

REFLECTIONS

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN

The Milton-Madison Bridge Project is ringing in the new year with new bridge construction activity on both sides of the river.

In Milton, activity will take place along the waterfront in two locations, upstream and downstream of the bridge.

Work is underway to set up a truss staging and assembly area several hundred yards downstream of the bridge. The new steel bridge truss will be constructed in this area and then transported by barge to the downstream piers, where the sections will be erected. Because the river is too shallow near the shore to accommodate barges, crews are building a large platform that will extend out into the river, providing access.

On the upstream side of the bridge in Milton, work is beginning on construction of a temporary access ramp along KY 36/Ferry St., near the Milton boat ramp parking lot. The use of temporary access ramps on both sides of the river allows the bridge to remain open while the existing approaches to the bridge are replaced.

In Madison, workers are mobilizing equipment to be used for constructing the temporary access ramps, bridge approaches and access roads to the construction site. Because of construction activity along Vaughn Dr., it is closed to through-traffic between Ferry St. and St. Michaels Ave. and is expected to remain closed until completion of the project in Sept. 2012. The detour is approximately seven blocks long and will use Ferry St., SR 56, 2nd St., and St. Michaels Ave.

Barges, cranes and cofferdam materials are also being moved into place along the river in Madison. Cofferdams will be installed around the existing piers, starting on the Kentucky side of the river progressing toward Indiana. Cofferdams are watertight steel barriers that will allow workers to access piers below water level. Once the cofferdams are in place, work will begin this winter on strengthening the existing piers.



WATCH CONSTRUCTION LIVE!

With the addition of a Web cam to the project Web site, www.MiltonMadisonBridge.com, you'll soon be able to watch live as the new bridge comes to life. The Web cam will document bridge construction from start to finish. You can also submit your own photos to be shown on the project Web site, by clicking on the photo gallery page.

Project "tweets" provide timely updates on the latest bridge happenings, including construction and traffic information. You can follow the project on Twitter @MMBridgeProject.

Did You Know?

The downstream piers will be designed to modern standards to withstand wind, earthquake and barge impacts. Motorists will be diverted to the downstream bridge for a period of approximately four months starting in late spring 2012.

What About The Ferry?

Because of the dramatically shortened bridge closure period, Walsh Construction has proposed replacing the full ferry service with emergency ferry service. The smaller vessel would carry ambulances across the river during the two brief bridge closures.

Making Connections

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TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE RELEASED

While the project schedule is subject to change, the first brief bridge closure is currently planned for mid-July 2011. Here are the approximate dates for other project milestones:

- Existing pier strengthened: January 2011 through Sept. 2011
- Temporary approach ramps built on Vaughn Dr. and KY 36: April 2011 through July 2011
- Bridge closes while traffic is shifted onto temp ramps: mid-July 2011
- Downstream piers are constructed: late July 2011 through November 2011
- Permanent approaches are built: July 2011 through Nov. 2011
- New truss is assembled on downstream piers: September 2011 through May 2012
- Traffic is rerouted to downstream bridge: May 2012
- Existing truss is demolished: May 2012 through July 2012
- Existing piers are widened: July 2012 through early September 2012
- Bridge closes, "truss sliding" occurs, bridge reopens to traffic: early September 2012

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 11

Would you like to know more about the bridge construction process and "truss sliding?" Come find out at a public information meeting being held this month.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) are holding a public meeting to provide an overview of construction plans and changes that have occurred since Walsh Construction joined the project team as the design-build contractor. Project personnel will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and take public comment.

Public Informational Meeting
January 11, 2011, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
New Milton Elementary School
9542 Hwy. 421N
Milton, KY

As a result of changes to the project, the project team is updating the information in the federal environmental documents relating to the project. Public input on the new construction process is encouraged and will be reflected in the revised project documents.

The meeting presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, call (859) 244-8894 or check the project Web site, www.MiltonMadisonBridge.com, to find out if the meeting is cancelled.

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