BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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ORGANIZATION (if any):

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IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Veterans Memorial Bridge
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Rochester VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: NY 104 Keeler St Expressway
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☑ b. private ☐
5. PRESENT OWNER: NYS ADDRESS:
6. USE: Original: Present:
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☑ No ☐ Interior accessible: Explain

DESCRIPTION see attached
8. BUILDING MATERIAL:
   a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
   e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
   (if known) b. wood frame with light members ☐
   c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
   d. metal (explain) ☐
   e. other
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☑ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☐ b. moved ☐ if so, when? ☐
    c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

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14. THREATS TO BUILDING:  
   a. none known □  
   b. zoning □  
   c. roads □  
   d. developers □  
   e. deterioration □  
   f. other: _____________________________

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
   a. barn □  
   b. carriage house □  
   c. garage □  
   d. privy □  
   e. shed □  
   f. greenhouse □  
   g. shop □  
   h. gardens □  
   i. landscape features: _____________________________  
   j. other: _____________________________

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
   a. open land □  
   b. woodland □  
   c. scattered buildings □  
   d. densely built-up □  
   e. commercial □  
   f. industrial □  
   g. residential □  
   h. other: _____________________________

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
   (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
   Genesee River gorge

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
   See eligibility attachment

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1931

   ARCHITECT: Harold Baker, engineer  
   F. P. McKibben, architect

   BUILDER: _____________________________

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
   See eligibility attachment

21. SOURCES:

22. THEME:
ELIGIBILITY EVALUATION

PROPERTY: Veterans Memorial Bridge  MCD: Rochester
ADDRESS: Rte 104 (Keeler St Exy)  COUNTY: Monroe
PROJECT REF: 92PR2274

I. ___ Property is individually listed on SR/NR: ____________________________
   ____________________________
   Property is a contributing component of a SR/NR district:
   ____________________________

II. X Property appears to meet eligibility criteria.
   ____________________________
   Property contributes to a district which appears to meet eligibility criteria. Pre SRB: ____ Post SRB: ___
   ____________________________
   SRB date

National Register Criteria for Evaluation:
A. X Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
B. ___ Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
C. X Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or represents the work of a master; or possess high artistic values; or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
D. ___ Have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
The Veterans Memorial Bridge is historically significant as a major engineering work in the transportation system of the City of Rochester. Erected in 1930-31, the massive reinforced concrete arch bridge carries the Keeler Ave. Expressway across the scenic Genesee River gorge. Faced with massive granite block masonry and bearing a dedicatory bronze plaque, the bridge is a substantial engineering structure built as an enduring civic landmark by Rochester/Monroe County to commemorate the service of its citizens in the First World War. Designed by engineer F. P. McKibben and erected by the firm of Booth & Flinn, the Veterans Memorial Bridge remains a prominent feature of the picturesque Genesee gorge, and a reminder of commemorative architecture of the post-WWI era.
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY – SCREENING DATA

BIN No. 1014830 In Service YES
Listing
Region 4 County MONROE
Feature Carried KEELER STREET EXPY.
Route Carried 68-8 ROUTE 104
Feature Crossed GENESEE RIVER & BRIDGEVIEW DRIVE

Date of Construction 1931 Date Present YES
Builder BOOTH & FLINN CO. Plate Present YES

Special Features
PARAPET WALLS AT VIEWING PLATFORMS, GRANITE STONE FASCIA, PAUL GRAND STAIRCASES ABUT THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE BRIDGE ON THE WEST BANK (WITH VIEWING PLATFORMS), THIS BRIDGE HAS —

Condition Rating 420 B
General Recommendation 4
Site Integrity (if known) HAS NOT BEEN MOVED FROM ORIGINAL SITE

Number of Spans 7
Superstructure: Main Span SPANDREL ARCH
Other SPANDREL ARCHES
Span Length: Main Span 356' SPAN #4
Other SPAN #1: 32'-6" SPAN #2: 75'-2"
SPAN #3: 85'-2" SPAN #5: 85'-2"
SPAN #6: 75'-2" SPAN #7: 37'-6"

Total Bridge Length 972'
Width (out-to-out) 106.4'
Width (curb-to-curb) 90.0'
This structure erected under supervision of city manager: Stephen B. Story, commissioner of public works; Harold B. Baker, engineer; F.P. M. Abbey, architect; Gerhard Ross, city engineer; E.A. Fisher, contractor; R. DeChems, resident engineer.

Photo Negative Number(s)

Other Remarks

Significant ties to surrounding Olmstead Parks (Seneca and Maplewood) and links the two banks of the unique geological feature known as the Genesee River Gorge or "Grand Canyon of the East".

Photograph(s)

SEE ENCLOSED PHOTOS LABELLED #1-12

1930-1931