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The Seventh Street Bridge under construction.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A new bridge over the Trinity River in Fort Worth is set to open.

The West Seventh Street bridge is set to open to traffic Wednesday evening after a brief parade of dignitaries. The old bridge, which spanned the river for 100 years, was demolished in June.

The new \$25 million bridge, which has 12 signature arches, links downtown with west Fort Worth. It is structurally complete a month ahead of schedule.

The bridge is scheduled to close again Nov. 15-16 for a party celebrating 100 years of a major river crossing at this spot.

An estimated 12,000 vehicles a day use the bridge, and merchants and residents along the fledgling West Seventh corridor have been looking forward to the bridge's completion.

The bridge opening Wednesday means it will open several days ahead of Sundt Construction Inc.'s 150-day project schedule. The San Antonio contractor's contract calls for the firm to earn \$30,000 for every day the project is completed ahead of schedule.