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MnDOT cautions boaters to keep safe water distance from I-90 Dresbach Bridge

ROCHESTER, Minn. – Watercraft users on the Mississippi River are warned to keep a safe distance from the Interstate 90 Dresbach Bridge during demolition work, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Ames Construction, the bridge contractor, has barges below the bridge, where they are hammering out the concrete. The concrete rubble falls into the barge. Boats and other river users should maintain at least a 500-foot distance from the barges. This work is expected to last through the summer.

Meanwhile, construction continues on the new westbound crossing, which will open to limited traffic during the summer. The \$187.5 million river bridge project is in its final year.

Motorists traveling eastbound on I-90 over the Mississippi River should use the crossover lane on the west end of the construction zone to continue their eastbound route.

Eastbound I-90 motorists, who want to travel onto southbound Highway 61, should proceed past the crossover and look for signs to take the left exit to go south. A traffic signal controls traffic just after the exit, so motorists should be slowed and prepared to stop.

The Dresbach Bridge project is a cooperative effort between the Minnesota and Wisconsin departments of transportation. The project includes constructing a new I-90 crossing over the Mississippi River and reconstructing the Highway 61/14 and the I-90 interchange.

MnDOT urges motorists to always be attentive, drive with caution, slow down in [work zones](#) and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

For more information about the Dresbach Bridge project and detour, visit www.mndot.gov/dresbachbridge or www.facebook.com/DresbachBridge.

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