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Necanicum River, W Broadway

Bridge Number 07C11

Year Built 1924

Common Name: Broadway Bridge, Seaside Bridge

Location: In Seaside

Lat/Long: 45 59 35, -123 55 27

Description: Three 41-ft filled-spandrel, barrel-type deck arch spans

Designers: G.R. Edwards and Daniel B. Luten

Builder: W.A. Webster and J.H. Tillman

Significance: The Broadway Bridge in Seaside is one of the few remaining patented Luten arches in Oregon, and was the last one to be built. The Luten design, which was chosen due to its aesthetic appeal, was protested by both state and federal engineers for being inadequate. To complement the decorative nature of the arches, the bridge was also given a number of decorative finishes, including urn-shaped balustrade railings, light posts and a pair of bronze bas-relief castings by noted Oregon sculptor Avard Fairbanks.

Character Defining Features: Structure type, Luten design, Decorative railing and light posts, Bronze castings