

Need & Justification

MnDOT has recently completed a structural evaluation of the Baudette-Rainy River International Bridge to confirm that it is not economically feasible to rehabilitate the existing bridge to meet current design and maintenance requirements.

The study was initiated for the following reasons:

- Identify and evaluate bridge replacement alternatives to address the need to replace the existing bridge
- Identify a preferred bridge replacement location and structure type to be carried forward to detail design and construction
- Identify and consider construction staging and traffic management alternatives

