# TxDOT In-House Bridge Repairs

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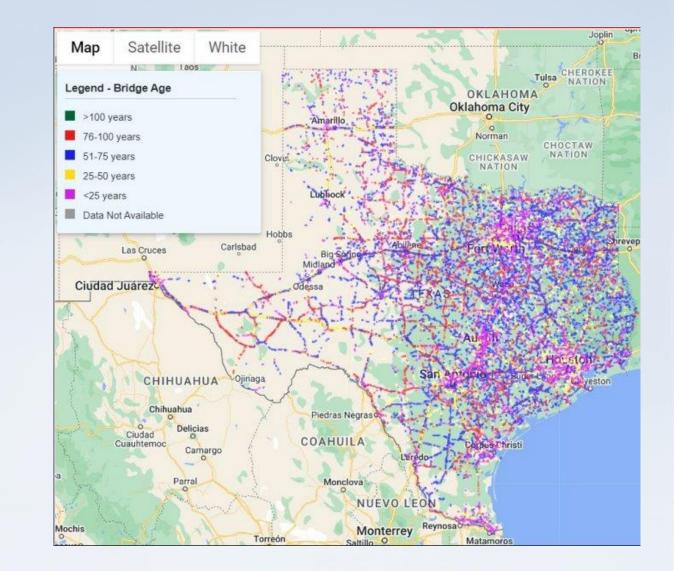
# Agenda

- TxDOT Bridge Statistics, Districts, and Maintenance funding sources
- Highlights of In-House Bridge Work
- Statewide In-House Repair Training
- In-House Repairs Across Texas Photo Gallery



# **TxDOT Statistics**

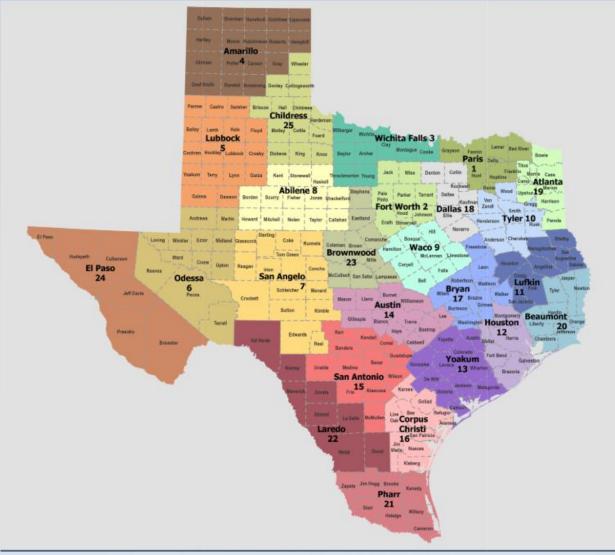
- +56,000 bridges
- Adding/replacing approximately 590 new bridges per year
- +/- 12,000 employees
- 31% maintenance employees





# **Our Districts**

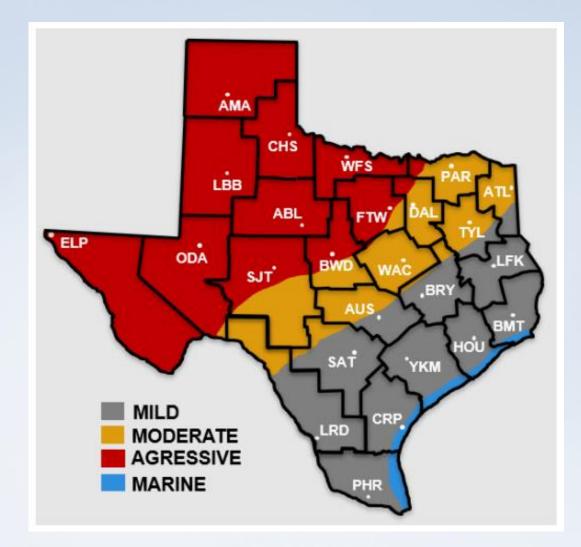
- 25 Districts
- Mixture of Urban, Rural and Metro settings
- Most Bridges Houston (6,830)
- Least Bridges Amarillo (841)





# **Our Climate**

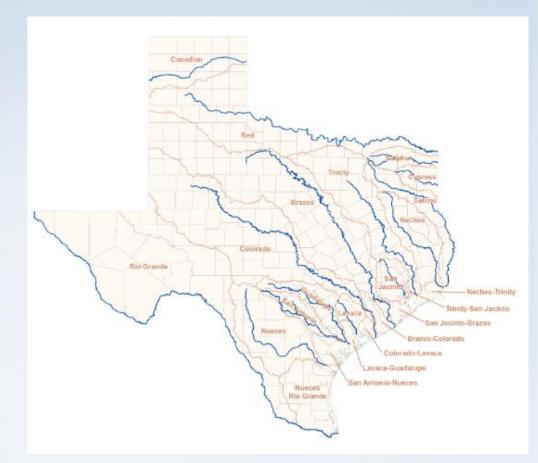
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# **Our Climate**

- Many different climates, subclimates in Texas
- Deicing Salt Application
  - Northern and Panhandle districts have problems with corrosion due to de-icing salt usage
- Texas River Basins and soil types
  - Eastern districts tend to have scour problems





# How Do We Maintain Our Large Inventory?

#### Contracted Maintenance

- Routine Maintenance Contract (RMC District Funds)
- Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPM Maintenance Division)
- Bridge Maintenance and Improvement Program (BMIP Bridge Division)
- Emergency Maintenance Contract (EMC Maintenance Division)
- In-House Maintenance
  - TxDOT District Bridge crews or Special Jobs crews

# **In-House Repair Highlights**

- Wide range of in-house repair capabilities
  - Deck repairs
  - Cleaning/sealing joints
  - Concrete repairs
  - Fish plates
  - Complex steel repairs
  - Stone riprap
  - Pile encasements





# Emergency Deck Repair – Wichita Falls District

- SL 11 @ US 287 SB
- Issue reported 6/2/2021, 3:30 pm
- Immediate lane closure
- Tools, equipment and personnel dispatched early next morning
- Repairs completed by 2:30 pm 6/3/2021
- Lanes opened 6/4/2021







# **Emergency Deck Repair – Wichita Falls District**



Removal of loose concrete and sawing perimeter to neat edges

Installing plywood formwork, securing to existing bars





# **Emergency Deck Repair – Wichita Falls District**



– Mixing repair material

Placing and finishing repair material





- US 281A @ Atascosa River
- Built 1925
  - Single span, warren pony truss
- Advanced section loss in gusset plates and lower chord, prompting a reduction in load posting
- Replacement in 1-2 years
- Goal avoid reduction in load posting until replacement



















- Collaborative effort between Bridge Division and San Antonio District
- Bridge Division assisted with site visit, data collection, measurements, and possible repair details



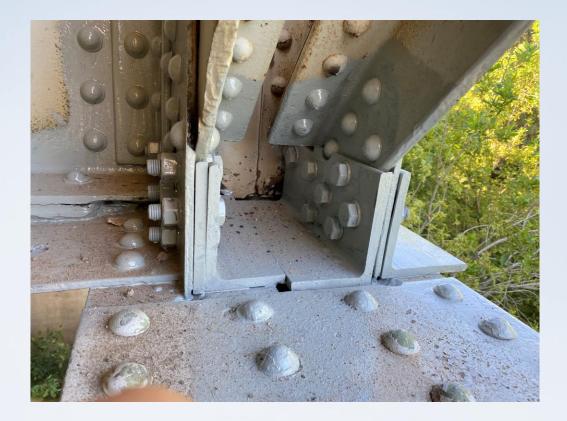


• San Antonio District Bridge Crew performed repairs











- SH 70 @ Quitaque River
- Built 1965
  - CIP "Pan girder" bridge
- Advanced section loss in primary cap reinforcing, prompting a load posting
- Replacement in 3-4 years
- Goal avoid load posting until replacement



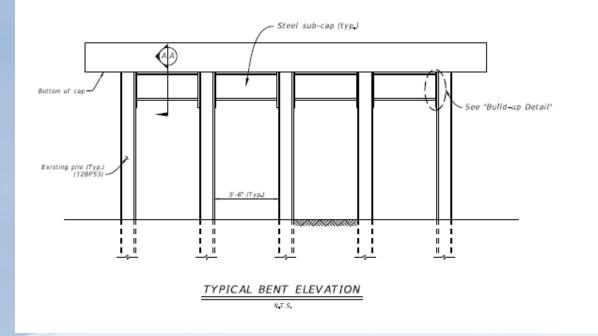


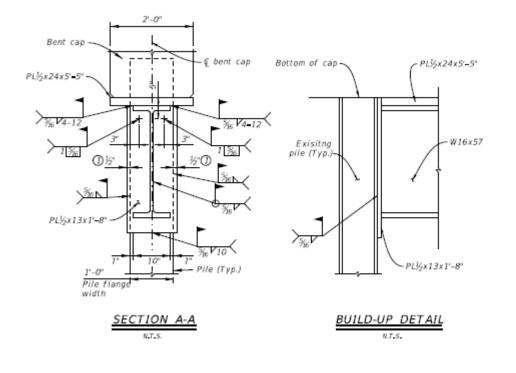


- Considered Vertical/Overhead
  Concrete Repairs with CFRP
  - Estimated at over 1,000 SF
  - Many previous VOH repairs
  - Cost
    - CFRP strengthening system
    - Large quantity of concrete repairs
  - Time
    - Quicker to do in-house











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- Bridge Division designed repairs
- Childress district performed the work









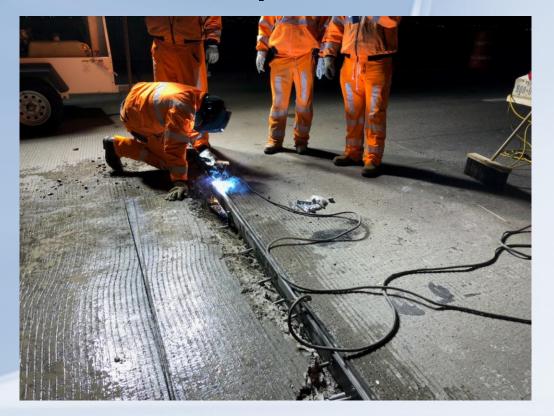
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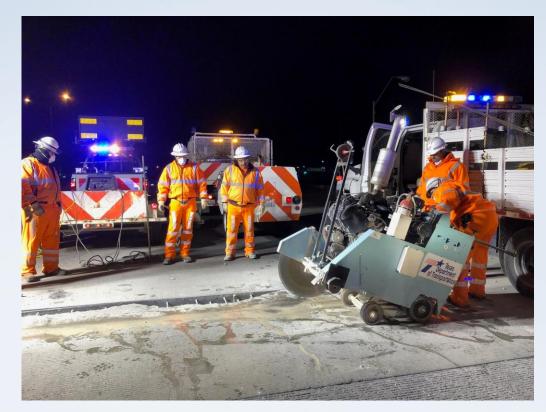
- IH 10 WB @ Geronimo
- Built 1990
  - Prestressed Conc. Box Beams
- Major spall in deck and loose armor plate
- Emergency Repair week before Christmas!





### Joint Repair – El Paso District





• Repairs performed at night using partial freeway closure



# Joint Repair – El Paso District







# Steel Web Repair – Wichita Falls District

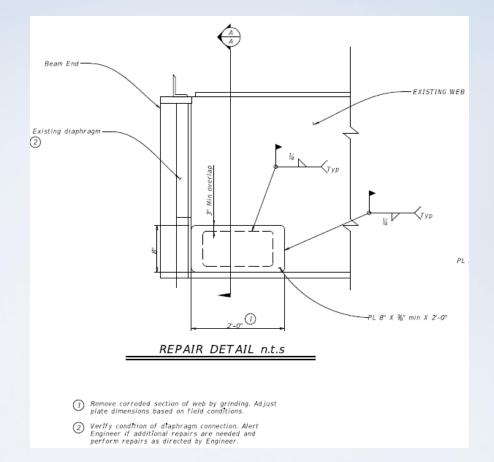
- IH 35 @ Red River
- Built 1957
  - Steel plate girder bridge
  - 48" webs
- Inspection Oklahoma
- Maintenance TX
- Advanced section loss at beam end prompting critical finding





#### Steel Web Repair – Wichita Falls District

- Collaborative effort between Bridge Division and Wichita Falls District
- Bridge Division designed repairs
- Wichita Falls district performed the work (in-house certified welder)
- Bridge Division provided snooper for access





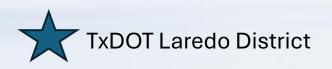
#### Steel Web Repair – Wichita Falls District







- Increased focus on addressing follow-up actions in-house
- TxDOT Bridge Division provides training to districts
- Primarily related to concrete repair, but other topics have been included









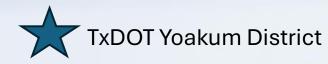
- Classroom portion
  - Bridge Terminology
  - The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
  - Review of TxDOT Concrete Repair Manual
  - Discussion on planning work
  - Finding pre-approved materials





- Field portion
  - Demonstrations at maintenance offices
  - Ask district to select one or more bridges nearby to use to demonstrate repair techniques
  - Occasionally includes demos from suppliers too









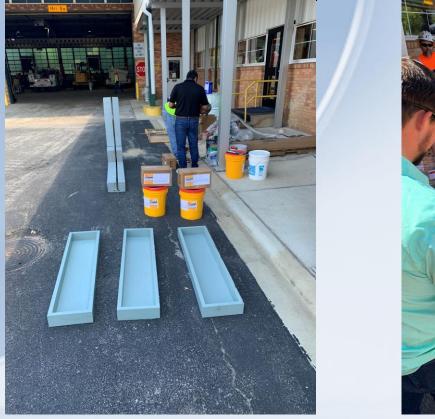
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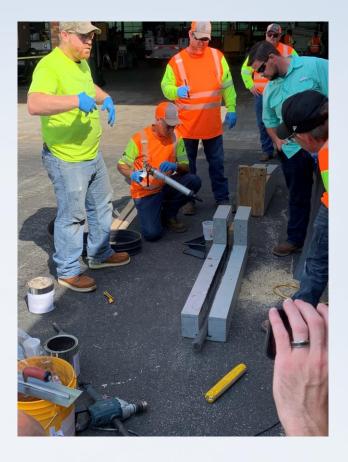










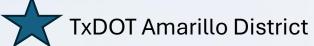










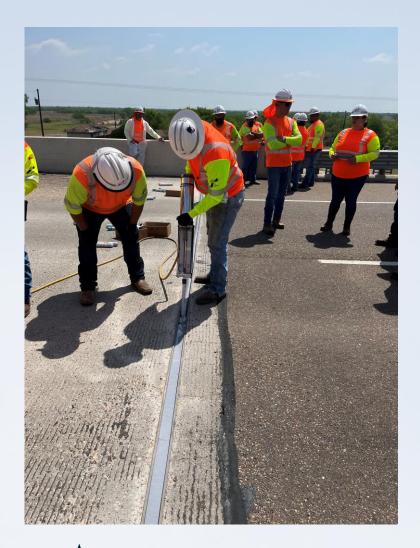




### **In-House Repairs Across Texas**















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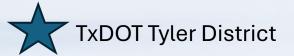
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TxDOT Paris District







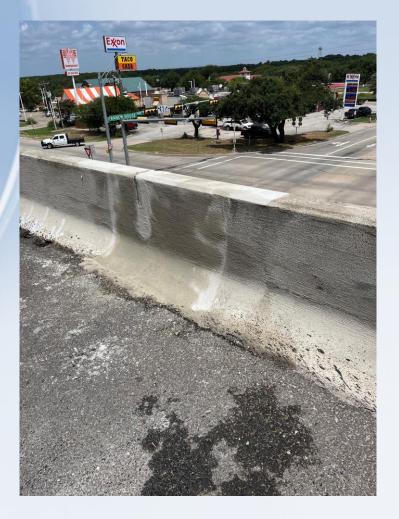


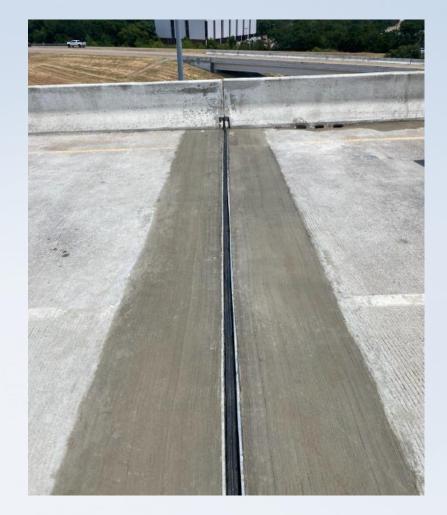




















- PHOTO 1 Recommended Maintenance Needs
- Description 21-109-0039-18-282 VIEW 8 TYPICAL CLOGGED DRAIN INLET AT APPROACHES ALONG SOUTH SHOULDER



PHOTO 1

Description Remove debris from drain inlets along south shoulder at approaches and check for proper drainage.

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TxDOT Houston District







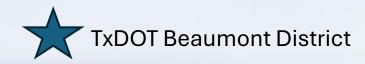




























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