

**STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

IN THE MATTER OF A BRIDGE PROJECT
CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
ON HIGHWAY 61 AND 151
BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, DUBUQUE COUNTY, IOWA
AND THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN

FINDING, DETERMINATION AND ORDER

IT APPEARING that this proceeding was initiated by a resolution adopted on November 22, 1977, by the Department, pursuant to the provisions of Section 84.12, of the Wisconsin Statutes; that said resolution related to the construction of a bridge project across the Mississippi River between the City of Dubuque, in Dubuque County, in the State of Iowa, and the Town of Jamestown, in Grant County, in the State of Wisconsin; that the said resolution stated that the construction of the bridge project is necessary and that it is a bridge project eligible for construction under the provisions of Section 84.12, Wisconsin Statutes; and that thereafter, and within 60 days, the Department fixed 7:00 P.M. on the 15th day of March, 1978, at the Audobon School, in the City of Dubuque, Iowa, as the time and place for a hearing to be held thereon; that the Department gave notice of said hearing by publication of a class 3 Notice on February 8, 1978, again on March 1, 1978, and again on March 8, 1978, in the Tri-County Press, Cuba City, and in the Grant County Herald Independent, Lancaster, and on February 9, 1978, again on March 2, 1978, and again on March 9, 1978 in Platteville Journal, Platteville, and in the Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, and in the Dubuque Herald, Dubuque, Iowa, said newspapers being published in Grant County and Dane County, Wisconsin, and in Dubuque County, Iowa, and having a general circulation in Grant County, Wisconsin, and in Dubuque County, Iowa, in which the bridge project is to be located; and by mailing on February 6, 1978, by certified mail, a notice of said hearing properly addressed to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the clerk of each county, city, village and town in the State of Iowa and State of Wisconsin in which any part of the bridge project will be located; and that the said hearing was duly held at the time and place fixed and all persons desiring to do so were given an opportunity to appear and to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration of the proceedings had at said hearing and all proceedings had herein and matters pertinent thereto, the Department

FINDS AND DETERMINES

1. That all requirements of law which are conditions precedent to the insurance of this Finding, Determination and Order have been duly met;
2. That the construction is necessary;
3. That the location of the bridge project should begin at or near the center of the west channel (Lake Peosta Channel) of the Mississippi River at its westerly end; and proceeding on new location by the way of a structure, crossing the City Island, to the east abutment of the structure over the east channel of the Mississippi River at its easterly end;
4. That the bridge project shall include the construction of bridging for all or part of two separate channels of the Mississippi River and the City Island, and shall include incidental work as may be necessary exclusive of all the ramps;
5. That the length of the bridge portions are necessarily in excess of 475 feet;
6. That the bridge project is eligible for construction under the provisions of Section 84.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

7. That the character and the kind of bridge most feasible crossing the City Island and part of the west channel of the Mississippi River is a continuous welded steel plate and prestressed concrete girder structure with four traffic lanes;
8. That the character and kind of bridge most feasible crossing the east channel of the Mississippi River is a steel tied arched structure with four traffic lanes;
9. That the total estimated cost of such bridge project is \$35,000,000;
10. That the cost of the total bridge project to be paid by the State of Wisconsin is 25% or approximately \$9,000,000.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the resolution of the Department by which this proceeding was initiated is ratified, approved, and confirmed;
2. That the construction of the bridge project herein concerned, in accordance with the subject to all requirements of law shall be commenced and shall proceed as soon as may be reasonable, and that, without limitation of the foregoing because of enumeration; surveys, plans, estimates, and layouts shall be prepared, bids advertised for and received, and contracts for construction awarded and executed in relation thereto;

3. That a certified copy of this Finding, Determination and Order shall be filed on behalf of the Department, with the clerk of each county, city, village or town in Wisconsin in which any portion of the bridge project will be located, and also with the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, and the Iowa Department of Transportation at Ames, Iowa.

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/s/ H. L. Fiedler

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Acting Administrator