

THE PAWNEE NATION SELECTS FAST CAST BRIDGE® FOR A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT ITS HISTORICAL TRIBAL COMPLEX

“The Pawnee Nation is currently using the CM/GC construction method, and the Fast Cast Bridge fits right in with our innovative, risk-reduction, cost- and time-effective strategies approach for progressing the Pawnee Nation.”

— Chris McCray, Pawnee Nation Transportation Manager



THE CHALLENGE

The Pawnee Nation secured an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to develop ceremonial grounds and community walking trails at the Pawnee National Tribal Complex. The Nation needed a cost-effective and decorative pedestrian bridge to connect its ceremonial campgrounds to newly developed fitness trails for tribal members and the local community.



THE SOLUTION

Premier Steel custom-designed a 12' x 20' pedestrian bridge, complete with a two-line picket guardrail, ADA-compliant handrail and decorative Pawnee Nation seals. From design to installation, the entire process took less than seven weeks.





THE PROCESS

The Pawnee Nation prepared the site and installed the bridge with the support of the Premier Steel team. From grading to cleanup, the project was completed in only three days, and installation happened the same day.

THE RESULTS

Despite freezing temperatures, the crew began installing the bridge on Jan. 7, 2020, and it opened the next day. Because the structure was pre-engineered, the Pawnee Nation stayed on budget and reduced the amount of time typically allocated for bridge design and construction by two to six months.

“Premier Services exceeded our expectations in building a safe bridge, quickly and cost-effectively. Years later, the pedestrian bridge is both a beautiful and functional element to provide access to our ceremonial campgrounds and health and fitness trails.”

— *Chris McCray, Pawnee Nation Transportation Manager*

