



**For Immediate Release
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Riverside Property Closed During Construction of New Riverside Inn Bridge

To maintain the highest level of safety for all individuals and on-site construction workers, public access to the Riverside Inn Bridge construction area shall remain closed until the completion of the project. The contractors Notice to Proceed was issued on April 6th, 2020 and the anticipated completion date is the winter of 2020, weather permitting. It is extremely exciting to see the bridge work begin and maintaining a safe construction area for everyone involved is of utmost important.

This project is a cost-share project between the Ozark Special Road District, Christian County, and City of Ozark. The cooperative funding agreement approved by all three local entities is testimony to the great work being done to cooperate in ways to make great community projects happen. The new Riverside Inn Bridge will bring back an important river crossing for our community and benefit everyone from drivers to bicyclists, as well as reduce response time for our emergency responders. Once the bridge is complete the plan is to allow public access to return.

We know this area is a great place to take a break and access our beautiful Finley River, so we appreciate your patience as we construct this new community asset. To stay up to date on the Riverside Bridge construction project visit the <https://ozarkmissouri.com/465/38-cent-Transportation-Sales-Tax>.

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