Historic Bridge Adoption
Information Packet

Refugio County
State Highway (SH) 202
Blanco Creek
June 28, 2023
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Announcement
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) offers the historic bridge detailed below for adoption and reuse according to federal transportation and historic preservation laws. Located in Refugio County, the cantilevered steel I-beam with suspended span, on SH 202 crosses Blanco Creek.

The window to submit letters of interest and/or reuse proposals closes at 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2023.

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

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Bridge Location

- **County:** Refugio County
- **Highway or Facility:** SH 202
- **Feature Crossed:** Blanco Creek
- **GIS Locational Information**
  https://arcg.is/159fuW1

Bridge Information

- **Bridge Owner:** TxDOT
- **Main-span Type:** Cantilevered steel I-beam
- **Main-span Length:** 672 feet
- **Roadway Width:** 30 feet
- **Year Built:** 1947
- **Builder:** TxDOT

Bridge Condition and Load Rating

The bridge is located approximately three miles northwest of Refugio, TX. It is a 14-Span (3-Cantilever & Suspended Span & 11-Simple Span) Steel I-Beam Bridge on Concrete Bents with minimal alterations. These alterations include the placement of a W-shaped metal guard rail to replace the original metal pipe railing. The current design of the bridge lacks shoulders and is too narrow by modern standards.

The bridge is in fair condition. The top surface of deck of the bridge has moderate abrasion with exposed concrete, transverse cracks, minor scaling, and rust stains. The substructure features low to moderate spalling, cracks, and rust in addition to exposed steel and rebar. The load rating is unknown at this time.

Historic Significance of the Bridge

TxDOT determined the SH 202 at Blanco Creek Bridge as eligible for the NRHP in 2009 (Survey Forms for NR Eligible Bridges; Texas Historic Bridge Inventory, Evaluation of 1945-1965 Bridges). The Texas Historical Commission, the acting State Historic Preservation Officer, concurred with the recommendation of the eligibility of the bridge in the report.

The bridge is a post-1945 bridge eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C for Engineering at a State level. The bridge is eligible for its technological innovation as an I-beam cantilevered with suspended span. The design allowed for longer interior spans than simple or continuous steel I-beams.
Bridge Photographs