

Highway 159 bridge projects to begin

(KLZA)-- Two bridges along U.S. Route 159 in Holt County, Missouri are scheduled for improvements as part of the Missouri Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

The Boone Construction Company has been awarded a contract to place a new bridge deck on the bridge over Interstate 29 near Mound City on U.S. Route 159 and to replace the U.S. Route 159 bridge over Penny Slough west of Route 111 near Fortescue.

While flooding in 2019 did not damage the bridges, high water has affected the ability of contractors to begin work.

The redecking project on the I-29 overpass will begin first, with plans to start work on February 17. At that time, U.S. Route 159 will be closed to all traffic. The closure is expected to continue through the end of May.

Interstate 29 traffic will also be impacted February 17 – 21 with the closure of all lanes of the interstate for safety during the removal of the bridge deck. No traffick will be allowed under the bridge .

There will be intermittent lane closures on I-29 in both directions throughout the project.

The bridge replacement project on Highway 159 over Penny Slough is planned to begin in June.

For more information you may contact the Missouri Department of Transportation.

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