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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Beal Slough Bridge

Name of Property

Section Removal Page 1

Lancaster County, Nebraska

County and State

The Beal Slough Bridge was located a half-mile west of Lincoln in Lancaster County, over Beal Slough. The bridge carried traffic east-west on West Pioneers Boulevard. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance on June 29, 1992 under Criterion C for its significance in engineering and is listed under the Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942 Multiple Property Documentation (MPD). The NPS listing number for this property is: 92000744. The Bridge was built in 1937 in a collaborative project between Lancaster County and the Works Progress Administration. At the time of construction the Beal Slough Bridge was an important entryway into the city of Lincoln. At its listing it was considered technologically significant as we well-preserved, early example of concrete rigid frame bridge construction in Nebraska.

The Beal Slough Bridge was replaced the Lancaster County Engineering Department in 1999 under a Memorandum of Agreement established through Section 106 Review & Compliance.

As documented in 36 CFR 60.15(a)(1), loss of integrity demonstrated by the alterations listed above supplies grounds for removing this property from the National Register.

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action



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**Beal Slough Bridge**

Name of Property

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**Lancaster County, Nebraska**

County and State



Image 1: Replacement decking and concrete railing of replacement bridge; view east.



Image 2: Piers and concrete railing of replacement bridge; view northwest.













**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 Beal Slough Bridge  
other name/site number NEHBS Number LC00-102

**2. Location**

street & number West Pioneers Boulevard over Beal Slough N/A not for publication  
city, town 0.5 mile west of Lincoln X vicinity  
state NE county Lancaster code 109 zip code 68501

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	<u>Lancaster County</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.

Barth R. Schenck 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:

- ☒ 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:)

**entered in the  
National Register**

Delores Beggs 6/29/92

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER /concrete rigid frame bridge

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located 0.5 mile west of Lincoln, this modest span crosses over Beal Slough in a rural Lancaster County setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. Other than maintenance-related repairs, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. The Beal Slough 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:	1937
span length:	40.0'	construction cost:	\$16,942.00
total length:	42.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	24.0'	alterations:	none

superstructure: concrete rigid frame

substructure: concrete with wingwalls

floor/decking: concrete

other features: guardrail: concrete balustrade; bridge plaque: O-174 Capacity 20 tons 1937 (impressed in concrete)

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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	1937 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1937
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder (Designer)	Nebraska State Engineer [probably]
(Builder)	Lancaster County / Works Progress Administration

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

According to Lancaster County bridge records, the bridge replaced an old pony truss in 1937. A bridge plaque reading "Capacity 20 tons, 1937" confirms this date. The bridge was a collaborative project between the county and the WPA, with the WPA paying \$10,771 of the structure's \$16,942 total cost and the county funding the remainder. The foreman for the project is listed simply as "Ross".

Public works programs of the 1930s allowed federal funding, for the first time, to be used for construction of urban roads and bridges. As a result, aesthetic concerns came to the forefront. The rigid frame design, which had been developed in New York in the early 1920s, gained popularity as both a picturesque and practical alternative. Use of rigid frame construction, as well as the bridge's wide roadway and ornamental concrete balustrade, are evidence that the Beal Slough Bridge was considered an important entryway to the City of Lincoln. The Beal Slough Bridge is technologically significant as a well-preserved, early example of concrete rigid frame bridge construction in Nebraska.

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 C005514020; Lancaster County Bridge Record, located at the Lancaster County Courthouse, Lincoln, Nebraska; field inspection by Fred Quivik, 28 February 1989.

See continuation sheet

### 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 S2/11, T9N, R6E  
USGS Quadrangle Lincoln (7.5 Minute Series, 1964; photorevised 1972 and 1980)  
UTM References zone 14 easting 693030 northing 4515550

See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 42 feet by 26 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure and floor system.

See continuation sheet

### 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.

See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Charlene K. Roise, Principal	date	30 June 1991
organization	Fraserdesign and Hess, Roise and Company	telephone	303-669-7969
street & number	1269 Cleveland Avenue	state	Colorado
city or town	Loveland	zip code	80537



5/15/92

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Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS  
NEBRASKA

Date Listed

COVER	<del>Substantive Data</del>	6/29/92
92000749	Adamson Bridge	6/29/92
92000721	Ashland Bridge	6/29/92
92000744	Beal Slough Bridge	6/29/92
92000752	Bell Bridge	6/29/92
92000753	Berry State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000745	Big Blue River Bridge, FILLMORE CO	6/29/92
92000708	Big Blue River Bridge, BUTLER CO	6/29/92
92000760	Big Indian Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000728	Big Papillion Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000759	Bloody Run Bridge	6/29/92
92000751	Borman Bridge	6/29/92
92000754	Brewer Bridge	6/29/92
92000707	Bridge - CASS COUNTY	6/29/92
92000714	Bridge - HITCHCOCK	6/29/92
92000737	Bridge - OTDE COUNTY	6/29/92
92000725	Bridge - ANTELOPE CO entered in the	6/29/92
92000733	Bridge - OTDE COUNTY National Regist.	6/29/92
92000761	Bridge - GAGE	6/29/92
92000747	Brownson Viaduct	6/29/92
92000715	Burwell Bridge	6/29/92
92000763	Cambridge State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000722	Carns State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000719	Cincinnati Bridge	6/29/92
92000734	Clear Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000729	Colclessor Bridge	6/29/92
92000735	Columbus Loup River Bridge	6/29/92
92000748	Deering Bridge	6/29/92
92000771	Elkhorn River Bridge	6/29/92
92000764	Franklin Bridge	6/29/92
92000773	Gross State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000732	Henry State Aid Bridges	6/29/92
92000758	Hoyt Street Bridge	6/29/92
92000731	Interstate Canal Bridge	6/29/92
92000710	Keim Stone Arch Bridge	6/29/92
92000768	Kilgore Bridge	6/29/92
92000756	Lewellen State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000774	Lewis Bridge	6/29/92
92000757	Lisco State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000723	Little Nemaha River Bridge OTDE COUNTY 010086	6/29/92
92000720	Little Nemaha River Bridge OTDE COUNTY 010089	6/29/92
92000730	Loosveldt Bridge	6/29/92







Beal Slough Bridge - NEHBS No. LC00-102  
Lincoln vicinity, LANCASTER CO., NEBR

Fred Quivik

28 February 1989

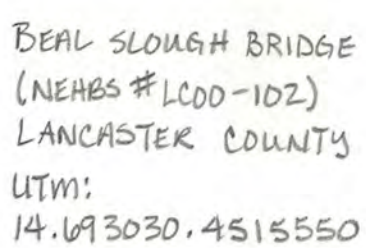
Original negative located at NESHAP

view: looking south

PHOTO 1 OF 1



LINCOLN QUADRANGLE  
NEBRASKA-LANCASTER CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Control by USGS and USC&amp;GS

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983

UTM GRID AND 1980 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1972 and 1978. Map edited 1980. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban area

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————  
Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt ————  
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

1964  
PHOTOREVISED 1972 AND 1980  
DMA 6665 I SW-SERIES V875



National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Beal Slough Bridge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Lancaster

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/11/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000744

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/29/92 DATE Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# LINCOLN



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

NEBRASKA'S CAPITAL CITY

MIKE JOHANNIS, MAYOR

April 24, 1992

LC00-102

Mr. L. Robert Puschendorf  
Deputy SHPO  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
1500 R Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RECEIVED  
MAY 1 1992

Dear Mr. Puschendorf:

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

Mr. Zimmer of our Planning Department received your request for comments on the nominations of two bridges in the vicinity of Lincoln to the National Register of Historic places. As the chief elected official of the City of Lincoln, a Certified Local Government, I am pleased to encourage historic preservation in our community through listing of landmarks on the National Register.

I understand that on May 1 the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Review Board will consider two bridges in Lancaster County among the many historic bridges nominated by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Neither the bridge over Olive Creek Branch near Sprague nor the Beal Slough Bridge on West Pioneers Blvd. are within the Lincoln corporate limits, although the latter is within our zoning jurisdiction.

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposed nominations on March 24, 1992, and found that both structures appear eligible for listing on the National Register. I agree that these bridges constitute chapters in the local history of engineering and as such I encourage their recognition through the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Mike Johannis  
Mayor

MJ/jb  
historic

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**RECEIVED**  
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**NATIONAL  
REGISTER**

May 8, 1992

Ms. Carol Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
1100 'L' Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

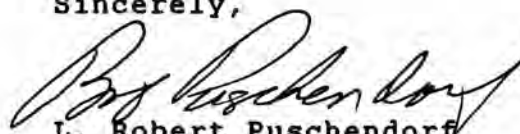
Re: Beal Slough Bridge  
NEHBS # LC00-102  
0.5 miles W of Lincoln  
rural Lancaster County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above property. The property is being nominated under the Multiple Documentation Form, Highway Bridges in Nebraska 1870-1942, which is enclosed under separate cover. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
L. Robert Puschendorf  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

Enclosure





Preserving the past. Building the future.

January 30, 2019

Jim Gabbert  
NPS-National Register of Historic Places  
1849 C Street, NW  
Mail Stop 7228  
Washington, DC 20240

FEB 14 2019

Re: Removal of Ten Properties from the National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Counties, NE

Dear Mr. Gabbert,

Enclosed is appropriate documentation to remove ten properties located within the state of Nebraska from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed contents are as follows:

- The signed Continuation Sheet documenting the current condition of each of the National Register-listed properties for which removal is requested;
- One (1) archival disc with the true and correct copy of the Continuation Sheets requesting the removal of ten properties from the National Register of Historic Places in PDF format; and
- Two (2) archival discs with photographs depicting the current conditions ten National Register-listed properties in Nebraska to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The properties being requested to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places are:

- Bridge, Antelope County, NPS #92000725
- Ponca Creek Bridge, Boyd County, NPS #92000769
- Adamson Bridge, Cherry County, NPS #92000749
- Algernon S. Paddock House, Gage County, NPS #73001062
- Burwell Bridge, Garfield County, NPS #92000715
- Keim Stone Arch Bridge, Johnson County, NPS #92000710
- Pospeshil Theatre, Knox County, NPS #88000935
- Beal Slough Bridge, Lancaster County, NPS #92000744
- McCartney School, Otoe County, NPS #00001379
- North Omaha Creek Bridge, Thurston County, NPS #92000727

If you have any questions regarding the submitted materials, feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David L. Calcutt'.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Beal Slough Bridge

Multiple Name: Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

State & County: NEBRASKA, Lancaster

Date Received:  
2/14/2019

Date of Pending List:  
3/7/2019

Date of 16th Day:  
3/22/2019

Date of 45th Day: 4/1/2019  
Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT92000744

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

☒ X Accept

☐ Return

☐ Reject

3/25/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary  
Comments: Removed and replaced

Recommendation/  
Criteria Accept recommendation / Remove

Reviewer Jim Gabbert

Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275

Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.