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Racine Street Bridge opens in the city of Menasha

Testing will continue under traffic

(Winnebago County) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region announces the new Racine Street Bridge in the city of Menasha, Winnebago County, is now open to vehicles and marine traffic. The bridge opened at 6 p.m., April 19, 2023. Construction began October 13, 2020. The bridge has been closed since 2021.

Testing of the new lift bridge will continue under traffic for approximately a month with the bridge open to motorists, pedestrians and marine traffic. Should testing reveal any issues with bridge function, a short-term closure may be necessary to investigate.

Project improvements

The \$33 million project replaced the Racine Street Bridge with a new lift bridge located along the east side of the former bridge. The project also built new roundabouts at the Racine Street intersections with Main Street on the north side of the river and Ahnaip Street on the south side of the river.

Project benefits

- Improved safety across bridge for vehicles, bicyclists (5-foot bicycle lanes), and pedestrians (6-foot sidewalks)
- Improved traffic flow/boat passage: new auxiliary navigation channel with greater navigation clearance immediately south of bascule span will allow for less bridge openings

- Less future impacts: New bridge is anticipated to extend life roughly 75 years until next major improvement

Lunda Construction company from Black River Falls, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

More Information

- The Racine Street Bridge website is available at <https://projects.511wi.gov/racinebridge/>.

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