The Veterans Memorial Bridge Reno Nevada



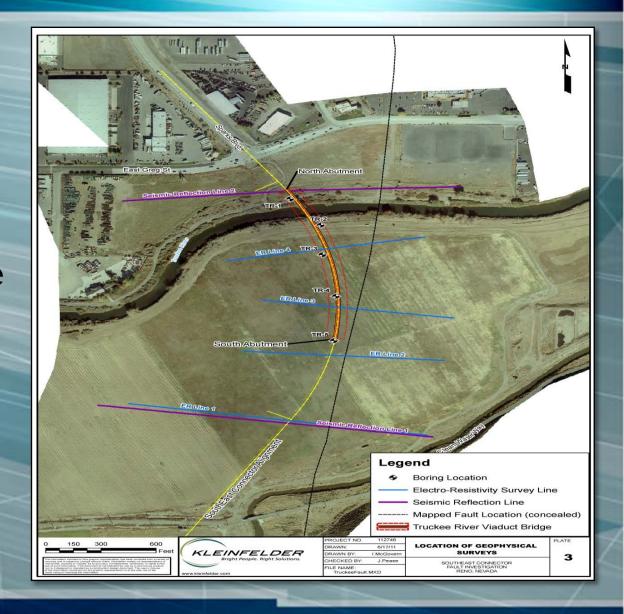
Location: City of Reno and Sparks, NV





Bridge Site Specific Issues:

- Highly Seismic Area, (Zone 4),
 PGA=0.58g
- Adjacent to Fault Rupture Line
- Liquefiable Soils and Lateral Spreading





Fault Rupture Evaluation

- Low displacement: 1.5 feet
- Fault rupture Recurrence Interval, RI: greater than 11,000 years
- Slip Rate: less than 0.2 mm/yr
- Low probability faults



Fault Rupture Mitigation One vs. Two Bridges

- Two bridges advantages:
- Allow to move independently
- Allow more relative displacement
- Increase the overall individual displacement capacity



Soil Liquefaction and Lateral Spreading

Permanent Displacement:

- North Abutment: up to 8.2 inches
- Piers 6 thru 9: up to 3 inches

Seismic Slope Stability Results:

- Yield acceleration: 0.125g to 0.135g
- Soil Lateral Displacement: 0.7 to 0.8 feet



Five Bridge Alternatives Considered:

- Precast Pre-Stressed Girders
- C.I.P. Post-Tensioned Box Girders
- Prismatic Steel Plate Girders
- Haunch Steel Plate Girders
- Combination of Steel Prismatic Plate Girders on the Viaduct and a Steel Arch across the Truckee River.

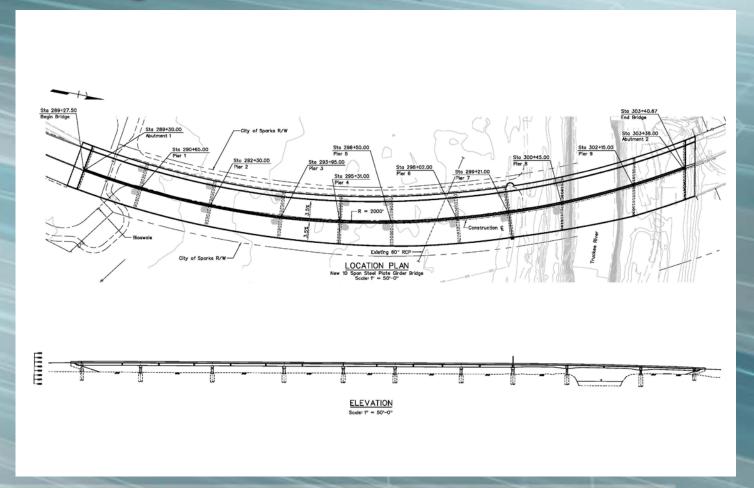


Preferred Alternative: Combination of Steel Prismatic and Haunch Girders



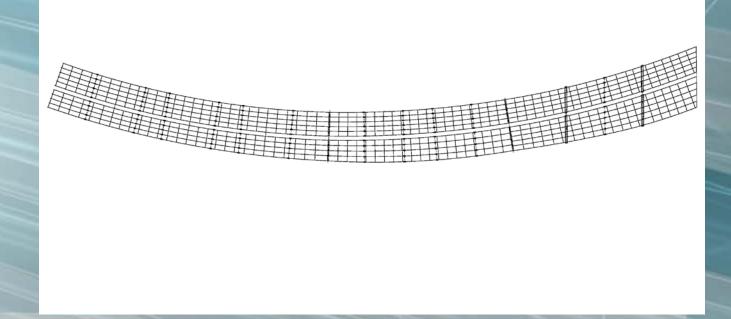


Complex Bridge Geometry



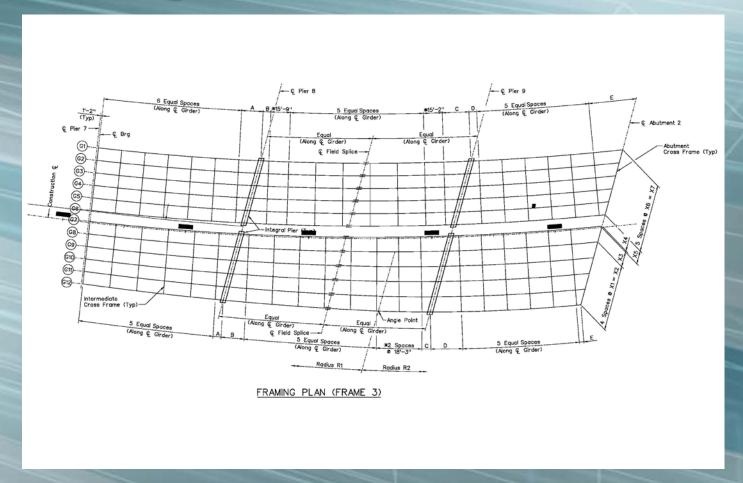


SB Bridge – Concentric Girders NB Bridge – Tapered Girders





NB and SB Bridge –Frame 3





Primary Load Carrying Members

- Plate Girders
- Cross Frames
- Integral Bent Caps

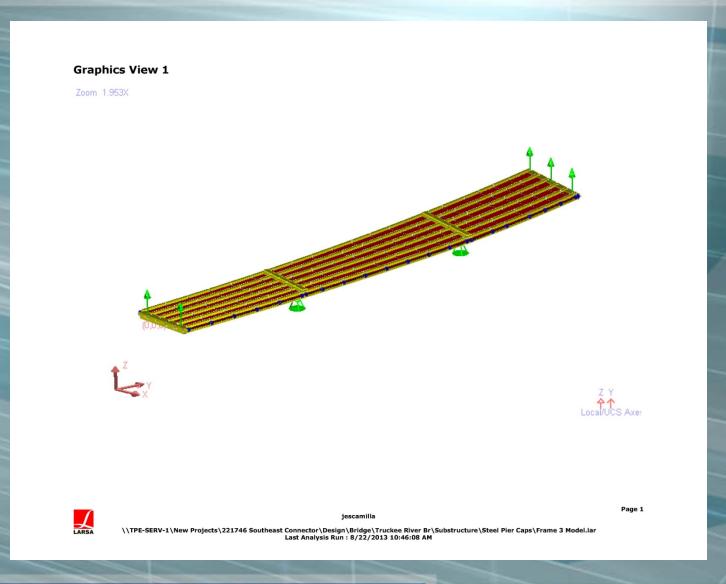


MDX Grid Model Frame 1



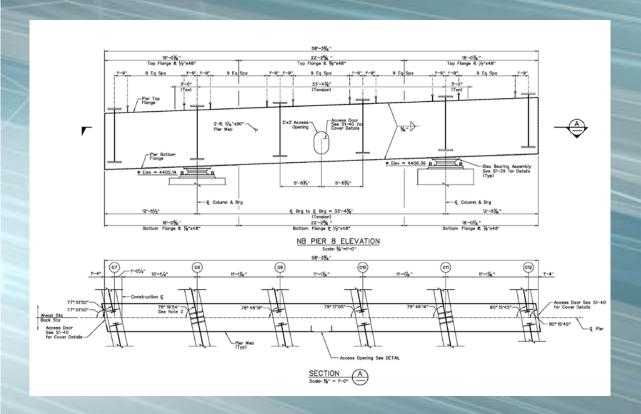


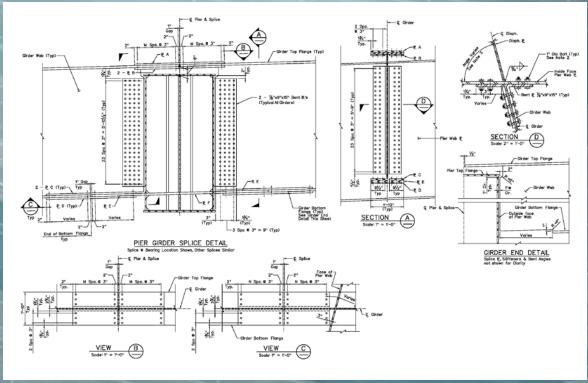
3-D LARSA Model Frame 3





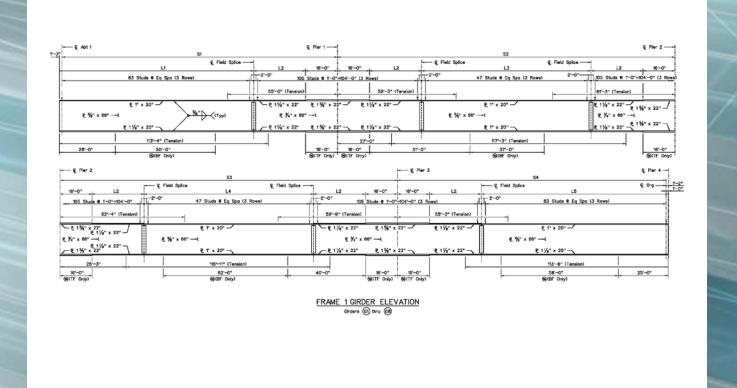
Integral Steel Bent Cap





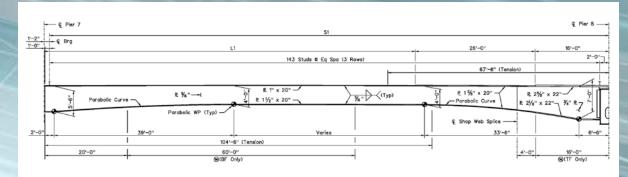


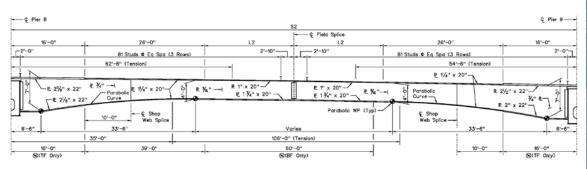
Girder Elevation - Frame 1 & 2



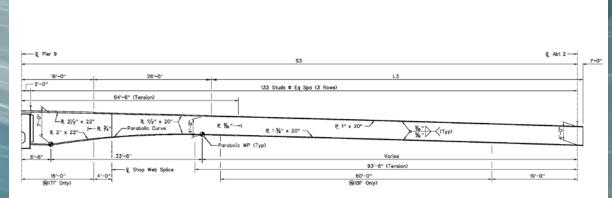


Girder Elevation - Frame 3





FRAME 3 GIRDER ELEVATION
Girders (61) thru (66)



FRAME 3 GIRDER ELEVATION
Girders (61) thru (68)



Bridge Construction Schedule

- Start Date: April, 2013
- Estimated Completion Date: April, 2014



Plate Girder Fabrication Shop



Bed for Plasma Cutter



Plate Girder Fabrication Shop



Heat Curving Girder



Drilling Holes in Web for Field Splice Connection























