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‘We Fixed the Damn Bridge’

Jefferson Avenue Bascule Bridge repairs complete, scheduled to reopen to traffic

August 12

River Rouge, MI – After three years of inoperability, all repairs have been completed on the Jefferson Avenue Bascule Bridge and the bridge is set to reopen to traffic at 5 p.m. on August 12. Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans will join River Rouge and Ecorse officials, businesses and residents to celebrate the opening during a ribbon cutting.

“For the last three years, the closure of the Jefferson Bascule Bridge has created headaches for residents and negatively impacted the downriver business community,” said Executive Evans. “Reopening the Jefferson Bridge has remained one of my administration’s top priorities since taking office. The tireless effort and hard work of our administration has paid off and I can proudly say “We fixed the damn bridge.”

Improving Wayne County’s roads and bridges took center stage during Executive Evans’ State of the County Address in March. He highlighted the Administration’s determination to quickly repair the bridge, calling it an “important thoroughfare for the residents and businesses” of Ecorse and River Rouge.

“We want to thank County Executive Evans for taking this project seriously. The bridge means so much to the community and having it open again is a welcome sight,” said River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler.

Final preparations are expected to be completed on Friday in time for the 5 p.m. opening. Since construction started last August, engineers from the Wayne County Department of Public Services have made multiple repairs and improvements to make the bridge operational again.

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