

# **WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project at M.P. 12.63 & 12.67 in Beaver County**



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## **WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project**

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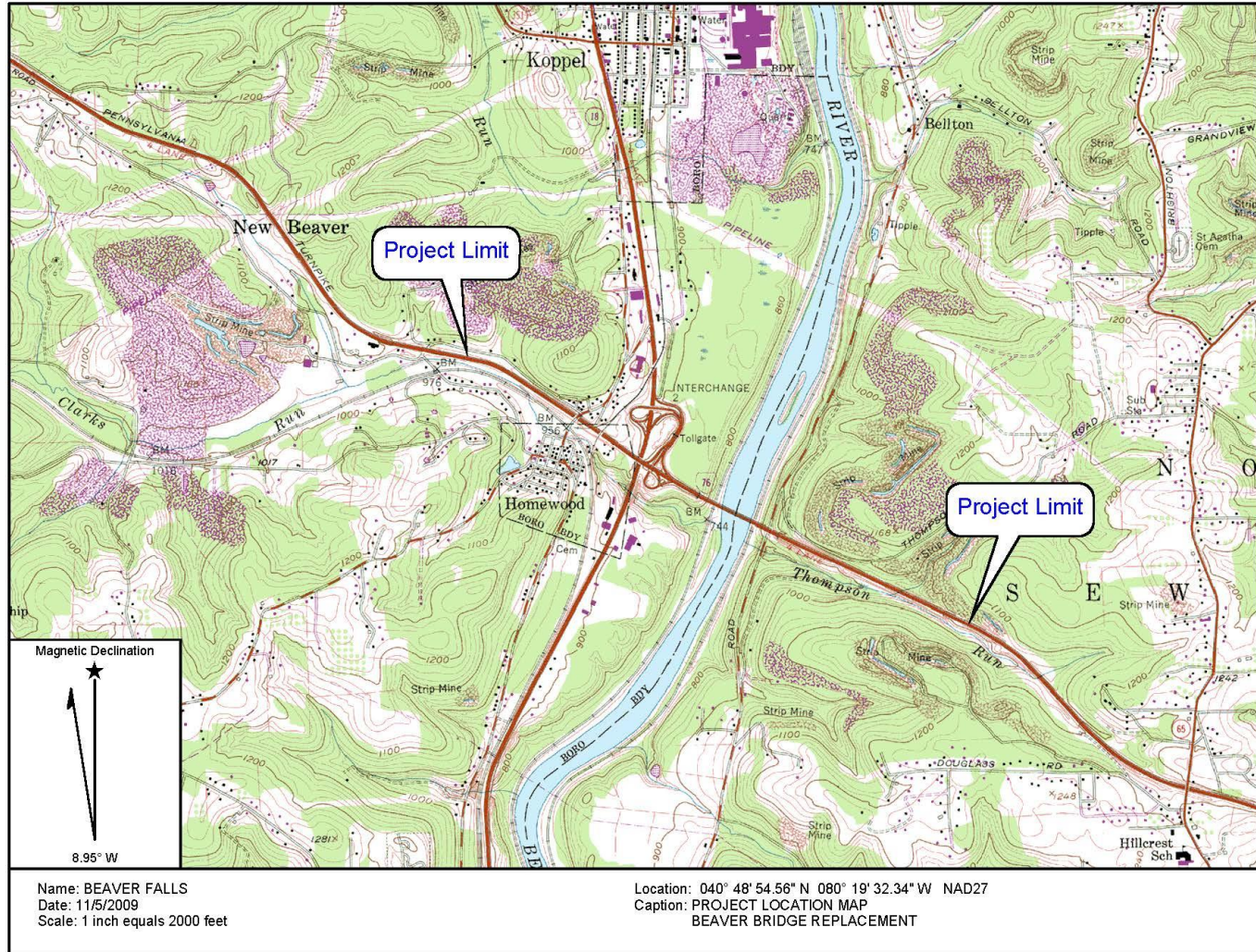


# Project Background



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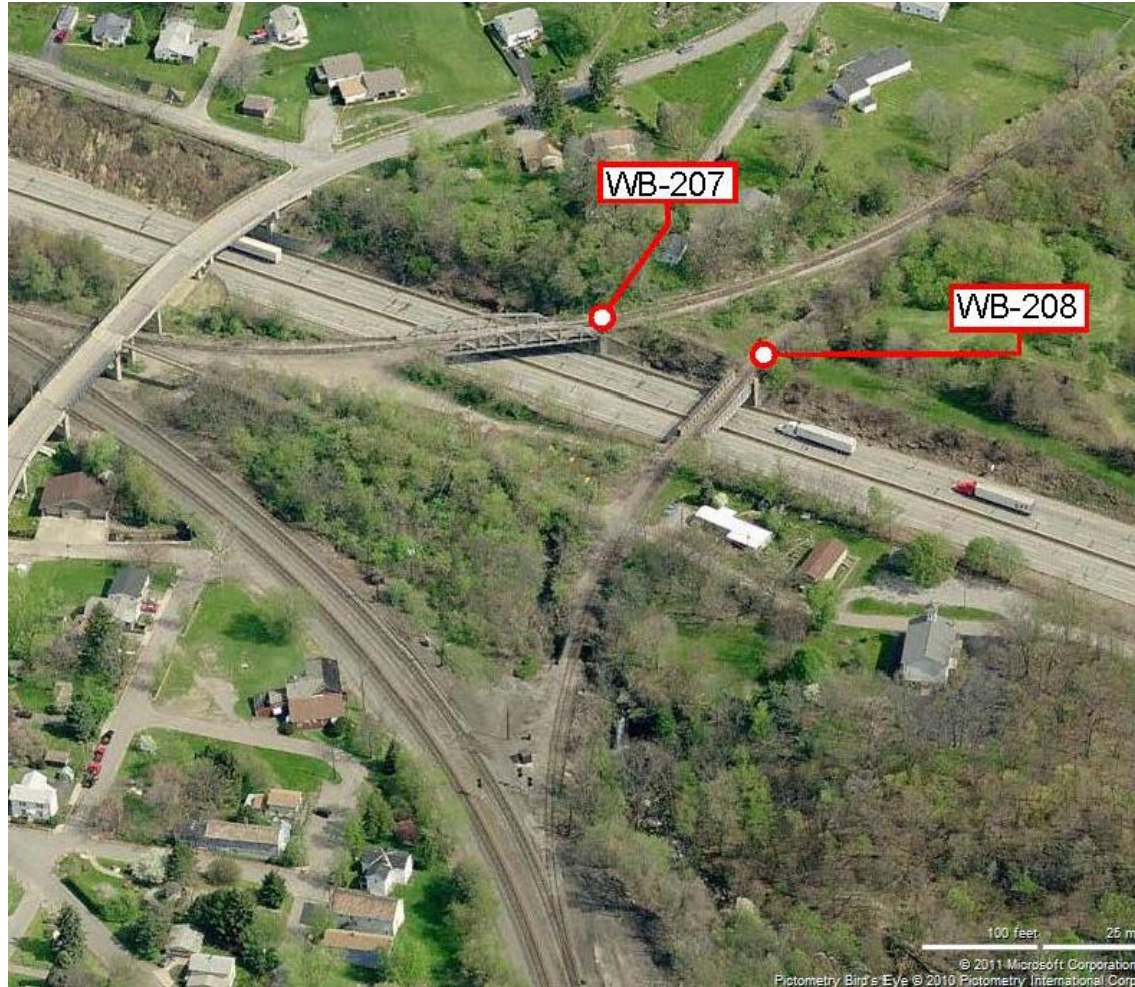
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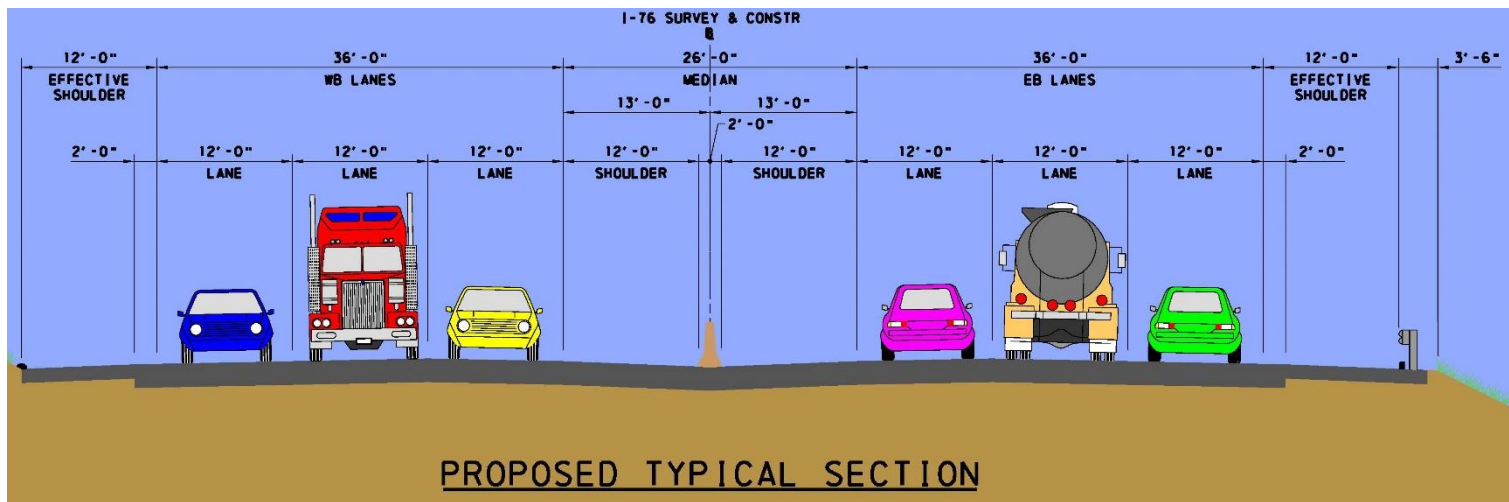
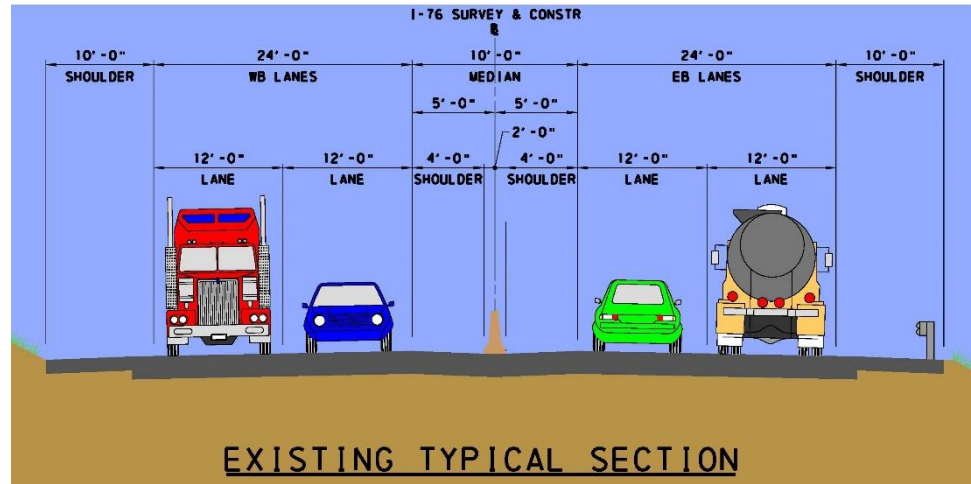
**Existing WB-207 Bridge:**  
**Pony Truss**  
**137'-6" c/c brgs.**  
**24'-0" c/c truss chords**  
**18'-6" max. truss height**  
**36°59'11" skew**  
**Dc = 4°45'45"**

**Existing WB-208 Bridge:**  
**Thru-Girder**  
**82'-8" c/c brgs.**  
**20'-4" c/c girders**  
**10'-0 1/2" web depth**  
**90° skew**  
**Dc = 5°40'00"**

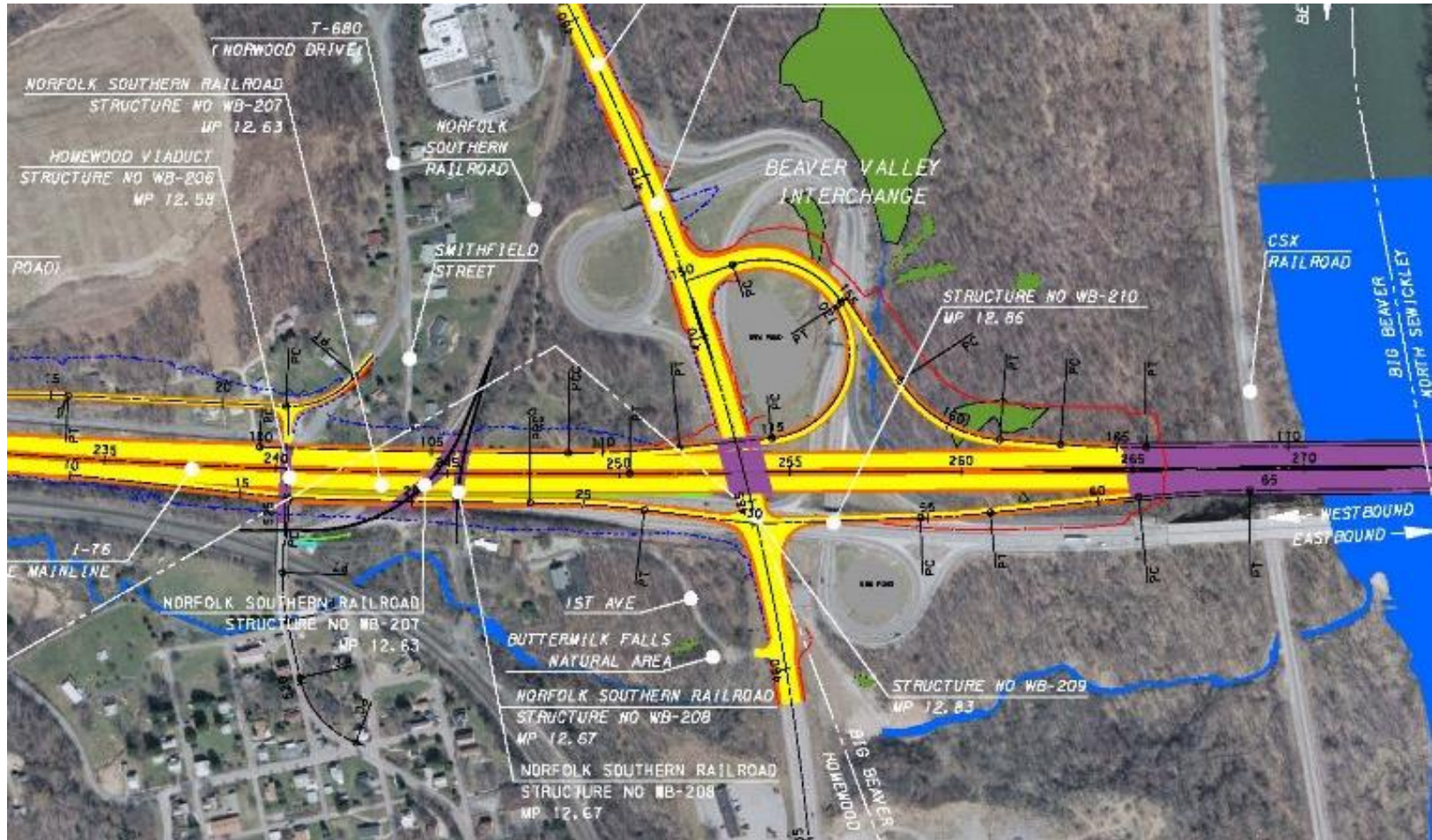


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DESIGN GEOMETRY



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# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Alignment Alternatives:

- Eliminate one of the Wye legs
- Replace the WB-207 & WB-208 bridges on existing alignments
- Use a single bridge for combined WB-207 & WB-208 tracks
- Relocate the WB-207 bridge between the existing structures and maintain the WB-208 alignment

## Note:

- Steel stringers cannot be used for WB-207 & WB-208 bridges due to substandard vertical clearance at railroad bridges & SR 0018



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

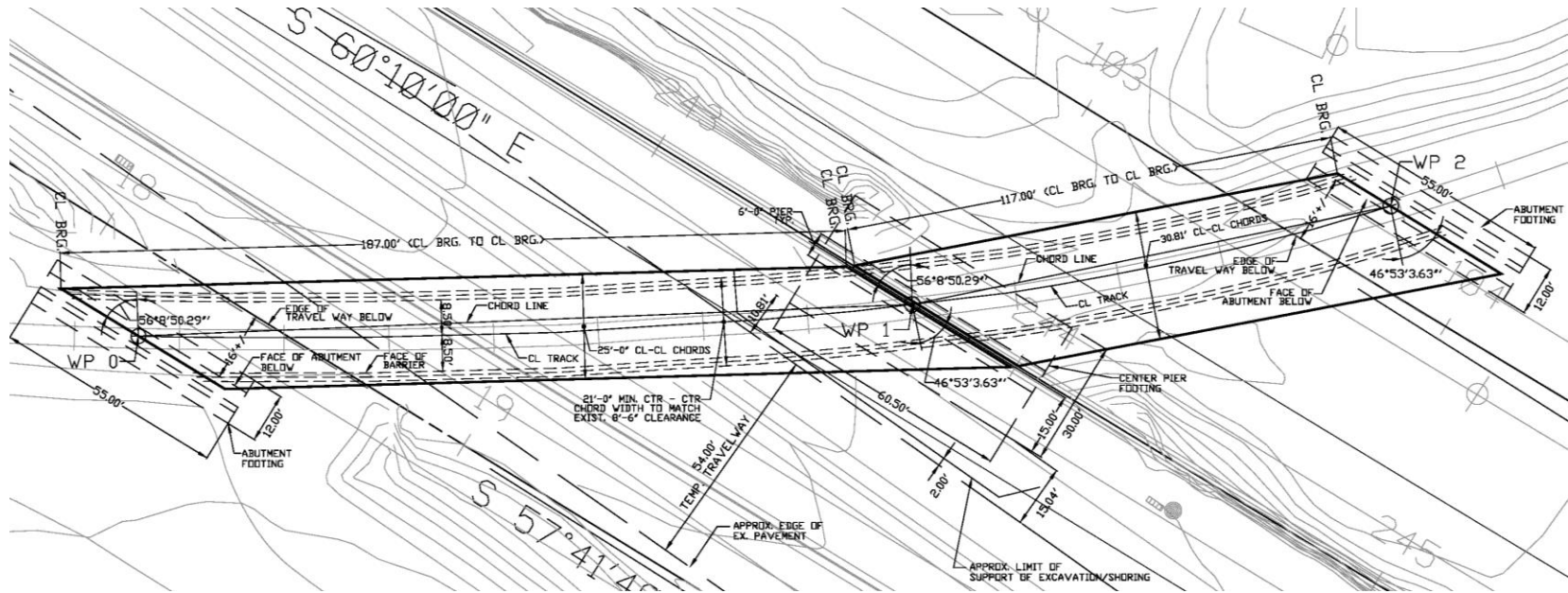
Eliminate one of the wye legs:

**“No.”**



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Replace the WB-207 & WB-208 bridges on existing alignments:

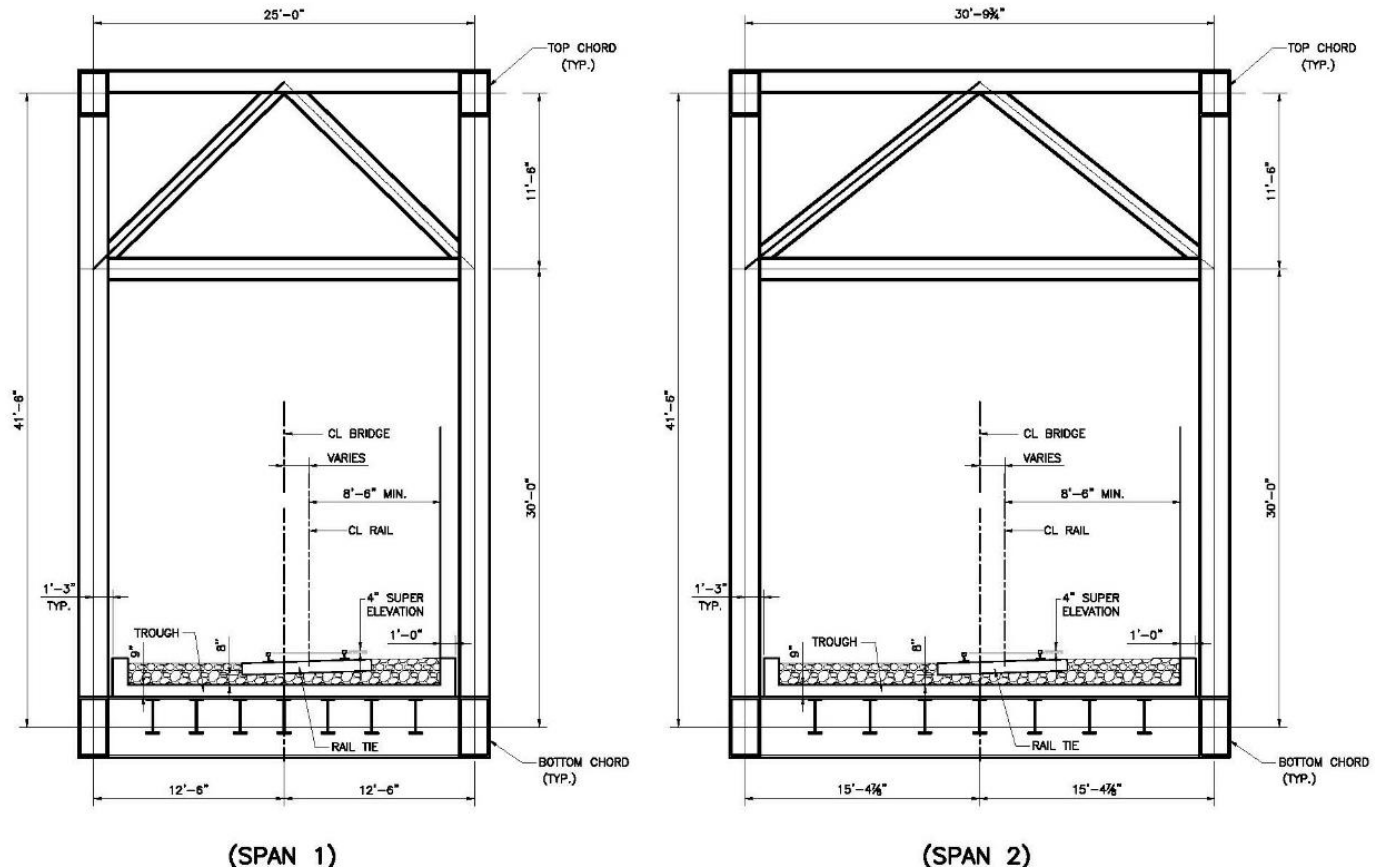


- WB-207 Spans = 171', 132'
- Design Dc =  $6^{\circ}00'00''$
- Truss required



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Replace the WB-207 & WB-208 bridges on existing alignments:

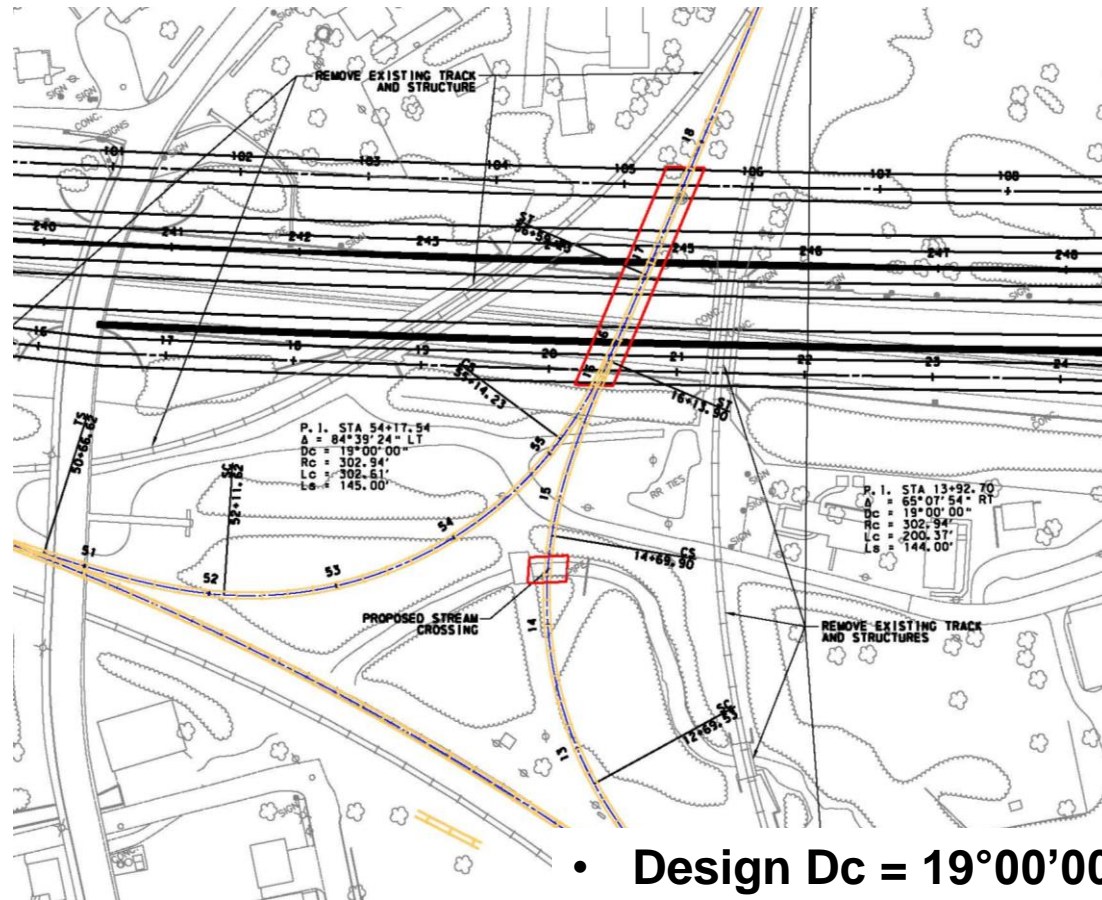


- Truss height = 41'-6"
- C/C chords = 25'-0", 30'-9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Use a single bridge for combined WB-207 & WB-208 tracks:

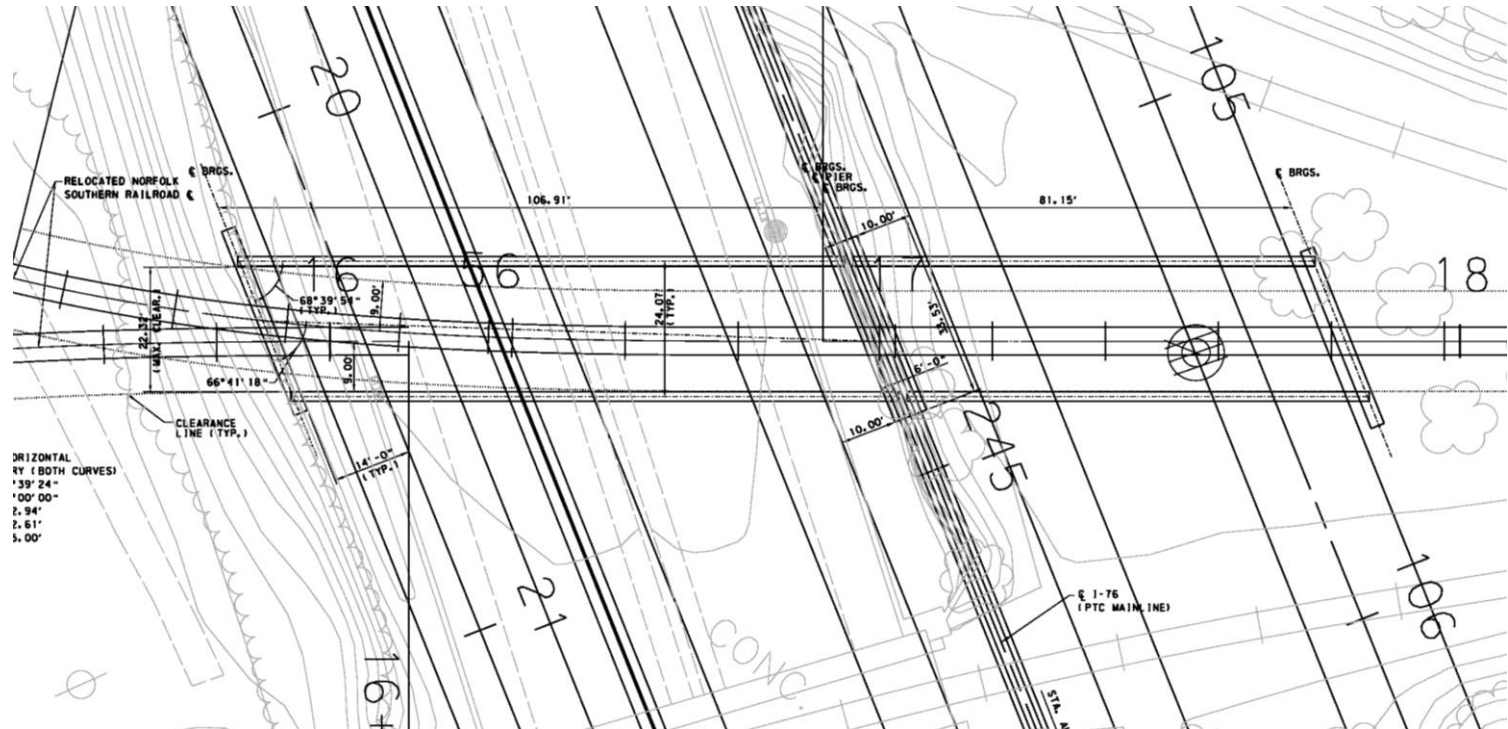


- Design Dc =  $19^{\circ}00'00''$
- Turnout located near bridge



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Use a single bridge for combined WB-207 & WB-208 tracks:



- Design Dc = 19°00'00" or less
- Turnout Located On/Near Bridge
- Spans = 107', 81'

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Use a single bridge for combined WB-207 & WB-208 tracks:

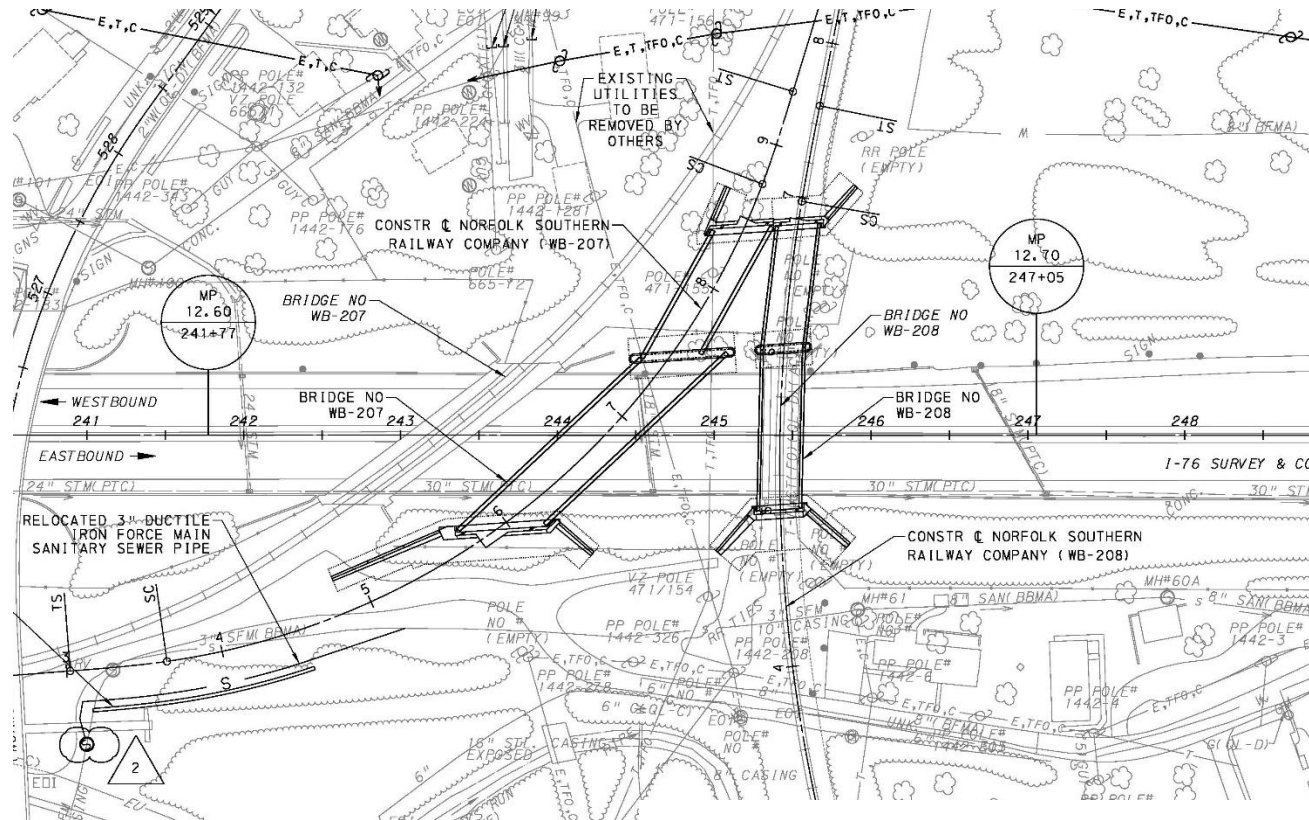


- Design Dc = 15°00'00" (WB-207)
- Design Dc = 12°00'00" (WB-208)
- Truss or large membered thru-girders required due to width (vertical clearance an issue)
- WB-208 track relocation requires new bridge over Clarks Run at the south approach



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Relocate the WB-207 bridge between the existing structures and maintain the WB-208 alignment:



- Design Dc = 12°00'00" (WB-207)
- Design Dc = 5°40'00" (WB-208)
- Thru-girder bridges



# Design



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Norfolk Southern Design Requirements:

- Dc max. limited to 12°
- Use 10 MPH to determine track superelevation
- AREMA clearance envelope
- 50 ksi steel vs. 36 ksi steel
- Provide abutment RF normal to tracks for approach slab
- All connections must be bolted
- Use ballasted deck plate (cannot use composite properties for deflection calculations)
- Cross slope not required for deck ballast pan drainage
- Drainage must flow to PTC system
- Cold spray applied elastomeric waterproofing
- 141# rail section



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Design Criteria:

- AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering, 2012
- Norfolk Southern Guidelines for Design of Grade Separation Structures, 2004
- PennDOT DM-4, September 2007 Edition
- AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, 16<sup>th</sup> Ed.
- Design is in accordance with the ASD Method
- Design Live Loading is the Cooper E-80 or Alternative Live Load on 4 Axles



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Design Issues:

- Track grades are in opposite directions
- Bearing fixity is reversed between the two bridges
- Location of girders at the north abutment
- Additional span lengths due to 6- lane I-76 typical section, plus the addition of the EB decel. and WB accel. lanes
- Interim vertical clearance over I-76
- Sharp skew
- Track curvature and rail superelevation
- All bolted connections- minimize welds
- Geometry and fitment of girders, floorbeams, and misc. steel
- Constructability



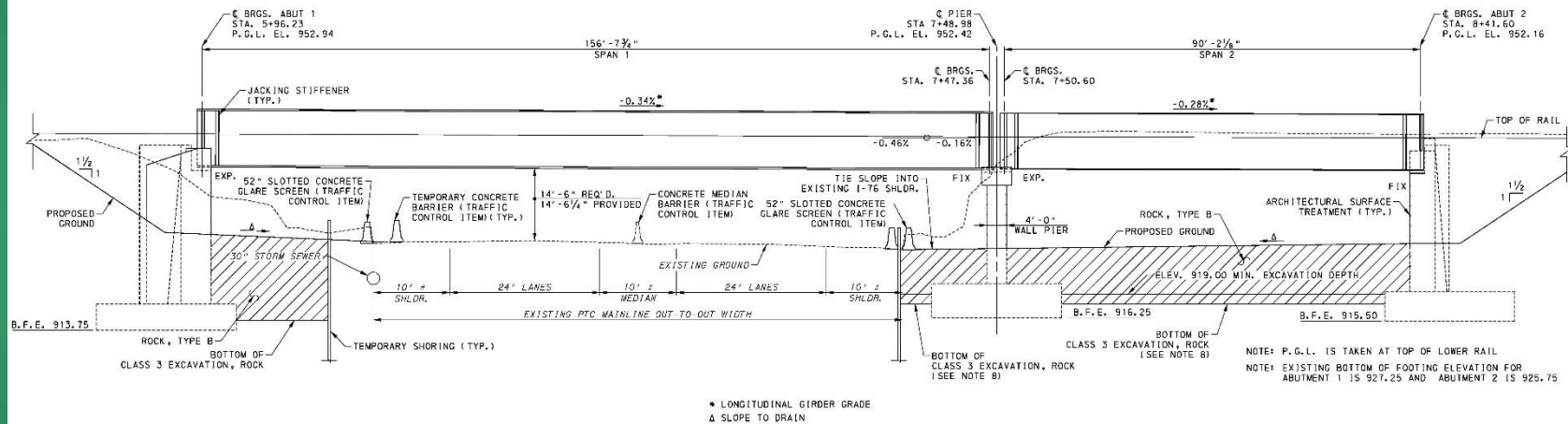
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## Proposed WB-207 Bridge:

- Spans: 156'-7 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"", 90'-2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"
- Skews: 39°21'56"", 56°57'13"
- C/C Girder Spacing: 35'-0"", 31'-4"
- Floorbeams: W36x194 and W36x160 @ 2'-11" +/-
- Web: 132" x 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" max.
- Top Flange: 28" x 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" max.
- Bottom Flange: 32" x 4" max.



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

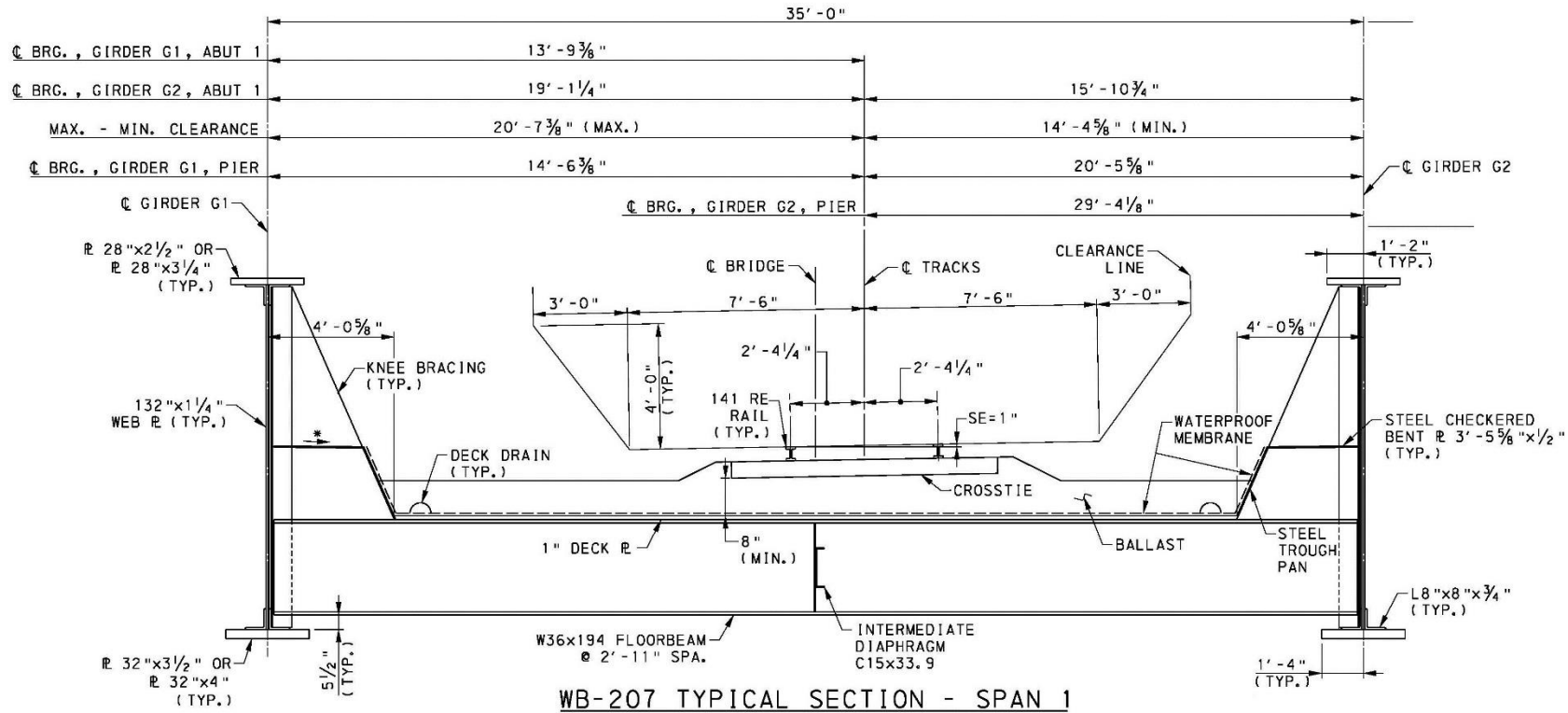


## WB-207 Elevation



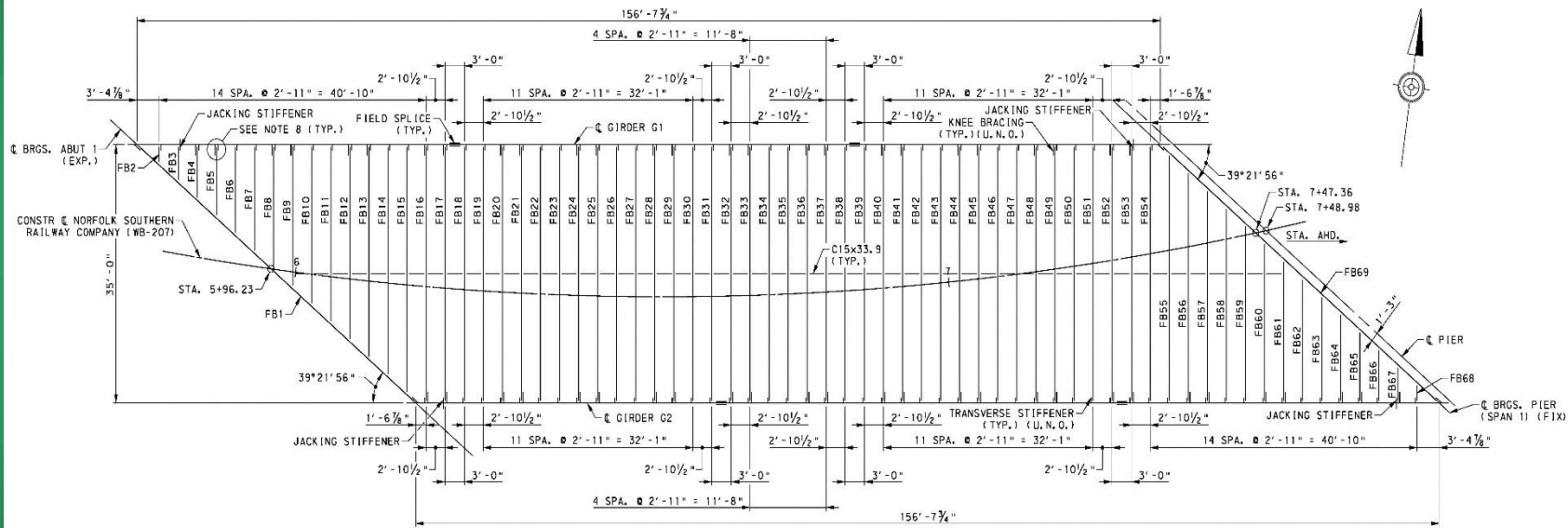
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## WB-207 Span 1 Typical Section (Span 2 Similar)



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Span 1 Framing Plan

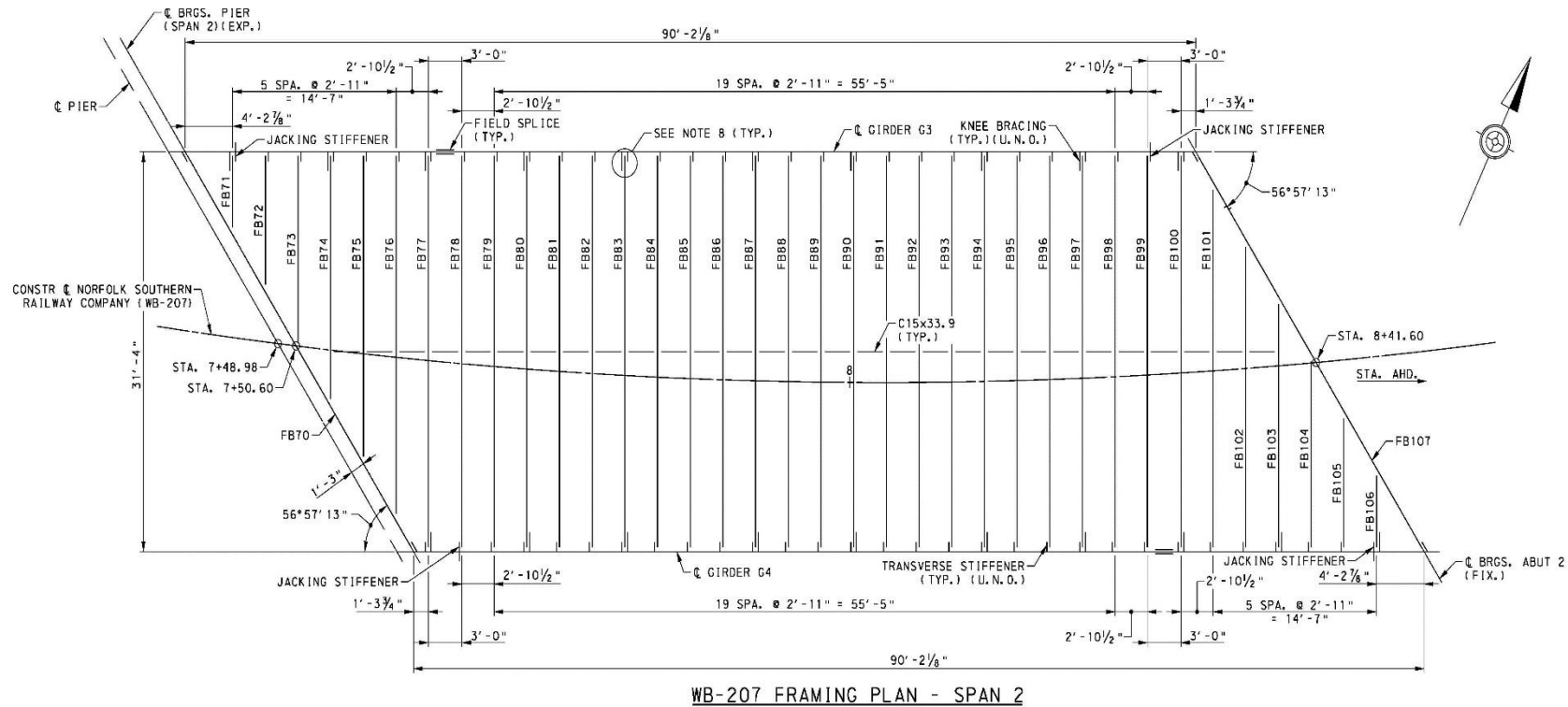


WB-207 FRAMING PLAN - SPAN 1



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## WB-207 Span 2 Framing Plan



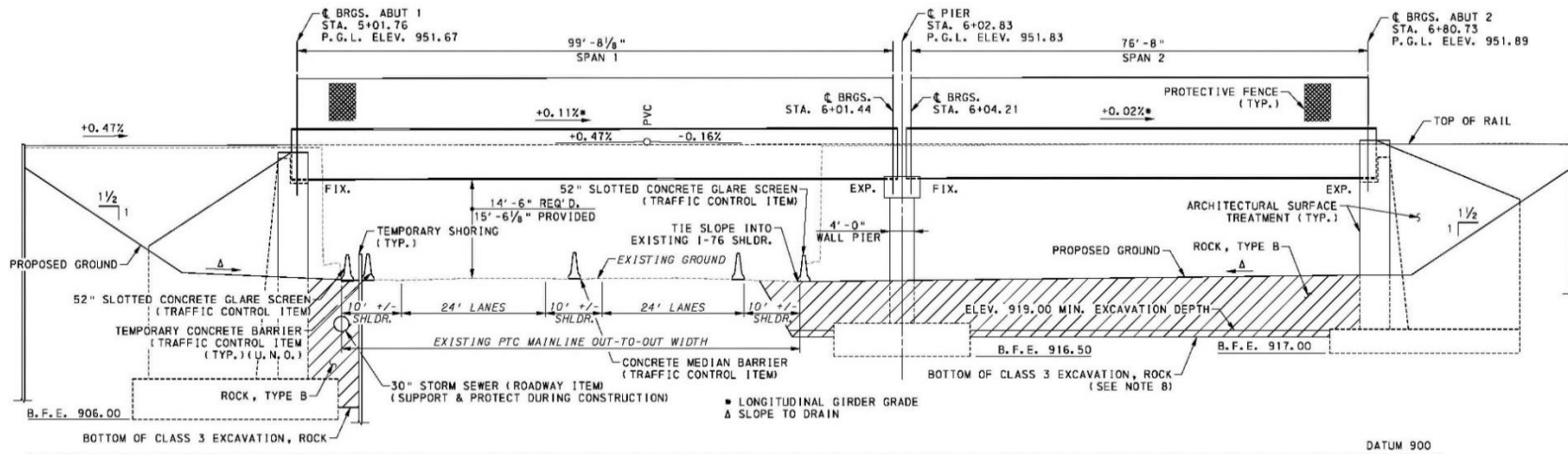
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## Proposed WB-208 Bridge:

- Spans: 99'-8 1/8", 76'-8"
- Skews: 84°40'38", 79°03'33"
- C/C Girder Spacing: 26'-8", 26'-6"
- Floorbeams: W33x141 @ 2'-11" +/-
- Web: 99" x 3/4" max.
- Top Flange: 20" x 2 1/4" max.
- Bottom Flange: 24" x 2 1/2" max.



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project



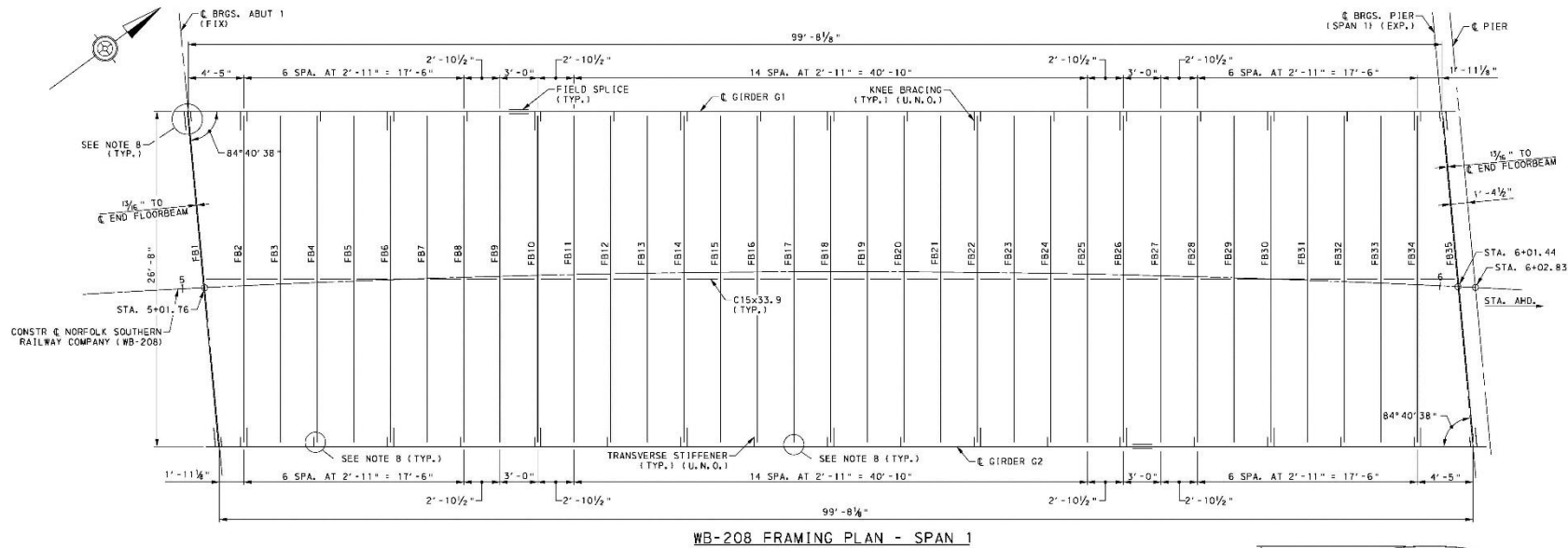
## WB-208 Elevation





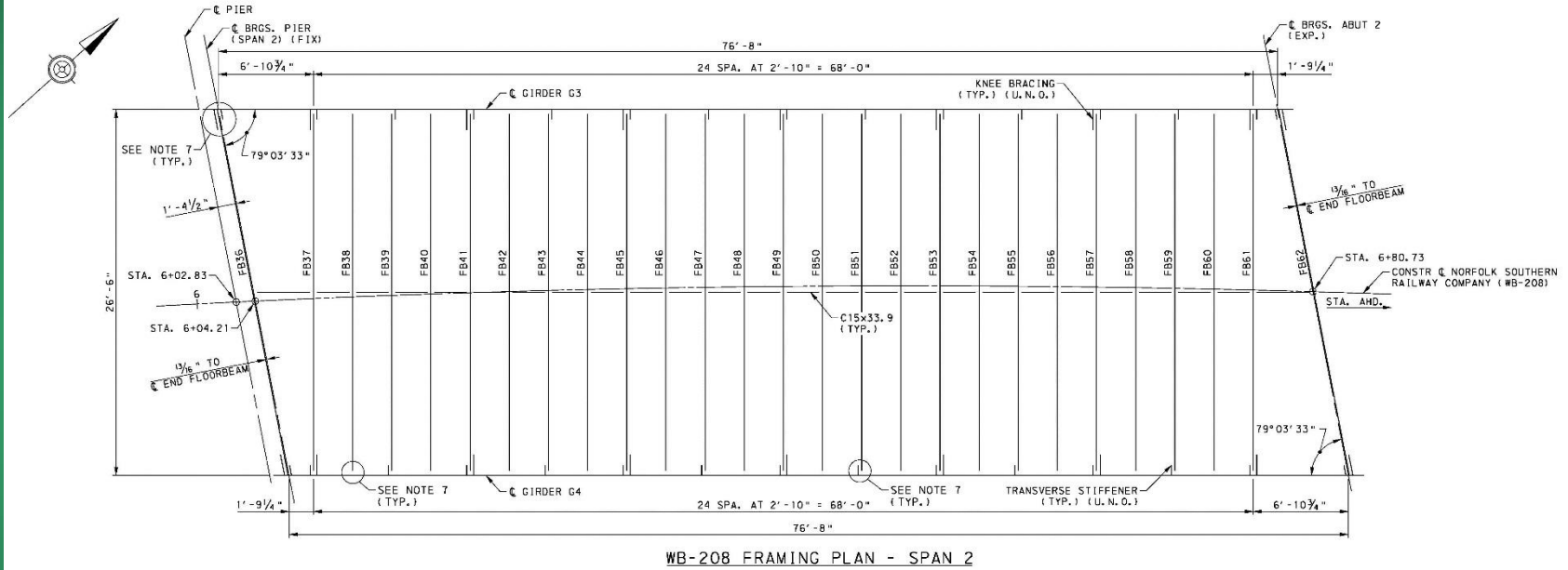
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## WB-208 Span 1 Framing Plan



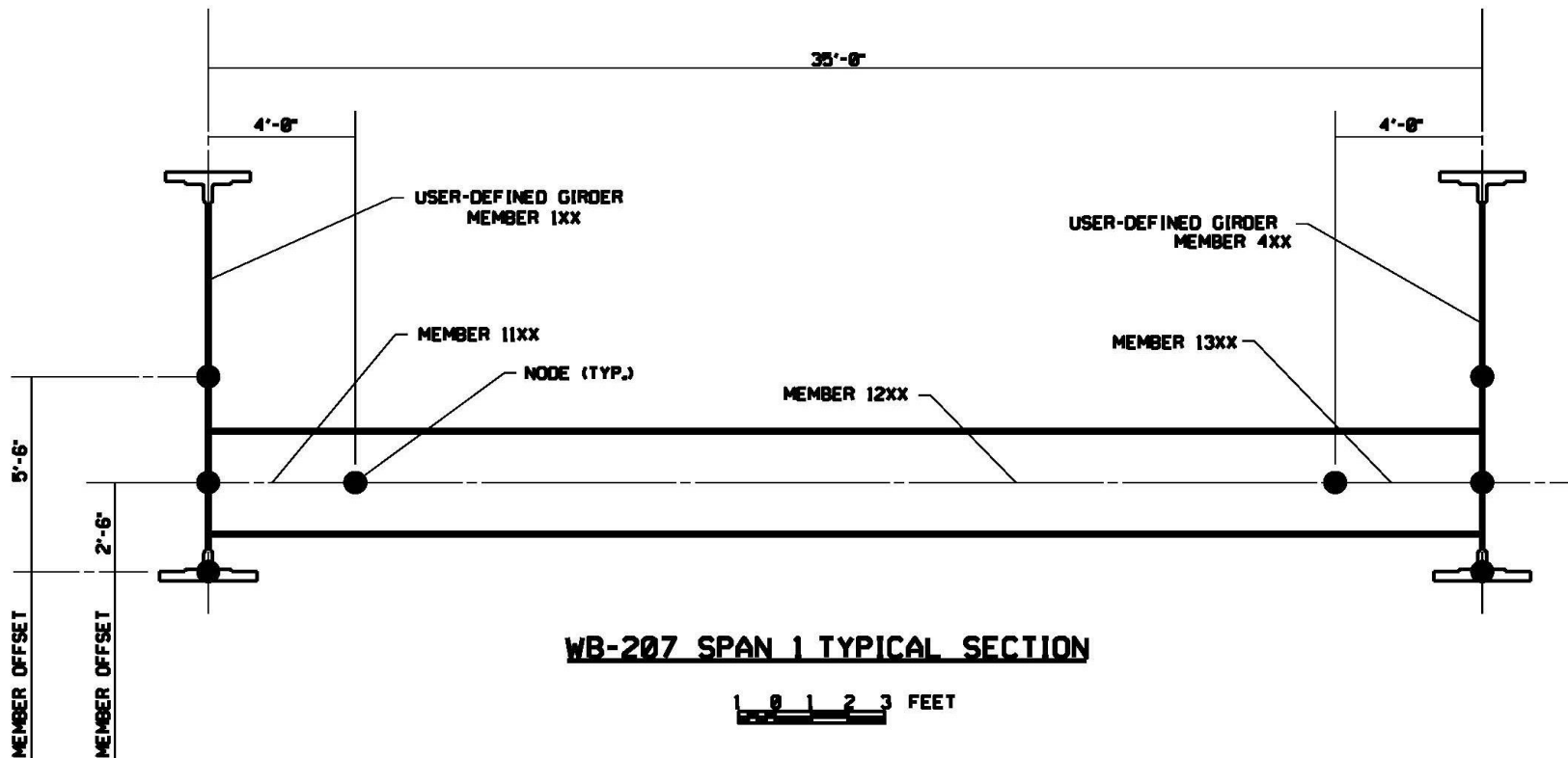
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## WB-208 Span 2 Framing Plan



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

Because of the skew and track curvature, STAAD was used to model the superstructure

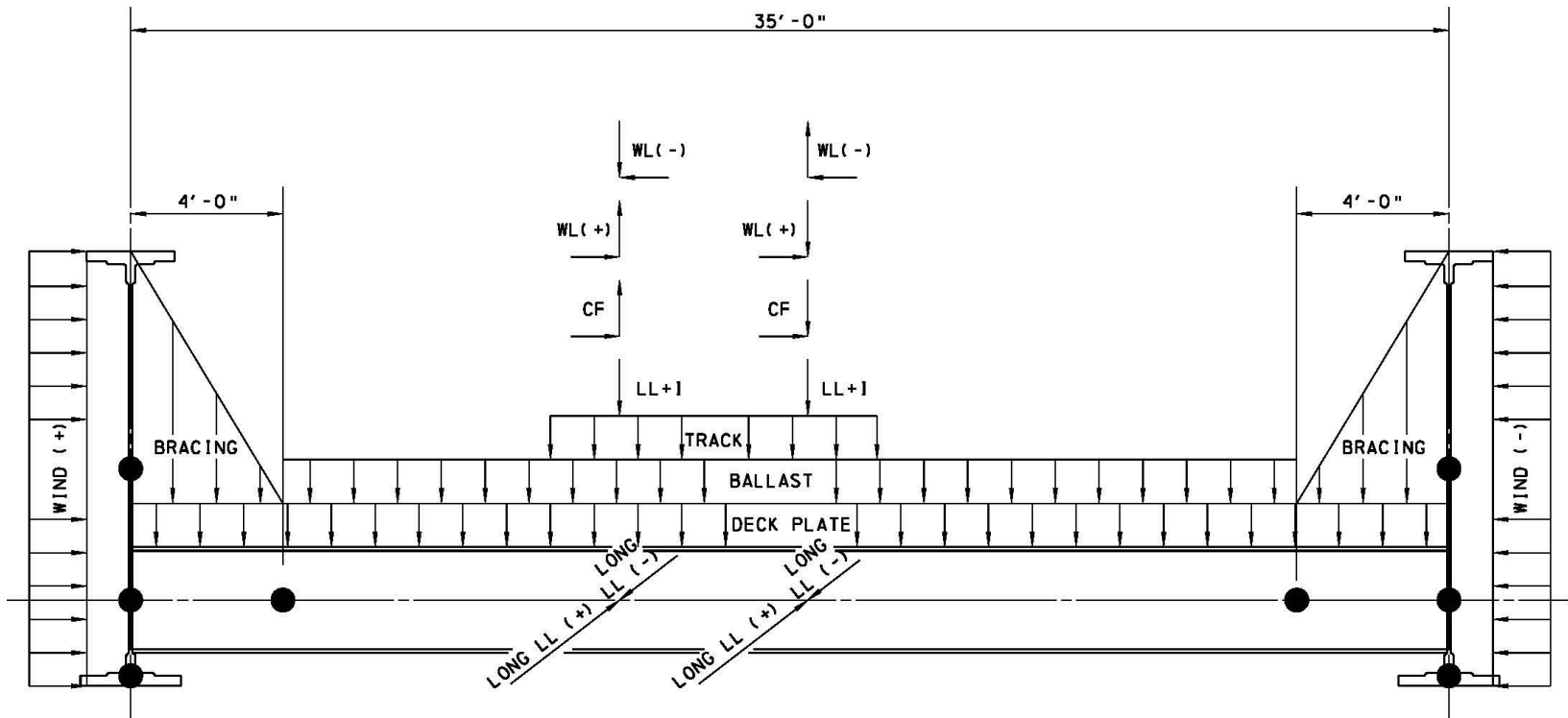


General STAAD Model Typical Section

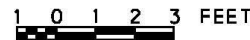


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The STAAD model was created and loads were applied



**WB-207 SPAN 1 TYPICAL SECTION**

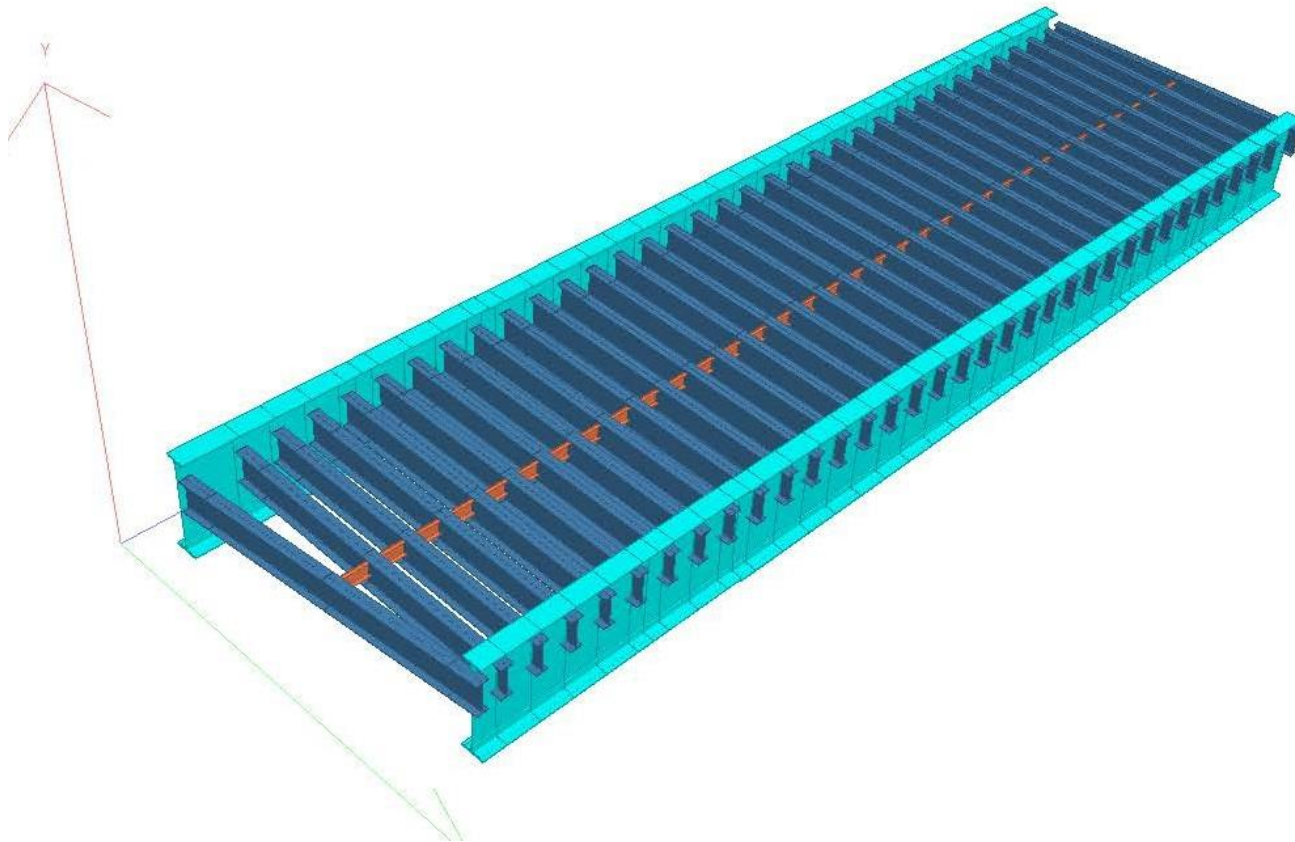


**STAAD Model Typical Section Loading**



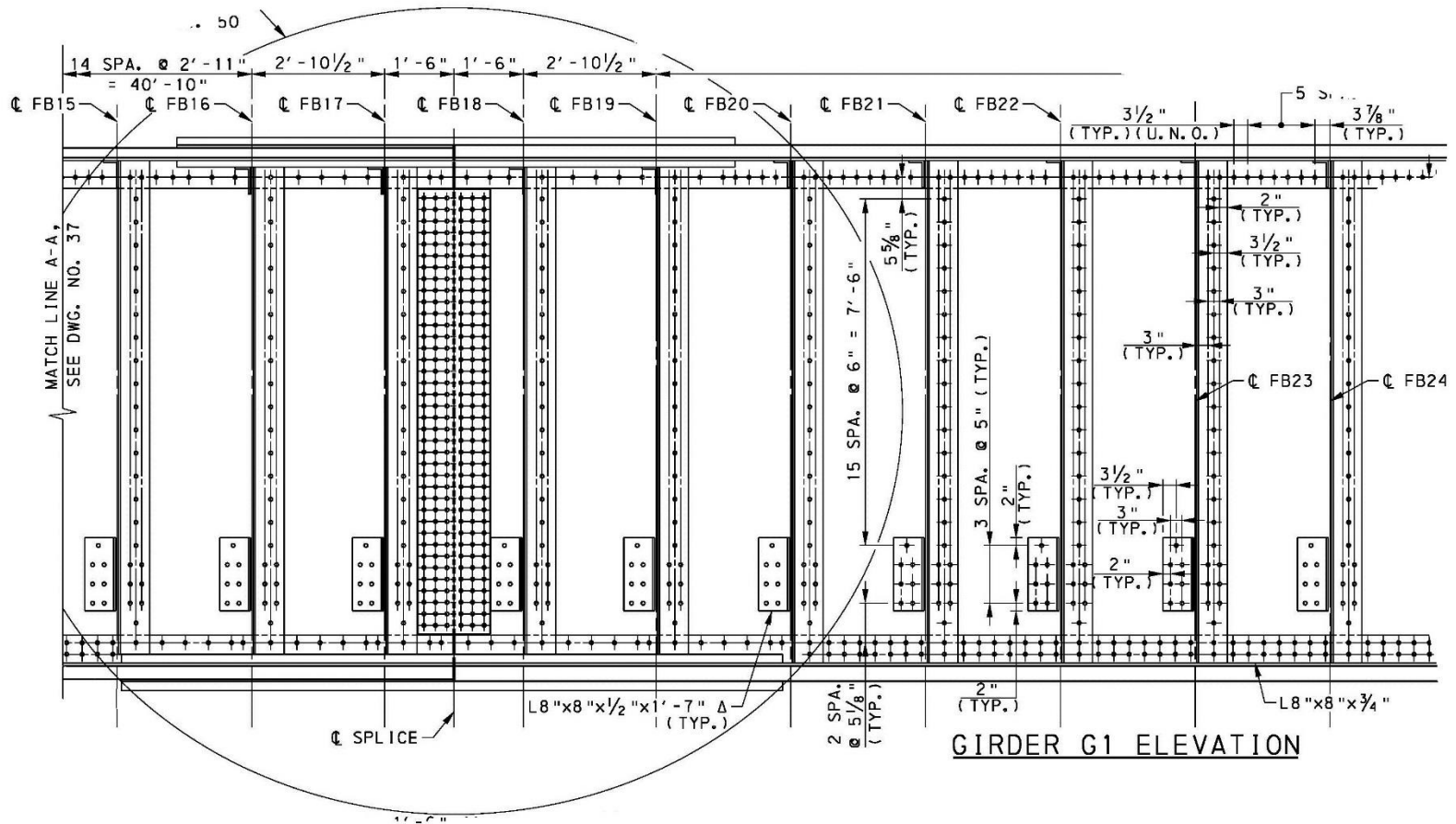
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STAAD Model 3D Rendering

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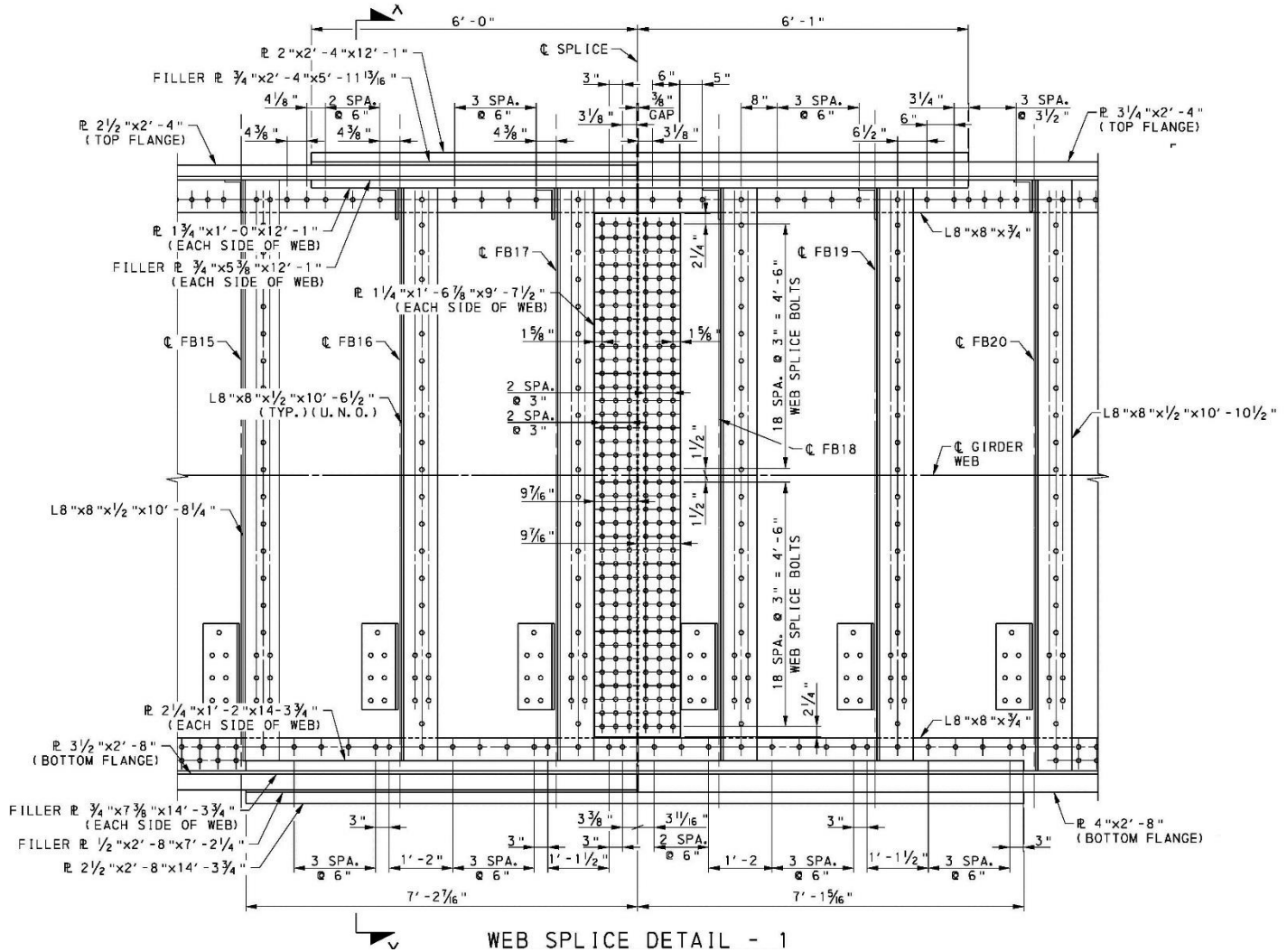
## WB-207 Girder Elevation:

- All bolted connections
- Detailed girder, floorbeam, & splice layout
- Complicated geometry

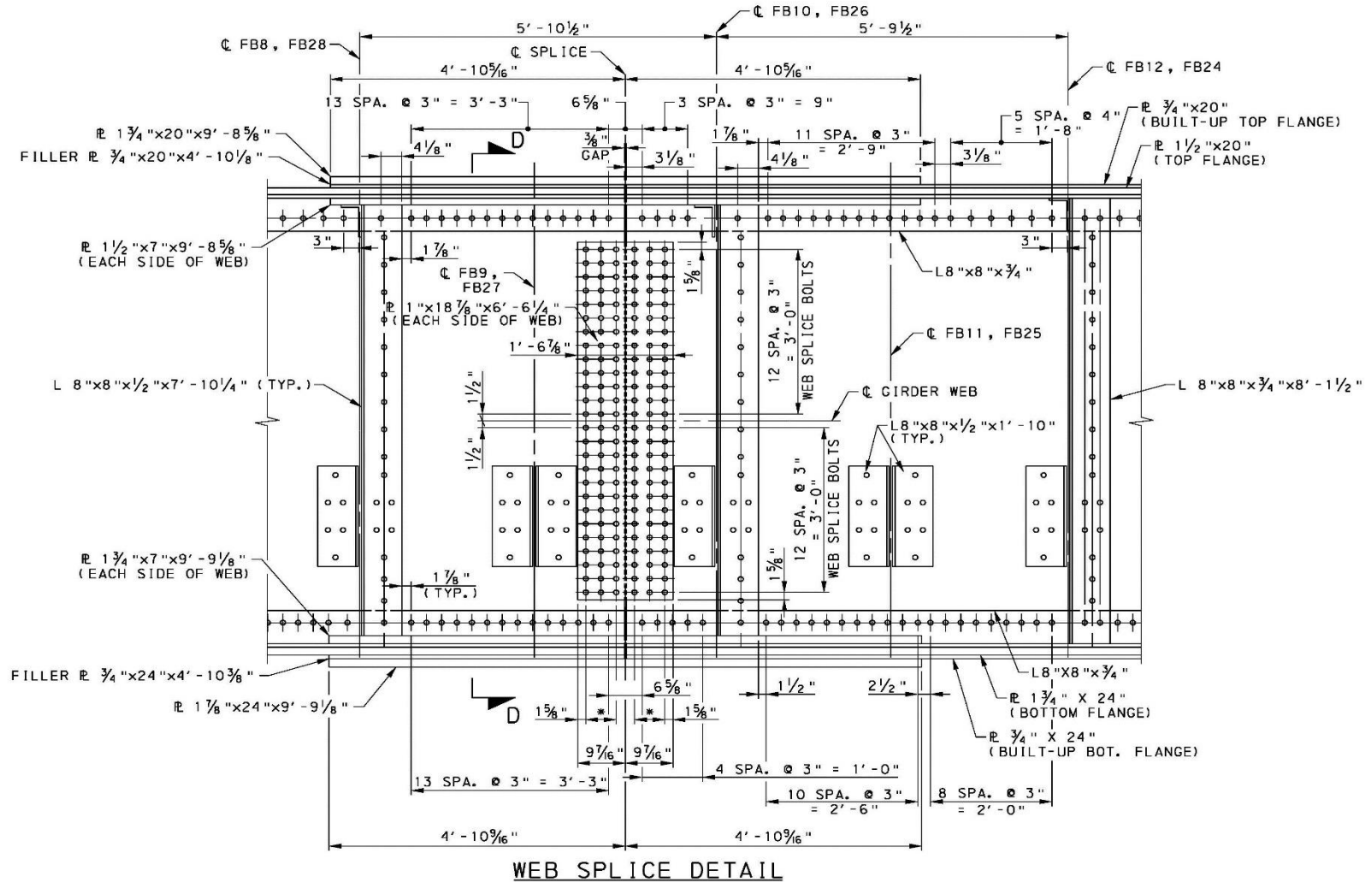




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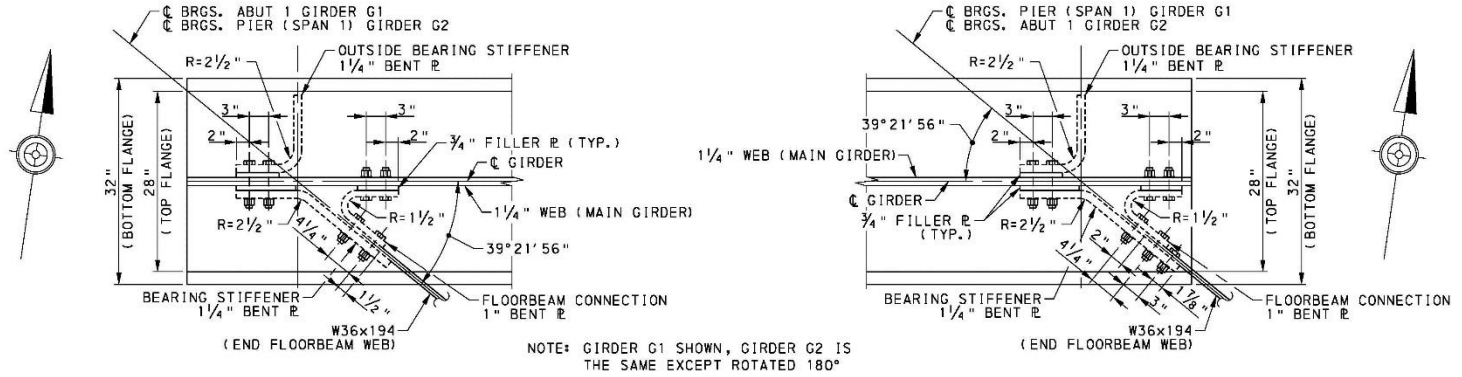
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**WB-208 Span 1 Splice**

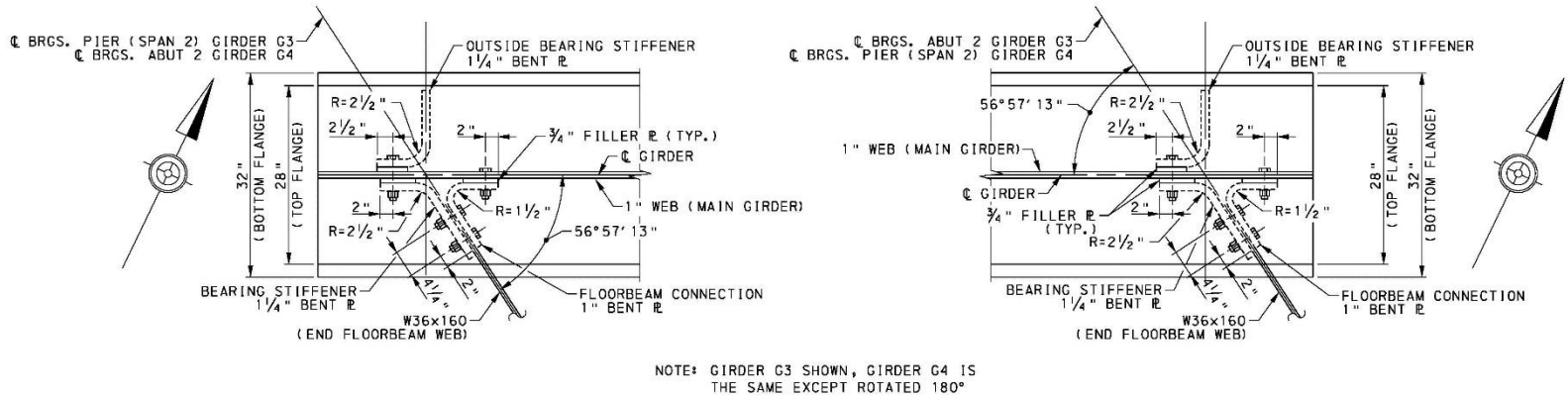




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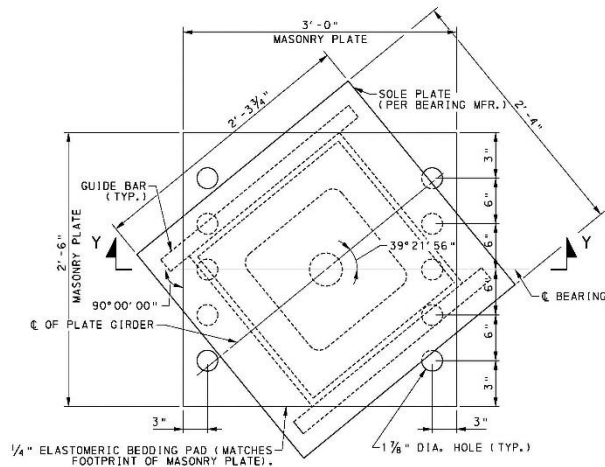
**BEARING STIFFENER PLATE DETAIL  
GIRDER G1 & G2 - SPAN 1**



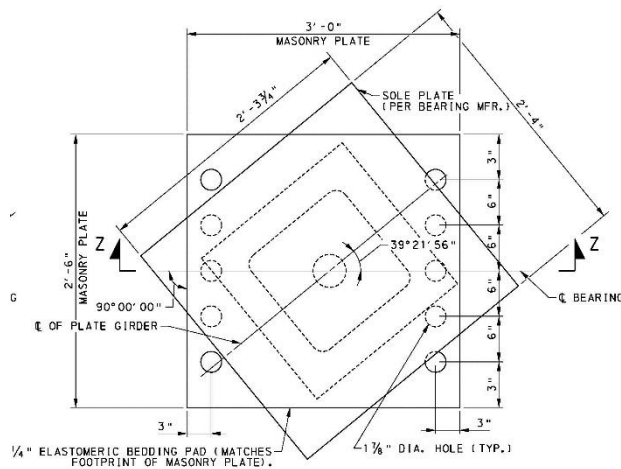
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GIRDER G3 & G4 - SPAN 2**



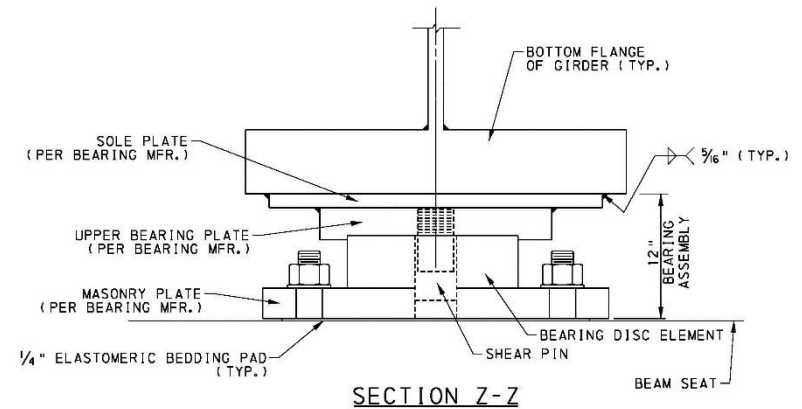
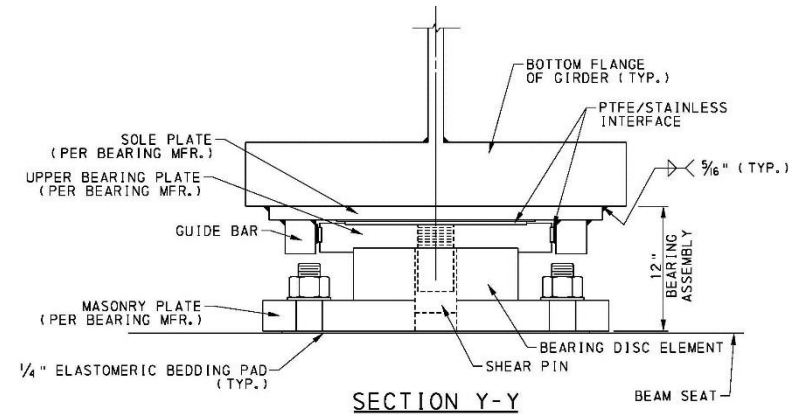
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EXPANSION BEARING DETAIL  
SPAN 1 - ABUT. 1



FIXED BEARING DETAIL  
SPAN 1 - PIER

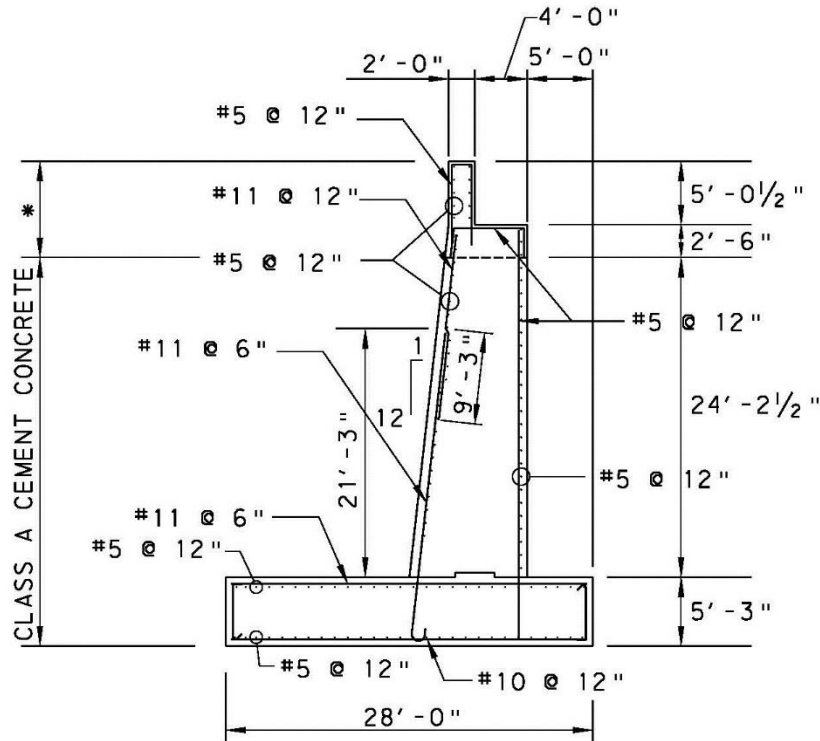


- Disc bearings used
- Bolt clearance an issue due to sharp skew

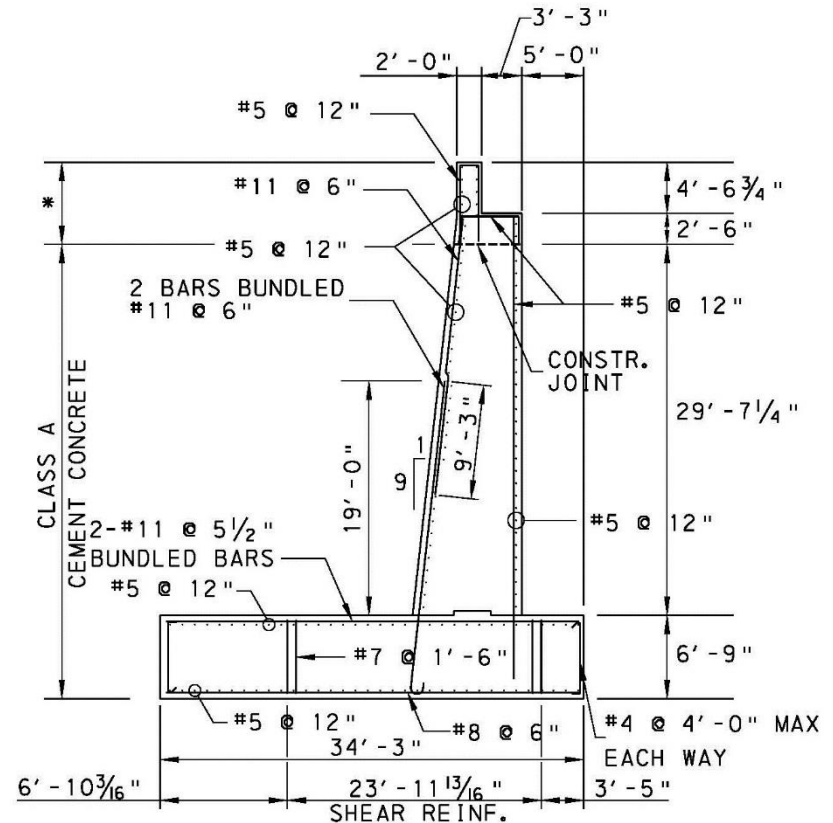


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Location of EB deceleration ramp required the design of tall abutments



**WB-207 Abut. 1  
Expansion**

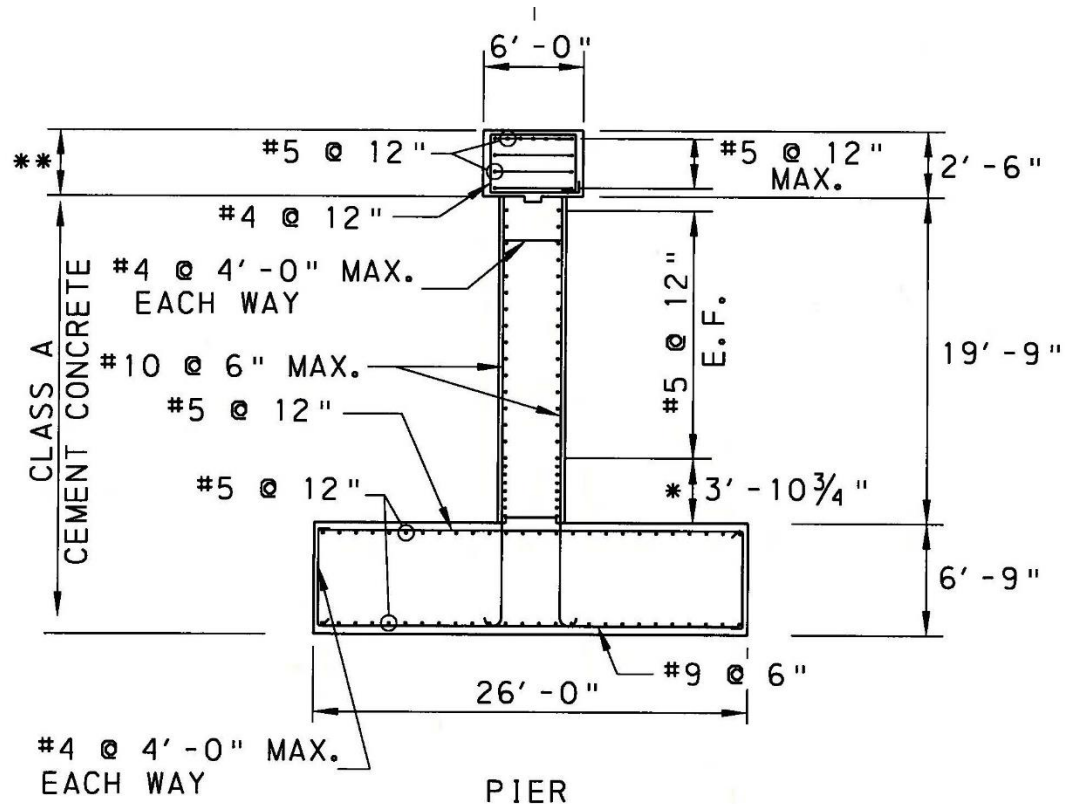


**WB-208 Abut. 1  
Fixed**



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Skew and bearing fixity resulted in large pier caps and footings



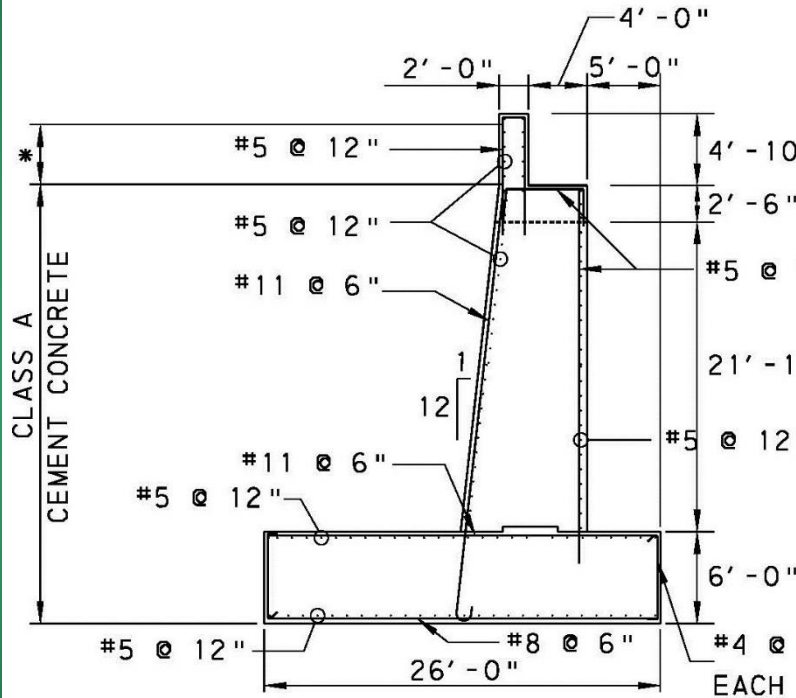
**WB-207 Pier**  
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**WB-208 Pier**  
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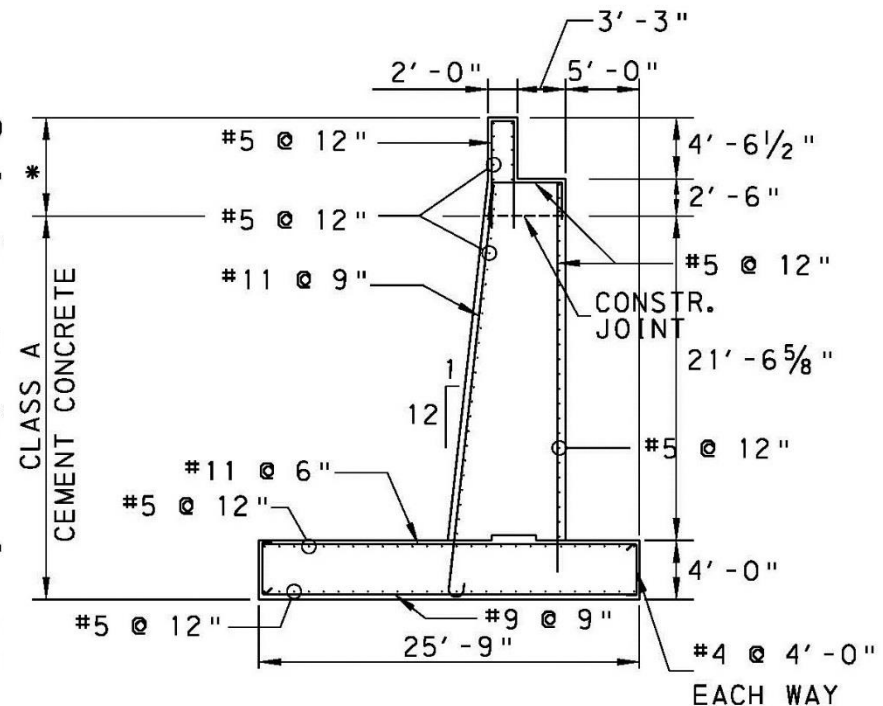


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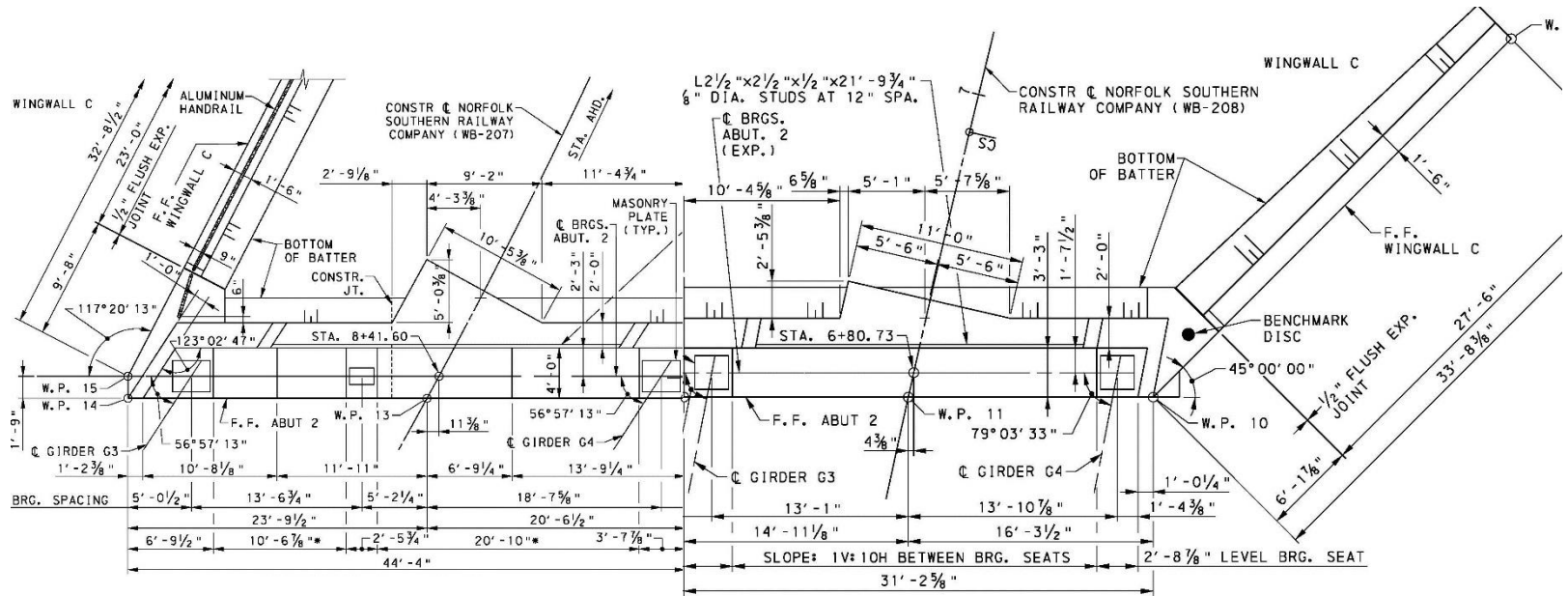
**WB-208 Abut. 2  
Fixed**



**WB-208 Abut. 2  
Expansion**

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**WB-208 Abut. 2  
Fixed**

**WB-208 Abut. 2  
Expansion**



# **Fabrication & Constructability**



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Shop Fit-Up



### Typical Section Showing:

- Girders
- Knee bracing & trans. stiff.
- Deck plate
- Ballast retainer plates

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## Shop Fit-Up



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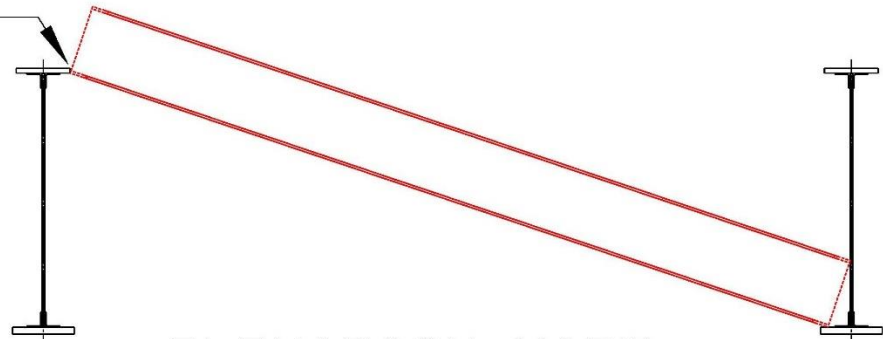
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Skew at WB-207 Span 1

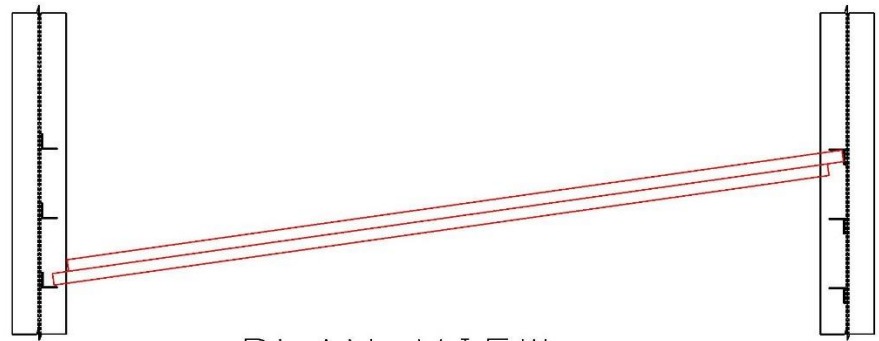
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## Constructability

$\frac{1}{16}$  " CLR.  
(APPROX. 2.5 "  
WITH PLAN  
ROTATION)



ELEVATION VIEW



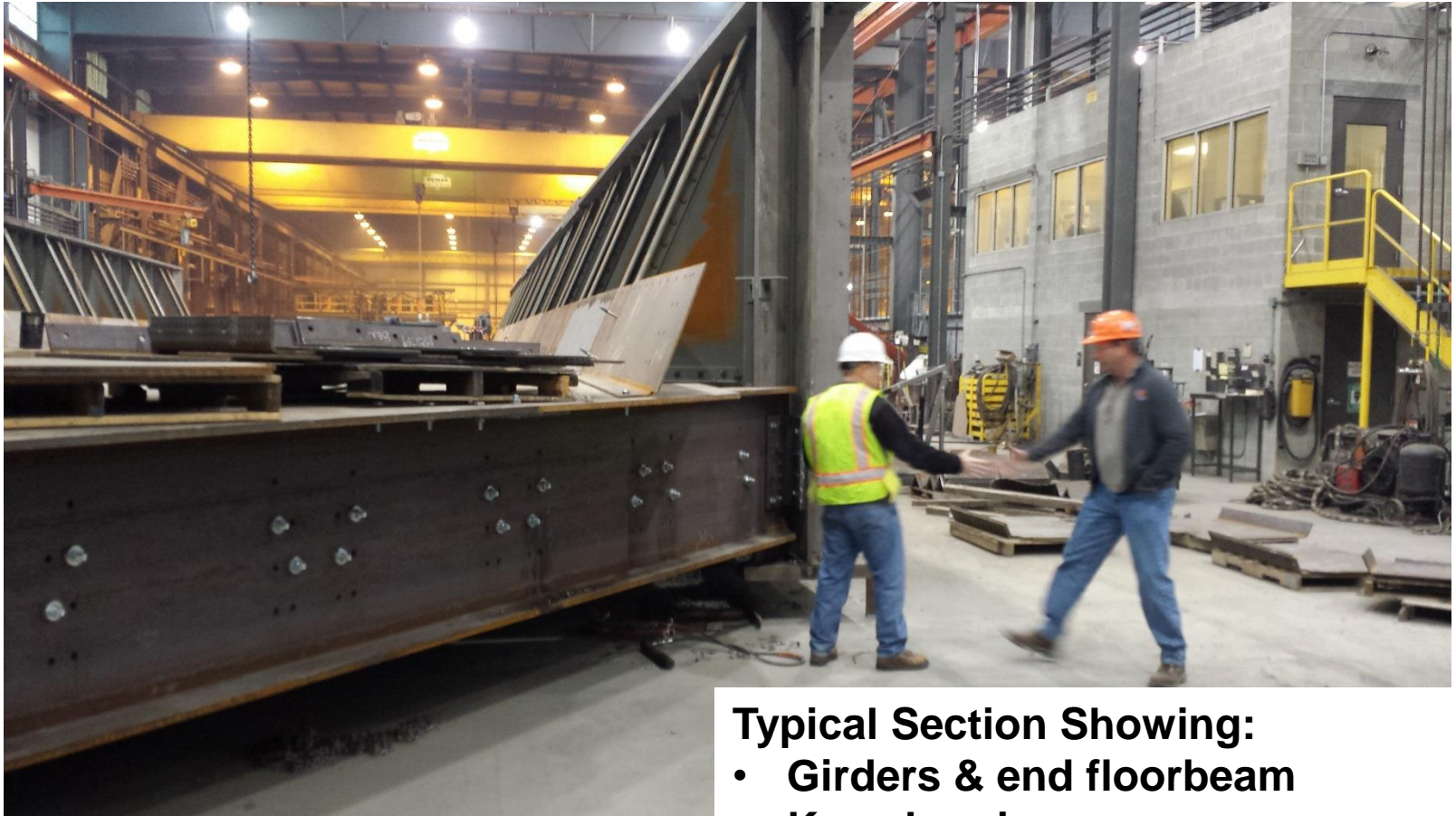
PLAN VIEW

WB-207 SPAN 1



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Shop Fit-Up



### Typical Section Showing:

- Girders & end floorbeam
- Knee bracing
- Bearing stiffeners
- Ballast retainer plates





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## Shop Fit-Up



## Knee bracing

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## Shop Fit-Up



Checker plate walking surface

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## Shop Fit-Up



Deck plate

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## Shop Fit-Up



WB-207 Span 1 Field Splice

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All bolted connections

# Construction



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## Norfolk Southern Construction Requirements:

- **Wye acts as emergency detour of the Fort Wayne Line (Pittsburgh to Chicago)**
- **Cannot close both legs of Wye simultaneously**
- **West leg of Wye must remain in operation at all times**
- **Outage of the east leg of the Wye permitted for 22 months**
- **New WB-207 and WB-208 bridges will be constructed during the 22 month outage of the east leg of the Wye**
- **NS will remove existing rails and ties**
- **Contractor will install deck ballast and approach track subballast**
- **After new bridges are in service, Contractor will demo the existing WB-207 bridge**
- **Contract used preapproved temporary at-grade crossing locations**



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## As-Designed Quantities:

- 62,668 CY Class 3 Excavation, Rock
- 5,195 CY Class A & AA Cement Concrete
- 9,431 CY Selected Borrow Excavation, Structure Backfill
- 495,645 lbs. Reinforcement Bars, Epoxy Coated
- 2,506,300 lbs. Fabricated Structural Steel
- 22 High Load Disc Bearings



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Bids:

- June 12, 2013 Let Date
- \$12,987,728.85 low bid
- \$13,620,613.69 2<sup>nd</sup> low bid
- \$632,884.84 or 5% left on the table
- Mosites Construction Company of Pittsburgh, PA was low bidder
- NTP issued on July 30, 2013
- Required completion date is November 15, 2015



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Begin Excavation



- No blasting
- Shore along WB-207 bridge and PTC mainline
- Begin hoe ramming

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## Temporary Shoring Along Existing WB-207 Bridge



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## Excavation



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WB-207 Abut. 1

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Abut. 1 Construction



- Abutment footing poured
- Tying abutment stem rebar
- Forming stem

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Abut. 1 Construction



- Abutment footing poured
- Forming abutment stem
- Wingwall footing rebar in place
- Tying RF wingwall rebar

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Abut. 1 Complete



- Form liner
- Approach slab
- Stepped wingwall footing

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## Architectural Surface Treatment



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# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Pier & Abut. 2 Construction



- WB-207 tracks supported
- Pier footings poured
- Pier stem & abutment footing rebar tied

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## View Showing Piers & Southern Abutments



- Existing WB-207 bridge
- PP 12.58 EB retaining wall
- WB-207 Abut. 1 complete
- WB-208 Abut. 1 form stripping

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Substructures Complete

- All substructures completed
- Structure backfill in place



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## WB-207 Span 2 Girder Erection



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## WB-207 Span 2 Floorbeam Erection



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## WB-207 Span 2 Girder Erection



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## WB-207 Span 2 Showing Floorbeams



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## WB-208 Span 2 Girder Erection



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# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Span 1 Erection



- Plan X closure during erection
- Partial erection of girders using temporary towers
- Short term single lane closure needed for crane

# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## WB-207 Span 1 Erection



- Temporary towers
- Short term single lane closure

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## WB-207 Span 1 Floorbeam Erection



- Erection of remaining Span 1 floorbeam and girder length
- Performed under live traffic but with one lane closed

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## WB-207 Span 1 Girder Erection



# WB-207 & WB-208 Bridge Replacement Project

## Erection of Final WB-207 Span 1 Girder Piece



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## Erection of WB-207 Span 1 Floorbeams



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## Erection Complete



- Erection started: Dec. 2014
- Erection completed: April 2015
- Ballast installed by Contractor
- Ties and rails installed by NS



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## Aerial Photos



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Overhead view

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## Aerial Photos – Looking West



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WB-208 in foreground

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## Aerial Photos – Looking East



- Homewood Viaduct (near)
- WB-207 Bridge
- WB-208 Bridge
- Beaver Valley Interchange (far)

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Questions?