



January 12, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE D8 DWB-929

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has received application materials dated August 22, 2025 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for approval of location and plans for the construction of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: St. Croix River, Mile, between Chicago County, Minnesota and Polk County, Wisconsin.

CHARACTER OF WORK: This is a project to replace the existing deck truss bridge, with a new, prestressed concrete beam bridge.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing

Horizontal: Main channel span is 159.0 feet pier normal to the axis of the channel.

Vertical: Main channel span low steel normal water line is 689.1 for a total of 29.77 feet vertical clearance.

Proposed

Main channel span Measured pier to is 178.5' measured to pier normal to the axis of the channel.

Vertical: Main channel span low steel normal water line is 689.1 for a total of 29.77 feet vertical clearance.

Datum: NAVD88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. An Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) was issued on August 2025 pursuant to NEPA, as amended. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and plans to issue a EA/FONSI for

the project. Documents are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

An application for water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been made. The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 162.0 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 29.77. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the FHWA. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email eric.washburn@uscg.mil through **February 9, 2026**.

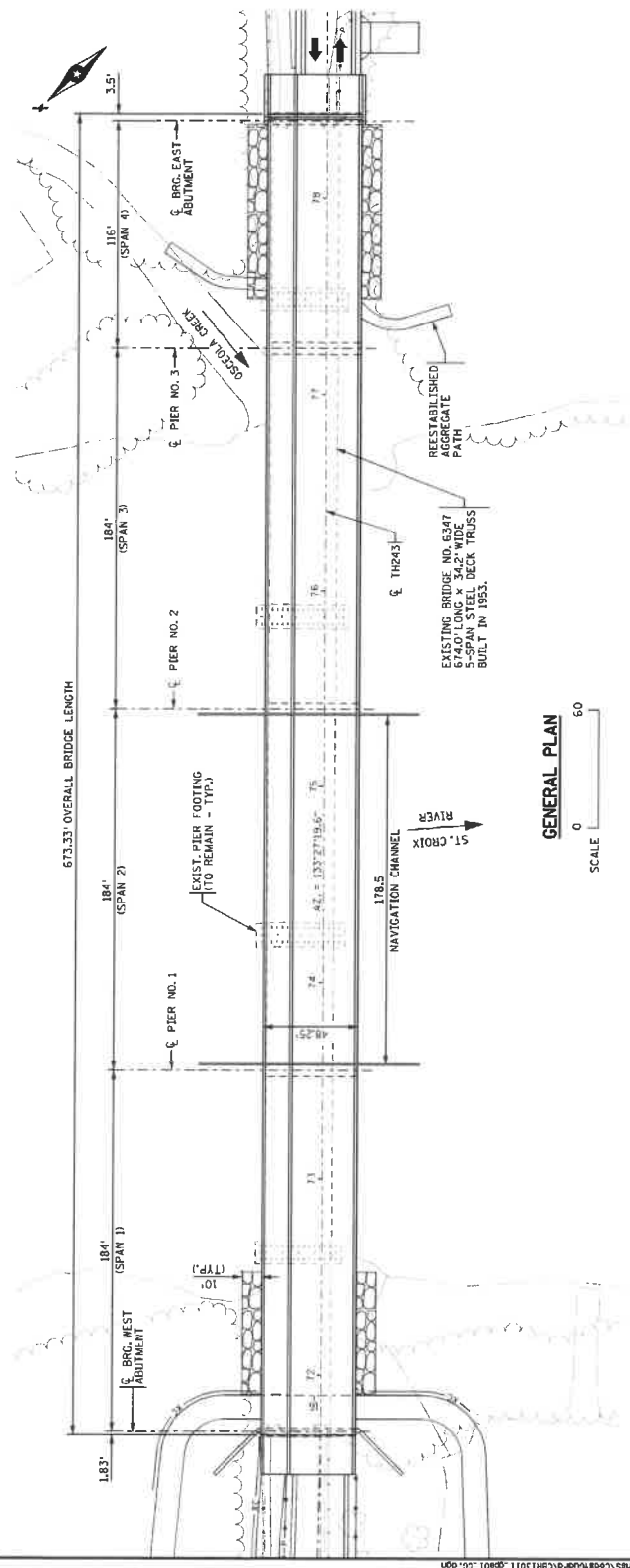
Map of location and plans attached.



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Bridge Supervisor, Western Rivers
By direction of the District Commander

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GENERAL PLAN
SCALE 0 60

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BRIDGE NO. 13011
TH 242 OVER ST. CROIX RIVER
1.2 MI. E. OF JCT. OF TH 95 & TH 243

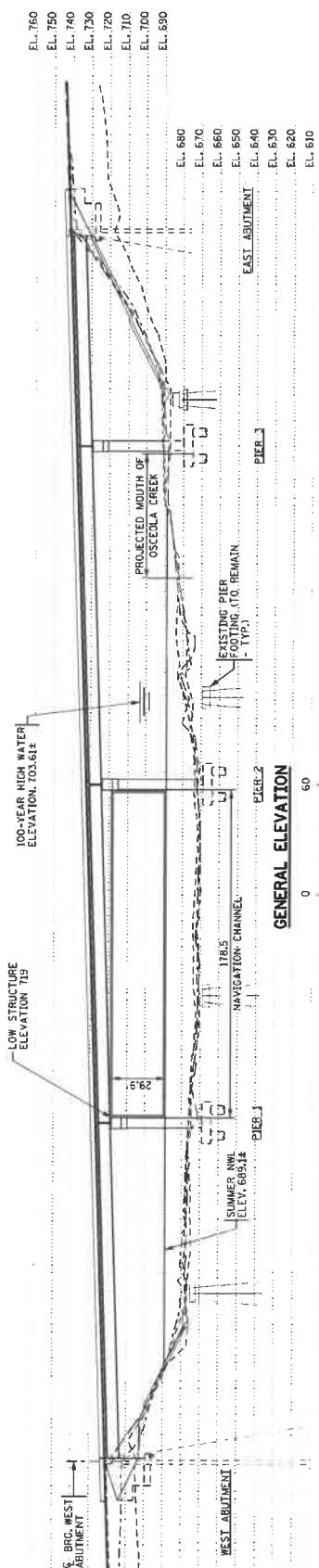
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STRUCTURE B-48-65
DATE: 12/19/2025 SHEET 2 OF 4

I hereby certify that this plan and specifications were prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

DATE: 12/19/2025

NOTE: ALL ELEVATIONS IN NAVD88 DATUM



EXISTING GROUND PROFILE
 70' LT. ---
 30' LT. ---
 20' RT. ---

GENERAL ELEVATION
 SCALE 0 60

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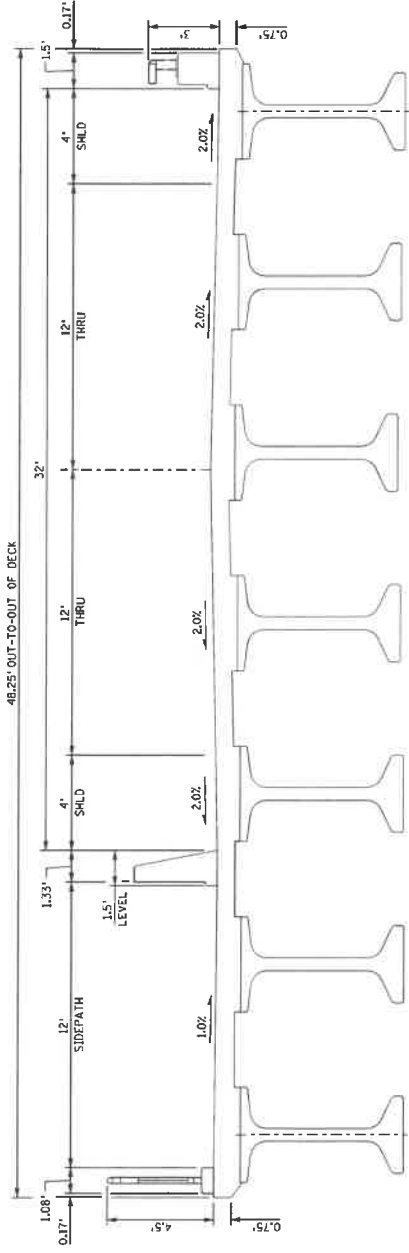
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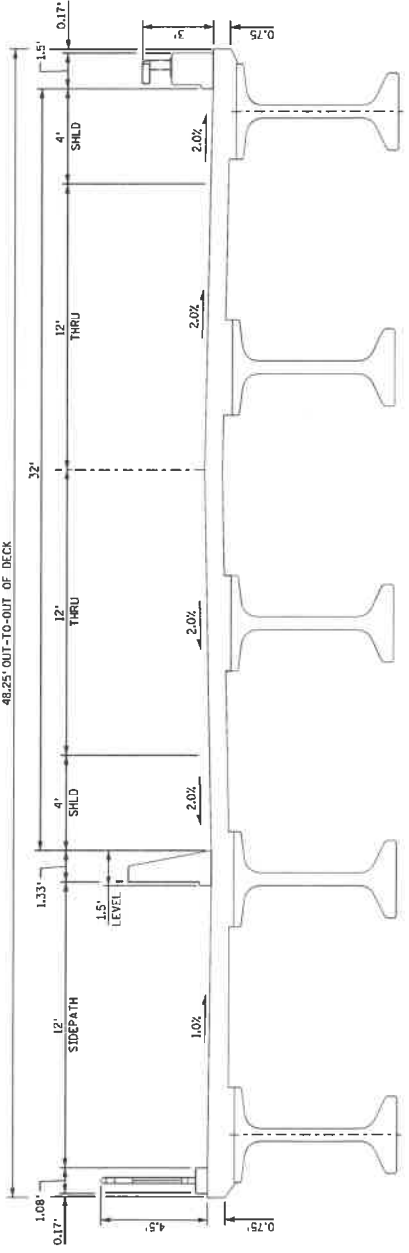
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 JAMES BESSERIDGE Licensure # 14588



SOUTH SIDE

NORTH SIDE

TRANSVERSE SECTION - SPANS 1-3



SOUTH SIDE

NORTH SIDE

TRANSVERSE SECTION - SPAN 4



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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BRIDGE WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY CLOSE PERSONAL SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE laws of the STATE of MINNESOTA.

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