



Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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Bridge Project Update

August has arrived, and crews are working hard to prepare for the upcoming opening of the new bridge. This change in traffic alignment will result in the last time traffic travels on the existing bridge. While this is an exciting milestone, it's important to be aware of this shift, especially since traffic signing begins well in advance of the bridge structure itself. For motorists and pedestrians alike, pay attention to new and different signage and traffic routing as we head into August.

Motor traffic will remain in a two-way configuration, but will shift from the eastbound lane of the existing bridge to the westbound lane of the new bridge. Pedestrian traffic will remain on the existing bridge until later in 2024.

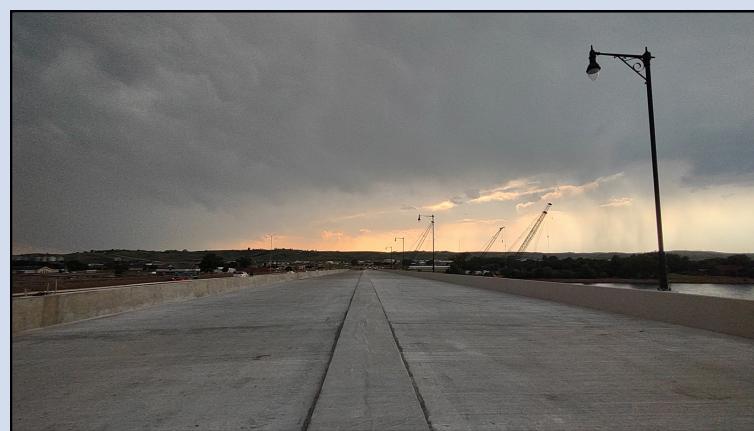
Construction progress coinciding with this traffic shift includes the near completion of the north barrier rail on the upstream side of the bridge. Also nearing completion are the bridge deck median and pedestrian separation rail on the south side of the bridge.

Additionally, formwork is being completed in preparation for the pedestrian curb, and significant progress has been made on the Ft. Pierre concrete approach slabs. The Pierre side is no less busy, with storm sewer, drop inlets, utilities, and electrical conduits all nearing completion.

Also, if you're traveling across the new bridge this month, take note of the new luminaire poles recently installed on the north side of the 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>.



New luminaire poles, median curb, east and westbound lanes, July 29, 2024.

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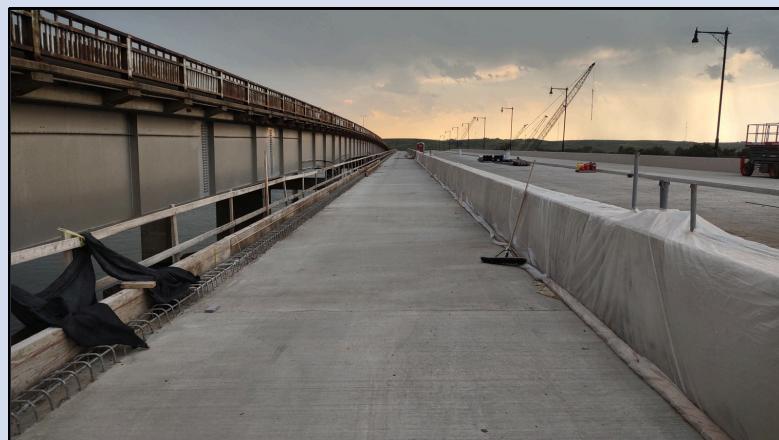




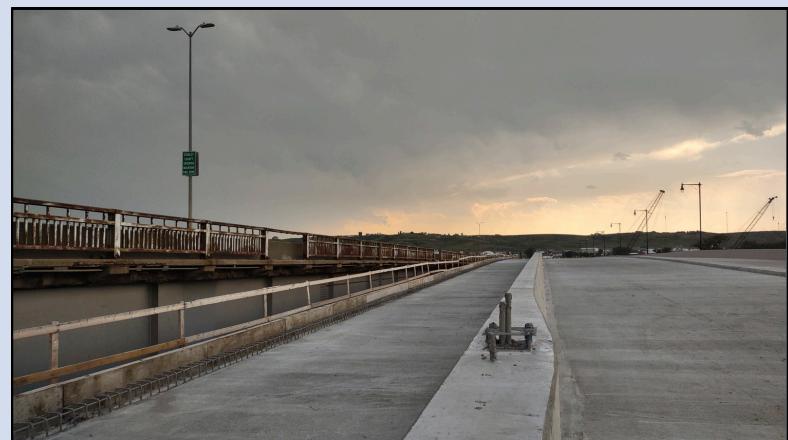
New drop inlet on the Pierre side, July 29, 2024.



Median curb form meets the new approach slabs on the Ft. Pierre side, July 29, 2024.



A future pedestrian's perspective from the new bridge deck, July 29, 2024.



Fixture point for upcoming lighting on the south side of the bridge near the county line, July 29, 2024.



A sneak peek of the new pedestrian separation rail, July 29, 2024.



Workers completing concrete formwork for upcoming pedestrian curb, July 30, 2024.