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## **West Lisbon Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Begins June 16, 2014**

*Project expected to be completed in November 2014*

Beginning Monday, June 16, 2014 the City of Milwaukee will remove and replace the West Lisbon Avenue bridge between North 30<sup>th</sup> and North 31<sup>st</sup> streets. The project completion date is expected to be November 2014.

The current three-span continuous concrete slab bridge was originally built in 1932 by the Soo Line Railroad to accommodate a new railroad subway corridor running through this area of the city. Over the years, the bridge has undergone regular maintenance to keep it in service for more than 80 years. However, the bridge has now deteriorated to the point where it needs to be replaced.

A new single span concrete bridge will be constructed with historic looking bridge parapets to complement the red brick buildings found throughout the neighborhood.

During the construction project, vehicular traffic will be detoured to West Vliet Street between North 27<sup>th</sup> and North 35<sup>th</sup> streets. West Lisbon Avenue will be open to **eastbound local traffic only** between North 35<sup>th</sup> and North 31<sup>st</sup> streets, and **westbound local traffic only** between North 27<sup>th</sup> and North 30<sup>th</sup> streets.

Businesses and agencies along the construction corridor will be open as usual. DPW's Support for Business program is providing signage throughout the area to help direct motorists and pedestrians to their destinations.

The Milwaukee County Transit System will detour westbound buses off West Lisbon Avenue south on 30<sup>th</sup> St. to Walnut Street, west on W. Walnut Street to 32<sup>nd</sup> St., then north on 32<sup>nd</sup> St. back to Lisbon Ave. to continue the route. Eastbound buses will detour off Lisbon Ave. going south on 32<sup>nd</sup> St. to Walnut, east on Walnut to 30<sup>th</sup> St., turning north back to Lisbon Ave.

The project will cost \$1.9 million and is funded by the City of Milwaukee. The contractor is Edward Kraemer & Sons.

For more information on the Lisbon Avenue bridge replacement project, please go to the DPW website at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw).

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