

7th Street NE Bridge Preservation Project (J7913)

The project will begin in May 2019 and be completed in September 2019

The historic 7th Street NE Bridge will be completely rehabilitated and 7th Street NE from the bridge to 11th Avenue NE will be milled & overlaid.

Project Benefits

Project details include:

- The complete rehabilitation of this historic bridge.
- In 2016 this bridge was posted to allow lesser vehicle loads. Once the preservation project is complete, the load-posting signs will be removed and allow for heavier vehicles to once again use the bridge.
- 7th Street NE from the bridge to 11th Avenue NE will be rehabilitated, extending the lifespan of the street.
- Parking will remain along 7th Street NE. The removal of one travel lane in each direction has been deemed appropriate considering less than 8,000 vehicles travel along this corridor each day.
- The addition of buffered bicycle lanes creates more mobility for a new user type along this corridor and fits within the City's Complete Streets Policy. These bike lanes have been called for in the bicycle master plan (Chapter 5, pages 5-63). These bike facilities will tie into the bike lanes along West Silver Lake Drive, the North Broadway facilities and a future extension of facilities to the west along 7th Street NW.

Project Cost and Funding

The construction cost is estimated at \$1.8M with funding coming from State Bridge Funds, Municipal State Aid Funds and tax levy.

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Project Location



Construction Impacts

Impacts to vehicles:

- 7th Street NE will be closed to through traffic. A signed detour along Center Street East will be provided.

Impacts to pedestrians:

- The sidewalks on both sides of the bridge will be closed. Pedestrians will be able to cross the Zumbro River on the pedestrian bridge that is just north of the 7th Street NE Bridge.

Impacts to recreational path users:

- The multi-use path along the east side of the river and below the bridge will be closed for the duration of the project.