



Bob Michel Bridge Rehabilitation Project PEORIA, ILLINOIS 2022

Background

In 2020, the Illinois Department of Transportation commenced a Phase I engineering study to explore improvements for Peoria's Bob Michel Bridge, which carries Illinois 40 to its terminus. Built in 1993, the 28-year-old multi-girder bridge was due for a deck rehabilitation, and with recent developments at East Peoria's Levee District and downtown Peoria's Warehouse District, the timing also was right to improve accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists.



The half-mile-long bridge carries 17,500 vehicles per day and is one of six bridges to span the Illinois River in the Peoria vicinity.

Scope and Benefits

Currently, the bridge has a 5-foot-wide outside shoulder adjacent to a 5-foot-wide, 6-inch elevated sidewalk on each side. The new design will remove the sidewalks, reduce the outside shoulders to 3.5 feet wide and consolidate the bike and pedestrian space to the north side. This redesign will result in a 14-foot-wide multi-use path with a concrete barrier wall separating cars and the path to make it safer for all who share the bridge.

The new bridge deck will include a concrete overlay and new joints to preserve and extend the life of the deck.

Funding

The \$18.4 million project was made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program. Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges and 621 additional safety improvements.

Timeline

The plan is to bid the project this November and close it to vehicular traffic from March 13 to Nov. 17, 2023, which will allow it to be completed in one construction season. Pedestrian and bicycle access will remain open throughout construction.



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