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Blanchette Bridge Reopens Two Months Early



Both the eastbound and westbound Interstate 70 Blanchette Bridges returned to normal five lanes in each direction on Saturday, August 24, more than two months ahead of the original deadline of November 1. The \$64 million rehabilitation will sustain the westbound bridge for another 50 years of use. Crews will be finishing some work underneath the bridge on the piers for a few more months. There will be occasional midday and overnight lane closures on I-70 to do a few clean up items, but the major impacts to traffic are complete.

MoDOT and its contractor Walsh Construction thank you for your patience these past ten months. We couldn't have done this so smoothly without the great partnerships with the City of St Charles, St. Charles County, the emergency responders on both sides of the river, all of the elected officials throughout the county who shared information with constituents and the motorists who used Route 364 and Route 370 as alternate routes.

Route 364 Ready to Open First Bridge at Gutermuth

On Friday, August 30, MoDOT and its contractor Page Constructors will open the first completed piece of Route 364 Page Avenue Phase 3. The Gutermuth Road bridge over what will be the new lanes of Route 364 opens in Cottleville less than three months after the road was closed. Crews closed the road and began excavation on June 3. The ribbon cutting ceremony with local and state elected officials is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday. The bridge will reopen sometime late Friday evening. Later this fall, Old Gutermuth Road will be closed off at the point it crosses state property. All neighborhoods and driveways will still have access to their homes, but Old Gutermuth will no longer connect as a through street.



Crews pour the concrete for the Gutermuth Road bridge deck on August 15, 2013.