

# SDDOT US14/US83/SD34 Missouri River Bridge Replacement Study

## Public Involvement Meeting #1 - Combined Comments

### Q: Which bridge type do you favor and why?

- #2 – It is cheap and if sometime in the future you add extra lanes.
- Concept 2 or 3.
- I personally like the existing bridge type. It enhances the skyline of the old RR bridge.
- When selecting a bridge design, we like either Concepts #3 or #5 (haunched). They both have very clean lines and would still be similar to what we have now. When comparing the pros and cons, however, we would lean more towards #3.
- Haunched and steel plate girder – cost and state is equipped to maintain.
- Cable-stayed – Most aesthetic.

### Q: Which bridge location do you favor and why?

- Pass but lean to where the old bridge was.
- Just to North of existing bridge.
- The current location appeals to me.
- It is difficult to comment on bridge location without getting more information on exactly where the traffic would be flowing. It appears via the maps that the northern route might be cleaner and easier and would impact fewer homes and businesses.
- Take reverse curve out of west approach and swing north.
- Area of old highway bridge (1928) – least negative effect of existing - Restores ties to current highways.

### Q: Do you favor any particular bridge width and trail options (cross-section concepts) and why?

- #2 but make walkway 12' instead of 6'.
- Option 3.
- 4 Lanes and at least 8' shoulders would be good. As of right now when there is an accident, you nearly have to close the lane to traffic.
- For bridge width we are looking at options 4, 5, or 6. We actually like the maximum bridge width of option #6 but recognize that due to cost it might not be possible. Right now the bridge is too narrow and we really need to allow not only for vehicle traffic but also for safe pedestrian and bike traffic. We have many walkers and bike riders in this area. If you've never crossed the bridge on foot or via bike, you really need to experience it! Those biking and walking paths need to be much wider than they are currently. Also, as you are keenly aware we tend to get a lot of snow and snow removal from the bridge is difficult at best. With the extra width available through the shoulders, there is at least someplace to push the snow until it can be removed. I would think that the maximum bridge width would increase safety for everyone.
- Option 2 – cost – provides 10' walks and centerline barriers.
- Wide as possible. At least 12' on one side – preferably both. Illuminate in pleasing fashion.

**Q: Do you have any overall concerns about this Study?**

- Not yet
- No
- No
- I hope Coast Guard relaxes height requirement
- Please don't let cost drive out aesthetics – this will be here for a long, long time

**Q: Do you have any concerns about the historical, environmental or archaeological impacts in the study area? If so, please describe your concerns below.**

- No
- With the new bridge also Commemorative Col. Waldron?
- We have a beautiful, historical area here. It would really be nice if we could add some scenic overlooks with a sitting area (not sure what you call them in the bridge world!) where pedestrians and bikers could stop and just take in the Missouri River (both North and South) and enjoy the beauty of this area.
- Only concern is potential environmental objectives that are not justified.

**Q: Are you comfortable with the current methods used to solicit community public involvement?**

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

**Q: General Comments**

- Has any thought been given to building a bridge south on the truck route and eliminate heavy truck traffic through Pierre and Ft. Pierre?
- Most expensive options have little chance and could have been eliminated.
- I would hope the result is not only pleasing visually, but also does not detract from historical RR bridge.
- Keep simple and clean design. Add the "fun" public interaction features.

**Q: Are you interested in having a project team member contact you to discuss your concerns? If so, please include your email address and/or telephone number.**

- No
- No
- No

**WEBSITE COMMENTS:**

Name	Subject	Comment
XXXXX	Ped/Bike Lane Along Side of Bridge	Please have a wider area for pedestrians / bike traffic on the side of the bridge. It is horrific to be riding your bike and meet an on-coming person whether they are walking or biking. There is not enough room for two-way traffic. Also, would be nice to have a pedestrian/bike lane on both sides. Please confirm receipt of this comment. Thank you.