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## **GC starts demo and construction of new Salem Campground Road Bridge**

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Construction for the new Salem Campground Road Bridge will begin this Wednesday (June 26) with the closure of the old bridge in George County's Basin community.

Demolition of the existing timber piling bridge is expected to take several weeks. Construction of the new bridge is estimated to take two months, weather permitting. There will be no through traffic on Salem Campground Road during the improvement project.

The replacement will be a new span bridge with all concrete pilings and decking. The new bridge will be 3.5 feet wider with additional road right-of-way compared to the old bridge.

Total estimated cost for the project is \$481,500 with a vast majority of the funds coming from the state's Emergency Road and Bridge Repair act which was approved for Salem Campground Road in March 2019.

"This is the first bridge replacement project to start construction with the Emergency Bridge funding," District 3 Supervisor Larry McDonald, explained. "This concrete replacement is going to improve the bridge's weight limits, roadway shoulder width, and overall safety for years to come for residents."

Drivers can detour around Salem Campground Road using Highway 63, River Road, Grain Elevator Road, and JR Steede Road during the construction process.

Heavy equipment is already being moved to the construction site. The County is asking all drivers to pay attention to traffic closure signs, road workers, and movement of heavy equipment.

For construction updates on the Salem Campground Road improvement project, visit the County's website at [www.georgecountymiss.com](http://www.georgecountymiss.com).

For additional information, call District 3 Supervisor Larry McDonald at 601-947-7506.

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