Third & Final Blast Set for Former Amelia Earhart Bridge (KAIR)--The third and final blast on the former U.S. 59 Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge spanning over the Missouri River between Atchison, KS and Winthrop, MO is set for Monday (October 28th).

The Kansas Department of Transportation says the blast will take place at 9 Monday morning and will remove the remainder of bridge pier 10 located in the Missouri River channel.

The public will be able to view the final demolition blast from the Riverside Park area located off River Road, north of the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Atchison. Those wishing to view the blast should be place within the Riverside Park area by 8:30 Monday morning

Downtown Atchison city streets will be closed beginning at 4 that morning. The entire 1,000-foot NO MAN blast zone area will be evacuated by 8:30 for both Atchison and Winthrop businesses, residents and all traffic on U.S 59 across the new Amelia Earhart Bridge.

The primary contractor on the project is Elgin, Illinois-based Omega Demolition Corporation. All materials from the demolished bridge will be recycled by the contractor. Due to possible safety concerns with the bridge debris, there will be no pieces of the bridge available for the general public.