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**MODULAR STEEL BRIDGES IN ACTION**  
**PINEY CREEK EMERGENCY BRIDGE**  
**BOYNTON, SOMERSET COUNTY, PA**

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# AGENDA TODAY

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- The Challenge
- Why Steel?
- Why Emergency steel bridges?
- Piney Creek Project
- About Acrow
- Q&A





# THE CHALLENGE

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- The ARTBA analysis of the recently released 2024 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Bridge Inventory (NBI) database finds that **36 percent of all U.S. bridges** require major repair work or replacement.
- 221,800 spans need repair, including 76,175 bridges that should be replaced. •
- Of the bridges needing repair, 42,067 are rated in poor condition and classified as “structurally deficient.”

*Source: ARTBA 2024 Bridge Report Summary*



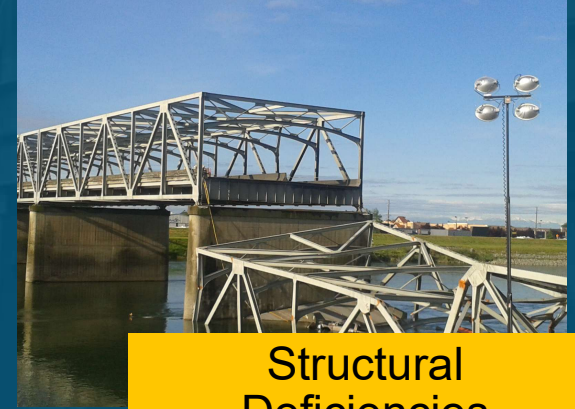
# THE REAL CHALLENGE



Aging Infrastructure



Bridge Closures & Traffic Disruption



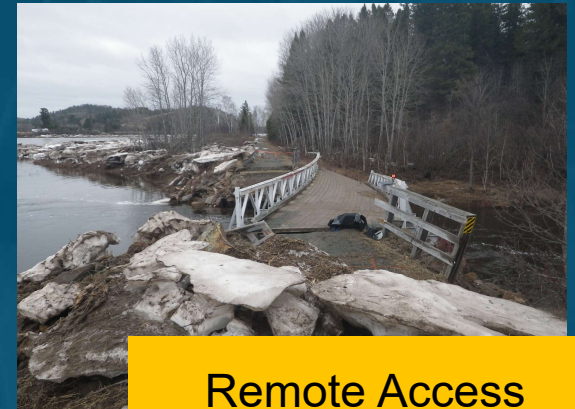
Structural Deficiencies



High Maintenance and Repair Costs



Rapid Response to Natural Disasters



Remote Access



# WHY EMERGENCY STEEL BRIDGES?

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- Cost
- Speed of assembly and installation
- Safety
- Versatility
- Transportability
- Sustainability
- Durability
- Reusability





## THE CHALLENGE AT PINEY CREEK ON US 219, BOYNTON PA

- Heavy rains caused significant damage to the original bridge.
- The bridge was closed on May 14, 2025 by PennDOT in the interest of public safety.
- Even with immediate detours put in place, the closure had a significant impact on a crucial two-lane section of the route.
- An average of 4,700 vehicles, many of them large commercial trucks, cross the bridge each day.







**PROJECT SITE OVERVIEW**  
**SR219 (Mason-Dixon Highway) in Boynton PA approx 90 mi SE of Pittsburgh**



# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

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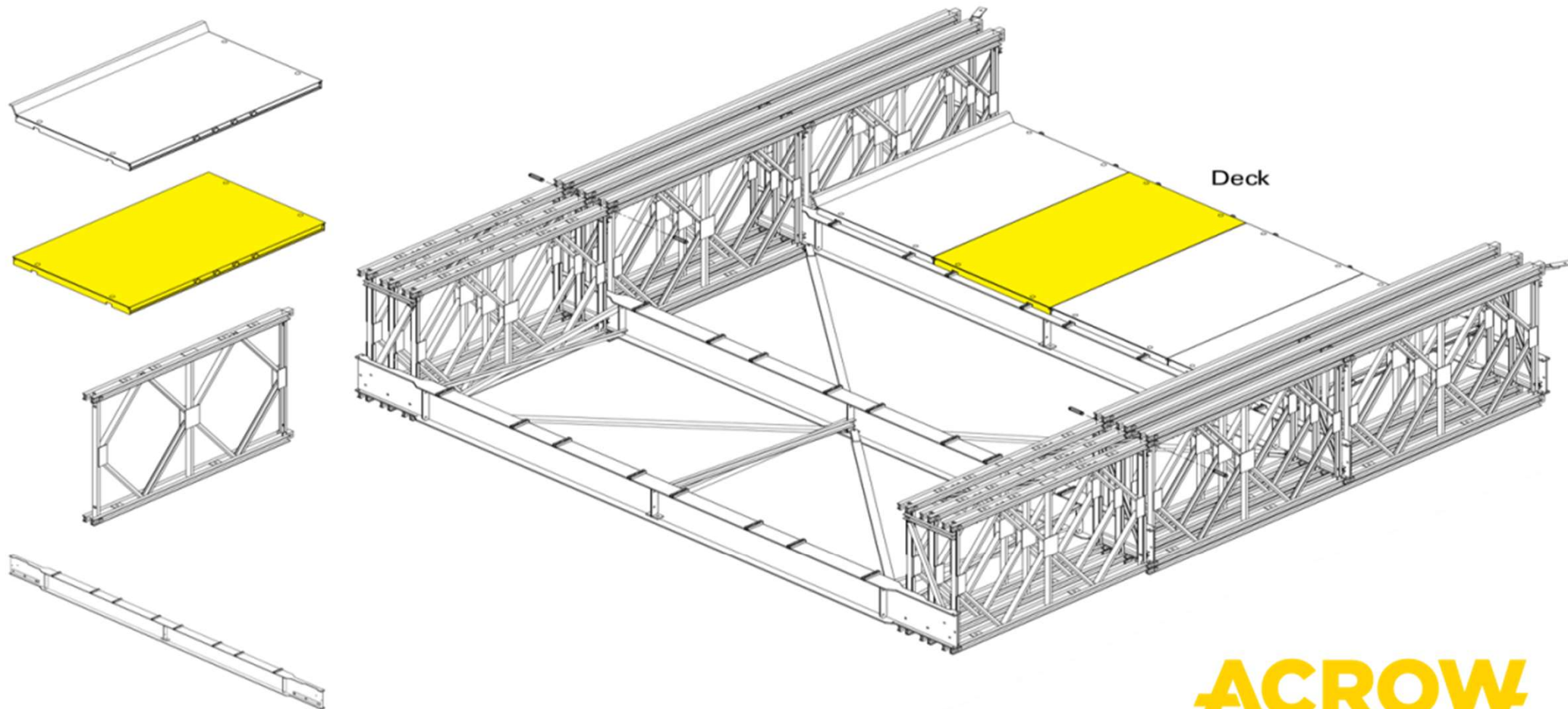
- Speed of assembly and installation to expedite re-opening of the route to traffic
- Assembled and launched on-alignment with the current roadway to minimize any delays in reopening the route to traffic.
- On-site technical assistance and night work to minimise impact
- Technical compliance with PennDOT requirements





# MODULAR PANEL BRIDGE

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## BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS

Emergency modular structure

- 100 feet long
- 30 feet wide
- Deck paved with a crowned asphalt overlay
- Guardrail system designed to meet the demands of TL-4 loading.
- Designed for PHL-93 legal and P-82 permit loading per PennDOT Design Manual Part 4 (DM-4).





## **PROJECT TIMELINE**

**DAY 1  
THURSDAY  
MAY 15, 2025**

- The morning following the bridge closure, May 15, Acrow received a call from project contractor Merlo Inc., checking on availability of materials.
- By late that afternoon, the span length and width had been decided.
- That evening, Acrow sent preliminary reactions to Merlo to enable them to design the bridge foundations.
- By Sunday, May 18, Acrow had the bridge drawings and calculations completed.
- The bridge was loaded out from Acrow's Lafayette, NJ storage yard on Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> with the components arriving at the site the next day.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

**DAY 6**  
**TUESDAY**  
**MAY 20, 2025**

- On May 20, Acrow's Field Service Representative (FSR) arrived at the site to provide guidance on the safe and efficient assembly of the bridge.
- The team worked round the clock in 12-hour shifts to expedite the project, with Acrow's FSR working with both shifts.





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**OVERNIGHT ASSEMBLY**



**PROJECT TIMELINE**  
**DAY 7**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 21, 2025**

The crane arrived at the site the next afternoon.





**PROJECT TIMELINE**  
**DAY 7**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 21, 2025**

By 6:30 that evening, the bridge had been lifted onto its bearings.





**PROJECT TIMELINE**  
**DAY 8**  
**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 22, 2025**

The Merlo team continued to work overnight to deck the bridge.





**PROJECT TIMELINE**  
**DAY 10**  
**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 24, 2025**

The bridge opened to traffic on Saturday May 24, **less than two weeks after the closure.**





## THE RESULT: RAPID CONNECTIVITY

Working in partnership with key project partners including:

- Temporary bridge design & supply: Acrow Bridge
- Contractor: Merlo, Inc.
- Engineer: Gannett Fleming TranSystems, Inc.
- Owner: PennDOT





# ACCELERATED BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WITH ACROW



- **SPEED** – Reduced downtime and optimized costs and allowed for a temporary bridge to be launched in less than 2 weeks
- **SOLUTION** – Allowed us to restore traffic quickly with an easy installation
- **SERVICE & SUPPORT** – Acrow sent technical support personnel to ensure a smooth installation
- **SAFETY** – Working with partners to ensure a safe installation and safe working practices at all times.

# OTHER EMERGENCY PROJECTS

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- Accelerated Steel Bridge Construction
- Rapidly assembled and installed
- Length, width and strength are easily customizable
- High-quality U.S. steel from ISO-certified mills and galvanized to protect against corrosion
- Full highway load-carrying capability to support both standard and heavy-duty applications
- Steel facilitates fast, easy assembly and disassembly with minimal equipment





## **TYPICAL DESIGN CRITERIA**

- Bridge span(s), roadway width and loading
- Loading Design - ASD, LRFD, MLC, Heavy Haul
- Bridge deck type:
  - Plain steel for Asphalt Overlay
  - Steel deck with shop-applied anti-skid coating
  - Timber decks – Wood locally supplied/Crane Mats
  - Stone Filled Pans
- Guard Rail Test Level Design TL-1 through TL-4

## **TYPICAL BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS**

### **BRIDGE**

- Designed to meet AASHTO LRFD, ASD, HS-20, HS-25, HL-93 or applicable State and permit loads
- Bridge roadway widths (12' through 42')
- Simple span bridges (10' through 300')
- Pedestrian bridges (5', 6', 8', 12' wide - lengths to 200')
- Single or multiple spans, Independent or Continuous, (Length unlimited)

### **BRIDGE DECK**

- Steel orthotropic roadway deck units
- Driving surface options (asphalt, anti-skid, and plain steel)
- Wood



## **EMERGENCY SKAGIT RIVER, WA**

### I-5 Bridge Collapse

Acrow provided two bridges within a week

Start to finish, opened in 15 days

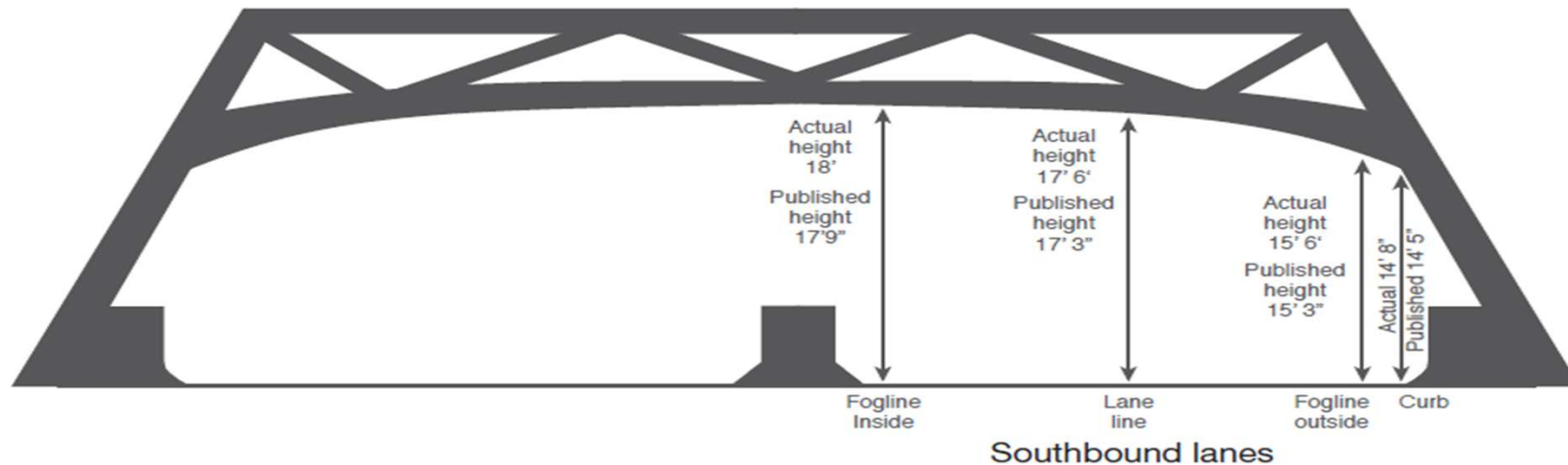
- Length: Each Bridge = 160-foot clear span
- Width: 2 Lane – 24'
- Design Load: HL-93
- TL4 Designed Guardrail



# EXISTING BRIDGE DESIGN

## Vertical height clearance

As an extra measure of precaution, the Bridge and Structures office of the Washington State Department of Transportation publishes bridge clearance heights up to 3 inches less than actual heights. For example, if the actual vertical clearance is 15 feet 3 inches, it may be listed in WSDOT's Bridge List as 15 feet. It is the responsibility of the driver or freight hauler to consult the Bridge List or visit the [oversize/overweight restrictions](#) web page found on WSDOT's website.



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# COLLAPSED 160 FOOT SPAN



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BY	DATE	 CREATIONS ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS WORLDWIDE® CORPORATION OF AMERICA 181 NEW ROAD, PASSAIC, NJ 07054	ACROW 700XS BRIDGE EMERGENCY BRIDGE PROPOSAL TWIN BRIDGE OPTION 160FT x 2 LANE 24FT WIDE SKAGIT RIVER, WA	DATE: MAY 24, 2013 SCALE: AS SHOWN	CONTRACT NO.  DRAWING NO. PROPOSAL SCL-1.05	REV.
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# STEEL ARRIVES AT SITE



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# BUILDING BRIDGE ON APPROACH SPAN



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# FIRST BRIDGE LAUNCH



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# LAUNCHING NOSE UTILIZED



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# FIRST BRIDGE IN PLACE



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# SECOND BRIDGE LAUNCH



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# BOTH BRIDGES IN PLACE



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# BOLTING DECK



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# APPLICATION OF TACK COAT



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# FABRIC INSTALLED



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# ASPHALT APPLICATION



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# FINAL INSPECTION



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# OPEN TO TRAFFIC



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## SUMMARY

### WHY STEEL?

- Availability
- Cost
- Sustainability
- Significantly less time on site due to prefabrication
- No forms to build, and strip
- Better quality control
- No negative impact caused by weather, lighting, etc.
- Fabrication in precision jigs and robotic welding
- Lighter in weight, therefore less expensive substructure required
- Steel is almost 100% recyclable
- Easier to modify
- Historically proven that steel bridges outlive concrete bridges
- Easier maintenance and inspection
- Achieve longer spans, so less expensive if you can eliminate piers
- Rehabilitate to extend life span
- Quicker installation times

# WHY ACROW?

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- Proprietary, proven, advanced modular steel technology
- Expertly manufactured in the USA using high-quality, high-strength steel
- Easily customizable solutions to desired length, width and strength
- Precision-engineered and designed for safety and durability
- Hot-dip galvanized to eliminate corrosion and minimize maintenance
- Rapid installation with minimal labor and equipment
- Engineering support from start to finish
- Delivered in partnership with key stakeholders

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# ABOUT ACROW

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- World leader in design, engineering and manufacture of prefabricated modular steel bridges
- Established in 1951; 300+ team members
- Headquartered in Parsippany, NJ
- Manufacturing Facilities in Milton, PA, and Lydney, Gloucestershire, UK
- Proprietary steel technology derived from the Bailey Bridge
- Original Equipment Manufacturer of modular bridge brands: Acrow & Mabey
- Staging yards in Lafayette NJ, Centralia WA and Millington TN



PERMANENT



TEMPORARY



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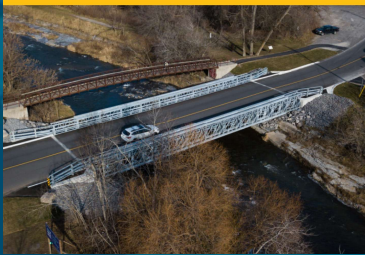


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PROGRAMS

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# KEY APPLICATIONS

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LONG SPAN



SHORT SPAN



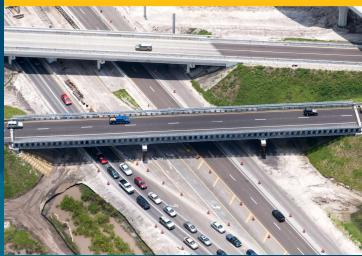
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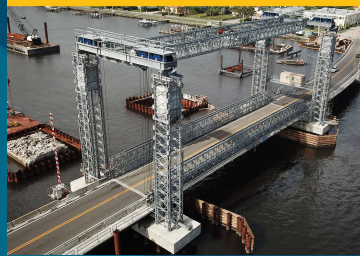
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DETOUR RENTAL



MOVABLE



UTILITIES



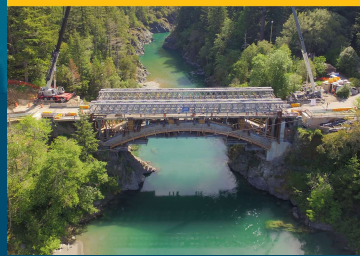
HEAVY HAUL



EMERGENCY



OTHER APPLICATIONS



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An aerial photograph of a bridge spanning a river, with trees and buildings visible on the banks. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue overlay.

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