

# Innovative Design for a Constrained Site

## The Dallas Area Rapid Transit Trinity River Bridge



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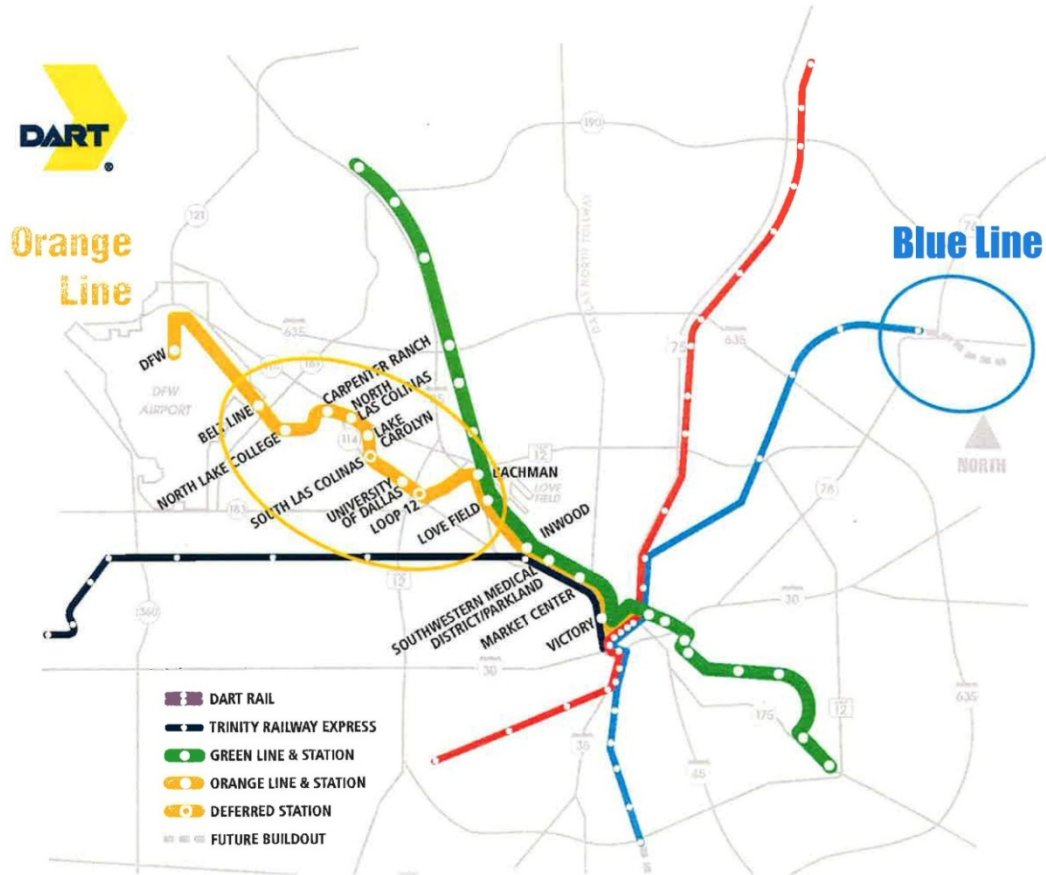
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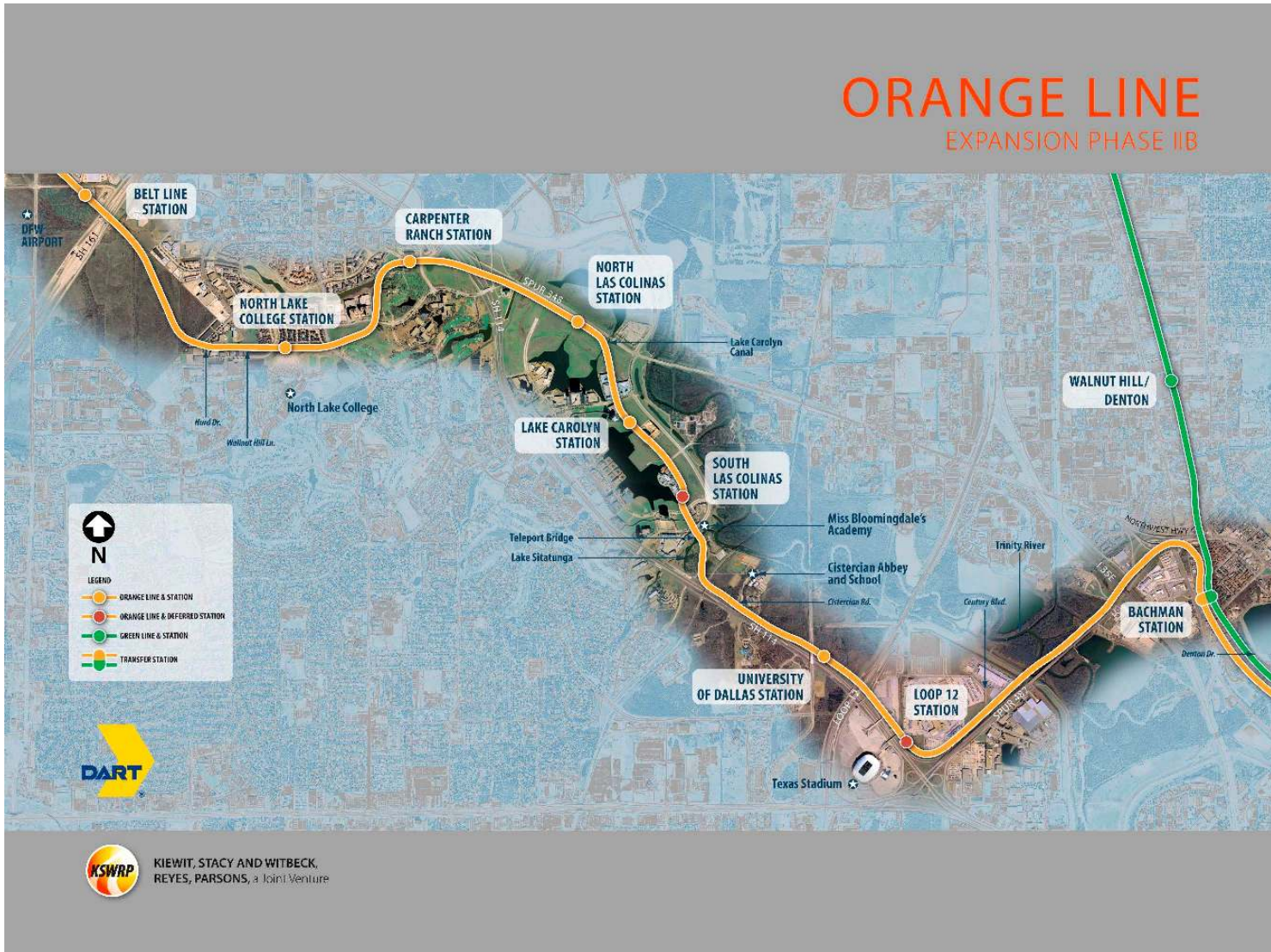
- Project: Orange Line Extension
- Client: Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
- Joint Venture Team – KSWRP
  - Kiewit
  - Stacy Witbeck
  - Reyes
  - Parsons
- Start Date: January 2009
- Planned Design Completion Date: January 2010
- Planned Construction Completion Date: October 2012

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- Creation of Orange Line route extension
- Branches off existing Green Line at Harry Hines Boulevard and goes to DFW property
- Total length approximately 9 miles of light rail
- Total structure length nearly 3 miles
- Project Estimated Total Cost - \$430M
- Design started in January, 2009
- First Drilled shaft to be constructed by June 1, 2009
  - Actually started drilling on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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- **8 total bridges**
  - Harry Hines/I-35/Trinity River - 7555' long
  - SH114/Spur 348 Bridge - 3995' long
  - SH 161 Bridge - 947' long
  - Cistercian Boulevard Bridge - 780' long
  - Teleport Boulevard Bridge - 270' long
  - McArthur Boulevard Bridge - 270' long
  - Lake Carolyn Canal Bridge - 90' long
  - Meadow Creek Bridge - 90' long



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- Power lines above



Levee below

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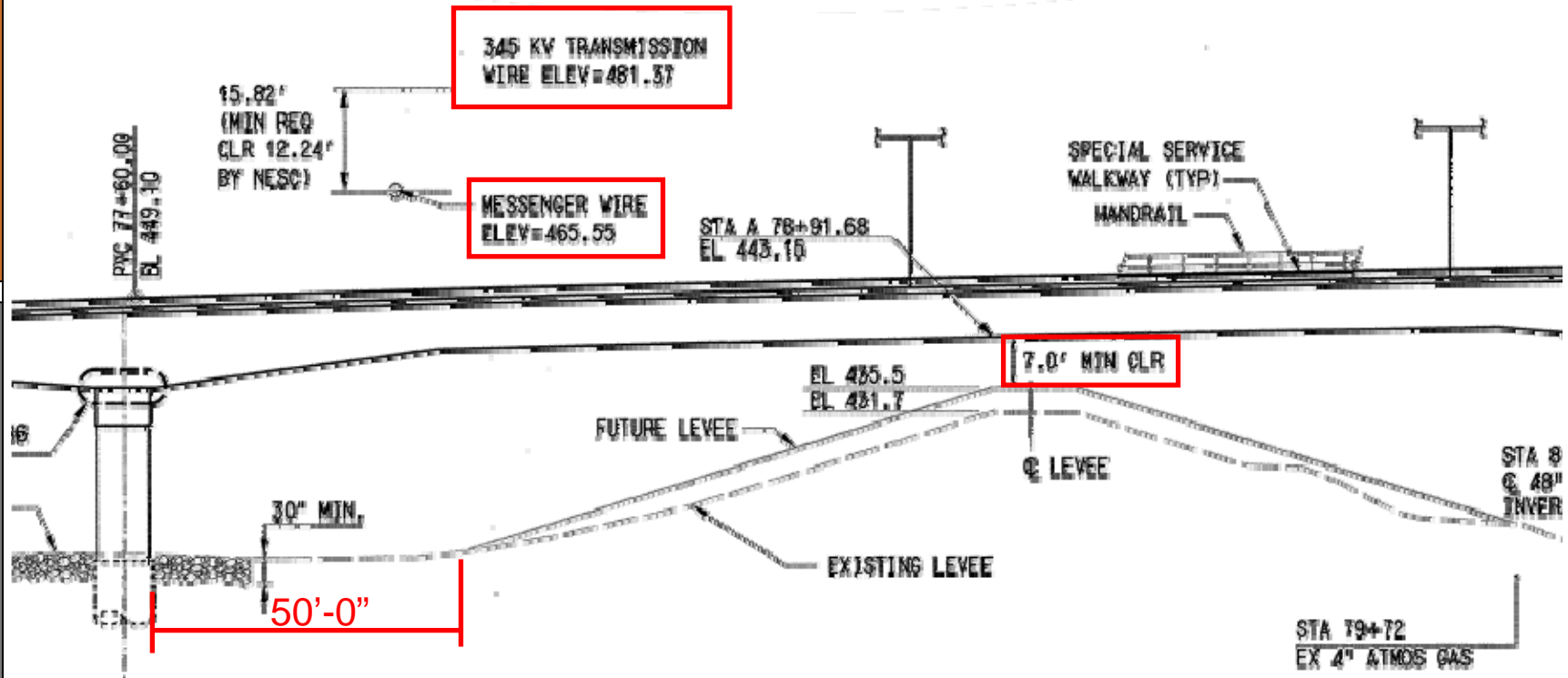
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# Structure Type Selection

- Considerations

- 260' span



- Thin profile

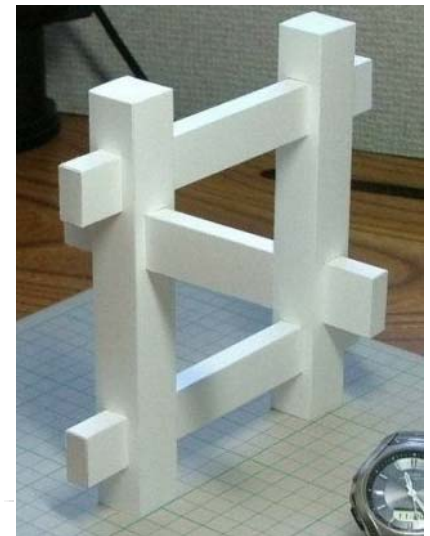


- Economical



- Tie-in with adjacent spans

- Constructible





# Structure Type Selection

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- Possible Options
  - Steel

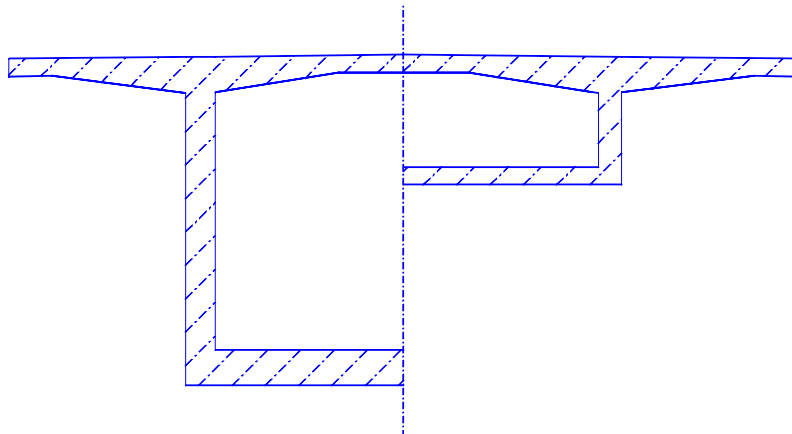


- Costly
- Equipment needs

- Depth Concerns
- DART Frequency Requirements

# Structure Type Selection

- Possible Options
  - CIP Balanced Segmental
    - Cost
    - Inexperienced workforce
    - Duration
      - » Need to lay rail early



# Structure Type Selection

- Spliced Girder Bridge
  - Hundreds of precast girders elsewhere.
    - Standard details
    - Easy aesthetic transition
  - Use the same crews and similar equipment.
    - Limited learning curve
    - Limited deployment cost
  - Adds up to an economical solution



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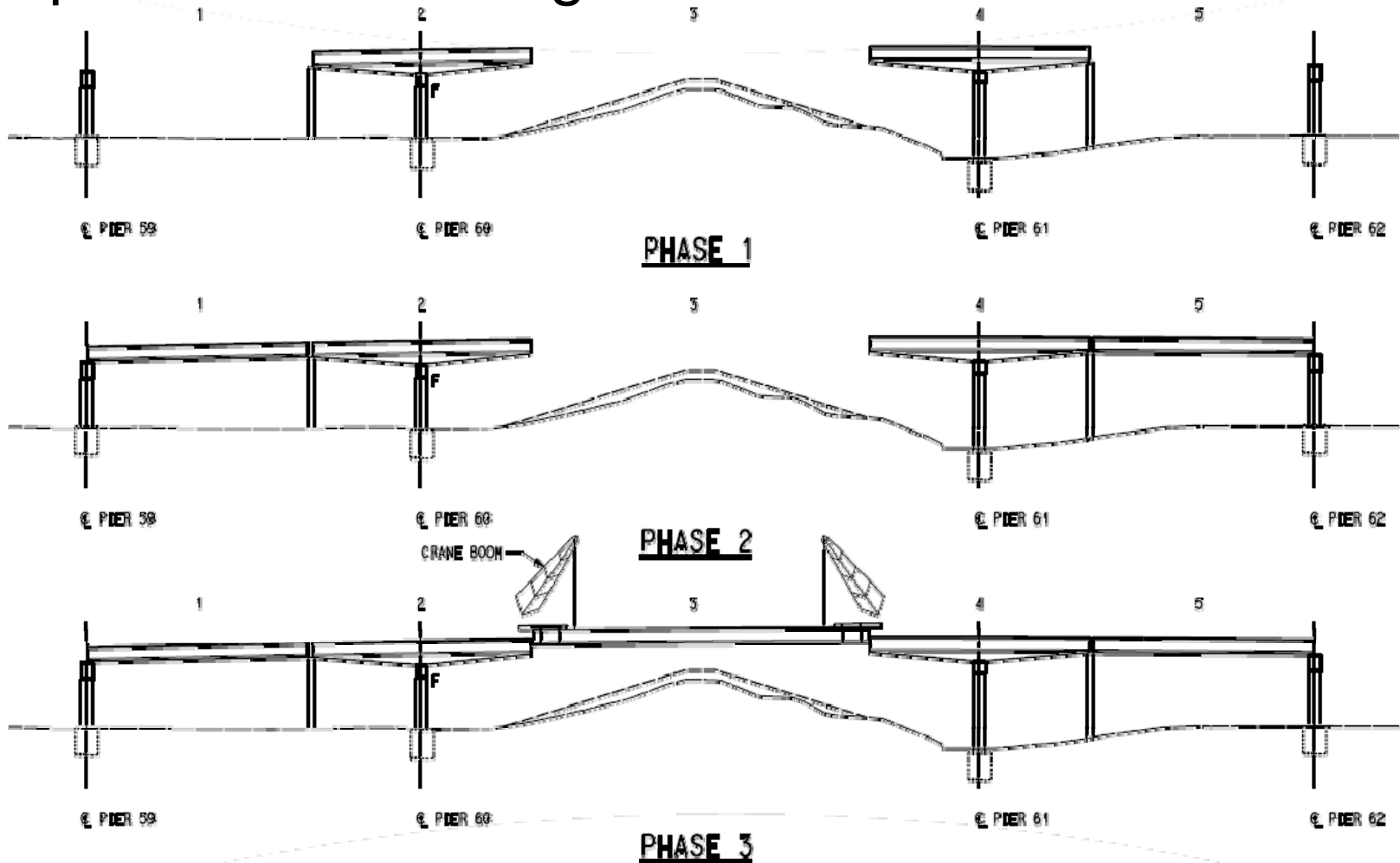




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## Spliced Girder Bridge



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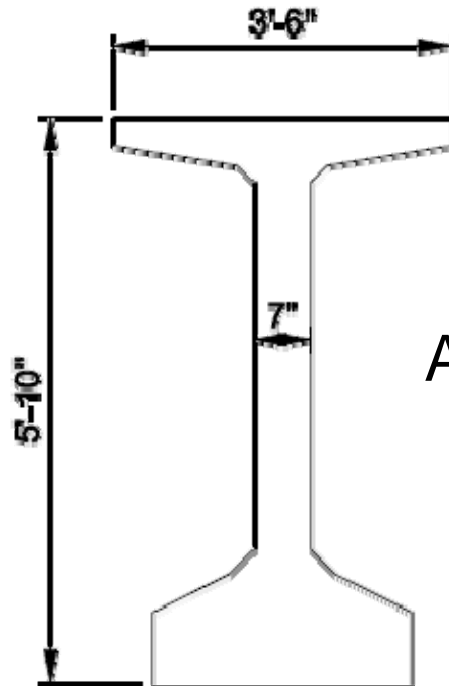
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# Stretching the TxDOT Standard Girder

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- Begin with TxDOT Standard Tx70 shape.



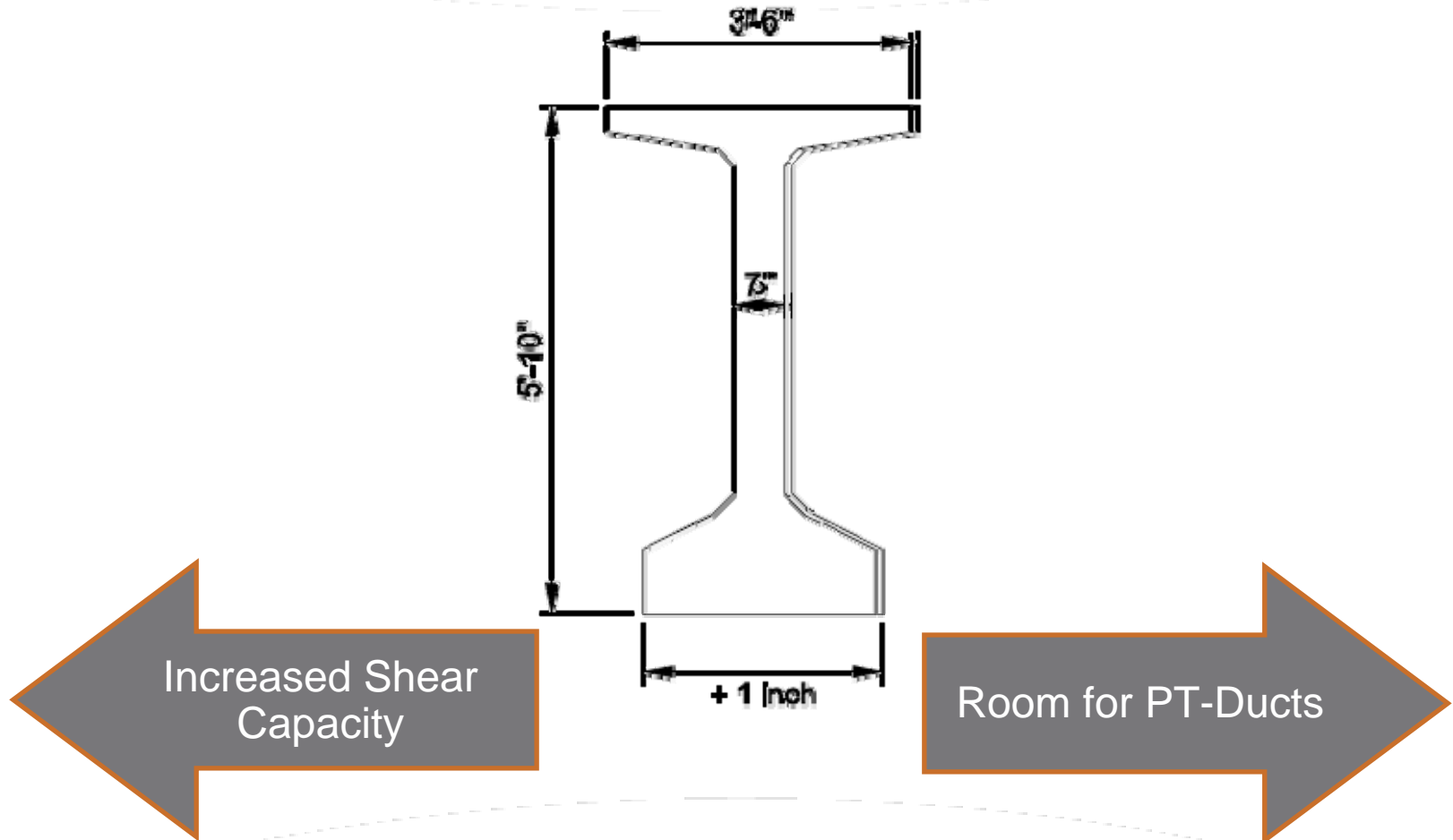
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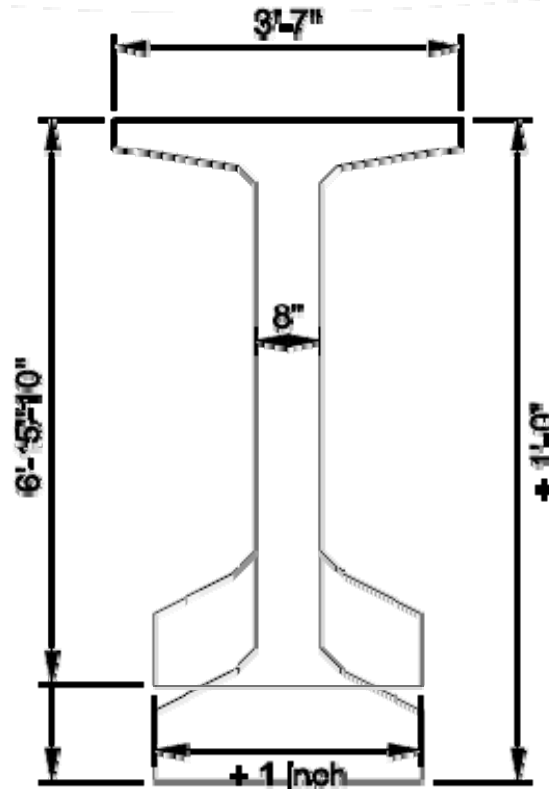
- Increase the overall width by 1"



# Stretching the TxDOT Standard Girder

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- Increase the typical height by 12"



# Stretching the TxDOT Standard Girder

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- Final result...

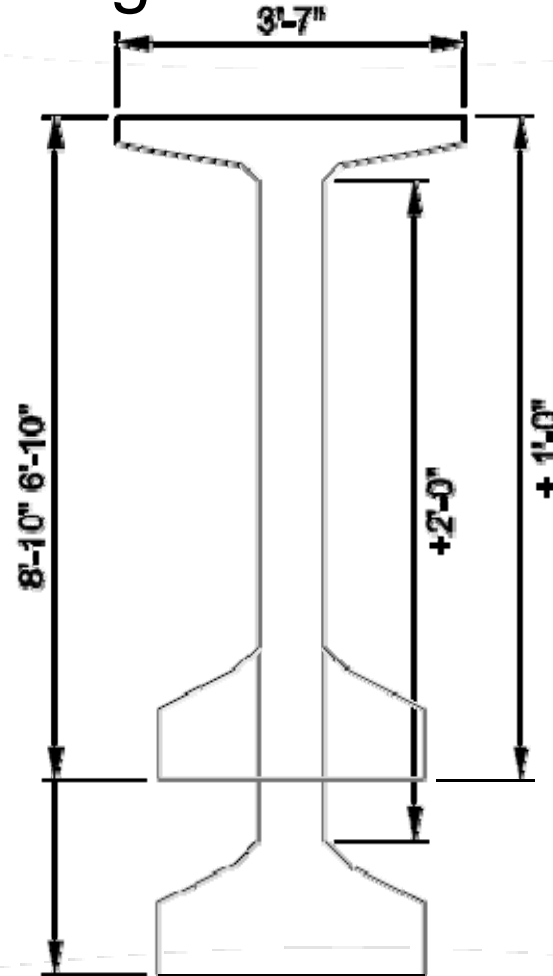


Longest Precast Girder Erected in TX.

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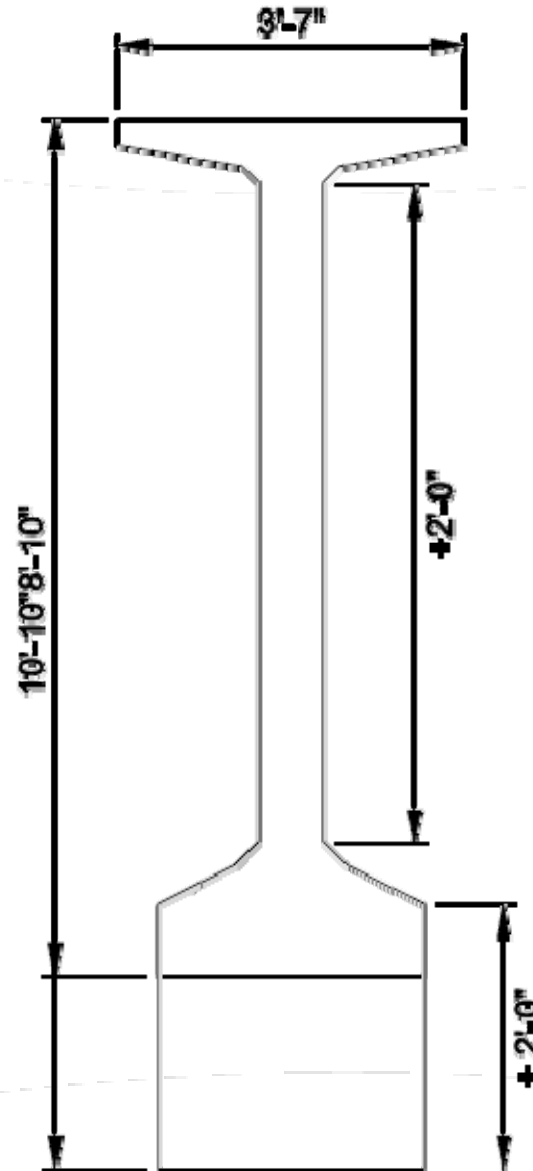
- Haunch girders get stretched some more...



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- Bottom Bulb Increased

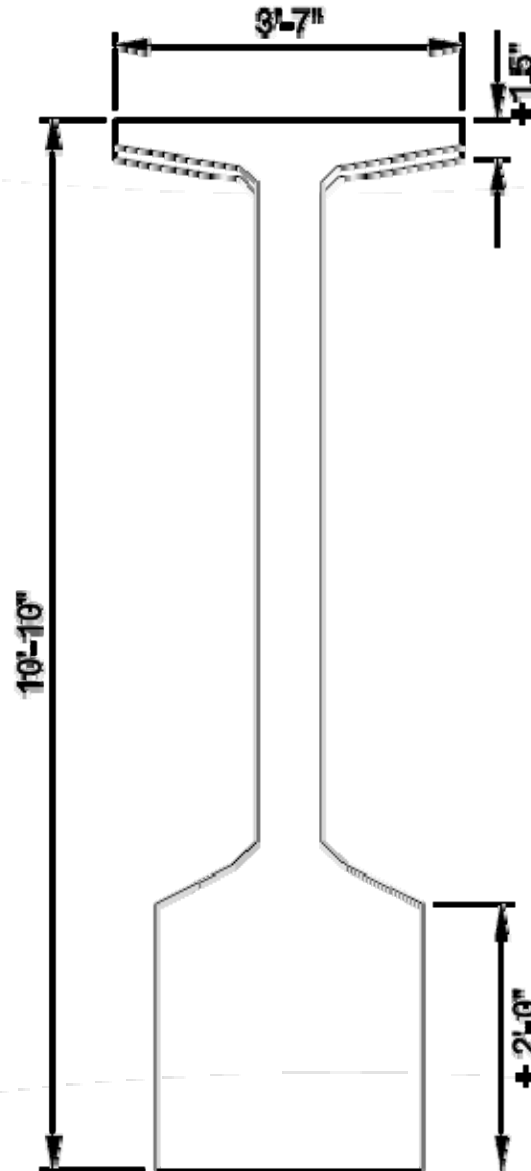




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- Additional Top Flange Thickness



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- Final result...



Segment B and D. Pier pieces.

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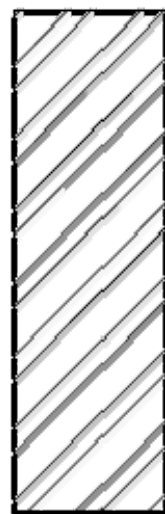
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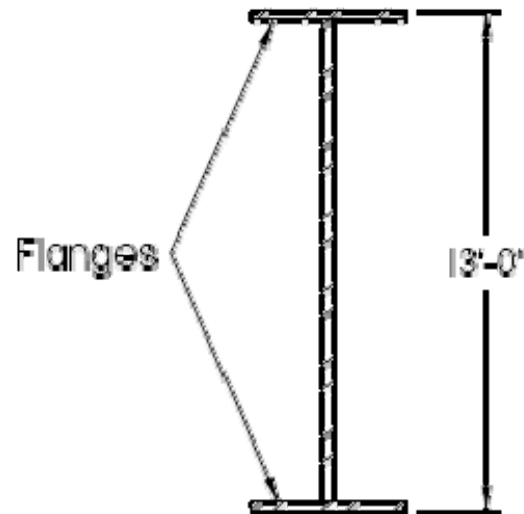
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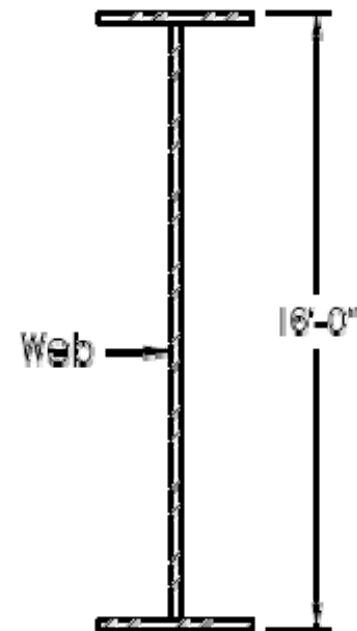
- Rider Comfort
  - DART ensures this by:
    - 2.5 Hz min. natural frequency
    - L/1000 deflection



Section 1  
Solid  
25.5 klp/ft  
f=1.4 Hz



Section 2  
I-Girder  
2.5 klp/ft  
f=1.9 Hz



Section 3  
I-Girder  
2.9 klp/ft  
f=2.3 Hz

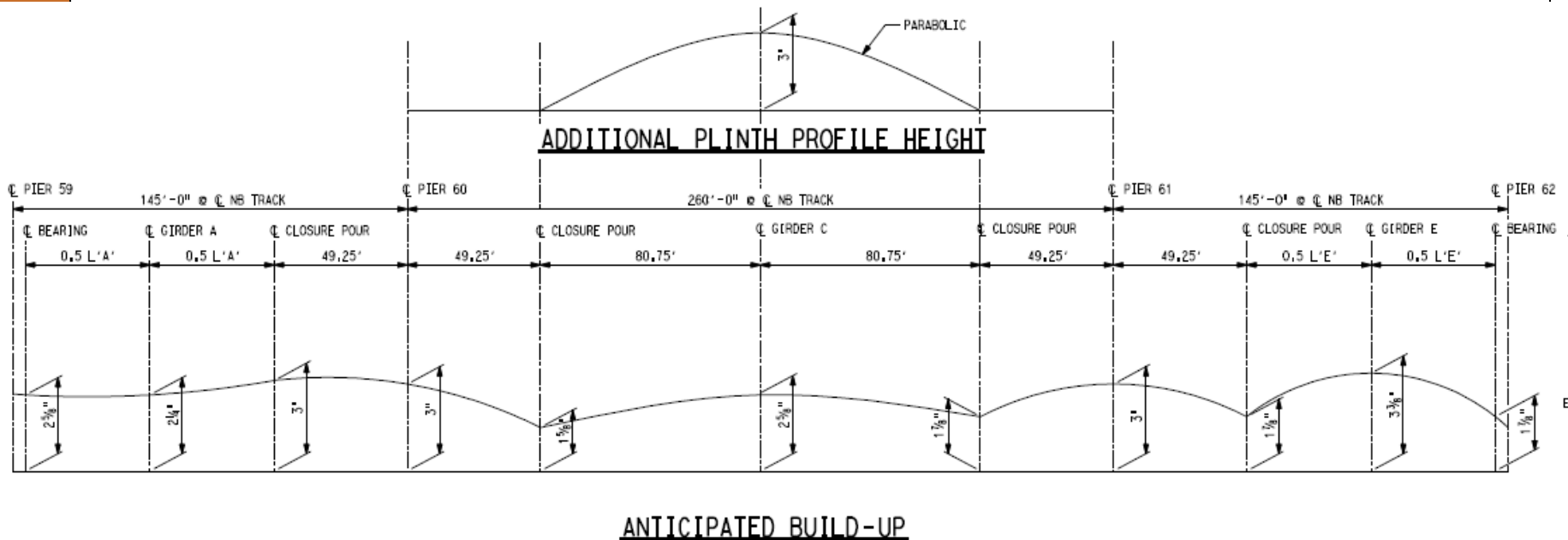
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- Train-structure interaction study
  - Provide DART a primer explaining train-structure interaction.
  - Perform a full dynamic rolling stock analysis.
    - Series of ramp function loadings with time history.
    - Deck level accelerations
    - Dynamic magnification factors



# Serviceability Considerations

- Clearance envelopes over time
- Considering geometry during construction process



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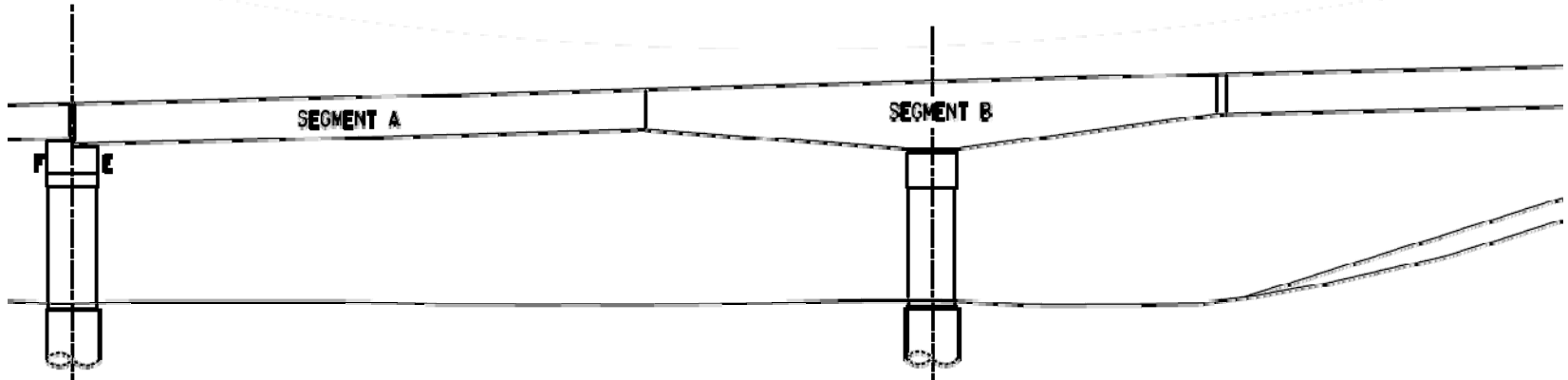
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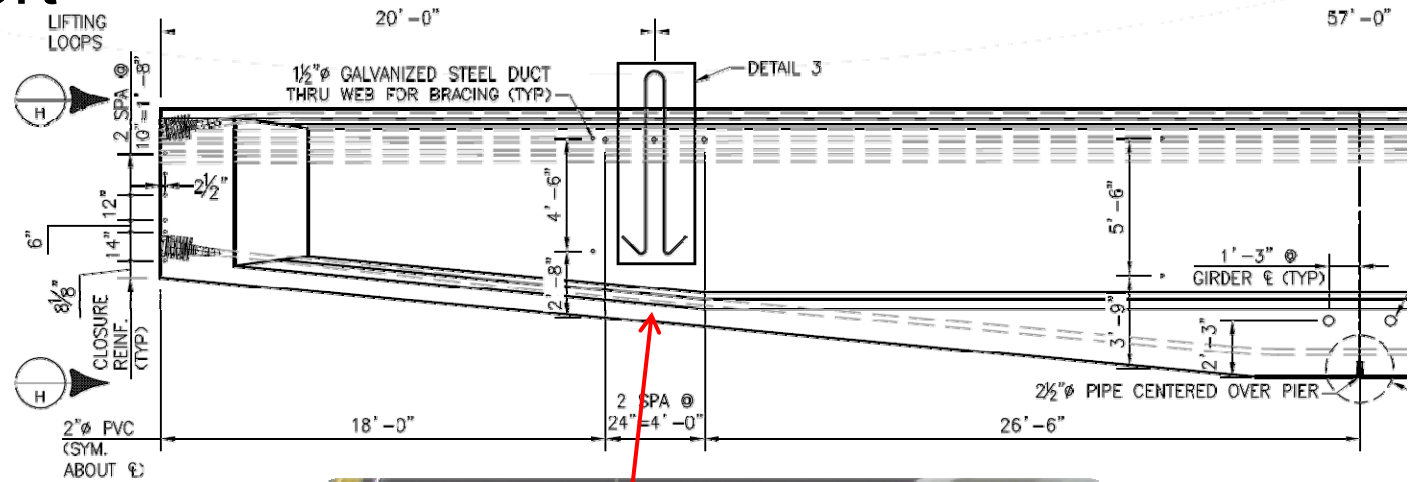
Haunch girders designed for this condition.





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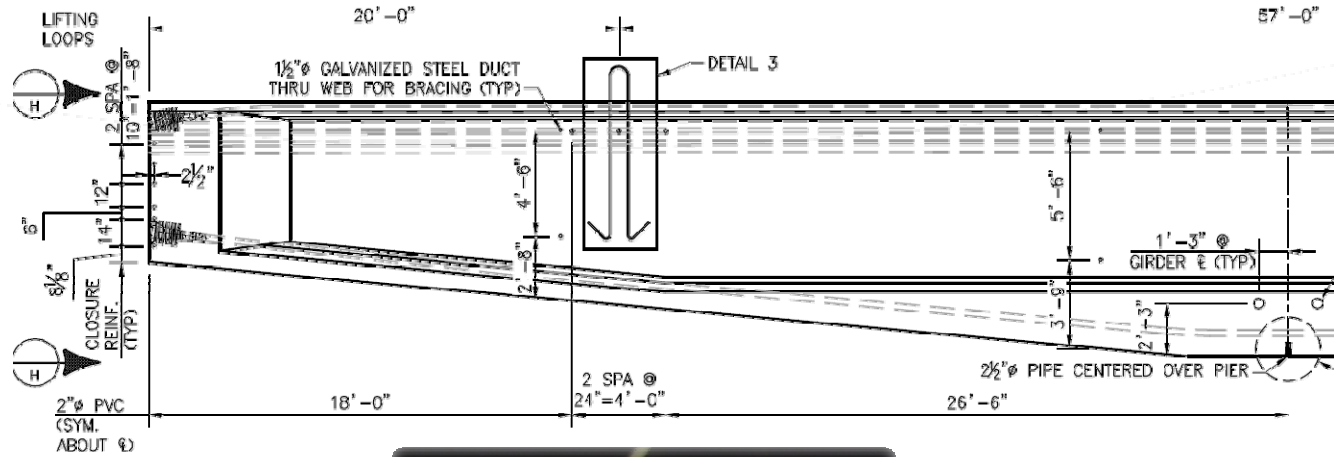
## Transport



# Pre-Tension Considerations

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## Lifting



# Post-Tension Considerations

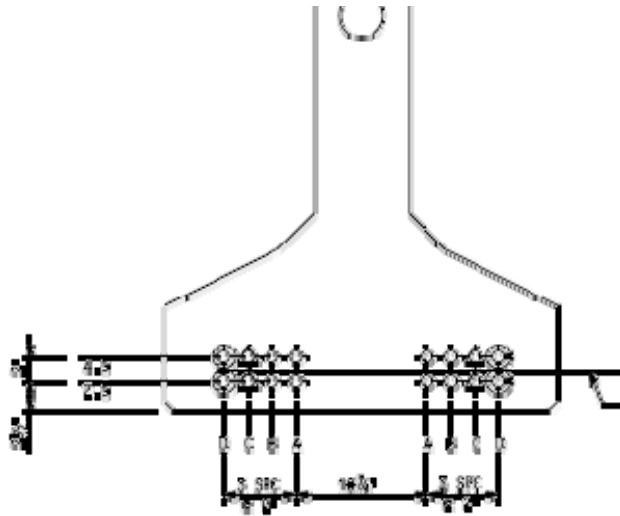
Perm. Tendons – Construction sequence and final strength



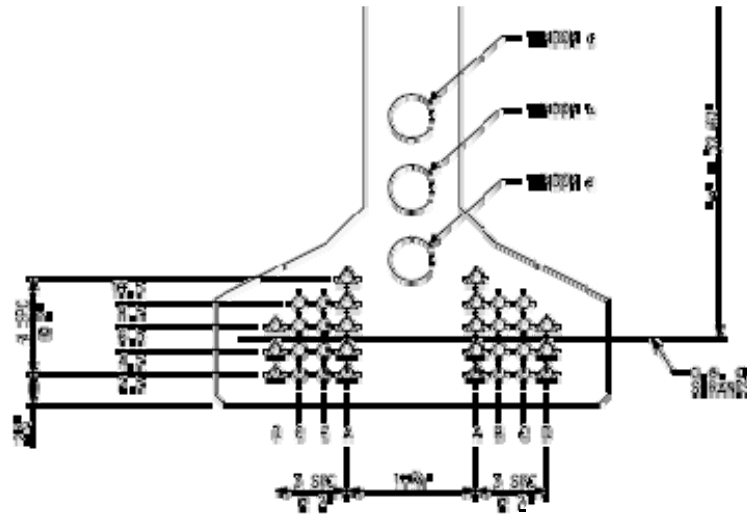
Temp tendon for lifting & transport

# Post-Tension Considerations

B1



Spans A and E  
~100' girders



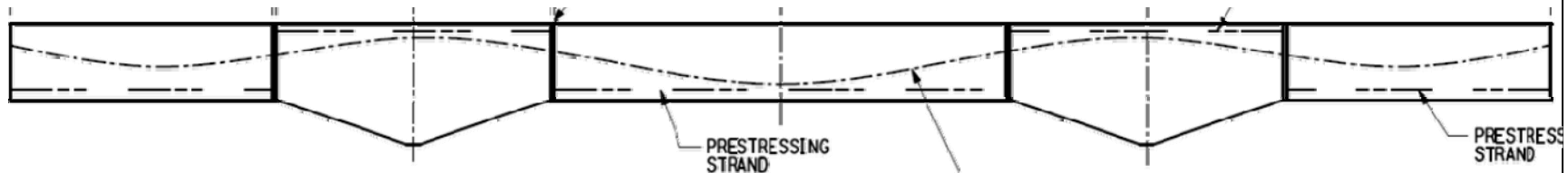
Span C  
160' girders

- B1** Ben, 08/23/2011
- B2** Add a "typical" girder PT amount for reference. Only enough Pretensioning to get it up.  
Ben, 08/23/2011

# Post-Tension Considerations

## Post-tensioning

- Avoid multiple stressing operations
- Stressed in non-composite state.
- Continuity between girder segments



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Traffic Control  
Span C,D & E

Crane Location

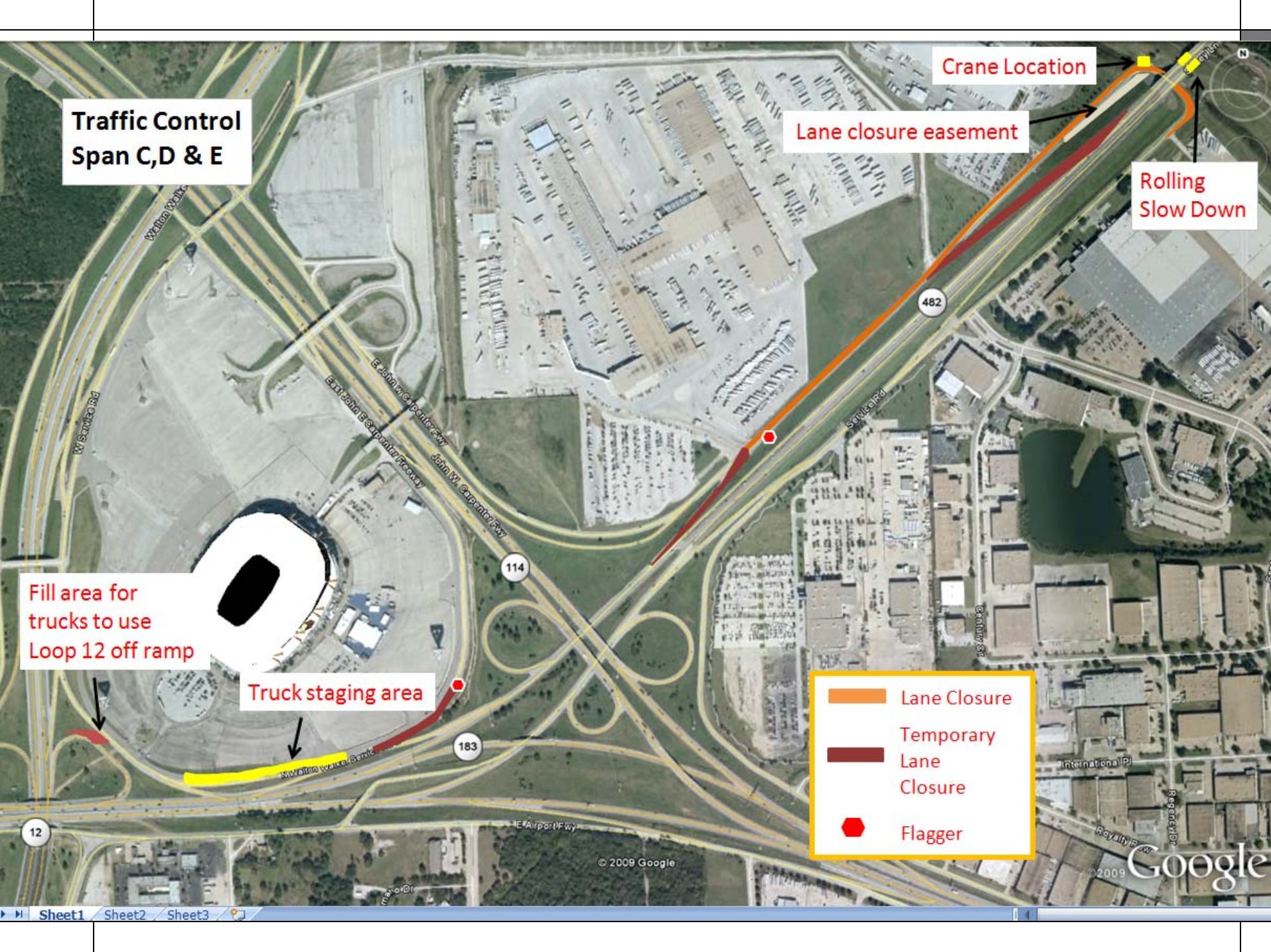
Lane closure easement

Rolling  
Slow Down

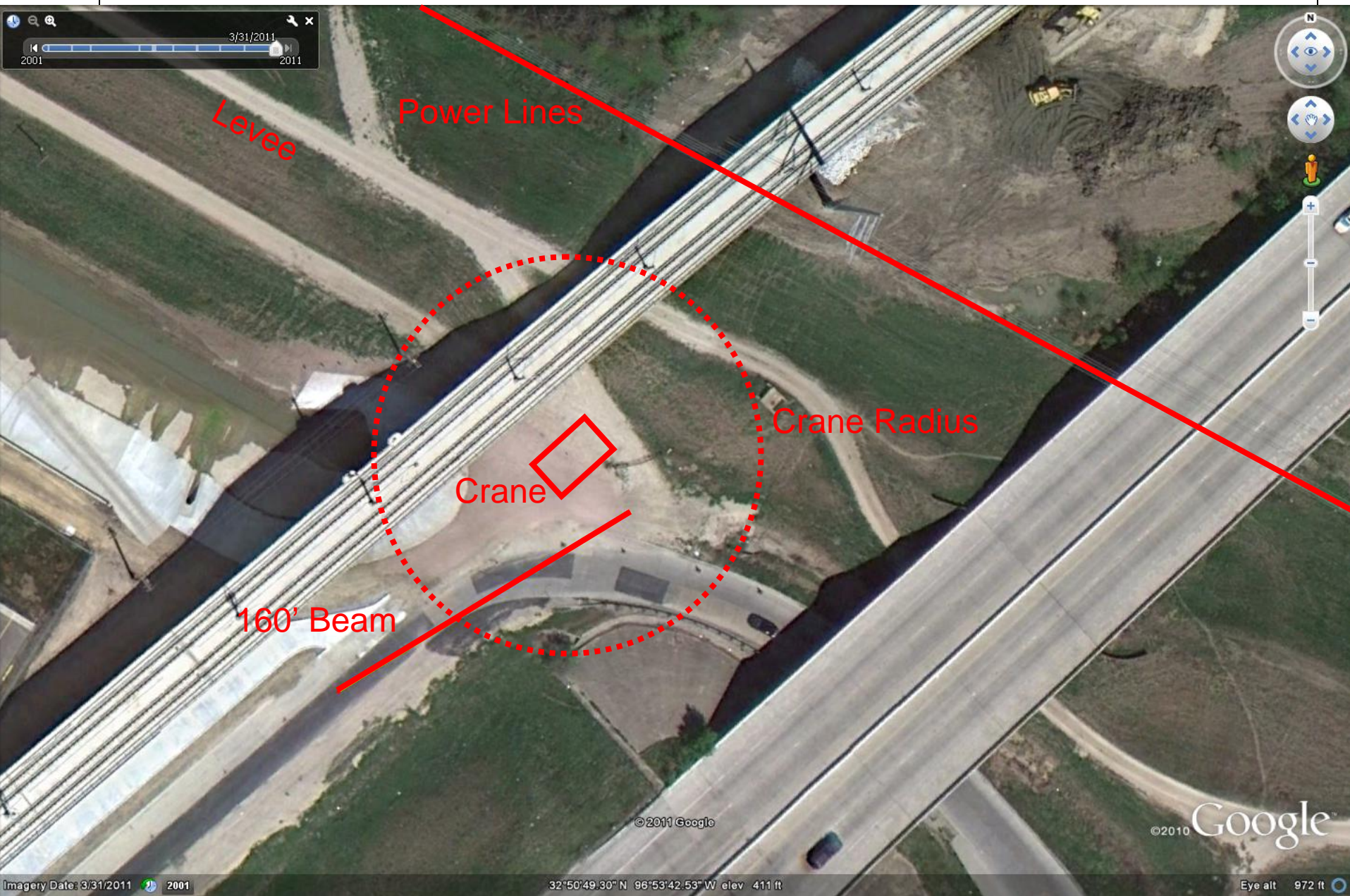
Fill area for  
trucks to use  
Loop 12 off ramp

Truck staging area

- Lane Closure
- Temporary Lane Closure
- Flagger







# Constructibility

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- Site access
- Nightwork required
  - Not just because it's hot



- Massive crane resting on utilities
  - Deep South CC 9600 Versa Crane ( 750 TN )
  - 240' of Boom Length
  - 1000 kips of counterweight
  - 48" Waterline Services Entire City of Irving





# Temporary Works

- Variety of temporary works
  - Girder tie-down
  - Dead man and temporary tower
  - Slip critical bolts in the temporary braces
  - Strongbacks

# Girder Tie-down and Temp. Tower

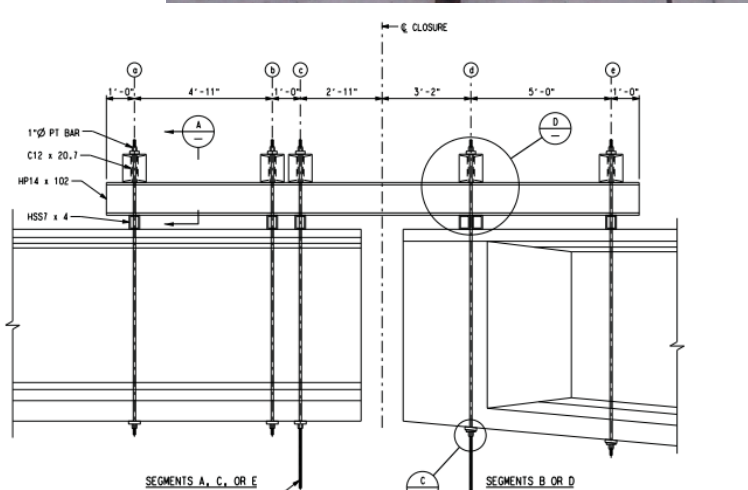
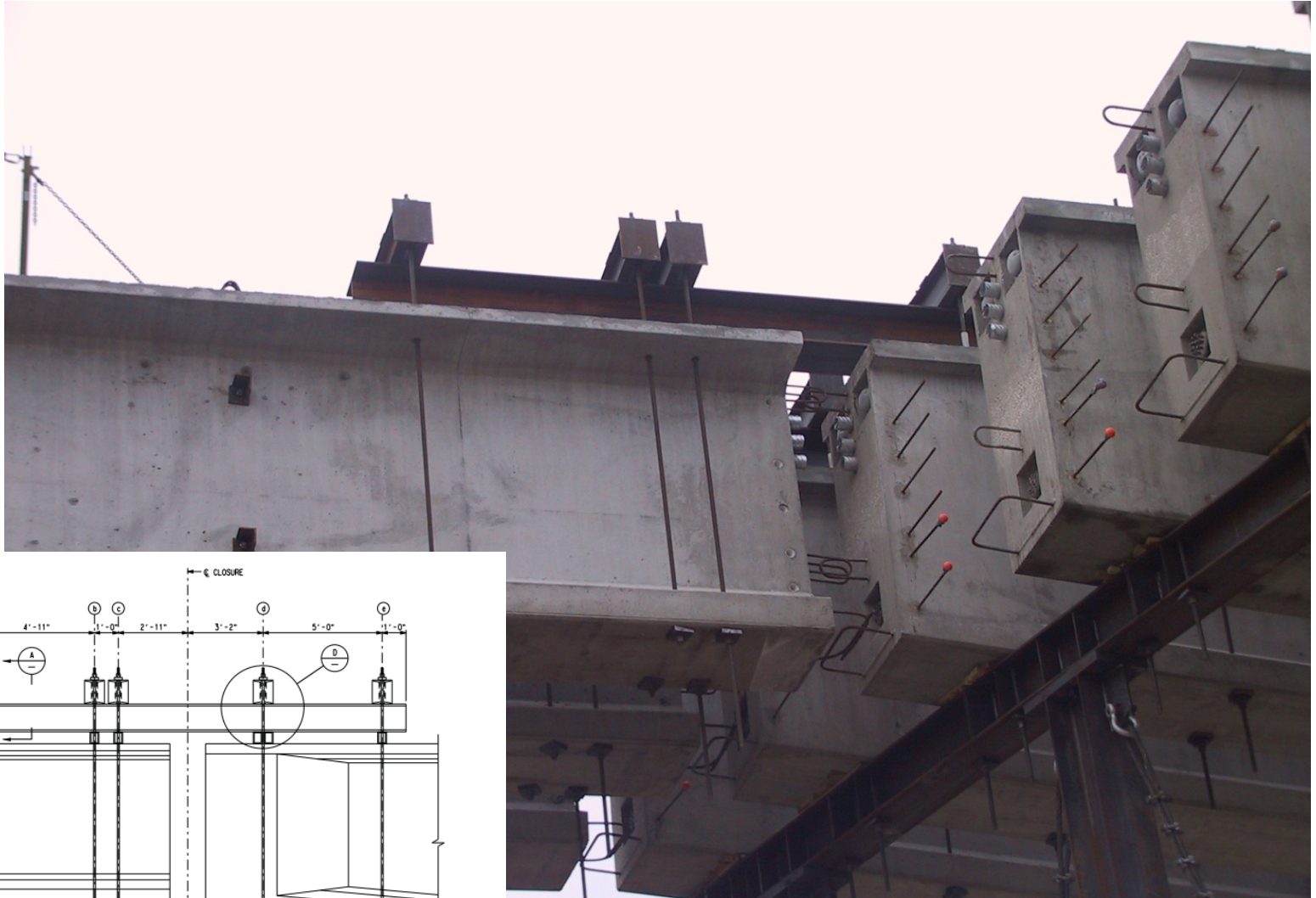
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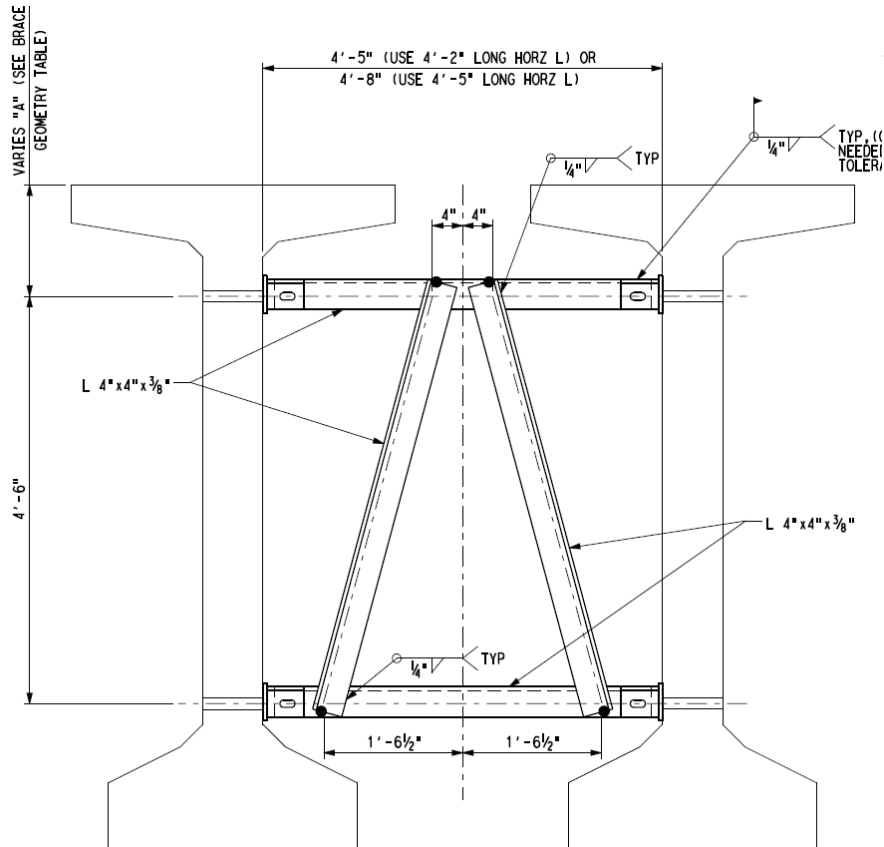


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# Temporary Bracing





# Shoring Tower with Concrete Dead-man

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# Thank You!

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