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Route 69 North of Liberty Reduced to One Lane Two Significant Bridge Replacements Coming Soon

LIBERTY – The Missouri Department of Transportation is preparing for two significant bridge replacements on Route 69 over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad just north of Liberty as part of the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. This will require north and southbound Route 69 to be reduced to one lane throughout the duration of work beginning 7 a.m. on Monday, March 19 through July 26, weather permitting.

MoDOT typically closes the road during bridge replacement, but recognized the importance of minimizing the impact to the more than 15,000 motorists driving through the area daily. Crews will use the existing intersection at East Heartland Drive and construct a temporary crossover south of Chandler Road to allow north and southbound Route 69 traffic to bypass the bridge closure. Motorists will be placed into a head-to-head traffic configuration, limiting access to Route 69 for traffic using the East Heartland Drive and Chandler Road intersections.

Beginning Monday morning, crews will close the left lane of Route 69 in both directions between Chandler Road and the BNSF Railroad bridges for construction of a temporary crossover. Once construction for the temporary bypass is complete, traffic will be placed into the head-to-head traffic configuration.

Northbound Bridge Closure: On Monday, April 2, the northbound Route 69 Bridge will be closed for replacement, placing head-to-head traffic on southbound Route 69. Northbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane and sent into southbound lanes at the signal located on East Heartland Drive. Northbound traffic will cross back over at the newly constructed bypass near Chandler Road.

During this time, traffic using East Heartland Drive will have limited access. Vehicles traveling north on Route 69 will be allowed to enter East Heartland Drive to reach the industrial park; however, southbound Route 69 traffic will need to find an alternate entrance. All traffic exiting the industrial park using East Heartland will have full access to both north and southbound Route 69, but



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could experience long wait times to gain access onto the highway. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes.

Southbound Bridge Closure: Once work on the northbound bridge is complete, southbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane and sent into northbound lanes using a newly constructed crossover near Chandler Road. This will place traffic into a head-to-head traffic configuration on northbound Route 69, crossing back at East Heartland Drive.

During this time, traffic using East Heartland Drive will have limited access. Vehicles will be allowed right in and right out movements only, but will have full access using Route 33 and Route B.

During the bridgework, the speed limit will be lowered to allow traffic to move safely through the area. This will impact traffic especially during peak travel times. Motorists driving through the area are encouraged to seek alternate routes if possible to minimize delay. All work is weather dependent and will be finished by July 26.

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