

Project Update - Lac qui Parle Bridge

July 2015



Lac Qui Parle bridge on Highway 40 (built in 1938)

Background: *The Lac Qui Parle Bridge was built in 1938 as part of the Works Progress Administration, or WPA. The WPA was part of the American New Deal agencies, employing millions of unemployed people to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.*

Current Situation: The Lac Qui Parle Bridge was originally identified by MnDOT as a replacement project. Federal Highway Administration expressed concern in the replacement of a historic bridge. MnDOT agreed to rehabilitate the bridge in order to help preserve historical bridges in Minnesota.

Community members expressed concern regarding the rehabilitation of the Lac Qui Parle Bridge. After listening to feedback, MnDOT agreed to delay the bidding of the bridge project until August of 2015.

After re-examination of the process and project the decision has been made to delay the project decision (rehabilitate or replace) further, to spring of 2016. A new timeline, based on the final decision, will also be established.

MnDOT will be working in July and August with members of the Milan community to gain input on the project. An update of the community input process, as well as a final decision (rehabilitate or replace), will be communicated to residents no later than spring of 2016.

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