WESTOVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION





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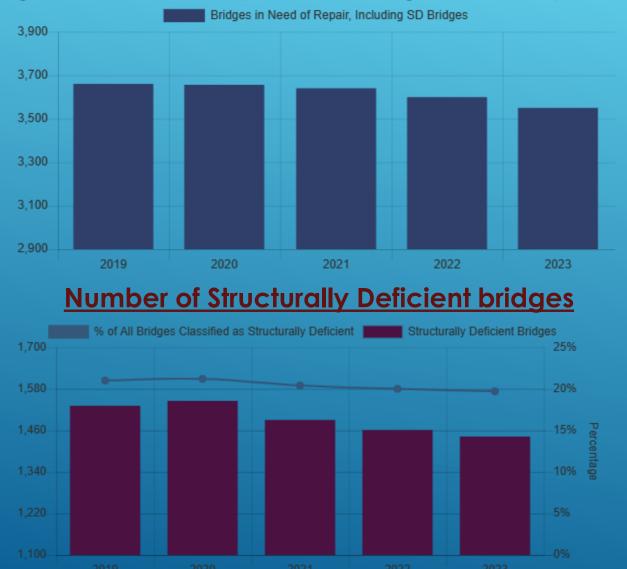
NATIONAL BRIDGE INVENTORY DATA (2023)

- West Virginia has 7323 bridges in the state highway system
- The state has identified needed repairs on **3550 bridges 48%**
- 1442 bridges are classified as structurally deficient 19.7%
 (Structurally deficient means <u>one or more critical bridge</u> <u>component is rated poor or worse</u>)
- Placed number 1 in the nation in % of structurally deficient bridges
- Placed number 9 in the nation for # of structurally deficient bridges



NATIONAL BRIDGE INVENTORY DATA (2023)

Number of Bridges in Need of Repair including Structurally Deficient bridges



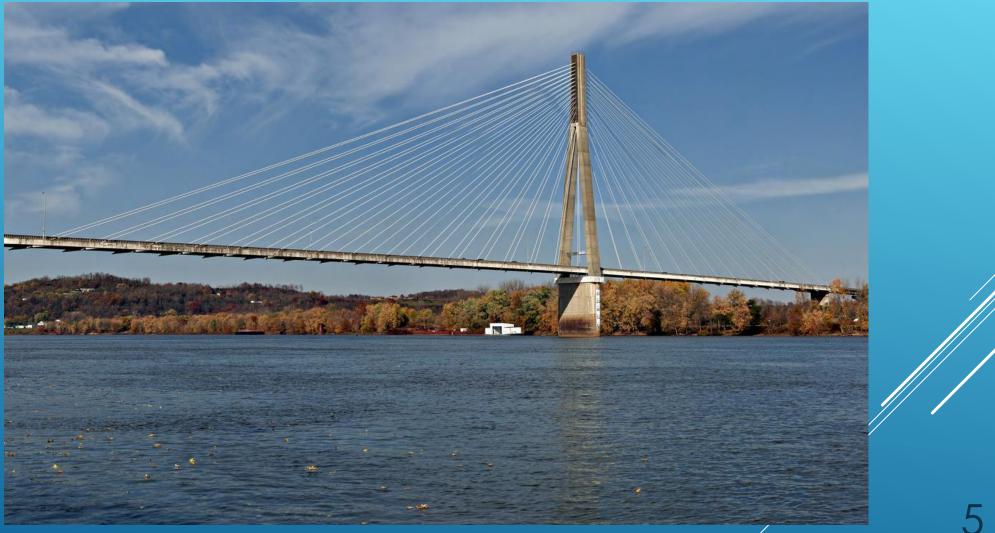
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NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE



Longest Steel Arch-Span in the Western Hemisphere. Opened to traffic in 1977 3030 ft long; Height: 876 ft

EAST HUNTINGTON BRIDGE



Cable Stayed Bridge. Opened to traffic in 1985.

BLENNERHASSETT BRIDGE



Network Tied Arch Bridge. Opened to traffic in 2008

SHENANDOAH RIVER BRIDGE



1400 ft Span Delta Frame Bridge. Open to traffic in 2012

JEFFERSON STREET BRIDGE



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Historic Concrete Arch Bridge, Fairmont, WV. Opened to traffic in 1921 (Underwent Major Rehab 30 Years ago)

GLADE CREEK BRIDGE



Deck Truss Bridge. Opened to traffic in 1988 2179 ft Long; 700 ft Height

WESTOVER BRIDGE



Side View Street View 10 Overpass Structure – Concrete Deck, Steel Plate Girder Structure

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Bird's Eye View

BRIDGE FACTS

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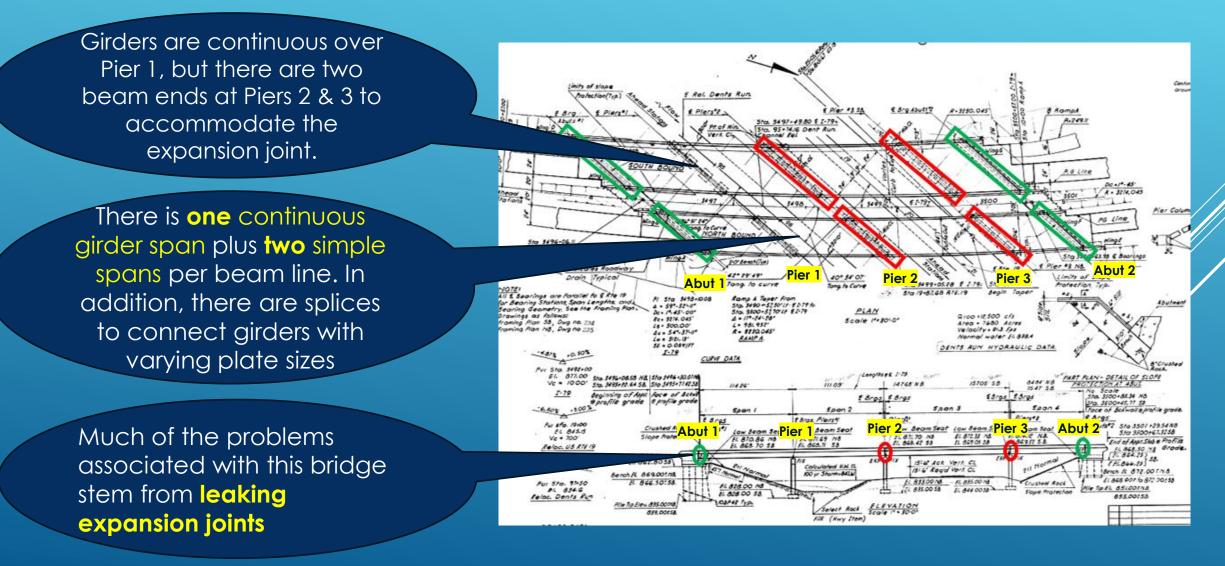
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- Located in Town of Westover, Monongalia County, District 4
- I-79 Overpass Structure at Exit 152 (3rd Exit from the Pennsylvania Stateline)
- Structure Specifics ~
 - 4 Span Steel Girder Twin Structure (Total Length of Structure: 457'-10")
 - 8 Inch Concrete deck
 - Concrete abutments on spread footing supported on 2 rows of piles (front row battered)
 - Multi-Column Piers
 - Rocker bearings on the Piers
 - Structure built in 1969 (approximately 55 years old)
 - Design Consultant on Record: Michael Baker

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BRIDGE FACTS

Strip Seal Expansion Joints are found at ~ Abutments 1 & 2 (Green) and Piers 2 & 3 (Red)





• Pier Caps exhibited Severe Spalling, exposed rebar with significant corrosion and section loss,

- Four out of the six piers in the twin structure were in a state of severe disrepair.
- Leaking expansion joints above these piers caused De-icing Salt Saturation of concrete.



More of the same: Spalls, cracks, delamination, exposed rebar.
 Piers 2 & 3 were in very poor condition
 Pier 1 was in good condition. Why?

PIER 1 – PRISTINE CONDITION!



Pier 1 in NB & SB Structures are in pristine condition. Why?

- No deck joints are to be found at this Pier location.
- No leaking joints, no deicing salts and other run off, and
- It helped preserve the steel and concrete in this pier.



Pier columns, even though they are at a lower elevation, were not spared. Cracks, large spalls and extensive delam were detected in several columns.



Severe deterioration of Bearing Pedestals.
 Several of these had to be recast.
 To recast Pedestals, the girders had to be jacked individually under full traffic loading & 9/3/20XX
 Rocker bearings reset etc.



Completely deteriorated Pier Cap Cantilever in Pier 3 of the SB Structure (West Side cantilever).

Cantilever supported the exterior beam that carried a significant percentage of the load on the entrance ramp to the I-79 SB Structure.

Something had to be done. We decided to recast the cap overhang. To do that safely the beam would have to be jacked and a jacking frame needed to be built.

BRIDGE CONDITION - PIERS





The ground was littered with broken pieces of concrete from these spalls and defects we have seen so far.

- Broken haunch. A safety hazard to vehicles on the underpass (US 19).
- Lack of reinforcing causes them to break apart and fall.
- If you see any during a routine inspection, just break off all loose pieces of haunch,^{3/20XX} just for the safety of the travelling public.



Large spall - A huge chunk of concrete cracked and about to fall off at the corner of Abutment 2, SB structure. Spalls found on all Abutment backwalls in general.



Numerous cracks. Cracks over .03 inches in width were sealed by an epoxy crack sealant.

Abutments were not spared of course but they appeared to be in better condition than the piers. Abutments were rated 'Fair'. Map cracking. Cracks were sealed off with concrete protective coating



BRIDGE CONDITION – STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE CONDITION OF STEEL GIRDERS AT SUPPORTS







Steel members (girders, crossframes, diagonals etc.) at the supports where expansion joints are located showed surface rust and section loss. Peeling topcoat on the beam bottom flanges and diagonals. (Pier location) Surface rust and minor section loss at Abutments.



BRIDGE CONDITION – STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE CONDITION OF STEEL GIRDERS IN THE SPAN



- Paint Peeling off in the bottom flanges of the girders in Span 3 (the span over the US 19). Quite extensive.
- Exhaust fumes from trucks travelling underneath on US 19 underpass probably had something to do with it. We decided to clean and paint at least the bottom flanges in span 3 and sections at the supports.
- Limited Cleaning and painting in this contract is a temporary measure. Bridge is due for a full clean and paint project.

BRIDGE CONDITION – DECK EXPANSION JOINTS



Typical Strip Seal Expansion Joint in this bridge.



Closeup View of Strip Seal. Holes in them caused the joint to leak.

The seals are not meant to last the life of the bridge. They have to be replaced when they are worn out

OBTAINING CORE SAMPLES TO CHECK FOR SALT CONCENTRATION IN PIERS



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REPAIR ITEMS CONCRETE

Pier Repair:

- Extensive Concrete Repair Concrete Patching of spalled areas (Referenced by Repair Types PC1, PC2 & PC3)
- 2) Pier Pedestal Reconstruction & Repair (Referenced by Repair Type PRC)

a)Select Pedestals were fully replaced

b)Others were repaired for spalls and cracks

3) **Pier Cap Cantilever Reconstruction** – Recasting of the pier cap cantilever on the Northwest corner of the SB Pier #3. (Referenced by **Repair Type CRC**)

Abutment Repair:

- Concrete Repair Vertical cracks (especially near weep holes), scattered map cracking and spalls in the breastwall and backwall. (Referenced by Repair Types CS, PC1, PC2)
- Recasting a large spall/delam at the Northwest corner of Abutment 2 in the SB Structure. (Referenced by Repair Type PC2)
- 3) Cleaning & Restoration of Abutment Seats Removal of excess construction material, dirt and debris lying on the seats (from previous repairs).

REPAIR ITEMS

STEEL

Steel Superstructure Cleaning & Painting:

Cleaning and painting was limited to bearing areas at Abutment 1, 2, Piers 2 & 3 and the bottom flanges of girders in span 3 that passes over US 19. (Referenced by **Repair Type C&P**)

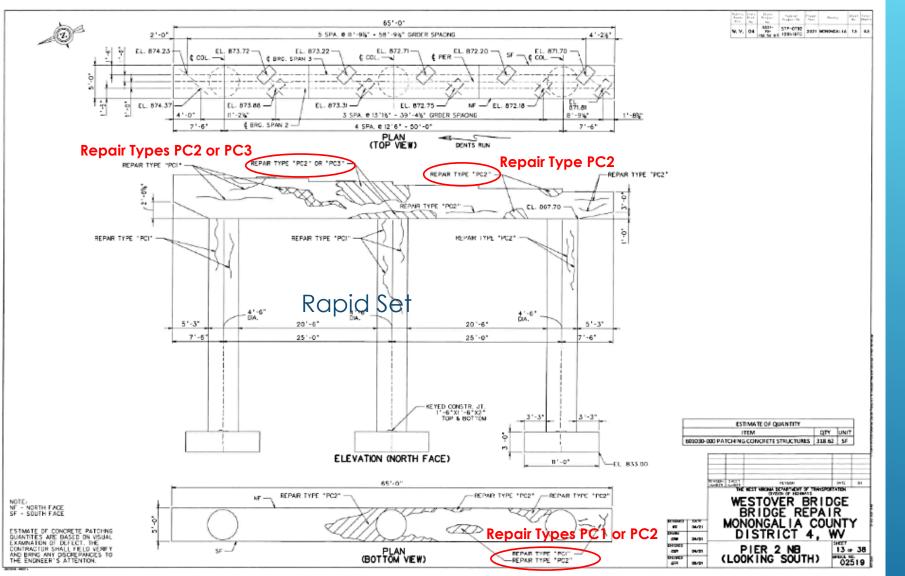
Expansion Joint Replacement:

Strip Seal Expansion Joints at Abutments 1 & 2 and Piers 1 & 2 were replaced (Referenced by **Repair Type EJ**)

Concrete Protective Coating

Application of Concrete Protective Coating on the substructure units that underwent repair - in this case Abutments 1 & 2 and Piers 2 & 3 in the NB & SP Structures. 28

PIER REPAIR



Example Pier Repair Plan Sheet

Concrete Repair

Concrete Patching of spalled and delaminated areas (Referenced by Repair Types PC1, PC2 & PC3)

- 1) Removal of all unsound concrete
- 2) Application of a cementitious bonding agent (Material Specs are given in SP 601)
- 3) Application of Rapid Set Cementitious Patching (Material Specs in SP 601)

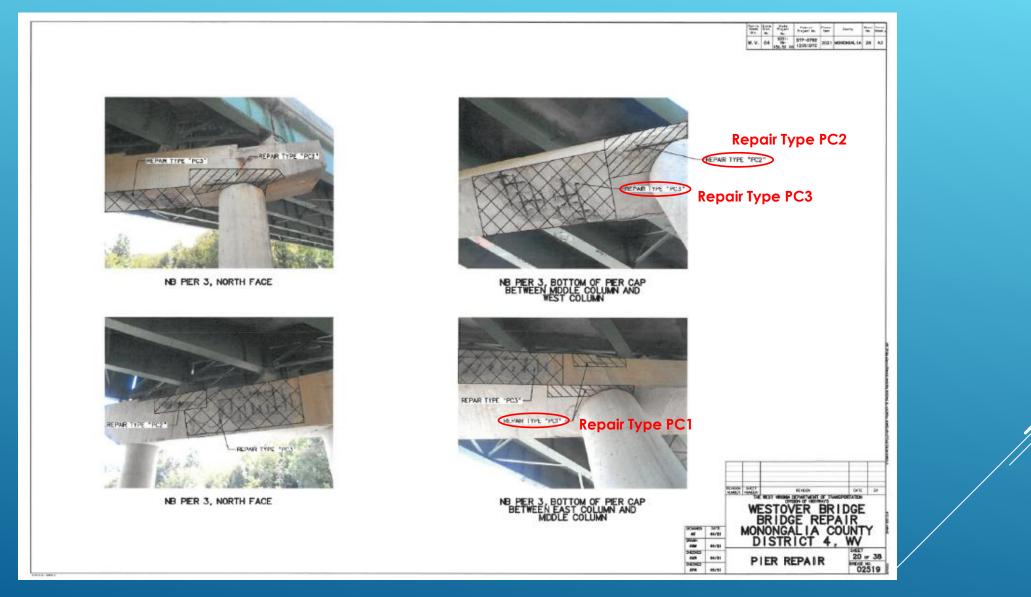
Repair Types -

PC1 – Surface Spalls with no exposed rebars (Mild Defect)

PC2 – Spalls with exposed rebars (Moderate Defect)

PC3 - Large or full depth spalls with exposed rebars (Severe Defect)^{3/20XX}

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Example Plan Sheet with Photos of defects and Repair call-outs.

PIER REPAIR CONCRETE PATCHING



Removal of Unsound Concrete Use of a hand tool like a small hammer or pickax to determine the location and limits of unsound concrete that needed to be removed

Forming up to Pour Rapid Set Attaching the form boards to place the **Patching Material**



PIER REPAIR (VIDEO)



Detection and Removal of Unsound Concrete in Pier Cap



Formwork to Place Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material in Pier Caps



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Forming to pour Rapid Set Cementitious Patching

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SECTION 601 BONDING AGENTS FOR CONCRETE

601.1-DESCRIPTION:

This specification describes the use of a bonding bridge (agent) between new portland-cement mortar or concrete and hardened portland-cement mortar or concrete.

601.1.1-QUALITY ASSURANCE:

601.1.1.1- Manufacturing qualifications: The manufacturer of the specified product shall have in existence a recognized quality assurance program and be ISO 9001 Certified, a program of training, certifying and technically supporting a nationally-organized Approved Contractor Program with a re-certification program of its participants for a minimum of 5 years.

601.1.1.2-Contractor qualifications: Contractor shall be an Approved Contractor of the manufacturer of the specified product, who has completed a program of instruction in the use of the specified coating material and provides a certification from the manufacturer attesting to its Approved Contractor status.

601.1.1.3-Installation: Install materials in accordance with all safety and weather conditions required by manufacturer, or as modified by applicable rules and regulations of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. Consult Material Safety Data Sheets for complete handling recommendations.

601.2-MATERIALS:

601.2.1-Epoxy Resin: Epoxy resin/portland cement adhesive shall be as follows:

 Component "A" shall be an epoxy resin/water emulsion containing suitable viscosity control agents. It shall not contain butyl glycidyl ether.

- 2) Component "B" shall be primarily a water solution of a polyamine.
- 3) Component "C" shall be a blend of selected portland cements and sands.
- The material shall not contain asbestos.

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS 601

Rapid Set Cementitious Patching

Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material shall be high early strength structural repair material capable of patching deep holes, shallow feathering and able to be poured in forms. Also known as **MG-Krete**.

Contractor must meet Material Specifications listed in the SP

Min. material strength listed –

2500 psi @ 45 min;

5000psi @ 24 hrs. etc.

11,000psi @ 28 Days

→Bonding Agent

A Portland cement adhesive/epoxy resin that creates a bond between hardened old concrete and new Portland cement mortar.

Contractor must meet material specs specified in the SP. Example: Compressive Strength, Splitting Tensile Strength, Bond Strength@etc.

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SECTION 601 RAPID SET CEMENTITIOUS PATCHING

601.1 - DESCRIPTION:

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601.1.1 Rapid Set Cementitious Patching: The work shall consist of removing the existing concrete, power tool cleaning the exposed steel reinforcing bars, cleaning the bonding surfaces of the existing concrete to remain, replacing any damaged or severed reinforcing, and famishing and placing Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material at the locations indicated on the plans and any other location designated by the engineer. The Engineer will delineate the repair areas. The construction shall be in accordance with this Specification and in reasonably close conformity with the Plans or as established by the Engineer.

601.2 - MATERIALS:

ADD THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

601.2.1 - RAPID SET CEMENTITIOUS PATCHING MATERIAL:

601.2.1.1: Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material shall be a high early strength structural repair material capable of patching deep holes, shallow feathering, able to be poured in forms, and being troweled vertically or overhead. Material shall not shrink on cure, be self-priming, and be capable of providing a strong bond to concrete and steel reinforcing bars. It shall be a non-toxic product and clean up with water. This Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material is also known as MG-Krete as manufactured by IMCO Technologies.

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Rapid Set Cementitious Mix

Mixing Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material (on Site)



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Site Mixing of Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material



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Site Mixing of Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Material

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Problems with the Rapid Set Cementitious Mix caused sections of the patchwork to crumble. The District Constructions Supervisors on the job rightly asked the contractor to take them off and reapply.

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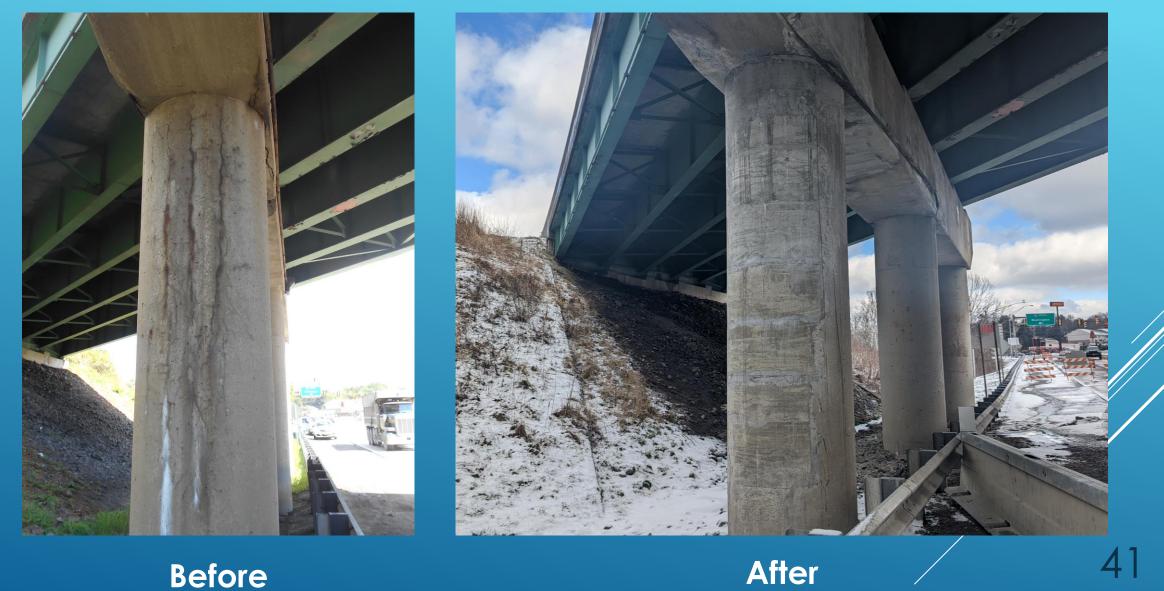
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NB Pier 3 Cap

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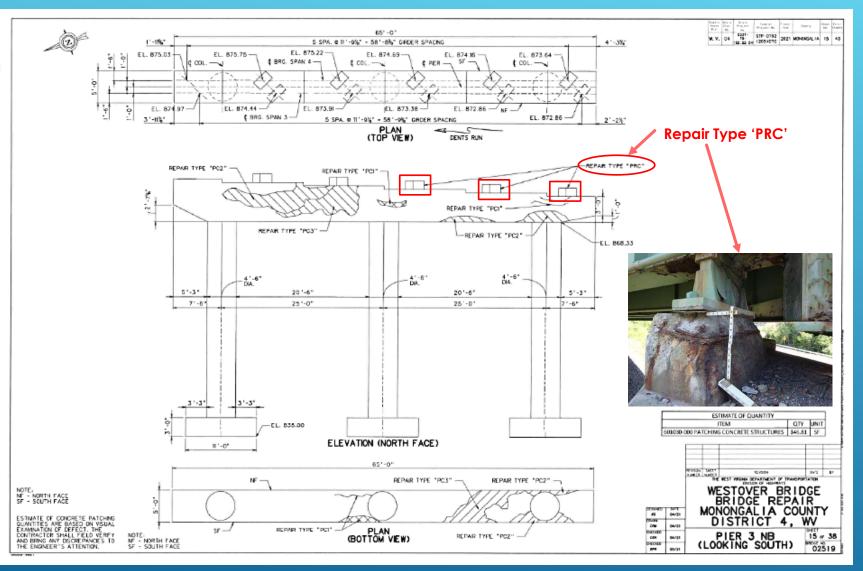


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NB Pier 3 Column

PIER PEDESTAL RECONSTRUCTION



Pier Pedestal Reconstruction

Removal and recasting of select pier pedestals on which the girders rested. (Referenced by Repair Type PRC)

- Jack girders under which pedestals were to be replaced (accomplished by placing hydraulic jacks placed on top of the pier cap)
- 2) Completely remove badly deteriorated pedestals
- 3) Drill, grout and assemble new pedestal reinforcements
- 4) Cast new pedestal to original dimensions

A total of 5 pedestals out of 12 were replaced. The others were repaired for cracks and spalls.



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Pedestals on Pier 3 NB & SB

PIER PEDESTAL RECONSTRUCTION



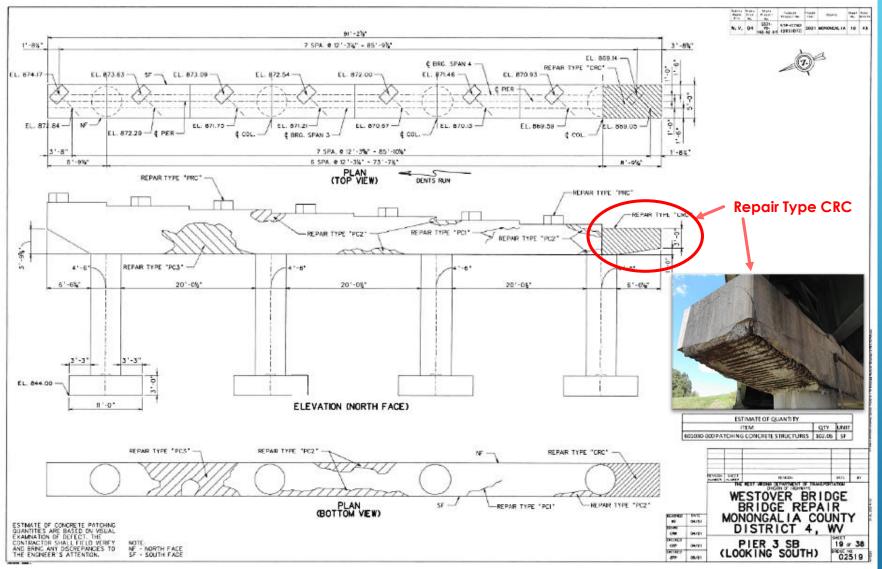
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NB Pier 3 Pedestal under Exterior Girder

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Pier Cantilever Reconstruction

Dismantling and reconstruction of the Pier 3 West Side Cantilever in the SB structure. (Referenced by Repair Type CRC)

- 1) Erect Jacking towers to sit jacks required to lift the exterior girder
- 2) Completely dismantle the Pier Cap Cantilever to the limits shown on the plan
- 3) Assemble rebar cage, tying new longitudinal reinforcements to existing rebars in the cap.
- 4) Cast new pier cap cantilever to original dimensions

Only one cantilever was totally dismantled and recast. The others were repaired for cracks, spalls and delamination.



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SB Pier 3 West Side Cantilever





Jacking Tower (North Side of Pier)

Jacking Tower (South Side of Pier) 45

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SB Pier 3 Cantilever supporting Exterior Girder Line



New Rebar Cage in Place for Cantilever Pour





Concrete pour completed and new cantilever tarped to let it cure





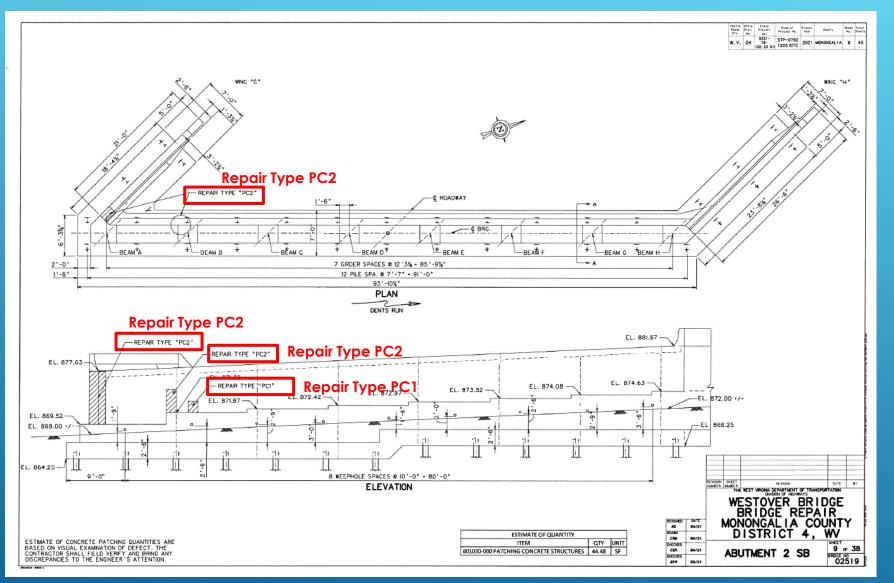


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Concrete Repair

Concrete Patching of spalled areas (Referenced by Repair Types PC1, PC2 & PC3)

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- 3) Application of Rapid Set Cementitious Patching (Material Specs in SP 601)

Repair Types –

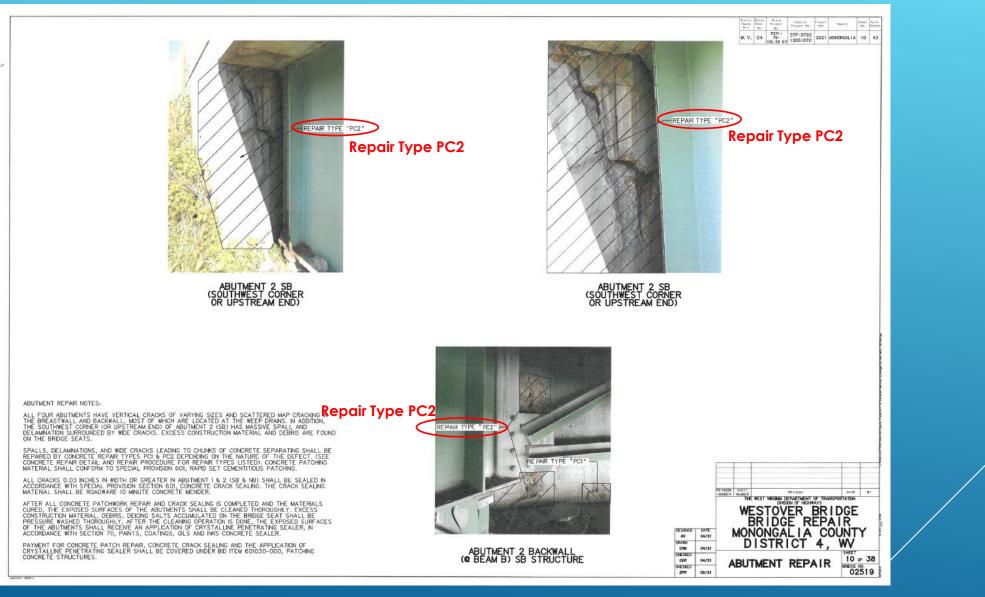
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SB Abutment 2

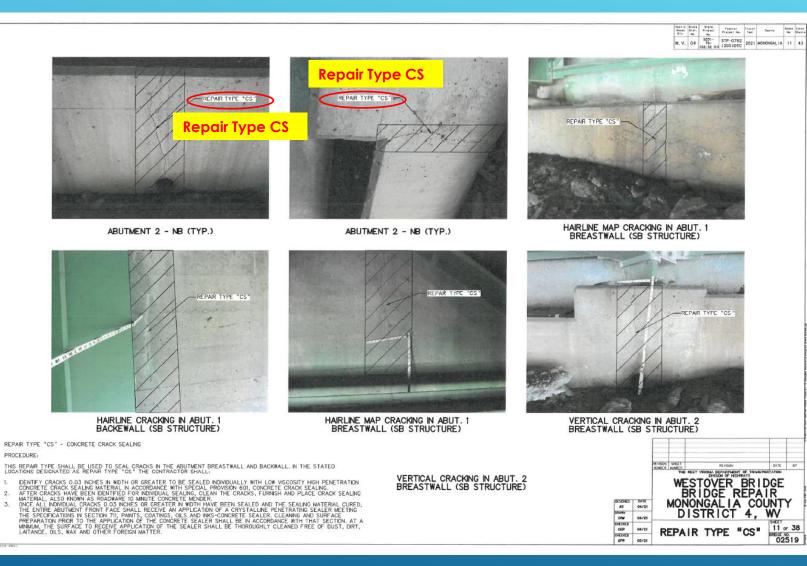
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Example Plan Sheet with Photos of defects and Repair call-outs.

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS 601 → Concrete Crack Sealing

Work consists of thoroughly cleaning out all cracks greater than .03 inches and injecting a Concrete Crack Sealing Material, also known as **Roadware 10 Minute Mender**, into these cracks. **Repair Type: CS**

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SECTION 601 CONCRETE CRACK SEALING

601.1 - DESCRIPTION:

ADD THE FOLLOWING SECTION

601.1.1 Concrete Crack Sealer: The work shall consist of cleaning all cracks and furnishing and placing a Concrete Crack Sealing Material at the locations indicated on the plans and any other location designated by the Engineer. The construction shall be in accordance with this Specification and in reasonably close conformity with the Plans or as established by the Engineer.

601.2 - MATERIALS:

ADD THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

601.2.1 - CONCRETE CRACK SEALING MATERIAL:

601.2.1.1: Concrete Crack Sealing Material shall be a high penetration two part hybrid urethane material that combines with sand to form a tough instant polymer concrete. This crack sealing material is also known as Roadware 10 Minute Concrete Mender and manufactured by Roadware Incorporated. This material shall be capable of sealing vertical or horizontal cracks. Material shall have an extremely low viscosity and properties that allow deep penetration into concrete, not shrink on cure and be resistant to chemical attack.

ABUTMENT REPAIR CONCRETE PATCHING





Forming up and applying Rapid Set Cementitious Patching Mix



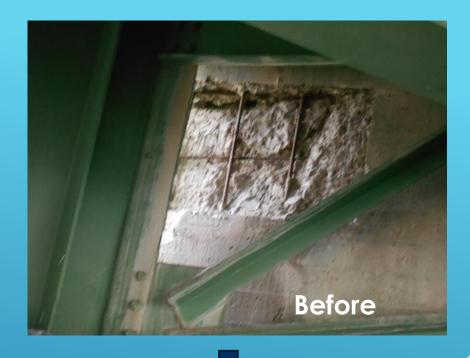


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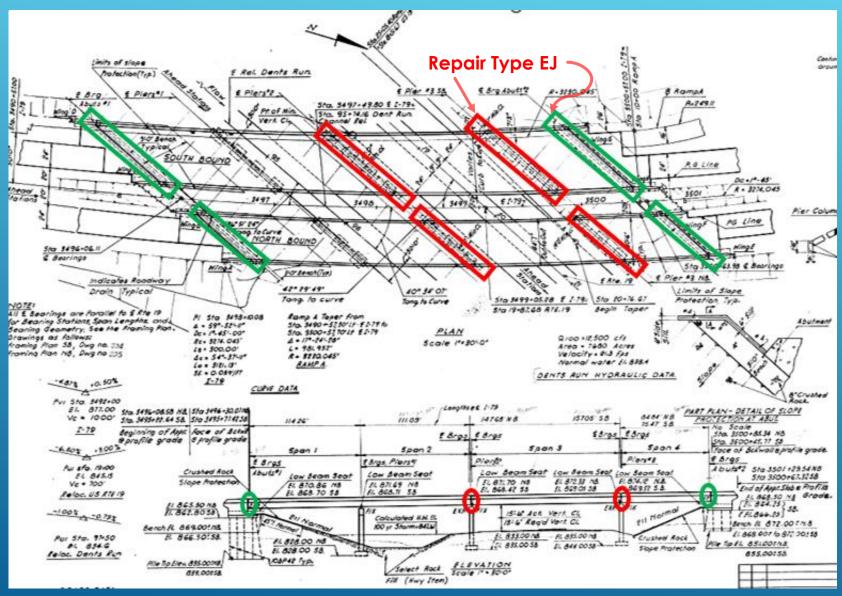
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Expansion Joints

Expansion Joint Replacement

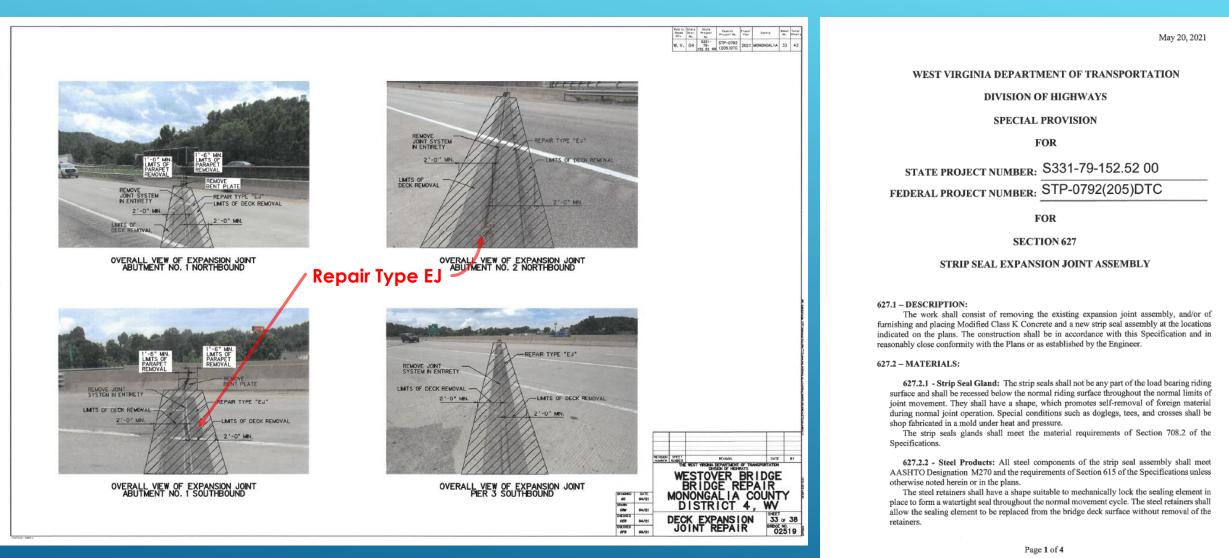
Work involves replacing all strip seal joints in the deck (Referenced by **Repair Type EJ**)

- 1) Remove existing deck, parapet and abutment backwall to the limits shown on the plans
- 2) Remove existing expansion joint in its entirety
- 3) Reset rocker bearings.
- 4) Install new strip seal expansion joint assembly
- 5) Cast adjacent deck and abutment backwall sections to original dimension in accordance with SP 627.

A total of 8 expansion joints were replaced. That amounted to 620 LF of expansion joints.

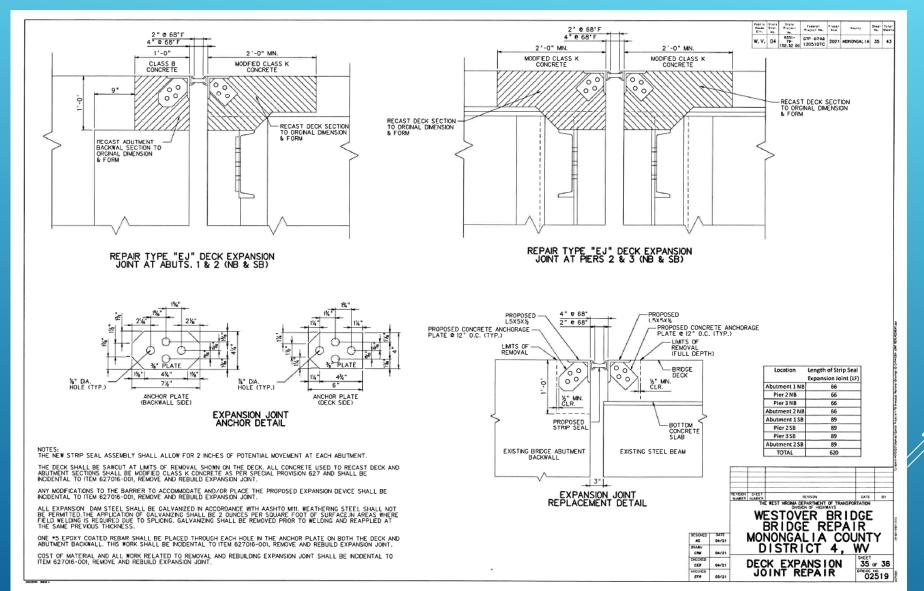


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Expansion Joints

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Strip Seal Expansion Joint Detail



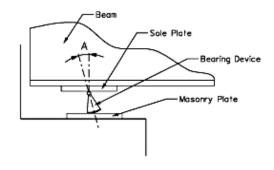


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ROCKER BEARING RESET





Forward

Year			2015		2017	2019				
Г	Air Temp						Ι			
	Steel Temp	eel Temp 85°		82°		76°				
		Angle		Angle		Angle		Angle	Angle	Angle
	Beam 1	+	4.4°	+	5°	3.60°				
	Beam 2	Beam 2 + 4.8°		٠	5°	4.35°	Ι			
	Beam 3	+	5.1°	٠	5°	4.80°				
	Beam 4	+	6.5°	+	8°	7.65°				
	Beam 5	+	7.7°	٠	9°	8.90°				
	Beam 6	+	10.9°	٠	11°	11.40°				
Ð	Beam 7	+	11.2°	+	11°	11.90°				
	Beam 8	+	12.8°	٠	14°	13.85°				

(+) Movement: Expanded Position

(-) Movement: Contracted Position

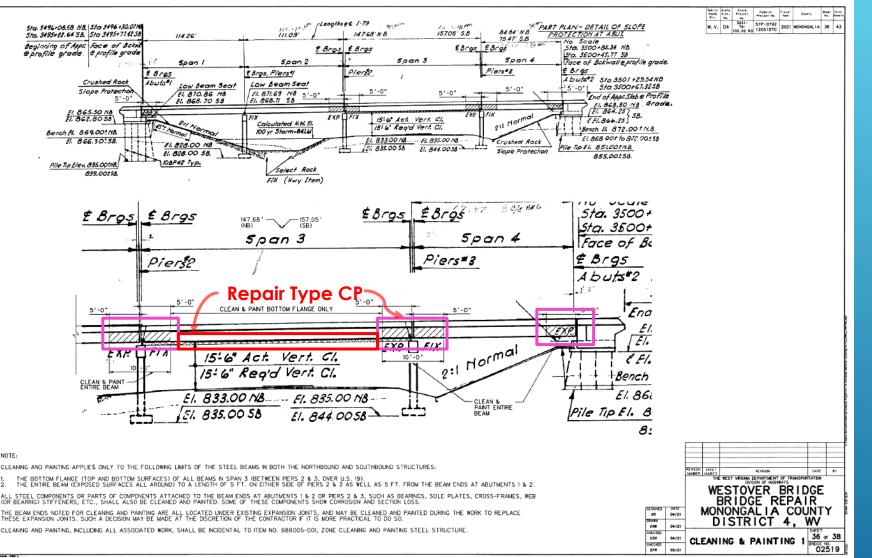
Note: Degree of tilt obtained using a digital protractor.

Bearing Position at Abutment 1

Rocker Bearing Tilt in Abutment 1

Rocker Bearing

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Cleaning and Painting

Work involves painting the girder bottom flanges in Span 3 (over US 19) and 5 ft sections at beam ends including all steel superstructure elements at the supports beneath the expansion joints. (Referenced by Repair Type CP)

- 1) Provide proper containment for cleaning & painting operations
- To the limits shown in the plans, thoroughly clean steel surfaces using power tools, hand tools & pressure washing.
- Once completely dry, apply a two-coat paint system.

Bridge contained lead. Best lead containment practices were required to be followed by the contractor.

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Span 3 over US 19 & 5 ft sections @ the supports



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Limits of Cleaning and Painting



Work in Progress

 Proper Lead containment procedures

- Tarps

- Drainage troughs or catchment basins
- Power tool cleaning and vacuuming or Pressure Washing
- Epoxy Mastic Paint 9/3/20XX
- Safe disposal of runoff



Before

After

CONCRETE PROTECTIVE COATING



Uncoated Repair Surface

Coated Repair Surface

Two-fold purpose of Concrete Protective Coating -

- 1) Aesthetics
- 2) Impervious Coating for the concrete unit

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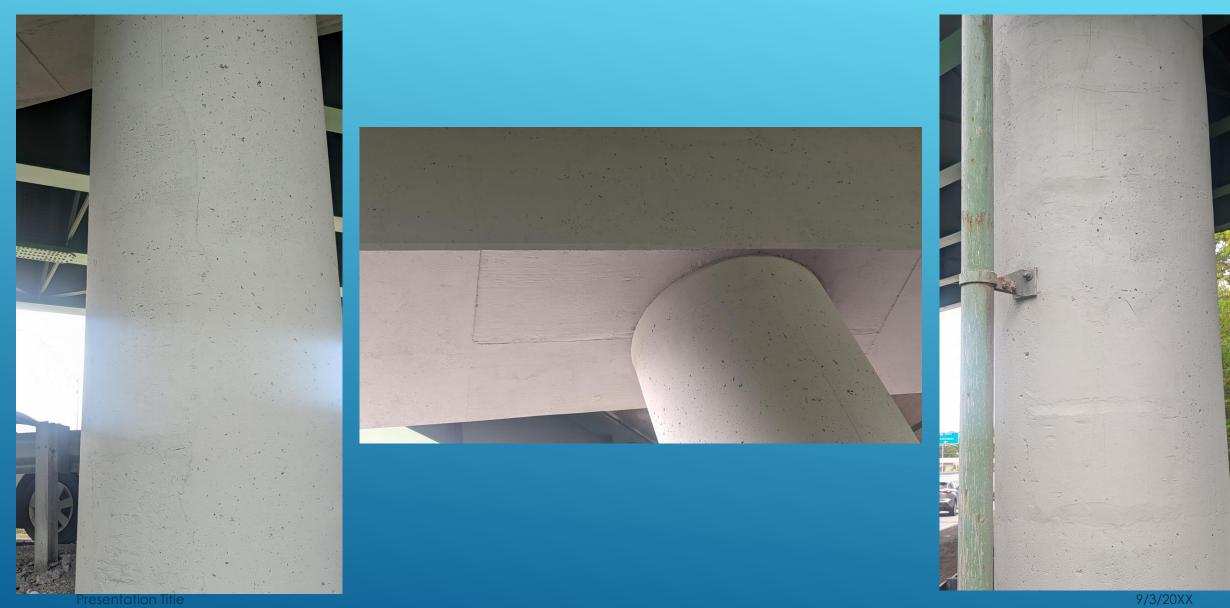
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POST REPAIR PHOTOS



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CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Much of the problems associated with deterioration of bridge elements can be attributed to poor drainage.
- Compressions Seals and Strip Seals do NOT last forever
 - They have to be maintained during their working life span (on average 10-15 years)
 - Power washed to keep them clean and free of dirt and debris
 - Water tested intermittently for leaks. Leaking seals must be replaced immediately
- For new Bridge design (Small to mid span category up to 600 ft)
 - Use integral or semi-integral design. They eliminate expansion joints.
 - Avoid intermediate expansion devices
- > **Do Not ignore** Leaking Joints. They are a silent killer

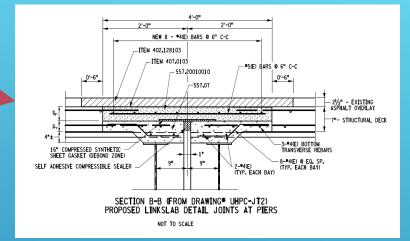
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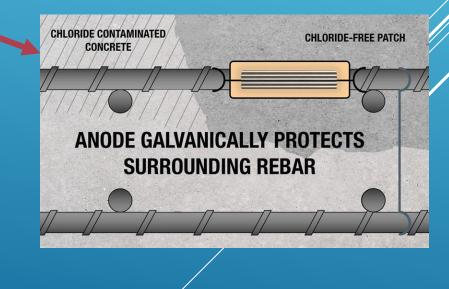
Eliminate expansion joints with Link Slabs – Not implemented here due to ~

- Significantly increased cost
- Maintenance of Traffic issues on a busy Interstate
- > Use of Cathodic Protection for Substructure units.

Not implemented here due to ~

- Prohibitive cost.
- Working within a limited budget
- > Full Clean & Paint of the Superstructure Steel
 - Not implemented because of ~
 - A limited Budget.





QUESTIONS?





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