We spoke to media about the closure, inspections, and repair plans.

We immediately started another inspection of the I-55 MS River Bridge.

We, TDOT, the FHWA, and contractors HNTB and Michael Baker assessed the damage.
Earlier Evidence

Drone footage from a routine inspection of the cables in 2019.
Investigation and Review

• Requested US DOT Inspector General assign a special agent to investigate.

• FHWA reviewing our Bridge Inspection Process and Compliance.

• Asked TDOT to re-inspect and review our previous inspection of the I-55 MS River Bridge.

• Solicited consultants to review our Bridge Inspection Program.
PHASE 1 PLATFORM

Kiewit Infrastructure Group installed the temporary platform for Phase 1 Repairs.

MAY 22, 2021

Kiewit worked in shifts 24 hours a day on Phase 1 Repairs.

MAY 25, 2021

Kiewit completed Phase 1 Repairs.
Phase 2 Repairs

MAY 26

Design Finalized
HNTB Inspection
JUNE 1 - 6
I-55/I-40 Western Interchange to Crump Blvd. Interchange
West Memphis
Interstate 40 and
Interstate 55 Traffic
Pattern Changes
FACING NORTHBOUND
Originally there was only a single lane for traffic traveling I-55 Southbound.

FACING SOUTHBOUND
TDOT added a lane to the ramp at the Crump Interchange.

IMPROVED SECTION
Their crews paved and restriped this section of the interchange over a weekend.
Traffic Delay Data

MONDAY
35 Min. Faster

TUESDAY
55 Min. Faster
Traffic Delay Data
Bridge Reopening

- Eastbound lanes opened July 31
- Westbound lanes opened August 2
- Bridge was reopened after 83 Day closure
• Coordinated message with TDOT
• Daily Updates
• Weekly calls with FHWA & TDOT
If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

- Henry Ford
Steve Frisbee
Asst. Chief Engineer of Operations
Bridge Preservation Conference
November 3, 2021