

DOT crews continue Lansing bridge construction with pier demolition

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Iowa and Wisconsin Department of Construction crews continued their construction of the new Lansing bridge on Saturday with a pier demolition of the former Black Hawk Bridge on the Wisconsin side.

The demolition was delayed twice due to severe weather, originally slated for April 15, moved to April 17, and moved again to Saturday. The time of the explosion was also delayed because crews needed to catch up on preparations they could not complete earlier due to the weather.

This is the second demolition of the former Black Hawk Bridge. The first in December removed a portion of the bridge itself. For this operation, crews drilled holes into the pier to move explosives underwater. They ensured the blast radius was clear before setting off the explosives, which caused a big splash and a small boom.

A leading engineer on the project, Clayton Burke, said the demolition could not have gone better. Demolishing the pier makes way for more construction.

Cleanup of the debris from the demolition is expected to take about two weeks. The whole project is expected to be completed by spring of 2027.