

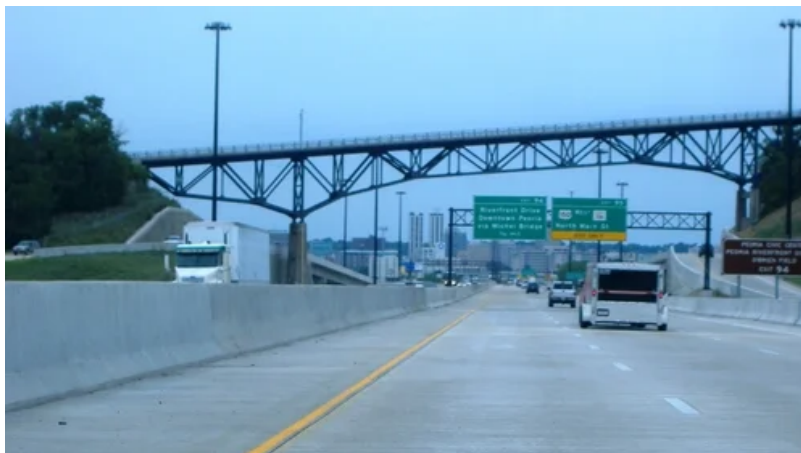
This Pedal Peoria Ride features 3 bridge crossings including two over the Illinois River.

Bob Michel Bridge



Construction of the Bob Michel Bridge was completed in 1993 to replace the antiquated Franklin Street Bridge, a bascule and truss bridge, which had been located on an adjacent site since 1913. The bridge is named after Robert H. Michel, a Peoria-area Republican who became a Congressman in 1957 and served as House Minority Leader from 1981 until his retirement in 1995. The Bob Michel Bridge features a 14 foot wide protected path for safe bicycle and pedestrian river crossing, which was completed in late 2023 as part of a \$24.6 million IDOT rehabilitation project.

Fondulac Bridge

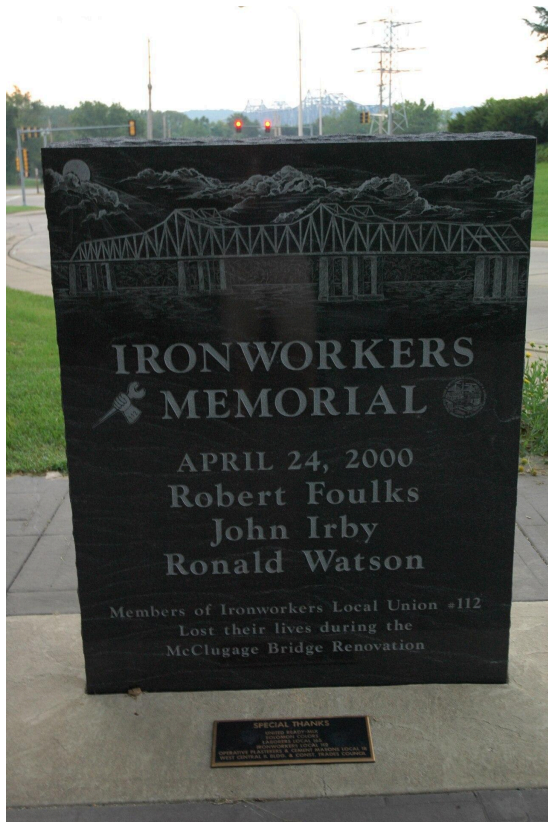


The Fondulac Bridge spans over I-74 in East Peoria and features a nice view of downtown Peoria while traversing it.

McClugage Bridge



The McClugage Bridge carries U.S. Route 150 over Upper Peoria Lake and Peoria Lake in the Illinois River. Originally opened in 1948, the crossing has had two physical structures since 1982, one carrying westbound traffic and one carrying eastbound traffic. The bridge is named after David H. McClugage, who served as mayor of Peoria from 1937 to 1941. There is a memorial on Lorentz Avenue near Grandview Drive for 3 iron workers who lost their lives on April 24, 2000 in an accident where scaffolding collapsed 62 feet (19 m) into the river during bridge reconstruction.



In 2019, work began on replacing the eastbound, original span with a new three-lane wide tied-arch bridge, featuring a 14 foot wide multi-use bike and pedestrian path on the south side of the bridge. At the middle of the span there is now a pedestrian overlook with a nice view of the Illinois River to the south and a bench made from a steel beam salvaged from the original McClugage Bridge. The new bridge opened to vehicular traffic in December, 2024.

