



**HWY. 67**  
 Ahead of schedule  
 and under budget

By DAVID SILVERBERG  
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**Greenville bypass opening 2 lanes**

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GREENVILLE, Mo. — Two lanes of the U.S. 67 bypass around Greenville will open at 9 a.m. Friday, according to Missouri Department of Transportation Resident Engineer Steve Bubanovich.

Traffic will cross the new bridge over St. Francis River/Wappapello Lake.

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Three cranes prepare to lift the first two 65,000-pound structural steel girders across the St. Francis River south of Greenville. The new four-lane U.S. 67 bridge is expected to be completed in the fall of 2008.



**New funding for 67,**

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 Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Kit Bond has obtained \$15 million in new funding for U.S. 67 north of Poplar Bluff and \$25 million to complete two additional lanes on U.S. 60 between Van Buren and Willow Springs.

"We are just tickled to death," Highway 67 Cooperation Chairman Tom Lawson said after he received a phone call from Tom Schulte in Bond's office Thursday.

The Missouri Department of Transportation will make a decision soon on how the money will be used.

"It's great news," MoDOT's Route 67 Project Manager Bill Robison said.

He hopes most of the new funding will be used to improve interchanges with Highway 34 at Silva and Routes A and C at Cherokee Pass and for purchasing right-of-way for the additional two lanes between Poplar Bluff and Preble.

This funding the \$180 million raised for the laning project million count sales tax ap Bluff voters i Bond, wh the Senate Infrastructure announced Missouri \$1.3 billion funds over

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**U.S. 67 bridge construction at Greenville ahead of schedule**

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The project included upgrading the route to four lanes from north of Poplar Bluff to Fredericktown in Madison County.

Improving Route 67 was made possible through the partnership of the Highway 67 Corporation, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Funding was secured for the project after Poplar Bluff voters passed a tax to pay for a portion of the construction, Missouri voters passed Amendment 3 and an agreement was reached with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The project was completed more than a year ahead of schedule, with completion initially anticipated in December 2012.

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The schedule of events and stops for the day includes:

9 am - Fredericktown event at the Black River Electric Coop (2600 Highway 67)

10:30 am - Greenville event at Greenville Campground (Boat Ramp Parking Lot)

11:45 am - Poplar Bluff event at First Community Bank (2911 North Westwood Blvd.)

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