VISION BECOMES REALITY

The Iowa and Illinois departments of transportation had a vision for a state-of-the-art Mississippi River Bridge - designed with safety and innovation in mind. This project will work to reinforce the vitality of the communities it serves and provide enhanced opportunities for those who live, learn, work and play in the Quad Cities region.

The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge corridor projects are part of a regional strategy for improved access across the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities. These projects provide for increased safety and mobility along I-74 between Avenue of the Cities in Moline and Middle Road in Bettendorf, and will serve the transportation needs for continued economic development in the Quad Cities region.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Iowa and Illinois departments of transportation (DOT) have co-jurisdiction of the I-74 corridor. The Iowa DOT is the lead agency for the Mississippi River Bridge project and projects within Iowa, while the Illinois DOT is a partner in the bridge project and the lead agency for the projects within Illinois. Both agencies are working closely to coordinate construction activities with the cities of Bettendorf, Moline, Davenport, and Rock Island.

Summer 2017
**THE VISION**

The project includes the replacement of the I-74 bridges over the Mississippi River as well as interchange ramps and local roadway improvements in Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline, Illinois.

These improvements along with operational and performance management systems, such as intelligent transportation system, travel advisory signs, and traffic signal coordination, are integrated into the project to enhance safety, mobility and reliable travel times, while supporting the Quad Cities’ continued economic development.

**SAFETY**

Remember construction zones don’t have to be end zones. Let us all work together to make zero fatalities a reality. Here are our top 10 tips for driving safely in a work zone:

- **Expect the unexpected.**
- **Slow down; be alert; pay attention to the signs.**
- **Obey the flagger.**
- **Obey the speed limit.**
- **Be calm.**

**CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE**

Construction of the Mississippi River Bridge (just east of the existing bridges) and Avenue of the Cities in Moline to Middle Road in Bettendorf will begin July 2017 and is anticipated to last 3 ½ years.

The majority of the traffic impacts associated with the bridge construction will be in 2019 and 2020. Local road construction will occur throughout the project area and will include various lane closures. The public will be notified of upcoming roadwork and road closures through a variety of means and we encourage you to sign up for alerts via the project website, I74RiverBridge.com.

**IOWA AND ILLINOIS DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION**

Iowa and Illinois departments of transportation undertook one of the largest mussel relocation efforts in the country on the shorelines 450,000 mussels (29 species) and around the piers of the I-74 project area. Stay informed about mussel conservation by visiting I74RiverBridge.com.

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**TOP 10 TIPS**

- Safety merge when there is a lane closure.
- Follow the two-second rule.
- Keep a safe distance.
- Be aware of when you’re entering and exiting a work zone.
- Expect delays.
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Whether you are a motorist, truck driver, walker, cyclist, art or bridge enthusiast, this project has something for you!

- The new river bridges span approximately 3,300' "shore to shore" with two 164'-tall arches.
- Pedestrians will be able to enjoy the view of the Mississippi River on the 20' overlook on the bridge.
- The corridor theme - interlocked hands "Reflections" - represents the river and the surrounding communities.
- The theme will be exhibited throughout the corridor in the pattern on the bridge rails, imprints on retaining wall faces, shapes of lighting, and other elements.
- • Y-shaped "Reflections Piers" were specially designed for this project to incorporate the aesthetic theme and will be installed on several structures.
- • The new Mississippi River Bridge will be illuminated.
- • The new multi-use path along the downstream side of the south bridge will be 14' wide with plenty of space for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- • Landscaping and community identity elements (artistic structures) will add visual appeal to the project area.

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