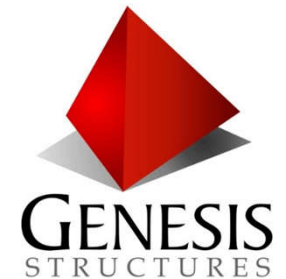


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## A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER'S PERSPECTIVE

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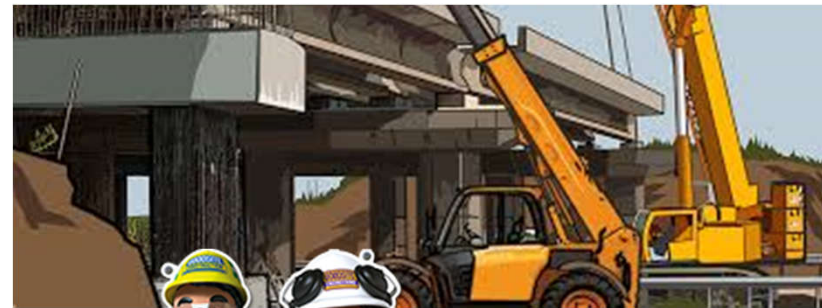
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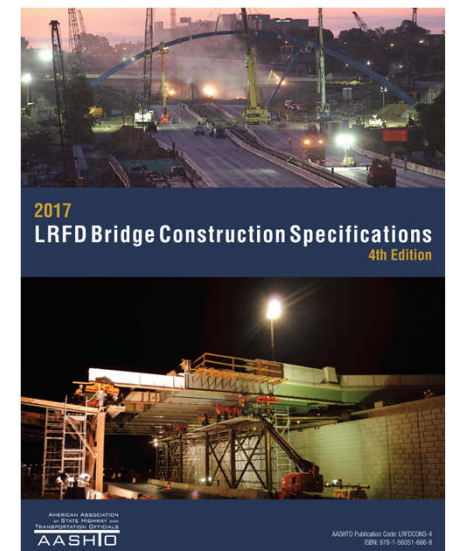
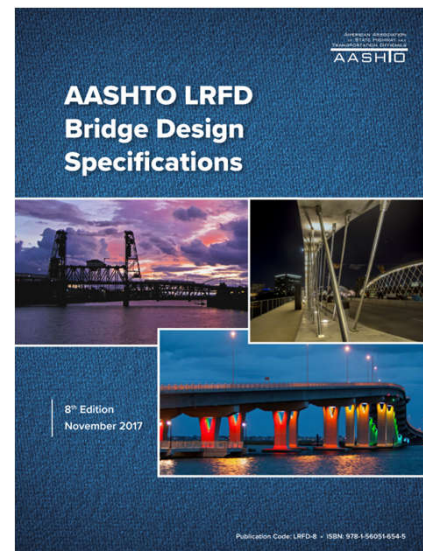
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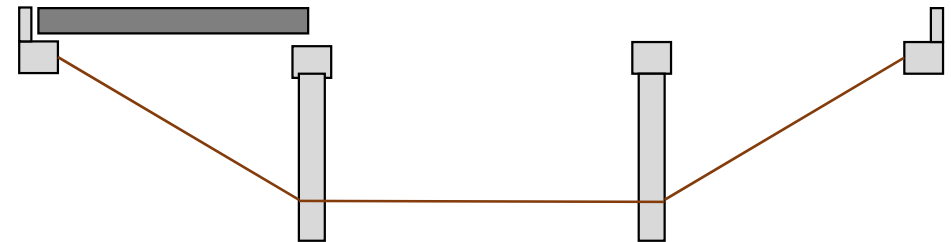
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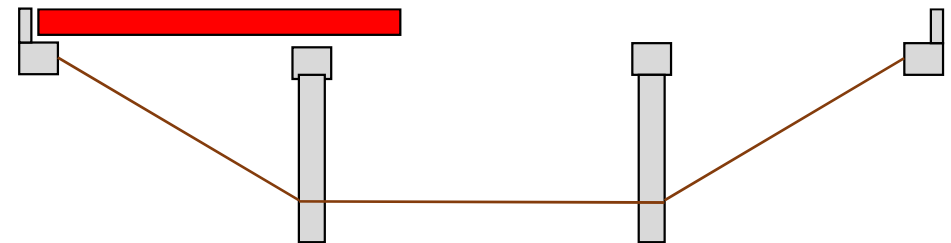


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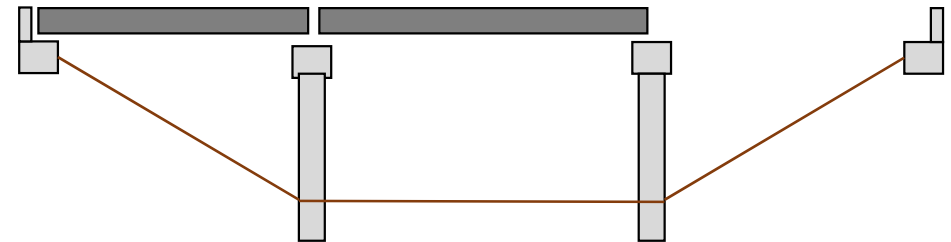


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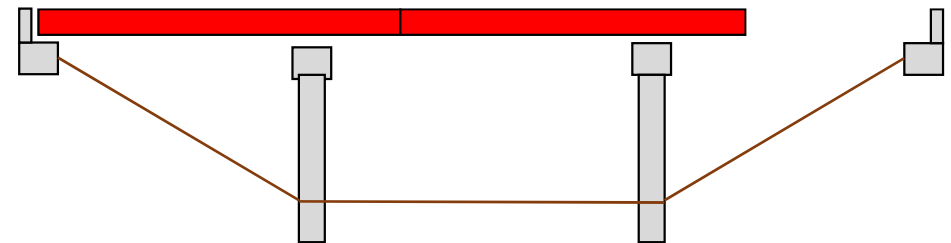


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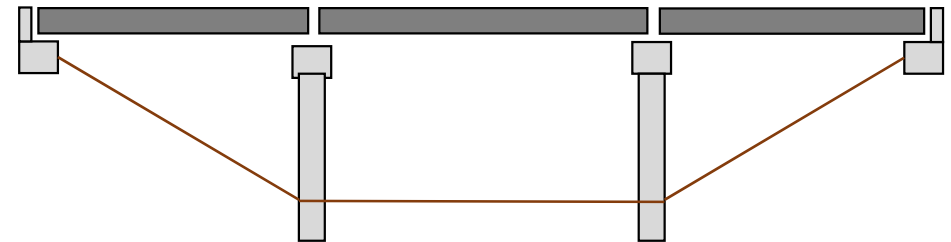


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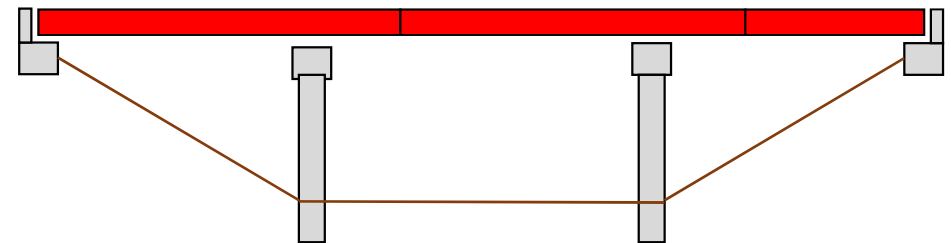


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**Spliced Precast**



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Gateway Interchange Flyovers, Johnson County, KS



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Spillway Bridge, Marion County, KS





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Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



I-75 Deck Replacement, Detroit, MI



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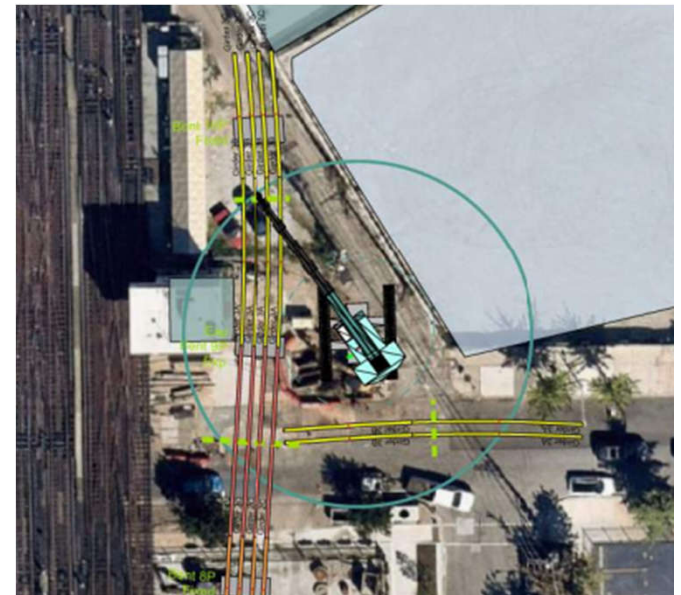
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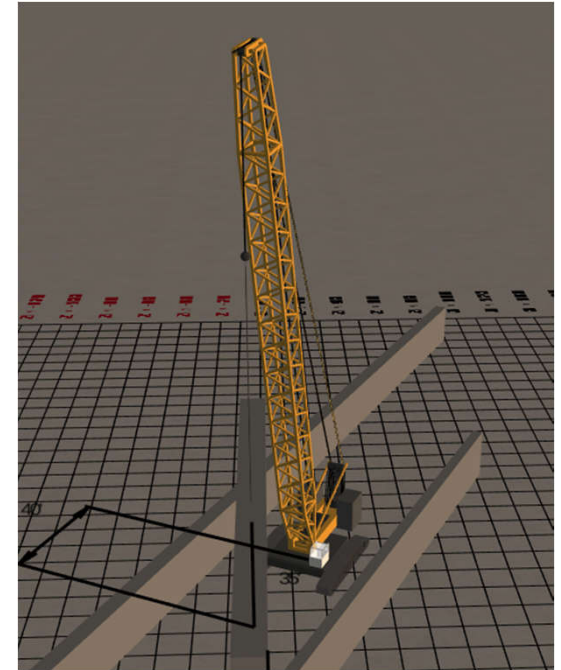
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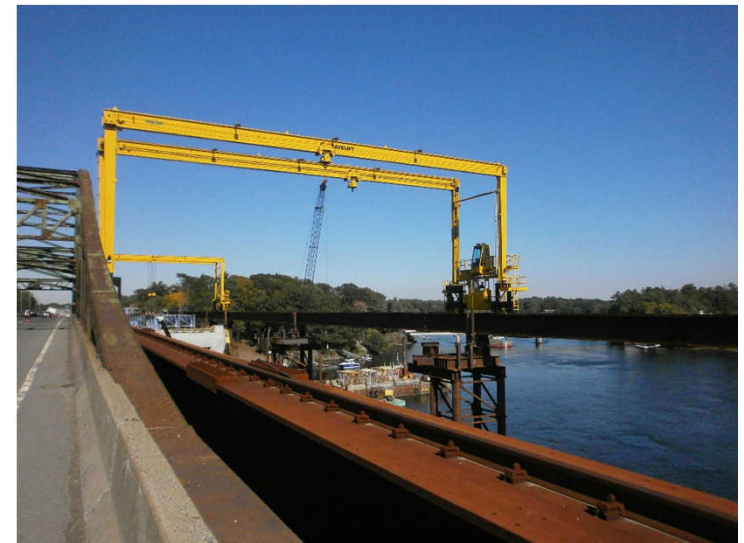


**3D Lift Plan**



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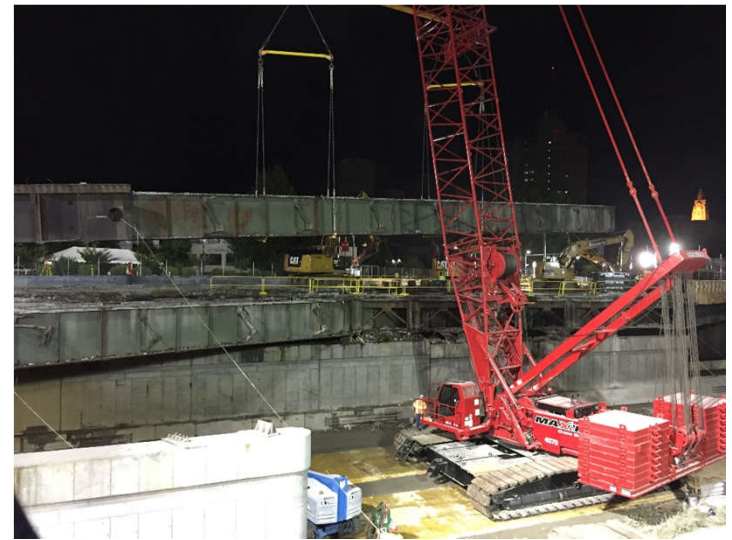
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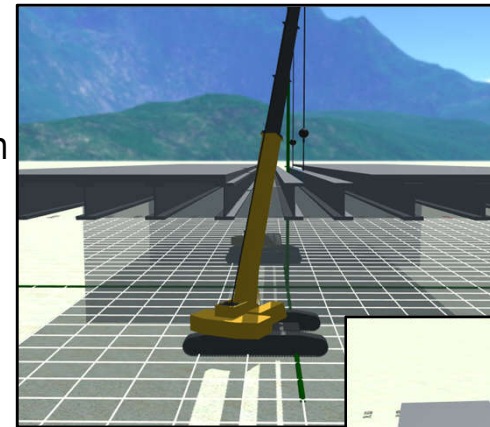
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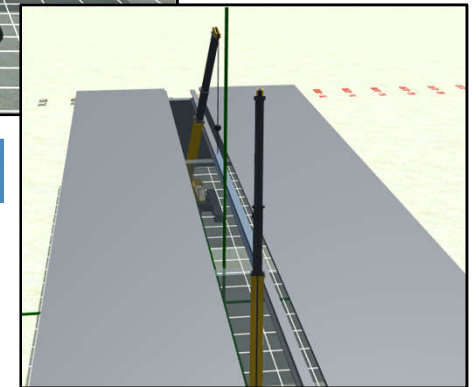
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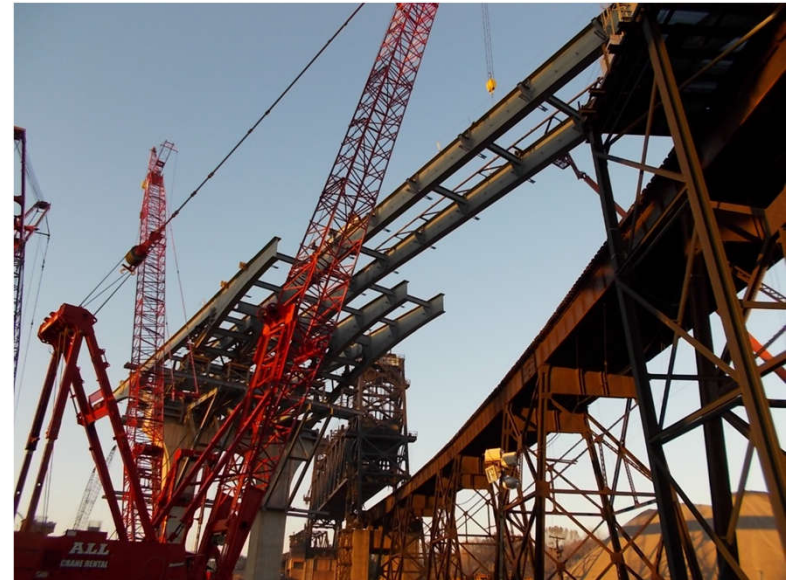


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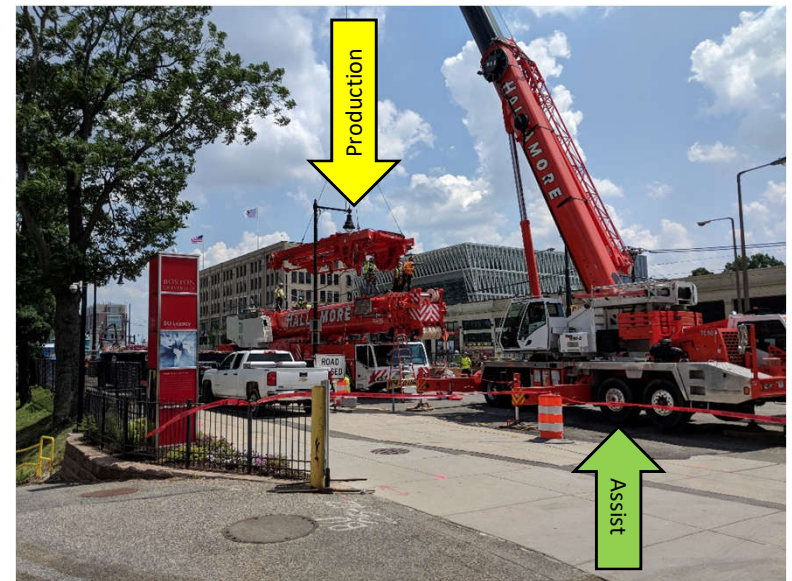
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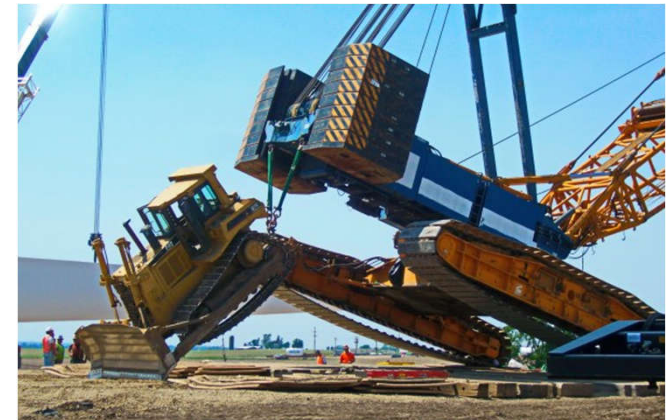
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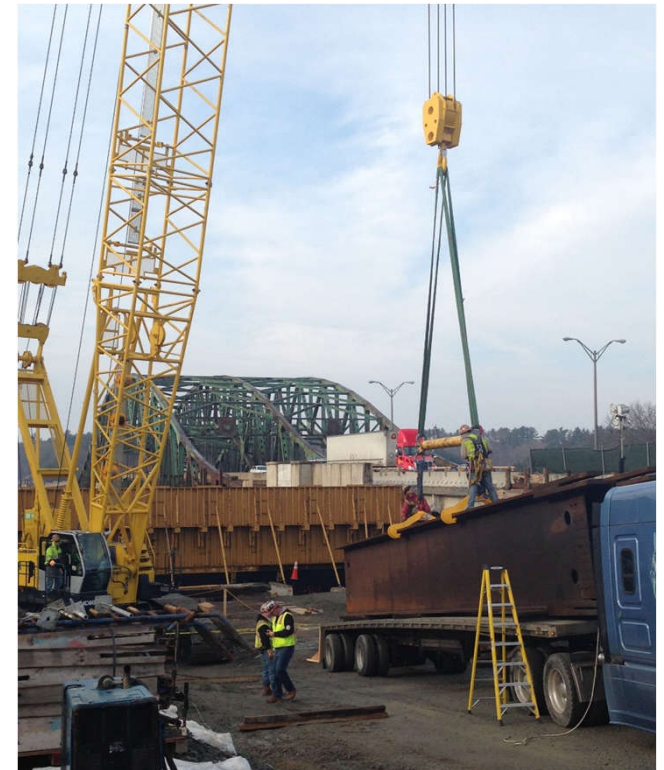


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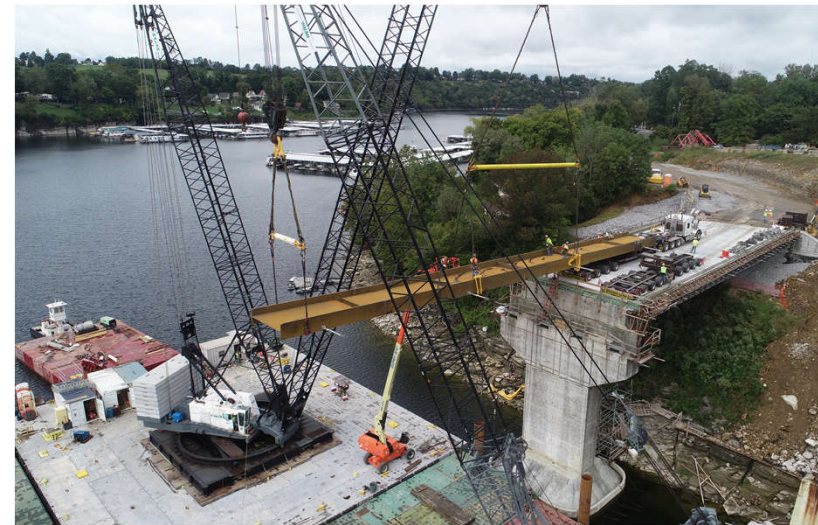
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KY 152 over Herrington Lake, Mercer and Garrard Counties, KY

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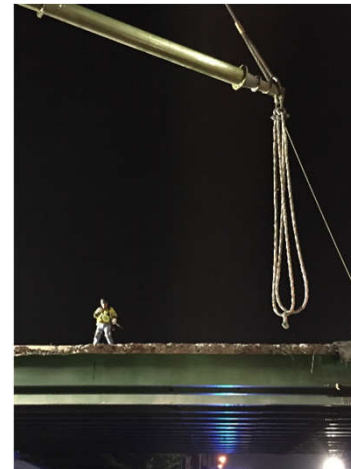


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140 Fast Fix 8, Nashville, TN



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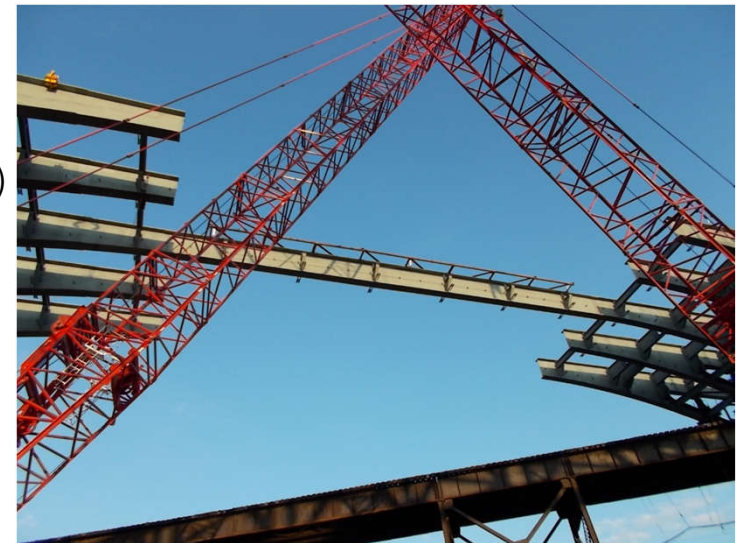
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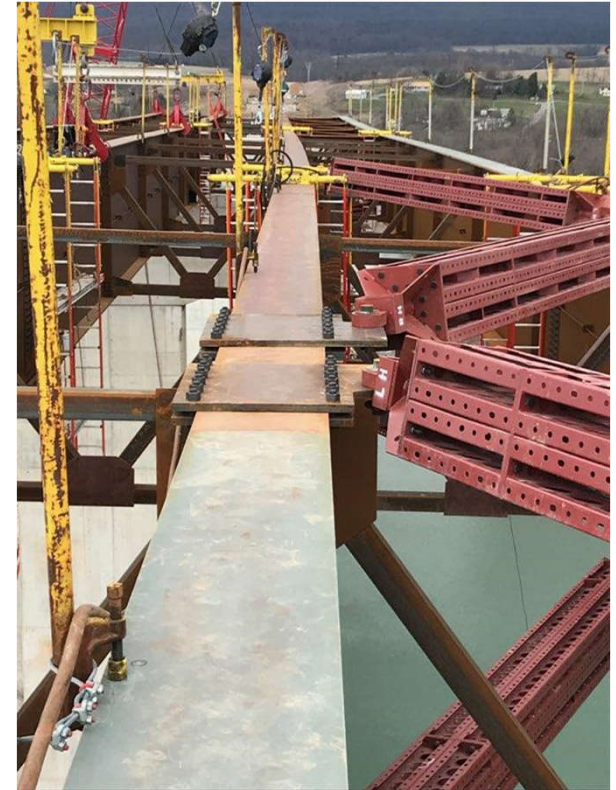
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CSVT Project, Pennsylvania



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I-94 & I-69 Interchange, Port Huron, MI

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    - Wind impacts on erected girders (initial release, fully erected during deck forming)
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# Contractors & The 3-C's

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  - Rigging and Segment Stability
  - Temporary Towers
  - **Environmental Conditions**
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Blennerhasset Island Bridge, Parkersburg, WV

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**LATERAL STABILITY BRACING  
DESIGN CRITERIA FOR GIRDER BRIDGES  
PRIOR TO DECK COMPLETION**

THE CRITERIA IN THIS STANDARD APPLIES ONLY TO COMPLETELY ERECTED STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE, WITHOUT THE DECK. THE STABILITY OF PARTIAL AND COMPLETED GIRDERS IN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF ERECTION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ALL GIRDERS AND DIAPHRAGMS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AS SPECIFIED IN PUBLICATION AND SECTION 100.10.1; APPLIED TO TANGENT, STRAIGHT AND CURVED BRIDGES. APPLIES TO SINGLE AND MULTI-SPAN BRIDGES.

1. PROVIDE LATERAL BRACING FOR BRIDGES WITH SPANS IN EXCESS OF 300 FT. TO AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE. DESIGN BRACING FOR THE SPECIFIED WIND LOADS.
2. EVALUATE THE NEED FOR LATERAL BRACING FOR SPANS IN EXCESS OF 200 FT., BASED ON LATERAL DEFLECTION.
3. GIRDERS SHALL BE DESIGNED SO THAT NO LATERAL BRACING IS NECESSARY FOR GIRDERS SPANS LESS THAN 100 FEET. RATIO OF GIRDER SPACING OVER GIRDER DEPTH LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 3 AND A BRIDGE CROSS SECTION WITH 4 OR MORE GIRDERS. THE ENGINEER WILL EVALUATE THE DEAD LOAD PLUS WIND COMBINATION WITH AN UNBRACED TOP FLANGE, AND IF NECESSARY, MODIFY THE GIRDER DESIGN.
4. EVALUATE LATERAL DEFLECTION OF STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR A PERMISSIBLE DEFLECTION OF 1/160. PROVIDE BRACING IF DEFLECTION LIMIT IS EXCEEDED. AN ACCEPTABLE ANALYSIS METHOD IS A HAND CALCULATION FOR A SINGLE FACE'S CENTER LINE COMPOSITE ON A GRID ANALYSIS FOR THE ENTIRE STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE FRAMING. THE DIAPHRAGM ACTION OF THE STEEL-IMPACT BEAMS SHALL BE NEGLECTED. FINALLY, IF A GRID ANALYSIS IS USED, THE DIAPHRAGM/GIRDER CONNECTION SHALL BE MODELED AS A PIN IN THE PLANE OF THE GRID. IT IS CONSERVATIVE TO ASSUME PINNED DIAPHRAGM TO GIRDER CONNECTION. A MORE ACCURATE ANALYSIS INCLUDING PARTIAL FIXITY AT THE CONNECTION CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTION DETAILING IS ACCEPTABLE.
5. EVALUATE GIRDER STRESSES FOR COMBINED STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE DEAD LOADS AND WIND LOADS USING THE FOLLOWING LOAD COMBINATIONS:
  - STRENGTH  $1.2D + 1.6W$
  - STRENGTH  $1.2D + 1.6W + 1.5W_L$
  - STRENGTH  $1.2D + 1.6W + 1.5W_L + 1.5W_{LL}$
  - SERVICE  $1.0D + W$
  - IMPOSED  $1.0D + W + 1.5W_{LL}$
  - IMPOSED  $1.0D + W + 1.5W_{LL} + 1.5W_{LL}$
  - IMPOSED  $1.0D + W + 1.5W_{LL} + 1.5W_{LL} + 1.5W_{LL}$

**LATERAL STABILITY BRACING  
DESIGN CRITERIA FOR GIRDER BRIDGES  
PRIOR TO DECK COMPLETION REFERENCES**

- R1. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT SPANS IN EXCESS OF 300 FT., GENERALLY HAVE WIND ISSUES DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- R2. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT WIND MAY AFFECT THE STEEL BRACING FOR SPANS FROM 200 TO 300 FT.
- R3. EXPERIENCE OF THE AISC BRIDGE COMMITTEE, STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE STABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE INDICATES THAT SPANS LESS THAN 200 FT. HAVE NOT HAD WIND ISSUES DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- R4. LISTED IN 300 FT. IS 2 FT. THIS HAS FELT TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH DESIGN PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS.
- R5. ASKED LAMP BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS
- R6. ENGINEERING FOR STRUCTURAL SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE (REFERENCE MANUAL, OCTOBER 2017, MHC COURSE NUMBER 133527).
- R7. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- R8. CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE
- R9. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- R10. CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE
- R11. DESIGN SPECIFICATION FOR THE PERMANENT CONDITION

**MINIMUM DESIGN WIND PRESSURE (PSF)  
FOR LATERAL BRACING DURING CONSTRUCTION**

CONSTRUCTION DURATION	0-4 WEEKS		6 WEEKS-1 YEAR		1-2 YEARS	
	WINDWARD	LEEWARD	WINDWARD	LEEWARD	WINDWARD	LEEWARD
15	18	23	26	18	28	32
20	20	25	27	20	31	34
25	21	26	28	21	32	35
30	22	27	29	22	33	36
40	24	29	31	24	35	38
50	25	30	32	25	36	40
60	26	31	33	26	37	41
80	27	32	34	27	38	42
100	28	33	35	28	39	43
120	29	34	36	29	40	44

NOTES:  
1. LINEAR INTERPOLATION FOR INTERMEDIATE VALUES OF HEIGHT IS ACCEPTABLE.  
2. BASIC WIND SPEED IS 115 MPH BASED ON AN APPROXIMATE PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS.  
3. EXPOSURE CONDITION IS CATEGORY C APPLICABLE TO OPEN GRASSLAND AND SCATTERED OBSTRUCTION GENERALLY LESS THAN 50 FEET HIGH.  
4. FOR BRIDGES NOT EXPOSED TO CATEGORY C, THESE WIND PRESSURES NEED TO BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. USE REFERENCE IN NOTE #6 AS A GUIDELINE.

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**STANDARD  
STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES  
LATERAL BRACING CRITERIA  
AND DETAILS**

DC-122W - PERMANENT METAL DECK FORMS	RECOMMENDED NOV. 21, 2014	RECOMMENDED NOV. 21, 2014	SHEET 1 OF 4
DC-122W - STEEL GIRDER DETAILS			
DC-124W - STEEL DIAPHRAGMS			
REFERENCE DRAWINGS			BD-620M

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Constructibility

Steel Girder Erection

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# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs
  - Crane Rental/Mobilization
    - Size of crane
    - Duration of time on site
    - Shared needs vs. multiple crane sizes
  - Material
  - Labor Forces
  - Temporary Structures
  - Crane Work Platforms
  - Finishes/Coatings
  - Schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs
  - Crane Rental/Mobilization
  - **Material**
    - Costs can fluctuate with demand
    - Expediting delivery schedules will generally increase costs
    - When contractors are asked to hold prices for extended periods cost can increase
  - Labor Forces
  - Temporary Structures
  - Crane Work Platforms
  - Finishes/Coatings
  - Schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs
  - Crane Rental/Mobilization
  - Material
  - Labor Forces
    - Union vs. Non-Union Locations
    - Laborers, Operators, Project Managers, Project Engineers
  - Temporary Structures
  - Crane Work Platforms
  - Finishes/Coatings
  - Schedule





# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs
  - Crane Rental/Mobilization
  - Material
  - Labor Forces
  - Temporary Structures
    - Foundations, Erect, Remove, Temporary Lane Closures
    - Top Flange Bracing (stability trusses)
    - Bottom Flange Lagging – DOT requirements
  - Crane Work Platforms
  - Finishes/Coatings
  - Schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs
  - Crane Rental/Mobilization
  - Material
  - Labor Forces
  - Temporary Structures
  - Crane Work Platforms
    - Crane Mats
    - Grading to Level Zones/Temporary Access Roads
    - Barges/Bulkheads for water operations
  - Finishes/Coatings
  - Schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs

- Crane Rental/Mobilization
- Material
- Labor Forces
- Temporary Structures
- Crane Work Platforms
- **Finishes/Coatings**
  - Steel – Weathering, Primed & Painted, Metalized, Primed, Painted over Metalized (extreme cases)
  - Precast - Some DOT's paint precast for aesthetics
- Schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Costs

- Crane Rental/Mobilization
- Material
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- Temporary Structures
- Crane Work Platforms
- Finishes/Coatings

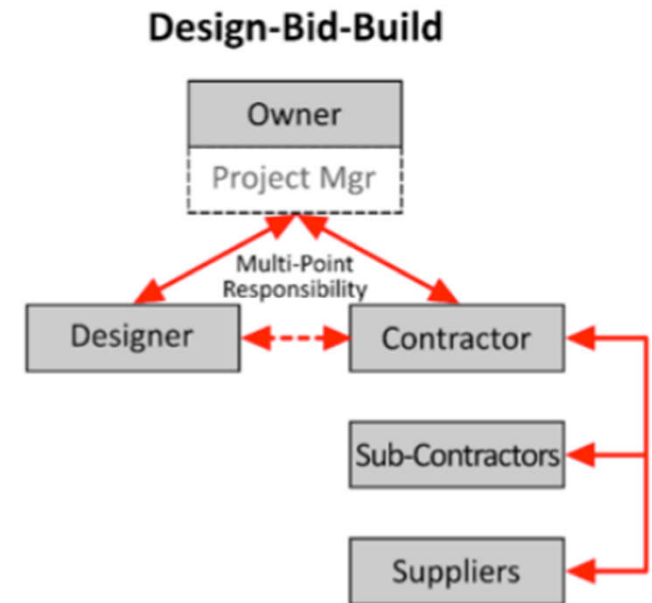
- **Schedule**

- Time is money >>> the more temporary works, the longer the erection schedule
- Time is money >>> the more special care required in the field, the longer the erection schedule
- Time is money >>> repairs to steel finishes or precast concrete corners can be expensive and extend the project schedule



# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Competition
  - Traditional Design-Bid-Build Project Delivery
    - What are my competitors doing?
    - What special equipment do my competitors own that I have to lease/purchase?
    - What location advantages do my competitors have?
  - Design Build Project Delivery
  - Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Project Delivery



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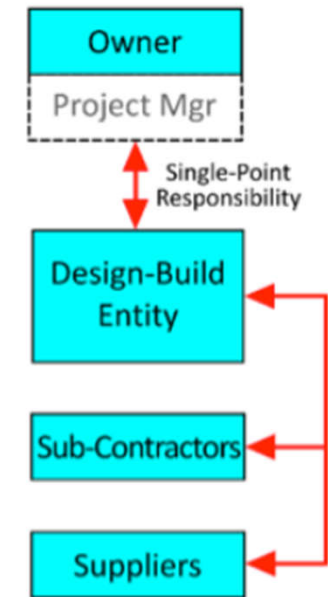
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# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Competition
  - Traditional Design-Bid-Build Project Delivery
  - Design Build Project Delivery
    - Best Idea and Price will win
    - The idea phase is pre-bid and may or may not be fully disclosed to the DOT's (ATC's)
    - Contractors/Designers
    - Sometimes missing is the Construction Engineer that is "bi-lingual"
      - Engineer who can speak the language of the Designer and the Contractor
  - Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Project Delivery

## Design-Build

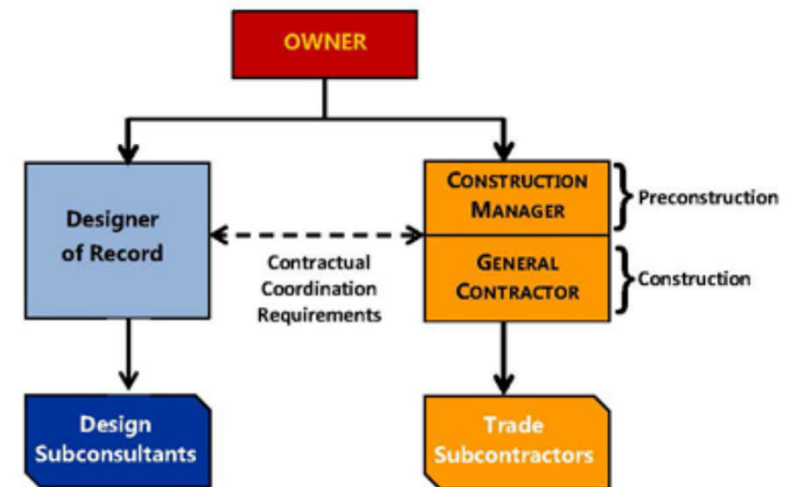


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# Contractors & The 3-C's

- Competition
  - Traditional Design-Bid-Build Project Delivery
  - Design Build Project Delivery
  - **Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Project Delivery**
    - Best Ideas are Discussed between Contractor/Designer/Owners after team selection
    - The idea phase is pre-final bid but costs and schedule and design are discussed with the owner's full knowledge



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# Constructibility of Superstructures

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# Who is responsible for what and when?

## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



# Who is responsible for what and when?

## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



**We need a bridge**

**Has to be:**

- **Affordable**
- **Safe**
- **Durable**

**Don't want any issues in construction**

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Concrete Girder Erection

Demolition





# Who is responsible for what and when?

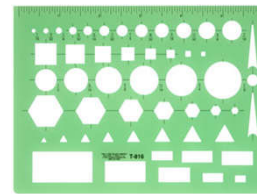
## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



We need a bridge

Best design option

**(3) 250-ft steel girders spans.  
Needs to have an 800-ft Radius**



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# Who is responsible for what and when?

## TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD



We need a bridge

Best design option

**This is how I would build it.  
Going to cost you this much**



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TYPICAL DESIGN BID BUILD

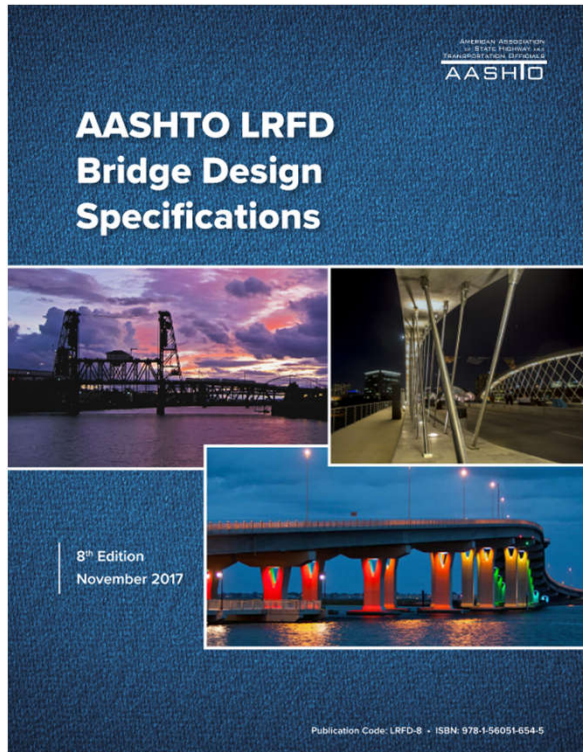


- **Contract Plans = Defines responsibilities of all parties (bidding / fabricating / erecting structure)**

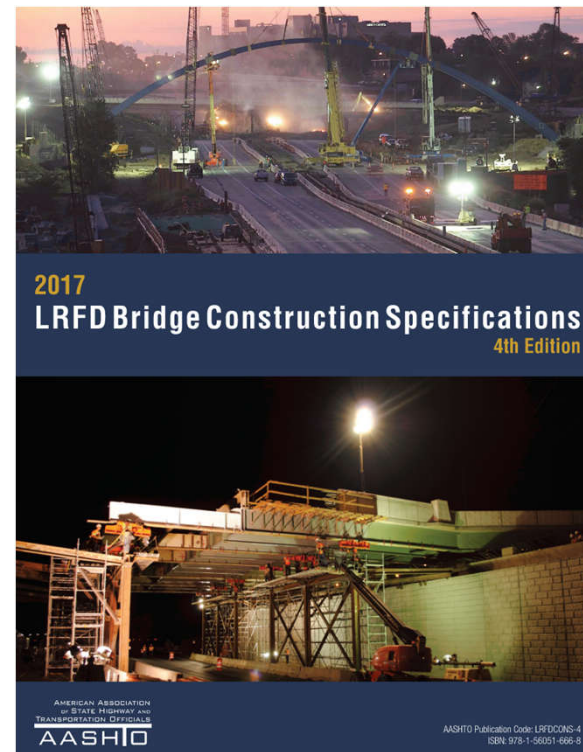
# Constructibility of Superstructures

- When is a bridge complex enough so engineering is required to ensure constructibility or stability during erection?
- When should a DOT / Engineer of Record (EOR) make Contractors aware of limitations during construction?
- When does the DOT / EOR owe a Contractor a suggested erection sequence?
- What do the AASHTO Specifications say?

# AASHTO Specifications



**AASHTO Bridge Design Spec.**



**AASHTO Bridge Construction Specs.**

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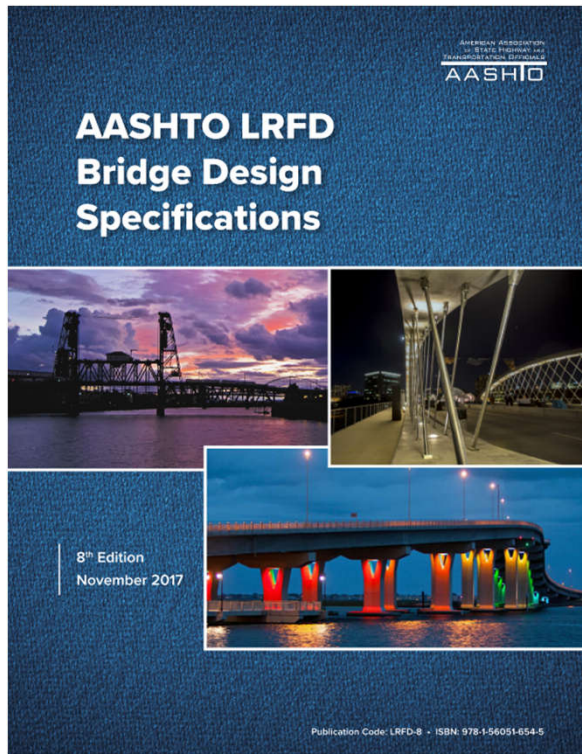
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# AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications



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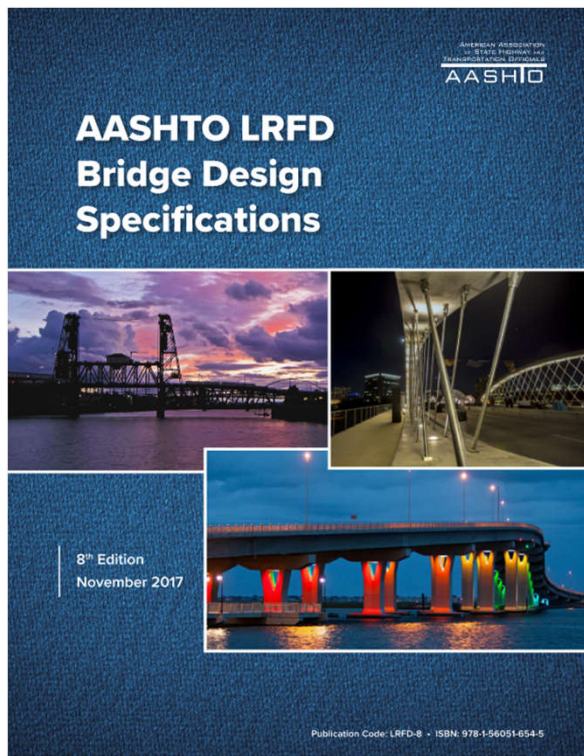
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# AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications



## Key Sections:

### Chapter 2

#### General Design and Location Features

- 2.5.3 – Constructibility

### Chapter 5

#### Concrete Structures

- 5.12 – Provisions for Structure Components and Types

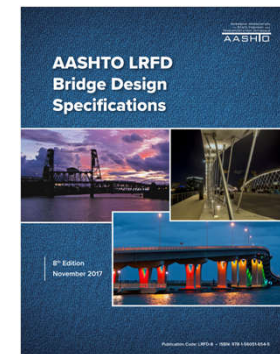
### Chapter 6

#### Steel Structures

- 6.10.3 – Steel I-Section Constructibility
- 6.11.3 – Box Section

# AASHTO – Constructibility

- 2.5.3: This section specifies, “Bridges should be designed in a manner such that fabrication and erection can be performed without undue difficulty or distress and that locked in construction force effects are within tolerable limits.”
- 2.5.3 (Cont.): Where the bridge is of *unusual complexity*, such as that would be unreasonable to expect an experienced contractor to predict and estimate a suitable method of construction while bidding the project, at least one feasible construction method shall be indicated in the contract documents. If the design requires some strengthening and/or temporary bracing or support during erection by the selected method, indication of the need thereof shall be indicated in the contract documents.

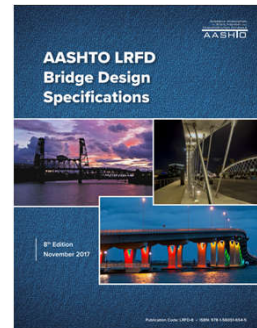
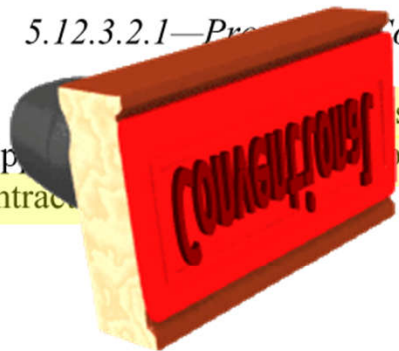


# Precast Beams

## 5.12.3.2—Precast Beams

### 5.12.3.2.1—Preconstruction Conditions

shipment of prestressed girders for  
contractor to be the responsibility of the



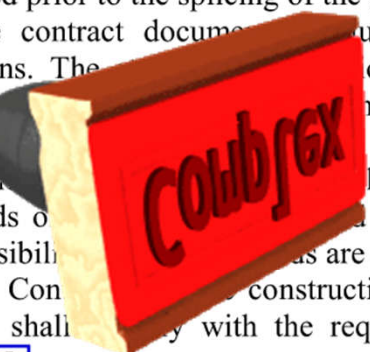


# Spliced Precast Girders

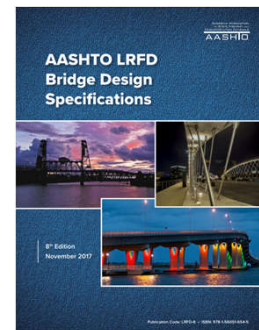
## 5.12.3.4—Spliced Precast Girders

The method of construction assumed for the design shall be shown in the contract documents. All supports required prior to the splicing of the girder shall be shown on the contract documents, including elevations and reactions. The construction sequence during which the temporary supports shall also be shown on the contract documents.

The contractor shall indicate alternative methods of construction and the Contractor's responsibility for any changes. Any changes by the Contractor to the construction method or to the design shall be in accordance with the requirements of Article 5.12.5.5.



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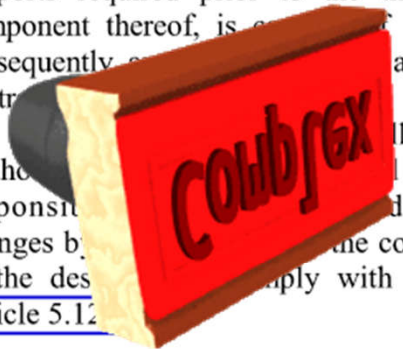


# Segmental Concrete Bridges

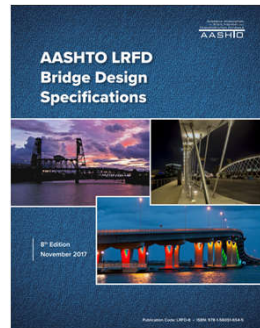
## 5.12.5—Segmental Concrete Bridges

The method of construction assumed for the design shall be shown in the contract documents. Temporary supports required prior to the time the structure, or component thereof, is cast, supporting itself and subsequently cast, also be shown in the contract documents.

All indicate alternative methods and the Contractor's responsibility is to be shown. Any changes by the Contractor in the design shall comply with the requirements of Article 5.12.



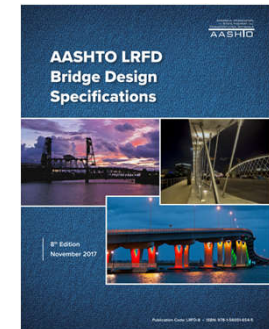
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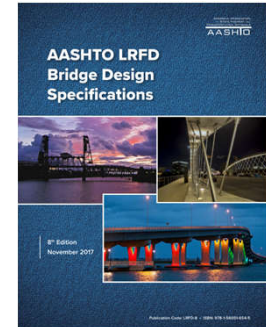
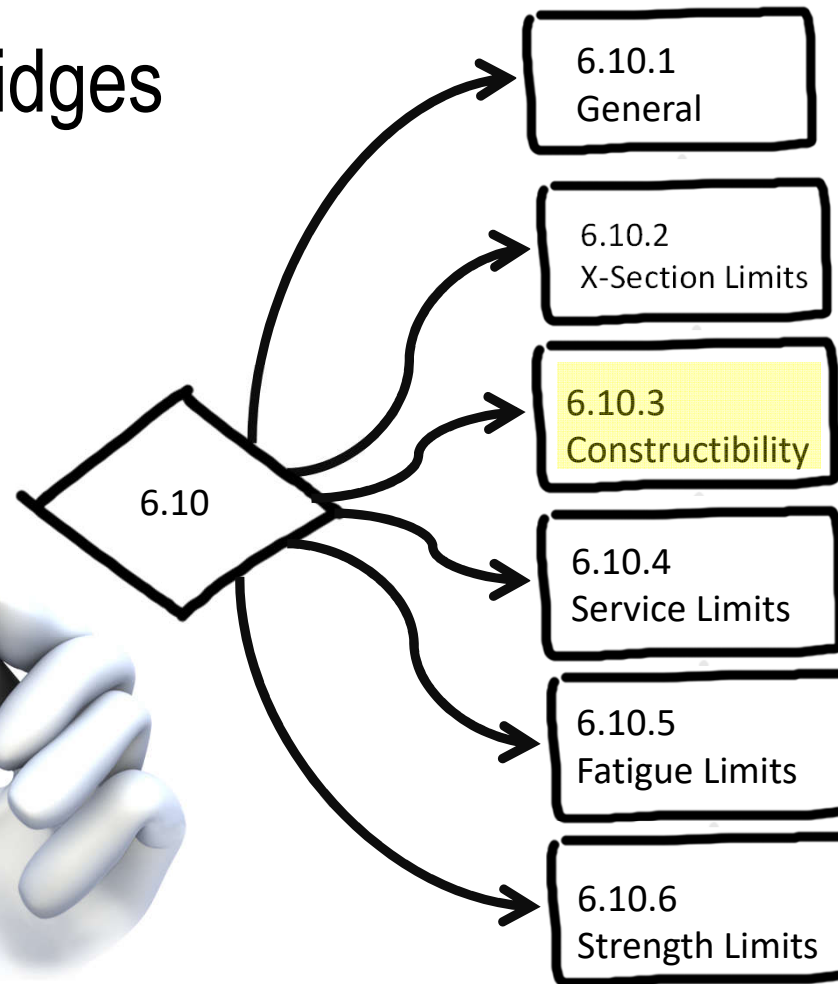
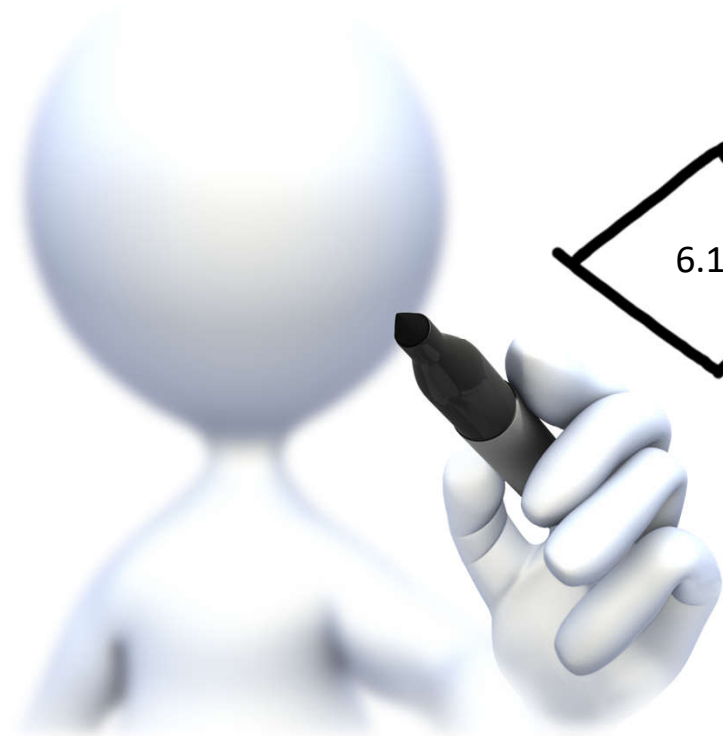
Table 5.12.5.3.3-1—Load Factors and Tensile Stress Limits for Construction Load Combinations

Load Combination	LOAD FACTORS															STRESS LIMITS				See Note
	Dead Load			Live Load			Wind Load			Other Loads				Earth Loads		Flexural Tension		Principal Tension		
	<i>DC</i> <i>DW</i>	<i>DIFF</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>CEQ</i> <i>CLL</i>	<i>IE</i>	<i>CLE</i>	<i>WS</i>	<i>WUP</i>	<i>WE</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>TU</i>	<i>TG</i>	<i>A</i> <i>AI</i> <i>WA</i>	<i>EH</i> <i>EV</i> <i>ES</i>	Excluding "Other Loads"	Including "Other Loads"	Excluding "Other Loads"	Including "Other Loads"	
a	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	—
b	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	—
c	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	—
d	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	1
e	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	2
f	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	$\gamma_{TG}$	1.0	1.0	$0.190\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.220\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.110\sqrt{f'_c}$	$0.126\sqrt{f'_c}$	3





# Steel I-Girder Bridges



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# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

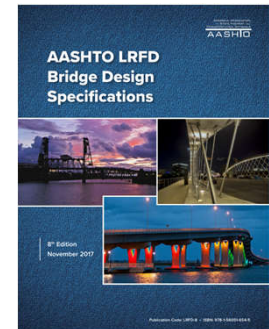
## 6.10.3—Constructibility

### 6.10.3.1—General

The provisions of [Article 2.5.3](#) shall apply. In addition to providing adequate strength, nominal yielding or reliance on post-buckling resistance shall not be permitted for main load-carrying members during critical stages of construction, except for yielding of the web in hybrid sections. This shall be accomplished by satisfying the requirements of [Articles 6.10.3.2](#) and [6.10.3.3](#) at each critical construction stage. For sections in positive flexure that are composite in the final condition, but are noncomposite during construction, the provisions of [Article 6.10.3.4](#) shall apply. For investigating the constructibility of flexural members, all loads shall be factored as specified in [Article 3.4.2](#). For the calculation of deflections, the load factors shall be taken as 1.0.

Potential uplift at bearings shall be investigated at each critical construction stage.

Webs without bearing stiffeners at locations subjected to concentrated loads not transmitted through a deck or deck system shall satisfy the provisions of [Article D6.5](#).



# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

## 6.10.3.2.1—Discretely Braced Flanges in Compression

For critical stages of construction, each of the following requirements shall be satisfied. For sections with slender webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-1 shall not be checked when  $f_\ell$  is equal to zero. For sections with compact or noncompact webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-3 shall not be checked.

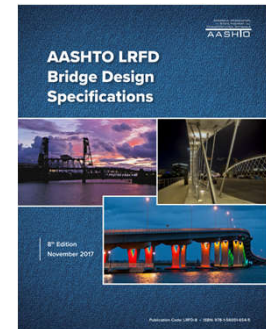
$$f_{bu} + f_\ell \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-1)$$

$$f_{bu} + \frac{1}{3} f_\ell \leq \phi_f F_{nc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-2)$$

and

$$f_{bu} \leq \phi_f F_{crw} \quad (6.10.3.2.1-3)$$

**What are critical stages of construction?**



# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

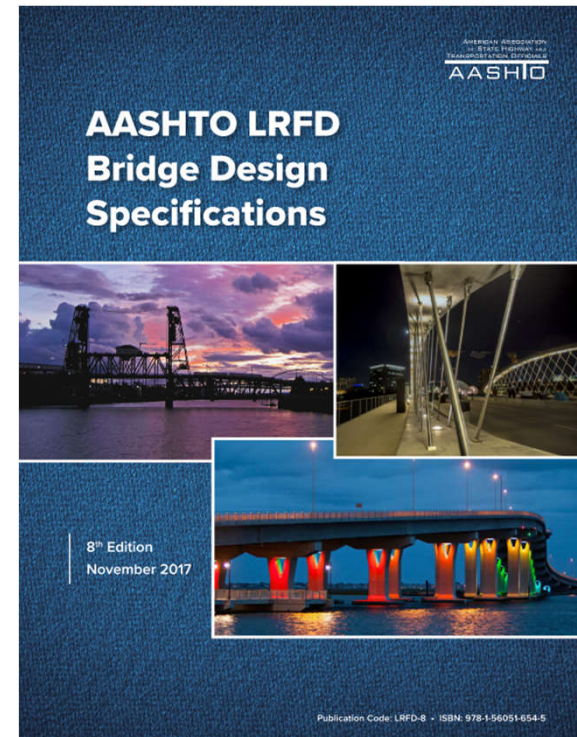
## 6.10.3.4—Deck Placement

### 6.10.3.4.1—General

Sections in positive flexure that are composite in the final condition, but are noncomposite during construction, shall be investigated for flexure according to the provisions of [Article 6.10.3.2](#) during the various stages of the deck placement.

Geometric properties, bracing lengths and stresses used in calculating the nominal flexural resistance shall be for the steel section only. Changes in load, stiffness and bracing during the various stages of the deck placement shall be considered.

The effects of forces from deck overhang brackets acting on the fascia girders shall be considered.





# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

## 6.10.3.4—Deck Placement

### 6.10.3.4.1—General

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**Following pour sequence is important!**



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# Steel I-Girder Bridges - Constructibility

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# Steel I-Girder Bridges– System Stability

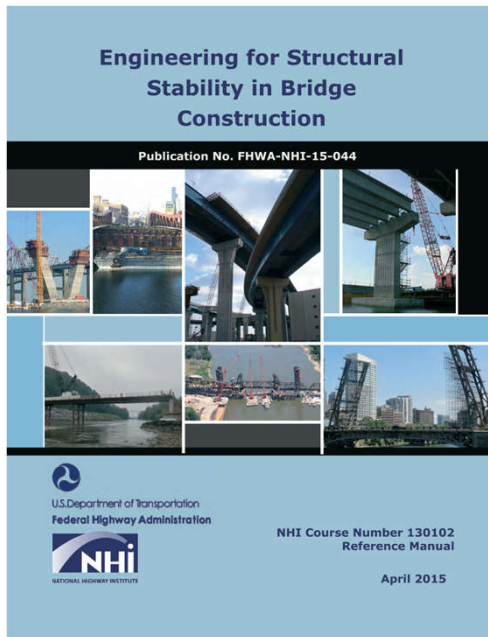
## 6.10.3.4.2—Global Displacement Amplification in Narrow I-Girder Bridge Units

$$M_{gs} = C_{bs} \frac{\pi^2 w_g E}{L^2} \sqrt{I_{eff} I_x} \quad (6.10.3.4.2-1)$$

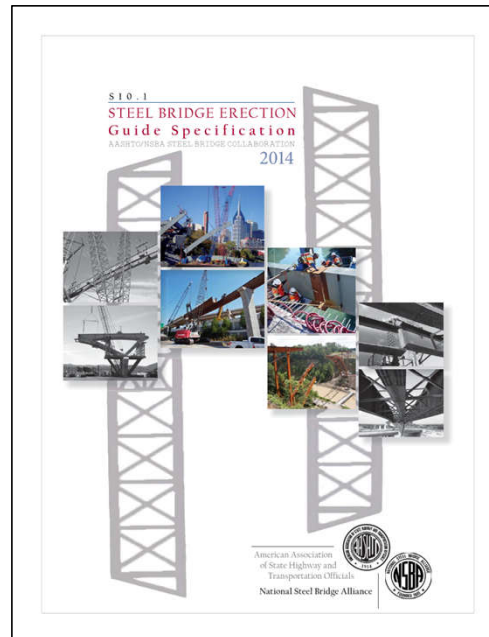
- AASHTO check of narrow 2 or 3 girder system stability during deck pouring
- If Mult > 0.7 Mgs design has following options:
  - Add flange lateral bracing
  - Increase system stiffness
  - Verify with owner that second order displacements are within acceptable tolerances



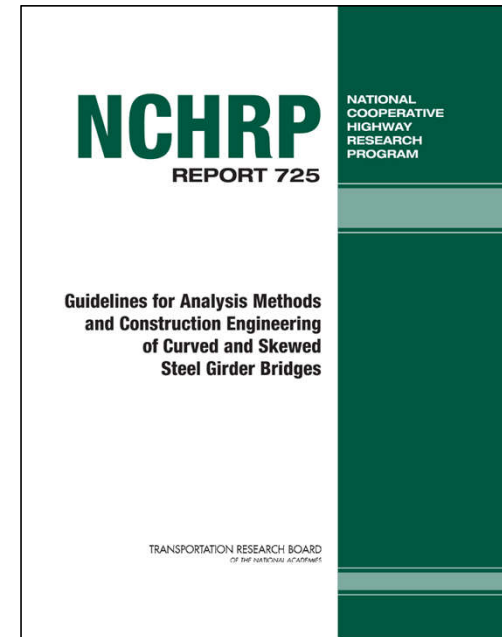
# Useful Resources - Erection Analysis



**FHWA-NHI-15-044**  
**ALL MATERIAL TYPES**



**NSBA / AASHTO S10.1**



**NCHRP Report 725**

**STEEL BRIDGE  
SPECIFIC GUIDES**

3 C's

**Constructibility**

Steel Girder Erection

Concrete Girder Erection

Demolition



# Steel I-Girder Bridges - System Stability



$$M_{crG} = C_b \frac{\pi^2 s E}{L_s^2} \sqrt{I_{ye} I_x} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

- Simplified check for stages of erection

**NCHRP**  
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Guidelines for Analysis Methods  
and Construction Engineering  
of Curved and Skewed  
Steel Girder Bridges

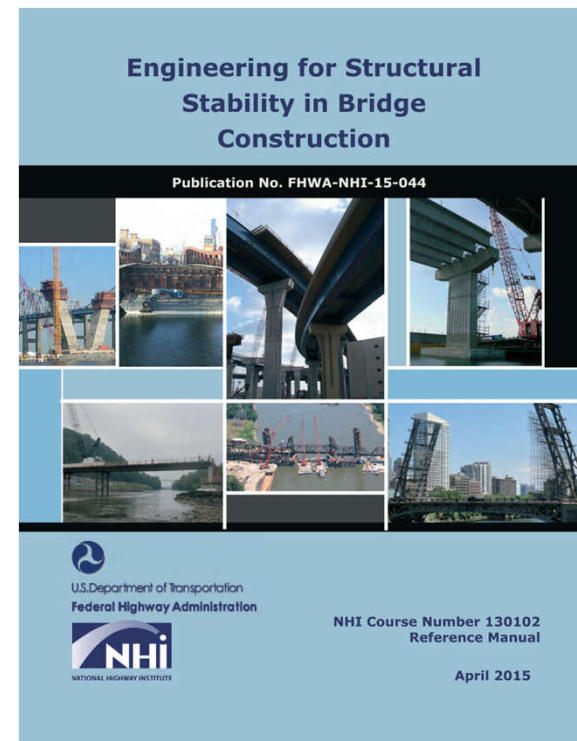
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# Steel I-Girder Bridges - System Stability

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$$M_{gs} = \frac{\pi^2 SE}{L_g^2} \sqrt{I_y I_x} \quad \text{Equation 5-12}$$

- Simplified check for stages of erection



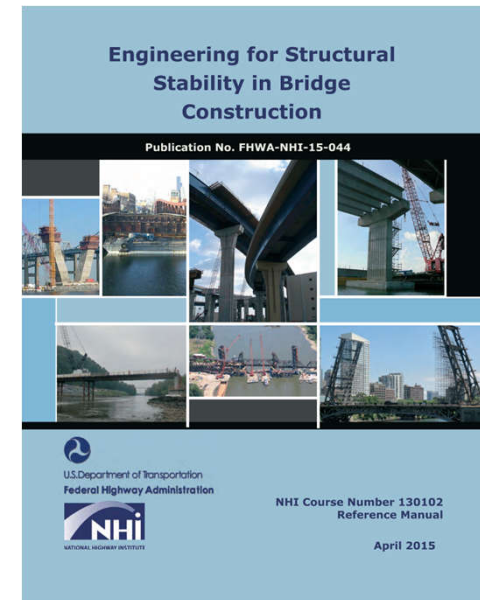
# Critical Stages of Construction



## 7.2.2 Critical Erection Stages

The erection plan and supporting engineering calculations must address both strength and stability at each stage of erection. Deformations associated with each stage should also be evaluated. Critical erection stages for the girder bridge structure during construction normally consist of at least the following:

- Lifting of girders/members **Contractor / Construction Engineer**
- Placement of the initial girder and any associated temporary bracing used to hold the girder in place
- First pair of girders set with permanent bracing installed
- All girders and bracing installed prior to the deck placement *[total structure stable in wind]*
- All girders and bracing installed during the deck placement
- Application of the deck overhang bracket loads to the fascia girders during the deck placement



AASHTO dictates these stages shall be considered by Design Engineer **Should be considered by Design Engineer**  
What design reference should a designer use to evaluate?

# Check of Completed Bridge Prior to Deck Pour



- AASHTO design specifications currently do not include section on winds on a completed structure prior to pouring deck
- Designer could refer to “AASHTO Guide Specifications for Wind Loads on Bridges During Construction”

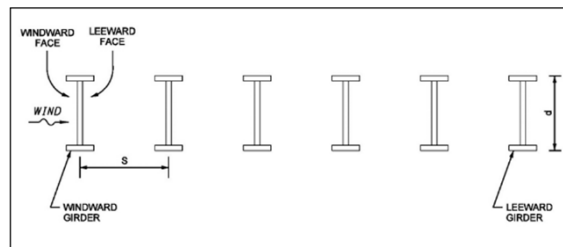
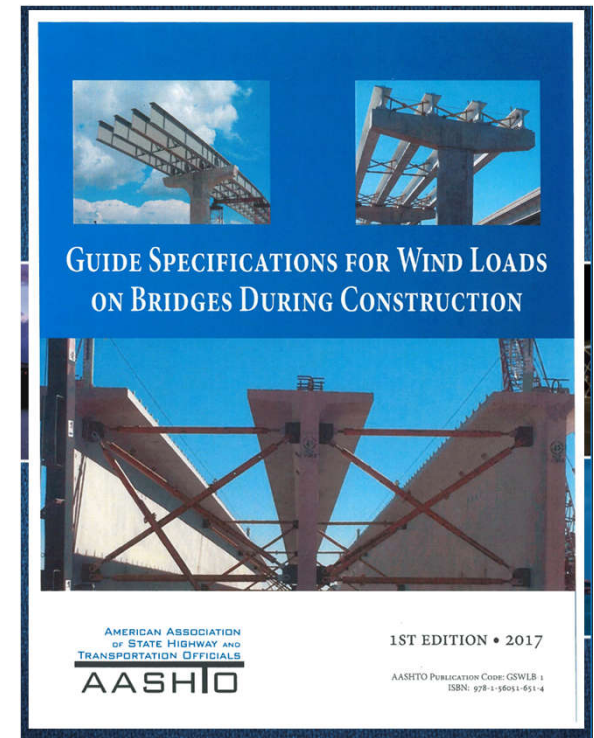


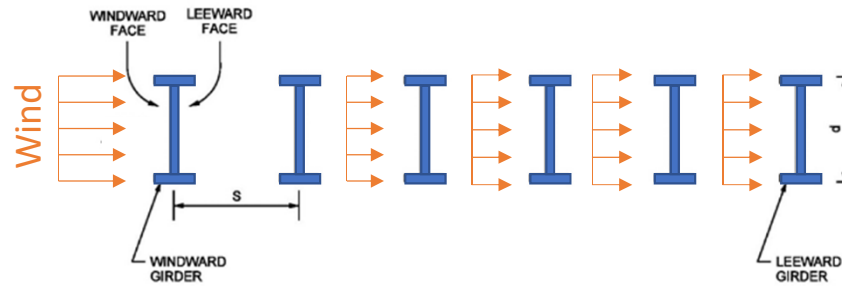
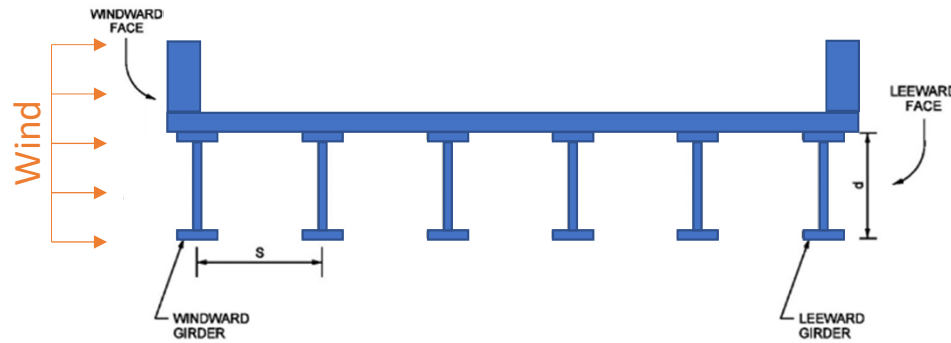
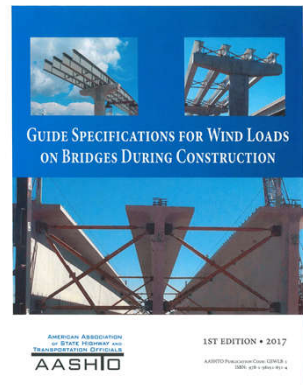
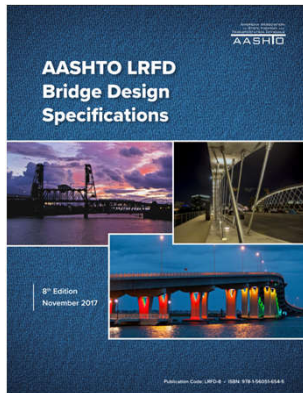
Figure 7-12 Girder Wind Load Terminology

COMPONENT TYPE	CONSTRUCTION CONDITION	FORCE COEFFICIENT ( $C_f$ )
I-Shaped Girder Superstructure	Deck forms not in place	2.2 (1)
	Deck forms in place	1.1
U-Shaped and Box-Girder Superstructure	Deck forms not in place	1.5
	Deck forms in place	1.1
Flat Slab or Segmental Box-Girder Superstructure	Any	1.1





# Wind During Erection



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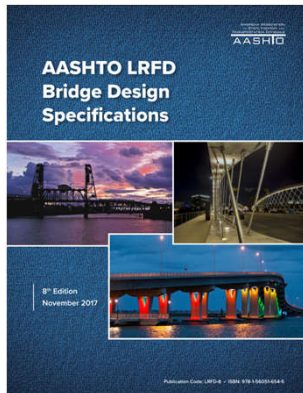
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Concrete Girder Erection

Demolition

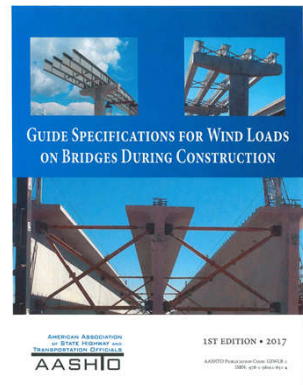


# Wind During Erection



$$P_z = 2.56 \times 10^{-6} V^2 K_z G C_D$$

Component	Drag Coefficient, $C_D$	
	Windward	Leeward
I-Girder and Box-Girder Bridge Superstructures	1.3	N/A
Trusses, Columns, and Arches	Sharp-Edged Member	2.0
	Round Member	1.0
Bridge Substructure	1.6	N/A
Sound Barriers	1.2	N/A



$$P_z = 2.56 \times 10^{-6} V^2 R^2 K_z G C_D$$

	$R$
0-6 weeks	0.65
6 weeks to 1 year	0.73
>1-2 years	0.75
>2-3 years	0.77
>3-years	0.84

Rolled I-Beams	2.2
Concrete I-Beams	2.0
Closed and Open Box-Girders	2.1
Round Members	1.0

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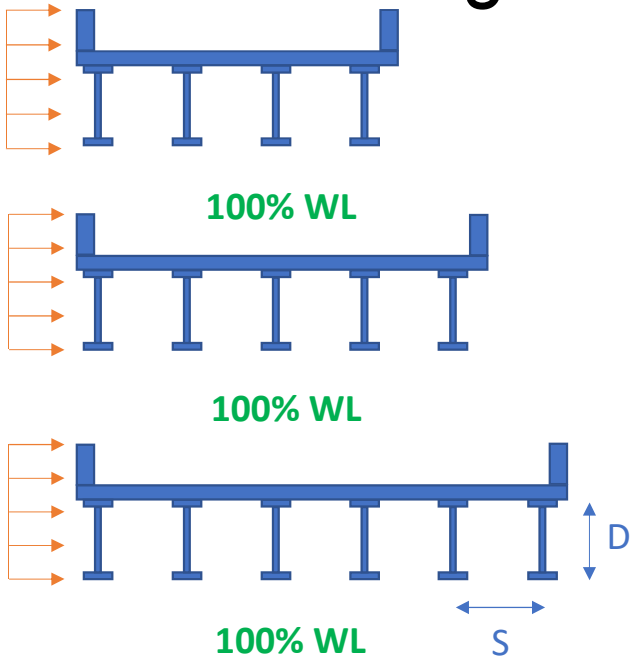
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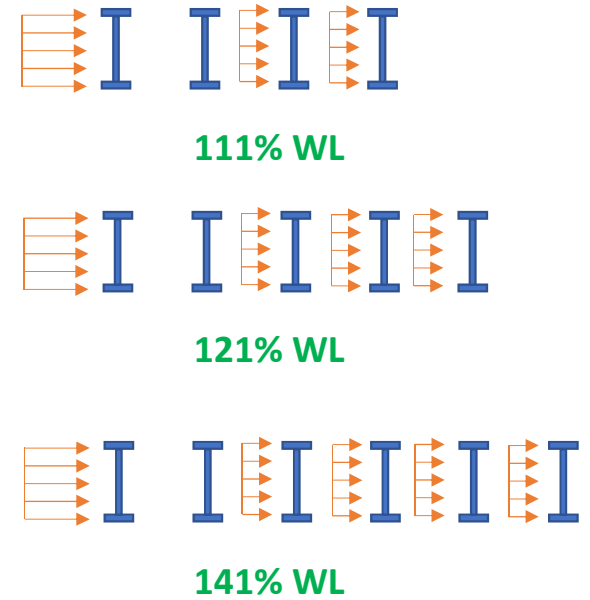
# Wind During Erection



Final Structure  
 $S/D = 1.0 < 3$



Construction (0 to 6 weeks)  
 $R = 0.65$



Construction (6 weeks to 1 year)  
 $R = 0.73$

# PennDOT Requirements



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<p>STANDARD</p> <p>STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES LATERAL BRACING CRITERIA AND DETAILS</p>

## LATERAL STABILITY BRACING DESIGN CRITERIA FOR GIRDER BRIDGES PRIOR TO DECK COMPLETION:

THE CRITERION IN THIS STANDARD APPLIES ONLY TO COMPLETELY ERECTED STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE, WITHOUT THE DECK. THE STABILITY OF PARTIAL AND COMPLETED GIRDERS IN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF ERECTION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ALL GIRDERS AND DIAPHRAGMS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AS SPECIFIED IN PUBLICATION 408 SECTION 1050.3(c). (APPLIES TO TANGENT, SKEWED AND CURVED BRIDGES. APPLIES TO SINGLE AND MULTI-SPAN BRIDGES.)

# PennDOT Requirements



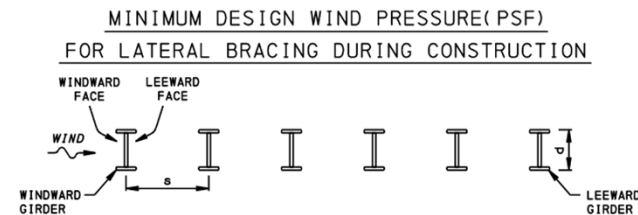
Provides Design Wind Pressures & Load Combinations

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STANDARD

STEEL GIRDER BRIDGES  
 LATERAL BRACING CRITERIA  
 AND DETAILS



CONSTRUCTION DURATION SUPERSTRUCTURE HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL (FT.)	0-6 WEEKS		6 WEEKS-1 YEAR		1-2 YEARS	
	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$	$s/d \leq 2$	$2 < s/d \leq 4$
0-15	19	21	26	28	29	32
20	20	22	27	30	31	34
25	21	23	28	31	32	35
30	22	24	30	32	34	37
40	24	26	31	34	36	39
50	25	27	33	36	38	41
60	26	28	34	37	39	42
70	27	29	35	39	40	44
80	28	30	37	40	42	45
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LATERAL BRACING CRITERIA  
AND DETAILS

## Lateral Bracing Requirements Based on Span Length

1. PROVIDE LATERAL BRACING FOR BRIDGES WITH SPANS IN EXCESS OF 300 FT. TO AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE. DESIGN BRACING FOR THE SPECIFIED WIND LOADS.
2. EVALUATE THE NEED FOR LATERAL BRACING FOR SPANS IN EXCESS OF 200 FT. BASED ON LATERAL DEFLECTION.

# Critical Stages Deflection Criteria



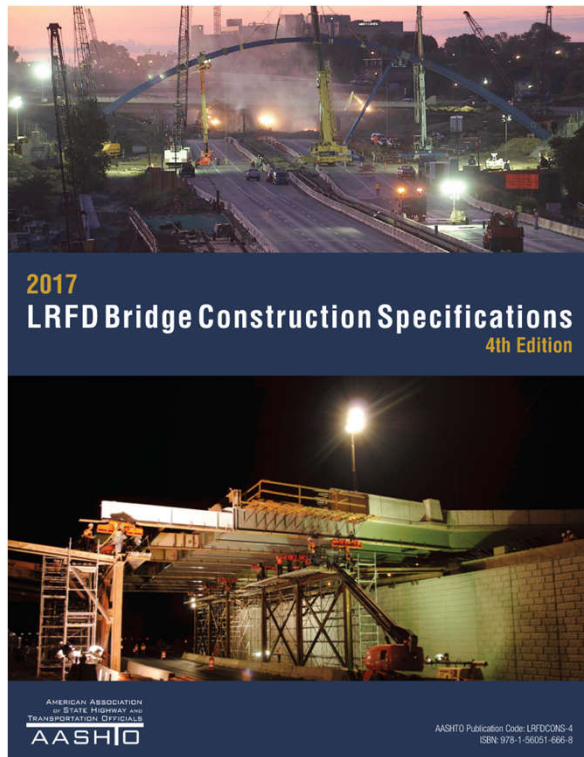
- State Specific (PennDOT)

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4. EVALUATE LATERAL DEFLECTION OF STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR A PERMISSIBLE DEFLECTION OF  $L/150$ . PROVIDE BRACING IF DEFLECTION LIMIT IS EXCEEDED. AN ACCEPTABLE ANALYSIS METHOD IS A HAND CALCULATION FOR A SINGLE FASCIA GIRDER (NON COMPOSITE) OR A GRID ANALYSIS FOR THE ENTIRE STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE FRAMING. THE DIAPHRAGM ACTION OF THE STAY-IN-PLACE FORMS SHALL BE NEGLECTED. FINALLY, IF A GRID ANALYSIS IS USED, THE DIAPHRAGM/GIRDER CONNECTION SHALL BE MODELED AS A PIN IN THE PLANE OF THE GRID. IT IS CONSERVATIVE TO ASSUME PINNED DIAPHRAGM TO GIRDER CONNECTIONS. A MORE RIGOROUS ANALYSIS MODELING PARTIAL FIXITY AT THE CONNECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTION DETAILING IS ACCEPTABLE.

- No AASHTO Criteria

# AASHTO Bridge Construction Specifications



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**Constructibility**

Steel Girder Erection

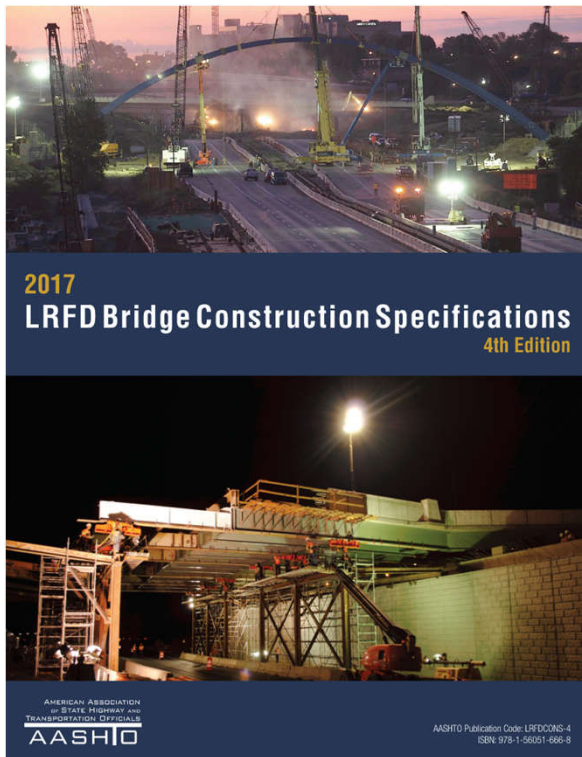
Concrete Girder Erection

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# AASHTO Bridge Construction Specifications



## Key Sections:

### Chapter 8 Concrete Structures

- 8.13 – Precast Concrete Members
- 8.16 – Special Provisions for Segmental Bridges

### Chapter 11 Steel Structures

- 11.2 – Erection Drawings
- 11.8 – Additional Provisions for Curved Girders

# Precast Beams

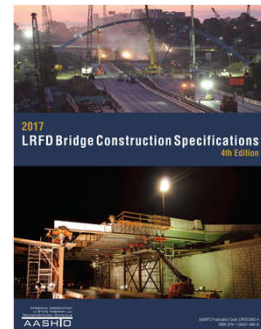
## 8.13—PRECAST CONCRETE MEMBERS

### 8.13.6—Erection

The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of precast members during all stages of construction. Lifting devices shall be used in a manner that does not cause damaging, bending, or torsional forces. After a member has been erected and until it is secured to the structure, temporary braces shall be provided as necessary to resist wind or other loads.



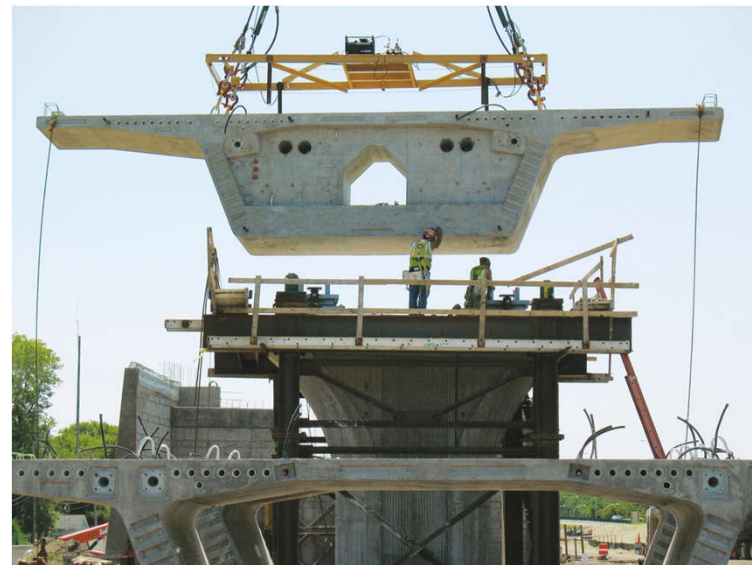
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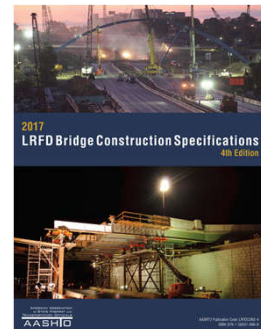


# Special Provisions for Segmental

- Contractor's geometry control plan including the effect of time-dependent prestress losses and creep
- Additional requirements for construction procedure design calculations including falsework design



Images Courtesy of: <http://www.asbi-assoc.org/>



# Steel Girder Bridges

## 11.2.2—Erection Drawings

The Contractor shall submit drawings illustrating fully the proposed method of erection. The drawings shall show details of all falsework bents, bracing, guys, dead-men, lifting devices, and attachments to the bridge members: sequence of erection, location of cranes and barges, crane capacities, location of lifting points on the bridge members, and weights of the members. The drawings shall be complete in detail for all anticipated phases and conditions during erection. Calculations may be required to demonstrate that factored resistances are not exceeded and that member capacities and final geometry will be correct.



Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA

# Curved Steel Girder Bridges

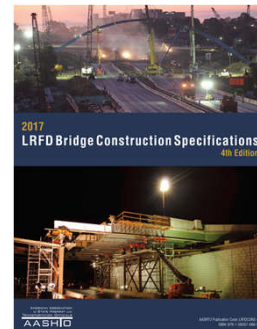
## 11.8—ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR CURVED STEEL GIRDERS

### 11.8.2—Contractor's Construction Plan for Curved Girder Bridges

The Contractor shall provide a construction plan which details fabrication, procedures for deck placement, and which shall be stamped as the Contractor's construction plan on the plan shown in the contract. If the plan may be developed entirely on the site, it shall demonstrate the general structure and individual components during construction, including while supported on temporary jacks. The Contractor's construction plan shall be stamped by a Professional Engineer and be accepted by the Owner.



Gateway Interchange Flyovers, Johnson County, KS



**Complex**

3 C's

**Constructibility**

Steel Girder Erection

Concrete Girder Erection

Demolition



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# Constructibility Summary

Structure Classification	Material	Structure Type
Conventional	Concrete	Precast Beams
	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans (< 200-ft)
Complex	Concrete	Spliced Prestressed Beams / Segmental
	Steel	Long Spans (> 200-ft) / Curved / High Skew

# Constructibility Summary

			EOR Responsibility
Structure Classification	Material	Structure Type	Suggested Construction Plan
Conventional	Concrete	Precast Beams	No
	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans (< 200-ft)	No
Complex	Concrete	Spliced Prestressed Beams / Segmental	Yes
	Steel	Long Spans (> 200-ft) / Curved / High Skew	Sometimes

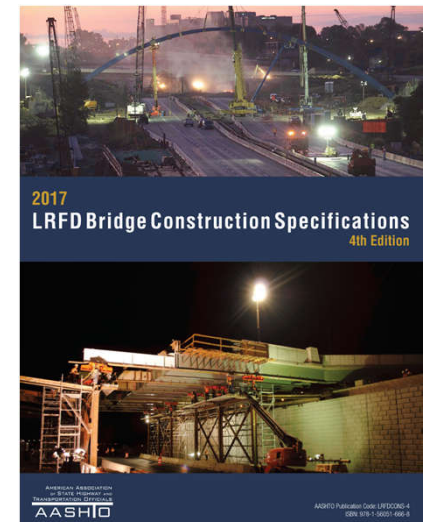
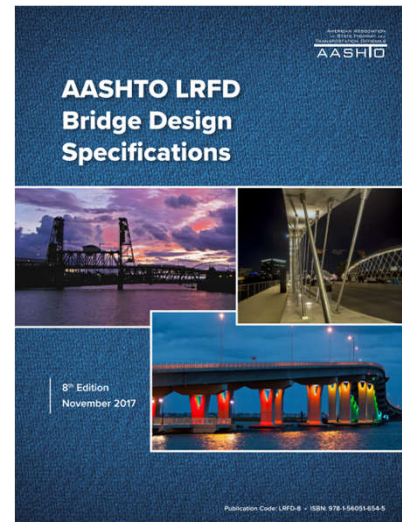


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Conventional	Concrete	Precast Beams	No	Yes	DOT Dependent
	Steel	Shorter Straight Spans (< 200-ft)	No	Yes	DOT Dependent
Complex	Concrete	Spliced Prestressed Beams / Segmental	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Steel	Long Spans (> 200-ft) / Curved / High Skew	Sometimes	Yes	Sometimes

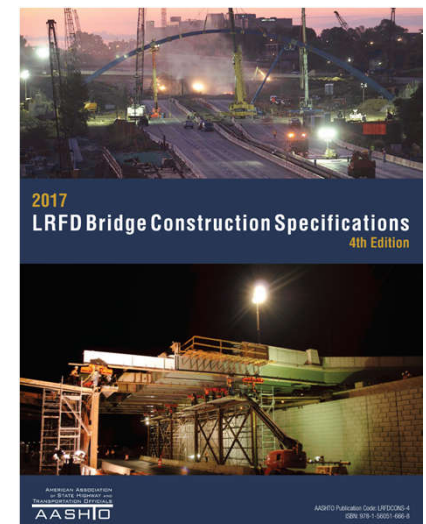
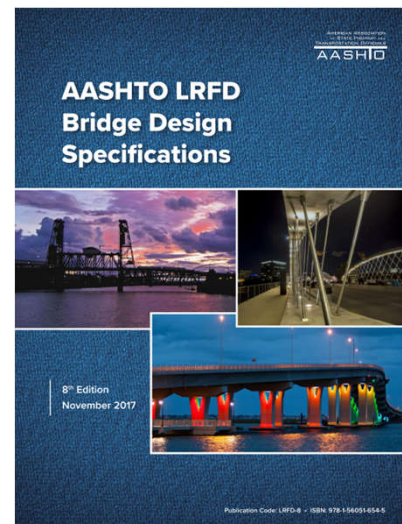
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- DOT guides have made effort to address



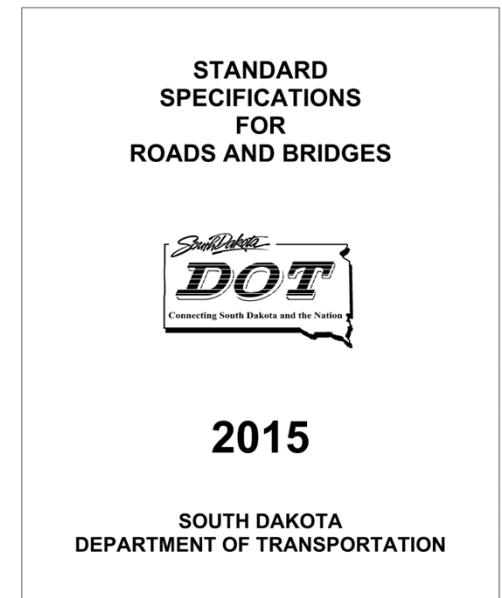
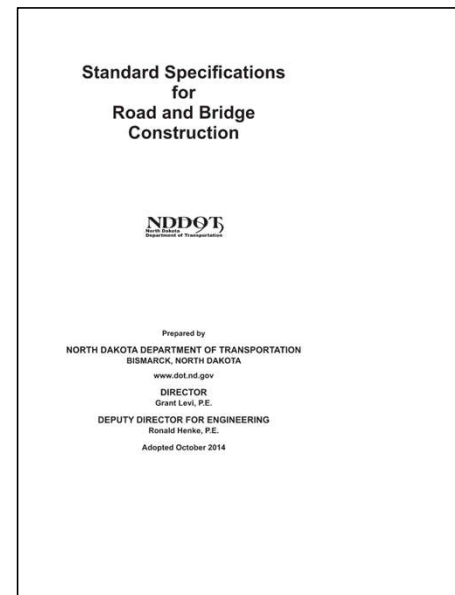
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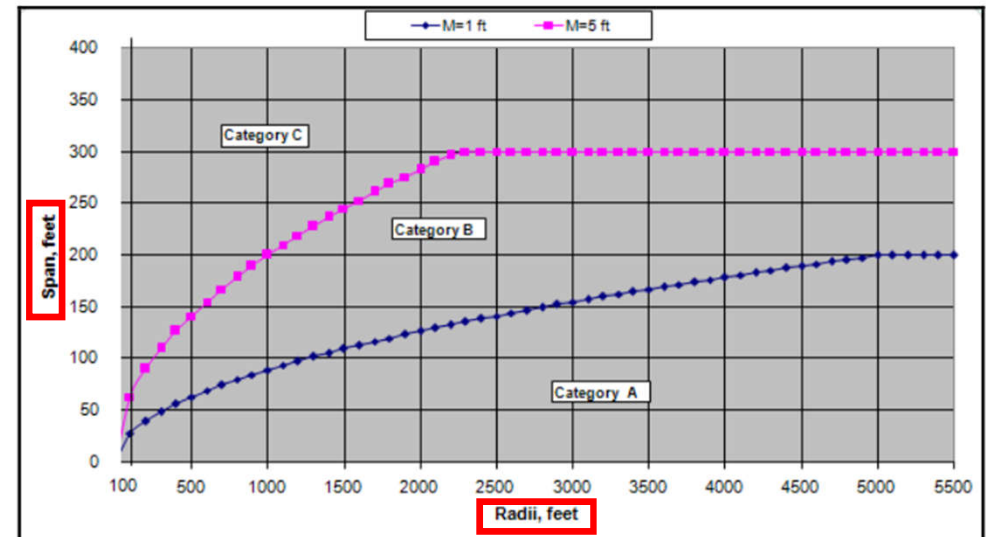
# Steel Girder Erection Classification – SDDOT/ NDDOT

- Standard Specifications indicate working drawings (which include erection plan) must be reviewed by Engineer
- No threshold defined for when an engineered erection plan would be required



# Erection Classification Example - KDOT

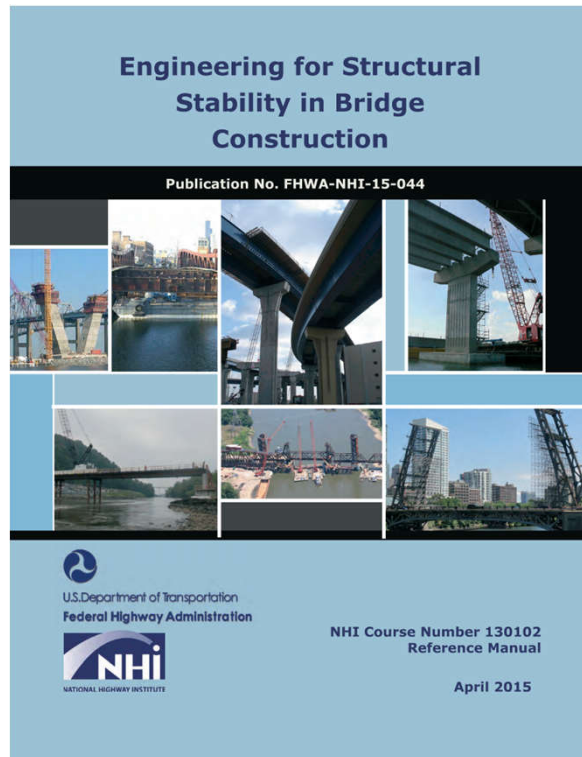
- KDOT Section 737 provides erection category system based on complexity
- Accounts for span length, skew and curvature
- Based on category, which designer can indicate on Contract Plans, the level of erection considerations may be required.
- Everyone is on even playing field during bid phase



**FIGURE 736-1**  
**Special Requirements for Bridge Designers to Designate Erection Plan Categories**  
The initial Category is based on the chart which considers the length of the longest span, the curvature of the bridge and the skew angle.  
If skew is greater than 30°, move up one Category (A to B or B to C).  
If a structure crosses traffic or a railroad, require Category B as a minimum.  
If the Contractor uses falsework bents or strong-backs for the field erection, Category C Erection Plans are required.  
The designer may elevate a structure to the necessary Category based upon engineering judgment and unique circumstances.

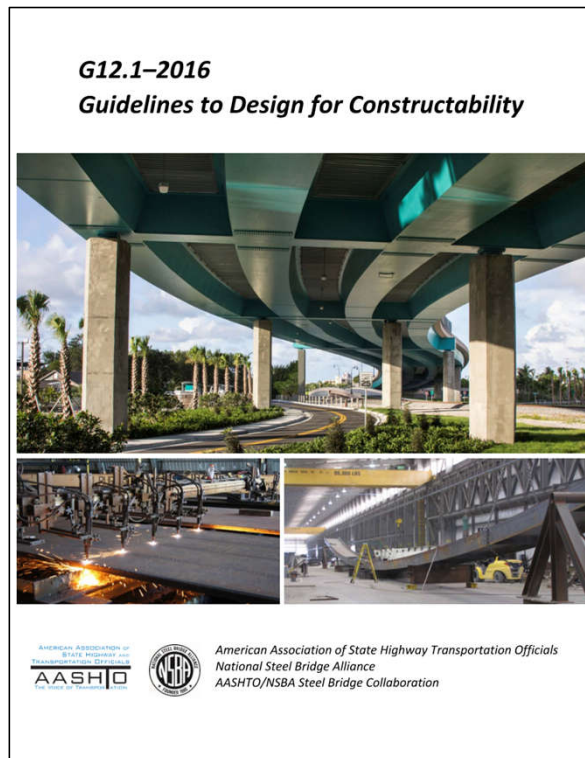


# Erection Classification - Survey



- Survey of AASHTO member states for engineering requirements for structural safety during erection
- 33 states responded to survey
- Past issues related to girder erection
- Threshold for when submittal of erection plans required for review

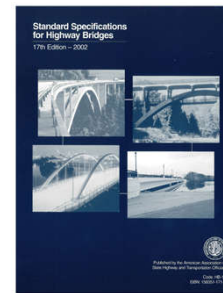
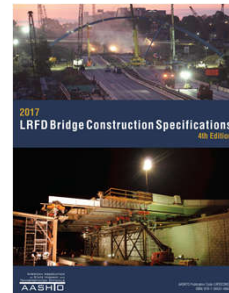
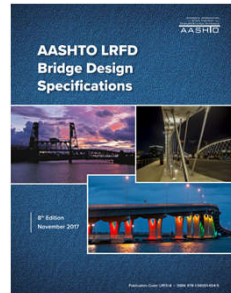
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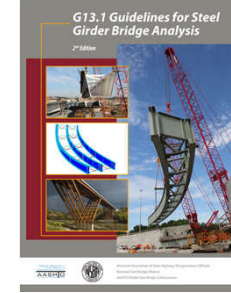
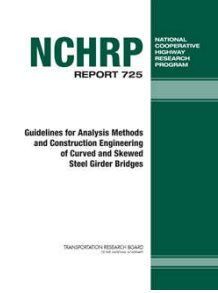
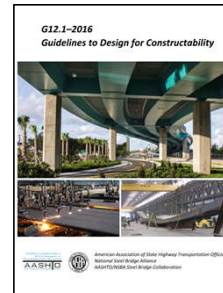
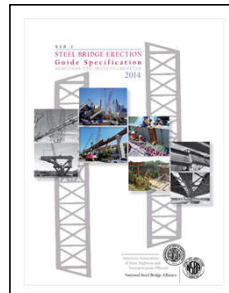
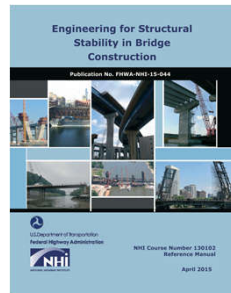
- G12.1-2016 - NSBA / AASHTO Collaboration
- Great resource to ensure a bridge is easy to fabricate and connections are constructible
- Does not cover erection analysis

# Construction Engineer's Literature Review

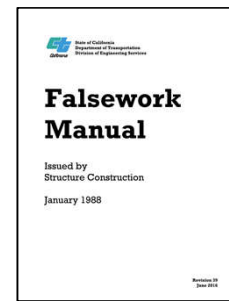
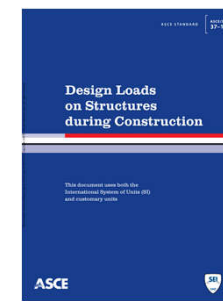
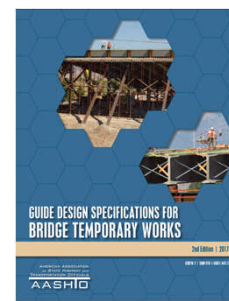
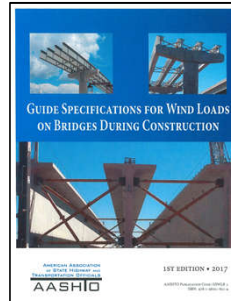
## Design Specifications



## Erection Guides/Specifications

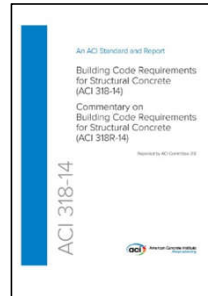
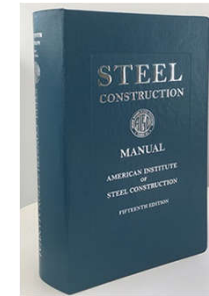
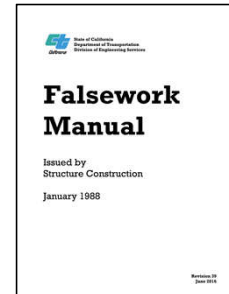
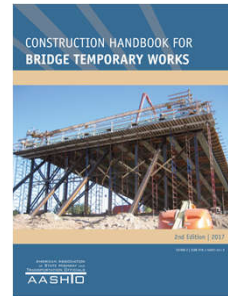
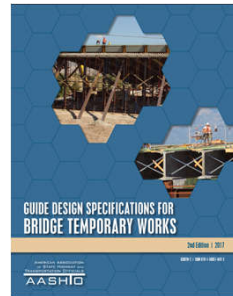


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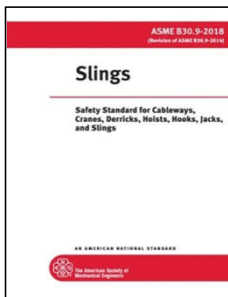
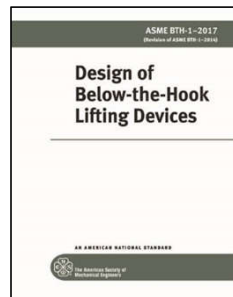


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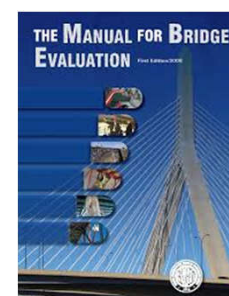
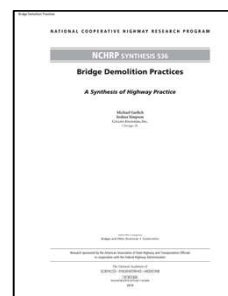
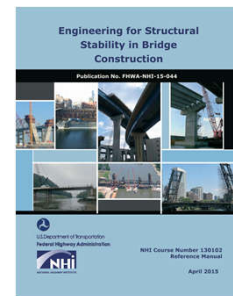
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## Rigging Hardware



## Demolition Guides





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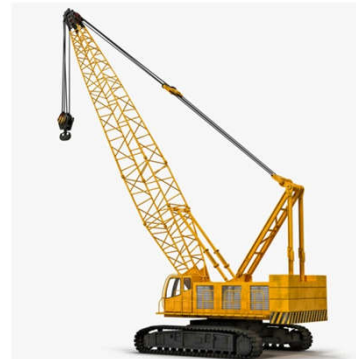
## Equipment Specifications



Fore River Lift Bridge Replacement, Quincy, MA



Hole in the Wall RR Bridge, Fort Worth, TX



# Age old question...

## Constructibility

### 6.10.3—Constructibility

#### 6.10.3.1—General

The provisions of [Article 2.5.3](#) shall apply. In addition to providing adequate strength, nominal yielding or reliance on post-buckling resistance shall not be permitted for main load-carrying members during critical stages of construction, except for yielding of the web in hybrid sections. This shall be accomplished by satisfying the requirements of [Articles 6.10.3.2](#) and [6.10.3.3](#) at each critical construction stage. For sections in positive flexure that are composite in the final condition, but are noncomposite during construction, the provisions of [Article 6.10.3.4](#) shall apply. For investigating the constructibility of flexural members, all loads shall be factored as specified in [Article 3.4.2.](#) For the calculation of deflections, the load factors shall be taken as 1.0.

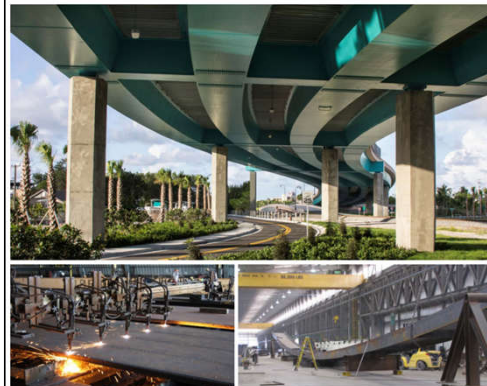
Potential uplift at bearings shall be investigated at each critical construction stage.

Webs without bearing stiffeners at locations subjected to concentrated loads not transmitted through a deck or deck system shall satisfy the provisions of [Article D6.5.](#)

## Constructability

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#### Guidelines to Design for Constructability



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National Steel Bridge Alliance  
AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration





# Steel Girder Erection

Through the Eyes of a Construction Engineer

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# Steel Girder Erection

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# Compression Flange Requirements

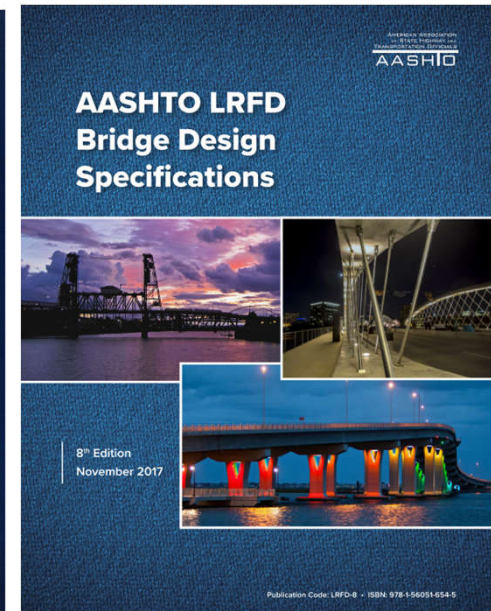
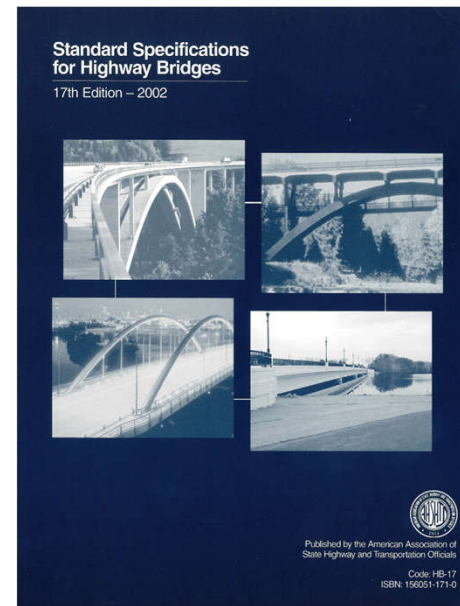
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- Compression flange slenderness ( $b/t$ ) has a major impact on plate girder constructability.
  - Stability of Girders while Hoisting
  - Stability of Partially Constructed Girder Systems
- Prior to deck pour, the flanges provide the only means of stiffness between cross-frames.
- Changes to AASHTO requirements have allowed compression flanges to be more “optimized”

# AASHTO History



- ASD (Allowable Stress Design)
- LFD (Load Factor Design)
- LRFD (Load Resistance Factor Design)



### ASD (Allowable Stress Design)

$$\sigma_{\text{allowable}} \geq \sigma_{\text{demand}}$$

1930's



### LFD (Load Factor Design)

$$R_n \geq \text{effects of } \sum \gamma_i Q_i$$

1970's



### LRFD (Load Resistance Factor Design)

$$\phi R_n \geq \text{effects of } \sum \gamma_i Q_i$$

1994



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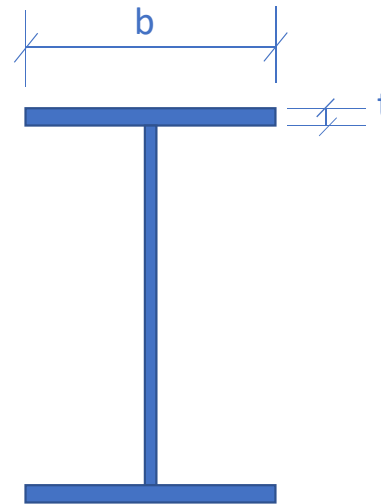
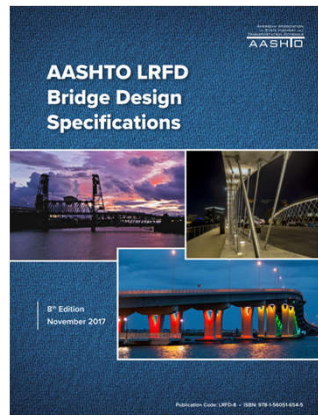
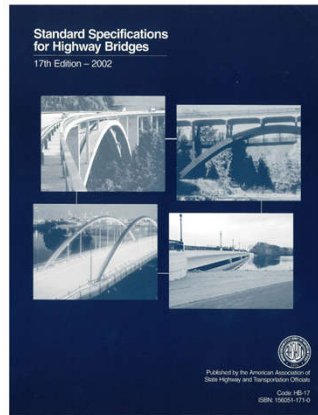




# Compression Flange Requirements



- ASD
- LFD
- LRFD



## Golden Rule



Flange Proportion Limit  
 $b/t \leq 24$



# ASD - Compression Flange Requirements

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10.34.2.1.3 The ratio of compression flange plate width to thickness shall not exceed the value determined by the formula

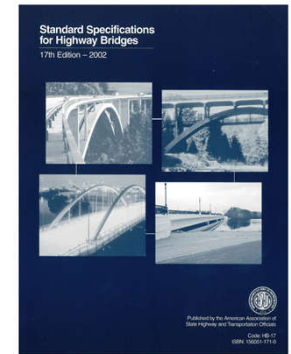
$$\frac{b}{t} = \frac{3,250}{\sqrt{f_b}} \quad \text{but in no case shall } b/t \text{ exceed } 24 \quad (10-19)$$

10.34.2.1.4 Where the calculated compressive bending stress equals .55  $F_y$ , the (b/t) ratios for the various grades of steel shall not exceed the following:

36,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 23  
50,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 20  
70,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 17  
90,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 15  
100,000 psi, Y.P. Min. b/t = 14

- b/t limit is function of applied stress ( $f_b$ )

- Defines maximum flange width to thickness limits when  $f_b = 0.55f_y$



# LFD - Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

**10.48.1.1** Compact sections shall meet the following requirements: (For certain frequently used steels these requirements are listed in Table 10.48.1.2A.)

(a) Compression flange

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq \frac{4,110}{\sqrt{F_y}} \quad (10-93)$$

**TABLE 10.48.1.2A** Limitations for Compact Sections

F <sub>y</sub> (psi)	36,000	50,000	70,000
b/t	21.7	18.4	15.5
D/t <sub>w</sub>	101	86	72
L <sub>p</sub> /r <sub>y</sub> (M <sub>y</sub> /M <sub>u</sub> = 0*)	100	72	51
L <sub>p</sub> /r <sub>y</sub> (M <sub>y</sub> /M <sub>u</sub> = 1*)	39	28	20

\* For values of M<sub>y</sub>/M<sub>u</sub> other than 0 and 1, use Equation (10-96).

**TABLE 10.48.2.1A** Limitations for Braced Noncompact Sections

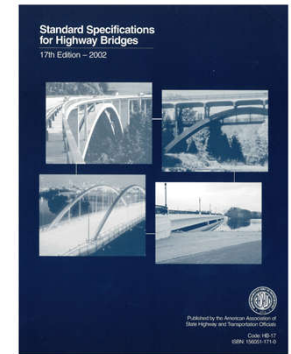
F <sub>y</sub> (psi)	36,000	50,000	70,000	90,000	100,000
b/t *	23.2	19.7	16.6	14.7	13.9
$\frac{L_p d}{A_f}$	556	400	286	222	200
D/t <sub>w</sub>	Refer to Articles 10.48.5.1, 10.48.6.1, 10.49.2, or 10.49.3, as applicable. For unstiffened webs, the limit is 150.				

\* Limits shown are for F<sub>cr</sub> = F<sub>y</sub>. Refer also to Articles 10.48.2 and 10.48.2.1(a).

**10.48.2.1** The above equations are applicable to sections meeting the following requirements:

(a) Compression flange

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq 24 \quad (10-100)$$



# LRFD - Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

## 6.10.2.2—Flange Proportions

Compression and tension flanges shall be proportioned such that:

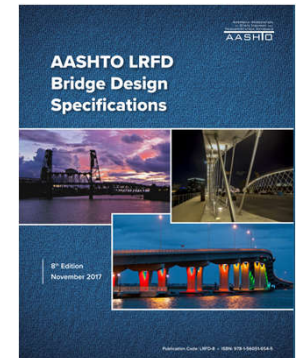
$$\frac{b_f}{2t_f} \leq 12.0, \quad \rightarrow \quad bf / tf < 24 \quad (6.10.2.2-1)$$

$$b_f \geq D/6, \quad (6.10.2.2-2)$$

$$t_f \geq 1.1t_w, \quad (6.10.2.2-3)$$

and:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{I_{yc}}{I_{yt}} \leq 10 \quad (6.10.2.2-4)$$



# LRFD - Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

## 6.10.8.2.2—Local Buckling Resistance

The local buckling resistance of the compression flange shall be taken as:

- If  $\lambda_f \leq \lambda_{pf}$ , then:

$$F_{nc} = R_b R_h F_{yc} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-1)$$

- Otherwise:

$$F_{nc} = \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{F_{yr}}{R_h F_{yc}} \right) \left( \frac{\lambda_f - \lambda_{pf}}{\lambda_{rf} - \lambda_{pf}} \right) \right] R_b R_h F_{yc} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-2)$$

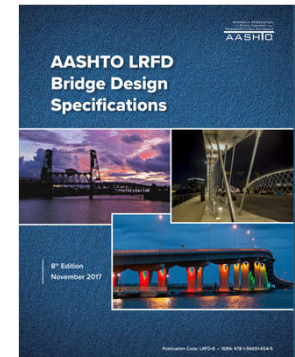
$$\begin{aligned} bf / 2tf &< \lambda_{pf} \\ bf / tf &< 2\lambda_{pf} \end{aligned}$$

in which:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_f &= \text{slenderness ratio for the compression flange} \\ &= \frac{b_{fc}}{2t_{fc}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{pf} &= \text{limiting slenderness ratio for a compact flange} \\ &= 0.38 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_{yc}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{rf} &= \text{limiting slenderness ratio for a noncompact flange} \\ &= 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_{yr}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.10.8.2.2-5)$$



# Compression Flange Requirements



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- LFD Compact

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- LRFD

$$2 \times 0.38 \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_{yv}}}$$

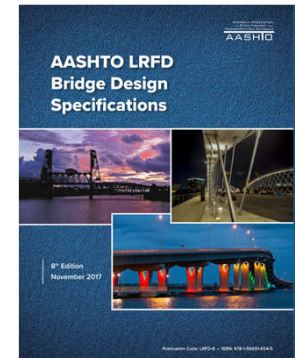
- ASD / LFD / LRFD

$$\frac{b}{t} \leq 24$$

fy (ksi)	ASD or LFD Non-Compact	LFD Compact	LRFD
36	23.1	21.7	21.6
50	19.6	18.4	18.3
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90	14.6	13.7	13.6
100	13.9	13.0	12.9

ASD & LFD  
Hard Limit

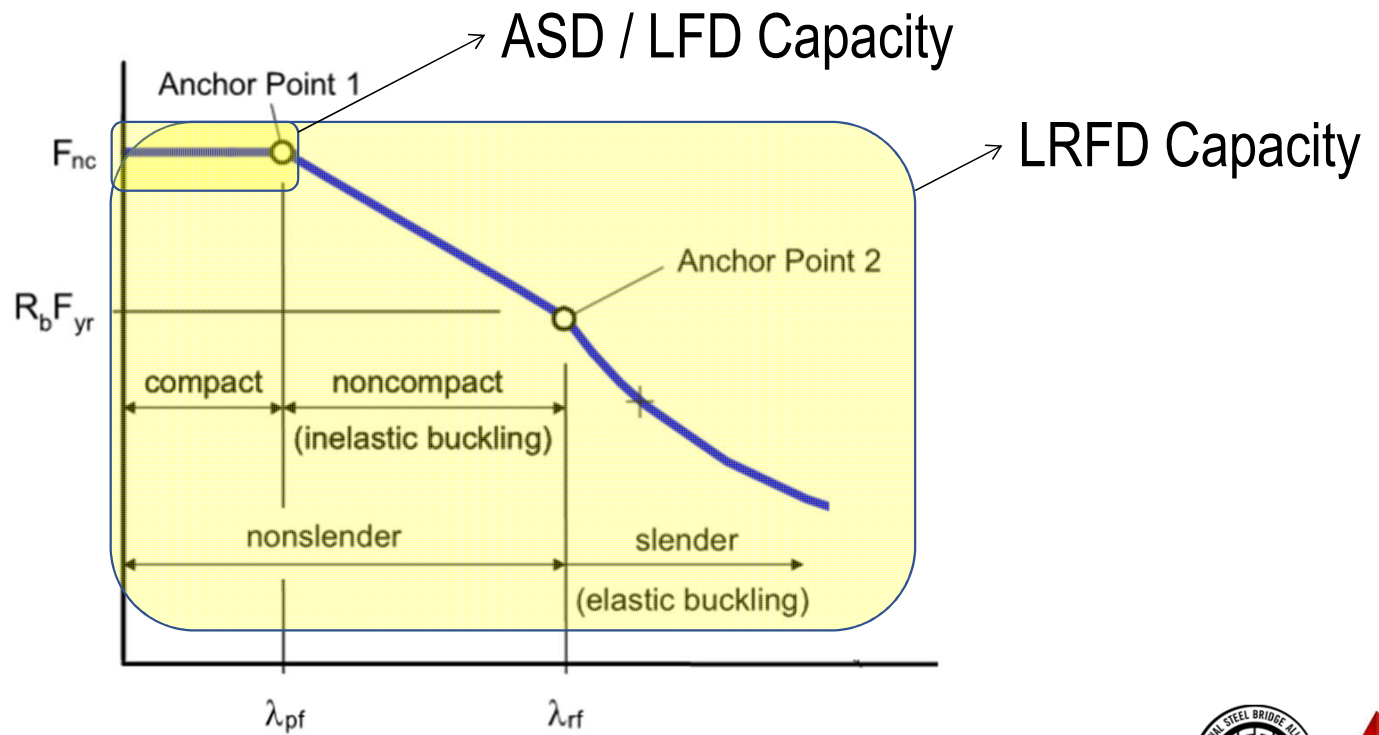
LRFD Limit for when LB  
must be considered





# Compression Flange Requirements

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# Compression Flange Requirements

b/t RATIO

- Governing codes have become more refined (& complicated) in the calculation of both member capacity and load demands.
- Computer power allows for more refined analysis.
- This has in turn allowed for more “efficient” structures.
- Results in potentially larger compression flange b/t ratios.
  - Final bridge condition may be adequate
  - More difficult to erect.
- More “efficient” structures do NOT always result in project cost savings.

# Steel Girder Erection

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- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
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  - Curved Girder
  - Rigging Options
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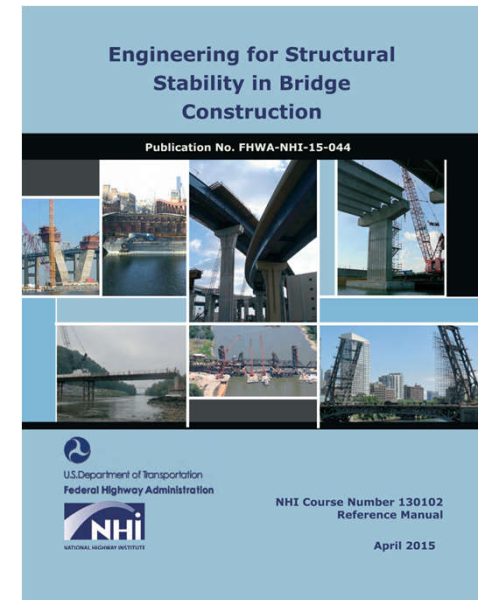
# Critical Stages of Construction

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## 7.2.2 Critical Erection Stages

The erection plan and supporting engineering calculations must address both strength and stability at each stage of erection. Deformations associated with each stage should also be evaluated. Critical erection stages for the girder bridge structure during construction normally consist of at least the following:

- Lifting of girders/members
- Placement of the initial girder and any associated temporary bracing used to hold the girder in place
- First pair of girders set with permanent bracing installed
- All girders and bracing installed prior to the deck placement
- All girders and bracing installed during the deck placement
- Application of the deck overhang bracket loads to the fascia girders during the deck placement



# Single vs. Paired Girder Pick

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Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA

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**Steel Girder Erection**

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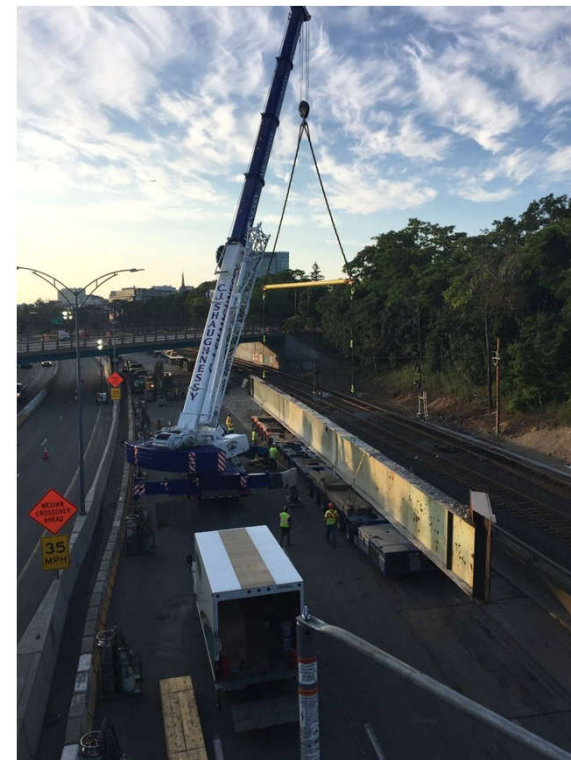
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# Single Girder Pick Advantages

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- Smaller Crane
  - Lighter pick load
- Larger Radius
  - Site constraints may dictate
- Simpler Rigging
  - No transverse spreaders
- Expedited Installation
  - One field splice connection



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# Paired Girder Pick Advantages

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- More Ground Assembly
  - Cross frame connections
- More Stable while Hoisted
  - Reduced lateral torsional buckling concerns



KY 152 over Herrington Lake, Mercer and Garrard Counties, KY

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# Curved Girder Pick

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Gateway Interchange Flyovers, Johnson County, KS

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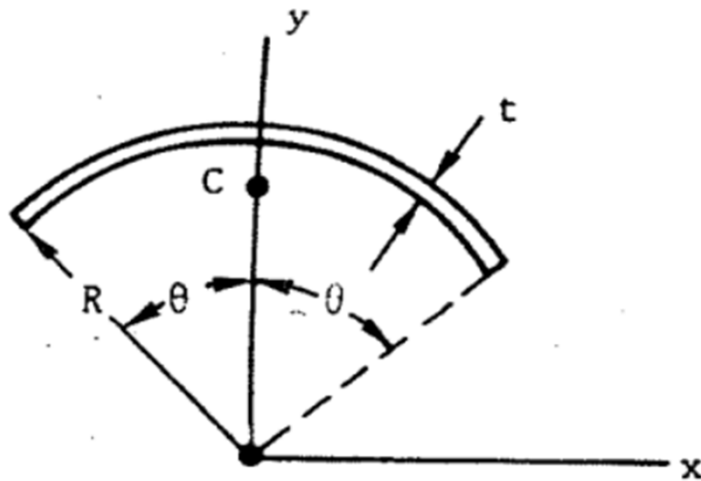
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# Curved Girder Pick

## Girder Center of Gravity

28. Sector of Thin Annulus



$$x_C = 0$$

$$y_C = R \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$$

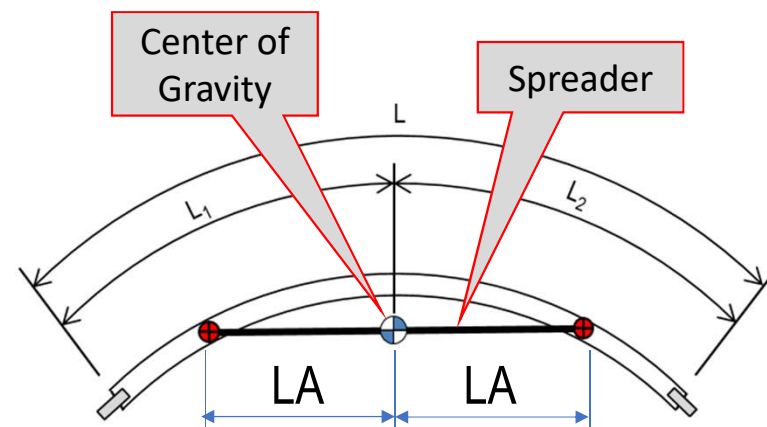
# Curved Girder Pick



## Girder Center of Gravity

- Span Lengths
- Changing Girder Cross Section
  - Shop Splices
- Field Splices
- Cross Frames

## Ideal Spreader Length



- ⊕ : Center of Gravity
- ⊕ : Pick Point, typ.
- ▭ : Field Splice, typ.

# Curved Girder Pick

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Spreader Shorter Than Ideal Length

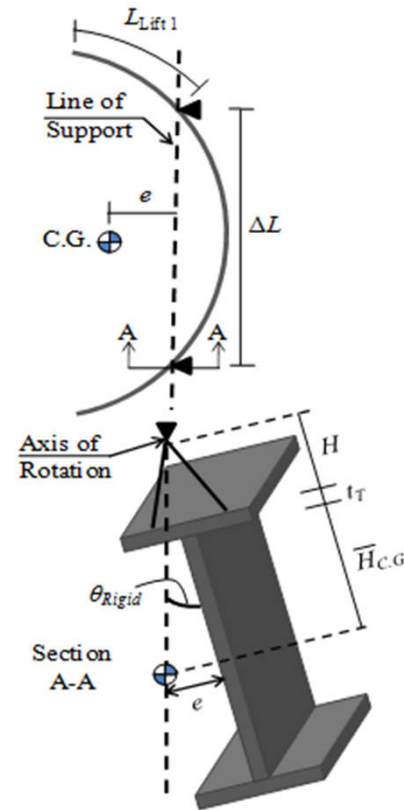
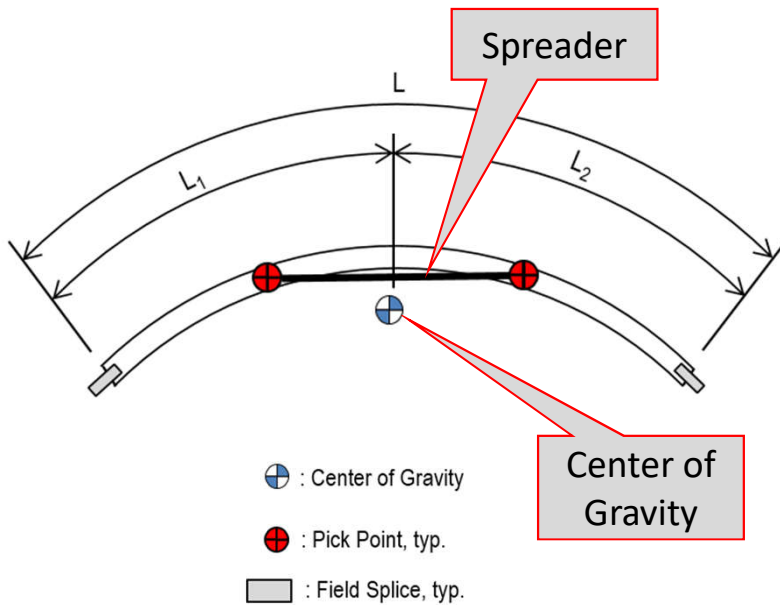
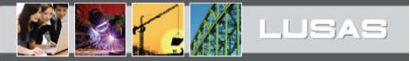


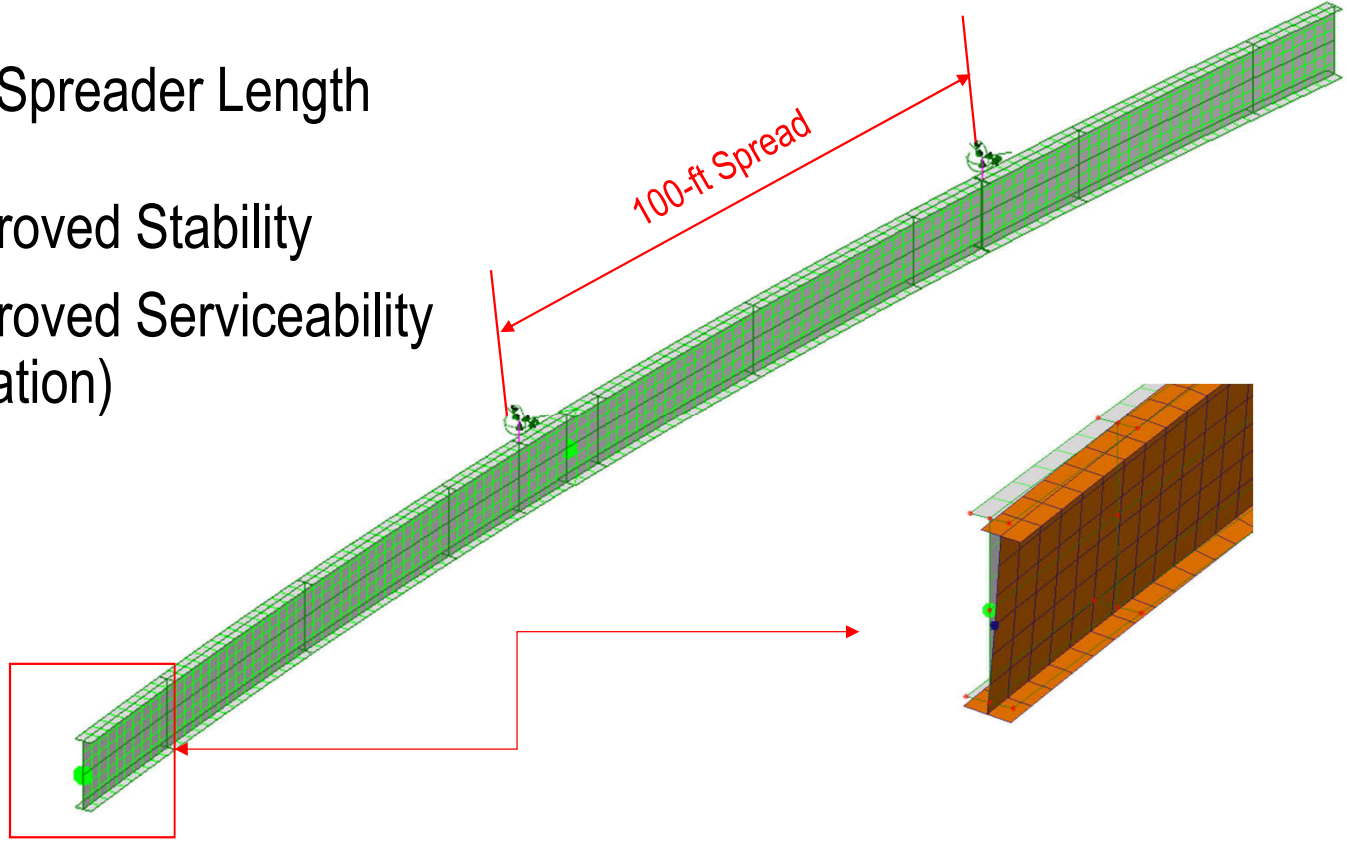
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# Curved Girder Pick



Ideal Spreader Length

- Improved Stability
- Improved Serviceability (rotation)



9" Lateral Displacement

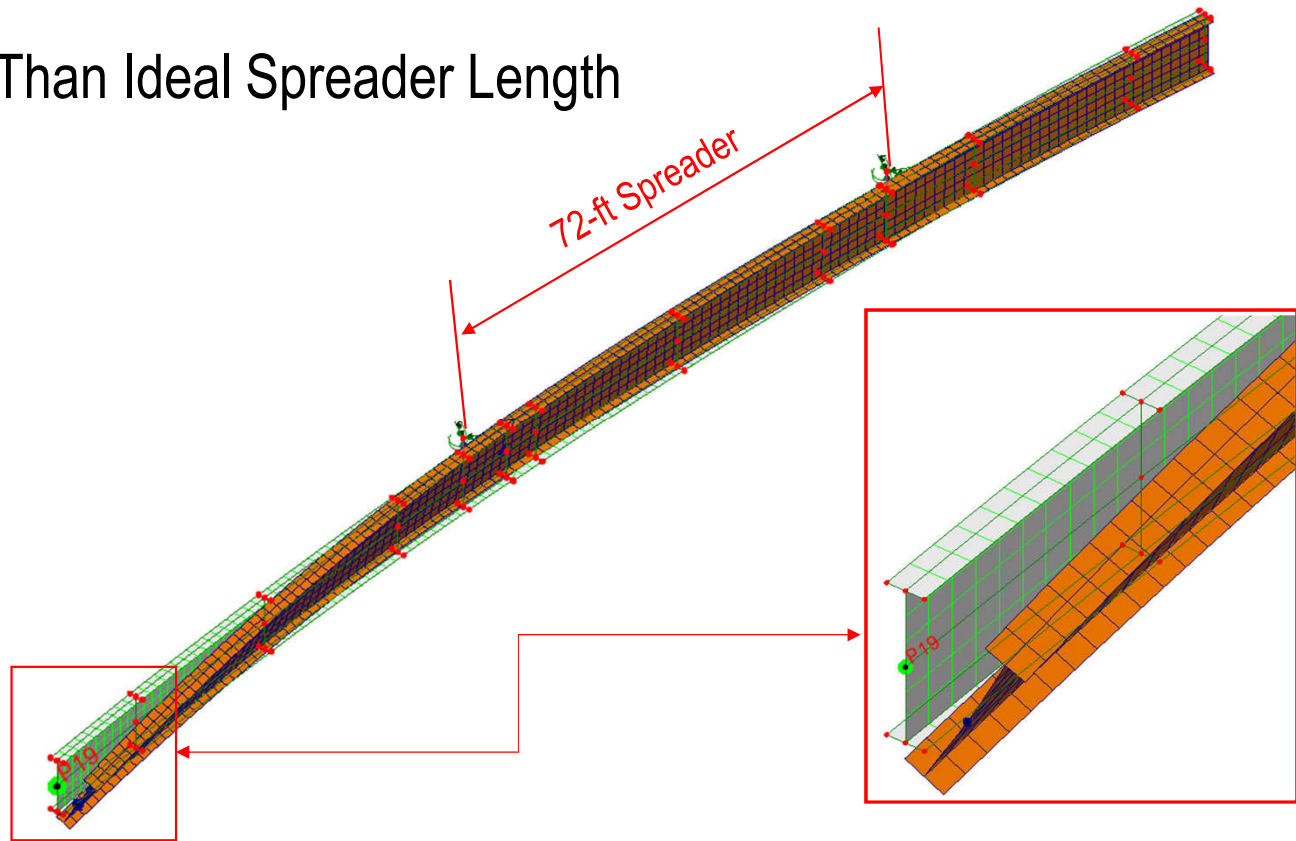




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Shorter Than Ideal Spreader Length

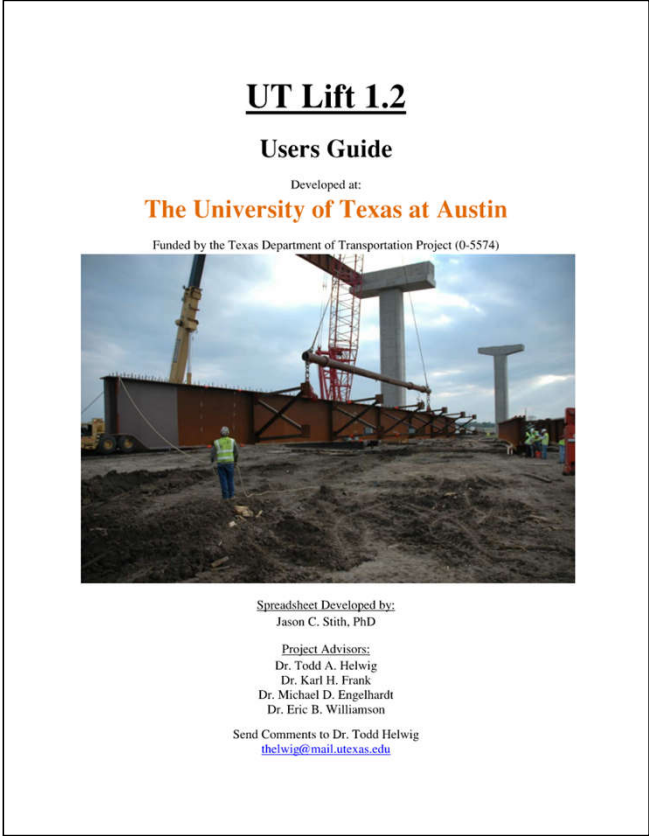


20" Lateral Displacement

# Curved Girder Pick – UT Lift



- UT Lift Software used for curved girder hoisting analysis



# Curved Girder Pick – UT Lift



- **Input:**
  - Girder section properties
  - Curve radius
  - Cross-frame information, if applicable
- **Output:**
  - Pick weight and C.G.
  - Ideal spread between pick points
  - Max girder picking stresses
  - Girder twist
  - Girder Demand/Capacity (D/C) Ratio

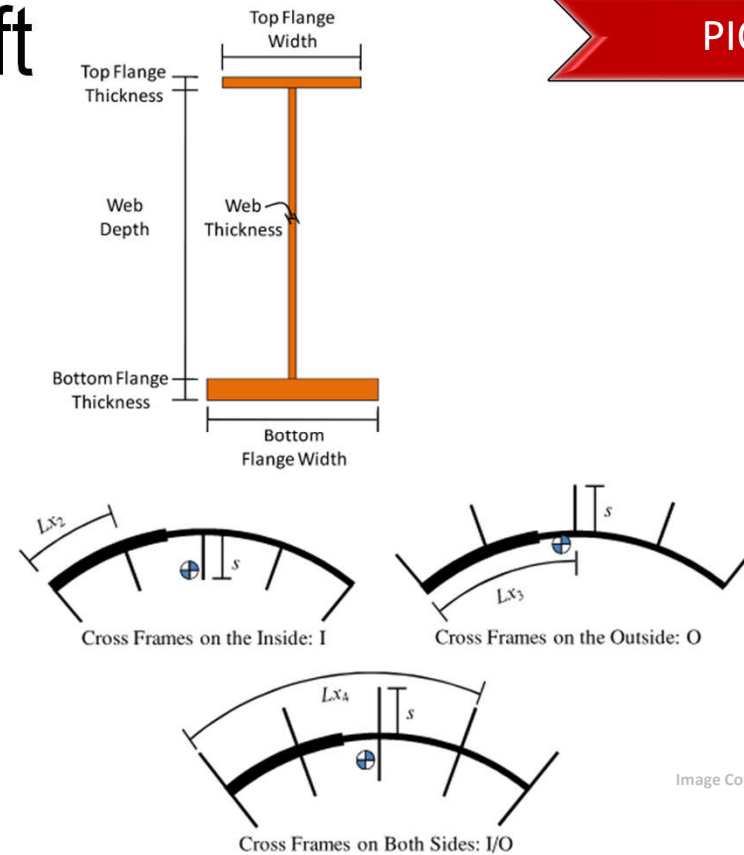
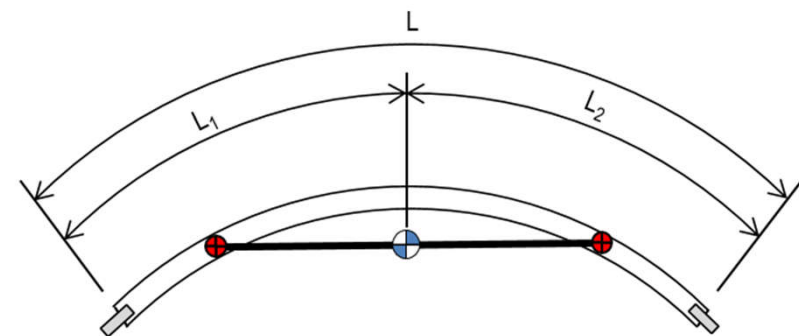


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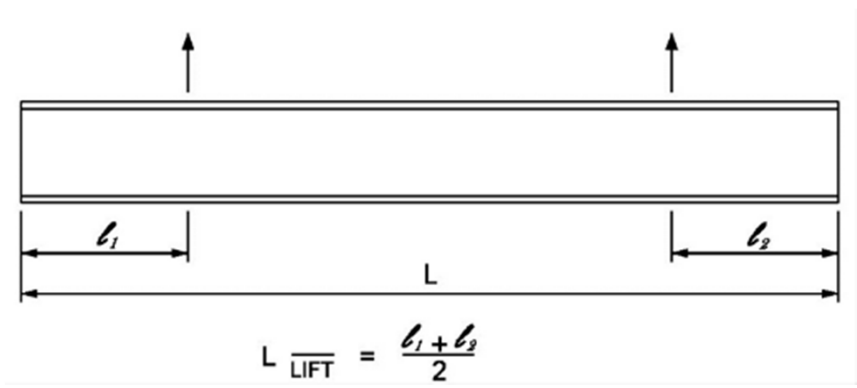
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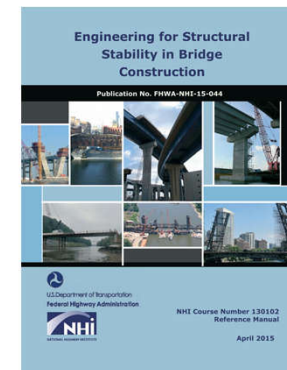
$$M_u < \phi_b M_{cr} = \phi_b C_{bL} \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + E^2 I_y C_w \left( \frac{\pi^2}{L_b^2} \right)} \quad \text{Equation 7-7}$$

$L_b$  = Unbraced length = L (total length of girder segment)

$$C_{bL} = 2.0 \text{ for } \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} \leq 0.225 \quad \text{Equation 7-8}$$

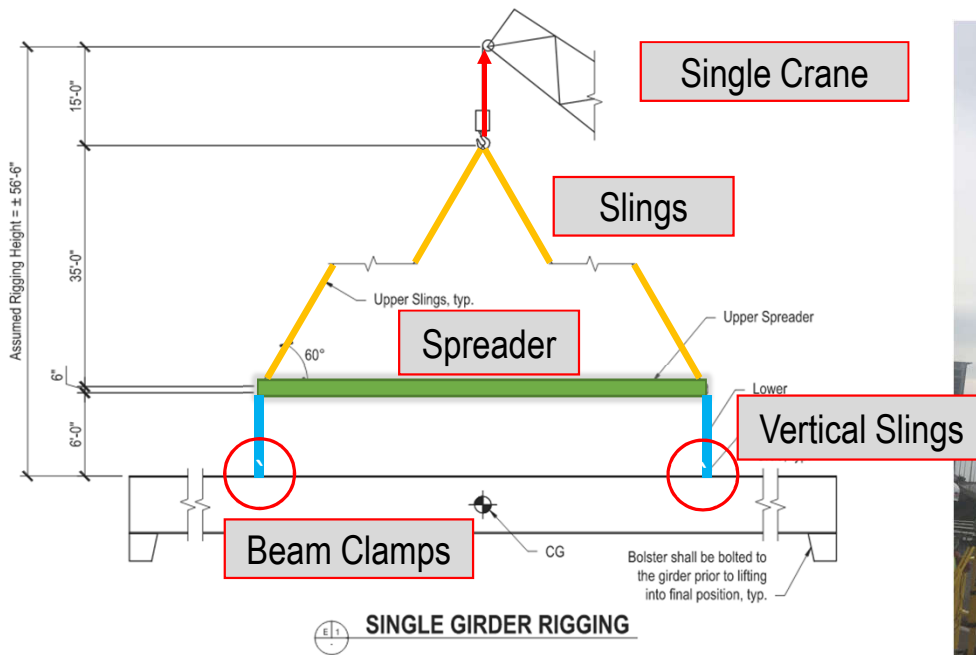
$$C_{bL} = 6.0 \text{ for } 0.225 < \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} < 0.3 \quad \text{Equation 7-9}$$

$$C_{bL} = 4.0 \text{ for } \frac{L_{LIFT}}{L} \geq 0.3 \quad \text{Equation 7-10}$$



# Rigging – Single Girder Spreader

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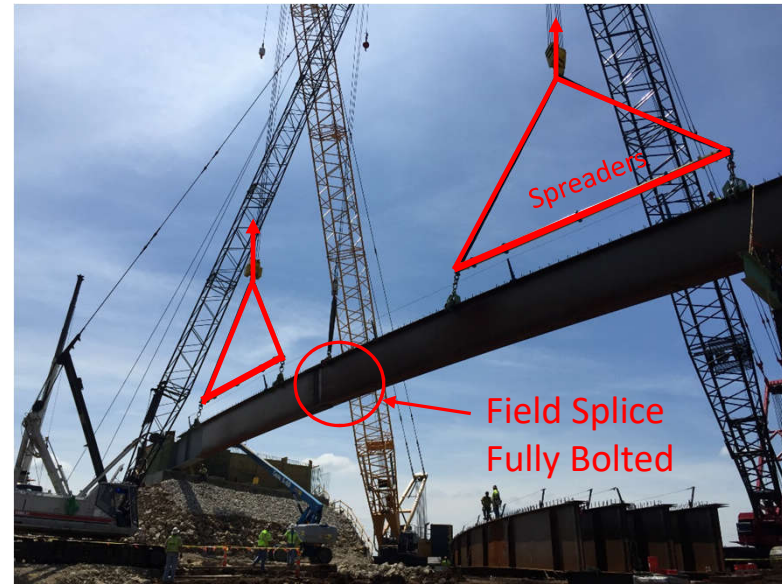


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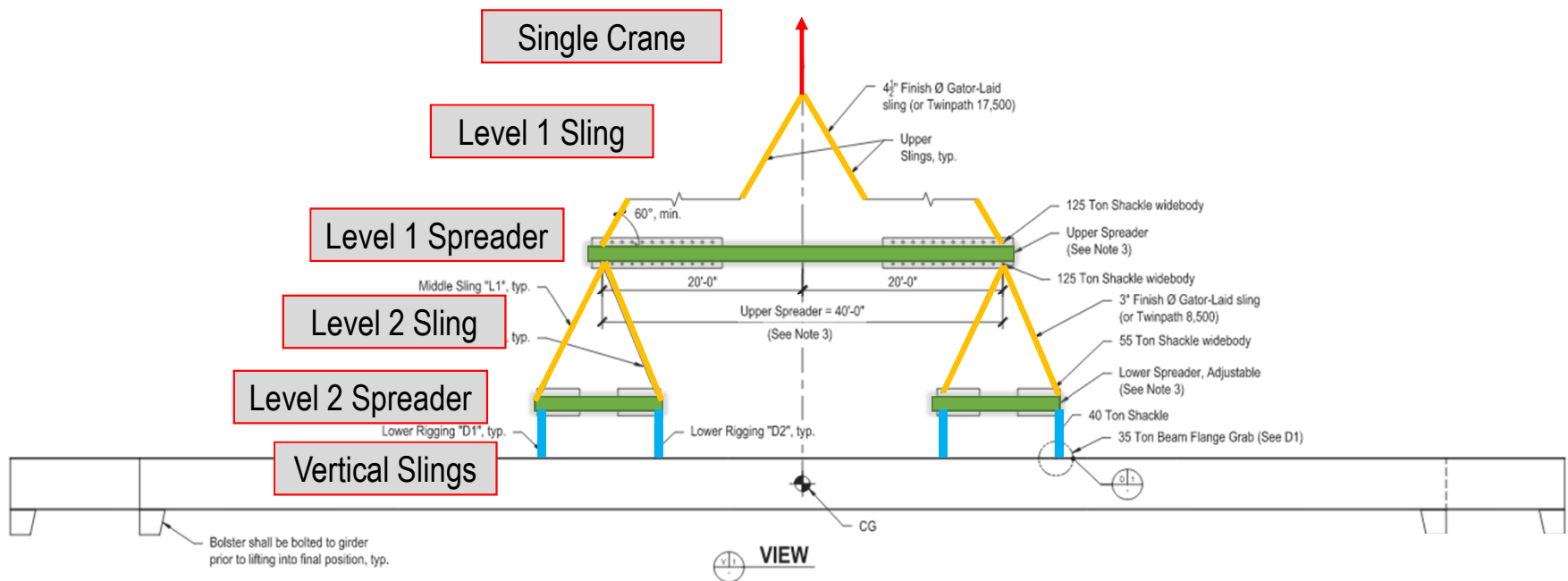


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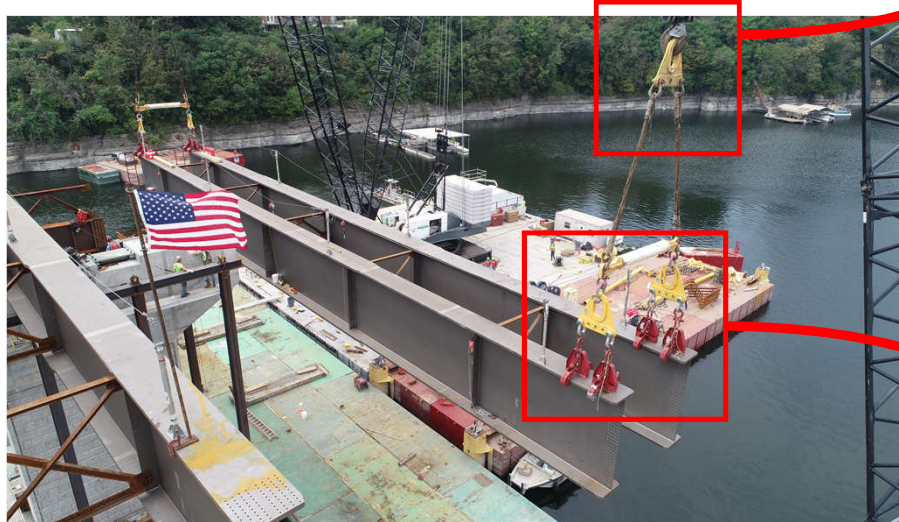
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# Rigging – Multi-Level Spreaders



# Load Equalizers – Lifting Triangles

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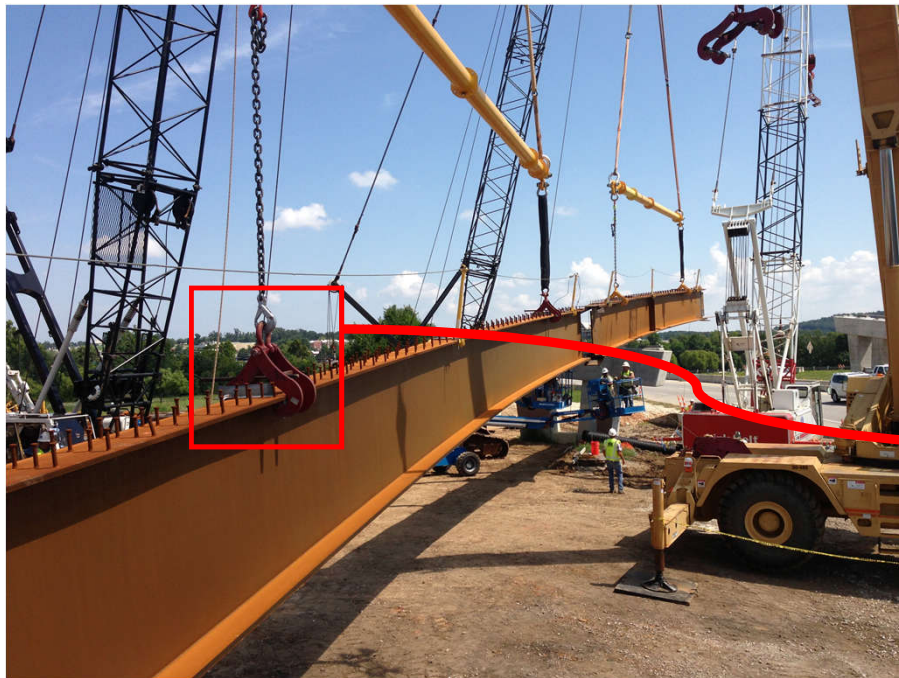
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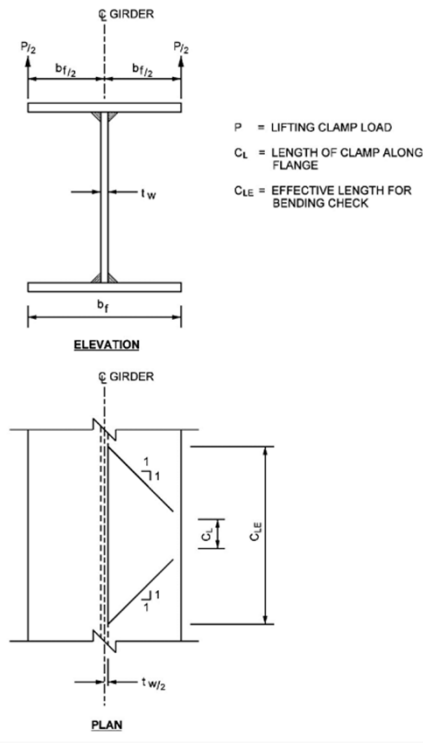
# Beam Clamps

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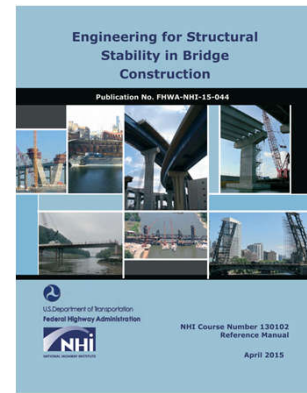
# Beam Clamps



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$$f_{lb} \leq 0.75 F_{yf}$$

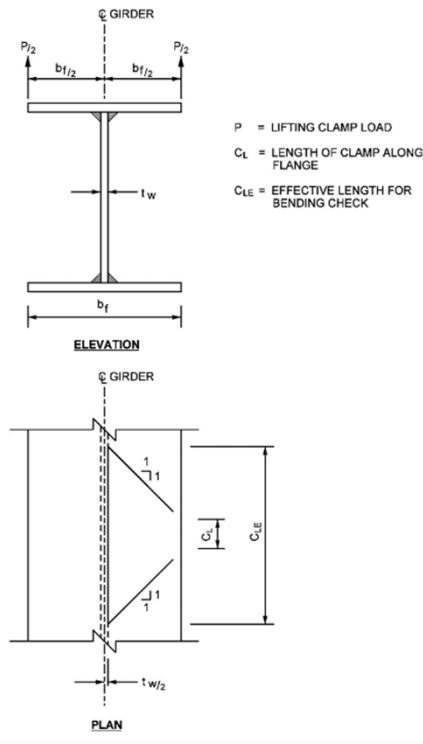
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- $R_c$  = service level concentrated force at each flange edge (kip)
  - $F_{yf}$  = specified minimum flange yield stress (ksi)
  - $b_f$  = flange width (in)
  - $t_f$  = flange thickness (in)
  - $C_L$  = length of clamp along flange (in)
  - $k$  = distance from outer face of flange to web toe of fillet (in)



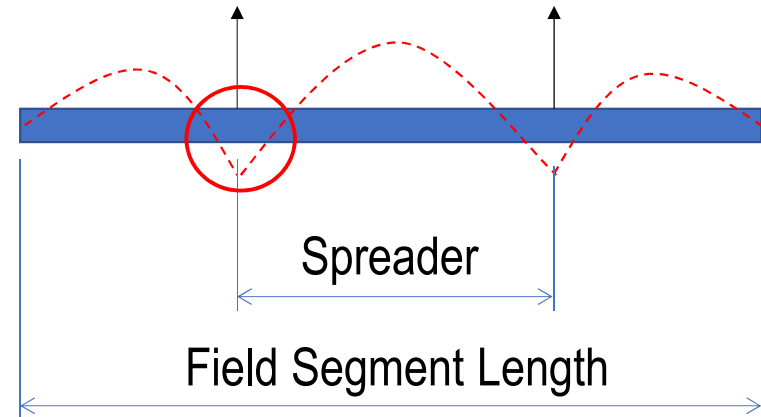
Equation 7-23

Equation 7-24

# Beam Clamps



## Global Strong Axis Bending Moment





# Steel Girder Erection

- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
- Picking Girders
- Staged Construction Evaluation
  - Check for critical stages of stability concerns
  - Check stage specific demands with stage specific capacity
  - Perform detailed finite element model buckling analysis
- Temporary Works

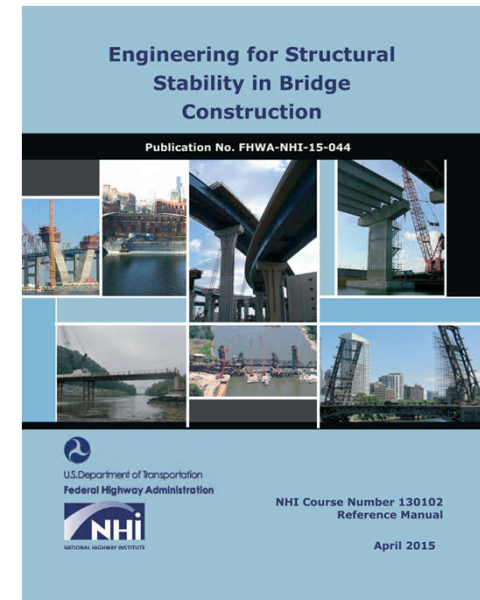
# Critical Stages of Construction

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## 7.2.2 Critical Erection Stages

The erection plan and supporting engineering calculations must address both strength and stability at each stage of erection. Deformations associated with each stage should also be evaluated. Critical erection stages for the girder bridge structure during construction normally consist of at least the following:

- Lifting of girders/members
- Placement of the initial girder and any associated temporary bracing used to hold the girder in place
- First pair of girders set with permanent bracing installed
- All girders and bracing installed prior to the deck placement
- All girders and bracing installed during the deck placement
- Application of the deck overhang bracket loads to the fascia girders during the deck placement



# Critical Stages of Construction

## 6.10.3.2.1—Discretely Braced Flanges in Compression

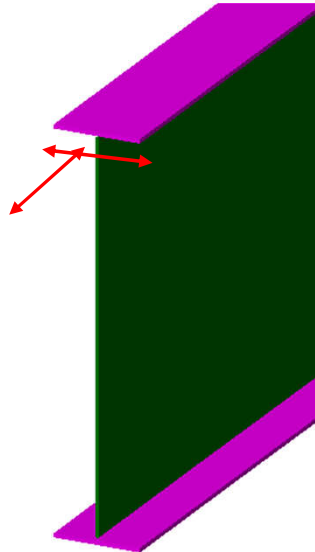
For critical stages of construction, each of the following requirements shall be satisfied. For sections with slender webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-1 shall not be checked when  $f_c$  is equal to zero. For sections with compact or noncompact webs, Eq. 6.10.3.2.1-3 shall not be checked.

$$f_{bu} + f_c \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-1)$$

$$f_{bu} + \frac{1}{3} f_c \leq \phi_f F_{nc}, \quad (6.10.3.2.1-2)$$

and

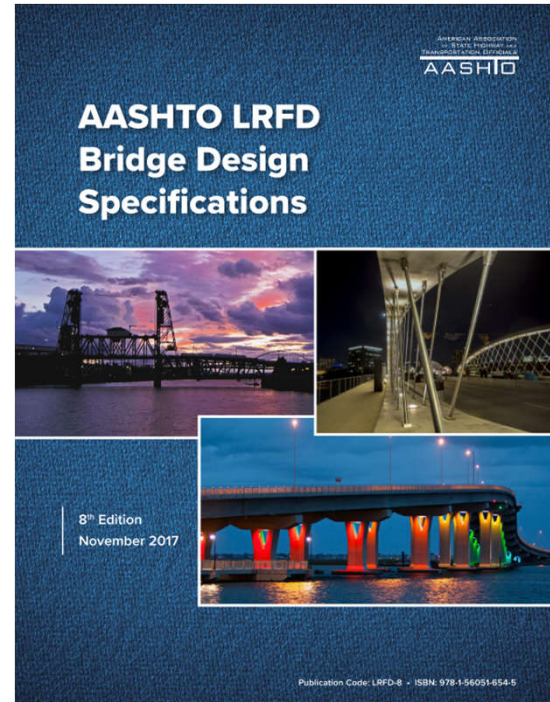
$$f_{bu} \leq \phi_f F_{crw} \quad (6.10.3.2.1-3)$$



## 6.10.3.2.2—Discretely Braced Flanges in Tension

For critical stages of construction, the following requirement shall be satisfied:

$$f_{bu} + f_t \leq \phi_f R_h F_{yt} \quad (6.10.3.2.2-1)$$



# Critical Stages of Construction

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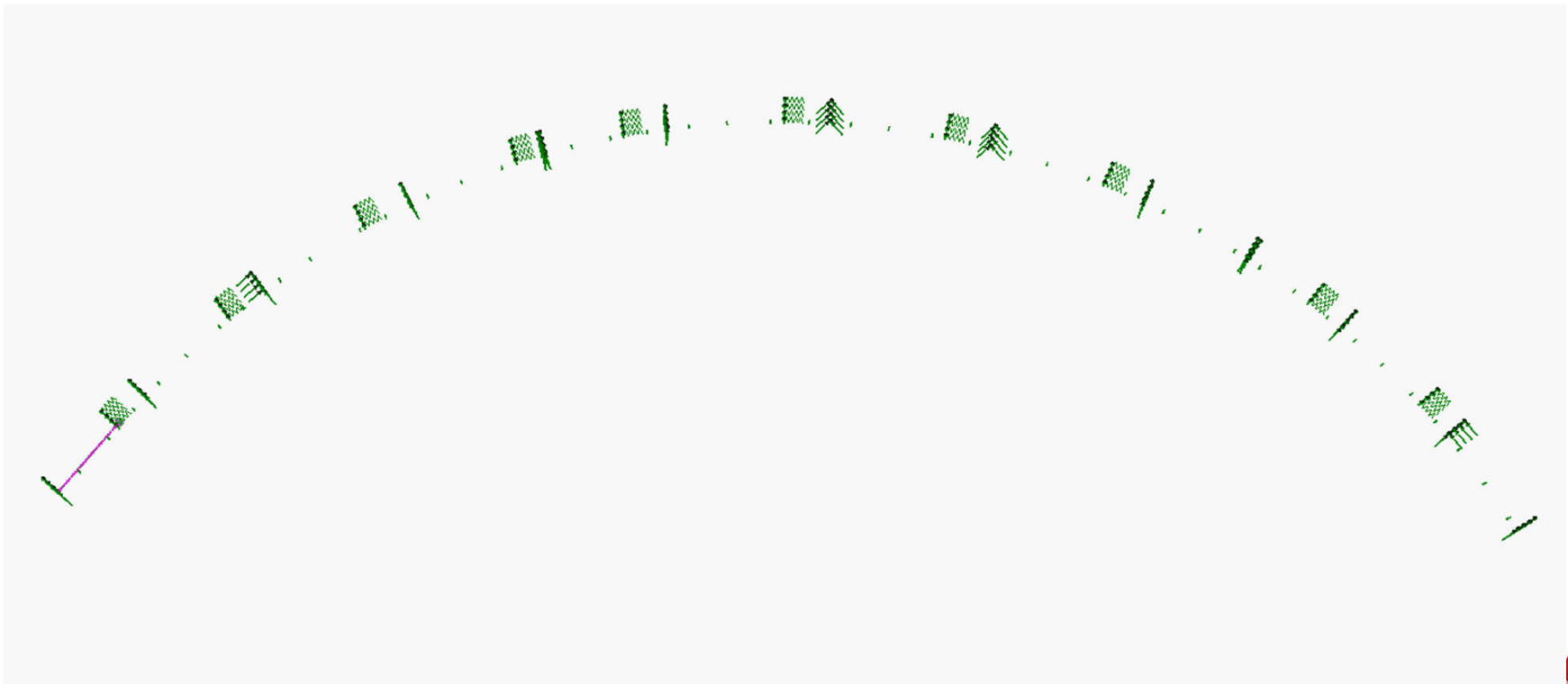
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# Staged Construction Evaluation

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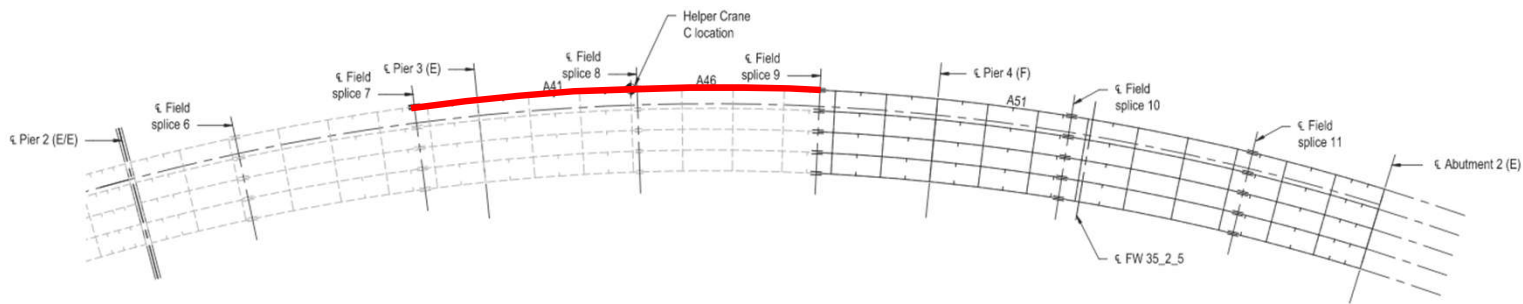
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# Single Girder Stability

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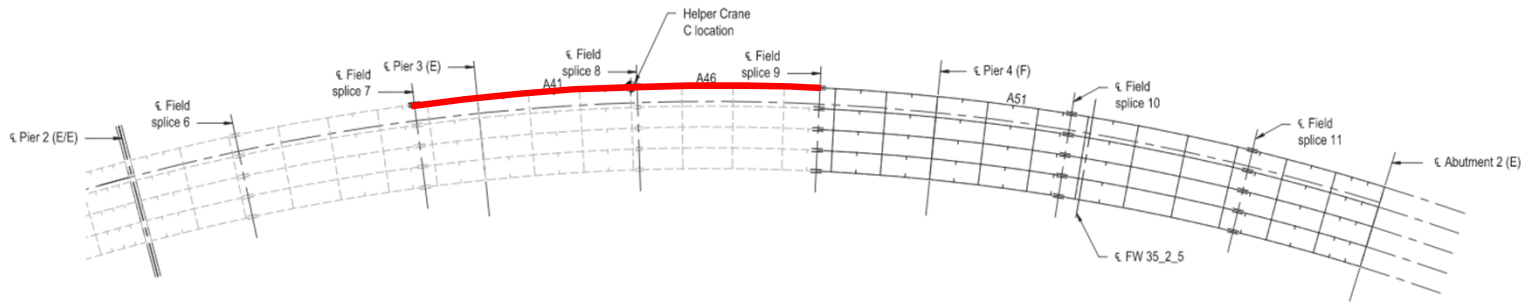
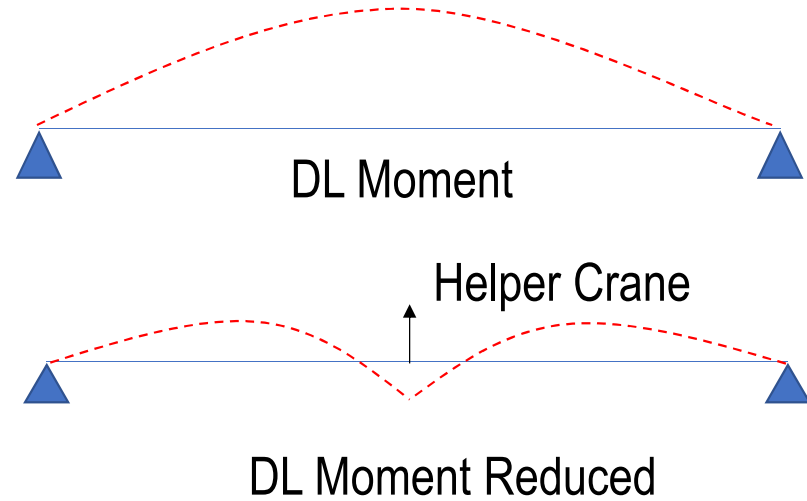
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# Single Girder Stability

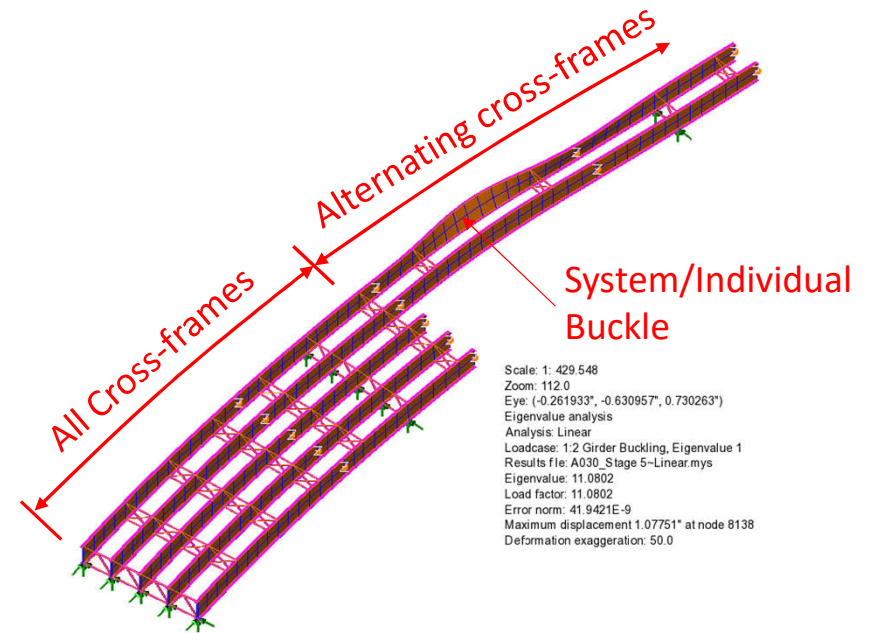
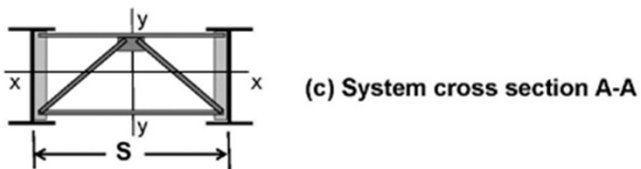
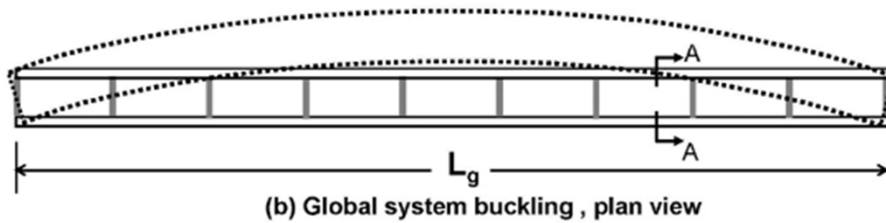
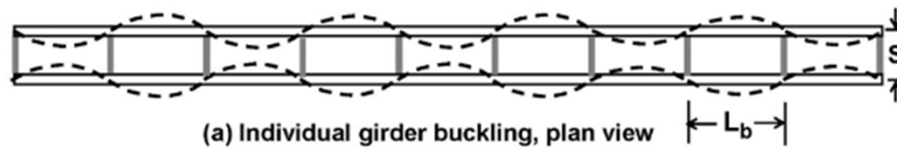
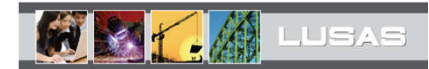
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# Girder System Stability



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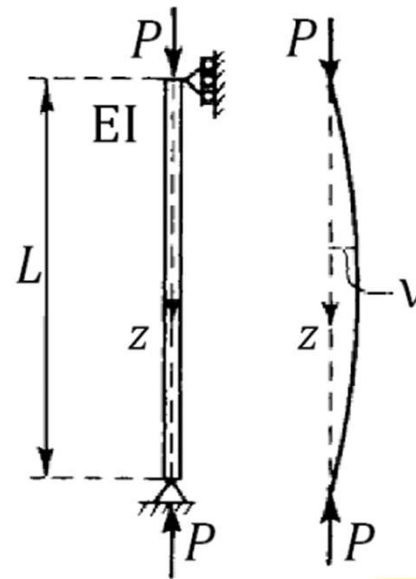
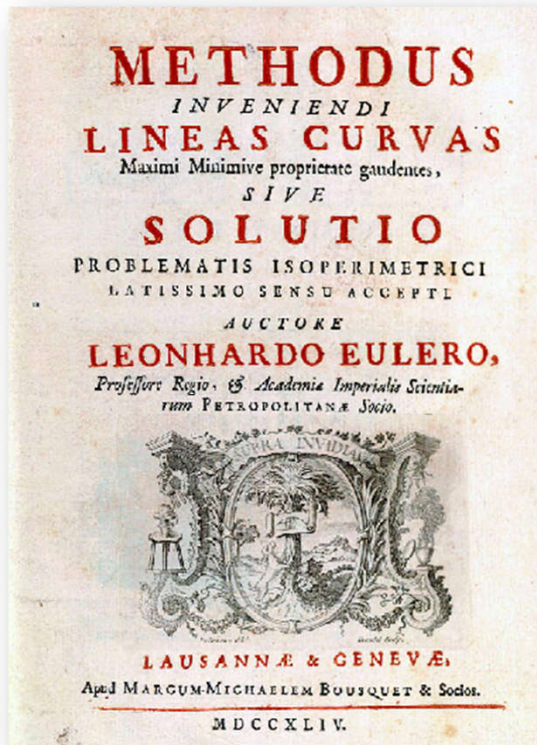
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# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

Reference:



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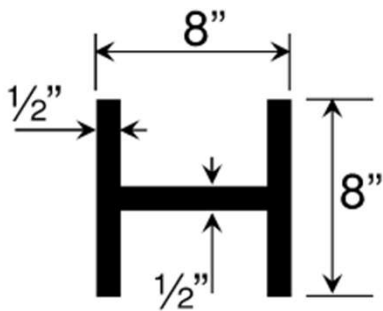
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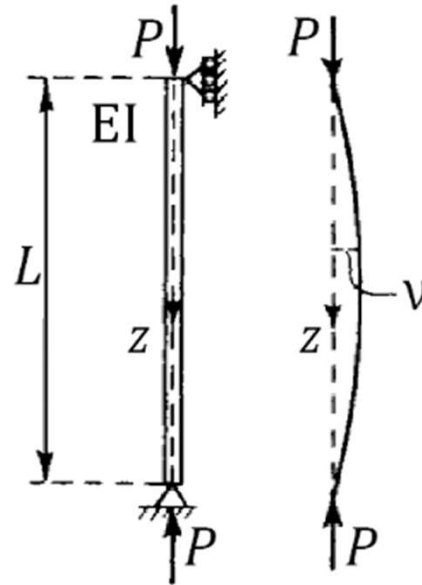


# Eigenvalue Analysis



$A_g = 11.5 \text{ in}^2$   
 $I_{zz} = 42.74 \text{ in}^4$   
 $L = 18'$   
 $E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$

$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 \times 29,000 \times 42.74}{(18 \times 12)^2} = 262 \text{ kip}$$



**STAGED CONST.**

Reference:



$P = 1 \text{ kip}$   
 Eigenvalue = 262  
 FOS = 262

$P = 262 \text{ kip}$   
 Eigenvalue = 1  
 FOS = 1

# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{M_{\max G}}{M_{crG}}}$$

- $AF_G$  = Amplification Factor = System Stability Indicator
- $M_{\max G}$  = Maximum Total Moment support by bridge unit
- $M_{crG}$  = Elastic global buckling moment of the bridge
- $M_{crG} / M_{\max G}$  = Eigenvalue

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# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{M_{\max G}}{M_{crG}}}$$

- Second order effects may be neglected
  - $AF_G < 1.10$
  - Eigenvalue  $> 11$
- Second order 3D FEM recommended
  - $AF_G > 1.25$
  - Eigenvalue  $< 5$

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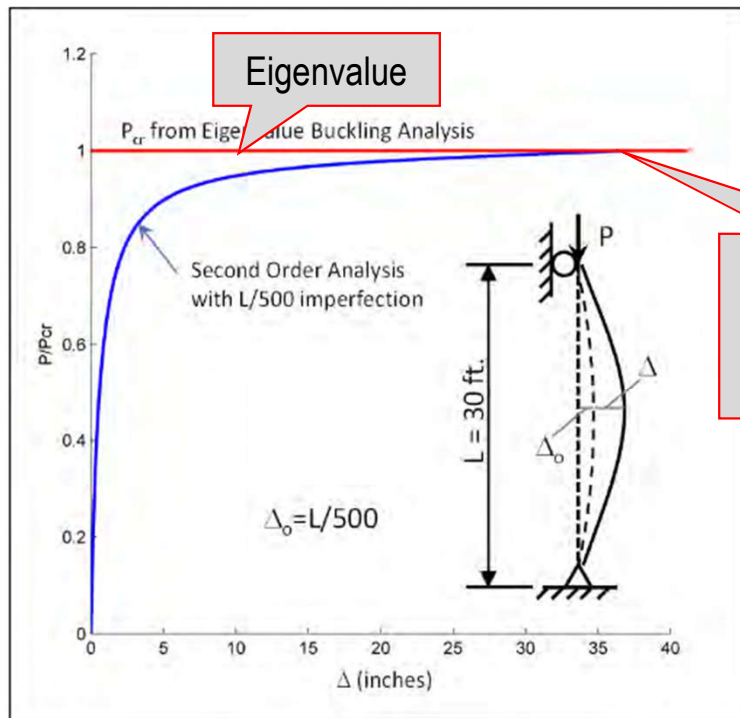
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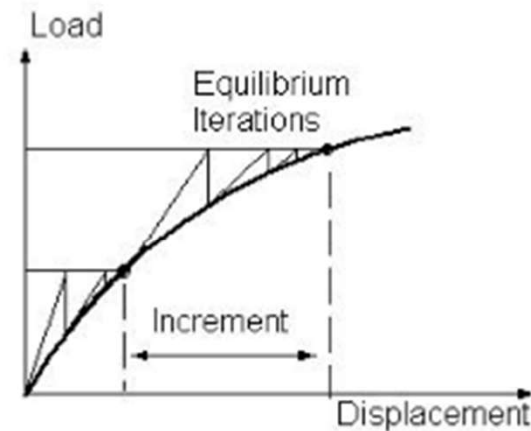
# Eigenvalue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis

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- Incremental application of load
- Updating of stiffnesses
- Iteration

Second order analysis converges to eigenvalue



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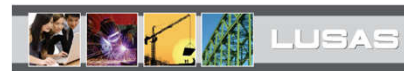


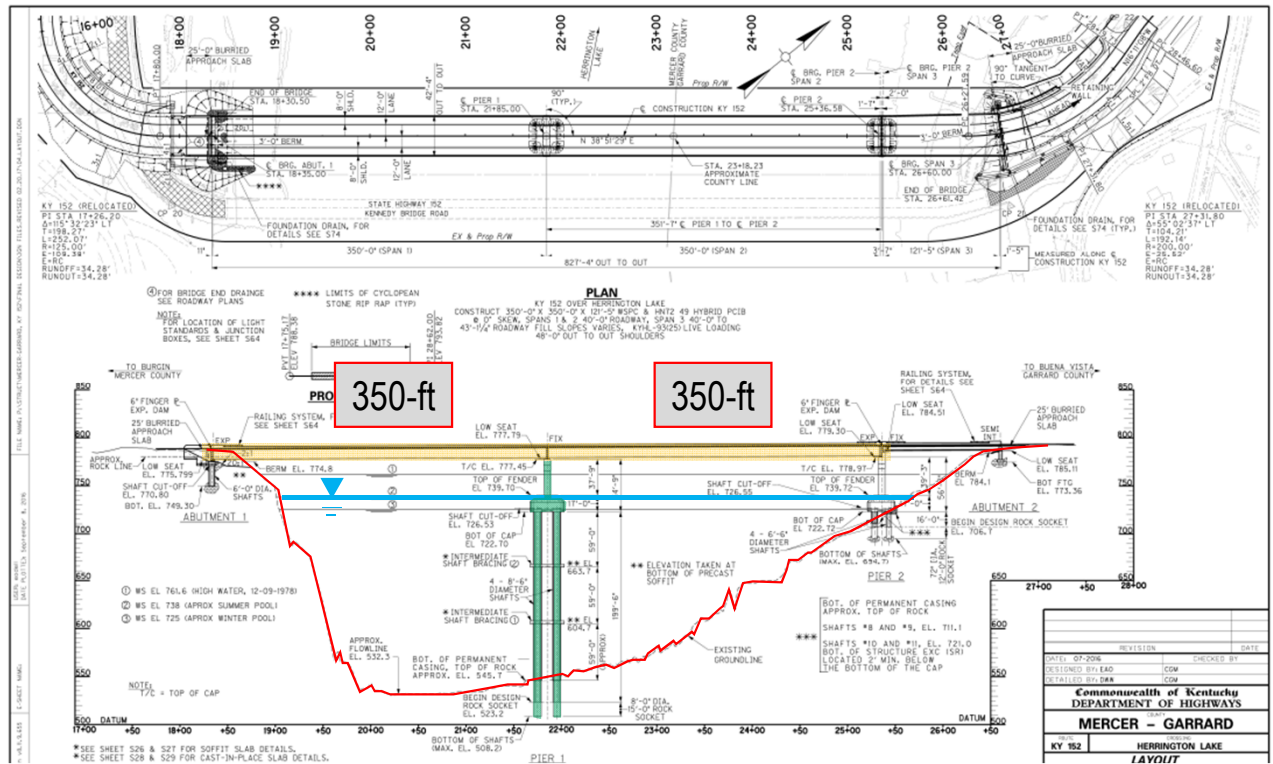
Figure 6-10 Second Order Analysis on Column with Initial Imperfection

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# System Buckling Case Study



- Two Span Continuous Steel Plate Girder Bridge
- Span Length = 350'



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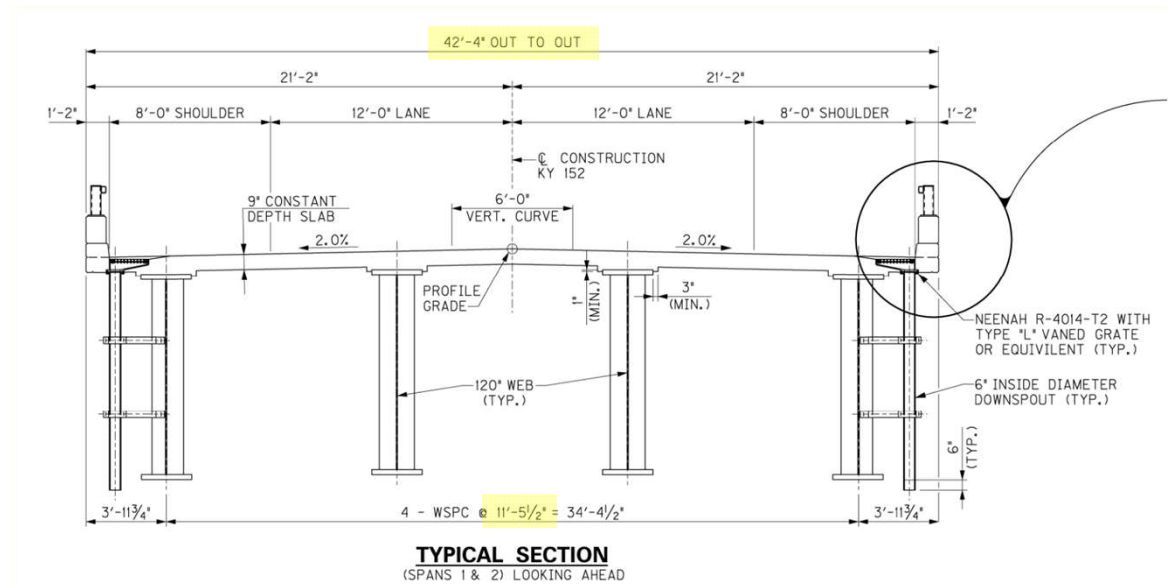
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# System Buckling Case Study

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- Two Span Continuous Steel Plate Girder Bridge
- Span Length = 350'
- Girder Spa = 11'-5 1/2"
- Bridge Width = 42'-4"
- Very Long & Narrow

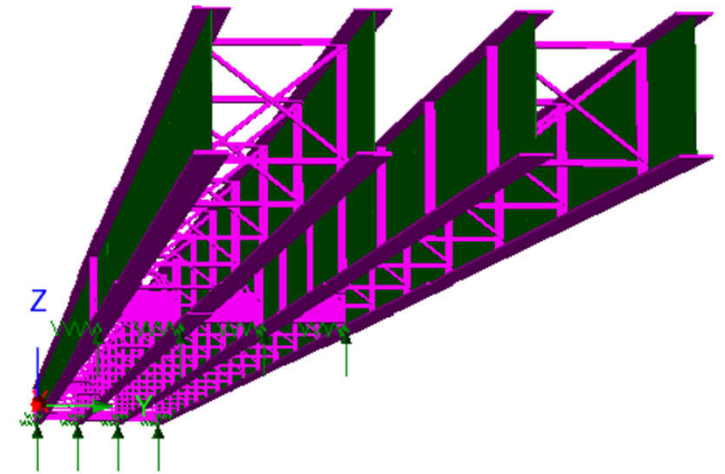


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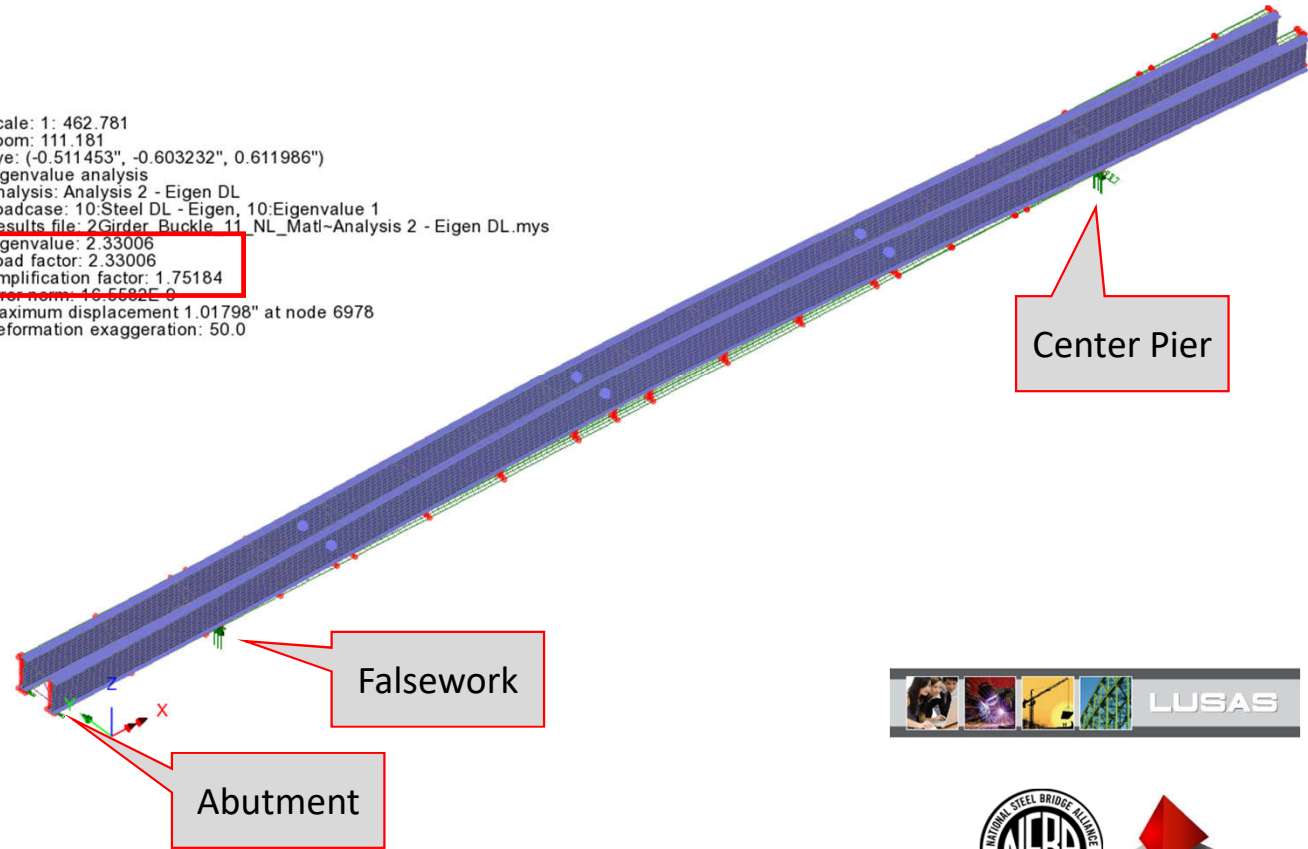
- Eigenvalue Analysis

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 Eigenvalue analysis  
 Analysis: Analysis 2 - Eigen DL  
 Loadcase: 10:Steel DL - Eigen, 10:Eigenvalue 1  
 Results file: 2Girder\_Buckle\_11\_NL\_Mat-Analysis 2 - Eigen DL.mys  
 Eigenvalue: 2.33006  
 Load factor: 2.33006  
 Amplification factor: 1.75184  
 Error norm: 1.65682E-9  
 Maximum displacement 1.01798" at node 6978  
 Deformation exaggeration: 50.0

Eigenvalue = 2.33

$$AF_G = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2.33}} = 1.75 > 1.25$$

Second Order Analysis Req'd



Center Pier

Falsework

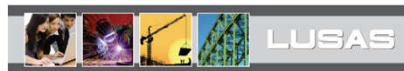
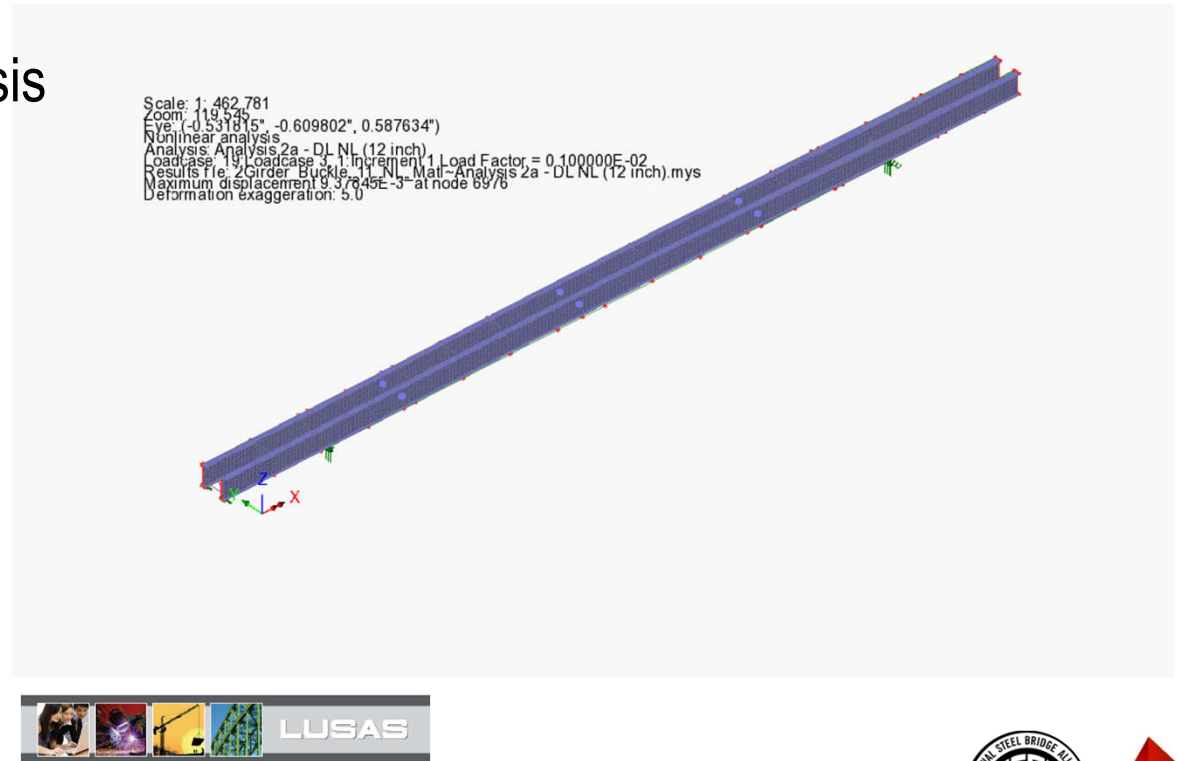
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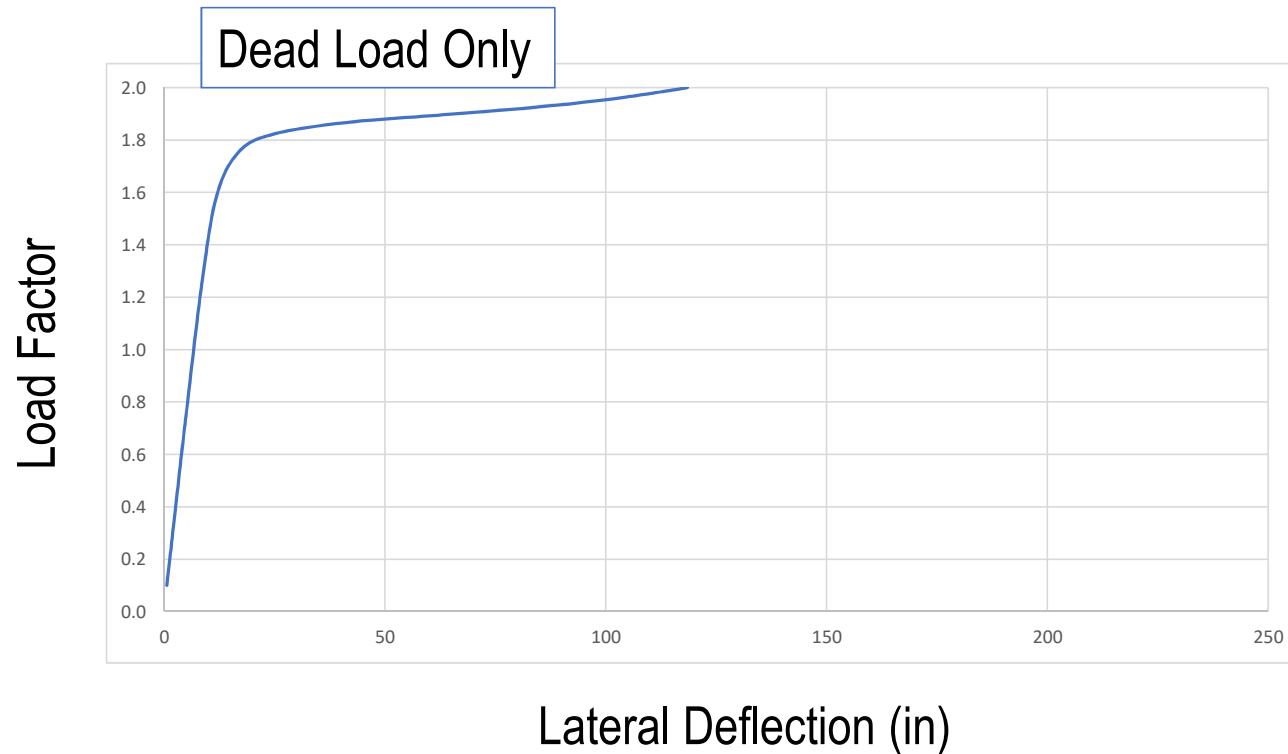
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Nonlinear Analysis
  - Increasing Load Factor
  - Key Point Deflection



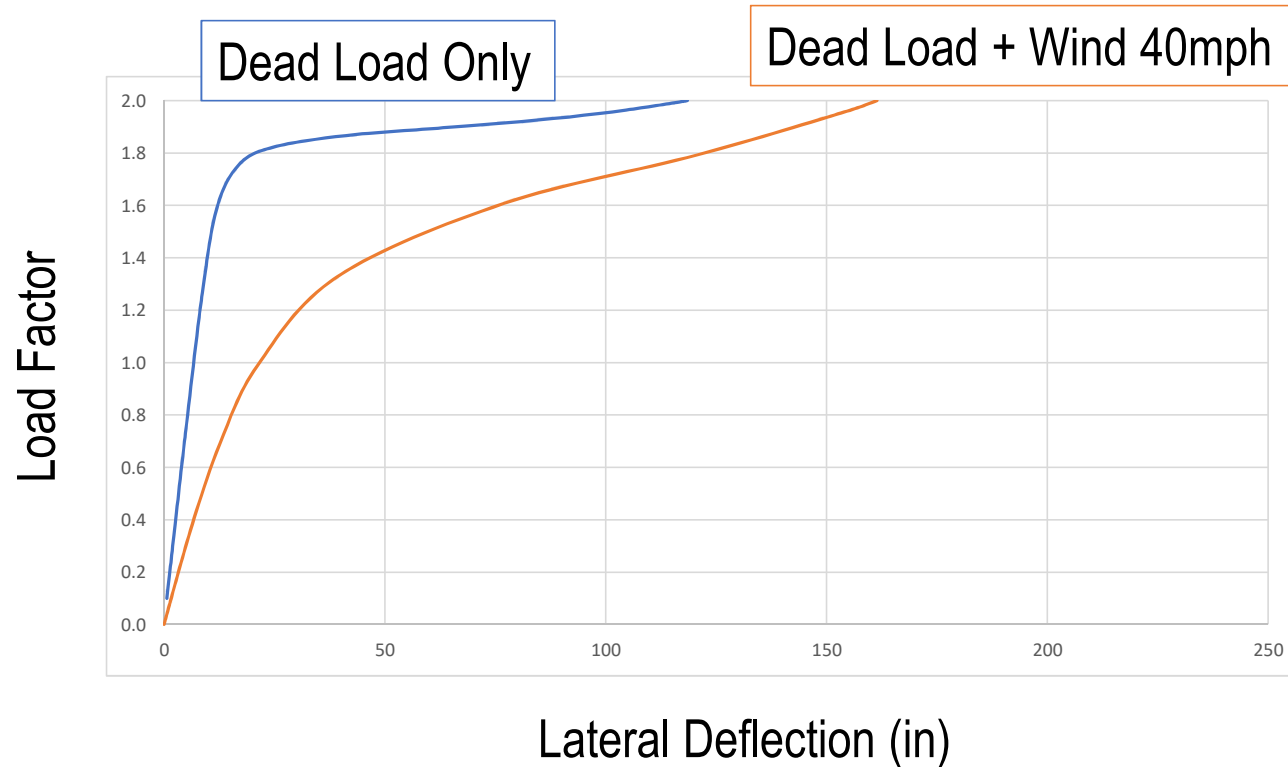
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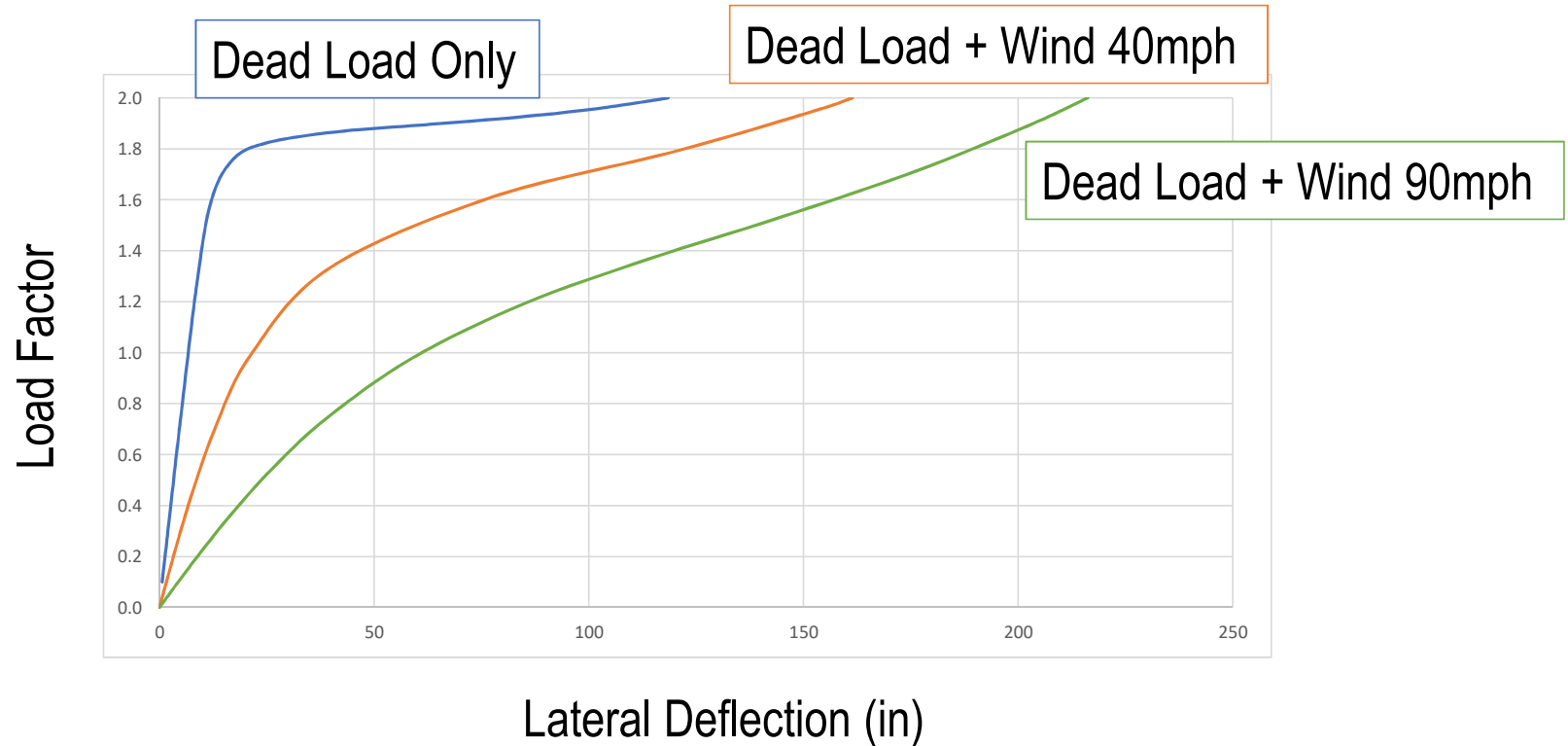
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# Steel Girder Erection

- Compression Flange Slenderness Requirements
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- **Temporary Works**
  - Falsework Towers
  - Geometry Control Studies
  - Girder Stiffening Truss

# Falsework Towers

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Cleveland Innerbelt, Cleveland, OH

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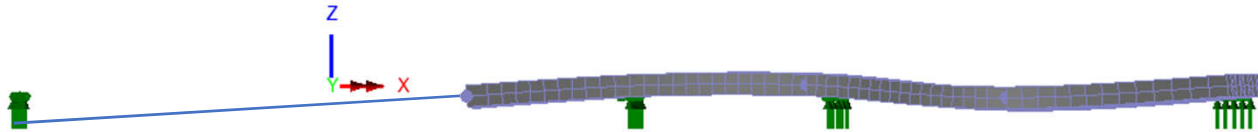
Concrete Girder Erection

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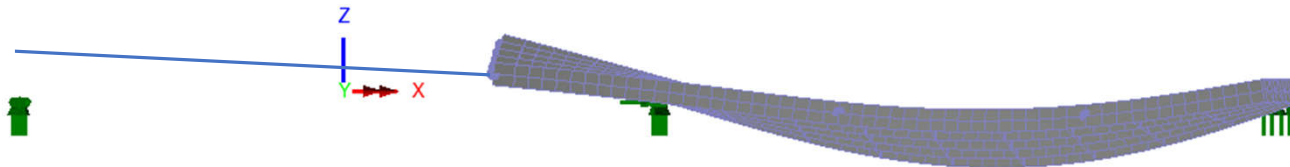


# Geometry Control Studies

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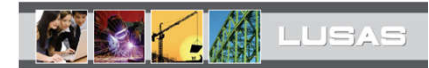


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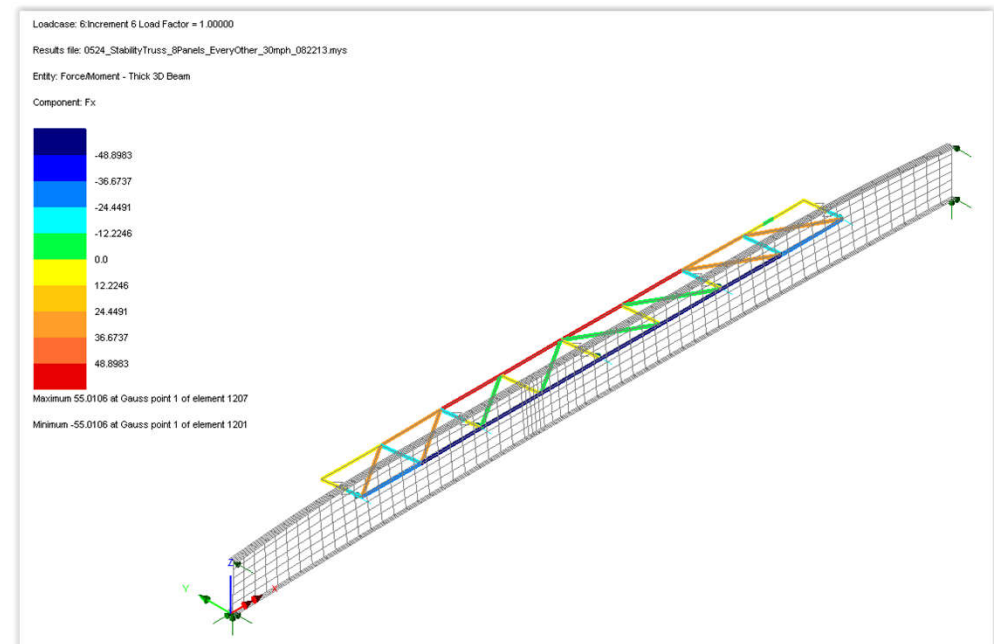


# Girder Stiffening Truss

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Whittier Memorial Bridge, Newburyport and Amesbury, MA



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# Precast Concrete Girder Erection

## Through the Eyes of a Construction Engineer

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# Precast Concrete Girder Erection

- Precast Beam Bridge Considerations
- Precast Spliced Bridge Considerations



# Precast Concrete Girder Erection

- Precast Beam Bridge Considerations
  - Single Crane Hoisting
  - Hoisting Stability
  - Roll-over Stability
  - Overhang Loading
- Precast Spliced Bridge Considerations

# Precast Concrete Girder Erection

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# Precast Beam Bridge Considerations



PICKING

SETTING

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US50 Over BNSF RR, Lamar, CO



Spillway Bridge, Marion County, KS



US50 Over BNSF RR, Lamar, CO

# Embed Loops

Typically (2) Crane Pick vertical at ends similar to fabricator



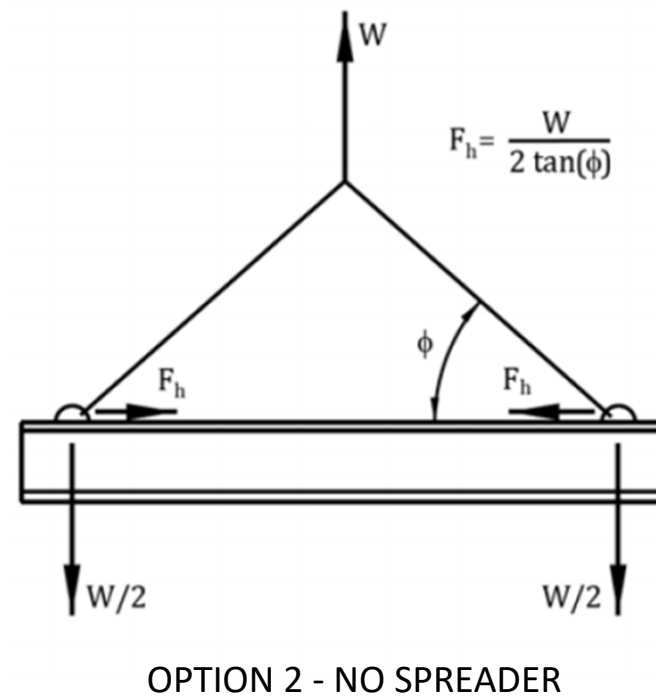
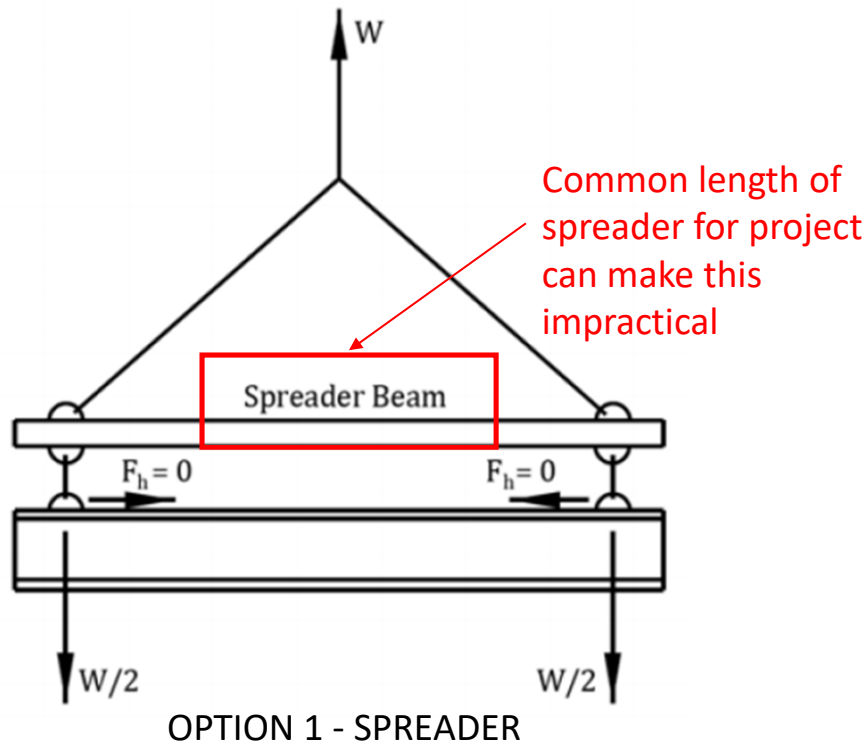
PICKING



- Strength of strand based on:
  - Length of Embedment
  - Diameter of loop
  - Strength of Concrete

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# Single Crane Hoisting Considerations

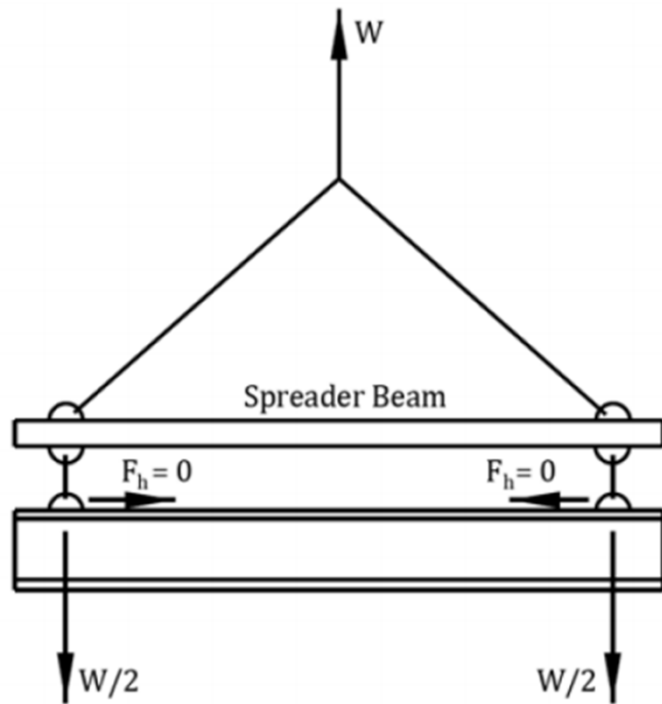


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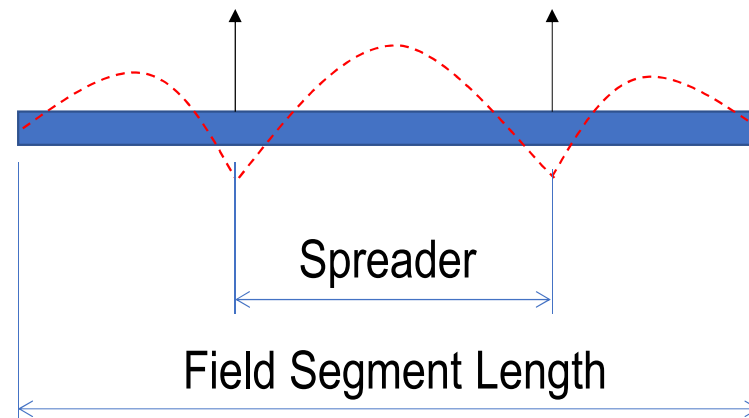


# Single Crane Hoisting Considerations

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OPTION 1 - SPREADER



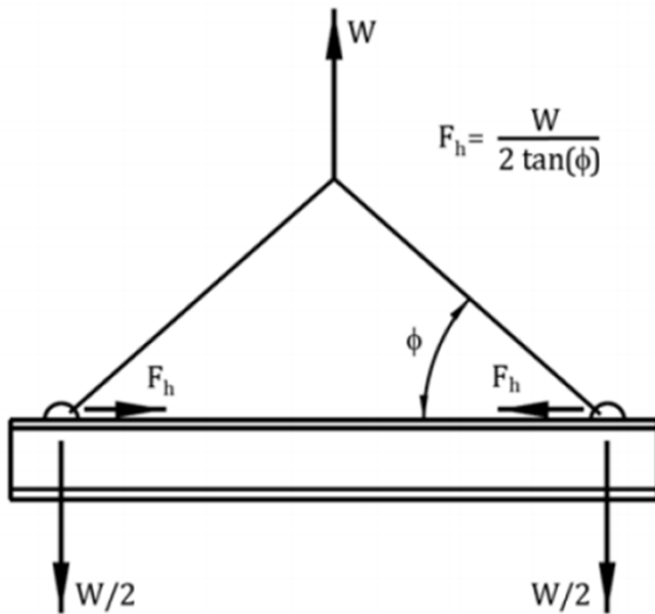
Shorter spreader can require need for additional tension reinforcement.

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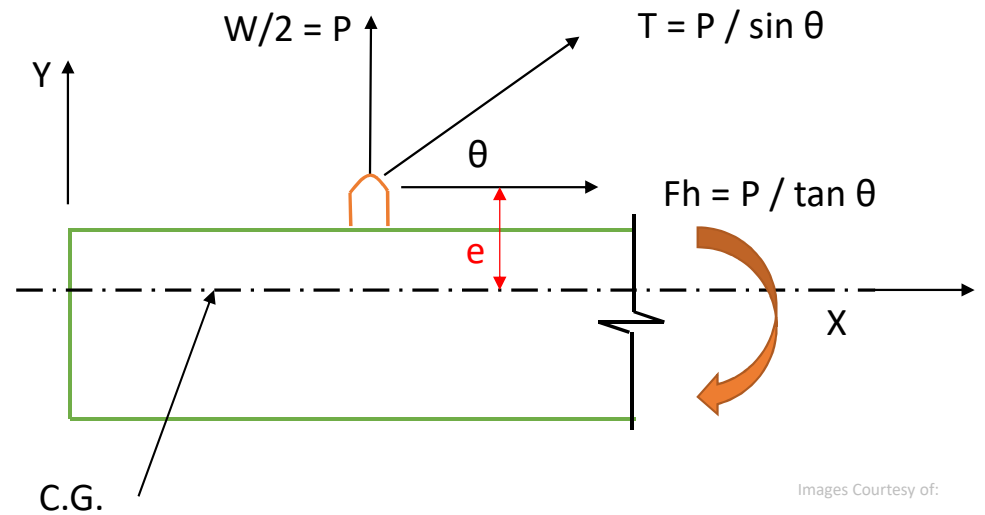
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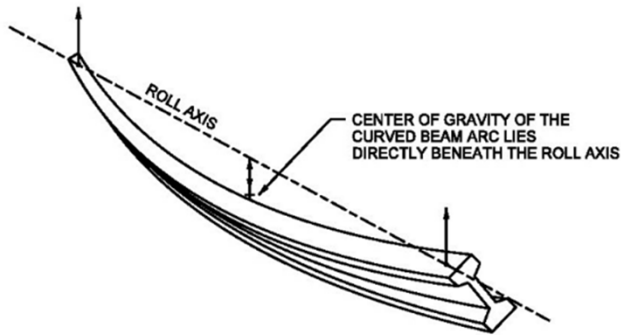


OPTION 2 - NO SPREADER

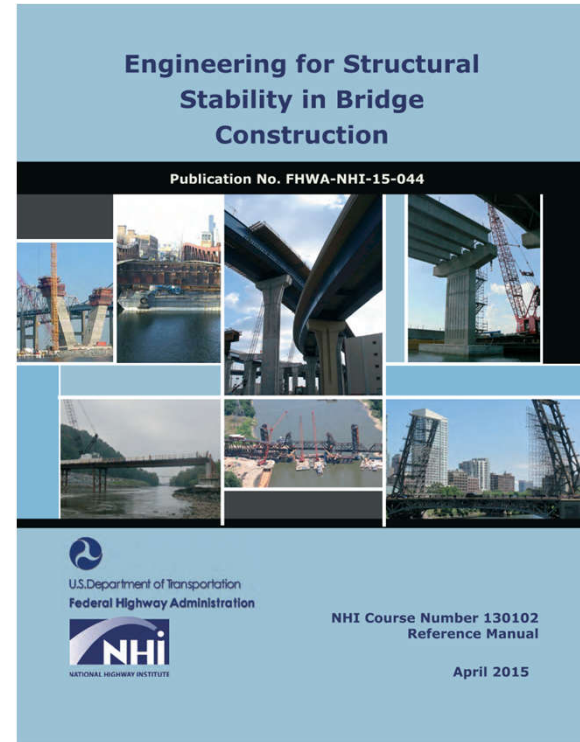
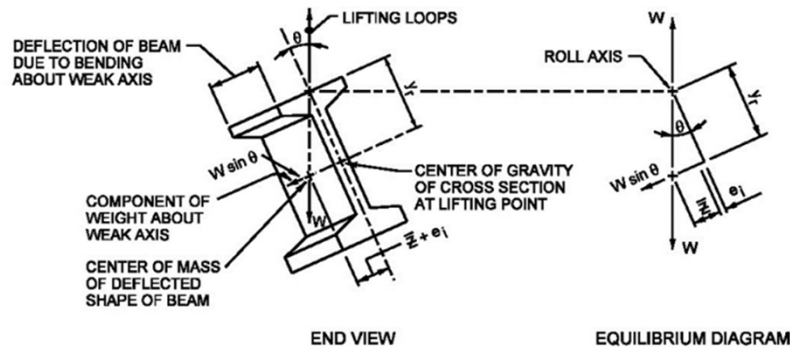


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# Sweep Considerations



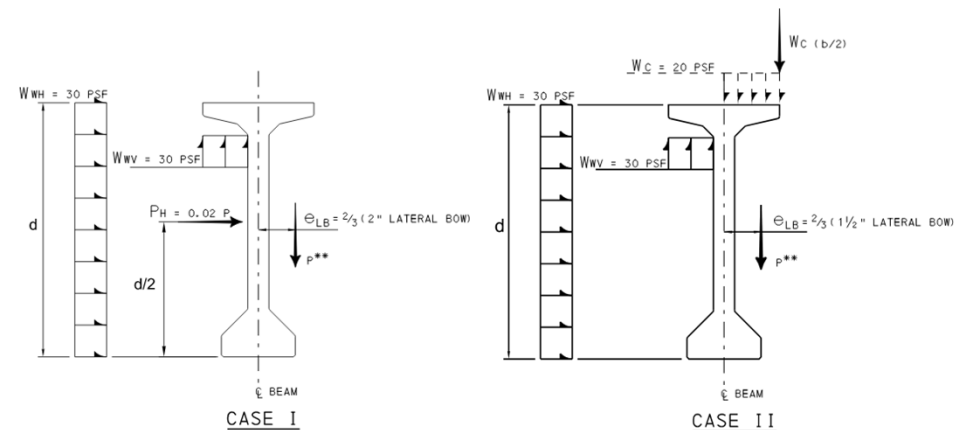
PERSPECTIVE OF A BEAM FREE TO ROLL AND DEFLECT Laterally



# Roll Over Stability



- Roll over stability main concern when setting
- Construction winds main cause for starting rollover
- Rollover impacted by several factors:
  - Bearing flexibility
  - Slope of bottom of girder
  - Fabrication imperfections (sweep)



\*\* P = BEAM WEIGHT REACTION  
= BEAM UNIT WEIGHT/FT × SPAN LENGTH/2

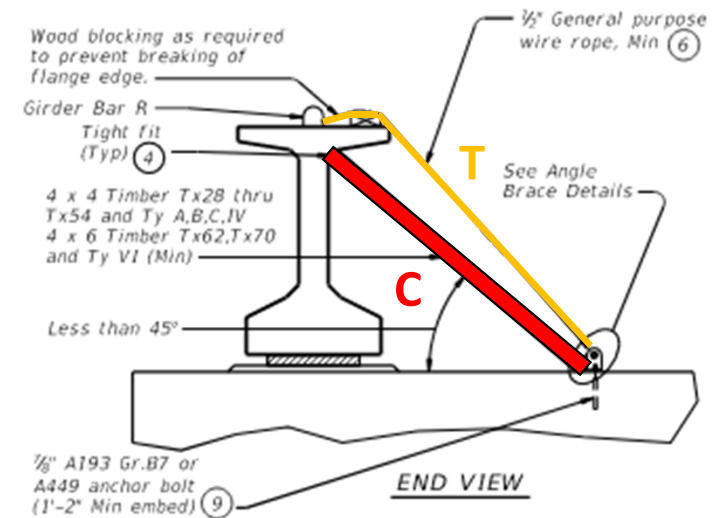
ROLL AXIS

# Diagonal Bracing Design

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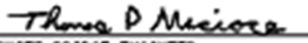
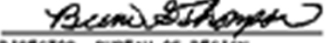
## DIAGONAL BRACING DETAILS ⑤

(To be used on both ends of the first girder/beam erected in the span in each phase.)

# Sample Bracing Requirements



 Texas Department of Transportation		Bridge Division Standard	
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<b>MEBR(C)</b>			
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<b>COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF DESIGN</b>		
STANDARD PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BEAM BRACING NOTES		
RECOMMENDED <u>OCT. 26, 2010</u>  CHIEF BRIDGE ENGINEER	RECOMMENDED <u>OCT. 26, 2010</u>  DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF DESIGN	SHEET 1 OF 5  <b>BC-772M</b>

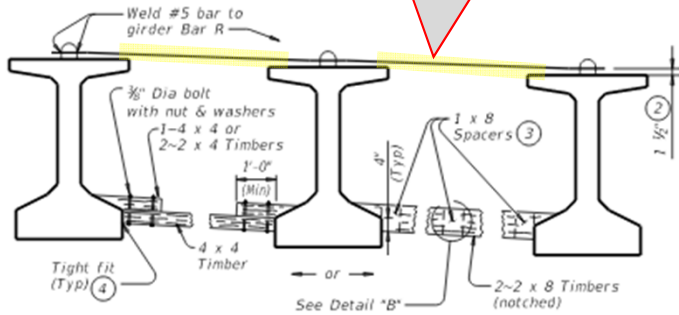




# Temporary Bracing – TxDOT

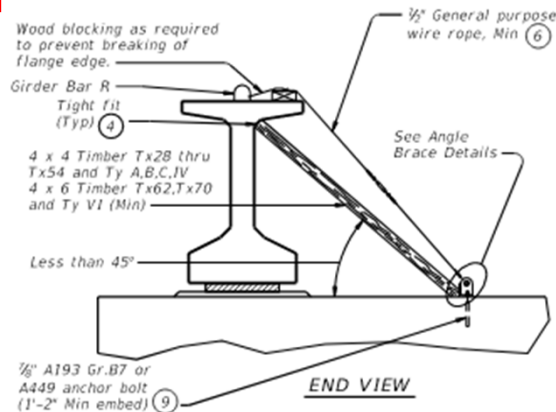
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Forms can interfere with standard detail



FOR ERECTION BRACING, OPTION 2

HORIZONTAL BRACING DETAILS ⑤

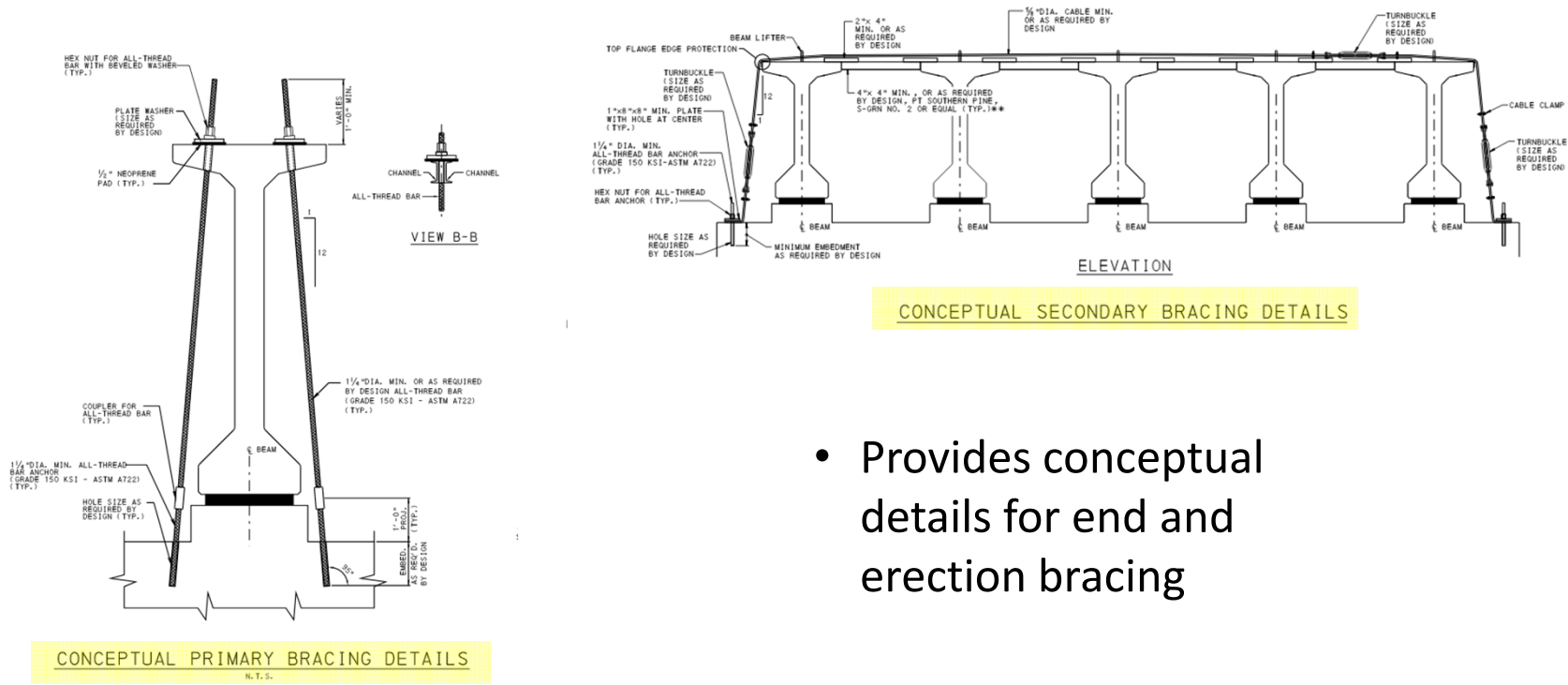


DIAGONAL BRACING DETAILS ⑤

(To be used on both ends of the first girder/beam erected in the span in each phase.)

- Provides engineered details and minimum end and erection bracing requirements
- For span lengths < 150-ft
- For specific girder types

# Temporary Bracing – PennDOT



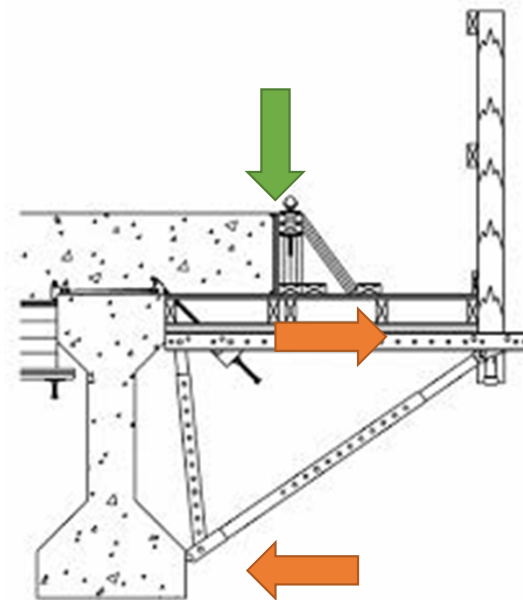
- Provides conceptual details for end and erection bracing

# Other Considerations - Overhangs



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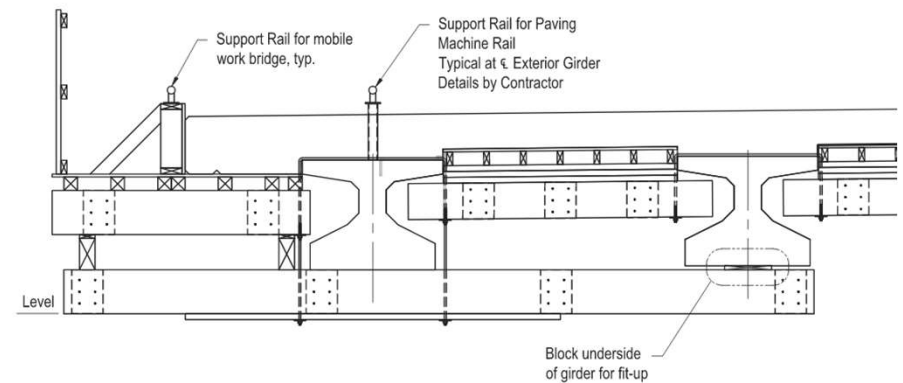
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# Other Considerations - Overhangs



- Who is responsible for check of girder for overhang loads?
- AASHTO requires overhang check of steel I-Girder by designer. Concrete all on Contractor
- What do you check? Stability / Local Stresses / Torsion Stress / Deformation?



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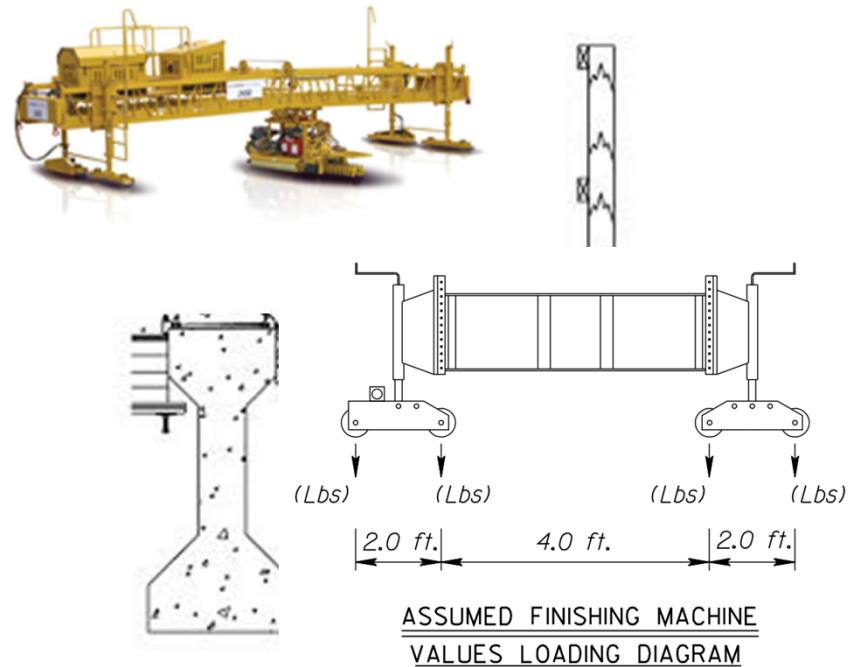
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Suggested Designer Checklist:

1. Is girder tall enough to receive conventional overhang bracket?
2. Is girder(s) stable under overhang loading (for what screed load)?
3. Designer should indicate what has been checked for overhang forming in Contract Documents



# Precast Spliced Bridge Considerations





PICKING



SETTING



POST  
TENSIONING



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# Hoisting Considerations

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- Spliced precast sections often too heavy for single crane pick
- Conventional 2 crane picks often utilized
- Rigging can become complicated for curved / rotated members (usually U-Shape sections) similar to steel

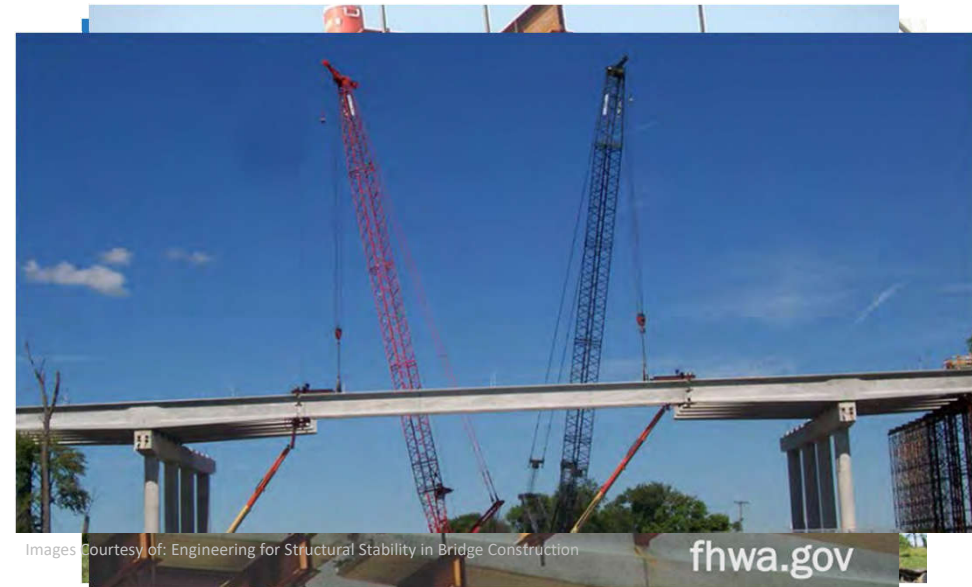


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# Setting Considerations

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- Post tensioned I sections same stability concerns of prestressed simple spans.
- Spliced precast section can have drop in sections or could have FW towers at splice locations. Otherwise strong backs not required
- Because span weights, FW towers often more substantial than steel alternate



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# Releasing / Post Tensioning



- Post tensioning can add complexity/time to a girder erection but is achievable with right team in place
- Understanding of losses and time dependent phenomenon required for final design and construction analysis including:
  - Steel relaxation
  - Concrete creep and shrinkage
  - Anchor losses



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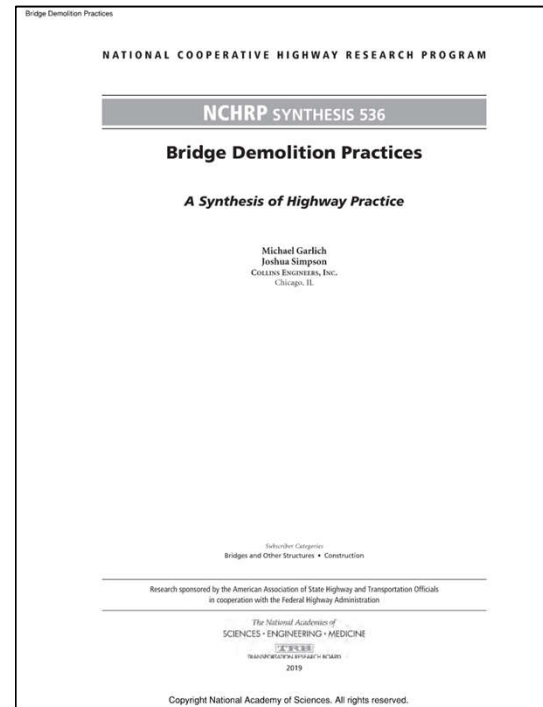
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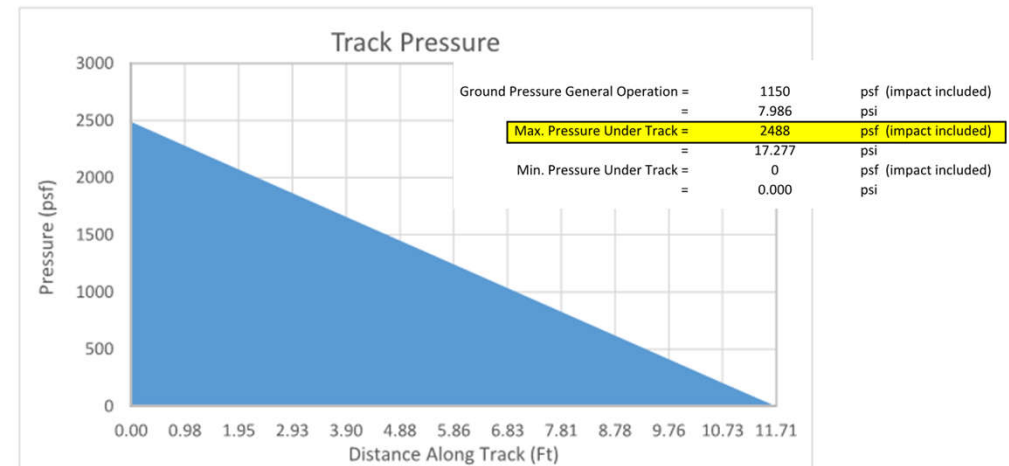
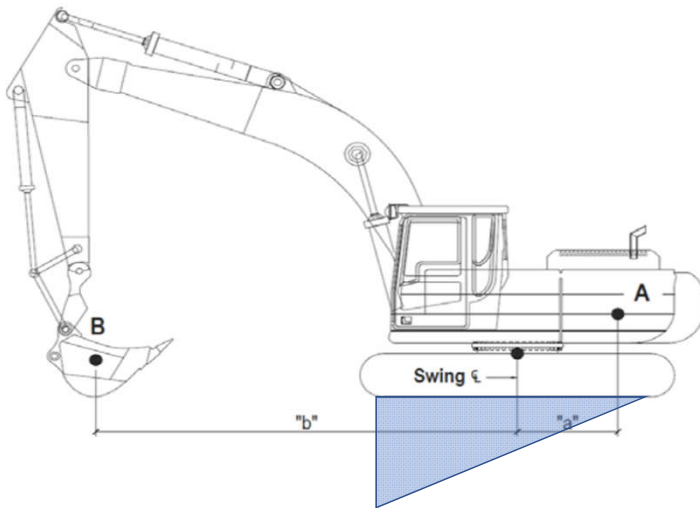
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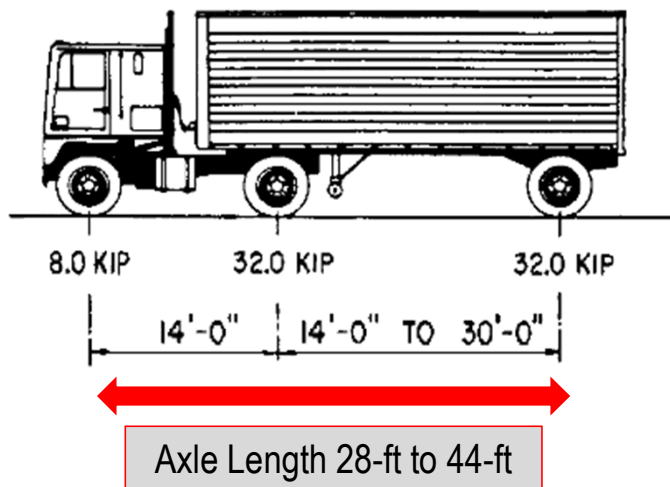
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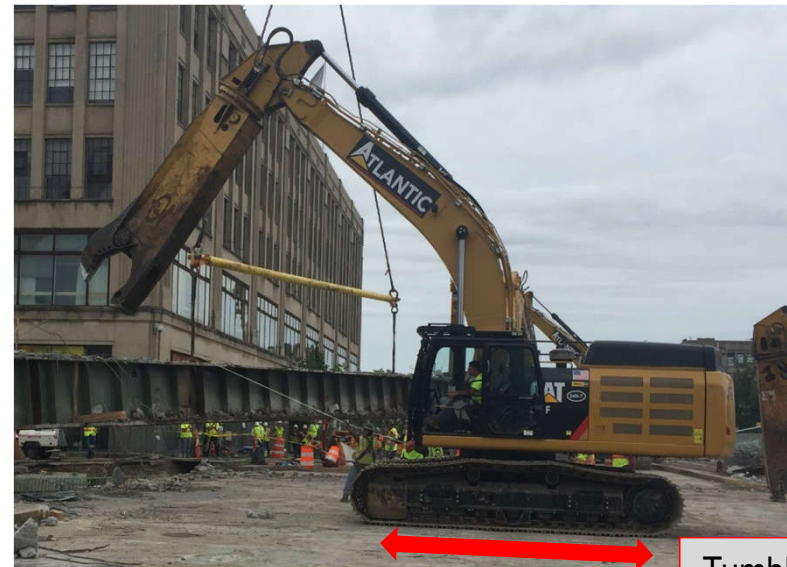
What level of dynamic effects do you include?  
Does it vary by deck removal method?



# Demolition Equipment - Weight



**AASHTO 3.6.1.2.2 - DESIGN TRUCK**  
**(72,000 lbs)**  
*On a composite structure*



**EXCAVATOR**  
**CAT 349 (120,000 lb)**  
*On a partially composite to noncomposite structure*

Tumbler Spacing  
 14-ft to 16-ft

# Deck Removal Methods

- Breaker / Hammer
  - Contractor preference (quick)
  - Can damage flanges / cross frames
  - Protection under bridge may be required



Broadway Arch Bridge Demolition, Little Rock, AR

# Deck Removal Methods

- Shear
  - Punch hole in deck with breaker/hammer and shear the rest
- Multiple Uses:
  - Deck removal
  - Girder/material picking
  - Girder Processing



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# Deck Removal Methods

- Slab Crab / Bucket with Thumb
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Slab Crab



Bucket with Thumb



Paseo Suspension Bridge, Kansas City, MO



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# Deck Removal Methods

- Grapple
  - Debris mover



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# Girder Removal



Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



I40 Fast Fix 8, Nashville, TN



I40 Fast Fix 8, Nashville, TN

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# Changing Structural Integrity – Intentional



Precutting cross-frames  
Prior to girder removal

Comm. Ave Bridge, Boston, MA



Precutting or scoring deck  
prior to panelized deck  
removal

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# Changing Structural Integrity – Unintentional

Deck removal technique can damage structure supporting excavators



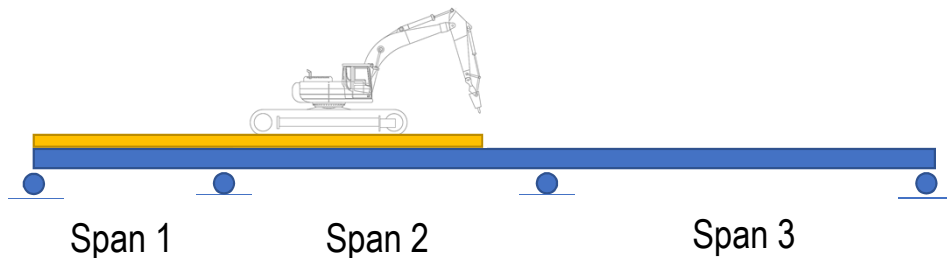
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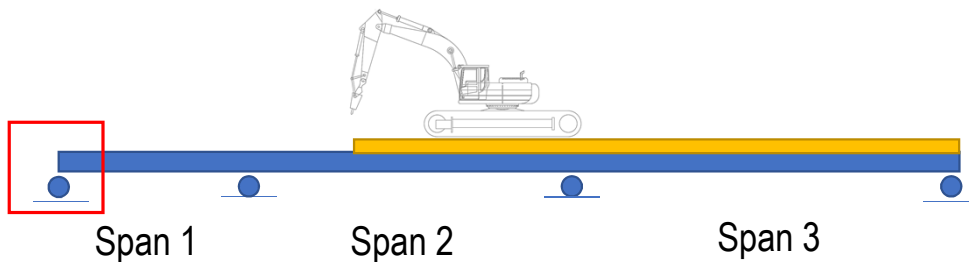


# Direction of Removal Matters!

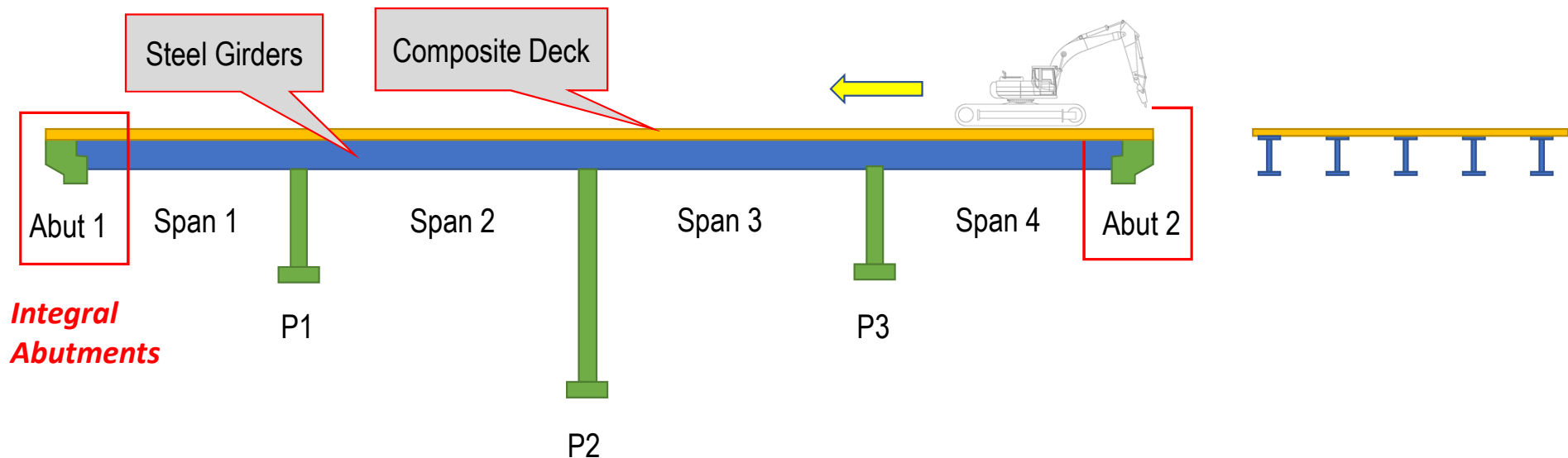
← Direction of Removal indicated on plans



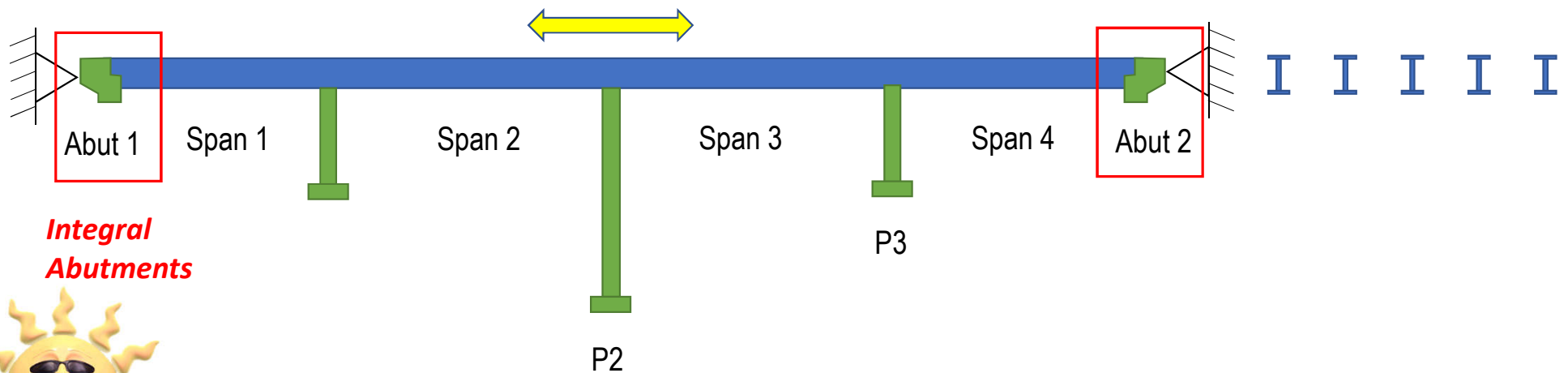
Direction of Removal performed in field →



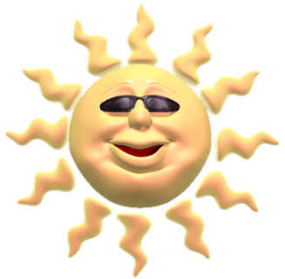
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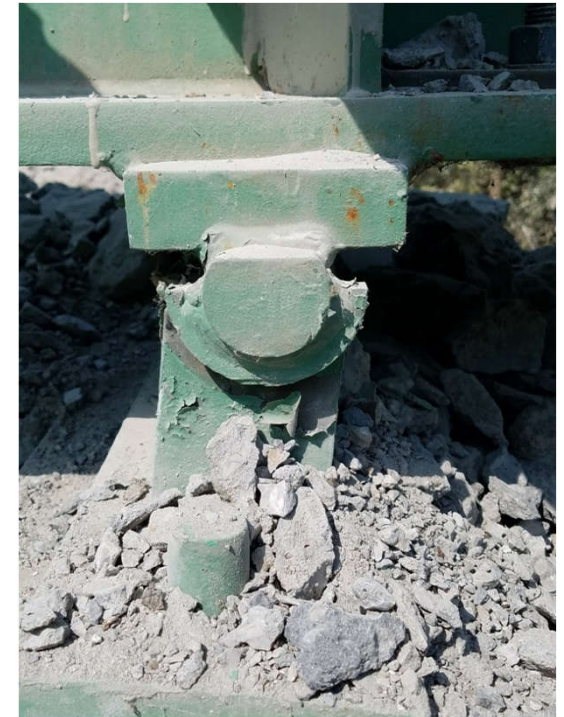
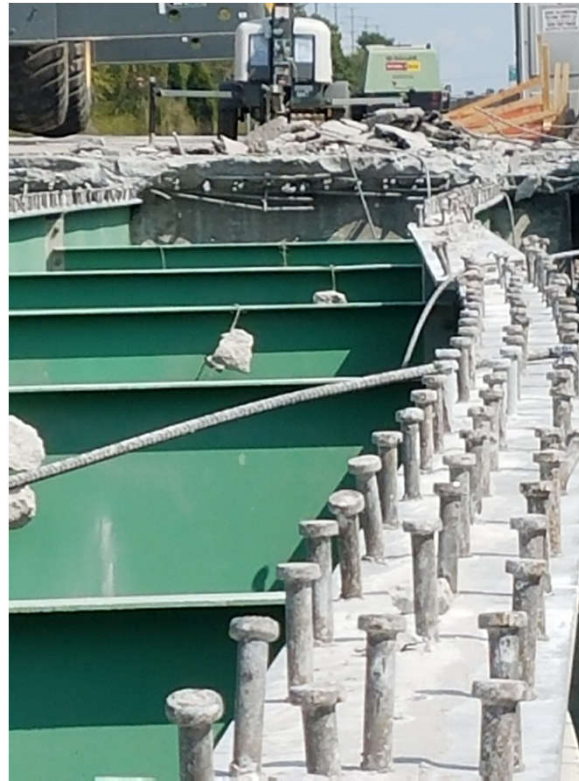




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I470 Bridge Re-decking, Kansas City, MO



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White River Truss Demolition, Prairie County, AR



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Fore River Lift Span Demolition, Quincy, MA

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K Bridge Lift Span Demolition, New York, NY

# Demolition Summary – It can be pretty fun



Paseo Suspension Bridge, Kansas City, MO



Merchants Truss Bridge, St. Louis, MO

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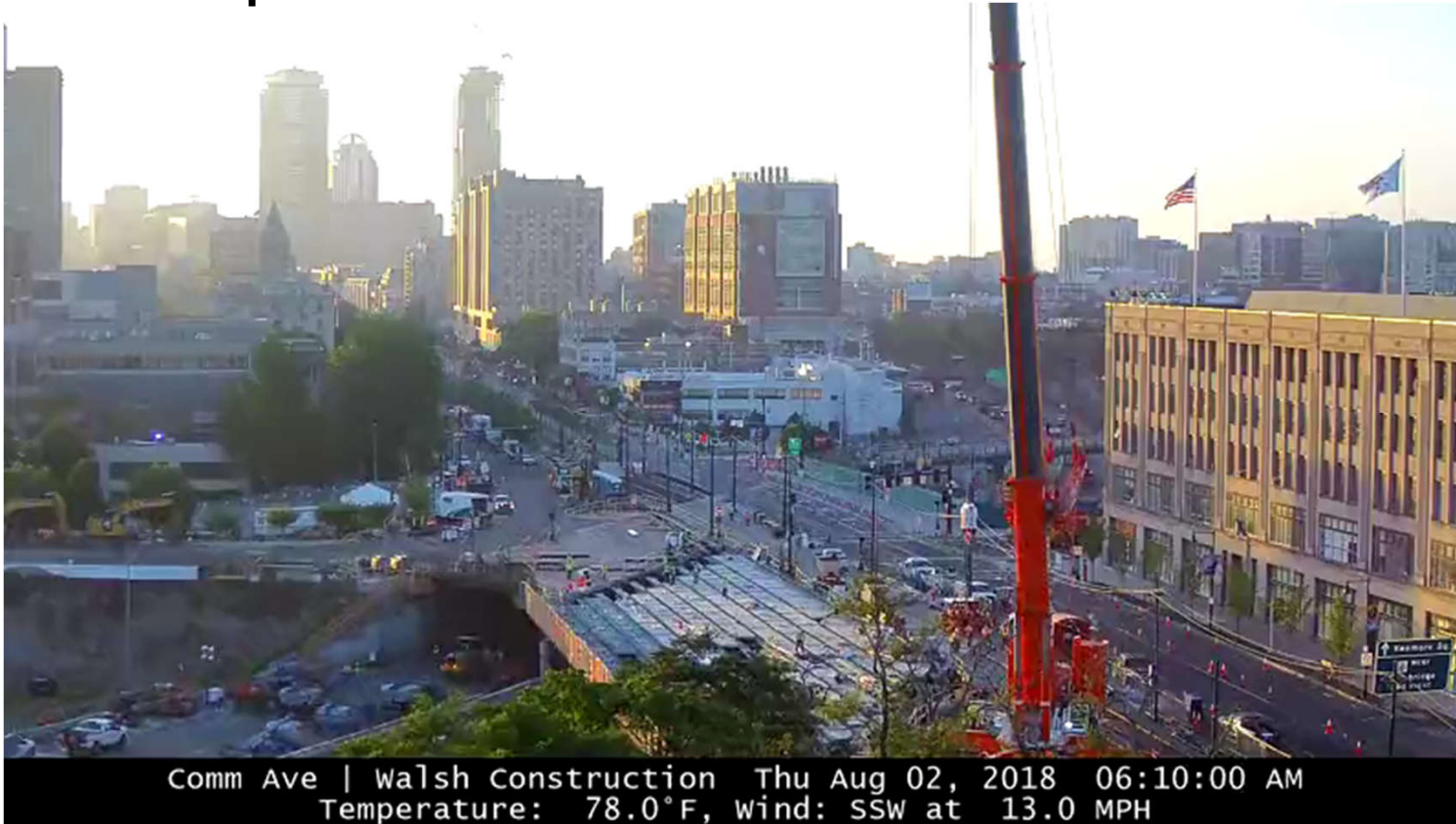
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# Time Lapse of Deck and Girder Removal



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# Conclusions / Suggestions

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      - Design Engineer/Owners should have “general” conversations about possible erection methods/schemes with construction engineers
      - If Design Engineer/Owners want a more thorough review of the erection sequence, there should be proper budget allowance upfront in the design phases vs. becoming a last minute check at end of project when plans are already developed.
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# Conclusions/Suggestions – Contractor’s Perspective

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- Design-Bid-Build Contract Plans
  - Contractor is responsible for erecting parts and pieces to achieve a fully erected structure
  - Contract plans should provide a design that is stable and safe once the superstructure is fully erected
  - Contract plans should provide a viable “suggested” erection sequence (or at a min deck port sequence)
  - If the contractor strays from the “suggested”, all engineering in on them
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- Precast & Steel – Basically Similar
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    - Don’t necessarily require “Suggest Erection Sequences”
    - Don’t necessarily require formalized erection engineering submittals
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  - Shorter more standard type bridges
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    - Do require formalized erection engineering submittals
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