History of Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)

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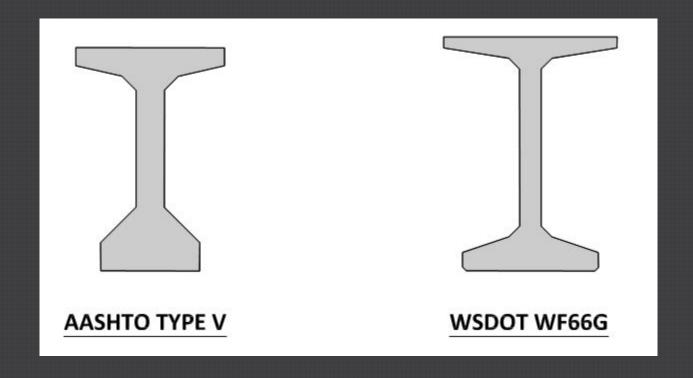
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PPC(Precast Prestressed Concrete) & ABC

Precast Prestressed Concrete Introduced to US in 1951



WSDOT and AASHTO Bridge Girders



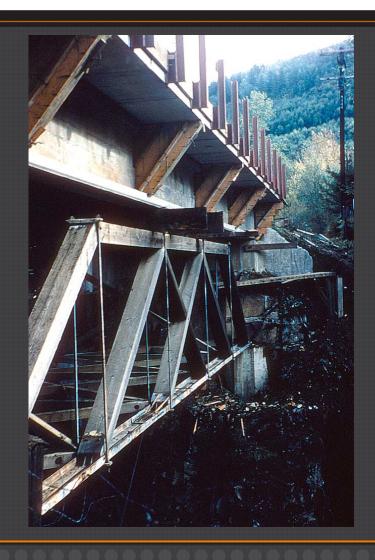


Early Deck-Bulb Tee - 1955





Basket Flat, WA - US-97 - 1957 Spliced-Girder, Simple Span, 3 Pieces





Seattle Monorail – 1962 World's Fair





Seattle Monorail – 1962 World's Fair Erecting Guideway Piers

"Temporary Structure" Which is Still in Operation





Seattle Monorail – 1962 World's Fair Erecting Guideway Beams



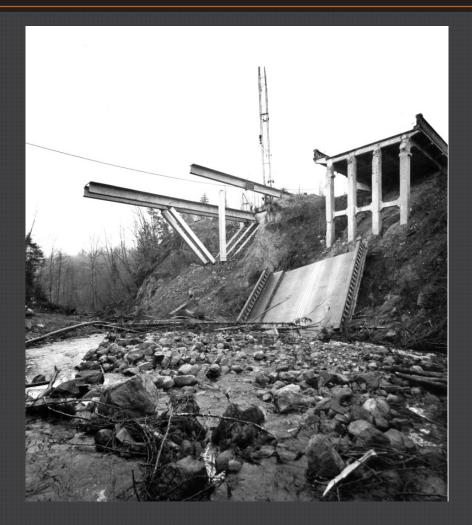


Kenmore Interceptor – 1965 Complete "Bridge" Underwater





Scatter Creek, WA - SR 410 - 1965 Weyerhaueser Mill Road Flood Replacement





1950s Log Truck Loading Practice

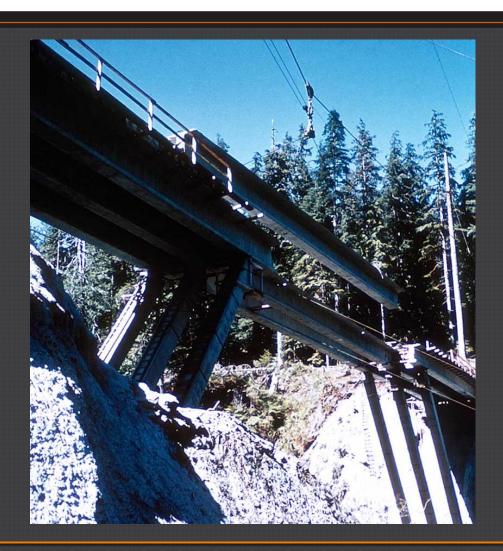


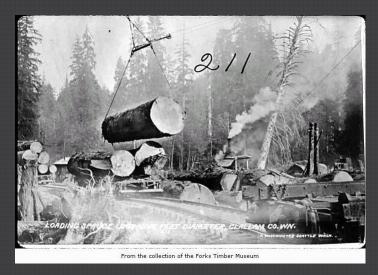
Scatter Creek – Girder and Leg Erection





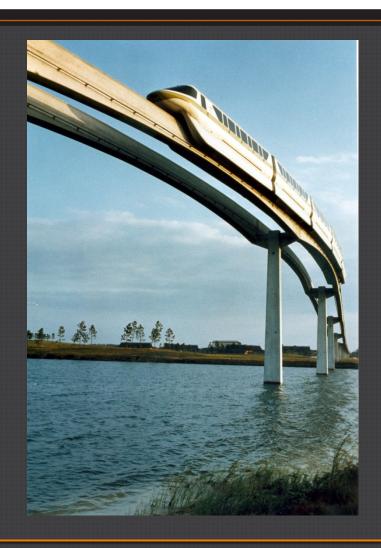
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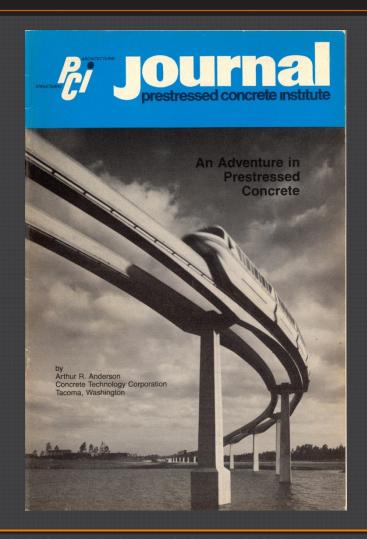






Walt Disney World Monorail - 1970







Walt Disney World Monorail - 1970 Shipping Curved Beams from Tacoma, WA





Disney – Precast Pier and Early Beam Erection Scheme - 1970



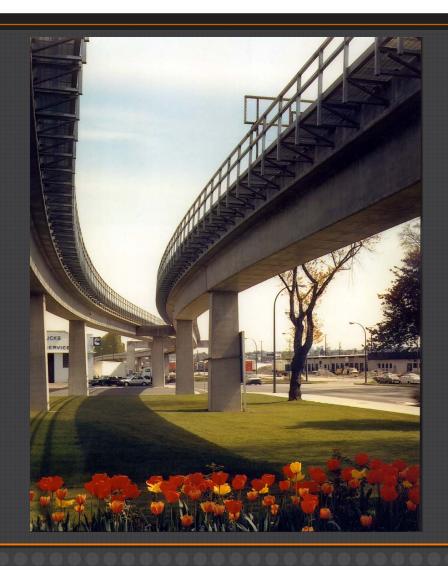


Disney (Epcot) – Precast Pier and Later Beam Erection Scheme - 1981





Vancouver SkyTrain - 1986





Vancouver SkyTrain Precast Concrete Guideway Beams



Typical 30m Guideway Beam



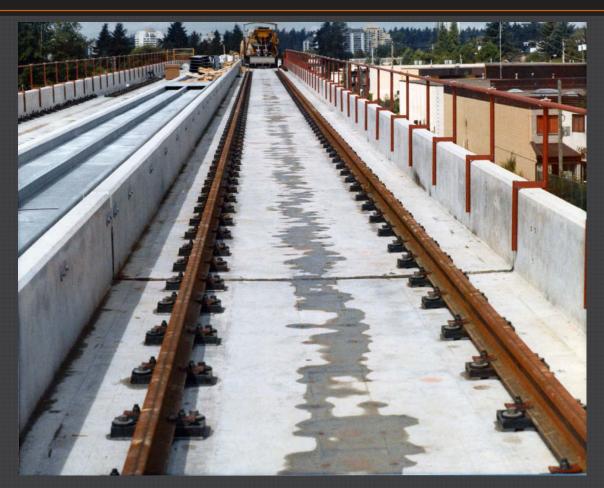
Vancouver SkyTrain Precast Concrete Guideway Beams



Inserts for rail and LIM rail cast into beam deck



Vancouver SkyTrain Precast Concrete Guideway Beams



Rail and direct fixation fastener secured directly to beam deck



Vancouver SkyTrain Extended Spans





Detroit CATS - 1988 Horizontally Curved PC Guideway Beams





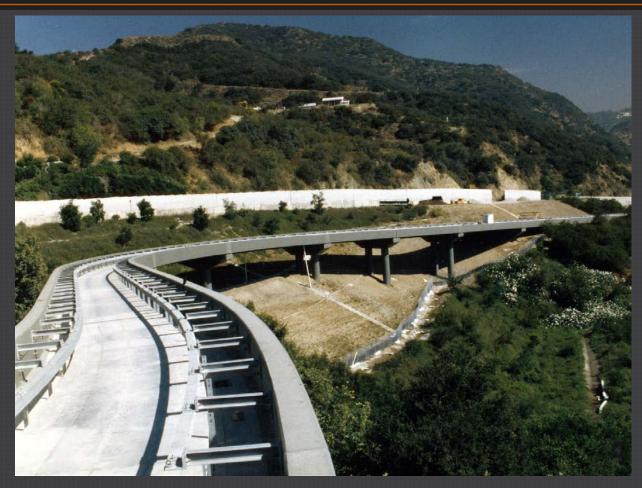
Getty Center Tramway - 1993







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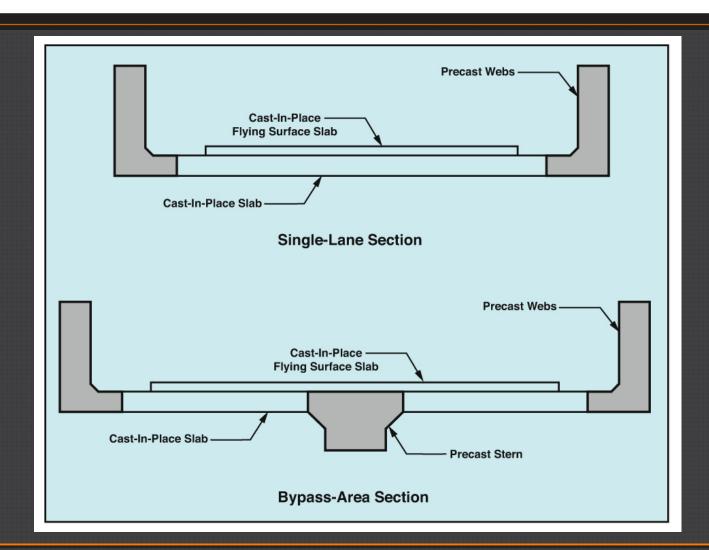


Guide rails secured to precast web elements



Getty Center Tramway

Tramway
Typical Sections





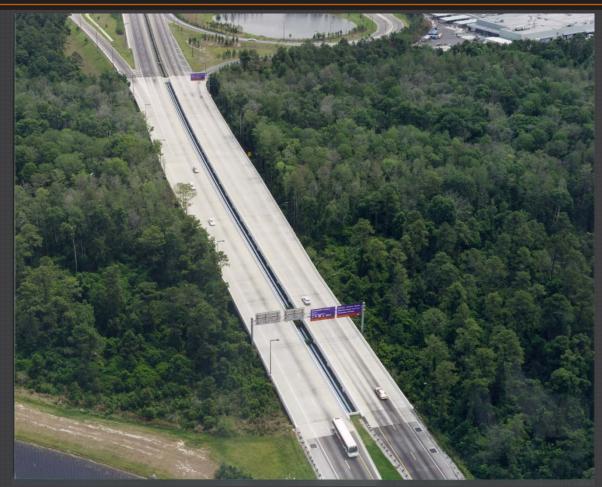
Reedy Creek - 1997







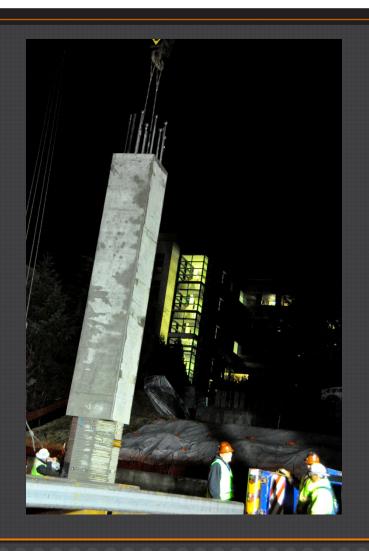
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Completed bridge is just feet from wetland trees



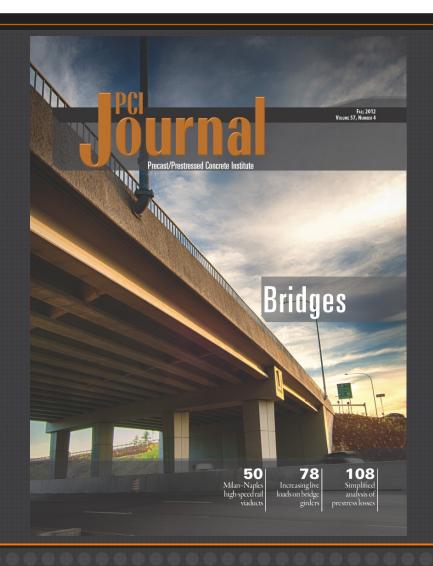
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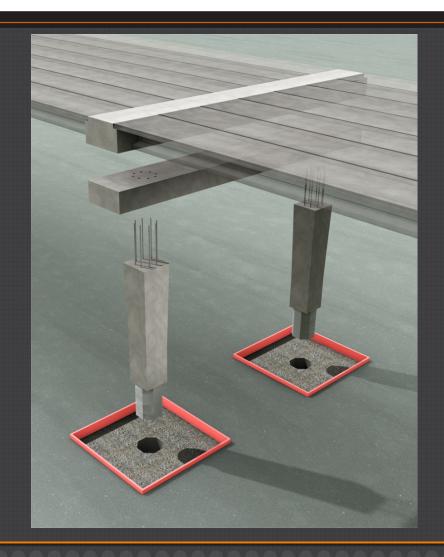


Highways for LIFE Demonstration Project – 2011 I-5 at Ground Mound, WA





Highways for LIFE Demonstration Project Precast Bent System Concept



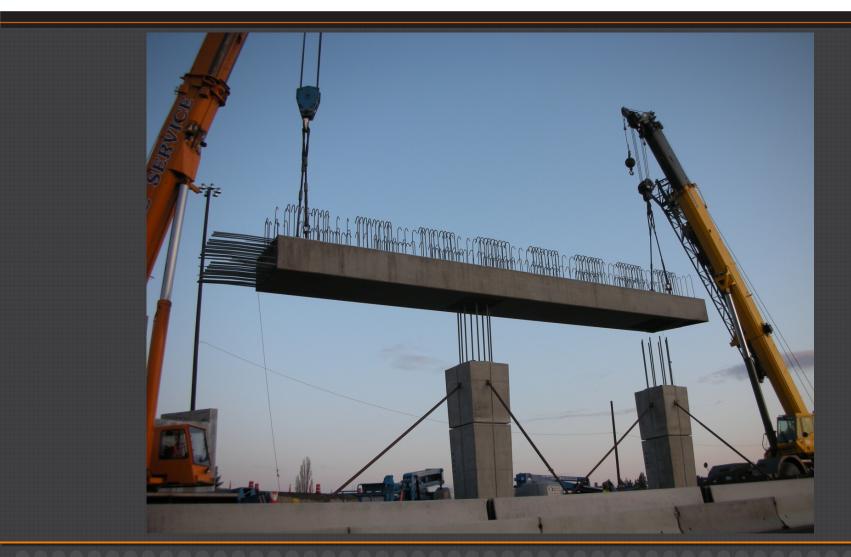


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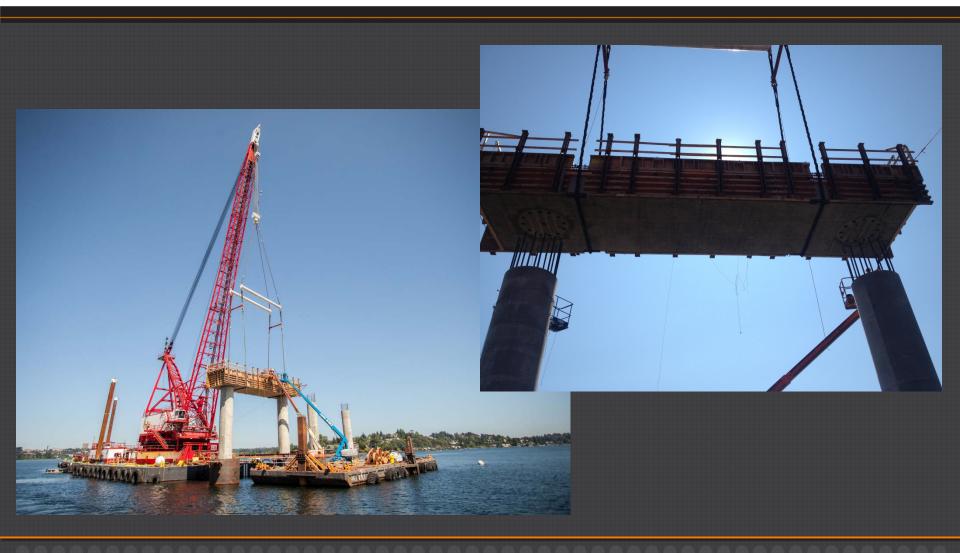


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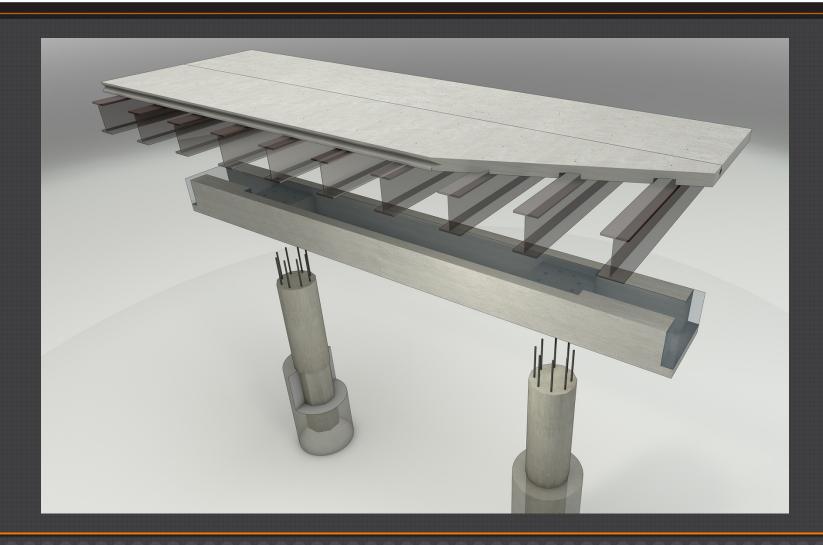


SR 520 Floating Bridge & Landings - 2013 Precast Crossbeam – Pier 36





Boeing Bridge – Current Full-Depth Precast Concrete Bridge Deck





Future of ABC

Limited only by our own Imagination

- Increased Durability
- Improved Seismic Connections
- Use of Alternate Materials
- Use of Higher Performance Concrete/Steel



Thank You!

Questions?

