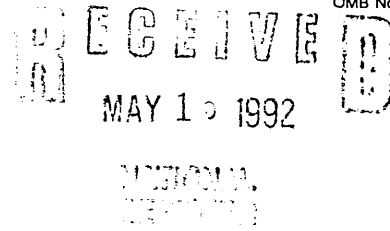


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Main Street Bridge
other name/site number West Papillion Creek Bridge; NEHBS Number DO05-1

2. Location

street & number Main Street over West Papillion Creek N/A not for publication
city, town Elkhorn N/A vicinity
state NE county Douglas code 055 zip code 68022

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	<u>City of Omaha</u>	Number of Resources within Property	
Category of Property	<u>structure</u>	Contributing	Noncontributing
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

[Signature] DSHPO 5/6/92
Signature of certifying official Date

Nebraska State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>6/29/92</u>
<u> </u> see continuation sheet	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> determined eligible for the National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> see continuation sheet	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> determined not eligible for the National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> removed from the National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> other (explain:)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Entered in the
National Register

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER /steel stringer bridge

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
walls N/A
roof N/A
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located in Elkhorn along U.S. Highway 30, the Main Street Bridge spans West Papillion Creek in a setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. Other than maintenance-related repairs, noted below, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. The Main Street Bridge today retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A description of the structure follows:

span number:	1	construction date:	1915
span length:	28.0'	construction cost:	\$2,760.13
total length:	30.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	20.2'	alterations:	concrete deck added 1920

superstructure: steel stringer
substructure: concrete abutments, back- and wingwalls
floor/decking: concrete deck over steel stringers
other features: 10 stringers plus outside channels; sidewalk on east side only, concrete slab extends beyond stringers; railing: channels on angles

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

	statewide
Applicable National Register Criteria	C
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	N/A
Areas of Significance	Engineering
Period of Significance	1915 - 1920 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1915, 1920
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder (Designer)	State of Nebraska
(Fabricator)	Omaha Structural Steel Works (probable)
(Builder)	Omaha Structural Steel Works, Omaha NE

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations and areas of significance noted above.

On September 25, 1915, the Douglas County Commissioners requested that Omaha Structural Steel Works, which had been awarded the county's bridge contract that year, build at this site a 30-foot, I-beam bridge, 20 feet wide with a four-foot sidewalk. The bridge replaced a wood pile structure. Construction began on November 23rd. Since the county had adopted state standard bridge plans in 1913, the structure's design was presumably based on state plans. Plans contained in the file for Bridge #388 (later renumbered U082501805P) show the bridge essentially as it now stands. Eight-inch I-beams and 8-inch H-piling reinforced the concrete back- and wingwalls. The structure was built with a wood floor. On June 29, 1920, the county commissioners passed the following measure: "Whereas L.E. Adams, County Supervisor, has recommended that a concrete flooring be laid on Bridge No. 388, located on the Lincoln Highway just south of U.P. Railway Tracks, this bridge being a 24 ft. x 30 ft. I Beam structure with wooden floor, and was built in the year 1915, therefore be it resolved... to have this concrete flooring laid... to conform with the rest of the bridges on the Lincoln Highway." Chris Hansen was foreman for the work, with Omaha Structural Steel Works providing reinforcing and C.C. Holling supplying lumber. Total cost for the new deck was \$677.35.

This bridge is a well-preserved and well-documented early example of a utilitarian bridge design widely used throughout Nebraska during the first decades of the 20th century. It gains added significance by its association with the Lincoln Highway.

For further contextual information regarding bridge building in Nebraska, registration requirements, and property types, see related multiple property listing "Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870 - 1942."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nebraska Department of Roads, Structure Inventory and Appraisal: Structure Number U082501805P; Douglas County Commissioners' Records, Vol. 4, p. 571, 25 September 1915, and Book 9, p. 407, 29 June 1920, at Douglas County Courthouse, Omaha, Nebraska; bridge files for Bridge Number U082501805P (#388), located in vault of Douglas County Highway Building, Omaha, Nebraska; field inspection by Robert M. Frame, 26 October 1989. Information about the Lincoln Highway in George E. Koster, "A Story of Highway Development in Nebraska," paper, 1986, p. 8; "Lincoln Highway Registration Form," nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, available at Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln; Nebraska Department of Public Works, **Monthly Report**, September 1921, p. 7, and July 1922, p. 10; field inspection by Robert Frame, 25 October 1989.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

___ preliminary determination of individual listing
(36 CFR 67) has been requested
___ previously listed in the National Register
___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
___ designated a National Historic Landmark
___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ___
___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ___

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other (specify repository:)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre
Cadastral Reference S12, T15N, R10E
USGS Quadrangle Elkhorn (7.5 Minute Series, 1968; photorevised 1983)
UTM References zone 14 easting 731390 northing 4573490

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 30 feet by 22.2 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure and floor system.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but do not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with this bridge.

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