

Change of Status: Lost Integrity

While some bridges have attained significance during the past decade, others previously considered NRHP-eligible may no longer meet the eligibility criteria due to substantial changes to their character-defining elements. The Log Lake Bridge in Okaloosa County, both the Madonna Boulevard Bridge and the 13th Street Bridge in Pinellas County, and the Granada Bridge in Miami-Dade County, are examples of bridges that no longer retain sufficient physical integrity. Therefore, they are newly recommended ineligible for listing in the NRHP.

The **Log Lake Bridge** in Okaloosa County (No number; formerly No. 100033), a steel Warren pony truss, was constructed ca. 1915. The bridge, which once carried traffic over the Yellow River, had wood beam support approach spans and pine board decking. It was used as a vehicle and pedestrian bridge until it was abandoned, possibly in the late 1940s to 1950s. The Log Lake Bridge was recorded in 2000 during a survey of water management district land, but not evaluated due to insufficient information.¹⁵⁶ In the 2000 historic highway bridge survey, the Log Lake Bridge was described as abandoned and deteriorated, with a disintegrating wooden deck and no connection to either side of the river. In circa 2008, the truss was removed from its location over the Yellow River to a site on the northwest bank of the river, within a local park. Although it is one of only three fixed pony trusses in Florida, the Log Lake Bridge has suffered a complete loss of integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, design, feeling, and association. **Photo 7-8** depicts its historic appearance and setting; the conditions observed in 2010 are shown in **Photos 7-9 and 7-10**.



Photo 7-8. Historic View of the Log Lake Truss Bridge.

¹⁵⁶ Panamerican Consultants, Inc., “Archaeological Survey of the Lower Yellow River NFWMD Land in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida,” 2000.



Photo 7-9. Original Setting of the Log Lake Bridge.



Photo 7-10. Current Location of Log Lake Bridge Remains (June 2010).

The **Madonna Boulevard Bridge** (No. 154700) is a three-span, 120-foot-long, standard prestressed concrete girder. It was built for Pinellas County in 1957 to serve the community of Tierra Verde. While not noteworthy for its engineering, the original bridge was distinguished by its unique sculpted concrete railing which gave the bridge a space-age appearance (**Photo 7-11**). This design was in keeping with the general design of the streetscape throughout the neighborhood. At the time of the previous historic highway bridge survey, the Madonna Boulevard Bridge was unaltered. The nearby **13th Street Bridge** (No. 154701), also built in 1957, is nearly identical to the Madonna Boulevard Bridge, and similarly distinguished by the same unique, sculpted concrete railings (**Photo 7-12**). In 1993, some rehabilitation work was completed on this bridge, but it did not affect the overall integrity of design.



Photo 7-11. The Unique Railings of the Madonna Boulevard Bridge Reflect a Neo-Expressionist Styling.