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\$16.6 million rebuild of Eisenhower Bridge in Anderson on schedule

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ANDERSON - The work to replace the Eisenhower Bridge over the White River in downtown Anderson is on schedule. Most people driving east on Eighth Street across the Eisenhower Bridge can observe the heavy equipment breaking up the concrete on the westbound lanes of the structure, but have little idea of the work being taken below the surface. There are crews working to drive pilings into the river bed, others are clearing debris from a temporary causeway in the White River and others are working on the steel structure that will support the bridge deck. When completed, the new Eisenhower Bridge will be 6 feet lower than the current span and include pedestrian and bicycle lanes and overlooks for people to observe the river. Madison County received a \$13.5 million federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant on the eighth attempt. The bridge was opened in 1969 at a cost of \$1 million (\$7 million in today's dollars) as two separate spans. Work is currently taking place on the replacement of the two westbound lanes on the north side of the bridge. "There have been no problems," Brian Rodgers of United Consulting Engineering said. "Right now they're cutting the steel beams so that the spans can be dropped." Primco Inc. was awarded a contract by the Indiana Department of Transportation earlier this year for \$13,481,784. The county's required local match is \$3.1 million. The county is still responsible for the \$1,770,800 in inspection fees, \$238,758 for the relocation of power lines by Anderson Municipal Light & Power and the estimated \$337,044 fee to the Indiana Department of Transportation. Rodgers said the work over the White River will be a little slower because a causeway had to be built to hold the construction equipment and to keep debris from falling into the river.

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