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## Ribbon Cut for New Hurricane Deck Bridge

CAMDEN COUNTY – History was made today when state and local officials cut the ribbon on the new Hurricane Deck Bridge during a ceremony held in the center of the new structure.

Fireworks sounded as the ribbon was cut, fire boats blasted water into the air and the Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary led a celebratory parade of vehicles across the half-mile long bridge.

Located south of Sunrise Beach on Route 5, the new bridge spans the Osage arm of the Lake of the Ozarks. Built on the east side of the original Hurricane Deck Bridge, the new structure is wider than the current bridge, with two 12-foot driving lanes and seven-foot shoulders on each side. The old bridge has been in service since 1936.

“We’re proud to celebrate the opening of the new bridge, while also commemorating the rich history of the existing bridge that has served the area for 77 years,” said Dave Nichols, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Nichols noted the bridge construction was completed almost three months ahead of schedule.

MoDOT Central District Engineer David Silvester said the new bridge was one component of about \$300 million in road work and \$100 million in bridge work the department has delivered in the Lake of the Ozarks area in the last 20 years.

“Today we’re opening the last major bridge in the Lake area. This is a historic day,” said Silvester, who led the crowd in a toast to the new bridge and shared some fun facts about the new structure, including:

- There are more than 10,000 cubic yards of concrete in the new bridge. If stacked on a football field, the concrete would be 5 ½ feet high.



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- The concrete contains about 1.75 million pounds of reinforced steel.
- The girders supporting the bridge's concrete deck contain more than 4.2 million pounds of steel and are as long as 265 feet
- Workers moved more than 20,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt to make way for the new bridge. If stacked on a football field, the rock and dirt piles would stand 12 feet tall.
- Experienced trade workers spent more than 50,000 hours building the bridge.

As part of the ceremony, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission member Gregg Smith conveyed a plaque taken from the old bridge to Daphne Jeffries of the Camden County Historical Society, which will display the historic keepsake.

The new Hurricane Deck Bridge will officially open to traffic in the late evening on Monday, Sept. 9. The original bridge will then be closed and prepared for demolition during the remainder of 2013. Final demolition will take place in the spring of 2014.

American Bridge Company, Inc. of Overland Park, Kan., is the contractor on the \$32.3 million bridge project, which began in May of 2012. Parsons Corporation was the project consultant.

For more information about the ribbon cutting or for additional information about the bridge project, please visit, [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central), like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MoDOTCentralMissouriDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/MoDOTCentralMissouriDistrict), or follow our Twitter page [@MoDOT\\_Central](https://twitter.com/MoDOT_Central).

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