

Council approves repair of Ferry Hall Bridge



The Lake Forest City Council has approved a contractor to repair Ferry Hall Bridge on Mayflower Road. (Mark Lawton / Chicago Tribune)

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The City Council approved on June 19 Dunnet Bay Construction to repair Ferry Hall Bridge on Mayflower Road.

The northbound lane of the bridge has been closed since May 2016, when a routine inspection found problems, according to Robert Ells, superintendent of engineering for the city.

Ferry Hall Bridge was constructed in 1930 and reconstructed in 1970, Ells said.

"Most of that bridge was redone in the mid-1990s," Ells said. "There is about a 100-foot span, the south approach, where work is going to be done. That 100-foot span was not redone (in the 1990s). It was just rehabbed."

along with the east side railings and the concrete four to five columns on the east side of the bridge,

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The portion of the bridge that goes over a ravine is in good shape, said Ells.

"It was just out of caution it was decided to close that lane until this work could be done," Ells said.

Repairs will start about Aug. 7, and are scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving, Ells said. The bridge will be completely closed and detour signs will be posted, he said.

The City Council approved paying Dunnet Bay Construction \$573,356 for construction, according to city council notes. The council also approved paying \$64,865 to Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates to oversee construction, inspection and material testing, according to the notes.

In addition, the city spent just under \$65,000 on preliminary engineering for the project last year, according to Elizabeth Holleb, city finance director.

Fifty percent of the total cost will come from property tax revenue and 50 percent will come from one-time permit fees associated with the construction of the new Lake Forest Hospital, Holleb said.

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