



Lansing Bridge Construction Project | Iowa Department of Transportation

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Happy Friday! Welcome to the inaugural update for our Mississippi River Bridge at Lansing. We'll be sending you these updates as new information is available. But if you ever have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the project team using the website - <https://iowadot.gov/lansingbridge/Contact-us>.

What's happening right now:

Over the last couple of weeks, if you were near the bridge, you likely saw quite a few pieces of contractor equipment show up and go right to work.



One of the first tasks a contractor must work on for almost any project is clearing and preparing their work area, and that is exactly what our contractor, Kraemer North America, and their subcontractor, Tschiggfrie (Chig-Fry) Excavating, started working on. To make room for the new bridge to land on the Iowa and Wisconsin sides of the Mississippi River, two residential properties and a few acres of woodland need to be cleared and reshaped. As of today, most of the two properties within Lansing on the Iowa side have been safely demolished, and the contractor is working on cleaning up the site and capping the existing utilities.

On the Wisconsin side, most of the area needed for the new bridge has been cleared of trees, so the workers can safely operate equipment and start building up a temporary road from which some of the foundations of the new bridge will be built. As the contractor progresses, no one likes to see a loss of our valuable natural resources. To make sure we have a minimal impact on and preserve the surrounding environment, we plant and reestablish a greater number of acres of wetland than we need for construction. For more information, see the following article. <https://environment.transportation.org/news/iowa-dot-details-wetlands-preservation-efforts/>



The other operation the contractor is working on is building up a road to the Wisconsin bank of the river south of the existing bridge. In the future, this road will lead to what is called a "dock wall". This is where equipment and materials will be loaded and offloaded to and from barges floating in the river. After the dock wall is finished, the Contractor will start moving cranes and materials onto a massive floating work platform needed to construct the concrete shafts that will support our new bridge.



Upcoming events:

Thursday, Oct. 26, from 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a groundbreaking ceremony at the Wisconsin Bank of the River just north of the existing bridge. Parking will be very limited, so we ask anyone attending to carpool if possible.

Thursday, Nov. 9, from 5-6 p.m.

We'll see you at an open house at the Lansing Public Library! Chat with the project management team about current and future work and ask any questions you might have.

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