



America's River Crossing on I-55 Over the Mississippi River Bridge Replacement

Public Meeting

Project Overview

The proposed project will replace the existing 75-year-old I-55 bridge to improve safety, address route resiliency and maintain a state of good repair. The I-55 bridge is projected to support approximately 64,000 vehicles carrying residents, workers and freight moving between Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi every day by the year 2050. The proposed project will improve mobility, reduce crashes and address traffic flow and operations for local and regional motorists and travelers in the tri-state area.



Benefits

Other project benefits and goals include:



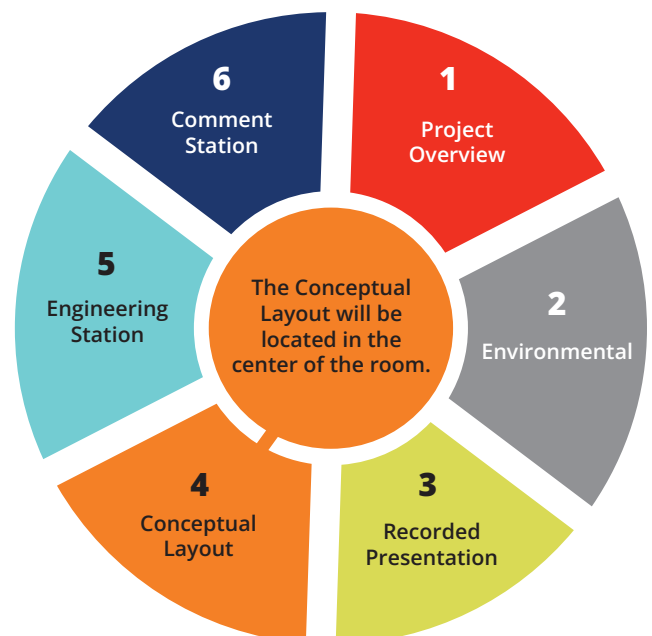
- Reducing future maintenance costs
- Providing a new design that meets modern seismic code (earthquake resistant)
- Enhancing local and regional freight movement
- Enhancing multimodal connectivity with the Big River Crossing
- Improving economic vitality and
- Innovative and timely delivery, pending Large Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant award

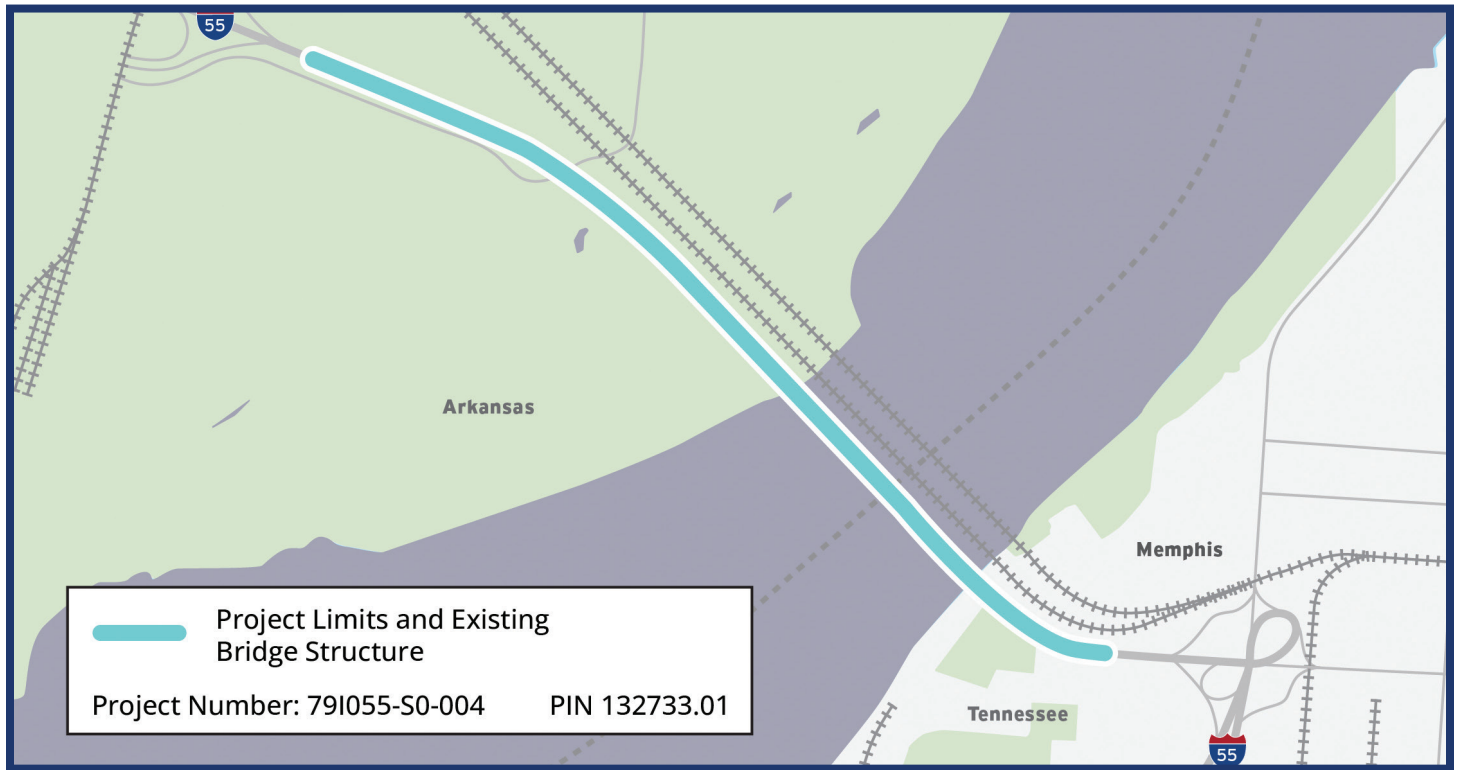
Current Status

Environmental studies are currently underway to determine what potential impacts the project development process will need to consider. There will be public meetings on April 18 in Memphis and April 25 in West Memphis. There will be public hearings in August 2024.

Exhibit Stations

Please note the stations will be set up clockwise in the room in this order:





FAQs

What is the significance of the America's River Crossing?

The existing bridge is a nationally significant freight corridor on the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) and is one of only two Mississippi River crossings in Memphis, Tennessee. It not only serves as a critical connector for residents, workers and freight locally but also serves as a major crossing linking commerce and country from east to west and north to south serving the country's I-40 and I-55 interstate systems.

Why does the bridge need to be replaced?

The current structure opened to traffic in 1949 and a replacement will allow the bridge to meet current design standards. A replacement is necessary to serve the 64,000 vehicles projected to travel across it daily by 2050 by improving safety, applying modernizations and supporting its resiliency against various challenges such as earthquakes.

Why not consider renovating the current bridge rather than pursuing a complete replacement?

Built in 1949, the current bridge is 75 years old. Because the current bridge pre-dates the Interstate Highway System, the span was not built to interstate standards and the existing structure has been determined to not be seismically retrofitted to withstand a significant earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

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