

Orlando, FL

November 7-8, 2024



# 2024 TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

## Load Rating in Florida and AASHTOWare BrR

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FDOT Office of Maintenance





**FDOT safety message: adopt a road rage mantra.  
“This too shall pass” or  
“That vehicle too shall pass”**

**Load rating analysis approximates safe carrying capacity for bridges,** establishes posting restrictions, and estimates strength for permit routing. Such analysis directly supports the Department's Mission, to "... provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities."

**load rating - definition**

1. SUMMARY. Load rating summary form (Excel), sealed by a Florida P.E.
2. NARRATIVE. Brief description of inspection findings, methodology, and assumptions.
3. PLANS. Plan sheets required to perform the analysis (not the entire plan set).
4. CALCULATIONS. Inputs, intermediate calculations, and summarized outputs.
5. QUICK CHECK. At a minimum, confirmation of the governing HS20 or HL93 Operating Rating; show the factored components of the rating factor equation. A more comprehensive check is recommended, especially when results significantly differ from the original Design Load increased to the Operating Level.

Additionally, submit all software inputs in native ready-to-run format. The District may request QC documents, as well.

# load rating - complete



# QUICK CHECK

$L = 14\text{ft}$  &  $W = 30.5\text{ft}$  effective length and width

$t_{\text{overlay}} := 3.5\text{in}$  - thickness of the asphalt overlay

$t_{\text{slab}} := 10.5\text{in}$  - effective slab thickness

$A_s := 0.44\text{in}^2 \cdot \frac{12\text{in}}{5\text{in}} = 1.056\text{in}^2$  - area of steel

$d := t_{\text{slab}} - \left(1.25\text{in} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{6}{8}\text{in}\right) = 8.88\text{in}$  - depth to the centroid of steel

$\psi M_n := 1.00 \cdot 0.90 \cdot 40\text{ksi} \cdot A_s \cdot \left(d - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{40\text{ksi} \cdot A_s}{0.85 \cdot 3\text{ksi} \cdot \text{ft}}\right) = 25.93\text{kip}\cdot\text{ft}$  - factored flexural strength

$\omega_{\text{DC}} := 150\text{pcf} \cdot t_{\text{slab}} \cdot \text{ft} = 131\text{plf}$  - slab dead load

$\omega_{\text{DW}} := 145\text{pcf} \cdot t_{\text{overlay}} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \frac{28\text{ft}}{W} = 39\text{plf}$  - wearing surface dead load

$DL_{1.45} := \frac{\omega_{\text{DC}} + \omega_{\text{DW}}}{2} \cdot \left[L \cdot 0.45L - (0.45L)^2\right] = 4.13\text{kip}\cdot\text{ft}$  - dead load at 45% span length

$DL_{1.50} := (\omega_{\text{DC}} + \omega_{\text{DW}}) \cdot \frac{L^2}{8} = 4.17\text{kip}\cdot\text{ft}$  - dead load at 50% span length

$HL93 := (1 + 20\%) \cdot 25\text{kip} \cdot 0.45L \cdot \left(\frac{L - 0.45L}{L} + \frac{L - 0.45L - 4\text{ft}}{L}\right) + \frac{0.64\text{klf}}{2} \cdot \left[L \cdot 0.45L - (0.45L)^2\right] = 169.42\text{kip}\cdot\text{ft}$  - HL93 LL at 1.45

$E_{\text{Single.Lane}} := 10\text{in} + 5\text{in} \cdot \sqrt{\min(L \cdot \text{ft}^{-1}, 60) \cdot \min(W \cdot \text{ft}^{-1}, 30)} = 112.470\text{in}$  - one-lane equivalent strip width (LRFD 4.6.2.3-1)

$E_{\text{Multilane}} := 84\text{in} + 1.44\text{in} \cdot \sqrt{\min(L \cdot \text{ft}^{-1}, 60) \cdot \min(W \cdot \text{ft}^{-1}, 60)} = 113.756\text{in}$  - multilane equivalent strip width (LRFD 4.6.2.3-2)

$$RF_{\text{HL93.Operating}} := \frac{\psi M_n - 1.25 \cdot DL_{1.45}}{1.35 \cdot \frac{\text{ft}}{E_{\text{Single.Lane}}} \cdot \text{HL93}} \quad RF_{\text{HL93.Operating}} = 0.851$$

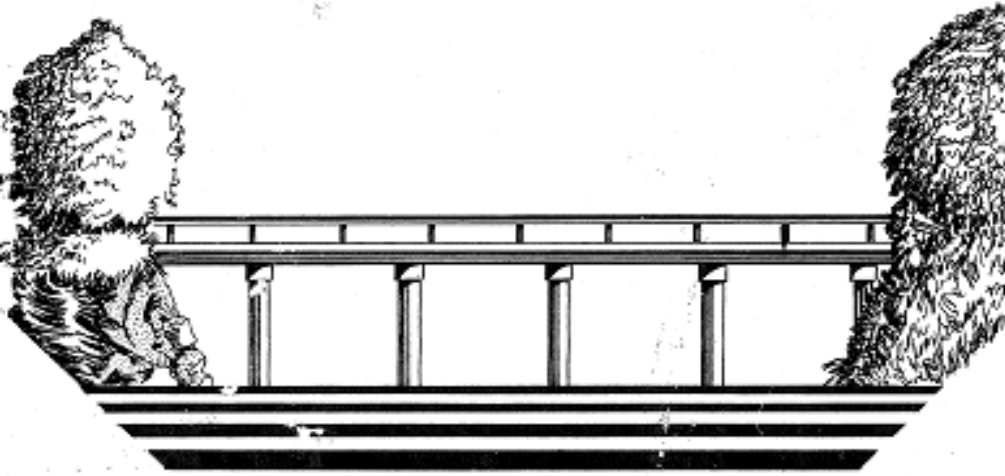
$$RF_{\text{SU4.Operating}} := \frac{\psi M_n - 1.25 \cdot DL_{1.50}}{1.35 \cdot \frac{\text{ft}}{E_{\text{Single.Lane}}} \cdot (1 + 20\%) \cdot \left(18.7\text{kip} \cdot \frac{L}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{L - 0.50 \cdot L - 4.17\text{ft}}{L}\right)} \quad RF_{\text{SU4.Operating}} = 1.013$$

$$RF_{\text{FL120}} := \frac{\psi M_n - 1.25 \cdot DL_{1.50}}{1.35 \cdot \frac{\text{ft}}{E_{\text{Multilane}}} \cdot (1 + 20\%) \cdot 53.3\text{kip} \cdot 0.25 \cdot L} \quad RF_{\text{FL120}} = 0.650$$

# example

- **history**
- **inventory**
- **rationale**
- **BrR**
- **tips**

FLORIDA  
BRIDGE LOAD RATING  
MANUAL



BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE  
Structure Maintenance Operations Section



SEPTEMBER 1982

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BRIDGE LOAD RATING MANUAL, 2023



*Dames Point Bridge, by Jason Tetlak*

# HISTORY



# One Killed as Bridge Collapses



**12-07-1968**

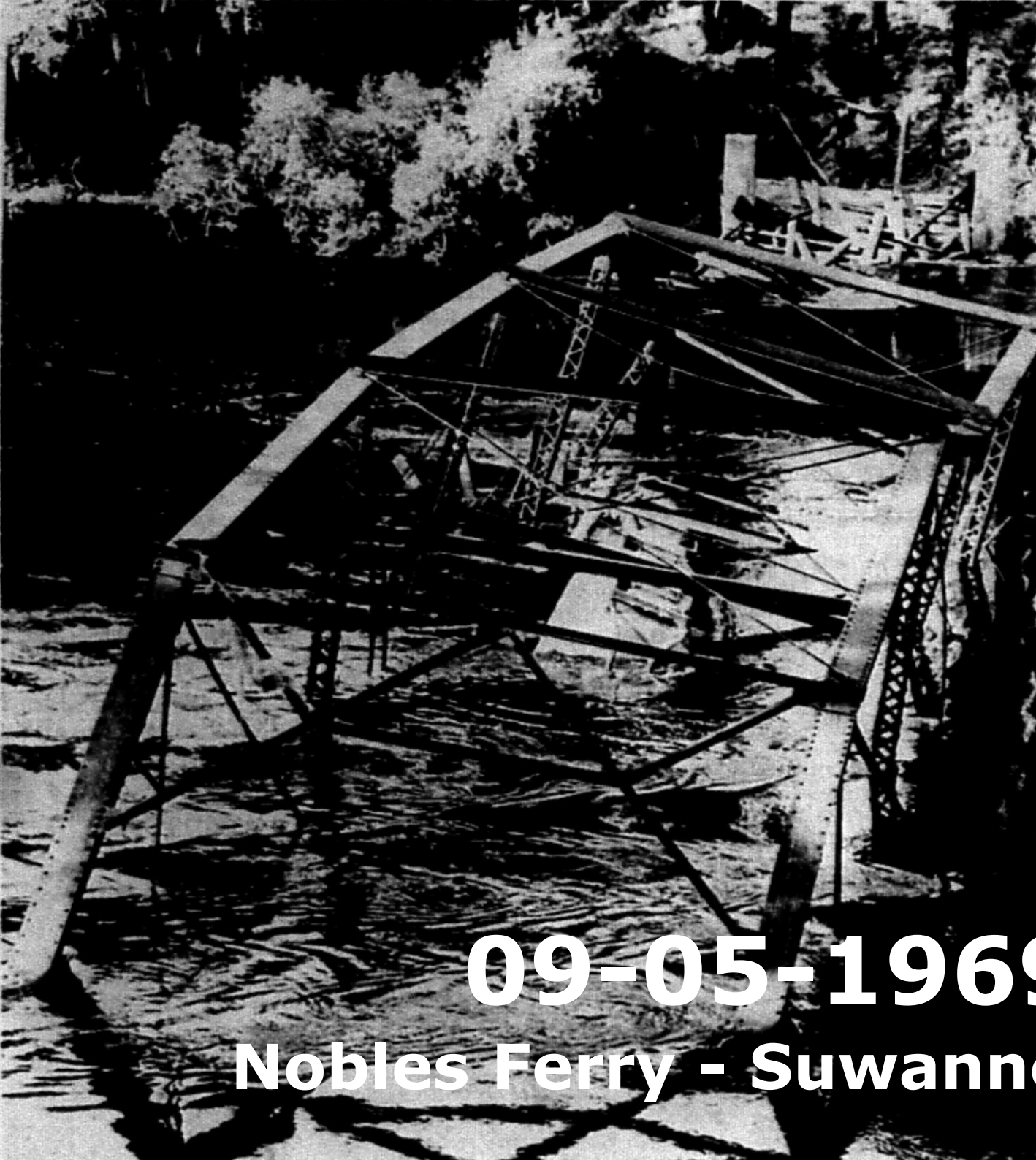
**US19 NB over Anclote River**



Everett said the crack in the bridge between Longboat and Anna Maria, was discovered by a fisherman who noticed he could see the water through what should have been solid concrete, while fishing from the bridge. Everett said he

**01-08-1969**

**Longboat Key**



**09-05-1969**

**Nobles Ferry - Suwannee River**



**1967 Silver River**

**1968 Federal Highway Act compels bridge inspection**

**1968 US19 over Anclote River, corrosion**

**1969 Longboat Key, pile cap shift**

**1969 Noble's Ferry over Suwannee, overload**

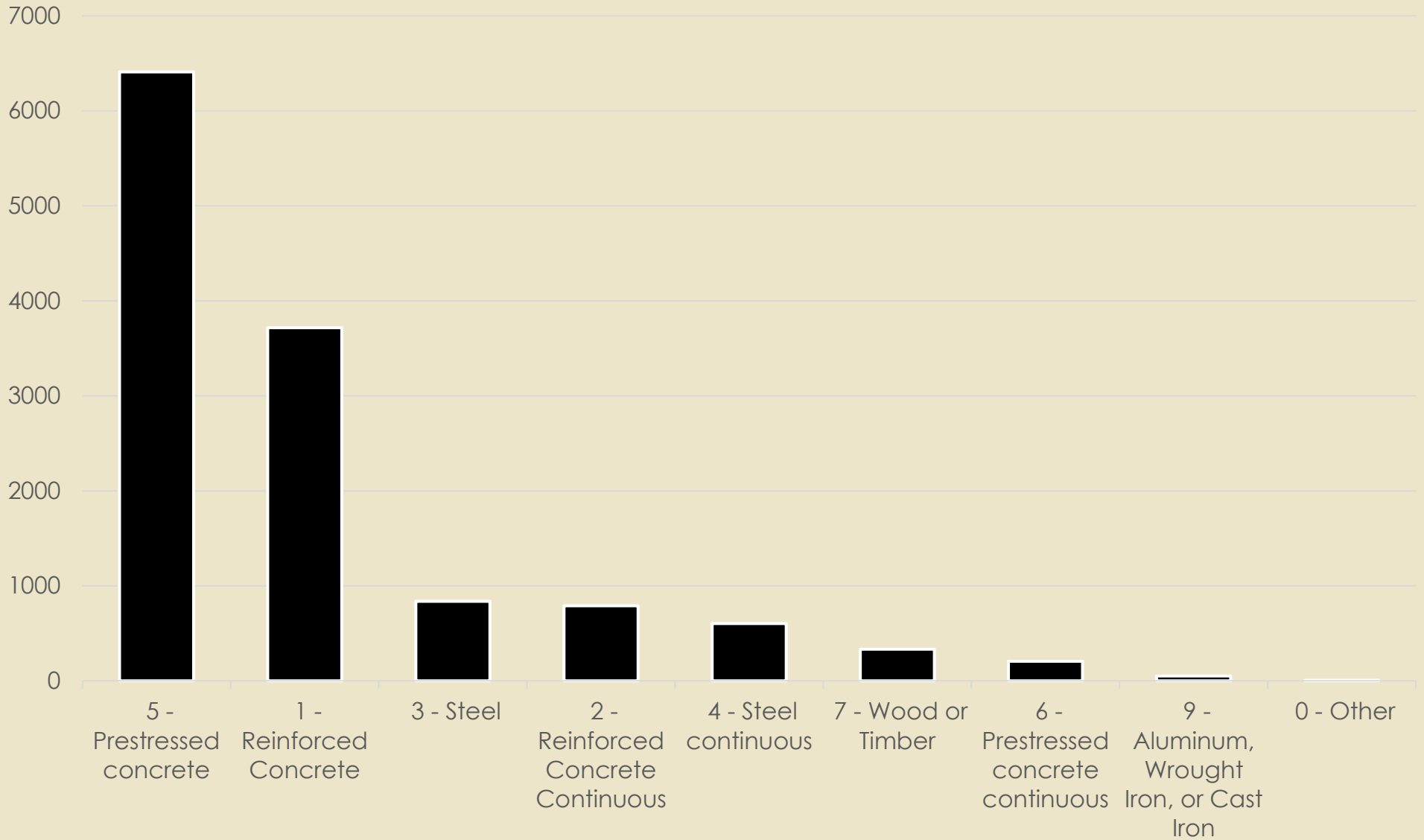
**1971 National Bridge Inspection, Federal Aid System**

**1978 NBI, all public bridges over 20 feet in length**

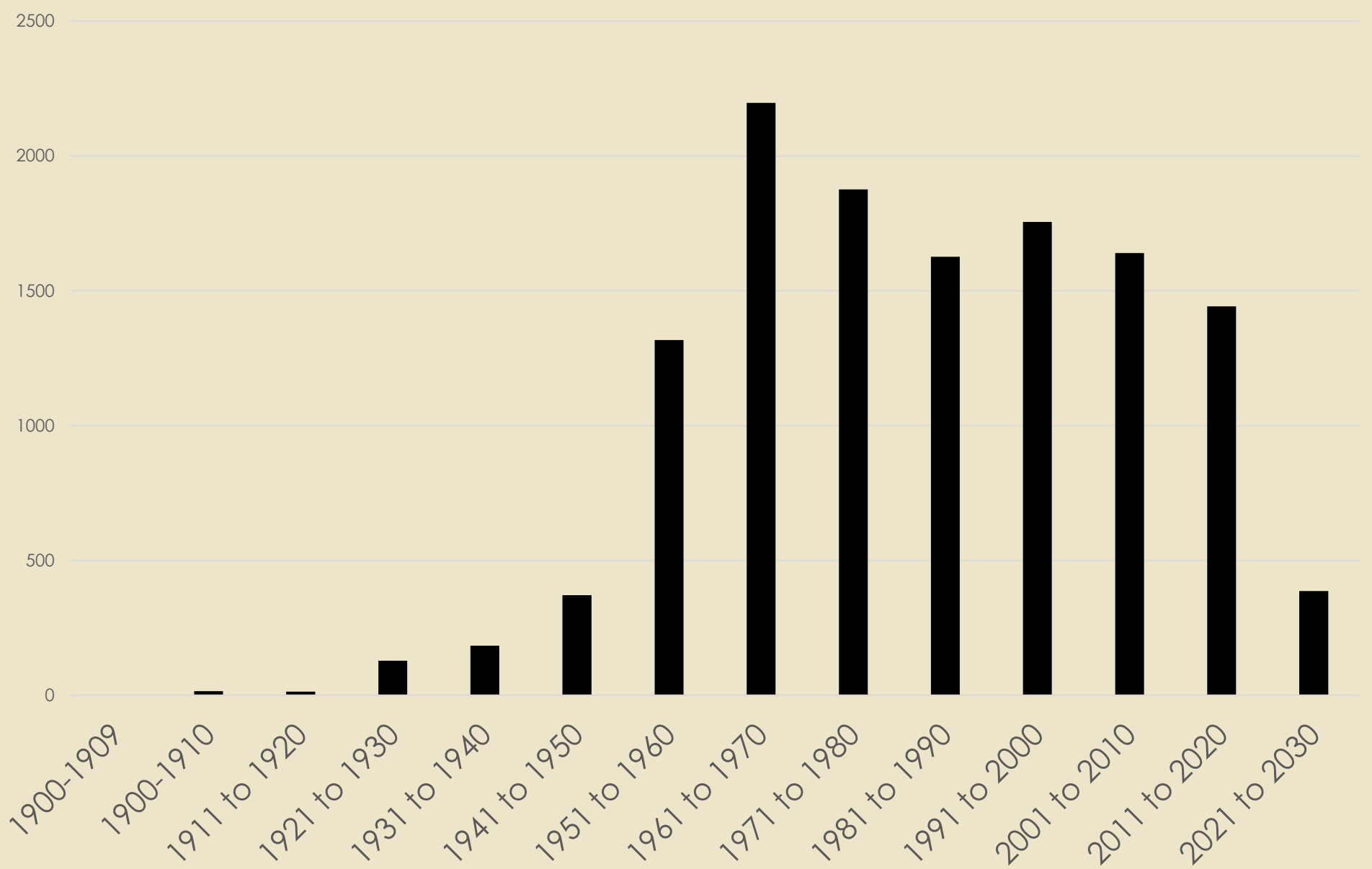
**Florida funded an inspection and repair program**

# **INVENTORY**

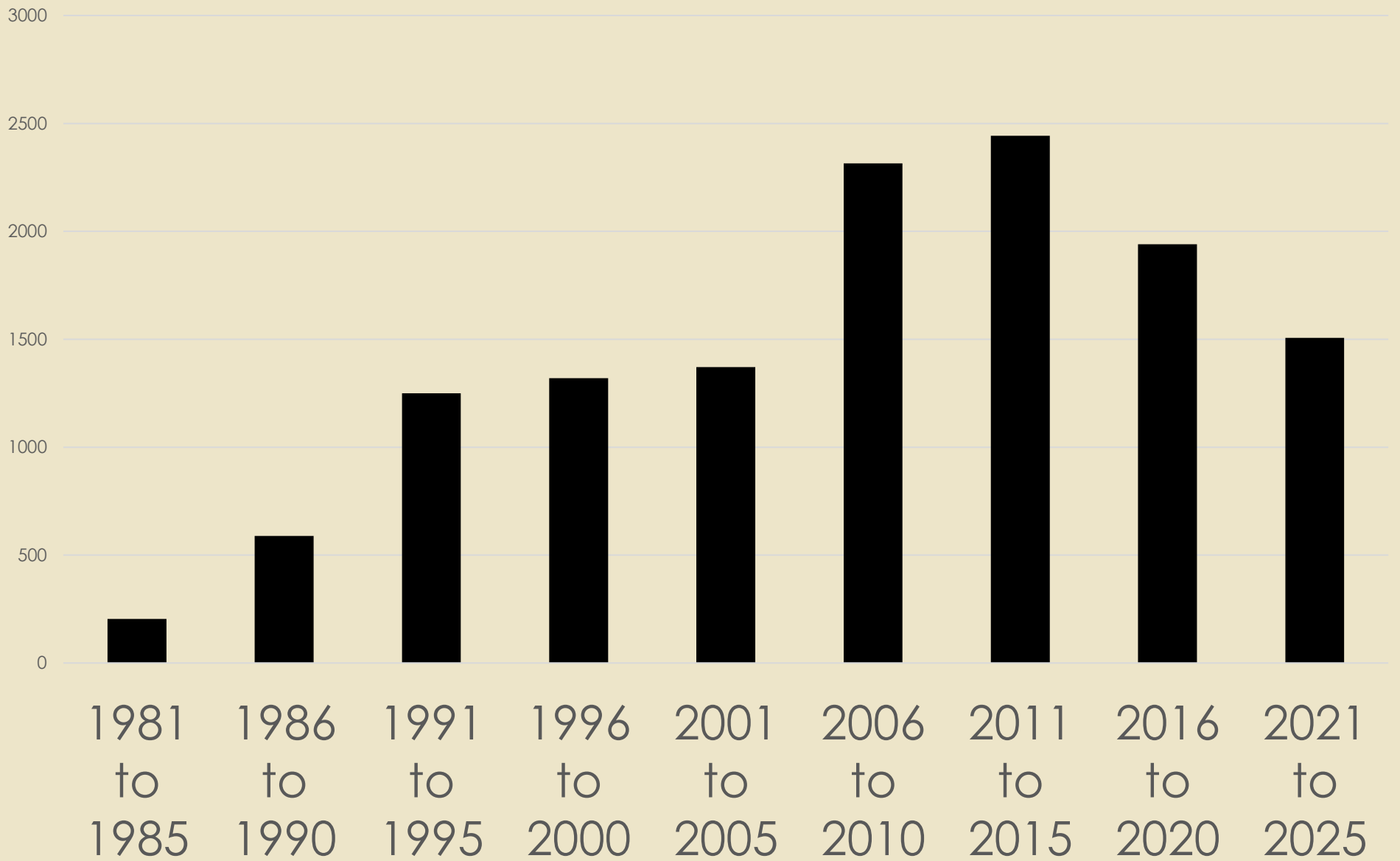
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**material**



**built**



**rating year**

# **RATIONALE**

**load rating – why do it?**



```
SELECT SUM(CASE WHEN ROADWAY.ON_UNDER='1' THEN
```

**ADTTOTAL\*TRUCKPCT/100\*365**

```
ELSE 0 END) As 'Annual_Truck_Crossings'
```

```
FROM dbo.BRIDGE BRIDGE, dbo.ROADWAY ROADWAY
```

```
WHERE (BRIDGE.BRKEY = ROADWAY.BRKEY AND BRIDGE.BRKEY Not Like '%Q%' AND ROADWAY.ON_UNDER='1' AND
```

```
BRIDGE.SERVTYPE IN ('1','4','5','6','7','8') AND BRIDGE.DISTRICT<>'09')
```



**1/10 penny per  
truck crossing  
is \$9 million per year**

**9 billion  
truck crossings per year**

**TABLE 2-1—EXISTING BRIDGES**

PHASE	ACTION
NBI Inspection	In BrM Inspection Notes, state whether the current load rating is complete and applicable. The note should indicate who made the determination, and when.

. Annually update a load rating work plan that identifies ratings in need of revision. Include ratings that are inadequately documented, and ratings older than 30 years.

### **7.1.1 Load Rating**

A. Before preparing widening or rehabilitation plans, review the inspection report and the existing load rating. If the existing load rating is inaccurate or was performed using an older method (e.g. Allowable Stress or Load Factor), perform a new **LRFR** load rating (**MBE** Section 6, Part A) of the existing bridge in accordance with **SDG** 1.7. If any **LRFR** design Inventory or any FL120 Permit rating factors are less than 1.0,

## **TRIGGERS**

- (1) condition – inspections/widenings/rehabs**
- (2) posting**
- (3) permits, inferred ratings**

**CONDITION**



# CONDITION

law, repairs, operations





**CONDITION**





**CONDITION**

09/23/2009



**POSTING**



**BRIDGE UNSAFE**  
CROSS AT YOUR OWN RISK  
*ORDER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

**POSTING, 1950s**





POSTING

05/31/20





WEIGHT  
LIMIT

	3T
	4T
	6T

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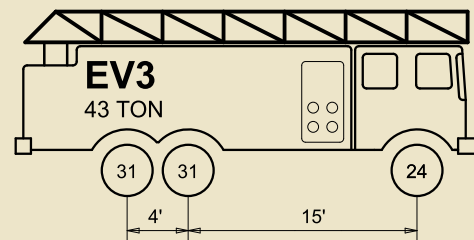
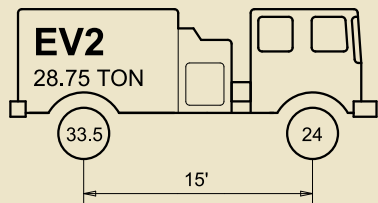
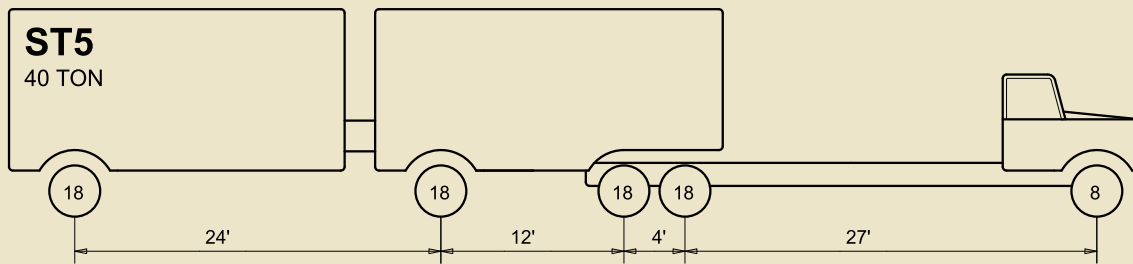
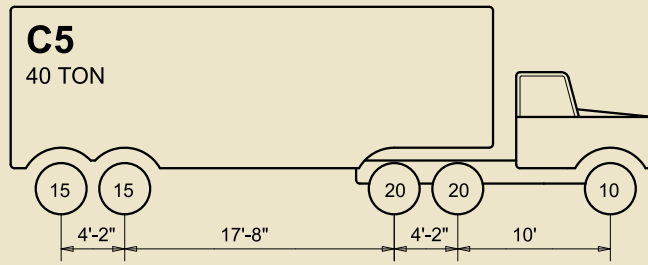
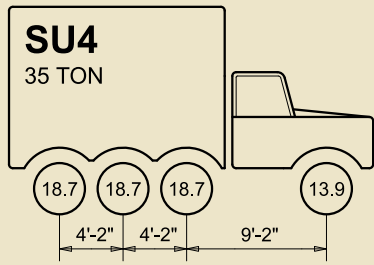
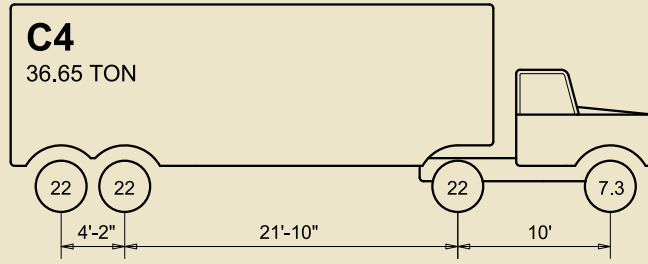
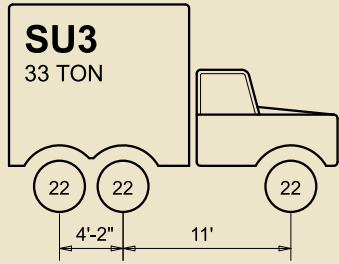
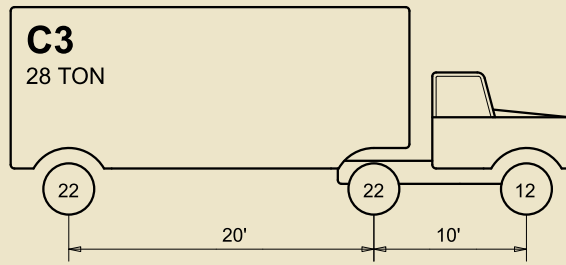
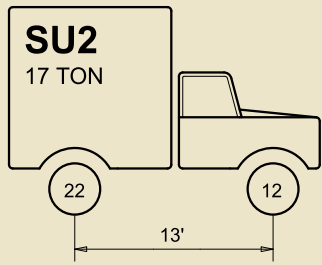








# **LEGAL LOAD MODELS**



# Florida legals



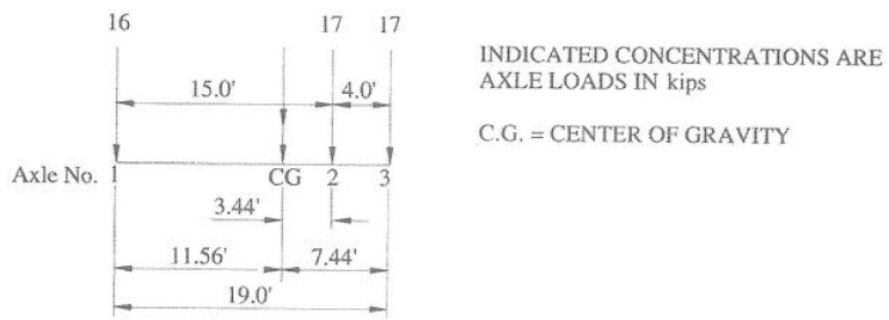


Figure D6A-1—Type 3 Unit; Weight = 50 kips (25 tons)

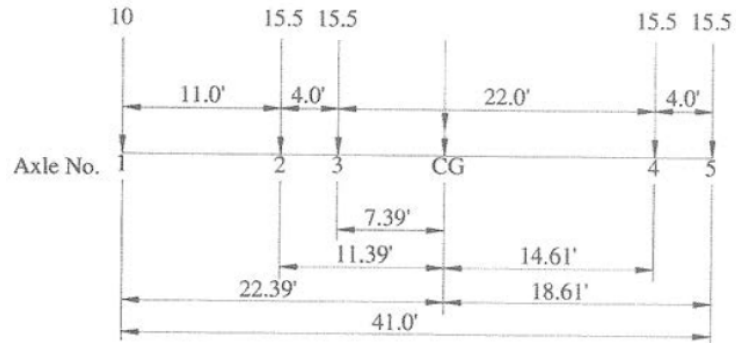


Figure D6A-2—Type 3S2 Unit; Weight = 72 kips (36 tons)

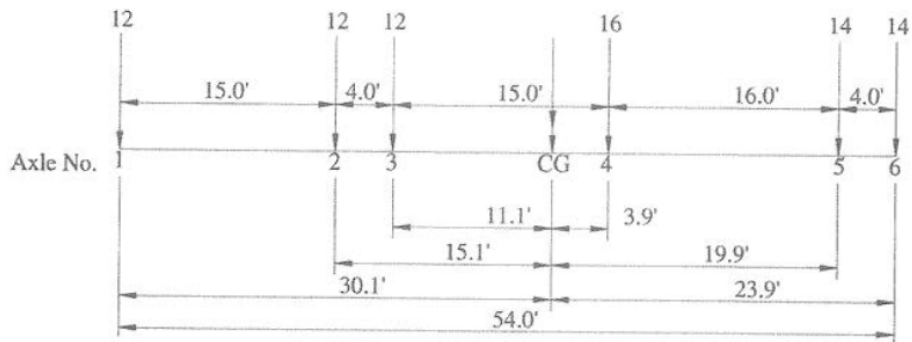
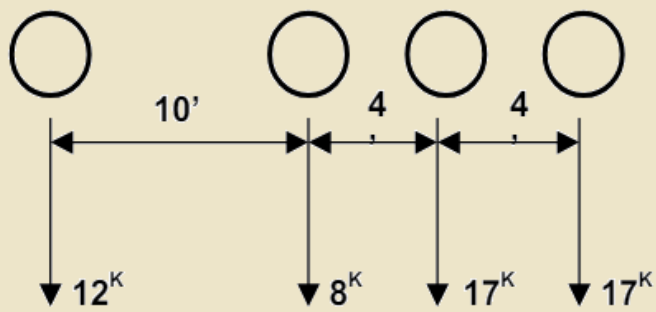
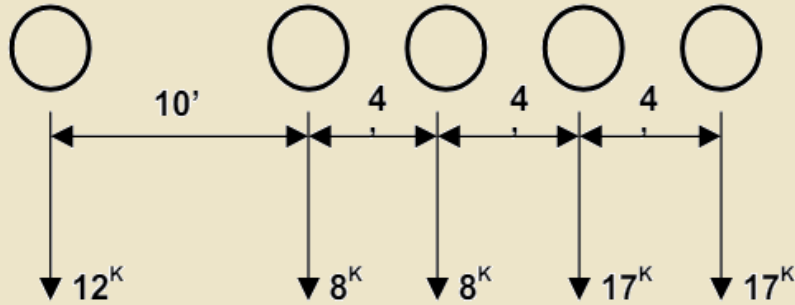


Figure D6A-3—Type 3-3 Unit; Weight = 80 kips (40 tons)

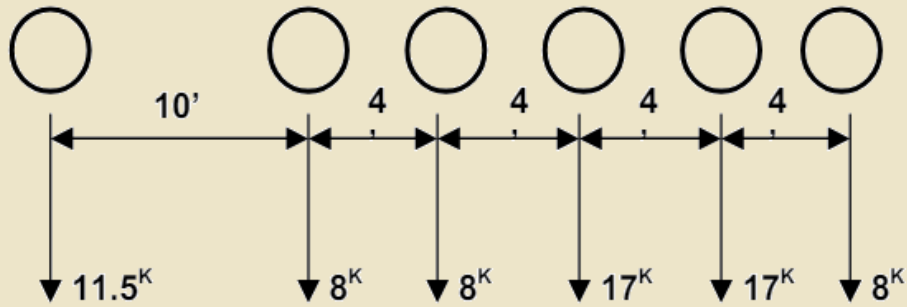
# AASHTO legals



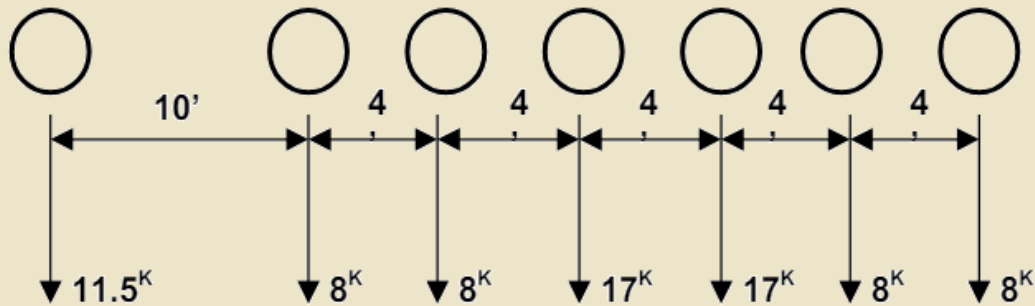
SU4 TRUCK  
GVW = 54 KIPS



SU5 TRUCK  
GVW = 62 KIPS



SU6 TRUCK  
GVW = 69.5 KIPS

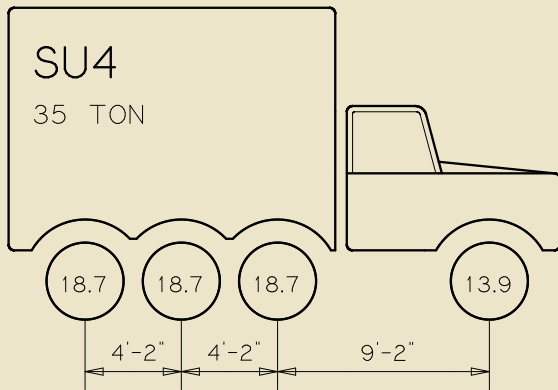
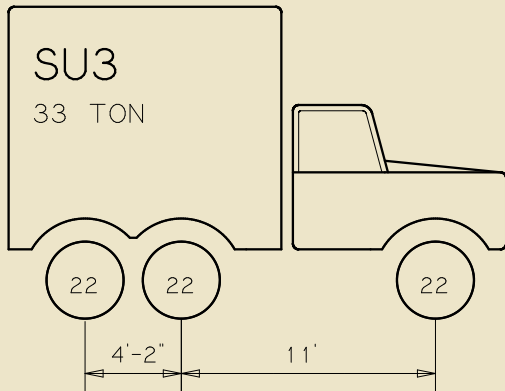
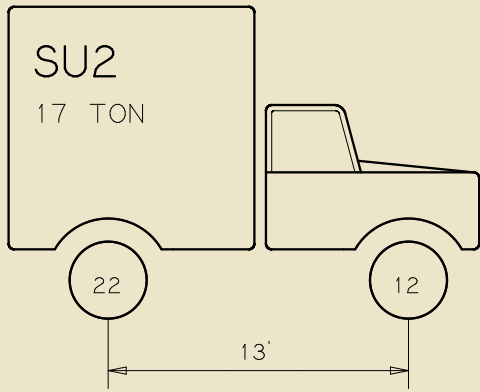


SU7 TRUCK  
GVW = 77.5 KIPS

# AASHTO SHVs

Figure D6A-7—Bridge Posting Loads for Single-Unit SHVs that Meet Federal Bridge Formula B





# FDOT SUs



**317.96 Reregistration of certain motor vehicles not conforming with §317.77.—Any**

quirements of §317.77, provided that such vehicles or combination of vehicles shall be limited to a total gross load, including weight of vehicle, of twenty thousand pounds per axle plus scale tolerances and shall not exceed five

hundred fifty pounds per inch width of tire surface. Such vehicles equipped with more than three axles shall not exceed a gross weight, including the weight of the vehicle and scale tolerances of seventy thousand pounds provided such gross weight shall not exceed twenty thousand pounds per axle and five hundred fifty pounds per inch width of tire surface plus scale tolerances. Such reregistration may be made only by the said commissioner and shall show that the license is a specially issued one. Dump trucks, concrete mixing trucks, fuel oil and gasoline trucks designed and constructed for special type work or use need not be registered as required herein, but shall meet the requirements of this section as to load limits. Any vehicle violating the weight provisions of this section shall be penalized as provided in §317.80.

**History.—§1, ch. 26331, 1949; am. §3, ch. 28239, 1953.**

**317.80 Weight and load unlawful; inspection; penalty; review.—**

Five cents per pound for each pound of weight in excess of the maximum herein provided when the excess weight exceeds one hundred pounds.

<https://library.law.fsu.edu/Digital-Collections/FLStatutes/docs/1961/1961TXIIC317.pdf>

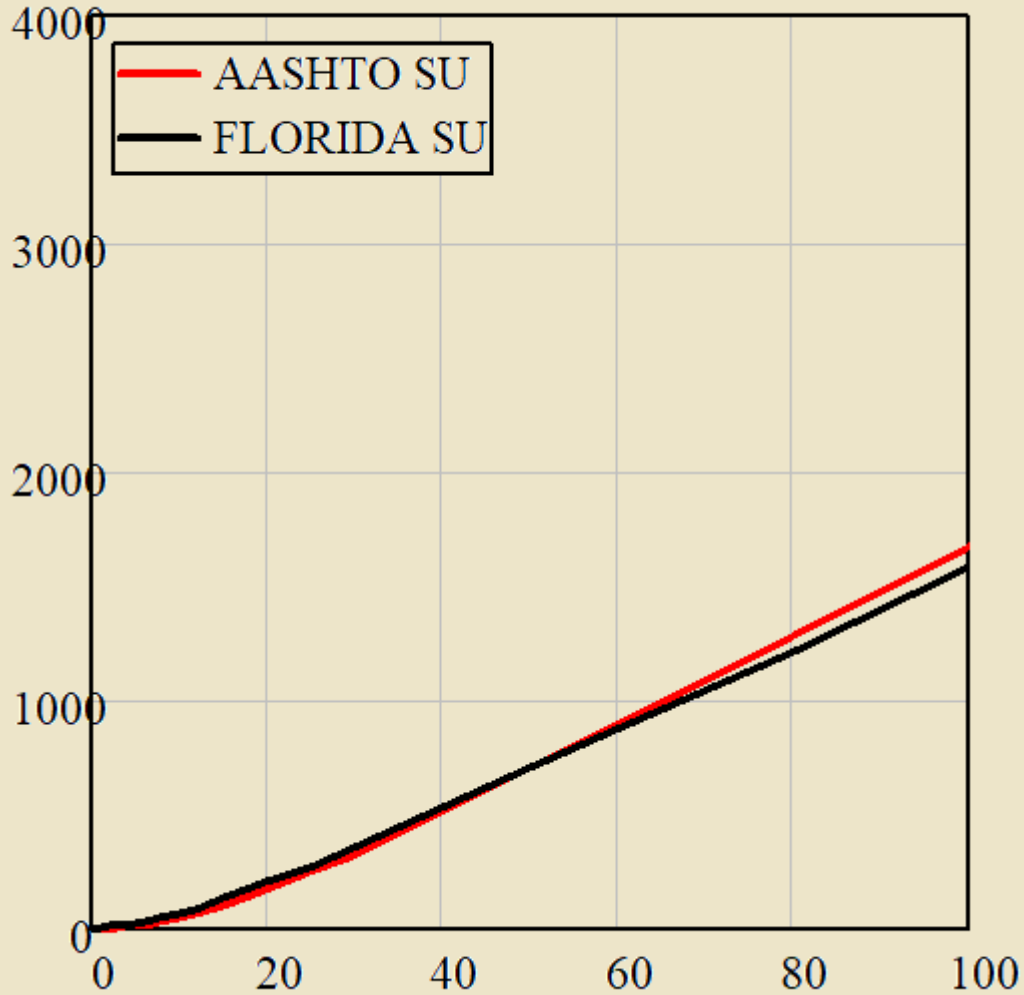
“Dump trucks... .. 70,000 pounds”  
FS 316.535(6)

“Five cents per pound for each pound of weight in excess of the maximum provided...”  
FS 316.545(3)(a)2

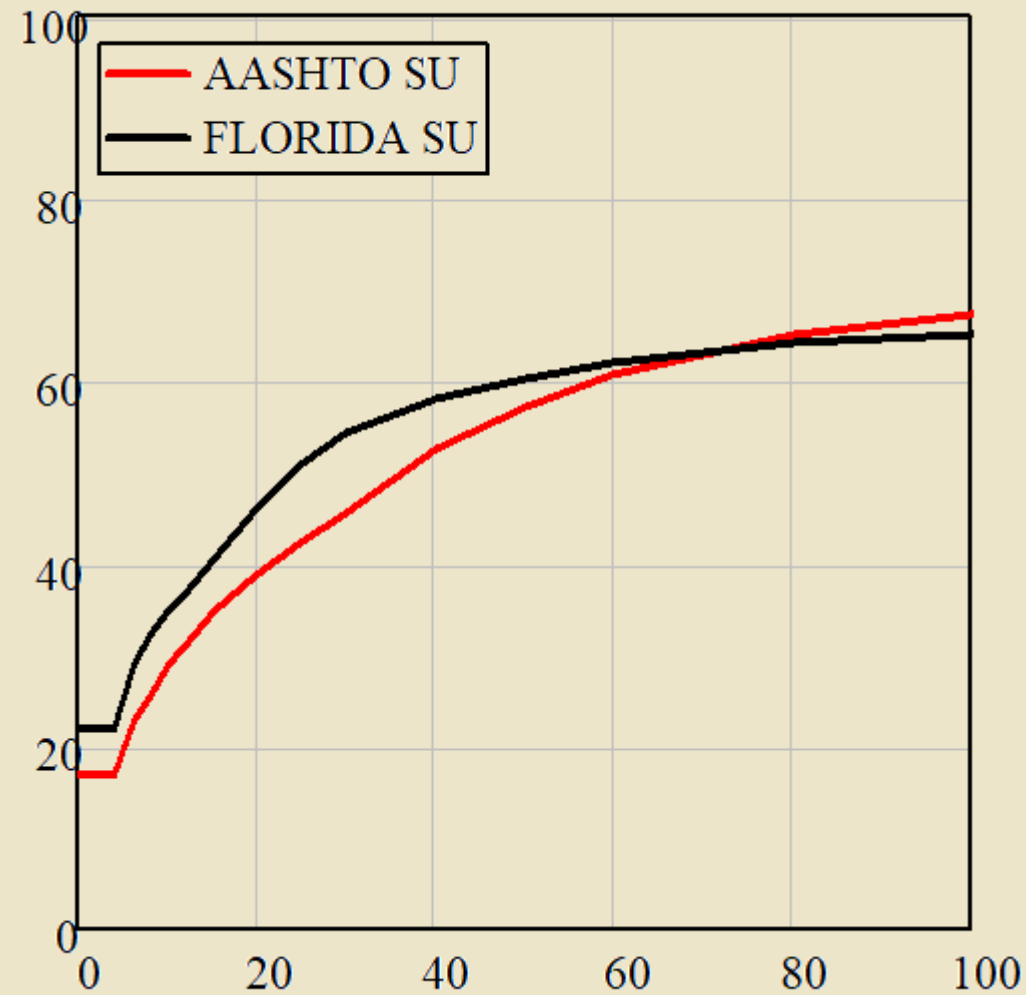
**1961-2024  
Florida  
Statutes**



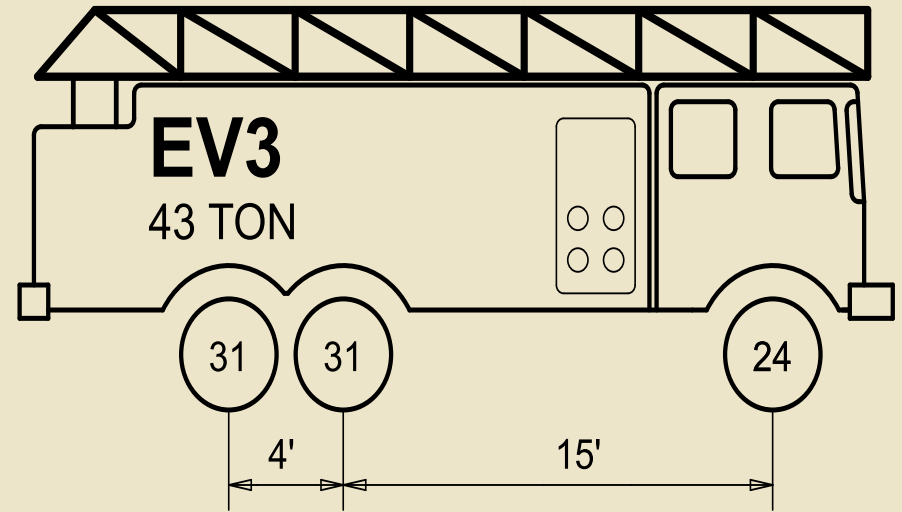
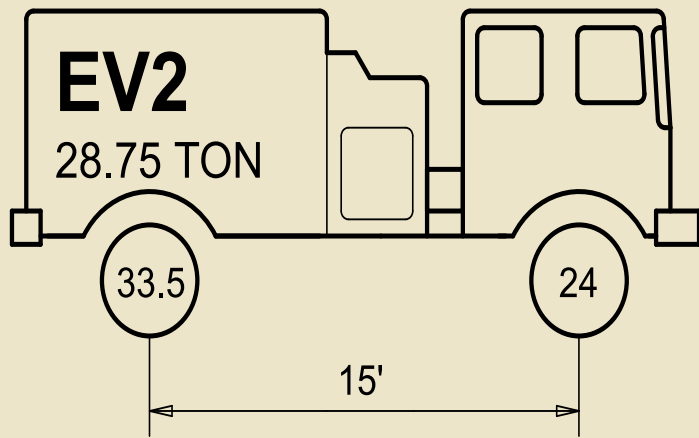
Moment (k-ft) vs Span Length (ft)



Shear (kip) vs Span Length (ft)



**SHVs OK**  
**FDOT vs AASHTO**



<https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/LoadRating.shtm>  
Florida Bridge Classification for Emergency Vehicles

## EVs

**EV > SU4, limited to interstate & 1 mile access**



## PROCEDURE, EXISTING BRIDGES

For LRFR, perform HL93 Inventory, HL93 Operating, and FL120 Permit ratings. If  $RF_{HL93 \text{ Operating}} \leq 1.30$ , also rate the 7 Florida Legal Loads and 2 Emergency Vehicles.

For LFR or ASR, perform HS20 Inventory and HS20 Operating ratings. Also rate the 7 Florida Legal Loads and 2 Emergency Vehicles.

## PROCEDURE, WIDENINGS REHABILITATIONS & NEW STRUCTURES

Perform an LRFR rating in accordance with the SDG and this *Manual*. Report HL93 Inventory, HL93 Operating, and FL120 Permit ratings.

Alternatively, for LFR ratings under SDG Figure 7.1.1-1—Widening/Rehabilitation Load Rating Flow Chart, (1) follow the SDG and this *Manual*, (2) assess HS20 Inventory, HS20 Operating, 7 Florida Legal Loads, and 2 Emergency Vehicles, (3) ensure that

# EVs

**PERMITS**



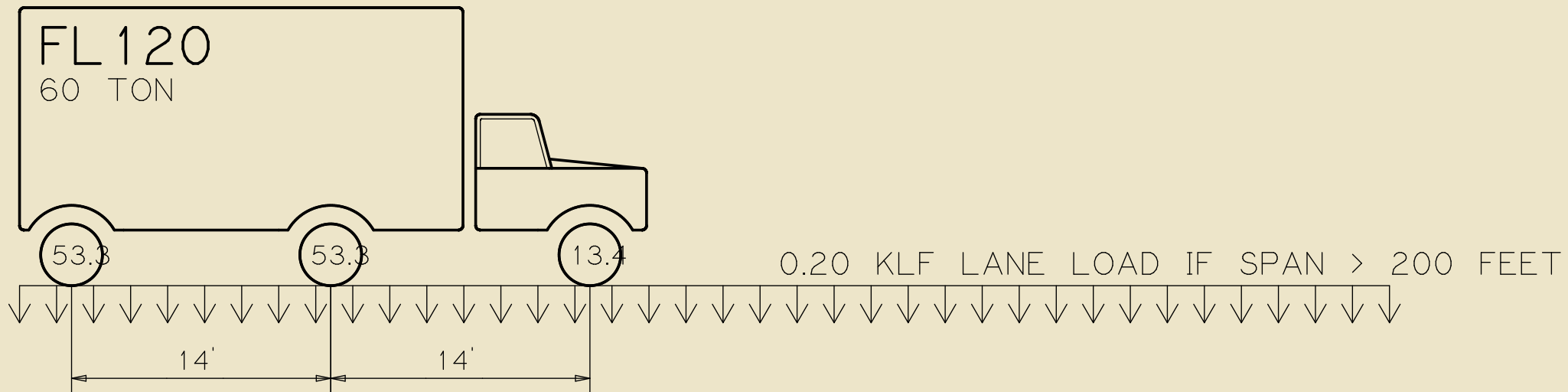


**OSOW permits**



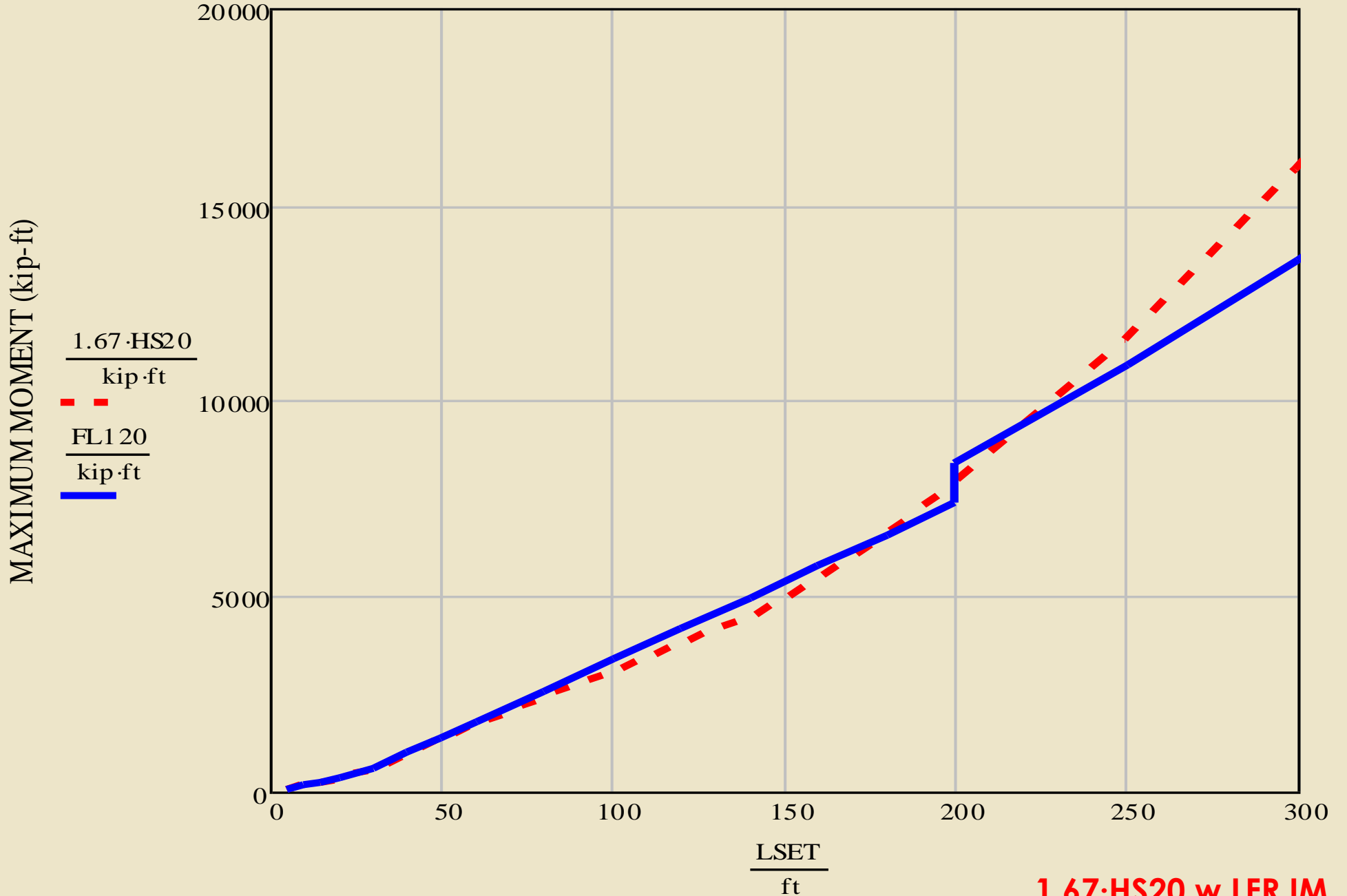


**OSOW permits**



**FL120 ~ 2.17/1.30·HS20**  
**routine permit reference truck**





SPAN LENGTH (ft)

**1.67-HS20 w LFR IM**

**VS**

**FL120 w LRFR IM**



# PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

User: MT954AD | Home | Log Off

## Engineer Review

Application Review

Attachments

Permit Application ID: 2348911 [Application PDF](#) [Application \(Read-Only\)](#) [Application Comments](#)

Due Date: 5/4/2024 8:06:34 AM

PAS Route Viewer

Run ASABE

PAS Analysis Results

### Reasons for Manual Review

- Vehicle analysis flagged Permit Application for manual review by a Permit Office Technician.
- Walk speed bridge on route

### Review Results

No Complete Reviews

Comments: (Read-only)

**PAS Permit Office Tech:** 1ST CHECK- WALK SPEEDS ON ROUTE- FWD TO OOM - KNBRTGR

**PAS Permit Office Tech:** 2nd check 10:55 5/2/24 - po asabe: walk speed (3) -fwd to oom - KNBRTGT

**PAS DOT Tech:** OOM - Walk Speeds on Route (3 ea): 100415.1-

### Special Conditions:

Warning Lights:  [2] #

Escorts:  [1] #

Law Enforcement Escorts:  [0] #

[Permit Restrictions / Movement Conditions](#)

# - The most restrictive Permit Condition that Vehicle Analysis a



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View Route - Google Chrome

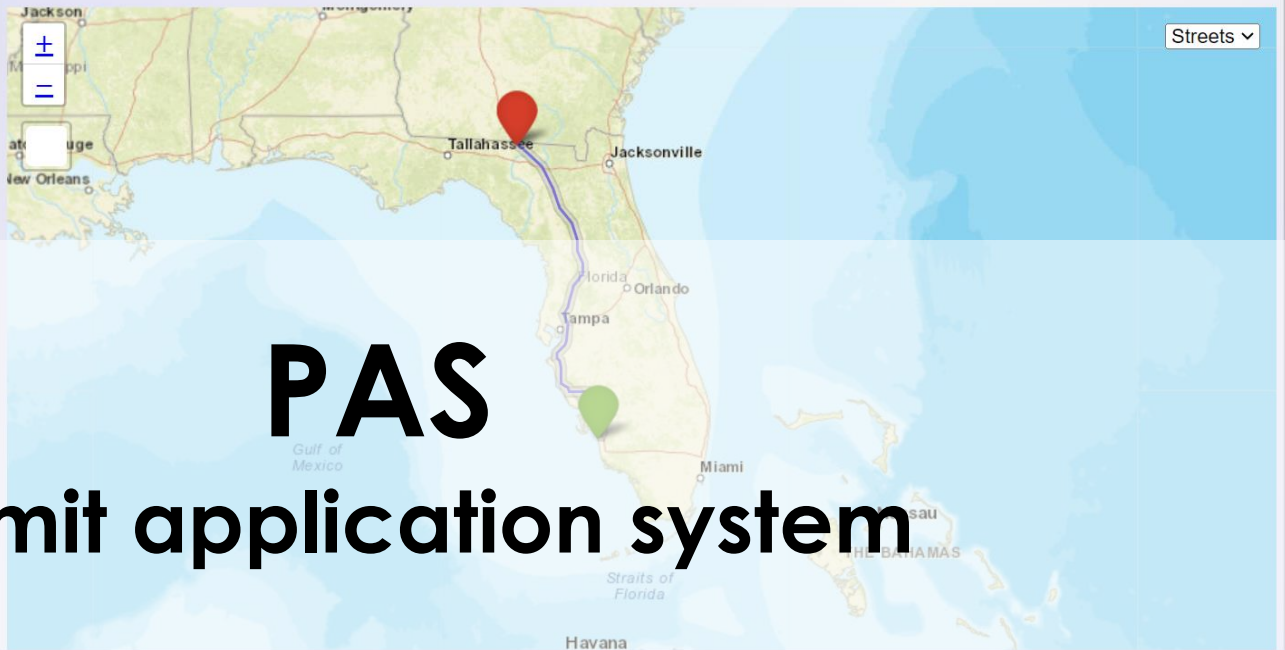
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# PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

## View Route

### Route for Permit Application 2348911



# PAS

# permit application system

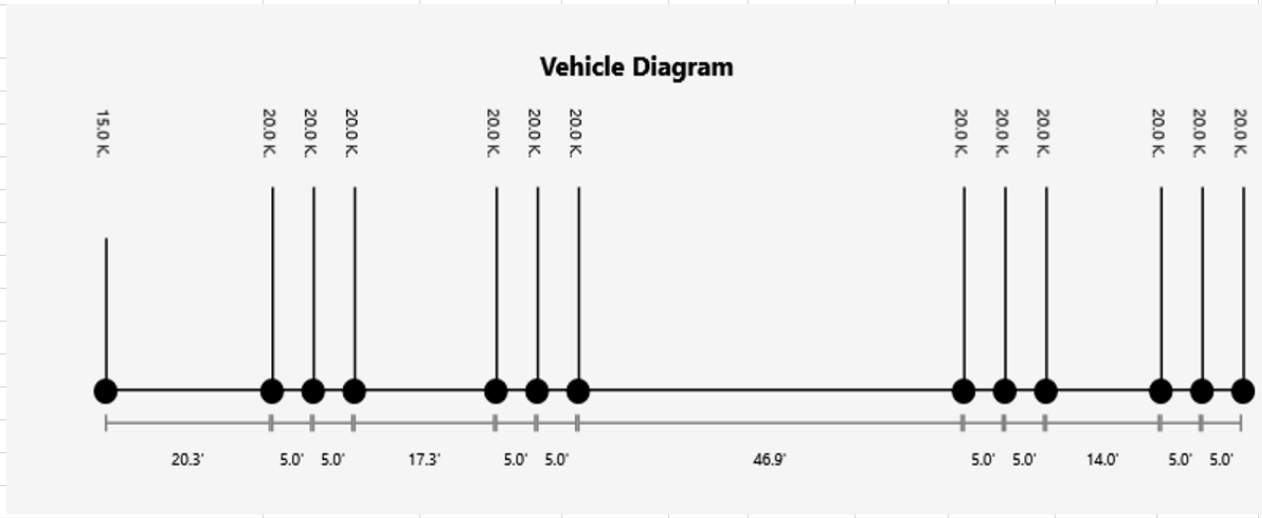


Analysis Creation: 5/2/2024 11:03  
 Permit Application: 2348911  
 Business Name: MORRIS SHEA BRIDGE COMPANY INC  
 Route Beginning: 5202 MAMIE ST BONITA SPGS, 34134  
 Route Ending: ST\_BNDRY: I-75 - AT GEORGIA LINE  
 Analysis Name:  
 Date Printed: 5/2/2024 11:04

Number of Bridges: 188  
 Number of Walk Speed Bridges: 3  
 Number of Failing Bridges: 0  
 Number of Special Bridges: 0  
 Number of Overridden Bridges: 0  
 Technician UserID: MT954DS

### Vehicle Configuration

Axle Number	Weight (lbs.)	Spacing (ft.)
1	15000	0
2	20000	20.25
3	20000	5
4	20000	5
5	20000	17.25
6	20000	5
7	20000	5
8	20000	46.92
9	20000	5
10	20000	5
11	20000	14
12	20000	5
13	20000	5
	255000	138.42



### Bridge Analysis

Bridge	Status	Speed Limit	District	On Interstate	Bridge Type	Display Name
010001	Pass	55 mph		1 FALSE	Culvert	US-41 (SR-45)/CRES
Span	Status	Notes	Span Length	OR	PTE	IF PTEW
Gov	Pass			12 99	28.8	33 23.44
Max	Pass			12 129.2	28.8	33 23.44
010026	Pass	50 mph		1 FALSE	Culvert	US-41 (SR-45)/ELKH
Span	Status	Notes	Span Length	OR	PTE	IF PTEW
Gov	Pass			11 89.3	26.76	33 21.78
Max	Pass			14 89.3	32.08	33 26.11
010028	Pass	45 mph		1 FALSE	Culvert	US-41 (SR-45)/HAR
Span	Status	Notes	Span Length	OR	PTE	IF PTEW
Gov	Pass			11 51.8	26.76	33 21.78
Max	Pass			11 51.8	26.76	33 21.78
010042	Pass	45 mph		1 FALSE	Slab	US-41 (SR-45)/SUN
Span	Status	Notes	Span Length	OR	PTE	IF PTEW
Gov	Pass			24 68.4	38.68	33 31.48
Max	Pass			25 68.4	38.99	33 31.73
010043	Pass	45 mph		1 FALSE	Culvert	US-41 (SR-45)/SOU
Span	Status	Notes	Span Length	OR	PTE	IF PTEW
Gov	Pass			11 78.4	26.76	33 21.78
Max	Pass			11 78.4	26.76	33 21.78

Key
Culvert
Slab

**PAS**  
**output**

**METHODS  
and  
SOFTWARE**

The load factor method is the required method for load rating structures, unless circumstances dictate that other methods be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) mandated that Bridge Management Inventory Items H9(64) Operating Rating, and H10(66) Inventory Rating be reported in values calculated using the load factor method. All new load ratings and any reanalysis required due to change in condition are to be calculated using the load factor method. The FHWA has set a goal of having all structures on the National Highway System load rated by the load factor method by the time the Department submits the National Bridge Inventory data in 1995. The Department has agreed to try to have all structures that are functionally obsolete or structurally deficient on the National Highway System load rated by the load factor method when the Department submits the National Bridge Inventory data to the FHWA in 1995. Some short span

# **BLRM 1995**

## **methodology – LFR**



- (F) The load and resistance factor rating method as modified by the Department is the required method for load rating new structures designed with the Load and Resistance Factor Design method. The LRFR method is the preferred method of analysis. Load Factor Rating may be used for existing structures not Designed using the LRFD method. When a load test has been performed on a structure the load ratings determined by the load test should be entered in the database.

# **BLRM 2006**

## **methodology – LRFR/LFR**

## **METHODOLOGY, ALL BRIDGES**

LRFR is preferred. Existing bridges may use LFR when the maximum span length is less than 200 feet. Existing bridges may also use ASR when the material is timber or corrugated steel.

**BLRM 2019**  
**methodology – LRFR/LFR**

## before 2005, BARS was ubiquitous

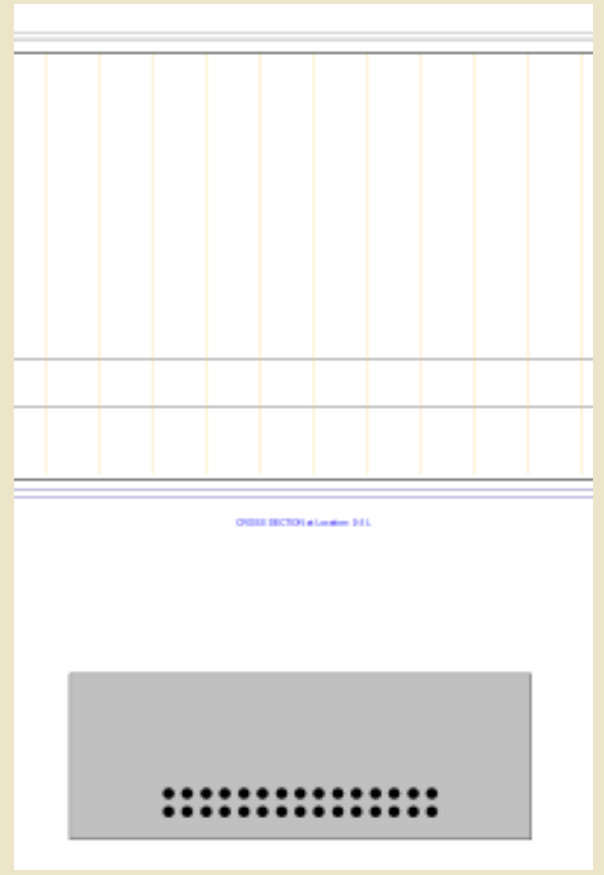
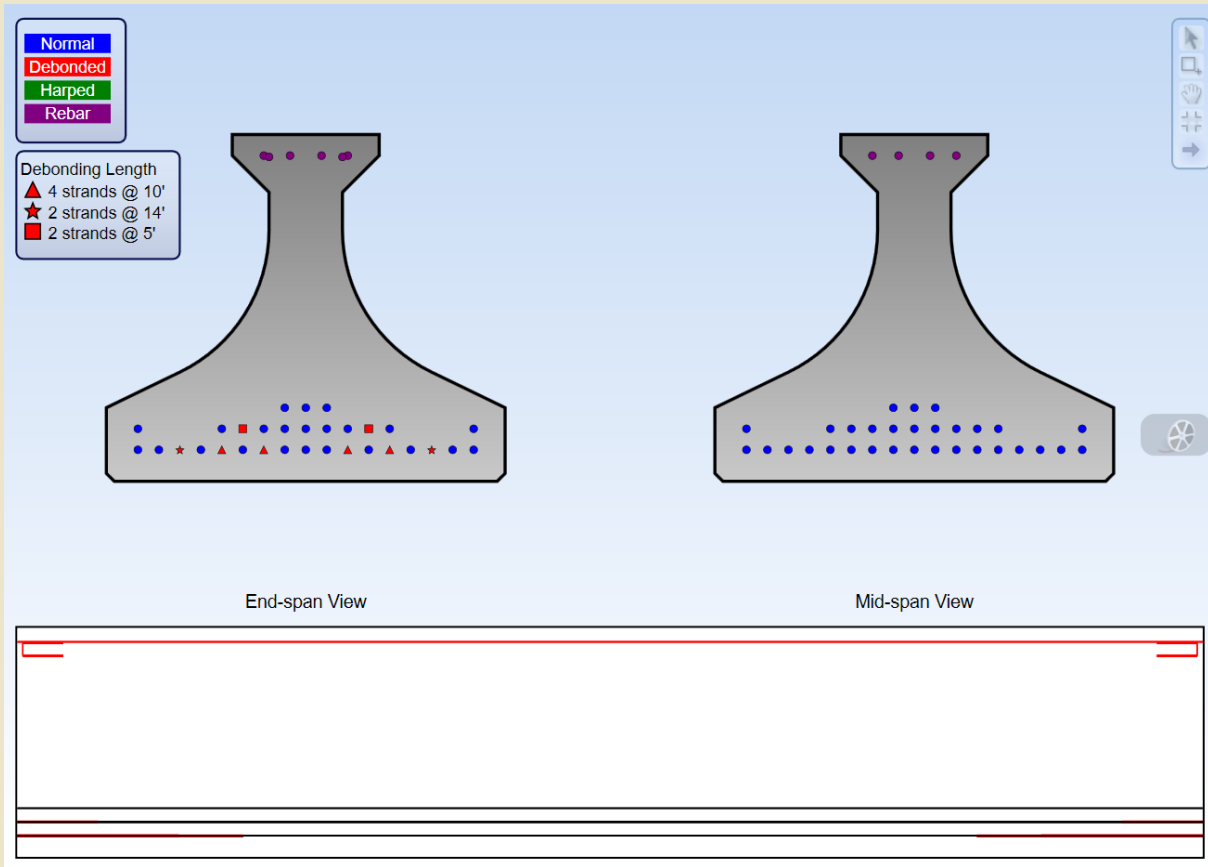
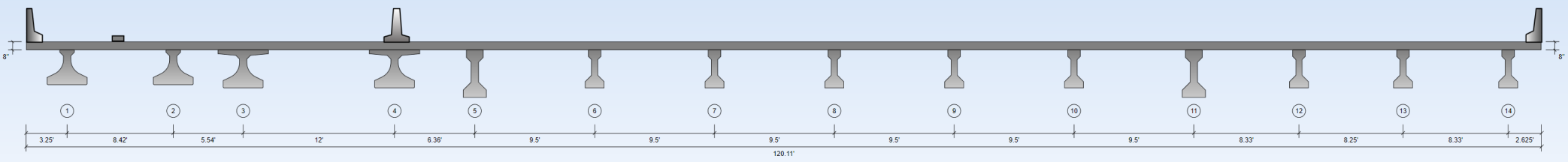
The Bridge Analysis and Rating System (BARS) is the preferred analysis program to load rate all bridge structures unless the BARS system is incapable of rating the bridge. The BARS and other bridge analysis input data shall be stored on the main frame computer disk pack for future analysis, including overload permit analysis. The BARS program is now available on

## after 2006 – Virtis by rule, not practice

The AASHTO supported software VIRTIS is the preferred load rating program to load rate all bridges that meet the bridge configurations and capabilities of the program.

## LFR software – BARS & Virtis





**software – anything goes**

## **BENEFITS OF OPEN SOFTWARE POLICY**

- **Exciting**
- **Competitive**
- **Forces cross-checking**
- **Cheap for small firm one-offs**
- **Can be cheaper the first time**
- **Highly-tuned templates (especially culverts, FSBs)**

## **BENEFITS OF SPECIFYING SOFTWARE**

- **Consistent**
- **Reusable**
- **Checkable**
- **Customizable**
- **Emergency response (assign damage and share)**
- **Competitive for Design and Construction, esp. DB**
- **Opportunities for freight and permitting**
- **Competitive if import-export door is open to others**



**1985 BARS**



**2005 LRFD**



OPERATING	Method	Level	Vehicle	RATING FACTORS (Operating)			RATING FACTORS (Operating)			RATING FACTORS (Operating)		
				Service I	Service III	Strength	Service I	Service III	Strength	Service I	Service III	Strength
Flexure @ centerline	LFD	Design	HS20 truck	8.06	1.42	2.21	6.34	1.24	2.24	7.41	1.04	2.19
		Permit	T160	5.38	0.95	1.48	4.28	0.83	1.50	4.66	0.65	1.51
	LRFR	Design	HL-93	5.88	1.29	1.59	4.72	1.13	1.57	5.47	0.96	1.59
		Legal	HS-33	4.97	1.11	1.37	4.00	0.96	1.33	4.71	0.82	1.37
		Permit	HS-33	5.39	1.18	1.07	4.27	1.03	1.70	5.01	0.88	1.62
Permit	T160	5.71	1.25	1.13	4.55	1.10	1.89	5.20	0.91	1.72		
Shear @ critical section (h/2)	LFD	Design	HS20 truck			2.92			3.01			4.26
		Permit	T160			1.70			1.81			3.36
	LRFR	Design	HL-93			1.88			2.80			2.83
		Legal	HS-33			1.43			2.31			2.37
		Permit	HS-33			1.96			3.07			3.13
Permit	T160			2.00			3.16			3.18		

Flexure	LFD	Design	HS20 gov						4.30	0.60	1.27
Shear	LFD	Design	HS20 gov								2.65

# BrR! Why?

This is from 2005, and it hasn't gotten much better.



**BrR**

## ALL BRIDGES

For all calculations starting after May 2024, provide a load rating input file legible to AASHTOware BrR. This only applies to structure types that BrR can natively assess.

The LRFR methodology is preferred. Existing bridges may use LFR when the maximum span length is less than 200 feet.

**BLRM 2024**  
**proposed**



- **Steep learning curve**
- **Reports & graphics are poor**
- **Lacks elegance because it satisfies so many requirements (many states, many specifications, coupled with BrDr design, legacy interface), and chases too many structure types**
- **Users have too much faith in the software**

**BrR - Cons**

- **Open candor, about bugs**
- **Community support and checking with “Jira”**
- **Ubiquitous, with a portable skill set**
- **Assesses most structure types**
- **Spec check outputs are candid and verbose**
- **Keeps up with code**
- **Plays well with others (PG Super, permits)**
- **We own it, literally**
- **Know what you are getting (widening, esp.)**
- **Research inventory – effects of proposed code changes, new laws, new trucks etc.**
- **Natural segue to permitting**
- **Capable & correct, for prestress shear, and pliable**
- **Enhancements by democracy or dollars**

## **BrR - Pros**



ANALYSIS

REPORTS

BRIDGE WORKSPACE

**WORKSPACE**

TOOLS

VIEW

DESIGN/RATE

REPORTING

Check Out  
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Bridge Components

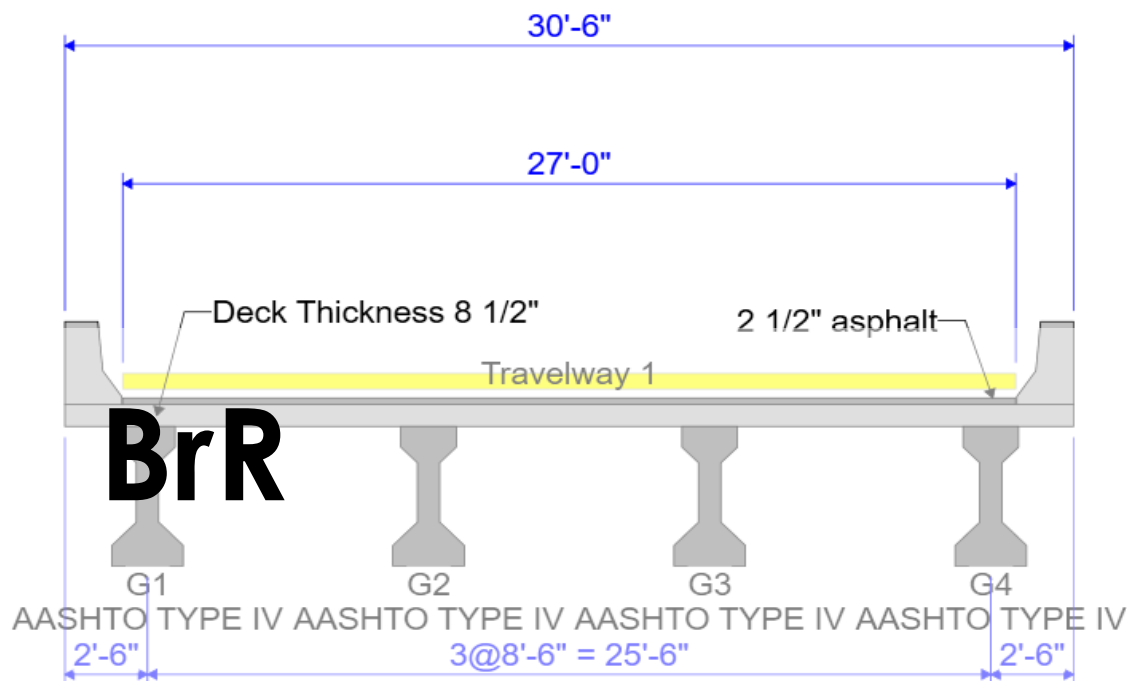
- MBE\_A3
  - Components
  - Diaphragm Definitions
  - Lateral Bracing Definitions
  - SUPERSTRUCTURE DEFINITIONS
    - SPAN 1
      - Impact/Dynamic Load Allowance
      - Load Case Description
      - Framing Plan Detail
      - Bracing Deterioration
      - BSC Bracing Spec Check Selection
      - Structure Typical Section
      - Superstructure Loads
    - Concrete Stress Limits
    - Prestress Properties
    - Shear Reinforcement Definitions
    - MEMBERS
      - G1
      - G2
      - G3 (G2)
      - G4 (G1)
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    - AL1 (E) (C)

Schematic

Bridge Typical Section

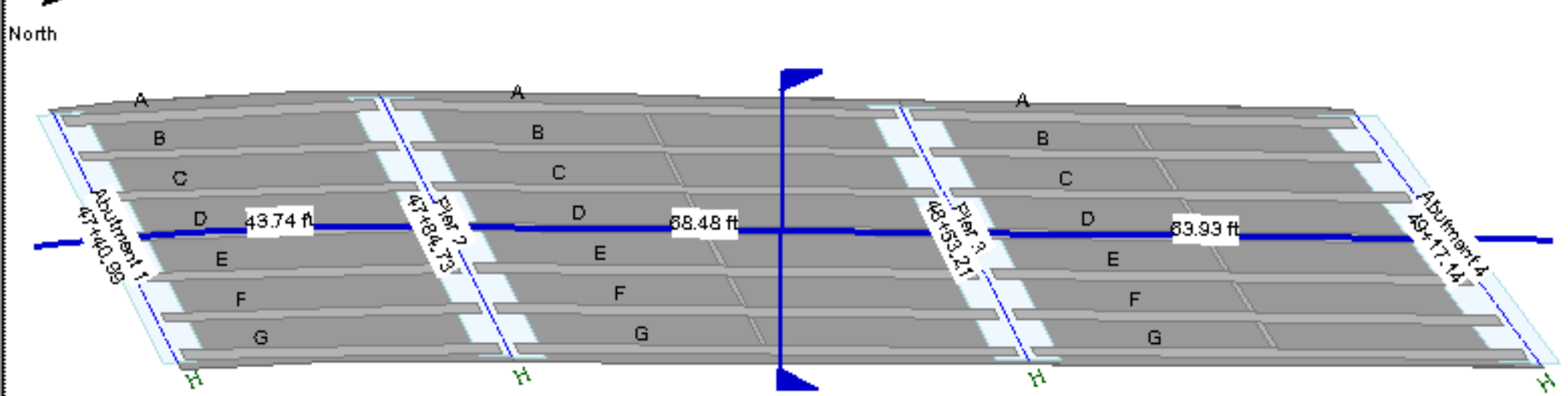
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MBE\_A3  
 MBE Example A3 - Prestressed - SPAN 1  
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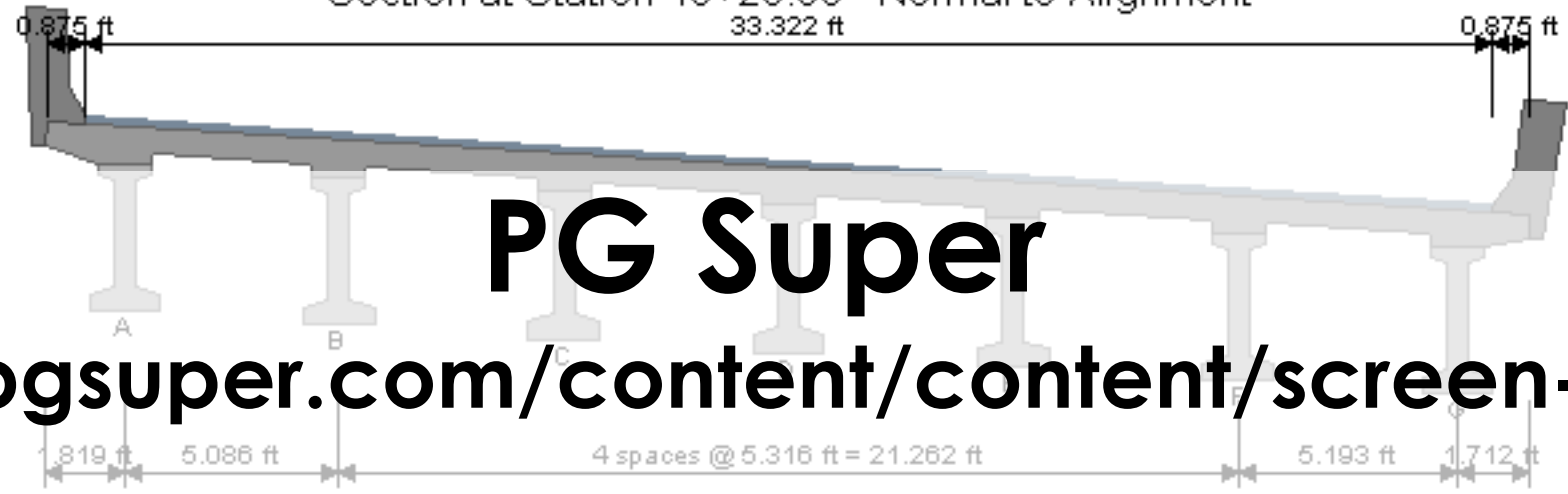




Plan View



Section at Station 48+29.06 - Normal to Alignment



# PG Super

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**Longitudinal Strain  $\epsilon_x$  - Strength I Limit State**

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\left(\frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + 0.5|V_u - V_p| \cot \theta - A_{ps}f_{po}\right)}{2(E_s A_s + E_p A_{ps})} \leq 0.001 \quad \text{Eqn 5.8.3.4.2-1}$$

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\left(\frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + 0.5|V_u - V_p| \cot \theta - A_{ps}f_{po}\right)}{E_s A_s + E_p A_{ps}} \leq 0.002 \quad \text{Eqn 5.8.3.4.2-2}$$

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\left(\frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + 0.5|V_u - V_p| \cot \theta - A_{ps}f_{po}\right)}{2(E_c A_c + E_s A_s + E_p A_{ps})} \quad \text{Eqn 5.8.3.4.2-3}$$

Location from Left Support (ft)	Min. Reinf. per 5.8.2.5	Eqn 5.8.3.4.2-	M <sub>u</sub> (kip-ft)	V <sub>u</sub> - V <sub>p</sub>   (kip)	d <sub>v</sub> (in)	A <sub>s</sub> (in <sup>2</sup> )	A <sub>ps</sub> (in <sup>2</sup> )	A <sub>c</sub> (in <sup>2</sup> )	θ (deg)	ε <sub>x</sub> x 1000
(0.0L <sub>s</sub> ) 0.000	Yes	3	534.06 \$	194.70	32.915	0.000	2.903	554.188	23.70	-0.0215 ≤ 0
(FoS) 0.542	Yes	3	498.67 \$	182.12	32.858	0.000	3.014	554.188	22.50	-0.0272 ≤ 0
(Debond) 2.458	Yes	3	481.57 \$	176.97	32.654	0.000	3.406	554.188	22.50	-0.042 ≤ 0
(PSXFR) 2.467	Yes	3	483.14 \$	176.95	32.764	0.000	3.967	554.188	21.40	-0.0581 ≤ -0.05
(DCS) 3.256	Yes	3	475.18 \$	176.95	32.764	0.000	4.154	554.188	21.40	-0.0649 ≤ -0.05
(H) 3.875	Yes	3	558.0 \$	168.96	32.915	0.000	4.154	554.187	21.40	-0.0645 ≤ -0.05
(Debond) 5.458	Yes	3	774.45 \$	168.96	31.569	0.000	4.677	554.188	21.40	-0.0624 ≤ -0.05
(1.5H) 5.542	Yes	3	785.65 \$	168.74	30.998	0.000	4.884	554.188	21.40	-0.0674 ≤ -0.05
(Debond) 8.458	Yes	3	1165.84 \$	160.98	28.800	0.000	5.564	554.188	21.40	-0.0596 ≤ -0.05

**PG Super**

[www.pgsuper.com/content/content/screen-shots](http://www.pgsuper.com/content/content/screen-shots)

## BrR FDOT customization

<https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/LoadRating.shtm>

## AASHTOware BrR training examples

<https://www.aashtowarebridge.com/bridge-rating-and-design/training/>

## Michigan Tech BrR training

<https://www.loadrating.michiganltap.org/>

## BrR catalog

[https://www.aashtoware.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/FY-2025-AASHTOWare-Catalog\\_web.pdf#page=32](https://www.aashtoware.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/FY-2025-AASHTOWare-Catalog_web.pdf#page=32)

# BrR resources



**TIPS**

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**FDOT Table 6A.4.2.2-1—LRFR Limit States and Load Factors**

Bridge Type	Limit	DC <sup>7</sup>	LL Inventory	LL Operating	LL Legal	LL FL120	LL EV
Steel <sup>3</sup>	Strength <sup>1</sup>	1.25/0.90	1.75	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.30
	Service <sup>2</sup> II	1.00	1.30	1.00	1.30	0.90	0.90
Reinforced Concrete <sup>4</sup>	Strength <sup>1</sup>	1.25/0.90	1.75	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.30
	Service <sup>2</sup> I	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prestressed Concrete <sup>5</sup>	Strength <sup>1</sup>	1.25/0.90	1.75	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.30
	Service <sup>2</sup> III	1.00	0.80	NA, 0.80 <sup>5</sup>	NA, 0.80 <sup>5</sup>	NA, 0.70 <sup>5</sup>	NA, 0.70 <sup>5</sup>

**summary - BLRM factors and live load tables**  
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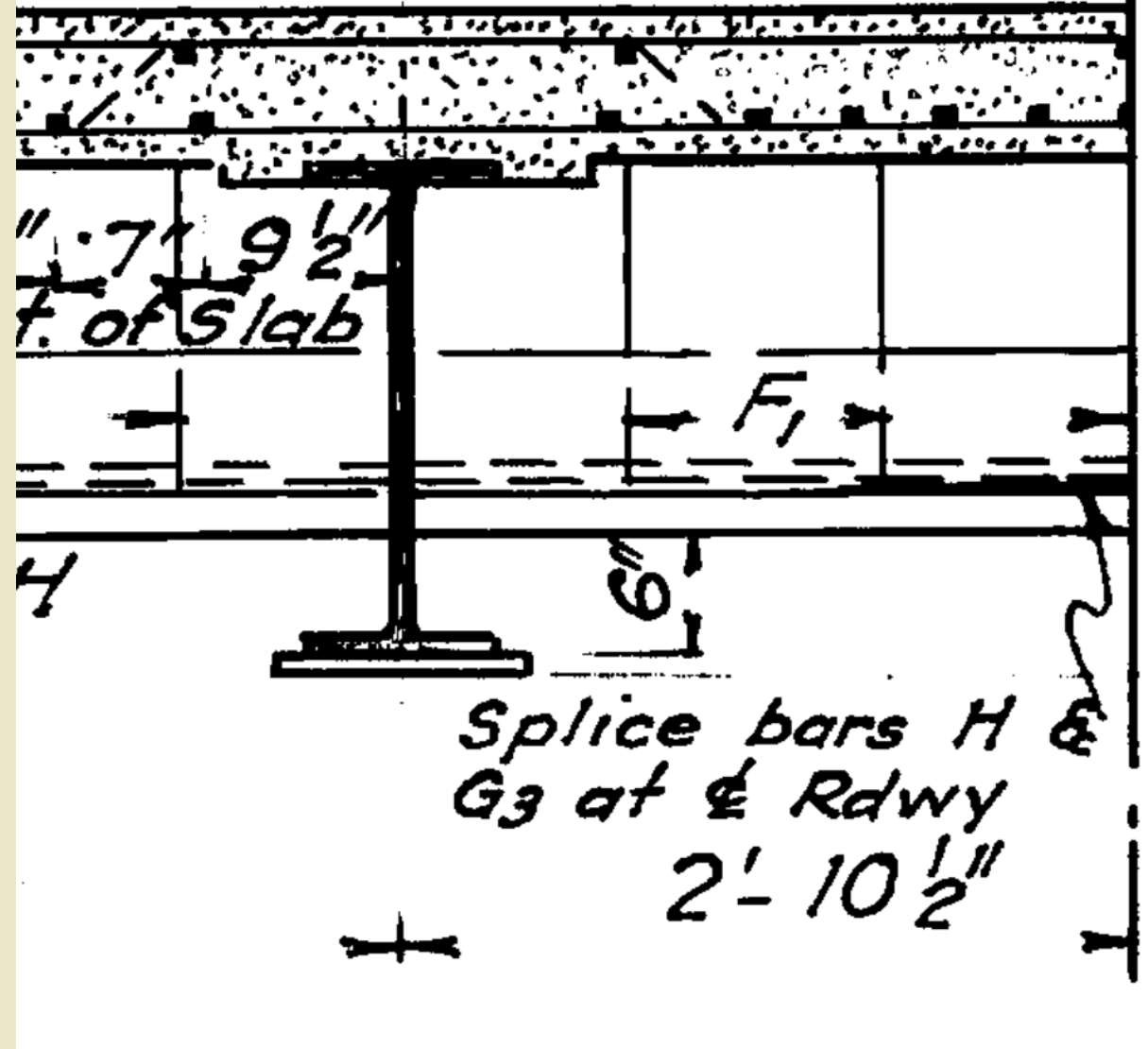
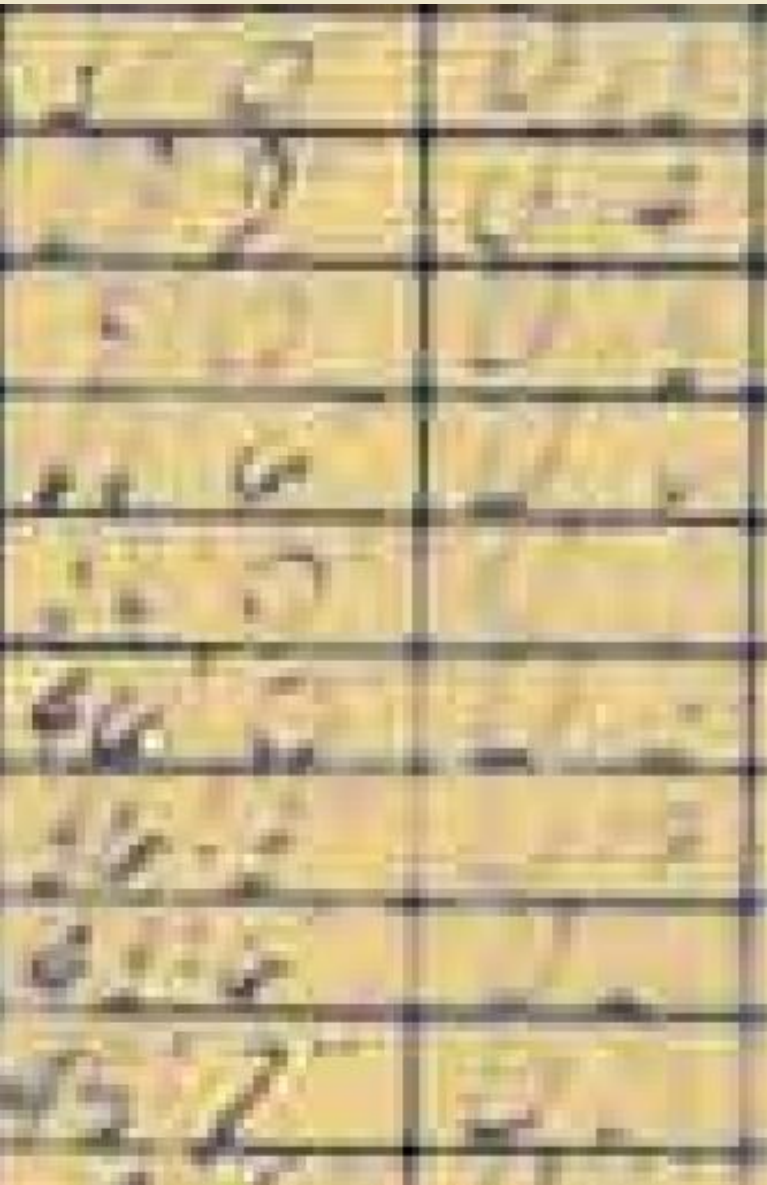
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**examples**

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**REINFORCING STEEL: Intermediate or Hard Grade**

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*REINFORCING STEEL: Grade 40 or Grade 60 in Prestressed Beams and Piles, Grade 60 elsewhere.*

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**for 40 ksi vs 60 ksi stirrups**



From: Womble, Steve

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 1:49 PM

To: Pouliotte, Jeffrey

Cc: Ducher, Jean; Kerr, Richard; Deese, Gregory; Garcia, Jose

Subject: Prestressed beams; shear capacity

Many years ago we did hundreds of load ratings on BARS, and most of those early analyses did not include shear ratings. I think there were some problems with the program, or for other reasons (too far back now to recall), we routinely did not do the shear ratings. But as you know, we're in process of updating all of the ratings by either coming up with the BARS backup for old ratings, obtaining backup for existing ratings from consultants, or in many cases doing a "start to finish" updated rating. We are routinely using Smart Bridge and Virtis, and are typically including a shear analysis, which brings me to the purpose of this note. In many cases shear governs, and in some cases the drop in tons is significant, and this has continued to concern us. Typically we do not have site conditions that indicate problems in shear, so we've continued to discuss the matter, such as the implications of a note found in most plans from the 1970s into the 1990s(?). That note says, with regards to shear steel in the beams, "use grade 40 or grade 60." For a mid-80s bridge, and based on some discussion with your office, we today changed the shear steel strength to grade 60 (where that routine note is present), and the O.R. went from the high 40s to just over 60 tons, for a Cross Town Exwy bridge. The Inventory Rating came out almost perfectly at 36 tons, the weight of the design truck, which is what we would ideally expect. But I still had questions about older bridges such as the 70s decade, since we've seen very similar low shear rating results on many bridges from that period.

So, I called the FPCA earlier today, and was given a few Florida sources for precast concrete construction, and with that info I did some follow up. I called Coreslab Structures in Tampa, and was directed to a former staff member that had recently retired, David L. Bracewell. There is a

nice article in the PCI Journal, Fall 2009, on David's retirement, and here is the sum of that article: "**David L. Bracewell retired from Coreslab Structures, Inc.,**

**this summer after 50 years of service to the precast-prestressed industry.** Bracewell was chief engineer for Coreslab/Tampa since the

plant was acquired in 1993. He was continuously affiliated with this plant under various business names and ownerships since 1959. Bracewell began his prestressed concrete career with Florida Prestressed Concrete and Douglas Cone, the first PCI chairperson, in 1959. In these early industry years Bracewell was involved in all phases of plant operations, primarily for piling, bridge girders, and railroad bridge slabs."

I had a good chat with David Bracewell, and his is still quite sharp, with a good recall. **On the question of the use of various grades of steel for prestressed beam construction, he said that in the late 1960s there was a shift from grade 40 to grade 60 for such beams, and he said that grade 60 was regularly used from then on, since if grade 40 was used, the precaster had to change the stirrup spacing. In other words, the spacing in such plans was based on grade 60, and if a lower grade was used, a correction had to be made on the rebar spacing.**

That said, I would like to suggest that we here (and others elsewhere?) begin routinely using grade 60 rebar in all of our prestressed load ratings from 1968 (the earlier date David used) onward, and this will improve our Operating Ratings on a large number of prestressed bridges. We typically check the BIR files for any indication of problems (i.e., shear cracks), and such problems are extremely rare (except for the Skyway trestle spans, as you are aware). Jean, what do you think about including this issue in the next Load Rating Steering Committee meeting?

# best-available history

Replace Table 6A.5.2.2-1 with:

**FDOT Table 6A.5.2.2-1—Yield Strength of Reinforcing Steel**

Reinforcing Type	Yield, $f_y$ (ksi)
Unknown, constructed prior to 1954	33
Structural grade	36
Unknown, constructed between 1954 and 1972: billet or intermediate grade	40
Rail or hard grade	50
Unknown, constructed after 1972	60

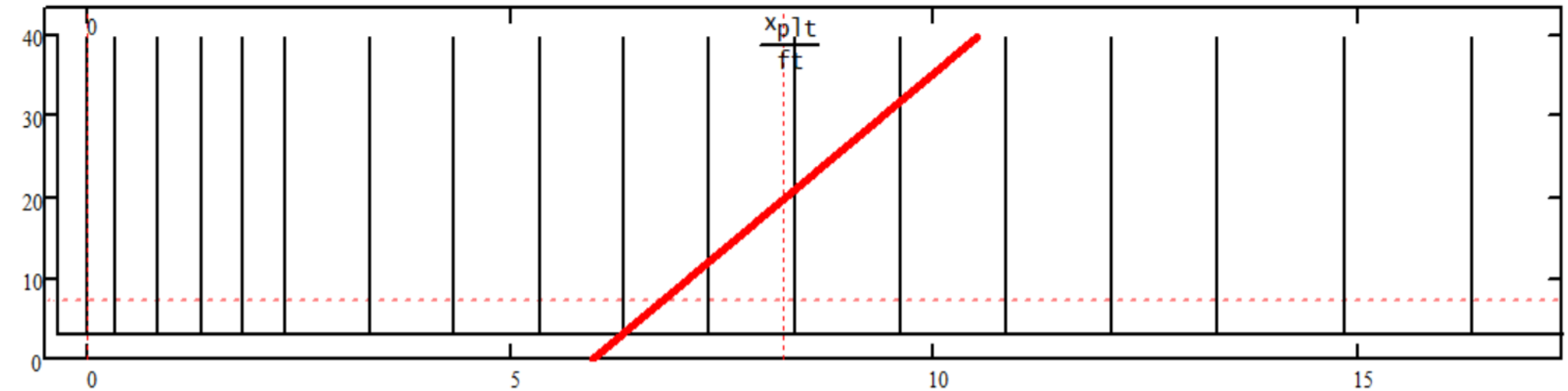
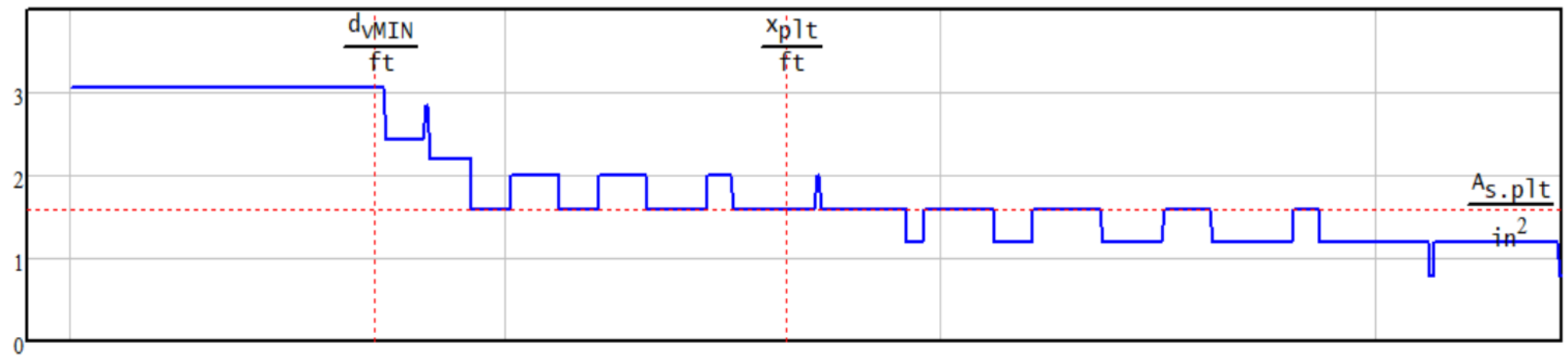
**BLRM**

For prestressed members with  $RF_{FL120.Shear} < 0.90$ , use the Ultimate Demand Based Capacity (UDBC) approach for the FL120. To compute the FL120 shear rating with LRFD 5.7.3.3, (1) Adjust the FL120 live load factor until  $RF_{FL120.Shear.Temp}=1.00$ , and (2) Divide the adjusted FL120 live load factor by 1.35. For example,  $RF_{FL120.Shear.Temp(Load\ Factor=1.20)}=1.00$ , so  $RF_{FL120.Shear(Load\ Factor=1.35)}=1.20/1.35=0.89$ ;  $0.89 \cdot 60\text{ tons}=53.4\text{ tons}$ .

$RF_{Shear\ 100\%FL120(60.0\text{ tons})}$	$= 0.77$ , and $100\% \cdot 60\text{ tons} \cdot 0.77$	$= 46.2\text{ tons}$
$RF_{Shear\ 95\%FL120(57.0\text{ tons})}$	$= 0.86$ , and $95\% \cdot 60\text{ tons} \cdot 0.86$	$= 49.0\text{ tons}$
$RF_{Shear\ 90\%FL120(54.0\text{ tons})}$	$= 0.98$ , and $90\% \cdot 60\text{ tons} \cdot 0.98$	$= 52.9\text{ tons}$
$RF_{Shear\ 89\%FL120(53.4\text{ tons})}$	$= 1.00$ , and $89\% \cdot 60\text{ tons} \cdot 1.00$	$= \underline{53.4\text{ tons}}$
$RF_{Shear\ 85\%FL120(51.0\text{ tons})}$	$= 1.13$ , and $85\% \cdot 60\text{ tons} \cdot 1.13$	$= 57.6\text{ tons}$

## Ultimate Demand Based Capacity (UDBC)





## UDBC

- Unnecessary for yes/no pass/fail design, or where  $RF=1.0$ .
- No effect where  $\varepsilon \sim 0$  or  $RF \sim 1.0$ ; otherwise, closer to  $RF=1.0$ .

$$\epsilon = \frac{\frac{|M_u|}{d_v(x)} + (|V_u - V_p|) - A_{ps}(x) \cdot f_{po}}{28500 \text{ksi} \cdot A_{ps}(x)}$$

$$RF = \frac{\text{Capacity} - DL}{LL}$$

- MCFT shear capacity is load dependent.
- Higher loads can reduce capacity.
- UDBC just matches the capacity to the load.

0.73 · 120kip = 43.8 tonf

RFDETAILS	$\gamma_{LL}$	1.35	=	""									
	VEHICLE	FL120		SELECTED CASE. RF:" 0.73									
	x.test	$\frac{x_{plt}}{ft}$		SELECTED COL/CASE IS:" "+V"									
	CHOOSE 1/3/4	3		"A.ps" "d.v" "mSTRAIN" "β" "THETA" " V.c " "V.p" " V.s " "PHI V"	1.718	38.973	2.183	1.82	36.64	30.097	0	64	84.687
				"x" "br inc" "IDL" "TRK#" "iMIRR" "iAXL"	8.23	1.24	1	1	0	3			
		"MMVV" "φC" "γDL" "γLL" "RF" "γDL+γLL"											
		+M	1229.78	176.114	788.594	1.336	964.709						
		-M	0	0	0	0	0						
		+V	84.687	14.641	95.918	0.73	110.56						
		-V	-126.291	14.641	9.64	999	24.282						

**44 tons**  
**FL120,  $\gamma_{LL} = 1.35$**

$$\epsilon_{eq.1.35 \cdot 60 \text{ tons}} > \epsilon_{result 1.35 \cdot 44 \text{ tons}}$$

0.998 · 102kip = 50.9 tonf

RFDETAILS	$\gamma_{LL}$	1.35	=	""									
	VEHICLE	FL102		SELECTED CASE. RF:" 1.572									
	x.test	$\frac{x_{plt}}{ft}$		SELECTED COL/CASE IS:" "+M"									
	CHOOSE 1/3/4	1		"A.ps" "d.v" "mSTRAIN" "β" "THETA" " V.c " "V.p" " V.s " "PHI V"	1.718	38.973	1.145	2.582	33.008	42.696	0	64	96.026
				"x" "br inc" "IDL" "TRK#" "iMIRR" "iAXL"	8.23	1.24	1	1	0	3			
		"MMVV" "φC" "γDL" "γLL" "RF" "γDL+γLL"											
		+M	1229.78	176.114	670.305	1.572	846.42						
		-M	0	0	0	0	0						
		+V	96.026	14.641	81.531	0.998	96.172						
		-V	-158.711	14.641	8.194	999	22.836						

**51 tons**  
**FL102,  $\gamma_{LL} = 1.35$**

$$\epsilon_{eq.1.35 \cdot 51 \text{ tons}} = \epsilon_{result 1.35 \cdot 51 \text{ tons}}$$

0.999 · 120kip · 1.147 ÷ 1.35 = 50.9 tonf

RFDETAILS	$\gamma_{LL}$	1.147	=	""									
	VEHICLE	FL120		SELECTED CASE. RF:" 1.573									
	x.test	$\frac{x_{plt}}{ft}$		SELECTED COL/CASE IS:" "+M"									
	CHOOSE 1/3/4	1		"A.ps" "d.v" "mSTRAIN" "β" "THETA" " V.c " "V.p" " V.s " "PHI V"	1.718	38.973	1.143	2.585	32.999	42.74	0	64	96.066
				"x" "br inc" "IDL" "TRK#" "iMIRR" "iAXL"	8.23	1.24	1	1	0	3			
		"MMVV" "φC" "γDL" "γLL" "RF" "γDL+γLL"											
		+M	1229.78	176.114	670.013	1.573	846.128						
		-M	0	0	0	0	0						
		+V	96.066	14.641	81.495	0.999	96.137						
		-V	-158.716	14.641	8.191	999	22.832						

**51 tons**  
**FL120,  $\gamma_{LL} = 1.147$**

$$\epsilon_{eq.1.147 \cdot 60 \text{ tons}} = \epsilon_{result 1.35 \cdot 60 \text{ tons}}$$



$$R_{F_{FL120.1.35}} := \frac{84.687 - 14.641}{95.918} = 0.73$$

$$0.73 \cdot 120 \text{kip} \cdot \frac{1.35}{1.35} = \underline{44 \text{ tonf}}$$

$$R_{F_{FL102.1.35}} := \frac{96.026 - 14.641}{81.531} = 0.998$$

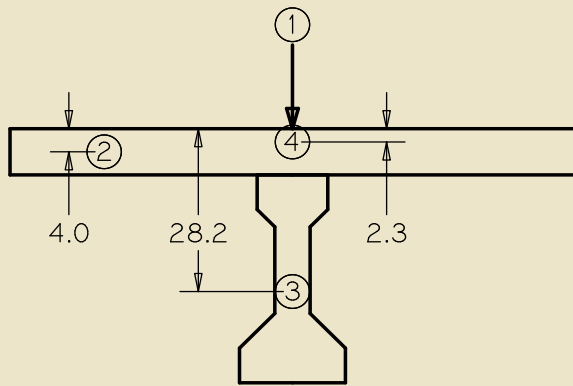
$$0.998 \cdot 102 \text{kip} \cdot \frac{1.35}{1.35} = \underline{51 \text{ tonf}}$$

$$R_{F_{FL120.1.147}} := \frac{96.066 - 14.641}{81.495} = 1.00$$

$$1.00 \cdot 120 \text{kip} \cdot \frac{1.147}{1.35} = \underline{51 \text{ tonf}}$$

# UDBC

- (1) Report  $R_{F_{FL120}} = 0.85$  at  $\gamma_{LL} = 1.35$ ;  $0.85 \cdot 60 = 51$  tons.
- (2) Know non-UDBC MCFT  $R_{F_{\text{shear}}} > 1.00$  is unconservative.
- (3) BrR can perform UDBC natively



1. 51 kip LIVE LOAD
2. 8" x 96" SLAB
3. AASHTO TYPE II BEAM
4.  $V_{cal}$  - VERTICAL CENTROID OF APPLIED LOADS

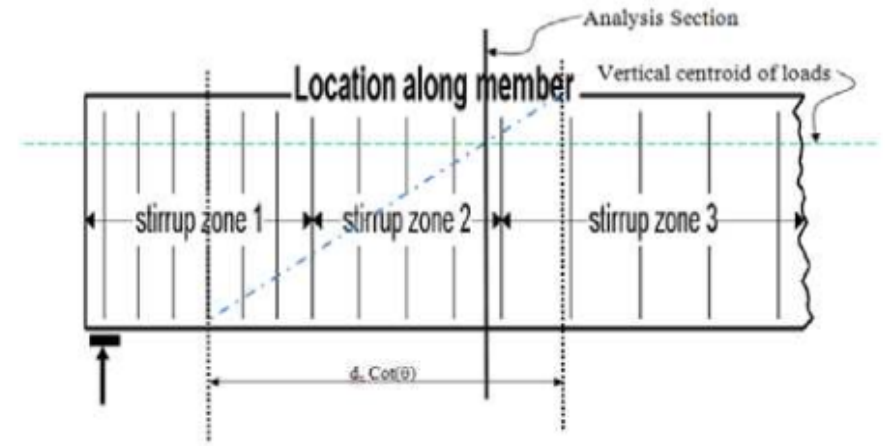
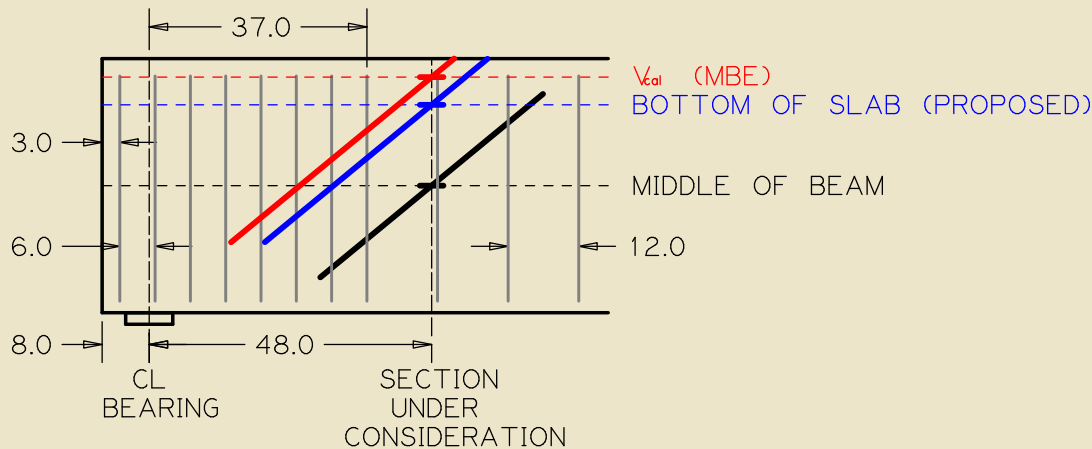


Figure C6A.5.8-1

The relationship between the location of the analysis section and longitudinal zone of stirrups that resist the shear at that section is a function of the vertical position of the load applied to the member, including its self-weight. Ideally, a shear crack inclined at an angle  $\theta$  intersects the vertical centroid of the applied load as shown in Figure C6A.5.8-1. However, since establishing the vertical centroid requires additional resources and is difficult to implement within software, it is recommended to assume that the shear failure plane intersects the section at mid depth of the member, which will yield conservative capacity.



# MBE C6A.5.8-1

Thanks to Chad Smith of HDR for researching

For #170082 FL120-LRFR, I got:

- **57** tons Conspan Ver 20 HDR model with approximate distribution, unmodified general method
- **37** tons Conspan Ver 22 HDR model with approximate distribution, unmodified general method

## Conspan Versions



$$\epsilon_s = \frac{\left( \frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + |V_u - V_p| - \underline{A_{ps}} f_{po} \right)}{E_s A_s + E_p \underline{A_{ps}}} \quad (5.7.3.4.2-4)$$

Since the section is outside the transfer length, the full value of  $f_{po}$  will be used in calculating the shear resistance.

## MBE 2022 Interims A-120.2

Internally at file://codata/Shares/CO/OOM/Structures/MANUALS/AASHTO%20MBE%202022%20Interims.pdf#page=546

Since the transfer length,  $L_{\text{transfer}} = 3 \text{ ft}$ , is less than the shear check location,  $\text{ShearChk} = 3.2 \text{ ft}$ , from the end of the beam, the full force of the strands are effective.

## FDOT LRFD Design Example #12

<https://www.fdot.gov/docs/default-source/structures/structuresmanual/currentrelease/precastbeamexample.pdf#page=85>

# Old Conspan per MBE, per FDOT

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{\left( \frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + |V_u - V_p| - \underline{A_{ps}} f_{po} \right)}{E_s A_s + E_p \underline{A_{ps}}} \quad (5.7.3.4.2-4)$$

$A_{ps}$  = area of prestressing steel on the flexural tension side of the member, as shown in Figure 1 (in.<sup>2</sup>)

$A_s$  = area of nonprestressed steel on the flexural tension side of the member at the section under consideration, as shown in Figure 1. In calculating  $A_s$  for use in this equation, bars which are terminated at a distance less than their development length from the section under consideration shall be ignored (in.<sup>2</sup>)

In the use of Eqs. 1 through 5, the following should be considered:

- In calculating  $A_s$  and  $A_{ps}$  the area of bars or tendons terminated less than their development length from the section under consideration should be reduced in proportion to their lack of full development.

2004 LRFD 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed

2008 LRFD Interims

# New Conspan per LRFD Design Interims

1. Propose adjustments.
2. Consult with authors and critics of MCFT.
3. Make a determination.
4. Tune the program accordingly.

**FDOT BrR?**



# **QUESTIONS & REQUESTS?**

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