

St. Croix Crossing begins to appear

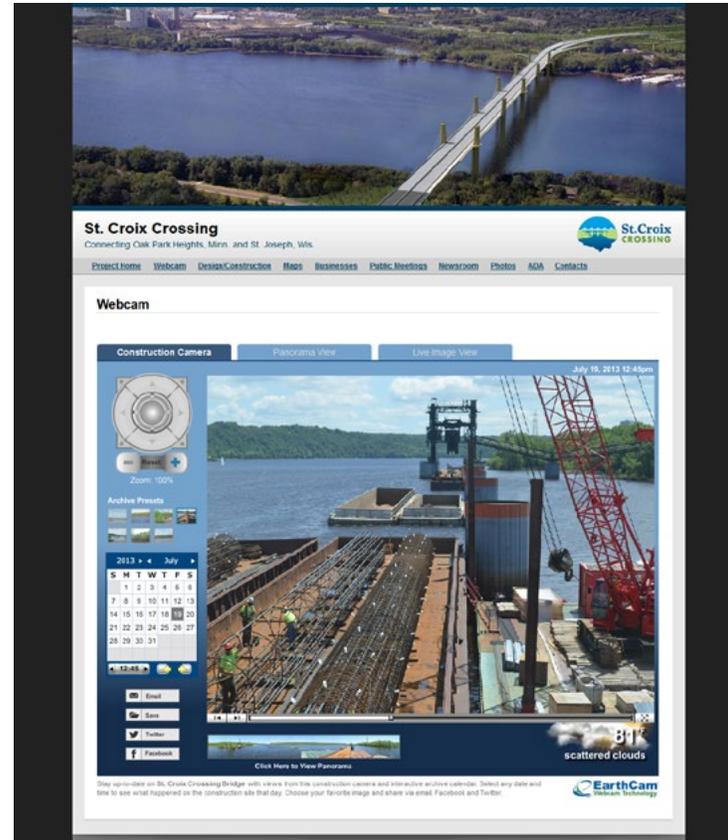
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STILLWATER, Minn.--Less than one year ago, work commenced on the decades-delayed St. Croix Crossing project to connect St. Croix County and Washington County (Minn.) with a modern, four-lane bridge by mid-2016.

Eight sets of pier foundations constructed in the St. Croix River were deemed substantially complete in late December.

Work transitioned to Lunda/Ames Joint Venture, the low bidder for the bridge superstructure. By mid-February, Lunda/Ames constructed a temporary causeway from the Minnesota shore to the first set of river pier foundations.

Despite cold temperatures, a major milestone was achieved on March 1, as St. Croix Crossing crews began the process of lifting the first form onto Pier 8W, near the Minnesota shore. Construction crews will continue installing forms on the piers and pouring concrete, allowing the balance of the piers above the water line to take shape. A webcam allows viewers to observe moment-by-moment progress at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stcroixcrossing/webcam.html>.



The screenshot displays the St. Croix Crossing project website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Project Home, Webcam, Design/Construction, Maps, Businesses, Public Meetings, Newsroom, Photos, ADA, and Contacts. The main content area is titled "Webcam" and features a "Construction Camera" view. The camera feed shows a construction site on a river pier, with a large red crane and various construction materials. The interface includes a compass, zoom controls (set to 100%), and a calendar for July 2013. The date and time shown are July 15, 2013, 12:45pm. The page also includes social media sharing options for Email, Save, Twitter, and Facebook. The EarthCam logo is visible in the bottom right corner.