

Glenwood Connector Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge: Minimizing Environmental Impacts Through Sustainable Materials and Minimal Project Footprint

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Why a Bridge Viaduct?

Pedestrian Path Dead End at the Springfield -Eugene City Limits

- No controlled crossing in the area required pedestrians and bicycles to cross 4 lanes of traffic
- No space for sidewalk along McKenzie Hwy







Pirates Cove

Similar Project North of Depoe Bay





Before

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After

Similar Solution - Extend the River Front Bike Path West along the River

Existing Detour Structure

Demolition and Removal Required



Opportunity

Existing precast box girders were available from the detour structure



Advantage - Sustainability

- Reusing the box girders provided a sustainable and green solution to providing a viaduct structure
- Cost savings for reusing salvaged beams already on site
- Avoid storage of Beams, ODOT retained ownership

Site Challenges

Access Limitations for Construction



Site Challenges

- Preserve the historic Mill Race Ruins
- Provide a viewing platform out of the typical jogging/bike path
- Coordinate with Willamette River Bridge Construction
 - Some elements of the viaduct needed to be constructed before the WRB was completed to allow for construction equipment to operate.



Opportunity

 Discontinuous Site Access for Construction of Foundations

Avoid
Falsework
along the
River Bank



Photo Courtesy Michael Kelley - OBDP

Advantage – ABC Design Techniques

- Use drilled shaft foundations with Hammer head configuration
- Use steel shells on columns as stay-in-place forms
- Precast Hammer heads, ABC design techniques, "Emulative" design



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Solution and Implementation

- Using the CMGC Process the Design and Construction Teams Developed a Solution Tailored to These Parameters:
 - Drilled Shaft Foundations
 - Discrete and Well Contained Construction Along River Bank
 - Precast Hammer Head caps
 - Avoid Falsework Support for Cast-in-Place
 - Stay-in-Place Steel Shell Used as a Column Form
 - Avoid Column Form Stripping Near Waterway

Basic Design Concept



Cap to column connection





- Connection from column to shaft with pipe casing
- Using box girders on a curved alignment created added joint detailing



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 Conduit for lighting required creative placement of conduit in retrofit curb



- Adapting/Repurposing Existing Box Girders
 - Refinishing of Existing Girders



Something to Consider when repurposing, to obtain a clean finish requires hand work at relatively high expense

Retrofit of curb to Box Girder



Requires Large Number of Epoxy Anchor Bars Installed

Interesting Design - Staircase



Access to the Ground to View the Mill Race Ruins Required special dispensation for a non-ADA access











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Ensure proper placement of threaded rods before concrete is cast



Careful Placement Specifications required, should always check and double check. The bottom could have been raised slightly to avoid the short bar as shown.

All bolting hardware can be black, and was. Should avoid hot dip galvanizing of high strength rods



- The portion of bolts in the column required sleeves to ensure proper determination of tensioning force
 - Use of corrugated sleeve has excellent performance

- Specify a class II finish on the exterior of reused beams to help with aesthetics
 - Can be costly, lots of hand work to accomplish





- Difficulty with casing connection into drilled shaft
- Some grout tubes were plugged or crimped
 - Required retrofit for placement, perhaps specify steel?



QUESTIONS?



Owner – City of Springfield Contract Admin – ODOT Region 2, Springfield Office Bridge Engineer – TY Lin International Contractor – Hamilton Construction in Joint Venture w/ Slayden Construction Alignment/Civil- OBEC Construction Inspection – Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners