

Laclede County Interstate 44 Outer Road Bridge Replacement Public Meeting November 6, 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of tonight's meeting?

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information on plans to replace the Interstate 44 Outer Road Bridge over the Gasconade River near Hazelgreen.

Why is this work necessary?

The existing bridge was built in 1927 and due to its existing condition had to be closed to traffic.

How will traffic be affected?

Construction of the improvements will take about one year to complete. Access for property owners will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

How will this project affect the MDC's Hazelgreen Access area and how will we find out about closures?

The construction of the project will require the closure of about 80% of the parking lot for most of the project. It will also require temporary closure of the boat ramp at various times during the project to allow for the movement of equipment and materials. Information about the closures will be provided by MoDOT and MDC's website. Signs will also be placed at the Hazelgreen and Upstream access points. MoDOT will work with our contractor to keep as much of the area open to the public, but the safety of the users of the access will be our first priority.

Will the existing outer road bridge be removed with this project?

MoDOT is currently working with a non-profit organization, Workin' Bridges, who has expressed interest in taking ownership of the bridge and making improvements to the structure. If Workin' Bridges is unable to obtain the financial resources to take over and maintain the bridge, then the bridge could be removed in the future.

When will the work take place?

The project is scheduled to be bid in the spring of 2018, with construction tentatively scheduled to take place in the summer of 2018.

Will additional right of way be needed to construct this project?

The project will not require any additional right of way.

What will the project cost?

The total construction cost is approximately \$5 million

How can I learn more?

You may learn more by contacting us toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or by visiting us on the Web at <u>www.modot.org/central</u>.