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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Kilbourn Avenue Bridge Opens with One Lane in Each Direction**

The Kilbourn Avenue Bridge open today at approximately 12:15 p.m. The bridge has one lane open in each direction, with a pedestrian walk way on the north side of the bridge. The bridge was closed on July 9, 2007 for rehabilitation. The bridge components, structural, mechanical and electrical were in poor condition and in need of repair, except for the bridge houses. The bridge was built in 1929 and is a City landmark.

Work will continue on portions of the bridge while it is partially open to traffic. Drivers should remain aware of the traffic changes and follow the designated traffic patterns. The contractor and Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the department of Public Works remain committed to have the final completion and restoration of the area by the May 22, 2009 date.