

# Kansas Historic Resources Inventory

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**011-1830-00089**  
**National Avenue Bridge**  
**N NATIONAL AVE**  
**Fort Scott**



## LOCATION:

**County:** Bourbon

**Address:** N NATIONAL AVE

**Address Remarks:** N National Ave. At Marmaton River

**City:** Fort Scott

**Zip:** 66701

**Parcel ID:**

**Legal Description:**

**Legal Description Remarks:** on public property

**Latitude, Longitude 1:**

**Latitude, Longitude 2:**

**Latitude, Longitude 3:**

**Latitude, Longitude 4:**

**Datum:** WGS84

## DESCRIPTION:

**Historic Name:** National Avenue Bridge

**Alternate Name:**

**Historic Function:** Transportation

**Subcategory:** Road-Related (Vehicular)

**Historic Function Remarks:** bridge

**Present Function:** Transportation

**Subcategory:** Road-Related (Vehicular)

**Present Function Remarks:** bridge

**Residential/Commercial/Religious Style:**

**Secondary Style:**

**Barn Type:**

**Bridge Type:** Marsh Arch (Rainbow)

**Landscape Type:**

**Physical Description/Remarks:**

**Plan Form:** Not Applicable

**Commercial Building Type:** Not Applicable

**Roof Form:** Not Applicable

**Stories:**

**Condition:** Good

**Principal Material:** Concrete

**Condition Remarks:** Arched reinforced concrete span with ten supporting pillars on each side and two cross-supports near the top of the arch. A walkway with protective railing runs along each side outside the supporting pillars. At one time, the bridge and the river were attractive and park like. Cast iron light posts (without globes) stand at each side of both entries to the bridge. Today, a large utility pipeline runs across the bridge on the west side.

**Architect/Designer/Builder:** Marsh Engineering Company

**Year of Construction:** 1933

**Certainty:** Documented

**Date Notes:** Date on cornerstone

**General Remarks:** The National Avenue Marmaton River Bridge between Fort Scott and Belltown was built in 1933 after the collapse of the old bridge. Information from the cornerstone on the southwest corner reads: "National Avenue Bridge erected 1933. Martin Miller, Mayor; Elmer Coe, Frank Ausman, Commissioners; John Connolly, City Attorney; Fred Hawthorne, City Engineer; S. Melton, Inspector."  
The bridge was built when the old bridge fell, killing one man.

**Ancillary Structures:** None

**Ancillary Structure Remarks:**

#### REGISTER STATUS:

**Listed in State Register:** No

**Date of State Listing:**

**Listed in National Register:** No

**Date of National Listing:**

**Historic District:**

**Demolished:**

**Date Demolished (if applicable):**

**Potentially Eligible for National Register:** Not Assessed

**Register Status Remarks:**

**Thematic Nomination (MPDF):**

**National Historic Landmark:**

#### SURVEY INFORMATION:

##### Survey 1

**Survey Project Name:** Fort Scott - Downtown Survey (1990)

**Sequence Number:** 002

**Surveyed By:** Connie Banwart, Downtown Fort Scott

**Survey Date:** 02/20/1990

#### IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



National Avenue Bridge. N National Ave at Marmaton River. JLBanwart, Jr. 2/19/90.



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National Avenue Bridge. N National Ave at Marmaton River. Historic Image. 1930s.