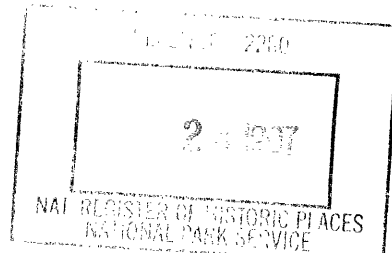


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (Form 10-900-a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Lisbon Bridge

Other names/site number: Sheyenne River Bridge; 32RM78

2. Location

Street & number: North Dakota State Highway 32  not for publication

City or town: Lisbon  vicinity

State: North Dakota Code: ND County: Ransom Code: 073 Zip code: 58054

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James E. Sperry January 8, 1997  
Signature and title of certifying official James E. Sperry Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 2/27/99

Lisbon Bridge  
Name of Property

Ransom, North Dakota  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public - local
- public - State
- public - Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Roadway Bridges of N.D.

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: Road-related

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**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION: Road-related

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: steel cantilever beam bridge

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation concrete

walls \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other steel

concrete

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Lisbon Bridge  
Name of Property

Ransom, North Dakota  
County and State

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 Name of repository: # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERING

**Period of Significance**

1936-1946

**Significant Dates**

1936

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Builder: Works Progress  
Administration

Lisbon Bridge  
Name of Property

Ransom, North Dakota  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre.

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared by**

Name/Title: Mark Hufstetler / Historian  
Organization: Renewable Technologies, Incorporated Date: December 10, 1996  
Street & Number: 511 Metals Bank Building Telephone: (406) 782-0494  
City or Town: Butte State: Montana Zip code: 59701

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: North Dakota Department of Transportation  
Street & Number: 608 East Boulevard Telephone: (701) 328-2731  
City or Town: Bismarck State: North Dakota Zip code: 58505

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LISBON BRIDGE  
RANSOM COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

### Narrative Description:

The Lisbon Bridge is located on the north end of Main Street, in the community of Lisbon, North Dakota. The structure, constructed on a north-south axis, carries paved, two-lane State Highway 32 over the Sheyenne River. A residential neighborhood of Lisbon is located immediately south of the bridge, while a city park and undeveloped land are located just to the north. The Sheyenne River is a major watercourse in the area. Here, the River meanders through a wide, deep valley of farmland, dotted with trees and wetlands.

The bridge itself is a three-span steel cantilever-beam structure. This design, little-used in North Dakota, was one of several bridge forms introduced prior to World War II which allowed for longer-span crossings without the use of trusses. Long-span beam bridges, first constructed with steel and later with concrete, had the advantages of simple design and economy of materials, and resulted in bridges with fewer clearance restrictions than most trusses. In pre-World War II North Dakota, long-span beam bridges were primarily used for railway overpasses and underpasses; here, the design may have been selected because of a desire to erect a visually-appealing bridge for this urban setting.

Design details of the bridge's substructure and superstructure are outlined below:

*Structure type:* 3-span cantilever beam

*Dimensions:* 165 feet long; deck 40.7 feet wide

*Substructure:* concrete abutments, back and wing walls; solid concrete piers

*Superstructure:*

*floor system:* 4 stringers with bridging

*decking:* concrete; concrete sidewalk along west side

*railing:* solid concrete parapet with incised and punched-through lines

The bridge retains a high level of integrity; it remains in its original location, and all major structural components appear to retain their historic appearance. The parapets and other visual details have been restored by the North Dakota Department of transportation in recent years.

The Lisbon Bridge is owned and maintained by the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The bridge carries the state numerical designation 32-036.894.

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LISBON BRIDGE  
RANSOM COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

### **Narrative Statement of Significance:**

In accordance with the guidelines established in the Multiple Property Documentation form for "Historic Roadway Bridges in North Dakota," the Lisbon Bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criteria "A" and "C." The bridge is significant under Criterion A for its association with efforts to modernize and improve North Dakota's roadway system during the New Deal era. The overpass is eligible under Criterion C because it exhibits an unusual engineering design. The use of cantilevered spans during the historic period, such as exhibited at this structure, is rare in North Dakota. Finally, the bridge is eligible under Criterion C for its unusual aesthetic merit. This is primarily evident in the patterned concrete balustrade and the Moderne-style lampposts. The presence of such locally-unusual design details the reflective of the W.P.A. emphasis on aesthetic design, and was especially important because the bridge's urban location made it a highly visible structure.

Historical information: According to North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) files, this bridge was constructed in 1936. This date is supported by plans for the bridge on file at NDDOT, which indicate that the bridge was a Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) project. Prior to the Great Depression of the 1930s, city bridge construction was not given financial assistance by the federal government. The Federal Relief and Construction Act of July 1932, however, allowed federal funds to be used in the construction of urban highway bridges. This act was especially important to the work-relief programs of the New Deal era.

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LISBON BRIDGE  
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### **Bibliography:**

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LISBON BRIDGE  
RANSOM COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

### Verbal Boundary Description:

The bridge is located in the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 134 North, Range 56 West. The boundary consists of a rectangle, measuring 215 feet north-south and 91 feet east-west, and centered on the bridge superstructure.

### Boundary Justification:

The boundary is constructed to include the area occupied by the bridge superstructure and substructure, as well as a 25-foot buffer of land immediately surrounding the structure.



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LISBON BRIDGE  
RANSOM COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

### Index to Photographs

Photographer: Charlene Roise

Date: October 1990

Location of original negatives: State Historical Society of North Dakota,  
Bismarck.

Photograph Number	Description	Direction of View
1	east elevation	SW
2	south portal	N
3	detail of balustrade and light standards	NNW