

# Three

# Transportation

The completion of three major transportation projects made 2003 a big year for highway and bridge achievements across Missouri.



## Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge

A transportation achievement of almost giant proportions was completed in southeast Missouri. The new Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge is a 100-foot-wide, 4,000-foot-long cable-stay bridge that spans the Mississippi River in Cape Girardeau. The total cost of the bridge was \$100 million with 80 percent coming from federal funds.



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# Achievements



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## Ozark Mountain High Road

Among the rolling hills of southwest Missouri, the Ozark Mountain Highroad offers travelers a new scenic view of the state. Opened in June 2003, Route 465 winds around Branson, bridging valleys and passing beautiful glades, bluffs, forests and creeks. It's also free of billboards.

## Page Avenue

To the east in St. Louis, the 8-mile, 10-lane stretch of highway known as Page Avenue was opened to traffic. The December 2003 event marked the culmination of more than 30 years of planning, development and construction.



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