



# WINTER 2021 MEMBERS MEETING

## Advancements in FRP composite usage for Highway Infrastructure in Florida

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## Biography:

Steve has worked for the FDOT since 1996 and is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida. He currently leads the Advanced Materials for Structures initiatives within the State Structures Design Office and includes FRP composites, High-Strength Stainless Steel strands, Fiber-Reinforced Concrete, and Ultra-High Performance Concrete materials. In his 24 years with FDOT he has worked with in-house bridge design and developed many of the Department's precast and prestressed concrete Standards. He is an active member of the Transportation Research Board's AFF80/AKB10 Committee on Structural Composites/Innovative Highway Structures; the Bridge Engineering Institute's Scientific Advisory Panel; and a reviewer for several engineering journals. Steven has co-authored and presented numerous papers on FRP and prestressed concrete related to bridges and coastal structures.

# ABSTRACT

## *Advancements in FRP composite usage for Highway Infrastructure in Florida*

FDOT has been involved in researching composite FRP's since the late 1980's. This research led to successful project applications beginning in the 1990's for bridge structure repair and strengthening typically required due to either corrosion and/or truck impact damage and continues to evolve today.

Broad use of composite FRP structures for new construction began in the 2000's with navigational fender systems that are used to guide vessels and protect bridge piers. Later research and demonstration of lightweight applications for bridge deck panel evaluation and other minor structural components. Hybrid composite beams coupling FRP and concrete are now gaining acceptance and have been showcased on a few Florida structures, bolstered by the success of other state DOTs. The broadest implementation for new construction applications is with composite rebar starting in the 2010's and the progressing to prestressed concrete applications by mid-decade. Other ancillary structures find use of composites under new construction in minor applications but the reinforced & prestressed concrete are currently receiving the most attention with broadening of fiber types and resin systems.

A robust framework for manufacturer approval and product verification, coupled with standard specification and design guidance is evolving. Proliferation of design practices and partnering with other state and infrastructure stakeholders is consider key to driving further development of innovation and delivering cost effective solutions that can succeed at an infrastructure scale and within the existing culture of the construction industry. This presentation will walk thru FDOT's journey and provide some insights on what a successful value proposition for the future could entail.

# OUTLINE

Need, Rules  
& Tools

- 1. The Value Proposition**
- 2. Expanding Range of Product Solutions**
- 3. Recent Full-Scale Testing Examples**
- 4. Implementation Tools for Designers, Contractors, & Owners**

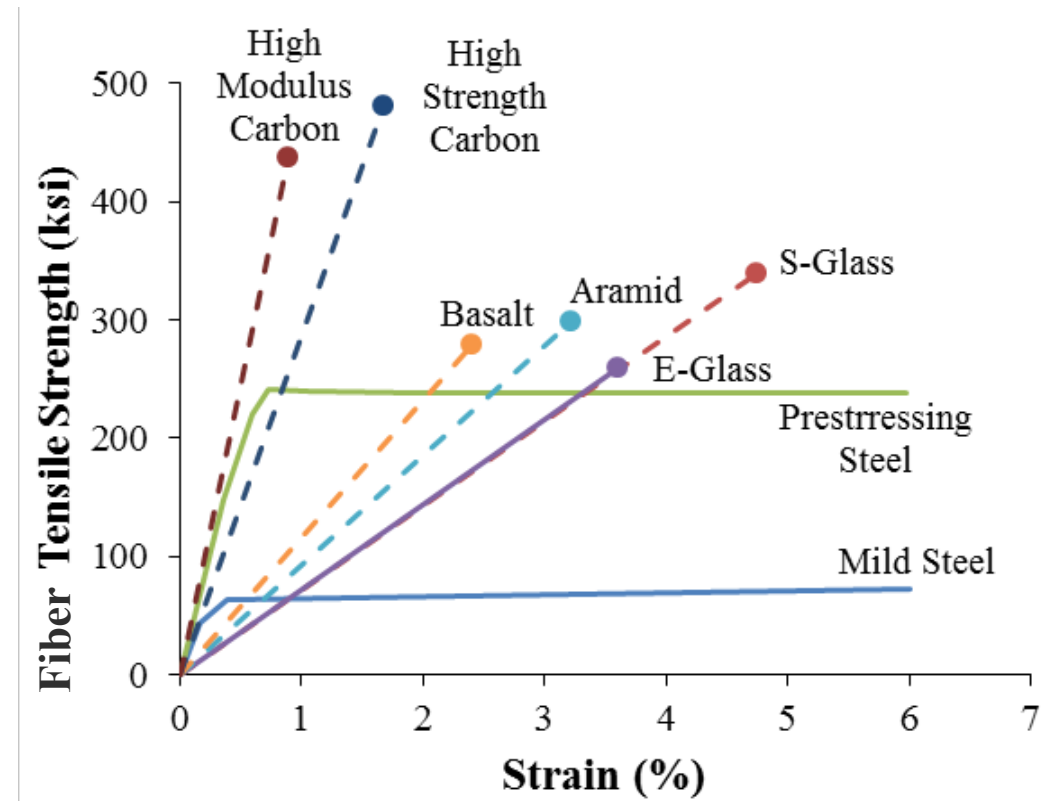
Case  
Studies

- 5. Projects Examples**
- 6. Lessons Learned from the Real World**
- 7. Forecasting the Future**

# The Value Proposition – Structural Advancement & Durability

(Resilience & Sustainability)

1. High Tensile Strength
2. Low Unit Weight
3. High Durability (corrosion-free)
4. Innovative Technology Development
5. Local/Regional Manufacturing Opportunities
6. Low Carbon Footprint?





# The Value Proposition

## Durable Solutions and Life Cycle Cost Benefits

- Service Life Expectations for Structures
- Alternative Design Strategies
- Life Cycle Cost policy and comparisons



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

Item Code: HBSLD-1

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 framework for service life design, while providing opportunities for refinement and expansion, especially as new models capable of simulating deterioration mechanisms become available.

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# Taking stock of our Bridge & Structures Infrastructure

- **FDOT's Structures Asset Inventory (2019/20)**

- 12,529 bridges in the State of Florida
- 7,044 bridges maintained by **FDOT**
- 150,227,048 SF of deck area
- 5,485 maintained by others (County, City, Federal)
- 2,143,163 SY of noise barrier wall
- 379.22 miles of retaining wall
- 72.8 miles of seawall

- **FDOT bridges classified in an aggressive environment:**

- 1,534 Bridges
- 68,857,118 SF Deck  
or about 46%





# FRP material systems used in FDOT's Highway Bridges & Structures

## 1. FRP-Prestressed Concrete (PC):

- **Prestressed Beams** - CFRP strands, GFRP/BFRP auxiliary rebar
- **Bearing Piles** – CFRP strands, spirals, & splice dowels, (GFRP/BFRP? auxiliary rebar )
- **Sheet Piles** - CFRP strands, GFRP (BFRP ? submerged) stirrups

## 2. FRP-Reinforced Concrete (RC):

- **CIP Decks & Flat-Slab Bridges** - GFRP (BFRP now allowed)
- **Seawalls** – GFRP (submerged)
- **Bulkhead Caps** – GFRP/BFRP
- **Retaining Walls** - GFRP/BFRP
- **Drainage Structures/Box Culverts** – (no recent examples)

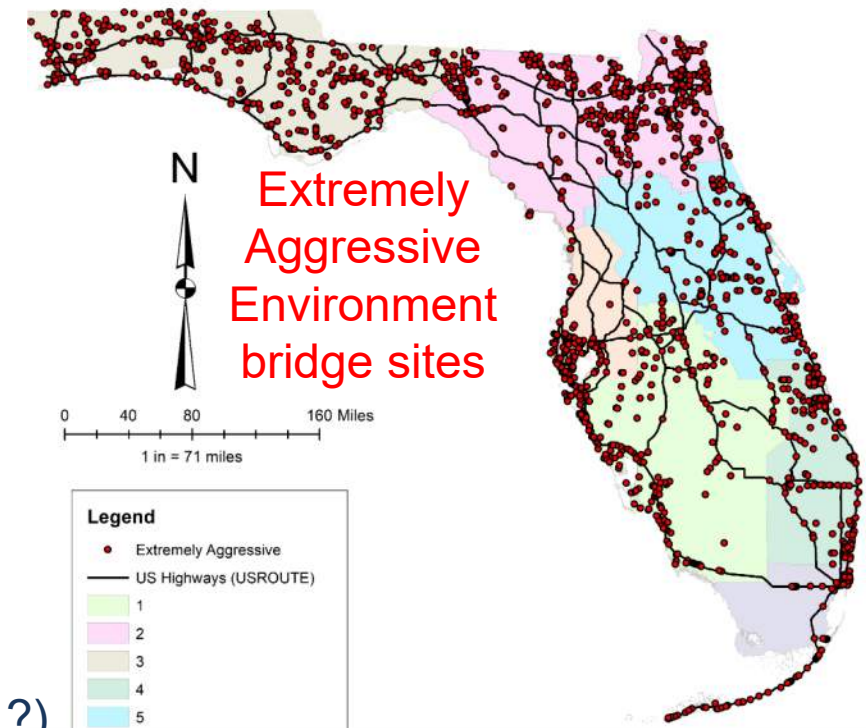
## 3. FRP Elements (MS):

- **Fenders, Piles, HCBs, Pedestrian Structures**

## 4. Maintenance Repair & Rehabilitation (MR&R)

- **Externally Bonded Repairs** (CFRP wrap & laminates, GFRP ?)
- **Pile Jackets** (Cathodic Protection w/ GFRP shells, FRP dowels & bars)

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# Expanding Range of Reliable FRP Materials & Structural Solutions

- i. GFRP rebar & improved properties
- ii. BFRP rebar implementation
- iii. Improving CFRP strand & bar performance and economy
- iv. Pultruded & Molded Structural Components



Halls River Bridge - Traffic Railing Retrofit (2019)



HRB GFRP-RC BentCap (2017)



23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE/Ibis Waterway (2020)

**Composite Reinforcing Bars for Future Infrastructure**

GFRP increases durability of reinforced concrete to meet demands as traffic, banization, and extreme weather increase

Ginger Gardiner

Jizan Canal (2020)

**ciConcrete international**  
Infrastructure

18 Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Reinforcement for Concrete Members

**W**hile concrete structures are under attack like never before, not only has traffic increased on roads, bridges, and overpasses, but climate change increased extreme weather events, including violent rain and torrential rains that result in flash floods and other weather events. Under such stress, concrete can crack. This is rapid deterioration in aggressive environments through water to elements such as sulfates, which is corrosive to all reinforcement.

"Cracks create paths for the agents of the aggressive environment to reach the reinforcing and/or prestressing steel and begin the corrosive oxidation process," explains the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) structures innovation website. "An innovative approach to combat this major issue is to replace traditional steel bar and strand reinforcement with fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP)." FDOT has been a leader in FRP reinforcing bar use and testing, as well as the development of design and use standards, like those issued by the American Concrete Institute. Although composite reinforcing bar is primarily made with glass fiber (glass fiber-reinforced polymer [GFRP]), products have also been developed using basalt (basalt fiber-reinforced polymer [BFRP]) or carbon fiber (carbon fiber-reinforced polymer [CFRP]).

"With a long and costly history of corrosion worldwide, steel is no longer viewed as a cost-effective option in aggressive environments," says Nick Croft, CEO of GFRP reinforcing bar manufacturer Matech, based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Concord, NC, USA. Matech is

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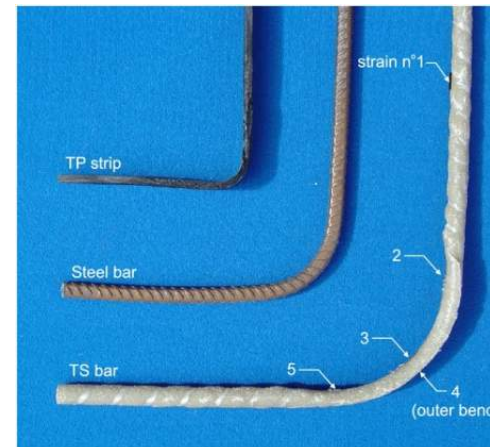
## i. GFRP rebar & improved properties

### Elastic Tensile Modulus

- ✓ Smaller bars =
  - Higher strength
  - Better crack control
  - Better fit-up (*especially for bent bars bend radius must be  $\geq 3$  bar diameters*)
- ✓ Less bars (*reducing congestion*)
- ✓ Higher allowable shear stresses
- ✓ Lower deflections

*Why is this important for FDOT?*

← Improves efficiency in design requiring either



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## i. GFRP rebar & improved properties

### Tensile Strength:

- ✓ Smaller bars =
  - better fit-up
  - x higher stress - larger crack widths
  - x higher fatigue stresses
  - x higher sustained loads
  
- ✓ Less bars - reduces congestion
- x Greater deflections?
- x Great surface bond stress demands
  - May need higher bond strength standard ( $\gg 1.1$  ksi)

#### External Surface:

- Ribbed (a)
- Sand Coated (b)
- Wrapped and Sand Coated (c)
- Deformed (d)
- Helical (e)
- Grooved (g)
- Hollow core (h)

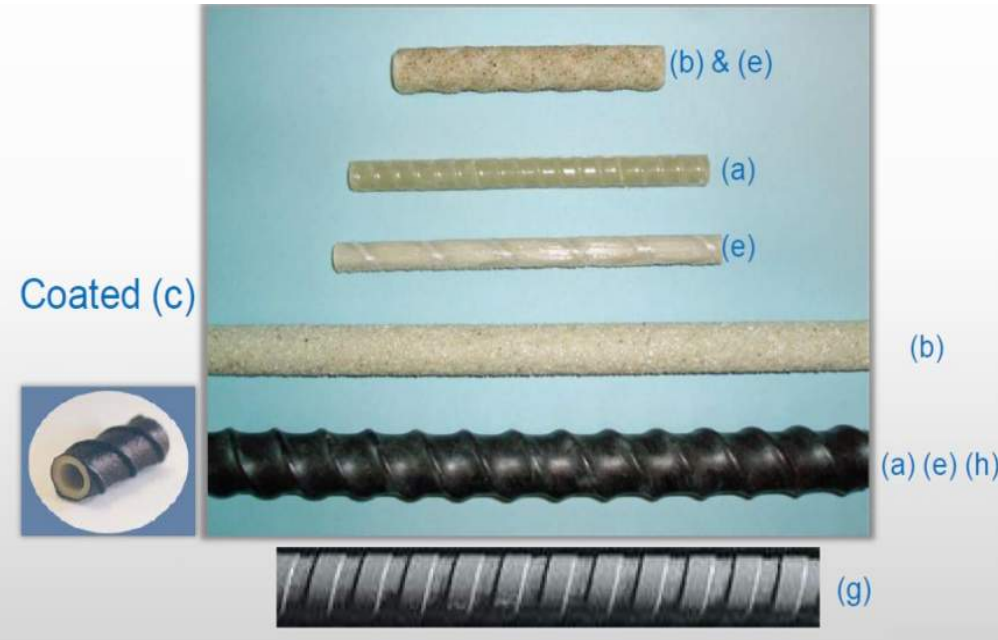


Figure: Different types of FRP [Fu et al. 2019]

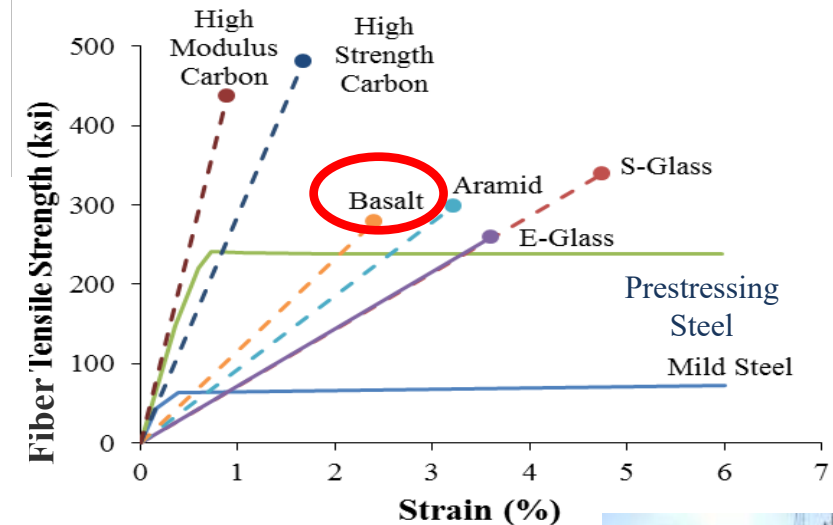


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**932-3.2 Bar Sizes and Loads:** The sizes and loads of FRP reinforcing bars shall meet the requirements in Table 3-1. The measured cross-sectional area, including any bond enhancing surface treatments, shall be determined according to Table 3-2.

Bar Size Designation	Cross-Sectional Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Minimum Guaranteed Tensile Load (kips)	
		BFRP and GFRP Bars	CFRP Bars
2	0.085	6.1	10.3
3	0.161	13.2	20.9
4	0.263	21.6	33.3
5	0.388	29.1	49.1
6	0.539	40.9	70.7
7	0.713	54.1	-
8	0.913	66.8	-
9	1.137	82.0	-
10	1.385	98.2	-
	1.154		



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July 2020 & Jan 2021 updates



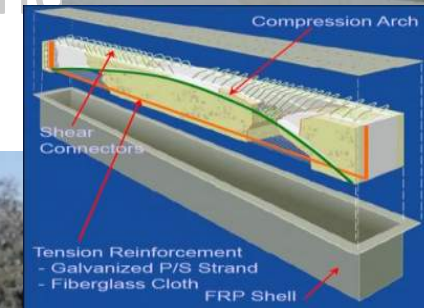
Table 1-2  
Typical Sizes and Loads of CFRP Prestressing Strands and Bars

Type	Nominal Diameter (in)	Nominal Cross Sectional Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Nominal Ultimate Load (P <sub>u</sub> ) (kips)	Nominal Ultimate Tensile Stress (ksi)
Single Strand - 5.0mm Ø	0.20	0.02530	9.1	36400
7-strand - 7.95mm Ø	0.310	0.04850	17.8	3740
7-strand - 10.85mm Ø	0.431	0.090	33.12	36756
Single Strand - 9.5mm Ø	0.38	0.110	35.0	318
7-strand - 12.5mm Ø	0.49	0.1178	43.31	37047
Single Strand - 12.7mm Ø	0.50	0.196	59.0	301
7-strand - 15.2mm Ø	0.60	0.179	66.21	36941
19-strand - 20.5mm Ø	0.81	0.320	71	222
7-strand - 17.2mm Ø	0.68	0.234	86.679	370338

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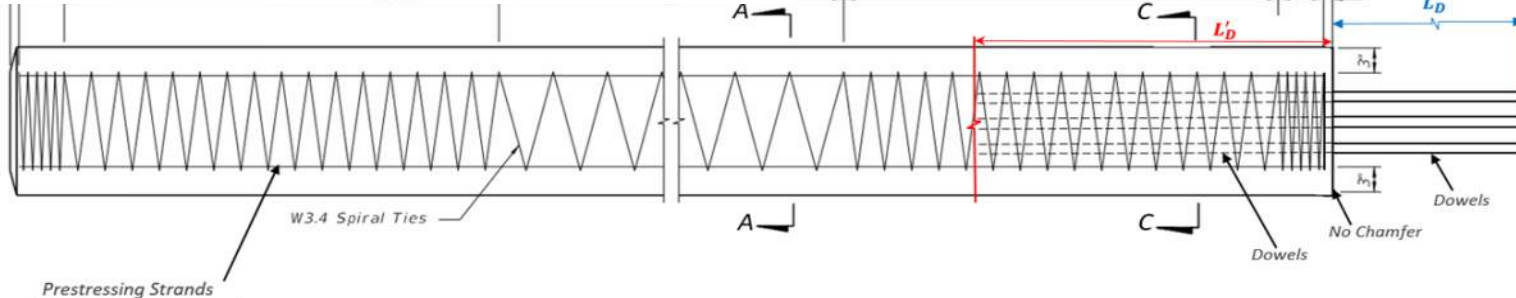
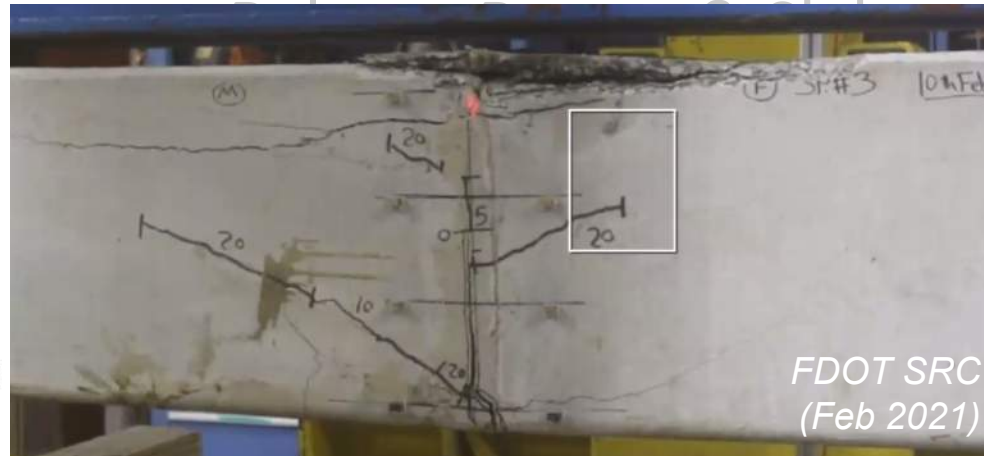
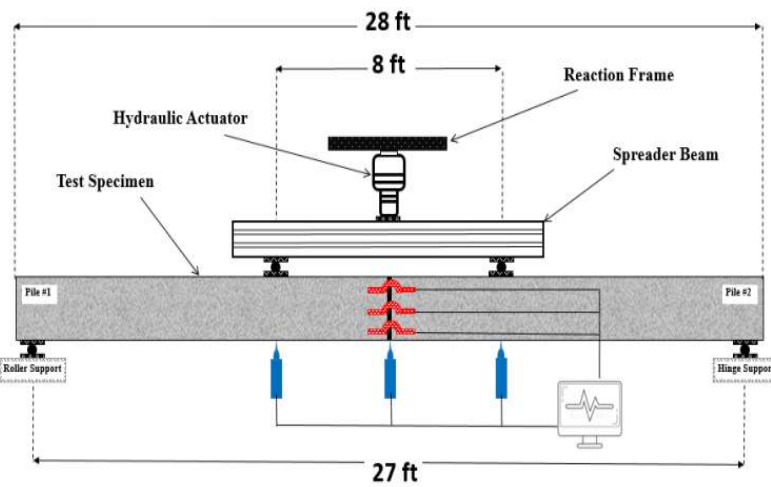
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# Recent Full-Scale Testing and Research on Beams and Piles

## i. GFRP Pile prestressing, spirals and dowel splicing

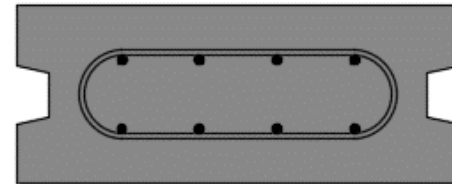


- 12 ~ 0.6" Ø, CFRP7-wire Strand, at 34 kips
- 16 ~ 0.5" Ø, Steel 7-wire Strand, Grade 270 LRS, at 26 kips



# Recent Full-Scale Testing and Research on Beams and Piles

- i. GFRP Pile prestressing, spirals and splicing
- ii. FRP Shear and Confinement Rebar – Beams & Slabs
- iii. Durability Sampling and Testing of Submerged Rebar





# Recent Full-Scale Testing and Research on Beams and Piles

- i. GFRP Pile prestressing, spirals and splicing
- ii. FRP Shear and Confinement Rebar – Beams & Slabs
- iii. Durability Sampling and Testing in Wet Environments

**Ongoing Project:  
BE694**  
Improving “Testing Protocol and Material Specifications for Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars” ... (2019-2021)

Materials Research Report  
Final Report  
July 2014  
UNF Project  
Contract No. BDK82-977-05

## Degradation Assessment of Internal Continuous Fiber Reinforcement in Concrete Environment

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Project Number  
BDV31-977-01

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University of Florida

## Florida Department of Transportation Research Durability Evaluation of Florida's Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composite Reinforcement for Concrete Structures

March 2017

### Current Situation

Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) composites, when applied to concrete bridge structures, are proven to increase strength and stiffness. They may also mitigate corrosion of the steel reinforcement in concrete members by reducing diffusion of chlorides into concrete. However, in the past, these repairs have been viewed as a very temporary bandage, and their durability has generally been evaluated using accelerated or theoretical methods. Long-term field exposure data which would help to determine the validity of accelerated testing are not readily available.

### Research Objectives

University of Florida researchers evaluated the long-term effectiveness of FRP repairs on a number of Florida bridges.

### Project Activities

The replacement of three Florida bridges previously repaired with FRP provided test specimens with various aged repairs, the oldest being 11 years. The beams represented a range of exposure conditions and were taken from bridges with different configurations. In two cases, the bridges were over water and regularly exposed to changing water levels by river or ocean tides. In the third case, the bridge was over an interstate highway and had been struck a number of times by overheight trucks and subsequently repaired with FRP composites.



Before its replacement, this bridge developed severe corrosion concerns. The effectiveness of repairs made with FRP was shown in this project.

## Testing Protocol and Material Specifications for Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer Bars

Contract Number BE694  
FSU Project ID: 0428\*

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# Implementation Tools for Designers, Contractors, & Owners



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## Office of Design

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### Design Innovation



### Non-Corrosive

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) continually strives to enhance all areas of its operations. In support of these efforts, the department recently moved into a bold new era for innovative ideas, research and accelerated implementation. Success will depend on our ability to carefully evaluate or implement the products and services provided to the users of Florida's transportation system. Our goal is to utilize newly developed technology or employ creative thinking to generate greater value for every transportation dollar invested.

After researching and evaluating many innovative ideas, the Central Office has developed a list of concepts, products and services that may be the best solution to the project's needs or design challenges. Some items on the list are completely developed, and only need tailoring to your project. We encourage you to propose one or more of these innovations for project specific solutions with confidence of approval by the Districts. Other items are not fully detailed and will require coordination with and approval by the District's Design Office. Many of these innovations have been successfully implemented in other states and countries. Not all projects benefit from these innovations and the Department is not advocating the general use of new products or designs where an economical well proven solution exists and is the most appropriate solution for the situation.

**FDOT Transportation Innovation Challenge** **Highly Corrosion-Resistant**

The Department invites you to share your thoughts on ways we can challenge ourselves to be innovative, efficient and exceptional at our [Invitation to Innovation website](#)

## “Higher-Performance Materials”

### Structures Design Office

Curved Precast Spliced U-Girder Bridges

Fiber Reinforced Polymer Reinforcing

FRP Members and Structures

Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System

Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Wall

Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems

Segmental Block Walls

Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC)

+ Stainless-Steel Prestressing Strand & Rebar

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<https://www.fdot.gov/structures/innovation/FRP.shtm#link7> (2020)



FRP-Reinforced and Prestressed Concrete Designer Training (An Introduction)



### GFRP-Reinforced Concrete Design for Bridges

*Guest Speaker (1): Prof. Antonio Nanni*  
 Inaugural Senior Scholar  
 Professor and Chair  
 Department of Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering  
 University of Miami





**Biography**  
 Prof. Nanni is a structural engineer interested in construction materials and their structural performance and field application, including monitoring and renewal, with a focus on the sustainability of buildings and civil infrastructure. During the past 30+ years, he has studied concrete and advanced composite-based systems as the principal investigator on a number of projects sponsored by federal and state agencies and private industry. Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering* (American Society of Civil Engineers) and serves on the editorial board of other technical journals. He has advised more than 60 graduate students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in the field, published more than 220 papers in refereed journals, published more than 350 papers in conference proceedings and co-authored two books.

**TRAINING**




### CFRP-Prestressed Concrete Design for Beams and Piles

*Guest Speaker (2): Prof. DJ Belarbi*  
 Distinguished Professor  
 Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
 University of Houston

**Biography**  
 Dr. Abdeljelil (DJ) Belarbi is a Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Houston. He has taught more than 14 different undergraduate and graduate courses on subjects related to civil and structural engineering. His primary research contributions focus on the constitutive modelling, analytical, and experimental investigations of RC and PC structures. A Fellow of ACI, ASCE, and SEI. In addition to his involvement in ACI 440, he is currently the co-Chair of ACI-440-E (professional development); Chair of ACI-ASCE 445 (Shear and Torsion), member of ACI 341 (Earthquake-Resistant Concrete Bridges) and member of ACI 318-E (Section and Member Strength). The recipient of numerous awards and honors including the 1995 Outstanding Paper Award of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (Earthquake Spectra Journal) and the Honorable Mention for Outstanding paper from The Masonry Society.

**TRAINING**

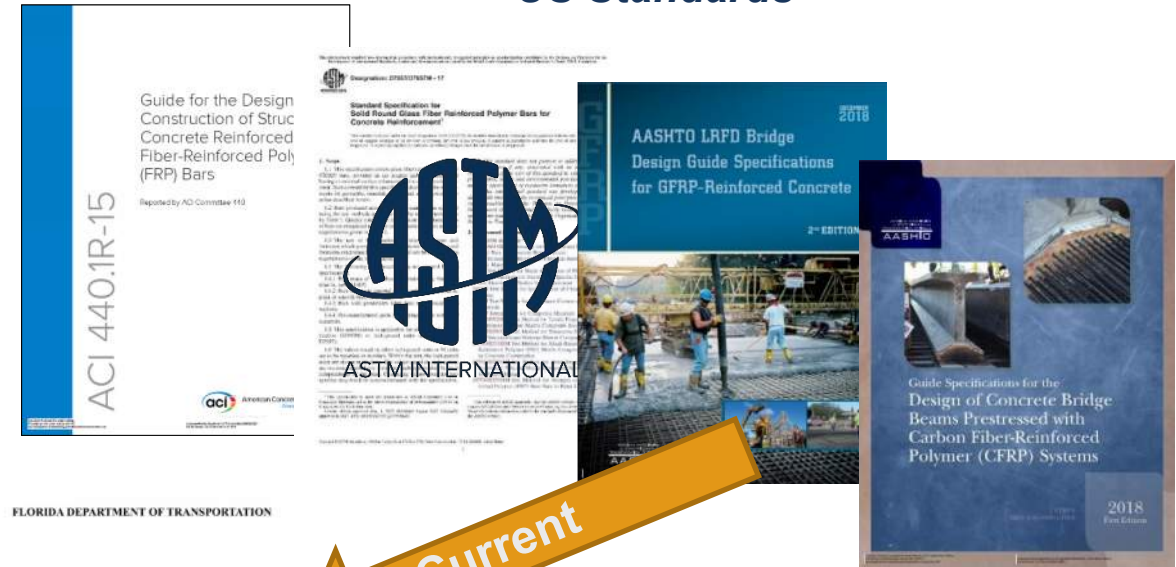




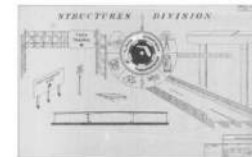
# Implementation Tools for Designers, Contractors, & Owners

- i. FRP Designer Training
- ii. Structural Design and LCC Tools
  - New construction:
    - Glass FRP rebar & Carbon FRP strands with improving mechanical properties
    - Basalt FRP rebar & possible prestressing applications
    - Composite Bridge Beams (*Pultruded, VARTM, Molded & Built-up composite members*)
    - Hybrid systems (*HCB, Concrete-Filled FRP Tubes...*)

## US Standards



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



FIBER REINFORCED POLYMER GUIDELINES (FRPG)



STRUCTURES MANUAL VOLUME 4 JANUARY 2021





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  - Repair & strengthening.



US Standards



Future harmonization ???

International Standards



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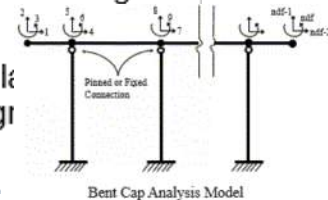
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<i>CFRP-PC Beta version ** (V6.0 coming 2021)</i> →	<b>Prestressed Beam v5.2</b>	11/07/2018	Exe (Zip) (Mathcad 15)
<i>GFRP-RC included (Worksheet 3b)</i> →	<b>Bent Cap v1.0</b>	11/07/2018	Exe (Zip) (Mathcad 15)
<i>GFRP-RC included</i> →	<b>Retaining Wall v4.0</b>	06/01/2020	Zip (Exe) (Mathcad 15)

*\*\* Available on request*

Used with **FDOT Standard Plan Index 400-289** (formerly **Index 289**) to design concrete box culverts, wingwalls, headwalls, and cutoff walls in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.

Used with **FDOT Standard Plan Index 450-010 to 450-299** (formerly **Index 20010 to 20299**) 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.

Analyzes and designs fixed or pinned bent caps, including  $k$  loads, in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.



Used with **FDOT Standard Plan Index 400-010** (formerly **Index 6010**) to design and analyze cast-in-place retaining walls in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification.

*FDOT Design Software*

The screenshot shows the FDOT Design Software website. At the top left is the FDOT logo (Florida Department of Transportation). To the right of the logo is the text 'Florida Department of TRANSPORTATION'. Further right is a search bar with the text 'Search FDOT...' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: Home, About FDOT, Contact Us, Maps & Data, Offices, Performance, and Projects. Below the navigation menu is a section titled 'Structures Design' with a sub-section 'Structures Design Programs Library'. To the right of the 'Structures Design Programs Library' is a large image of a truck on a bridge.

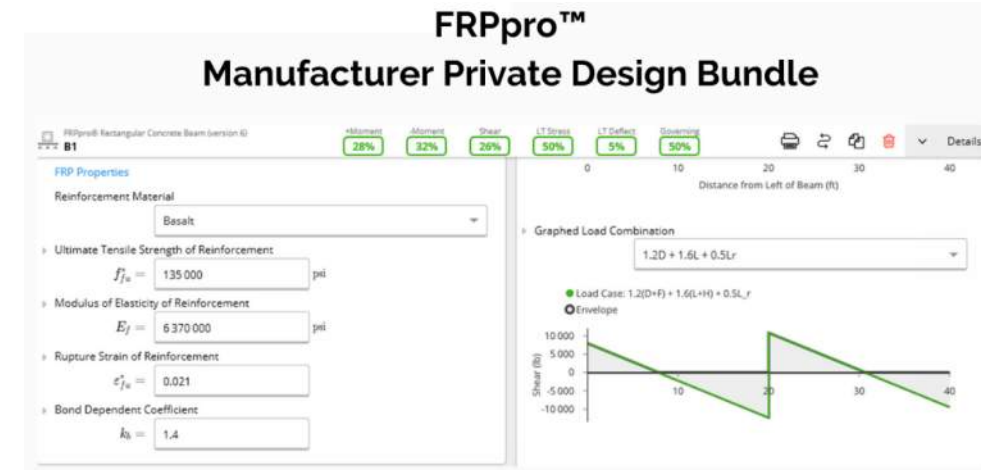
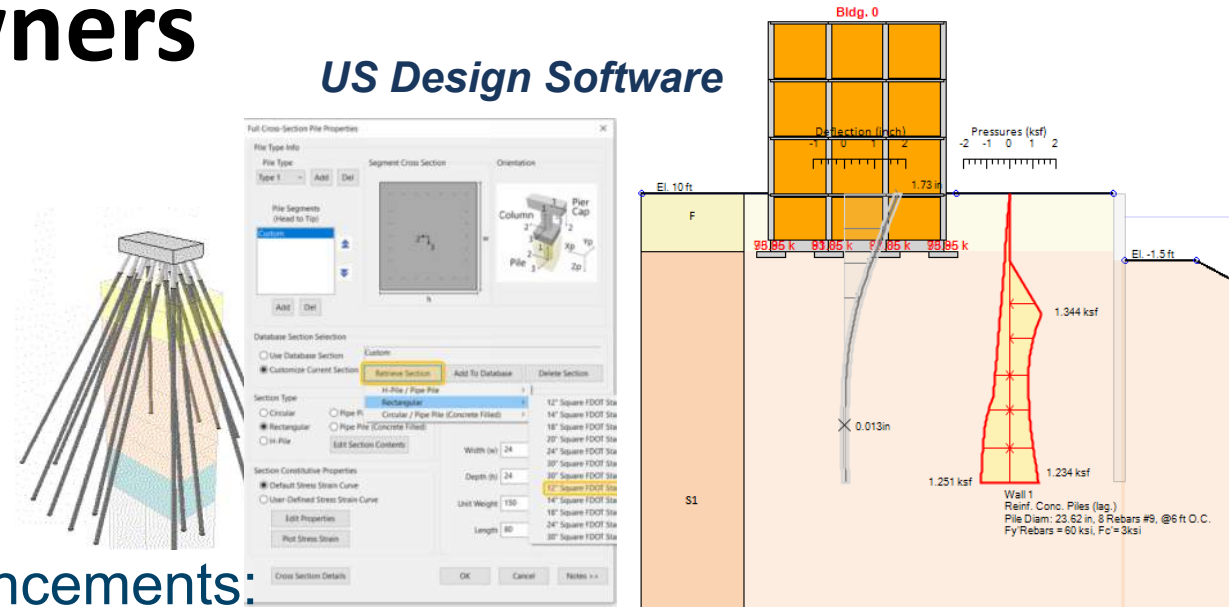
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## Other Design Software:

Adaption for FRP analysis or design enhancements:

- **FBMP** ([BSI](#)) *added Jan. 2021 (see [newsletter](#))*
- **DeepEx** ([Deep Excavation, LLC](#))
- **FRPpro™** *emerging tools*
- **Michigan DOT/LTU CFRP-Beam Design Mathcad:**  
<https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/SpecProv/trainingmaterials.htm>  
*(also see TRB Webinar Dec 3, 2019)*
- ...

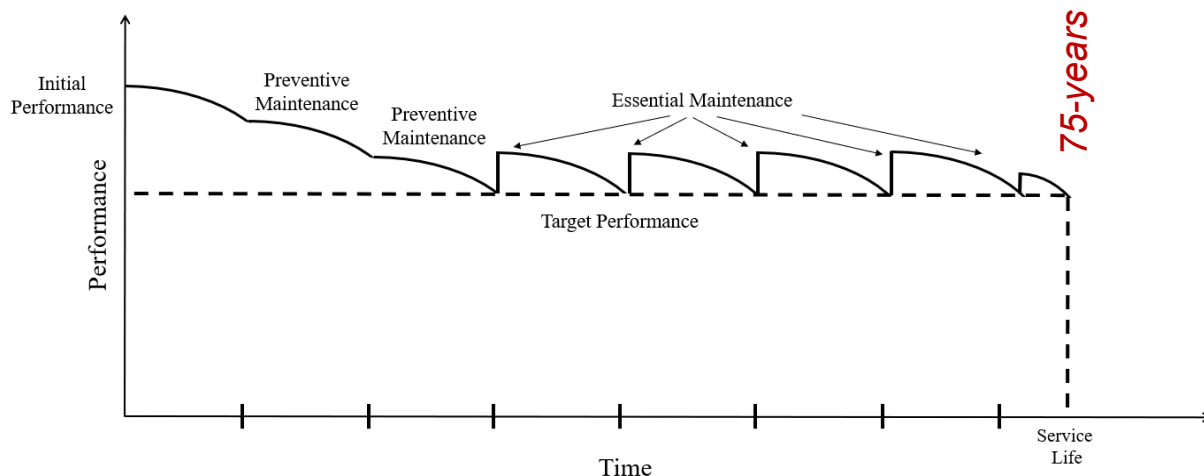


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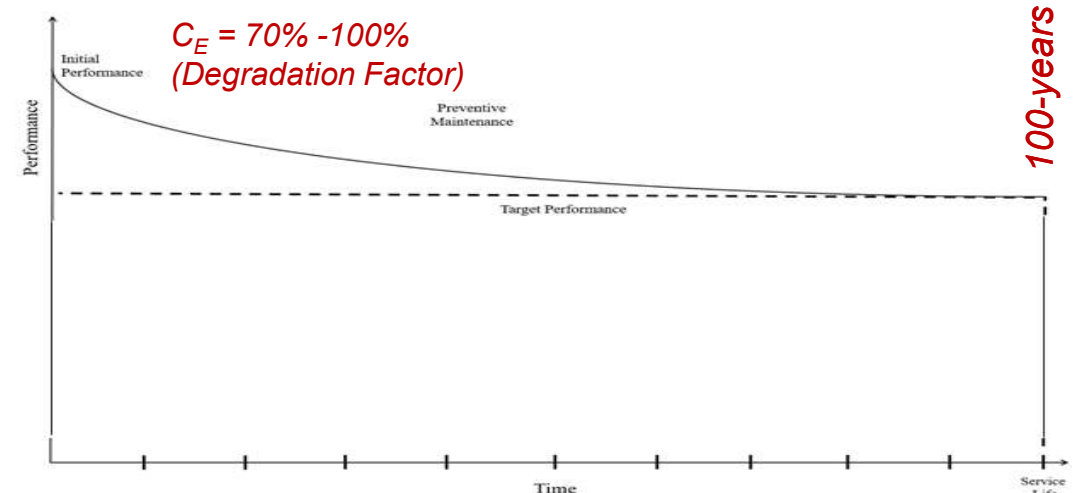


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**CS-RC/PC alternative**



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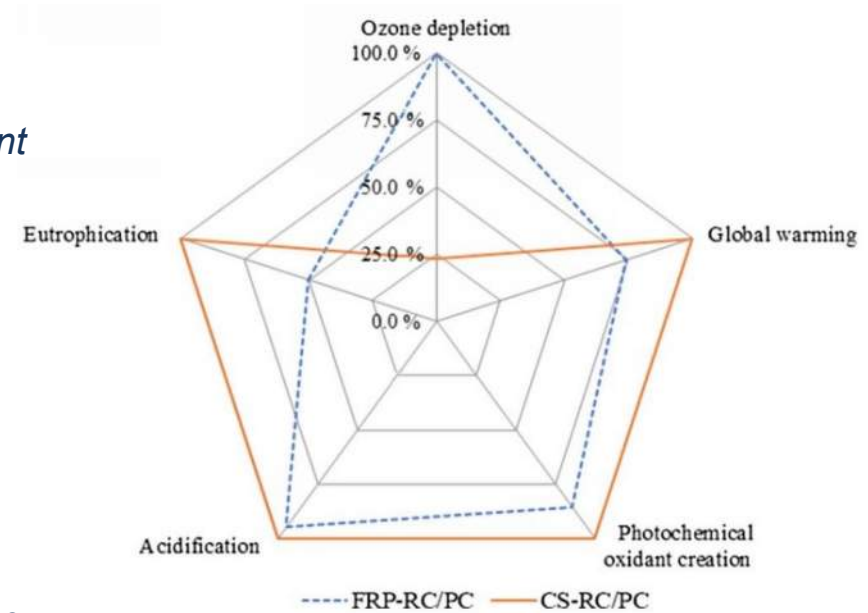
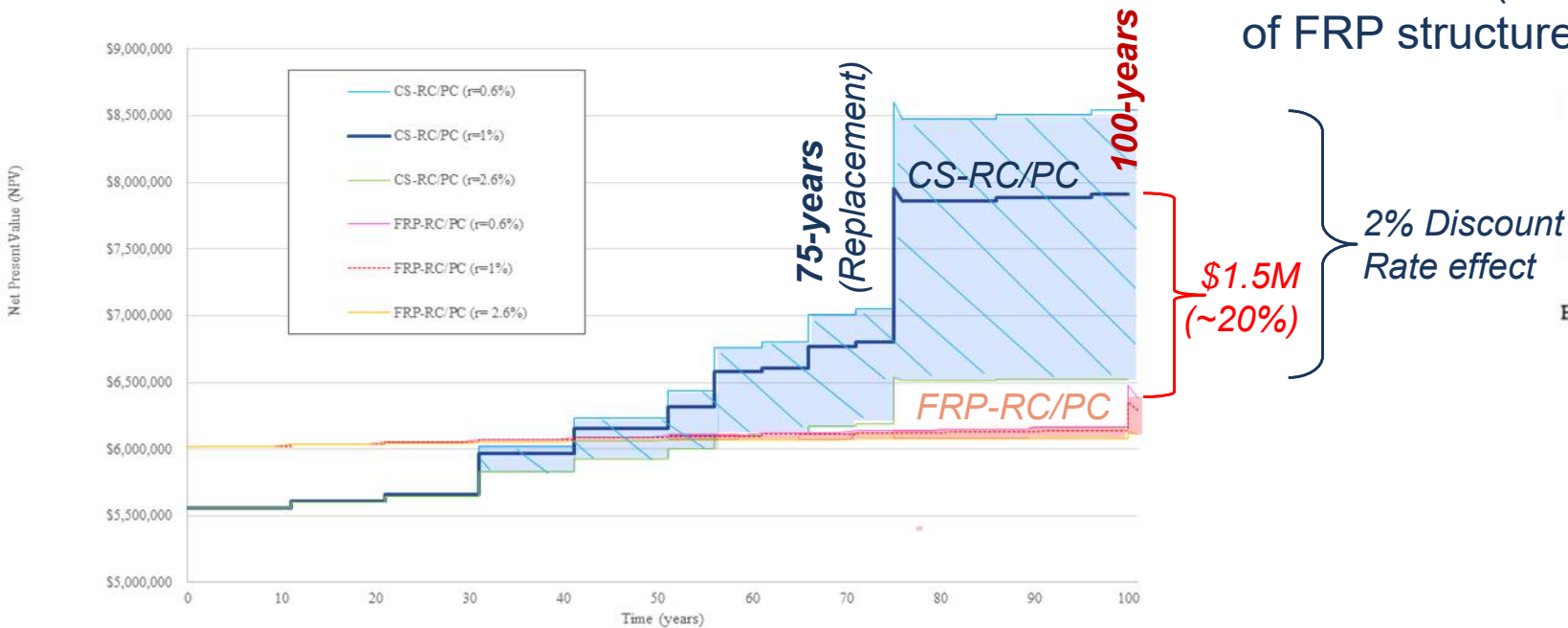
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# Implementation Tools for Designers, Contractors, & Owners

- i. FRP Designer Training
- ii. Structural Design and LCC Tools

→ Life-Cycle Cost (LCC) analysis & LCA can show the sustainable (economic and environmental) advantage of FRP structures in the coastal environment:



Example LCC & LCA Comparison of Carbon Steel-Rc/PC versus FRP-Rc/PC bridge (adapted from Cadenazzi et al. 2019)

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## BridgeLCC 2.0 Users Manual

Life-Cycle Costing Software for the Preliminary Design of Bridges

Mark A. Ehlen

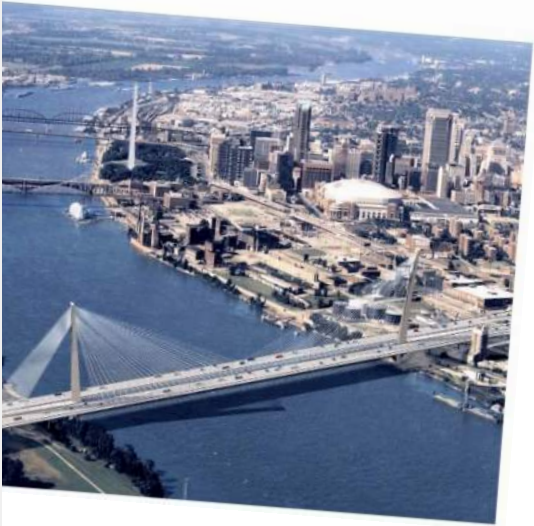
The screenshot displays the BridgeLCC 2.0 software interface. On the left is a navigation tree with categories like Data, Tools, Analysis, and Results. The main window is divided into several sections:

- Simulation Parameters:** Inflation: 2.00%, Real discount: 1.00%, Nominal: 3.02%. Current mode: Basic. Buttons for 'Go Advanced' and 'Set as default'.
- Edit costs of alternatives:** A table with columns for 'BC', 'Alt. 1', and 'Alt. 2'. Each column has a 'Repla' button with a count in parentheses (e.g., Repla (3)).
- Costs by bearer:** A table with columns for 'Agency', 'User', and 'Third Party'.
- Costs by timing:** A table with columns for 'Initial Construction', 'O, M, and R', and 'Disposal'.
- Costs by component:** A table with columns for 'Deck', 'Superstructure', 'Substructure', and 'Other'.
- Results:** A table with columns for 'Non-elemental' and 'New-technology introduction'.

Overlaid on the right side is a 'Graph of results' window showing a bar chart of 'Probability (%)' versus 'a-cycle costs, grouped in 20 bins (samples = 5000)'. The chart compares 'Replacement with FRP-RC/PC' (red bars) and 'Replacement with SS-RC/PC' (yellow bars). Below the chart is a table of 'a-cycle costs' for five alternatives (Alt1 to Alt5).

	Alt1	Alt2	Alt3	Alt4	Alt5
\$122,310,376	\$127,659,491	0	0	0	0
\$140,743,432	\$146,695,490	0	0	0	0
\$131,574,090	\$137,234,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$5,503,611	\$5,724,673	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

A 'Welcome' dialog box for BridgeLCC Version 2.0 is also visible, offering options to 'Start new analysis' or 'Open existing analysis'.



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# Implementation Tools for Designers, Contractors, & Owners

## iii. Technology Transfer Participation:

### 1. Research & Bridge Code Development:

#### *TRB AKB30 & AASHTO COBS T-6 & T-10*

- **GFRP-RC Bridge Guide Spec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition:** 2018 Task team participation with UM and FDOT staff.

### 2. National Training – AASHTO COBS T-6 & TRB ABK10:

- **CFRP-PC Design** - Under **NCHRP 20-44** program for report implementation assistance for CFRP-1, has **FHWA & AASHTO T-6** support.
- **GFRP-RC Design** - not eligible under this program, so **State DOTs** and **FHWA** are working on it.

### 3. AASHTO Guide Specs Review Panels:

- **NCHRP 12-121:** Developing Specs for FRP Auxiliary Reinf. in PC Girders. (2020-2022)

### 4. CAMX

- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (Featured Speaker/Panel)

### 5. International:

- *International Workshop on GFRP Bars for Concrete Structures* (2017, 2019, 2021)
- *Lyon (FR) LMC<sup>2</sup>/AFGC GFRP-RC workshop* (2019)
- *International Bridge Conference* (2018 FRP Workshop)

### 6. TRB Annual Meetings:

- **Committee Meeting** participation AFF30, AFF80
- **FRP Workshops:** 2019 & 2020
- **Technical Sessions:** 2018, 2019, & 2021

### 7. TRB 2019 Webinar - *Advanced Structural Materials for Concrete Bridges:*

- UHPC, HSSS/CFRP-PC & GFRP-RC (**Dec. 3, 2019**)

### 8. ACI coordination (informal)

- **343 & 440 Committees (Bridge & FRP) 2020 Fall Convention**
- **Strategic Development Council – Forum 46** (2019)

### 9. State Level Engagement:

- **FRP Industry Workshops** (2016, 2017, 2018, & 2020)
- **FTBA/Contractors** (2017 & 2018)
- **FES/FICE** (2017) & **ASCE-FL** (2018)
- **GFRP-RC & CFRP-PC Training** (Aug & Sept 2020)

# FRP RC/PC material systems used in Florida's Highway Bridges & Structures

## Recent Completed Projects

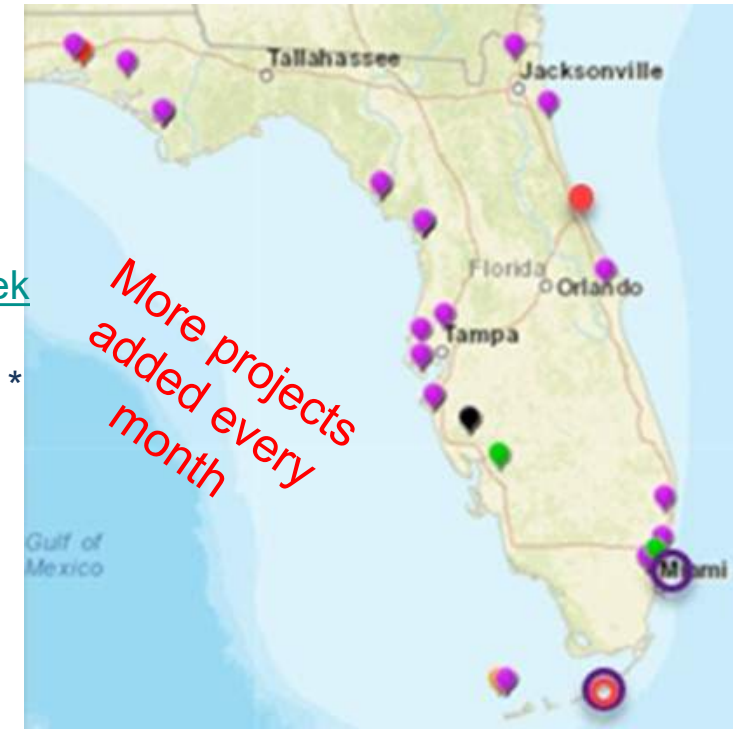
[Arthur Drive over Lynn Haven Bayou](#) \*\*  
[Bakers Haulover Cut Bulkhead Replacement](#) \*  
[Cedar Key Bulkhead Rehab](#) \*  
[Key West Bight Ferry Terminal Extension](#) \*\*  
[Halls River Bridge](#) \*\*\*  
[PortMiami Tunnel Retaining Walls](#)  
[South Maydell Dr over Palm River](#) \*  
[SR-A1A Flagler Beach Seawall \(Segment 3\)](#) \*  
[SR-5 \(US-17\) over Trout River Rehab](#) \*\*  
[SR-5 \(US 41\)/Morning Star and Sunset link-slabs](#)  
[SR-45 \(US 41\) over North Creek](#) \*\*\*  
[SR-312 over Matanzas River Rehab](#) \*\*  
[SR-520 over Indian River Bulkhead Rehab](#) \*  
[Sunshine Skyway Seawall Rehab & Extension](#) \*  
[UM Innovation Bridge](#) \*\*\*  
[UM Fate Bridge superstructure](#)  
[UM i-Dock](#) \*\*\*  
[US-1 over Cow Key Channel FSB's](#)

## Current Projects

4th St at Big Island Gap \*\*  
[40th Ave NE over Placido Bayou](#) \*\*\*  
Barracuda Blvd over Canal Bradano \*\*  
Bayway Structure-E Seawall Cap \*  
Bimini Dr over Duck Key Canal \*  
CR30A over Western Lake \*\*\*  
Jupiter Federal Observation Platform \*\*\*  
[NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave over Ibis Waterway](#) \*\*\*  
S. Maydell Dr/Palm River Bulkhead \*  
SR-A1A over [Myrtle Creek](#) and [Simpson Creek](#)  
SR-A1A N. Bridge Observation Platform \*\*\*  
SR 404 & 528 Indian & Banana Rivers Rehab \*  
SR5 over Oyster Creek \*  
SR 5/US 1 over Earman River Canal \*\*\*  
[SR-30 over St Joe Inlet](#) \*  
SR-112/I-195 Westshore waterway \*  
Village of North Bay Seawall \*  
West Wilson St over Turkey Creek \*\*

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

\* bulkhead/seawall only  
\*\* piling/substructure only  
\*\*\* complete bridge



# FRP Structural Member (MS) systems used in Florida's Highway Bridges & Structures

## Recent Completed Projects

Acosta Bridge fender replacement \*  
Bayway Structure-E fender \*  
US-331/Choctawhatchee Bay fender wales  
Halls-River Bridge - Hybrid Composite Beams  
Howard Frankland Bridge NB fender \*  
Ocala Water-Recharge Park Boardwalk \*\*\*  
Skyplex Blvd - Composite Arch Bridge \*\*  
SR-A1A/Sisters Creek fender \*  
SR-A1A/Blue Heron fender replacement \*  
SR-3 over Barge Canal fender replacement \*  
SR-44 over Indian River fender replacement \*  
SR 714/South Fork St Lucie River \*



## Current & Future Projects

Bimini Dr over Duck Key Canal ? \*\*  
CR510 3-Sided Culvert-Bridge ? \*\*  
Marco Island Winter Berry Bridge  
I-10/Apalachicola River Fender replace \*  
Jax. Main St Bridge Fender rehab \*  
SR-40 over Halifax River fender replacement \*  
SR-292 Perdido Key/ICWW fender replacement \*  
SR-520 over Indian River fender replacement \*  
US-192 over Indian River fender replacement \*  
SR-401 over Barge Canal fender replacement \*  
SR-518 over Indian River fender replacement \*



<https://www.fdot.gov/structures/innovation/frpms>

\* complete fender system  
\*\* FRP concrete filled arch  
\*\*\* FRP pedestrian structure



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# FRP Maintenance Repairs & Rehabilitation (MR&R) used on Florida's Highway Bridges & Structures

## Recent Completed Projects

- Numerous since 1990's.
- We do not actively track



(a)

Figure 136—High tide inundation of (a) spans



Figure 220—Corroded steel reinforcement in the north end of Girder 3-1

## Current & Future Projects

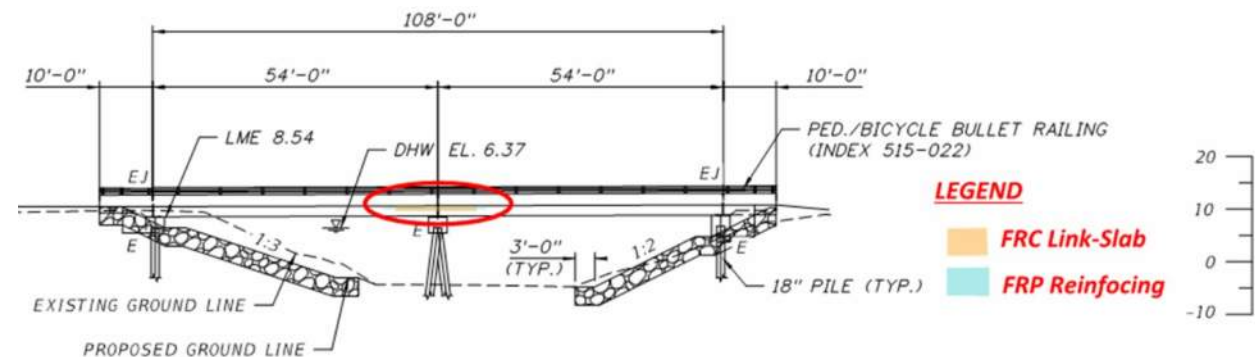
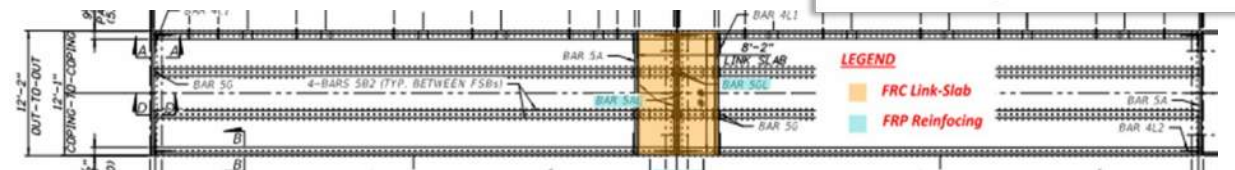
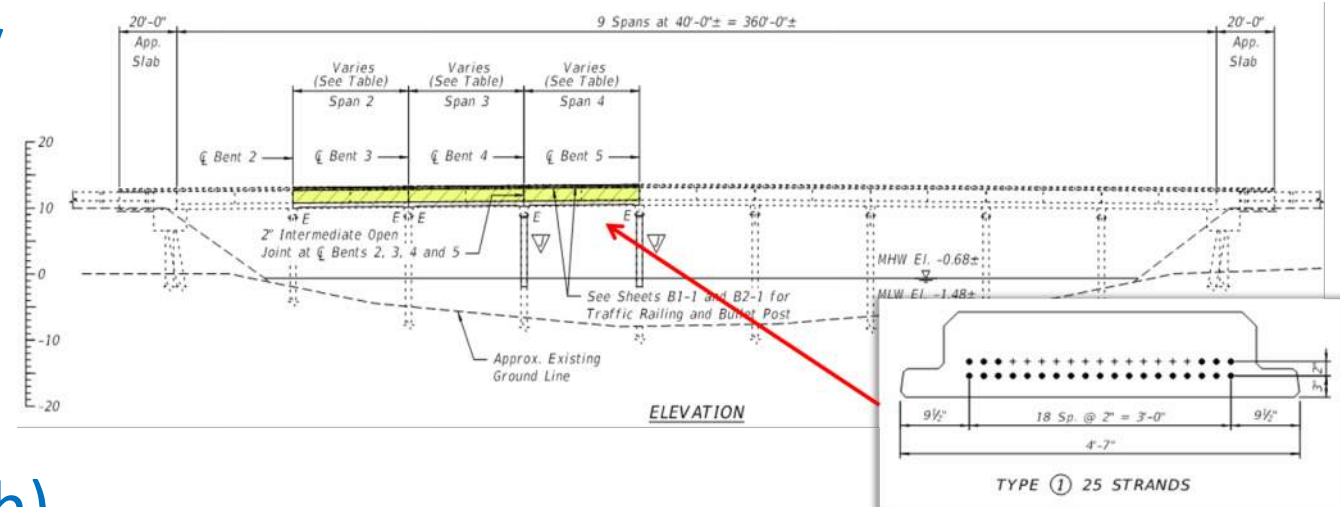
- Identified during the biennial bridge inspection program – typically corrosion related.
- Emergency repairs from over-height vehicle impacts



Figure 227—Girder damage from vehicle impact in July of 2001

# Recently Completed Projects (RC/PC)

- i. Bridge Superstructures (US-1/  
Cow Key, US-41 Link-Slabs)
- ii. Bridge Foundations (NE23rd  
Ave/Ibis)
- iii. Seawalls (SR-A1A@Flagler  
Beach, Sunshine Skyway South)

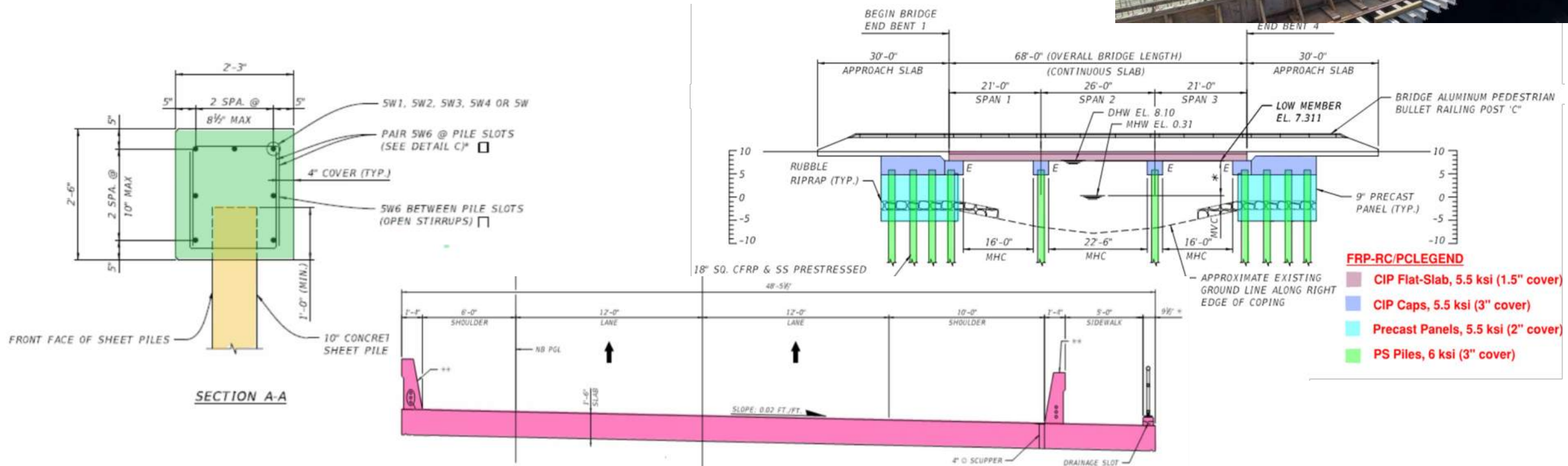


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# Projects Under Construction (RC/PC)

- i. Bridge Superstructures (US41/North Creek, SR-105 Link-Slabs, 40th Ave NE/Placido Bayou)
- ii. Bridge Foundations (NE23rd Ave, Maydell Dr.)
- iii. Seawalls (SR30/St Joe Bay Inlet, Pinellas Bayway E)

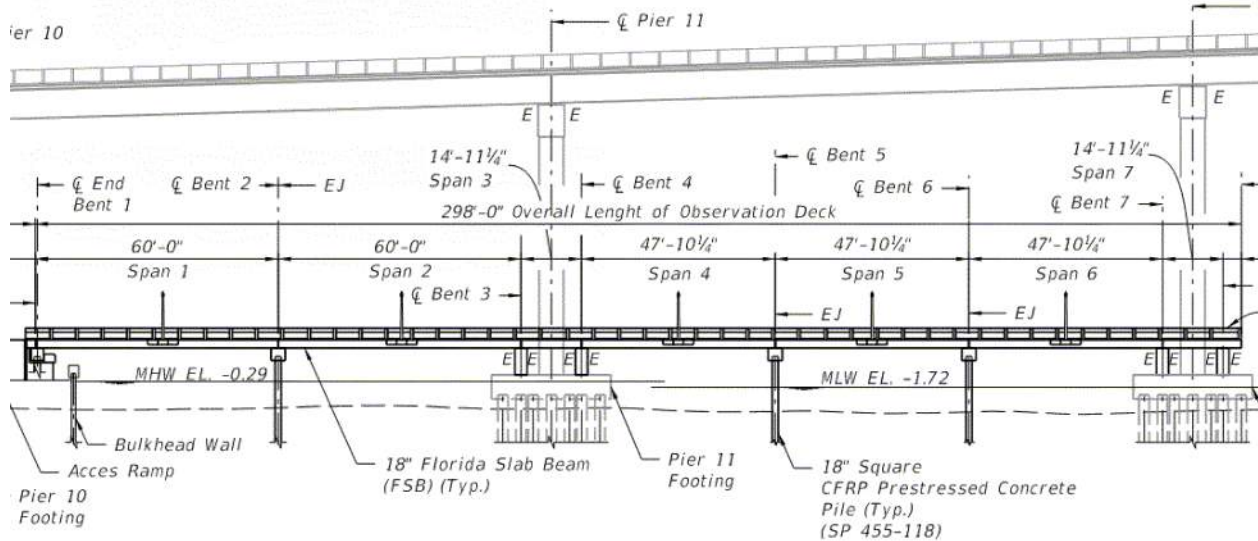


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# New Projects in Design (RC/PC & MS)

- i. Pedestrian Piers & Fenders (North Bridge, Jupiter Beach)
- ii. Prestressed Bridges (Earman Canal, Barracuda,
- iii. CIP Bridges (Turkey Creek)
- iv. Bridge Foundations (4th St ov





# New Projects in Design (RC/PC)

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- ii. Prestressed Bridges  
(Earman Canal, Barracuda, 30A)

- i. CIP Bridges / Turkey ...
- ii. ...

**POST-IN-DEPTH BRIDGE COLLAPSE**  
**Portion of U.S. 1 bridge collapses in North Palm**  
 Part of sidewalk, railing fall into canal after two post-tension wires fail.



**By Sarah Peters**  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

**NORTH PALM BEACH**— Two falling cobbles caused a chunk of a busy U.S. 1 bridge just north of Northlake Boulevard to plunge into the canal beneath it Wednesday morning, according to North Palm Beach officials.

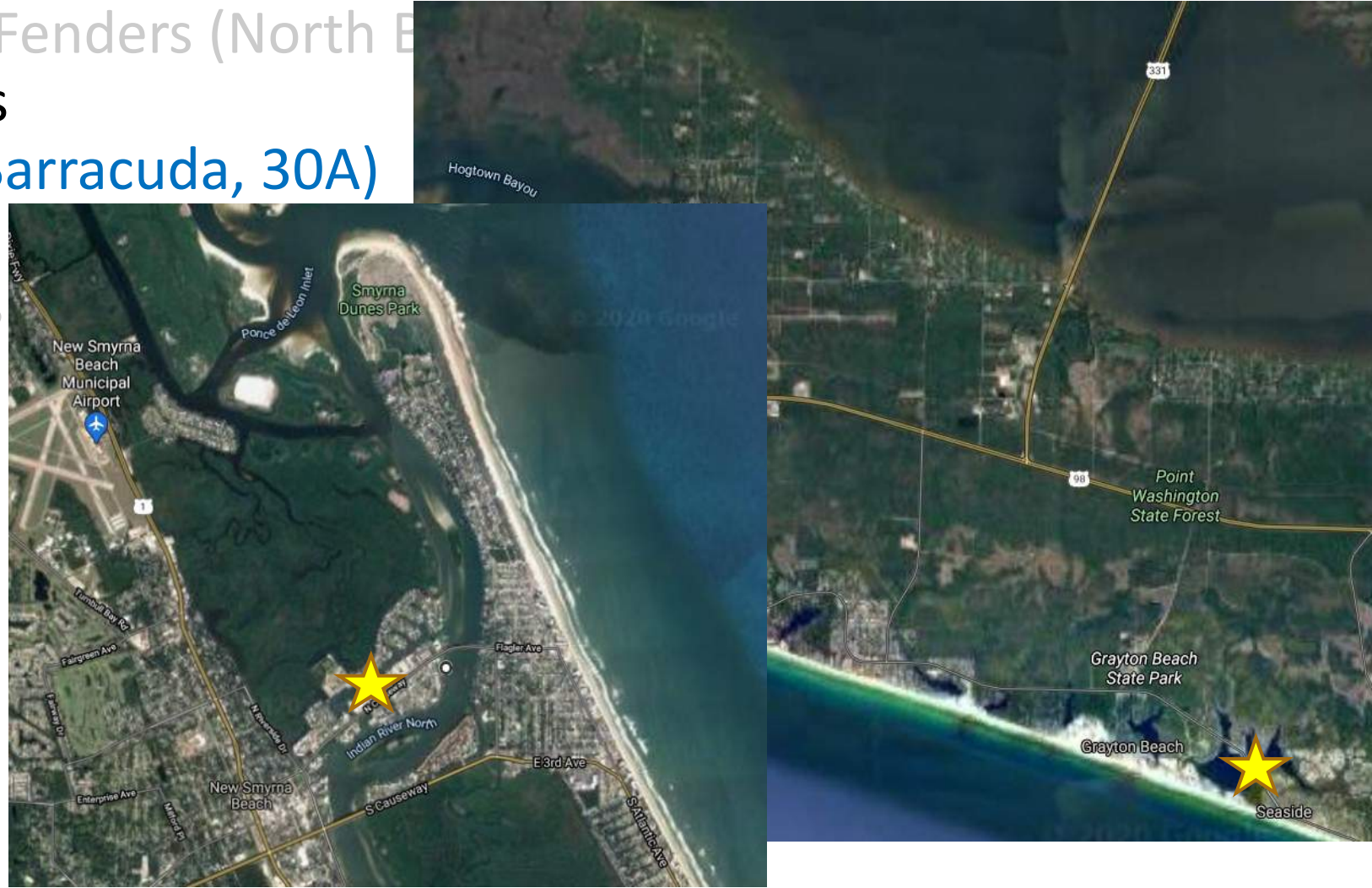
A section of sidewalk and railing on the southbound side of the U.S. 1 bridge over the C-D Canal collapsed just after 9 a.m. Wednesday. The canal is known locally as the Earman River.

The bridge is just south of Frigate's Waterfront Bar & Grill and north of an IHOP. For the next few days, only one southbound lane on U.S. 1 will be open. Two northbound lanes will be open, according to the Florida Department of Transportation. The road, freight lane on U.S. 1 northbound will be for walkers and bicyclists while the sidewalks on both sides of the bridge are closed. The left turn lane from Northlake to U.S. 1 is also closed.

Police Sgt. Leo Pearson said there was no car in the water, as many pass-

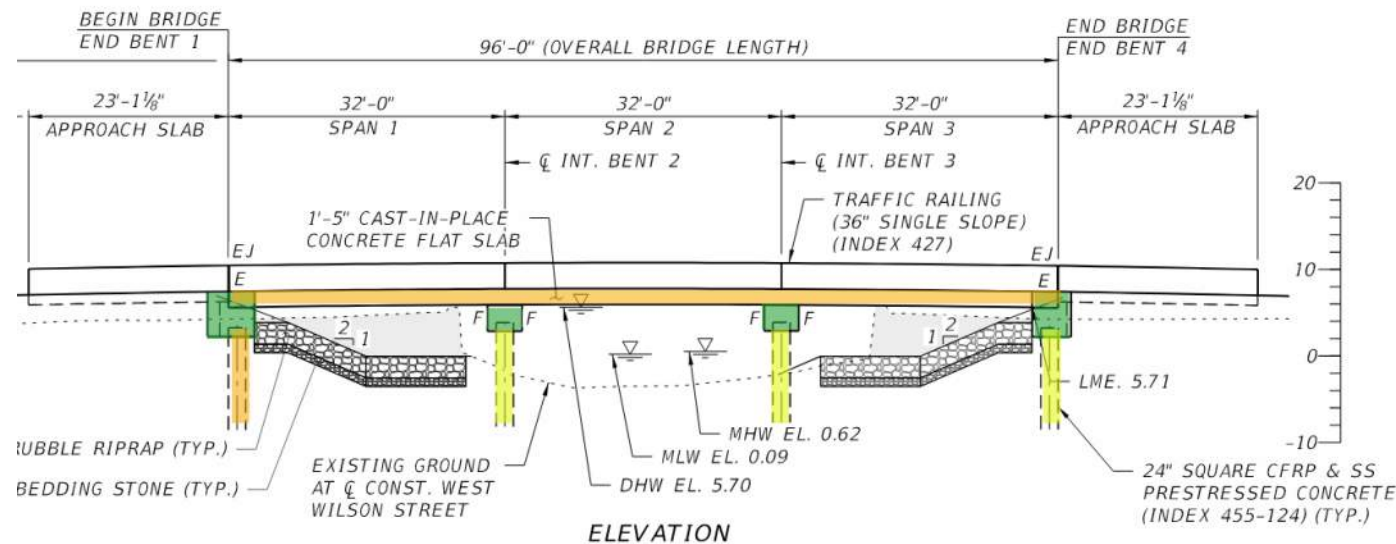
ers had speculated when they saw the damage. No injuries were reported. Florida Department of Transportation inspectors spent the morning evaluating the bridge. They determined that two post-tension wires that held the sidewalk to the bridge failed, according to an update from North Palm Beach posted to the village's Facebook page. Inspectors are still working on their report, an FHDT spokeswoman said. The department is working on an emergency

**Bridge continued on A8**



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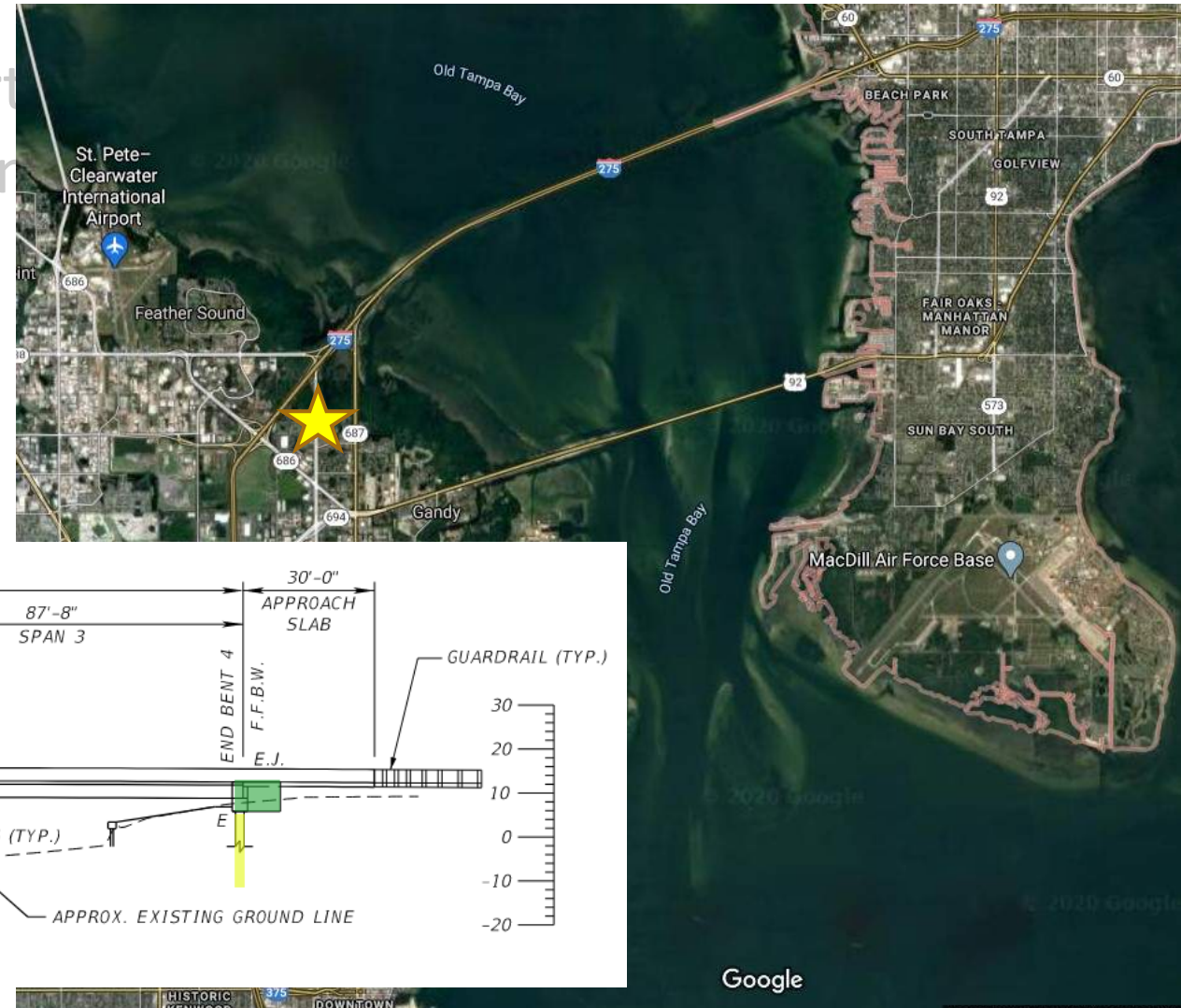
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# Lessons Learned from the Real World

## i. Designer Issues

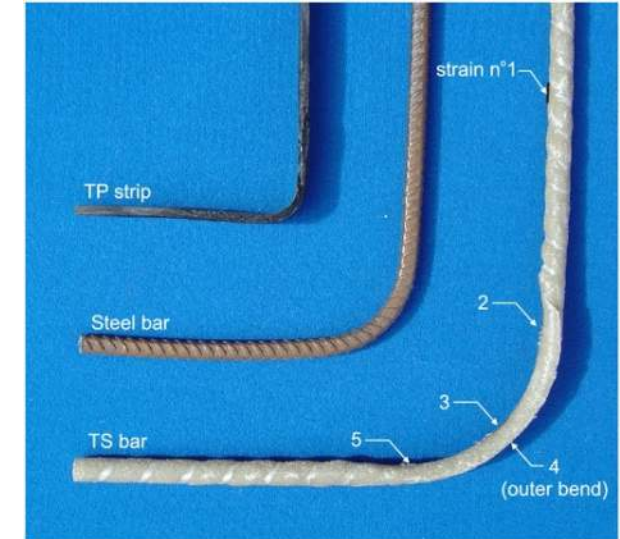
- Lack of designer training, software tools, and national consensus design codes.

## ii. Material & Testing Issues

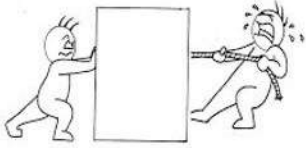
- Costs for FRP rebar supply to public agencies are typically higher since no centralized certification standards for manufacturers, so additional testing and approvals are invoked by individual agencies.

## iii. Constructability Issue

1. Unit costs for FRP rebar are very high for small quantities due to the project testing requirements.
2. Many construction contractors do not understand the lead times involved for FRP rebar.
3. Higher modulus of elasticity can improve competitiveness of GFRP vs. other corrosion-resistant solutions.
4. Stirrup bends and closed shapes or multiple bends still not standardized.
5. Tie-wire (plastic ties are slower, more expensive, and less secure)
6. Coupling of bars for phased construction is essential for broader deployment or will rely on SS solutions.
7. Adhesive anchors are often needed, but not codified for FRP rebar. Field proof testing/gripping is a challenge, especially for bent bars.
8. Shear reinforcing requires much closer spacings and often multiple legs overlapping causing rebar congestion
9. Non-metallic lifting devices for heavy civil components are not available
10. Replacement of easily damaged bars in the field is a common need



Push and Pull



# Forecasting the Future ???



BIDEN-HARRIS  
TRANSITION

President-Elect Vice President-Elect Nominees and Appointees

## • new Federal “Push Factor”



<https://buildbackbetter.gov/priorities/>

President-elect Biden is working to make far-reaching investments in:

- **Infrastructure:** Create millions of good, union jobs rebuilding America’s crumbling infrastructure – from roads and bridges to green spaces and water systems to electricity grids and universal broadband – to lay a new foundation for sustainable growth, compete in the global economy, withstand the impacts of climate change, and improve public health, including access to clean air and clean water.
- **Innovation:** Drive dramatic cost reductions in critical clean energy technologies, including battery storage, negative emissions technologies, the next generation of building materials, renewable hydrogen, and advanced nuclear – and rapidly commercialize them, ensuring that those new technologies are made in America.

## • Industry “Push Factors”

- **Closing the infrastructure Gap:** Shared goal of reducing infrastructure life cycle costs by 50% by 2025
- **Sustainability**



STRUCTURAL  
ENGINEERING  
INSTITUTE



## • State/Owner “Pull Factors”

- **Reducing Asset Management Risk:** limit need for corrosion related repairs, MOT, etc.
- **Benefits from Enlarging the Market:** increase supply chain security, regional manufacturing opportunity, etc.



# QUESTIONS ?



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