

**Development of Non-Proprietary UHPC Mix: Application to Deck
Panel Joints**

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1. PROJECT ABSTRACT

One of the most common application of Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) nowadays is the use of precast deck panels and fill the joints in the field using advanced materials such as Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC). This application has been used around the country in several ABC projects in Iowa, New York, etc. A lot of research has been done on optimizing the field joint reinforcement details such as shortest lap length and shear key shape and dimensions. However, most of the applications used proprietary UHPC mixes, which can sometimes constrain the DOTs bidding process due to lack of several UHPC vendors. Accordingly, research on the non-proprietary UHPC is growing and many state DOTs are interested in developing their own mixes using local materials. UHPC is cementitious composite material with mechanical and durability properties far exceeding those of conventional concrete, which makes it an ideal material for bridge deck joints. It combines a high percentage of steel fibers with an optimized gradation of granular constituents, resulting in a compressive strength more than 22 ksi, a high post-cracking tensile strength, and exceptional durability. In this collaborative effort among all five institutions in the ABC-UTC consortium, comprehensive research on non-proprietary UHPC mix design and extension to common ABC applications is sought. The coordination efforts are led by the University of Oklahoma as explained in the next section. The objective of this part of the project which will be conducted by the University of Nevada, Reno is to finalize the selection of best feasible non-proprietary UHPC mix and demonstrate its validity for the use for precast deck panel transverse and longitudinal joints. The goal is to optimize and provide confidence in the new materials for this type of joints rather than optimizing the joint detail itself given that a lot of previous work has already investigated best details for deck panel joints.

2. RESEARCH PLAN

2.1. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Prefabricating bridge elements and systems (PBES) offers major time savings, cost savings, safety advantages, and convenience for travelers. According to the FHWA, the use of PBES is also solving many constructability challenges while revolutionizing bridge construction in the US. In the past decade, innovative PBES connections have been evolved and many of these connections used Ultra-High performance concrete (UHPC). UHPC has superior mechanical properties and durability. However, some of the limitations associated with UHPC wide spread use include: the very expensive price tag and most of the robust mixes are currently proprietary. Several DOTs see the proprietary nature of UHPC leads sometimes to sole-sourcing and in turn, bidding issues. Accordingly, research on the non-proprietary UHPC is growing and many state DOTs are interested in developing their own mixes using local materials. The goal of this project is to finalize the selection of the best feasible non-proprietary UHPC mix and demonstrate its validity for use as a closure pour material into precast deck panel transverse and longitudinal field joints.

2.2. RESEARCH APPROACH AND OBJECTIVES

Our approach for this proposed study is mainly an experimental approach with the main activity is large-scale structural tests at UNR laboratories. The specific research objective of this study is to collaborate with OU and ISU on acquiring local materials for non-proprietary UHPC mix design and optimization, and conduct full-scale testing of deck panel joints to study the response of the finalized mix design as used in actual structural ABC applications.

This study will coordinate the efforts of researchers at the five ABC-UTC partner institutions to investigate bond strength, shear strength, and full-scale structural performance of non-proprietary UHPC developed by the partner institutions. Two mix designs developed by the partner institutions (one at OU and one at ISU) will be shared with the other partner institutions for comparative testing with the proprietary UHPC Ductal® used as the baseline. Fiber content and fiber type will be considered as primary variables for a given mix design. Figure 1 shows the overall organization of the project. The primary objective is to determine whether a mix design developed with local materials can achieve the necessary bond strength and durability for use in bridge component connections, thereby providing an additional option for DOTs. Sharing of information between the partner institutions will allow for consideration of repeatability of the proposed mix designs and the combined efforts of the partner institutions will lead to more significant results than could be obtained by any of the institutions working individually. Understanding the effect of fiber type and content on bond, shear, and overall structural performance will identify the optimum fiber content required for a non-proprietary material to achieve the properties required for a given application. For example, minimum joint width for precast panel connections may be set by constructability concerns, so a sufficiently short development length may be greater than the shortest development length that could be obtained using UHPC.

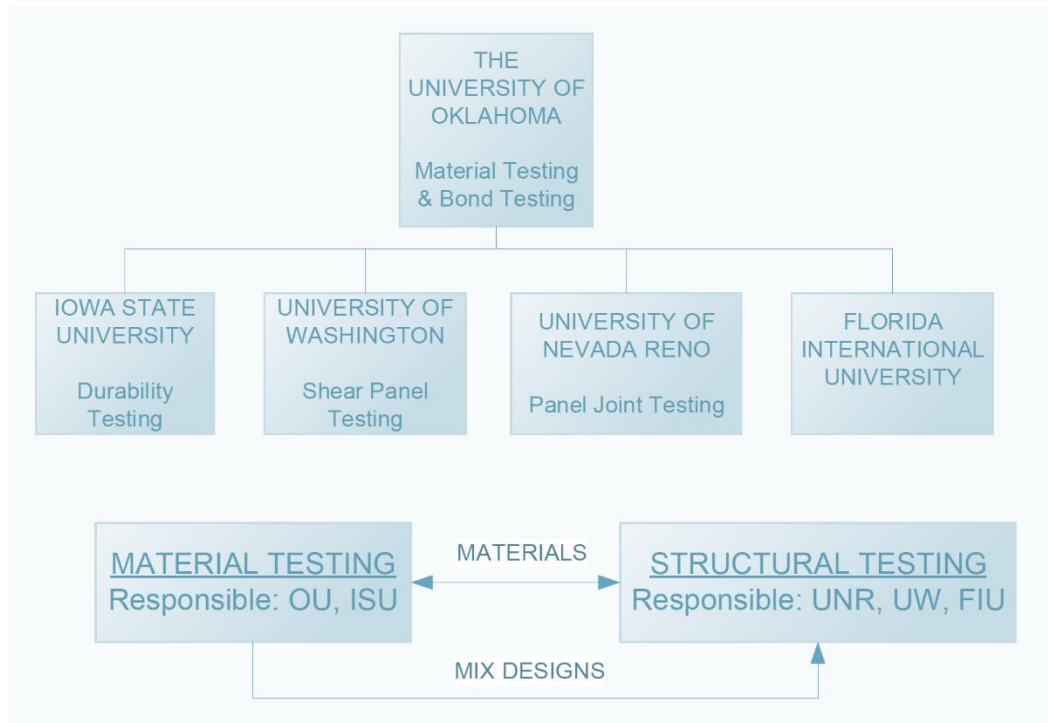


Figure 1 – Overall organization of project and information sharing

Researchers from OU and ISU will provide UHPC mix designs developed at those institutions to the team members at UNR, UW, and FIU for use in structural testing. OU and ISU will also have the exact cementitious materials and admixtures used for each mixture shipped to UNR, UW, and FIU so that each institution can exactly recreate the mix designs. OU and ISU will provide enough aggregate (sand) for a sufficient quantity of material for one of the proposed structural tests. For the other tests, researchers at UNR, UW, and FIU will use their own local aggregates. Researchers at UNR, UW, and FIU will provide local cementitious materials and admixtures to researchers at OU and ISU, such that they can obtain sufficient quantities of material to investigate the effects of

locally available cementitious materials and admixtures on non-proprietary mix designs. Researchers at OU and ISU will consider concrete compressive strength and modulus of rupture for comparison of the effects of local cementitious materials on mix design performance. They will also conduct at least one set of bond tests (OU) and durability tests (ISU) considering local cementitious variations provided by the other partner universities. In all cases, researchers will obtain the same ½ in. steel fibers produced by Bekaert for use as the base fiber case. Institutions sharing the exact materials will allow all institutions to begin their work at the same time, without needing to wait for additional mix design development.

The focus of this project is to apply non-proprietary UHPC mixes with optimized characteristics to deck panel field joints as shown in Figure 2 to demonstrate the validity of such materials.



Figure 2 – Field connections/joints for precast deck slabs (photo credit: Georgia DOT)

2.2.1. SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

An experimental approach will be used and several research activities will be executed to accomplish the objectives of this study. A summary of the proposed research tasks is as follows:

- Task 1 – Updated literature search on precast deck panel connections
- Task 2 – Development of experimental program and specimens design
- Task 3 – Experimental testing of deck slabs joints
- Task 4 – Summarize the results in a final report

2.2.2. DETAILED WORK PLAN

A detailed description of the proposed research tasks is presented in this section.

Task 1 – Update the literature review on precast deck panel joints:

A fresh update for the literature review of previous work on deck panel joints was conducted. The goal of this task is to summarize the most common and feasible design details of deck panel joints. In other words, a summary of recommended deck reinforcement overlap, lap splice length, shear key shape and dimensions, and overall joint dimensions will be provided.

Our scope in this part of the study is to review and report the previous experimental and numerical studies in the precast bridge deck field joints. Through the last decade, many researches started working on using the “UHPC” in the precast deck panels field joints like the work done by Ben Graybeal (2010). While all the research before this period was directed into investigating the behavior of the PBES connections with using different materials such as advanced grouts, high performance concrete (HPC) and HPC with fiber reinforcement. A current experimental study was conducted at UNR Laboratories on using polymer concrete as a closure pour material into precast deck field joints. This study investigated the structural performance of the transverse and longitudinal filed joints under static vertical loading.

AASHTO conducted three research programs which focused specifically on advancing the state-of-the-art regarding to non-post-tensioned deck-level connections details between prefabricated concrete components.

The first research project “Full-Depth Precast Concrete Bridge Deck Panel Systems” and frequently referred to as NCHRP 12-65. A primary focus of this project was to develop an economical, non-post-tensioned transverse connection detail capable of developing the yield strength of straight lengths of mild steel.

The second project “Design and Construction Guidelines for Long-Span Decked Precast, Prestressed Concrete Girder Bridges” and frequently referred to as NCHRP 12-69. This research demonstrated that redesign of the traditional connection systems used in the longitudinal connections between decked girders could allow for a simpler connection.

The third project “Cast-in-Place Concrete Connections for Precast Deck Systems” and frequently referred to as NCHRP 10-71. This project focused on both transverse and longitudinal connections between precast concrete components as shown in Figure 3.

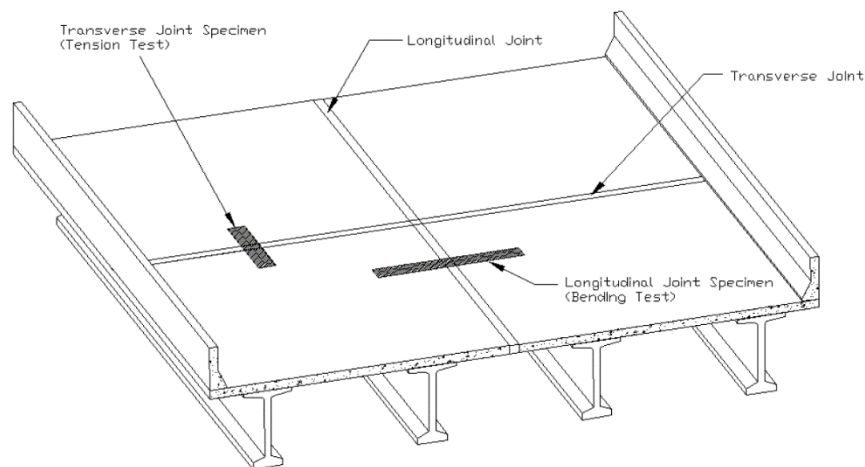


Figure 3 – Transverse and longitudinal field connections/joints for precast deck slabs

Task 2 – Development of experimental program and specimens design

Specimen design

The objective of this task is to finalize the number and type of specimens to consider for validating and demonstrating the different non-proprietary UHPC mixes, which was developed in collaboration with other ABC-UTC partner universities as part of this project. This project is also building on another ongoing ABC-UTC project led by PI Moustafa at UNR which focuses on using polymer concrete for deck panel joints as another alternative to UHPC. Thus, similar joint types and specimen design were implemented in this project for comparison purposes. Two types of connections and tests were proposed which are: (1) longitudinal connections of deck bulb tee girders that will be tested for flexure; (2) deck panels' transverse connections that will be tested for flexure. Figures 4 through 7 show the details of reinforcement of the test specimens. Four specimens were constructed to conduct three transverse and one longitudinal joint test. The details of the tested specimens are reported in Table 1. The design of the specimens was performed according to the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification (AASHTO, 2018). The positive and negative design moments were determined based on the AASHTO Equivalent strip method. The moment values provided in this method takes into account the largest values that could be experienced by the deck slabs with respect to different loading conditions. The bridge example that was used to analyze the reinforced concrete deck slab for the transverse specimens in this study has a cross-section consisted of five steel girders spaced at 12 ft on center and a deck slab of 8 in thickness. The instrumentation plan of the test specimens was also finalized, and the reinforcement strain gage locations were also reported in Figures 4 through 7.

Table 1. Test specimens details

Specimen	Joint width	Lap length	Lap detail	Field joint type	Closure material	Overall specimen dimensions
SP1	6.0 in	5.0 in	straight	Transverse	Nevada mix – 2%	9'x8'x8"
SP2	6.0 in	4.5 in	U-bar	Transverse	Nevada mix – 2%	9'x8'x8"
SP3	8.0 in	7.0 in	straight	Transverse	Nevada mix – 1%	9'x8'x8"
SP4	6.0 in	5.0 in	straight	Longitudinal	Nevada mix – 2%	8'x7'x6"

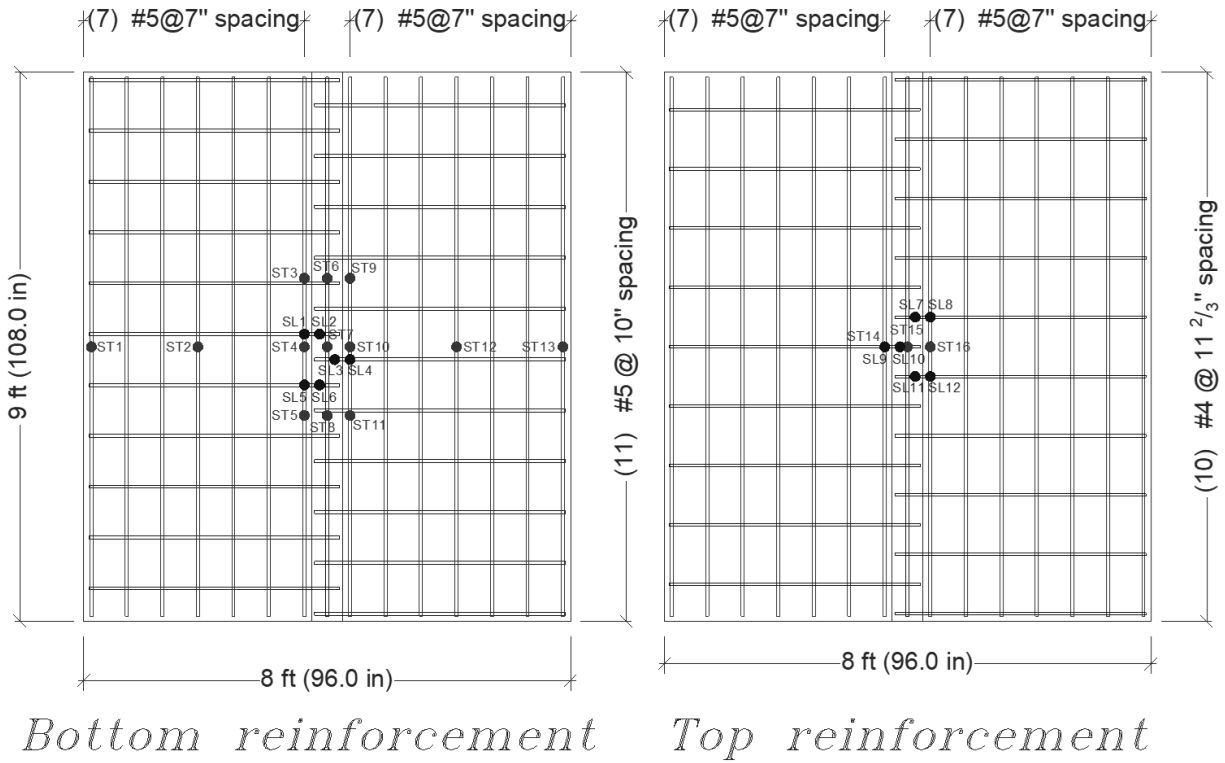


Figure 4 – Structural details and instrumentation plan for the first transverse specimen (SP-1).

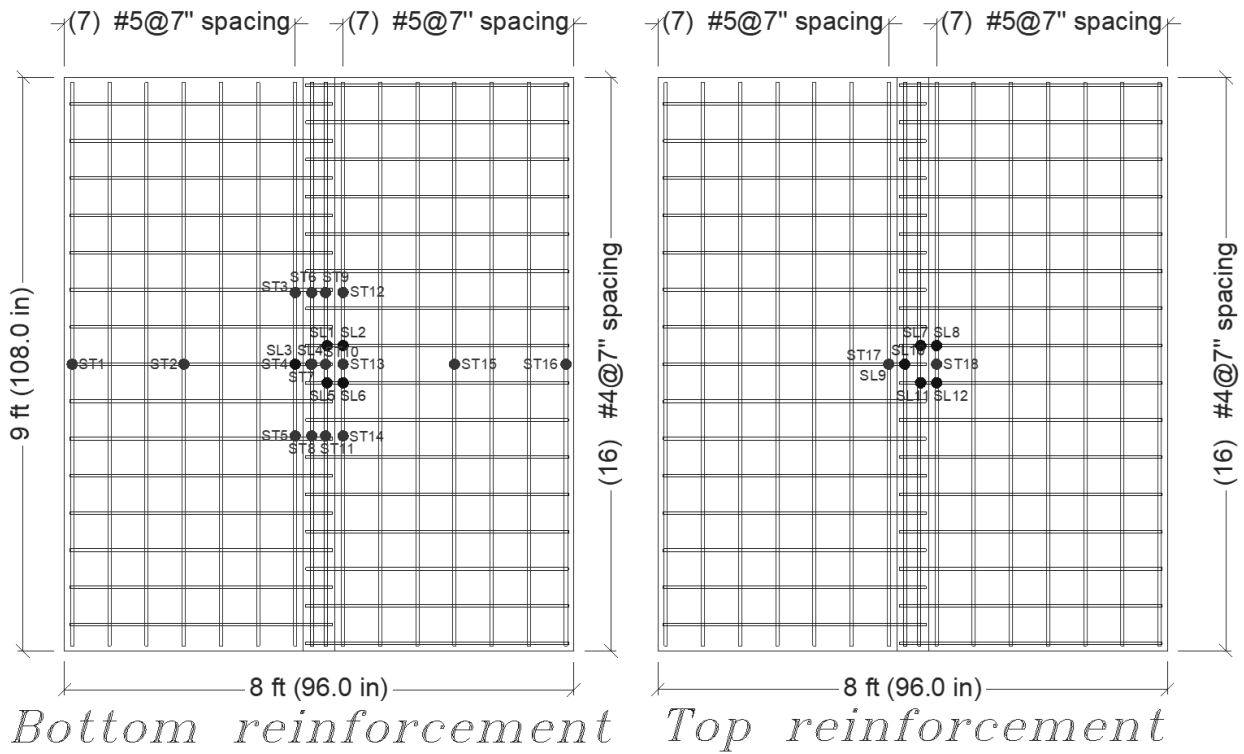


Figure 5 – Structural details and instrumentation plan for the second transverse specimen (SP-2).

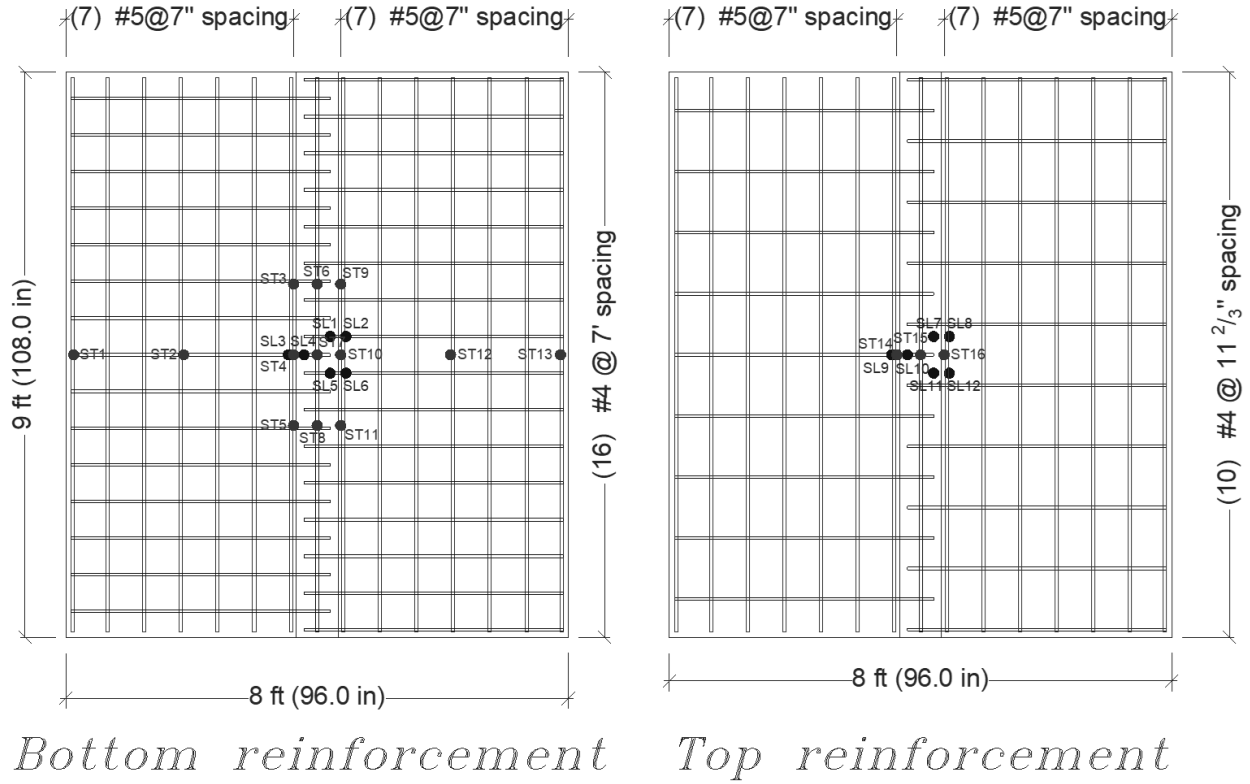


Figure 6 – Structural details and instrumentation plan for the third transverse specimen (SP-3).

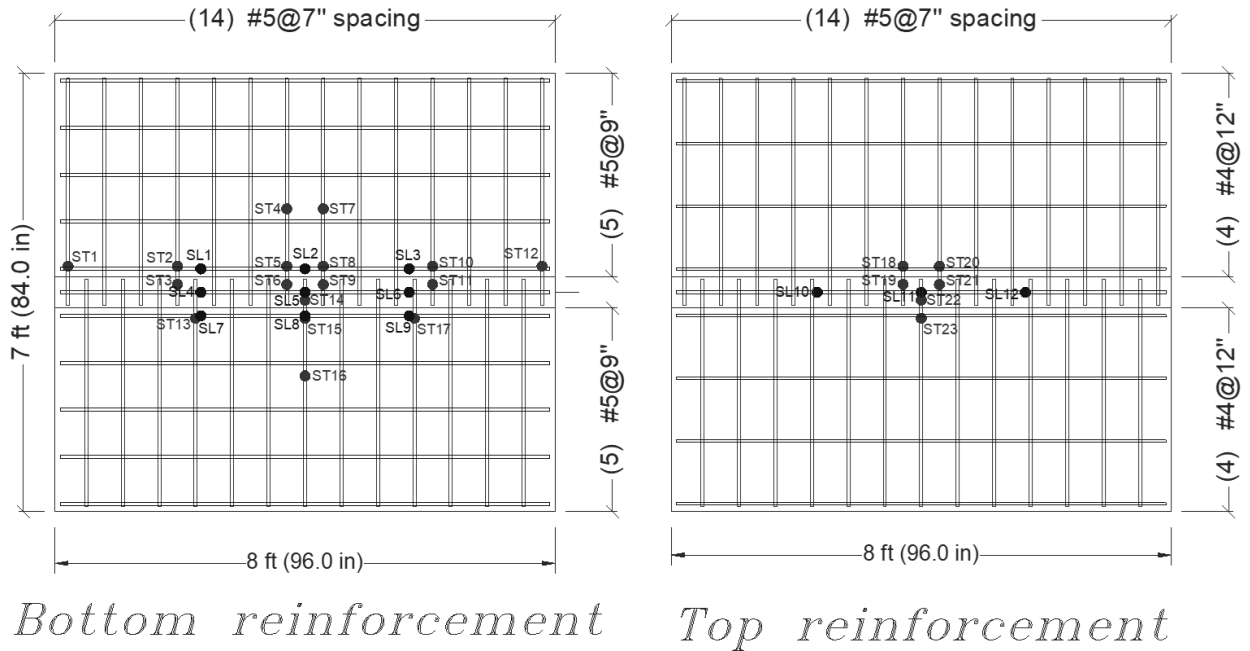


Figure 7 – Structural details and instrumentation plan for the longitudinal specimen (SP-4).

Materials and Mix Design

This task also includes the collaboration with the OU University to finalize the non-proprietary UHPC mix. The baseline mix design for the non-proprietary UHPC was developed by the OU University. While the mix developed at UNR implemented the same mixing proportions but with using the local materials that are available on the west coast. The mix design and the suppliers of the OU and UNR mixes are shown in Table 2. The baseline mix design included in Table 3 is developed for the 2% steel fiber content. However, this mixing proportions should be adjusted for different fiber contents. We coordinated with the OU University to send their local materials to be mixed and tested under compression and flexure at UNR to verify if there could be any variabilities associated with the difference in mixing, specimen preparation, curing or testing.

Once we had these materials, we started to mix four trial batches with using the Nevada local materials in addition to one mix with using the OU materials for comparison purposes. Overall, five trial batches were mixed at UNR to identify the best mix that could be used as a closure pour material inside the precast bridge deck connections. Many parameters were tested including the variation in the fiber content e.g. 1% vs 2%, using sieved and not-sieved crushed aggregate sand, and the variation of the local materials used in the mix e.g. OU vs UNR. The five trial batches that were mixed at UNR are shown in Table 3. Several material tests were conducted at UNR at different concrete ages as recommended by the FHWA for the mechanical characterization of the new Non-Proprietary UHPC mixes. The Material property tests recommended by the FHWA to be conducted on the “ABC-UTC Non-Proprietary UHPC Mix” using materials from other states are shown in Table 4. We increased the required material tests to include compression and flexure testing of the trial mixes at more ages to have more verification and enrich the comparison between the test results from UNR compared to OU.

Table 2. Baseline non-proprietary UHPC mix design for OU and UNR

Material	Quantity	OU Supplier	UNR Supplier
Type I Cement, lb/yd ³	1179.6	Ash Grove Chanute, Kansas	Type I/II Nevada Cement, Reno
Slag, lb/yd ³	589.8	Holcim, South Chicago	Lehigh, Sacramento
Silica Fume, lb/yd ³	196.6	Norchem Ohio	BASF (Master Life SF 100)
<i>w/cm</i>	0.2	NA	NA
Fine Masonry Sand, lb/yd ³	1966	Metro Materials Norman, OK	Crushed Aggregate Martin Marietta Sparks, NV
Steel Fibers, lb/yd ³	255.2	Bekaert	Bekaert
Steel Fibers, %	2.0	(Dramix® OL 13/0.2)	(Dramix® OL 13/0.2)
Superplasticizer, oz./cwt	18	BASF (Glenium 7920)	BASF (Glenium 7920)

Note: All the sand or the crushed aggregate that were used in the mixes were oven dried for one day before mixing.

Table 3. Non-Proprietary UHPC trial mixes developed by UNR.

Batch No.	Local Materials	Fiber content	Sand type
B1 – NV – 2% – NS	Nevada	2 %	Crushed aggregate sand Not Sieved
B2 – NV – 2% – S	Nevada	2 %	Crushed aggregate sand Sieved
B3 – NV – 1% – NS	Nevada	1 %	Crushed aggregate sand Not Sieved
B4 – NV – 1% – S	Nevada	1 %	Crushed aggregate sand Sieved
B5 – OU – 2% – NS	Oklahoma	2 %	Fine sand Not Sieved

NS: Not sieved crushed aggregate sand, S: Sieved crushed aggregate sand

Table 4. Material property tests recommended by FHWA

Property	Test Method	Specimen Size	Testing Ages	#Specimens Per Test
Flowability	ASTM C1437	Per ASTM	At casting	1
Compressive Strength	ASTM C39	3x6 in. cylinder	3 and 28 days	3
Flexural Strength	ASTM C78/ASTM C1609	3x3x11 in. rectangular prism	28 days	3

The general mixing procedure recommended by OU for the developed Non-Proprietary UHPC followed the following general procedure with variations based on the particular mixture composition and mixer used.

1. Blend dry constituents for 10 minutes.
2. Add water mixed with ½ of the required superplasticizer gradually over the course of 2 minutes while mixing.
3. Mix for 1 minute.
4. Add the second ½ of the HRWR over the course of 1 minute while mixing.
5. Mix for an additional 5-10 minutes until the mix turns to flowable material and add steel fibers over the course of 2 minutes.
6. Mix for an additional 1 minute after fibers are dispersed.

Average total mixing time is 20-30 minutes.

A crushed aggregate sand that is locally known as concrete sand was used in the trial mixes with the Nevada materials. This type of sand is a mix between fine to moderate sand and a crushed aggregate where the maximum size of this crushed aggregate is less than 4.76 mm (0.187 in). The sieved crushed aggregate sand was determined based on the amount of sand that passes #30 and retained at #200 sieve sizes. Figure 8 shows the different steps established for sand preparation and the different sand types used in the trial mixes.



Figure 8 – (a) packing of the crushed aggregate sand, (b) sand drying, (c) sand sieving, (d) crushed aggregate sand without sieving, (e) Crushed aggregate sand after sieving, and (f) OU sand.

Figure 9 shows the mixing stages of one of the trial batches that was done at UNR with using the Nevada local materials.



Figure 9 – Non-proprietary UHPC mixing of trial mix “B2-NV-2%-S” at UNR.

Test Results and Comparisons

1- Flow Test:

The flowability of the mix was measured using a spread cone mold in accordance with ASTM C 1437/230. The results of the flow test are reported in Table 5. Figure 10 shows the flow test photos of the trial batches developed at UNR.

Table 5. Flow test results for the OU and UNR non-proprietary UHPC

Batch No.	Static Flow (in.)	Dynamic Flow (in)	OU recommended flow (in)
B1 – NV – 2% – NS	8.0	> 10.0	9.5
B2 – NV – 2% – S	9.2	> 10.0	9.5
B3 – NV – 1% – NS	9.7	> 10.0	9.5
B4 – NV – 1% – S	9.5	> 10.0	9.5
B5 – OU – 2% – NS	8.3	> 10.0	9.5



Figure 10 – Flow tests of the trial Non-proprietary UHPC mixes at UNR.

2- Compressive Strength:

The compressive strength of the five trial batches were determined according to ASTM C1856. A total of 12 cylinders of 3 in. diameter and 6 in. height were taken from each batch to be tested at different ages e.g. 3, 7, 28, and 56 days. All the test cylinders were left on-site for one day after mixing before transferring them to a curing room with normal humidity and room temperature of about 72 °F. All cylinders were surface prepared before testing. The top surface of the cylinders were cut using the saw machine to remove approximately ¼ in of the top surface that has many air voids (see Figure 11-e). Then both ends were surface ground using the grinding machine (see Figures 11-a,11-c, and 11-d) and then tested in a Satic compression machine (see Figure 10-b). The test cylinders were preloaded to half of the expected compressive strength and then loaded to failure at 150 psi/sec. The test results of the UNR trial batches compared to the OU test results are shown in Table 6 and they are graphically represented in Figures 12 and 13.



Figure 11 – (a) Grinding machine at UNR, (b) Satic compression machine at UNR, (c) UHPC cylinder from B3 after surface grinding, (d) UHPC cylinder from B4 after surface grinding, and (e) UHPC cylinder with air voids at the top part before saw cutting and grinding.

Table 6. Compressive strength results for UNR and OU non-proprietary UHPC.

Batch No.	3 Days (psi)	7 Days (psi)	28 Days (psi)	56 Days (psi)
B1 – NV – 2% – NS	11,860	14,100	16,655	18,945
B2 – NV – 2% – S	9,960	12,850	15,830	18,865
B3 – NV – 1% – NS	12,890	15,390	18,685	21,565
B4 – NV – 1% – S	10,600	12,970	16,270	18,285
B5 – OU – 2% – NS	11,050	14,220	18,240	18,445
OU Results – 1 %	12,170	13,410	13,250	17,020
OU Results – 2 %	12,540	14,480	17,220	18,140

Note: The compressive strength of “B2 – NV – 2% – S” at 14 Days was 14,620 psi.

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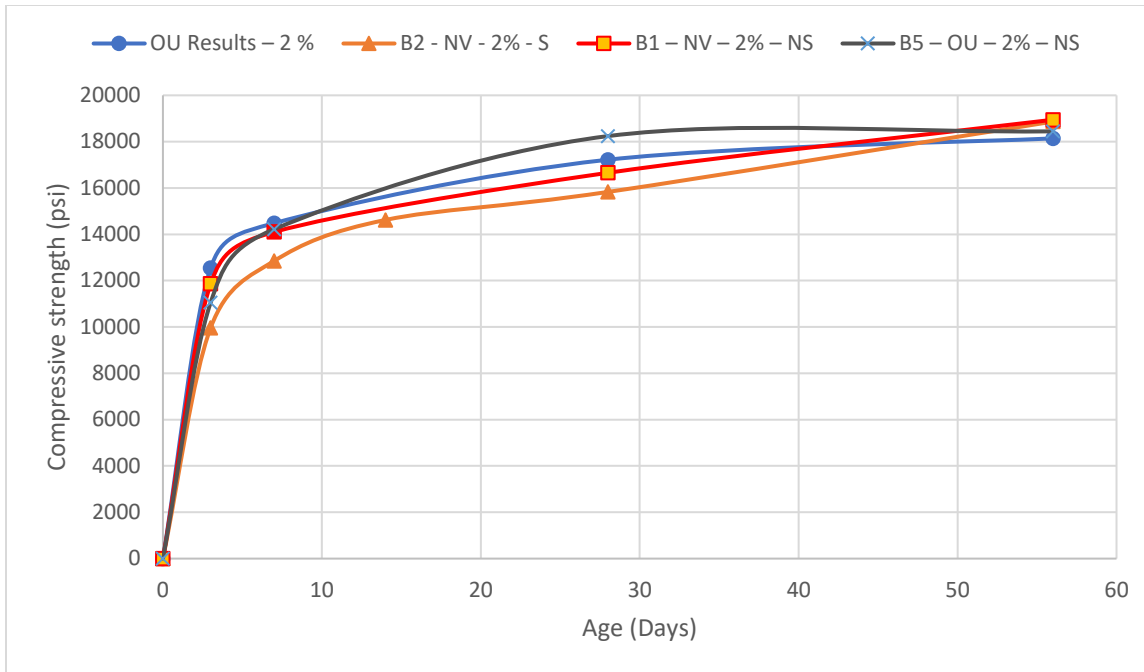


Figure 12 – Compressive strength of the 2% non-proprietary UHPC mixes versus age of concrete.

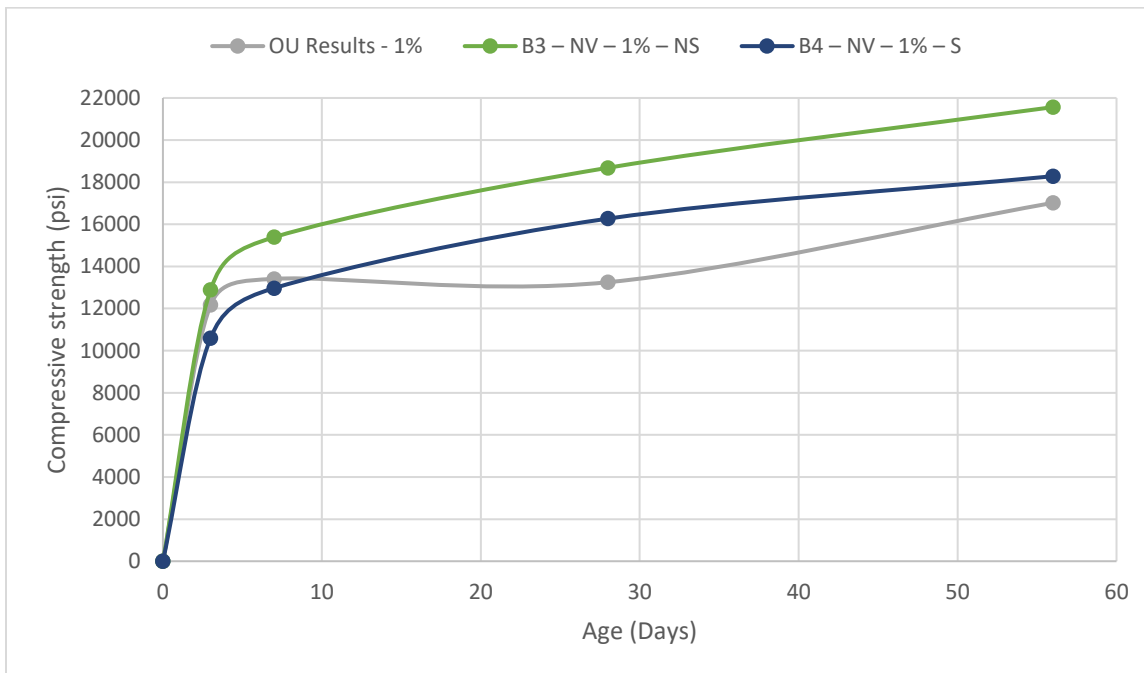


Figure 13 – Compressive strength of the 1% non-proprietary UHPC mixes versus age of concrete.

3- Flexural Strength:

Flexural strength tests were conducted on 3 in. x 3 in. x 11 in. prisms with a 9 in. span and loads applied at the third points according to ASTM C1856. A displacement rate was applied on the

specimen according to ASTM C1609. The displacement rate at the beginning of the test was 0.003 in/min till reaching 0.01 in mid-span vertical displacement, then the rate was increased to 0.005 in/min till the end of the test. The vertical displacements measured for the 7 days and 14 days flexure tests were measured based on the movement of the loading head of the machine. While different testing procedure was implemented on testing the 28 and 56 days flexure samples as the midspan deflection of the beams was measured using laser extensometer device with one laser target attached at the middle of the beam and the other laser target is attached at a fixed point as shown in Figure 14. Results of the flexural strength tests at 7, 28 and 56 days of age are reported in Table 7.



Figure 14 – Bending tests of the non-proprietary UHPC beams with using the laser extensometer at UNR.

Table 7. Flexural strength results for UNR and OU non-proprietary UHPC.

Batch No.	7 Days (psi)	14 Days (psi)	28 Days (psi)	56 Days (psi)
B1 – NV – 2% – NS	2,520	N.A.	3,005	2,970
B2 – NV – 2% – S	N.A.	2,570	2,630	3,210
B3 – NV – 1% – NS	1,660	N.A.	2,075	1,440
B4 – NV – 1% – S	2,095	N.A.	2,350	2,635
B5 – OU – 2% – NS	2,680	N.A.	2,845	2,975
OU Results – 1 %	N.A.	N.A.	1,750	2,450
OU Results – 2 %	N.A.	N.A.	2,570	3,000

4- Direct Tension Test:

The direct tension strength of the non-proprietary UHPC mixes was determined based on testing dog-bone samples with nominal cross section of 1” by 1” dimensions. Laser targets were attached at the ends of the reduced section to measure the tensile strains in this area and relate them to the corresponding direct tension stress. Figure 15 shows the direct tension test of one of the dog bone specimens at UNR.



Figure 15 – tension tests of the non-proprietary UHPC dog-bone samples at UNR.

Table 8. Direct tension strength results for UNR and OU non-proprietary UHPC.

Batch No.	7 Days (psi)	15 Days (psi)	28 Days (psi)
B1 – NV – 2% – NS	800	N.A.	820
B2 – NV – 2% – S	N.A.	910	1,070
B3 – NV – 1% – NS	460	N.A.	650
B4 – NV – 1% – S	780	N.A.	775
B5 – OU – 2% – NS	660	N.A.	970

Task 4 – Conduct experimental testing of precast deck slabs with new joint connection

Testing procedures from our previous experimental work done at UNR Laboratories was adopted to conduct large-scale testing on deck panels connected using the non-proprietary UHPC mixes. Four full-scale tests were conducted in this task. Monotonic loading until failure was considered to determine the capacity and the modes of failure. All the test specimens were properly instrumented to measure strain in the slab reinforcement inside the panels and in the joint location, and measure the displacement and curvature of the slab. Data from the tests were processed and interpreted to investigate whether the new sought non-proprietary UHPC mixes valid for this type of connection, and if so, provide confidence on the large-scale applications of the new materials. The actual photos and schematic diagrams of the test-setups for the transverse and longitudinal specimens included in this study are shown in Figures 16 and 17, respectively.

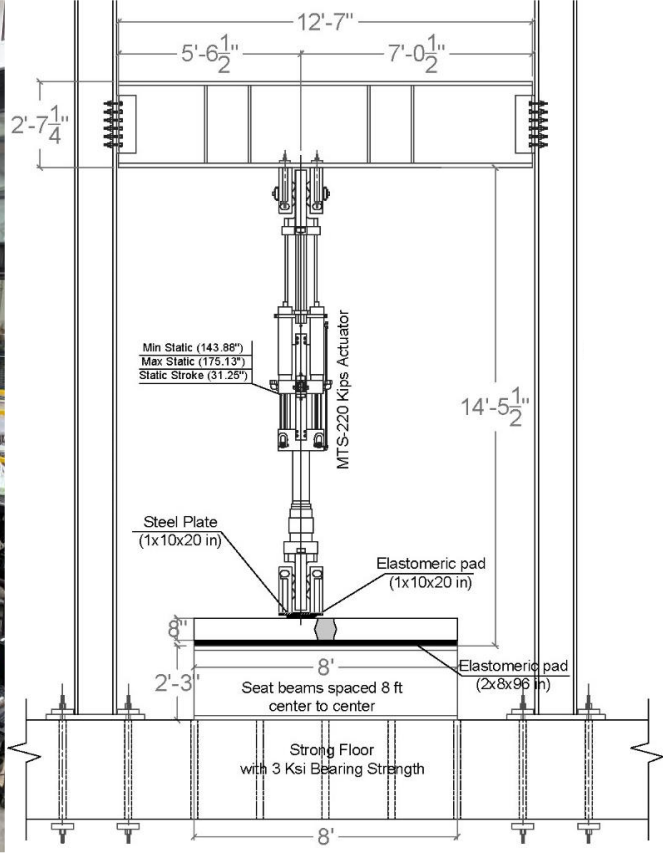


Figure 16 – Test setup for transverse specimens.

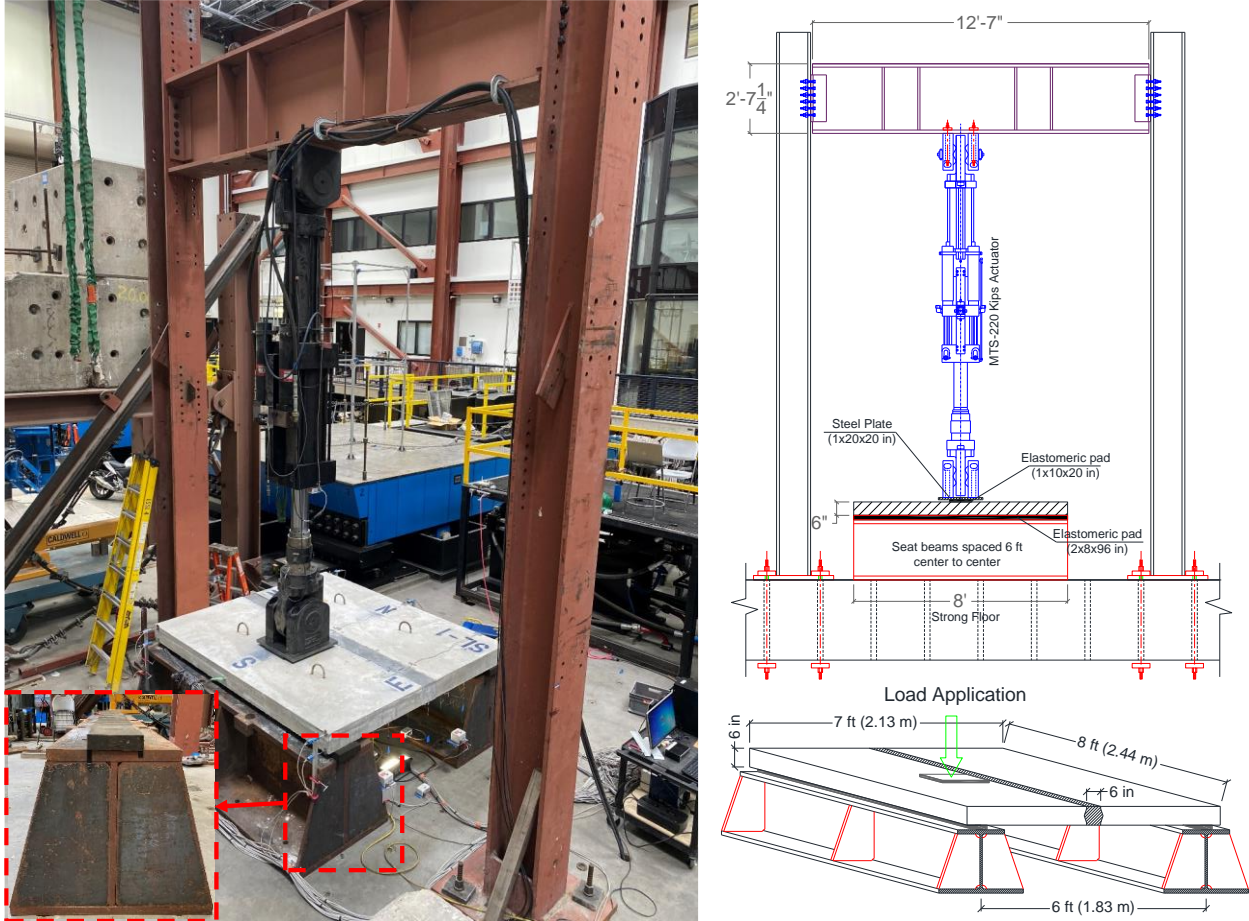


Figure 17 – Test setup for longitudinal specimens.

The construction and assembly of all the deck panels for the test specimens have been completed at UNR as shown in Figures 18-22. The figures show also the sequence of construction. We have finished pouring the Non-proprietary UHPC closure pour inside the joints as shown in Figure 22. An early assessment has been done to determine the most proper UHPC mix that could be used inside the field joints. Since, the results from the material tests were very comparable we decided to use the locally available Nevada material mixes without using sand sieving to facilitate the use of the raw sand as it is from the local source and to avoid any extra costs that could be associated in the future if we proposed to do sieving of the sand. However, using this type of coarse sand could widen the use of different sand sizes inside the non-proprietary UHPC mixes without severely affecting the UHPC mix properties. Recently, we have conducted the large scale testing of the four test specimens. The damage schemes of specimen S1, S2, S3 and S4 are shown in Figures 23 to 26, respectively.



Figure 18 – Formwork and reinforcement for construction of deck panels and specimens



Figure 19 – Deck panels' construction, reinforcement, and cast concrete



Figure 20 – Close-up views of the constructed deck panels and shear keys for the field joints.

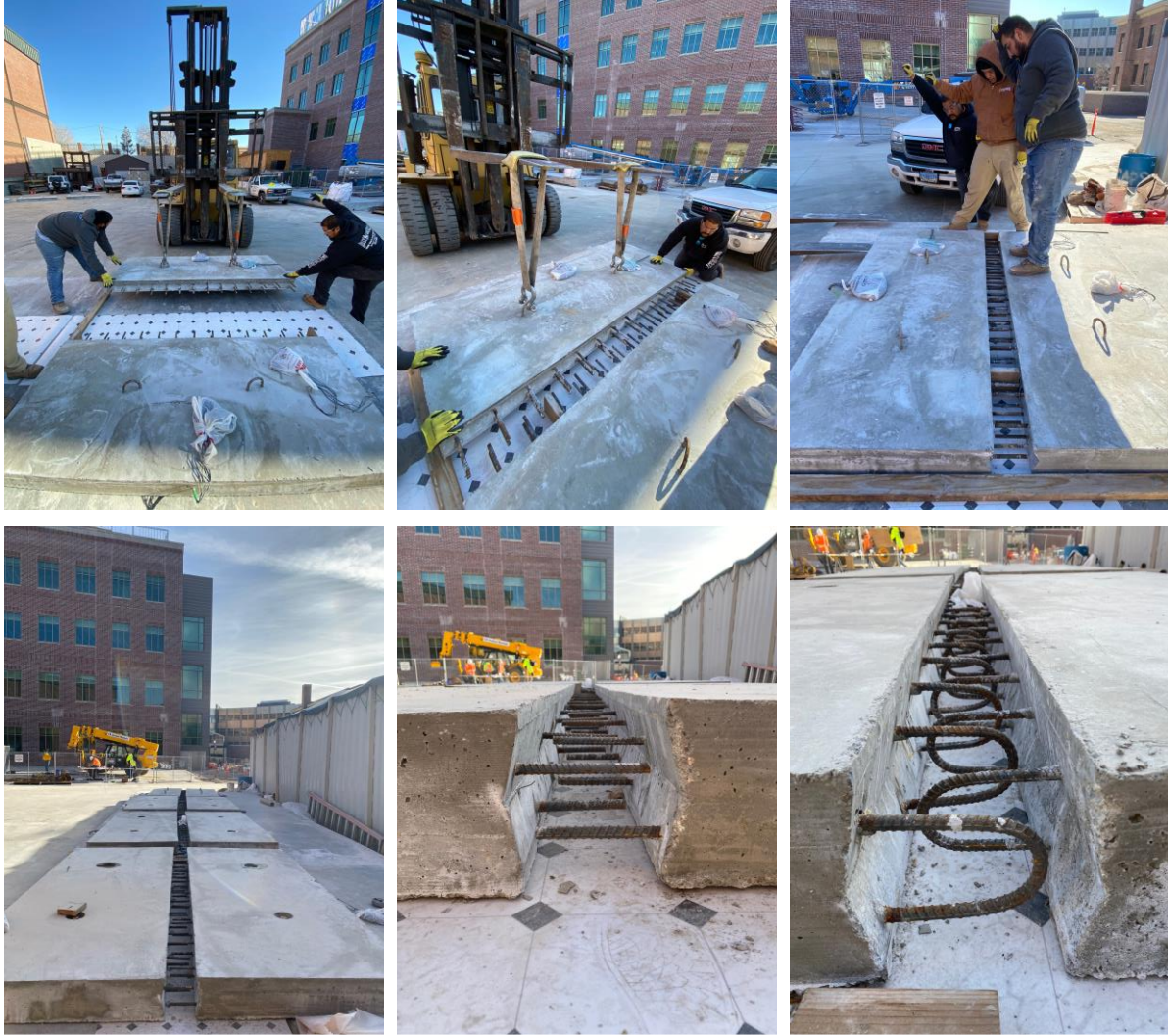


Figure 21 – Alignment and assembly of the test specimens at UNR.

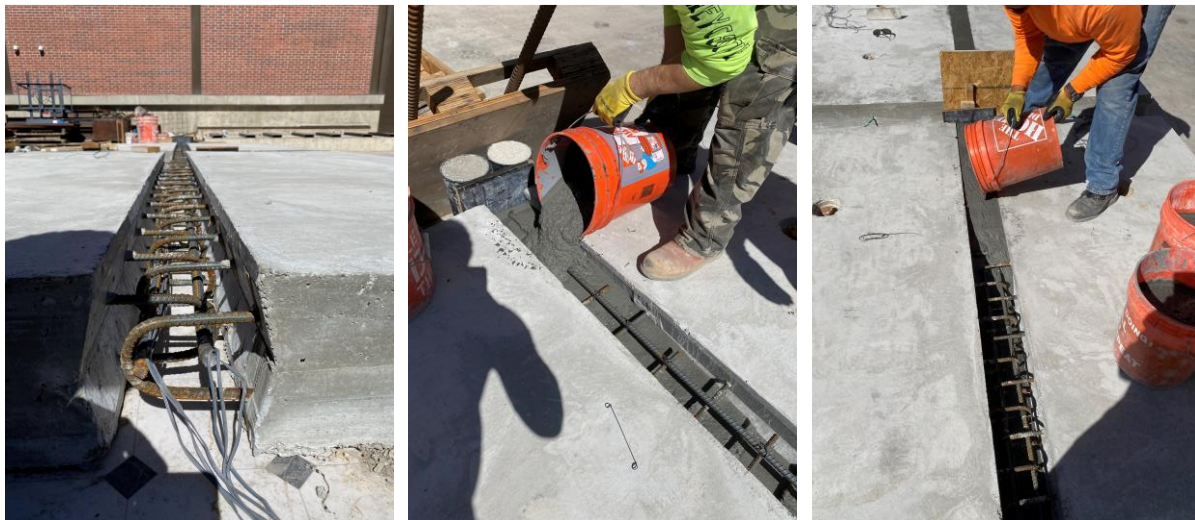


Figure 22 – Pouring the non-proprietary UHPC inside the field joints at UNR.



Figure 23 – Damage scheme of specimen S1.



Figure 24 – Damage scheme of specimen S2.

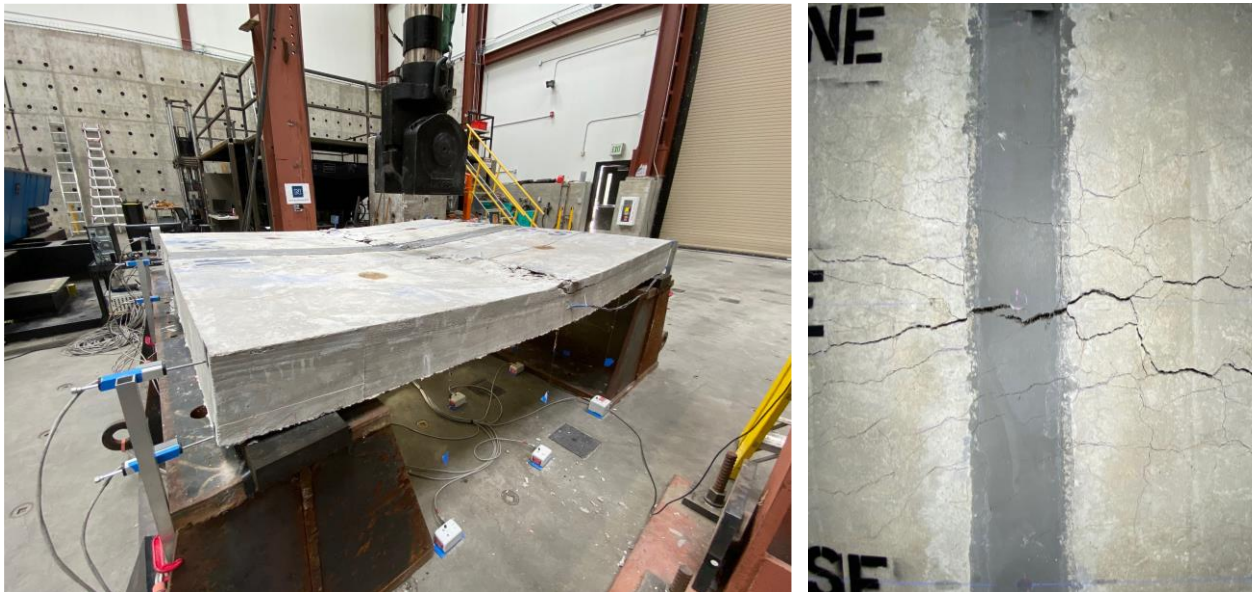


Figure 25 – Damage scheme of specimen S3.



Figure 26 – Damage scheme of specimen S4.

Task 5 – Summarize the investigation and the results in a draft final report

A final report describing the details of different tasks is now under preparation and it will be submitted to the ABC-UTC steering committee for review and comments. Upon addressing the review comments, the report will be finalized and made widely available for dissemination. Currently, we have finished the data analysis and post processing of the test results of the tested specimens. Figure 27 shows the load deflection curve of specimen S4 along with the deflected shape of the specimen at peak load as a sample of the generated figures that will be used in the final report. Figure 28 shows the relationship between the load and reinforcement strain readings of the transverse and longitudinal reinforcement of specimen S4.

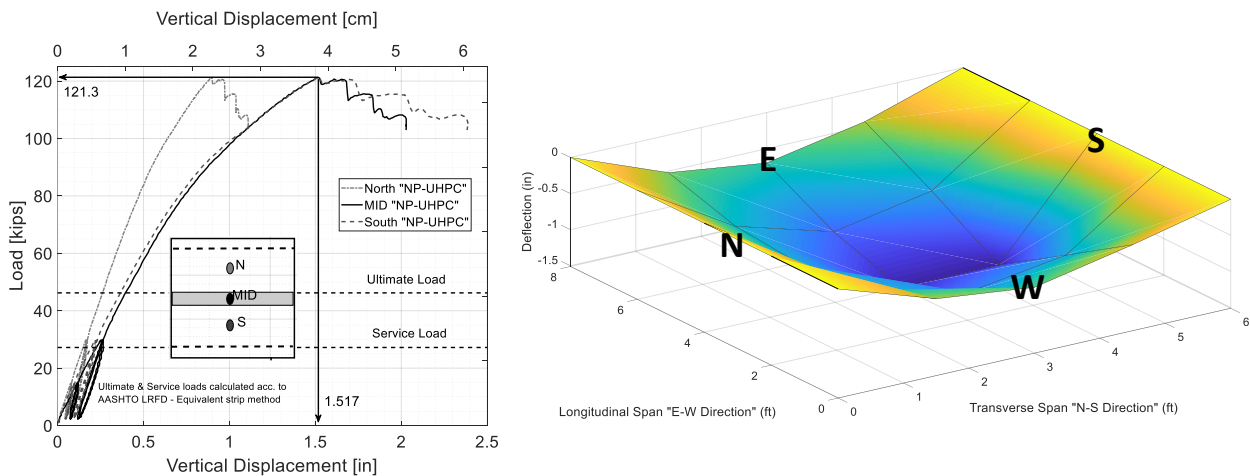


Figure 27 – Load deflection curves and deflected shape of specimen S4.

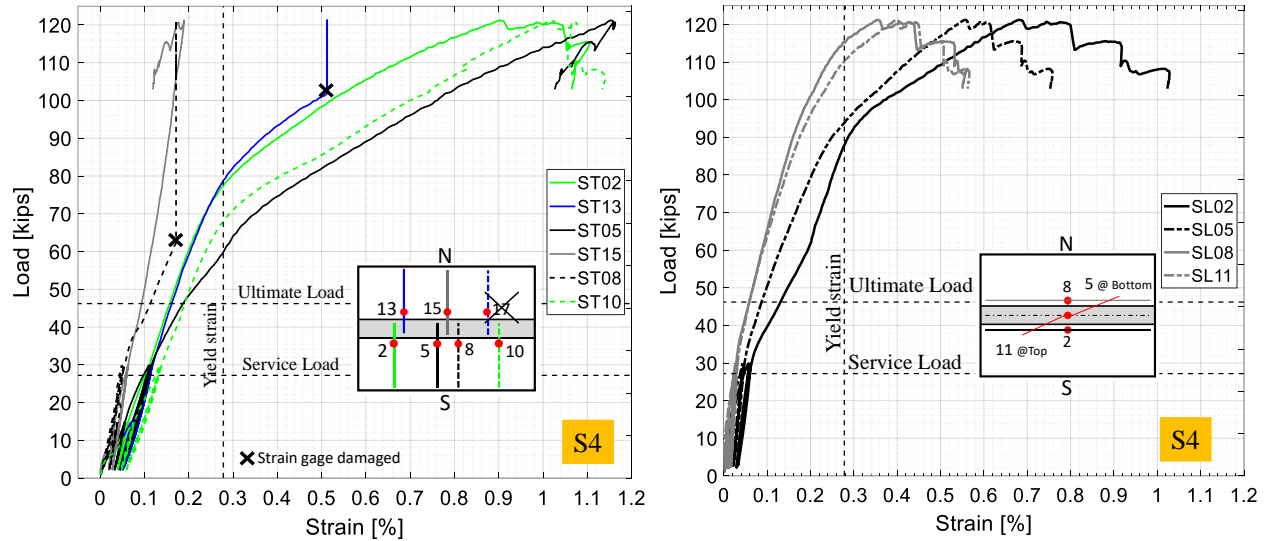


Figure 28 – Load versus strain of selected transverse and longitudinal reinforcement of specimen S4.

2.3. ANTICIPATED RESEARCH RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES

2.3.1. TENTATIVE ABC-UTC GUIDELINE

This part of the project at UNR will complement the work at the four other partner institutions towards developing an ABC-UTC guideline for designing and using non-proprietary UHPC mixes for deck panel joints.

2.3.2. A FIVE-MINUTE VIDEO SUMMARIZING THE PROJECT

Another format to disseminate the results from this project and contribute to workforce development and outreach is to develop a video and presentation slides to summarize the project. A webinar format can be used to publish and make available such videos or presentations.

2.3.3. FINAL REPORT AND PUBLICATIONS

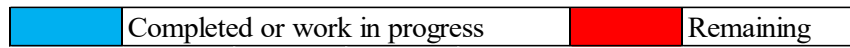
As mentioned before, a comprehensive report will be developed to summarize all the experimental results. Data sets could also be produced and published using existing or new cyber infrastructure or data platforms if a unified one will be eventually used for ABC-UTC related projects. Publications in peer-reviewed journals and conference presentations will also be considered for delivering project results.

3. TIME REQUIREMENTS (GANTT CHART)

To allow for the completion of all the project tasks, the study will be conducted over a period of 12 months (4 quarters) following the schedule in Table 4.

Table 4 – Gant schedule of major project tasks

Task	2019				2020	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
1. Literature Search						
2. Specimens design/construction						
3. Deck panels joint tests						
4. Final report and dissemination						



Percent work completed: 90%

Remaining work: 10%