



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 25, 2020

POSTPONED GROUNDBREAKING for Riverside Bridge Replacement over Finley River in Christian County

The groundbreaking ceremony previously planned for Friday, March 27, 2020 at 1:30 pm has been POSTPONED. Ozark Special Road District, Christian County and the City of Ozark hold the health and well-being of our communities as a top priority. While the groundbreaking ceremony is postponed due to the impacts of coronavirus COVID-19, construction of the project will continue to stay on schedule. Construction of infrastructure in Missouri is deemed an essential service and construction of the Riverside Bridge is slated to begin on April 6.

The construction contract for the Riverside Bridge replacement was awarded to Hartman & Company, Inc. of Springfield, Missouri. The much-anticipated project replaces the historic one-lane Riverside bridge that was located next to the Riverside Inn. The Riverside Bridge replacement is made possible by Federal, State and Local agencies working together. Construction is slated to begin April 2020. It is anticipated that construction will be completed, and the bridge will open in the fall of 2020.

Great River Engineering of Springfield, Missouri designed the new 2.5-million-dollar bridge. The three-span, 360-foot long bridge has 2 driving lanes as well as a bicycle / pedestrian lane to accommodate multi-modal uses. The bridge will also allow school buses and emergency response vehicles to cross, reducing travel and response times. The project will provide a more direct route to people living and working on both sides of the Finley River.

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