



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Project Update

With temperatures warming the week of Thanksgiving, work has continued on the caps, capitals, and columns for the new Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge. Crews have removed the capital forms at bent five and have been preparing to place concrete for the cap. Of the 12 total capitals for the new bridge, only four capitals remain to be constructed at bents four and three. Crews are also working to finish the columns at bent three.

It was decided to wait until next spring to begin building the mechanically stabilizing earth (MSE) retaining walls on the Pierre side. Crews anticipate beginning pile driving for the Fort Pierre-side abutment and erecting the structural steel girders in January 2023. The girders are the structural beams that span between the bents. The bridge deck's concrete will be cast on top of the girders.



Work on the cap formwork at bent five on Nov. 21, 2022

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*Work on the cap formwork at bent five on Nov. 17, 2022*



*The Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Project site as the sun set on Nov. 14, 2022*

As we travel back and forth from Pierre to Fort Pierre or across South Dakota this Thanksgiving holiday, may we take a minute to give thanks to all the hardworking people who help make transportation over the Missouri River possible. From the numerous people working to construct the new bridge, to the SDDOT employees maintaining the current bridge, we are thankful for all that you do to provide the public a safe and reliable crossing over the Missouri River connecting Pierre and Fort Pierre. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!