

# **MoDOT's Experience with Design Build Bridge Bundling and the FARM Bridge Program**

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# Presentation Topics

- History and Missouri Law of design build at MoDOT
- Summary of bridge bundling projects
- Benefits of design build bridge bundling
- Specifics of Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) bridge project

# History of Design Build Law

- 2004 Design build authority legislation
  - Limited to three projects   
- Missouri Statute: Section 227.107
  - Expanded in 2012
  - Limited to 2% of # of STIP projects per fiscal year
- Must pre-qualify (Use 2-phase procurement)
  - Advertising requirements
  - Shortlist no more than 5

# History of Design Build Law

- DB teams must provide DBE plan
- Must pay reasonable stipend
- RFQ and RFP procedures
- SOQ scoring requirements
- Stipend guidance
- Risk allocation guidance
- Proposal scoring guidance



# MoDOT's Design-Build Program

- 22 Awarded Contracts
  - Lowest \$14.4M (I-70 Climbing Lanes 2020)
  - Largest \$487M (Safe and Sound Bridge Program 2010)
- \$2.53 billion awarded, \$821 million under contract
- MoDOT Design-Build target is 10% of overall program
  - 1-3 projects per year





# Bridge Bundling Projects

## Bundle projects completed

- Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program
  - 802 Bridges (554 Design build), \$685 million total
- I-44 Project Bridge Rebuild
  - 19 Bridges, \$31 million



A2276 St Francois Co. Rt O  
10-2-06 Looking East



St. Francois County Route O





New Madrid County Route EE







I-44 at Lawrence County Route 1147



# Bridge Bundling Projects

## Bundle projects underway

- **Bootheel Bridge Bundle Project**
  - 17 Bridges, \$25.5 million
- **I-44 Corridor Bridge Bundle**
  - 25 Bridges, \$43.2 million
- **Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program**
  - 31 Bridges, \$26 million



# Bridge Bundling Projects

## Bundle projects upcoming

- Northwest Bridge Bundle
  - Up to 34 Bridges, \$30 million
- Two more potential bridge bundles
  - I-44 Corridor Bridge Bundle FY26
  - I-49 Corridor Bridge Bundle FY25

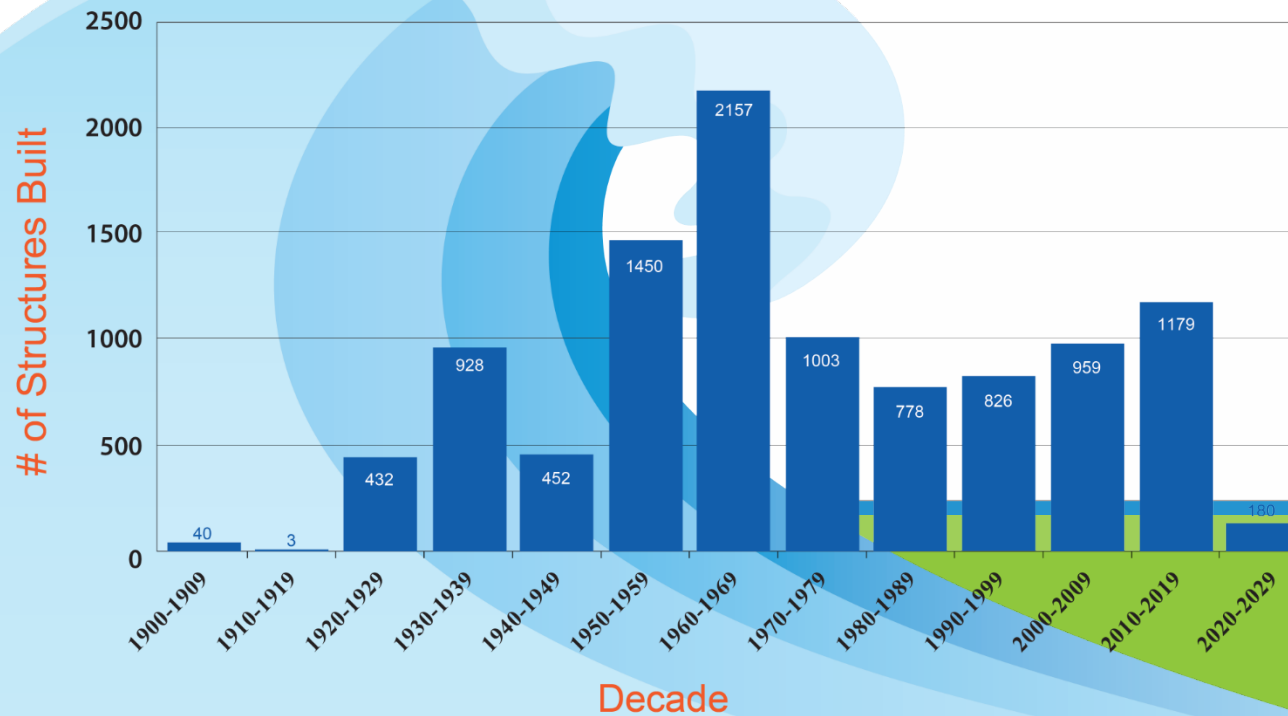




# Benefits of Design Build

- Maximize scope for a fixed budget
- Control design cost
- Promote innovation
- Speed delivery of project

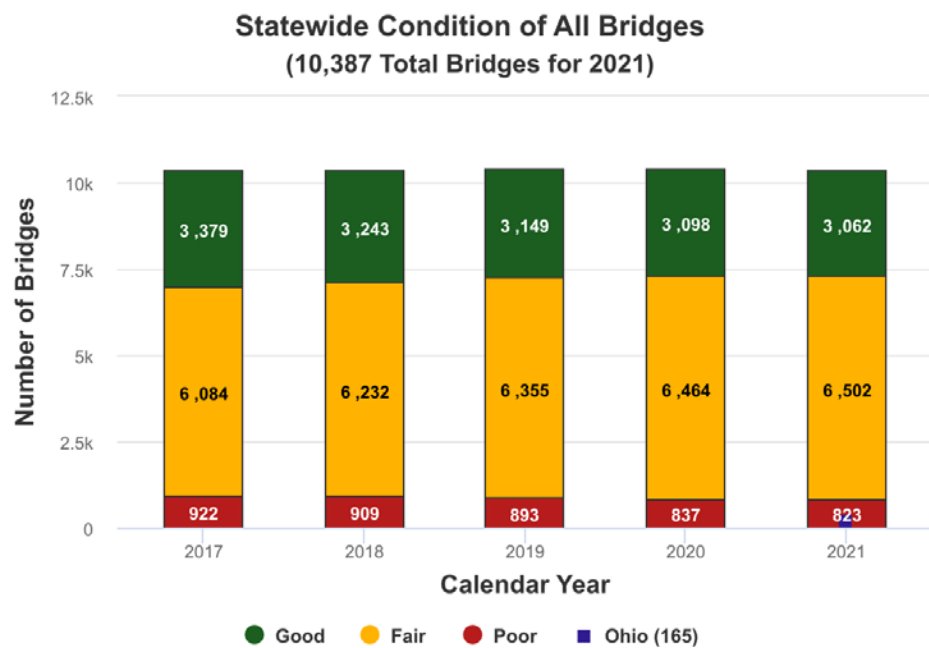
## Distribution by Decade



About 53% of our bridges are older than their intended useful life of 50 years (those built prior to 1970).

Based on 2022 NBI Data

# Why Bridge Bundling



**Target: Below 900 Poor**



# FARM Bridge Program

# WHAT IS THE FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM)

MoDOT identified 41 rural bridges in northern MO

MoDOT applied for a grant through the Competitive Highway Bridge Program



# WHAT IS THE FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Four criteria were used to identify bridges

- In poor condition
- Weight-restricted
- One-lane but carry 2-way traffic
- On timber piles

# Project Overview

- Bridges located in 17 counties in the NE and NW Districts
- Bridges range in length from 198' down to 28'
- AADT ranges from 1199 vpd down to 36 vpd
- Bridges were constructed between 1927 and 1955

# Typical Bridge





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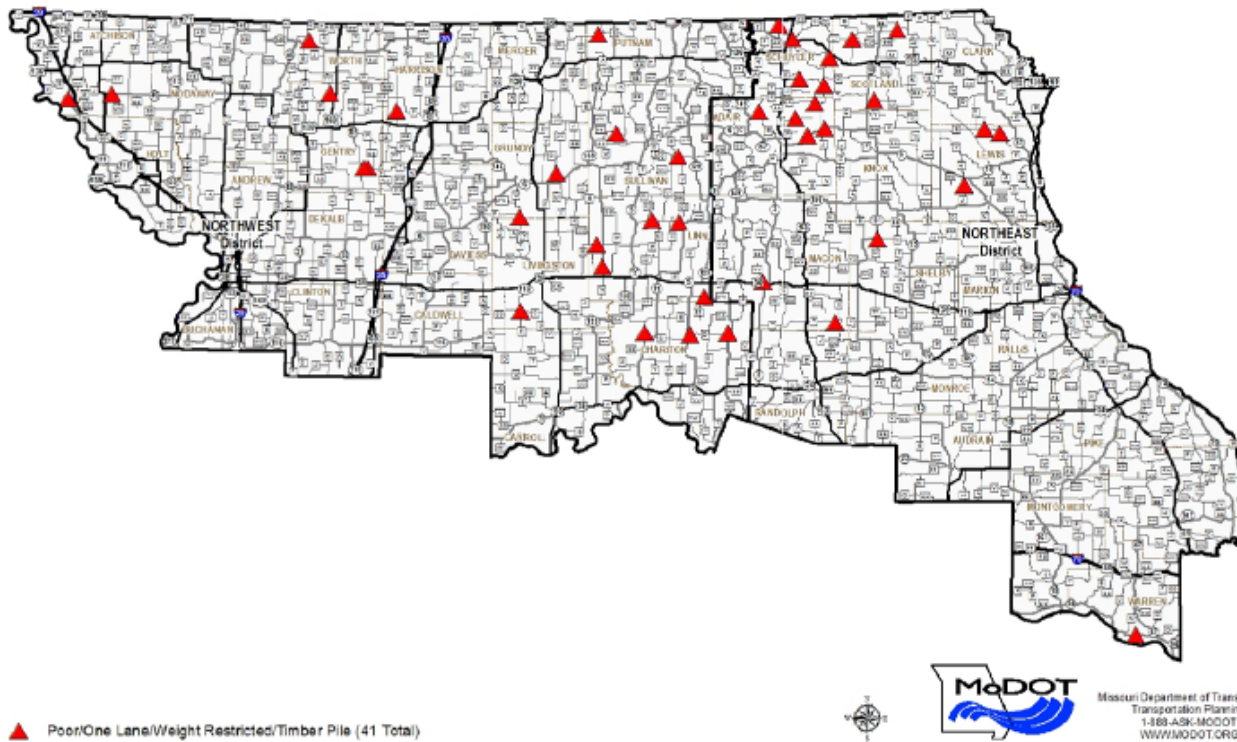
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# WHAT IS THE FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

## Location

**FARM Bridge Program**  
**Fixing Access to Rural Missouri**



# WHAT IS THE FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Grant application submitted through USDOT Competitive Highway Bridge Program

- Only available to rural states
- Applied for \$28 Million – Received \$20.8 Million
- Minimum of 30 bridges to be constructed
- Project to be delivered using Design-Build

# Project Goals

1. Safely deliver the project within the program budget of \$25.99 million on or before October 31, 2023
2. Use innovation to maximize the number of locations to be addressed
3. Provide quality long-lasting structures
4. Minimize public inconvenience through increased construction speed and flexibility in scheduling



# Procurement Schedule

	Activity	Proposed Date
Phase 1	Project Advertisement	October 15, 2020
	Industry Meeting/RFQ Release	November 16, 2020
	SOQ's Due	December 14, 2020
	Shortlist	December 23, 2020
Phase 2	RFP Release	January 12, 2021
	One-on-one Technical Meetings	January through April
	Proposals Due	April 6, 2021
	Award at MHTC Meeting	May 5, 2021

# Construction Schedule

Activity	Proposed Date
Design Begins (NTP-1)	Summer 2021
Construction Begins (NTP-2)	Fall 2021
Project Completion	October 2023



# Budget

- Total Program Budget is \$25.99 million
  - Project was awarded \$20.794 grant through Competitive Highway Bridge Program
  - Matching funds of \$5.2 million will come from the NE and NW Districts
- Design-Build Contract is \$21.5 million

# Risk Mitigation

MoDOT performed preliminary work in the following risk areas:

- Environmental
  - Performed all environmental field work
  - Determined that all locations were permittable
- Utilities
  - Known utilities were located and are shown in the survey information
  - Utility contact list was developed
- Right-Of-Way
  - It is anticipated that no new R/W will be required for this project.

# Early Release Information

- As-Built roadway plans
- As-Built Bridge Plans
- Geotechnical data
- Preliminary survey information

# DBE and Workforce Goals

- DBE Goals
  - 6% for Construction Activities
  - 12% for Professional/Design Activities
- Federal workforce goals apply to project
  - Minority goal varies by county (3.1% to 11.4%)
  - Female goal is 6.9%
  - Goals apply per craft
  - 1 Construction Trainee and 2 Design Trainees at 1000 hours each – On-The-Job Training Requirement
- DBE firms must be certified with the Missouri Regional Certification Committee (MRCC) [modot.mo.gov/business/contractor resources/External Civil Rights/DBE program.htm](http://modot.mo.gov/business/contractor%20resources/External%20Civil%20Rights/DBE%20program.htm)

# Project Requirements

- All construction will consist of structure replacement
  - No bridge rehabilitations will be allowed
  - Alternative solutions related to structure type and structure elimination will be entertained

# RFQ – Statement of Qualifications

- Submitter Experience (100 points)
  - Relevant Recent Experience
  - Quality and Safety
  - DBE and Workforce
- Key Personnel (100 points)
  - Project Manager
  - Quality Manager
  - Design Manager
  - Construction Manager

# Shortlist

- State statute dictates that we shortlist between 2 and 5 teams
  - Shortlisted 5 teams
  - 1 team dropped out immediately

# RFP Release

- The RFP release consists of 5 books and the Instruction to Proposers
  - Book 1 – Contract Language
  - Book 2 – Specific requirements of the FARM Bridge Program
  - Book 3 – Applicable Standards
  - Book 4 – Information that MoDOT stands behind
  - Book 5 – For information only
  - ITP – Instructions to Proposers



# One-on-One Technical Meetings

- Meet separately with each team that is pursuing the project
- Meetings are normally every other week
- Discuss design details, innovations, and other aspects of their proposal
- Confidentiality is paramount

# Proposal Evaluation

## Technical Reviews

- Proposals evaluated in 3 scoring categories
  - Bridge Bundle Definition was scored from data entered into the DB-903a form
  - Bridge Quality and Longevity was scored by a team of 8 technical experts.
  - Location Completion and Maintenance of Traffic was scored by a team of 6 technical experts.

Category	Available Points
Bridge Bundle Definition	55
Bridge Quality and Longevity	30
Location Completion and Maintenance of Traffic	15
Total	100

# Bridge Bundle Definition

Project Goal #2: Use innovation to maximize the number of locations to be addressed.

Category	Available Points
Bridge Bundle Definition	
Part 1 – DB-903a Bridge Definition Summary	40
Part 2 – Bonus Points	15
Total	55

# DB-903a FORM

The DB-903a Form is a self scoring spreadsheet provided to the teams. The teams selected from allowable treatments and were self-scored according to the selections they proposed.

Bridge Treatment	Method Credits Points
No Treatment	0
Replacement	1
Alternative Treatment Method	*
*Method Credit to be determined by MoDOT after submission as ATM	

# DB-903a FORM

- **Method Credit:** Based on Proposed work (None, Replacement, or ATM)
- **Size Factor:** Based on the size of the existing structure
- **Weighted Factor:** Based on the bridge condition ratings, ADT factor, and priority factor
- **Total Credit** = Method Credit \* Size Factor \* Weighted Factor
- **Sum Total:** Sum of Total Credit for locations completed

# DB-903a FORM

When printing, set paper size to 11x17 landscape								Fields Completed by Proposer						
Bridge Count	District	Bridge Number	Route	County	Year Built	Feature Crossed	Benefit / Cost Ratio (BCR)	ADT	Proposer's Choice Method of Work	Proposed Alternate Treatment Method	Method Credit	Size Factor	Weighted Factor	Total Credit
28	NE	P0251	E	LEWIS	1952	DERRAHS BR	44.2	201	Replacement		1	3.34	1.45	4.851
29	NE	X0769	J	LEWIS	1948	BIG GRASSY CR	16.3	192	Replacement		1	3.70	1.09	4.017
30	NE	P0315	Y	MACON	1953	HOOVER CR	35.1	362	Replacement		1	4.06	1.15	4.669
31	NE	P0233	C	SCHUYLER	1952	N FK MID FABIUS RV	25.5	254	Replacement		1	3.19	1.11	3.555
32	NE	P0398	M	SCHUYLER	1954	S FK N FABIUS RVR	4.8	52	Replacement		1	2.57	1.86	4.778
33	NE	S0911	A	SCHUYLER	1933	BRUSHY CR	28.3	290	Replacement		1	4.53	1.88	8.519
34	NE	T0891	E	SCHUYLER	1941	N FK S FABIUS RVR	11.4	117	Replacement		1	3.95	1.86	7.350
35	NE	X0097	A	SCHUYLER	1935	N FK MID FABIUS RV	40.0	408	Replacement		1	3.53	1.67	5.892
36	NE	S0414	W	SCOTLAND	1932	TOBIN CR	11.2	129	Replacement		1	5.08	1.50	7.629
37	NE	X0174	H	SCOTLAND	1949	N FK N WYACONDA RV	36.4	296	Replacement		1	3.84	1.51	5.788
38	NE	X0201	B	SCOTLAND	1949	N FK N FABIUS RVR	27.9	296	Replacement		1	4.21	1.51	6.334
39	NE	T0391	M	SHELBY	1932	BLACK CR	21.2	264	Replacement		1	4.53	1.86	8.447
40	NE	X0212	MO 94	WARREN	1947	TRELOAR CR	77.9	1460	Replacement		1	4.31	1.29	5.556
									Total Number of Locations Completed=		40	Must be greater than 30		
									Average Benefit/Cost Ratio=		25.6	Must be greater than 23.7		
									Sum Total:		244.969			

# Best Value Proposal



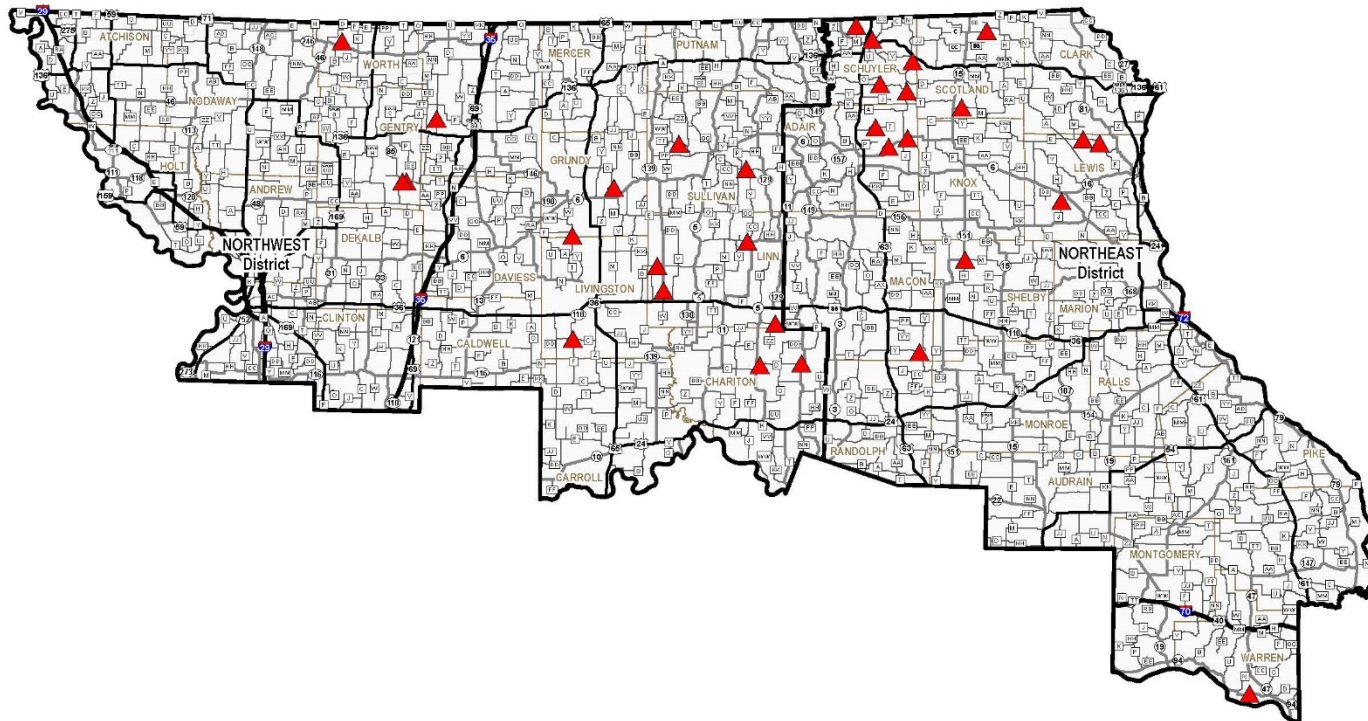
The Lehman-Wilson proposal includes:

- 31 structures replaced
- Low maintenance steel structures that allow for future re-deck and rehabilitation
- Added value of \$760,000 over other Proposals (Based on MoDOT's original estimates)
- Additional 2321 SQFT of existing bridge deck replaced
- Highest average ADT for routes included of any proposal
- Highest average Benefit Cost Ratio of any proposal

# FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

No. of Bridge Replacements: 31 of 41 (30 minimum)

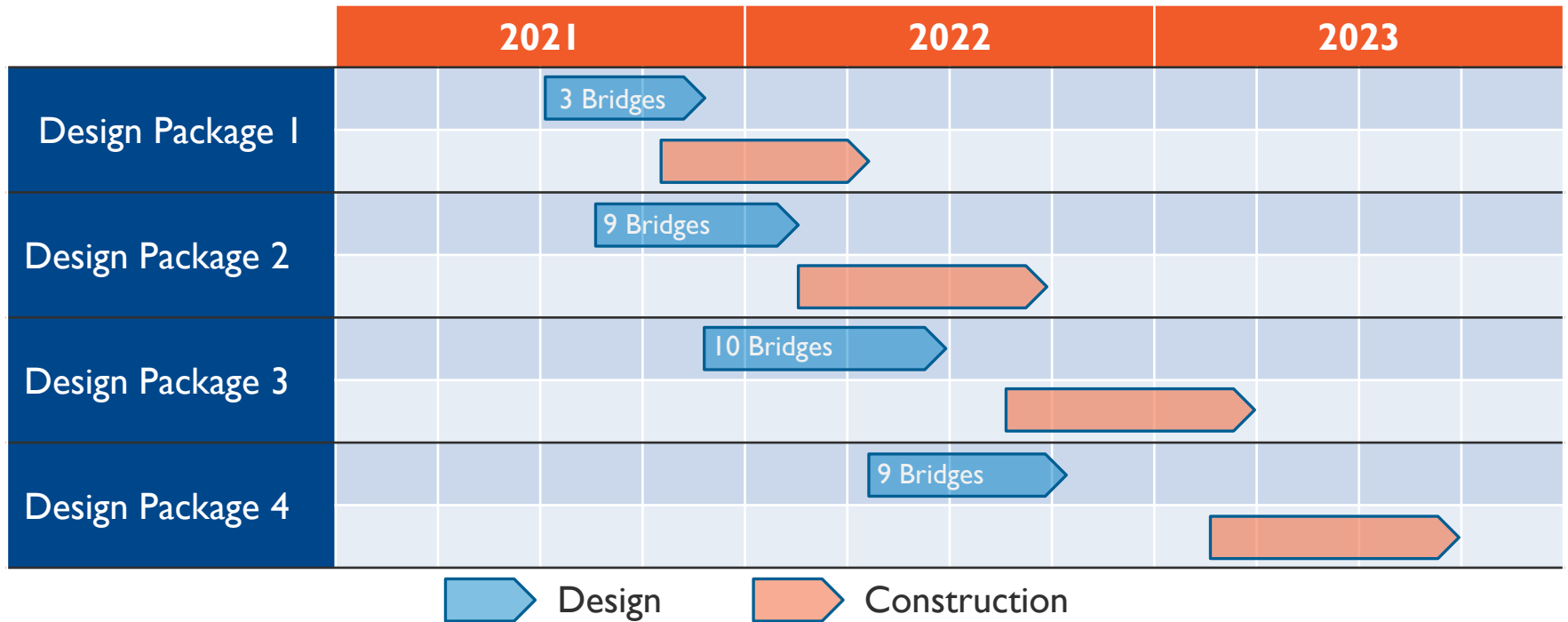
- 3 – RCB
- 3 – Single Span
- 25 – SDCL





# FARM DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

Four Design Packages



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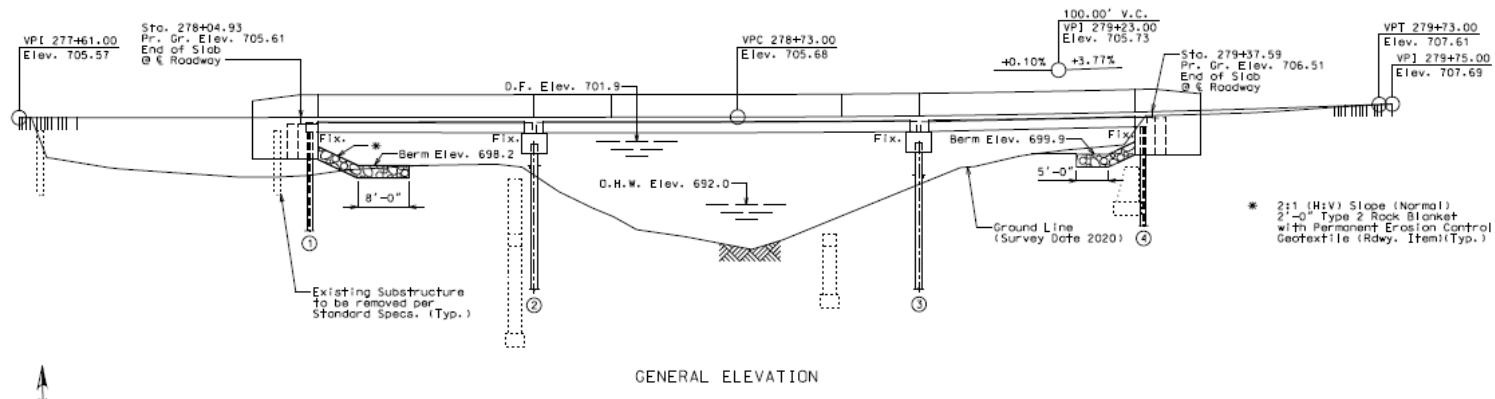
Where are we now?

- 13 bridges complete and open
- 7 currently under construction
- 4 more scheduled to close by the end March

# WHAT IS SDCL?

Simple for Dead Load and Continuous for Live Load.

Multi-span bridges using simple span wide flange beams, made continuous (like P/S I-girders)



# FARM DB PROJECT

All multi-span bridges are 3-span structures

24 ft. roadway width

4 beam lines @ 7'-2" spa. (2'-7" overhangs)

Type D concrete barrier (528 plf)

Concrete pile cap integral end bents (3 ft. x 4 ft.)

Concrete pile cap intermediate bents (3.5 ft. x 3 ft.)

End bearing and friction pile (HP10x42 thru HP14x117)

Average square foot per bridge 2,289sq.ft.

Average length per bridge 106 ft.

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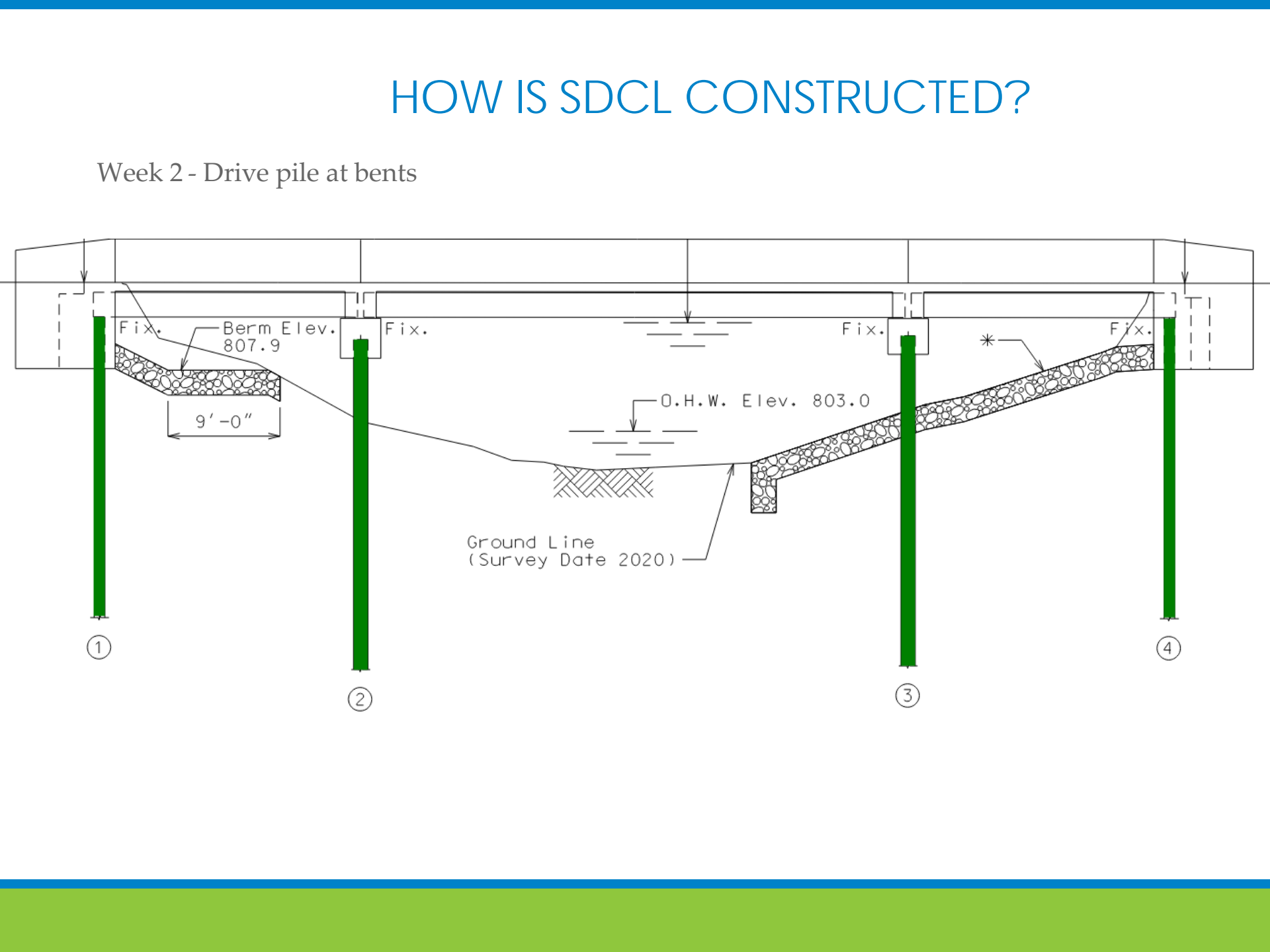
Week 2 - Drive pile at bents

The diagram illustrates the construction of a Seaward Drifted Concrete Ledge (SDCL) at the bents of a bridge. It shows a cross-section of the bridge structure with four piles labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4. The bridge deck is supported by these piles. The SDCL is shown as a concrete structure with a berm at an elevation of 807.9 and a width of 9'-0". The O.H.W. (Ordinary High Water) elevation is marked as 803.0. The ground line is indicated by a dashed line, with a survey date of 2020. The diagram also shows the fixed (Fix.) points at the bents and the ground line (Survey Date 2020).

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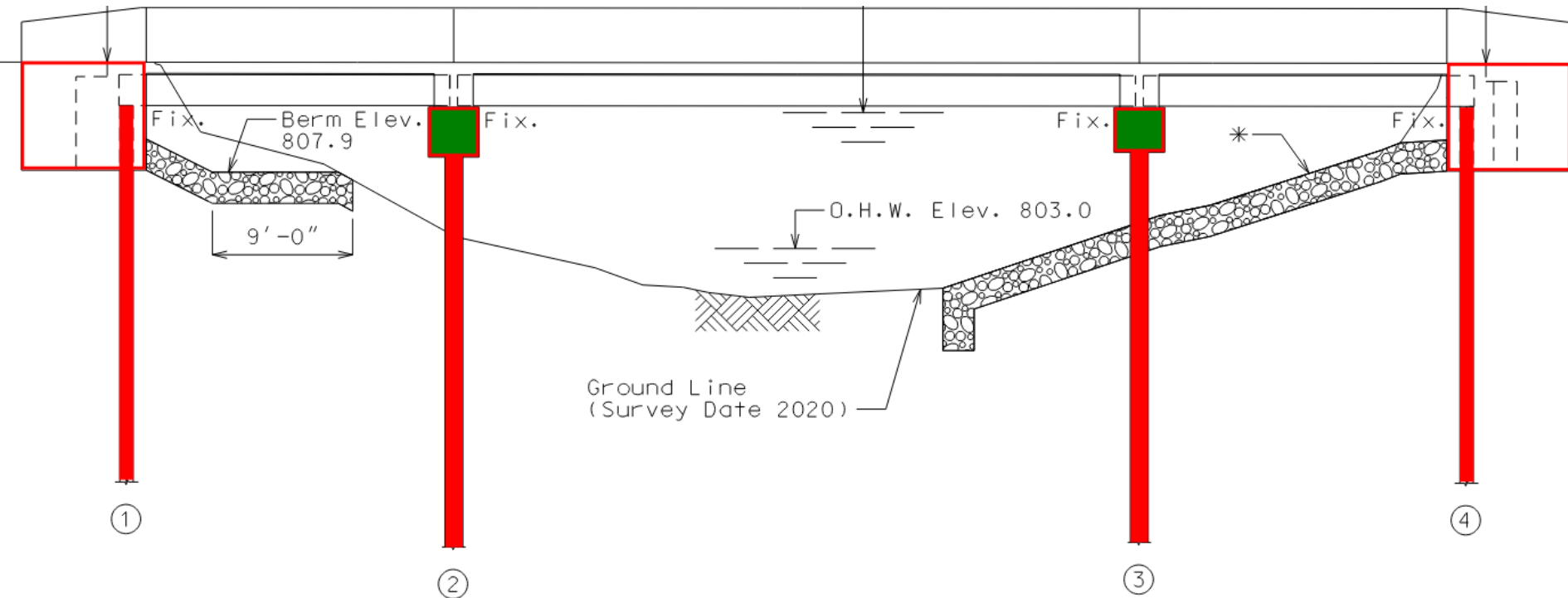
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Fix. Berm Elev. 807.9 9'-0" O.H.W. Elev. 803.0 Ground Line (Survey Date 2020) 1 2 3 4



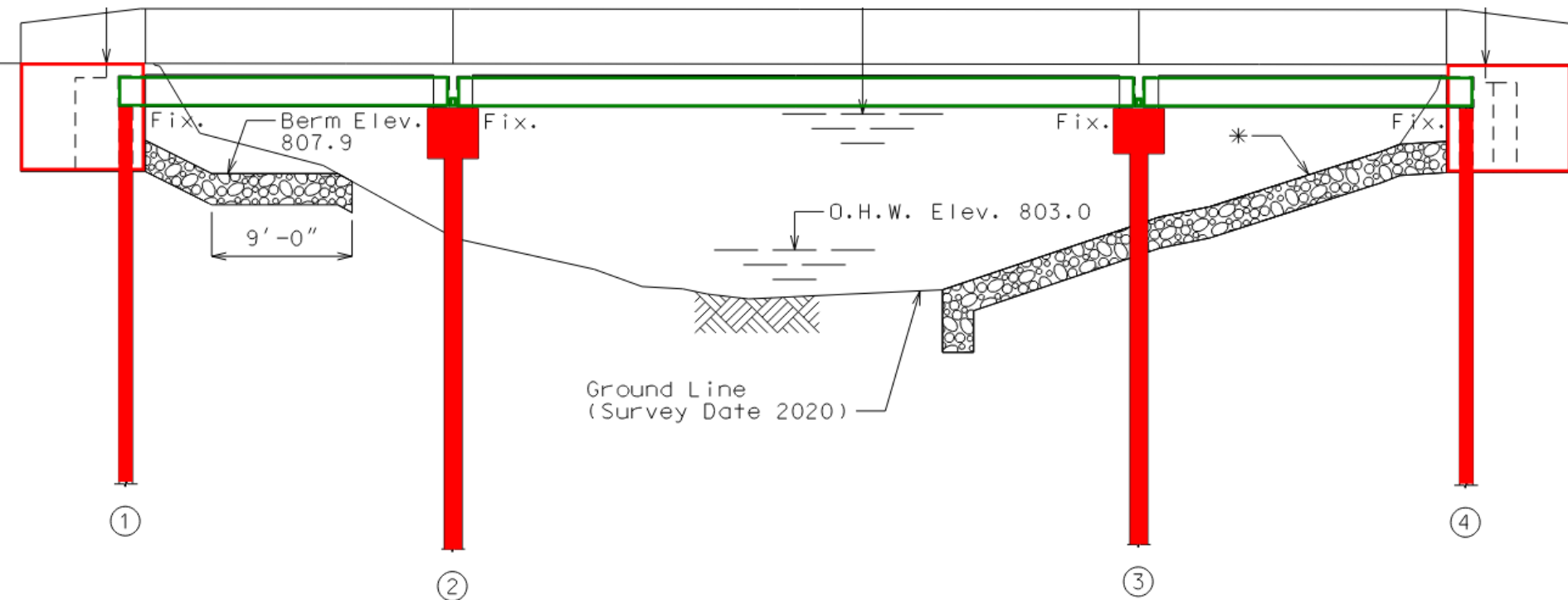
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Week 3 - Place concrete at intermediate bents



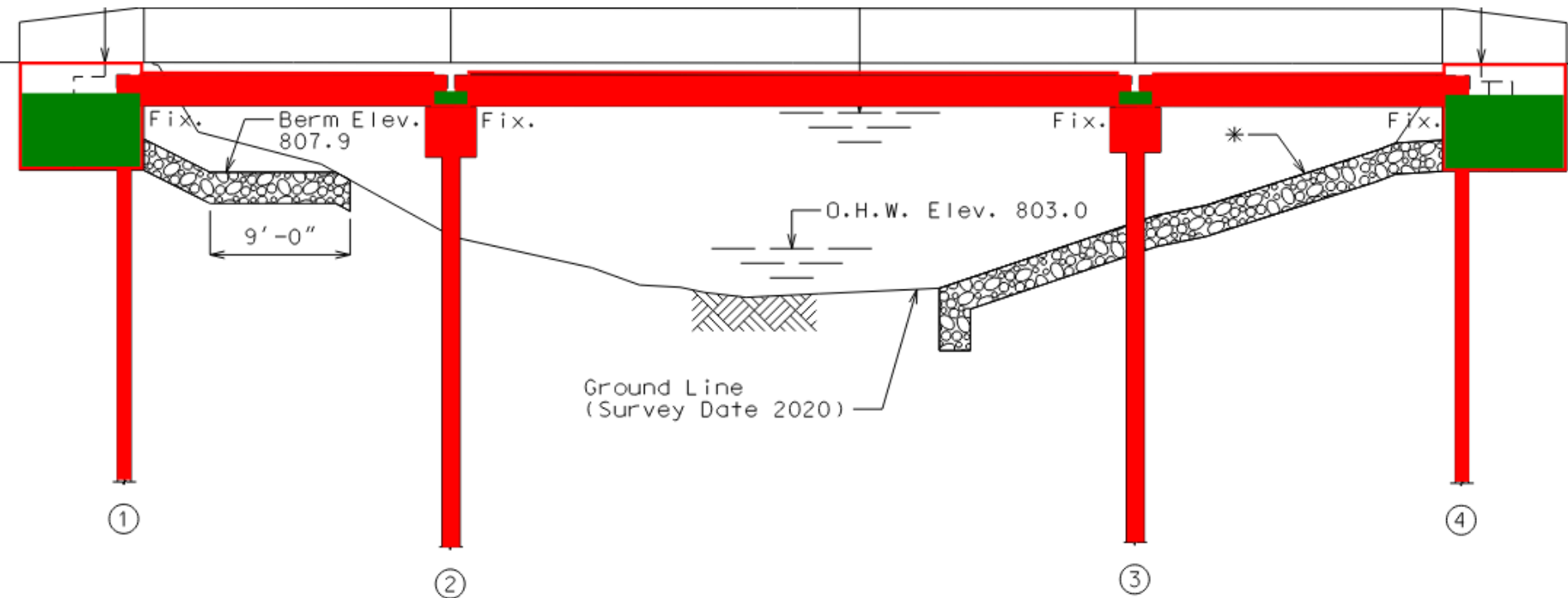
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Week 4 - Place steel rolled beams



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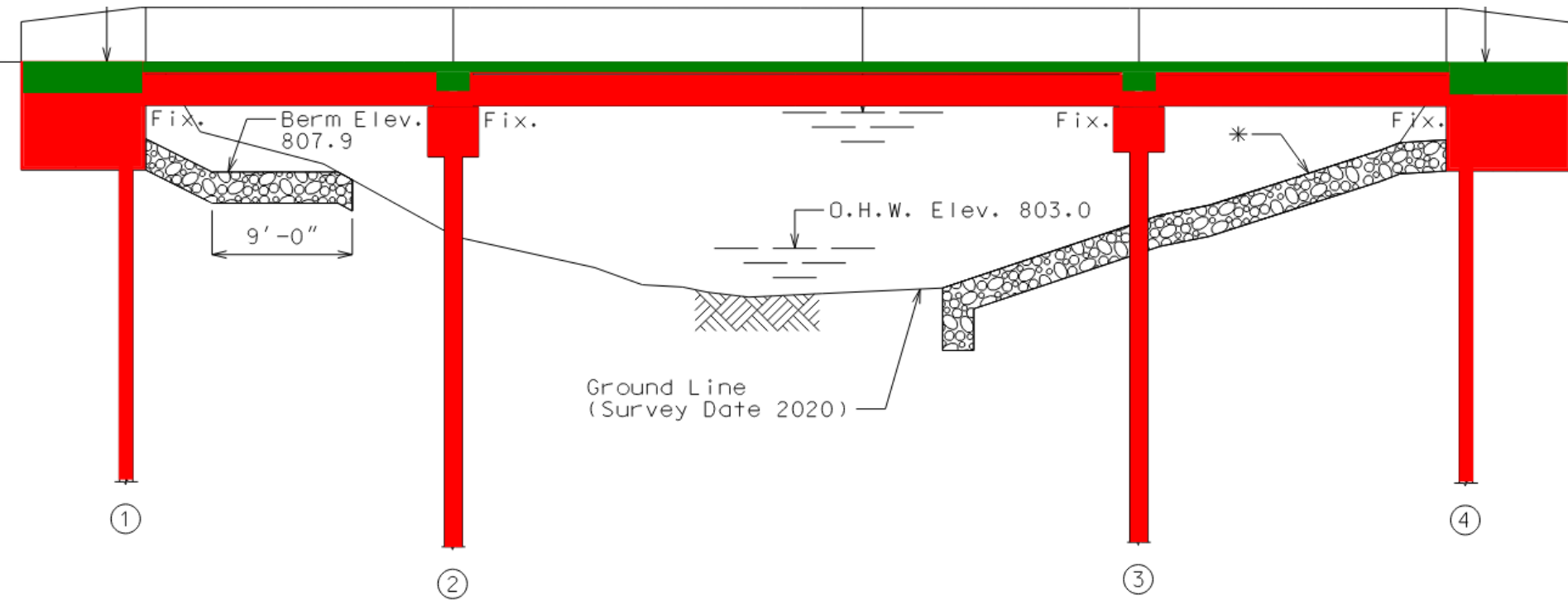
Week 5 - Place concrete diaphragms at bents





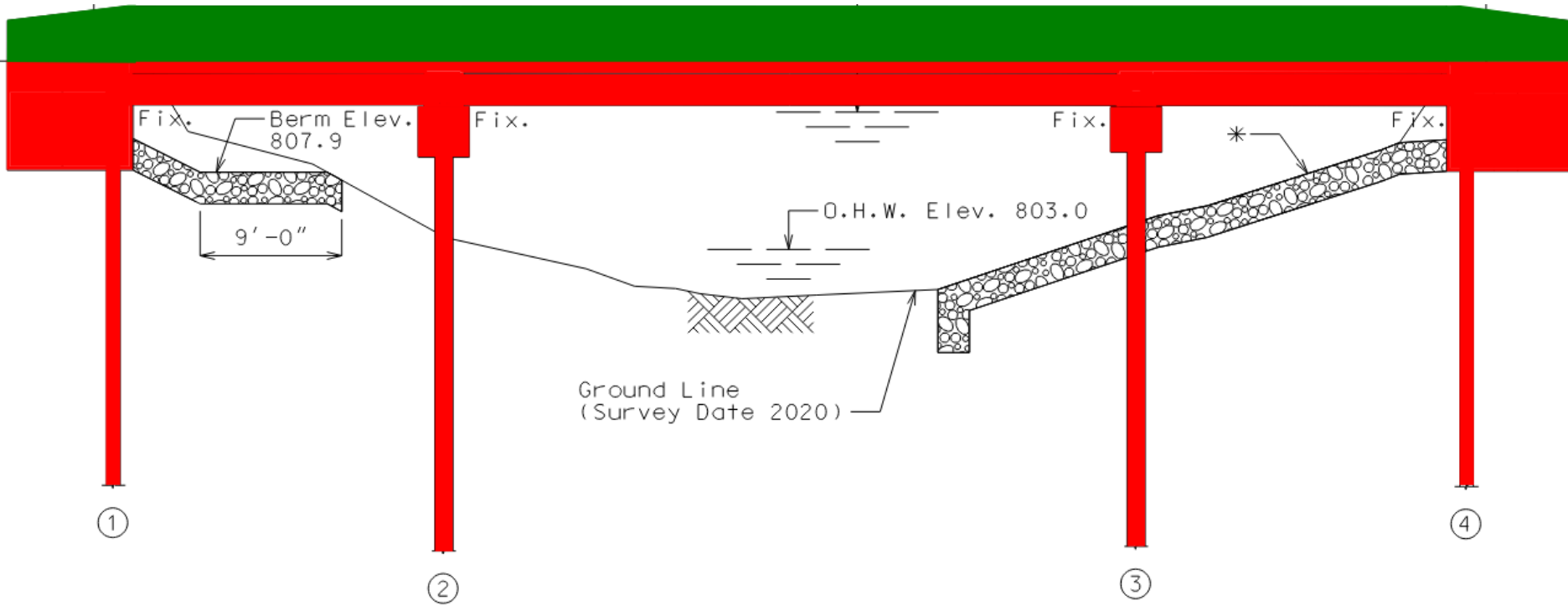
# HOW IS SDCL CONSTRUCTED?

Place concrete slab



# HOW IS SDCL CONSTRUCTED?

Slip form concrete barrier



# WHY USE SDCL?


Ease of construction

Eliminates the use of traditional field splices

Advantageous span ratios

- #7, 21'-44'-21' or #28, 23'-48'-23'
- Customize beams to the spans

Simple details make steel much more competitive

- Certified Bridge Fabricator – Simple (SBR) 
- Certified Bridge Fabricator – Intermediate (IBR)
- Certified Bridge Fabricator – Advanced (ABR)

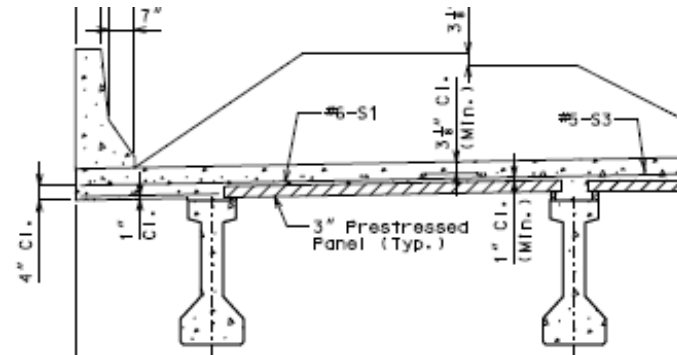
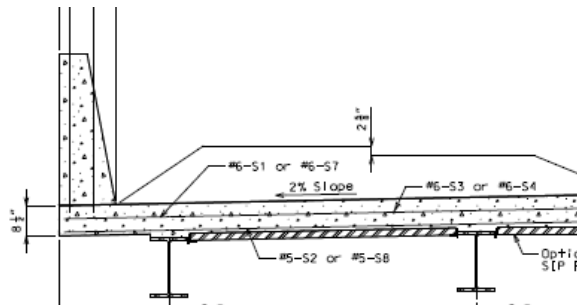
# WHY USE SDCL?

## Beam Weights (steel vs. concrete)

- W18x158 @ 60' = 9480 lbs.
- MoDOT Type 3 @ 60' = 23,869 lbs.
- Easier to handle
- Cost effective foundation type

## Thinner superstructure (no grade raise, “no-rise” cert.)

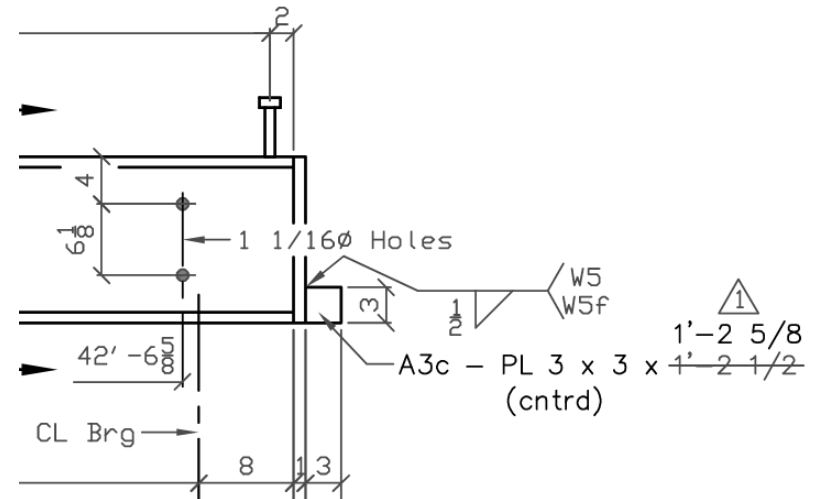
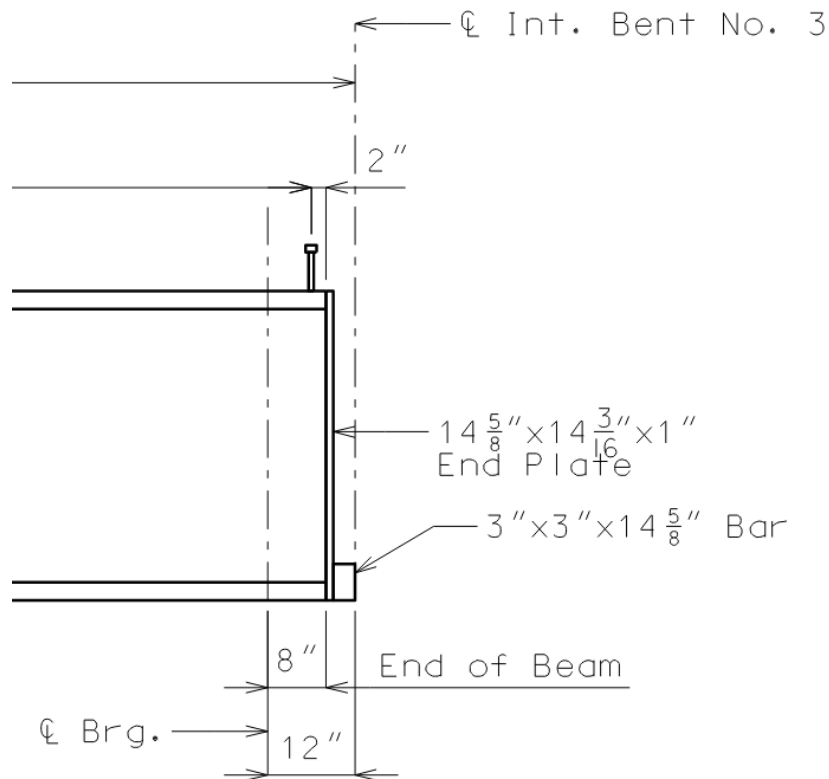
- W18x158 @ 60' = 19.7"
- MoDOT Type 3 @ 60' = 39"



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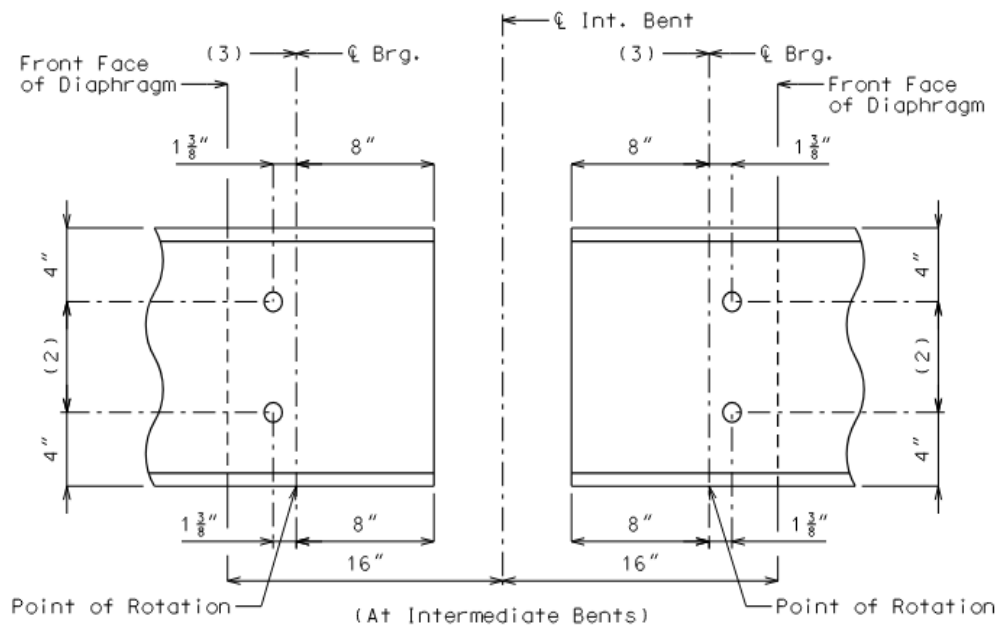
End plates welded to ends of beams

Steel compression block

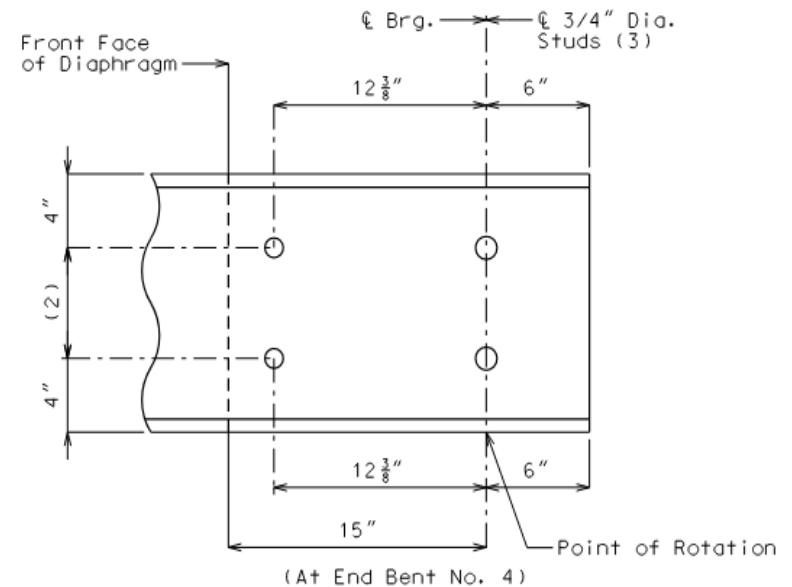


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- Holes for reinforcement at interior bents
- Studs at end bents



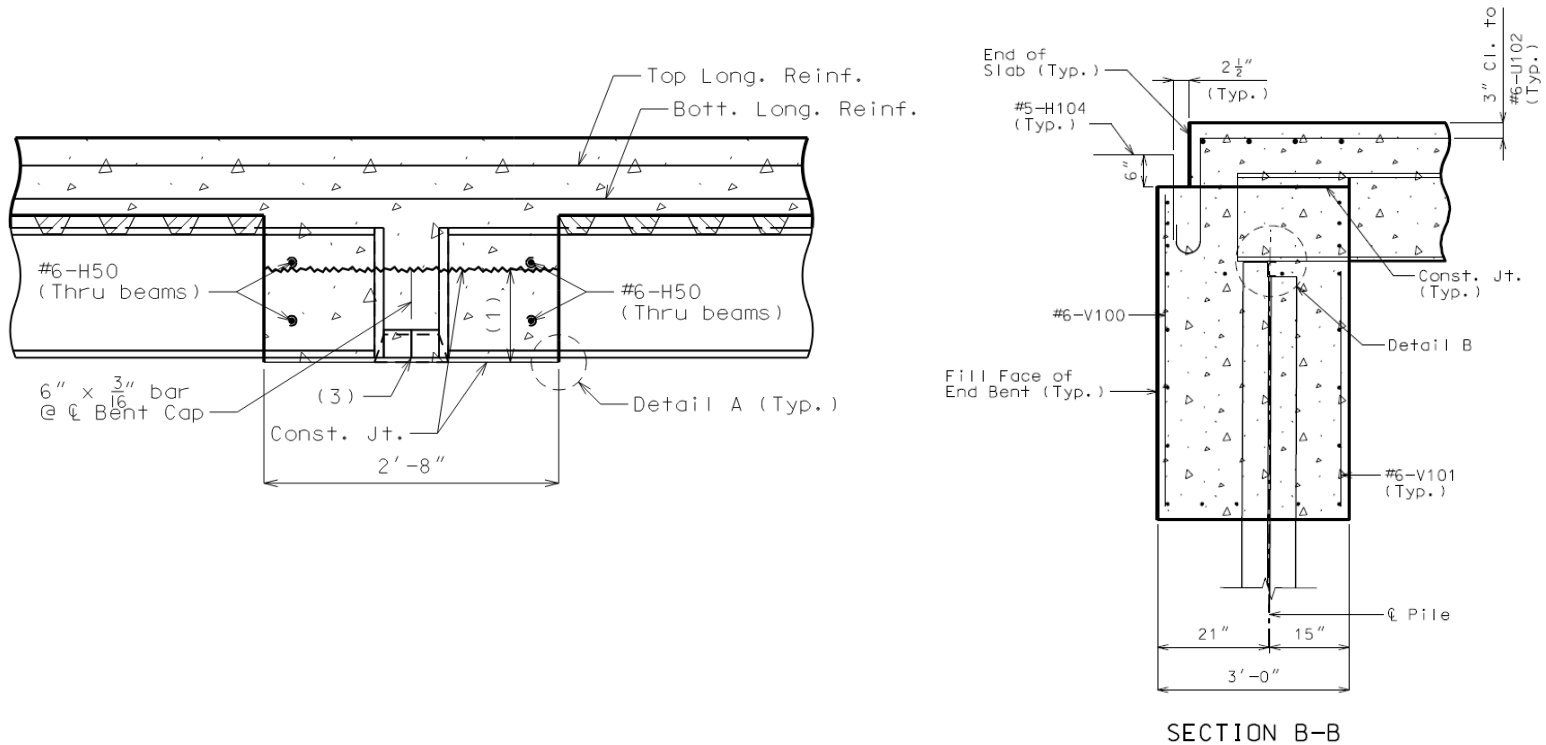
SECTIONS AT END OF BEAMS



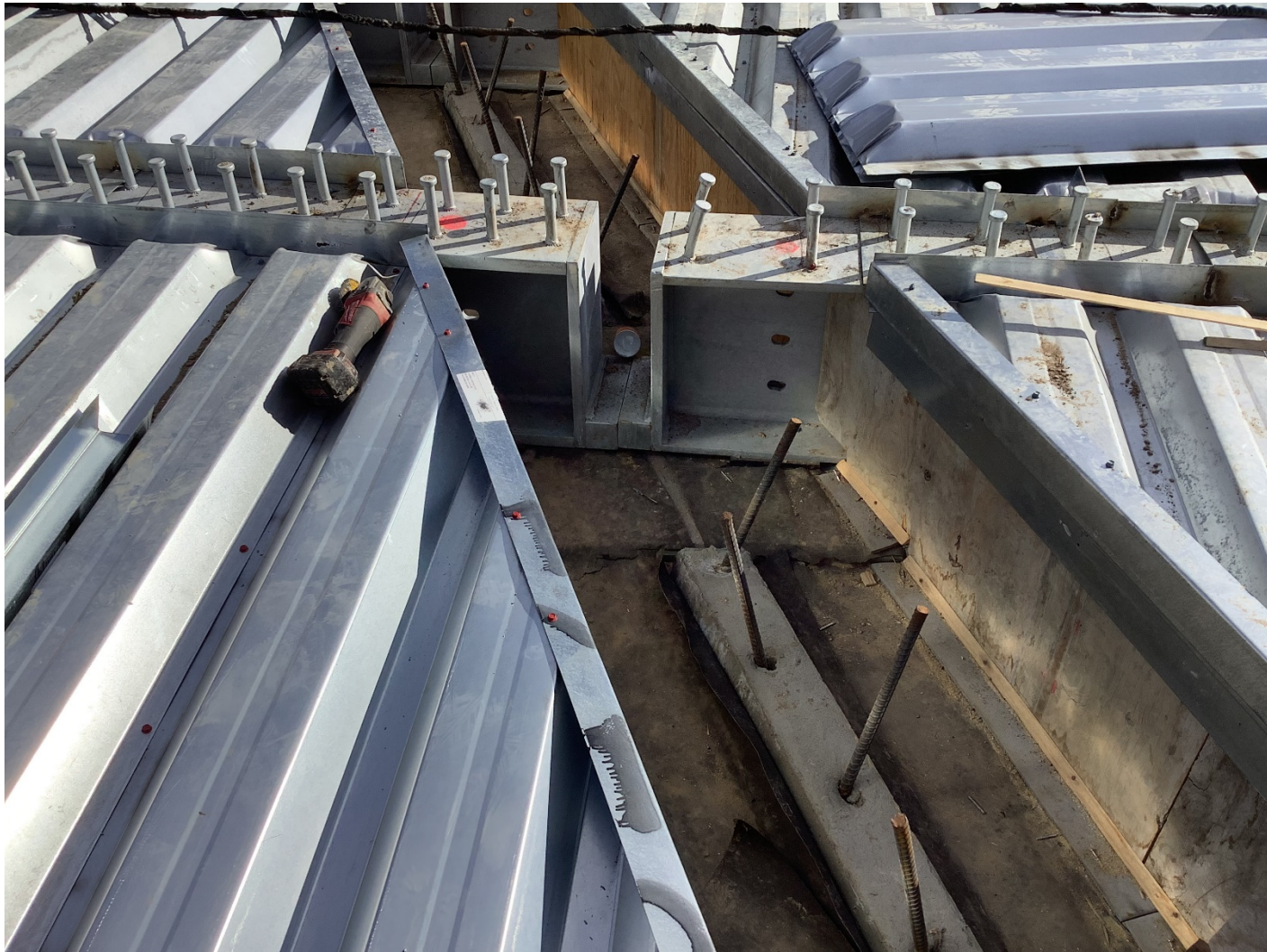
# DESIGN SDCL CONNECTION

Concrete diaphragms cast prior to slab

Negative moment slab reinforcement to provide live load continuity



# DESIGN SDCL CONNECTION





# DESIGN TOOLS FOR SDCL

Steel Beams – AASHTOWare BrD/BrR or MDX

Connection at the interior bents – Excel/Mathcad

- Design steel block or high strength concrete block to resist compression (P/S vs. Steel end area)
- Design the continuity slab reinforcement and (P/S & SDCL similar) to resist tension

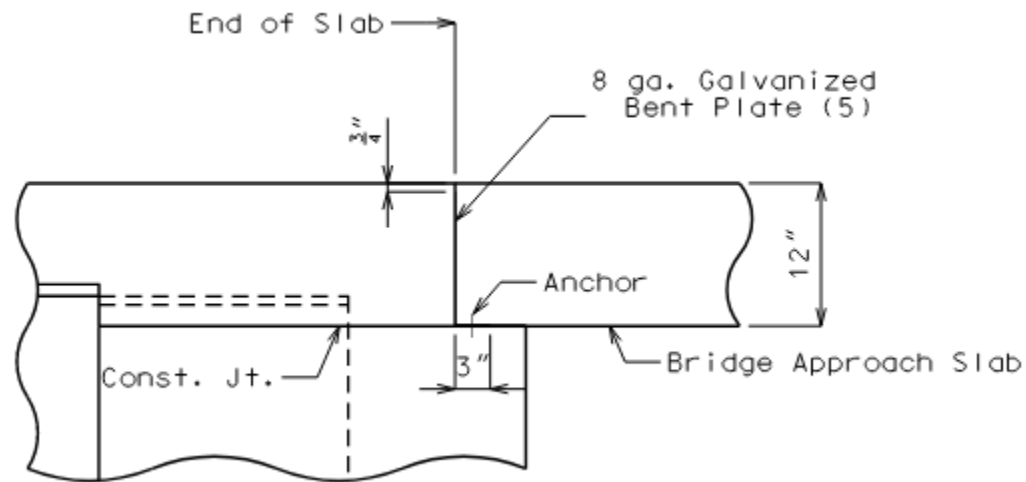
Oregon DOT Standard



☒ Simple DL, continuous LL

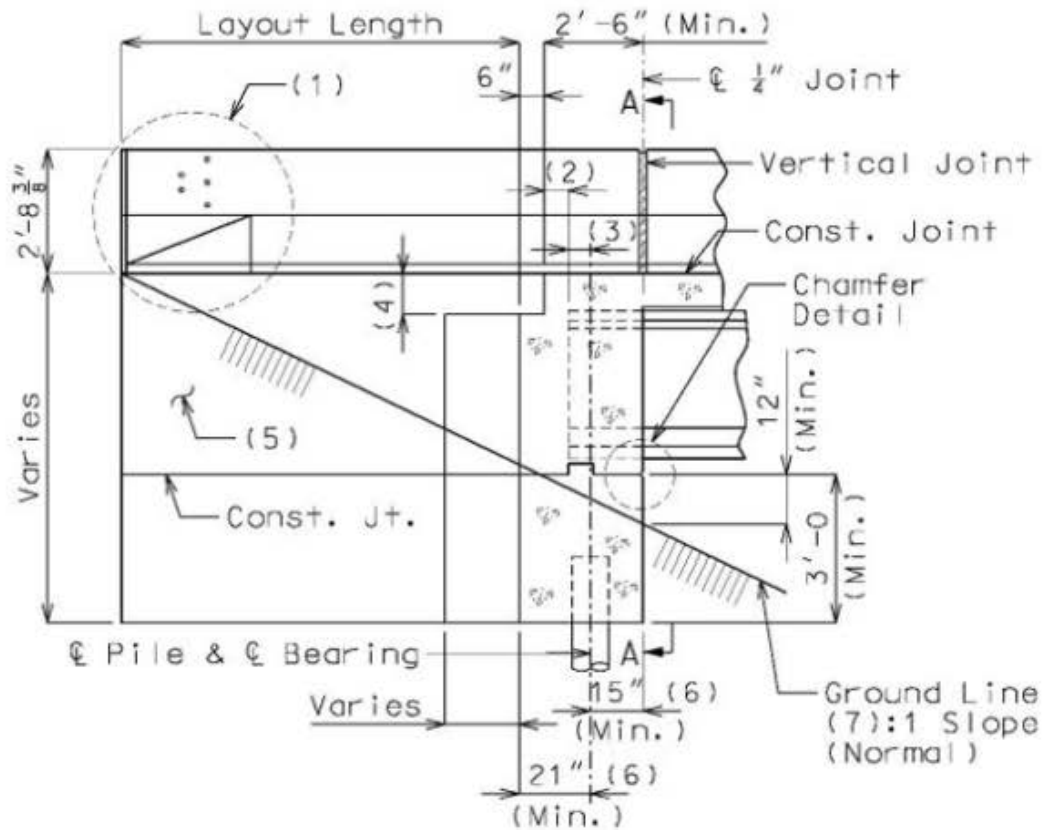
# ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE STANDARD (AAS)

Continuous approach slab placement

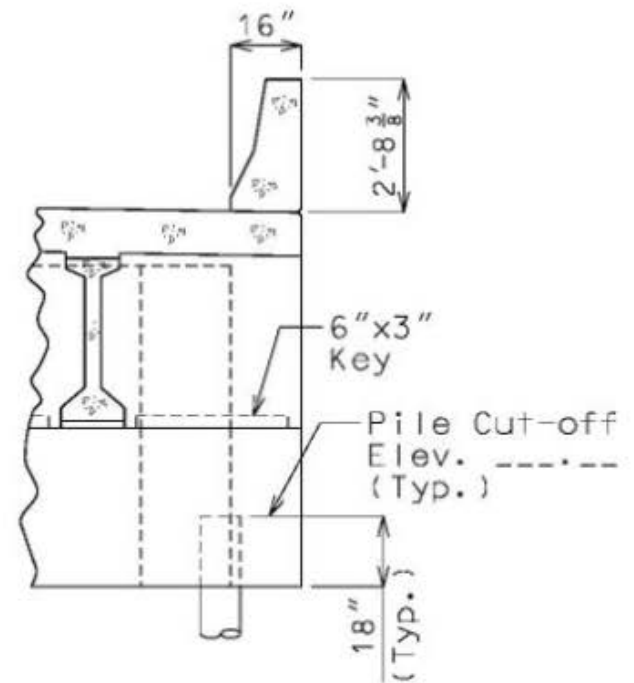


# INNOVATION ON FARM

MoDOT standard end bent detail



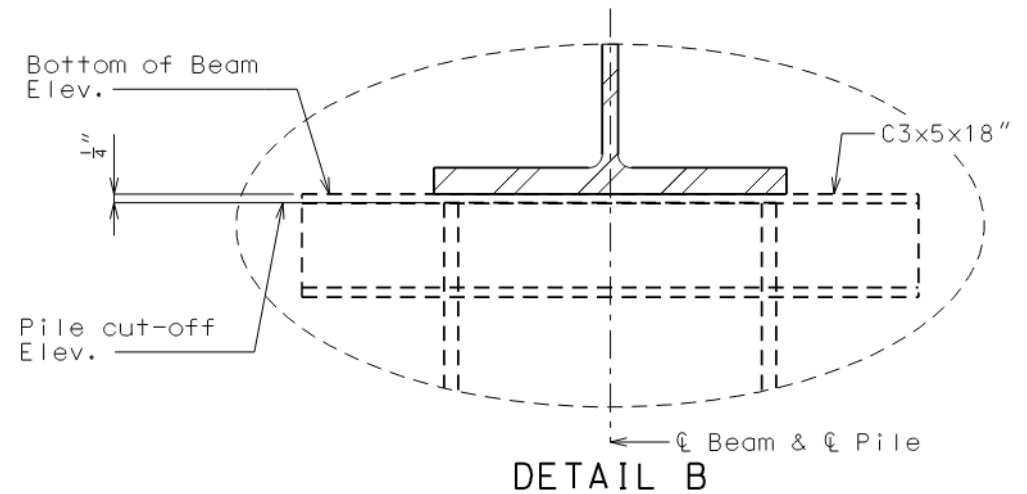
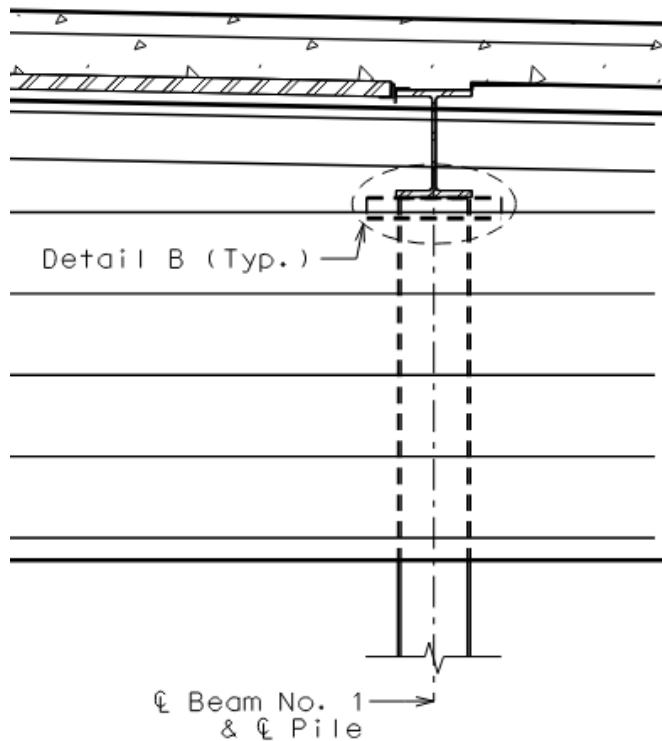
**Section Near Wing**



**Section A-A**

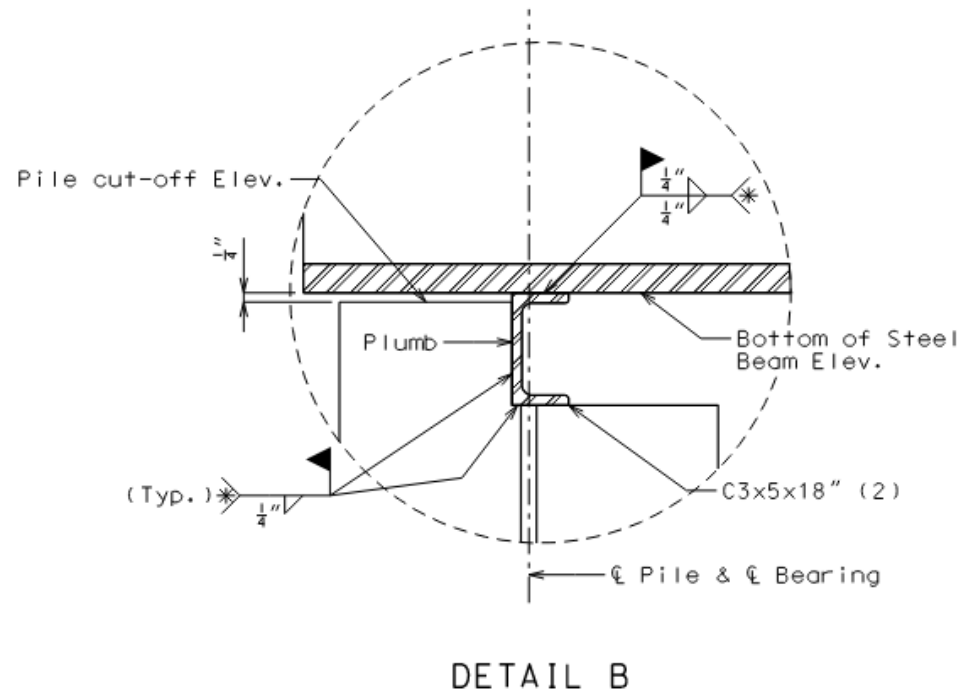
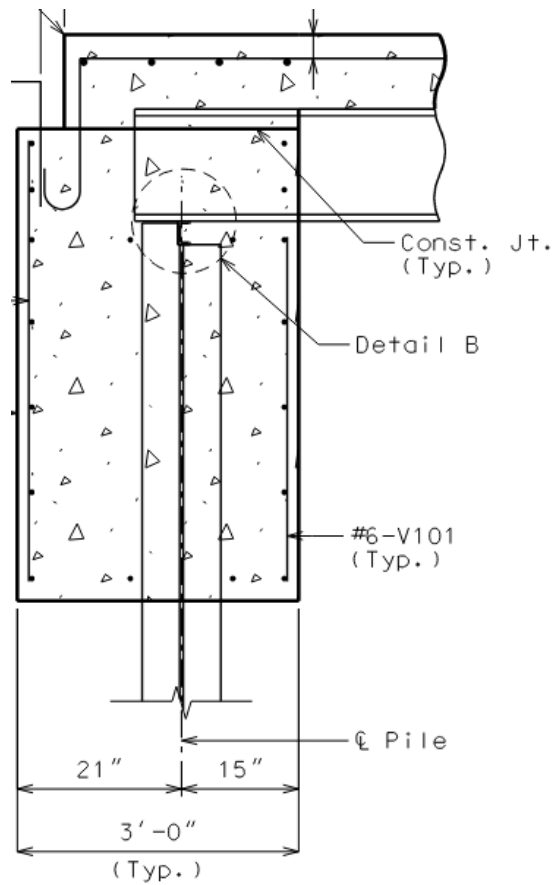
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# BEAM COATING OPTIONS (PARTNERING)

Original plan for beam coating

- Weathering steel (when conditions allowed)
- Painted steel

Covid-19 caused issues with weathering steel and paint availability

- Warehouses had reduced inventory
- Paint availability was a challenge early on

# BEAM COATING OPTIONS (PARTNERING)

## Equal or Better Change Proposal

- MoDOT expressed interest in galvanized beams
- Smaller beam sizes and shorter spans allowed galvanization to be a competitive option
- Maintenance of galvanized elements in rural environments is over 100 years, well exceeding the design life of these structures
- First maintenance of a painted steel beam is approximately 40 years with a design life of approximately 75 years



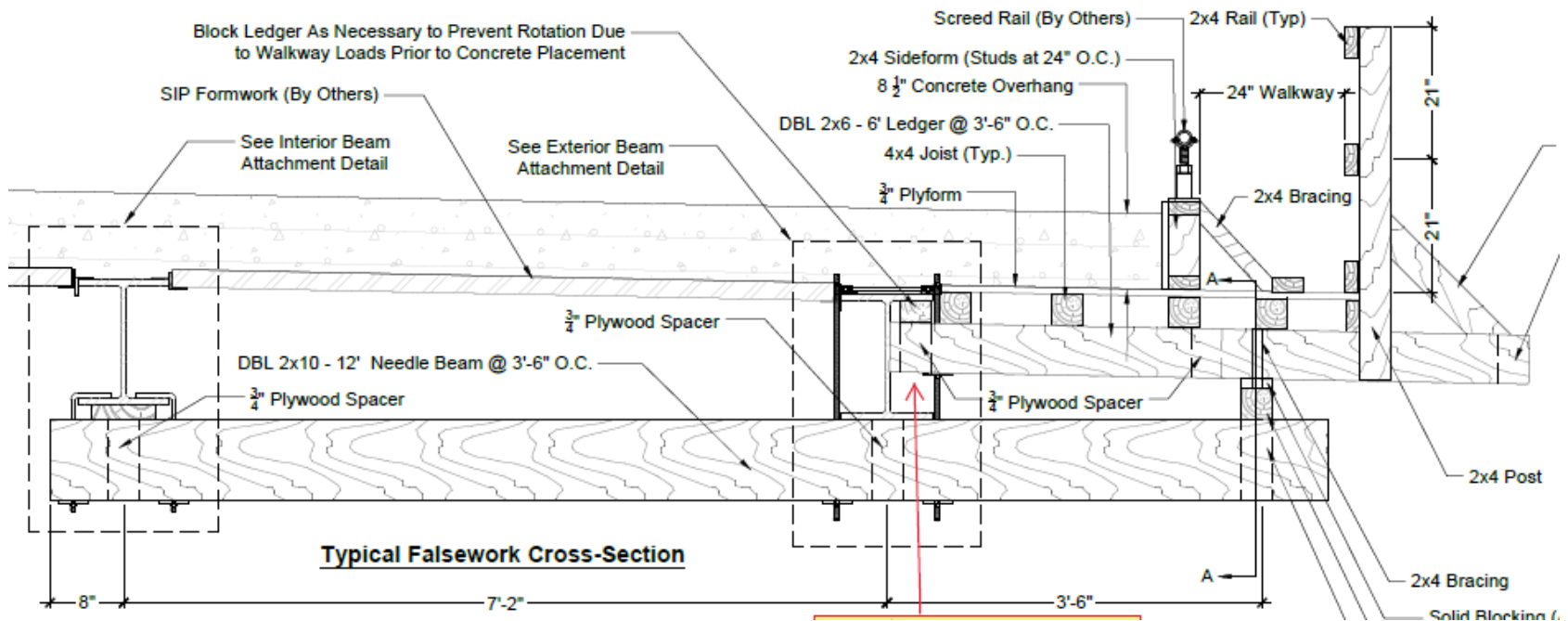
# BEAM COATING OPTIONS



# OVERHANG FALSEWORK

Shallow beam depths require alternate overhang construction methods

Needle beam overhang falsework is required for webs shallower than 18 inches





# OVERHANG FALSEWORK





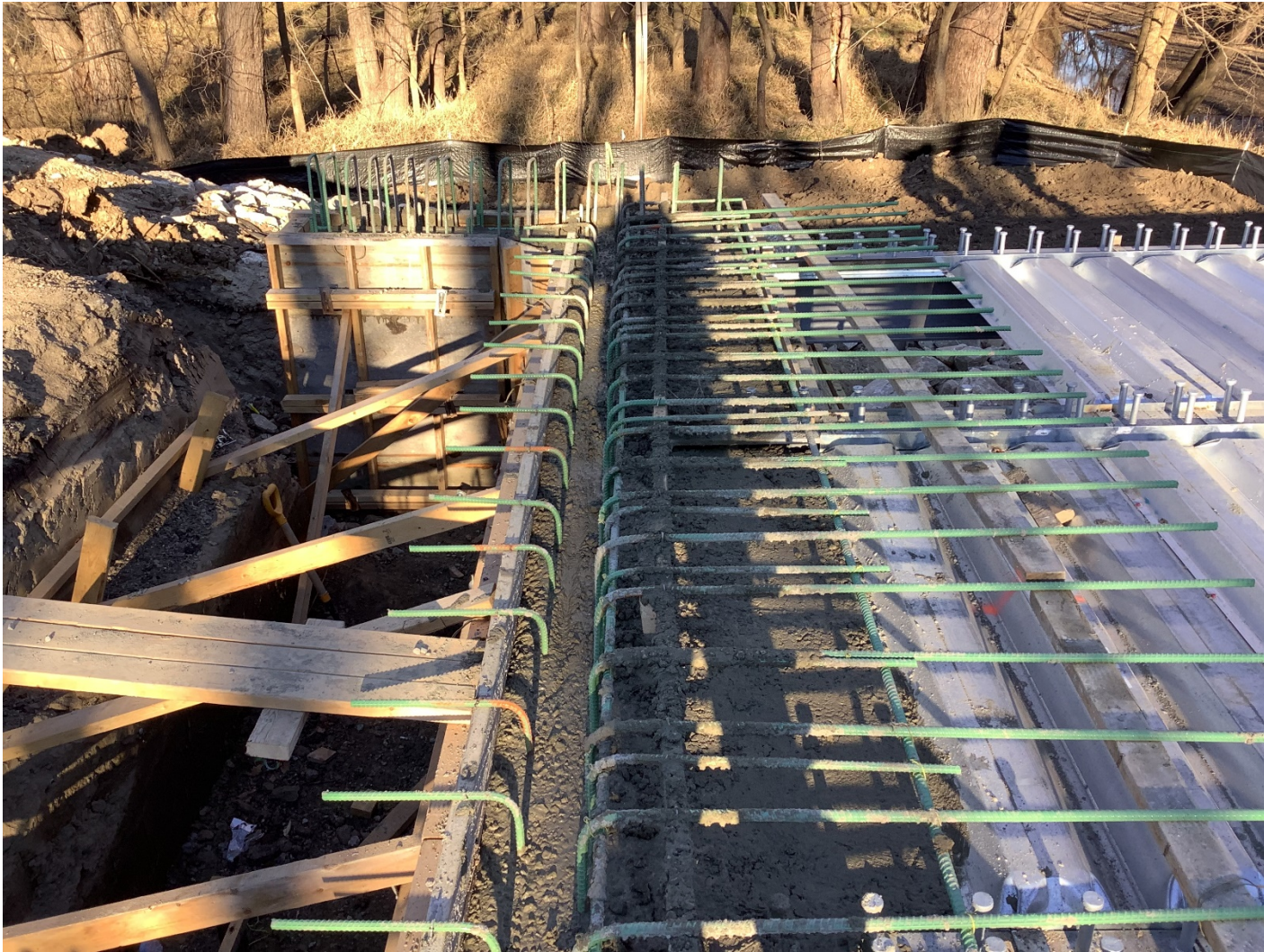
# OVERHANG FALSEWORK

Beams with webs greater than 18 inches allow the use of traditional C-49 overhang brackets





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# VIBRATORY SCREED

Shallow beams require lighter construction methods

- Vibratory screed reduces rotation of exterior beam
- Vibratory screed reduces the amount of falsework

Vibratory screed usage requires:

- Maintaining and exceeding minimum rate of pour
- Ensure consolidation of concrete ahead of screed
- Additional straight edging behind the screed



# VIBRATORY SCREED

Set paver up the same as deck paver



# COLD WEATHER CURING

Portable Hydronic Heat Machine allows work to continue during winter months

Utilize Cellular Con Cure Nodes & Sensors to monitor and control internal concrete temperature





# COLD WEATHER CURING

- Structured schedule to continue through winter





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# WHAT IS A FARM BRIDGE?



# Any Questions?

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