

Design and Construction of the SR 520 West Approach Bridge North

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OBJECTIVES

01 Introduction to Project ←

02 Project Setting

03 Project Constraints

04 Structural Design Criteria

05 Bridge Design

06 Bridge Construction



WEST APPROACH BRIDGE – LOCATION

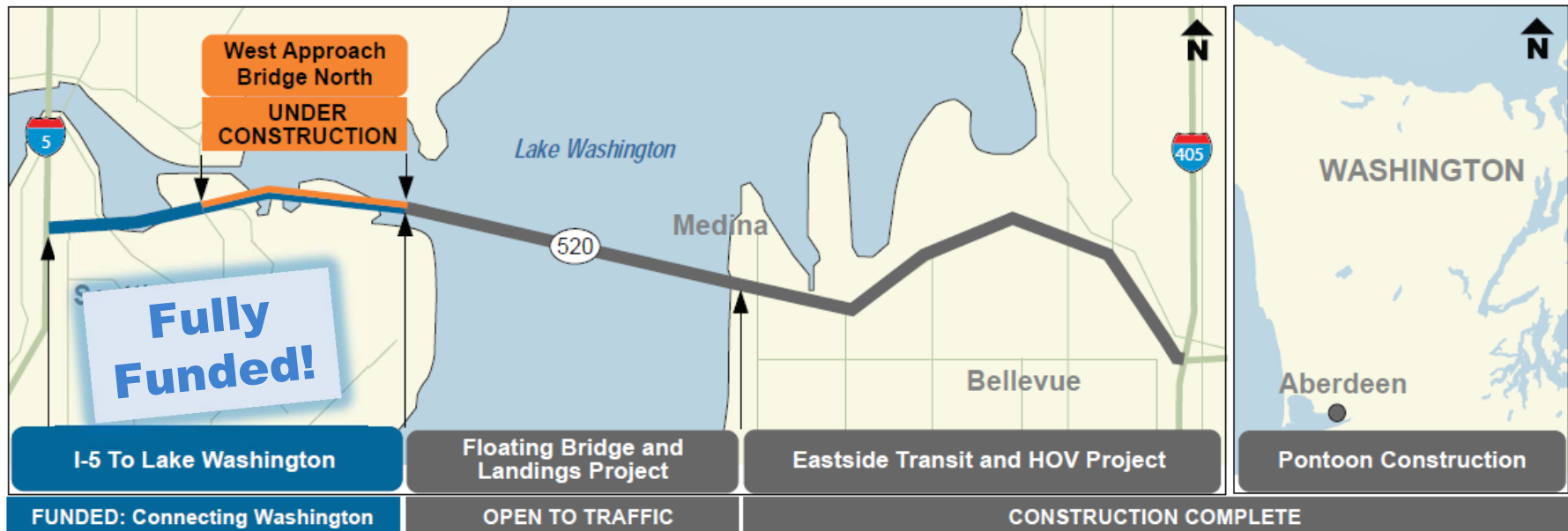


SR 520 PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve safety and reliability
- Increase mobility for people and goods
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate the project effects on the environment and neighborhoods



SR 520 PROGRAM OVERVIEW



FLOATING BRIDGE OPEN TO TRAFFIC



Grand Opening April 2 – 3, 2016



Open to Traffic on April 11, 2012, looking west from Medina.

REMOVAL OF THE OLD FLOATING BRIDGE

- Crews plan to remove the entire old floating bridge by the end of 2016.



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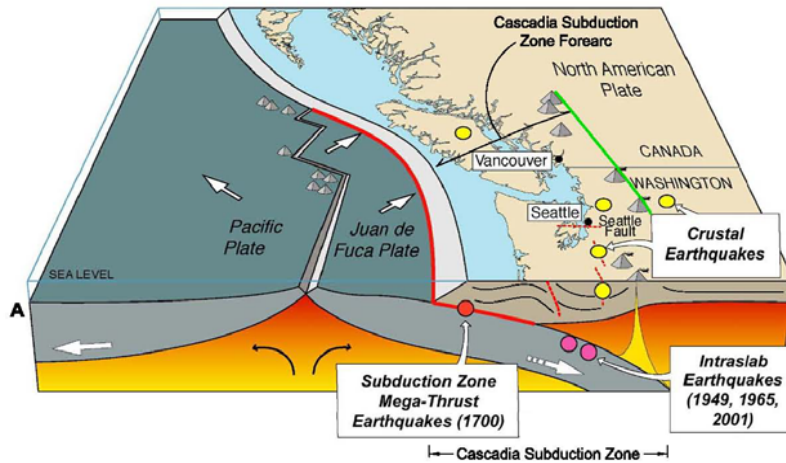
PROJECT SETTING

- Major intersection and connections
- Wetlands
- Parklands
- Urban neighborhoods
- University property
- Navigable waterways
- Recreational waters
- Endangered species habitat
- Tribal fishing waters
- Historical and cultural resources
- Earthquake hazard from Cascadia subduction zone



NORTHWEST REGION SEISMIC SETTING

- Cascadia Subduction Zone
 - Interplate Mega-Thrust Earthquakes - $M_{Max} = 9.2$
 - Intraslab Earthquakes - $M_{Max} = 7.5$



TYPICAL GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTION
Not to Scale

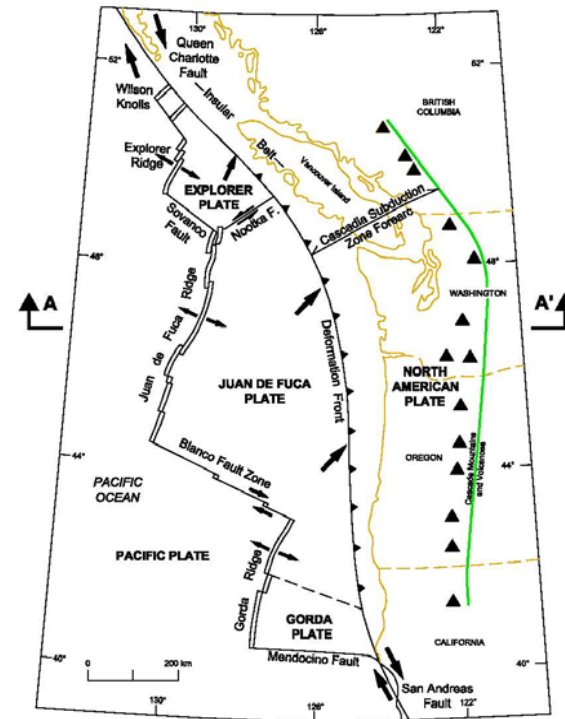
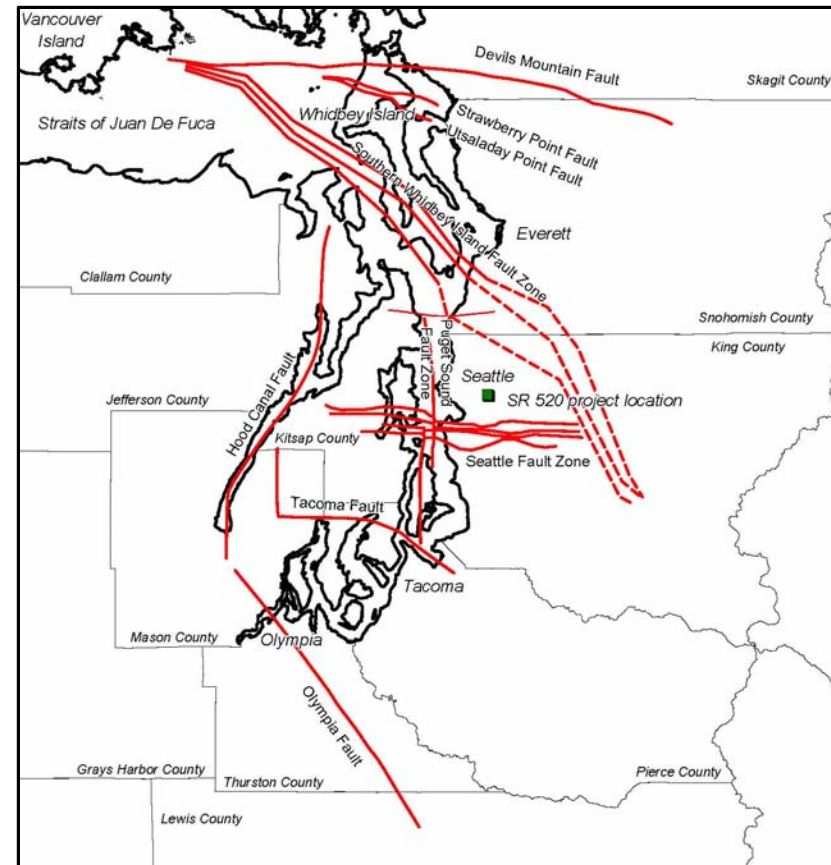


PLATE BOUNDARIES

LEGEND
▲ Typical Geologic Cross Section Location

PUGET SOUND REGION SEISMIC SETTING

- Numerous crustal faults
- Significant sources:
 - Seattle Fault Zone (Less than 6 miles from the SR 520 Project)
 - South Whidbey Island Fault Zone
- These two sources are thought to be capable of $M_{Max} = 7.5$

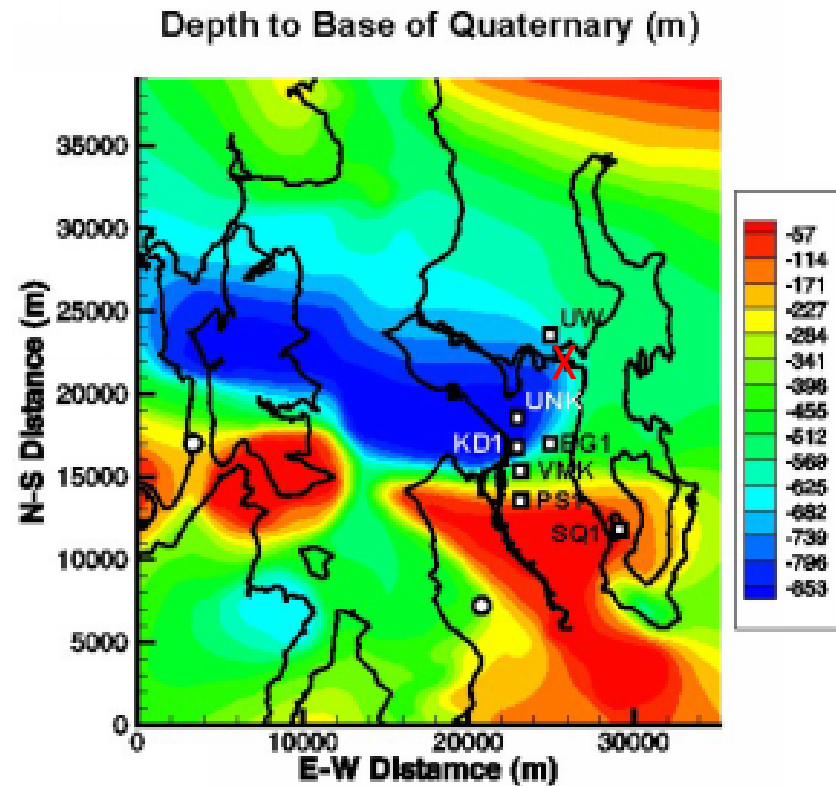


SEATTLE BASIN EFFECT

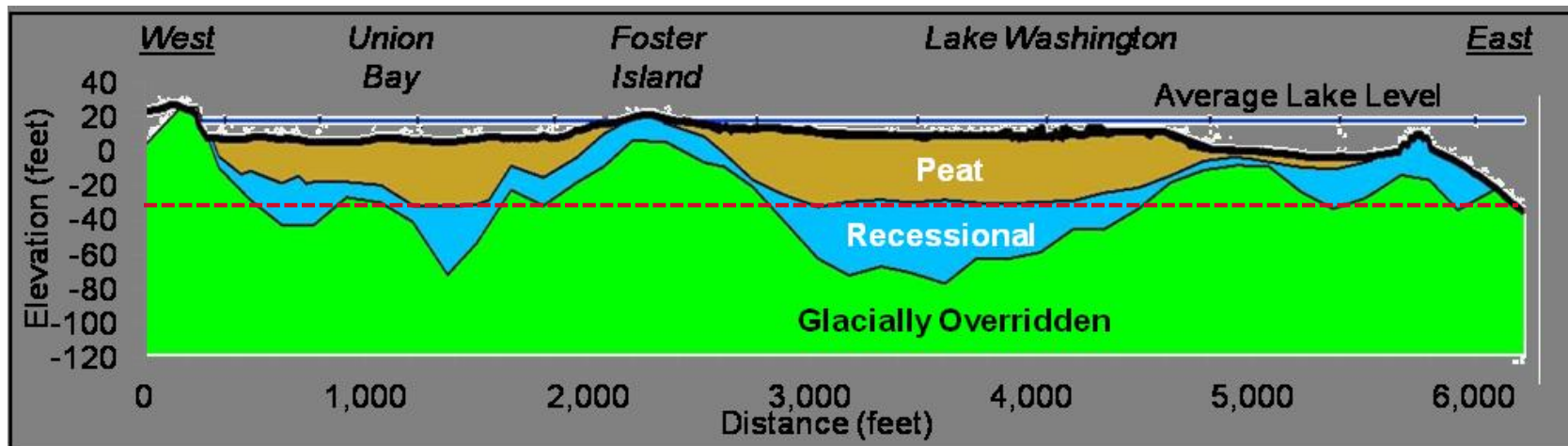


Seismic Hazard Maps for Seattle, Washington, Incorporating 3D Sedimentary Basin Effects, Nonlinear Site Response, and Rupture Directivity

By Arthur D. Frankel, William J. Stephenson, David L. Carver, Robert A. Williams, Jack K. Odum, and Susan Rhea



WABN - SUBSURFACE PROFILE



- Peat from 6 ft to 40 ft deep
- Soft soils from 6 ft to 80 ft deep

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PROJECT CONSTRAINTS

- Maintenance of Traffic
- Maintain 44' Navigation Clearance
- Compatibility with Existing Structures and Structures under Construction
- Compatibility with Local Geology and Geography
- Minimize Environmental Impacts to:
 - Ecosystems and Neighborhoods
 - Water, Noise, Air and Visual Quality
 - Endangered Species
- Tribal Commitments
- Forward Compatibility with Future Construction and Light Rail



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ESSENTIAL BRIDGE DESIGNATION

- A reliable lake crossing is essential to the post – earthquake emergency mobility of the entire region.
- Combined average daily traffic across the lake on I-90 and SR 520 is about 220,000 trips.
- I-90 bridges across Lake Washington were not designed to current seismic standards.
- In October 2009 WSDOT designated the mainline bridges on the SR 520 corridor as “essential” bridges.

WSDOT ESSENTIAL BRIDGE CRITERIA



- Essential bridges should be open to emergency traffic immediately after the design earthquake and open to all traffic within days.
- Performance objective is to be capable of essential vehicle service immediately after the 1000 year return period event.
- Requires site specific hazard and ground motion response analysis.
- Places more stringent limits on concrete and steel strains.
- Requires consideration of vertical effects of ground motion on the superstructure.



WSDOT CRITERIA FOR BRIDGES SUBJECTED TO LIGHT RAIL LOADING

- Released Nov. 18, 2010.
- Specifies seismic analysis requirements for WSDOT bridges carrying light rail.
- Requires that the mass of an AW1 light rail vehicle be included in the seismic analysis.
- Requires that the live load of AW1 light rail vehicle be applied concurrently with the seismic load.

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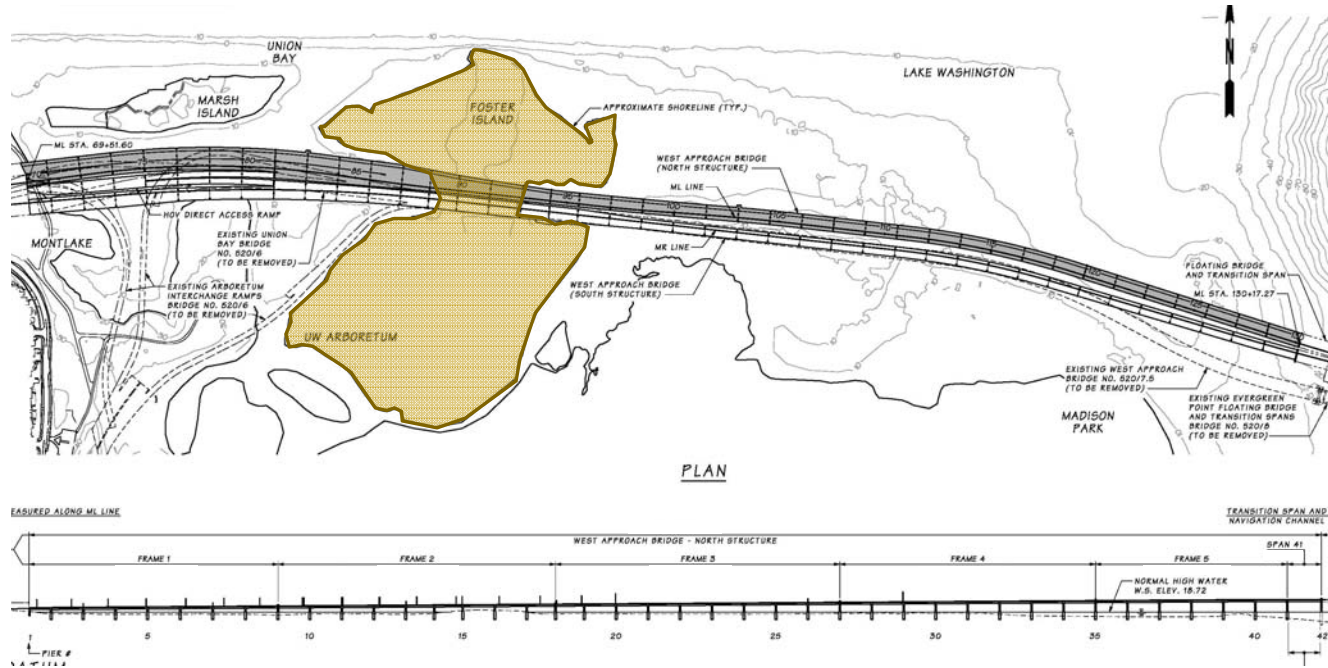
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BRIDGE DESIGN – OVERALL STATISTICS



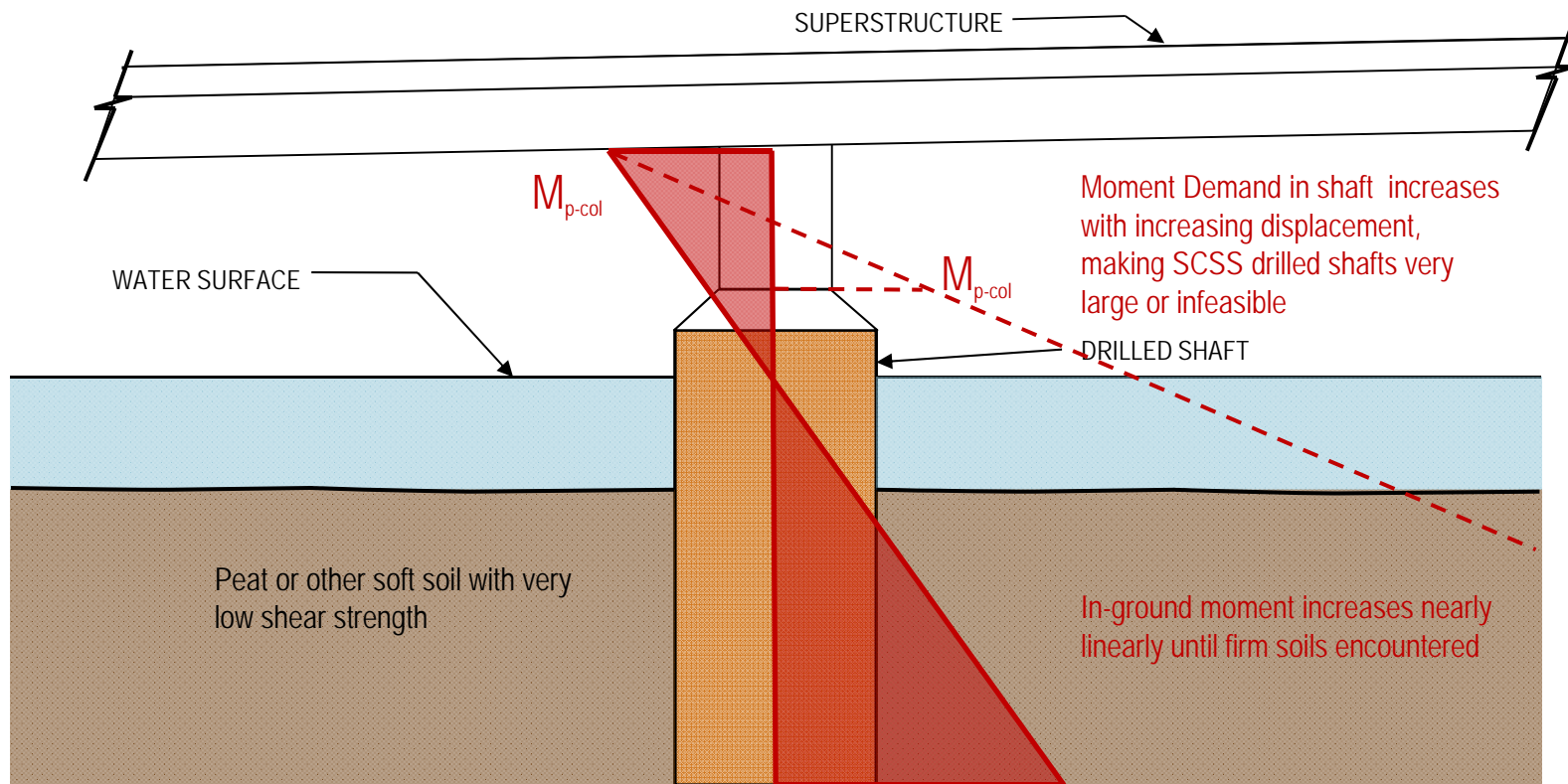
- Deck area = 500,000 sf (approx.)
- Average width = 81 ft (typ. = 65 .4 ft, Max = 137')
- Number of columns = 95
- Column heights vary from 4 ft to 40 ft. (0.7% Slope)
- Prestressed girders : WF74G (TYP.), One span WF66G, and WF83G
- Typical span length = 150'
- Single column /single shaft foundations (8' to 12' dia. Shafts)
- S-Curves with 4100' radius and super-elevation transitions

NOTEWORTHY BRIDGE DESIGN FEATURES

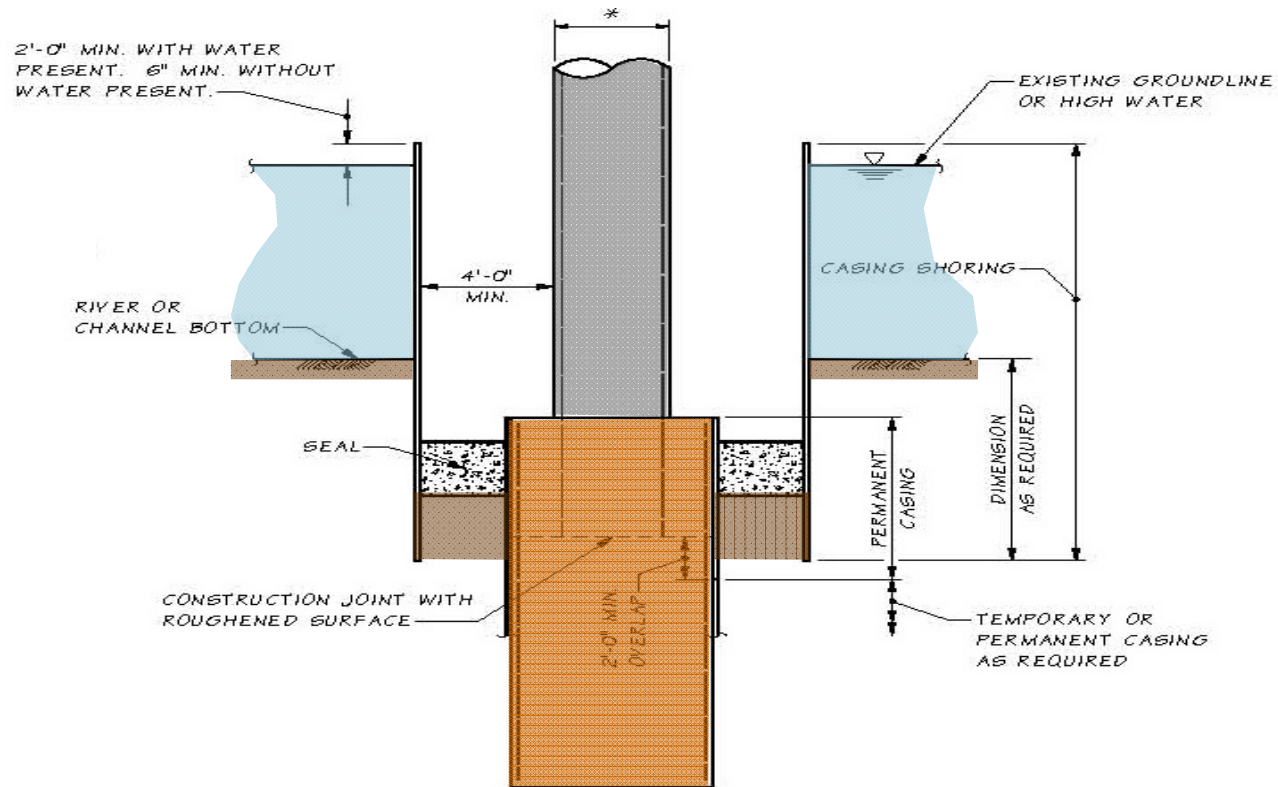
- Utilizes Seismic Isolation
- Incorporates Uniquely Shaped Cantilever Columns without Crossbeams
- Has Unique Bridge Drainage System Details
- Employs Noise Reducing Modular Expansion Joints
- Requires Extensive Work Access Structures
- Requires a Specialized Falsework System



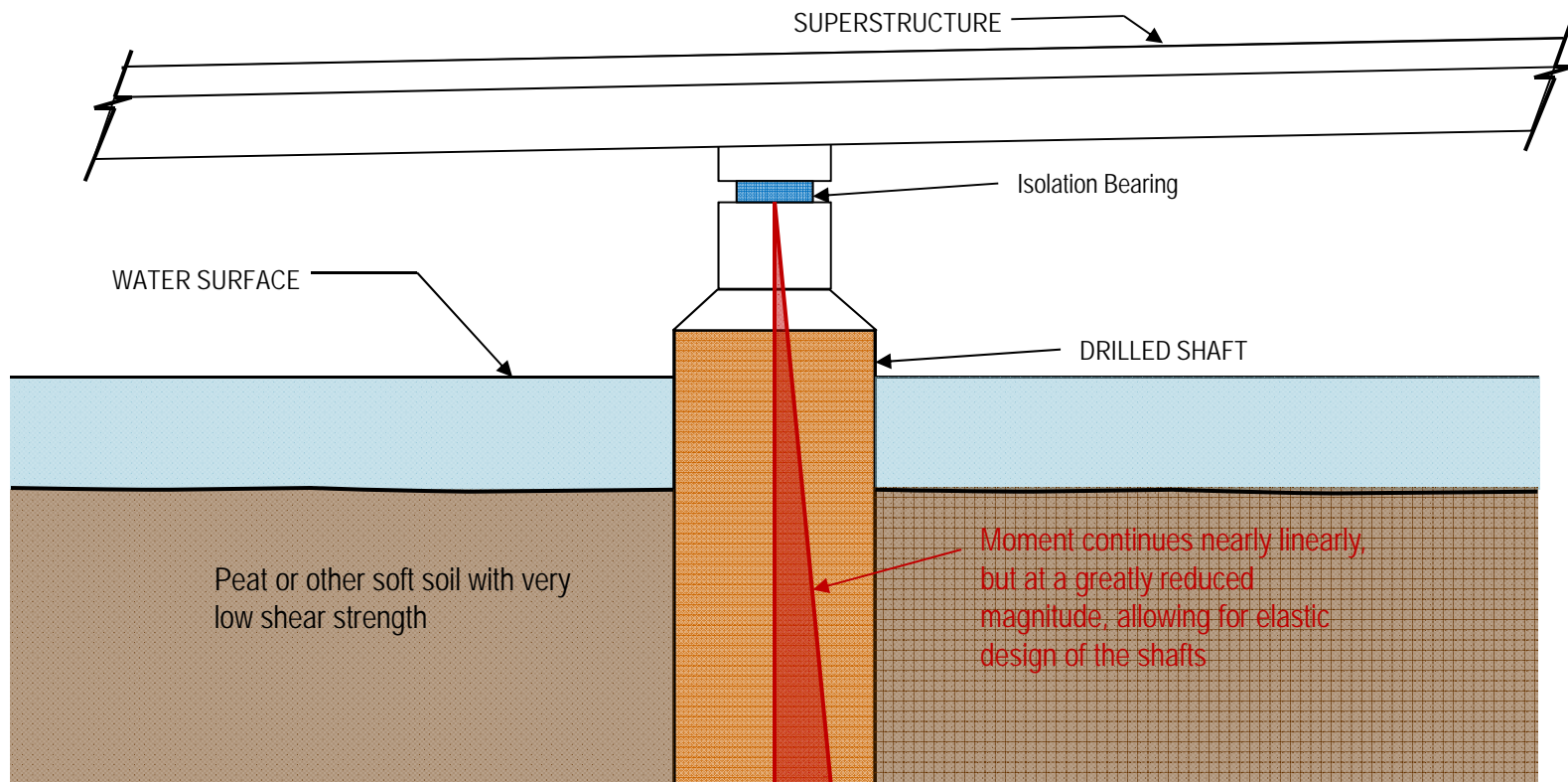
SHORT COLUMNS AND SOFT SOILS POSE CHALLENGES FOR CONVENTIONAL SEISMIC DESIGN



A CONVENTIONAL SOLUTION IS CASING SHORING

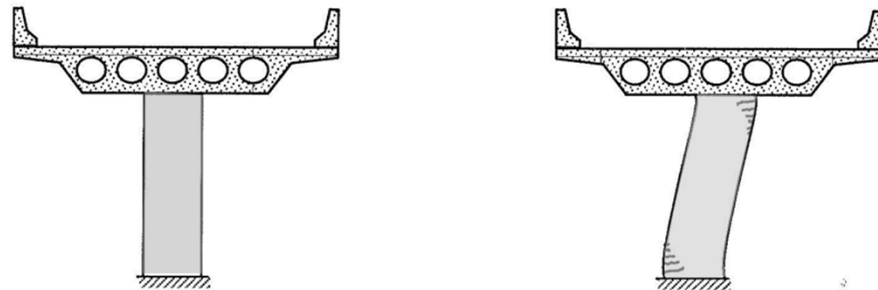


SEISMIC ISOLATION ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR CASING SHORING

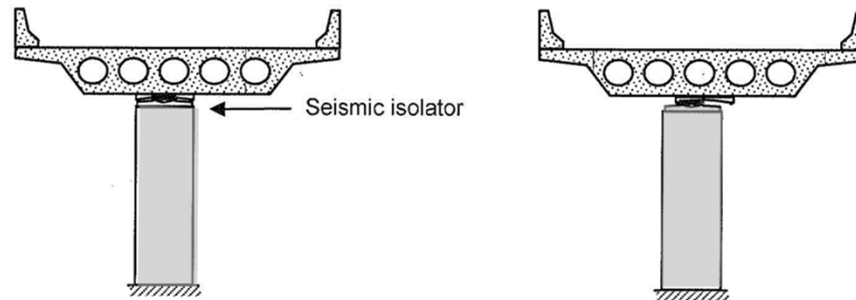


BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SEISMIC ISOLATION

- Accommodates structure displacement in specially designed bearings
- Lengthens the structures fundamental period
- Adds damping to the system
- Reduces structure acceleration
- Reduces structure force demands
- Can increase structure displacement demands

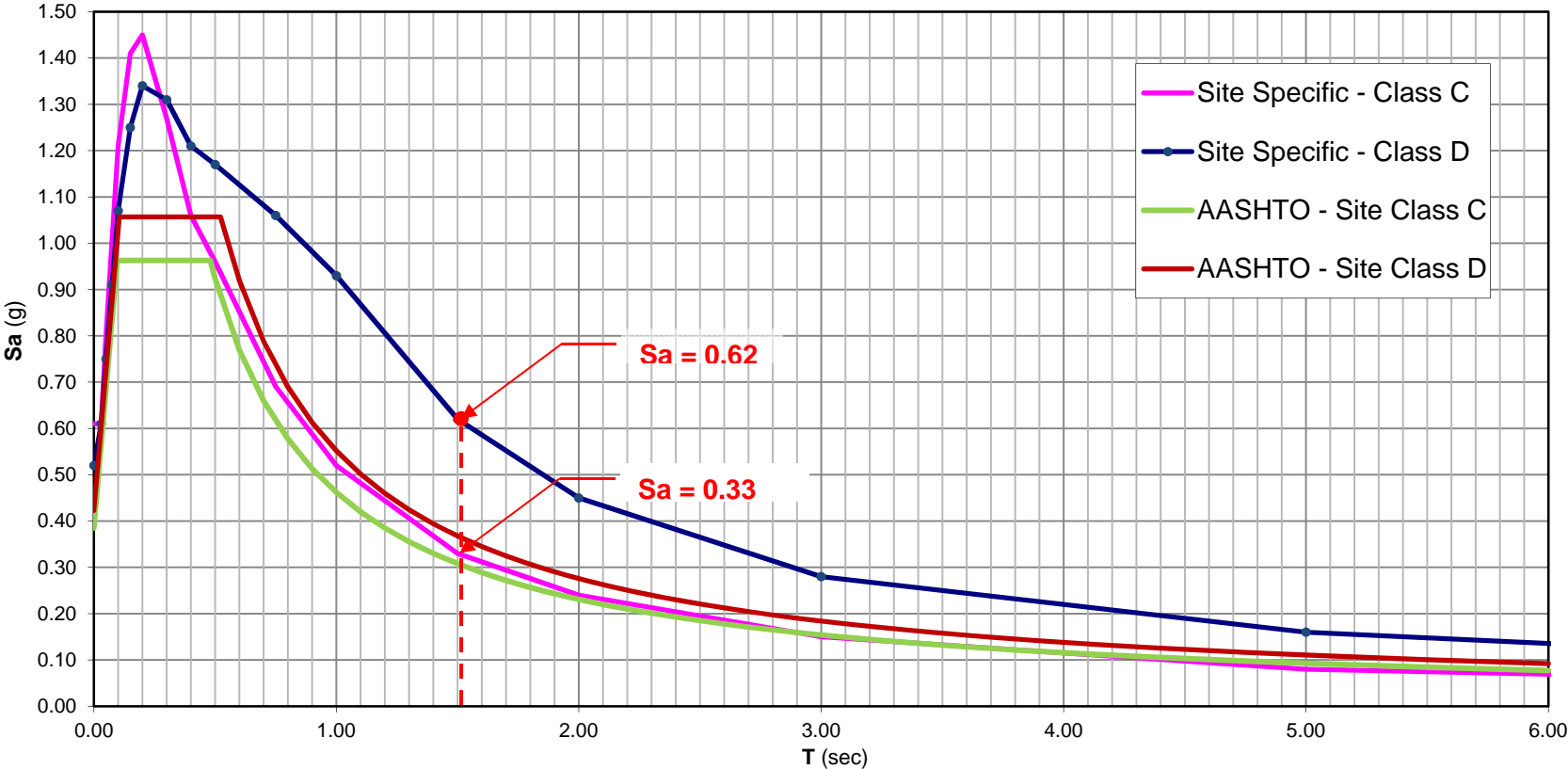


(a) Conventional bridge where deformation occurs in substructure.

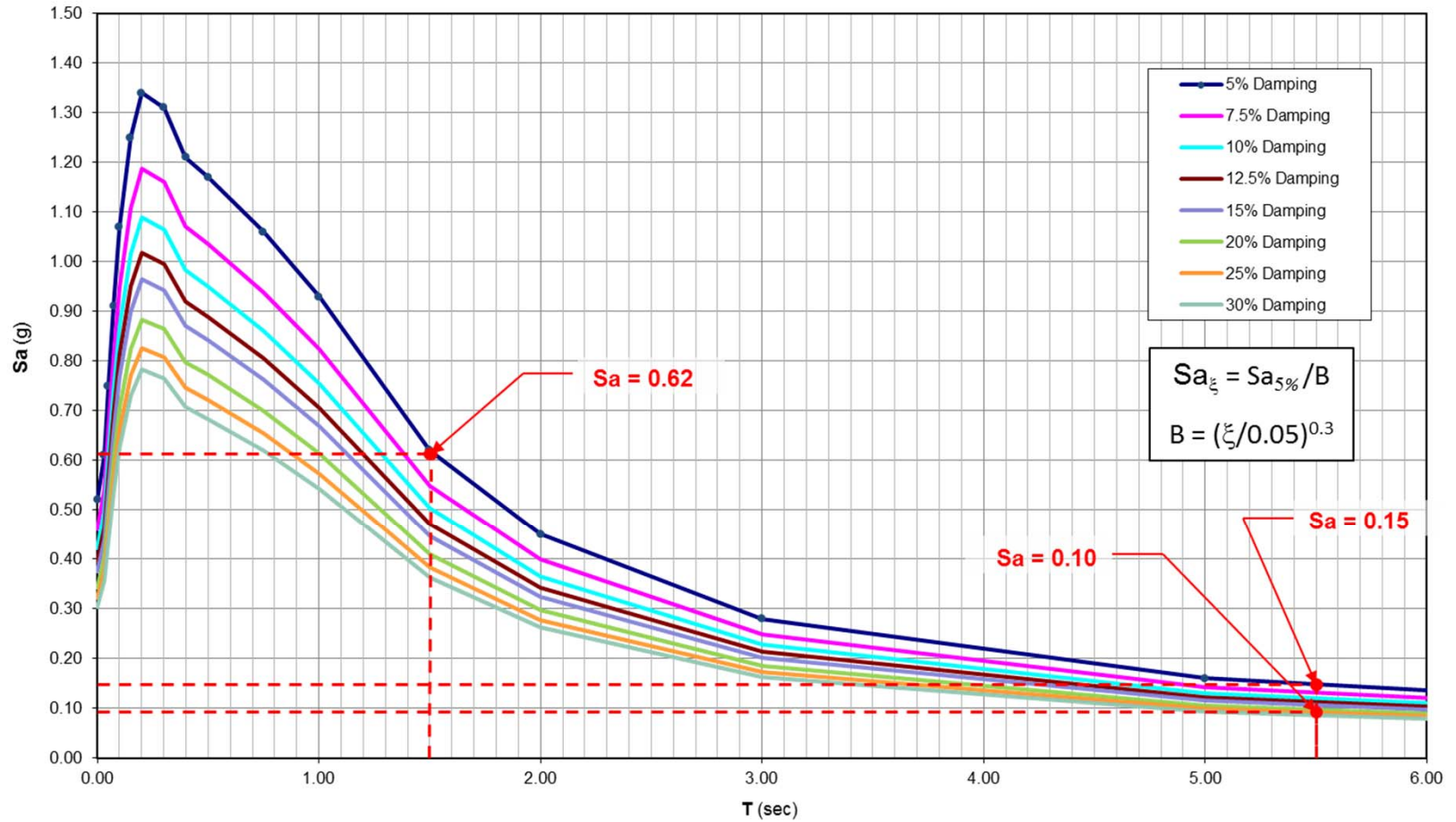


(b) Seismically isolated bridge where deformation occurs in the isolator.

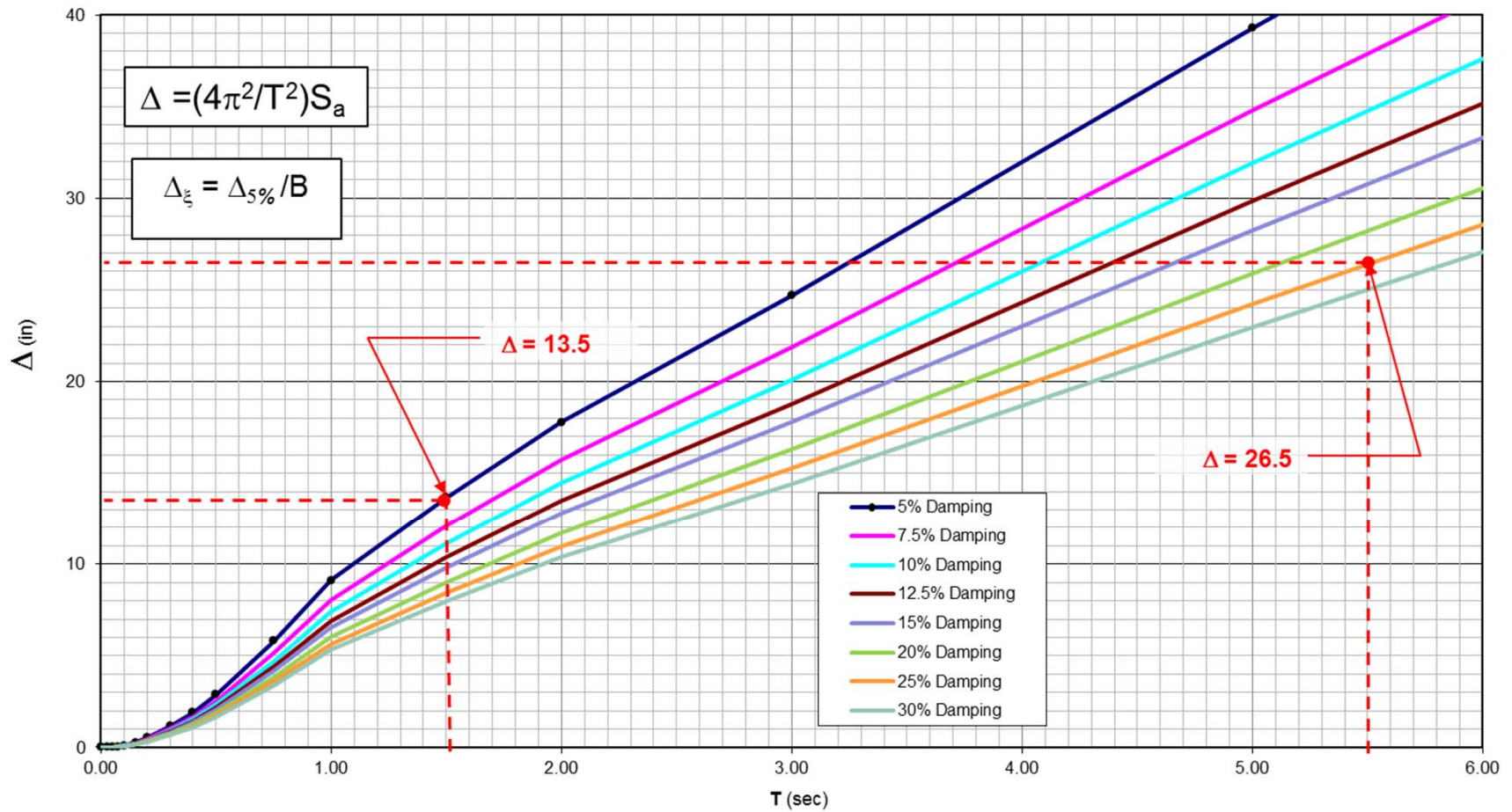
UNIFORM HAZARD - SPECTRAL ACCELERATION - RESPONSE SPECTRUM COMPARISON
7% PROBABILITY OF EXCEDANCE IN 75 YEARS - 1000 YEAR ARP
5% DAMPING



SPECTRAL ACCELERATION RESPONSE SPECTRUM
Site Class D

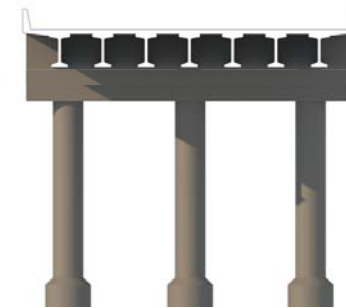


DISPLACEMENT RESPONSE SPECTRUM
Site Class D



BENEFITS REALIZED WITH SEISMIC ISOLATION

- Reduced force demands on the substructure by a factor of 5 or more.
- Provided an elegant solution to meeting project specific Essential Bridge Criteria
- Provided improved performance over conventional bridge construction (structure remains elastic)
- Eliminated balanced stiffness requirements
- Accommodated aesthetic enhancements
- Minimized Environmental Impacts
- Reduced construction cost by approx. \$50 Million



Without



With

COSTS OF UTILIZING SEISMIC ISOLATION

- Increases structure displacements
- Requires large expansion joints
- Requires specialized bearings
- May require additional effort for bearing selection and procurement.
- Requires additional analysis
- Increases design costs
- May increase maintenance cost



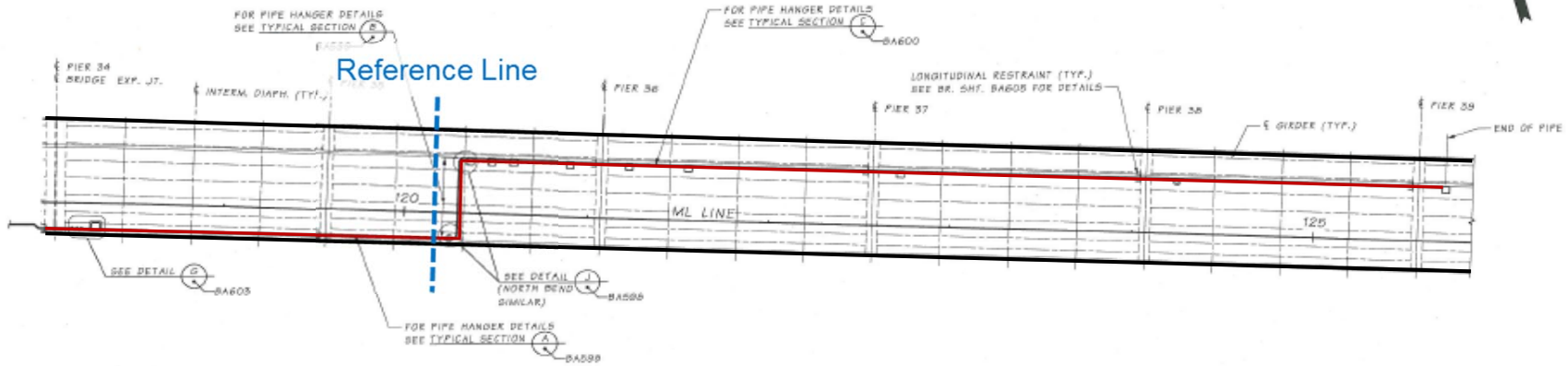
IN SUMMARY

- The SR 520 West Approach Bridge - North is using a seismic isolation system that results in:
 - Significant cost savings – Estimated at \$70M
 - Improved seismic performance (Safety and Reliability)
 - Minimized environmental impacts

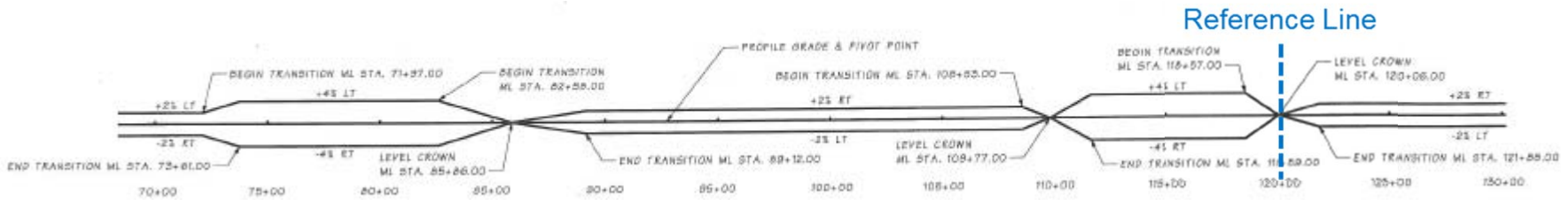


The 6500 ft long isolated Los Caras Bridge in Ecuador was open to traffic immediately after the nearby 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake struck in 2016.

BRIDGE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

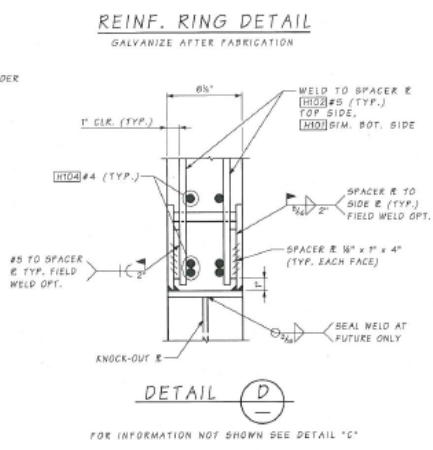
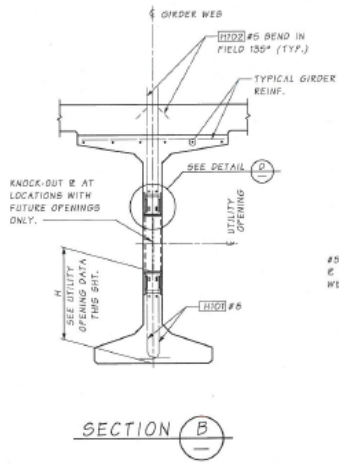
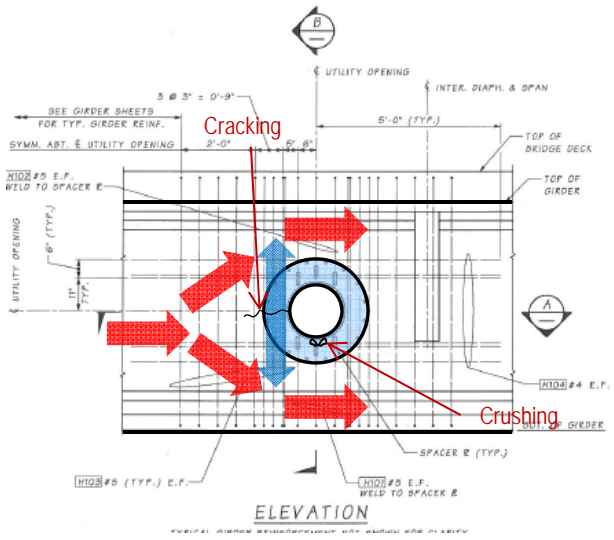
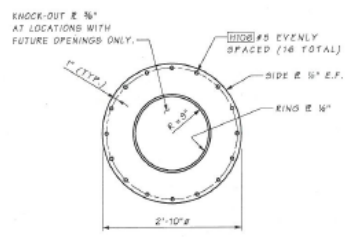
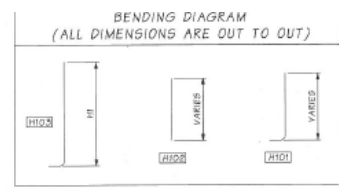
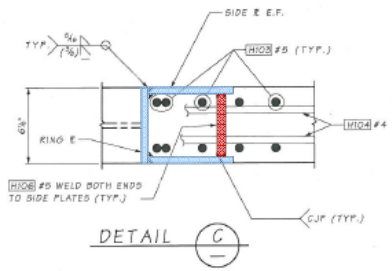
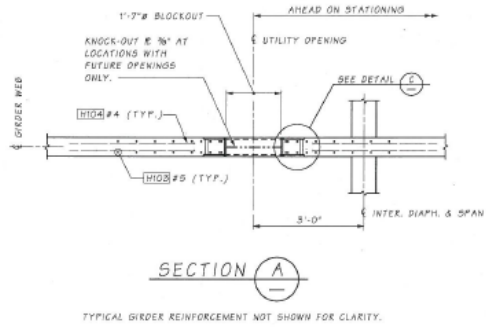


Bridge Drainage Layout Plan



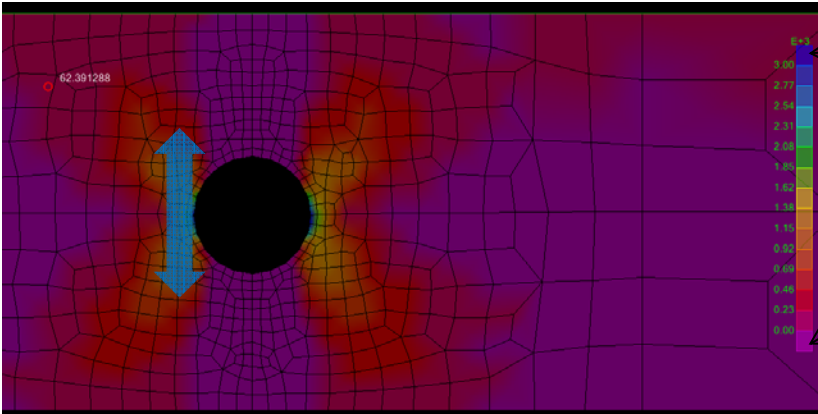
Superelevation Diagram

OPENINGS IN GIRDERS



CONCRETE MAXIMUM TENSILE STRESS

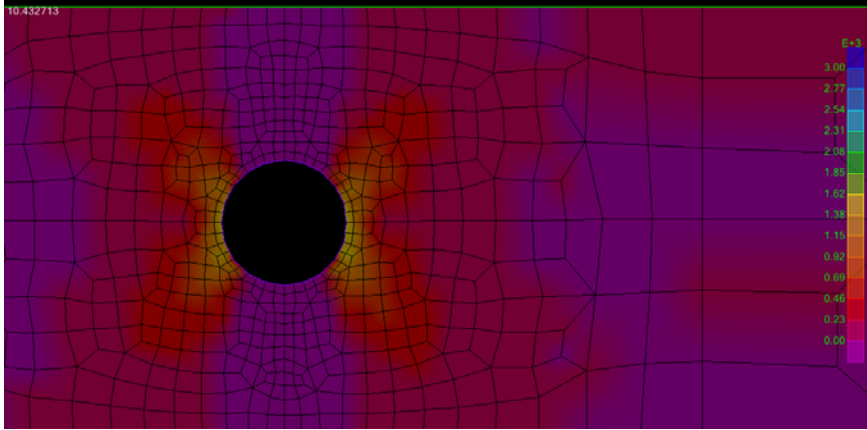
IMMEDIATELY AFTER P/S TRANSFER



Without Steel Ring

Blue = 3000 psi Tension

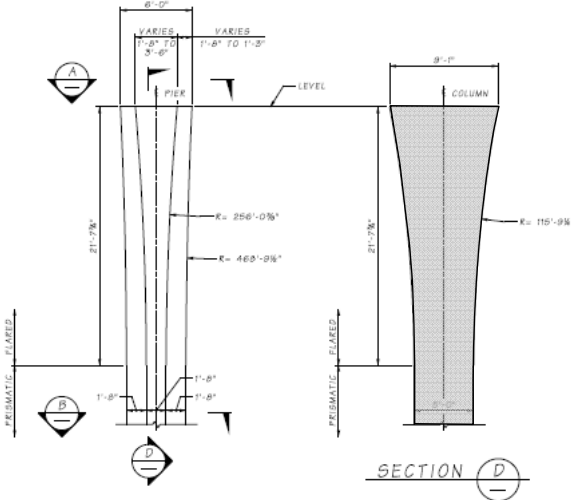
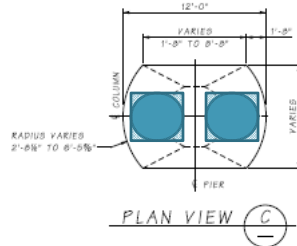
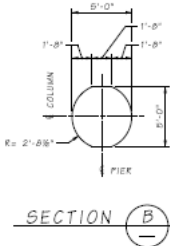
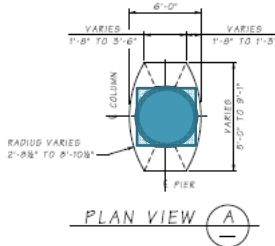
Violet = 0 psi



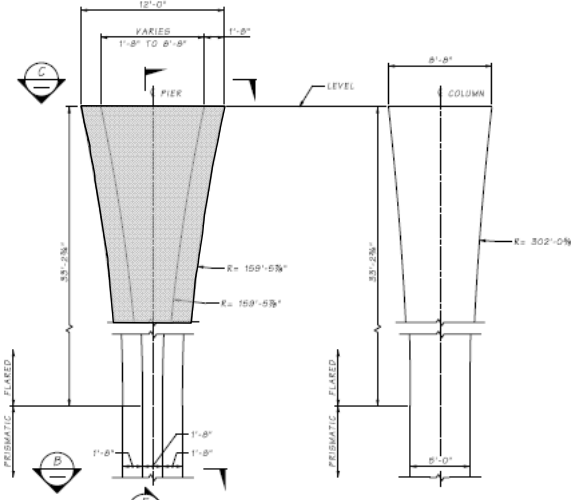
With Steel Ring



FLARED COLUMN GEOMETRY



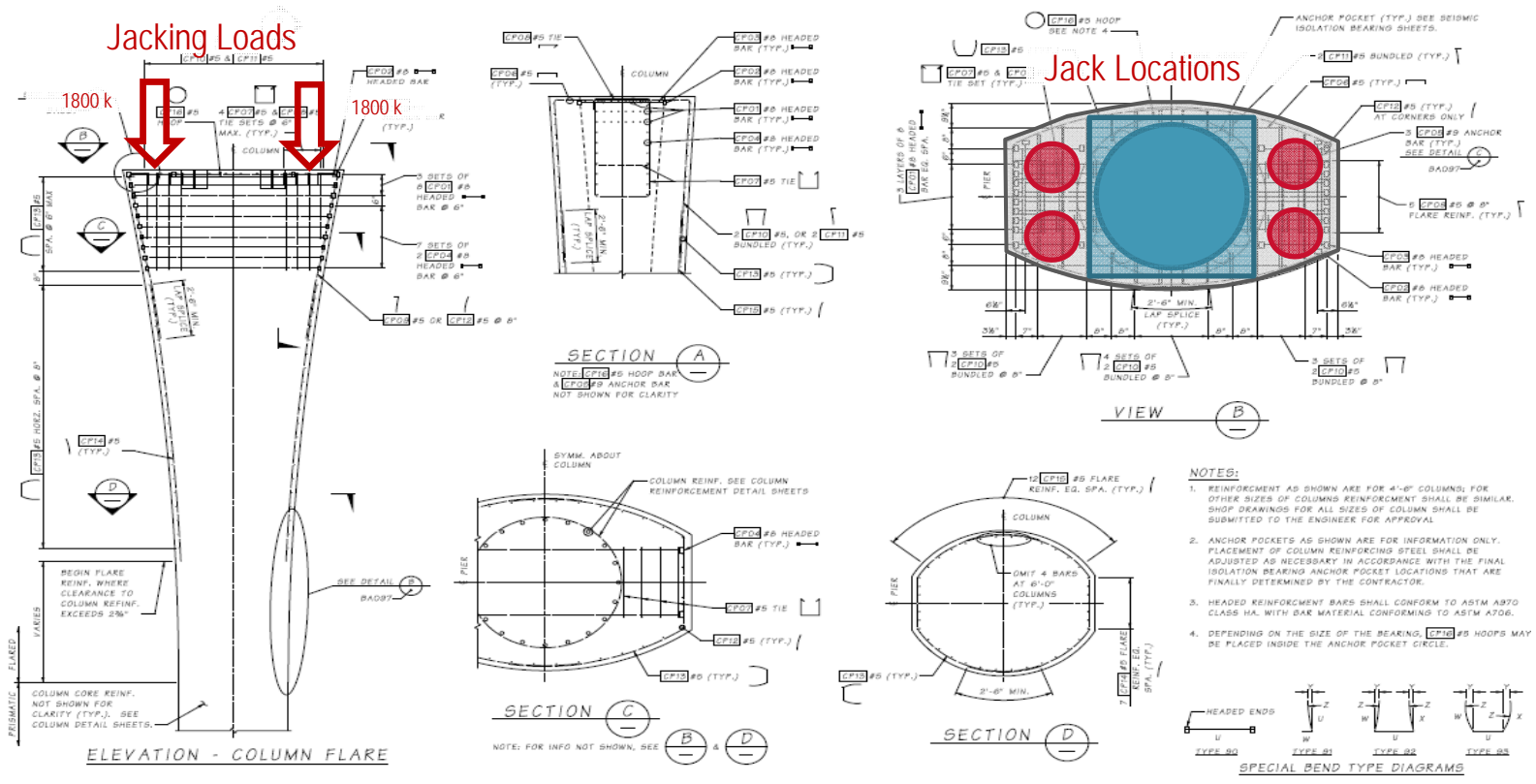
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COLUMN AT EXP. JT.

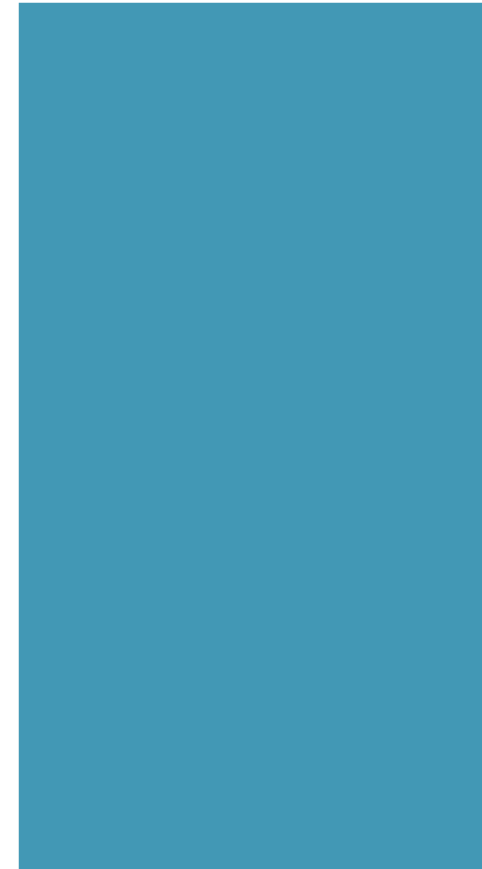


FLARED COLUMN REINFORCING



NOISE REDUCING MODULAR EXPANSION JOINTS

- Noise Reducing Sinus Plates Bolted to Centerbeams
- Noise Encapsulating “Robo-Mute” System
- First use of this technology in the U.S.A.
- Compliments NGCS “Quieter Concrete” Roadway Surface and 4 ft tall Traffic Barriers



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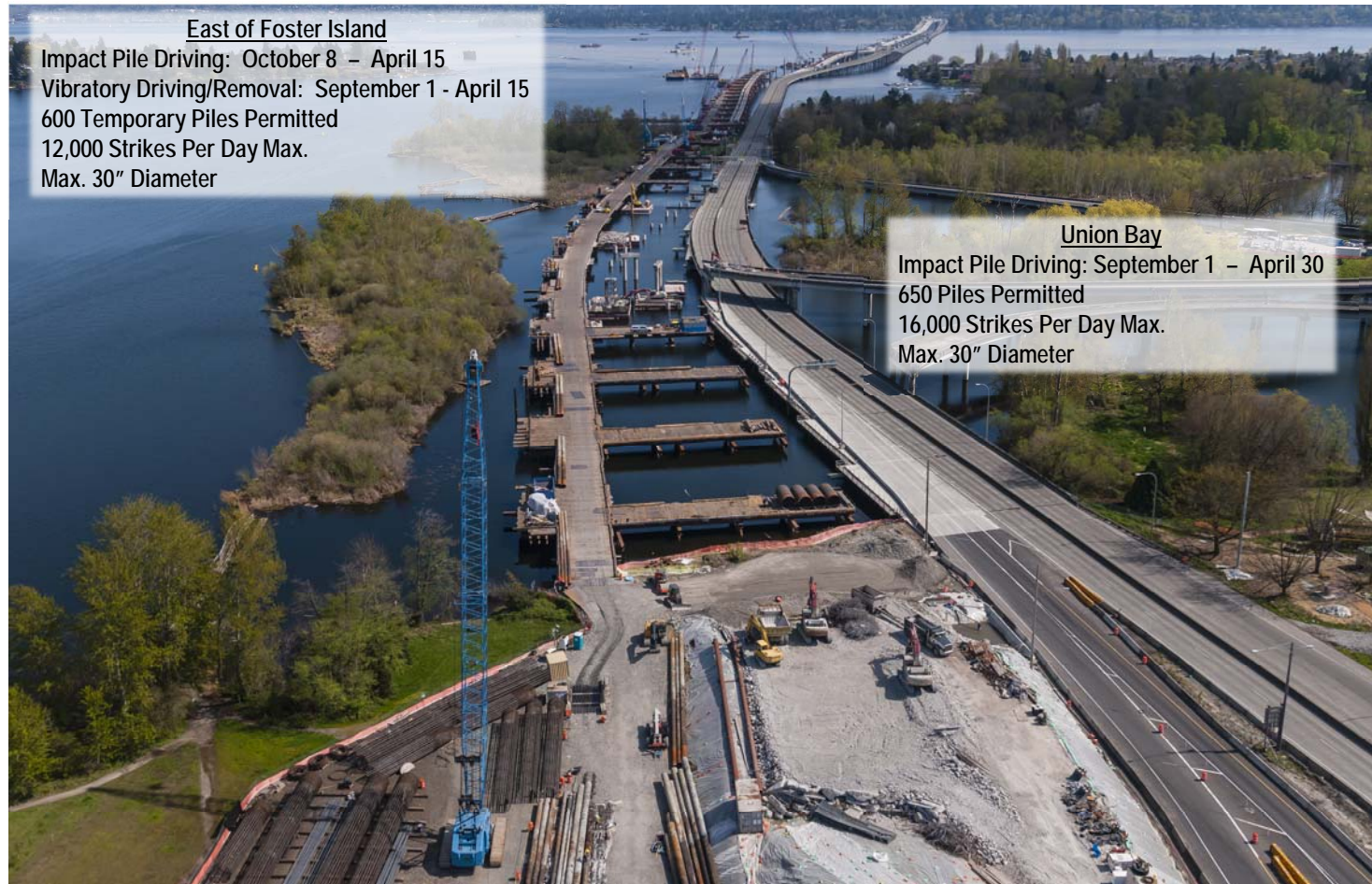


WORK ACCESS



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Environmental
Restrictions



East of Foster Island

Impact Pile Driving: October 8 - April 15
Vibratory Driving/Removal: September 1 - April 15
600 Temporary Piles Permitted
12,000 Strikes Per Day Max.
Max. 30" Diameter

Union Bay

Impact Pile Driving: September 1 - April 30
650 Piles Permitted
16,000 Strikes Per Day Max.
Max. 30" Diameter

WORK ACCESS

Pile Driving



WORK ACCESS

Pile Driving



WORK ACCESS

Setting
Girder



WORK ACCESS

Foster
Island



Environmental Restrictions

- No Heavy Equipment allowed: 4 psi tire pressure max.
- Piles allowed only in designated 5' x 5' locations
- Trail may only be closed for 181 cumulative calendar days.
- Cleared trees to be chipped in place and used as mulch

DEMOLITION

Access by
Flexi-Float



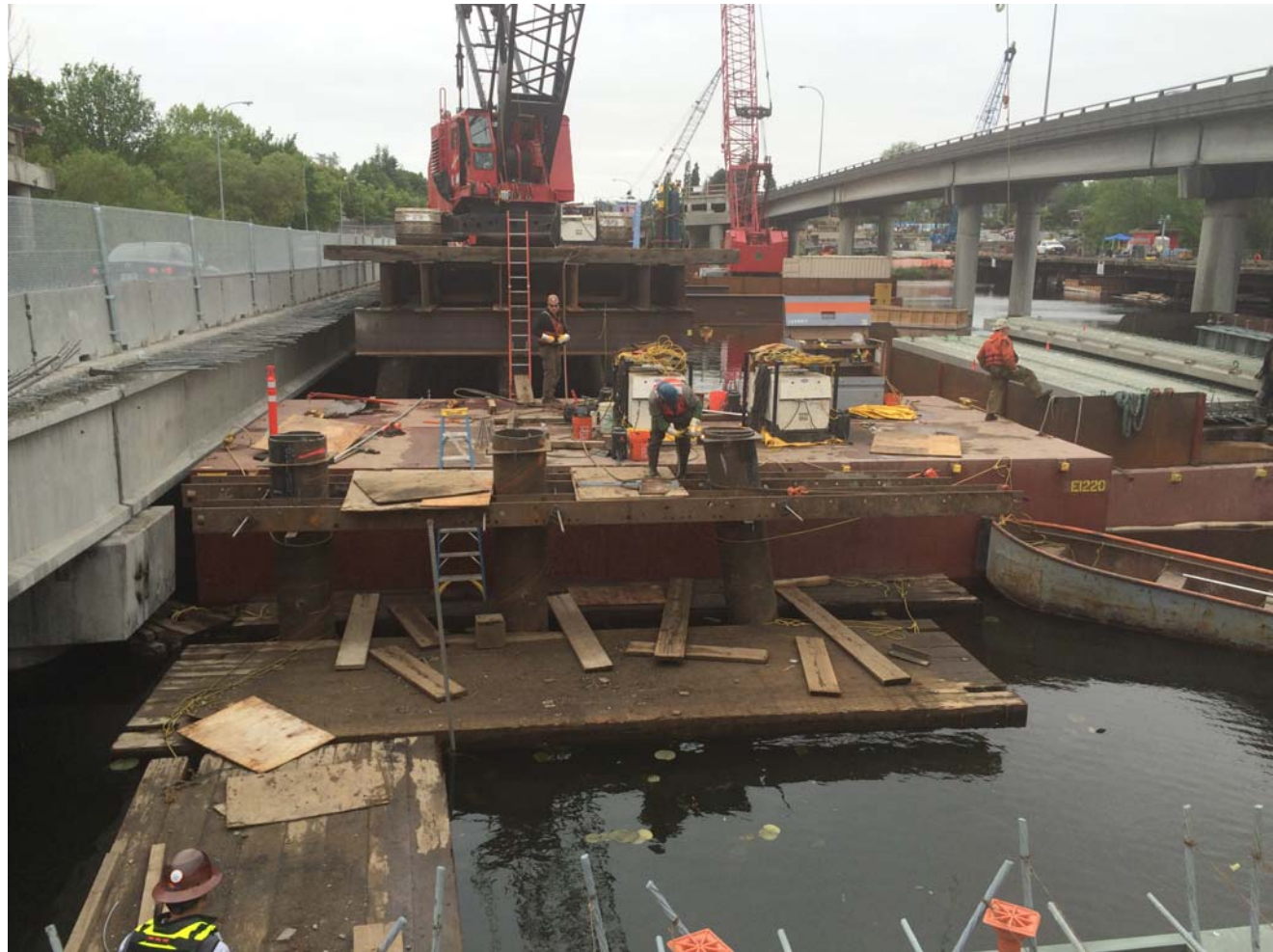
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Maintenance
of Traffic



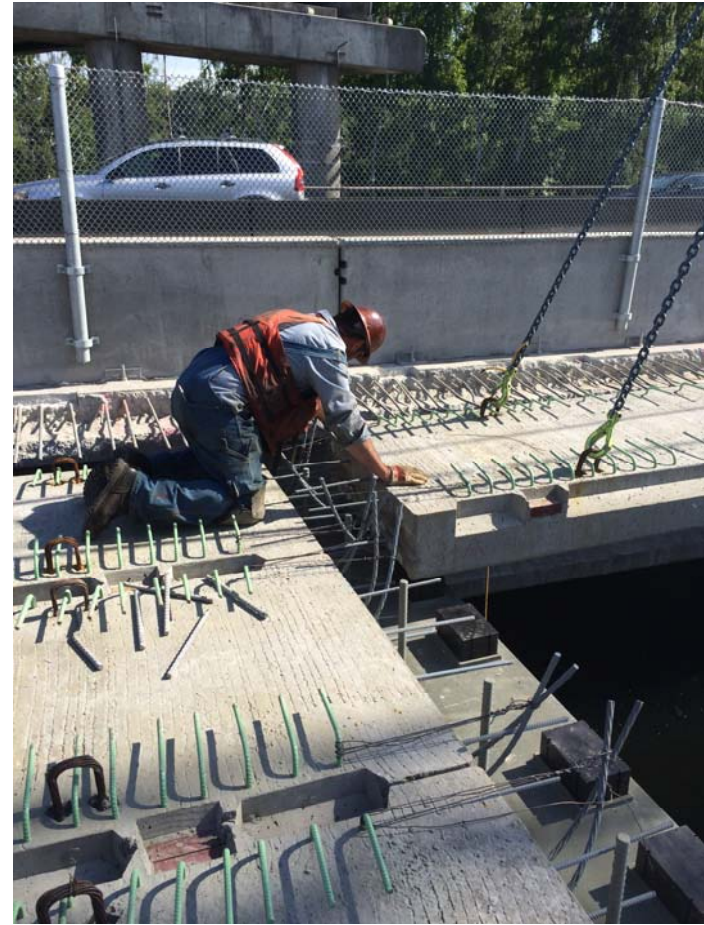
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Widening of
Existing Bridge



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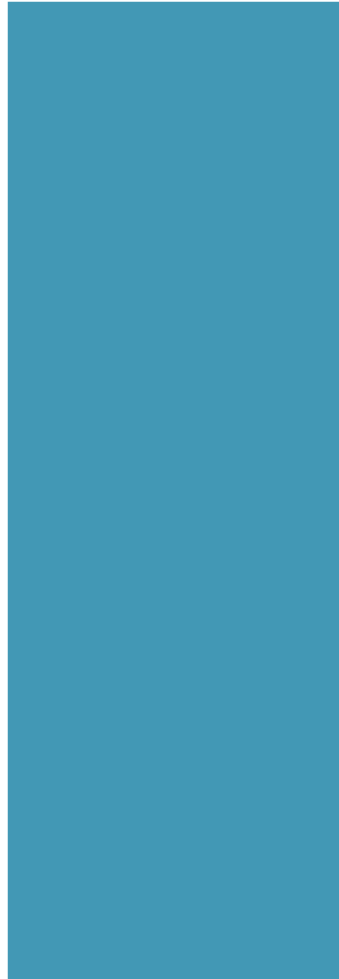
DRILLED SHAFTS

Locating
Casing
From Work
Bridge



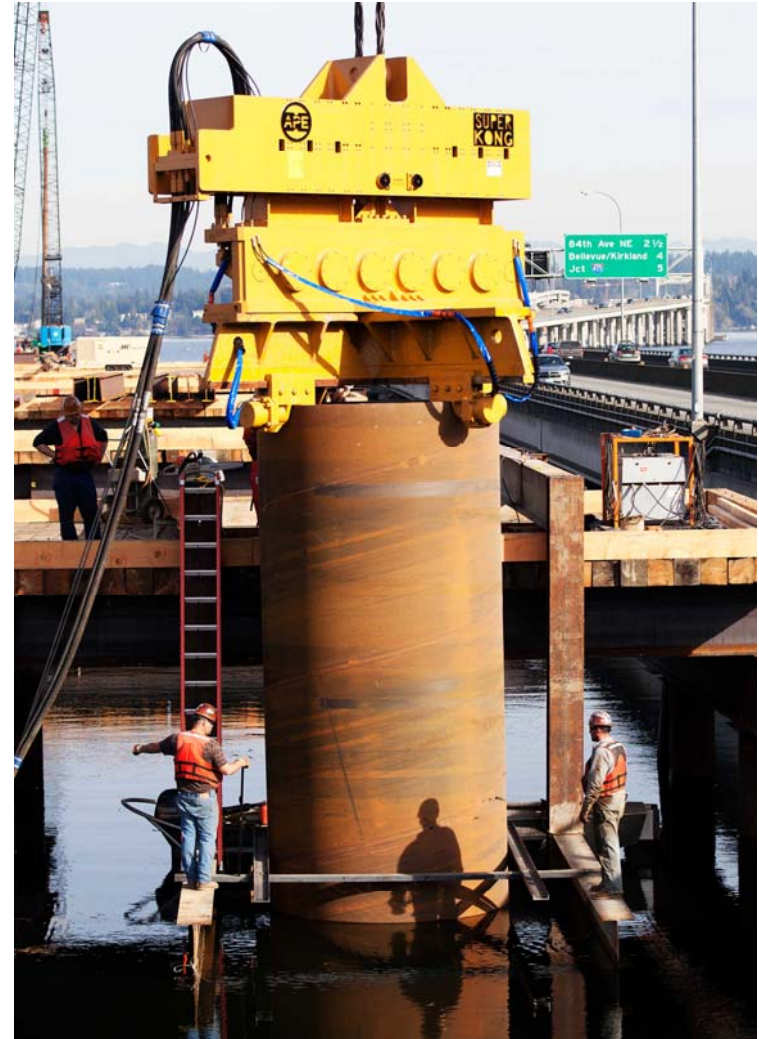
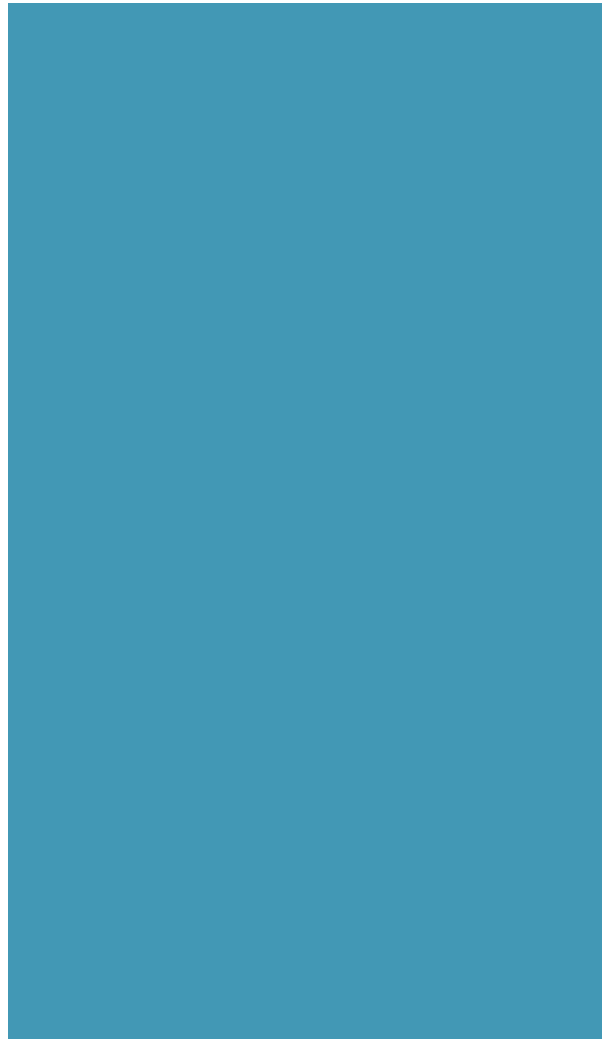
DRILLED SHAFTS

Locating
Marine
Casings



DRILLED SHAFTS

Driving Casing



DRILLED SHAFTS

Excavation
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DRILLED SHAFTS

Tying Cages



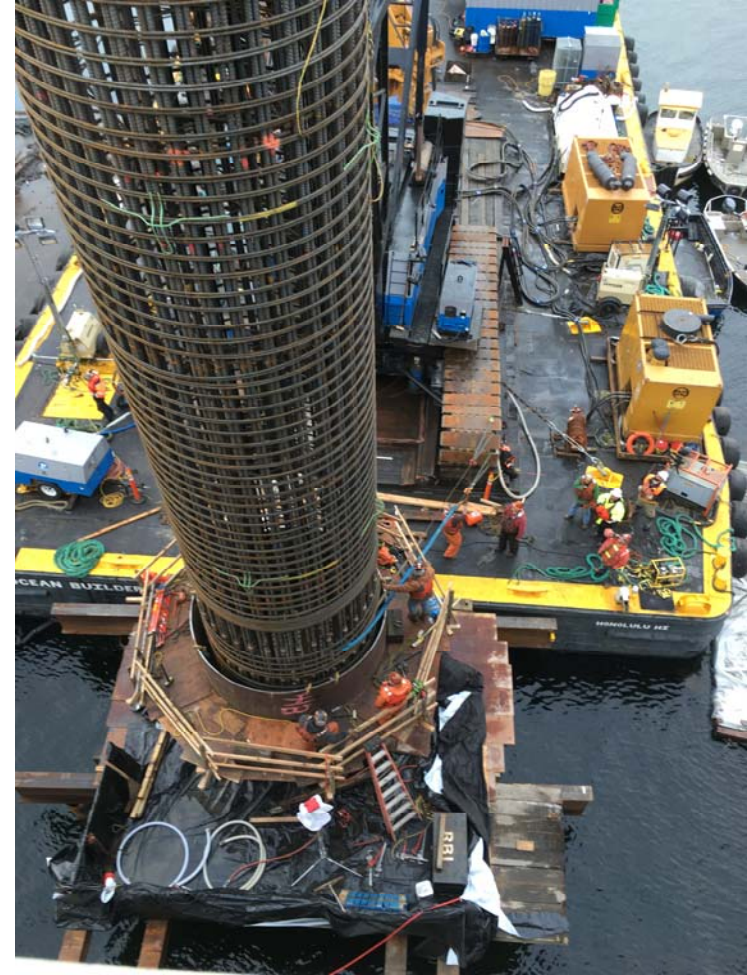
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Placing Cage



DRILLED SHAFTS

Cage Splice



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Placing
Concrete



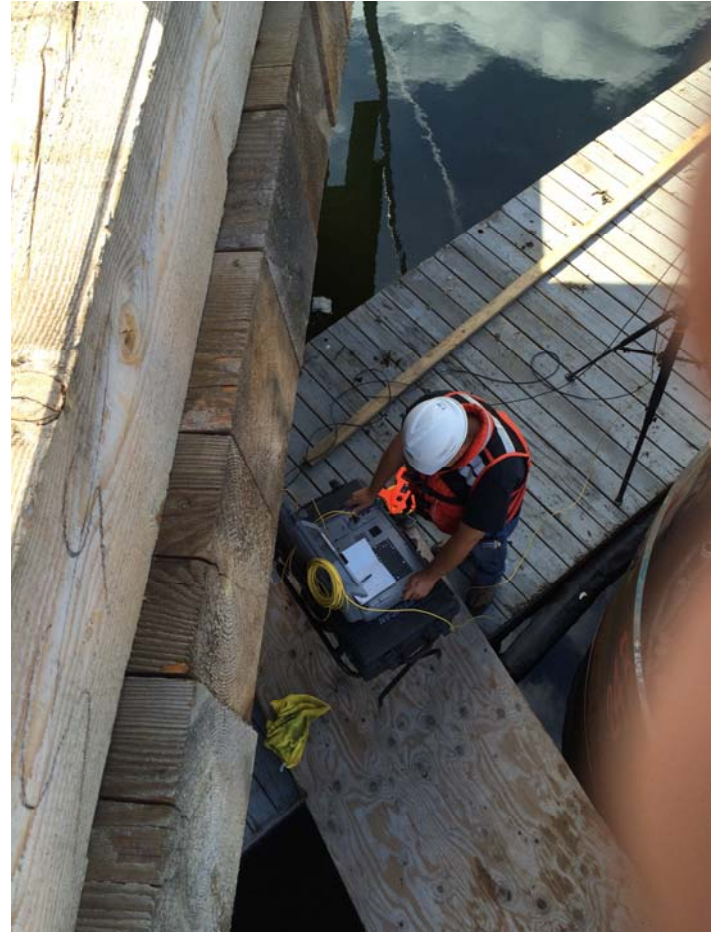
DRILLED SHAFTS

Preparing
Construction
Joint



DRILLED SHAFTS

CSL Testing



DRILLED SHAFTS

CSL Testing

Shaft Name: 8625 SR 520 Montlake Pier 25 Shaft A

Directory: C:\8625

Shaft Length: 132.5 feet

Stickup: 114 inch

Placement Date: Friday, July 10, 2015

Testing Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Number of Receivers: 1 2

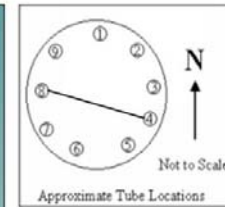
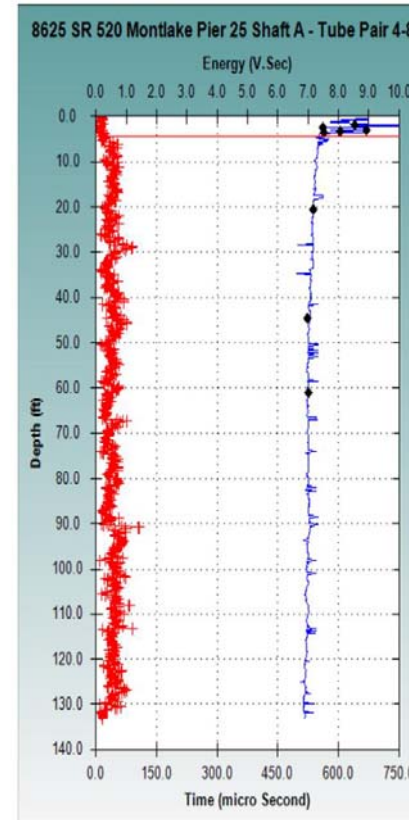
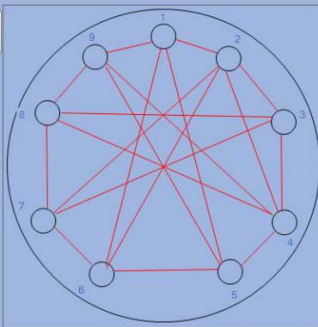
Shaft Note:

Number of Tubes: 9

Basic Combinations All Combinations

Perimeter Only Major Diagonal Only

Done



Shaft Length - 132.5 ft
Stickup - 132 inches
Placement Date - 7/10/2015
Test Date - 7/22/2015
Tubepair Depth - 133 ft

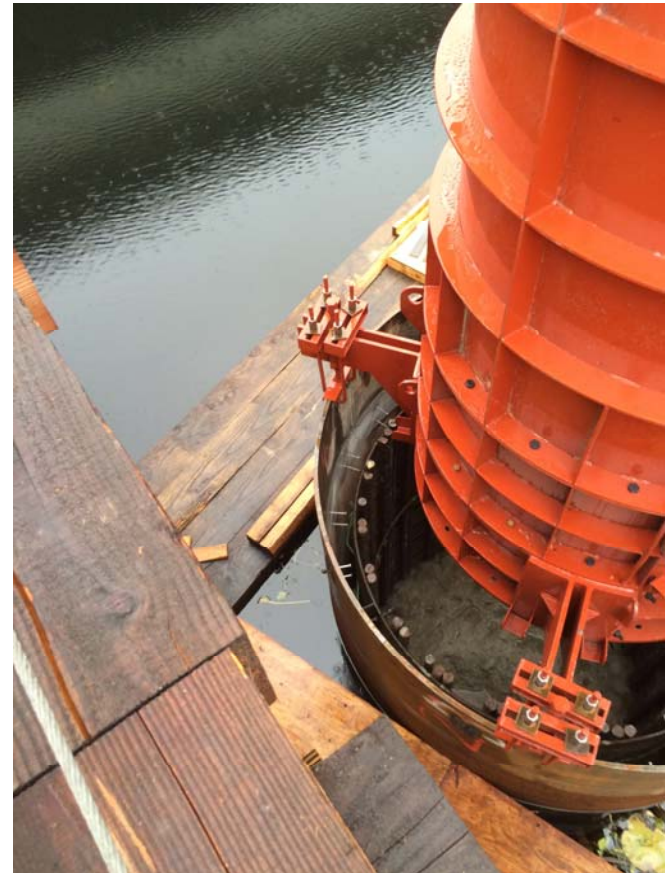
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Obstructions



COLUMNS

Locating
Columns



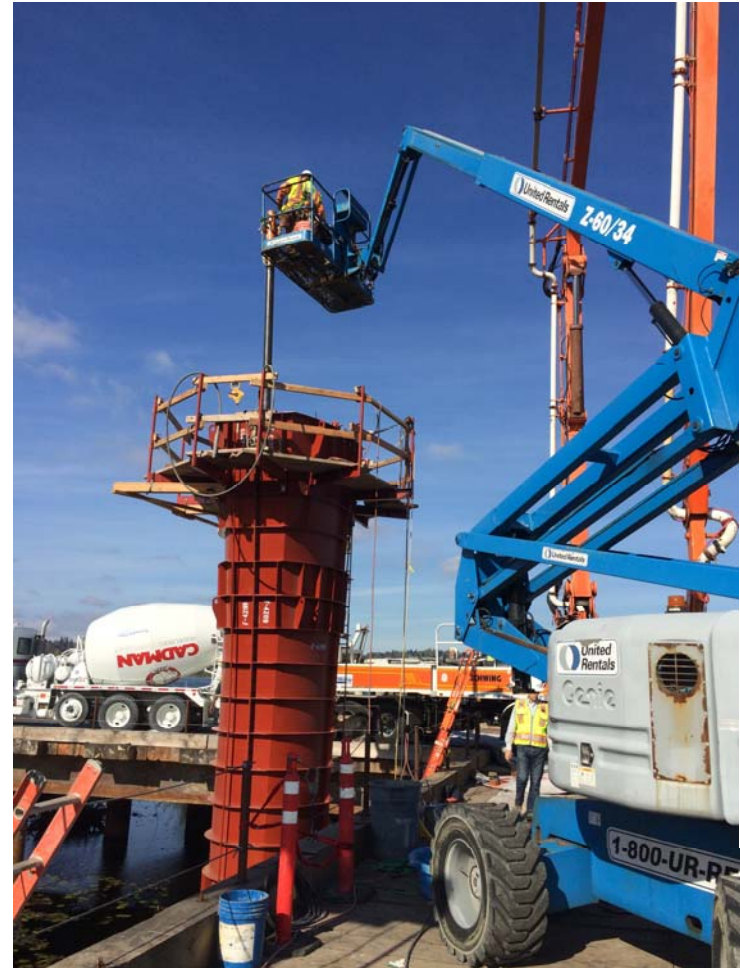
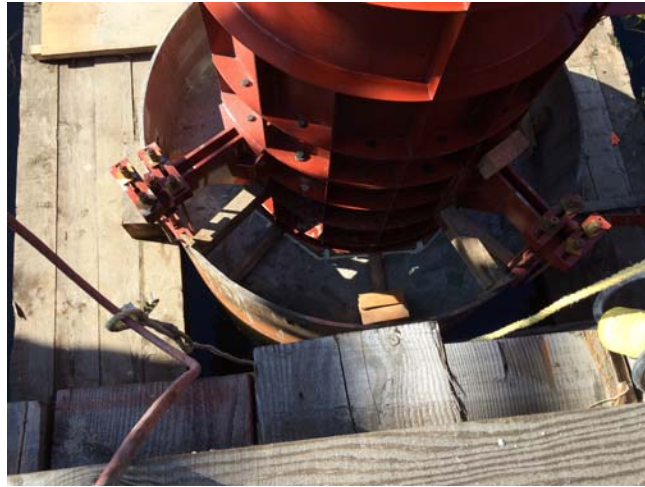
COLUMNS

Reinforcing
Cage



COLUMNS

Placing
Concrete



COLUMNS

Forms
Removed



BEARINGS

Fabrication at
EPS



BEARINGS

Fabrication

BEARINGS

Prototype
Testing

Stability 13.2.2.6	Extreme Event I	1.5*DE+offset- Shrinkage		
PT-F1	4400	± 18	1 Cycle	120
	Min. 0.8D-OT			
PT-F2	1600	± 18	1 Cycle	120

BEARINGS

Corrosion
Concerns
Identified on
Snohomish
River Bridge



BEARINGS

Adjustments
made to Seal
Design and
Testing of
Bearings for
SR 520



BEARINGS

Storage
Requirements
Strictly
Enforced



BEARINGS

Grout Pad
Testing



BEARINGS

Installed on
Column

- Total of 108 seismic Isolation bearings for a bid price of approx. \$5 M

FALSEWORK

Continuous
Pier



FALSEWORK

Continuous
Pier

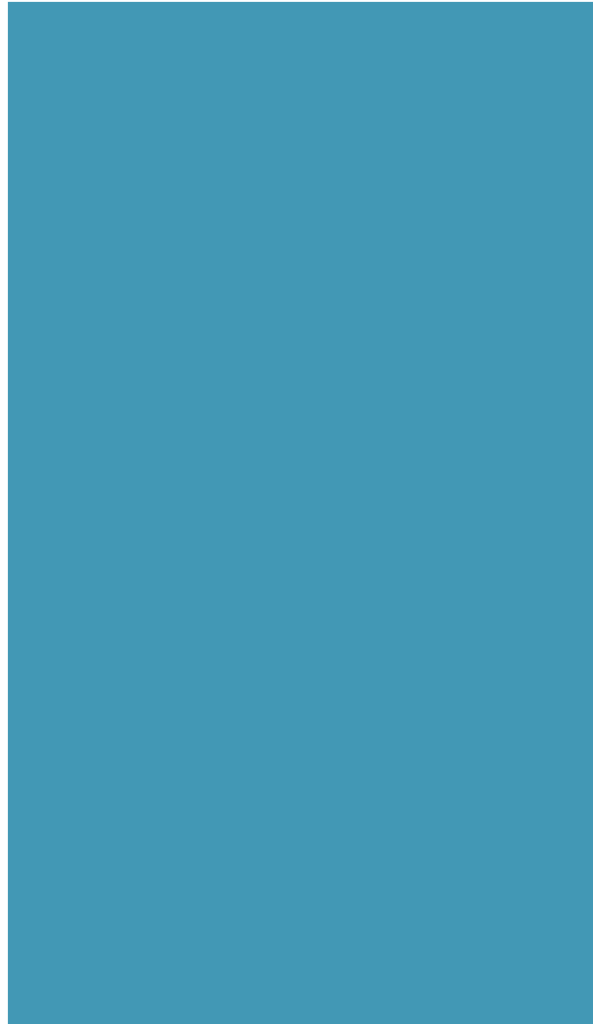


FALSEWORK

Continuous
Pier

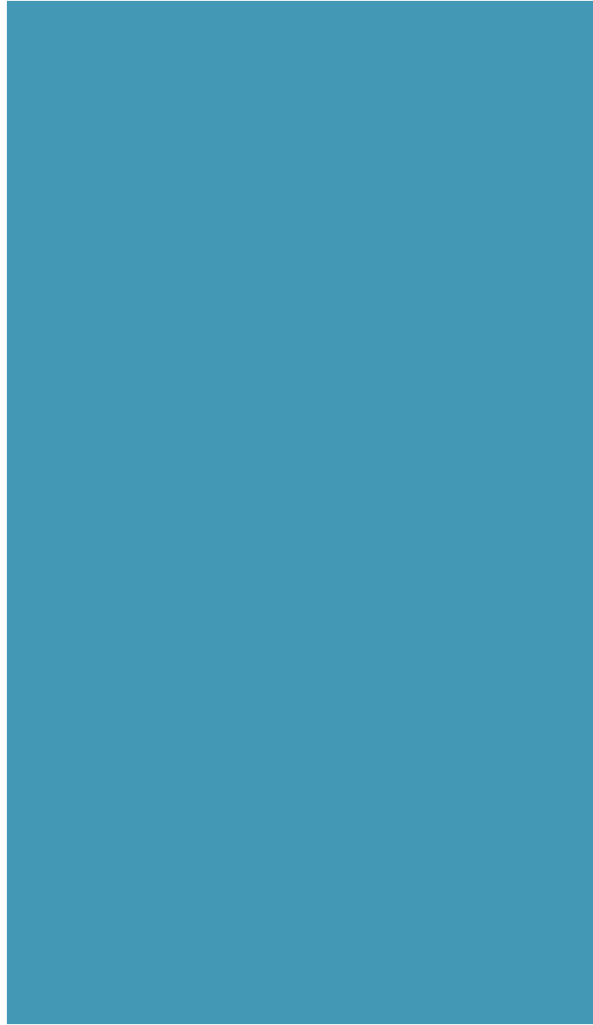
FALSEWORK

Bearing on
Shaft



FALSEWORK

Expansion
Pier



**GIRDER
FABRICATION**

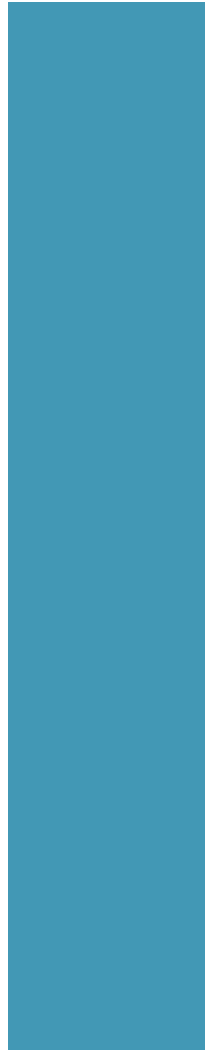


**GIRDER
FABRICATION**



**GIRDER
DELIVERY**

By Land



GIRDER ERECTION

From
Workbridge



GIRDER DELIVERY AND ERECTION

By Barge

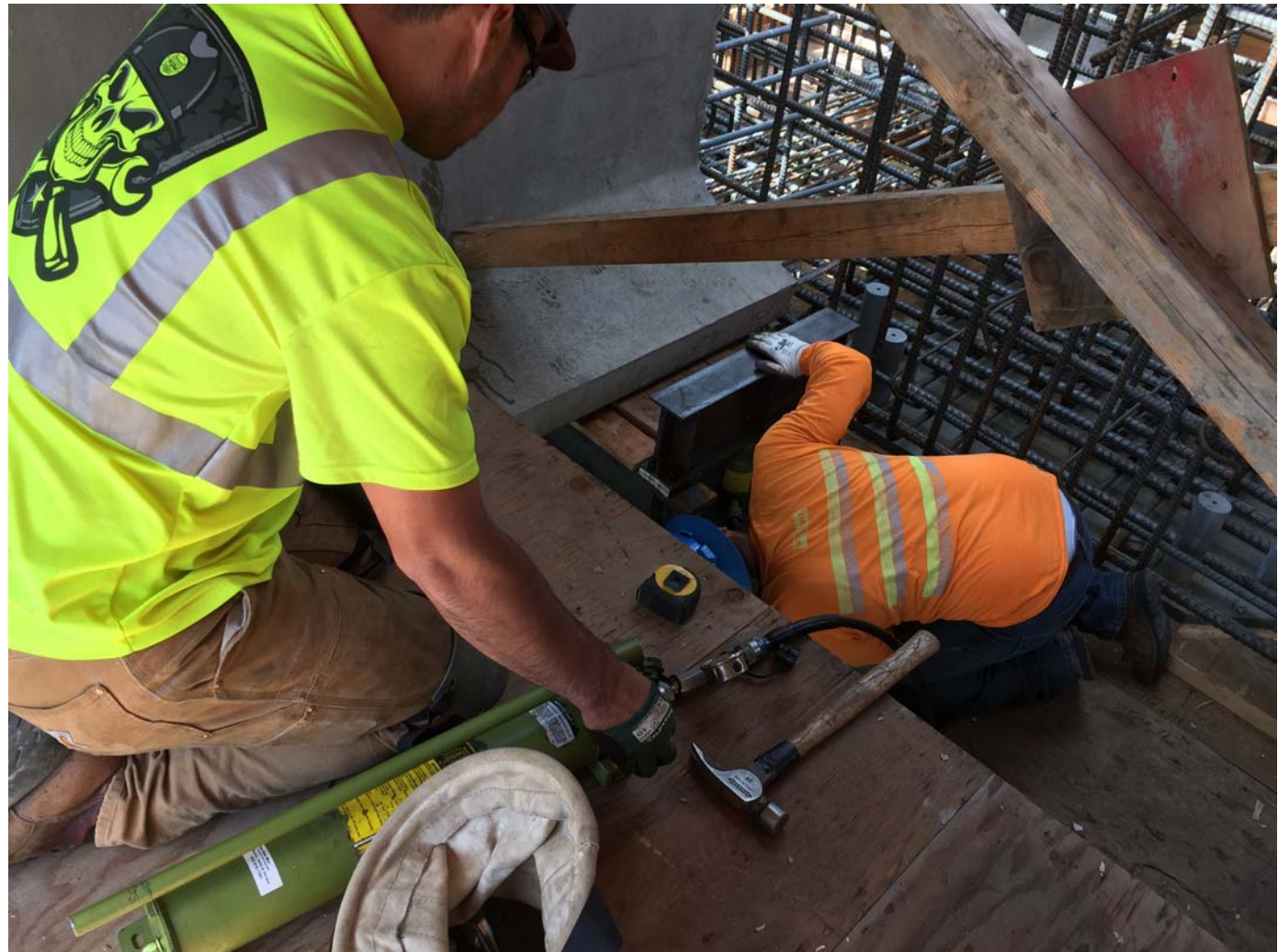


**GIRDERS
IN PLACE**



GIRDER ADJUSTMENTS

Jacking to
adjust vertical
and horizontal
position



GIRDER DAMAGE



**PIER
DIAPHRAGMS**

Reinforcing
Placement



BRIDGE

DECK

Field Bending
Girder Stirrups
and Sealing
Formwork

**BRIDGE
DECK**

Deck
Reinforcing in
place



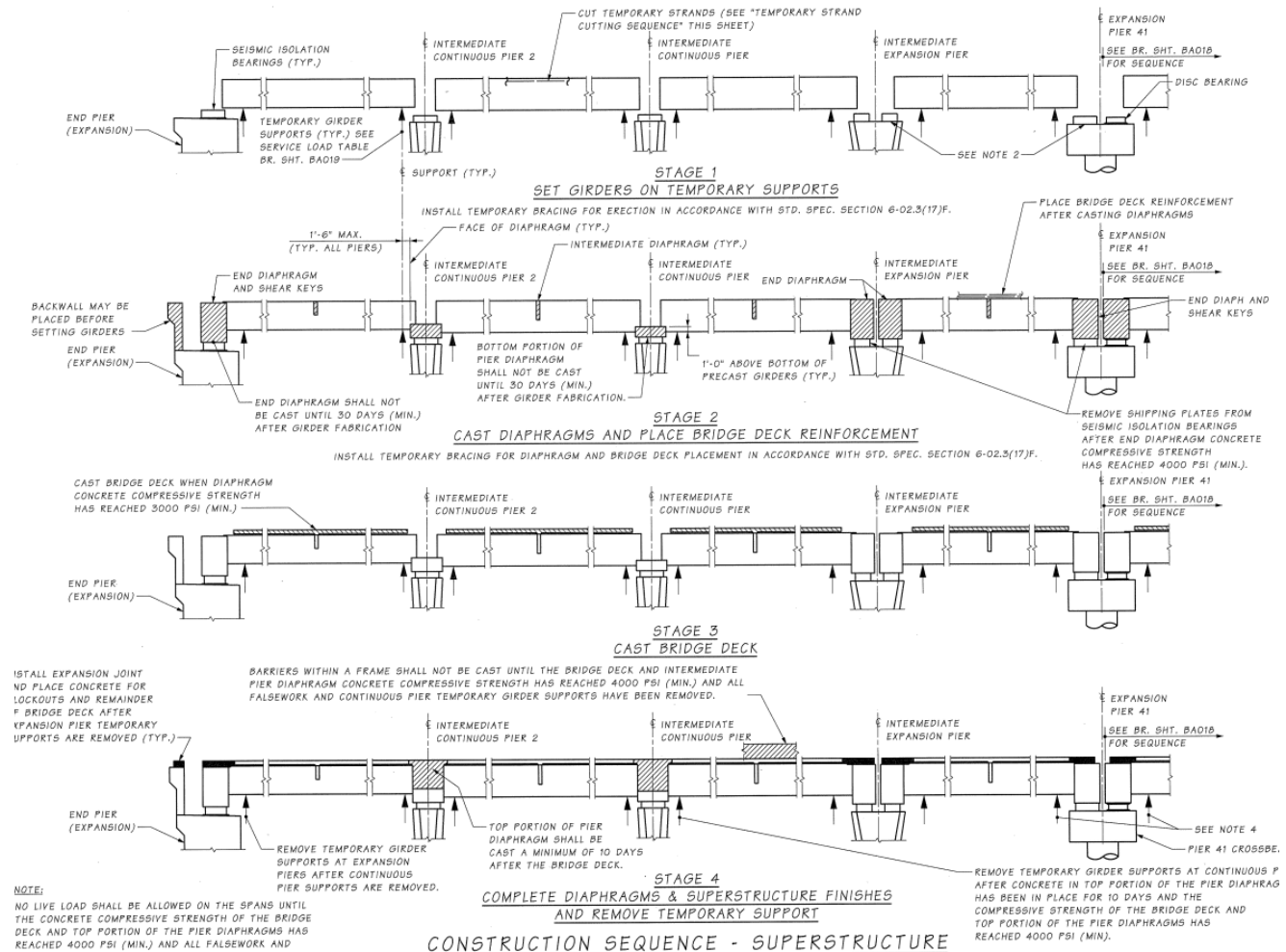
BRIDGE DECK

Deck Finishing
and Curing



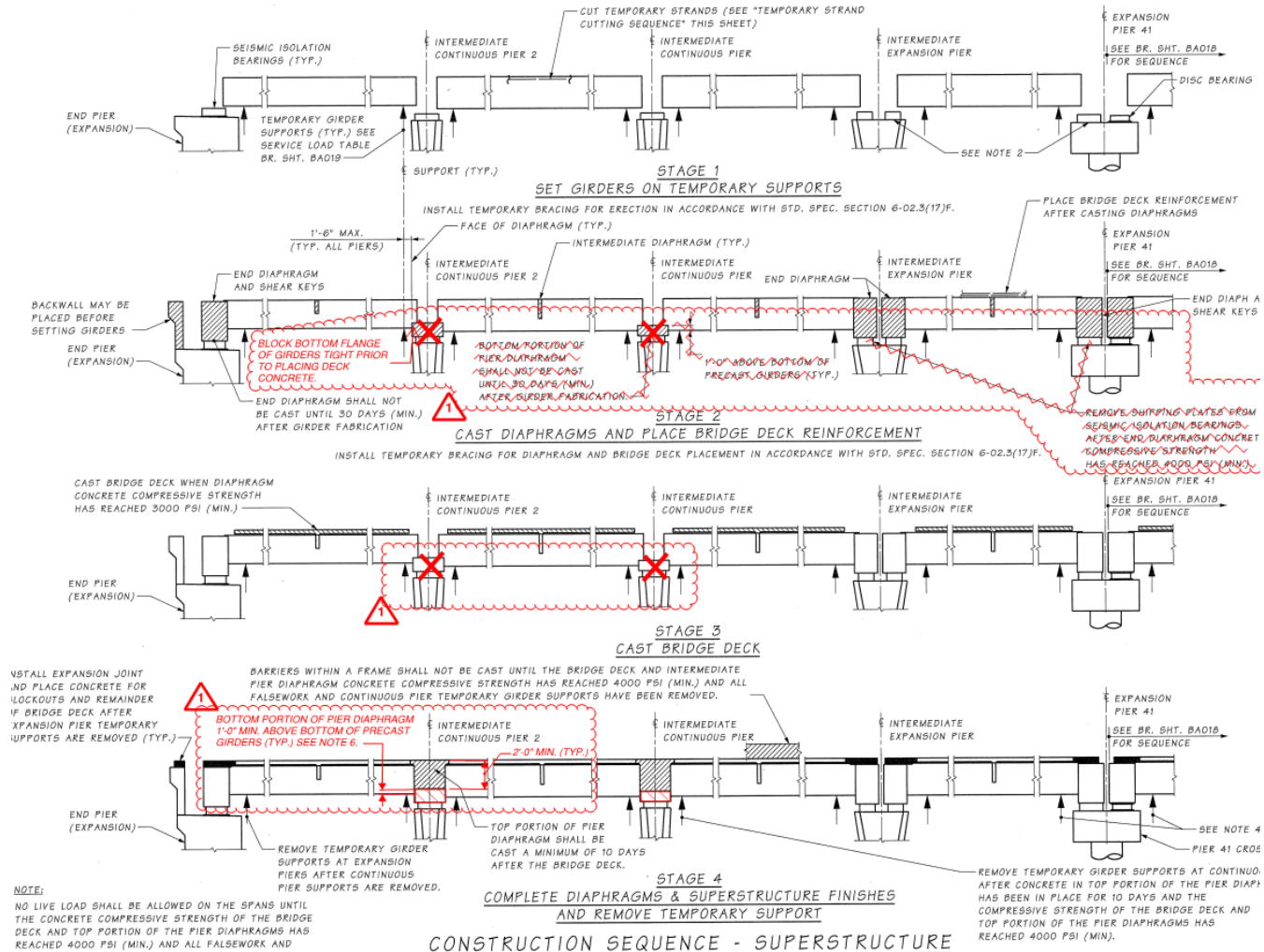
DIAPHRAGM CONCRETE

Construction Sequence



DIAPHRAGM CONCRETE

Construction
Sequence
Revisions



**PIER
DIAPHRAGM
CONCRETE**



**FALSEWORK
RELEASE**



PROGRESS UPDATE

- All Major Structural Elements Complete
- Finalizing Utility Systems, Ped. Railing, Painting, and Misc.
- Bridge Opened to Traffic on August 25, 2017
- Bridge Complete in Fall 2017



QUESTIONS?

Web Site:

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