

## MoDOT Springfield District News Release

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### **Branson City Campground Access Road Scheduled to Change on Monday, May 3**

**MoDOT, District 8, Springfield** -- A temporary access road to the Branson City Campground is scheduled to open to traffic on Monday, May 3, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

Drivers who need to reach the campground or Scotty's Trout Dock must turn left off of Branson Landing Boulevard at the old access road, travel 100 feet into the Branson Landing Parking lot and then make a right onto the temporary access road to reach the campground.

The temporary road will remain in place for up to a month as contractor crews rebuild the old access road and raise it to a higher elevation to accommodate the new Lake Taneycomo bridge being built adjacent to the campground.

At the same time, the city of Branson will close the south end of Boxcar Willie Drive at the railroad crossing.

The new Lake Taneycomo bridge will carry traffic from Route 76/Business 65 at Hollister to Branson Landing Boulevard.

#### **Here's a look at the project:**

- \* Build a new Lake Taneycomo bridge connecting Route 76 to Branson Landing Boulevard. The project began in January 2010 and is scheduled to be completed this fall.
- \* Rehabilitate and widen the existing Lake Taneycomo Bridge. This part of the project will begin in late 2010 after the new bridge is open to traffic and should be completed by Dec. 31, 2011.
- \* Build an oval "round-about" on the Hollister side of Lake Taneycomo to replace the current traffic signal and connect the bridges with Route 76/Business 65. The "round-about" will be completed by the end of the project in late 2011.

The prime contractor on the project is Jensen Construction Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, doing the work for a low bid of \$12.2 million.

MoDOT funding and money received through a congressional earmark obtained by U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt will pay for the \$4.8 million bridge rehabilitation portion of the project. The new bridge and round-about is being funded by \$7.4 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

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