



Historic Bridge Adoption Information Packet

Marion and Harrison Counties

SH 43

Big Cypress Bayou

March 23, 2023

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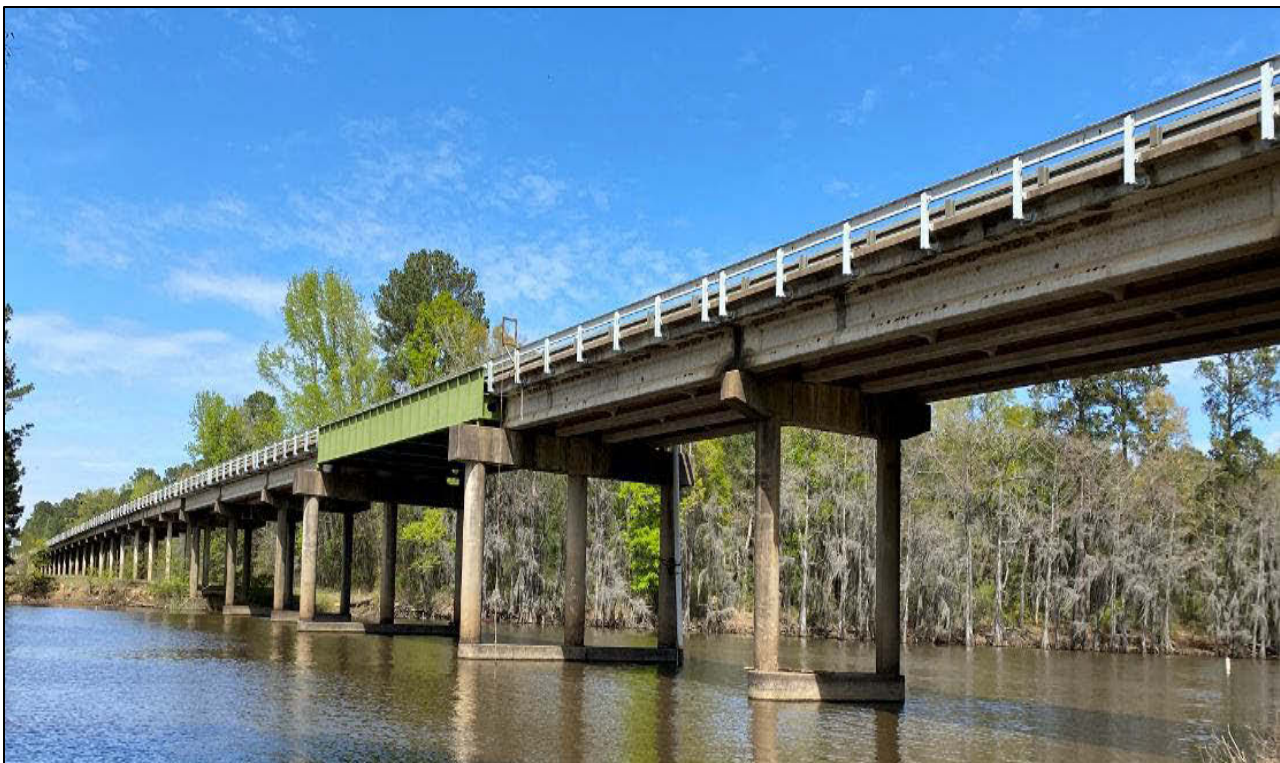
Announcement

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) seeks adopters for the historic bridge detailed below for reuse according to federal transportation and historic preservation laws. The bridge is located in Marion and Harrison Counties, on SH 43 crossing Big Cypress Bayou.

Letters of interest and/or reuse proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 22, 2023. TxDOT is currently undergoing alternatives analysis for this project. The outcome of the analysis may impact the availability of this bridge. Priority for assistance will be given to public entities seeking to reuse the bridge in a public or publicly visible space. Bridges available through this program are not suitable for vehicular service. All rehabilitation work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* in consultation with the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

Interested parties may request additional information, indicate an interest, or submit a reuse proposal by contacting:

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Bridge Location

- **County:** Marion and Harrison
- **Highway or Facility:** SH 43
- **Feature Crossed:** Big Cypress Bayou
- **GIS Locational Information** [SH 43 Big Cypress Bayou Bride](#)

Bridge Information

- **Bridge Owner** Texas Department of Transportation, Atlanta District
- **Main-span Type:** Thru-Plate Girder Unit Simple Span
- **Main-span Length** 80 feet
- **Roadway Width** 28 feet between curbs, 32' 1" from center-to-center of the two girders
- **Year Built** 1965
- **Builder** Unknown, Designed by James R. Graves (TxDOT Design Engineer)

Bridge Condition and Load Rating

The bridge is load posted for 73,000 lbs. gross, single vehicle, seven-axles. The bridge is in fair condition, but the steel deck is an ongoing maintenance issue and limits the load rating and restriction of the bridge. The existing bridge foundation would not be able to support the additional weight of spans and a new concrete deck.

Historic Significance of the Bridge

The bridge is significant due to its exceptional overall structure length of 1,790 feet when compared to other bridges of its type. The bridge eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its engineering at the state level of significance.

Bridge Photographs



