

Blatnik Bridge Replacement

The Citizens of Northwest Wisconsin Request

That a discussion begin between WISDOT and MNDOT about the future of the Blatnik Bridge between Superior WI & Duluth MN.

Background

This past summer as we were discussing with MNDOT officials about the current closures that were taking place on the Blatnik Bridge, they mentioned that the Blatnik Bridge was getting close to if not at its life expectancy. They also talked about that over the next 5 - 7 years there would be one lane and possibly complete lane closures to do annual maintenance to keep the bridge maintained. If MNDOT knows that the Blatnik Bridge is getting to the end of its life expectancy and knowing that it is one of two major bridges between Superior and Duluth then we need to start the discussion now on what a new or replacement bridge is going to look like. The impact on Duluth of a new bridge may not be that big of a deal as the traffic will come off where it currently does. But for the city of Superior a new bridge will have a major impact on us. More so if the foot of the bridge is relocated as was mentioned as a possibility by some of the MNDOT officials.



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