

Minnesota Bridge Inventory 1955-1970

Bridge Number: SHPO Inventory Number: Bridge Name:

Location Data:

Mn/DOT District: County: Bridge Owner:
Feature Intersected: Facility Carried: Location:
USGS Quadrangle: UTM_Zone: UTM_Easting: UTM_Northing:
Township: Range: Section: QTR: QTR-QTR: QTR-QTR-QTR:

Structural Data:

Bridge Type: Mn/DOT Main Span Type Code:
Maximum Span Length (feet): Number of Main Spans: Structure Length (feet):
Year Built: Skew (degrees): Number of Approach Spans:

Design and Construction Data:

Engineering Firm: Engineer:
Fabricator: Contractor:

Architectural Treatments:

Historic railing end posts remain and exhibit art moderne design on outside surface

Alterations and Integrity:

N.d: With the exception of the historic railing end posts, the historic railing has been replaced. The new railing is steel beam encased in concrete.

Additional Bridge Details:

Edge of deck is beveled or chamfered; bridge is located within boundaries of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation.

Bridge Plaque:

1. Plaque located on northeast corner railing end post - "Presented in acknowledgement of the goodwill and international fellowship we share to the Kiwanis Club of Duluth, MN by the Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur, Fort William, & West Fort William, Ontario. May 23, 1964, Official bridge opening."
2. Plaque located on northeast corner end post - "This unfortified boundary line between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America should quicken the remembrance of the more than a century old friendship between these countries. A lesson in peace to all nations. Erected June 8, 1938. Kiwanis International."
3. Plaque located on northwest corner endpost - "Ontario Department of Highways Pigeon River Bridge 1962."
4. Partial plaque on railing with only text: "1964," located on railing mid-point of bridge, east side.
5. Boundary marker - east side of bridge on railing.
6. Boundary marker - west side of bridge on railing.
7. Plaque at southeast corner - "Minnesota Highway Department Bridge No. 5923 1962."

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National Register of Historic Places Evaluation:

Statement of Significance: Bridge 5923 demonstrates significance as an international crossing. As the first structure located at this crossing, this bridge was part of transportation initiatives by local proponents to connect Minnesota and Canada by providing an additional point of entry that relieved congestion at established border crossings, connected important market or industrial routes to Winnipeg, and expanded recreation and tourism.

Although there have been minor alterations to the bridge, the alterations result in minimal loss to the character-defining features of the bridge and do not diminish its ability to convey significance.

This bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Transportation at the state level of significance. However, this bridge does not illustrate the evolution of a bridge type and is not an important variation in the design, fabrication, and construction of a bridge type. Additionally, it is not a distinguishable representation of a master's work and does not possess high artistic value as identified through contextual research. Therefore, this bridge is recommended not eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

National Register Property Category: National Register Property Subcategory:
Historic Context: Level of Significance:
National Register Determination: National Register Determination Date:
Surveyor: Date Surveyed:

Sources: "Bridge 5923" files. Available at Minnesota Department of Transportation, St. Paul, Minn.
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