

constructed 1964

# Maple Street Bridge

*Builder/Contractor – Brown Brothers of Lansing, Michigan  
Engineer/Design - Hazlet and Erdal of Chicago, Illinois*

Constructed in 1964 the Maple Street Bridge is a double leaf bascule bridge with a metal deck girder that spans the Manistee River Channel. The bridge is 284 feet in length with a main span of 126 feet and a 24 foot roadway. The bridge is described as “a traditional but late example of a riveted deck plate girder bascule bridge”.

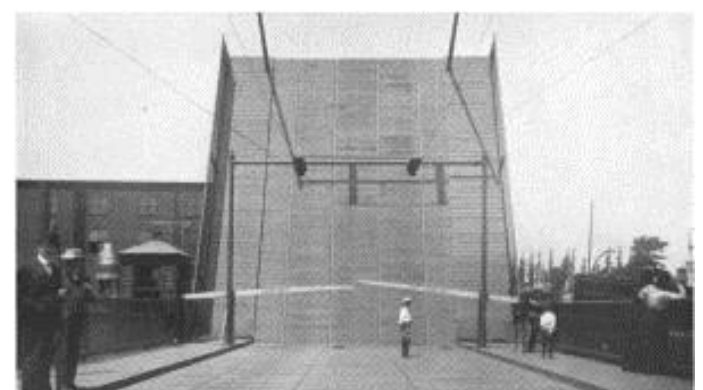


This bridge is a very late example of a riveted deck plate girder bascule bridge in Michigan, having been completed in 1964. However, despite this late date, the bridge is configured similarly to bridges of this type built in decades past in Michigan, although the bridge lacks the architectural detailing that might be seen in an older bridge. The bridge has massive single roller bearings for the approach spans, an unusual and interesting feature. <sup>1</sup>

The bridge replaced a Scherzer rolling lift bascule bridge that was constructed c. 1908.



**Former Maple Street Bridge, ca. 1908  
Source: Scherzer Rolling Lift Bridges, 1908**



<sup>1</sup> excerpt and photos from [HistoricBridges.org](http://HistoricBridges.org) Bridge Browser