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NEW BRIDGE - BIG STRIDES.

Runcorn and Widness will soon say goodbye to the old transporter bridge which has linked them for so many years. Road traffic has beaten it. At the most the transporter can only handle 100 vehicles an hour, less than half that number in bad weather. What impatient motorists have been saying about it for a long time is impractical. All that will be changed by the new bridge, which will carry some thousands every hour, over the waters of the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal.

Latest construction techniques ensure that the £3-million bridge will be ready for official opening next spring. Demolishing the old transporter will take two years.