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## **TRAFFIC ALERT**

### **Wells Street Bridge to Close Monday, March 5, 2018**

*The vertical lift bridge will be closed for rehabilitation until November 2018*

The City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) announces that the Wells Street bridge over the Milwaukee River will close Monday, March 5 through November 2018, weather permitting.

Built in 1985, this vertical lift bridge is a major artery that connects the East- and Westtown neighborhoods. The rehabilitation work includes upgrading the structural, hydraulic and electrical components. In addition curbs, gutters, and sidewalks will be replaced where necessary.

#### **What to expect during construction:**

- Vehicular traffic will be re-routed to the Kilbourn Avenue bridge from N. Broadway on the east side of the bridge, and from N. Old World Third Street on the west side of the bridge.
- Pedestrian access: While no one will be allowed to travel over the bridge during construction, pedestrians will be able to get to those businesses and other properties that abut the bridge. A detour route will guide pedestrians to the two nearby bridges – Kilbourn Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue
- Riverwalk access: The Riverwalk will be closed at the bridge to pedestrians to accommodate construction. Other areas of the Riverwalk will be open
- Parking: There will be no on-street parking on Wells St. between N. Plankinton Ave. and N. Water St.
- Marine traffic: The Milwaukee River navigation channel will remain open during construction

When completed, the Wells Street bridge will have an 11-foot driving lane in each direction and new bicycle plating in each direction for bicyclist safety. New traffic railings will be installed on the sidewalk near the curb for pedestrian safety.

The traveling public is advised to add extra time when traveling in and around these Downtown neighborhoods.

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