

# OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

COUNTY City of St. Louis BRIDGE NO. 600.02 ROUTE Educational Bridge of Washington Dr.

[4] City/Town St. Louis [9] Location: S        T        R       

[6] Features Intersected River Des Peres Lagoon

## STRUCTURE DATA

[29] ADT on Str. 0029 [30] Year 84

[32] Approach Rdwy. Width W/Sh'd 36 [34] Skew 0

[36] Traf. Safety Feat.        [0] Br. Rail [0] Trans. [0] App. Gr. Rail [0] App. Rail T.

[41] Open To Traffic ☒ Load Posted ☐ Closed ☐ Posted Loading       

[49] Str. Length 40 [51] Br. Width 36 [52] Dk. Wid. 38  
(Curb-Curb) (Out-Out)

[53] Vertical Clear. Over Deck Unlimited Posted Clear.       

[57] Wearing Surface: Type Asphalt Thickness       

## CONDITION

[58] Deck Good

[59] Superstructure large holes in web of outside

Structural Members beams, most of flange gone

Bearings: Flat Plate ( ) Encased (X) Rocker ( )

Tar Paper ( ) None ( ) Other ( )

Expansion Type: Finger ( ) Plate (X) Felt ( ) Open ( ) None (X)

Preformed ( ) Elastomeric ( ) Other ( )

Type Paint Unknown

[60] Substructure minor cracking of abutment  
Piers deteriorated

[61] Channel and Channel Protection       

Bank Protection: Riprap ( ) Rock Blanket ( ) Grouted Rock ( )  
None (X) Other ( )       

[62] Culvert & Retaining Walls       

[65] Approach Rdwy. Condition       

## APPRAISAL

[67] Structural Condition substantial loss of section

[68] Deck Geometry       

[69] Under Clearances - Vert. & Lateral       

[71] Waterway Adequacy       

RR X'ing ( ) Road X'ing ( ) Stream X'ing (X) All weather X'ing (X) LW X'ing ( )

[72] Approach Roadway Alignment       

RATING (9-0)				
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# BRIDGE SUFFICIENCY CALCULATION

BRIDGE NUMBER 600.02  
 EDUCATIONAL BRIDGE ON WASHINGTON DRIVE  
 DATE INSPECTED 05/17/84

ITEM	RATING	REDUCTION
SUPERSTRUCTURE	3	40
RATED BRIDGE CAPACITY	0	60.0048
TOTAL REDUTION (55 MAX)		55
STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY AND SAFETY		0
DECK CONDIDITON	7	0
STRUCTURAL CONDIDITON	3	4
DECK GEOMETRY	8	0
UNDERCLEARANCE	N	0
WATERWAY ADQUACY	7	0
APPROACH ROADWAY	8	0
ROADWAY WIDTH	36	
ADT	5000	
NUMBER OF LANES	2	
APPROACH WIDTH	36	
REDUTION FOR ADT/LANE		0
ROAD IS NOT A DEFENSE HIGHWAY		
VERTICAL CLEARANCE	9999	0
TOTAL REDUTION (30 MAX)		4
SERVICABILITY AND FUNCTIONAL OBSOLESENC=		26
DETOUR LENGTH	1	1.22596
ROADWAY SECTION NUMBER	0	0
ESSENTIALITY FOR PUBLIC USE		13.774
SUFFICIENCY RATING		39.774

Inspected By D.B., R.B. Inspection Date 04-27-81

REMARKS Inventory rating H0.0 per M.H.T.D., 1979.

Inspected By Kuss, Bachmann Inspection Date 06-28-82

REMARKS ADJ-7000 80

81 count estimated

Bridge should be replaced

Inspected By Kalhorn, Bachmann Inspection Date May 17, 1984

REMARKS Bridge should be replaced

Inspected By \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Franklin Bridge Rehabilitation

Forest Park

St. Louis, Missouri

Preliminary Engineering Report

Prepared for:

City of St. Louis  
Board of Public Service  
305 City Hall  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Submitted by:

Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc.  
Consulting Engineers  
4333w Clayton Avenue  
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May 25, 1984

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## INTRODUCTION

### Authorization

Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc. has been retained by the City of St. Louis Board of Public Services to provide engineering services relative to the rehabilitation of Franklin Bridge in Forest Park. This engineering report presents the findings of preliminary engineering studies conducted by Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc. and proposed measures by which to restore the structure. The work was authorized by Ordinance 57412.

### Scope of Work

The scope of work included all work required for the City of St. Louis to receive a construction bid on the subject bridge in accordance with the Federal-Aid Highway Off-System Replacement and Rehabilitation Program - 1984.

### Project Description

Franklin Bridge is located in the northern half of Forest Park on Wells Drive near the Steinberg Skating Rink. The structure is a single span, spandrel-filled arch constructed of concrete with soil and rubble fill. No records could be found relative to its design or construction. Reportedly, it was built in the late 1800's or early 1900's.

The structure is approximately 90.5-feet long and 30-feet wide between railings. It does not have pedestrian walkways. A concrete barrel arch spans about 50-feet between abutments. It is approximately 8-inches thick and is reinforced by 11 steel I-beam ribs spaced at 3-feet on centers. The abutments and a portion of the

barrel arch are located below the waterline. The spandrel side walls and short wing walls at each end retain the soil and rubble fill which supports an asphalt pavement.

The sides of the bridge were covered with a thick coat of red colored plaster. Areas were molded or formed to construct decorative reliefs. Presently, the bridge has limestone masonry railings which are obviously of more recent construction than the rest of the bridge. Research indicates that the original railing could have been of the concrete spindle type or a solid barrier.

### Project Objectives

Franklin Bridge is a historical structure and part of the architectural heritage of St. Louis. Long term deterioration of both its structural and architectural features has prompted this current project, which has two objectives. First, the bridge is to be rehabilitated in accordance with the requirements of the Federal-Aid Highway Off-System Replacement and Rehabilitation Program - 1984. Secondly, the bridge is to be restored as nearly as possible to its original appearance.

### Summary

The superstructure and above grade portions of the abutments were visually inspected. Also reviewed, was a geotechnical report on soil and foundation conditions at the site prepared by Shannon and Wilson, Inc., Geotechnical Consultants retained by the City of St. Louis. It was determined that the superstructure has deteriorated to a condition which precludes economical repair. The abutments were judged to be stable and there is a possibility that they could be salvaged. That determination, however, could only be made after a review of information gained by means of extensive

excavation work and partial demolition of the superstructure. The present load carrying capacity of the structure can not be calculated with any degree of certainty but it has carried normal traffic for many years without showing signs of load induced distress. In our opinion, total replacement of the structure is warranted. Furthermore, it is recommended that consideration be given to including pedestrian walkways in any new design.



## BRIDGE INSPECTION

The bridge was inspected to determine the current condition of structural components and possible future weaknesses. The major features are discussed below.

### Superstructure

The bridge was found to be in a very deteriorated condition. The sidewalks of the bridge and the wing walls were cracked and eroded. Large chunks of concrete, several inches in thickness, had fallen from the structure. Some areas of concrete were found to be so friable that the material could be raked loose and crushed by hand. It was evident that roadway runoff had penetrated the structure and repeated freeze-thaw cycles had done irreparable damage.

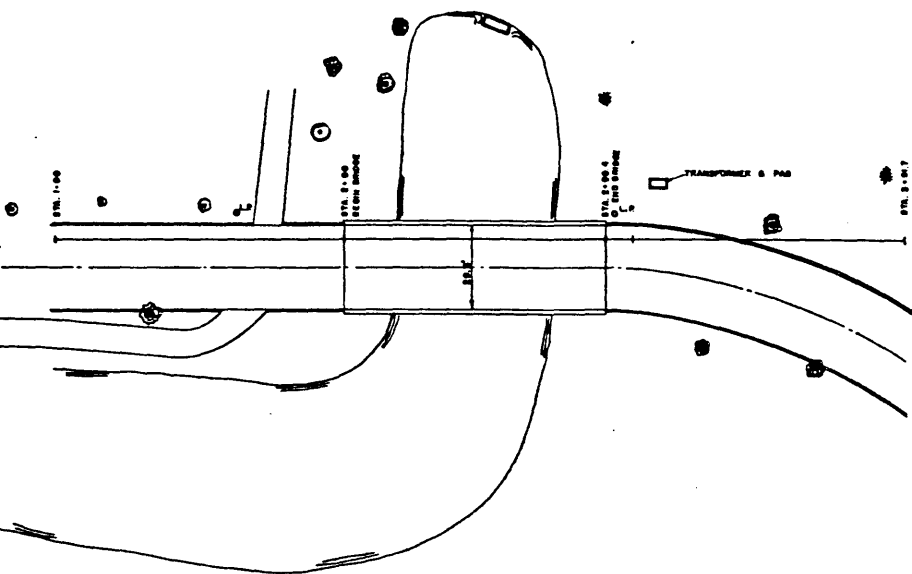
It is estimated that approximately a third of the barrel arch is below the water line. The exposed surfaces were examined. Except for surface deterioration, the concrete appeared to be sound and free of unusual cracks. At the east edge of the structure, a large section of concrete had fallen away exposing one of the steel ribs. The rib was severely corroded. Only the bottom flanges of the other steel ribs were visible and the extent of corrosion could not be determined. It is anticipated, however, that severe corrosion has occurred near the water line.


### Substructure

The abutments were judged to be stable. No signs of differential settlement were observed. The wing walls, however, have rotated and cracked.

### SURVEYS

Surveys were conducted to determine the bridge location, roadway profile and alignment, and the topographic features of the area. A preliminary drawing has been prepared and is presented herein.



REVISIONS			PLAN & PROFILE	
NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE		
			Prepared by:	<b>CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b> DEPARTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE  <b>REHABILITATION</b> <b>FRANKLIN BRIDGE</b> <b>FOREST PARK</b>
			Drawn by:	
			Checked by:	
SEAL			 <b>ZURHEIDE-HERRMANN, INC.</b> ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI	FILE:

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 20' S.E. OF THE S.E. CORNER OF BRIDGE

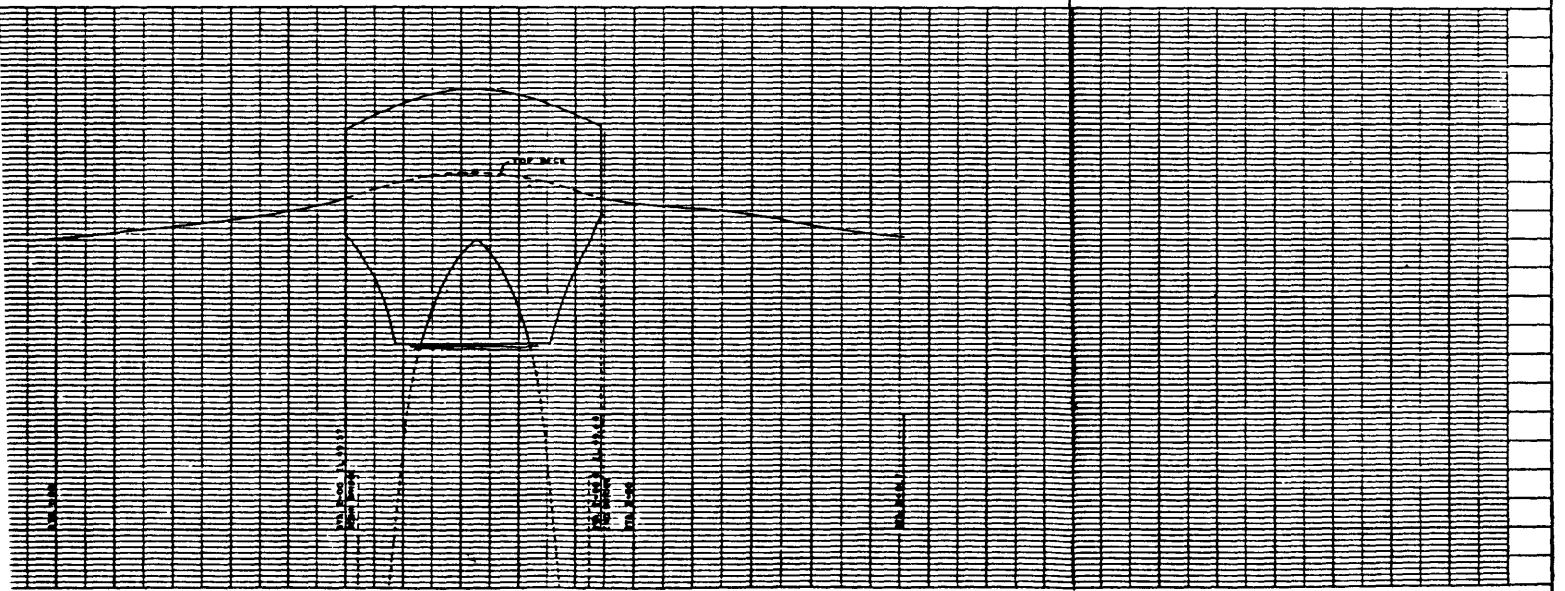


PLATE 1 PLAN - PROFILE & P & R DRAWINGS  
 FRANKLIN BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS, MO. 1954

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### DESIGN CRITERIA

The standards which are to govern any new design include:

1. Bridge Manual for the Federal-Aid Highway Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.
2. Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges as adopted by AASHTO.
3. Geometric Design Guide for Local Roads and Streets.
4. Missouri Standard Specifications.
5. Missouri Standard Plans for Highway Construction.

### PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

It is recommended that the existing bridge be totally replaced. Alternate designs have not yet been developed, but it may be possible to devise a plan which would allow the existing abutments to be left in place. It is recommended that since the existing roadway is only thirty (30) feet wide, pedestrian walkways be included in any new design.

Rehabilitation of Lafayette Bridge

Forest Park

St. Louis, Missouri

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## INTRODUCTION

### Authorization

Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc. has been retained by the City of St. Louis Board of Public Services to provide engineering services relative to the rehabilitation of Lafayette Bridge in Forest Park. This engineering report presents the findings of preliminary engineering studies conducted by Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc. and proposed measures by which to restore the structure. The work was authorized by Ordinance 57412.

### Scope of Work

The scope of work included all work required for the City of St. Louis to receive a construction bid on the subject bridge in accordance with the Federal-Aid Highway Off-System Replacement and Rehabilitation Program -1984.

### Project Description

Lafayette Bridge is located in the northern half of Forest Park on Grand Drive near the Government Drive intersection. The structure is a single span open steel arched framework supported on stone masonry abutments. It spans a leg of the River Des Peres Lagoon. The City of St. Louis provided a number of design and steel fabrication drawings to Zurheide-Herrmann, Inc. They were dated 1935. The design drawing indicated that the stone masonry abutments were existing and were to be slightly modified to accept the new steel superstructure. Details of the abutments were not given. The loadings used in design were not recorded.

The structure is approximately 94-feet long and 41-feet wide. It carries a two lane roadway, 36-feet wide and a pedestrian walkway on each side. Four steel arches span 72-feet between abutments.



Spandrel columns rise from the arches to support longitudinal steel girders which, in turn, support transverse steel stringers. The deck is constructed of 3-inch deep steel I-bar grating which spans about 5'-9" between stringers. The grating is filled with concrete and topped with an asphalt wear course. The pedestrian walkways are located about 6-inches above the roadway and are guarded by ornamental steel railings. The railings terminate at decorative cast-iron pylons. The 1935 design drawing indicated that the pylons were existing features to be reused in the new bridge construction.

The arches are fabricated of curved, wide-flange members. Pinned hinge connections are located at each arch end and apex. The arches are laterally braced with closely space angle cross frames oriented vertically and continuous angle x-bracing oriented tangent to the arch curvature. The stone abutments are oriented perpendicular to the roadway. Their below grade size and configuration is unknown. They were modified in 1935 to receive the arches and were capped with new concrete U-type wing wall which retain the approach fill material. Separate concrete wing wall extensions were also added at each corner. They intersect the abutments and are oriented parallel to the roadway alignment. An inspection revealed that the walls were rectangular sections constructed without footings. The depth of approach fill retained by these walls varies from 0 to 4-feet.

### Project Objectives

Lafayette Bridge is a historical structure and part of the architectural heritage of St. Louis. Long term deterioration of both its structural and architectural features has prompted this current project, which has two objective. First, the bridge is to be rehabilitated in accordance with the requirements of the Federal-Aid Highway Off-System Replacement and Rehabilitation Program - 1984. Secondly, the bridge is to be restored as nearly as possible to its original appearance.

## Summary

The superstructure and above grade portions of the abutments were visually inspected. It was determined that both the superstructure and abutments have sustained extensive deterioration and that major rehabilitation work is required. Recommended renovation work includes the following major items:

1. Replacement of the stone abutments above the arch spring line,
2. Replacement of the concrete wing walls which cap the abutments and the wing wall extensions which parallel the roadway,
3. Replacement of the deck and pedestrian walkways,
4. Replacement of 30 of the 42 transverse stringer beams, and
5. Cleaning and painting of the steel framework and railings.

The stringer beams have corroded as the result of long term exposure to roadway drainage. Their load carrying capacity has been impaired and in some instances the deck is in fact being carried by the vertical cross bracing system. Structural redundancy has permitted the bridge to function without showing outward signs of distress. Following, is a detailed description of present conditions.

## BRIDGE INSPECTION

The bridge was inspected to determine the current condition of structural components and possible future weaknesses. The major features are discussed below.

### Approaches

The condition of the approach pavement was good. There was some unevenness adjacent to the wing wall extensions on the south end due to subsidence of the approach fill. The side slopes were excessively steep and eroded. Concrete has been dumped at the south east corner in an effort to stabilize the embankment.

### Wing Walls

The U-type concrete wing walls which cap the stone abutments were in good condition with the exception of minor surface deterioration. The concrete wing wall extensions have sustained varying amounts of deterioration; at the south end, some portions have completely disintegrated.

### Abutments

The limestone abutments were constructed with massive lower sections which transfer the arch reactions to the subgrade and, with thin upper stem walls which retain the approach fill material. The lower sections showed no signs of movement or structural inadequacy. Mortar joints were deteriorated but judged to be repairable by means of tuckpointing. The upper stem walls, however, were found to be in a very deteriorated and weakened condition. Many stones were loose and friable, some were missing. At locations where stones were missing, the wall was found to be only a single wythe in thickness. Repeated freeze-thaw cycles have destroyed the integrity of the walls. Complete replacement was judged to be necessary.

## Deck

Approximately one third of the steel I-bar deck system has been damaged on the underside by corrosion. Corrosion has also attacked the supporting stringers beams. In our opinion, economical repair of the supporting beams requires that the deck be removed.

## Steel Superstructure

The arches, spandrel columns and longitudinal girders were found to be in a good condition requiring only minor repairs, cleaning and painting. 30 of the 42 transverse stringer beams, however, were severely damaged by corrosion due to long term exposure to roadway drainage. Their load carrying capacity has been impaired and in some instances, the deck is in fact being carried by the vertical cross bracing system. Structural redundancy has allowed the bridge to function without showing outward signs of distress.

## Bearings

The steel arches were supported on pinned hinge connections. The bearing points were located a short distance above the water line. No signs of distress were observed, however, there was some corrosion. The hinged connections were judged to be secure and capable of functioning properly. Minor repair will be required.

## Expansion Joints

Expansion joints were located at each end of the deck. The joints were open and allowed roadway runoff to drain onto the transverse stringers located tangent to the abutments.

### Pedestrian Walkways

The condition of the raised pedestrian walkways was good. The juncture between the walkway and deck, however, was constructed in such a fashion that roadway runoff could drain onto the supporting steel stringers. A continuous steel plate which closed the vertical separation on each side of the deck between the roadway and walkway was severely corroded.

### Railings

The steel railings were found to be secure and in a good condition. Pieces were missing, however, from the cast-iron end post but, repair will be possible. At a minimum the railings require cleaning and painting.

### Encroachments

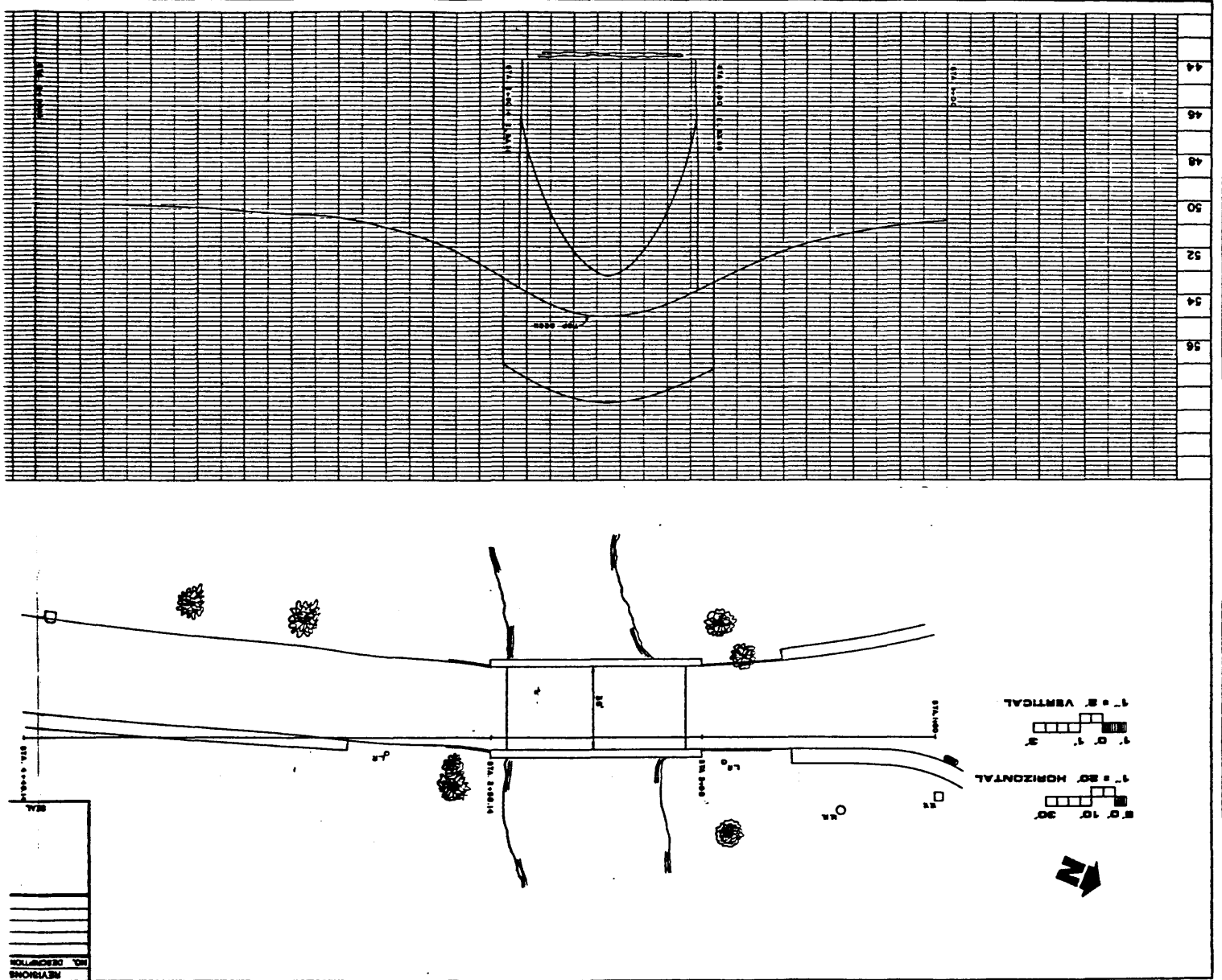
A single electrical conduit was attached to the bridge. Otherwise, the structure was free of utilities, sewer pipes or other encroachments.

### SURVEYS

Surveys were conducted to determine the bridge location, roadway profile and alignment, and the topographic features of the area. A preliminary drawing has been prepared and is presented herein.

PROJECT	
PROJECT NO.	100
DATE	10/1/68
BY	J. L. B. / J. L. B.
CHECKED BY	J. L. B.
APPROVED BY	J. L. B.

PLAN	
SCALE	1" = 20'
DATE	10/1/68
BY	J. L. B. / J. L. B.
CHECKED BY	J. L. B.
APPROVED BY	J. L. B.



### Load Capacity Rating

Construction details of the stone abutments and the loadings for which the structure was designed are not known. The steel superstructure was constructed about 50 years ago and since that time has carried normal traffic without showing distress. A physical inspection has revealed deterioration due to corrosion. The structural integrity of the bridge can be restored by replacement of corroded members and correction of other relatively minor deficiencies described in this report. In our opinion, a detailed stress analysis is not warranted to demonstrate its capacity to safely carry normal traffic.



### DESIGN CRITERIA

The standards which governed the renovation work include:

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2. Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges as adopted by AASHTO.
3. Geometric Design Guide for Local Roads and Streets.
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### PROPOSED RENOVATION WORK

Eight major items of renovation work are recommended.  
They are:

1. Remove and replace wing walls and the upper stem walls of the stone abutments.
2. Tuckpoint the stone abutments as required below the level of arch bearing.
3. Remove and replace the bridge deck and pedestrian walkways.
4. Remove and replace 30 of the 42 transverse stringer beams.
5. Repair arch bearing points.
6. Prepare and paint superstructure and railings.
7. Rebuild approaches and replace pavement.
8. Repair eroded side slopes.

The deteriorated condition of the upper stem walls warrants their replacement. It is recommended that the new walls be of concrete construction. The lower portions of the abutments were judged to be adequate for reuse.

# City of St. Louis

## DEPARTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

305 CITY HALL

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

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MARTIN P. WALSH, JR., P.E.  
PRESIDENT

April 27, 1984

Mr. Frank Kriz, District Engineer  
Missouri Highway & Transportation Department  
329 South Kirkwood Road  
Kirkwood, MO 63122

RE: Off System Bridge Replacement and  
Rehabilitation Program

Dear Mr. Kriz:

The Manufactures Bridge in Forest Park has a sufficiency rating of 51.8 which is slightly higher than a rating of 50.0 to allow the bridge to be reconstructed. Rehabilitation instead of reconstruction for this structure is not feasible.

To rehabilitate the bridge instead of constructing a new bridge would not be economically feasible for the following reasons.

1. The concrete deck needs replacement.
2. The steel beams are deteriorated and the beams lower flange no longer exist. The beams have to be replaced.
3. The type of foundation of the center piers and the abutments are unknown.
4. The wingwalls and sections of the existing abutments have to be removed to allow for the abutment to be extended for the proposed sidewalks.
5. The bridge and abutments were probably constructed seventy-five years ago, 1905-1910.
6. The beam seat in the abutment needs to be reconstructed. We think the stone piers were placed to take the beam load off of the abutment beam seats.
7. The only part of the structure remaining would be the center section of the abutment, which would have a reconstructed beam seat and a foundation of unknown design.

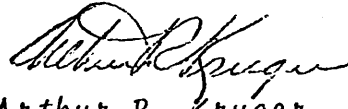
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The Inventory Rating (item 66) for this bridge on the printout, dated March 1983, is about two times too high for this structure and should be reduced.

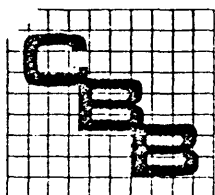
We request permission to reconstruct this bridge instead of spending the same amount of funds and have a bad section of abutment.

Yours truly,



Arthur R. Kruger, Chief Engineer  
Special Assignments Division

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Crawford, Bunte, Brammeier

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June 8, 1984

City of St. Louis  
Department of the President  
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Attention: Mr. Arthur R. Kruger

RE: Manufacturers Bridge  
Forest Park

Dear Mr. Kruger:

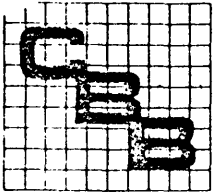
Per your request, we have prepared a cost estimate for the above referenced bridge which is attached to this letter.

Prior to preparing the enclosed cost estimate, we made a visual investigation of the existing structure to determine the feasibility of rehabilitation. Our investigation revealed the following:

1. The exterior superstructure beams are corroded to the point of near collapse.
2. The interior beams are also in poor condition with either missing or non-functional diaphragms.
3. The existing two-span bridge is supported on three rows of independent stone piers. Many of these stone piers are deteriorating badly with cracks, loose or missing mortar in the joints and missing stones.
4. The abutment concrete back wall does not appear to be an integral part of the system, and appears to have been constructed as a retaining wall independent of the bridge structural system, therefore, not carrying any of the bridge gravity loads.

In order to consider rehabilitation of the bridge, a field investigation must be performed to determine the type, condition and configuration of the existing foundation system. This investigation would also determine if the concrete walls are either a part of the structural system or independent retaining walls. The cost for this investigation was added as a separate cost in the estimate.

A George L. Crawford and Assoc. Inc. Company



City of St. Louis  
June 8, 1984  
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Should the field investigation reveal the concrete backwall to be a retaining wall, as we suspect, the wall must be removed in order to construct an abutment. In this event, the only possible use of the existing bridge would be existing piles under the stone piers if in fact there are any.

In our opinion, rehabilitation of the existing bridge should not be pursued since such a small part of the existing structure, if feasible at all, could be reused.

I have enclosed several photographs of the existing bridge for your use.

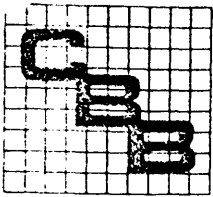
Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Wegescheide, P.E.

JJW:dm

Enclosures



PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

MANUFACTURERS BRIDGE

FOREST PARK

	<u>Reconstruction</u>	<u>Rehabilitation</u>
Removal	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Deck	15,300	15,300
Railings	6,500	6,500
Beams	20,700	20,700
Sidewalks	3,200	3,200
Abutments	Piling	12,500*
	Walls	10,500
	Seats	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
Investigation	---	7,600**
	<u>\$105,450</u>	<u>\$106,300</u>
15% O.H. & P.	<u>15,820</u>	<u>15,945</u>
Total	\$121,270	\$122,245

\* Assuming at lease one useable pile under each existing stone pier at abutment.

\*\* Additional geotechnical and investigation costs to determine useability of any part of existing abutment and piers.

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August 27, 1984

Surveys and Plans: Off-System Bridge Program  
City of St. Louis  
Manufactures Bridge Over  
River Des Peres Lagoon in Forest  
Park  
Project BR0-115(7)  
General

Mr. Martin P. Walsh, Jr. P.E. President  
Board of Public Service  
305 City Hall  
Tucker and Market Streets  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Mr. Walsh:

We have reviewed your comparative estimates regarding rehabilitation versus replacement and wish to inform you that the April 25 reinspection results were such that the noted structure now has a sufficiency rating of 47.5 and is therefore eligible for replacement.

Yours very truly,

  
FRANK G. KRIBS  
District Engineer

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Rehabilitation of Old Stable Bridge

Forest Park

St. Louis, MO

Preliminary Engineering Report

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## INTRODUCTION

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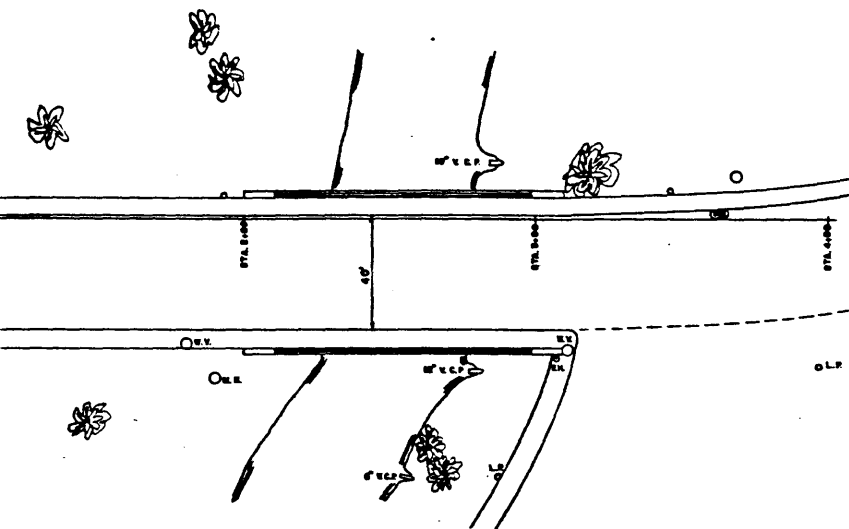
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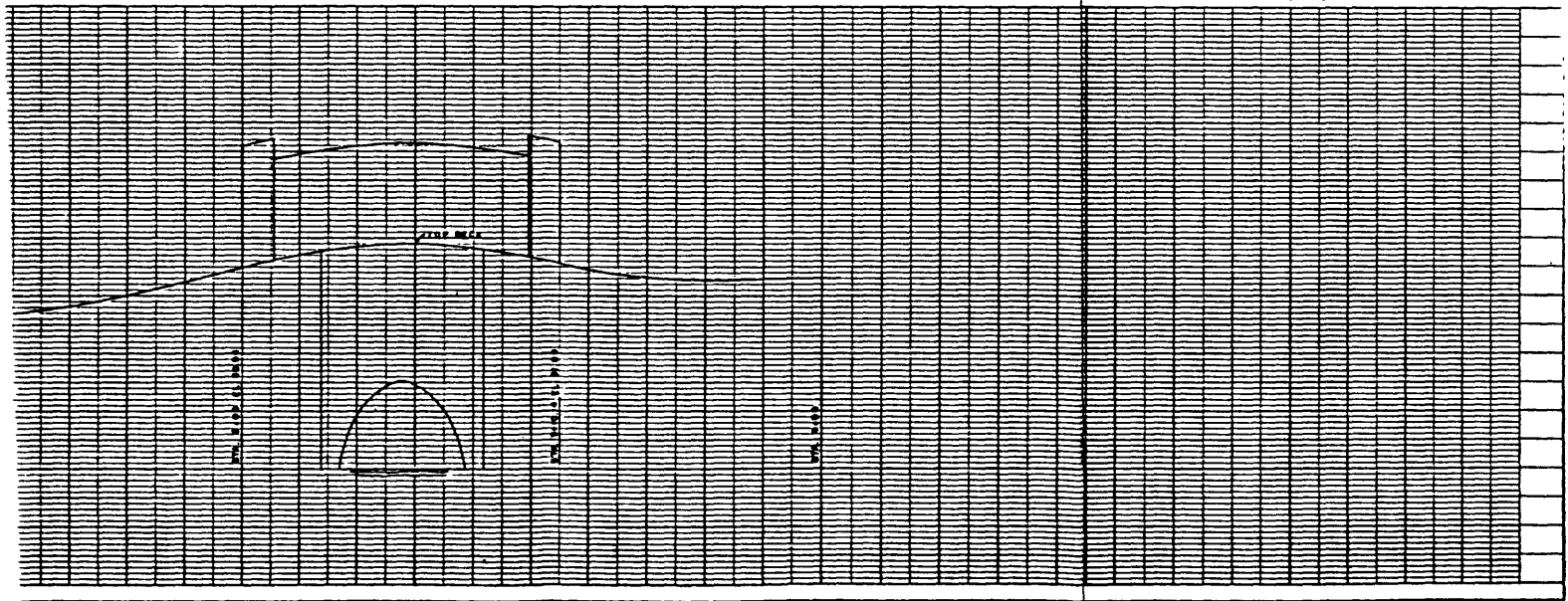


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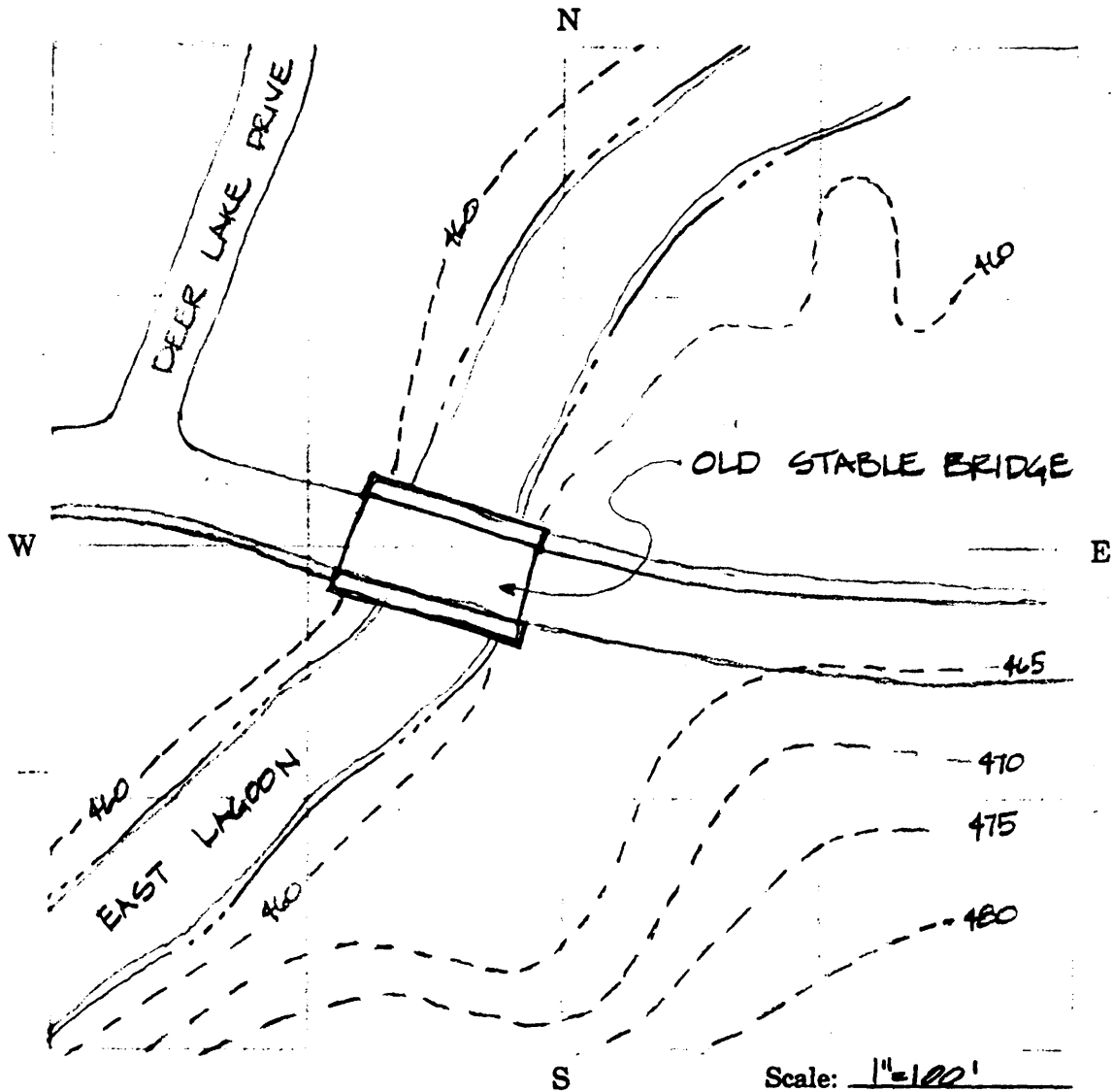
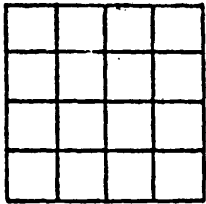
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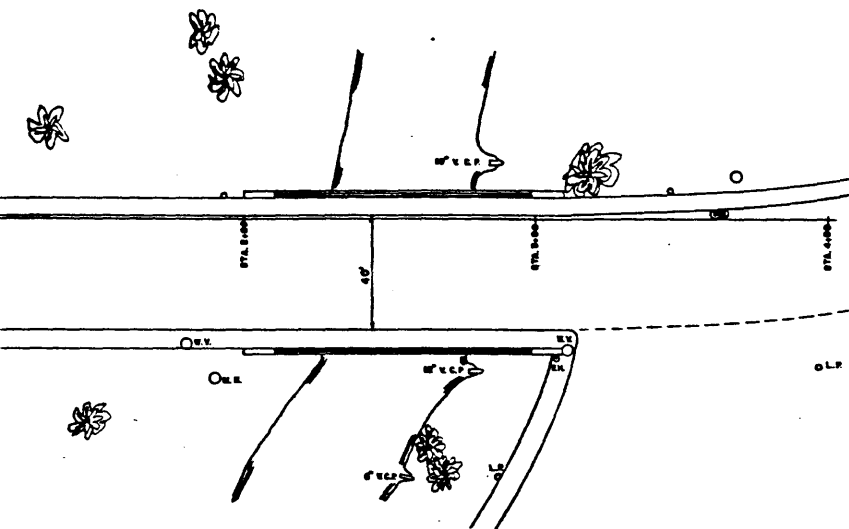
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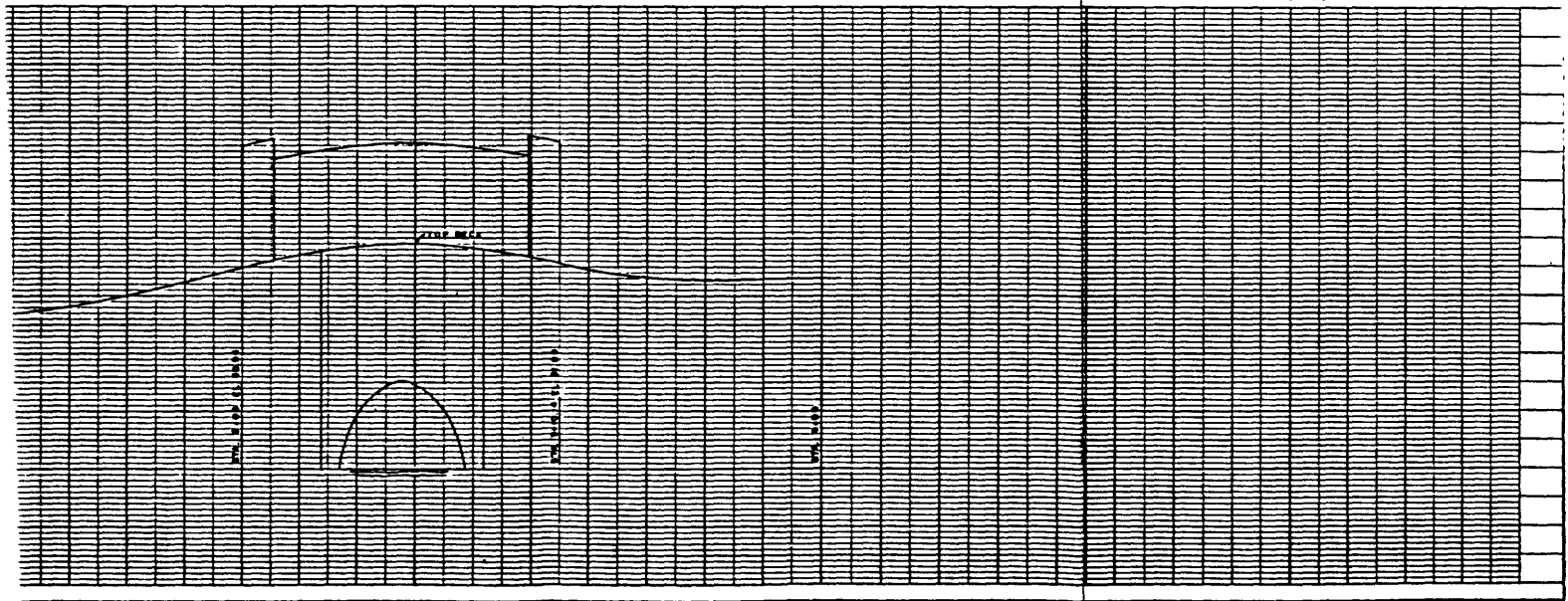


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Seven major items of renovation are recommended. They are:

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2. Remove all existing construction above the top surface of the structural deck and construct a new deck over top of existing.
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4. Construct new handrail.
5. Chip away deteriorated concrete and resurface sidewalks of bridge and wingwalls.
6. Chip and patch deteriorated areas on girders.
7. Rebuild approach fill and install new asphalt pavement.

Sealing of the abutments is necessary to stop further deterioration of the concrete which directly supports the ends of the girders. Although the damage to date was not judged to be structurally significant, further deterioration may cause problems. Alternately, the joints may be sealed from the front side of the abutments by an injection process but, further research would be required before this can be recommended.

It would be necessary to fully expose the upper surface of the deck and core sample questionable areas in order to make a precise determination of the deck's condition. In our opinion, the

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The appearance of the bridge can be restored by chipping away the deteriorated concrete and patching. All exposed concrete would have to be resurfaced to achieve uniformity in color and texture.

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