



The long-anticipated replacement of the Madison-Milton Bridge will be completed years ahead of schedule with significantly less disruption than originally estimated.

The plan accepted by Indiana and Kentucky calls for the bridge to be closed for only 10 days during construction rather than an anticipated year-long closure.

The bridge contract has been awarded to Walsh Construction Company of La Porte, Ind., the only proposal that closed the bridge for less than a year.

The new bridge superstructure is expected to be open by September 15, 2012, making it the fastest modern-day bridge to be built over the Ohio River

The innovative construction method, called “truss sliding,” will slide the 3,181-foot-long truss into place along steel rails and plates. Walsh teamed up with Buckland & Taylor Ltd., which designed the similar Old Capilano Bridge replacement in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Construction plans designed by Buckland & Taylor Ltd. and Burgess & Niple Engineers of Columbus, Ohio, will be reviewed and approved prior to construction to ensure they adhere to modern safety standards.

More details will be posted as they become available.