

Seawall-Bulkheads, SEACON, Sustainability and Resilience

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What Problem are we trying to solve?

Need for New Solutions for Corrosion Durability and Sustainability

Avoiding corrosion “concrete cancer”

- GFRP or SS rebar
 - CFRP or HSSS prestressing strand
- i. Justify by Cost-Benefit Analysis, LCC & LCA;
 - ii. Durability = Long Service Life;
 - iii. Challenges with new material systems:
 - Acquisition cost
 - Limited suppliers/competition;
 - Unfamiliar design criteria;
 - Unfamiliar construction practices.

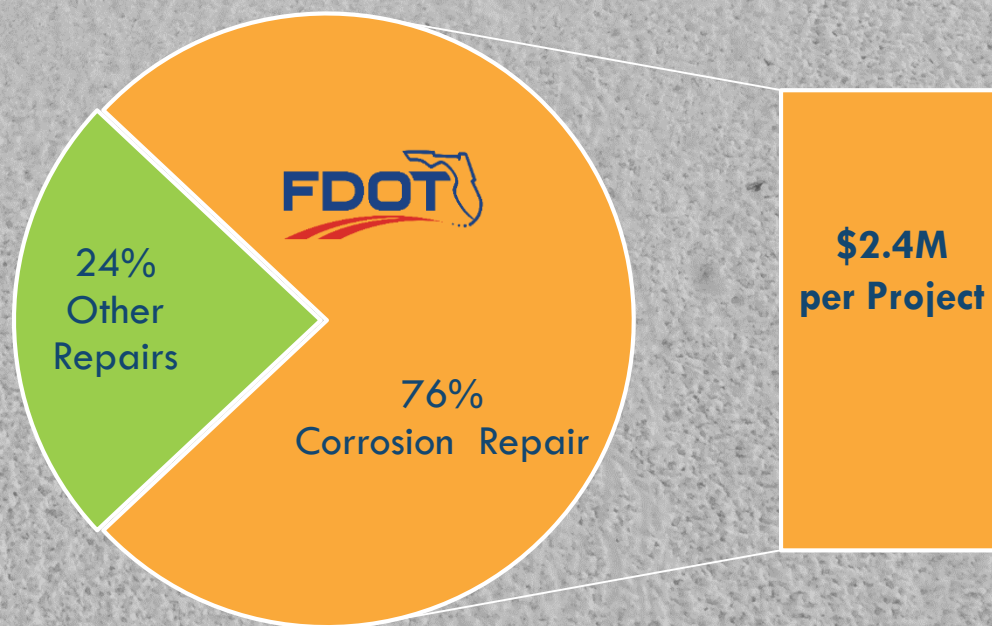


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Example Costs of Corrosion (District 7- Tampa Bay Region)

Repair cost of bridges in District 7 (FY 2002/03 to 2012/13)

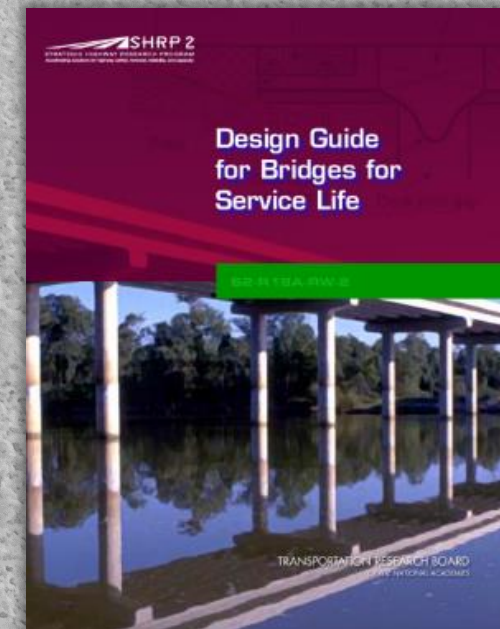
- 54 Bridge projects studied over ten year period
- (20 Steel Bridges and 34 Concrete Bridges)



Are Composites the Solution?

Service Life Enhancement thru Durability:

- **50 years** under *AASHTO Standard Specification for Highway Bridges* (1970's - 2002)
- **75 years** under *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification* (1994 – present)
- **100 years+, SHRP2-R19A** “Bridges for Service Life beyond 100 Years: Innovative Systems, Subsystems and Components” *Design Guide for Bridges for Service Life*, Publication S2-R19A-RW-2, Section 3.2.2.10 FRP (2013)



History of Seawall Development in Florida

for the Built-Environment...



Davis Islands, PCA Concrete Piles Pub., pg.70 (1951)

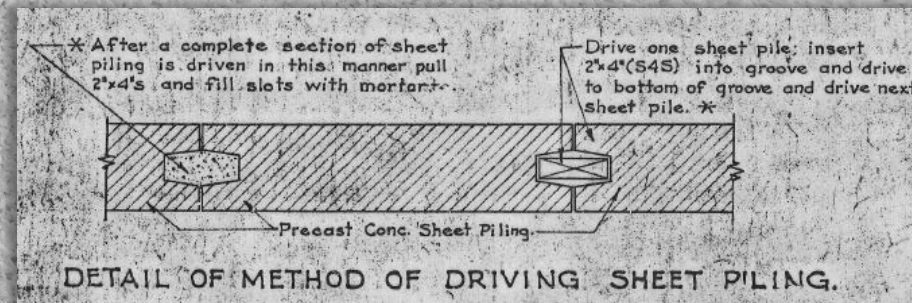
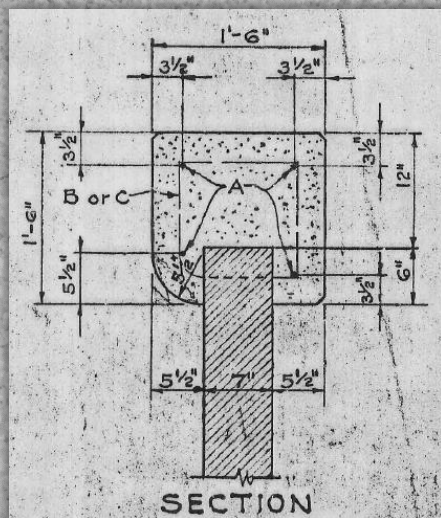
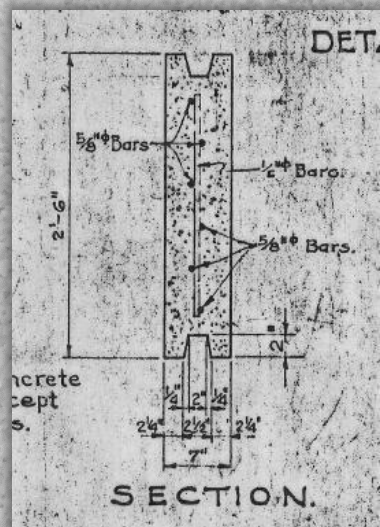
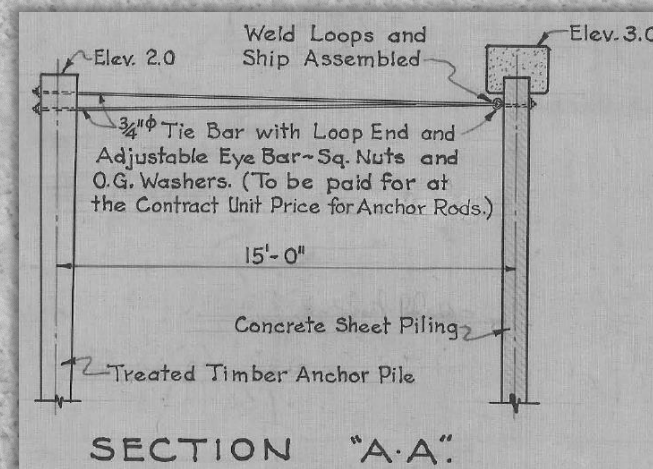
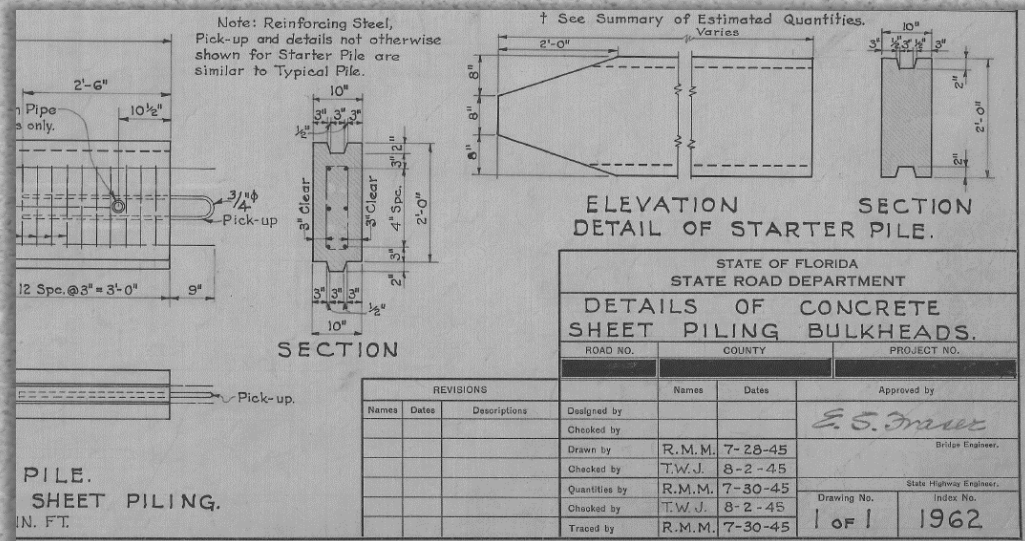


(Photographs courtesy of the [Burgert Bros.](#))



History of Seawall Development in Florida

Reinforced Concrete: since 1920's → Prestressed since late-1950's



Images from 1945 (Index 1962) & 1946 (Index 2039) Standards.
Florida State Road Dept. (FDOT)

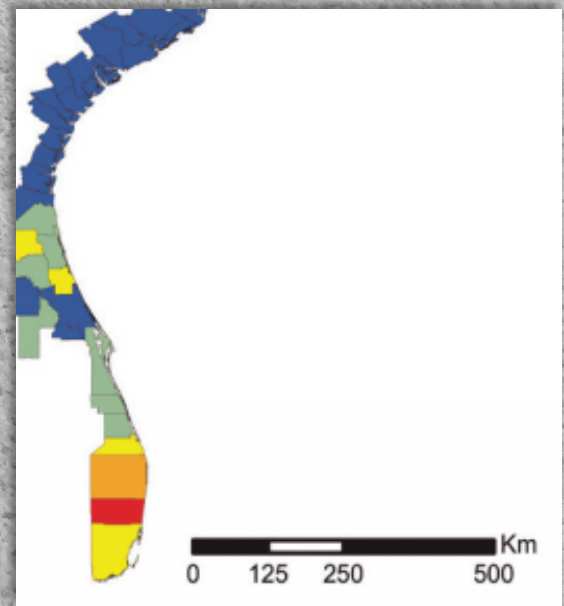
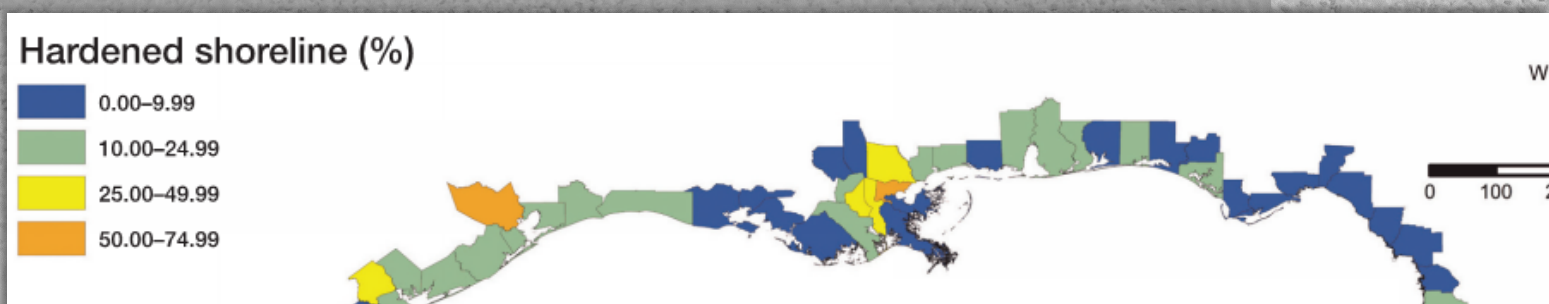
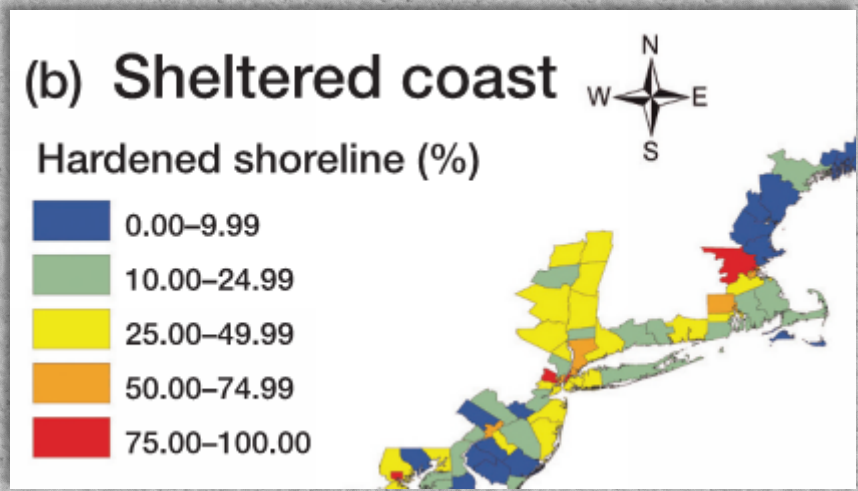
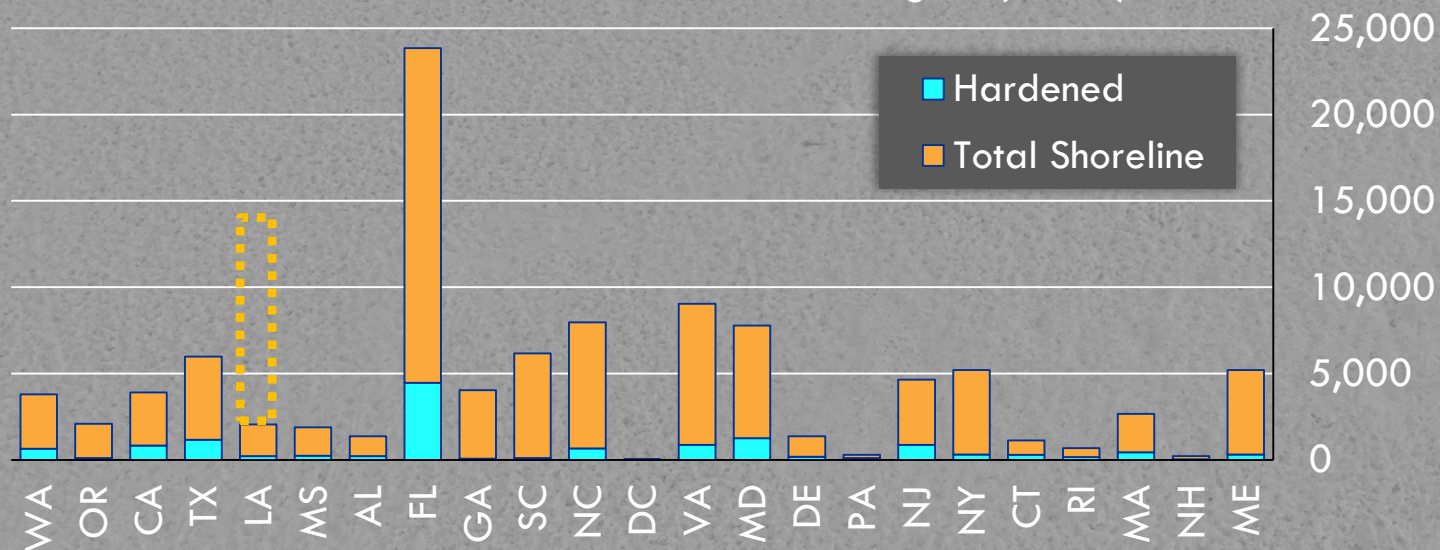
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Prestressed Concrete: since late-1950's ...



Quantifying the Built-Shoreline Legacy

US Coastal State Shoreline Lengths (Miles)

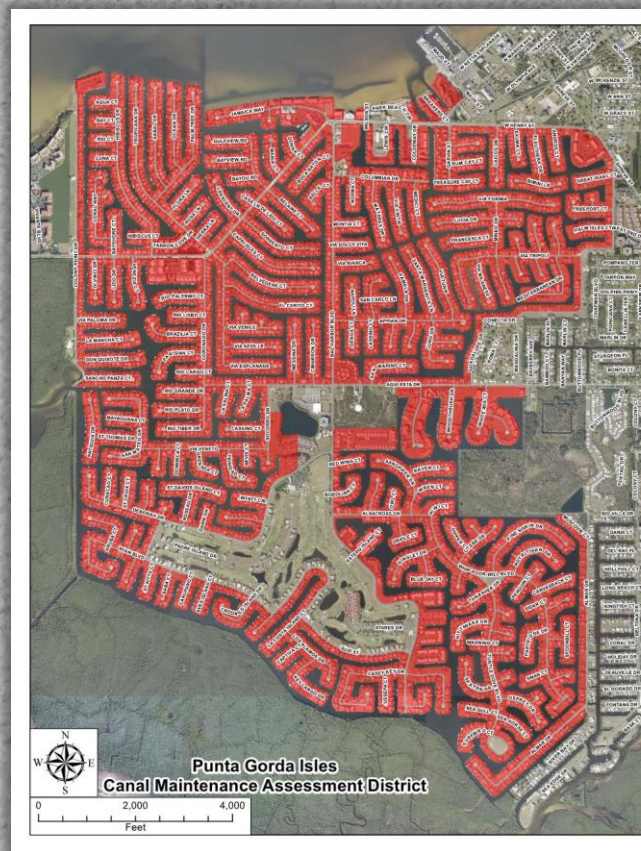
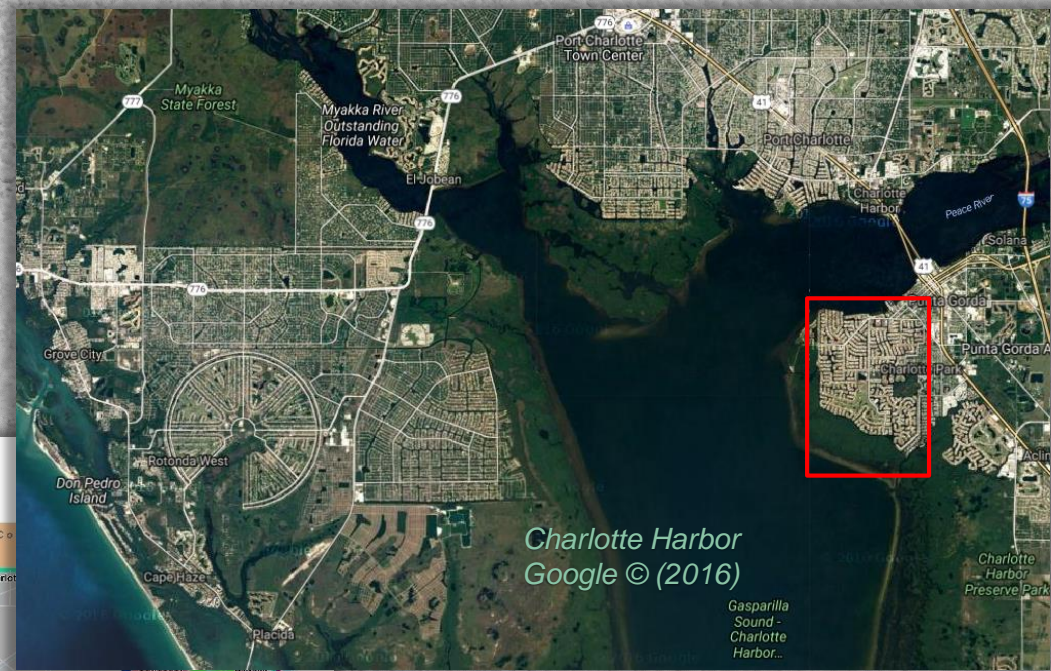


FDOT average unit rate of \$61/sq.ft. (2009-2016).
 Assuming 80% of the hardened shoreline (**4460 miles or 7177 km**)
 is concrete sheet pile with average exposed wall height 6 ft. & buried
 length is 12 ft. The total replacement cost in present day dollars is
 approx. **US\$21 Billion**

Quantifying the Built-Shoreline Legacy

Typical Examples:

- **City of Punta Gorda (Punta Gorda Isles 1960's-70's = 91 miles; & Burnt Store Isles 1970's-80's = 18 miles)**
Total 109 miles (175 km) seawalls.
- <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/services/canal-maintenance>



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CITY OF PUNTA GORDA

- West Charlotte Stormwater Utility - 2
- Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility - 1
- South Charlotte Stormwater Utility - 1

Map showing Charlotte Harbor, Gulf of Mexico, and various Municipal Services Districts (MSD) and Municipal Services Districts (MSTU) with color-coded boundaries. A red box highlights the Punta Gorda area.

New Challenges

SLR, Extreme Weather, Sustainability, Increased Durability Expectations



(a)



(b)



(c)



(e)



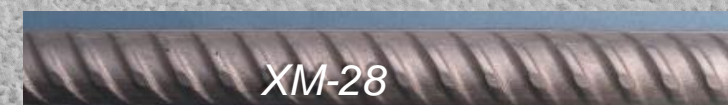
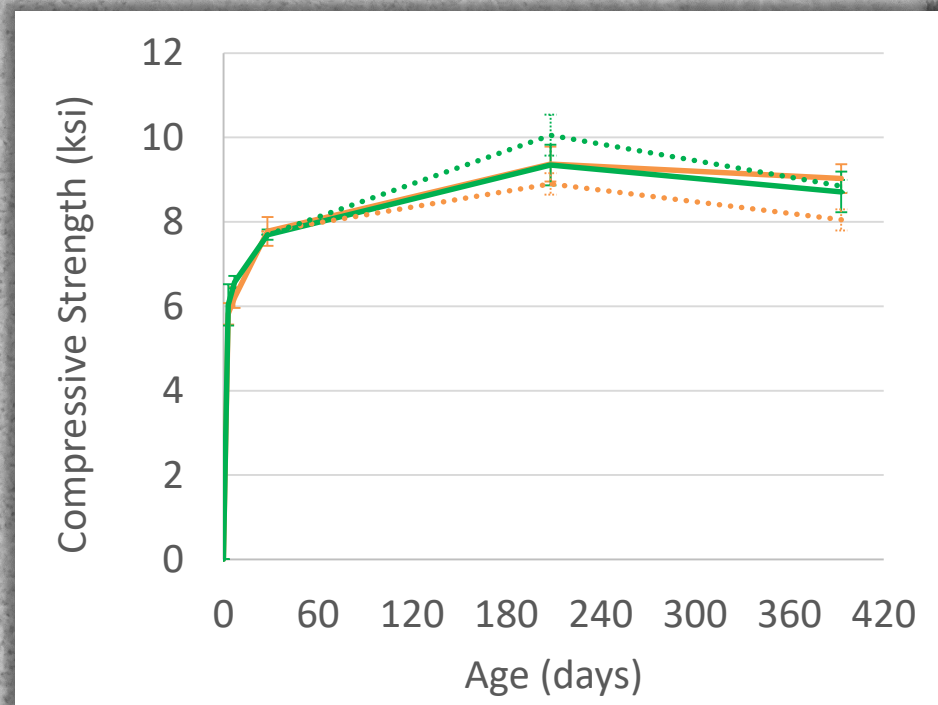
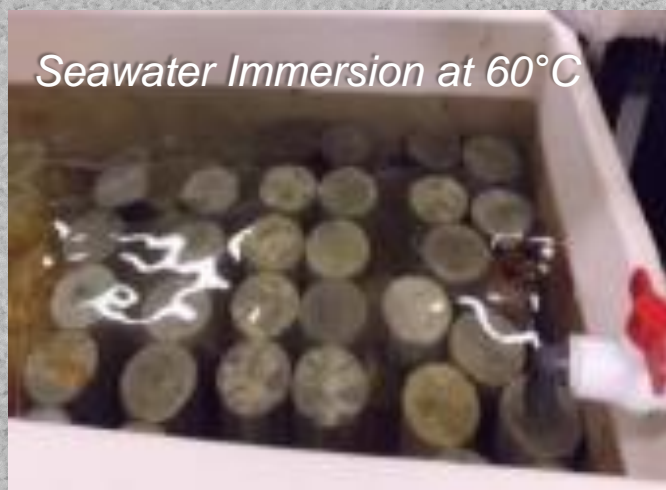
(d)

- (a) Hurricane Ivan damage in Escambia Bay (2004)
- (b) Hurricane Damage along A1A (2008)
- (c) Hurricane Sandy damage along A1A in Fort Lauderdale (Photo: Susan Stocker, Sun Sentinel, 2012).
- (d) Hurricane Mathew damage along A1A Flagler Beach, (2016)
- (e) Brickell Ave under water during Hurricane Irma (2017)

New Solutions

SEACON... (2016-2018)

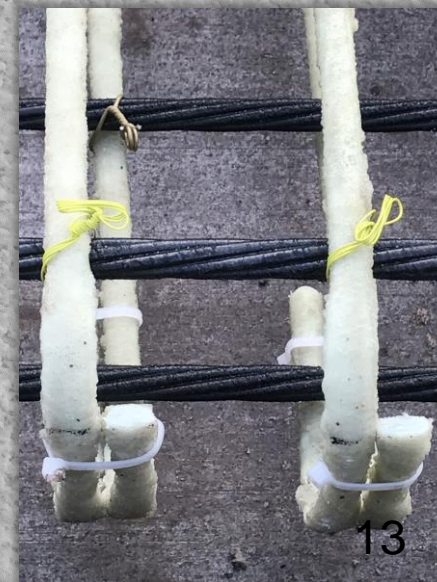
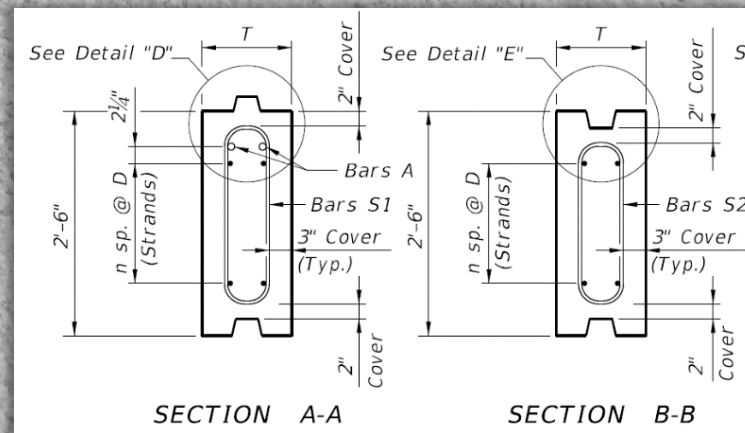
Sustainable concrete using seawater, salt-contaminated aggregates, and non-corrosive reinforcement



New Solutions

CFRP Prestressing, since 2014 ...

- i. Design criteria for prestressing – Fiber Reinforced Polymer Guidelines (FRPG) – Chapter 3;
- ii. **Developmental Index D22440** (Nov. 2014)
 - (Halls River Bridge demonstration project);
- iii. **FDOT FY2017-18 Design Standards** (Nov. 2016)
 - **Index 22440** series;
 - **CFRP** prestressing strands & **GFRP** stirrups;
 - **Stainless Steel** prestressed/reinforced alternative.



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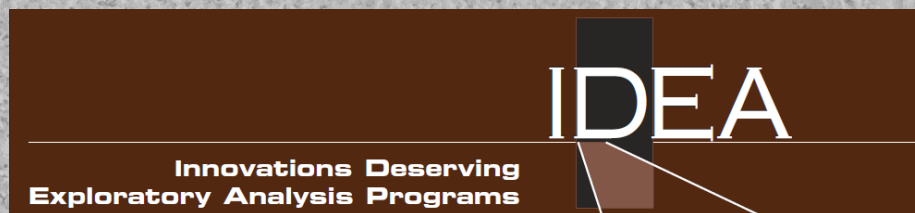
Future systems, ...2020?

Developing design criteria for:

- i.* **Glass-FRP** prestressing;
- ii.* **Basalt-FRP** reinforcing;

FHWA's *Innovations Deserving of Exploratory Analysis (IDEA)*

- GFRP Prestressing - **MILDGLASS** (University of Miami);



FHWA's *State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC)* Incentive Program

- BFRP Reinforcing Standards Development (FDOT)



Example Projects in Florida

1. Cedar Key SR24 Bulkhead Rehab.

- Construction completed June 2016
- [Construction Project Overview](#)

2. Halls River Bridge Replacement Project

- Letting 6/15/2016
- [FDOT 2015 Design Expo Presentation](#)
- [FDOT 2016 Design Expo Presentation](#)

3. Bakers Haulover Cut Bridge Bulkhead Rehab.

- Bid June 2016 – Completed Sept 2018

4. Skyway South Rest Area Seawall Rehab.

- Design-Build – 100% Plans
- Under construction



QUESTIONS ?

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