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### New bridge opening over the Savannah River

LINCOLNTON— Tomorrow Scott Bridge Company anticipates shifting US 378 traffic to the newly constructed Savannah River Bridge east of Lincolnton at the South Carolina state line.

Construction personnel will adjust traffic control and message boards Friday morning prior to opening the new structure while also closing off the old bridge. There will be a single lane closure in place while crews continue paving operations in preparation for the shift. Whenever you approach a work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and expect the unexpected.

Contractors will commence the three-month demolition phase of the former bridge.

This project consists of the replacement of a bridge over the Savannah River at the Georgia/South Carolina state line on US 378/State Route 43. The new bridge is 1,680-feet-long-by-44-feet-wide with two, 12-foot lanes in each direction.

The original Savannah River Bridge on US 378 was constructed in 1938 and reconstructed in 1952. Evaluations show the existing structure is load limited with a lower than preferred sufficiency ratings. The Georgia DOT bridge office has determined that any structure with this rating range should be replaced rather than rehabbed.

This modern bridge rests south of the old structure on new roadway alignment. The traveling public will notice a project meeting current design standards, while also improving safety and operations of US 378.

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**Photo attached shows the US 378 bridge during late summer 2016 construction.**

