

FACT SHEET

HISTORIC A-TRUSS BRIDGE ACROSS CROSS BAYOU

- The Historic A-Truss Bridge across Cross Bayou represents the work of a master, John Alexander Low Waddell. Dr. Waddell was one of the preeminent bridge engineers in the United States at the turn of the 20th Century. He was also a prolific writer.
- Dr. Waddell received a patent for his A-Truss bridge in 1894.
- The A-Truss Span at Cross Bayou was originally built in eastern Oklahoma on the line of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad, a precursor line for the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, in 1895 or 1896. The A-Truss and its flanking deck truss spans were erected across Cross Bayou by the KCS Railway Company in 1926.
- The A-Truss Span is one of only two surviving examples of this bridge type in the country.
- Ownership of the A-Truss Bridge was transferred to the City of Shreveport on April 19, 1993.
- The A-Truss Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 23, 1995.
- Conversion of the A-Truss Bridge to a Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Bridge could act as the First Phase of the Cross Bayou Corridor Project. It has been noted that the Vision Statement for Cross Bayou, as published in the *Cross Bayou Corridor Resource Guide*, July, 2015, reads in part as follows:

“Cross Bayou Corridor has also reconnected residents with the water via the historic Waddell A-Truss railroad bridge converted to pedestrian and bike use, as well as attractive facilities for relaxation and enjoyment developed on the water or near the bayou’s edge or overlooking it”.





Waddell A-Truss
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