

Performance of ABC Bridges in Utah

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Project specific lessons learned





Hoytsville Rd. over I-80 (Wanship)

- Deck replacement
- Prefabricated precast concrete deck panels with closure pours
- Limitation of operations



Hoytsville Rd. over I-80 (Wanship)

Areas for improvement

- Design
 - Lifting leveling devices
 - Demolition
 - Closure pours
- Construction
 - Limitations of operations
 - Manpower requirements





I-215 over 3760 South

- Bridge replacement
- Prefabricated superstructure
- Post-tensioned transversely
- Cast-in-place substructure
- Built beneath existing bridge



I-215 over 3760 South

Areas for improvement

- Design
 - Match cast
 - Two girder sections
 - Post-tensioned transversely
- Construction
 - Crane capacity
 - Keyed connection
 - Staging area
 - Specifications/communication
 - On-site inspection



I-215 over 3900 South

- Deck replacement
- Prefabricated precast concrete deck panels
- Post-tensioned longitudinally
- Grouted key joint connection



I-215 over 3900 South

Areas for improvement

- Design
 - Leveling sequence
 - Demolition
- Construction
 - Blockout material
 - Shear stud removal
 - Shear stud placement





4500 South over I-215

- Bridge replacement
- SPMT bridge placement



4500 South over I-215

Areas for improvement

- Contracting Process
 - Define roles and responsibilities clearly
 - Provide adequate design time
 - Develop a method for improving construction cost estimates
- Design
 - Define the design direction up front
 - Plan for more design time (temporary works)
 - Coordinate with the contractors early
- Construction
 - Schedule adequate time for construction activities
 - Develop a more detailed plan for construction activities
 - Develop a checklist for items to evaluate during construction



800 North over I-15

- Deck replacement
- Prefabricated precast concrete deck panels with integral parapets
- Grouted key joint connection



800 North over I-15

Areas for improvement

- Contracting Process
 - Define roles and responsibilities clearly
 - Provide adequate design time
 - Develop a method for improving construction cost estimates
- Design
 - Lifting leveling devices
 - Demolition
 - Closure pours
- Construction
 - Limitations of operations
 - Manpower requirements



Program perspective



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Goals of the investigation

1. Document the performance of past ABC details
2. Determine causes of substandard performance
3. Estimate the remaining life-span of the details studied
4. Estimate future maintenance needs for each bridge
5. Determine if modifications to current ABC practice is required
6. Determine if programmatic changes to UDOT procedures are required

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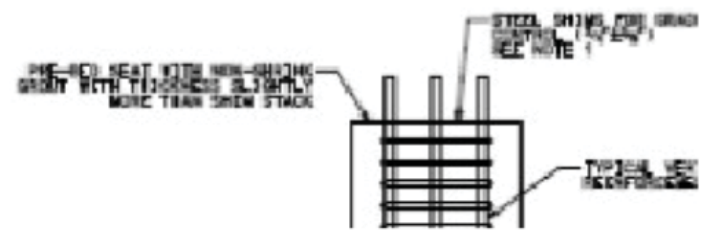
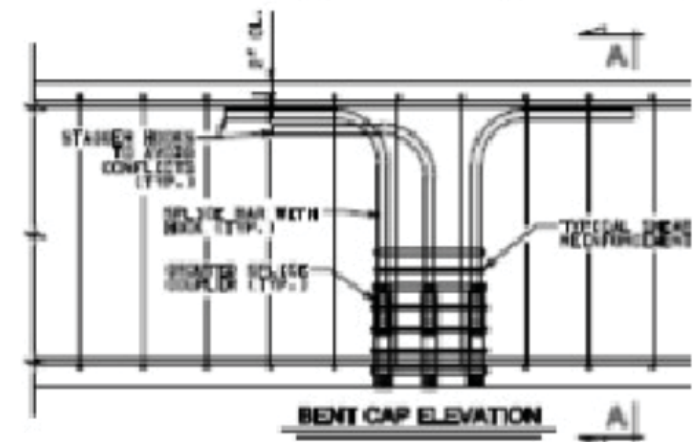
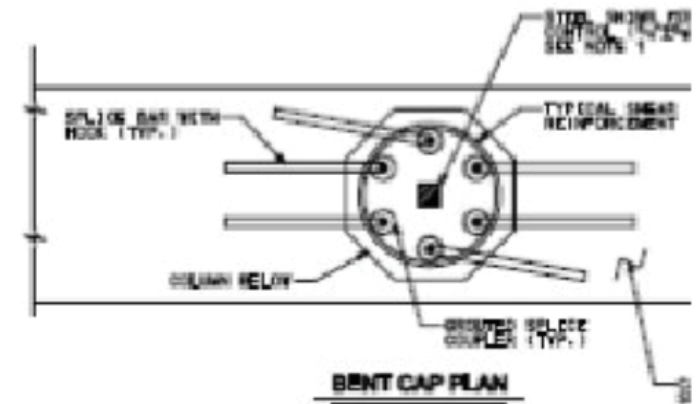
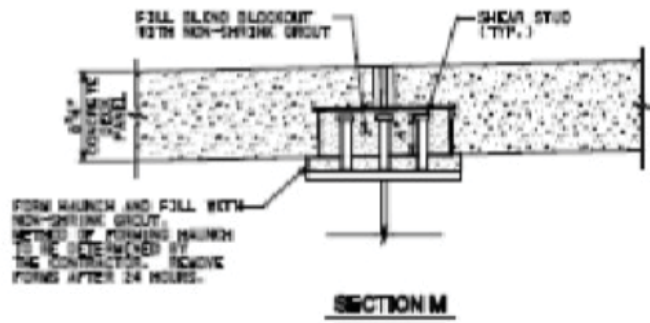
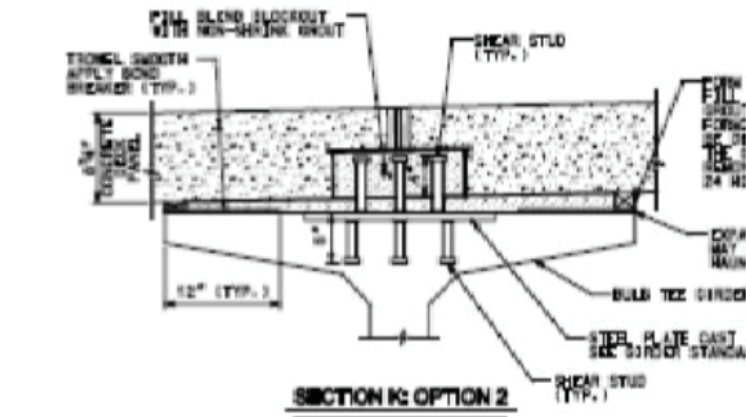
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Performance

- Possible cause of problems
- Estimated life span of the detail
- Anticipated future maintenance



Report Overview - May 2009

- 20 bridges
- Precast full depth concrete deck panels
- Precast abutment bridges
- Bridges installed with SPMT's

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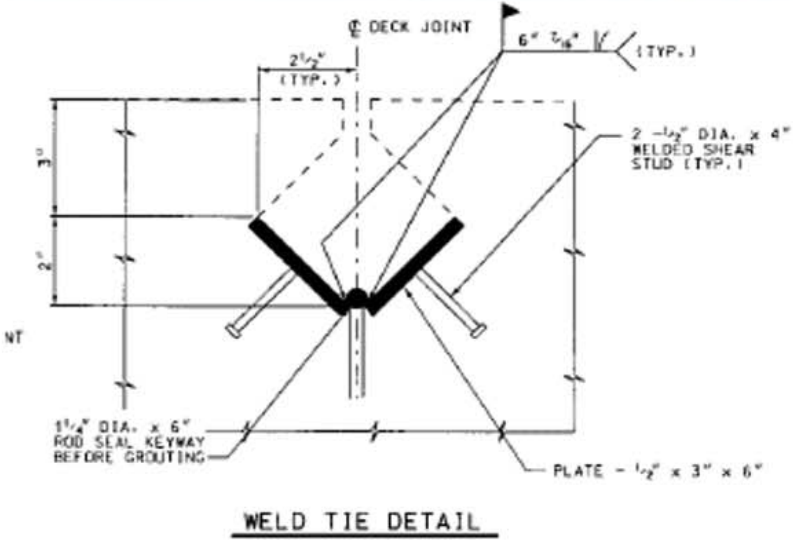
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Details

- Full depth deck panel transverse connections with welded tie plates
- Full depth deck panel transverse connections with longitudinal post-tensioning
- Full depth precast concrete deck panels shear connector pockets
- Concrete closure pours
- Precast concrete abutments with vertical thread-bar connections
- Precast concrete bents
- Self Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) bridge moves
- Thin bonded polymer overlay

Full Depth Deck Panel Transverse Connections with Welded Tie Plates



Full Depth Deck Panel Transverse Connections with Longitudinal Post-Tensioning



Full Depth Precast Concrete Deck Panels Shear Connector Pockets



2013 Photo



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Concrete Closure Pours



Precast Concrete Abutments with Vertical Thread-bar Connections



2010 Photo



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Precast Concrete Bents



Self Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) Bridge Moves



Thin Bonded Polymer Overlay



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Report Overview - June 2010

- 34 bridges
- Precast full depth concrete deck panels
- Precast abutment bridges
- Bridges installed with SPMT's
- Lateral slide-in technologies

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- Full depth deck panel transverse connections with welded tie plates
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- Precast concrete approach slab connection to deck
- Lateral slide-in bridge moves

Precast Concrete Approach Slab Connection to Deck



Lateral Slide-in Bridge Moves



2013 Photo



2011 Photo



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Report Overview - September 2011

- 48 bridges
- Precast full depth concrete deck panels
- Precast abutment bridges
- Bridges installed with SPMT's
- Lateral slide-in technologies
- Longitudinal launch

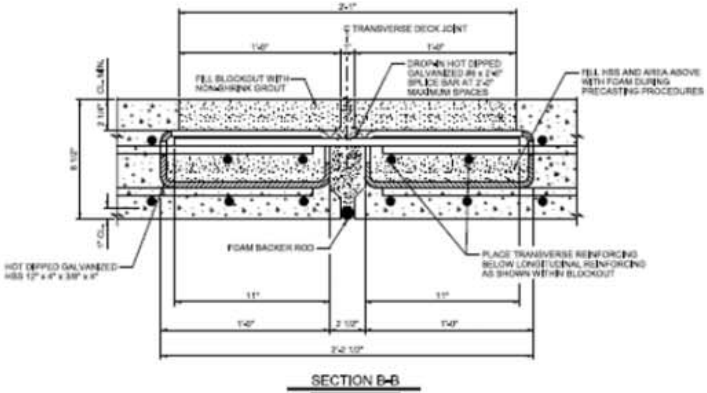
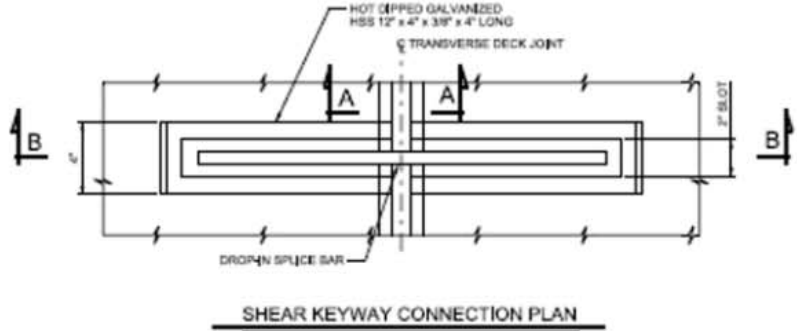
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- Precast concrete bents
- Self Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) bridge moves
- Thin bonded polymer overlay
- Precast concrete approach slab connection to deck
- Lateral slide-in bridge moves
- Full depth deck panel transverse connections with dowel bar pockets
- Longitudinal launch

Full Depth Deck Panel Transverse Connections with Dowel Bar Pockets



Longitudinal Launch



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Report Overview - October 2013

- 41 bridges
- Precast full depth concrete deck panels
- Precast abutment bridges
- Bridges installed with SPMT's
- Lateral slide-in technologies
- Longitudinal launch
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS)

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Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS)



Programmatic Recommendations

- Improve review procedures for ABC projects
- Establish consistent detailing practices
- Establish design guidelines
 - Approach railing attachments
 - Thermal movement
 - Deck joint edge support
- Improve construction inspection procedures

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