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U.S. HIGHWAY 70 (BROADWAY) BRIDGE CLOSURE RESCHEDULED

Weather, arch fabrication challenges require schedule adjustment

PULASKI COUNTY (3-9) – The anticipated 180-day closure period to replace the U.S. Highway 70 (Broadway) Bridge must be rescheduled, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation (AHTD) officials.

High water events on the Arkansas River last summer and challenges in steel fabrication related to the complexity of the new twin-arch structure will prohibit the contractor from beginning the 180-day closure period as scheduled. A more specific timeframe for the closure will be announced at a later date.

Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, Missouri was awarded a \$98.4 million contract in September 2014 to replace the Broadway Bridge. Much work will continue in the coming months that will better position the contractor for the closure period. In the meantime, steel beams and other materials will continue to arrive on the job site and over the summer the public will begin to see the twin arches take shape as they are assembled on nearby staging barges.

This rescheduled work will have no impact on motorists as the Broadway Bridge remains a safe and viable river crossing. The change in schedule will not increase the project cost nor will it impact the Department's 30 Crossing project. Additional information on the relationship between these two projects can be found in a new Frequently Asked Questions section of 30crossing.com.