

# MEETING MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** 5/13/2021      **Re:** Leeper Park Michigan Street Bridge; SR  
933 over St. Joseph River (Des. No.  
1900011)

**Location:** Microsoft Teams      **Issue Date:** 6/3/21

**Submitted By:** Ruth Hook

**In Attendance:** Stakeholder Group  
Project Sponsor (INDOT)  
Lochmueller Group  
(Full List of Attendees Attached)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### I. Introductions

- a. Ruth Hook from Lochmueller Group went through and identified those on the call, their agency, and their roll. A full list of those in attendance can be found attached to these meeting minutes. Two invited stakeholders who expressed interest in participating in the process were not able to attend the first meeting.
- b. A complete list of those invited to participate in the stakeholder process is also attached to these minutes. Lochmueller Group will follow up with those who did not respond to the initial invitation.

### II. Why are we here?

- a. Ruth Hook from Lochmueller Group went through the purpose of a Stakeholder Group, the meeting agenda, and the goals for the meeting.

### III. History of the Bridge and Project

- a. Michael Vereb from Lochmueller Group went through a history of the structure, the timeline of previous structure rehabilitations and the current condition of the structure.

### IV. Purpose and Need

- a. Ruth Hook from Lochmueller Group walked through an abbreviated version of the Purpose and Need statement for the project to familiarize the stakeholder group with what the project is working towards accomplishing and why.

### V. Proposed Alternatives

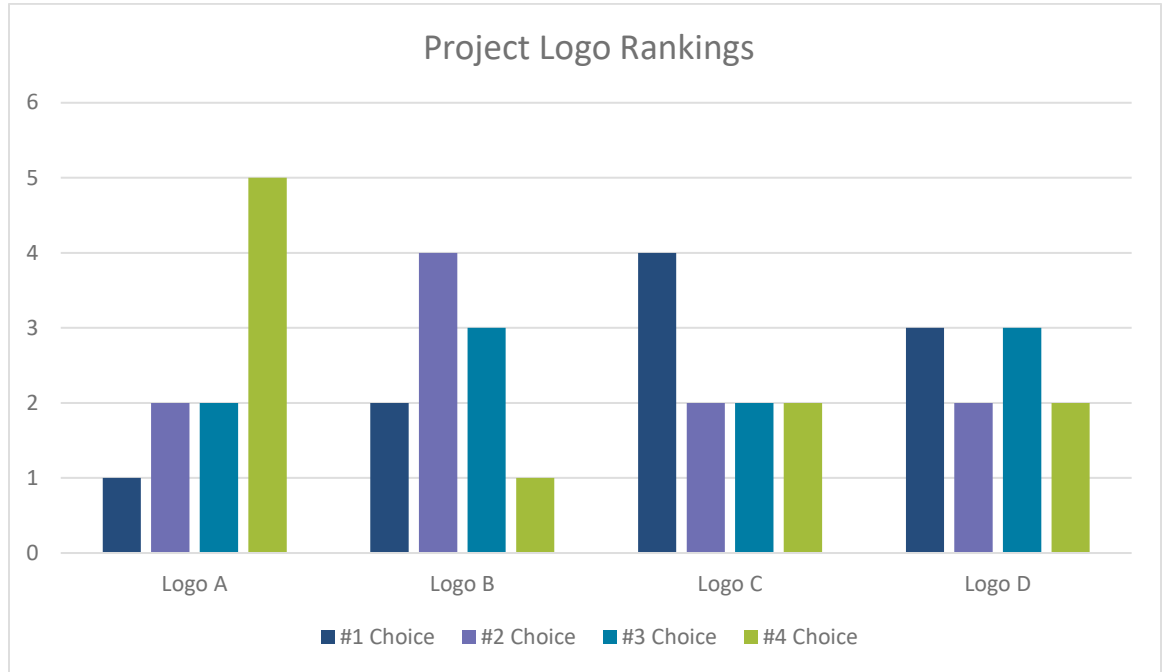
- a. A – No Build
- b. B1a - Rehabilitation including arch & foundation rehabilitation

- i. The life span of Alternative B1a was identified as being less than B1b due to the work proposed with this alternative not resulting in the improvement of all structure components.

c. B1b - Rehabilitation including arch & foundation replacement

**VI. Project Name and Logos**

a. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCZNPY2>



- i. 10 people responded to survey.
- ii. Logo C was the top choice of respondents.
- iii. The survey remains open and others can cast their vote through 6/11/2021

**Logos:**

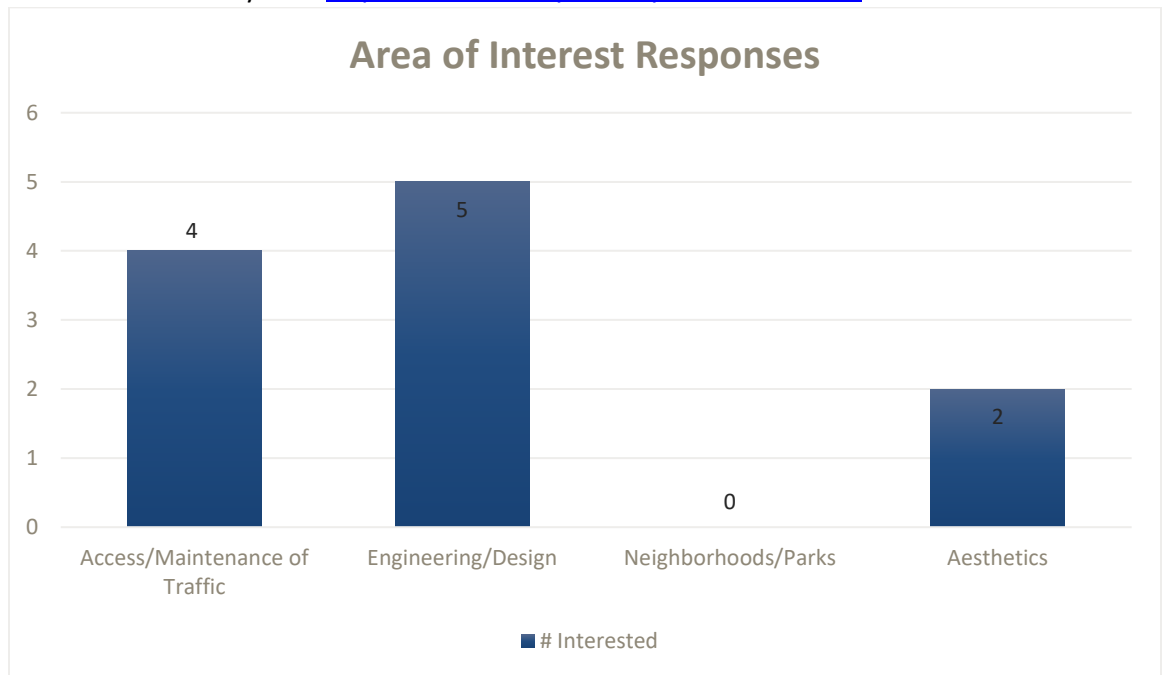




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**VII. Areas of Interest**

a. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N3Y537X>



- i. These areas of interest will be used to facilitate future discussions with the stakeholder group
- ii. The survey remains open and others can cast their vote through 6/11/2021

**VIII. Discussion and Questions**

- a. Maintenance of Traffic/Access: It was identified that access and maintenance of traffic is a public safety concern and of great interest to the group.
  - i. Memorial Hospital is the only Level 2 hospital within 90 miles and any delays in emergency services reaching the hospital could be problematic.
  - ii. It was discussed that Alternative B1a has the opportunity to maintain traffic on the structure while Alternative B1b may require the closure of the structure.
  - iii. It was discussed that the Maintenance of Traffic has not yet been decided and input from stakeholders is important.
  - iv. It is anticipated that this will be a 2 year construction period

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- b. An option to flatten the vertical curves of the arches in the structure was brought up
  - i. This is a possible option; however, it is not being considered as part of this project as it would change the look of the structure and make reinstallation of the limestone fascia not possible.
- c. It was discussed that both Alternatives B1a and B1b would involve the widening of the east sidewalk to meet current ADA standards. How this will be accomplished is being identified as part of the Historic Bridge Alternatives Analysis (HBAA) which is on-going.
- d. The cost of the project was brought up. The HBAA will identify the costs associated with each Alternative. The HBAA will also include the cost for the Maintenance of Traffic.

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The above constitutes our understanding of the meeting. If you believe there are omissions, additions, or corrections, please send your written comments within seven working days to Lochmueller Group.

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**Leeper Park Michigan Street Bridge  
Stakeholder Group Meeting #1 Sign IN sheet**

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# LEEPER PARK MICHIGAN STREET BRIDGE STAKEHOLDER MEETING



DES. NO. 1900011; STATE ROAD (SR) 933 OVER ST. JOSEPH RIVER



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## Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Why are we here?
- History of the Bridge & Project
- Purpose & Need
- Proposed Alternatives
- Project Name & Logos
- Areas of Interest
- Discussion & Questions



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# Introductions

## Lochmueller Project Team

- Susan Al Abbas, Regional Manager
- Michael Vereb, Project Manager
- Ruth Hook, Environmental Lead

## Stakeholder Group Members

- Larry Tracy, Beacon Health Systems
- Kara Boyles, Engineering – City of South Bend
- Kyle Silveus, Engineering – City of South Bend
- Adam Toering, Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County
- Eric Horvath, Department of Public Works – City of South Bend
- Jeff Rea, Chamber of Commerce

## Project Sponsor

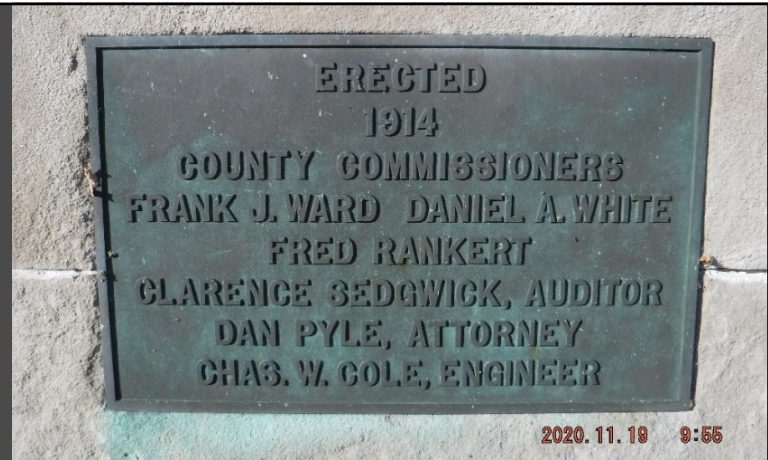
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  - Mark Pittman, Bridge Asset Engineer
  - Steve Benczik, System Asset Manager
  - Stew Michels, Environmental Manager
  - Steve Hauersperger, Area Engineer
  - Adam Parkhouse, Communications Director
  - Lisa Shrader, Consultant Services Manager
  - Amy Stanley, Customer Service Manager
- **INDOT Environmental Services**
  - Ron Bales, Environmental Policy Manager
  - Mary Kennedy, Historic Bridge Specialist
  - Kelyn Alexander, Historian
- **INDOT Bridge Design, Inspection, & Hydraulics**
  - Mahmoud Hailat, Team Leader – Bridge Engineering
  - Greg Klevitsky, Bridge Engineer
  - Martha Chernet, Bridge Engineer



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 CLARENCE SEDGWICK, AUDITOR  
 DAN PYLE, ATTORNEY  
 CHAS. W. COLE, ENGINEER

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# Leeper Park Michigan Street Bridge



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# Historic Bridge Photos



1919

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1936

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1958

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2006



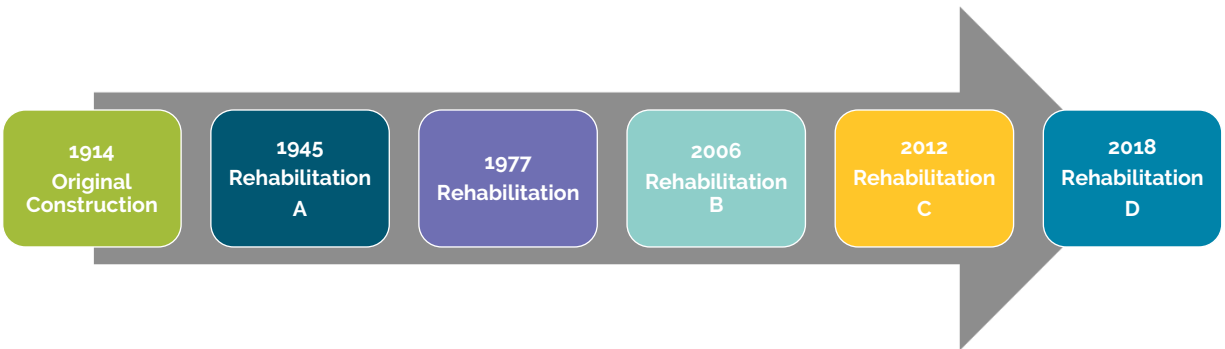
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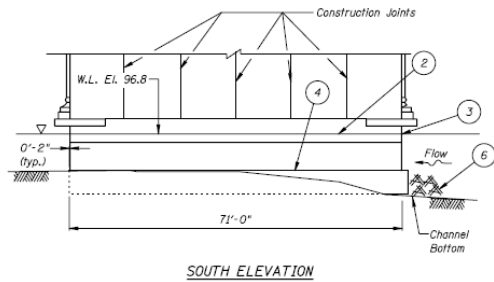
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# Railing Cracking & Coping Deflection Signs of Structural Problems



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# 1994 Underwater Inspection – Scour Discovered

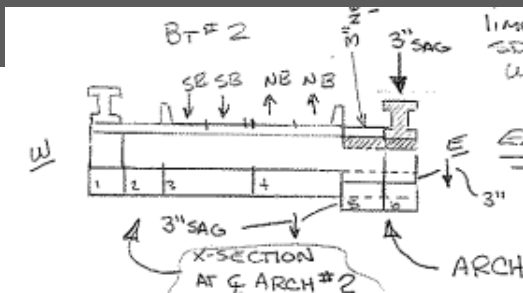


Scour at Pier #3

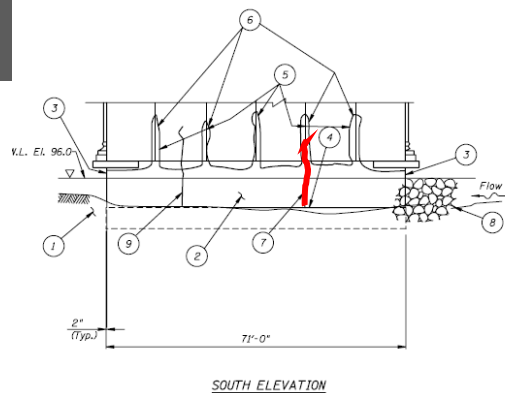


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# Routine & Underwater Inspections Discover Arch & Pier Displacement



Arch Displaced & Large Cracks in Limestone  
1998 Routine Inspection

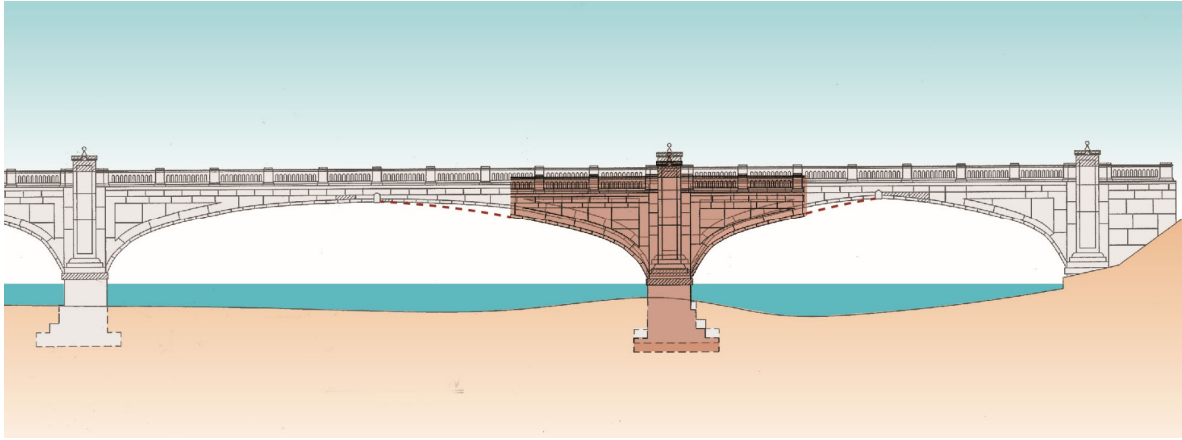


Scour & Vertical Crack at Pier #3  
2003 Underwater Inspection



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# Arch & Pier Segment Displacement



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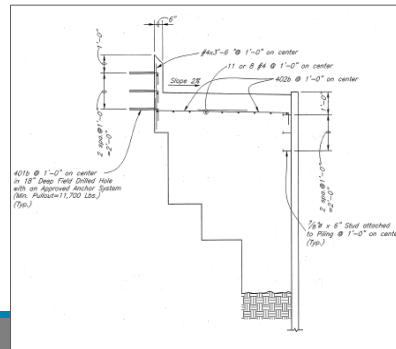
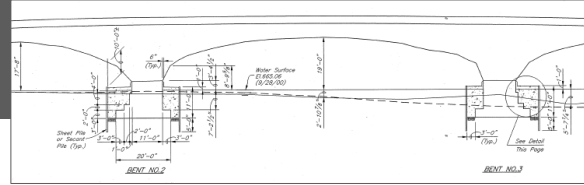
# Arch Segment Displacement Today



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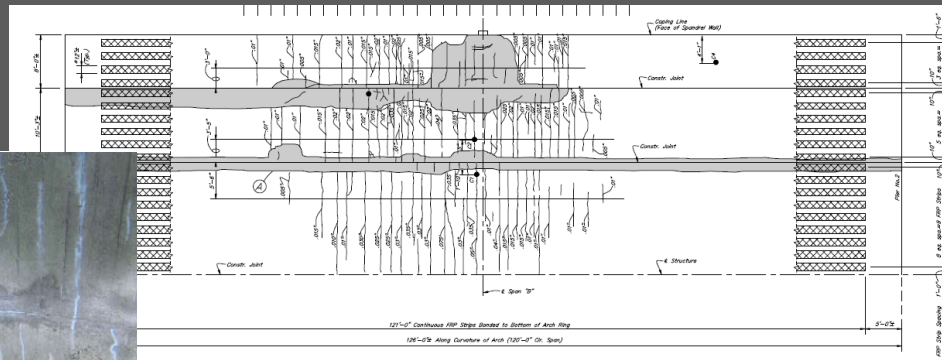


# 2006 Rehabilitation – Addition of Cofferdam



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# 2012 Rehabilitation – Transverse Cracking



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# 2012 Arch Repair & Strengthening with Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP)



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# Limestone Condition – Railing Posts



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## Limestone Condition – Spandrel Wall Fascia



Typical Crack



Typical Spall



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## Purpose and Need

The primary need for the Leeper Park Michigan Street Bridge project is evidenced by the deteriorated condition and insufficient load capacity of the bridge. In addition, the sidewalk on the east side of the bridge does not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The purpose of the project is to provide a crossing of the St. Joseph River that has a condition rating of at least 7 out of 9, which is considered to be in "good" condition, as well as provide ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities. In addition, the purpose of the project will improve the load rating factor. This project will extend the life of this crossing for a minimum of 25 years.



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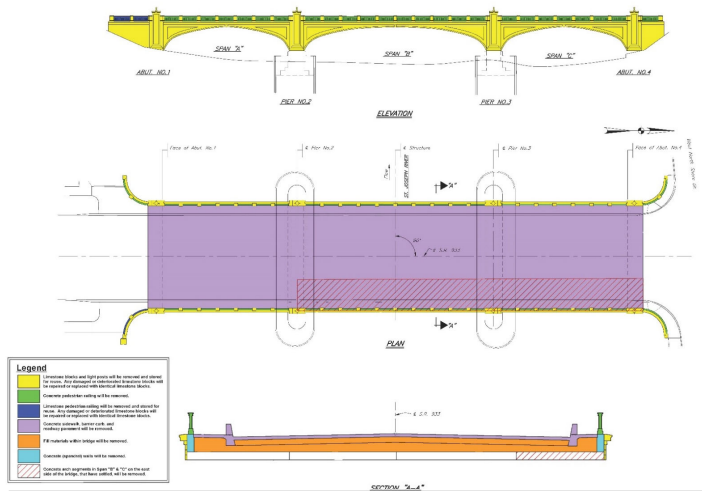
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## Proposed Alternatives – B1a Removal



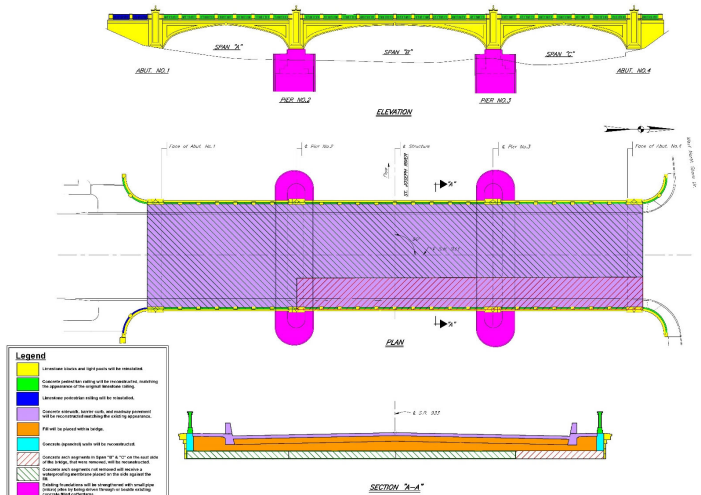
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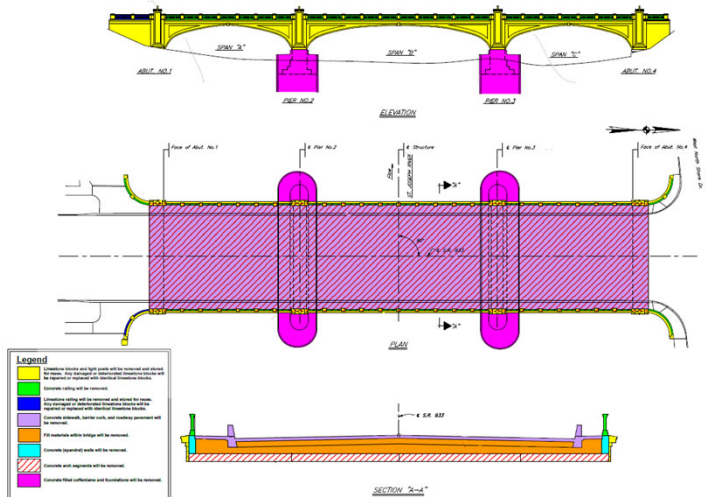
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B1a. Rehabilitation including arch & foundation rehabilitation



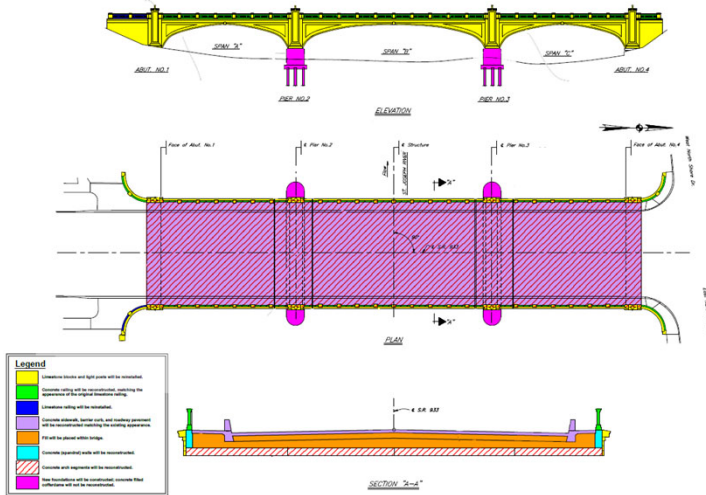
# Proposed Alternatives – B1b Removal



B1b. Rehabilitation including arch & foundation replacement



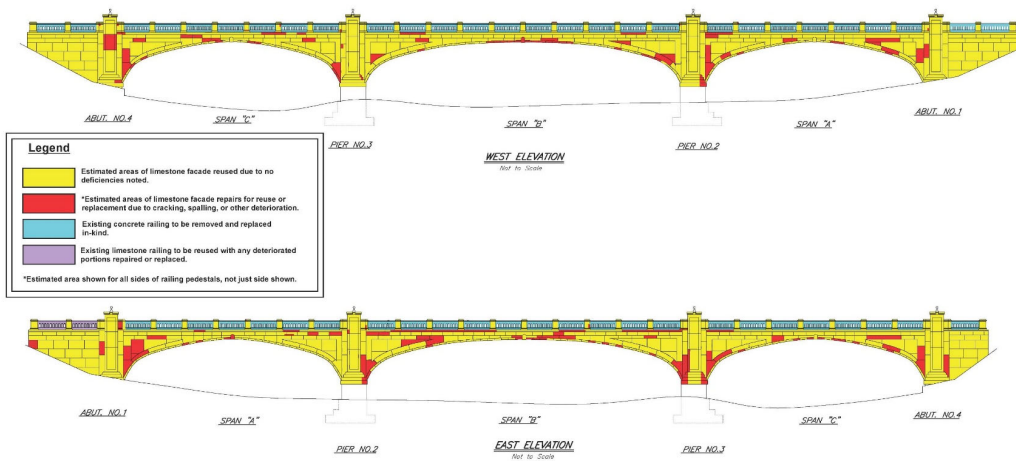
# Proposed Alternatives – B1b Reconstruction



**B1b. Rehabilitation including arch & foundation replacement**



# Proposed Alternatives



**Limestone Condition & Recommendations**



# Remaining Limestone Railing Panels

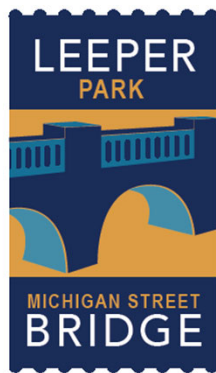


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# Project Name and Logos



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## Areas of Interest

- Access/Maintenance of Traffic
- Engineering/Design
- Neighborhoods/Parks
- Aesthetics
- Other?



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## Discussion & Questions



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