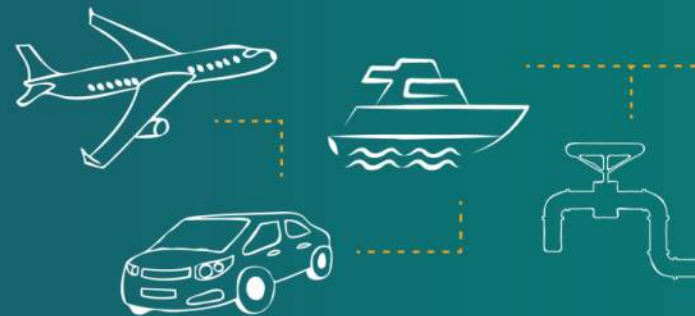




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## “Building Bridges Along the Atlantic”

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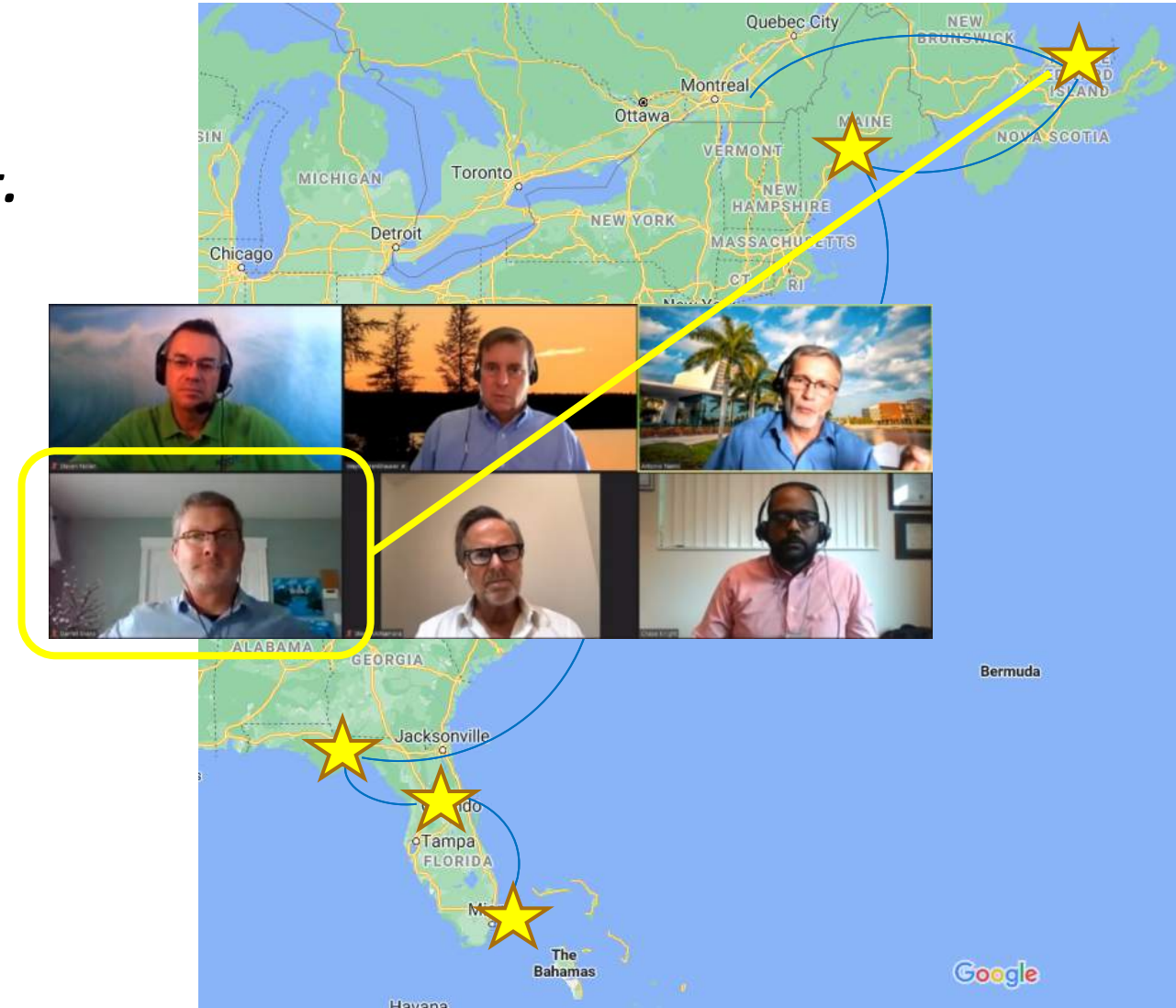
**Description:** Recent bridge design and construction projects will be highlight showing the willingness of transportation agencies along the east coast of North America to embrace the use of FRP for more than just rehabilitation and strengthening. With a focus on improved Life Cycle Cost and reduced maintenance liability this panel will discuss the needs of the infrastructure community to integrate Composites reliably and economically into their business practices particularly for concrete structures.

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# Using ACM's for Internal Reinforcement in Prince Edward Island, Canada

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# Darrell J. Evans, P.Eng.

- Graduate of the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) Class of '95.
- Private Sector for 5 years (consulting).
- Public sector for 20 years.
- Transportation structures main focus.
- Instrumental in application of ACM's for transportation infrastructure in PEI.
- Responsible for asset management within PEI.



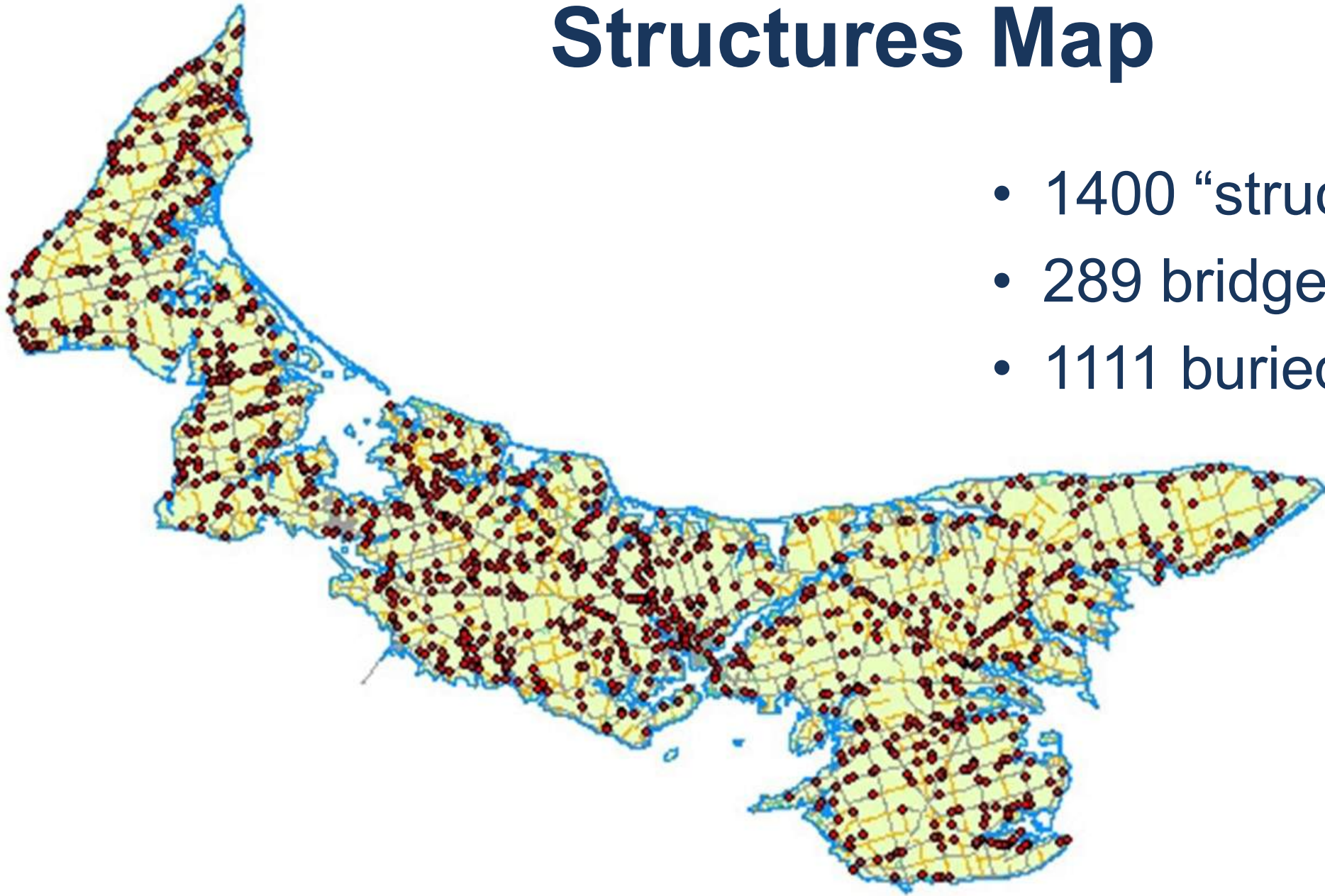
# Prince Edward Island, Canada



- Here we are on the east coast of Canada.
- Smallest Province.
- 5660 km<sup>2</sup> (2190 mi<sup>2</sup>) of land area
- 5600 km (3480 mi) natural waterways
- 5600 km of roadway network.



# Structures Map



- 1400 “structures”
- 289 bridges
- 1111 buried type.



# Island Definition



- Surrounded by salt water (about 34 ppt)
- Florida hovers around 36 ppt





# Creates some Issues



# Seasonal variations

- Four Seasons
  - Almost Winter
  - Winter
  - Still Winter, and
  - Construction
- Or, in layman's speak:
  - Fall
  - Winter
  - Spring
  - Summer

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# Fantastic Summer (Construction) Season



- Up to 30° C (86° F)
- Humidex up to 40° C (104 ° F)



# Fantastic Winter Season too!



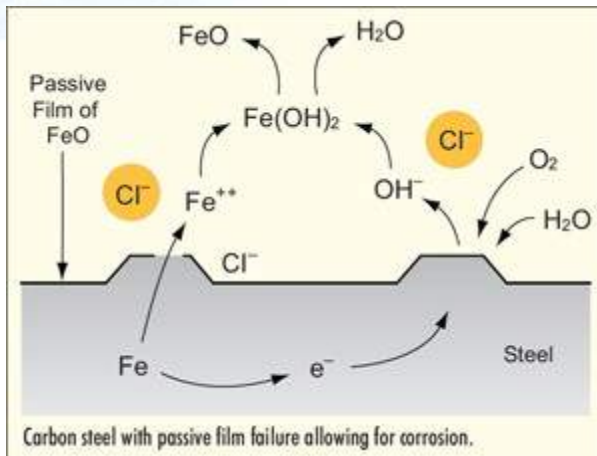
- This is 2015
- Total accumulation of 4.5 metres ( $\approx$  15 ft.)
- Down to  $-20^{\circ}$  C ( $-4^{\circ}$  F)
- Wind chill down to  $-40^{\circ}$  C ( $^{\circ}$  F)



# Winter Maintenance



- Salt.
- Salt brine, salt pellets, salt/sand blend.
- Salt, salt, salt (NaCl).



**Leads to more issues.**



# Use of GFRP in TIE's Infrastructure

- Began in 2002 using GFRP wraps on timber piles to extend the service life of our timber bridge infrastructure.
- To date, over 20 bridge rehabilitations conducted in this fashion.
- We will continue to use this method of repairs as half of our bridge inventory is timber.
- Also used in rehab of AASHTO PCC girder (shear strengthening).

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# Use of GFRP as Primary Reinforcement

- We were invited to sit on a national committee on ACM's in 2004.
- During this exposure, we developed an interest in GFRP reinforcement.
- Test results seemed very positive based on samples taken from various locations across Canada, with differing applications.
- Initial costs appeared somewhat high; but, should be reviewed against life cycle costing.
- Philosophy was to try it, see how the design and construction community reacts to new methods and monitor over the long term.





# Structures with GFRP as Primary Reinforcement

Bridge	No. of Spans	Super structure	Horiz. Align.	Total Length (m)	Ft.
Monatgue Bridge	2	Steel Plate Girder	Curved	60	197
Clarks Mill	1	Steel Plate Girder	Curved	43	141
Montrose Bridge	1	Steel Box Girder	Curved	52	171
Victoria Bridge	1	Steel Plate Girder	Straight	33	108
Kildare Bridge	3	PCC NEBT Girder	Straight	57	187
West River	1	Steel Plate Girder	Straight	48	157
Oak Drive O/P	4	AASHTO Type III	Straight	59	194
Darnley Bridge	4	PCC NEBT Girder	Straight	137	449
Ross' Corner	1	Steel Box Girder	Curved	47	154
St. Peter's	1	PCC NEBT Girder	Straight	28	92
Cardigan	1	Pre-Cast Box Girder	Straight	24	79
Marie	1	PCC NEBT Girder	Skewed	26	85
Huntley	1	PCC NEXT Girder	Skewed	20	66
North Lake	3	PCC NEBT Girder	Curved and Skewed	75	246
Souris	4	PCC NEBT Girder	Straight	128	420
Cornwall Rd O/P	1	PCC NEBT Girder	Skewed	33	108
Clyde River	2	Steel Box Girder	Straight	132	433
Bannockburn Rd. O/P	1	PCC NEBT Girder	Curved and Skewed	35	115
New Haven Interchange	1	PCC NEBT Girder	Skewed	35	115
Hunter River	1	PCC Voided Slab	Straight	15	49
<b>TOTAL DECK LENGTH</b>				<b>1087</b>	<b>3566</b>

- Shaded areas represent deck and substructure.
- All others are just deck. T&B
- Represents about 7 % of bridge inventory.
- Plan on another 10 structures within the next 4 years.
- Green shaded is full-depth pre-cast deck post-tensioned together (albeit with steel).
- Orange is using GFRP ties for the formworks.



# How much GFRP can we stuff into a bridge?



# Can't use it everywhere.



- Recognize that it doesn't fit all scenarios.
- Pre-cast arches for example, use WWM which they can bend into any radius they require.
- Timber bridges (why bother)
- Retrofits or extensions.
- Also, where we require ductility (Diaphragms)

# Issues



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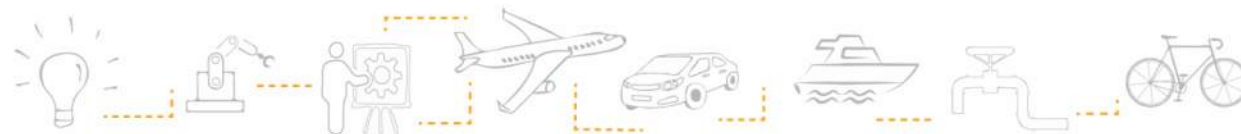


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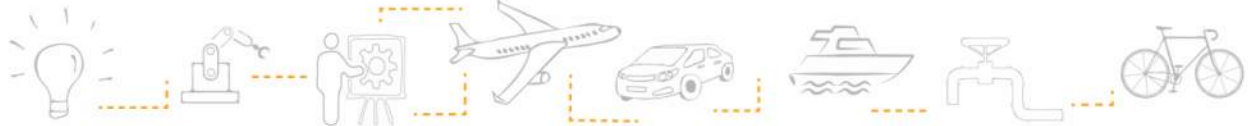
- Designer inexperience (know your material – detailing – code limitations).
- Contractor inexperience (know your limitations – placement and cutting- UV degradation).
- Supplier resources (engineering and technical support for the end user - competitiveness).
- Repairs due to external damage.
- End of life disposal (sustainability)
- These are all solvable.



# Thank you!



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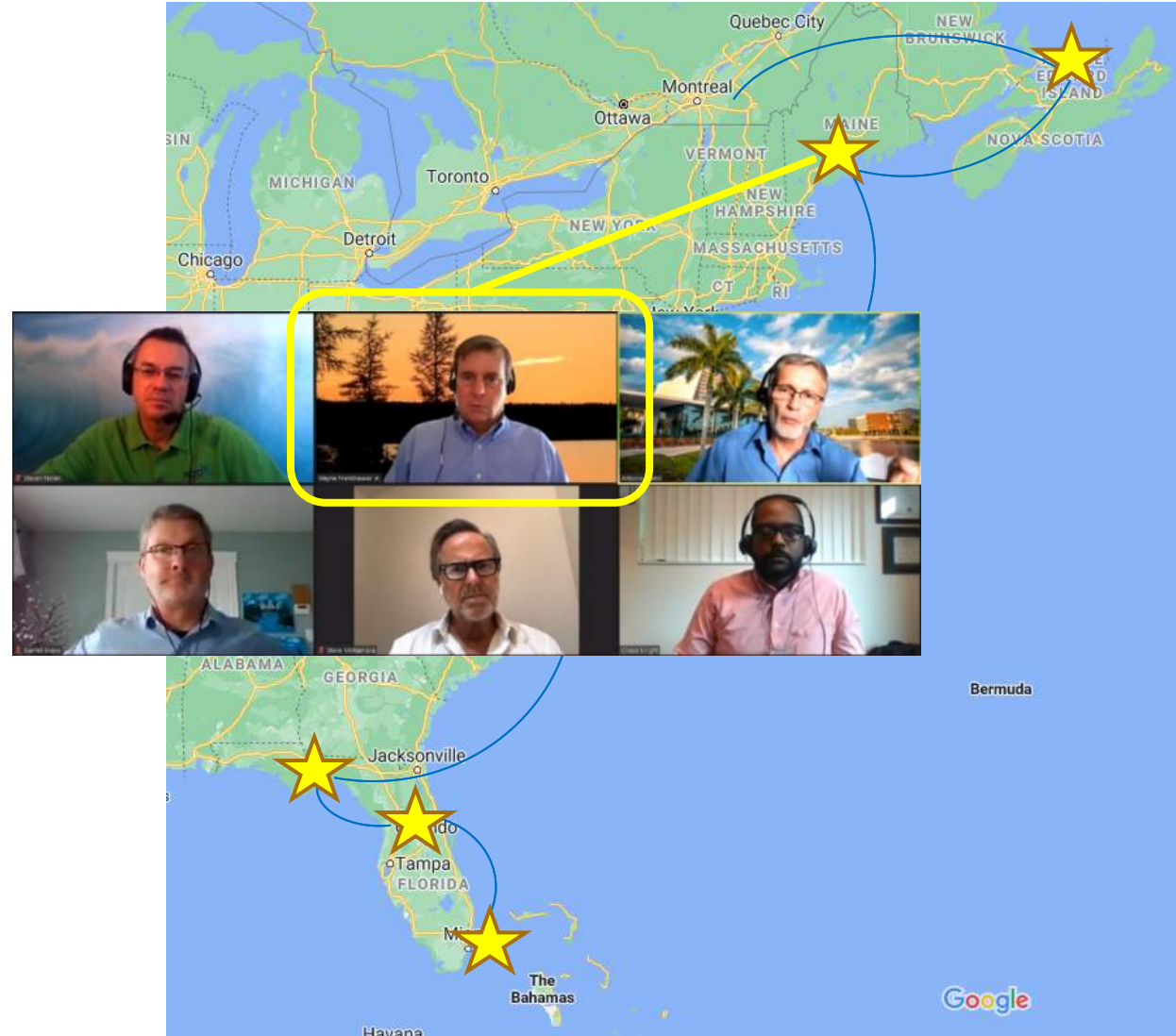
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# Durable Bridges – An Owner's Perspective

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Bridge Program Manager

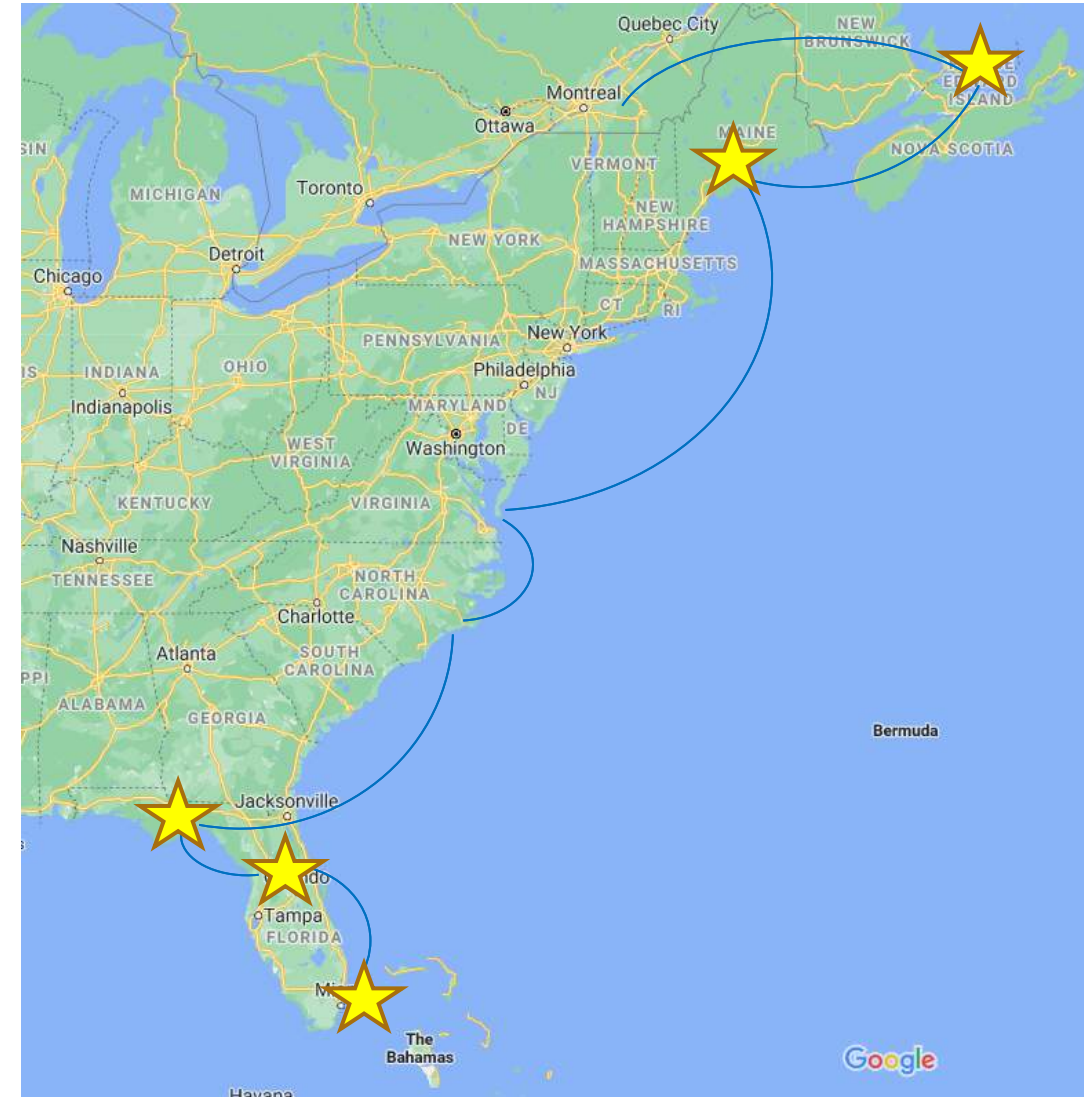
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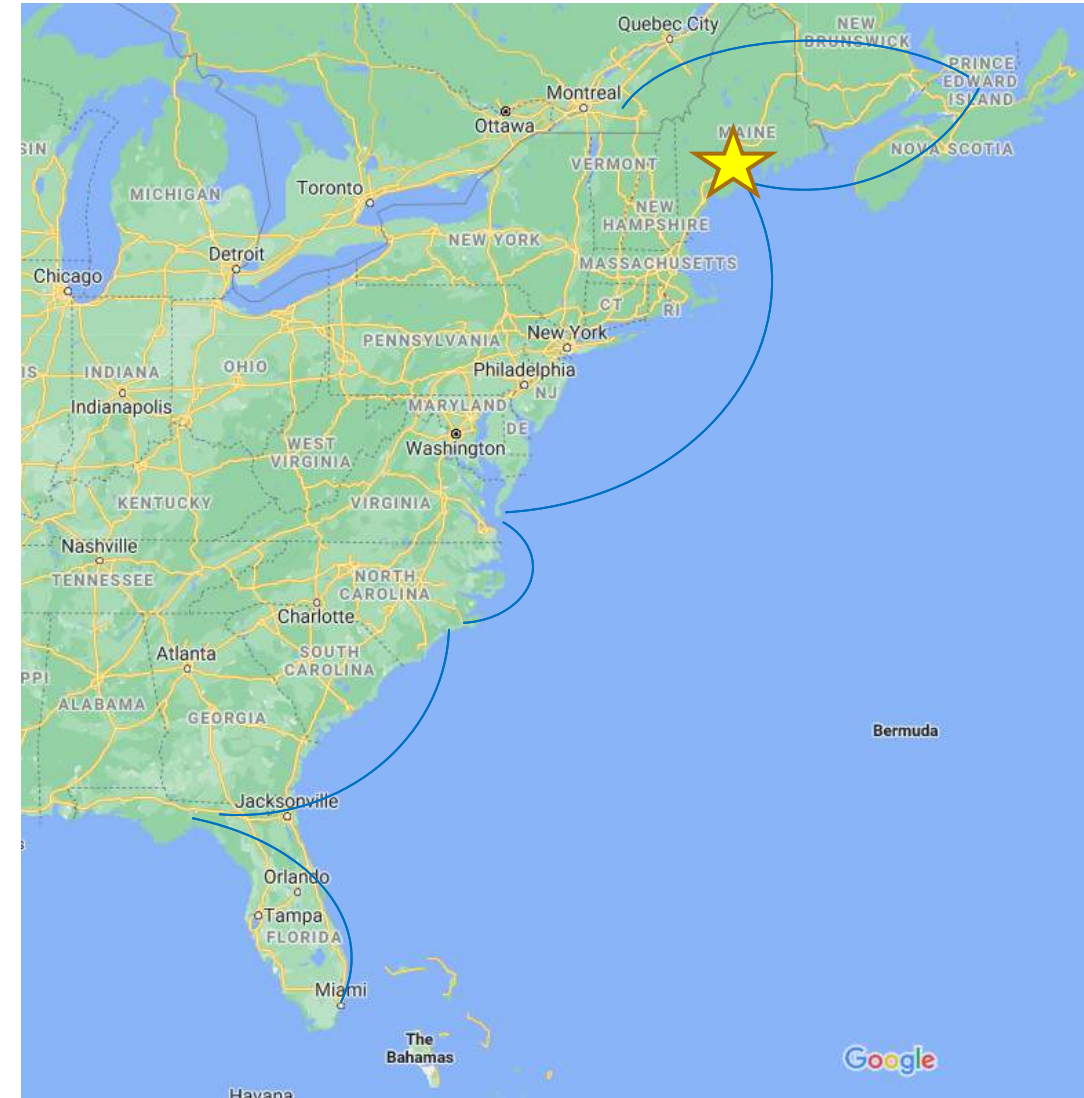
# OUTLINE

1. Building better bridges
2. FRP solutions
3. Challenges to the widespread use of composites



# Background

- **MaineDOT owns and manages 2,750 bridges and minor spans**
- **2020-21-22 Work Plan**
  - **148 Bridge Projects – Estimated Cost: \$545 million**
  - **Unmet need of \$67 million per year to maintain bridges in good condition**
- **Can't build our way out – need to focus on preservation and building longer lasting bridges**
- **MaineDOT has been using composites for nearly 20 years**
- **Strong support from the UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center and the composite industry**



# Building Better Bridges

Harsh conditions cause reoccurring deterioration – Coastal environment, deicing chemicals, and freeze-thaw cycles.

- Piers deteriorate in splash zone and from leaky joints
- Decks deteriorate and spall
- Backwalls and bridge seats crumble
- Bridge bearings freeze up
- Bridge drains corrode
- Painted steel beams rust and are expensive to paint



Travel lane exhibit's sev rutting thru iso'l'd potholes.



Map cracking.



Looking NE'ly against flow of traffic. Apr and wear surf pave deter'd.

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SW'ly face of SW'ly pier.

I95 Southbound / Webb Road

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# Building Better Bridges

Can we do better?

- Better maintenance and preservation
- Better bridge detailing and construction practices
- Bridge type selection
- The use corrosion resistant materials

Some of these solutions will have a higher upfront costs

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# FRP Solutions

## FRP Bridge Systems

- Composite Arch Bridge System
- HC Beams
- CT Girder System

### Composite Arch System

on the Caribou Connector  
(2011)

54' 2" span x 12' rise

Standard practice to include  
as an option on projects where  
appropriate



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# FRP Solutions



## HC Beams

Boothbay, Barters Island Bridge (2012)  
8 spans, 540' long

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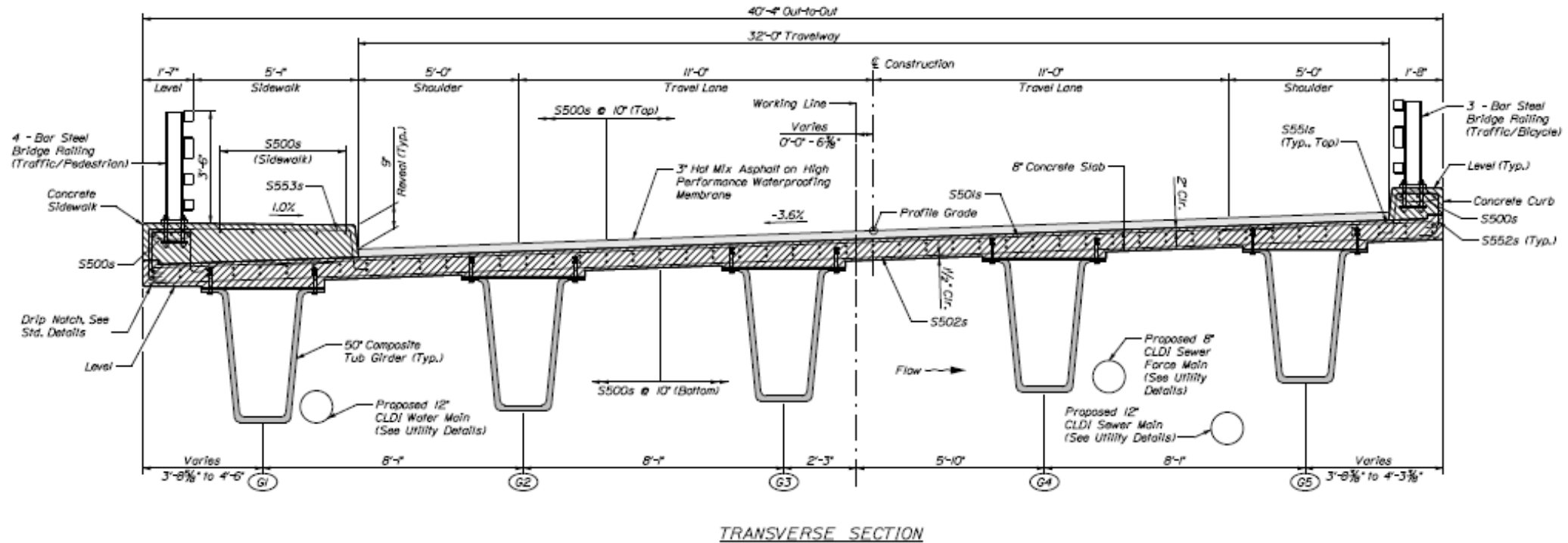


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# FRP Solutions



CT Girder System  
 Hampden, Twin Bridge (2020)  
 75' span

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# FRP Solutions



CT Girder System

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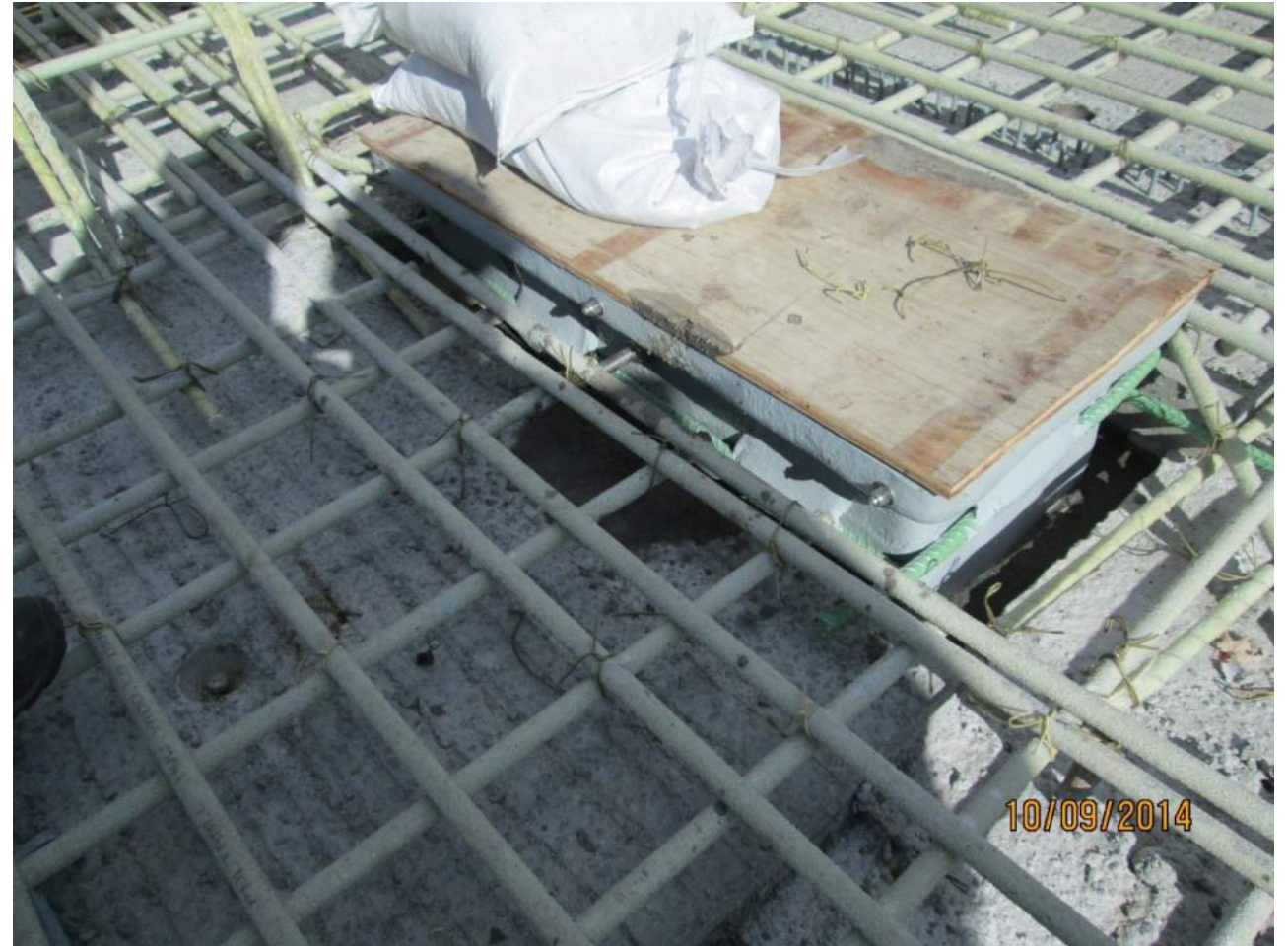
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# FRP Solutions

## GFRP Reinforcing

- MaineDOT has used nearly 500,000 LF of GFRP in the last 3 years
- Standard practice to use GFRP straight bars, and stainless bent bars, in our bridge decks
- Average cost for GFRP close to black bar



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# FRP Solutions

## Composite Drains

- Standard practice for new bridges



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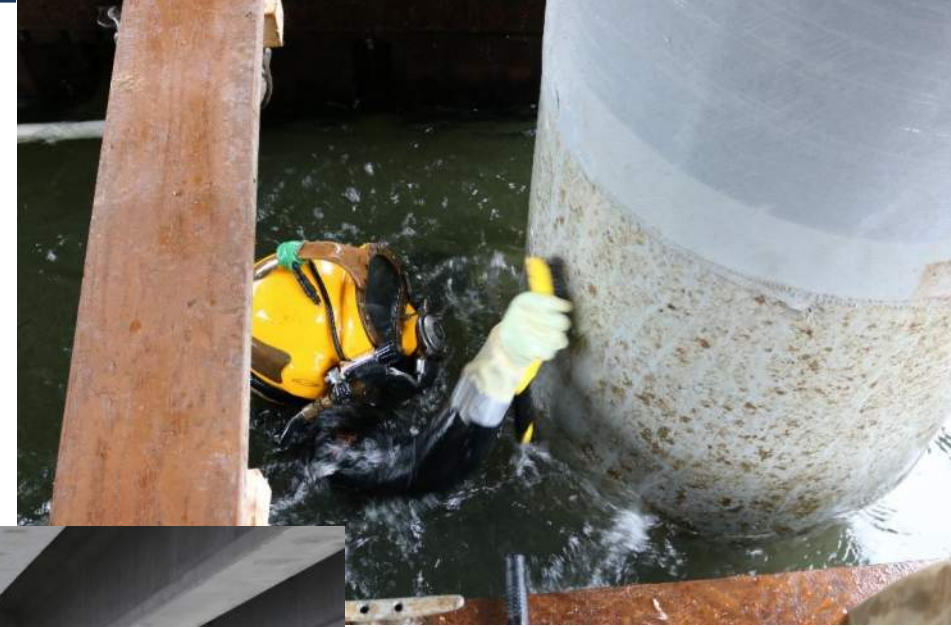
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# FRP Solutions

## FRP Pile Wrap

York, Rices Bridge

Repair of the epoxy coated pipe pile bent piers built in 2005



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# Other FRP Applications

- FRP pile
- FRP culvert invert lining
- FRP fenders
- FRP fairing
- CFCC prestressing and post-tensioning
- Carbon fiber strand in cable stay



# Challenges

- Education
- Specifications
- Industry support

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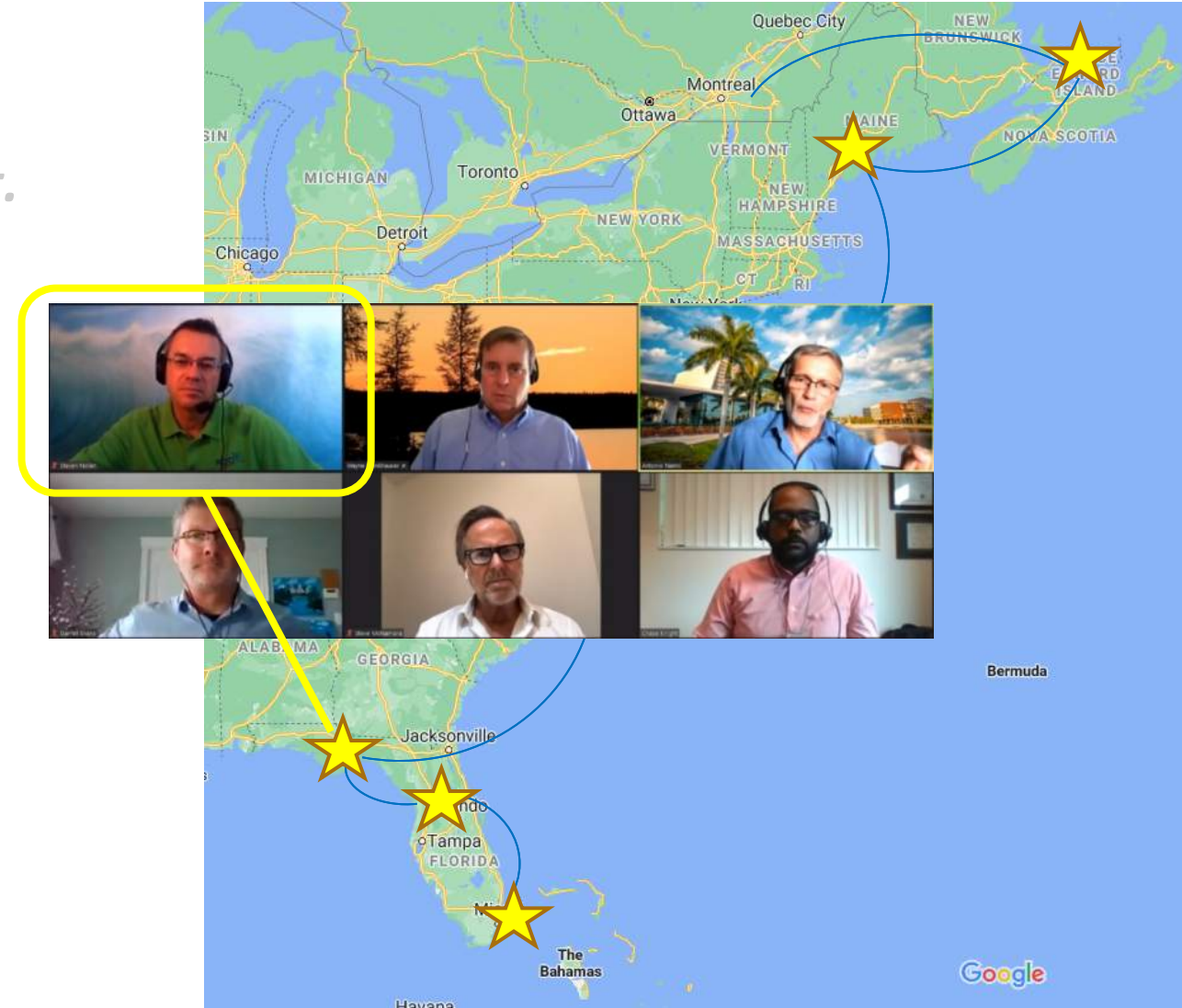


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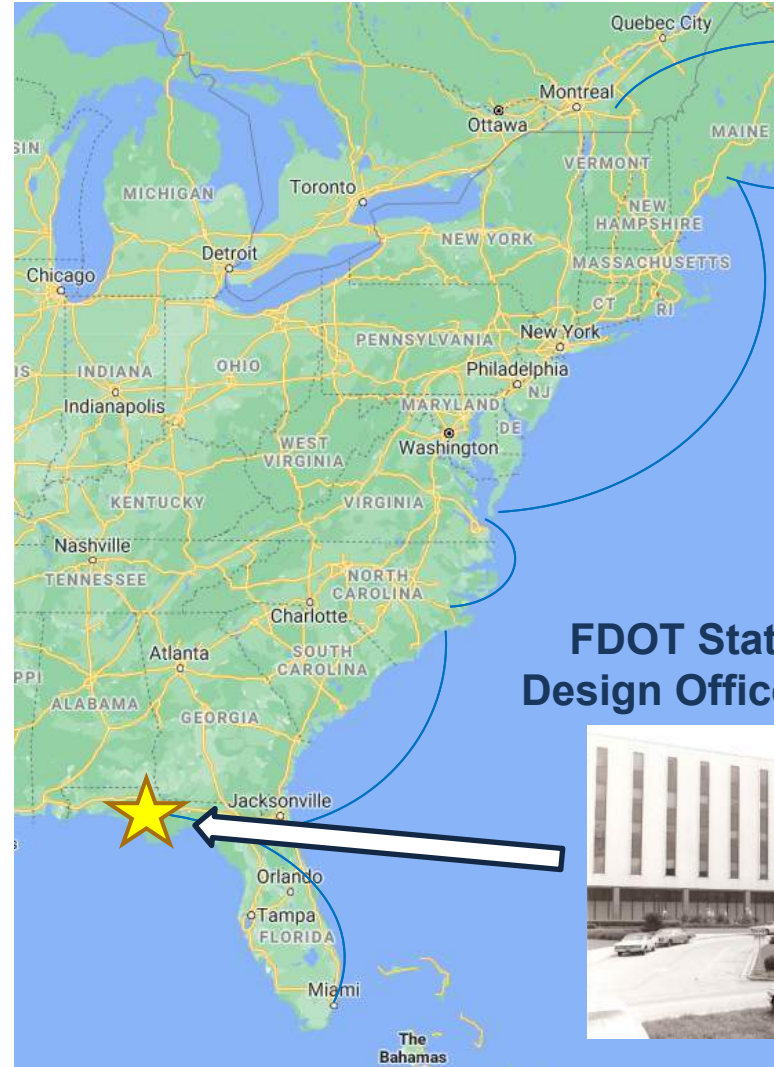
Lead: Advanced Materials for Structural Durability & Resiliency



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1. What are the Needs?
2. What are our Options?
3. What are the Benefits?
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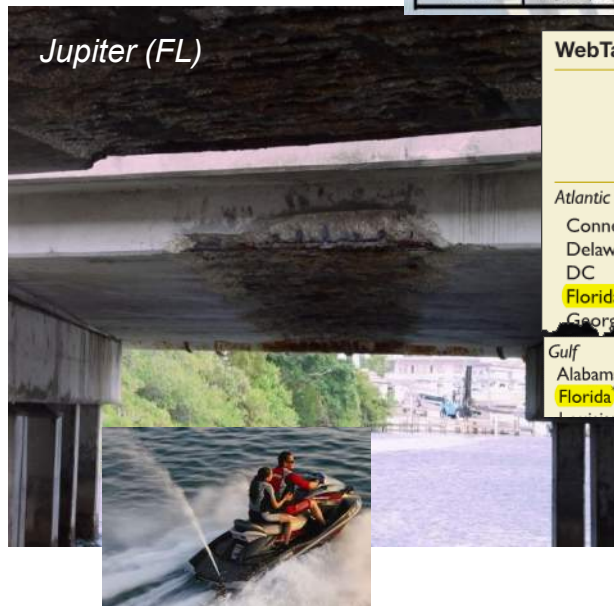
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Design Office (Tallahassee)**



# What Are the Needs ?

- Florida maintains over 166 million sq.ft. of bridge area <sup>1</sup>
- Florida has more than 4,000 miles seawall-bulkheads <sup>2</sup>

FDOT Bridge Deck Area (Square Feet)									
	District								Total
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	Turnpike	
>1930's	59,278	343,697	288,979	92,308	77,762	258,464	153,377	0	1,273,865
1940's	171,558	334,093	165,977	18,231	20,248	98,057	27,114	0	835,279
1950's	879,478	1,807,266	765,387	435,327	567,212	1,496,850	1,357,430	597,192	7,906,141
1960's	1,143,661	5,412,125	1,095,280	1,089,510	3,335,514	4,024,420	1,924,386	749,843	18,774,739
1970's	2,525,123	6,050,066	4,349,136	4,223,189	1,382,828	2,116,673	3,849,713	2,055,573	26,552,302
1980's	3,705,331	2,427,726	2,593,652	6,797,929	1,099,028	4,754,463	5,849,264	1,038,778	28,266,170
1990's	1,872,971	2,708,191	5,284,785	3,201,458	2,338,915	1,518,442	3,287,262	2,926,232	23,138,256
2000's	2,934,733	5,338,688	4,884,453	3,619,007	3,303,165	1,347,235	4,196,084	1,802,460	27,425,825
2010's	766,709	3,027,594	2,873,274	0	2,828,151	1,442,905	2,935,326	619,216	14,493,176
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,058,842</b>	<b>27,449,445</b>	<b>22,300,924</b>	<b>19,476,959</b>	<b>14,952,823</b>	<b>17,057,510</b>	<b>23,579,955</b>	<b>9,789,294</b>	<b>148,665,751</b>



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

	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 (%)
<b>Atlantic</b>									
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>
Georgia	92	6340	1	14	158	9	106	6498	2
<b>Gulf</b>									
Alabama						356	2606	14	
<b>Florida</b>	<b>4427</b>	<b>26,383</b>	<b>17</b>						



Bridge Inventory — 2020 Annual Report

**Conclusion**

Florida's bridges are generally in good condition, with those maintained by the FDOT in better condition than those maintained by local governments or others. The most serious threat to bridges in Florida is the corrosion of steel reinforced concrete substructures in coastal regions. Much has been learned in recent years about corrosion in marine environments, affecting material specifications and design practices that helps new bridges built today. However, the older bridges in the coastal regions are beginning to require careful evaluation and extensive corrective actions. On-going re-

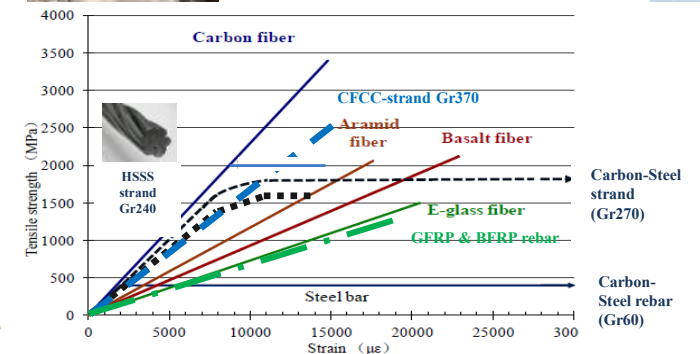
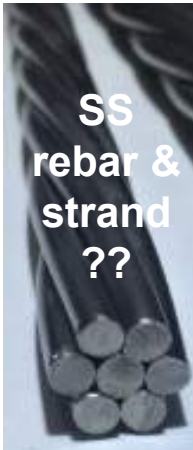
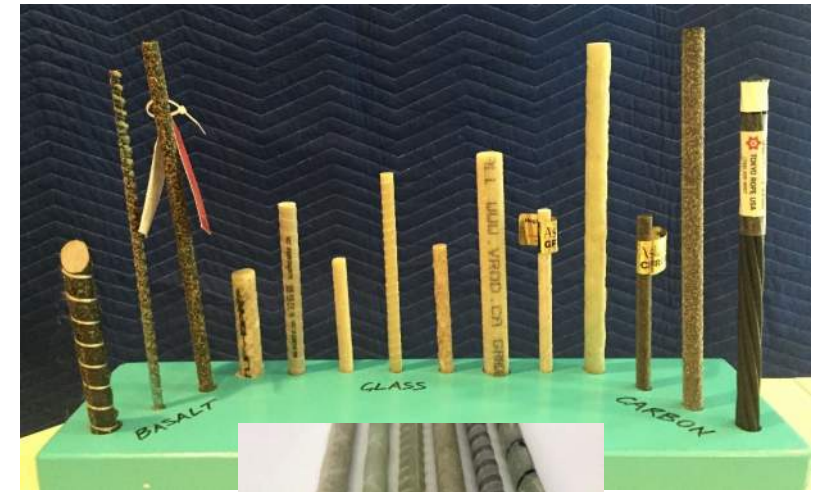
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- (1) *FDOT Bridge Inventory - 2020 Annual Report*
- (2) *Estimates from Gittman et al. (2015)*
- (3) *Gittman et al. (2015)*  
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# What are our Options ?

1. Glass & Basalt FRP rebar for concrete structures
2. Carbon FRP strand and spirals for prestressed members
3. Pultruded, Wound & Molded FRP Structural Components
4. FRP Laminates and Wraps for rehabilitation & strengthening

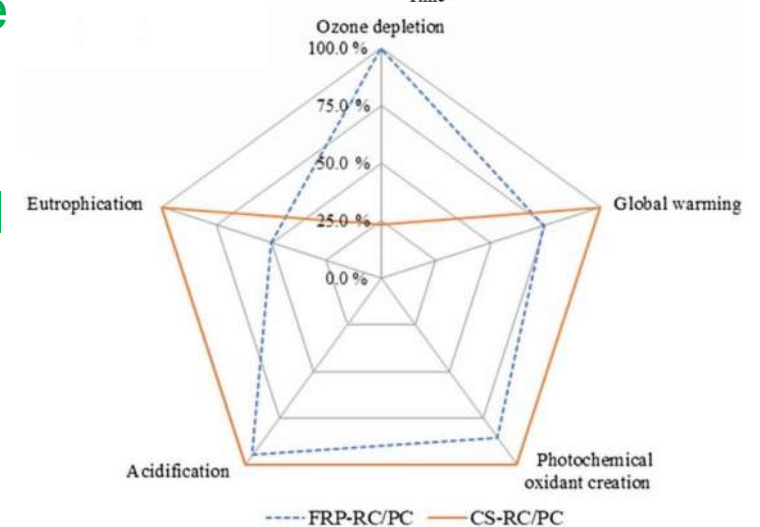
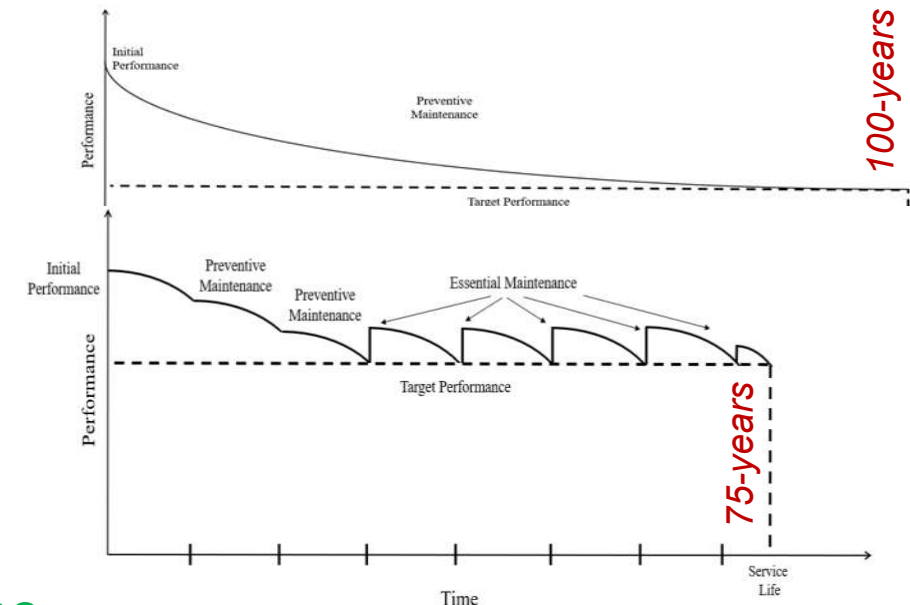


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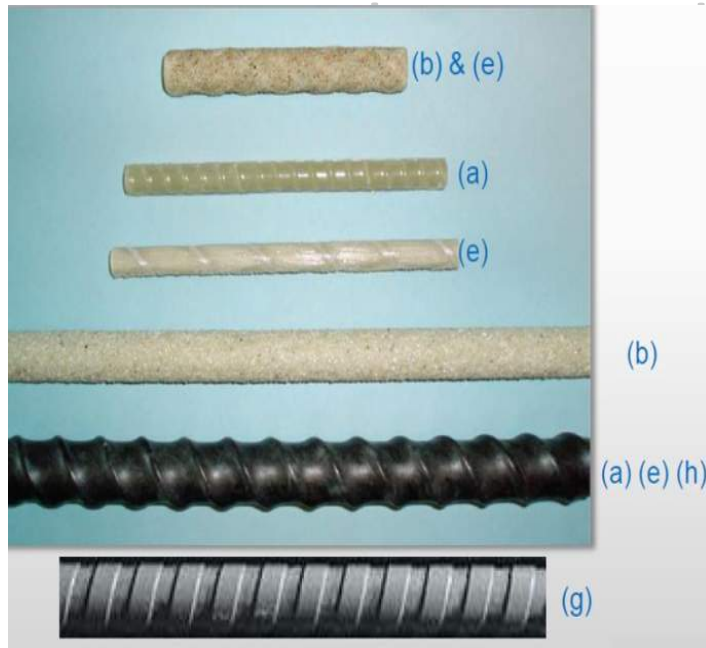
# What Are the Benefits ?

1. Reduced repair & rehabilitation
  - No corrosion
2. Longer asset life and replacement frequency
3. Potential reuse of foundations
4. Potential for widening in future.
5. Lighter weight materials
  - Worker safety
  - Strengthening of existing structures or decrease design loads
6. Sustainability benefits
  - Materials have improved LCA over conventional reinforcing
  - Reduce cement content needed or even geopolymer low alkalinity concretes



# What Are the Challenges that need Solving ?

- Connections – Coupling, Anchoring, Lifting Devices
- Bent bars – Consistency, Scaling, & Performance
- Supply chain efficiency & Contractor expectations



# What Are some Challenges that need Solving ?

- Connections – Coupling, Anchoring
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- Supply chain efficiency & Contractor
- LCC Policy, Standards, & Design tools



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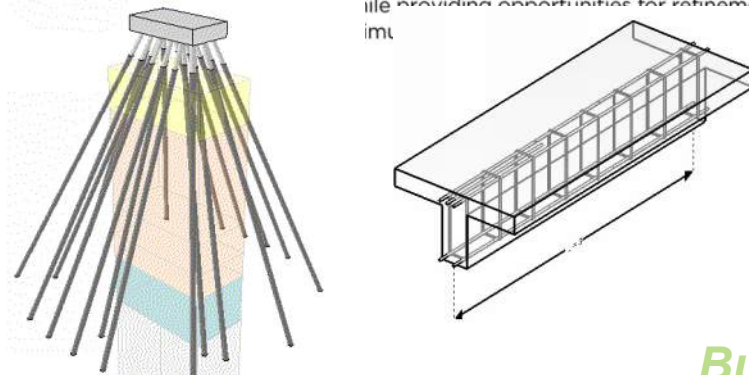
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## GUIDE SPECIFICATION FOR SERVICE LIFE DESIGN OF HIGHWAY BRIDGES, 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION

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This guide specification is intended to offer design recommendations for agencies wishing to implement service life design principles and detailing recommendations. It was developed to incorporate quantitative approaches, along with proven deemed-to-satisfy provisions, into a single comprehensive design document for implementation on a national level. It also establishes a

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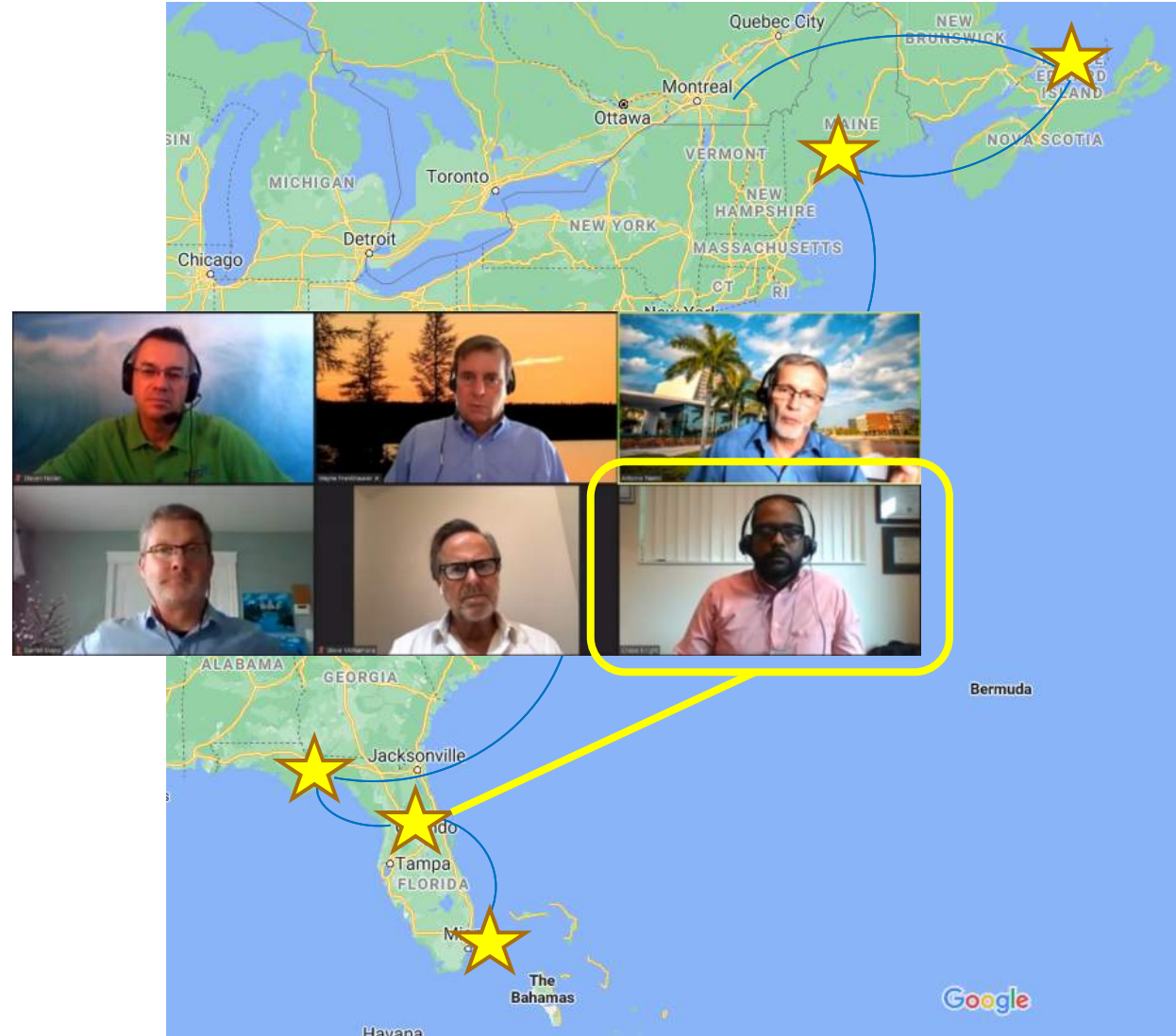
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performance indicators over the entire service life. ASCE strongly supports a change of design paradigm and proposed the use of Life-Cycle Cost Analysis in conjunction with the Grand Challenge of reducing life-cycle costs of civil infrastructure projects by 50% by 2025. Furthermore, research and implementa-

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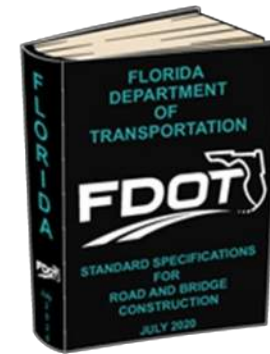
1. How does FDOT approve specified FRP materials for infrastructure?
2. What are our Quality Control expectations?
3. How can a new/novel FRP product or material get approved for use?
4. What do we worry about?



# How does FDOT approve specified FRP materials for infrastructure?

## – Uniform Approval Processes

- Limited U.S. consensus standards for FRP products and recognized manufacturer certification programs:
  - Develop **FDOT Specifications** as an interim measure.
  - Develop **FDOT Sampling and Test Methods (FSTMs)**, if necessary.



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Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composites

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- FRP Producer Approval or Product Approval (**APL**) ?
  - “widgets” go on the **APL**.
  - Most FRP products require more nuanced review, approval and monitoring = Producer QC Plan Approval by FDOT.
  - Similar to Prestressed Concrete Plant approval, but no in-plant inspectors at this time - *Auditing is an option* - Industry or **AASHTO** certification program could be desirable.

**Section 12.1  
Volume II  
FIBER REINFORCED POLYMER COMPOSITES**

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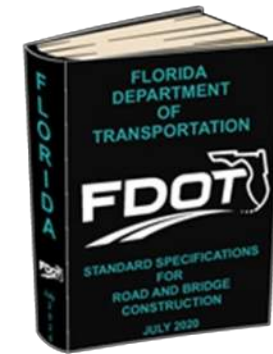
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# Uniform Approval Processes

- Limited U.S. consensus standards for FRP products and recognized manufacturer certification programs:
  - Develop **FDOT Specifications** as an interim measure or supplemental requirements, such as highlighted in the example below:



## 932-3 Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Reinforcing Bars.

**932-3.1 General:** Obtain FRP reinforcing bars from producers currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105.

Use only solid, round, thermoset **basalt fiber reinforced polymer (BFRP)**, glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) or carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) reinforcing bars. Bars shall be manufactured using pultrusion, variations of pultrusion, or other suitable processes noted in the producer's Quality Control Plan, subject to the approval of the State Materials Office (SMO). **For BFRP and CFRP bars only vinyl ester or epoxy resin systems are permitted.** For GFRP, use only bars manufactured using vinyl ester resin systems and glass fibers classified as E-CR **or R** that meet the requirements of ASTM D578.

Measured Cross-Sectional Area	ASTM D7205	Within the range listed in Table 3-1	10 <sup>n</sup>
Guaranteed Tensile Load <sup>a</sup>		≥ Value listed in Table 3-1	
Tensile Modulus		≥6,500 ksi for <b>BFRP and GFRP</b> ≥18,000 ksi for <b>CRFP</b>	
Alkali Resistance with Load	ASTM D7705; Procedure B, <b>set sustained load to 30% of value in Table 3-1; 3 months test duration, followed by tensile strength per ASTM D7205</b>	≥ 70% Tensile strength retention	5 <sup>m</sup>
Transverse Shear Strength	ASTM D7617	>22 ksi	5 <sup>n</sup>
Horizontal Shear Strength <sup>p</sup>	ASTM D4475	>5.5 ksi	5 <sup>n</sup>
Bond Strength to Concrete, Block Pull-Out	ACI 440.3R, Method B.3 or ASTM D7913	>1.1 ksi	5 <sup>m</sup>

a – Guaranteed tensile load shall be equal to the average test result from all three lots minus three standard deviations.  
n – Tests shall be conducted for all bar sizes produced.  
m – Tests shall be conducted for the smallest, median, and largest bar size produced.  
p – Only required for BFRP bars.

# Uniform Approval Processes

- FRP Producer Approval = Materials Acceptance & Certification



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## Fiber Reinforced Polymer Production Facility Listing

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**FRP-14 TUF-BAR INC (ONTARIO CANADA)**

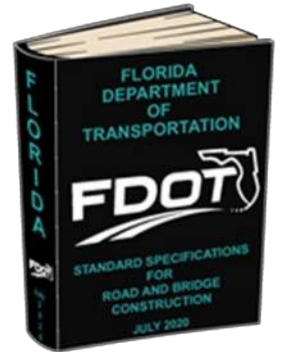
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**#03 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #3  
**#04 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #4  
**#05 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #5  
**#06 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #6  
**#07 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #7  
**#08 GFRP BAR** Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing for Concrete, #8

**QC Plan Status:** Quality Control Plan ACCEPTED 12/11/2017



# What are the Quality Control expectations? Uniform Approval Processes



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# How can a new/novel FRP product or material get approved for use?

## – Uniform Approval Processes

- Unique product (widget) that fits a Department Need – **Innovative Products List (IPL)**
  - <https://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ApprovedProductList/Specifications?IsDevSpec=True>
- Standard products (widgets) that the Department needs – **Approved Product List (APL)**
  - <https://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ApprovedProductList/Specifications>
- Novel or Project Specific Need – **Technical Special Provision (TSP)**
  - *Work with District Specs Office and Project Manager*
- Materials/Construction Process that is not mature – **Developmental Specification**
  - <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/otherfdotlinks/developmental/default.shtm>
- Standard Materials/Construction Process (institutionalized acceptance) – **FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (Specs)**
  - <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/implemented/specbooks/default.shtm>



# What do we worry about? - CPR&T

- **Consistency** – Creating a level “playing field” and setting clear expectations → *uniform processes and standards.*
- **Predictability** – Mechanical and Durability →
  - *Improvement can lead to more efficiency in design reduction factors with the same level of confidence.*
- **Repeatable/Reliability** – Builds confidence with owners, inspectors, contractors, and ultimately the public taxpayers →
  - *can lead to reduced inspection and testing requirements.*
- **Traceability** – When “stuff” happens, we need to be able to find out why, and where else this could be a problem. e.g. →
  - *PT Grout “Chloride contamination (2002-10)”, and then later “Soft”.*
  - *Polymer adhesive-anchor creep failure from Boston Tunnel ceiling collapse*



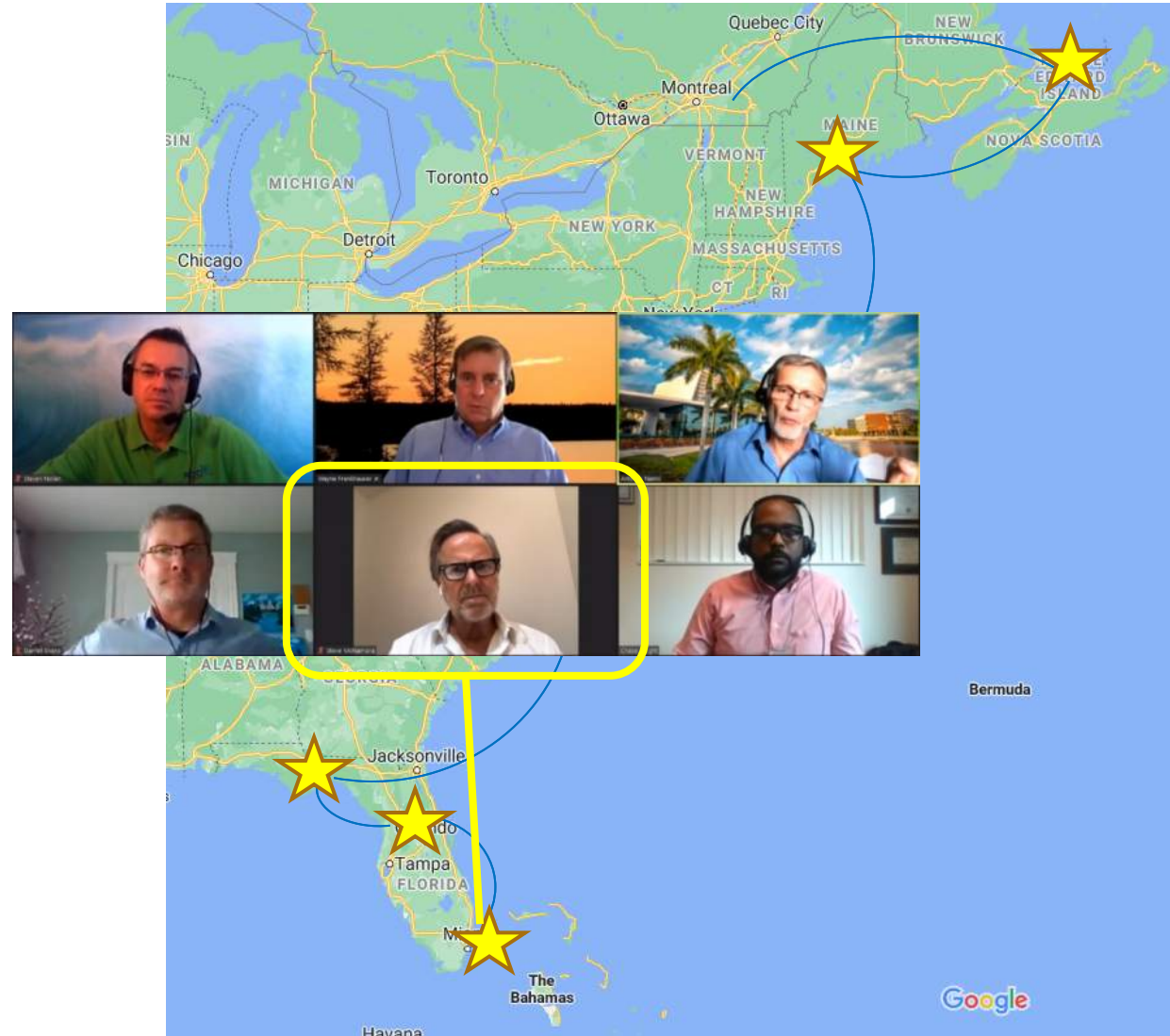
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# OUTLINE

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- Speaker 1: Darrell Evans, PE. *(PEI Dept. of Transportation, Infrastructure & Energy)*
- Speaker 2: Wayne Frankhauser Jr., PE *(Maine Dept. of Transportation)*
- Speaker 3: Steven Nolan, PE. *(Florida Dept. of Transportation)*
- Speaker 4: Chase Knight, PhD. PE. *(Florida Dept. of Transportation)*
- Speaker 5: **Steve McNamara, (ANZAC CONTRACTORS, INC.)**



*Building Bridges Along the Atlantic*

# N.E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge [IBIS-Waterway] Prestressed GFRP-Piles & GFRP-RC Seawall

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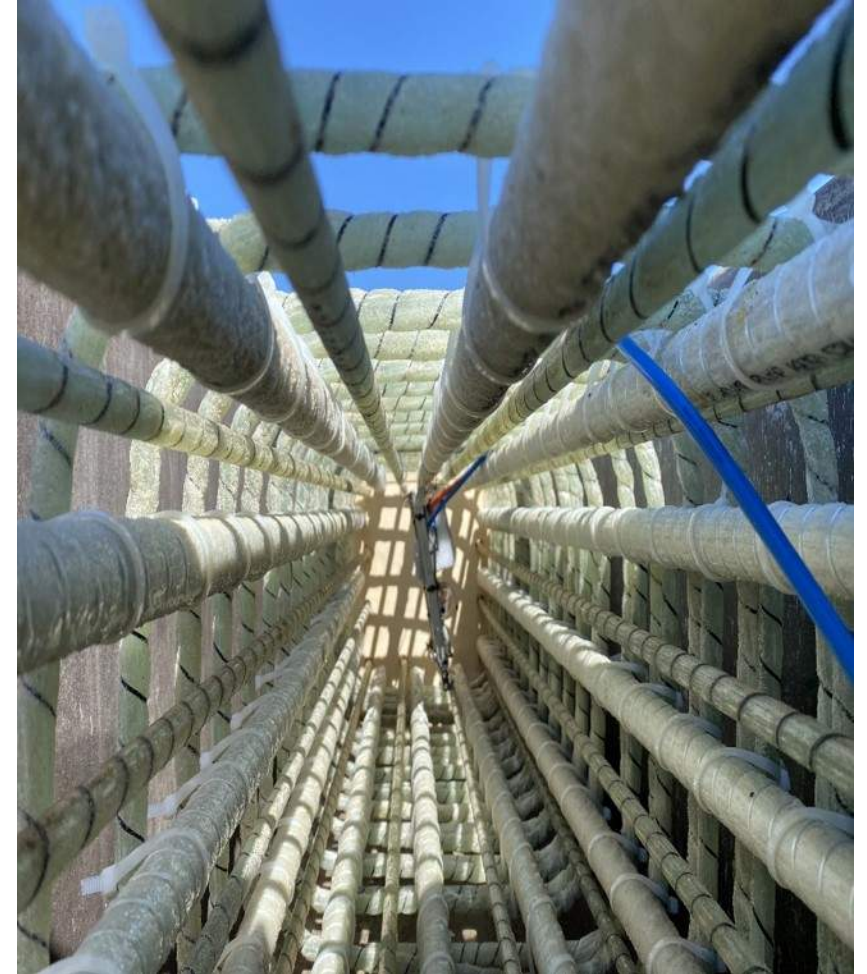


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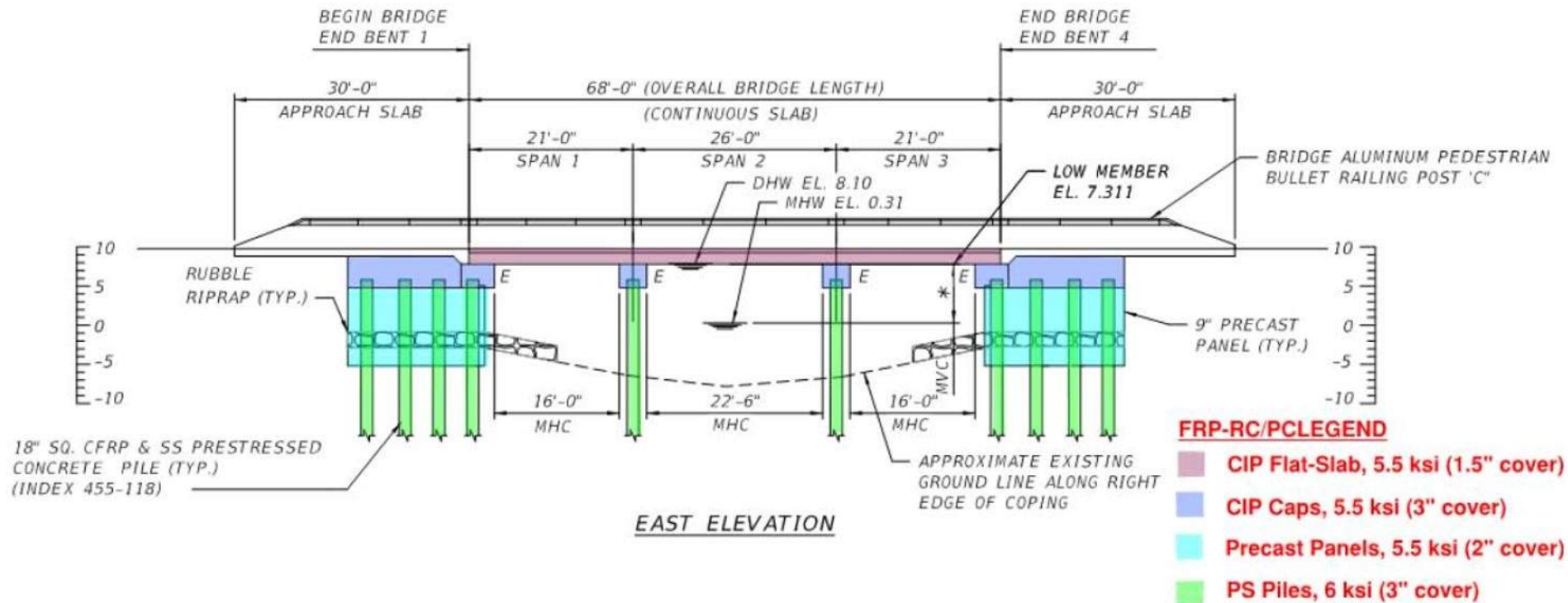
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# INNOVATIVE GFRP-BRIDGE CONCEPTS

- 1. Prestressed and Driven GFRP-Piles with Monitoring.**
- 2. GFRP-RC CIP End-Bents, Intermediate Bent-Caps and Bulkhead Caps.**
- 3. First Soldier Pile Bulkhead-Seawall with GFRP-RC Precast Panels in Florida.**



# INNOVATION AND LAYOUT



- First of its kind, currently under construction, GFRP-RC 3-Span continuous Flat-Slab Bridge and first Soldier-Pile Bulkhead-Seawall with GFRP-RC Precast-Panels, in the State of Florida, USA.

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# BRIDGE - REPLACEMENT VIA GFRP

IBIS-Waterway Bridge replacement phase of project, in Lighthouse Point, Florida. Removal, Template-Construction and driving of Prestressed GFRP-RC Piles.



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# BRIDGE - PILE DRIVING PHASE

The IBIS Waterway Bridge Pile-Driving included the driving of GFRP-RC Piles. Relative “hard” soil conditions and powerline locations challenged the driving.



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# BRIDGE - SEAWALL GFRP PANELS



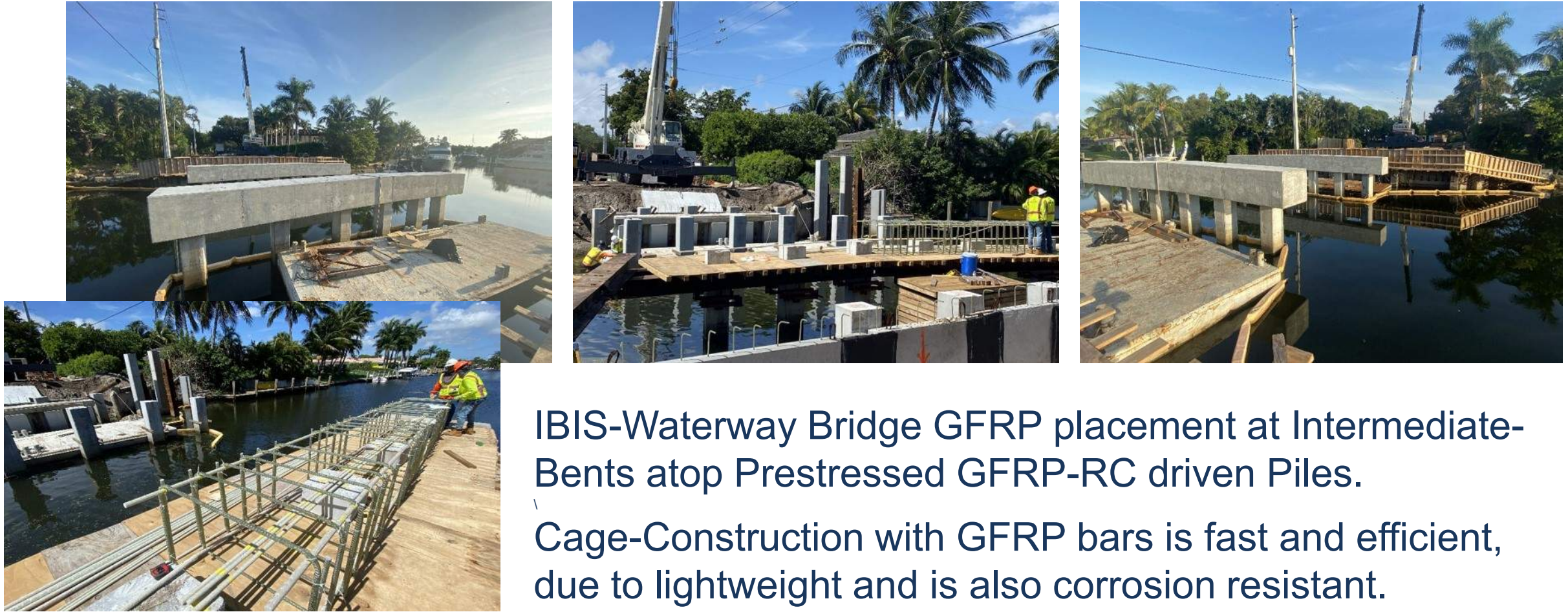
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# INTERMEDIATE-BENTS



IBIS-Waterway Bridge GFRP placement at Intermediate-Bents atop Prestressed GFRP-RC driven Piles.

Cage-Construction with GFRP bars is fast and efficient, due to lightweight and is also corrosion resistant.

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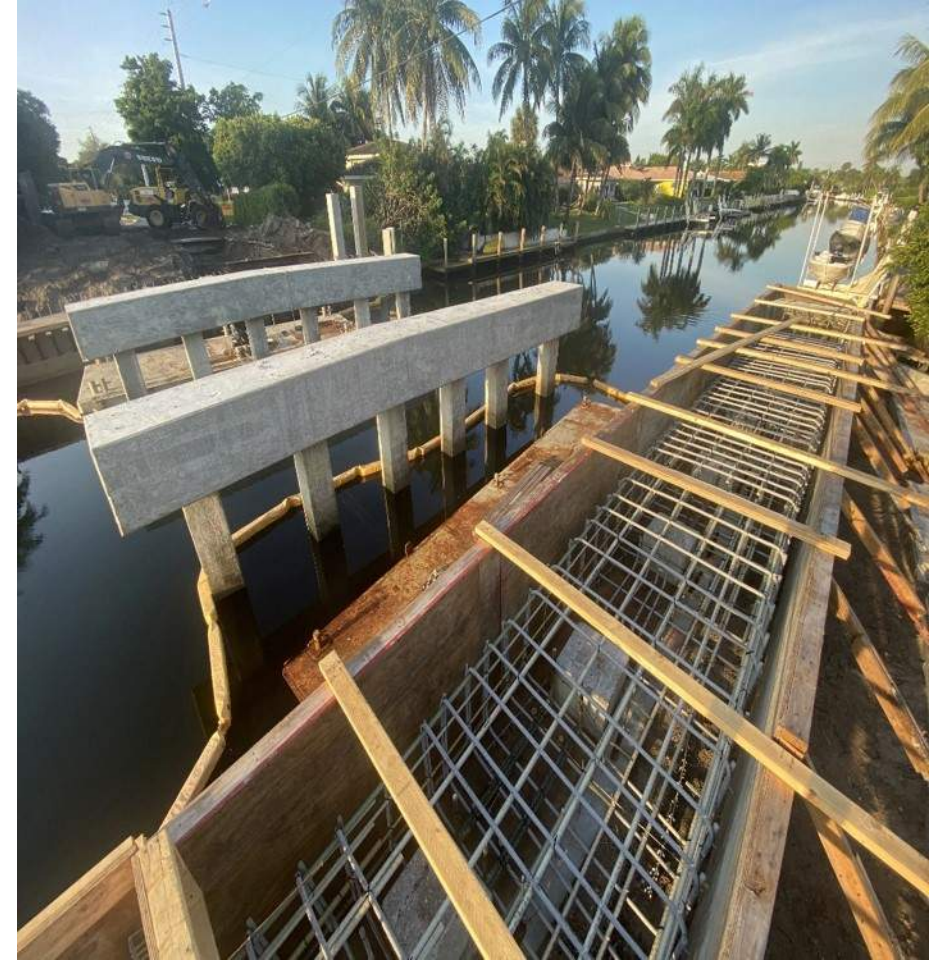


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# GFRP REINFORCED END-BENTS



IBIS-Waterway Bridge GFRP placement at End-Bents atop Precast Seawall-Panels, and at Intermediate-Bents

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# GFRP LESSONS LEARNED

- **Correct scheduling of FRP/GFRP/BFRP bar deliveries is critical**
- **Verify and check Shop-Drawings (Dimensions, Angles, Splices)**
- **For Structural Tie-Backs verify that slotted block-outs are designed for the corresponding angles of installation in both the vertical and horizontal plane (to easily accommodate the GFRP)**
- **Anticipate some bar-breakage and order some additional bars**
- **The lightweight and high strength of GFRP bars makes it easy to work with and improves installation efficiency by more than 52%**
- **The use of GFRP bars allows for less expensive Mix-Designs**



# CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- There is a strong case for use of FRP/GFRP/BFRP in structural concrete exposed to corrosive environment
- Economics of FRP comparable to steel upfront and return on investment is higher on a life cycle cost analysis basis
- GFRP anisotropic and linear elastic up to failure
- Specifications and Design Guides exist
- Accessible design tools exist for design professionals
- Prestressed GFRP-RC Piles were successfully driven

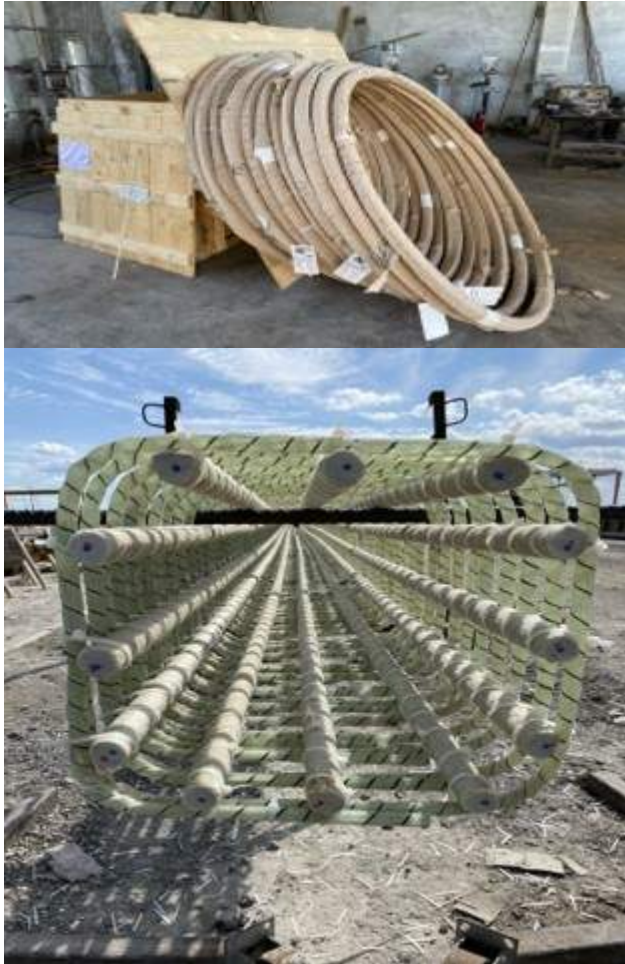
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