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VAR-District 8 Bridge Inspections (2024)

PROJECT NO. 105475

SUBMITTED TO: ODOT District 8



SUBMITTED BY: MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.



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INTRODUCTION:

LOCATION MAP:s



Figure 1 - I-75 Southbound over West Third Street & I-75 Northbound over West Third Street & US 50 Ramps, Cincinnati, Ohio Location Map.

INSPECTION DETAILS:

Bridge No.:	HAM-75-0022L SFN 3108791 HAM-75-0022R SFN 3108805
Features Intersected:	I-71 Southbound, CSX Railroad, Local Parking Lots, Third Street, US 42 Ramp, US 50 Ramps
Locations to Inspect:	<u>HAM-75-0022L (From Pier 19A to Abutment A):</u> Routine Element Level
	<u>HAM-75-0022R (From Pier 15C to Abutment C and Pier</u> 22J to 26J): Routine Element Level
Number of Caps to Inspect:	2
Number of Inspection Days:	Estimated 4 days & 1 night
Inspection Dates:	August 19 - September 11, 2024
Inspection Hours:	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Day), 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM (Night)
Inspection Equipment:	80' Manlift, 120' Manlift, Ladders

BRIDGE INFORMATION:

HAM-75-0022L

The Brent Spence Approach Bridge (HAM-75-0022L) consists of a six-span welded steel plate girder structure that carries two lanes of I-75 southbound traffic over West Third Street. The structure was constructed in 1963 by Penker Construction and consists of a reinforced concrete deck that varies in width and bears directly on five continuous, welded, built-up steel girders supported by reinforced concrete piers. Crossframe angles spanning the width of the bays between the girders are welded to the transverse stiffeners of the girders. The structure is 428'-0" long and the longest spans (Span 21A and 24A) are each 78'-0" in length. The bridge numbering system follows the convention set in the design plans. Access to the structure will be from ladders, bucket truck, and manlift.

The nomenclature for this bridge follows the convention set in the design plans with spans, substructure units, and cross frames labeled from south to north and girders labeled from west to east. The substructure units are numbered from Pier 19A to Abutment A, spans are numbered from Span 20A to Span 25A, and girders are labeled from A to E.

HAM-75-0022R

The Brent Spence Approach Bridge (HAM-75-0022R) is a 14-span structure that carries three lanes of I-75 northbound traffic over West Third Street, a railroad, and US 50 and I-75 Ramps. The structure was constructed in 1963 by Penker Construction. The original structure consists of a reinforced concrete deck that varies in width and bears directly on up to six continuous, welded, built-up steel girders supported by reinforced concrete piers. Crossframe angles spanning the width of the bays between the girders are welded to the transverse stiffeners of the girders.

A retrofit of the bridge was performed in 2000 and included widening of the east side of the bridge in Spans 21C through 29C. Steel beams, crossframes, and concrete piers were added to the structure along with two fracture critical steel pier caps at Piers 25J and 26C/J. The structure is approximately 1,187 feet long and the longest span (Span 28C) is approximately 117' in length.

The nomenclature of this bridge will follow the convention set in the design plans and retrofit plans with:

- Spans, substructure units and cross frames labeled from south to north.
- Original girders labeled A through F from west to east, and retrofit beams labeled B1 through B4 for east to west.
- The substructure units are numbered form Pier 15C to Abutment C on the original structure and from Pier 22J to 26J on the retrofit substructure units.
- Spans are numbered from Span 16C to 29C.

INSPECTION METHOD AND PLAN:

Michael Baker Internationals engineers, subcontracted by Transystems, will perform routine element level inspections on the Ohio portion of the Brent Spence Bridges HAM-75-0022L/R as defined by the Scope of Services. This will not include entering the steel pier caps at Piers 25J and 26C/J as they were entered as part of the in-depth inspection during 2023. Measurements and observations will be recorded to determine the physical and functional condition of the bridges, to identify any changes from previously recorded conditions, and to ensure that the structures continue to satisfy present service conditions.

FIELD COORDINATION:

The following personnel are anticipated to be involved with the coordination and/or field work associated with the inspection of these structures.

HAM-75-0022L & HAM-75-0022R Field Contacts

Michael Baker International:

Team Leader; Project Manager	Cory Larkin, PE, SE Cory.Larkin@mbakerintl.com	(513) 227-7486
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Team Leader	Shelby Wilson, PE Shelby.Wilson@mbakerintl.com	(740) 406-8194

PERMITTING AND COORDINATION:

The following entities will be involved in the permitting and coordination of all work associated with the inspection of these structures. Copies of permits from all entities will be kept on site at all times.

<u>ODOT</u> – A right of entry permit is necessary through ODOT District 8 and will be secured via the ODOT Right of Way E-Permitting System. The following ODOT personnel will be contacts:

Project Manager	Brandon Collett Brandon.Collett@dot.state.oh.us	(513) 933-6643
District Work Zone Traffic Manager	Scott Kraus Scott.Kraus@dot.state.oh.us	(513) 933-6519
Right-of-Way Use Permits	Chris Bass Chris.Bass@dot.state.oh.us	(513) 933-6577
Right-of- Permit Coordinator	Kimberly Giffin Kim.Giffin@dot.ohio.gov	(513) 933-6580

<u>City of Cincinnati</u> – Work performed on City owned property will be done so within ODOT easements therefore no right-of-entry permit is required.

DOTE Permit and License Center	(513) 352-3463
row.permits@cincinnati-oh.gov	

<u>CSX RAILROAD</u> – Visual inspection of the HAM-75-0022R structure over railroad tracks will be performed, thus no right of entry permit is required through CSX Transportation, Inc. to access railroad right-of-way.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

Michael Baker International has contracted Intech Contracting, LLC. to provide the necessary traffic control for these inspections. They will be responsible for all signs and devices which shall be placed in accordance with the latest Ohio Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

A maintenance of traffic scheme for closure of one (east) lane of the combined ramps from SB I-75 and EB US 50 to Second Street will be necessary to access the steel box girder pier caps of the HAM-75-0022R Bridge. This will be coordinated with inspection of the HAM-71-0000L Bridge.

The anticipated traffic control schedule is as follows:

Date	Structure	Traffic Control
Night of 8/22/24	HAM-75-0022R (coordinate with HAM-71-0000L)	Single left lane closure of I-75 SB at exit to 2nd Street Ramp

The remainder of the structures will be inspected from the ground using manlifts and bucket trucks and will not require roadway closures.

FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES:

Critical inspection findings will be reported to the District within 24 hours and details/ photographs will be provided via email. These along with other findings will be documented in the final inspection report.

APPENDIX A

RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMITS & MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC DRAWINGS



Permitting Note:

ODOT, City of Cincinnati, and KYTC permits will be applied for no more than 30 days from the date of inspection, using the attached MOT plan sheets.

LOCATION 1 – September of 2024

Location 1A

I-71/75 NB (lower level Brent Spence)

39.095170°, -84.522188°

Night time closure – double left lane I-71/75 northbound

Night time closure - double right

Requires ODOT permit applying for with this application

Location 1B

I-75 SB Second St. Ramp

Night time closure - left lane of ramp to Second St.

Location 1C

West 3rd St.

Day time closure – closure of left turn lane



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NOTES:

DESIGN SPEED

1. The design speed used for taper rates should typically be the permanent legal speed. However, on construction projects for which the speed limit is reduced, the reduced speed may be used in determining the taper rate when the taper is not the first active construction area within the project.

TAPERS

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- 2A. The minimum acceptable length for the merge taper shall be determined by multiplying the width of offset by the merge taper rate. The merge taper rate is provided in Table II.
- 28. The minimum acceptable length for the shoulder taper shall be determined by multiplying the width of the shoulder by the shoulder taper rate. The shoulder taper rate is provided in Table II.
- 2C. The tangent section between the two merge tapers should be two times the longer of the two merge tapers.

SIGN SPACING

- 3A. The work zone sign spacings shown in Table I are minimums. Maximum spacing should not be greater than 1.5 times the distances shown in Table I.
- 3B. Sign spacing should be adjusted to avoid conflict with existing signs. Minimum spacing to existing signs shall be 200' for speeds of 45 mph or less and a minimum of 400' for speeds 50 mph or greater.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR SIGHT DISTANCE

 The location of the merging taper and the advance warning signs should be adjusted to provide for adequate sight distance for the existing vertical and horizontal roadway alignment.

BASIC SIGNING

- 5A. ROAD WORK AHEAD (W20-1) signs shall be provided on entrance ramps or roadways entering the work limits.
- 5B. END ROAD WORK (G20-2) signs are only required for lane closures of more than I day. It is intended that these signs be placed on the mainline, on all exit ramps, and on roadways exiting the work limits.
- 5C. Overlapping of signing for adjacent projects should be avoided where the messages could be confusing. Any W20-1 or G20-2 signs which falls within the limits of another traffic control zone shall be omitted or covered during the period when both projects are active.

SIGNING DETAILS

- 6A. The Advisory Speed (W13-1P) plaque shall be used when specified in the plan.
- 6B. When the approach speed limit is 40 mph or less, 36" warning signs may be used.
- 6C. The distance plaque W16-3aP (or W16-2aP if the distance shown is in feet) shall indicate the distance to the beginning of the merging taper. Distances less than 1 mile may be expressed in feet. The plaque may be omitted if Extra Advance Sign Groups are not used.
- 6D. Provide signing on the inactive side of the highway, as shown, when specified in the plans.
- 6E. Provide the appropriate word or symbol legend necessary on Lane Reduction (W4-2, W20-5, W20-5a) signs to correctly identify which lane is to be closed.

EXTRA ADVANCE WARNING SIGNING

 Extra Advance Warning Sign Groups consisting of ROAD WORK AHEAD (W20-1), LANE CLOSED AHEAD (W20-5), LANES CLOSED AHEAD (W20-5a), and WATCH FOR STOPPED TRAFFIC (W3-H4b) signs plus Distance plaques may be specified in the plans or may be required to be erected, as determined by the Engineer (See Standard Construction Drawing (SCD) MT-95.50).

PAVEMENT MARKINGS / RPMs

- 8A. If the construction operation requires a lane closure for more than 1 day, the existing conflicting reflectors shall be removed from the raised pavement markers (RPMs).
- 8B. Additionally, if a lane closure of greater than 3 days is required, the following shall be performed:
 - a) The appropriate color work zone edge lines shall be
 - applied along the taper and tangent sections. The existing conflicting pavement markings shall be removed or covered per CMS 614.11G. ы
 - c) Work zone dotted lines, 3' in length separated by 9' gaps, shall be provided to identify the merge.
- 8C. Work zone pavement markings which would conflict with final traffic lanes shall be removable tape (CMS 740.06, Type I) unless the area will be resurfaced prior to project completion.
- 8D. After completion of the work, pavement markings other than CMS 740.06, Type I shall be removed in accordance with CMS 614.11. The original markings and raised pavement marker reflectors shall be restored at no additional cost unless separately itemized in the plans.

(RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE)

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ARROW BOARD

The arrow board shall be chosen from the ODOT approved list and follow the guidelines in Supplemental Specification 821.

FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS

Type A flashing warning lights shown on the ROAD WORK AHEAD (W2O-1) signs, on the LANE CLOSED AHEAD (W2O-5), and on the LANES CLOSED AHEAD (W2O-5a) signs are required whenever a night lane closure is necessary.

INTERSECTION / DRIVEWAY ACCESS

- 12. Within the length of the closure, provision shall be made to control traffic entering from intersecting streets and major drives as necessary to prevent wrong-way movements and to keep vehicles off of new pavement not ready for traffic. The Contractor shall:
 - a) Place across the closed lane, either 3 drums (cones) or barricades, and/or
 - b) Provide an additional flagger at every public street intersection and major driveway.

Drums (cones) placed across the closed lane shall be located 25' beyond the projected pavement edges of the driveway or cross highway, as shown in SCD MT-97.11. For barricades, see SCD MT-101.60.

Existing STOP signs shall be relocated as necessary to assure proper location for the traffic conditions.

The method of control shall be subject to the approval of

DRUMS / CONES

- 13A. The maximum drum spacing along tapers and along tangent sections shall be as shown in Table 11. A minimum of 5 drums shall be used to close the upstream shoulder. The downstream taper drum spacing shall be approx-imately 20'.
- 13B. Cones may be substituted for drums as follows:
 - comes may be substributed for drams as follows:
 a) Use of cones is permissible for either daytime operation or for nighttime operation, but shall not be used continuously, day and night. Upon completion of work within the work period. The cones shall be removed. They may again be placed on the highway in order to resume work in the following such work period.
 b) Cones used for daytime traffic control shall have a minimum height of 28°.
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 c) Cones again at night shall be prohibited along tapers.
 c) Cone such at the traffic control shall have a minimum for the permitted. Either cones shall be used for the entire length.
- 13C. Provisions shall be made to stabilize the cones and drums to prevent them from blowing over.
- 13D. All drums and cones should have a minimum offset from the edge of the traveled lanes of 1.5 feet.

SHADOW VEHICLE

- 14A. The shadow vehicle shall be in place and unoccupied whenever workers are in the work area. This vehicle shall be removed from the pavement whenever workers are not in the work area.
- 14B. The shadow vehicle shall be equipped with a high-intensity yellow rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe light(s).

14C. The shadow vehicle shall be equipped with a truck-mounted or trailer attenuator (TMA) in accordance with CMS 614.03.

RUFFER SPACE

15A. Where space constraints do not allow for the buffer space, a shorter length may be used.

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INTENDED USE

This Standard Construction Drawing (SCD) is intended for use as a supplement to SCDs MT-95.30, MT-95.31, MT-95.32, MT-95.40, and MT-95.41. It is not intended to be used as a stand-alone drawing.

GENERAL SIGNING

- 2A. Maximum spacing between adjacent signs in a series should not be greater than 1.5 times the distances specified in Table I.
- 28. END ROAD WORK (G2O-2) signs are only required for lane closures of more than one day. It is intended that these signs be placed on the mainline, on all exit ramps, and on roadways exiting the work limits.
- 2C. Overlapping of signing for adjacent projects should be avoided where the messages could be confusing. Any W20-1 or G20-2 sign which falls within the limits of another trafffic control zone shall be omitted or covered during the period when both projects are active.
- 2D. Median signing shall not apply to undivided highways.
- 2E. Provide the appropriate word or symbol legend necessary on Lane Reduction (W4-2, W20-5) signs to correctly identify which lane is to be closed.
- 2F. Signing for speed reduction and/or for increased penalties shall be provided when called for in the plans.

EXTRA ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS

- 3A. Extra Advance Warning Sign Groups consisting of ROAD WORK AHEAD (W2O-1), LANE CLOSED AHEAD (W2O-5) and WATCH FOR STOPPED TRAFFIC (W3-144b) signs plus distance plaques may be specified in the plans or may be required to be erected, as determined by the review. Engineer.
- 38. Installation of Extra Advance Warning Sign Groups shall not serve as a substitute for the standard advance signing group, beginning with the W2O-1 sign, typically located at approximately 1 mile in advance of the beginning of the work area or the merge or shift taper.
- 3C. If a series of several Extra Advance Warning Sign . If a series of several Extra Advance of the same work area Groups is provided in advance of the same work area or roadway restriction, the ROAD WORK AHEAD (W2O-U) sign may be omitted from all but the first of the Extra Advance Warning Sign Groups in the series.

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<u>APPENDIX B</u>

STRUCTURE LOCATION/IDENTIFICATION MAPS & EXISTING PLANS





<u>HAM-75-0022L/R</u>

Overall location map and fracture critical (NSTM) member location

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<u>HAM-75-0022L/R</u>

Structure nomenclature and fracture critical (NSTM) member identification **Fracture critical (NSTM) members are shown in red

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