

Cumberland River Bridge Rehabilitation



Project Description:

- The original bridge was completed July 25, 1860 for an estimated \$103,000.
- The foundations of the 7 original piers remains.
- On September 29, 1906, the swing span was opened when a passenger train approached. The locomotive, tender car and mail car plunged into the Cumberland River. The engineer and mail express messenger were killed.
- On June 13, 1947 a train engineer and train fireman were killed when the engineer failed to notice the stop signal. The swing span was open about 15 feet and was struck by the locomotive before it fell into the river.
- In 2002, the western stone bridge pier was heavily damaged by a barge but was rebuilt with concrete textured to resemble stone.
- The original grant application for this project was submitted in 2007.
- A \$3.4 million grant was awarded for the project. The State of Tennessee paid 80% with the City & County paying 5% each, and RJ Corman paying 10% and all overages.
- The entire bridge was repainted and the control house was completely renovated.
- The official lighting ceremony was held on March 17th, 2015.



Design Team:
HDR, Inc/ICA
Engineering, Inc.

Total Project Cost:
\$3,609,851

Contractor Team:
R.J. Corman Railroad
Group

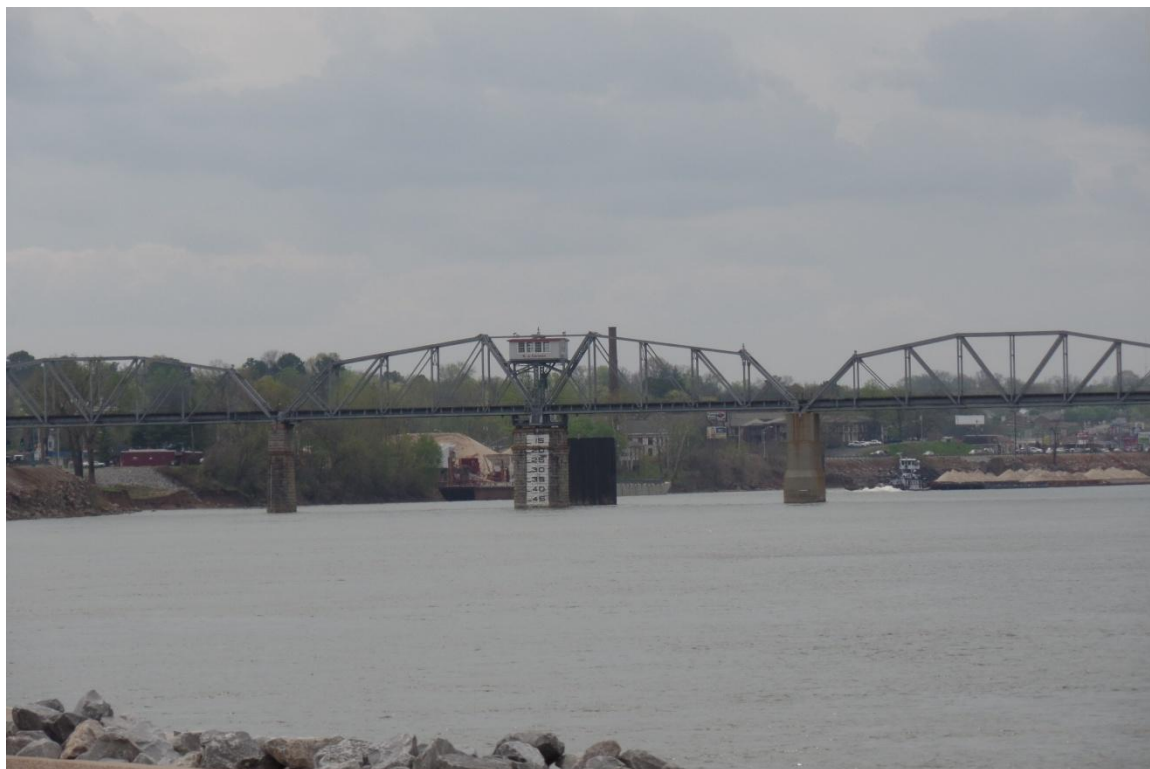
Completion Date:
March 2015



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