



2008 - US 131 / Parkview Avenue Bridge

Description

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Project Summary : The replacement bridge includes precast concrete abutments, precast caps on precast multi-column piers, and skewed full-depth precast longitudinally post-tensioned deck panels.

Project Location : over US 131 southwest of the city of Kalamazoo in southern Michigan

Mobility Impact Time :

- ABC: less than 3 months for original schedule; 2-month delay for re-casting panels
- Conventional: minimum 6 months

Impact Category : Tier 5 (within 3 months)

Dimensions : 249-ft-long and 55-ft wide, 3-lane, 4-span concrete beam bridge (37.5 ft $\times$ 83.25 ft $\times$ 83.25 ft $\times$ 44.75 ft); 23 $^{\circ}$ skew

Average Daily Traffic At Time Of Construction : 44000

Traffic Management : extended detour on city streets

Existing Bridge Description : Built in 1962, the two-lane, four-span steel W-beam bridge needed an additional lane and increased vertical under-clearance over US 131.

Replacement Or New Bridge : During the study phase of the project, precasters and contractors in the state partnered with MDOT. Skewed deck panels were determined to be more economical than rectangular panels, to eliminate the closure pours at abutments or lengthening the bridge to square the abutments. To simplify panel fabrication, grouted transverse deck joints and a longitudinal cast-in-place closure pour to eliminate a crown in the panels were selected. The replacement bridge consists of precast integral abutments on single rows of H-piles, precast caps on precast multi-column piers, seven AASHTO Type III pretensioned beams spaced at 9 ft in each span, and skewed full-depth precast longitudinally post-tensioned deck panels. The precast beams and substructure components were fabricated in Kalamazoo, Michigan while the 48 full-depth deck panels were fabricated at a plant 170 miles from the site in Midland, Michigan.

Construction Method : The 64-ton abutment was precast in two segments to facilitate handling, with a cast-in-place closure pour connecting the segments. The abutments were cast with oversized pockets for the steel H-pile connections. The four 10-ton round precast columns at each interior support were supported on cast-in-place spread footings. The 65-ton pier caps required two cranes for erection. The 19-ton skewed full-depth precast longitudinally post-tensioned deck panels had grouted transverse joints and a closure pour at the crown point. The female-to-female transverse deck joints were grouted with a backer rod sealing the bottom joint; a heat-shrink wrap connected the ducts in blockouts at post-tensioning duct locations. Inserts were cast into the beams at shear pocket locations, with coil bolts threaded into the inserts after panel placement. An aesthetic Michigan bridge railing was cast in place following panel erection. The deck panels were instrumented with a structural health monitoring system that recorded strain and temperature data for one year following completion of the bridge. The project was let through the standard design-bid-build process. The contractor had an expedited schedule with the open to traffic date one month prior to completion.

Stakeholder Feedback : This project was the first ABC project in the state, and much was learned (see "Other Related Information" section below for link to "Lessons Learned" document). MDOT expects that ABC costs will be reduced as fabricators and contractors become more familiar with its use, and as the prefabricated elements are standardized.

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Costs : The bridge cost was \$1.88 million or \$143 per sq ft, compared to \$1.32 million or \$100 per sq ft for conventional construction. Of this total cost, the deck cost was \$495,000 or \$38 per sq ft compared to \$326,000 or \$25 per sq ft for conventional deck construction. The bid cost was within four percent of the engineer's estimate, and the as-constructed cost was within two percent of the bid cost.

Funding Source : Federal and State

Incentive Program : IBRD (Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment Program): \$80,000

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