



# Workshop: Les armatures composites internes au béton

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# Armature en PRF pour Renforcer la Floride

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# FRP Reinforcement Deployment in Florida



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Registered Professional Engineer in Florida since 2001. Originally from Australia with an engineering degree from the University of New South Wales (Sydney) 1989. A Construction Engineer for a heavy civil contractor for several years before emigrating to the USA in 1996 and joining *FDOT*. Currently leads the implementation of Advanced Materials for Bridge applications within the State Structures Design Office.

Chair of the statewide Structural Advance Materials Technical Advisory Group (SAMTAG), which coordinates deployment and monitoring of the 8 technologies of immediate interest to FDOT including UHPC, FRC, and various BFRP, GFRP & CFRP composite reinforcements. His 23 years with FDOT also includes in-house bridge design; PM structural research projects; development of many of the FDOT precast and prestressed concrete Design Standards; and participation in NCHRP and NIST Technical Panels;

Member of: Transportation Research Board (TRB) AFF80 Committee on Structural FRP; Bridge Engineering Institute's (BEI) International Advisory Committee; fib; reviewer for ASCE Journal of Composite Construction. Provides technical support for FDOT members on AASHTO's T-6 (FRP Composites) and T-10 (Concrete Design) Committees on Bridges and Structures. Co-author and presenter for numerous papers on FRP and Prestressed Concrete related to bridges and coastal structures including most recently: ACI-SDC Forum 46, BEI-2019; TRB (2018-2019); 2018 fib-Congress, ASCE-Florida, IALCCE-2018, IBC-2018; ABC-UTC Conferences (2014-2015); CAMX Conferences (2015-2019); and FDOT Transportation Symposium & Design Training Expo's (2013-2019).

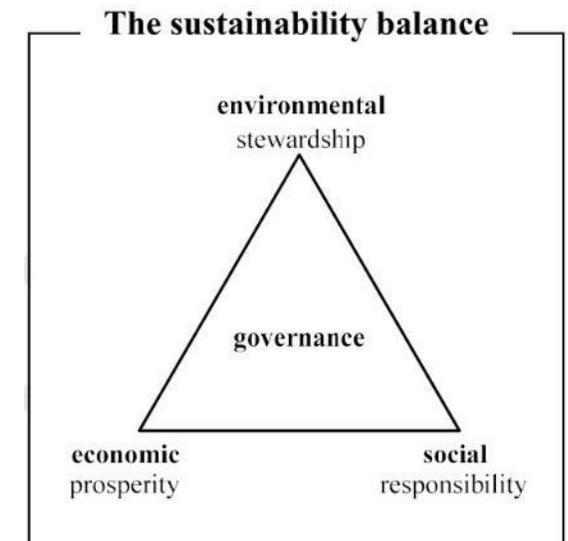


# Outline



## Owner/Designer's perspective

- Historical French-Floridian Bridge Technology Sharing
- Why use FRP rebar for Bridges & Public Infrastructure
- Available Design Guidance & Tools
- Cost Justification (Service Life, LCC, etc.)
- What do we still need?
- Typical Project Examples



# Historical French-Floridian Bridge Technology Sharing



1<sup>st</sup> Sunshine Skyway (1950-1954)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunshine Skyway (1984-1987)

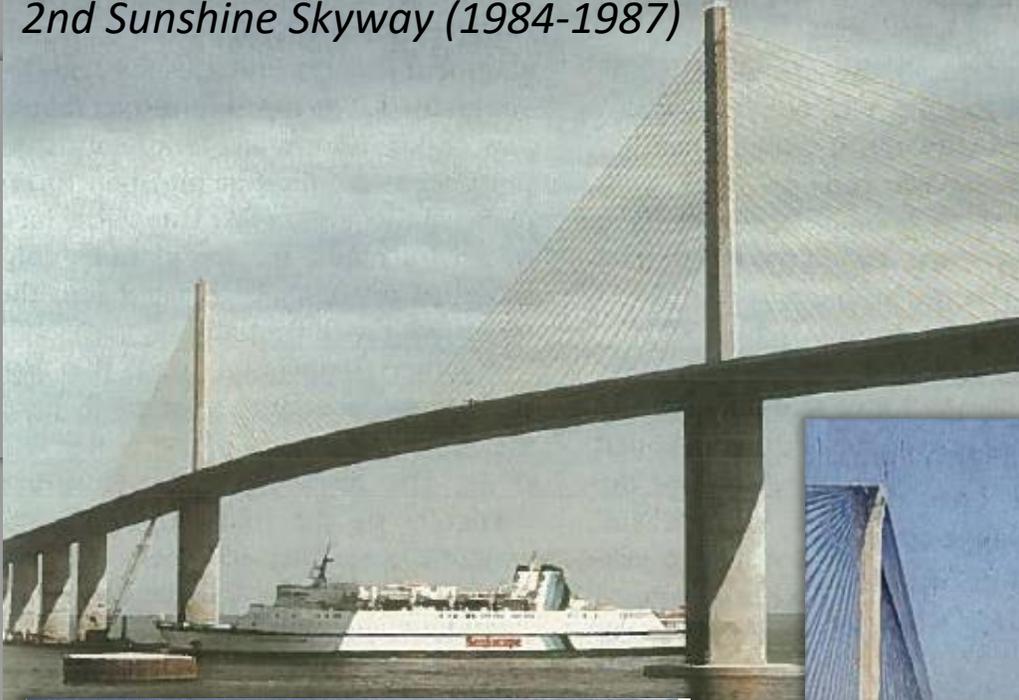
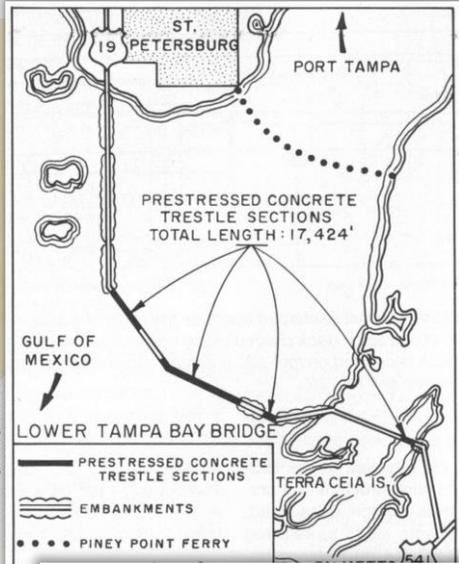


Fig. 2. Pictured is Eugene Freyssinet.



### Florida Keys Bridges

Until 1978, all precast concrete segmental bridges were built by the balanced or progressive cantilever method, with the exception of smaller overpass structures. The first designs produced by Figg and Muller Engineers were for the Florida Keys bridge replacement program and included the Long Key Bridge, Seven-Mile Bridge, Channel Five Bridge, and Niles Channel Bridge

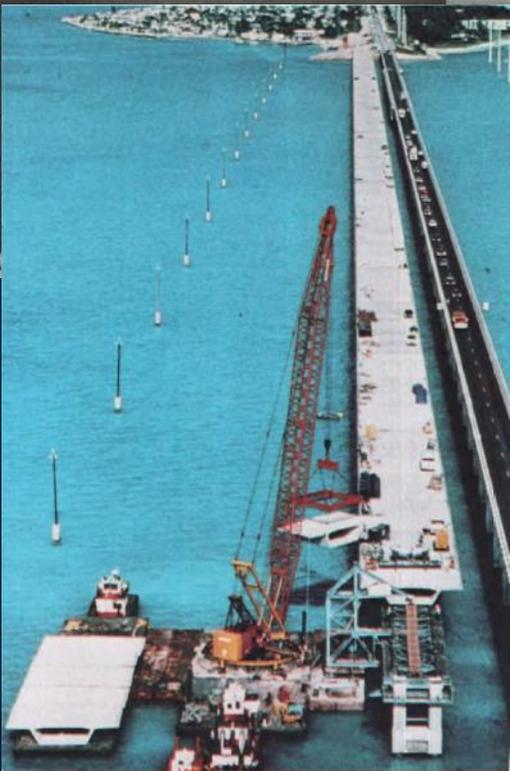
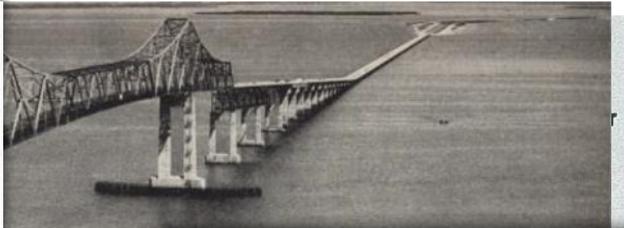


Fig. 1. Long Key Bridge — A precast segmental, post-tensioned, span-by-span structure. (Courtesy of Figg and Muller Engineers Inc., Designer)

Brotonne Bridge (1977)

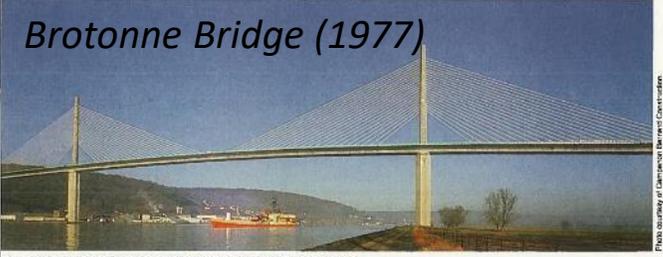


Fig. 13. The Brotonne Bridge is pictured over the Seine River in France.

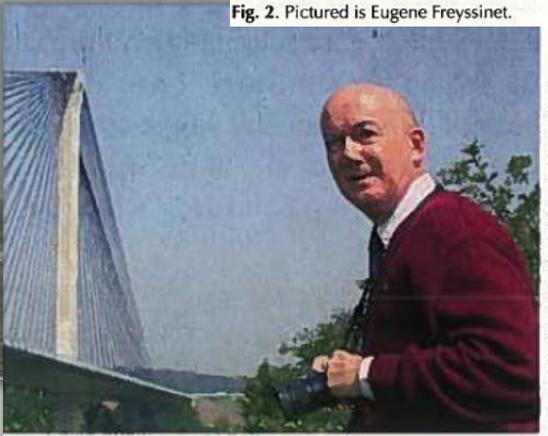


Fig. 1. Pictured is Jean Muller.

Courtesy: PCI Journal "Jean Muller: Bridge Engineer" (March-April 2006).

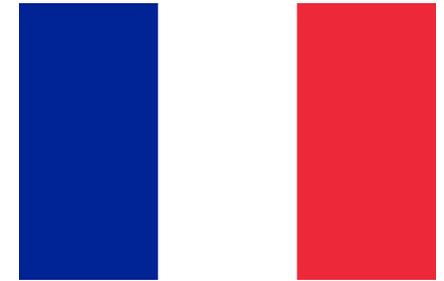
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*2nd Sunshine Skyway (1984-1987)*



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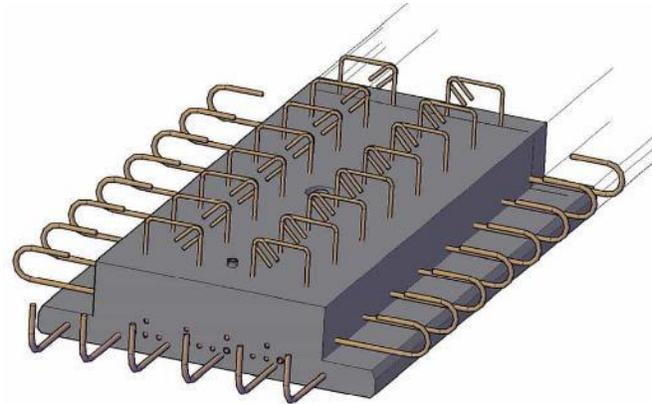


- 2013 FDOT French Study PT-Duct Flexible Filler (wax) Tour

2013 Florida Representatives



- Poutre-Dalles System (PDS) for prestressed-slab units.
  - 2004 FHWA Scan Tour inspired adoption of similar PDS by Minnesota DOT<sup>(1)</sup> in 2005;
  - Later adoption by FDOT in 2013 with a modified concept – Florida-Slab Beam (FSB) - 70 bridges designed to-date.



<https://www.matiere-tp.com/beam-slab/>

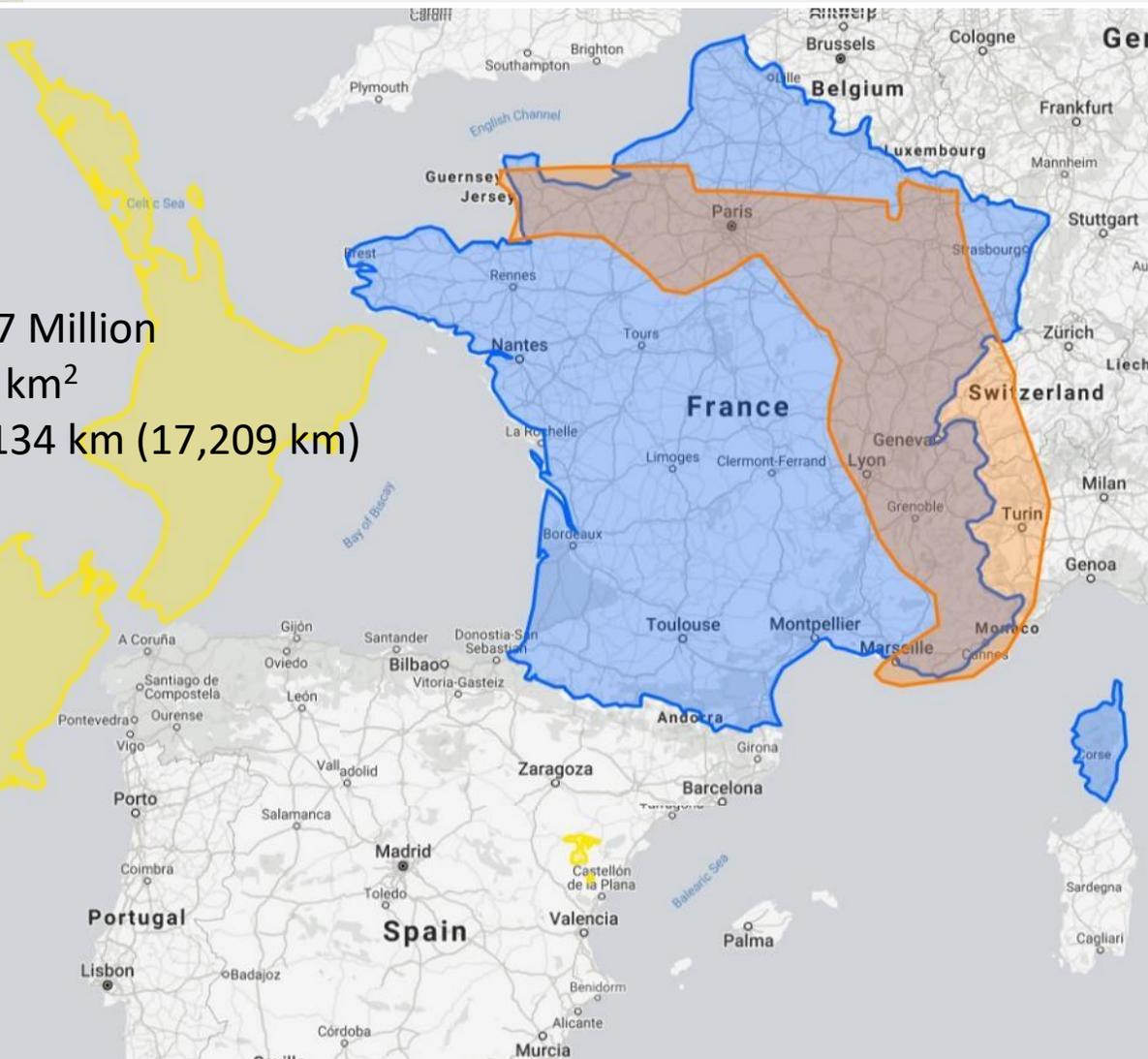


(1) MnDOT/FHWA Precast Slab System Workshop Summary Report, FHWA, Sept 8, 2005.



# France-Florida Comparisons

New Zealand:  
 Population = 4.7 Million  
 Area = 268,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Coastline = 15,134 km (17,209 km)

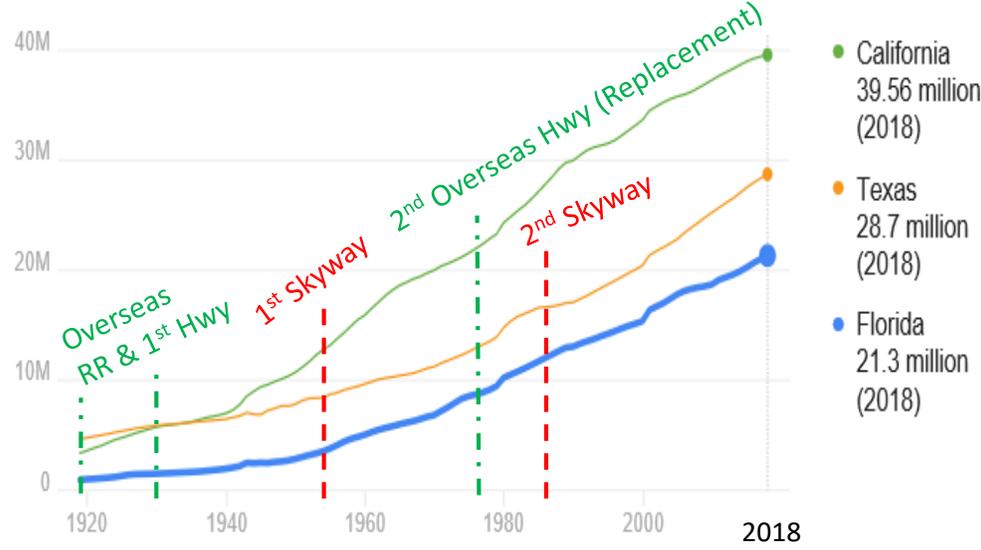


Population:  
 France = 65 Million  
 Florida = 21 Million

Area:  
 France = 643,800 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Florida = 170,300 km<sup>2</sup>

Coastline (shoreline):  
 France = 4,853 km (7,330 km)<sup>1</sup>  
 Florida = 2,170 km (13,576 km)<sup>2</sup>

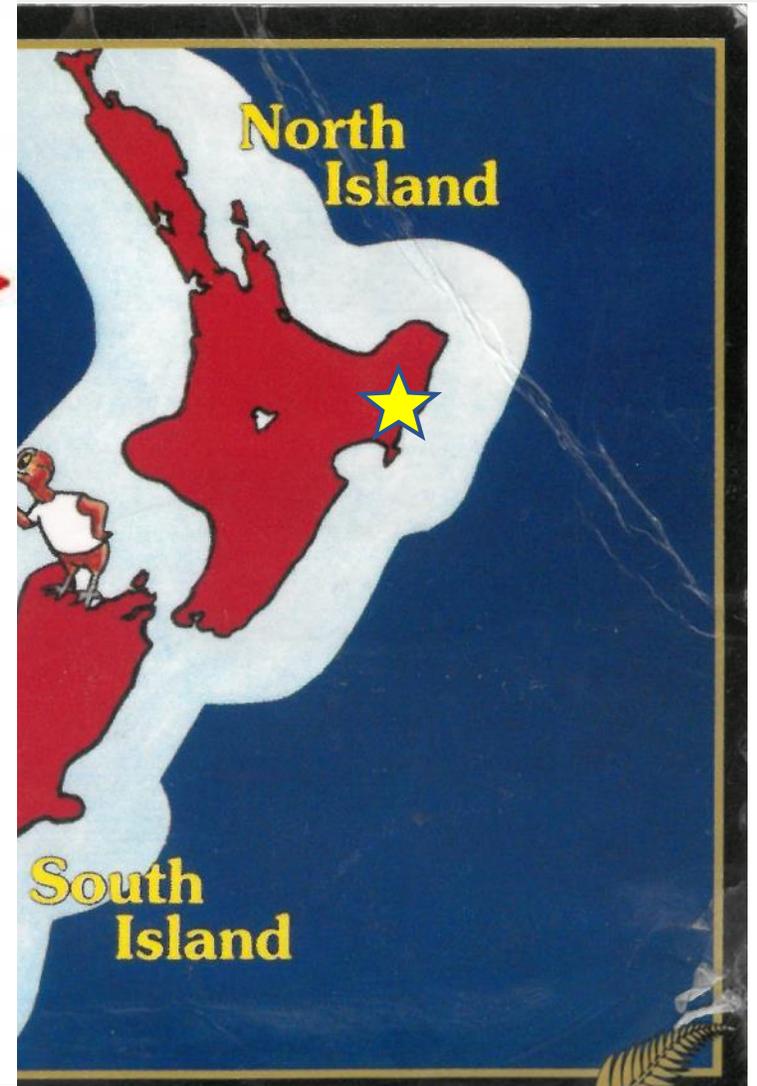
<sup>1</sup> [www.wri.org/](http://www.wri.org/)  
<sup>2</sup> [NOAA](http://NOAA)



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# France-Florida-NZ Comparisons

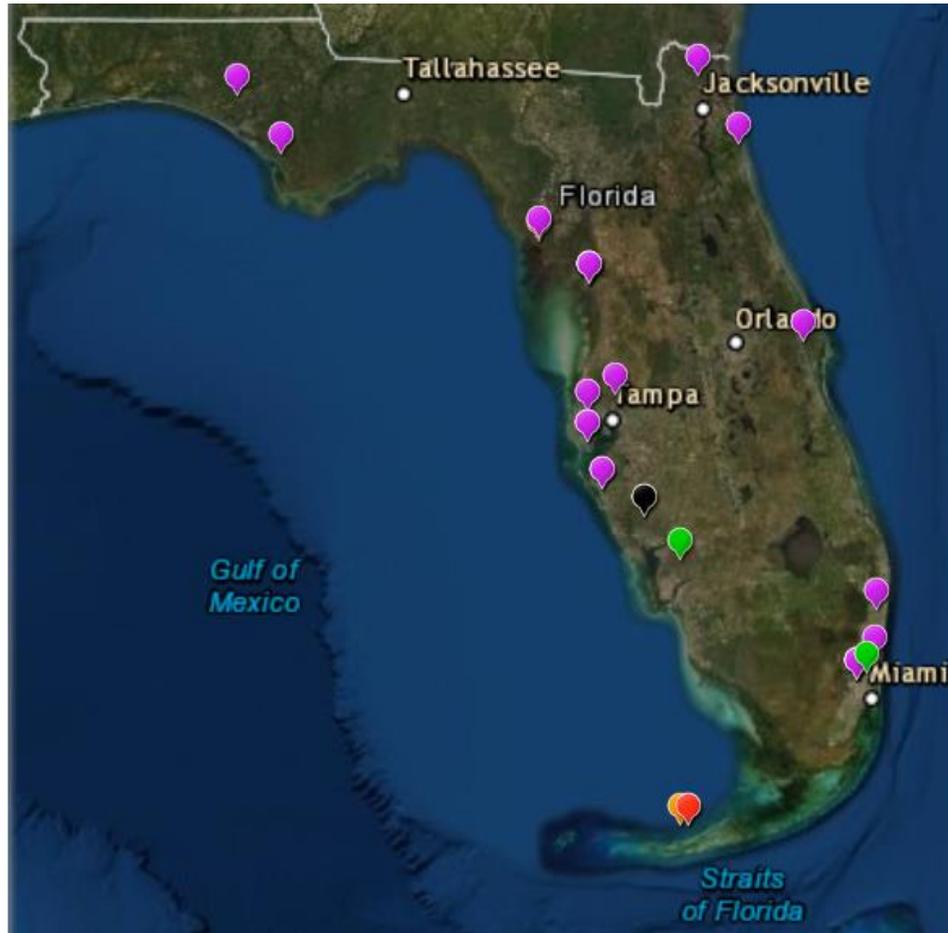




# Florida GFRP-RC Projects



Fast-Facts sheets for selected projects available:



FRP Rebar Projects

- 📍 GFRP (Glass) Projects
- 📍 CFRP (Carbon) Projects
- 📍 CFRP Prestressed Piles (Index D22600/22600) Projects
- 📍 BFRP (Basalt) Projects
- 📍 CFRP/GFRP Concrete Sheet Piles (Index D22440/22600) Projects
- 📍 Other

- [40th Ave NE over Placido Bayou](#)
- [Arthur Drive over Lynn Haven Bayou](#)
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- [Cedar Key Bulkhead Rehab](#) \*\*
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- [SR-5 \(US-17\) over Trout River](#) \*\*
- [SR-5 \(US 41\) over Morning Star and Sunset Waterways](#)
- [SR-5 \(US 41\) over North Creek](#)
- [SR-30 over St Joe Inlet](#)
- [SR-312 over Matanzas River](#) \*\*
- [SR-520 over Indian River Bulkhead Rehab](#)
- [Sunshine Skyway Seawall Rehabilitation](#)
- [UM Innovation Bridge](#) \*\*
- [UM Fate Bridge](#) \*\*
- [UM i-Dock](#) \*\*
- [US-1 over Cow Key Channel](#)

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# Why use FRP rebar for Bridges and Structures

- Florida maintains more than 17,000,000 m<sup>2</sup> (185M ft<sup>2</sup>) of bridge area
- Florida has more than 6,500 km (4,000 miles) seawall-bulkheads



WebTable 3. Shoreline hardening and population statistics by state (1)

	Hard sheltered shore (km)	Sheltered shore (km)	Hard sheltered shore (%)	Hard open shore (km)	Open shore (km)	Hard open shore (km)	Hard shore (km)	Total shore (km)	Hard shore (%)
<i>Atlantic</i>									
Connecticut	477	1907	25	0	0		477	1907	25
Delaware	287	2163	13	5	45	11	292	2208	13
DC	29	54	53	0	0		29	54	53
<b>Florida*</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>11 365</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2752</b>	<b>11 992</b>	<b>23</b>
<i>Gulf</i>									
Alabama							356	2606	14
<b>Florida*</b>							<b>4427</b>	<b>26 383</b>	<b>17</b>



(1) Gittman et al. <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1890/150065>



# Why? ...Inevitability of Corrosion

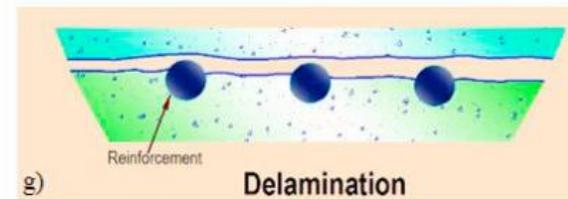
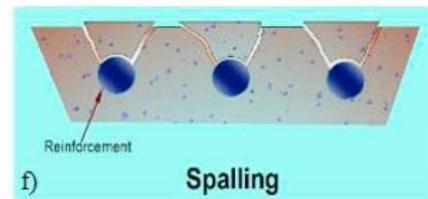
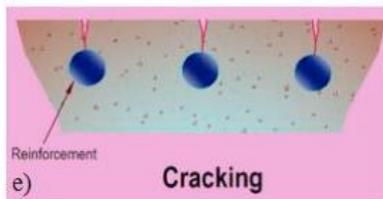
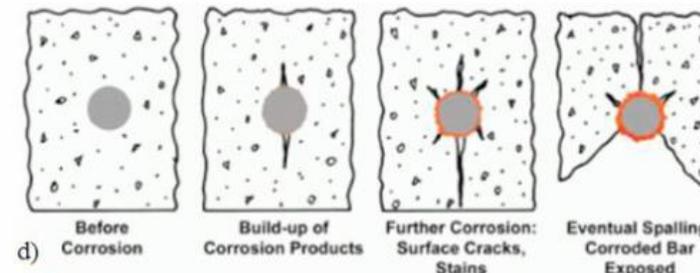
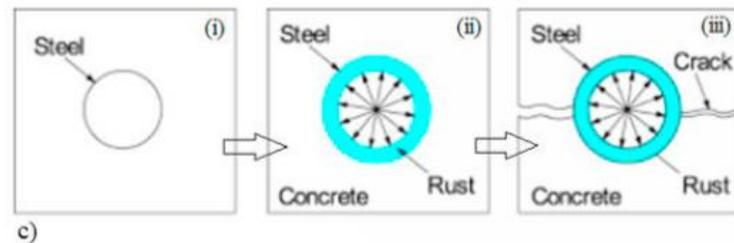
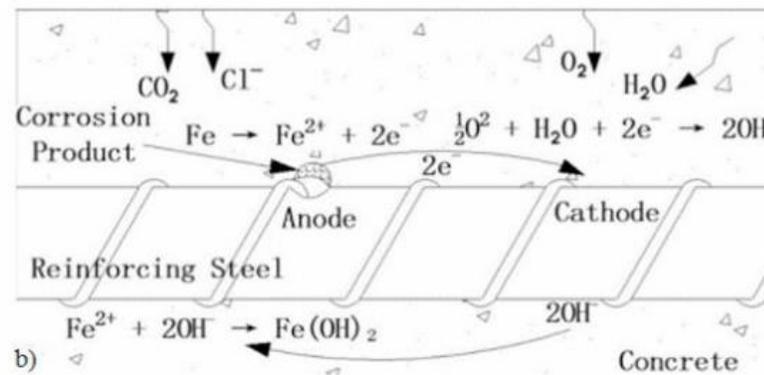
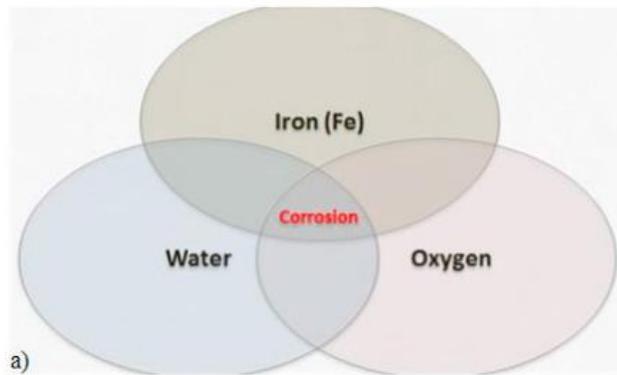
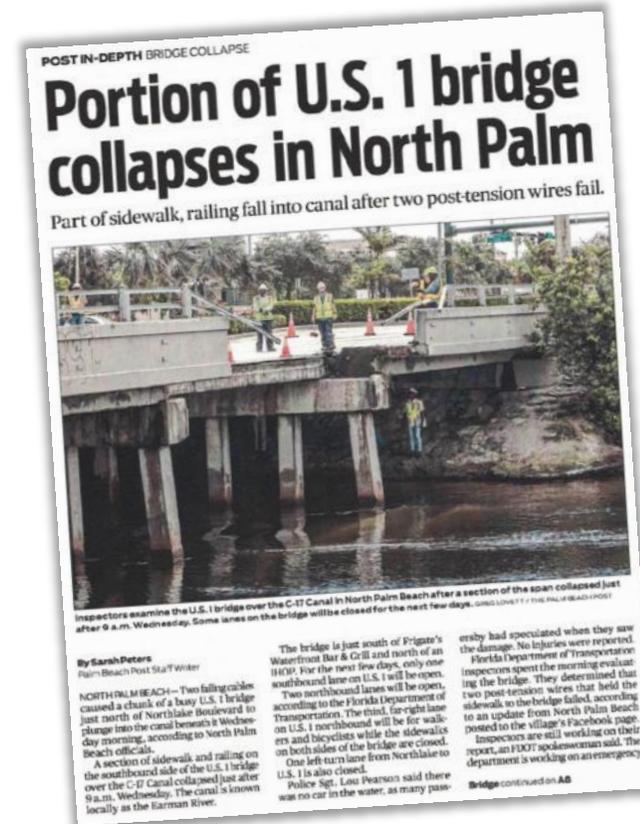


Figure 1. a) Components for corrosion; b) Electro-chemical process of corrosion; c) Generation of stress inside the concrete; d) Evolution of cracks as corrosion progresses; e) Cracks due to corrosion; f) Spalling due to corrosion; g) Delamination due to corrosion.





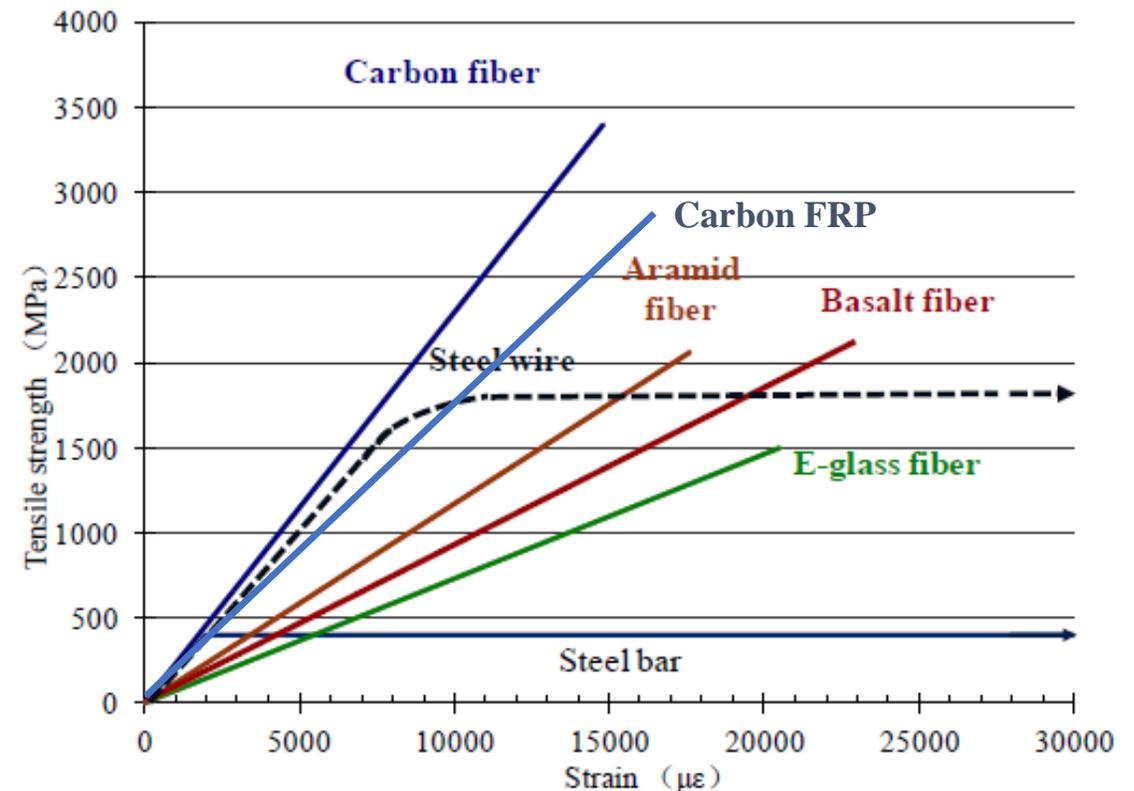
# Why? ...Drastic Consequences Demand Different Solutions



Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) composites have been successfully utilized for durable bridge applications for more **30+ years worldwide**, demonstrating their ability to provide reduced maintenance cost, extended service life, and significantly increase design durability.

## ***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 rock fiber with epoxy resin systems).***

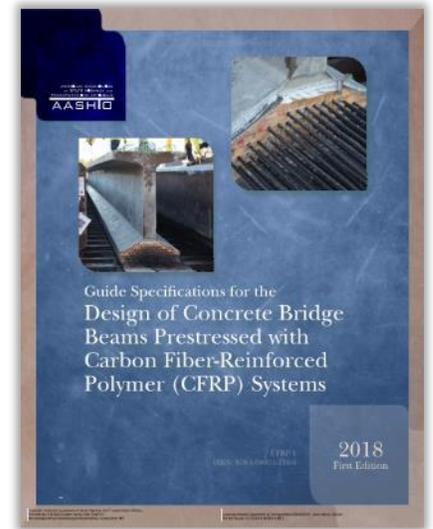
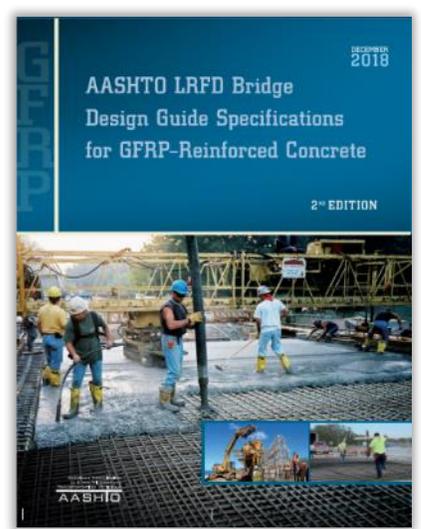
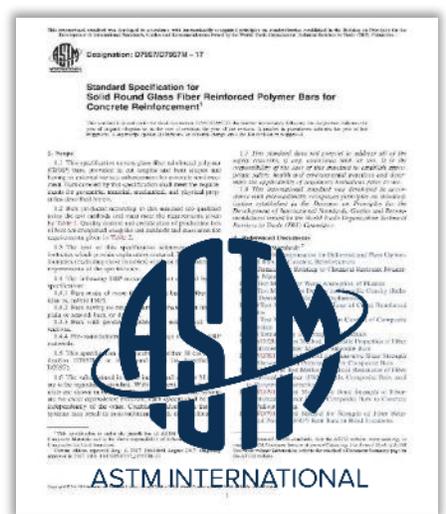
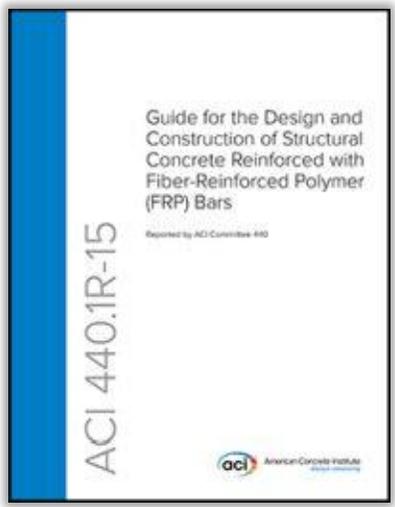




# Available Design Guidance & Tools



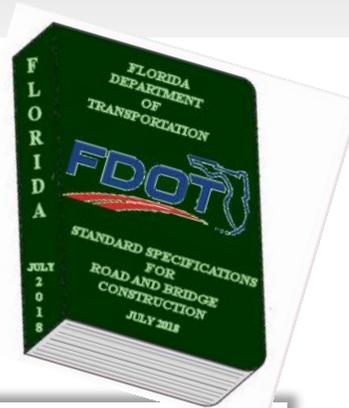
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  - Manufacturer Approval vs Product Approval
- **Reliable Design Tools**
  - Commercial vs. Agency based design programs



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### Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing

Structures Design - Transportation Innovation

#### Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcing Bars and Strands

Overview

The deterioration of reinforcing and prestressing steel within concrete is one of the prime causes of failure of concrete structures. In addition to being exposed to weather, concrete transportation structures in Florida are also commonly located in aggressive environments such as marine locations and inland water crossings where the water is acidic. Cracks in concrete create paths for the agents of the aggressive environments to reach the reinforcing and/or prestressing steel and begin the corrosive oxidation process. An innovative approach to combat this major issue is to replace traditional steel bar and strand reinforcement with Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) reinforcing bars and strands. FRP reinforcing bars and strands are made from filaments or fibers held in a polymeric resin matrix binder. FRP reinforcing can be made from various types of fibers such as glass (GFRP), basalt (BFRP) or carbon (CFRP). A surface treatment is typically provided that facilitates a bond between the reinforcing and the concrete.

Beneficial characteristics of FRP reinforcing include:

- It is highly resistant to chloride ion and chemical attack
- Its tensile strength is greater than that of steel yet it weighs only one quarter as much
- It is transparent to magnetic fields and radar frequencies

FRP bars in a bridge deck. Photo courtesy of Hughes Bros.

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## STRUCTURES MANUAL

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# Available Design Guidance & Tools



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- Manufacturer Approval vs Product Approval

<https://mac.fdot.gov/smreports>



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# Available Design Guidance & Tools

- **Accessible & Reliable Design Tools**
  - Commercial vs. Agency/Institution based design programs





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<i>GFRP-RC in development !</i>			
<b>Prestressed Beam v5.2</b>	11/07/2018	Exe (Zip) (Mathcad 15)	Used with <b>FDOT Standard Plan Index 450-010 to 450-299</b> (formerly <b>Index 20010 to 20299</b> ) to design simple span prestressed beams (Florida-I, AASHTO, Florida Bulb-T, Florida-U, Florida Double-T, Flat Slab, Inverted-T, FSB) in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.
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<b>Retaining Wall v3.3</b>	11/07/2018	Exe (Zip) (Mathcad 15)	Used with <b>FDOT Standard Plan Index 400-010</b> (formerly <b>Index 6010</b> ) to design and analyze cast-in-place retaining walls in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.
<i>GFRP-RC Alpha version **</i>			



# Typical GFRP-RC Tools



## Projects using Pile-Bent Cap Design Tool:

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### Intermediate Bent-Cap Analysis & Design

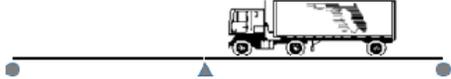


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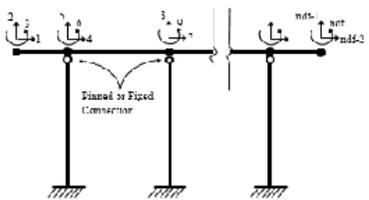
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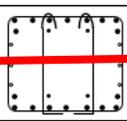


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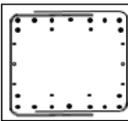


Bent Cap Analysis Model

**PART 3: DESIGN & AASHTO BDS CHECKS**

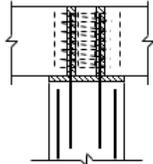


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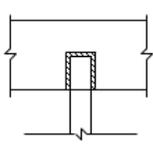


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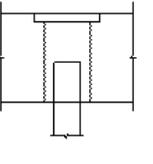
**PART 4: CONNECTION DESIGN**



Grouted Duct



Pile Pocket



Pile Pocket w/ CMP



# Typical GFRP-RC Applications and Details



## Projects using Bulkhead Cap standards:

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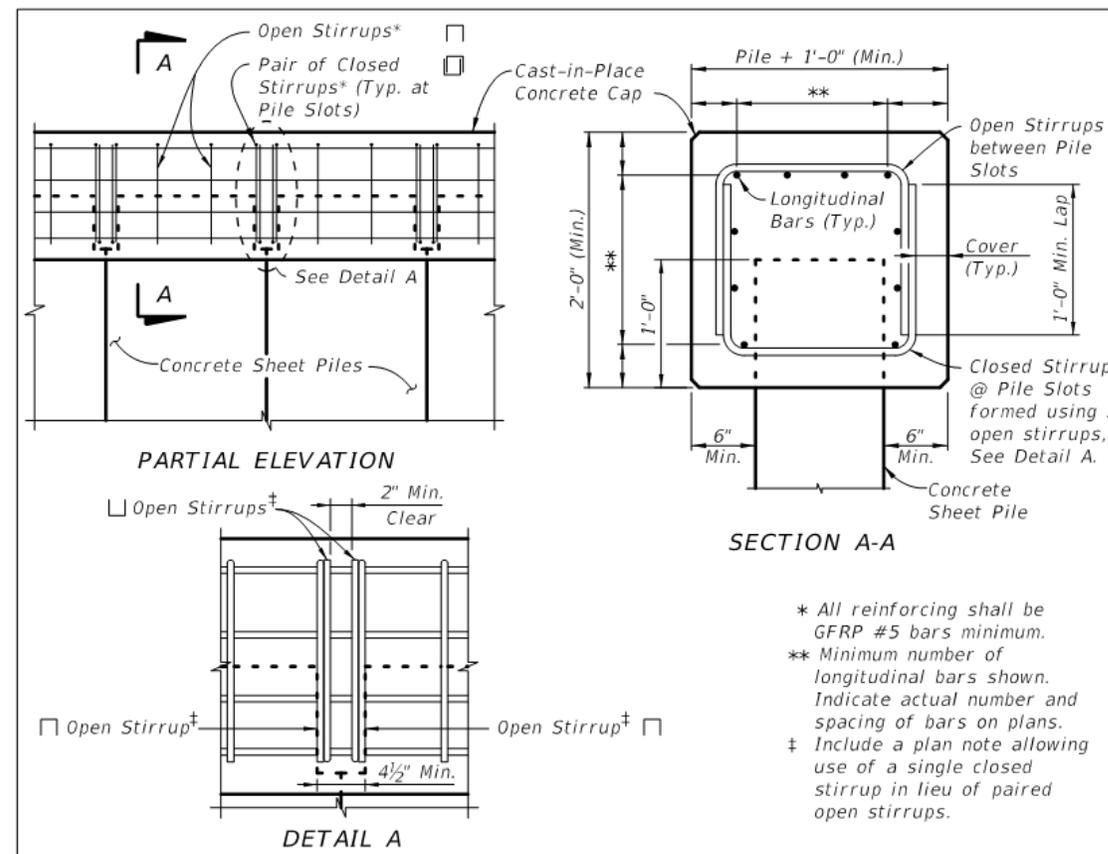
Standard Plans Instructions

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

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**Figure 1 Typical Cap Details**

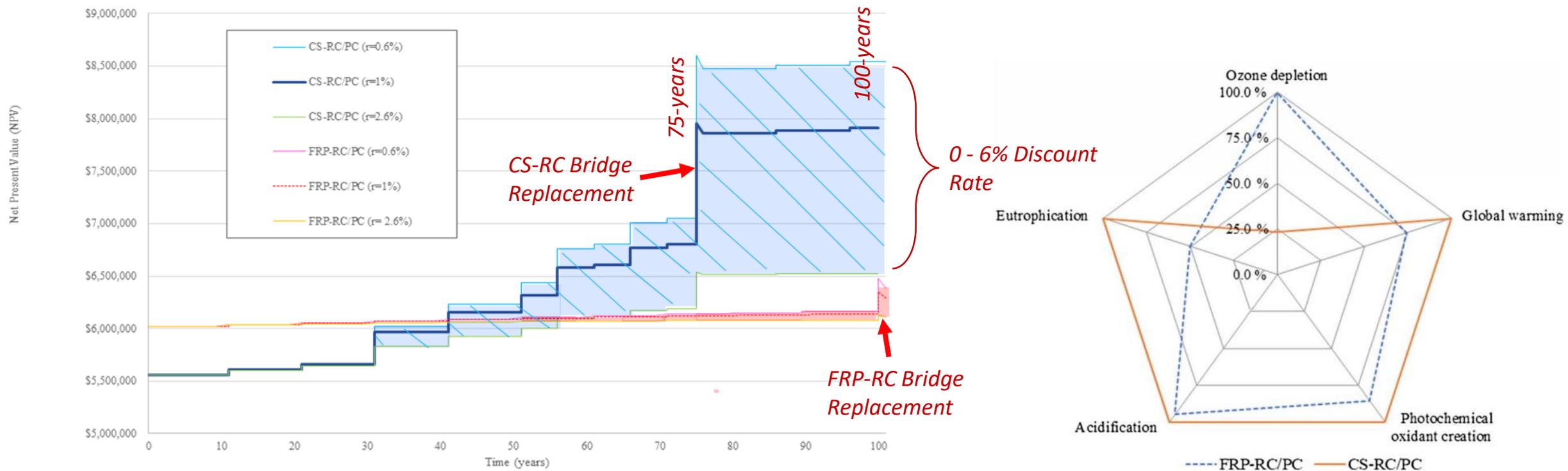




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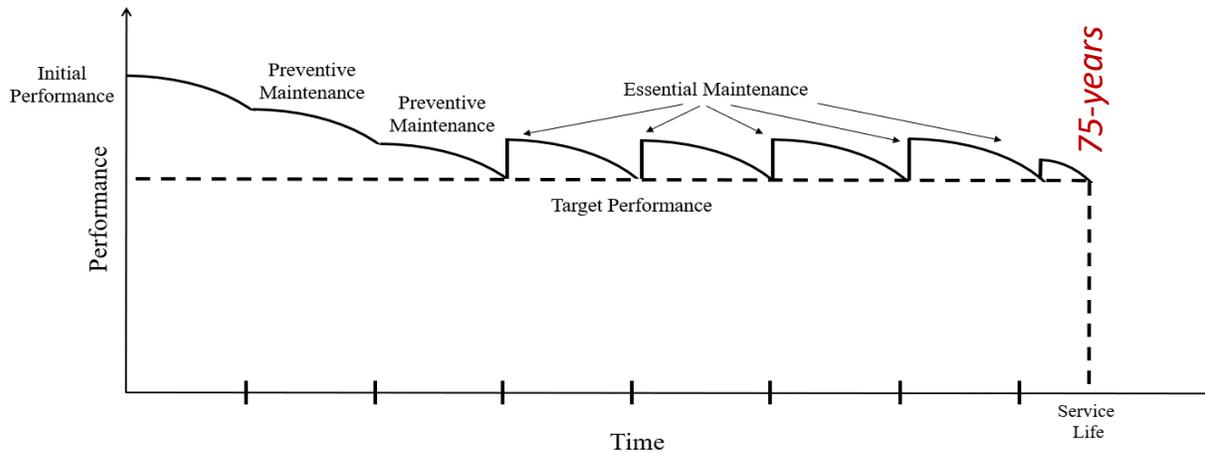
Example LCC & LCA Comparison of Carbon Steel-RC/PC versus FRP-RC/PC bridge (0.6% Effective Discount Rate), adapted from Cadenazzi et al. 2019.



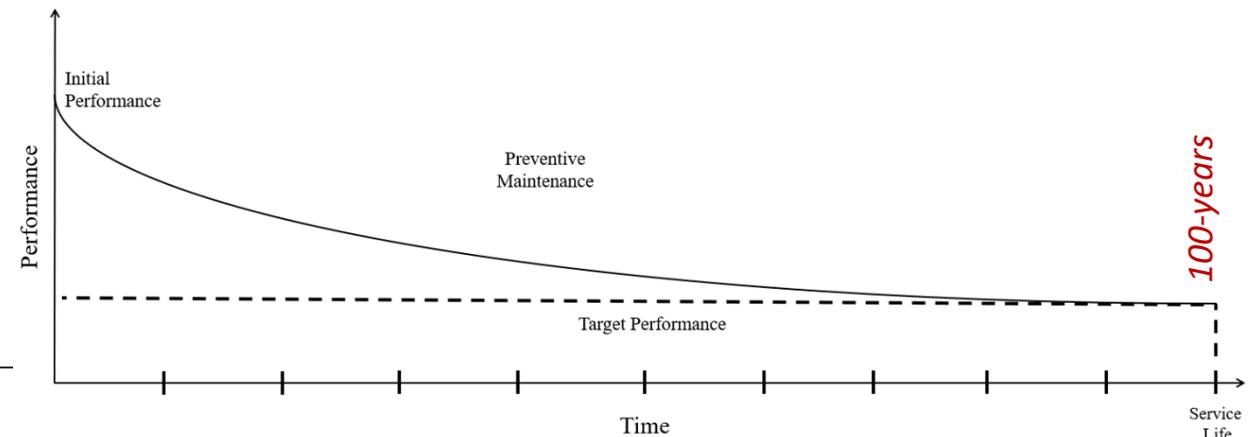
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**CS-RC/PC alternative**



**FRP-RC/PC alternative**

**Graphs:** Cadenazzi, T., Dotelli, G., Rossini, M., Nolan, S., and A. Nanni. (2019). *Cost and Environmental Analyses of Reinforcement Alternatives for a Concrete Bridge. Structure and Infrastructure Engineering.*



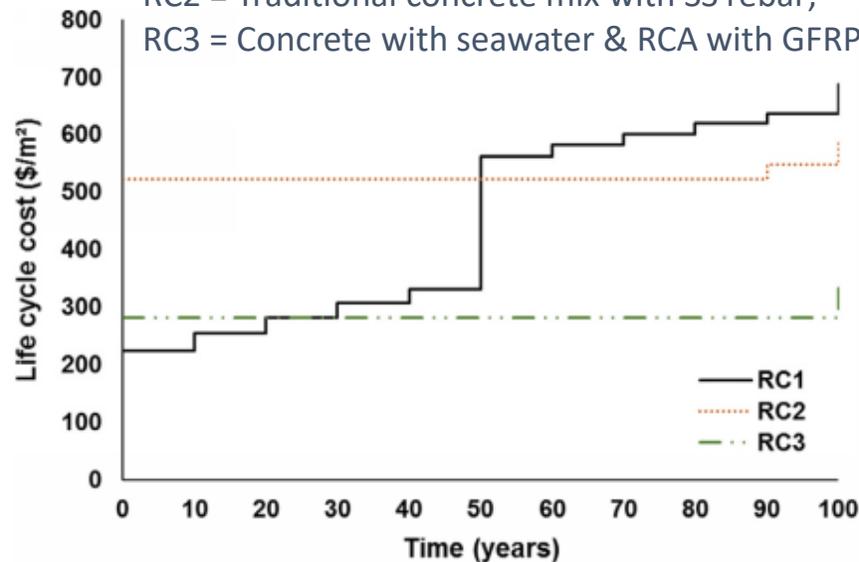
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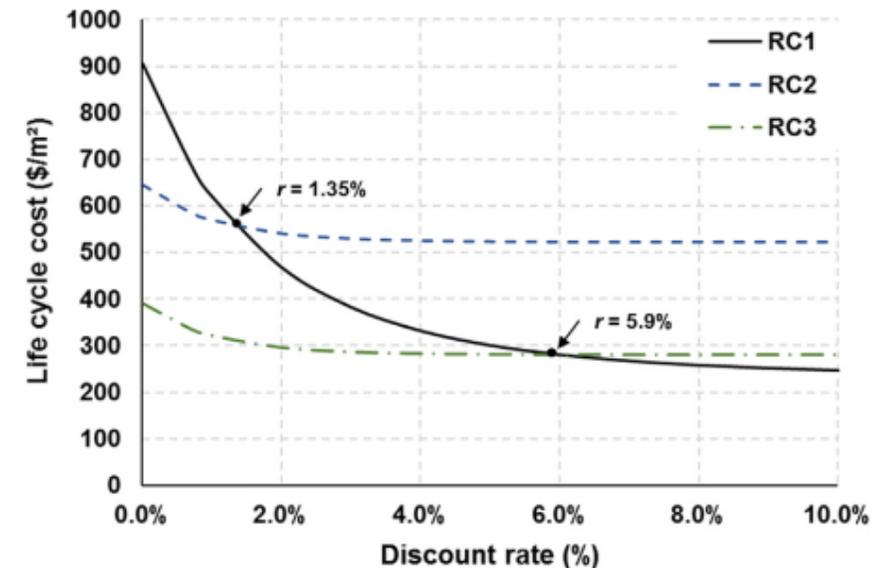
**Table 4**  
Summary of LCCA results.

Design alternative	Present costs (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )					LCC (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )
	Material	Construction	Repair	Reconstruction	End-of-life	
RC1	90	135	183.9	230.7	50.8	690.4
RC2	389	135	24.6	-	37.3	585.9
RC3	174	108	-	-	54.3	336.3

RC1 = Traditional concrete mix with carbon-(black) steel rebar;  
 RC2 = Traditional concrete mix with SS rebar;  
 RC3 = Concrete with seawater & RCA with GFRP rebar.



**Fig. 5.** Life cycle cost results (considering the baseline scenario where  $r = 0.7\%$  and  $C = 150\%$  of  $M$ ).



**Fig. 6.** Sensitivity of LCC results to the discount rate (while  $C$  is fixed at 1.5M).

**“Life cycle cost analysis of structural concrete using seawater, recycled concrete aggregate, and GFRP reinforcement”,**  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conbuildmat.2018.04.183>

*(Baseline scenario with discount rate = 0.7%)*



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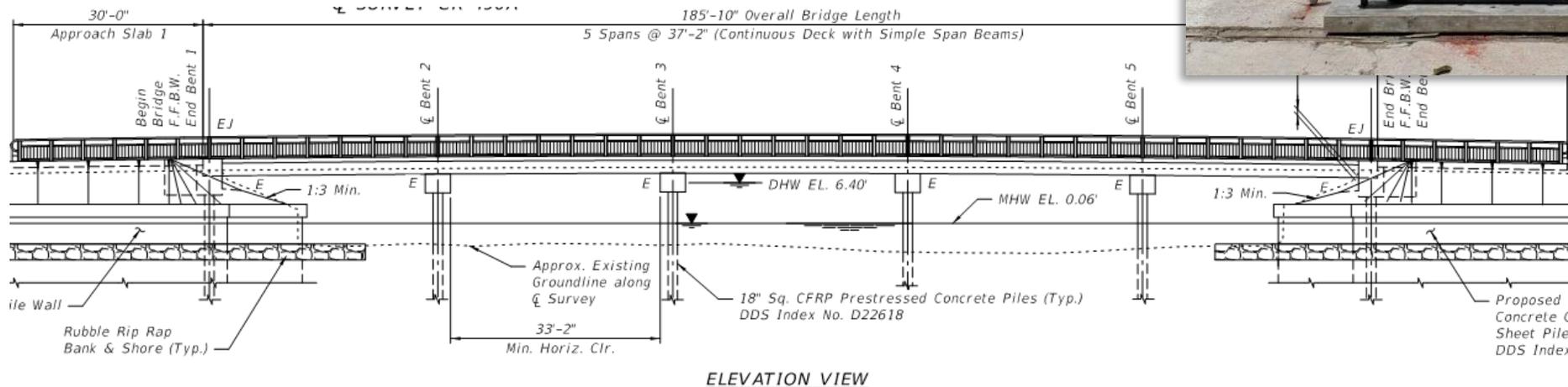
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- Fatigue limits
- Importance of Elastic Modulus
- Bent Bars
- Scalability of production



1700+  
Dowel  
Holes



## Halls River Bridge - Traffic Railing Retrofit:

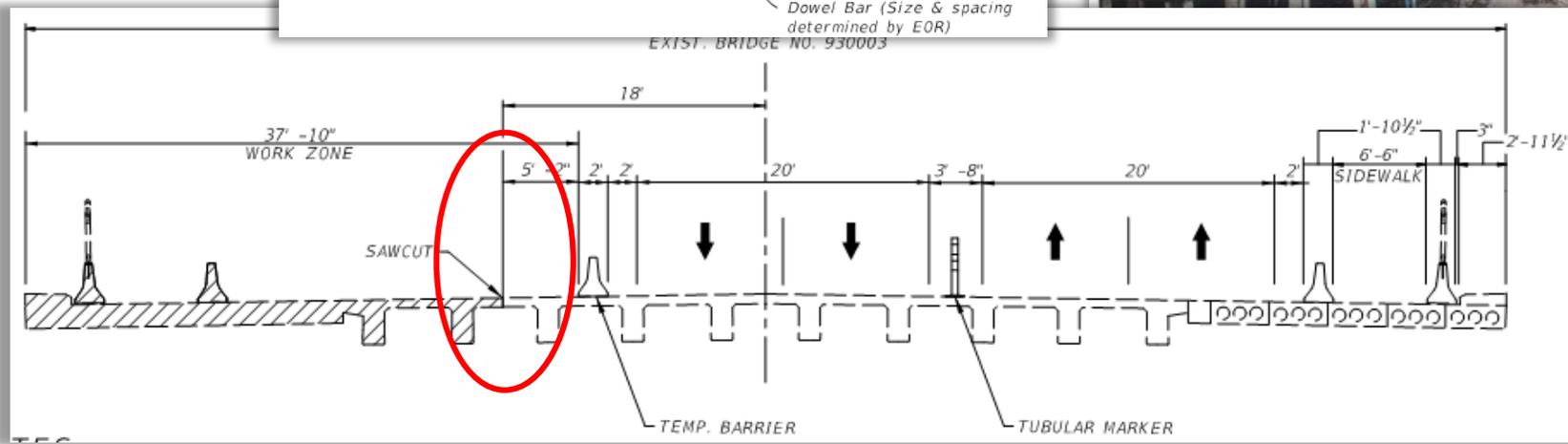
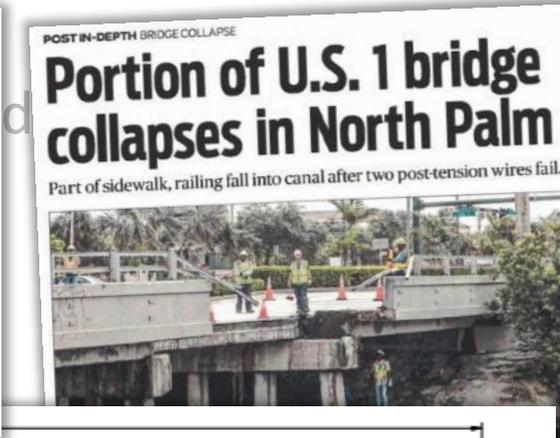
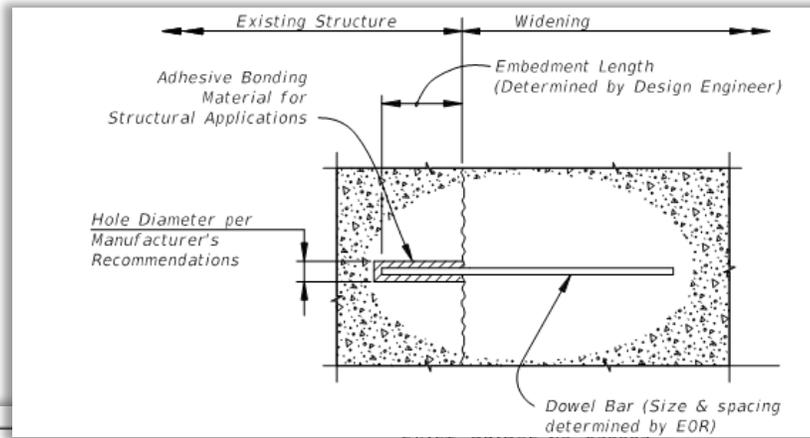




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- Connections (post-installed dowels bars – **ACI 318 Chapter 17/ACI 355.4** )

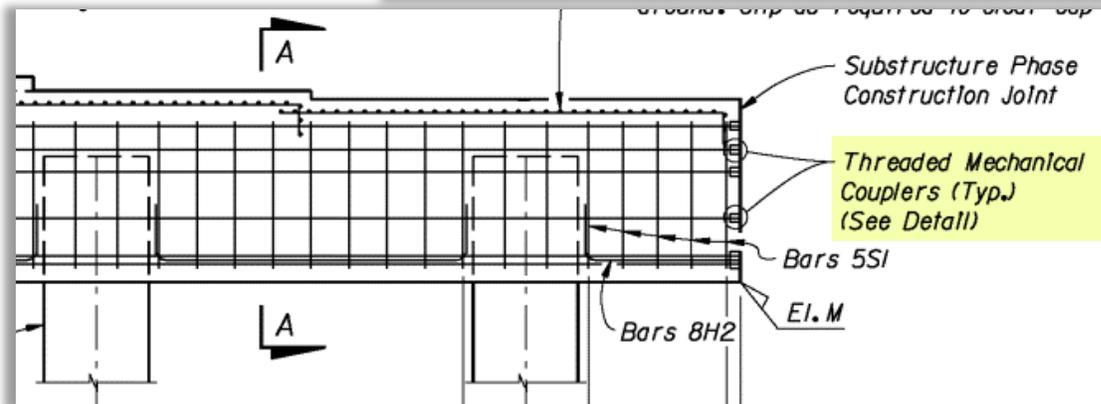
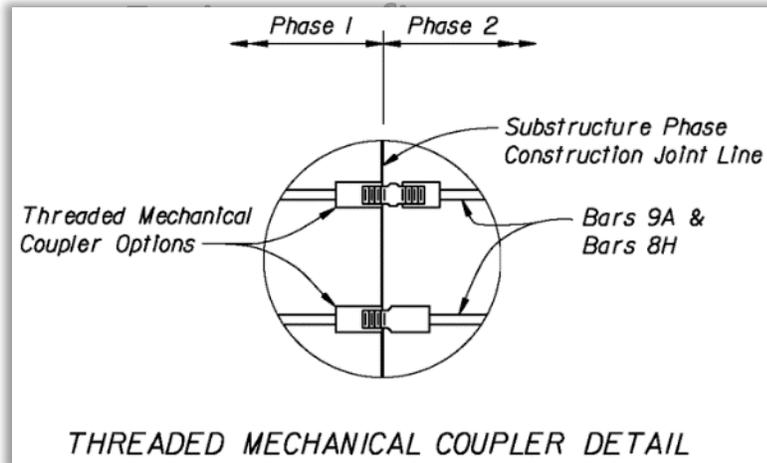




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- Connections (mechanical couplers)



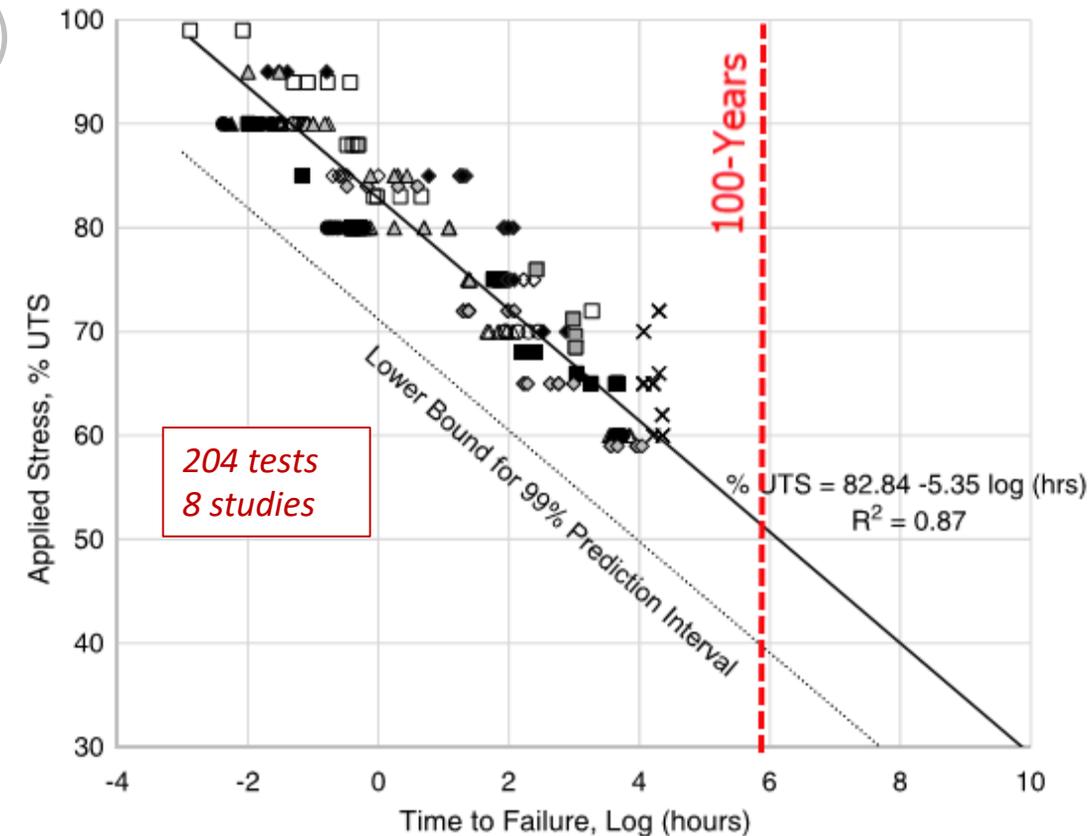


# What do we still need? (gaps in design and deployment)



- Connections (coupling, post-installed)
- Fatigue limits - refinement
- Importance of Elastic Modulus
- Bent Bars
- Scalability of production

recommended creep-rupture stress limit ( $0.30f_{fu}$ ) can also be applied for limiting the fatigue stresses in GFRP-reinforced elements subjected to fatigue cyclic loads owing to the similarity between the fatigue and creep-rupture strengths of FRP bars (GangaRao et al. 2006; Rostasy et al. 1993). Additional studies on the fatigue behavior of GFRP bars, however, are essential to support future adjustments of the stress limit.



DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)CC.1943-5614.0000971.

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From: "Creep-Rupture Limit for GFRP Bars Subjected to Sustained Loads", (2019)

B.Benmokrane, V.L.Brown, K.Mohamed, A.Nanni, M.Rossini, Carol Shield (ASCE-JCC)



# What do we still need? (gaps in design and deployment)



- Connections (coupling, post-installed)
- Fatigue limits
- Importance of Elastic Modulus
- Bent Bars (thermo-set/plastic)
- Scalability of production

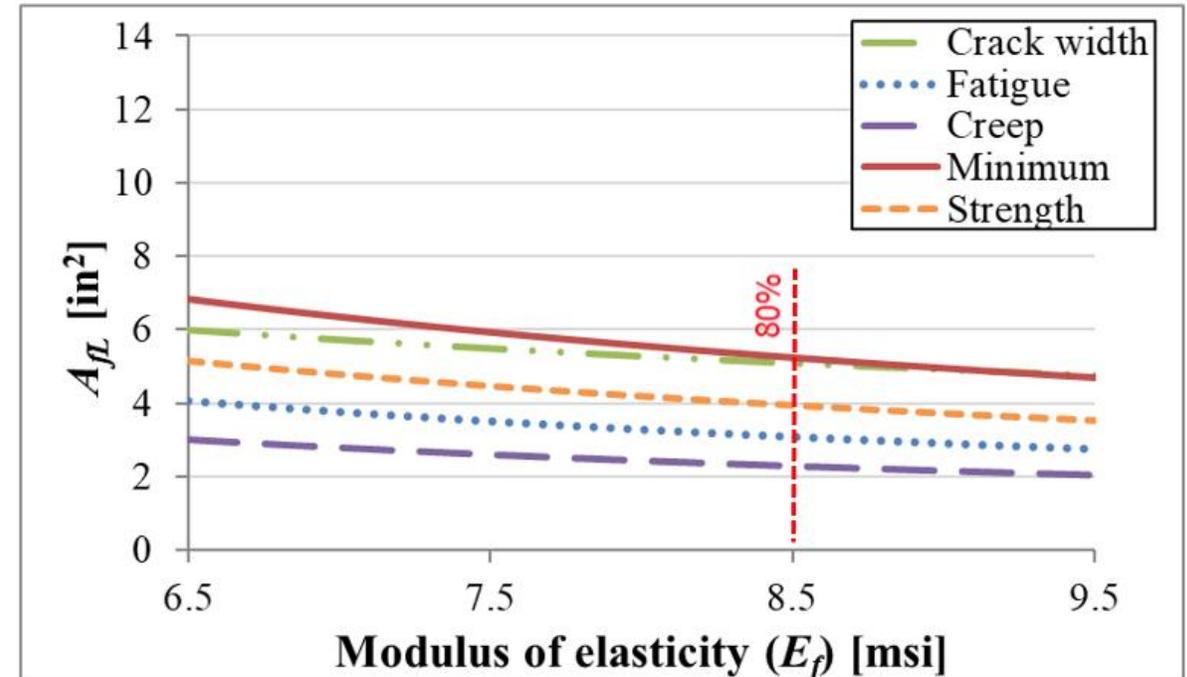


Figure: Parametric analysis of flexural design algorithms per AASHTO GFRP-RC 2<sup>nd</sup> edition for HRB Bent Cap

# Project Examples – Fast Facts Sheets



## FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative: FRP – Design Innovation



**Fast Facts:**  
Glass  
Fiber  
Reinforced  
Polymer

**Project Location:** FDOT District Two  
Levy County  
Cedar Key, Florida

**Agency:** Florida Department of Transportation

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

**Project Name:** SR 24 over Number Three Channel  
Bridge No. 340003  
FPID: 426169-1

**Project Description:** Rehabilitation of three bridges in Cedar Key

**Project Purpose & Need:** Bridge Inspection Reports identified deterioration, including evidence of corroded steel reinforcement in the bulkhead cap on bridge 340003. Work activities included removal of the existing bulkhead cap and installation of a new bulkhead cap with GFRP reinforcement.

\$741,630.00 (Construction Contract)

GFRP reinforcement is used in the bulkhead cap, which is within the splash zone to reduce future maintenance requirements. Removable blocks, reinforced with varying types of FRP, were cast with the bulkhead cap for monitoring long-term durability.

**Describe Traditional Approach:**  
Traditional approach includes installation of grade 60 steel rebar in a cast-in-place bulkhead cap.

**Describe New Approach:**  
Utilization of GFRP bars in lieu of traditional grade 60 steel rebar in the bulkhead cap, located in the splash zone.

**Top Innovations Employed:**  
Utilization of GFRP bars within the splash zone/marine environment.

**Primary Benefits Realized/Expected:**  
Longer service life of the bulkhead cap.

**Project Start Date/Substantial Completion Date:**  
11/30/2015 – 8/3/2016

**Consultant:** Kininger Campo & Associates Corp.  
**General Contractor:** Panosianic Concrete Co. Inc.  
**Construction Engineering Services:** JEA Construction Engineering Services  
**Professional Engineer of Record:** Patrick Mulhearn, P.E.  
Kininger Campo & Associates Corp.

**Project Manager:** Jeff Bailey  
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## FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative: FRP – Design Innovation



**Fast Facts:**  
Glass  
Fiber Reinforced  
Polymer  
&  
Carbon  
Fiber  
Reinforced  
Polymer

**Project Location:** FDOT District Three  
Bay County  
Lynn Haven, Florida

**Agency:** Florida Department of Transportation

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

**Project Name:** Arthur Drive over Lynn Haven Bayou  
Bridge No.: 464143  
FPID: 430463-1

**Project Description:** Field testing of GFRP and CFRP reinforced concrete piles.

**Project Purpose & Need:** Three FRP reinforced precast concrete demonstration piles were manufactured and driven to test performance. One pile was prestressed with CFRP tendons, and two piles were non-prestressed with GFRP bars.

180 linear feet of precast pile for a loop span cost of \$28,904.00 + Tax. Cost of driving piles by contractor and FRP reinforcement unknown.

20"

AS CFCO STRANDS 0.5 inch No. 5 GFRP spiral @ 3 inch pitch

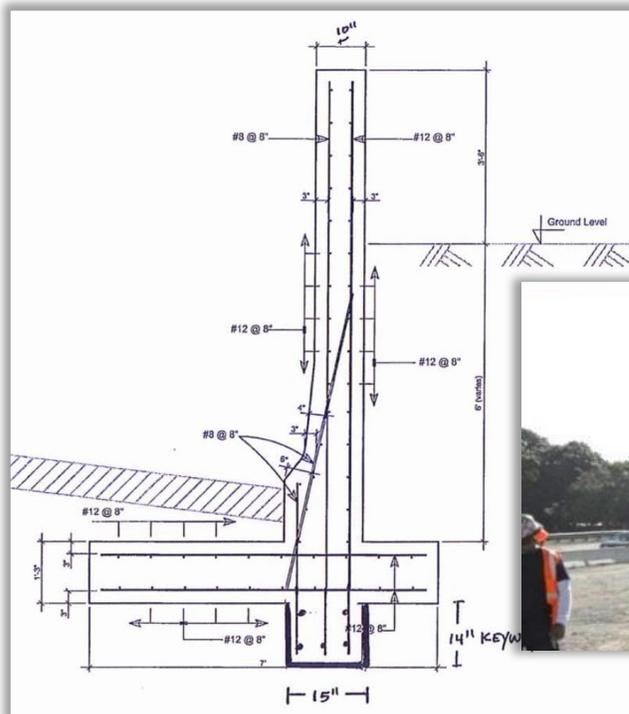
FRP Pile Driving: 3/2/2017 – 3/9/2017



# Project Examples - Port Miami Tunnel Entrance Walls



## Watson Island, Miami – 2014



FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative:  
FRP – Design Innovation

**Fast Facts:**  
Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer

**Project Location:** Port of Miami, Miami, Florida  
**Agency:** Florida Department of Transportation  
**Project Name:** Port of Miami Road FRP (2013) 2  
**Project Description:** A demonstration project, funded by FDOT, was used to evaluate retaining walls in a critical infrastructure area. The project was designed to demonstrate the use of FRP in a critical infrastructure area. The project was designed to demonstrate the use of FRP in a critical infrastructure area. The project was designed to demonstrate the use of FRP in a critical infrastructure area.

Wall 6 under construction & Typical Cross-section of Retaining Walls 5 and 6

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# Project Examples - Innovation Pedestrian Bridge



## University of Miami – 2016



Elevation view of Innovation Bridge with FRP reinforcement in the auger-cast-piles, bent-caps, double-tee stems and flanges, deck overlay and curbs.

FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative:  
FRP – Design Innovation



**Fast Facts:**  
Glass  
Fiber  
Reinforced  
Polymer

**Project Location:** Coral Gables, Florida  
**Agency:** University of Miami  
**URL:** <https://www.fdot.gov/structures/innovation/FRP.shtm#link9>

**Project Name:** Innovation Pedestrian Bridge  
**Project Description:** Although this pedestrian bridge is a simple, straight span, its long construction timeline necessitated a 75-year service life to ensure the University of Miami. The bridge consists of the following concrete elements reinforced with FRP: auger cast piles, cast-in-place bent caps and bent caps precast panels. FRP reinforcement was used for the bearing plates of the piles, the under table for the spans, and the railings.

**Project Purpose & Need:** The University of Miami dedicatedly chose the FRP reinforcement to demonstrate its commitment to innovation and sustainability for a pedestrian bridge used by students to access the sports and recreational fields on campus.



### Innovation Bridge



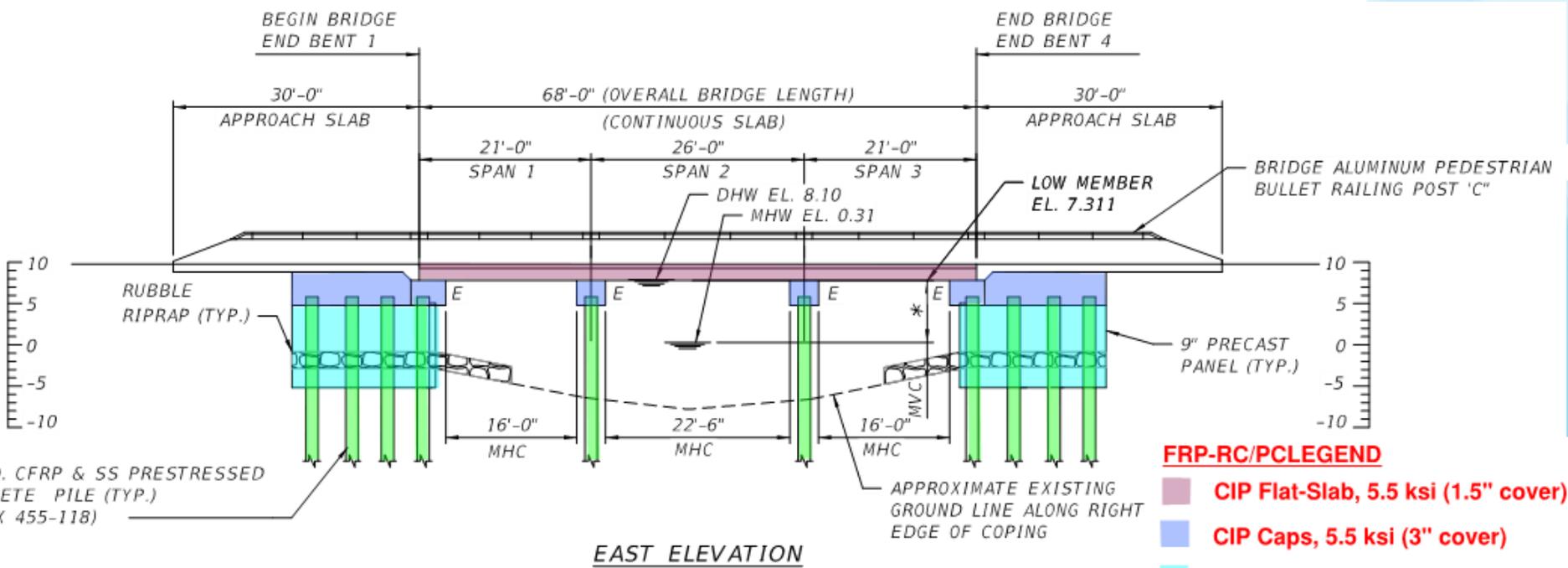
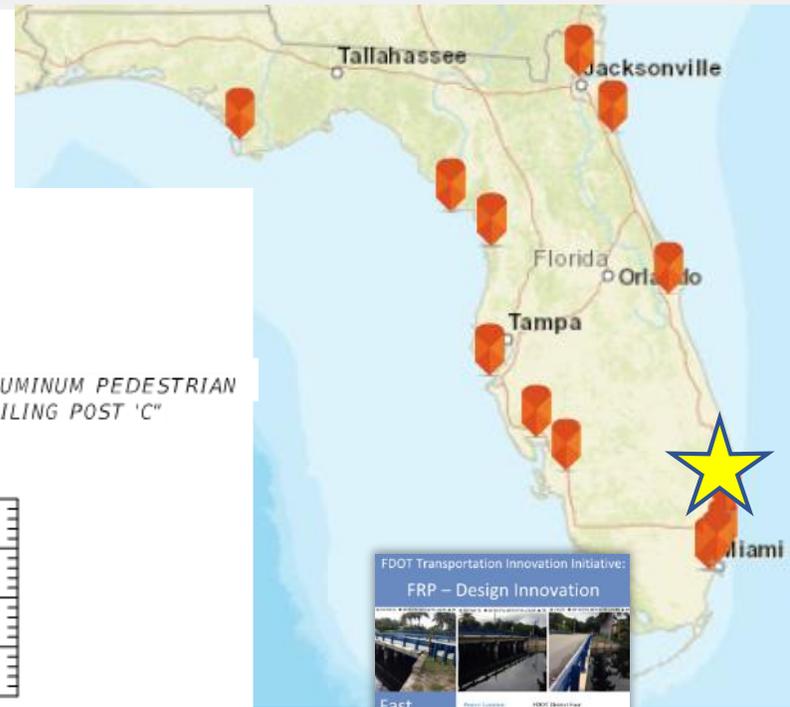
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# Project Examples - NE 23rd Ave/Ibis Waterway



## CIP continuous flat-slab bridge:



- FRP-RC/PCLEGEND**
- CIP Flat-Slab, 5.5 ksi (1.5" cover)
  - CIP Caps, 5.5 ksi (3" cover)
  - Precast Panels, 5.5 ksi (2" cover)
  - PS Piles, 6 ksi (3" cover)

FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative:  
FRP – Design Innovation

**Fast Facts:**

- Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer**
- Project Location:** I-9500 Bypass from Broward County, FL to Collier County, Florida (Florida Department of Transportation)
- Project Name:** NE 23rd Ave and Ibis Waterway (Range No. 9022, FFB: 43426-0141)
- Project Description:** Replacement of three spans for local road bridge and adjacent sidewalk
- Project Purpose & Need:** Bridge spans three adjacent waterways, including a canal, and carries local road and sidewalk over waterway. The bridge is subject to frequent flooding and is in poor condition. The bridge is a critical link in the local road network and provides access to the waterway.

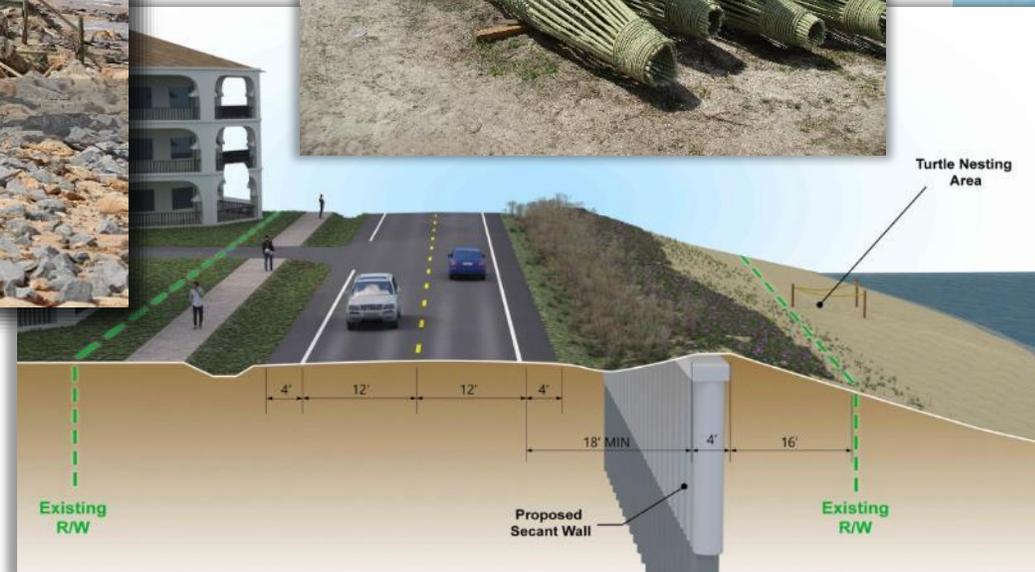
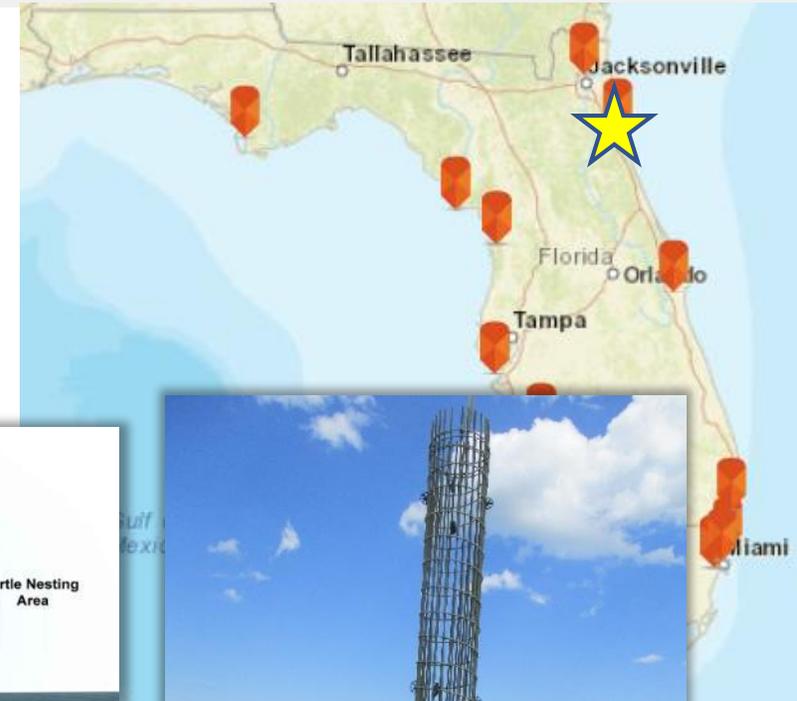
## NE 23rd Ave/Ibis Waterway

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# Project Examples - SR-A1A Secant-Pile Seawall



## Auger-Cast Pile GFRP-RC Secant Wall



FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative:  
FRP – Design Innovation

Fast Facts:  
Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer

Project Location: FDOT District Five, Flagler Beach, Florida  
 Agency: Florida Department of Transportation  
 Project Name: SR A1A - Flagler Beach Seawall  
 Project Report #: 1020



# Project Examples - Halls River Bridge

**Homosassa, FL 2017-19 (GFRP-RC & CFRP-PC)**  
Five-span vehicular bridge



FDOT Transportation Innovation Initiative:  
FRP – Design Innovation

**Fast Facts:**  
Class Fiber Reinforced Polymer  
Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer  
Hybrid Composite Form

**Project Location:** I-95 Exit 306A  
Hess County  
Hess County, Florida

**Project:** Florida Department of Transportation

**Project Name:** I-95 Exit 306A Road and Interchange Bridge No. 12450  
FRP - 4000-0-01

**Project Description:** Bridge Replacement

**Project Partner:** FDOT

The existing bridge was replaced with a new bridge made of FRP. The project was a success in terms of safety and lifespan of the bridge.

Project Budget/Contract: \$1.5 million (Construction Contract)

**Halls River Bridge**

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# Project Examples - Halls River Bridge



## Homosassa, FL 2017-2019 (GFRP-RC & CFRP-PC)

Five-span vehicular bridge entirely constructed using corrosion-resistant solutions and mostly FRP reinforcement including:

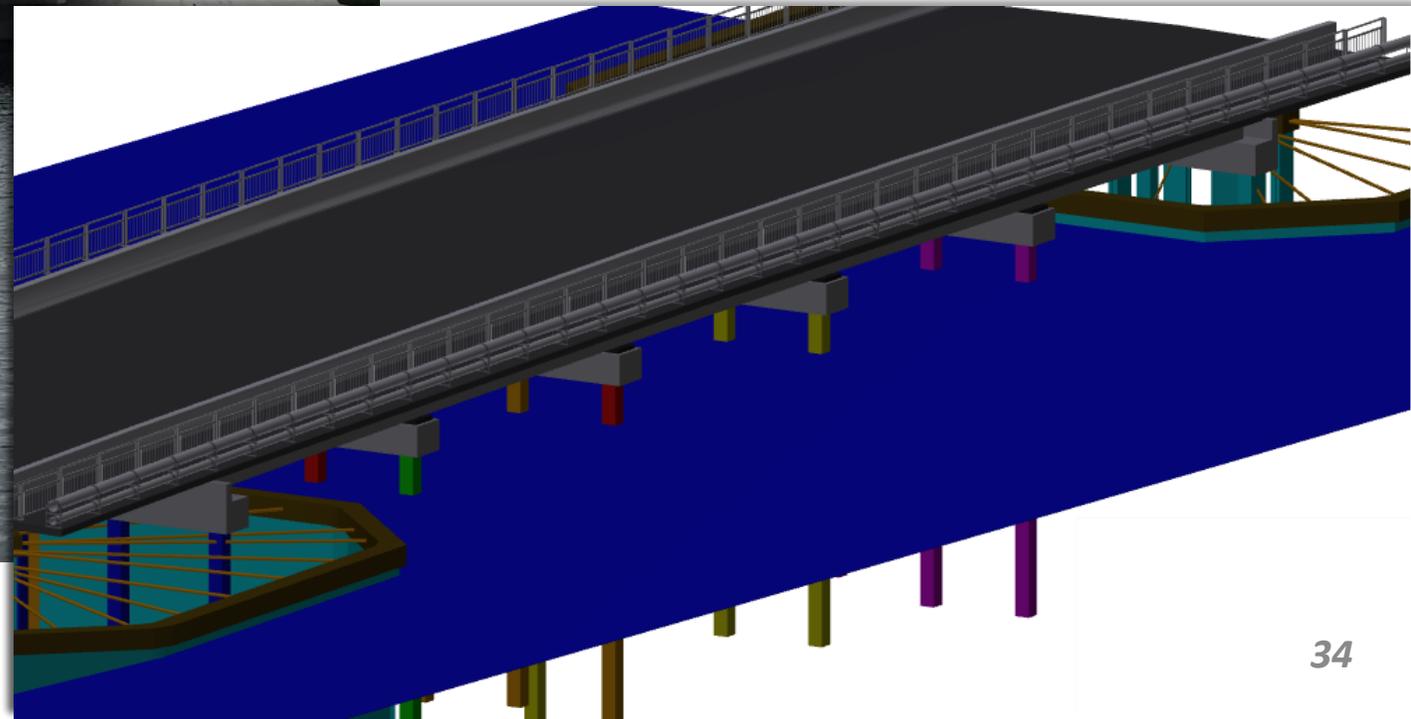
- CFRP-PC bearing piles;
- CFRP-PC/GFRP-RC sheet piles;
- Hybrid HSCS-PC/GFRP-RC sheet piles;
- GFRP-RC bulkhead caps;
- GFRP-RC pile bent caps;
- GFRP-RC bridge deck
- GFRP-RC traffic railings
- GFRP-RC approach slabs
- GFRP-RC gravity wall.



# Project Examples - Halls River Bridge



- Halls River Bridge – demonstrating **Durability** thru **FRP** materials...

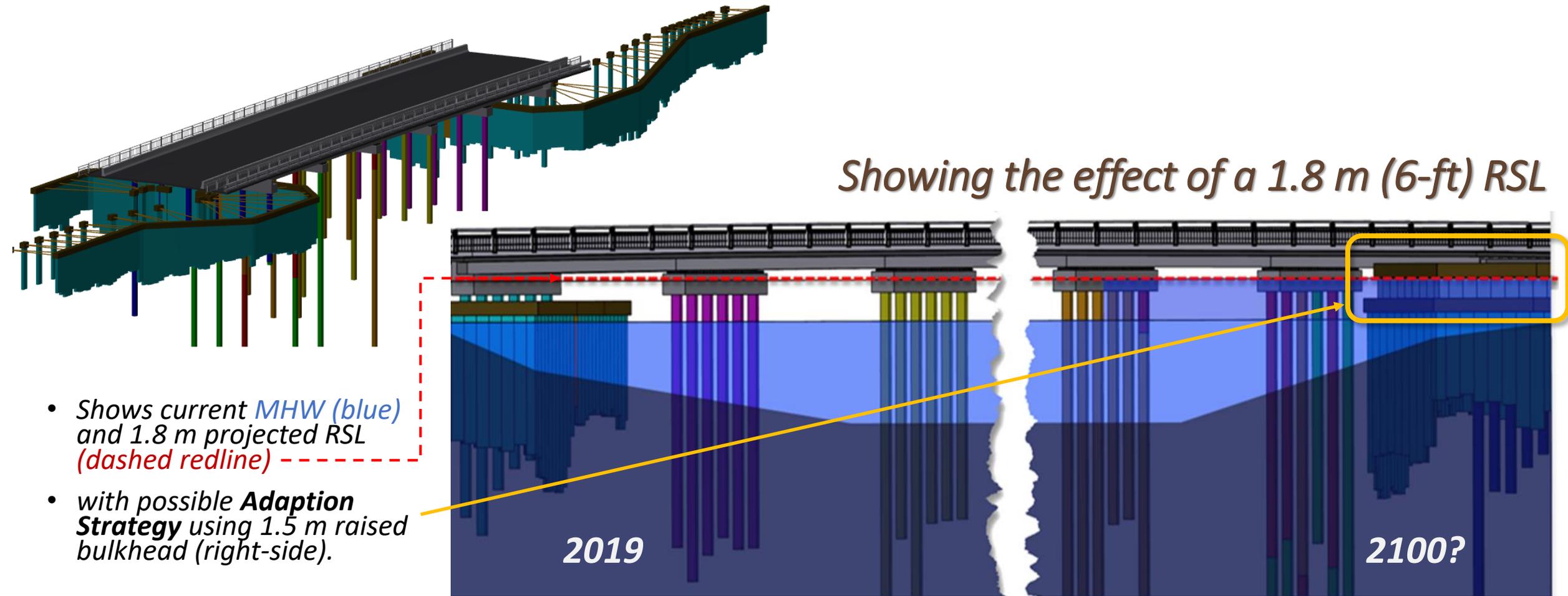




# Project Examples - Halls River Bridge



- Halls River Bridge - modelling **Resiliency** thru potential for **Adaption!**

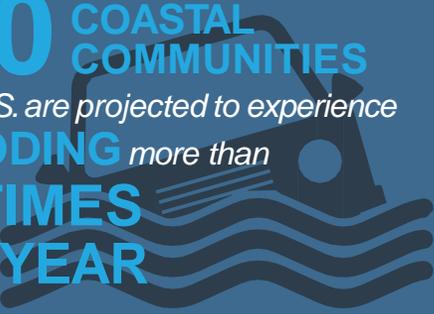




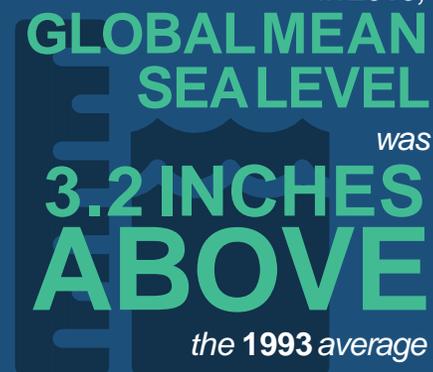
- Florida is the 3rd most populated U.S. state, and our population is expected to increase nearly 30% to **27 million by 2045**. To plan for a resilient transportation future, we need to understand important trends and conditions today.
- Florida is the 14th largest economy on the planet (Florida Senate President - Bill Galvano)

### What Natural Hazards Impact Our Transportation System?

Nearly **110** COASTAL COMMUNITIES in the U.S. are projected to experience **FLOODING** more than **26 TIMES PER YEAR** by 2035



In 2018, **GLOBAL MEAN SEA LEVEL** was **3.2 INCHES ABOVE** the 1993 average



Since 2000, **TIDAL FLOODING** across Florida has **INCREASED BY 352%**



Florida is among the **TOP 10** STATES MOST IMPACTED BY **WILDFIRES**



### What Types Of Extreme Weather Can Affect The Mobility Of Floridians?

The amount of **PRECIPITATION** during heavy rainstorms has **INCREASED BY 21%** in the Southeast over the last 60 years



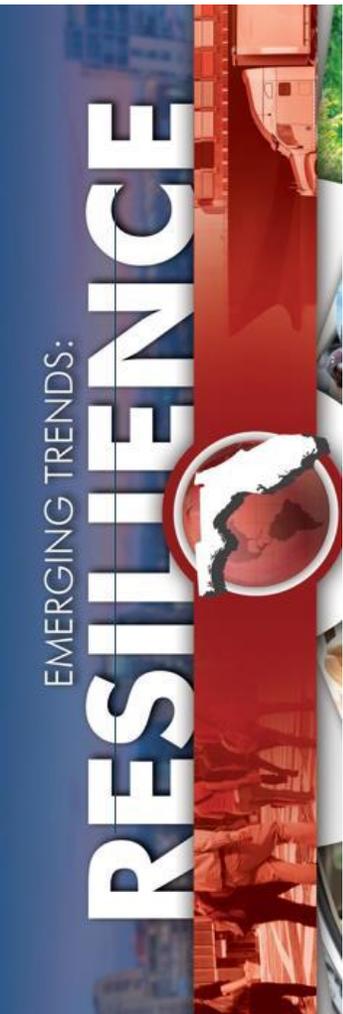
By mid-century, the Southeast is expected to experience up to **50 MORE DAYS** per year of temperatures exceeding **90 DEGREES**



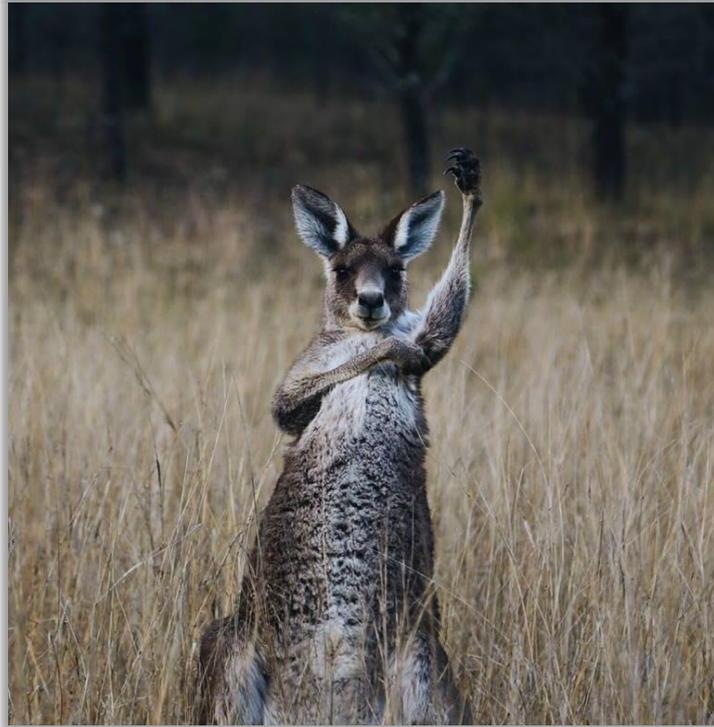
Florida has been impacted by **40%** OF ALL U.S. HURRICANES



Approximately **6 MILLION PEOPLE EVACUATED** during Hurricane Irma, **THE LARGEST EVACUATION IN U.S. HISTORY**

# Des Questions?



PHOTOGRAPHER:  
**CHRIS STEPONAITIS**  
HALLS RIVER ROAD BRIDGE,  
HOMOSASSA, FLA.  
*Submitted by Allan Fadullon,  
Astaldi Construction*

Returning to work after a long weekend last spring, Astaldi's crane operator saw an osprey, a state-protected species, repeatedly landing on the tip of his crane. Astaldi hired Aerial Drone Services by TAS to investigate and document what was going on. "We had to determine whether there was an osprey in a nest with eggs—without disturbing the bird," says drone operator Steponaitis. "We knew this was going to be touchy; we didn't have time to sit around and observe. We did what we had to do and we were out of there." Astaldi shut down work on one end of the bridge and, over the next two weeks, lined up a nest-relocation expert and built a platform for the purpose, but on the day of the move, a hawk ate the egg. Astaldi's lessons learned: Put a flag and a beacon on the tip of the crane and lower the boom over weekends. The delay was covered in the contract, which was extended 19 days.

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