New Generation of Sustainable Infrastructures "Current CFRP Research "

Build a structure once, the right way, with the right materials, while minimizing repair and maintenance over the lifetime of the structure – and save taxpayer money

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USA Bridge Inventory

As of August 14, 2007

	Category	<u>Bridge</u> :	<u>S</u>
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• Urban 151,102

• Rural 448,791

• Total 599,893

Structurally Deficient 72,264

Functionally Obsolete 81,257

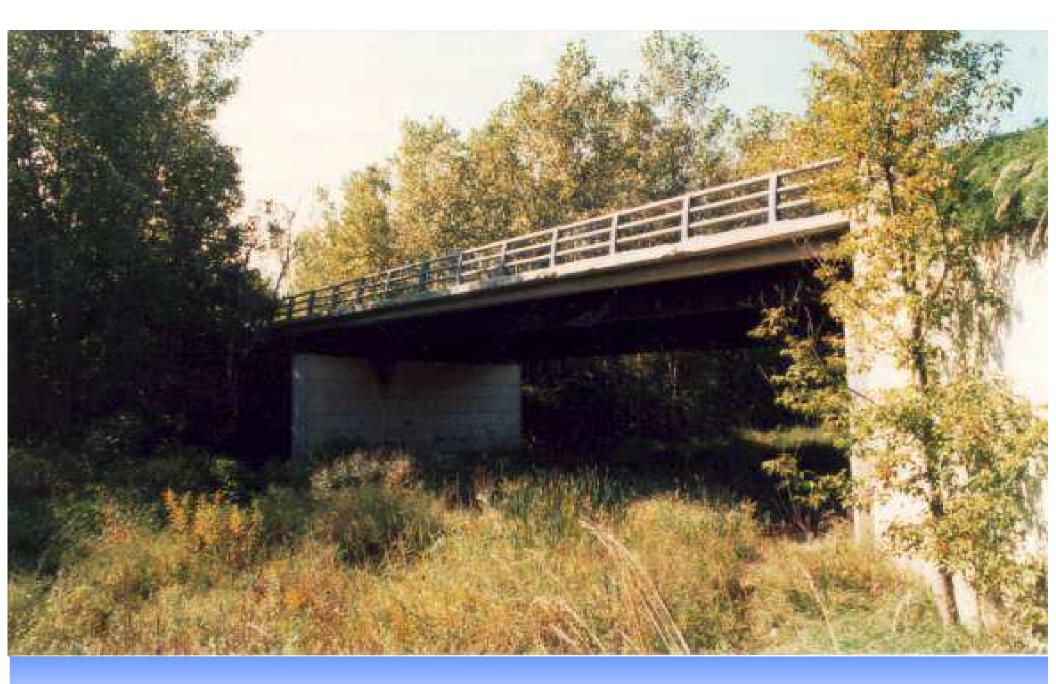






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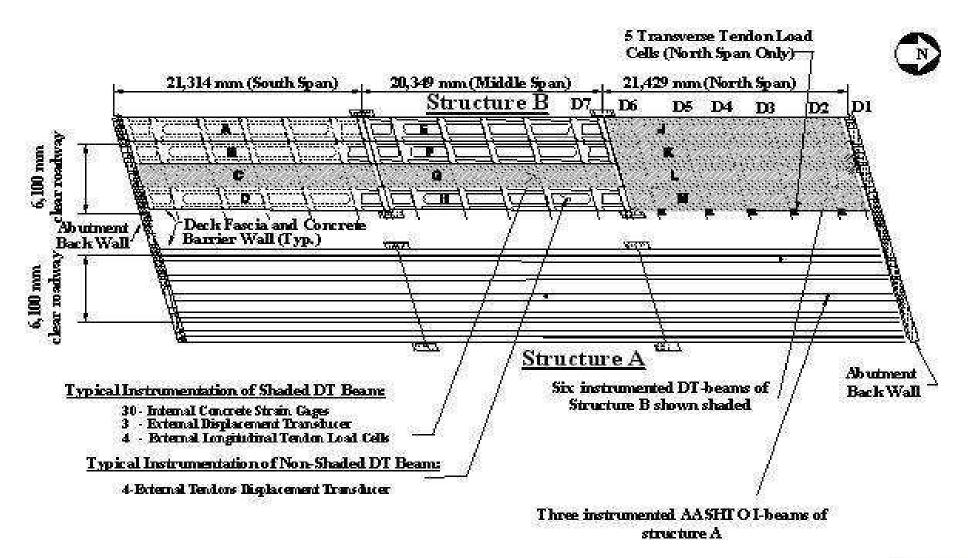


Three-Span Rouge River Bridge

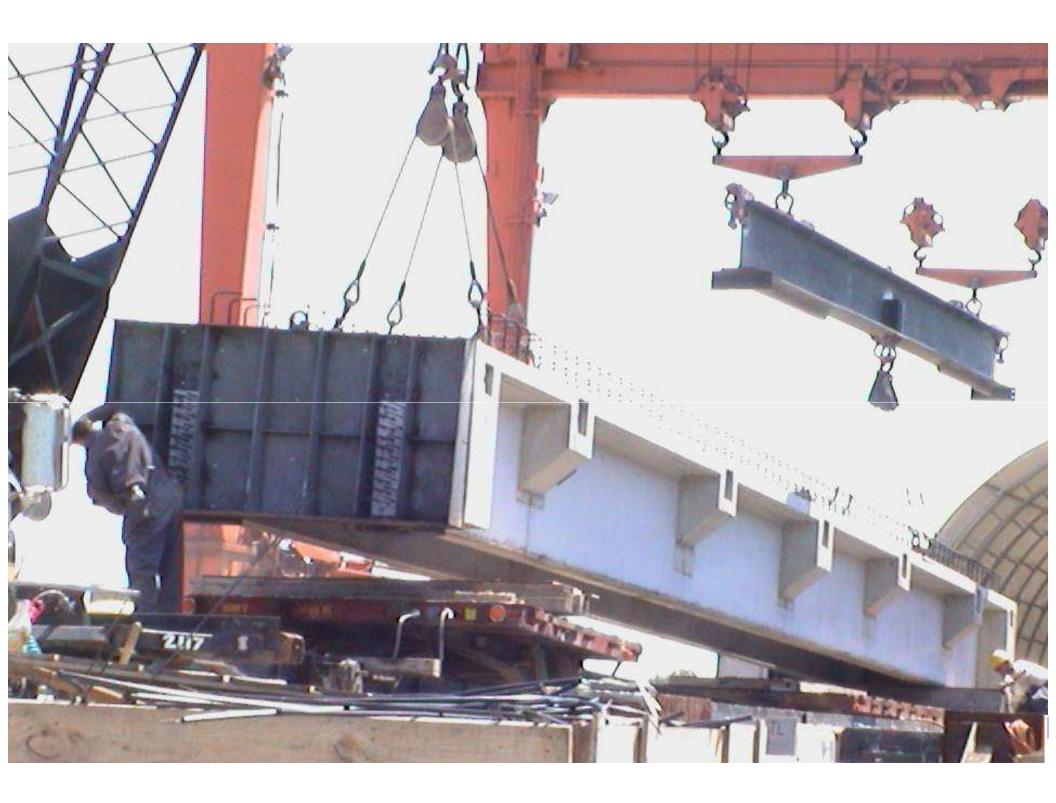


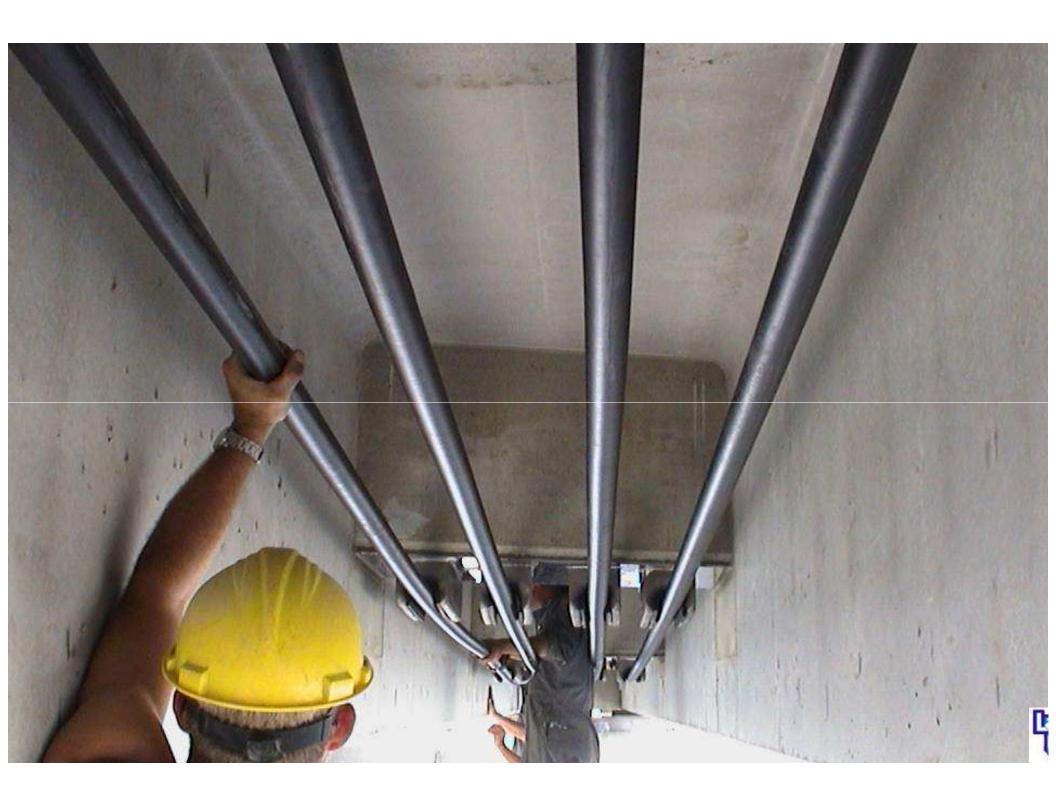


Bridge Street Bridge Deployment Project Consists of Two Parallel and Independent Bridges (Structures A and B).









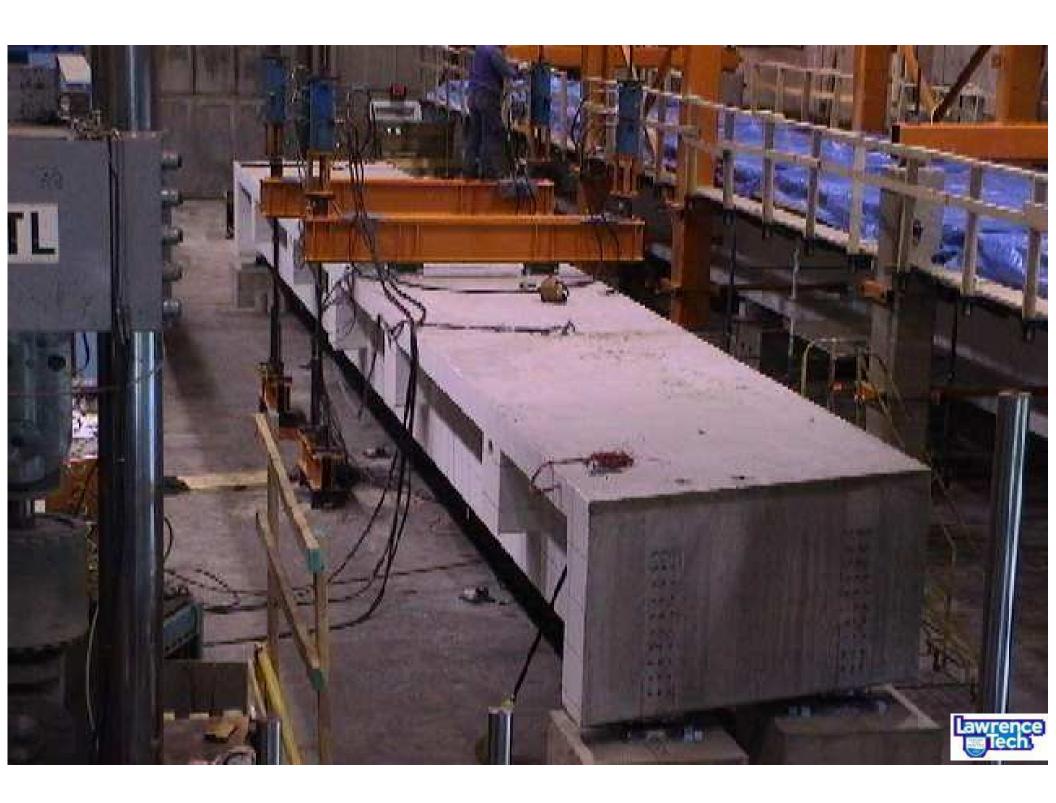
POST-TENSIONING OF LONGITUDINAL CFCC STRANDS

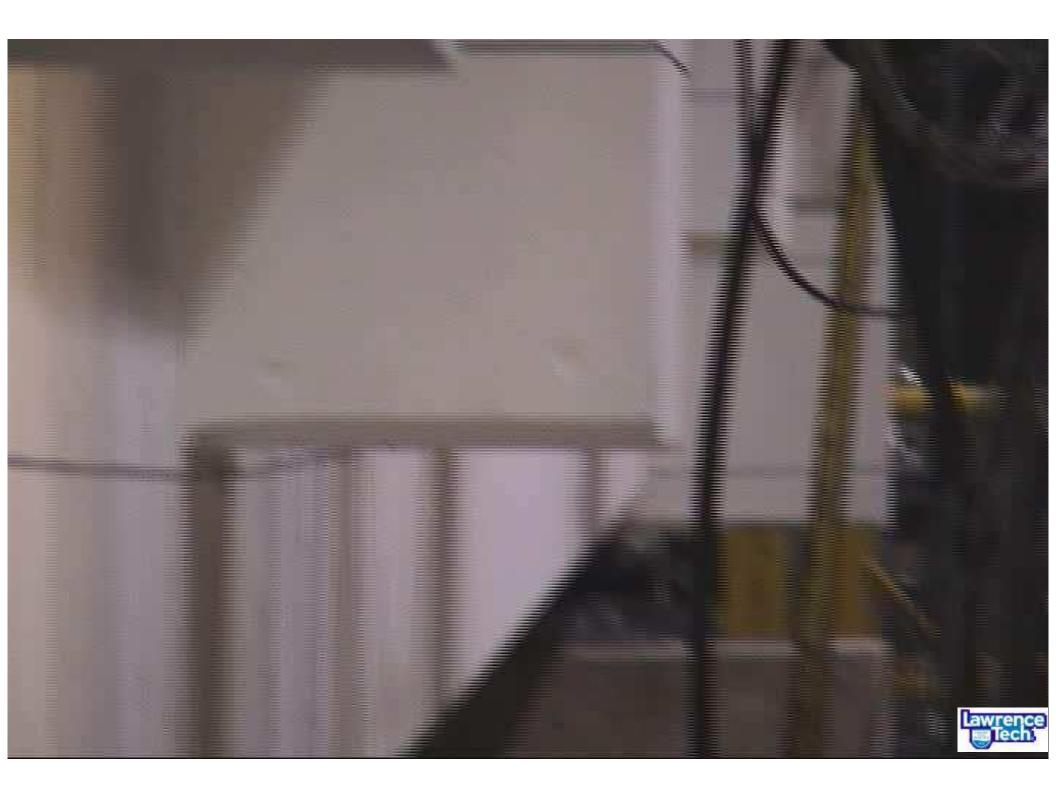


Hydraulic Jack

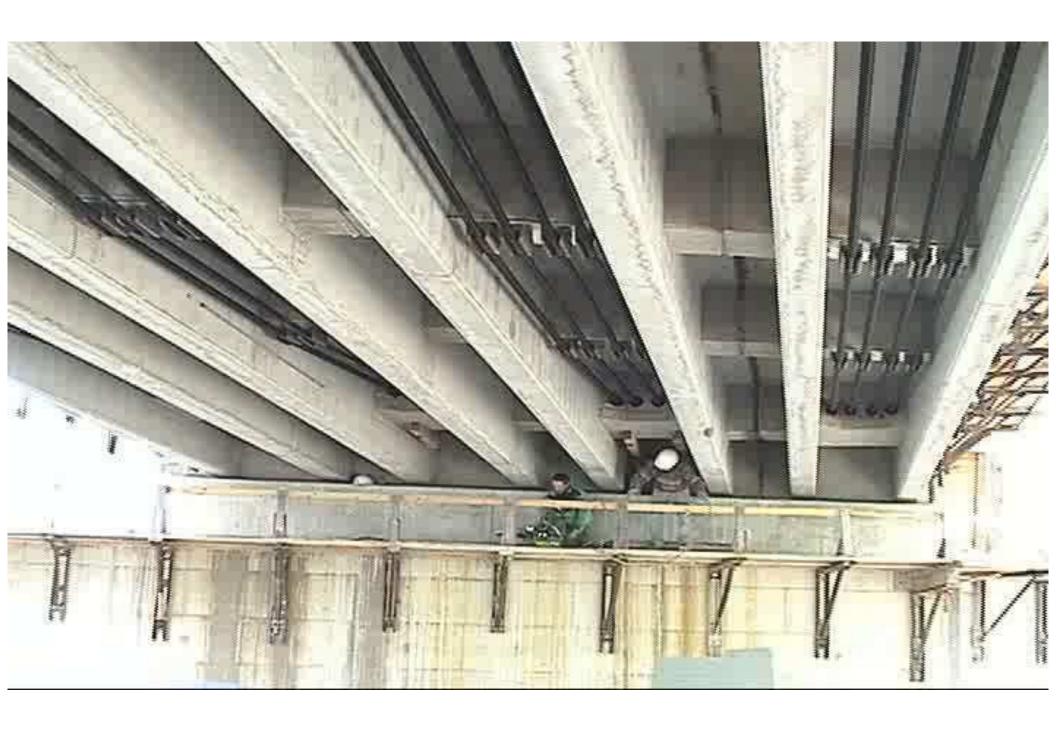


Load cell at dead end of CFCC strand of the bridge DT-beam







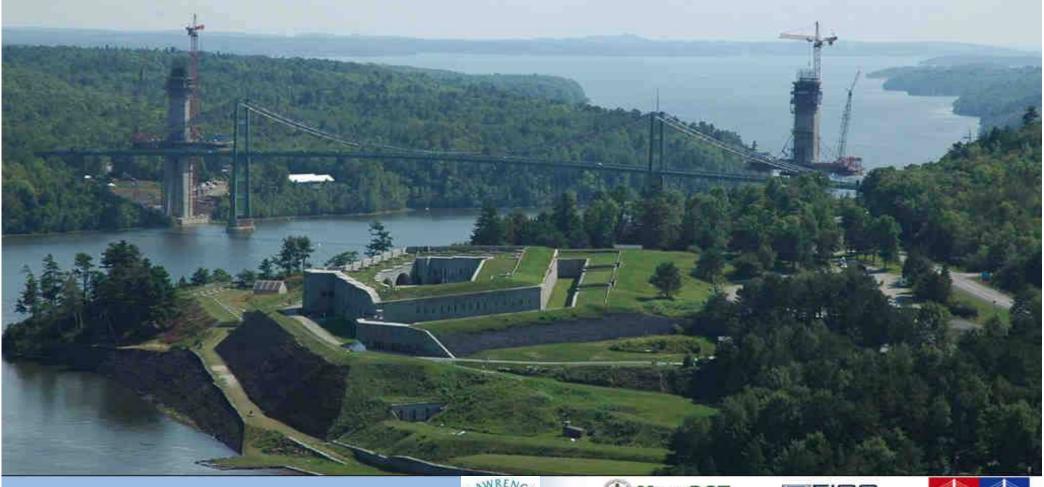








Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory <u>Design / Construction</u>

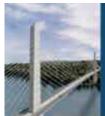






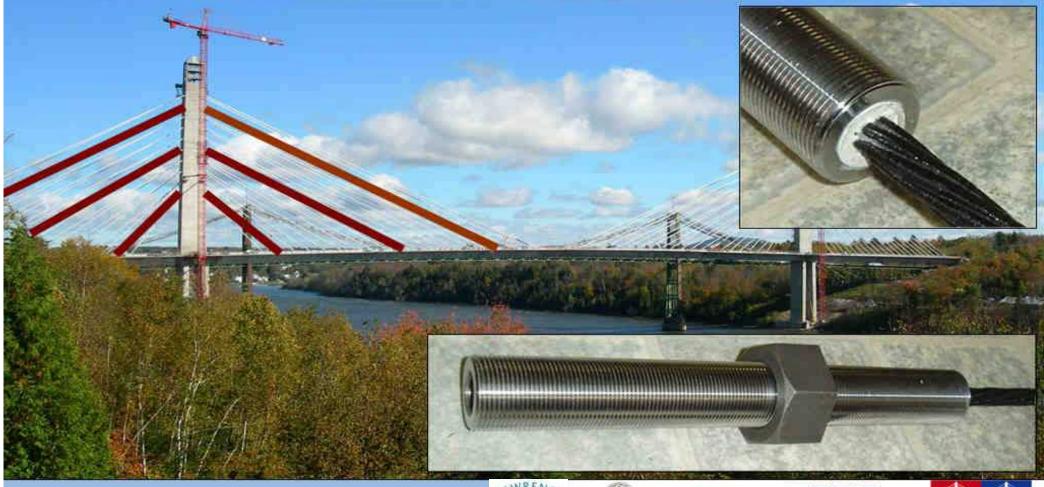






Carbon Fiber Composite Cable Research Project

In Observation pylon - stay 2, 10 and 17 reference strands will be replaced with carbon fiber composite cable

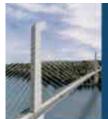












Design Features Expedite Project Completion

- Foundations placed on land
 - Streamlined permit process (avoid wetlands)
 - Ship impact, ice, and tidal loadings avoided
 - Construction access easier
- Incorporated CIP
 Segmental box
 girder details to
 keep casting
 operations
 repetitive



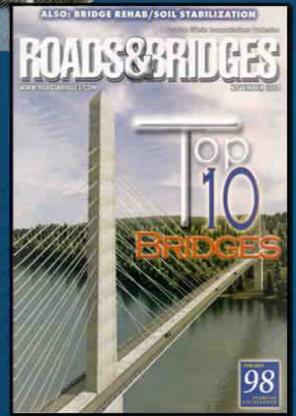




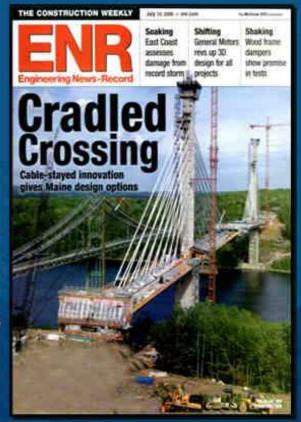




Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory



2004 #1 Bridge in America



July 10, 2006 ENR Cover

Winner of 10 Design Awards including FHWA "Innovation Award"













AASHTO Bridge Model at Failure (MEDC Project)





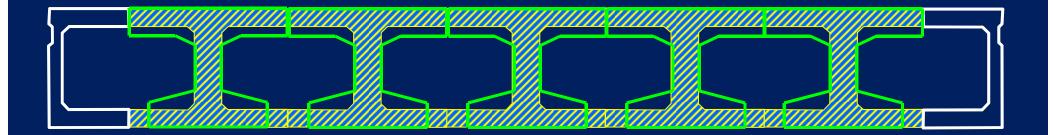
Traditional Highway Box-Beam Bridges



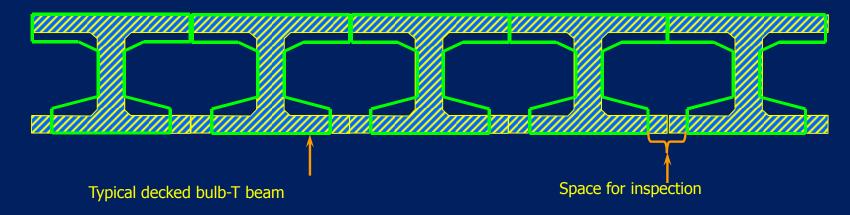
Alternative solution:

➤ Corrosion-Free Decked Bulb-T beams

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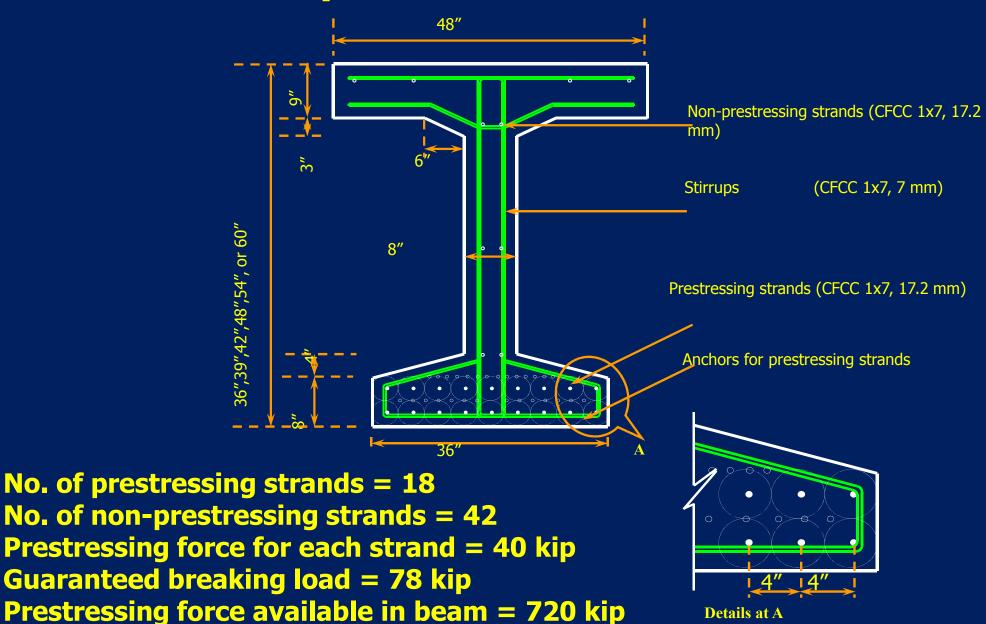
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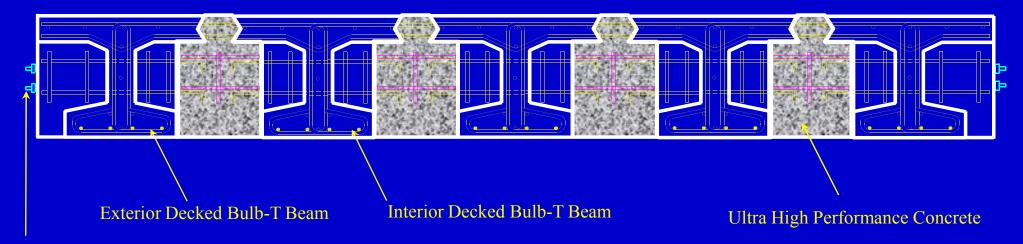
decked bulb T beam advantages:

- Similar structural integrity and advantages of box-beams
- Hassle-free from grouting and inspection problems
- Simpler in construction and easy to replace damaged fascia beams

Details of the Proposed Decked Bulb-T Beam

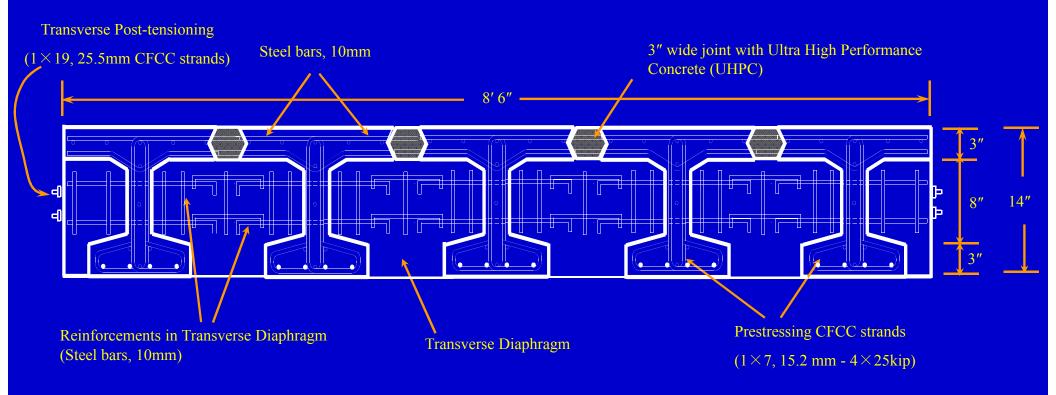


Construction Sequence of Decked Bulb-T Beam Bridges



Transverse Post-tensioning

Cross-Section of CFCC Decked Bulb T- Bridge Model



Pretensioning of CFCC Strands





Hydraulic jack

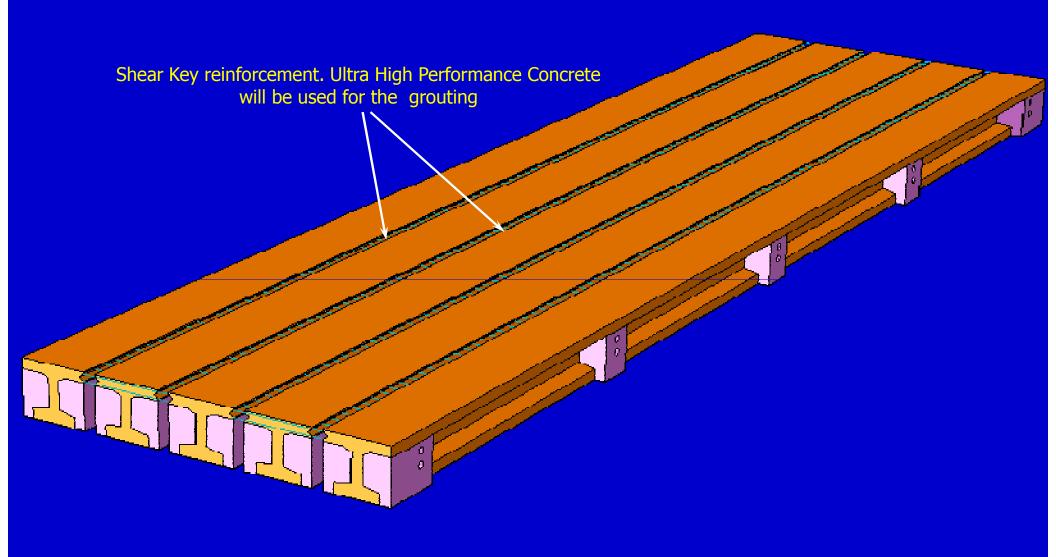
Bulkhead

CFCC Strand 1x7, 15.2mm

Decked Blub –T Beams for Bridge Model



DECKED BULB-T BRIDGE MODEL



Ultimate Load Test Setup of Control Beam



Ultimate Load Test of CFCC Control Beam





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