



# Lowry Avenue Bridge Implosion

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## Fast facts

- ▲ Sunday, June 21, from 7 a.m. to the implosion, the general public must stay a minimum of 1,000 feet away from the Lowry Avenue Bridge.
- ▲ Residents and businesses within 500 feet of the bridge must remain in their dwellings and stay clear of any windows between 8 a.m. and the implosion's conclusion.
- ▲ Prior to 8 a.m., residents may elect to leave their dwelling and relocate outside the 1,000 foot safety zone.

The Lowry Avenue Bridge, a Minneapolis landmark since 1905, will be removed by implosion at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 21. The current structure, which has been closed since April 2008, must be removed before construction can begin on the replacement bridge this fall.

## What can be expected for the implosion event?

The process utilized by Advanced Explosives Demolition Inc. (AED) will cut through the steel trusses versus blowing them apart. AED is coordinating the implosion with the Department of Natural Resources; the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office; the Minneapolis Fire Department; the Minneapolis Police Department; the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; the U.S. Coast Guard; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## What is the safety zone?

This area must be cleared to ensure the safety of all residents and personnel. AED determines the safety zone according to their step-by-step preparatory process.

## How long will the implosion take? Will I feel it?

The actual implosion will last no more than a few seconds. The human body is extremely sensitive; whether you feel the vibrations depends on your whereabouts at the time of the implosion.

## What will the implosion sound like?

Residents can expect to hear a loud, deep boom-like sound.

## Do we need to board up our windows?

AED does not expect windows to break as a result of the implosion. No special effort is necessary on the part of any resident or business owner adjacent to the site. Contractor Carl Bolander & Sons Co. will collaborate with adjacent properties to ensure any potential concerns are addressed.

## Will the implosion affect utilities like gas, water lines, or electricity?

No; there will be no adverse effect on any of these utility services as a result of implosion operations.

## **Will there be any warning prior to the implosion?**

The Command Center will begin observation and final clearance of the safety zone at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 21. Once the area is secured, there will be a warning siren 10 minutes, 5 minutes and 1 minute prior to the implosion. The final countdown is expected at 9 a.m.

## **When can residents return to the area? What happens after the implosion?**

An “all clear” directive will be issued to the Minneapolis Police Department following the implosion. At this time, streets will be re-opened and residents can resume normal activities.