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Gasconade River Bridge, G0245, Laclede County



Bridge Location:

County: Laclede
Road: I-44 Outer Road (Old Route 66)
Feature Crossed: Gasconade River
Other Location Information: Approx. 1.4 miles west of Hazelgreen and 13 miles east of Lebanon
Structure Number: Bridge No. G0245

Bridge Information:

Owner: Missouri Department of Transportation
Type: Through Truss—1 warren pony truss span, 2 Parker and 1 Pratt through Truss Spans
Length: 525' total length
Width: 20' curb-to-curb'; 20' 11" out-to-out
Year Built: 1923-4
Builder: Riley & Bailey Construction Co. (contractor); Illinois Steel Co. (fabricator)
Current Load Rating: Closed to all traffic in 2014

Narrative Description:

The Gasconade River Bridge (G0245) is a 1922, riveted, four-span bridge with a total length of 525 feet. The bridge is comprised of (from west to east) one 80' Warren pony truss span, two 161' Parker through truss spans, and one 123' Pratt through truss span. The bridge has concrete abutments and concrete column piers with web-walls. The deck is concrete with an asphalt overlay.

The Gasconade River Bridge was constructed under State Highway Department project 14-38. The contract for the project was awarded on December 30, 1922 to the Riley & Bailey Construction

Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Route 14 was being developed as a diagonal highway connecting St. Louis and southwest Missouri. The highway, designated under the Centennial Road Law passed in 1921, was funded by State Road Bonds, and connected the county seats and major towns between St. Louis and Joplin. In 1926, Route 14 was designated U. S. Highway 66.

The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C for its significance in transportation and engineering.

MoDOT's Historic Preservation Section is now accepting proposals for the relocation and reuse of the bridge until September 30, 2017. A proposal checklist is available MoDOT's Free Bridges website (<http://www.modot.org/freebridges/>). Preservation covenants may accompany the bridge.

For further information and proposal submittals, interested parties may contact:

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