



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Bridge Project Update

With only two more months remaining in 2024, the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge crew continues to work through colder temperatures to remain on track with tasks. The team has been working extensively on the deck removal from the existing bridge. The team began at the Pierre side and have been working westbound as they disassemble large slabs of concrete. After removing the rubble from the bridge, it is then hauled away using a series of dump trucks. Currently, the team has removed the bridge deck through bent nine.

Concurrently, the crew has also been working to connect the pedestrian path from Fort Pierre all the way across the new bridge to Pierre. The final task is to finish the grading and concrete placement for the connecting ramp at James Street in Pierre. After completion, pedestrians will be able to travel along the south sidewalk between James Street and Hustan Avenue in Fort Pierre.

In addition to the pedestrian path construction on the Fort Pierre side, commuters traveling by Island Drive will also notice more light posts on the south side of the highway. Over the past two weeks, the crew placed several light pole footings, installed the luminaires, and connected them to the power circuit.

As always, we remind all commuters 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>.



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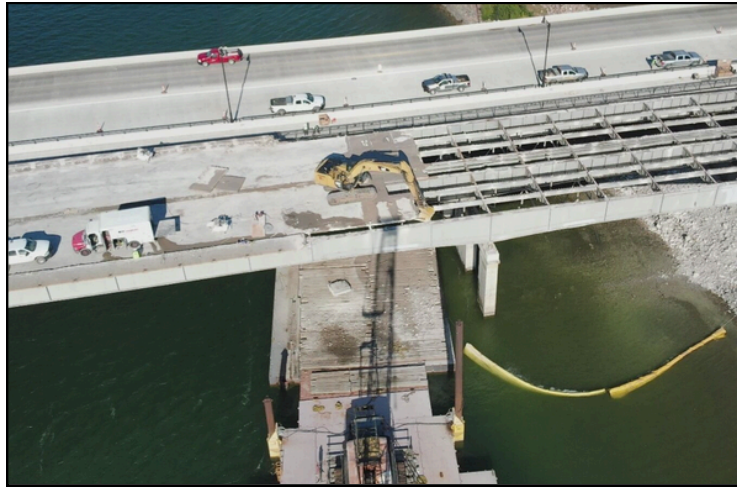
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*Existing bridge deck removal. Nov. 4, 2024.*



*Crew works to disassemble components of the existing bridge. Nov. 4, 2024.*



*Pedestrian ramp installation at Hustan Avenue. Nov. 4, 2024.*



*Sidewalk extending from the new bridge to James Street in Pierre. Nov. 5, 2024.*



*Project overview from the Pierre side. Nov. 5, 2024.*



*Project overview from the Fort Pierre side. Nov. 4, 2024.*