DETAILING CHANGES

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Clear and concise bridge plans are the goal of the Bridge Division. Because plans are prepared by multiple groups of engineers and CAD technicians, we decided to create a council of senior staff members to reach consensus and uniformity on plan detailing practices. The council meets bimonthly to discuss methods to ensure clarity and consistency in plan preparation.

Constant communication is the key.

The outcome of the first two Detailing Council meetings are presented.
General Notes

- Design Specification reference in the General Notes:
  
  • “Designed according to AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 6th Edition (2012)”

  - Wording is based on historical method of defining specifications used to design the bridge

  - Reason for the note is to help future analysis in the event the Bridge is to be widened, or repaired

  - Standard drawings will leave out the specific LRFD edition

**GENERAL NOTES:**

*Designed according to AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 6th Edition (2012)*

*See Shear Key Details Standard Sheet, IGSK for all shear key details and notes.*
– When using circle number notes
  • Notes should be unique and sequential on a sheet
– When more than one sheet is in the series (Sheet 1 of X)
  • Number notes should coincide through sheets, be unique and sequential
1. 1'-4" Max Spa. Adjust to miss tendons and trim to maintain 2'± End Cover
2. Cut inside leg as needed to avoid ducts, these two layers only.
3. Shift bars toward inside web to allow for curving ducts. 1/2" Min cover
4. Mechanical Couplers in accordance with the current Special Provision to Item 440, "Reinforcing Steel". No Coupler in exterior face of exterior beams.
5. See HLMR Disc Bearing Sheet

**HL93 LOADING**  
**SHEET 1 OF 2**

**PRECAST U-GIRDER EXPANSION SECTION**

**OLD BRAZOS RIVER BRIDGE**

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**GENERAL NOTES:**
Cover dimensions are clear dimensions. Reinforcing bar dimensions shown are out-to-out of bar. See Access Hatch Sheet for details not shown.

**MATERIAL NOTES:**
Provide Grade 60 reinforcing steel
Provide Class H concrete

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**SHEET 2 OF 2**

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Sections, Views, and Details

- **Sections**
  - A cut through the object
  - Use the MicroStation Section Symbol and use letters, e.g. Section A-A

- **Views**
  - Section indicator placed off the object looking at the object
  - Use the MicroStation Section Symbol and use letters, e.g. View A-A

- **Details**
  - Specific information
  - Name with letters, e.g. Detail A, Detail B, unless...
  - The title is self-explanatory, e.g. Bearing Seat Detail, End of Cap Detail, etc.
MicroStation Section Symbol

- Tool inside MicroStation
  - Placed in 3 clicks and takes about 5 seconds

- Ability to be dynamic in 2-D
  - Can be linked to respective detail
    - You can toggle between the symbol and respective detail. Similarly with the title of the detail and the section symbol

- Automatically creates sections in 3-D
  - When placed in a 3-D drawing, software will automatically create a cut section at that location
Differentiate between sections, views and details.
Change in Bar Spacing call outs

- DO NOT use “Equal Spaces” or otherwise imply equal bar spacing in caps, columns, walls, etc.
- There is no reason for it to look pretty—it is reinforcing steel buried in concrete
- Odd dimensions for the spaces—for no reason
  - Example: 21 ES = 17’-3”; each space = 9.857”.
- MUCH easier for folks tying steel and for inspectors to verify
- Note the Maximum spacing to meet design needs. That’s all.
Change in Bar Spacing call outs

- Examples

13 Spa at 9 1/2" Max = 10'-0"

For designers: We recommend—but do not require—spacing reinforcement no finer than 1/2” increments. Whole inch spacing is probably better, especially over 6”.
Foundation Layouts

- **Foundation Layout or Plan**
  - It was recognized that a Foundation Layout or Plan is a good idea in some instances, such as:
    - Interchanges
    - Extensive underground utilities
    - Otherwise complicated foundation issues
  - In the early phase of bridge design, the Bridge Design section and Bridge Geotechnical section will coordinate and discuss whether a foundation layout is needed for a particular project.
  - What hasn’t been completely determined is what should appear
    - Multiple examples used and most are unique
Beam Layout or Framing Plan

– To be used on all projects, regardless of simplicity of the bridge (Bridges built with standard drawings are exempt)

– Should include
  
  • Bent Report
  
  • Beam Report

  – Complete with Beam Slope

    » Used by Beam and Bearing Pad manufacturer

Note: Both the Bent Report and Beam Report are extracted from the Bridge Geometry System (BGS)
Cement Stabilized Abutment Backfill

- Identify on Layout in much the same way an Approach Slab is identified
- Include Bid item on Estimated Quantities
- Include CSAB sheet in standards or District-supplied alternative
CSAB called out on Layout

NOTE:
1. DESIGNED ACCORDING TO AASHTO AND STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
2. ALL UNITS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
3. SEE PLAN & PROFILE SHEETS FOR MORE LOCATION AND DETAILS.
4. SEE MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS FOR RIFP & TEW RAIL DETAILS.
5. EXISTING BRIDGE TO BE REMOVED AND WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACTOR.
6. CSAB STANDARD FOR CLAY STABILIZED BACKfill DETAILS:
7. CSAB IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BS-4 STANDARD. ENDS OF A & B SHALL BE PLACED HORIZONTALLY AND THE HORIZONTAL SURFACES WITH MAXIMUM ALLOWED SPACING AS SHOWN ON THE BS-4 STANDARD. ENDS A & B SHALL BE PLACED CONFORMING TO THE EDGES OF AREAS A & B AS SEEN ON THE BS-4 STANDARD.
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### BEARING SEAT ELEVATIONS

| Bent | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right | Left | Right |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1    |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |
| 2    |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |
| 3    |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |

1. Quantity stated based on 30 LF per joint location.
2. Special RPCs.
3. Quantities are for Contractor's information only, see detail sheets for details and quantities.
Include CSAB standard in Plan Set
Column Reinforcement and Detailing Changes

- Keeping in mind that our spirals are not spirals...
- New Spiral Reinforcement for grade separation bridges
  - Due to truck impact
  - Based on TTI Study
- 1.5 flat turns on each end of Spiral
  - To reflect AASHTO LRFD 5.10.6.2
- Bar Laps and extensions
  - Updated to meet specifications for grade 60 reinforcing
- Construction joint at drilled shaft or footing will be a uniform 1’ min below finished grade, regardless of feature crossed
New Spiral

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ALL OTHER COLUMN SPIRAL SIZES STAY THE SAME

DRILLED SHAFT SPIRALS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Larger spiral provides adequate resistance to the 600 kip impact load

DO NOT design the column for flexure or further analyze the effects of the 600 kip load on substructure. Static design methods do not capture the performance. The above spirals are all that is needed.

See ~Bridge Design Manual, Chapter 2, Section 2
Cannot prevent everything
Intended to prevent Bridge collapse due to truck impact
New Spiral

- New #4 Spiral at 3” Pitch will not be used for stream crossings; there’s no need
- New spiral will appear on Bent Standard Drawings when necessary based on column size
  - Will allow contractor to substitute a 6” pitch for stream crossings.
1.5 Flat Turns

- All Column Sizes are going to 3 flat turns, total
  - 1.5 flat turn top and bottom
- Will be specified on Drilled Shaft spirals, too
Bar Laps and Extensions

Min extension into supported elements:
- #6 bars = 1’-6”
- #7 bars = 1’-8”
- #9 bars in abutment/wingwall caps = 2’-3”
- #9 bars in bent caps = 2’-8”

Min lap with column reinf:
- #7 bars = 2’-9”
- #9 bars = 4’-6”

AASHTO T-10 is still deliberating changes to bar development and laps; current proposals indicate shorter laps in columns
Thanks for Listening. Any Questions?