

# WIS 29 Chippewa River Bridges Chippewa County

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## **Project Information**

WisDOT is preparing plans for a rehabilitation project on the WIS 29 east- and westbound bridges over the Chippewa River west of Chippewa Falls. Proposed work includes:

- Replacing the deteriorated deck joints at both the east and west abutments for both the WIS 29 west- and eastbound bridges.
- Replacing the deteriorated abutment backwalls at both the east and west abutments for both the WIS 29 west- and eastbound bridges.
- Placing a concrete deck overlay on the WIS 29 eastbound bridge.
- Updating approach guardrail at the approaches of each WIS 29 bridge at the Chippewa River.

## **Traffic Impacts**

WIS 29 will remain open to traffic during construction, but motorists will encounter lane closures and lane shifts. During work on the eastbound bridge:

- The structure will be closed to traffic.
- East- and westbound WIS 29 will be reduced to one lane.
- Eastbound motorists will use a crossover to route traffic onto westbound WIS 29 and the westbound bridge, which will carry a single lane of traffic in each direction.

A similar process will occur for the construction on the westbound bridge.

#### **Real Estate Needs**

Additional right of way will not be required for this project.



WIS 29 eastbound bridge: Built in 2002

WIS 29 westbound bridge: Built in 2005



#### **Schedule**

- Preliminary Design Begins: January 2024.
- Plans, Specifications and Estimate Submittal:

  May 2026
- **Construction:** Spring to fall 2027

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