



Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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Bridge Project Update

Spring has sprung and our bridge crews remain busy in preparation for warmer weather on the horizon. Materials delivered and staged during the recent winter months are being put to use as workers continue to capitalize on project momentum gained from a relatively mild winter.

Rebar is being placed in preparation for the four remaining concrete deck pours. Like most aspects of bridge building and heavy civil construction, this task requires coordination amongst multiple teams of workers. Barges, loaders, cranes, assistants, supervisors, and deck workers must collaborate to ensure the safe and efficient installation of deck steel. This same general approach will be applied to upcoming components, such as plywood forms and concrete pours. Additionally, overhang formwork and barrier rail setup continue on the bridge deck.

Beyond the bridge deck, grading is in progress on the Pierre side of the river, and slab forms have been placed as part of the connective approach-abutment area. On the Ft. Pierre side, embankment is being compacted at the abutment location in preparation for the approach slab.

We remind all motorists, boaters, and pedestrians to stay vigilant throughout the entire construction zone, especially as we approach the warmer seasons!

Keep up to date on photos, videos, and construction progress by visiting <https://www.Pierre-FtPierreBridge.com>.



Workers engaged in rebar tying and component planning, March 19, 2024.

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Graded Pierre side approach, March 19, 2024.



Concrete forms in place for sleeper slab, March 19, 2024.



A barge crane delivers a load of rebar onto the bridge deck, March 19, 2024.



Workers packing earth for the upcoming Ft. Pierre abutment approach, March 19, 2024.



Large wheel loader in between earth loads on the Ft. Pierre side, March 19, 2024.



Traffic control components ready for deployment, March 19, 2024.