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Significant Steps Taken to Begin Repair of N-15 Platte River Bridge South of Schuyler

Oct. 28, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) – The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has issued a Notice to Proceed and mobilized a construction team to begin emergency repairs on the Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15) Platte River Bridge south of Schuyler.

Currently, N-15 is closed to traffic from County Road C to Spur 12A (S-12A). Detour signage has been placed in the area.

In June, the NDOT Bridge Division conducted a routine inspection of the structure. That led to a special inspection in October to further assess the condition of several elements of the bridge. Following the special inspection, NDOT made the decision to close the bridge.

The exact timeline of the closure is unknown, but the Department estimates the repair could take approximately 4-6 weeks. The emphasis of the repair is to restore mobility to local traffic, and more information will be released on the timeline when it becomes available.

The full replacement of the bridge is included in the [FY 2026 Nebraska Surface Transportation Program 5-Year Planning Program](#). Once the emergency repair is complete, NDOT will reassess the structure and adjust the replacement plans if necessary.

The original structure was built in 1959.

For a real-time look at traffic, visit 511.nebraska.gov. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up, and put phones down.

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