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Construction to Begin on Alexander Bridge

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, announces the award of a construction contract to replace Alexander's Bridge and reopen Alexander's Bridge Road, located on the Chickamauga Battlefield.

On May 5, 2011, the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$1.6 million contract to Bluegrass Construction Corporation, based in Lexington Kentucky, to replace Alexander's Bridge and the nearby slough bridge. Associated work will include replacement of the wood guardrail and reconstruction of the stone masonry walls.

The current Alexander's Bridge, which dates back to 1907, will be donated and delivered to the Walker County Highway Department for adaptive reuse on the future Chickamauga Creek Greenway.

Construction work is scheduled to begin June 6, 2011. The contractor is scheduled to complete all work and reopen the road before January, 2012.

Alexander's Bridge was closed to motor vehicle traffic in February 2009 due to substandard load ratings and other unsafe conditions.

During construction work, the section of Alexander's Bridge Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridges will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

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