

# Steel In Action: Featuring Innovative, Resilient and Cost-Effective Case Study Projects Webinar Series

**July 8, 10, 15, 17 - 1:00-2:00pm EDT**



<p>July 8, 1 pm ET</p> <p>July 10, 1 pm ET</p> <p>July 15, 1 pm ET</p> <p>July 17, 1 pm ET</p>	<p>Tools and Resources for Designing Cost-Effective Steel Bridges Steel Girder Bridges: Franklin County, MO</p> <p>Modular Steel Bridges: Piney Creek Bridge, Somerset County, PA Buried Steel Bridges</p> <p>Buffalo Creek Bridge, Buchanan County, Iowa Press-Brake Formed Tub Girders: TR-251 Bridge, Champaign County, IL</p> <p>Galvanized Steel Bridge with Grid Decking: Tait Road Bridge, Mercer County, PA Simple for Dead, Continuous for Live Designs: FARM Project, MO</p>	<p><b>Case Study Projects</b></p>
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# Tools & Resources to Designing Cost-Effective Steel Bridges

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**Case Study Projects**  
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# Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance

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A group of **bridge** and buried soil structure industry leaders who have joined together to provide **educational** information on the design and construction of short span steel bridges in installations up to **140 feet in length**.

# Membership



# Short Span Steel Bridge Solutions

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## Buried Bridges



## Rolled Beam & Plate Girders



## Press-Brake-Formed Tub Girders



## Truss Bridges



# What Do We Provide?

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- Education
  - Workshops, Webinars, Newsletter
- Technical Resources
  - Standards, best practices, case studies
- Simple Design Tools (eSPAN140)
- Project Assistance
- Find a Supplier
- Networking / SSSBA Semiannual Meeting



# Tools & Resources to Designing Cost-Effective Steel Bridges

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- Summary on Initial and LCC – *Preconception that Concrete Less Expensive*
- eSPAN140 Design Tool – *Steel Bridge Design Made Easy*
- Coming Soon New Simple Span Design Software – *Optimized Design*
- Workshops, Resources & Opportunities Through the SSSBA

# Summary – Initial Cost & Life Cycle Cost Studies

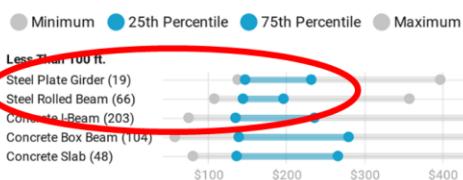
Typical Concrete and Steel Bridges are Competitive on Initial Cost, Future Costs, Life Cycle Costs and Bridge Life

**Owners Should Consider Both Steel and Concrete Alternatives for Individual Bridge Projects**



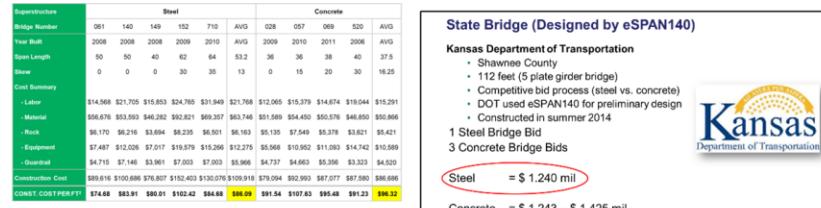
## National Bridge Cost by Beam Subtype (\$/SF)

(#) indicates number of bridges for each beam type



<https://www.aisc.org/nsba/hdr-pricing-study/>

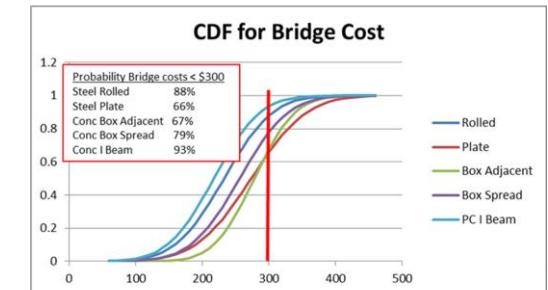
Reports on [ShortSpanSteelBridges.org](http://ShortSpanSteelBridges.org)



"These conclusions come as a surprise to the authors, who assumed that concrete bridges would be more cost-competitive than steel bridges."

– Mike DiGregorio, HDR

## Capitalized Costs – All Bridges



## Life Cycle Costs- Length<140 ft

Short Length Bridges  
Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance

	# Bridges	PPVC	Initial Cost	Future Cost	Avg Length	Avg # Spans	Avg Year Built	Avg Life
Steel I Beam	27	\$266.24	\$222.08	\$0.16	84	1.26	1978	82
Steel I Girder	18	\$311.26	\$257.19	\$0.29	119	1.00	1977	81
P/S Box - Adjacent	240	\$292.38	\$235.03	\$0.95	69	1.09	1987	74
P/S Box - Spread	325	\$272.20	\$225.14	\$2.16	64	1.23	1986	81
P/S I Beam	98	\$281.64	\$231.20	\$0.05	104	1.08	1987	77

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Steel Rolled  
Precast Box Spread

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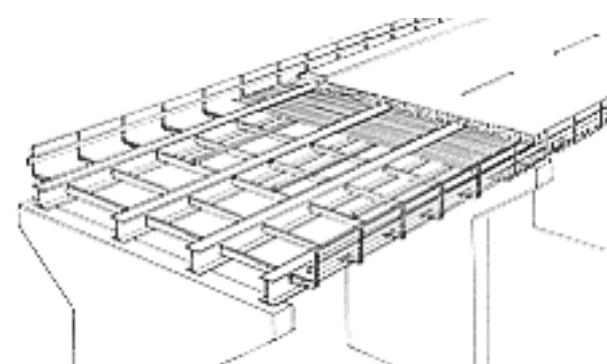
# The Design Process

# Concrete Bridge Design Tables

## Quick & Easy

# Steel Original Piece of Art

## Time & Cost



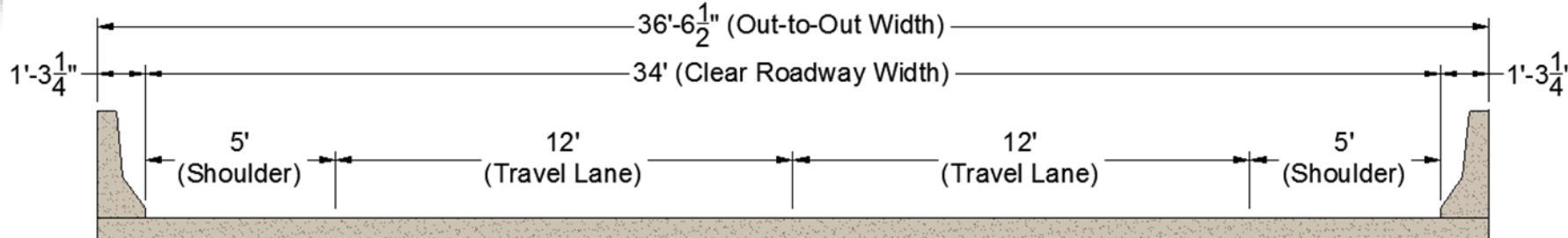
# Traditional Fabricated Steel Bridge

Design Superstructure for Two-Lane, 80 ft Simple Span Bridge



Decided by Owner/Engineer:

- 80 ft Simple Span Composite – Steel Girders
- Two 12 ft Travel Lanes, ADT = 5600
- 34 ft Roadway Width
- Jersey Barriers (1 ft – 3 1/4 in wide)



Need a Quick & Easy Initial Design for the Bridge SuperStructure

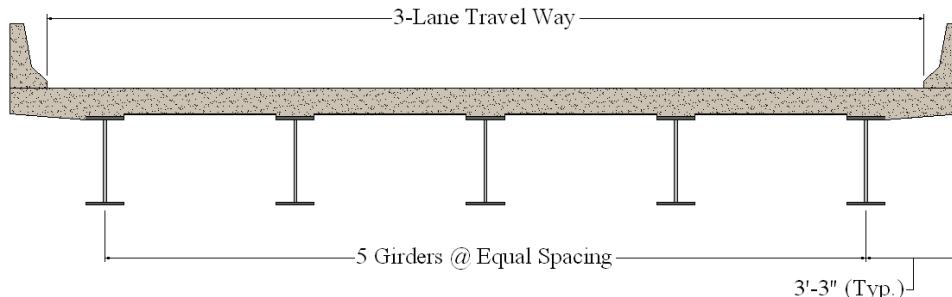
# eSPAN140 - Standard Designs for Short Span Steel Bridges - [www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org](http://www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org)

Span lengths 20 ft to 140 ft (in 5 ft increments)

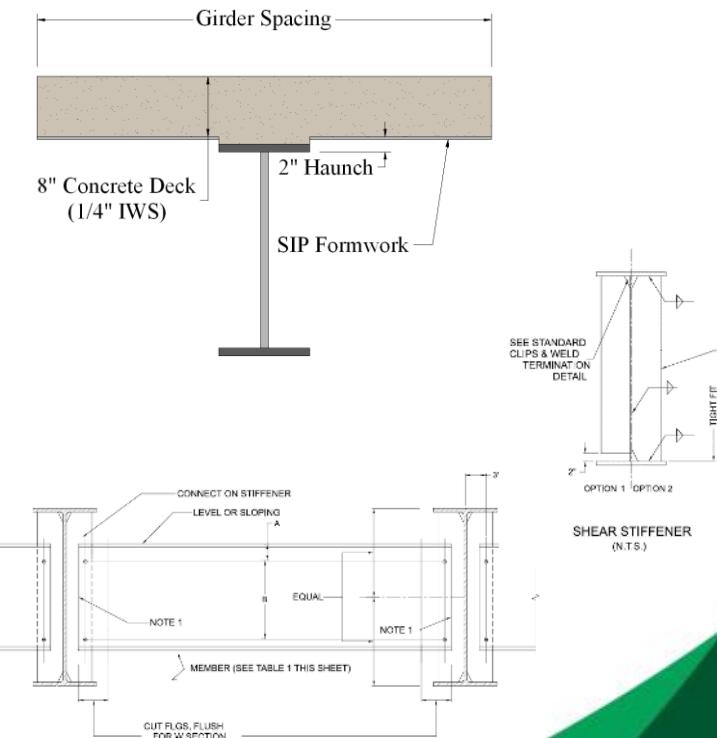
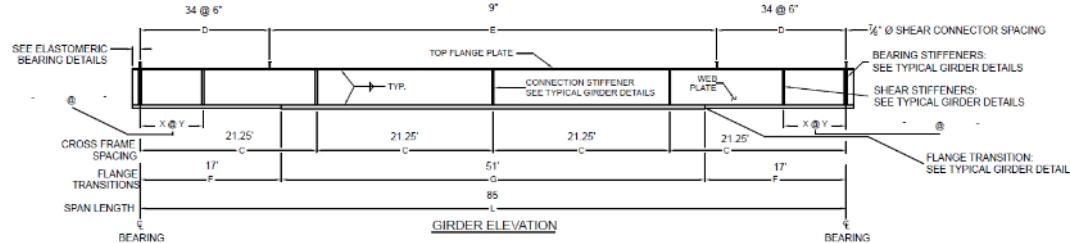
Four girder spacing: 6'-0", 7'-6", 9'-0" and 10'-6",

For each of these increments: **Steel girders, Shear stud & stiffener layouts, Welding and fabrication details, Elastomeric bearings, and Concrete deck design**

Free Resource



COMPOSITE PLATE GIRDER WITH PARTIALLY STIFFENED WEB - 4 GIRDERS AT 8' 10" GIRDER SPACING, HOMOGENEOUS



# eSPAN140 Preliminary Design

Solution Type*	Bridge Span Length								Skew Angle	Overhang Width
	0'	20'	40'	60'	80'	100'	120'	140'		
Rolled Beam (40' to 100')**									+/- 20 degrees	3'3" or less
Homogeneous Plate Girder (60' to 140')**									+/- 20 degrees	3'3" or less
Press Brake Tub Girders (0' to 80')									+/- 20 degrees	3'3" or less
Buried Bridges (all)***									+/- 35 degrees****	N/A

\* For bridges outside of this range, standard designs will not appear in your solutions book.

\*\* Standard designs for rolled beam and plate girder solutions are rounded in five (5) foot increments.

\*\*\* Depending on project requirements this solution will require multiple spans.

\*\*\*\* Can be greater if site geometry allows.

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# eSPAN140 Preliminary Design

Project Name\*  
Example 80 ft Simple Span Bridge

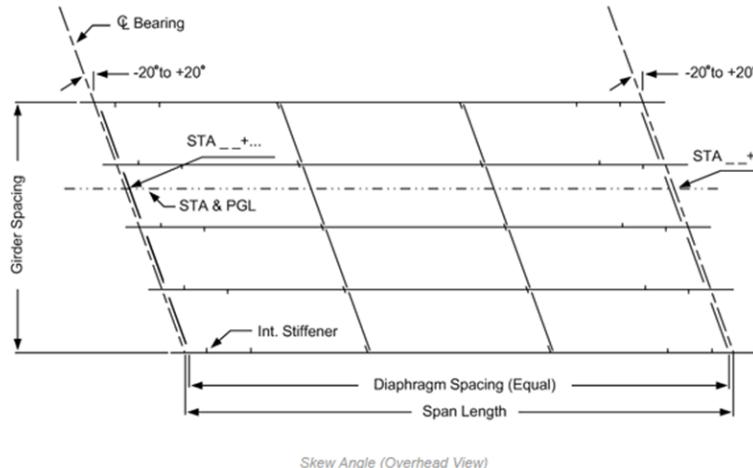
Project Status\*  
Informational Only

City/County\*  
Laramie

State/Province\*  
Wyoming

Roadway Name  
E 800 South

Bridge Span Length\*  
80 0  
Feet Inches



# of Striped Traffic Lanes\*  
2

Roadway Width\*  
34 0  
Feet Inches

Individual Parapet Width  
1  
Feet Inches

Individual Deck Overhang Width  
2 6.25  
Feet Inches

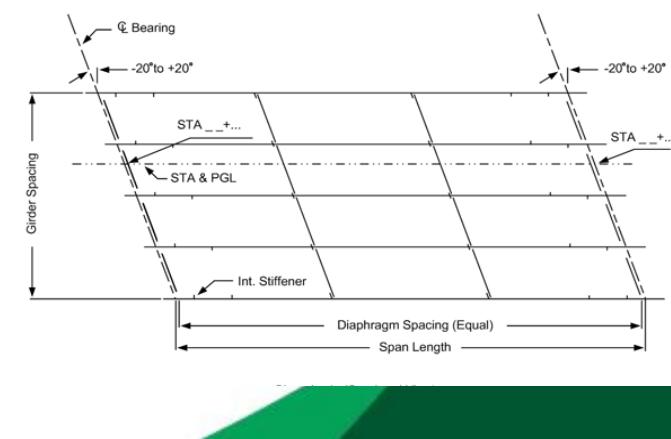
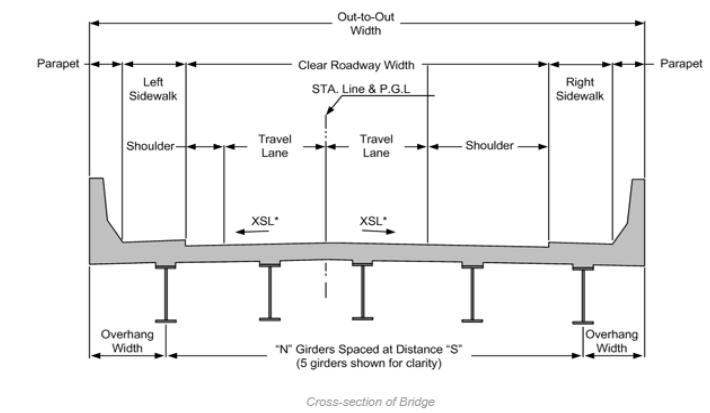
Pedestrian Access?

Skew Angle  
0  
Degrees

Average Daily Traffic  
Over 2,000

Design Speed  
46+ mph

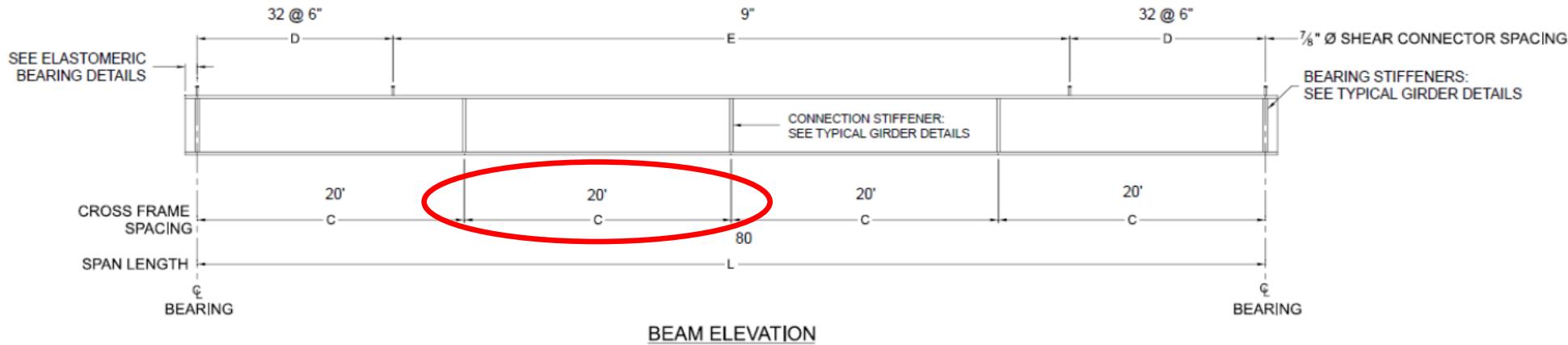
\* Required



# Rolled Beam Recommendation

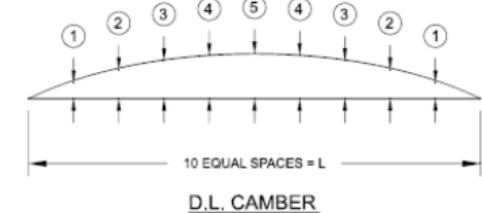
## COMPOSITE ROLLED BEAM WITH PARTIALLY STIFFENED WEB - 4 GIRDERS AT 10' 6" GIRDER SPACING, LIGHTEST WEIGHT

The selected rolled beam section is based on the widest (10'-6") girder spacing used in the development of the standards. The steel industry generally recommends the use of the widest girder spacing possible to reduce the potential number of girder lines for optimum economy.



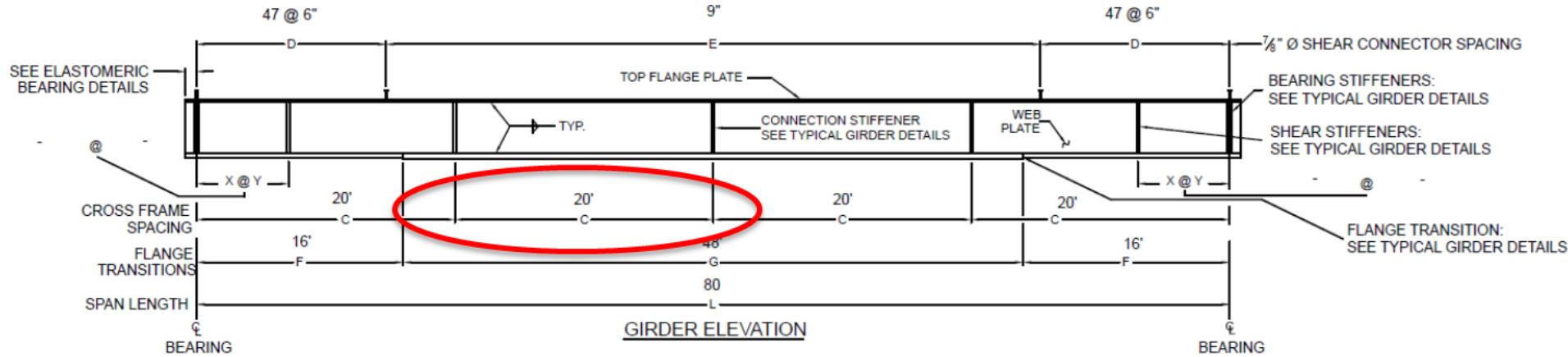
SPAN (L) - ft	ROLLED BEAM	DIAPHRAGM SPACING (C) ft	SHEAR CONNECTOR MAX. SPACING		WEIGHT
			D	E	
80	W36x210	20'	32 @ 6"	9"	16,800 lbs

STEEL D.L. CAMBER - in					TOTAL D.L. CAMBER - in				
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
0.178"	0.337"	0.461"	0.540"	0.567"	1.255"	2.375"	3.250"	3.807"	3.997"



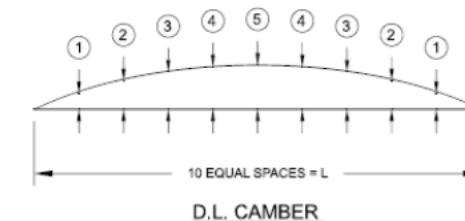
# Plate Girder Recommendation

COMPOSITE PLATE GIRDER WITH PARTIALLY STIFFENED WEB - 4 GIRDER AT 10' 6" GIRDER SPACING, HOMOGENEOUS

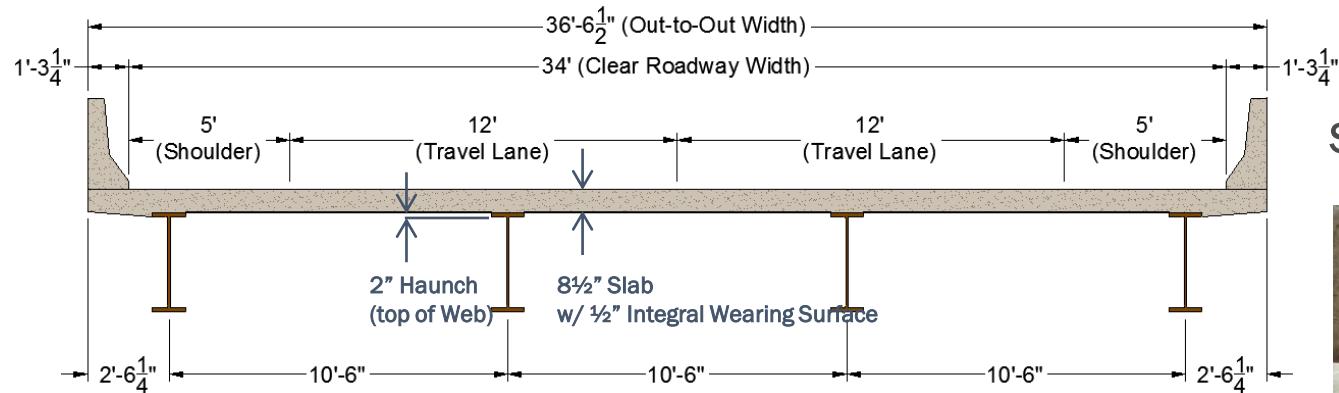


SPAN (L) - ft	PLATE GIRDER SIZE						DIAPHRAGM SPACING (C) - ft	SHEAR STIFFENERS		SHEAR CONNECTOR MAX. SPACING		INDIVIDUAL GIRDER WEIGHT
	TOP FLANGE - in	BOTTOM FLANGE (F)		BOTTOM FLANGE (G)		WEB PLATE- in		X (NO. REQ'd)	Y - ft. (SPACING)	D	E	
		PLATE - in	LENGTH - Ft	PLATE - in	LENGTH - Ft							
80	16 x 1"	16 x 1"	16'	16 x 1 1/2"	48'	32 x 1/2"	20'	-	-	47 @ 6"	9"	14,373 lbs

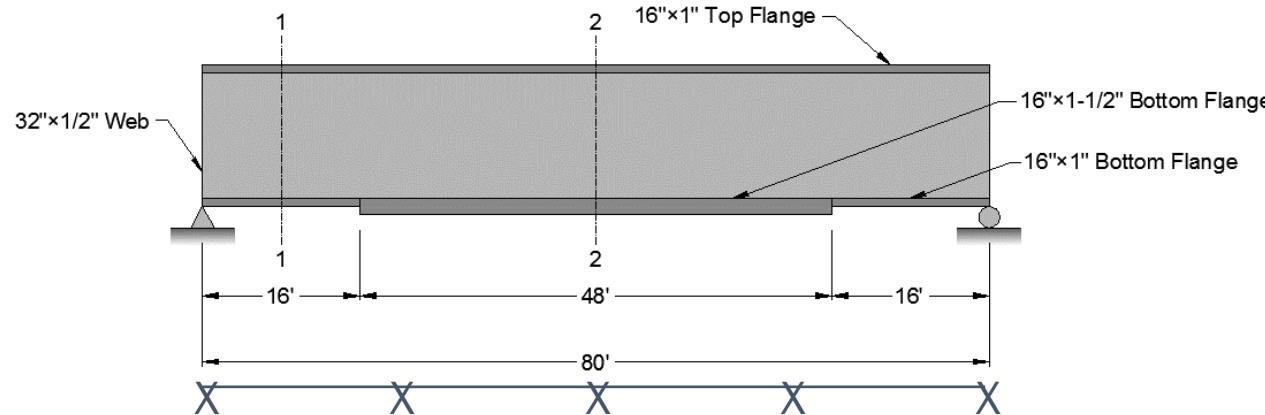
STEEL D.L. CAMBER - in					TOTAL D.L. CAMBER - in				
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
0.178"	0.334"	0.454"	0.530"	0.557"	1.397"	2.618"	3.554"	4.149"	4.355"



# Design for Homogeneous Plate Girder Bridge



Superstructure Design for Two-Lane, 80 ft Simple Span Bridge

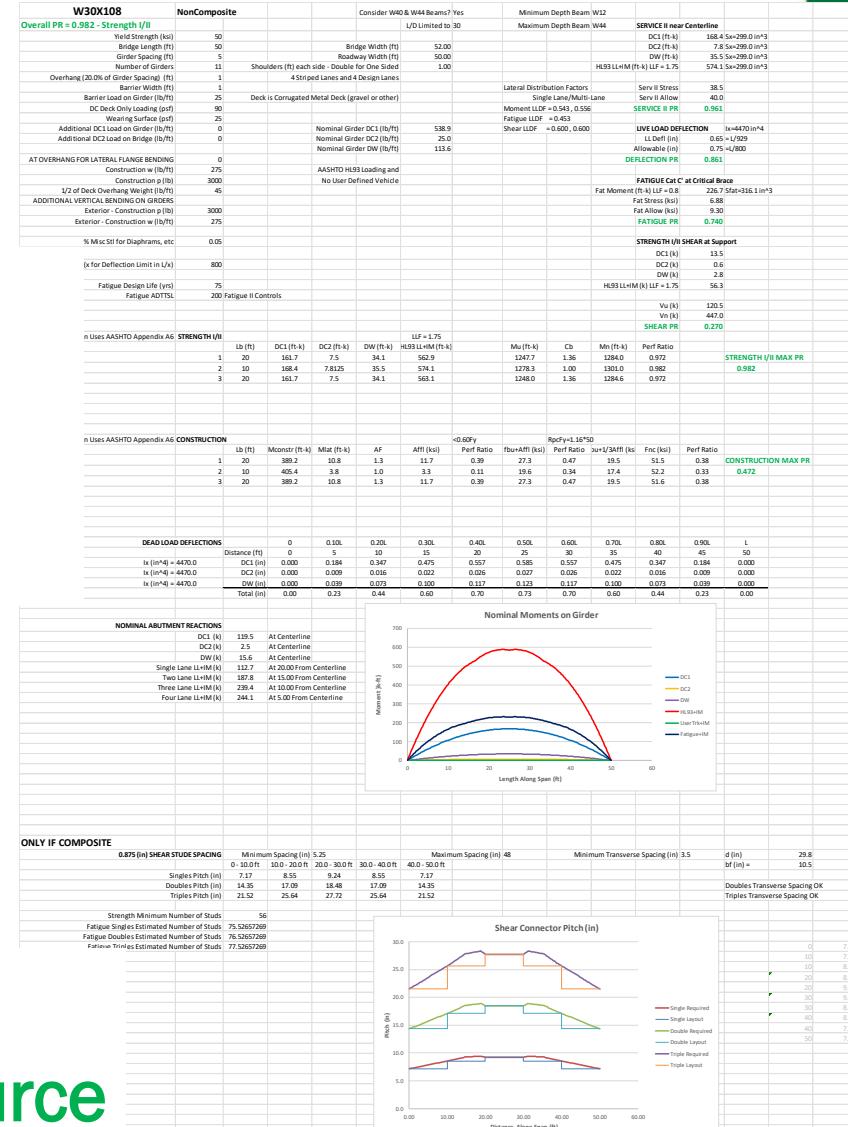
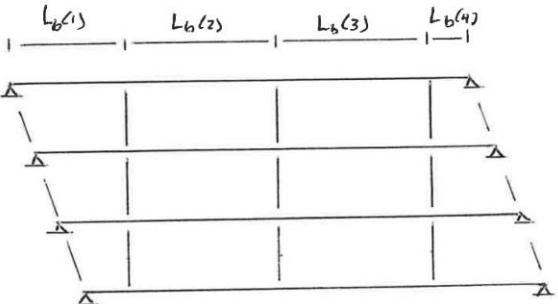


Diaphragm Bracing at 20 ft

# New Optimized Design Software - Coming Soon

## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- NonComposite Design
- Composite Design
- Up to 4-Lanes
- 50, 65 or 70 ksi Steel
- Bridge Layout
  - Specific Bridge Length
  - Roadway Width
  - Striped & Design Lanes
  - Specific Girder Spacing (w/ Guidance)
  - Barrier Width
  - Variable Overhangs (w/ Guidance)



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Free Resource

# Design Software

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## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- Diaphragm Variable Along Span: up to 7 Unbraced Lengths: **Skewed Bridges**
  - Compression Flange Bracing During Construction
  - Compression Flange Bracing for Final State
- Any Decking: Wood, Grid, CMD, Noncomposite Concrete, Composite Concrete
  - For Composite:  $f'c$ , full depth or SIP, haunch, sacrificial surface, shear connector design
  - Additional Dead Load (DC1 - Utilities, etc)
  - Variable Bridge Railing
  - Steel Beams Individually Considered in Dead Load
- Wearing Surface
- Additional Dead Load (DC2 – Utilities, etc)

# Design Software

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## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- Vehicular Loading
  - AASHTO HL93 truck, Tandem and Lane
  - User Defined Vehicle (i.e., U-80)
    - User Live Load Factor (Strength II)
    - Optional Lane Load
    - Single or Multi-Lane Distribution
    - User Impact Factor
- Live Load Distribution Factors
  - Moment & Shear (Based on Decking)
  - Lever Rule if Necessary
  - Single & Multi-Lane
  - Rigid Rotational Analysis
  - User Input LLDF

# Design Software

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## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- Limit L/D Ratio
- Minimum Depth (diaphragms)
- Maximum Depth (approaches/clearance)
- Option on W40/44
- User Defined Deflection Limit
- Add % Steel for Miscellaneous
- Applies AASHTO 6.10.8 (conservative) or Appendix A6 (optimal)
- Calculated  $C_b$  for Each Unbraced Length - [AASHTO 10](#)
  - User defined  $C_b$

# Design Software

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## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- Fatigue I or Fatigue II Based on ADTT – [AASHTO 10](#)
  - Variable Design Life
- Performs Dead, Construction & Live Load Analysis for Each Unbraced Length
- Strength I/II & Constructability Design for Each Unbraced Length
- Service II Near Centerline (Maximum Moment)
- Fatigue at Critical Diaphragm Location (Detail C')

# Design Software

## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

- Allows User to **Investigate Alternatives** to
  - Diaphragm Spacing
  - Alternate Shape Solution – Readily Available Sections
  - Sections Just Above Design Performance Ratio

LIST OF ALL W SHAPES RANKED FROM STRENGTH I, SERVICE II & CONSTRUCTION													
ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION													
W30X116		NonComposite											
<b>OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W30X116</b>													
Strength I/II Service II Construction Fatigue Deflection Overall													
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR						
0.898	0.971	0.153	0.788	1.207	1.207	0.15	1.21						
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Deflection	PR	PR						
2		1		L/663		0.97	0.97						
<b>PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W30X116</b>													
Compression Flange Laterally Braced for Final State		Strength I/II											
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	PR	Mn/My	Cb								
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.898	1.149	1.254								
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.898	1.149	1.254								
Top 20 That Meet Min Depth, Max Depth & W40 & W44 Limits													
Shape Strength I/II Service II Construction Fatigue Deflection Overall													
W30X116	0.90	0.97	0.15	0.79	1.21	1.21							
W33X118	0.82	0.89	0.14	0.73	1.01	1.01							
W30X124	0.83	0.90	0.14	0.73	1.11	1.11							
W27X129	0.86	0.93	0.15	0.73	1.25	1.25							
W33X130	0.73	0.79	0.13	0.64	0.89	0.89							
W24X131	0.92	0.98	0.16	0.77	1.48	1.48							
W30X132	0.78	0.85	0.14	0.67	1.03	1.03							
W36X135	0.67	0.73	0.12	0.60	0.76	0.76							
W33X141	0.67	0.72	0.12	0.58	0.80	0.80							
W27X146	0.74	0.78	0.13	0.62	1.05	1.05							
W24X146	0.82	0.87	0.15	0.67	1.30	1.30							
W21X147	0.92	0.98	0.16	0.75	1.64	1.64							
W30X148	0.69	0.74	0.12	0.58	0.89	0.89							
W36X150	0.59	0.64	0.11	0.52	0.66	0.66							
W33X152	0.61	0.66	0.11	0.53	0.73	0.73							
W36X160	0.55	0.60	0.10	0.48	0.61	0.61							
W27X161	0.67	0.71	0.12	0.55	0.94	0.94							
W24X162	0.74	0.78	0.13	0.60	1.15	1.15							
W21X166	0.80	0.85	0.15	0.63	1.39	1.39							
W33X169	0.55	0.59	0.10	0.46	0.64	0.64							

# Design Software

## Excel Based Simple Span Design Software

### ○ Design Summary

- All Superstructure Design Results Specific to Limit States, Unbraced Lengths, etc.
- Dead Load Deflections for Camber
- Abutment Reaction Cases for Multi-Lane
- If Composite: Strength and Fatigue Stud Design

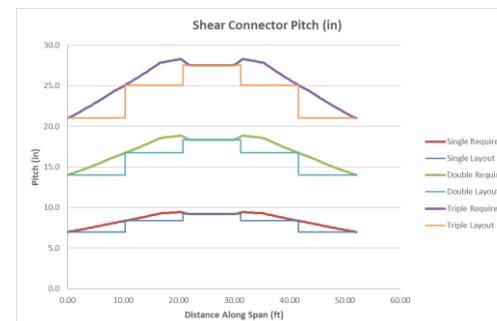


SERVICE II near Centerline	
DC1 (ft-k)	193.3 Sx=329.0 in <sup>3</sup>
DC2 (ft-k)	0.0 Sx=329.0 in <sup>3</sup>
DW (ft-k)	0.0 Sx=329.0 in <sup>3</sup>
HL93 LL+IM (ft-k) LLF = 1.75	670.5 Sx=329.0 in <sup>3</sup>
Serv II Stress	38.8
Serv II Allow	40.0
<b>SERVICE II PR</b>	<b>0.971</b>
LIVE LOAD DEFLECTION	
LL Defl (in)	0.94 = L/663
Allowable (in)	0.78 = L/800
<b>DEFLECTION PR</b>	<b>1.207 PR Exceeds 1.0</b>
FATIGUE Cat C' at Critical Brace	
Fat Moment (ft-k) LLF = 0.8	265.8 Sfat=348.4 in <sup>3</sup>
Fat Stress (ksi)	7.32
Fat Allow (ksi)	9.30
<b>FATIGUE PR</b>	<b>0.788</b>
STRENGTH I/II SHEAR at Support	
DC1 (k)	14.9
DC2 (k)	0.0
DW (k)	0.0
HL93 LL+IM (k) LLF = 1.75	60.6
Vu (k)	124.6
Vn (k)	463.7
<b>SHEAR PR</b>	<b>0.269</b>

Strength Design Uses AASHTO Appendix A6		STRENGTH I/II		Compression Flange Laterally Braced for F				LLF = 1.75						
		Lb (ft)		DC1 (ft-k)	DC2 (ft-k)	DW (ft-k)	HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)			Mu (ft-k)	Cb	Mn (ft-k)	Perf Ratio	
	1	26		193.3	0	0.0	670.4			1414.7	1.25	1575.0	0.898	<b>STRENGTH I/II MAX PR</b>
	2	26		193.3	0	0.0	670.5			1415.0	1.25	1575.0	0.898	<b>0.898</b>

Strength Design Uses AASHTO Appendix A6		CONSTRUCTION		Compression Flange Laterally Braced for Construction				<0.60Fy		RpcFy=1.15*50			
		Lb (ft)	Mconstr (ft-k)	Mlat (ft-k)	AF	Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	fbu+Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	ou+1/3Affl (ks)	Fnc (ksi)	Perf Ratio	
	1	26	241.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.00	8.8	0.15	8.8	57.4	0.15	<b>CONSTRUCTION MAX PR</b>
	2	26	241.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.00	8.8	0.15	8.8	57.4	0.15	<b>0.153</b>

NOMINAL ABUTMENT REACTIONS			
	DC1 (k)	70.2	At Centerline
	DC2 (k)	0.0	At Centerline
	DW (k)	0.0	At Centerline
Single Lane LL+IM (k)	114.3	At 9.00 From Centerline	
Two Lane LL+IM (k)	190.4	At 4.00 From Centerline	



# Summary

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## Rolled Shape Bridge Design: Composite & NonComposite

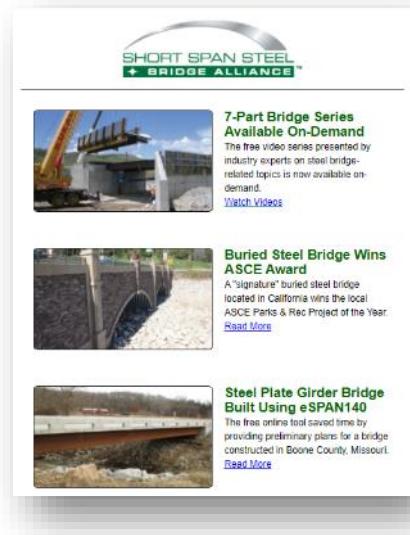
- User Manual & Examples
- Currently Under Testing/Review
- Release:
  - Fall SSSBA Meeting
  - AGA/SSSBA Building Better Bridges in 2025 Webinar, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# Manufacturer Solutions & Accelerated Bridge Construction

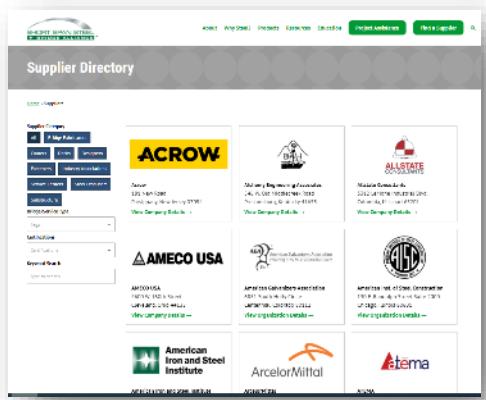


# 5 Ways to Keep Learning About Steel Bridges

## 1. Subscribe to the Weekly Newsletter



## 2. Find a Supplier



## 3. Design a Bridge in 5-Minutes



## 4. Receive Free Project Assistance



## 5. Schedule a Workshop/Webinar



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# Online University Lecture Part I: Steel Bridges From Concept to Delivery

Getting Students, Faculty and Young Engineers Familiar with Steel Bridges and Instill a Positive Opinion of Steel Bridges is Imperative for the Future of Steel Bridges

Updated and Improved 2025

Steel Bridge Education Lectures: From Concept to Delivery

Lecture 1: Bridge Infrastructure & the Steel Bridge Industry

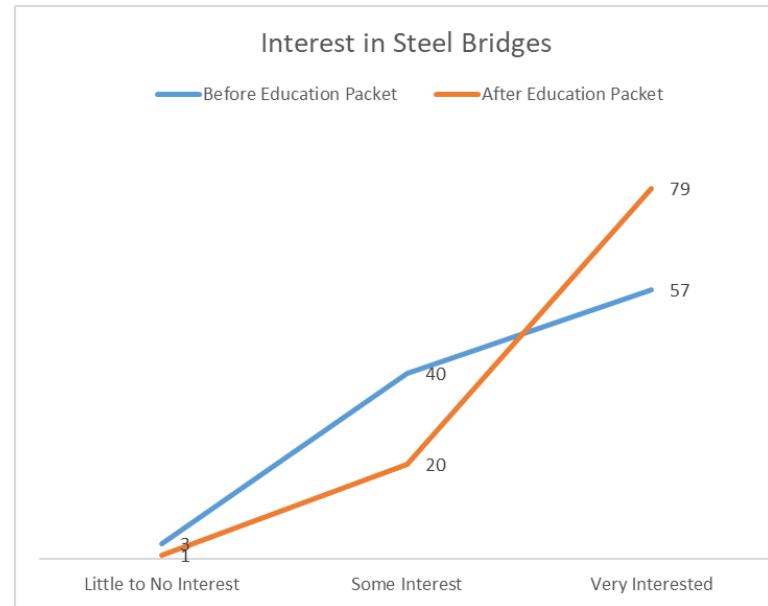
Lecture 2: Short Span Steel Girder Economics & eSPAN140

Lecture 3: Multi-Span Steel Girder Bridges & SIMON

Lecture 4: Detailing, Fabrication and Durability & Corrosion Protection

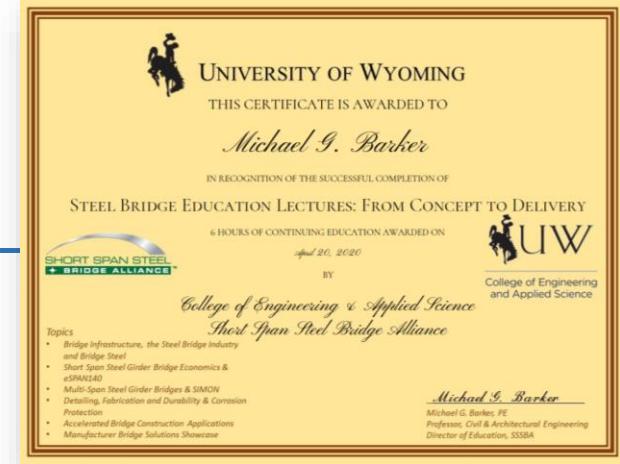
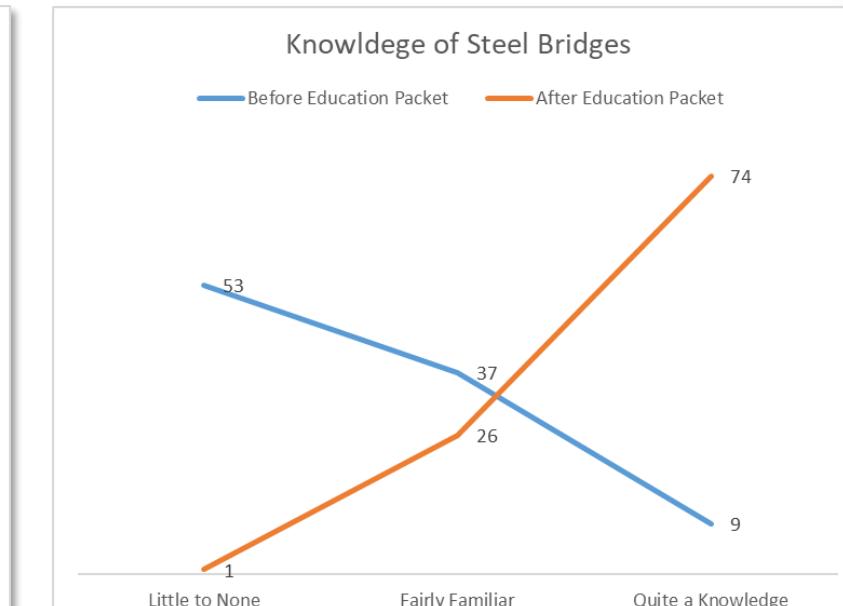
Lecture 5: Accelerated Bridge Construction Applications

Lecture 6: Manufacturer Bridge Solutions Showcase



11 Workshops

Over 1600 Certificates Awarded  
Over 3500 Registered  
One More Planned for Fall 2025



# New Online University Lecture Part II: Simple Span Bridge Design

6-part steel bridge design education packet based on NSBA Navigating Routine Steel Bridge Design

*Similar Online Certificate Program to Steel Bridges from Concept to Delivery*

First Offering in 2025

80 ft Simple Span Plate Girder Design

Lecture 1: Introduction & Trial Bridge Design

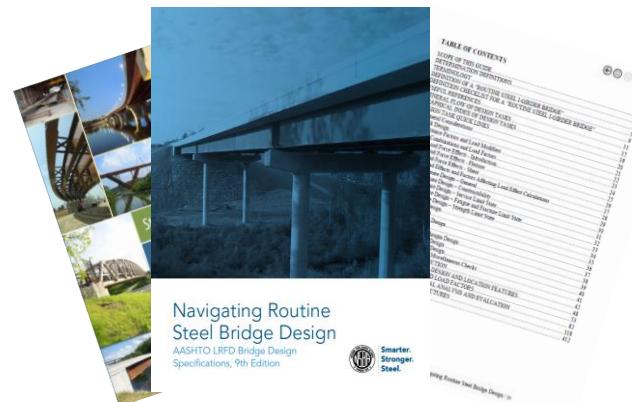
Lecture 2: Bridge Design

Lecture 3: Bridge Analysis & Design Limit States

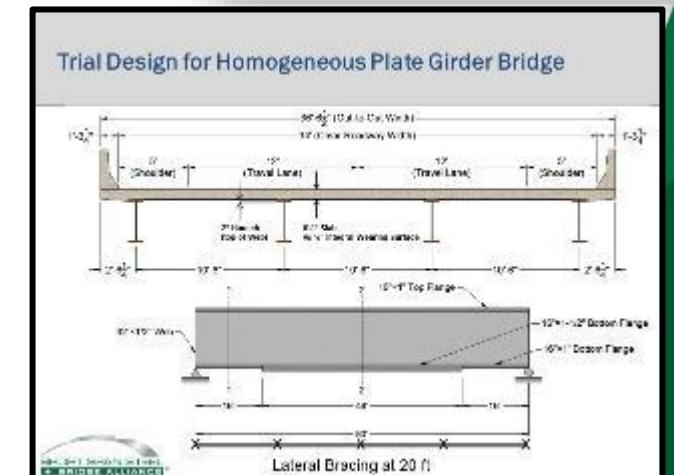
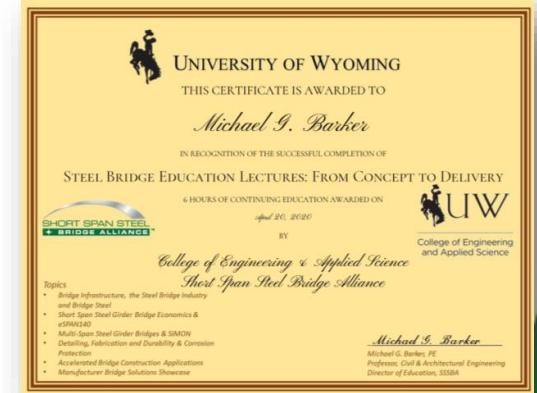
Lecture 4: Strength Design

Lecture 5: Serviceability & Construction Design

Lecture 6: Detailing & Final Thoughts



**Target Audience:**  
University Students  
Young Professionals



# Building Better Bridges in 2025 Webinar Series

**NEW** - Quarterly Webinars on AGA Platform



Approved  
Continuing  
Education



Feb 19, 1 pm ET

Steel vs Concrete Life Cycle Performance and Costs

**~500 Certificates!!**

April 23, 1 pm ET

Unlocking the Potential of Buried Steel Structures

**~500 Certificates!!**

Sept 10, 1 pm ET

Next-Gen Steel Bridge Design Tools for Smarter  
Solutions

**New Software for Optimized Design**

Dec 10, 1 pm ET

Simple for Dead, Continuous for Live Designs for  
Optimal Performance

# Workshops: Professional



## Free Customized Workshops for Counties, DOTs, and Design Firms

Topics: [Education](#), [Events](#), [Professional](#), [Recommended](#)

Short span bridges provide vital links in the nation's infrastructure network. Yet, nearly a quarter of these bridges are classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

According to ASCE, more than 30% of existing bridges have exceeded their 50-year design life. This situation presents a significant challenge for cash-strapped state and local governments.

The SSSBA has developed technological and design innovations for bridges under 140 feet that save significant time and costs for county and state bridge officials.

Over the past 10-years, over 5,000 bridge owners and designers have learned about the cost and time advantages of short span steel bridges in SSSBA workshops and conferences throughout North America.

And now, the SSSBA is offering **complimentary** customized educational guest speakers/webinars and workshops (on-site or virtual) specifically for county engineers, state DOTs, and design firms. The webinars/workshops are taught by industry experts with decades of experience in the cost-effective design and construction of short span bridges.

**The workshops can be set up as:**

- 1-2 hour webinar on a specific topic (can be used as a "quest speaker" for your event).



### Short Span Steel Bridge Workshops

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- 1-2 hour webinar on a specific topic.
- 3-4 hour (half-day) workshop to provide practical information on the safe and cost-effective design, detail, fabrication and installation of short span steel bridges.
- 6 hours (full-day) session to provide an in-depth overview of short span steel bridges.

**Suggested topics to select from include:**

- Practical & Cost-Effective Steel Bridge Design
- Free Design Tools (eSPAN140 and SIMON)
- Pre-engineered Bridge Solutions
- Coating Solutions (galvanized, painted, and weathering steel)
- Accelerated Bridge Construction Options
- Case Studies (from local counties)
- Buried Soil Steel Bridge Structure Alternatives
- Life-Cycle Analysis

**Sample Workshop Agenda (can also be altered for a virtual meeting)**

#### 4-Hour Workshop Agenda

00:00 (40 min) Introduction, Short Span Steel Bridge Overview & Design Tools (eSPAN140)  
00:40 (35 min) Bridge Economy & Life Cycle Costs  
01:15 (35 min) Steel Bridge Case Study  
01:50 (25 min) Break (networking)  
02:15 (35 min) National Steel Bridge Alliance Design Resources & SIMON (design software)  
02:50 (35 min) Buried Steel Bridges Design & Construction  
03:25 (35 min) Pre-Fabricated Steel Bridges & Accelerated Bridge Construction  
04:00 Adjourn

\* Each presentation will allow 5-10 minutes of Q&A

#### 6-Hour Workshop Agenda



**Larimer County, CO**

# Workshop: DIY County Bridges in 6 Steps

6-part Education to Potentially 3000 Counties on How They Can Build Their Own Bridges

Based on Whitman County, WA, Experience

2022 NACE

Invited Back for NACE 2023

## Workshop Benefits

- Save Money and Build More Bridges!
- Workforce Development
- Minimize Public Inconvenience
- Accelerate Construction
- Use/Share County Equipment

## Agenda (4 hours, including breaks)

- Module 1: Can My County Build This Bridge? (35 minutes)
- Module 2: Permits, Environmental Issues and Geotech Considerations (35 minutes)
- Module 3: Selecting Bridge Type and Bidding an Award (35 minutes)
- Module 4: Foundation and Substructure Design/Installation (35 minutes)
- Module 5: Installing the Bridge (35 minutes)
- Module 6: Commissioning and Opening to Traffic (35 minutes)

## Sample Video

<https://www.shortspansteelbridges.org/county-saves-steel/>



## So You Want to Build a Bridge (and Save Money)? DIY County Bridges in 6 Steps

### Workshop Overview

Our nation is facing an infrastructure crisis. More than 220,000 bridges in the United States need major repair work or should be replaced. Nationwide, counties own and maintain 40 percent of the nation's bridges, making them the single largest stakeholder in local road and bridge construction, rehabilitation, expansion and maintenance.

This situation presents a significant challenge for cash-strapped state and local governments. To responsibly fix our nation's county bridges, cost-effective and sustainable solutions are needed – one option is to use county crews to assist with steel bridge installations. For example, Whitman County, Washington officials saved over \$30,000 by using local crews to install a prefabricated steel bridge ([watch video](#)). Audrain County, Missouri officials saved nearly 20 percent in the total cost of the structure using county crews to install a short span steel beam bridge ([watch video](#)).

To assist counties in saving time and money by using local crews, the Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance (SSSBA) developed an educational workshop to explain and simplify the process. Input from Whitman County officials and several other counties was collected to develop the workshop, "So You Want to Build a Bridge? DIY County Bridges in 6 Steps."

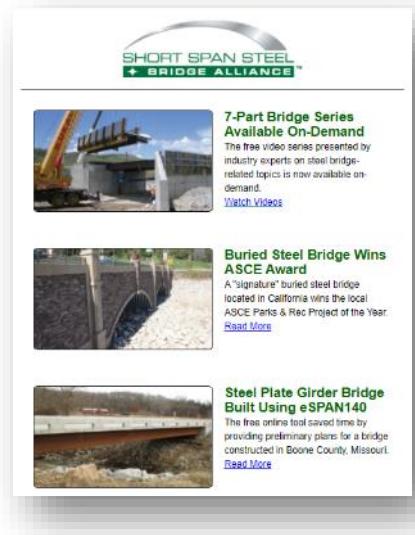


"I think we can build a bridge for about half of what the contracting community can do."  
Mark Storey, P.E.  
Director/County Engineer  
Whitman County, Washington  
Public Works

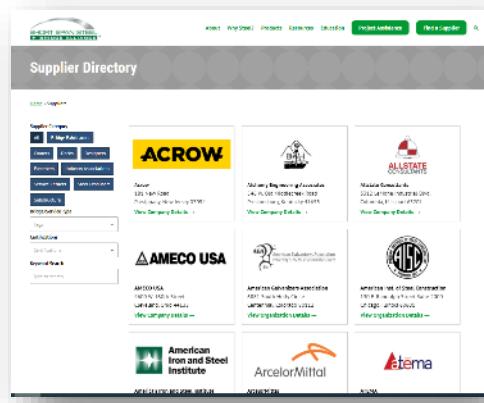
In the past 10 years, more than 15,000 bridge owners and designers have attended SSSBA workshops to learn about the cost and time advantages of short span steel bridges. Please join us for this entertaining and engaging educational adventure certain to save you time and money in future county bridge installations.

# 5 Ways to Keep Learning About Steel Bridges

## 1. Subscribe to the Weekly Newsletter



## 2. Find a Supplier



## 3. Design a Bridge in 5-Minutes



## 4. Receive Free Project Assistance



## 5. Schedule a Workshop/Webinar



**www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org**

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