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Final Section of Alliant Energy LightLine® Tower Installed

At 164 feet, the tower is a prominent feature of the new pedestrian/trail bridge

Media Kit with photo, renderings, and video*

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa—The final section of the Alliant Energy LightLine® tower is now in place, marking a major milestone in the construction of the new pedestrian and trail bridge over the Cedar River near Mount Trashmore. Standing 164 feet tall, the tower is a focal point of the bridge and a new landmark on Cedar Rapids' south side.

Made of Corten steel, the tower's outer layer is intentionally designed to look rusted. It honors Cedar Rapids' rich industrial history and the industries that once thrived along this stretch of the river. Its warm earth tone also complements the Cedar River landscape. The bridge's railings and other components will share the same finish.

When completed, the tower will feature interior LED lighting that can be programmed in various colors to recognize special occasions in the city. Exterior lighting will light up the tower base and cables and create a line of light or "LightLine" on the bridge's rails.

"This is truly a special day for the many volunteers and local residents who envisioned this bridge, worked on its concept, and donated to it," said Steve Sovern, a ConnectCR board member who witnessed the tower's installation. "Seeing the tower go up left me speechless. It's going to be a terrific destination for our trail system and our city."

The nonprofit organization, ConnectCR, is focused on completing the Alliant Energy LightLine® and revitalizing Cedar Lake through a public-private partnership with the City of Cedar Rapids. The City of Cedar Rapids is constructing and will maintain the Alliant Energy LightLine® and Cedar Lake improvements.

Both locations are projected to be completed by the end of 2027.

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** Photo and video courtesy of Steve Sovern, professional photographer and ConnectCR board member.*

Additional video from the City of Cedar Rapids can be seen here: https://youtu.be/0tpfIVeETXM
If you would like access to raw video, please contact Rob Merritt at R.Merritt@cedar-rapids.org