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Structures Technical Seminar

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UAB ASCE Gulf Coast Symposium 2024

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UAB ASCE Roundtable Event 2024



Agenda

- Structures Overview
- Accelerated Bridge Construction
- Foundation Discussion
- Scour Considerations
- Applications
- Partnering With Contech



Options & Support Specific to Your Project Needs

Solution Development

- Project Design Worksheet
- Structure Selection
- Silting & Layout
- DYOB
- Engineer Estimate
- Site Simulation
- Proposal Preparation
- Design Build Support

Design Support

- Specifications
- Contract Drawings
- Permitting
- Structural/Fabrication Drawings
- Approval Assistance
- Custom Shape Development
- Horizontal/Vertical Alignment
- Hydraulics & Scour Support
- Foundations and Load Ratings

Installation Support

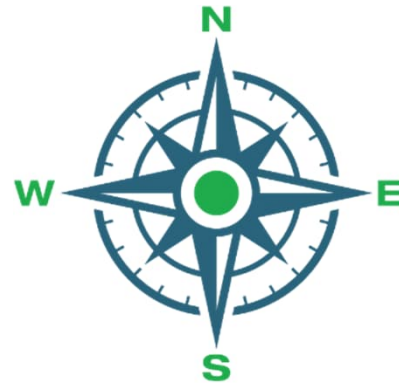
- Preconstruction Meeting
- On-Site Installation Assistance
- Logistics Coordination

Contech Engineered Site Solutions



Bridges & Structures, Stormwater Management, Pipe, Erosion Control and Retaining Walls

Contech: Your Project Partner

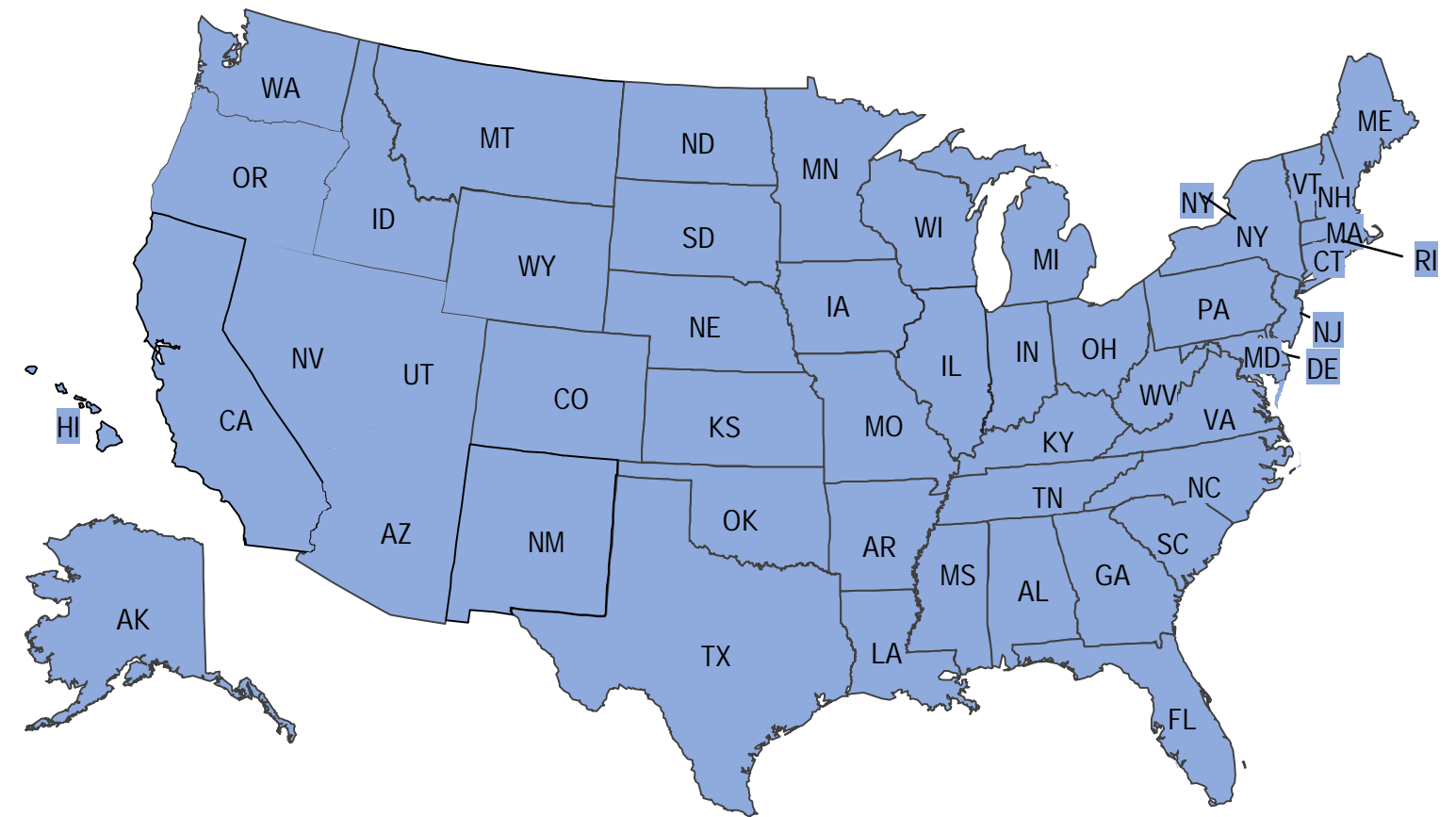


Full Design Support

- 100 Year Experience
- All 50 DOTs
- Local Representation

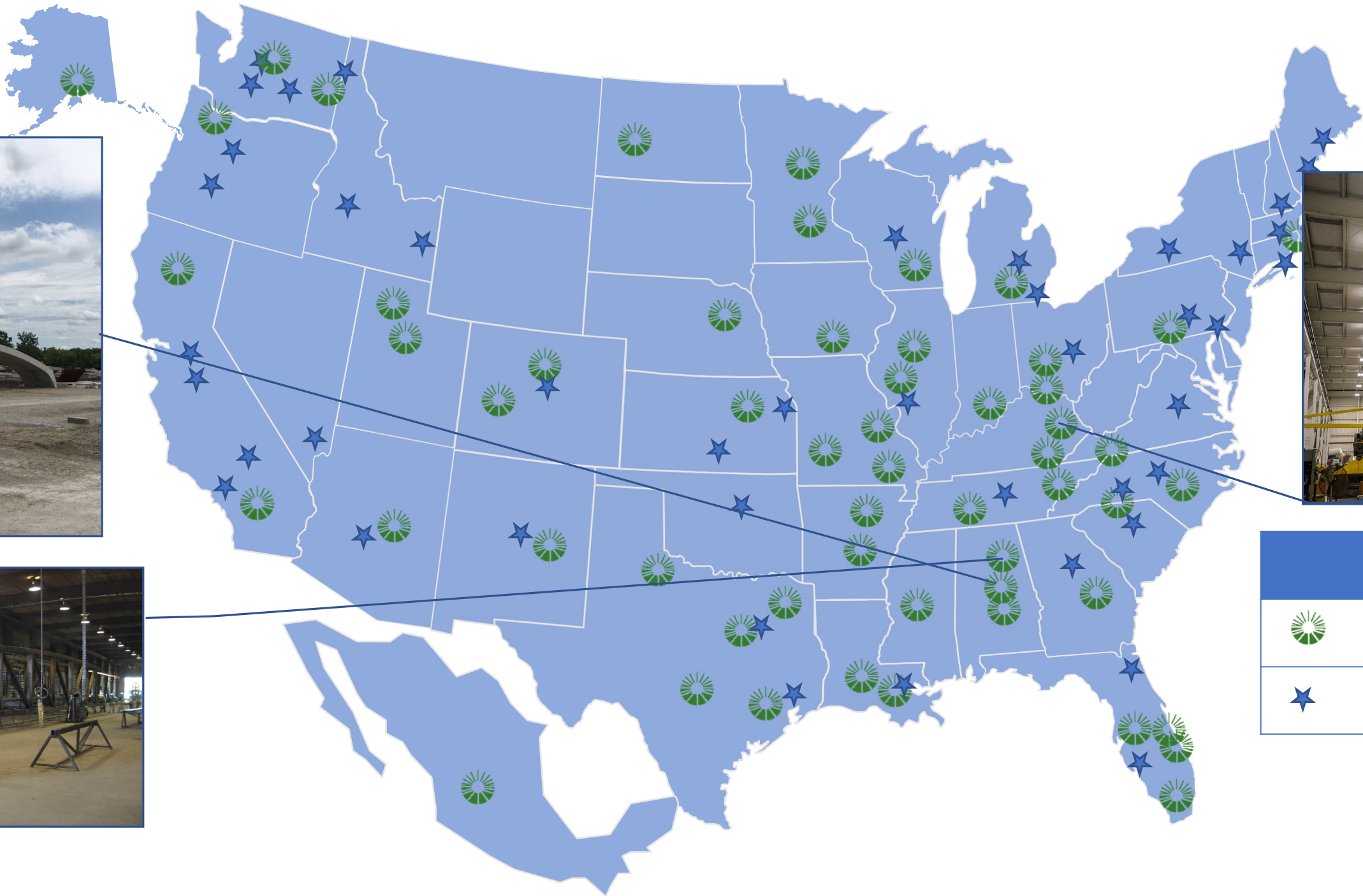
Full Installation Support



- Over 90,000 Installations
- Pre-Con Support
- On-Site Representation Available



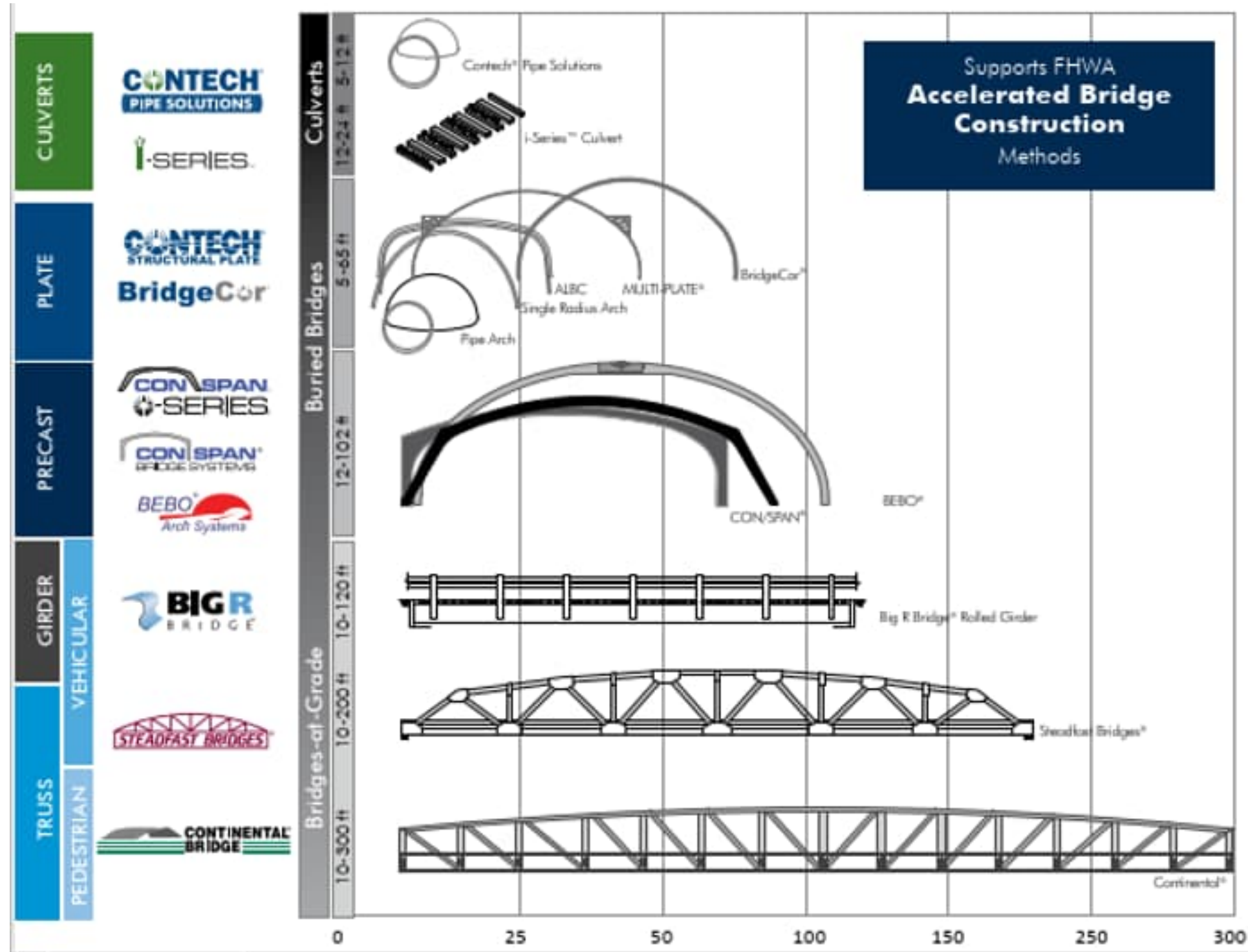
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Manufacturing Capabilities



LEGEND	
	Contech Manufacturing
	Partner Manufacturing

Clear Span Bridges



Accelerated Bridge Construction



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

FHWA Accelerated Bridge Program: Industry Trend

Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC):

- ABC is bridge construction that uses innovative planning, design, materials, and construction methods in a safe and cost-effective manner to **reduce the onsite construction time** that occurs when building new bridges or replacing and rehabilitating existing bridges

Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems

- PBES are structural components of a bridge that are built offsite, or near-site of a bridge and include features that reduce the onsite construction time and the mobility impact time that occurs when building new bridges or rehabilitating or replacing existing bridges relative to conventional construction methods.

Accelerated Bridge Construction Process



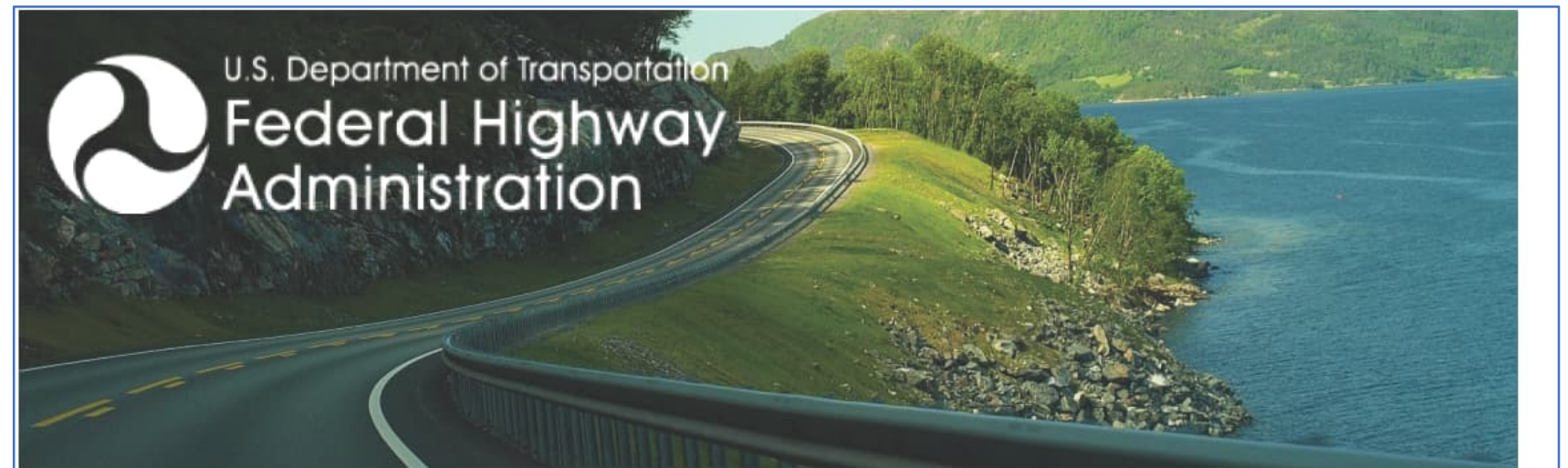
Efficient Logistics and Assembly



Backfill and Completion

Federal Highway Administration Promoting Innovation in Use of Patented and Proprietary Products

- FHWA allows for proprietary materials, specifications, or processes
- Encourages innovation in transportation technology and methods
- Effective October 28, 2019



Construction and Maintenance – Promoting Innovation in Use of Patented and Proprietary Products

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

EFFECTIVE: October 28, 2019

SUMMARY: The FHWA revised its regulations to provide greater flexibility for States to use proprietary or patented materials in Federal-aid highway projects. This final rule rescinds the requirements limiting the use of Federal funds in paying for patented or proprietary materials, specifications, or processes specified in project plans and specifications, thus encouraging innovation in transportation technology and methods.

Executive Summary

The FHWA is revising its regulations at 23 CFR 635.411 to provide greater flexibility for States to use patented or proprietary materials in Federal-aid highway projects. Based on a century- old Federal requirement, the outdated requirements in 23 CFR 635.411(a)–(e) are being rescinded to encourage innovation in the development of highway transportation technology and methods. *As a result, State Departments of Transportation (State DOTs) will no longer be required to provide certifications, make public interest findings, or develop research or experimental work plans to use patented or proprietary products in Federal-aid projects. Federal funds participation will no longer be restricted when State DOTs specify a trade name for approval in Federal-aid contracts.* In addition, Federal-aid participation will no longer be restricted when a State DOT specifies patented or proprietary materials in design-build Request-for- Proposal documents.

Summary from Federal Highway Administration:

“This rulemaking will provide greater flexibility to States to use proprietary or patented materials...”

Contech Structural Plate



Contech Structural Plate

BridgeCor / MULTI-PLATE



Aluminum Structural Plate



Soil Structure Interaction

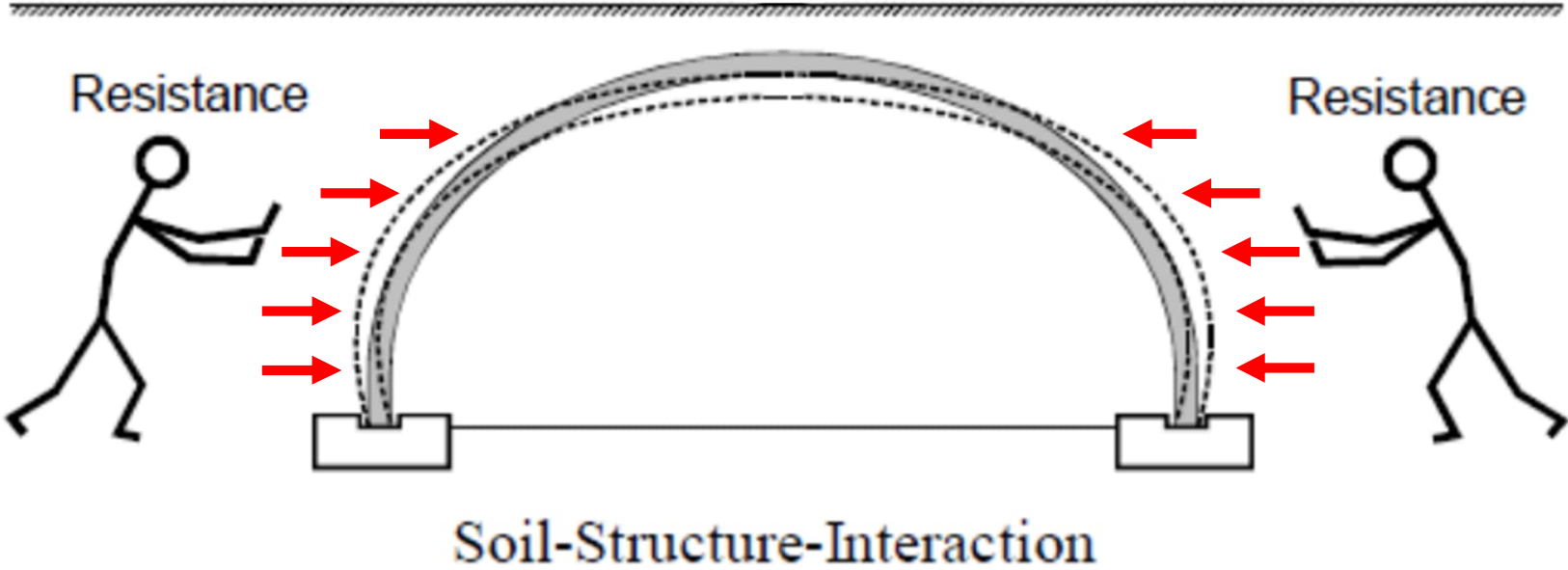
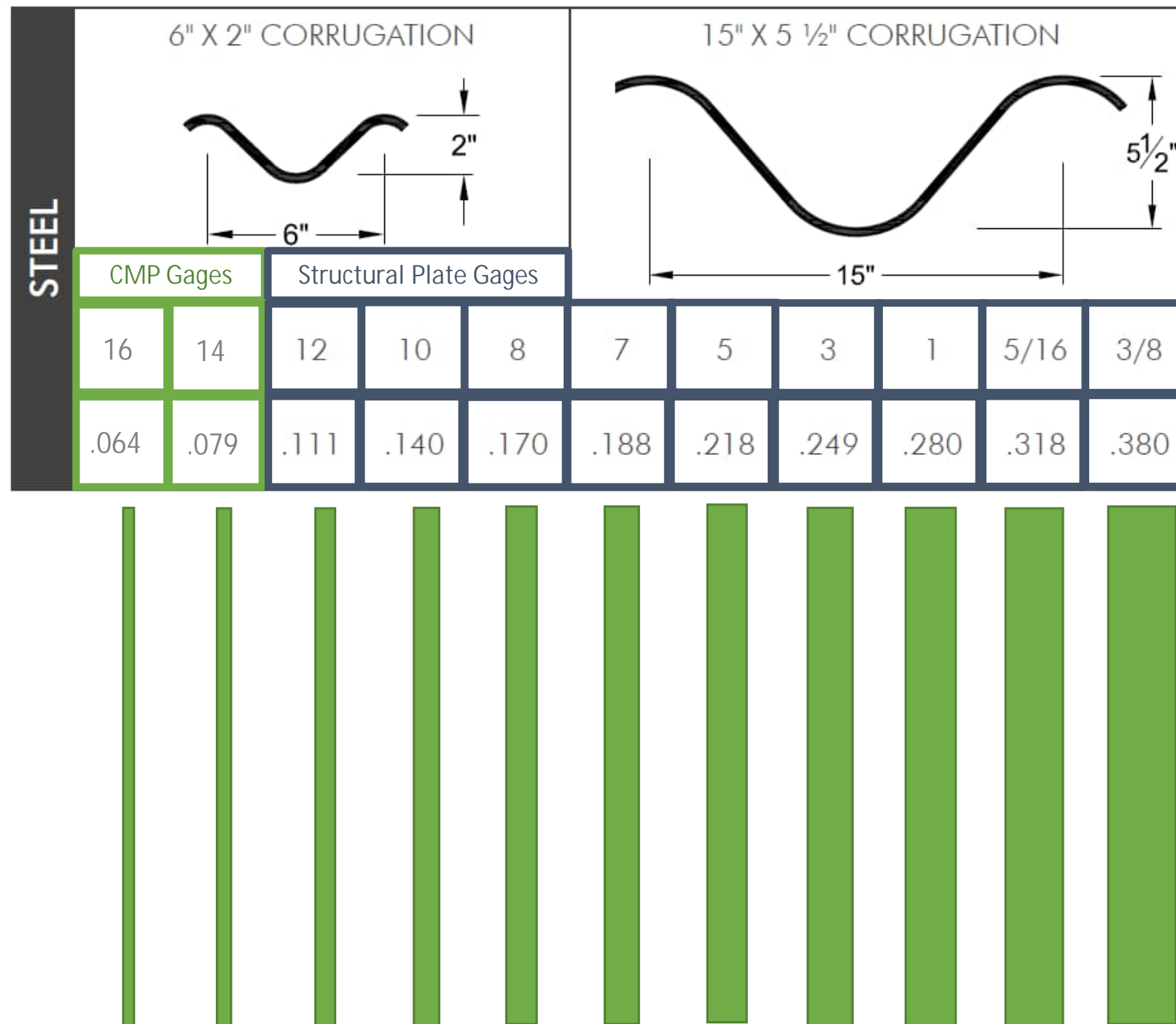


PLATE CORRUGATIONS & THICKNESS – STRUCTURAL VERSATILITY



STRUCTURAL PLATE
HAS 50% MORE
GALVANIZED
COATING THAN
CORRUGATED
METAL PIPE

Structural Plate Durability

Contributing Factors of Long-Term Durability

- pH
- Resistivity
- Hardness
- External contaminants
 - Deicing salts
 - Agricultural chemicals
- Abrasion Levels



Installed 1966 Bay of Fundy, ME

Recommended Environmental Ranges

STEEL
 $6.0 \leq \text{pH} \leq 10.0$
 Resistivity > 2,500 ohm-cm

ALUMINUM
 $4.0 \leq \text{pH} \leq 9.0$
 Resistivity > 500 ohm-cm

Abrasion Levels

Table 2 — FHWA Abrasion Guidelines			
Abrasion Level	Abrasion Condition	Bed Load	Flow Velocity (fps)
1	Non-Abrasive	None	Minimal
2	Low Abrasion	Minor	< 5
3	Moderate Abrasion	Moderate	5 - 15
4	Severe Abrasion	Heavy	> 15

Lightweight, Bolted Plate Construction



FREIGHT ECONOMY



EFFICIENT ASSEMBLY



LIFT AND SET IN PLACE



HANDLES HIGHWAY LOADING

Structural Plate – Private Driveway Project

- 2022- Springville, AL with US Fish



Structural Plate – In-Situ Rehabilitation

Outstanding features:

- In-situ rehabilitation

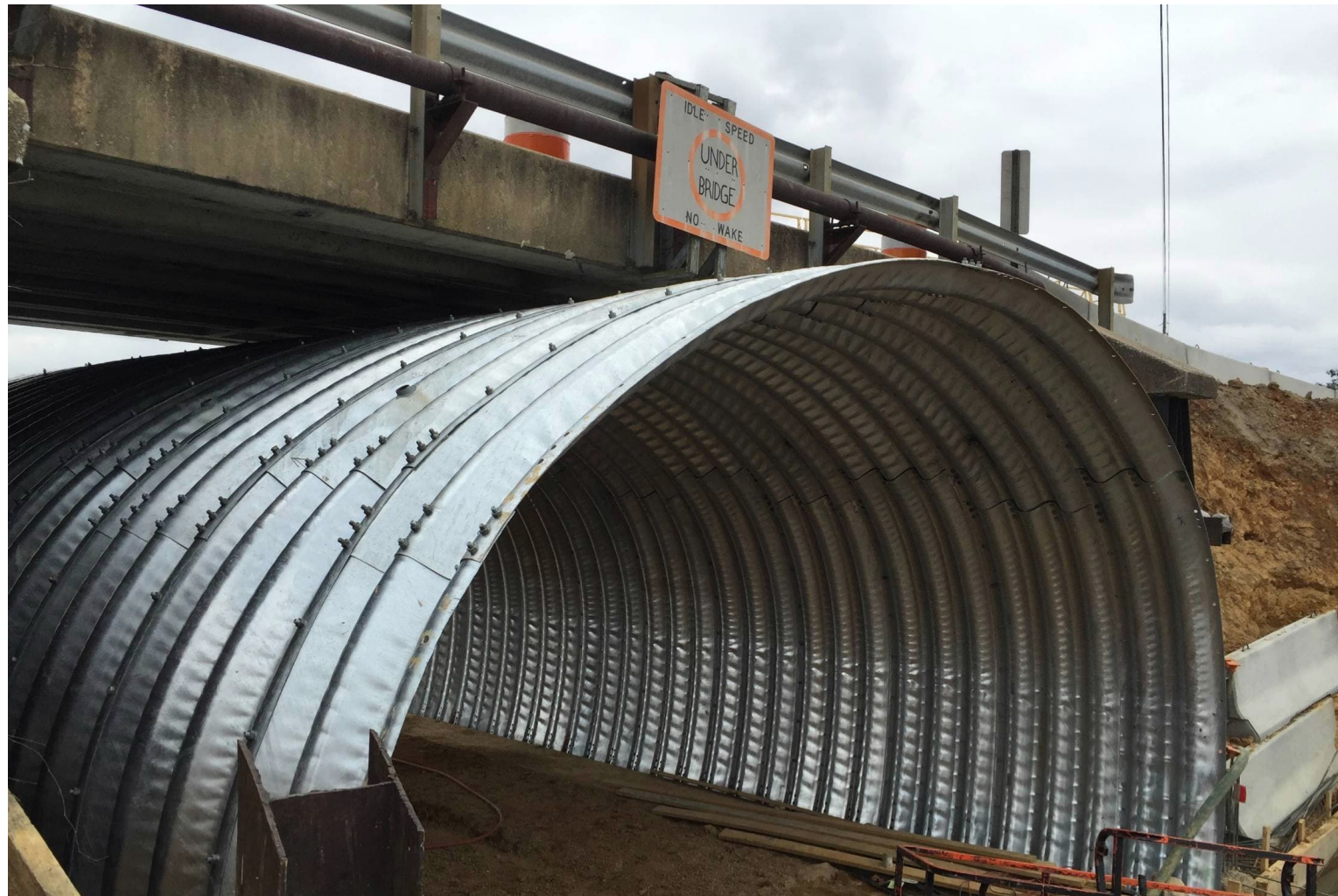


Structural Plate – In-Situ Rehabilitation

Rivercrest Drive over

St. Clair County, AL

Engineer: CDG Engineers Logan Martin Lake

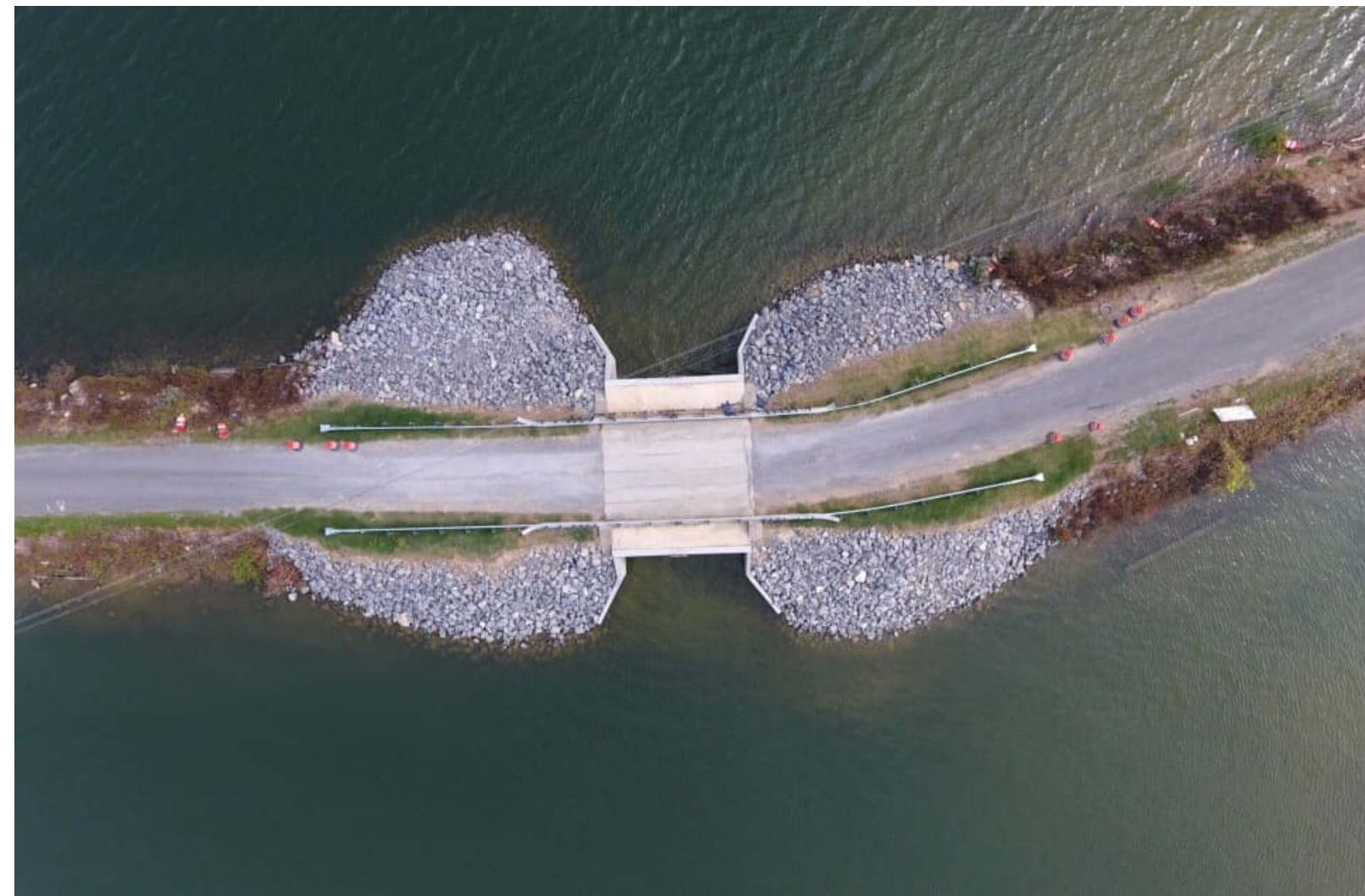
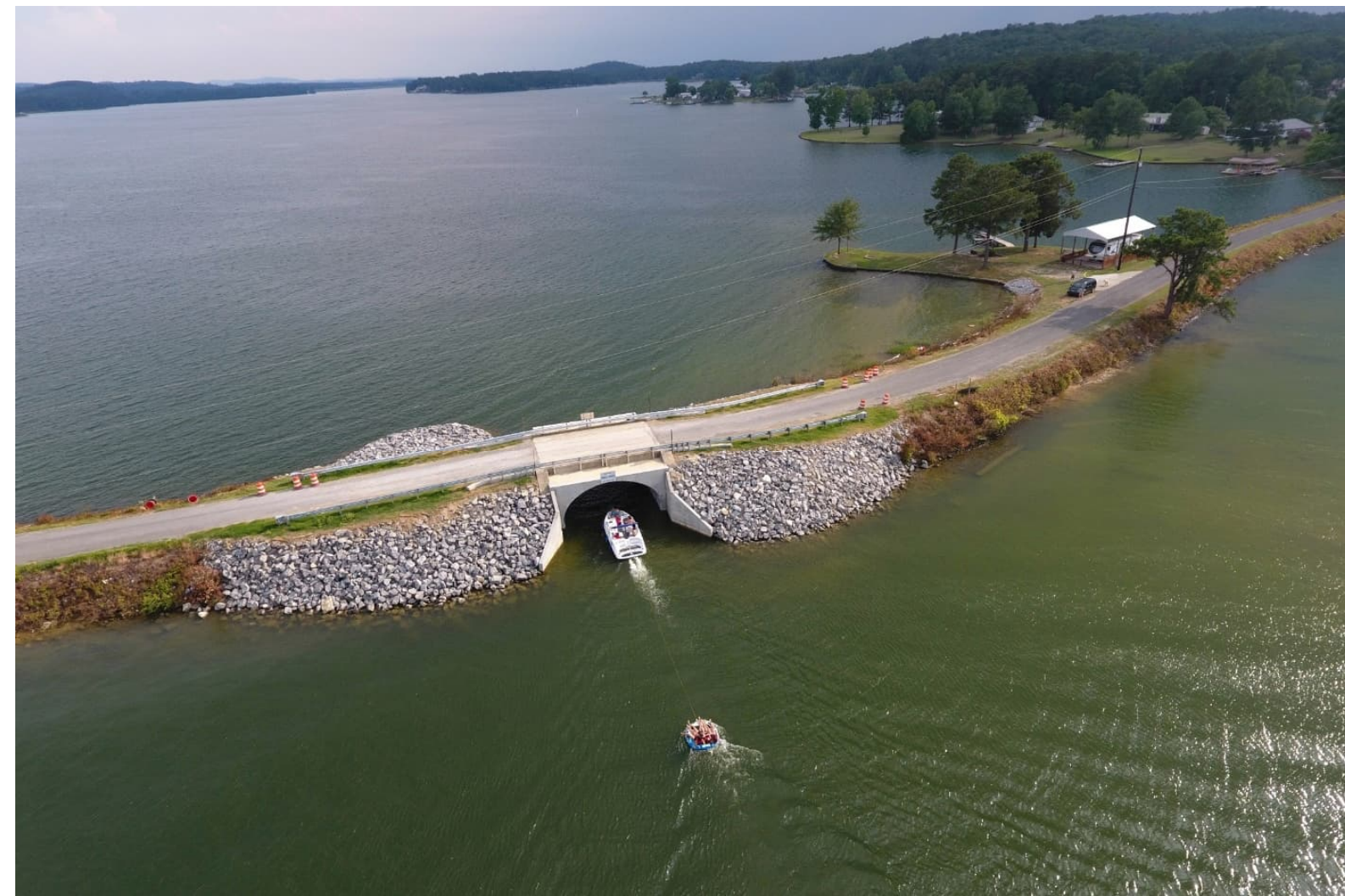


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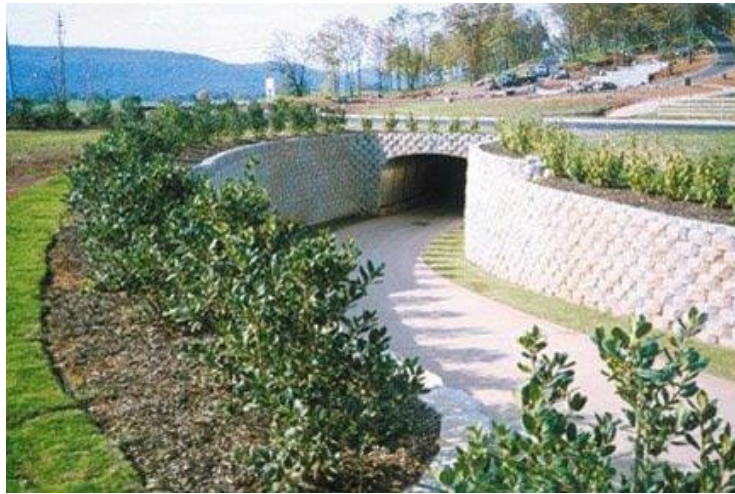
Rivercrest Drive over Logan Martin Lake

St. Clair County, AL

Engineer: CDG Engineers



End Treatments



KEYSTONE®



**CONCRETE
HEADWALL**



**ALUMINUM
HEADWALL**



VIST-A-WALL®



STEP-BEVELED END



**STEP-BEVELED END
WITH CONCRETE**

Precast – CON/SPAN and BEBO Concrete Arches





CON/SPAN





BEBO Arch Systems



Modular Components / Accelerated Installation



PRECAST FOUNDATION



PRECAST ARCH UNIT



PRECAST HEADWALL



PRECAST WINGWALL

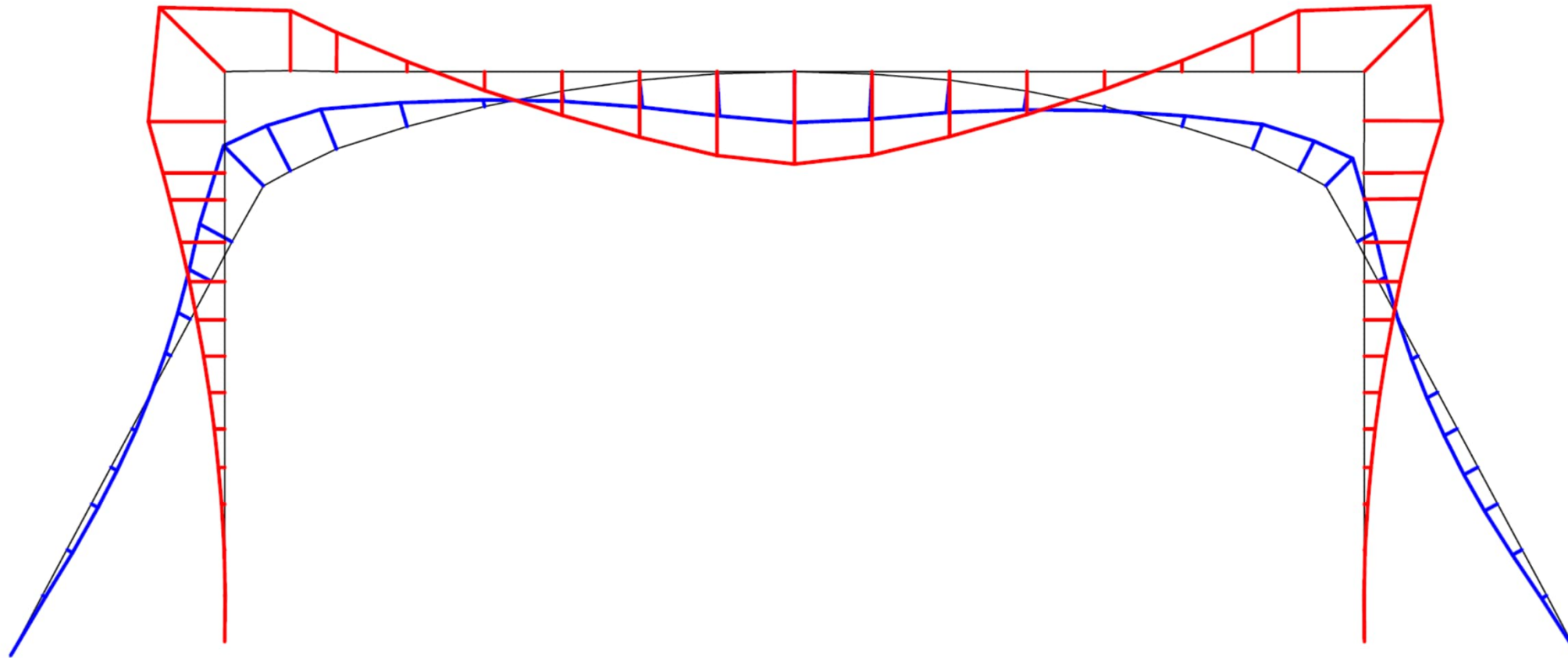


TWIN LEAF CONSTRUCTION



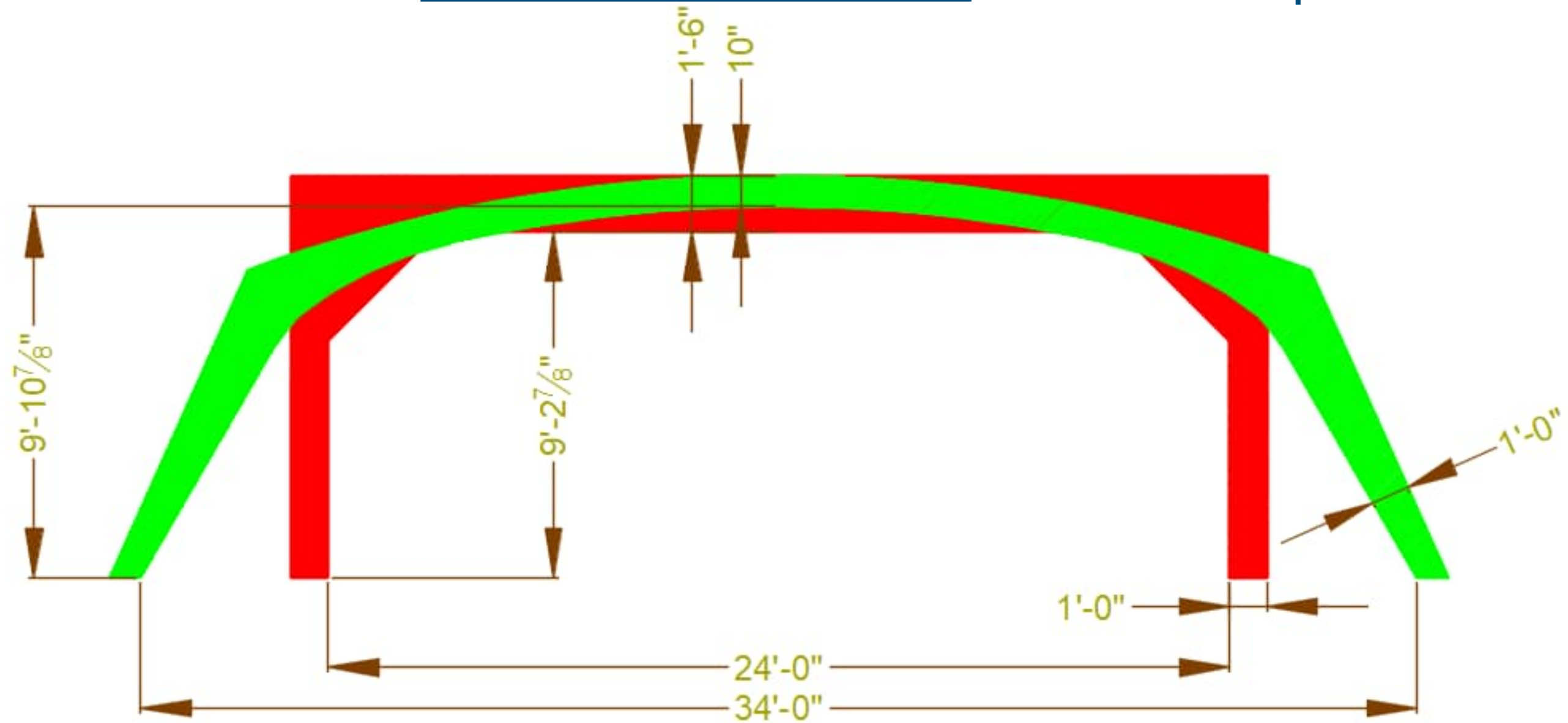
CURVED ALIGNMENT

O-Series Moment Reduction over Flat Top



- Moment Diagram for O-Series results in:
 - Maximum positive and negative moment reduced
 - Required A1 and A3 steel areas *reduced*

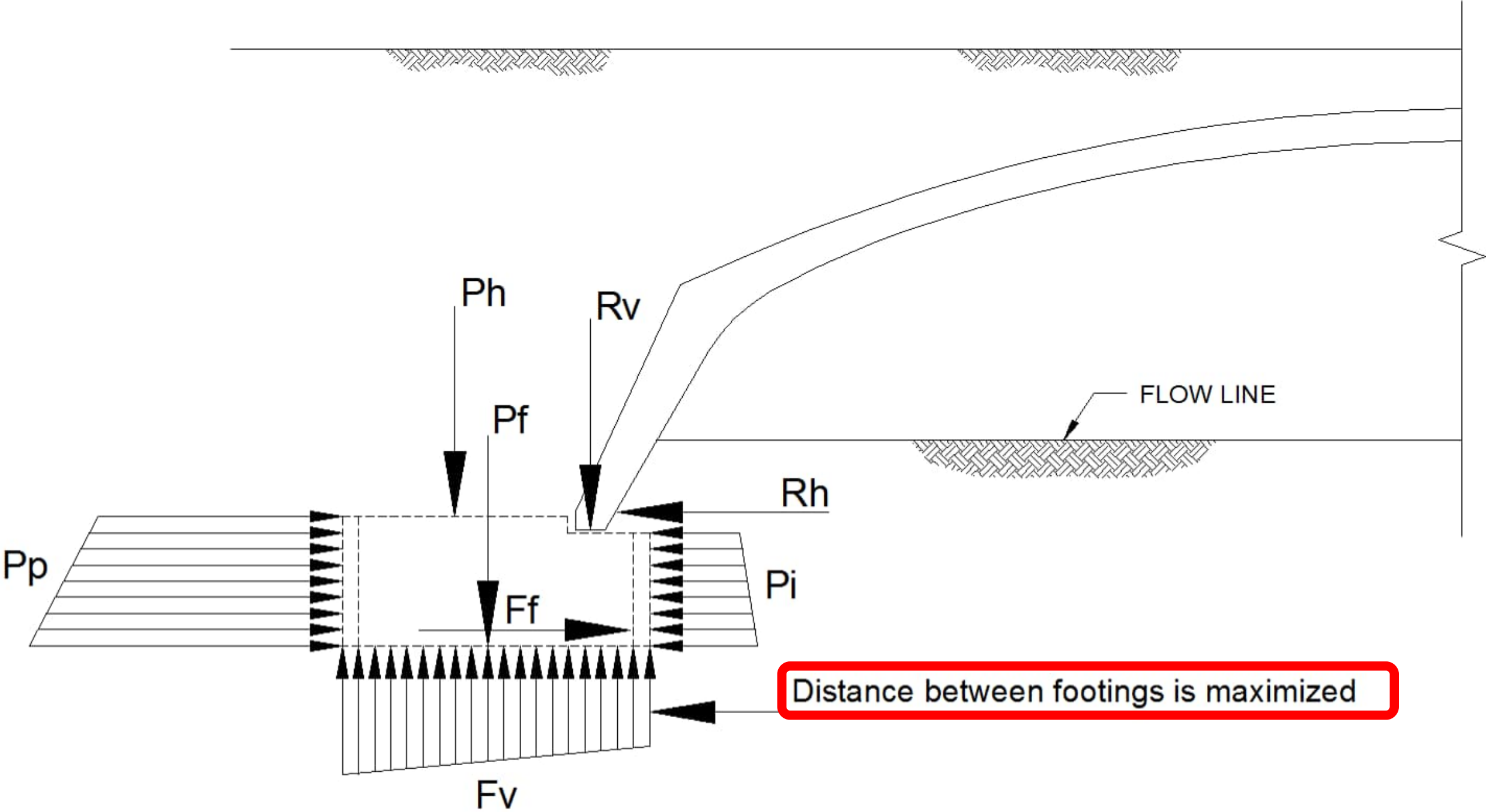
O-Series Moment Reduction over Flat Top



O-Series results in:

- Reduction in Concrete and Steel (up to 40%)
- Longer Lay Lengths (less picks, less installation time) due to reduced weights

O-Series Footing Reactions Minimize Stream Disturbance



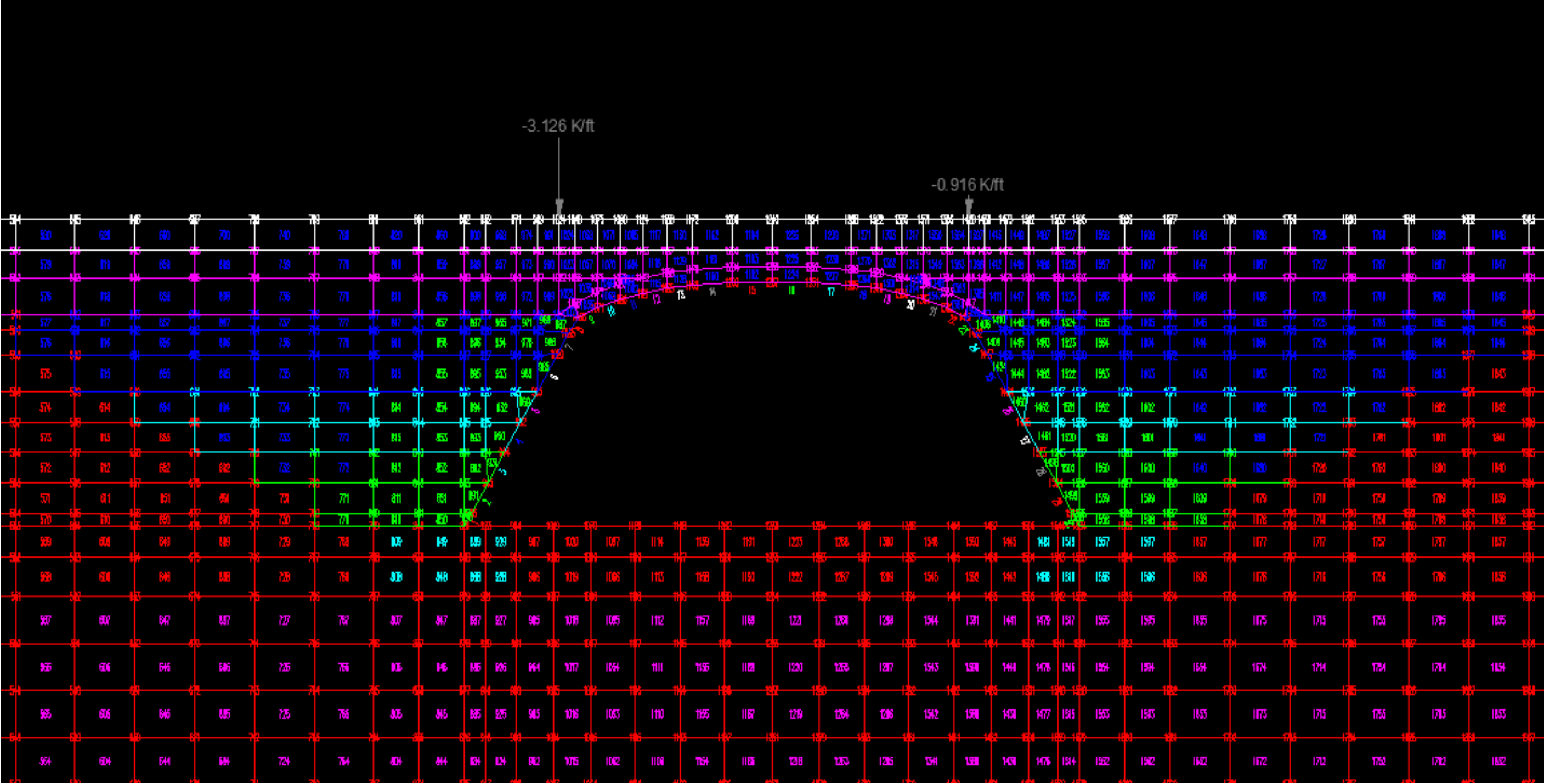
- **CANDE**, a Culvert Analysis and Design computer program for the design of a soil structure system.

- **History of CANDE development**
 - Before 1970's - traditional methods dating back to 1930's, where soil loading on the culvert is presumed (guessed)
 - In 1972, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) began research program
 - 1976 – First version of CANDE
 - 1989 – DOS Based
 - 2007 – Windows Based
 - 2015 – Newest version

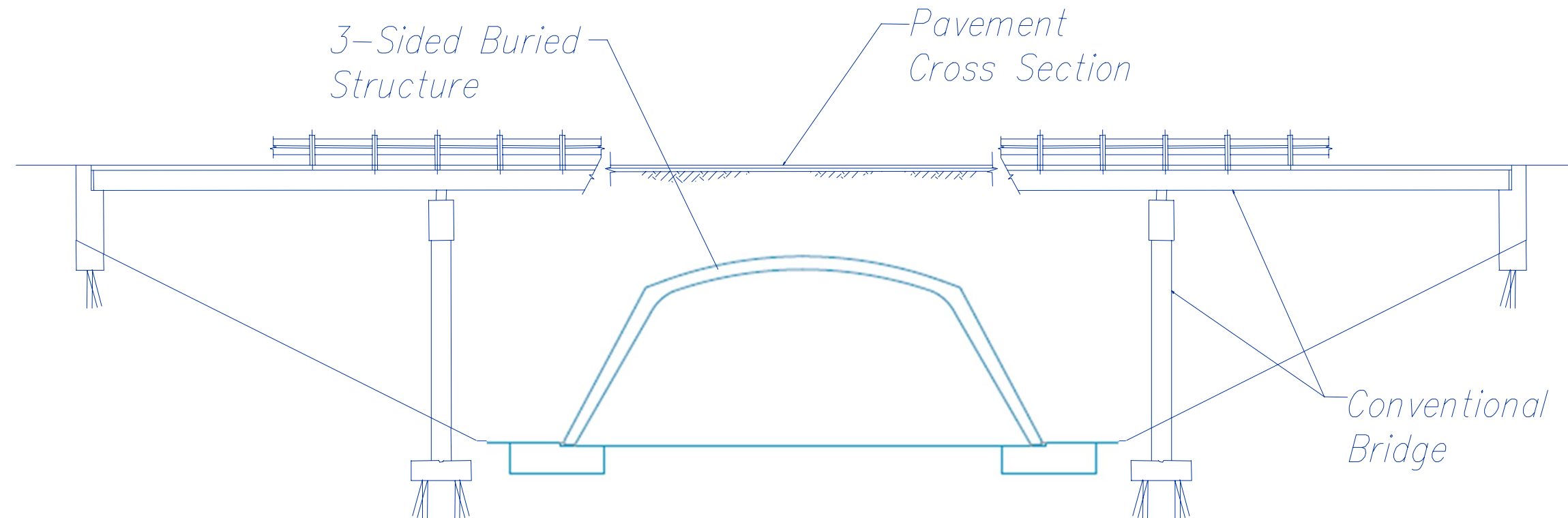
- **How does CANDE differ from the older traditional methods**
 - FEM that takes into account Soil Structure Interaction

Free Download link to TRB at <http://www.candeforculverts.com>

O-Series modeled in CANDE (Culvert Analysis and Design)



Buried Bridge vs. Bridge At-Grade



At-Grade Bridges compared to Buried Bridges:

- Shorter construction time/phasing means lower initial cost
- Minimal/no long-term maintenance lowers overall life cycle cost
- Shorter construction time minimizes traffic disruption
- Bury utilities in backfill over structure
- Increased safety with limited/no freeze concerns, & no deck maintenance



Buried Bridge vs. Bridge At-Grade



Before



After



During

Bridge Type Comparison Chart

	CONVENTIONAL	BURIED
Traffic Disruption*	2 YEARS	5 MONTHS
Construction Time*	2 YEARS	1 YEAR
Initial Cost*	\$8 M	\$5.5 M
Typical Maintenance*	Deck Overlay every 15-18 years. Total Deck Replacement every 30-35 years.	Periodic Asphalt replacement.

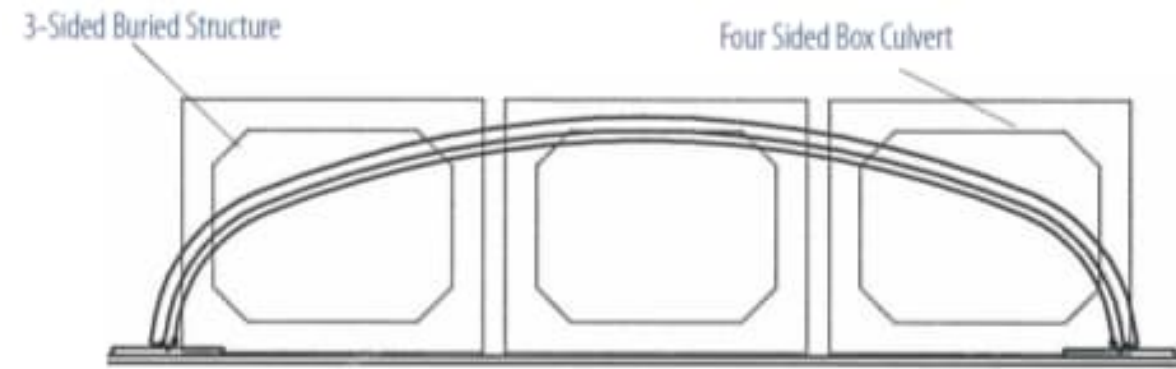
*Estimated



**Project – I-64
Huntington, WV
Owner - WVDOH**

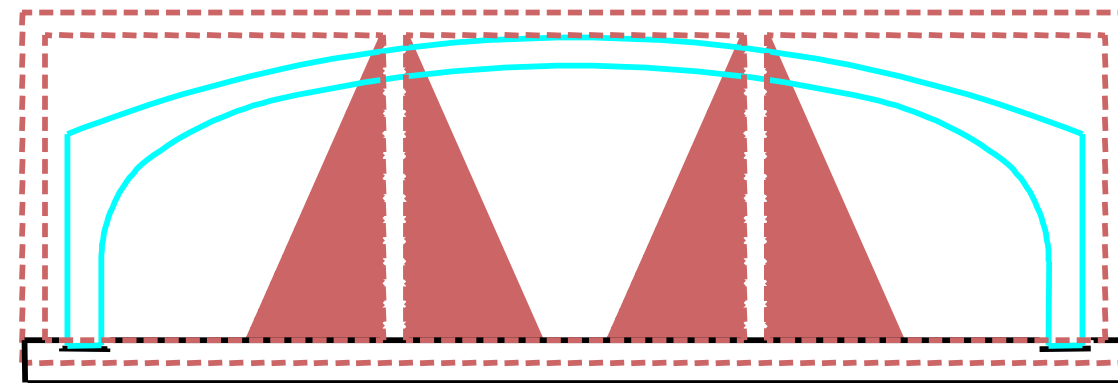
**Engineer – Modjeski
& Masters
Contractor - Ahearn
and Associates**

Buried Bridge vs. Culverts



CULVERTS CONVERT TO BURIED BRIDGES

- Complete system with headwalls, wingwalls and foundations
- Bottomless structure promotes natural aquatic habitat and fish/wildlife passage
- Maintenance-free structure lowers overall life cycle cost
- Project specific design to handle all loading requirements
- Long clear spans promote improved hydraulics while minimizing pier blockage





East Valley Water District
Highland, California



East Valley Water District
Highland, California



East Valley Water District
Highland, California

CON/SPAN O-Series- Bridge Replacement



Madison, AL
Blake Bottom Road



Madison, AL
Blake Bottom Road

Truss Bridges – Pedestrian and Vehicular





- Connector® Style Pedestrian Truss
- Weathering Steel Finish
- Horizontal Safety Rail System

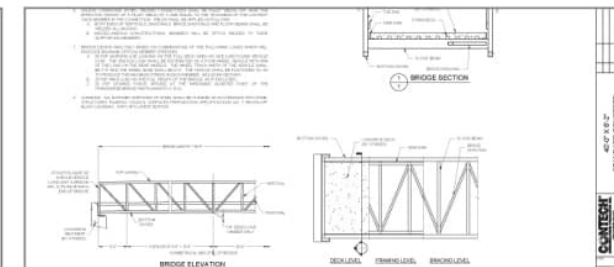
DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AASHTO LRFD*

1. SELECT

Clear Width:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6'	<input type="checkbox"/> 8'	<input type="checkbox"/> 10'	<input type="checkbox"/> 12'			
Length:	<input type="checkbox"/> 40'	<input type="checkbox"/> 50'	<input type="checkbox"/> 60'	<input type="checkbox"/> 70'	<input type="checkbox"/> 80'	<input type="checkbox"/> 90'	<input type="checkbox"/> 100'
	<input type="checkbox"/> 110'	<input type="checkbox"/> 120'	<input type="checkbox"/> 130'	<input type="checkbox"/> 140'	<input type="checkbox"/> 150'	<input type="checkbox"/> 160'	<input type="checkbox"/> 170'
	<input type="checkbox"/> 180'	** 6' width only available with 40' – 80' lengths					
Deck:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Treated Wood					<input type="checkbox"/> Cast-in-Place Concrete (by Others) 	

2. SPECIFY

- Bid Drawings
- Specification
- 10-Year Limited Warranty
- Estimate



3. SATISFY

- Stamped Drawings in One Week
- Bridge Delivery in 6-8 Weeks of Approved Drawings
- Bridge Installation Support
- Cost-Effective Solution



*IBC & AISC designed EXPRESS Structures also available in 20' - 100' lengths.

Custom Designs & Options



OPTIONS

DECK



Wood



Steel Grate



Concrete



Asphalt

FINISH



Weathering Steel



Painted Steel



Galvanized Steel*



RAIL



Cable



Mesh Panels



Safety Rail/Wood Rub Rail



Vertical Picket/Pipe Handrail

*Exclusive 35-year galvanized rust free warranty for vehicular truss.



Freight Economy / Simple Installation



Bessemer Pedestrian Bridge over Highway 150



Bessemer Pedestrian Bridge over Highway 150





Vehicular Truss Bridges





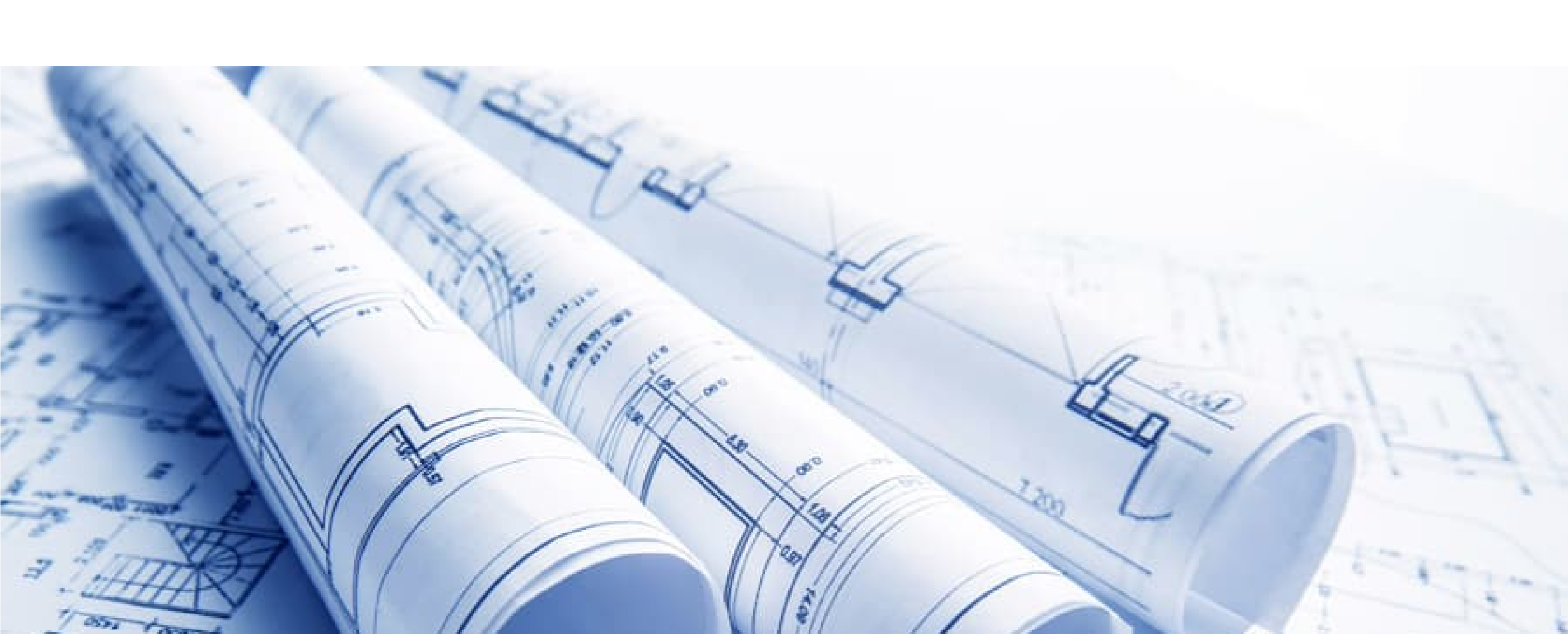
Big R Modular Rolled Girder





Big R Custom Rolled Girder

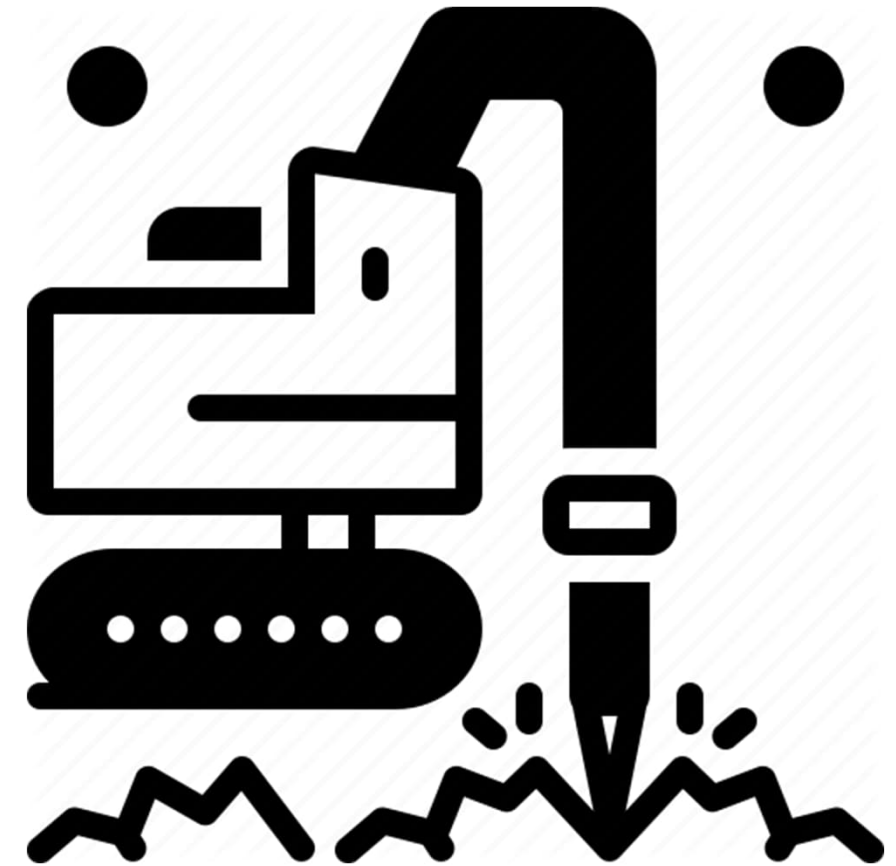




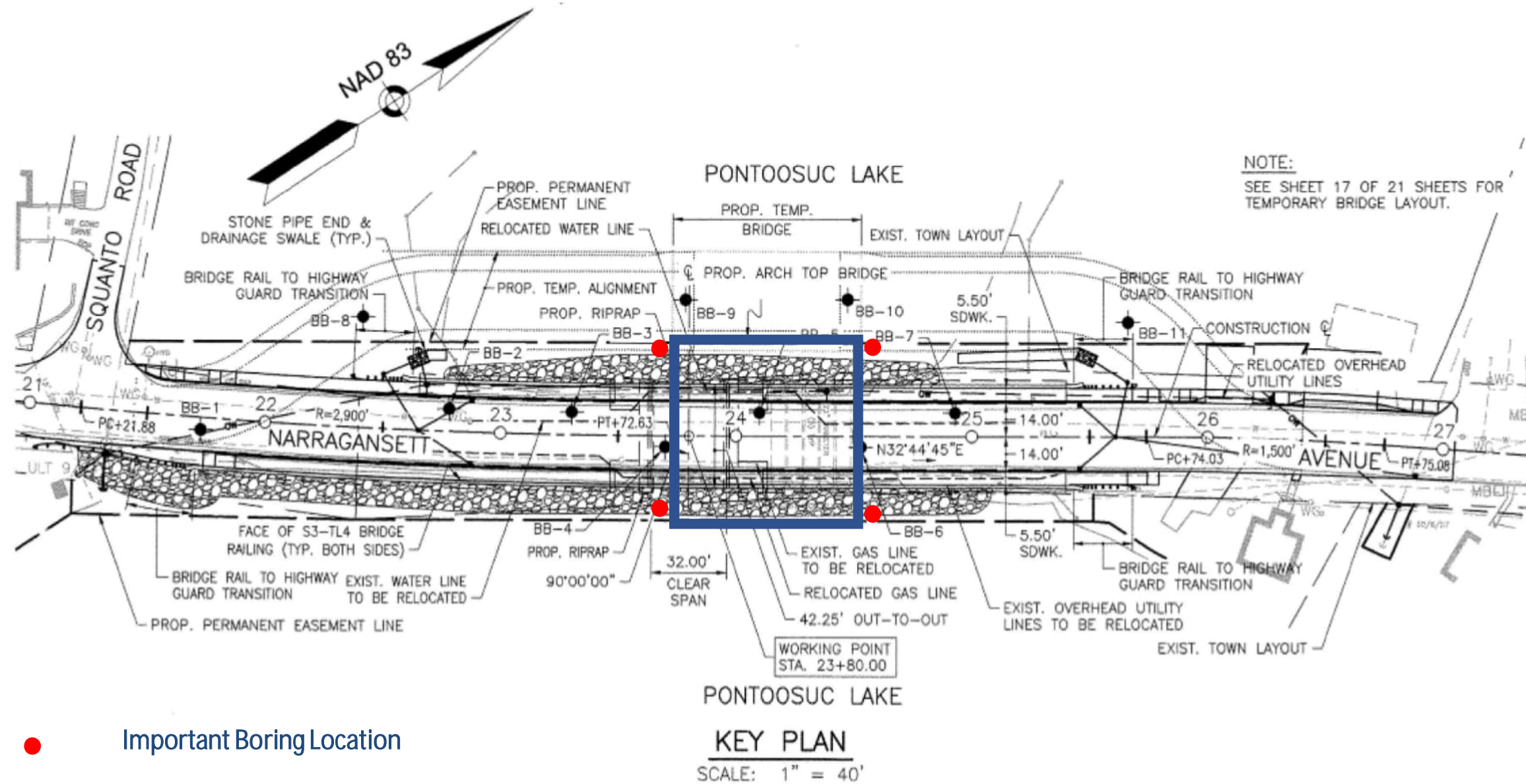
Foundation Discussion

Geotechnical Information Required

- Early Information = Most Efficient Design
- Include Boring Elevation
- Recommended Soil Bearing Capacity
 - Factored Bearing Resistance (LRFD)
 - Allowable Bearing Capacity (ASD/LFD)
 - Must Specify if Bearing is Net or Gross
- Bearing Strata/Water Table Elevation
- Recommendation of Foundation Type
- Pile Type and Axial/Lateral Capacity (if applicable)
- Structural Settlement Tolerances 1" Total and 1/2" Differential



Geotechnical Information Required



EXPRESS™ Foundations

A precast foundation system that blends the speed of precast with the economy of cast-in-place



EXPRESS.
Foundations Speed of precast. Economy of cast-in-place.



STEEL
EXPRESS.
Foundations Efficiencies of steel. Economy of cast-in-place.



STEEL *EXPRESS*[™] Foundations





CIP FILL PROCESS

Blount County Cleveland Project

- 2022- Cleveland, AL (Installation December 8, 2022)- ALBC on Steel Express Foundations
Structure #34: 16' span x 4'-3" rise, 40 LF



Blount County Cleveland Project

- 2022- Cleveland, AL: ALBC on Steel Express Foundations, 16'-0" span x 4'-3" rise, 40LF





Scour Considerations

Scour

Hydrologic Analysis

Hydraulic Analysis

- Riverine
- Tidal

Scour Analysis

Multi Disciplinary
Evaluation

- Hydraulics
- Structures
- Geotechnical

Structure Stable?

No?

HEC-23 Countermeasure

HEC No. 18

- Evaluate Scour Potential

HEC No.23

- Design Guideline 8: Articulating Concrete Block Systems
- Design Guideline 19: Concrete Armor Units

April 2012
Publication No. FHWA-HIF-12-003

Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 18

Evaluating Scour at Bridges Fifth Edition

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



ArmorFlex Articulating Concrete Block System



**INVERT
PROTECTION**



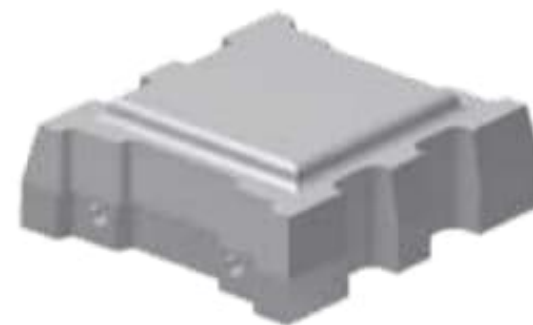
**SCOUR
PROTECTION**



**DAM
OVERTOPPING**



**CHANNEL
LINING**



Closed-Cell Block



Open-Cell Block

Armortec Hard Armor Erosion Systems



PERMANENT



PROVEN



ABILITY TO VEGETATE



EFFICIENT



Larkwood Drive Road and Slope Protection

Cullman, AL



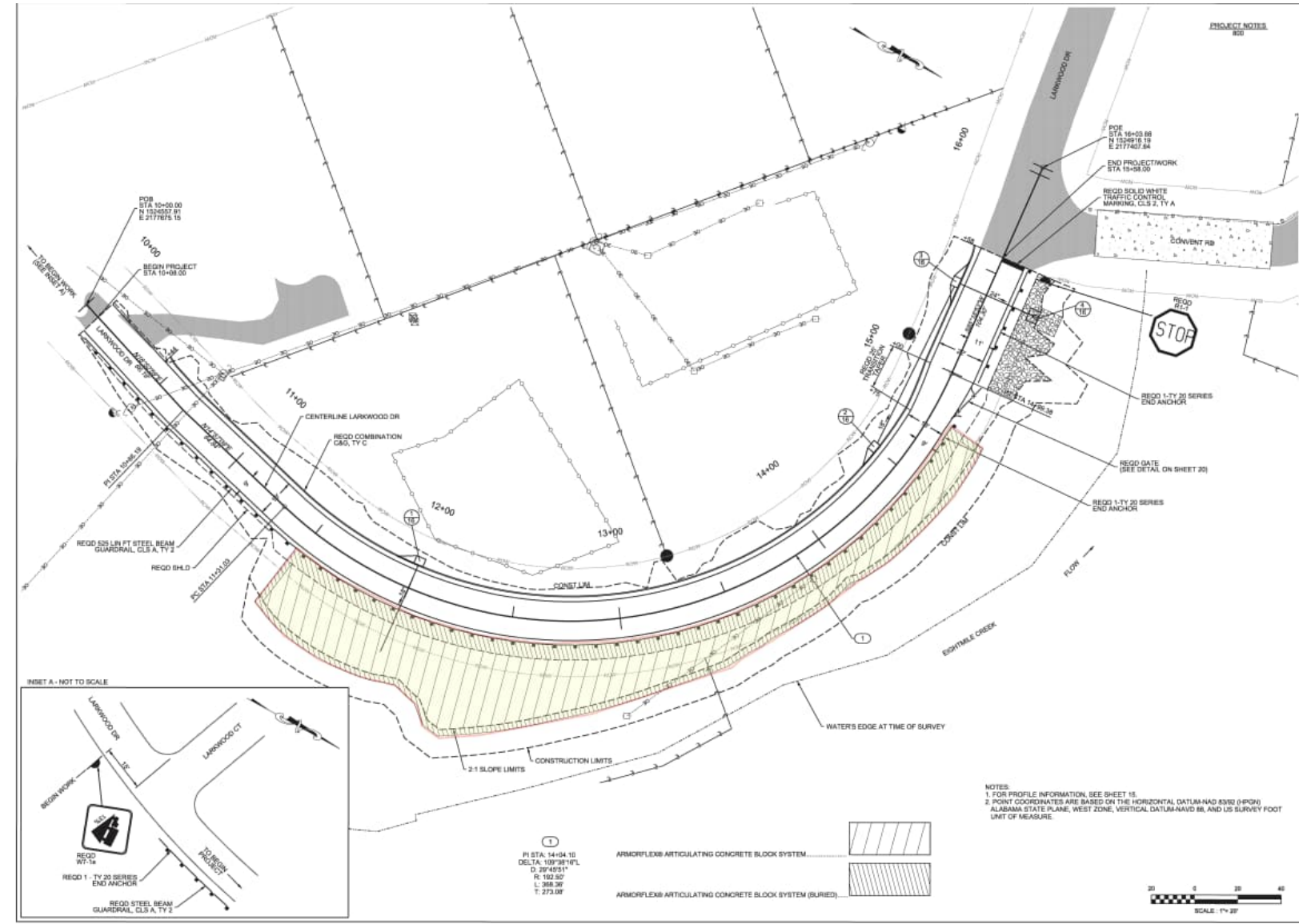
Larkwood Drive Slope Protection

Cullman, AL



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Cullman, AL



A-Jacks Concrete Armor Units



**SCOUR
PROTECTION**



**PIER SCOUR
PROTECTION**



**TOE
STABLIZATION**



**OUTLET
PROTECTION**



A-Jacks Unit

A photograph of two men in an office setting. The man on the left is younger, with short brown hair, wearing a dark grey sweater over a blue and white plaid shirt and khaki pants. The man on the right is older, with short dark hair, wearing a light pink button-down shirt. They are both looking intently at a laptop screen. The man on the right is also looking at some papers on the desk. The background shows a modern office with glass partitions and recessed ceiling lights. A semi-transparent blue horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'Working with Contech'.

Working with Contech

DYOB - Building Blocks to a Successful Project

**Solution
Development**

Design Support

Installation



DYOB® | Structural Plate



Design Your Own Structural Plate solutions.

Current product options include: Aluminum Box
Culvert, BridgeCor®

DYOB® | Precast



Design Your Own Precast solutions.

Current product options include: CON/SPAN® &
BEBO®

DYOB® | Modular Rolled Girder



Design Your Own Modular Rolled Girder solutions.

Current product options include: Big R EXPRESS
Modular Rolled Girder

DYOB® | Truss



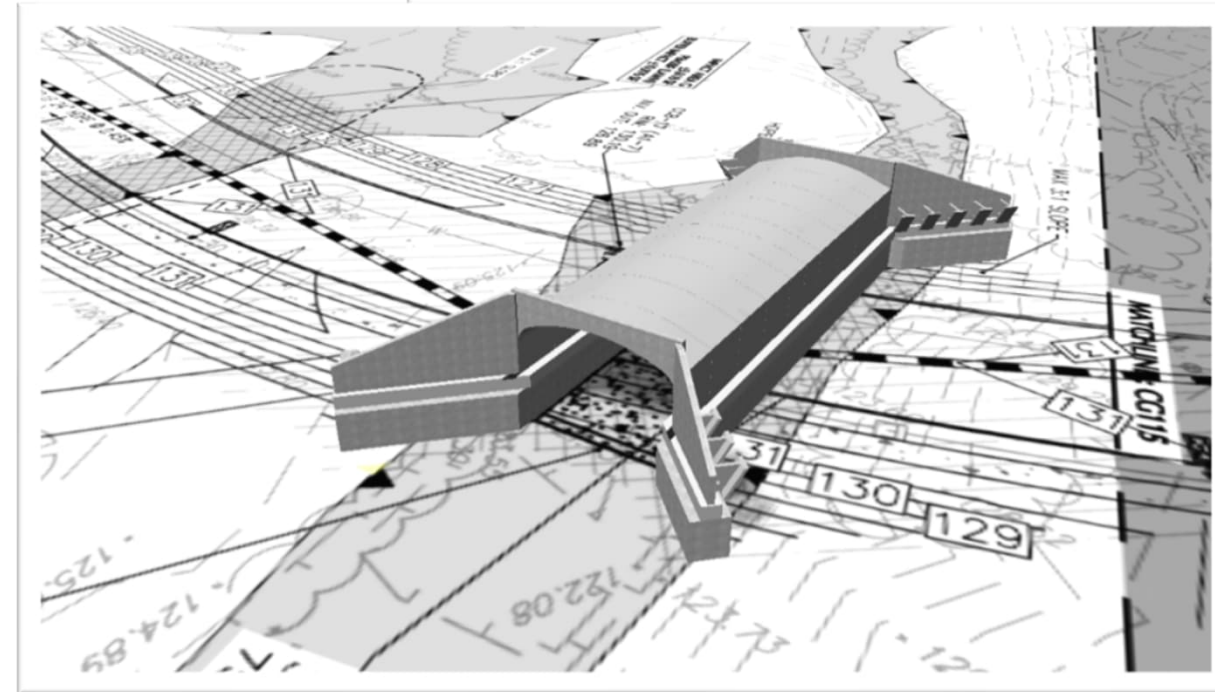
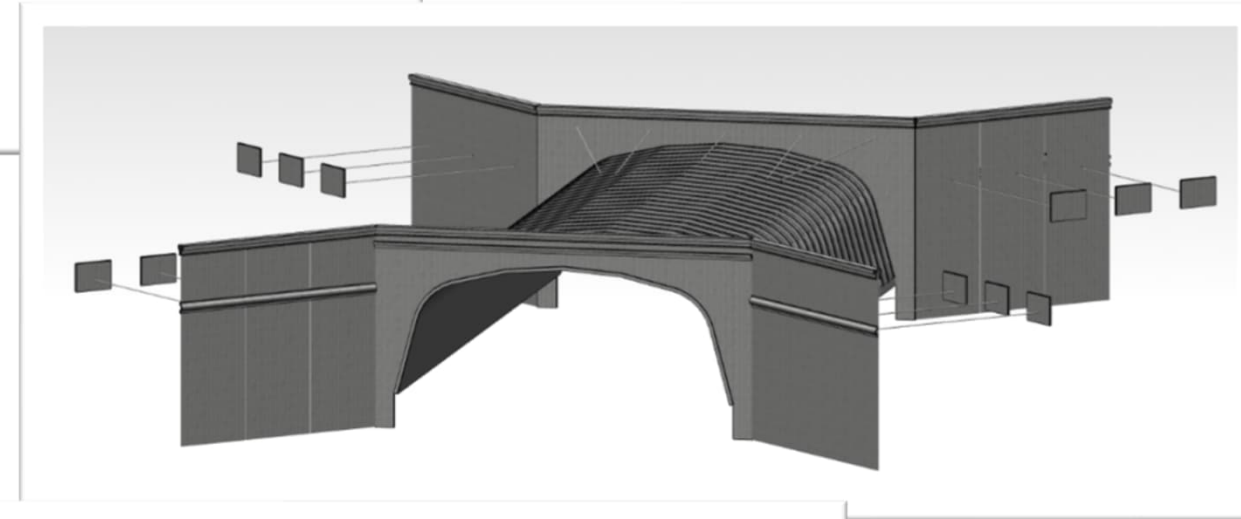
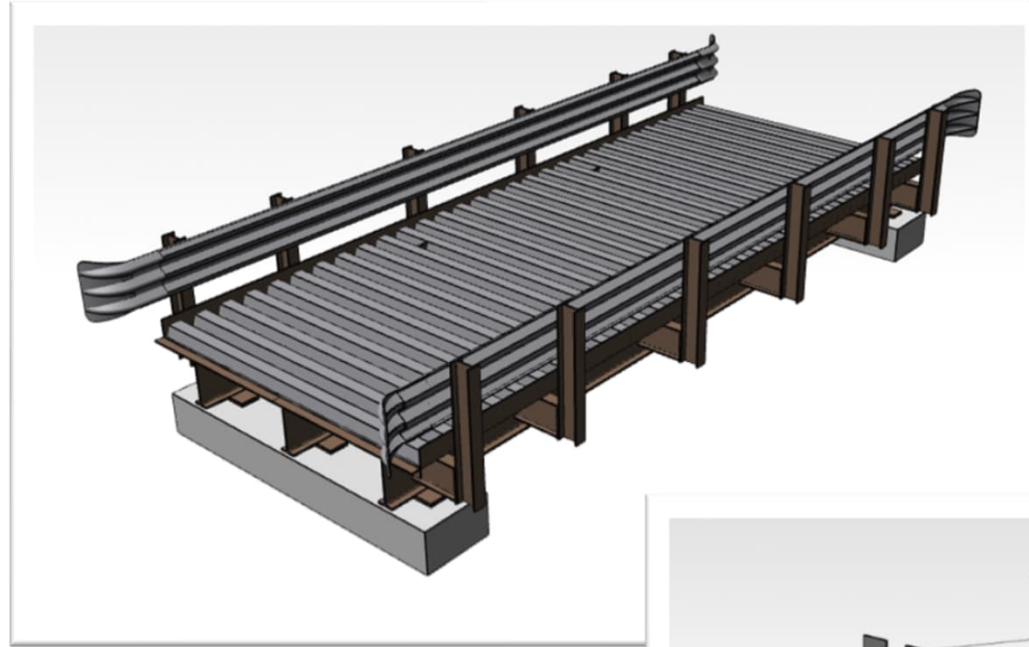
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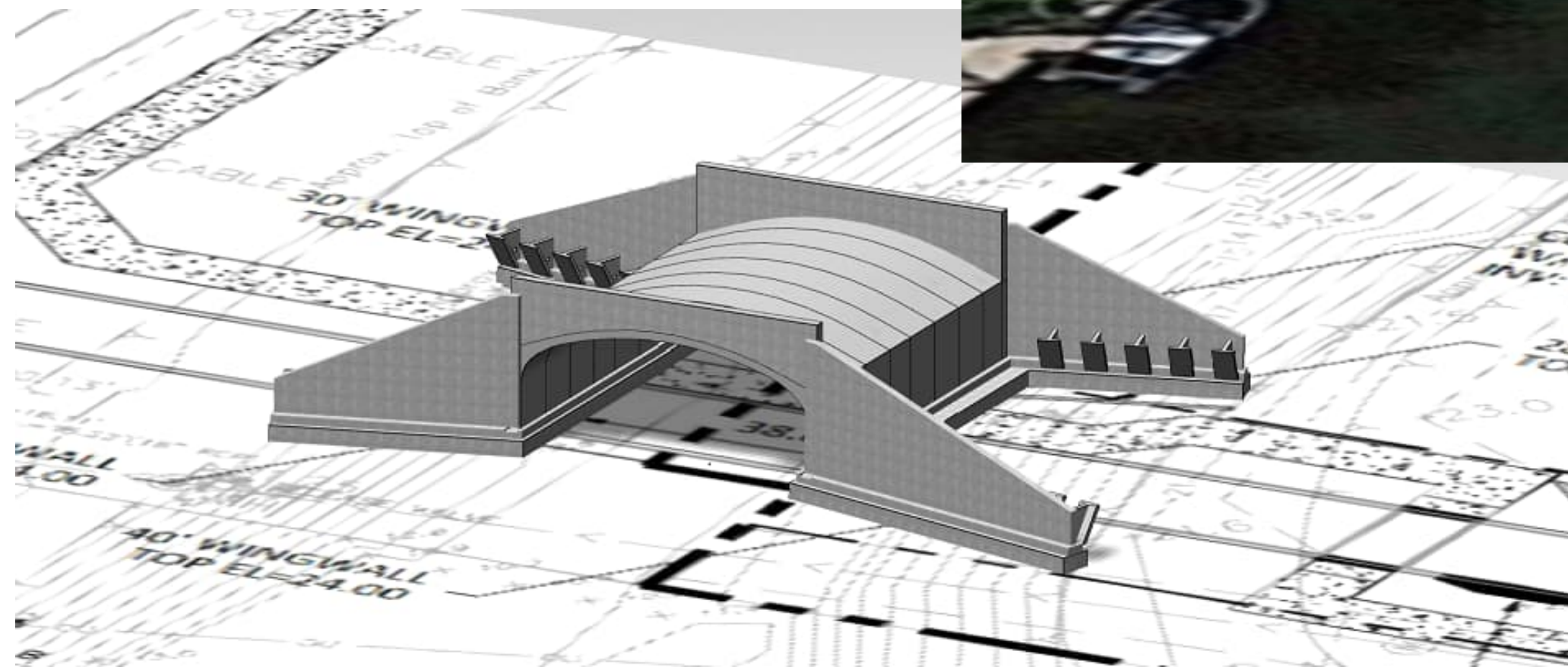
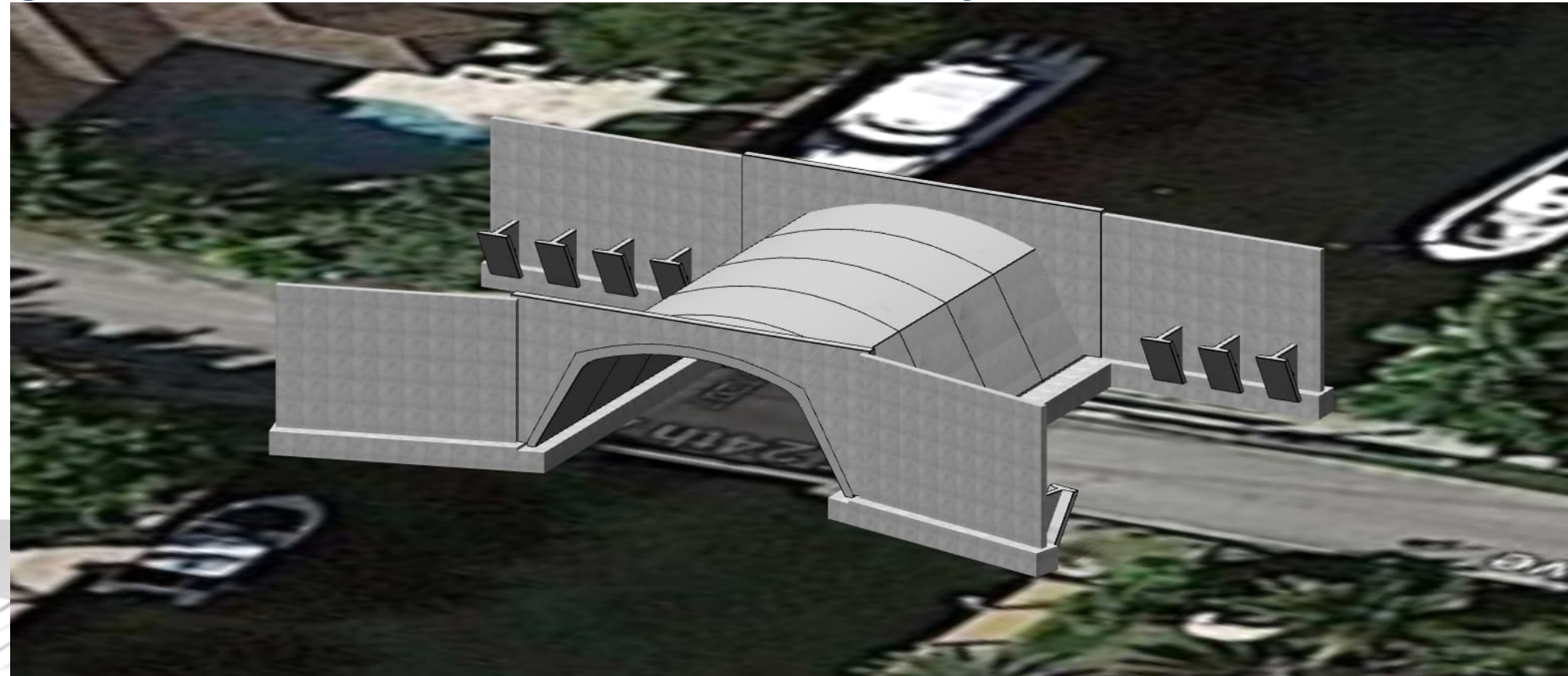
Contech Design Center | Design Made Easy

Save time by using our interactive design tools that enable you to create customized, project-specific drawings and support documentation for estimates and project meetings.



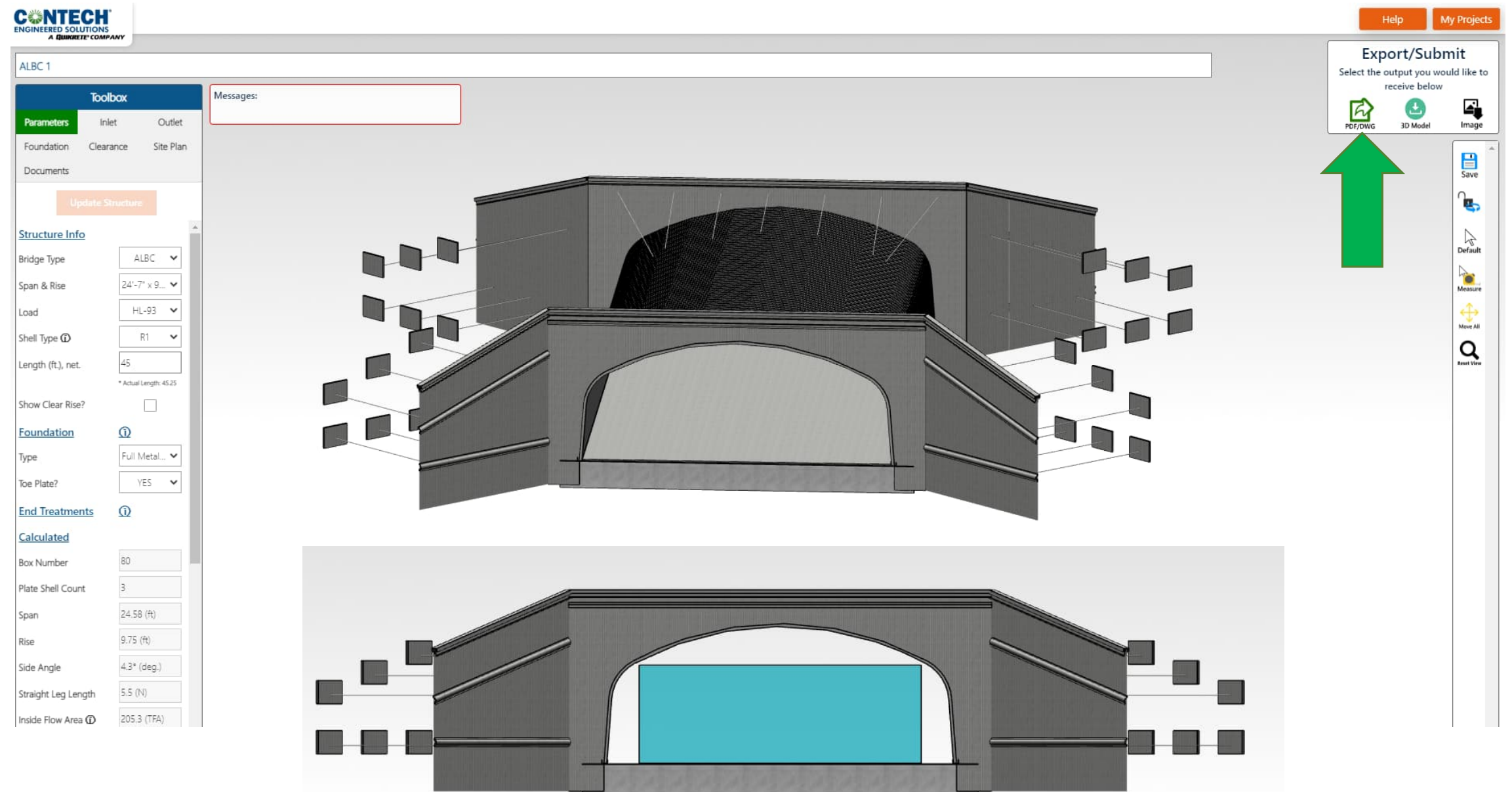
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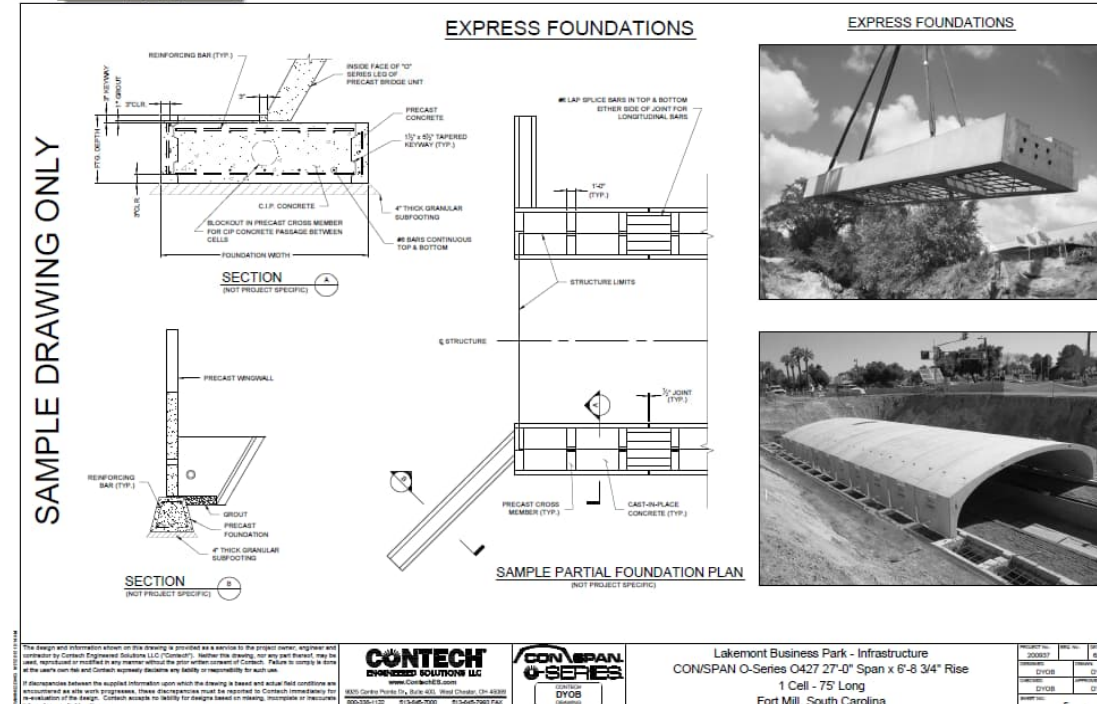
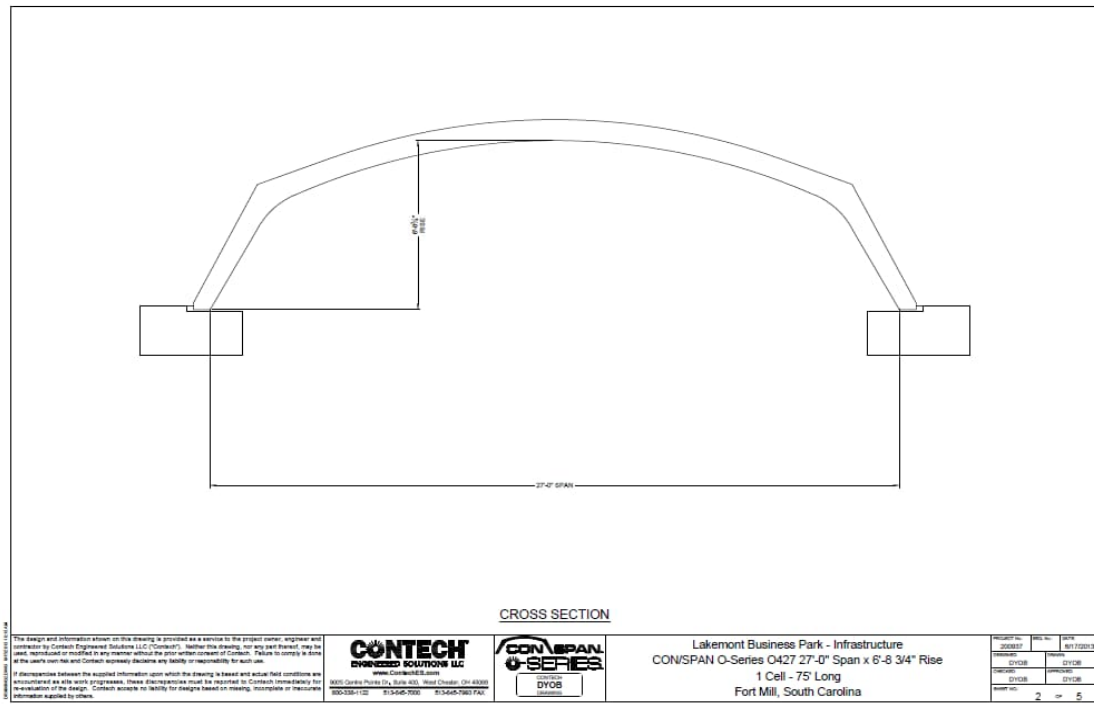
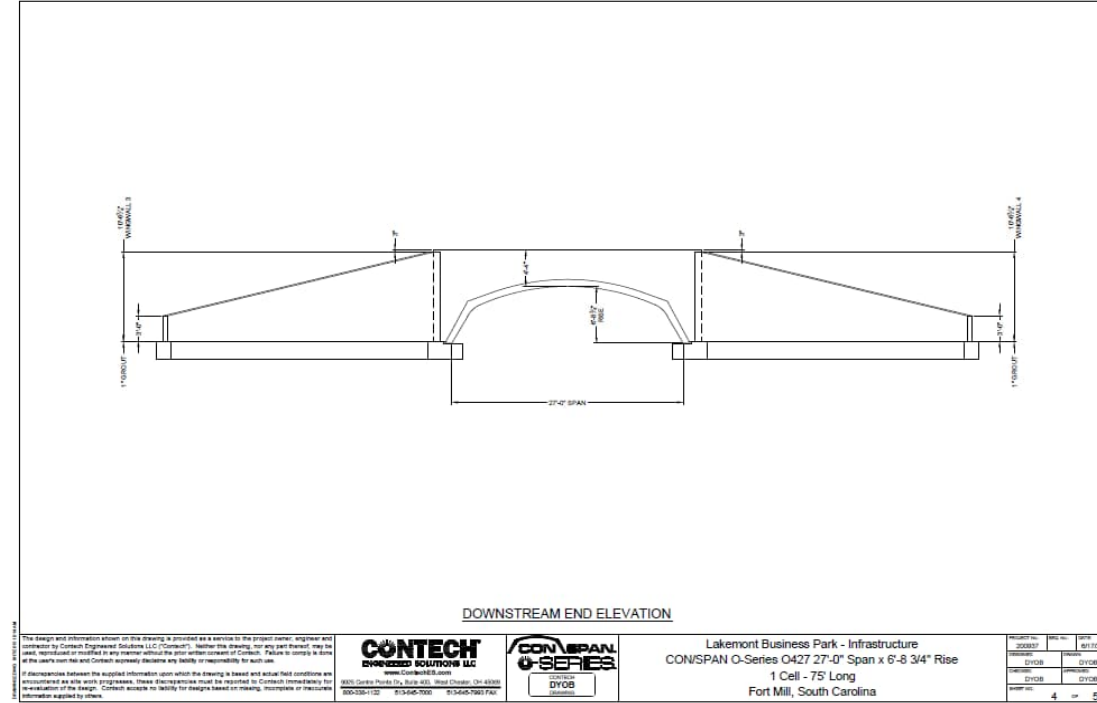
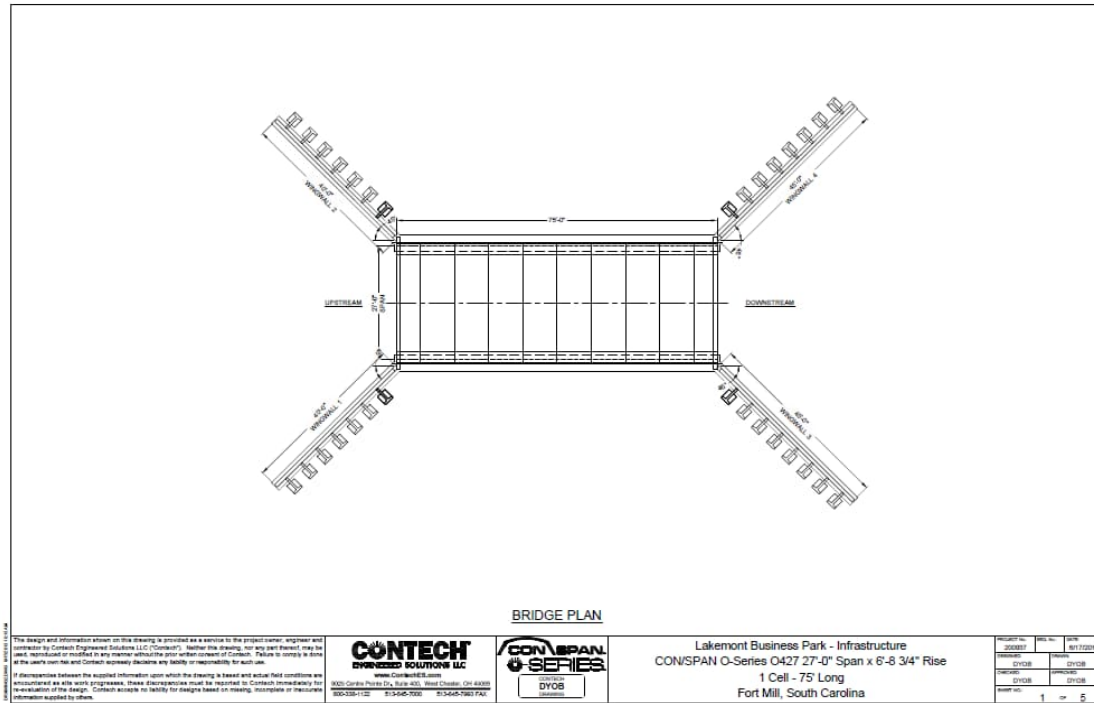
**Solution
Development**



Contech Design Center Interface

- Model features
 - Clear rise
 - Calculated values
 - Foundation options
 - Clearance box
- Site Plan Demo
- Export/Submit
- Save functionality
- Documents
- Deliverables
 - PDF
 - Image
 - BIM Model





DYOB® at www.conteches.com

Photo Site Simulation



Building Blocks to a Successful Project

Solution
Development

Design Support

Installation

- Attending Pre-Bid Meetings
- Holding Preconstruction Meeting
- Technical Support Available (Field Consultant on all Precast Installations)



Questions?

CROSSINGS. CULVERTS. BRIDGES. CONTECH.

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