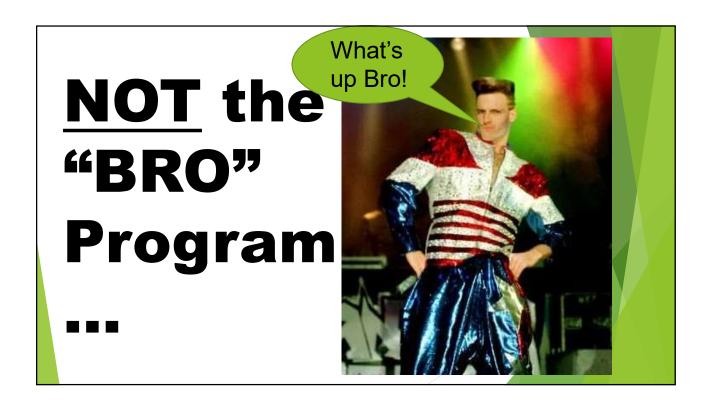
# Greene County Off-System Bridge (BRO) Replacement Program



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# What is the "BRO" Program?...





# Hmm... No.



# **BRO Program Background:**

- BRO stands for: <u>B</u>ridge <u>R</u>eplacement
   Off-System
- Part of the "Federal Bridge Program" which began in 1970

So, why did the US Government get involved with Greene County bridges?...

## The Silver Bridge over the Ohio River

Friday, December 15, 1967 at approximately 5pm

Point Pleasant, West Virginia

37 vehicles on the bridge at the time of collapse

46 people died



#### **BRO Program Background:**

- Federal Transportation Bill (FAST Act of 2015) allocates funding to each state for replacing/rehabilitating deficient bridges that are <u>not</u> part of the federal-aid highway system (i.e. "off-system)
- These federal funds are then allocated to individual counties based on the amount of deficient bridge deck area (in square feet) within a given county

## **BRO Program Background:**

- All county bridges located on public roads must be inspected at 2 year intervals Federal Requirement
- Bridges are assessed an overall "Sufficiency Rating" on a scale of 1% to 100%
- Sufficiency Ratings are based on a combination of structural, functional, and public use factors
- Bridges with Sufficiency Ratings less than 50% are considered "deficient" and are eligible to receive federal funding for replacement

#### **2018 Bridge Appraisal Overview:**

- A total of 208 Greene County bridge evaluations were completed during the 2018 inspection cycle
- Inspection work was performed by:
   Jim Norgren

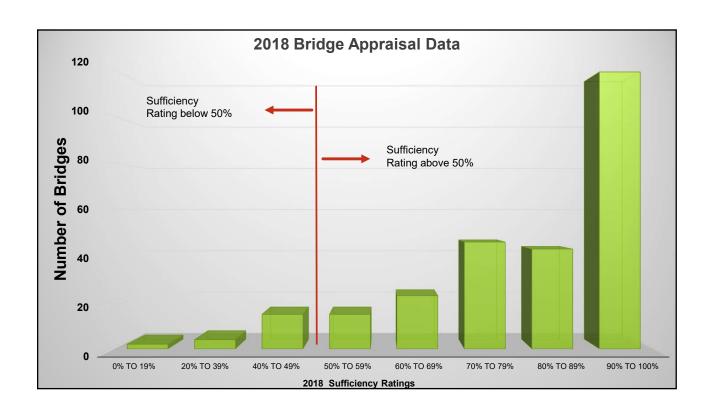


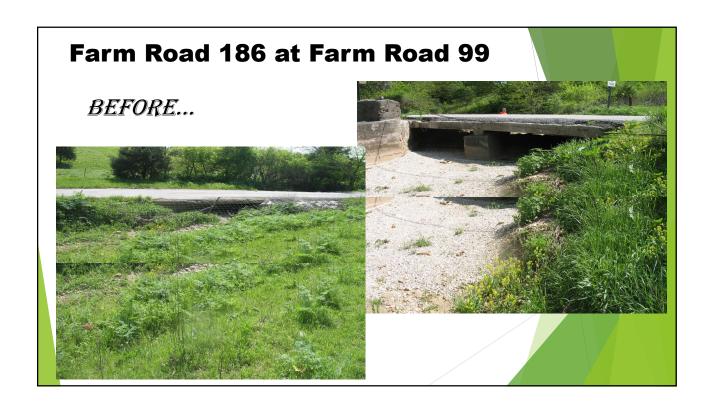
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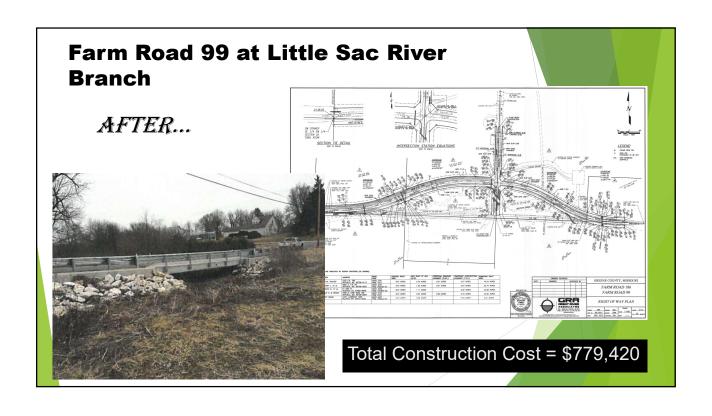
- A Structural Rating Scale of 0 to 9 is used to evaluate the following individual bridge elements:
  - 1.) Deck Condition
  - 2.) Superstructure Condition
  - 3.) Substructure Condition
  - 4.) Channel Protection Condition
  - 5.) Culvert Condition

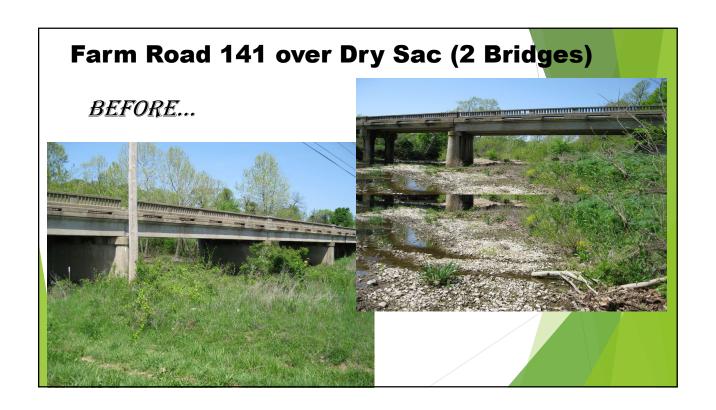
# National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Condition Rating Scale:

- Rating Scale Evaluation Criteria:
  - 9 Superior to present desired criteria
  - 8 Equal to present desired criteria
  - 7 Better than present minimum criteria
  - 6 Equal to present minimum criteria
  - 5 Somewhat better than minimum adequacy to tolerate being left in place
  - 4 Meets minimum tolerable limits to be left in place
  - 3 Basically intolerable requiring high priority of corrective action
  - 2 Basically intolerable requiring high priority of replacement
  - 1 This value of rating code not used
  - 0 Bridge closed

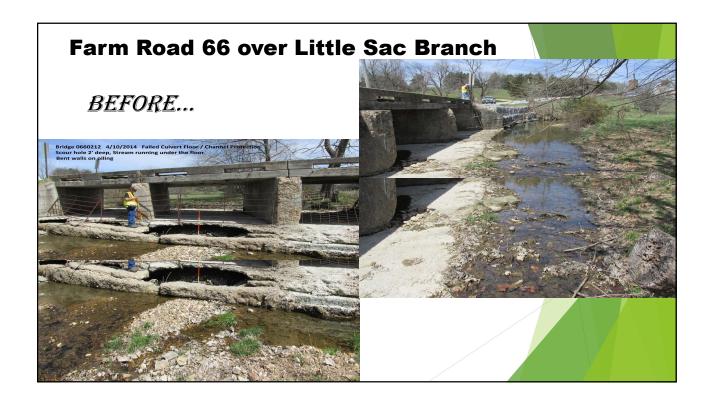




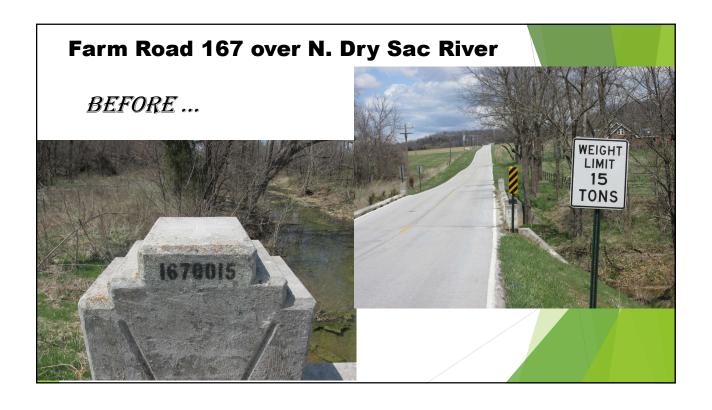


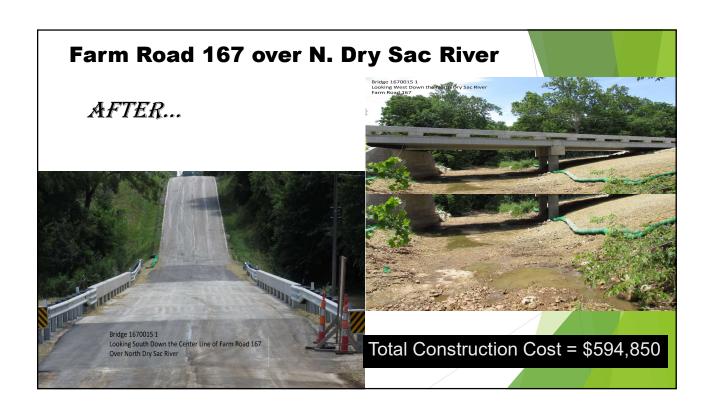


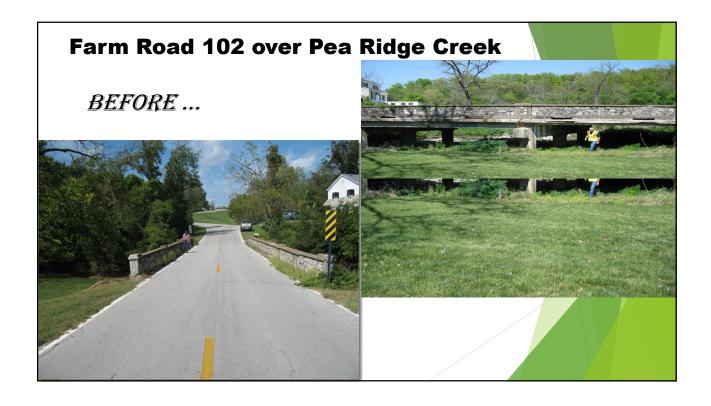


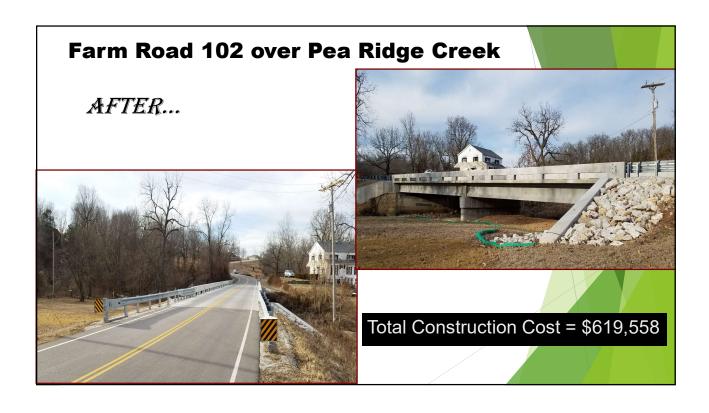


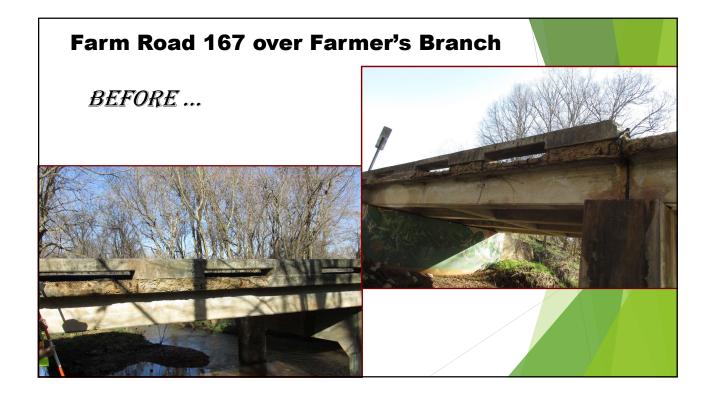














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Total Construction Cost = \$367,156

#### Farm Road 76 over Clear Creek

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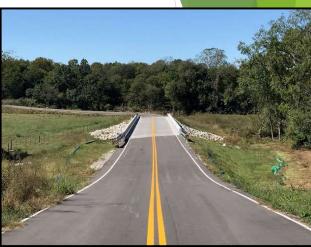




#### Farm Road 76 over Clear Creek

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Total Construction Cost = \$672,909

### Looking into the Future...

- ▶ FAST Act set to expire in September 2020
- ► FAST Act contains a \$7.5 billion rescission that takes effect on July 1, 2020
- ▶ Unspent fund balances that remained as of Sept. 30, 2019 are subject to this "rescission"
- ▶ If Congress were to pass a new federal transportation bill prior to July 1, 2020 – it is possible that the rescission could become obsolete
- MoDOT is considering "restructuring" the BRO program in an effort to reduce unspent fund balances in the future



## **Greene County BRO Program Summary**

- ▶ 92% of Greene County bridges were appraised as "Non Deficient" in 2018 inspection cycle
- ▶ All bridge condition ratings were a 4 or greater no critical or emergency structural issues identified
- ► Current BRO funding balance is sufficient to address our emerging bridge needs within Greene County
- ► Highway Department will continue to prioritize and program bridge projects for future replacements

QUESTIONS?...