



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Bridge Project Update

With autumn on the horizon, crews are working hard and keeping on track in order to finish the remaining bridge deck and approach elements before winter comes to South Dakota's capital city.

Across the new eastbound lanes and pedestrian pathway, workers are power washing the new deck concrete in preparation for upcoming deck sealant. This sealant will not only make the concrete easier to clean and maintain—it will also help maintain the integrity of the concrete against the freeze-thaw cycle and the inevitable use of winter ice melt.

Underneath the new bridge, crews are dismantling used concrete forms in addition to engineering improvements to water drainage. Additionally, existing concrete demolition and new approach earthwork continues on both the Pierre and Ft. Pierre sides. Alongside this roadwork, the Island Drive reconfiguration in Ft. Pierre is progressing smoothly.

On the south side of the new bridge, one final belvedere remains to be placed. As alluded to in previous issues, the new pedestrian pathway will include a number of belvederes that extrude south from the pathway, allowing bridge pedestrians the opportunity to rest and take in the view year-round. This remaining belvedere, some final railing and lighting items, and the last of the approach work on both sides are all that remain to be completed in the current phase.

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>.



*Traffic moves through westbound lanes next to a barge crane at work on the north side. Sept. 6, 2024.*

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*Workers place rebar in concrete forms for upcoming belvedere placement. Sept. 6, 2024.*



*Workers power wash the new deck concrete in preparation for upcoming deck sealant. Sept. 10, 2024.*



*Concrete demolition, earthwork, and the new pedestrian pathway on the Ft. Pierre side. Sept. 6, 2024.*



*An automatic concrete roller paver places eastbound approach slab on the Ft. Pierre side. Sept. 6, 2024.*



*The new east approach with existing concrete demolition in progress on the Pierre side. Sept. 6, 2024.*



*An aerial view of the new and existing bridges looking southwest. Sept. 6, 2024.*