

# Hood Canal Bridge

## East and West Approach Span Replacement



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# Overview

- Introduction
- Current Project
- Approach Design
- Approach Construction
- Challenges



*East Approach*



*Floating Structure*



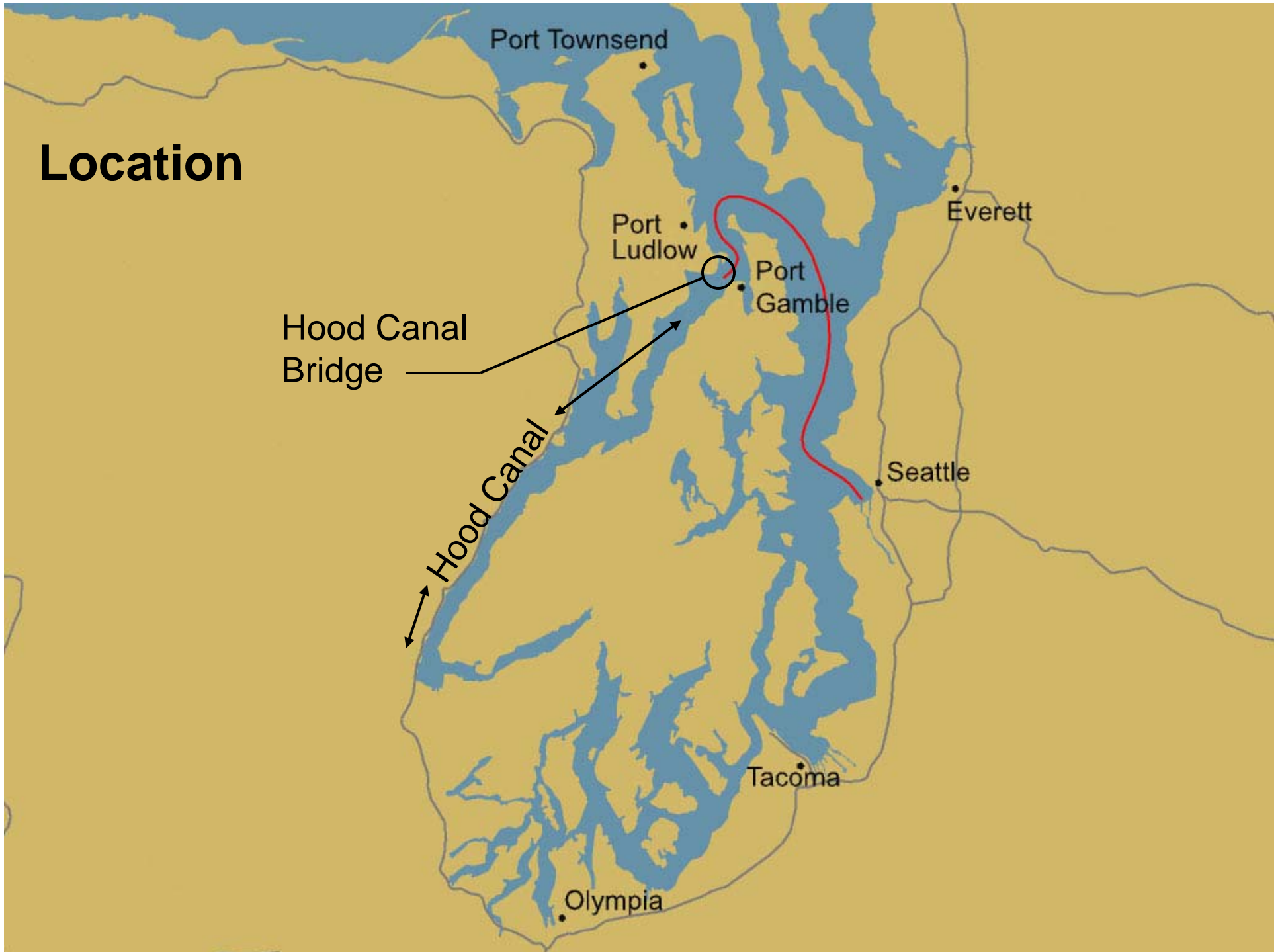
*West Approach*

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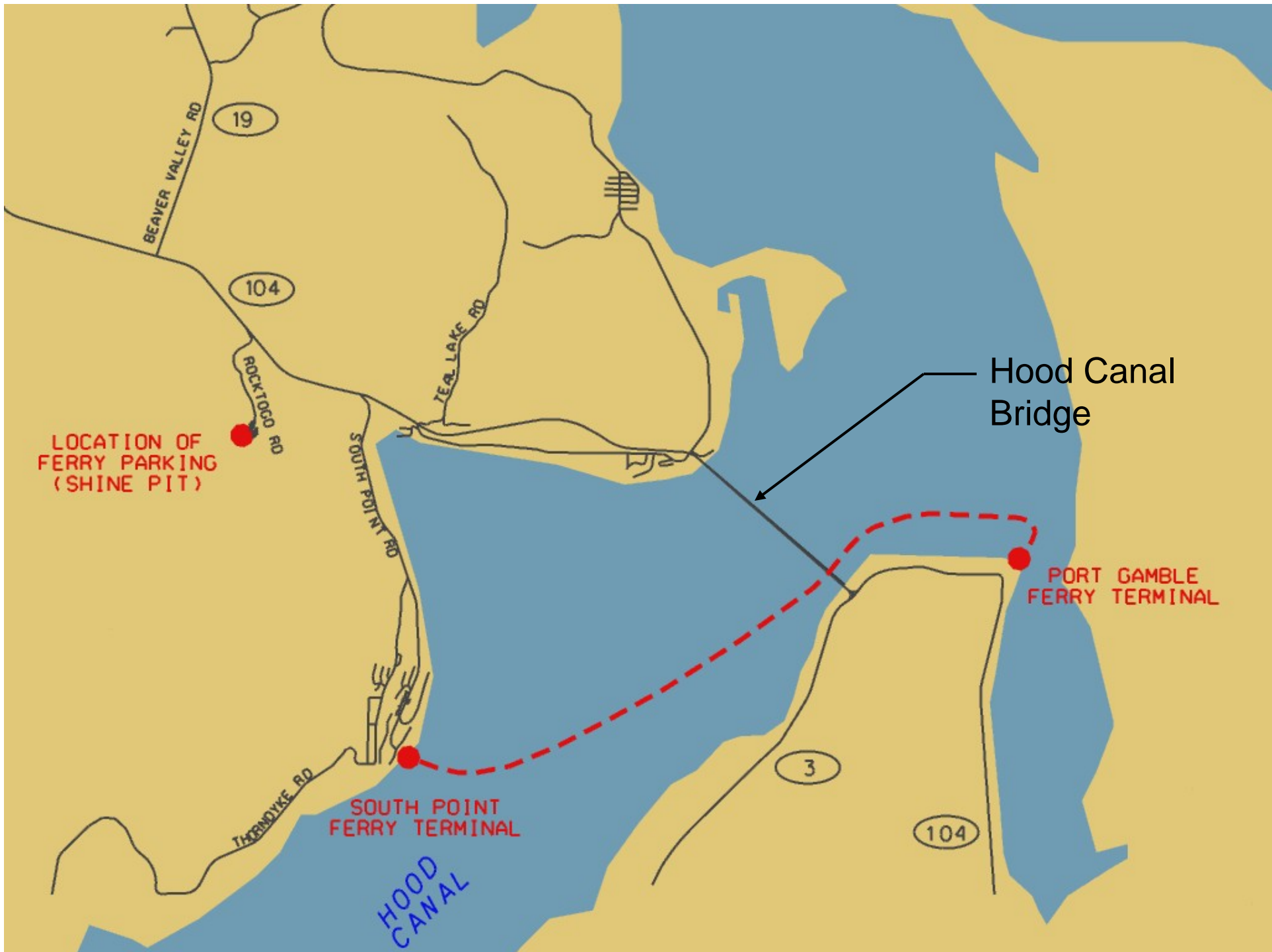
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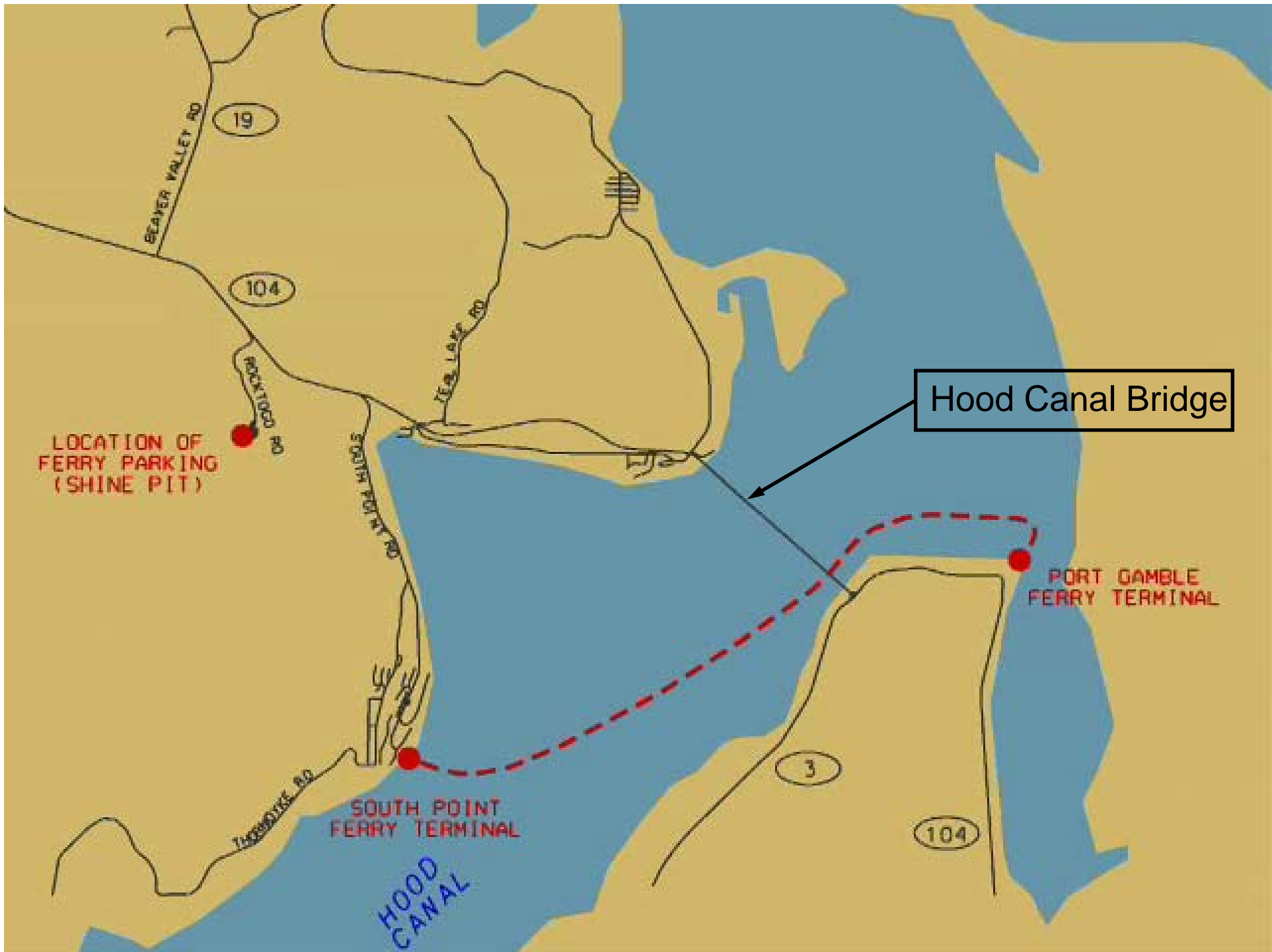


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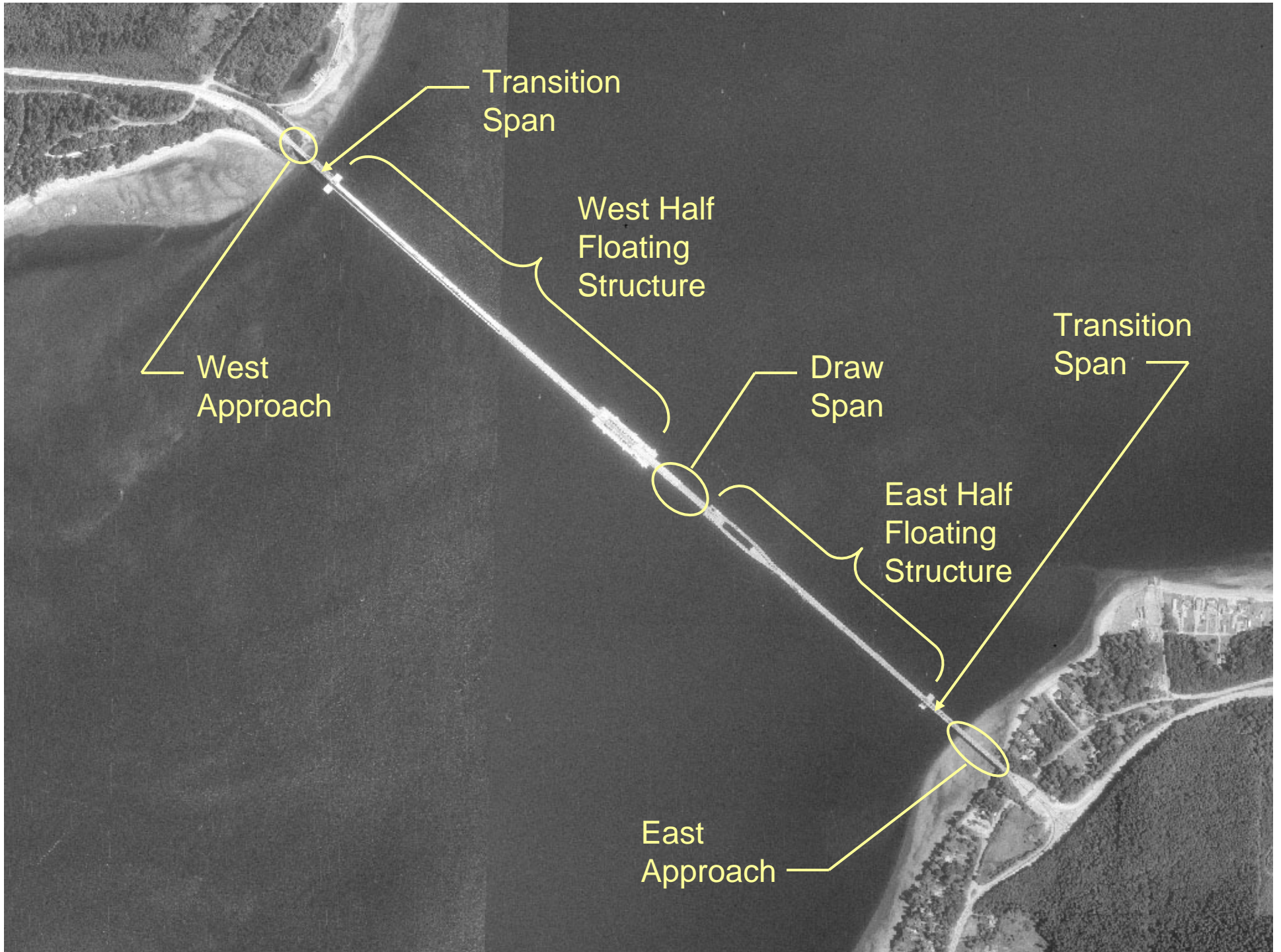
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LOCATION OF FERRY PARKING (SHINE PIT)

PORT GAMBLE FERRY TERMINAL

SOUTH POINT FERRY TERMINAL

HOOD CANAL



Transition Span

West Half Floating Structure

West Approach

Draw Span

East Half Floating Structure

Transition Span

East Approach



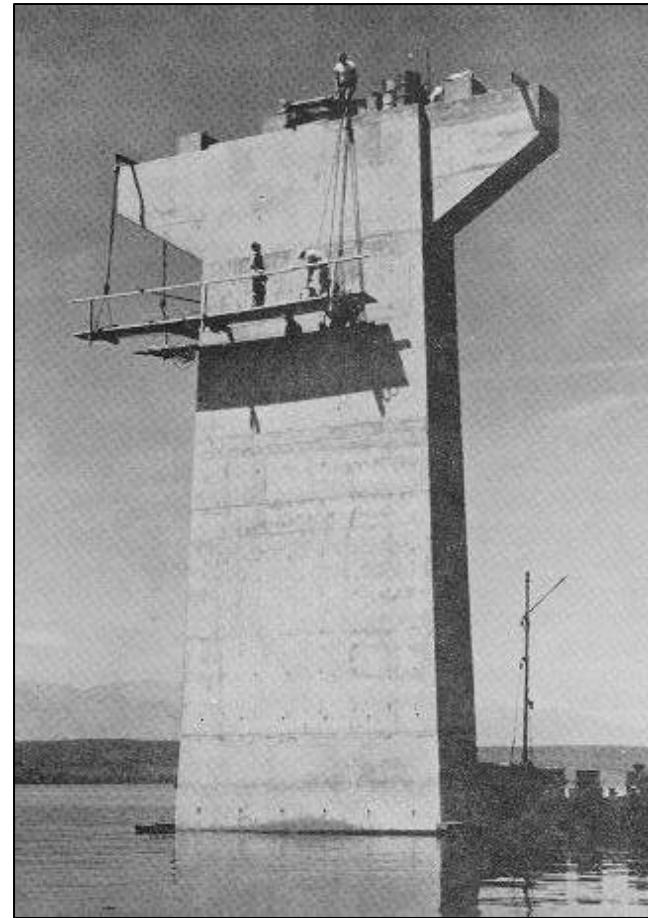
# Bridge Facts



- Length – 7869 feet  
(Longest floating bridge over salt water)
- Floating portion – 6530 feet
- Max water depth – 340 feet
- Tidal Variation – 16.5 feet
- Center draw span opening – 600 feet

# Bridge History

- Original Construction – January 1958
- Open to traffic – 12 August 1961



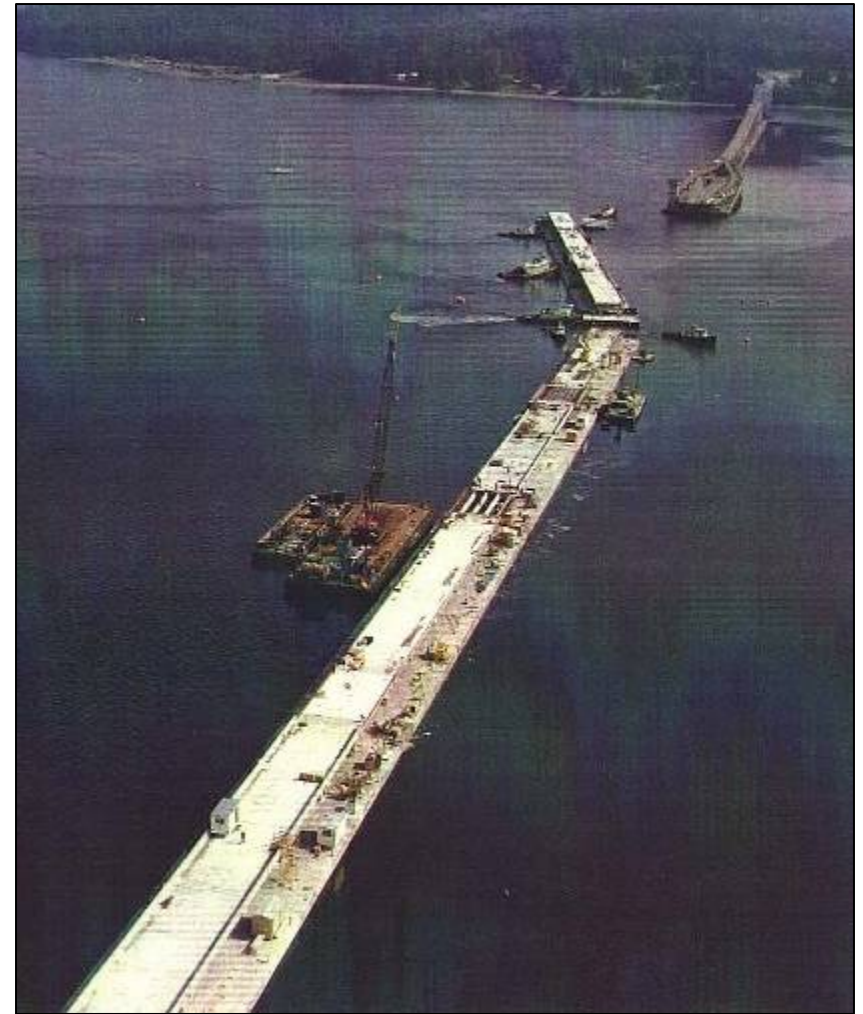
# West Half Fails

- February 13, 1979
- Sustained winds of 85mph
- 120mph gusts

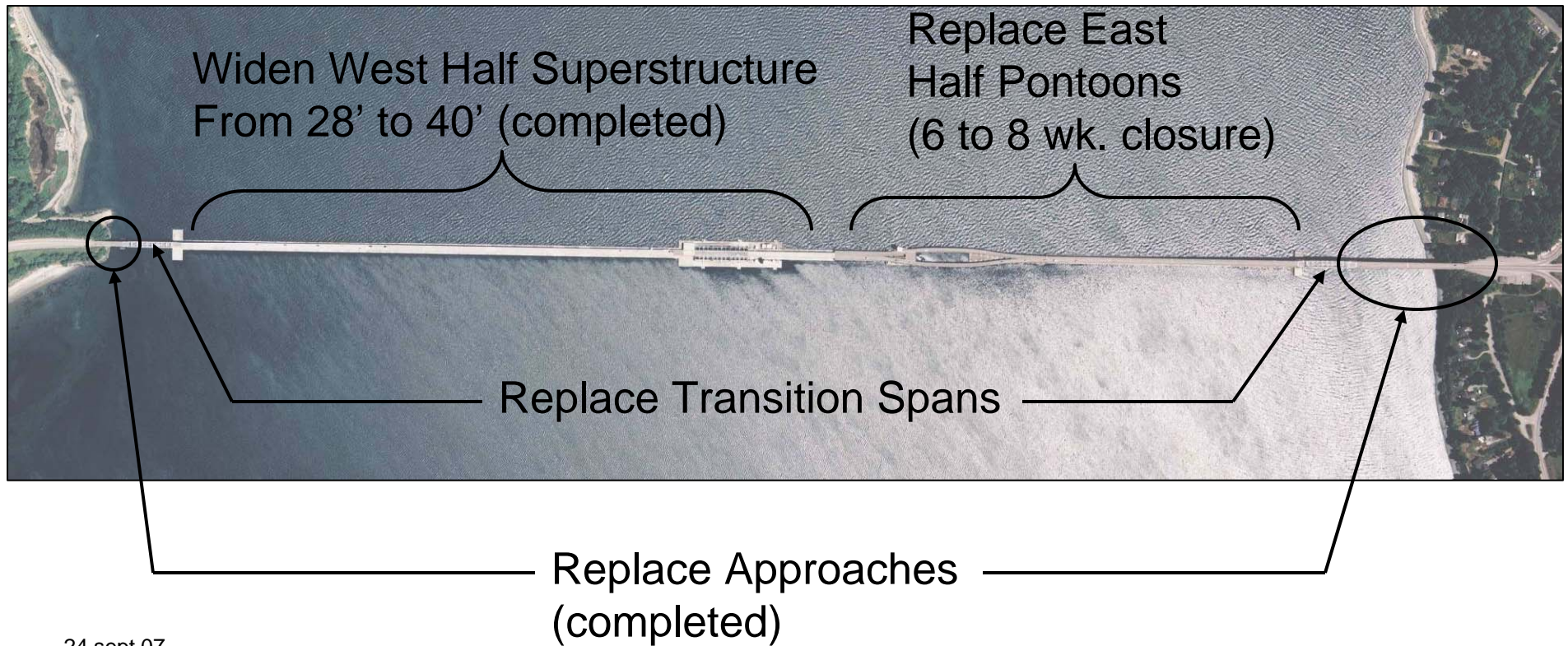


# West Half Replacement

- Reopened Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1982
- Post-tensioned pontoons
- Increased anchor size

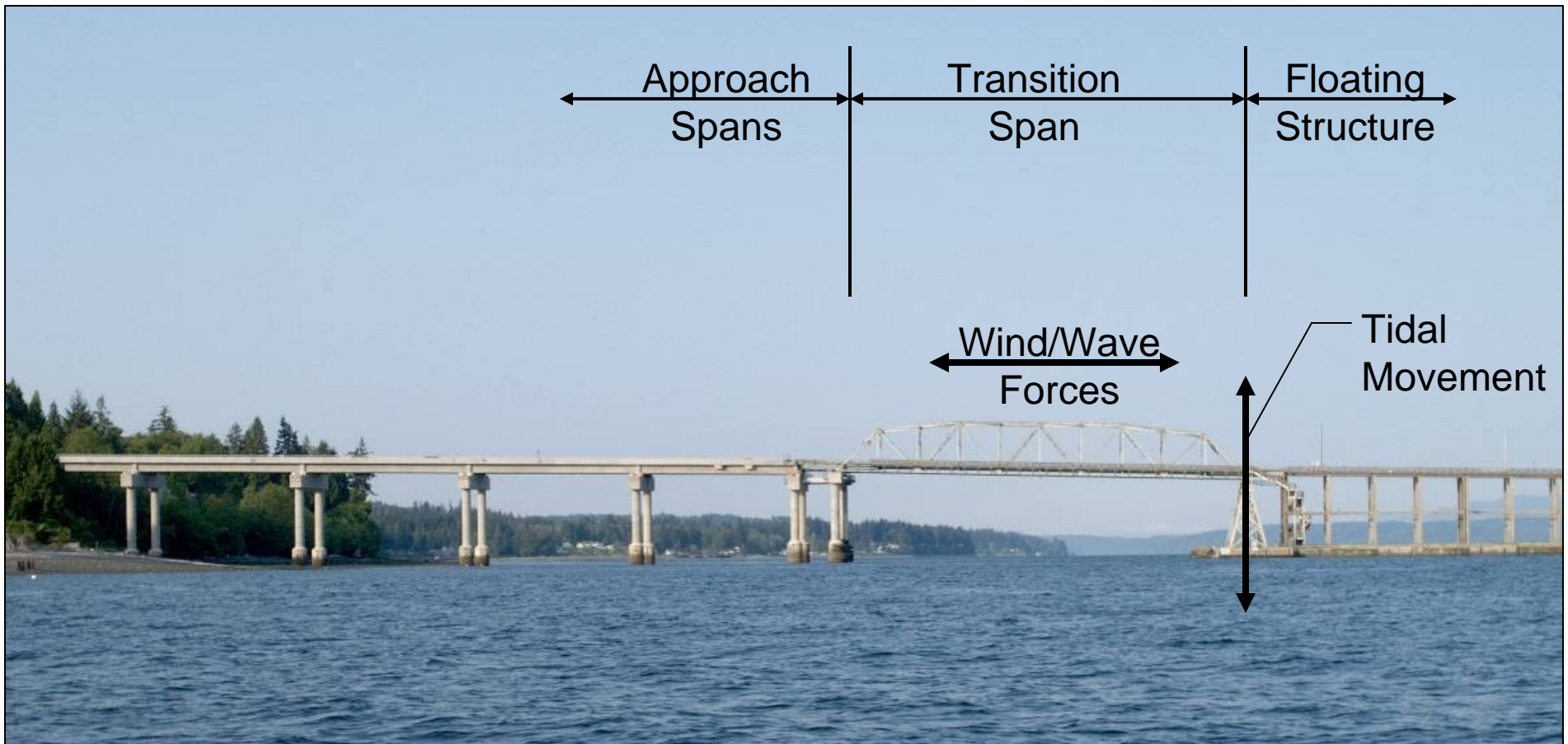


# Current Project



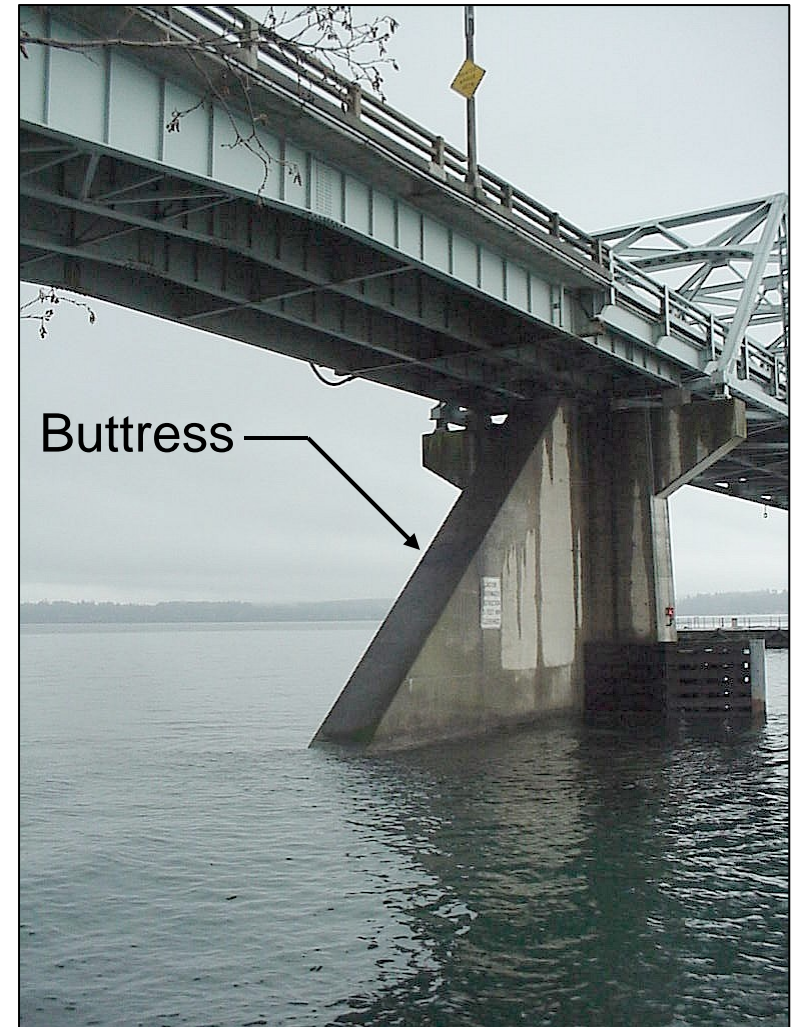
# Approaches

- Provide fixed link from shore to floating structure
- Help resist longitudinal wind and wave forces from the floating structure



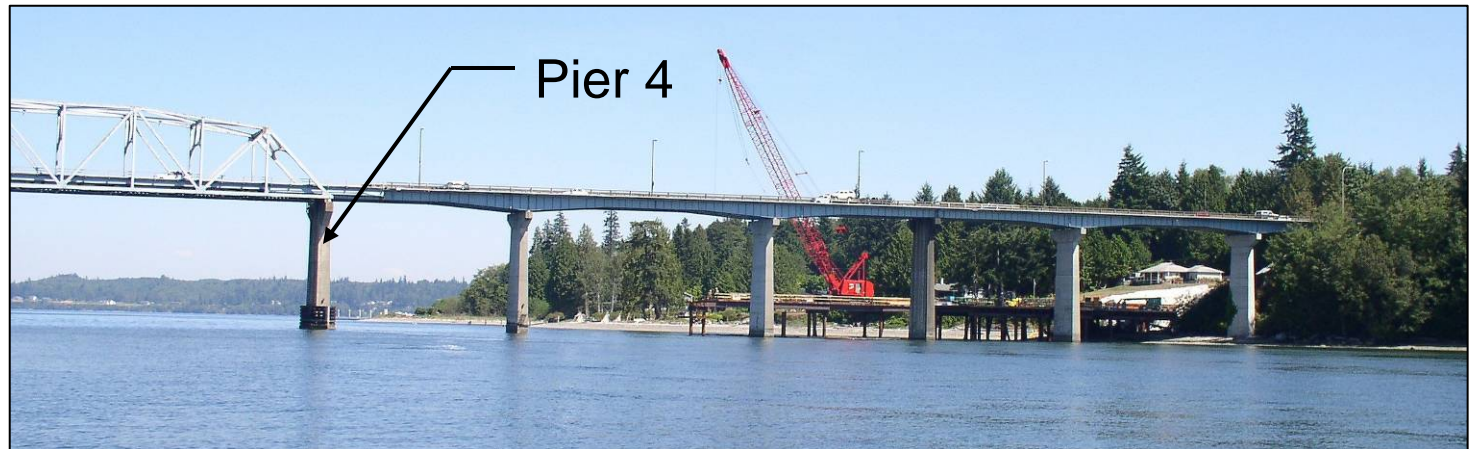
# Original West Approach

- 2 – span haunched steel PL Girder
- 190' length
- Buttress added for West half replacement



# Original East Approach

- 6 – span haunched steel PL Girder
- 643' length
- Wind/Wave forces – Pier 4





# Approach Retrofit

- Original Retrofit Requirement
  - Deck Replacement
  - Seismic Retrofit
  - Pier 4 retrofit (add buttress wall)
- Required 6-8 week closure



West



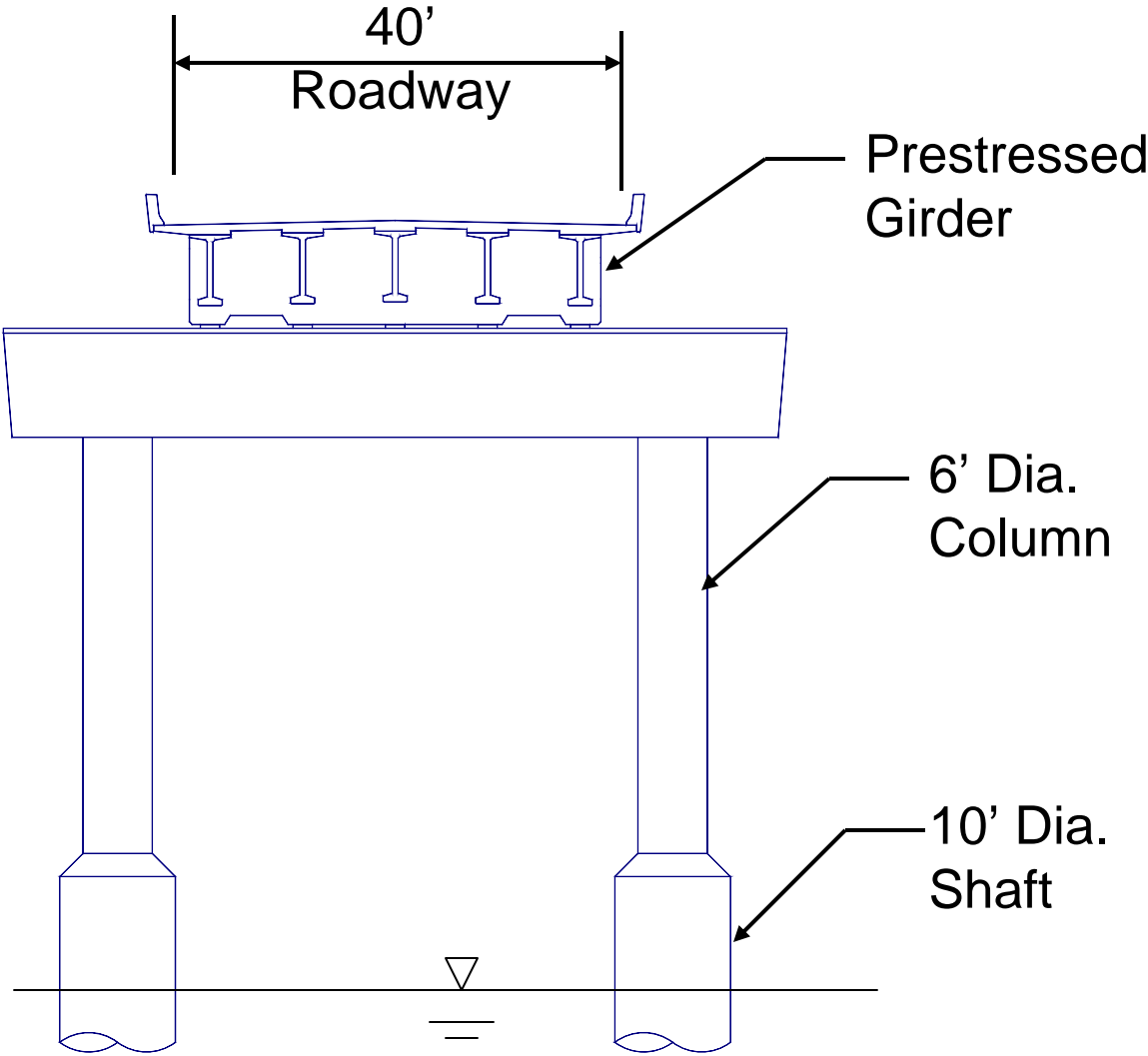
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# Approach Replacement

- Replace entire approaches (superstructure/substructure)
- Build to current standards – 40' roadway, seismic
- Ability to widen to 4 lanes (60') in the future

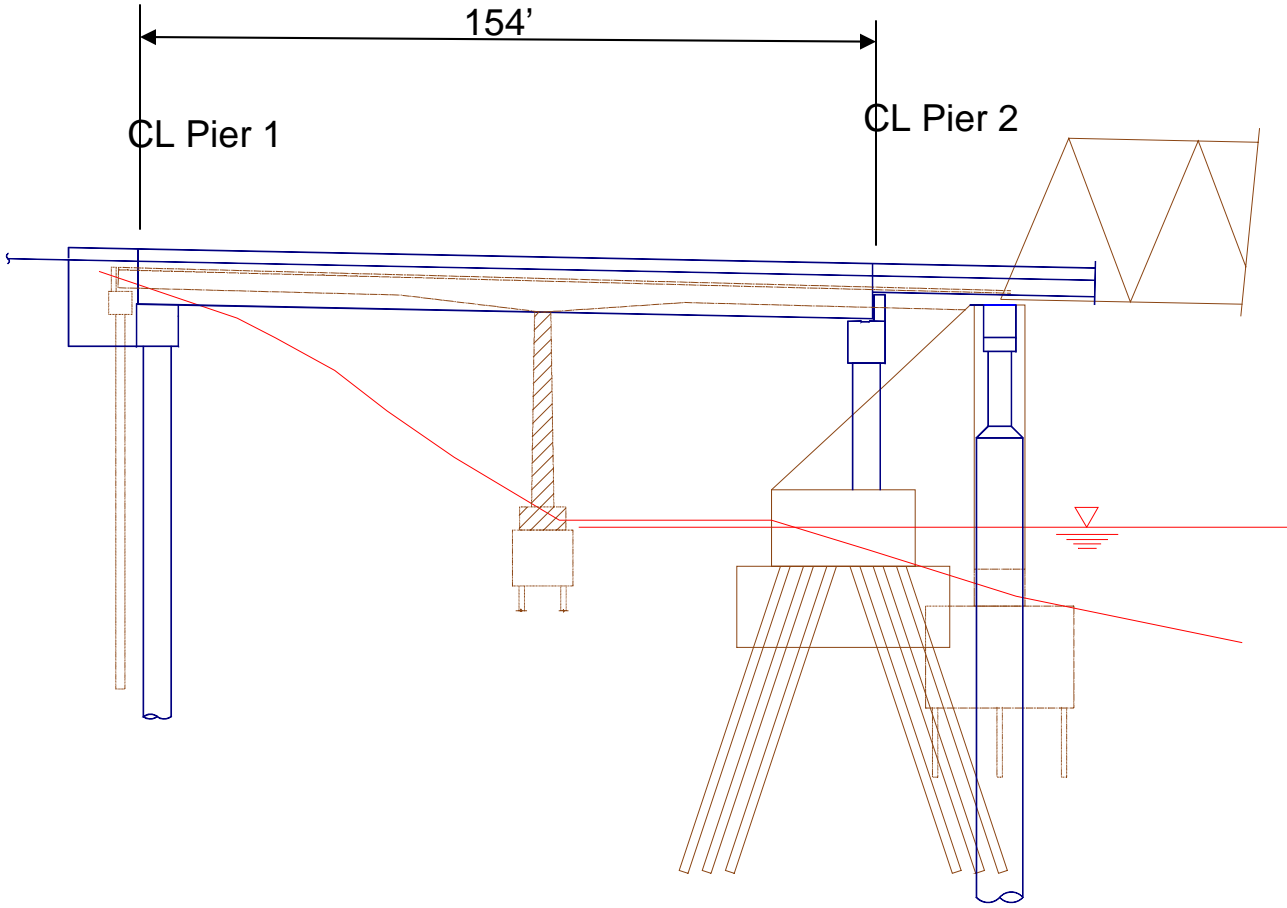


# Typical Section



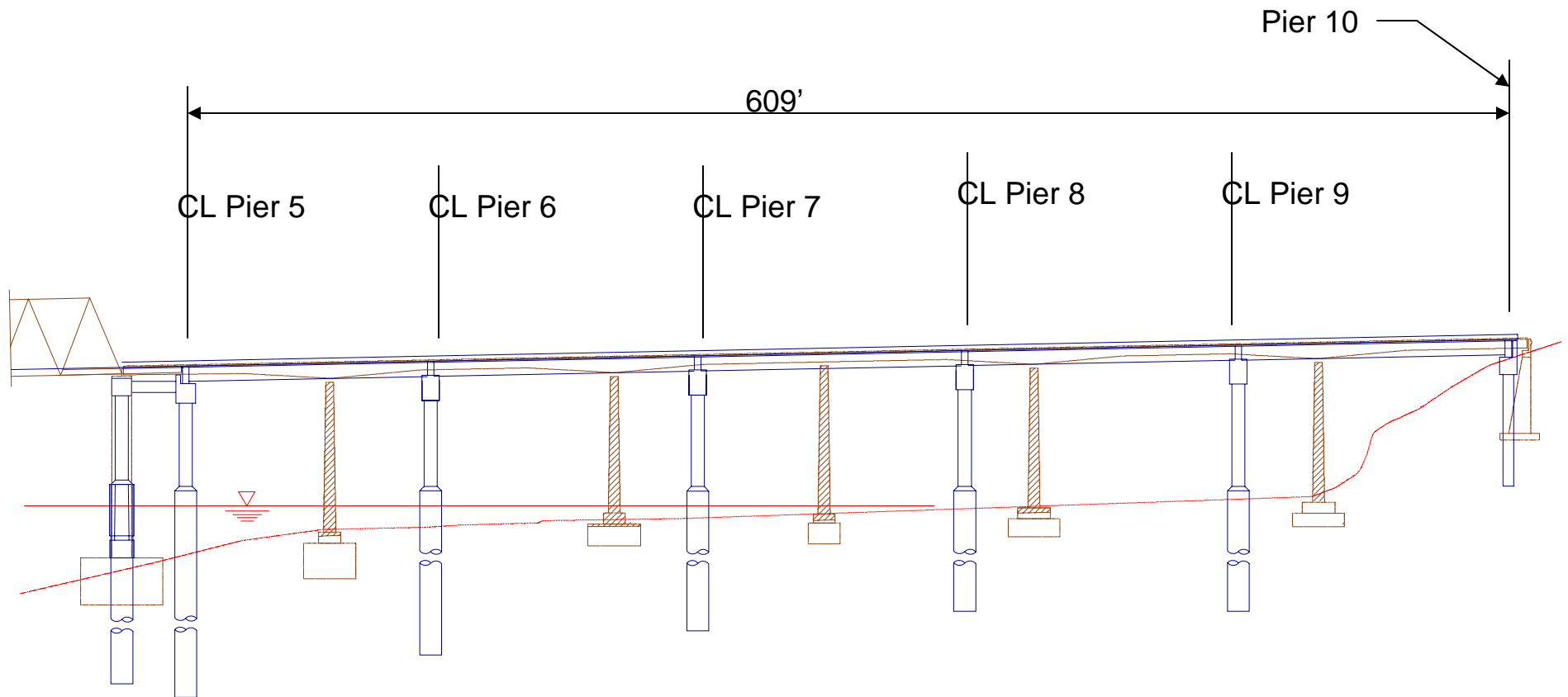
# West Approach Elevation

- 1 span (W83G Girders)
- 154' total length



# East Approach Elevation

- 5 spans (W74G Girders)
- 609' total length



# Replacement Challenges

- Limited closure – extended weekend
  - Construct superstructure adjacent to existing approach
- Distribute wind/wave forces into East Approach



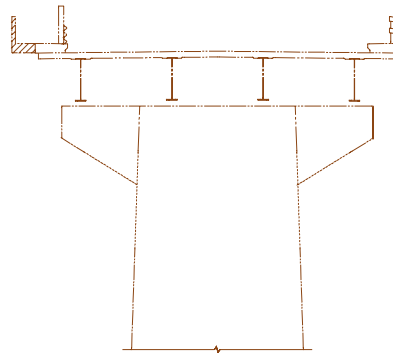
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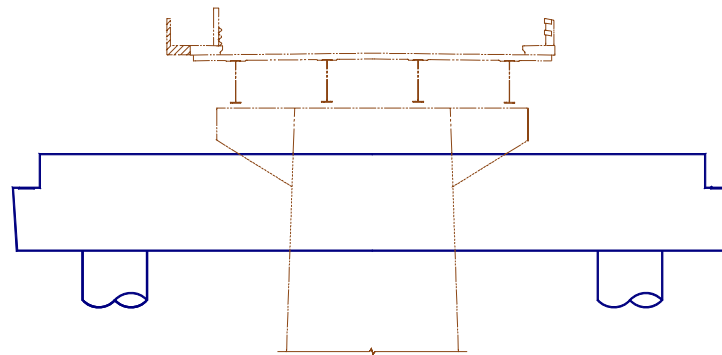
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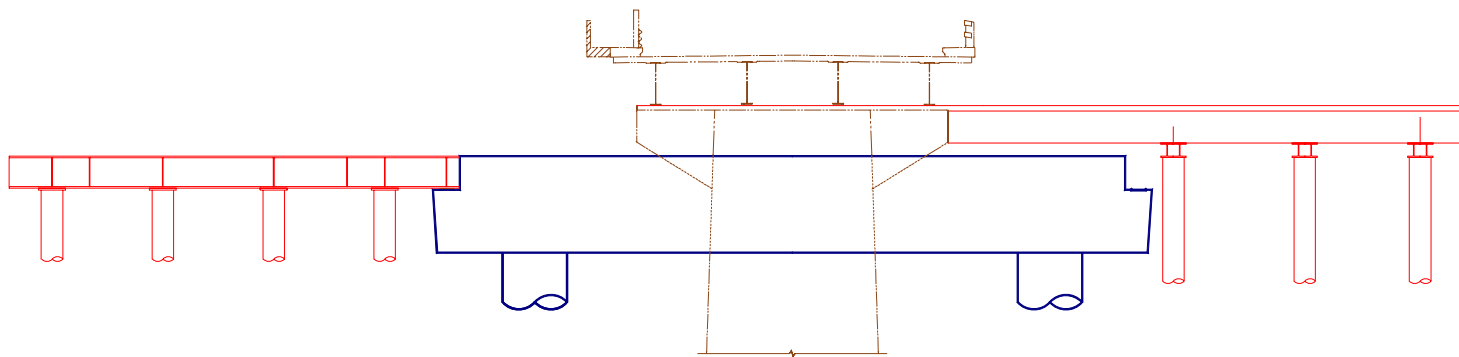
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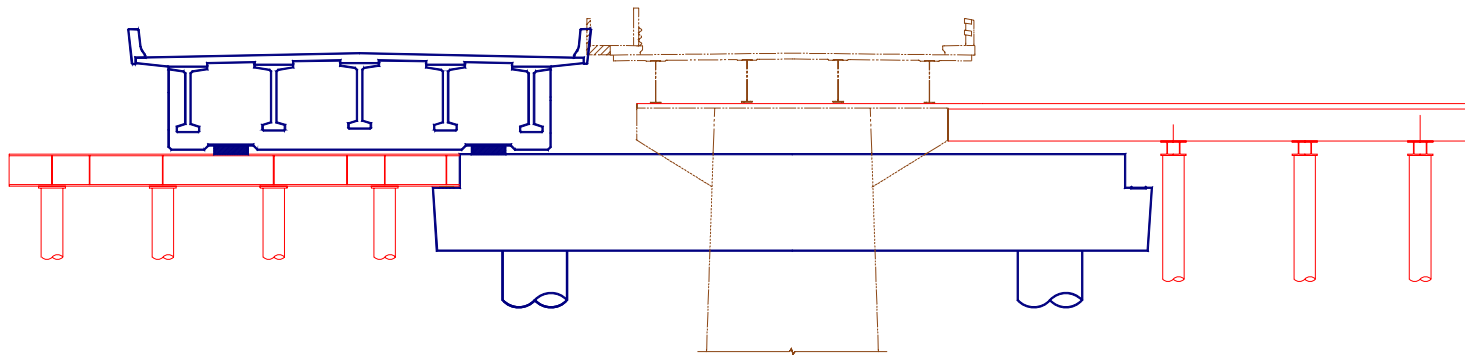
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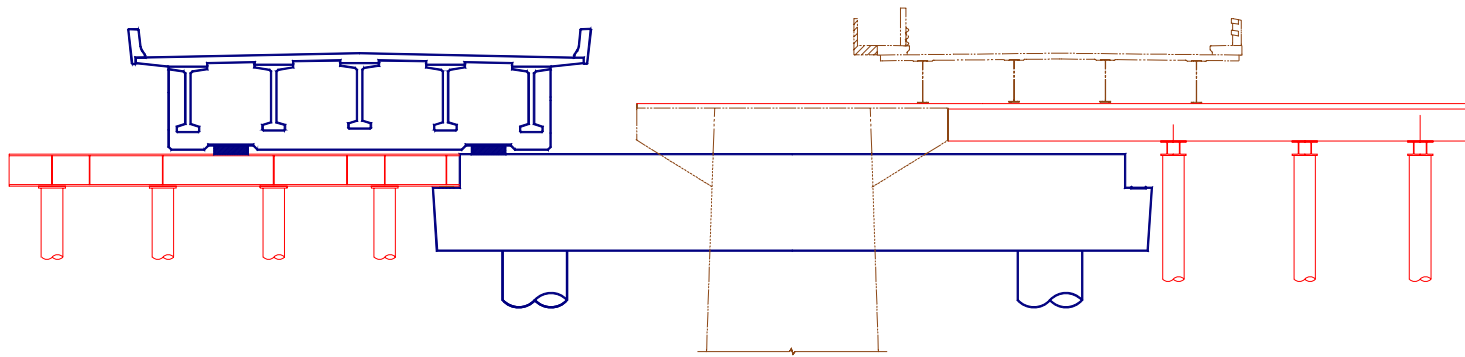
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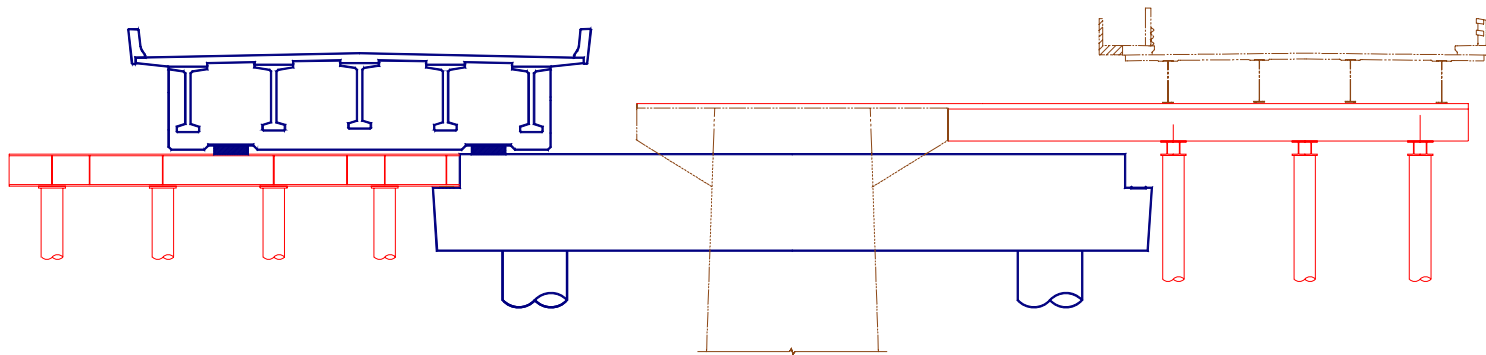


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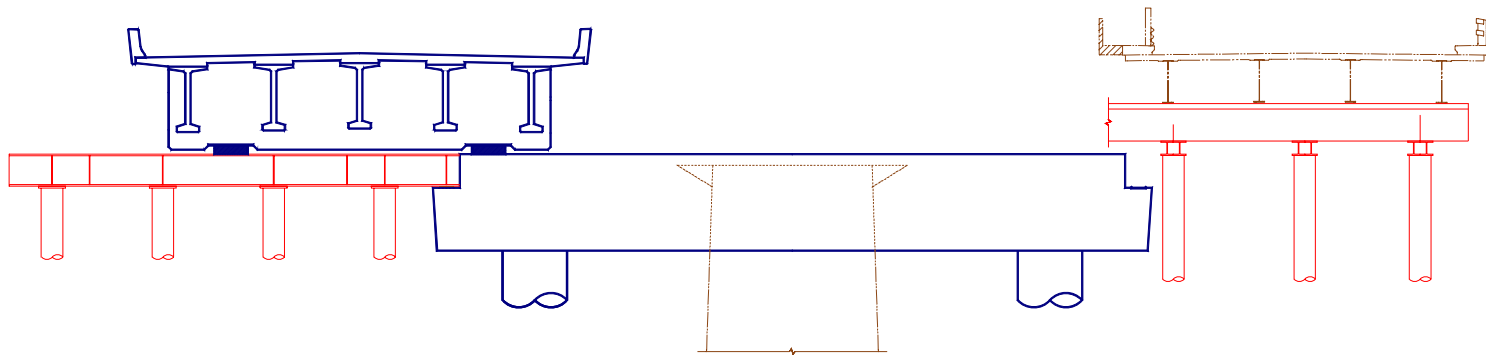
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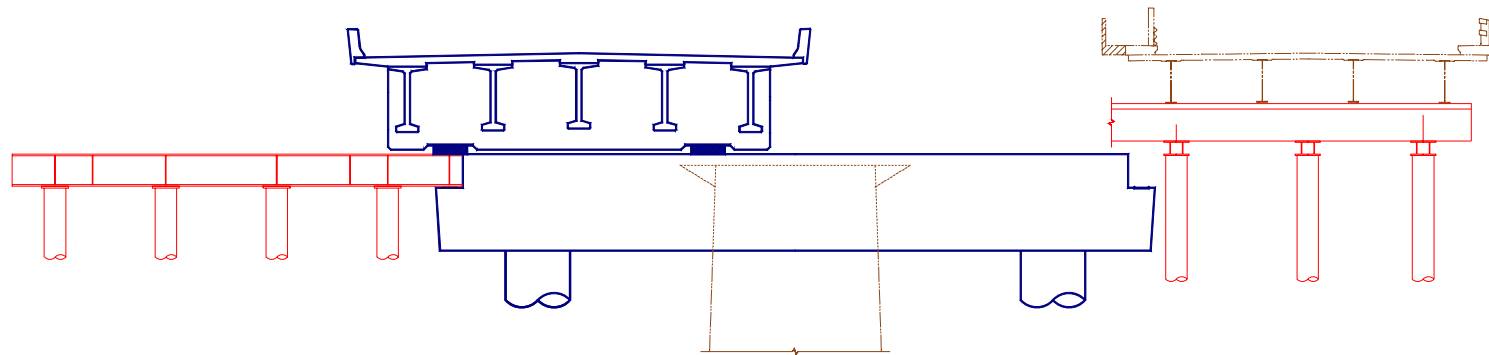
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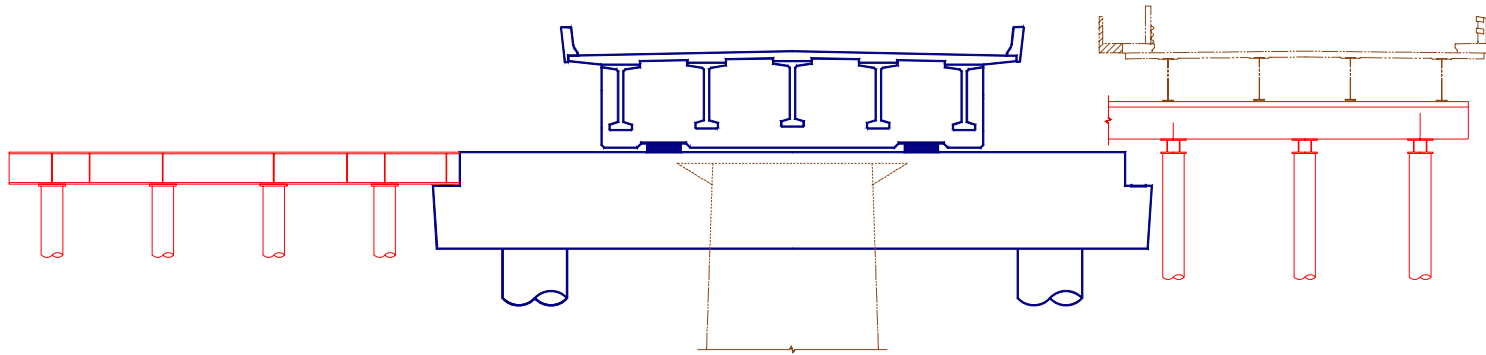
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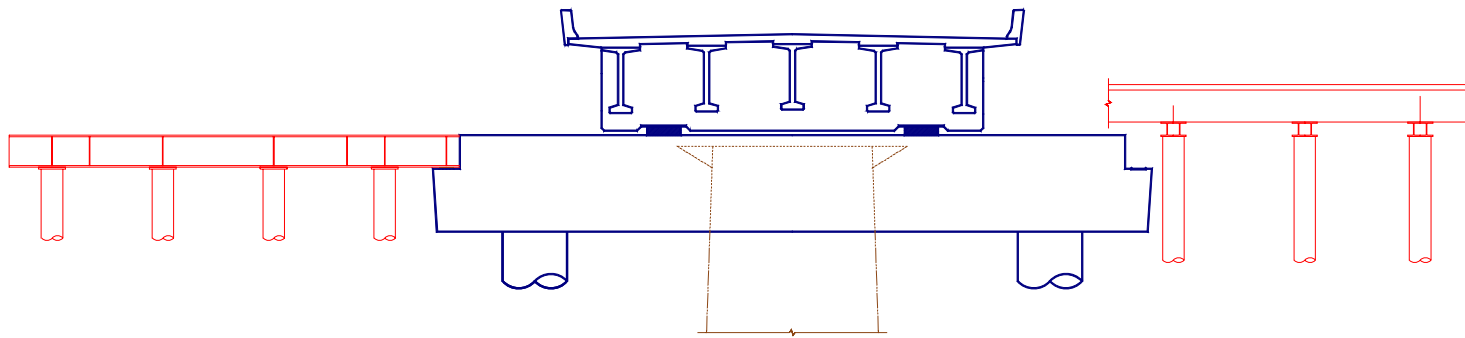
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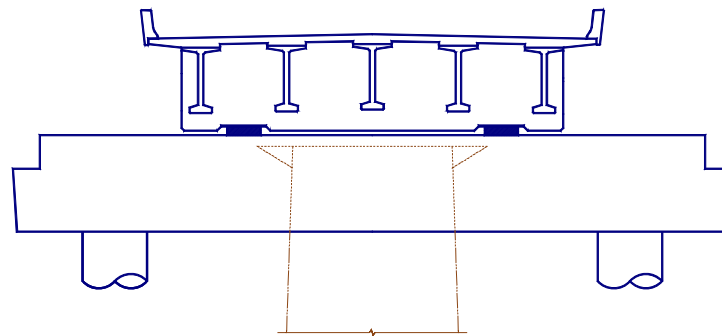
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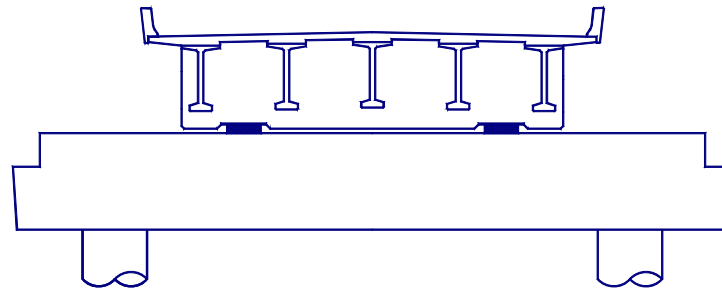
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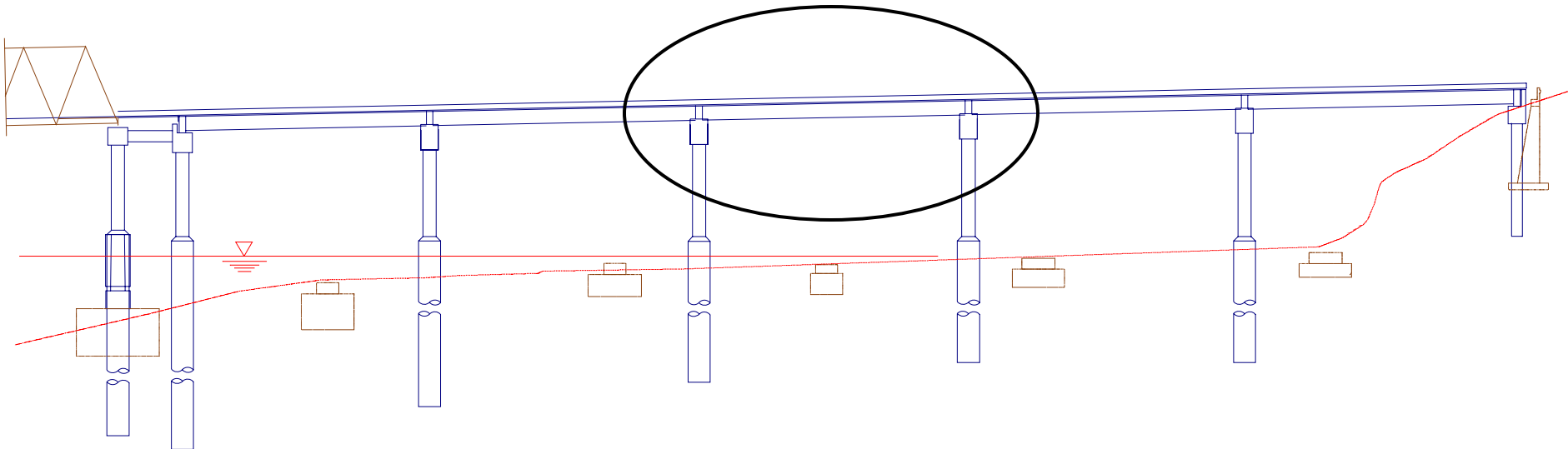


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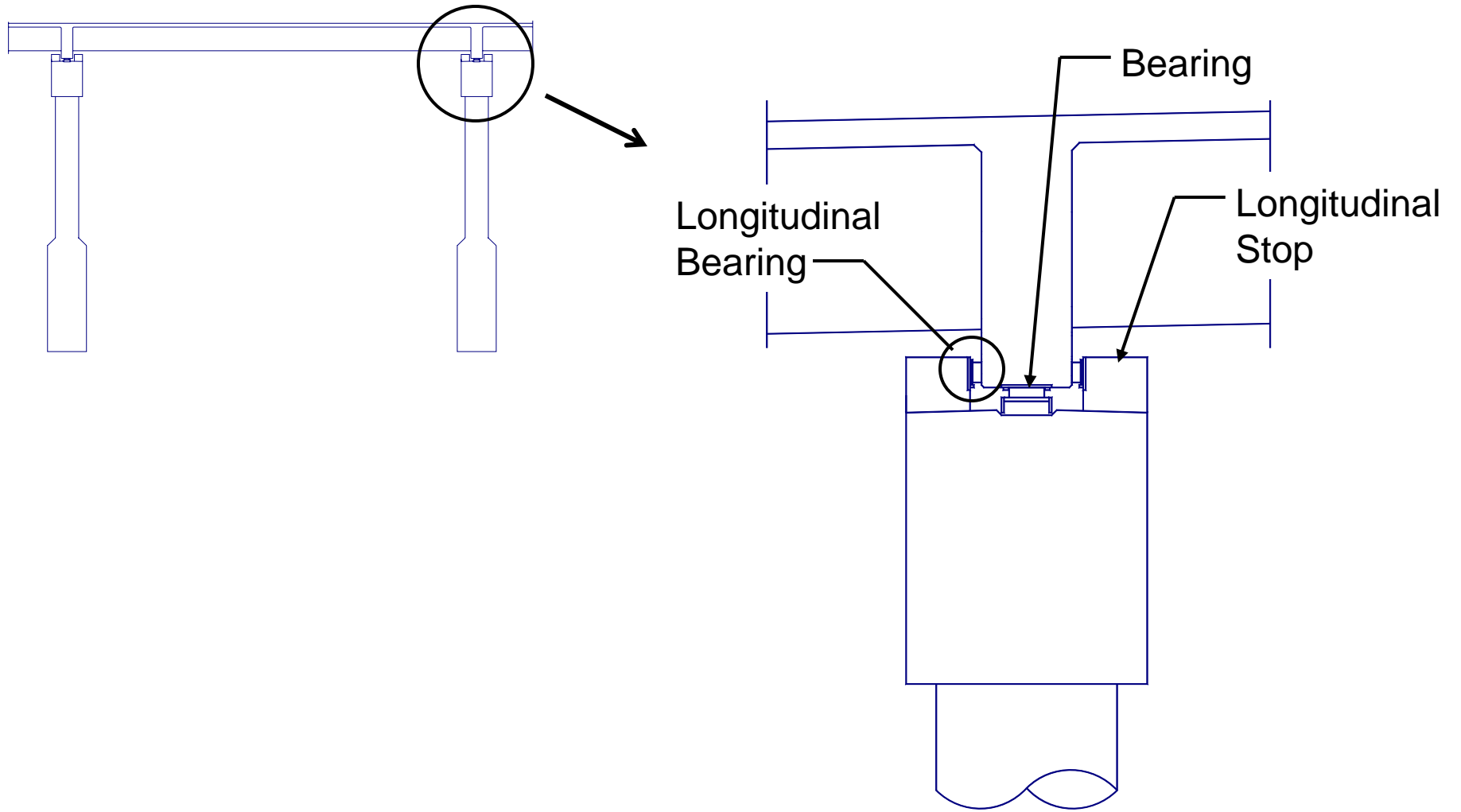
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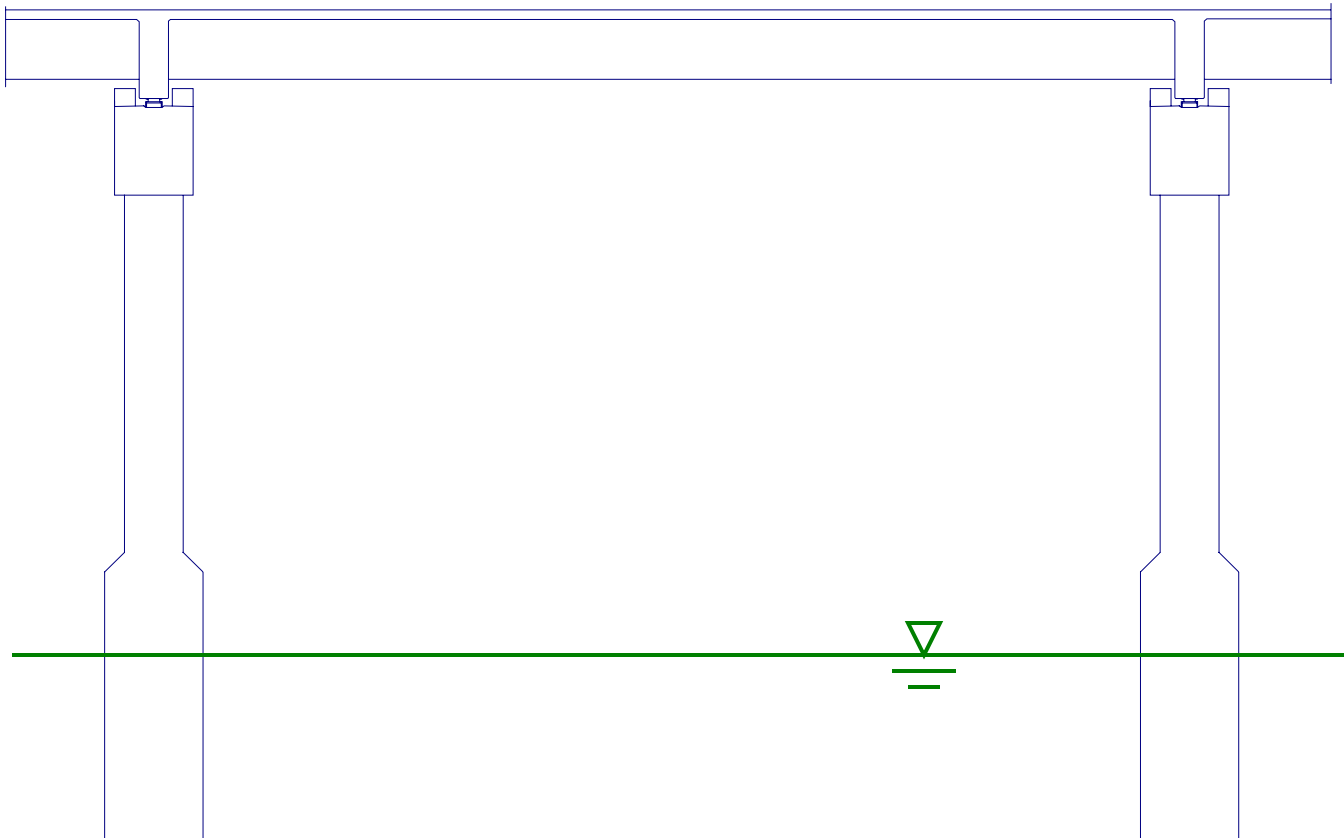
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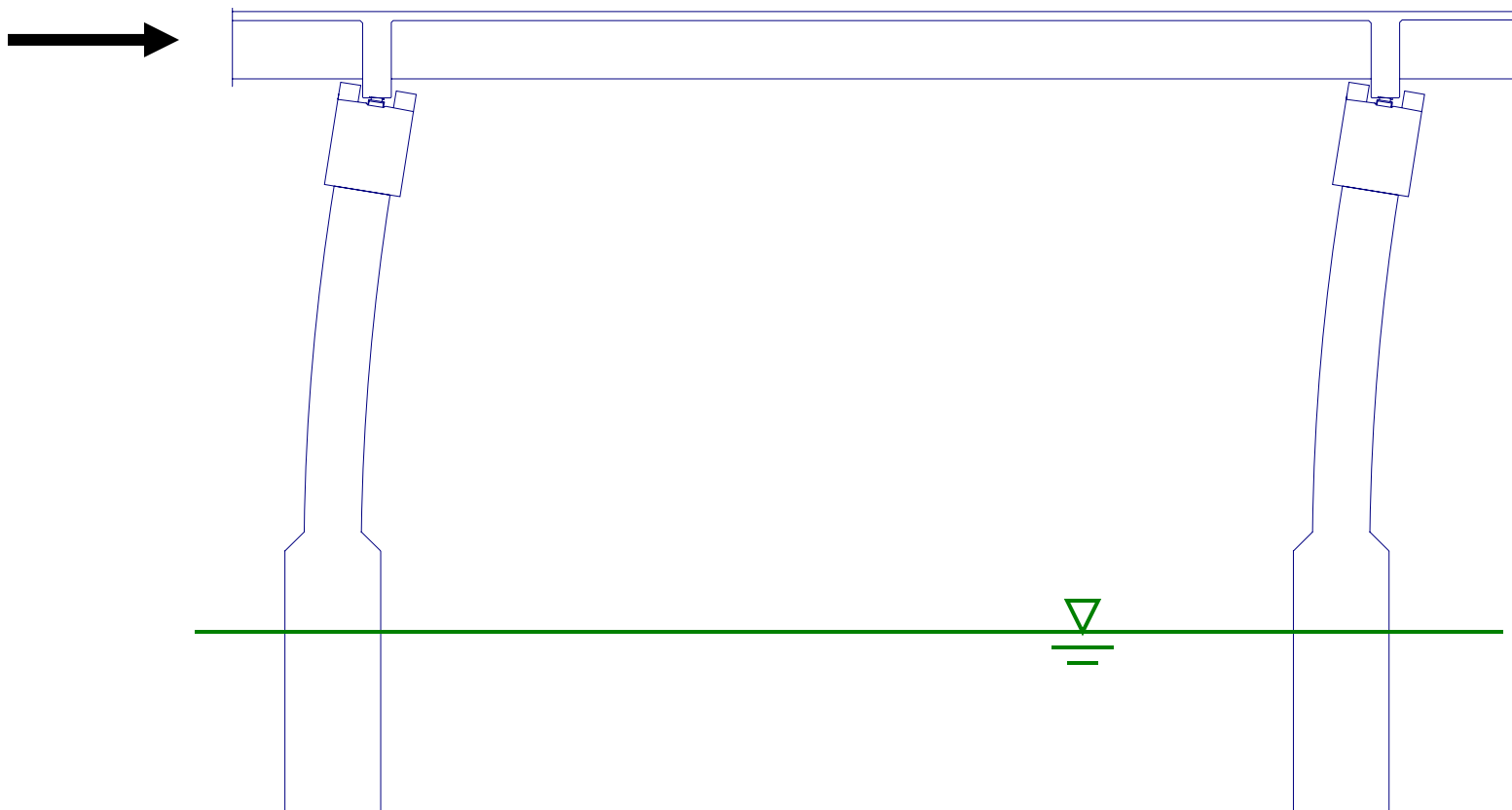
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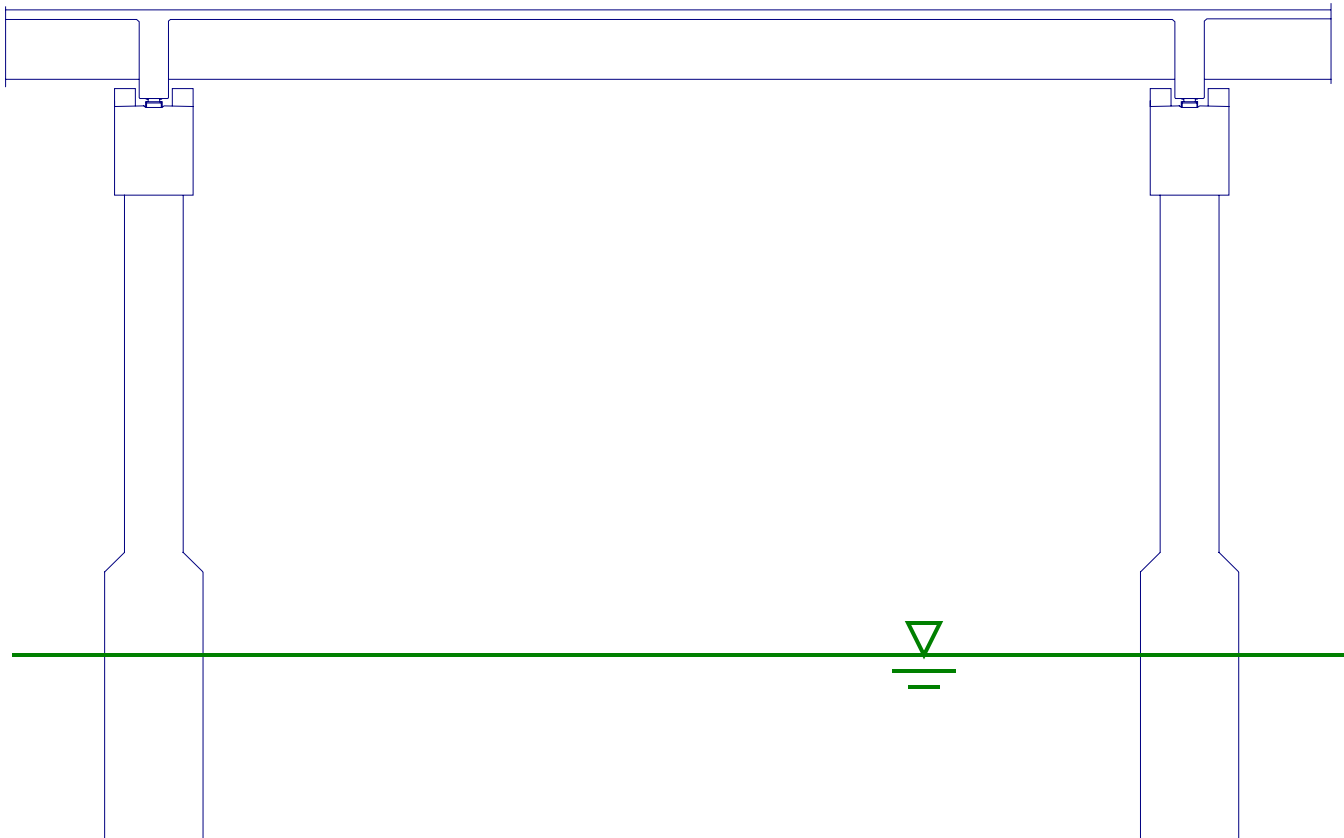
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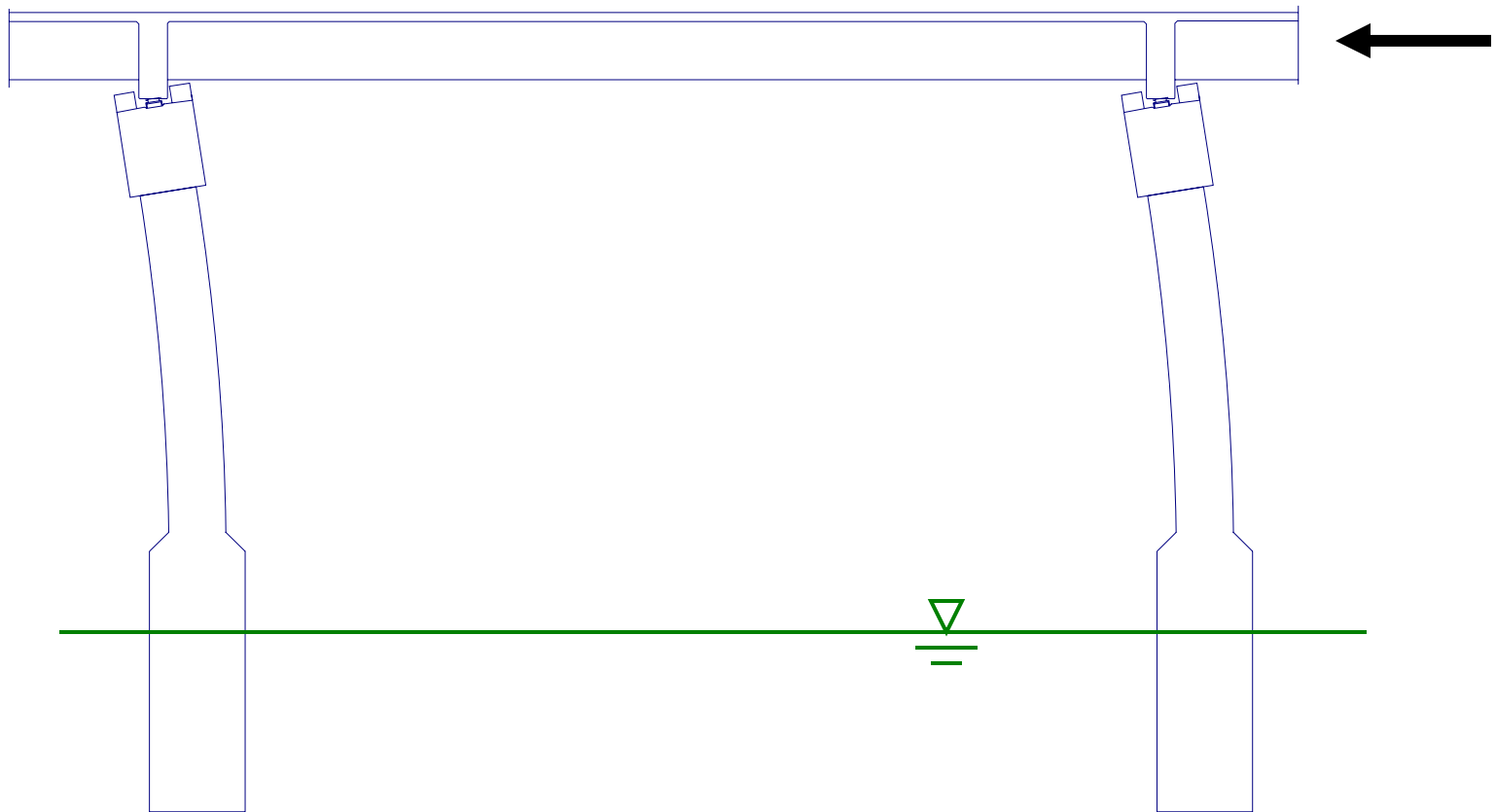


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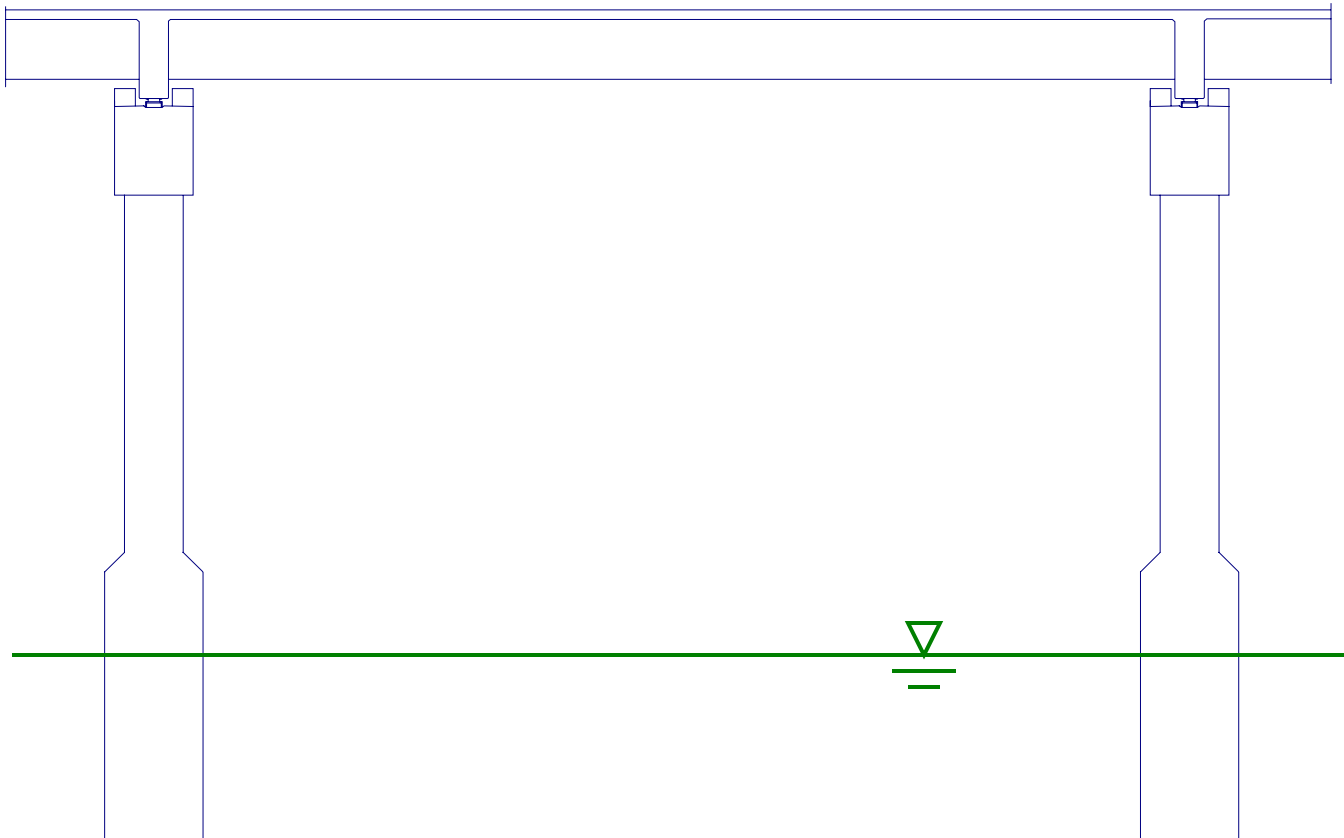




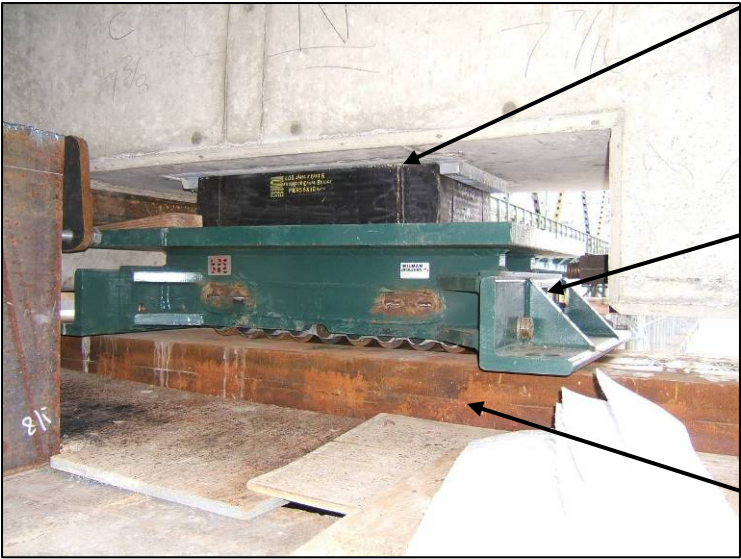
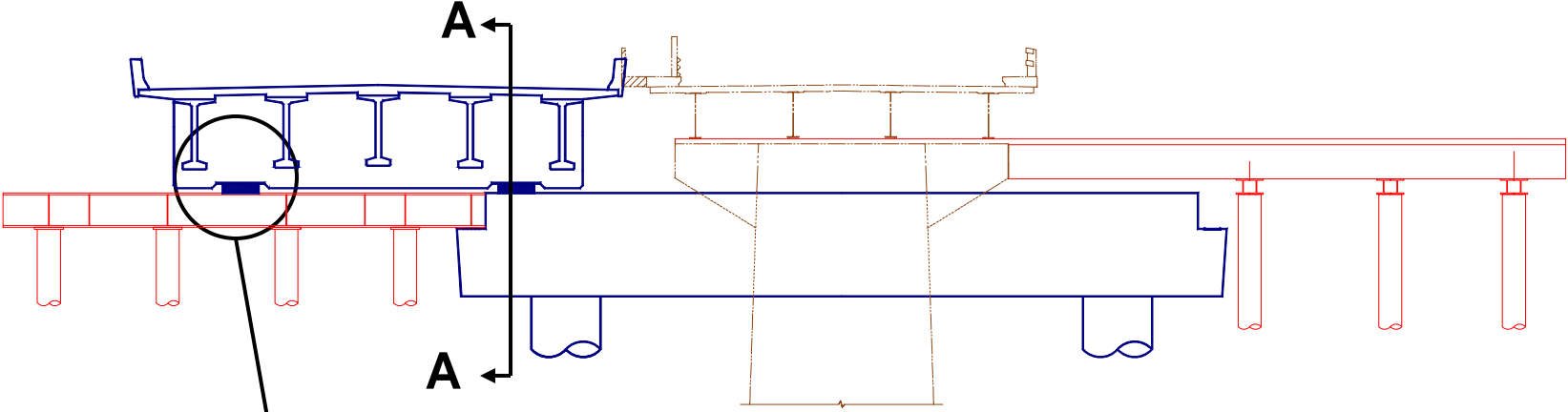
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# Rolling Assembly

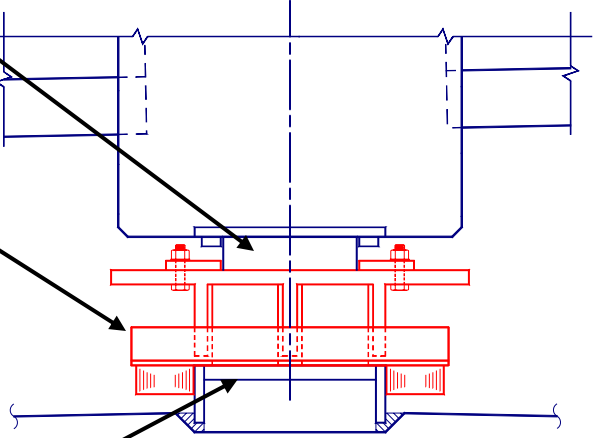


*Hilman Roller*

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Elast.  
Brg.

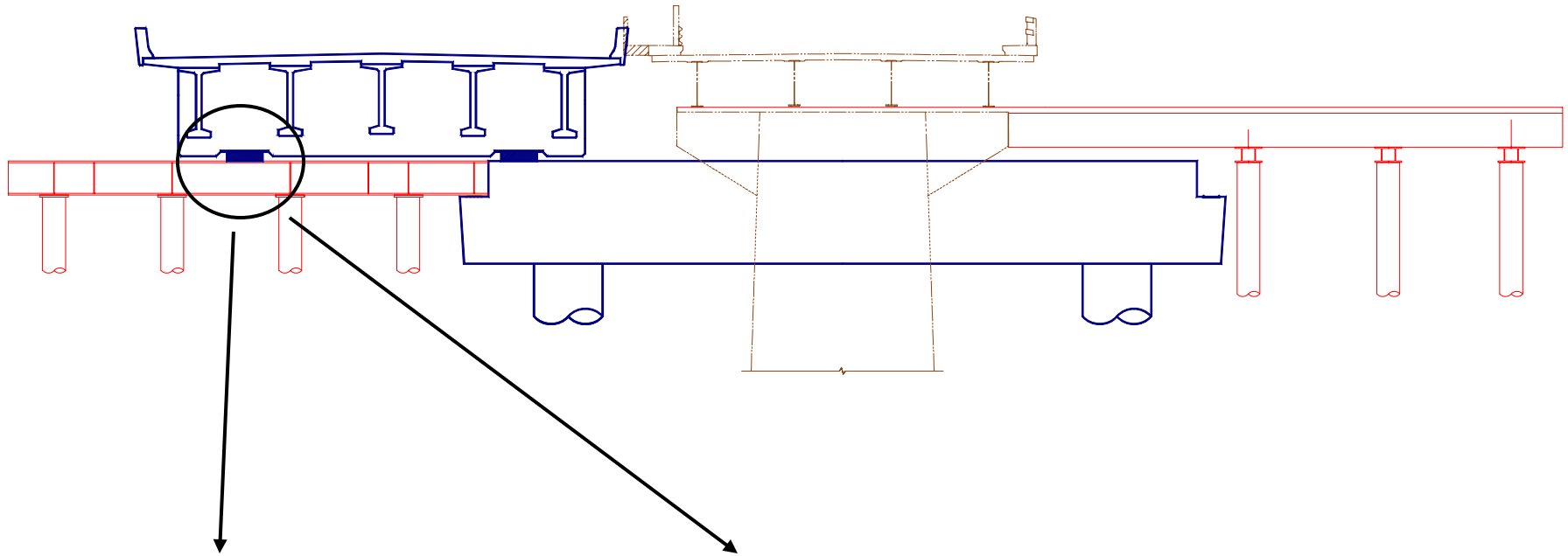
Hilman  
Roller

Rolling  
Plate



**Section A-A**

# Hilman Rollers



## West Approach

- 1 span
- 1000 kip DL/Pier
- 2000 kips Total
- 2 Hilman rollers/span (300 ton capacity)

## East Approach

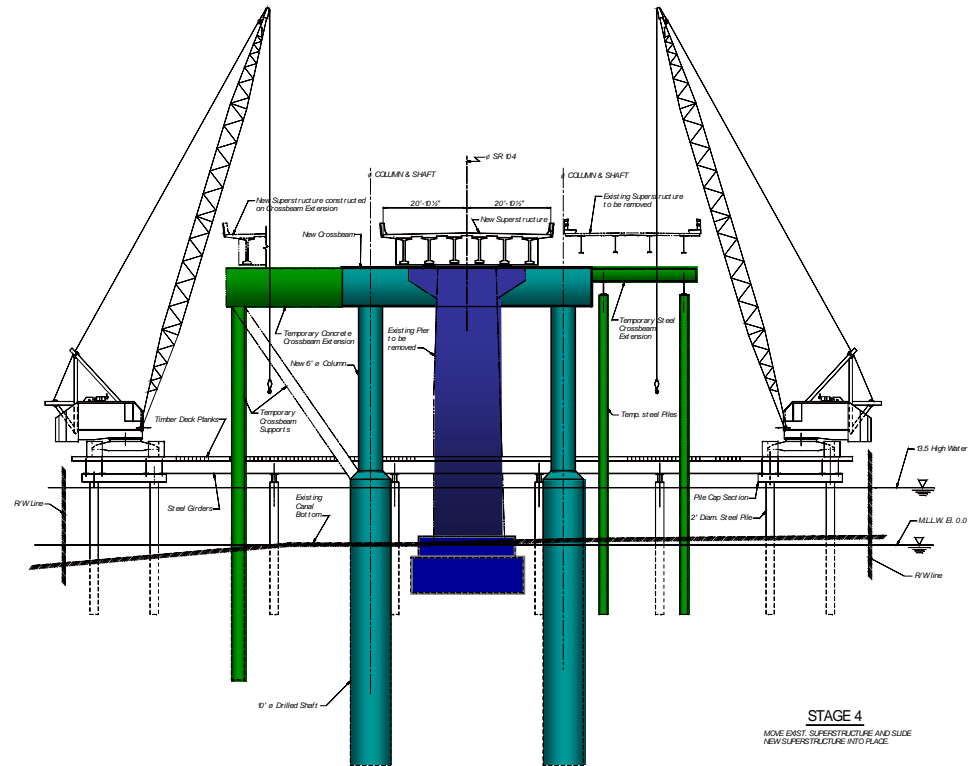
- 5 spans
- 800 to 1500 kips DL/Pier
- 7600 kips Total
- 2 Hilman rollers/span (300 or 500 ton capacity)

# Construction

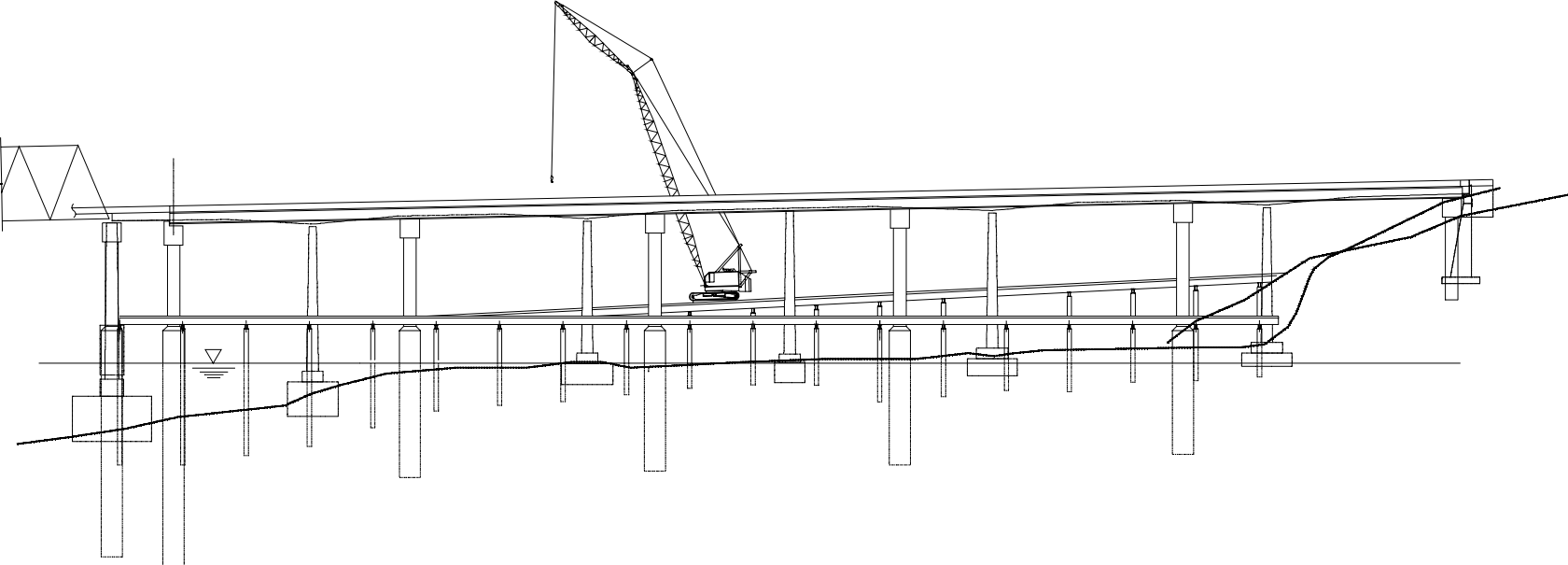
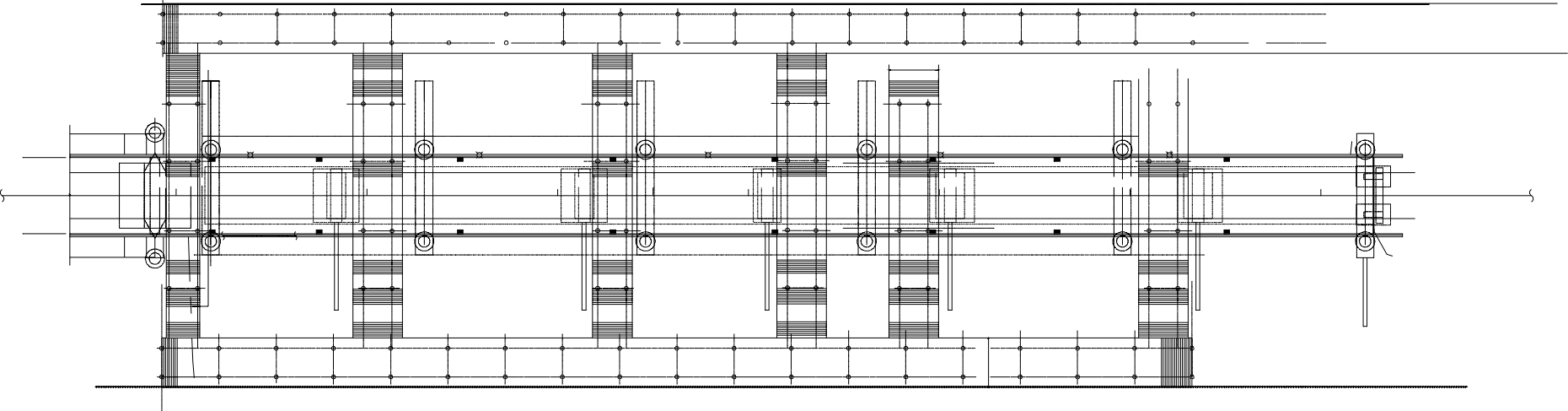


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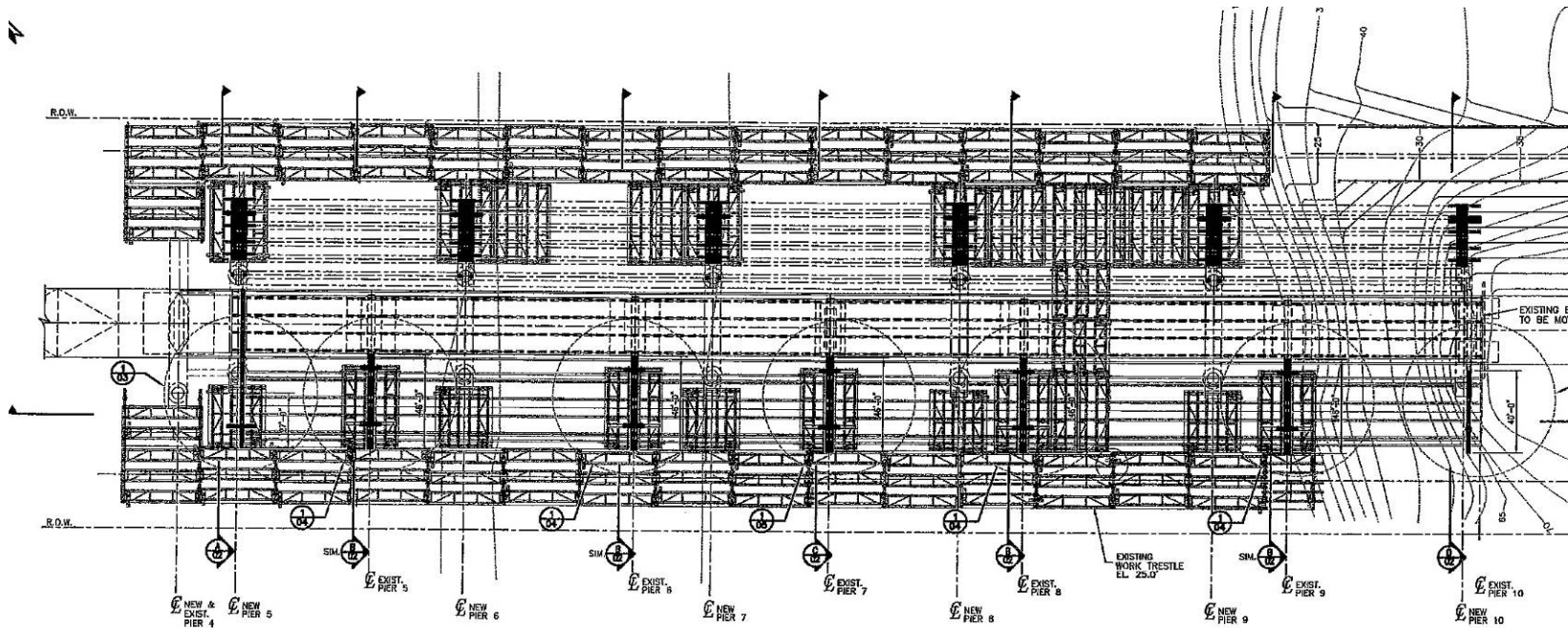
- Trestle and Falsework scheme included in Contract
- Contractor required to submit for review and approval
- Falsework system designed for  $\frac{1}{2}$  seismic acceleration (0.15g)



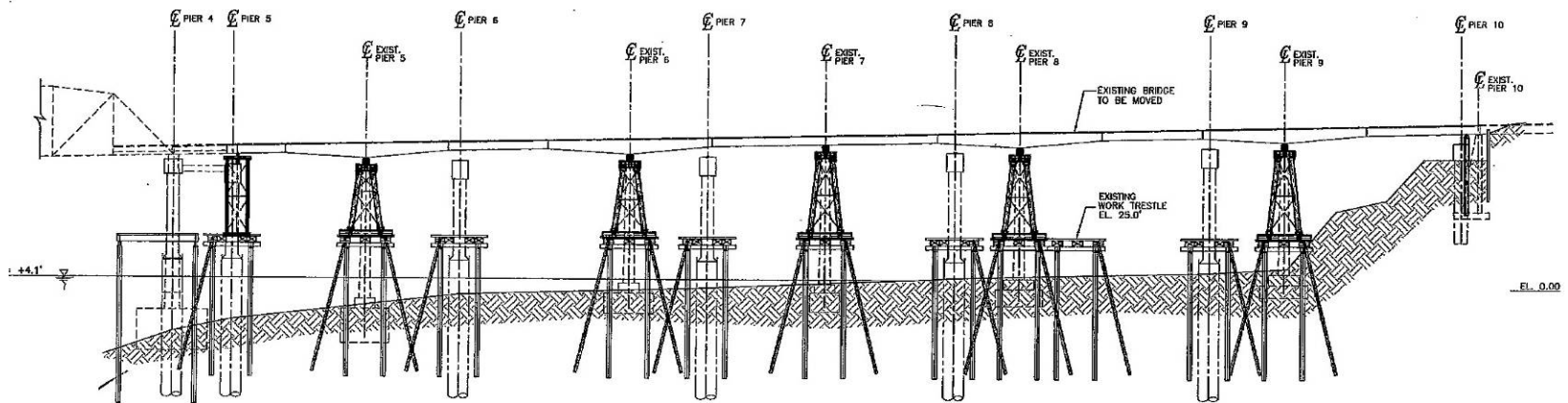
# Work Trestle



# Work Trestle – Contractor Design



**EXISTING SUPERSTRUCTURE REMOVAL FALSEWORK PLAN VIEW**  
SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"





# Work Trestle

- 58,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- 260 – 2' Diameter Piles
- 4 months to construct

} East Approach



# Substructure

- 12 – 10' Diameter Shafts
  - 5 ½ Months Construction
  - Epoxy Coated Rebar – Entire Structure
- } East Approach



# Superstructure

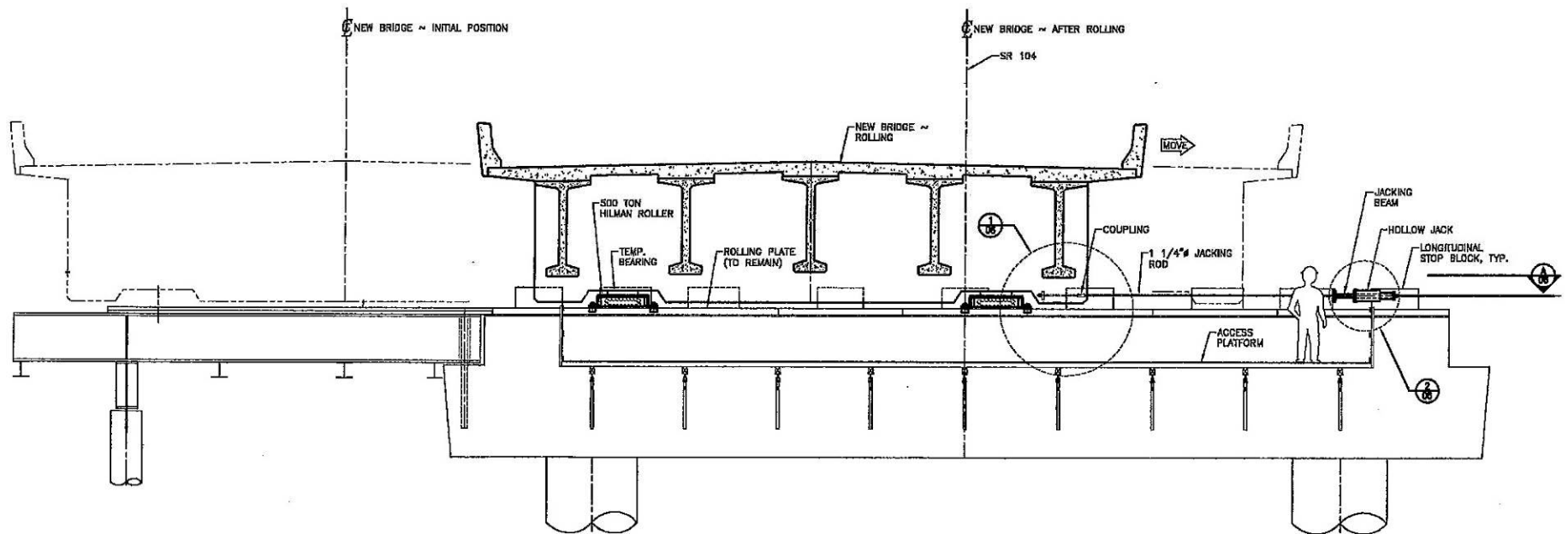


# The Rollover



# Hydraulic Jacking – Horizontal

- West Approach – 2 synchronized jacks
- East Approach – 6 synchronized jacks
- Max horizontal force/jack – 30 to 80 kips
- Max 1/4" differential horizontal movement between adjacent piers during rolling

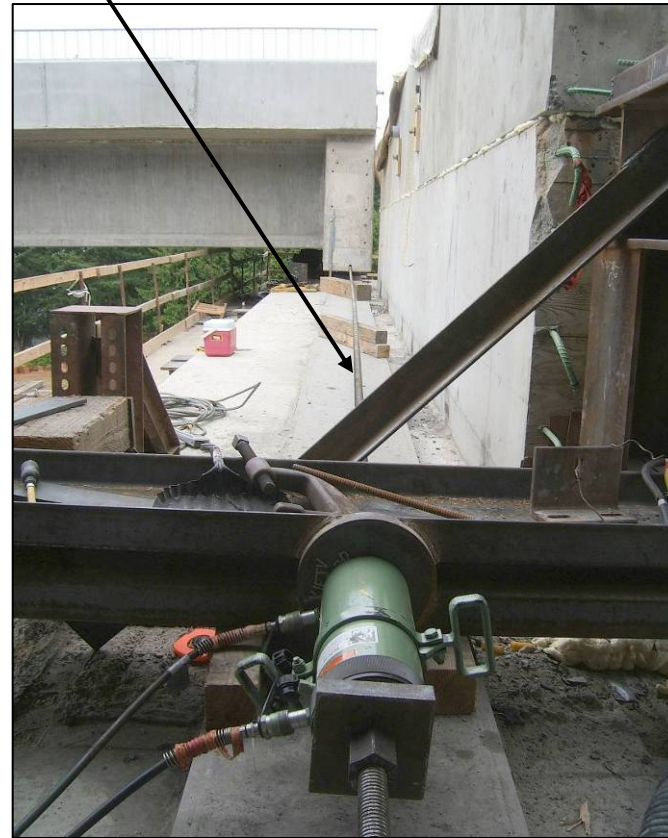


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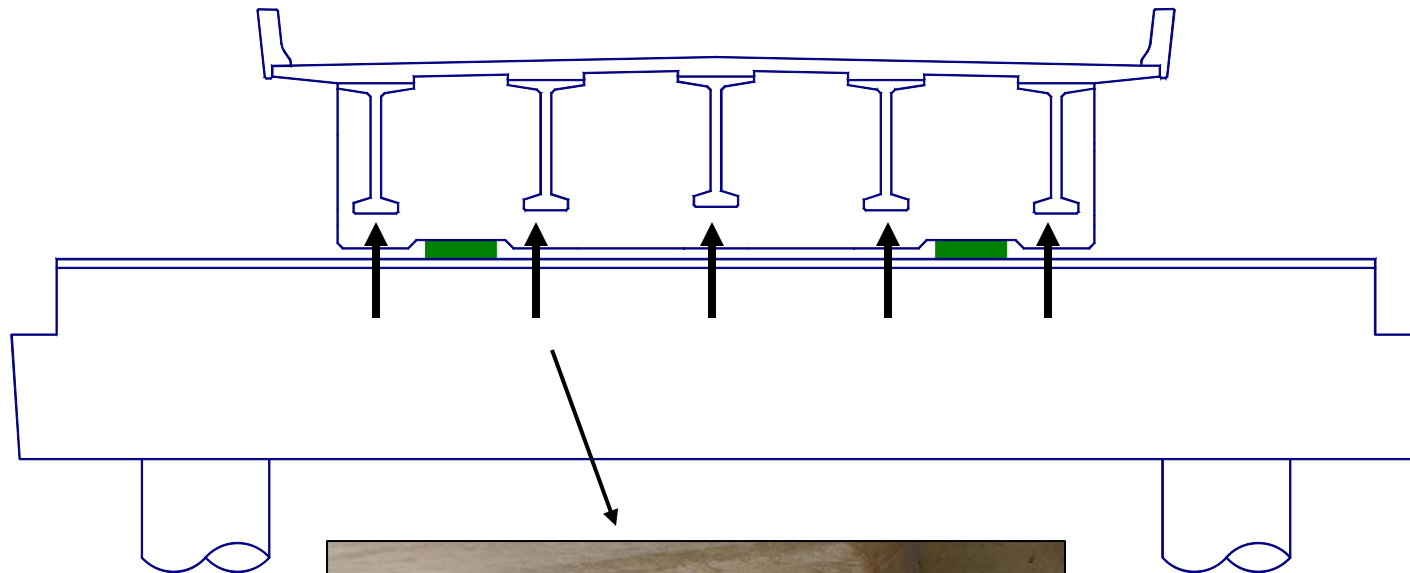
Rolling  
Plate



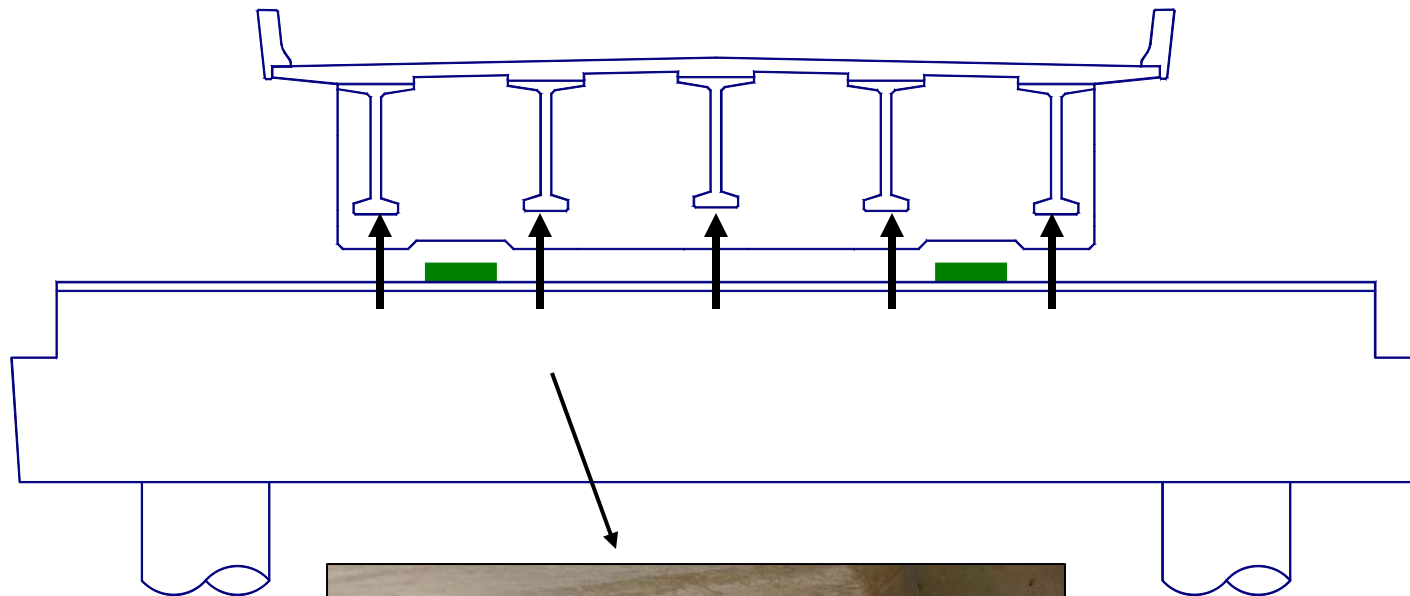
Jacking  
Rod



# Hydraulic Jacking – Vertical

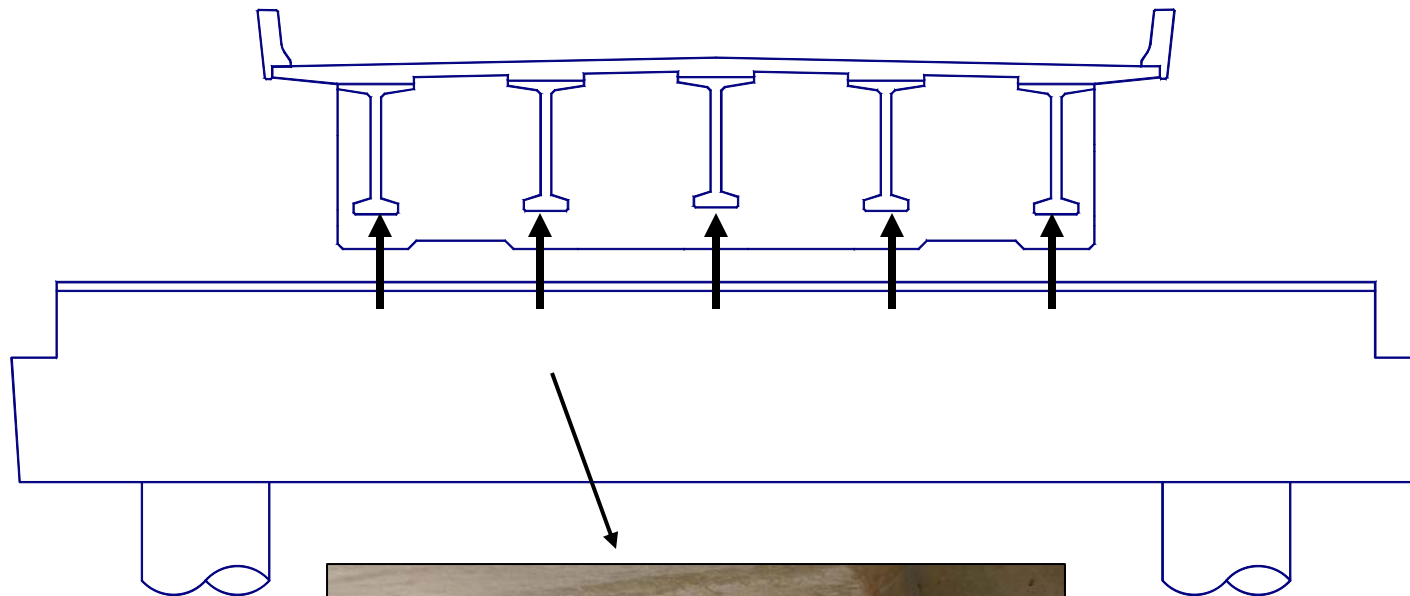


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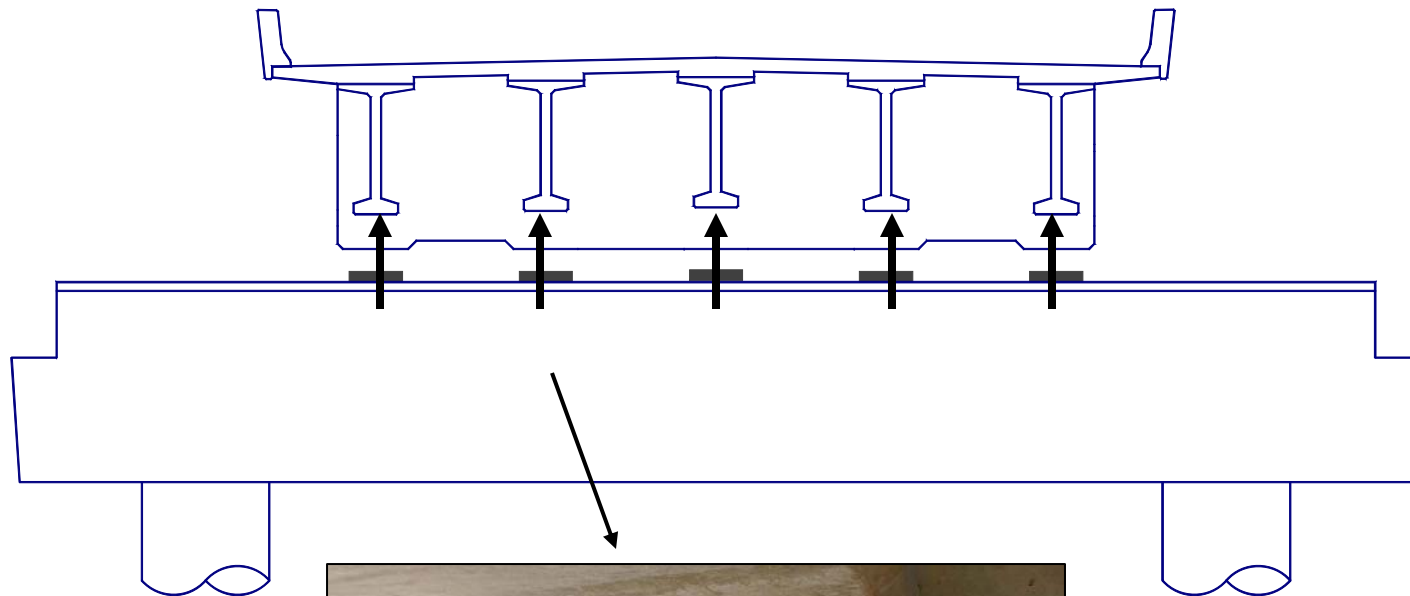




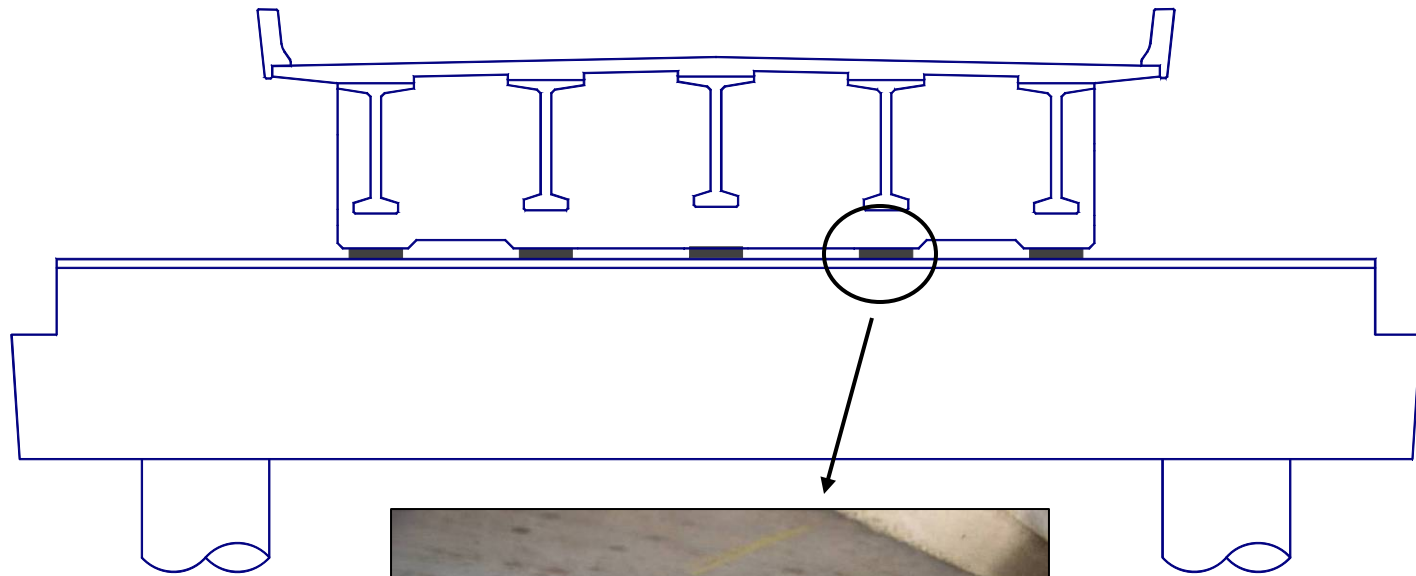
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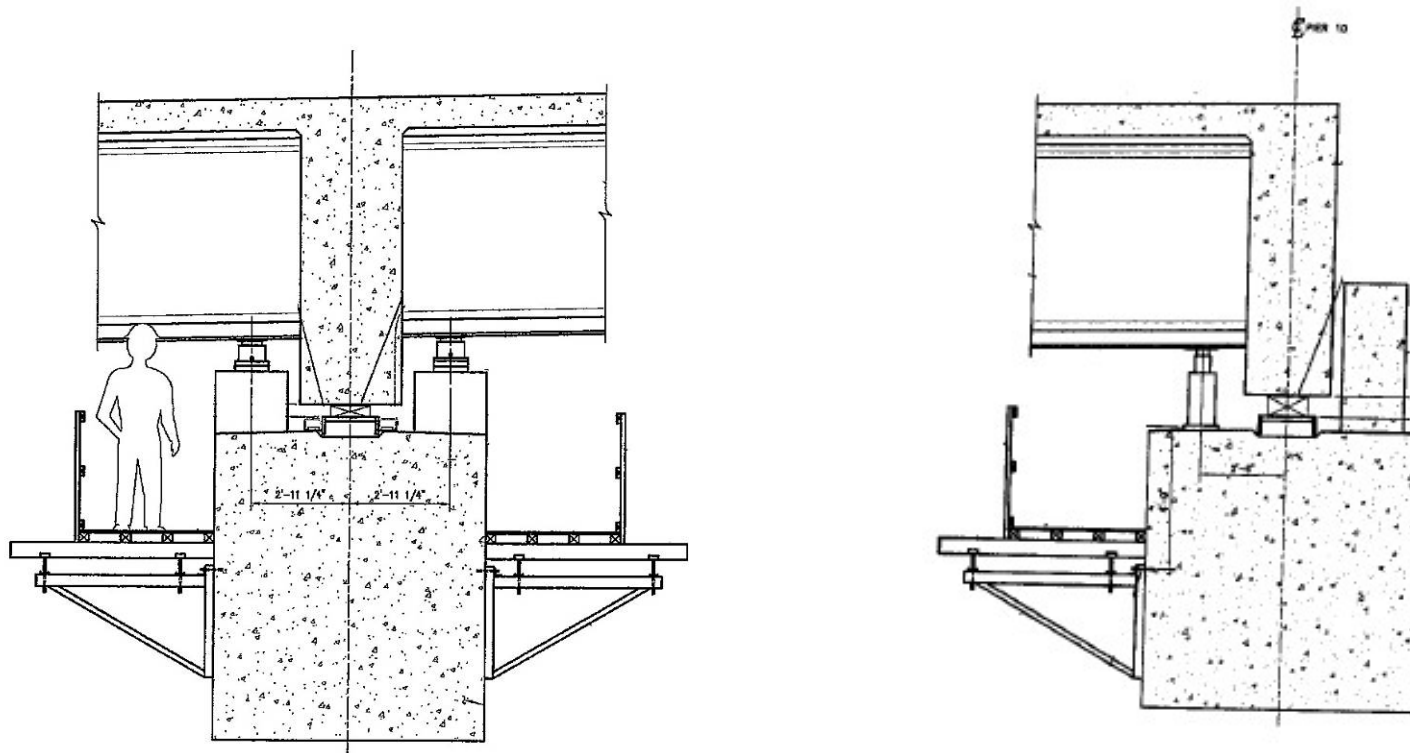
# Hydraulic Jacking – Vertical



Rolling  
Plate

# Hydraulic Jacking – Vertical

- Jacking performed pier by pier
- 10 synchronized jacks interior piers, 5 at end piers
- Max relative differential movement between jacks =  $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- Max relative differential movement between piers = 2"
- Pressure system used for vertical jacking



# East Approach Aerial Photos



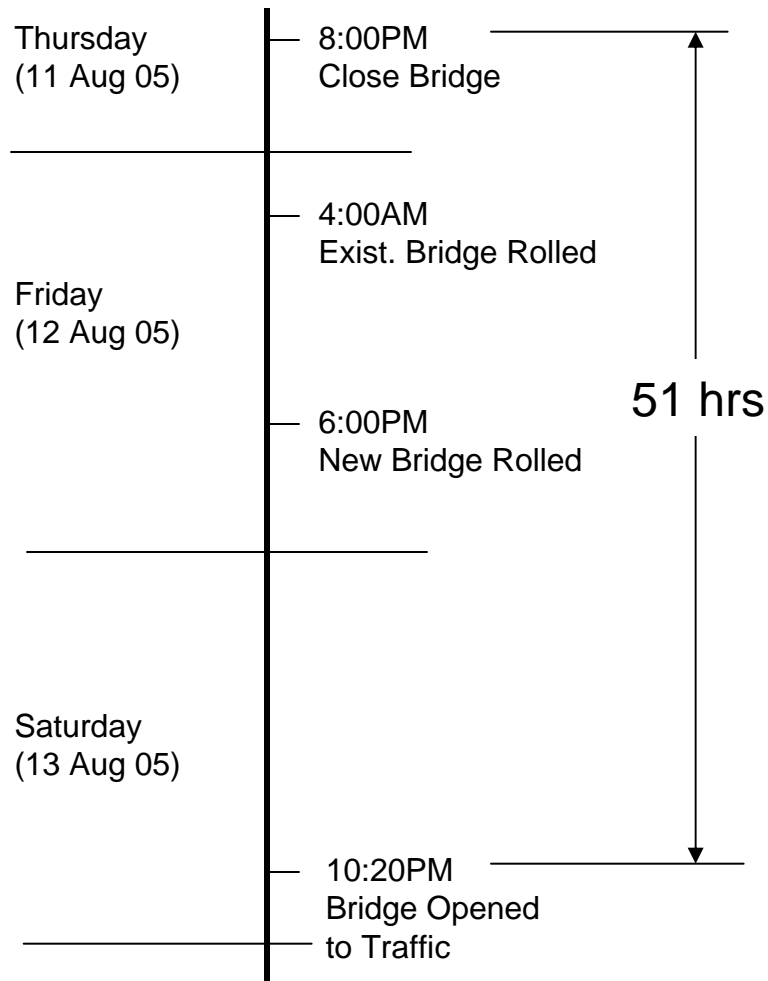
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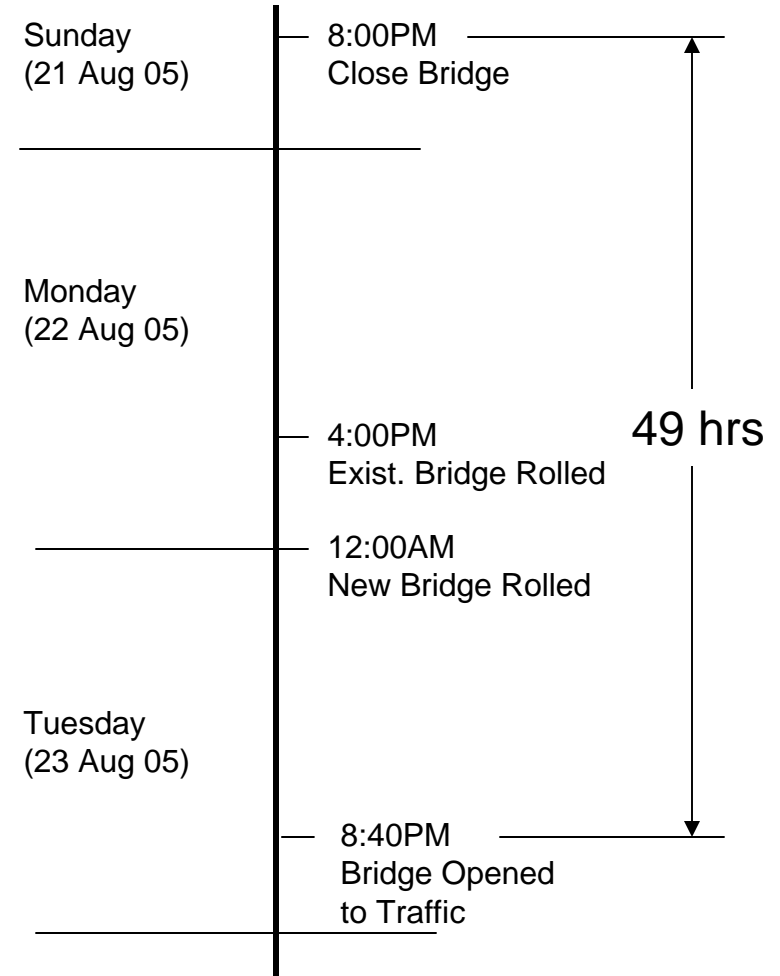
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# Approach Closure Schedule

## West Approach



## East Approach



# Closure Challenges



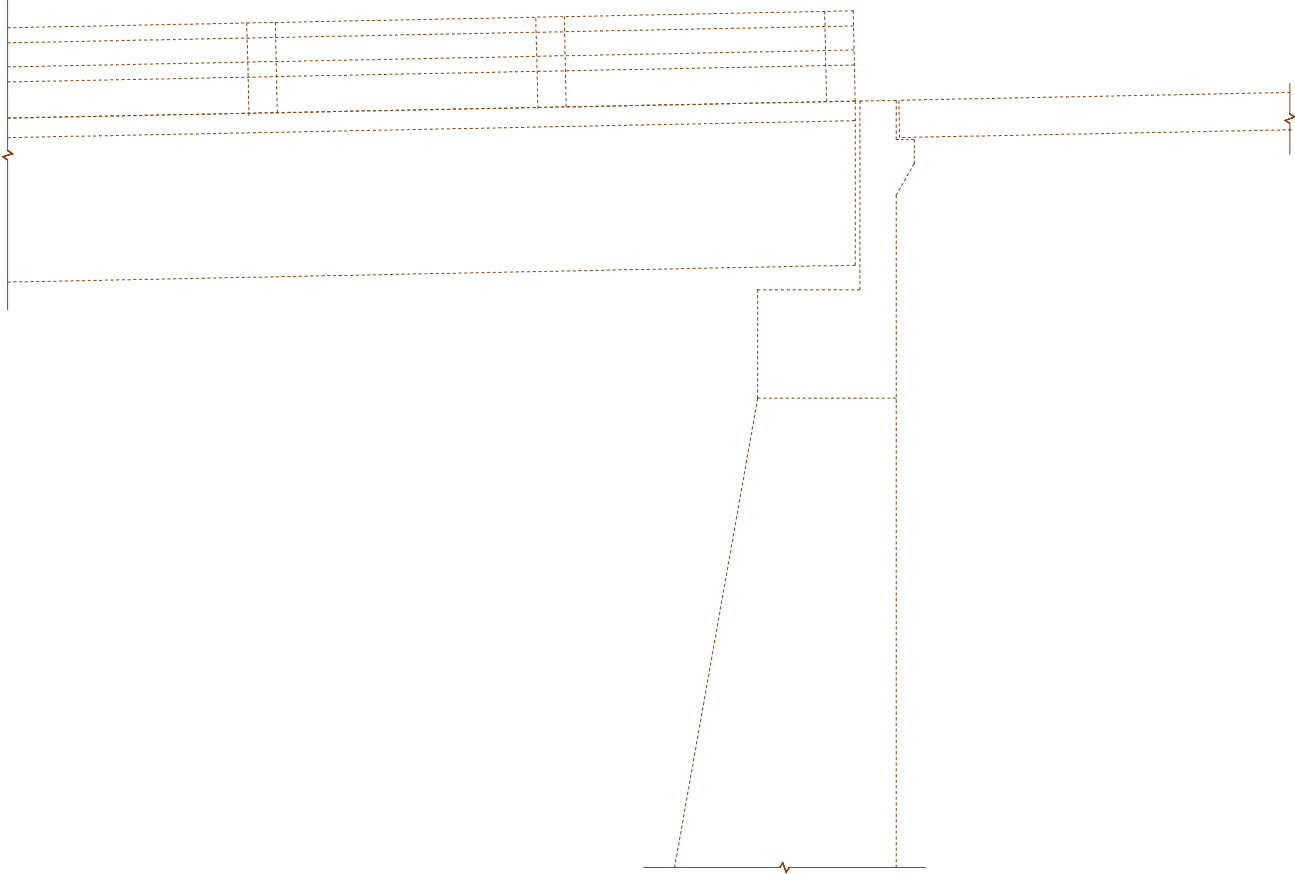
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- Precast Abutment Endwall
- Precast Approach Slabs

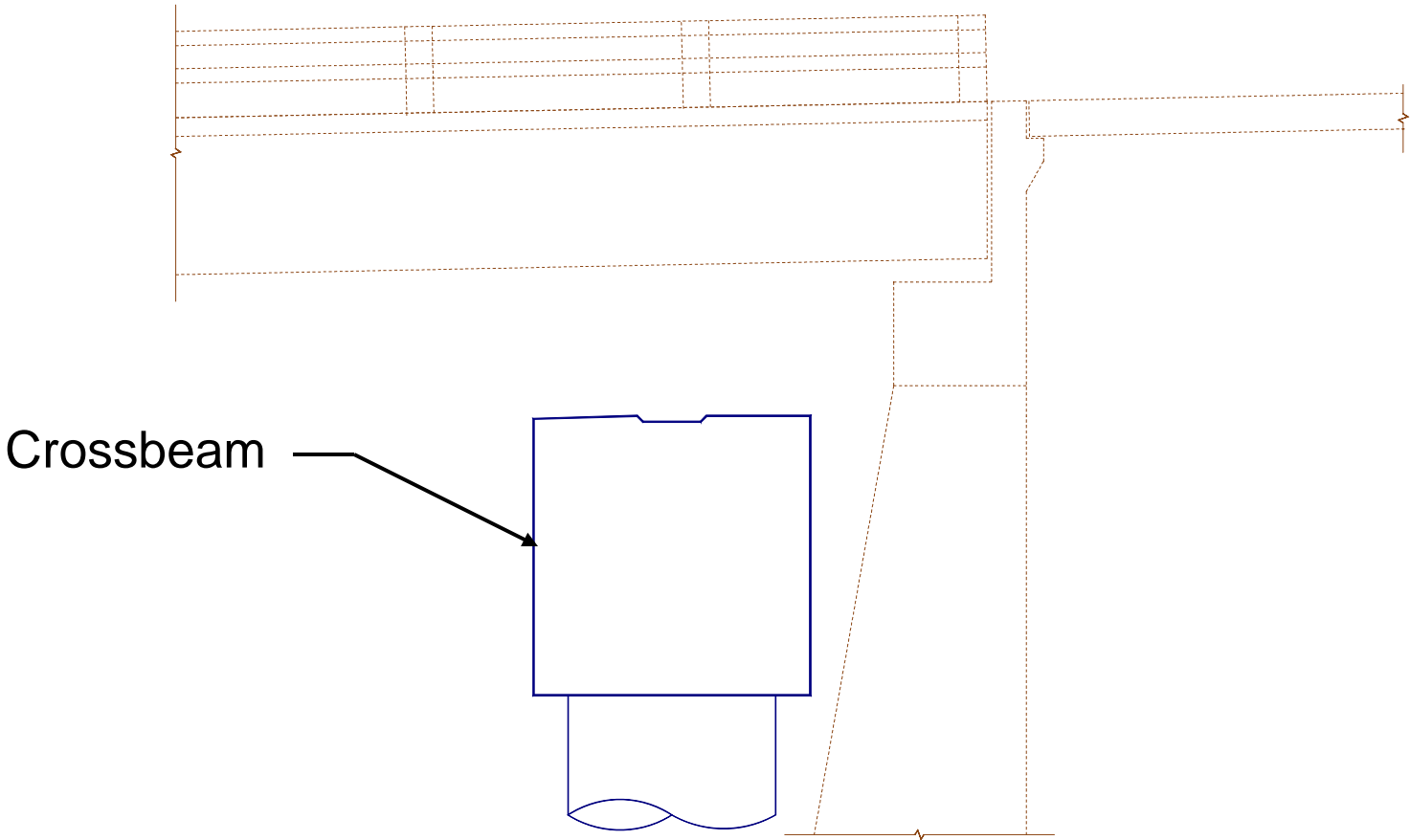




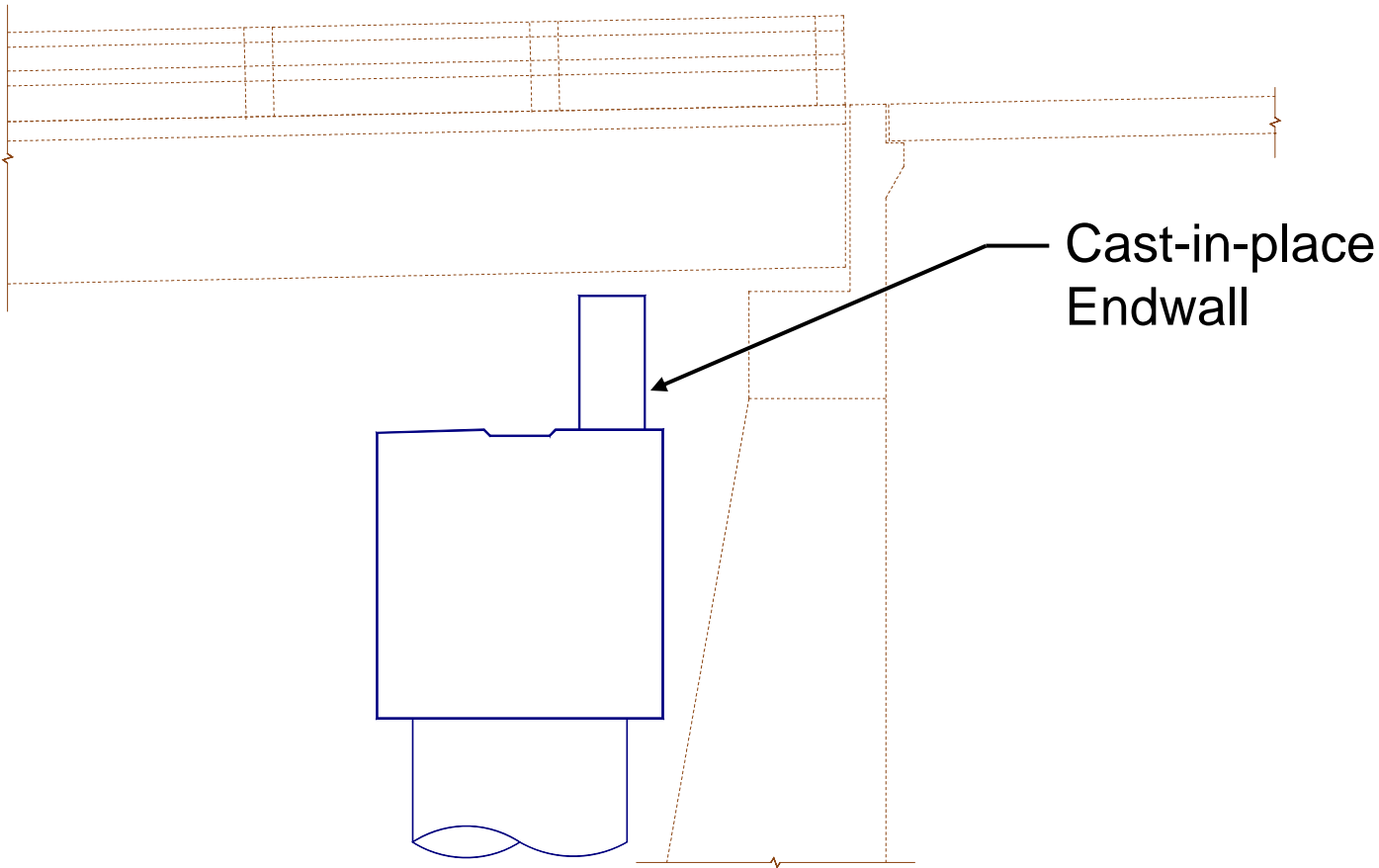
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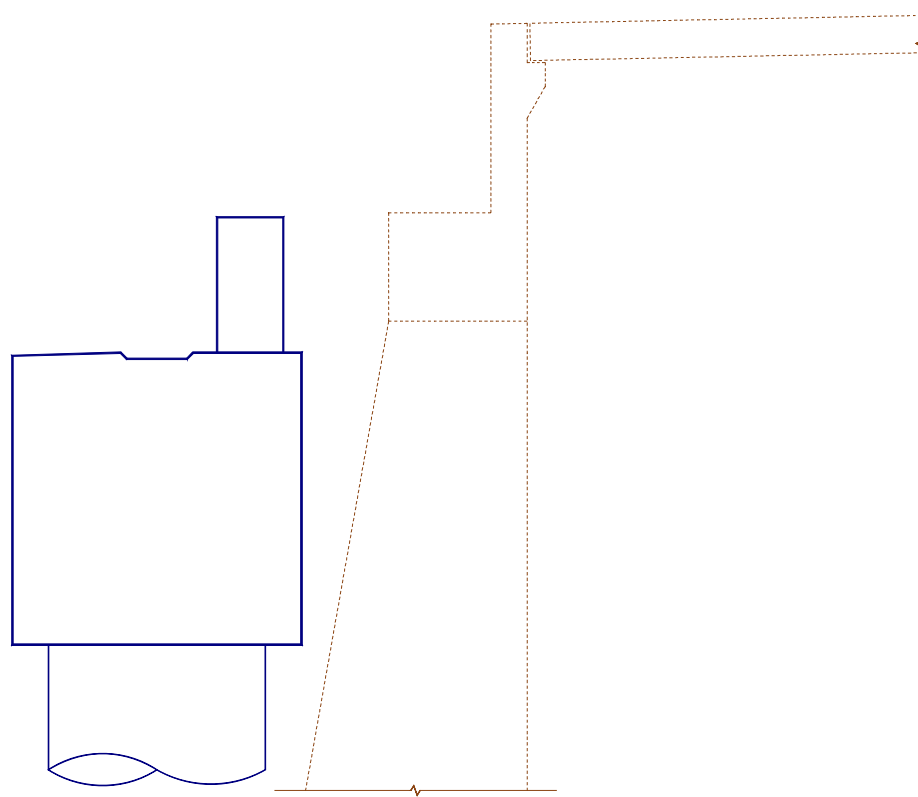
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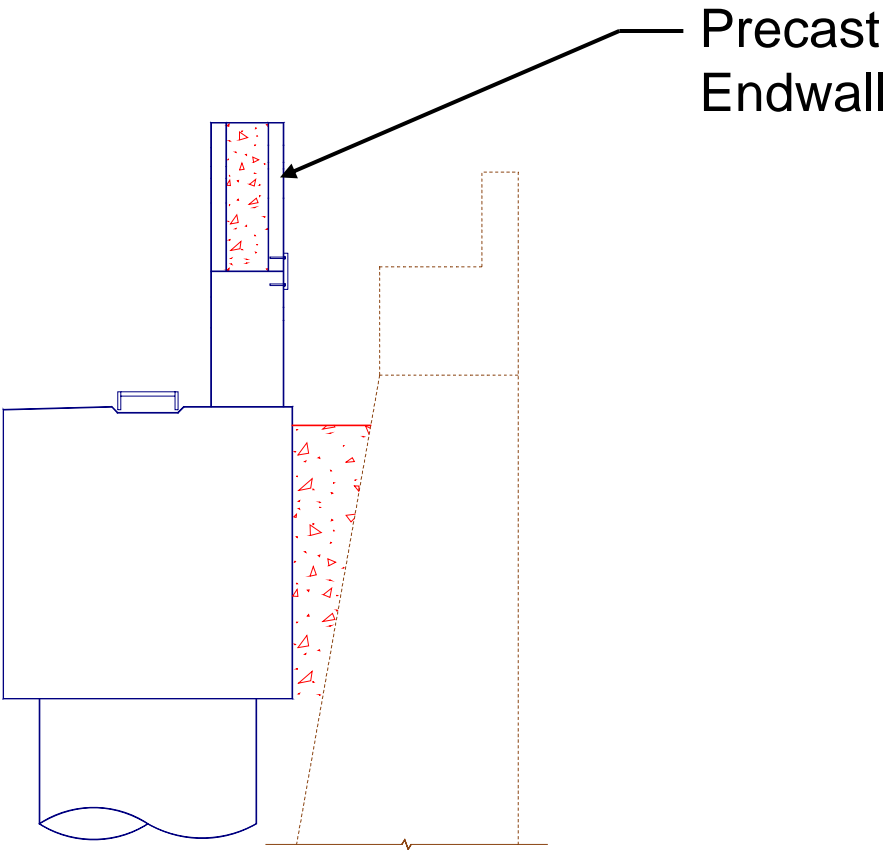
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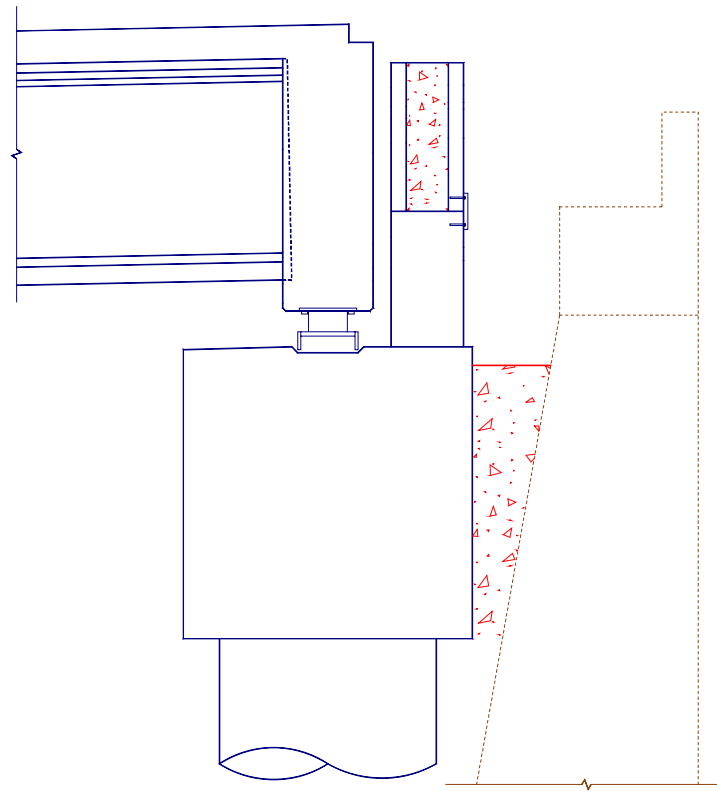
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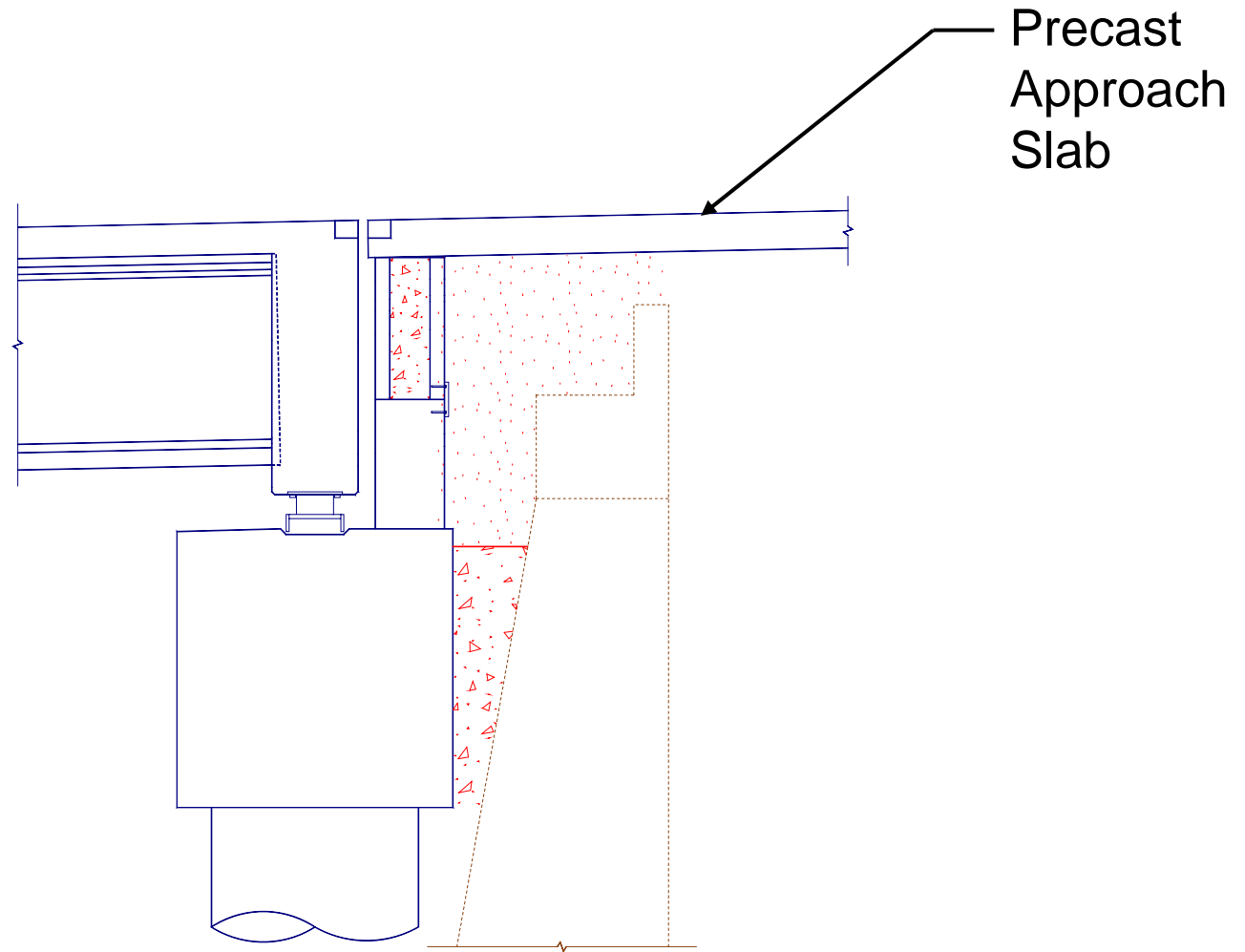
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# Existing Abutment Endwall Demo



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# Precast Abutment Endwall Construction



*Cast-in-Place Endwall*



*Precast Endwall*

# Precast Abutment Endwall Construction

Precast Backwall

Voids



Backfill

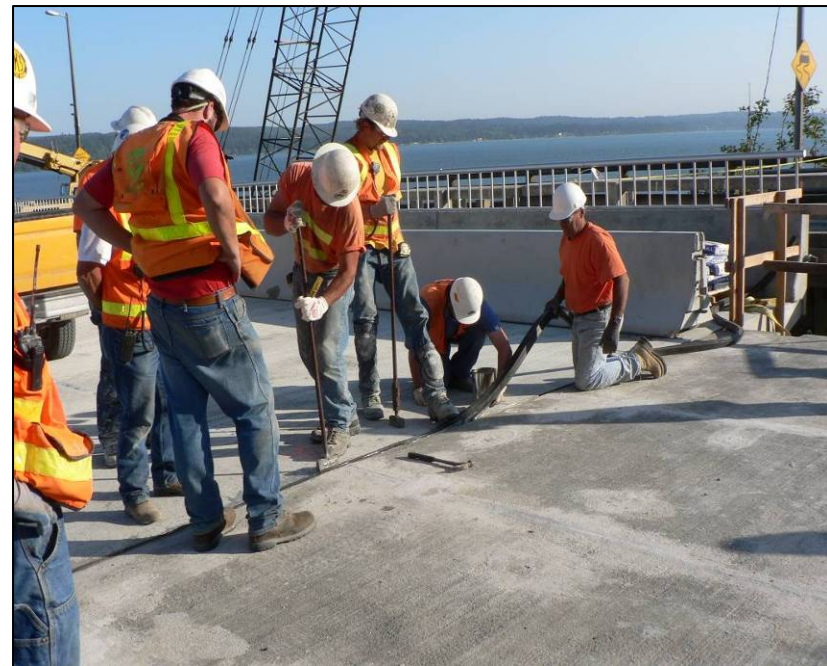


# Precast Approach Slab

- 6 Sections
- 25' x 8' x 1'-1"



# Precast Approach Slab



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# West Approach Pier Demo



Remove top  
of Pier 2



# West Approach Rolled



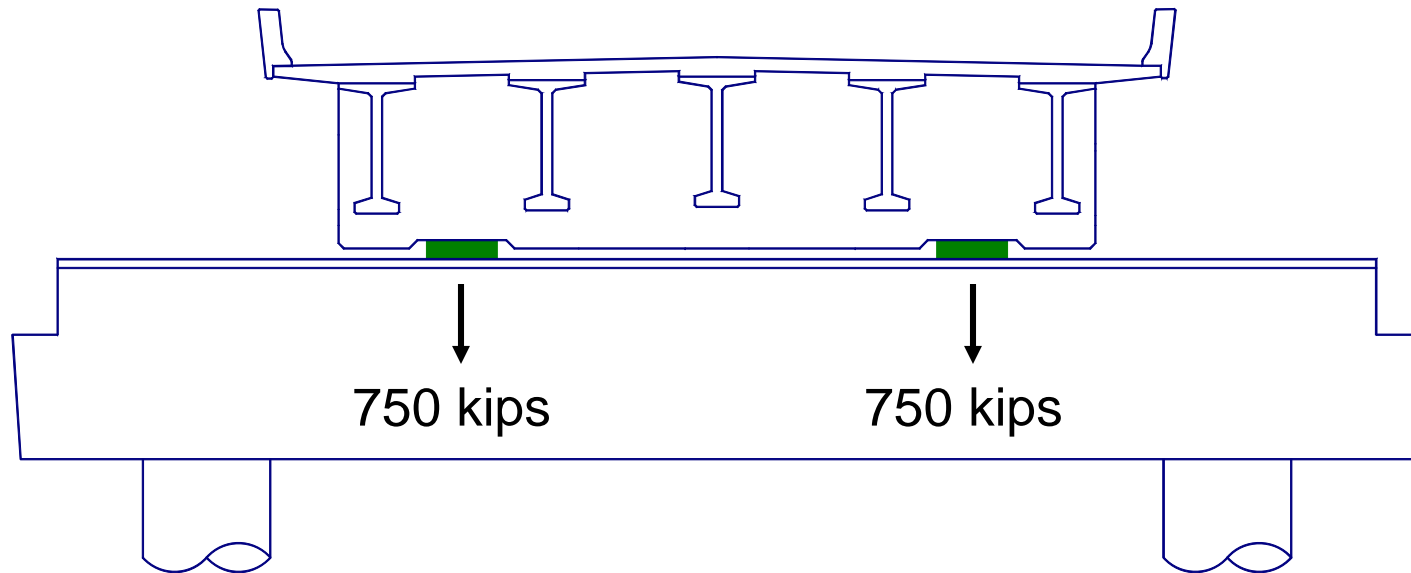
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- Remove top 3' of Pier 7
- Sawcut horizontally and vertically
- Partially sawcut prior to closure



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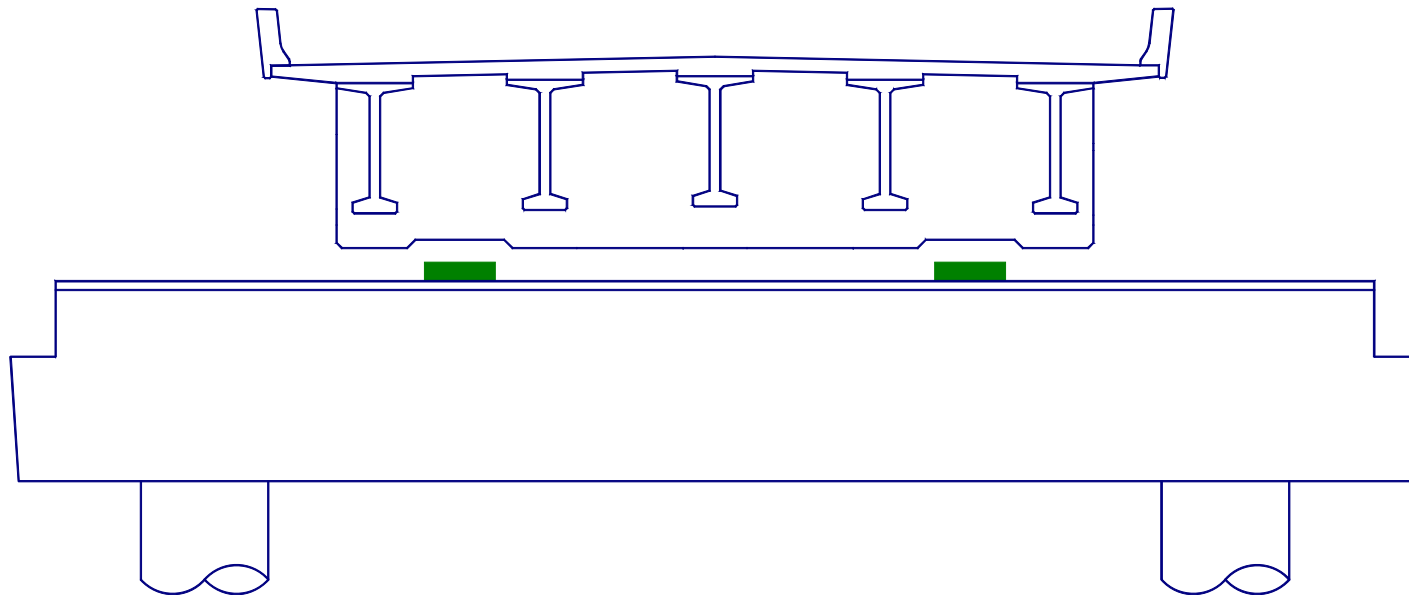
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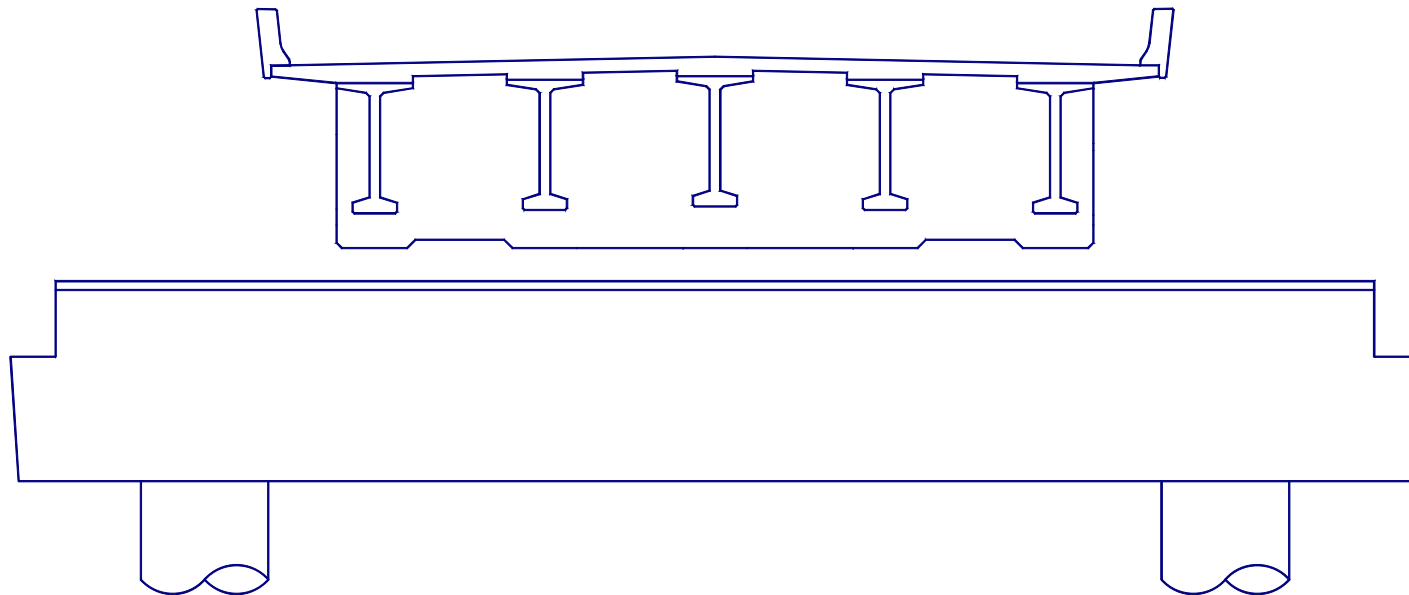
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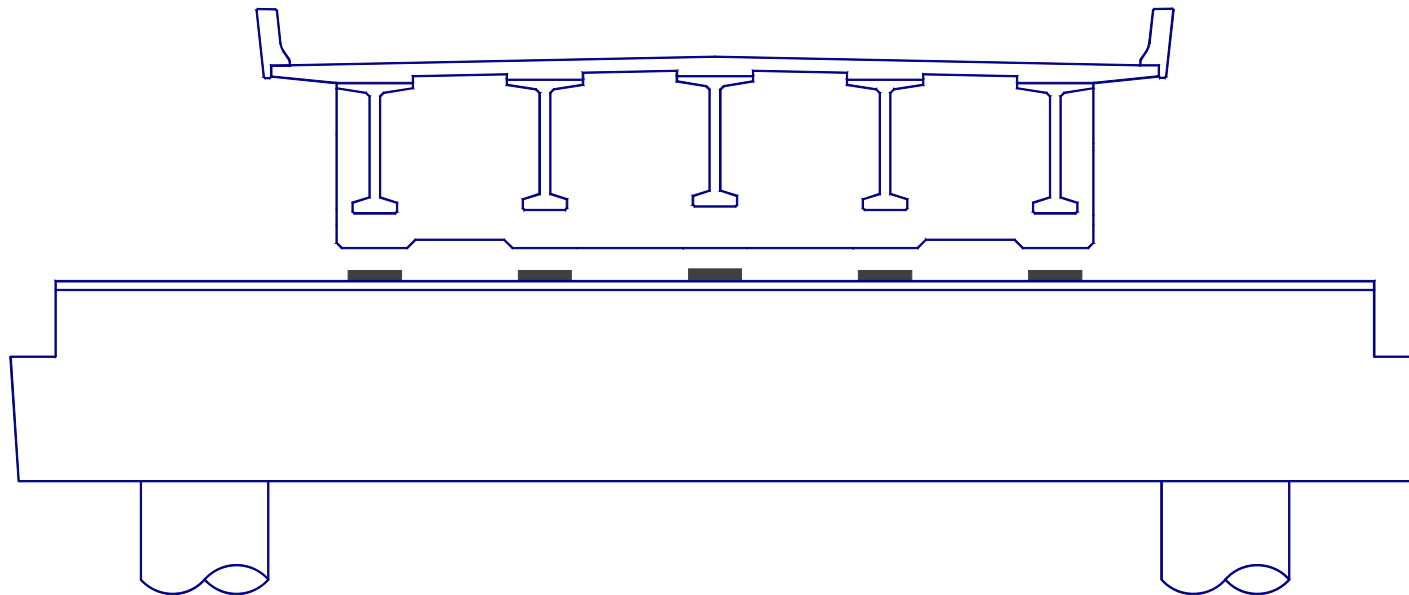
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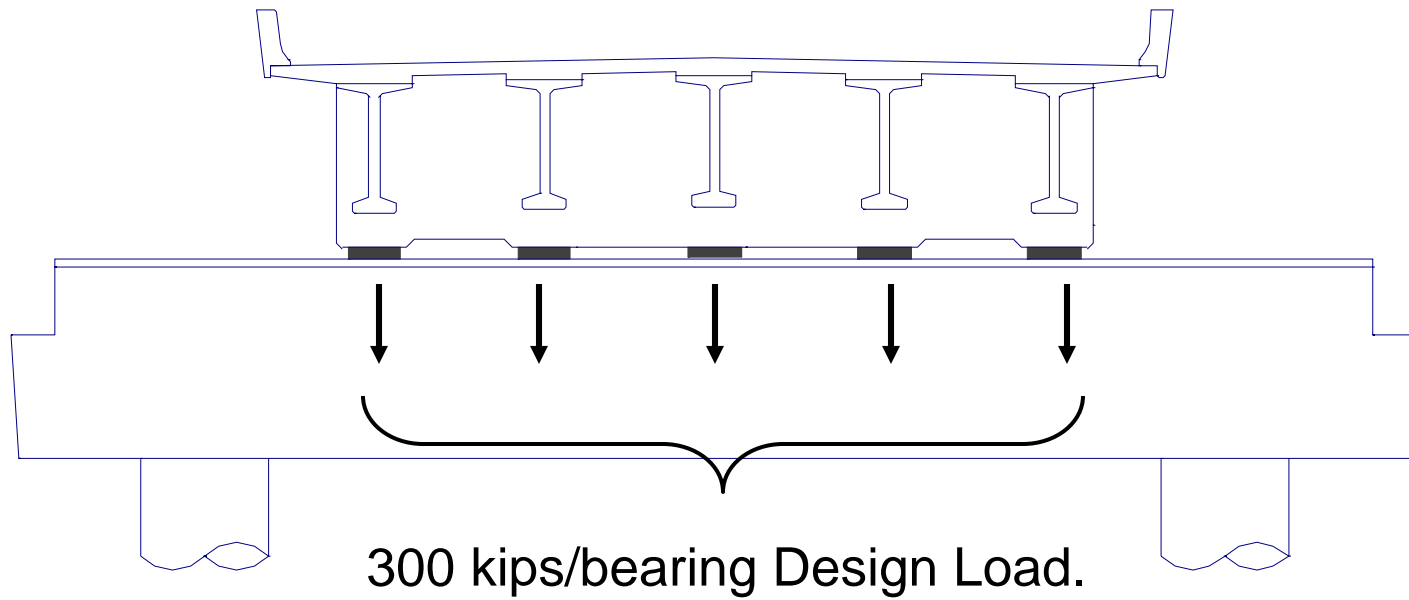
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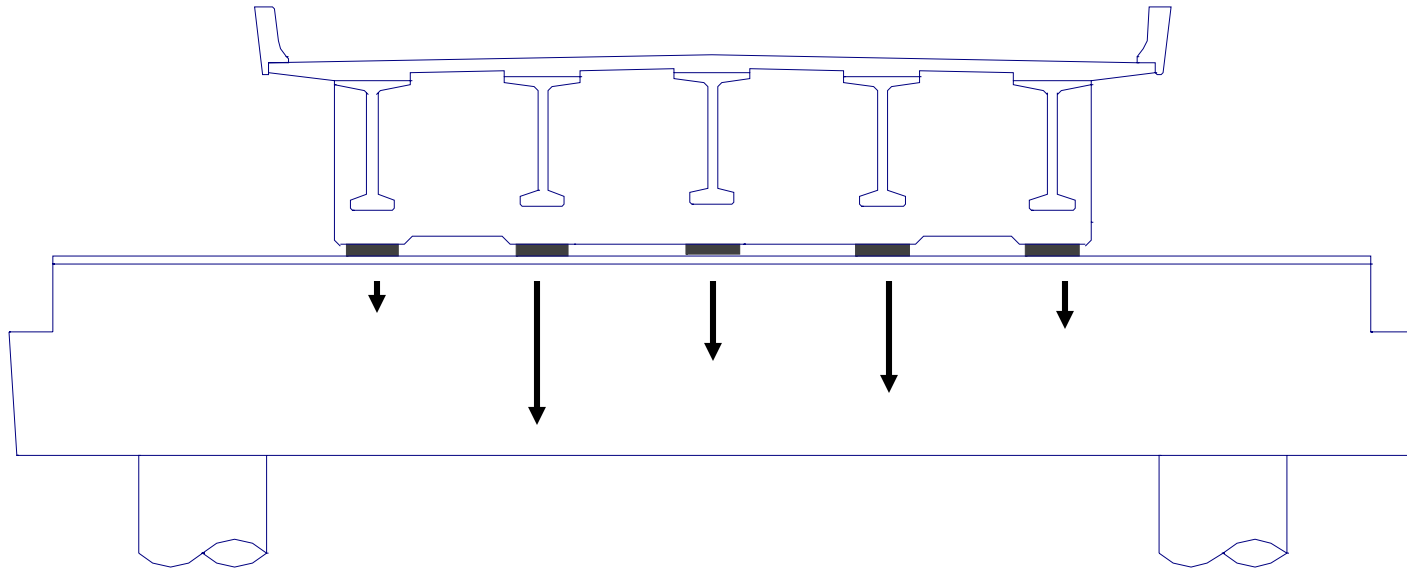
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# Lessons Learned

- Unequal Bearing Loads
- Jacking and shimming required

Design DL = 300 kips  
Estimated DL = 500 kips



*After Shimming*



*Prior to Shimming*

