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BROADWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT REQUIRES CLOSURE OF HIGHWAY 10 ACCESS RAMPS

LITTLE ROCK (3-18) – Preparations for replacement of the Broadway Bridge over the Arkansas River in Pulaski County will require the State Highway 10 (La Harpe Blvd.) access ramps to be closed and removed, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

This work includes closing the La Harpe Blvd. ramps, a nearby parking area accessed by North Arch Street, and a section of the Arkansas River Trail that exists on state right of way.

Weather permitting on **Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 a.m.**, the parking areas accessed by North Arch Street and a section of the Arkansas River Trail will be closed. A detour for the River Trail will be signed by the city of Little Rock.

The access ramp carrying traffic from westbound La Harpe Blvd. to northbound Broadway will be closed by **Wednesday**, **March 25**th. The access ramp carrying traffic from southbound Broadway to westbound La Harpe Blvd. will be closed at a later date once the northbound access ramp is removed.

The new Broadway Bridge, which will be constructed in 2016, will include new ramps for access to La Harpe Blvd. There will be no direct access, however, between the existing bridge and La Harpe Blvd. until the new bridge is complete in the fall of 2016.

Kansas City, Missouri-based Massman Construction Company was awarded a \$98.4 million contract in September 2014 to replace the Broadway Bridge. The structure is expected to be out of service for six months while being replaced. That work is expected to occur between May and November 2016.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on <u>Twitter @AHTD</u>.

