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### **First Arch of New Broadway Bridge to be Floated into Place**

**LITTLE ROCK (11-14)** – The first of two arches will be floated into its final resting place on Tuesday, November 15, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Massman Construction Company will begin moving the westernmost arch at 8:00 a.m., weather permitting. It is expected to take approximately three hours to move the arch into place on the north side of the river and then another four hours to properly align and lower the span.

There are no additional closures or restrictions on roadways associated with this event. The river will be closed to traffic for 24 hours to reduce the potential for disturbing the process. Members of the public are welcome to watch, but should be aware that this is a long process and will not be as visually stunning as the implosions.

Found on the Department's web site [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com), a countdown clock represents official time being kept by the AHTD as Kansas City-based Massman Construction continues the 180-day period the company included as part of its \$98.4 million bid to replace the Broadway Bridge.

In these 180 days, Massman must remove the old bridge, construct the new bridge and open it to traffic. The term "open to traffic" does not mean the project is complete. It is estimated the contractor will require an additional two months to bring the project to completion; however motorists will be able to use the new bridge once it opens to traffic.

The construction contract includes an incentive/disincentive clause of \$80,000 per day. If Massman opens the new bridge to traffic before the 180 days expires, the company will earn an incentive of \$80,000 per day up to a maximum 50 days. If the contractor fails to open the new bridge to traffic within the 180 days, Massman will be charged \$80,000 per day with no limit on the number of days that amount can be assessed.

At this time, the official estimated expiration of the 180-day closure is Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 11:59:59 p.m. Central Time.