



Agenda Report

Agenda of: April 22, 2025

Department: Community Development Department

Subject: Historic Bridges

Recommended Motion:

No Action.

Background:

The THC is helping TxDOT conduct a survey on historic bridges. I reviewed their map to see if any of Castroville's bridges were under evaluation and found two:

- US 90 at Medina River
 - Built in 1940
 - Plate Girder - Cantilever with Suspended Span
- Houston Street at BMA Irrigation Canal
 - Built in 1922
 - Concrete girder - Tee Beam - Simple

TxDOT is looking for community feedback on these bridges, specifically stories on how it's impacted the community:

- Is it a beautiful place to visit?
- Did the bridge allow a city or community to grow?
- Why is the bridge important to you or your community?
- Are there other bridges (prior to 1950) that are important in Castroville that are not on the list above, such as the US 90 and Irrigation Canal 1940 Steel I-beam (stringer) bridge? \
- What makes these bridges important?
- Do you like the bridge's design?
- Does the engineer have ties to the community?
- What does the bridge symbolize to the community?

The survey closes May 31st. Maybe we can get some feedback from the community?

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment N/A

Source of Funding: Account Code: N/A

Attachments:

- Historic Bridges Flyer

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 3

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 2

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