New Hamburg is old.

What's the solution? MoDOT will replace the structure with a 28-foot wide bridge in its current location. The existing bridge is 20 feet wide. During construction the road will be closed.

Why is closing the road necessary? Because MoDOT is replacing the bridge in its current location, the structure will be removed and rebuilt. The only other option besides a road closure is to build a bypass and temporary bridge for traffic to use.

Why not build a bypass? A bypass:

- would cost \$250,000 more
- requires utility relocations
- requires additional property from surrounding owners
- requires a temporary bridge
- requires additional fill and pavement
- adds 2-3 months to construction schedule

With limited funding, MoDOT simply doesn't have the budget to replace the bridge and construct a bypass. The funds saved through a road closure can be applied to other area needs.

How long will this last? The road closure is expected to last between 8-12 weeks. Construction will likely occur in July and August to provide the least impacts to the school and farming community.

When will work get started? Bids are scheduled to be accepted in early 2009 with construction anticipated that summer.



What's the estimated cost? \$393,000

Will the bridge replacement prevent water from overtopping the road just north of the bridge? No. Even after the bridge is replaced, water will continue to overtop the roadway. The size of the bridge is not what causes water over the road. The bridge and approaching roadway is located in Caney Basin, a flood control system administered by Little River Drainage District.

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