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Construction Begins for New Bridge on Route 45 in Farley

FARLEY – Flood risk along the Platte River has subsided, and the Missouri Department of Transportation is moving forward with construction for a new bridge on Route 45 over the Platte River in Farley. This project, scheduled for construction earlier this spring, will build a new bridge to the east of the existing structure. The original bridge, built in 1933, carries more than 3300 vehicles per day.

As flood waters along the Platte River threatened the area, MoDOT worked closely with the Corp of Engineers and the local levee district to determine when work could safely be performed on this \$3.8 million project. Now that the flooding potential is minimal, the contractor, APAC Kansas has begun preliminary work, moving dirt into the area to allow it to settle over the winter months. By spring of next year, work on the new structure will begin. Motorists driving through the area will encounter construction trucks entering and exiting the project area and are advised to drive safely through the work zone. No lane restrictions will be placed along Route 45 during this work, but Farley-Hampton Road must close once fill is nearly complete later this winter or in early spring next year as work progresses.

The new plate girder bridge will be built on the east side of the existing structure. Route 45 will remain open for the majority of the work. At the end of the project, the road will need to close for a short time to allow crews to connect the roadway to the new bridge. The final step is removal of the existing Route 45 Platte River Bridge. All work is anticipated to be finished by spring 2013.

For further information about this project and others, please visit MoDOT's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/modot.kansascity, or Twitter site at www.twitter.com/modot_kc. You can also contact MoDOT 24 hours-a-day at 888-ASK-MODOT to find out information or report road concerns. We want your feedback on our work zones! Rate Our Work Zones at www.modot.org/kansascity.

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