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SIKESTON-The Missouri Department of Transportation plans to replace three bridges in New Madrid, Mississippi and Stoddard Counties.

The bridges to be replaced include:

- The Route E bridge over Little River Drainage Ditch 251, located between County Road 628 and Route HH in New Madrid County.
- The Route 102 bridge over Black Bayou, located between Route YY and Big Oak State Park Entrance in Mississippi County.
- **The Route O bridge over Drainage Ditch 287, located between County Road 349 and County Road 371 in Stoddard County.**

Work to replace the bridges could begin as early as May 2025.

During construction, the roadway will be closed in the vicinity of each bridge for approximately three months. Signed detours will be in place.

If assistance is needed in another language, please contact MoDOT Project Manager Chris Crocker at (573) 472-9033 by Friday, Jan. 10, 2025.

Any person affected by these projects may request that a public meeting be held in regard to the proposed improvements. Requests for a public meeting shall be in writing and must be submitted to District Engineer Mark Croarkin at 2675 North Main St., Sikeston, MO 63801, by Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025.

For more information, please contact MoDOT District Design Engineer Tim Pickett at (573) 472-9003, MoDOT Project Manager Chris Crocker at (573) 472-9033 or MoDOT's Customer Service toll-free at 1-888 ASK MoDOT (275-6636).

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MO Route 114 in Stoddard County Reduced for Bridge Maintenance

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MO Route 114 in Stoddard County Reduced for Bridge Maintenance

Route 114 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform bridge maintenance.

This section of roadway is located from Route 60 to County Road 787 near Grayridge, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

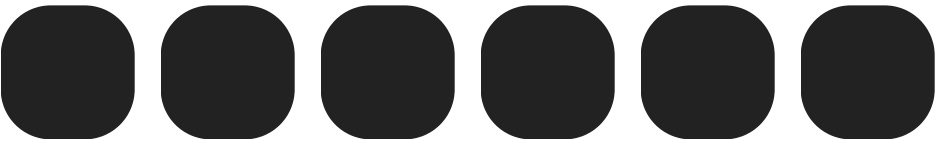
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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Route ZZ in Stoddard County Reduced for Drainage Repairs

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Route ZZ in Stoddard County Reduced for Drainage Repairs

Route ZZ in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform drainage repairs.?

This section of roadway is located from County Road 642 to County Road 659 near Dexter, Missouri

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Dec. 30 through Friday, Jan. 17 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

The work zones will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near these areas.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636

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Flags Ordered to Half Staff Immediately until sunset on Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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The United States flags should be flown at half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in honor of the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter, who passed away this afternoon in Plains, Georgia.

Section 7 of the United States Flag Code, 4 U.S. Code § 7, covers the position and manner of displaying the American flag:

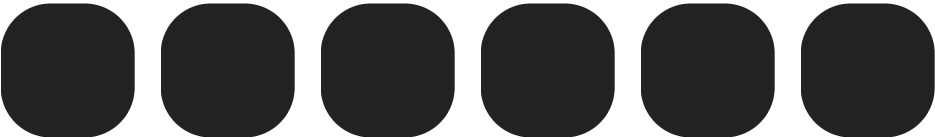
(m) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the death of a member of the Armed Forces from any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, or the death of a first responder working in any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving in the line of duty, the Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff, and the same authority is provided to

the Mayor of the District of Columbia with respect to present or former officials of the District of Columbia, members of the Armed Forces from the District of Columbia, and first responders working in the District of Columbia. When the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia, issues a proclamation under the preceding sentence that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession or in the District of Columbia because of the death of a member of the Armed Forces, the National flag flown at any Federal installation or facility in the area covered by that proclamation shall be flown at half-staff consistent with that proclamation. **The flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President**; 10 days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY

Pledge of Allegiance Day on December 28th commemorates the date Congress adopted the "The Pledge" into the United States Flag Code.

Congress formally gave recognition for the Pledge of Allegiance on December 28, 1945. Francis Bellamy receives credit for writing the Pledge of Allegiance. *The Youth's Companion*, a magazine for young people, first published it anonymously on September 8, 1892, under the title "The Pledge." It was written in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

In 1923 and 1924, the National Flag Conference inserted text of the pledge into legislation. Though modifications were made, the pledge remained nearly the same. At the same time, the conference didn't designate it as the official pledge. In its original form, it read:

“I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The small changes resulted in this version:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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