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## **State Route 95 Wash Bridge Construction Underway**

*Construction Work Prohibits Passage Over the Bridge*

**San Juan County, Utah (October 13, 2021)** – Construction workers are moving forward with construction to stabilize the Cottonwood Wash Bridge on State Route 95 west of Blanding. The 110-foot bridge is scheduled to reopen Saturday, November 6th.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) urges motorists to stay out of the work zone to accommodate safety and the construction schedule.

UDOT closed the bridge on August 2nd after discovering the collapse of sandstone at the footing of the east abutment during a routine bi-annual bridge inspection. Engineers say it appears high flows in the wash during flash flooding scoured a lower layer of rock away from the east abutment, leaving an upper layer of rock unsupported.

UDOT awarded an emergency repair contract valued at approximately \$600-thousand to establish quick and safe passage. The Utah Transportation Commission also approved \$5.5-million on August 13th, toward the design and construction of a future bridge replacement. The emergency repair designs take into account future bridge design options.

For paved access to and from Upper Lake Powell, UDOT recommends Interstate 70 to State Route 24, through Hanksville.

A project webpage is available at [www.udot.utah.gov/go/sr95bridge](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/sr95bridge). Public inquiries regarding the bridge repair project may be sent to [sr95bridge@utah.gov](mailto:sr95bridge@utah.gov).

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