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Hello was just wondering why you have the new bridge accross the river curved? Is that even needed, doesn't that make it much more expensive making the new bridge go straight across the river? Please let me know thank you.

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It is curved primarily to match with the location of existing interchanges at either end, while allowing traffic to continue using the existing bridge as the new bridge is being constructed. The curve does not add substantial costs and reduces impacts, ROW, and other costs that would be associated with relocating the existing interchanges.