

WOODDALE BRIDGE - PLAN OF TREATMENT

The City of Edina has adopted the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties as the authoritative guide for design review decisions involving properties designated as Edina Heritage Landmarks. The following general guidelines address specific preservation treatment requirements of the Wooddale Bridge:

1. The historic bridge will be preserved in place with the existing form, structural integrity and use of the same or similar materials.
2. The general treatment strategy applied to design review for Certificates of Appropriateness shall be rehabilitation, defined as the process of maintaining the bridge in a state of utility through repairs and minor alterations which make possible an efficient contemporary use while preserving those features which are significant to its historical and engineering values.
3. The distinguishing physical characteristics of the bridge and its environment should not be substantially altered or destroyed as a result of any action taken by the city. Careful consideration should be given to preventing damage from flooding or bank erosion.
4. The removal or alteration of significant historic character defining features should be avoided whenever possible. Repair and replacement of deteriorated features should be based on accurate duplications of the original work, based on historical, pictorial or physical evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of modern materials.
5. Retain the original limestone masonry, whenever possible, repointing only those mortar joints where there is evidence of deterioration; duplicate the old mortar in composition, color, texture, joint size and profile.
6. Reconstruction of damaged masonry railings, head walls and wing walls should be kept to a minimum and the new work should be designed to be compatible in materials, size, scale, color and texture with the original stone work.
7. Necessary signs, lighting, fencing and walkways should be designed to be compatible with the historic character of the bridge and its environment. These installations should be carried out in such a manner that if the new work was to be removed, the essential form and integrity of the historic structure would be unimpaired.
8. Recognize the special problems inherent in the bridge's alignment and structural systems when complying with traffic safety and engineering requirements so that the essential character of the historic structure is preserved intact.
9. Investigate alternative traffic safety measures that preserve the structure's historic integrity. The City will make every effort to retain the historic bridge as a functional part of the modern transportation system while preserving its distinguishing original qualities.
10. In the event that the historic bridge can no longer be preserved in place for reasons of public safety, the preferred treatment strategy shall be mitigation by relocation to another location where it can be preserved and repurposed. If relocation is not feasible, the effects of demolition may be mitigated by historical and engineering documentation with measured drawings, large-format negative photographs, and written data which meet the standards of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER).

