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Economical and Long-Lasting Short Span Steel Bridges

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Agenda

- Simplifying Short Span Steel Bridge Design
 - Michael Barker
- Bridges of Franklin County: The Missouri Version
 - Tanner Genenbacher
- Assessment Question
- Q&A





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Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance

www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org

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.



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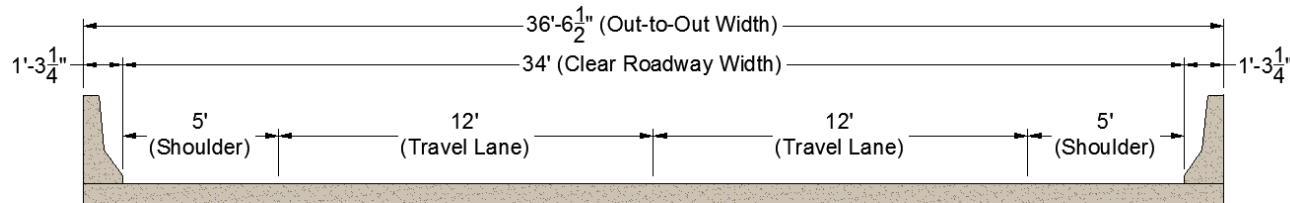
Steel Bridge Design

- Design Two-Lane, Simple Span Bridge



Bridge Need and Basic Information

- Decided by Owner/Engineer
 - 80 ft Simple Span Composite – Steel Girders
 - Two 12 ft Travel Lanes, ADT = 5600 one direction
 - 34 ft Roadway Width
 - Jersey Barriers (1 ft – 3 ¼ in wide)



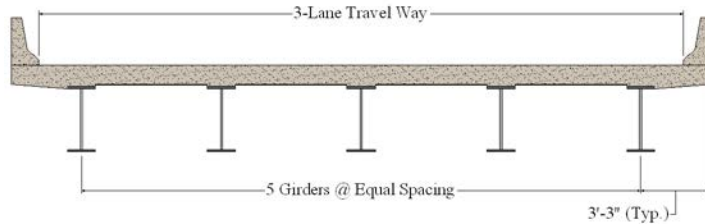
Need a Design for the Bridge SuperStructure

eSPAN140 – Standard Designs Short Span Bridges

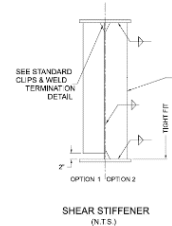
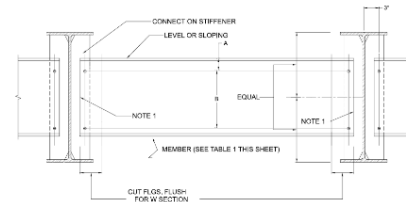
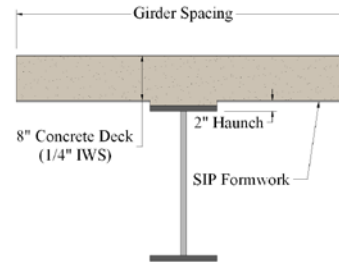
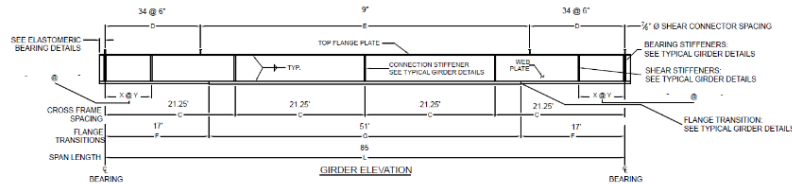
Span lengths 20 ft to 140 ft (in 5 ft increments)

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



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.

eSPAN140 Preliminary Design

Project Name*
Example 80 ft Simple Span Bridge

Project Status*
Informational Only

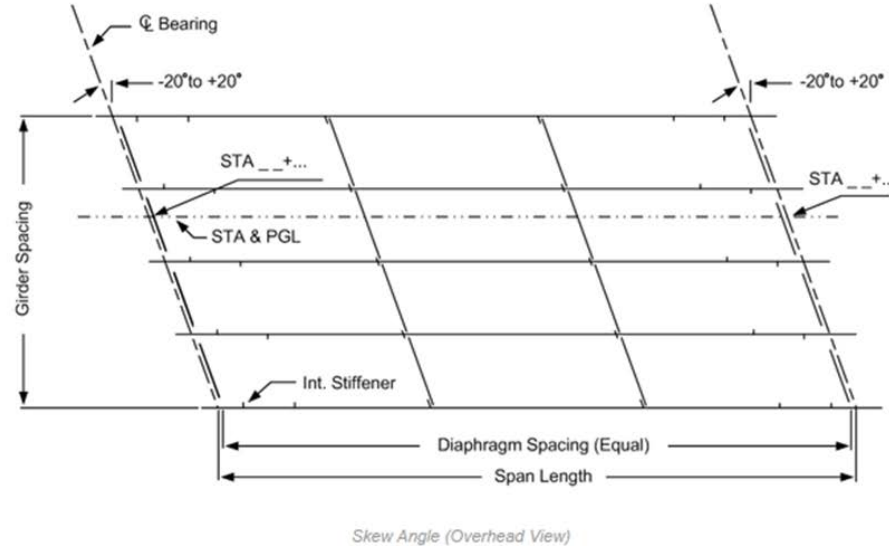
City/County*
Laramie

State/Province*
Wyoming

Roadway Name
E 800 South

Bridge Span Length*
80 Feet 0 Inches

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eSPAN140 Preliminary Design

of Striped Traffic Lanes*

Roadway Width*
Feet Inches

Individual Parapet Width
Feet Inches

Individual Deck Overhang Width
Feet Inches

Pedestrian Access?

Skew Angle
Degrees

Average Daily Traffic

Design Speed

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* Required

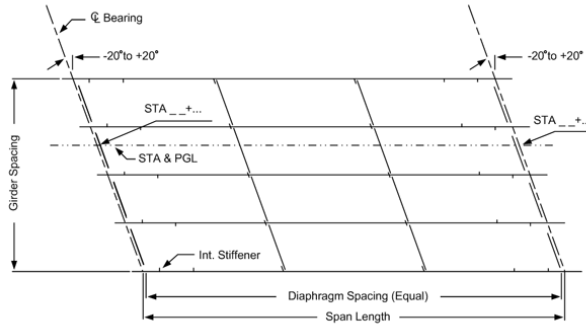
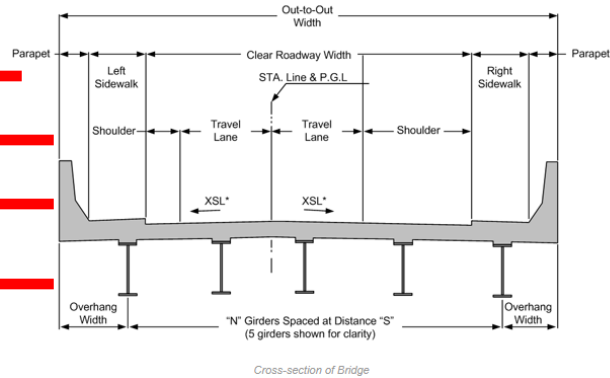
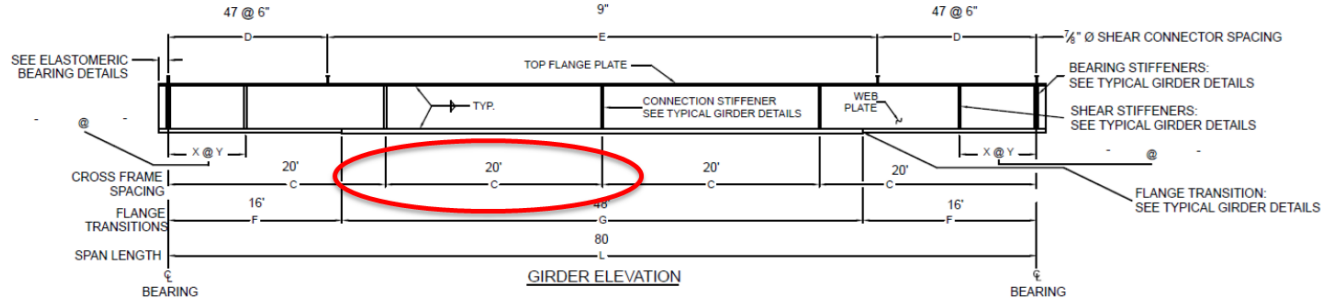


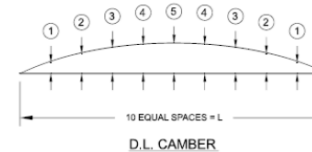
Plate Girder Recommendation

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

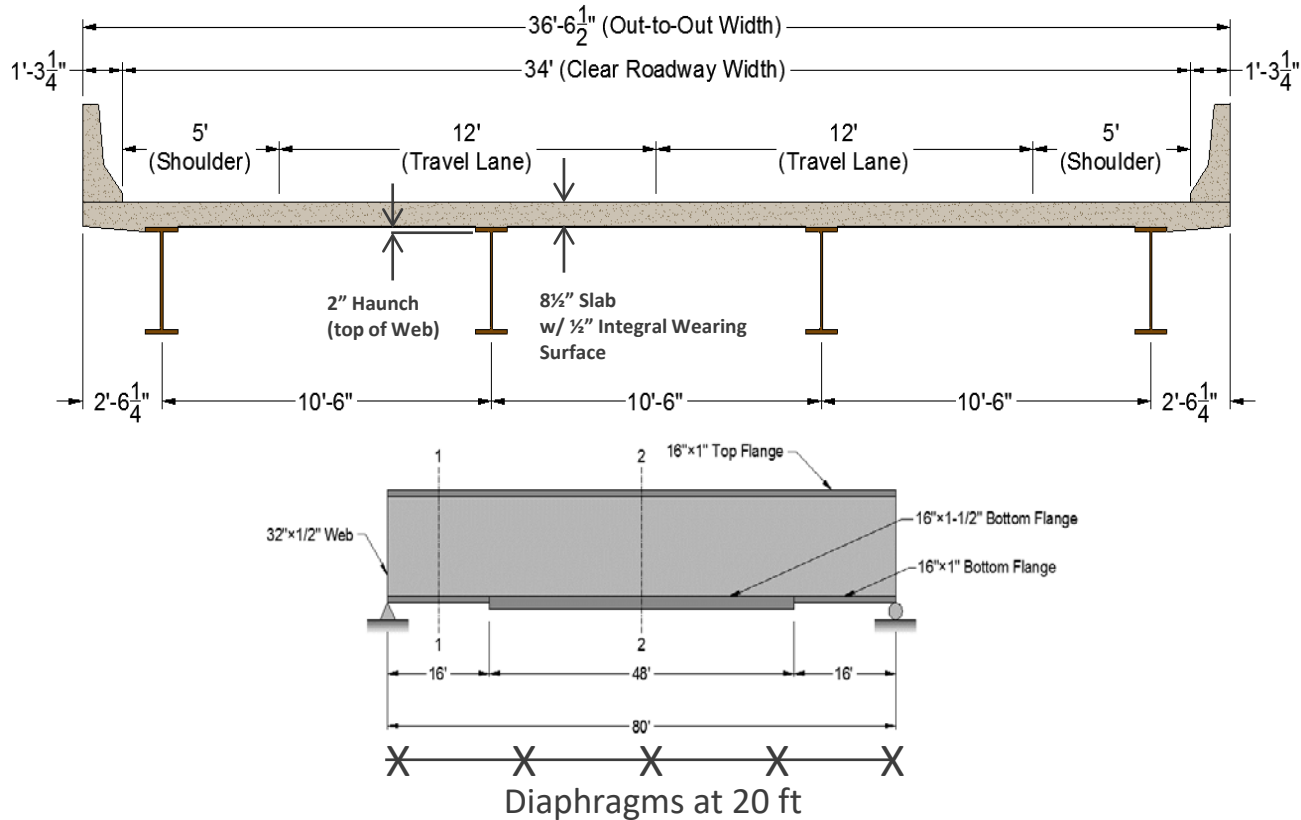


SPAN (L) - ft	PLATE GIRDER SIZE							SHEAR STIFFENERS		SHEAR CONNECTOR MAX. SPACING		INDIVIDUAL GIRDER WEIGHT
	TOP FLANGE - in	BOTTOM FLANGE (F)		BOTTOM FLANGE (G)		WEB PLATE - in	DIAPHRAGM SPACING (C) - ft	X (NO. REQ'd)	Y - ft. (SPACING)	D	E	
		PLATE - in	LENGTH - Ft	PLATE - in	LENGTH - Ft							
80	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"



Preliminary Design for Plate Girder Bridge



NEW Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance eBEAM140

Noncomposite and Composite Simple-Span Rolled-Section Steel Bridge Design

Excel Based Rolled Beam Design Software

Version 1.0 - Beta



<https://www.shortspansteelbridges.org/ebeam140/>

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Start With Demonstration

Noncomposite Bridge

- **52 ft Length**
- **Two 12 ft Lanes**
- **6 Girders at 5'-6" Spacing**
- Overhang 1' – 3"
- Barriers 1' – 0" (50 lb/ft – 50% on Exterior Girder)
- Roadway Width = 28 ft (4 ft of shoulder)
- Bridge Width 30 ft
- **Diaphragm (Centerline) at 26 ft**
- **Unbraced**
- **Corrugated Metal Deck & Gravel (80 psf)**
- No Additional DC1 or DC2 Loading
- No Wearing Surface
- No Construction Load (No Lateral Flange)
- Misc Steel of 5%
- 50 ksi Steel, L/D limit 30, Min $d = 12$
- L/800 Deflection Limit
- Compression Flange not Braced
- Use AASHTO Appendix A6
- 75 Year Design Life & $ADTT_{SL} = 200$
 - Fatigue II – Finite Life
- No User Defined Vehicle

W36x135 Strength I PR = 0.993

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam 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 – Overhang, Utilities, etc)
 - Variable Bridge Railing
 - Steel Beams Individually Considered in Dead Load
- **Wearing Surface**
- **Additional Dead Load (DC2 – Utilities, etc)**

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam 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

Excel Based Rolled Beam 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) - AASHTO 10
- Calculated C_b for Each Unbraced Length - AASHTO 10
 - User defined C_b

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam Design Software

- Fatigue I or Fatigue II Based on ADTTSL – 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')
- Strength & Fatigue Shear Stud Design for Composite – AASHTO 10

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam Design Software

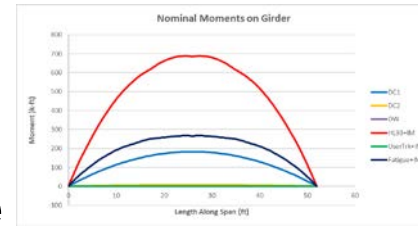
- Allows User to Investigate Alternatives to
 - Diaphragm Spacing
 - Lightest Weight Solution
 - Other Readily Available Sections

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)	LIST OF ALL W SHAPES RANKED FROM STRENGTH I, SERVICE II & CONSTRUCTION						
W36X135						135	Top 20 That Meet Min Depth, Max Depth & W40 & W44 Limits						
NonComposite							Shape	Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X135							W36X135	0.99	0.73	0.16	0.60	0.76	0.99
							W33X141	0.92	0.71	0.15	0.58	0.80	0.92
							W27X146	0.79	0.77	0.14	0.62	1.05	1.05
							W30X148	0.95	0.73	0.16	0.58	0.89	0.95
							W40X149	0.90	0.62	0.15	0.51	0.61	0.90
							W36X150	0.81	0.64	0.13	0.52	0.66	0.81
							W33X152	0.81	0.66	0.14	0.53	0.73	0.81
							W36X160	0.73	0.59	0.12	0.48	0.61	0.73
							W27X161	0.71	0.70	0.13	0.55	0.94	0.94
							W24X162	0.77	0.78	0.14	0.60	1.15	1.15
							W40X167	0.70	0.54	0.12	0.43	0.51	0.70
							W33X169	0.69	0.59	0.12	0.46	0.64	0.69
							W36X170	0.66	0.56	0.11	0.44	0.57	0.66
							W30X173	0.59	0.60	0.11	0.47	0.72	0.72
							W24X176	0.70	0.72	0.13	0.54	1.05	1.05
							W27X178	0.63	0.64	0.12	0.50	0.85	0.85
							W36X182	0.61	0.52	0.11	0.41	0.53	0.61
							W40X183	0.59	0.48	0.10	0.38	0.45	0.59
							W30X191	0.53	0.54	0.10	0.42	0.65	0.65
							W24X192	0.63	0.66	0.12	0.50	0.95	0.95
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135													
				Strength I/II									
Unbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	PR	Mn/My	Cb								
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.993	0.778	1.255								
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.993	0.778	1.256								

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam 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

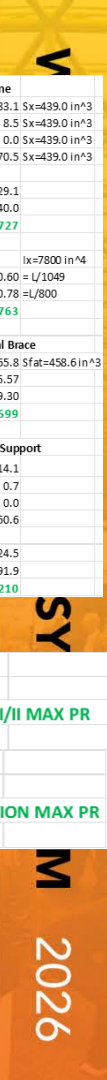


W44	SERVICE II near Centerline	
	DC1 (ft-k)	183.1 5x=439.0 in^3
	DC2 (ft-k)	8.5 5x=439.0 in^3
	DW (ft-k)	0.0 5x=439.0 in^3
	HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)	670.5 5x=439.0 in^3
	Serv II Stress	29.1
Lane	Serv II Allow	40.0
	SERVICE II PR	0.727
	LIVE LOAD DEFLECTION lx=7800 in^4	
	LL Defl (in)	0.60 = L/1049
	Allowable (in)	0.78 = L/800
	DEFLECTION PR	0.763
	FATIGUE Cat C' at Critical Brace	
	Fat Moment (ft-k) LLF = 0.8	265.8 Sfat=458.6 in^3
	Fat Stress (ksi)	5.57
	Fat Allow (ksi)	9.30
	FATIGUE PR	0.599
	STRENGTH I/II SHEAR at Support	
	DC1 (k)	14.1
	DC2 (k)	0.7
	DW (k)	0.0
	HL93 LL+IM (k) LLF = 1.75	60.6
	Vu (k)	124.5
	Vn (k)	591.9
	SHEAR PR	0.210

Strength Design Uses AASHTO Appendix A6	STRENGTH I/II		LLF = 1.75					Mu (ft-k)	Cb	Mn (ft-k)	Perf Ratio		
	Lb (ft)	DC1 (ft-k)	DC2 (ft-k)	DW (ft-k)	HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)								
	1	26	183.1	8.45	0.0	670.4	1412.6	1.26	1422.9	0.993		STRENGTH I/II MAX PR	
	2	26	183.1	8.45	0.0	670.5	1412.9	1.26	1423.3	0.993		0.993	
Strength Design Uses AASHTO Appendix A6	CONSTRUCTION		<0.60Fy					RpfCy=1.16*50					
	Lb (ft)	Mconstr (ft-k)	Mlat (ft-k)	AF	Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	fbu+Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	bu+1/3Affl (ks)	Fnc (ksi)	Perf Ratio		
	1	26	228.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.00	6.3	0.13	6.3	38.9	0.16	CONSTRUCTION MAX PR
	2	26	228.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.00	6.3	0.13	6.3	38.9	0.16	0.161

NOMINAL ABUTMENT REACTIONS

DC1 (k)	84.5	At Centerline
DC2 (k)	2.6	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



Modify Demonstration

Noncomposite Bridge

- 52 ft Length
- Two 12 ft Lanes
- 6 Girders at 5'-6" Spacing
- Overhang 1' – 3"
- Barriers 1' – 0" (50 lb/ft – 50% on Exterior Girder)
- Roadway Width = 28 ft (4 ft of shoulder)
- Bridge Width 30 ft
- Diaphragm (Centerline) at 26 ft
- Unbraced
- Corrugated Metal Deck & Gravel (80 psf)
- No Additional DC1 or DC2 Loading
- No Wearing Surface
- No Construction Load (No Lateral Flange)
- Misc Steel of 5%
- 50 ksi Steel, L/D limit 30, Min d = 12
- L/800 Deflection Limit
- Compression Flange not Braced
- Use AASHTO Appendix A6
- 75 Year Design Life & ADTT_{SL} = 200
 - Fatigue II – Finite Life
- No User Defined Vehicle

W36x135 Strength I PR = 0.993

Demonstration: 52' Span, CMD/Gravel, 6 Girders @ 5.5 ft

NonComposite Bridge: W36 x 135

- What if add additional diaphragm: Lb = 19, 14, 19 ft

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION					Weight (lb/ft)
W36X135		NonComposite			135
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X135					
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
0.993	0.727	0.161	0.599	0.763	0.993
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Strength I/II
1		1		L/1049	
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135					
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb
			PR		
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.993	0.778	1.255
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.993	0.778	1.256

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION					Weight (lb/ft)
W33X118		NonComposite			118
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W33X118					
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
0.981	0.883	0.155	0.703	1.009	1.009
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Deflection
2		2		L/793	
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W33X118					
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb
			PR		
1	19	0 - 19 ft	0.781	1.139	1.391
2	14	19 - 33 ft	0.981	0.957	1.005
3	19	33 - 52 ft	0.781	1.140	1.392

**W33x118 – 5400 lbs Girder Steel Saved
But Additional Diaphragm
And Deflection = L/793**

Demonstration: 52' Span, CMD/Gravel, 6 Girders @ 5.5 ft

NonComposite Bridge: W36 x 135

- What if compression flange braced: $L_b = 0$ Corrugated Metal Decking

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)
W36X135		NonComposite				135
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X135						
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
0.993	0.727	0.161	0.599	0.763	0.993	
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Strength I/II	
1		1		L/1049		
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135						
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.993	0.778	1.255	
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.993	0.778	1.256	

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)
W30X116		NonComposite				116
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W30X116						
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
0.892	0.963	0.161	0.788	1.207	1.207	
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Deflection	
2		1		L/663		
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W30X116						
Compression Flange Laterally Braced for Final State						
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.892	1.149	1.255	
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.892	1.149	1.256	

**W30x116 – 6000 lbs Girder Steel Saved
But Deflection = L/663**

Demonstration: 52' Span, CMD/Gravel, 6 Girders @ 5.5 ft

NonComposite Bridge: W36 x 135

- What if Logging Truck User Vehicle: 160 kips, 5 Axles

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)
W36X135	NonComposite					135
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X135						
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
0.993	0.727	0.161	0.599	0.763	0.993	
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Strength I/II	
1		1		L/1049		
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135						
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	
			PR			
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.993	0.778	1.255	
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.993	0.778	1.256	

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)
W36X150	NonComposite					150
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X150						
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
0.937	0.736	0.134	0.516	0.658	0.937	
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Strength I/II	
1		1		L/1215		
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X150						
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	
			PR			
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.937	0.837	1.255	
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.937	0.837	1.256	

Strength II: LLF = 1.35, No Lane Load, Single Lane, Unbraced W36x150
Strength II: LLF = 1.35, No Lane Load, Single Lane, Braced W33x130

Another Demonstration

Composite Bridge

- **62 ft Length**
- **Two 12 ft Lanes**
- **4 Girders at 9'-0" Spacing**
- Overhang 2' – 0"
- Barriers 1' – 6" (250 lb/ft – 50% on Exterior Girder)
- Roadway Width = 28 ft (4 ft of shoulder)
- Bridge Width 31 ft
- Diaphragms at 21 ft & 41 ft
- 8" Structural Deck, ½" Sacrificial, 2" Haunch
- 2" Stay-in-Place Forms (15 psf)
- 7/8" Shear Studs; $f'c = 4000$ psi
- Additional DC1 Loading = 40 lb/ft
 - 100% on Girder
- 25 lb/ft² Wearing Surface
- Construction Load ($w = 275$ lb/ft & $p = 3000$ lb)
- Misc Steel of 5%
- 50 ksi Steel, L/D limit 30, Min $d = 12$
- L/800 Deflection Limit
- Compression Flange not Braced - Construction
- Use AASHTO Appendix A6
- 75 Year Design Life & ADTTSL = 1000
 - Fatigue I – Infinite Life
- No User Defined Vehicle

W36x135 Fatigue PR = 0.961

Demonstration: 62 ft Span, 8" Deck w/SIP, 4 Girders @ 9 ft

Composite Bridge

Lightest 10 Sections (see to the right for additional information)

Str I, Serv II, Constr	Fatigue	Deflection	L/D	Defl	Mn/My	Weight (tons)
W36X135	W36X135	W36X135	20.9	L/1295	1.88	16.7
W33X141	W33X141	W33X141	22.3	L/1204	1.78	17.5
W27X146			27.2	L/927	1.66	18.1
W40X149	W40X149	W40X149	19.5	L/1553	1.82	18.5
W36X150	W36X150	W36X150	20.7	L/1421	1.78	18.6
W33X152	W33X152	W33X152	22.2	L/1281	1.75	18.8
W36X160	W36X160	W36X160	20.7	L/1491	1.74	19.8
W27X161	W27X161	W27X161	27.0	L/998	1.62	20.0
W24X162			29.8	L/846	1.64	20.1
W40X167	W40X167	W40X167	19.3	L/1726	1.72	20.7

ENTER W SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION					Weight (lb/ft)
W36X135	Composite				135
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR W36X135					
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
0.798	0.876	0.947	0.961	0.618	0.961
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Fatigue
2		2		L/1295	
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135					
Unbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb
1	21	0 - 21 ft	0.721	1.888	1.425
2	20	21 - 41 ft	0.798	1.888	1.009
3	21	41 - 62 ft	0.721	1.888	1.425

W36x135 Fatigue PR = 0.961

Demonstration: 62 ft Span, 8" Deck w/SIP, 4 Girders @ 9 ft

Composite Bridge

W36X135	Composite			Consider W40 & W44 Beams? Yes	Minimum Depth Beam W12			
Overall PR = 0.961 - Fatigue				L/D Limited to 25	Maximum Depth Beam W44		SERVICE II near Centerline	
Yield Strength (ksi)	50						DC1 (ft-k)	492.3 Sx=439.0 in ³
Bridge Length (ft)	62		Bridge Width (ft)	31.00			DC2 (ft-k)	60.1 S3n=600.0 in ³
Girder Spacing (ft)	9		Roadway Width (ft)	28.00			DW (ft-k)	84.1 S3n=600.0 in ³
Number of Girders	4	Shoulders (ft) each side - Double for One Sided		2.00			HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)	1093.4 Sn=675.0 in ³
Overhang (22.2% of Girder Spacing) (ft)	2	2 Striped Lanes and 2 Design Lanes						
Barrier Width (ft)	1.5				Lateral Distribution Factors	Serv II Stress	41.6	
Barrier Load on Girder (lb/ft)	125	8 in Structural Deck with 2 in SIP Forms			Single Lane/Multi-Lane	Serv II Allow	47.5	
DC Deck Only Loading (psf)	106.25		Deck f'c (psi)	4000	Moment LLDf = 0.660, 0.767	SERVICE II PR	0.876	
Wearing Surface (psf)	25		Haunch from Top of Web (in)	2	Fatigue LLDf = 0.550			
Additional DC1 Load on Girder (lb/ft)	40		Nominal Girder DC1 (lb/ft)	1024.6	Shear LLDf = 0.720, 0.884	LIVE LOAD DEFLECTION	In=21650.2 in ⁴	
Additional DC2 Load on Bridge (lb/ft)	0		Nominal Girder DC2 (lb/ft)	125.0		LL Defl (in)	0.57 = L/1295	
			Nominal Girder DW (lb/ft)	175.0		Allowable (in)	0.93 = L/800	
AT OVERHANG FOR LATERAL FLANGE BENDING	0					DEFLECTION PR	0.618	
Construction w (lb/ft)	275	AASHTO HL93 Loading and No User Defined Vehicle						
Construction p (lb)	3000					FATIGUE Cat C' at Critical Brace		
1/2 of Deck Overhang Weight (lb/ft)	108.75					Fat Moment (ft-k) LLF = 1.75	380.0 Sfat=692.0 in ³	
ADDITIONAL VERTICAL BENDING ON GIRDERS						Fat Stress (ksi)	11.53	
Exterior - Construction p (lb)	3000					Fat Allow (ksi)	12.00	
Exterior - Construction w (lb/ft)	275					FATIGUE PR	0.961	
% Misc Stl for Diaphragms, etc	5%					STRENGTH I/II SHEAR at Support		
						DC1 (k)	31.8	
DEFLECTION LIMIT (x for Deflection Limit in L/x)	800					DC2 (k)	3.9	
						DW (k)	5.4	
Fatigue Design Life (yrs)	75			179298.4375		HL93 LL+IM (k) LLF = 1.75	89.4	
Fatigue ADTSSL	1000	Fatigue I Controls						
						Vu (k)	209.2	
						Vn (k)	591.9	
						SHEAR PR	0.353	

Demonstration: 62 ft Span, 8" Deck w/SIP, 4 Girders @ 9 ft

Composite Bridge

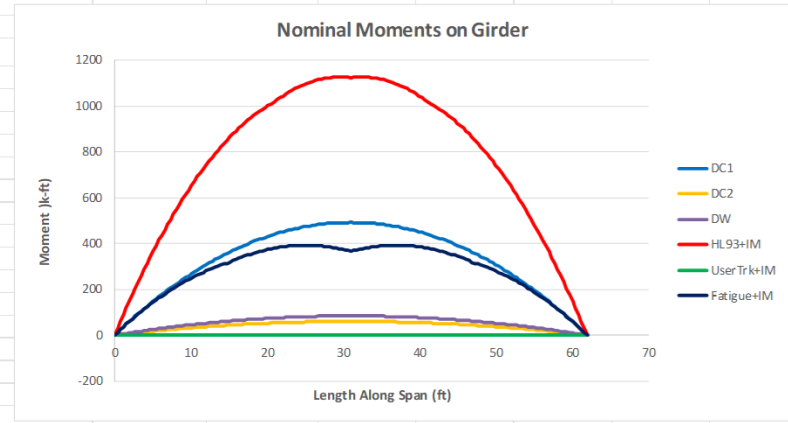
		STRENGTH I/II		Compression Flange Laterally Braced for F_i LLF = 1.75										
		Lb (ft)	DC1 (ft-k)	DC2 (ft-k)	DW (ft-k)	HL93 LL+HM (ft-k)		Mu (ft-k)	Cb	Mn (ft-k)	Perf Ratio			
	1	21	441.1	53.8125	75.3	1000.4		2482.4	1.42	3444.0	0.721	STRENGTH I/II MAX PR		
	2	20	492.3	60.0625	84.1	1093.4		2730.1	1.01	3444.0	0.793	0.793		
	3	21	441.1	53.8125	75.3	1000.7		2482.8	1.43	3444.0	0.721			
Strength Design Uses AASHTO Appendix A6 CONSTRUCTION														
		Lb (ft)	Mconstr (ft-k)	Mlat (ft-k)	AF	Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	fbu+Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	bu+1/3Affl (ks)	Fnc (ksi)	Perf Ratio		
	1	21	791.4	21.6	1.4	18.6	0.62	40.2	0.80	27.8	55.9	0.50	CONSTRUCTION MAX PR	
	2	20	883.3	19.9	1.8	23.2	0.77	47.4	0.95	31.9	40.9	0.78	0.947	
	3	21	791.4	21.6	1.4	18.6	0.62	40.2	0.80	27.8	55.9	0.50		
DEAD LOAD DEFLECTIONS (Max Loaded Girder)			0	0.10L	0.20L	0.30L	0.40L	0.50L	0.60L	0.70L	0.80L	0.90L	L	
Distance (ft)			0	6.2	12.4	18.6	24.8	31	37.2	43.4	49.6	55.8	62	
Ix (in ⁴) = 7800.0			DC1 (in)	0.000	0.473	0.894	1.434	1.506	1.434	1.224	0.894	0.473	0.000	
I3n (in ⁴) = 15409.5			DC2 (in)	0.000	0.029	0.055	0.076	0.089	0.093	0.089	0.076	0.055	0.029	0.000
I3n (in ⁴) = 15409.5			DW (in)	0.000	0.041	0.077	0.106	0.124	0.130	0.124	0.106	0.077	0.041	0.000
Total (in)			0.00	0.54	1.03	1.41	1.65	1.73	1.65	1.41	1.03	0.54	0.00	

Demonstration: 62 ft Span, 8" Deck w/SIP, 4 Girders @ 9 ft

Composite Bridge

NOMINAL ABUTMENT REACTIONS

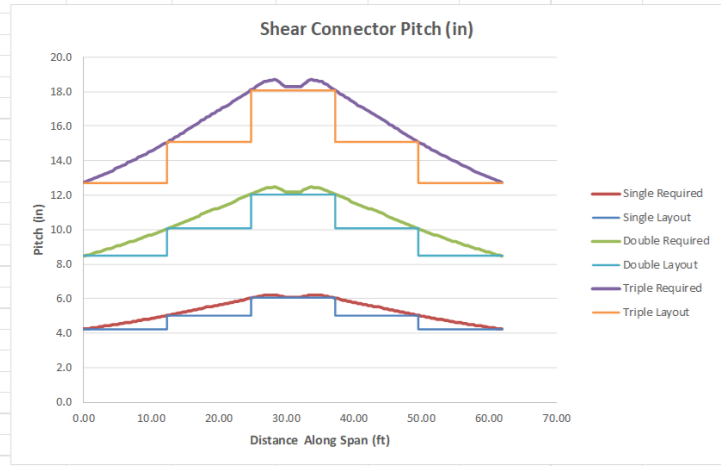
DC1 (k)	123.3	At Centerline
DC2 (k)	15.5	At Centerline
DW (k)	21.7	At Centerline
Single Lane LL+IM (k)	121.4	At 9.00 From Centerline
Two Lane LL+IM (k)	202.4	At 4.00 From Centerline



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Composite Bridge – Shear Studs

ONLY IF COMPOSITE		0.875 (in) SHEAR STUDE SPACING					Minimum Spacing (in) 3.5		Maximum Spacing (in) 48		Minimum Transverse Spacing (in) 3.5		d (in)	35.6
		0 - 12.4 ft	12.4 - 24.8 ft	24.8 - 37.2 ft	37.2 - 49.6 ft	49.6 - 62.0 ft						bf (in) =	12	
	Singles Pitch (in)	4.23	5.03	6.03	5.03	4.23								
	Doubles Pitch (in)	8.47	10.05	12.06	10.05	8.47						Doubles Transverse Spacing		
	Triples Pitch (in)	12.70	15.08	18.08	15.08	12.70						Triples Transverse Spacing C		
	Strength Minimum Number of Studs	127												
	Fatigue Singles Estimated Number of Studs	155.172541												
	Fatigue Doubles Estimated Number of Studs	156.172541												
	Fatigue Triples Estimated Number of Studs	157.172541												



eBEAM140 Summary

Rolled Shape Bridge Design: Composite & NonComposite

- User Manual & Examples
- Released on www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org September 2025

<https://www.shortspansteelbridges.org/ebeam140/>

Plate Girder Bridge Design in 2026

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Noncomposite and Composite Simple-Span Plate-Girder Steel Bridge Design

Excel Based Prismatic Plate Girder Design Software



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ePLATE140 Plans

Develop Users Manual & Examples

Industry Review

Release Sept 2026



Resource Tools for Simple Span Steel Bridge Design



Preliminary Rolled Shape and Plate Girder



Optimized Rolled Shape



Optimized Plate Girder

Performance of Today's Short Span Steel Bridges

Cost Effective

- Simple & Practical Details
- Lighter Equipment
- Smaller Abutments



Speed of Construction

- Accelerated Bridge Construction
- Modular Construction



Longevity - 100+ yrs

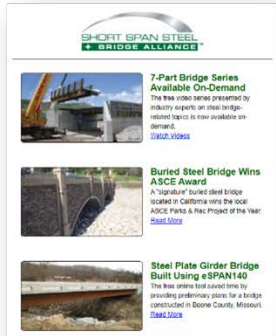
- Durable Materials
- Corrosion Protection Systems
- Integral Abutments & Jointless Decks



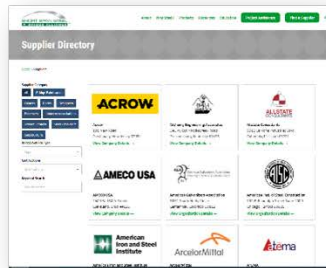
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Bridges of Franklin County: The Missouri Version

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Problem Statement

Over the Years, Preconception that Concrete is Always Less Expensive Than Steel for Simple Span Bridges

- Many Times Steel is Not Even Considered
- Owners Paying More Than They Could for Bridges
- Unwarranted Lack of Competition Not Good

COST ESTIMATE GUIDE FOR RURAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN
(These cost figures were last updated on 1-1-2017)

<u>Bridge Structures</u>	<u>Sq. foot</u>
Prestressed Concrete	\$95
Steel Girder	\$120

Assumes Concrete is 20% less Expensive $1 - (95/120)$ or
Steel is 26% more Expensive $(120/95) - 1$

MoDOT Bridge Construction

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15 Plate and 1 Wideflange, Excludes:

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- Widening
- And Special Configurations

4% Typical Steel Bridges

Steel & Concrete Bridge Costs in Missouri

In 2018, Delong's, the SSSBA and MoDOT worked together to study steel and concrete costs for typical bridges. Two workshops delivered in Missouri:

- Learn & Earn Workshop, Kansas City, May 2018
- Learn & Earn Workshop, St. Louis, November 2018
- Presented to MoDOT, Consultants & Contractors



Results Showed Steel & Concrete Bridges are Competitive for Short Spans

Problem Solution

Over the Years, Preconception that Concrete is Always Less Expensive Than Steel for Simple Span Bridges

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- Unwarranted

MoDOT Removed Cost Guidance
December 2018
And Competed Steel Bridges

But Many States Have Similar Policies
- Or At Least Similar Mentalities

Standard Steel and Concrete Bridges in Missouri

Two decades the belief around the bridge industry in the U.S. was that concrete girder bridges were cheaper than steel girder bridges. This belief was common for spans less than 120 feet. In Missouri, this preconception was reinforced by the fact that steel was often used on more complex, expensive bridges, and those complex bridges were more expensive per square foot of steel bridges.

MoDOT decided whether to construct a steel or concrete bridge based only on initial cost. In 2017, MoDOT representatives have worked closely with MoDOT to review historical cost data regarding bridge structures, standard steel and concrete bridges. The initial average cost per square foot of standard steel and concrete bridges was comparable.

December 2017, MoDOT updated the MoDOT Engineering Policy Guide to specify steel and concrete bridges at the same initial cost.

From January 2018 through June 2018, MoDOT has let 2 standard steel bridges totaling \$663,000 and 61 standard concrete bridges totaling \$50,250,000.

All Bridge Types Used in Missouri and by Adjacent State DOTs

State	Steel (%)	Concrete (%)
Missouri	80%	20%
Illinois	85%	15%
Alabama	60%	40%
Kansas	65%	35%

Total Standard Steel and Concrete Bridges Let by MoDOT between January 2014 and June 2018

Material	Total Spent	Total Number	Percentage	Average Cost Per Sq. Ft.
Steel	\$663,000	2	1%	\$90
Concrete	\$50,250,000	61	99%	\$100

Other Advantages of Steel in Addition to Initial Cost

- ✓ **Adaptability and Repairability** - Steel bridges can easily be widened, lengthened, strengthened, re-decked, and modified to accommodate future needs, and sections can be repaired quickly and easily.
- ✓ **Recyclability** - Steel is the most recycled material on earth. Recycled content of structural steel is over 90%.
- ✓ **Efficiency** - Steel's span-to-depth ratio is more efficient than concrete's, reducing fill dirt required at approaches.
- ✓ **Permeability** - Steel girders are lighter than concrete girders for the same span, which enables the use of smaller capacity foundations.
- ✓ **Flexibility** - Old beams/girders can be used for new bridges, as falsework support by contractors, or recycled.

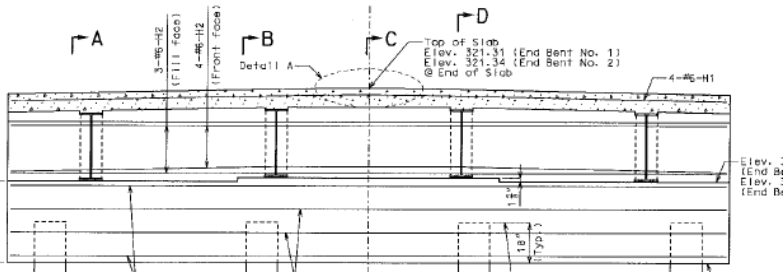
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So What Happened When Competing Short Span Steel Bridges?

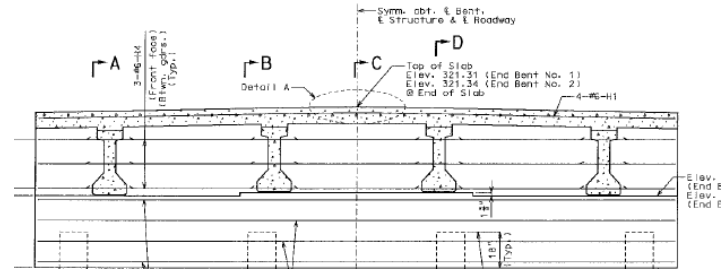
Scott County, MO, 45 ft Simple Span, 26 ft–8 in Width, Built 2019

Increase Length for Hydraulic Opening; Increase Width for Lanes

Composite Rolled W Shapes



Prestressed I Beams



- 8 Bids from General Contractors
- 4 for Steel
- 4 for Concrete

Low Bid Steel – **Galvanized Beams**

Closest Concrete Bid 10% Higher

Difference of \$290,000



Another Example – Large Design-Build Bridge Bundling Project

Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program: 31 Bridges, \$26 mil



Bids & Award

- Best Value for
- a Fixed Budget

Category	Available Points	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
		Primarily Concrete	Primarily Concrete	Primarily Steel
Bridge Bundling Part 1	40	39.7	38.3	40
Bridge Bundling Part 2 (Bonus)	15	1.5	0	1.5
Quality & Longevity	30	18.7	20	21.7
Completion & Maintenance of Traffic	15	5.8	11.8	8.9
TOTAL SCORE	100	65.7	70.1	72.1

Design-Build Team





How did Steel win the bid? – for the 25 multi-span bridges

- Bridge Bundling (40 pts + 1.5 pts bonus) highest score → Economy of Steel Bridges
 - 31 Bridges replaced
 - Innovative Simple for Dead, Continuous for Live (SDCL) designs
- Quality & Longevity (21.7 pts) highest score → Performance of Steel Bridges
 - Galvanized beams – 100 yr expectation in rural setting
 - Full-depth CIP deck
- Completion & Maintenance of Traffic (8.9 pts) 2nd highest → Equipment & Ease of Construction
 - Ease and pace of construction
 - Weight of bridge and lighter equipment



Now for the Bridges of Franklin County

5 Bridges in Franklin County to be Replaced (2023 – 2025)

Bridge	Hendrix Road	Little Indian Creek	Huff Road	Little Boone Creek	Lockhart Road
Type of Bridge	Steel	Steel	Steel	Concrete	Steel
Low Bid	\$549,202	\$494,630	\$638,787	\$651,130	\$564,806
Lowest Other Material	\$748,163	\$518,490	\$685,604	\$722,735	\$577,939
% Higher Other Material	36.2%	Saved \$23,860	Saved \$46,817	11.0%	2.3%
Number of Bids	3	6	7	6	4
Order of Bids	Steel	Steel	Steel	Concrete	Steel
	Concrete	Concrete	Steel	Concrete	Steel
	Saved \$198,961	Concrete	Concrete	Steel	Concrete
		Steel	Steel	Saved \$13,133	Steel
		Concrete	Concrete	Steel	
		Concrete	Concrete	Steel	
			Concrete		

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Steel Saved \$282,771

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Hendrix Road Bridge

45 ft Span; 24 ft Roadway Width

Four W21x101 Girders @ 6 ft – 6 in

Weathering Steel

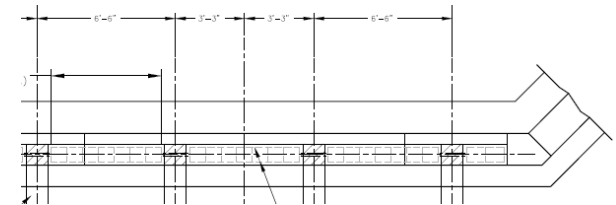
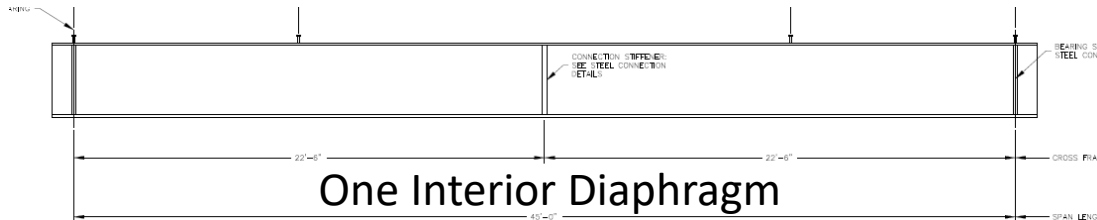
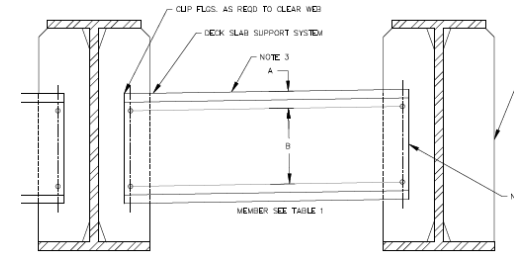
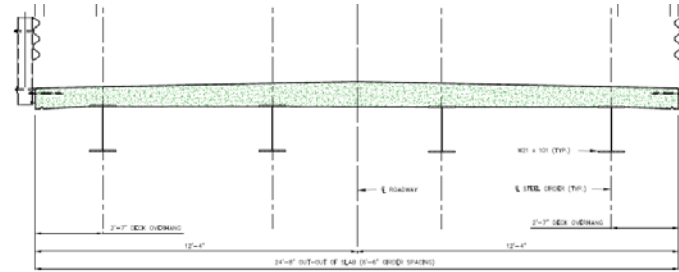
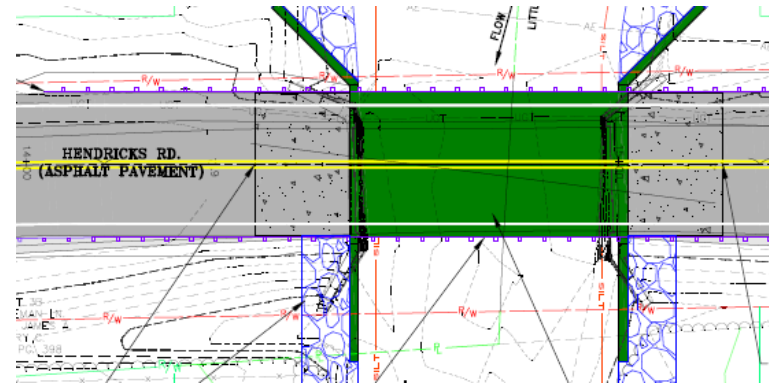
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Integral Abutment

Channel Diaphragms

SIP Form Deck

Simple Bridge Railing



Hendrix Road Bridge



Hendrix Road Bridge



Lockhart Road Bridge

41ft – 6 in Span; 28 ft Roadway Width

Five W18x86 Girders @ 6 ft – 2 in

Weathering Steel

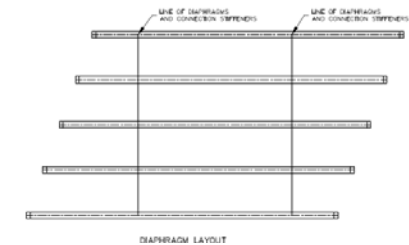
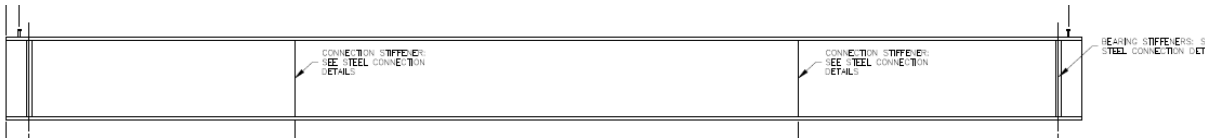
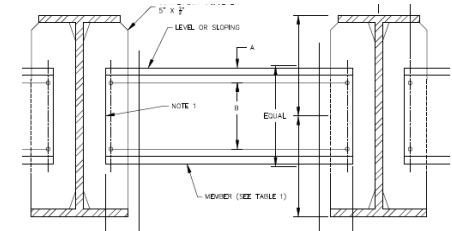
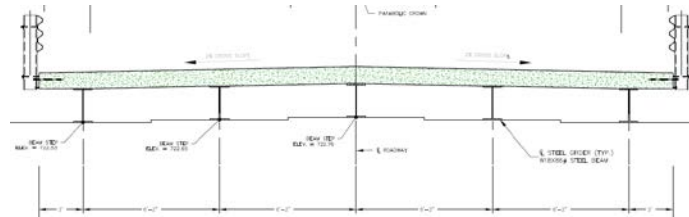
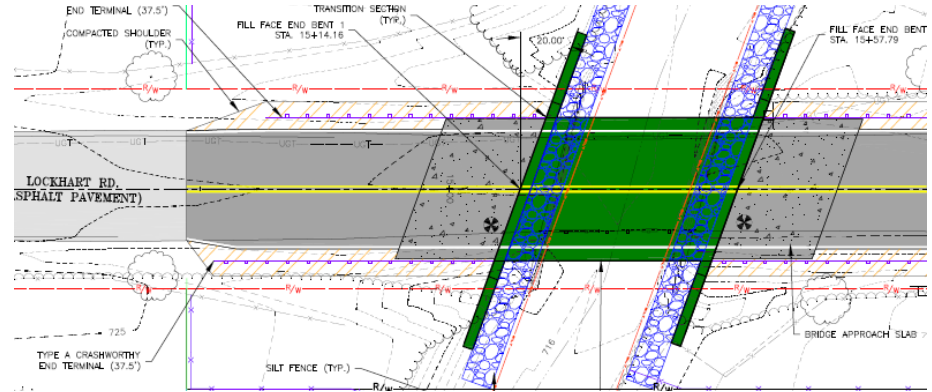
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Normal Diaphragms

Solid Deck

Simple Bridge Railing

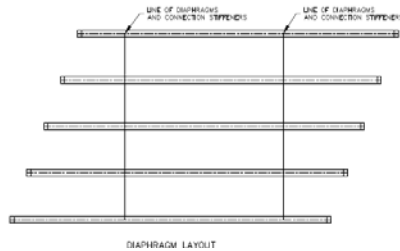


Two Interior Diaphragms - Staggered

Lockhart Road Bridge



Lockhart Road Bridge



Recent MoDOT Bridge Construction

Between ~~January 2009 to May 2018~~ 2021 to 2025

~~10~~ 5 yrs

How Many Typical Concrete Bridges Did MoDOT Build?

~~378~~ 230
- 39%

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Does Not Include
Bridge Bundling Bridges

- 25 Steel: FARM
- 24 Steel: NW MO
- 12 Steel: SW MO
- 4 Steel: Kaysinger Basin
- 7 Steel: Improve I-70
Rocheport to COMO

How Many Typical Steel Bridges?

~~16~~ 24
+ 50%

~~15~~ 8 Plate and ~~1~~ 16 Wideflange, Excludes:

- Major River Crossings
- Tight Horizontal Curves
- Widening
- And Special Configurations

~~4~~ 10% Typical Steel Bridges – AND Competition Saving Missouri Money!

Summary & Conclusions

- **Competition Between Steel & Concrete is Healthy For:**
 - Costs
 - Quality of Bridges
 - Industry Responsiveness
 - Industry Capabilities
- **Steel and Concrete are Competitive on First Costs & Life Cycle Costs**
- **Steel or Concrete May Be the Lowest Cost for a Particular Project**

Owners, Designers & Contractors Should Consider Both Concrete & Steel for Bridge Projects

Assessment Question

What is the next free bridge design resource currently being developed by SSSBA that is set to be released in September of 2026?

- A) ePIE140
- B) ePLATE140**
- C) eBEAM140
- D) eSPAN140

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