

Comments via Online Comment Form

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Please just replace the bridge. And when designing it make it where wideloads dont have to shut it down. Make it wide enough for them.

Q2

Resident (Perry County),

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Business Owner / Operator (Perry County)

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Seriously forget repairing it and just replace it

#2

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

A layer of pavement would be nice.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):
citizen

Q3

Zip Code:

63755

Q4

Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#3

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Needs to be wide lanes, possible two each way with shoulders. A bike lane would be nice. Something along the lines of what they did at Cape or JB.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

This new bridge needs to be built sooner rather than later.....the old bridge is in bad shape and with all the truck traffic, it needs to be replaced now!

#4

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

May I suggest a Lane on either side of the bridge that will transport us out of this hell hole? Thanks.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

St Clair Co resident

Q3

Zip Code:

62264

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Work safe!

#5

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Mailed Newsletter,
Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#6

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Why don't you quit wasting money on patching the old bridge and spend it on building the new one.

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#7

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Please proceed as soon as possible with the U-1 proposal

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),
Elected Official (Randolph County)

Q3

Zip Code:

62278

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Thank you for your continued efforts to replace this bridge

#8

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IP Address: 66.186.101.150

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge is a vital method of transportation between Illinois and Missouri for both residents of these communities and businesses. The necessity to update it is crucial for vehicles.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

former resident and current employee of business in Chester

Q3

Zip Code:

62298

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#9

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative for the new bridge is best suited for the needs of both MO and IL residents and critical to the continued economic health of our region.

Q2

Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

The Preferred Alternative plan is a good fit for the communities and people impacted. With each closure of the bridge due to high water on the MO side, there is a tremendous loss of business and disruption of lives.

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge helps bolster our local economy. The new bridge could foster new economic growth in our region.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#11

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#12

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

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Q2 Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63627

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

This is the most important issue that can be addressed at this time. This impacts so much more than most folks realize. Mayor City of Bloomsdale 27 Years Gilster Mary Lee Employee 35 Years

#13

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#14

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Time Spent: 00:01:40
IP Address: 174.234.143.18

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge needs updated/replaced as quickly as possible.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#15

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Time Spent: 00:01:32
IP Address: 174.234.137.33

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62286

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Let's get this done quickly so we can have a safer, wider and flood proof bridge

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Time Spent: 00:01:49
IP Address: 76.11.227.93

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

It is Critical that we start on this new bridge. We use the Chester bridge every single day for work and the kids school. If the bridge ever shuts down, we will be forced to move over to MO.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#17

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge needs to rebuilt. Fixing the old one over and over isn't sufficient and there will come a day when it goes terribly wrong and lives are on your hands for this mistake. Stop wasting the money by fixing and build a new and safe one! Think of everyone's lives that cross that bridge!

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#18

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Preferred Alternative

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Truck driver for Gilster Mary-Lee

Q3

Zip Code:

63640

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#19

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Time Spent: 00:01:02
IP Address: 107.77.209.66

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

A new bridge would be more safe to travel on

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#20

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Time Spent: 00:01:10
IP Address: 174.234.138.238

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We need a new safe bridge - one that runs alongside the existing one.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62237

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#21

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Time Spent: 00:09:43
IP Address: 107.77.207.106

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

This bridge is needed as soon as possible and is a vital link to MO -IL highway system and the businesses and residents in the surrounding areas.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Over the road Truckdriver.

Q3

Zip Code:

63755

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Word of Mouth,

Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

I drive the current bridge many times a week. It needs to be replaced before it falls apart and also make it wider so I don't have to hold my breath hoping there are no errors when passing oncoming traffic. Thanks

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

There needs to be a new bridge built. The one now is very old and in need of to much repair.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Go across bridge to get gas every week.

Q3

Zip Code:

62274

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

My employer

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#23

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IP Address: 174.234.128.136

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#24

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Time Spent: 00:02:17
IP Address: 208.103.193.18

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The Preferred Alternative looks like a good substitution however will the bridge be taller on the Missouri side so it doesn't flood by Horse Island Shute and close the bridge?

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63673

Q4

Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Lets get this new bridge built before the old one falls in the river.

#25

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IP Address: 174.251.64.252

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#26

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IP Address: 107.77.207.190

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4 Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#27

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Time Spent: 00:00:56
IP Address: 38.21.133.233

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County),
Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#28

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Time Spent: 00:01:15
IP Address: 107.127.35.51

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Zip Code:

63775

Q4 Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#29

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IP Address: 63.142.81.102

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#30

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Time Spent: 00:02:44
IP Address: 76.11.135.46

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

It has cleared the Environmental Assessment, so let's get started. It will benefit both States.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Word of Mouth,**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. **Social Media**

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#31

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Time Spent: 00:06:28
IP Address: 64.83.250.100

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

You need to add another bridge in between St Louis and Chester

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

St Francis labor working in Red bud

Q3

Zip Code:

63628

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Coworker

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

This bridge should have been replaced 20 years ago, one of these days you are going to have a real problem when the stupid thing falls into the river taking someone with it.

#32

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Time Spent: 00:01:33
IP Address: 174.234.144.95

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We really need this new bridge in the preferred alternative. Repair to the current bridge is a waste of funds

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#33

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IP Address: 174.234.131.162

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Preferred alternative

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Other (please specify):

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Work

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#34

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Time Spent: 00:02:51
IP Address: 174.234.137.207

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Preferred Alternative bridge is necessary for our community. We need a safe bridge in general vicinity of current bridge.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,
Local Media Coverage,
Word of Mouth,
Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#36

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IP Address: 157.185.95.74

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The community needs a safer and more efficient bridge. The current bridge closes frequently due to flooding and lane closures due to maintenance. It is past time to move forward with this project.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#37

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Time Spent: 00:01:17
IP Address: 76.11.134.54

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Replacing the Chester bridge has implications for both Missouri and Illinois. With the only other bridges crossing the Mississippi River located at St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, interstate commerce as well as travelers would never have access to the communities nearby. The history on both sides of the river draws many visitors every year. Businesses on both sides of the river rely on this connection to keep goods flowing to every part of the country. Making travelers and businesses travel fifty to sixty miles or more out of their way will force them to abandon any plans for future expansion of business and force travelers to skip seeing the many historical areas associated with this area.

If this part of Missouri and Illinois is to survive and grow into the future, building a larger more efficient Chester Bridge is paramount to these communities. With tax dollars wasted on pork projects in other areas of the state, surely anyone can see where replacing this bridge carries implications far in to our children's future.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Retired business owner, Randolph County

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,

Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#39

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

None

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62241

Q4

Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

It would be great to have a wider bridge for farm implements and for the semi Traffic. ALSO, can there be a way to make the bridge split off where you can reach Kalkaska Island as well.

#40

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I just know a new bridge is needed desperately.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#41

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IP Address: 174.234.142.140

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The chester Bridge is a huge asset to Southern Illinois and South East Missouri. If we lose this 100 of 1000 jobs will be lost tourism will be lost. Family lives 10 away with Bridge as opposed to having to drive 2 hrs plus. And this family members health is not good and needs help we can be there in just a short time.
 Please don't take our pathway away it is needed

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#42

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IP Address: 50.122.95.73

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62278

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Chester Bridge 100% needs replaced its way past fixing. Many people would lose their jobs if we didn't have the Bridge. It would hurt all of Randolph county not just Chester.

#43

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IP Address: 76.11.134.222

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative, moving the bridge 75 feet is ok. The bridge is essential to the economic sustainability of southern IL and southern MO.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,
 Local Media Coverage,
 Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

A new bridge is needed now. The safety of travelers using it is extremely important. Keep IL and MO residents working together. The Midwest needs this bridge. Please move forward on this project.

#44

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#45

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IP Address: 108.175.252.140

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I think bridge needs to be replaced without disruption to traffic during construction. If this is the longer "curved" alternative, then that is the one I would want. Think it needs to be construction that would last a long time with limited disruption to traffic while constructing as both states benefit from the bridge. Closure would greatly impact economics of both states. Repair would NOT solve the issues long-term.

Q2**Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4**Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Think bridge replacement is of the utmost importance asap. Not repair, but a permanent solution to all the issues involved as far as economics of both states, non-closure when waters are high, etc.

#46

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Time Spent: 00:01:05
IP Address: 76.11.133.157

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

We need the bridge.

#47

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Time Spent: 00:00:43
IP Address: 72.51.130.16

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#48

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Time Spent: 00:08:30
IP Address: 174.234.136.110

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge between Illinois & Missouri at Chester needs to be replaced much sooner than later. It is in very poor condition. We travel to Perryville once or twice a week for leisure & shopping. The residents of Randolph Co, IL & Perry Co, MO deserve a safe means of traveling over the Mississippi River!

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#49

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Time Spent: 00:02:40
IP Address: 108.175.252.74

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I agree that the proposed plan that was chosen is the preferred alternative.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. **Social Media**

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

the bridge needs replaced immediately due its age and deteriorated condition.

#50

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Time Spent: 00:01:14
IP Address: 24.100.7.39

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I agree that the chosen location is most suitable and causes the least environmental impact.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Local Media Coverage**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#51

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Time Spent: 00:01:53
IP Address: 76.11.132.93

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I feel all are good choices, but I fell U-1 is the best.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Email,**
Local Media Coverage,
Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Please take into account how this bridge affects all the citizens on both sides of the river. We need this bridge built asap.

#52

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Time Spent: 00:00:47
IP Address: 72.51.130.209

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I support the new bridge plan.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Word of Mouth,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

NA

#53

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IP Address: 104.235.128.71

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Email,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

This bridge needs replaced ASAP!! I'm afraid that if the project is continuously pushed back that something horrible is going to happen and then it's going to be too late; the damage will be done already.

#54

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62272

Q4 Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#55

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IP Address: 76.11.132.236

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#56

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Time Spent: 00:04:38
IP Address: 174.255.130.206

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Just simply.. we need a good bridge. One not bothered by flooding and one not falling apart that will last for years to come. The current bridge has lasted its life even though its kind of sad to see it go. Lets get the new one soon!

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

**Word of Mouth,
Social Media**

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#57

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Time Spent: 00:01:24
IP Address: 50.40.162.105

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I think this bridge needs to be replaced as soon as possible before something drastic happens.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#58

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IP Address: 50.40.181.11

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Please fast track this project. We need this bridge!

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#59

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Time Spent: 00:01:33
IP Address: 174.234.132.78

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We just need a new bridge built as soon as possible!!

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),
Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#60

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Time Spent: 00:01:32
IP Address: 50.44.254.219

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

This bridge needs to be replaced ASAP!

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#61

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Time Spent: 00:03:05
IP Address: 174.234.128.243

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62241

Q4 Email,
How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Local Media Coverage,
Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

The Chester bridge needs to be replaced sooner rather than later. Steel plates covering holes in the deck happens too often.

#62

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Last Modified: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:08:37 PM
Time Spent: 00:00:42
IP Address: 70.100.44.145

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Need a safer and flood free bridge

#63

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Time Spent: 00:02:27
IP Address: 65.87.42.44

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The current bridge is not safe due to so many barges hitting it. Also they need to build it, in such a way that flooding does not impact it!

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62277

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#64

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Time Spent: 00:01:30
IP Address: 50.40.184.26

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We need a new bridge

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#65

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Time Spent: 00:03:20
IP Address: 76.11.231.197

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Word of Mouth,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

build a new bridge before it falls in the river

#66

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Time Spent: 00:05:26
IP Address: 104.235.156.39

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Chester bridge does need extensive repair or newly built altogether. The bridge, however, does not need to move from Chester. Large businesses, GML, TG, Mississippi Lyme Co, etc. use this bridge and altering the route would affect businesses and the residents of Randolph Co IL and Perry Co Mo. Please do not let the empty promises of constituents and politicians who don't use the bridge daily prevail. I work for the VA in Poplar Bluff Mo and live in IL. If the bridge would leave Chester I would not be able to travel and would have to find different employment. There are many residents that travel to and from MO for work.

Q2**Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4**Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#67

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Time Spent: 00:00:52
IP Address: 50.40.227.98

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#68

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Time Spent: 00:00:53
IP Address: 166.137.83.44

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#69

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Time Spent: 00:03:09
IP Address: 70.100.45.126

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Word of Mouth,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

We definitely need a new bridge but please rebuild & keep it in Chester. We use Perryville almost as an extension of our own community to eat, shop, get gas, recreation, etc and it would be devastating to our community if it were moved elsewhere. Thank-you!

#70

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Time Spent: 00:01:10
IP Address: 216.138.61.198

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The bridge must stay in Chester and adhere as close to the same route as possible to the present route.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#71

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Time Spent: 00:00:37
IP Address: 216.138.61.198

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

n/a

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

n/a

#72

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Last Modified: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:14:32 PM
Time Spent: 00:28:08
IP Address: 174.236.129.87

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

A new bridge is needed

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

College student who travels home

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

A new bridge is needed for safe traveling for people everyday and who come in and out of Illinois Missouri

#73

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Time Spent: 00:01:45
IP Address: 38.21.133.46

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

This bridge is in dire need of replacement or major repairs

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62272

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Act quickly

#74

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IP Address: 65.214.68.157

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

It would devastate the economy of Perry Co. and Randolph Co. it is centrally located between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62280

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#75

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IP Address: 76.11.132.142

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

This is a vital route for workers, travelers, truckers and a direct link between Missouri and Illinois for miles in any direction. It is the lifeblood between the communities of Chester and Perryville. It supports a multimillion dollar industry for Gilsters. Those individuals who live in this area would have drastically change our lifestyles if this route was removed. This would add time on to our commutes and take away time from our family life. I know that after living in this area for over 40 years, the economy and small town businesses around this bridge route would not survive without its convenience.

Q2**Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4**Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#76

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IP Address: 50.44.255.62

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I agree with the assessment and preferred alternative.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

The timing of this project is advantageous given the focus on infrastructure by the current administration. If there is anything citizens can do to expedite the funding of this project, please let us know. As a daily commuter on the Chester Bridge, I believe a new bridge is absolutely necessary sooner rather than later as the current bridge is well past its useful life. Closure of the current bridge before a new one is constructed would be devastating for the local economy both in Missouri and Illinois.

#77

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Time Spent: 00:02:07
IP Address: 174.234.145.248

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Keep the bridge in the current location. I live in Perryville, MO but work in Illinois. My kids attend many events in Chester.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Perry County),

Other (please specify):

Employee by State of IL

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#78

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Time Spent: 00:02:48
IP Address: 50.40.181.239

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Whichever is the safest location to build that is closest to where the current bridge is now. With a height on the Missouri side to help prevent future flooding. The top importance is keeping the location geographically in the same general location for a multitude of reasons.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Thank you for gathering public comments and concerns!

#79

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Time Spent: 00:05:14
IP Address: 50.40.176.210

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

The chester bridge is a vital infrastructure to our community. Many people that live in chester use the bridge daily to commute to work. It is imperative that the bridge be replaced. It would be a financial nightmare for so many if we lose this access to missouri. I use this bridge regularly to shop in Missouri.

Q2**Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4**Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#80

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Time Spent: 00:11:11
IP Address: 174.251.64.229

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We definitely need a new bridge ASAP! It needs to be wider so that they don't have to stop traffic every time wide loads or farm equipment comes across. It would also be nice to have an area for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#81

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Time Spent: 00:01:00
IP Address: 208.103.193.18

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We need a new bridge as losing this one will kill the local economy.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62280

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#82

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Time Spent: 00:00:51
IP Address: 174.234.132.116

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63337

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#83

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Time Spent: 00:01:46
IP Address: 50.45.48.66

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We need this bridge to stay where it is

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),

Other (please specify):

Life time resident

Q3

Zip Code:

62286

Q4

Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#84

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Time Spent: 00:02:43
IP Address: 50.40.191.118

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Perry County),
Elected Official (Perry County)
Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3
Zip Code:
62274

Q4 Social Media
How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5
Additional comments, if any:
I believe it would be a lot safer the way I heard the new bridge going to be built

#85

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 5:38:16 AM
Time Spent: 00:01:53
IP Address: 76.11.133.153

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

A new bridge needs to be built as soon as possible.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#86

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Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Time Spent: 00:01:43
IP Address: 24.207.244.196

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Moving the bridge would be devastating to Randolph and Perry county. Citizens have counted on this bridge to get to jobs, families, etc.

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#87

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IP Address: 76.11.135.57

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62286

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#88

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Time Spent: 00:16:06
IP Address: 76.11.135.197

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

From the beginning it was put there for a reason: centrally located between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, it would be devastating to uproot the dependency the businesses and commuters have relied upon; i.e., reference the inconvenience and lost revenues when closed for extended time due to flooding.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),

Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County),

Other (please specify):

Patron who appreciates what the local Missouri side restaurants offer.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

A new bridge at the same location will prove to be an economic boost to the area - a move from the area will prove to be an economic disaster to the area

#89

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IP Address: 108.175.247.135

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Seems to be a fairly comprehensive impact study on environmental issues.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Social Media

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#90

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IP Address: 174.234.134.31

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#91

COMPLETE

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IP Address: 216.158.124.150

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Word of Mouth,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply. Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

In my opinion only people within 100 miles see how important this bridge is to have here. Shutting this bridge down without a replacement at the same location would hurt alot of people and businesses. Alot of people would have to change jobs or move to the opposite state to keep their current job.

#92

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Time Spent: 00:01:43
IP Address: 174.234.137.174

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County),
Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62241

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

replace old bridge with new one next to it in chester

#93

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IP Address: 50.44.252.22

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We just need a new bridge started soon! There are spots where you can see the river below through the bridge. This is dangerous for everyone.

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Word of Mouth

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Get in on Biden's infrastructure plan. If any place needs a new bridge it Chester.

#94

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Rebuild & do not move!

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62280

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Rebuild & do not move!

#95

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IP Address: 174.234.130.109

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#96

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Time Spent: 00:03:13
IP Address: 174.234.136.9

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I prefer the new bridge remain in Chester as this is a huge thoroughfare for so many drivers & trucks. Many employees of Menard Correctional Center & Chester Mental Health live in MO. Many IL people use the bridge to purchase MO gas since it is cheaper.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#97

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Time Spent: 00:03:41
IP Address: 174.255.0.68

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

This bridge needs to be rebuilt in approximately the same area. It is in very bad shape and needs replaced. Not just patched every 4 to 6 months.

Q2

Resident (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63673

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#98

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Time Spent: 00:01:57
IP Address: 72.51.130.104

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We desperately need a new Chester bridge now before it becomes unusable

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#99

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Time Spent: 00:05:05
IP Address: 50.40.241.16

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We need a new bridge connecting Chester to Perryville. It is a much needed improvement to a necessity to our region. The Preferred Alternative would be great.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County),

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Q3

Zip Code:

62241

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#100

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Time Spent: 00:01:00
IP Address: 50.45.13.191

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#101

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Time Spent: 00:00:36
IP Address: 50.44.251.232

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I urge you to move ahead with the preferred alternative.

Q2 **Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4 **Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#102

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Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Last Modified: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:41:00 AM
Time Spent: 00:05:00
IP Address: 76.11.227.65

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Obvious necessity.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,
Word of Mouth,
Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Thanks for seeing the necessity of a new facility.

#103

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IP Address: 50.109.140.39

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#104

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:12:31 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:26
IP Address: 157.185.90.154

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

A new bridge would be a great improvement from what we have now. The existing bridge is in rough condition and is very narrow. The bridge is essential for this area. Many people and businesses use the bridge daily.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

**Word of Mouth,
Social Media**

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#105

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Time Spent: 00:01:18
IP Address: 72.51.128.63

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Email,
Local Media Coverage,
Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

We need to keep the bridge location. Many residents use it fro work.

#106

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Last Modified: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:44:26 AM
Time Spent: 00:08:39
IP Address: 70.100.44.229

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

It is imperative for Chester & Perryville to thrive to have a safe bridge or a new bridge. Do not close or move the bridge. It would be devastating for Gilster Mary Lee and TG as well. MO & IL residents need this bridge to continue their employment.

Q2**Resident (Randolph County)**

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4**Social Media**

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional comments, if any:

#107

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Time Spent: 00:11:24
IP Address: 65.214.67.245

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I'm excited and content that this assessment identified U-1 as the best way to move forward.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

I would like to suggest including the addition of a stoplight at the IL junction that meet IL Route 3. Multiple times a day, this area receives rush-hour style traffic. It is very difficult to turn northbound onto R3 during those times, and bridge traffic comes to a standstill. In addition, there is pedestrian traffic very close to the road at this intersection, with no sidewalk. In order to have the most successful end product for the new bridge, these issues that a car, truck, or tractor meets immediately after crossing the bridge should also be considered. Thank you for your time.

#108

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:00:56
IP Address: 72.51.128.226

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Move ahead with the Preferred Alternative as soon as possible. It is the best location for the bridge and will be safer and not affected by flooding.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

N/A

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Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

My family goes to Cape Girardeau to see the doctor. Without this bridge it would make that trip even longer. This bridge is vital to the economy in Randolph County.

#111

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Other (please specify):
agricultural products to MO via bridge

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62278

Q4 Local Media Coverage

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Need bridge alternative sooner rather than later. Essential to those living and working in the area. Especially with the new designated Federal Parks.

#112

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Preferred Alternative

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),
Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Q3

Zip Code:

62288

Q4

Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#113

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I think MODOT should do the Preferred Alternative as soon as possible! I think it is way overdue! We keep getting moved down the list. This is the best and safer location for the bridge and not affect flooding in my opinion.

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

Local Media Coverage,

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

**Word of Mouth,
Social Media**

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments, if any:

#114

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Needs to move forward as soon as possible. Current bridge is in terrible shape, and it would be disastrous for this region economically if there were to ever be a period of time you could not cross the river at Chester.

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Randolph County),
Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,
Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Q2 Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62243

Q4 Social Media

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

We need a new bridge. The existing bridge is having daily issues it seems ie holes in the pavement and the edging is falling apart. These issues are causing accidents. Public safety is at risk.

#116

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

I fully support the preferred alternative. A new bridge is desperately needed and this is an excellent proposed location.

Q2

Business Owner / Operator (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62285

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

I use the bridge at least once a week. It is imperative that this project be started as soon as possible as the existing bridge is in horrible condition and is both scary and dangerous to use.

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

We are writing today as the Mayor of both Chester, Illinois, and Perryville, Missouri. The past success of our individual cities, along with our future ambitions, are connected by the Chester Bridge. We would estimate that between our two counties, thousands of our friends and neighbors travel across the Chester Bridge every day. These are our factory workers; our teachers and correctional workers; our farmers; our shoppers, diners, and tourists. TG Missouri estimated previous shutdowns of the bridge cost their company nearly \$100,000 per week in additional mileage and hotel rooms. Gilster-Mary Lee, which has factories on both sides of the river, has estimated it costs about \$3 per mile to drive a tractor trailer truck and they make countless trips across that bridge every single day. Rollet Brothers Trucking, Behlman Trucking, and countless smaller haulers use that bridge every day to deliver their goods. Farmers on both sides of the river use it to help feed America. When the bridge closes for repairs or due to flooding, the immediate impacts to business are very serious. The costs of alternative routes grow exponentially every single day the bridge is closed and this will only get worse in the future.

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Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Resident (Perry County),
Resident (Randolph County),
Elected Official (Perry County),
Elected Official (Randolph County),
Other (please specify):
Mayors of Chester, IL and Perryville, MO

Q3

Zip Code:

62233 and 63775

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,

Mailed Newsletter,

Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Respondent skipped this question

#118

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

please continue forward Something needs to be done soon! Thanks Charlie

Q2

Resident (Randolph County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

62233

Q4

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Email,
Local Media Coverage,
Social Media

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

The deck is really bad ! Thanks

#119

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

As we have expressed in the past we are in favor of the preferred alternative (U-1).

Q2

Business Owner / Operator (Perry County)

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Q3

Zip Code:

63775

Q4

Email

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

Comment by:

Midwest Petroleum Company
220 Old Meramec Station Rd.
Manchester, MO 63021
(636) 220-3800

Owner & Operator of the Conoco Gas Station on the east bound approach to the bridge. We also operate the ZX Gas station across the street from the Conoco.

#120

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Q1

Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for contacting the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7. In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Chester Bridge Environmental Assessment.

The Chester Bridge EA is a transportation study that will investigate and identify improvements intended to develop a safe and reliable Route 51 crossing of the Mississippi River. Overall, the purpose of the Chester Bridge EA is to improve the reliability of the crossing and improve the functionality of the crossing.

At this time the EPA has no jurisdictional comments that would hinder continuance of this project. We would appreciate notification when the final decision has been made on the bridge type selected and any deviations in the project plan that might have alternative environmental impacts to the proposed project study area or other projects that might be ongoing in the immediate area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joe Summerlin at (913) 551-7029 or via email at summerlin.joe@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Joe Summerlin
NEPA Project Manager
EPA Region 7

Q2

Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Environmental Protection Agency

Q3

Zip Code:

66219

Q4

Other (please specify):

How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Letter

Q5

Additional comments, if any:

In the future, please send EPA an email instead of USPS with a point of contact within your agency so that we may send official comments via email.

Comments via U.S. Mail

Letter from Veda DuClos

108 Clarence Dr
Red Bud, Ill
62278

Jason Williams
Mo Dept of Transportation
2675 N. Main St
Sikeston Mo. 63801

Dear Sir:

I don't cross the Chester Bridge as often as I used to, but when I do, I hope I get across it. My family feels the same.

I won't live to see the new bridge "if" there ever is one. My husband (deceased) was one of the last to cross the bridge in 1944 when the storm hit the bridge. I didn't know him then and wasn't in Randolph Co then. My hopes are that some day my family can enjoy and safely cross a Chester Bridge.

Sincerely,

Veda Du Clos

I was born in S.E. Mo. ☺

Letter from Karla Chapman

① 4/26/21

I saw the article in the
Perry, Ill. paper.

We need a new bridge PRONTO!
It is scary to cross it. I don't
want to see the UNDERSIDE, top
is bad enough.

Plus when the river floods
lower end of bridge road gets
a water on it & or it gets so close
to the edge of highway. Southern
Illinois is usually forgotten. So
many love to go to Missouri
for one thing or another.

②

Please, please, please try
to push forward SOON to get
this new road, BRIDGE going.
I may not see it, but, I'm only
71 and would love to see
it started & hopefully FINISHED

Sincerely,
Ralph & Karla Chapman
208 Powell Rd.
Red Bud, Ill.
62278

Letters from Cities & Counties

**City of Perryville & City of Chester Joint
Letter**



CITY OF
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

215 North West Street
Perryville, Missouri 63775

CITY OF
CHESTER, ILLINOIS

1330 Swanwick Street
Chester, Illinois 62233



April 27, 2021

Missouri Department of Transportation
ATTN: Brian Okenfuss
2675 N. Main Street
Sikeston, MO 63801

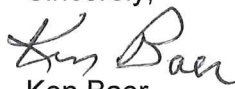
Re: Chester Bridge Comments

Dear Brian,

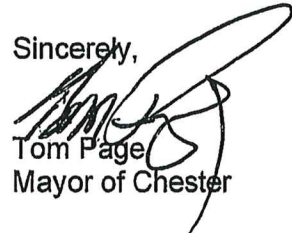
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Sincerely,


Ken Baer
Mayor of Perryville

Sincerely,


Tom Page
Mayor of Chester

Perry County Letter

Perry County Commission

Mike J. Sauer, Presiding Commissioner
Jay P. Wengert, 1st District Commissioner
Keith A. Hoehn, 2nd District Commissioner

321 N. Main Street, Suite 2
Perryville, MO 63775
Phone: 573-547-4242

Jared W. Kutz, County Clerk

jwmkutz@perrycountymo.us

May 4, 2021

Missouri Department of Transportation
ATTN: Brian Okenfuss
2675 N Main St
Sikeston, MO 63801

Greetings Mr. Okenfuss,

On behalf of the residents and the business and industry leaders of our community we are reaching out to you regarding the replacement of the Chester Bridge.

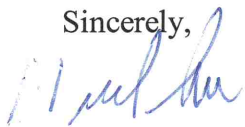
The economic impact of this bridge is far reaching, affecting the success for significant portion business, industry, agriculture and workforce we need to keep Perry County moving in the direction of progress and prosperity. Companies like Gilster-Mary, TG Missouri, Rollet Brothers Trucking and other haulers, as well as the countless men and women who serve as employees in our region and the many farmers who utilize the bridge to transport product need a stable mode of travel to keep the economy in this area moving.

Chester Bridge closures due to high river levels, and flooding have had a crippling impact for these businesses, as well as the people who use the bridge to get back and forth to work for far too long. Alternate routes are costly in both time and money, due to the fact the bridge is the only crossing between St Louis and Cape Girardeau.

The current bridge has surpassed the ability to be a safe mode of travel between Missouri and Illinois for the more than 6,000 vehicles a day that travel across it. Further, for many years, Perry County, Missouri and Randolph County, Illinois have been told that the bridge replacement is a priority project, yet the task has never moved past the discussion phase. Our communities desperately need a new bridge to be constructed.

We implore MoDOT to represent us in our plight to bring a safe and affordable mode of travel across the river for our people. We can no longer be ignored, and request that the bridge replacement happen as soon as possible for the sake of the cities and towns in not just Perry and Randolph counties, but surrounding counties and the region as well who stand to benefit from the construction of a new bridge.

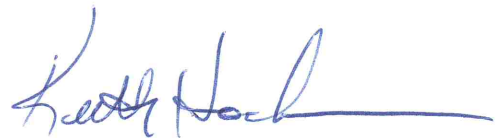
Sincerely,



Mike J. Sauer
Presiding Commissioner
County of Perry, MO



Jay P. Wengert
Assoc. Commissioner - Dist 1



Keith A. Hoehn
Assoc. Commissioner - Dist 2

Agency Comments

USACE EA Comment Summary

these closures is a transportation problem that this EA is intended to rectify. This section discusses this issue.

1.3.3.1 Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District

The Bois Brule Bottom, located in Missouri, is approximately 6 miles wide and 18 miles long. With rich soil, it is very suited to farming. Bois Brule Bottom is bordered to the north by the Old River channel, which is the old channel of the Mississippi River that shifted course following the flood of 1844 and separates Bois Brule Bottom from Kaskaskia Island. Bois Brule is French for "Burnt Wood". Early French settlers used the term to describe a burnt tract of forest. Flooding has been a constant concern within Bois Brule Bottom since settlement began. ~~The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operates the Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District and maintains the levees and chutes.~~

The Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District protects approximately 26,000 acres. The District consists of 33.1 miles of levee, 341 relief wells, and 4 pump stations. The District's primary risk is under-seepage. This problem affects the entire District. With the existing under-seepage issues, sudden failure of the levee can occur along the levee, placing human life, vehicles, building, industrial equipment, livestock, and agricultural production at risk. The levee failed because of under-seepage prior to the crest of the 1993 Great Flood, flooding the entire levee district to a depth of 20 feet. Failures due to under-seepage can occur very rapidly with little warning.

In the vicinity of the Chester Bridge EA, an earthen levee parallels the Horse Island Chute. At Route 51, the elevation of the road is lower than the top of the levee. This creates a gap in the levee. To cover this gap, a temporary flood wall is placed across the road, as necessary, as shown on **Figure 1-7**. When in place, the temporary flood wall forces the closure of Route 51.



Figure 1-7. Heavy Equipment Used to Install/Remove Route 51 Temporary Flood Wall

1.3.3.2 Frequency of Flood-Related Closures

Near Chester, flooding of the Mississippi River begins at a river level of 27 feet.


The highest level recorded was during the Great Flood of 1993 (49.74 feet). When the river reaches 40.7 feet, Route 51 will need to be closed (National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service, 2020). However, MoDOT reports that based on recent experience, Route 51 needs to be closed when the river reaches 44 feet on the Chester gauge.


According to the National Weather Service, only seven of the historically highest river crests met the 40.7-foot level and only four met the 44-foot level. Consequently, closures of Route 51 due to weather are relatively rare. However, all closures have been relatively recent (since 1973) and can be quite lengthy. The 2015 closure lasted roughly a week (December 28 through January 4). The 2017 closure also lasted nearly a week (May 4 through May 10). The most recent closure, occurring in June 2019, lasted 21 days (June 2 through June 22).

Closures result in detours of roughly 100 miles. The increasingly interconnected world makes the crossing important to the cities of both Chester and Perryville, as well as the larger region. With almost


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The Bois Brule levee system is federally authorized and constructed and locally operated and maintained by the nonfederal Sponsor, Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District.

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This information is inaccurate. See <https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil/#/levees/system/5605030001/features> for correct levee feature description.

1 Alternatives

2 This section examines the development and evaluation of the study's alternatives.

3 The alternative development process begins with identifying a wide range of initial alternatives that
 4 could potentially address the transportation needs established by the study. These initial alternatives
 5 are called Conceptual Alternatives. The Conceptual Alternatives were developed in accordance with
 6 principles of appropriate design standards with consideration of existing planning goals, public
 7 involvement, potential environmental impacts, and engineering judgment. **Section 2.1** presents the
 8 Conceptual Alternatives.

9 The primary screening tool used to evaluate the Conceptual Alternatives is an analysis of how well they
 10 satisfy the study's Purpose and Need. **Section 2.2** presents the Purpose and Need screening of the
 11 Conceptual Alternatives. Those alternatives that are determined to satisfy the study's Purpose and Need
 12 are referred to as Reasonable Alternatives/Alternatives to be Carried Forward. The identification of the
 13 Reasonable Alternatives is presented in **Section 2.3**.

14 The Reasonable Alternatives are further developed and refined based on more detailed engineering
 15 analysis and known constraints. This allows for the establishment of preliminary study footprints and, in
 16 turn, for detailed impact assessments, cost estimates, and traffic evaluations.

17 The Reasonable Alternative that best accomplishes the Purpose and Need for the proposed action while
 18 avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating the impacts to the social and natural environment is referred to as
 19 the Preferred Alternative.

20 **Figure 2-1** depicts the overall process of alternative development and evaluation.

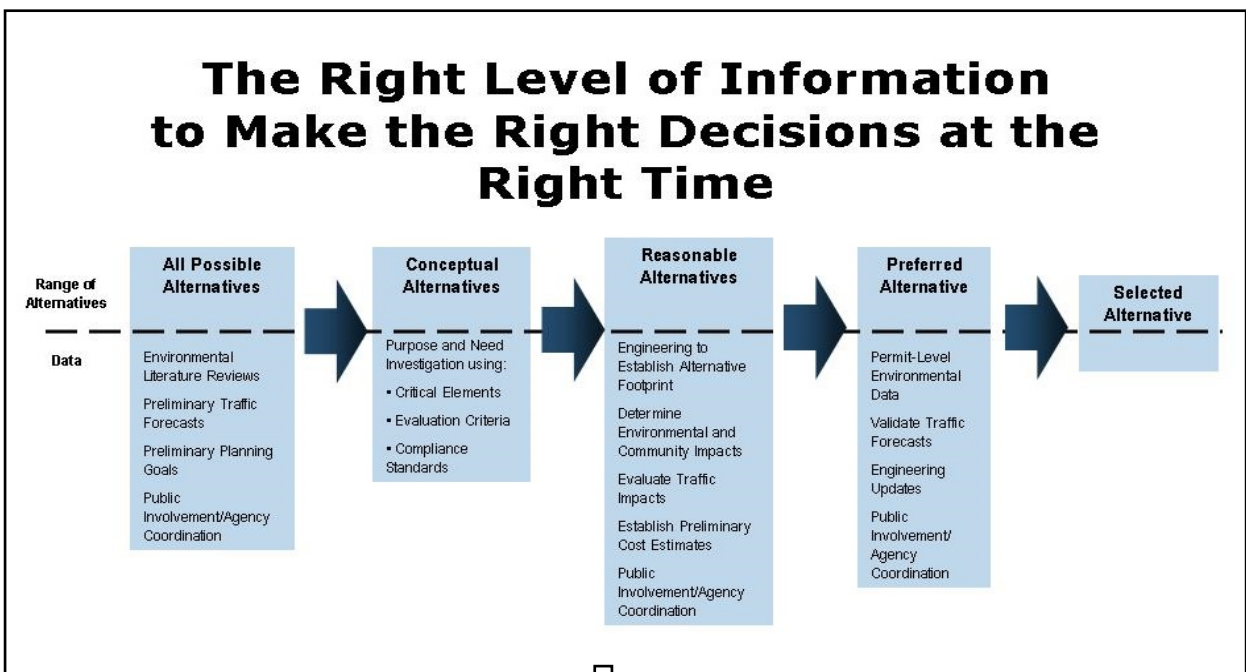



Figure 2-1. Process of Alternative Development and Evaluation

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2.1 Conceptual Alternatives

This section of the EA describes the following:

- How and why Conceptual Alternatives were selected for detailed study
- How MoDOT, IDOT, and FHWA evaluated Conceptual Alternatives
- Why alternatives were eliminated from further consideration

Each of the Conceptual Alternatives has been developed to a comparable level of detail to enable a reasonable comparison. Decisions were made based on the ability of an alternative to satisfy the study's Purpose and Need.

2.1.1 No New Build Conceptual Alternatives

The Conceptual Alternatives that do not include a new bridge structure are limited and are presented in this section.

2.1.1.1 No-Build Alternative


The No-Build Alternative for the Chester Bridge EA would consist of maintaining the current roadways and structures in essentially their current conditions. Routine maintenance would continue, and occasional minor safety upgrades would be implemented. No capacity additions or major improvements would be made. Overall, the No-Build Alternative does not meet the study's Purpose and Need. It is described in this EA to provide a baseline condition against which the changes associated with the other alternatives may be evaluated.

The No-Build Alternative assumes that capacity additions on major improvements would not be constructed; thus, many impacts—positive and negative—associated with new construction, would not occur. These impacts include expenditure of funds, land use changes that include converting existing development or public lands into highway right-of-way, potential increased economic development, improved multi-modal accessibility, and improved safety. The No-Build Alternative is not a no-cost concept because maintenance and repair of the existing roadway infrastructure would be needed to ensure the continued use of the corridor. Given the age of the bridges, maintenance costs are an increasing concern.

2.1.1.2 Rehabilitate Existing Bridges

Rehabilitation of the Chester and Horse Island Chute bridges would involve major structural steel repairs, deck replacement, cap replacement, and/or rail replacement at both bridges. While this would improve the crossings at the existing locations, it would not return the bridges to their original structural condition. It is assumed that this alternative would best represent a configuration that could maintain the historic integrity of the existing bridges. As discussed in **Section 2.2.3**, preliminary structural investigations concluded that the rehabilitation would be quite expensive and result in bridges with a shorter operational life. During the evaluations of possible rehabilitations, 15- and 50-year rehabilitations were studied. The 50-year rehabilitation seems unlikely to result in a bridge that would retain the bridge's historic integrity. While the 15-year rehabilitation is more likely to retain the bridge's historic integrity, it is not considered a reasonable or cost-effective alternative. In either case, a standard 75-year design life for the existing bridge is not practically obtainable.

A situation where one bridge is rehabilitated, and one bridge is replaced was not considered because it clearly could not eliminate the need to close the crossing during Route 51 flooding. Additionally, it would require the closure of the crossing, while the connection between two bridges is built. Alternately, a one-way couplet configuration, discussed in **Section 2.3**, was investigated. This configuration provides an opportunity to use the rehabilitated existing bridges and maintain historic integrity to the maximum extent possible.

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2.2.1.3 Criteria for Evaluating Flood-Related Closures

There is a small gap in the Bois Brule Levee where the Horse Island Chute Bridge meets Route 51. To maintain the integrity of the levee, a temporary flood wall is installed over the road. The temporary flood wall closes Route 51 and the river crossings. To determine if an alternative can satisfy this Purpose and Need element, a single screening criterion was used: whether the gap in the Bois Brule Levee will be corrected.

The performance measure is simply whether the need for the existing temporary flood wall is eliminated.

Any new build alternative can be designed to accomplish this measure. However, neither the No-Build Alternative nor the Rehabilitate the Existing Bridge Alternative will satisfy this criterion.

2.2.1.4 Criteria for Evaluating Local and Regional Connectivity

The existing bridge system provides locally important roadway connections. Because of the distance to other river crossings, for all practical purposes, the Chester and Horse Island Chute bridges provide the only available access to these connections. These connections will need to be accommodated in appropriate ways. To determine if an alternative can satisfy the needs of local connectivity, five performance measures were used (**Table 2-1**). These performance measures examined whether access to important local resources (Mississippi River, Horse Island, Bois Brule, Menard Correctional Center, and the Route 3 Truck Bypass) could be maintained or accommodated.

The current bridges are also important to regional connectivity within southeast Missouri and southwest Illinois. To determine if an alternative can satisfy the needs of regional connectivity, three performance measures were used (**Table 2-1**). These performance measures examined whether access to important regional resources (I-55/Chester/Bois Brule Bottom and Kaskaskia Island) could be maintained/accommodated. The ability to maintain the crossing during construction was also considered.

The No-Build and the two Upstream Alternatives (U-1 and U-2) can satisfy all of these performance measures. The Rehabilitate Existing and New Bridge at Existing Location alternatives (No-Build and E-1) cannot construct a new bridge without closing the existing crossing for an extended period. The two Downstream Alternatives (D-1 and D-2) cannot maintain the existing Truck Bypass. Additionally, Alternative D-2 cannot provide farm access to Horse Island.

2.2.2 Summary of the Purpose and Need Screening

The Conceptual Alternatives are remarkably successful at addressing the transportation problems associated with the Chester Bridge crossing. As shown on **Table 2-1**, even the poorest operating Conceptual Alternatives—those that retain the existing structure (No-Build and Rehabilitate Existing)—satisfy the majority of the Purpose and Need performance measures:

- The No-Build Alternative satisfies 56 percent of the performance measures (10 of 18). However, it cannot satisfy any of the performance measures associated with addressing the operational issues caused by the bridge's narrow lanes. Further, it does not address the condition issues of the existing bridge. Neither can it eliminate the need for the temporary flood wall along Route 51. Conversely, it does maintain the existing access pattern.
- The Rehabilitate the Existing Bridge Alternative satisfies 63 percent of the performance measures (12 of 19). Compared to the No-Build Alternative, this alternative has the advantage of possibly allowing for the improvement of some of the condition issues of the existing bridges and the disadvantage of requiring the closure of the crossing to do this work. Also, this alternative does not eliminate the need for the temporary flood wall along Route 51.



In the Upland Forest areas, the FQI value was determined to be 19.34, the Mean C was 2.56, and the Native Mean C was 4.06. This corresponds to a stable, moderately diverse habitat. This unit is moderately disturbed. Roughly 37 percent of the species are non-native. The largest portion of species (42 percent) had a zero C value; 11 percent had C values greater than 7.

In the Floodplain Forest area, the FQI value was determined to be 17.58, the Mean C was 3.32, and the Native Mean C was 4.43. This corresponds to a stable, moderately diverse habitat. This unit is moderately disturbed. Roughly 0.25 of the species are non-native. The largest portion of species (32 percent) had a zero C value; 21 percent had C values greater than 7.

In the Emergent Wetland area, the FQI value was determined to be 17.83, the Mean C was 2.97, and the Native Mean C was 4.65. This corresponds to a stable, moderately diverse habitat. This unit is moderately disturbed. Roughly 36 percent of the species are non-native. The largest portion of species (42 percent) had a zero C value; 22 percent had C values greater than 7.

There are no meaningful differences among the Reasonable Alternatives and the Preferred Alternative with regard to FQI.

3.2.1.3 Unique Habitats

The IDNR EcoCAT system identified resources in the vicinity of the Chester Bridge EA study area. The EcoCAT system provides data for the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act, Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, and Illinois Interagency Wetland Policy Act. EcoCAT coordination identified several potential unique habitats from the Illinois Natural Area Inventory; see **Figure 2-10**. The following unique habitats were identified:

- The **Mudd's Landing** INAI site 1307 occurs within the Mississippi River between river mile 120 and 106. For reference, the Chester Bridge is located at river mile 110. The existing bridge has three piers in the Mississippi River on the Illinois side, and the navigation channels are 650 feet wide on both the Illinois and Missouri sides. USCG requires an 800-foot navigation channel on the Illinois side and a 500-foot navigation channel on the Missouri side for a new bridge. The 800-foot requirement on the Illinois side pushes a new bridge's third pier into the Missouri side of the river. A new bridge will require two new piers to be built on the Illinois side of the river in the Mississippi River Mudd's Landing INAI site.
- The **Coles Mill Geological Area** is located just outside the study area in Chester. No work will occur in this INAI site. There are no meaningful differences among the Reasonable Alternatives and the Preferred Alternative with regard to unique habitats.

Based on coordination with IDOT/INDR (EcoCAT response dated October 4, 2018), the following commitment will be added to the project:

- IDOT will contact the IDNR Fisheries Lower Mississippi River Biologist at least 60 days prior to blasting (see **Section 5**).

3.2.2 Geology

The geotechnical data available for the Chester Bridge EA is summarized from an assessment conducted by the ISGS and available data for MDNR and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

There are no meaningful differences among the Reasonable Alternatives and the Preferred Alternative with regard to geology.

3.2.2.1 Surficial Geology

The topmost bedrock unit in the area has been mapped as the Mississippian-age Upper Pope Group, which consists of sandstone, limestone, coal, and shale.



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What mitigation measures will be in place during blasting to prevent fish kills?

3.2.2.5 Underground Mines, Caves, and Sink Holes

In Illinois, according to the ISGS, the study area is located in a karst region. Karst terrains develop because of the dissolution of carbonate bedrock. Karst features and resulting karst hazards are most common in areas where carbonate rocks either crop out at the surface, or where they are shallowly buried beneath unconsolidated materials generally less than 50 feet in thickness. Hazards common to karst regions include sinkholes, springs, erratic surface water drainage and groundwater flow, and rapid subsurface movement of materials into and through the subsurface. Sinkholes and springs can also back up and cause local flooding during high-volume rain or snowmelt events.

While ISGS mapping indicates that karst features such as caves or sinkholes may be present in the study area, these features were not observed during ISGS field investigations for this project. The ISGS karst maps are published at a scale of 1:500,000 and may reflect conditions present in the area but not specific to the actual project location. Therefore, karst hazards may not be present within the project limits. No other observed or known natural hazards were identified for this project.

In Missouri, MDNR keeps a record of sinkholes reported to the program or shown on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps. There are no records of sinkholes in the Chester Bridge EA study area. Perry County has a high prevalence of sinkholes and the highest concentration of caves in Missouri. Frank Wildman with The University of Missouri Extension has been contacted with regard to sinkholes. No evidence of sinkholes or cover crop barriers was observed during the study. MoDOT provided information from the Missouri Speleological Survey (2019 data) that there are no known caves records within four miles to the west of Horse Island Chute Bridge.

3.2.3 Endangered Species

This section summarizes the laws and programs associated with the conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals and the habitats in which they are found. These laws and programs seek to assure the continued existence of listed species.

3.2.3.1 Affected Environment

According to coordination with the Information Planning and Consultation package from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), there are records for species listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The following species have been identified as those that may occur or could potentially be affected by activities in proximity to the Chester Bridge EA study area:

- Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) – Least terns are small gulls (9 inches in length). Terns will dive into the water for small fish. Their current habitat follows a wide swath along the Mississippi River. The conservation status of the species found that the species is resilient to existing and potential threats, the amelioration of threats throughout much of its range due to increased population size and range and by the implementation of beneficial management practices, and changes in existing regulatory mechanisms that are more protective of migratory birds.
- Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) – The pallid sturgeon is big river fish that ranges widely in the Mississippi and Missouri River system (including parts of some major tributaries). Their preferred habitat has a diversity of depths and velocities formed by braided channels, sand bars, sand flats and gravel bars. There has been no substrate survey of the study area yet. Any pallid sturgeon moving through the area could be impacts by both demolition and construction activities.
- Small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) – The small whorled pogonia is an orchid considered extirpated from the state of Missouri. It occurs on upland sites in mixed-deciduous or mixed deciduous/coniferous forests that are generally in second- or third-growth successional stages. The species' historical range one site in Randolph County, Illinois. Habitat characteristics are generally sparse to moderate ground cover in the species, a relatively open understory canopy, and proximity



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to persisting breaks in the forest canopy. Soils are generally acidic and nutrient poor, with moderately high soil moisture values. Light availability could be a limiting factor for this species.

Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalist*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) – Gray bats are cave obligate species which congregate in maternity or bachelor colonies in the summer utilizing dome cave and mine habitat, and mixed colonies during winter hibernation in vertical or pit-type caves and mines. They utilize mainly stream corridors for foraging spring through fall. Indiana and northern long-eared bats hibernate during winter months in caves and mines. During the summer months, the Indiana and northern long-eared bats roost and raise young under the bark of suitable summer roost trees in wooded areas, often associated with riparian forests and upland forests near perennial streams. These two species could occur anywhere suitable roost trees exists. Removal of suitable summer roost trees at any time of the year may affect both species.

The USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) package is included in **Appendix F**  ¹

The Chester Bridge EA study area is also within the geographic range of nesting bald eagles in Missouri. **Bald Eagles** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) may nest near streams or water bodies in the study area. Nests are large and fairly easy to identify. While no longer listed as endangered, eagles continue to be protected by the federal government under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Reports and surveys have identified nesting areas in the northern part of Horse Island and the south part of Kaskaskia Island. The Missouri Department of Conservation Natural Heritage Database information (2020) indicates a nest in this area and one south of the project limits along the Missouri shoreline. These nests are more than 1.0 mile from the existing Horse Island Chute Bridge, well outside the 660-foot disturbance limits for tree clearing and beyond the 0.5-mile buffer for demolition by explosives for the bridges.


Bald eagles are also protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, making it illegal to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, any migratory bird, or the parts, nests, or eggs of such a bird, except under the terms of a valid federal permit. Migratory bird species protected by the Act are listed in 50 CFR 10.13. An April 2019 assessment of the Mississippi River Bridge by MoDOT determined there are swallows using the bridge elements as nesting habitat (Evan Hill, for the previous rehabilitation project consideration). MoDOT will also assess the Horse Island Chute Bridge for any nesting birds and apply the MoDOT Migratory Bird Job Special Provision for demolition of both structures, as needed.

Additionally, coordination with the IDNR over the Mudd's Landing INAI site has occurred. Known as INAI site 1307, it occurs within the Mississippi River between river miles 120 and 106. No Illinois listed species occur within the preferred alternative. IDNR concurred that, based on the Illinois Natural Heritage Database, threatened and endangered species are unlikely to be impacted by the project. In accordance with IDNR's EcoCAT response dated October 4, 2018, the following commitment will be added to the project:

- IDOT will contact the IDNR Fisheries Lower Mississippi River Biologist at least 60 days prior to blasting (see **Section 5**).

The State of Missouri also maintains endangered species legislation. MDC is the administrative, regulatory, and enforcement agency for state sensitive species. Coordination with the MDC yielded a Natural Heritage Review (Level Three Report, updated 11/19/2020). The Level Three Report (see **Appendix F**) includes discussion of the following:

- The project occurs near the Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge (see **Figure 3-11**). Indiana and Northern long-eared bats may occur near the project area.
- The project is within the geographic range of nesting Bald Eagles in Missouri.

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- Any project that modifies big river habitat, such as the Mississippi River, should consider the possible impact to pallid sturgeon populations.
- Invasive exotic species are a significant issue for fish, wildlife and agriculture in Missouri. MDC recommends that equipment be cleaned when moving between sites.

A request for additional coordination was also requested during the 11/19/2020 update. This is contained in **Appendix F** and includes.....

Missouri also tracks the status of approximately 1,036 plant and animal species that are considered rare in the state. No impacts to state-listed species are expected. The MDC Heritage Report and species list for Perry County are included as **Appendix G**.

No land disturbance or tree removal would occur prior to consultation with the USFWS being complete. Conversations about the project with USFWS began in November 2020 with both Marion, Illinois and Columbia, Missouri USFWS offices. The expected effect determinations were discussed as well as steps required for completing May Affect, but Not Likely to Adversely Affect consultation. MoDOT will submit a Biological Assessment (BA) and initiate informal consultation for the project. Although specific project details are not known at this time, it can be reasonably assumed that project activities could include the following: dredging, tree clearing, bridge demolition, and rock blasting. Conservation measures will be addressed for minimizing the amount of explosives to be used for bridge and/or rock bluff demolition; limiting stream disturbance for pier removal and installation and bridge demolition and construction; seasonal tree clearing of any suitable summer roost habitat; and other appropriate measures as determined by the USFWS. The agreed upon measures to minimize impacts outlined in the BA will be approved through concurrence by USFWS and carried forward as Job Special Provisions (JSPs) in the contract documents.

3.2.3.2 Endangered Species Impacts


MoDOT is the lead agency for this project and is responsible for completing coordination for compliance with Section 7 of the ESA and with the Missouri Endangered Species Act. In Illinois, the 404 NEPA merger process was used to coordinate endangered species with IDNR. The NEPA-404 merger process is discussed in **Section 4.11**. In summary:


- No-Build Alternative** – The No-Build Alternative will not impact threatened or endangered species, directly or indirectly.
- Build Alternatives** – The study area does not contain any known populations of listed species or critical habitat for listed species. There are no meaningful differences among the Reasonable Alternatives and the Preferred Alternative.


A May Affect, but Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination is expected for the Least Tern. It is too early to tell in which season demolition could occur and attempts to minimize blast radius in consideration of this species will be discussed during Section 7 Endangered Species Act consultation.

A No Effect determination is expected for the Small whorled Pogonia. The species' historical range includes one site in Randolph County (Illinois) which is not near the study area. In Illinois, property acquisition is limited to a strip take along the existing road, and suitability of habitat is poor. There is no suitable habitat in Missouri within the study area.

A Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination is expected for the Pallid Sturgeon. Sturgeons are large and can easily swim away from the types of disturbances expected from this project, such as construction of temporary bulkheads, causeways, dredging, and construction barge activities. However, the demolition of the existing bridge has the potential for effecting fish already in the area of the bridge. To minimize impacts to aquatic species during explosive bridge demolitions, MoDOT has a history of

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The completed coordination must be provided as part of the USACE Section 408 application package.,

In Illinois, land within the study area is a mix of residential, forest, and Segar Memorial Park. The proposed project could encourage new or redevelopment as a result of improved access to the area but would be subject to comprehensive plans and future planning and zoning ordinances that would continue to serve as appropriate mechanisms to guide land use and development.

3.3.4 Right-of-Way/Property Acquisition

A new crossing at Chester would require the acquisition of the permanent easements. The Preferred Alternative will require a total of 16.1 acres of new right-of-way. Most of this occurs in Missouri (15.04 acres) and most of the Missouri right-of-way is on Horse Island (12.45 acres); see **Table 3-6**.

Table 3-6. Right-of-Way Summary

| Alternative | Total Acquisition |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Reasonable Alternative U-1 | 18.8 acres |
| Reasonable Alternative U-2 | 26.6 acres |
| Preferred Alternative | 16.1 acres |

The Reasonable Alternatives estimated a somewhat larger footprint. See **Section 2.4** for the refinements applied to the Preferred Alternative. The same types of adjustments would also apply to the Conceptual Alternatives.

Existing right-of-way within slope limits necessary for maintenance purposes or for access to the new roadway and bridge would be retained by IDOT or MoDOT in their respective states.

Most of the needed right-of-way area east of the river is agricultural land or ~~USACE land within the St. Louis District~~. MoDOT would acquire all properties needed in Missouri for this project while IDOT would acquire all properties needed in Illinois, including areas needed for maintenance and inspection access. Any right-of-way deemed excess would be offered for sale to adjacent land owners or be transferred to the city or county government.

No existing buildings are expected to be acquired as a result of this project.

➤ MoDOT and IDOT will ensure that the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended be carried out without discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, and age and in compliance with Title VI (the Civil Rights Act of 1964), the President's Executive Order on Environmental Justice, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Uniform Act and the states' relocation programs, fair market compensation will be provided to property owners who are affected by this project.


The Rehabilitate the Existing Alternative (R-2) uses a one-way couplet configuration (where a modified version of U-1 or U-2 is used along with the existing Mississippi River crossing rehabilitated while maintaining its historic integrity). The rehabilitation of the existing bridges is expected to require areas outside the existing right-of-way. This will be for work items such as equipment/supply staging. It is expected that these impacts will be accomplished through temporary construction easements rather than permanent takings. Consequently, the permanent right-of-way impacts of Reasonable Alternative R-2 are expected to be dependent on the new alignment couplet selected (Reasonable Alternatives U-1 or U-2).

3.4 Aquatic Habitat Impacts

This section addresses the various topics associated with water that apply to this study.

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3.4.1 Mississippi River Floodplain and Bois Brule Levee District

All current and available Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) products for Perry County, Unincorporated Areas, Randolph County, and the City of Chester are available in the **Project Record**. These materials include the Flood Insurance Studies and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for both counties, and Letters of Map Change for Perry County. **Figure 3-8** shows the Flood Insurance Rate Map data for Missouri and Illinois. Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and 23 CFR 650 Subpart A are also discussed in this section. In Missouri, the 100-year floodplain of the Mississippi River extends throughout the study area—approximately 2 miles from the river. An important purpose of the Chester Bridge EA is to raise the roadway enough to eliminate the gap in the Bois Brule Levee. The removal of this gap will eliminate the need to close the road and river crossing during flood stage periods—a condition that has become more frequent, last occurring in June 2019. Reasonable Alternatives U-1 and U-2 will be able to close this gap. The regulatory 1 percent Annual Chance Flood water surface elevations at the current Chester Highway Bridge are 388.8 feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) for Perry County.

In Illinois, the floodplain of the Mississippi River is constrained by the rocky bluff that parallels the river. The floodplain boundary is approximately located along County Route 6. The regulatory 1 percent Annual Chance Flood water surface elevation at the current Chester Highway Bridge is 388.9 feet NAVD for Randolph County. The Illinois side of the bridge contacts the land in an area of minimal flood hazard, just outside of the 0.2 percent Annual Chance Floodplain Boundary.

- MoDOT will ensure that, should a floodplain encroachment occur, a floodplain permit will be acquired. MoDOT will conduct an engineering analysis for the Preferred Alternative prior to submission of the floodplain development permit application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and IDNR/Office of Water Resources. MoDOT or its contractor will obtain a floodplain development permit and no-rise certification.

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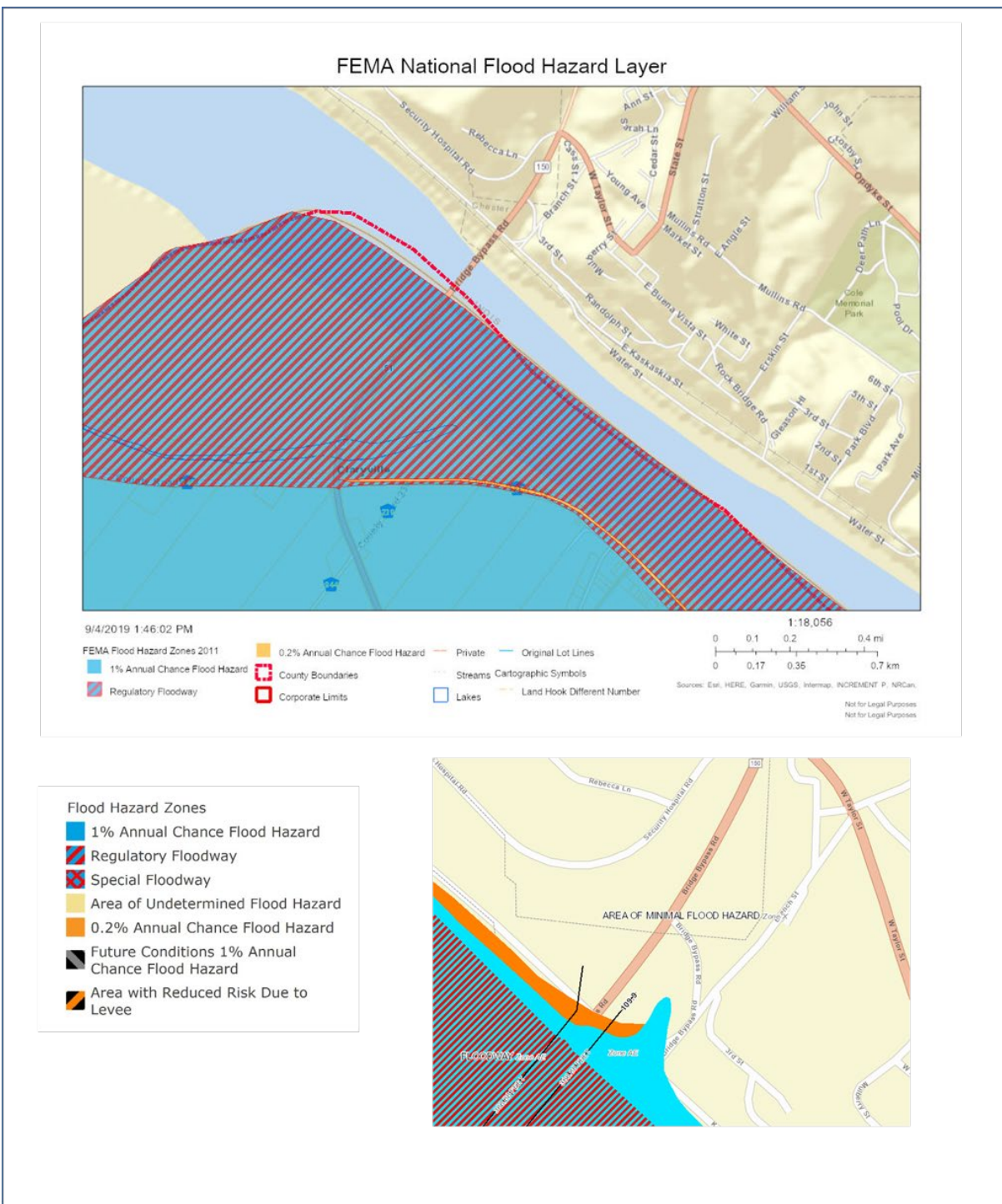




Figure 3-8. Floodplain and Floodway Map - Missouri (Top) and Illinois (Bottom)

- 1 The Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District protects approximately 26,000 acres of primarily agricultural
- 2 land, the Perryville airport and primary roadway connecting Missouri and Illinois. The levee is located on
- 3 the right bank of the Mississippi River and consists of 33.1 miles of levee, 341 relief wells, and 4 pump
- 4 stations. **Figure 3-9** depicts the levee district map from the USACE Project Fact Sheet (dated September
- 5 2016).

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See National Levee Data for accurate feature numbers and description.

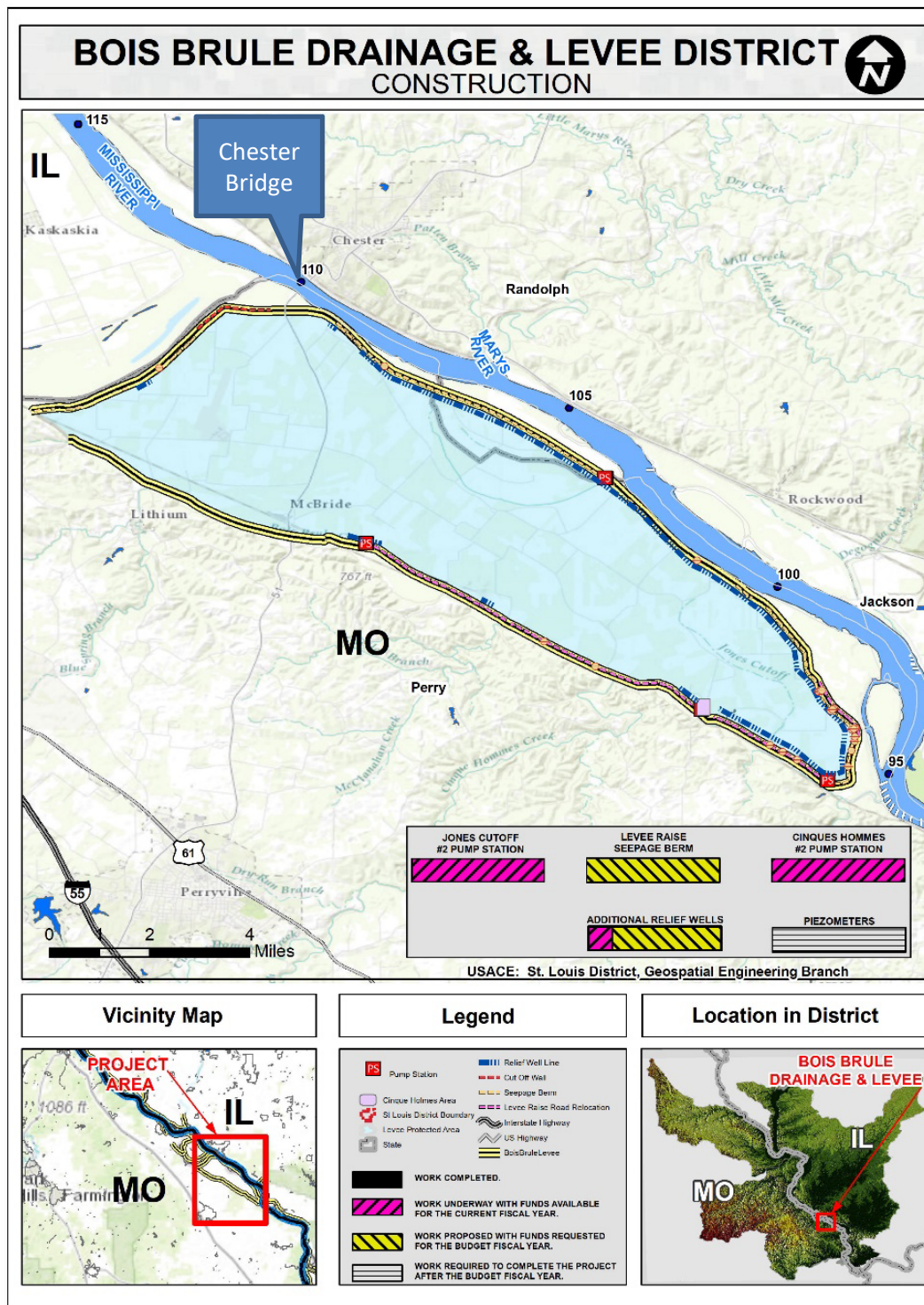



Figure 3-9. Bois Brule Levee District Map

Source: USACE, 2016

The main deficiencies within the levee district is underseepage and inadequate levee grade (2 to 4 feet below net levee grade) along sections of the back levee. Until these are corrected, the levee is at an increased risk of failure. The levee failed due to underseepage prior to the crest of the 1993 flood, flooding the entire levee district with to a depth of 20 feet. Failures due to underseepage can occur very rapidly with little warning.

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See National Levee Data for accurate feature numbers and map.

3.4.1.1 Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, codified at 33 USC 408 (Section 408), provides that USACE may grant permission for another party to alter a civil works project upon a determination that the alteration proposed will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the civil works project.

- While no alterations are proposed, MoDOT will coordinate (and obtain) a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 408 Permit from USACE for any alterations to USACE structures.

3.4.1.2 23CFR Section 650 Subpart A

FEMA and FHWA guidelines at 23 CFR 650 identify the base flood as the flood having a 1 percent probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The base flood is the area of 1 percent flood hazard within a county or community. The regulatory floodway is the channel of a stream in addition to any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so the 1 percent flood discharge can be conveyed without increasing the base flood elevation more than a specified amount. FEMA mandates projects cause no rise in the regulatory floodway and a maximum of 1 foot cumulative rise for all projects in the base floodplain.

If an action results in development within a floodplain or floodway, agencies are required to minimize potential harm to persons and property and to natural and beneficial floodplain values. FHWA requirements for compliance are outlined in 23 CFR Section 650, Subpart A. The analysis and findings for this project are summarized in the *23 CFR Section 650 Subpart A Technical Memorandum*. (**Appendix K**).


According to a review of current FEMA flood insurance rate maps, all portions of the study area are within Zone AE 100-year floodplain of the Mississippi River. **Figure 3-8** includes the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer Firmette map.

Temporary soil disturbance will occur during construction activities. Measures to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial floodplain values will include sediment and erosion control best management practices (BMPs) during construction and disturbed areas will be seeded following construction.

This is not considered significant floodplain encroachment and improvements will not support incompatible floodplain development. The project does not result in a significant potential for interruption or termination of this transportation facility, which is needed for emergency vehicles or a community's only evacuation route. It also does not result in a significant risk or potential for loss of life or property or substantial adverse impact on natural and beneficial floodplain values. This highway improvement project will maintain local and regional access to existing rural and agricultural areas, and surrounding communities throughout construction.


Because construction will occur in the floodway fringe, a floodplain development permit from SEMA is required.

- MoDOT will ensure that, should a floodplain encroachment occur, a floodplain permit will be acquired. MoDOT will conduct an engineering analysis for the Preferred Alternative prior to submission of the floodplain development permit application to SEMA and IDNR/Office of Water Resources. MoDOT's contractor will obtain a floodplain development permit and no-rise certification.
- MoDOT will ensure sediment and erosion control BMPs are implemented. MoDOT will develop and implement two stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPPs) to comply with the Missouri State Operating Permit No. MO-R 100007 and the IEPA general National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit ILR10. During construction, MoDOT and its contractors would implement the SWPPPs to minimize adverse impacts to the Mississippi River and waters adjacent to the project

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"Alteration" refers to any action by any entity other than USACE that builds upon, alters, improves, moves, obstructs, or occupies an existing USACE project. Unless otherwise stated, for ease of reference, the use of the term "alteration" in this document also includes "occupation" and "use."

The alterations would include the crossing of the federal levee, as well crossing the Mississippi River navigation channel.

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sediment. The implementation of these practices should afford adequate protection of sensitive aquatic resources in the Mississippi River and minimize this project's contribution to any potentially negative cumulative impacts associated with sedimentation. See **Section 3.4.3** for further discussion of aquatic habitat impacts.

The elimination of the gap in the levee will be a logistical benefit but is not expected to impact future alterations of the flood-protection level that would be allowed by USACE.

3.4.2.5 Section 9 Bridge Permit

This project will also require a Section 9 Bridge Permit from USCG for maintaining a navigation channel in the Mississippi River. A Section 9 bridge permit is a document approving the location and plans of bridges over a commercially navigable waterway in accordance with all applicable federal laws.

According to coordination with USCG, the existing vertical clearance is adequate. The existing vertical clearance above-pool elevation is roughly 104 feet. The provision of vertical clearance is somewhat in tension with the overall height of the structure. USCG also clarified that the minimum Mississippi River span width should be a minimum of 800 feet for the main navigation channel (east side) and a minimum of 500 feet for the axillary navigation channel (west side). The existing main and auxiliary span widths are 650 feet for both navigation channels. A no-rise certificate will be required before a Section 9 Bridge Permit is issued. Reasonable Alternatives U-1 and U-2 are able to achieve these clearances; therefore, they would satisfy the reasonable needs of navigation.


The couplet alternative (R-2) would rehabilitate the existing Chester and Horse Island Chute Bridges (while maintaining their historic integrity); R-2 would be paired with a modified version of the Reasonable Alternatives (U-1 and U-2). Because the piers of the Mississippi River bridge would need to match those of the existing bridge, the couplet alternative (R-2) would not be able to achieve the USCG's minimum horizontal clearances. In addition, based on past vessel allisions⁶ occurring at the existing bridge and reported issues with background lighting creating difficulties for navigation, USCG has expressed reservations about the present bridge remaining. The presence of two, tightly-spaced bridges would further complicate navigation. MoDOT will obtain a Section 9 Bridge Permit from USCG prior to construction, approving the location and plans of bridges over a commercially navigable waterway in accordance with all applicable federal laws, if required. The contractor will submit a work plan to USCG, which will, in turn, issue a permit that includes specific requirements such as displaying lights to alert river traffic of barges and new piers.

- MoDOT (and their contractors) will coordinate with USCG to halt river traffic during demolition activities. The contractor will submit a work plan to the USCG who would in turn issue a permit that includes specific requirements such as displaying lights to alert river traffic of barges and new piers. Temporary lighting and signage will be installed to direct and warn boaters and barges of construction on the bridge.


3.4.2.6 Section 10 Permit

~~USACE St. Louis District operates the Corps Brule Levee and Drainage District.~~ In addition, USACE has jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. A Section 10 permit is required if a proposed structure or work affects the course, location, or condition of a navigable water of the United States. The law applies to any dredging or disposal of dredged materials, excavation, filling, rechannelization, or any other modification of a navigable water.

⁶ "In maritime terms there is a difference between a collision and an allision. When two moving objects strike each other, that is a collision. (When a moving object strikes a stationary object, that is an allision" (MrReid.org, 2020).

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USACE DOES NOT operate the levee system.

The Bois Brule levee system is federally authorized and constructed, and locally operated and maintained by the nonfederal Sponsor, Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District.

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Mississippi River is occupied primarily by the Union Pacific Railroad and Illinois Route 6. On the Missouri side, deposits of poorly sorted sands, silts, and clays over well-sorted sands and gravel overlay limestone, dolostone, and shales.

There are no meaningful differences among the Reasonable Alternatives and the Preferred Alternative with regard to groundwater and drinking water.

3.4.5.1 Karst Formations

Karst is the term referring to areas with caves and sinkholes that has the potential for groundwater recharge. Although the region within which the project lies has known karst formations, there are no observed cases in the project corridor.

3.4.5.2 Sole-Source Aquifers

There are no sole-source aquifers or public or private water wells within 200 feet of the project corridor. Nor are there any Illinois Class III Groundwater designations within the project corridor. The latter designation has been established in Illinois to protect dedicated nature preserves from groundwater contamination.

3.4.5.3 Public Water Supplies

The Chester Water Plant is located at 194 Kaskaskia Street, near the Chester riverfront overlooking the Mississippi River. The City of Chester draws drinking water from the Mississippi River approximately 0.5 mile downstream of the Chester Bridge (Public Water System ID# - IL 1570100). There is also a Public Water System entry at the Menard Correctional Center (IL-1575550). The Menard Correctional Center is upstream of the Chester Bridge.

➤ MoDOT will coordinate with the Chester Water Department and the Menard Correctional Center should water quality concerns arise that may negatively affect public drinking water, such as an accidental petroleum or chemical spill from contractor operations. If dredge discharge were to be authorized in the Mississippi River, MoDOT would discharge this material downstream of Chester's public drinking-water intake. The No-Build Alternative would not have impacts on existing groundwater or drinking water.


3.4.5.4 Other Well Information


According to IEPA, there are no known public water wells within 1,000 feet of the project right-of-way, and no IDOT facility work is planned for the proposed project; therefore, no impact on any setback zones as determined by the IEPA Division of Public Water Supplies is expected. According to ISGS, no other types of water wells were identified within 200 feet of the proposed project. An EDR Well Search was also conducted for the project (Inquiry Number: 5167186.5 - January 26, 2018). In Illinois, a very shallow well was dug roughly 0.25 mile upslope of the Mississippi River, approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the Chester Bridge.

In Missouri, an EDR Well Search Report identified three small wells in the vicinity of the Chester Bridge. Two were identified as belonging to SACE St. Louis District installed by John T. Ruester. The third is listed as belonging to the Southern Illinois Penitentiary. Each had pumps rated less than 500 gallons per minute. Two wells are located upstream of the Chester Bridge, on Kaskaskia Island. The third is downstream of the Chester Bridge along PCR 238 (equidistant between the levee and Route 51).

3.4.5.5 Other Groundwater Considerations

In Illinois, the potential for contamination of shallow aquifers is limited. Most of the Chester Bridge EA study area within the uplands is located in Zone A1. Zone A1 is described as permeable bedrock at or within 20 feet of land surface, with variable overlying materials.

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The economic importance of the bridge to the City of Chester also makes it eligible under Criterion A, for Commerce. Replacement will have an adverse effect on the Chester Bridge.

Its partner bridge, the Horse Island Chute Bridge (L1004), is an example of an extremely common bridge. However, the Horse Island Chute Bridge is eligible for the NRHP under criterion A for significance in commerce, since its construction was necessary for the Chester Bridge to function in its role in improving commerce. Replacement will have an adverse effect on the Horse Island Chute Bridge.

In April and May 2018, the American Bottom Field Station of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey conducted an investigation of archeological sites on the Mississippi River bluff south of Chester. The survey found several closely spaced prehistoric lithic artifact sites. Four of these sites (11R931, 11R932, 11R933, and 11R934) have the potential to provide new information on the prehistory of the region and therefore warrant NRHP consideration under Criterion D. If potential impacts to these sites cannot be avoided, further investigations are recommended.

3.5.2.3 Section 4(f) Impacts

The Reasonable Alternatives and Preferred Alternative are not expected to require the acquisition/use of property from Segar Memorial Park. Neither are they expected to alter the operations of, or access to, the park.

None of the Build Alternatives encroach on the Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. However, the USFWS' acquisition boundary for planning purposes, extends to the existing Chester Bridge. None of this land is in the USFWS acquisition process. The acquisition boundary was developed on the basis of USFWS' determination of greatest need and highest potential for restoration. However, the refuge system only purchases land from willing sellers, thus no impacts are expected.

The Preferred Alternative would not reuse the existing Chester and Horse Island Chute Bridges. The only Reasonable Alternative that would reuse the existing bridges is the Rehabilitate the Existing Alternative (R-2), which uses a one-way couplet configuration (where a modified version of U-1 or U-2 is used along with the existing Mississippi River bridge rehabilitated to maintain its historic integrity). This alternative can eliminate the need to close the crossing during the rehabilitation work; however, it does not eliminate the need for a temporary flood wall along Route 51. **Section 2.3** includes a discussion of decision-making that resulted in the selection of the Preferred Alternative.

As part of this project, MoDOT requested reuse proposals for the Chester and Horse Island Chute Bridges. No reuse proposals were received. MoDOT has determined that the bridges cannot be reused by non-MoDOT entities. Consequently, MoDOT has undertaken the necessary Section 106 review and consultation. This process is discussed in **Sections 3.6.1** and **4.12**. This project meets all of the applicability criteria set forth in the Nationwide/Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for Projects that Necessitate the Use of Historic Bridges. The development and evaluation of alternatives is sufficient to conclude that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the use of the historic bridges. The project also includes all possible planning measures to minimize harm. The programmatic worksheet is included as **Appendix G**.

Relative to the archeological sites on Mississippi River bluff south of Chester, an evaluation was conducted to investigate avoidance. Ultimately, the Preferred Alternative was modified to avoid impacts to the archaeological sites. See **Section 2.4** for more details.

3.5.3 Aviation

In Missouri, one of the largest study area developments is at the Perryville Airport (1856 Highway H). This regional airport was originally built by the U.S. Government as a training facility in the early 1940s. The airport was deeded to the City of Perryville in 1947. The airport has a 7,000-foot-by-100-foot concrete runway equipped with medium-intensity runway lights that allow for use by numerous kinds of



3.6.1.5 Evaluation of Efforts to Reutilize the Existing Bridges

Under Section 106, MoDOT, IDOT, and FHWA must consider the effect of their actions on historic properties. To successfully complete a Section 106 review, federal agencies must explore alternatives to avoid or reduce harm to historic properties and reach agreement with the SHPO on measures to deal with any adverse effects.

- As part of this project, MoDOT requested reuse proposals for the Chester and Horse Island Chute Bridges; however, no reuse proposals were received. MoDOT has determined that the bridges cannot be reused by non-MoDOT entities.

As discussed in **Section 2.3**, Reasonable Alternative R-2 was developed and evaluated. This alternative would rehabilitate the existing alternative to serve as a one-way couplet configuration where a modified version of U-1 or U-2 is used along with the existing Mississippi River bridge. Alternative R-2 would need to rehabilitate the existing bridges in a manner that maintains their historic integrity. Alternative R-2 may be able to minimally satisfy the Purpose and Need and maintain the historic integrity of the existing bridges. The use of a new one-way crossing can eliminate a closure of the river crossing; however, it does not eliminate the need for the temporary flood wall along Route 51. Other negative aspects of Alternative R-2 include the following:

- The USCG has reservations about the Chester Bridge remaining, citing navigation safety due to the 650-foot navigation channels and light from the City of Chester partially obscuring the bridge during the night. The presence of two, tightly-spaced bridges would further complicate navigation.
- The construction schedule would be double of the standalone Alternatives U-1 and U-2. The couplet alternative will cause interference both during the new build phase and again during the rehabilitation phase.
- Rehabilitation of the existing bridges may require extensive amounts of falsework, adding to navigation complications.
- The couplet alternative (R-2) would retain the roadway gap in the Bois Brule Levee.
- The second crossing required by Reasonable Alternative R-2 represents another potential for aviation conflict.
- The cost of Reasonable Alternative R-2 could be extensive given the required rehabilitation work. As such, it could be the most expensive alternative.
- To maintain its historic integrity, the rehabilitation of the existing bridges would need to retain the bridges' design, materials, and workmanship. A 15-year rehabilitation could maintain the bridges' historical integrity; however, this is not a practical alternative. A 50-year rehabilitation is not expected to retain the bridges' historic integrity. In addition, it could be quite expensive because of the unknown amount of rehabilitation that would be required and result in bridges with an operational life below the project design life.

These flaws led to the conclusion that the bridges meet all of the applicability criteria set forth in the Nationwide/Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for Projects that Necessitate the Use of Historic Bridges. Principally, the determination was made that the problems listed above represent a condition whereby the bridges are seriously deficient geometrically and cannot be widened (horizontally and/or vertically) to meet the minimum required capacity of the highway system on which it is located without affecting the historic integrity of the bridge. The programmatic worksheet is included as **Appendix G**.

3.6.2 Farmland Impacts

The NRCS classifies farmland that is prime or of statewide importance. Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and



process is dedicated to maintaining an open dialog with stakeholders, including the farm community, in order to understand their needs and arriving at design solutions that will allow critical farm operations during construction.

3.6.3 Construction Costs and Impacts

3.6.3.1 Construction Costs

A planning-level cost estimate was prepared, in 2019 dollars, for each of the Reasonable Alternatives.

The costs associated with Upstream Alternatives (U-1 and U-2) are roughly equivalent. Based on the current level of design detail, the primary difference is volume of earthen fill required to construct the embankment between Horse Island Chute and the Mississippi River. Alternative U-1 overlaps with the existing Route 51 embankment on the Missouri approach reducing the amount of earthen fill required to construct the embankment for the new roadway in this area of the project.

The cost of the one-way couplet (R-2) is roughly equivalent to the other alternatives. Not only does it require the construction of a new bridge, but it will also require the substantial rehabilitation of the existing bridge which is more susceptible to cost overruns. Maintaining the historic integrity of the existing building will require the disassembly of the bridge. Each piece will be inspected, repaired, or replaced. One of the difficulties with the existing Chester Bridge is that it is severely rusted. The degree of rust, repair, and replacement will be unknown until each piece is removed and inspected. In addition, given that the amount of rust and subsequent rehabilitation will not be known until disassembly, the cost for rehabilitation could be substantially greater than that shown in **Table 3-7**.

Other than cost, the rehabilitation of the existing Chester Bridge will result in a bridge whose service life is substantially lower than a new bridge (assumed maximum of 50 years), meaning that it will require replacement/further rehabilitation before Alternatives U-1 and U-2.


Table 3-7. Cost Estimate Summary (2019 dollars)

| Alternative | New Bridge Elements | New Roadway Elements | Existing Bridge Rehabilitation | Total |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| U-1 | \$180,000,000 | \$11,000,000 | Not applicable | \$191,000,000 ^a |
| U-2 | \$180,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | Not applicable | \$195,000,000 |
| R-2 | \$93,000,000 | \$8,000,000 | \$72,000,000 | \$173,000,000 |

^a As discussed in **Section 2.4**, upon the tentative selection of the Preferred Alternative construction costs were updated. The total cost estimate for the updated Preferred Alternative is \$195,800,000 in 2019 dollars. This is 2 percent higher than the original cost estimate. The increase is due to the curvatures needed at the end spans in Illinois to avoid archaeological sites found during the archaeological survey of the Preferred Alternative footprint (see **Section 3.6.1.4**). The other configurations would also have to avoid the archaeological sites and incur similar construction cost increases.

3.6.3.2 Construction Impacts

Construction activities may result in short-term impacts on air quality, including direct emissions from construction equipment and trucks, fugitive dust emissions from site demolition and earthwork, and increased emissions from motor vehicles and haul trucks on local streets. The Preferred Alternative is almost entirely contained within the existing right-of-way. These impacts would be temporary and localized to the area of construction and its immediate vicinity. Fugitive dust, suspended particulates, and emissions could occur during ground excavation, material handling and storage, movement of equipment at the site, and transport of material to and from the project corridor. Fugitive dust could be a problem during periods of intense activity and would be aggravated by windy and/or dry weather conditions. The amount of emissions would depend on the type and number of equipment used.

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This info is confusing since you already revised the U-1 estimate in Section 2.4

The primary mechanism that FAA uses to assess airspace considerations is FAR Part 77, *Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace*. Under this FAR, any plan that proposes construction or alterations that exceeds 200 feet tall or are within 10,000 feet of a runway (with a 50:1 surface from any point on the runway is required to provide a Notification to FAA). Notification allows FAA to identify potential aeronautical hazards in advance, thus preventing or minimizing the adverse impacts to the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace. **Section 3.5.3** discusses FAA coordination in greater detail.

~~US, St. Louis District operates the Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District and maintains the levees and chutes.~~ In addition, USACE has jurisdiction under:

- The Clean Water Act (Sections 404/401) – Requires USACE permits for discharges of dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States.
- Civil Work Alternations (Section 408) – Addresses alterations to any federally authorized civil works project. Section 408 prohibits alterations that are injurious to the public interest or affect USACE's ability to meet its authorized purpose.
- Dredging (Section 10) – As a navigable river, the Mississippi River is subject to Section 10 jurisdiction. The length of the permitting process will depend on the location of the study area, the material being dredged, and the location of dredge disposal.

Ultimately, it is an environmental commitment of this project to obtain and comply with all USACE permits.


The USCG will also require a Section 9 Bridge Permit for the Chester Bridge. Further, the USCG is responsible for maintaining a navigation channel in the Mississippi River. A Section 9 Bridge Permit is a document approving the location and plans of bridges over a commercially navigable waterway in accordance with all applicable federal laws. MoDOT will obtain a Section 9 Bridge Permit from the USCG prior to construction, approving the location and plans of bridges over a commercially navigable waterway in accordance with all applicable federal laws. According to coordination with the USCG, the existing vertical clearance is adequate. The existing vertical clearance above-pool elevation is roughly 104 feet. The provision of vertical clearance is somewhat in tension with the overall height of the structure.

Finally, coordination with the USCG clarified that the minimum Mississippi River span width should be a minimum of 800 feet for the main navigation channel (east side) and a minimum of 500 feet for the axillary navigation channel (west side). The existing main and auxiliary span widths are 650 feet for the two navigation channels.


4.10 Tribal Coordination

Coordination with Native American Tribes is conducted by FHWA. Requests to be a Section 106 consulting party were sent to 16 tribes that have previously expressed interests in MoDOT projects in this area. Early identification of Tribal concerns allowed FHWA and MoDOT/IDOT to consider ways to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Tribal resources and/or cultural practices as project planning and alternatives are developed and refined. The following replies have been received to date:

- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma accepts invitation to serve as a consulting party and offers no objection to the project. However, if human remains, Native American cultural items, or archaeological evidence are discovered, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation.
- Cherokee Nation agreed to serve as a consulting party to this project. Cherokee Nation recommends that a cultural resource survey be conducted on the study area. The Cherokee Nation requires that cultural resource survey personnel and reports follow the Secretary of Interior's standards and

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USACE DOES NOT operate the Bois Brule L&DD.

The Bois Brule system is federally authorized and constructed, and locally operated and maintained by the nonfederal Sponsor, Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District.

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- 1 i) Interest in the Historicity of existing Chester Bridge
 2 *Interest in the historic nature of the Chester Bridge (not the Horse Island Cute Bridge) was wide*
 3 *spread. Federal approvals associated with the Chester Bridge EA are subject to compliance with the*
 4 *NHPA and its implementing regulations (36 CFR 800). NHPA Section 106 requires that the federal*
 5 *agency responsible for an undertaking consider the effects of its actions on historic properties. See*
 6 *sections 3.6.1 and 4.12.*
- 7 j) Would a new bridge increase traffic?
 8 According to the project's traffic analysis the project is expected to have no meaningful impact on
 9 traffic volumes or vehicle mix. See **Section 2.3.2.**
- 10 k) *Would construction cranes affect airport operations?*
 11 To evaluate how the Chester Bridge EA project might affect aviation at the Perryville Airport, the
 12 project team began coordination with FAA and the airport itself. The primary mechanism that FAA
 13 uses to assess airspace considerations is Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77, *Objects Affecting*
 14 *Navigable Airspace*. MoDOT will submit an official FAA 7460 evaluation and complete required
 15 mitigation prior to construction.
- 16 l) If alternative R-2 doesn't take the Coast Guard's width preferences into consideration, is it viable?
 17 *R-2 was considered a Feasible Alternative. The Coast Guard **prefers** 800-foot and 500-foot clearances*
 18 *but did not mandate them.*
- 19 m) The levee has sunk to 48 feet in some places where it should be 50 feet, will this be repaired?
 20 *MoDOT will design the roadway to a 500-year flood level to accommodate the Brule Bois Levee.*
 21 *However, the existing gap in the levee (and other improvements) will be the responsibility of the*
 22 *Flood District to rehabilitate.*
- 23 n) What is the breakdown of funding for the new bridge?
 24 *Funding for the bridge has not been identified yet. Typically, the state agency puts up 20% and then*
 25 *there is an 80% match from the Federal. Illinois will also share in the cost of the bridge.*
- 26 o) The cost of 8-foot vs 10-foot shoulders (maybe the shoulders could be restriped into a travel lane)
 27 *The build alternatives utilize bridge sections that 40 to 44 feet wide with two 12-foot travel lanes and*
 28 *8- to 10-foot shoulders. The shoulder width won't be decided until the design phase. The designers*
 29 *are limited with that span as to what kind of bridge can be built.*
- 30 p) Traffic back-ups occur at Route 150 and Route 3 near the truck bypass
 31 *Much of this seems to be timed during shift changes at the Menard Correctional Center. While*
 32 *maintaining the truck bypass is a goal of this project, improvements are not.*
- 33 q) Congestion/Maintenance of Traffic problems at Route 51 near the existing gas stations.
 34 *MoDOT will, prior to construction, develop a Traffic Management Plan to create a set of strategies*
 35 *for managing the work zone of the project during construction. The Traffic Management Plan will*
 36 *balance the mobility and safety needs of the motoring public, construction workers, businesses, and*
 37 *the community. Further, it must be reviewed within the context of this NEPA document and its*
 38 *Environmental Commitments.*



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- before any federal funds or resources (i.e., removal of trees) are obligated. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
10. Prior to consultation, MoDOT will conduct a complete habitat assessment for suitable summer bat roost trees and any use of the Horse Island Chute Bridge for the Preferred Alternative. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
11. If necessary, based upon the results of habitat assessment and consultation with USFWS, MoDOT will incorporate seasonal tree-clearing restrictions of suitable roost trees as a conservation measure/environmental commitment to avoid adversely affecting northern long-eared and Indiana bats. **Tree clearing will not occur prior to consultation being complete. (Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
12. MoDOT will, pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, inspect structures for nests prior to construction. If active nests (those with eggs or young) are observed, measures will be taken, including seasonal demolition restrictions, to prevent killing birds and destruction of their eggs and to avoid conflict with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The project area will be screened for bald eagle nests prior to construction. If necessary, seasonal restrictions to avoid non-purposeful take will be implemented. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)** No known occupied caves exist in the study area. If any are identified, MoDOT will coordinate with the USFWS. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
13. IDOT will contact the IDNR Fisheries Lower Mississippi River Biologist at least 60 days prior to blasting. **(Unique Habitats – Section 3.2.1.3 and Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
14. MoDOT has a history of employing repelling charges and millisecond delays during demolition of the bridge. Repelling charges are used to scare fish from the area before bridge spans are dropped into the water. Seasonal restrictions for demolition and any bathymetric surveys needed for US Army Corps of Engineers or US Coast Guard purposes will also be shared and discussed with US Fish and Wildlife Service for Section 7 consultation.
15. MoDOT will submit a BA and initiate formal consultation for the project. Although specific project details are not known at this time, it can be reasonably assumed that project activities could include the following: construction activity, tree clearing, bridge demolition, and rock blasting. The BA currently being prepared further details measures to minimize impacts to bats, such as minimizing the amount of explosives to be used for bridge and/or rock bluff demolition; minimizing pile driving; minimizing tree clearing; completing an acoustic survey; and other appropriate mitigation as determined by the USFWS. The agreed upon measures to minimize impacts will be outlined in the BO rendered by USFWS that will be carried forward as JSPs in the contract documents. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
16. IDOT will contact the IDNR Fisheries Lower Mississippi River Biologist at least 60 days prior to blasting. **(Unique Habitats – Section 3.2.1.3 and Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3)**
17. MoDOT will also assess the Horse Island Chute Bridge for any nesting birds and apply the MoDOT Migratory Bird Job Special Provision for demolition of both structures, as needed. **(Endangered Species – Section 3.2.3.3)**
18. MoDOT will ensure that the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, be carried out without discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, and age and in compliance with Title VI (the Civil Rights Act of 1964), the President's Executive Order on Environmental Justice, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Uniform Act and the states' relocation programs, fair market compensation will be provided to property owners who are affected by this project. **(Right-of-Way/Property Acquisition – Section 3.3.4)**

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Provide BA and FWS response to USACE.

For pallid sturgeon, at a minimum take into account blasting, dredging, sediment, vibration, noise, and dewatering near piers.

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Provide results and all coordination with FWS to USACE.

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Provide results and all coordination with FWS to USACE.

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Provide BA and all coordination with FWS to USACE.

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Comments on the Environmental Assessment and/or Preferred Alternative

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for contacting the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7. In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Chester Bridge Environmental Assessment.

The Chester Bridge EA is a transportation study that will investigate and identify improvements intended to develop a safe and reliable Route 51 crossing of the Mississippi River. Overall, the purpose of the Chester Bridge EA is to improve the reliability of the crossing and improve the functionality of the crossing.

At this time the EPA has no jurisdictional comments that would hinder continuance of this project. We would appreciate notification when the final decision has been made on the bridge type selected and any deviations in the project plan that might have alternative environmental impacts to the proposed project study area or other projects that might be ongoing in the immediate area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joe Summerlin at (913) 551-7029 or via email at summerlin.joe@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Joe Summerlin
NEPA Project Manager
EPA Region 7

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Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

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How did you find out about the Approved EA and Preferred Alternative announcement? Please check all that apply.

Letter

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Additional comments, if any:

In the future, please send EPA an email instead of USPS with a point of contact within your agency so that we may send official comments via email.

USCG Email Response

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Chester Bridge EA Follow Up

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Good afternoon James, We have received and reviewed the EA and Appendices we will go with FHWA recommendations and just need copy of 106 in the bridge application pkg.

Thanks,

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Chester Bridge EA Follow Up

Good morning Eric and Allan – I am following up on my 6/1/2021 email regarding the Chester Bridge Environmental Assessment.

The study team, MoDOT, and FHWA would like to be certain that the U.S. Coast Guard, as a Cooperating Agency on the NEPA study, has had the opportunity to review the EA and that any resulting comments be received by the study team prior to preparation of further documentation and anticipated conclusion of the study.

The EA and appendices are available for download via the following links. If you have any issues downloading or need an electronic or hard copy sent to you, we would be glad to facilitate this.

Chester Bridge EA: https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021.03.22_ChesterBridge_EA.pdf

EA Appendices:

https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021.03.22_ChesterBridge_EA_Appendices_optimized.pdf

We would appreciate a response at your earliest opportunity to confirm receipt and let us know if additional time is needed for review of the Chester Bridge EA or if the U.S. Coast Guard is amenable to the study proceeding without further review or comment on the EA.

Thank you,

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Subject: Chester Bridge EA Follow Up

Good afternoon Eric and Allan,

As the consultant Project Manager for the Chester Bridge Study, I am contacting you as a follow up to the distribution of the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Chester Bridge Environmental Assessment (EA). Given the U.S. Coast Guard's Cooperating Agency status, we wanted to be certain that you had the opportunity to review the EA and that any resulting comments be received by the study team prior to preparation of further documentation and anticipated conclusion of the study.

Based on our records, the EA NOA was received and signed for by the USCG via FedEx on April 22nd. As of the end of last week, no comments have been received from U.S. Coast Guard. At your earliest convenience, please confirm receipt of the EA via the NOA and confirm whether U.S. Coast Guard has any comments for the study teams consideration prior to proceeding with preparation of the FONSI.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. MoDOT Project Manager, Jason Williams, and MoDOT Environmental Specialists, Melissa Scheperle and Kyle Grayson, are also copied on this email.

Thank you,

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