

Historic Route 17 Bridge over Saline Creek



Saline Creek Bridge No. H0119:

The Missouri Highway and Transportation Department is planning to replace Saline Creek Bridge H0119 on Route 17 north of Tuscumbia in Miller County, Missouri. This bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the proposed work will have an “adverse effect” on the historic structure.

Built in 1925, it consists of a steel, six-panel, rigid-connected, Pratt through truss with two Warren pony truss approach spans. The main span is 120 feet long, and the total bridge length is 288 feet. It is supported on steel-reinforced concrete abutments, wingwalls, and dumbbell piers. The roadway width is 20 feet curb-to-curb. H0119 is one of the older surviving members of this truss type in the state.

Mitigation of the “adverse effect” will be undertaken as stipulated in a Memorandum of Agreement signed by two State and two Federal Agencies:

- Documentation: Archival photographs and historical documentation will be prepared for review and curation by the State Historic Preservation Office in Jefferson City.
- Advertisement for Adaptive Reuse: The bridge superstructure will be offered to potential recipients who must agree to move the structure, preserve the bridge and features which make it historic, and assume all legal and financial responsibility.
- Additional measures will be discussed in consultation with the State and Federal agencies, and other interested parties.



If migratory birds are nesting on the bridge, construction activities will need to avoid disturbing their nests during the breeding season.



The bridge is surrounded on three sides by forested wetlands and the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC’s) Saline Valley Conservation Area (4,782 acres). MoDOT is required by the federal Clean Water Act to avoid, minimize, and lastly mitigate wetland impacts.