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## Racine Street Bridge schedule modifications announced

*Bridge will remain closed until spring of 2023 for final balancing and testing*

(Menasha) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region announces schedule modifications to the Racine Street bridge construction project in the city of Menasha, Winnebago County.

The new bridge will remain closed to vehicle traffic for the remainder of work, including balancing of the new lift span and testing operations. Originally, WisDOT was hoping to temporarily open the bridge to traffic this month for a brief period and then reclose the bridge for 3-4 weeks in early spring for balancing. Bridge crews have determined vibrations from on-bridge traffic could hamper remaining operations. The bridge will open prior to the Spring 2023 navigation season in April.

### Bridge Testing and Balancing Schedule Modification

- Racine Street Bridge will open to vehicle traffic prior to the Spring 2023 navigation season.
  - Revised from anticipated opening of January 2023, followed by a three to four-week closure for balancing and testing.
    - All balancing and testing operations will be completed prior to opening of bridge for vehicle traffic.
    - A second closure of the bridge will not be necessary. The bridge will remain open for use following final testing in spring of 2023.

- Adverse weather can and often does impact construction schedule during late-season work. All dates are subject to change.

### **Project improvements**

This project includes replacing the Racine Street Bridge with a new lift bridge that is located along the east side of the existing bridge. The project also includes 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. Both roundabouts were opened to traffic in mid-September 2022.

### **More Information**

- A construction project website with maps, displays, construction staging, and traffic impacts is available at <https://projects.511wi.gov/racinebridge/>.
- Follow construction progress on this project on the Northeast Wisconsin Weekly Highway Construction Update at <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>.
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