



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Bridge Project Update

Summer is officially here, with the longest day of the year occurring one day before this issue's publication. Speaking of years, take a look on the next page for a comparison between June 2023 and 2024. At this time last year, girders were being placed on bent 4 and 5, and the bridge deck itself didn't exist yet. Currently, crews are focusing on barrier rails, concrete median placement, utilities preparation, and approach work. Progress on such a monumental project is a testament to everyone involved.

With Independence Day fast approaching, it's important for pedestrians, motorists, and boaters to watch for additional traffic controls and signage on and around Thursday, July 4, 2024. The annual celebration and fireworks show are extremely popular and in particular we'd like to remind boaters of the following:

- **Slow down** and drive with caution in the construction zone. When passing between the new bridge's piers, proceed down the center.
- Watch for **No Wake Zone buoys** and safety lighting. Be mindful of barges and cranes.
- If fishing or watching fireworks, stay upstream or downstream of the construction zone and **don't drift** into the area.
- Be **cautious** of construction equipment in the water even when work is not occurring.

- Be **considerate** of the safety of construction personnel working on and around the new bridge.

As always, we remind all motorists, boaters, and pedestrians to stay vigilant throughout the entire construction zone.

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

*Happy 248th Birthday to the United States of America!*



*South Dakota Capitol Building at Sunset, July 9, 2018.*

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*Girder installation on bent 4 and 5, June 12, 2023.*

2023 to  
2024



*Looking east from the Ft. Pierre side, June 17, 2024.*



*A crew walks the bridge deck, June 12, 2024.*



*Earthmoving and grading for the Island Drive reconfiguration, June 17, 2024.*



*A surveyor at work on the Ft. Pierre side approach, June 13, 2024.*



*Workers take measurements in concrete forms for the upcoming barrier rail, June 17, 2024.*