Replacement of Fender System at I-10 Mississippi River Bridge



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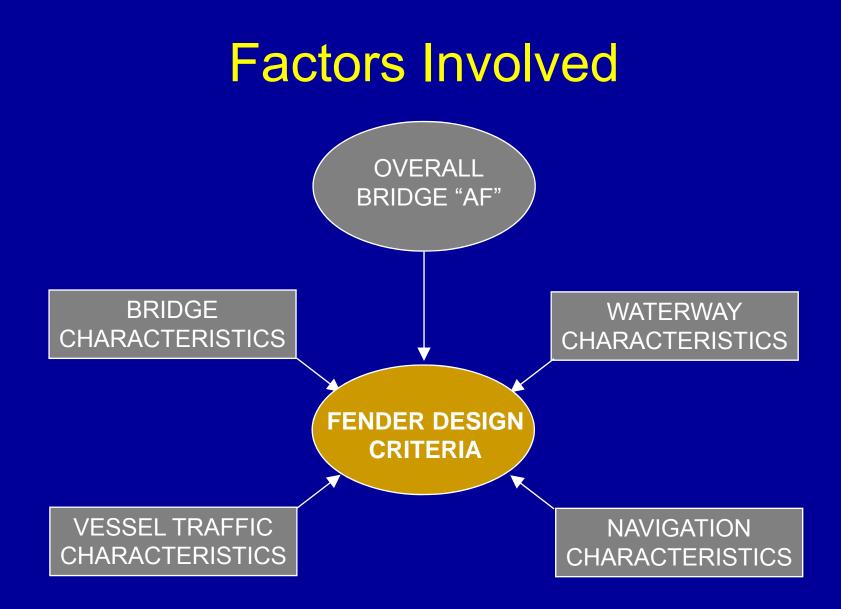






Scope of Work

- Study Alternatives for Fender Repair or Replacement
- Develop Fender Selection and Design Criteria
- Prepare Plans and Specifications for the Selected Fender Alternative



Overall Risk to the Bridge ("AF") Method I (AASHTO Guide)

- 1. Collect vessel and waterway data
- 2. Select design vessel and compute collision loads

Method II (AASHTO Guide, AASHTO LRFD)

- 1. Collect vessel, navigation, waterway and bridge data
- 2. Perform probability based analysis and select pier capacities

AASHTO Method I

Design Vessel for Critical Bridges

- > 50 passages per year, or
- > 5% of the total number of passages

Design Vessel for Regular Bridges

- > 200 passages per year, or
- > 10% of the total number of passages

AASHTO Method II AF = (N) (PA) (PG) (PC)AF = Annual Frequency of Collapse N = Annual Number of Vessels PA = Probability of Vessel Aberrancy PG = Geometric Probability PC = Probability of Collapse AF acceptable: < 0.0001 for Critical Bridges < 0.001 for Regular Bridges

Annual Number of Vessels, N

Number of vessels N, grouped by

- Type
- Size and shape
- Loading condition
- Direction of traffic

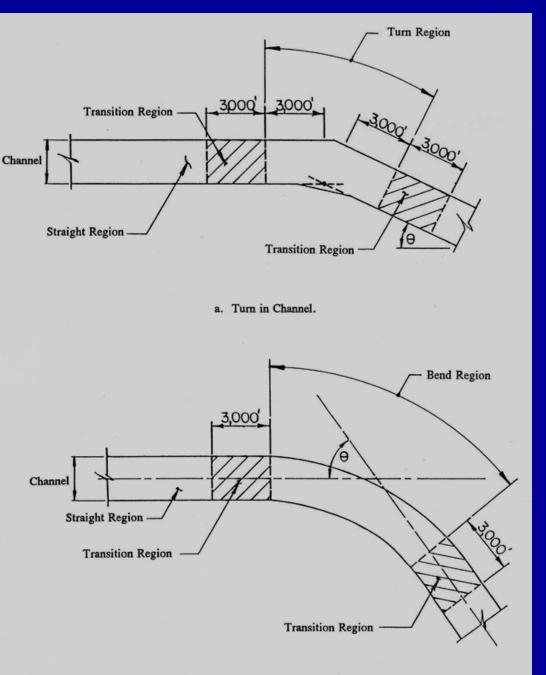
Adjusted for the water depth at each pier

Probability of Vessel Aberrancy, PA

- $PA = (BR) (R_B) (R_C) (R_{XC}) (R_D)$
- BR = Aberrancy base rate
- R_B = Correction factor for bridge location
- R_c = Correction factor for parallel current
- R_{XC}= Correction factor for cross-currents
- R_D = Correction factor for vessel density

Correction factor for bridge location, R_B

Waterway Regions for Bridge Location



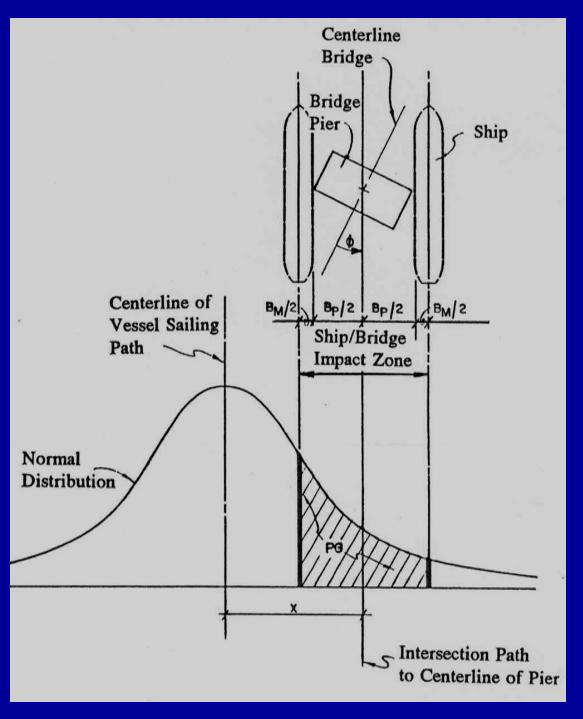
Geometric Probability, PG

- Models the location of an aberrant vessel relative to the channel
- Quantifies the conditional probability that a vessel will hit a pier given that it is aberrant
- Accounts for the lower likelihood of an aberrant vessel being located further away from the channel
- Accounts for Pier Protection

Geometric Probability Model

Normal Distribution with $\sigma = LOA$

Geometric Probability of Pier Collision



Probability of Collapse, PC Reduces AF by a factor that varies from 0 to 1

PC = 0.1+9(0.1-H/P) if 0.0<= H/P <0.1 PC = (1.0-H/P)/9 if 0.1<= H/P <1.0 PC = 0.0 if H/P >=1.0

where:

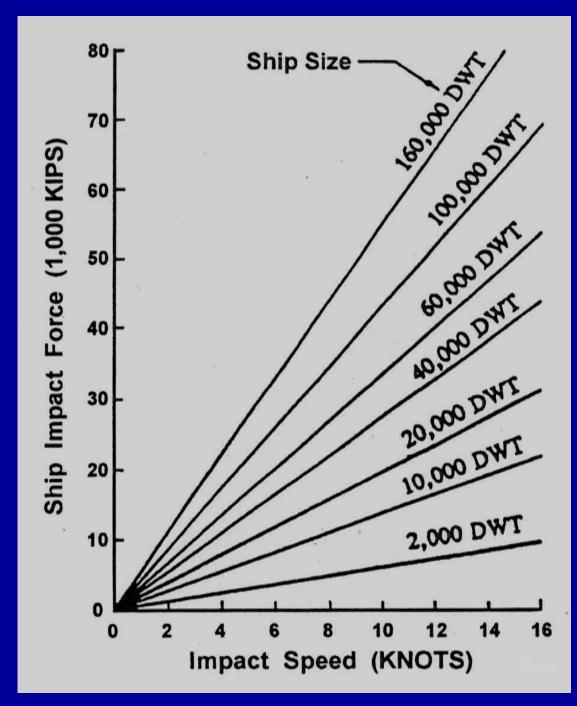
H = resistance of bridge component (kips) P = vessel impact force (kips)

Ship Collision Force on Pier, P_S

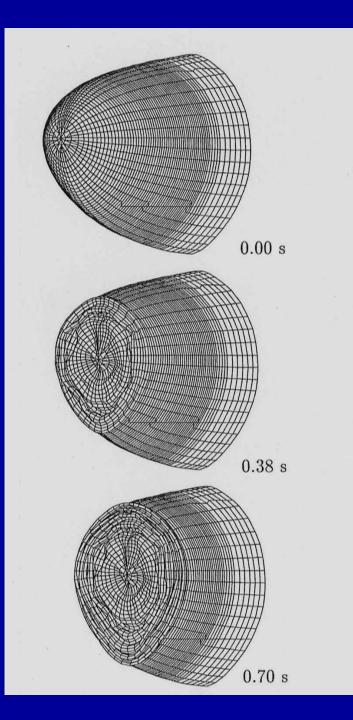
- $P_{\rm S} = 8.15 \, ({\rm DWT})^{1/2} \, {\rm V}$
- P_S = Equivalent static impact force (Kips)
 DWT = Deadweight tonnage (Tonnes)
 V = Vessel collision velocity (Ft/sec)

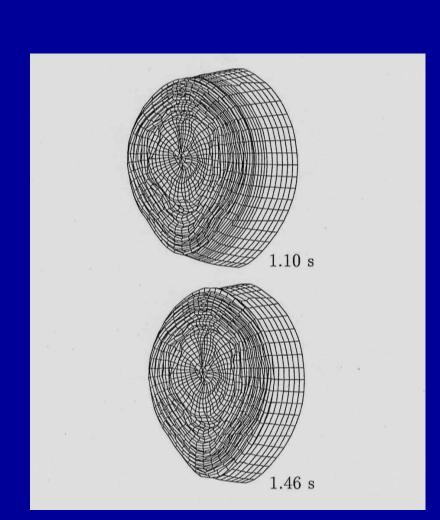
Ship Impact Force, P_S

Figure Shows Typical Ship Impact Forces









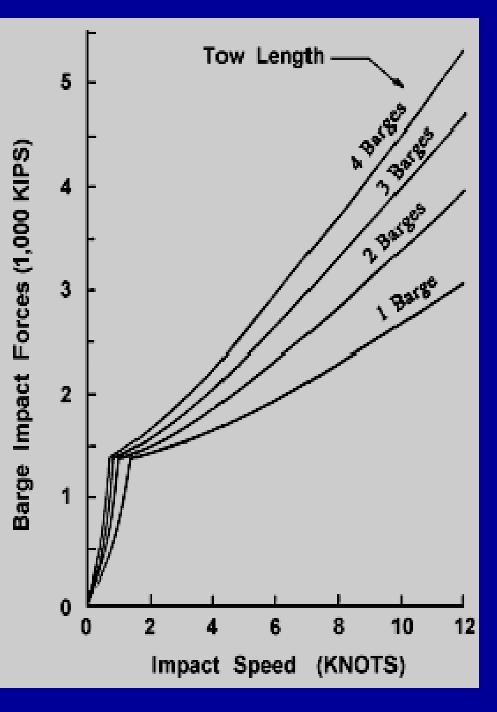
Barge Collision Force on Pier, P_B

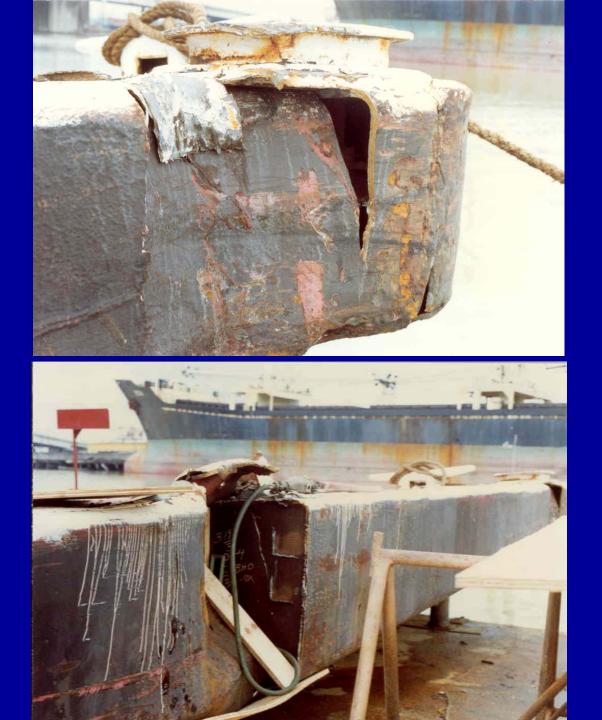
- $P_B = 4,112(a_B)(R_B)$ for $a_B < 0.34$
- $P_{B} = (1,349+110a_{B})(R_{B})$ for $a_{B} >= 0.34$
- $a_{B} = [(1+KE/5,672)^{1/2}-1](10.2/R_{B})$
- P_B = Equivalent static impact force (Kips)
- a_B = Barge bow indentation (ft)
- R_B = Ratio of barge width (ft) to 35 ft
- KE = Barge collision energy (K-ft)

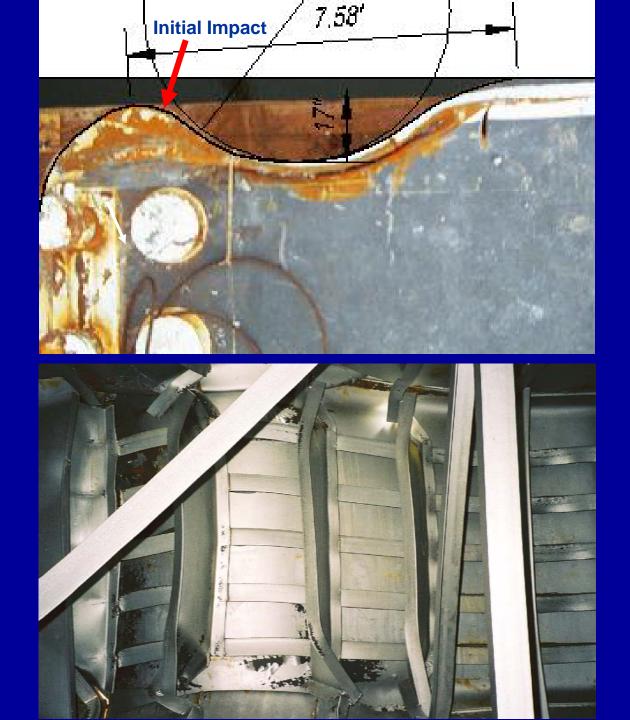
Barge Tow Impact Force, P_B

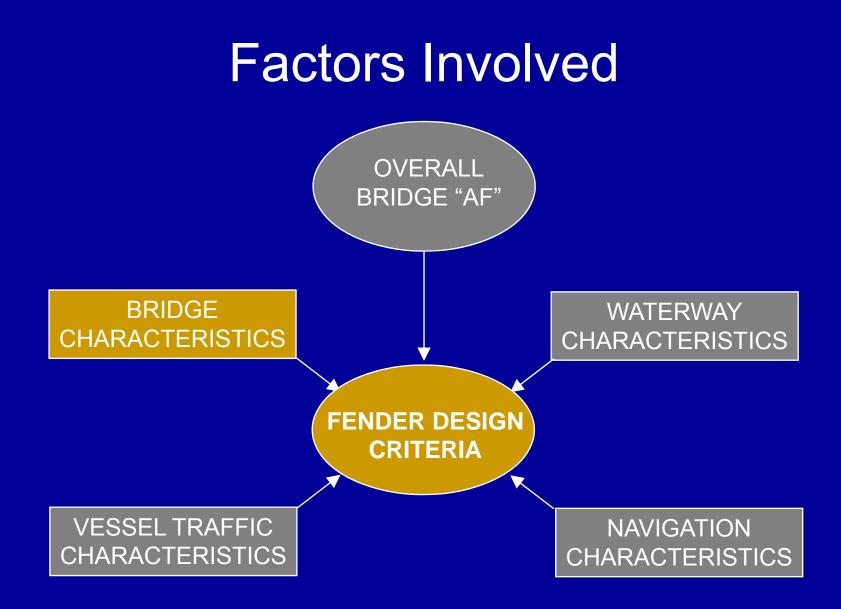
Crushing Load Level: 35 Ft Wide Barge 1,350 k

Figure Shows Typical Hopper Barge (35 ft wide) Impact Forces



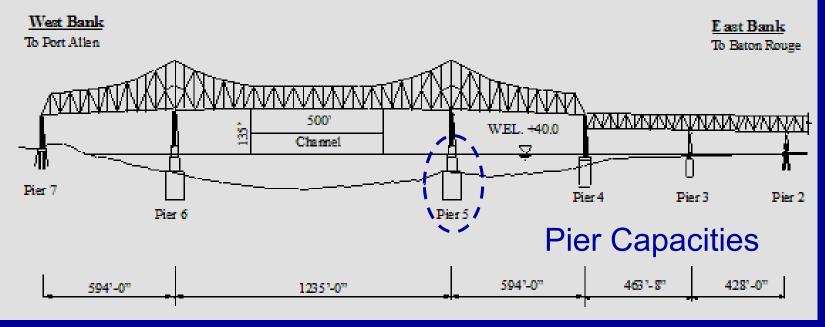




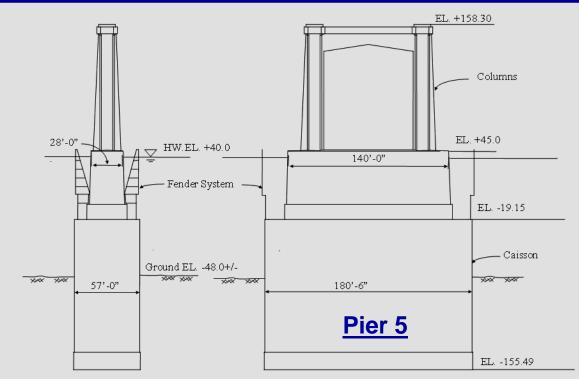


Bridge and Existing Fender Characteristics









Pier Geometry Findings:

• The pier columns could be exposed to ship deck contact and the criteria for the new fender should address prevention of access to the columns.

• The top of the distribution block forms an underwater shelf which could damage ship hulls and the criteria for the new fender should address prevention of protruding underwater ledges.

Pier Capacity Findings:

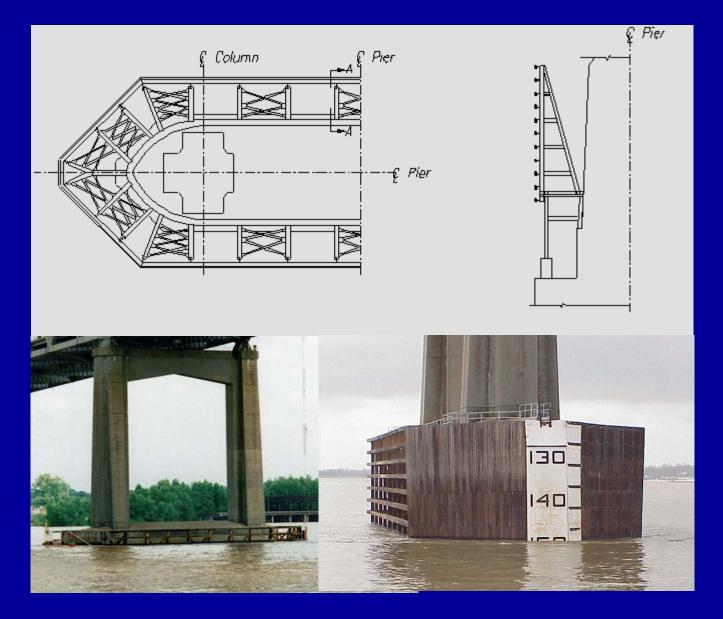
• The capacity of the pier to vessel collision is governed by the local capacity of the pier columns.

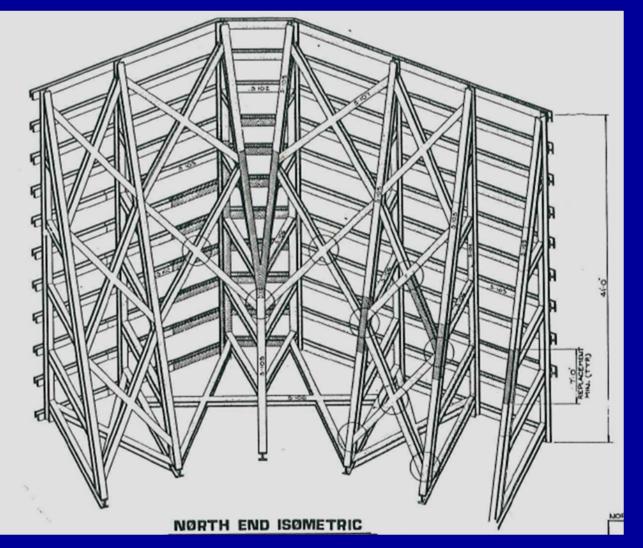
• The capacity of the pier shaft to resist collision loads in the longitudinal direction is relatively high and therefore a stronger and more rigid fender structure can be used to minimize repair and maintenance costs and to reduce the likelihood of vessel contact with the pier columns.

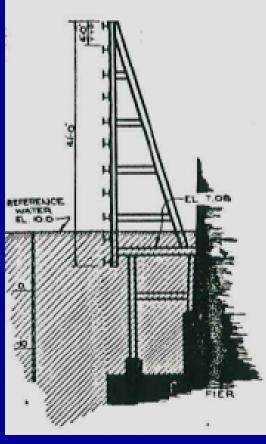
• The capacity of the pier to resist collision loads in the transverse direction is limited by the sectional capacity of the pier shaft at its base elevation. A weaker fender could reduce collision load levels but its deformation would have to be minimized to prevent contact with the pier columns.

Pie	r Lateral	Capacities	s (kips)
		Loading Direction	
	Lo	ongitudinal	Transverse
Foundatio	<u>)n</u>		
Caisson			
Sliding		148039	351957
Overturning		78240	76592
Sectional	Capacitie	<u>s</u>	
Section E	L -19.15		
Moment		80060	19544
Interface Shear		75921	75921
Shear		64062	42708
Controlling	Capacity	64062	19544
	Localiz	ed Capacit	ies
		Loading	Direction
	Lo	ongitudinal	Transverse
Pier Colu	mns		
Interface Shear		9734	9734
Shear		5113	5113
Base Shear		5113	5113

Existing Fender System Characteristics

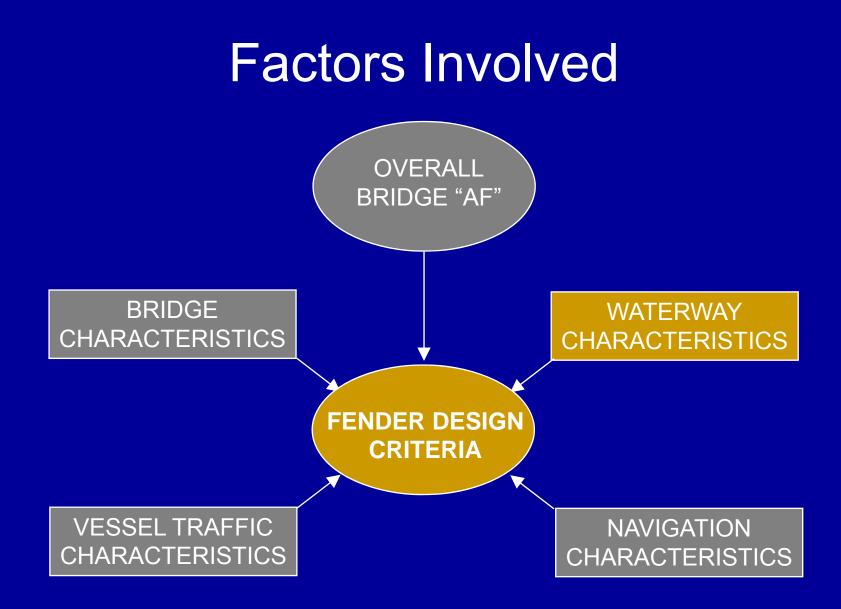






Existing Fender System Attributes

- 1. Reduction of the impact loads imparted to the vessel and the pier.
- 2. Prevention of potential sparks during collisions.
- Ability to redirect, absorb energy and reduce loads on the pier during lower energy collisions and during impacts at an angle with the pier.



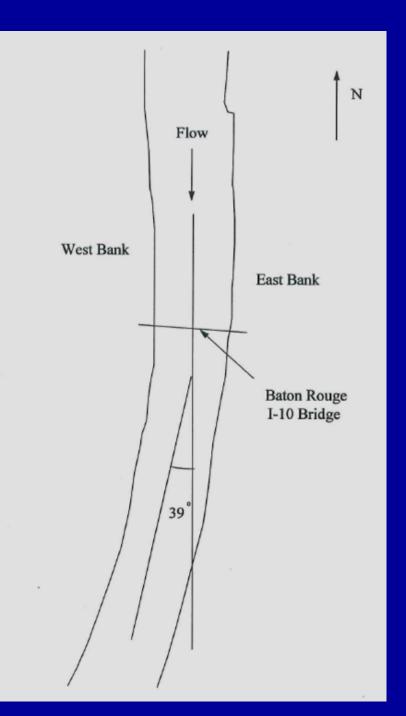
Waterway Characteristics and Docking Facilities

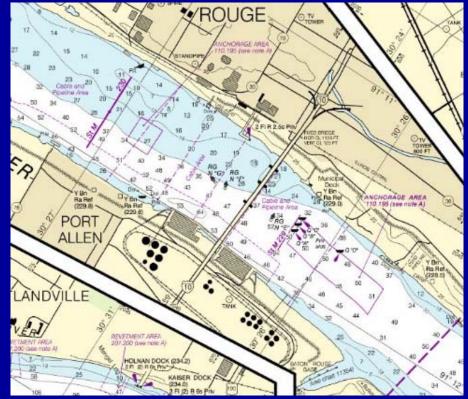


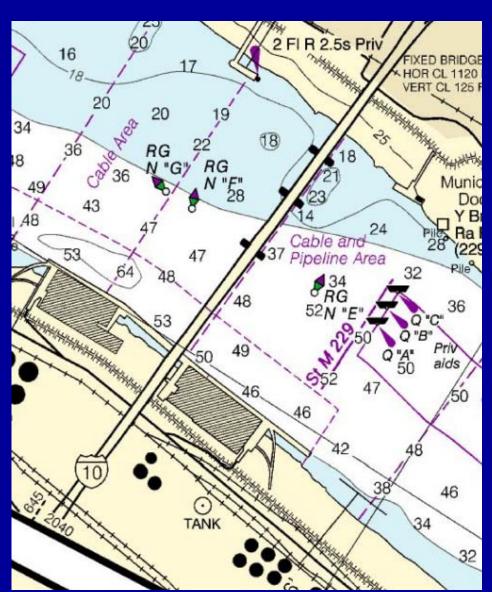
Bridge View Looking Downstream



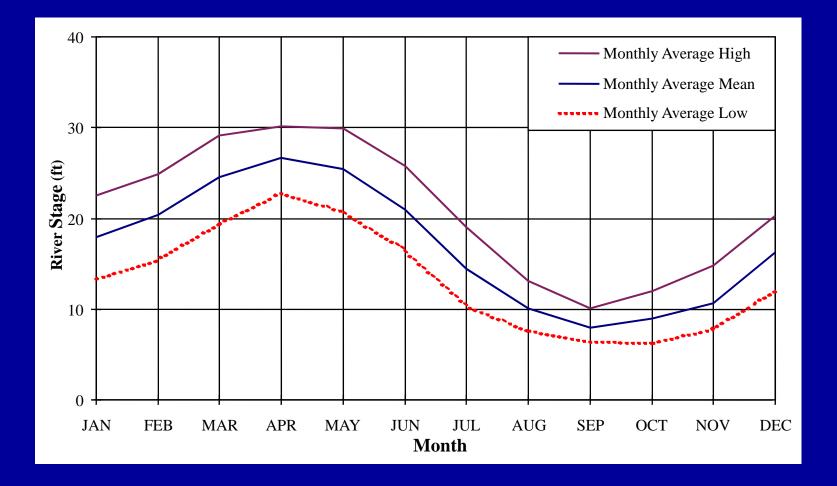
Bridge View Looking Upstream



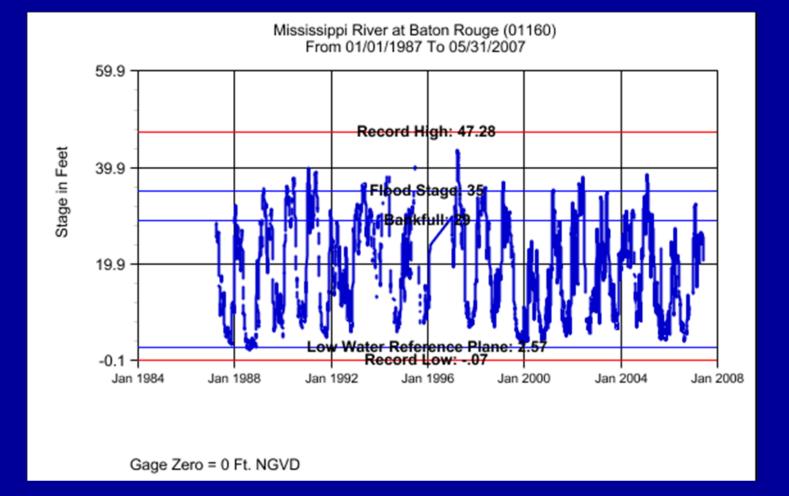




River Stage Monthly Average Variations

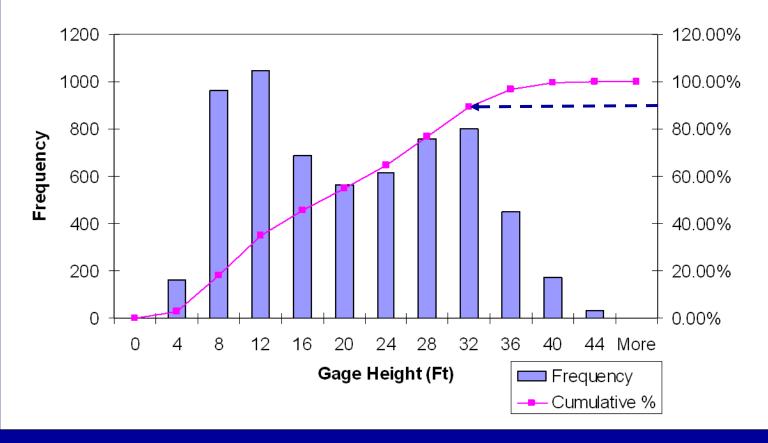


River Stage Daily Variations



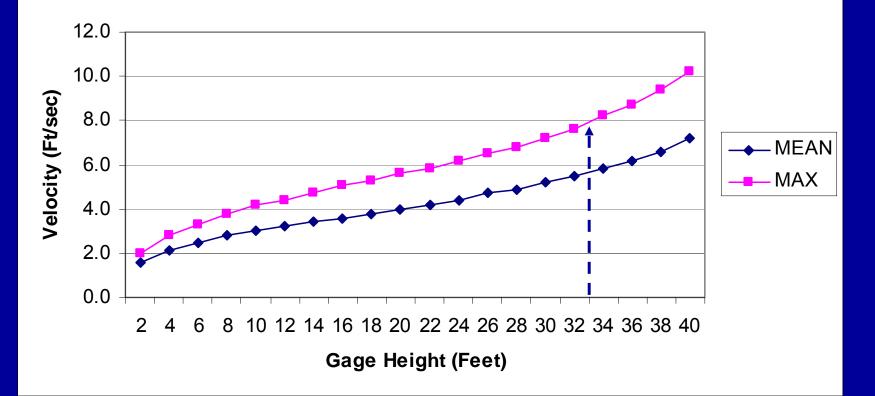
River Stage Statistics



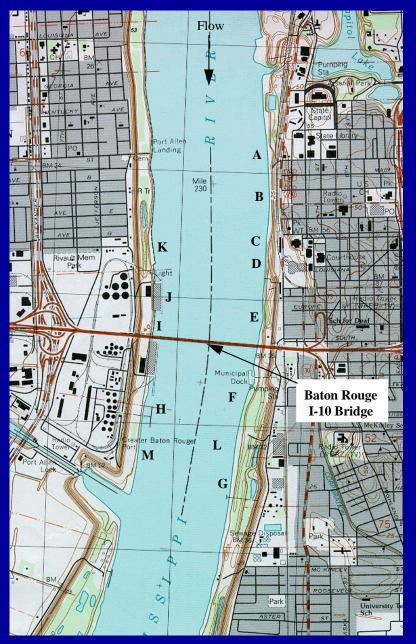


River Velocities at Baton Rouge Gage

River Velocity at Baton Rouge Gage (Mile 228.4) at 60% Depth



Docking Facilities Near the Bridge



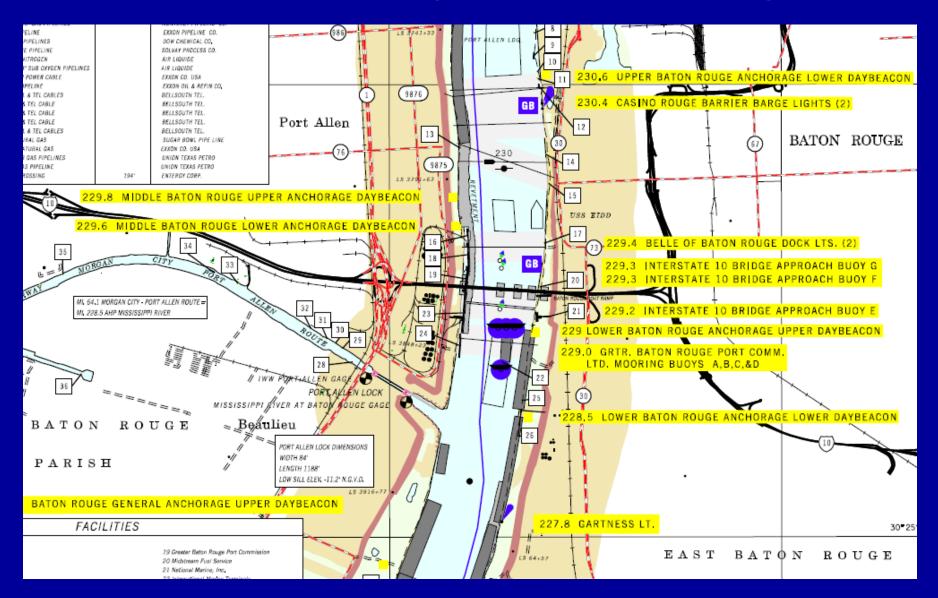
East Bank Facilities

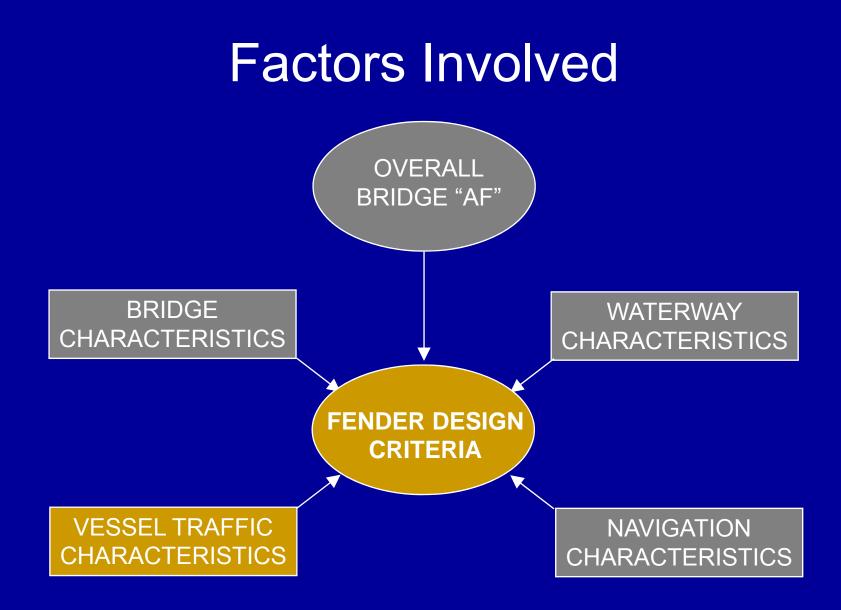
- A. Casino Rouge
- **B. Capitol Fleet Landing Area**
- C. Passenger Dock
- D. USS Kidd
- E. Belle of Baton Rouge Casino
- F. Old Baton Rouge City Wharf (Abandoned)
- G. McKinney Fleet and Barge Service Wharf
- L. International Marine Terminals, Moorings

West Bank Facilities

- H. GBR Port Commission, Dock No. 1 Wharf
- I. GBR Port Commission, Dock Connection
- J. GBR Port Commission, Dock No. 2 Wharf
- K. GBR Port Commission, Petroleum Terminal
- M. GBR Port Commission, Grain Wharf

Vessel Anchorages Near the Bridge





Vessel Traffic Characteristics

Barge Tow Sizes Common hopper barge tows:

35 barges in a 7 long x 5 wide configuration headed upstream and a 5 long x 7 wide configuration headed downstream

Largest hopper barge tows:

49 barges, in a 7 x 7 configuration, 1,585 feet long x 245 feet wide

Common tanker barge tows:

6 barges in a 3 long x 2 wide configuration

Largest Ship Sizes at Bridge

Traffic Type	Length (feet)	Breadth (feet)	Light Draft (feet)	Loaded Draft (feet)	Highest Fixed Point (feet)
Domestic	810	110	19	44	161
Foreign	946	144	22	56	170

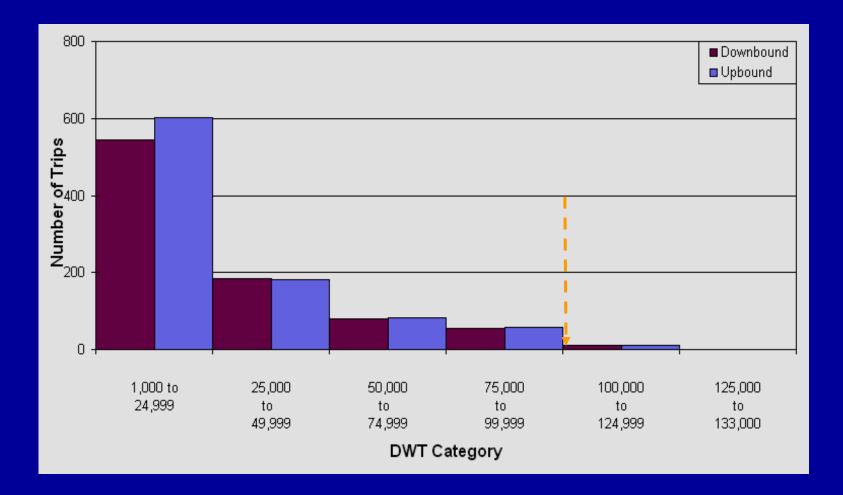
Ship Characteristics by DWT Category

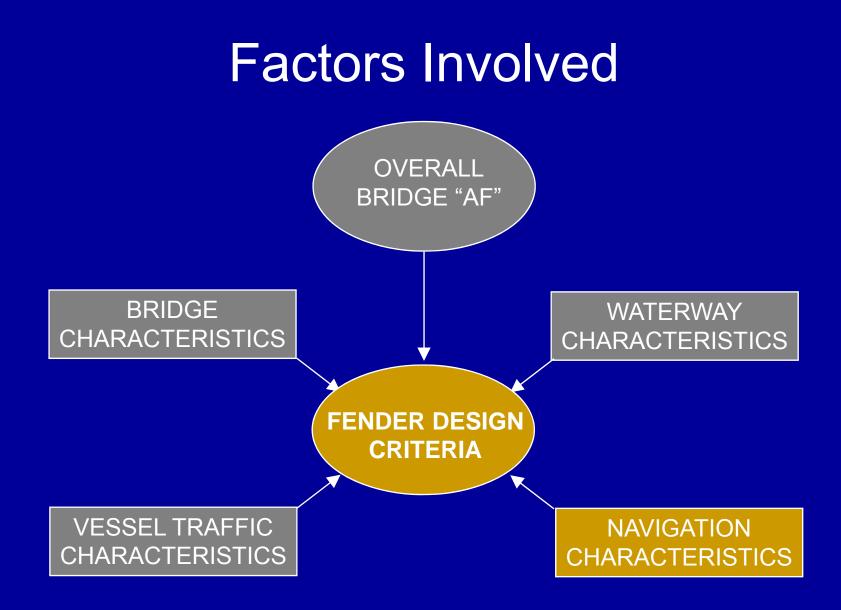
DWT	Length	Breadth	Loaded Draft	Bow Depth
Category	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)
1,000 to 24,999	200 to 525	30 to 81	4 to 31	24 to 70
25,000 to 49,999	525 to 664	81 to 103	31 to 39	70 to 79
50,000 to 74,999	664 to 771	103 to 120	39 to 45	79 to 86
75,000 to 99,999	771 to 860	120 to 134	45 to 50	86 to 91
100,000 to 124,999	860 to 939	134 to 146	50 to 54	91 to 96
125,000 to 133,000	939 to 962	147 to 150	54 to 56	96 to 97

Ship Distribution and Loading Data by DWT Category

	Downbou	nd Trips	Upbound Trips		Total	
DWT Category	No	(%) loaded	No	(%) loaded	No	(%) of total
1,000 to 24,999	545	62.2%	603	64.4%	1,148	63.4
25,000 to 49,999	183	20.9%	182	19.4%	365	20.1
50,000 to 74,999	80	9.1%	83	8.9%	163	9.0
75,000 to 99,999	56	6.4%	57	6.1%	113	6.2
100,000 to 124,999	11	1.3%	11	1.2%	22	1.2
125,000 to 133,000	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	2	0.1
Sum	876	100.0	937	100.0	1,813	100.0

Ship Size Distribution Plot





Navigation Conditions and History of Accidents

Main Hazards to Navigation:

- High volume of through traffic combined with local vessel movements at nearby docks and anchorages
- During medium to high water river stages, currents make navigation difficult carrying vessels in the channel span towards Pier 5

Vessel Traffic Identification (AIS) and Monitoring System



AIS provides precise information on ship identification, position, speed and heading to a vessel traffic control center and to other AIS-equipped vessels

United States Coast Pilot 5

Includes regulations regarding vessel navigation and detailed instructions for mooring of barges and fleeting operations along the river, e.g.:

"Mariners departing Port Commission Dock No.2 are advised to use extreme caution when turning vessels downstream. Strong currents (over 7 knots) associated with high water have caused vessels departing this facility to be set down upon the fender system of the bridge, causing extensive damage. Moving vessels well above or below the bridge before turning downstream is advised."

History of Accidents

Accident Number	Date	Location of Da	Baton Rouge Gage	
		Substructure	Superstructure	River Stage (feet)
1	3/12/77	South end of the Pier 5 fender system		23.08
2	5/27/77	North end and the east side of the Pier 5 fender system		10.00
3	12/5/77	West side of Pier 5 fender system		22.12
4	3/5/79	North end and east side of the Pier 5 fender system		29.43
5	6/14/82		Green navigation light was torn off	27.37
6	12/21/01	North end of the Pier 5 fender system		31.70
7	2/10/07	West side of the Pier 5 fender system		26.09

May 27, 1977 - M/V Gulf Solar

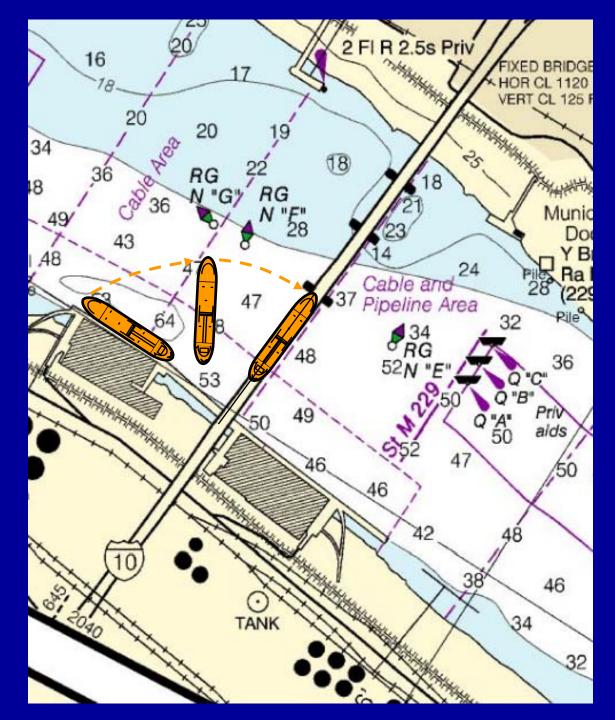


December 21, 2001 – M/V Ace G









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DWT = 96,315 Tonnes Loa = 798 Feet B = 137 Feet

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Fender Criteria

- Requirements and Attributes
- Evaluation Scenarios
- Performance Requirements
- Design Vessels
- Material Selection Criteria

Requirements and Attributes

- 1. Prevention of vessel access to the pier columns.
- 2. Protection of vessels from contacting underwater "shelf".
- 3. Adequate strength, stiffness and energy absorption cap.
- 4. Elimination of sparks upon vessel impact.
- 5. Abrasion resistance and low coefficient of friction.
- 6. Low initial cost.
- 7. Ease of construction.
- 8. Ease of repair and replacement of damaged parts.
- 9. Durability and low maintenance costs.

Evaluation Scenarios

- Both barge and ship impacts at various angles and directions
- Both minor (low energy) but frequent collisions and potential for major (high energy) but rare collisions.

Performance Requirements

- Damage due to minor collisions should be limited and easily repairable
- Damage due to major collisions should be repairable at a reasonable cost

Design Vessels

- 6 Hopper Barge Long Tow at 14.7 ft/sec
 P_head-on = 5,000 kips; P_sideways = 3,200 kips
- 3 Tanker Barge Long Tow at 14.7 ft/sec
 P_head-on = 5,600 kips; P_sideways = 3,800 kips
- 100,000 DWT Ship at 14.7 ft/sec
 P_head-on = 37,800 kips; P_sideways = 18,900 kips

Material Selection Criteria

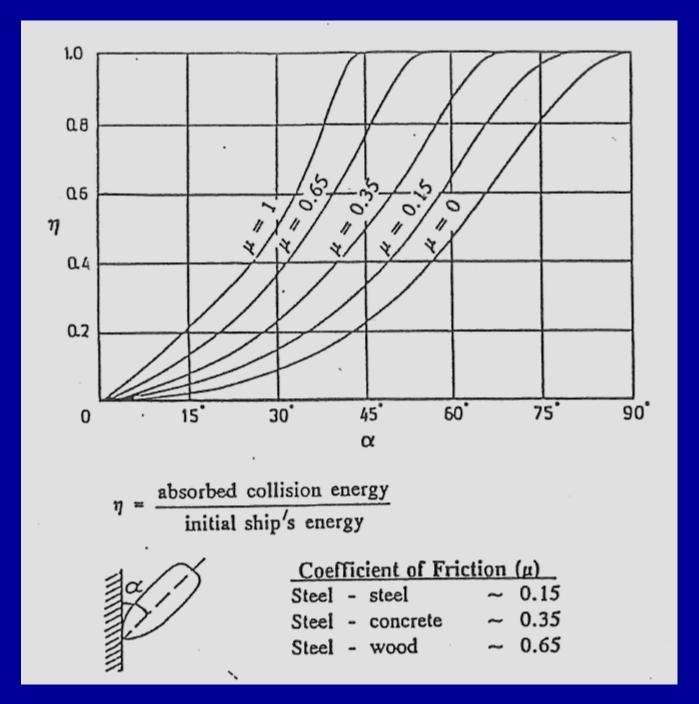
- Requirements for the high energy but rare collision scenarios
- Requirements for the low energy but frequent collision scenarios
- Durability and ease of installation and repair

Composite Marine Timber Wales

- Low coefficient of friction
- High abrasion resistance
- Durable

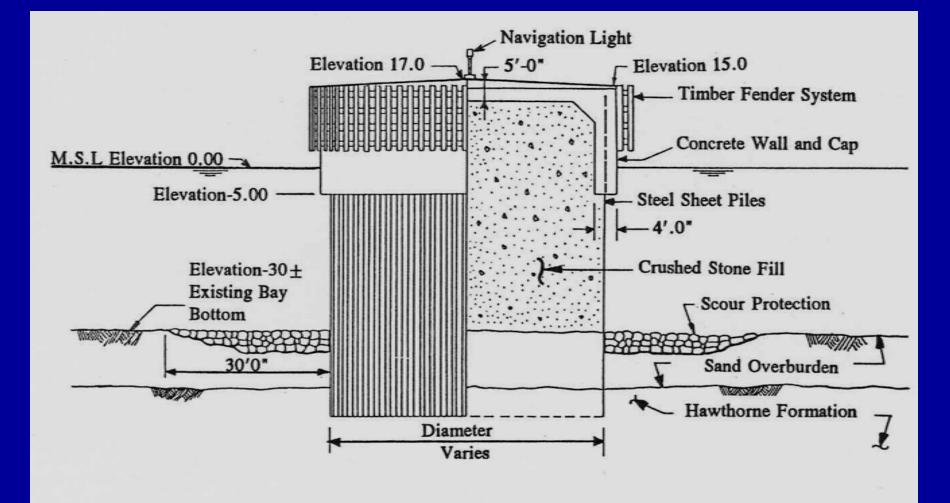


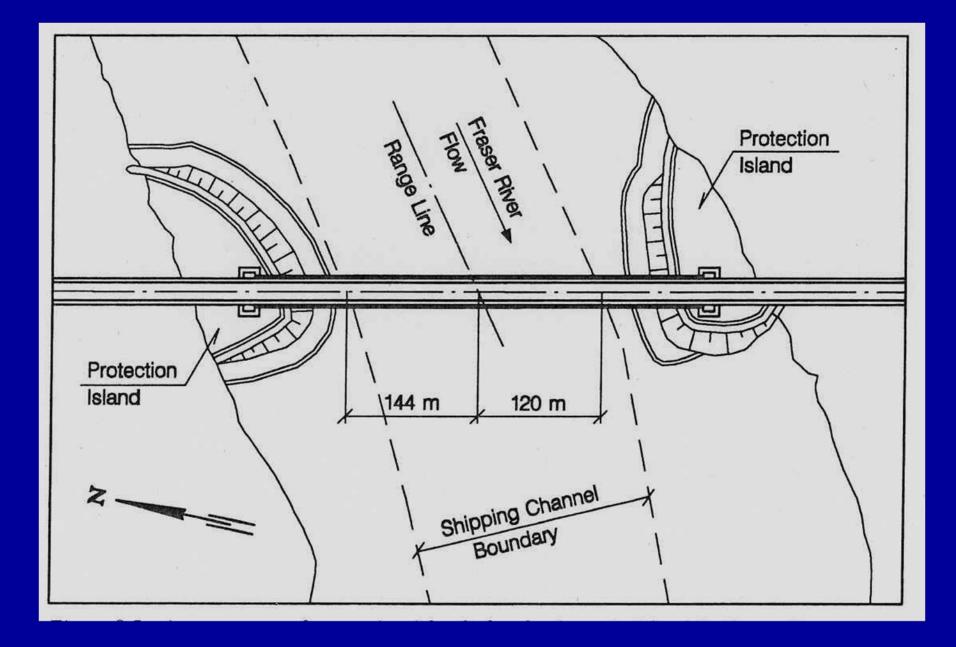




General Categories of Pier Protection

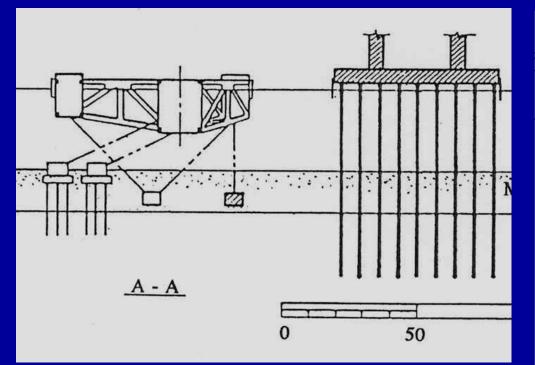
- Independent Systems
 - Sheet Pile Dolphins
 - -Artificial Islands
 - Floating Systems
- Semi-Independent Systems
- Pier-Supported Systems
- Guide Fender Systems

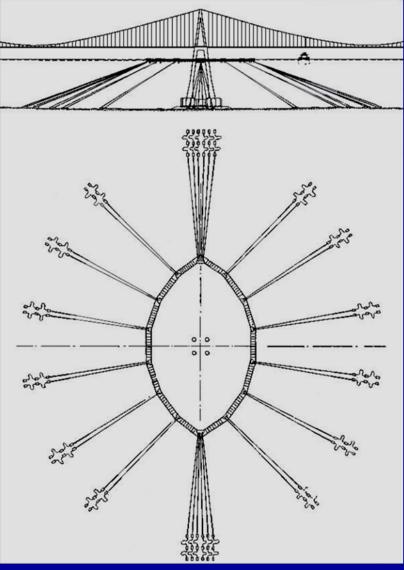






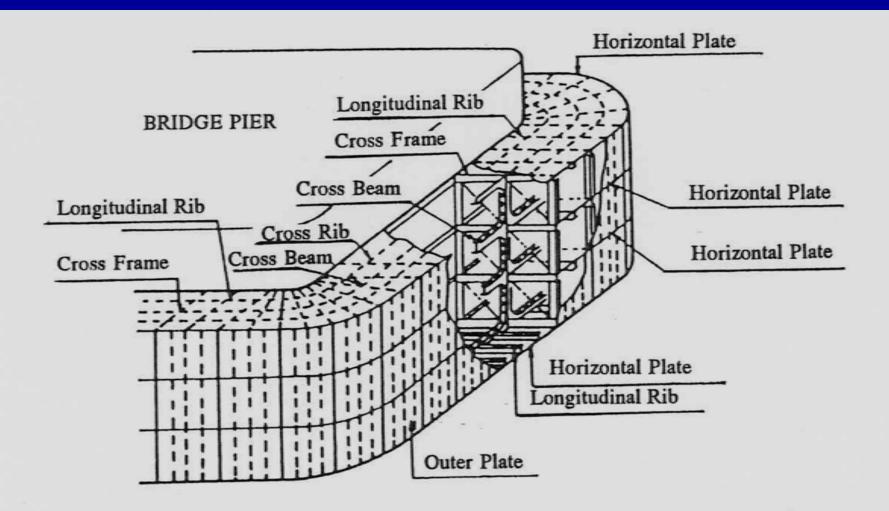
Fred Hartman Bridge, Houston Ship Channel





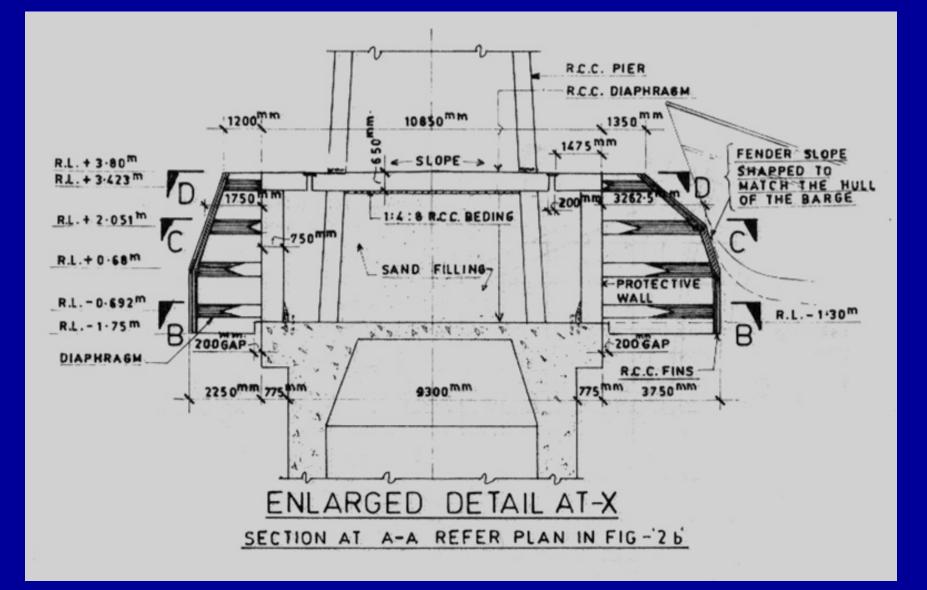


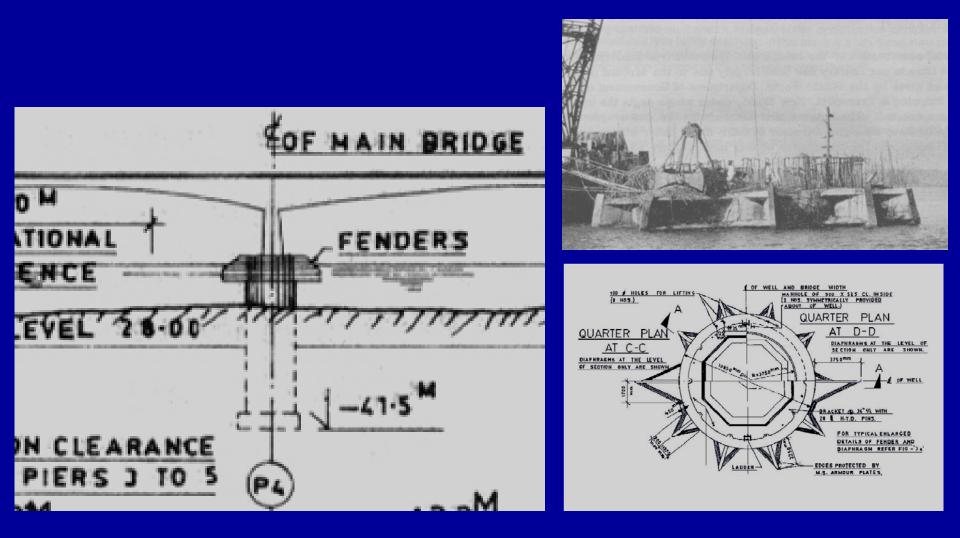
San Mateo Hayward Bridge, CA





Honshu-Shikoku Bridge, Japan





Zuari Bridge, India

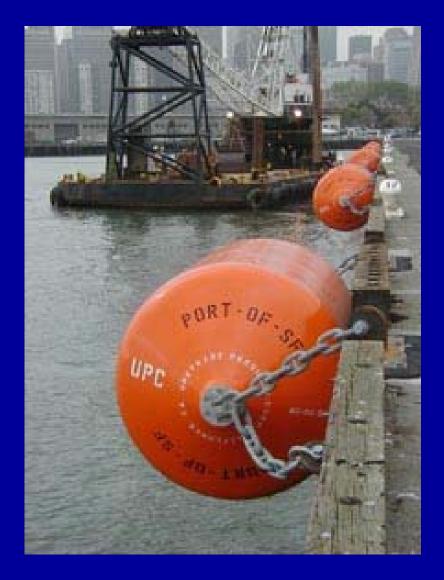
Alternative Fender Concepts Considered

A. Floating fender tied to the subshaft

- B. Fender supported by the top of the subshaft
- C. Fender supported on the face of the subshaft above water

D. Fender supported by the "shelf" on top of the distribution block

A. Floating Foam Filled Fenders

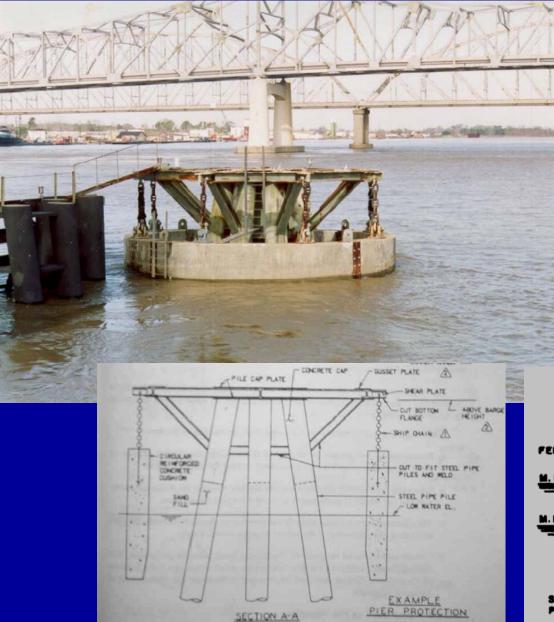


Attributes

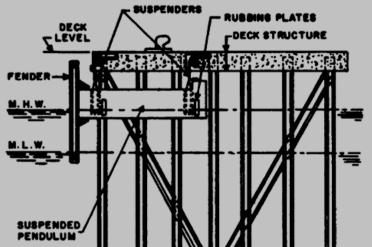
- Effective for frequent low energy sideways berthing scenarios.
- Installation is relatively easy and the initial cost is relatively low.

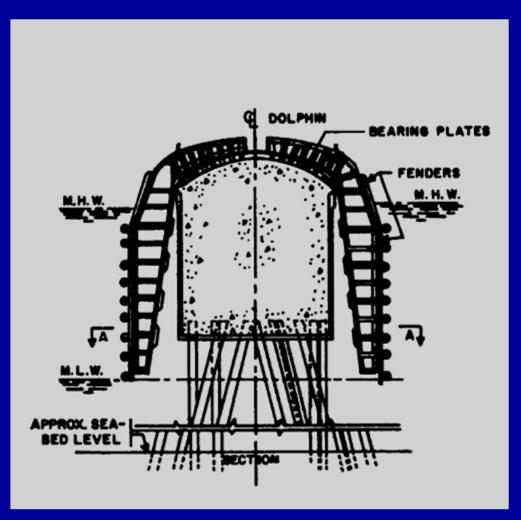
- Relatively soft with the energy absorption capacity rated at about 60% compression. Not effective in preventing vessel access to the pier columns and the underwater pier "shelf".
- Little capacity in the longitudinal direction, ineffective and easily damaged after collisions at an angle.
- High maintenance costs of hardware.

B1. Gravity Type Fenders



Gravity Suspended Fenders





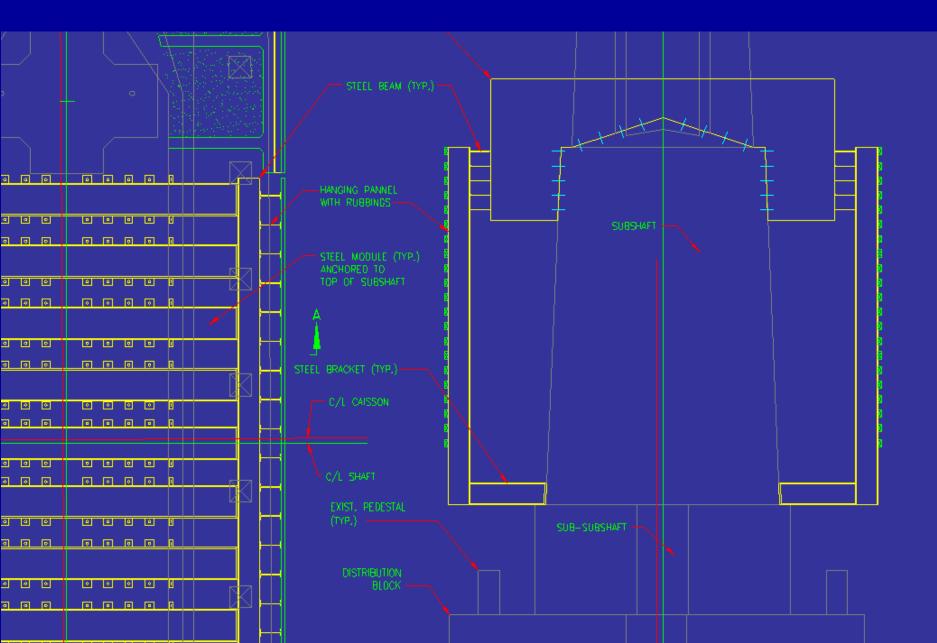
Gravity Bell Fender

B1. Gravity Type Fenders *Attributes*

 High energy-absorption and large impact load reductions can be achieved over long travel distance.

- There is a need for large displacement for the fender to be effective.
- A strong supporting structure is required.
- Heavy equipment is necessary for installation and replacement.
- High initial and maintenance costs.
- Supporting structure can be damaged by ship's overhang.

B2. Fixed Fender Supported on the Top of the Subshaft



B2. Fixed Fender Supported on the Top of the Subshaft *Attributes*

- Underwater work is minimized.
- Shortcomings
- The main supporting structure at the top of the subshaft is exposed to impact by ship's overhang.
- Difficult fabrication of the many elements involved.
- Can be easily damaged during less severe collisions.
- Relatively high maintenance and repair costs.

Alternative Fender Types Evaluated

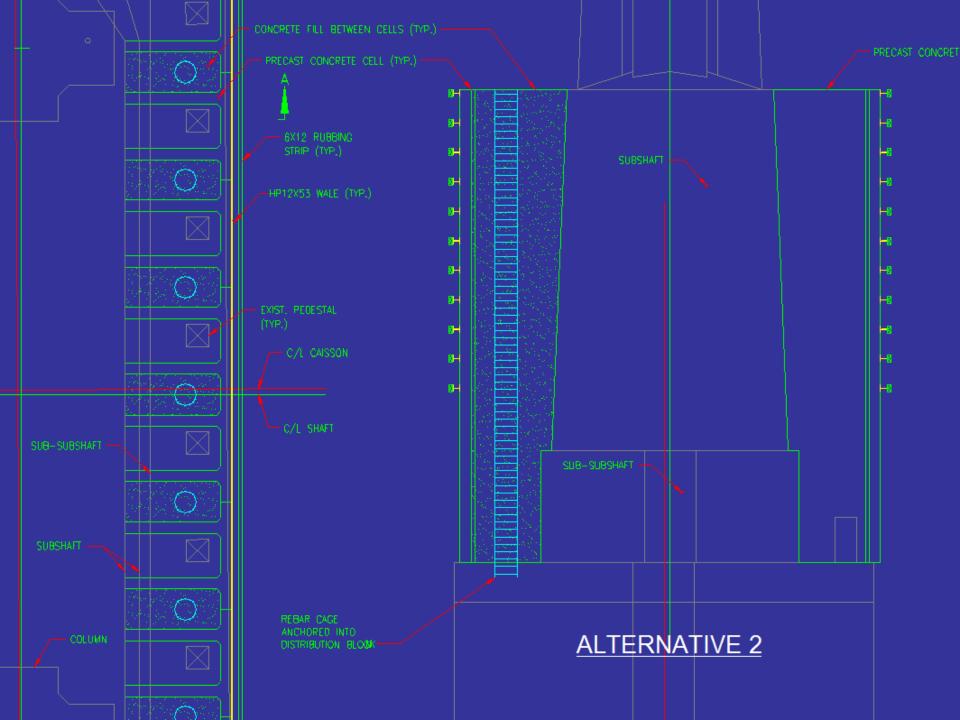
- Alternative 1 Steel Pipe Fender
- Alternative 2 Full Height Precast Concrete Cells
- Alternative 3 Steel Pipes with Brackets and Precast Concrete Modules
- Alternative 4 Steel Pipes with Full Depth Precast Concrete Modules
- Alternative 5 Full Depth Precast Concrete Modules



Alternative 1 – Steel Pipe Fender Attributes

- Relatively simple installation.
- Relatively low initial cost.

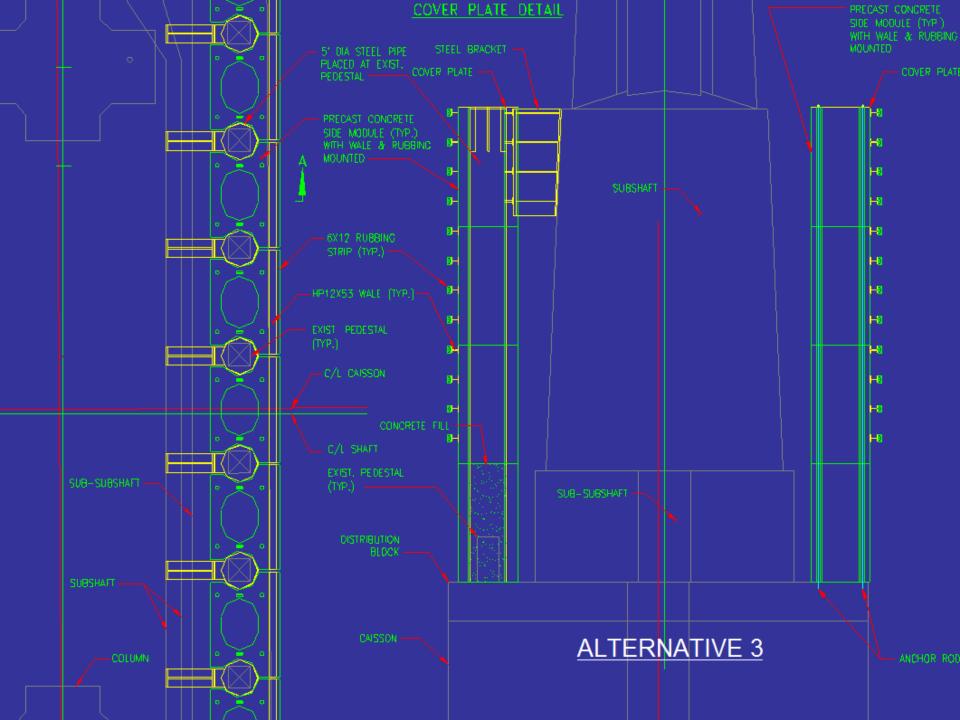
- Low strength in the longitudinal direction.
- Difficult fabrication of the brackets due to varying geometry and need to match existing geometry.
- Can be easily damaged during less severe collisions.
- Relatively high repair costs.



Alternative 2 – Full Height Precast Concrete Cells Attributes

- Relatively fast installation.
- Not likely to be damaged during collisions.
- Satisfies performance requirements for the nose sections of the fender
- Low maintenance costs.

- Difficult fabrication of the cells due to varying geometry and need to match existing geometry.
- Requires higher capacity cranes.
- Difficult repairs and relatively high repair costs.

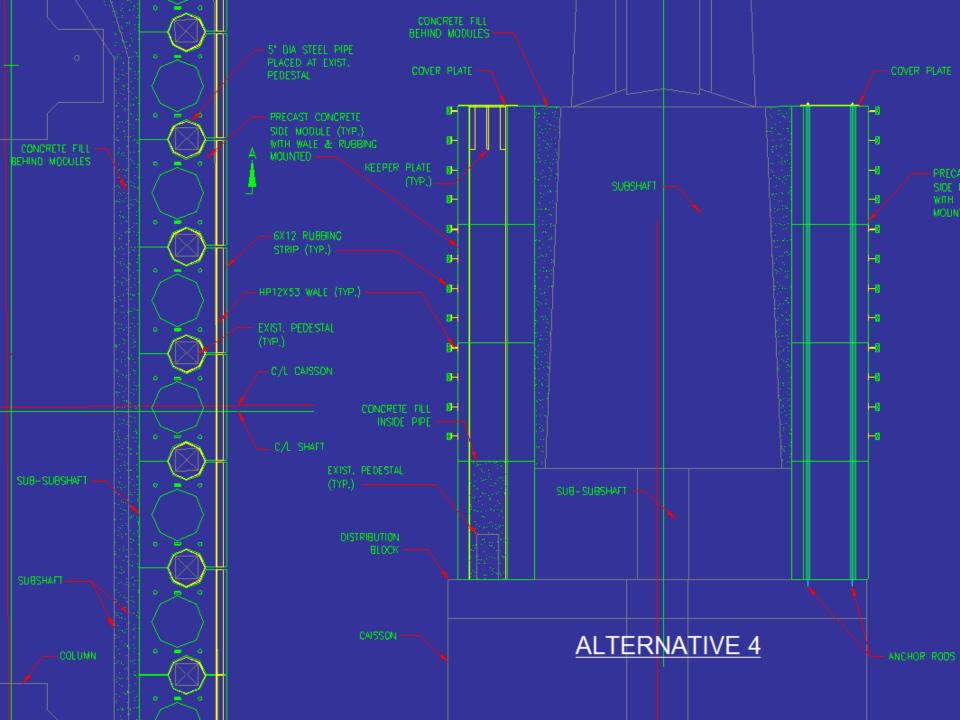


Alternative 3 – Steel Pipes with Brackets and Precast Concrete Modules

Attributes

- Satisfies performance requirements for both the nose and the side sections of the fender.
- Damaged concrete modules can be replaced.

- Difficult fabrication of the brackets due to varying geometry and need to match existing geometry.
- Difficult repair of the steel pipes and brackets if they too get damaged.

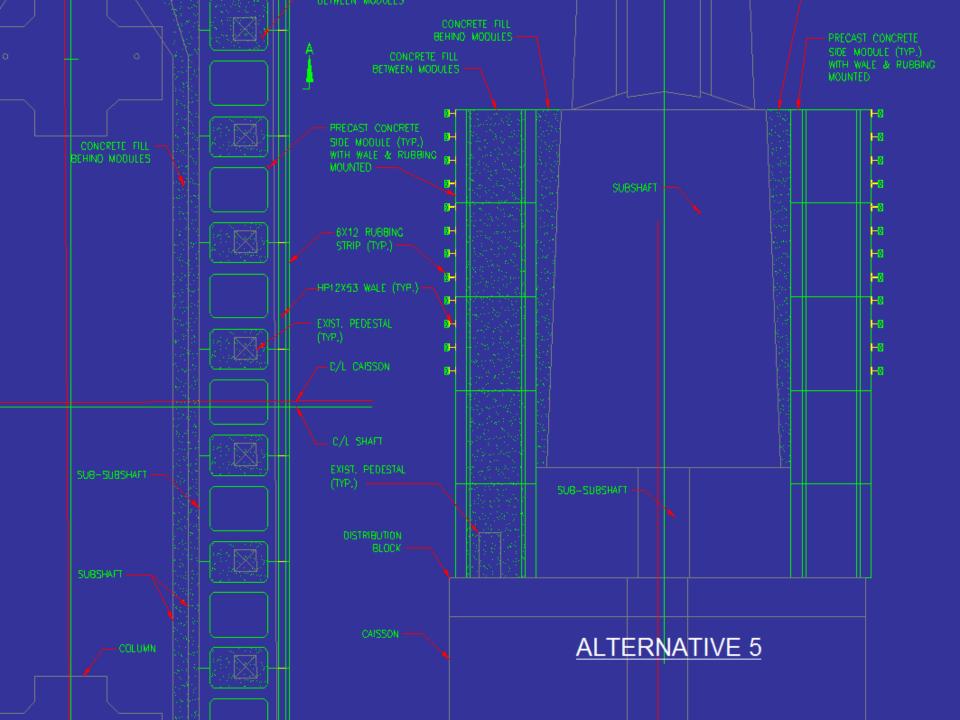


Alternative 4 – Steel Pipes with Full Depth Precast Concrete Modules

Attributes

- Satisfies performance requirements for both the nose and the side sections of the fender.
- Damaged concrete modules can be replaced.

- Difficult fabrication of the temporary brackets and modules due to varying geometry and need to match existing geometry.
- Difficult repair of the steel pipes if they too get damaged.



Alternative 5 – Full Depth Precast Concrete Modules Attributes

- Satisfies performance requirements for both the nose and the side sections of the fender.
- Damaged concrete modules can be replaced.

Shortcomings

• There is more effort involved in the erection of the bottom concrete modules.

