# Anatomy of a Bridge Deck Rehabilitation



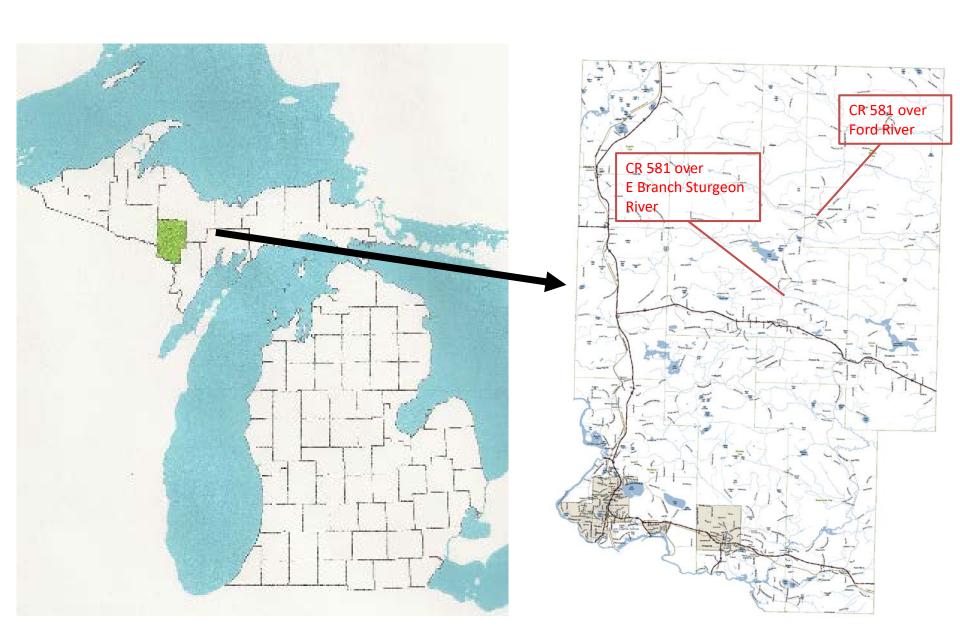


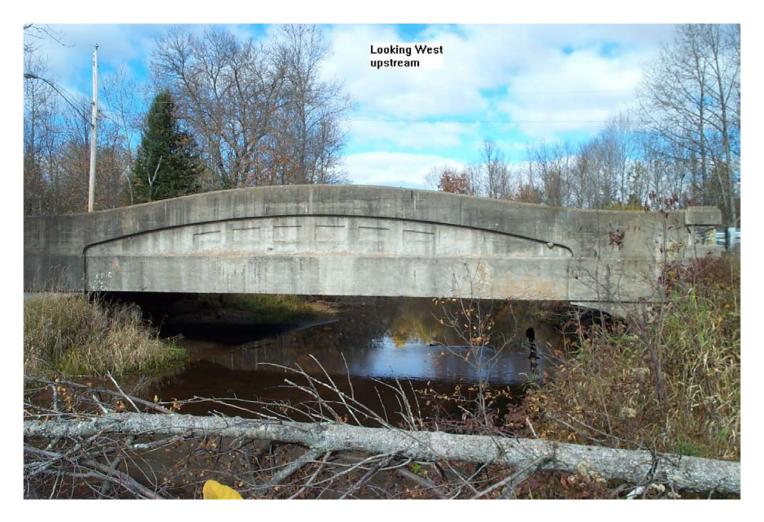


**ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS** 

The restoration of the CR 581 bridges in Dickinson County

### PROJECT LOCATION MAP





CR 581 over Ford River



CR 581 over East Branch Sturgeon River



CR 581 over Ford River



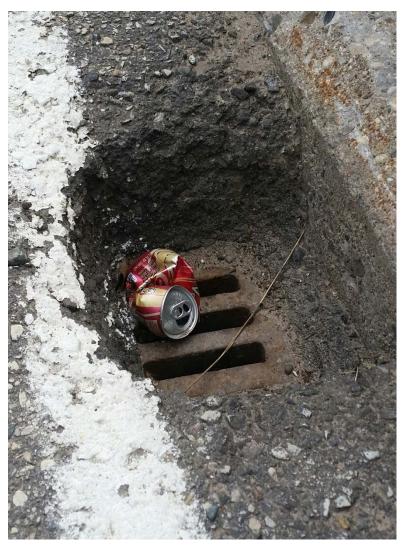
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CR 581 over E. Br. Sturgeon River



CR 581 over Ford River



## Be sure to do a thorough inspection

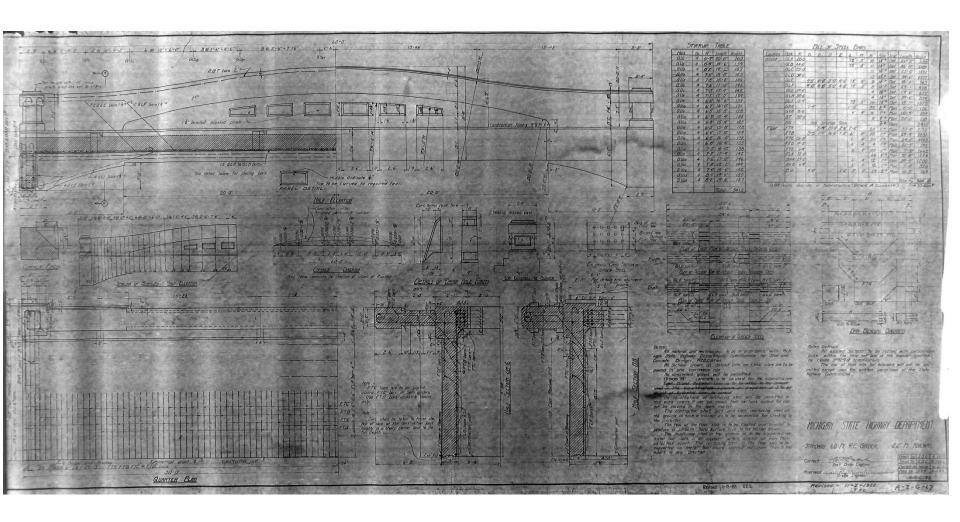


### Inspectors Report

- Bad wearing surface.
- Undersized deck drains without downspouts.
- Approach settlement.
- Surface sounds hollow when hit with hammer.

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Picture from Historic Bridges Encyclopedia HistoricBridges.Org

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- Application listed both bridges as one project since the work was similar and getting a contractor may be difficult.
- Application was successful and we were awarded funding.
- Next we needed an RFP to find help.
  - Awarded a contract to U.P. Engineers of Iron Mountain for design, inspection, & testing.

## **Design Process**

### Field Work

- CHAIN DRAG
  - Method used to determine limits of deck delamination
  - Heavy steel chain pulled by hand across bridge deck surface longitudinally and transversely
  - Hollow sound indicates delamination
  - High pitched "pingy" sound indicates solid condition
  - Areas measured and recorded

#### HAMMER SOUNDING

Used around deck drains and areas with excess dirt

# After Chain Drag



### Design Process

- Field Work
  - PICTURES
  - GUARDRAIL INSPECTION
    - Damage inspection
    - Up to standard?
      - Terminals, transitions, anchorage, posts, side slopes

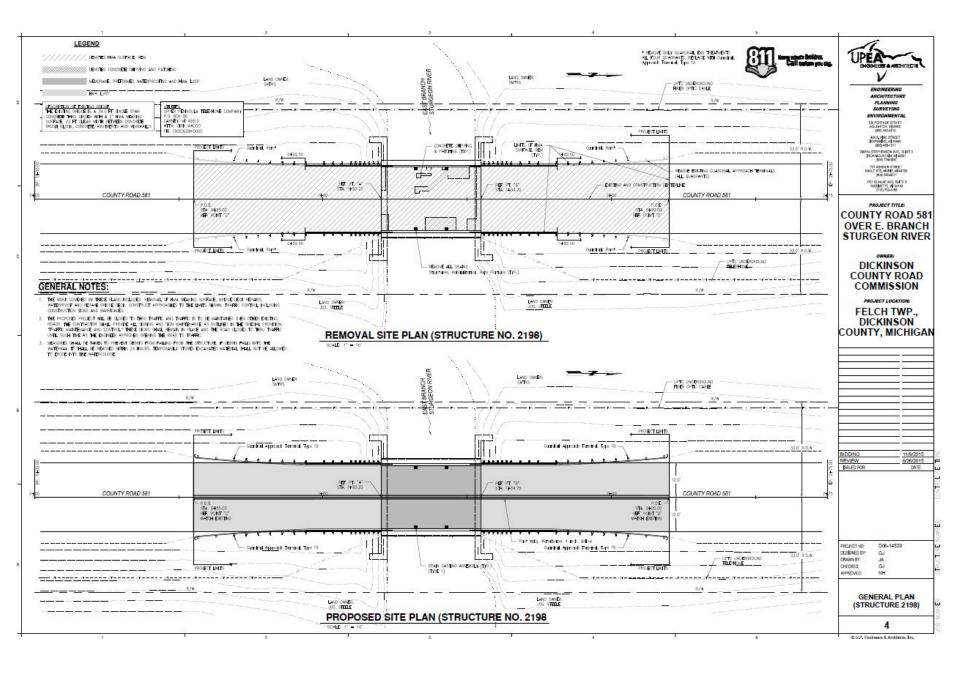
### Substandard Guardrail Terminal

(not SRT or EAT, but good side slopes)



### **Design Process**

- Plan Development
  - Plan sheets showing:
    - Limits of Chipping & Patching
    - Asphalt removal and proposed limits
    - Guardrail removal and proposed
    - Drain casting removal and proposed
    - Typical sections
    - Detour Route
    - Estimates of quantities



## **Bid Letting**

- Letting Date: January 8, 2016
- Project Schedule:
  - Flexible (Early Spring 2016; May/June)
    - Didn't know who would bid
    - Remote area
- 20 working day contract
- 3 contractors bid on the work.
  - Low bid was 30% higher than engineer's estimate
    - ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$108,638
    - BID PRICE: \$141,779
    - Justification: small project, remote area, few locals do this type of work

# Project Awarded to: **Grand River Construction, Inc.**

- Contractor out of Grand Rapids, Michigan
  - LOW BIDDER
- Other bids were 30-40% higher
  - Reasons: too small of a project, Hebert had a workload
    - Hebert Construction
    - Florence Cement Company
- Start date was controlled by the contractor
- Point of interest:
  - Minor traffic devices priced very high
    - Bid: \$33,249 vs. Engineer's Estimate: \$2,000
    - Due to the 10% cap on mobilization?

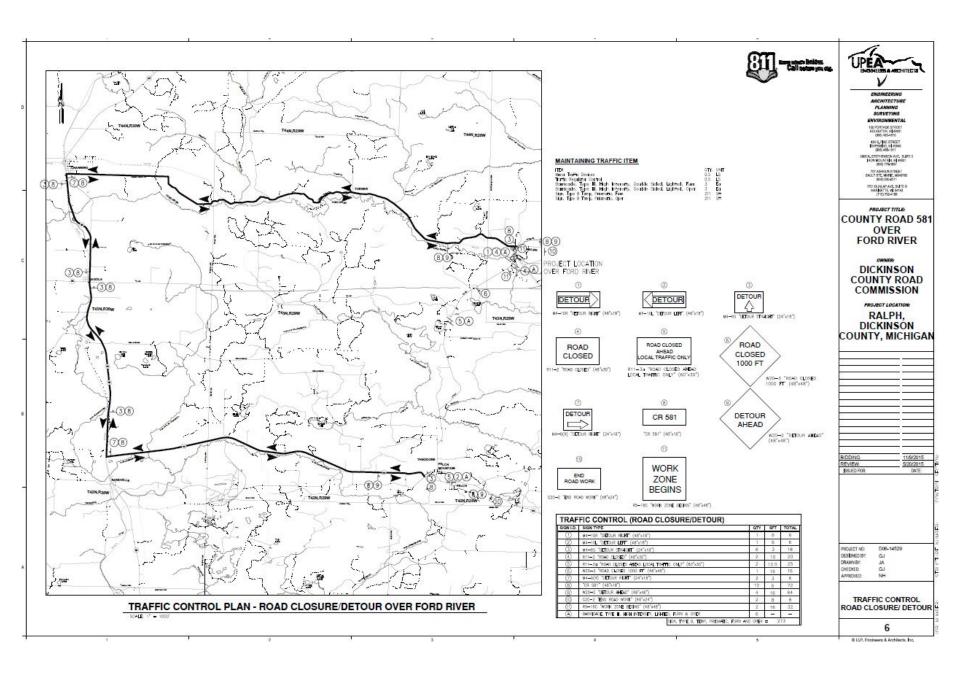
### **Detour Route**

 County Road 581 to Turner Road to M-95 to M-69

Total Length → approx. 37 miles, 52 minutes

Long route, but only route

Bridges too narrow for lane closure



### CONSTRUCTION

### • Sequence:

- Remove asphalt overlays
- Chip off bad concrete
- Pour new concrete
- Install membrane
- Repair approaches
- New HMA wearing surface
- New guardrail where required
- Site restoration

### **Subcontractors:**

- Give 'Em a Brake
- G&J Silt Fence
- PK Contracting
- Superior Paving

# Remove Asphalt Surface



# Cleaned Deck Ready for Inspection



# Chip off Bad Concrete



# Pour Deck Repairs



## Install Membrane



# Repair Approaches



# Repair Approaches



# New Wearing surface





### New Guardrail – MGS Energy Absorbing Terminals



### **Project Summary**

- Completed in 17.5 working days.
- Locals and truck drivers very happy to get project completed (long detour)
- Overall a fast and successful project!

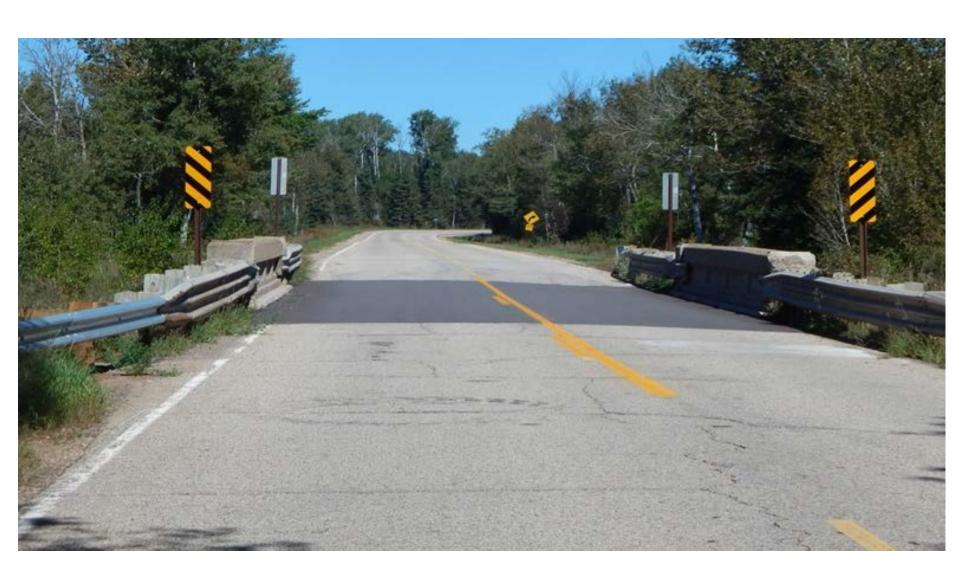
### **Project Costs**

- Bid Price: \$141,778
- Actual Price: \$134,353
- Overruns in HMA since approaches had 9" of asphalt
- Decrease in patching and forming costs

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### Q & A





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