



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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

## Bridge Project Update

Work continues steadily on both sides of the Missouri River as crews continue making progress on key components of the bridge and plaza areas.

### On the Bridge:

Painting of the new piers is ongoing, bringing fresh color and protection to the structure. Meanwhile, demolition of the old footings continues as crews work to remove the last remnants of the original bridge, which is slated to be completed by early September.

### Roadway & Lighting:

Light poles have now been set along the new roadway, and temporary luminaries are being removed—marking another step forward toward the final lighting installation.

### Pierre Plaza:

The footing for the retaining wall has been placed, with wall construction expected to begin later this week or early next week. Riprap placement is also scheduled to start in the coming days to help stabilize the riverbank. The loop road connection is beginning to take shape, further defining the plaza layout.

### Ft. Pierre Plaza:

On the Fort Pierre side, the H-pile foundation for the future fishing pier was successfully installed last week. Crews are preparing to place the concrete footings soon. Grading work continues for the stairway and block retaining wall, and forming for the stairs is expected to begin in the coming days.

### Pedestrian Path Alternate Route:

Beginning on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, bike and pedestrian traffic on the Pierre side of the Missouri River Bridge will be detoured. Construction signing will be provided immediately north of the Missouri River Bridge directing bike and pedestrian traffic back to the shared use path north of the Amphitheater in Steamboat Park. The signed detour will run adjacent to Sioux Avenue, Poplar Avenue, Dakota Avenue, Roberts Street, and through Steamboat Park.

The detour will be in place to facilitate plaza construction until early September 2025. You can find a map of the detour here: [Pedestrian Path Alternate Route](#)

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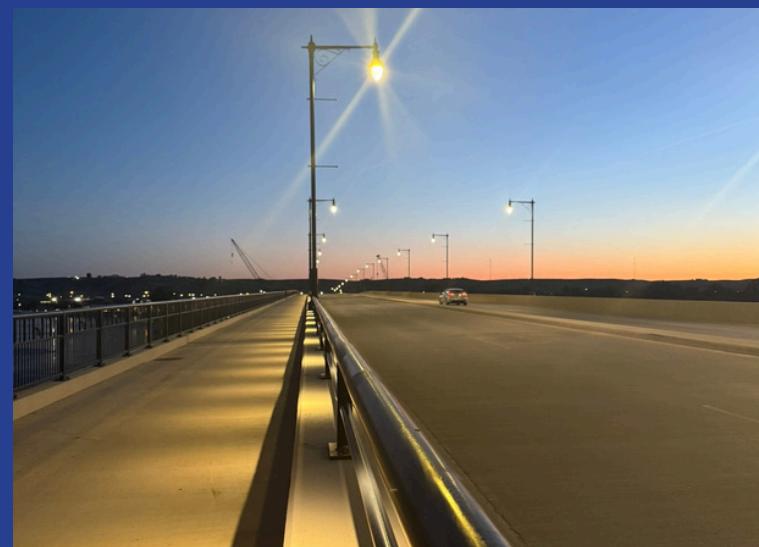


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**Grading work continues for the stairway and block retaining wall on the Ft. Pierre side. (July 2025)**



**Dusk view of the bridge with lights on (July 2025)**



**Work on the Pierre side Plaza is continuing. (July 2025)**