

The design of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in the United States is similar to the design of the Port River Expressway road and rail bridges.

The Bridgewater Bridge over the Derwent River in Hobart is an opening lift bridge which is used by both road and rail traffic.

The Swansea Bridge, located south of Newcastle, is a road bridge with an operational lifting span.

The old Glebe Island Bridge in Sydney is an opening swing bridge which was bypassed by a new bridge in late 1995 and renamed the Anzac Bridge in 1998. The old bridge remains in the open position unless required for road traffic.

The Pyrmont Bridge in Darling Harbour is a pedestrian swing bridge which was built between 1899 and 1902. The bridge is the main route of a tourist walkway from the Sydney CBD to Darling Harbour and also carries the mono-rail track.

The Spit Bridge in Sydney is an opening bridge which spans from the North Shore to Manly, across Middle Harbour and was built in about 1958. The bridge opens approximately 8 times during the week and eleven times on weekends, mainly for recreational sailing vessels. The bridge carries 60,000 vehicles per day.

A list of opening rail bridges compiled by the United States Coast Guard identifies 613 opening bridges in the USA, some of which were built in the late 1800s (still operational), many with much larger opening spans and higher vertical alignments than the proposed Port River Expressway bridge.