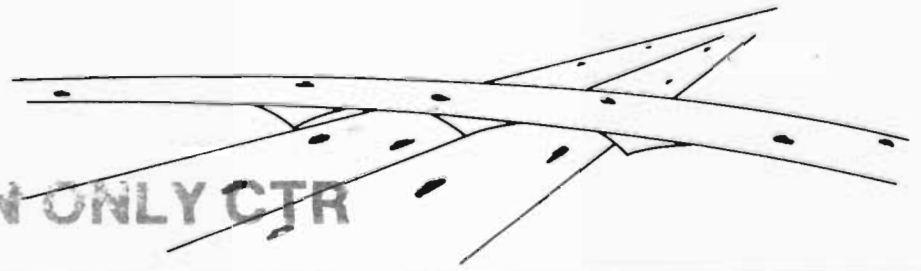


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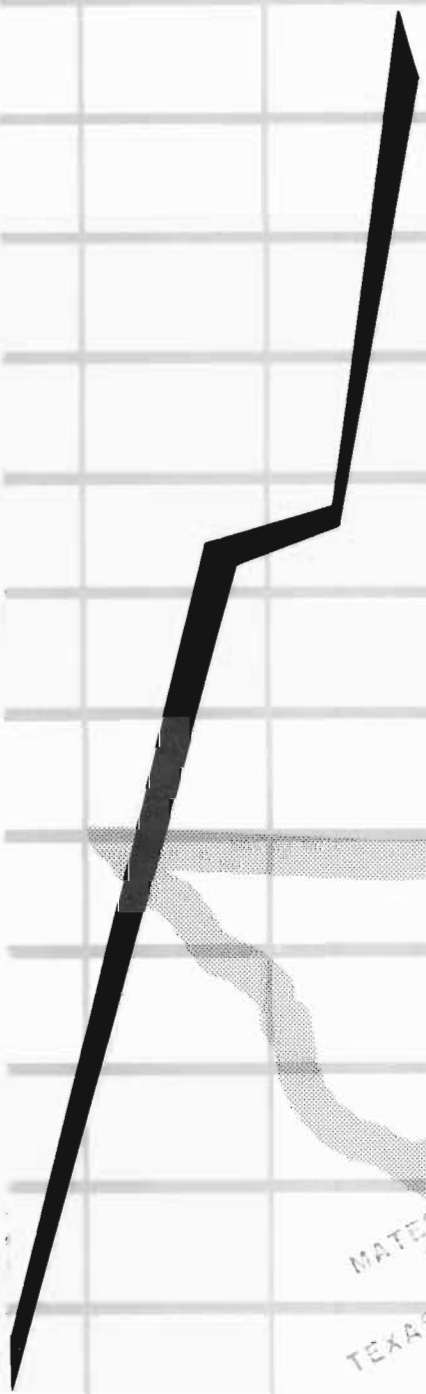
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## PREFACE

This report presents the results of a study intended to develop economical precast bridge designs with primary emphasis given to box beam and double tee configurations. Complete details were prepared for five roadway widths and six different span lengths for both the box and double tee superstructures.

A trial contract was let with the developed details as alternates to the regular standard structure. Neither of the alternates was the chosen low bid.

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## SUMMARY

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## IMPLEMENTATION

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There was no invention or discovery made under this contract which is patentable.

## KEY WORDS

Bridges, Precast Concrete, Multi-beam Bridges, Prestressed Concrete, Shear Keys, Costs

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## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this study was to evaluate and develop precast bridge superstructure details which lend themselves to rapid erection yet be economical to construct.

### Background

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation (hereinafter referred to as DHT) has achieved significant recognition within the last twenty years in the use of bridges composed of prestressed I-beams with cast-in-place slab decks. In 1969, the first state use was made of precast box beams placed side by side with nominal cast-in-place concrete used for shear connection between the boxes. This need for a totally precast super-structure such as the box beam type has been recognized for many years. Unfortunately, the cost of current precast box beams as now detailed is significantly greater than the other two common and most economical bridges built in Texas. These two types are prestressed I-beams with cast-in-place slabs, and the so-called pan girder spans.

Pan girder spans (also termed concrete girder spans or CGC spans) were first developed in about 1955, and are composed of concrete beams flaring into an integral slab. Only two span lengths are available for the CGC units, 30.33 ft and 40.0 ft. The CGC steel formwork is in re-useable three foot wide sections self supported at the bents. The forms have half circular segments forming the underside of the slab. An average of 30 to 50 of these structures are built in Texas each year.

The prestressed I-beam and CGC structure types have proven to be the most economical bridges constructed in Texas for about the last 25 years. Figure 1

shows the costs for new bridges built in Texas for the last 10 years.

Precast panels (Ref 1) placed on prestressed or steel beams with a subsequent cast-in-place topping are variations which have also been used for a number of bridges with success. The precast box beams set side-by-side are the only superstructure type now used in Texas which does not require a significant amount of field concrete and associated formwork. Approximately 15 to 25 structures of this type have been built each year in Texas since about 1974.

### Configurations Considered

During the course of this project, seven different precast configurations were considered for possible additional development.

These were:

- (1) the current standard DHT box beams with modifications,
- (2) the PCI box beams,
- (3) single tees,
- (4) double tees,
- (5) bulb single tees,
- (6) solid slabs, and
- (7) voided slabs.

### Evaluation of Proposed Sections

Preliminary evaluation by the principal investigator and other staff of the Bridge Division of the DHT was made of the above seven sections, with the result that five were selected for more detailed evaluation. The two not selected were the single tee and bulb tee sections. The main reasons for not selecting these two types are their instability during transport and erection and the shear connection and construction damage problems associated with their very thin top flanges.

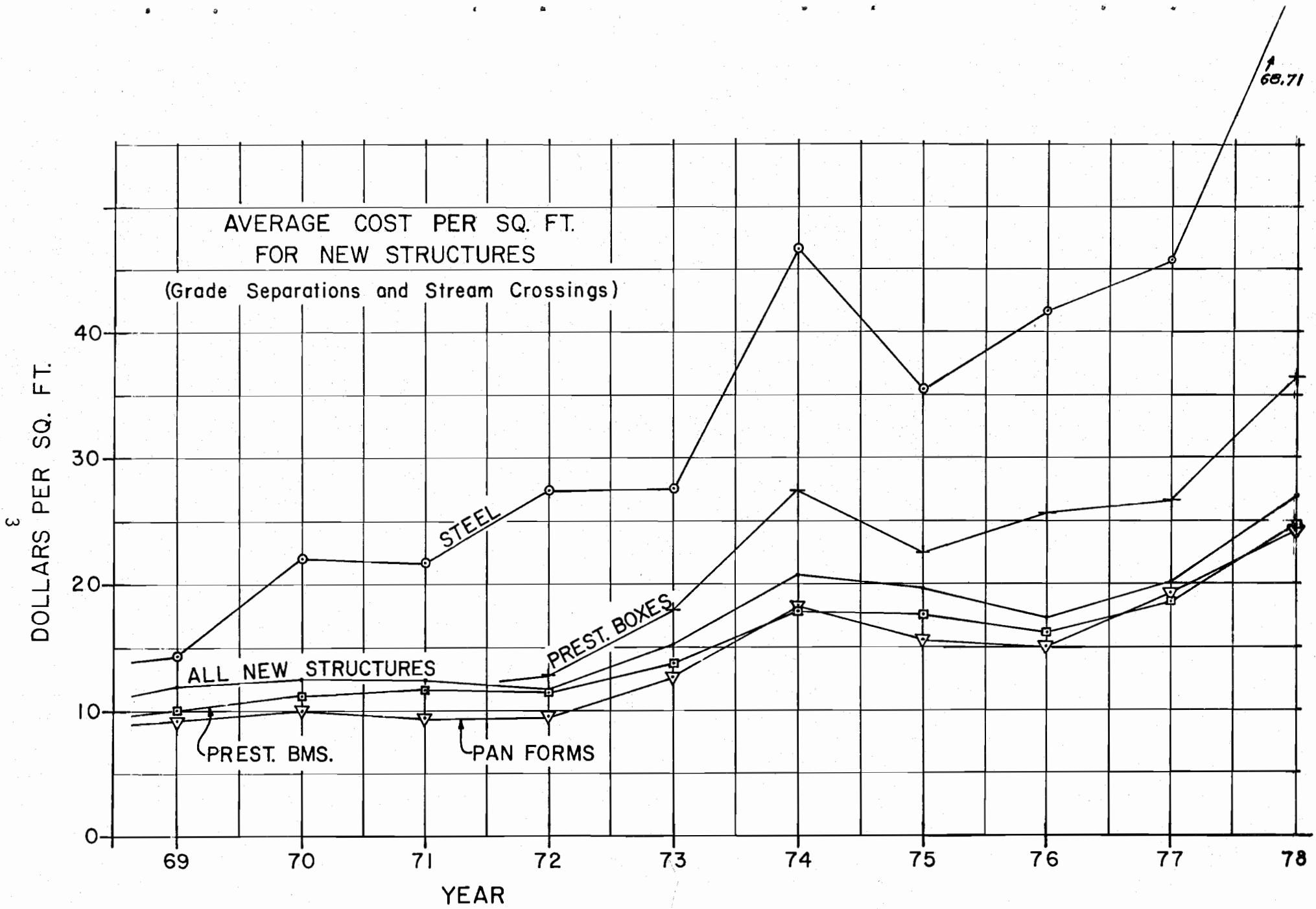


Figure 1. New structure costs in Texas.

## Implementation

The five selected configurations were distributed as conceptual drawings to other DHT District personnel. Additional comments were also received from two producers of precast products.

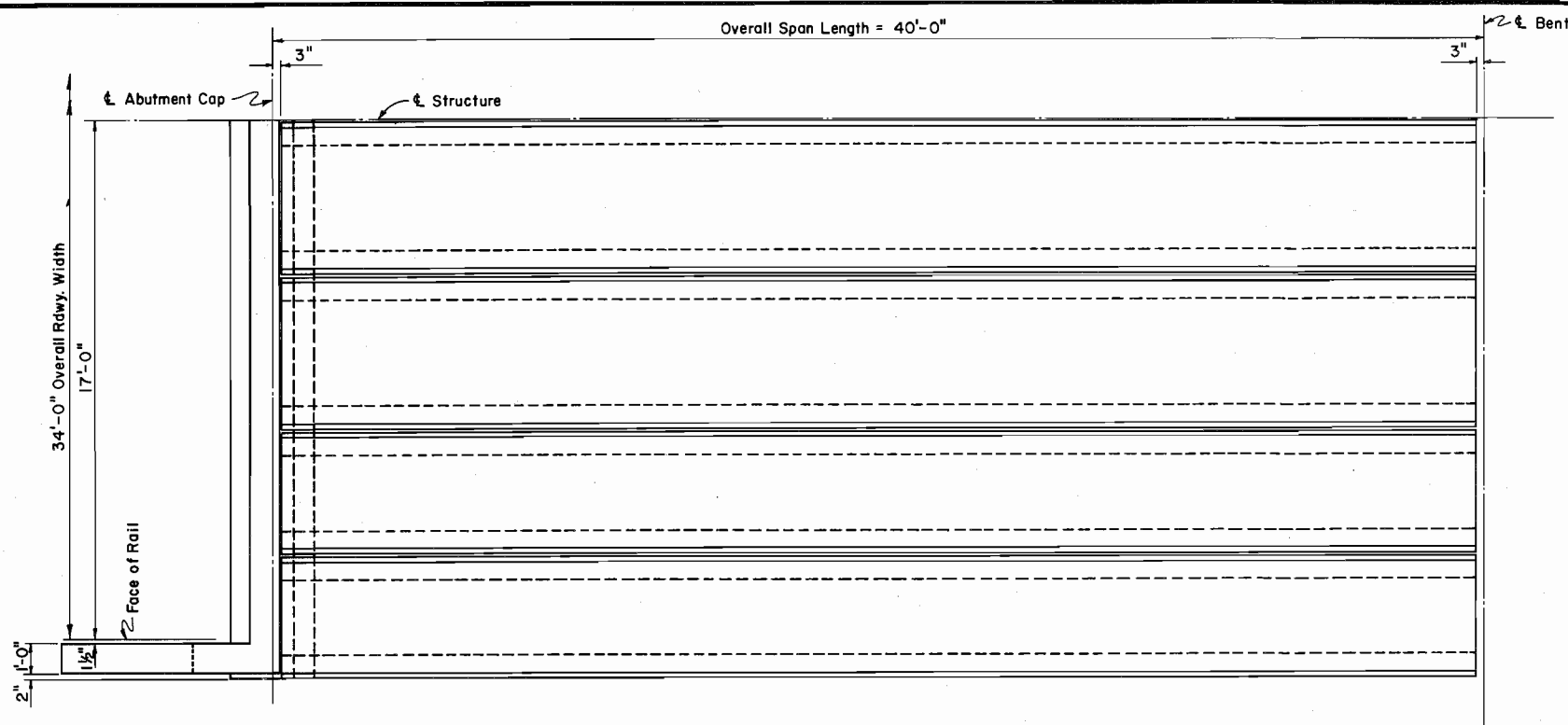
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After further evaluation of the five configurations, and with consideration of comments received, details suitable for inclusion in contract plans were then prepared. These are described in the next chapter.

One project in Floyd County on FM 1065 near Quitaque with structures over Los Linguish and Quitaque Creeks was selected to be let with two of the developed new precast details. The regular bid was conventional 40 ft CGC spans, the first alternate was modified (through void) DHT box beams with 50 ft spans, and the second alternate was double tee beams with 50 ft spans. One structure is 600 ft long and the other is 500 ft long. The project was let in March of 1981 with the result that the conventional CGC spans were the selected option by the low bidder.

As of the date of the last revision of this report, a second contract is being prepared to allow the same three options for the Interstate 20 South Frontage Road over the Colorado River in Mitchell County, just west of Colorado City. This bridge is to be 360 ft long with the regular bid planned to be nine 40 ft CGC spans. The first alternate is for nine 40 ft modified (through void)

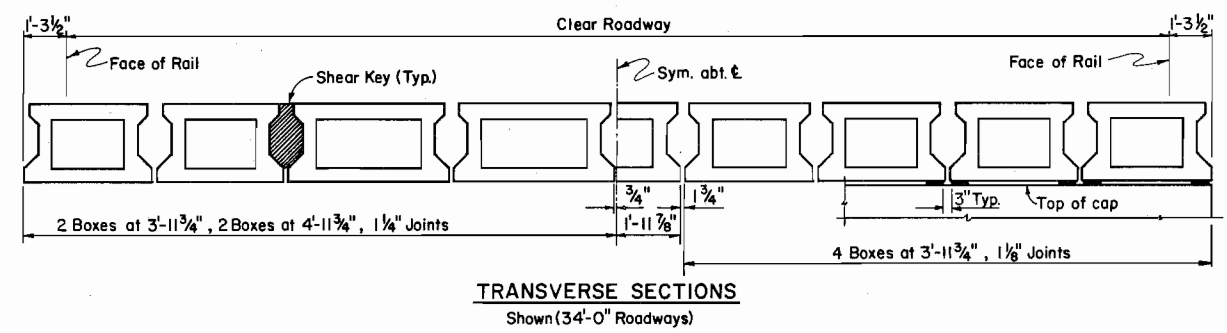
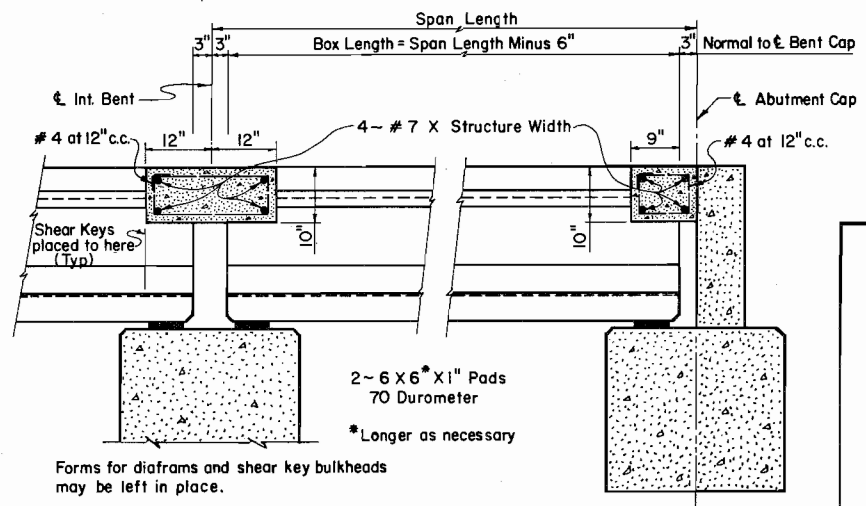
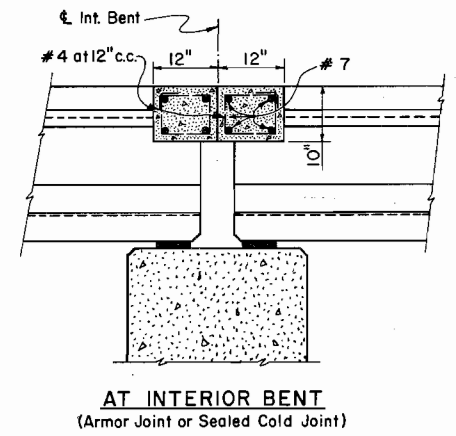
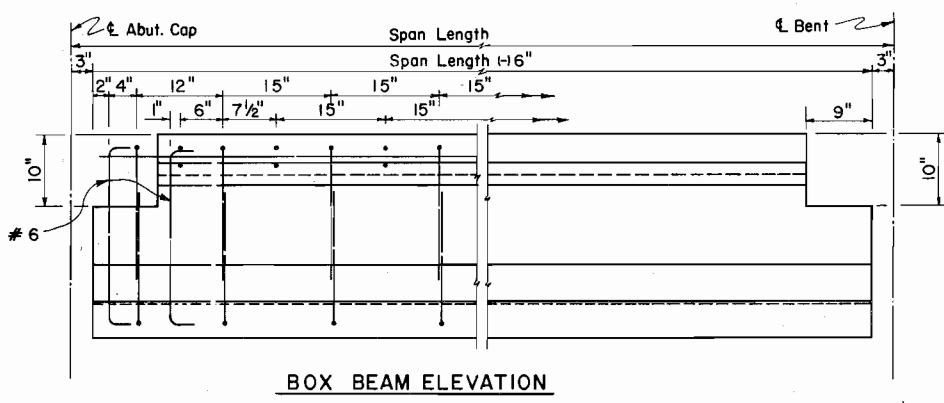
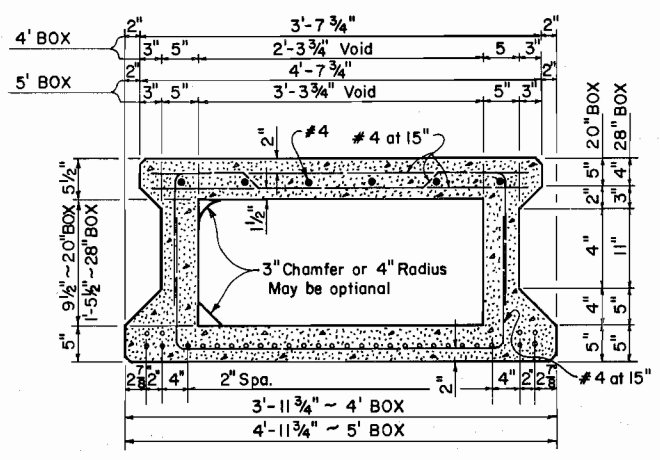
DHT box beam spans. The second alternate is for nine double tee 40 ft spans.



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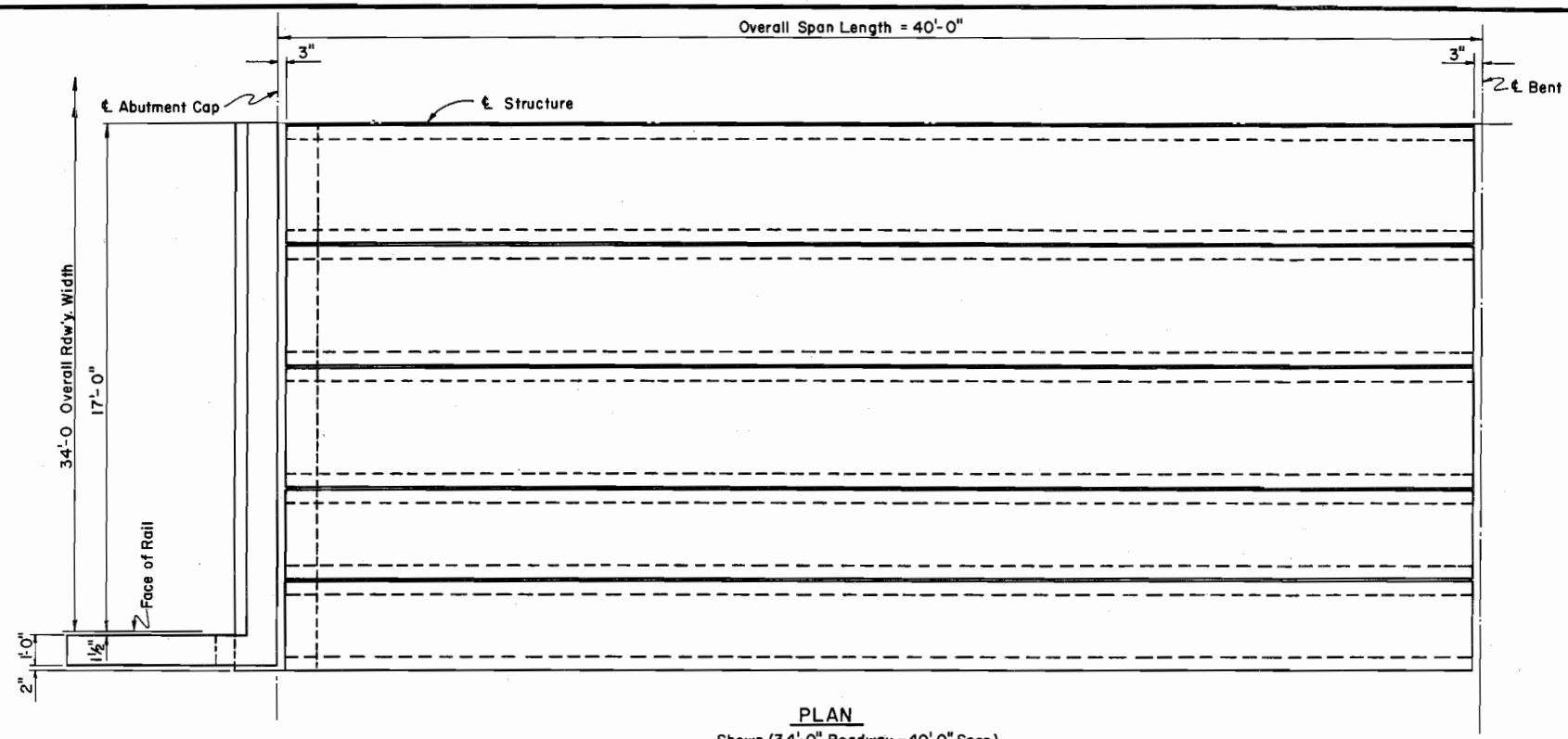
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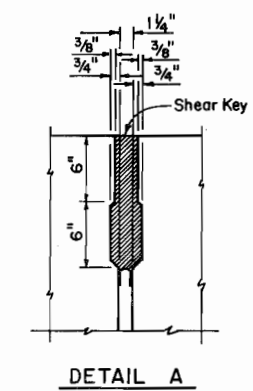
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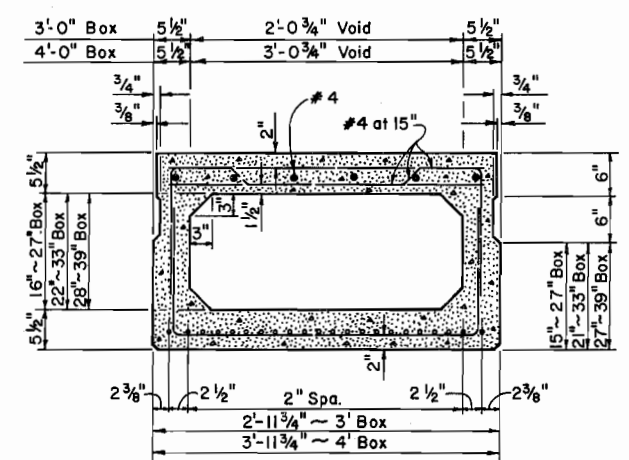


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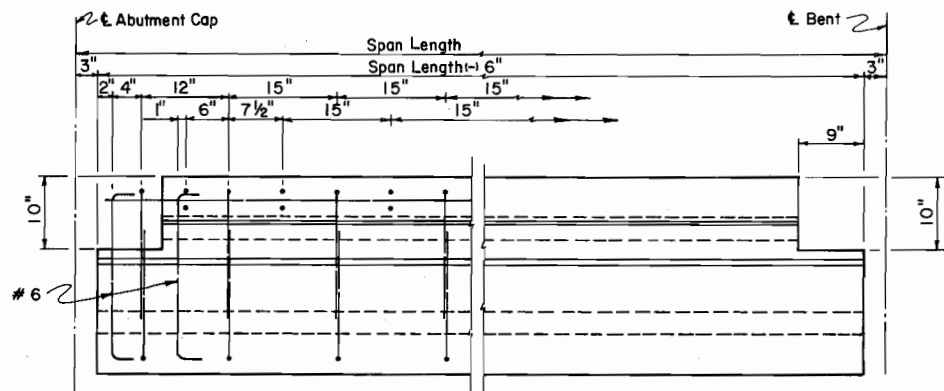
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LENGTHS

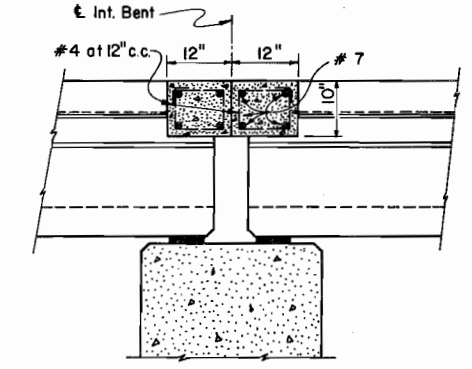
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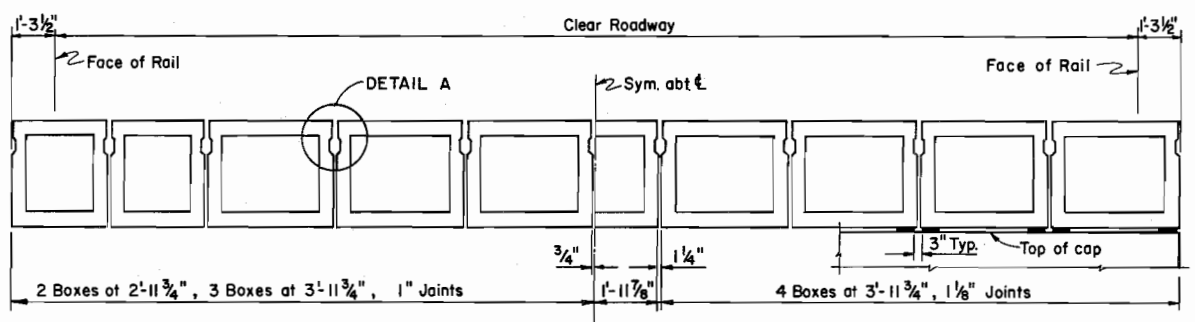
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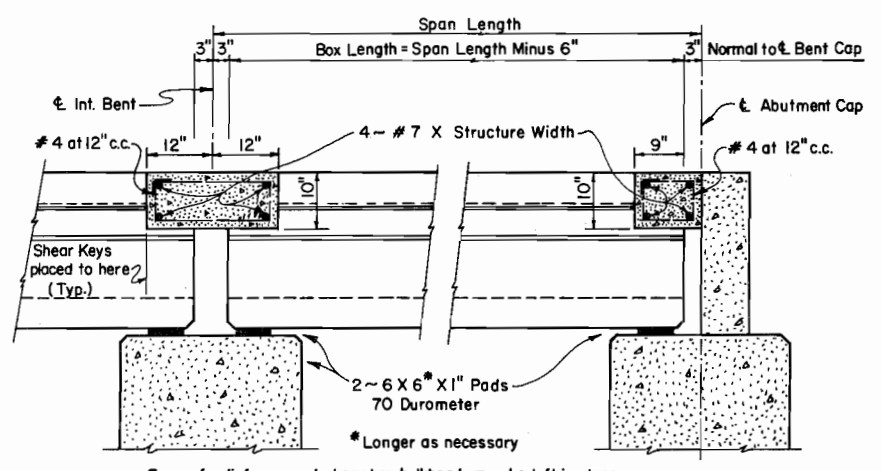
**BOX BEAM ELEVATION**



**AT INTERIOR BENT**  
(Armor Joint or Sealed Cold Joint)



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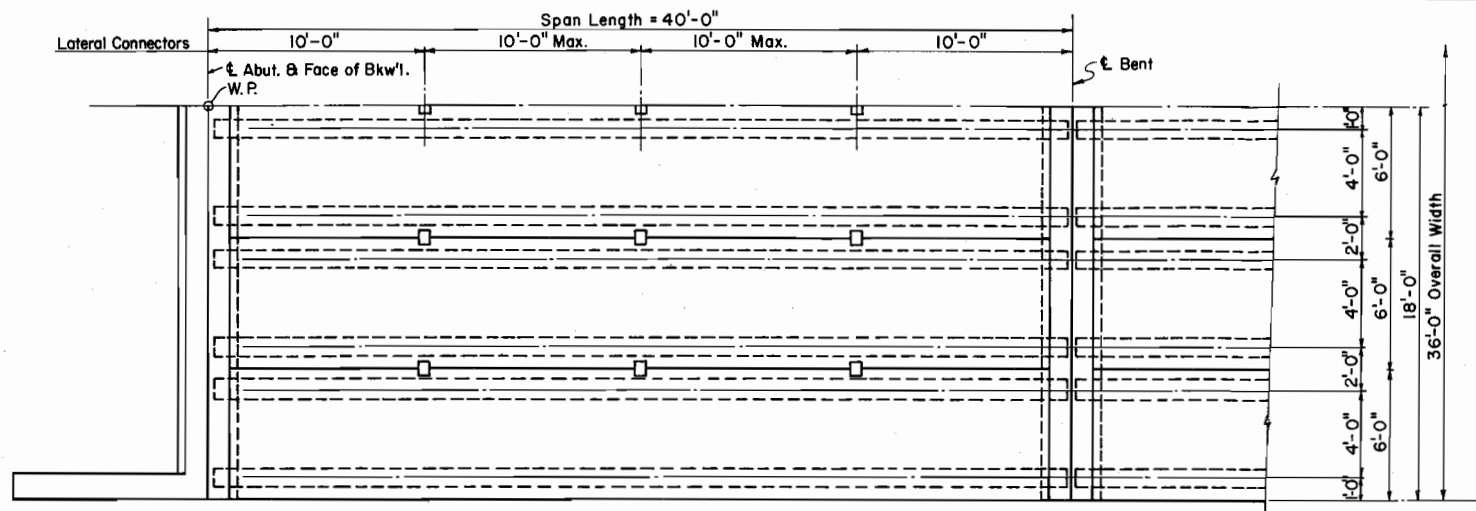
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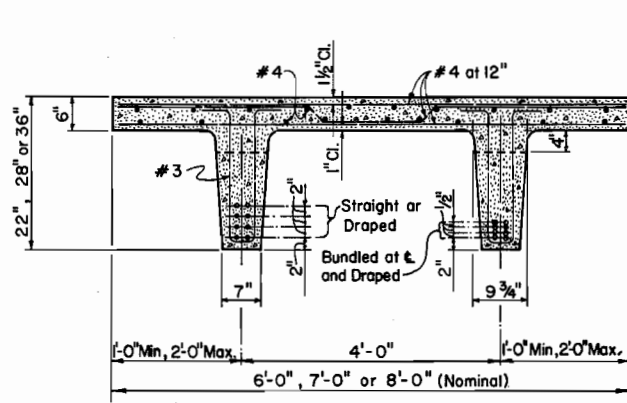


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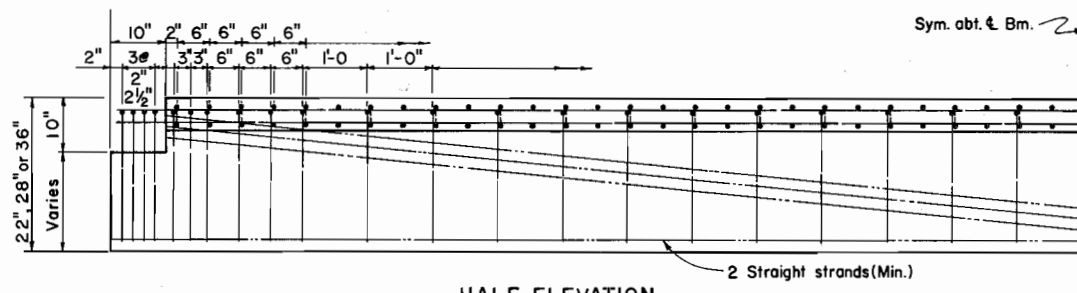
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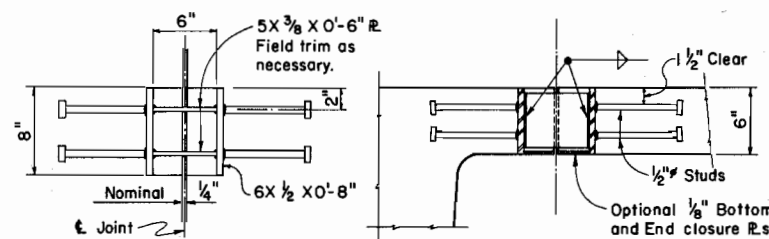
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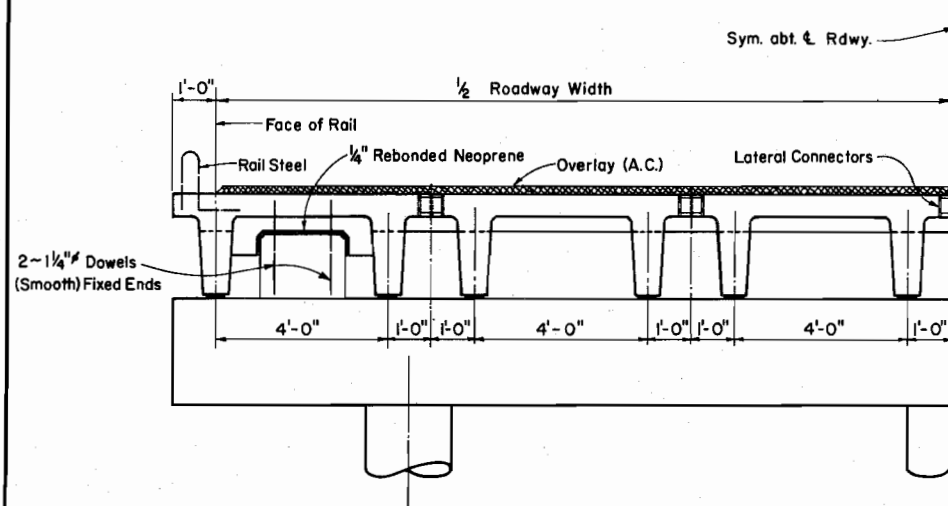
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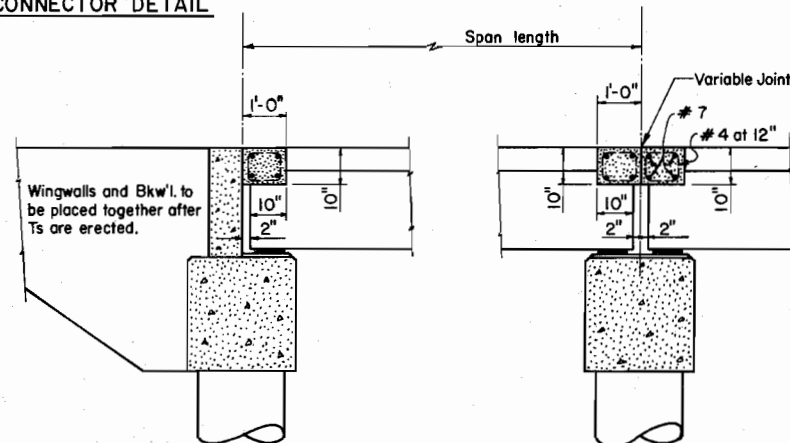
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**ELEVATION**

**LATERAL CONNECTOR DETAIL**




**END ELEVATION**



**ABUTMENT CONDITIONS**

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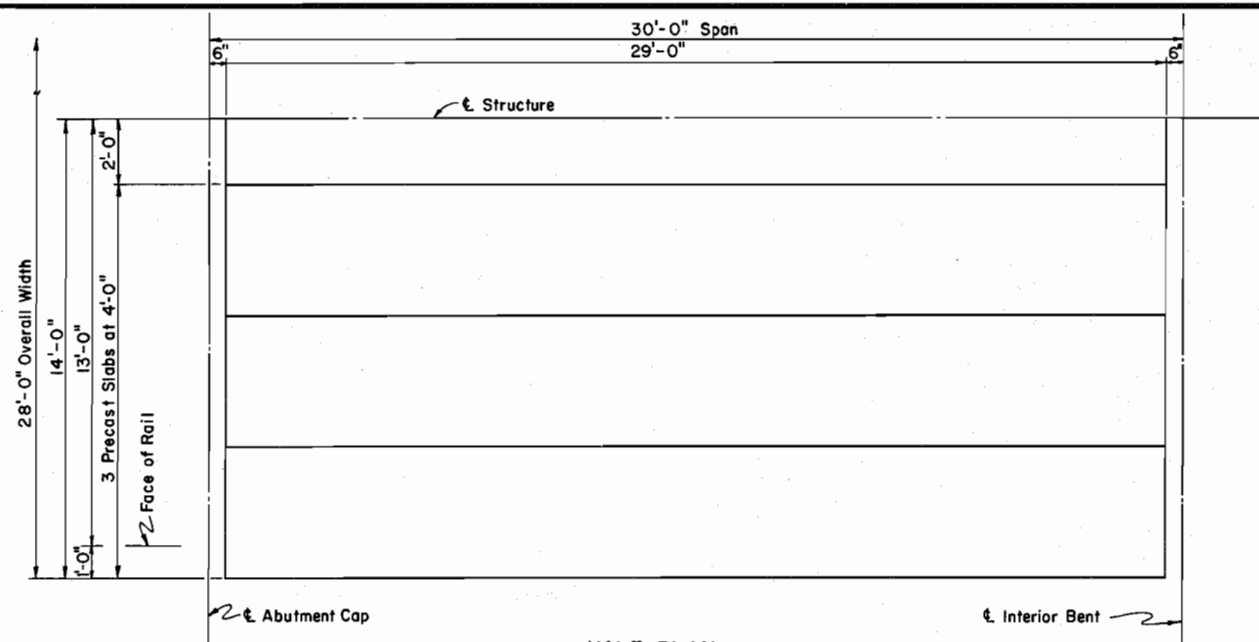


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**PRECAST CONCRETE DOUBLE STEM TEE BEAMS**

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**HALF PLAN**  
(Shown ~ 26'-0" Rdwy - 30'-0" Span)

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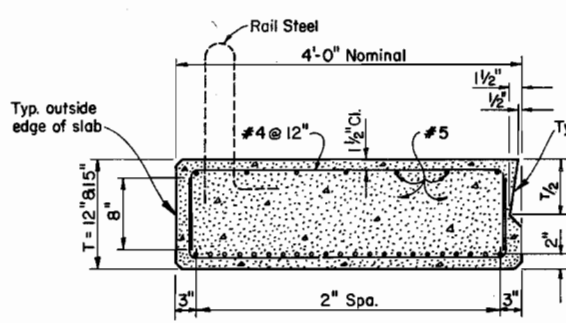
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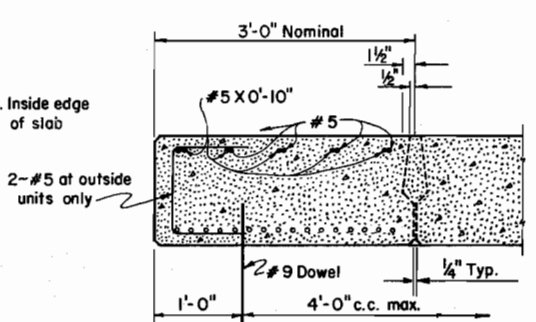
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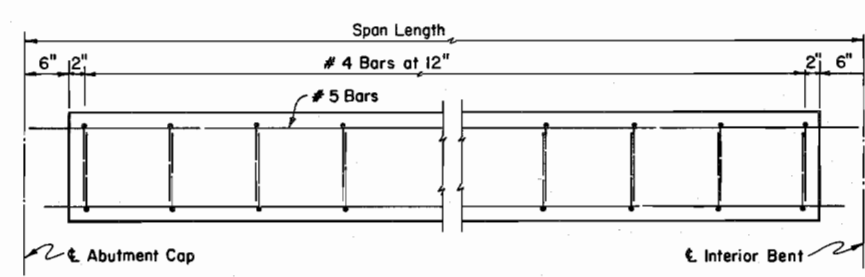
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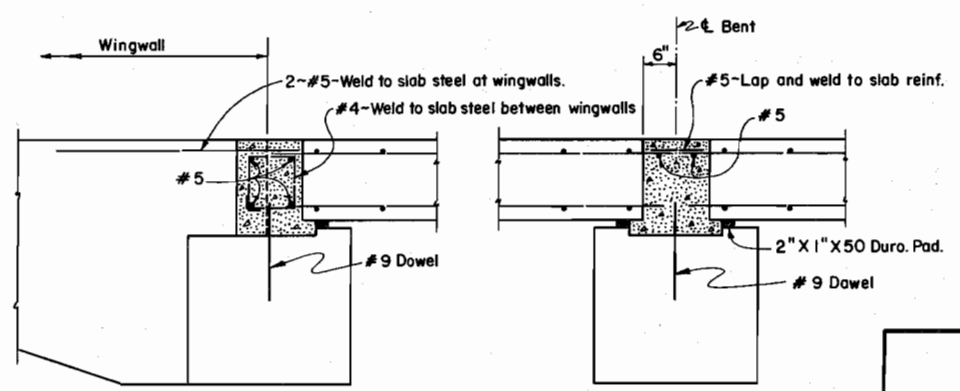
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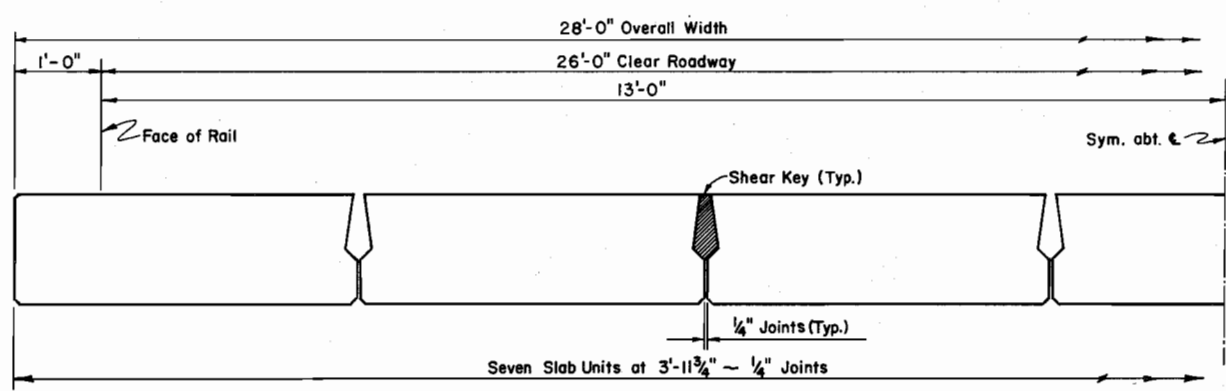
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**ELEVATION**



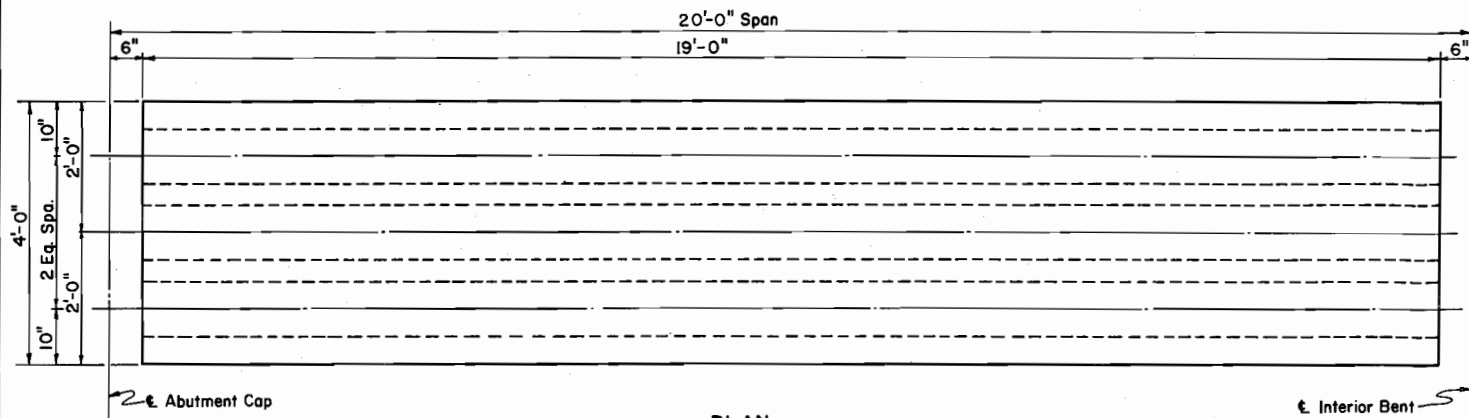
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**PRECAST CONCRETE SOLID SLABS**

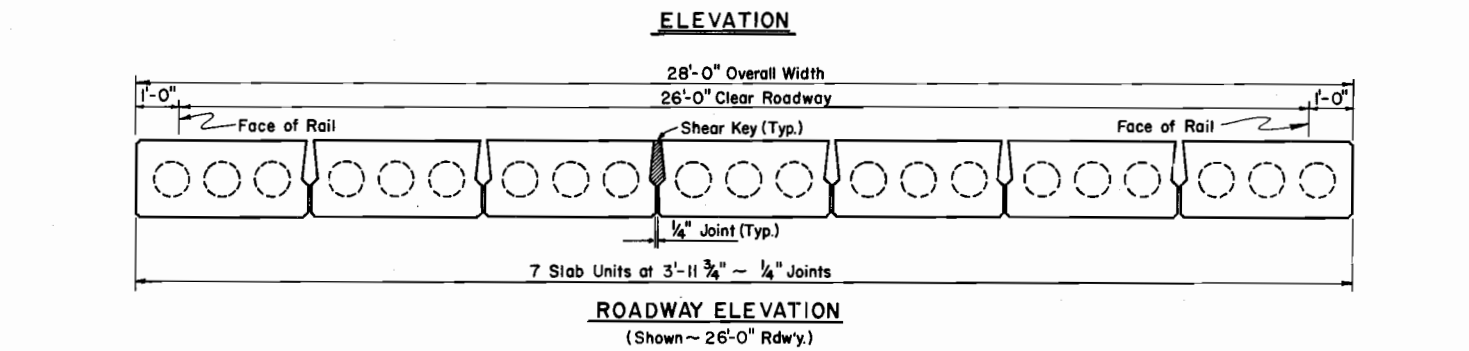
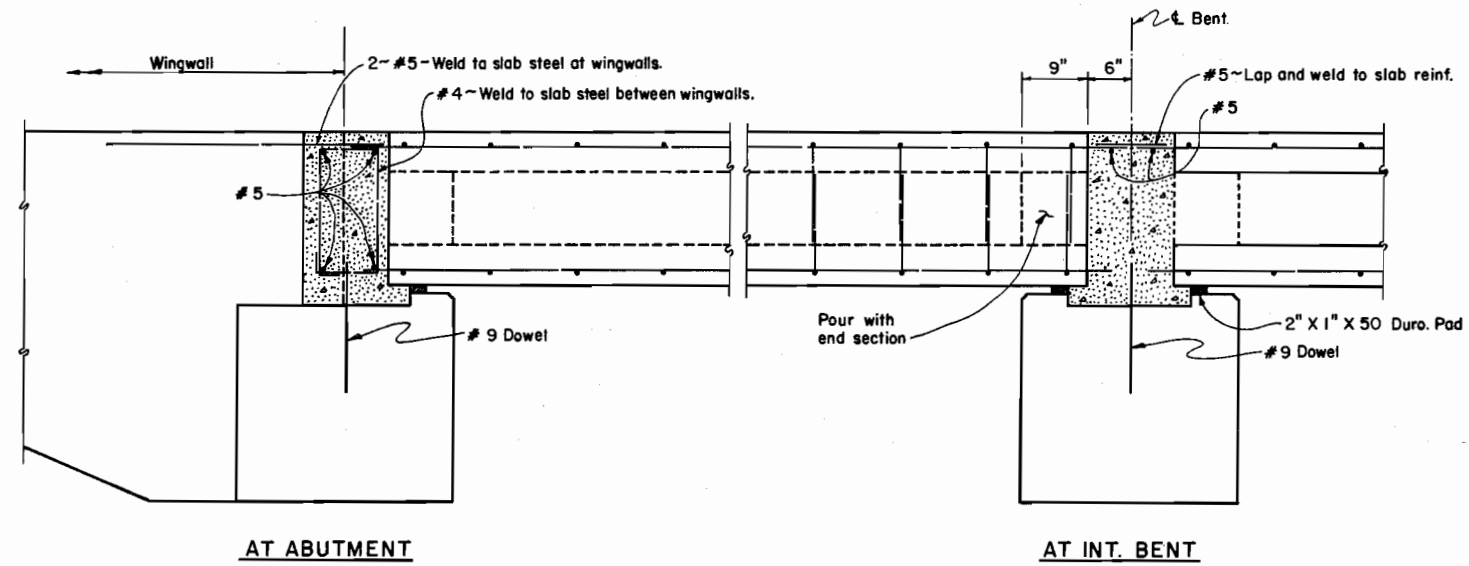
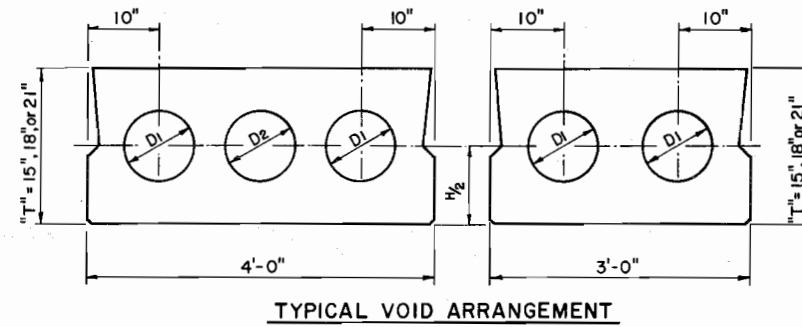
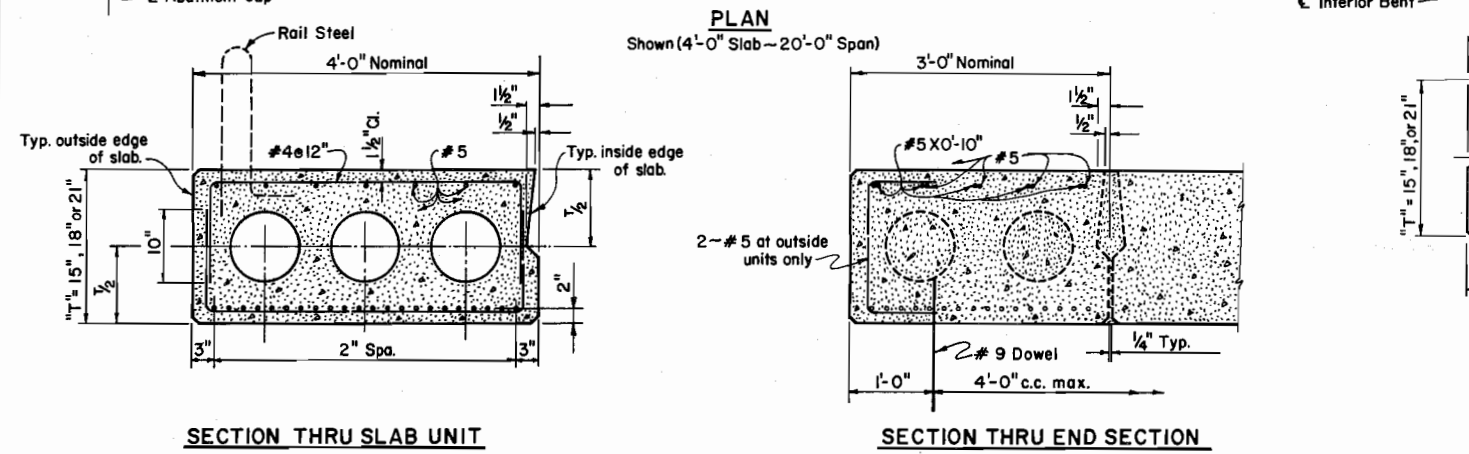
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44'	2	10

SPAN LENGTHS	SLAB UNIT DEPTHS		
	15"	18"	21"
20'	✓	~	~
25'	✓	✓	~
30'	✓	✓	~
35'	~	✓	✓
40'	~	✓	✓
45'	~	~	✓




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**PRECAST CONCRETE VOIDED SLABS**

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## CHAPTER 2. DETAILS OF PRECAST SUPERSTRUCTURES

The five sheets of conceptual details were shown in Chapter 1. The details were then expanded and modified to be suitable for inclusion in contract plans. These details are described in this chapter.

No bridge can be constructed until suitable foundation and bent details are prepared, so these were also designed and detailed. All of the prepared details of each bridge type are not included within this report, but a list of those prepared and a sample of each is included. A brief description of the associated details and reasons for recommending the methods of construction as detailed are described.

### Precast Concrete Box Beams

The box beam configuration shown in the following details labeled B-RD and B-D is essentially the same in cross-section as has been used for the 20 inch deep DHT box beam standards for about eight years. The major difference is the elimination of the heavily reinforced end blocks and all interior diaphragms. The interior diaphragms have been shown to be of little structural benefit by analysis (Refs 2 and 3), and also by test (Ref 4). The box as herein detailed can be fabricated with or without an integral end block. If the box is fabricated with the void passing completely through the box, then the fabricator or the contractor has the option of casting the 12 inch closure block at the ends of the box within the void. The closure block is unreinforced. It may be cast at the same time as the other cast-in-place concrete at interior bents and abutments and with the shear keys, or it may be placed at any time prior to erection of the boxes. The only purpose of the end block is to act on a support for the slab ends when subjected to wheel loads.

Another major modification which has been made in the box details is in the transverse reinforcement. Current standard DHT boxes require trussed (bent) transverse reinforcing steel in the top slab with some of the steel extending into the exterior top flanges of the box. These newer details show that the transverse top reinforcing can be placed as a simple two layer mat composed of straight bars and simply bent inverted U-bars. The U-bars also lap with the U-bars of the lower slab reinforcement, thus providing the necessary diagonal tension reinforcement in the side webs. The laps of the U-bars can be staggered or in alignment, but no ties are required between the upper and lower cages, thus simplifying fabrication. This will be especially helpful if the fabricator elects to pour the lower slab immediately prior to placement of the void form and upper cage of steel.

The total amount of conventional reinforcing steel in the revised boxes when compared to the current DHT standard boxes is about 17 percent less for the 4 ft width and 12 percent less for the 5 ft width. A final permissible fabrication procedure which should also decrease costs is to allow the use of welded wire fabric for any or all of the conventional non-prestressed reinforcement.

The blockouts indicated at the ends of each beam are for the transverse cast-in-place concrete which acts as the end of top slab support for wheel loads, and also as a transverse tie between the boxes. This eliminates the need for transverse post tensioning of the boxes or for interior diaphragms.

Details for both abutment and interior bents were prepared for all of the roadway widths and spans listed on sheet B-RD . These details are:

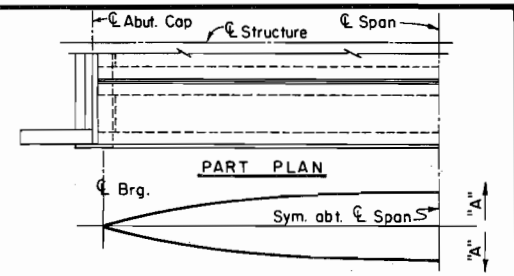
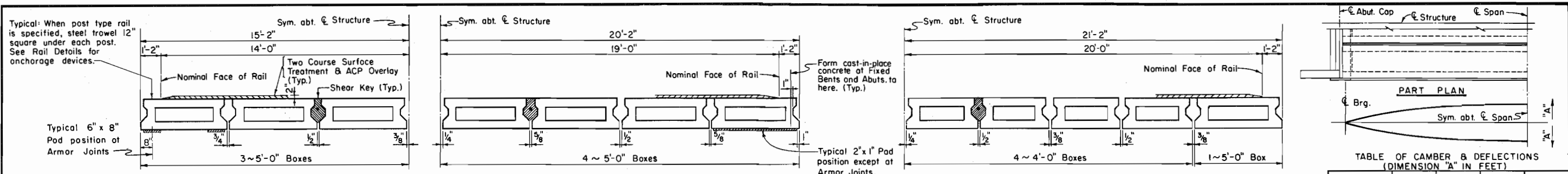


TABLE OF CAMBER & DEFLECTIONS (DIMENSION "A" IN FEET)

SPAN	THEOR. CAMBER ↑	DEAD LOAD KEYS ↓	DEAD LOAD WEARING SURFACE ↓	SUMMATION ↑
30'-4"	.014	.001	.001	.012
35'-0"	.022	.002	.001	.019
40'-0"	.043	.003	.002	.038
45'-0"	.062	.004	.004	.054
50'-0"	.106	.007	.006	.093
55'-0"	.123	.010	.009	.104
30'-4"	.012	.001	.001	.010
35'-0"	.015	.001	.001	.013
40'-0"	.031	.002	.002	.027
45'-0"	.048	.003	.004	.041
50'-0"	.074	.005	.006	.063
55'-0"	.089	.008	.009	.072

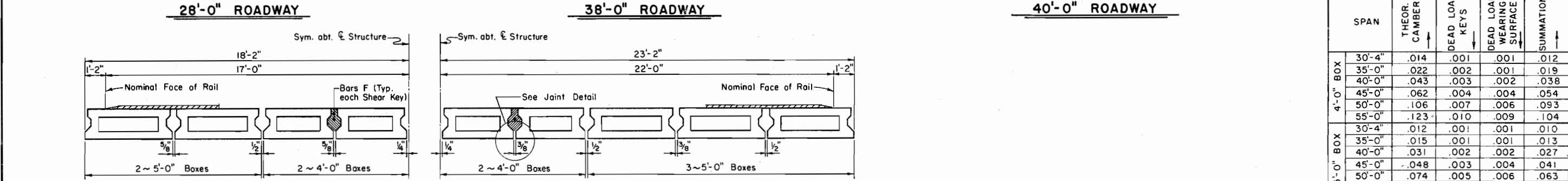
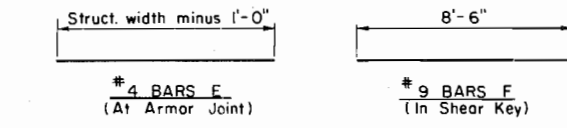
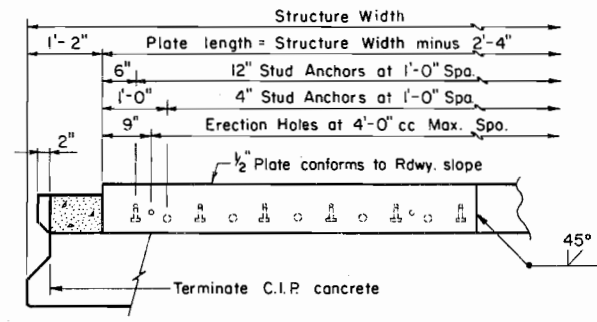
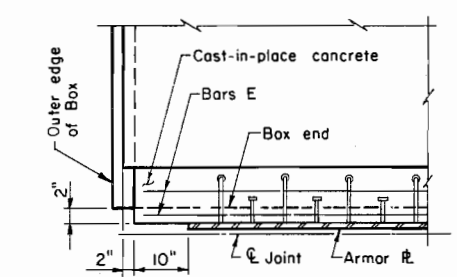
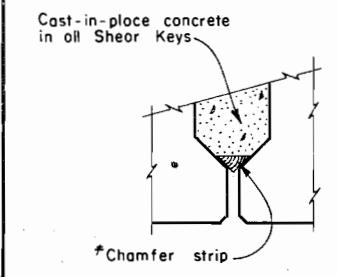


TABLE OF VARIABLE QUANTITIES

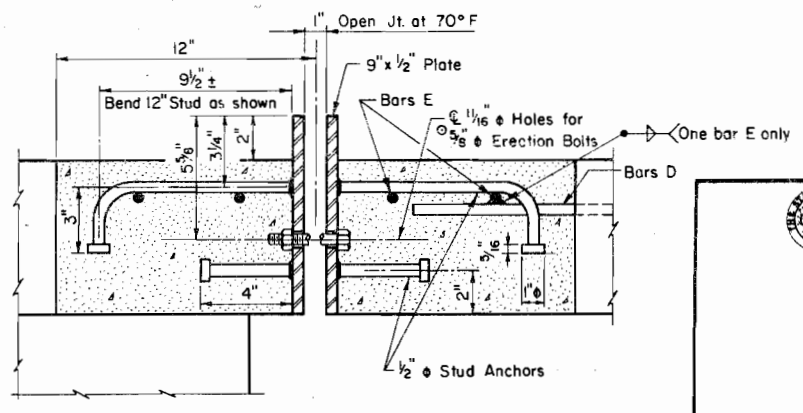
ROADWAY	28'-0"	34'-0"	38'-0"	40'-0"	44'-0"	
C.I. A Concrete (Cast-in-place)						
End Blocks	C.Y./Span	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8
Fixed Joint	C.Y./Bent	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8
Exp. Joint	C.Y./Bent	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9
Abut. Bent	C.Y./Bent	.6	.7	.8	.8	.9
Structural Steel						
Armor Joint	Lbs.	915	1111	1241	1307	1437
Reinf. Steel						
Bars E at Exp. Jt.	Lbs.	78	94	105	110	121
Bars F at Fix. Jt.	Lbs.	145	202	202	260	260

TABLE OF CONSTANT QUANTITIES

ROADWAY WIDTH	SPAN LENGTH	PRESTRESSED CONC. BOX BEAMS		SHEAR KEY CL. A CONC. C.Y.
		4 B 20	5 B 20	
28'-0"	30'-4"		179.00	3.4
	35'-0"		207.00	4.0
	40'-0"		237.00	4.6
	45'-0"		267.00	5.1
	50'-0"		297.00	5.7
34'-0"	30'-4"	119.33	119.33	4.8
	35'-0"	138.00	138.00	5.5
	40'-0"	158.00	158.00	6.3
	45'-0"	178.00	178.00	7.1
	50'-0"	198.00	198.00	7.9
38'-0"	30'-4"	218.00	218.00	8.7
	35'-0"	238.67	238.67	9.5
	40'-0"	276.00	276.00	10.3
	45'-0"	316.00	316.00	11.1
	50'-0"	356.00	356.00	11.9
40'-0"	30'-4"	396.00	396.00	12.7
	35'-0"	436.00	436.00	13.5
	40'-0"	476.00	476.00	14.3
	45'-0"	516.00	516.00	15.1
	50'-0"	556.00	556.00	15.9
44'-0"	30'-4"	596.00	596.00	16.7
	35'-0"	636.00	636.00	17.5
	40'-0"	676.00	676.00	18.3
	45'-0"	716.00	716.00	19.1
	50'-0"	756.00	756.00	19.9

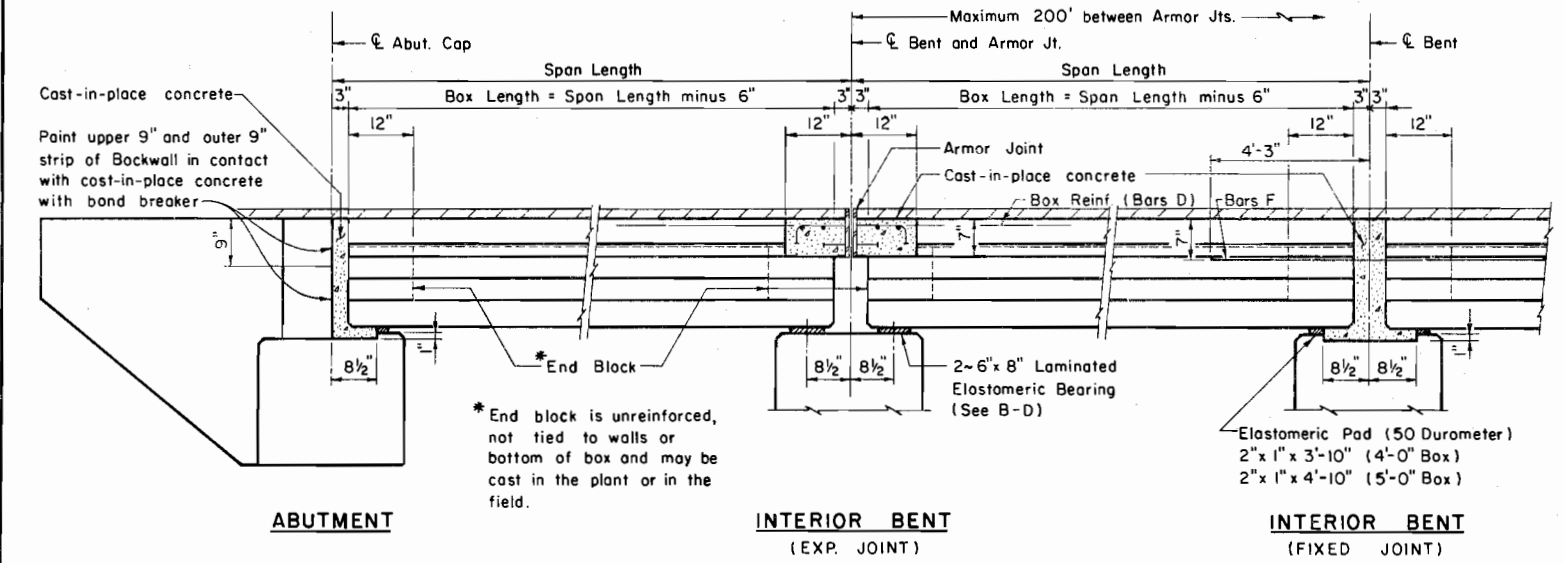


REINFORCING STEEL



SECTION THRU ARMOR JOINT (WEIGHT = 32.67 #/L.F.)

⊙ Erection bolts shall be cut off flush with plates promptly after the concrete in the latter of the placements has taken initial set.



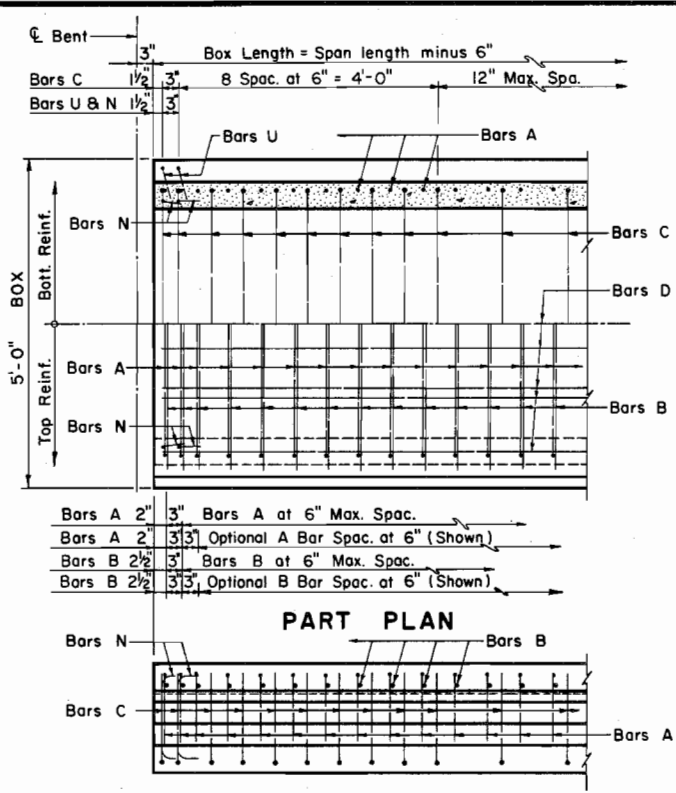
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## PRESTRESSED CONCRETE

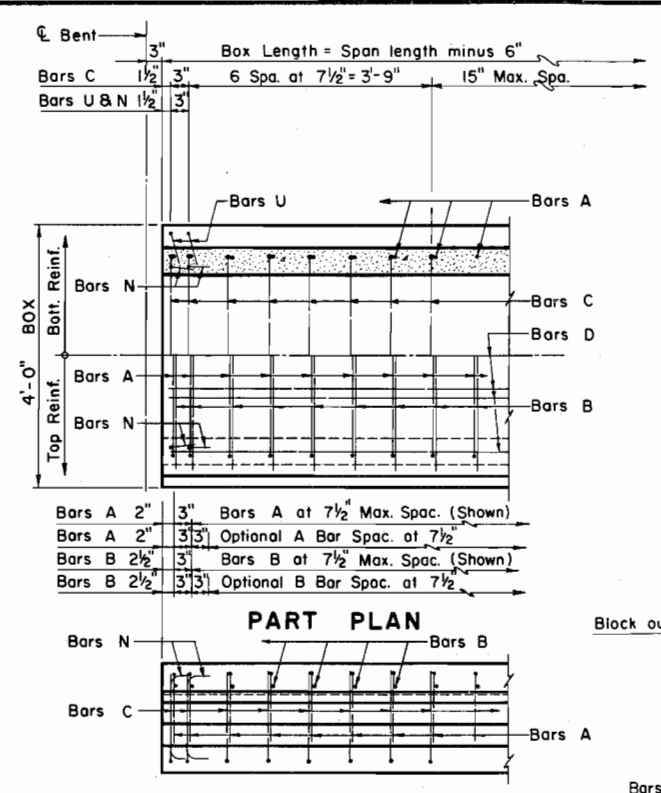
### 20" BOX BEAMS

#### .B-RD

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**PART PLAN**  
**ELEVATION**



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**ELEVATION**

SPAN	BEAM TYPE	PRESTRESSING STRANDS				CONCRETE		DN. LOAD COMP. STRESS (TOP £)	DN. LOAD TENSILE STRESS (BOT. £)	REQUIRED ULTIMATE MOMENT CAPACITY (Ft Kips)	
		TOTAL		DEBONDING		RELEASE STRENGTH	MINIMUM 28 DAY COMP. STRENGTH				
		NO.	"e" £ in.	NO.	FROM BEAM END IN ROW A for 3' for 6'						
30'-4"	4B 20	7	7.30				4000	5000	847	820	368
	5B 20	8	7.37						727	707	386
35'-0"	4B 20	9	7.30						1130	1095	487
	5B 20	9	7.37						973	945	501
40'-0"	4B 20	13	7.30	6	6				1457	1412	624
	5B 20	13	7.37	2	2				1259	1223	658
45'-0"	4B 20	16	7.30	8	6	2			1797	1741	763
	5B 20	17	7.37	6	6				1555	1512	805
50'-0"	4B 20	21	7.30	12	6	6		5000	2168	2101	913
	5B 20	21	7.37	10	4	6			1884	1832	966
55'-0"	4B 20	26	6.99	16	8	8		5220	2558	2478	1067
	5B 20	26	7.37	16	10	6	4000	5000	2221	2158	1131

BEAM PROPERTIES		
BEAM TYPE	4B 20	5B 20
Area In <sup>2</sup>	594.4	720.4
Y top In	10.20	10.13
Y bot In	9.80	9.87
I NON COMP In <sup>4</sup>	28,235	35,383
I COMP In <sup>4</sup>	30,014	37,144
Wt. P.L.F. Lb.	619	750

**GENERAL NOTES:**

These prestressed concrete box beams are designed for HS-20 loading in accordance with A.A.S.H.T.O. 1977 Standard and Interim Specifications. Prestress losses for the designed beams have been calculated for a relative humidity of 50%. Optional designs shall likewise conform.

The fabricator has the option of furnishing either the designed debonded strand beam or an approved optional beam design. Low relaxation strands may be used.

For standard designed beams, fill row A with strands first, and then row B etc. Strands and debonding shall be evenly distributed in rows symmetrically about the beam centerline.

All reinforcing steel shall be Grade 60.

All prestressing strands shall be 1/2" diameter, 270K. Initial pretension for regular stress relieved strand is 28.9 K and for low relaxation strand is 31.0 K. Strands with bond breakage shall be tightly wrapped with waterproof tape. Plastic tubing may be used provided both ends and the seam of the tube are sealed with waterproof tape.

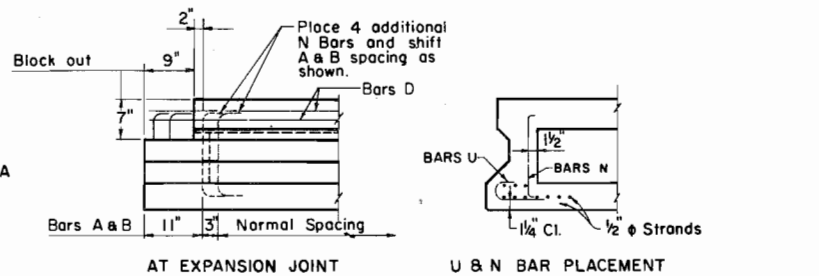
All concrete shall be Class H with strength as shown.

If cardboard forms are used for voids, they shall be waterproofed.

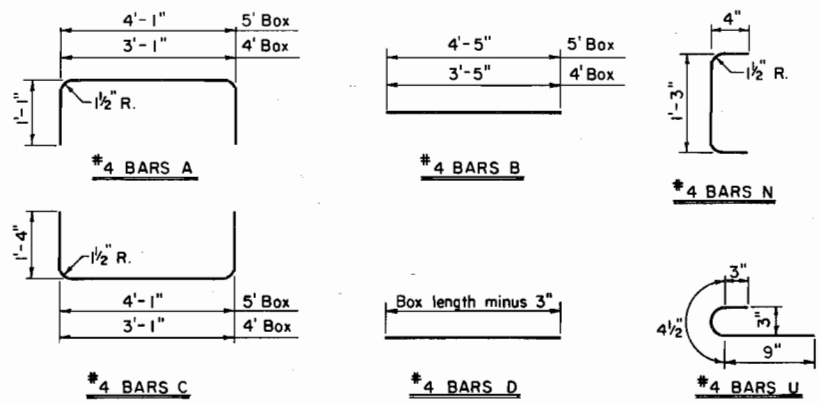
The optional A bar spacing may be used for either 4 ft. or 5 ft. boxes. The optional spacing will be most effective if the fabricator elects to pour the 5" bottom slab immediately prior to placement of the void forms and upper reinforcement. It is not necessary that Bars A or B be tied to Bars C.

The end blocks are unreinforced and may be placed integrally with the box at the time of casting, separately after the box is cast, or integrally with the cast-in-place bent concrete and shear keys. If separately cast end blocks are used, the void forms shall be removed completely or the 12 inch end block thickness with an appropriate header then placed to retain the end block concrete. The end block voids may be alternately formed with removable forms in which case suitable draft may be included to assist in form removal.

The bottom corners of all beams shall be chamfered 3/4" or rounded to a 3/4" radius. Tops of all boxes shall have a rough wood float finish, except that the portion under the rolling posts on exterior boxes shall have a smooth finish. Strands may extend 2 1/2" maximum past the beam ends except at expansion joints. No finish or treatment is necessary at the ends except at expansion joints.

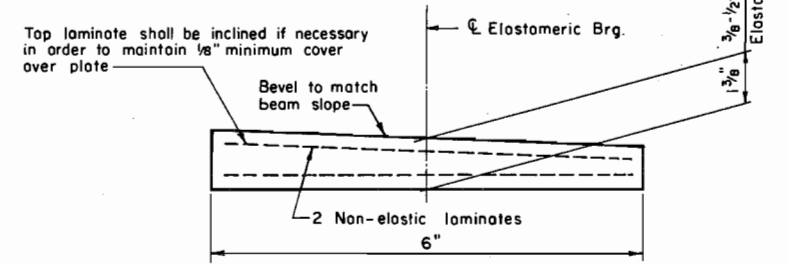


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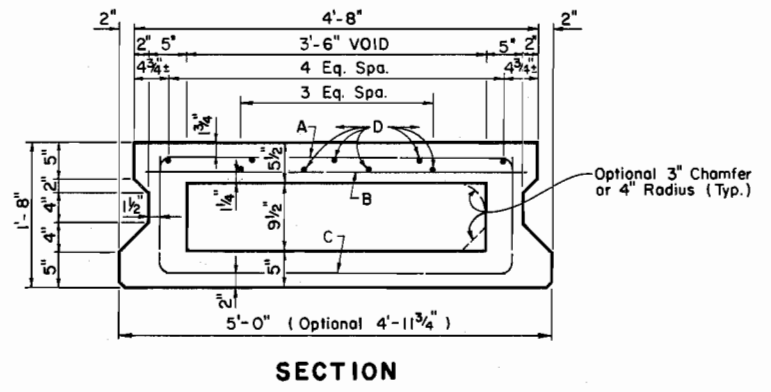


**REINFORCING STEEL DETAILS**

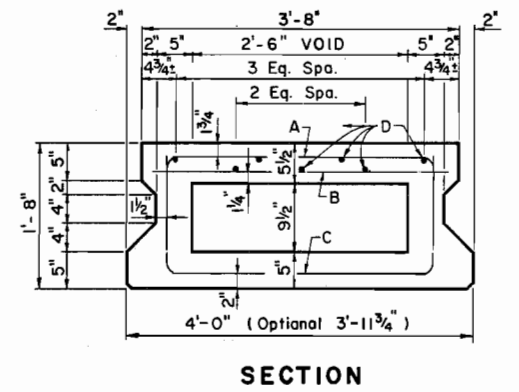
At Fabricators option, alternate designs utilizing welded wire fabric (ASTM A185 or A497) of equivalent cross sectional area to replace all or some of bars A,B,C and D will be permitted.



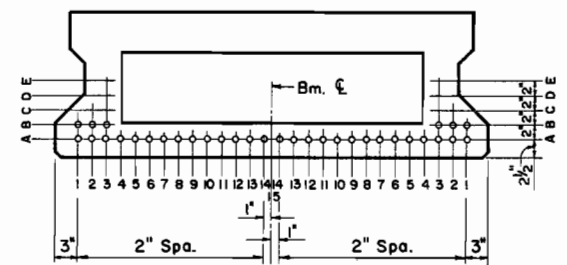
**LAMINATED BEARING**  
**(6"x 6") (60 DUROMETER)**



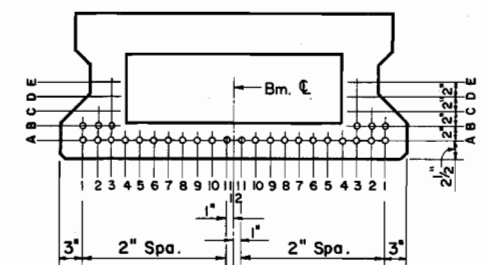
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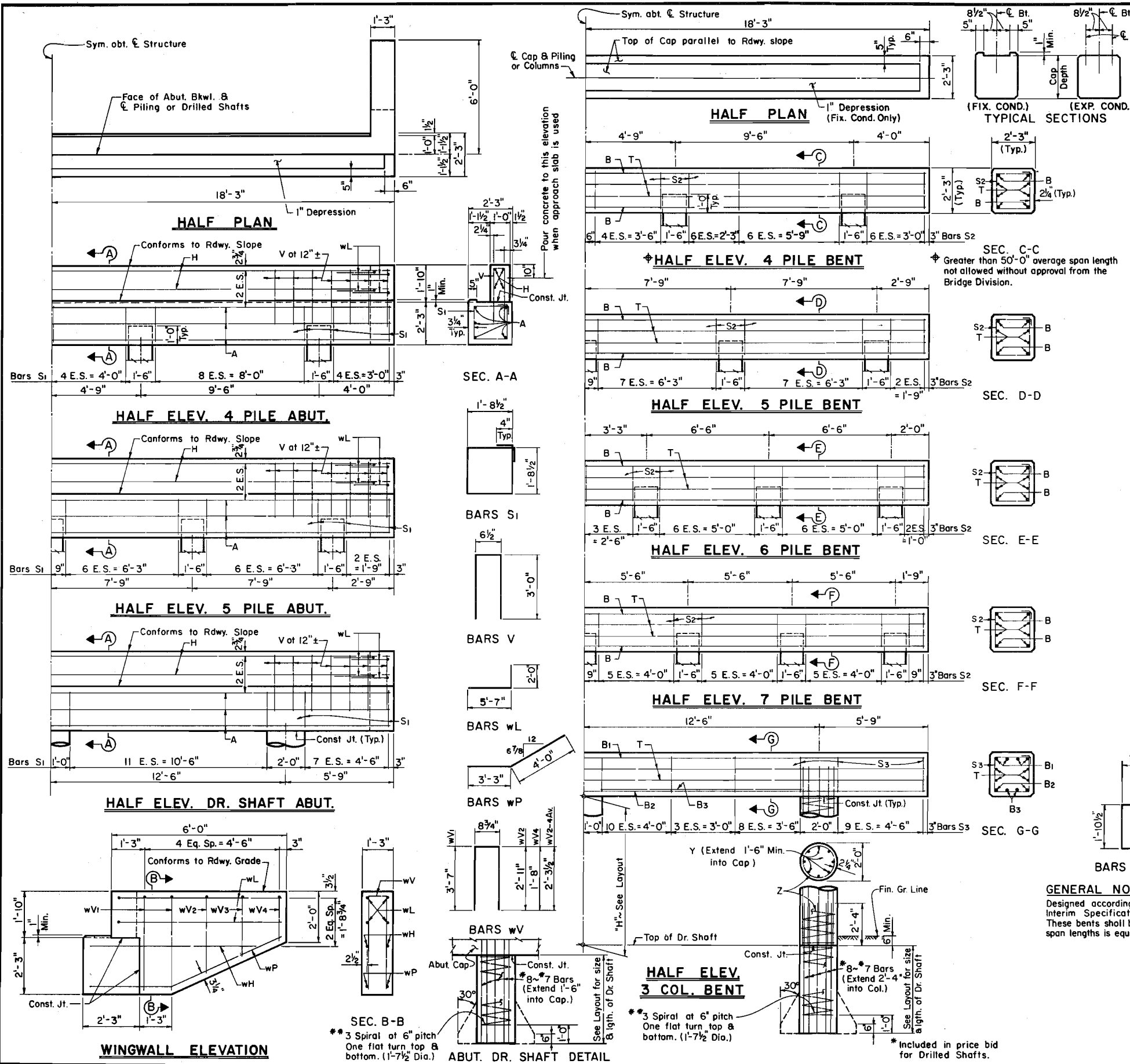
**STRAND PATTERN**  
**5'-0" BOX BEAM**  
**(5B 20)**



**STRAND PATTERN**  
**4'-0" BOX BEAM**  
**(4B 20)**

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**PRESTRESSED CONCRETE 20" BOX BEAMS B-D**

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### TABLES OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

4 PILE ABUT.					5 PILE ABUT.					DR. SHAFT ABUT.				
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight
A	5	#11	36'-2"	961	A	5	#11	36'-2"	961	A	5	#11	36'-2"	961
H	4	#5	36'-2"	151	H	4	#5	36'-2"	151	H	4	#5	36'-2"	151
Sl	37	#4	7'-6"	185	Sl	34	#4	7'-6"	170	Sl	40	#4	7'-6"	200
V	37	#4	6'-7"	163	V	37	#4	6'-7"	163	V	37	#4	6'-7"	163
wH	4	#6	6'-5"	39	wH	4	#6	6'-5"	39	wH	4	#6	6'-5"	39
wL	8	#6	7'-7"	91	wL	8	#6	7'-7"	91	wL	8	#6	7'-7"	91
wP	4	#4	7'-3"	19	wP	4	#4	7'-3"	19	wP	4	#4	7'-3"	19
wV1	4	#4	7'-11"	21	wV1	4	#4	7'-11"	21	wV1	4	#4	7'-11"	21
wV2-4	6	#4	5'-4"Av.	21	wV2-4	6	#4	5'-4"Av.	21	wV2-4	6	#4	5'-4"Av.	21
Reinf. Steel Lb. 1,651					Reinf. Steel Lb. 1,636					Reinf. Steel Lb. 1,666				
Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 10.9					Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 10.9					Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 10.9				

4 PILE INT. BENT					5 PILE INT. BENT					6 PILE INT. BENT				
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight
B	4	#11	36'-2"	769	B	4	#10	36'-2"	623	B	4	#10	36'-2"	623
S2	50	#4	8'-2"	273	S2	38	#4	8'-2"	207	S2	41	#4	8'-2"	224
T	4	#4	36'-2"	97	T	4	#4	36'-2"	97	T	4	#4	36'-2"	97
Reinf. Steel Lb. 1,139					Reinf. Steel Lb. 927					Reinf. Steel Lb. 944				
Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 6.9					Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 6.9					Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 6.9				

7 PILE INT. BENT					FOUNDATION LOADS					
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	SPAN					
B	4	#9	36'-2"	492	45'	50'	55'			
S2	40	#4	8'-2"	218	4 PILE ABUT. (T/P)	41	44	46		
T	4	#4	36'-2"	97	5 PILE ABUT. (T/P)	33	35	37		
Reinf. Steel Lb. 807					DR. SHAFT ABUT. (T/D.S.)	54	58	62		
Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 6.9					4 PILE BENT (T/P)	62	67	ΦN.A.		
					5 PILE BENT (T/P)	49	53	57		
					6 PILE BENT (T/P)	41	44	48		
					7 PILE BENT (T/P)	35	38	41		
					3 COL. BENT (T/D.S.)	86	93	99		

3 COL. INT. BENT					TABLE OF VARIABLE QUANTITIES 3 COL. INT. BENT				TOTAL EST. QUANTITIES 3 COL. INT. BT.			
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	"H" Cl. C Conc.	BARS Z 3~#3		BARS Y 24~#7		Reinf. Steel Lbs.	Cl. C Conc. C.Y.	
B1	4	#11	36'-2"	769		Length	Weight	Length	Weight			
B2	2	#10	36'-2"	311	8	2.8	92'	104	9'-6"	466	2,538	9.7
B3	4	#10	10'-6"	181	9	3.1	103'	116	10'-6"	515	2,599	10.0
S3	64	#5	8'-4"	556	10	3.5	113'	127	11'-6"	564	2,659	10.4
T	4	#5	36'-2"	151	11	3.8	123'	139	12'-6"	613	2,720	10.7
Reinf. Steel Lb. 1,968					12	4.2	133'	150	13'-6"	662	2,780	11.1
Cl. C Conc. C.Y. 6.9					13	4.5	144'	162	14'-6"	711	2,841	11.4
* Deduct 0.1 C.Y. for expansion condition.					14	4.9	154'	174	15'-6"	760	2,902	11.8
					15	5.2	164'	185	16'-6"	809	2,962	12.1
					16	5.6	174'	196	17'-6"	858	3,022	12.5
					17	5.9	185'	209	18'-6"	908	3,085	12.8
					18	6.3	195'	220	19'-6"	957	3,145	13.2

**HS 20 LOADING**

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**BENTS FOR PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BOX BEAMS**

34'-0" RDWY. 45'-50'-55' SPANS

**34 BB. 45-55**

**GENERAL NOTES:**  
 Designed according to A.A.S.H.T.O. 1977 Standard and Interim Specifications.  
 These bents shall be used when the average of adjacent span lengths is equal to or less than 55'-0" except as noted.

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Bent Sheet Identification	Roadway Width	For Use With Span Lengths
28 BB 30	28 ft	30.33 ft
28 BB 35-40	28 ft	35 and 40 ft
28 BB 45-55	28 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
34 BB 30	34 ft	30.33 ft
34 BB 35-40	34 ft	35 and 40 ft
34 BB 45-55	34 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
38 BB 30	38 ft	30.33 ft
38 BB 35-40	38 ft	35 and 40 ft
38 BB 45-55	38 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
40 BB 30	40 ft	30.33 ft
40 BB 35-40	40 ft	35 and 40 ft
40 BB 45-55	40 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
44 BB 30	44 ft	30.33 ft
44 BB 35-40	44 ft	35 and 40 ft
44 BB 45-55	44 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft

The two box detail sheets labeled B-RD and B-D can be used with any of the above 15 bent detail sheets. Only the sheet labeled 34 BB 45-55 has been herein included. The other bent detail sheets are similar.

#### Prestressed Concrete PCI Box Beams

The details shown in Chapter 1 for the PCI boxes are essentially the same as the conceptual details given in the PCI publication (Ref 5) and a joint AASHTO-PCI report (Ref 6). The states of California and Pennsylvania have also used this section as reported in Refs 7 and 8. One disadvantage with this type of box is the extremely small size of shear key. A number of states have reported difficulty with placement and long term stability of this type of shear key. A high quality grout is usually used which is composed of epoxy and sand. Placement of the epoxy grout must be carefully controlled. Long term creep and stability information for epoxy grouts is not available in the research or from suppliers and the continued use of epoxy for structural applications has not yet been proven by experience. Most epoxies have an affinity for moisture, with a subsequent loss in strength and decreased modulus.



The proposed transverse reinforcement for these boxes is similar to that described previously for the modified DHT boxes, wherein two independent U-shaped cages of steel can be lapped together with no required tying of the steel in the webs. The blockouts indicated at the ends of each beam are for the transverse cast-in-place concrete which acts as end of top slab support for wheel loads, and also as a transverse tie between the boxes. This eliminates the need for transverse post tensioning of the boxes or for interior diaphragms.

The bent details recommended to be used with these boxes are the same as those listed and shown previously for the modified DHT boxes.

#### Prestressed Concrete Double Tee Beams

The prestressed concrete double tee beams shown in the following details labeled T-RD and T-D are essentially identical in formwork configuration to currently available double tee forms used for commercial garage and other building construction. The thicker 6 inch top slab and greater amount of prestressed steel allow it to also be suitable for highway bridge superstructures. A trussed transverse top bar is shown, but optional straight bars may be substituted.

The web reinforcement is with conventional U-bars, with the anticipation that a single layer of welded wire fabric can be substituted. The lateral connector details shown are spaced at 10 ft maximum and are designed to provide the necessary live load shear transfer between adjacent beams. Most commercial double tee beams have lateral connectors only for alignment and as a small necessary shear transfer when placing the subsequent cast-in-place top slab. It was determined that a continuous shear key for the double tees would not be necessary as is provided for the box beams. The shear key for the DHT box beams

is more than enough for shear transfer, and is used mainly to fill the gap between the beams.

One serious deficiency of the proposed double tee beam configuration is the lack of sufficient slab thickness to adequately anchor normal bridge railings. It has been determined by crash tests (Ref 9), maintenance experience, and analysis methods, that a 6 inch slab cannot be reinforced enough to develop the full strength of railings designed to AASHTO requirements. This deficiency has also existed for many years in the thin 6 inch overhangs used for most CGC spans. No immediate changes or modifications to eliminate the overhang or strengthen the slabs for the double tees or the CGC spans is planned as of this date. By not providing sufficient anchorage strength for the railings, the design strength of the railing systems is seriously reduced. The need for required slab repair whenever the railing is severely impacted will also continue.

Another anticipated deficiency in the double tee section is that the longitudinal joints will most likely leak, even though sufficient asphalt surfacing and sealing membranes are provided. Similar details were prepared several years ago by the Oklahoma Highway Department (Ref 10) which exhibited this leakage problem. Their details, however, showed a much weaker lateral connector configuration than herein proposed. For locations which will not have winter salt applications, the leakage could be acceptable. Oklahoma has since changed their double tee details (Refs 11 and 12) to show a thinner 3 inch top slab for the double tees, with a subsequent cast-in-place slab tapered from 5 inch to 7.75 inch at the center which has conventional reinforcement. No lateral connectors are now used. This modification has reportedly decreased or eliminated their joint leakage problems to acceptable levels, although the necessary field rein-

forcing and concrete placement detract from the simplicity of their original concept.

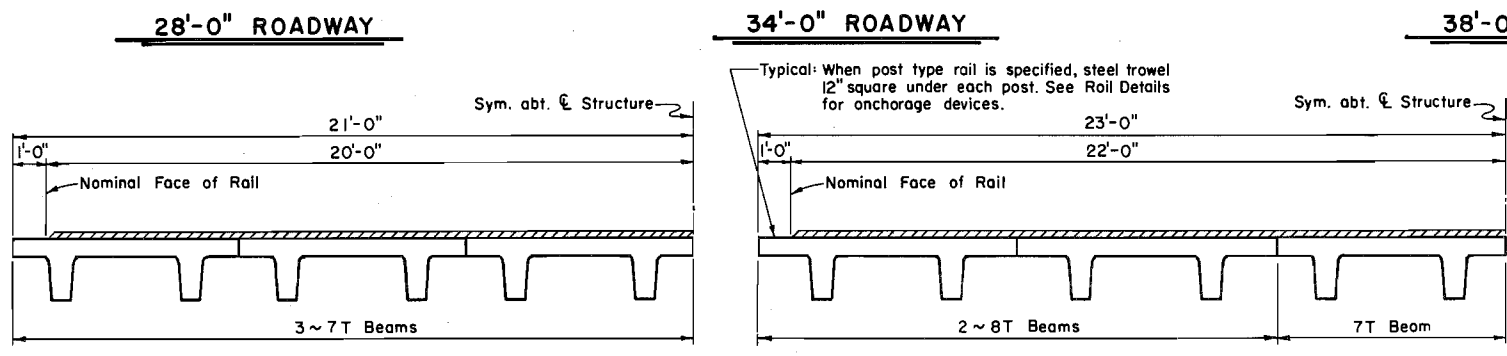
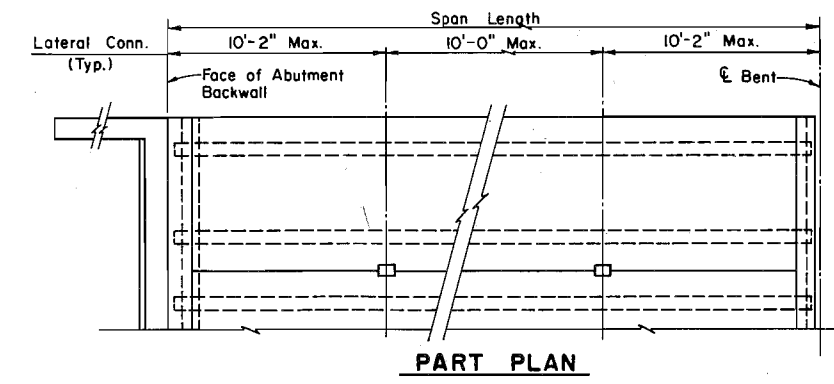
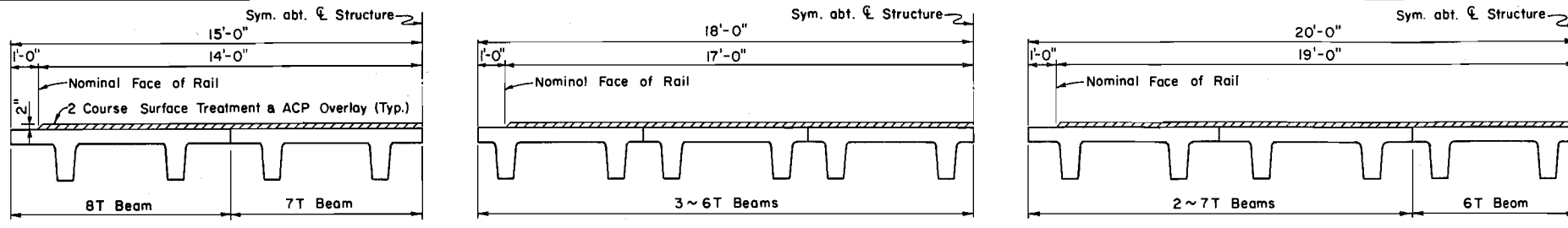
Bent details for the double tee beams were also prepared for the same five roadway widths and six spans as for the box beams. These details are:

Bent Sheet Identification	Roadway Width	For Use With Span Lengths
28 BT 30	28 ft	30.33 ft
28 BT 35-40	28 ft	35 and 40 ft
28 BT 45-55	28 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
34 BT 30	34 ft	30.33 ft
34 BT 35-40	34 ft	35 and 40 ft
34 BT 45-55	34 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
38 BT 30	38 ft	30.33 ft
38 BT 35-40	38 ft	35 and 40 ft
38 BT 45-55	38 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
40 BT 30	40 ft	30.33 ft
40 BT 35-40	40 ft	35 and 40 ft
40 BT 45-55	40 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft
44 BT 30	44 ft	30.33 ft
44 BT 35-40	44 ft	35 and 40 ft
44 BT 45-55	44 ft	45, 50, and 55 ft

The two detail sheets labeled T-RD and T-D can be used with any of the above 15 bent detail sheets. Only the sheet labeled 34 BT 35-40 has been herein included. The other bent details are similar.

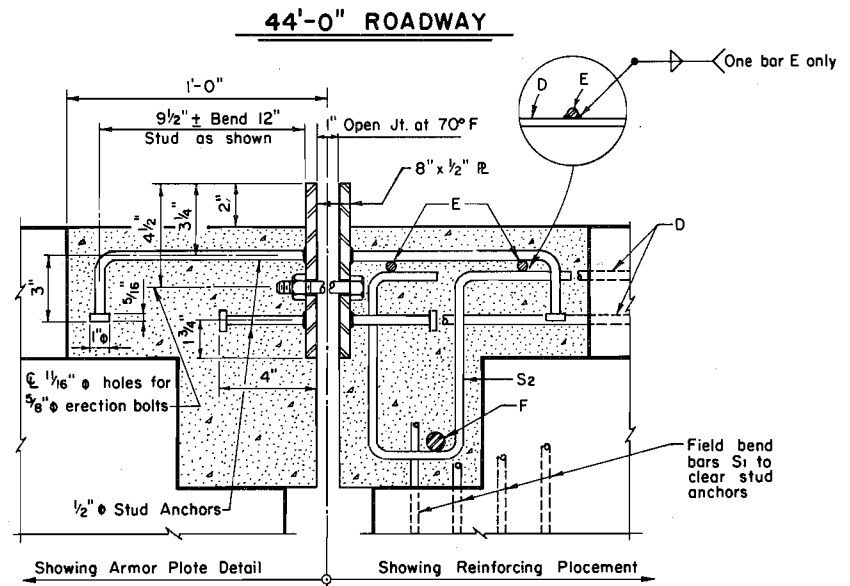
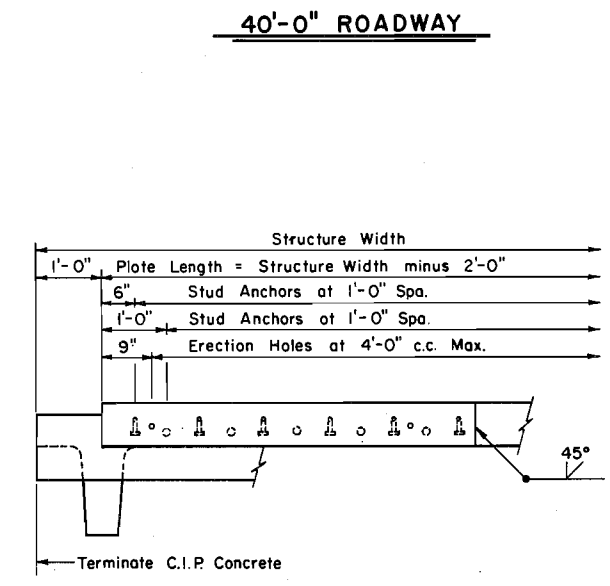
#### Precast Concrete Solid Slabs

The design shown in Chapter 1 for the precast concrete solid slabs is similar to the conceptual cross-section shown in the PCI Short Span Bridges publication (Ref 5) with the exception that the shear key is significantly larger than indicated in their sketches. The Virginia Department of Highways and Public Transportation is successfully using a precast solid slab similar to the PCI cross-section prefabricated and stocked by their state forces (Ref 13). The long term success of the larger shear keys associated with the current DHT box



**TABLE OF CONSTANT QUANTITIES**

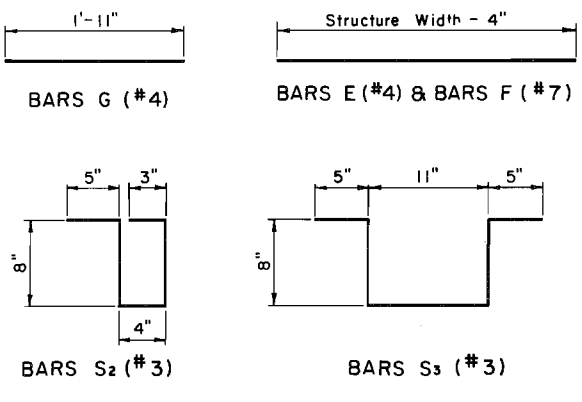
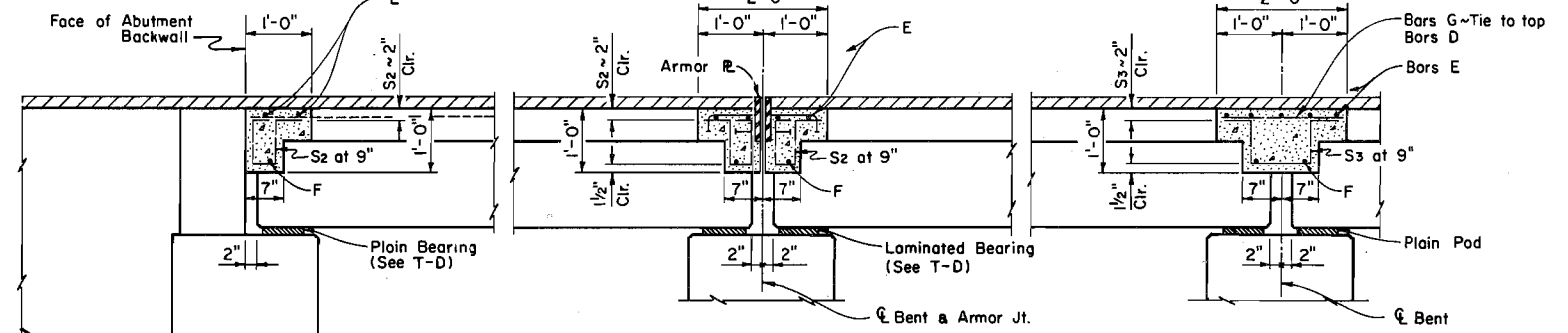
ROADWAY WIDTH	SPAN LENGTH	PRESTRESSED CONCRETE T BEAMS		
		6 T L.F.	7 T L.F.	8 T L.F.
28'-0"	30'-4"		60.00	60.00
	35'-0"		69.33	69.33
	40'-0"		79.33	79.33
	45'-0"		89.33	89.33
	50'-0"		99.33	99.33
34'-0"	30'-4"	180.00		
	35'-0"	208.00		
	40'-0"	238.00		
	45'-0"	268.00		
	50'-0"	298.00		
38'-0"	30'-4"	60.00	120.00	
	35'-0"	69.33	138.67	
	40'-0"	79.33	158.67	
	45'-0"	89.33	178.67	
	50'-0"	99.33	198.67	
40'-0"	30'-4"		180.00	
	35'-0"		208.00	
	40'-0"		238.00	
	45'-0"		268.00	
	50'-0"		298.00	
44'-0"	30'-4"	60.00	120.00	
	35'-0"	69.33	138.67	
	40'-0"	79.33	158.67	
	45'-0"	89.33	178.67	
	50'-0"	99.33	198.67	



**PART ELEV. OF ARMOR PLATE**  
(28.57 #/L.F.)

**EXPANSION JOINT**  
(Reinforcing placement for Abutment a Fixed Joint similar)

Note: Armor Plates shall be shipped in convenient lengths (20'-0" Max.-10'-0" Min.) Corresponding plate sections shall be match marked a bolted together for shipment. Erection bolts shall be cut off flush with plates promptly after the concrete in the latter of the placements has taken initial set.



**TABLE OF VARIABLE QUANTITIES**

ROADWAY	28'-0"	34'-0"	38'-0"	40'-0"	44'-0"
Class A Concrete (Cast-in-place)					
Expansion Joint	CY/Bent 1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.6
Fixed Joint	CY/Bent 1.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7
Abutment Joint	CY/Bent 0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3

**Reinforcing Steel**

	28'-0"	34'-0"	38'-0"	40'-0"	44'-0"
Expansion Joint	lbs. 328	390	437	456	502
Fixed Joint	lbs. 356	443	483	504	544
Abutment Joint	lbs. 164	197	219	230	251

**Structural Steel**

	28'-0"	34'-0"	38'-0"	40'-0"	44'-0"
Armor Joint	lbs. 800	971	1087	1143	1257

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**T-RD**

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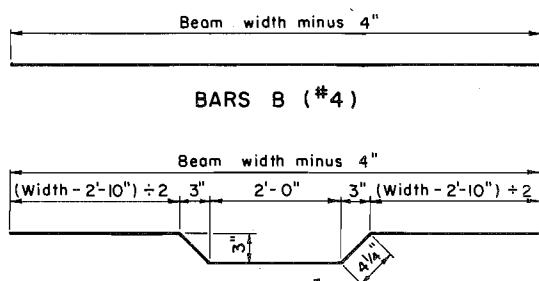
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DESIGNED BEAMS (DEPRESSED STRANDS)										OPTIONAL DESIGN			THEOR. CAMBER
SPAN	BEAM TYPE	1/2" φ 270K STRANDS		"e" END		DEPRESSED		CONCRETE		DESIGN LOAD COMP. STRESS (TOP ε)	DESIGN LOAD TENSILE STRESS (BOT. ε)	REQUIRED MINIMUM ULTIMATE MOMENT CAPACITY	
		NO.	ε	NO.	TO ROW	RELEASE STRENGTH f'ci (psi)	MINIMUM 28 DAY COMP. STRENGTH f'c (psi)	psi	psi				
30'-4"	6T 22	12	10.79	8.12	8	10	4000	5000	1029	2110	295	.044	
	7T 22	16	10.18	7.18	12	12	4000	5000	1054	2346	339	.051	
	8T 22	20	9.50	6.30	16	12	4460	5000	1082	2580	382	.058	
35'	6T 28	12	14.83	10.83	8	12	4000	5000	920	1889	396	.039	
	7T 28	16	14.34	9.84	12	14	4000	5000	935	2088	453	.048	
	8T 28	16	14.77	10.27	12	14	4000	5000	954	2290	510	.047	
40'	6T 28	20	12.83	8.03	16	16	4040	5000	1179	2421	505	.075	
	7T 28	20	13.34	8.54	16	16	4000	5000	1199	2677	578	.072	
	8T 28	24	12.77	7.77	20	18	4490	5000	1220	2931	649	.079	
45'	6T 36	16	19.22	13.22	12	16	4000	5000	1005	2067	637	.051	
	7T 36	20	18.87	14.07	16	16	4000	5000	1016	2271	725	.068	
	8T 36	20	19.42	14.62	16	16	4000	5000	1029	2472	812	.066	
50'	6T 36	20	18.22	13.42	16	16	4000	5000	1204	2474	756	.078	
	7T 36	24	17.87	11.20	20	20	4070	5000	1215	2716	860	.090	
	8T 36	28	17.42	8.85	24	24	4590	5000	1230	2954	963	.094	
55'	6T 36	28	16.22	9.36	24	22	4500	5000	1412	2903	880	.103	
	7T 36	32	15.87	8.87	28	24	4930	5000	1424	3182	1023	.115	
	8T 36	40	14.42	9.02	36	26	5670	5670	1439	3456	1119	.122	

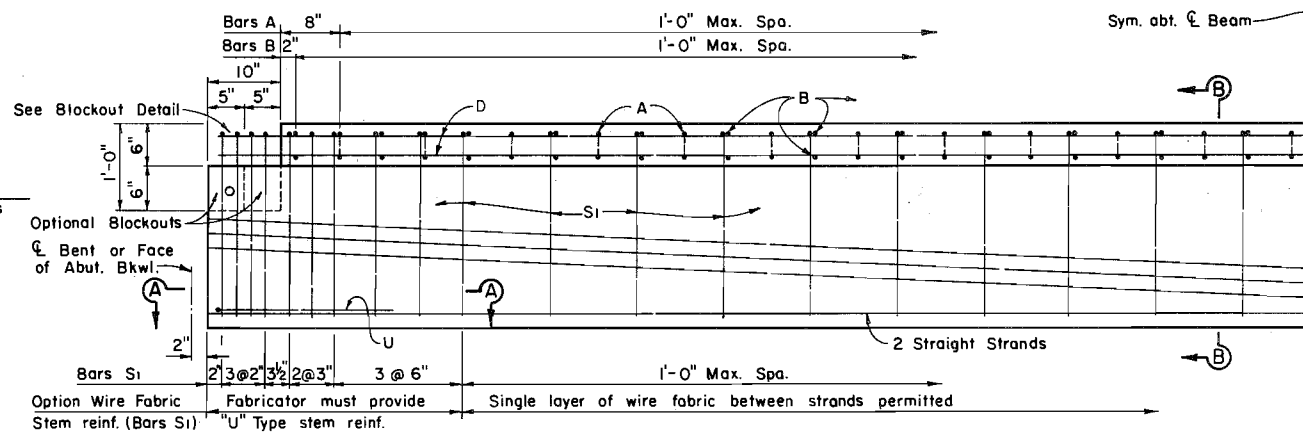
BEAM DIMENSIONS & SECTION PROPERTIES							
BEAM TYPE	WIDTH	DEPTH	Yb	Yt	AREA	I	WT.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In. <sup>2</sup>	In. <sup>4</sup>	LBS/L.F.
6T 22	6'-0"	22	14.79	7.21	712	26,676	742
7T 22	7'-0"	22	15.18	6.82	784	28,050	817
8T 22	8'-0"	22	15.50	6.50	856	29,228	892
6T 28	6'-0"	28	18.83	9.17	801	51,724	834
7T 28	7'-0"	28	19.34	8.66	873	54,452	909
8T 28	8'-0"	28	19.77	8.23	945	56,798	984
6T 36	6'-0"	36	24.22	11.78	905	99,830	942
7T 36	7'-0"	36	24.87	11.13	977	105,188	1017
8T 36	8'-0"	36	25.42	10.58	1049	109,840	1092



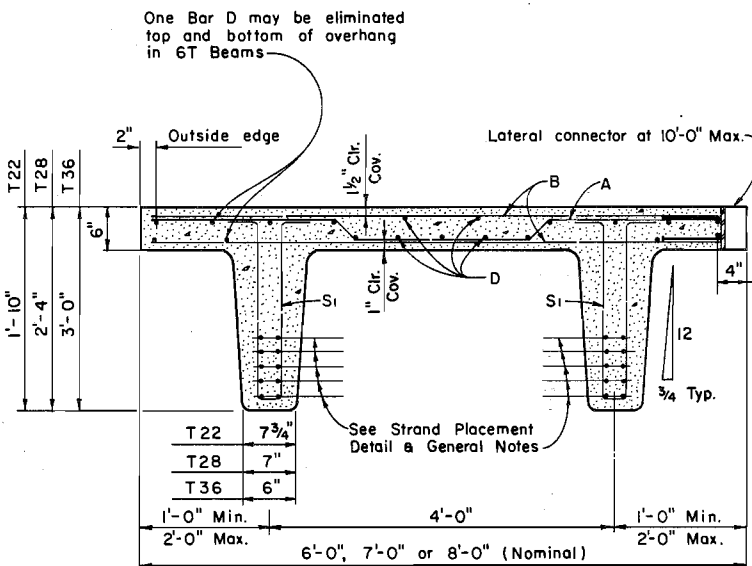
Note: In lieu of Bars A shown above fabricator may provide straight #4 bars top and bottom.

### REINFORCING STEEL DETAILS

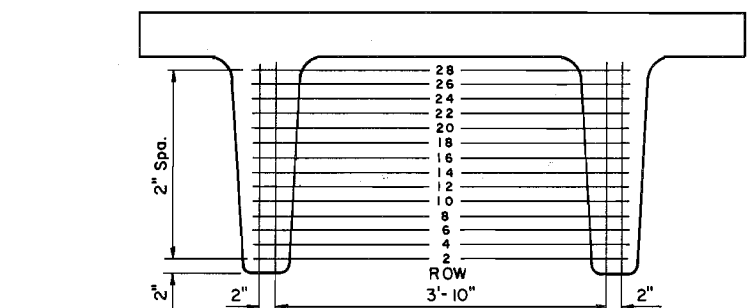
Note: At fabricator's option, alternate designs utilizing welded wire fabric (ASTM A185 or A497) of equivalent cross sectional area to replace all or some of bars A, B, D or S1 will be permitted.



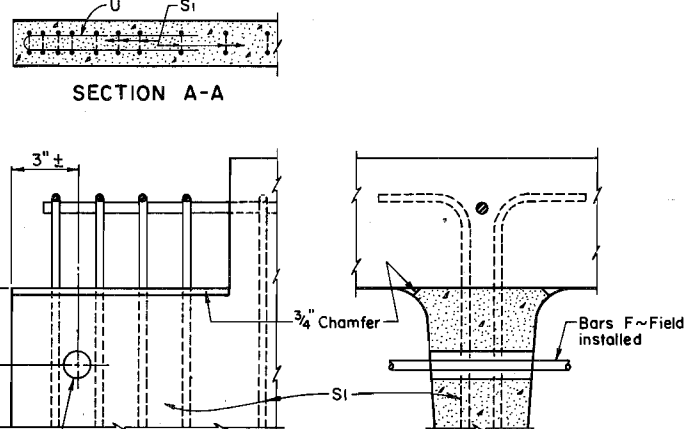
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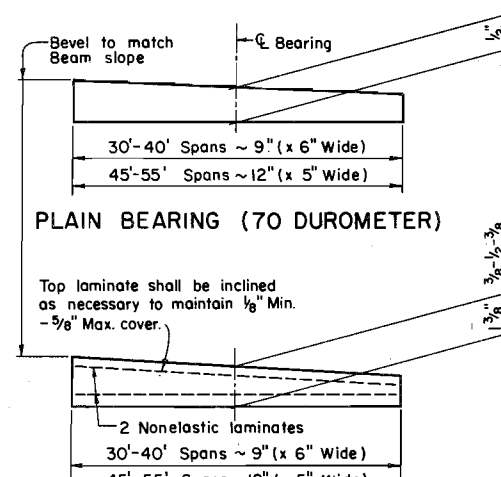
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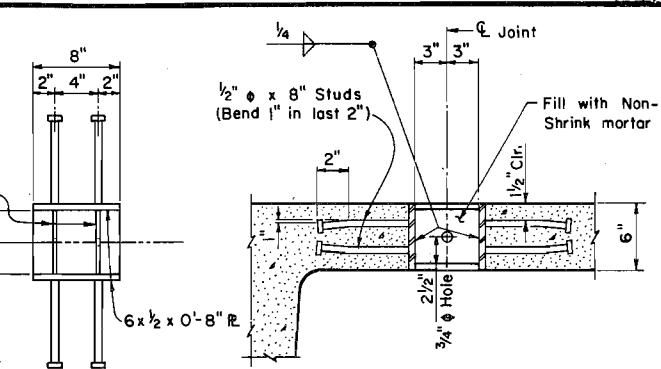
### STRAND PLACEMENT DETAIL



### BLOCKOUT DETAIL



### LAMINATED BEARING (60 DUROMETER)



### LATERAL CONNECTOR DETAIL (24#/CONNECTOR)

Note: No direct payment will be made for providing or welding of lateral connectors or for mortar which shall be considered subsidiary to the bid items.

### GENERAL NOTES:

These prestressed concrete beams are designed for HS-20 loading in accordance with A.A.S.H.T.O. 1977 Standard and Interim Specifications. Prestress losses for the designed beams have been calculated for a relative humidity of 50%. Optional designs shall likewise conform.


The fabricator has the option of furnishing the designed beam or an approved optional design. Low relaxation strands may be used.

Strands shall be placed filling row 2 first, then row 4, etc. The strands in row 2 shall be left straight, and the remaining strands depressed so that the upper most strands are of the position indicated in the table at the end of the stem.

Initial pretension for regular stress relieved strands is 28.9 K and for low relaxation strands is 31.0 K.

All concrete shall be Class H with strength as shown. All reinforcing shall be Grade 60. Bars S1 & bars U need not be tied to each other or to the prestressing strands. No tie will be required between strands and wire fabric if used.

The tops of all beams shall have a rough wood float finish, except the portion under rail posts on exterior beams which shall be steel troweled.

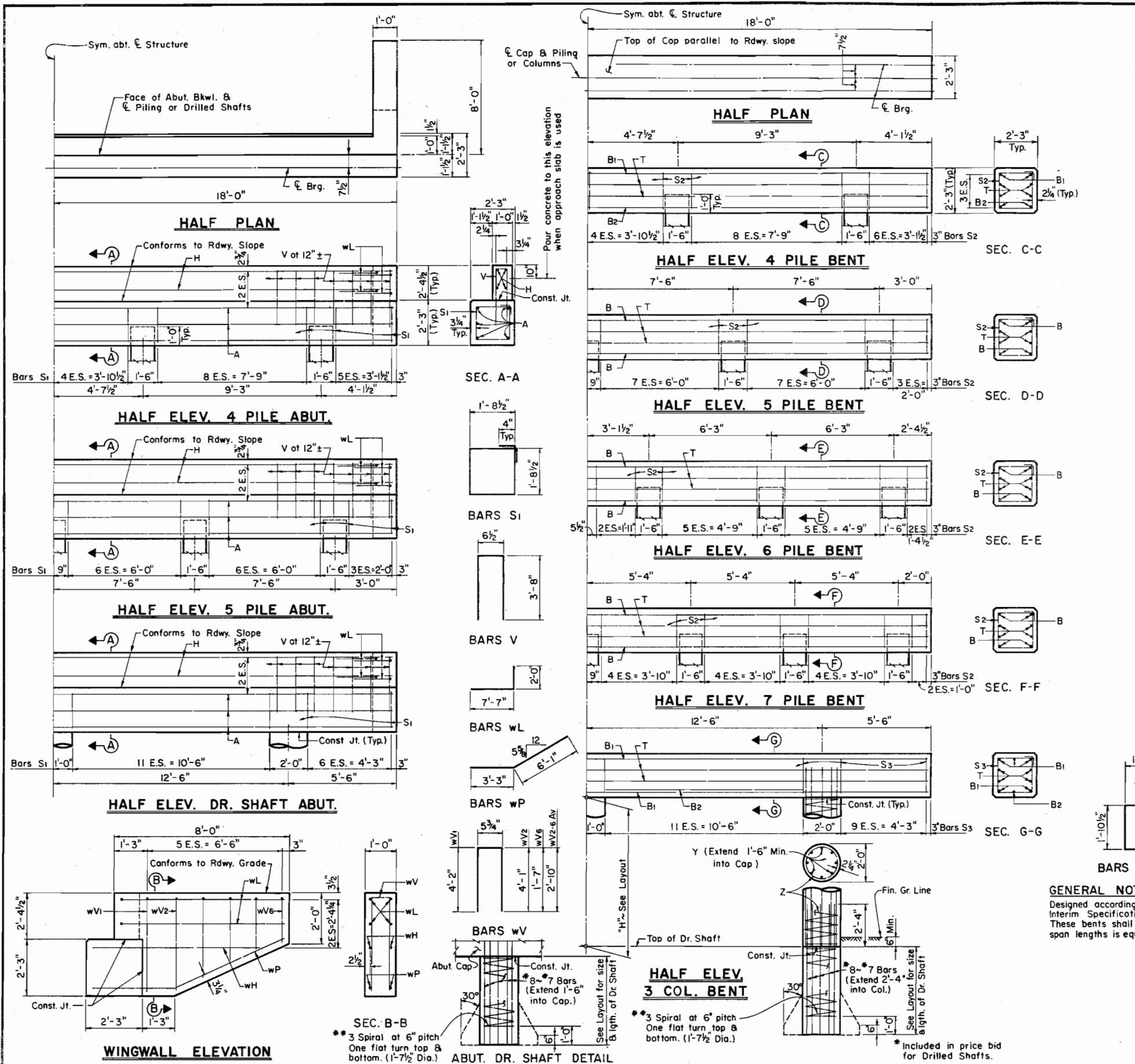


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**PRESTRESSED CONCRETE T BEAMS**

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### TABLES OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

4 PILE ABUT.					5 PILE ABUT.					DR. SHAFT ABUT.				
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight
A	5	#11	35'-8"	948	A	5	#11	35'-8"	948	A	5	#11	35'-8"	948
H	4	#5	35'-8"	149	H	4	#5	35'-8"	149	H	4	#5	35'-8"	149
Sl	39	#4	7'-6"	195	Sl	36	#4	7'-6"	180	Sl	38	#4	7'-6"	190
V	37	#4	7'-11"	196	V	37	#4	7'-11"	196	V	37	#4	7'-11"	196
wH	4	#6	6'-9"	41	wH	4	#6	6'-9"	41	wH	4	#6	6'-9"	41
wL	8	#6	9'-7"	115	wL	8	#6	9'-7"	115	wL	8	#6	9'-7"	115
wP	4	#4	9'-4"	25	wP	4	#4	9'-4"	25	wP	4	#4	9'-4"	25
wV1	2	#4	8'-10"	12	wV1	2	#4	8'-10"	12	wV1	2	#4	8'-10"	12
wV2-6	10	#4	6'-2" Av.	41	wV2-6	10	#4	6'-2" Av.	41	wV2-6	10	#4	6'-2" Av.	41
Reinf. Steel	Lb.	1722	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	1707	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	1717						
Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	11.7	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	11.7	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	11.7						

4 PILE INT. BENT					5 PILE INT. BENT					6 PILE INT. BENT				
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight
B1	2	#10	35'-8"	307	B1	4	#10	35'-8"	614	B1	4	#9	35'-8"	485
B2	2	#11	35'-8"	379	S2	40	#4	8'-2"	218	S2	36	#4	8'-2"	196
S2	41	#4	8'-2"	224	T	4	#4	35'-8"	95	T	4	#4	35'-8"	95
T	4	#4	35'-8"	95										
Reinf. Steel	Lb.	1005	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	927	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	776						
Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	6.8	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	6.8	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	6.8						

7 PILE INT. BENT					FOUNDATION LOADS				
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	SPAN		35'	40'	
B	4	#8	35'-8"	381	4 PILE ABUT. (T/P)	33	35		
S2	36	#4	8'-2"	196	5 PILE ABUT. (T/P)	26	28		
T	4	#4	35'-8"	95	DR. SHAFT ABUT. (T/D.S.)	44	47		
					4 PILE BENT (T/P)	45	48		
					5 PILE BENT (T/P)	36	38		
					6 PILE BENT (T/P)	30	32		
					7 PILE BENT (T/P)	26	27		
Reinf. Steel	Lb.	672	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	63	67			
Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	6.8	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.					

3 COL. INT. BENT					TABLE OF VARIABLE QUANTITIES 3 COL. INT. BENT				TOTAL EST. QUANTITIES 3 COL. INT. BT.	
Bar	No.	Size	Length	Weight	"H" Cl. C Conc.	BARS Z 3~*3 Length	BARS Y 24~*7 Length	Reinf. Steel	Cl. C Conc.	
B1	5	#11	35'-8"	948						
B2	2	#11	10'-6"	112						
S3	44	#5	8'-4"	382						
T	4	#5	35'-8"	149						
Reinf. Steel	Lb.	1591	Reinf. Steel	Lb.	2161	9.6				
Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	6.8	Cl. C Conc.	C.Y.	2222	9.9				
					2282	10.3				
					2343	10.6				
					2403	11.0				
					2464	11.3				
					2525	11.7				
					2585	12.0				
					2645	12.4				
					2708	12.7				
					2768	13.1				

**HS 20 LOADING**

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
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**BENTS FOR PRESTRESSED  
CONCRETE T BEAMS**

**34'-0" RDWY.      35'-40' SPANS**

**34.BT 35-40**

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**GENERAL NOTES:**  
 Designed according to A.A.S.H.T.O. 1977 Standard and Interim Specifications.  
 These bents shall be used when the average of adjacent span lengths is equal to or less than 40'-0".

**SEC. B-B**  
 \*\* 3 Spiral at 6" pitch  
 One flat turn top & bottom. (1-7/2" Dia.)

**HALF ELEV. 3 COL. BENT**  
 \*\* 3 Spiral at 6" pitch  
 One flat turn top & bottom. (1-7/2" Dia.)

\* Included in price bid for Drilled Shafts.

beams is the main reason for recommending an increased size of shear key for this proposed superstructure system. The abutment and interior bent treatments at the ends of the precast slabs are similar to those which have been very successful when used with the CGC units in Texas for over 25 years. The only transverse coupling of the slabs is by means of two No. 5 bars in the cast-in-place concrete as shown in the details.

The transverse conventional reinforcement is proposed to be as simple as possible without complete elimination. The upper and lower transverse steel is composed of the same U-bars with the intent that they not be tied at their laps. Alternate spacing would be permissible to avoid conflict when placing the upper assembly which will also have longitudinal No. 5 bars spaced at about 8 inches. The necessity of having special outside slab sections with no shear key recess is simply met by a smooth outside face. The outside sections will usually also have some special bridge railing anchorage reinforcement or anchor bolts.

The bent details recommended to be used with the solid slabs can in most respects be the same as those listed and shown above for the modified DHT boxes.

#### Precast Concrete Voided Slabs

The design shown in Chapter 1 for the precast concrete voided slabs is also similar to the cross-sections shown in the PCI Short Span Bridges publication (Ref 5). The shear key and end treatment details are again proposed to be larger than the PCI concept for the same reasons as described for the solid slabs. The advantage of the voided slabs over the solid slabs is that longer spans can be realized due to the reduction in dead weight from the voids.

The major difference in the proposed voided slab details from the solid slab details is the recommendation that a 9 inch plug of concrete be cast into

the voids when the closure section between units is cast. A suitable left-in-place bulkhead would be placed within the void. It may be possible to eliminate this plug since irregularities in the end surfaces and the extension of the longitudinal reinforcing into the field cast end sections will provide enough shear to transfer any lateral forces into the two No. 5 bars which tie the units together.

Both the solid and voided slab transverse reinforcement could be welded wire fabric of equivalent areas in lieu of the conventional deformed bars. These fabric mats would be bent in the same shape with adequate longitudinal wires in the vertical legs to provide proper anchorages where the upper and lower mats lap.

The bent details recommended to be used with the voided slabs can again be essentially the same as those listed and shown previously for the modified DHT boxes.



### CHAPTER 3. CONTRACT PLANS

As described in the original proposal, the intent of this project was to finish with a demonstration of the developed new details by incorporating them into an actual contract. Due to time constraints, and also the desire that the demonstration bridges not be skewed, a relatively small bridge replacement contract was selected as a trial application of the new sections. Two existing bridges were to be replaced, one which is 500 ft long and the other 600 ft long. The bridges are in Floyd County on FM 1065 over Los Linguish and Quitaque Creeks about four miles south of the town of Quitaque. The regular bid was for complete new structures with the use of 40 ft CGC units. The planned new roadway is to be 34 ft wide. The original bridges were about 20 ft wide.

For the Los Linguish Creek bridge, which is 600 ft long, the regular bid included provision for complete new bents and piling with the exception that three original 15 inch square piling are incorporated into the new abutments and into two of the 14 interior bents. There would be two additional piling installed at the four bents which reuse the original piling.

The Quitaque Creek bridge is 500 ft long. The regular bid bridge was for two 30.33 ft CGC units and eleven 40.0 ft CGC units. Again, four of the original bents, each having three piling, were planned to be reused. Both alternate bids allowed reuse of all of the existing piling so that only two additional piling would need to be driven at each bent.

The all new bents required for the regular bid bridges will each have four piling. The alternate bid bridges with either the precast box beams or the precast double tee beams were to have 50 ft spans instead of the regular bid 40 ft spans. The 50 ft spans matched the spans of the original structure, thus only

about half as much piling would need to be used as in the regular bid.

The total combined piling length for the two regular bid structures was to be 2756 linear feet while the total length for either of the two alternate bid structures was 1254 linear feet. It was therefore anticipated that there would be a better chance of one or the other of the alternates being the selected structure.

The engineering estimate for the two alternates indicated that each should be about the same cost, with either one estimated to be one about 1 percent more than the CGC estimate. Unfortunately, neither of the alternates was the low bid. The lowest CGC regular bid was about 28 percent less than the engineering estimate with the major difference due to the bid cost for the CGC Class C concrete which was about 38 percent less than estimated. Tables 1 and 2 show the engineer's estimate and bidder tabulations for the lowest three bids on the CGC spans.

Only two of the bidders (there were 10) bid on the alternates. Tables 3 and 4 show the engineer's estimate and bidder tabulations for the two who bid on the alternate structures. The precast concrete box beam bid was about 12 percent above the estimate and the double tee bid was about 12 percent below the estimate. Contact was made with one precast producer after the job was let and he stated that the added transportation costs to the relatively remote bridge site in the Panhandle was one of the reasons he had not quoted a lower price to the contractors. He also said that the main reason the price was not as low as anticipated was the uncertainty of there being more bridges of like cross-section in the future to effectively repay him for the initial cost of the special forms and necessary new plant production hardware. Had this contract been larger, then the first cost of the forms and hardware could possibly have been

absorbed.

One preliminary conclusion that can be drawn from this contract letting is that any new superstructure construction system is at a significant initial disadvantage due to the uncertainty of the system being used again. If the state has enough confidence in the new system being a viable future alternative to current construction systems, then a procedure must be found to somehow share in the initial cost of the new formwork which would remove this cost from being a burden on the first contract. The state could possibly set up within the contract a procedure wherein the cost of the new forms would be paid for directly to the producer, and the forms would remain the property of the state. If they were reused by that producer, pre-agreed upon rental rates would be assigned, with the producer having the option of paying two rates, either direct rental, with the state retaining ownership and control over where the forms might next be used, or a different rental rate wherein the producer would eventually obtain full ownership of the forms, that is, a lease-purchase arrangement. It must be understood that the formwork involved to produce a precast product does not just include the side forms. Both alternates in the trial contract used cross-sections whose side forms were already available. The casting bed must usually be modified to be compatible with the width of the product. Spacers, strand stressing templates, special reinforcement positioning jigs, and other miscellaneous hardware must also be fabricated. All these items should be included in the first cost of formwork for any new precast product.

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ENGINEERS ESTIMATE -- PAN FORM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ENGR ESTIMATE	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	4100 GAL	2.00	8,200.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	170 CY	35.00	5,950.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	2756 LF	40.00	110,240.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	134.4 CY	350.00	47,040.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	38.2 CY	350.00	13,370.00
CLASS C CONC (PAN GIRD)	1905.2 CY	300.00	571,560.00
REINFORCING STEEL	375,928 LB	0.50	187,964.00
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	9108 LB	1.50	13,662.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2257.32 LF	35.00	79,006.20
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	225.00	28,350.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	35,000.00	70,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	13.50	13,500.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	400.00	3,200.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.50	4,200.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	25,000.00	25,000.00
		TOTAL	1,191,242.20

FIRST LOW BIDDER -- PAN FORM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT BID	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	4100 GAL	1.75	7,175.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	170 CY	40.00	6,800.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	2756 LF	43.00	118,508.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	134.4 CY	275.00	36,960.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	38.2 CY	275.00	10,505.00
CLASS C CONC (PAN GIRD)	1905.2 CY	185.00	352,462.00
REINFORCING STEEL	375,928 LB	0.42	157,889.76
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	9108 LB	1.25	11,385.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2257.32 LF	23.00	51,918.36
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	175.00	22,050.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	15,000.00	30,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	12.00	12,000.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	300.00	2,400.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.00	3,600.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	20,000.00	20,000.00
		TOTAL	853,653.12

Table 1. Engineer's Estimate and Low Bid  
for CGC Regular Bid.

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SECOND LOW BIDDER -- PAN FORM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT BID	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	4100 GAL	2.00	8,200.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	170 CY	50.00	8,500.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	2756 LF	40.00	110,240.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	134.4 CY	350.00	47,040.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	38.2 CY	350.00	13,370.00
CLASS C CONC (PAN GIRDS)	1905.2 CY	175.00	333,410.00
REINFORCING STEEL	375,928 LB	0.38	142,852.64
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	9108 LB	2.50	22,770.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2257.32 LF	25.00	56,433.00
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	175.00	22,050.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	30,000.00	60,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	11.00	11,000.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	300.00	2,400.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	2.00	2,400.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	500.00	5,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	50,000.00	50,000.00
		TOTAL	895,665.64

THIRD LOW BIDDER -- PAN FORM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT BID	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	4100 GAL	1.50	6,150.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	170 CY	50.00	8,500.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	2756 LF	35.00	96,460.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	134.4 CY	350.00	47,040.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	38.2 CY	350.00	13,370.00
CLASS C CONC (PAN GIRDS)	1905.2 CY	175.00	333,410.00
REINFORCING STEEL	375,928 LB	0.25	93,982.00
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	9108 LB	1.50	13,662.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2257.32 LF	20.00	45,146.40
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	175.00	22,050.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	57,500.00	115,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	15.00	15,000.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	400.00	3,200.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	2.00	2,400.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	100,000.00	100,000.00
		TOTAL	925,370.40

Table 2. Second and Third Low Bids  
for CGC Regular Bid.

REPLACE BRIDGES AND WIDEN APPROACHES  
LOS LINGUIST CREEK AND QUITAQUE CREEK BRIDGES

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE -- ALTERNATE -A- PRESTRESSED BOX BEAM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ENGR	
		ESTIMATE	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	2500 GAL	0.97	2,425.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	90 CY	40.00	3,600.00
ASPHALT (AC)	22 TON	118.00	2,596.00
AGGREGATE (TYPE D)	290 TON	30.00	8,700.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	1254 LF	40.00	50,160.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	138.0 CY	350.00	48,300.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	44.8 CY	350.00	15,680.00
CLASS A CONC (SHEAR KEY)	173.8 CY	350.00	60,830.00
CLASS A CONC (DIAF)	62.2 CY	345.00	21,459.00
PRESTR CONC BOX BEAM (4 B 20)	4356.0 LF	75.00	326,700.00
PRESTR CONC BOX BEAM (5 B 20)	4356.0 LF	92.25	401,841.00
REINFORCING STEEL	34,988 LB	0.50	17,494.00
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	6666 LB	1.50	9,999.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2256.0 LF	35.00	78,960.00
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	225.00	28,350.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	35,000.00	70,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	13.50	13,500.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	400.00	3,200.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.50	4,200.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	25,000.00	25,000.00
		TOTAL	1,202,994.00

10TH BIDDER -- ALTERNATE -A- PRESTRESSED BOX BEAM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	
		BID	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	2500 GAL	2.00	5,000.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	90 CY	40.00	3,600.00
ASPHALT (AC)	22 TON	80.00	1,760.00
AGGREGATE (TYPE D)	290 TON	80.00	23,200.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	1254 LF	25.00	31,350.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	138.0 CY	250.00	34,500.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	44.8 CY	250.00	11,200.00
CLASS A CONC (SHEAR KEY)	173.8 CY	110.00	19,118.00
CLASS A CONC (DIAF)	62.2 CY	155.00	9,641.00
PRESTR CONC BOX BEAM (4 B 20)	4356.0 LF	66.00	287,496.00
PRESTR CONC BOX BEAM (5 B 20)	4356.0 LF	81.00	352,836.00
REINFORCING STEEL	34,988 LB	0.40	13,995.20
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	6666 LB	1.20	7,999.20
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2256.0 LF	35.00	78,960.00
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	155.00	19,530.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	100,000.00	200,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	14.00	14,000.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	400.00	3,200.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.00	3,600.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	750.00	7,500.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	223,000.00	223,000.00
		TOTAL	1,351,485.40

Table 3. Engineer's Estimate and Only Bid for Prestressed Box Beam Alternate.

REPLACE BRIDGES AND WIDEN APPROACHES  
LOS LINGUISTIC CREEK AND QUITAQUE CREEK BRIDGES

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE -- ALTERNATE -B- PRESTRESSED TEE BEAM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ENGR	
		ESTIMATE	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	2500 GAL	0.97	2,425.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	90 CY	40.00	3,600.00
ASPHALT (AC)	22 TON	118.00	2,596.00
AGGREGATE (TY D)	290 TON	30.00	8,700.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	1254 LF	40.00	50,160.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	166.0 CY	350.00	58,100.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	56.8 CY	350.00	19,880.00
CLASS A CONC (DIAF)	45.8 CY	345.00	15,801.00
PRESTR CONC TEE BEAM (6 T 36)	6556.0 LF	118.45	776,558.20
REINFORCING STEEL	46,810 LB	0.50	23,405.00
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	5826 LB	1.50	8,739.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2256.0 LF	35.00	78,960.00
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	225.00	28,350.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	35,000.00	70,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	13.50	13,500.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	400.00	3,200.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.50	4,200.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	25,000.00	25,000.00
		TOTAL	1,203,174.20

8TH BIDDER -- ALTERNATE -B- PRESTRESSED TEE BEAM SPANS

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	
		BID	EXTENSION
ASPHALT	2500 GAL	2.25	5,625.00
AGGREGATE (CL B TY A)	90 CY	125.00	11,250.00
ASPHALT (AC)	22 TON	70.00	1,540.00
AGGREGATE (TY D)	290 TON	70.00	20,300.00
CONCRETE PILING (15 IN. SQ)	1254 LF	56.00	70,224.00
CLASS C CONC (BENT)	166.0 CY	300.00	49,800.00
CLASS C CONC (ABUT)	56.8 CY	300.00	17,040.00
CLASS A CONC (DIAF)	45.8 CY	300.00	13,740.00
PRESTR CONC TEE BEAM (6 T 36)	6556.0 LF	93.50	612,986.00
REINFORCING STEEL	46,810 LB	0.50	23,405.00
STRUCT STEEL (ARMOR JOINT)	5826 LB	1.50	8,739.00
RAIL (TYPE T202)	2256.0 LF	32.00	72,192.00
CLASS B CONC (RIPRAP)	126 CY	200.00	25,200.00
REMOVE OLD STRUCTURE (LARGE)	2 EA	25,000.00	50,000.00
GALV STEEL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1000 LF	16.50	16,500.00
TERMINAL ANCHOR SECTION	8 EA	500.00	4,000.00
REMOVE METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE	1200 LF	3.00	3,600.00
BARRICADES, SIGNS, TRAF HNDLG	10 MO	1000.00	10,000.00
MOBILIZATION	1 LS	43,000.00	43,000.00
		TOTAL	1,059,141.00

Table 4. Engineer's Estimate and Only Bid for Prestressed Tee Beam Alternate.

#### CHAPTER 4. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Five different new precast superstructure configurations were studied with complete new details suitable for inclusion in contract plans developed for the precast box beams and precast double tee beams. A trial contract was let with the details included as two separate alternates to the regular bid CGC spans. Neither of the alternates was the low bid. As stated in the prior chapter, one of the reasons for the alternate not being the low bid on the trial contract was the fact that precast producers are reluctant to gear up to fabricate the new section due to the uncertainty that the state will let any further contracts with the new section.

It is therefore recommended that some means be found to remove the initial cost of new formwork and associated necessary production hardware from the cost of the initial contracts.

Another difficulty in acceptance of the proposed new details, especially the modified through void box beams and double tee beams, is the initial restriction of their use to non-skewed structures. It is recommended that moderately skewed details be prepared, since most modern highway crossings are skewed.

As of the date of the writing of this report, a second contract is being prepared for letting with the same two alternates as described in Chapter 3 for the Floyd County bridges. This new contract is in Mitchell County on Interstate 20. It is to be the South Frontage Road over the Colorado River. The structure is planned to be 360 feet in length with nine 40 ft CGC units as the regular bid and nine precast box beam or double tee beam units as the two alternates. No provision for separate payment to the fabricator for his initial first cost in producing the boxes or tees is planned.



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