



Project Update - Lac qui Parle Bridge

November 2016

Project Summary: Originally, the Lac qui Parle Bridge was identified by MnDOT District 8 to be replaced. There were concerns regarding replacing a historic bridge so District 8 made the decision to rehabilitate the bridge in order to help preserve the number of historic bridges in Minnesota. Members of the Milan community expressed concern regarding this decision. In response to community concerns, District 8 held a public meeting in May of 2015. After this meeting, District 8 made the decision to delay the letting of the project until August of 2015. It became apparent to MnDOT that further community work needed to be done. District 8 further delayed the letting of the project to the spring of 2016. MnDOT hired an independent party to further engage the community.

Milan Task Force: WSB & Associates facilitated four working sessions with members of the Milan community. The goal of the task force was to develop a recommendation (rehabilitate or replace) on the project to District 8. The Milan Task Force made the recommendation to replace the bridge. District 8 would like to thank members of the task force for all their hard work.

Project Status:

- **District 8 accepted the recommendation of the task force and is pursuing replacement of the bridge.**
- **Teal Spellman, Project Manager District 8, is the contact for the project.**
- **District 8 is in the process of selecting a consultant to complete the design work.**
- **A stakeholder meeting, with a preliminary layout, is being planned for March of 2017.**
- **Construction of the bridge is scheduled for 2019.**

For more information on the project or process please contact Teal Spellman, Project Manager at 320-214-6350 or via email at teal.spellman@state.mn.us.

