

ROUTE T AT LAKE WAPPAPELLO

During the spring 2011 flood, Route T near Lake Wappapello in Wayne County washed out due to rising lake levels and use of the emergency spillway. A temporary crossing is currently in place, but with the help of community members and county leaders, MoDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are looking for a more permanent solution. At the public meeting held in September 2011, MoDOT discussed various options with the public and many chose a bridge as the best option.

What occurred following the public meeting in September?

Following the meeting, MoDOT began looking at various alignments where a bridge could be used. It was initially estimated that the bridge would cost about \$2.1 million. Since that time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested that MoDOT not construct or place any material in the transition area.

Why is a bridge no longer a viable solution?

With the restrictions presented, there is not a fiscally responsible way to bridge the transition area.

What is the plan to replace Route T?

MoDOT has decided to replace the washed out section of Route T with a channel crossing below the transition area. Years ago, the original Route T featured an unrestricted transition zone below the spillway.

Due to physical constraints, the permanent roadway will have a curved alignment similar to that of the existing detour. While the horizontal alignment will be similar to the existing temporary crossing, the vertical alignment will be greatly improved having gentler grades. The new roadway will accommodate large vehicles, trucks and trailers.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year 2012.



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