



Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Newsletter

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Bridge Project Update

There have been several exciting developments over the past two weeks on both sides of the river. From new features taking shape to final touches being applied in key areas - here are the latest updates:

Bridge Cleanup & Final Inspections

- Girder cleanup is wrapping up and a final inspection has been scheduled.
- A sonar scan has been completed confirming the old bridge foundations have been removed to an acceptable level.

Pierre Plaza Progress

- Riprap installation under the bridge is complete.
- The tapered concrete barrier wall has been completed and will be painted soon.
- Stairs are actively being formed and are scheduled to be completed soon.

Fort Pierre Plaza Begins

- Construction of stairs in the plaza area is set to begin in the coming weeks.
- Conduit trenching is underway in plaza areas.

Lighting Enhancements

- Under-bridge lighting has been activated.

Traffic & Safety Updates

- The pedestrian detour has been reopened. Additional safety measures may be put in place as construction activity continues in pedestrian-heavy zones.
- The outside lane closure on the Pierre side will be lifted once painting of the tapered concrete barrier is complete.



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Work on the Fort Pierre plaza area will continue progressing over the next several weeks. (Sept. 2025)



TThe pedestrian path on the Pierre side has been opened. Additional safety measures may be seen in the area as work continues. (Sept. 2025)



Birdseye view of both sides of the bridge. (Sept. 2025)