

Banana Bridge Renovation



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Banana Bridge (Langton Street Bridge) in Bristol has been fully restored and reopened, securing its long-term structural and functional future. Overview of the Renovation

Banana Bridge, officially known as Langton Street Bridge, is a Grade II-listed footbridge crossing the New Cut of the River Avon. The bridge, built in 1883, was initially a temporary crossing during the construction of Bedminster Bridge and later relocated to its current position. Its distinctive curved shape and yellow paint earned it the nickname "Banana Bridge". The restoration project, which began in May 2024, involved comprehensive structural and aesthetic work. This included repairing the bridge's masonry, decking, and wrought iron structure, strengthening the bridge, installing a new handrail, and re-laying the surface paving stones. The refurbishment was part of a wider multi-million-pound programme to restore eight bridges along the New Cut, funded by the Department for Transport's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

Timeline and Reopening



The bridge had been closed since May 2024 for repairs. Remarkably, the restoration was completed five months ahead of schedule, and the bridge officially reopened on 20 June 2025, restoring a vital pedestrian link across the river . The reopening ceremony included the Lord Mayor of Bristol, the Mayor of the West of England, and local school pupils .

River Wall Stabilization

Alongside the bridge refurbishment, river wall stabilization works were carried out on both sides of the bridge at York Road. Emergency temporary repairs began in July 2024, using stacked toe weights and rebar stakes to reduce tidal pressure. Permanent works included installing a sheet-piled retaining wall, building a concrete piled wall behind the existing river wall, and planting vegetation to stabilize the slope . While the bridge itself is now open, York Road remains partially closed to motorized traffic until the river wall works are fully completed later in the summer .

Significance

The renovation not only preserves a historical and iconic structure but also ensures the bridge continues to serve as a functional pedestrian link between Totterdown and Redcliffe. It is part of a broader effort to revitalize Bristol's harbourside infrastructure, safeguarding the city's heritage and improving connectivity for residents .

Funding and Future Plans

The £1.4 million restoration of Banana Bridge was funded through regional transport settlement funds. The project is part of a five-year programme to restore multiple New Cut bridges, with ongoing works on other bridges such as Vauxhall Bridge and Bathurst Swing Bridge expected to continue into 2027 . The successful early completion of Banana Bridge demonstrates the council's commitment to preserving historic infrastructure while enhancing public access and safety.

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For a bridge that was supposed to temporary when it was built 140 years ago, the banana

Dull Women's Club by Sarah Jones-Green (Original) | The Banana Bridge ...

The Banana Bridge is a footbridge that goes over the M5 Motorway South Glos, England. It connects Patchway with a

Work progressing on £16m Bristol bridges restoration despite delays

To date, work has seen Gaol Ferry Bridge restored and reopened, and work starting on Sparke Evans Park Bridge,

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The last days of Chipping Sodbury's Banana Bridge

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Closure of major south Bristol bridge

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Restoration of New Cut bridges

The project started with the restoration of Gaol Ferry Bridge. This was completed in September 2023. We also repaired New

Brevard County bridge closes to boating traffic

The Brevard County Public Works Department says the Mathers Bridge is closing to boating traffic on Sunday. The

Bay Bridge Eastbound Deck Replacement Project

The Eastbound Bay Bridge Deck Replacement project includes replacing the deck floor system, barrier upgrades, structural

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Langton Street Bridge, known as the Banana Bridge, is the fourth to be restored in a five-year plan.

Bristol's Iconic "Banana Bridge" Has Reopened After

Today (June 20), Banana Bridge has reopened after £1.4 million in repairs. Looking even more yellow, its

Things you probably didn't know about the Banana Bridge

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