



BACKGROUND

20,000
AVERAGE DAILY EASTBOUND
VEHICLES PER DAY

After serving the Peoria area for more than seven decades and carrying more than 20,000 vehicle trips a day, the eastbound McClugage Bridge was long overdue for replacement. The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration

conducted a comprehensive study, including extensive public input, to determine a plan going forward with construction starting in 2019 and continuing into 2023.

PROJECT SCOPE AND BENEFITS

The McClugage Bridge is actually two separate bridges. The northern cantilever bridge currently carries westbound traffic, while the original southern structure carries eastbound traffic. This project is rebuilding the eastbound structure as a tied-arch bridge. The new, modernized eastbound McClugage Bridge will improve the traveling experience for everyone who uses it – not only for existing needs, but future ones as well. The new structure will increase capacity by adding a third lane and shoulders, improve safety, reduce travel times and ensure additional multimodal access with bike and pedestrian accommodations.

More than 340,000 work hours have been utilized in the first two years of construction, and an estimated 750,000 total work hours will be utilized by the project's completion.



\$167 MILLION

FUNDING

The project costs an estimated \$167 million, which is coming from IDOT's Major Bridge Fund.



**IMPROVED
CAPACITY**

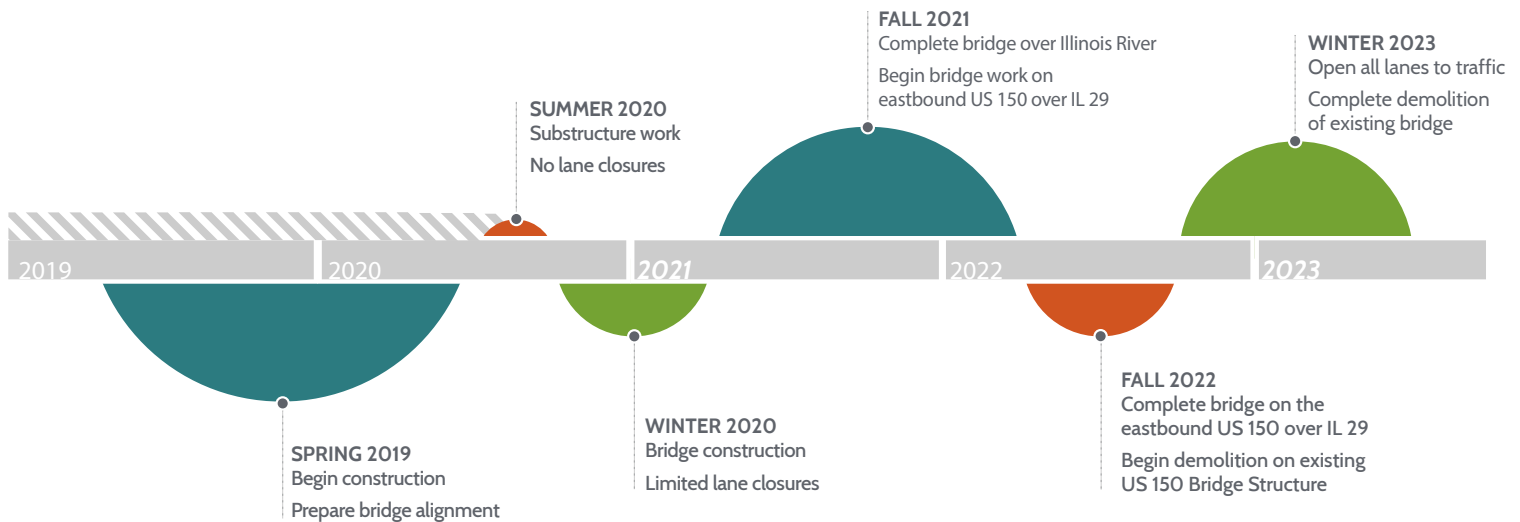


**REDUCED
TRAVEL TIMES**



**MULTI-USE
PATH**

PROJECT TIMELINE



FUN FACTS

To complete improvements on the McClugage Bridge, it will require:

- 74,849 cubic yards of concrete
- 40,374,791 pounds of steel
- 39,160 tons of aggregate
- 14,788 tons of asphalt
- 121,228 cubic yards of earth excavation
- 43,457 feet of conduit
- 109,024 feet of electrical cable
- 169,348 bolts

SPECIAL FEATURES

- A bridge scenic overlook will be a part of the pedestrian/bike path section of the structure.
- There will be trailhead parking lots and commemorative parks on each side of the river.
- Commemorative parks will have structural members (steel beams) from the dismantled bridge and three plaques to describe the history and significance of the original McClugage Bridge (1948 - 2023), The Free Bridge (1889 - 1947), and an Ironworkers memorial.