

# INFORMATION RELEASE



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### NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

- WHAT:** Closing Ceremony for the U.S. Highway 70 Arkansas River (Broadway) Bridge in Pulaski County.
- WHO:** Arkansas Highway Commissioners, AHTD Director Scott Bennett, Pulaski County Judge Barry Hyde, elected officials from both Little Rock and North Little Rock, as well as area business leaders. Also the Arkansas Army National Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, September 28 at 10:45 am.**
- WHERE:** The bridge will close to vehicle traffic at 10:00 am. The event will take place on the main lanes of the bridge. Access by vehicle will begin at 10:15 from the North Little Rock side only. Foot access available from either side. Vehicles will be parked single file southbound and will not be able to cross until the conclusion of the event (approximately 11:30). All vehicles will exit southbound to Little Rock. Parking is also available in the Arkansas Travelers public parking lot west of the bridge.
- WHY:** To officially close the bridge to traffic in order for the contractor to complete construction of the new structure. Massman Construction Company of Kansas City, MO, was awarded the \$98.4 million contract in September 2014 to replace the bridge and approaches.
- MEDIA:** Beginning at 10:20 **MEDIA ACCESS** will be from the Little Rock side at Markham Street. Travel north to the staging area, turn around and **PARKING** will only be allowed on the outside southbound lane in order to get the other vehicles off the bridge.
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