



**3 Record Spans Opened in 2010**  
*Benefits of Long Span Environmentally Sensitive Segmental Bridges*

US-191 Colorado River Bridge



4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge

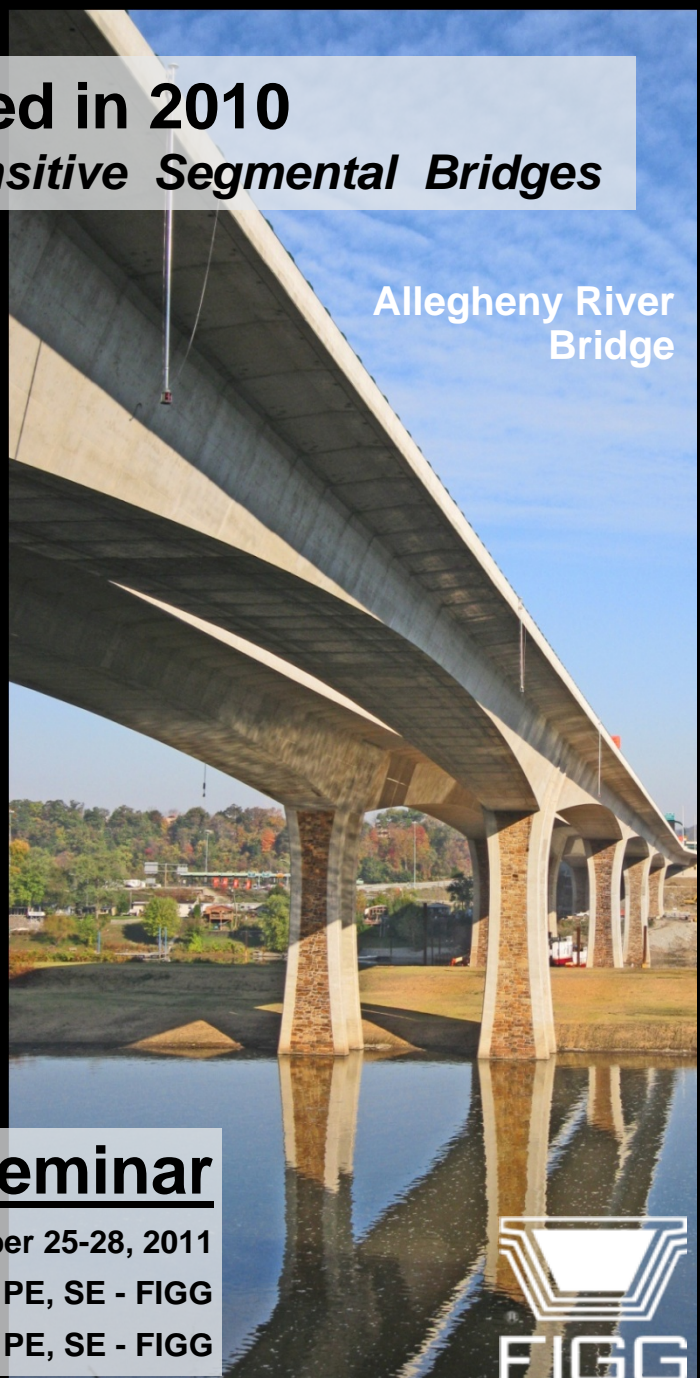
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Session 4D



Allegheny River Bridge





# Colorado River Moab, Utah Bridge

438' Record Concrete Span for Utah





**World-Renowned Moab, Utah**

# Location Map



Arches  
National Park

Colorado River  
Bridge

US-191

Moab



# North Bank



# North Bank



# South Bank



# Goals & Objectives

Landmark, Signature Bridge in Harmony with the Environment

Aesthetics & Community Consensus

Improve Function and Capacity

Durable, Low Maintenance, 100+ Year Life

Focus on Constructibility to Minimize Impacts





# Goals & Objectives

Long Spans to Protect the Environment Below

Accommodate River Hydraulics

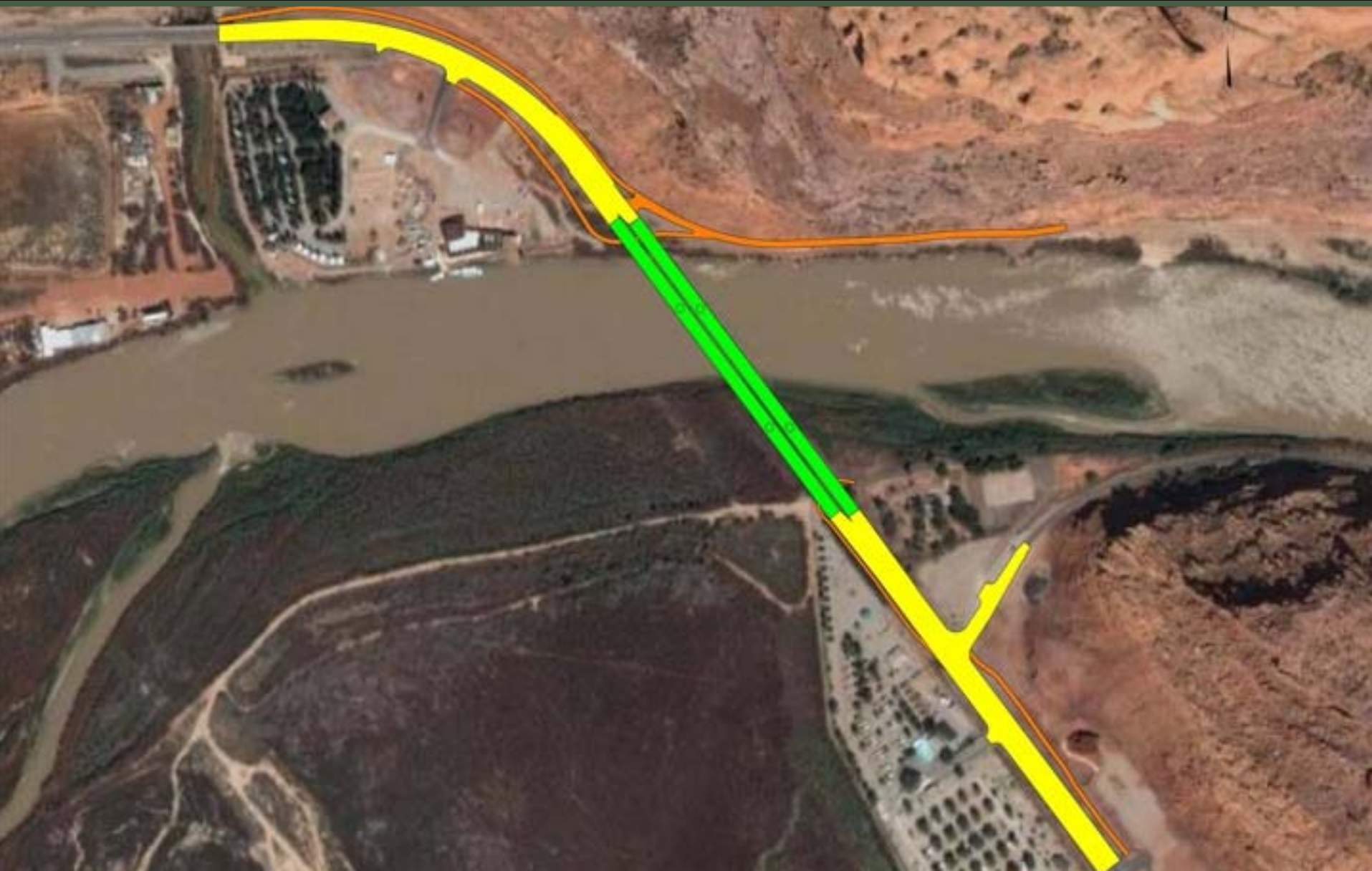
Enhance/Expand Trail Network

Minimize ROW and MOT

Meet UDOT Schedule and Budget



# Project Alignment



# Concrete Segmental Solution

Colors and Textures to Blend the Structure into the Landscape

Natural Form Respects Arches/Canyonlands

Built From Above to Minimize Construction Impacts

Efficient Long Span Design Minimizes Footprint



# Concrete Segmental Solution

100+ Yr Life, Low Maintenance

Bi-directional Pre-compression - High Strength Steel Post Tensioning

High Strength Concrete Mix Design

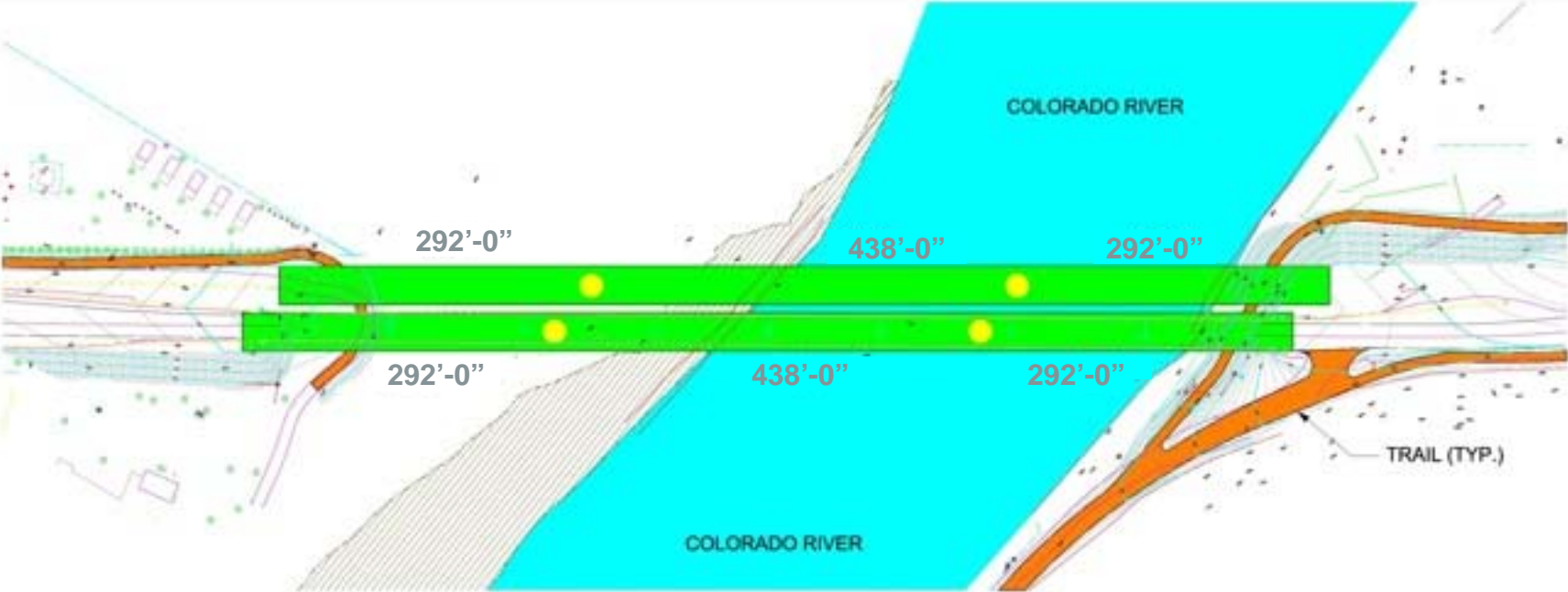
Redundant Corrosion Protection Systems

Pre-compressed Integral Overlay

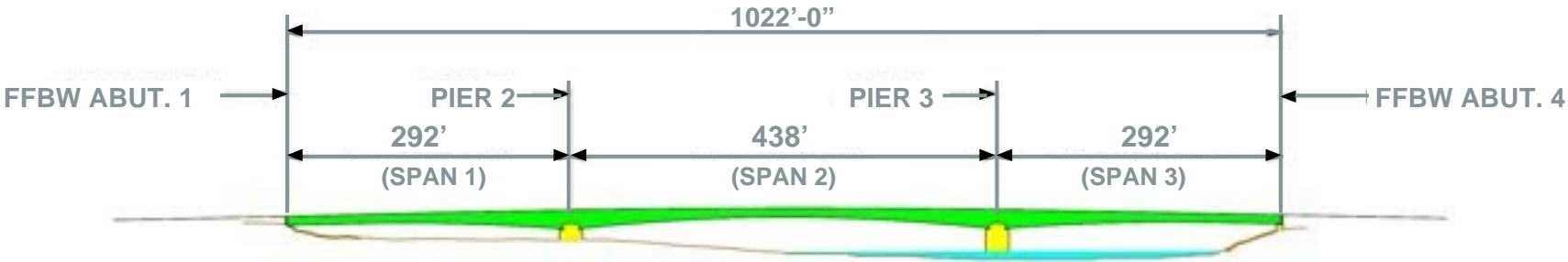
Least Life Cycle Cost



# Bridge Layout



PLAN

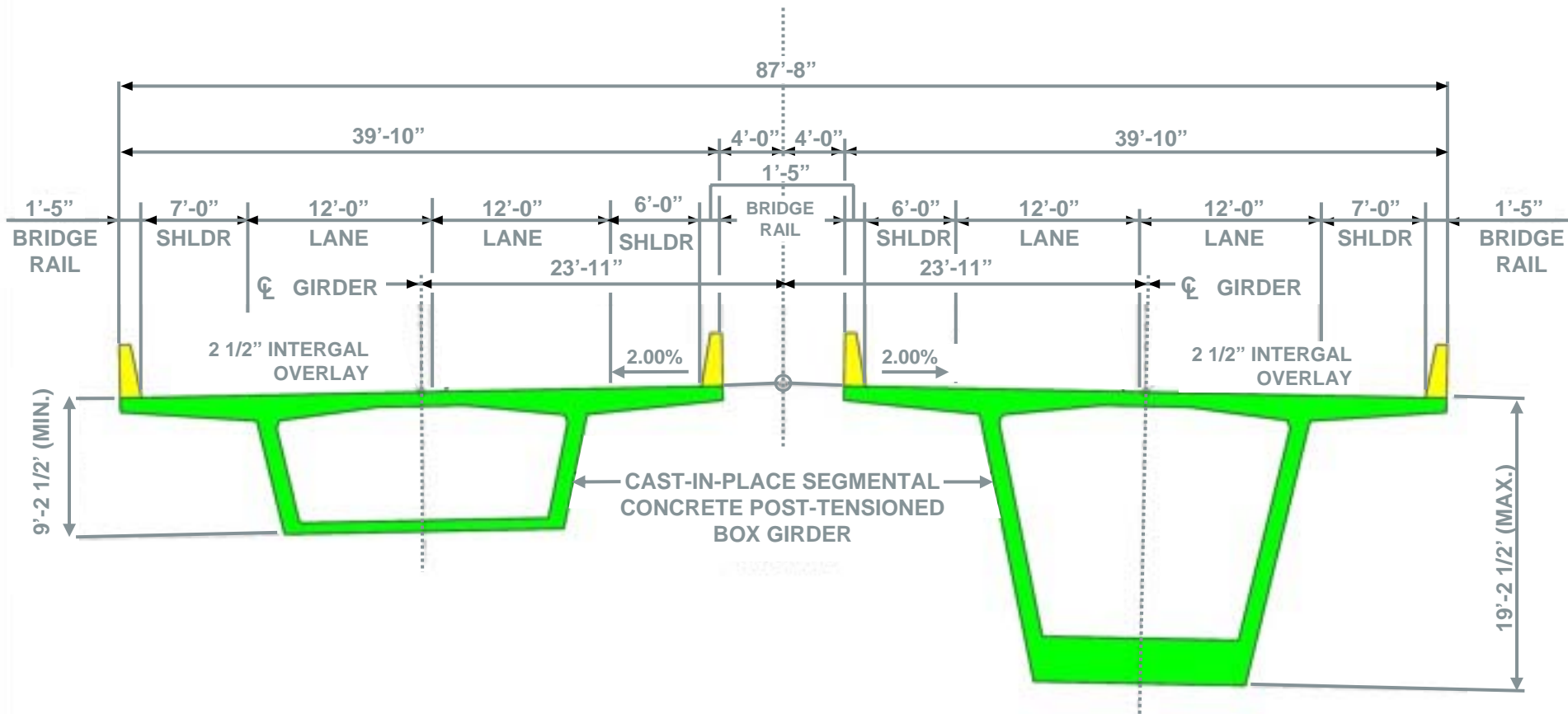


ELEVATION



**Piers reduced from 7 to 2 (Only 1 in the River)**

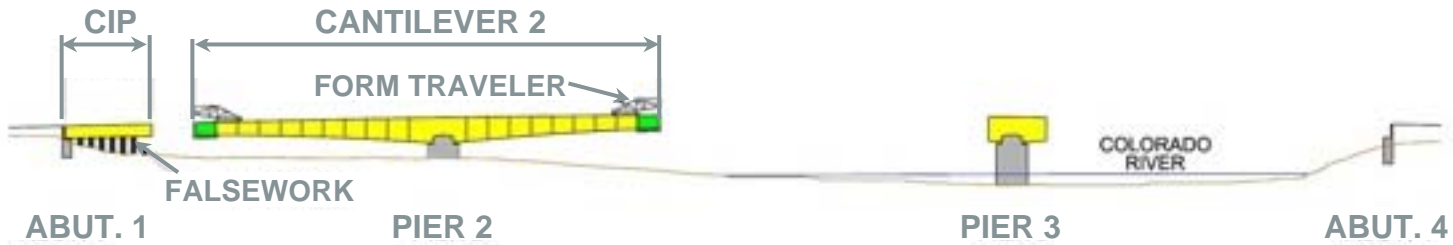
# Superstructure Sections



**MINIMUM DEPTH SECTION  
CENTER SPAN & ENDS**

**MAXIMUM DEPTH SECTION  
PIERS**

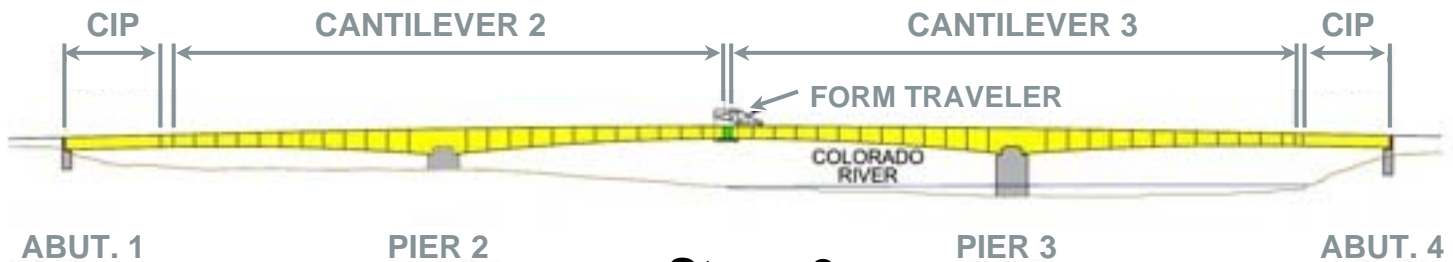
# Construction Sequence – CIP BC



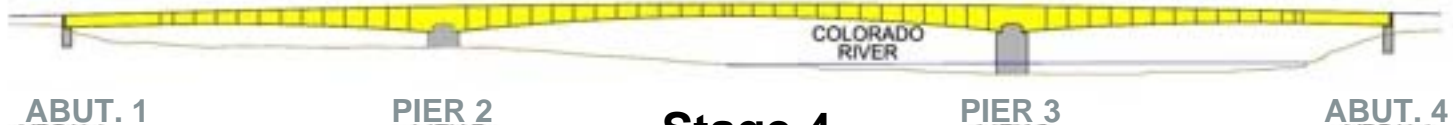
**Stage 1**



**Stage 2**



**Stage 3**



**Stage 4**



# Community Involvement

## UDOT Public Involvement FIGG Bridge Design Charette™

Unique Process for Creating a Signature Bridge

Discuss and Gain Consensus

Prioritize

Set Design Direction





# FIGG Bridge Design Charette™

March 13, 2008 - Moab, Utah



# **Theme: Moab - Arches National Park**

## **A Bridge in Harmony with Nature**

This remarkable national park and surrounding area hosts a breathtaking landscape rich in natural beauty. Visitors come to enjoy this unique picturesque setting.

The concept for the new bridge, crossing the Colorado River, is to blend into the natural setting as if born of the earth. Design attention and focus remains strongly on nature in this beautiful landscape

# Blending of Color to Match the Surrounding Earth



# Texture

Option 1- Smooth



Option 2- Rock



Option 3- CCC Stone





# Construction Bid

January 22, 2009

Wadsworth Brothers Construction

\$26 M

(9 Bidders -10.5% Under Engineers Estimate)

# Pier Tables



# Cantilever Construction





# Mineral Stain



# Mineral Stain



# North Bank View



# View from North Bank Trail



# US-191 Colorado River Bridge



Pueblo

Colorado

# 4<sup>th</sup> STREET BRIDGE

*Record 379' Highway Span for Colorado*



# Gateway to Historic Downtown



# Contemporary Shape / Historic Color





# Function and Aesthetics



# Community Aesthetics



# FIGG Bridge Design Charette™



*Community Consensus*

# Spanning the Yard & River



BNSF

UPRR

Ark. River

# Goals

Improve Safety

Increase Capacity

Minimize Railroad Impacts for a  
Successful Crossing

Signature Bridge

- Aesthetics
- Community Involvement



# Segmental Solution Benefits

## Best Satisfies All Project Criteria

- Yard Impacts (Temp. & Permanent)
- River Impacts
- Cost
- Constructibility
- Durability
- Aesthetics

## Built from Above

- Minimizes RR Impacts
- Allows for Uninterrupted Yard Operations
- Eliminates Ground Based Erection
- Minimizes Environmental Impacts



# Uninterrupted Train Operations



# Segmental Solution Benefits

Efficient & Cost Effective Longer Spans

- Minimal Yard Impact

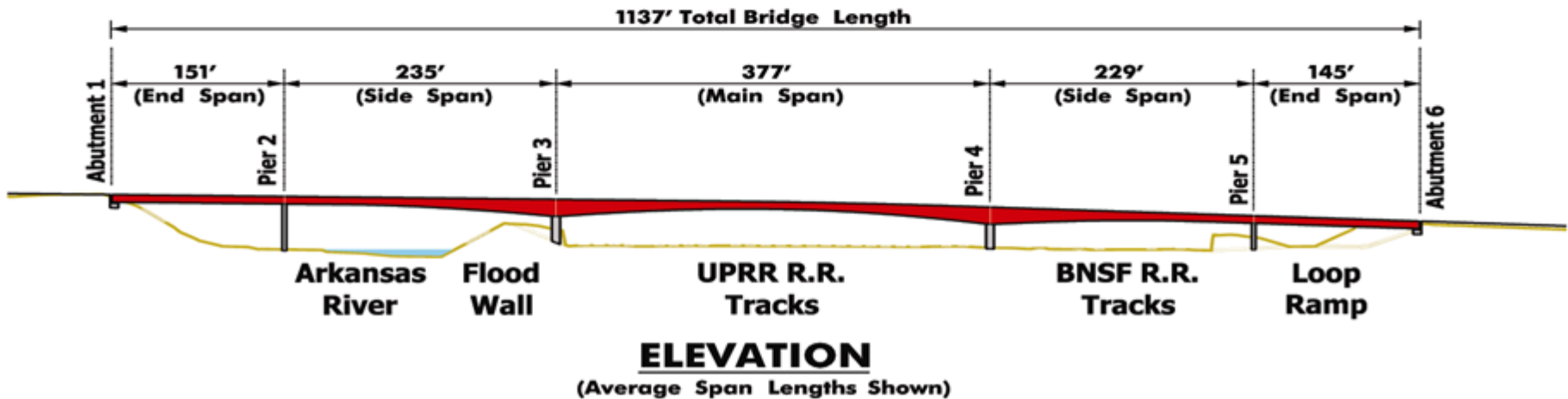
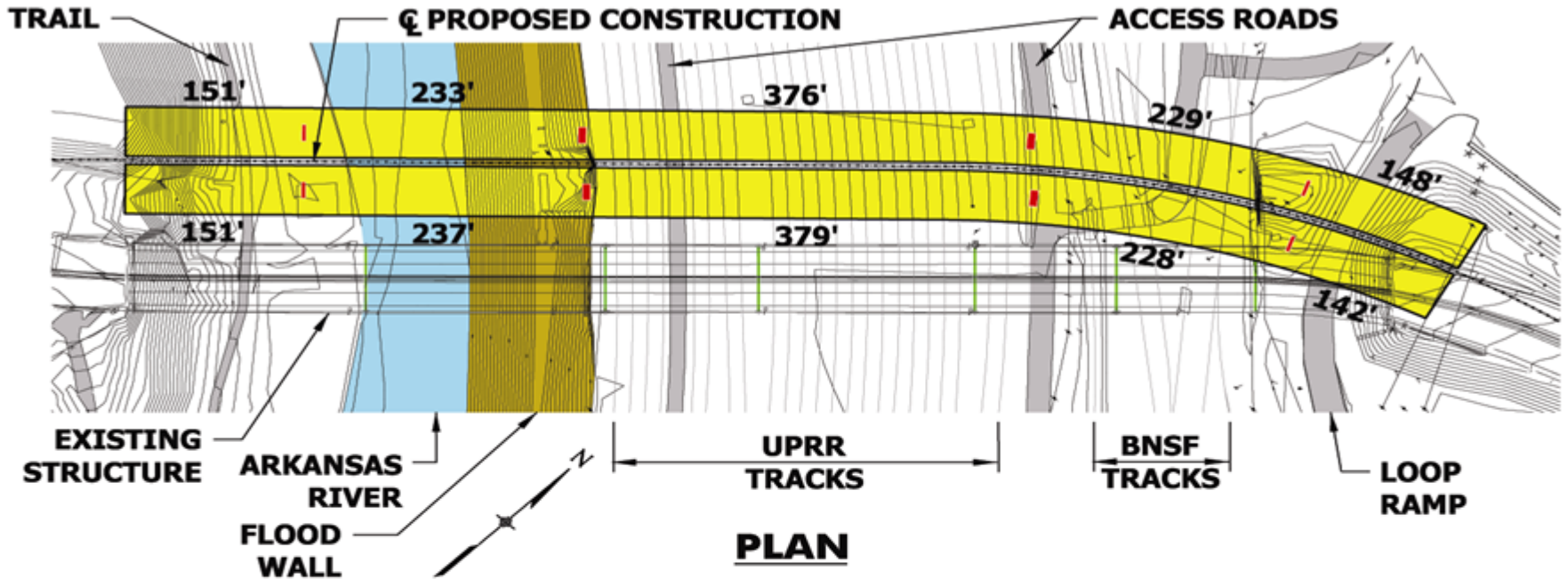
Superior Durability

- Materials
- Bi-Directional PT
- Interior Protection of Utilities and Inspection
- Sustainable

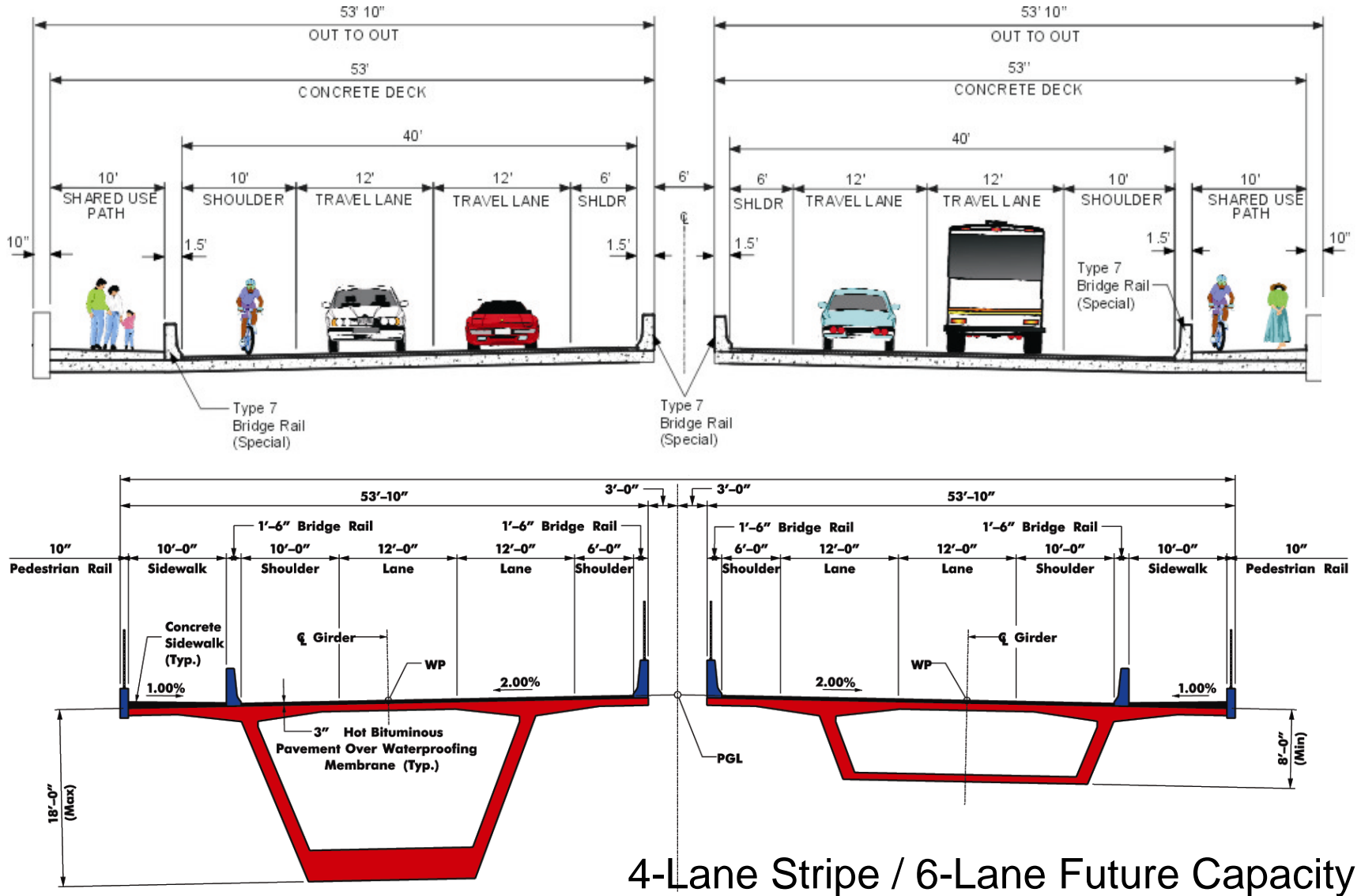




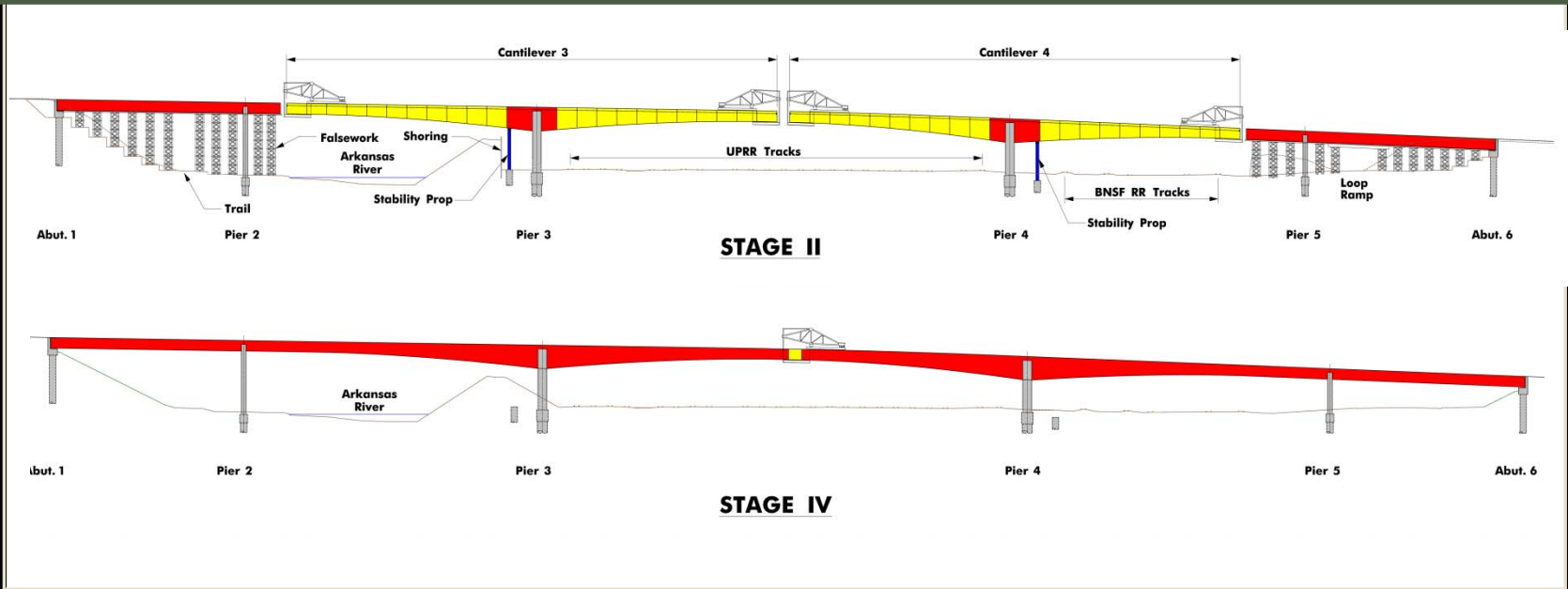
# Bridge Layout



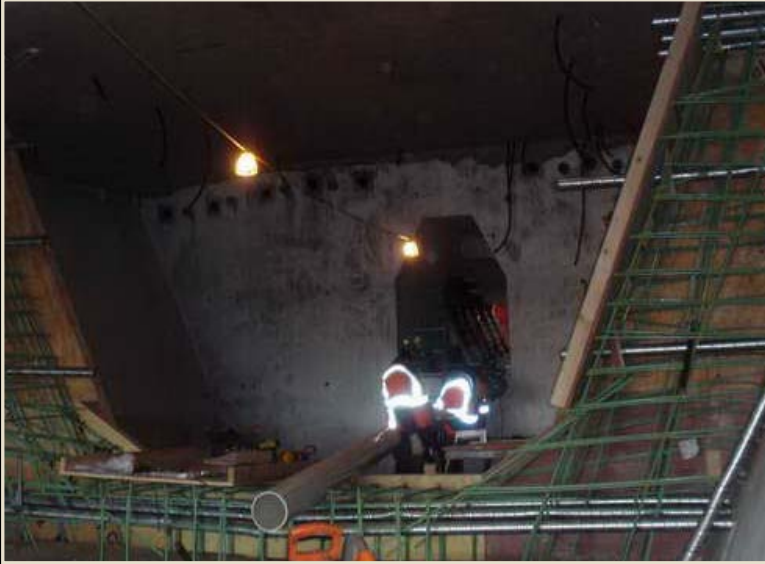
# Typical Section



# CIP Balanced Cantilever



# Temporary Prop



# Phasing



# Minimal Footprint



# Piers



# Cantilever Construction





# Concrete from Cantilever Tip



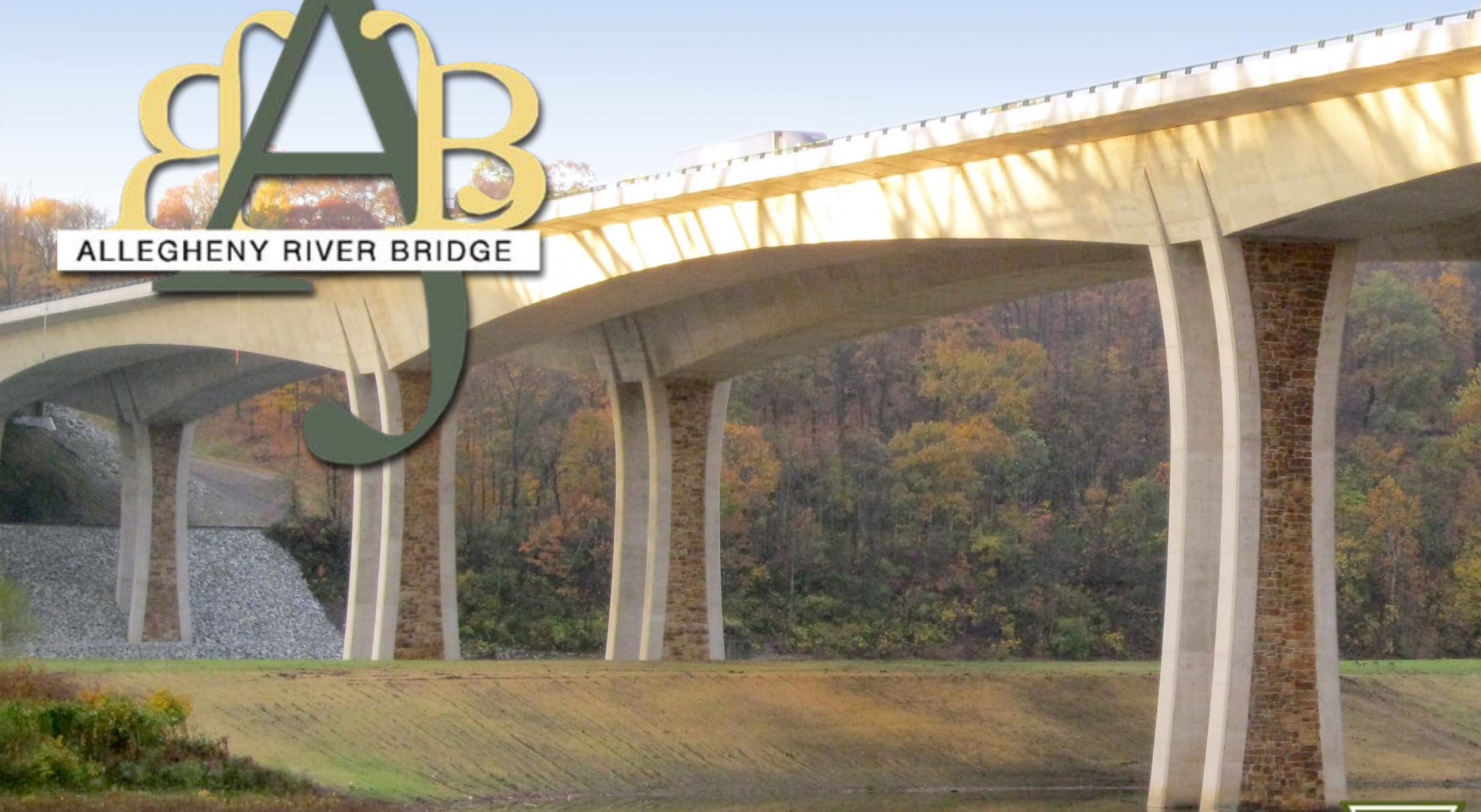
# Final Closure



# 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge - Pueblo



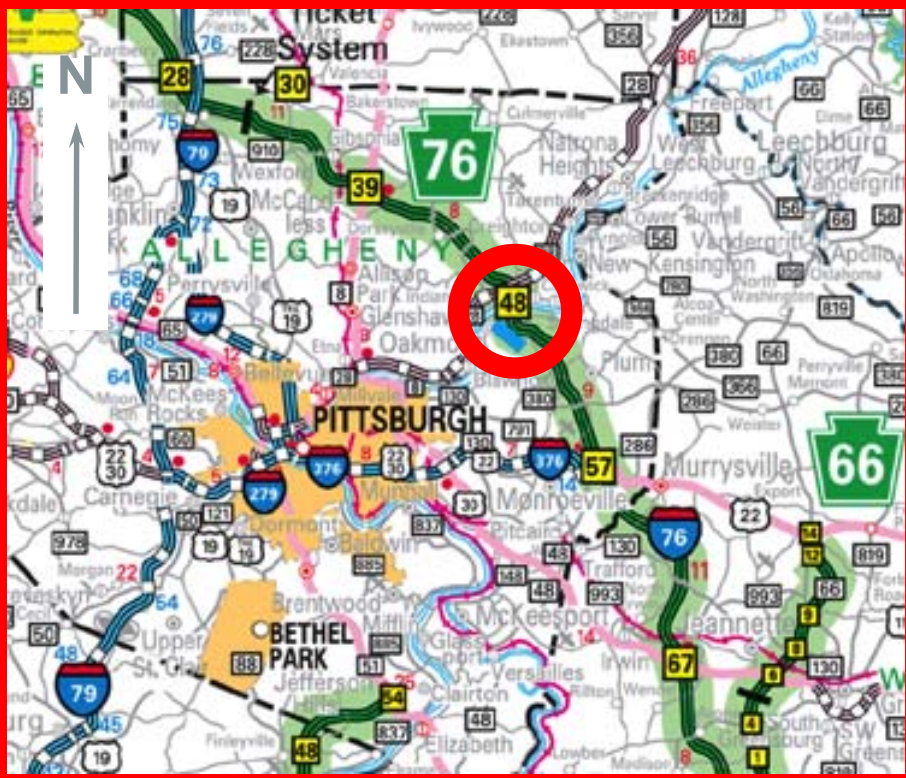
*Built for Owner's Budget - \$28 M  
(Saved \$4.8 M over Steel Alternate)*



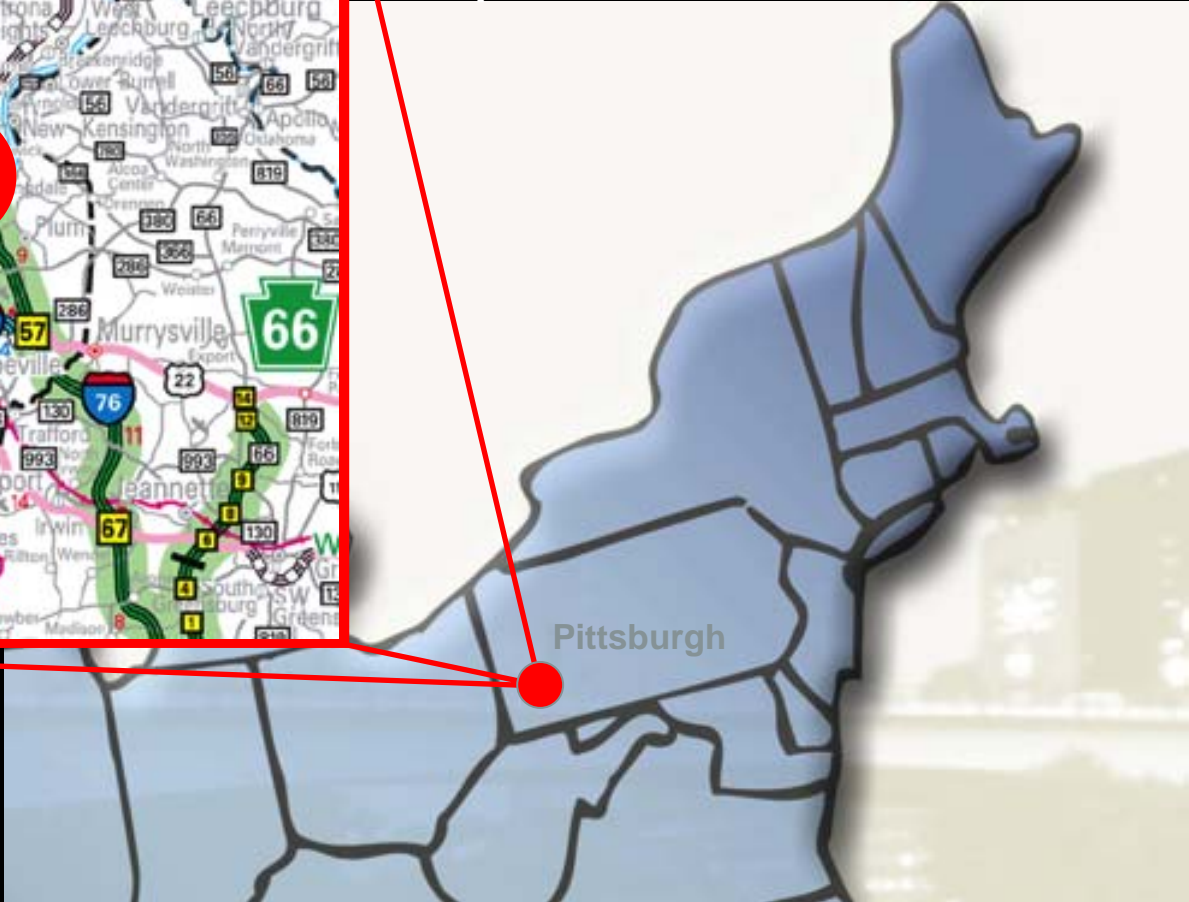
Pennsylvania's Record Concrete Segmental Span – 532 ft.



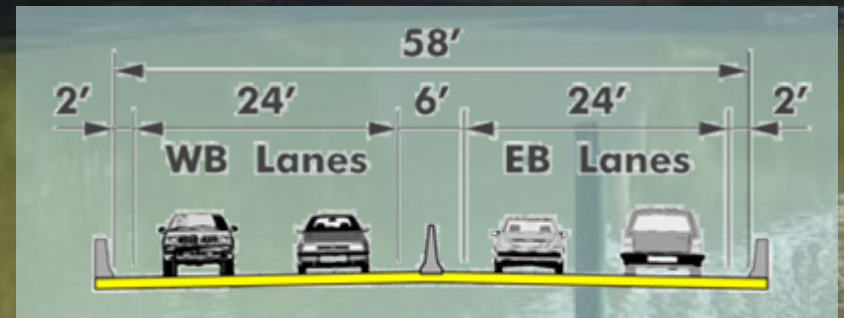
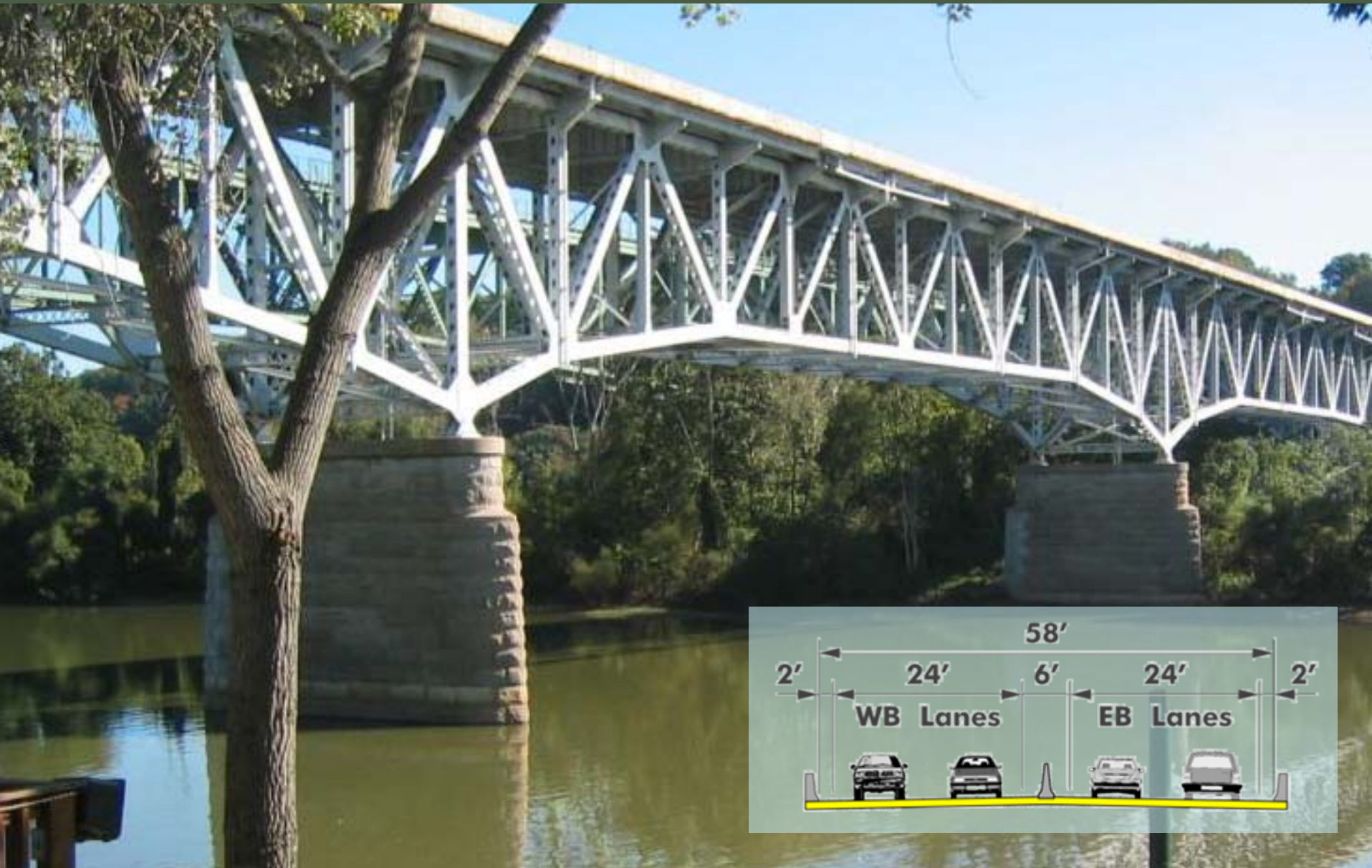
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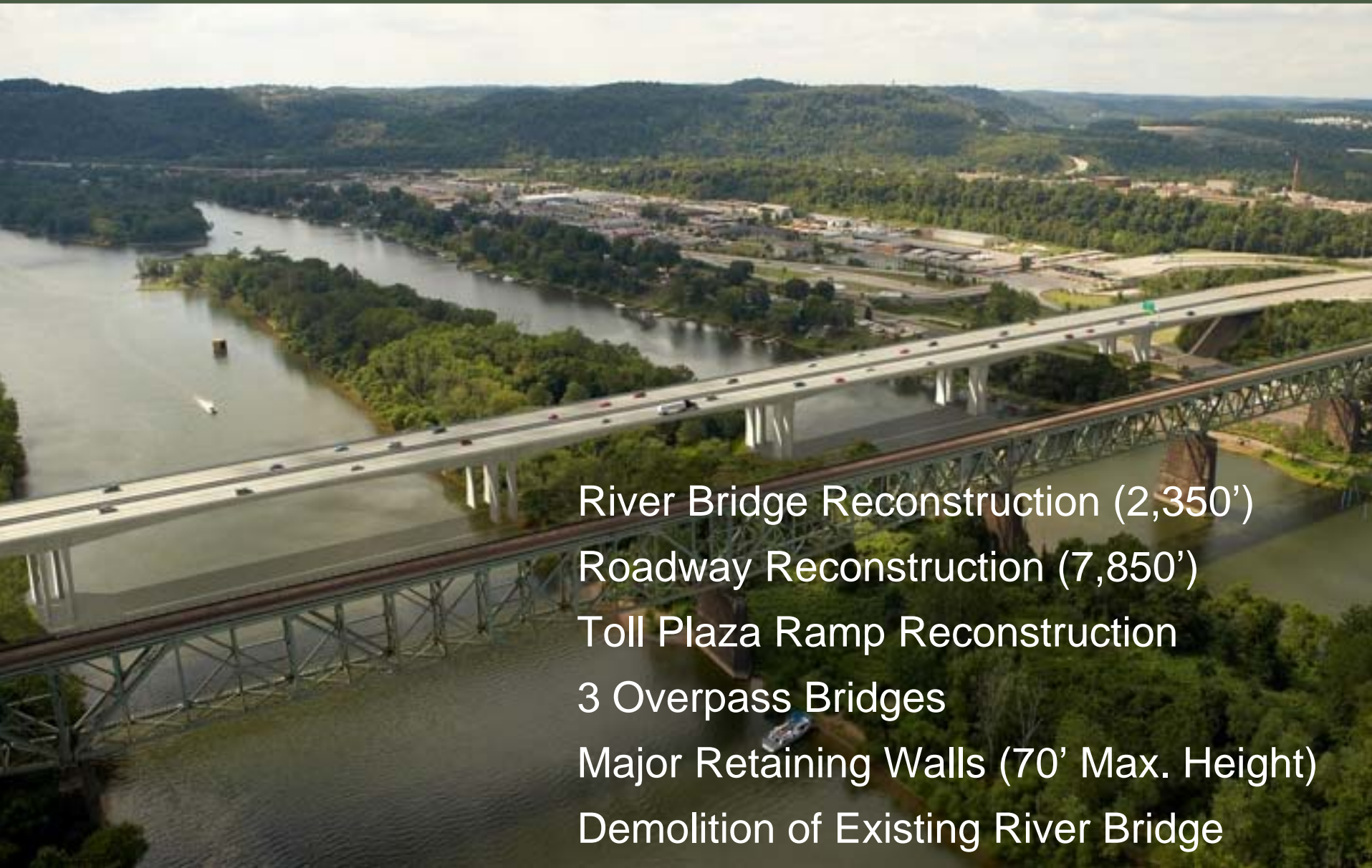
Regional Map



# Old Bridge



# Project Components



River Bridge Reconstruction (2,350')

Roadway Reconstruction (7,850')

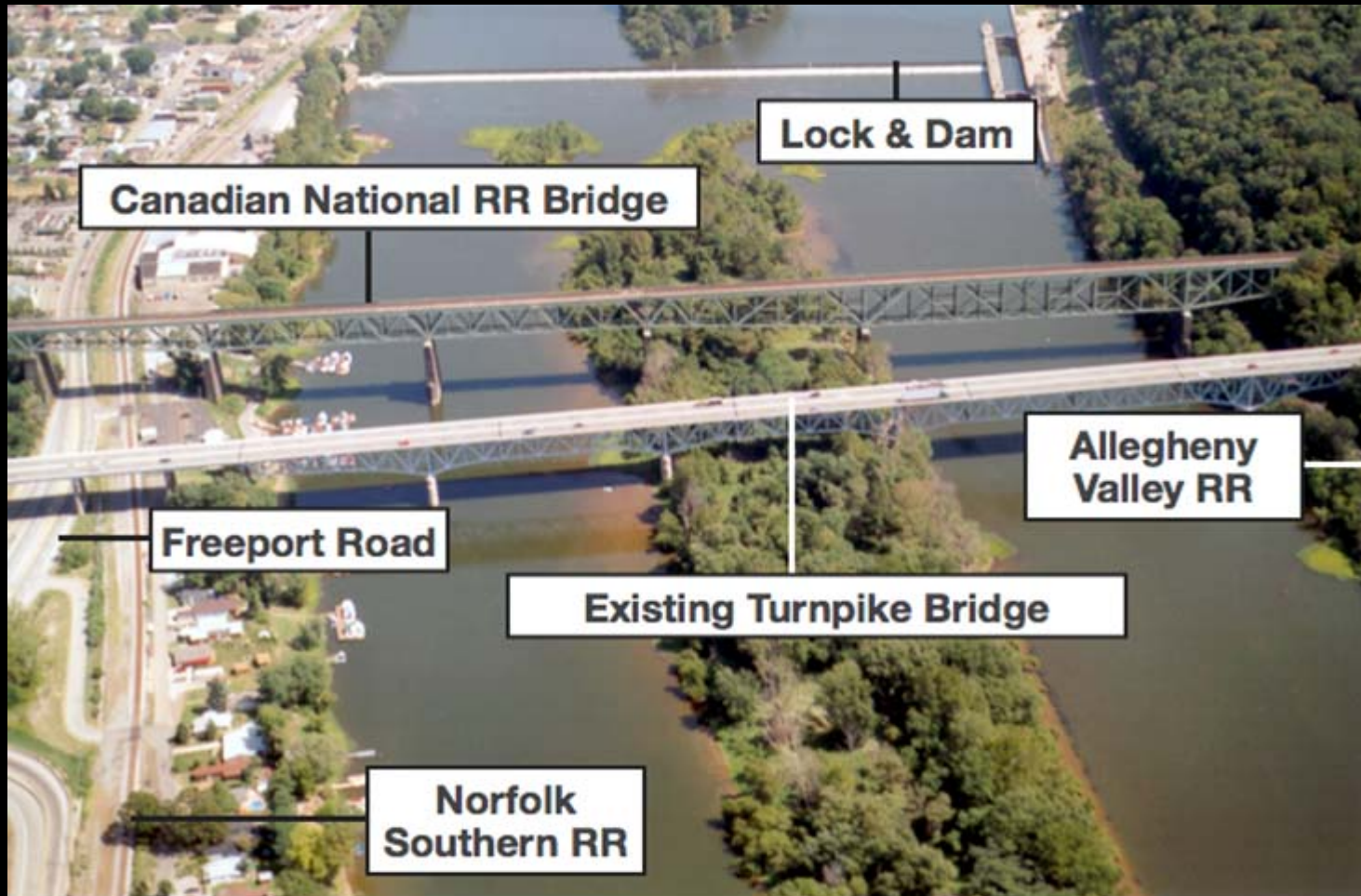
Toll Plaza Ramp Reconstruction

3 Overpass Bridges

Major Retaining Walls (70' Max. Height)

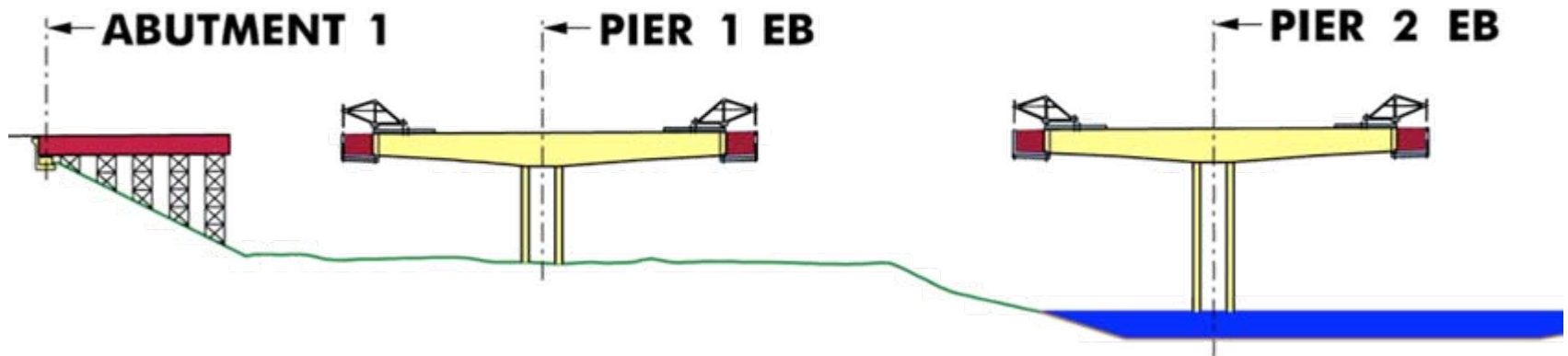
Demolition of Existing River Bridge

# Site Details



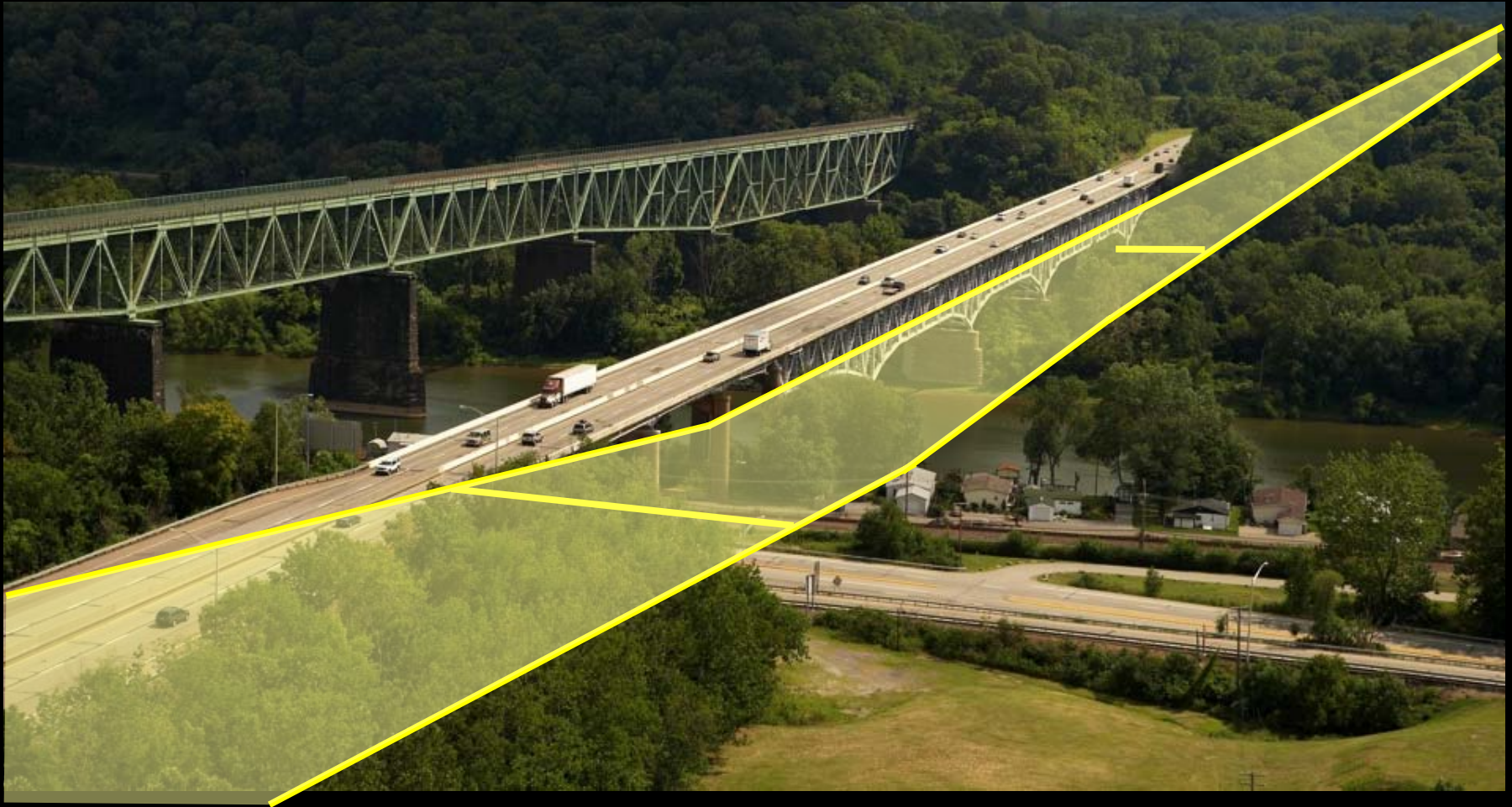


# Segmental Balanced Cantilever

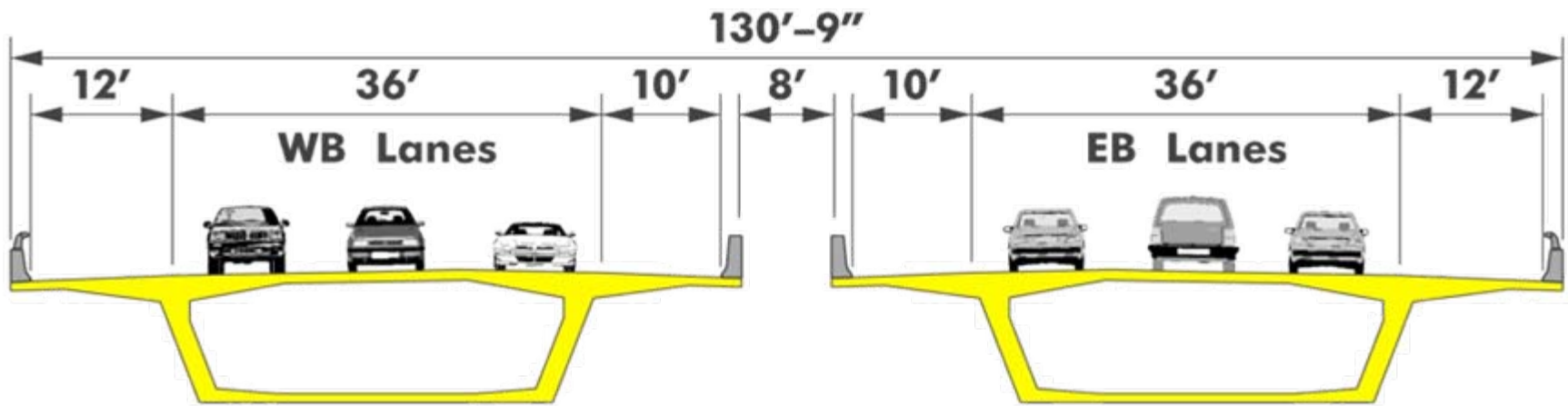


**Build From Above to Maintain Traffic and Protect the Environment Below**

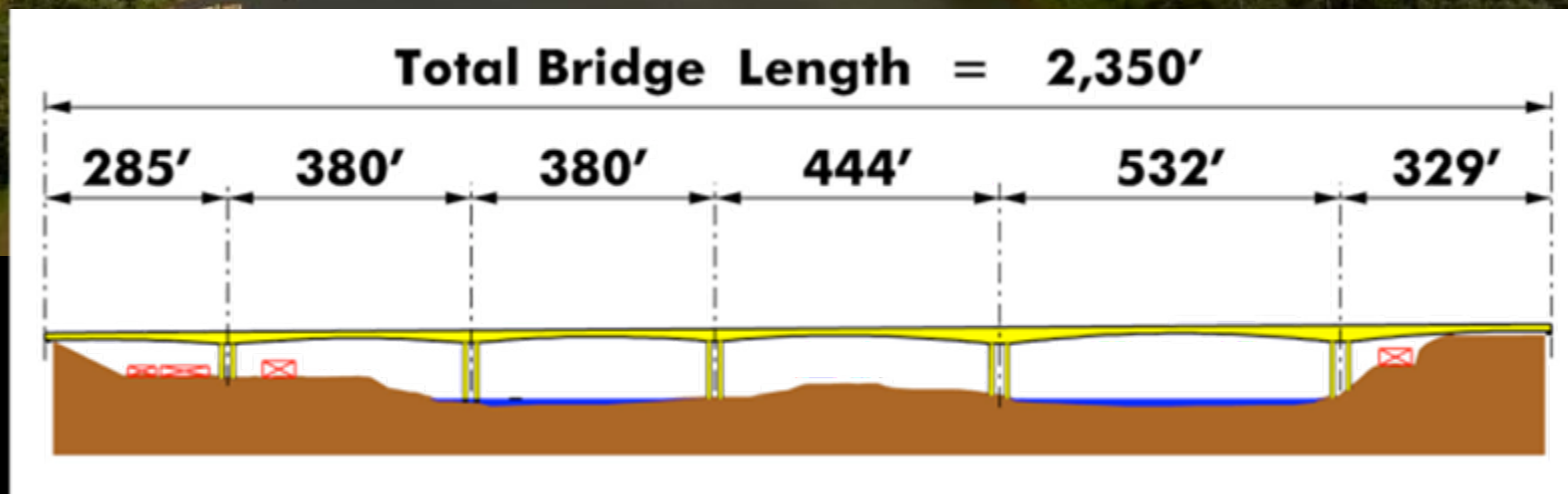
# New Alignment



# Roadway Section



# Bridge Layout



# Schedule and Cost

*Concrete Segmental Saved \$42M over Steel Alternate*

<b>Advertisement</b>	<b>January 2007</b>
<b>Bid Opening</b>	<b>April 2007</b>
<b>Notice to Proceed</b> Walsh Construction - <u>\$189 M</u> for total project including: roadway, retaining walls, minor structures and demolition	<b>May 2007</b>
<b>Existing Bridge Demolition</b>	<b>July 2010</b>
<b>Complete New Construction</b>	<b>Sept 2010</b>

# Foundations

## Pipe Piles & Drilled Shafts

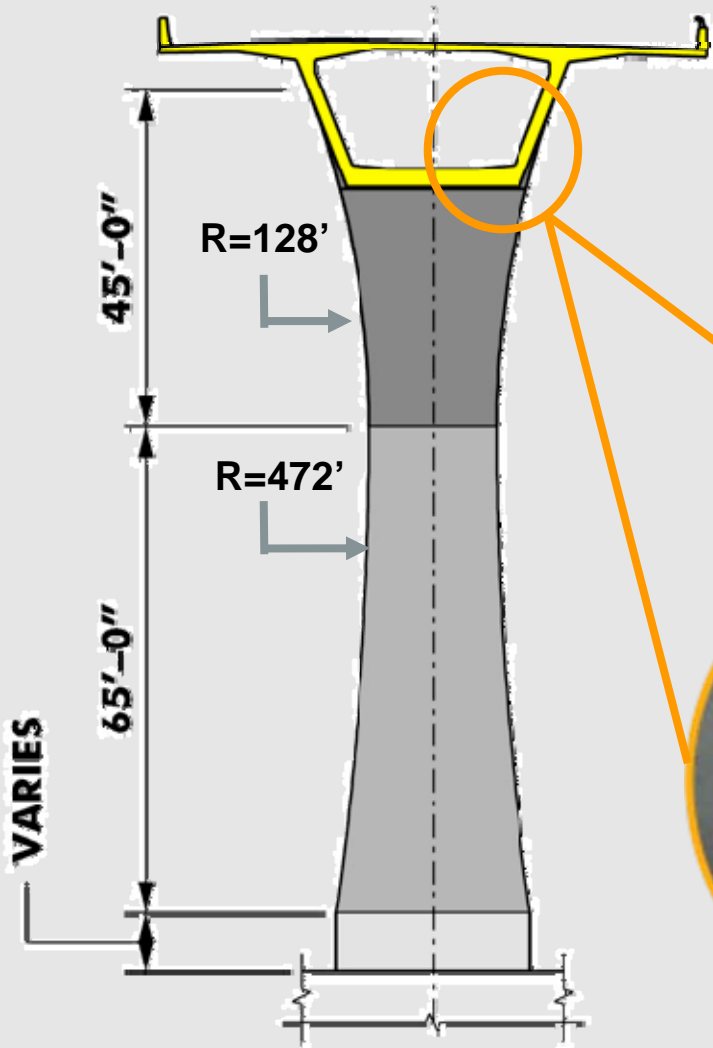


# Twin Wall Piers



# Pier Shape

Natural - Organic

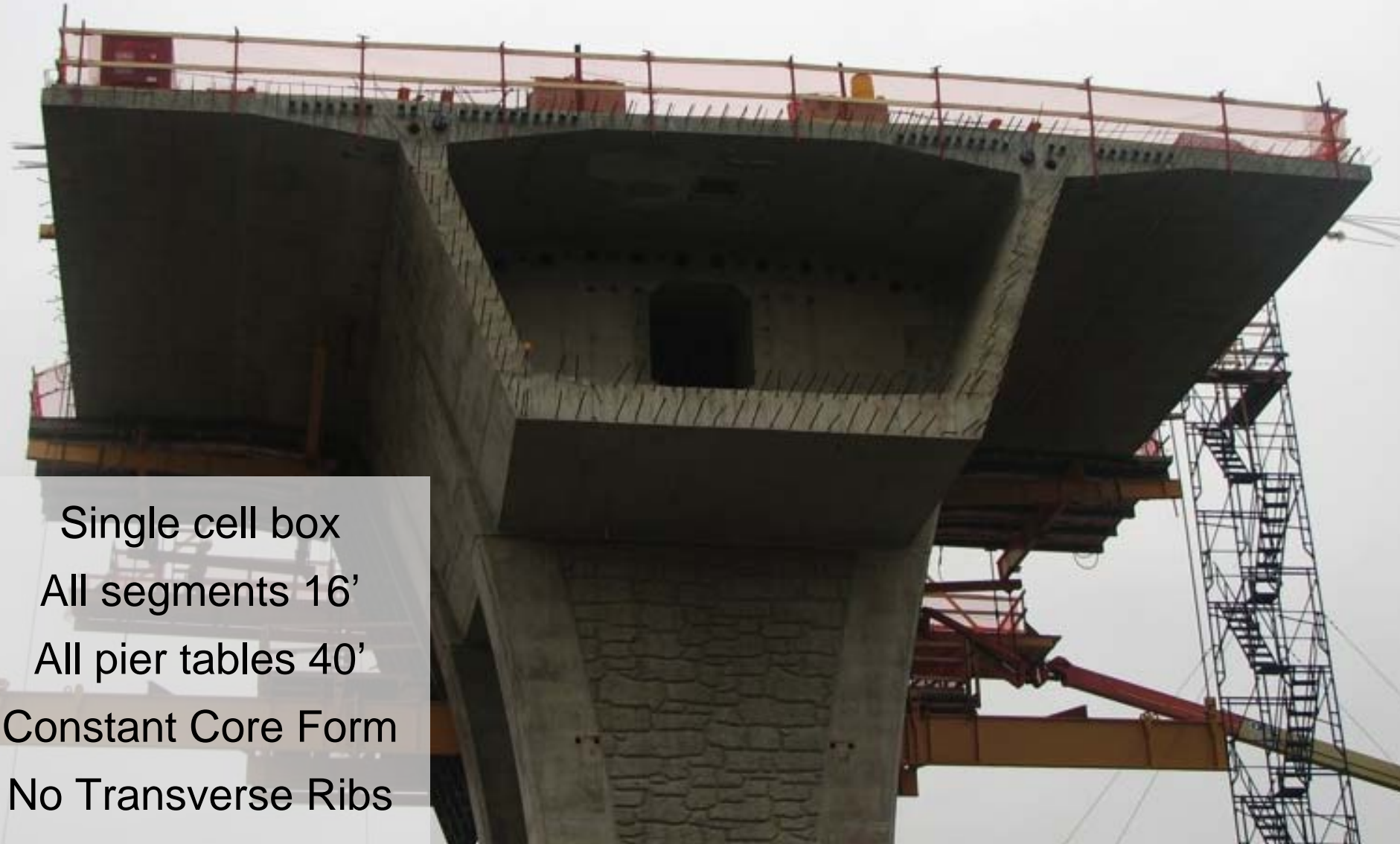


Shape Defined by 2 Radii  
Height Defined from Top  
Variable Rectangular Section  
at Bottom





# Segmental Superstructure



Single cell box

All segments 16'

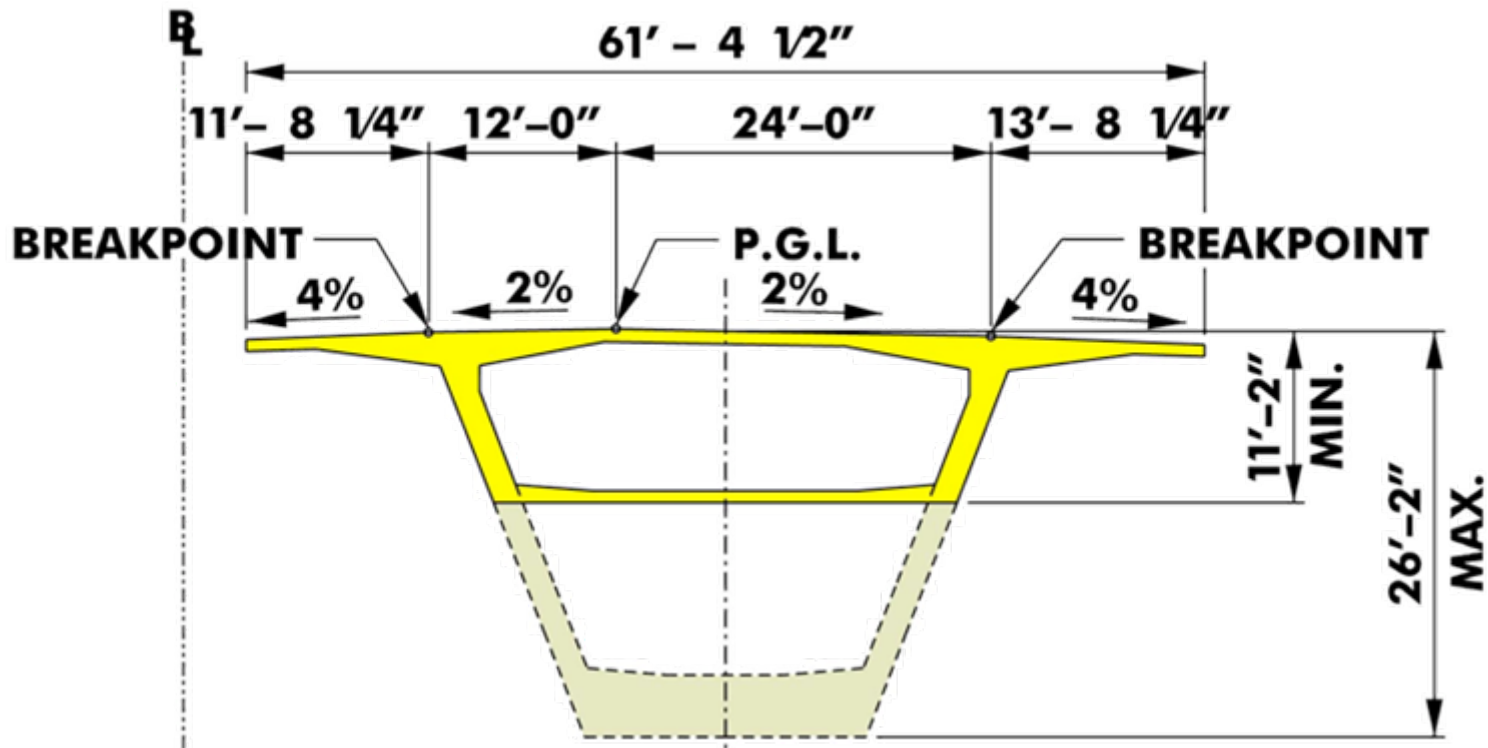
All pier tables 40'

Constant Core Form

No Transverse Ribs

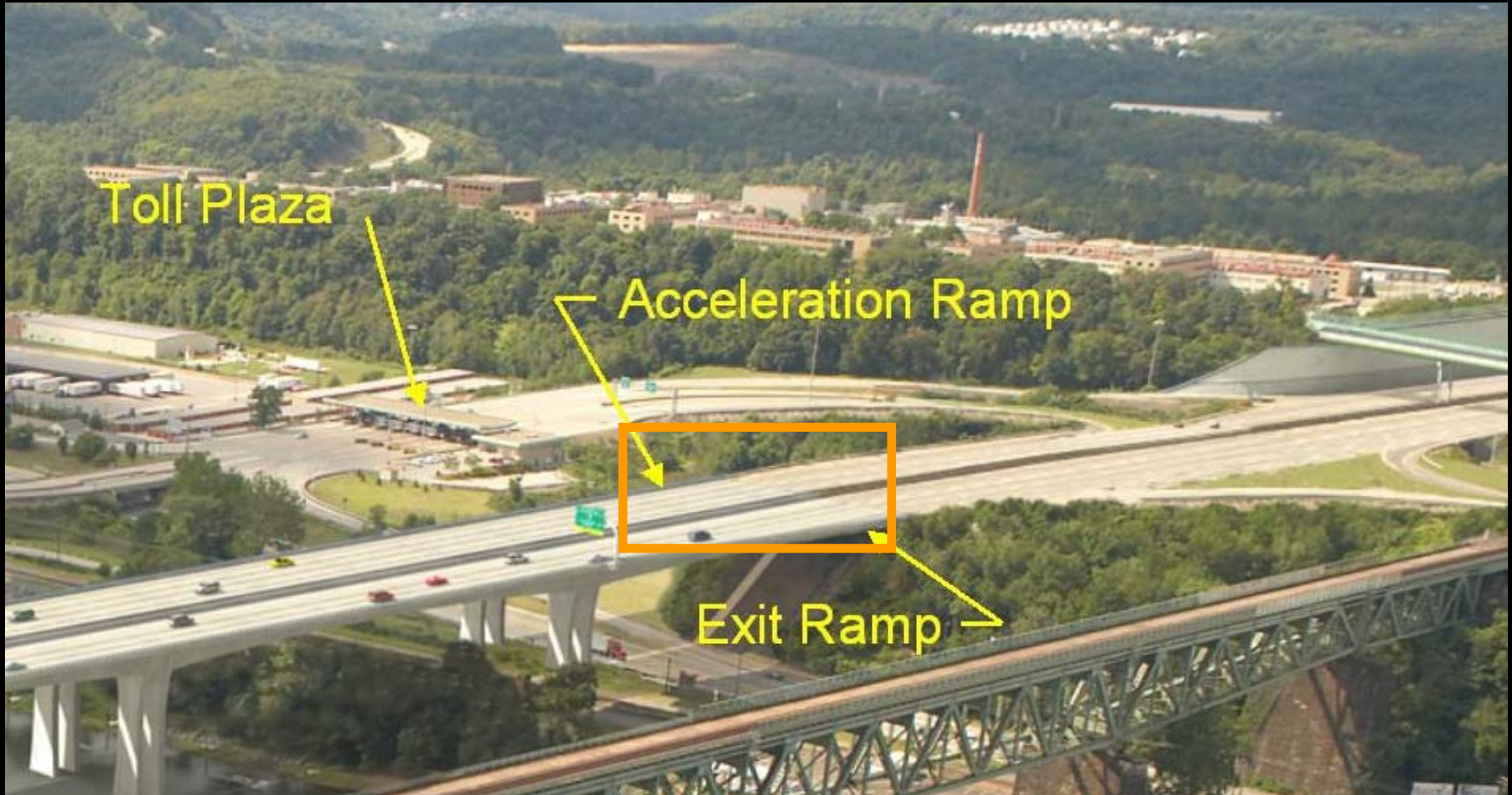
# Segmental Superstructure

Variable Depth



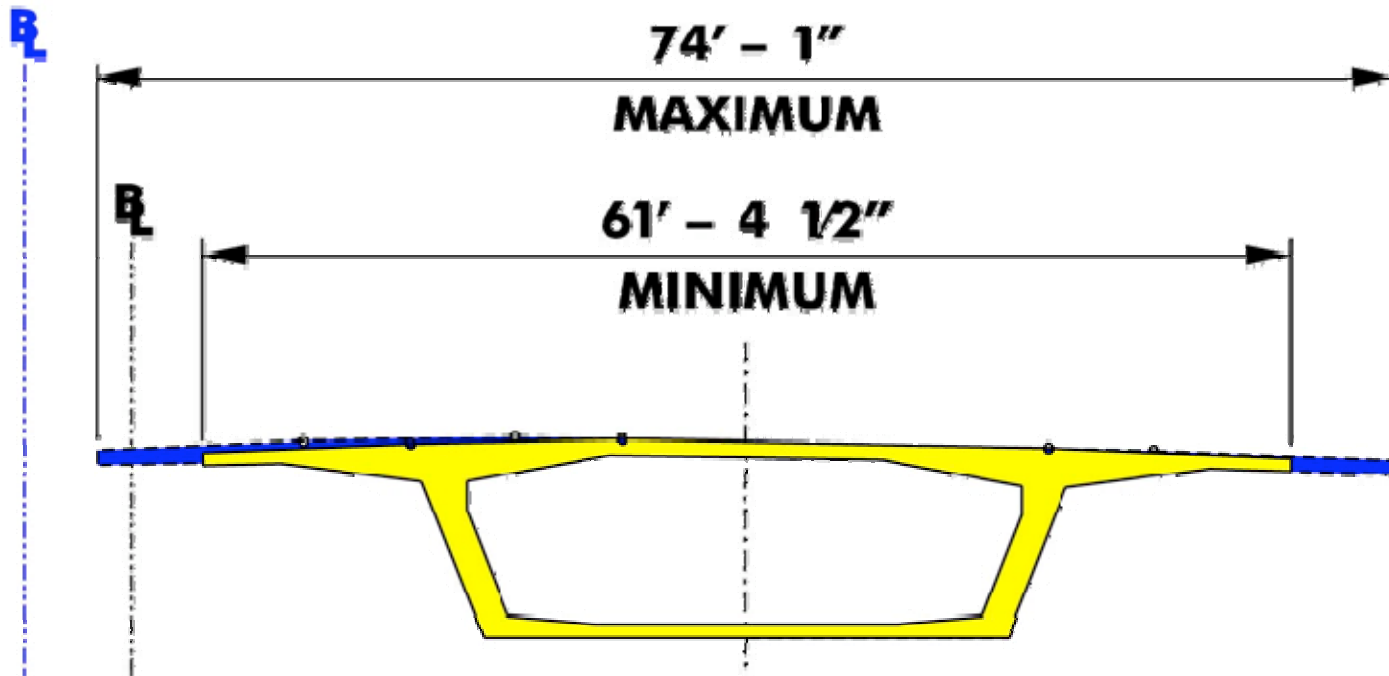
# Variable Width

## Widening at Interchange



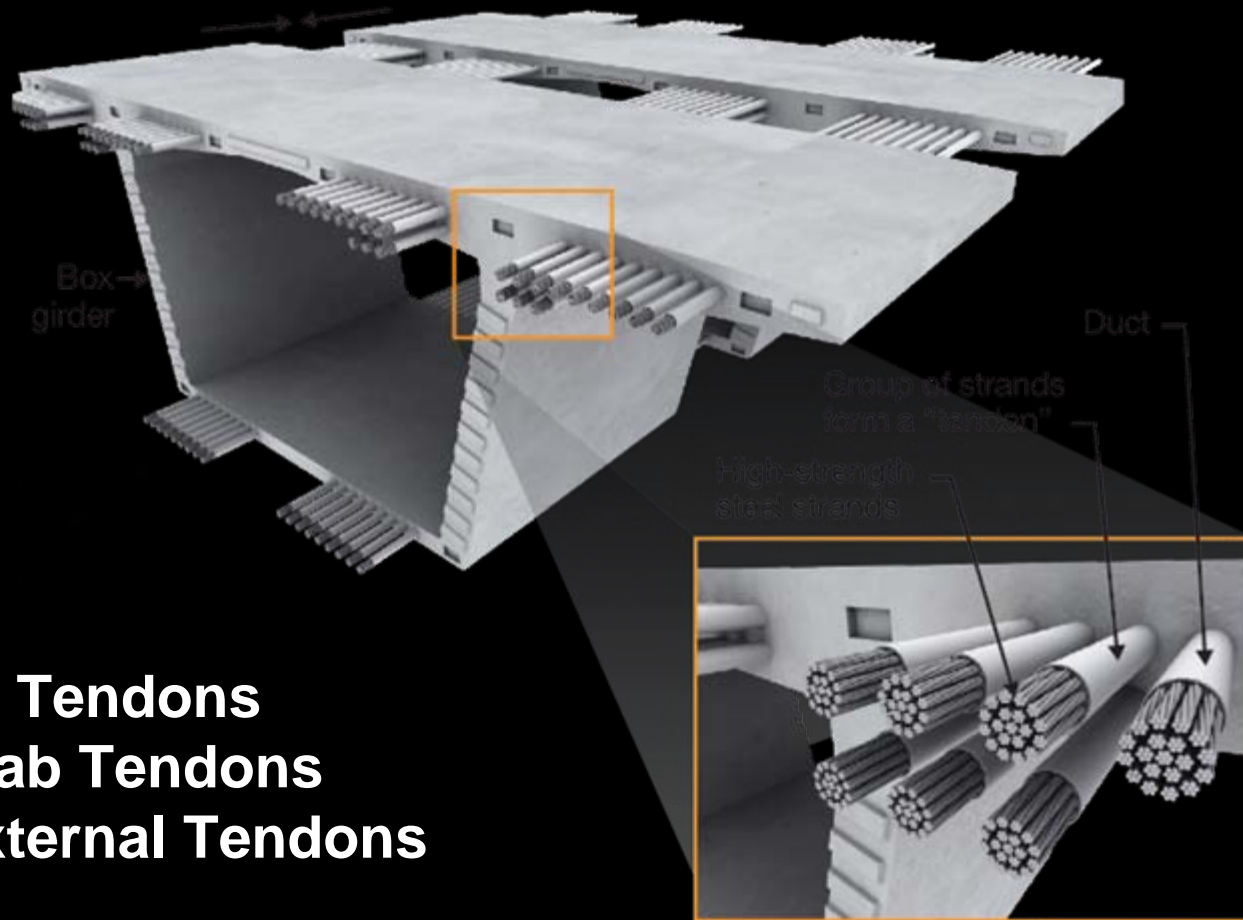
# Accommodating Width Variation

Variable Width



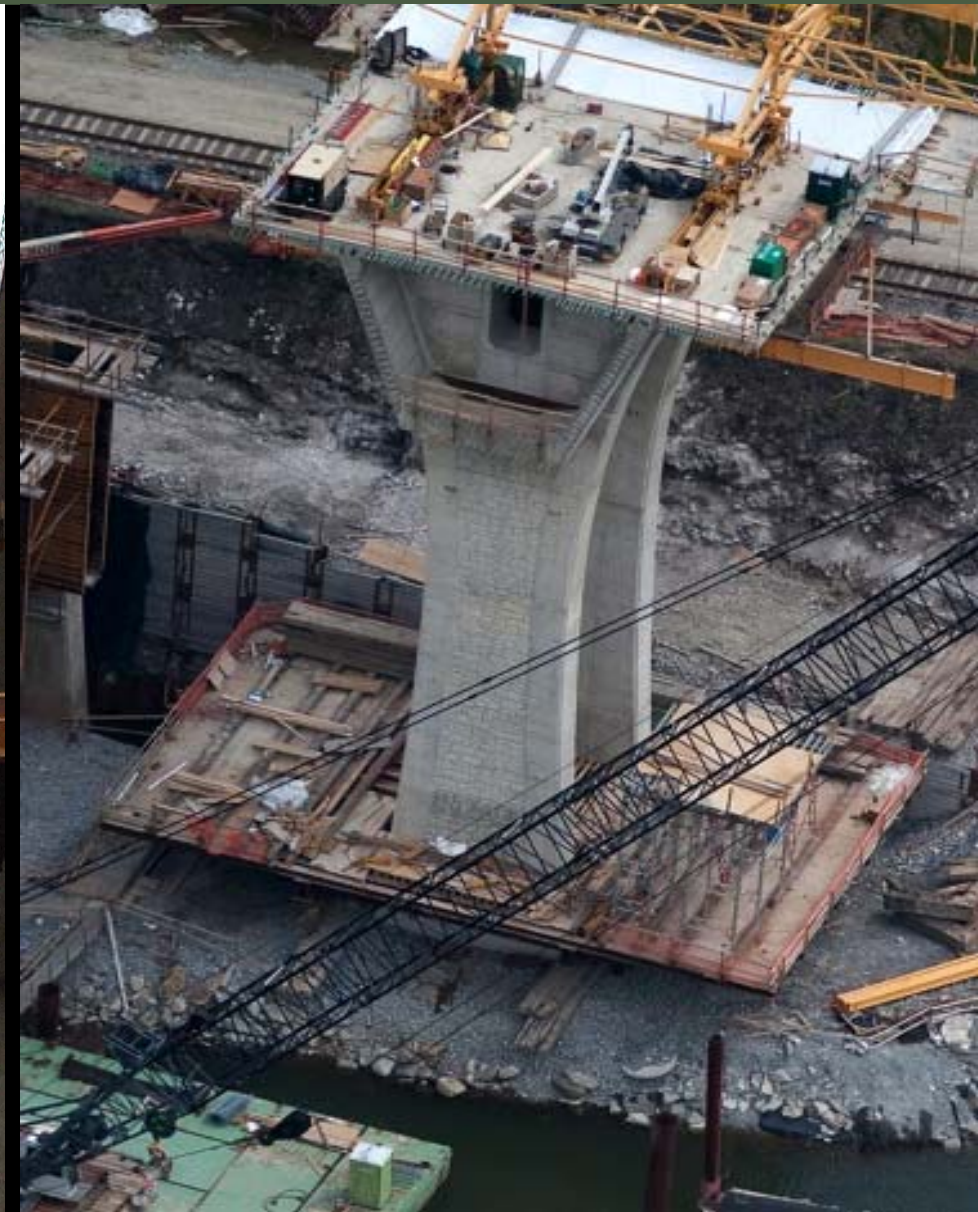
Widening Accommodated in Wings

# Post-Tensioning System



- Cantilever Tendons**
- Bottom Slab Tendons**
- Draped External Tendons**

# Pier Tables



# Form Traveler



# Cantilever Construction





# Cantilever Construction



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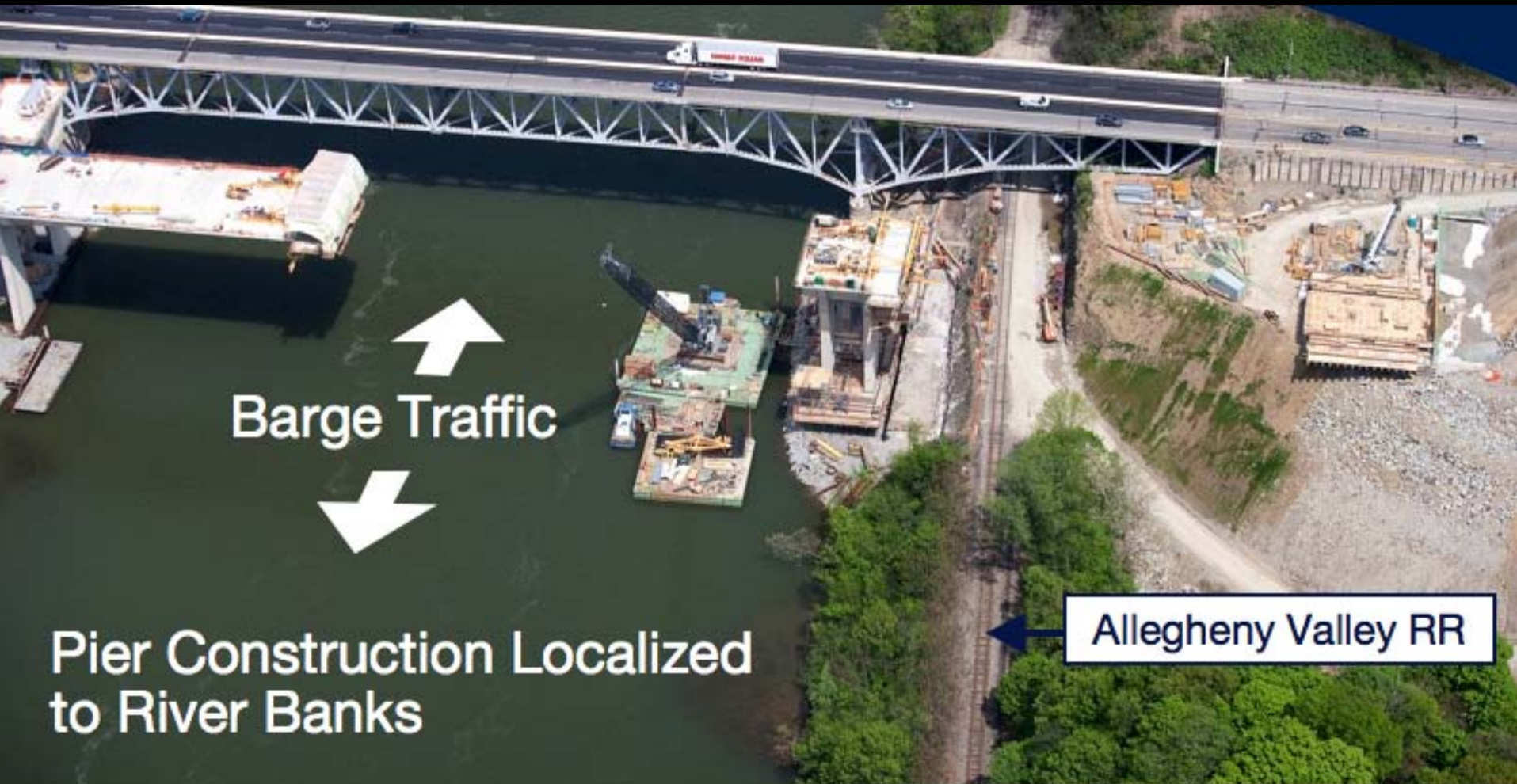
Spans 1 and 2



# Built over Active Traffic



# Built over Active Traffic



Barge Traffic



Pier Construction Localized to River Banks

Allegheny Valley RR

# Historic Oakmont CC

US Open (PGA/LPGA)



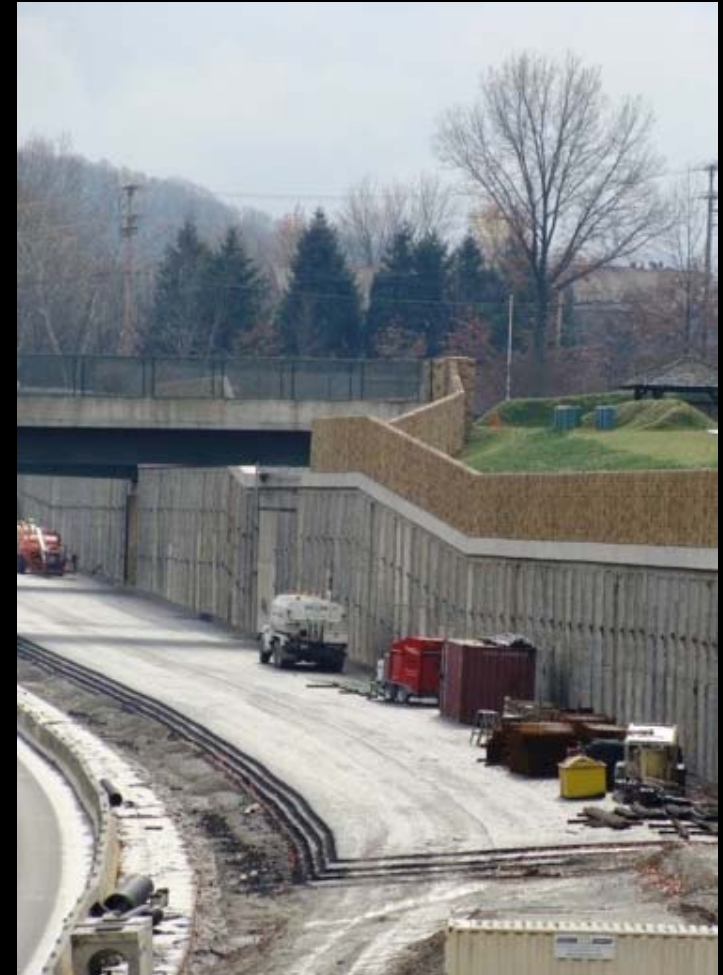
# Texture



# Nearby Stone Work



# Golfer/Spectator Experience



# Wall Treatments





# Pier Treatment



# Mineral Stain Application





ALLEGHENY RIVER BRIDGE

# Segmental Bridge Sustainable Benefits

Modular/fabricated system

Versatile/Enduring Aesthetics

Multiple operations concurrently

Best land use / Least ROW

Construction from Above to  
Maintain Traffic and Protect  
Environment Below



# Segmental Bridge Sustainable Benefits

Creates Quite Usable Spaces Below

Respects the Environment with Small Footprint, Long Spans, Minimal Construction Disturbance

Saves Cost

Accelerated Schedule



# Segmental Bridge Sustainable Benefits

Uses Local Labor and Materials

Spurs Local Economies

High Durability for Low Life Cycle Cost





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4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge



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