



Water Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River

Project Update - September 2025

WATER STREET BRIDGE TO CLOSE MONDAY, SEPT. 8

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

Beginning Monday, September 8 at 6 a.m., the Water Street Bridge will be closed to all traffic as paint removal work begins on the north bascule girder and approach slab removal and replacement begins on the south bascule girder. Motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured as shown in the attached map.

Residents and businesses should be aware that loud noise is associated with paint removal operations. Crews are expected to work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Paint removal operations will not be allowed on Sundays.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS & SCHEDULE

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.

Week of September 8 – Week of September 29

North bascule girder painted. Approach work to occur on the south bascule girder.

Bridge closed and all traffic detoured *

Week of October 6 – Week of October 27

South bascule girder painted. Approach work to occur on the north bascule girder.

Bridge closed and all traffic detoured *

Week of November 3 – Week of November 10

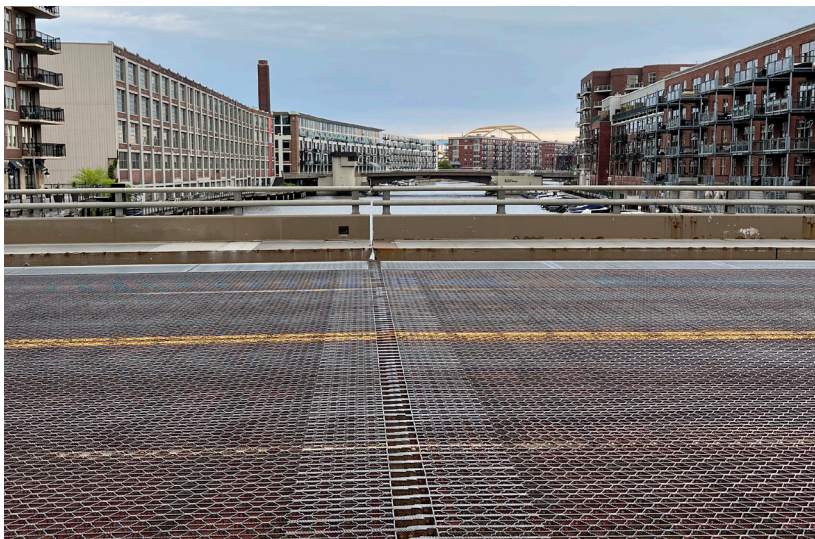
Final items (pavement marking, project cleanup, etc)

Bridge open to 1 lane of traffic in each direction

* See graphic at right with detour route



DETOUR ROUTE FOR ALL TRAFFIC



PROJECT CONTACT & UPDATES

If you have questions about any information shared in this overview, please reach out!

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