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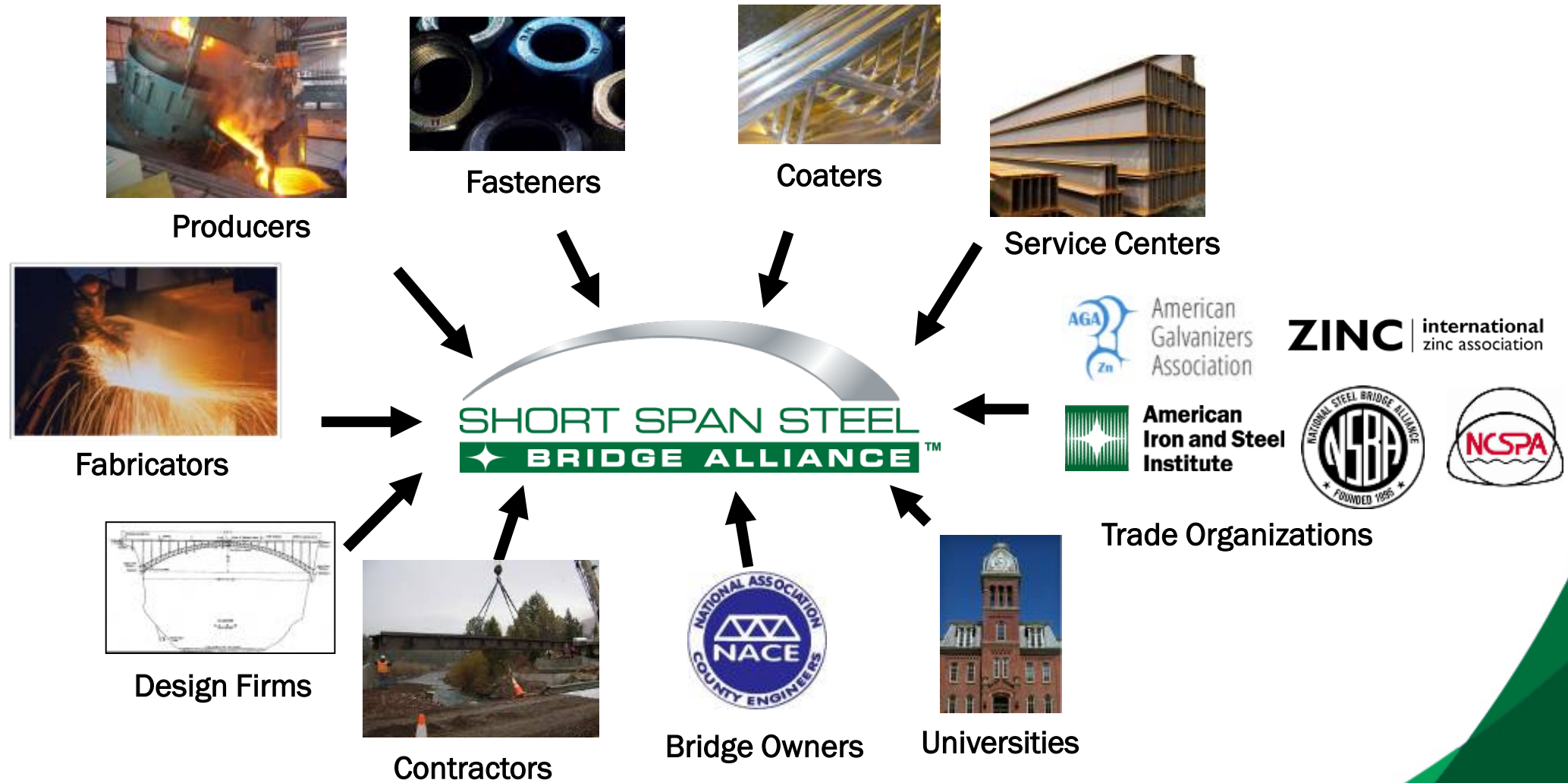
Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance



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2007

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**.

115 Members



To join, contact Dan Snyder, Director, SSSBA, dsnyder@steel.org, (301) 367-6179

SSSBA Supports All Steel Solutions

Buried Bridges



Rolled Beam & Plate Girders



Press-Brake-Formed Tub Girders

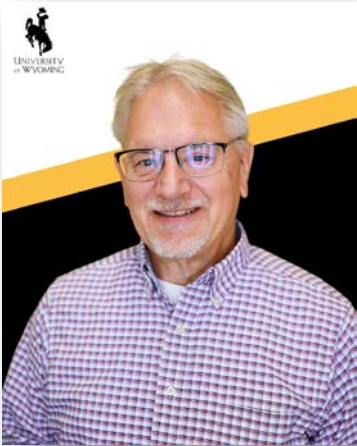


Truss Bridges



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Director

SSSBA Organizational Structure



**Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance
Executive Council**



Marketing & Education Council

Topics:

- University Outreach
- Professional Outreach
- Trade Shows, Webinars
- Case Study Development
- Bridge Bundling
- County Built Bridges
- Buried Bridge Solutions
- Communications (digital marketing)



Technical Council

Topics:

- eSPAN140, eBEAM140, ePLATE140
- Innovative Bridge Systems
- Pre-Engineered Solutions
- Folded and Press Brake Tub Girders
- Decks (including Orthotropic)
- Research (resilience, economical plate solutions, other...)

What Do We Provide?

- Education
 - Workshops, Webinars, Newsletter
- Technical Resources
 - Standards, best practices, case studies
- Simple Design Tools (eSPAN140, eBEAM140)
- Project Assistance
- Find a Supplier
- Networking / SSSBA Semiannual Meeting



Request a Complimentary Workshop!

The SSSBA has educated over 40,000 bridge owners and designers

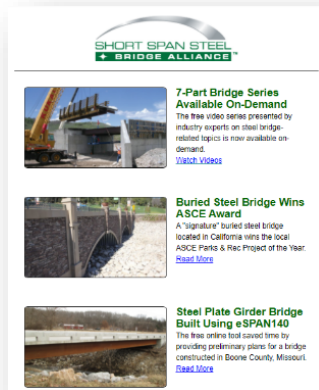
- Free “customized” workshops for counties & DOTs (from 1 to 6 hours)
- In-Person & Virtual
- Topics Include:
 - Bridge Economy & Life Cycle Costs
 - Design Tools, Fabrication, Installation
 - Accelerated Bridge Construction
 - Practical Detailing
 - Resiliency
 - Steel Protection Systems

And more....

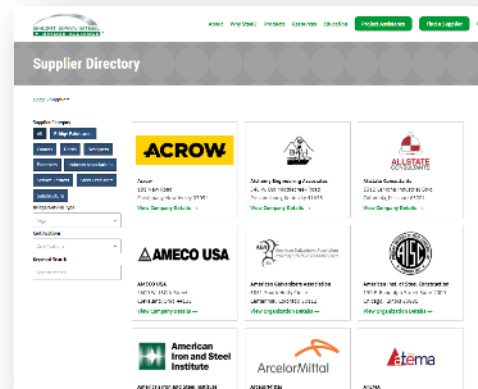


5 Ways to Keep Learning About Steel Bridges

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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than 50 countries

9.7 MILLION
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High quality end products are made with SSAB Zero™ – using recycled steel and fossil-free energy – without compromising on performance. Around 90,000 tons of shipments in 2025.

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* FMC = First Movers Coalition; IEA = International Energy Agency



Hydrogen-reduced sponge iron based on HYBRIT® technology

New patented product with close to 100% metallization rate

Significantly higher value-in-use in EAF steelmaking compared to NG-HBI





Building Bridges: Short Span Steel Bridges

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Exhibitor Presentation

Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance

April 23, 2026

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University of Wyoming &

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SSSBA Education – The 5 Cs

Cost

Case Studies

Cost Studies

Life Cycle Costs

Economical & Practical Design

Convenience

eSPAN140 & eBEAM140

Standard Designs

State Standards

Design Software

Construction

Accelerated Bridge Construction

Case Studies / Manufacturer Solutions

Equipment

County Built

DIY County Bridges

Case Studies

Carbon – CO₂e

Sustainability of Rural Bridges

Plus Resiliency

Today's Session

Initial Costs – *Dealing with the Preconception on Steel Bridge Costs*

Life Cycle Cost Comparison Steel vs Concrete – *Long Term Performance & Costs*

eSPAN140 & eBEAM140 Design Tools – *Steel Bridge Design Made Easy*

Bridge Manufacturer Solutions/ABC – *I Need a Bridge, Bring Me One*

Resilience – *Important in Today's Infrastructure*

Workshops, Resources & Opportunities Through the SSSBA

**We Only Have Time to Quickly Address These Today:
More Information and Reports at ShortSpanSteelBridges.org**



Initial Costs: Steel & Concrete

Preconception that Concrete is Less Expensive than Steel for Typical Bridges

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

Summary on Initial Costs

SSSBA Conducted Case Studies:

County & State Bridges

Bids & Actual Costs

Case Studies of County Bridges

Others Not Shown Here

Superstructure	Steel						Concrete				
	061	140	149	152	710	AVG	028	057	069	520	AVG
Bridge Number	061	140	149	152	710	AVG	028	057	069	520	AVG
Year Built	2008	2008	2008	2009	2010	AVG	2009	2010	2011	2006	AVG
Span Length	50	50	40	62	64	53.2	36	36	38	40	37.5
Skew	0	0	0	30	35	13	0	15	20	30	16.25
Cost Summary											
- Labor	\$14,568	\$21,705	\$15,853	\$24,785	\$31,949	\$21,768	\$12,065	\$15,379	\$14,674	\$19,044	\$15,291
- Material	\$56,676	\$53,593	\$46,282	\$92,821	\$89,357	\$63,746	\$51,589	\$54,450	\$50,576	\$46,850	\$50,866
- Rock	\$6,170	\$6,216	\$3,694	\$8,235	\$6,501	\$6,163	\$5,135	\$7,549	\$5,378	\$3,621	\$5,421
- Equipment	\$7,487	\$12,026	\$7,017	\$19,579	\$15,266	\$12,275	\$5,568	\$10,952	\$11,093	\$14,742	\$10,589
- Guardrail	\$4,715	\$7,146	\$3,951	\$7,003	\$7,003	\$6,966	\$4,737	\$4,663	\$5,356	\$3,323	\$4,520
Construction Cost	\$89,616	\$100,686	\$76,807	\$152,403	\$130,076	\$109,918	\$79,094	\$92,993	\$87,077	\$87,580	\$86,686
CONST. COST PER FT.	\$74.68	\$83.91	\$80.01	\$102.42	\$84.68	\$86.09	\$91.54	\$107.63	\$95.48	\$91.23	\$96.32

State Bridge (Designed by eSPAN140)

Kansas Department of Transportation

- Shawnee County
- 112 feet (5 plate girder bridge)
- Competitive bid process (steel vs. concrete)
- DOT used eSPAN140 for preliminary design
- Constructed in summer 2014



1 Steel Bridge Bid
3 Concrete Bridge Bids

Steel = \$ 1.240 mil

Concrete = \$ 1.243 – \$ 1.425 mil

NSBA Cost Study

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

(#) indicates number of bridges for each beam type

● Minimum ● 25th Percentile ● 75th Percentile ● Maximum



County Bridge (Designed by eSPAN140)

- Boone County, Missouri (Local)
 - High Point Lane Bridge
 - 102 feet (2 lane rural road plate girder bridge)
 - 44" weathering steel plate girders (4 lines)
 - Constructed in summer 2013



Two MoDOT Bridges Crossing US 63 in Boone County

Concrete P/S: 92 ft – 92 ft				Steel Plate Girder: 98 ft – 98 ft			
Route H (Columbia Airport)				Discovery Parkway (Columbia)			
<p>Using ENR CCI Index Increase of 2.7%/yr For 2017 Concrete = \$ 91.18/ft² Steel = \$ 85.58/ft²</p>				<p>Total Bridge Cost = \$1,600,000 Cost = \$ 277.21</p>			

"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

Steel Bridges Compete and Win!



Studies at:
ShortSpanSteelBridges.org

What About Life Cycle Costs?

As owners replace their bridge infrastructure, the question of Life Service and Life Cycle Costs routinely comes up between concrete and steel bridge options

The bridge industry ~~does~~ did not have a good answer:

- Both steel and concrete bridge advocates claim an advantage

- Anecdotal information is not convincing

Historical Life Cycle Costs of Steel & Concrete Girder Bridges

Bridges

Examine Historical Life Service (Performance and Maintenance) and Agency Life Cycle Costs (True Agency Costs for a Bridge) of Steel and Concrete Bridges in Pennsylvania

Example Bridge Life Cycle

OMB Circular A-94 2011 30 yr Discount Rate = 2.3%



Present Value Cost for 1 Cycle

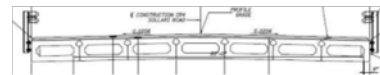
$$PVC = \$143.45 + \$16.63(1.023)^{-19} + \$0.28(1.023)^{-40} + \$0.34(1.023)^{-44} = \$154.49/ft^2$$

Perpetual Present Value Cost = Capitalized Cost

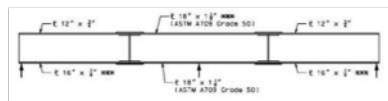
$$PPVC = \$154.49 \left[\frac{(1 + 0.023)^{70}}{(1 + 0.023)^{70} - 1} \right] = 1.256(\$154.49) = \$193.97/ft^2$$

With Capitalized Costs, Can Compare Bridges Directly

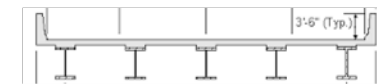
Which Type of Bridge is Best?



Precast Box Adjacent



Steel Plate Girder



Steel Rolled Beam



Precast I Beam



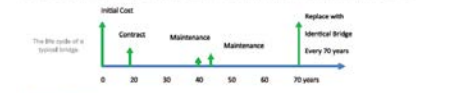
Precast Box Spread

Steel Offers High Value for Bridge Life Service and Life Cycle Costs



Introduction
 Historical Life Cycle Costs of Steel and Concrete Girder Bridges research conducted by Michael Barker, Ph.D., A.C.E., professor at the University of Wyoming, explores the initial costs, life cycle costs, future costs, and bridge life of 1,588 typical steel and concrete spans bridges in Pennsylvania built between 1900 and 2020.

Life Cycle Cost Study
 The Federal Highway Administration promotes consideration of Life Cycle Costs (LCC) in the design and engineering of bridges. LCC determines the "true cost" of bridge alternatives considering the true value of money. To compare the true costs of bridges in the study, historical bridge initial and maintenance costs were converted to present-day dollars using historical construction cost indices. Future costs were discounted at a rate of 2.3 percent. The life cycle cost analysis included cost the Perpetual Present Value Cost (PPVC) of bridge alternatives for an equivalent comparison between the bridge types. PPVC is form of Standard Uniform Annual Costs in the present value cost of summing the bridge life cycle costs. Most of the bridge types studied were all the types of bridges and alternatives for initial costs, future costs, life cycle costs and bridge life. For any given bridge project, any of the first types may result in the best life cycle costs. Therefore, several steel alternative (both steel and concrete alternatives) for an individual bridge project.



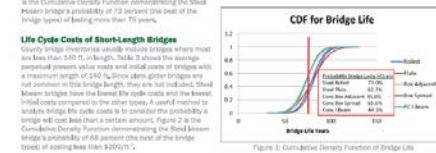
Deterioration Rates
 There are 4,827 bridges in the PennDOT inventory built between 1900 and 2020. This work seeks to determine the average deterioration rate (loss of condition rating per year) for the different types of bridges. To measure the deterioration rate, it was assumed the deterioration condition rating increased linearly over time. Table 2 presents the average deterioration rates for each bridge type. Steel beam bridges have the lowest average deterioration rates.

Bridge Type	Deterioration Rate
Steel I Beam	-0.0713
Steel Concrete	-0.0514
P/I Box - Adjacent	-0.0413
P/I Box - Spread	-0.0779
P/I Beam	-0.0408

Table 2: Deterioration Rates

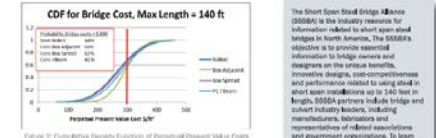
Bridge Type	Number of Bridges	Average Year Built	Average Bridge Life (years)
Steel I Beam	20	1948	51.2
Steel Concrete	10	1977	29.0
P/I Box - Adjacent	86	1946	26.6
P/I Box - Spread	113	1984	29.3
P/I Beam	413	1984	24.1

Table 3: Average Bridge Life



Bridge Type	# Bridges	PPVC	Initial Cost	Avg. Length	Avg. Spans
Steel I Beam	20	\$268.24	\$377.00	66	1.26
P/I Box - Adjacent	146	\$201.38	\$225.00	69	1.00
P/I Box - Spread	323	\$272.20	\$223.34	64	1.33
P/I Beam	98	\$281.64	\$281.29	104	1.09

Table 4: Perpetual Present Value Costs of Bridges of 140 ft and less



Download the research report at www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org

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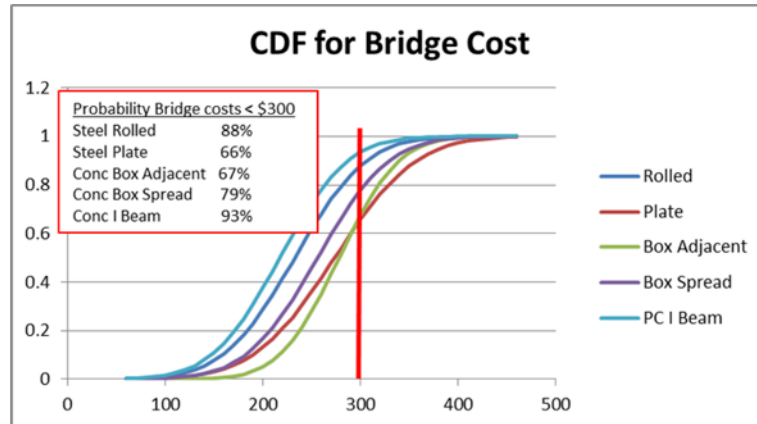
Large Database of Steel & Concrete Bridges

Conclusions

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

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

↑
Steel Rolled
Precast Box Spread

Report on ShortSpanSteelBridges.org
Additional Report on LCC Galvanizing

All are "similar" with None "Way Out" of Balance

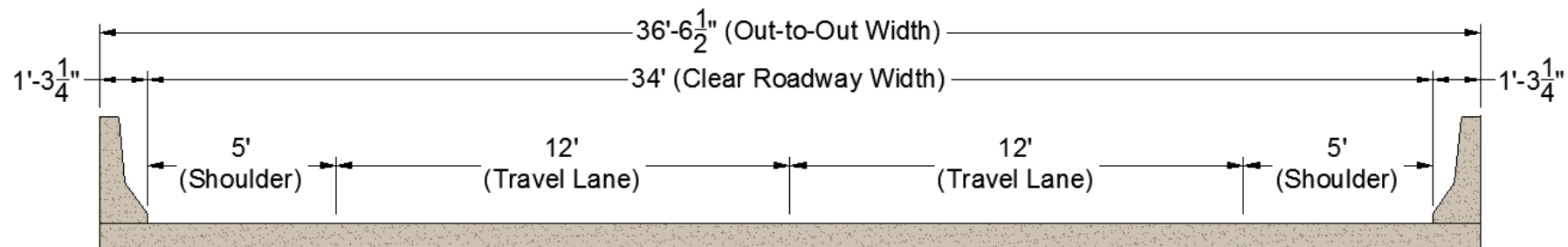
Traditional Fabricated Steel Bridges

Design Superstructure for Two-Lane, 80 ft 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)



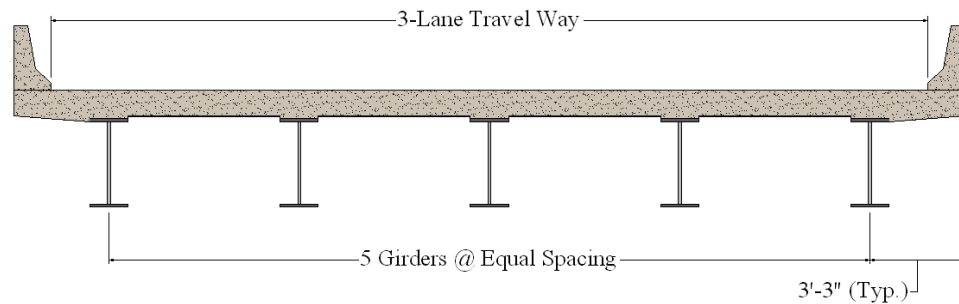
Need an Initial Design for the Bridge SuperStructure

eSPAN140 - Standard Designs for Short Span Steel Bridges - www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org

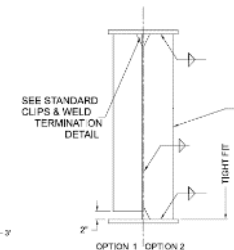
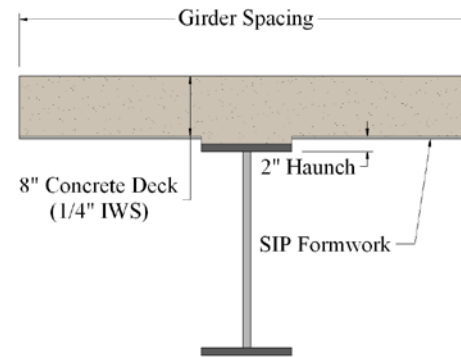
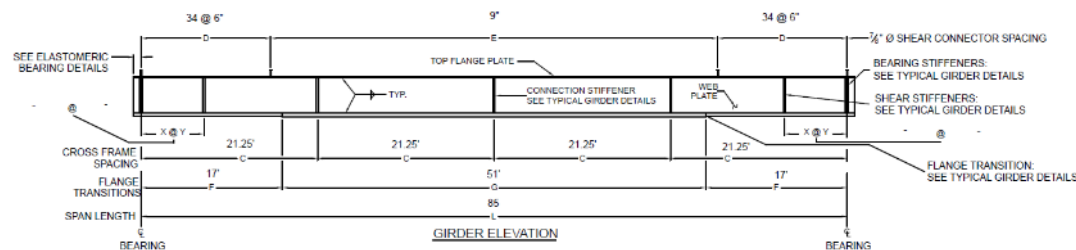
Span lengths 20 ft to 140 ft (in 5 ft increments)

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

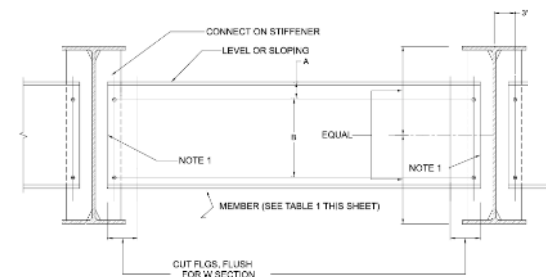
For each of these increments: Steel girders, Shear stud & stiffener layouts, Welding and fabrication details, Elastomeric bearings, and Concrete deck design



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



SHEAR STIFFENER (N.T.S.)



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

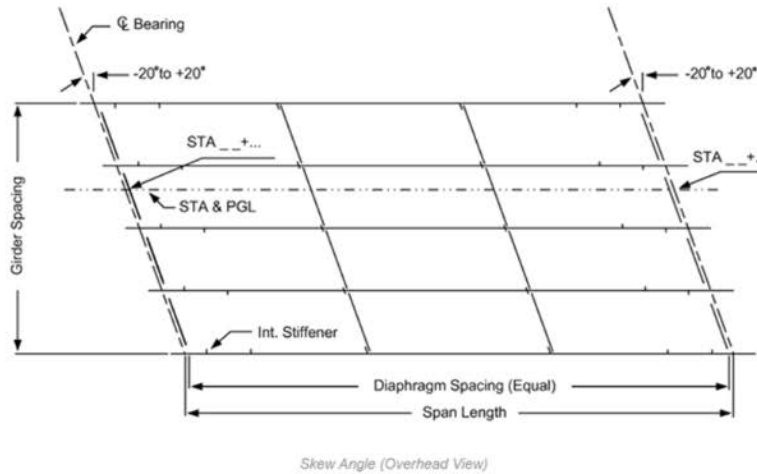
City/County*
 Laramie

State/Province*
 Wyoming

Roadway Name
 E 800 South

Bridge Span Length*
 80 Feet 0 Inches

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of Striped Traffic Lanes*
 2

Roadway Width*
 34 Feet 0 Inches

Individual Parapet Width*
 1 Foot 3.25 Inches

Individual Deck Overhang Width*
 2 Feet 6.25 Inches

Pedestrian Access?

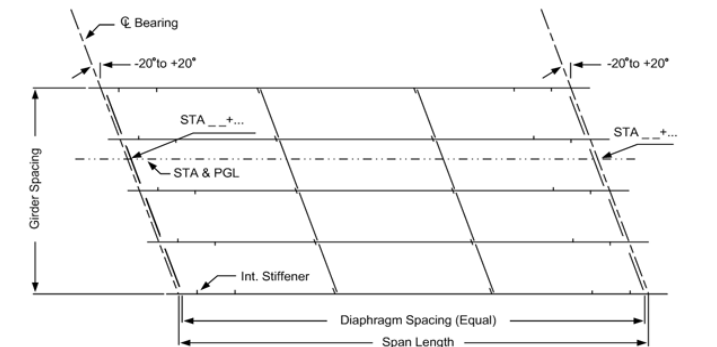
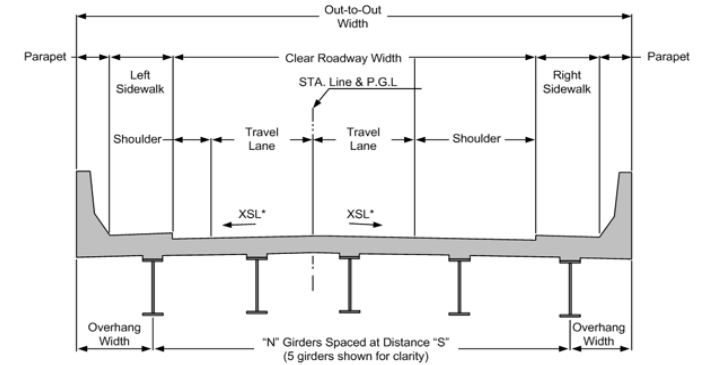
Skew Angle
 0 Degrees

Average Daily Traffic
 Over 2,000

Design Speed
 46+ mph

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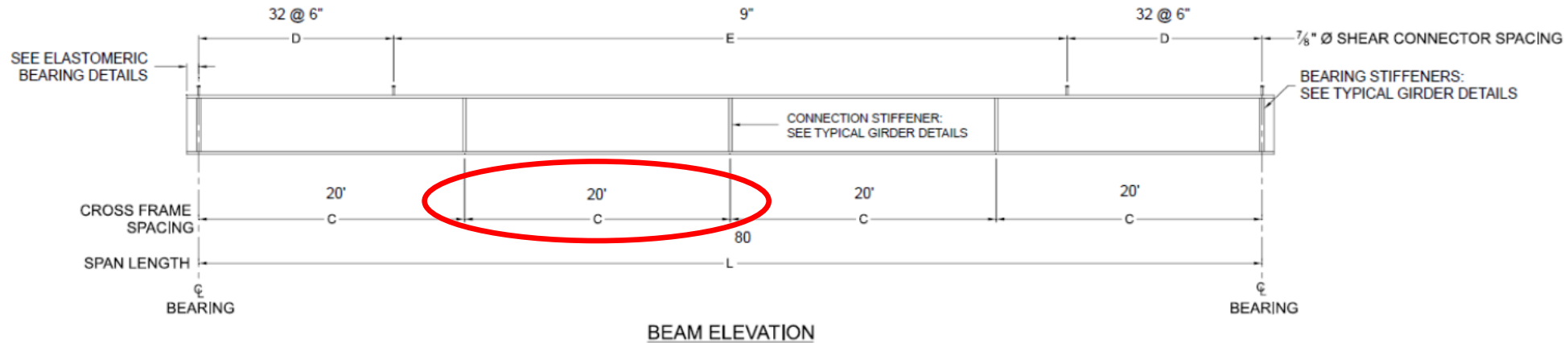
* Required



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"

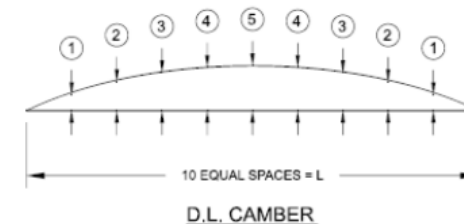
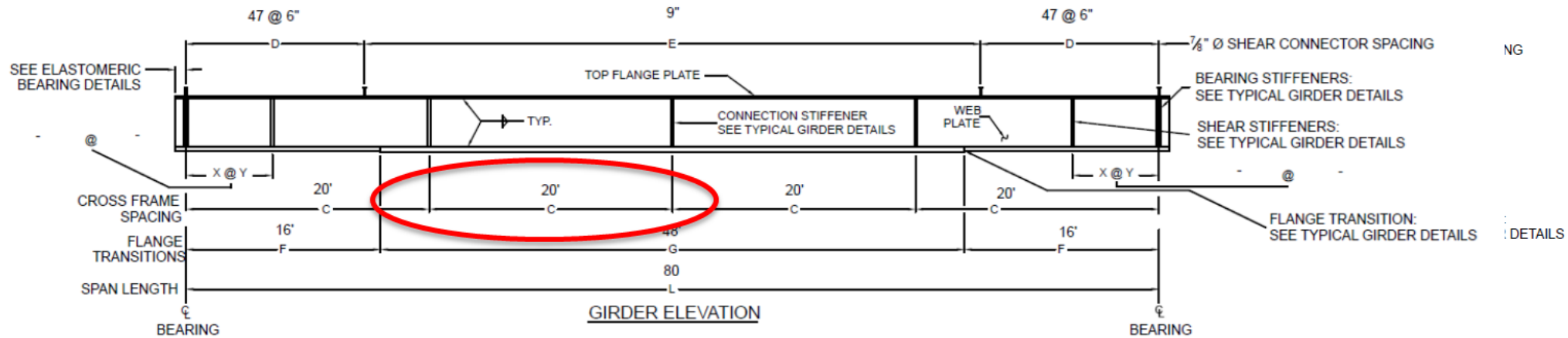


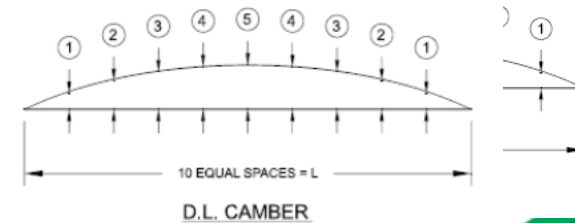
Plate Girder Recommendation

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

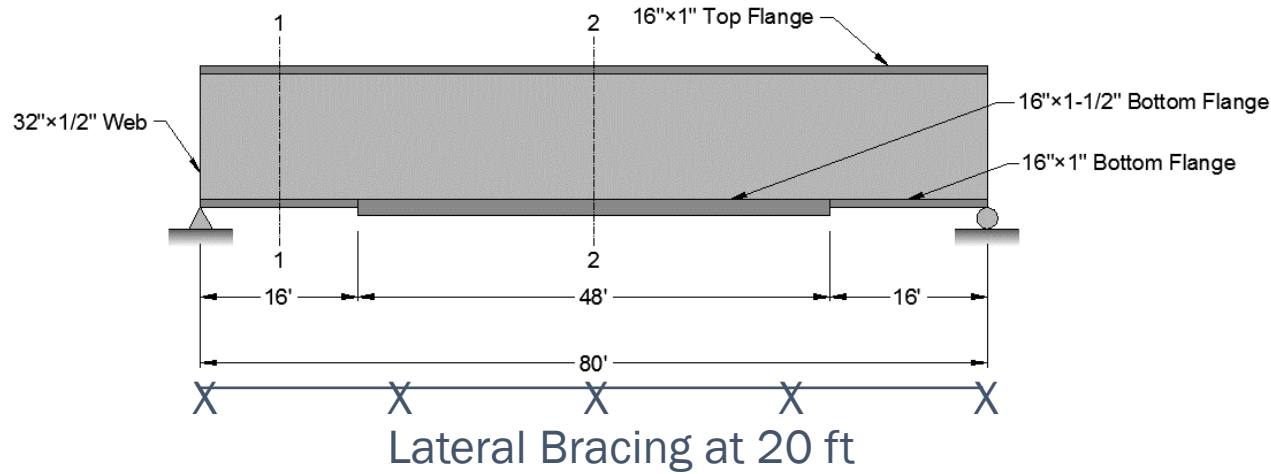
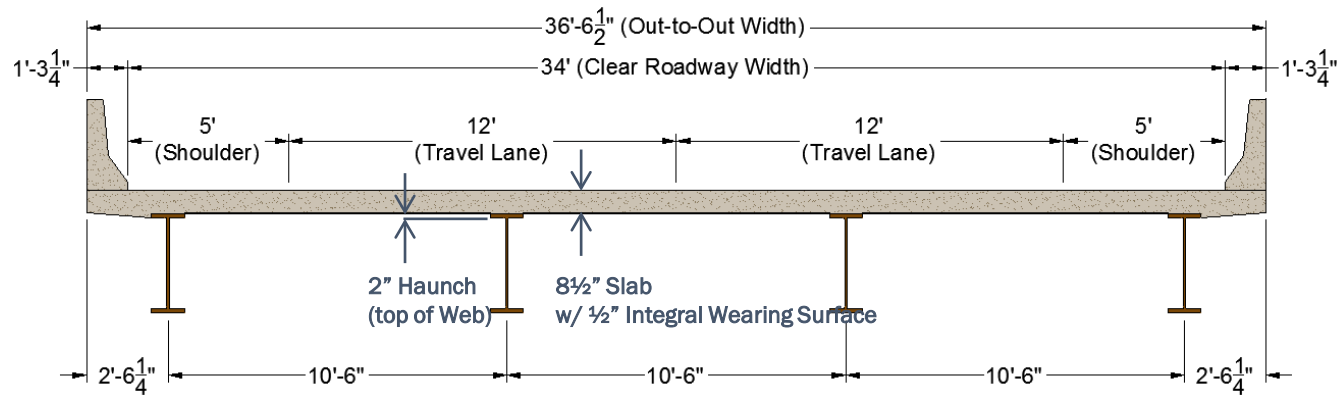


SPAN (L) - ft	PLATE GIRDER SIZE						DIAPHRAGM SPACING (C) - ft	SHEAR STIFFENERS		SHEAR CONNECTOR MAX. SPACING		INDIVIDUAL GIRDER WEIGHT	GIRDER WEIGHT
	TOP FLANGE - in	BOTTOM FLANGE (F)		BOTTOM FLANGE (G)		WEB PLATE - in		X (NO. REQ'd)	Y - ft. (SPACING)	D	E		
		PLATE - in	LENGTH - Ft	PLATE - in	LENGTH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



eSPAN140 Summary

Composite Rolled Beam and Plate Girder Designs
1000's of Designs Performed
Has Worked Well

What's Next?

Update to AASHTO 10th Edition
Adding NonComposite Bridges
Including Additional Solution Options
Release TBD



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

Design Software

Excel Based Rolled Beam Design Software

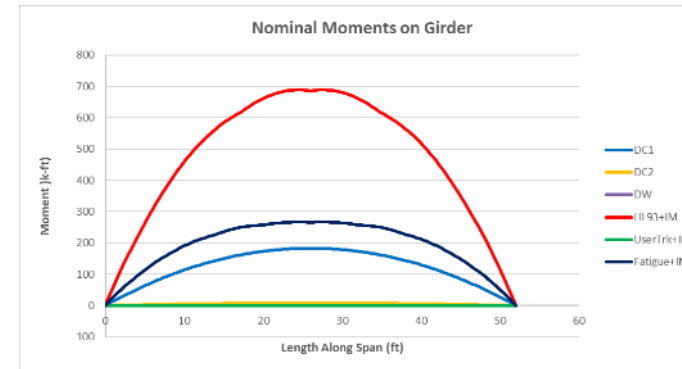
- Allows User to Investigate Alternatives to
 - Diaphragm Spacing
 - Lightest Weight Solution
 - Other Readily Available Sections

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								PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	W36X135	0.99	0.73	0.16	0.60	0.76	0.99	
PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	W33X141	0.92	0.71	0.15	0.58	0.80	0.92	
0.993	0.727	0.161	0.599	0.763	0.993	W27X146	0.79	0.77	0.14	0.62	1.05	1.05	
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to	Strength I/II	W30X148	0.95	0.73	0.16	0.58	0.89	0.95	
1		1		L/1049		W40X149	0.90	0.62	0.15	0.51	0.61	0.90	
PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR W36X135							W36X150	0.81	0.64	0.13	0.52	0.66	0.81
Unbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	W33X152	0.81	0.66	0.14	0.53	0.73	0.81	
1	26	0 - 26 ft	0.993	0.778	1.255	W36X160	0.73	0.59	0.12	0.48	0.61	0.73	
2	26	26 - 52 ft	0.993	0.778	1.256	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	

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 Sx=439.0 in ³
	DC2 (ft-k)	8.5 Sx=439.0 in ³
	DW (ft-k)	0.0 Sx=439.0 in ³
	HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)	670.5 Sx=439.0 in ³
	Serv II Stress	29.1
Lane	Serv II Allow	40.0
	SERVICE II PR	0.727
	LIVE LOAD DEFLECTION Ix=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								
		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	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		RpcFy=1.16*50					
		Lb (ft)	Mconstr (ft-k)	Mlat (ft-k)	AF	Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	fbu+Affl (ksi)	Perf Ratio	fbu+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
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- 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

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

NonComposite Bridge: W36 x 135

- What if add additional diaphragm: $L_b = 19, 14, 19$ 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	
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	
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
 Deflection = $L/793$

Demonstration: 52 ft 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			Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb	
Inbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	PR	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
Deflection = L/663

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, 1/2" 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 & $ADTT_{SL} = 1000$
 - Fatigue I - Infinite Life
- No User Defined Vehicle

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						
Construction p (lb)	3000	No User Defined Vehicle				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 ADTTSL	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

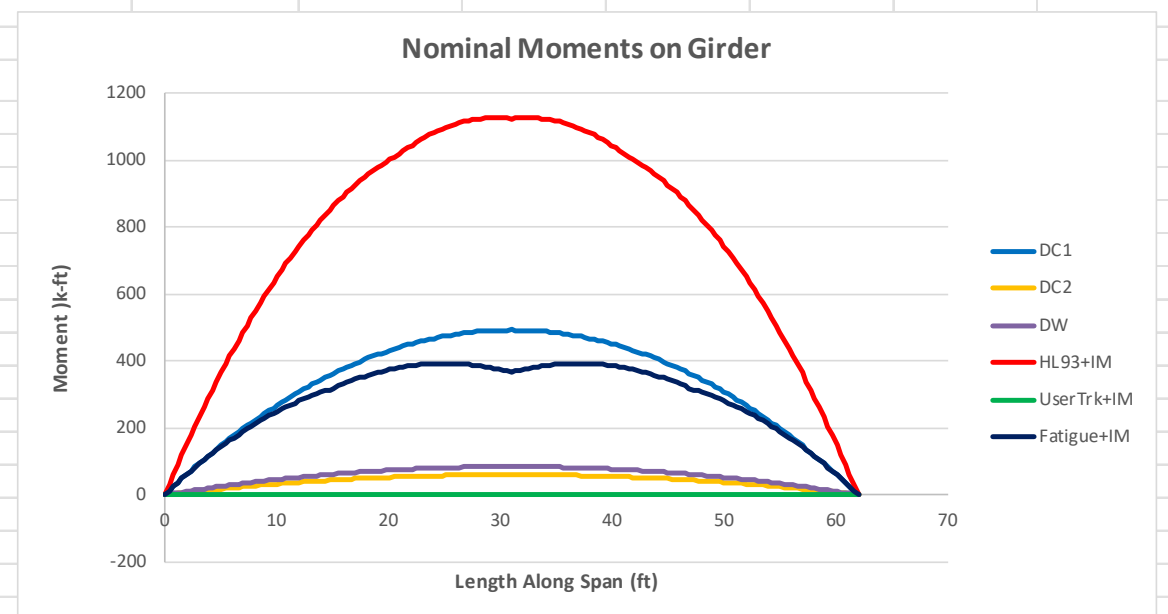
		STRENGTH I/II		Compression Flange Laterally Braced for F LLF = 1.75										
		Lb (ft)	DC1 (ft-k)	DC2 (ft-k)	DW (ft-k)	HL93 LL+IM (ft-k)		Mu (ft-k)	Cb	Mn (ft-k)	Perf Ratio			
	1	21	441.1	53.8125	75.3	1000.4		2482.4	1.42	3444.0	0.721			STRENGTH I/II MAX PR
	2	20	492.3	60.0625	84.1	1093.4		2730.1	1.01	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)	<0.60Fy Perf Ratio	f _{bu} +Affl (ksi)	R _{pc} F _y =1.16*50 Perf Ratio	f _{bu} +1/3Affl (ks)	F _{nc} (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	
		I _x (in ⁴) = 7800.0	DC1 (in)	0.000	0.473	0.894	1.224	1.434	1.506	1.434	1.224	0.894	0.473	0.000
		I _{3n} (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
		I _{3n} (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



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

Composite Bridge – Shear Studs

ONLY IF COMPOSITE

0.875 (in) SHEAR STUDE SPACING

	Minimum Spacing (in) 3.5					Maximum Spacing (in) 48
	0 - 12.4 ft	12.4 - 24.8 ft	24.8 - 37.2 ft	37.2 - 49.6 ft	49.6 - 62.0 ft	
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	
Triples Pitch (in)	12.70	15.08	18.08	15.08	12.70	
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					

Maximum Spacing (in) 48

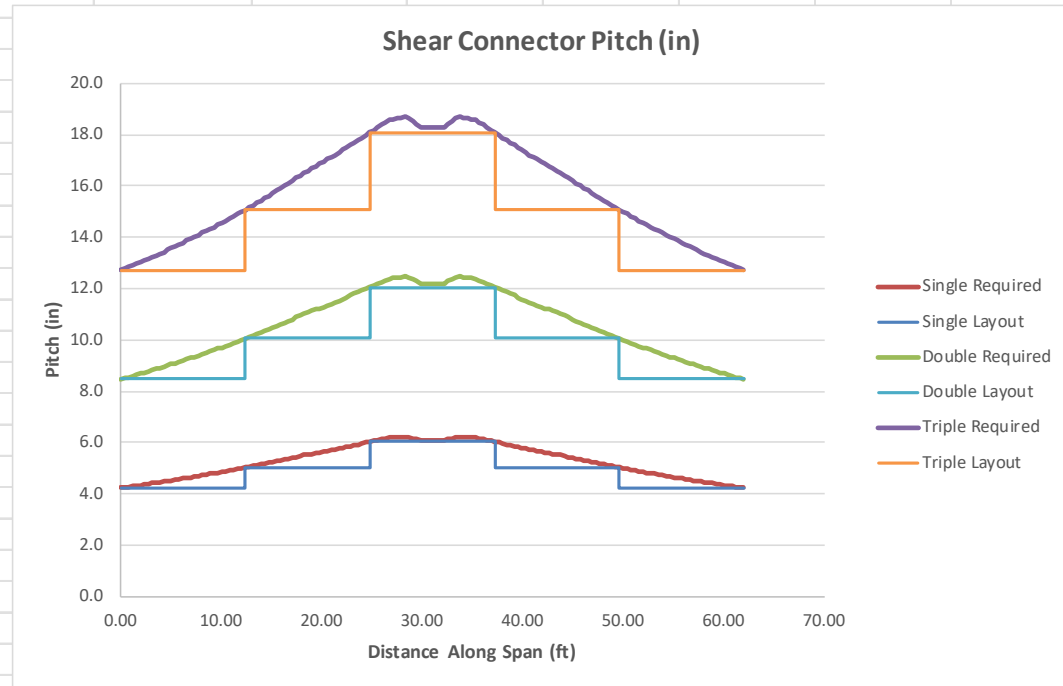
Minimum Transverse Spacing (in) 3.5

d (in) 35.6

bf (in) = 12

Doubles Transverse Spacing

Triples Transverse Spacing C



eBEAM140 Summary

Rolled Shape Bridge Design: Composite & NonComposite

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ePLATE140 Design Software - 2026

Excel Based Plate Girder Design Software

- Allows User to Investigate Alternatives to
 - Diaphragm Spacing
 - Lightest Weight Solution
 - Other Readily Available Flanges & Webs

Target L/D:

Target L/D - 2"

Target L/D

Target L/D + 2"

Target L/D + 4"

Target L/D + 6"

5100 possible design combinations for
5 different Web Depths
User Specified Solution

ENTER SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION						Weight (lb/ft)	LIST OF GIRDERS RANKED FROM STRENGTH I, SERVICE II & CONSTRUCTION										
bfc	tfc	D	tw	bft	tft		Total Wt (tons)	Shape	Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall	Total Wt		
OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR TF:13 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:17 x 0.75						141	22.6										
Strength I/II	Service II	Construction	Fatigue	Deflection	Overall			PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	(tons)	
0.917	0.973	0.933	0.703	0.807	0.973	bfc>=D/6 OK bfc/2tfc<=12 OK D/tw<=150 OK 2Dcp/tw<=lrw OK lyc/lyt>=0.3 OK	TF:13 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:17 x 0.75	0.92	0.97	0.93	0.70	0.81	0.97	22.6			
In Lb #	At Centerline	In Lb #	At Critical Brace	At Centerline Equal to L/992	Service II	Meets Reqrments for A6? Yes	TF:13 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.91	0.97	0.93	0.69	0.80	0.97	22.7			
3		2				Construction Uses A6	TF:14 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.95	0.99	0.87	0.72	0.87	0.99	22.9			
							TF:13 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.89	0.94	0.93	0.68	0.78	0.94	23.0			
							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:17 x 0.75	0.92	0.97	0.81	0.70	0.81	0.97	23.0			
							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:34 x 0.5 BF:15 x 1	0.97	0.99	0.93	0.71	0.91	0.99	23.1			
							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:14 x 1	0.94	0.97	0.86	0.70	0.85	0.97	23.1			
							TF:15 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.95	0.99	0.78	0.72	0.87	0.99	23.3			
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							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.89	0.94	0.81	0.68	0.78	0.94	23.4			
							TF:15 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:17 x 0.75	0.92	0.97	0.73	0.70	0.81	0.97	23.4			
							TF:15 x 0.75 Web:34 x 0.5 BF:15 x 1	0.97	0.99	0.83	0.71	0.91	0.99	23.5			
							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:34 x 0.5 BF:16 x 1	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.68	0.87	0.94	23.7			
							TF:12 x 1 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.95	0.99	0.88	0.72	0.87	0.99	23.7			
							TF:14 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:15 x 1	0.91	0.93	0.86	0.67	0.81	0.93	23.7			
							TF:16 x 0.75 Web:36 x 0.5 BF:18 x 0.75	0.96	0.99	0.72	0.72	0.87	0.99	23.7			
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PERFORMANCE BY UNBRACED LENGTH FOR TF:13 x 0.75 Web:38 x 0.5 BF:17 x 0.75																	
Compression Flange Laterally Braced for Final State																	
Unbraced Length	Unbraced Length (ft)	Lb Range	Strength I/II	Mn/My	Cb												
1	20	0 - 20 ft	0.703	1.995	1.509												
2	20	20 - 40 ft	0.917	1.995	1.052												
3	20	40 - 60 ft	0.917	1.995	1.052												
4	20	60 - 80 ft	0.703	1.995	1.509												

ePLATE140 Plans

Plate Girder Bridge Design: Composite & NonComposite

AASHTO 10th Edition

Develop Users Manual & Examples

Industry Review

Release Sept 2026



Manufacturer Solutions & Accelerated Bridge Construction



Prefabricated & ABC Steel Bridges

4 Different Steel Bridges

Bridge Case Studies

Buried Steel Bridge

Modular Beam Bridge

Press-Brake Tub Girder Bridge

Truss Bridge

The 5 C's

Cost

Convenience

Construction (ABC)

County Built

Carbon Footprint

Prefabricated Bridges

Accelerated Bridge Construction

County Built

Corrugated Steel Buried Bridges – Tribal Workcrew



Craig, AK

Fabricator: BigR/Contech

Contractor: Tribal Workforce



Pre-Fabricated Modular Beam – County Crew Built



Lighter Structure, Smaller
Equipment & Local Crew
Workforce Development

Accelerated Bridge Construction
Bridge Placed in Two Days

Seltice-Warner Bridge, White Road, Whitman County, WA

Fabricator:

BigR/Contech Engineered Solutions

Contractor:

Whitman County Crew

Design Engineer:

Mark Storey, County Engineer

Press-Brake Tub Girder – Contractor Built

Barron County, WI

Fabricator:

Valmont

Contractor:

Larson Construction



Pre-Fabricated Truss – Contractor Built

Truss Elements

Bridge in a Garden, Kauai, HI

Fabricator: Acrow
Contractor: Macon



Modular Truss

Morovis Liberty Bridge, Puerto Rico

Fabricator: US Bridge
Contractor: Del Valle Group



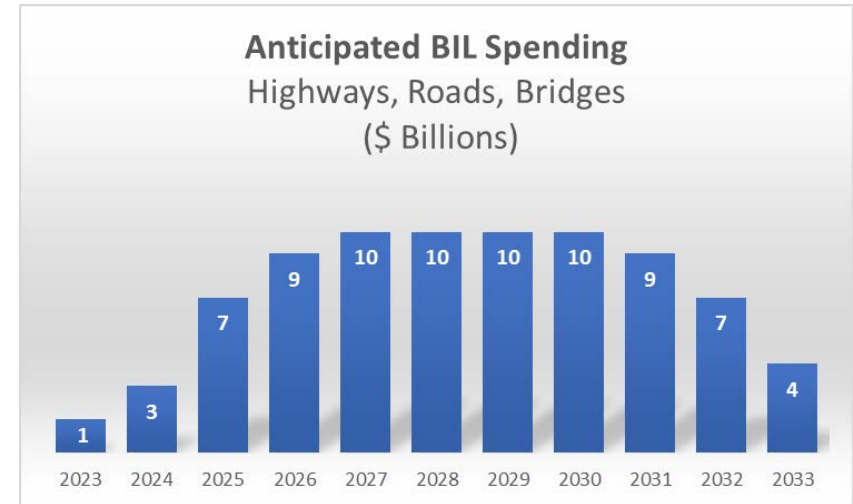
Resiliency – Infrastructure

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

- \$39.5 billion over 5 years to repair or replace as many as 15,000 bridges
- Minimum 15% must be used to build off-system bridges

- **PROTECT (\$7.2 billion)**

- BIL establishes the **Promoting Resilient Operations** for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program
 - Make surface transportation **more resilient** to natural hazards (support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure).



* Source: McKinsey Insights

Resiliency



Challenge

Because of deterioration, individual bridge components and systems such as bearings, decks, joints, columns, and girders require frequent and costly inspections, maintenance, and repairs that are often difficult to conduct. These activities cause lane closures that create congestion and impact safety for road workers and motorists. Bridge engineers need improved design options so they can deliver bridges that are operational for 100 years or more.

Learn more - <https://www.shortspansteelbridges.org/steel-bridges-beyond-100-years>

What is a Resilient Bridge?

- Service Life & Life Cycle Performance – New Target is 100 Years Life
- Robustness for Unexpected Demands: Seismic, Natural, Man-Made
- Inspectable & Repairable
- Rehabilitation & Strengthening
- Sustainable

Resilience - Service Life & Life Cycle Performance

1000's of Steel Bridges Over 100 Years Old

Steel Bridge Longevity

- Practical and Effective Design
- Durable Materials
- Inspection, Maintenance & Repair
- Corrosion Protective Systems – Steel Chemistry and Protective Coatings



Resilience: Robustness for Unexpected Demands

Steel bridge robustness is a bridge's ability to withstand damage and maintain its structural integrity, especially in the face of unexpected events or local failures: **Seismic, Natural, Man-Made**

- **Ductility**

Steel can deform significantly without breaking

- **Redundancy**

Alternate load paths and ability for load redistribution

- **Lightweight Yet Strong**

Steel structures are lighter, reducing seismic forces

- **Bolted and Welded Connections**

Steel bridges use high-strength bolted or welded joints

- **Ease of Retrofitting**

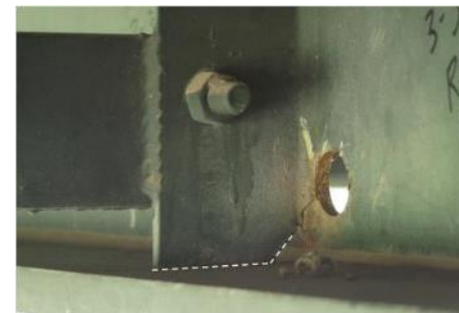
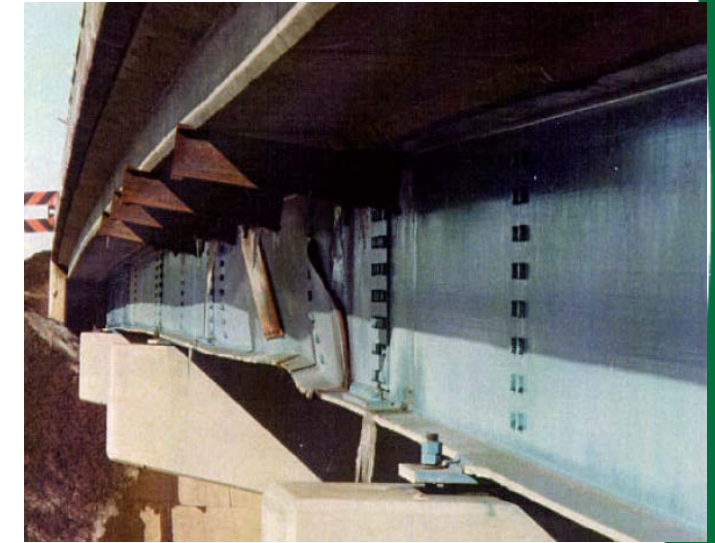
Steel bridges can be easily repaired, rehabilitated & retrofitted



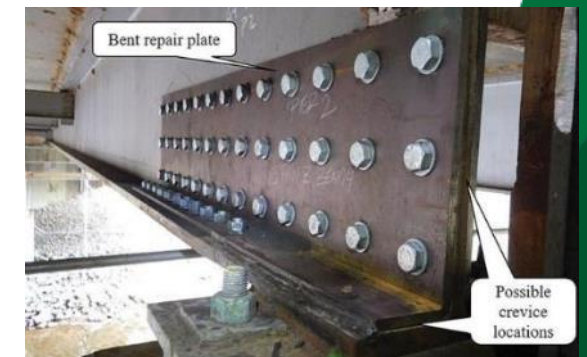
Resilience - Inspectable & Repairable

Structural Steel Bridge Damage or Deterioration

- Overload
 - High or wide vehicle collision
 - Fire
 - Structural vandalism
 - Fatigue
 - Corrosion
-
- **Accessibility** - Exposed structural components
 - **Ease of Nondestructive Testing (NDT)**
 - Steel is compatible with NDT techniques
 - **Repairable Characteristics of Steel Bridges**
 - **Modular Repairs** of Damaged sections
 - **Fatigue Management** Fatigue cracks can be fixed
 - **Corrosion Repair** repainted or metalized



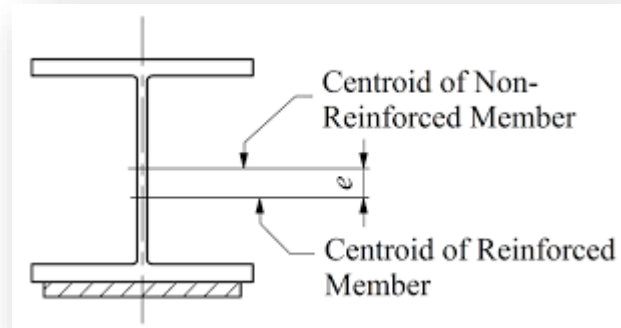
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Resilience - Rehabilitation & Strengthening

Rehabilitation & Strengthening

- Extend service life
- Restore or increase load capacity
- Prevent or mitigate corrosion and fatigue
- Upgrade for seismic or traffic demands
- Improve safety and user experience



Crossover Between Resiliency & Sustainability

Resiliency

Sustainability

Repairable ✓

Redundant ✓

Flexible ✓

Adaptable ✓

Resistant to Hazards ✓

Fast Restoration ✓

Resilient & Sustainable Steel Bridges with 100+ Year Service Life

Recyclable

Reduced Material Consumption

Energy Efficient Construction

Low Environmental Impact

- Steel is North America's #1 Recycled Material

- High Strength to Weight Ratio
- Optimal Weight while Maintaining Strength, Durability & Safety

- Recycled Steel Conserves Energy, enough to power 18 million homes

- Steel's Energy Use Reduced 33% Since 1990

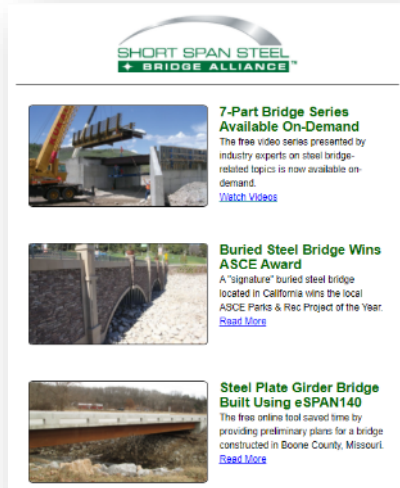
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduced by 45% since 1975

Steel Advantages for Resiliency

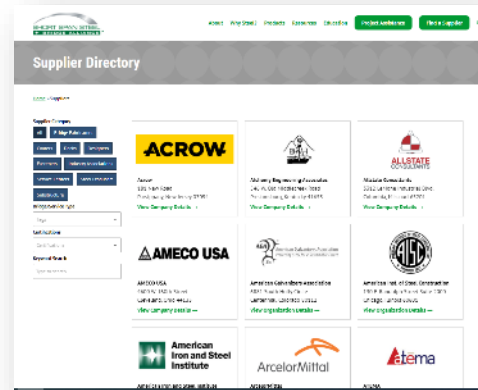
- Strength and Durability
 - High strength-to-weight ratios, which allows steel bridges to resist structural damage.
 - Ductile, Redundant and Robust Structure
- Ease of Inspection/Repair
 - Signs of problems are clearly apparent at an early stage, making steel bridges easier to inspect and repair.
- Rehabilitation & Strengthening for Increased Loads
 - Quickly rehabilitate & strengthen a steel bridge, while keeping the bridge in service with minimal traffic disruption.
- Long Service Life
 - Thousands of 100-year-old steel bridges still in service.
 - Innovative new systems have life expectancy of 100+ years.
- Sustainability

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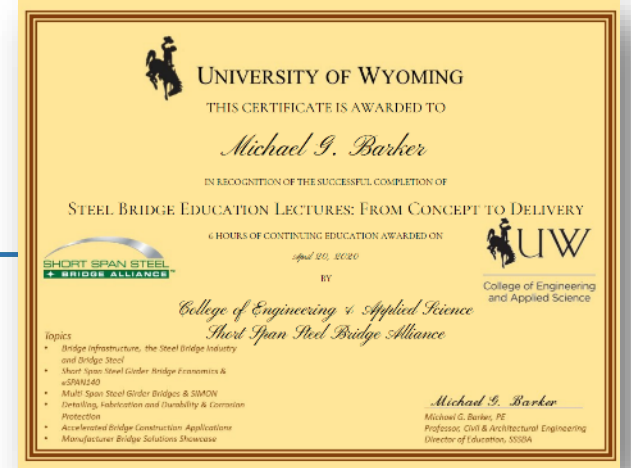
Online University Lecture Part I: Steel Bridges From Concept to Delivery

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

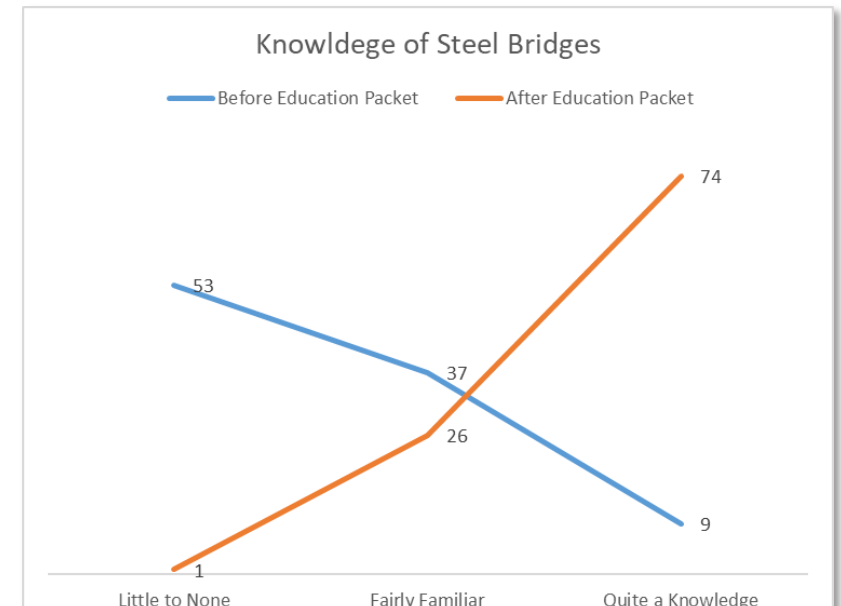
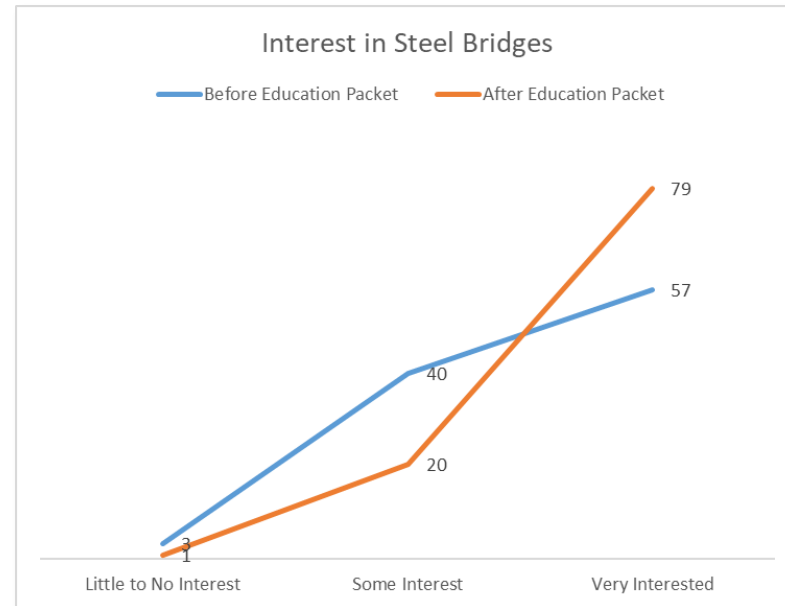
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Steel Bridge Education Lectures: From Concept to Delivery

- 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**



12 Workshops
Over 1800 Certificates Awarded
Over 3800 Registered
More Planned for 2026



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

80 ft Simple Span Plate Girder Design

Lecture 1: Introduction & Trial Bridge Design

Lecture 2: Bridge Design

Lecture 3: Bridge Analysis & Design Limit States

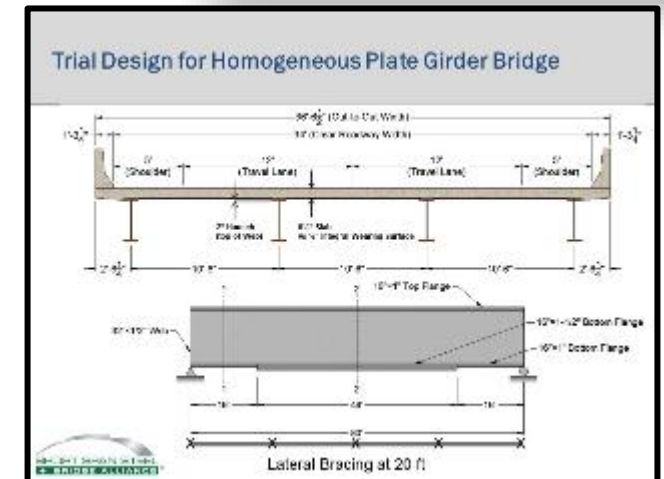
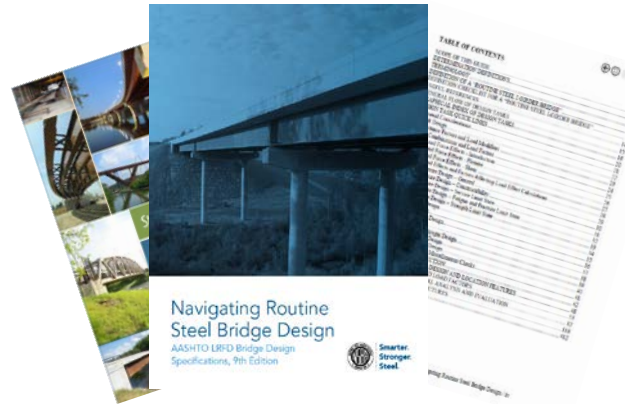
Lecture 4: Strength Design

Lecture 5: Serviceability & Construction Design

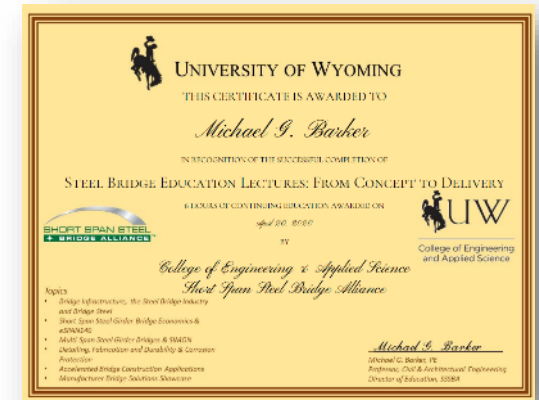
Lecture 6: Detailing & Final Thoughts

Another Offering in 2026

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**Target Audience:
University Students
Young Professionals**



2026 Steel Bridge Playbook

Quarterly Webinars on AGA Platform



Feb 24, 1 pm ET	Essential Bridge Design Resources
May 7, 1 pm ET	Galvanized Bridge Preservation Tools
Sept 10, 1 pm ET	Next-Gen Steel Bridge Design Approached
Dec 10, 1 pm ET	Bridge Success Stories & Lessons Learned

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2025: July 8, 10, 15, 17 - 1:00-2:00pm EDT



July 8, 1 pm ET

Tools and Resources for Designing Cost-Effective Steel Bridges
Steel Plate Girder / Rolled Beam Bridge

July 10, 1 pm ET

Modular Steel Bridges
Buried Steel Bridges

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Galvanized Steel Bridge with Grid Decking
Press-Brake Formed Tub Girders

July 17, 1 pm ET

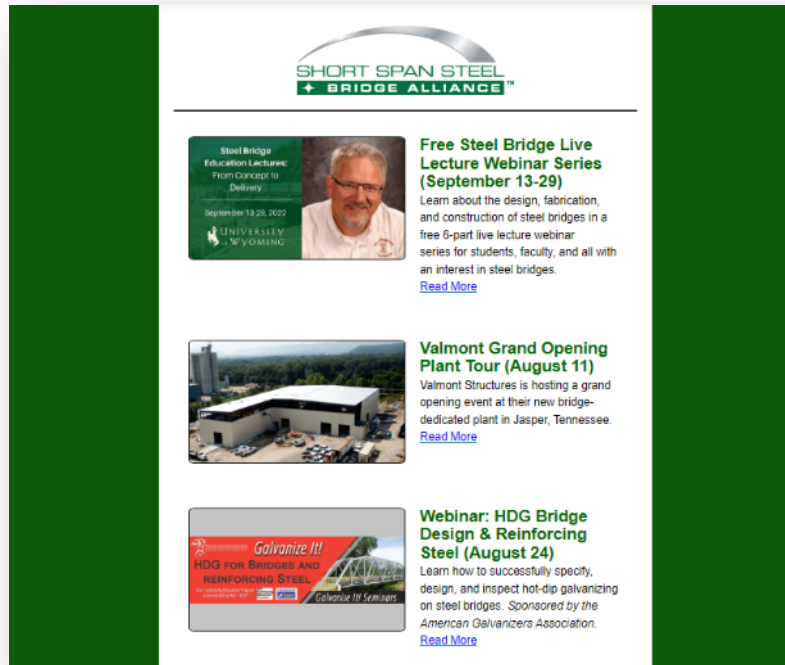
Truss Bridges
Simple for Dead, Continuous for Live Designs

Case Study Projects

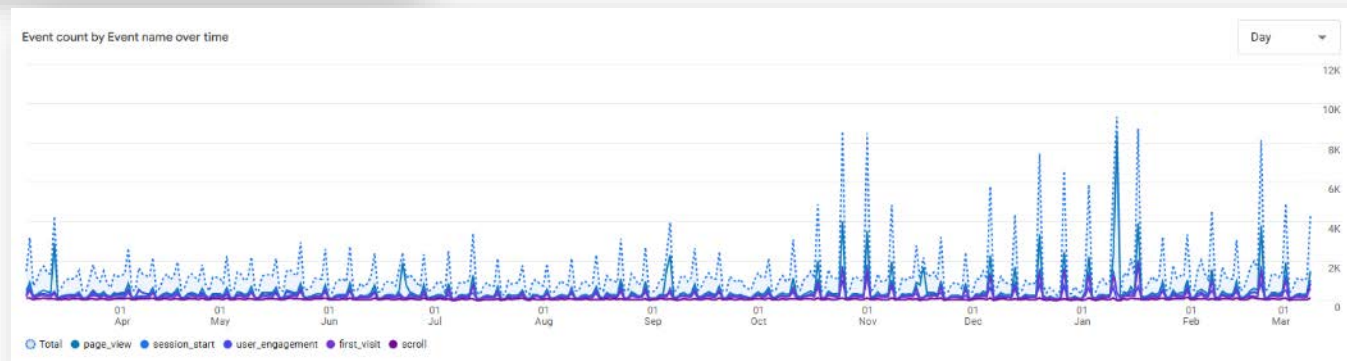
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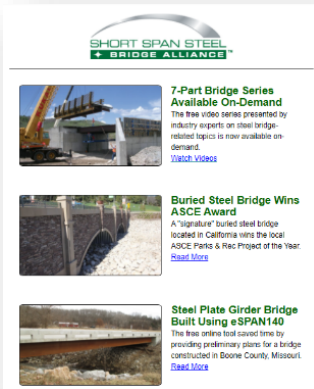
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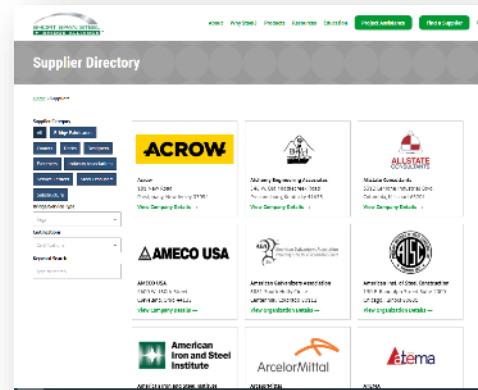
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