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Better Bridges

Route 95/Little North Fork of White River Bridge Replacement Thornfield, Ozark County



Route 95/Little North Fork
of the White River
CLOSED
Sept. 12 until Nov. 13.

The Route 95 bridge over Little North Fork of the White River at Thornfield will be CLOSED for replacement Sept. 12 through Nov. 13.

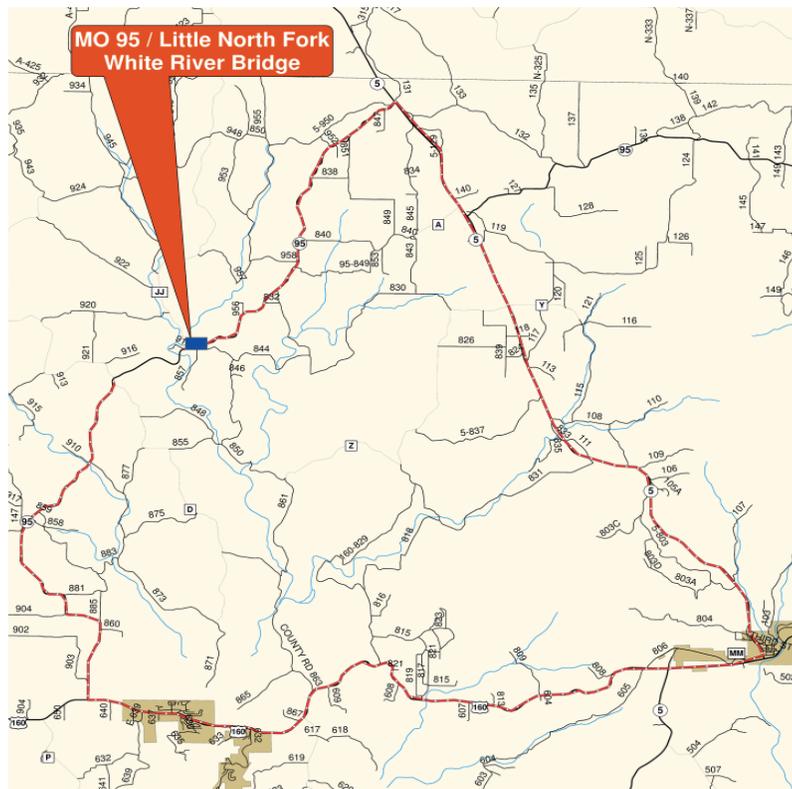
The existing bridge, built in 1932, will be replaced with a new, slightly wider bridge that will provide wider lanes.

During construction of the new bridge on Route 95, traffic will be detoured onto Route 5 and Route 160.

This is the first bridge to be replaced this year in Ozark County. The Route OO bridge at Lick Creek near Ocie is scheduled to be replaced in early October.

- Keeping traffic away from each bridge means construction can be completed quicker, safer and cheaper.

- Fire, ambulance and law enforcement are being notified so they can plan how to respond to emergencies in areas where each bridge is closed. Schools and Post Offices also are being notified.



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Program Facts

- Missouri has 10,276 bridges on the state highway system – 7th largest total nationwide. About 1,100 of those bridges are in poor/serious condition, mostly because of wear and tear on the deck, girders and/or columns. The 802 bridges in the worst condition will be repaired or replaced under Safe & Sound by Oct. 31, 2014.

- 248 of the bridges up for rehabilitation in the program are packaged in small groups based on location, size or type and put out for bids in what is called a Modified Design-Bid-Build process. This process has helped accelerate construction schedules.

- 554 bridges to be replaced are packaged in a Design-Build contract.

- The use of one team to design and build the entire project is particularly effective on large, complicated projects that offer significant opportunities for innovation in order to save money and speed completion.

- MoDOT will dedicate about one-third of its annual existing federal bridge replacement funds to finance the program without a tax increase or additional funding. Payments are expected to be about \$50 million a year.

- Bridges were selected for the Safe and Sound program based on their condition and role in supporting Missouri's businesses, farms and families and because funding for improvements had not already been allocated through traditional programs.

- All bridge projects, maps, detours: www.modot.org/safeandsound

Road Closings

Drivers should expect that most of the bridges on the Safe & Sound program will be closed to speed construction and to save money. Closing the bridge and repairing or replacing it where it sits today greatly reduces the need to buy additional right of way, to relocate utilities and to build expensive new roadway connections. Avoiding these costs means that MoDOT can improve more bridges across the state.

Contractors have a specific amount of time to begin and complete work on each bridge. Before work begins, MoDOT will post signs at each bridge, alerting drivers to anticipate construction. Information about construction will be provided through local news media and other means to notify the community when work will begin.

Where applicable, detours on state roads will be marked.

Detailed information about every bridge, including anticipated construction dates, closings and marked detours is available at www.modot.mo.org/safeandsound.

MoDOT is committed to working with citizens to schedule work during times with minimal impacts to communities, but the inconvenience of road closings may not be avoidable.

Just as it is inconvenient to slow down for road work, it is inconvenient to take a detour for a bridge replacement, and we understand that. This program would not be affordable without road closings.

We ask for the understanding and cooperation of the traveling public as we complete these projects as quickly as possible.

