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## “Frequently Asked Questions about East Norfolk Avenue bridge and street project”



Work is starting on the East Norfolk Avenue bridge and street project.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about the bridge and street project on East Norfolk Avenue.

### **What is going to be done to the bridge and why?**

The bridge is going to be demolished and replaced because it was originally built in 193. It was widened to four lanes in 1970 and is now at the end of its service life.

### **Does the street have to be completely closed for the project?**

Yes, the street does have to be completely closed for the project. Although it could have been kept partially open throughout the project, doing so would have increased the costs, added another year onto construction time and caused additional safety concerns.

### **How long is the street going to be closed?**

It's estimated that the street will be closed from late March 2017 through the end of September 2017 but it all depends on the weather and any other unforeseen circumstances.

### **Will the businesses in that area stay open during construction?**

Yes, all of the businesses on both sides of the bridge will remain open throughout the project.

### **How do I get to the other side of the bridge coming from the west?**

First Street will remain open so drivers will be detoured either south to Omaha Avenue or north to Benjamin Avenue to Victory Road. They can then take Victory Road to the east end of Norfolk Avenue.

**What else is being done besides putting in a new bridge?**

There will be a new trail under the bridge, a new water main crossing the river and a new roadway section from First Street to Cottonwood Street. The new roadway section will have five lanes with landscaping, decorative lighting and roadway lighting to tie in with the downtown business district.

**Why did trees have to be cut down?**

Trees had to be removed from the banks to allow for workers to install the new bridge, retaining walls, trail and the new water main. The harvested wood is owned by the contractors hired to remove the trees.

**How much is this all going to cost?**

The total cost is estimated to be \$5.7 million.

**What are suggested detours for this project?**

The suggested detours for the East Norfolk Avenue bridge project are south on Omaha Avenue or north on Benjamin Avenue. It is not recommended that residential streets are used because they aren't able to handle the heavy flow of traffic that Omaha Avenue and Benjamin Avenue can.

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