Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)

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SLIDE IN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION (SIBC) FROM THE ENGINEER/DESIGNER PERSPECTIVE

April 3, 2014; 10:00am MST
SIBC Webinars

- Owner/Policy Maker Perspective
  - November 2013 (*complete*)
  - 2nd session scheduled later in year

- Engineer/Design Perspective
  - January 2014 (*complete*)
  - April 2014 (*Today*: Rocky Ford bridge slides, Colorado)
  - 3rd session scheduled later in year

- Contractor/Construction Perspective
  - March 2014 (*complete*)
  - *Next* Session: May 2014 (date TBD)
  - 3rd session scheduled later in year
Webinar Agenda

- National Update (~1 min.)
- Featured Presentation: Engineer/Design Perspective (~35 min.)
  - Jeff Dobmeier, PE, SE, Jacobs Engineering
- Questions & Answers (~15-20 min.)
- Next Steps (~3 min.)
National Update

- Interim Every Day Counts (EDC) Representative
  - Mr. Romeo Garcia
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- FHWA backfilling Tim Cupples’ position
STATE HIGHWAY 266
BRIDGE SLIDES
ROCKY FORD, COLORADO

Jeff Dobmeier, PE, SE
Jacobs Engineering
Presentation Outline

- Project Overview & Site Orientation
- Selection of Structure Type & Slide-In System
- Design Details
- Specifications
- Lessons Learned
Project Overview

- Replaced three deficient bridges in southeastern Colorado

- Lengthy regional detours and expensive on-site detours major factors supporting slide-in construction

- CDOT project goals
  - Install at least one bridge with lateral move
  - Provide as many innovative features as possible

- Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM/GC)
Site Orientation

- Holbrook Canal
- Ft. Lyon Canal
- L-22-O
- L-22-E

Imagery Date: 8/18/2011
38°04'04.65"N 103°40'47.47"W elev 4292 ft
Site Orientation

Holbrook Canal Bridge

Ft. Lyon Canal Bridge
Design Development

➤ Bridge Working Sessions
  – Review concepts from past projects
  – Brainstorm ideas
  – Develop solutions

➤ Attendees
  – CDOT, Jacobs, & Kiewit
  – Vendors & subs as required
Overall Construction Approach

- **Initial Concept**
  - Build new superstructure adjacent to final location
  - Build new abutments behind existing abutments
    - Phased construction
    - Trench box with lids
  - Under short duration closure, demo existing bridges and move new superstructures into place

OR213 Project; Photo supplied by J. Kalvelage
Overall Construction Approach

- Problem
  - Inadequate space to phase abutment construction without full road closure

![Diagram showing existing edge of road, half of new abut, and inadequate space for a traffic lane.]
Overall Construction Approach

Solution

- While positioned at their temporary locations, use the permanent superstructures to carry traffic
- Essentially constructing an on-site shoofly detour
Overall Construction Approach
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Benefits

➢ Easier to construct new abutments at permanent location

➢ Removes some work items from critical path during short-duration, full closure

➢ Provides detour with less throw-away work

Drawbacks

➢ Requires a more substantial abutment design (live load)

➢ Use of a detour not necessarily aligned with spirit of ABC
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System

- Structure Type Selection Report identified bridge constraints and feasible structure types
- Structure type and slide-in system are interdependent items
- General approach: Can standard details be modified slightly to accommodate slide-in construction?
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Ft. Lyon Bridge

- Two most viable superstructure alternates
  - Prestressed concrete adjacent box beams
  - Cast-in-place concrete box beams
- Contractor preferred prestressed adjacent box beams
- Traditional system of thin topping and endwall made transverse lifting beams attractive for slide-in system
- Lifting beam works well with heavy-duty rollers
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Ft. Lyon Bridge
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: **Ft. Lyon Bridge**

- Configure the abutments to accommodate the superstructure type and slide-in system

- Influencing factors
  - Need to retain roadway fill at bridge staging area
  - Need to support live load at bridge staging area
  - Need to accommodate transverse lifting beam and rollers
  - Contractor preference of a constant abutment configuration per bridge
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Ft. Lyon Bridge

Typical Abutment

Modified Abutment

Abutment Backwall

“Toe” for rolling system
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Ft. Lyon Bridge

NOTES:
1. Superstructure not shown for size
2. Bearing pads not shown for size
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: **Ft. Lyon Bridge**

Roadway Pavement
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: **Ft. Lyon Bridge**

- **Transverse Lifting Beam**
- **Vertical Jacks**
- **Rollers**
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Holbrook Bridge

- High flow season for canal
  - Likely during superstructure construction and slide-in
  - Likely abutments could be constructed beforehand

- Needed a configuration that kept the sliding system above high water elevation
  - Sliding system without vertical jacking is compact
  - Rolled steel beams presented a shallow superstructure
  - Discrete beams also work well with individual skid shoes
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Holbrook Bridge
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- **Typical Abutment**
- **Modified Abutment**

**Suspended end diaphragm**

"Heel" for jacking system
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Holbrook Bridge

NOTES:
1. Superstructure not shown
2. PTFE sliding surface on material not shown for c
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Holbrook Bridge

“Heel” for jacking system

Lower PTFE Sliding Surface
Selection of Structure Type and Slide-In System: Holbrook Bridge

- Upper skid shoe
- Suspended end diaphragm
Design Details: **Slide Analysis**

- Used “moving load analyses” to check abutments under slide-in events
Design Details: Slide Analysis

- Used additional FEM’s to evaluate jacking demands

Vertical Jacking

Lateral Jacking
Design Details: Stresses when lifting

- Li: Tensile stresses range up to 0.34 ksi < fr = 0.785 ksi.
Design Details: Lateral Stability System
Design Details: **Fail Safes**

![Image of fail safe design details]
Design Details: **Fail Safes**

- Capacity-controlled guidance roller
Design Details: **PTFE Variables**

- **Coefficient of Friction vs. Pressure**
  - Test Speed: 1”/min. (25 mm/min.)
  - Temperature: 70°F (21°C)

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  - Temperature: 70°F (21°C)

- Pressure (PSI) vs. Coefficient of Friction:
  - 1000 PSI (7MPa)
  - 2000 PSI (14MPa)
Specifications

- Created two project special provisions
- Mix of prescriptive and performance based
  - Example of prescription: Minimum jacking capacity
  - Example of performance: Motion monitoring system
- Consulted other project specs
Specifications

➢ Required Bridge Move Plan and Pre-Move Conference

631.02 Section 631.02 shall include the following:

Schedule of Bridge Slide Events
The contractor shall submit a preliminary Bridge Slide Plan, host a Pre-Slide Conference, and submit a final Bridge Slide Plan in accordance with the following schedule:

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<td>Host Pre-slide Conference</td>
<td>One week prior to the start of bridge sliding operations</td>
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<td>Submit final Bridge Slide Plan</td>
<td>Prior to the start of bridge sliding operations</td>
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631.03 Section 631.03 shall include the following:

Preliminary Bridge Slide Plan
The Bridge Slide plan submitted prior to the pre-slide conference is referred to as the Preliminary Bridge Slide Plan (PBSP). The PBSP shall be stamped “Approved for Construction” and signed by the Contractor. The PBSP will not be approved by the Engineer. If falsework drawings are required, they shall conform to and be submitted in accordance with subsection 601.11.

The PBSP shall provide complete details of the sliding process and address the following:

1. A schedule addressing the timing and sequence of the sliding operation. The following activities shall be shown on the schedule:
   a. When full closure of SH266 starts
Specifications

- Written to allow alternate jacking systems and configurations

5. Configuration of the vertical jacking equipment, that indicates one of the following:
   a. Certification that the vertical jacking equipment is located at the positions shown in the contract drawings
   b. If alternate vertical jacking locations are used, calculations showing that the stresses and deformations developed in the bridge during the vertical lifting or lowering operations are acceptable. The calculations shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the state of Colorado.

6. Configuration of the lateral jacking equipment, that indicates one of the following:
   a. Certification that the lateral jacking equipment is both
      i. Located at the positions shown in the contract drawings
      ii. Attached to the lifting beam as shown in the contract drawings
   b. If alternate lateral jacking locations or attachment points are used, calculations showing that the stresses and deformations developed in the bridge during the lateral rolling operation are acceptable. The calculations shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the state of Colorado.

7. Configuration of the rollers, that indicates one of the following:
   a. Certification that the rollers are located at the positions shown in the contractor drawings.
   b. If alternate roller locations are used, calculations showing that the stresses and deformations...
Specifications

- Specified tolerances
  - Unsymmetrical translation limits (binding motion)
  - Final installation requirements

The contractor shall ensure the rolling operation and take no more than 2 inches.

The contractor shall:
1. Maximum
2. Maximum
3. Maximum

Successful Vertical Placement at Ft. Lyon
Lessons Learned

- Abutment configuration at Ft Lyon
  - Big time saver on overall work activities
  - Consider a wider gap to minimize fit-interference

- Contractor input
  - Extremely valuable and helpful
  - If not DB or CM/GC, consider discussions with industry

- Movement mechanisms
  - Both systems performed well
Lessons Learned

➢ Attachment of lower slide plate and roller track
  – Desirable to have more construction friendly details

➢ My preference:
  – Slide system – eliminates vertical jacking
  – Pushing jacks – smaller footprint, more stable
  – Abutment backwall – allows roadway installation in advance of move
QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Kevin Thompson, URS Moderator (~15 minutes)
Q&A Panel

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NEXT STEPS

Kevin Thompson, URS (~3 minutes)
Websites/Resources

➤ SIBC Webinar Training Project Website
  – www.slideinbridgeconstruction.com
  – Webinar registration, a recording of today’s webinar, presentation slides, video, and Q&A results will be posted within 10 business days

➤ FHWA SIBC Website
  – Many resources, case studies, SIBC Implementation Guide, etc. available
FHWA SIBC Technical Services Support Center (TSSC)

- Request personal, professional answers to questions via TSSC
- Download topical resources
- Learn about instructor-based training courses (available beginning May 2014)

www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/sibc/

or

search “FHWA slide”
Future SIBC Training

- Contractor/Construction Perspective
  - Next Session: Tentatively set for May 2014

- Owner/Policy Maker Perspective
  - Tentatively set for June 2014

- Engineer/Design Perspective
  - Tentatively set for July 2014

- Web-based training modules

SPECIAL NOTICE: Next FIU ABC Center Webinar “Crane Sizing for ABC Bridges”
Thursday, April 17, 2014 (1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern)
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