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Historic Bridge Has New Life As Recreation Trail

By Nathan Johnson
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For eight decades, cars and trucks rolled across the Meridian Bridge in Yankton's downtown.

As of November 2011, that traffic has consisted only of bicycles and pedestrians.

Beginning in the spring of 2010, the 3,000-foot double-deck bridge underwent a \$4.8 million conversion to make it a recreational structure. The process included reinforcing many of the bridge's steel joints, adding railings and installing lights.

The original plans called for the conversion to be done in the fall of 2010. However, construction crews encountered more steel deterioration than anticipated, and it slowed the process.

The new mission for the bridge allows it to remain a vital organ in the community and will ensure its unique architecture

serves as a beacon for Yankton among future generations.

Before construction of the Meridian Bridge, people who wanted to cross the Missouri River at Yankton had to use a pontoon bridge or wait for the water to develop a sheet of ice.

Recognizing that the city needed a bridge for future development, locals invested in Meridian Highway Bridge Company stocks and oversaw the bridge's planning. It opened to traffic in October 1924. The bridge was one of the last major links in an international highway running from Winnipeg, Canada, to Mexico City, Mexico. The roadway traveled along the Sixth Principal Meridian and was commonly referred to as the "Meridian Highway" — thus giving the bridge its name.

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