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Platte County Safe & Sound Bridge Program News from the Missouri Department of Transportation

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The Missouri Department of Transportation will be in the area soon to rehabilitate two bridges, the Route H Bridge over I-29 and the Route V Bridge over Jordan Branch, both west of Dearborn. The Route H Bridge was built in 1958 and averages 960 vehicles per day. The Route V Bridge was built in 1959 and averages 112 vehicles per day. Both will receive a new deck, which requires a complete bridge closure for no more than 60 days. Depending on the contractor, both bridges could be closed at the same time.

Safe & Sound Bridge Program Overview:

The Missouri Department of Transportation has identified an

innovative process to quickly replace or rehabilitate 802 of its lowest-rated bridges. It's the strongest action ever taken by MoDOT to address the conditions and problems with its huge inventory of bridges –more than 10,200 statewide. The new Safe & Sound

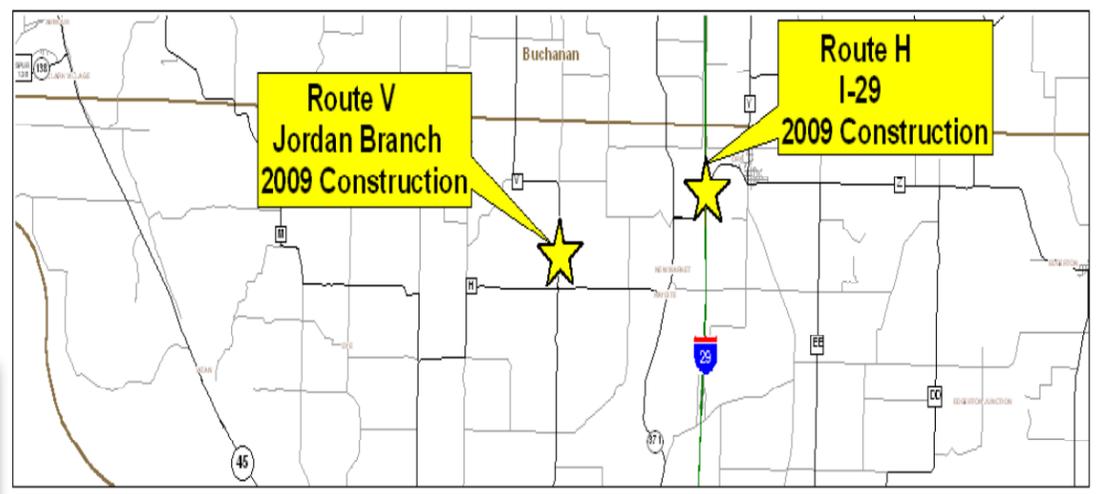


Route H Bridge over I-29

Bridge Improvement Program will allow MoDOT to address the 802 bridges and complete all repairs within five years.

MoDOT will solicit Design-Build proposals to replace 554 bridges in a single contract. That package will be advertised this fall and awarded in late

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spring 2009. The other 248 bridges to be improved, including at least 100 that will be under construction early in 2009, will be contracted using a modified design-bid-build approach, where projects are grouped by type, size or location to accelerate construction schedules. The bridges discussed today are included in the first 100 bridges.

Funding

MoDOT will be delivering 802 improved bridges to Missourians in five years - we'll just be packaging and paying for the work a little differently. When all is said and done, our new approach will likely save taxpayers \$300 million to \$500 million.

Here's how it will work: At least 100 bridges will be under construction early next year using accelerated project management techniques; 554 bridges will be included in a single design-build package that will be advertised this fall and awarded in late spring 2009; the remaining 148 bridges will be improved over the following four years also using an accelerated process. We'll sell bonds and use federal bridge replacement funds we receive each year to make the annual payment.

How this will affect your area

The Kansas City area district has 145 bridges to be replaced in the next five years. The first two are in the Platte County area, with work expected to begin spring 2009. These bridges include the Route H Bridge over I-29 and the Route V Bridge over Jordan Branch, both just west of Dearborn and are among the first bridges to be improved in the Kansas City district. In all, Platte County will receive 15 improved bridges during the next five years.

In order to safely rehabilitate these two bridges, MoDOT must completely close each bridge lasting no more than 60 days. This will enable crews to complete the improvements safely, quickly and economically, saving taxpayers' money. Closing the bridges allow the contractor to reduce cost by minimizing the need for additional right of way and for costly roadway work. Every bridge that's closed during construction allows us to work on another bridge in need of attention.

The Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program is rather different than what Missourians are accustomed to

when a project moves into the area. MoDOT will need to close the bridge, allowing us to make repairs as safely and efficiently as possible. When drivers see Safe & Sound signs near bridges, they should begin thinking about the probability that the bridge will be closed during construction and to plan accordingly.

Signed detours will be in place during the bridge closure and can be found on the attached map.

The 310 foot long bridge will receive a new deck to improve its current condition.

