



Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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Bridge Project Update

Summer is in full swing, and there's no shortage of new bridge progress to report.

Paving in the westbound lanes has been substantially completed, and with much effort taking place on the Ft. Pierre side, we can expect to see the new bridge take on its first commuters later this summer. Accommodating this change will require a new traffic control setup along with temporary lighting, striping, and instructive signage.

The barrier wall along the northern length of the bridge is also nearly complete. Now that the deck work on the Ft. Pierre side is finished, that side's approach slab will be placed, and the entire barrier wall will then be finished. As crews finish placing concrete over the next year, take note of the designs you'll encounter on some walls and barriers. Concrete isn't just structural—it's structural art!

On the Pierre side, curb and gutter work is being completed in addition to reinforced concrete pipe, drop inlets, and utility work. Project managers and crews are coordinating day by day to ensure the proper and simultaneous placement of telecommunications lines, electrical conduits, and storm sewer elements alongside the ever-constant earth and concrete work.

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>.



*New barrier wall and connected concrete slab
on the Pierre approach, July 1, 2024.*

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Road paving machine used to place concrete slab on the Ft. Pierre approach (1), July 1, 2024.



Road paving machine used to place concrete slab on the Ft. Pierre approach (2), July 1, 2024.



Telecommunications conduit in place for upcoming electrical work on the Pierre side, July 1, 2024.



Reinforced concrete pipe in place for upcoming storm sewer work on the Pierre side, July 1, 2024.



New curb and gutter work on the Pierre side, July 1, 2024.



Completed reinforced concrete slab awaiting the next section on the Ft. Pierre side, July 1, 2024.