



# City of Kenmore West Sammamish River Bridge Replacement

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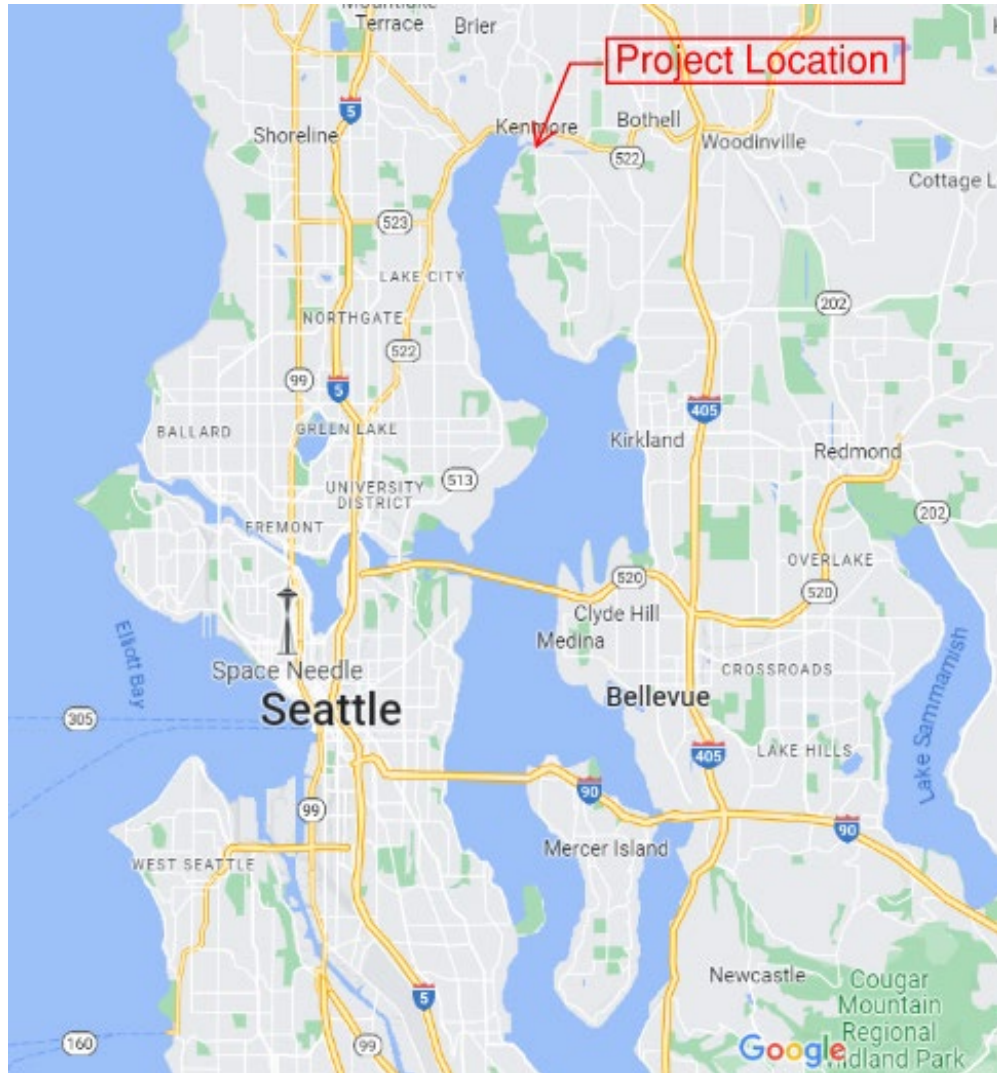
# Presentation Agenda

- Project Overview
- Project Challenges
- Design Features
- Construction Challenges
- Lessons Learned





# Project Location





## Project Overview

- Old bridge built in 1938
- Bridge settlement & cracks in girders noted in late 2012
- Jacobs to investigate in June 2013
- Condition Assessment & Alt. Evaluation – 2014
- Final Design & Env. Permitting: 2015-2019
- Construction: 2020 – 2022
- Project Cost: \$40M
- Project Funding
  - FHWA HBP - \$12M
  - Connecting Washington - \$12M
  - TIB - \$7M
  - STP - \$1.6M
  - Additional – utilities, City of Kenmore



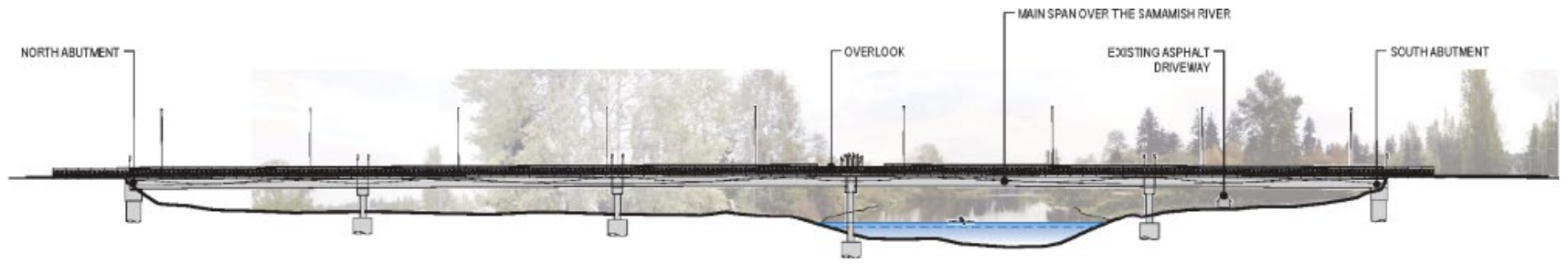
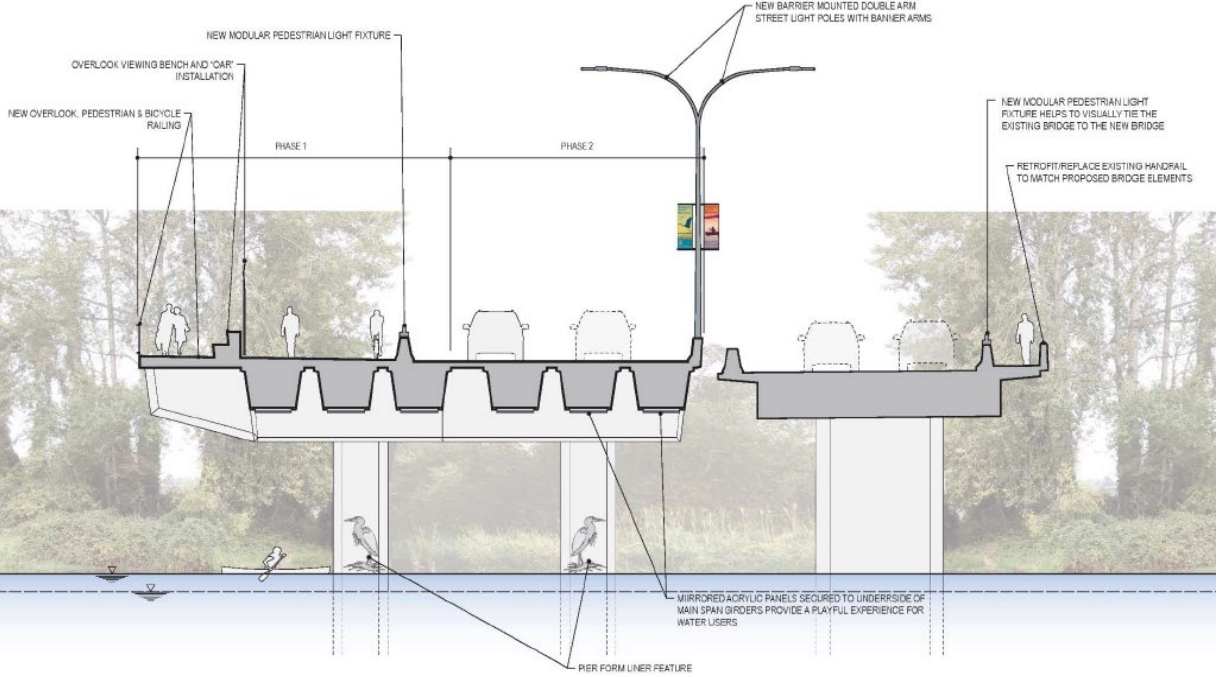
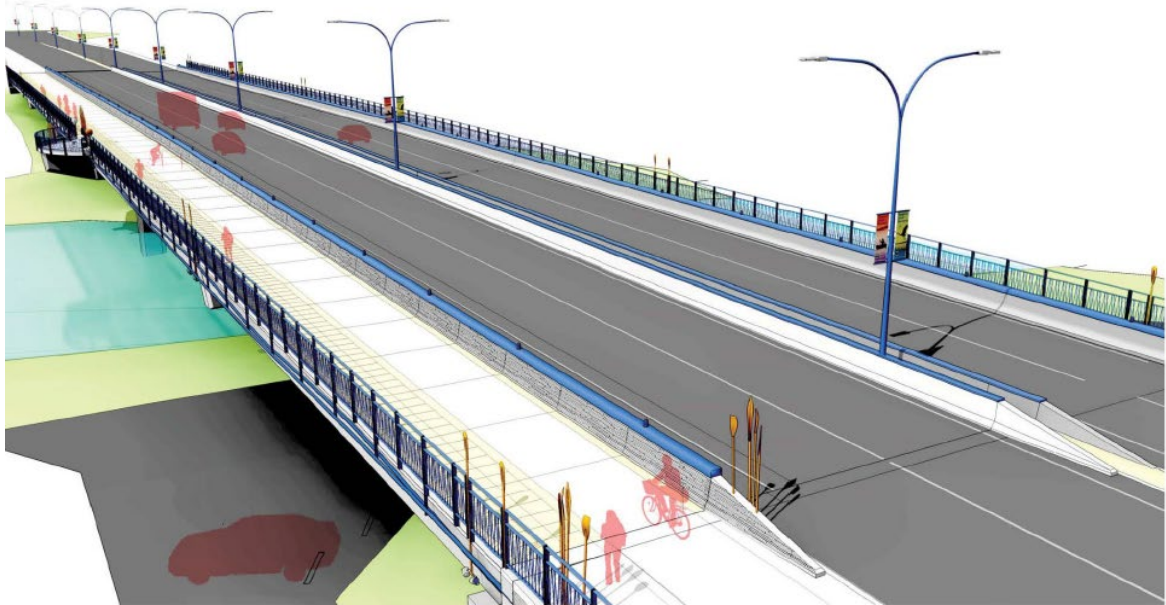


## Project Challenges

- Initial Evaluation of Cracks in Girders
- Scour Evaluation – Underwater Inspection
- Alternative selection – Aesthetics and Clearances
- Environmental Permitting (NEPA, SEPA +16 permits)
- Maintenance of Traffic (20,000 ADT)
- Utility relocations (9 different lines)
- Constructability
  - Limited ROW & adjacent existing NB Bridge in service
  - Limited Fish Window
- Unforeseen events
  - Federal Gov. Shutdown (2018/2019)
  - COVID-19



# Bridge Design Concept





# Maintaining Traffic – Construction Phase 1



## Vehicles

- Southbound traffic remains on existing bridge
- Maintain two southbound lanes
- Occasional closures during weekend/nighttime and non-peak traffic periods



## Pedestrians

- Pedestrian traffic on east sidewalk only



## Bicycles

- Bicyclists continue using traffic lanes



## Boats

- Occasional short-term river closures in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Boat launch to remain open



**DEMOLISH WEST BRIDGE SIDEWALK AND CONSTRUCT WEST HALF OF NEW BRIDGE**



# Maintaining Traffic - Construction Phase 2

## Vehicles

- Southbound traffic shifts to west side of new bridge
- Maintain two southbound lanes
- Occasional closures during weekend/nighttime and non-peak traffic periods

## Pedestrians

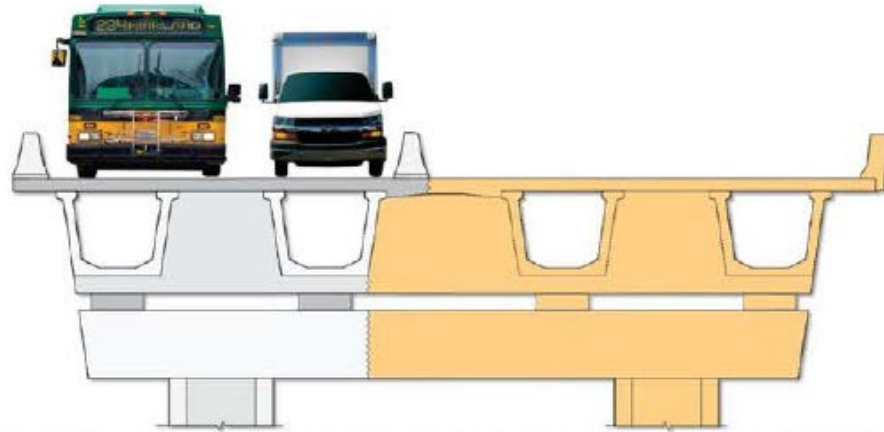
- Pedestrian traffic on east sidewalk only

## Bicycles

- Bicyclists continue using traffic lanes

## Boats

- Occasional short-term river closures during existing bridge demolition and construction of new bridge in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Boat launch to remain open



COMPLETE REMAINING WEST BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AFTER DEMOLITION



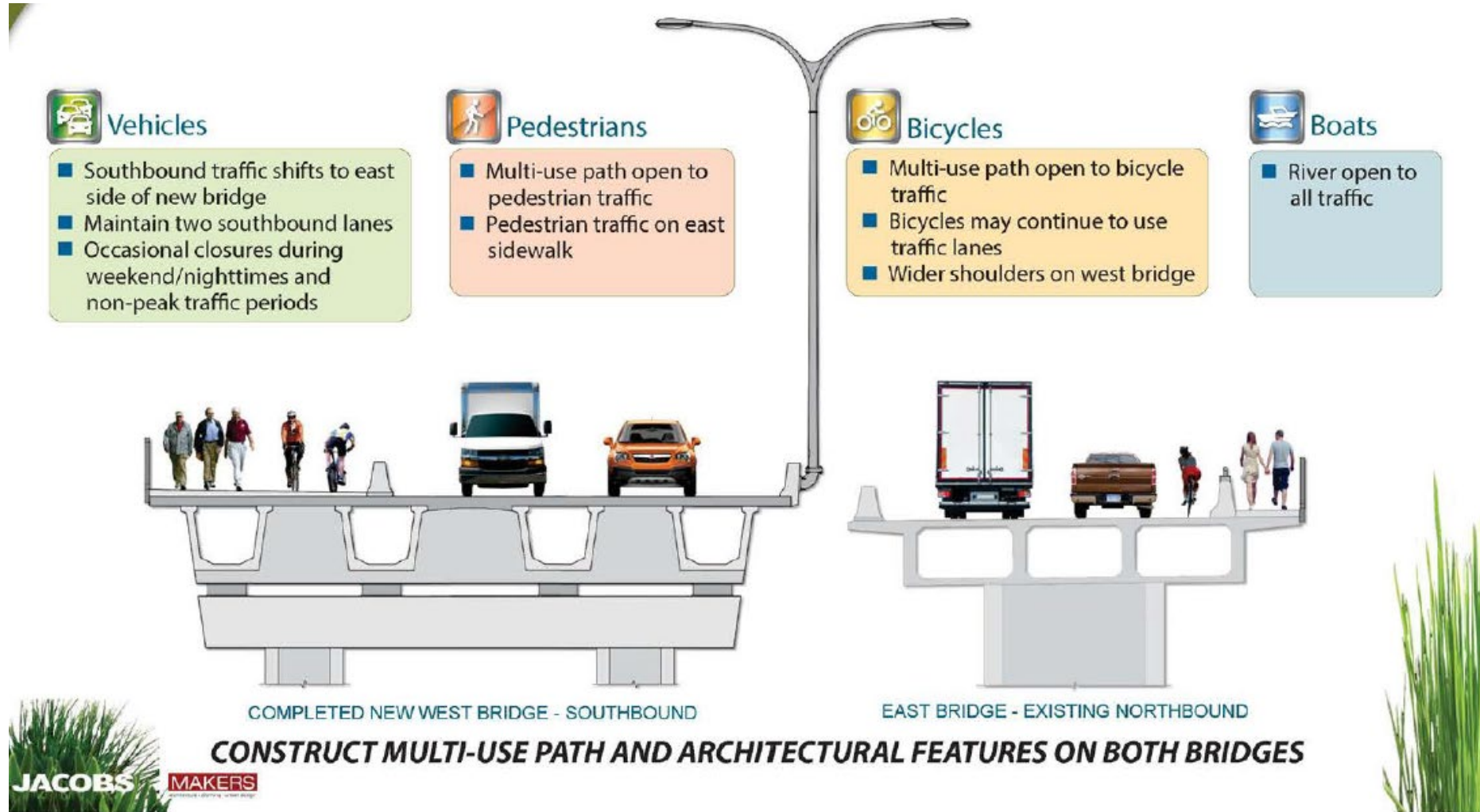
EAST BRIDGE - EXISTING NORTHBOUND

**DEMOLISH REMAINING WEST BRIDGE AND CONSTRUCT EAST HALF OF NEW BRIDGE**





# Maintaining Traffic - Construction Phase 3 / Completion



## Bridge Design Details

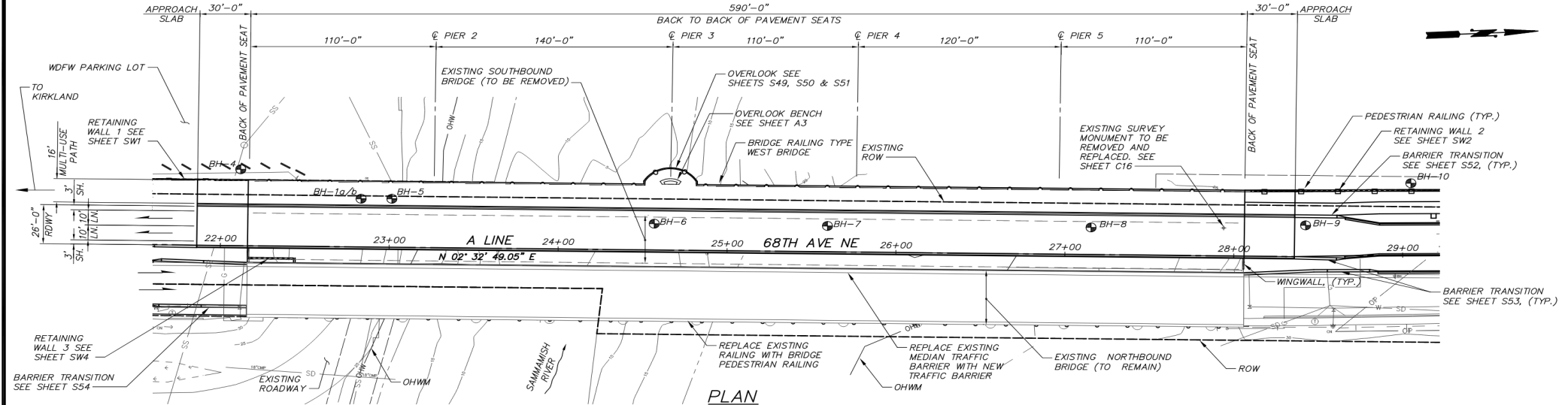
### ■ Bridge Superstructure:

- Five spans with PC Box Girders (WSDOT UF60G5) for 600 ft long
- Two lanes of vehicular traffic and 16-ft multipath (bike and pedestrians)
- Lookout bench with architectural ornaments
- Architectural railing & LED lighting

### ■ Bridge Substructure

- Site-specific Response Spectra for 1,000-year EQ
- Designed for Liquefaction/Lateral Spreading
- Seismic Isolation Bearings on crossbeams
- Intermediate Piers – rectangular columns on 8-ft dia. drilled shaft
- Geofoam blocks to mitigate settlement at approaches

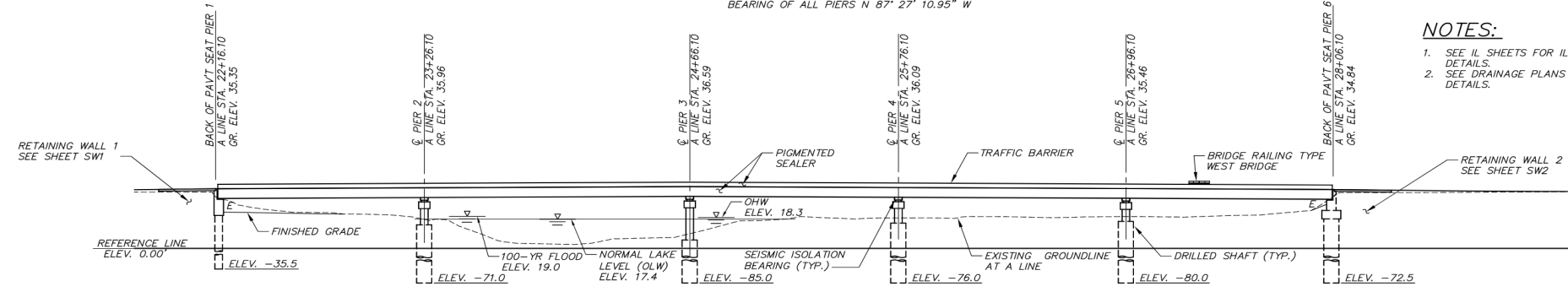




**PLAN**  
BEARING OF ALL PIERS N 87° 27' 10.95" W

**NOTES:**

1. SEE ILL SHEETS FOR ILLUMINATION PLANS AND DETAILS.
2. SEE DRAINAGE PLANS FOR BRIDGE DRAIN DETAILS.



**ELEVATION**

GRADE ELEV. SHOWN ARE FINISHED GRADES AT TOP OF BRIDGE DECK ON A LINE AND ARE EQUAL TO PROFILE GRADE.

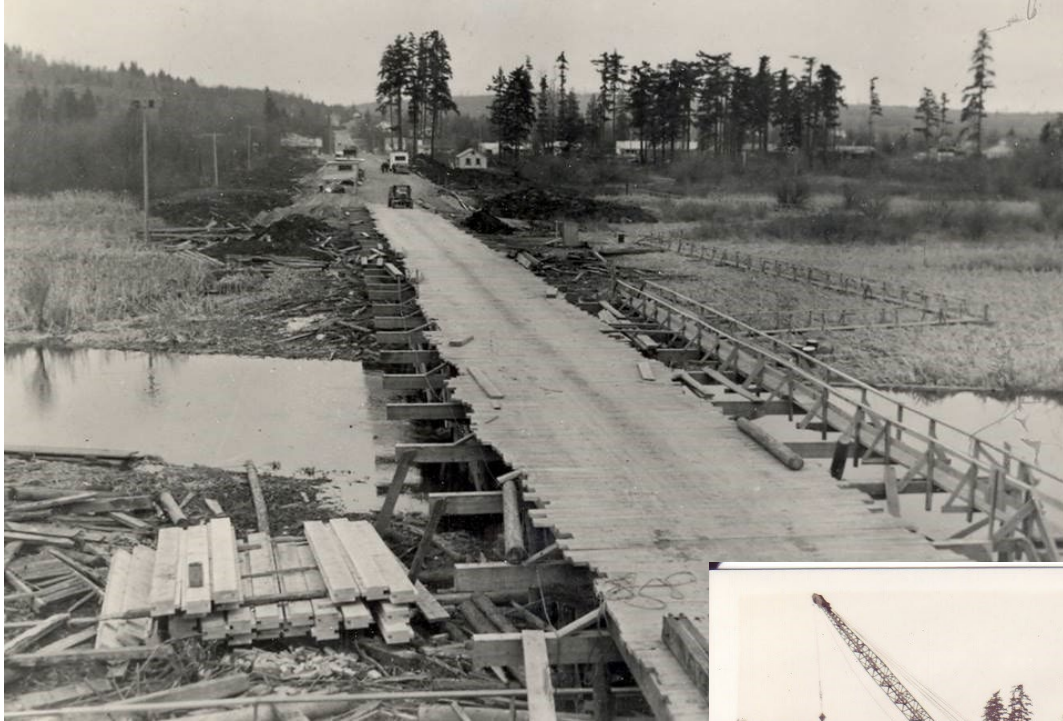
**P.C. TUB GIRDER (UF60G5)  
CONTINUOUS FOR LIVE LOAD  
LOADING: HL-93**

**DATUM**  
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<p>BRIDGE LAYOUT</p>	S1													

# Original Bridge Construction – 1938





## Construction - 2020

- Work Trestle & Cofferdam – In-water window
- Placement of LWM & Drilled Shafts





# Construction

- Bridge Superstructure Demolition (CIP RC Box) – next to existing NB Bridge in service





# Existing Footing/Pilecap Removal

- Foundations weighed up to 200,000 LBS
- Sawcut under water





# Construction

- New Piers in the water – Constructed during in-water work window





# Seismic Isolation Bearings (Lead Rubber Bearing)

- Displacement-base design for 1,000-year EQ
- Columns too short for Plastic Hinging Zones
- Superstructure too heavy for force-based design





# Conc. Precast Girder Installation

- Transport girders middle of night to avoid I-5 traffic
- 140' PC Girder, 210 kips





# Conc. Precast Girder Installation

- PC Box Girders (WSDOT UF60G5)





# Construction

- Geof foam blocks to mitigate long-term settlement at approaches





# Clear Cast Stay-in-Place Form - Transparent Acrylic Plastic

- SIP deck forms to accelerate bridge construction





# Aesthetics Enhancement

- 16-ft Wide Multi-use path with Overlook Bench
- Custom Design Metal Railing
- LID Lighting (strip lighting along barriers and benches)





## Aesthetics Enhancement – Cont'd

- “Aloha” formliners on concrete barriers
- Blue Heron formliners on columns





# West Sammamish River Bridge, Kenmore, WA





# Bridge Opening Celebration – 8.11.2022



February 6, 2023

**Best In State: Gold Award  
Complexity**

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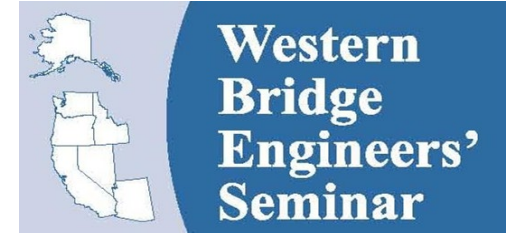


Photo courtesy of Jacobs Engineering Group

The new bridge includes a gathering space at center span overlooking the river.



# Lessons Learned



- Worked as “Extension of the City” in all levels
- Biggest challenge – Navigating thru most complex permitting process
- Detailed construction sequences in constrained area/limited fish window
- Detail traffic control plans – cars/ped/bikes on Road and boats on River
- Public outreach/communication – live-stream traffic and construction activities
- Be flexible – always have Plan B
  - Project delayed due to gov’t shutdown - permitting agency closed
  - Construction delayed due to COVID pandemic – materials and labor





## Lessons Learned – Cont'd

- Innovation
  - Seismic Isolation Bearing (seismic lateral spreading due to liquefaction)
  - Stay-in-place Clear Cast Form - Transparent Acrylic Plastic
  - Geofoam blocks to mitigate long-term settlement
  - Aesthetics Enhancement
    - 16-ft wide multi-use path with architectural railing
    - Lookout Bench with Historic Oars
    - LED Lighting along the multi-use path (strip lighting) and corridor (poles)
    - Custom-deigned formliners on barriers and piers





# Western Bridge Engineers' Seminar

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Challenging today.  
Reinventing tomorrow.

# Thank you!

*Any Questions?*