



# Water Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River

## Bridge Rehabilitation

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Milwaukee is rehabilitating the Water Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River.

Rehabilitation work includes: concrete bridge approach slab removal and replacement; minor structural steel replacements; sandblast and paint bridge structural steel; expansion joint removal and replacement; center lock adjustments; sidewalk plate removal and replacement; bike plate removal, salvage and reinstallation; and traffic gate upgrades.

During portions of the rehabilitation, the street will be closed to allow the new structure to be painted all at once. This will also provide equipment and materials to be stored in the work zone. River navigation will be maintained throughout the project.

### CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS & SCHEDULE

Construction for the project is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and be completed in the 2025 construction season.

Below is an estimated schedule of work for the project and the associated impacts to bridge traffic. Schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.

#### July 22 - July 25

Center lock maintenance  
Bridge closed and traffic detoured \*

#### Week of August 11 – Week of August 25

Work on bridge pier interiors  
All lanes of traffic open

#### Week of September 1

Structure work, non-painting  
Bridge open to 1 lane of traffic in each direction

#### Week of September 8 – Week of September 29

First bridge bascule leaf painted. Approach work to occur on the opposite side.  
Bridge closed and traffic detoured \*

#### Week of October 6 – Week of October 27

Second bridge bascule leaf painted. Approach work to occur on the opposite side.  
Bridge closed and traffic detoured \*

#### Week of November 3 – Week of November 10

Final items (pavement marking, project cleanup, etc)  
Bridge open to 1 lane of traffic in each direction

\* See graphic at right with detour route



### DETOUR ROUTE



### PROJECT CONTACT & UPDATES

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