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## US 41 bridge work complete over Little Suamico River in Oconto County

*Southbound US 41 bridge project finishes on budget and ahead of schedule*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region announces completion of all major construction operations on the southbound US 41 bridge over the Little Suamico River in the town of Little Suamico, Oconto County, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The \$1.47 million project to place a new bridge deck on the structure finished on-budget and two-weeks ahead of schedule. The project began Oct. 31, 2022.

### Project improvements

This was a bridge rehabilitation project that included:

- Full replacement of bridge deck with a new concrete deck and new parapet walls.
- Replacement of roadway pavement approaches to the structure.
- Changed the vertical profile of the roadway to improve drainage over the bridge.
- Replaced guardrail on the bridge approach.
- Cleaned and painted sections of the existing steel girders and bearings.

### Project Benefits

The project addressed bridge deck and parapet wall cracking and spalling to avoid further deck deterioration. The deck replacement, guardrail replacement, and painting of girders/bearings will increase the useable lifespan of the bridge and decrease future maintenance costs. The slight change in profile will improve drainage over the structure.

Zenith Tech of Waukesha, Wis. was the Prime Contractor.

### **More Information**

Please see the US 41 bridge project construction website at

<https://projects.511wi.gov/22oconto/full-project-overview/>.

- Note: This project website also features a concurrent US 41 resurfacing project that is still under construction.

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