CLINE AVENUE BRIDGE
East Chicago, Indiana (Rendering)

Project Facts


The Cline Avenue Bridge crosses over the Indiana Harbor Canal which connects to Lake Michigan with the same 100’ of vertical clearance as the previous bridge. It carries State Road 912.

The new bridge incorporates a sustainable concrete design to last over 150 years including eco-friendly LED lighting.

The bridge will be 6,236 feet long.

It will have user-friendly all electronic tolling with transponders.

Project Experience

The new Cline Avenue Bridge will cross the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago, Indiana to provide a sustainable and vital link to important commercial industries, employment centers and residents along Lake Michigan, the Gary/Chicago Airport and the Lake County Region. The new bridge will accommodate river traffic, and will be built with local materials and local labor, providing training and an economic stimulus to the area both during and after construction. It will provide the same 100’ of vertical clearance as the previous bridge. As part of the development agreement with the City of East Chicago, United Bridge Partners (UBP), the owners of the bridge, will provide 10 cents of every paid toll to the City of East Chicago. As part of the acquisition of the property for the bridge from the state, UBP is providing $3 million in improvements to the connecting state highway which remains in state ownership. The previous bridge was closed in 2009 and removed by Indiana DOT due to deficiencies. The new bridge is being accomplished with 100% private funding, including all engineering, construction, maintenance and operations from United Bridge Partners, a group of bridge leaders in America. There are no local, state or federal funds being used, and no risk to any government entity. The bridge is supported in this long term investment through user fees from all electronic tolling. The new, modern Cline Avenue Bridge will use non-stop, all-electronic toll collection using the best technology available when it opens to traffic in 2020. Two basic payment programs are planned to welcome ridership by all users, both locals and visitors.
VIEW 1 - View looking east from Riley Road of the new Cline Avenue Bridge – long concrete spans with aesthetic pier shapes.

VIEW 2 - View looking north of the Cline Avenue Bridge, 315’-7” main span crossing the Indiana Harbor Canal. The new bridge will have a navigational clearance of 230’ horizontal and 100’ vertical, like the navigational clearances of the former bridge.

VIEW 3 - Aerial view looking west of the new Cline Avenue Bridge.

VIEW 4 - View looking northwest of the main span of the Cline Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Harbor Canal.

VIEW 5 - View of the main span of the Cline Avenue Bridge looking southwest and crossing the Indiana Harbor Canal.

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