

## HISTORIC BRIDGE AVAILABLE FOR RELOCATION

All interested persons are hereby given notice that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Craig County, Oklahoma are interested in donating a historic bridge over Paw Paw Creek near Vinita to any private or public party willing and able to relocate and maintain the structure at another site. The Warren, polygonal top chord, pony truss is 133 feet long and was erected in 1909 by the Illinois Steel Bridge Company of Jacksonville, Illinois. The bridge is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. More information can be obtained at [www.okladot.state.ok.us/env-programs/bridges/index.php](http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/env-programs/bridges/index.php). The bridge is now obsolete and must be replaced by a modern two-lane bridge. If no new owner is found, the bridge will be demolished to make room for the new structure.

If any party is interested in assuming ownership of and moving this bridge to another site, they must submit a written statement of interest to the Environmental Programs Division Engineer, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 Northeast 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105-3204. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Program may be contacted for further information (405-325-7201). Statements of interest must be received no later than 45 days from date of publication of this legal notice.

All respondents whose statement of interest demonstrates a viable capability to move, rebuild, and maintain the historic integrity bridge will be provided with an information packet containing details of the bridge, photographs, a location map, and appropriate stipulations regarding historic preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance. Respondents must then submit a detailed proposal to the Department of Transportation to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Oklahoma State Historical Society. These proposals must be submitted by 45 days from deadline for statements of interest, at the latest. Preference will be given to respondents who can move the bridge within a reasonably short time frame and whose proposals demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the structure's historic integrity at a publicly accessible site. The recipient must also agree to assume all legal and financial liability for operation and use of the bridge at its new location.

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