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### **EHLMANN, ST. CHARLES COUNTY CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF THE I-64 DANIEL BOONE BRIDGE**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – County Executive Steve Ehlmann will be among the federal, state and local officials at the ribbon cutting for the eastbound span of the I-64 Daniel Boone Bridge at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25.

County Executive Ehlmann and County officials worked and partnered with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and state and federal officials in advancing the project. The St. Charles County Road Board advanced \$250,000 for the location, cost and needs study for the bridge – a step that the Federal Highway Administration called a “key watershed moment in the project initiative.” In addition, as a board member for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Ehlmann voted for and advocated on behalf of the project.

“The Boone Bridge is an important part of both St. Charles and St. Louis County’s transportation infrastructure, and it was time for these updates,” said Ehlmann. “Travelers are going to welcome the new bridge, and I am happy St. Charles County could be a part of the team to make this project a reality.”

Per MoDOT, the new eastbound span is scheduled to open by 5 a.m. on Monday, June 29. Crews are still on track to finish rehabbing the 1980’s bridge and have it open to westbound traffic in late 2015, with the old 1930’s eastbound bridge coming down in early 2016. Construction began in January 2013 on the \$111 million project.

For more information on the I-64 Daniel Boone Missouri River Bridge project, visit [www.modot.org/boonebridge](http://www.modot.org/boonebridge).

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