



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge Pierre & Fort Pierre, S.D.

## Bridge Project Update

With this being the final newsletter edition of 2024, let's take the opportunity to look back at the significant accomplishments and key milestones achieved in constructing the Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge! First, the new bridge decking was completed, which included the installation of the super studs, plywood, and reinforcing concrete. After the concrete cured, the temporary materials were carefully removed leaving behind a solid and durable bridge structure. This step set the stage for the next phases of construction.

The abutment on the Fort Pierre side was also completed, providing essential support for the bridge and allowing for traffic to flow in and out of Fort Pierre. This year also saw the completion of the pedestrian path that stretches the full length of the bridge, allowing pedestrians to safely cross between the two cities. The crews also successfully finished the roadways on both sides of the bridge, effectively connecting the new structure to the surrounding infrastructure. Traffic is now able to drive on the newly constructed roads, making the bridge operational.

The final touches were also added to the bridge in 2024, enhancing both its functionality and aesthetic appeal. The two belvederes were constructed, offering scenic viewpoints

for pedestrians. Furthermore, all luminaires and wiring for the lighting system were installed, ensuring the bridge will be well-lit and safe for nighttime use.

Finally, the team initiated the demolition of the old bridge by completely removing the entire concrete bridge deck. Looking ahead to 2025, we can expect to see the demolition process continue through to the summer. We can also expect to start seeing the plaza and landscaping work on the Fort Pierre side. With the incredible accomplishments of 2024, the team is well-positioned to complete the final tasks in 2025!



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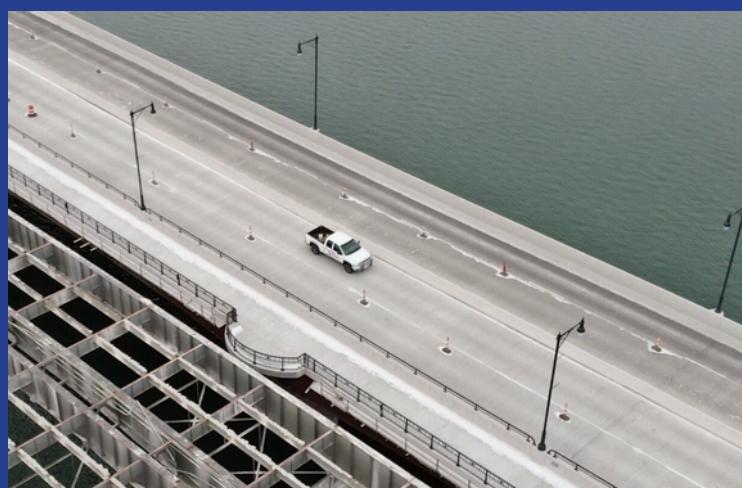
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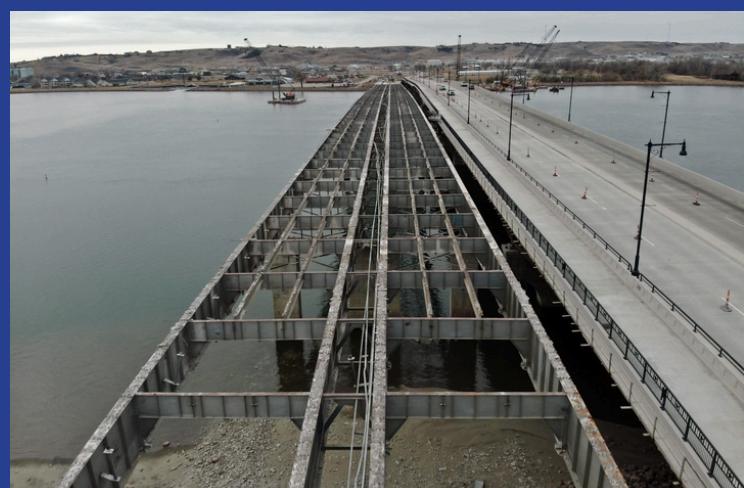
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