John Mack Bridge
00 S BROADWAY
Wichita

LOCATION:

County: Sedgwick
Address: 00 S BROADWAY
Address Remarks: South Broadway over Arkansas River
City: Wichita
Zip:
Parcel ID:
Legal Description: SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 5 Township 28S Range 1E
Legal Description Remarks:
Latitude, Longitude 1: 37.644691 -97.335585
Latitude, Longitude 2:
Latitude, Longitude 3:
Latitude, Longitude 4:
Datum: WGS84

DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: John Mack Bridge
Alternate Name:
Historic Function: Transportation
Subcategory: Road-Related (Vehicular)
Historic Function Remarks: Spanning the Big Arkansas River along South Broadway in Wichita, the John Mack Bridge is the largest Marsh Arch Bridge in Kansas. The Marsh Engineering Company of Des Moines, Iowa designed the eight span bridge in 1929. Work on the bridge began on January 30, 1930. On July 22, 1931, the bridge was dedicated in the name of John C. Mack, a newspaper publisher, senator, and member of the Kansas State Highway Commission. The dedication ceremony was attended by thousands of people who danced to the music of the Bob & Laura Collins Orchestra on the brand new bridge.

Present Function: Transportation
Subcategory: Road-Related (Vehicular)
Present Function Remarks:
Residential/Commercial/Religious Style:
Secondary Style:
Barn Type: Not Applicable
Bridge Type: Marsh Arch (Rainbow)
Landscape Type: Not Applicable
Physical Description/Remarks: rainbow reinforced concrete, tied arch
Plan Form: Rectangle
Commercial Building Type: Not Applicable
Roof Form: Not Applicable
Stories: 1
Condition: Excellent
Principal Material: Concrete
Condition Remarks:
Architect/Designer/Builder: Marsh Engineering
Year of Construction: 1929
Certainty: Documented
Date Notes:
General Remarks:
Ancillary Structures: None
Ancillary Structure Remarks:

REGISTER STATUS:

Listed in State Register: Yes
Date of State Listing: 01/22/1992
Listed in National Register: Yes
Date of National Listing: 01/22/1992
Historic District:
Demolished:
Date Demolished (if applicable):
Potentially Eligible for National Register:
Register Status Remarks: It was nominated for its association with the growth of Wichita and for its engineering.
Thematic Nomination (MPDF): Rainbow Arch Bridges of Kansas
National Historic Landmark:

SURVEY INFORMATION:
There is no survey information for this record.

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS


JOHN MACK BRIDGE
REHABILITATION
1996

BOB KNIGHT, MAYOR
BILL CATHER, VICE MAYOR

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CITY ENGINEER

WILDCAT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF KANSAS

ARKANSAS RIVER BRIDGE
U.S. HIGHWAY 81
TOMLINSON BRIDGE & SUPPLY CO
GARFIELD KANSAS

CONTRACTORS
B.J. BERSON
RESIDENT ENGINEER
1931
JOHN MACK
BRIDGE
BUILT BY
STATE HIGHWAY COMM.
OF KANSAS
NAMED IN HONOR OF JOHN C MACK
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER OF
THE FIFTH DISTRICT AT THE TIME
OF ITS AUTHORIZATION