

# Healdsburg Avenue Bridge – Reviving a Piece of History



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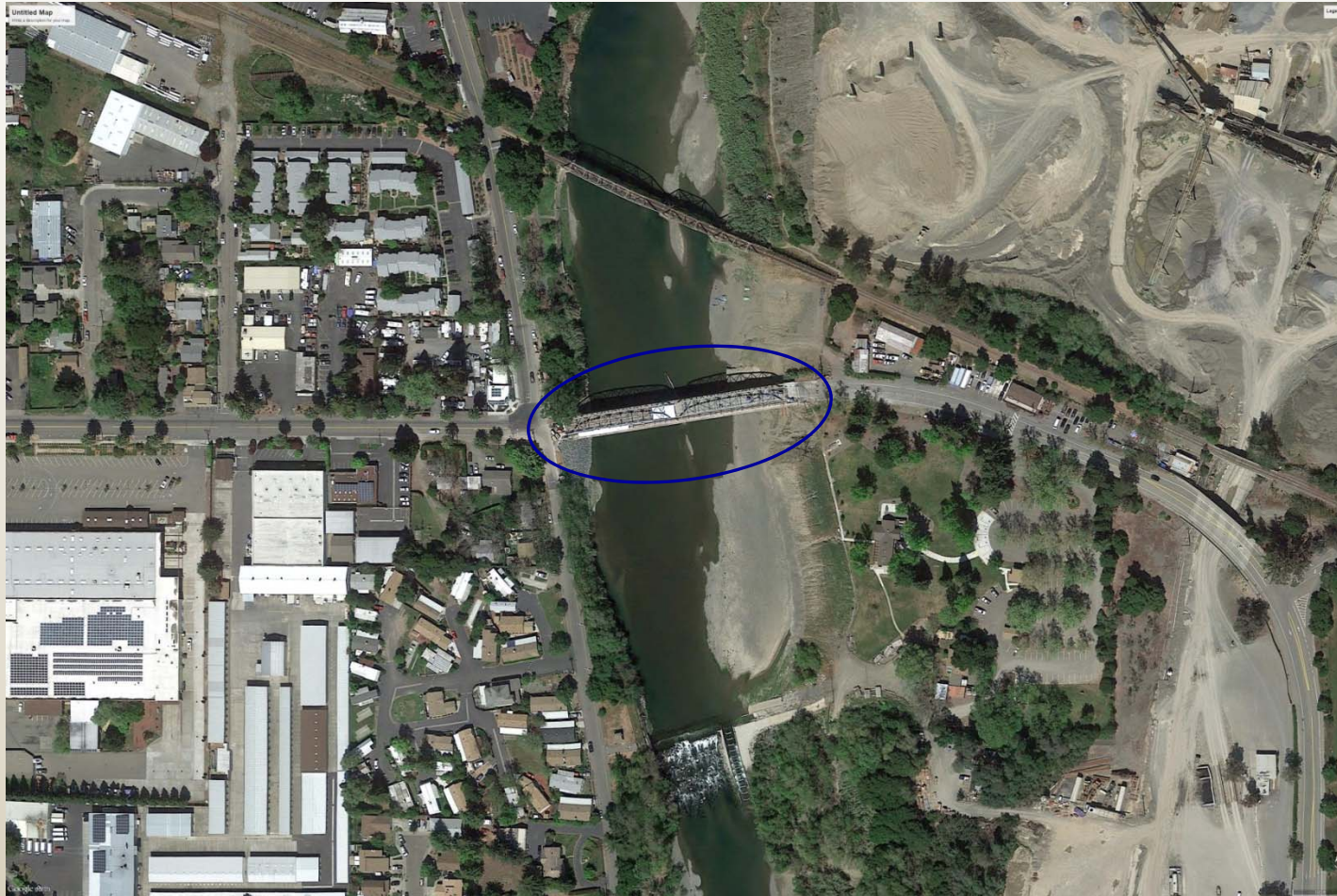
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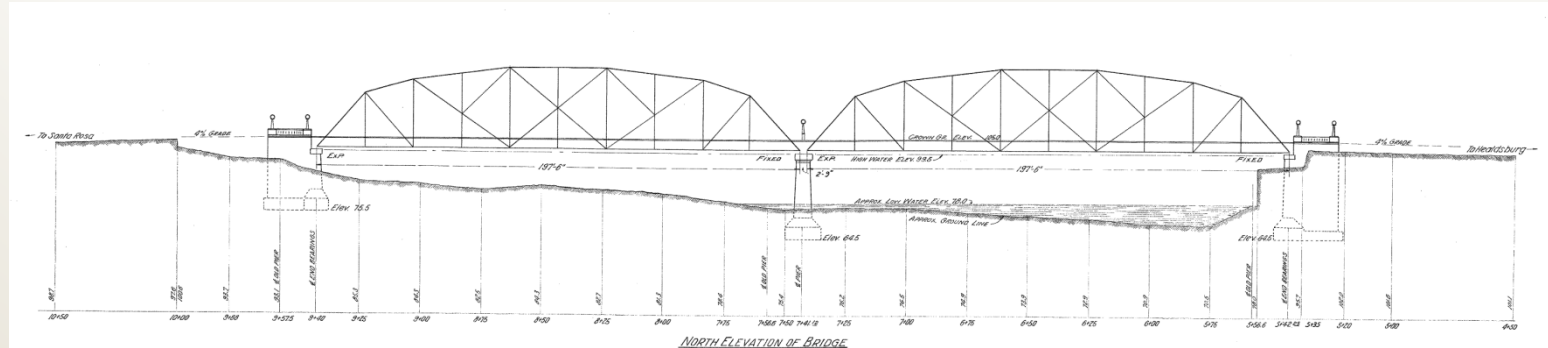
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## Existing Bridge



- \* Location: City of Healdsburg, Sonoma County
- \* Construction Date: 1921
- \* Carried US 101/Redwood Highway until 1960s
- \* On National Register of Historic Places
- \* One of only Two Pennsylvania Pratt Through Truss Bridges in California
- \* Slated for Seismic Retrofit since mid '90s After Loma Prieta
- \* Retrofit postponed until late 2000's when our design team brought onto project

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## Design and Construction Team

Owner



Design and Construction Administration Team



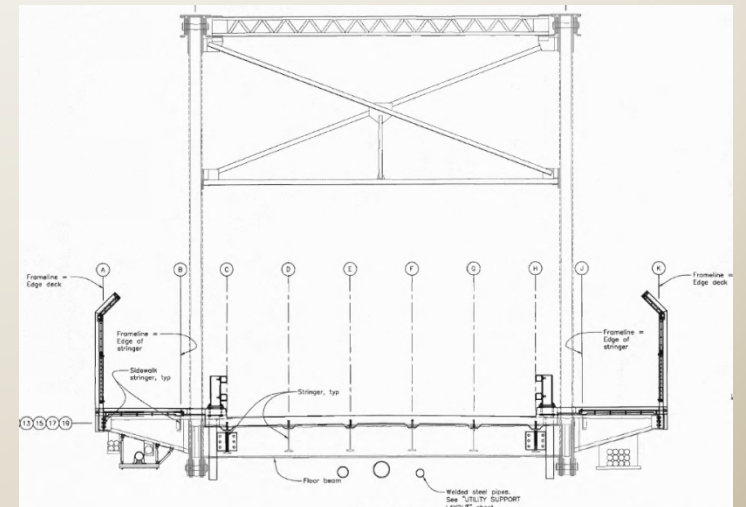
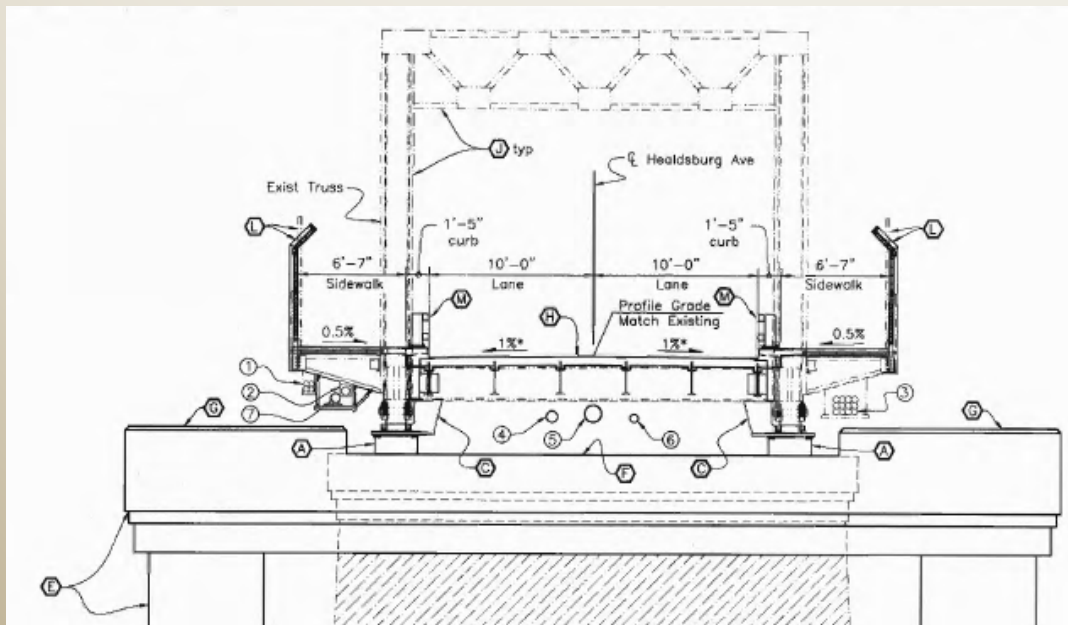
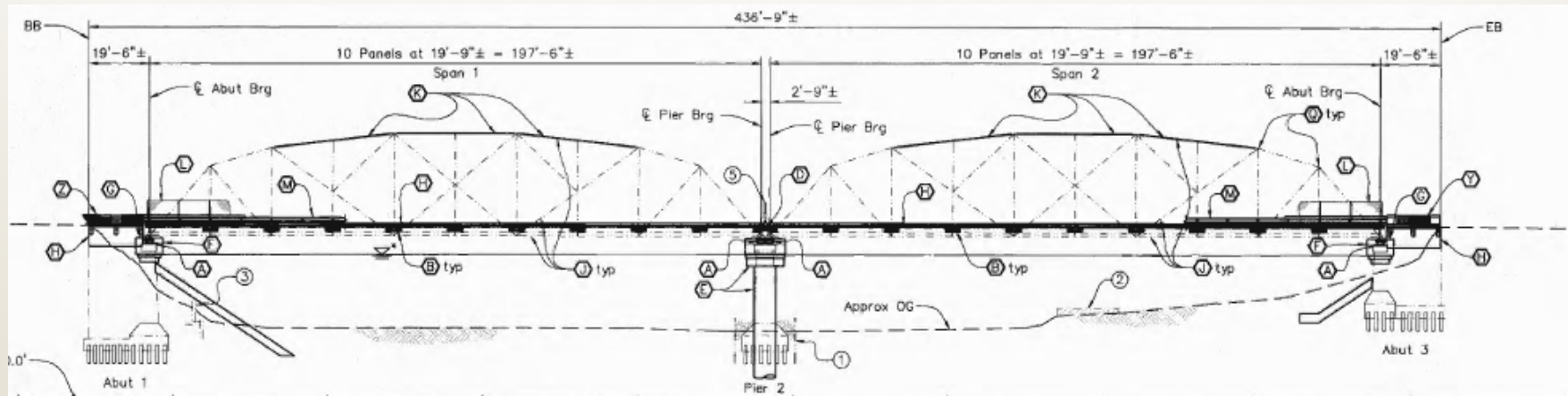
# GRANITE

Construction Contractor

- \* Preliminary Design Began: January 2010
- \* Environmental Documents Completed: December 2012
- \* Final Design: January 2013 - April 2014
- \* Contract Award: June 2014
- \* Construction: August 2014 – January 2016
  - \* Continuously Open to Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic
  - \* October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Open to Vehicular Traffic

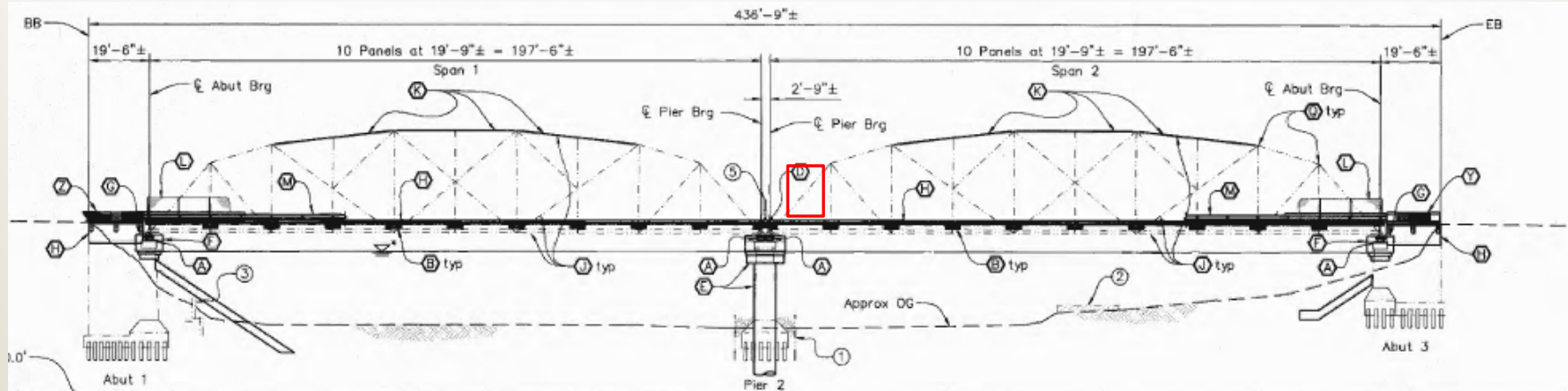


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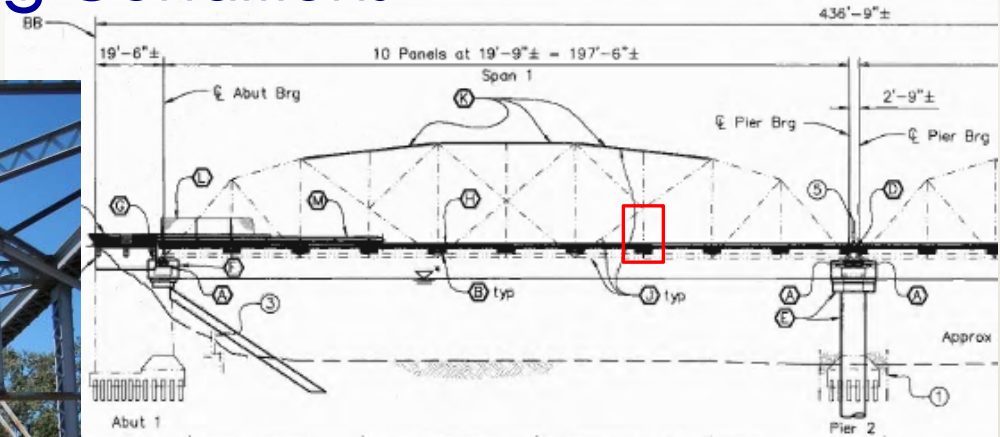
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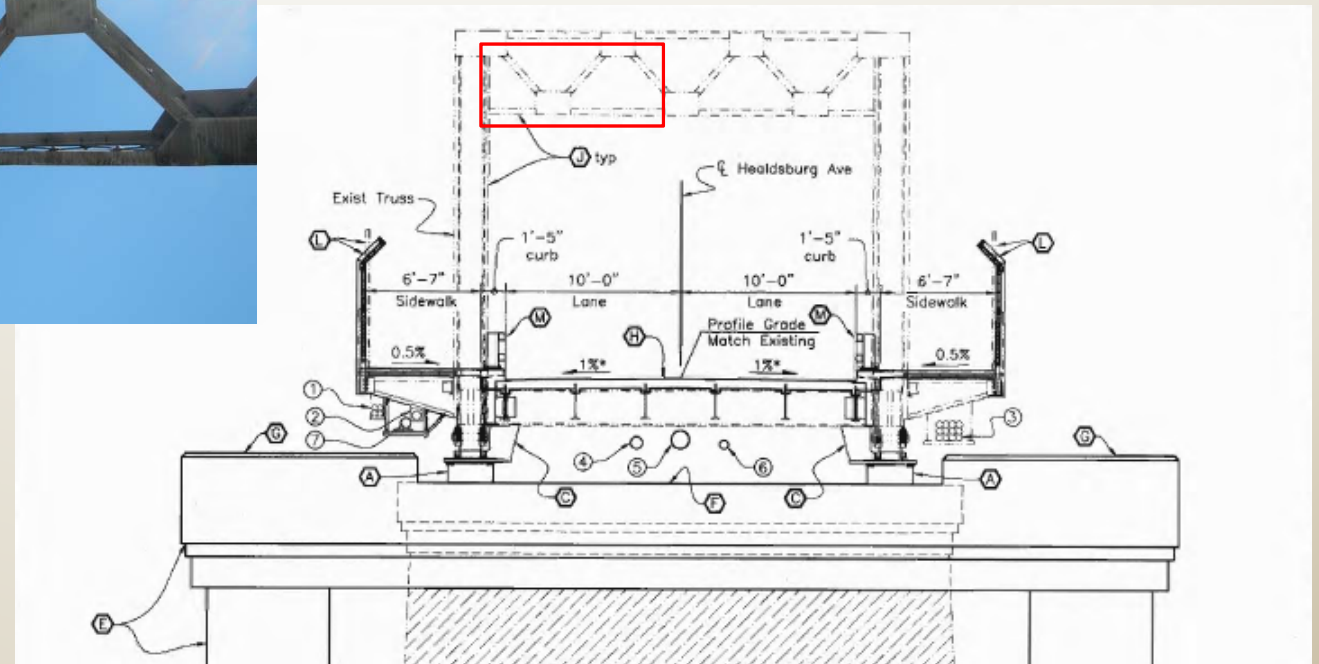
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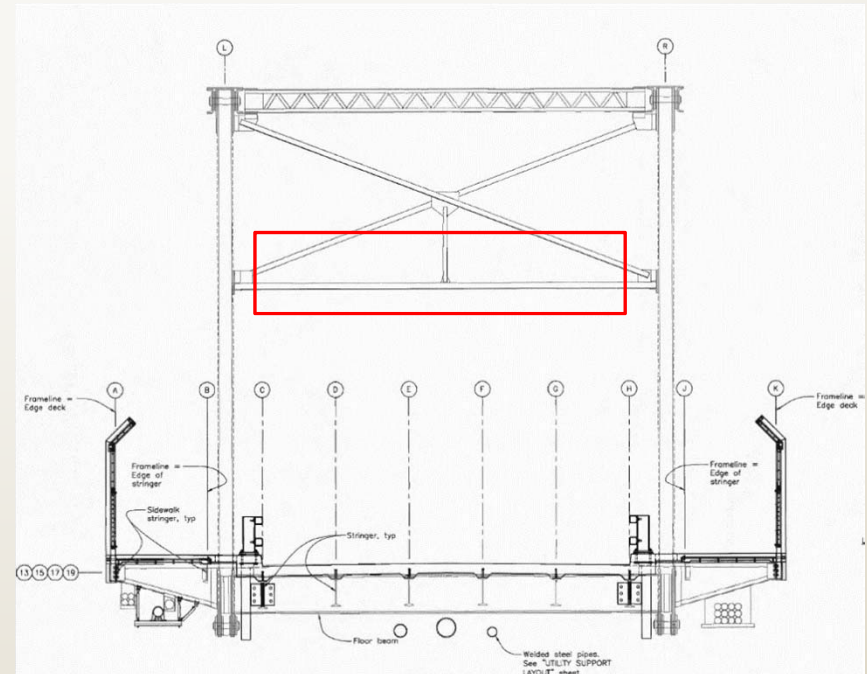
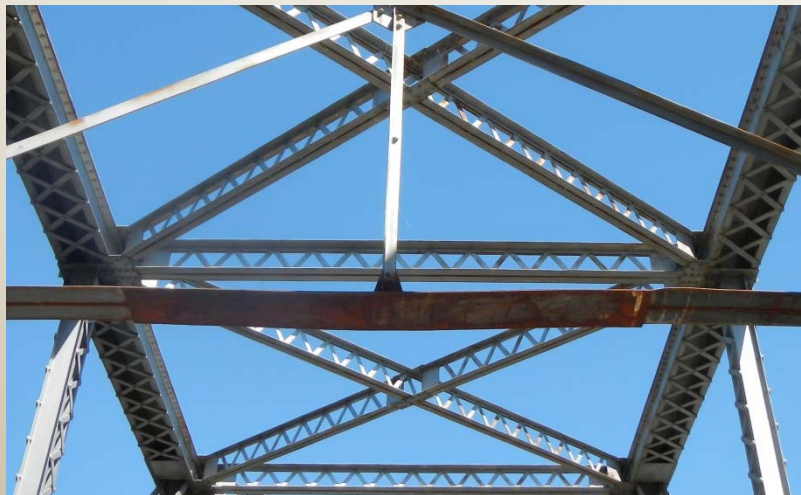
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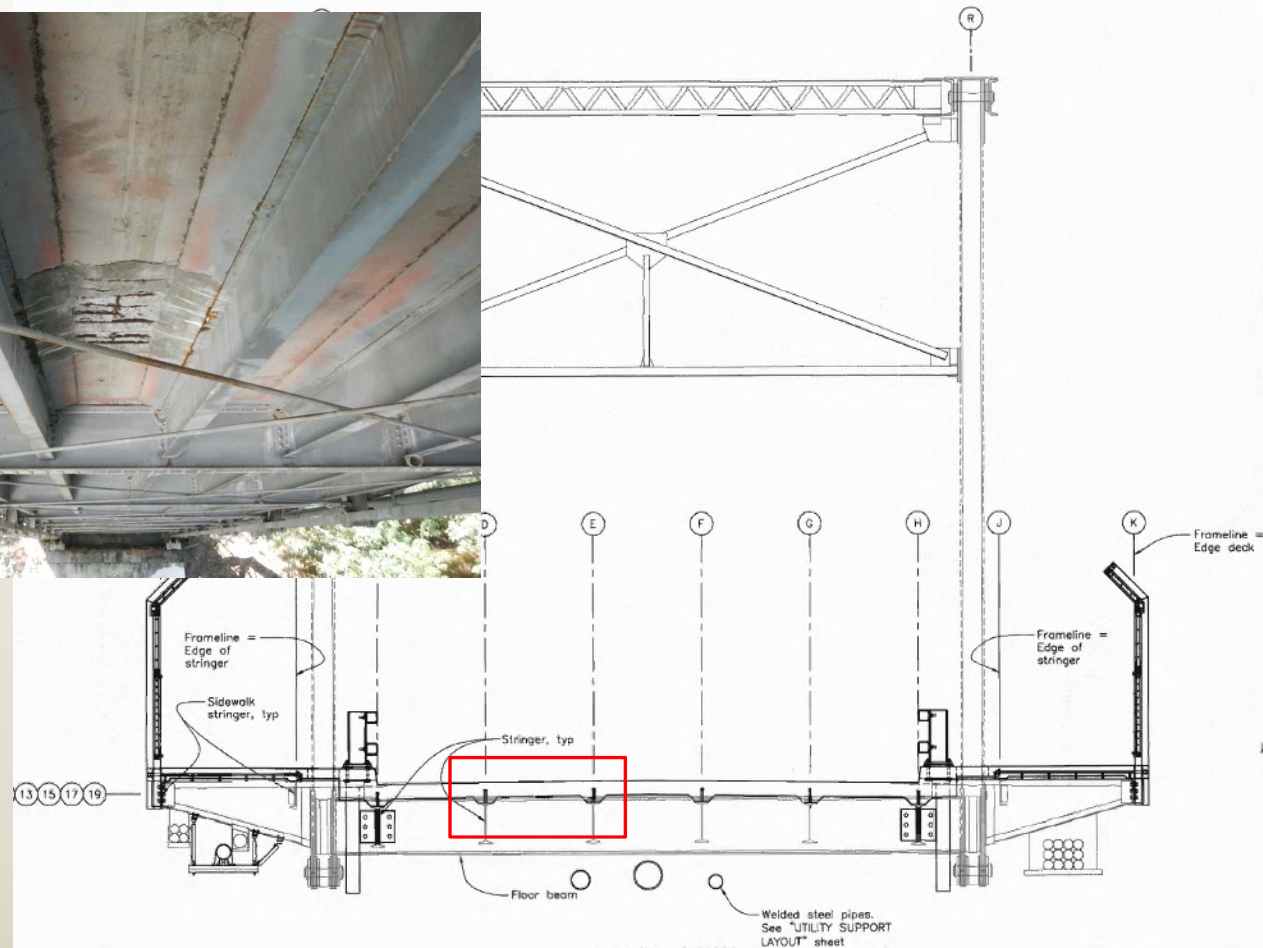
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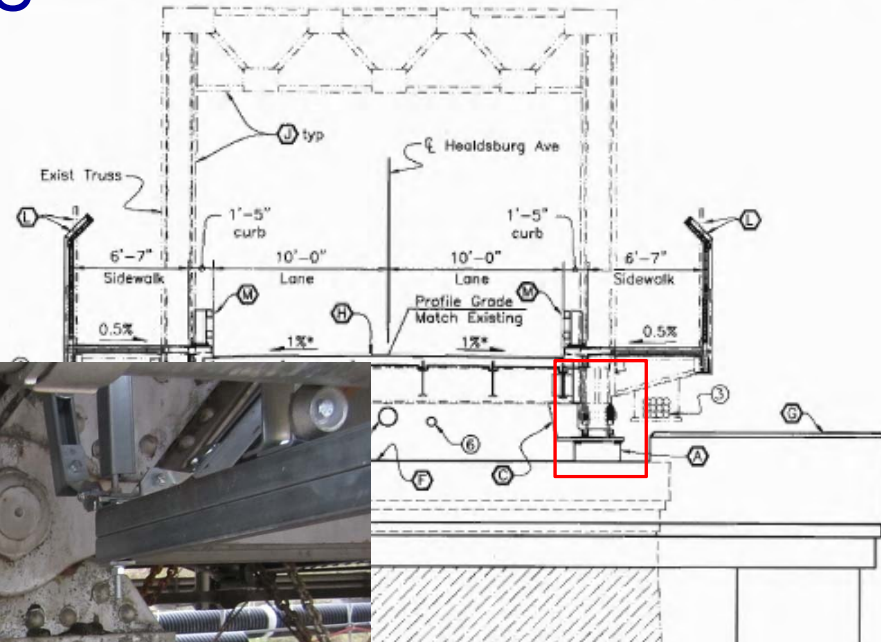
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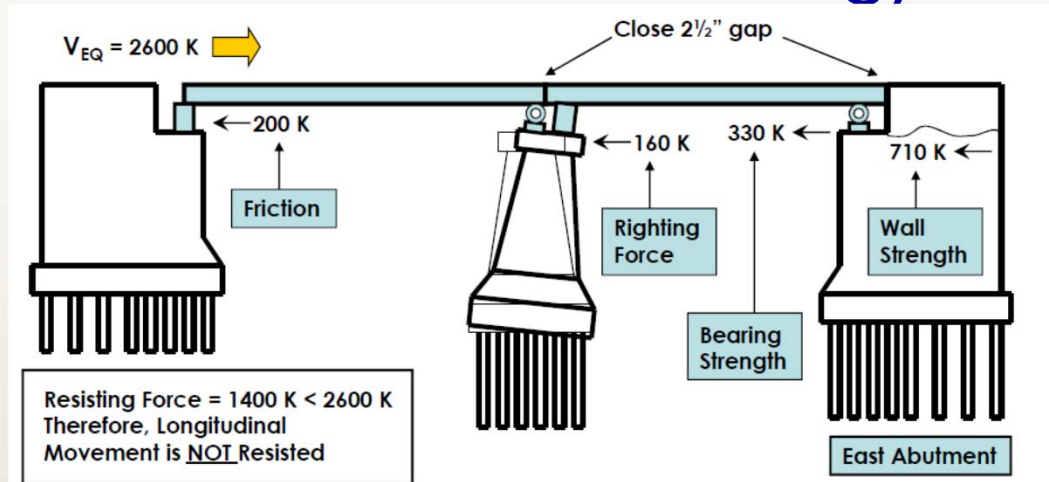
## Seismic Retrofit Strategy

|              | MECHANISM/FUSE                                               | ACCLERATION REQUIRED TO CREATE FUSE (% GRAVITY) | COMMENTS                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Transverse   | Bearing Plate at End Floor Beam Out-of-Plane Bending         | 0.15g                                           | Governing transverse fuse. End diaphragm strengthening required for earthquake forces greater than 0.15g.                          |
|              | Truss Bearing Plates Out-of-Plane Bending                    | 0.85g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|              | Shoe Bearing Plates Out-of-Plane Bending                     | 0.70g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|              | Shoe Bearing Plate to Angle Shear in Rivets                  | 0.22g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|              | Angle Connection to Base Plate - Fixed End Bending in Angle  | 7.36g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|              | Angle Connection to Base Plate - Roller End Bending in Angle | 0.20g                                           | Connection of interior angles to base plate questionable. If rivetted connection assumed, fuse increases to 0.40g                  |
|              | Shearing of Anchor Bolts                                     | 1.0g                                            |                                                                                                                                    |
| Longitudinal | Slipping of Bearing Plates Against Truss Pin                 | 0.30g                                           | Stabilizer plates hold pin in place. Combined longitudinal fuse = slipping of bearing plates + failure of stabilizer plate = 0.66g |
|              | Pin Stabilizer Plate Shear in Plate                          | 1.22g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|              | Pin Stabilizer Plate Shear in Rivets                         | 0.36g                                           | Stabilizer plates hold pin in place. Combined longitudinal fuse = slipping of bearing plates + failure of stabilizer plate = 0.66g |
|              | Shearing of Anchor Bolts                                     | 0.90g                                           |                                                                                                                                    |



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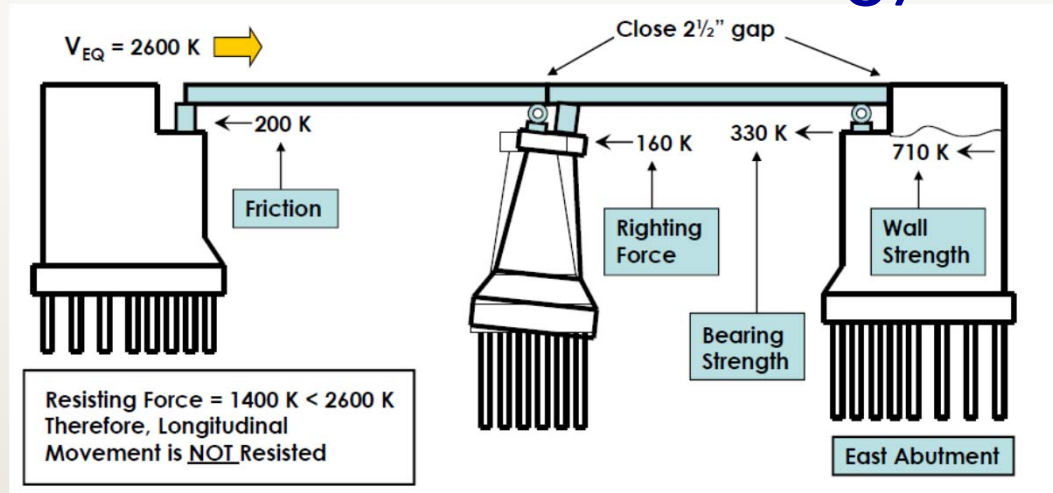
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| LONGITUDINAL PUSH TOWARDS EAST ABUTMENT |            |                |     | COMMENTS                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|
| DEMAND                                  |            |                |     |                                                  |
| Peak Inertial Force (k)                 | 2600       |                |     | Abut walls FAIL. Long. movement is unrestrained. |
| RESISTANCE                              |            |                |     |                                                  |
| Friction force at West Abut (k)         | -          | 200            |     |                                                  |
| Righting force at Pier (k)              | -          | 160            |     |                                                  |
| Bearing Strength at East Abut (k)       | -          | 330            |     |                                                  |
| Remaining Force                         | 1910       |                |     |                                                  |
| ELEMENT                                 | DEMAND (k) | SHEAR CAPACITY | D/C |                                                  |
| Abut walls                              | 1910       | 710            | 2.7 |                                                  |
| LONGITUDINAL PUSH TOWARDS WEST ABUTMENT |            |                |     |                                                  |
| DEMAND                                  |            |                |     |                                                  |
| Peak Inertial Force (k)                 | 2600       |                |     | Abut walls FAIL. Long. movement is unrestrained. |
| RESISTANCE                              |            |                |     |                                                  |
| Friction force at Pier (k)              | -          | 200            |     |                                                  |
| Bearing Strength at East Abut (k)       | -          | 330            |     |                                                  |
| Remaining Force                         | 2070       |                |     |                                                  |
| ELEMENT                                 | DEMAND (k) | SHEAR CAPACITY | D/C |                                                  |
| Abut walls                              | 2070       | 710            | 2.9 |                                                  |

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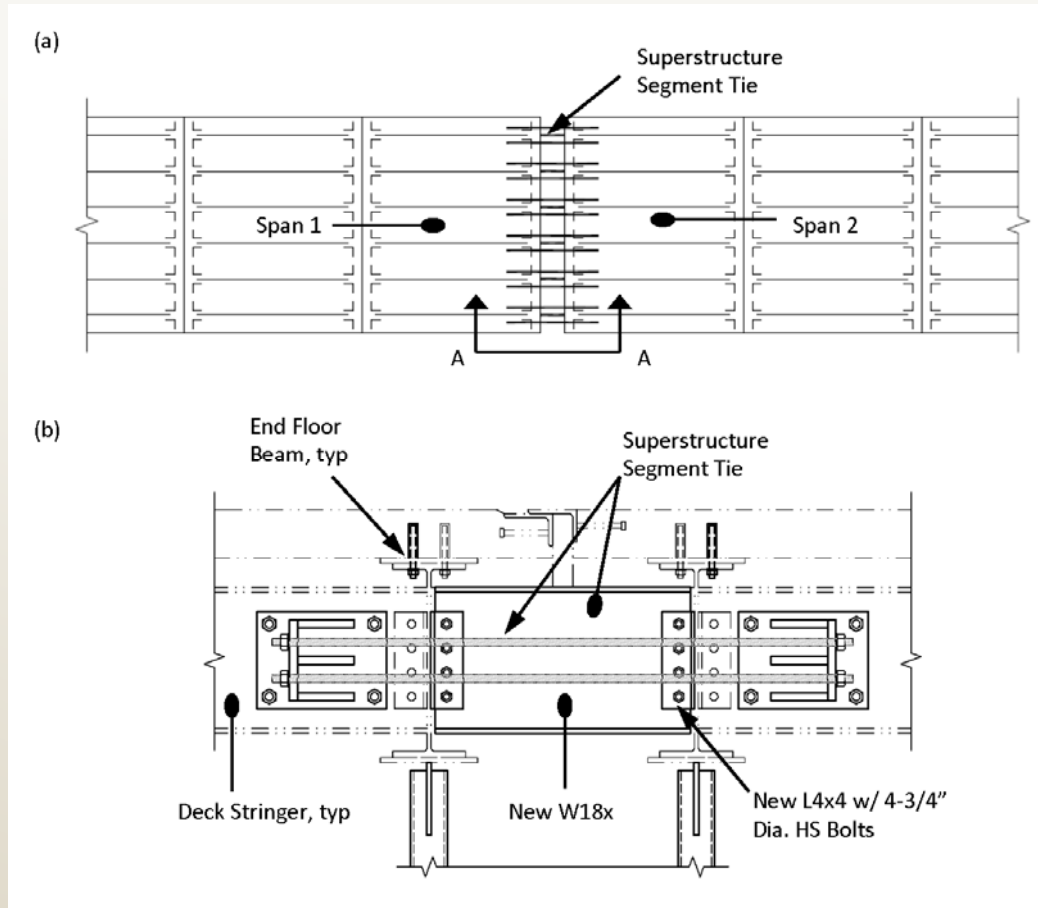
## Seismic Retrofit Strategy



| MODE                    | TRANSVERSE RESPONSE   |          |             | COMMENTS                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
|                         | DEMAND                | CAPACITY | D/C         |                            |
| Pile Shear (k)          | 17                    | 10       | <b>1.70</b> | Piles FAIL in shear.       |
| Moment (k-ft)           | 45,120                | 17,675   | <b>2.55</b> | Pier UPLIFTS.              |
| Pile Compression (tons) | 160                   | 40       | <b>4.00</b> | Piles FAIL in compression. |
| MODE                    | LONGITUDINAL RESPONSE |          |             | COMMENTS                   |
|                         | DEMAND                | CAPACITY | D/C         |                            |
| Pile Shear (k)          | 3                     | 10       | <b>0.30</b> | Piles OK in shear.         |
| Moment (k-ft)           | 41,960                | 5,600    | <b>7.49</b> | Pier UPLIFTS.              |
| Pile Compression (tons) | 96                    | 40       | <b>2.40</b> | Piles FAIL in compression. |

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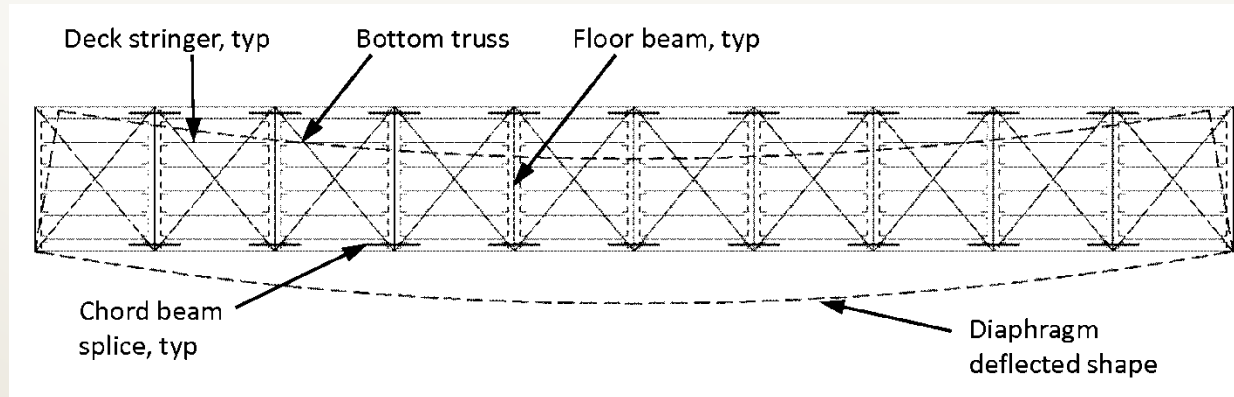
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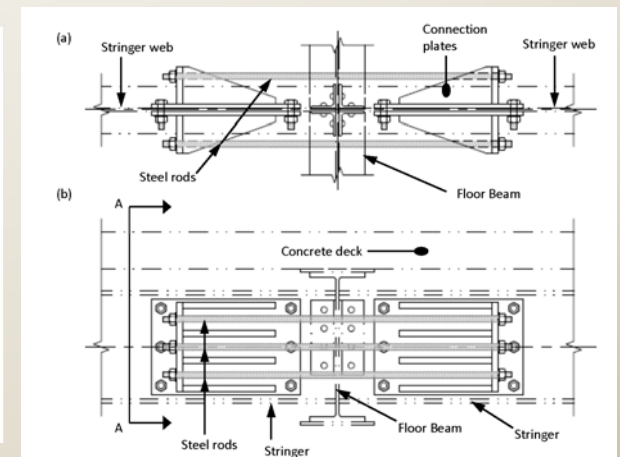


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## Seismic Retrofit Strategy



| MODE        | TRANSVERSE RESPONSE |                                   |     | COMMENTS    |                                                                 |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|             | DEMAND              | CAPACITY                          | D/C |             |                                                                 |
| Shear (k)   | 440                 | Deck                              | 470 | 0.94        | Deck OK in shear.                                               |
|             |                     | Shear Connectors                  | 0   | <b>NG</b>   | No mechanism for shear transfer between deck & end floor beams. |
| Tension (k) | 1040                | Stringer                          | 490 | <b>2.12</b> | Stringer YIELDS, resulting in loss of support for deck.         |
|             |                     | Stringer-to-floor beam Connection | 130 | <b>8.00</b> | Connection FAILS, resulting in loss of stringer.                |



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## FHWA Conditions of Funding Approval

- \* Strengthen Truss to Carry HS-20 Loading
- \* Provide New Vehicle Barrier Rail to Protect Trusses From Vehicular Impact
- \* Raise Sway Frames by one Lacing Bar
- \* Provide Maintenance Plan and Local Funding Source for Future Maintenance
- \* Include 25% contingency through Final Design for Dealing with Uncertainties Encountered During Construction

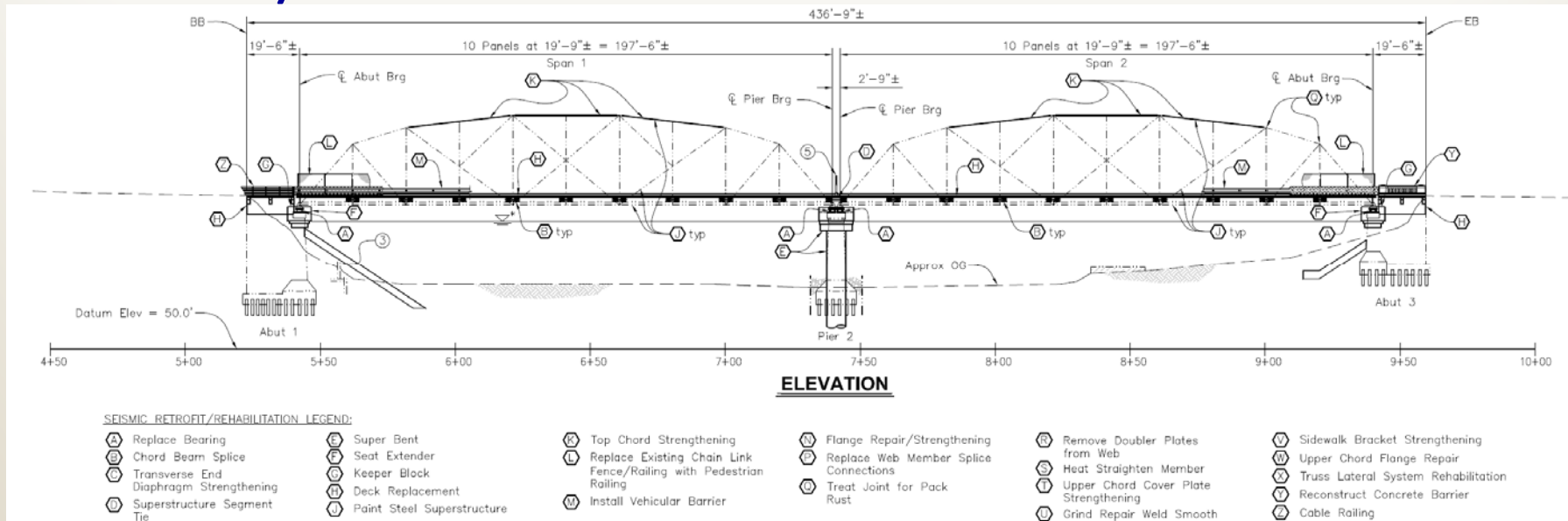
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## City Driven Design Features

- \* Provide 3 New Wet Utilities and 1 Electrical Utility Capable of Operating After a Seismic Event
- \* Replace Chain Link Fence with New Pedestrian Barrier
- \* Restore Lighting at Pier (And Abutments)

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## Summary of Rehabilitation and Seismic Retrofit Goals



### Rehabilitation

- \* Strengthen Top Chord Members To Carry HS-20 Loading
- \* Repair Members Damaged From Vehicular Impact
- \* Replace Lead Based Paint System
- \* Replace Bridge Deck
- \* Replace Seized Bearings
- \* Provide New Vehicle Barrier Rail to Protect Trusses From Vehicular Impact
- \* Replace Lattice Rail and Fencing with New Railing
- \* Preserve Historic Fabric of Bridge

### Seismic Retrofit

- \* Replace Seismically Vulnerable Pier with new “Super Bent”
- \* Reconstruct Abutments to Increase Passive Resistance
- \* Install Lead-Rubber Isolation Bearings
- \* Add Shear Key “Keeper Blocks” to control seismic displacements
- \* Provide Chord Beam Ties to Allow Deck to act as a Diaphragm
- \* Provide Headed Studs on Floor Beams to Provide Positive Shear Transfer to Deck Diaphragm

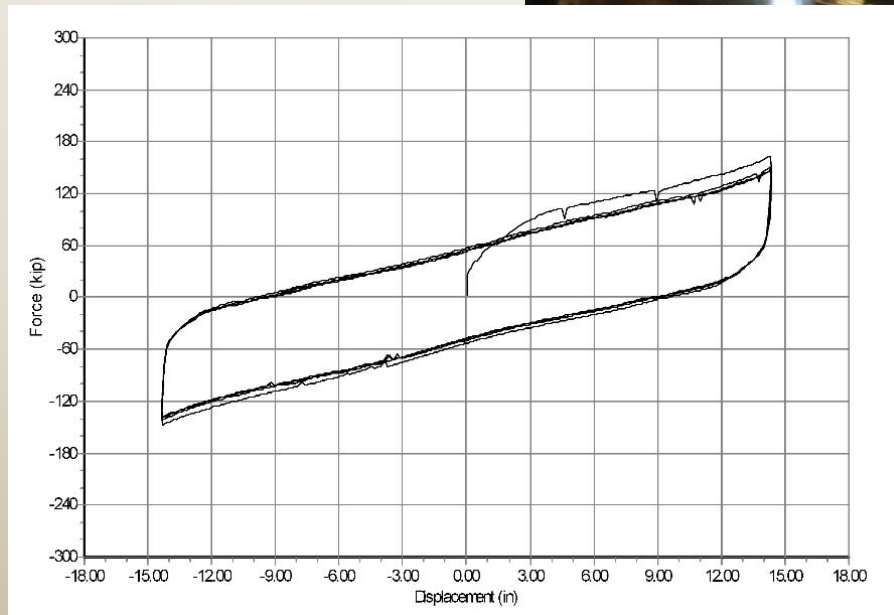
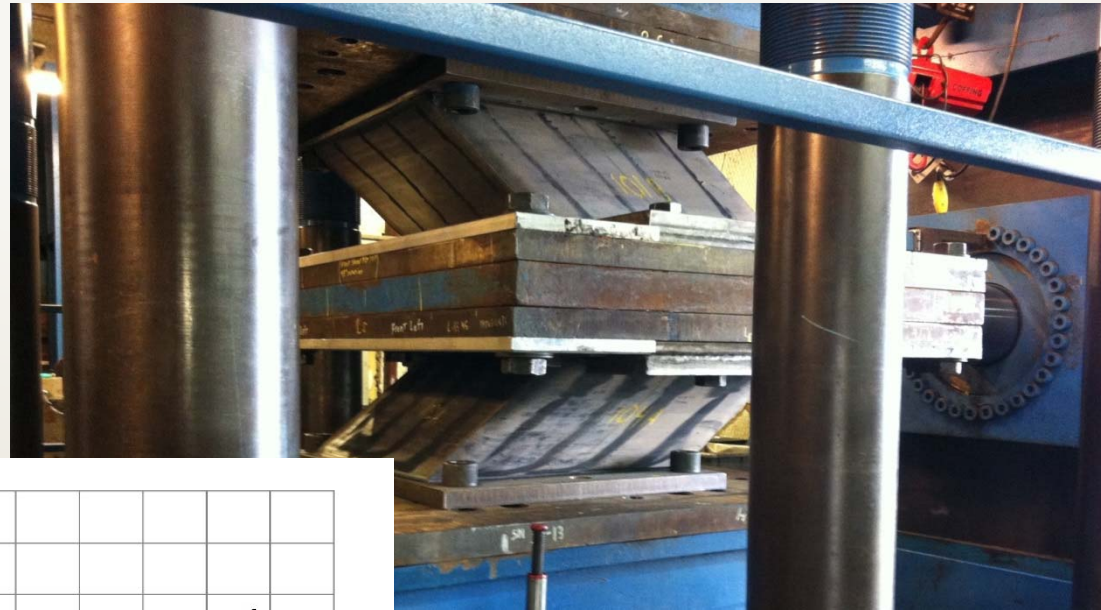
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## Abutment Reconstruction



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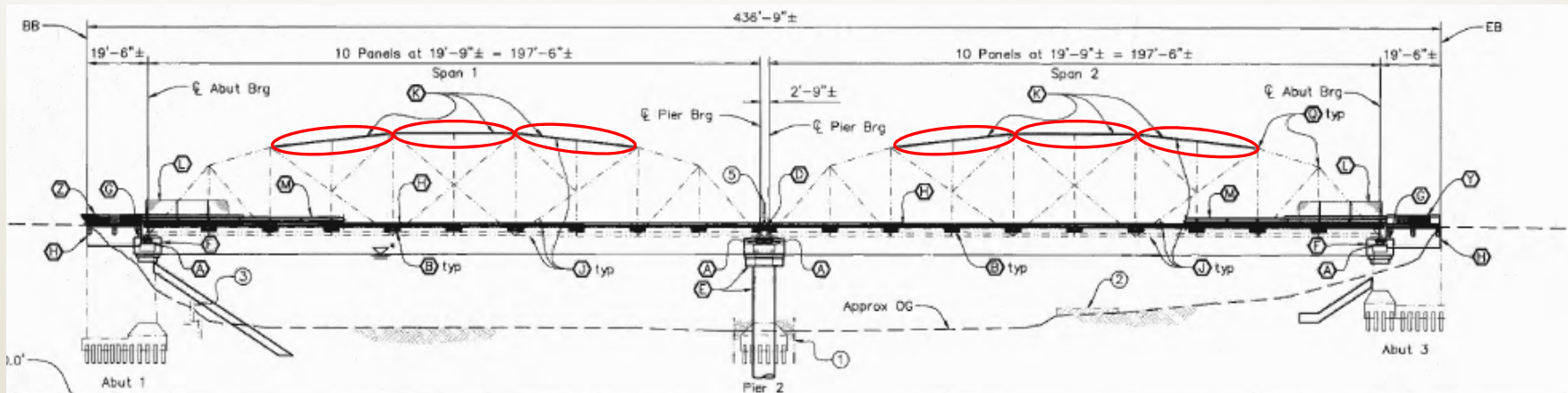
## Lead Rubber Isolation Bearings



Limited Seismic Force to ~63% of Seismic Mass

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## Strengthen Top Chord Members



Always Check Truss Pin  
Eccentricity



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## Lead Paint Abatement and Recoat



Work Complicated by Conveyance of Pedestrians Through Work Zone



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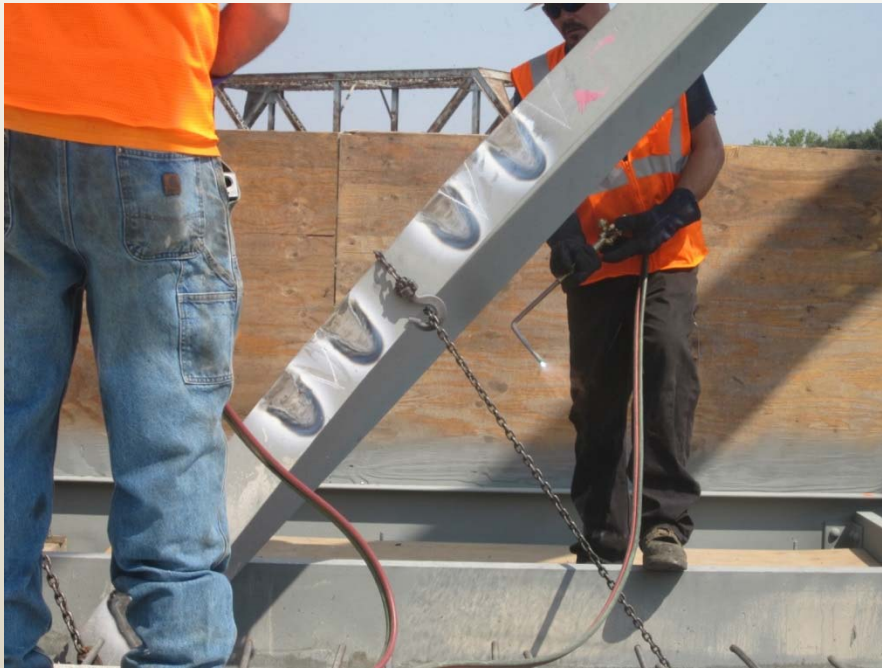
## Lead Paint Abatement and Recoat



Freshly Cleaned Steel Awaiting Primer Coat

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## Heat Straightening



Before Heat Straightening



After Heat Straightening

- Highly Effective
- Completed in Only a Few Days
- Web Members Tuned to Balance Load

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## Bridge Deck Replacement



Staged Deck Removal

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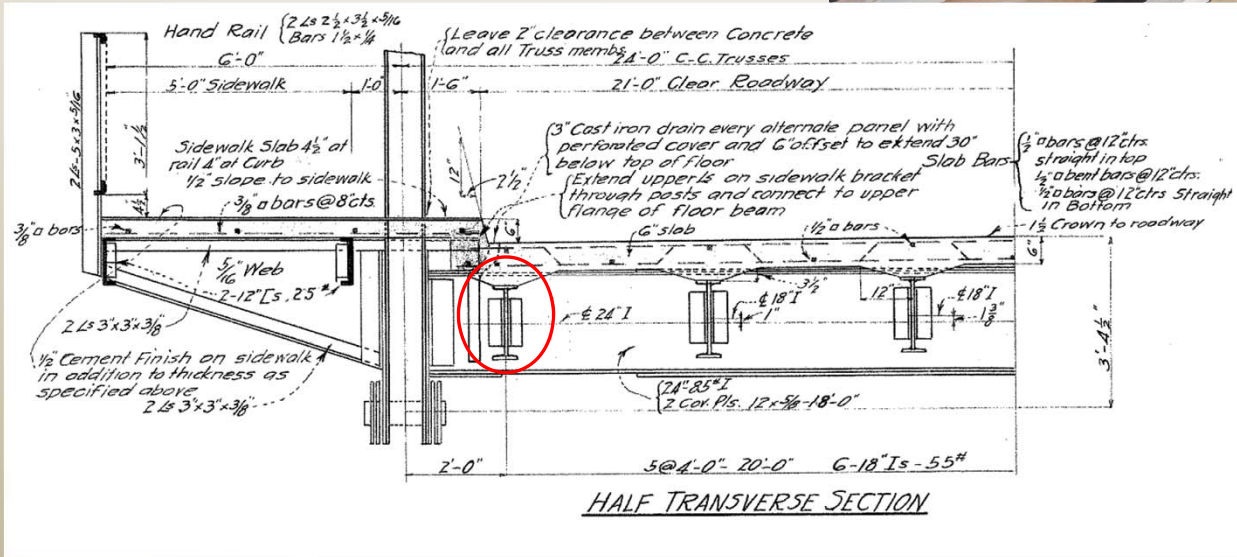


Fiber Reinforcement Used  
in Concrete to Control  
Cracking of Lightweight  
Concrete Deck

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## Restoring Members with Advanced Section Loss

- Severe Pack Rust on Exterior Stringers
- Interior Stringers Minor Surface Rust
- Maintaining Deck Drainage is Not a Minor Concern For Steel Bridges



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## Stringer Replacement/Strengthening



Before Cleaning Stringer



After Cleaning Stringer

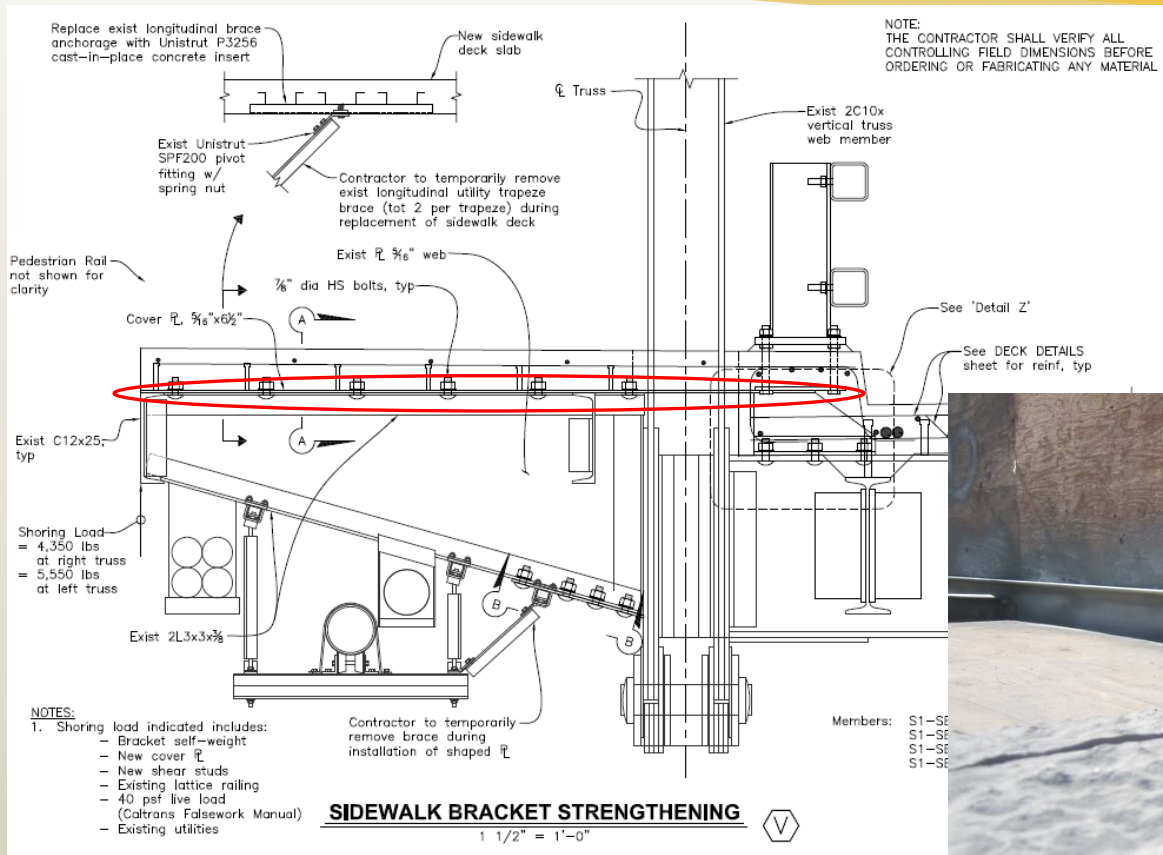
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## Stringer Replacement/Strengthening



Granite Sourced Historically Accurate  
S18x Shapes for Replacement

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- Primary Sidewalk Support Member Almost Entirely Gone
- Double Angles Replaced



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## Super Bent Construction



Pile Driven In Close Proximity to Existing Bridge to Limit Span of Bent



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Pipe Dowels for Shear Transfer To New Cap Beam



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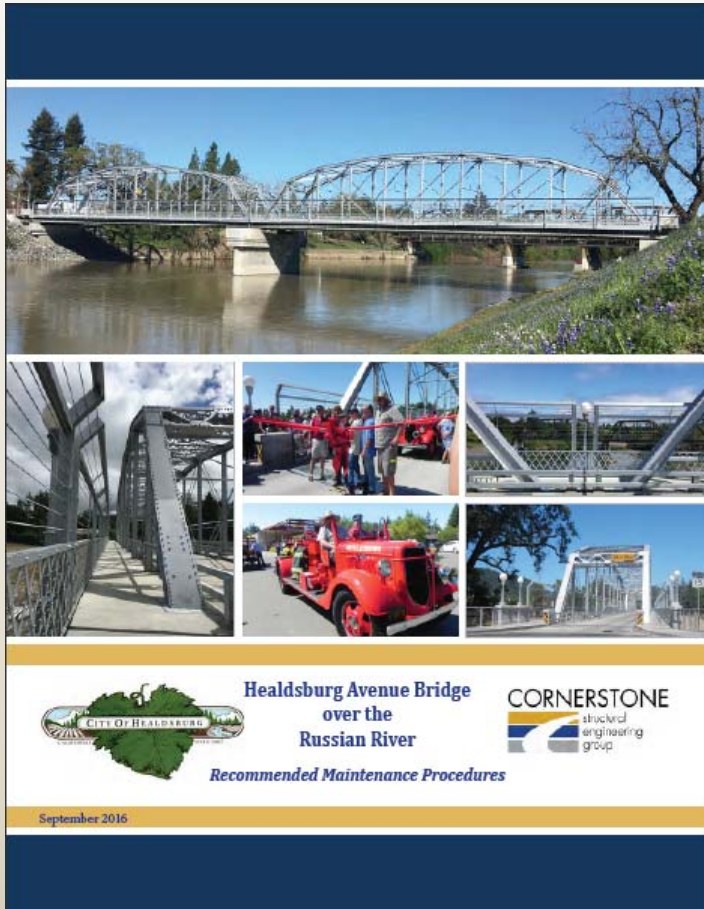
Self Supporting Cap Prior to Infill Wall Construction



Completed Super Bent

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## Long Term Preservation



|    |                                                              | Approximate Maintenance Interval (Years) |   |   |    |    |    |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|
|    |                                                              | 1                                        | 2 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 60 |
| 1  | Maintenance Inspection                                       | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 2  | Visual Inspection of Eye Bars                                | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 3  | Graffiti Removal                                             | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 4  | Flush Out Deck Drains                                        | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 5  | Remove Debris from Truss Joints and Pedestrian Barrier Rail  | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 6  | Repair/Replace Bird Deterrent Spikes                         | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 7  | Remove Debris from Pedestrian Barrier Rail Drainage Elements | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 8  | Inspect and Clean Lead Rubber Bearings                       | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 9  | Inspect and Clean Pier and Abutment Seats                    | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 10 | Clean Joints and Joint Seals                                 | •                                        |   |   |    |    |    |
| 11 | Ultrasonic Testing of Pin Connectors                         |                                          | • |   |    |    |    |
| 12 | Underwater Inspection                                        |                                          |   | • |    |    |    |
| 13 | Methacrylate Deck Seal Overlay                               |                                          |   | • |    |    |    |
| 14 | Repair/Replace Barrier Railing Damaged By Vehicular Impact   |                                          |   | • |    |    |    |
| 15 | Paint Lead Rubber Bearing Cover Plates                       |                                          |   | • |    |    |    |
| 16 | Scour/Slope Protection                                       |                                          |   |   | •  |    |    |
| 17 | Repair Spalls and Cracks in Substructure                     |                                          |   |   | •  |    |    |
| 18 | Repair Damaged Portal Frame & Sway Bars                      |                                          |   |   | •  |    |    |
| 19 | Bridge Paint Inspection and Spot Painting Repair             |                                          |   |   | •  |    |    |
| 20 | Replacement of Fractured Eye Bars                            |                                          |   |   |    | •  |    |
| 21 | Bridge Painting Recoat                                       |                                          |   |   |    | •  |    |
| 22 | Repair/Replace Joint or Joint Seal                           |                                          |   |   |    | •  |    |
| 23 | Bridge Paint System Replacement                              |                                          |   |   |    |    | •  |
| 24 | Clean and Treat Pack Rust                                    |                                          |   |   |    |    | •  |

City Committed to Long Term Maintenance and Established Dedicated Local Funding Source



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## New Pedestrian and Vehicular Railing

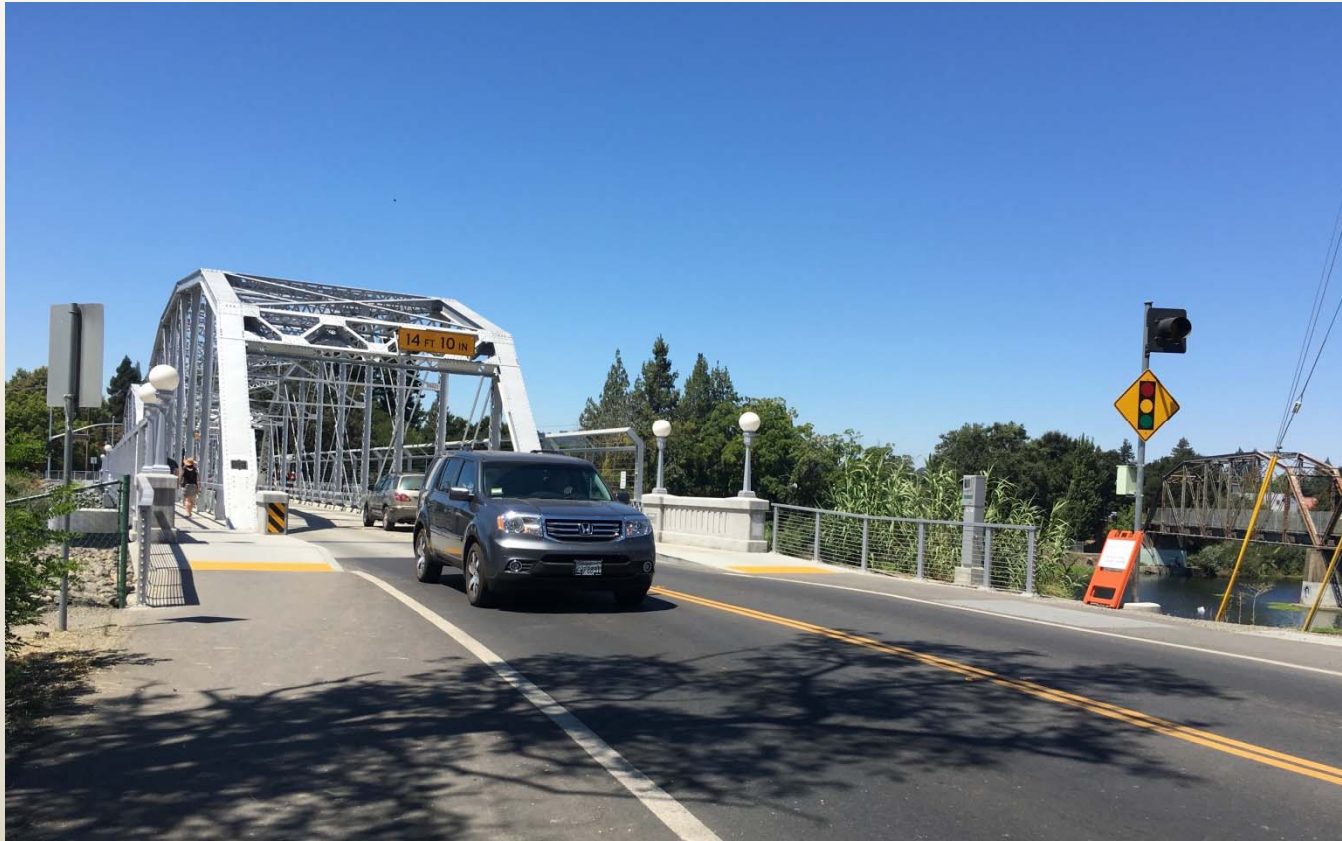


Completed Vehicle Barrier and Restored  
Lattice Railing/Cable Railing Hybrid  
Pedestrian Barrier



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## Bridge Reopened to Traffic



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## Questions?

