

THEODOSIA, MO | OZARK COUNTY

U.S. 160 BRIDGE OVER BULL SHOALS LAKE

ABOUT

MoDOT is looking into the best way to replace the narrow, aging U.S. Route 160 bridge over Bull Shoals Lake at Theodosia, Missouri in Ozark County.

Why does the bridge need to be replaced?

This bridge was built in 1951. While the existing bridge is safe to use, it is deteriorating and nearing the end of its useful life. If it isn't replaced, it will face years of maintenance causing impacts to the traveling public. A detour due to a full closure of the bridge would be 50 miles (using Route 95 and Route 5).

MoDOT and its consultant team are currently conducting an environmental study. The study will include an alternatives analysis and look at ways to build a new bridge while keeping the existing bridge open.

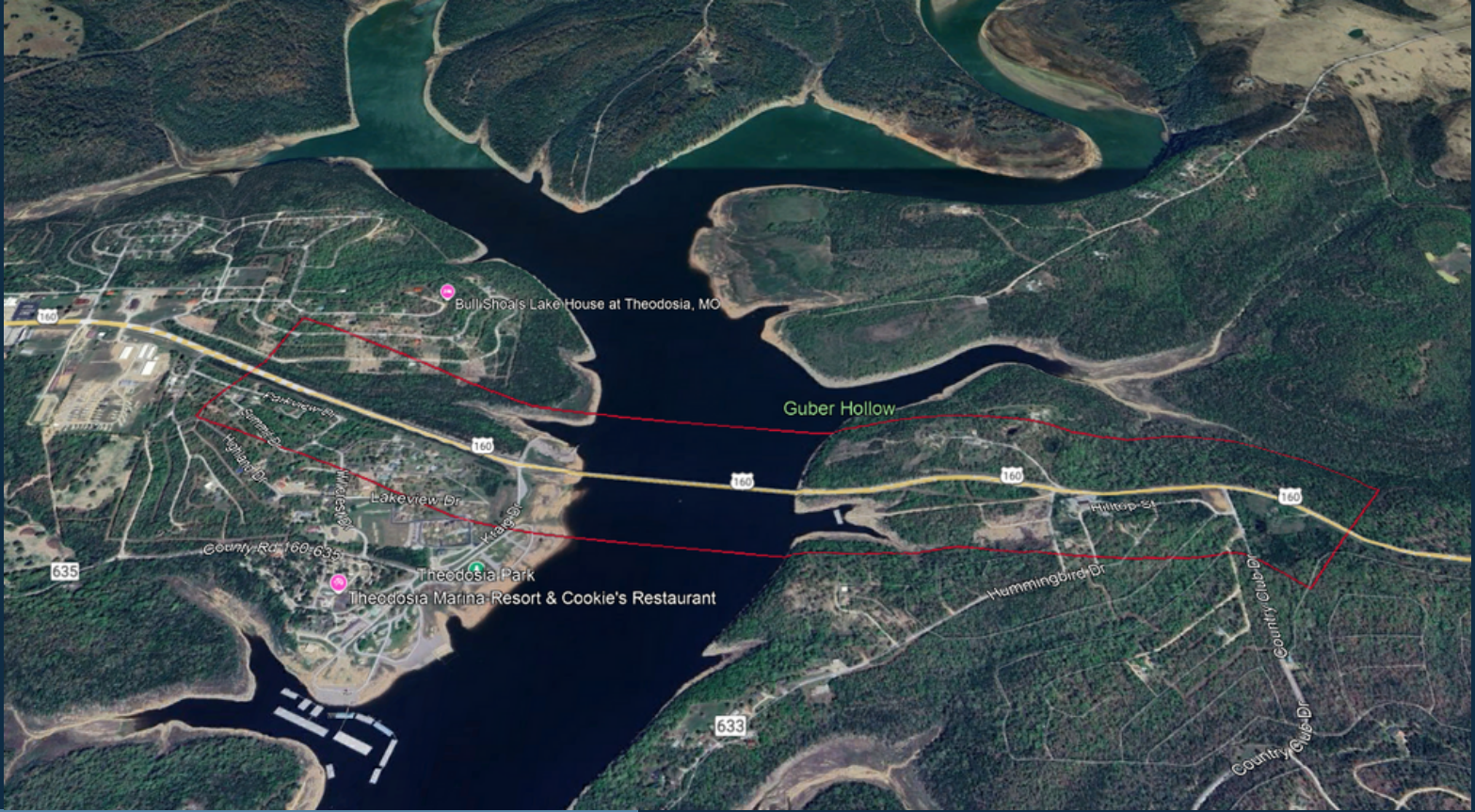
Project Timeline

- **Environmental and Conceptual Study Phase**
Completed: Summer 2026 (WE ARE HERE)
- **Anticipated Design Phase Completed:** Fall 2028
- **Anticipated Construction:** Fall 2028 thru Fall 2030



STUDY AREA

The area shown on this map is what is being environmentally cleared. The area of the new bridge and its approaches will be within this footprint but won't encompass the entirety of it.



What is the goal of performing an environmental study?

The goal of the study is to perform an alternatives analysis and develop an environmental document, which will include reasonable alternatives to construct a new bridge.

The study will look at geometric, geotechnical, property, land use and environmental factors for bridges on offset alignments, a superstructure replacement and a no-build option.

What is the NEPA process?

A review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is in progress.

The NEPA Process:

- Gathers information on existing environmental conditions ([WE ARE HERE](#))
- Considers alternatives/options
- Assesses potential environmental impacts and mitigations
- Documents the findings
- The NEPA process also documents potential impacts to public parks and recreational areas and historic sites under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act. This includes Bull Shoals Lake, Theodosia Park, and the U.S. 160 Bridge over Bull Shoals Lake.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please contact MoDOT Project Manager Donna Philpot at (573) 472-5347 or the project webpage at modot.org/160BullShoalsOzark.

