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MRB team, contractor continue monthly public tours *Virtual tour available on MRB website*

ST. LOUIS – Nearly 400 people have already seen the ongoing construction for the New Mississippi River Bridge main span construction.

As crews continue to work on the towers, about 60 feet above the waters of the Mississippi river, the Mississippi River Bridge team and its main span contractor, the Massman Traylor Alberici joint venture continue to offer monthly public tours of the Mississippi River Bridge main span project.

Up to 25 people will be able to participate in the two tours each month. The hour and a half long tours will take place on the final Friday of each month at 12:30 and 2 p.m. The next tour is July 29, 2011.

Reservations for the tours will be required and may be obtained by calling (314) 453-1808 or e-mailing info@newriverbridge.org. Tours may be canceled due to the river levels or to construction activities.

Tour attendees will need to dress appropriately, to include long pants and closed-toed shoes, and will be expected to walk about a mile as part of the tour. Attendees must be at least 12 years old, and will have to sign a waiver (a parent or guardian must sign the waiver for attendees under 18 years old). The MRB team will provide other safety gear needed to participate in the tour.

“The work on the main span is getting easier to see, now that we are rising above the river wall in St. Louis City. This is a good opportunity for people to see the on-going activities on the river as part of building the main span for the new bridge,” said Greg Horn, P.E., project director for the New Mississippi River Bridge.

For people whose schedules may not allow them to participate in one of the public walking tours, the MRB team has launched a virtual tour of the project. Visitors to the virtual tour can take a look at information about the construction process, see photos and videos of completed work and see what's next in the main span construction. To visit the virtual tour, surf to:

<http://www.newriverbridge.org/VirtualTourHomePage.htm>.

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