

Third International Workshop on FRP Bars for Concrete Structures (IW-FRPCS3)

Workshop Theme: "Advances in concrete reinforcement"

Date: August 3-4th, 2021



DAY 1 Tuesday, August 3rd

<u>Session 2: Contractors & Practitioners Perspective (10:15 – noon EDT)</u>

(What do contractors really need?)

RoundTable discussion with audience engagement, preceded by 5-minute introduction by panelists.

Moderator: Steven Nolan (FDOT)

- i. Contractors Case Study Project Experience & Risk Perception (5-minute presentations)
- ii. Design Consultants Design Code Experience The Good & the Bad? (5-minute presentations)

Panelists:

- Sybille Bayard (Consor)
- Ananda Bergeron/Chris Gamache (Cardno)
- Harry Gleich (Metromont)

No Slides

- Brett McMahon (Miller & Long)
- William O'Donnell (DeSimone)
- Robert Sqapi (Stephenson Engineering) No Slides
- Luis Vargas (BPA/Colliers Eng)



The First Vehicular Bridge in Florida fully reinforced with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP)

Presented by Sybille Bayard, PE



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Existing Bridge Conditions

Built in 1950

Three-Span Reinforced Concrete T-Beams

Concrete bents supported on 30-in circular concrete piles

Coastal Bridge – extremely aggressive marine environment

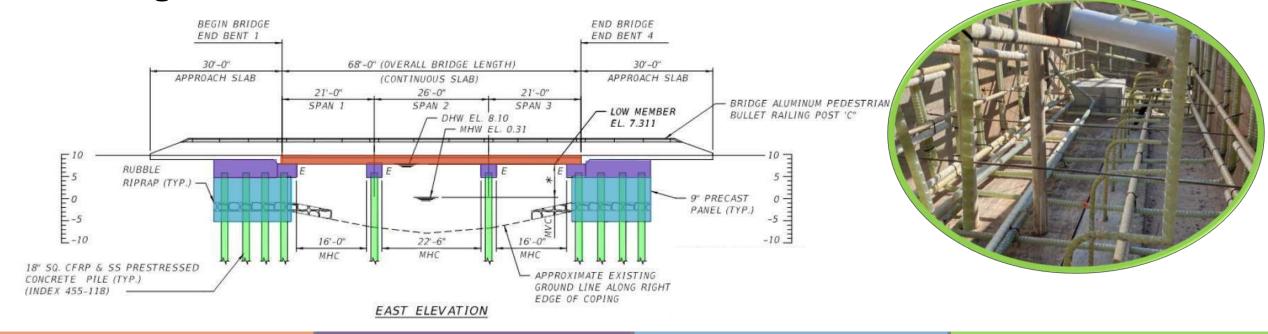
Load Restricted Bridge (29 tons)

Age related deterioration evident in substructure/foundation (spalls with some delamination and pile jackets at intermediate bents)



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New Bridge GFRP Features



3-span continuous CIP 16-in Flat Slab (21'-26'-21')

- > 5.5 ksi Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- > 1.5-in cover

CIP Concrete Bents & Bulkheads (42-in wide x 36-in deep)

- 5.5 ksi Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- > 3-in cover

9-in Precast Concrete Panels at abutments & bulkheads

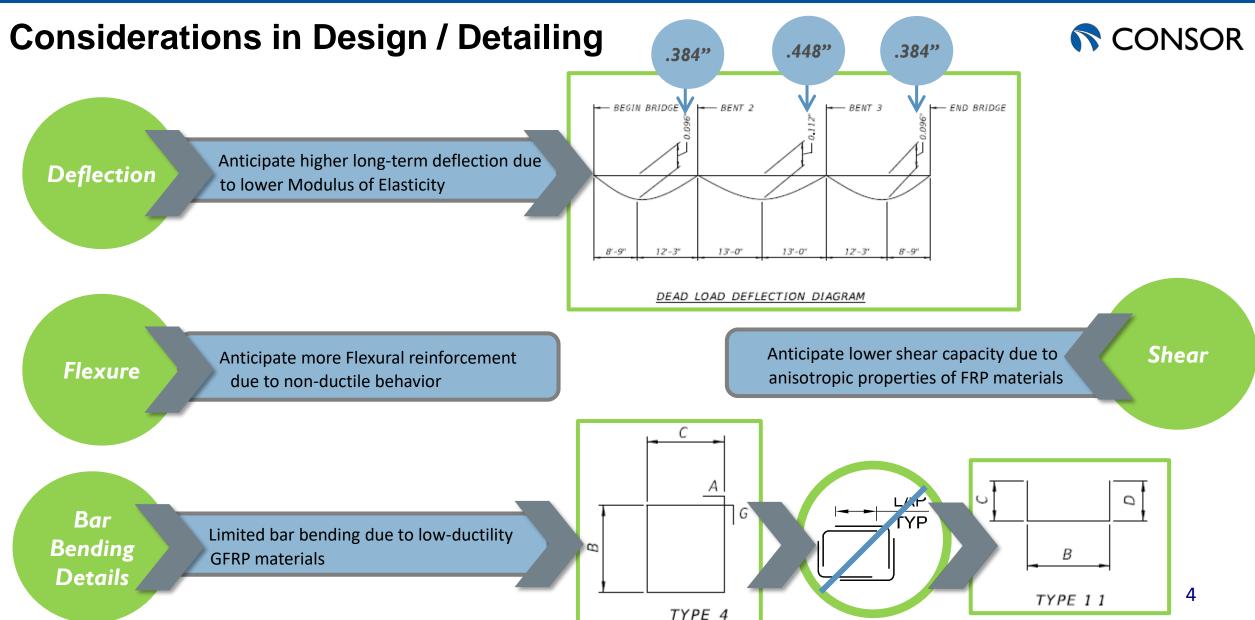
- 5.5 ksi Concrete
- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer
- 2-in cover

CFRP & SS Prestressed Concrete Piles

- FDOT Standard 455-101 & 455-118
- 6.0 ksi Concrete
- > 3-in cover



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GFRP Construction Lesson Learns

Considerations in Delivery & Handling



Considerations in Construction Time and Schedule:

- No Field Bending
- GFRP Bars may not be readily available (6-8 weeks manufacturing time)
- May not be available locally (added transportation time)

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GFRP Advantages:

The light weight of GFRP allows for much easier installation (Construction workmanship & time-efficiency)

OTHER BENEFITS

- Durability (100+ yrs)
 - Resistance to Corrosion

NE 23RD Avenue Bridge over IBIS Waterway The First Vehicular Bridge in Florida fully reinforced with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP)

QUESTIONS?



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Bridge Replacement at 40th Avenue NE over Placido Bayou

Christopher Gamache, P.E., Cardno, U.S. Ananda Bergeron, P.E., Cardno, U.S.







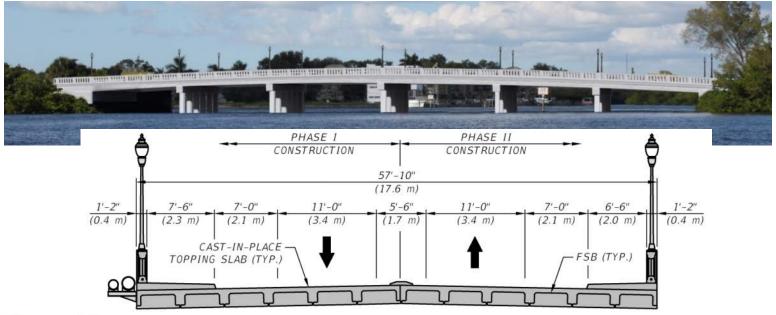




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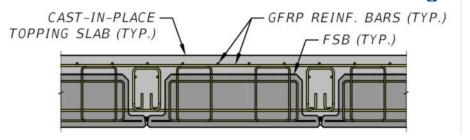
Proposed Replacement Bridge

- FRP reinforced structural members with salt water exposure
- 6-span structure with an overall length of 320.0 ft (97.5 m)
- 50 ft (15.2 m) and 60 ft (18.3 m) prestressed concrete Florida Slab
 Beams (FSBs) with a cast-in-place concrete topping slab
- Pile bents with 24 in (610 mm) square prestressed concrete piles and cast-in-place concrete caps

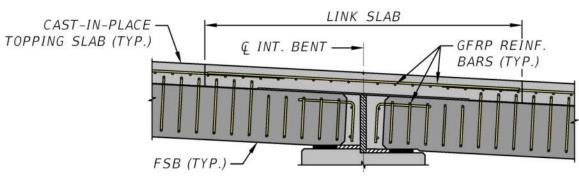




- Superstructure Design
 - 18 in (457 mm) deep FSBs with GFRP reinforcing bars and CFRP prestressing tendons
 - Composite cast-in-place topping slab with GFRP reinforcing bars
 - Link slabs over interior bents with GFRP reinforcing bars



Transverse Superstructure Section



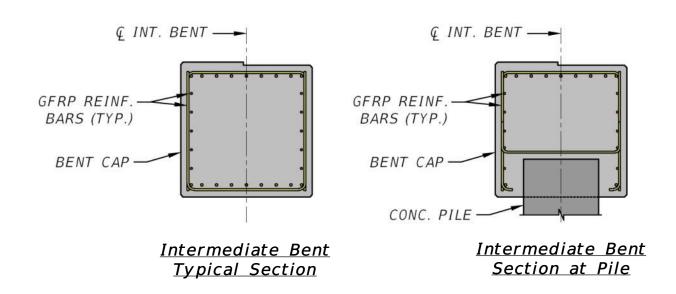
Longitudinal Superstructure Section



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Substructure Design

- Cast-in-place bent caps with GFRP reinforcement
- Phased construction splice made with stainless steel threaded coupler
- Contractor had option to use concrete piles with either CFRP or stainless steel prestressing strands & reinforcement





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Challenges to Date

- Phased construction joints with limited room for splicing
- Shear design capacity
- Bend geometry limitations
- GFRP reinforcing bar sampling and testing



Current Construction Progress



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Use of FRP Rebar in Buildings

Brett McMahon, Miller & Long Co., Inc., USA















Case study: **Avocet Tower, Bethesda, Maryland**



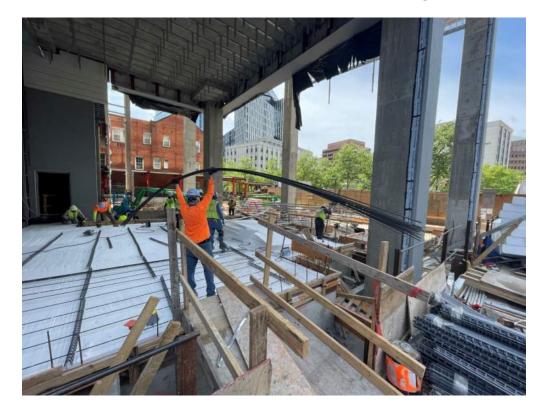
Pallet of Basalt Mesh



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Our Presence



Projec ts

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- 55 Countries
- 44 States in the U.S.

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- San Francisco

South America

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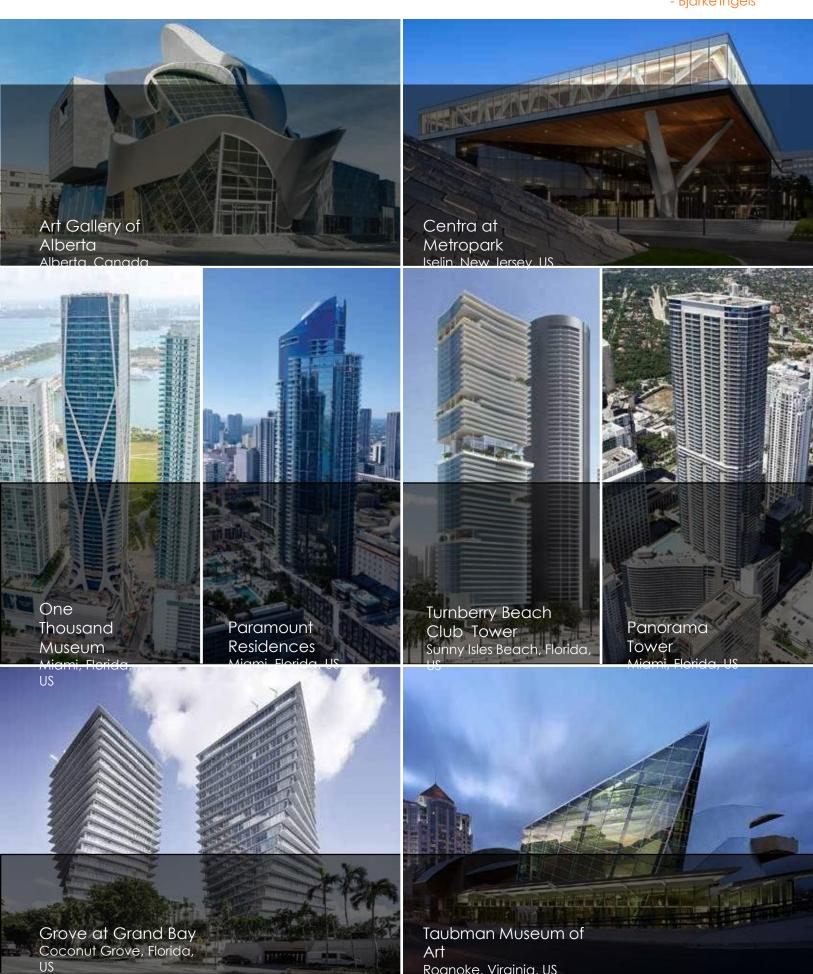
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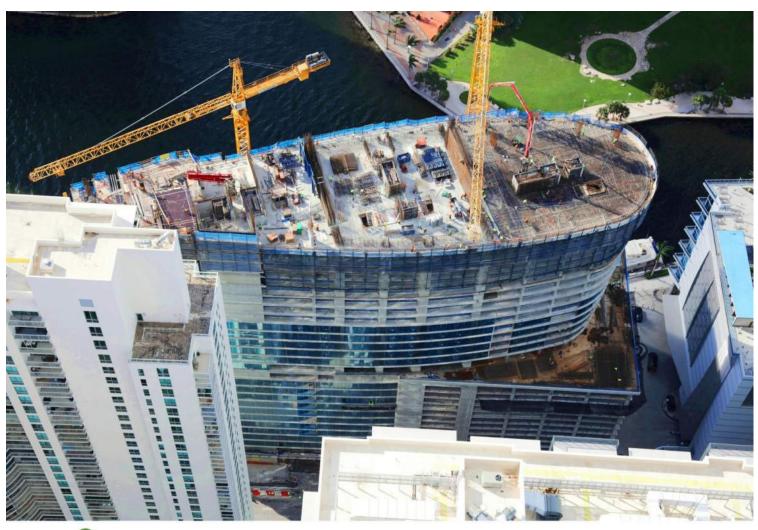
"DeSimone accepts difficult architectural challenges and crafts efficient solutions enabling these projects to be built."

- Bjarke Ingels











Aston Martin Residences







Adoption of FRP Reinforcing in Concrete Buildings

- Need ample data and historical use to provide engineers, contractors, and owners with a comfort level
 - Full scale
- Codify use of FRP ACI Manual coming in 2022
- Supply and demand what is the manufacturing capacity
- Price comparisons

Coastal Construction

- Florida coastal residential buildings
- Extreme exposure for balconies, open-air garages, and pool decks
- Corrosion prevention measures
- Galvanic corrosion issues in restoration work
- Caribbean projects with substandard concrete private and government
- Remote projects with no natural potable water supply

Green Buildings

- Embodied carbon
- LC3 cement Limestone Calcined Clay Cement
 - 40% reduction in CO2 emission
 - Use of FRP needed with lower pH levels

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Case Study: US-1 Over Cow Key Channel Span Replacement

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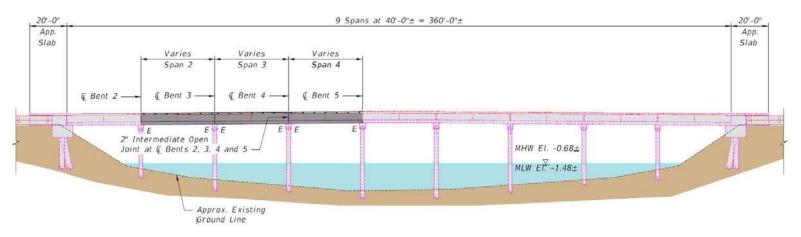


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US-1 Over Cow Key Channel Span Replacement







- US-1 over Cow Key Channel Bridges (NB-900086 & SB-900125) located in Florida Keys - Aggressive Environment
- Unique rehabilitation project: In a very complex setting
- Scope was to replace 3-40 ft spans in each bridge
- Maintain the same substructure
- Challenge: use of a shallow and light superstructure, simple to fabricate, light to transport and erect; extend service life
- Opportunity: use of a new FDOT system (FSB 12)- light structural member;
 GFRP rebar and CFRP strands extend service life
- Construction time drove the cost of project



- Design Experience:
 - Learning curve for understanding FRP behavior a different paradigm
 - Project started in 2017 where there were limited tools for **Design**, draft design specs were available
 - Dr Nanni's PhD students help clarifying some concepts
 - Design was confirmed with the 1st Ed of Guide Specifications and FDOT software (preliminary version)
 - Support from FDOT was crucial Steve Nolan and SMO
- Precasters participation:
 - During design we approached 3 precasters (Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville) – only one had limited FRP experience
 - All precaster pointed out issues with handling the FRP
 - We needed to confirm we had a reasonable cost estimate that would make the proposed system viable



- Construction Experience:
 - During procurement of materials, we had several interesting RFIs related to casting the FSB
 - Shop drawings-- Bending bar diagrams available (stirrups) had issues fitting the standard FDOT strand pattern – we re-arranged strand pattern timely
 - We had some issues with minor cracking on the anchorage zone, we rearranged stirrups to mitigate cracking at beam ends
 - We reduced the force at anchorages by debonding more strands
 - No issues with delivery of precast panels
 - Fortunate to have an excellent Precaster and Contractor

