

Bridge Takes Longer Than Hoped

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GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) State officials hope to reopen a sagging Green Bay bridge by early next year.

Mark Gottlieb is the secretary of the state Department of Transportation. He said Tuesday the agency will be putting out bids that call for work to be completed by Jan. 17. He says there will be incentives for finishing earlier and penalties for missing the deadline.

The Leo Frigo Memorial Bridge has been closed since Sept. 25 when it was found to be sagging about 2 feet. The bridge has sunk another three-quarters of an inch since then.

Officials say they hope for work to begin Nov. 4. They say the effort will involve drilling down and sinking structural shafts into underlying bedrock.

They say four piers that have shown signs of corrosion will be reinforced.