



Market Street Bridge construction on schedule

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One month after Market Street Bridge closes for construction, contractors give News 12 a first hand look at the progress.

Crews say they're meeting their deadline and the next major hurdle will take place after six months.

Contractors say the 13 million dollar plan to restore Market Street Bridge is right on schedule.

Robin Derryberry, The Ingram Group

"That's one reason why this team was selected because they have the design and the crew together to make this happen."

Construction crews have already stripped away about 13 inches of gravel they plan to replace.

Jerry Britton, Mountain States Contractors

"The purpose of doing that was to clean and roughen the deck to when we pour the new concrete on on top of it, it won't be laminated."

Crews have also left this gaping hole which can get a bit tricky.

That's because the goal is to restore the bridge not replace it.

Jerry Britton, Mountain States Contractors

"It's probably one of the oldest structures in the state of Tennessee and the challenge is to rebuild it and demolish it and at the same time maintaining it's structural integrity."

In fact, contractors say you'll hardly notice any difference when the bridge is complete.

Robin Derryberry, The Ingram Group

"The sidewalks are gonna be 3 feet wider on either side which is gonna make pedestrian traffic much easier. Other than that, that's about all you're gonna notice."

And Robin Derryberry says crews plan to do everything they can to get this project done on time.

She says only mother nature will determine if construction falls behind schedule.

Mountain State Contractors, T-Dot and other agencies plan to outline a full report on their progress Thursday morning.

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