

ASCE Montgomery, Alabama Branch

Innovations in the Prestressed Concrete Industry

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Concrete Technology

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Innovations in Concrete Technology in the Prestressed Concrete Industry:

- **Advancements in Concrete Mixer Technology**
- **Improvements to Chemical Admixtures**
- **Batch Control Systems (Moisture Probes)**
- **These Technologies Allow Self-Consolidating Concrete Production**

Concrete Technology



- **Twin Shaft Mixer**
- **Fast, Thorough Mixing Action**

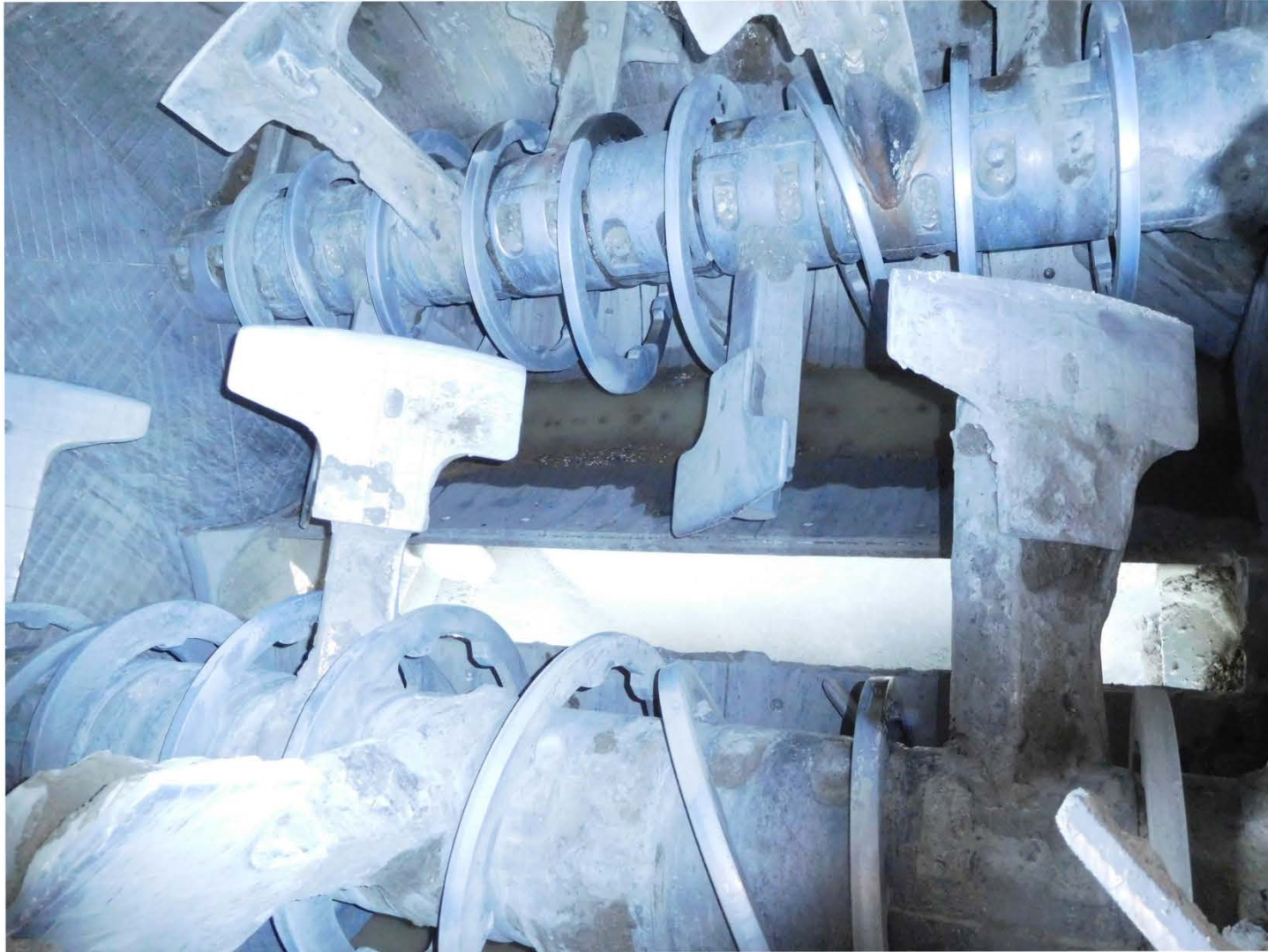
Pelham, AL Bridge Plant



Twin Shaft Mixer



Twin Shaft Mixer



Self-Consolidating Concrete

- **Flowing Concrete**
- **Allows Placement Without Vibration**
- **Safer Working Environment**
- **Enhanced Surface Finish on Products**

Self-Consolidating Concrete



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Self-Consolidating Concrete

- **Product has been Thoroughly Researched by ALDOT**
- **Full Scale Prestressed Concrete Girders have been Produced and are in Service**
- **Definite Benefits for the Precast Concrete Industry**
- **ALDOT has Special Provision Implemented**
- **Pelham, AL Bridge Plant is Producing Bridge Beams w/SCC**

Products

Precast Substructure Components

Scope Of Precast Substructure Components

Precast Columns- (42" x 42"); Avg. Length Approx. 26 ft.

Precast Caps- (48" Wide x 48" min., Depth); Max Length 35'-6"

Column Sleeves- NMB #14 Sleeves for #11 Footing Dowels. Total of 12 Sleeves per Column. Footing Dowels Positive Projection from Cast-In-Place Footing, Set with a Template.

Cap Sleeves- NMB #14 Sleeves for #11 Column Bars. Total of 24 Sleeves Installed in Bottom of Caps (12 per Column).

These Products have been Produced at our Pelham, AL Yard.

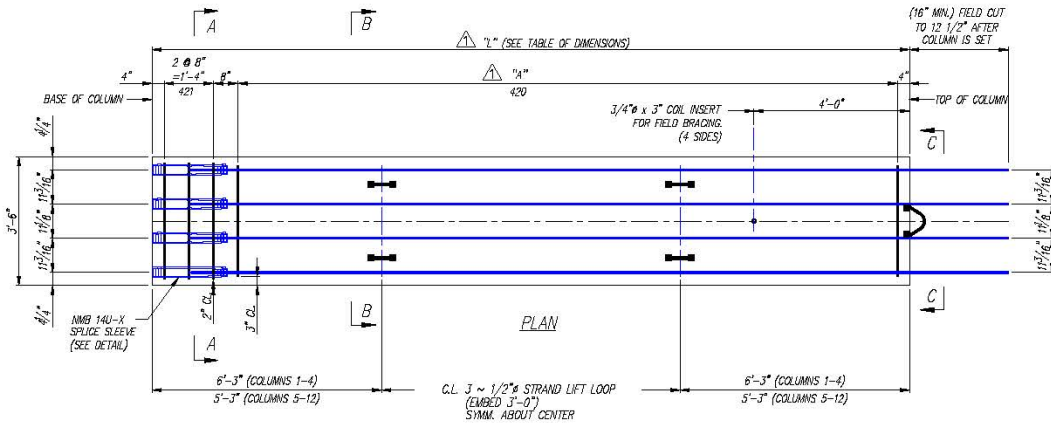
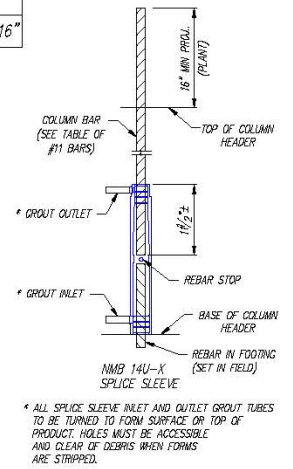
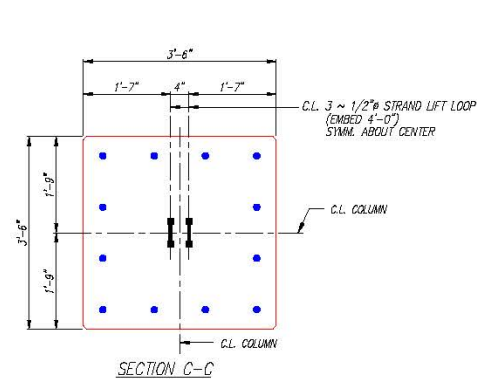
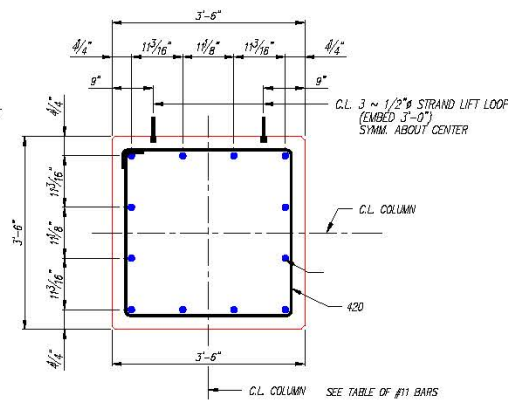
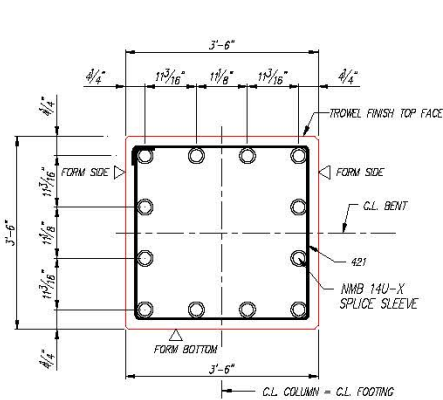


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QTY.	MARK #	Δ "L"
BENT 3	2 CL-6716-1	28'-5 1/2"
	2 CL-6716-2	29'-3 9/16"
	2 CL-6716-3	29'-1 5/16"
	2 CL-6716-4	28'-4 1/16"
BENT 2	2 CL-6716-5	24'-11 1/2"
	2 CL-6716-6	25'-9 9/16"
	2 CL-6716-7	26'-1 5/16"
	2 CL-6716-8	25'-4 1/16"
BENT 4	2 CL-6716-9	24'-1 3/16"
	2 CL-6716-10	24'-11"
	2 CL-6716-11	24'-8 3/8"
	2 CL-6716-12	23'-10 15/16"



SECTION A-A

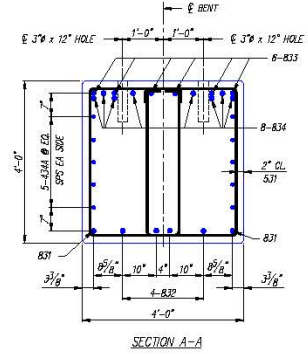
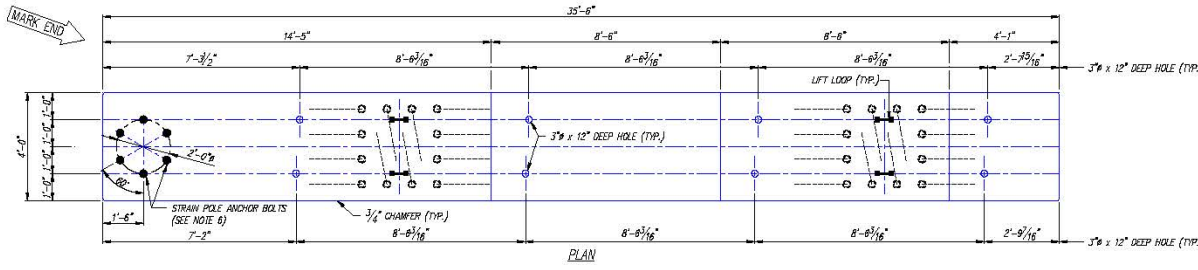
COLUMN STEEL REINFORCEMENT

SECTION B-B

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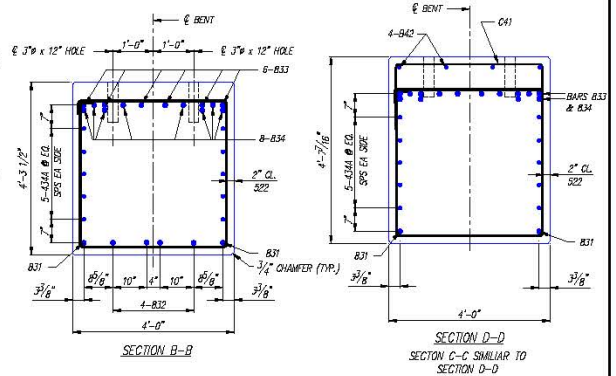
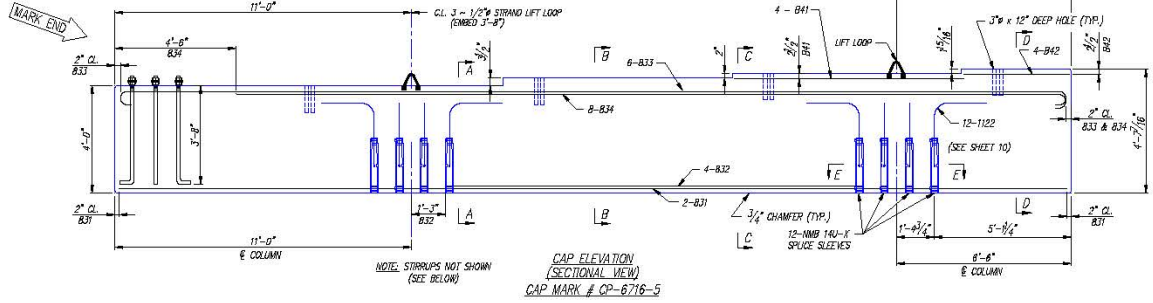
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2. CONCRETE STRENGTH SHALL BE 4,500 PSI @ 28 DAYS.
3. SEE SHEET 10 OF 11 FOR PROPER ORIENTATION OF GROUT TUBES.
4. FORM RECESS AROUND ALL LIFTING LOOPS FOR SMOOTH FINISH WHEN LOOPS ARE CUT AFTER ERECTION. SEE SHEET 10 OF 11 FOR DETAILS.
5. FOR STEEL REINFORCEMENT DETAILS, SEE SHEET 11 OF 11.

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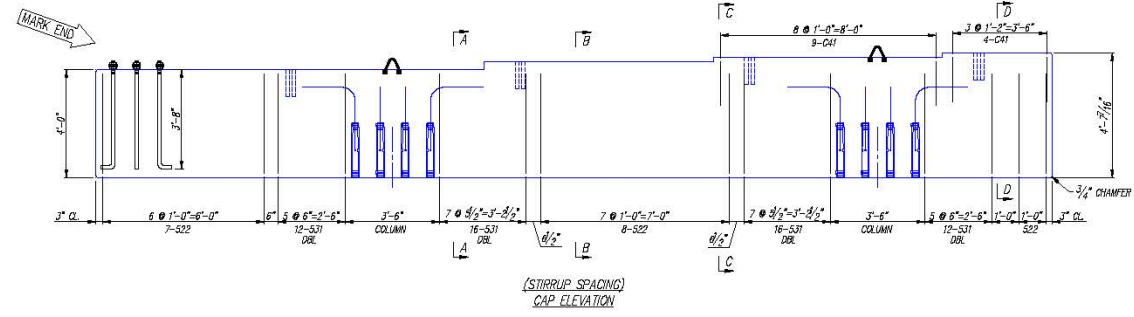


CAPS REQUIRED	
DTY.	MARK #
2	CP-6716-S

REBAR EACH CAP		
DTY.	MARK #	QTY.
10	434A	36'-2"
4	B41	8'-6"
4	B42	3'-9"
13	C41	6'-11"
17	S22	15'-8"
56	S31	12'-10"
2	B31	35'-2"
4	B32	15'-6"
6	B33	37'-0"
8	B34	37'-9"
24	T122	4'-3"



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 5. FOR STEEL REINFORCEMENT DETAILS, SEE SHEET 11 OF 11.
 6. CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH TEMPLATE TO FACILITATE ACCURATE PLACEMENT OF STRAIN POLE ANCHOR BOLTS. SEE SHEET 10 OF 11 FOR ANCHOR BOLT DETAIL.



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Column Fabrication

Fabrication-Columns



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Cap Fabrication

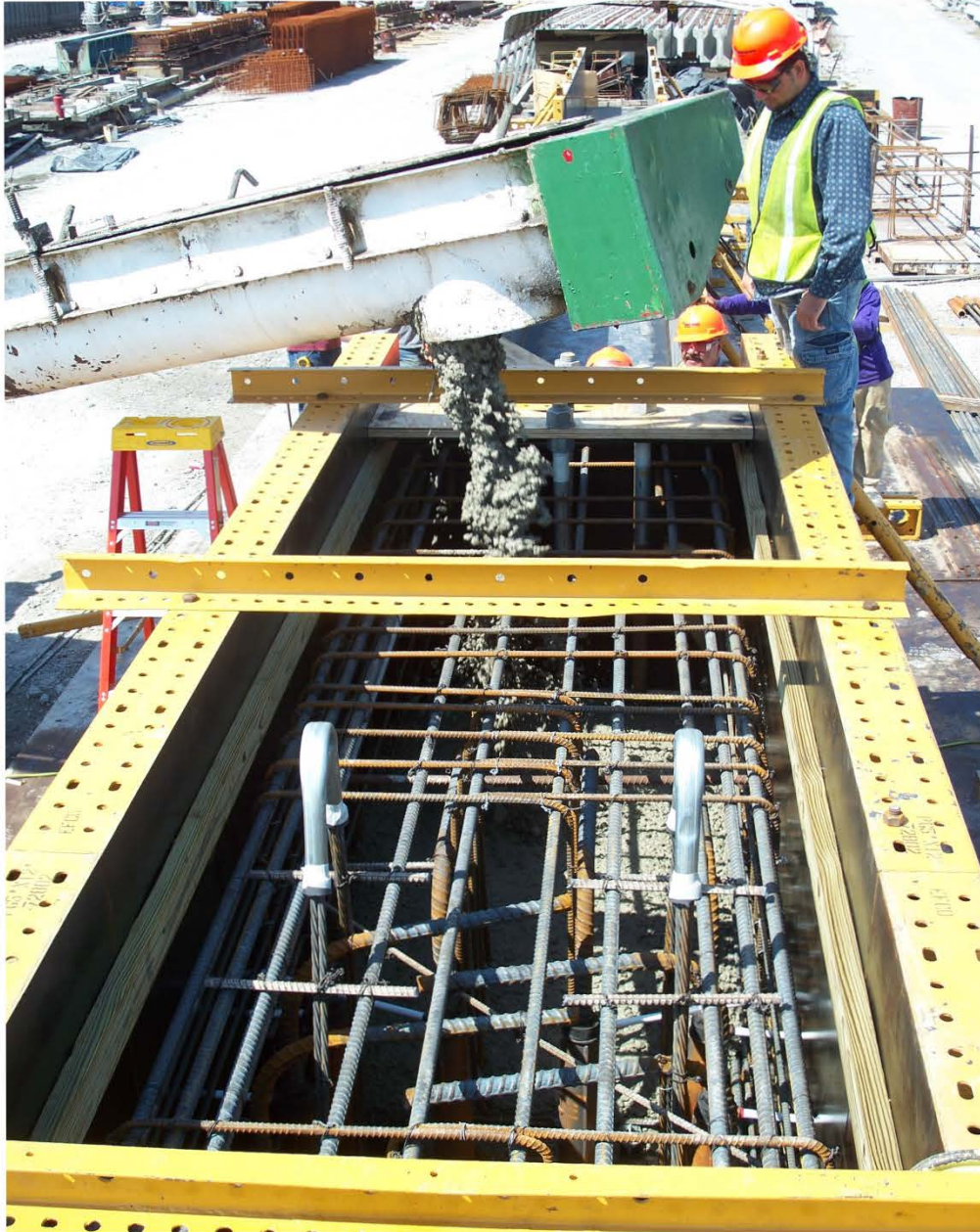
Fabrication-Caps



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Yard Storage Columns & Caps

Yard Storage-Columns



Yard Storage-Caps



Yard Storage-Caps



Precast Substructure Erection

Field Erection-Columns



Field Erection-Columns



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Field Erection-Columns



Field Erection-Columns



Field Erection-Caps



Field Erection-Caps



Field Erection-Caps



Completed Substructure



ALDOT Testing



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Test Results

Grout Cube Breaks @ 21 Days:

11,080 psi

11,370 psi

12,050 psi

12,830 psi

Splice Testing Results:

Required Load @ 125 % f_y for #11 Bar = 117,000 lbs.

Test Specimen #1 Max Load = 152,200 lbs. Failure Mode Broke Bar.

Test Specimen #2 Max Load = 145,200 lbs. Failure Mode Broke Bar.

Test Specimen #3 Max Load = 145,700 lbs. Failure Mode Bar Slipped.

Test Result = Pass.

Spliced Precast U-Girders

Spliced Precast U-Girder Bridges



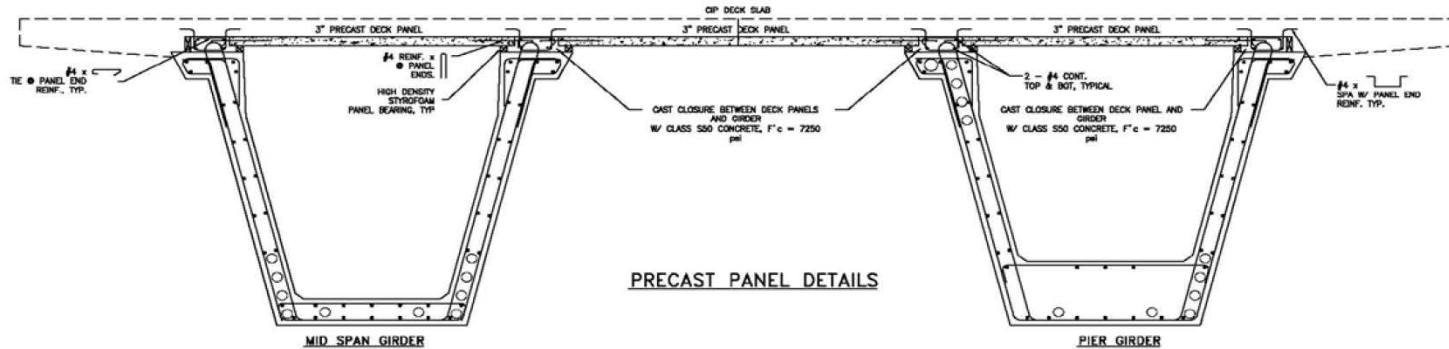
Spliced Precast Concrete U-Girder Bridges



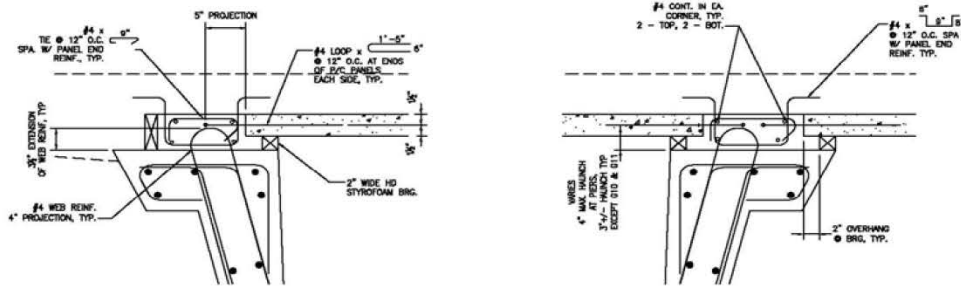
- **New Design Option for Urban Interchanges**
- **Aesthetically Pleasing Structures**
- **Combines Spliced Const. with U Beam Cross Sect.**
- **Locally Manufactured Precast Using Conventional Means and Methods**



Precast Concrete U-Girders-Typical Section

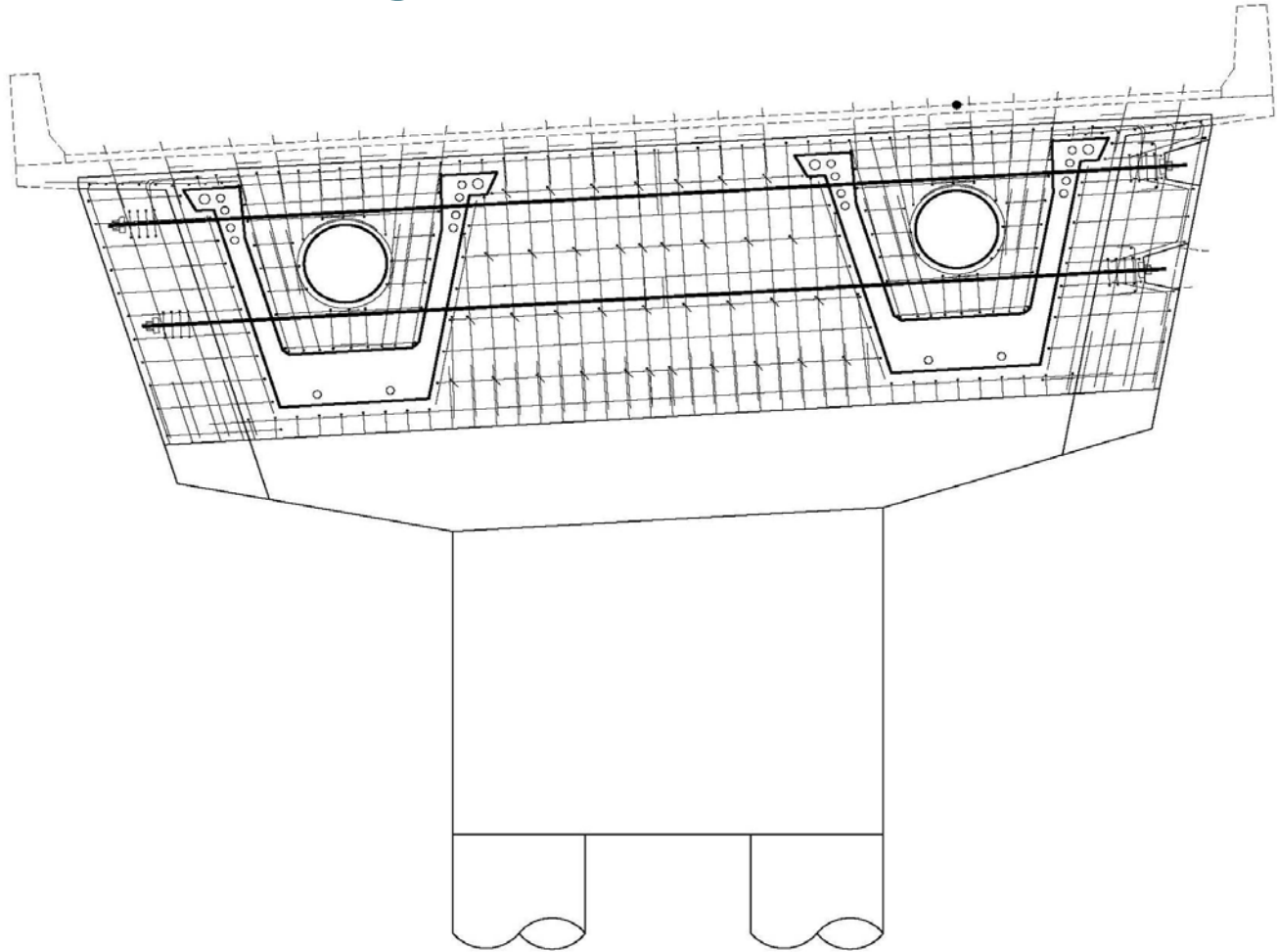


PRECAST PANEL DETAILS



CONNECTION OF PRECAST PANELS AT GIRDER FLANGES

Interior Cap Reinforcing

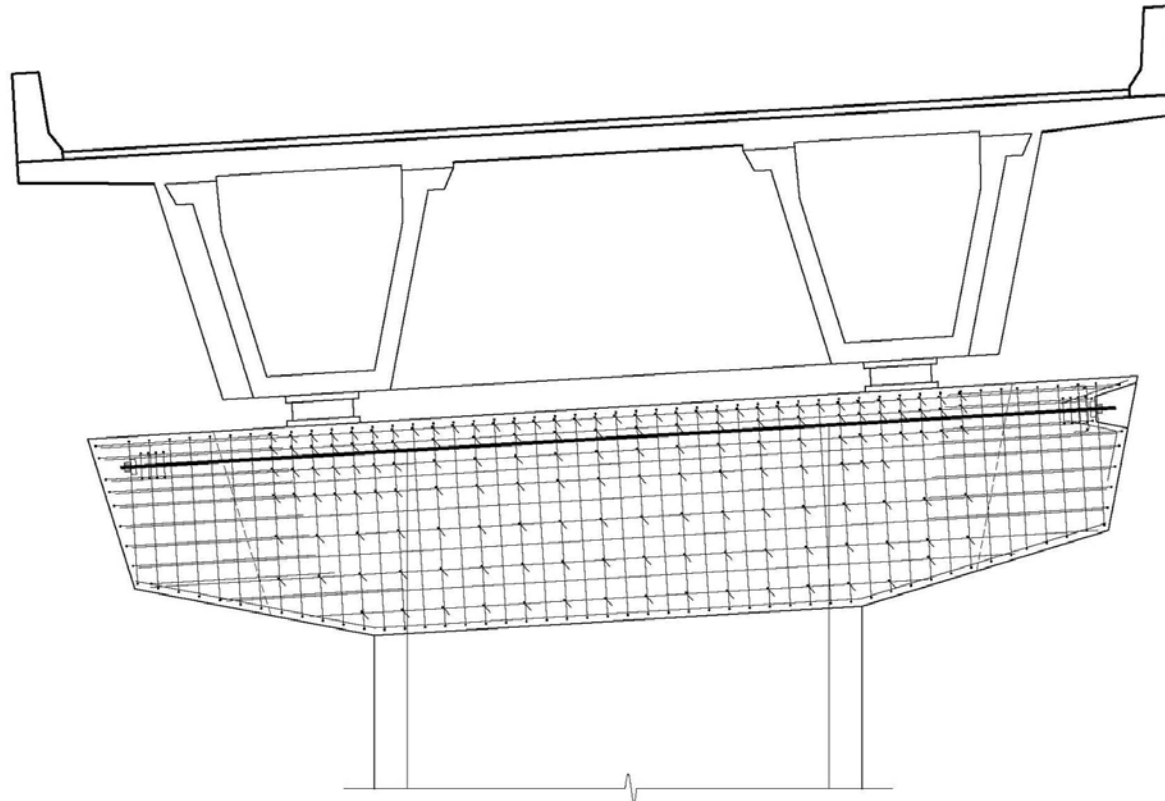


ELEVATION – INTERIOR PIER DIAPHRAGM

- Composite Cap with 2 Rows of 4 @ 1 3/8" PT Bars
- Lower Section of Cap Supports Diaphragm Casting



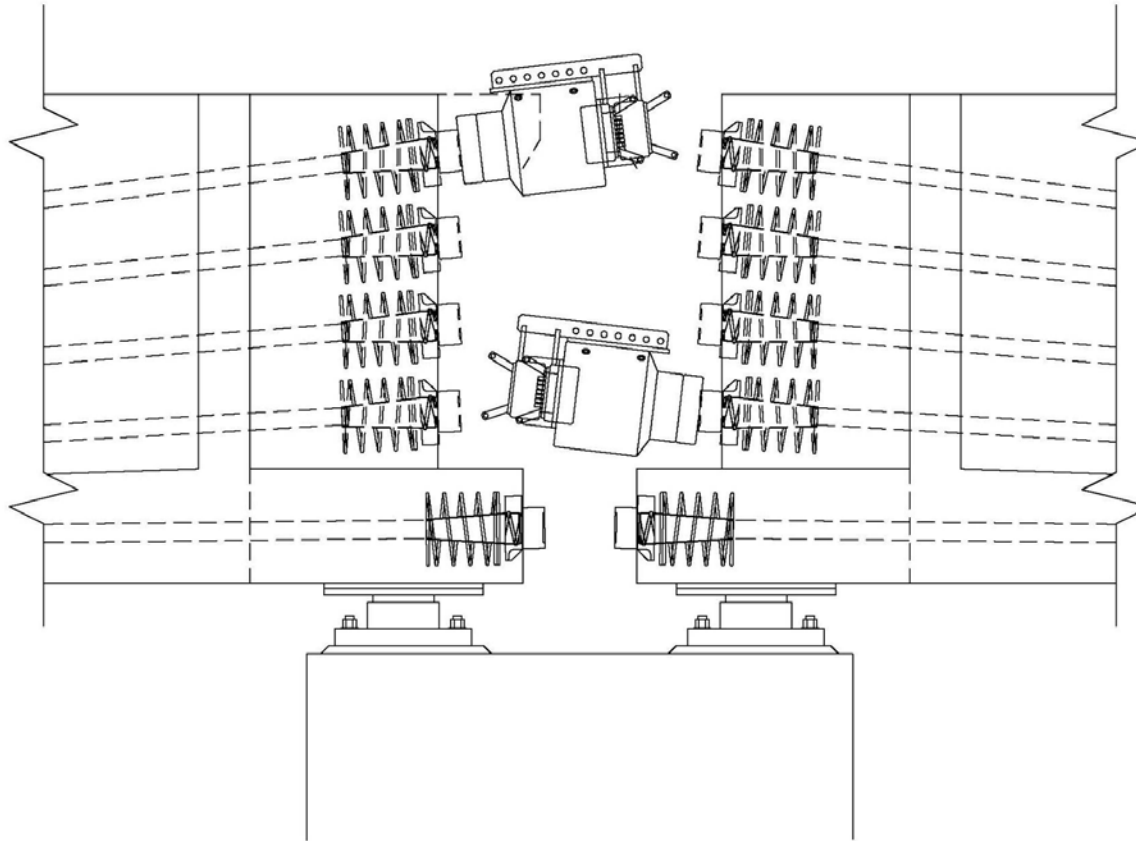
Expansion Pier Cap Reinforcement



ELEVATION — EXPANSION PIER CAP
(TYPICAL DECK, BOTTOM SLAB, HAUNCH AND DIAPHRAGM STEEL NOT SHOWN)

- 8'-0" Wide x 7'-0" Deep
- Post-Tensioning 7 @ 1 3/8" Diam. PT Bars

Post Tensioning Details at Expansion Piers



- Diaphragms Designed to Allow Double End Stressing

Fabrication



Fabrication-Curved Casting Bed



Fabrication



Fabrication-Yard Storage



Fabrication-Yard Storage



Construction Sequence

Substructure



- Flexible Piers and Foundations
- Integral Pier Caps at Interior Piers
- Expansion Joints at 600'-800'
- Bearings Eliminated Where Possible

Girder Erection



- Erected with Conventional Cranes (240 to 300t)
- Set on Falsework Towers at Splices

Girder Erection



- SH58 Ramp A
- Temporary Shoring Towers Spaced at 100' (+/-)

Girder Erection



- At Shoring Towers, Double Angle Braces Installed as Girders are Erected, Prior to Releasing Cranes

Girder Erection



- Similar Bracing is Used at Abutments

Girder Erection



- **Girders Supported on Straddle Bents at Skewed Traffic Opening. Special Shoring Condition.**

Girder Erection



- **When Shoring Towers are not an Option, Strong-Back Hanger Systems may be Utilized**

Girder Erection



- Another Example of Strong-Back Hanger System



Closure Pours



- After Girder are Erected, Closure Pours are Cast

Post-Tensioning

Post-Tensioning



- Prior to Post-Tensioning, CIP Lid Slabs Installed to Close the U-Girders.
- This Work is Performed on Curved Sections

Post-Tensioning



- Expansion Diaphragm at Abut. w/ PT Anchorages

Post-Tensioning



- **Expansion Pier with Access for Post-Tensioning Equipment**

Post-Tensioning



- Longitudinal Post-Tensioning Operation at Exp. Pier  **FORTERRA™**

Deck Pour



- After Post-Tensioning, Shoring is Removed
- Deck is Formed and Poured Using Conventional Methods

Completed Structures

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Recap:

- U-Girder Cross Section Makes Casting Curved Girders Possible
- Using Straight and Curved Sections Creates Unified Aesthetics

Completed Structures



IH 25 over Platte River (Bronco Bridge)

Completed Structures



Bijou Street Bridge

Completed Structures



Austin Bluffs Overpass

Completed Structures



SH 58 Ramp A

Additional Information

PCI Zone 6 Web Site <http://www.gcpci.org>

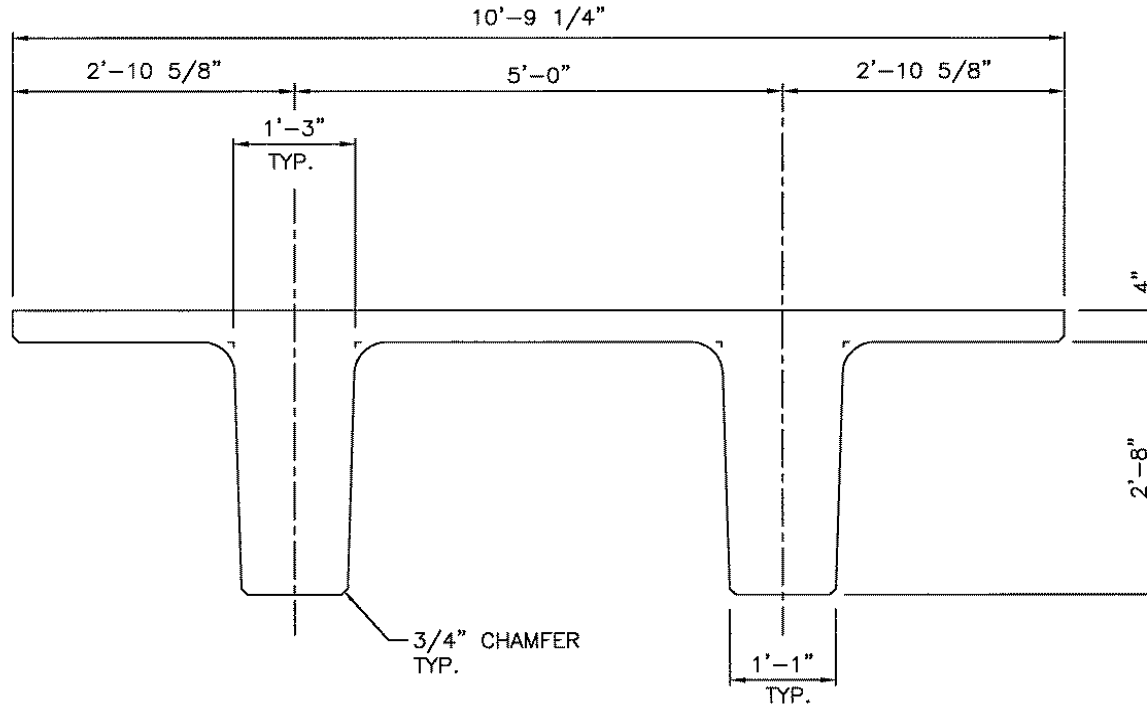
Standard Drawings for U-Girders

Select:

- Bridge Resources
- Bridge Products
- PCI Zone 6 (SE Region) Curved Spliced U-Girders

NEXT Beam (Northeast Extreme Tee)

NEXT Beam-Typical Section



36" NEXT F-BEAM
TYPICAL SECTION ~ 40 ft. CLEAR ROADWAY
AREA = 1,413 in
(1,483 lbs./ft.)

Project: Decatur County, Georgia
SR 97 over Big Slough
4 Spans @ 70 feet

NEXT Beam Form



NEXT Beam-Storage



NEXT Beam-Jobsite



Transportation

Transportation

- **Product Innovation has Driven the Requirement for Improved Hauling Equipment.**
- **Products Continue to Increase in Weight as Production Capabilities Improve.**
- **As Discussed, Product Weights in some States Approaching 250,000 lbs.**
- **In the Prestressed Concrete Industry, if you can't Ship It, You can't Make It.**
- **The Trailer Manufacturing Industry has Responded with Increased Weight Capacity Equipment.**

Transportation



- **Transporting 200 ft. Long Girder**
- **Girder Depth 8'-4"**
- **Approximate Weight 250,000 lbs.**

Transportation



- Steerable Trailer 250,000 lb. Max Haul Weight
- Supported for Stability During Hauling



Transportation



- Equipment must be able to Maneuver at Job Site

Transportation



- 19 Axle Rig for Hauling U-Girders

Conclusion

- **Innovation is Alive and Well in the Prestressed Concrete Industry**
- **Today We've Covered Developments in Concrete Technology, Product Production and Transportation**
- **We Expect to see Continued Research and Improvement in these Areas**
- **Acknowledgement: Mr. Gregg Reese, P.E.
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- **Thank You for Your Time!**