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**UPDATE:**  
**West Lisbon Avenue Open to Traffic**  
*Project delayed due to industry-wide cement shortage*

The City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works announces that the West Lisbon Avenue bridge between North 30<sup>th</sup> and North 31<sup>st</sup> streets opened to through traffic on Friday, December 5, 2014. The project completion date, originally scheduled for late November 2014, was pushed back due to an industry-wide shortage of cement.

The new single-span concrete bridge was constructed with historic-looking bridge parapets to complement the red brick buildings found throughout the neighborhood. In 2015, the bridge will be stained in colors that mimic these buildings to add to this historic look.

**BACKGROUND:** The W. Lisbon Ave. replacement bridge project began June 26, 2014. The former 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 had deteriorated to the point where it needed to be replaced.

**PROJECT BUDGET:** \$1.9 million - funded by the City of Milwaukee.

**CONTRACTOR:** 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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