

## HISTORIC BRIDGE FOR SALE

### COLUMBIA BRIDGE IN JACKSON PARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**In Accordance With Illinois Law,** The City of Chicago presents this information package as part of an effort to offer this historic property to qualified, interested buyers for reuse as an alternative to demolition.

#### **a) Description**

Location: Spans the Jackson Park Lagoon in Jackson Park

Owner: City of Chicago, Department of Transportation

Length: Span: 56 feet, 0 inches.

Width: 56 feet, 6 inches (including one roadway measuring 40 feet and two sidewalks each measuring 8 feet, 3 inches)

Year Built: Stone abutment walls: 1880. Deck element: as early as 1895. Hand railings: 1893.

Type: Deck plate girder with four shallow girder lines

Designers: Original 1880 bridge and abutment walls (extant) were designed by Burnham & Root, subsequent designers for alterations are unknown

Builders: unknown

Status: Currently closed to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic

Condition: Poor

#### **b) Statement of Historic Significance**

This bridge dates from the earliest design of what is now Jackson Park and predates the Worlds Columbian Exposition of 1893. The famed architecture partnership Burnham & Root designed the original 1880 pony-truss bridge to complement Olmsted & Vaux's 1871 landscape design for South Park (the original name for lands now called Jackson Park, Washington Park and the Midway Plaisance.) When this area was chosen as the site of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, this bridge was one of the few finished features in the underdeveloped eastern section of the park. Frederick Law Olmsted retained the 13 year old bridge in his design of the World's Fair Grounds, and his landscape plan incorporated

picturesque views of and from the bridge. In 1894 the South Park Commission reclaimed control of the park grounds and Frederick Law Olmsted was asked to redesign his Fairground as a City Park and the bridge was altered. Limestone elements were removed from the retaining wall, a lower, wider deck was installed, and iron hand railings salvaged from the Fairgrounds were installed. Since this time the bridge has been maintained by the City. The extant Columbia Bridge has endured as a continuous feature of the renowned historic landscape of Chicago's Jackson Park.

**c) Property Cost**

Original Construction Cost (1895): unknown

Cost to Purchase (2016): \$0.00

**d) Monetary Assistance Available for Relocation and Rehabilitation**

None allocated. Purchaser is responsible for all costs involved with disassembly, transportation, reassembly, and rehabilitation of the bridge.

Potential Sources (Purchaser is responsible for contacting these parties regarding funding available for bridge rehabilitation.)

- Government
  - State of Illinois
  - Federal Government
- Private
  - National Trust for Historic Preservation
  - Getty Trust

**e) Maintenance Requirements**

Notification that Purchaser will be required to maintain the bridge in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. These Standards and Guidelines are flexible enough that most proposed new uses of the bridge that sensitively accommodate its historically significant features will be considered acceptable.

- The Standards and Guidelines, as well as links to other useful and relevant information, can be found online at <http://www.nps.gov/history/standards.htm> or by contacting the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at 217-785-7930

**f) Requirements for inclusion of a restrictive covenant in transfer document**

Purchaser will be required to enter into a contract with CDOT which includes the following:

- Purchaser will remove bridge in coordination with Bridge Replacement Project schedule.
- Purchaser will be responsible for all costs related to disassembly, transportation, reassembly, and maintenance.

**g) Submittal Requirements:**

- Proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2018, to Mr. Luis D. Benitez, P.E., S.E., Chief Bridge Engineer, Chicago Department of Transportation, Division of Engineering, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois, 60602.
- Proposal Format – All proposals will be evaluated against the criteria listed below. The proposal should therefore follow a similar order, and include a section that addresses each of these areas.
  - 8.5”x11” with cover and divider tabs
  - Site - Describe the site proposed for relocation of the bridge, current zoning, surrounding land use, and any other pertinent information. Include a copy of the deed, zoning map, tax lot maps or plat map highlighting the location of the site.
  - Use – Describe how the bridge will be used; e.g., crossing a stream, access to private property, etc.
  - Relocation Plan – Signed and sealed by an Illinois licensed structural engineer describing the moving process.
  - Bid – proposal from moving contractor.
  - Time Schedule – describe the anticipated activities and time-lines for moving the building.
  - Funding – submit evidence of financial ability to accomplish the move, e.g. letter of credit. Final selection will be subject to ability to finance the project immediately.

**h) Photographs and Drawings:**



*Figure 1 View from the south end of the Lagoon.*



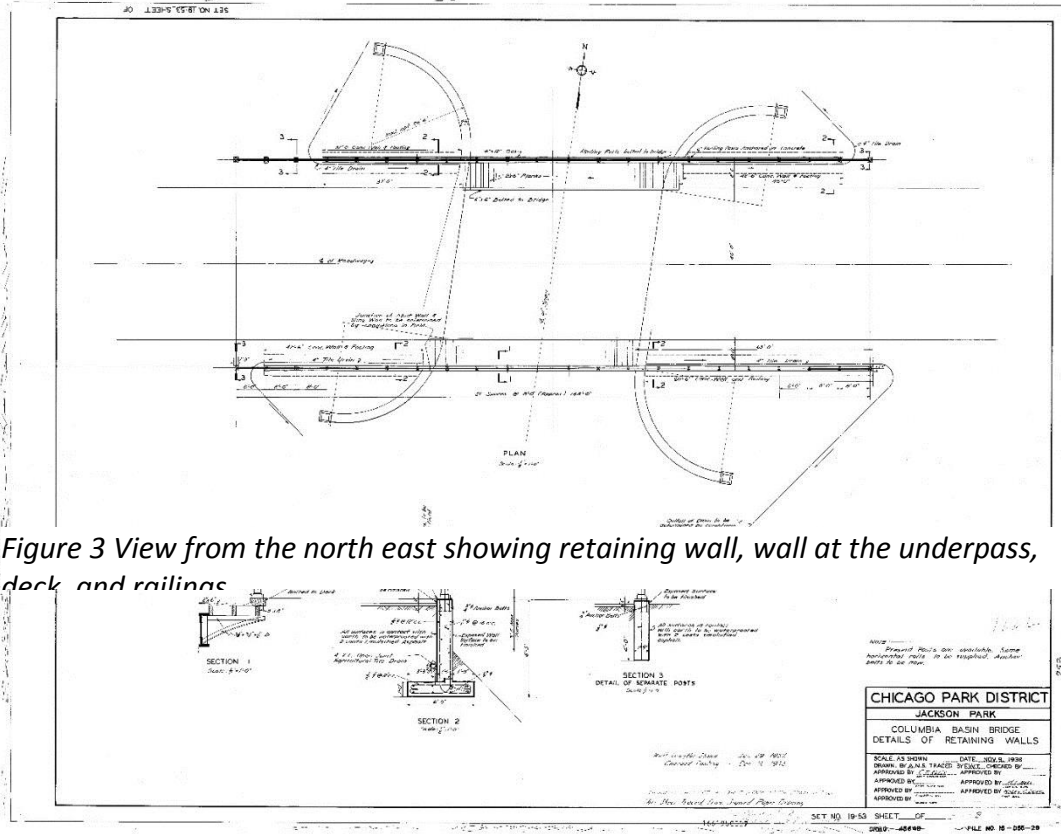


Figure 3 View from the north east showing retaining wall, wall at the underpass, deck and railings

Figure 2 Plan drawing

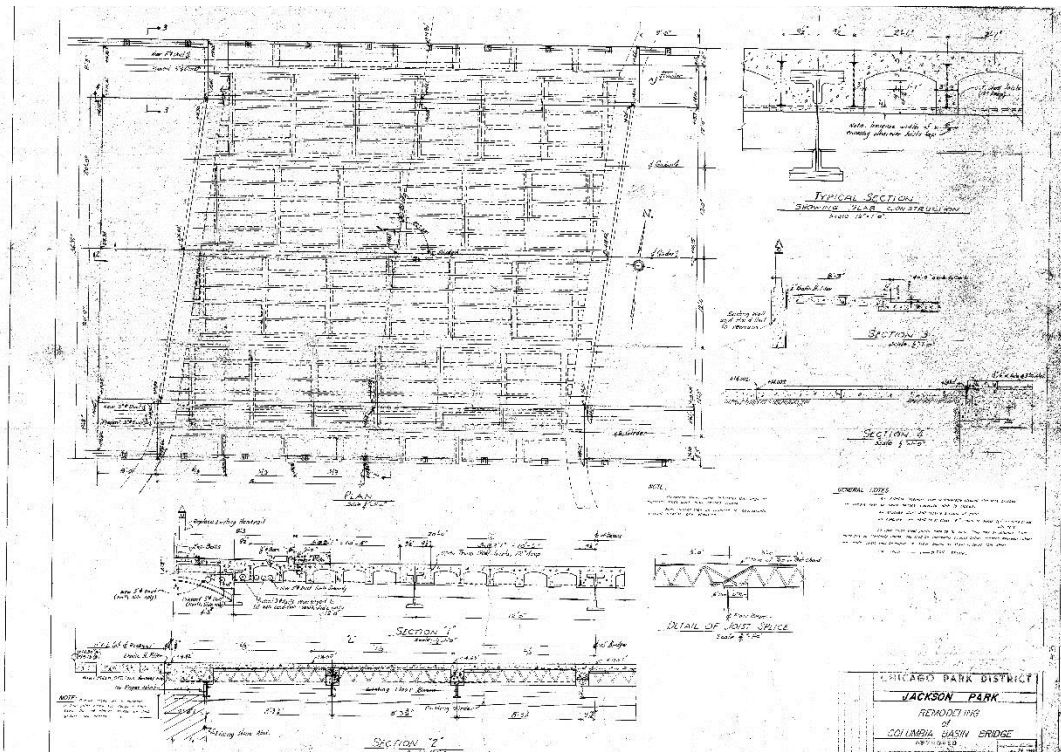


Figure 4 Structural plan