



ST. ANTHONY FALLS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Visual Quality Recommendations

(Developed by the I-35W St. Anthony Bridge Visual Quality Advisory Team)

The following qualities should be inherent in the design of the new I-35W St. Anthony Bridge:

- The new bridge should be an integrated whole in which all elements compliment the overall appearance of the structure.
- The final design solution should result in an “elegant simplicity” in which the “engineered lines and proportions” are the primary design element.
- The design elements should exhibit fluid lines in the overall presentation of the bridge.
- The new bridge should respect, not imitate, the historic and natural setting.
- The design of the new bridge should compliment the adjacent Tenth Avenue Bridge and the St. Anthony Falls Historic District.
- Consider the many and varied vantage points from which the bridge is viewed. (from the river and riverfront, from adjacent bridges, from neighboring buildings and residences)
- Consider the appearance of the new bridge both during the day and at night. (architectural accent lighting should be included in the design solution)
- Travelers should have a clear sense of a bridge “crossing” that celebrates or communicates that one is crossing the Mississippi River.
- Recognize that this segment of the I-35W Corridor is the only location within a unit of the National Park Service.
- Include provisions for future amenities such as the East River Parkway and trail extension to Main Street and the proposed whitewater park.
- Minimize negative impacts on the neighborhood fabric that could result from revisions to the approaches, exits, and entrances from the freeway.
- Way-finding or interpretive signage should be incorporated into the roadway/bridge design.
- The design should integrate "greenscape" to the greatest extent possible.
- Recognize that the new bridge design itself can be an uplifting, beautiful part of a “memorial”.

