

Frequently Asked Questions

Replace Bridge Over Joachim Creek on Route 61/67 in Jefferson County Job No. J6S3289

Where is the project located?

The project is located on U.S. 61/67 in Jefferson County within the city limits of Herculaneum and the eastern city limits of Pevely. The Joachim Creek Bridge is located along U.S. 61/67 between the intersections of Herky-Horine Road/Wall Street to the north and Scenic Drive to the south.

Why is this project needed?

The existing roadway and bridge profile are well below the Joachim Creek and Mississippi River backwater flood plain elevations, resulting in frequent closures. The purpose of the project is to replace the aging bridge (built in 1933) by constructing a new bridge and raising the elevation above the flood elevation to reduce the frequency and duration of bridge closures due to flooding.

How will this work be accomplished?

The new bridge will be constructed on a relocated alignment west of the existing bridge. The overall structure width will be wider to accommodate the existing Mississippi River Trail (MRT) with 8-foot shoulders on both sides, in addition to four, 12-foot-wide travel lanes. The Herky-Horine/Wall Street intersection will be reconnected to the realigned main line.

What will the construction look like?

MoDOT leaves the precise staging to the contractor who is awarded the bid for the project, and construction methods may vary by contractor. However, since the new bridge will be constructed on a relocated alignment west of the existing bridge, motorists will use existing Route 61/67 until the new bridge is completed, at which time, traffic will be moved onto the new structure and the old bridge will be demolished. Some work may also be performed during nighttime hours.

Is MoDOT purchasing property from land owners?

MoDOT will need to purchase some property and/or obtain temporary easements in order to construct the new bridge on the relocated alignment. The Right of Way acquisition process is in progress.