

Highway 40 Lac qui Parle Bridge Project

Project summary

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is moving forward on replacing the current Lac qui Parle Bridge, which carries Highway 40 over a widening in the Minnesota River known as Lac qui Parle Lake. The bridge, in its current state, is structurally deficient and is load-posted at 40 tons.

Built in 1938 the bridge is significant as a contributing property to the Lac qui Parle Flood Control Historic District. The Flood Control Project was completed by the Works Project Administration (WPA) as a major federal relief project during the New Deal era. As such, the bridge is subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

MnDOT District 8 is working closely with the Army Corps of Engineers as well as the State Historic Preservation Office on the bridge project.

This project **will require detour**. The project will go out for bid in March of 2019. Construction is expected to begin in 2019 and take one season. Information can be found at

www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy40-bridge-milan/.

Project cost

- \$6 million

Project timeline

- Preliminary design – 2017
- Environmental review – 2017
- Final design – 2018
- Project bids due – March 22, 2019
- Construction - 2019

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