

Nez Perce County Bridge Offer
Cherrylane Bridge, Nez Perce County, Idaho
Key No. 22638

Nez Perce County is seeking parties interested in taking ownership of the “Cherrylane Bridge”, a steel truss bridge with a wooden deck that is currently located across the Clearwater River, northeast of Lewiston, Idaho. The current owner, Nez Perce County, in consultation with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and the Nez Perce Tribe Historic Preservation Office (THPO), determined the bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The “Cherrylane Bridge” was constructed in 1919 and is a 15-foot-wide, 788-foot-long five-span bridge. The current bridge inspection report lists corrosion, cracking, and distortion on most of the truss members, and classifies the bridge as structurally deficient. The existing bridge is narrow and is currently limited in the width, height and weight of vehicles allowed to cross the bridge.

Bridge removal cost is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. This estimated cost excludes the removal of the lead-based paint from the steel structure in accordance with the US Environmental Protection Agency’s requirements. In lieu of removing the lead-based paint a quid pro quo agreement to accept liability for the lead-based paint may be acceptable. The bridge foundations or piers would be removed separately by the new bridge contractor.

Interested parties are required to meet certain conditions, which include:

- Provide a comprehensive written plan for the preservation and future use of the bridge, including any desired modifications, and the estimated cost of rehabilitation. It is preferred that the new owner be able to use the entire superstructure, or at least one superstructure span, of the truss bridge.
- Maintain the structure and the features that give it historic significance according to prescribed standards.
- Assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the structure, including “hold harmless” agreements to Nez Perce County, LHTAC, ITD, and to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Post a performance bond.
- Provide proof of ability to assume the financial and administrative responsibilities of bridge ownership throughout its existence.

Agencies, jurisdictions, organizations or private owners interested in obtaining ownership of the bridge for aesthetic, historic, recreation or other uses should contact Keller Associates, Inc. at (208) 813-7562 or email at dcarroll@kellerassociates.com. This contact must be received no later than close of business on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Funding to assist with relocation or rehabilitation may be provided up to the estimated cost of bridge demolition. If an interested party secures its own federal funding, it is noted that any bridge preserved with federal funding shall thereafter not be eligible for any other highway funds pursuant to Public Law 100-17, Section 123(f) (Historic Bridges).