

# Project History



Bridge under construction in 1949



Bridge Today

**2003**

Highway 79 and Mississippi River Crossing Study

**2006**

Mississippi River Crossing Feasibility and Location Study

**2014**

Southern Gateway Study Cost Benefit Analysis

**2023**

Targeted Approach for Crossing the Mississippi River I-55 (US 64) (SR 61)

**2024**

- Public Meetings held in April in Memphis and West Memphis
- Submitted Draft EA, Line and Grade Design, and Preliminary Bridge Layout
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Bridge grant award of ~\$400 million
- Public Hearings held in November in Memphis and West Memphis

**2025**

- Designer of Record, Construction Manager/General Contractor and Independent Cost Estimating firms contracted.
- Functional Design Completed
- Geotechnical Investigations
- FHWA issued Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

**2026**

- Began design updates to improve cost efficiency and constructability
- Began EA Re-evaluation
- Design Public Meetings held in September in Memphis and West Memphis