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Project Description:

Route H Blue Ditch Bridge was originally constructed in 1938 and is load-limited to one way traffic. Due to aging and deterioration, especially of parts of the bridge that are frequently in contact with water, Blue Ditch Bridge will be replaced.



Before

Blue Ditch Bridge Replacement



After

Before & After:

The current Route H Blue Ditch Bridge is a 3-span bridge that is 22 feet wide and load-limited to one lane of traffic. Also, load-bearing parts of the current bridge are constructed of timber. The new bridge will be a three-barrel concrete culvert. When completed, it will be 30 feet wide between the guardrails, allowing for two-way traffic.

Timeline:

Originally, work on the project was anticipated to begin in summer 2010. However, the project has been accelerated and will be included in the June 26, 2009 letting. If the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awards the project in July, as anticipated, the project could be completed in late August.

The Route H Blue Ditch Bridge

Project was originally expected to begin in summer 2010. However, the project has been accelerated, and work will now begin a year earlier. By accelerating the project, MoDOT will coordinate the bridge replacement project with the district's ongoing maintenance of Blue Ditch, specifically the restoration of the original ditch cross-section ahead and behind MoDOT's project. "It makes good sense to coordinate our activities and work together to deliver a better project," said Project Manager Andy Meyer. With the coordination of the projects, it will be less likely that the ditch will become filled with silt again in the vicinity of the old bridge.

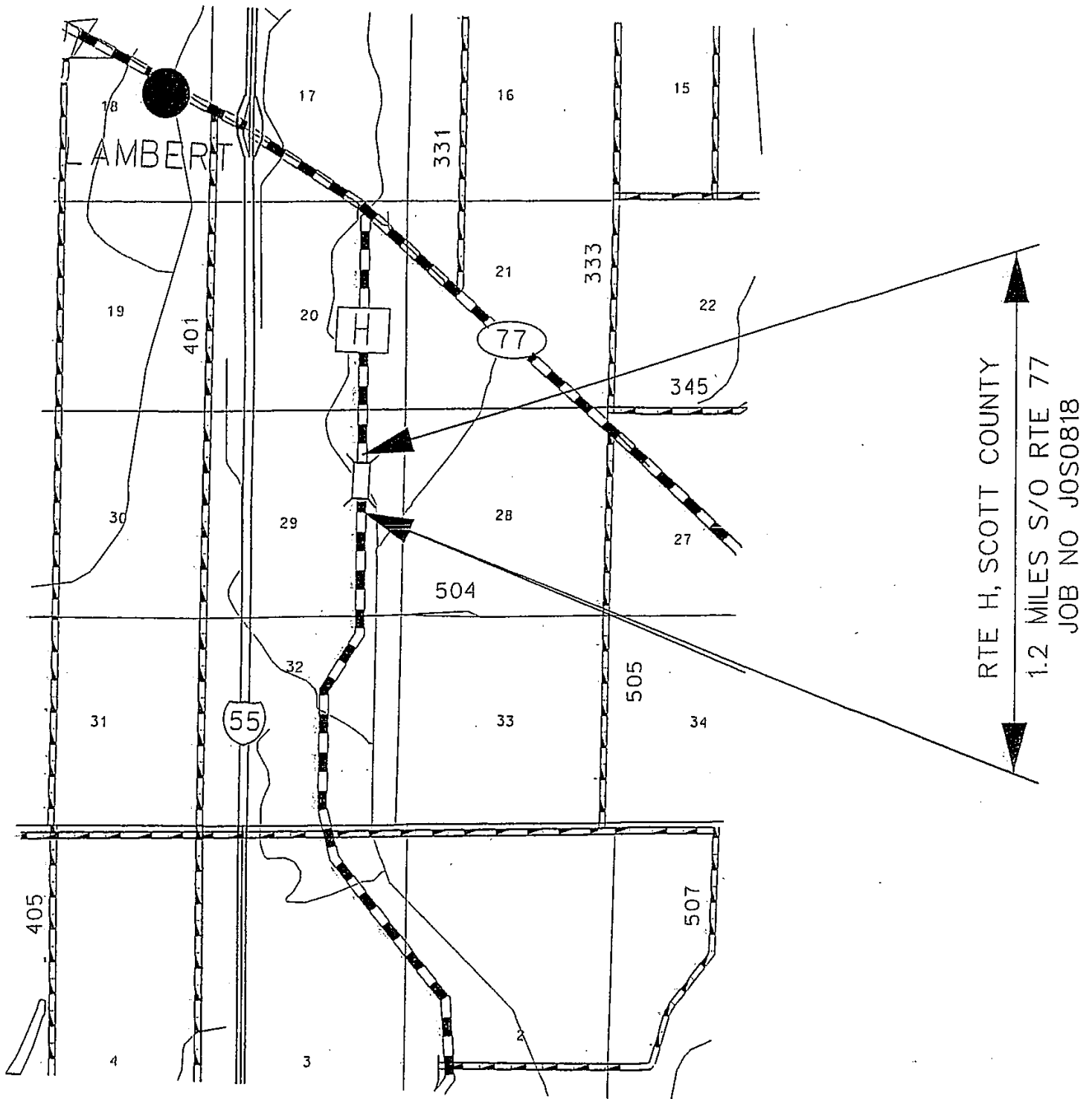
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ROUTE H



Impact on Traffic:

During work, Route H will be restricted to local traffic only from a half mile south of Route 77 to County Road 504. Route H will be closed to all through traffic at the Blue Ditch Bridge, one mile south of Route 77. Detour routes will be posted on Routes H, C, 61 and 77.