



Groundbreaking Ceremony to Kick-Off Construction for Illinois Approach to the New Mississippi River Bridge(MRB)

- Where:** Top of levee where the new bridge enters Illinois
Near River Park Drive and Front Street located in East St. Louis, IL
- When:** Friday, August 13, 2010
- Time:** 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.
- Why:** To celebrate the start of construction related activities for the Illinois Approach to the new MRB
- Who:** Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig and U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello will join other State and local officials for this event.
- Parking:** Parking will be in a designated area on Cargill's paved lot at River Park Drive and Front Street. Guests parking in this lot will be shuttled to the groundbreaking ceremony. It is recommended that all attendees wear appropriate footwear since the ceremony is located on a non-paved area.
- The Project:** This \$46.3 million dollar approach project includes the construction of a new dual 10 span structure on relocated Interstate 70 from Illinois Route 3 to the new bridge. The new MRB will be a four-lane bridge across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri to St. Clair County, Illinois. The estimated \$670 million new MRB project is expected to be completed in 2014.