

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jasper County Highway Department has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) as a sub- applicant.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: Jasper County Highway Department

Project Title: 765949-Jasper County Bridge MO3, PA-07-IA-4784-PW-00186

Location of Proposed Work:

M03 Bridge (NBIS: 196840) on S. 24th Ave W. Newton, IA South of I 80 over Cherry Creek, GPS 41.67793, -93.09944.

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project will perform work in the A Zone, the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per Jasper County FIRM panel 19099C0190D, dated 10/05/2018.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Jasper County Highway Department proposes to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to complete replace the M03 Bridge. Project brings structure up to current Iowa DOT codes and standards.

- A. Replacing 2 each of Treated wood bridge cap, 20 FT long x 12 IN wide x 12 IN thick
- B. Replacing 12 each of Pilings Treated wood, 30 FT long x 12 IN in diameter
- C. Replacing 42 each of Treated Wood Backwall, 20 FT long x 12 IN wide x 3 IN deep
- D. Replacing 12 each of Treated wood Wing Pilings, 30 FT long x 12 IN in diameter
- E. Replacing 84 each of Treated wood wing wall, 16 FT long x 12 IN wide x 3 IN deep
- F. Replacing 4 each of Pilings, 25 FT long x 12 IN in diameter
- G. Replacing 9 each of Metal I Beams 1/2 IN thick, 42 FT long x 8.25 IN wide x 21 IN high
- H. Replacing Angle Iron railing, 168 LF long,
- I. Replacing 36 each of Channel beams 1/4 IN thick, 30 IN long x 3 IN wide x 12 IN high,
- J. Replacing Cable Deadman, 1,080 FT long x 0.5 IN in diameter,
- K. Replacing 2 each of Piling Wing wall, 25 FT long x 12 IN in diameter

- L. Replacing 43 each of Wood Decking, 20 FT long x 12 IN wide x 4 IN thick.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The M03 Bridge has been identified as unsafe for regular vehicular traffic, posing a significant public safety issue. The no-action alternative is not appropriate, as it would leave the bridge in its current hazardous state, increasing risks to infrastructure integrity and community safety.

Alternative #2 (Repair In-Kind): The restoration of the M03 bridge is being pursued under a grant initiative to address safety concerns and structural vulnerabilities. The project will rebuild the bridge to meet current codes and standards, ensuring long-term functionality and resilience against flooding events.

Alternative #3 (Mitigation): The restoration of the M03 bridge will bring the structure up to current codes and standards, eliminating the need for additional mitigation measures.

Comment Period:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. All comments received can be submitted online, via email, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Environmental Officer at r7-mt-ehp@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: **“IA-4784-PW-186, Jasper County Highway Department, Bridge M03.”**

Interested persons may also submit comments and questions in writing, or request a map of this specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Regional Environmental Officer, 11224 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments should be sent with the subject line **“IA-4784-PW-186, Jasper County Highway Department, Bridge M03.”** to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice