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### **Market Street Bridge on Schedule**

About a quarter of the way through the [Market Street Bridge](#) makeover and contractors say they are on schedule. This despite a few difficulties. "Some parts of the bridge were in much more need of repair than what was originally anticipated," said Jerry Britton of Mountain States Contractors. "All the columns on the north approach have been replaced."

You may have seen those columns and you may have noticed they don't quite match the rest of the concrete on the historic structure. "Used to, concrete, when that bridge was built, was dredged from right there in the river," explained Britton. Now, the concrete is made of limestone. It is less expensive and makes less of an impact on the environment, but it has a gray tint. Not to worry, says Britton. As part of returning the bridge to its 1917 appearance, workers will stain all the concrete that familiar light brown hue.

Progress continues along the North Shore. Work on the south end of the bridge is slated to begin in September. That will involve shutting down Riverside Drive for six months. "Everything about the job is challenging," said Britton. "But that's what makes it an interesting job."

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