

**Western Bridge Engineers Seminar
Sacramento CA ~ September 2009**

Homer Hadley Bridge Modular Expansion Joint Replacements

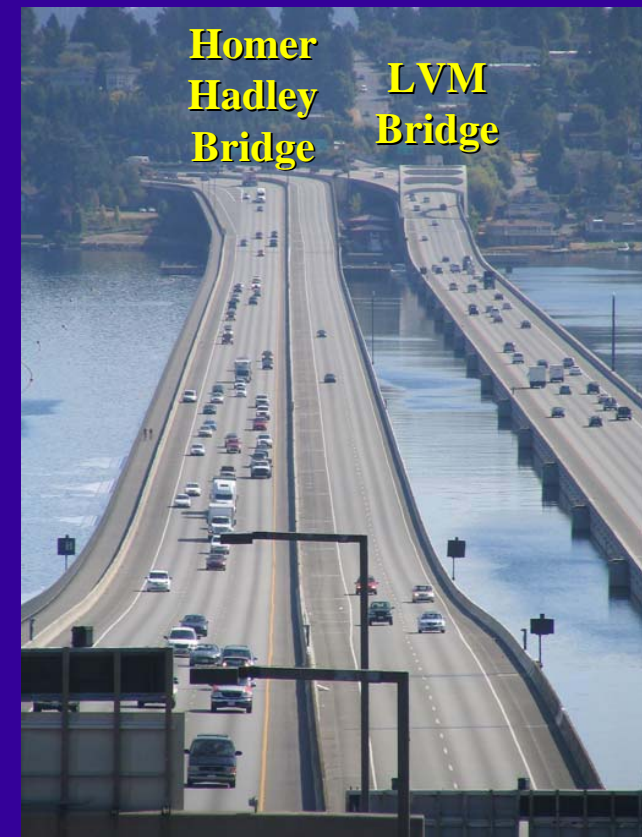
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Background

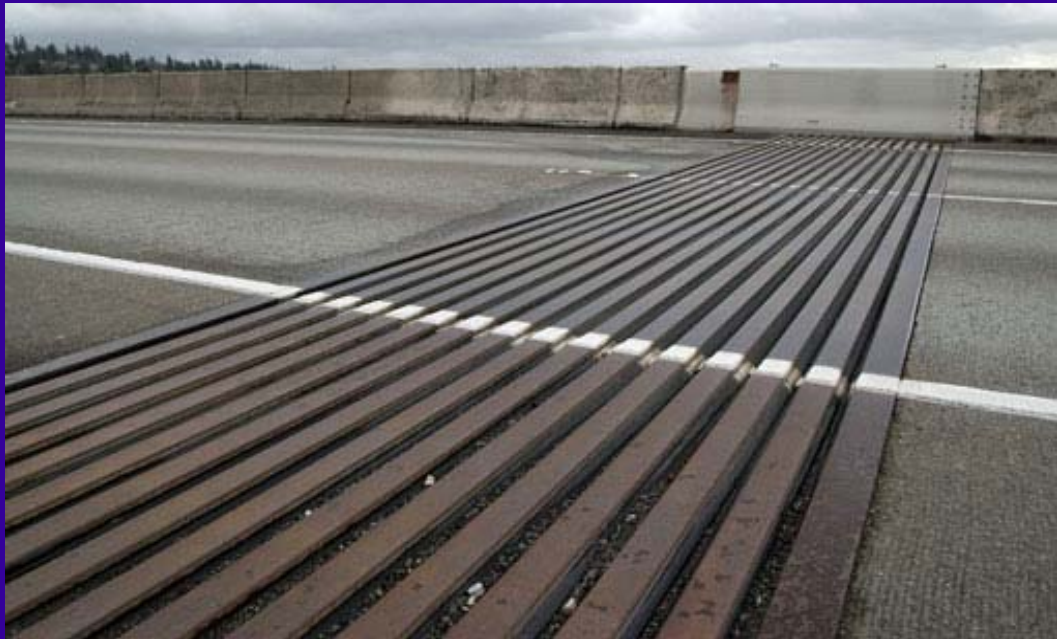
- **Constructed about 1987**
- **One of three Lake Washington floating bridges between Seattle and Eastside**
- **Two roadways**
 - **Westbound lanes (65' curb-to-curb) – Approx. 60,000 ADT**
 - **Reversible lanes (40' curb-to-curb) – Approx. 12,000 ADT**



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History

- **Four 48" motion range modular expansion joints**



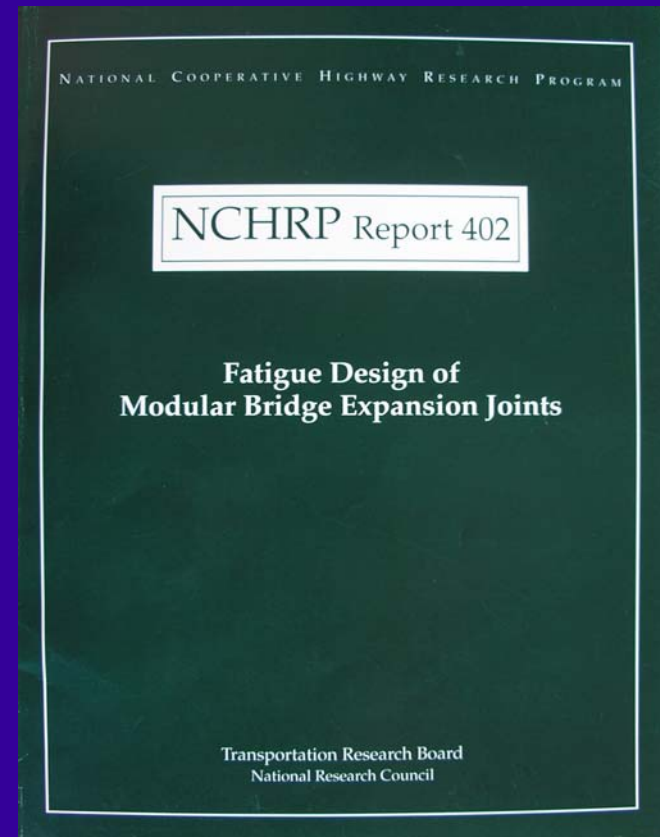
History (cont.)

- **Pre-fatigue design criteria**
- **Fatigue cracking initiated within 2 years of construction completion**



History (cont.)

- **WSDOT Research**
- **New LVM fatigue resistant design specification**
- **NCHRP Project 12-40**
- **NCHRP Report 402**



Project Challenges

- I. Traffic, Staging, and Schedule**
- II. Procurement and Shipping Issues**
- III. Technical Issues**

Traffic Issues



Staging

- Stage 1
 - Reversible lanes
 - (2) – 40' long joints
 - May 2009
- Stage 2
 - Westbound lanes
 - (2) – 63' long joints
 - July 2009



Schedule

- Construction Duration Estimates
 - Assumptions
 - Joint AGC/WSDOT Structures Team review
 - Incentive provisions
- Procurement Issues
 - Advance procurement of new joints
 - Contractor responsible for shipment

Shipping



Shipping



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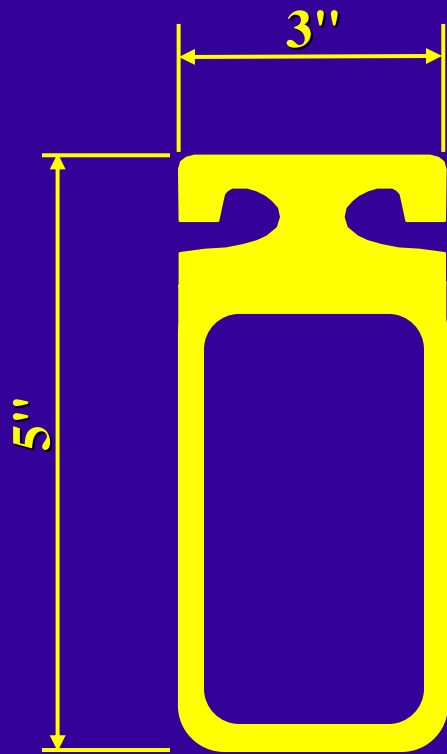
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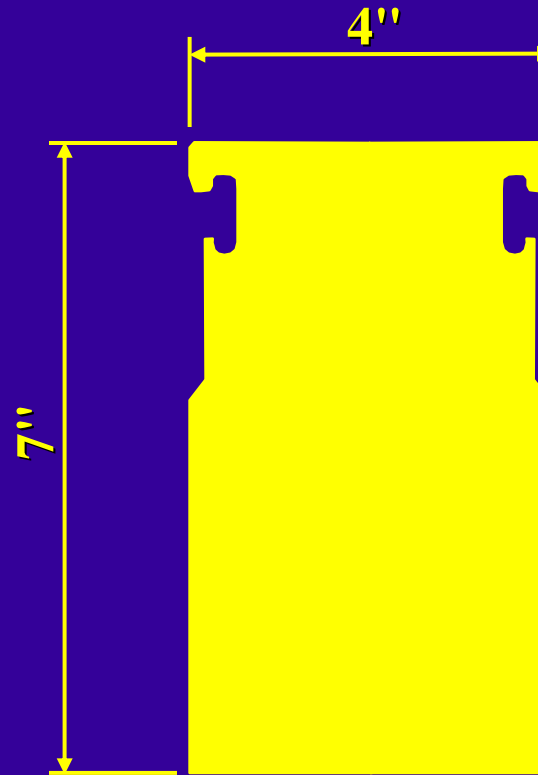
Technical Issues

- **Modular Joint Installation**
 - **Traffic barrier clearances**
 - **Setting criteria**

Center Beam Geometry



**Old Center
Beam Geometry**



**New Center
Beam Geometry**

Joint at Traffic Barrier



Technical Issues

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Technical Issues

- **Lifting and Placing**
 - **Reversible lanes**
 - **Westbound lanes**

Modular Joint Delivery



Hydraulic Rock Splitter



Sawcutting



Concrete Removal Preparation



Concrete Removal



Concrete Removal



Concrete Removal



Existing Modular Joint Removal



Stage 1 Weather Issues



Concrete Blockouts



Crane – Reversible Lanes



Setting New Joint



Setting New Joint



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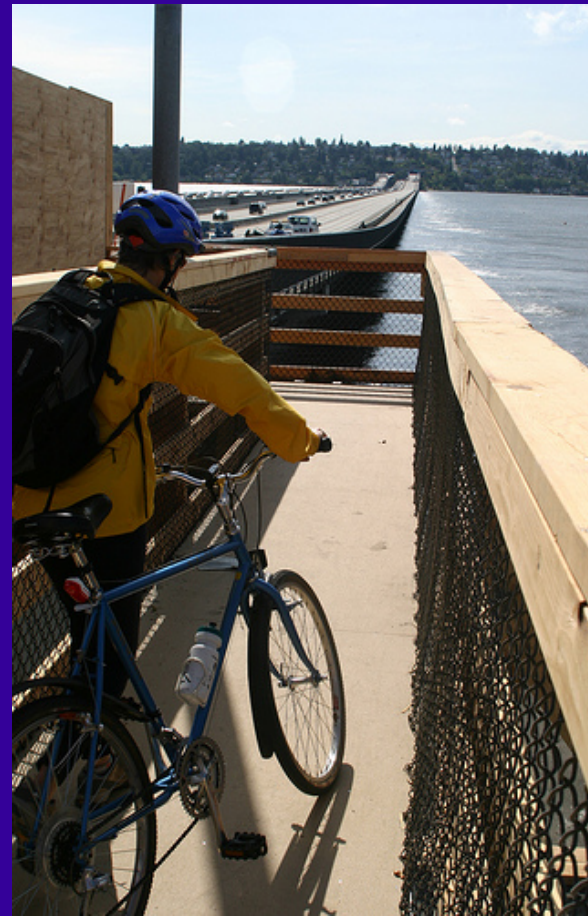
Setting New Joint



Setting Anchorages



Temporary Ped / Bike Bypass



Joint Opening Hardware

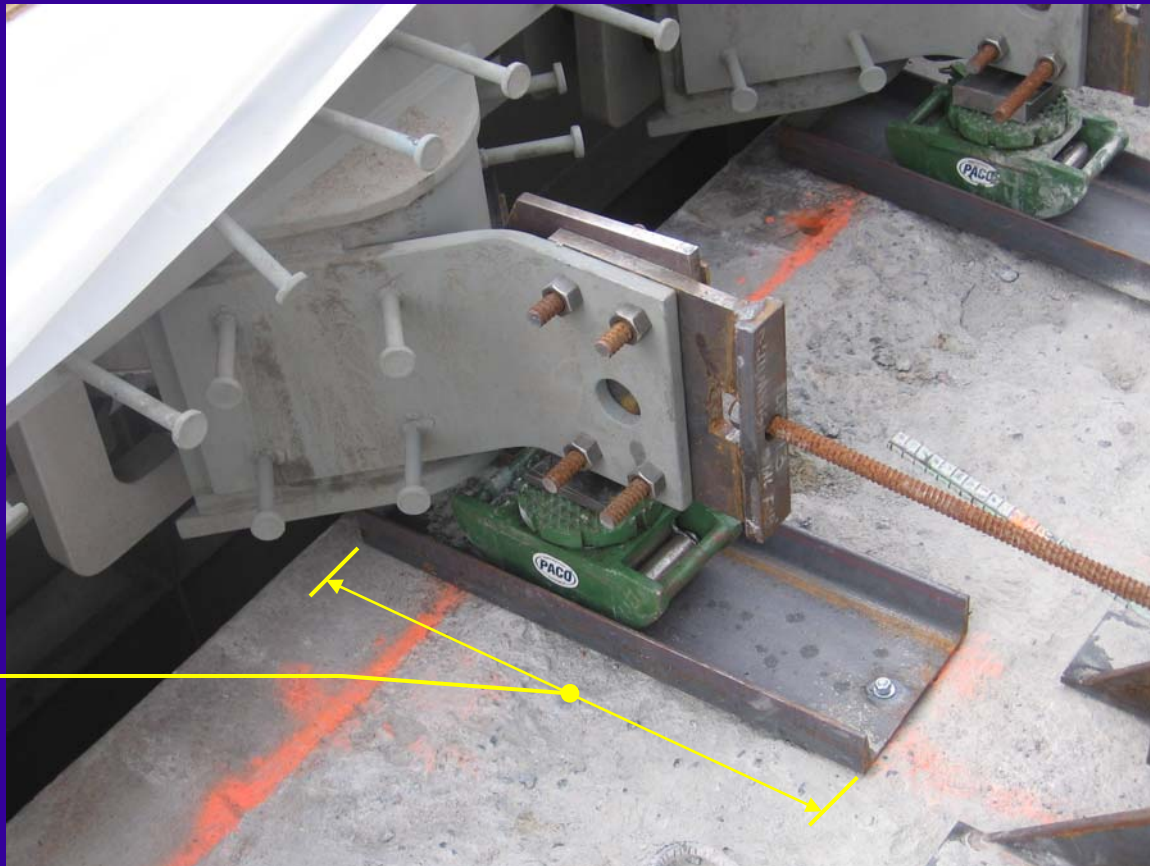


Joint Opening Hardware



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**Hilman
Roller
Assembly**



Joint Opening Hardware



Rebar Placement



Concrete Placement



Concrete Placement



Concrete Placement



Concrete Placement



Watertightness Testing



Actual Work Duration

- **Stage 1 (Reversible Lanes)**
 - 19 days allowed
 - Work completed in 12 days
- **Stage 2 (Westbound Lanes)**
 - 21 days allowed
 - Work completed in 12 days

Homer Hadley Bridge



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