



Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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Bridge Project Update

Work continues to move steadily forward on the bridge project with notable progress on both sides of the river.

Underwater demolition of the pier footings continues with very little of the old bridge piers visible on the surface.

On the new bridge, painting is ongoing, along with continued work on the mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall on the Pierre side of the river. Nearby, the retaining wall in the Pierre plaza area began construction this week and is expected to be completed by next week.

On the Pierre side of the river, pedestrian improvements are also progressing. Sidewalk construction along the MSE wall between the Ramkota and US 14/83 is nearly complete. Crews will soon begin work on the shared-use paths on the park (south) side of the roadway.

Across the river in Fort Pierre, grading and installation of stormwater pipes have begun in the plaza area. This foundational work will continue over the next few weeks, preparing for upcoming construction of stairs and retaining walls.

Lighting infrastructure is also nearing completion. The luminaire footings for the highway lighting will be installed this week, with light poles scheduled to be set next week—another visible sign of progress as the project moves toward completion.

Stay tuned for more updates as work continues throughout the summer season.



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Sidewalk construction along the MSE wall and through the Ramkota area is nearing completion. (June 2025)



Crews are working on painting the new bridge. (June 2025)



Work on plaza areas on the Ft. Pierre and Pierre sides of the bridge continues. (June 2025)