

Contractor chosen for bridge repairs

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ST. CHARLES -- The St. Charles City Council this week hired a contractor to repair the Illinois Street Bridge next month while it is closed to traffic as part of the 1st Street sewer replacement project.

"I just want to be sure we combine the two projects so that the bridge can reopen as soon as humanly possible," said 4th Ward Ald. Jo Krieger.

The bridge is scheduled to close on both sides of the Fox River on April 2 to let city workers lay new sewer pipes along 1st Street at Illinois Street. Sebastian Contracting Corp. will perform routine maintenance and repairs on the bridge at a cost of \$150,710. Motorists will be able to cross the river at Prairie Street just south of Illinois and at Main Street two blocks north of Illinois.

Though the bridge is expected to reopen by May, drivers will still have trouble getting through the 1st Street business corridor because Illinois Highway 31, called 2nd Street, will close between Main and Walnut Streets for utility repairs.

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