



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

Project Overview

The proposed project will replace the existing 75-year-old I-55 bridge improving 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, utilizing a Large Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant award



Environmental Studies
2024



Public Meetings
April 2024



Public Hearings
Late 2024



Obligate BIP Grant Funds
2026

Current Status

The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) will provide nearly \$400 million to help fund the proposed project. Environmental studies are currently underway to determine what potential impacts the project development process will need to consider. Public meetings were held on April 18 in Memphis and April 25 in West Memphis. Tentatively, public hearings are slated for late 2024.

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