Highway 40 Milan Bridge Project

Project Summary

In May 2019, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will begin replacing the bridge on Highway 40 (known as the Milan Bridge) over Lac qui Parle Lake, which is part of the Minnesota River system. The newly constructed bridge will be wider to better accommodate modern traffic. Pedestrian access to the bridge will be updated to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Historical elements will be incorporated into the new bridge through the use of iron railing on both sides. Stonework will be hand placed to closely match the original construction done by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1939.

During the project, access to the DNR boat landing, campground and fishing pier will remain open and be available from the east side of the project only.

This project will require a detour as the new bridge will be constructed in the same location as the existing bridge.

Project Location

- Highway 40 bridge, three miles west of Milan

Project Benefits

- Safer and wider bridge
- ADA compliance

Project Cost Estimate

- $7.7 million

Project Timeline

- Construction timeline is weather dependent
- Construction Starts – May 2019
- Estimated Completion – November 2019

Contractor

- Robert R. Schroeder Construction Company of Glenwood, Minnesota, was awarded the project.
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