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# **FDOT Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) initiatives for bridge structures**

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# FDOT FRP initiatives for bridge structures

## ABSTRACT:

FDOT will present the latest developments for fiber-reinforced polymer composite materials for structural applications, primarily for use in bridges. Deployment of external FRP for retrofit, repair and strength restoration began in the 1990's. Application of internal FRP systems for new construction have been researched for at least this long, but practical implementation for bridges and related structures has been limited in Florida to several projects in the last few years. Adoption of FRP for transportation infrastructure has been accelerating nationally as the commercial options and competition expand, and the design guidelines and specifications mature. With the release of **ASTM D7957**, the update to the **2009 AASHTO LRFD Guide Specification for GFRP reinforced concrete**, and the new **AASHTO LRFD Guide Specification for CFRP Prestressed Concrete** developed under **NCHRP Project 12-97**, the use of FRP for bridge applications is primed to accelerate significantly in the next few years. The demand for resilient, sustainable infrastructure is increasing beyond just the initial procurement cost. The significant benefits of non-corrosive structural systems with a longer maintenance-free service-life will be highlighted, and the FRP systems that can provide these feature will be identified. Several recently completed FDOT bridge projects will be exhibited, and the Department's efforts for broader FRP deployment under the "**Invitation to Innovation**" and other initiatives will be summarized.

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8. Projects
9. FDOT Principles for Broader Deployment

# History of FRP at FDOT

## FDOT's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Deployment Train

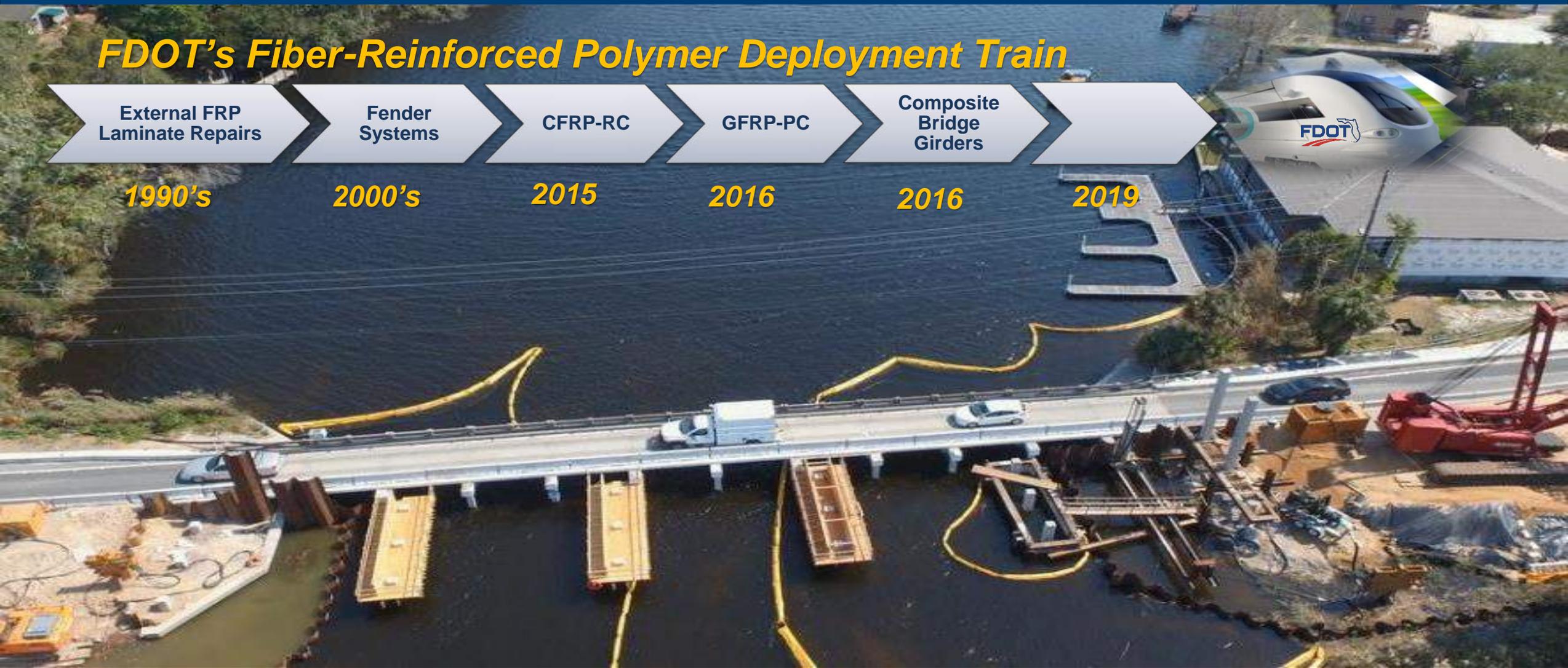


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– Halls River Bridge under construction (FDOT FRP-RC/PC & HCB Demonstration project), April 2017.

# History of FRP at FDOT - Repair/Strengthening Operations

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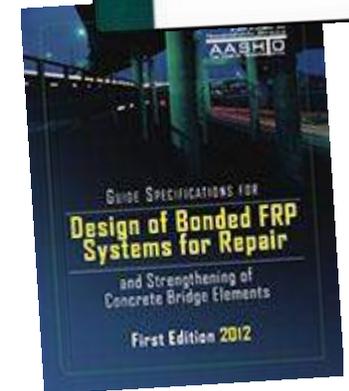
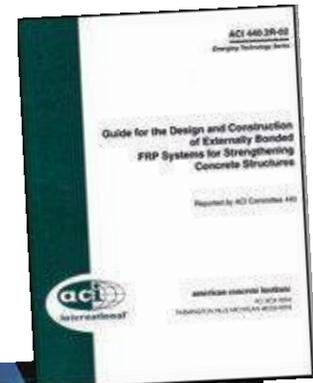
External FRP  
Laminate Repairs

1990's

Now considered  
routine practice for  
some applications

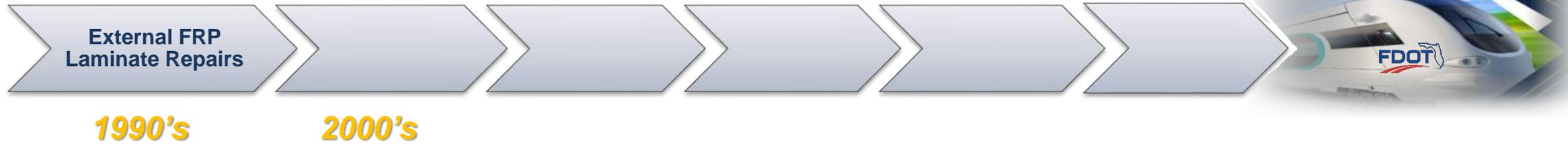


FDOT currently references  
**ACI 440.2R-08** (with  
modifications);  
**AASHTO Guide Spec.**  
(2012) is also available.

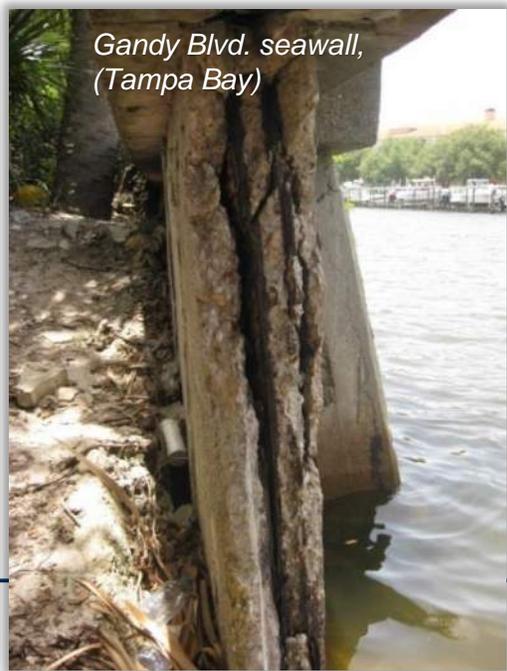


# History of FRP at FDOT - Need for Corrosion Protection

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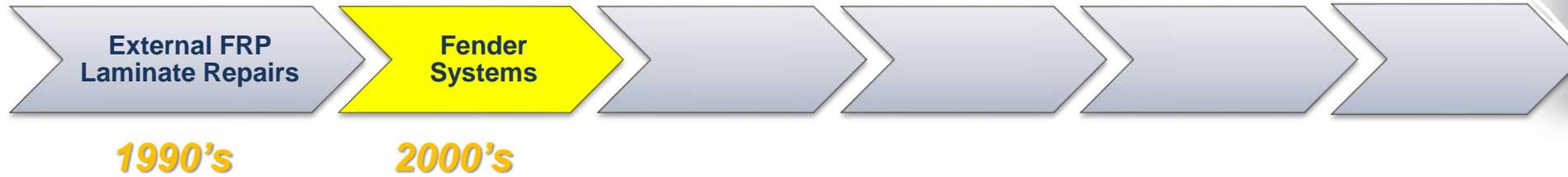


- FRP can increase Durability
- Extend maintenance-free Service-Life
- Mitigate long-term Risks



# History of FRP at FDOT - Bridge Fender Systems

## FDOT's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Deployment Train



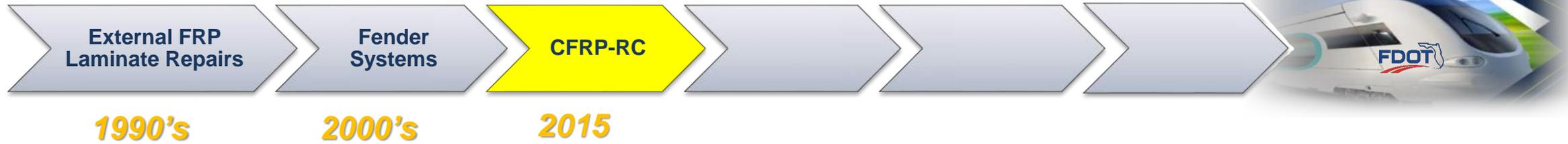
Fully implemented on FDOT projects.

FRP systems strongly recommended - see **SDG 3.14** and **DS Index 21930** or **SP Index 415-030**)

(Photos Courtesy of Creative Pultrusion)

# History of FRP at FDOT – Carbon FRP-PC

## FDOT's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Deployment Train



Gate Precast (2017)



Coupling of CFCC to jacking strands



Halls River Bridge 18"x18" bearing piles (2017)



CFCC strands for HRB sheet piles (2017)

- CFRP-PC Bearing Piles
- CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Sheet Piles

# History of FRP at FDOT – Carbon FRP-PC & Glass FRP-RC

## FDOT's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Deployment Train



- CFRP-PC Bearing Piles
- CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC Sheet Piles
- GFRP Caps, Deck, App. Slab...



# History of FRP at FDOT – Composite Bridge Girders

## FDOT's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Deployment Train



1990's

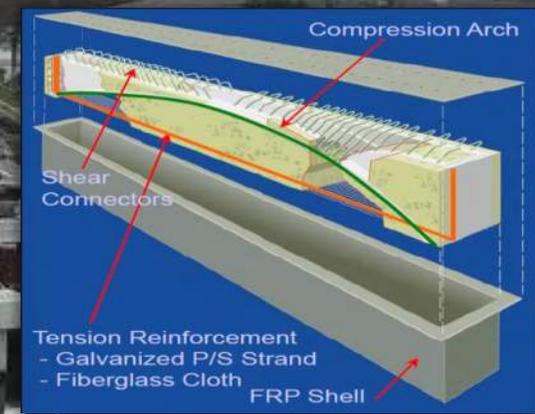
2000's

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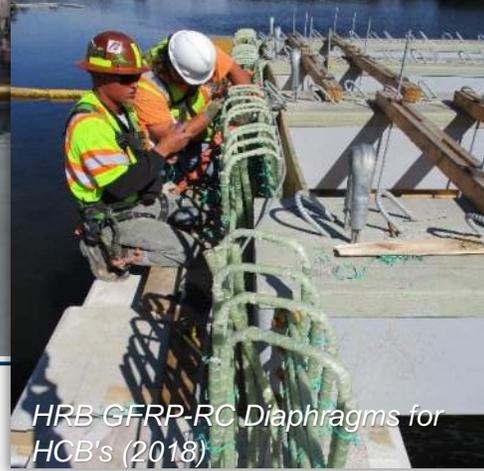
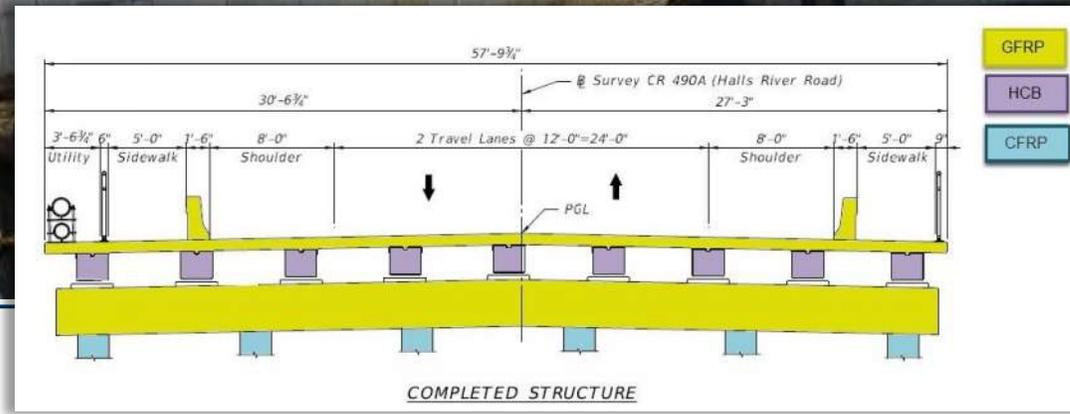
2016

2016

# HCB



HRB Hybrid Composite Beams (2017)



HRB GFRP-RC Diaphragms for HCB's (2018)

# History of FRP at FDOT – Composite Bridge Girders (cont.)

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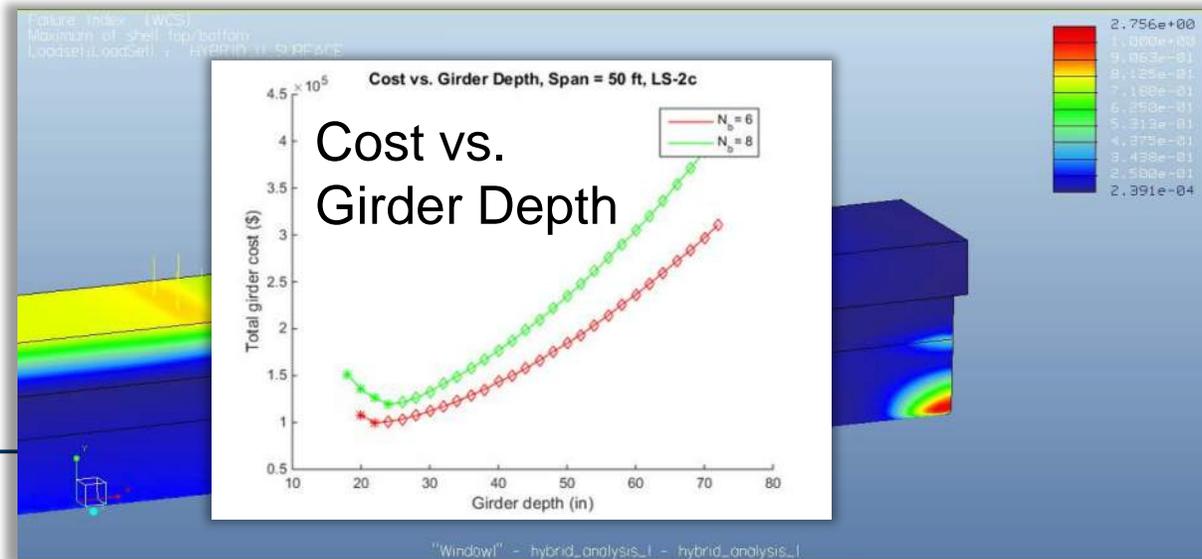


- Non-Proprietary CBG's

Completion Date	Title (Full Report)	Principal Investigator	University / Agency	Project Manager	Contract No. (Summary)
1/31/2018	<a href="#">Bridge Girder Alternatives for Extremely Aggressive Environments</a>	Brown, Jeff	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	Potter, William	<a href="#">BDV22 977-01</a>



FRP girders await the next step in construction of this bridge.



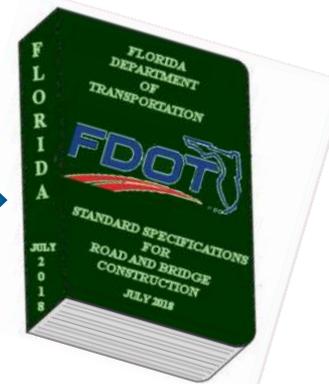
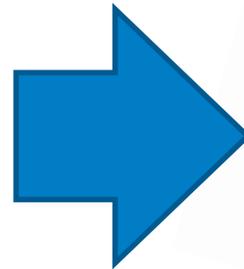
# History of FRP at FDOT – Basalt FRP-RC

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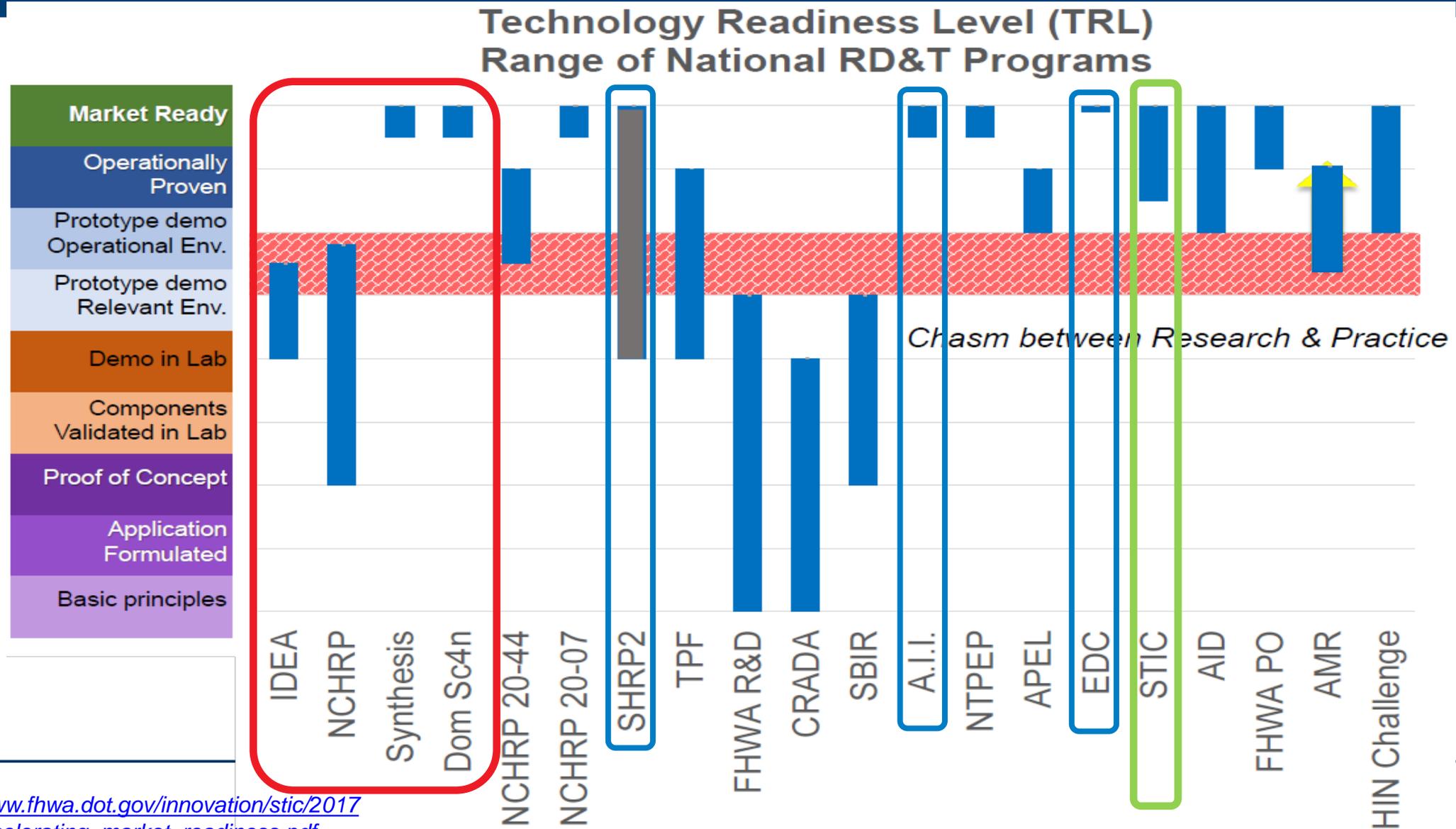


## STIC Incentive Project – BFRP-RC Standardization

- Develop **Standards & Specifications** for basalt fiber-reinforced polymer (BFRP) bars for the internal reinforcement of structural concrete.



# Highway Innovation and Incentive Programs



Source:  
[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/2017/1019\\_accelerating\\_market\\_readiness.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/2017/1019_accelerating_market_readiness.pdf)

# Highway Innovation and Incentive Programs

## STIC Excellence Award Forward (April 2018):



“America's highway community faces significant challenges: an aging infrastructure, growing traffic volumes and limited staffing and funding resources. Widespread use of innovation and enhanced business processes is essential to meeting customer needs and increasing the efficiency of project delivery.

Initiatives such as *Every Day Counts*, the second *Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2)* Implementation Assistance Program, the *AASHTO Innovation Initiative*, and others are designed to promote innovations and support the highway community in putting them into practice. Whether through training, workshops, demonstrations, technical assistance or incentive funding, **the result of these initiatives is rapid technology transfer and accelerated deployment of innovation across the nation...**”

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/2018\\_stic\\_excellence\\_award.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/2018_stic_excellence_award.pdf)

# Highway Innovation and Incentive Programs



## Every Day Counts (EDC):

**FHWA:** PBES → ABC, UHPC, GRS-IBS...



## Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2):

**TRB, AASHTO & FHWA:**

- Prefabricated Elements-PBES ([R04 Report](#) & [Toolkit](#))
- Service Life Design for Bridges ([R19A](#))
- Service Limit State Design Guide Spec./Toolkit ([R19B](#))



## AASHTO Innovation Initiative (A.I.I.):

**AASHTO:** Carbon Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Strands



# What's in these Programs... involving FRP?

## NCHRP:

**Report 503** (2003): *Application of FRP Composites to the Highway Infrastructure*

- Dr. Dennis Mertz (lead author) – *“Lack of a clear signal of intent or encouragement from government agencies undermines FRP suppliers’ confidence in the viability of a long-term market...”*

**Synthesis 512** (2017): *Use of Fiber-Reinforced Polymers in Highway Infrastructure*

- State-of-the-art review

**US Scan Team Report 13-03** (2017): *Advances in FRP Composite Transportation Infrastructure*

- NCHRP 20-68A program



# What's in these Programs... involving FRP?

## *Ideas Deserving of Exploratory Analysis (IDEA):*

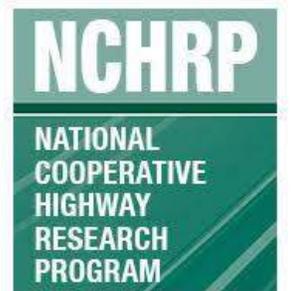
### *NCHRP (TRB & AASHTO):*

- Glass FRP Prestressing Strand (MILDGLASS-2018)



## *Innovative Bridge Research and Construction (IBRC):*

*FHWA (1998-2006):* FRP Bridges are to be revisited and an update report on status issued;



## *Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment (IBRD):*

*FHWA (2006-2017):* US 90 over Little River - PBES Bent Caps (used **SHRP2 R04 Toolkit** for guidance). FDOT since developed a Mathcad Design Program which includes GFRP-RC elements.



# What else is there... (ASCE Grand Challenge)

- *“Reduce the life cycle cost of infrastructure by 50 percent by 2025 and foster the optimization of infrastructure investments for society”*



**Together we can close the infrastructure gap!**

# What else is there... **(nationally / internationally)**

## ***FDOT participation in related technical organizations:***

- ***AASHTO Committee on Bridge and Structures – T6 FRP (Member: William Potter)***
- ***TRB AFF80 – Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers (Members: Potter, Fallaha & Nolan)***
- ***ACMA – Transportation Structures Council & FRP Rebar Manufacturers Council (liaisons → John Busel)***
- ***ACI 440 – (liaison → Prof. Nanni)***
- ***Canadian Standards Association (liaison → Prof. Benmokrane)***
- ***fib Task Group 5.1 – FRP Reinforcement for concrete structures (liaison → TBA)***

# What else is there... (locally) SAMTAG

## Structural Advance Materials TAG mission:

- Advance the safe implementation and broad deployment of innovative structural materials through advisement to the *Structures Technical Advisory Group (TAG)* and coordination with national and international specification development organization representatives...

**Members are to support *District Structures Design Engineers (DSDE)* make informed choices:**

- 1 ~ Champion & 1 ~ Backup from each District Structures Office
- 2 ~ Consultants - structures design community
- 2 ~ State Materials Office materials experts
- 2 ~ State SDO facilitators & coordinators
- 1 ~ Structures Research Center representative
- ~ Friends of the TAG (Collaborators)

...future Construction and Maintenance representatives?

# What else is there... (locally)

## FDOT Invitation-to-Innovation (Design Innovation initiative)



- **FRP Reinforcing Bar & Strands**: Basalt, Carbon & Glass FRP Rebar; Carbon FRP Prestressing

## FDOT Research:

- **Materials Research Program:**
- **Structures Research Program:**

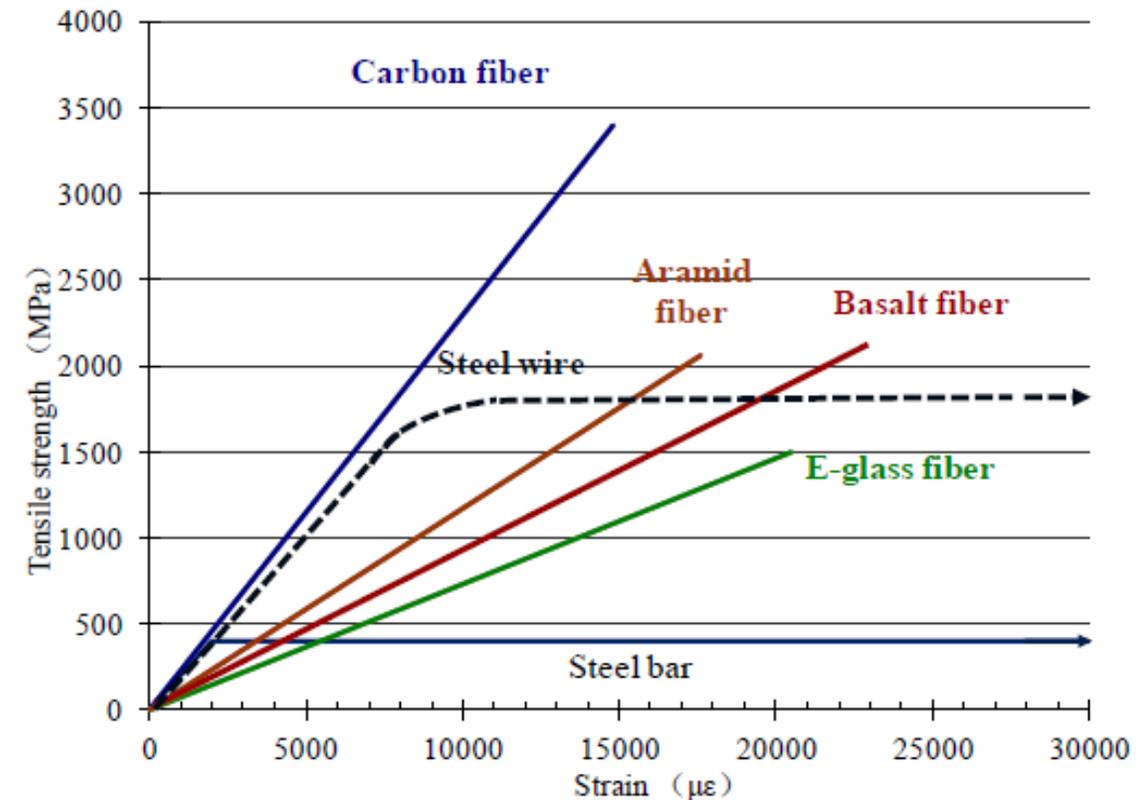
7/31/2014	Degradation Assessment of Internal Continuous Fiber Reinforcement in Concrete Environment	A. El Safty	University of North Florida	<b>BDK82-977-05 Summary Report</b>
6/30/2018	Performance Evaluation of GFRP Reinforcing Bars Embedded in Concrete Under Aggressive Environments	R. Kampmann	Florida State University	<b>BDV30 977-18</b>
3/31/2018	Degradation Mechanisms and Service Life Estimation of FRP Concrete Reinforcements	A. El Safty	University of North Florida	<b>BDV34 977-05</b>
4/16/2014	<a href="#">Investigation of Carbon Fiber Composite Cables (CFCC) in Prestressed Concrete Piles</a>	M. Roddenberry, P. Mtenga	Florida State University	<b>BDK83 977-17</b>
11/30/1998	<a href="#">Studies on Carbon FRP (CFRP) Prestressed Concrete Bridge Columns and Piles in Marine Environment</a>	M Arockiasamy	Florida Atlantic University	<b>B-9076</b>
8/1/1995	<a href="#">Durability of CFRP Pretensioned Piles in Marine Environment Volume II</a>	R. Sen	University of South Florida	<b>0510642</b>

1/31/2018	Bridge Girder Alternatives for Extremely Aggressive Environments	Brown, Jeff	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Potter, William	<b>BDV22 977-01</b>
3/1/2017	Durability Evaluation of Florida's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composite Reinforcement for Concrete Structures	Hamilton, Trey	University of Florida	Wagner, David	<b>BDV31 977-01</b>
8/31/2015	Use of Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composite Cable for Post-Tensioning Application	Mirmiran, Amir	Florida International University	Potter, William	<b>BDV29 977-10</b>

# What else is there... (locally)

## FRP materials of most interest to FDOT (currently):

- **Carbon FRP strands and laminates** (PAN fiber with epoxy or vinyl-ester resin systems)
- **Glass FRP reinforcing Bars** (E-CR fiber with vinyl-ester resin systems);
- **Basalt FRP reinforcing bars** (melt fiber with epoxy resin systems).



Typical stress-strain relationships of different FRPs compared to steel bars (Zhishen et al., 2012)

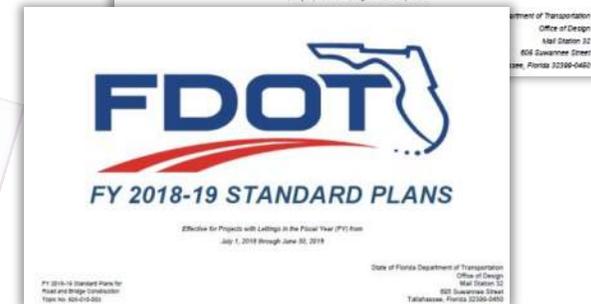
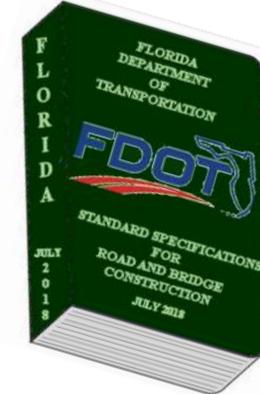
# What else is there... (locally)

## ***FDOT Standards, Specifications & Projects:***

See ***FRP-Design Innovation website*** for “***one-stop shopping*”**:

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

- Index<sup>DS</sup>: 22440, 22600 series, D22900, D21310, D22420;
- Index<sup>SP</sup>: 455-440, 455-100 series;
- Specifications 400, 410, 415, 450, 471, 932, 933;
- Projects (*shown in later slides*)



# Specifications - CFRP

## AASHTO's *1<sup>st</sup> Edition* for prestressed concrete with FRP strands *Bridge Design Guide Specifications (BDGS:CFRP-PC)*.

- Approved **06/28/2018** by **AASHTO Committee on Bridges and Structures** (thru **T-6** sponsorship).

**NCHRP 12-97**

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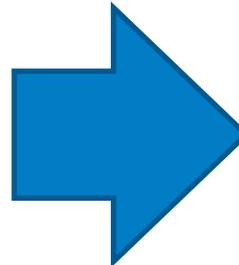
**NCHRP 12-97**  
*AASHTO LRFD Guide Specifications for Prestressing  
Concrete Elements Using CFRP Materials*

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➤ Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers (AFF80)

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*Guide Specification for the Design of Concrete Bridge Beams  
Prestressed with CFRP Systems*

*DRAFT FINAL [Report]*

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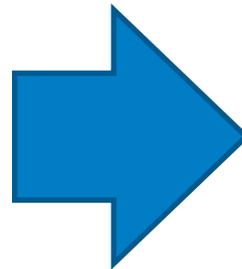
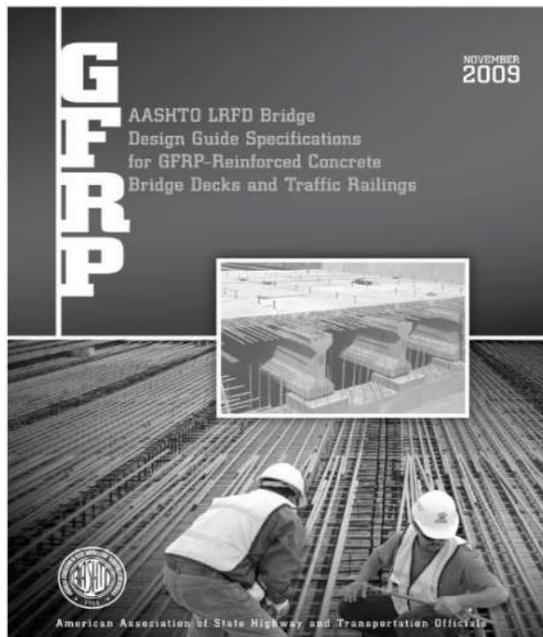
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# Specifications - GFRP

AASHTO's *1<sup>st</sup> Edition* on decks and railings has now been updated to a complete *Bridge Design Guide Specification (BDGS:GFRP-RC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*.

- Approved **06/28/2018** by **AASHTO Committee on Bridges and Structures** (thru **T-6** sponsorship).



**2018**

**AASHTO LRFD  
BRIDGE DESIGN GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR GFRP REINFORCED CONCRETE – 2<sup>ND</sup>  
EDITION**

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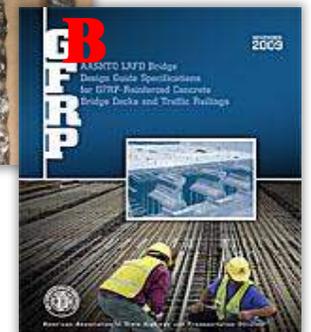
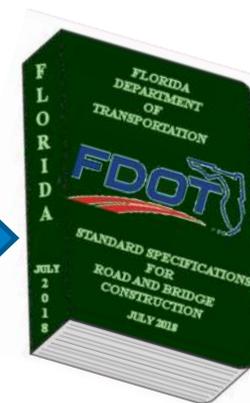
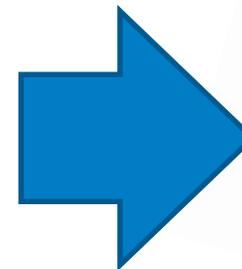
# Specifications – BFRP (in progress)

## STIC Incentive Project – BFRP-RC Standardization

Fed. Project: STIC-004-A (April 2018 - Dec 2019)

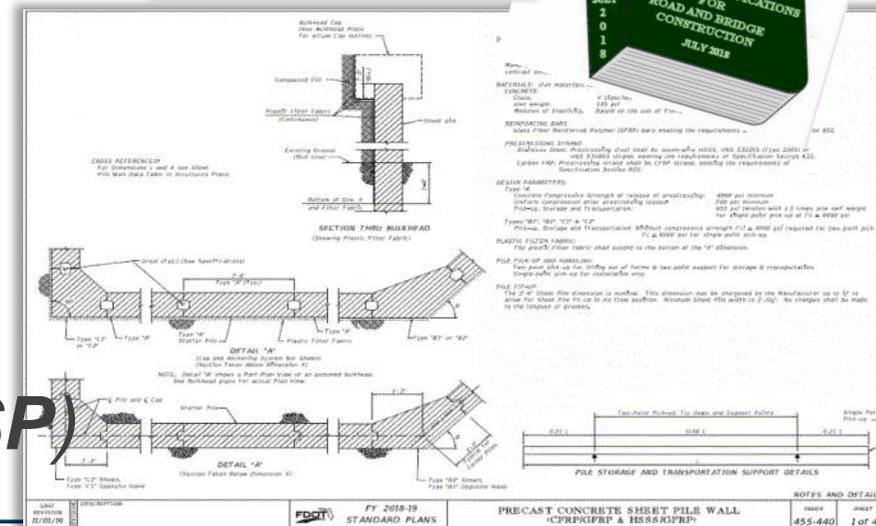
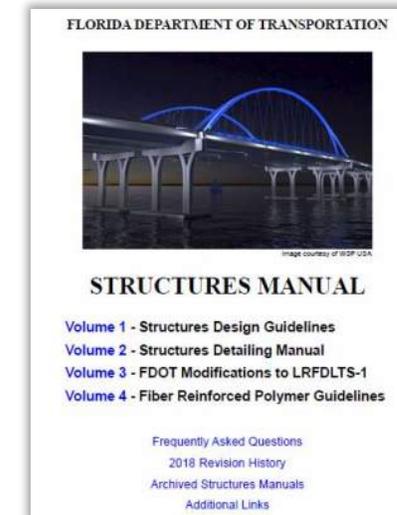
FDOT #443377-1; includes Research Project BDV30 986-01

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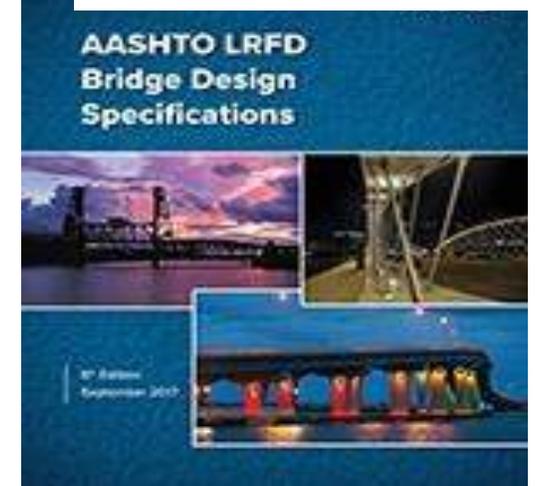
# Specifications – FDOT

1. [Structures Manual – Vol. 4 \(FRPG\)](#)
2. [Construction Specs. \(Division II\)](#)
3. [Materials Specs. \(Division III\)](#)
4. [Materials Manual \(Chapter 12\)](#)
  - [Production Facility Approvals](#)
5. [Standard Plans \(SP\)](#)
  - SP Instructions (**SPI**)
  - Developmental Standards (**DDS** & **DSP**)



# Specification Harmonization – GFRP-RC

- **BDGS-GFRP 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.** refers to **ASTM D7957-17** for material specifications
  - Only vinyl-ester GFRP / epoxy GFRP round bars allowed
  - Role separation and eased certification
- Design of GFRP-RC bridge elements follows structure of Bridge Design Specifications for steel-RC/PC (**AASHTO-BDS-17, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed.**).
  - Same language and integration
  - Familiar environment for the practitioner



# Specification Harmonization – GFRP-RC (cont.)

- Inputs from existing guidelines/codes:
  - **ACI 440.1R-15** “Guide for the Design and Construction of Structural Concrete Reinforced with Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars”
  - **CSA S6-14 Section 16** “Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code: Fibre-Reinforced Structures”
- Coordination with next-edition (where possible)
  - **ACI 440-19** “Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete Reinforced with GFRP Bars” (under development)
  - **CSA S6-19 Section 16** “Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code: Fibre Reinforced Structures” (under development)



# Specification Harmonization – GFRP-RC (cont.)

	AASHTO-GS 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2018	AASHTO-GS 1 <sup>st</sup> 2009	ACI 440.1R 2015 (19)	CSA 2014 (19)	
$f_{fu}^*$	99.73	99.73	99.73	95.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	Strength percentile
$\Phi_C$	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.75	Res. Fact. concr. failure
$\Phi_T$	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	Res. Fact. FRP failure
$\Phi_S$	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	Res. Fact. shear failure
$C_E$	0.70	0.70	0.70	1.0	Environmental reduction
$C_C$	0.30	0.20	0.20 (0.30)	0.25 (0.30)	Creep rupture reduction
$C_f$	0.25	0.20	0.20	0.25	Fatigue reduction
$C_b$	0.80	0.70 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.70 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0	Bond reduction
$w$	0.28	0.20 or 0.28	0.20 to 0.28	0.20 ?	Crack width limit [in.]
$C_{C, stirrups}$	1.5	1.50	2.0 <sup>(3)</sup>	40	Clear cover [in.]
$C_{C, slab}$	1.0	0.75 to 2.0	0.75 to 2.0 <sup>(3)</sup>	40	Clear cover [in.]

(1) Characteristic Strength; (2)  $1/k_b$ ; (3) ACI 440.5-08 Table 3.1; (19) proposed for 2019 updates

# Specification Harmonization – CFRP-PC

	<i>AASHTO-BDS 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 (steel only)</i>	<i>AASHTO-GS 1<sup>st</sup> 2018</i>	<i>ACI 440.4R 2002 (11)</i>	<i>CSA 2014 (19)</i>	
$f_{fu}^*$	99.73	99.73	99.73		Strength percentile
$\Phi_C$	0.75	<b>0.75</b>	0.65		Res. Fact. concr. failure
$\Phi_T$	1.00	0.75	0.85		Res. Fact. FRP failure
$\Phi_S$	0.75	0.75			Res. Fact. shear failure
$C_E$	1.00	1.00 (internal)	0.9 (from 440.1R)		<i>Environmental reduction</i>
$C_{Ci}$	0.75 <sub>j</sub> / 0.70 <sub>serv</sub>	<b>0.70<sub>j</sub> / 0.65<sub>serv</sub></b>	<b>0.60</b>		<i>Creep rupture reduction</i>
$C_f$	0.45	<b>18 ksi</b>			<i>Fatigue reduction / stress</i>
$C_b$	n/a				<i>Bond reduction</i>
$w$	n/a				Crack width limit [in.]
$C_{c,stirrups}$	-	-			Clear cover [in.]
$C_{c,strand}$	-	3.5 $d_b$			Clear cover

(1) Characteristic Strength; (19) proposed for 2019 updates

# Design Tools – FDOT Programs & Design Aids

**LRFD Prestressed Beam Program**

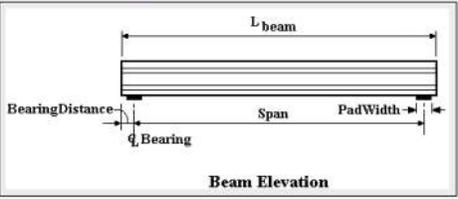
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**Legend**

TanHighlight = DataEntry    YellowHighlight = CheckValues    GreyHighlight = UserComments + Graphs  
BlackText = ProgramEquations    Maroon Text = Code Reference    Blue Text = Commentary

**Bridge Layout and Dimensions**



**Beam Elevation**

$L_{beam} = 60$  ft    Span = 58.92 ft    BearingDistance = 6.5 in    PadWidth = 8 in

BeamTypeTog = "FSB15x53" *These are typically the FDOT designations found in our standards. The user can also create a spreadsheet file for a custom shape. In all cases the top of the beam is at the y=0 ordinate.*




**FINAL REPORT**

Project ID: FDOT MOU 17-01  
Project Period: 10/25/17 to 05/12/18

**Addition of FRP Design to LRFD Prestressed Beam Program developed by FDOT**

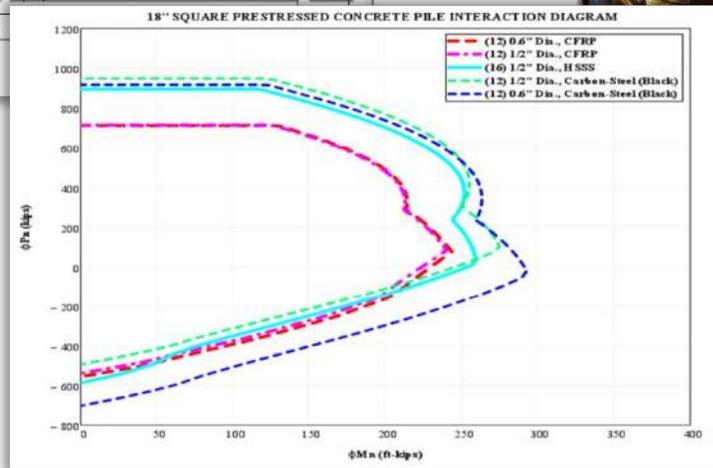
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## 1. Design Programs

- CFRP-PC Beams
- GFRP-RC Flat-Slab
- GFRP-RC Bent Cap
- *Retaining Walls soon!*

## 2. SPI "Design Aids"

## 3. Project GIS-Map App.

## 4. Under development

- Cost Estimating Guidance
- LCC Analysis Guidance

# Design Tools – FDOT GIS-Mapping App.

**(1 of 6)**

County	Miami-Dade
Road	SR A1A
Old Bridge No.	870,071
New Bridge No.	0
Designer	BPA Jake Perez
Precaster/Supplier	
Element/Wall Length (ft)	Wall Fascia & Cap (130'+150')
No. of Elements/LF	2
Comments	
ID	4
Latitude	25.9000639
Longitude	-80.1246056
Fast-Facts	<a href="#">More info</a>

**FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative: FRP – Design Innovation**

**Fast Facts: Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer**

**Project Location:** FDOT District Six, Miami Dade County, 7th Harbor, Florida

**Agency:** Florida Department of Transportation

**URL:** <http://www.fdot.com/transportation/127>

**Project Name:** SE-A1A Collins Avenue overpass Bridge Rehabilitation, Bridge No. 870071, FPED: 41378-1

**Project Description:** Bridge and Bulbhead Rehabilitation

**Project Purpose & Need:** District Six Bridge Maintenance identified repairs that included ledge coatings and replacing the deteriorated concrete bulbhead retaining wall on both sides of the Hanslow Cut channel. Work activities included replacing the existing bulbhead walls with a steel sheet pile wall system that included a reinforced concrete cap and a protective concrete fascia panel over the steel sheets. CFRP reinforcement was used in the concrete cap and fascia panels.

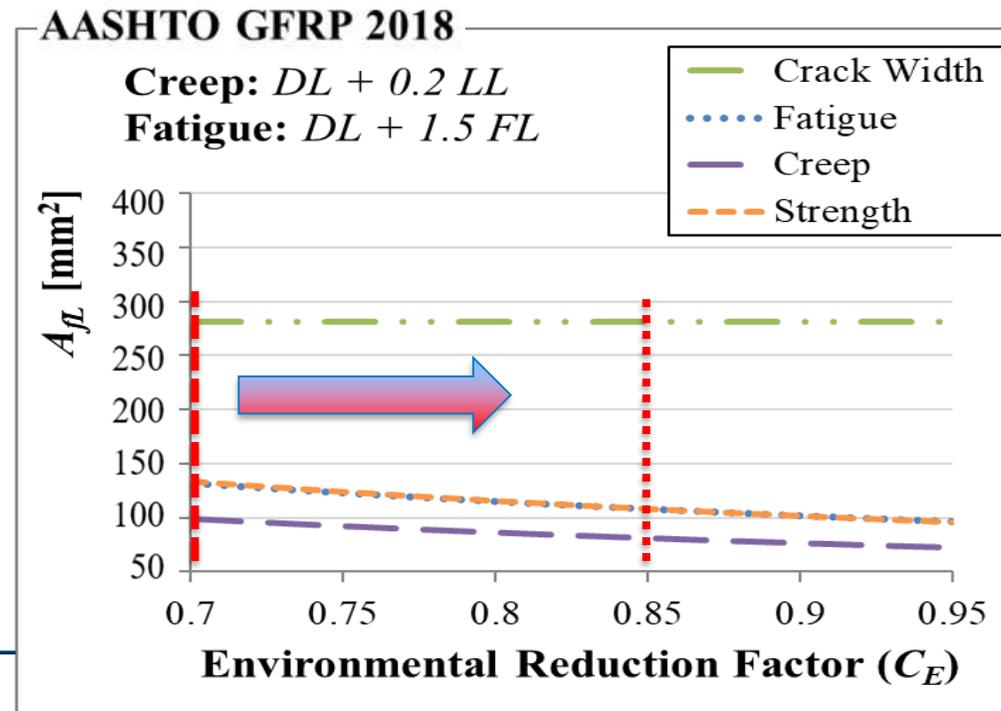
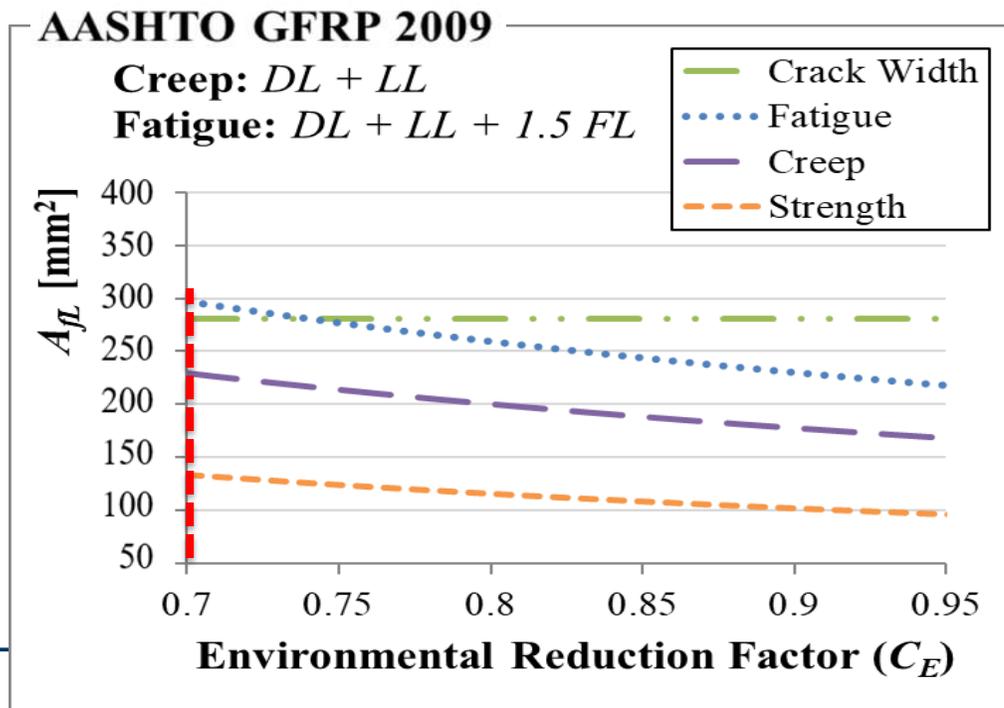
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1. **Currently includes:**
  - Active and Completed FRP-RC/PC projects;
2. **Plans to add:**
  - Bridge beam FRP repair/ strengthening projects (25+ year history of wet-layup repairs)
  - FRP-Fender Systems
  - HSSS projects

# Recent Advancement - GFRP-RC Specs

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. updates reflect:

- Rationally defined creep rupture and fatigue load demands
- Separated **Creep**  $C_c$  and **Fatigue**  $C_f$  and aligned to CSA-14 (0.20 to **0.30 & 0.25 respectively**) – **Need additional study to improve these conservative limits!**



# Recent Advancement (cont.) - GFRP-RC Specs

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. updates reflect:

- Performances of *ASTM*-certified materials and increase **Compression-Controlled** Flexural Resistance  $\Phi_C$  alignment to *AASHTO BDS-17* (0.65 to **0.75**);
- Reduced increased Bond Factor  $C_b$  ( $= 1/k_b$ ) and max. crack width to 0.028 inches.

Now need to:

1. Rationally increase **Tension-Controlled** Flexural Resistance  $\Phi_t$  (**0.55 to 0.75 ?**), and
2. Increase the minimum **Elastic Modulus...**

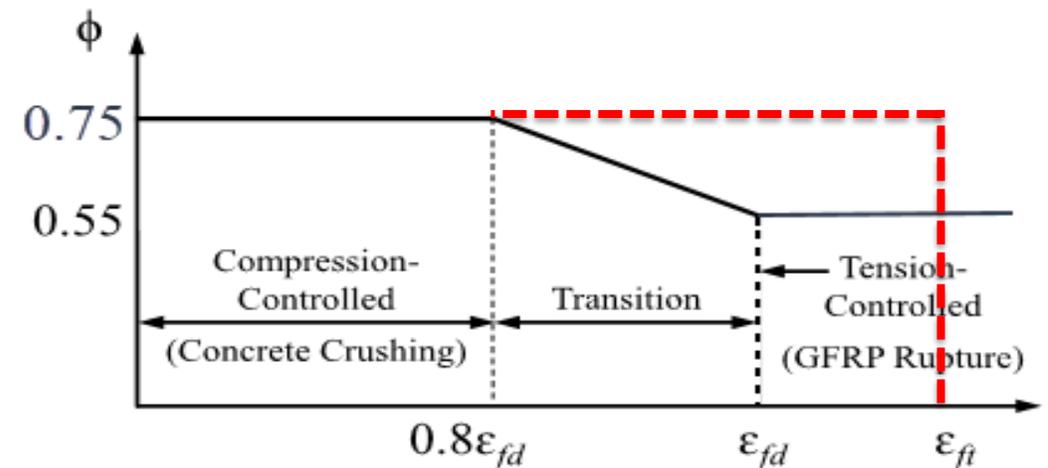
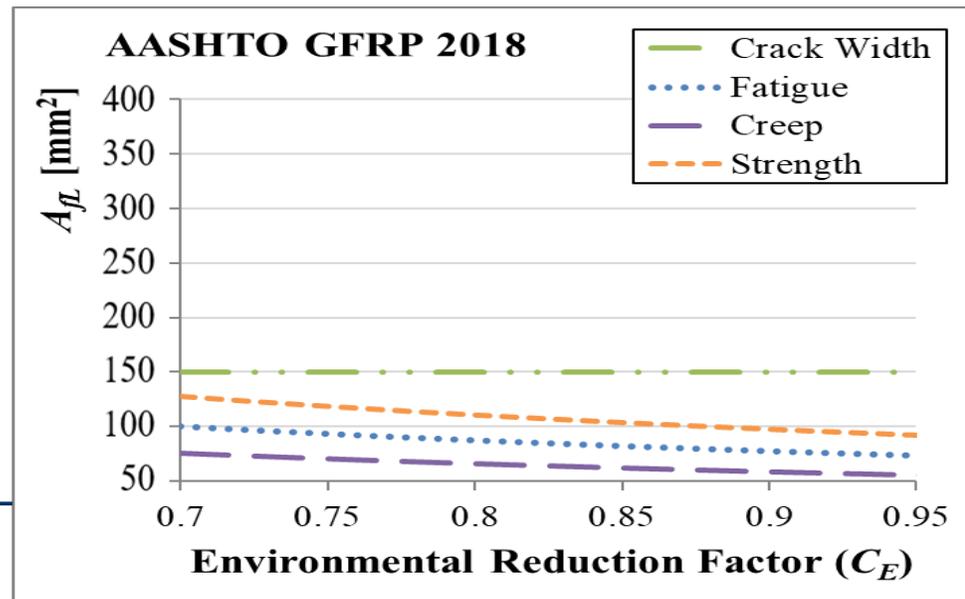
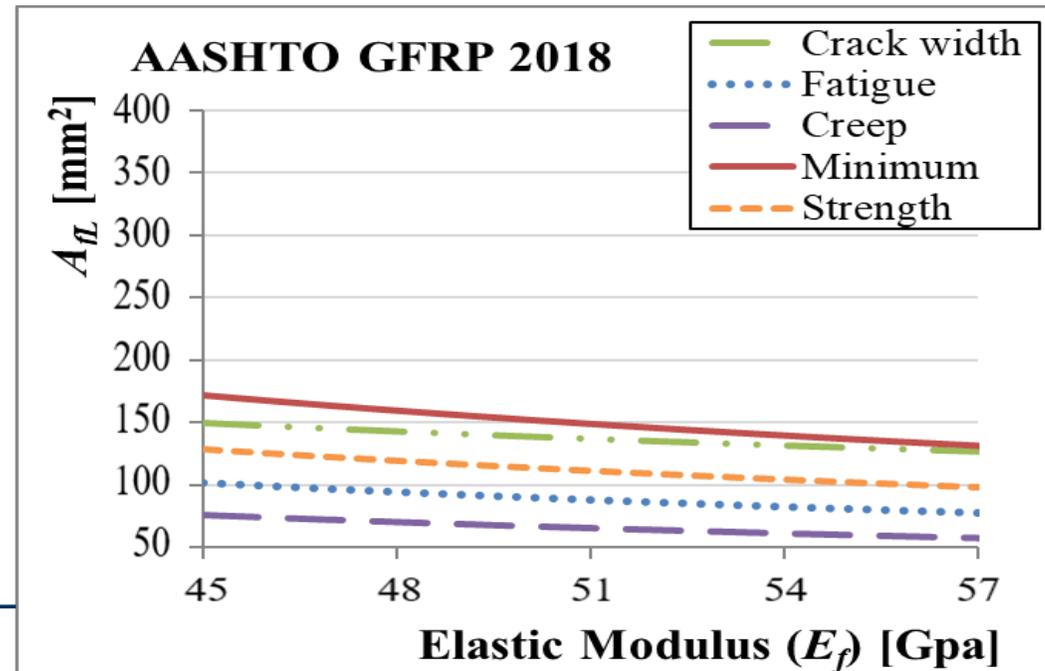
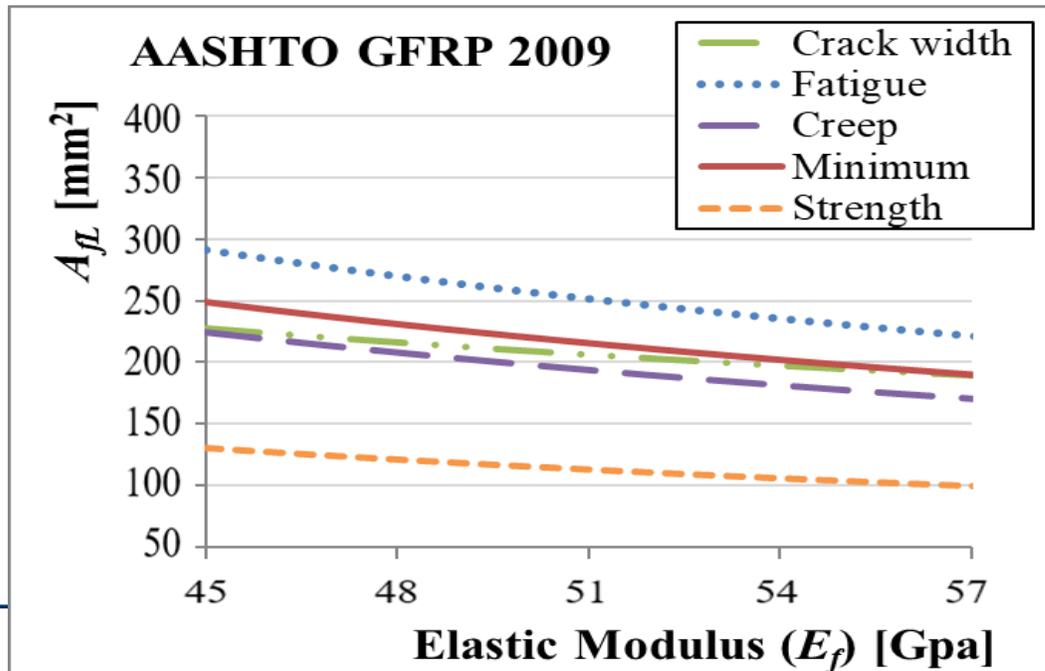


Figure C2.5.5.2-1 – Variation of  $\phi$  with Tensile Strain at Failure,  $\epsilon_{ft}$ , in GFRP Reinforcement

# Future Advancement (cont.) - GFRP-RC Specs

1. Elastic modulus is a game-changer.
2. Increment shall not come from mere sectional area enlargement.
3. Need to operate within **ASTM D7957-17** boundaries.
4. Improve quality of the manufacturing process to answer market demand: stiffness, bond performances, durability.



# Future Advancement – GFRP-PC twisted strand

## 1. NCHRP's Innovations Deserving of Exploratory Analysis (IDEA)

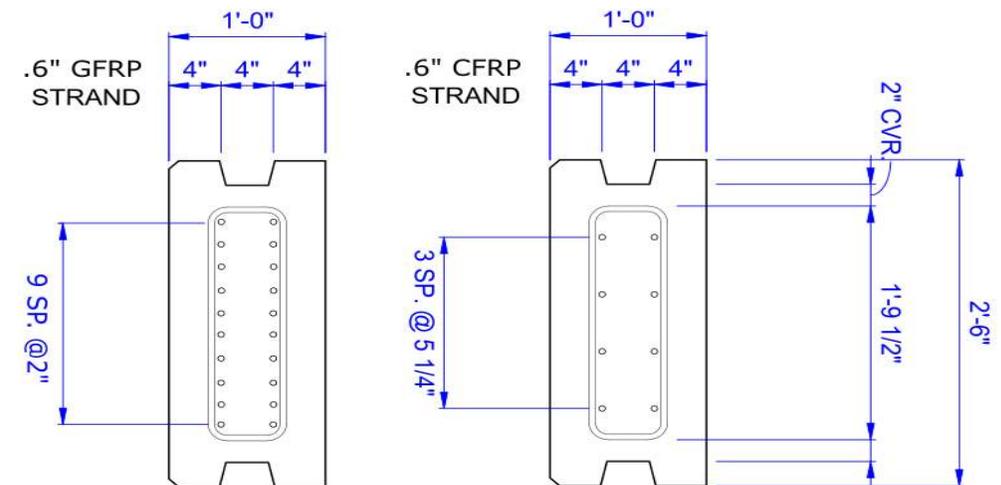
- GFRP Prestressing - MILDGLASS (University of Miami);



(a) & (b) CFRP strand failed during tensioning; (c) cracking following strands release.



(a) GFRP strand prototype cross section; (b) compared to a CFRP alternative.

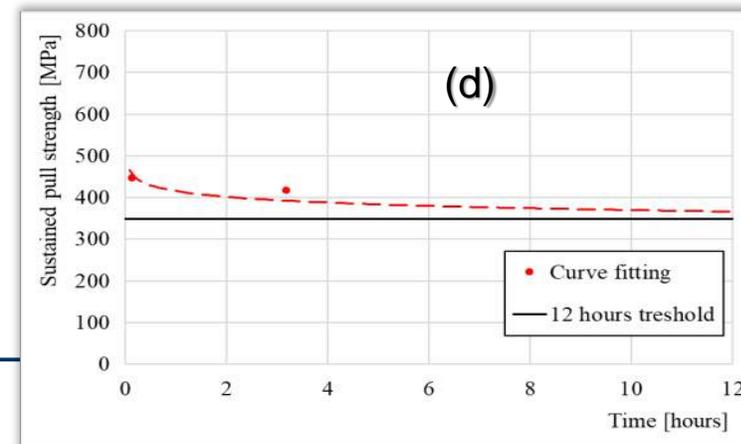
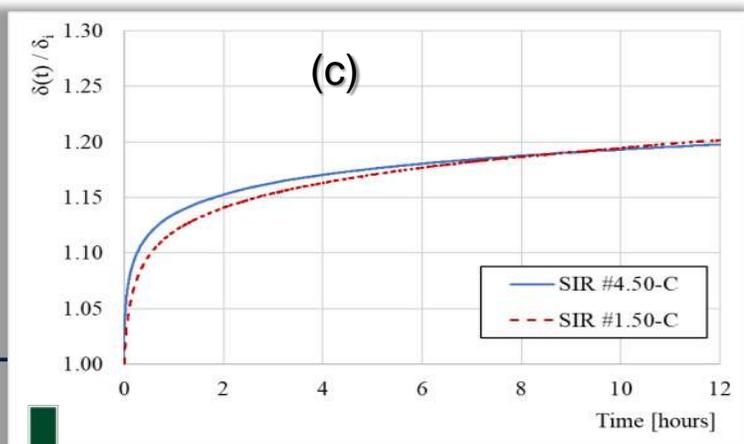
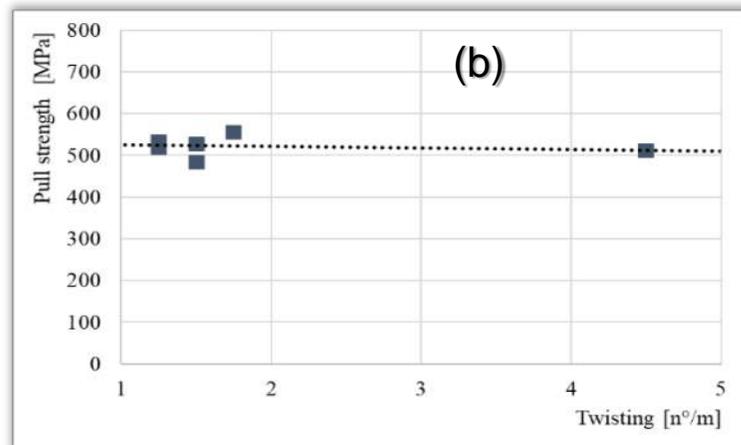
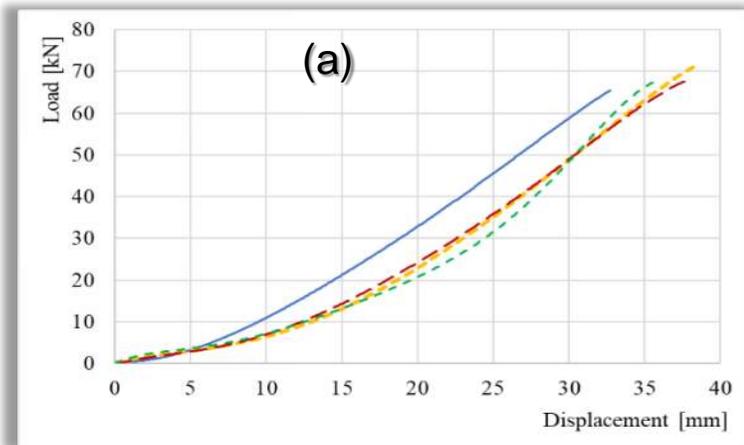


(a) GFRP-PC sheet pile concept (b) CFRP-PC sheet pile design for Halls River Bridge

# Future Advancement – GFRP-PC twisted strand (cont.)

## 1. NCHRP's Innovations Deserving of Exploratory Analysis (IDEA)

- GFRP Prestressing - MILDGLASS (University of Miami);



### Pull test load:

- (a) Displacement diagrams;
- (b) Pull strength at varying twist per meter;
- (c) Creep displacement over initial value;
- (d) Creep rupture logarithmic regression

# Future Advancement (cont.) – ?????...

## 2. Next Innovation Deserving of Exploratory Analysis...

- BFRP Prestressing (perhaps)???

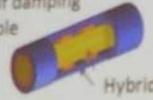
### 3. Composite Materials

#### BFRP cable of large span lightweight structure

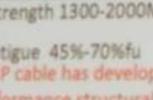
- Solve the problem of weak durability of the steel cable and the brittleness of the CFRP cable
- Overcome the anchorage difficulty of FRP tendon

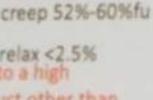
#### High performance FRP hybrid / Composite cable

			
Parallel cable	strand cable	Hybrid cable	composite cable

Self damping cable 

Self monitoring cable 

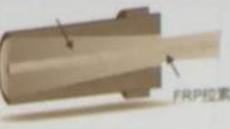
Hybrid FRP 

Fiber optic sensor 

- strength 1300-2000MPa
- creep 52%-60%fu
- fatigue 45%-70%fu
- relax <2.5%

BFRP cable has developed into a high performance structural product other than CFRP cables.

#### FRP cable anchorage of large tonnage




Through the 300 ton scale experiment and finite element simulation, the kiloton anchorage design is realized.




### 3. Composite Materials

#### FRP cable replacing steel cable

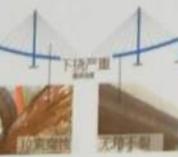
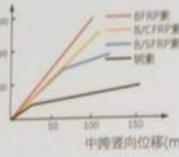
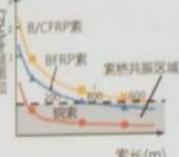
Replace cable due to fatigue and corrosion serious problems



Solve

- Replacement design of BFRP
- Analysis of the bridge overall performance with replacing cable
- Influence of the of the bridge construction of replacing the cable

#### Construction of lightweight and long life modification technology for cable stayed bridge below 1200 meters

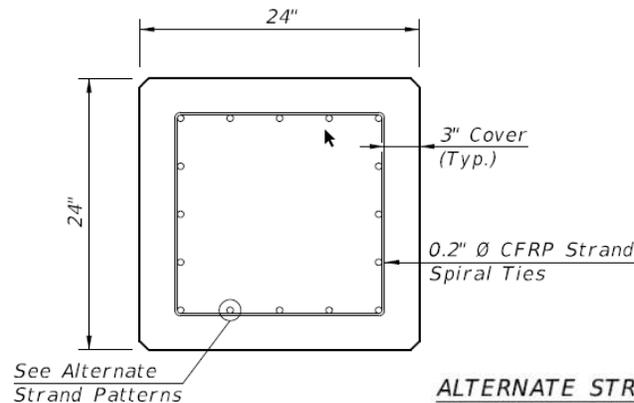




# Standardized Elements - Piles

## Bridge Bearing Pile Standards

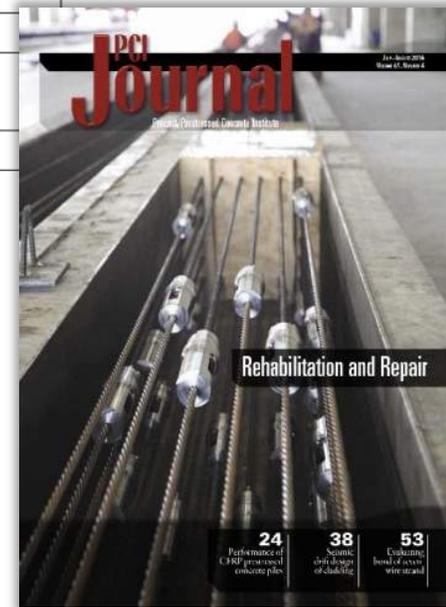


<b>455-101</b>		Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Piles - Typical Details and Notes
<b>455-102</b>		Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile Splices
<b>455-112</b>		12" Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile
<b>455-114</b>		14" Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile
<b>455-118</b>		18" Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile
<b>455-124</b>		24" Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile
<b>455-130</b>		30" Square CFRP and SS Prestressed Concrete Pile
<b>455-154</b>		54" Precast/Post-Tensioned CFRP and SS Concrete Cylinder Pile
<b>455-160</b>		60" Prestressed CFRP and SS Concrete Cylinder Pile



### ALTERNATE STRAND PATTERNS

- 16 ~ 0.6" Ø, CFRP 7-Strand, at 42 kips
- 16 ~ 1/2" Ø, CFRP Single-Strand, at 41 kips



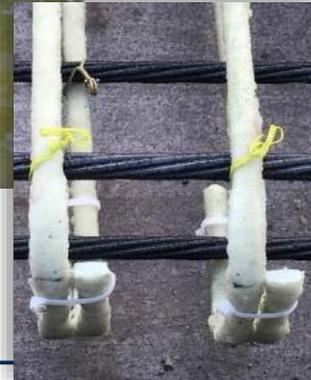
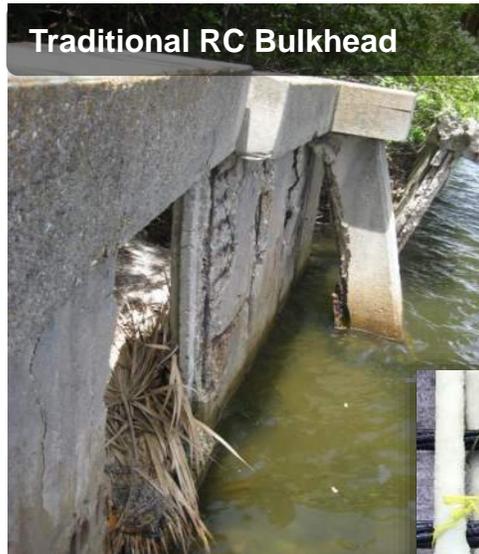
# Standardized Elements - Seawall-Bulkheads

## Concrete Sheet Pile Bulkhead Standards

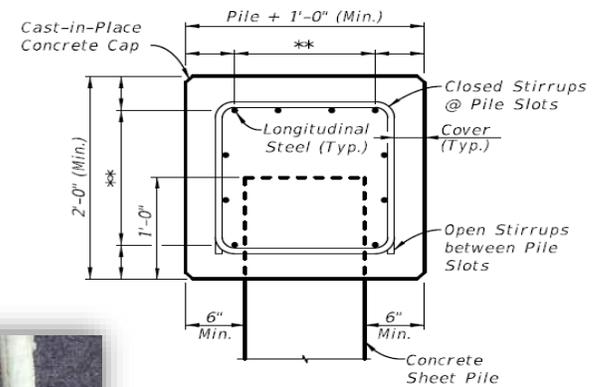
HRB Sheet Pile Installation



Traditional RC Bulkhead



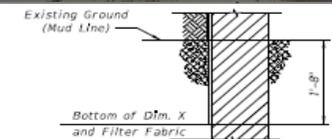
		Structures Foundations - Sheet Pile Wall
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455-440		Precast Concrete Sheet Pile Wall (CFRP/GFRP & HSSS/GFRP)



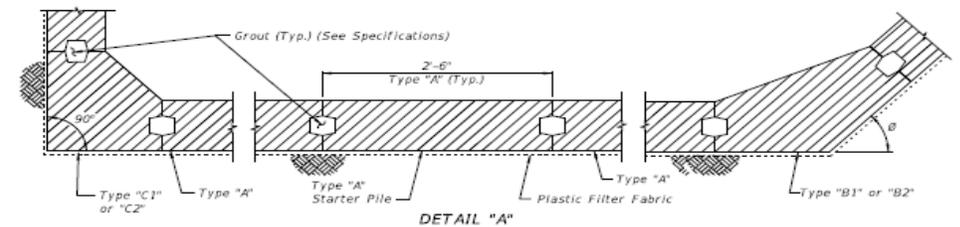
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Traditional RC Bulkhead Cap



SECTION THRU BULKHEAD  
(Showing Plastic Filter Fabric)



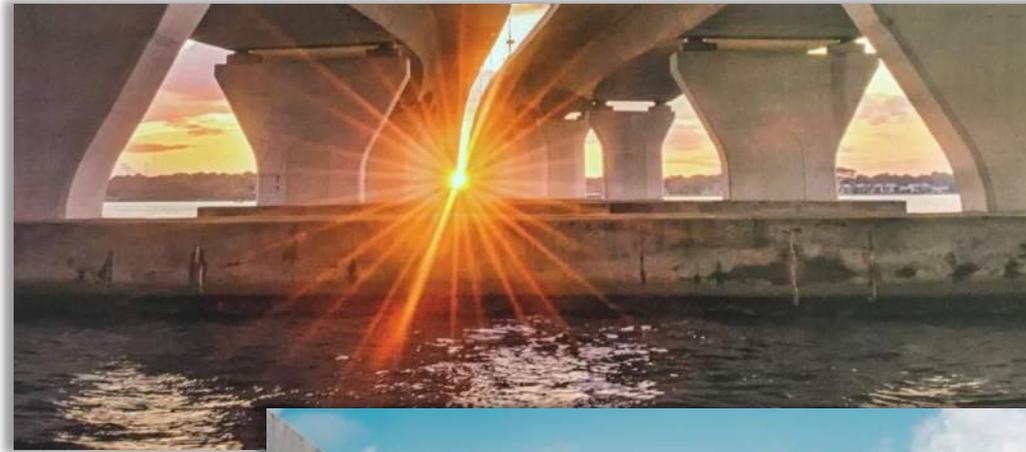
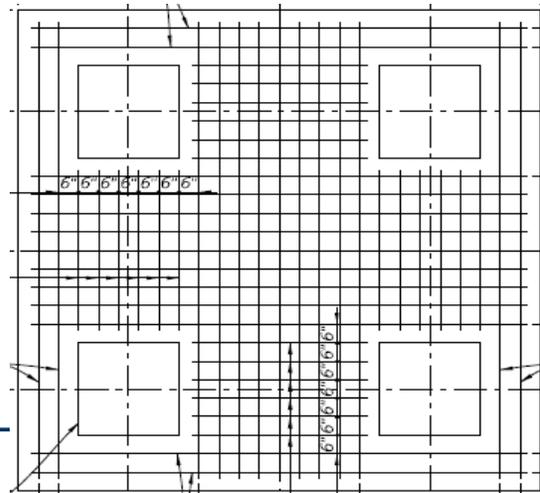
DETAIL "A"

# Proposed Elements - Substructures

Waterline footings & columns in saltwater – *need big bars for this!*



#10 bars recognized in **ASTM D7957**;  
Will need #11 bars in future;  
May also need #14 bars?

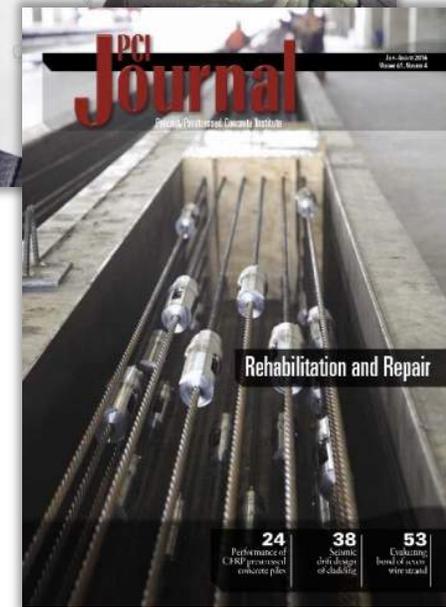


# Project Example Elements - Piles

## Bridge Bearing Pile Projects



- Halls River Bridge (Homosassa)
- NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Ibis Waterway (City of Lighthouse Point)
- C Street Bridge (Cedar Key)
- Barracuda Blvd (New Smyrna)
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. N (St Petersburg)
- iDock (Miami)
- Maydell Dr. (Tampa) ?

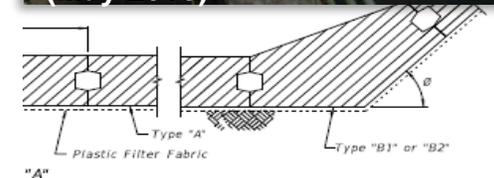
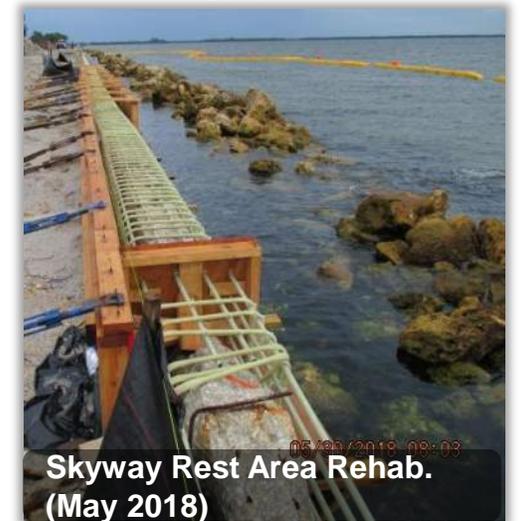
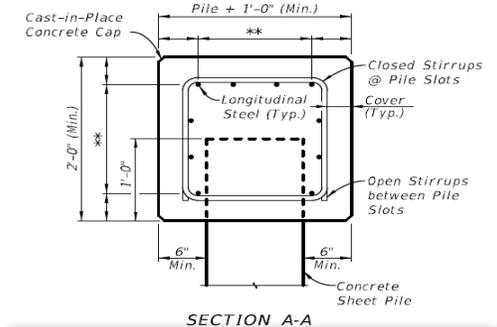


# Project Example Elements - Seawall-Bulkheads

## Concrete Sheet Pile Bulkhead Projects



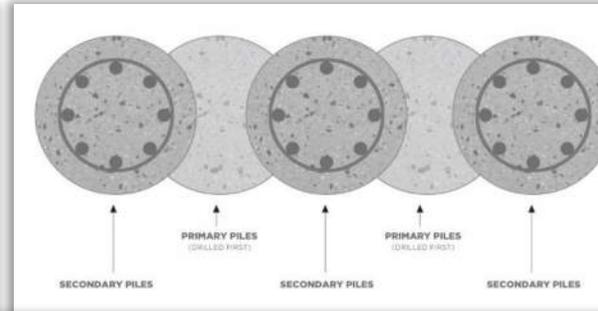
- SR24/Channel 3 (Cedar Key)
- Halls River Bridge (Homosassa)
- Bakers Haulover Cut (Miami)
- Skyway Rest Area (Manatee Co.)
- Pinellas Bayway – Structure E
- NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Ibis Waterway (City of Lighthouse Point)
- Barracuda Blvd (New Smyrna)
- Maydell Dr. (Tampa) ?
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. N (St Petersburg) ?



# Project Example Elements - Seawall-Bulkheads

## Secant Piles seawall on SR A1A

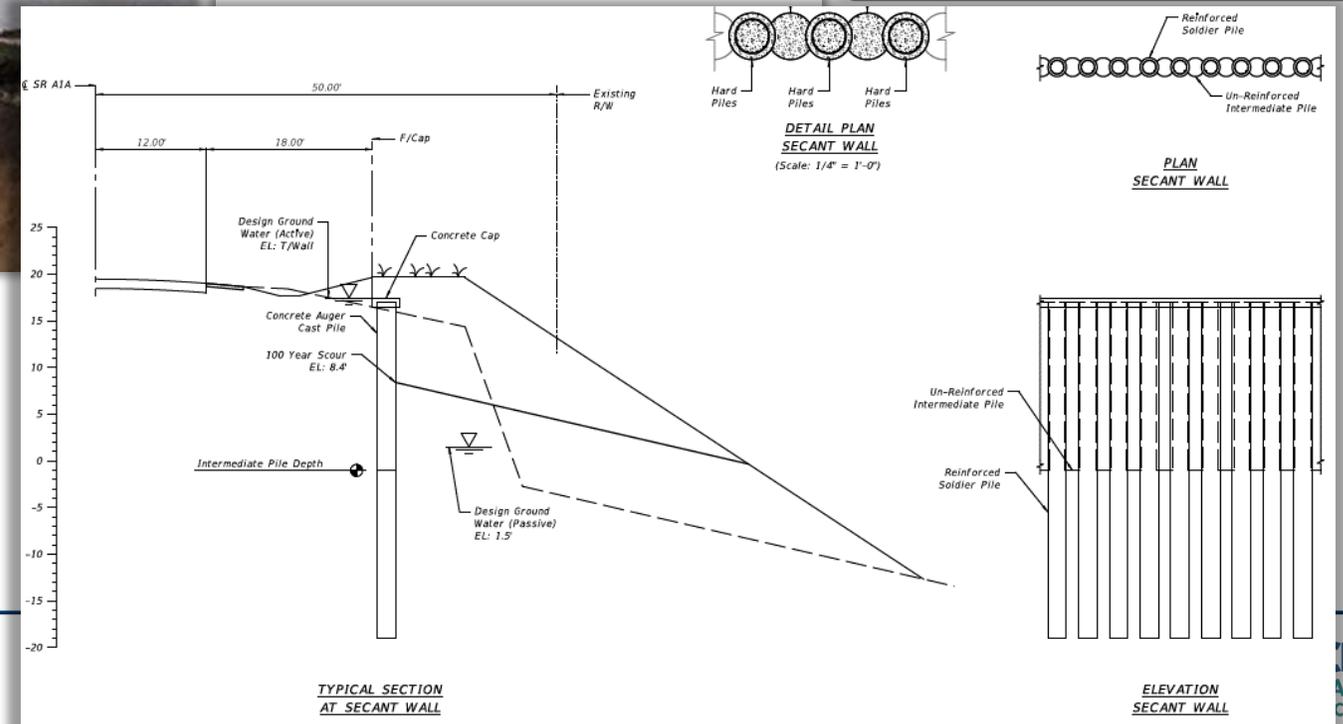
SR A1A damage after Hurricane Matthew (2016)



GFRP Pile cages (Hughes Bros.)



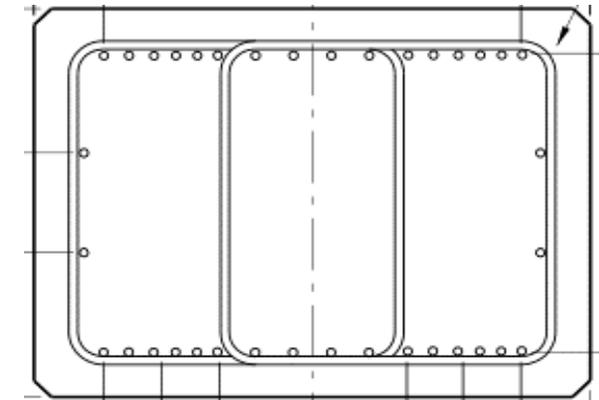
Secant Wall Concept Rendering



# Project Example Elements - Bent Cap

## Projects:

- Halls River Bridge (Homosassa)
- NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Ibis Waterway (City of Lighthouse Point)
- Barracuda Blvd (New Smyrna)
- iDock (Miami)
- Maydell Dr. (Tampa)?
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. N (St Petersburg)?



Typical Section from HRB Plans



HRB GFRP-RC Pile Caps (2017)

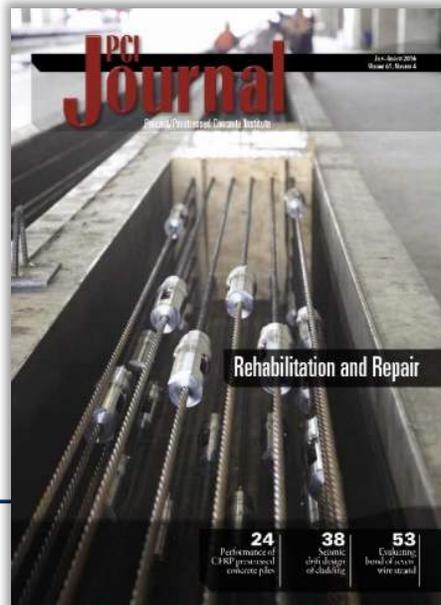
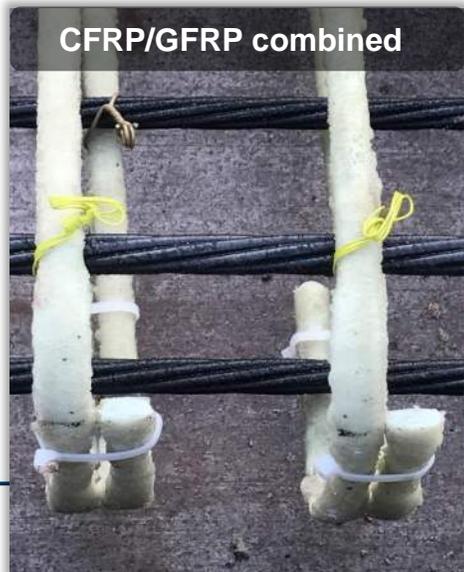
iDock pile bent caps GFRP rebar cages, Coreslab (2018)



Hurricane Irma damage of boat docks (2017)

# Project Example Elements - Girders/Slab-Beams

## Projects:



- Halls River Bridge = **HCB's** (Homosassa)
- NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Ibis Waterway = **Flat-Slab** (City of Lighthouse Point)
- US-1 over Cow Key Channel = **FSB CFRP/GFRP** (Key West)
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. N = **FSB's** ? (St Petersburg)
- Maydell Dr. = **FSB's** ? (Tampa)

# FDOT Project Identification & Delivery

## 1. Environmental condition driven

- Durability/Magnetic Transparency/LCC

## 2. Optional precast alternatives

- Encourage stakeholder buy-in

## 3. Desire for multiple suppliers

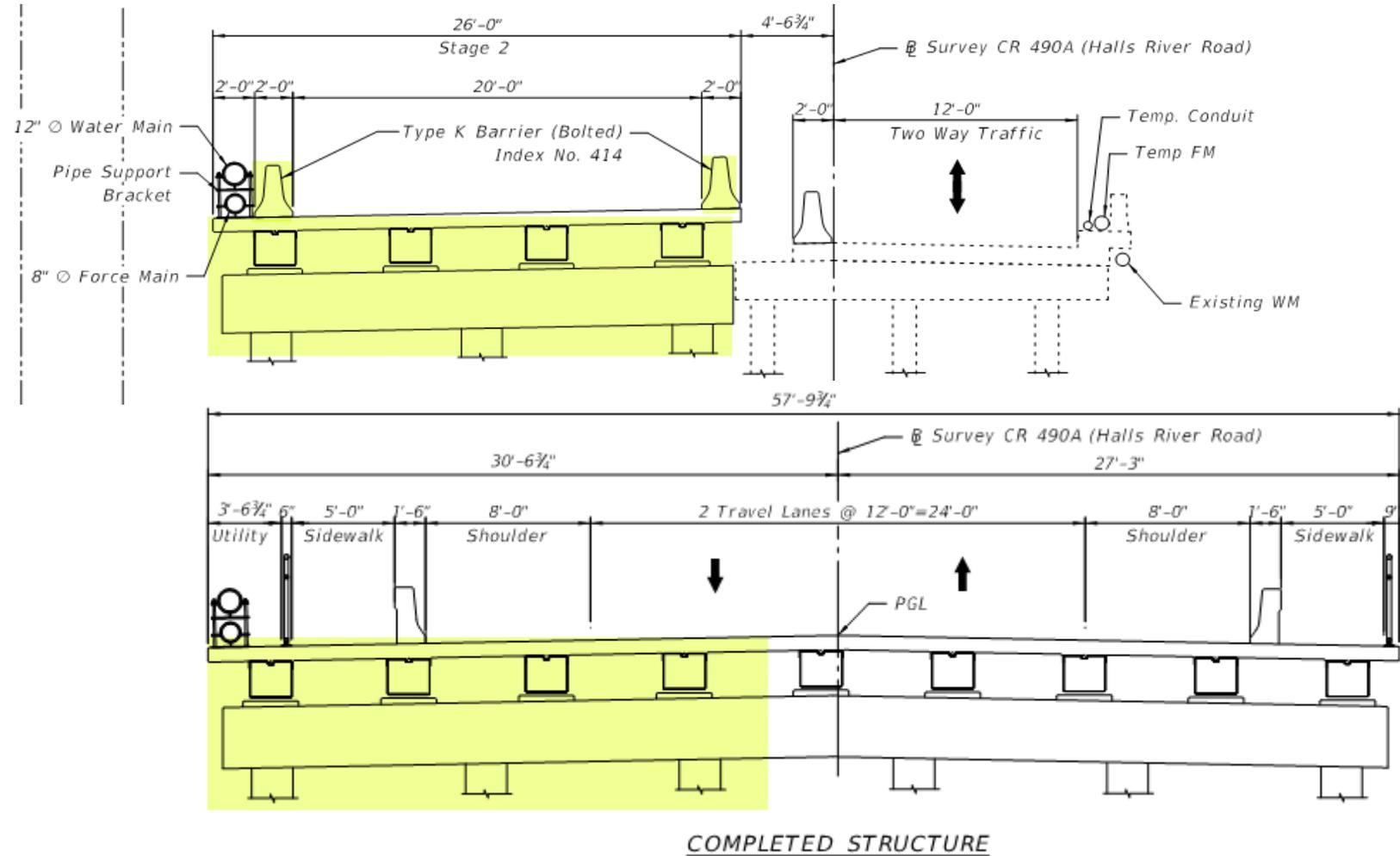
- Redundancy & Supply chain security

## 4. Simplify design process/workflow

## 5. Minimize change for Contractors

- Business as usual...almost

# Projects - Halls River Bridge progress



# Projects - Halls River Bridge progress



# Projects - Halls River Bridge progress (challenges)



# Collaborative Projects

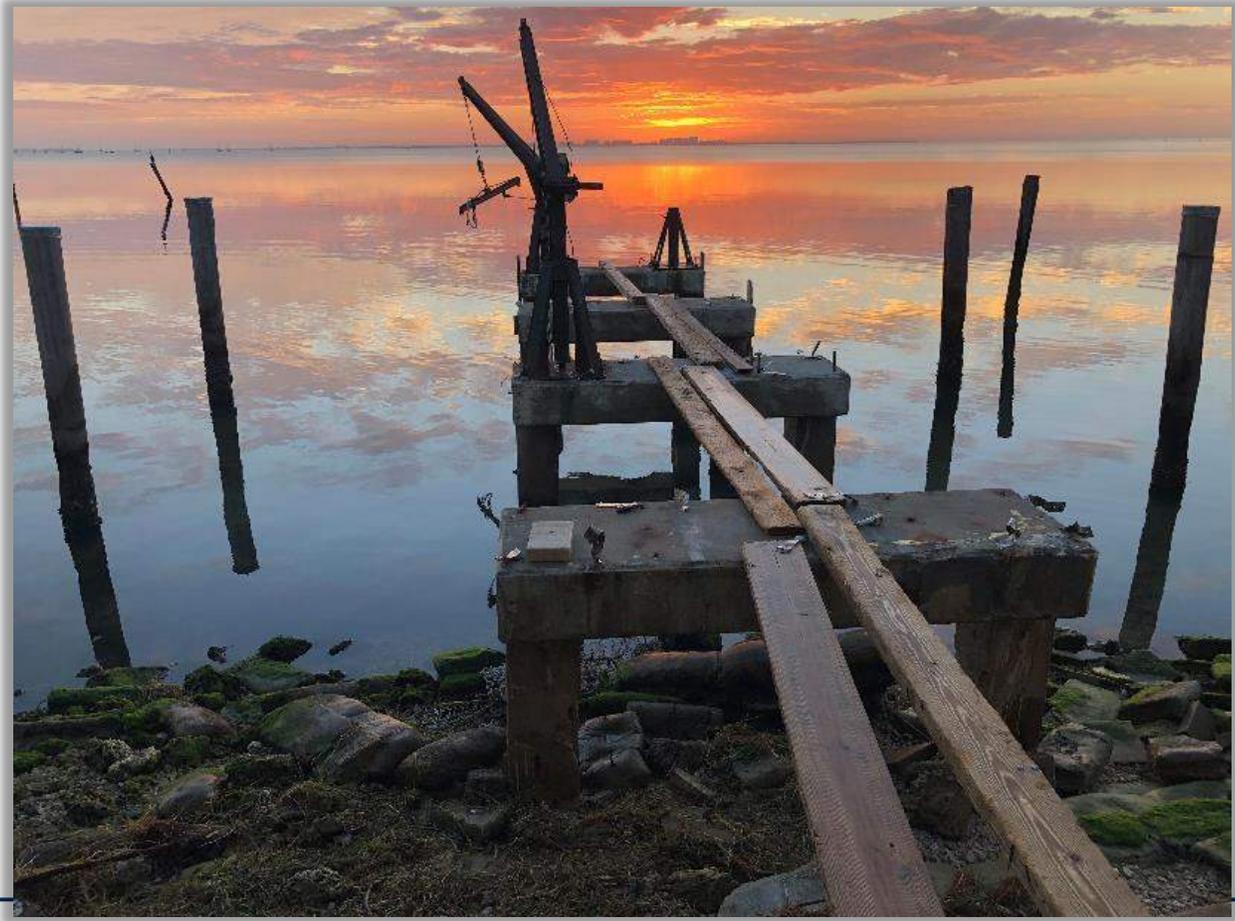
## FDOT Collaboration Projects:

- **SEACON (2016-2018)**: Sustainable Concrete using Seawater, Salt-contaminated Aggregates and Non-Corrosive Reinforcement (*University of Miami & Polimi*) – **Halls River Bridge** was one of the two “Demonstrator” projects;
- **Arthur Drive Bridge in Lynn Haven (2017)**: Precast GFRP-RC Piles demonstration (*University of Sherbrooke & UNF*)
- **iDock (2018)**: GFRP-RC Piles/Caps/Beams (*University of Miami*)



# Collaborative Project Example – iDock

## Existing Condition - Dock damaged by Hurricane Irma (Miami)

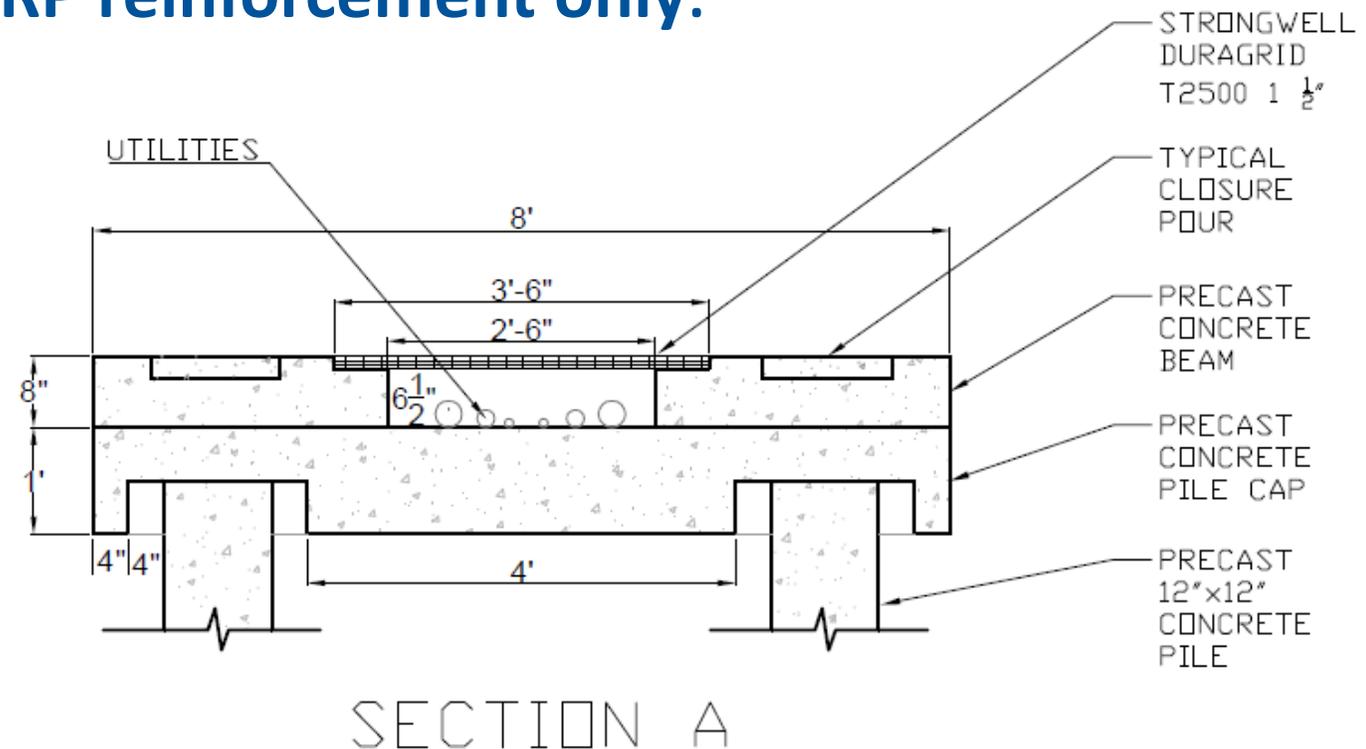


# Collaborative Project Example – iDock (cont.)

## Proposed Dock -

Precast Elements all using FRP reinforcement only:

1. 8~ Piles: 24'x1'x1'
2. 4~ Pile Caps: 8'x2.5'x1'
3. 8~ Slabs:
  - 1~ unit of 144"x33"x8"
  - 1~ unit of 132"x33"x8"
  - 6~ units of 120"x33"x8"



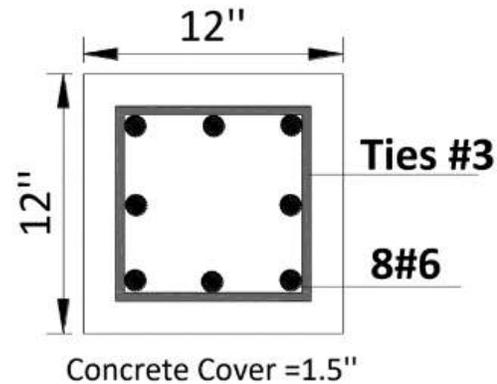
# Collaborative Project Example – iDock (cont.)

## RC Piles -

Precast piles reinforced with **GFRP**

4 types of piles:

1. Type A: 6~#6 with spirals
2. Type B: 6~#6 with square ties
3. Type C: 6~#8 with spirals
4. Type D: 6~#8 with square ties



# Collaborative Project Example – iDock (cont.)

**RC Pile Caps** - Cages and cages inside formwork with block-outs



# Collaborative Project Example – iDock (cont.)



## RC Slabs -

Cages and cages inside formwork with lift points



# Collaborative Project Example – **iDock** (cont.)

**Completed Precast Elements** - Slabs, caps and piles (at the Precaster's yard)



# Looking Beyond Halls River Bridge



Photo Courtesy of Astaldi Construction Corp.  
– Halls River Bridge under construction (FDOT FRP-RC/PC & HCB Demonstration project), February 2018.

# Principles for Broader Deployment

1. Stewardship
2. Confidence
3. Competency
4. Consistency
5. Codification



*NCHRP Report 503* (2003) identified 11 elements for a draft strategic plan as follows:

1. Buy-in from all strategic plan participants;
2. Acceptance, implementation, and revision of the strategic plan;
3. The means to oversee and manage the strategic plan;
4. A study of the relative costs of FRP versus traditional materials;
5. A database of practical infrastructure-based FRP knowledge;
6. Generic bridge-specific material specifications;
7. Generic bridge-specific design and evaluation methodologies;
8. Generic bridge-specific inspection and repair methods;
9. Training on FRP composite materials for practicing engineers;
10. Education on FRP composite materials for graduate civil engineers; and
11. Continuation of FHWA's Innovative Bridge Research and Construction (IBRC) program.

# Principles for Broader Deployment



## Top 5 Long-Term Goals

- Stewardship
- Confidence
- Competency
- Consistency
- Codification



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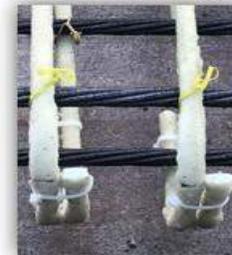
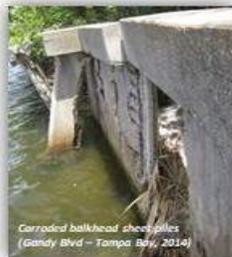


## 2018 FDOT-FRP Industry 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Workshop

Safe Deployment of FRP-RC/PC for Structural Reinforcement

- **Next Generation Infrastructure**

(eliminating the threat of steel corrosion)



## 2018 Strategic Workplan items

1. Endurance Limits
2. Endurance Characteristic Curves and Testing
3. Establishing Consistency
4. Increasing Material Property Qualification Thresholds and Design Limits
5. Cost Estimating
  - a. OC initiative for ACMA FRP-RMC
  - b. FDOT SDG Chapter 9 update
6. Bar Bends
  - a. Complex Shapes
  - b. FDOT Index D21310
7. Minimum Bar Sizes for Design Elements
8. Life-Cycle Cost Guidance
9. Minimum Concrete Class

# Principles for Broader Deployment

## 1. Stewardship

- Responsible use of public funds = specify FRP where it makes sense;
- Maximize material efficiency = strive for constant improvement;
- Identify additional technical resources for exploitation = getting outside of our "silos".



# Principles for Broader Deployment

## 1. Stewardship

## 2. Confidence

- Build Stakeholder confidence = *owners, designers, contractors, suppliers, inspectors;*
- Supply Chain security = *redundancy, scalability, sustainability.*

# Principles for Broader Deployment

1. Stewardship

2. Confidence

3. **Competency**

- Designer qualifications/training = *all minor bridge consultants;*
- Design Tools = *calculations & estimates;*
- Contractor & Inspector guidance = *CPAM & training.*



# Principles for Broader Deployment

## 4. Consistency

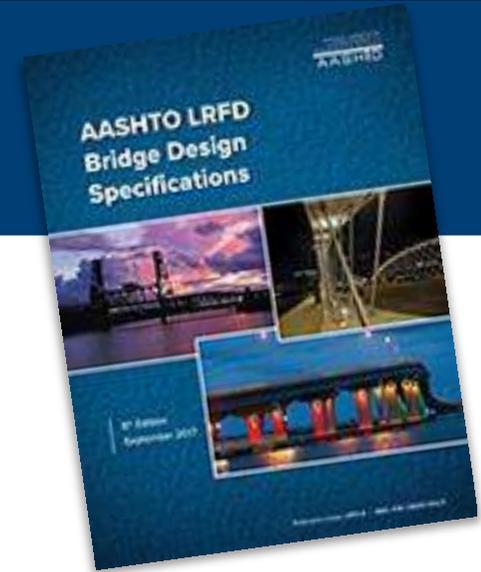
- Material reliability = *data gathering and curation;*
- Encourage improved QC = *improved reliability;*
- Simplified verification testing = *improved reliability and efficiency;*

# Principles for Broader Deployment

## 4. Consistency

## 5. Codification

- Establish “**Roadmap**” for **AASHTO LRFD BDS** adoption;
- Coordination with **CBS T-6, T-10, & ACI 440**;
- Coordination with other national and international authoritative committees = **TRB’s AFF80, CSA, fib TG 5.1.**



# Questions?



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