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Subject: AB 33 (Sub-No. 327X)
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:21:49 PM
Attachments: [2860-68 Request for SHPO Comment on Project, attachments.pdf](#)

Mr. Navecky, thank you for the call today. Attached is the additional documentation we submitted to the Iowa SHPO. There is a short description of our plans to remove the rails and track material on page 4.

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Mr. Navecky,

I'm submitting the email pursuant to the Board's decision in AB 33 (Sub-No. 327X) on November 29, 2017. Per the email, the State Historical Society of Iowa has determined the proposed abandonment will have no adverse effect, provided UP minimizes damage to two bridge during track removal.

Please let me know if this is sufficient to satisfy the Board's Section 106 condition or if you need anything else.

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Jeremy,

Below are comments provided from the SHPO on the Mason City trail deal.

Thank you,

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Project: Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance of Rockwell Industrial Lead - STB
Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No-327X)
R&C#: 170817079
Location: Cerro Gordo County, Mason City
SHPO Finding: No Adverse Effect with Conditions

Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your submission for a Request for Comment on the above named project. We are providing consultation comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The proposed project, as submitted, involves the discontinuance and abandonment of approximately 2.5 miles of rail between MP 155.5 in Mason City and service discontinuance from MP 157.5 to 158.

The section of track in this project includes three rail bridges: 5th Street, State Street, and Willow Creek railroad bridges. Based on submitted information it appears that both the Willow Creek and State Street RR bridges appear to meet National Register of Historic Places (NR) criteria and would be eligible for listing in the NR under Criteria C, for engineering. The discontinuance and abandonment includes removal of track and ties, and sale to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. As such, based on this information, submitted project specifics, and conversations with UP staff, we find that this project will have a No Adverse Effect with the following conditions:

- Track and tie removal should be done in a manner that will ensure no, to minimal, damage to the two eligible bridges (Willow Creek and State Street bridges)

As these are eligible for listing in the NR, we encourage Union Pacific and the future owners to apply the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation when contemplating work that may impact the bridges. Additionally, we recommend repair rather than replacement, and if replacement is required, that it be an in-kind replacement.

Please consider this correspondence to be a **No Adverse Effect with Conditions**. If the project specifications should change or if this is not acceptable, consultation will need to continue.

Please retain a copy of this for your files as a hard copy will not be sent out unless specifically requested. Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions. Be sure to include the above R&C number in any subsequent correspondence.

Kind regards,

Sara André

Architectural Historian

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REQUEST FOR SHPO COMMENT ON A PROJECT

Submit one copy with **each** property for which our comment is requested. Please **print** or **type**.

Return to: State Historical Society of Iowa, State Historic Preservation Office, 600 E. Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50319-0290

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

This is a new submittal

This is more information relating to SHPO R&C #: 170817079

- a. Property Name: STB-Union Pacific-Sale and Discontinuance of Rockwell Industrial Lead - STB Docket AB-33 (Sub No. 327X)
- b. Property Street & Number: Railroad Milepost 155.5 near Elm Street to Milepost 157.5 near 19th Street, Mason City, Iowa.
- c. County: Cerro Gordo City: Mason City, Iowa Zip: 50401
- d. Federal Agency: STB Federal Funding Program/Permit: _____
- e. Agency Project No.: STB Docket AB-33 (Sub No. 327X) If HUD, circle one: 24 CFR Part 50 or Part 58
- f. Contact Person on Project: Jeremy Berman, Union Pacific Railroad Phone: 402-544-4735
- g. Contact Address: 1400 Douglas Street, MS 1580, Omaha, NE Zip: 68179 email: jberman@up.com

II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PLACES

Scope of Effort Applied

As agreed in programmatic or other agency agreements with SHPO (if applicable)

Includes the attached elements required under 36 CFR 800.4(a)

- 1) Area of potential effects, as defined in 800.16(d), is shown on map
- 2) Existing information has been reviewed on historic properties in the property area at SHPO office and/or other locations of inventory data
- 3) Information has been sought from parties likely to have knowledge about historic properties in the project area
- 4) Information gathered from Indian tribes, as appropriate

Identification Results

History and Architecture

An attached Iowa Site Inventory form is completed for each building 50 years of age or older

Archaeology

Yes No The project will involve excavation

If yes, submit all of the following information (use attachments of necessary)

- 1) Precise project location map (preferably U.S.G.S. 7.5 min Quad with name, date, & location)
- 2) Site plan showing limits of proposed excavation
- 3) Number of acres in project _____
- 4) Legal location: Section(s) _____ Township(s) _____ Range(s) _____
- 5) Description of width and depth of proposed excavation and current conditions of project area

III. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION (Check Either Adverse Effect or No Adverse Effect for Historic Property Affected category)

Findings (Check One)

No historic properties will be affected (i.e., none are present or there are historic properties present but the project will have no effect upon them) and adequate documentation under 800.11 is provided, including:

- 1) A description of the undertaking, specifying the Federal involvement, and its area of potential effects, including photographs, maps, drawings, as necessary **and**
- 2) A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties, including, as appropriate, efforts to seek information pursuant to 800.4(b) **and**
- 3) The basis for determining that no historic properties are present or affected.

I understand that the SHPO has 30 days from receipt to object to the finding, after which the applicant's responsibilities under Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act are fulfilled.

An historic property will be affected for which documentation is provided as required in 36 CFR Part 800.11(e) and, in applying the criteria of adverse effect under 800.5, propose that the project be considered to have **(Check One)**:

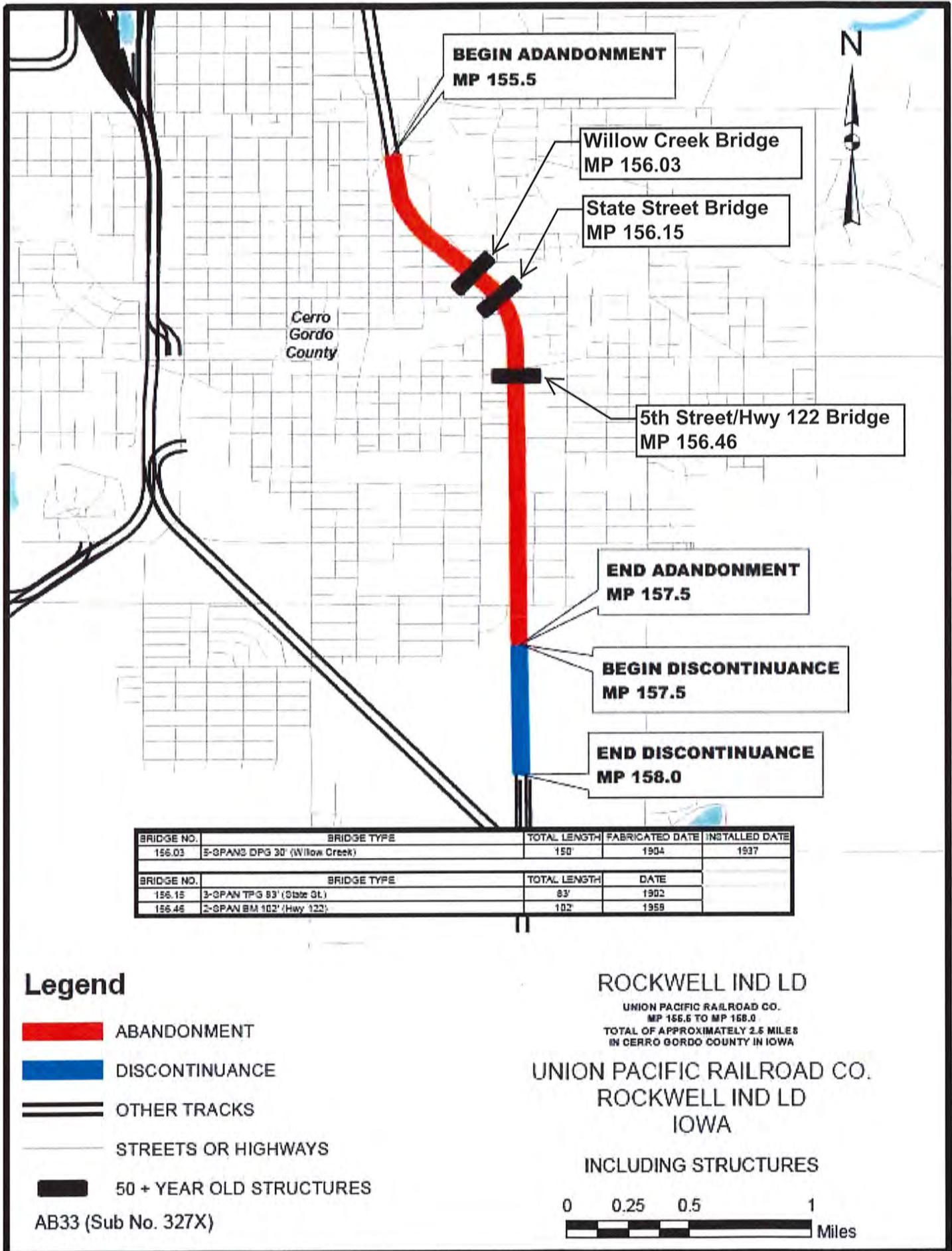
- A No Adverse Effect** under which, in consultation with the SHPO, the project will be modified or conditions imposed to avoid adverse effects. I understand that failure of the SHPO to provide a dated response within 30 days from receipt to the finding shall be considered agreement of the SHPO with the finding
- An Adverse Effect** is found and the applicant, or other federally authorized representative, will consult with the SHPO and other consulting parties to resolve the adverse effect under 800.6

Federally Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
Type name below → Jeremy M. Berman, General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad

IV. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE COMMENT

- Agree with the finding in section III above (move to reader's file) See attached follow-up letter
- Object to the finding for reasons indicated in attached letter
- Cannot review until information is sent as follows: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____



**BEGIN ADANDONMENT
MP 155.5**

**Willow Creek Bridge
MP 156.03**

**State Street Bridge
MP 156.15**

*Cerro
Gordo
County*

**5th Street/Hwy 122 Bridge
MP 156.46**

**END ADANDONMENT
MP 157.5**

**BEGIN DISCONTINUANCE
MP 157.5**

**END DISCONTINUANCE
MP 158.0**

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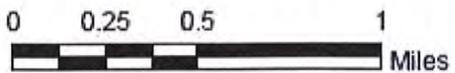
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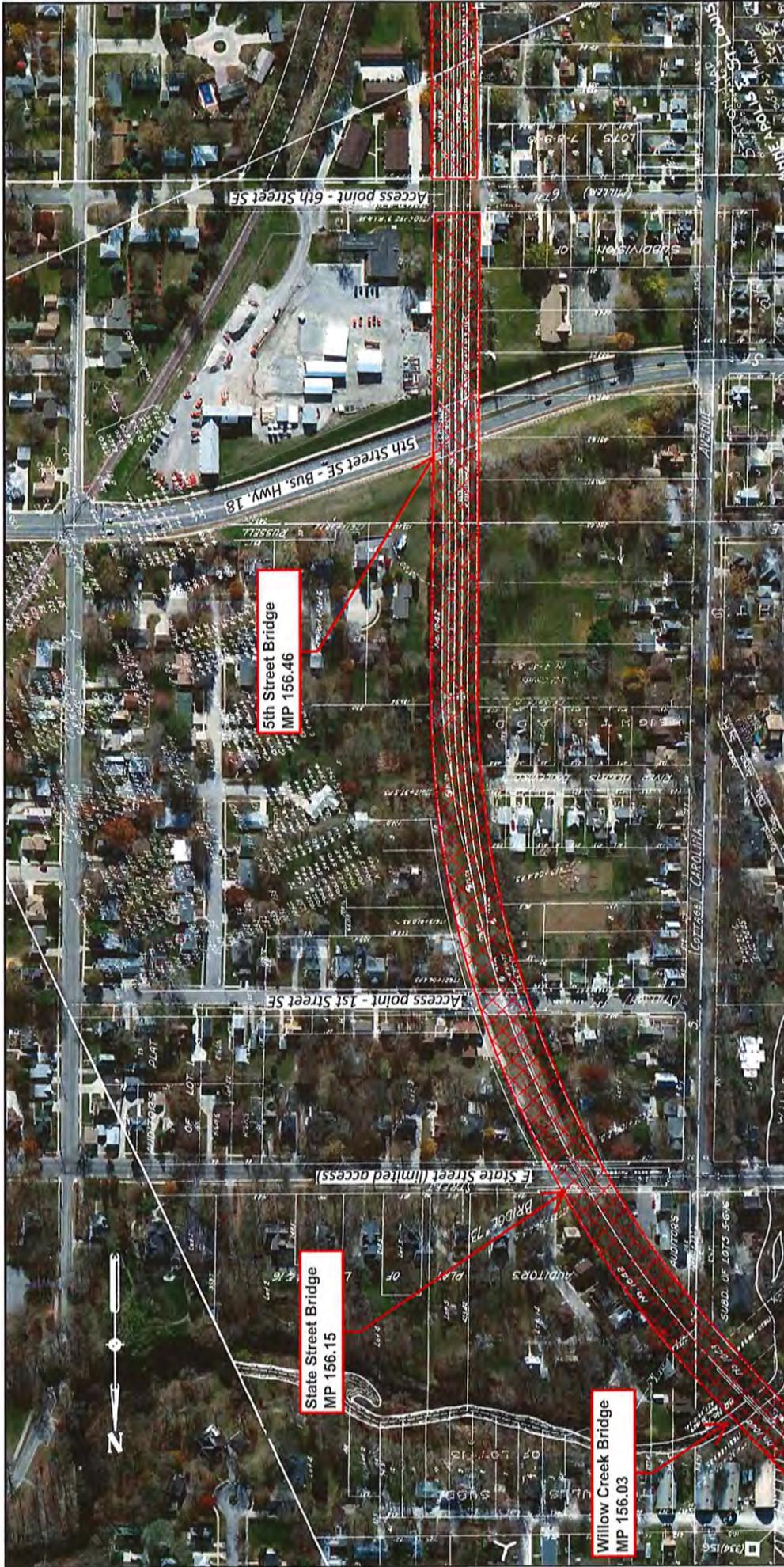
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 MASON CITY, CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IOWA
 MAP
 SCALE: 1" = 200'
 OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE
 OMAHA, NEBRASKA DATE: 11-8-2017
 PJB FILE: 0286068SP

LEGEND:

SALE AREA [Red hatched box symbol]

UPRRCO, R/W OUTLINED [Red dashed line symbol]

CADD FILENAME	0286068SP
SCAN FILENAME	X

Description of undertaking

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Basis for determining No Adverse Effect on potential historic structures

There are three potential historic structures included within the limits of the sale: three railroad bridges located at mileposts 156.03 (Willow Creek), 156.15 (State Street), and 156.45 (5th Street/Highway 122). Photographs, maps and drawings of the bridges are attached. All three bridges were originally constructed over 50 years ago and therefore are eligible for National Register consideration. No other historical structures or properties are within the project area. The bridge structures will not be affected by this project, all three will remain intact. As a result of this sale, Union Pacific will remove the rail and other track material from the bridge decks. Following the sale, INHF will install a paved or gravel walkway on the bridge decks to accommodate the trail.

Geographic Data

Latitude/Longitude bridge locations also provided:

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Bibliography

Internal records, Union Pacific Railroad Company

State Inventory Number: _____ New Supplemental
9-Digit SHPO Review and Compliance (R&C) Number: 170817079 Non-Extant Year: _____

IOWA SITE INVENTORY FORM

Read the **Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully**, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available at <http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/statewide-inventory-and-collections/iowa-site-inventory-form.html>.

Basic Information

Historic Building Name: 5th Street, State Street & Willow Creek RR Bridges, Rockwell Industrial Lead, Union Pacific Railroad Company
Other Names: _____
Street Address: _____
City: Mason City Vicinity County: Cerro Gordo State: Iowa ZIP: 50401

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Rural Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____ of _____
Urban Subdivision: See attached maps. Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

Classification

A. PROPERTY CATEGORY:

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B. NUMBER OF RESOURCES (WITHIN PROPERTY):

If eligible property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____ Buildings	_____ Buildings
_____ Sites	_____ Sites
<u>3 - RR Bridges</u> Structures	_____ Structures
_____ Objects	_____ Objects
_____ Total	_____ Total

If non-eligible property, enter number of:

_____ Buildings
_____ Sites
_____ Structures
_____ Objects
_____ Total

C. STATUS OF PROPERTIES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D. FOR PROPERTIES WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
- Property contributes to a **potential** historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
- Property does not contribute to the historic district in which it is located.

Historic District Name: _____ Historic District Site Number: _____

E. NAME OF RELATED PROJECT REPORT OR MULTIPLE PROPERTY STUDY (if applicable)

MPD Title: _____ Historical Architectural Database No. _____

Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____
Site Number: _____ District Number: _____

Function or Use

Enter categories (codes **and** terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions

A. HISTORIC FUNCTIONS

14A05 - Railroad Bridge

B. CURRENT FUNCTIONS

14A05 - Railroad Bridge

Description

A. ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

09E22 - Steel Beam: Steel Plate Deck Girder

B. MATERIALS

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B - Concrete-Poured
Walls (visible exterior): _____
Roof: _____
Other: _____

C. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION See continuation sheets which must be completed.

Statement of Significance

A. APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CRITERIA (mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Yes No More research recommended
- Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. Yes No More research recommended
- Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. Yes No More research recommended
- Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. Yes No More research recommended

B. SPECIAL CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS (mark any special considerations; leave blank if none)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. Removed from its original location.
- C. A birthplace or grave.
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. A commemorative property.
- G. Property less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (enter categories from instructions)

D. PERIOD(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE

E. SIGNIFICANT DATES

Construction Date: 1958(5th St.), 1902(State St.), 1937(Willow Crk)
Other Dates (including renovations): _____

F. SIGNIFICANT PERSON (complete if Criterion B is marked above)

G. CULTURAL AFFILIATION (complete if Criterion D is marked above)

H. ARCHITECT/BUILDER

Architect: _____
Builder/Contractor: _____

I. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE See continuation sheets which must be completed.

Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____
Site Number: _____ District Number: _____

Bibliography

See continuation sheets to list research sources used in preparing this form.

Geographic Data

OPTIONAL UTM REFERENCES

See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments

	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
1.	15T - 5th Street Bridge	484623.96	4777221.98	WGS84
2.	15T - State Street Bridge	484535.10	4777695.04	WGS84
3.	15T - Willow Creek Bridge	484428.25	4777833.88	WGS84
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Form Preparation

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Additional Documentation

A. FOR ALL PROPERTIES, ATTACH THE FOLLOWING, AS SPECIFIED IN THE IOWA SITE INVENTORY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Map of property's location within the community.
2. Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled on back with property/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and unique photo number.
3. Photo key showing each photo number on a map and/or floor plan, using arrows next to each photo number to indicate the location and directional view of each photograph.
4. Site plan of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B. FOR ALL STATE HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PART 1 APPLICATIONS, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND FARMSTEADS, AND BARNES

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

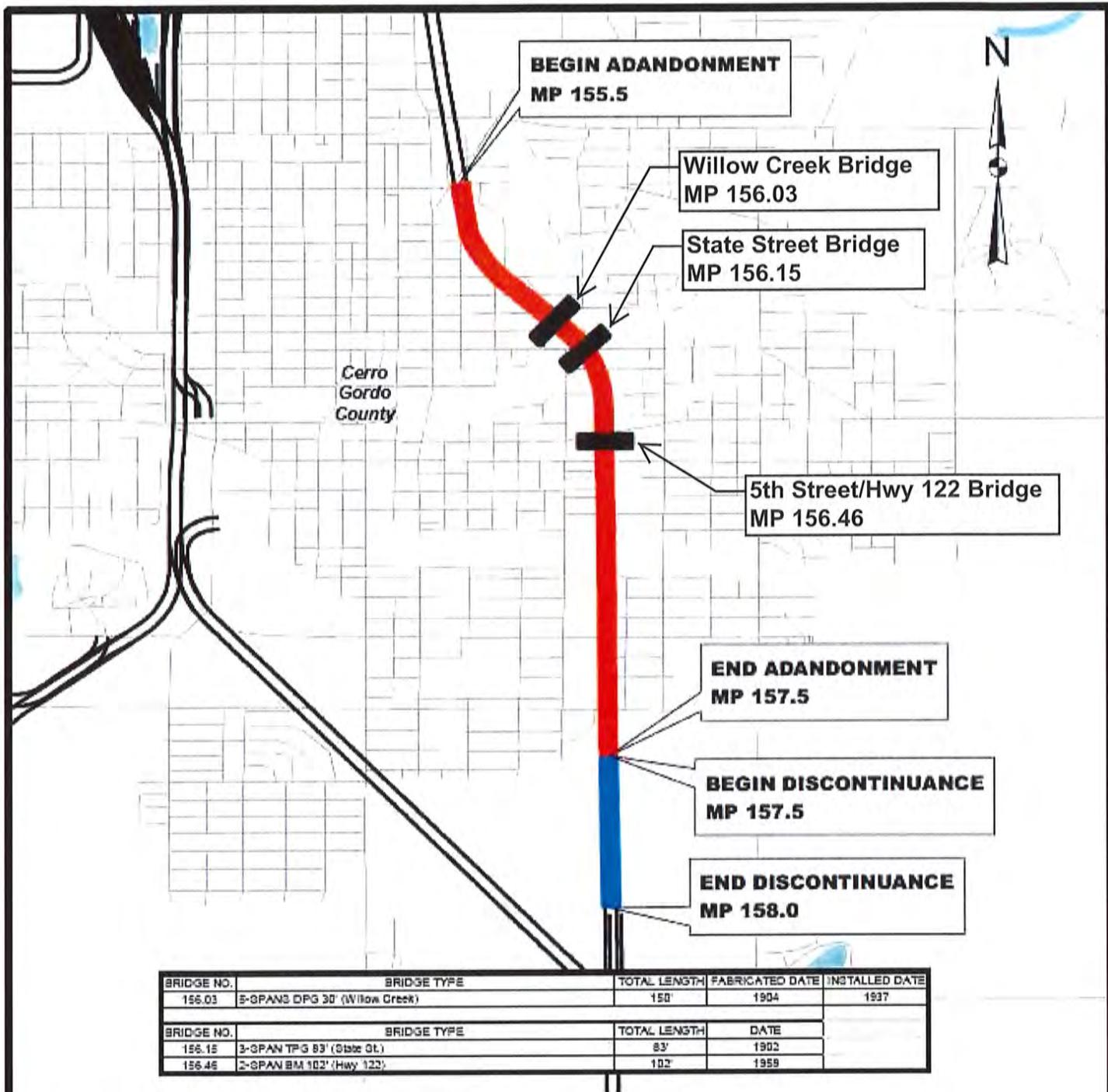
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The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

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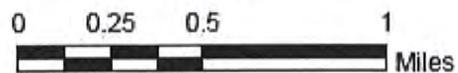
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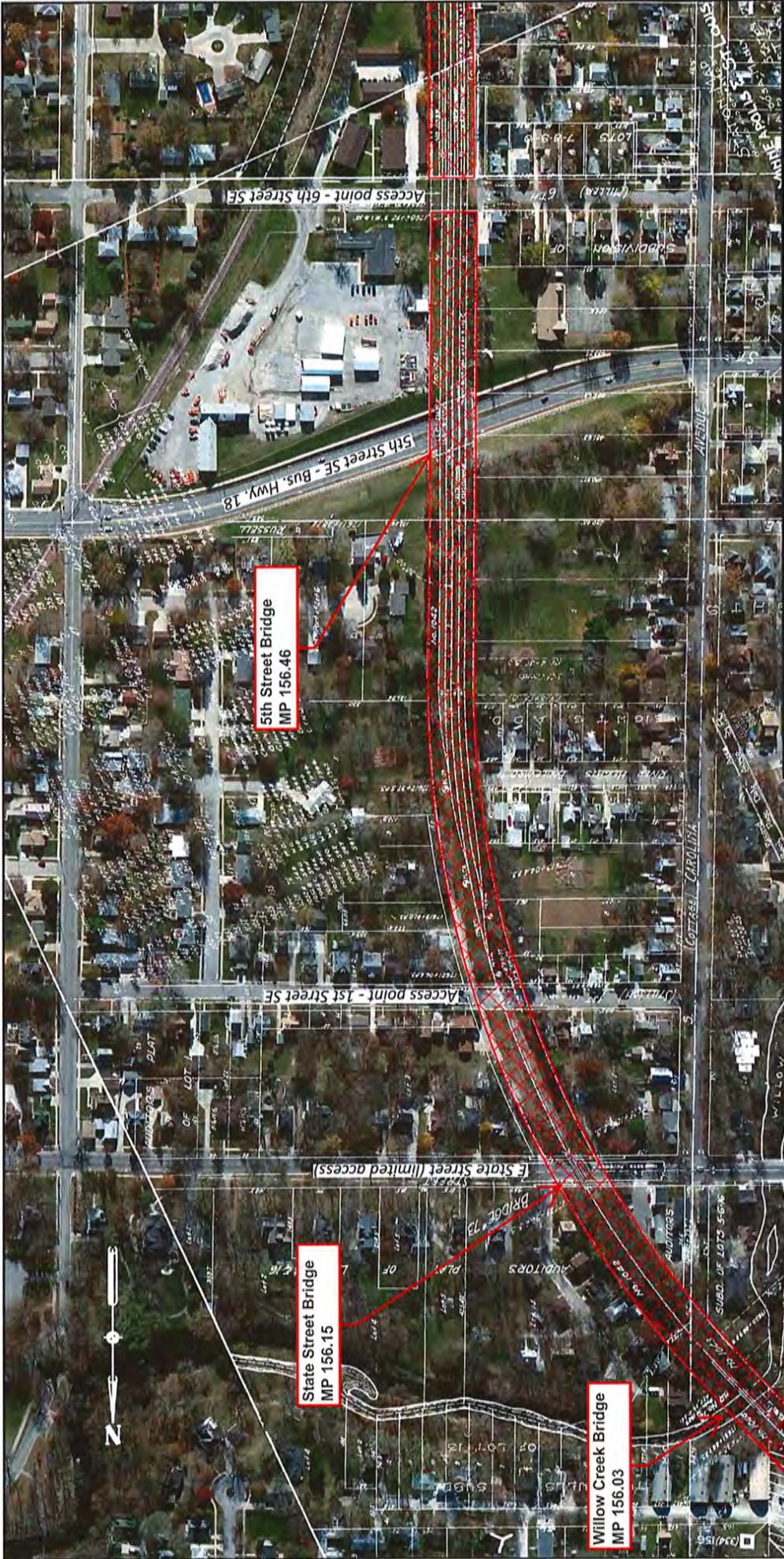
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State Street (limited access)

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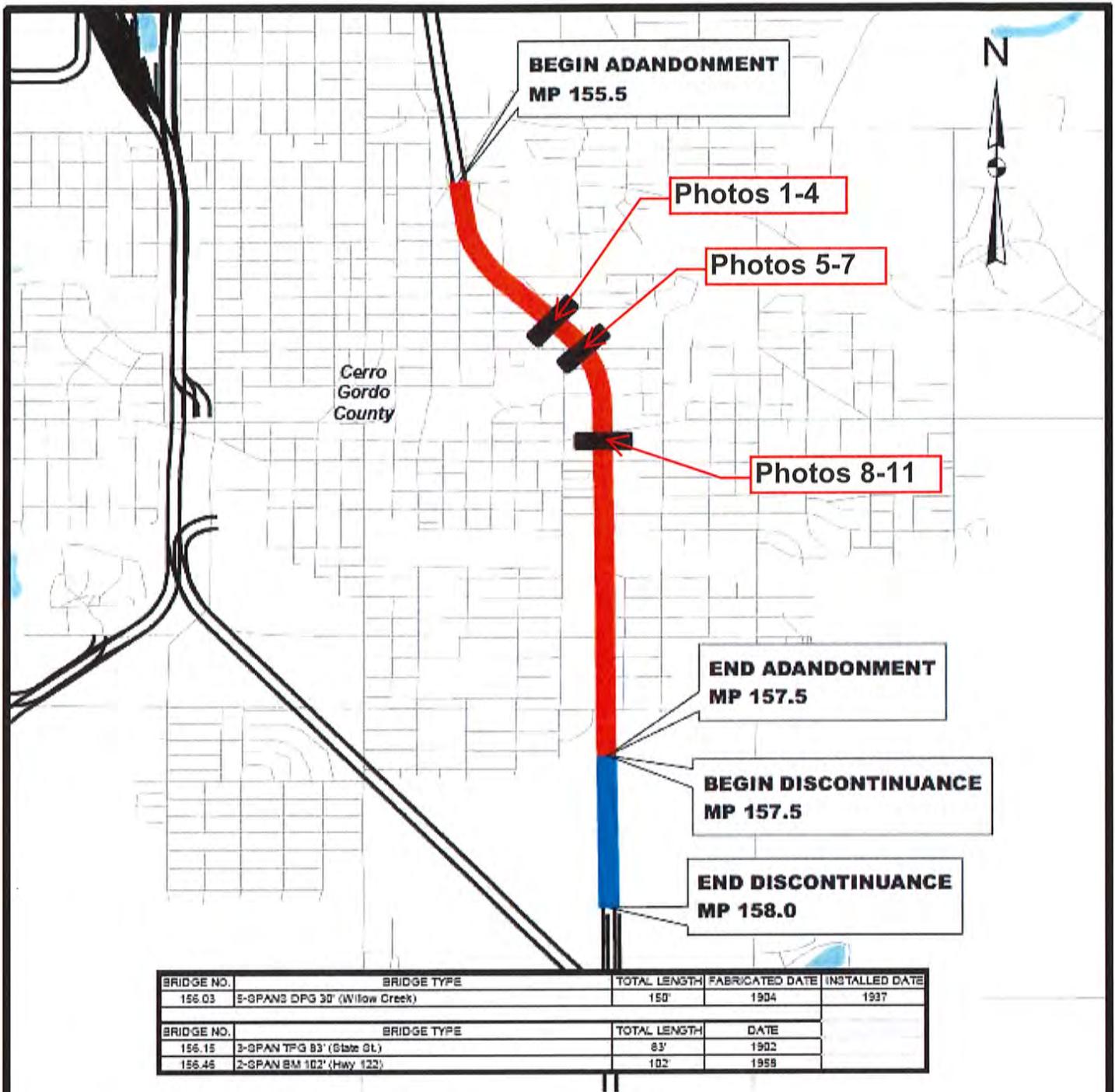
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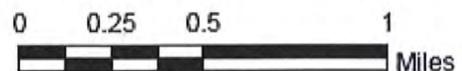


Photo 1 - 2017
Willow Creek Bridge, south
side, looking northwest

Structure 1: Willow Creek, MP 156.03, constructed 1904, installed 1937.



Photo 2 - 2017
Willow Creek Bridge, south side,
looking southeast and up



Photo 3 - 2017
Willow Creek Bridge, south side,
looking northwest

Attachment No. 3



Photo 4 - 2017
Willow Creek Bridge, south side,
looking northwest

Attachment No. 3



**Photo 5 - 2017
State Bridge, west side,
looking east**

Attachment No. 3

Structure 2: State Street, MP 156.15, constructed
1902.



**Photo 6 - 2017
State Bridge, east side,
looking west**

Attachment No. 3



Photo 7 - 2017
State Bridge, north side,
looking south

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**Photo 5 - 2017
State Street Bridge, west side,
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Photo 7 - 2017
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Photo 8 - 2017
5th Street/Hwy 122 Bridge, south side,
looking north

Attachment No. 3

Structure 3: Hwy 122 / 5th St - MP 156.45, constructed
1958



Photo 9 - 2017
5th Street/Hwy 122 Bridge, northeast side,
looking southwest

Attachment No. 3



Photo 10 - 2017
5th Street/Hwy 122 Bridge, northwest
side, looking southeast

Attachment No. 3



Photo 11 - 2017
5th Street/Hwy 122 Bridge, north side,
under looking south and up

Attachment No. 3

