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OUTER ROAD 44 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BEAR CREEK PROJECT

Laclede County



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Type of work: Replace the bridge on Outer Road 44 over Bear Creek in Laclede County.

Construction expected: 2025.

Estimated cost: \$1.6 million including engineering and construction costs.

Subject to change. Information current as of October 2024.



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PROJECT DETAILS

Why is MoDOT replacing the bridge?

Built in 1923 and rehabilitated in 1972, the Outer Road 44 bridge over Bear Creek in Laclede County, is in poor condition, showing signs it has reached the end of its useful life, and in need of replacement.

What will the new bridge look like?

Preliminary plans for the new bridge:

- 26 feet wide with two 11-foot lanes and two 2-foot shoulders – the same as the existing bridge.
- Raise the bridge 8 inches for new girders and to provide additional room for water to flow.
- New guardrail in line with current standards.

How will this bridge work affect traffic?

The bridge will be fully closed for roughly 15 weeks and no detour will be signed. Signs located well ahead of the closure will alert the nearly 400 motorists who use the bridge on an average day to seek an alternate route.

How will the timing of the closures be decided?

MoDOT provides the contractor a date when they may begin work, and a date by which all work must be completed. Within that window, the contractor will be allowed up to 105 calendar days during which the roadway may be closed, or they may be subject to liquidated damages. At this time, the earliest date they could begin work would be in April 2025, with all work to be complete by Dec. 1, 2025 (subject to change).

Current proposed timeline

February 2025: Contractors submit competitive bids.

March 2025: Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission may award contract for work.

April 2025: Earliest the contractor may begin work.

December 2025: Anticipated completion of project.

Subject to change.

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