#### **JOHN JAMES AUDUBON BRIDGE**



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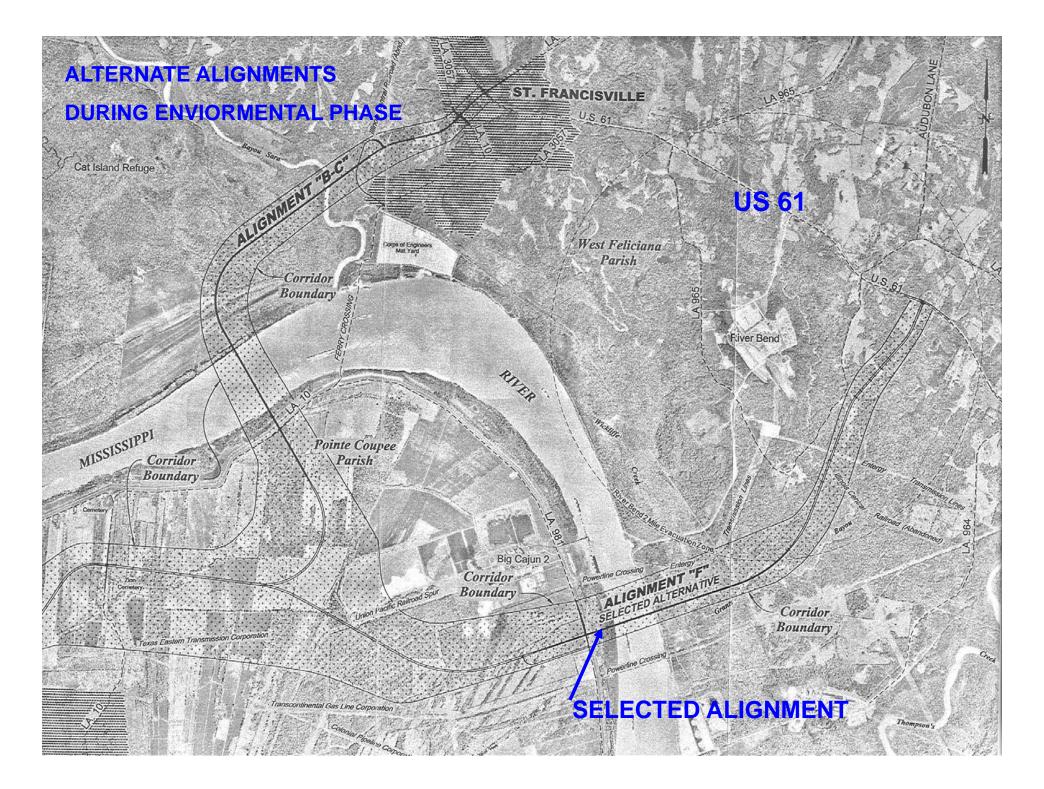
- 13,153 BRIDGES
- -7,854 ON SYSTEM (STATE)
- -5,299 OFF SYSTEM (NON-STATE)
- 157 ARE MOVABLE (Lift, Swing, Bascule, Pontoon) BRIDGES
- 21<sup>th</sup> in US, NUMBER OF BRIDGES
- 4th in US, BRIDGE AREA (Length x Width)
- 1<sup>st</sup> in US, MOVABLE BRIDGES

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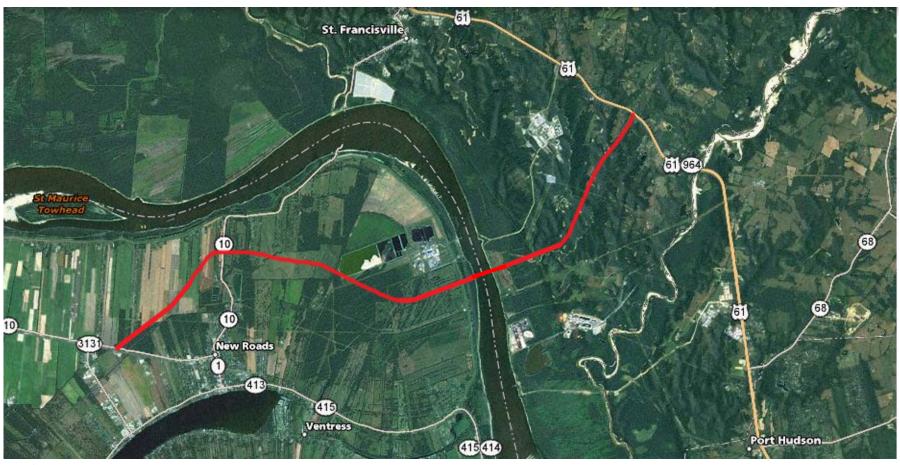
- LONGEST CONTINUOUS STRUCTURE
  - I-310 TO I-10 TO I-55 STRUCTURE, 38 MILES
- 12 MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSINGS
  - 11 WITH DEEP CAISSON FOUNDATIONS
  - 1 WITH LOW WATER FOOTING ON DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION
  - 10 ARE STEEL TRUSS
  - 2 ARE STAY CABLE

## Why Build this Roadway/ Bridge?

- The bridge will replace an existing ferry between the communities of New Roads and St. Francisville, Louisiana and provide a more reliable crossing.
- The bridge will also serve as the only bridge structure on the Mississippi River between Natchez, Mississippi and Baton Rouge, Louisiana (approximately 90 river miles).
- The project is part of the Zachary Taylor Parkway, a scenic highway across Louisiana from Mississippi to Texas.
- Mandated by Louisiana Legislation, TIMED program.

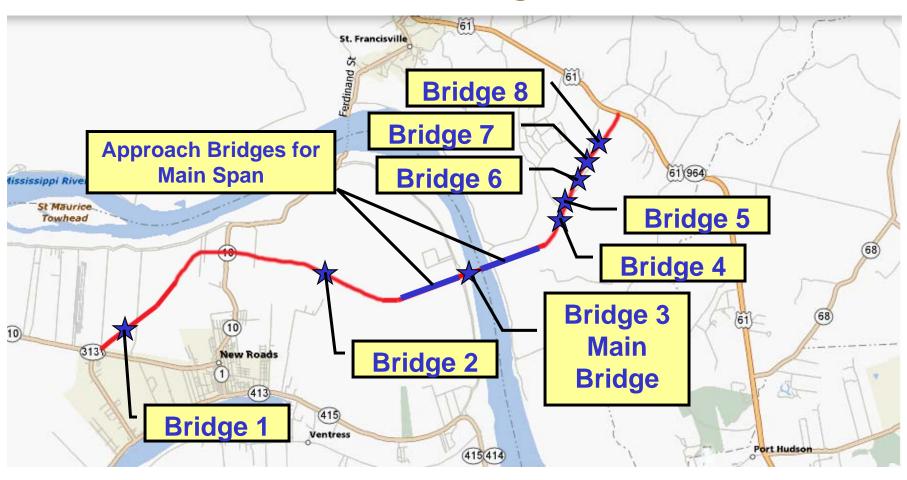


### Project Scope



- **→** Total Cost \$406 Million
- → Project Length 15.3 miles
- **→** Bridge Length: 4.0 miles (main bridge & main bridge approach 4 lanes, other bridges 2 lanes)
- ★ Roadway 11.3 miles (2 lane, buy R/W for future 4 lane)
- **→** First Design-Build Procurement for LA DOTD
- → Successful Letting March 2, 2006
- → Opened to traffic on May 5, 2011, Other misc. work and punch list items not completed till February 2012

### The Bridges



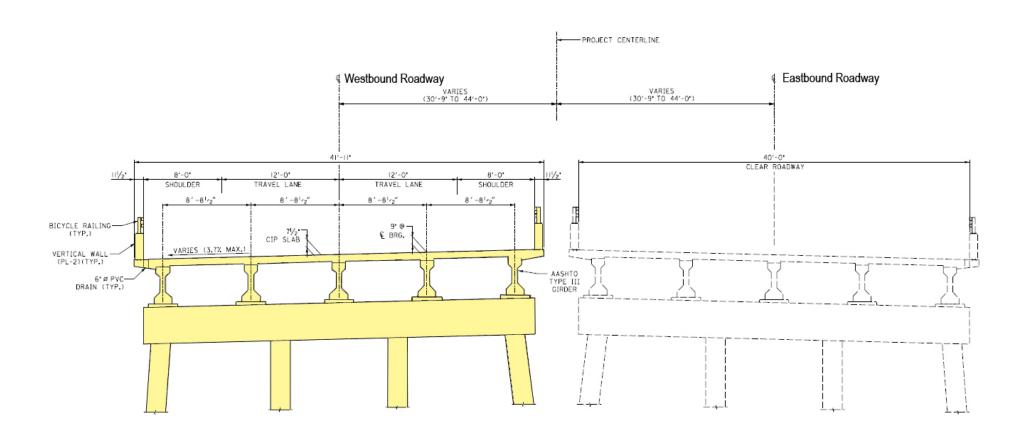
#### **BRIDGE PROJECT FEATURES**

- Cable Stayed Superstructure Main Span:
  - 1583 ft. longest stay cable span in North America
  - Galvanized 7 wire prestressed strands (multi levels of protection)
  - Steel edge girders, steel floor beams
  - Precast concrete panels with latex concrete overlay
  - Concrete towers
  - Wind Analysis with Computer Simulation, Wind Tunnel
  - Wind faring plate used on main span
- Main Span River Piers:
  - Unique cofferdam for low water footing
  - Tip grouted 8' dia. Drilled Shafts in river
  - Construction Techniques- Oscillated and Fully Cased
  - No Auger used, O-Cell load testing to verify shaft capacities

#### **BRIDGE PROJECT FEATURES**

- Prestressed Spans New positive moment detail used for continuity, research project to monitor with instrumentation on skewed spans.
- AASHTO LRFD Design Code, 2004
- AASHTO Standard Design Specifications, Working Stress, Vertical pile capacity
- Contractor must work with risk of Mississippi River varying river stages.
- Temporary work bridges for river access

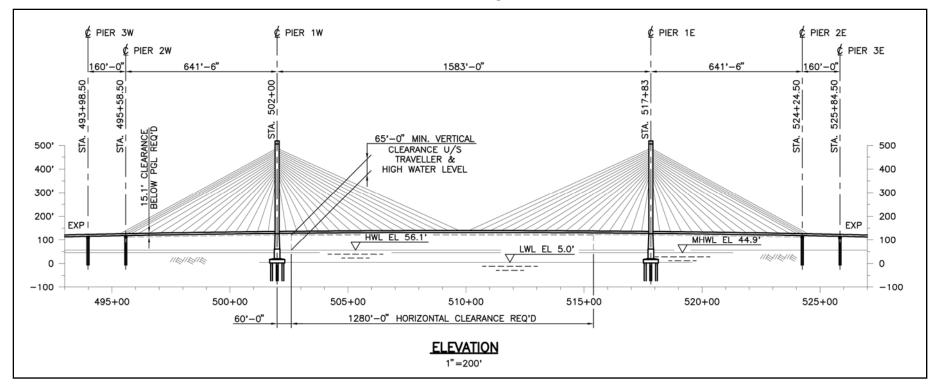
### Typical Section – Conventional Bridges



# Design Life

Element	Design Life
Cable-Stayed Bridge Structure	100 years
Other Bridge Structures	75 years
Stay Cables	75 years
Stay Cable Vibration Suppression System	25 years
Bearings (Pot)	20 years
Bearings (Elastomeric Pads)	30 years
Expansion Joints (Excluding Finger Joints	10 years
Finger Joints	30 years
Paint System	20 years

### Cable-Stayed Unit

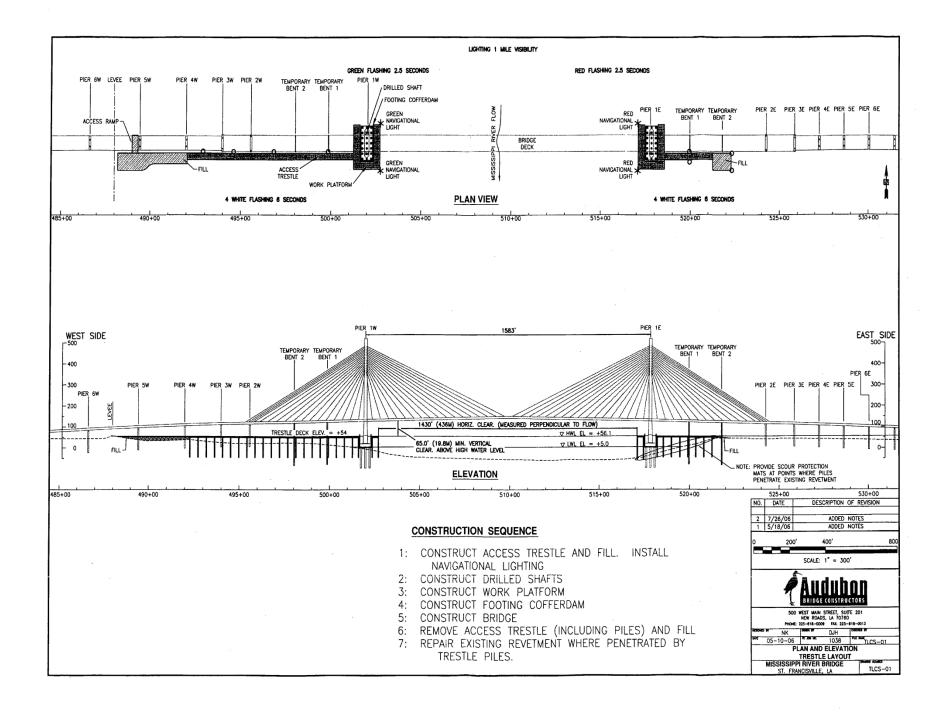


1583 ft main span (1400 ft required)
1463 ft navigational clearance (1280 required)

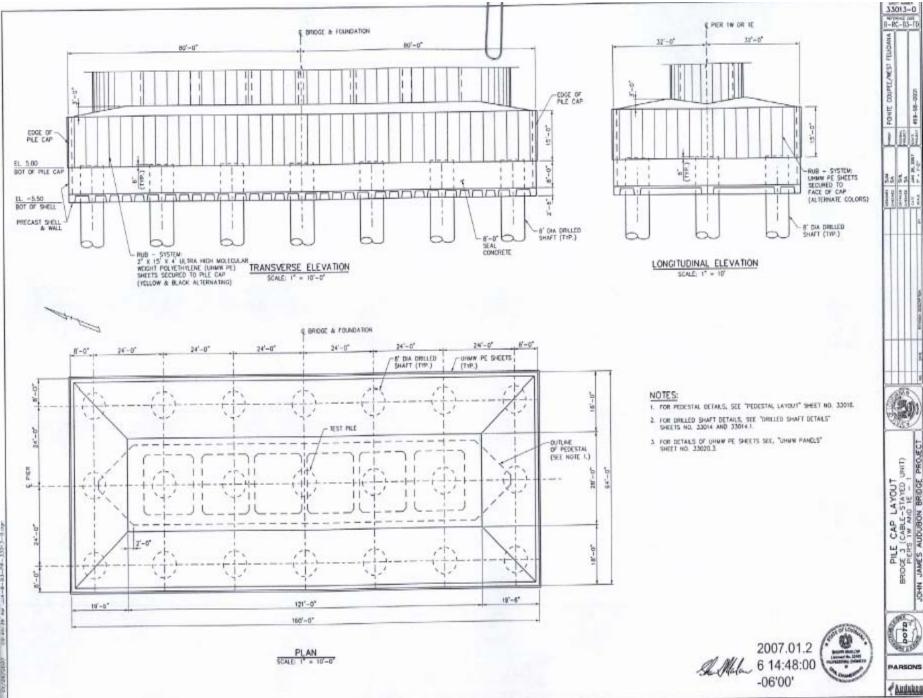
# Aeroelastic Model in Wind Tunnel – RWDI - CANADA



# Main span substructure







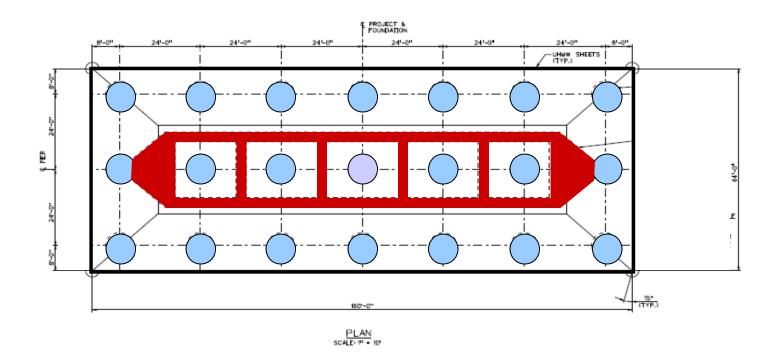
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PILE CAP LAYOUT BRDC 3 (CABLE-STATO) PPERS 1W AND 1E = 1 JOHN JANKS AUDUBON BRDCE PROJECT

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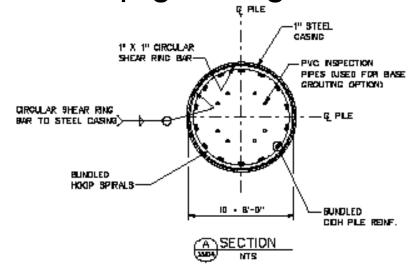
### Tower Foundations 1W & 1E

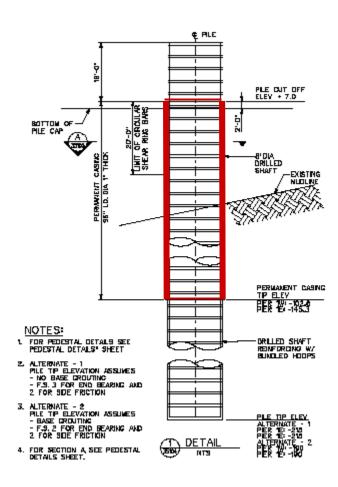
- 160' x 64' x 18' Cap
- 7 by 3 pile group 1 test pile
- 8'-0" diameter shafts



### **Tower Shafts**

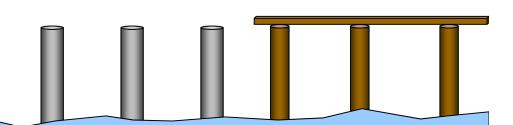
- •96" dia permanent casing
  - •90" dia drilled shaft
- •Pile tip Elev. -175 to -180
  - Tip grouting





### Footing Cofferdam Structure

Piles and trestle have been installed





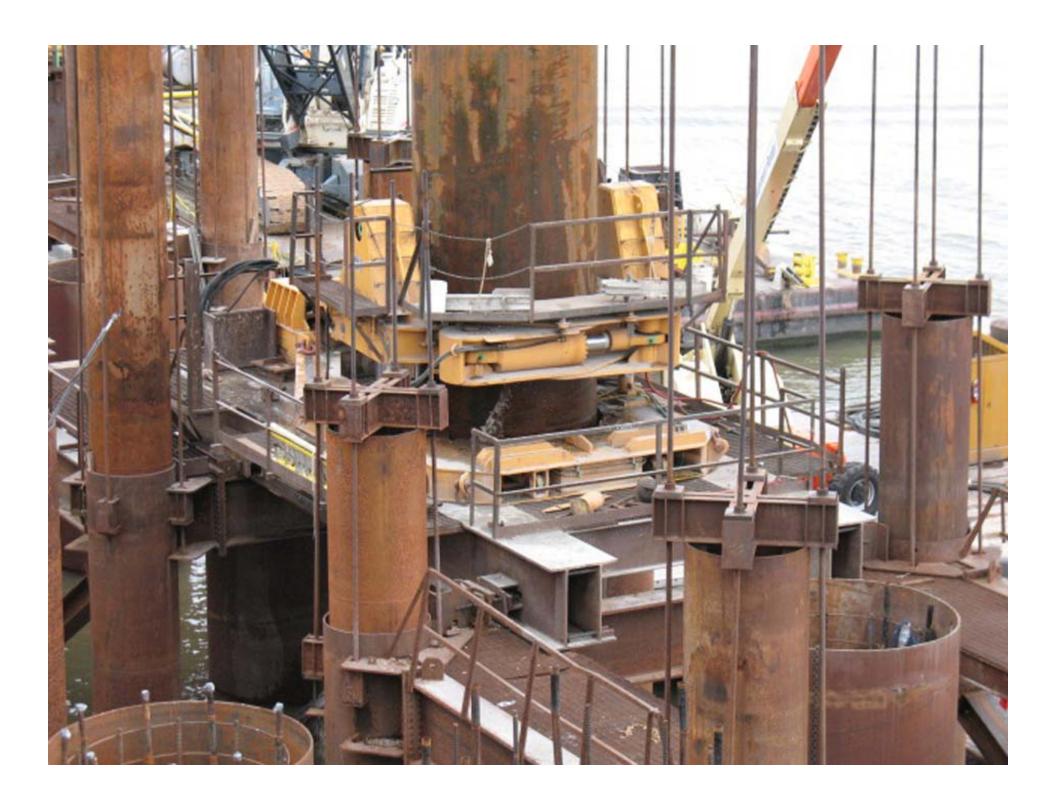


# Drive Permanent Casing

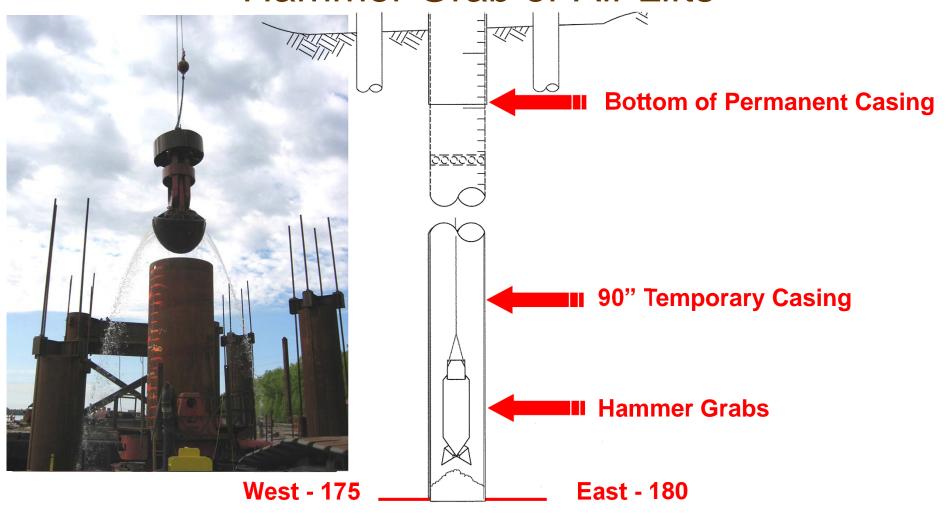
 Vibratory hammer driving the casing into the ground

# **Drive Temporary Casing**

**Temporary** casing is driven inside the permanent casing with an Oscillator



# Excavate Temporary Casing – Hammer Grab or Air Lifts



# Excavation by Air Lifts

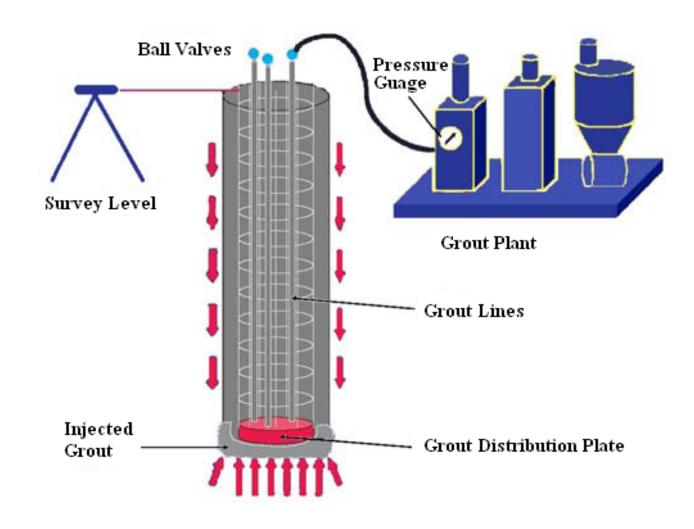




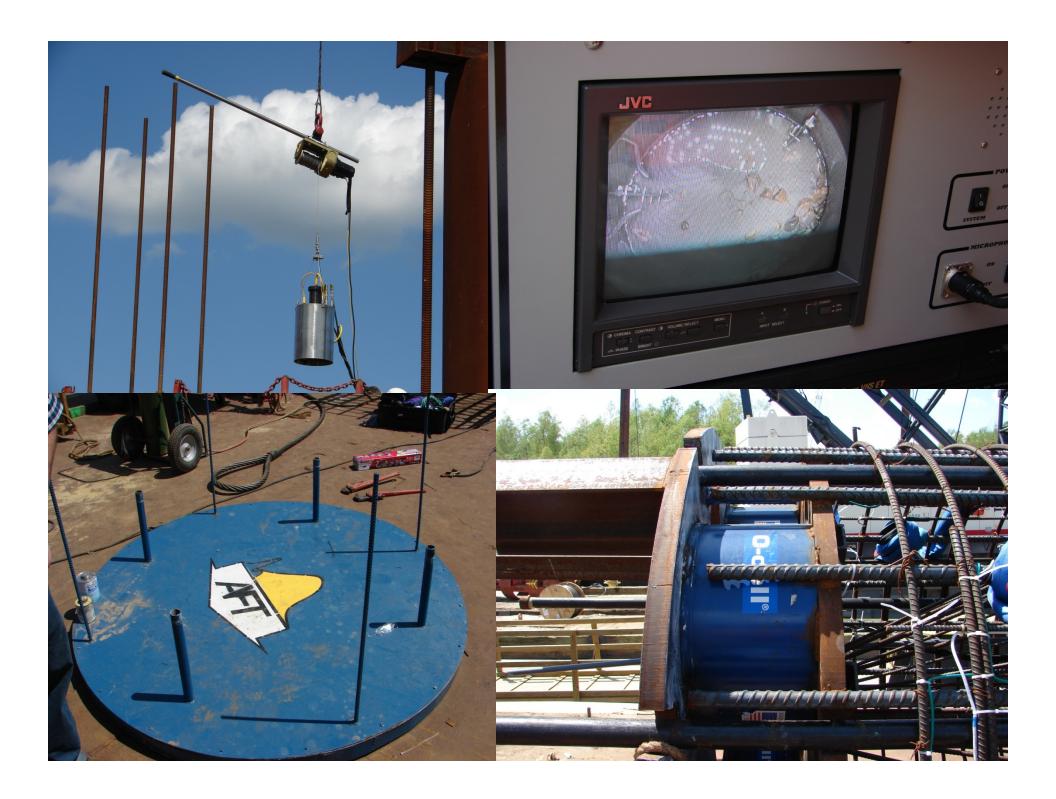


## Base grouting verification

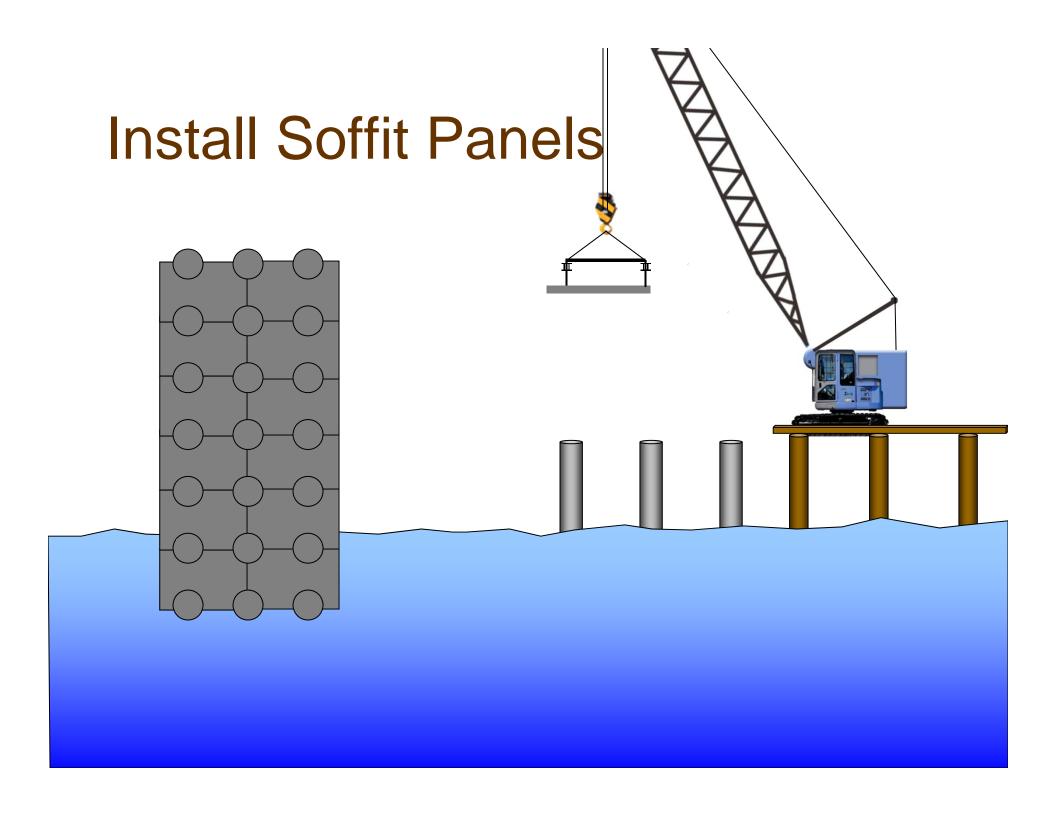
- Pressure
- Volume
- Movement of Shaft

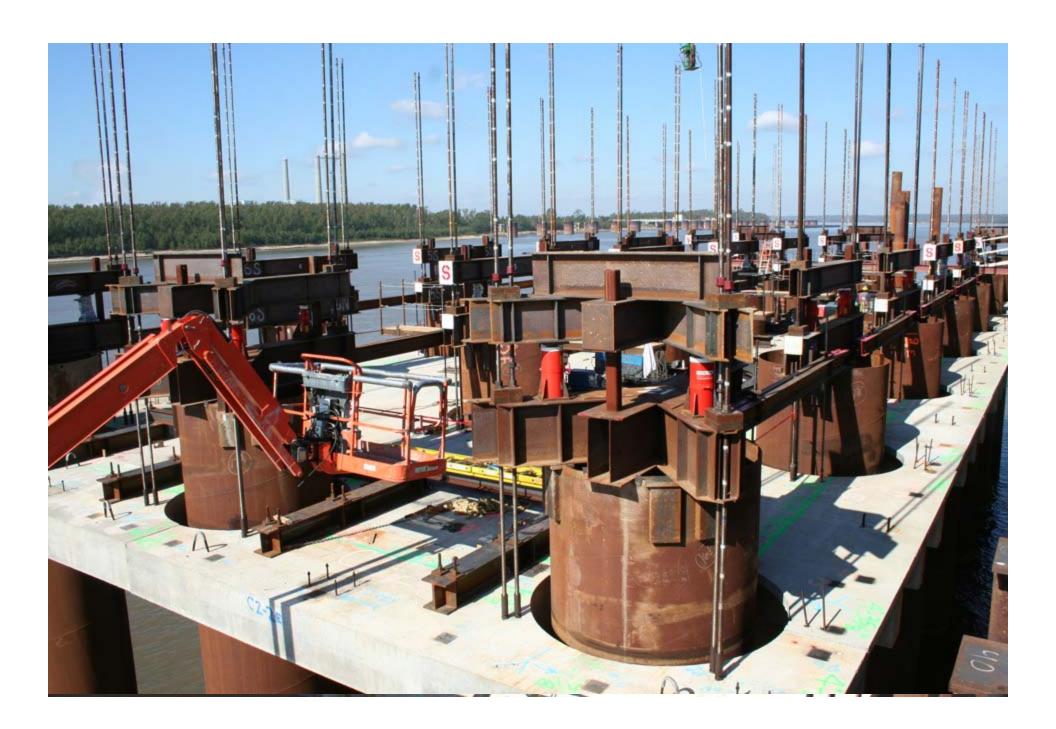






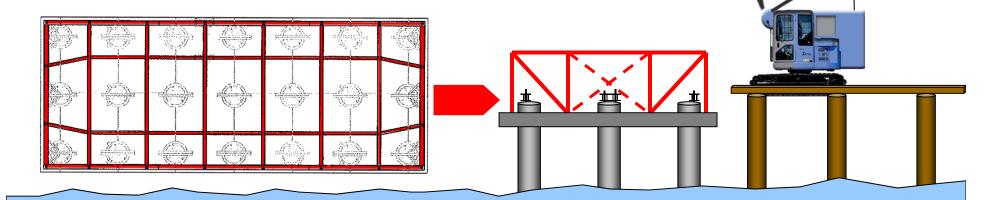








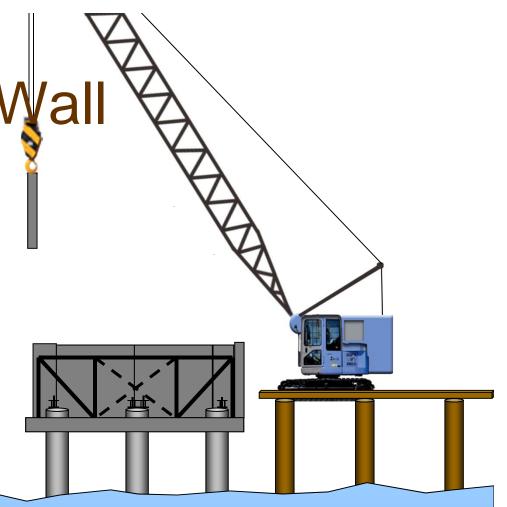
Install first tier of brace frame





Erect Pre-Cast Wall

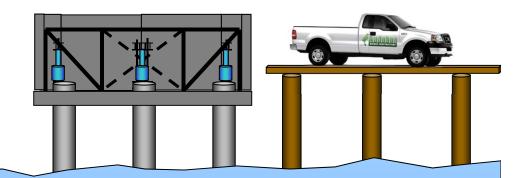
- Install pre-cast walls
- Connect to soffit panels and first tier brace frame



### Install Jacking System

- Install jacking system with permanent hangers
- Lower structure to facilitate 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> tier bracing

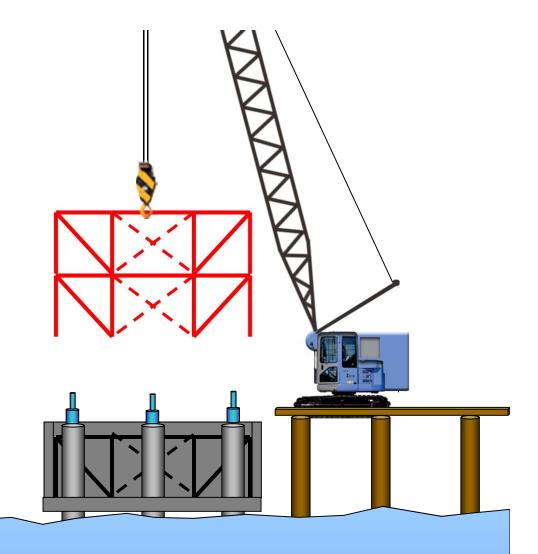
tier bracing installation

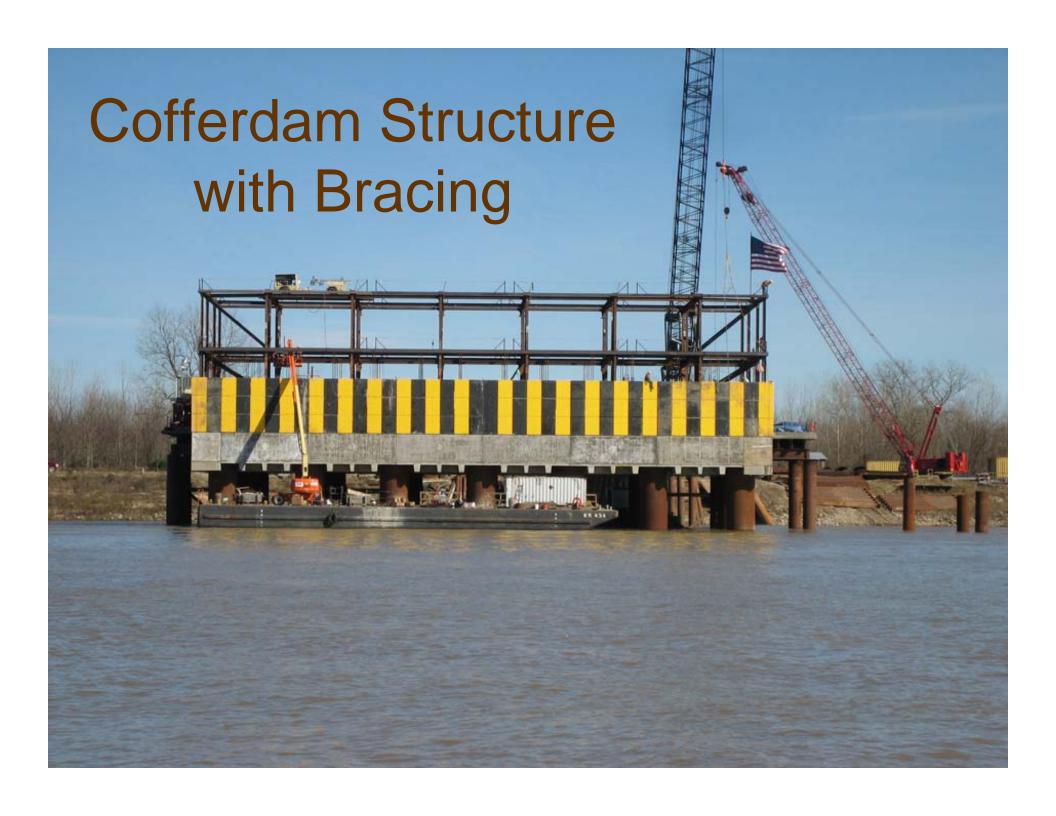




## Install Additional Brace Frames

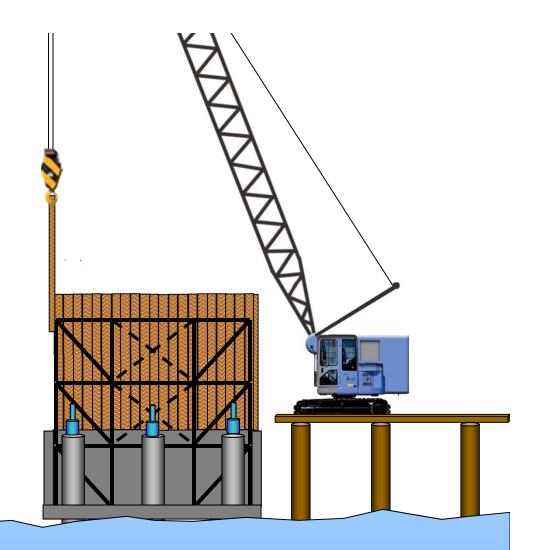
 Install 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tier brace frame.

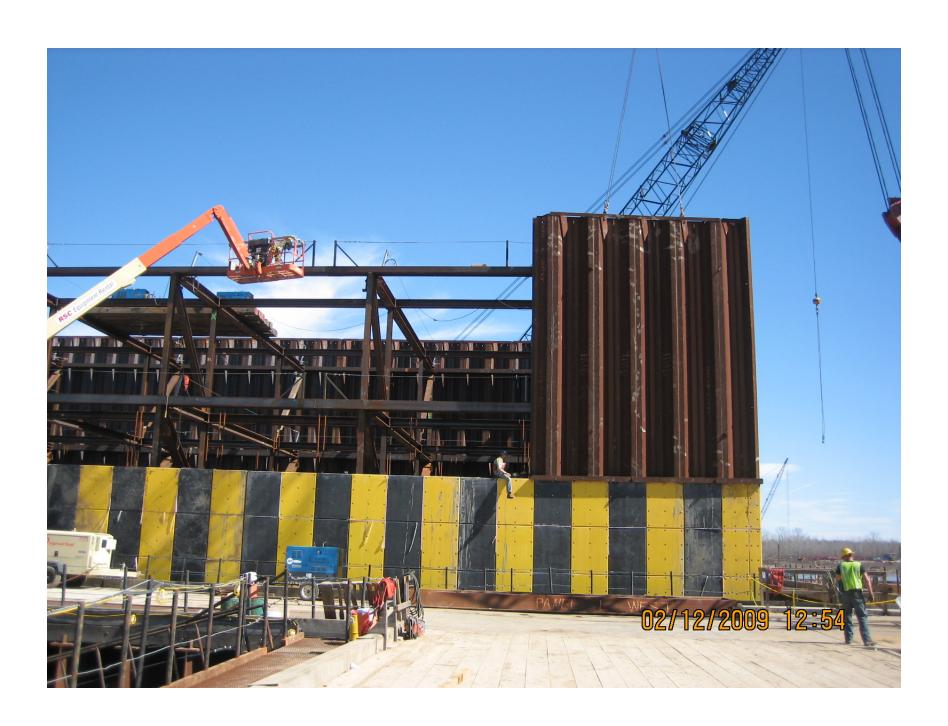




## Install Follower Sheeting

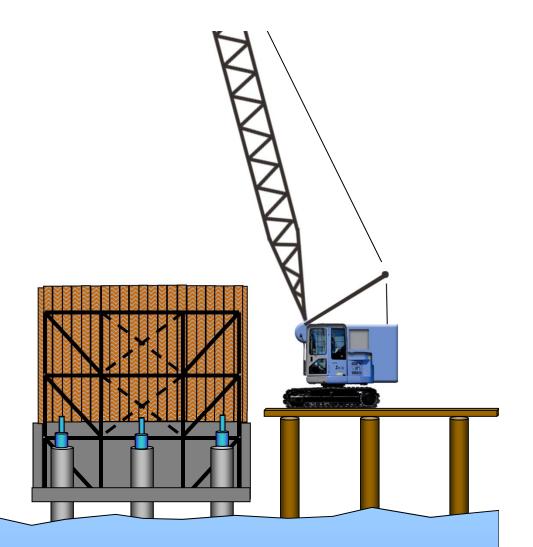
Install sheet pile

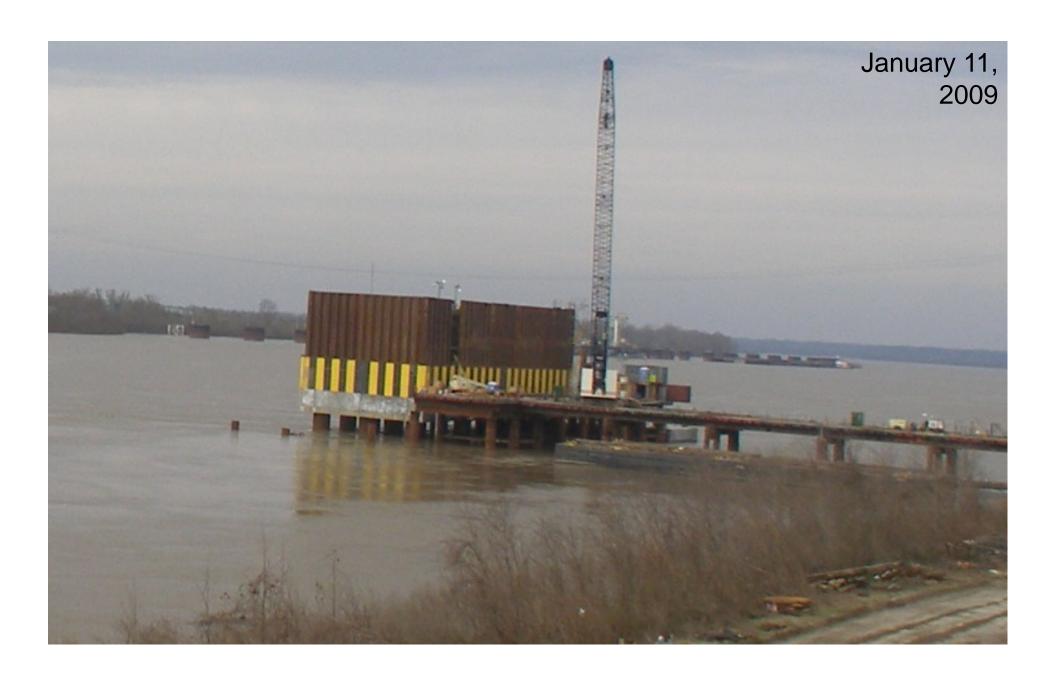




#### Lower Structure

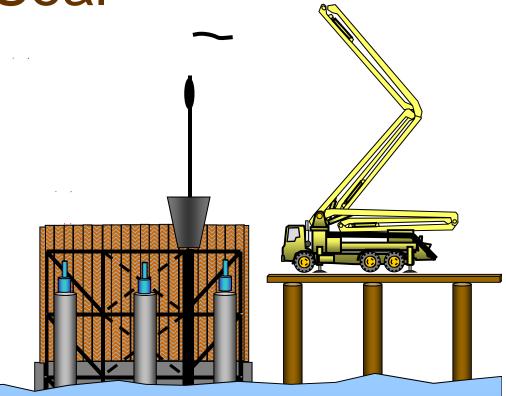
- Lower structure to final elevation
- Lock off hangers





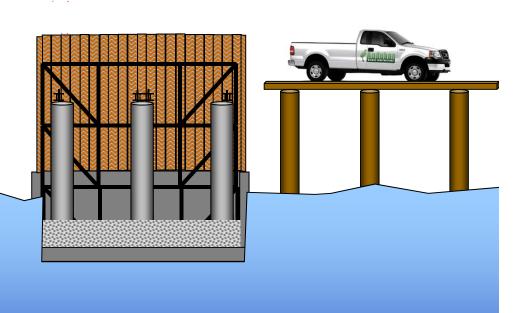
### Pour Concrete Seal

 Install 8 foot concrete seal



### Remove Hangers and Cut Casing

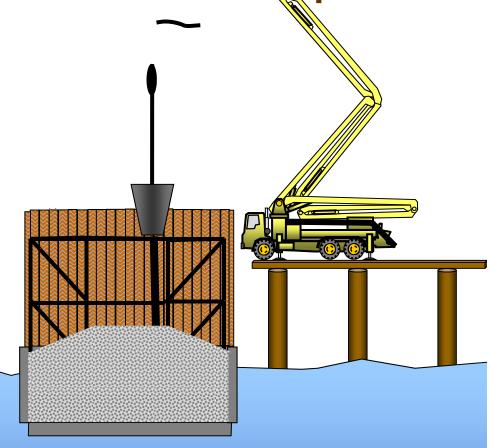
- Remove hangers
- Cut casing





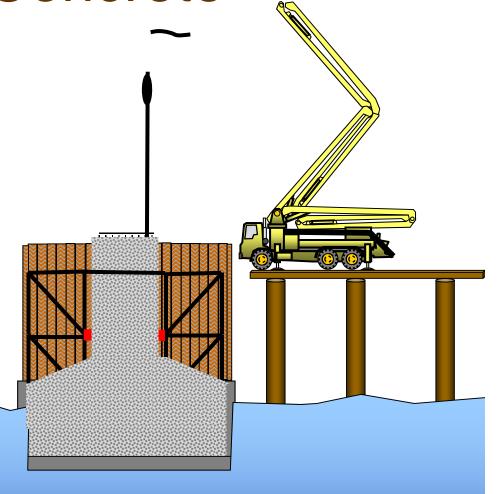
### Place Reinforced Pile Cap

 Place reinforced pile cap concrete



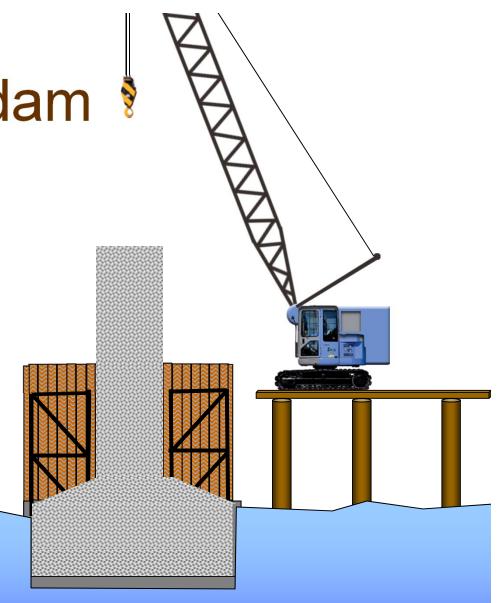
Place Pedestal Concrete

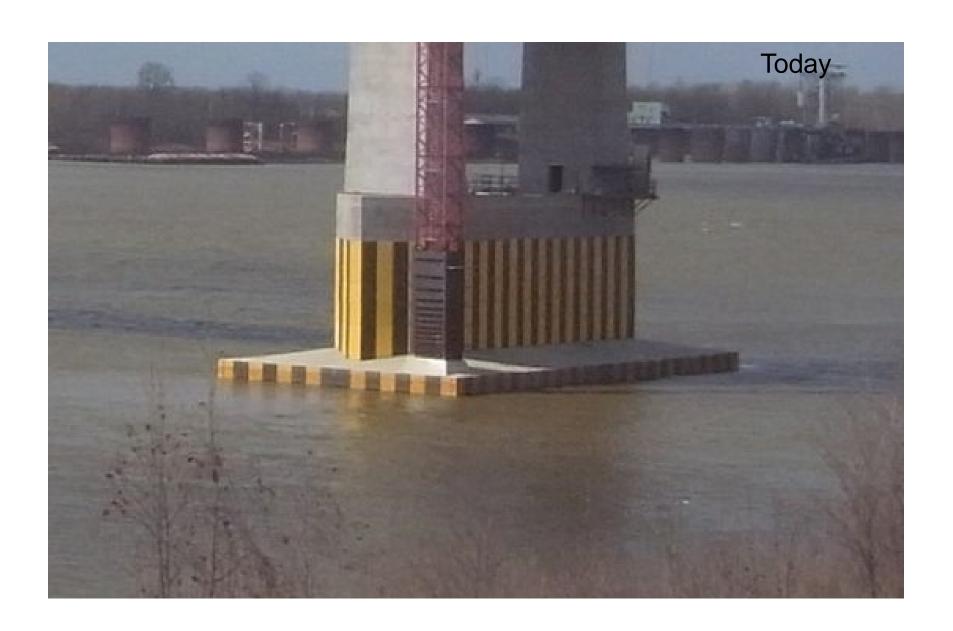
- Remove center section of level 2 strut
- Place pedestal reinforcing and concrete lift 1
- Restrut as required
- Remove center section of level 1 strut



Remove Cofferdam

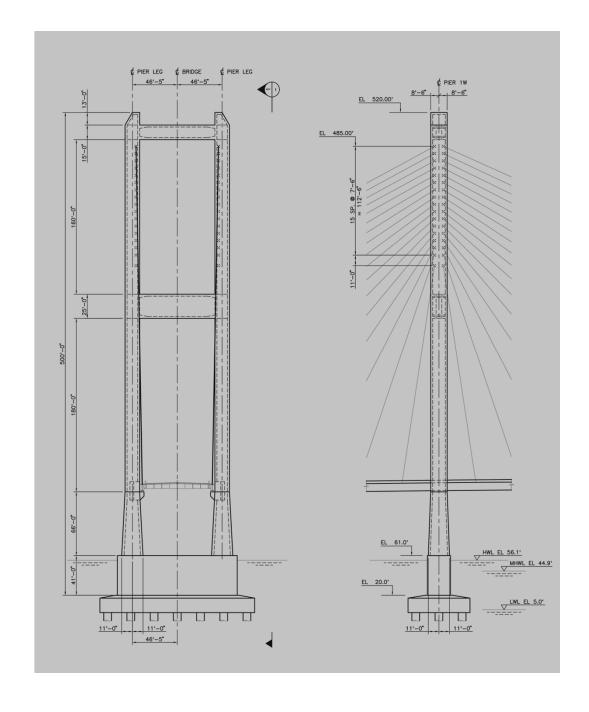
- Remove sheeting
- Remove Bracing
- Patch blockouts



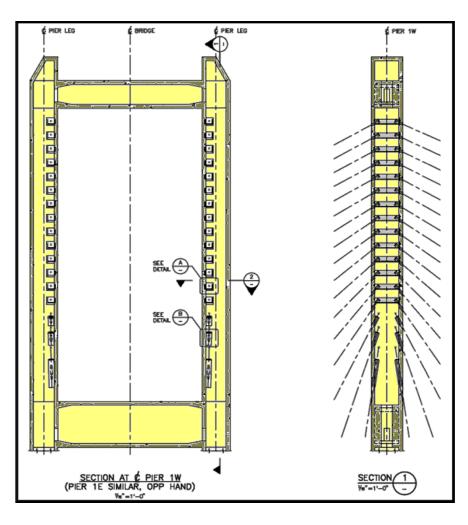


## Main Span Towers

- 500' high
- 136 cable stays
- 2 Crossbeams
- Top of tower is elevation 520'
- Deck Elevation is 130'
- Corbels for deck support
- Maintenance traveler under the deck

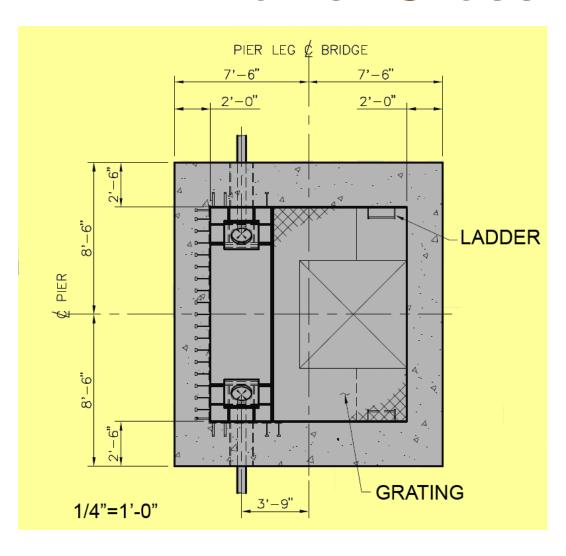


### Tower Cable Anchorages



- Steel anchorage trays for upper stays
- Concrete corbels for lower steep cables
- Crossbeams connected clear of anchorage zone

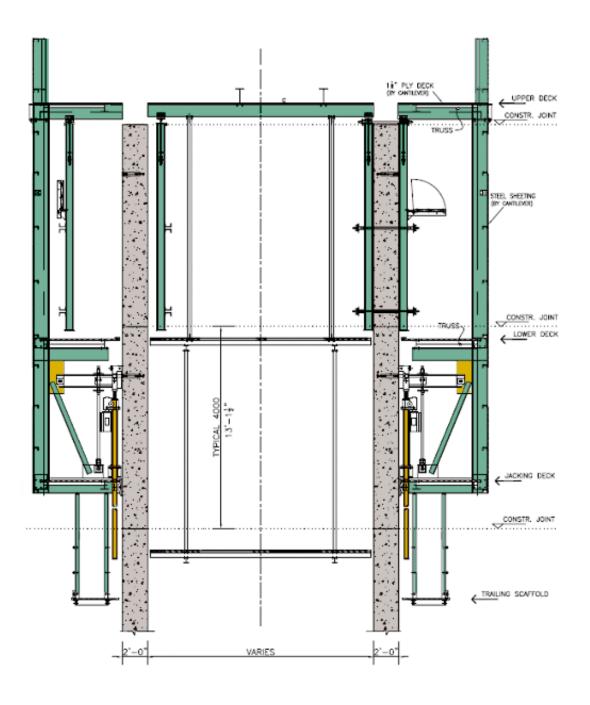
### **Tower Cross Section**



- Anchor box sections for simple jump forming
- Cable anchorage inside tower wall
- Elevator in each leg

**Anchor Boxes** 





# Tower Form System

### Tower and Cross-Beam Forms

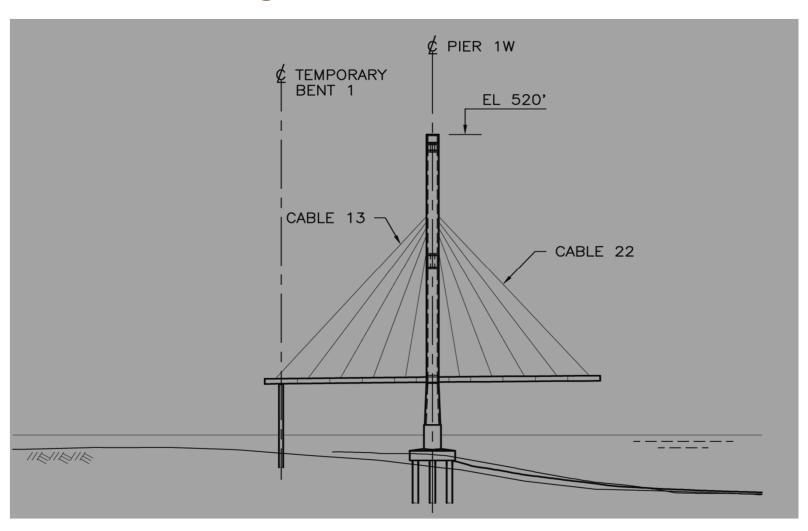


# Main span Superstructure

### Stage-by-Stage Analysis

- Structure built one segment at a time
- Precisely captures locked-in effects
- Models time-dependent effects during construction
- Required for tracking bridge geometry during construction
- Performed prior to bridge construction

### **Bridge Construction**



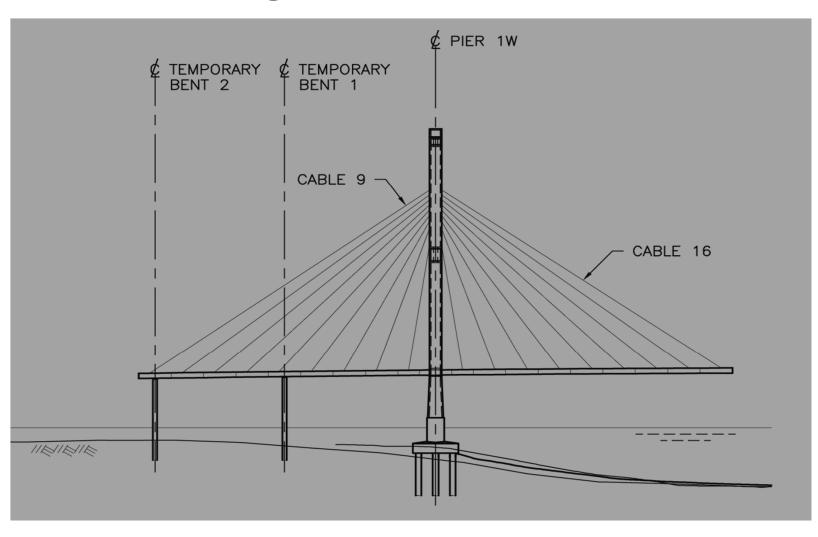


## Construct pier table



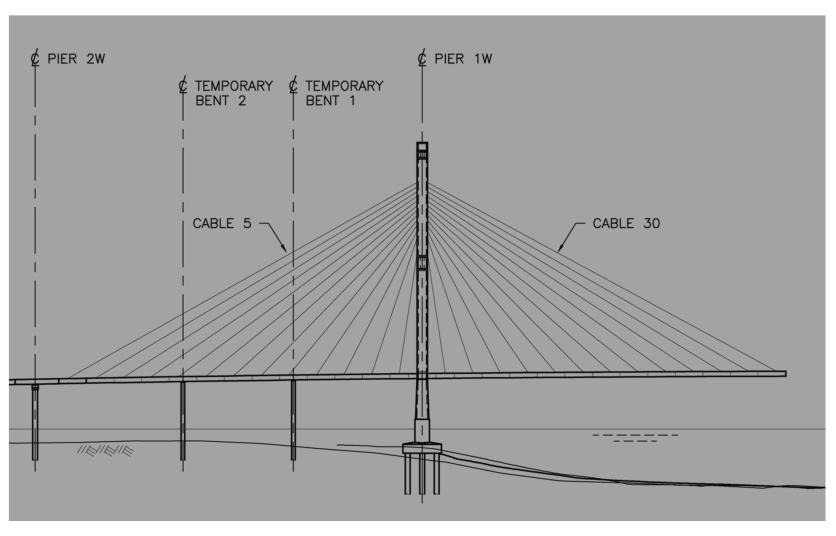


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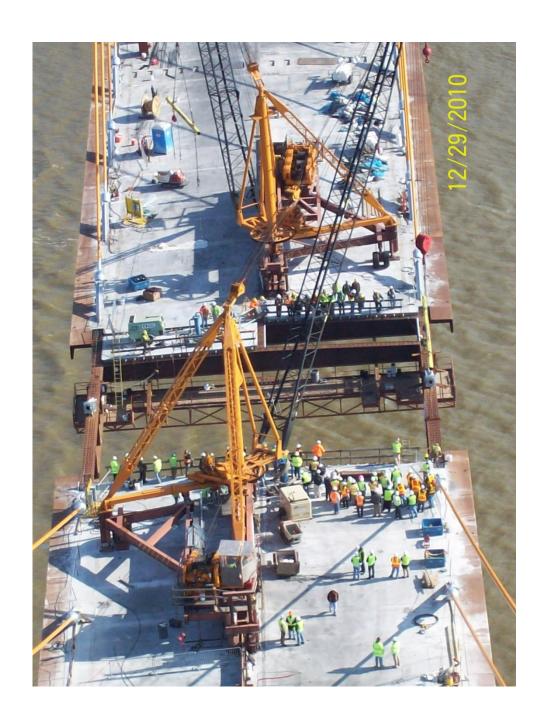




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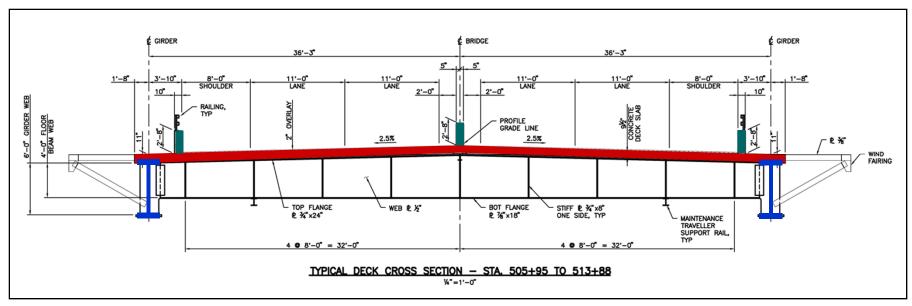






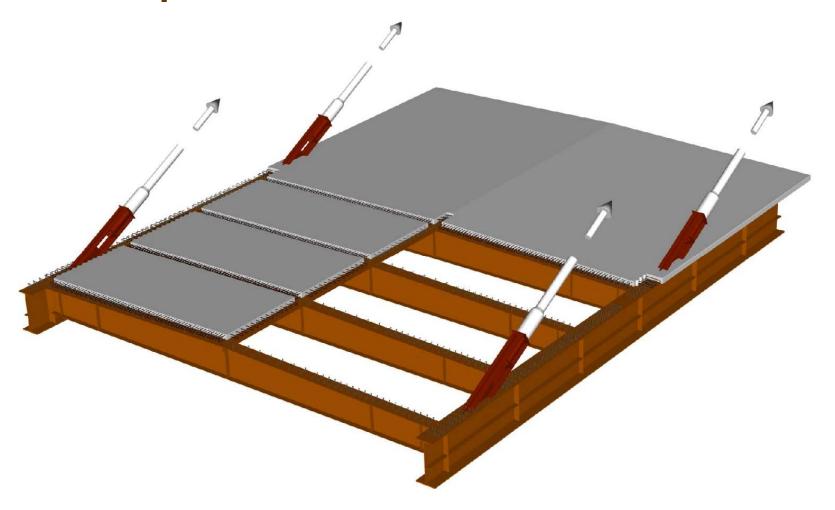


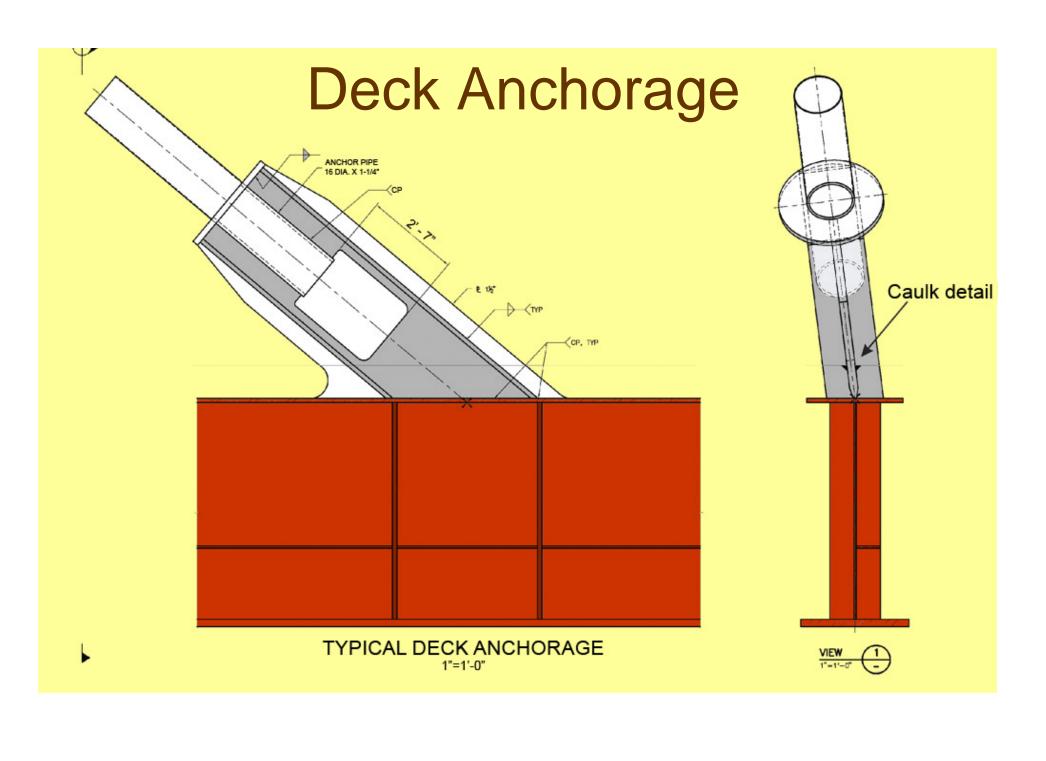
### Composite Deck Cross-Section



- Economy, simplicity and constructability
- Durability
- Accessibility
- Low maintenance

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## Stay System



- 7-Wire parallel strand
- Monostrand Jacking
- State-of-the-Art Corrosion Protection
  - Galvanizing
  - Grease
  - Strand PE
  - Coextruded HDPE Pipe
- Vibration suppression

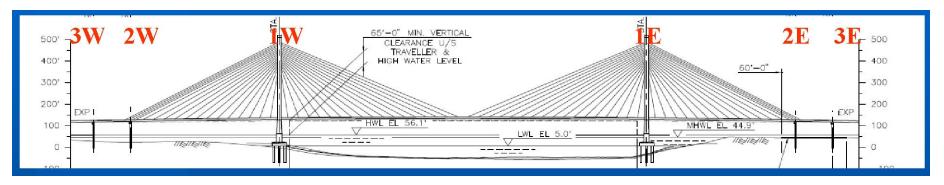








### Deck/Tower Articulation



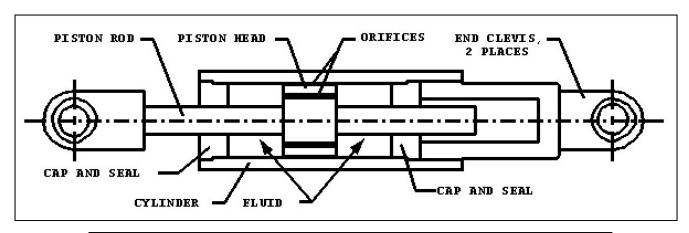
### Longitudinal Fixity

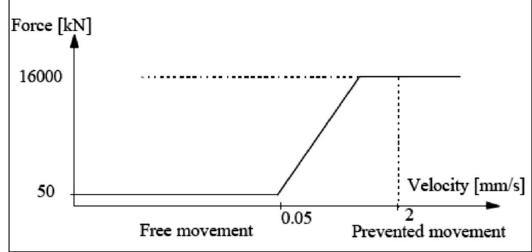
- Pier 1W & 2W Fixed Bearing
- Pier 1E Lockup Device
- Pier 2E Sliding Bearing

### Advantages

- Maintain flexibility for temperature movements
- Spread longitudinal shear from wind to both towers

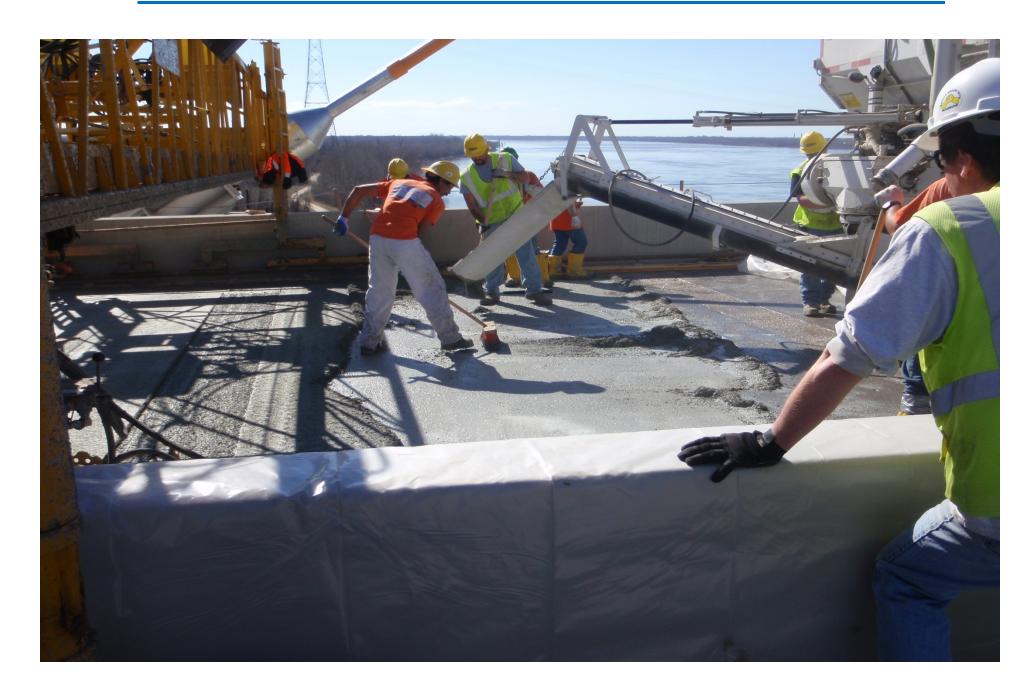
# Lock Up Devices







#### 2" LATEX MODIFIED CONCRETE OVERLAY – RIDING SURFACE











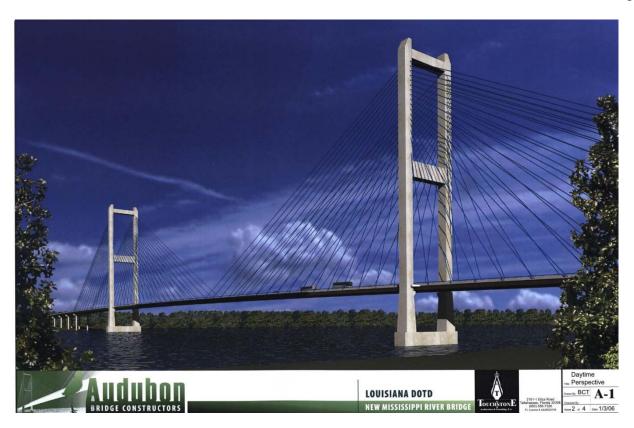






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