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Construction Begins on Venice Park’s ‘Second Bridge’

Atlantic City, N.J. (August 30, 2023) – Construction on the North Ohio Ave Bridge over Venice Lagoon (also known as “Second Bridge”) in Atlantic City’s Venice Park neighborhood is now underway. The project is anticipated to last no more than two years.

The bridge, which was built in 1969, will be replaced in stages using a single alternating lane of traffic with temporary traffic signals. While construction crews work on one half of the bridge, alternate traffic signals will be utilized to direct pedestrians and vehicles across the other half of the bridge. Traffic in the surrounding area will be detoured so that all traffic patterns will approach the bridge head-on. The detours are not expected to impact trash collection or emergency vehicle response. Residents can expect the alternate traffic signals and street detours to begin in October.

For safety purposes, barriers will be used to block off the half of the bridge being worked on during construction, with fences being utilized as an additional protective measure to keep pedestrians away from the construction site. Officers with the Atlantic City Police Department will be assisting with detours during peak travel hours. At no point during construction is the bridge expected to be fully closed.

Currently, the bridge features a seven span concrete deck with steel girder superstructure on timber pile bents, which are deteriorating. This will be replaced with a five span prestressed concrete voided slab superstructure with concrete filled steel pipes. Emergency substructure repairs were undertaken in 2021 to stabilize the bridge until replacement. A shared bike lane will be included in the newly constructed bridge.

Last night, City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr., the City of Atlantic City Engineering Department and project partners updated Venice Park residents on the project's timetable, and gave them a chance to ask questions.

"We expect this to be a smooth process that will be completed in a safe and timely manner," said Mayor Small. "The Small Administration continues to demonstrate its commitment to the people of Venice Park. We got 'First Bridge' done, and now we're going to do 'Second Bridge'." There will be a lot of moving parts, and we'll need all of the neighborhood's cooperation to get this project in and out."

The design engineer for the 'Second Bridge' project is French and Parrello Associates, construction management and inspection is being handled by Remington & Vernick Engineers, and the Contractor is South State, Inc.

Last October, construction of 'First Bridge' in Venice Park, located along Ohio Avenue over the Penrose Canal, was complete. That bridge had been closed for just under one year.

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