



Arts Board members,

I have an idea which I'd like to run past you referencing the above photo of the south end of the La Crosse River pedestrian bridge. I'd like to propose using the two existing concrete traffic barriers just west of the bridge as the base anchors for the Arch. I would use them to replace the rocks currently used as traffic barriers keeping a width of 10' clear; yielding a net reduction in floodway obstructions. I would also propose to sculpt a single arch similar to the Arc de Triumph and raising its clearance to 15' so that all trucks can pass under. At any time, the sculpture could be moved. I'd like your thoughts on this before I invest any more time into it.

The pedestrian bridge is not permitted for vehicle use, hence the rocks; logging trucks access River Point off of Copeland Blvd. My proposal would allow more control over access and width for vehicles than the current rocks accommodate. I'm sure that when the La Crosse River has a 100-yr. flood, that pedestrian use is restricted. If traffic barriers are in proposed sculpture position 10' apart at south end of bridge, a pre-positioned chain or gate w/sign could easily be attached to the existing cable-loops on the ends of the barriers, to restrict access by both pedestrians and vehicles. A steel yolk or beam could be engineered and customized with additional attachments points on the two barriers to facilitate lifting the sculpture for re-positioning in the event of bridge maintenance, catastrophic flooding, or other unforeseen circumstances which might occur in the service life of the Arch which is over the next ten years.

Thanks, Roald