



Broadway Bridge over I-670 project news from the Missouri Department of Transportation

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MoDOT will remove and replace the Broadway Bridge over I-670 at the southwest corner of the Downtown Loop. Wider sidewalks will be added with attractive protective barrier on each side.

Why Now?

The existing bridge was scheduled for extensive rehabilitation, but after considering its age and restrictions for pedestrian traffic, MoDOT and Kansas City determined that replacement now is the best option. A new structure will have a longer life, provide wider sidewalks in a critical pedestrian corridor and delay the need for maintenance.

What's the Rush?

The new Kaufmann Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled to open September 16 just a block south of the bridge. Consulting engineers at GBA have been working on a design for the new Broadway Bridge since late last year. A contract is



Broadway Bridge over I-670 looking north with Bartle Hall on the east.

scheduled to be awarded for the approximately \$6 million project early this spring and work will begin soon thereafter.

Broadway will be closed from early May through mid-September. Ramps from and to I-670 at Broadway will be closed for periods beginning in early May, but the period of closure and timing won't be determined until a contractor is selected.

Bridge removal and reconstruction can be accomplished in this tight timeline to ensure Broadway

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Broadway Bridge over I-670

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is open again when the Performing Arts Center opens, but it will create inconvenience for motorists this summer.

Where Are The Detours?

During closure, traffic will be re-routed to the nearest adjacent north-south city streets over I-670. Signs will be posted to alert motorists on Broadway and on I-670 regarding ramp closures and their duration. Updated information will be provided through the media, and also available at MoDOT's Kansas City Website, www.modot.org/kansascity.

Will The Bridge Be Attractive?

MoDOT and the city of Kansas City are sharing the cost of decorative railing to enhance the appearance of the Broadway Bridge. The enhancements are both attractive and compatible with surrounding architecture, but also cost-effective.

Consultants at eldorado architects worked with area stakeholders to design a fresh, innovative barrier for both sides of the bridge. Sidewalks on each side will be about 10 feet wide and provide an attractive path between the Performing Arts Center and other Downtown destinations.



Enhancements include decorative rail and screening to both protect pedestrians and complement the boulevard's appearance.

Want to learn more?

You can find out more about this project by calling MoDOT Transportation Project Manager Jeff Hardy at 607-2266.

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