



# Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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## Bridge Project Update

Exciting progress is happening along the Missouri River! From bridge painting to plaza improvements, work continues on the connection between Pierre and Fort Pierre.

**Old Bridge Removal:** Concrete footing removal is nearly complete, and crews have started removing the remaining H-piling. This phase is expected to continue for several more weeks, followed by a final scan to ensure all remnants of the old bridge have been retrieved.

**New Bridge Painting:** Painting of the new bridge is also nearing completion, giving the new bridge a polished look.

**Dakota Avenue:** Grading work along Dakota Avenue has been progressing steadily and will continue as the project moves forward.

**Riverbank Stabilization:** Riprap placement is underway to help stabilize the riverbanks and protect the surrounding infrastructure.

**Pierre Plaza:** Crews began work on the sidewalk underneath the bridge this week, further improving connectivity and accessibility in the area.

**Fort Pierre Plaza:** Construction of the block retaining wall began this week, adding new features to the plaza area.

### Pedestrian Path Alternate Route:

Currently, 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.

#### PEDESTRIAN PATH ALTERNATE ROUTE



Pedestrian Path under the bridge will be closed until early September. Please use Alternate Route

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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*Riprap placement and plaza work on the Fort Pierre side. (July 2025)*



*Drone's eye view of the work in progress on the Pierre side of the bridge. (July 2025)*



*Progress continues on the water as well. Painting and concrete footing removal continue. (July 2025)*