

Highway 23 DeSoto Mississippi River Bridge • St. Cloud Fact Sheet

Background

- Bridge number 6748
- Built in 1957
- Average daily traffic volume: 31,000 vehicles (2004)
- Average daily heavy commercial traffic volume: 930 vehicles (2004)

Design

- Continuous steel truss bridge
- Four-lane/two-way traffic bridge
- Seven spans, maximum span 291 feet
- 890 feet long, 70 feet wide

Inspection history

- Ultra sound inspection - March 20, 2008
- Annual bridge safety inspection - done yearly; last completed Aug.15, 2007
- In-depth fracture critical inspection - Aug. 3, 2007
- Underwater inspection - August 2004
- In depth fracture critical inspection - September 2003

Work

- Routine bridge maintenance - continuously as needed
- Painted - 1972
- Deck overlay -1978

Future

- Scheduled to be replaced in Sept. 2008 – Nov. 2009; estimated cost is \$36 million

