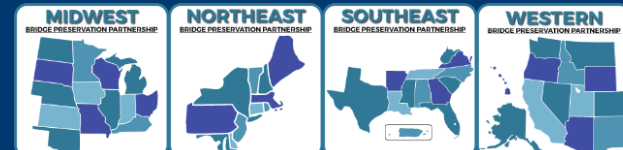




# I-26 Green River Bridges

National Bridge Preservation Partnership  
September, 2024

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Green River Bridges



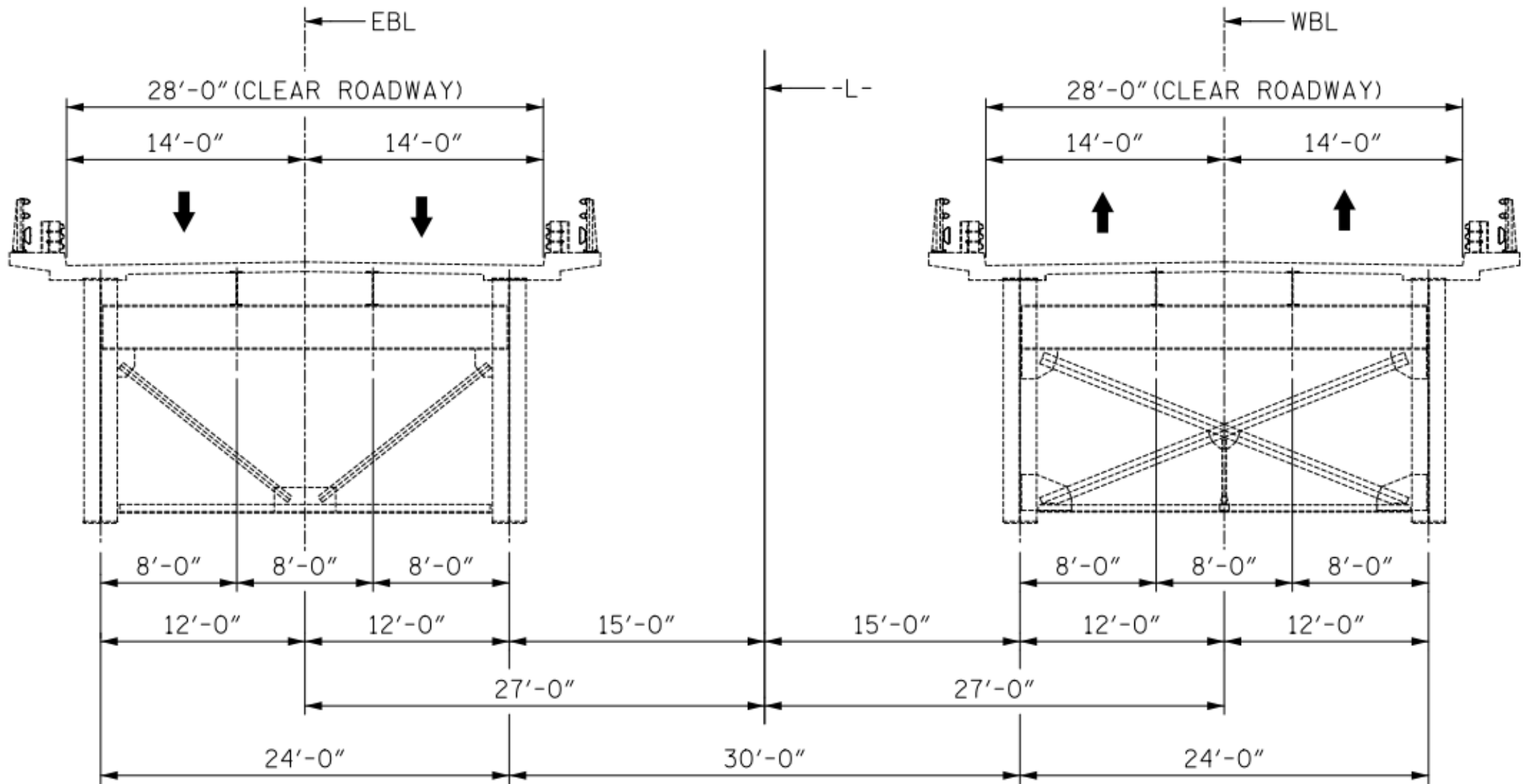
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Peter Guice  
Memorial Bridge  
Green River

PART OF THE  
Broad  
River Basin





EXISTING STRUCTURE



100'

260'-0"

330'-2"

260'-0"

100'

230'-0" +/-











# Outline

1

History

2

Feasibility Study

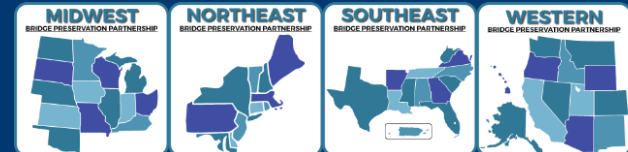
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# Bridge History



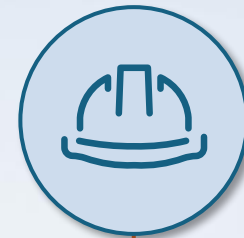
# Timeline



**1968**  
Original Construction



**1984**  
Added Guardrail



**2012**  
Expansion Joint Replacement



**1976**  
Added Catwalks



**1992 & 1993**  
Load Testing  
Non-Destructive Evaluation  
Steel Repairs  
Cover Plates  
LMC Overlay







MT  
OK

2013  
MCA



## Cracking and Fracture Assessment of the Green River Bridge, I26 in Henderson County, N.C.

A Report to  
Division of Highways  
North Carolina Department of Transportation

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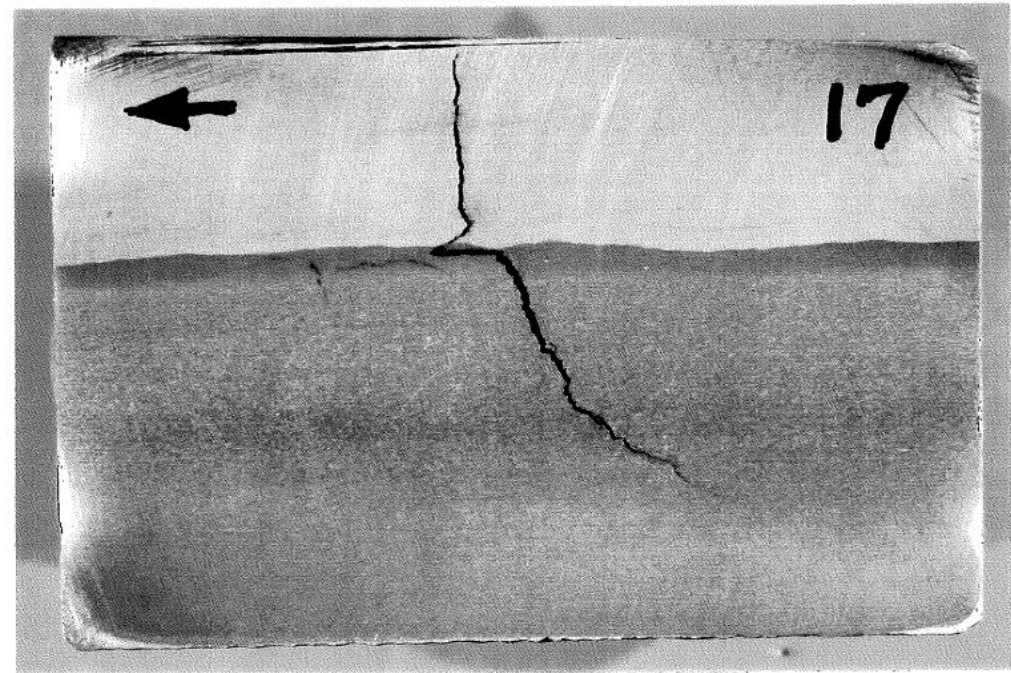


Figure 6: Longitudinal Cross-Section through Core #17 Showing a Transverse Weld Metal Crack and Propagation of the Crack into the Flange. Arrows Show HAZ Cracks and their Propagation into the Base Metal Adjacent to Primary Crack.

<u>Core No.</u>	<u>Girder</u>	<u>Plate Thickness</u>	<u>Description of Core</u>
17	301G1-3	1-1/4"	(Span D, Bottom Flange, Transverse flange-web weld crack, 2-5/8" dia.)
17-1	301G1-3	1-1/4"	(Span D, Bottom Flange, Containing crack tip, 1/2" dia.)
23	301G1-3	1-1/4"	(Span D, Bottom Flange, Transverse flange-web weld crack, 2-5/8" dia.)
25	301G1-3	1-1/4"	(Span D, Bottom Flange, Transverse flange-web weld crack, 2-5/8" dia.)
SP	601G1-2	5/8"	(Span D, Web, Longitudinal web-stiffener weld crack, 2-5/8" dia.)

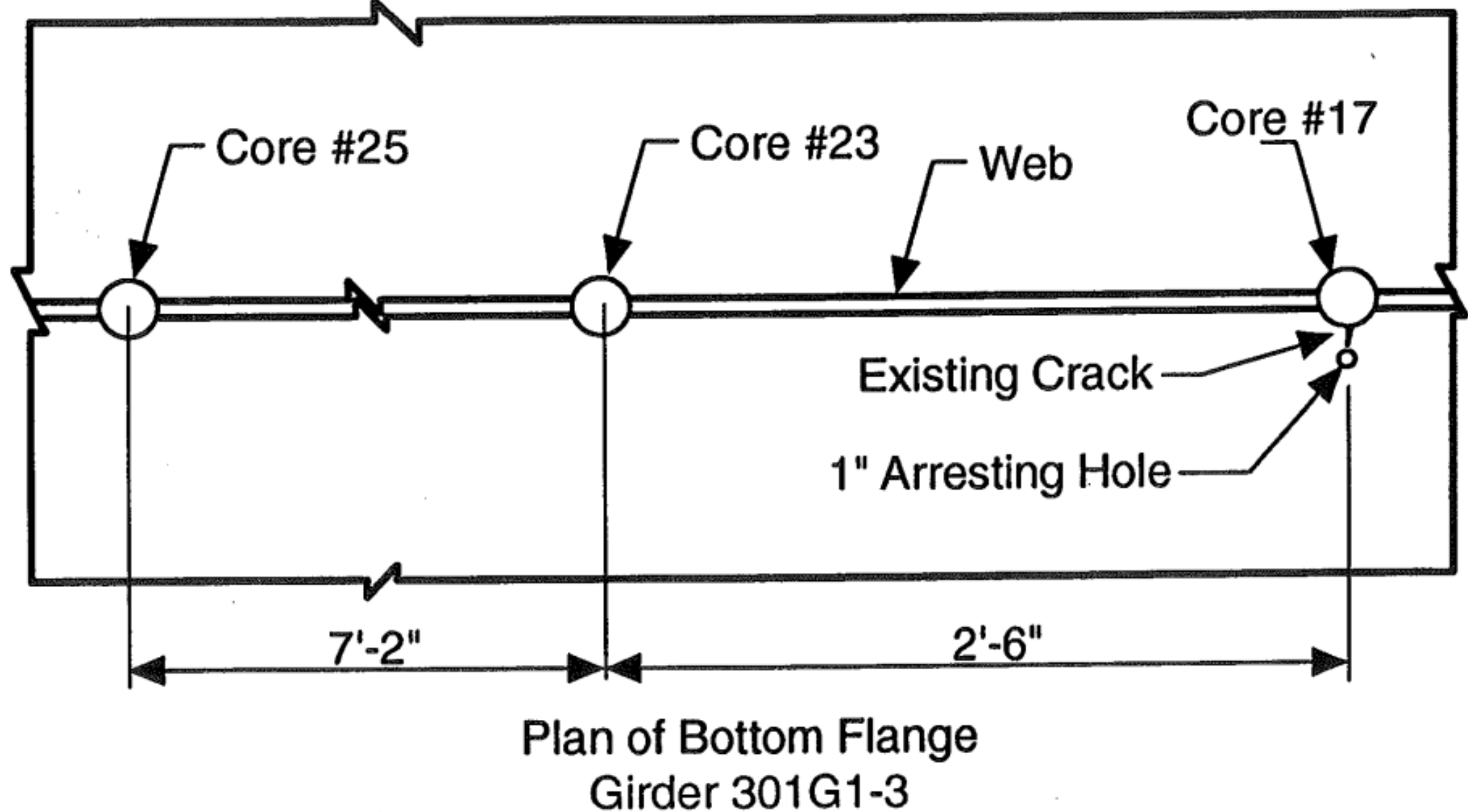
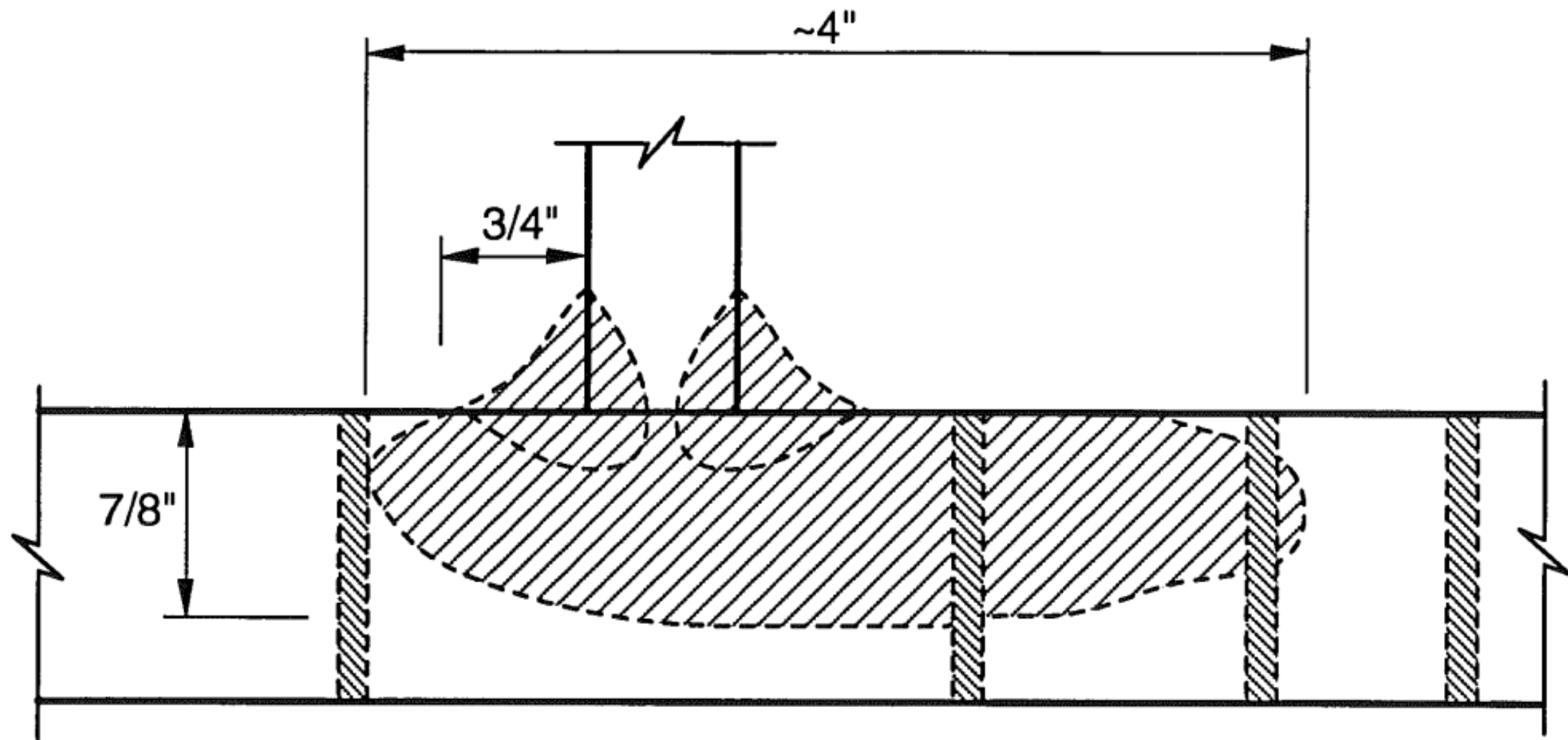
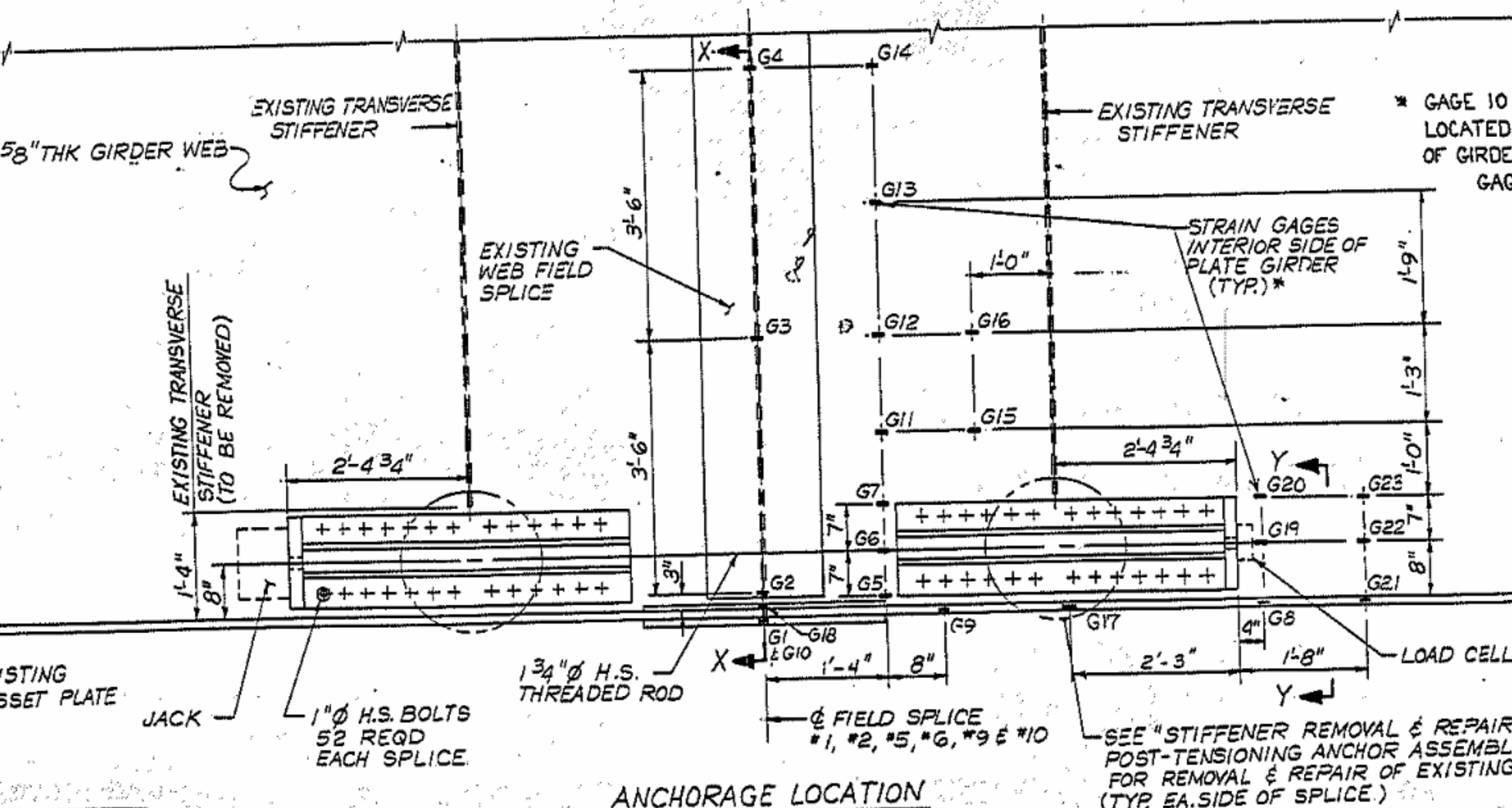


Figure 14a: Schematic of Girder 301G1-3 at Location Where Cores 17, 17-1, 23 and 25 Were Removed.



(a) Schematic of Crack in Flange at Core #17





\* GAGE 10 LOCATED OF GIRDE GAG

STRAIN GAGES INTERIOR SIDE OF PLATE GIRDER (TYP.)\*

LOAD CELL

SEE "STIFFENER REMOVAL & REPAIR POST-TENSIONING ANCHOR ASSEMBLY FOR REMOVAL & REPAIR OF EXISTING (TYP. EA. SIDE OF SPLICE.)

ANCHORAGE LOCATION

DATE 1-21-93  
DATE 1-26-93





# Professional Service Industries, Inc.

## REPORT OF MAGNETIC PARTICLE INSPECTION

TESTED FOR: North Carolina Department of  
 Transportation  
 Material & Test Unit  
 P.O. Box 25201  
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27611  
 ATTN: Mr. R.W. Reaves

PROJECT: Inspection For Rehabilitation of  
 I-26 Bridge over Green River  
 Project #8.1950901 - Henderson County  
 P.O. #637840 / Req. #9792520

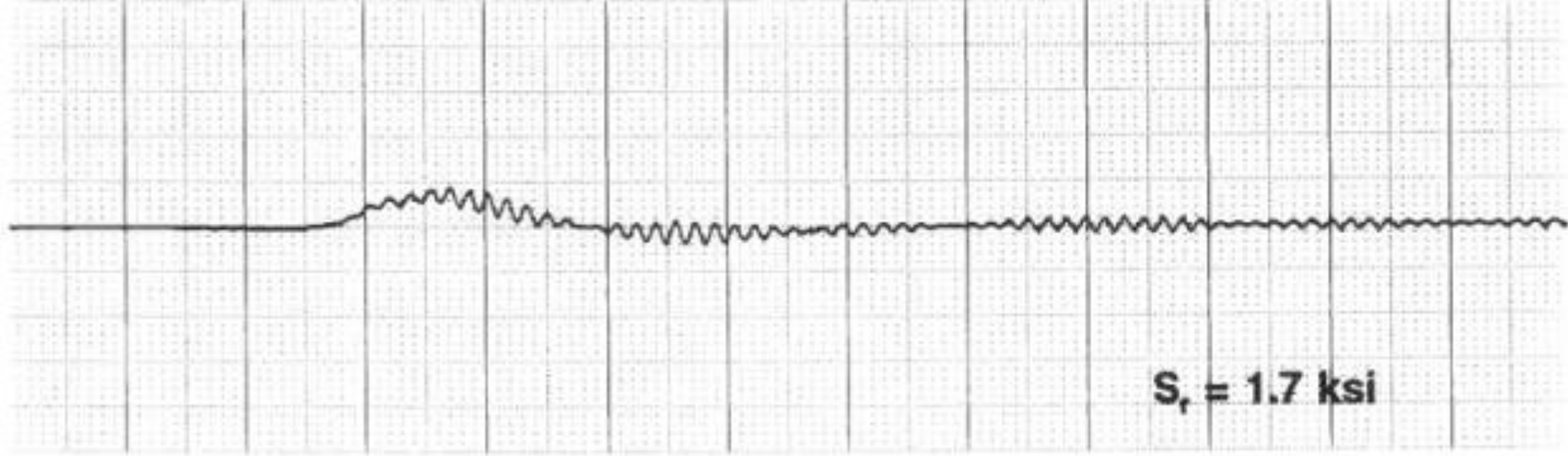
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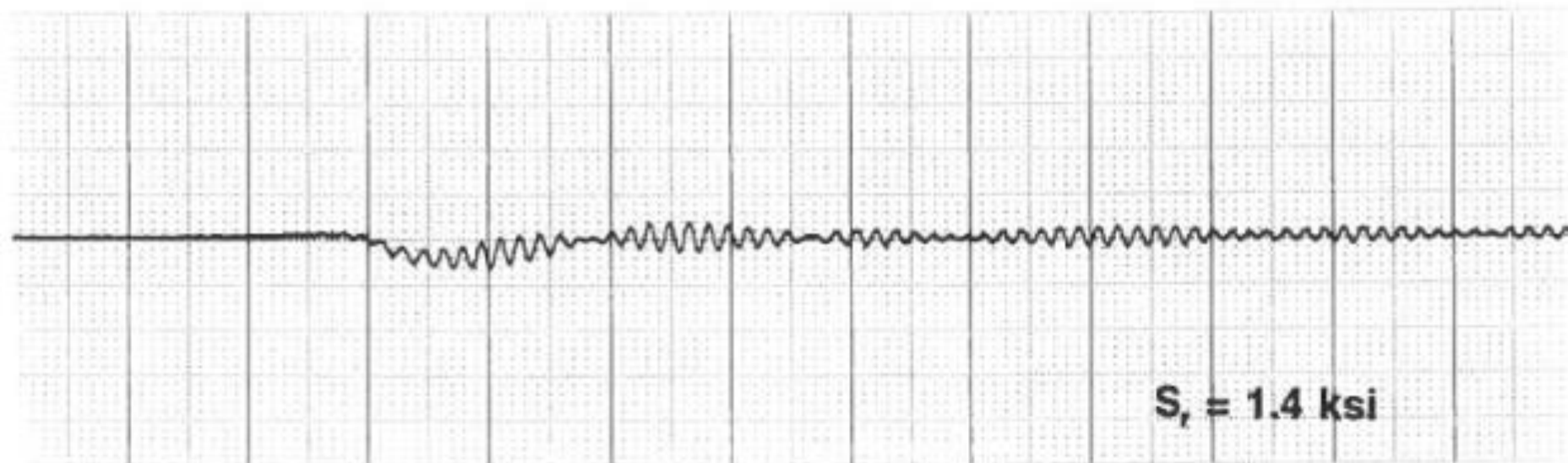
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**Gage 15**  
**Lateral Brace**



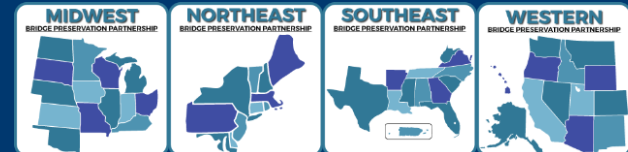
**Gage 16**  
**Lateral Brace**

**Truck 1 Right Lane at 40 mph**



# Feasibility Study

2018



# Alternatives

1

## **No-Build**

Review of Existing Structure

2

## **Conventional**

Rehabilitation consisting of a deck overlay and steel repairs

3

## **Create a Single Bridge**

By tying the bridges together with floorbeams and replacing the deck with a fully composite deck

4

## **Replace**

Both bridges with a single bridge







Span 2 Beam 2: upper web to 4th web stiffener from bent 2 exterior face, crack in weld (5in) found after dye-penetrant test performed (photo 1 of 2)

Span 5, beam 1 web underside longitudinal  
Stiffener between 2nd and 3rd vertical  
stiffener exterior.

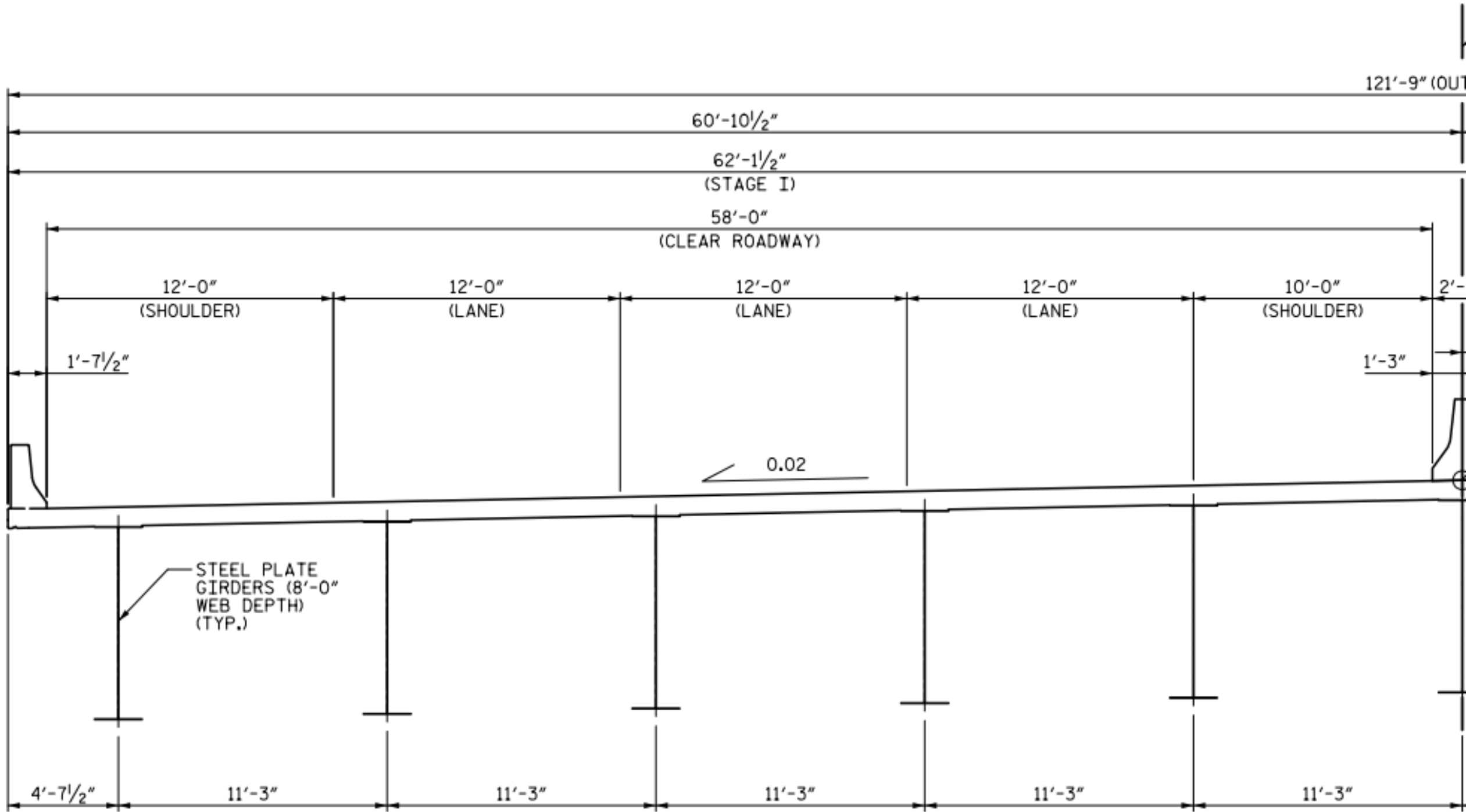
Web

Start and stop of weld

Fillet weld

Stiffener

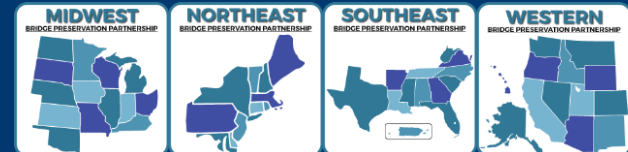






# Load Testing

March 2019









712H  
R

22-15

22-15

2543



36"

12"

12"

36"

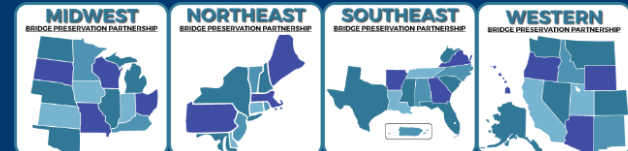




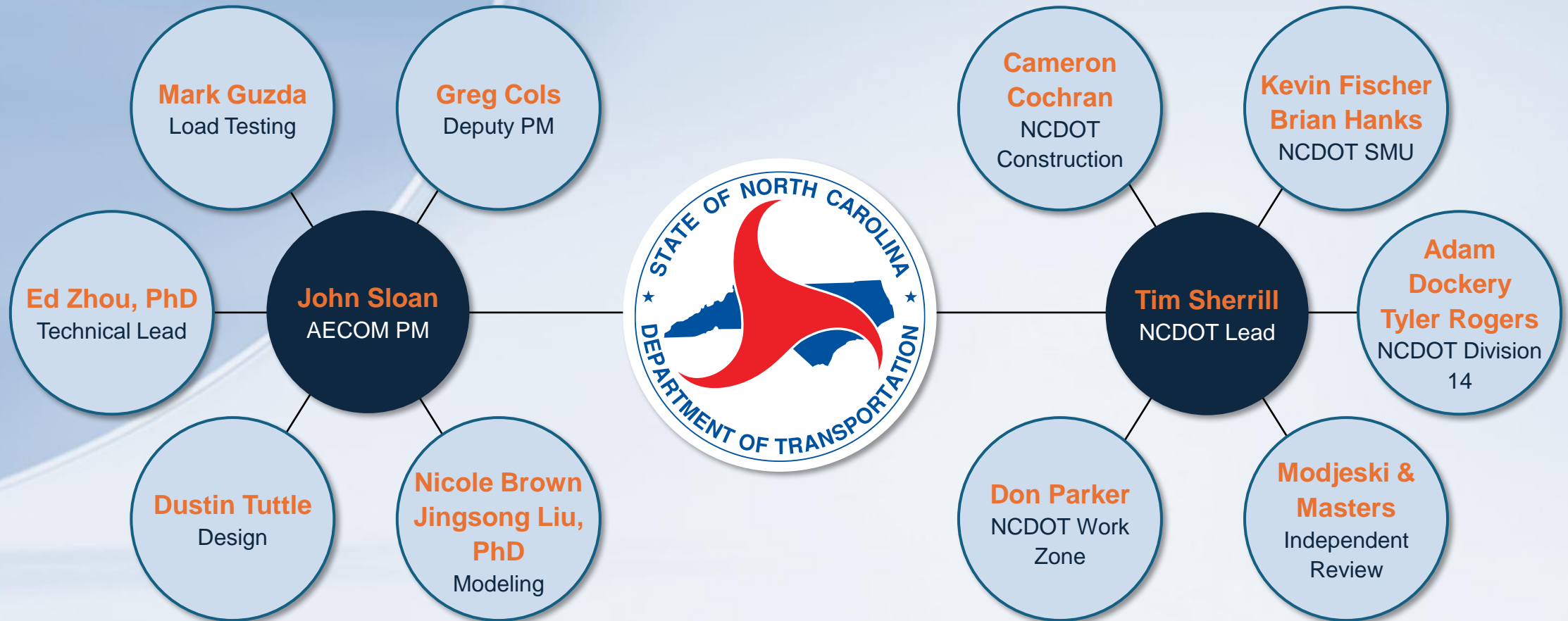




# Final Design



# The Team





















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