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# Eastbound U.S. Route 54 over Neighorn Branch -

This bridge, built in 1941, is in poor condition, showing signs it has reached the end of its useful life, and in need of replacement. Nearly 11,000 vehicles use the 24-foot-wide bridge on an average day.

Proposed work

- Replace bridge.
- Add a 10-foot acceleration lane and widen the structure to 40 feet.

### Traffic Impacts

- Work is expected to take 85 calendar days
- While the new bridge is being built, all eastbound traffic will be routed onto the westbound bridge.
- This will narrow U.S. Route 54 to one lane in each direction.

# Westbound U.S. Route 54 over Neighorn Branch-

Built in 1965, this bridge carries 11,000 vehicles on an average day. While the supporting structures are in good condition, the driving surface has deteriorated and needs replaced.

Proposed work

- Replace bridge deck.
- Widen to 32 feet two 12-foot lanes and two 4-foot shoulders.

Traffic Impacts

- Work is expected to take 50 calendar days.
- After the new eastbound bridge is constructed, the westbound bridge's deck will be replaced, which will push all traffic onto the eastbound bridge.
- This will narrow U.S. Route 54 to one lane in each direction.

# **Current Proposed Timeline**

- January 2025: Contractors submit competitive bids.
- February 2025: Missouri
  Highways and Transportation
  Commission may award contract
  for work.
- March 2025: Earliest the contractor may begin work.
- **Dec. 1, 2025**: Anticipated completion of project.

Subject to change.

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