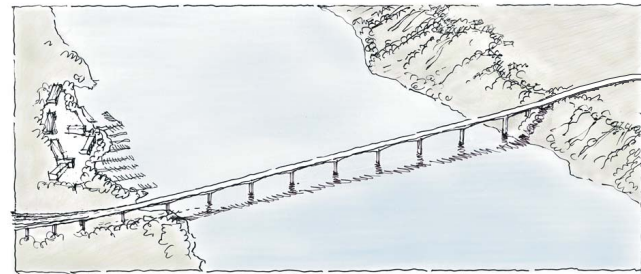


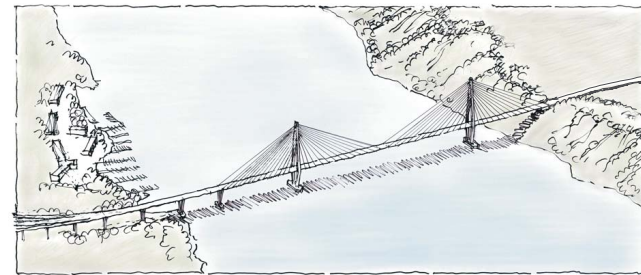
POTENTIAL BRIDGE TYPES

Thirteen 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.

ALTERNATIVE B-1

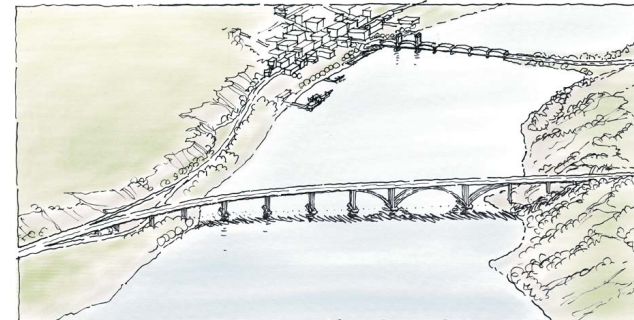


B₁₋₄ 10-360' HAUNCHED CONG. BOX GIRDER'S



B₁₋₂ 1500' CABLE STAY

ALTERNATIVE C

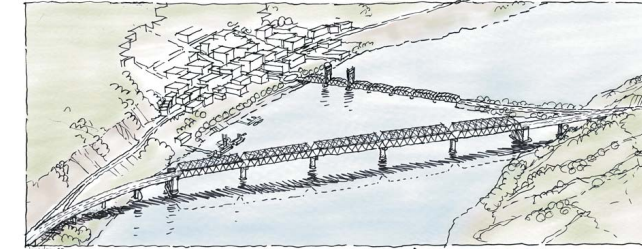


C₂ 500' CONG. DECK ARCH w. BACK SPAN & BOX GIRDER APPROACH'S



C₃ 4-500' EXTRADOS'ED GIRDER'S

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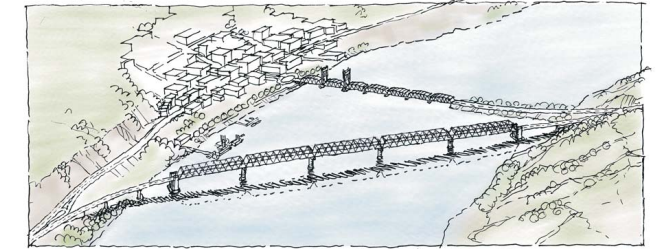


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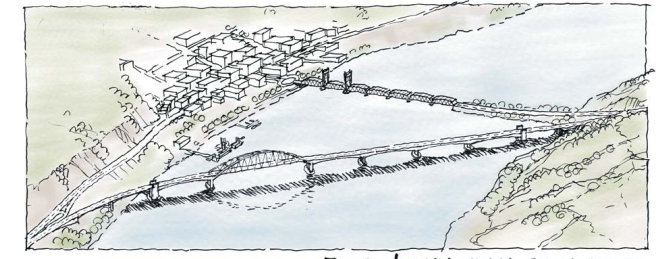


D₄ 5-250' CONG. ARCHES w. 500' MAIN SPAN CONG THRU ARCH

ALTERNATIVE E



E₁ 5-350' STEEL THRU TRUSSES



E₃ 500' MAIN SPAN THRU ARCH w. 5-250' FLUSH HAUNCHED CONG. BOX GIRDER'S

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 alternative 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

(Historic/Cultural continued)

- Continue to make the lift bridge site in Stillwater a public gathering place
- Maximize architectural value
- Minimize visual and noise impacts
- Be responsive to tribal trust responsibility

Transportation

- Reduce congestion
- Maintain safety (design standards, pedestrian interface, speed on residential streets, structural integrity)
- Consider financial stewardship
- Create a balanced and healthy regional transportation system
- Consider emergency services (access to healthcare, ambulances, evacuation)
- Design the river crossing to minimize impacts - traffic noise, drainage, ramps and approaches
- Maintain a level of traffic beneficial to the merchants of Stillwater
- Respond to growth and transportation demands

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

(Economic continued)

- Ensure economic development and tourism

Regulatory

- Meet ALL regulatory requirements (a few mentioned were: Wild and Scenic River Act's Section 7(a); Section 4(f) of the 1966 DOT Act, Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), environmental justice issues, Coast Guard navigation issues, etc.)
- Follow Section 404 of the Clean Water Act sequencing (avoid, minimize then mitigate)

Balance and Integration

- A successful blending of all regulatory requirements and the needs each regulation is intended to serve: transportation (land and water), environmental, historic preservation, community quality and economic needs. A fair and comprehensive solution that satisfies the needs of each interest group that has a stake in the outcome

Mediation Process

- Apply scientific information
- Conduct a full exploration/assessment of alternatives
- Reach closure promptly
- Conduct the process such that it can withstand legal challenge

PLEASE POSTMARK YOUR QUESTIONS BY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2004

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GOT A QUESTION ?

include additional questions on separate sheets if necessary.

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QUESTIONS

Submitting a question plays a productive role in the mediation process. Your questions will be used to clarify the facts and information that are important in finding a solution. All questions are welcomed (such as aesthetic, engineering, process, social, natural/cultural resources, economic and more).

Questions will be answered at the public informational meetings through a handout and in the presentation.

For the latest information on the alternatives refer to the 2004 Amended Scoping Decision Document available at the locations listed or on the project's website
www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix

MORE INFORMATION

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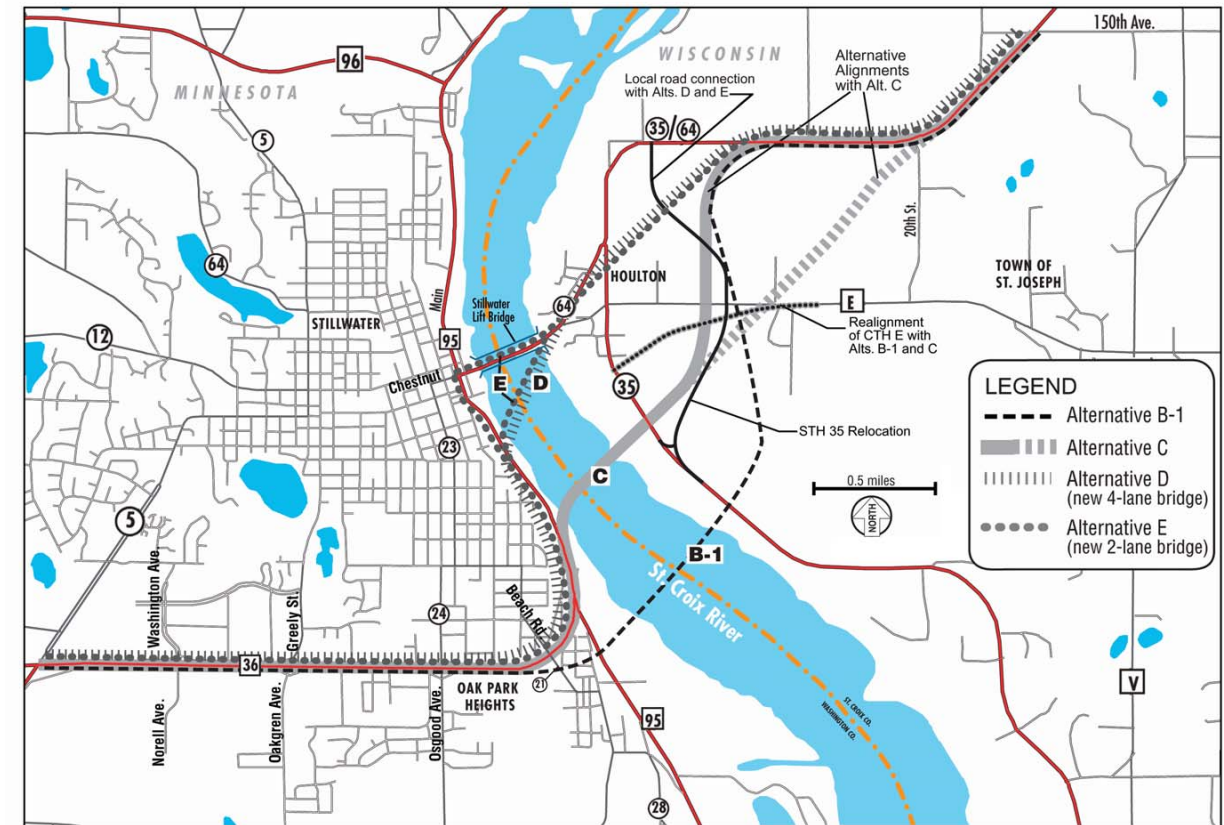
Color versions of this brochure and all potential bridge designs are available for review at these locations:

- **Oak Park Heights City Hall**
14168 Oak Park Blvd, North Oak Park Heights
- **Stillwater City Hall**
216 North Fourth Street, Stillwater
- **St. Joseph Town Hall**
1337 County Road V, St. Joseph Twp.
- **Bayport Public Library**
528 North Fourth Street, Bayport
- **Carleton A. Friday Memorial Library**
155 East First Street, New Richmond
- **Hudson Area Joint Library**
911 Fourth Street, Hudson
- **Somerset Public Library**
208 Hud Street, Somerset
- **Stillwater Public Library**
223 Fourth Street North, Stillwater
- **Washington Co. Gov. Center Library**
14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater
- **Project Website**
www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix
- **Mn/DOT - Metro District**
1500 County Road B2, Roseville
- **Mn/DOT Library**
395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul
- **Wis/DOT Planning Library**
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison
- **Environmental Conservation Library**
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis



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POSTMARK YOUR REPLY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Supplemental Draft EIS Alternatives B-1, C, D, E
 St. Croix River Crossing Project
 Figure 11
 2004 Amended Final Scoping Decision Document

INTRODUCTION

The 2004 Amended Scoping Decision Document (ASDD) for the St. Croix River Crossing Project, released in March 2004, documents the alternatives to be studied in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the project (currently being prepared). Figure 1 above shows the alternatives being considered. The brochure you are reading was developed to increase public participation and communication in this phase of the project. This for mat will allow you more time to think about the project and develop any questions you may have. Questions postmarked by the Memorial Day weekend deadline will be grouped by similar content and answered by the agencies and stakeholders at the June public informational meetings through a frequently asked questions (FAQ) handout and in the presentation.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WISCONSIN	MINNESOTA
Tuesday, June 15, 2004	Monday, June 21, 2004
5:00 p.m. Open House	5:00 p.m. Open House
6:00 p.m. Presentation	6:00 p.m. Presentation
Hudson Senior High School	Stillwater Junior High School

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

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