

Louisiana Historic Bridge Inventory

Recall Number: 008690

Structure Number: 03502380300131

SHPO Number: 50-00766

Bridge Name: TECHE BAYOU

Location Data:

District: 03

Parish: St. Martin

Feature Crossed: BAYOU TECHE ST M.

Facility Carried: LA0096

Location: .13 MI EAST OF LA 31

City, Village or Town (if applicable): St. Martinville

Status: Open

Bridge Owner: State of Louisiana

Latitude: 30.12331

Longitude: -91.82703

Structural Data:

Bridge Type: Steel Plate Girder Swing Span

Year Built: 1942

Main Span Configuration (if applicable): Plate girder swing span

Maximum Span Length (feet): 133

Number of Spans: 1

Overall Structure Length (feet): 230

Approach Span Type (if applicable): Concrete tee beam

Posted Load: 15-25

Current ADT: 010100

Design and Construction Data:

Engineer or Builder:

Louisiana Highway Commission

Bridge Plaque:

None

National Register of Historic Places Evaluation:

This steel plate girder swing bridge has significance as an example of a movable bridge and as a subtype. Its significance is demonstrated by the presence of distinctive engineering and design features of the steel plate girder swing type, which is characterized by steel plate girder main span, center-bearing turning mechanism, pivot pier, and operator's house. This particular example also features a variable-depth girder. Based on as-built plans that date to before the 1940 reorganization of the LHC into the LDH, it appears that a state standard plan (S-S-48) served as a general guide for the design and construction of this bridge. The bridge exhibits alterations to the operator's house that result in a minor loss of integrity, but continues to convey significant design features of this subtype. The bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C: Design/Engineering.

No evidence was found during research or data collection activities to indicate that this bridge possesses a direct and important association with historical events or trends. This bridge does not possess significance under Criterion A.

Within/Adjacent to Known Historic District: N/A

National Register Historic District Name: N/A

National Register Determination: Eligible

National Register Determination Date: 2013

Surveyor: Mead & Hunt, Inc.

Date Surveyed: 2013



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