



CWLP News Release

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RENOVATED LINDSAY BRIDGE TO REOPEN TUESDAY

Following a \$1.9 million facelift with extensive repairs and renovations, the life of the Vachel Lindsay Bridge at Lake Springfield has been extended for many more decades to come. The bridge, which was built in 1933 and 1934 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was closed on July 5 to accommodate its restoration and will reopen to traffic at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1st.

“Historic preservation doesn’t always involve buildings. Frequently the architectural beauty of structures such as bridges needs to be preserved so that a period of our history is retained for future generations,” said Mayor J. Michael Houston. “The Lindsay Bridge is unique and its condition demanded that we repair and rebuild it in such a manner as to retain its character and heritage. This project has done just that. Now, it will allow future generations to appreciate its beauty, and it will serve as a functional passageway over Lake Springfield for many years to come.”

This project allowed for the removal and replacement of deteriorated concrete, replacement of expansion joints, and 1,700 railing balusters, as well as for the installation of new lighting. An epoxy-aggregate surface was applied for new roadway and sidewalk surfaces as well.

CWLP was awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation, which covered approximately \$1.5 million of the total \$1.9 million project. Cummins Engineering was the project design and construction engineer and Halverson Construction was the general contractor.

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