

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

16th Street Bridge over the Menomonee River



FEBRUARY 2026

New Detour Route for 16th Street in Place

New Detour Route

The entire 16th Street Bridge was closed to traffic on December 5, 2025, after an in-depth inspection identified one floor beam showing signs of accelerated wear compared to surrounding bridge elements.

Due to the level of wear, the floor beam was determined to require immediate replacement. The bridge is anticipated to remain closed until April 2026 because of the time needed to fabricate the replacement beam and complete the installation.

The closure impacted the detour route that was already in place for the in-progress bridge rehabilitation of the northern portion of the viaduct over the Menomonee River.

A new detour route has been identified and is now in place. A map of the detour route can be found below, and a written narrative of routes can be on page two of the update.

All work and schedules are weather dependent and subject to change.



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Southbound Viaduct Detour

- Travel eastbound on Clybourn Street / Tory Hill Street / Michigan Street to 6th Street, make right turn
- Travel southbound on 6th Street to National Avenue, make right turn
- Travel westbound on National Avenue to 16th Street

Northbound Viaduct Detour

- Travel northbound on 16th Street to National Avenue, make right turn
- Travel eastbound on National Avenue to 6th Street, make left turn
- Travel northbound on 6th Street to Michigan Street, make left turn
- Travel westbound on Michigan Street / Tory Hill Street / Clybourn Street to 16th Street

Southbound Valley Access

- Travel eastbound on Clybourn Street to 13th Street, make right turn
- Travel southbound on 13th Street / Emmer Lane to Canal Street
- Travel westbound or eastbound on Canal Street to destination in Menomonee River Valley

Northbound Valley Access

- Travel northbound on 16th Street to National Avenue, make right turn
- Travel eastbound on National Avenue to 6th Street, make left turn
- Travel northbound on 6th Street to Canal Street, make left turn
- Travel westbound on Canal Street to destination in Menomonee River Valley

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