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The Halls River Bridge - perspective of owner/designer, contractor and researcher

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Part I - HRB: Corrosion Free Design with FRP Composites

Part II - Constructing HRB

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This is a four-speaker presentation offering different perspectives. The Halls River bridge replacement project started on January 9, 2017 with completion expected by the end of the year. Even though not an iconic structure in terms of aesthetic and geometry, it is a landmark construction because of the material systems and technology adopted for the first time by FDOT. As for many of the Florida bridges, both superstructure and substructure are classified as extremely aggressive due to Halls River's chloride concentrations and the close proximity of the superstructure to the water. The use of non-corrosive fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) bars, stirrups and strands as the concrete reinforcement and prestressing tendons is an efficient method to address the long-term durability. FRP reinforcement are used in cast-in-place concrete bulkhead caps, pile caps, wing-walls, back-walls, deck, traffic barriers, and approach slabs. FRP strands are used in piles and sheet piles.

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Part I – HRB: Corrosion Free Design with FRP Composites

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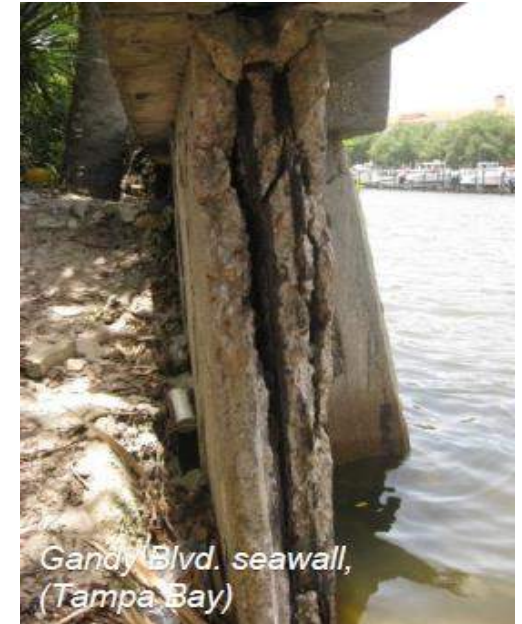


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Why FRP Reinforcement?

Avoid corrosion “concrete cancer”

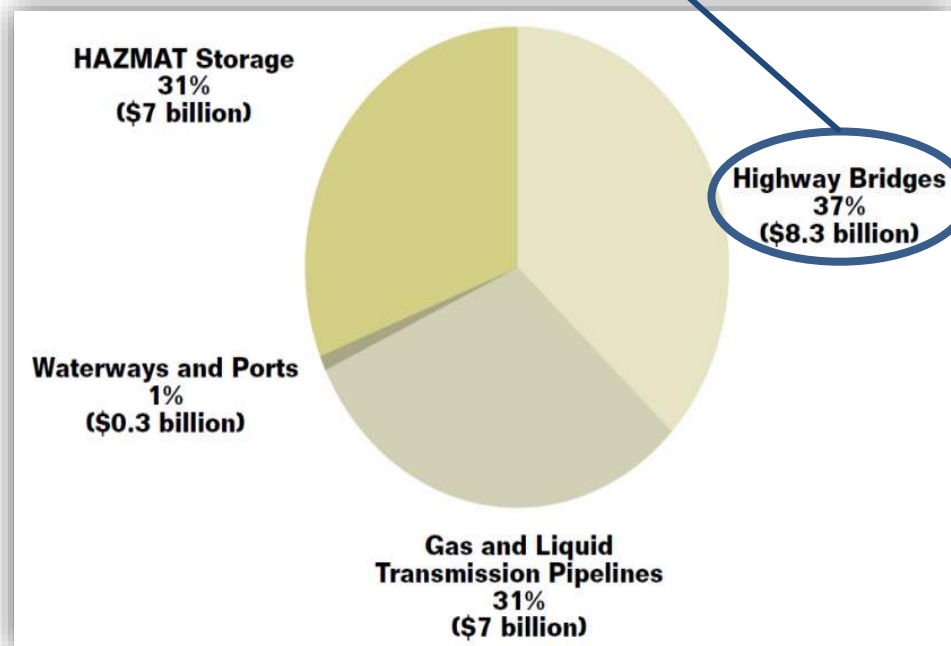
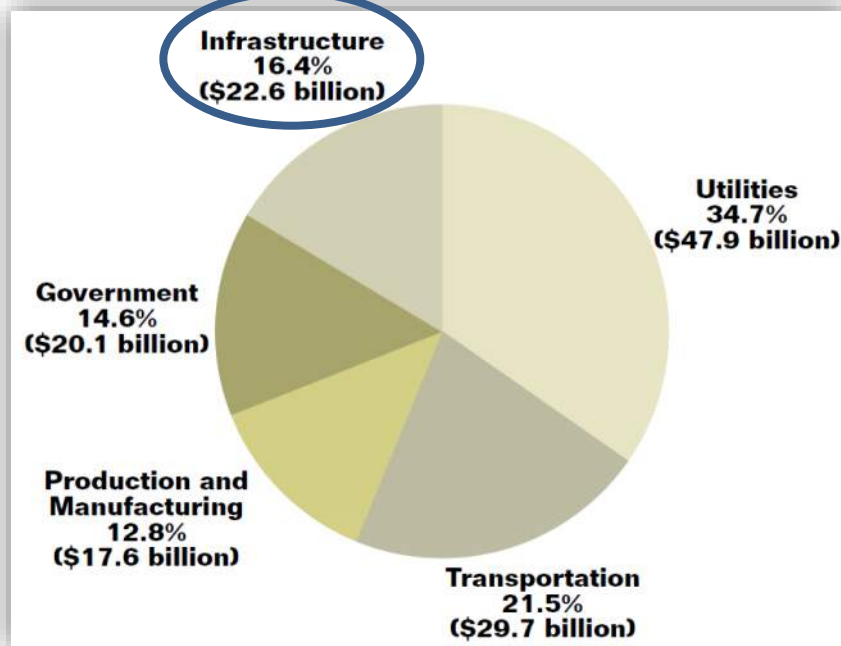


Why FRP Reinforcement?

Costs of Corrosion (United States)

Infrastructure - 16.4% (\$22.6 billion)

Hwy Bridges - 37% (\$8.3 billion)

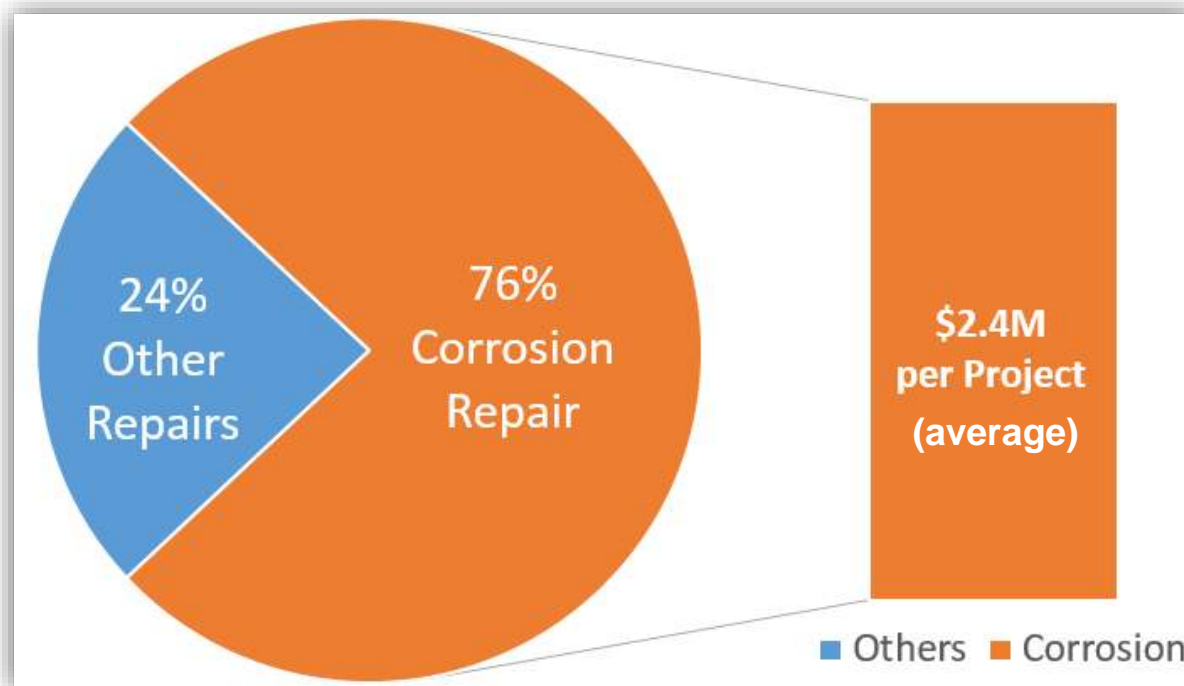


<https://www.nace.org/uploadedFiles/Publications/ccsupp.pdf>

Why FRP Reinforcement?

Costs of Corrosion - FDOT District 7

- FY 02/03 to 12/13
- 54 bridge projects studied (20 steel, 34 concrete)



Source: FDOT D7 District Structures Maintenance Office & T.Y. Lin



Project Overview

Two **alternatives to carbon steel** as concrete reinforcement for **corrosion resistance** on FDOT projects are:

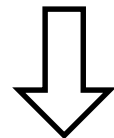
Stainless Steel

- Bar (Spec. 931)
- Strand – HSSS (Spec. 933)

FRP Reinforcement

- Bar – GFRP (Spec. 932)
- CFRP (Spec. 932)
- Strand – CFRP (Spec. 933)

Extremely aggressive superstructure and substructure



Halls River Bridge Project

Project Overview

Demonstration Project with Innovative Materials – First in Florida

- ✓ Superstructure: Hybrid Composite Beams; GFRP Bars: Deck, Wingwall, Backwall, Barriers & Approach Slabs
- ✓ Substructure: CFCC Prestressed Piles; Bent Caps: GFRP Bars
- ✓ Sheet Pile Walls: CFCC/GFRP Sheet Piles; Wall Cap: GFRP Bars

Accelerated Construction

- Lighter Materials – Beams and Rebar
- Faster Transportation and Delivery
- reduced construction time

Estimated Project Cost - \$6.1 Million (Structures = \$4.06 Million)

- Bridge Cost = **\$218 / sq. ft.**
(Conventional Construction = **\$166 / sq. ft.**)

Project Overview



Owner and Maintaining Agency



Design and Bi-Annual Inspection



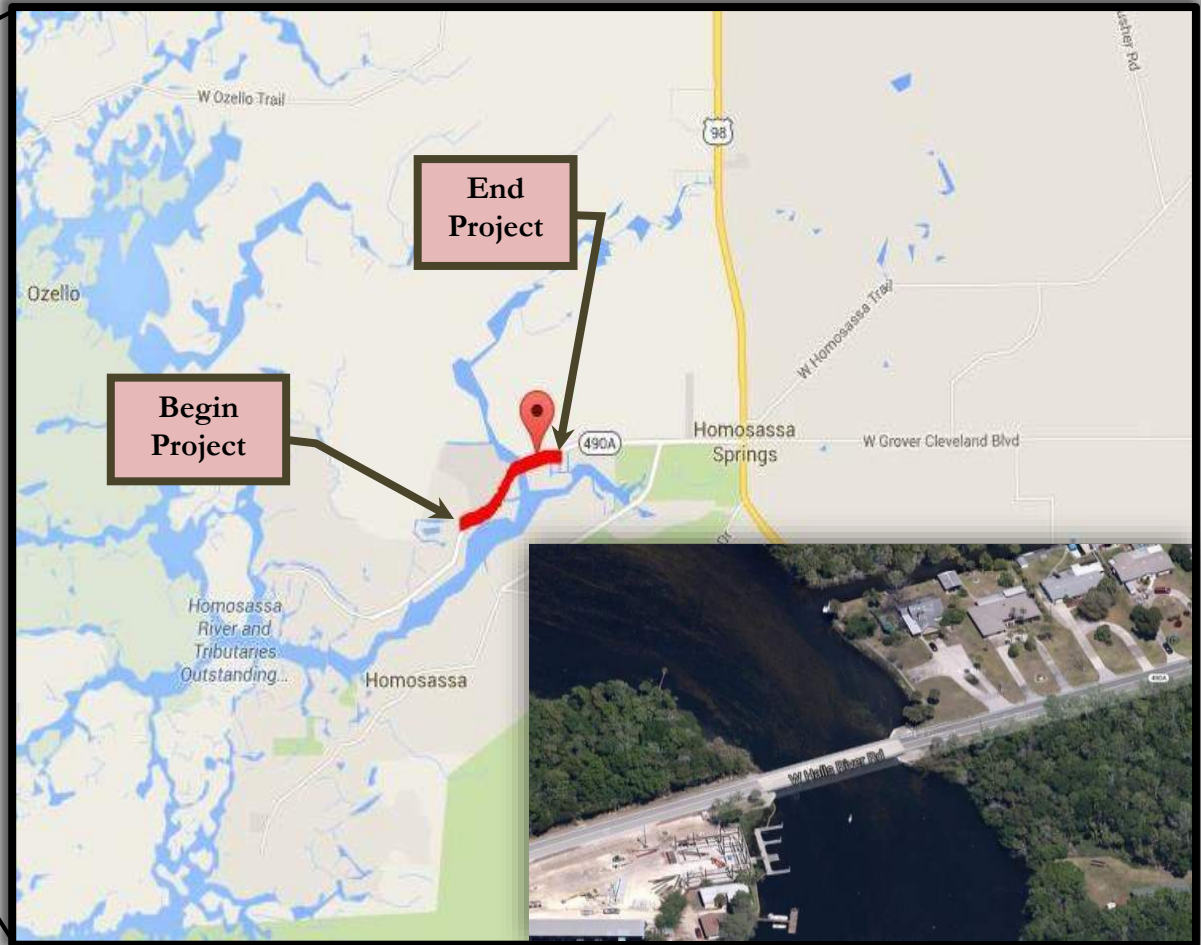
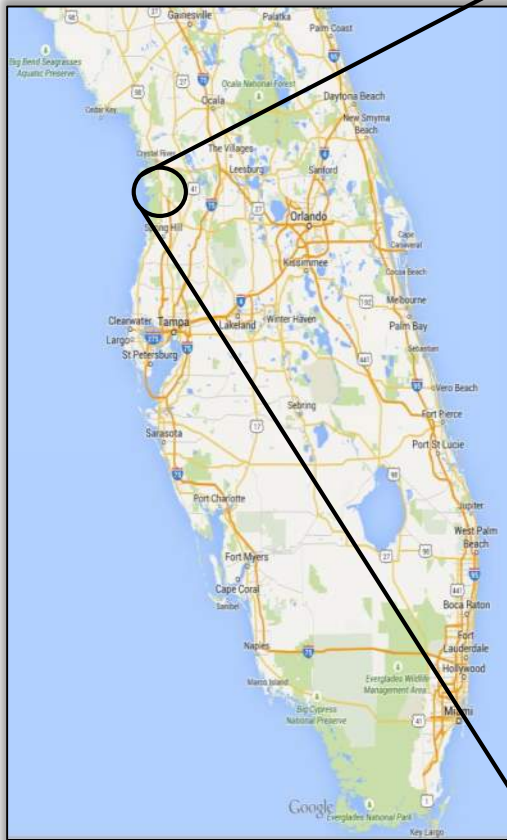
Funding and Oversight



Collaboration and Research

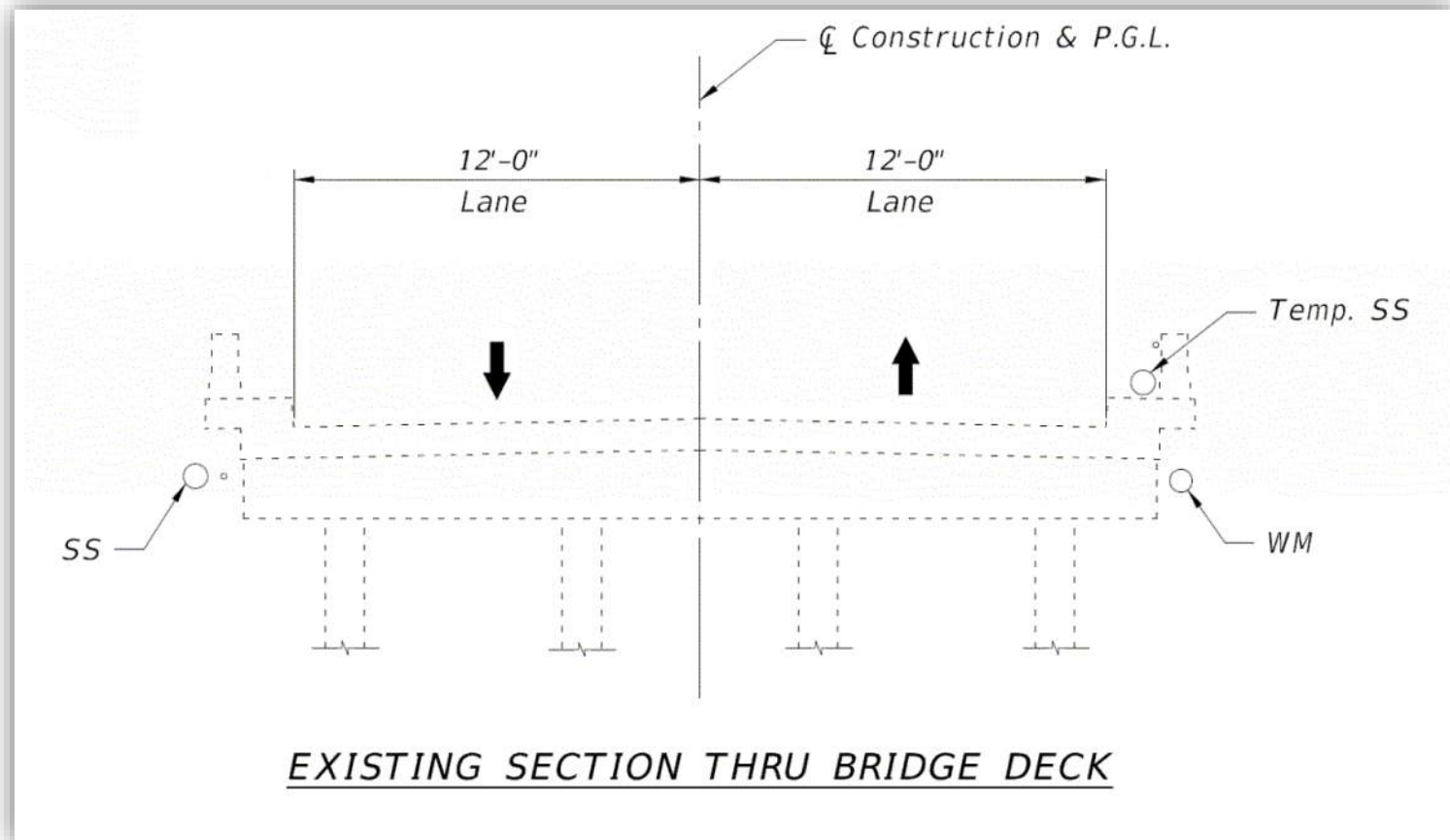
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Location



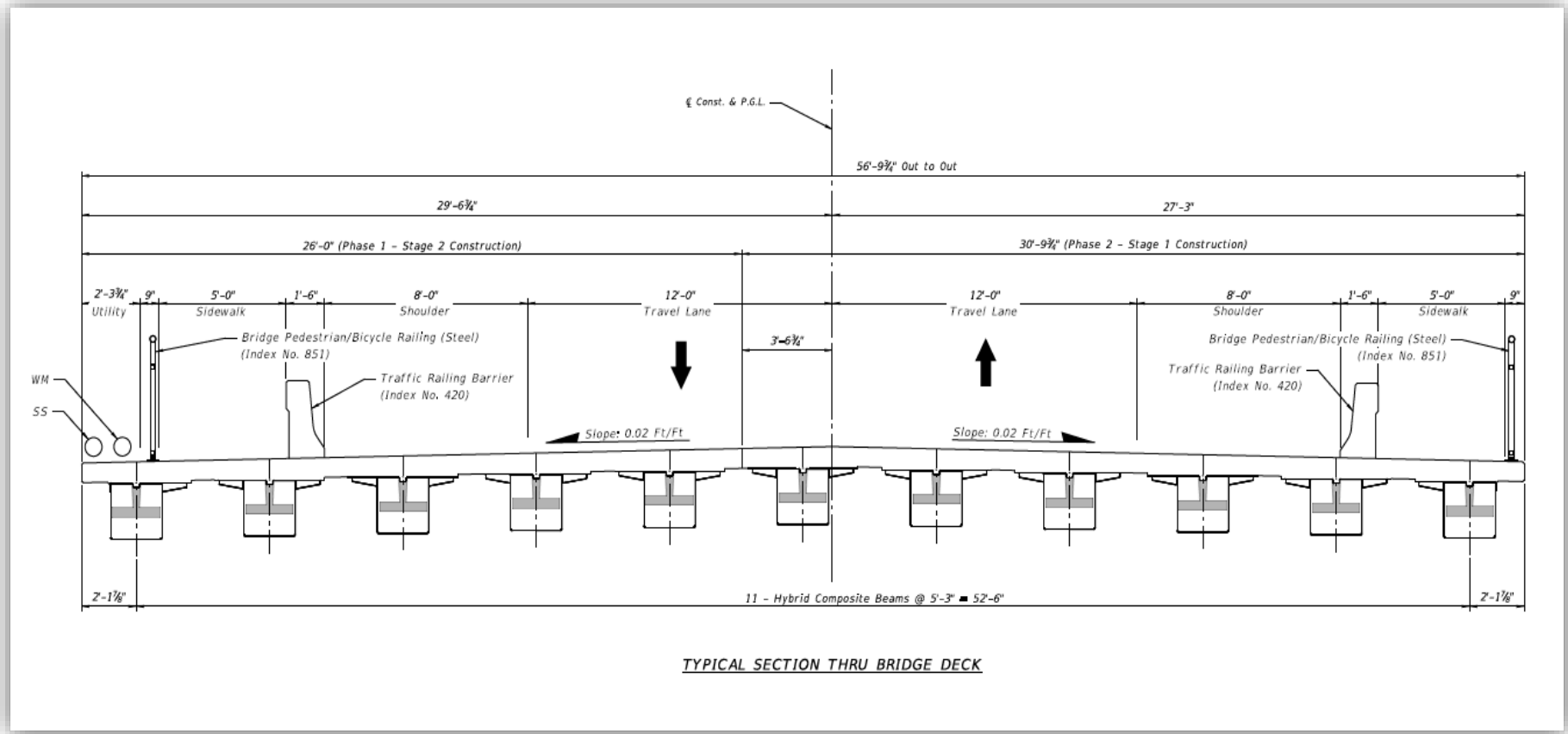
Project Overview

Existing Cross Section



Project Overview

Proposed Cross Section



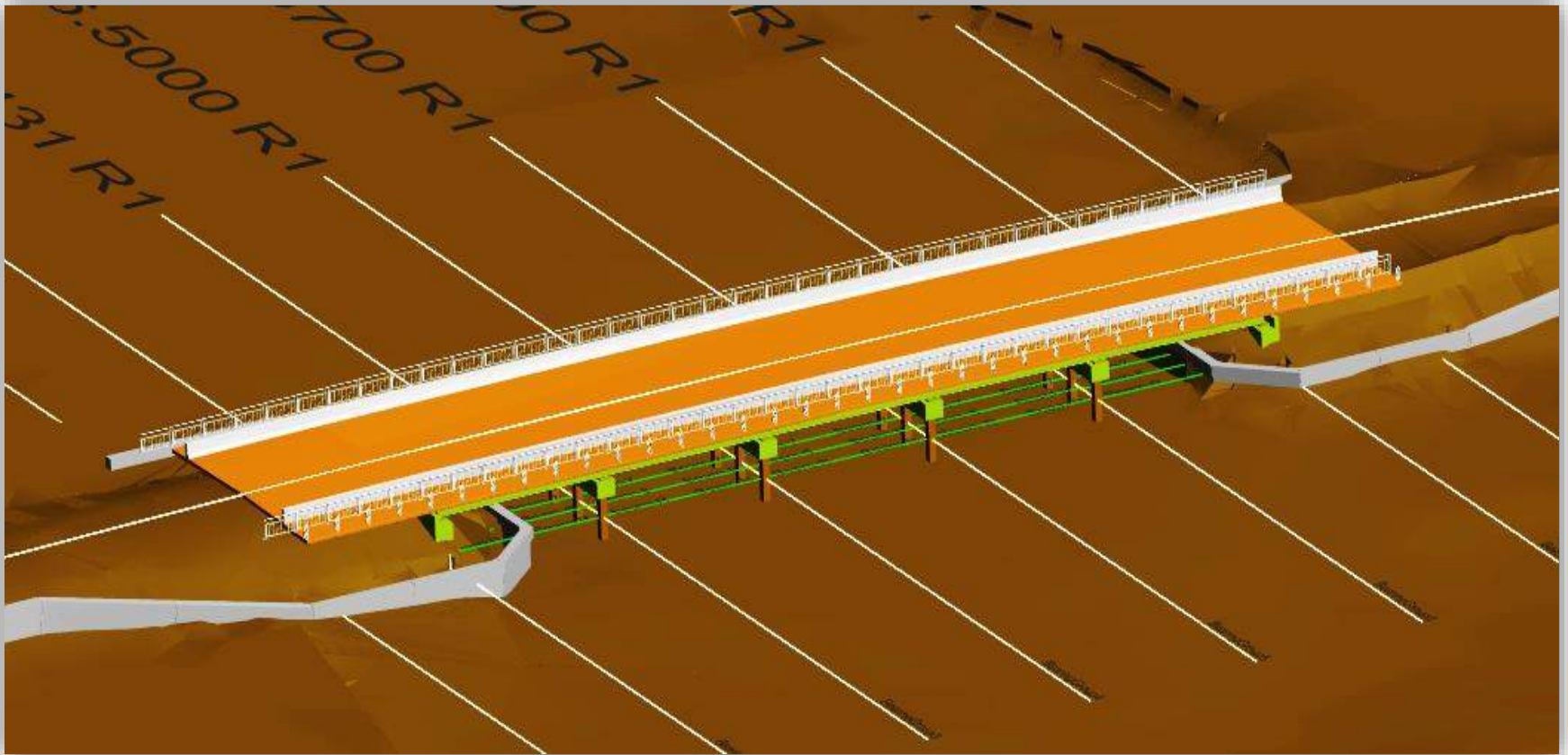
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Existing Bridge



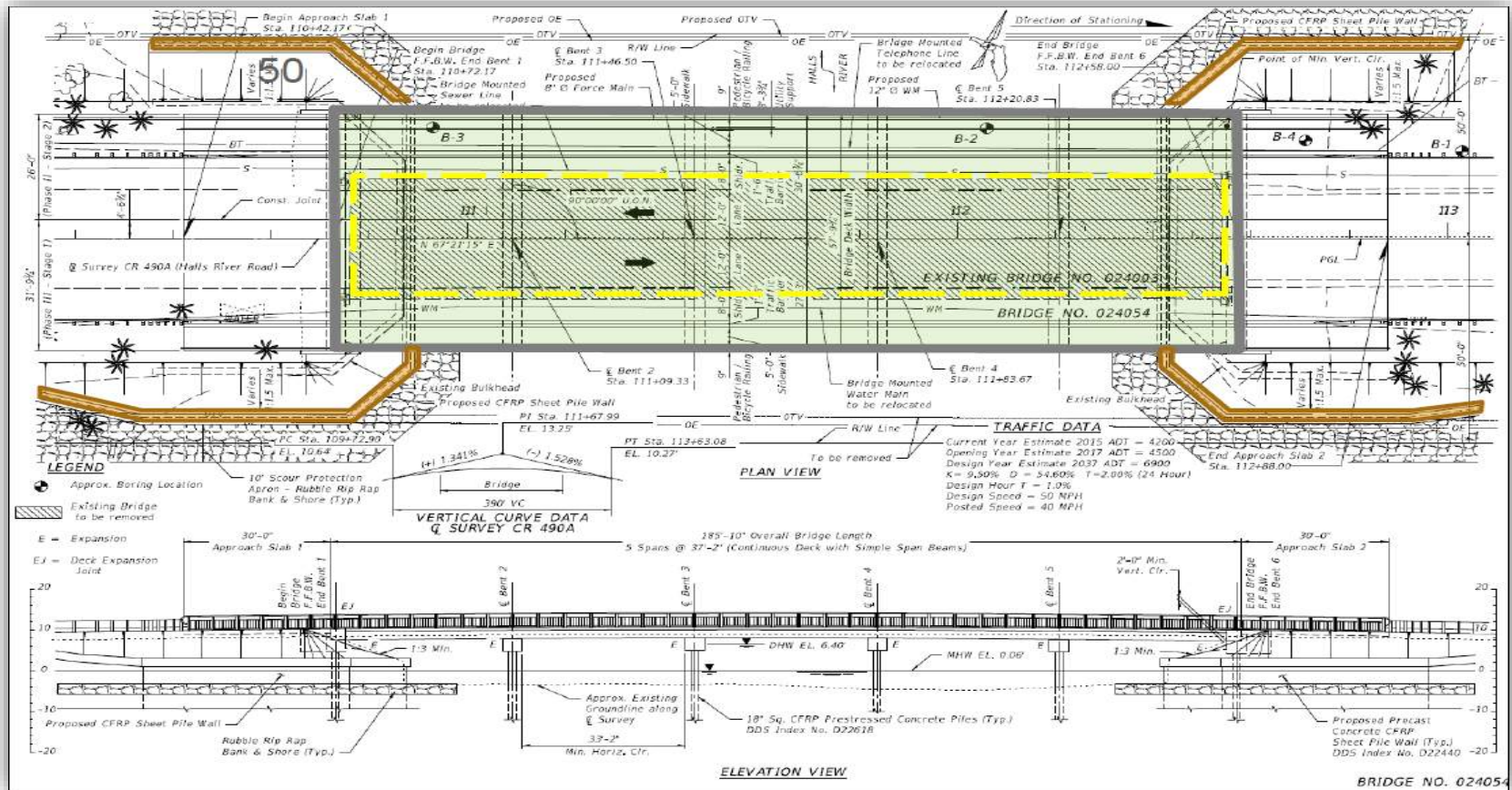
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Proposed Bridge



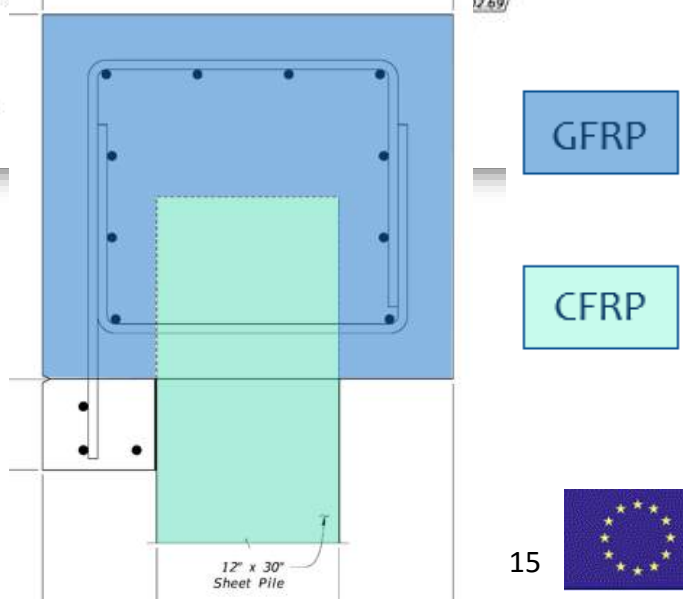
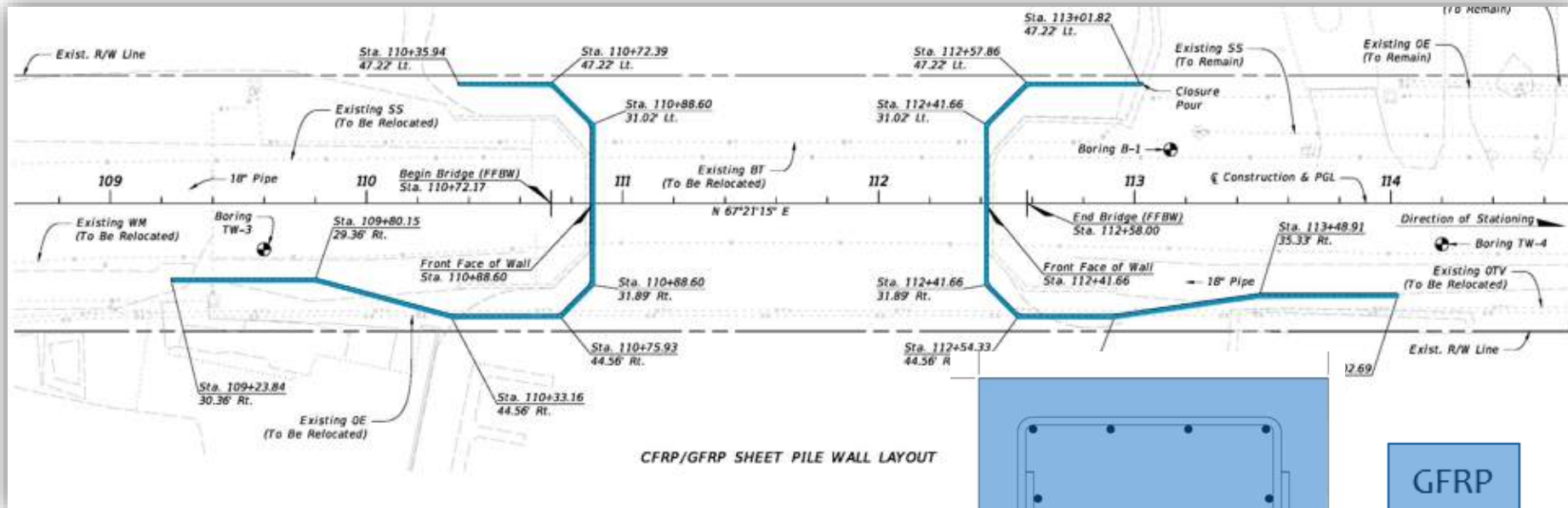
Project Overview

Proposed Bridge Plan and Elevation View



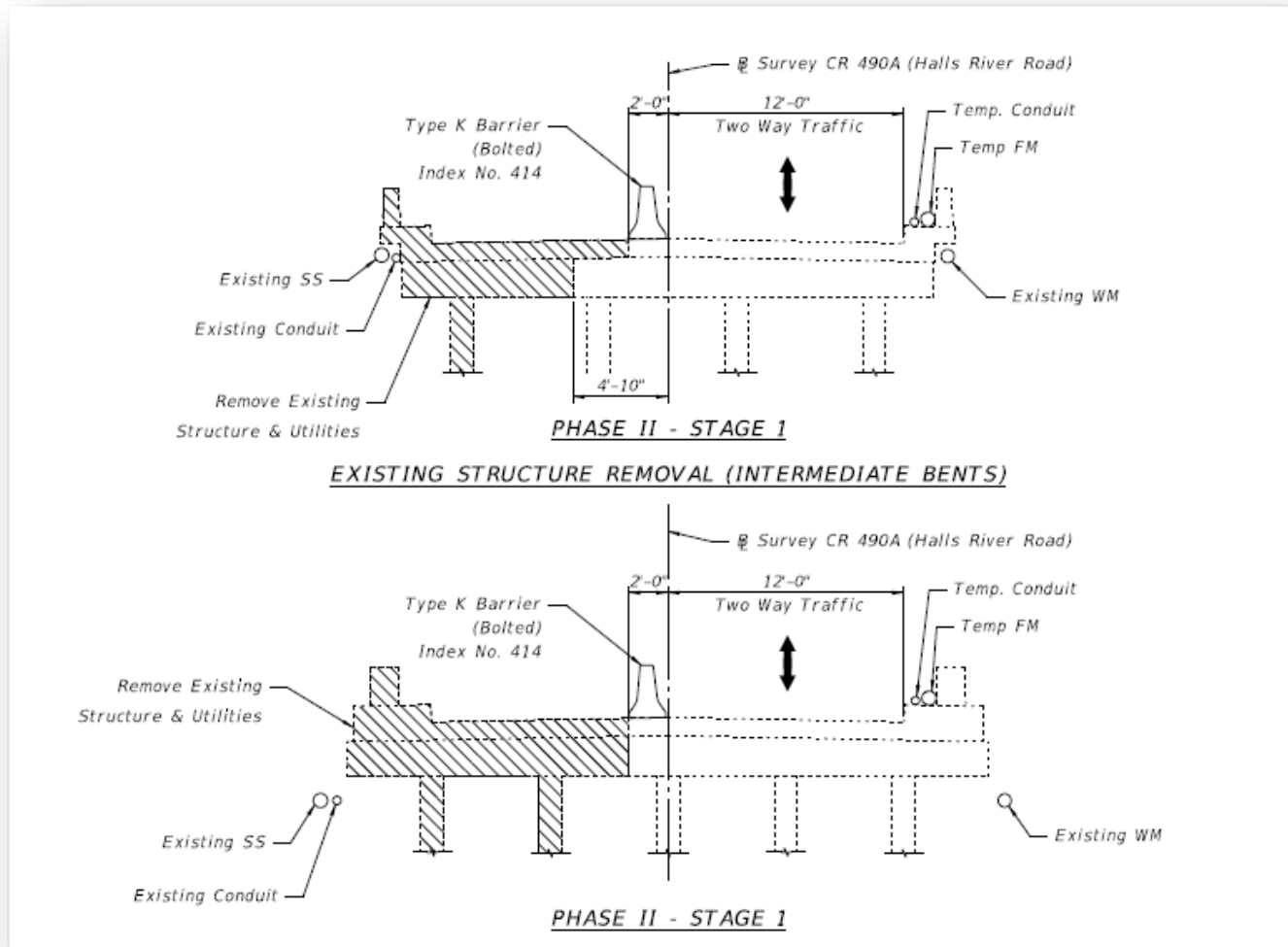
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Proposed CFRP/GFRP Sheet Pile Walls



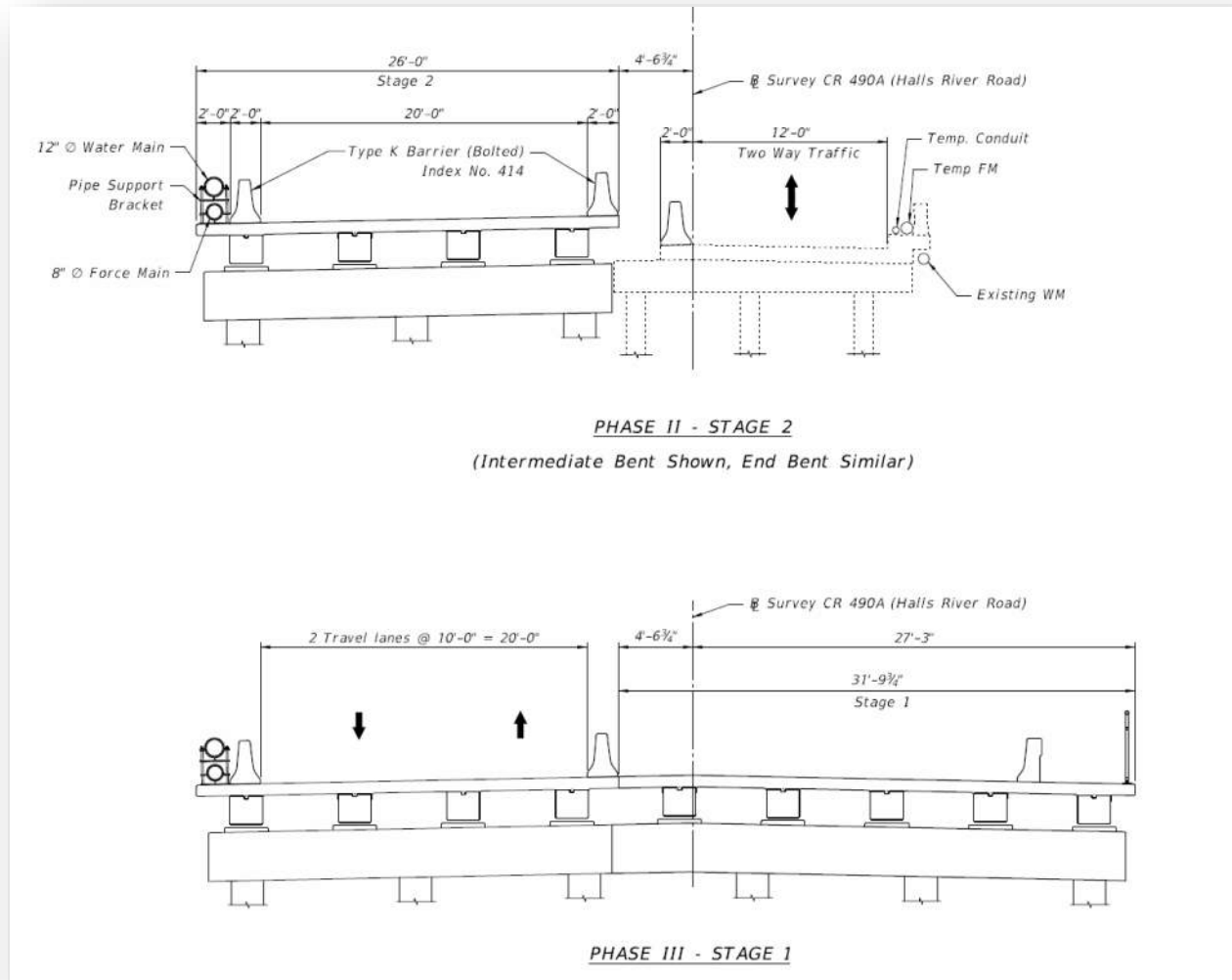
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Construction



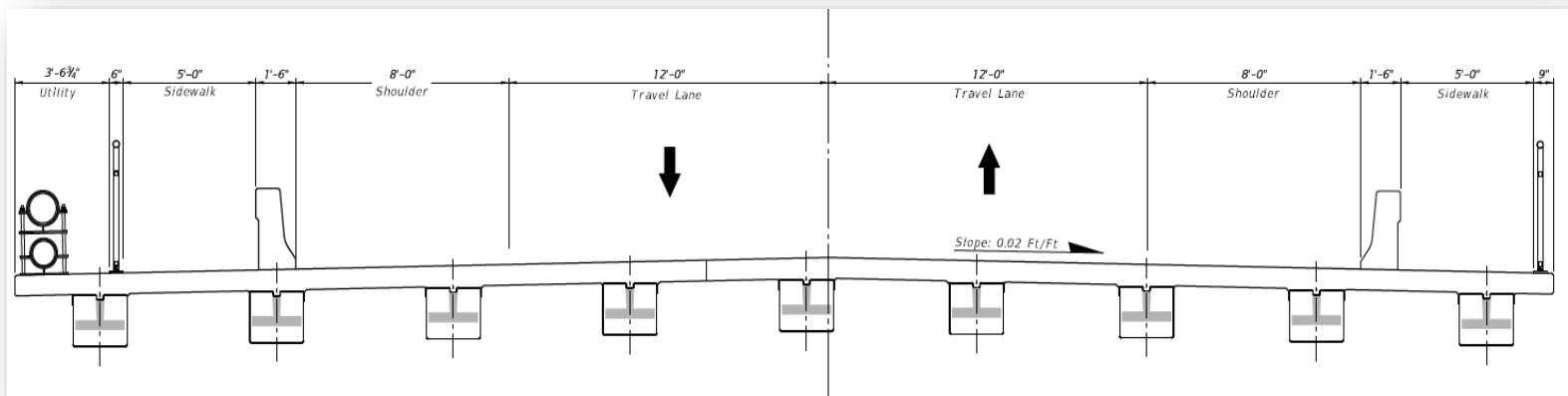
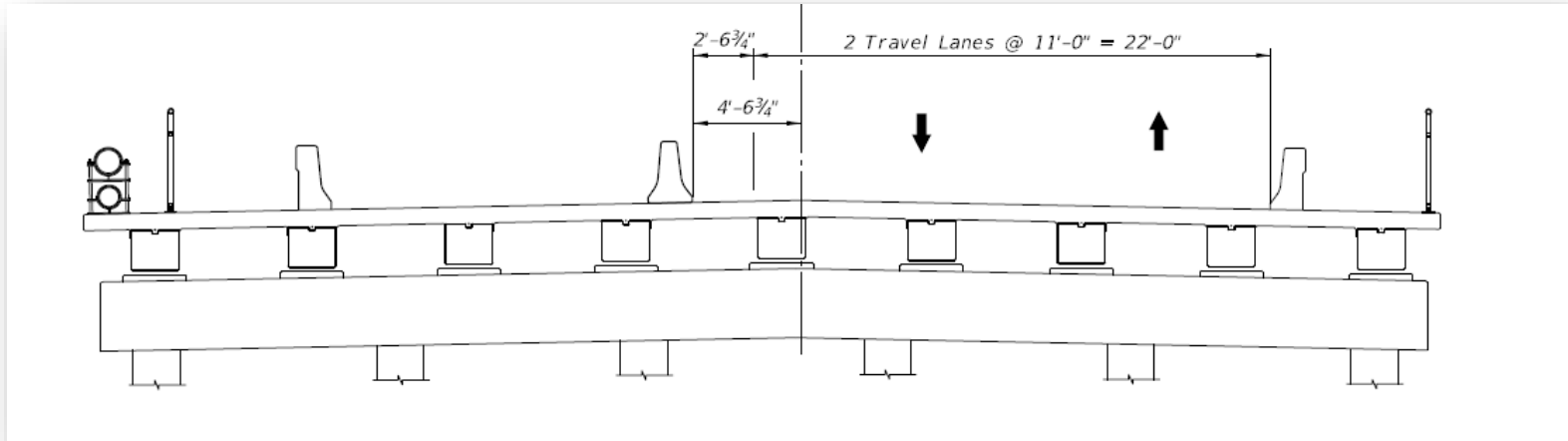
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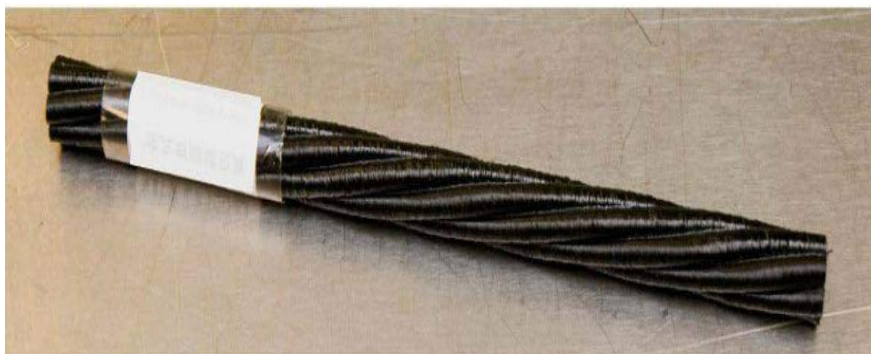


Composite Materials

Glass Fiber Reinforced (GFRP) Bars



Carbon Fiber Composite Cables (CFCC)

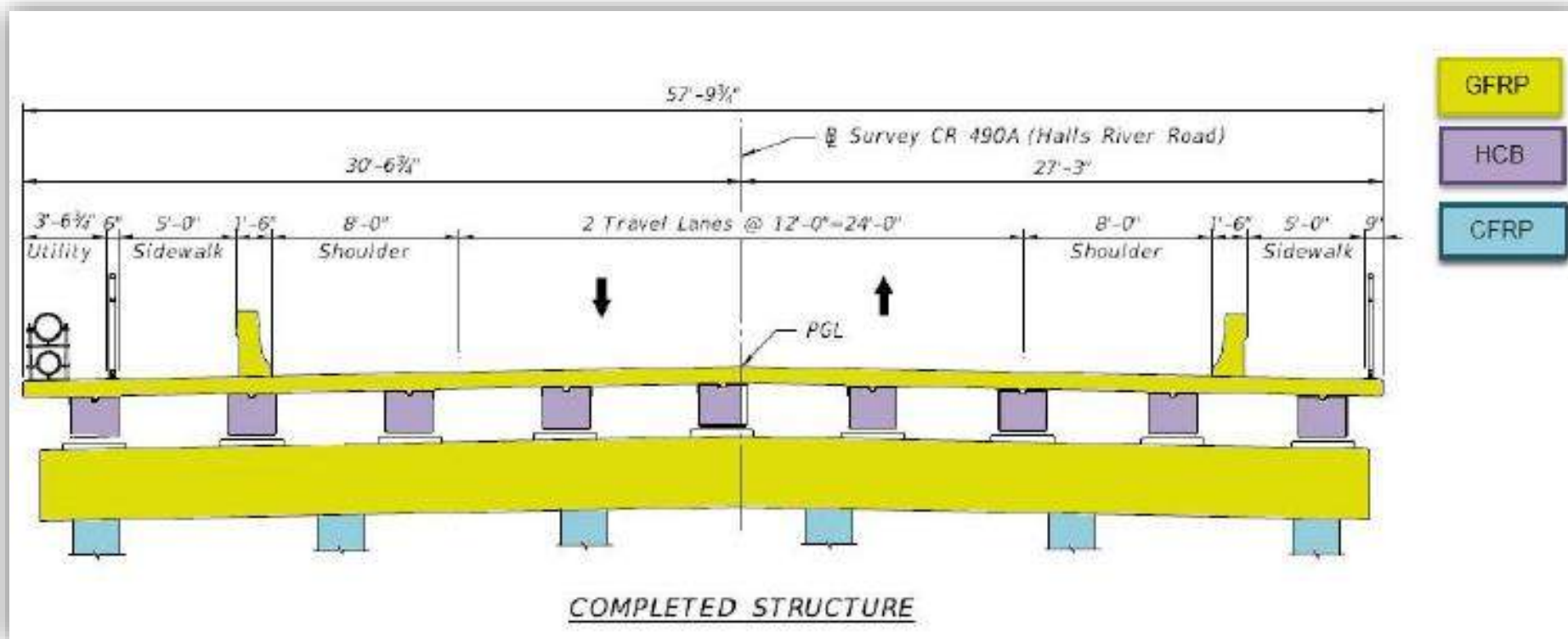


Hybrid Composite Beams (HCB)



Composite Materials

Halls River Bridge FRP Components



Composite Materials

Precast Prestressed Concrete Piles

- 18" Steel Reinforced : \$ 80 / ft
 - 18" CFCC Reinforced : \$ 122 / ft
- (bid cost was \$150)*

Precast Prestressed Sheet Piles

- 12"x30" Steel Reinforced : \$ 120 / ft
 - 12"x30" CFCC Reinforced : \$ 144 / ft
- (bid cost was \$265)*

Prestressed Slab Beams

\$ 300 / ft

Hybrid Composite Beams

\$ 428 / ft

(bid cost was \$330)



Bridge Life-Cycle Cost



Composite Materials

Cost Comparison (Installed Price)

Bar Size	Nominal Diameter	Average Unit Costs of Three Bidders on the Halls River Bridge Project		FDOT Structures Manual for BDR Cost Estimating	
		GFRP Bar	CFRP Bar	Grade 60 Steel Bar	Stainless Steel
#4	0.500"	\$1.18 / LF	\$7.99 / LF	\$0.60 / LF	\$2.72 / LF
#5	0.625"	\$1.37 / LF	\$8.34 / LF	\$0.94 / LF	\$4.19 / LF
#6	0.750"	\$1.55 / LF	-	\$1.35 / LF	\$5.98 / LF
#8	1.000"	\$2.54 / LF	-	\$2.40 / LF	\$10.74 / LF

Note: There is not 1:1 substitution of FRP for steel bars.
 Black steel bar based on \$0.90 / lb for all bar sizes.
 Stainless steel bar based on \$4.00 / lb for all bar sizes.



Bridge Life-Cycle Cost



Composite Materials

Example

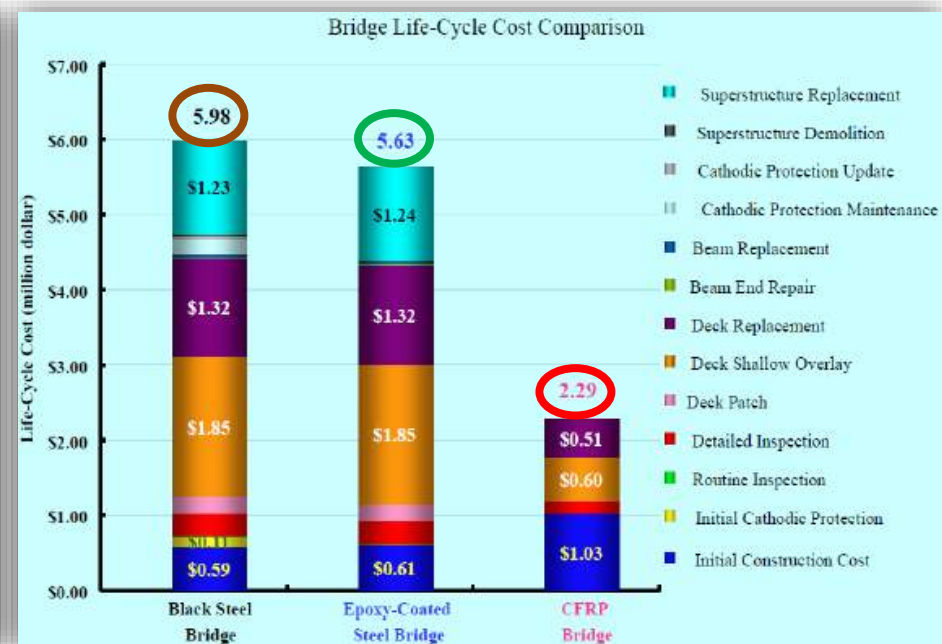
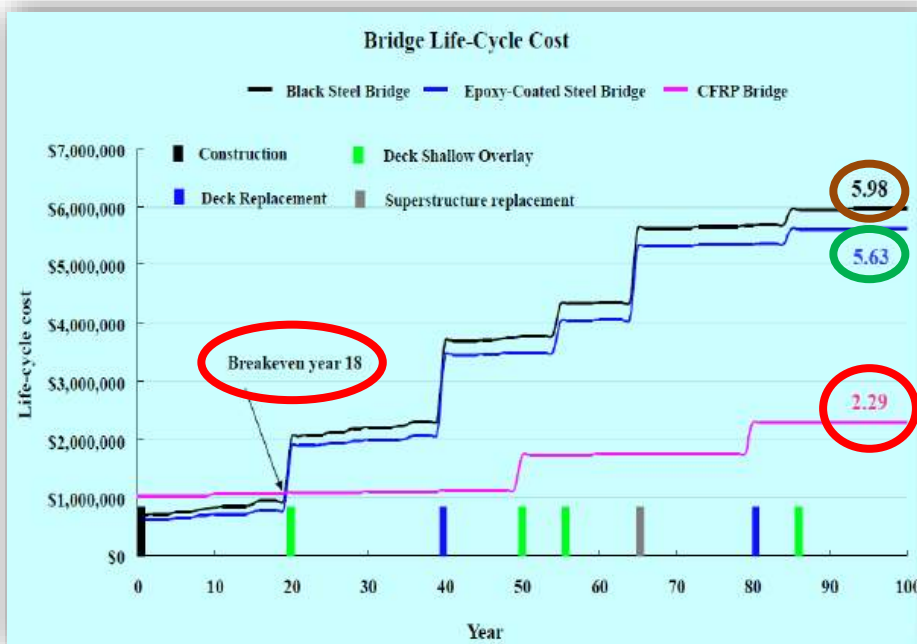
Bridge Life-Cycle Cost

CFRP: \$2.29 Million

Breakeven yr 18

Epoxy-Coated: \$5.63 Million

Black Steel: \$5.98 Million



Source: Ohio Bridge Design Conference presentation, "New Generation of Sustainable CFRP Prestressed Concrete Highway Bridges" (Dr. Nabil Grace, 2014)



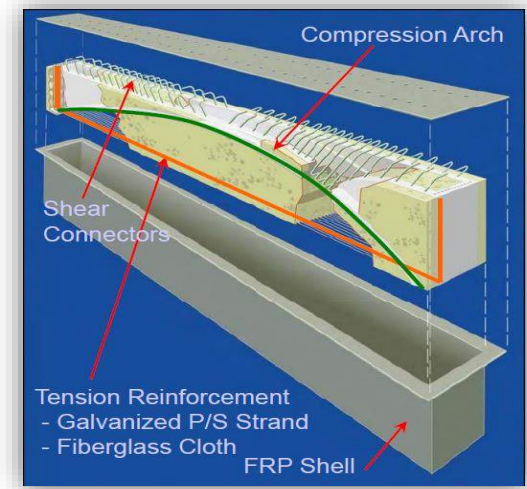
Composite Materials – HCB

HCB = Hybrid Composite Beam

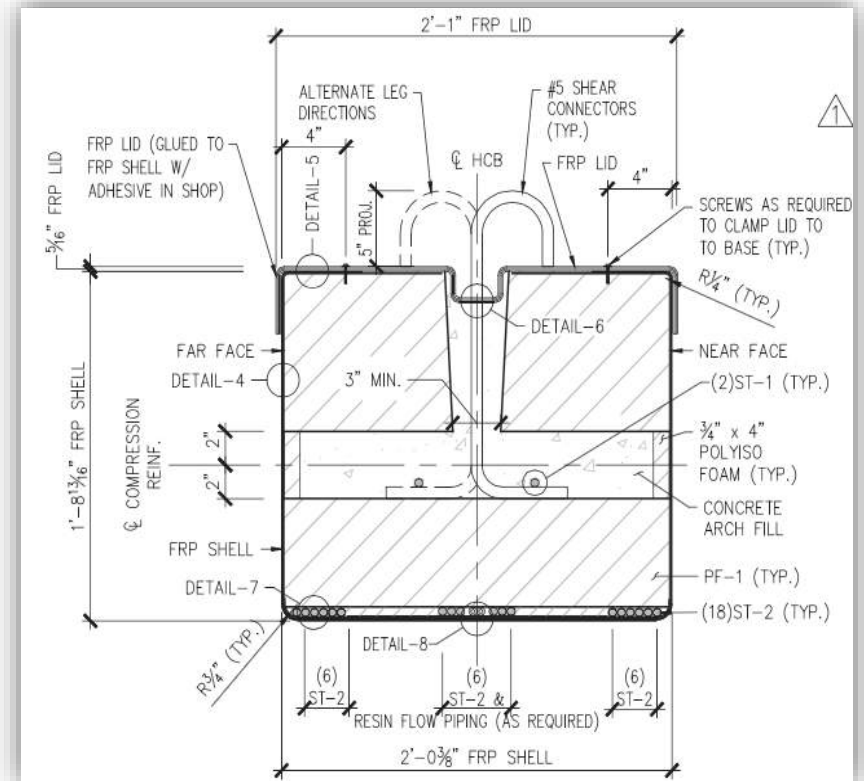
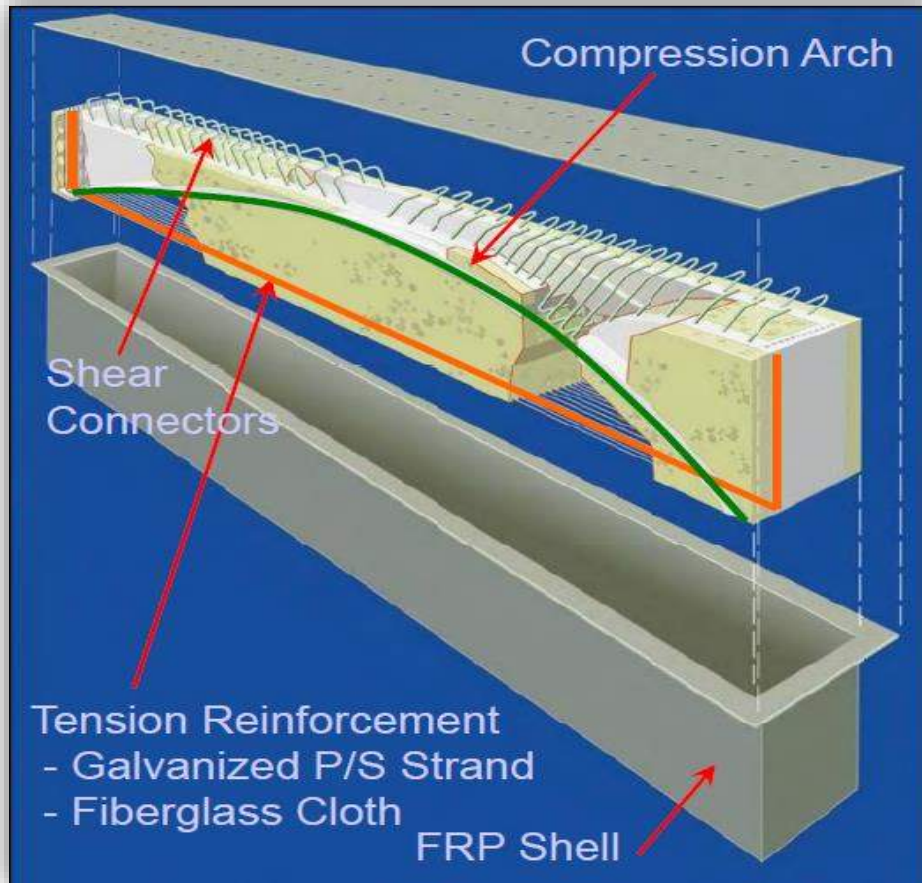
“Tied Arch in A Fiberglass Box”

A structural member using several different building materials resulting in a cost effective composite beam designed to be **stronger, lighter, and more corrosion resistant**

- Compression Arch (SCC Concrete)
- Tension Reinforcement
 - Galvanized P/S Strand
 - Fiberglass Cloth
- Galvanized Shear Connectors



Composite Materials – HCB



Composite Materials – HCB



FRP Materials – HCB



Source: Hillman Composite Bridge, Inc.



Composite Materials – FRP bars

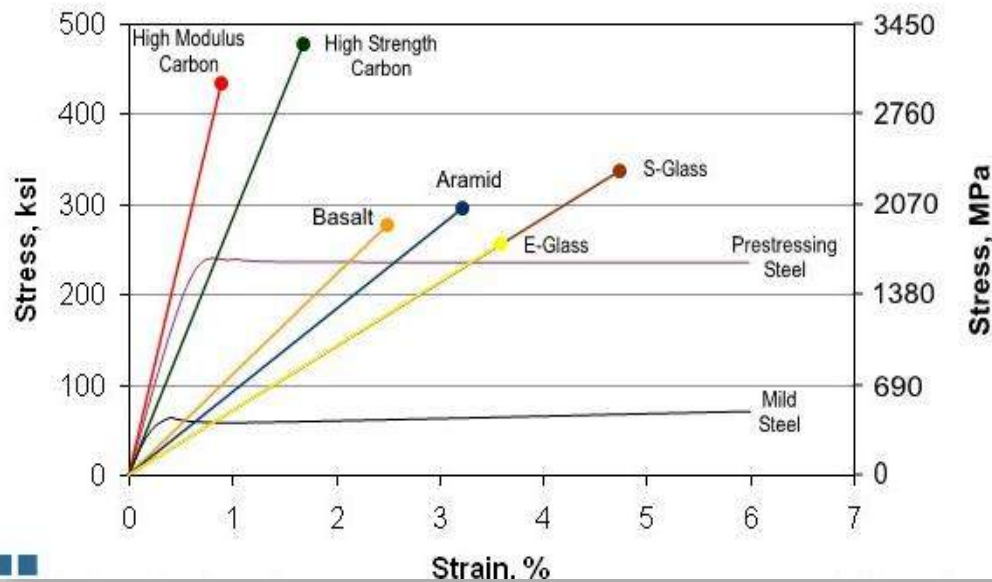
Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcing

Pros:

- Corrosion Resistance
- High Strength
- Lightweight
- Fatigue Endurance

Cons:

- High Initial Cost
- Brittle Failure

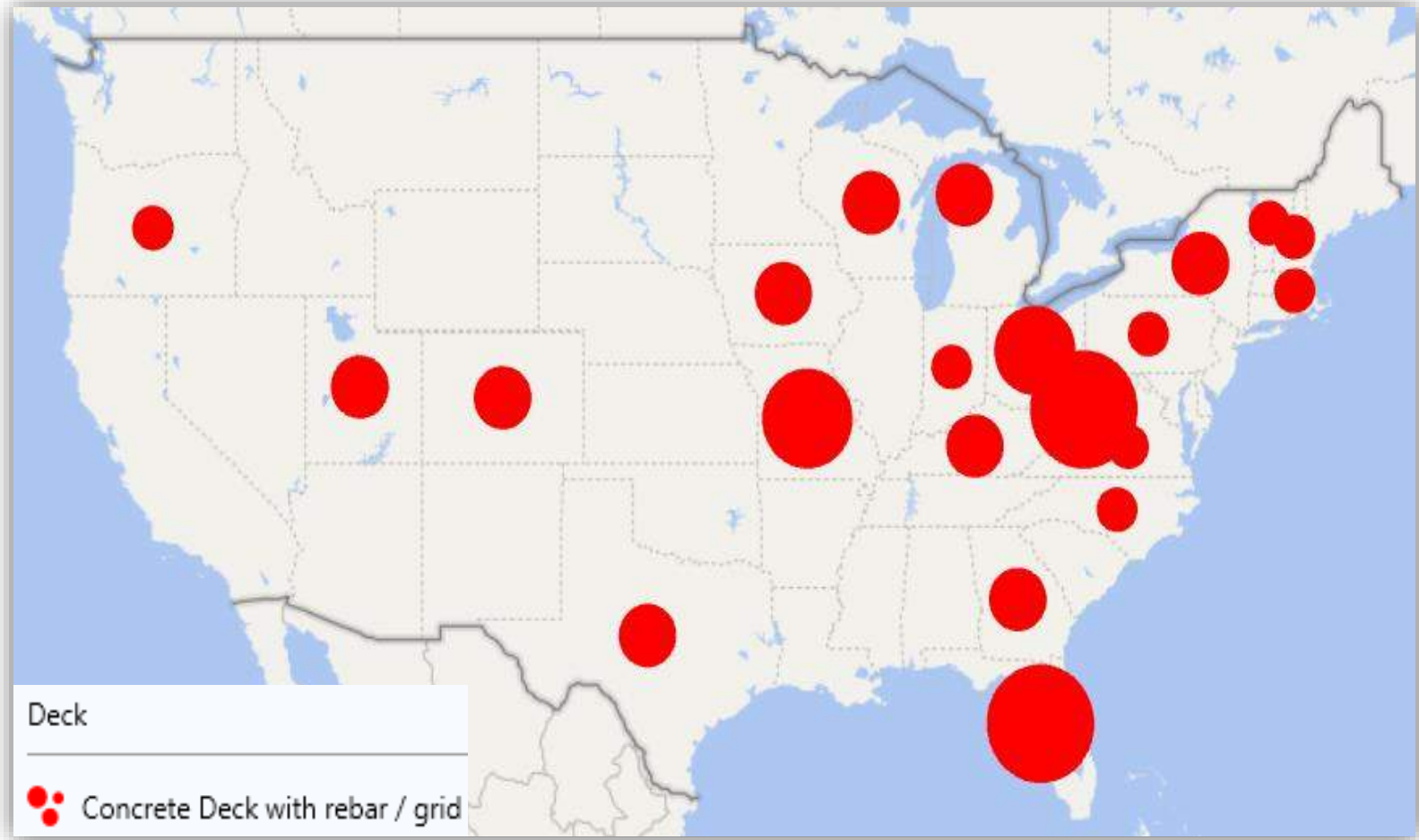


Bar type	Yield strength f_y or tensile strength f_{tu} , ksi (MPa)	Modulus of elasticity, ksi (GPa)
Steel	60 (414)	29,000 (200)
GFRP	80 (552)	6000 (41.4)
AFRP	170 (1172)	12,000 (82.7)
CFRP	300 (2070)	22,000 (152)

<http://www.build-on-prince.com/frp-reinforcement.html#sthash.w7HfVILh.dpbs>



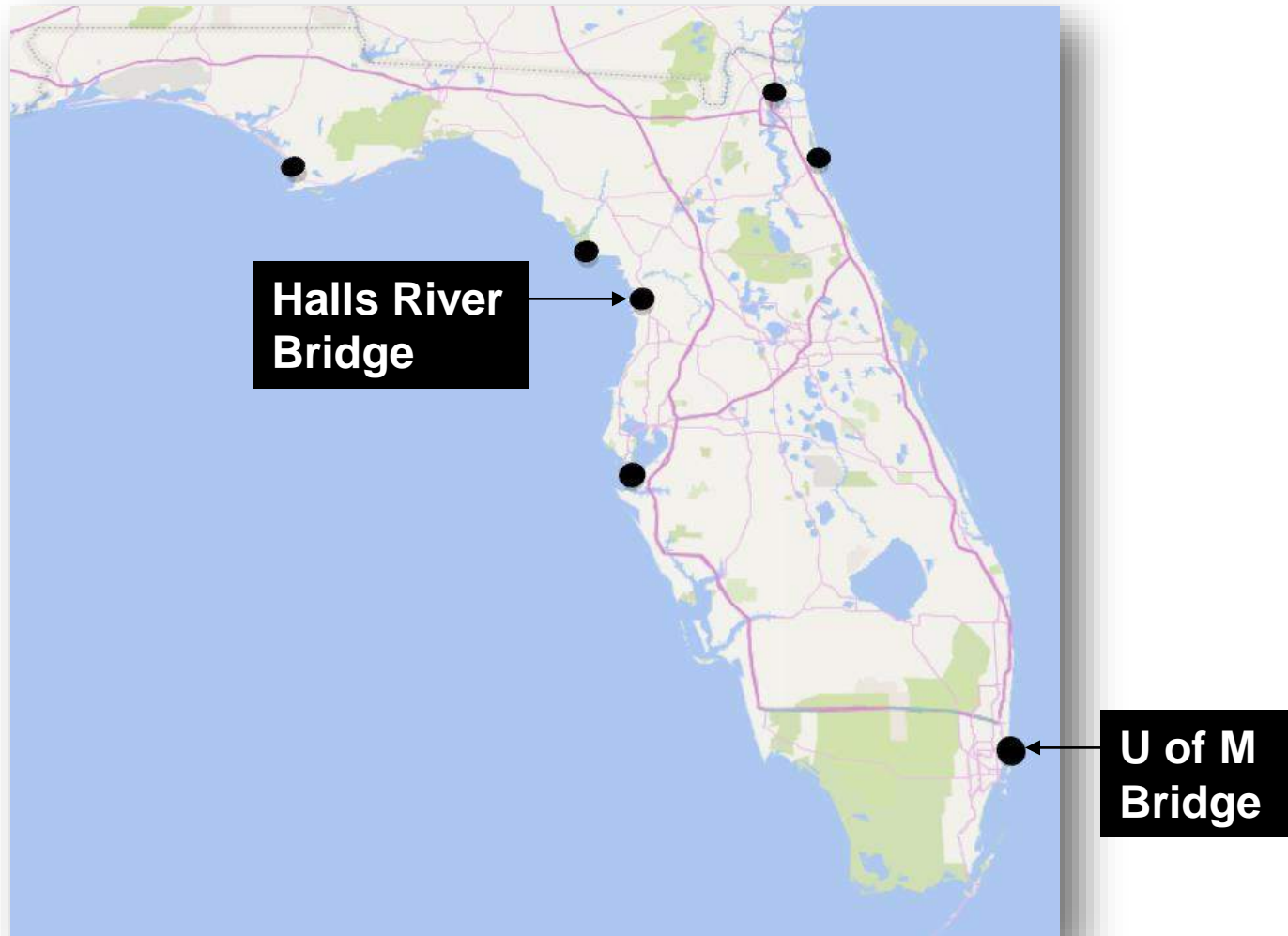
Composite Materials – FRP Decks



Source: University of Miami – College of Engineering



Composite Materials – GFRP Reinforcing



Source: FDOT Structures Design Office



Composite Materials – CFRP/GFRP Piles



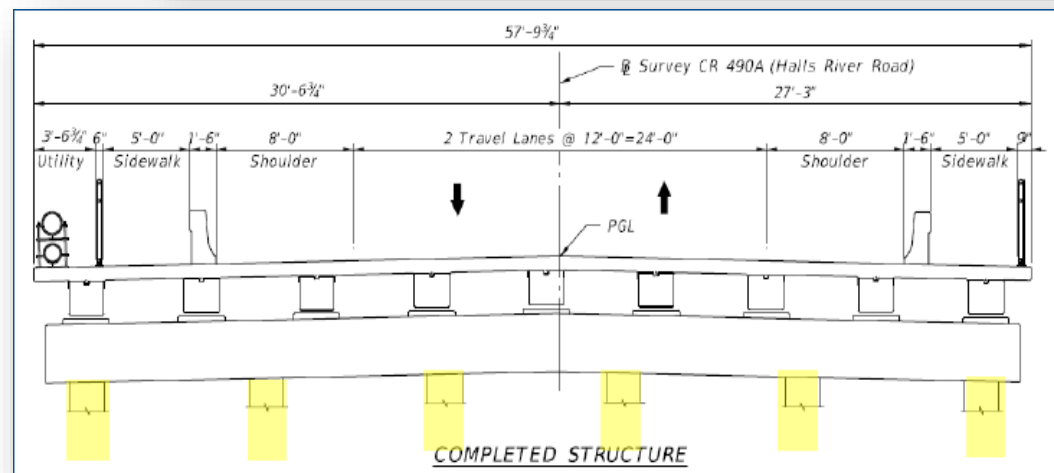
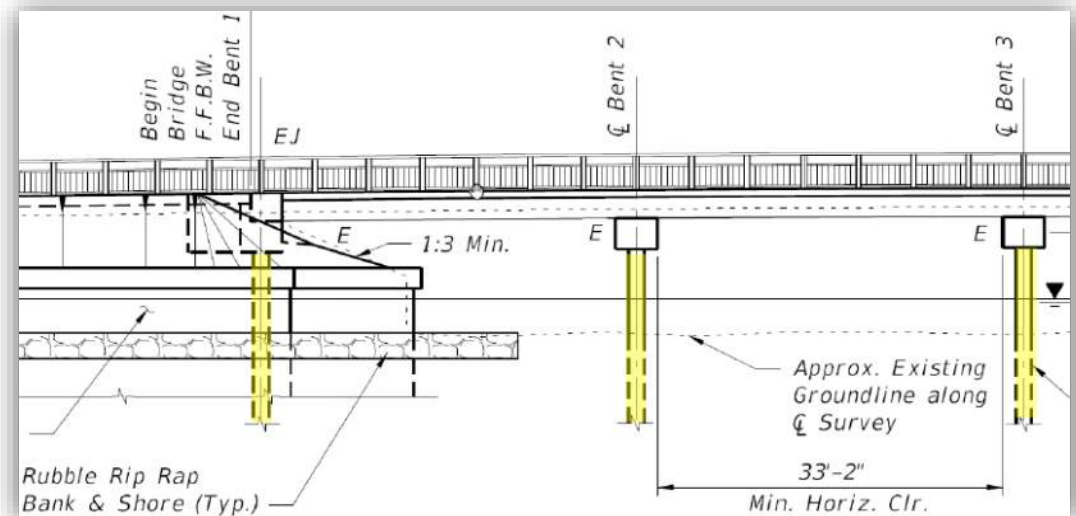
Composite Materials – Bearing Piles

- 18"x18" Square Concrete Prestressed Piles;

- 6 Piles per End Bents;

- 6 Piles per Intermediate Bents;

- Total 36 piles, (test pile lengths 55' to 70')



Composite Materials – Bearing Piles

Structures Manual Vol. 4 – Fiber Reinforced Polymer Guidelines (FRPG).

- Overall commentary on FRP;
- Specific design criteria, plan content and Specification requirements;
- Design review requirements;
- Approval of use process;
- Permitted uses for each type of FRP.

Standardization

- i. Square CFRP Prestressed Bearing Piles
- ii. **Developmental** Index D22600 & D22618 (now conventional **Design Standards**)

Development Basis

- i. Research at FAMU/FSU

Design Criteria - **ACI 440.4R**

FDOT Material Specifications – (**Dev**) **932 & 933**

Usage Criteria – **SDG 3.5.1**



(photograph) FDOT. Wooden Headers For CFRP Strands.



(photograph) FDOT. CFRP Pile Casting with SCC.

Composite Materials – Bearing Piles

Roddenberry M, Mtenga P, Joshi K, (2014). “Investigation of Carbon Fiber Composite Cables (CFCC) in Prestressed Concrete Piles”, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, for FDOT Project BDK83-977-17, April 2014.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/structures/structuresresearchcenter/Final%20Reports/2014/FDOT-BDK83-977-17-rpt.pdf>

Iyer, S. L., 1995, “Demonstration of Advanced Composite Cables for use as Prestressing in Concrete Waterfront Structures,” Final report submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, Champaign, Ill., Nov.

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Schiebel, S., and Nanni, A., 2000, “Axial and Flexural Performance of Concrete Piles Prestressed with CFRP Tendons,” *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Advanced Composite Materials in Bridges and Structures (ACMBS3)*, Ottawa, Canada, Aug., pp. 471-478



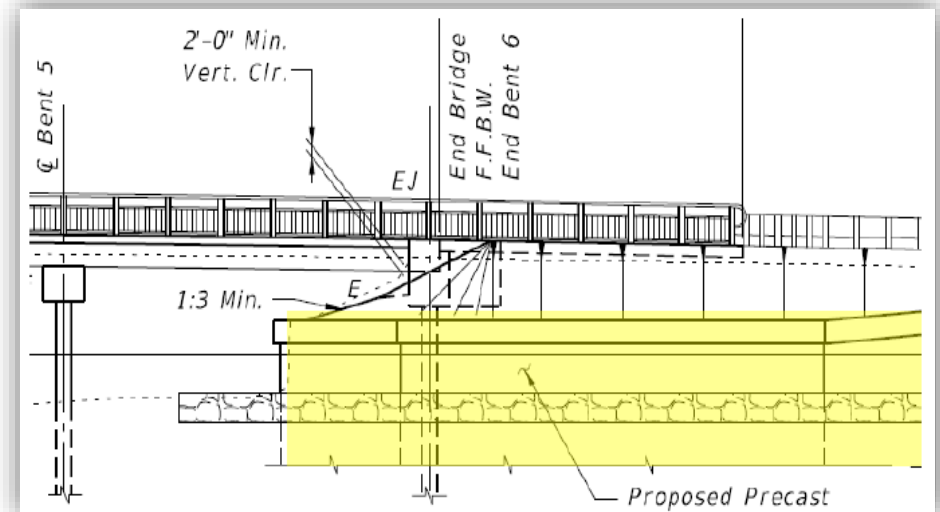
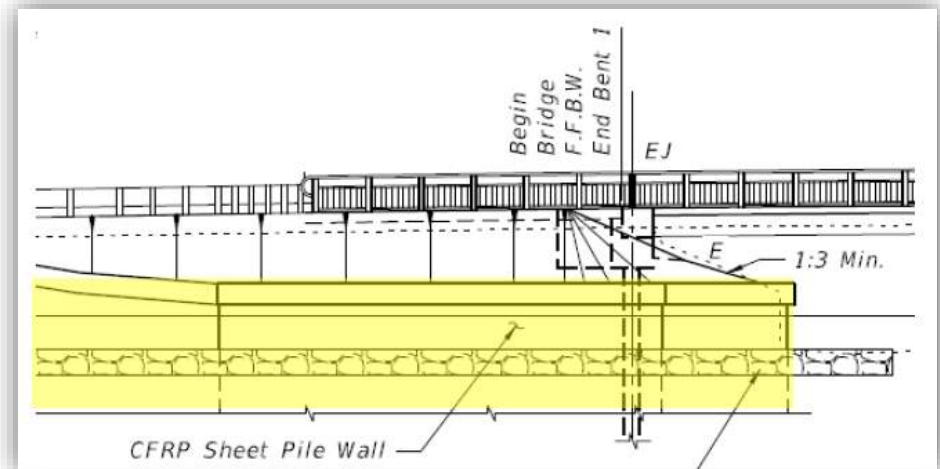
Composite Materials - Sheet Piles

Sheet Piles:

- 12" x 30" Concrete Prestressed Sheet Section;
- 8 CFRP prestressing strands ;
- GFRP #4 stirrups and #5 supplemental reinforcing;
- Lengths vary 24' to 29';
- Total 235 piles (12 corner piles)

Caps:

- 24" x 27" Concrete Section;
- GFRP #5 stirrups and #5 longitudinal reinforcing;
- Total Length 575'
- Integral Test Blocks



Composite Materials – Sheet Piles

Design Criteria - **ACI 440.1R & 440.4R**

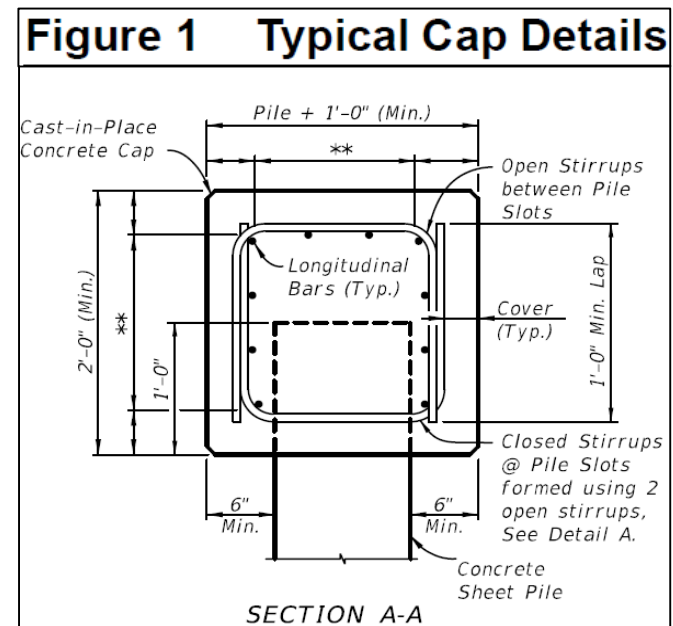
FDOT **Material Specifications** for strands and bars

FRP Bars – **Section 932 (Dev)**

FRP Strands - **Section 933 (Dev)**

Standardization

- i. CFRP/GFRP Prestressed Concrete Sheet Piles (**Index D22440**)
- ii. GFRP-RC Bulkhead Cap (**FDOT Instructions – IDDS-22440**, see Figure 1 below)
- iii. GFRP-RC Guidelines (**Structures Manual –Vol. 4 Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Guidelines**)



Composite Materials – Approach Slabs

General

- i. 30ft length
- ii. GFRP reinforcement

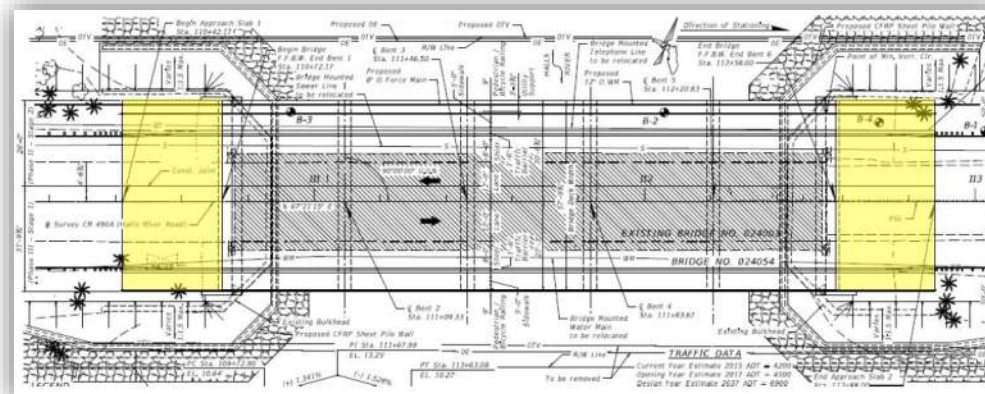
Structural System

- i. **Developmental Design Standard** [Index D22900](#)

Design Criteria

- i. **ACI 440.1R / AASHTO Guide Spec.** (without service limit state checks) – For slab-on-grade neither may not be applicable.
- ii. Emulates FDOT standard Approach Slab ([Index 20900](#))

FDOT Material Specifications – **Section 932 (Dev)**



Composite Materials –Traffic Railings

General

- i. **DDS** Index D22420 - GFRP-RC 32" F-Shape
- ii. Supplemental plan details required for post-installed anchorage (north side).

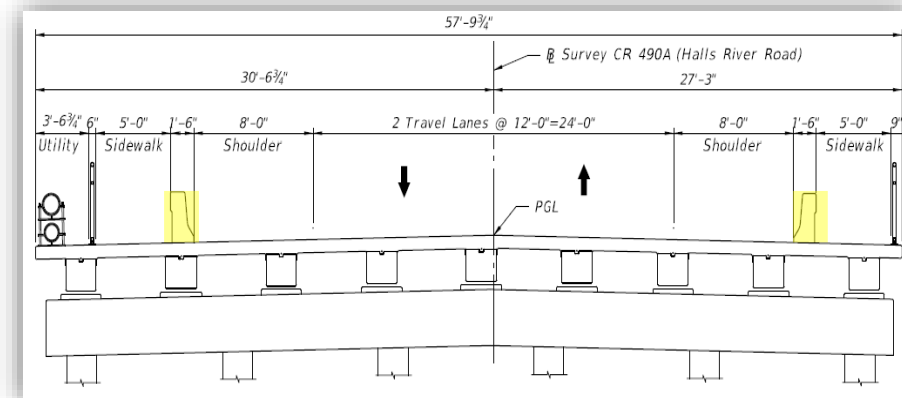
Similar crash tested designs

- i. Pultrall (V-Rod), Schoeck (ComBAR), & Temcorp (TemBar): MASH TL-5, 42" Safety-Shape
- ii. GFRP Adhesive Anchor Pullout Tests by Hilti/Canadian Researchers.

Design Criteria

- i. **AASHTO Guide Spec.**
- ii. NCHRP Report 350 (but MASH pending)

FDOT Material Specifications - **Dev932**



References, Codes and Specifications

Technical Special Provision

TECHNICAL SPECIAL PROVISION

FOR

SECTION T450 - FURNISHING & INSTALLING HYBRID-COMPOSITE
BEAMS

FINANCIAL PROJECT ID: 430021-1-52-01

Design & Maintenance Manual

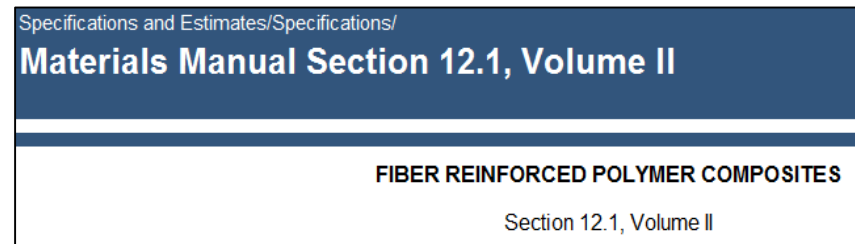
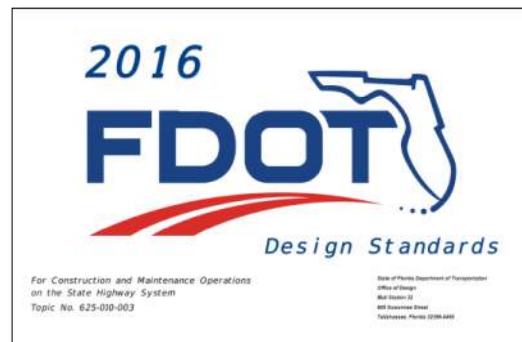
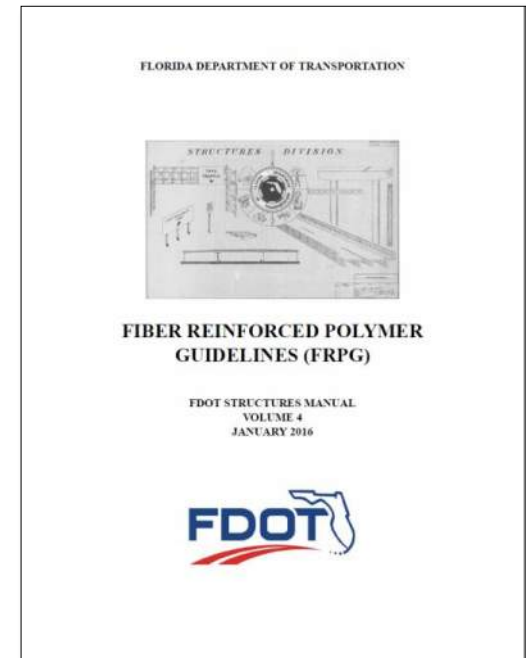
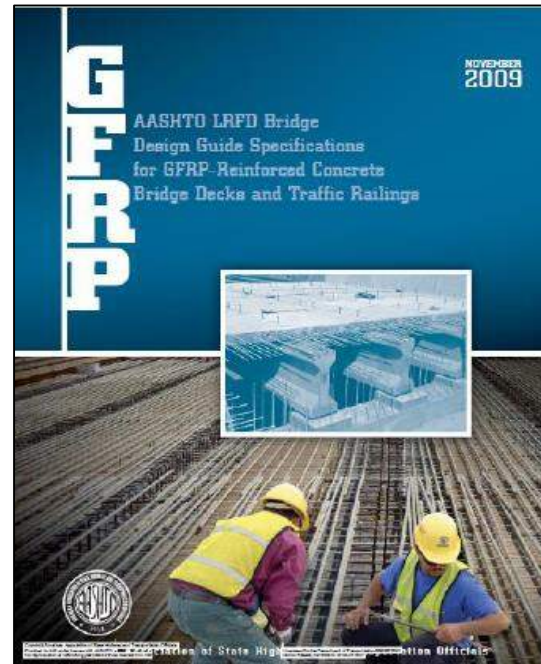
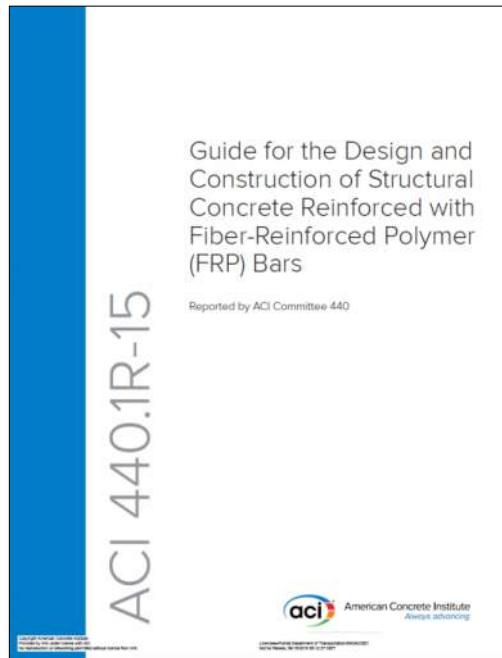
*Hybrid-Composite Beam (HCB®)
Design and Maintenance Manual*



Field Installation Manual



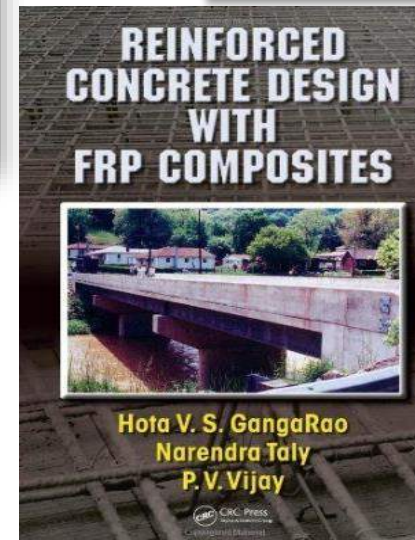
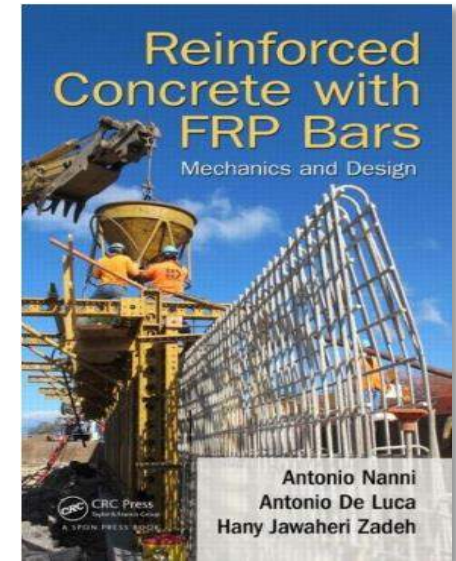
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FDOT Developmental Standards:

- Pultruded FRP Bar Bending Details (**Index D21310**)
- 18" CFRP Prestressed Piles (**Index D22618**)
- CFRP Prestressed Piles Splices (**Index D22601**)
- CFRP/GFRP Sheet Piles Walls (**Index D22440**)
- Traffic Railing - GFRP Reinforced (**Index D22420**)
- Approach Slab – GFRP Reinforced (**Index D22900**)



References, Codes and Specifications

FDOT research and field implementation of FRP materials is **ongoing** and design recommendations **continue to evolve**.

Completion Date	Title	Researcher	Institution	Research No.
5/31/2018	Performance Evaluation of GFRP Reinforcing Bars Embedded in Concrete Under Aggressive Environments	R. Kampmann	FSU	BDV30 977-18
3/31/2018	Degradation Mechanisms and Service Life Estimation of FRP Concrete Reinforcements	A. El Safty	UNF	BDV34 977-05
4/16/2014	Investigation of Carbon Fiber Composite Cables (CFCC) in Prestressed Concrete Piles	M. Roddenberry, P. Mtenga	FSU	BDK83 977-17
11/30/1998	Studies on Carbon FRP (CFRP) Prestressed Concrete Bridge Columns and Piles in Marine Environment	M. Arockiasamy	FAU	B-9076
8/1/1995	Durability of CRFP Pretensioned Piles in Marine Environment Volume II	R. Sen	USF	0510642

<http://www.fdot.gov/research>



References, Codes and Specifications

Unless otherwise stated within the FRPG, the **use of FRP composites requires approval** of the State Structures Design Office.

Obtain concept approval before proceeding with any design effort.

After concept is approved, submit the design to the State Structures Design Office for review.

PPM 26.3.2: Structures with any component designed using FRP composite materials is a Category 2 Structure.

With prior approval by State Structures Design Engineer

Without prior approval by State Structures Design Engineer

- **GFRP/CFRP** reinforcing bars used for **expansion joints in junction slabs** when paired with a keyed joint
- **CFRP/GFRP Prestressed Concrete Bearing Pile**
Design Standards (22600 Series)
- **CFRP/GFRP Prestressed Concrete Sheet Pile Wall**
Design Standard 22440



References, Codes and Specifications

Structures Design

Structures Design / Design Innovation

Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing

Structures Design - Transportation Innovation

Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcing Bars and Strands

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<http://www.fdot.gov/structures/innovation/FRP.shtm>



Summary

- New vehicular bridge using FRP materials (1st in FL)
- Category 2 Structure
- Design:
 - FDOT D7 Structures Design Office (Bridge)
 - American Consulting (Bulkhead/Seawall)
 - FDOT SDO Design Standards Group (Developmental Standards)
- FHWA oversight and funding
- Long-term monitoring by FDOT, FAMU-FSU, and UM/SEACON



QUESTIONS?



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The Halls River Bridge – perspective of owner/designer, contractor and researcher

Part II – Constructing HRB

August 4, 2017

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Astaldi Construction Corporation

- Astaldi's Experience with FRP
- Construction Considerations
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- Halls River Bridge Project
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Astaldi's Experience with FRP



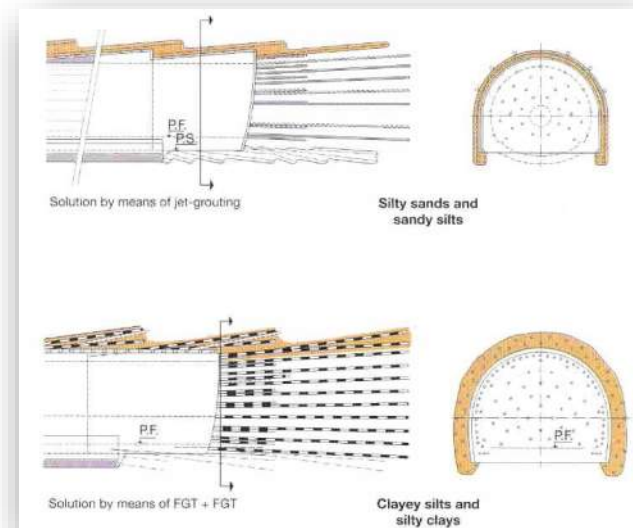
- More than 20 years using FRP:

Astaldi's Recent Projects using FRP	
Metro Copenhagen, Phase 1 & 2 - Denmark	Metro Milan Line 5 Bignami - Garibaldi, Italy
Metro Brescia, Italy	Metro Naples Line 1, Piscinola - Centro Direzionale, Italy
Metro Genoa, Italy	Metro Rome Line C, Italy Phase 1 and Phase 2
Metro Milan Line 4, Italy	Metro Warsaw, Poland
Metro Milan Line 5, San Siro - Garibaldi, Italy	Rome-Naples HSR, Italy

Astaldi's use of FRP, has been predominately for **mechanized tunneling**.

Astaldi's Experience with FRP

- Use of 'Soft Eye' in breakthroughs of Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) in stations/shafts.
- Use of Glass FRP reinforcements for tunnel face strengthening in soft ground NATM tunnels works.



Astaldi's Experience with FRP

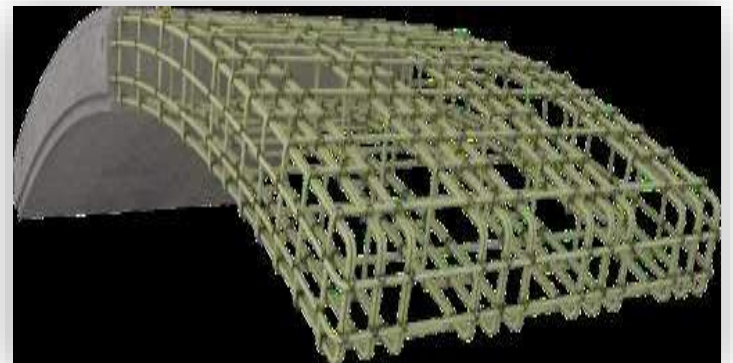


In recent years, the improvement in materials and testing have allowed FRP to make the jump from '*temporary works*' to '*permanent works*'.

- *Concrete Tunnel Linings/Segments with FRP.*
- *LRT Track Beds - Mitigation of Stray Current Corrosion*
- *Reinforced Concrete Structures in marine environments.*
- *Reinforced Structures subject to harsh environment – cold weather climates.*

Astaldi's Experience with FRP

- Less reinforcements requirements due to reduced concrete cover.
- Higher durability - no issues with spalling caused by oxidization of steel rebar.
- Higher durability - no corrosions caused by stray currents from DC distribution lines, railway systems, substations, among other sources
- Normal Concrete Mixes Designs- no specific requirements for specialized mixes and relevant testing



Construction Considerations

Procurement & Lead Time

- Procurement must consider lead time for manufacturing and shipping.
- Design becomes critical
- Procurement of additional quantities of FRP bars to ensure immediate replacements in case of damages on site.
- QA/QC - additional verifications at manufacturing plant needed prior to shipment to mitigate risk of delays due to non compliances of materials arriving on site.

Construction Considerations

Site Storage and Logistics

- Transportation and storage usually in containers – avoids mishandling of rebar and protection from direct sunlight.
- Light weight of FRP rebar make it easy to man handle all sizes and lengths minimizing H&S issues.



Construction Considerations

Site Storage and Logistics

- Additional Storage requirements needed on site
- Need to be protected from extended exposure to direct sunlight.



Construction challenges

- Trained labor required to ensure correct fixing and minimize risk of damages and movement of reinforcements during concreting operations.
- Splicing of rebar to ensure safe lifting of the cages (time consuming).



Construction Considerations

Construction challenges

- Concrete issues due to light weight of rebar.
- NO FLAME – no heat sources allowed near FRP bars.
- Fragility of the rebar during vibration.



Construction Considerations

Advantages:

- Highly resistant to corrosion
- Tensile strength greater than steel
- Weighs only one quarter as steel
- It is transparent to magnetic fields and radar frequencies
- GFRP has low electrical and thermal conductivity
- Reduced concrete cover requirements
- Labor Savings during Installation
- Concrete Properties less stringent

Construction Considerations

Disadvantages:

- Higher Costs of Materials
- Additional Contingency Qty's required
- Specific Storage and Site Logistics
- Specific lifting plans required
- QA/QC - additional verifications at manufacturing plant
- Risk of movement of GFRP during concreting
- Fragile – easily damaged. Specialized training of labor.
- Splicing details for prefabricated cages

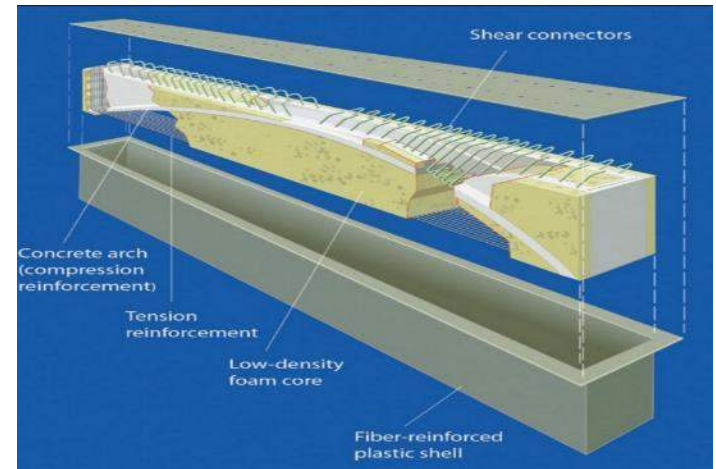
Halls River Bridge



- Situated in Citrus County and consists of the replacement of the existing. The bridge section is a two 12' lane width, 8' shoulder and 5' sidewalk in each direction.
- The proposed bridge is being constructed using Composite Beams, pre-stressed piles using carbon tendons and FRP reinforcement for bridge deck.
- Two-stage construction method is envisaged, partial demolition of the existing bridge structure, construction of a portion of the new bridge, demolition of the remaining existing bridge structure and the completion of the new bridge.

Project Description

- FRP reinforcement for main deck slab
- Hillman Composite Beams (HCB)
- Carbon FRP reinforcements and pre-stressing for 18" piles
- Precast concrete sheet piles with Carbon FRP pre-stressing and Glass FRP reinforcing
- GFRP for all the cast in place structures.



Project Status



Commencement of Works January 2017

Current ongoing activities (PHASE II):

- Construction Deliverables
- Advanced procurement
 - ATP (ITA) for FRP reinforcement for bridge deck
 - TOKYO ROPE (JAP) for pre-stressing strands for piles and sheet piles
 - HCB (USA) for composite beams
- Pile driving
- Assembling GFRP bent
- Bent forming and pouring
- Beams installation

MATERIALS	START PLACEMENT
PILES	3/3/2017
SHEET PILES	2/15/2017
HCB	4/6/2017
REINFORCEMENT	3/28/2017

Project Status

- CFRP Pile Driving



Project Status

- Pile splices IB-2



Project Status

- Pile splices IB-2



Project Status

- Osprey Nest Relocation



Project Status

- Osprey Nest Relocation



Project Status

- CFRP/GFRP Sheet piles installation



Project Status

- CFRP/GFRP Sheet piles installation



Project Status

- Assembling GFRP bent cages



Project Status

6 man-power can complete a bent cap in 4 hours and 30 minutes



- Placing GFRP Reinforcing



Project Status

- Bent forming and pouring



Project Status

- Beams Installation





Thank You!

The Halls River Bridge – perspective of owner/designer, contractor and researcher

Part III – Production of Prefabricated Elements for HRB
August 4, 2017

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Project Overview

- FRP reinforced concrete demonstration project
- Improve durability
- Expect longer service life and lower maintenance liability



Objectives

- Verify the ability of experimental features within an extremely aggressive environment to increase the overall life of the bridge along with decreasing the associated maintenance costs
- Prove validity of experimental features for future use of these products

Main Tasks

- Observe and document the fabrication activities
- Document the construction activities
- Document the quality of the constructed bridge
- Measure the performance of the in-service bridge by monitoring and durability testing
- Identify and quantify material degradation of concrete and FRP in sheet pile wall caps
 - End of construction
 - 6 months
 - 1 year
 - 2 years

CFCC Pile Driving



Halls River Bridge
Homosassa Springs, FL



CFCC Pile Driving



CFCC/GFRP 18" Splice Piles



CFCC/GFRP 18" Splice Piles



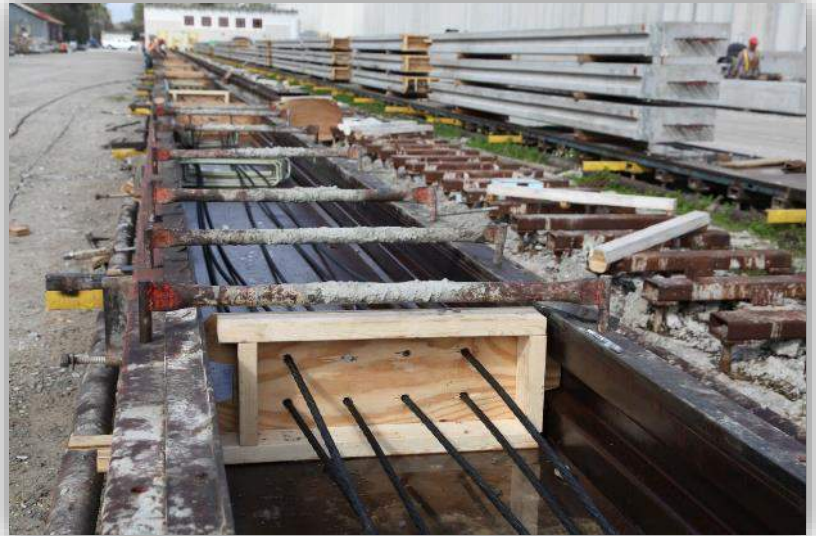
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CFCC Prestressed Sheet Piles

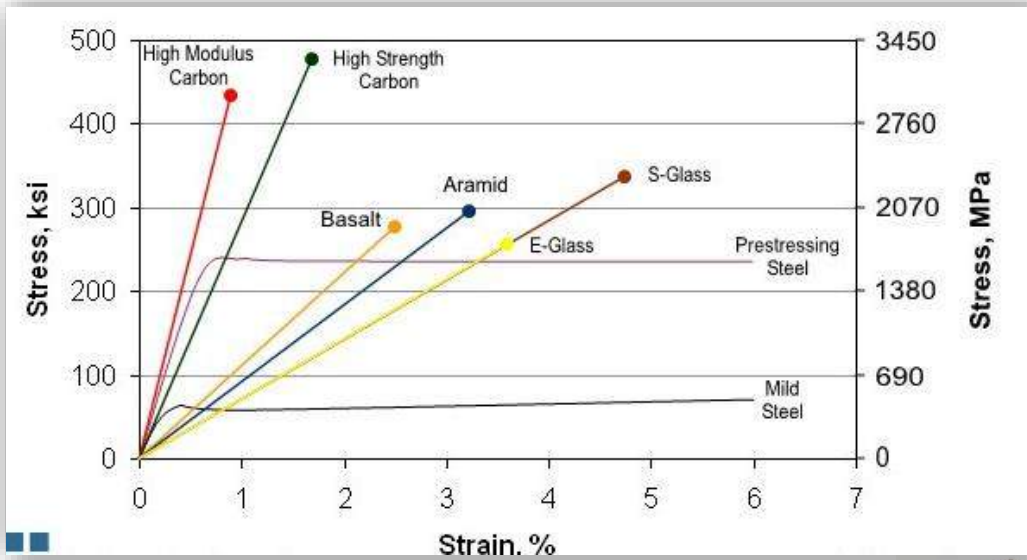


Gate Precast Company
Jacksonville, FL

CFCC Prestressed Sheet Piles



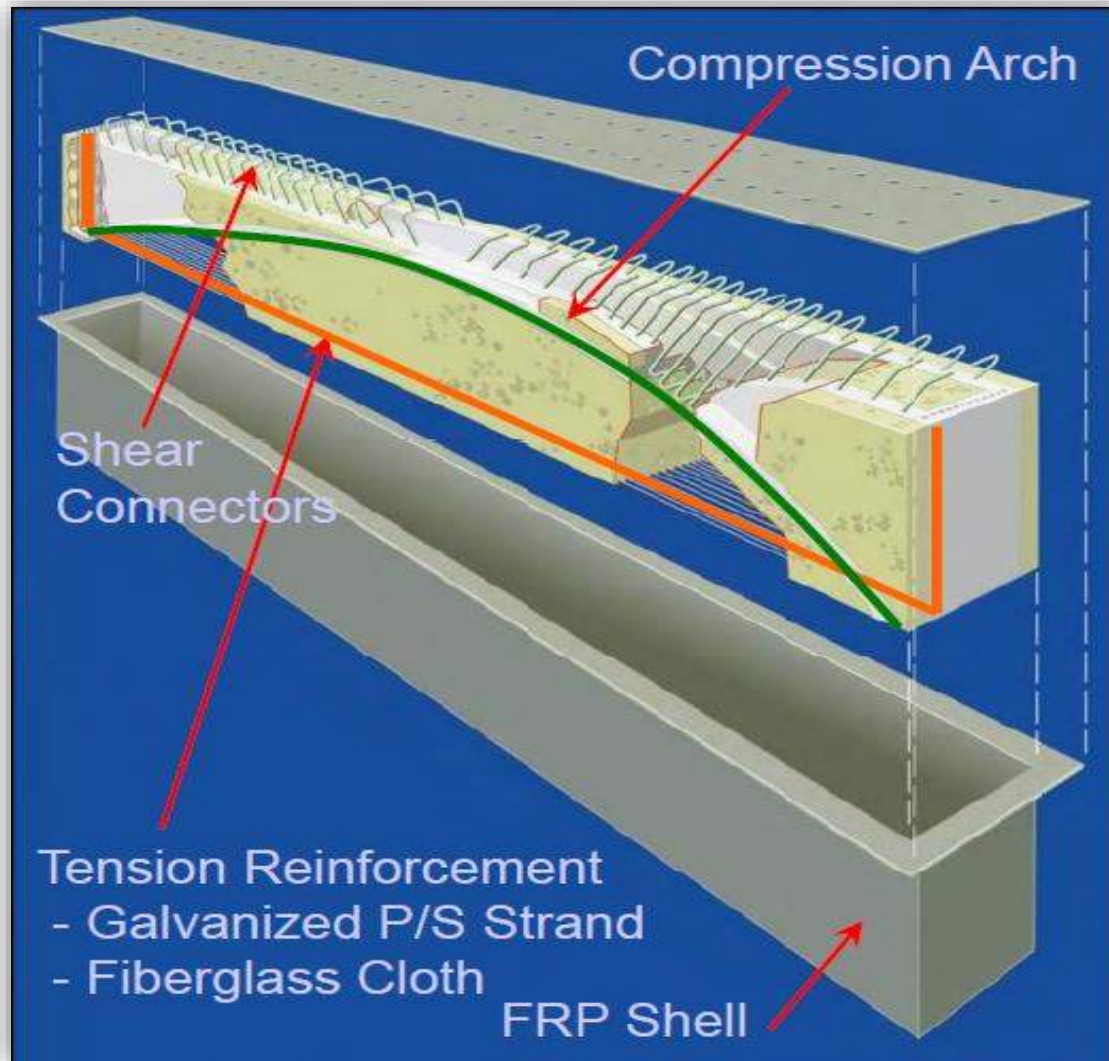
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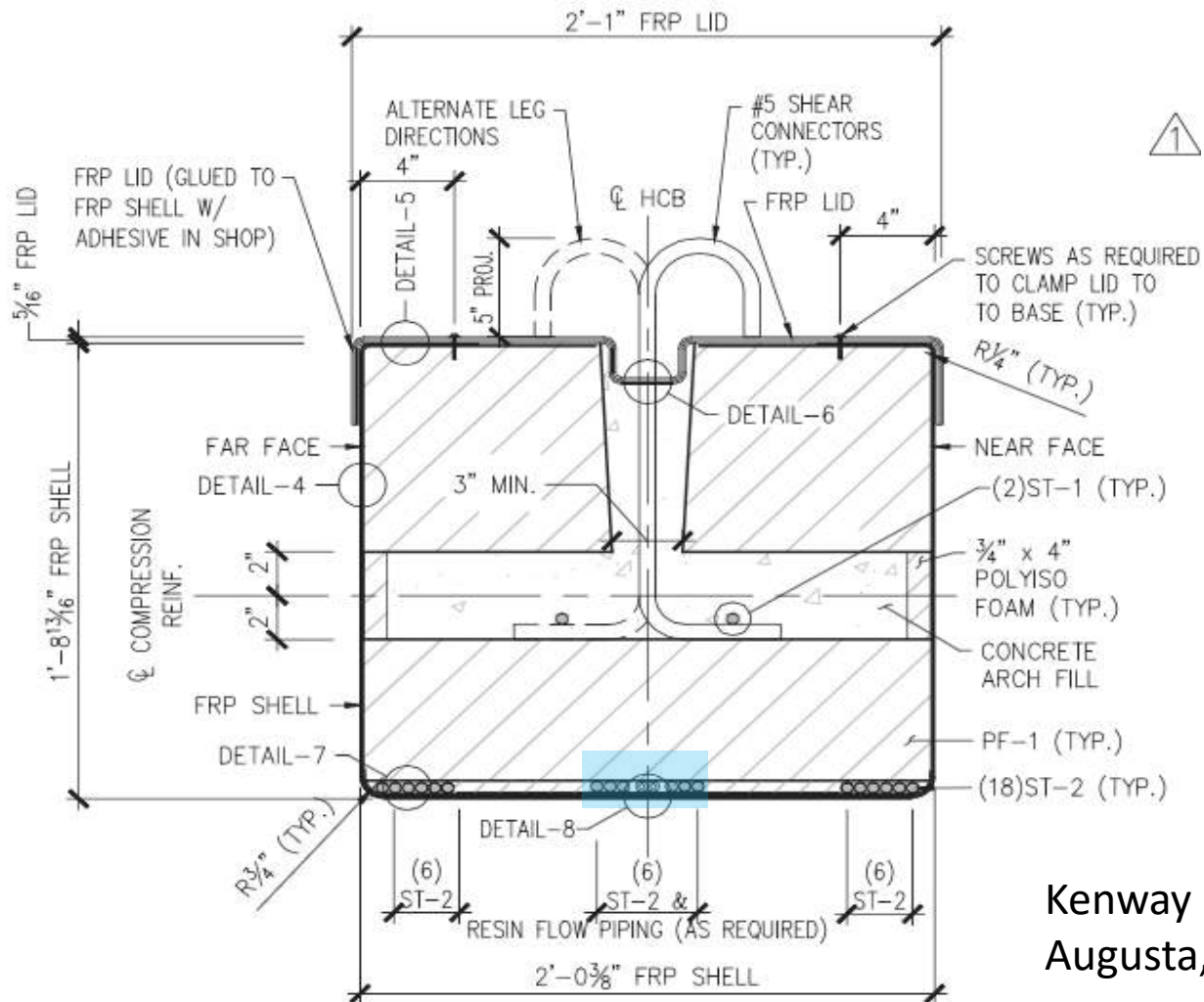
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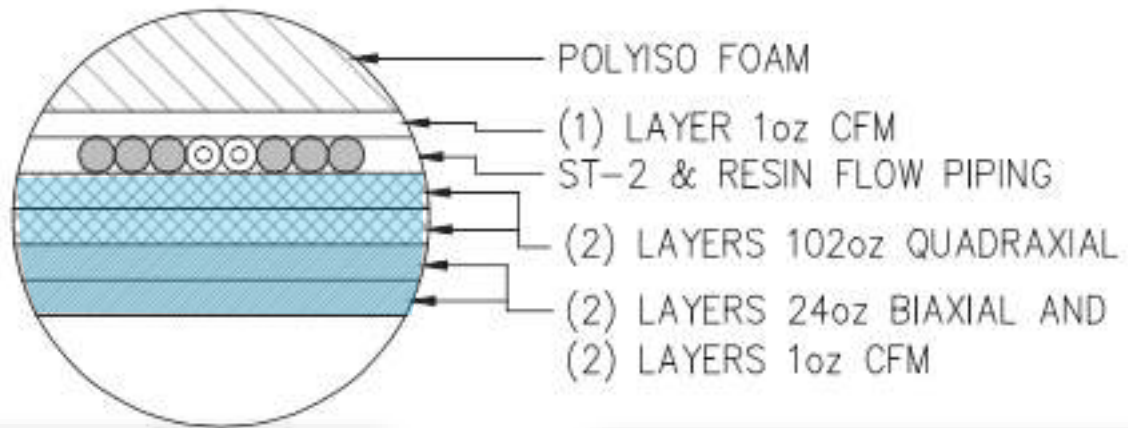
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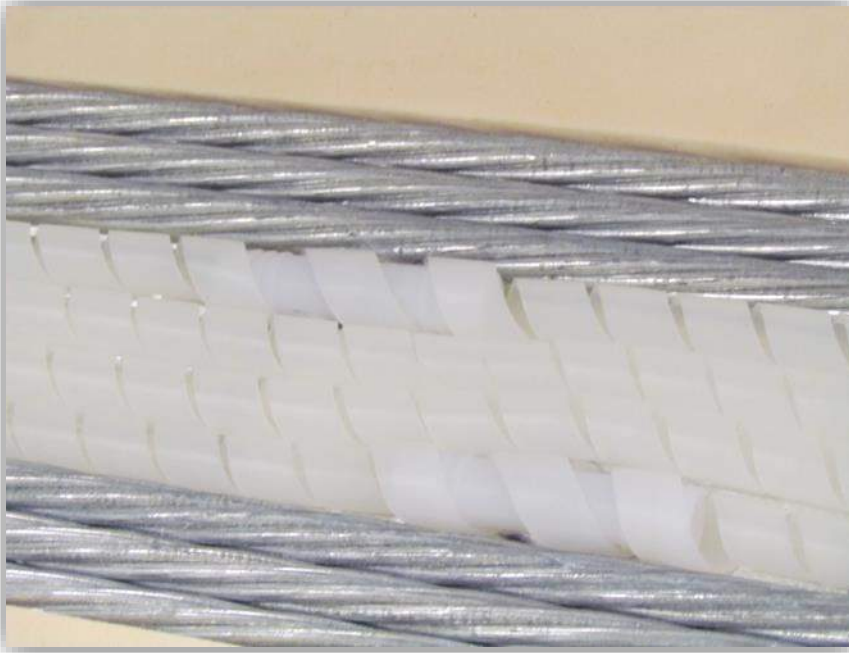
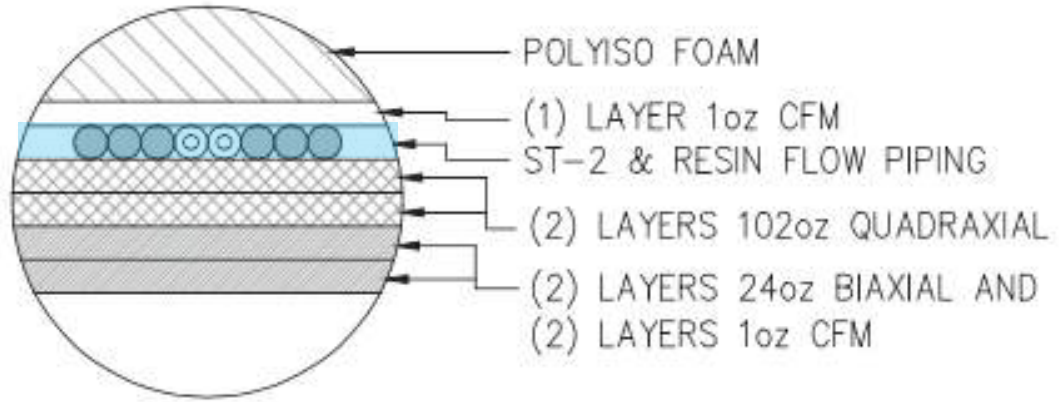


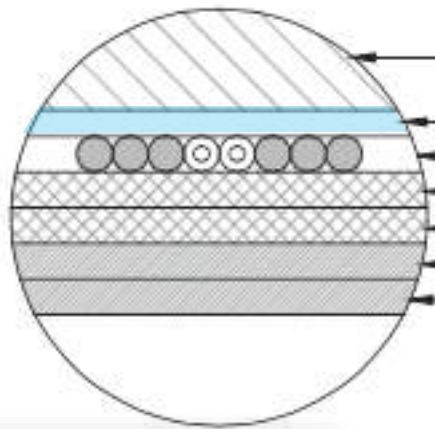
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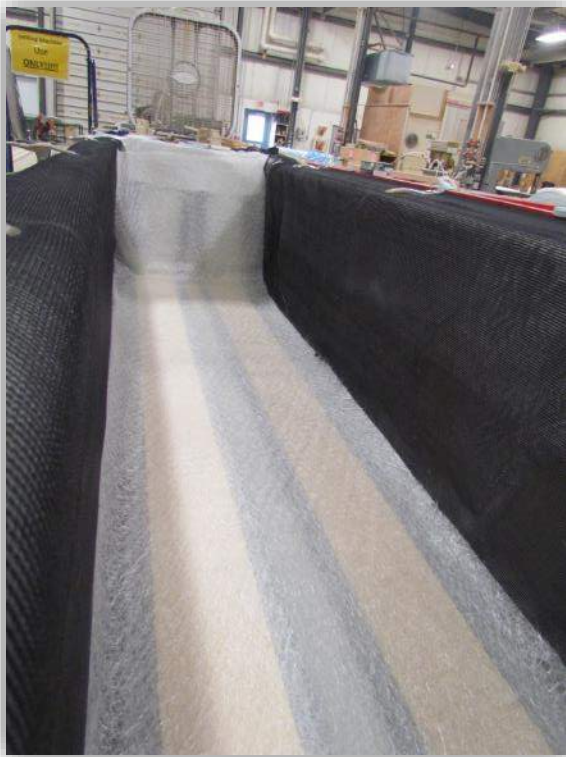
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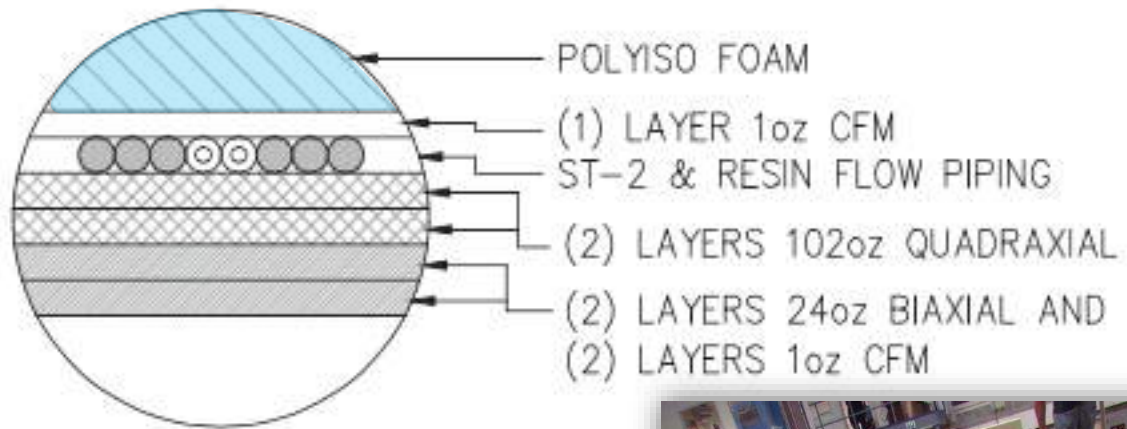
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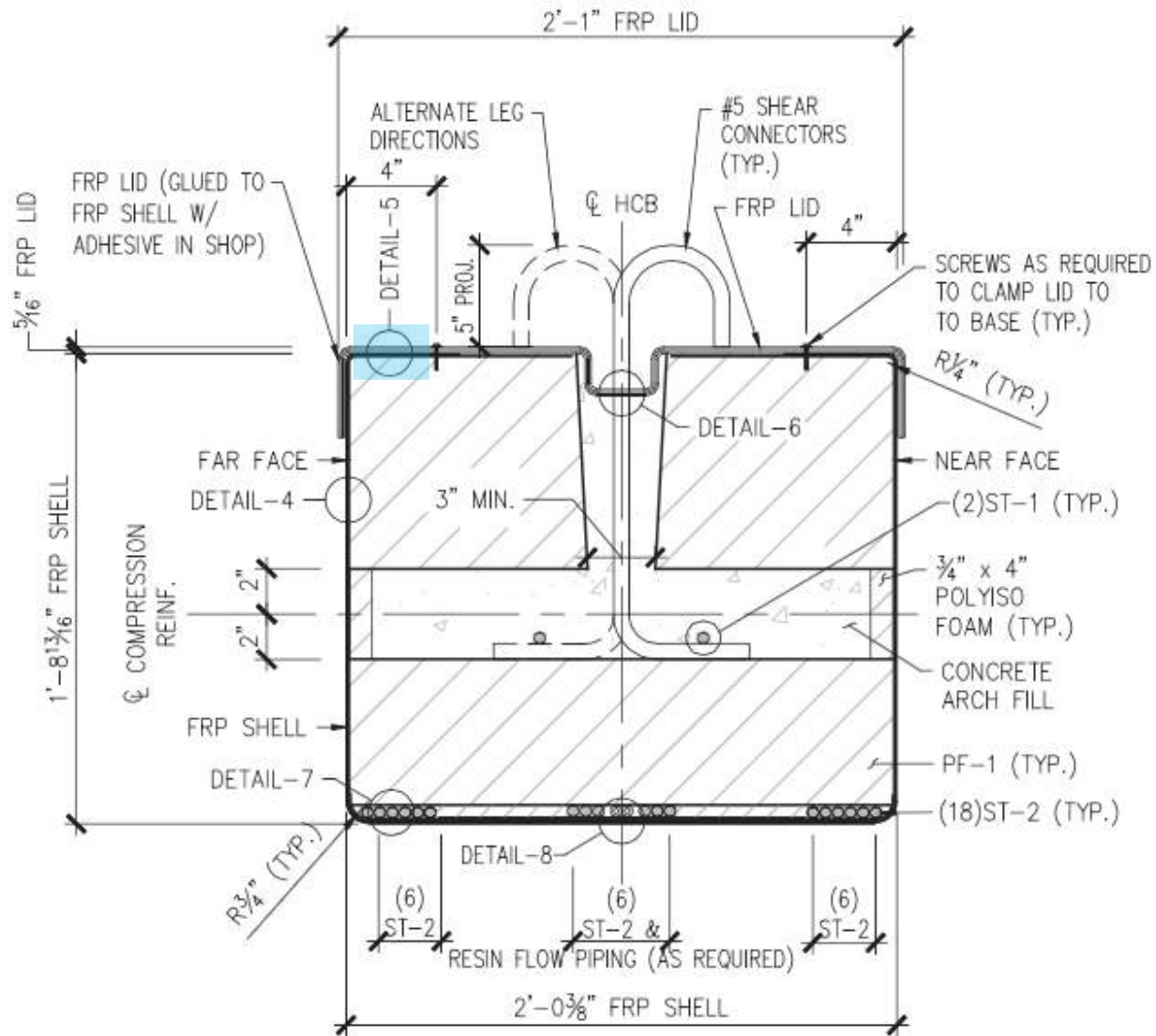
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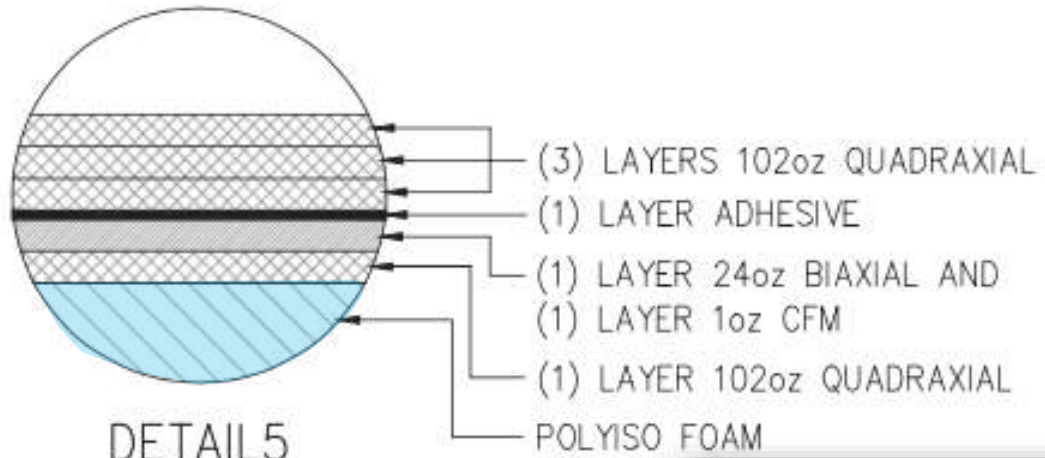
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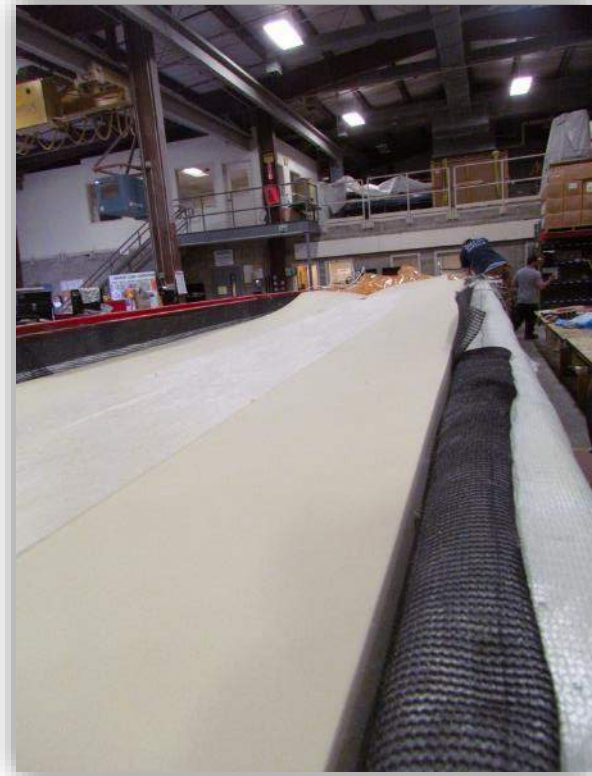


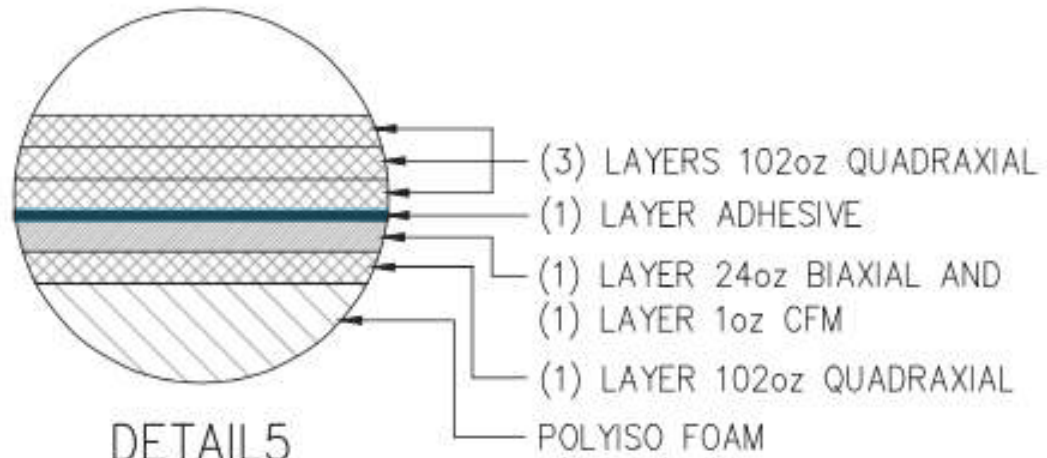






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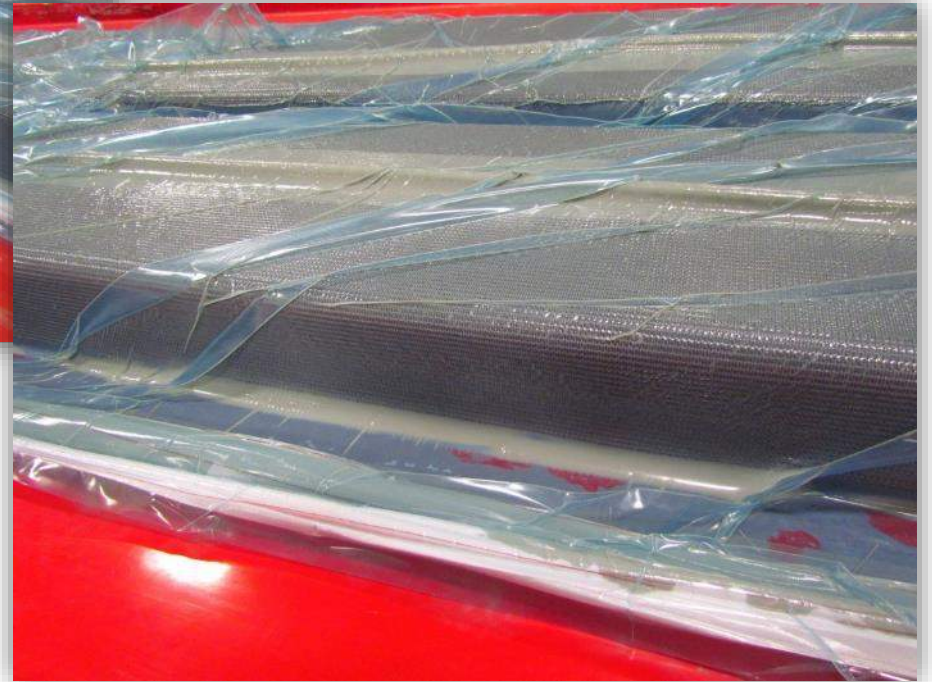




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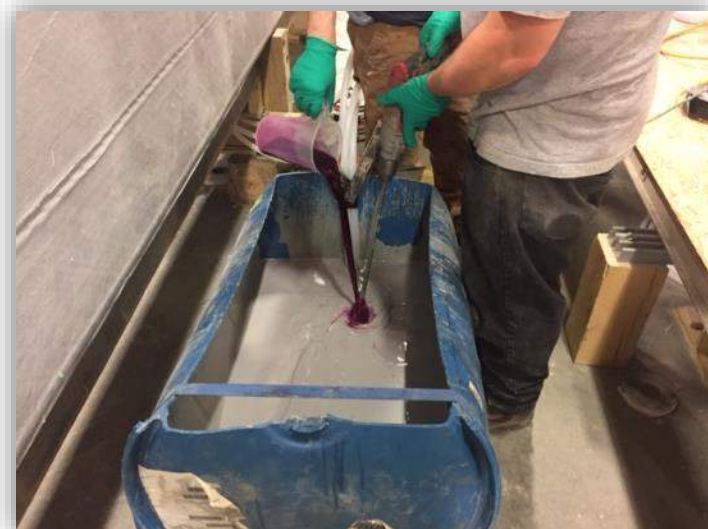
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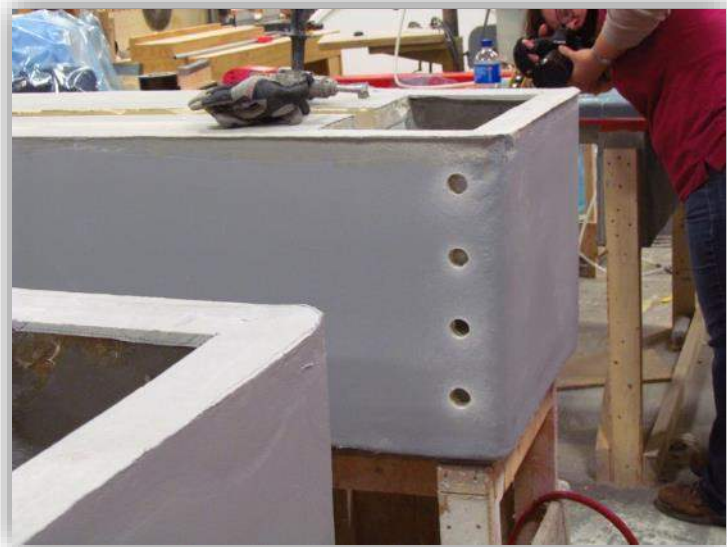
Lid Preparation



Shell Resin Infusion



Shell Preparation



Reinforcement



Storage & Shipping



HCB Concrete Arch Casting



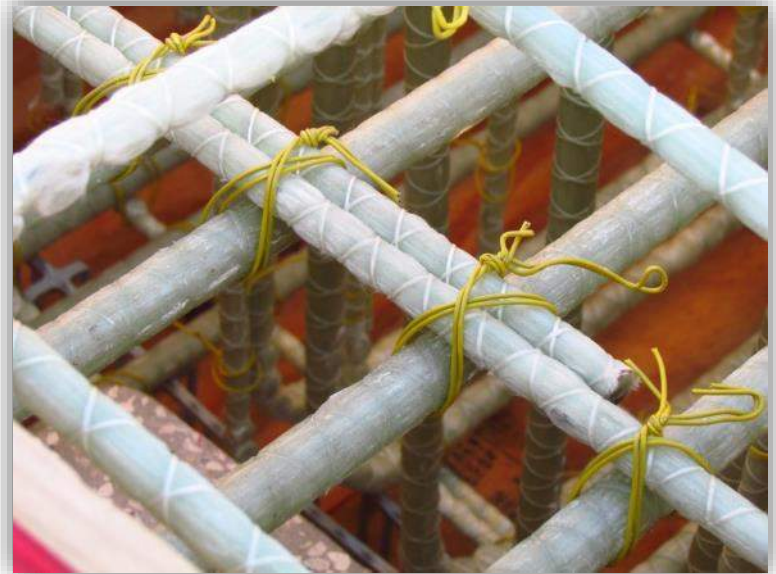
HCB Concrete Arch Casting



Completed HCB



GFRP-Reinforced Pier Caps



GFRP-Reinforced Pier Caps



HCBs on Pier Caps



Environmental Aspects



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Part IV - HRB as a Demonstrator of an International Project

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Outline of SEACON Project

- Introduction
- Background
- Work Packages (WPs)

Introduction (critical issues)

- Cement production contributes 5% of annual anthropogenic global CO₂
- Concrete industry uses more than 500 million gallon of fresh water annually
- Aggregate is mined from the earth, either dug out of pits or blasted out of quarries. Mining has many significant environmental impacts
- In many countries, sand is being extracted at a rate far greater than its renewal and having a major impact on rivers, coastal and marine ecosystems

Introduction (challenges)

- Potential alternatives to concrete constituents:
 - Seawater
 - High chloride content cement (CKD)
 - Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA) and Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP)
- Using seawater in concrete is prohibited by standards and codes due to associated risks of steel reinforcement corrosion. But seawater concrete could be combined with noncorrosive reinforcement

Background

- On October 1, 2015, a consortium of six partners and three collaborators led by the University of Miami started a 2.5-year research project
- This project titled “Sustainable concrete using seawater, salt-contaminated aggregates, and non-corrosive reinforcement” or SEACON was funded under the aegis of the European research program called Infravation (www.infravation.net)

Consortium Membership

Partners

- University of Miami (UM)
- ATP srl (ATP)
- Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI)
- Owens Corning (OC)
- Buzzi Unicem (BUZZI)
- Acciaierie Valbruna (AV)



Acciaierie Valbruna

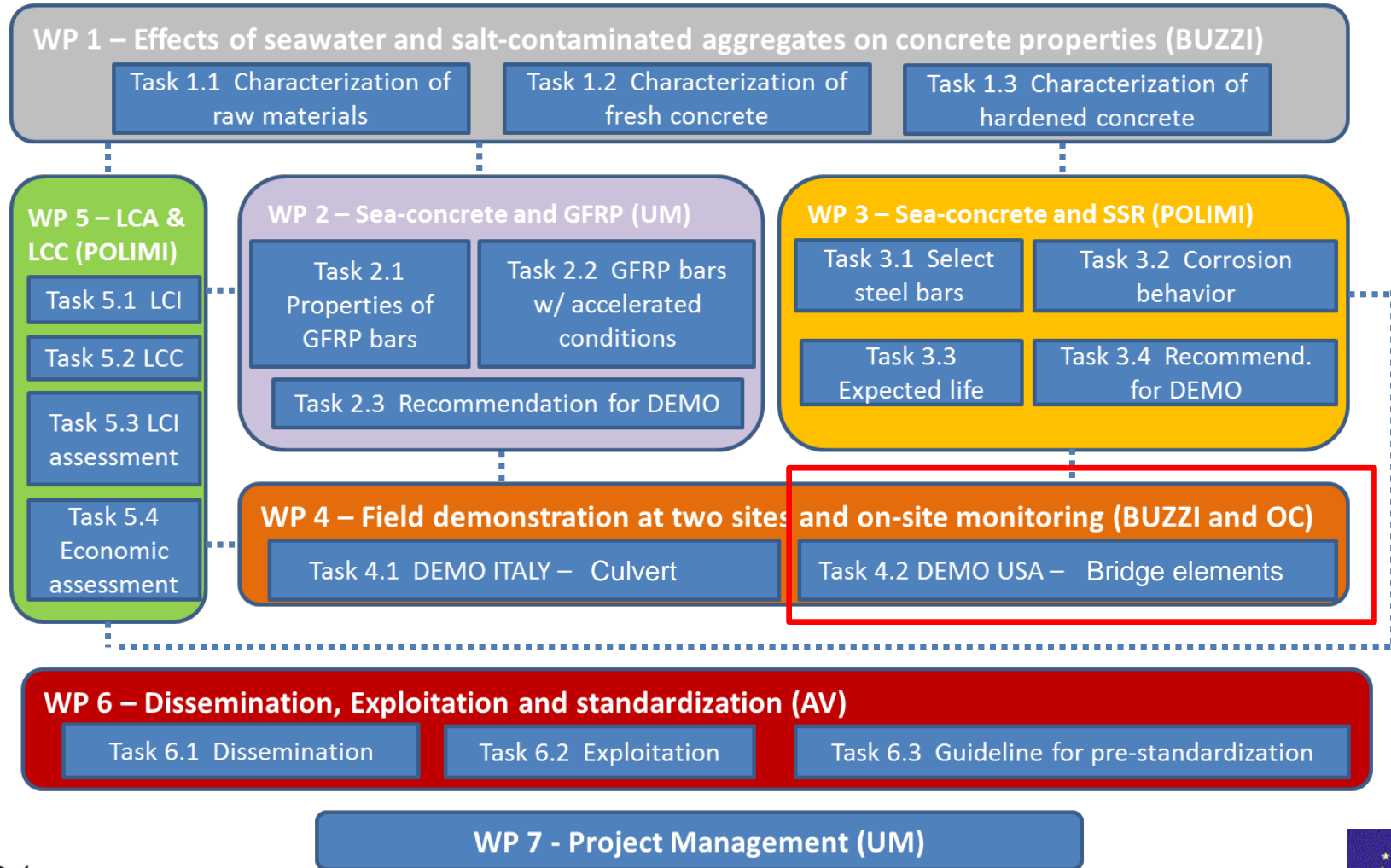


Collaborators

- Florida DOT (FDOT)
- Pavimental (PV)
- Titan America (TT)



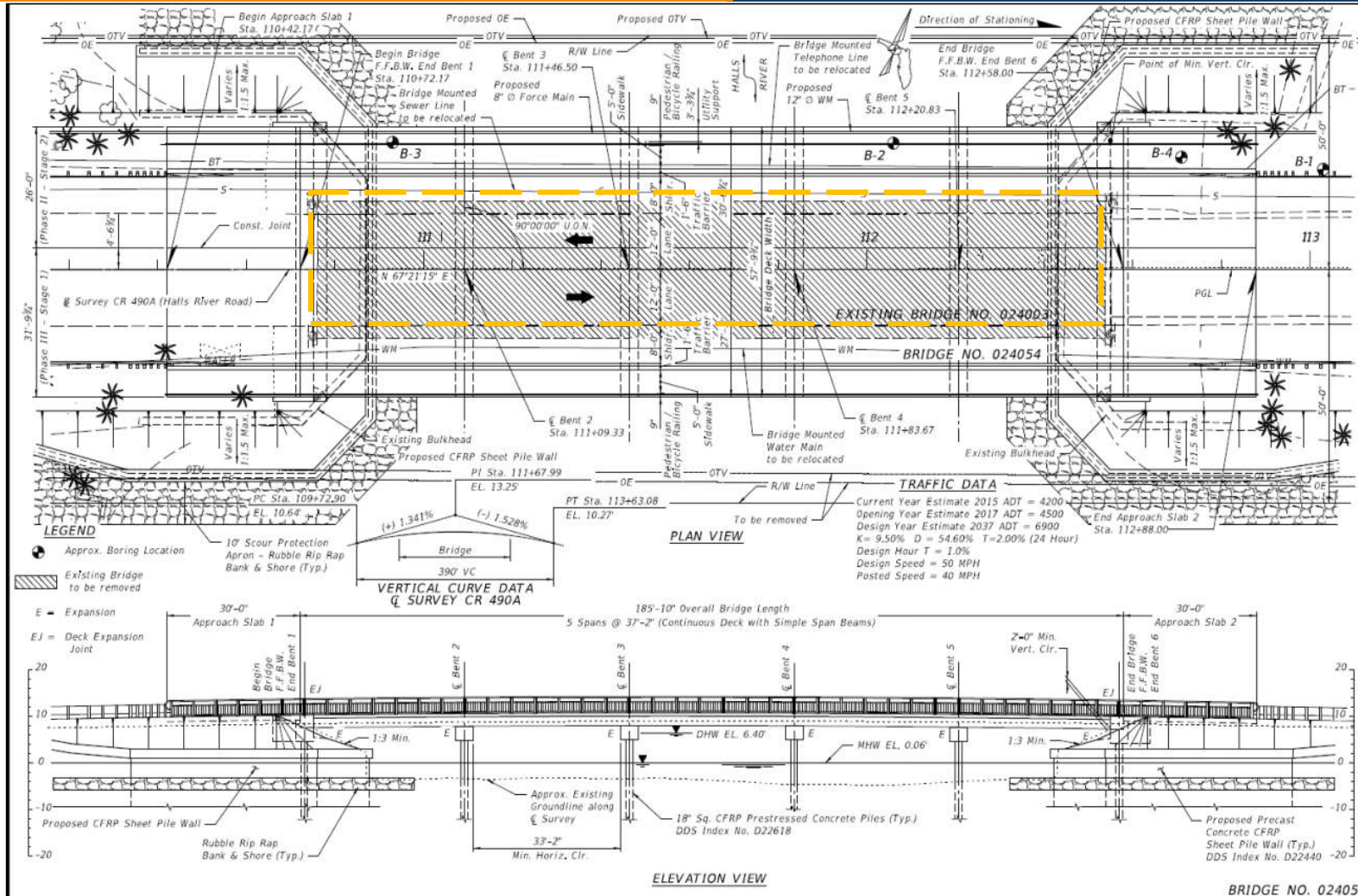
WPs, Tasks and Their Relationships



Bridge Elements Related to SEACON

- Bulkhead caps and test blocks
- Retaining walls
- Traffic railings

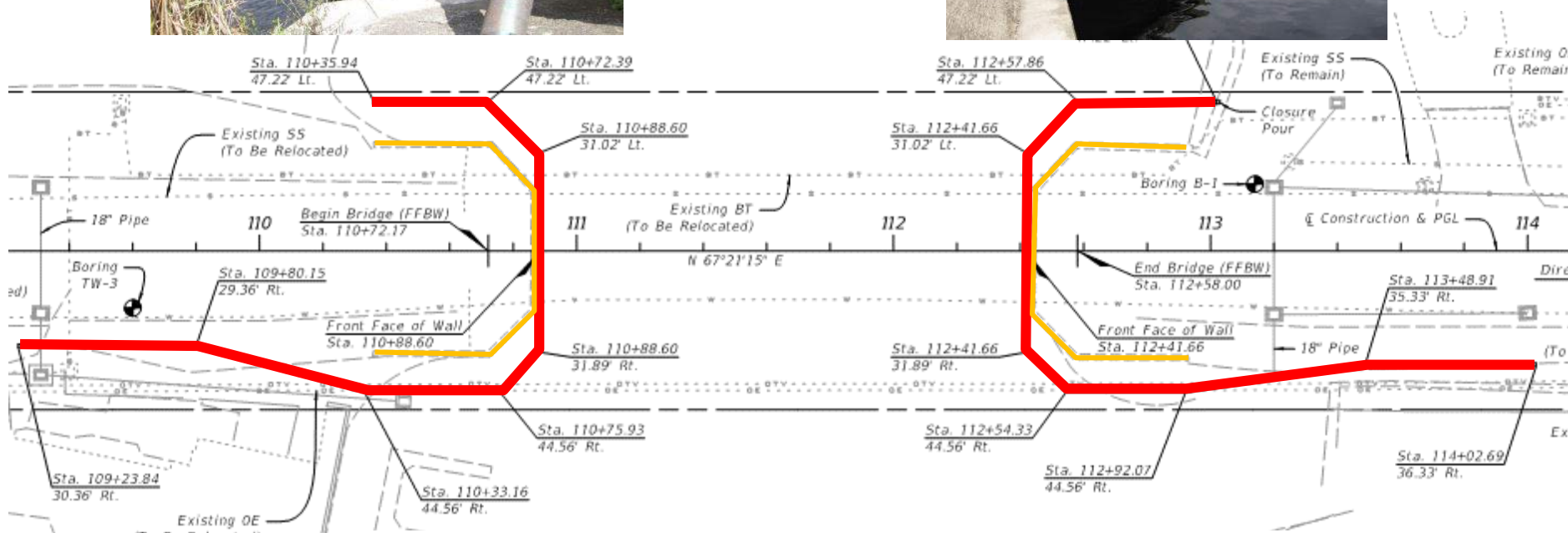
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Existing (orange) and New Layout



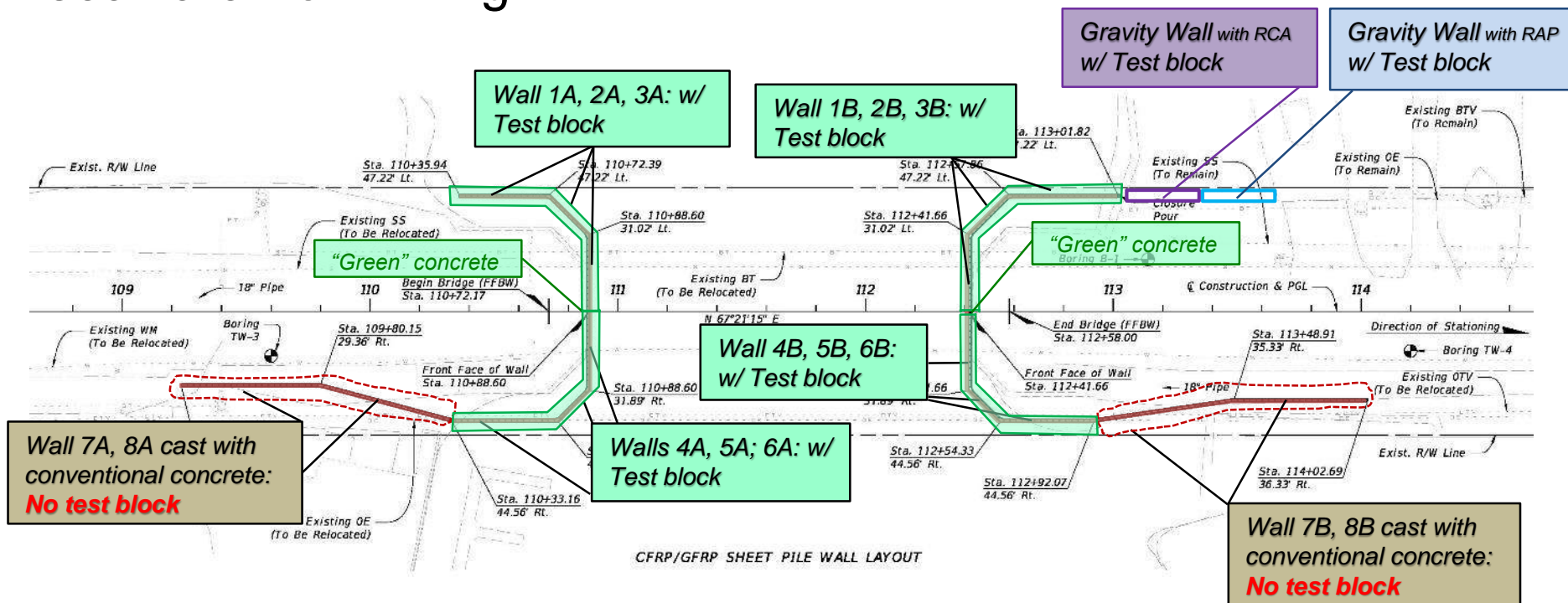
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Existing (orange) and New Bulkhead (red) Layout

Bulkhead Cap for Sheet Pile Walls

“Green” concrete (i.e., SEACON concrete) uses seawater for mixing



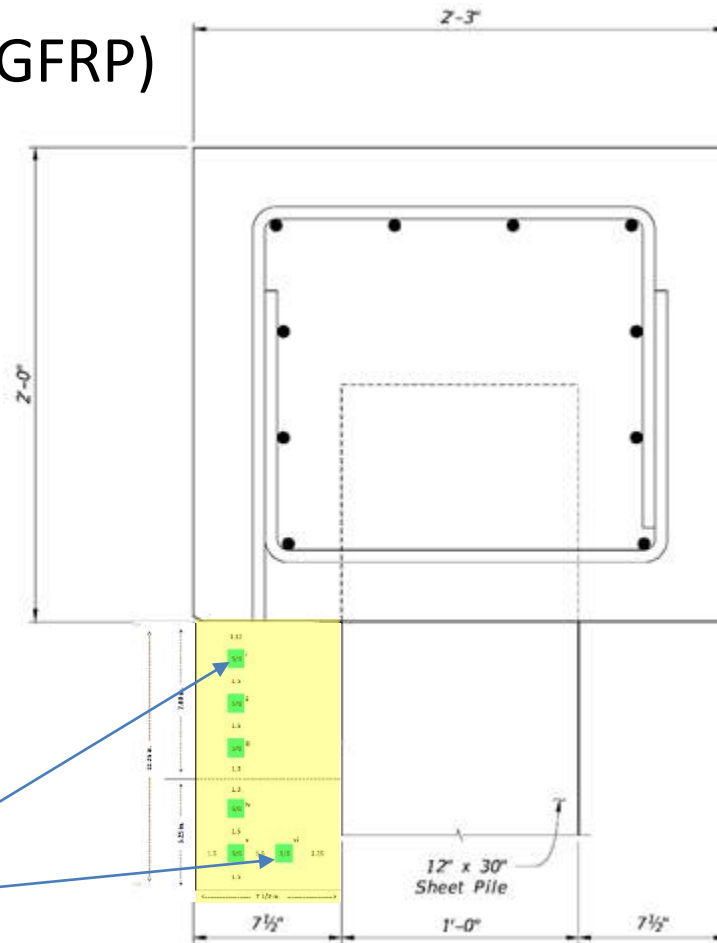
Total wall cap length: 575 LF

Total test block length: 395 LF

Bulkhead Cap Test Blocks

(with BFRP/CFRP/GFRP)

Bulkhead cap and test block are to be cast monolithically with same concrete mix



Six FRP bars for lab testing

Legend: Test block to be removed at different ages

Gravity Walls (with GFRP & RAP or RCA)

Mix Design Criteria:

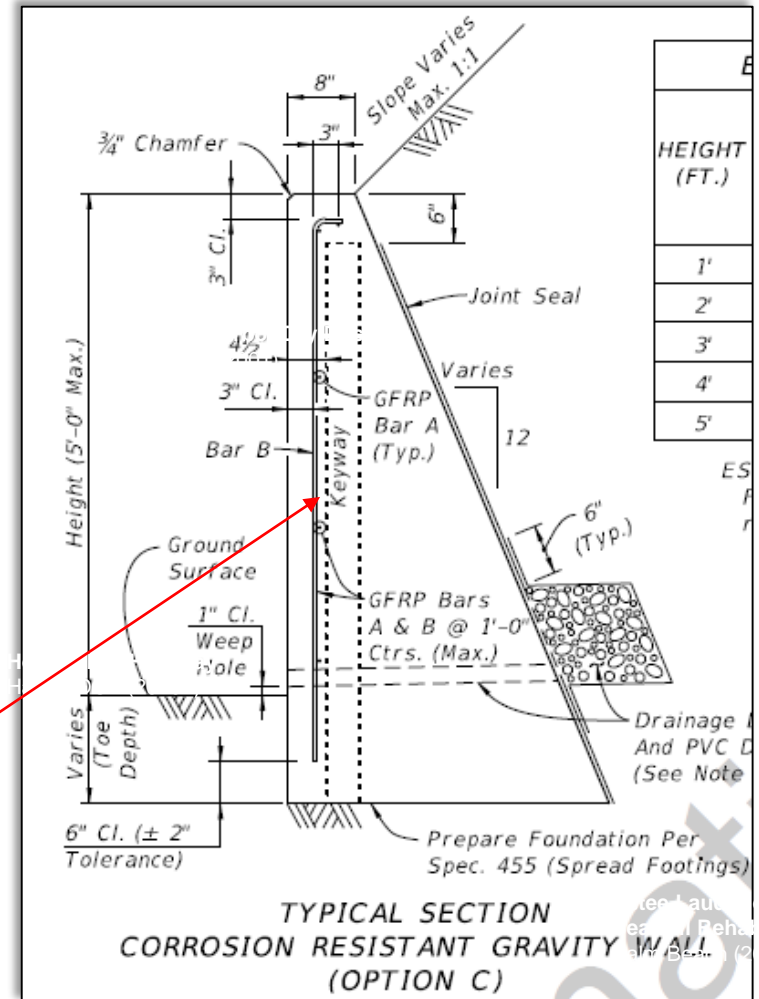
FDOT Material Specifications [-347](#) (RAP)

Dev347 (RCA – project specific)

Challenges:

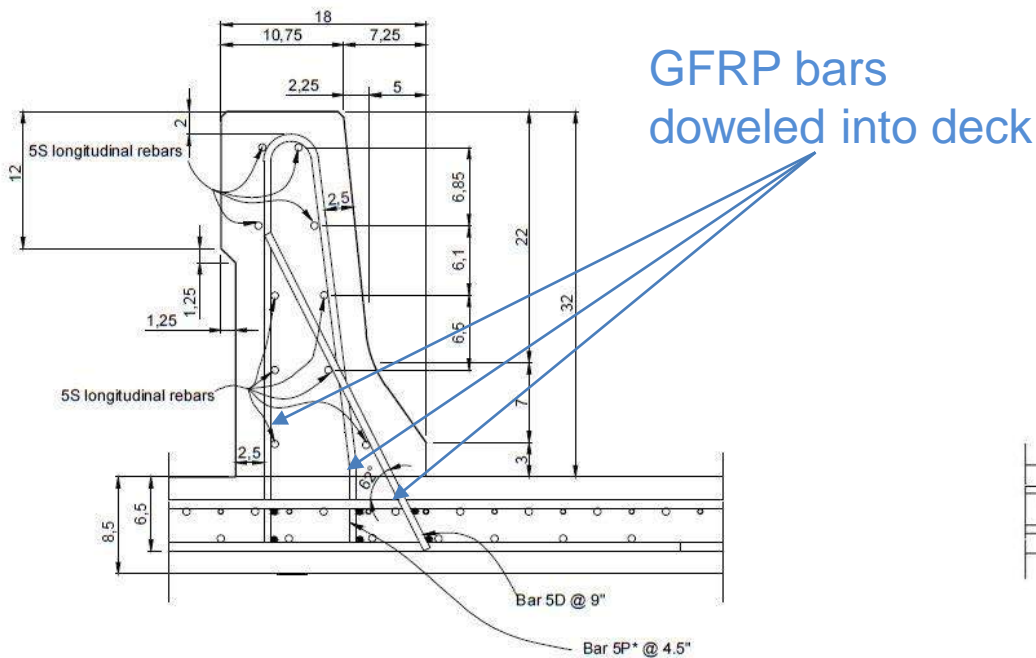
- i. Consistent aggregate gradation envelope for alternate source substitution
- ii. Relevant performance based specifications

GFRP bar



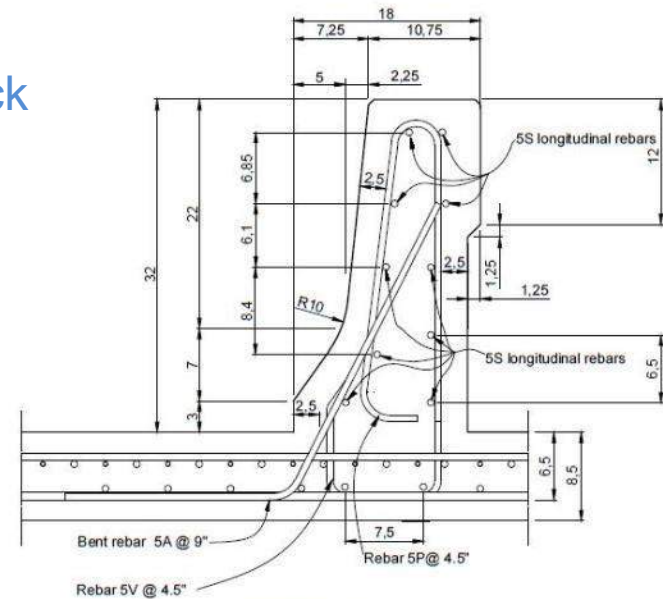
Traffic Railings

North Side – constructed on existing deck



SECTION A-A
TYPICAL SECTION THRU TRAFFIC RAILING

South Side – constructed with deck



SECTION A-A
TYPICAL SECTION THRU TRAFFIC RAILING

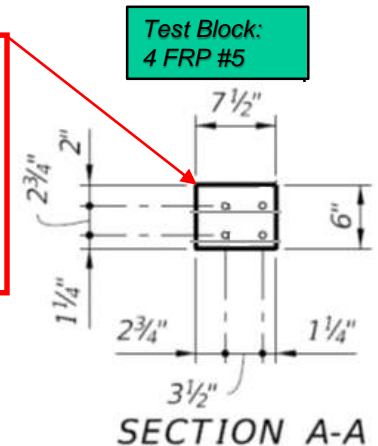
Concrete mixtures with: a) **white cement**; and, b) **blend of slag and fly ash**

SEACON Test Matrix

- RCA & RAP Gravity Walls

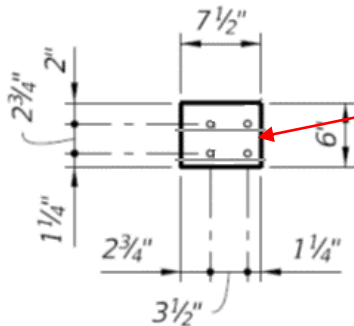
24 test blocks of each RCA and RAP concrete mixes

4 GFRP #5 rebar (half the blocks cast with conventional RCA and RAP mixes & half with green RCA and green RAP mixes)



- White Cement & Slag Blend Traffic Railings

**Test Block:
4 GFRP rebars**



12 test blocks of each WHITE CEMENT and SLAG BLEND concrete mixes

Test blocks with 4 GFRP rebar

(All blocks cast separately not attached to walls or railings)

Support Work for HRB

- Design and characterization of concrete mixtures
- Durability of SEACON concrete
- Durability of embedded GFRP bars in SEACON

Support Work for Halls River Bridge

Non-standard structural and non-structural concrete mixtures for HRB were designed by UM and approved by FDOT

– Structural:

- Class IV 5500 psi
- Green class IV 5500 psi (bulk head caps)
- 100% white cement class IV 5500 psi (railings)
- 60% slag class IV 5500 psi (railings)



– Non-structural

- RCA (gravity wall)
- RAP (gravity wall)
- Green RCA (research)
- Green RAP (research)



Support Work for Halls River Bridge

- Aggregate properties examined:
 - a) Particle size distribution by sieve analysis
 - b) Specific gravity
 - c) Water absorption
 - d) Bulk density and voids
 - e) Total sulfate and chloride content
 - f) -200 ratio (material finer than 200 sieve)
- Seawater chemical composition was evaluated
- Seawater, RCA and RAP delivered to Argos (concrete provider) readymix plant in Brooksville, FL



Durability of SEACON

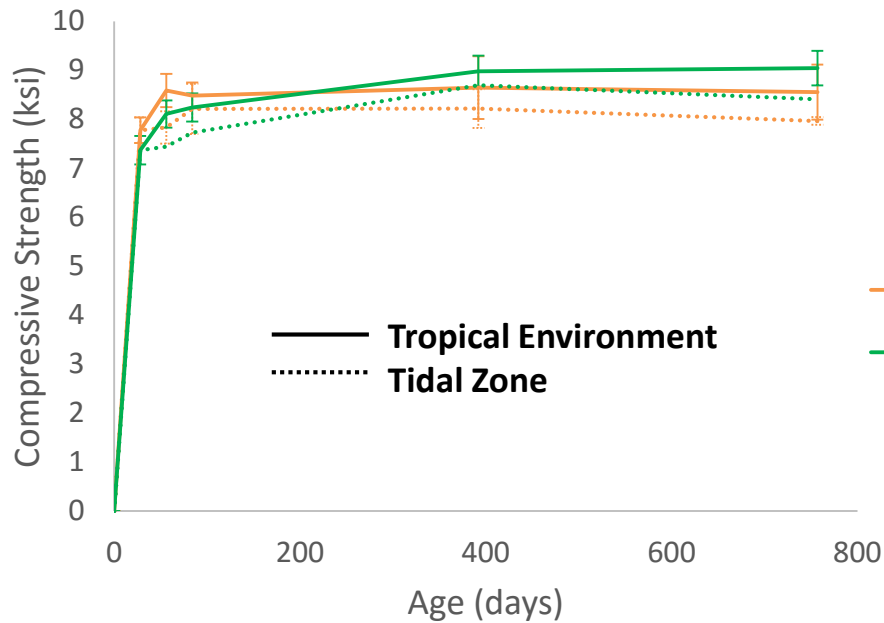
Specimens cast from two different concrete mixes:

- i. **Mix A:** benchmark conventional concrete mix
- ii. **Mix B:** proportions identical to Mix A, but tap-water replaced with seawater from Key Biscayne Bay

Materials (lb./yd³)	Mix A	Mix B
Cement (type I – II)	560	560
Fly ash (class F)	140	140
Fresh water	283	-
Sea water	-	283
Coarse aggregate (#57 stone)	1750	1750
Fine aggregate (silica sand)	1032	1032
Fresh Properties		
Slump (in.)	4	4
Density (lb./ft ³)	146.8	147.2
Air Content (%)	1.3	1

Durability of SEACON (Phase I)

Cylinder Compressive Strength



Subtropical Environment of Miami, FL

— Mix A :Conventional Concrete

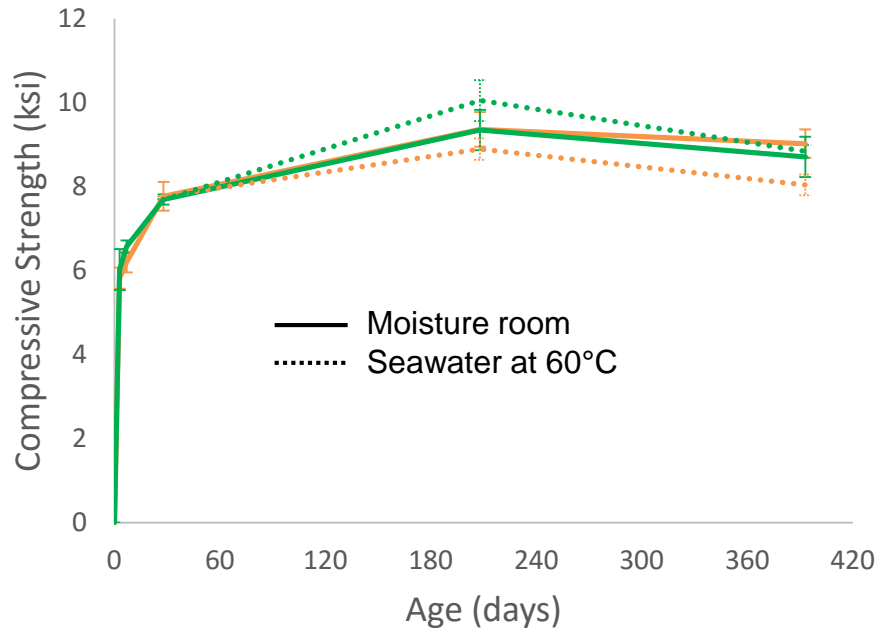
— Mix B :Seawater Concrete



Tidal Zone at Key Biscayne, FL

Durability of SEACON (Phase II)

Cylinder Compressive Strength



Seawater Immersion

— Mix A :Conventional Concrete

— Mix B :Seawater Concrete

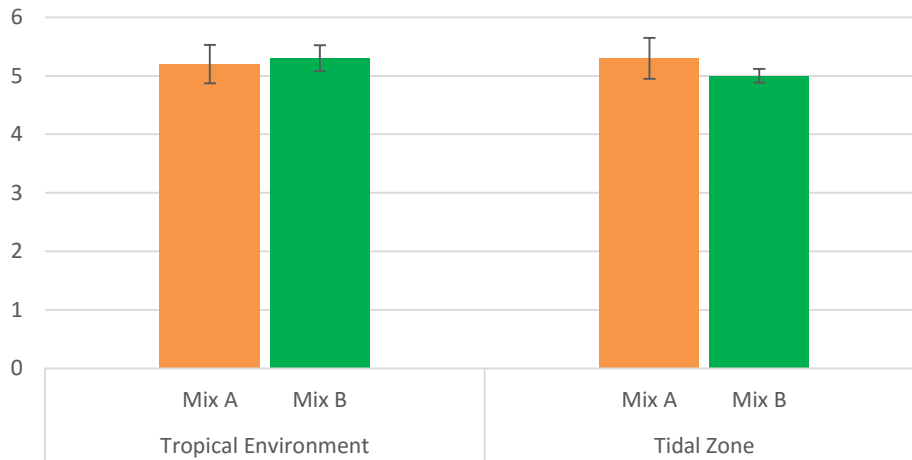


Moisture room

Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

Phase I : GFRP bars extracted from 1-year old concrete cylinders to study residual mechanical properties

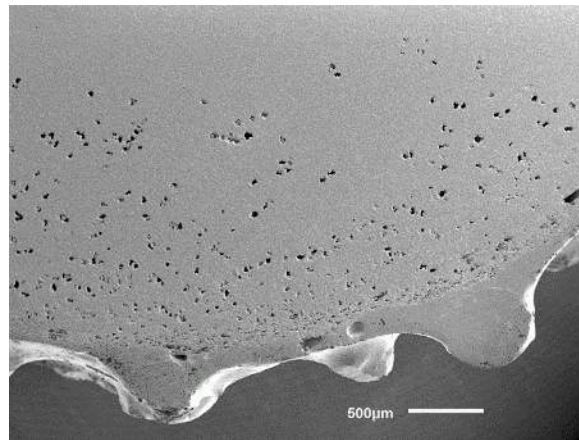
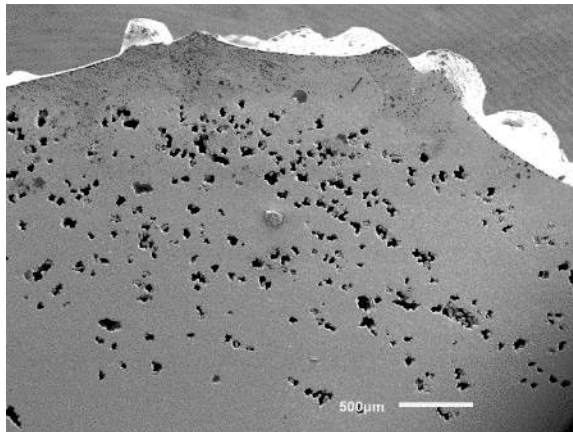
Horizontal Shear Strength (ksi)



Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

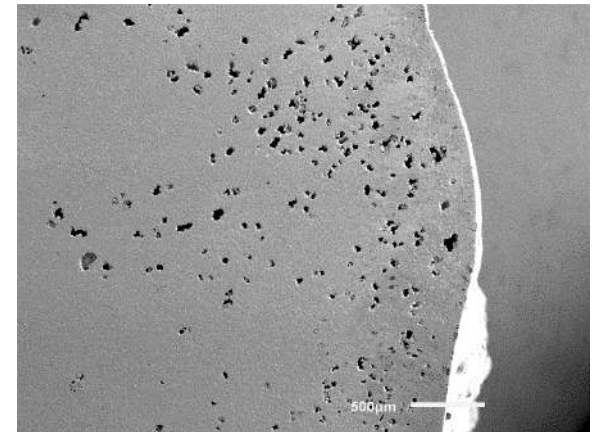
SEM imaging to evaluate potential degradation of GFRP microstructure and GFRP-concrete interface. Images were taken from the edges of extracted GFRP bars prone to degradation

Mix A (Conventional Concrete)



Pristine Bar

Mix B (Seawater Concrete)



Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

Phase II : GFRP bars embedded in concrete beams with cross section replicating test blocks from bulkhead cap of **Halls River Bridge**.

Beams exposed to accelerated conditioning (seawater at 60°C) for a year and GFRP bars extracted every 6 months and tested for:

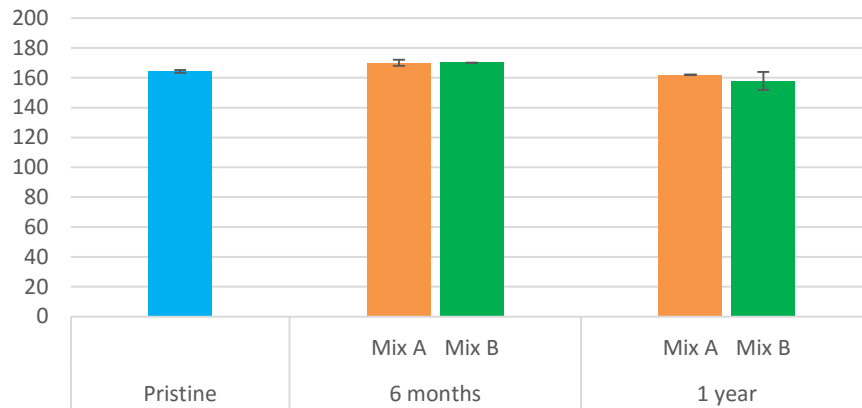
- I. Tensile properties including tensile chord modulus
- II. Horizontal and transverse shear strengths

GFRP microstructure and its interface with concrete also examined using SEM imaging

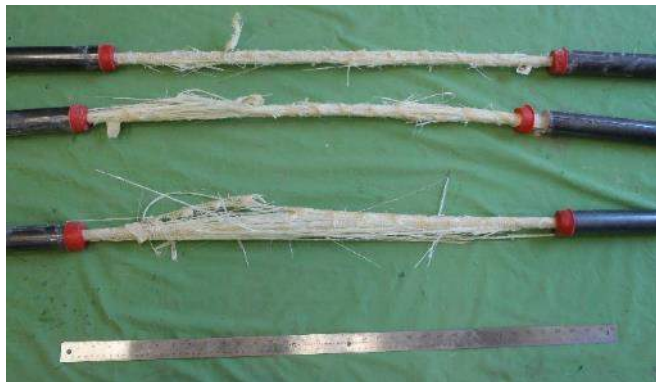
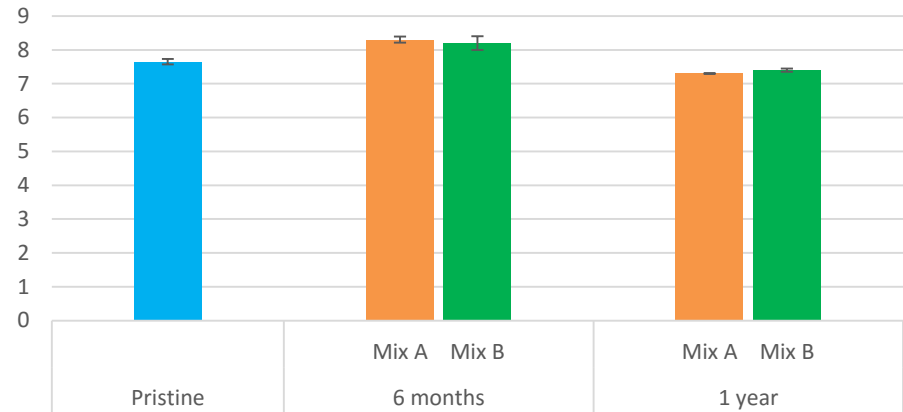


Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

Tensile Strength (ksi)

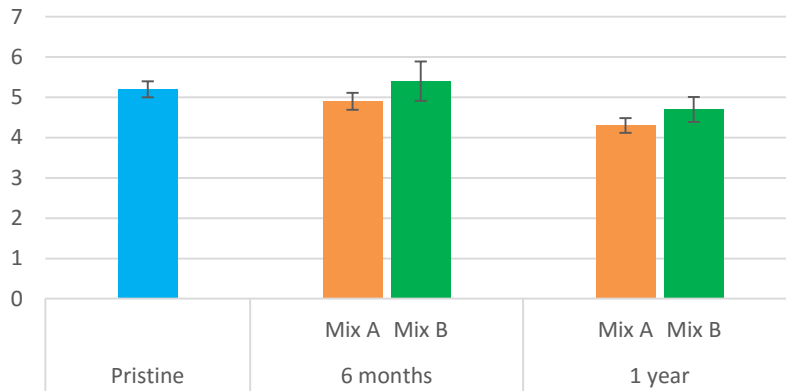


Tensile Chord Modulus (Msi)

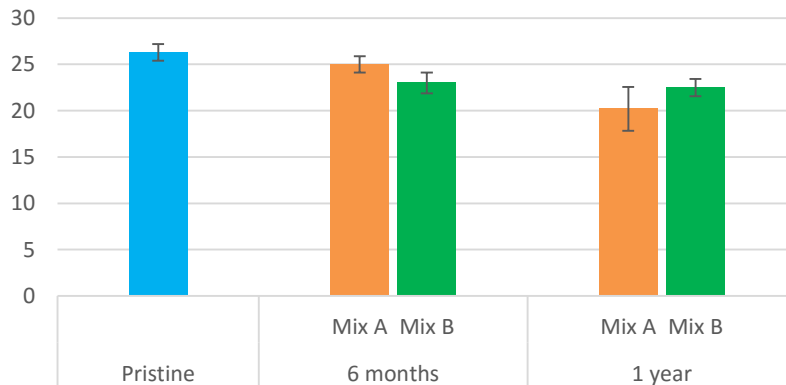


Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

Horizontal Shear Strength (ksi)



Transverse Shear Strength (ksi)

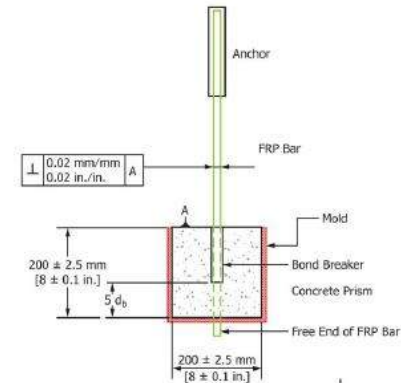
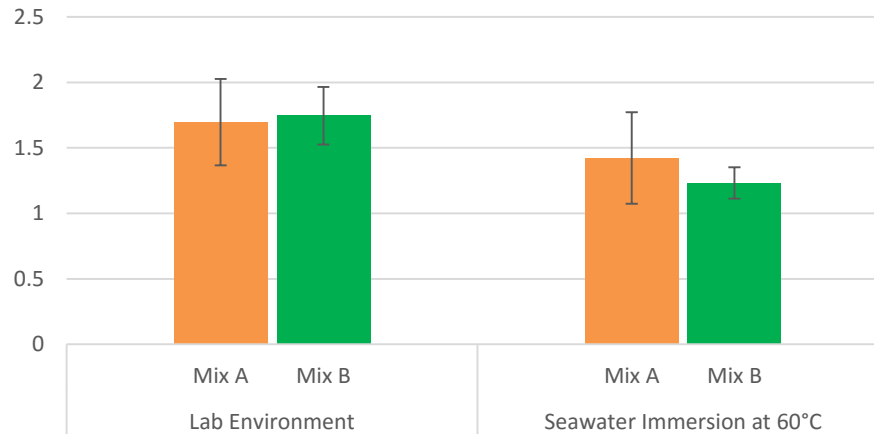


Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

The relative bond between GFRP rebars and concrete was experimentally determined by pullout testing (ACI 440.3R)



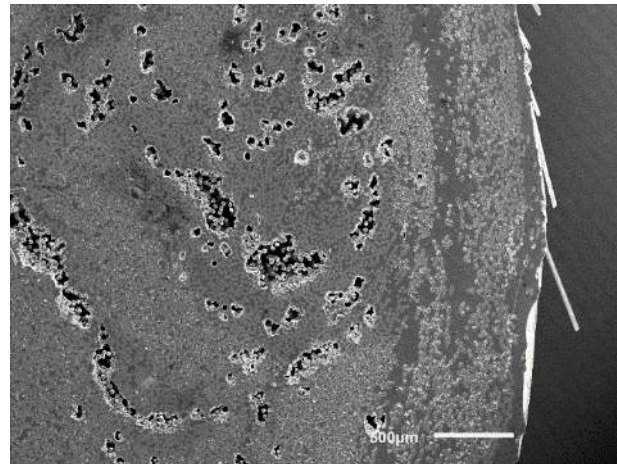
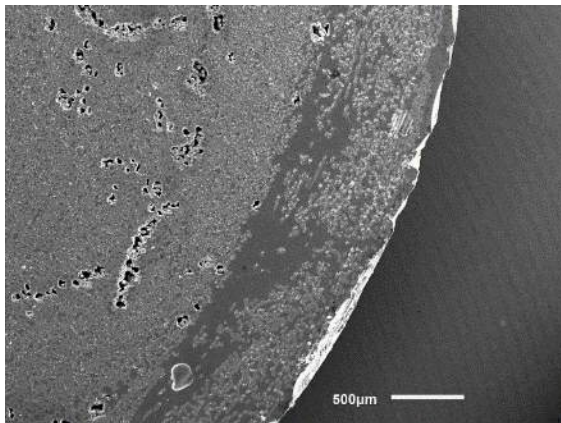
Concrete-GFRP Bond Strength (ksi)



Durability of Embedded GFRP Bars

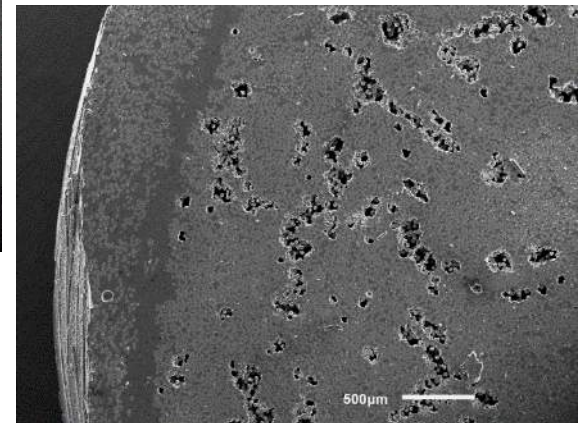
SEM is being used to evaluate potential degradation at GFRP microstructure and GFRP-concrete interface. The edge of extracted GFRP bars which is prone to degradation was imaged

Mix A (Conventional Concrete)



Pristine

Mix B (Seawater Concrete)



Conclusions

- HRB a landmark bridge not only for Florida, but the nation and the world
- HRB as an opportunity to validate new technology and allow FDOT to deploy it in the immediate future
- HRB as the testbed for sustainability:
 - Fresh and hardened properties of SEACON evaluated
 - Mechanical behavior of SEACON after exposure to different aging conditions comparable to conventional concrete
 - Residual mechanical and physical properties of embedded GFRP bars aged in different environments show no degradation
 - Microstructure of embedded GFRP bars shown unaltered using SEM imaging

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