

General Bridge Information:

TXDOT District: Brownwood
County: San Saba
Structure ID: 232060AA0262001
Facility Carried: CR 204
Feature Crossed: San Saba River
Bridge Owner: County Highway Agency

Statement of Eligibility:

This evaluation does not reflect potential significance under Criterion A. Criterion A evaluations must be conducted at the local level of significance in the area of Transportation, per the registration requirements established in the "Historic Road Infrastructure of Texas" MPS. This evaluation would typically be conducted in conjunction with project planning for future projects prior to Section 106 consultation.

Bridge 232060AA0262001 carries County Road 204 over the San Saba River in San Saba County. According to the Texas Department of Transportation's historic bridge file for this structure, it was constructed in 1891. It is a pin-connected, one span Pratt through truss with riveted built-up member. The portal is comprised of decorative curved and circular bracing. The bridge is significant as one of 18 remaining examples of Pratt through truss bridges originally designed as vehicular bridges in Texas. It is also significant as a pin-connected bridge constructed before 1900 and for high artistic value as exhibited in the decorative portal.

The bridge retains integrity of location as it remains in its historic location. In 2013, the bridge is being rehabilitated, and the work includes replacing the deck, heat straightening and repairing impact damage, repairing a crack at the east endpost, repairing floor system, constructing new abutments and piers, and reconstructing the approach. The work is being completed in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and will not adversely affect the character-defining features of the bridge. As such, the bridge retains integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association.

Based on the registration requirements established in the "Historic Road Infrastructure of Texas" MPS, Bridge 232060AA0262001 possesses significance as a rare surviving example of a once-common type, the Pratt through truss, in the state, as an example of a pin-connected bridge constructed before 1900, and for high artistic value. The bridge retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance and is recommended eligible for National Register of Historic Places listing under Criterion C in the area of Engineering.

In addition, per a policy decision by the Texas SHPO, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission in 2014, all metal trusses constructed before 1946 are significant at the local level as embodying distinctive characteristics of a type. Determination as to whether this particular metal truss bridge possesses sufficient integrity to warrant eligibility for listing in the NRHP requires consultation with the Texas SHPO.

Statewide Vehicular Truss Bridge Reevaluation

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Photo 1: North elevation of the one-span Pratt through truss, a rare survivor of a once-common truss type; view facing southwest



Photo 2: Detail of the primary connection type - the pin connection – that is a significant feature of this bridge due to the date of construction prior to 1900

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Photo 3: Detail of the decorative portal bracing, which represents the bridge's significance for high artistic value



Photo 4: Overview of deck and approach roadway; view facing east

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Photo 5: Detail of truss panel; view facing northwest



Photo 6: Underside of truss; view facing east