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## 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW bridge replacement project update

July 18, 2019 - ROCHESTER, MINN. – Replacement of the existing 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW bridge is now expected to begin on Monday, July 29, 2019 due to a delay of the arrival of the contractor's materials.

This project (J7916) requires 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW to be completely closed at the bridge, which is near 33 Street NW. There is no designated detour for this project. The project is expected to last 30 days, weather permitting.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1972 and was posted to allow lesser vehicle loads in 2016. The bridge will be replaced with a single 10x4 concrete box culvert. Once the project is complete, the load-posting signs will be removed and heavier vehicles will once again be allowed to use the bridge.

The construction costs associated with the project are estimated at \$320,000. Funding is coming from State Bridge Funds and Municipal State Aid Funds.

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