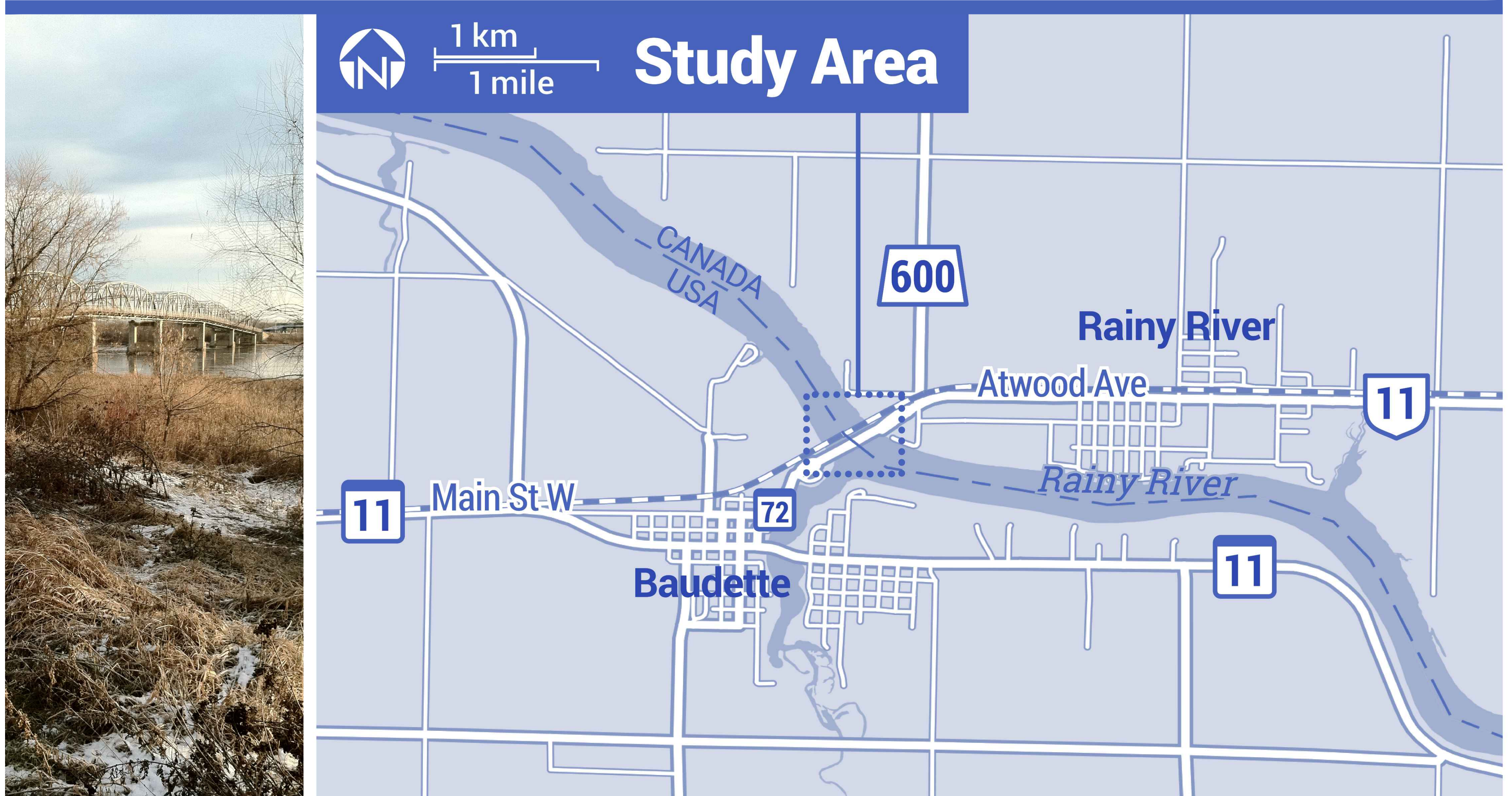


Background



The Baudette – Rainy River International Bridge

is located on Minnesota Trunk Highway 72 and Ontario Highway 11 and spans the Rainy River between Baudette, Minnesota and Rainy River, Ontario.

The bridge was originally built in 1959 and serves as a vital link between the two communities.

It carries approximately 2,500 vehicles per day and provides access between the U.S. and Canadian full-service, 24-hour Ports of Entry for the movement of international traffic and commerce.

The existing bridge is a six-span truss structure with six steel beam approach spans that carry two lanes of traffic over the Rainy River. It is 1,285 feet long (391 m) and has a 24-foot wide (7.3 m) two-lane roadway with an open steel grate deck. There is also a 6-foot wide (1.8 m) sidewalk cantilevered on the south side of the bridge.

