

# Geosynthetically Confined Soils (FABRIC) and other Technologies

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# What we are faced with



# Many of our bridges are old



# Our System Cannot meet Today's Demands



# We Have NOT kept up with Modern Agriculture



Loaded  
Semi

POSTING FOR  
SEMI

Postings Do Not Work unless I am  
there.



# The sign says 3 ton Gross



# WE KNOW WHAT THE RESULTS WILL BE!



10/09/10 & 10/14/10 & 10/10/18/10



# Without Enforcement and legislation our problems will grow

## Avalanche® Double-Auger Grain Carts - Brent Grain Handling

### Product Specifications

Model	2094	1594	1394	1194
Capacity-bushels (mt)	2,000 (51)	1,500 (38)	1,300 (33)	1,100 (28)
Unloading Speed - bu/mn	1,000	800	800	800
Appx. Empty Weight - lbs. (kg)	32,700 (14,832)	25,200 (11,430)	18,975 (8607)	15,950 (7233)
Appx. Loaded Tongue Weight - lbs. (kg)	6,000 (2722)	5,500 (2495)	5,375 (2438)	5,200 (2395)
Overall Width (m)	13'11" ( 4.24)	13' (3.96)	12' (3.66)	12' (3.66)
Overall Length (m)	37'10" (11.53)	34'2" (10.41)	30'10" (9.40)	30'10" (9.40)
Transport Height (m)	12' (3.66)	12'9" (3.89)	12'8" (3.86)	12'2" (3.7)
Height Loading Side (m)	11' (3.35)	11'5" (3.48)	11'4" (3.45)	10'10" (3.3)
Auger Height - Adj. (m)	10'9" - 16'6" (3.28-5.03)	10'5"-15'11" (3.18-4.85)	10'5"-15'11" (3.18-4.85)	10'5"-15'1" (3.18-4.8)
Vertical				

- April 4, 2011
- Reports of 2-770 gal manure tanks crossing 22 ton bridge loaded
- April 7, 2011 reports of a semi crossing a 3 ton bridge

# DUCT TAPE CANNOT FIX EVERYTHING



# We MUST FIND NEW WAYS

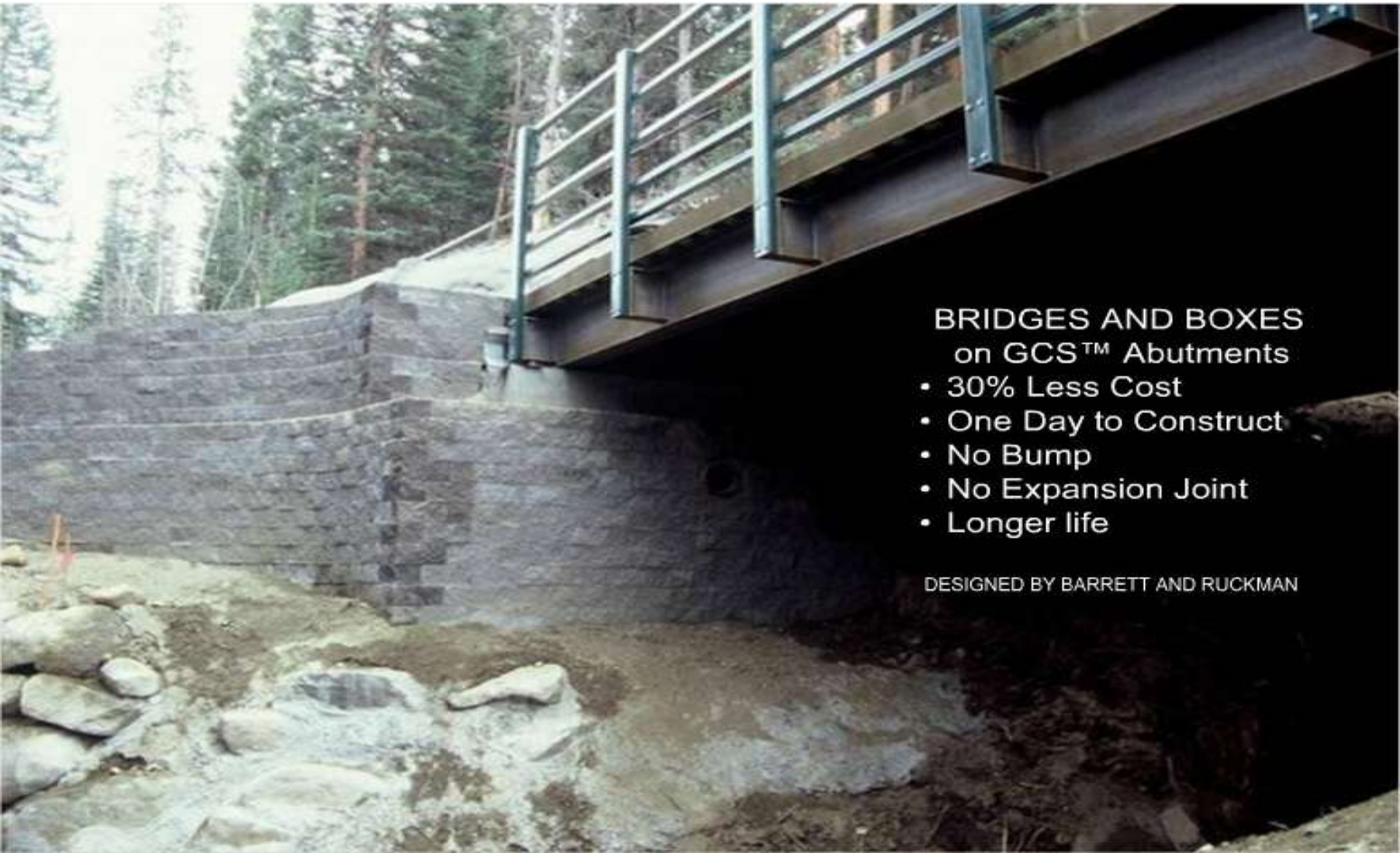


## **ULTIMATE GCS™ DEMONSTRATION**

- **NO FACING**
- **60 DEGREE NEGATIVE BATTER**
- **BRUTAL SURCHARGE**

BUT EVEN WITH THIS  
DRAMATIC VISUAL  
OF THE AMAZING  
STABILITY OF GCS™,  
MOST WILL TRY TO  
DEFEND THE  
OLD MSE PARADIGM

# UTILIZE NEW TECHNOLOGIES



## BRIDGES AND BOXES on GCS™ Abutments

- 30% Less Cost
- One Day to Construct
- No Bump
- No Expansion Joint
- Longer life

DESIGNED BY BARRETT AND RUCKMAN

# ADAPT TO LOCAL CONSTRUCTION METHODS



# START AT THE BASE



# Start With 2 LAYERS 1 As A CURTAIN WALL



# COMPACT 8" LIFTS

## NOTE THE PILING WERE VIBRATED IN



# COMPACT



# LEVEL AND COMPACT AGAIN



# COMPLETE ONE SIDE



# EXCAVATE FOR CURTAIN WALL



# RIPRAP



# TIE RIPRAP UNDER STRUCTURE



# COMPLETE BOTH ABUTMENTS



# PLACE CURTAIN WALL PAST ABUTMENT



# BUILD WINGS



# SET SUPERSTRUCTURE



# COMPLETE SUPERSTRUCTURE



# COMPLETE BRIDGE



# EVALUATE the PROCESS

Hood Bridge Bench "PP" NE Bridge =  $100^{\circ}$  Bench "PP" SE Bridge =  $100^{\circ}$   
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# 250 St Bridge



# LETS LEARN MORE

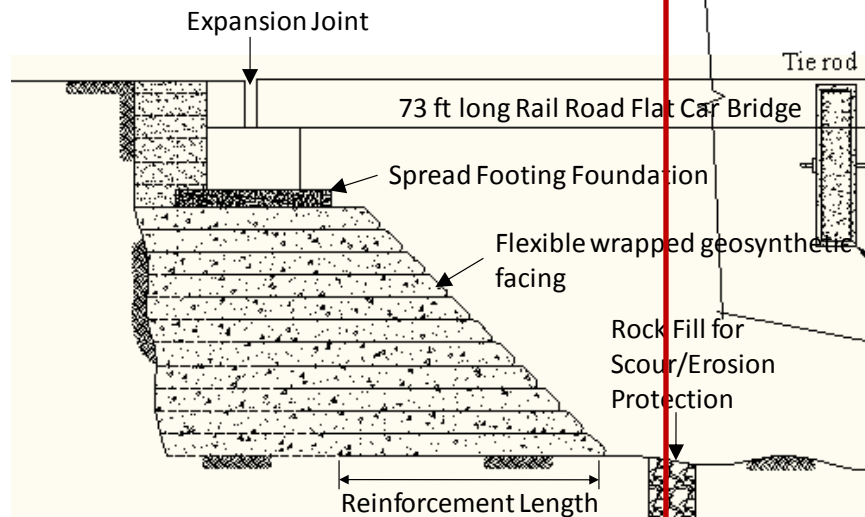


# Various options

## Design for the Location

### Flexible Facing –

**Wrapped Geosynthetics, Concrete Blocks, Gabions, or Timber, etc.**

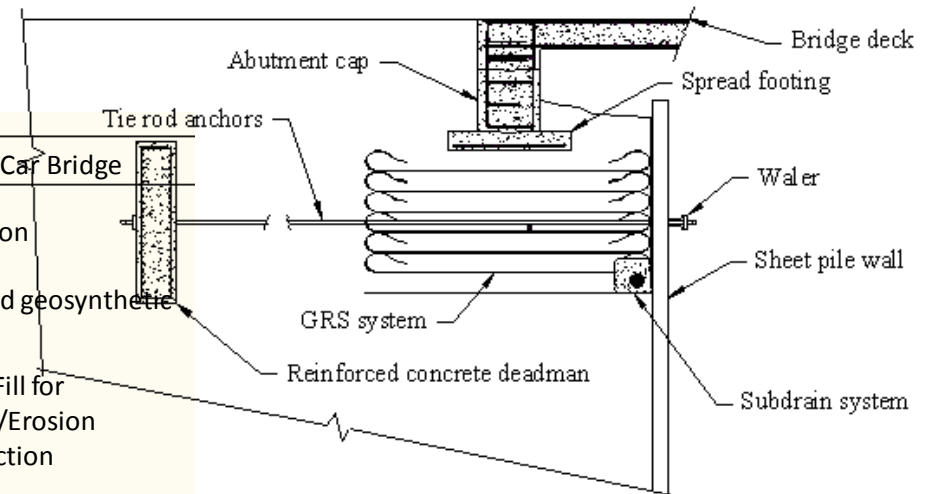


**Hoods Bridge,  
Buchanan  
County**



### Rigid Facing –

**Sheet pile walls, Pre-Cast or Cast-In Place Concrete Walls**



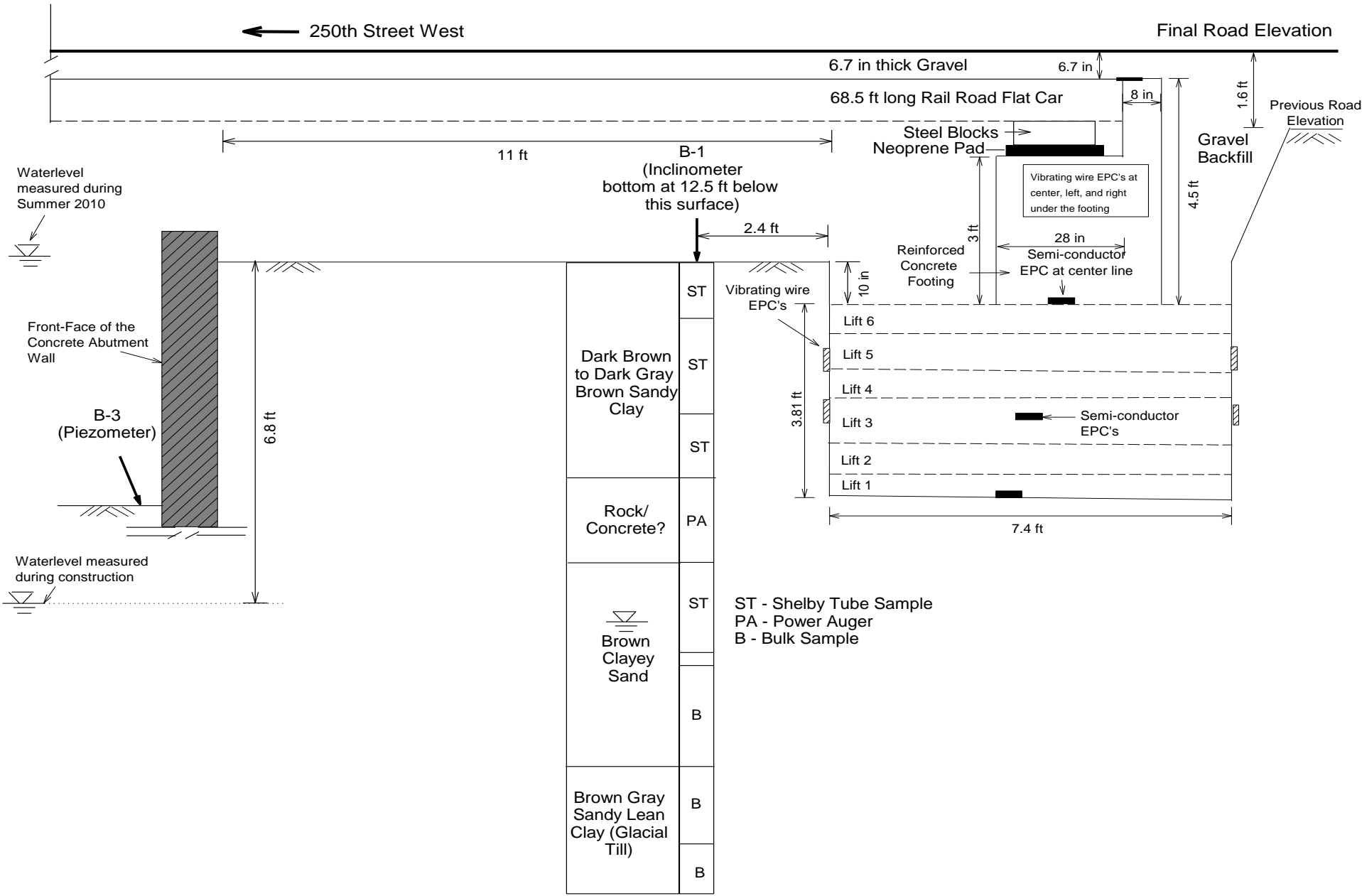
**Boone Bridge,  
TR-568, IHRB  
Project**



# Iowa State University

- **PIEZOMETERS**
- To Monitor water pressure
- **INCLINOMETERS**
- To monitor ground movement during excavation, sheet piling, fill compaction, and after bridge loading
- **EARTH PRESSURE CELLS**
- To monitor total stresses under the footing and at the ground at different elevations

# Subsurface Conditions



# Installation of Inclinator



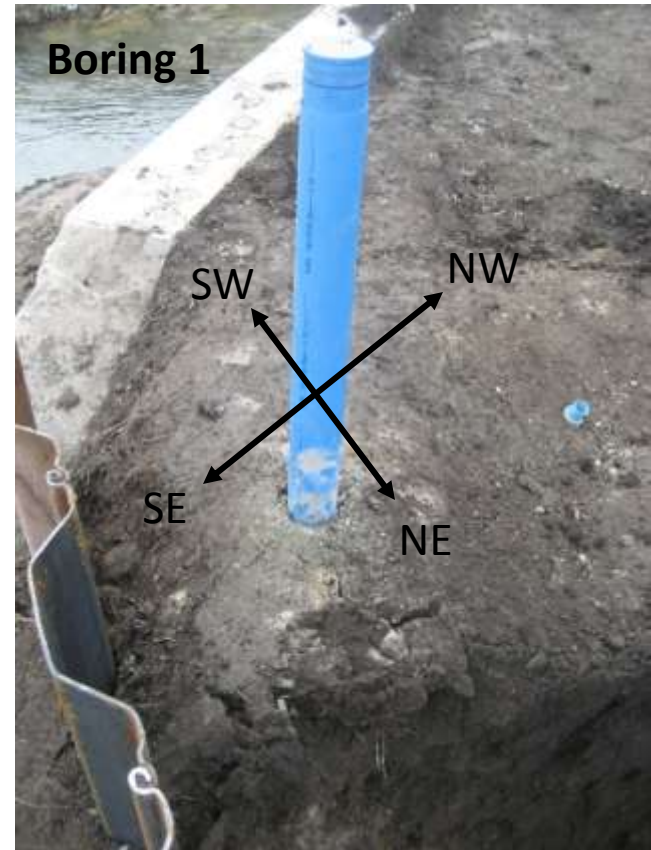
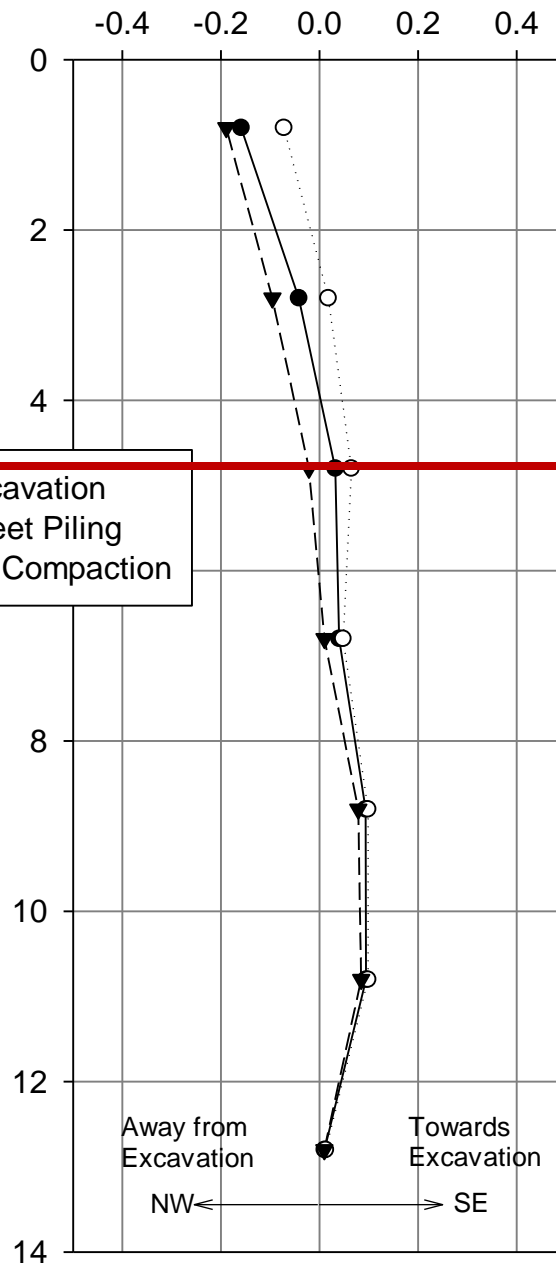
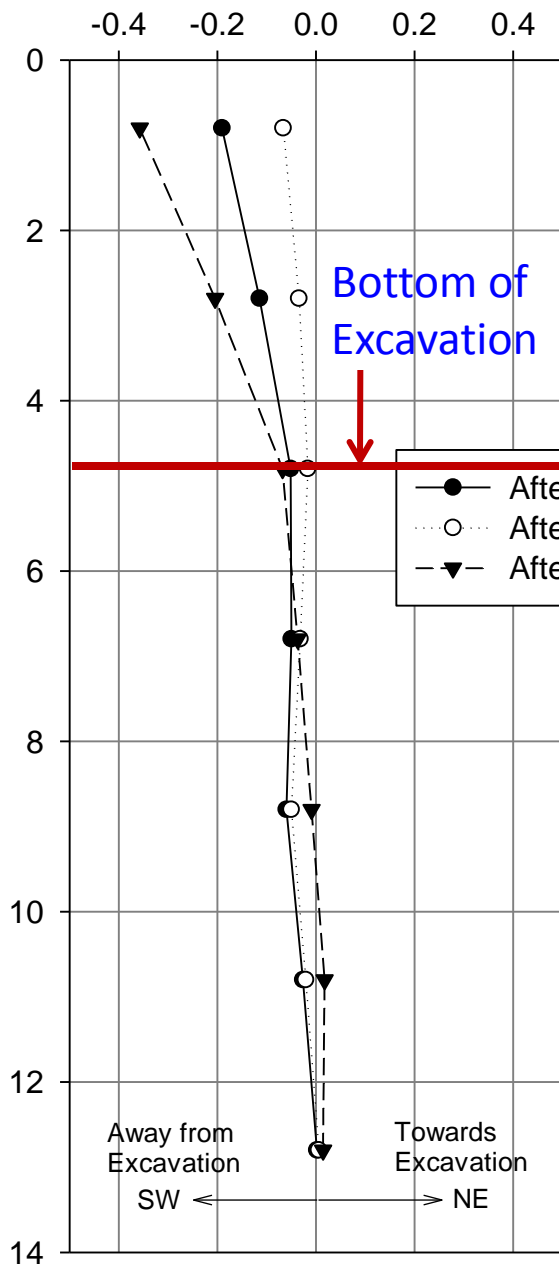
NE-SW Direction

SE-NW Direction

Cumulative Deflection (in)

Cumulative Deflection (in)

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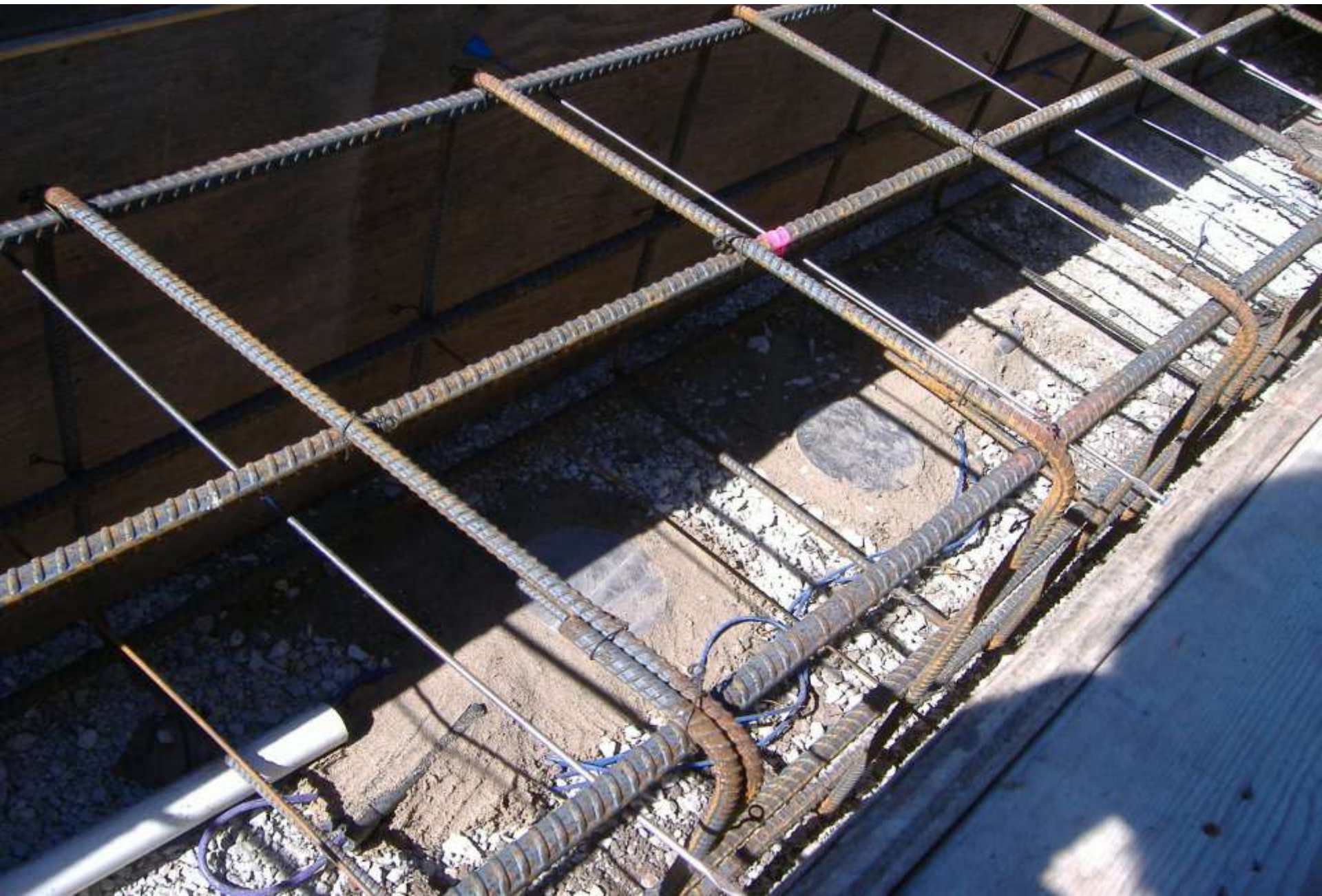


*Inclinometer about  
2 ft away from excavation*

# LOAD CELLS



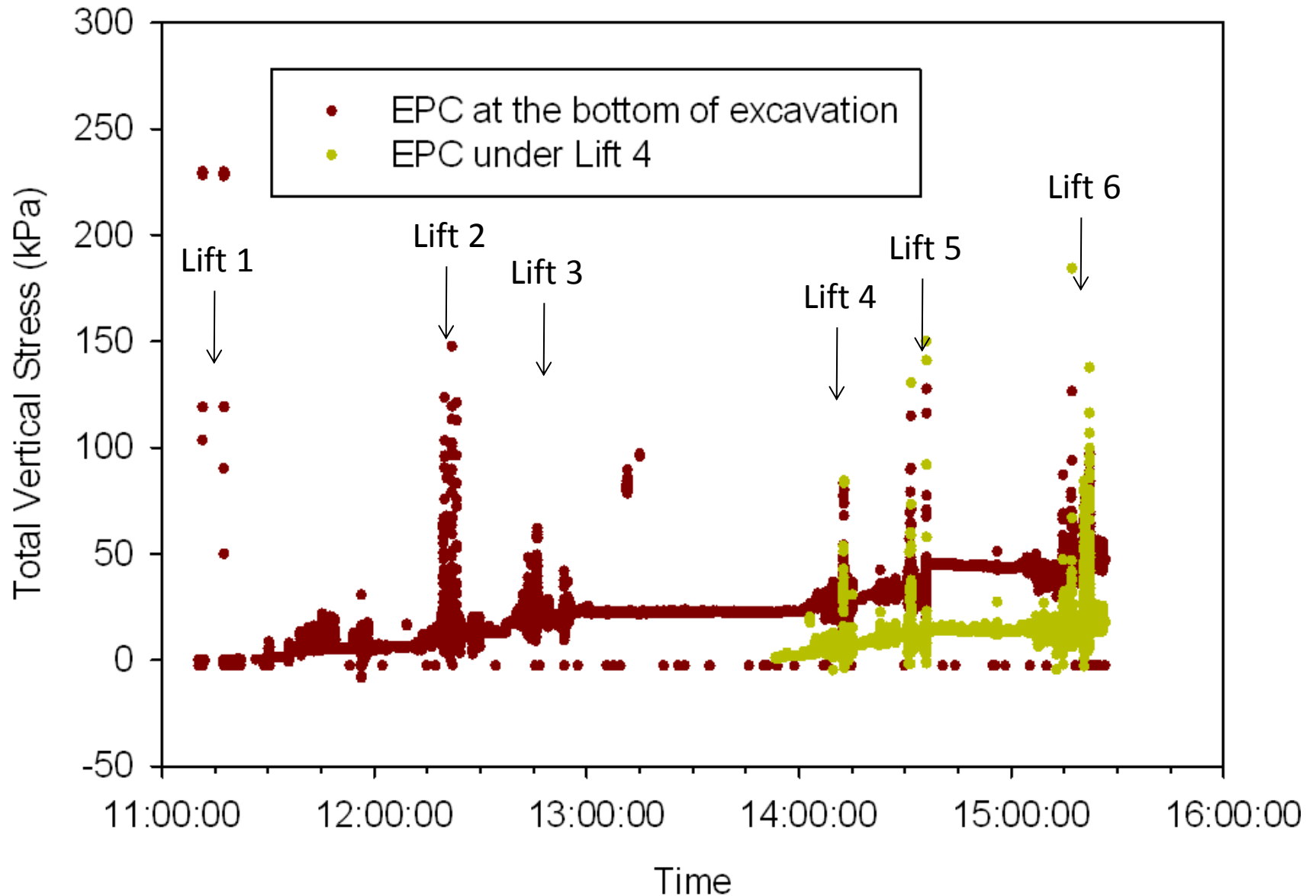
# LOADCELLS IN THE ABUTMENT



# WIRES



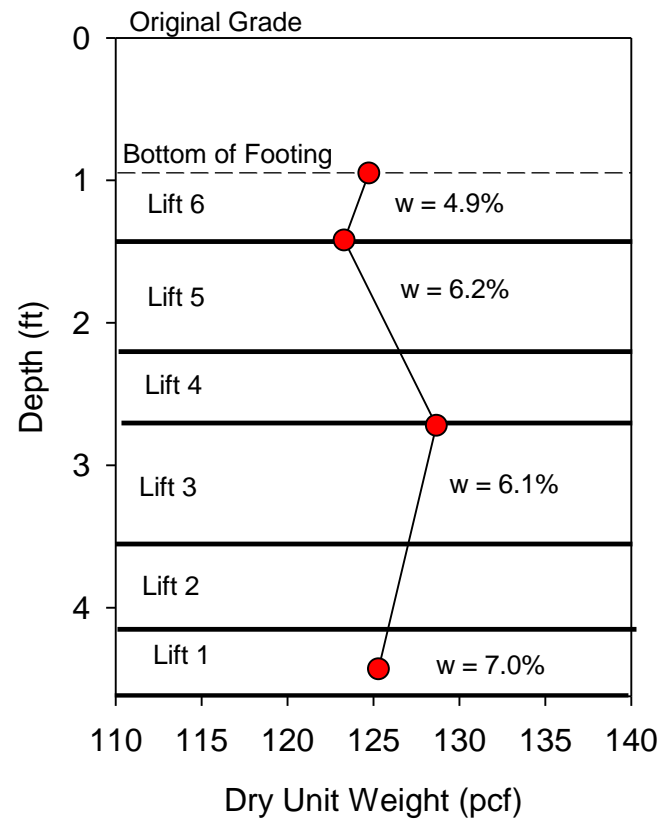
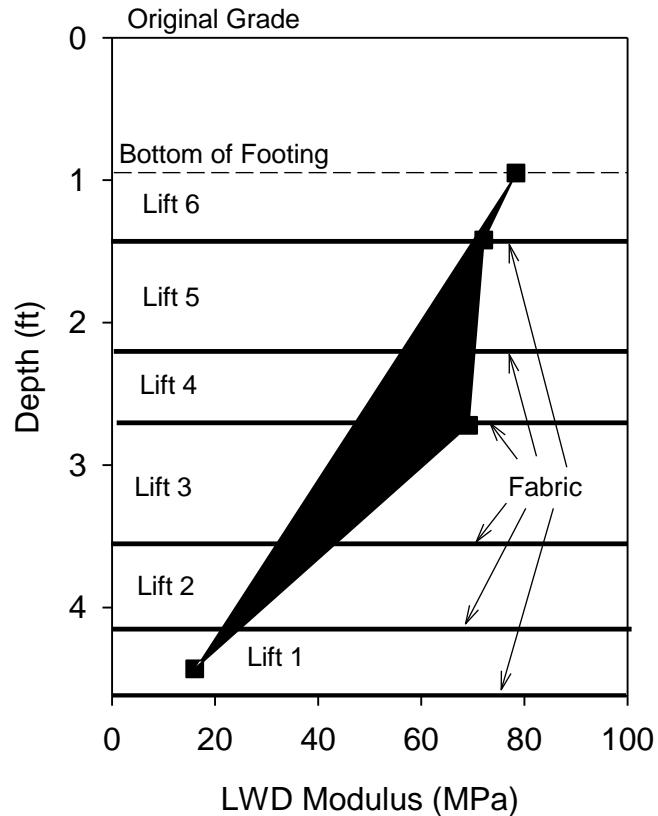
# In-Ground Stresses During Construction





**Light Weight Deflectometer (LWD) Tests on each lift to measure Modulus**

# Modulus and Density Test Results



# COMPLETED ABUTMENTS



# SETTING SUPERSTRUCTURE



# TESTING



# ON Site Data Logger with Wireless Modem



# HIGH SPEED TESTING



# My Knowledge

TM 5-277

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TECHNICAL MANUAL

## BAILEY BRIDGE

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HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

AUGUST 1972

# My Resources



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# YOUR RESOURCES

## Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System Interim Implementation Guide

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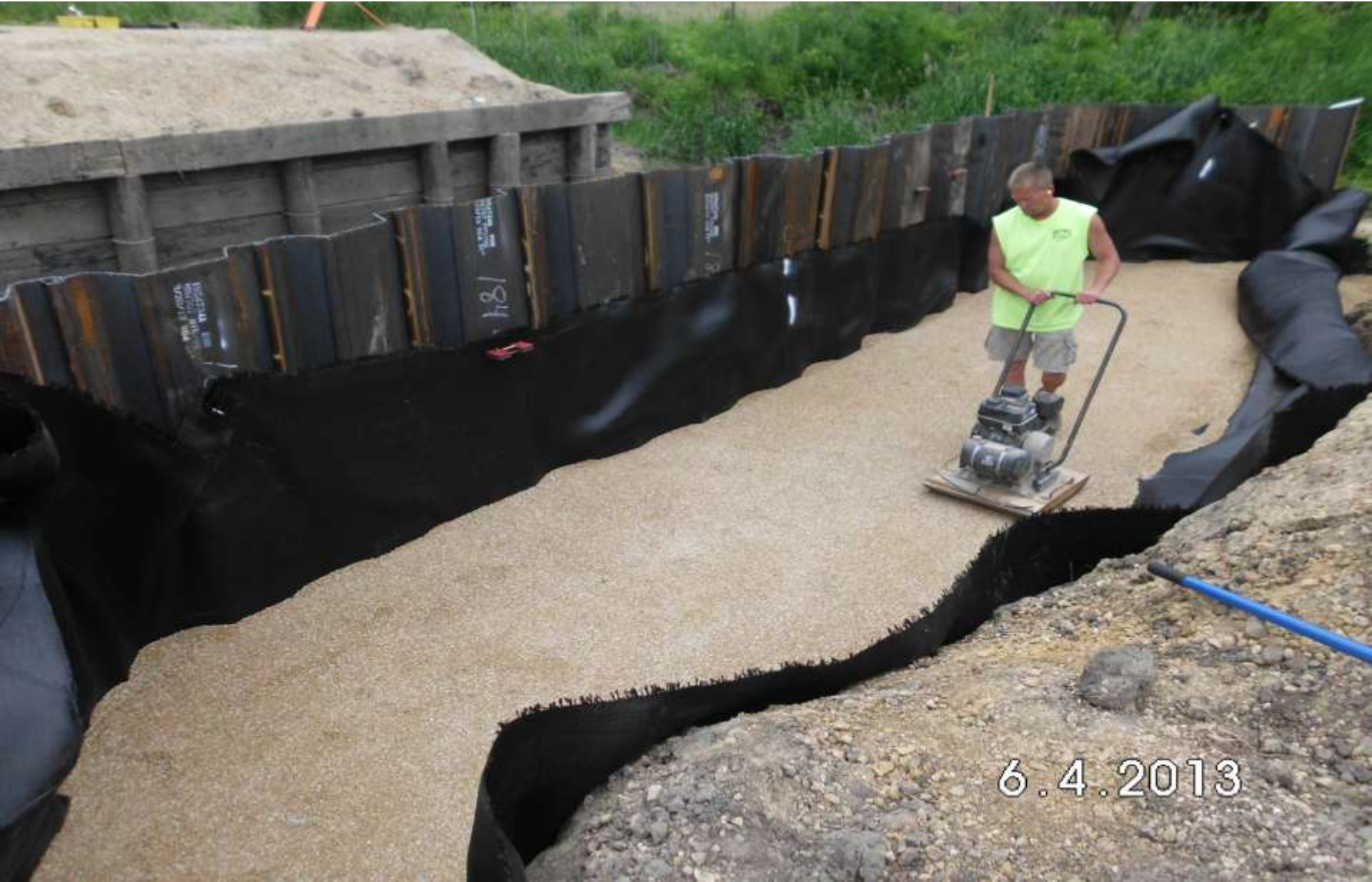
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- Iowa State University Staff
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# GRS in Scott County Iowa



# Scott Co. placing the lifts



6.4.2013

# Scott County Completed Bridge



# Clayton County Bridge



07/10/2012

# Clayton County Standard Process



# 8" lifts using block



# Steel Beam in Slab Design



# Clayton County Construction in Progress



# Beam in Slab on GRS

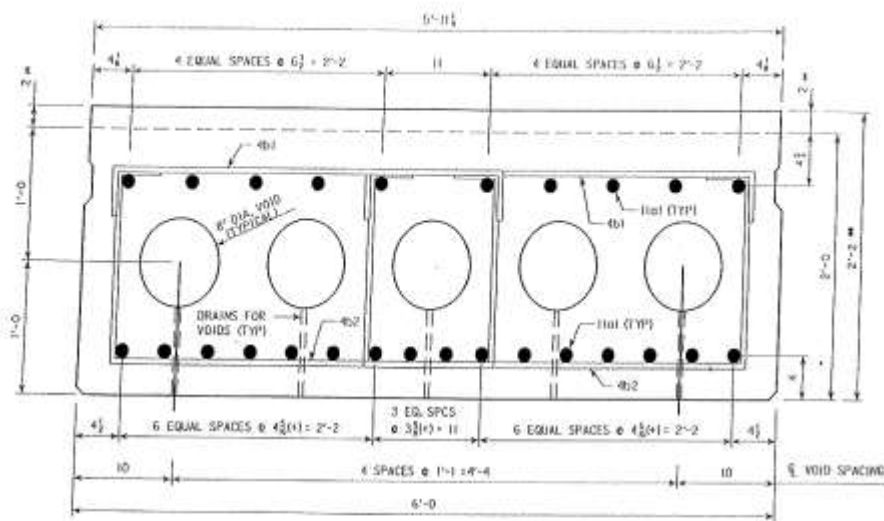


# Clayton Co. Cherry Valley Rd Bridge completed

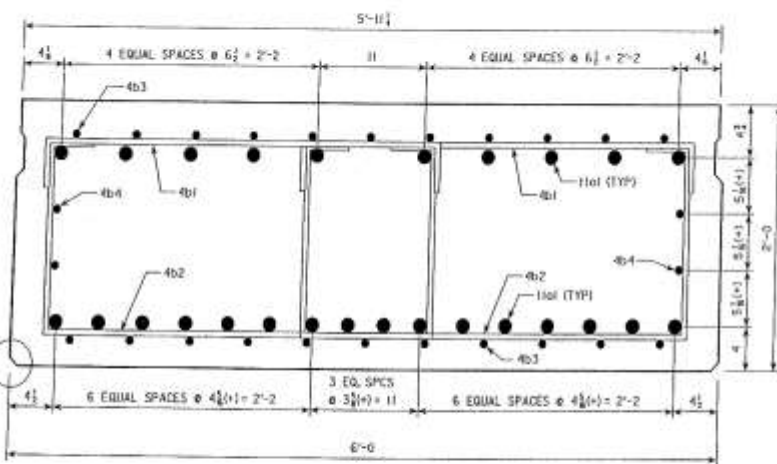


# Launching was the concept





INTERIOR SPAN - SECTION AT MIDSPAN



INTERIOR SPAN - SECTION AT  $\nabla$  BEARING  
(4b3 SPACING SHOWN ON NEXT SHEET)

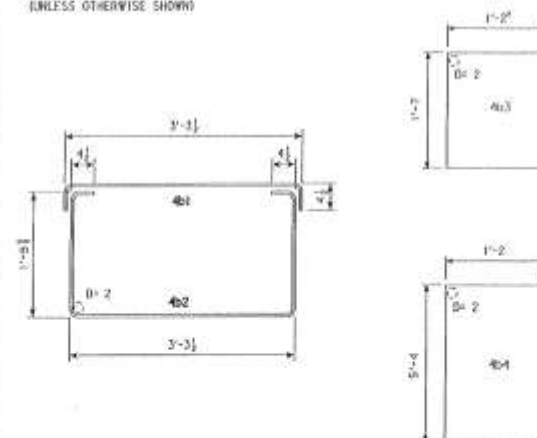
3/2 INCH BEAM THICKENING  
AT MIDSPAN TO ACCOMMODATE  
DEAD LOAD DEFLECTION

# REINFORCING BAR LIST - ONE BEAM

BAR	LOCATION	SHAPE	NO.	LENGTH	WEIGHT
11a1	LONGITUDINAL BARS		25	50'-8	1133
4b1	STIRRUP BARS		138	4'-1	376
4b2	STIRRUP BARS		138	7'-0	645
4b3	END BARS		22	3'-11	50
4b4	END BARS		4	7'-8	20
TOTAL (LBS.)					8236

## BENT BAR DETAILS

NOTE: ALL BAR DIMENSIONS ARE OUT TO OUT  
D = PIN DIAMETER FOR BENDING  
(UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN)



## CONCRETE PLACEMENT SUMMARY

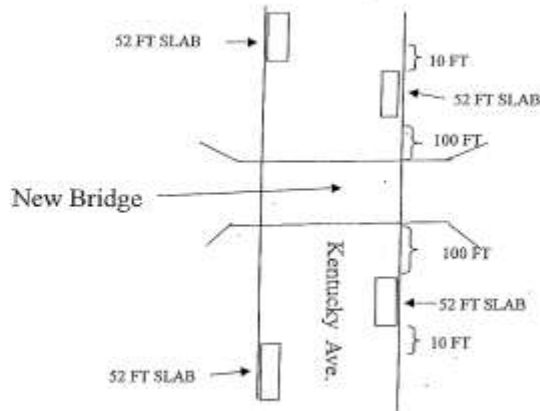
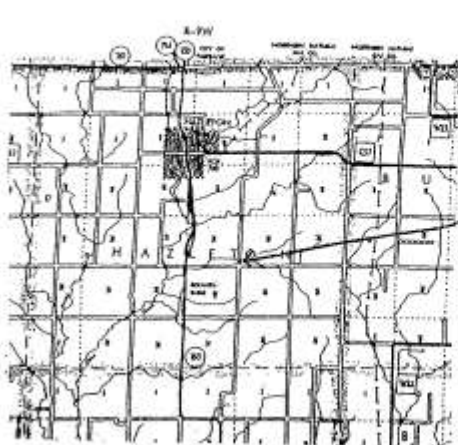
CONCRETE	TOTAL
ONE BEAM	22.0
TOTAL (CU YDS.)	22.0

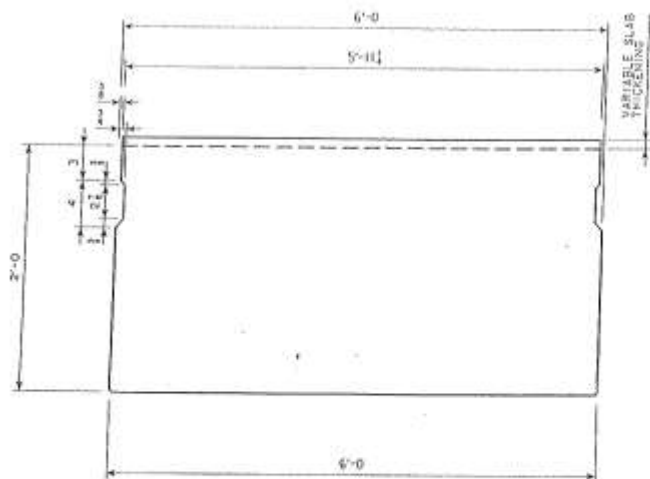
50'-0 X 30' PRECAST CONCRETE  
BEAM BRIDGE  
BEAM CROSS SECTION  
50'-0 SPAN  
BUCHANAN COUNTY

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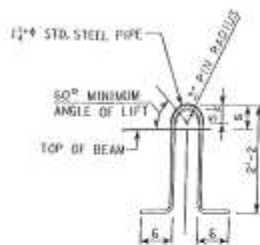
# Plans are through Iowa State and the IDOT

FARM TO MARKET SYSTEM  
BUCHANAN COUNTY  
Secondary Road Dept.  
Local Letting  
FHWA No. 083960  
BEAM CONSTRUCTION





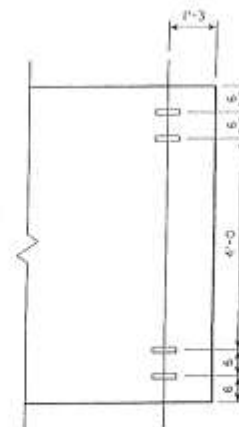
SECTION THRU BEAM  
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LIFTING LOOP DETAIL

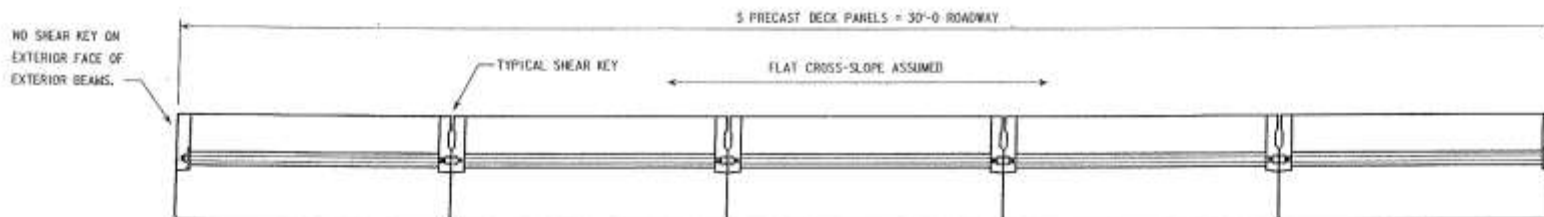
4 - 1" NOMINAL DIA.  
GRADE 270 KSI STRANDS THREADED  
THROUGH EACH PIPE SLEEVE  
BENT AS SHOWN AFTER THREADING.  
ALTERNATE LIFTING DEVICES MAY  
BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

LIFTING LOOPS SHALL CARRY  
LOADS EQUALLY



LIFTING LOOP DETAIL

(PLAN VIEW)



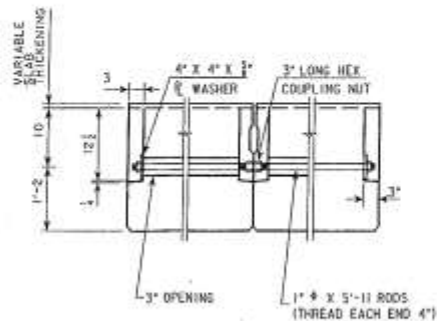
DECK CROSS-SECTION

(BARRIER RAIL AND ATTACHMENTS DESIGNED BY OTHERS)

FILL KEYWAY TO TOP  
WITH GROUT.

KEYWAY GROUT. KEEP KEYWAYS MOIST  
PRIOR TO PLACING GROUT. AFTER POURING  
GROUT, WATER CURE KEYWAY GROUT FOR  
THE PERIOD OF TIME INDICATED BY THE  
MANUFACTURER. GROUT KEYWAYS,  
TIE ROD OPENINGS AND LIFTING STRAND  
POCKETS.  
5.0 KSI COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AT  
24 HOURS

KEYWAY GROUT



TRANSVERSE TIE ASSEMBLY

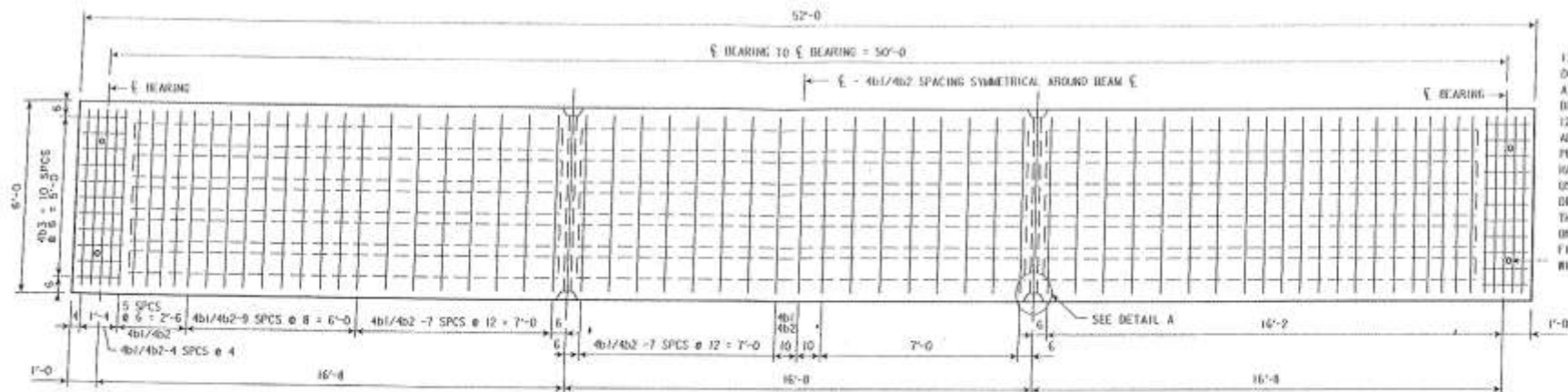
50'-0 X 30' PRECAST CONCRETE  
BEAM BRIDGE

BEAM DETAILS

50'-0 SPAN

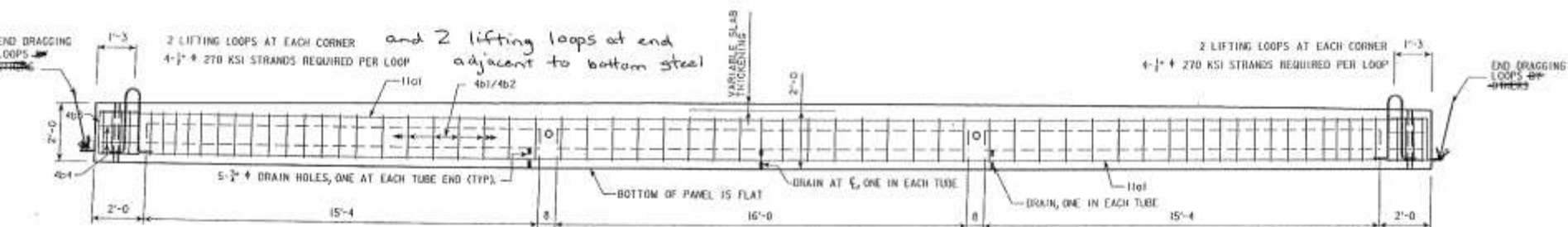
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TOP VIEW

LONGITUDINAL REINFORCEMENT NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY

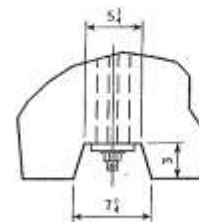


ELEVATION VIEW

50'-0" ABUTMENT BEARING - BEARING



SLAB THICKENING TABLE											
TENTH POINT	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
DISTANCE (FT)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
SLAB THICKENING (IN)	0	1/8	1/4	3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1 1/8	1 1/4



DETAIL A

50'-0" X 30'-0" PRECAST CONCRETE  
BEAM BRIDGE

BEAM DETAILS

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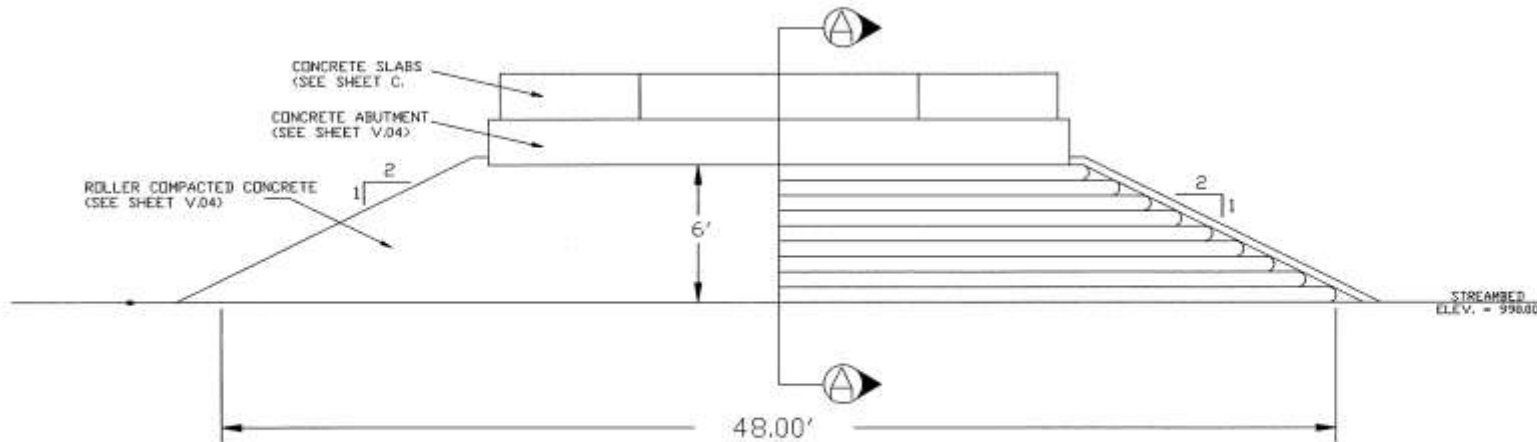
# Gerstenbergers Bridge



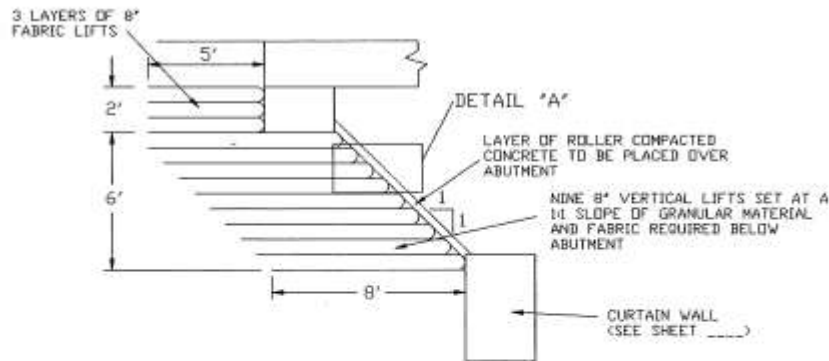
# Not all things work SAFETY rules



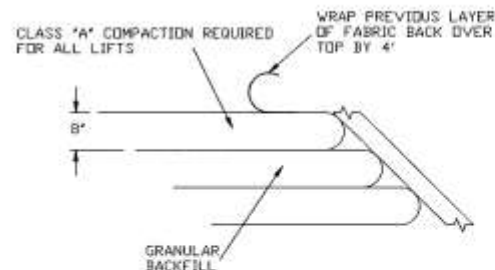
# Constantly Improve The Methods



ELEVATION VIEW



SECTION A-A



DETAIL "A"

NOTES:  
ALL COMPACTION SHALL MEET THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF CLASS "A"  
COMPACTION AS STATED IN THE  
2009 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.

ROLLER COMPACTED CONCRETE IS TO BE PLACED OVER TOP OF FACES OF THE ABUTMENT AS WELL AS 10 FT BACK ON EITHER SIDE FROM THE ABUTMENT FACE.

GRANULAR BACKFILL TO CONSIST  
OF CLASS "A" CRUSHED STONE

52' 00" x 24' 00" C.O.S.S. Bridge

Located on Kentucky Ave. over Unnamed Creek  
48' 00" SPAN

FOUNDATION DETAIL

STATION: 101+64.88  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA

SKREW 0' ahead  
FINRA # 82520

# Compacted Concrete on GRS



# Completed Abutment face on a 1:1



# Even Concrete Deteriorates



# New Technology through organizations like the Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance



- National Association of County Engineers is a founding member
- Provides counties with Innovative and cost-effective solutions for short span steel bridges.
  - **[www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org](http://www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org)**
- **Free** web-based design tool available for short span steel bridges
  - eSPAN140 (**[www.eSPAN140.com](http://www.eSPAN140.com)**)
  - Used to design a steel bridge in Buchanan County, Iowa

eSPAN140



New Technologies such as e-span  
140 will impact how we do business



**Steel**

**Concrete**

# Case Study Bridges: Side-by-Side Comparison



Audrain County, MO Bridge 411

Built 2012

Steel 4 Girders

47.5 ft Span, 24 ft Roadway Width

2 ft Structural Depth

No Skew



Audrain County, MO Bridge 336

Built 2012

Precast 6 Hollowcore Slab Girders

50.5 ft Span, 24 ft Roadway Width

2 ft Structural Depth

20° Skew

# Steel

# Concrete

## Case Study Bridges: Side-by-Side Comparison



### Total Bridge Costs

Material	= \$41,764
Labor	= \$24,125
Equipment	= \$21,521
GuardRail	= \$ 7,895
Rock	= \$ 8,302
Engineering	= \$ 8,246
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= \$111,853</b>



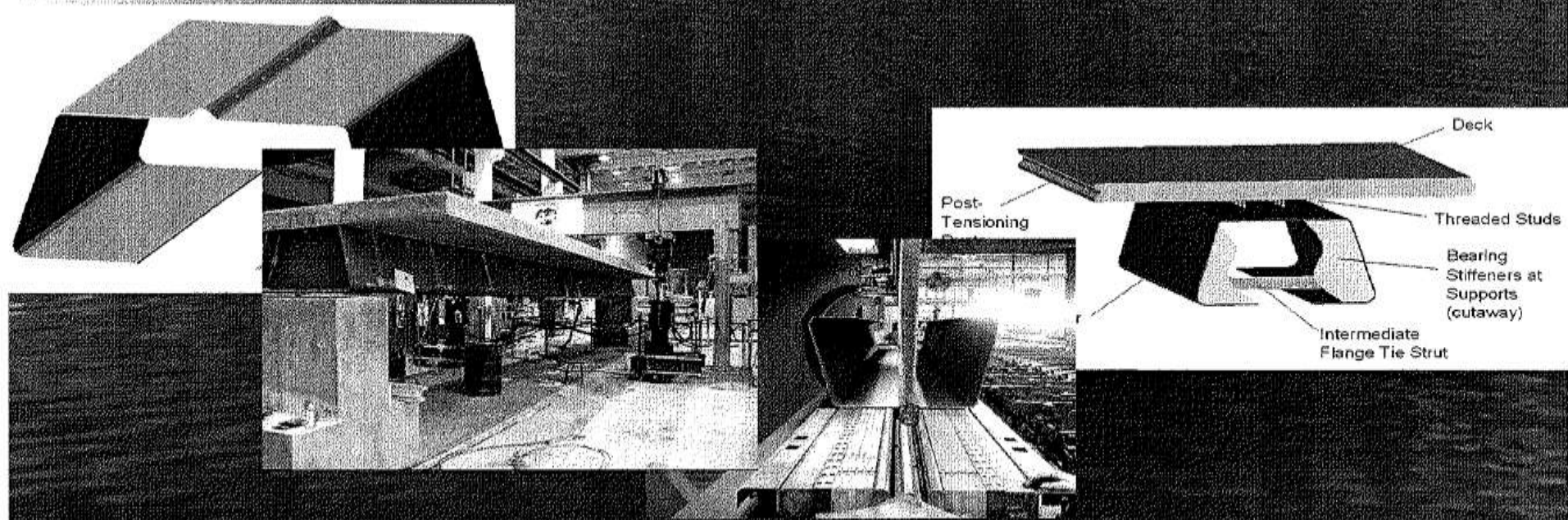
### Total Bridge Costs

Material	= \$67,450
Labor	= \$26,110
Equipment	= \$24,966
GuardRail	= \$ 6,603
Rock	= \$ 7,571
Engineering	= \$21,335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= \$154,035</b>

# Folded Plate Steel Bridge Concepts

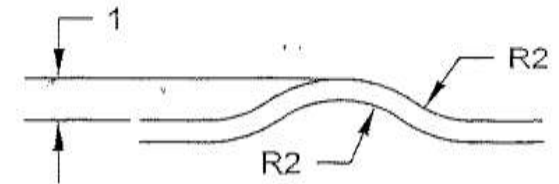
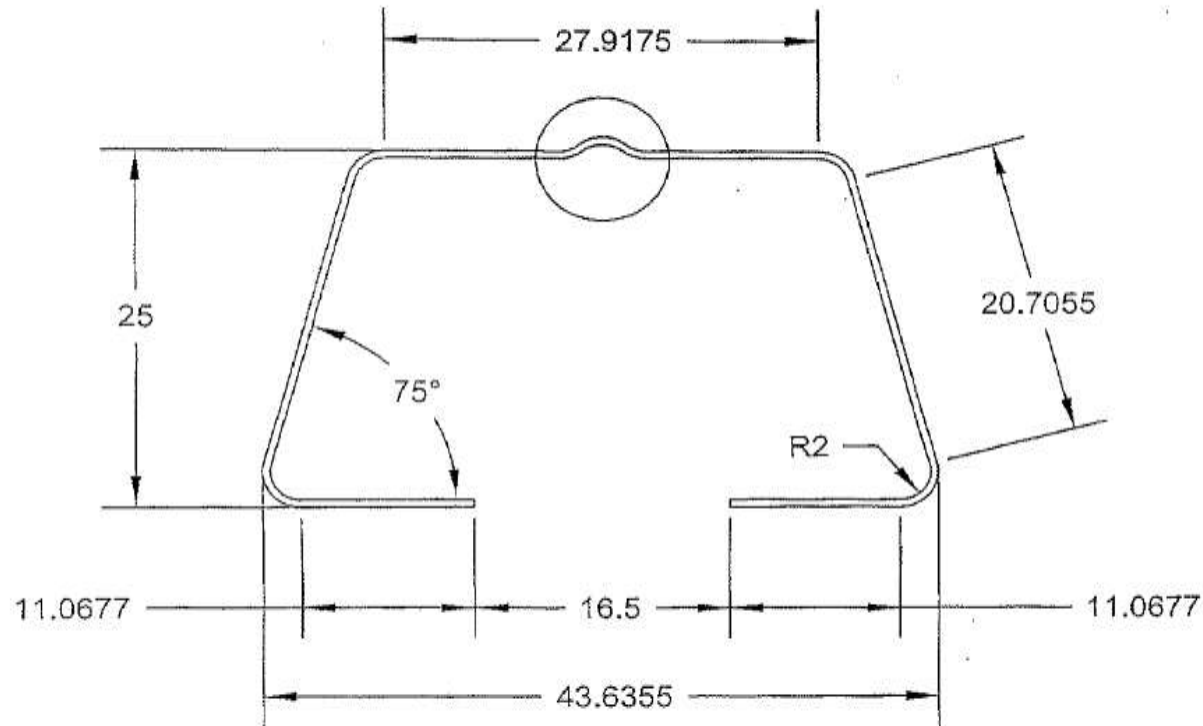
## Folded Plate Bridge: Steel Alternative for Short Span Bridges

For more information visit  
[foldedplate.com](http://foldedplate.com)



# Atorod Azizinamini Process

Folded Plate Specimen  
Half Inch Plate



Detail A

## Bending Dimensions

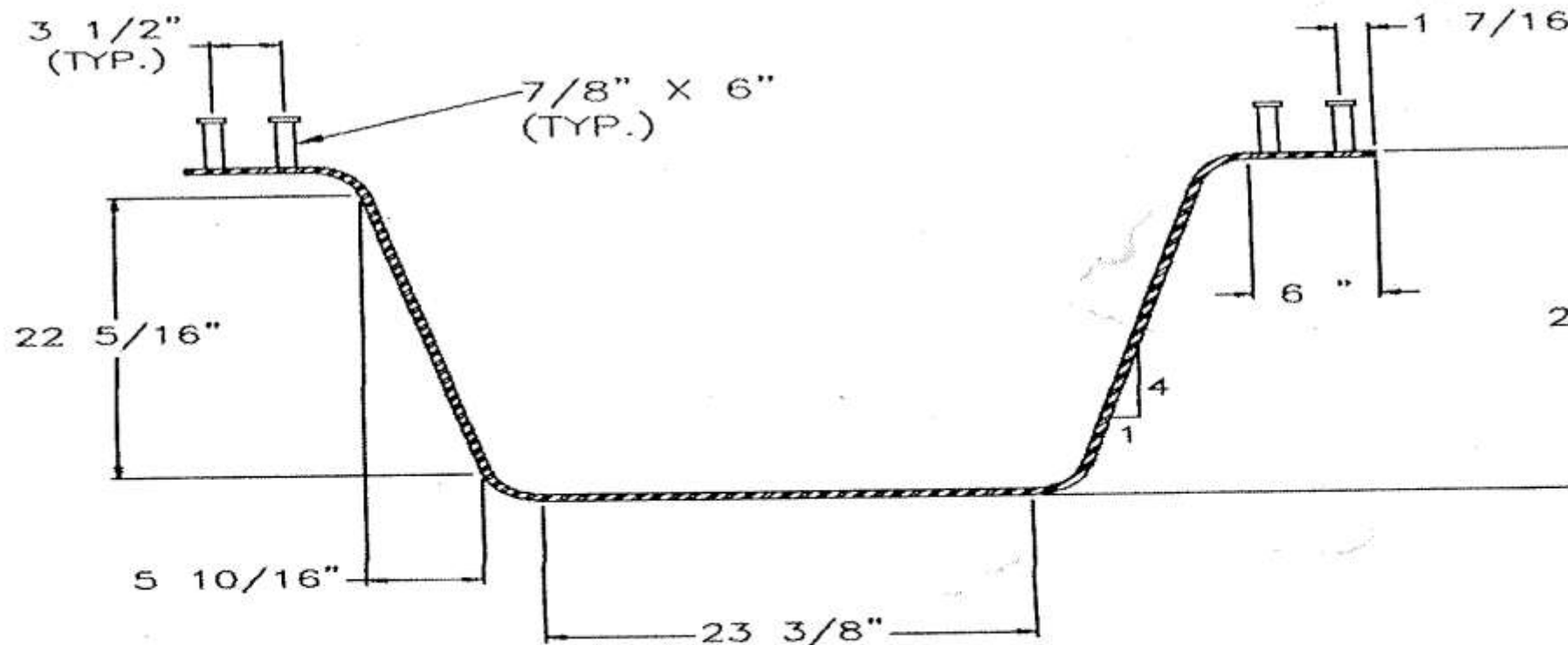
Total Plate Width = 105.6012

Dr.Karl Barth From

West Virginia University

and Dr.Michael Barker From

The University of Wyoming



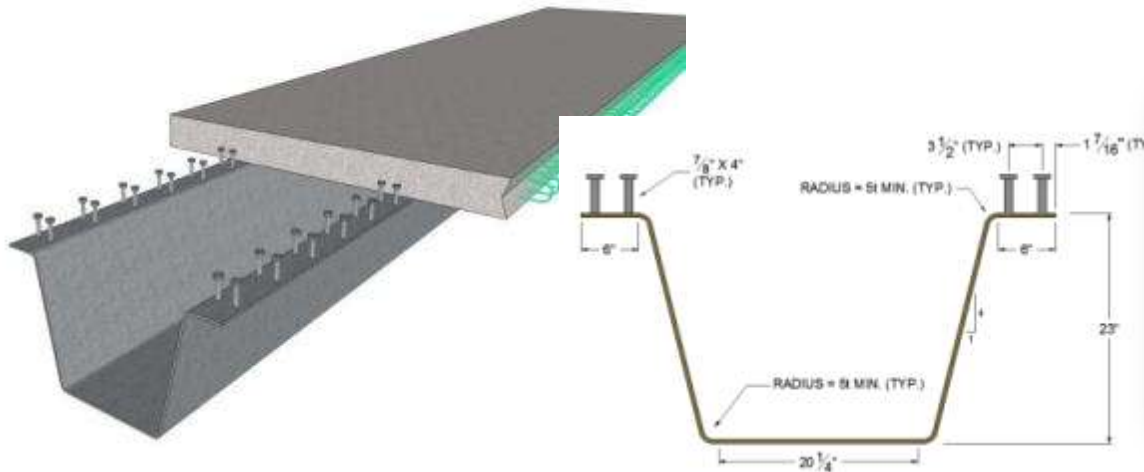
DRESS BRAKE TUB GIRDER

# Initial tests are very promising



# Press-Brake Tub Girder

- Short Span Research Program – Press-Brake Tub Girders
  - IBRD Grant
    - **\$350,000**
      - Design – West Virginia University (Dr. Karl Barth)
      - Innovation Bridge Research and Development Program (IBRD)
      - Buchanan County, Iowa (Brian Keierleber)



# The Bottom Line is the COST

Alternate FAX 785-472-3729

## Quotation

**Date:** 5/13/2012  
**To:** Brian Keierleber @ Buchanan County  
**From:** Jeff Weesner

**Quotation:** J051212-3  
 Bridge Girder-52'

ESTIMATED SHIP DATE: 6 to 8 weeks		SHIPPED VIA: Truck		FOB Independence, IA		TERMS: Net 30 days	
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION					UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
4	Bridge Girder-With Hump (1/2"x 108"x 624") A572 Gr. 50					\$ 10,514.00	\$42,056.00
	Additional Service	Freight ( Per Legal Truck Load )			\$1,755.00		
	Additional Service	Galvanizing ( Per ASTM A123 )			\$2,723.00		
<b><u>ALWAYS PROVIDE MY QUOTE # W/ ORDER</u></b>							
<b><u>PRICE INCLUDES:</u></b> Material (A572-Gr. 50) Plasma Cutting Bending		<b><u>PRICE EXCLUDES:</u></b> welding welding studs NDT bearing plates stiffeners hardware freight galvanizing					
							\$42,056.00

## Bridging Options

Cast on site slabs:

	2006	cost	2010	cost	2010+10%	cost
23.11 C.Y. of concrete	\$267.83	\$6189.55	\$331.93	\$7670.90	\$8437.99	\$8437.99
8236 lb. steel	\$0.70	\$5765.2	\$0.77	\$6341.72	\$0.85	\$7000.60
Total 4 beams		\$47,819		\$56,050.48		\$61,655.53

Red Book (my Mistake 2006) Costs estimates are based on Structural Concrete for box Bridges and reinforcing steel.

Suckow Construction      \$86,564 - \$16,771 IBRC reimbursable = \$69,793

Oden Enterprises      \$76,618(includes neoprene pads and barrier rail)

### OTHER EFFORTS

3-68 ft. railcars at \$15,000 = \$45,000

4 folded plates \$42,056 (needs decking)

16'x8' precast box sections (limited locations) \$68,912

# ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE



# UHPC Design Data

- Modulus of elasticity final = 7,500 ksi
  - Compressive strength at release = 14.5 ksi
  - Compressive strength final = 21.5 ksi
  - Tensile strength ~ 1.20 ksi
- **We actually broke cylinders at 32 ksi.**

# Initial Cost

Inorganic Zinc	\$1.35	\$40,410
Hot-Dip Galvanizing	\$1.60	48,000
Inorganic Zinc/Epoxy	\$2.16	\$64,800
Acrylic WB Primer/ Acrylic WB Intermediate/ Acrylic WB Topcoat	\$2.55	\$76,620
Inorganic Zinc Primer/ Epoxy/ Polyurethane Topcoat	\$3.17	\$94,950

# Future Generations will Benefit



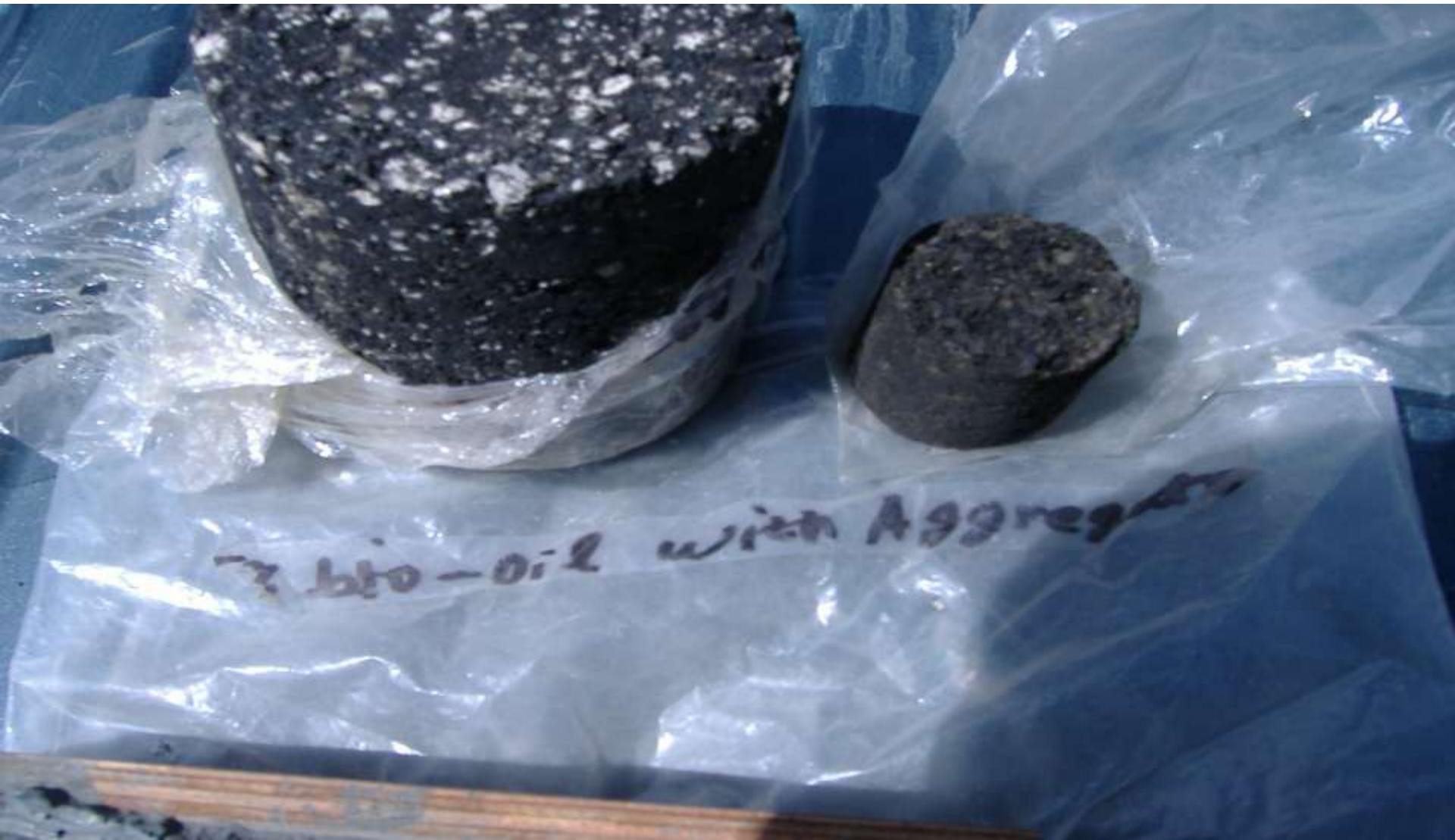
# Internal Curing Concrete



# Completed Roundabout



# Pavements from BIO-OILS



# Be Creative



# ANY QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU

