

Intercity Bridge (Ford Parkway Bridge)

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Title	Intercity Bridge (Ford Parkway Bridge)
Date	1925-1926
Extent	0.13 Linear feet Photo album chronicling the construction of the bridge.
Language	English
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History

The Intercity Bridge, also known as the Ford Parkway Bridge or the 46th St. Bridge, was constructed in 1925-27 as a joint project of the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The construction cost of \$1,324,000 was split between the two cities. The bridge is 1,524 feet long and constructed of reinforced concrete in an open-spandrel, two-rib continuous arch. It was originally constructed to improve access from Minneapolis to the Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in St. Paul.

The bridge is one of the largest reinforced concrete bridges in Minnesota and was also notable as a major work of the prominent Norwegian-American engineer, Martin Sigvart Grytbak. It was redecked and widened in 1972-73 and underwent further repairs in 2004. The bridge was listed with the National Register of Historic Places in 1989.

Description of Collection

Consists of 53 black and white photos with captions and date, though not chronologically arranged. Also includes photos of the Godfrey Road Viaduct construction.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Grytbak, Martin Sigvart, 1883-1953 -- Pictorial works

Subject(s)

- Bridges -- Design and construction -- Minnesota
- Bridges -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis

Title Page

Title page reads:

"Mississippi River Bridge Built by St. Paul and Minneapolis G.M. Shepard, City Engineer N.W. Elsberg,
City Engineer M.S. Grytback, Bridge Engineer

Methods and Progress of Construction as shown by photos

C.R. Hansen, Resident Engineer

1925-1926"

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