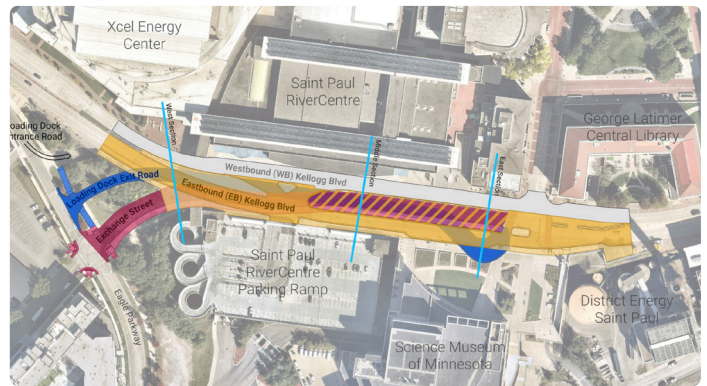


## PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

- At 85 years old, the concrete bridge has served downtown well and it has reached the end of its functional design life.
- Demolish the current single bridge structure and reconstruct new foundations, bridge supports, concrete deck slabs, barriers, retaining walls, railings, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Replace existing single bridge structure with two independent tunnels under Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard to streamline traffic circulation.



### “BRIDGING” REGIONAL CONNECTION & IMPACT

- Bridge serves as a **gateway for more than 7 million visitors** each year to experience downtown businesses, attractions, restaurants and entertainment district: Minnesota Wild, Xcel Energy Center, RiverCentre, Roy Wilkins Auditorium, Ordway, Science Museum of Minnesota, and much more.
- Connects downtown **access to regional transit system**, creating a vibrant downtown core, attracting and supporting long-term economic development.
- Improves **pedestrian and bicycle safety and access** to downtown, the river, and regional trails with new barrier-protected pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Provides opportunities for local utilities to make improvements, expand distribution systems, and increase electric supply.

### BRIDGE STATS

- Built in 1936 over the river bluff.
- 1,000+ feet long bridge structure from West 7th Street to Market Street, includes the Exchange Street viaduct.
- Bridge connects two critical access points into downtown: West 7th and Kellogg Blvd. and Kellogg Blvd. down to Exchange Street (viaduct).
- Provides underground vehicular access to Xcel Energy Center and RiverCentre, loading docks (current exit is into Exchange Street viaduct underneath Kellogg bridge), and RiverCentre and Science Museum parking ramps.
- The Xcel Energy Center, Roy Wilkins Auditorium and the RiverCentre host a combined 1200+ events annually.



**\$33.7 MILLION**  
of funding is still needed

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**\$54.6 MILLION**  
estimated project cost

**Project is ready to bid in 2023 if full funding is secured. Engineering, planning, and community engagement underway.**

*Receiving the 2023 legislative bond funding will eliminate the risk of losing previously secured \$7M of federal bridge funding.*