Ten potential bridge types are being considered by the stakeholders with this project. The sketches shown in this brochure depict two different bridge types for each alternative. To view all of the bridge types and a color version of this brochure, see the project’s website or visit the locations listed on the back of this brochure.

**St. Croix River Crossing Stakeholders Problem Solving Process Criteria**

The accompanying list of criteria was developed by representatives of the St. Croix Stakeholder Problem Solving Process. The process includes local citizen groups interested in transportation, the environment, historic/cultural preservation and economics, and representatives from local, state and federal agencies. The stakeholders began working together in June of 2003 to build a common understanding of the transportation, environmental and historic preservation issues, to define alternate solutions and to explore the advantages and disadvantages of each solution. They are seeking consensus on recommendation of a preferred alternative to Mn/DOT and WisDOT. The criteria listed below express the community and agency needs and are used to evaluate each alternative.

**Environmental**
- Protect the landscape, natural systems, riverway and water shed
- Minimize impacts to wetlands and waters
- Preserve ecological, biological and geological integrity
- Consider land use and the interaction between land use and transportation
- Protect air quality
- Protect water quality
- Conserve threatened and endangered species
- Allow for environmental interpretation
- Create opportunities to educate the public about how to protect and restore the natural and human environment
- Consider the cost/benefit of mitigation
- Protect the scenic quality
- Protect undeveloped places for public enjoyment

**Historic/Cultural**
- Maintain the cultural landscape and context (system as a whole: riverway and transportation)
- Protect the local historic district
- Retain the community identity and character
- Preservation of the area’s uniqueness
- Consider archeological interests on the bluffs and in the riverway
- Maintain scenic integrity: how you see Stillwater, from the river, as an early urban landscape

**Economic**
- Enhance the viability of downtown and the Highway 36 corridor
- Consider impacts to the regional economy
- Enhance the valley’s long-term future
- Account for the impacts of induced development (sprawl) and infrastructure

**Regulatory**
- Meet all regulatory requirements (few mentioned were: Wild and Scenic River Acts (Section 7(a)), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), environmental justice issues, Coastal Guard navigation issues, etc.)
- Follow Section 404 of the Clean Water Act sequencing (avoid, minimize then mitigate)
- Conduct the process such that it can withstand legal challenge
- Reach closure promptly
- Apply scientific information
- Conduct a full exploration/assessment of alternatives
- Conduct the process such that it can withstand legal challenge

**Mediation Process**
- Include additional questions on separate sheets of a reply card
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- Oak Park Heights City Hall
- Stillwater City Hall
- St. Joseph Town Hall
- Bayport Public Library
- Carleton A. Friday Memorial Library
- Hudson Area Joint Library
- Somerset Public Library
- Stillwater Public Library
- Washington Co. Gov. Center Library
- Project Website
- Mn/DOT - Metro District
- Mn/DOT Library
- Wis/DOT Planning Library
- Environmental Conservation Library

More information on these meetings will be sent to the public in a future newsletter and press releases.