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Broadway Bascule Bridge over the Milwaukee River Scheduled for Painting and Repairs

The Broadway Bascule Bridge over the Milwaukee River, located on North Young Street between East Erie and Pittsburgh Streets, is in need of painting and other repairs. The painting is scheduled to start in early **May 2015**, with a completion date of **September 2015**.

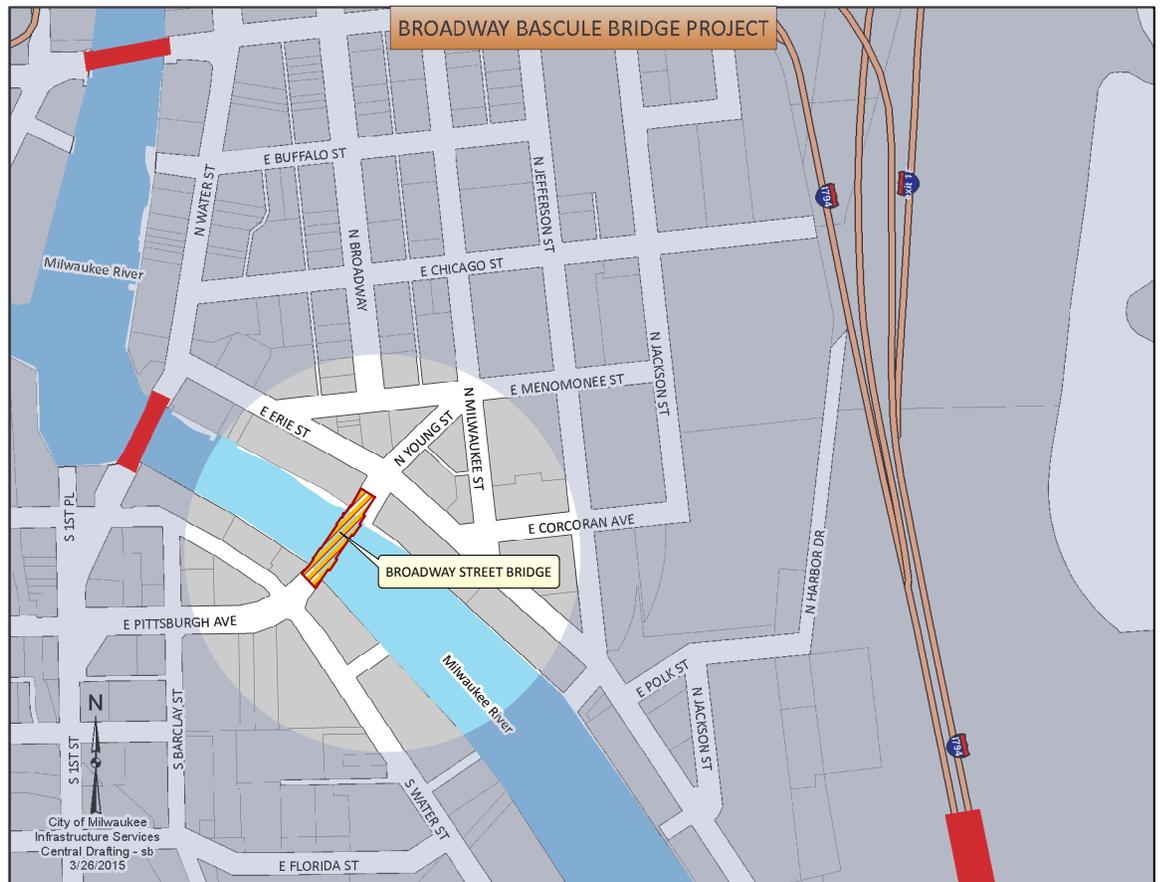
The scope of work includes:

- Painting the steel components of the bridge
- Installing new sidewalk plates
- Concrete repairs and staining.

The Broadway Bascule Bridge is the first movable bridge that boats and ships pass under on their way from Lake Michigan to the Milwaukee and Menomonee Rivers and the downtown area. It is a bascule style of bridge, which means that it opens at the center of the bridge with two “leaves” counterweighted to assist the opening and closing of the bridge. Although it is called the Broadway Bascule Bridge, it is actually on North Young Street, which connects East Pittsburgh Avenue on the west side of the river with Milwaukee Street on the east side.

One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction, and one leaf of the bascule bridge will remain operational for navigation. During the traffic staging, the sidewalk adjacent to the open traffic lanes will be open to pedestrians.

The U.S. Coast Guard will issue a notification to mariners, and provisions have been made to remove the traffic restrictions during *Summerfest* and *Festa Italiana*, and for special events that use the bridge as part of their routes, such as the *Ride for the Arts* and the *Rock ‘n’ Sole Run*.



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