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BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT



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Osborne Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project Completion

The Osborne Street Bridge Rehabilitation will be wrapping up mid-October. Five traffic lanes will be open (three southbound and two northbound), and all turn restrictions removed.

Bridge enhancements in the rehabilitation include wider sidewalks protected by a concrete barrier and a 1.8 m shy distance between the curb lane and barrier, providing a much widened path for cyclists. A street-level half-signal at Assiniboine Avenue and Granite Way, a light that stops traffic only when activated, will facilitate crossing Osborne Street for pedestrians and cyclists. Activation will be synchronized with the Broadway intersection to maximize traffic flow.

The official grand opening of the bridge will be held this fall.

This second construction phase concludes the west side rehabilitation work; the east side was rehabilitated in 2011.

How did the second phase of construction progress?

Construction progressed well throughout the construction season. As the public was familiar with the first phase traffic management plan, including the reduced lanes and alternative routes for pedestrians and cyclists, traffic flow and access worked effectively. Any issues identified were addressed quickly and overall feedback from the community has been positive.



What is unique about the public art planned in this project?

The City of Winnipeg partnered with the Winnipeg Arts Council to integrate public art into the design of the bridge structure. It marks and celebrates two distinct neighbourhoods on each side of the Assiniboine River.

Titled *From Here Until Now*, the project consists of three main components:

- the sidewalk, integrating the neighbourhood's physical map translated into contrasting concrete tones and stainless steel trimming;
- the bridge handrails, featuring LED lighting and inscribed text reflecting historical, social and cultural neighbourhood moments; and
- two illuminated gateway zones at both bridge entries, celebrating four important architectural elements of the neighbourhood's history (the Legislative Building, the Granite Curling Club, the Roslyn Court Apartments and the Evergreen Towers).



Message from artists, Eduardo Aquino and Karen Shanski

Neighbourhood Streets Imbedded in Sidewalk

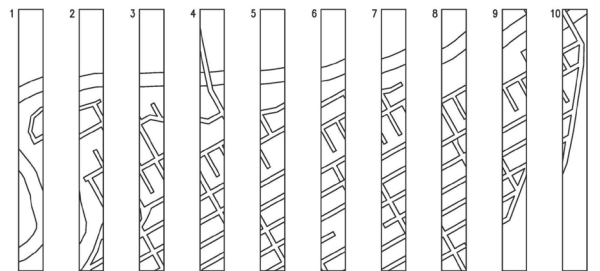
The new public art gives a clear sense of place to the bridge as a prominent site in the neighbourhood. The idea is for the experience to gradually grow on passersby, whether walking, riding or boating. The project tells a story about the culture, the history, the poetry of the place – of the communities both south and north of the bridge. Viewers moving through the site will realize that they are walking or riding on the neighbourhood's map, and they will glimpse one of the 100 pickets that feature snippets of the neighbourhood identity through short phrases, composed in poetic language to provoke curiosity and conversation. The handrail and gateway artwork will be lit during the evening.

A more detailed explanation of the public art and inscribed text will be available on the websites of the Manitoba Historical Society, the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Arts Council.

Watch for information about an upcoming celebration of this remarkable new artwork. Details coming soon to www.winnipegarts.ca.



Gateway Art Panels



Neighbourhood Map Concept -- Sidewalks



Inscribed Handrail Picket

How did collaborative planning benefit the project?

Stakeholder input was invaluable. A Neighbourhood Advisory Committee developed project goals and worked closely with municipal representatives and the consulting team throughout planning and implementation of the project. By tapping into local knowledge, identifying organizations' needs, and recognizing a commitment to the community, they developed a plan that integrates the rehabilitated bridge with the surrounding community and addresses the needs of many and varied users.

A small Liaison Committee was available, as needed, to work through any neighbourhood issues raised during construction. The Liaison Committee was comprised of representatives from the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee, the consulting team, and the City of Winnipeg. The public used the 311 system to provide feedback, and any issues were addressed quickly.

Recommendations through this process led to many additional enhancements. These included:

- Separate accommodation for cyclists leading from the bridge to the Assiniboine Avenue – Granite Way half signal crossing, including Winnipeg's first dedicated bike signal;
- Well aligned pedestrian pathways to the Legislative grounds and the river walk, surrounded by feature planting gardens;

- Permanent bike entry point to the Active Transportation system on the upper bank at Mostyn Park;
- Accessibility improvements for all users including relocated light standards and a gas meter opening the path of travel between Roslyn and River Avenues. Also, clear pavement markings and detectable warnings at curb ramps are installed throughout the project area;
- Widened transition for cyclists from the bridge to the roadway at the southwest corner.

Detailed descriptions of the project are provided on the City of Winnipeg's website at www.winnipeg.ca/OsborneBridge

For inquiries, please contact 311 or email 311@winnipeg.ca

