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Rogers Street bridge work to begin next July

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Construction on a new \$1 million bridge over the Illinois Central-Gulf Railroad on North Rogers Street should begin next July and be done by about the same time in 1987, Monroe County Engineer, Bill Williams said Thursday.

Williams, several city officials, including Mayor Tomi Allison, and several state highway officials conducted a public hearing on the proposed new bridge at the courthouse Thursday night.

Only one citizen attended the meeting, and he stayed only five minutes to study the drawing, have one or two questions answered, and move on. The hearing adjourned immediately thereafter.

As planned, the bridge that will replace the current wooden bridge will be a 29-foot-wide,

three-span continuous composite steel beam structure that will slant 50 degrees northeast toward Madison Street. The slant will eliminate the present jog on West 13th Street between the north end of the bridge and Madison.

Approaches to the new bridge will begin at 11th and Rogers and end on Madison south of 14th Street. A residence on 13th Street, plus temporary right-of-way, will have to be acquired for the project.

The old bridge will remain open during construction of the new bridge, but 13th Street between Rogers and Madison, plus Madison between 13th and 14th, will have to be closed.

The project will be funded 75 percent by the federal government, with Bloomington and Monroe County dividing the rest.

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