



Water Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River

Project Update - October 2025

PAINTING COMPLETE ON NORTH SPAN, MOVING TO SOUTH

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

Painting operations on the north bascule span have concluded, and approach work has been completed on the south side of the bridge. Operations will now switch sides.

In early October, paint removal work will begin on the south bascule span, and approach slab removal and replacement will begin on the north side of the bridge. Motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic will continue to 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 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Paint removal operations will not be allowed on Sundays.

The project is on schedule and anticipates re-opening the bridge to traffic in early November.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS & SCHEDULE

Early October – Week of October 27

South bascule span painted. Approach work to occur on the north side of the bridge.
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

Schedule is weather dependent and subject to change



North bascule span painting in progress

DETOUR ROUTE FOR ALL TRAFFIC



North bascule span painting complete

PROJECT CONTACT & UPDATES

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

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