

## **Treasure State Endowment Program** **2005 Legislature Hearing**

### **Bridge History**

- **Miller Bridge, Fox Creek Bridge and the Fairview Bridge were constructed in 1908 under the United States Bureau of Reclamations Irrigation Project.**
- **The Vaira Bridge constructed in 1938**

### **Concrete vs. Steel**

- **Cost of concrete structures vs. steel for shorter structures spans has a past history of being more cost effective**
- **Steel prices within the past year have been very vulnerable.**
- **Useful life of concrete exceed steel.**

### **Why Culverts Were Not Considered**

- **Culverts are not allowed on the USBR Canal as was stated in the PER**

### **Current Oil Activity**

- **Has more than doubled within the past year and has increased traffic on all roads within Richland County.**

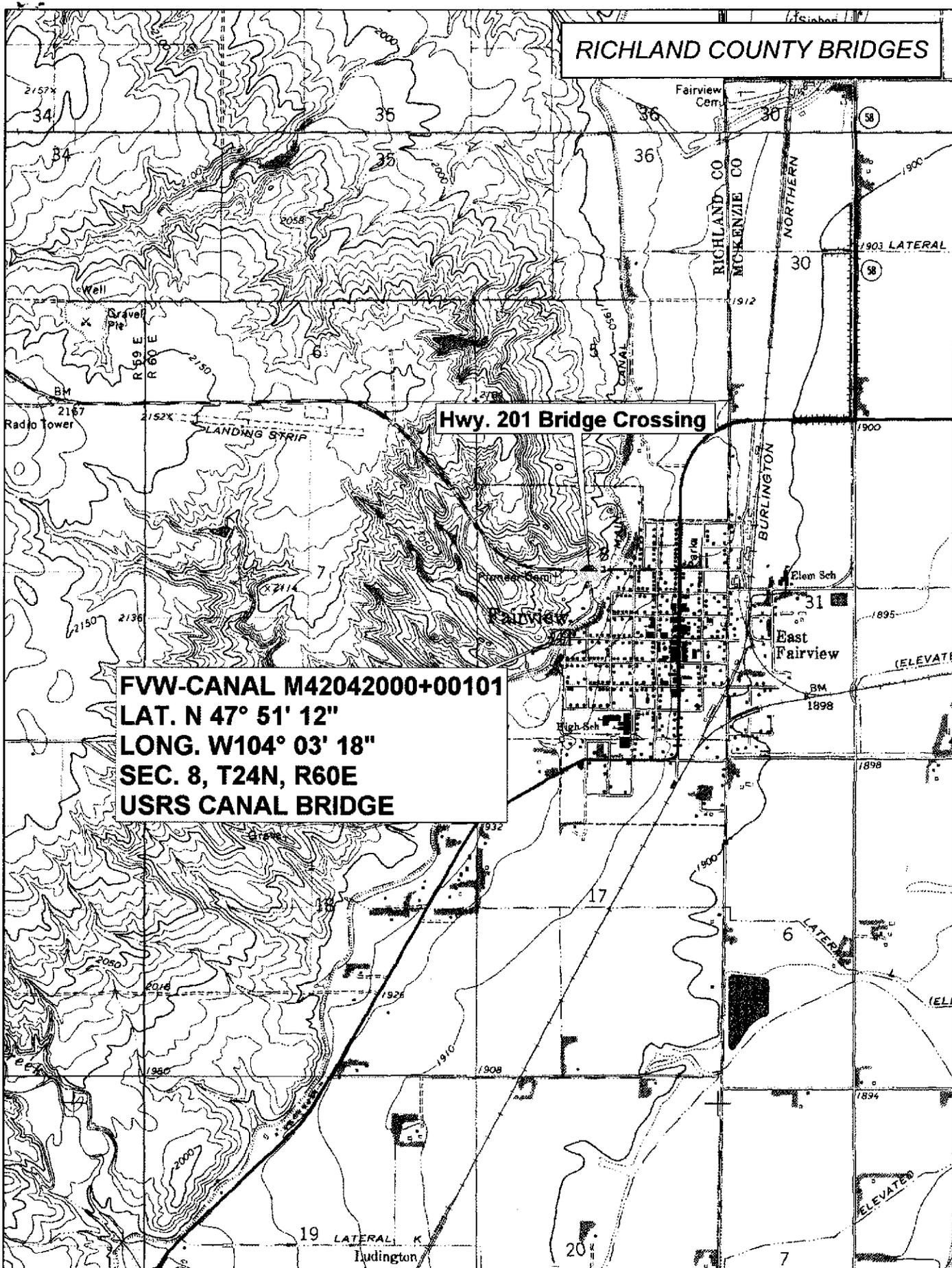
### **Fairview / Fox Creek Bridge**

- **Attached is a map of the Fox Creek Bridge alternative traffic routing that was misrepresented in the PER. The actual alternate route would be more than 22 miles for traffic generated west of the current bridge site to Sidney. The direct route to Sidney is approximately 7 miles.**
- **Fairview Bridge and MT Hwy 201 Bridge are less than one mile apart. If in the case that anything should happen to the Hwy 201 bridge the Fairview Bridge would serve as a back-up system as these are the only two bridges crossing the USBR canal within a 5 mile direction.**

**RICHLAND COUNTY BRIDGES**

**Hwy. 201 Bridge Crossing**

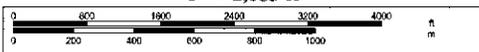
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USRS CANAL BRIDGE**



**DE LORME**

Scale 1 : 25,000  
1" = 2,083 ft

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