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## NEWS RELEASE

### South Grade Road Bridge Replacement Begins July 17

July 12, 2013

The replacement of the bridge on South Grade Road over Otter Lake in Hutchinson will begin July 17, 2013. Structural Specialties of Hutchinson, MN was awarded the project.

A new single span concrete bridge with timber railings and a separated trail will replace the existing timber bridge. Other amenities including concrete steps, a gravel walkway under the bridge, and some enhanced fishing habitat will be constructed with the project as well (see attached conceptual drawing).

The bridge is scheduled to be substantially complete and open to traffic in time for the new school year (September 3). Final completion is scheduled for early October.

The road will be closed to traffic and a detour will be installed utilizing County Road 115, State Highway 7, and School Road (see attached map).

This \$550,000 project is funded with State bridge funds, County State Aid funds, and City funds.

Any questions regarding the project should be directed to Phil Schmalz, Assistant County Engineer at (320) 484-4362 or email at [phillip.schmalz@co.mcleod.mn.us](mailto:phillip.schmalz@co.mcleod.mn.us).

For other County construction information, please visit the construction page on our website at [www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway/construction](http://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway/construction).

Up to date project specific information will also be posted on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages; username is "McLeodCoHwy".

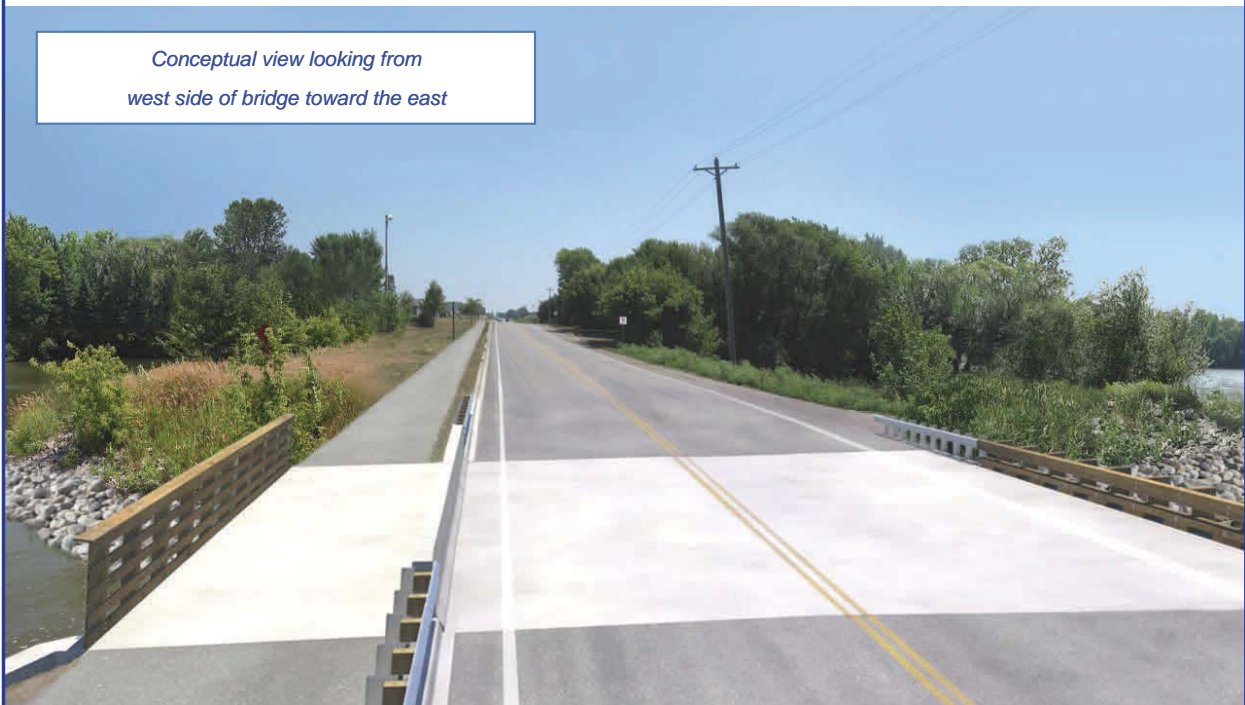
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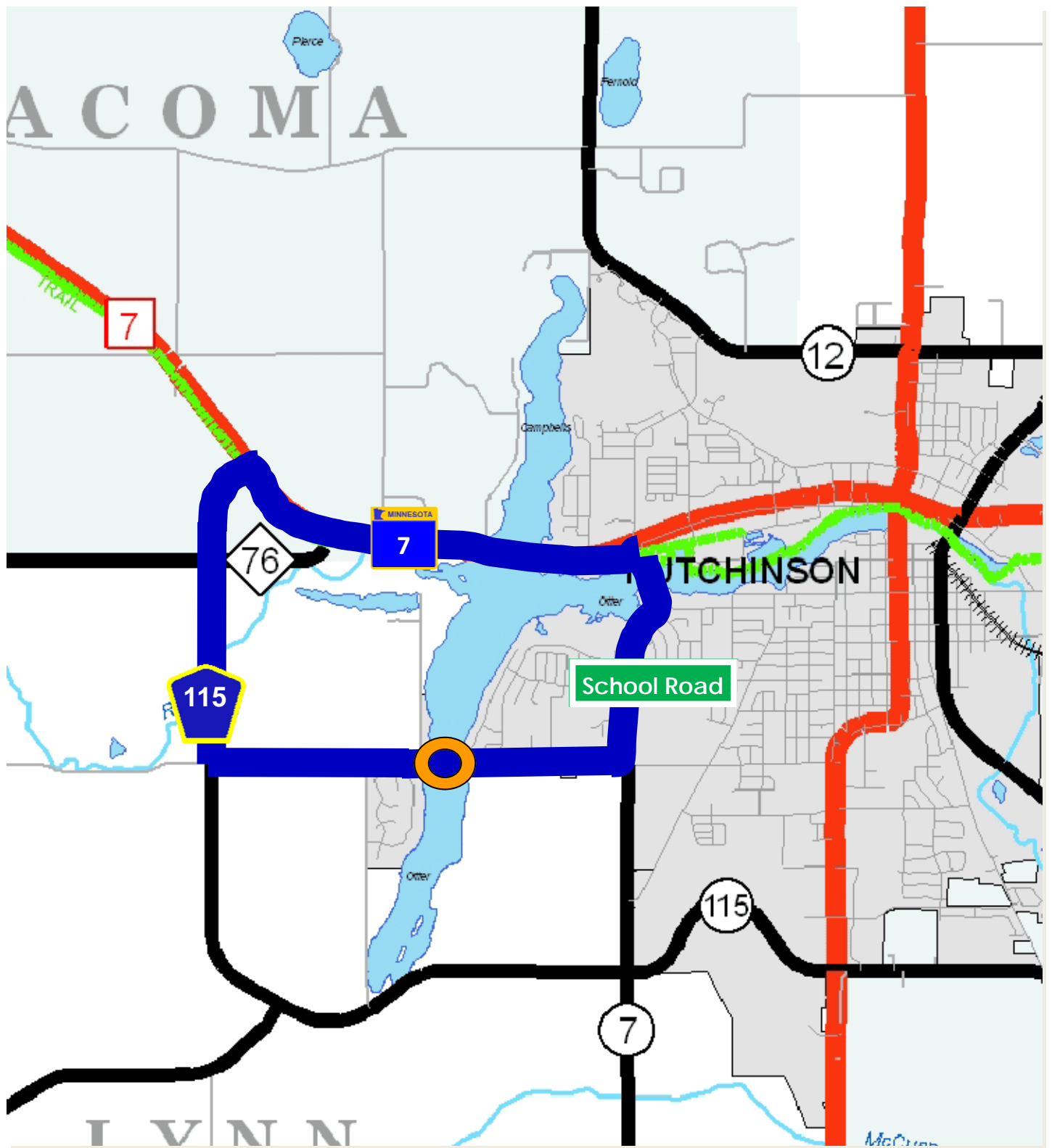


*Conceptual view looking from  
south side of bridge toward the northwest*



*Conceptual view looking from  
west side of bridge toward the east*





PROJECT LOCATION 

DETOUR ROUTE 



SAP 43-715-004  
South Grade Road Bridge Replacement  
DETOUR MAP