

HIGHWAY 243 OSCEOLA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

MnDOT and WisDOT are partnering to replace the Hwy 243 Osceola Bridge over the St. Croix River to maintain a reliable connection between Washington and Chisago counties in Minnesota and the village of Osceola in Polk County, Wisconsin. The current bridge, built in 1953, will be replaced with a new bridge in the same location. The project will also include a new pedestrian and bicycle path linking Osceola Landing to the village of Osceola.

LOCATION

Hwy 243/Osceola Bridge over St. Croix River
between Hwy 95 in Franconia Twp, MN and Hwy 35
in Osceola, WI.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2026 through Fall 2028

SUMMARY OF WORK

- Replace the aging Hwy 243 Osceola Bridge over the St. Croix National and Scenic Riverway with a new bridge.
- Build new pedestrian and bicycle path.
- Improve drainage.
- Maintain river navigation and access during construction.
- Protect and preserve the St. Croix River and other natural resources in the area.

PROJECT BENEFITS

-  Replace the aging Hwy 243 bridge
-  Better pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
-  Improve drainage and water quality



Future bridge illustration.

ESTIMATED COST

\$25 million



TRAFFIC IMPACTS

The Hwy 243 Osceola Bridge will be closed to traffic for one year to allow crews to remove the existing bridge and build a new one in the same location. The new bridge is anticipated to open in late 2027, weather and schedule permitting. Seasonal flooding, river water levels, and other environmental factors could impact the construction schedule. Plan ahead for the following travel and recreational impacts:

- Bridge closure starting as soon as mid-October 2026 through late fall 2027.
- Two alternate routes when the bridge is closed:
 - » Posted detour using Hwy 8 Taylors Falls river crossing (north of Hwy 243): Hwy 95, Hwy 8, Hwy 35 and Hwy 243.
 - » Alternate route using Hwy 36 Stillwater river crossing (south of Hwy 243): Hwy 95, Hwy 36, Hwy 64, Hwy 35, Hwy 64B, Hwy 35 and Hwy 243.
- Clearly marked routes for boats and other river traffic traveling through the construction area.



For more information visit: mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy243osceola

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