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To whom it may concern,

This project started out as a normal superstructure replacement on westbound I-44 in Laclede County, Missouri. We planned to put traffic head-to-head on the eastbound bridge during construction. This is a heavily traveled interstate so we set a tight timeline and a large incentive/disincentive in the contract. See the job special provisions for more details.

As a result of the tight timeline, the low bid contractor(Emery Sapp & Sons) proposed sliding the new superstructure into place as a method of construction. This explains why the attached plans and job special provision don't mention the bridge slide. This construction method allowed the contractor to keep the closure time under 20 days! All other bidders had a much longer closure time planned(45-60 days).

We were very pleased with how this project turned out. We will use this method of construction in the future where time and traffic volumes make it a necessity.

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