

# CHESTER BRIDGE

## Status Update



### > ABOUT

The Chester Bridge, originally constructed in 1942, has two 11-foot lanes and carries 7,000 vehicles per day. It connects the cities of Chester, Illinois and Perryville, Missouri across the Mississippi River via Route 51.

MoDOT has a project to rehabilitate and paint the Chester Bridge over the Mississippi River on Route 51 in Perry County.

### > REPAIR PROJECT DETAILS

The repair contract will begin in late summer 2021 with an anticipated completion of fall 2022. Due to the extensive repairs that must be completed, impacts to planting and harvest seasons are unavoidable.

Partial repairs were made to the bridge in 2019 on the approach spans on the Missouri side of the river.

With a new Chester Bridge anticipated to be in place by 2028, the goal of this repair project is to reduce the probability of future weight restrictions or a complete closure.

As work is underway, a temporary concrete barrier will be placed on the bridge, which will reduce the bridge to one-lane traffic with a 10-foot width restriction. A temporary traffic signal will guide motorists through the work zone.

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### > REPAIR PROJECT DETAILS cont.

The current 40-ton weight limit will remain in effect throughout the duration of this project.

Throughout the project, periodic overnight and weekend closures will be required to complete the work. At present, we estimate the bridge will close overnight 12 times throughout the duration of the project. Additionally, the bridge will close two weekends during repairs.

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