

# **FRACTURE CRITICAL PIER CAP**

# **INSPECTION REPORT**

SFN3106780 (HAM-71-0248L) IR-71 SB OVER EDEN PARK DRIVE AND READING ROAD (US-42) HAMILTON COUNTY, OH DISTRICT 8

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project:	VAR-District 8 Bridge Inspections No. 2023-4. (PID No. 105476)
Purpose of Project:	To perform a routine and fracture critical inspection of fracture critical steel pier caps on bridges for the Ohio Department of Transportation, District 8.
Inspection Team:	Team Leader – Michael Seal, P.E. – Collins Engineers, Inc. Team Member – Trent Graham – Collins Engineers, Inc. Team Member – Rob Parker – Gannett Fleming, Inc. Team Member – Matthew McFadden E.I.T. – Gannet Fleming, Inc.
Inspection Date(s):	June 24, 2023 (Routine completed 8/4/2023)

#### Summary of Findings:

- Pier 1:
  - The nuts were missing from all the anchor bolts on the pot bearings. This is an old condition, and the bearings continue to function as designed.
  - Isolated areas of surface corrosion with no section loss are present on the top flange plate, at the top of the web plates, and at the bottom flange between the diaphragm and end caps. This is an old condition.
  - The west face of Diaphragm D connection to the south web plate exhibited minor section loss in the lower corner. This is not currently problematic.
  - There was no change noted to the discontinuous fillet weld observed at the stiffener east of the Girder B diaphragm, and the several ground tack welds inside the cap exhibited no change since the previous inspection.
  - There was no change observed to the 1-1/8 in. long tack weld west of the stiffener between the Girder C and D diaphragms on the north web plate.
  - The gouges caused by tack weld removal between the diaphragms and the 9 in. minor grinding scrape on Girder D exhibited no change since the previous inspection.
  - The extents of the minor gap above Girder E and the top flange of steel pier cap have not changed since the previous inspection.
  - The fillet weld porosity at Girder F did not change.
  - There was a tree growing on the south side of the east column. It was encroaching into the roadway and should be trimmed or removed to improve roadway sight distance.
- Pier 2:
  - The fillet welds at multiple tension zone locations intersect the fillet welds between the web plates and vertical web plate stiffeners/diaphragms. The cope near this intersection is ineffective for the intersecting welds. This is an old condition and was observed to be more common on stiffeners than on diaphragms.
  - The 1/4 in. and 1/2 in. diameter weld spots on the bottom flange of the east side Girder C diaphragm exhibited no change.





- The reactivated corrosion along the lower flange plate was observed to be continuing with no major changes since the last inspection.
- No change was observed to the 1/2 in. long shallow gouge in the north web west of the east bearing diaphragm.
- The nuts were missing from the anchor bolts at all bearings, and the bearings appeared to function as designed. No uplift was observed at this location, and therefore this situation is not problematic.
- Multiple weld passes over single welds were observed in isolated locations throughout the pier cap between the vertical web plate stiffeners and the web plates. This is an old condition and was typically observed on the fillet welds connecting a stiffener to a web plate.
- The ground tack welds on the interior and exterior of the cap exhibited no change since the last inspection.
- Both hatches were missing several nuts and bolts. These are old conditions, and no changes were observed.
- A bolted connection of the lower lateral bracing on the north web had been retrofitted at Girder
  B. This is an old condition and has not changed.
- Paint cracks were present along the edges of the clip angles connecting the girders to the cap webs. These paint cracks extended over the stitch welds present along the clip angle/cap web bit and no weld cracks were observed.
- Pier 3:
  - The bearing anchor bolts were missing nuts.
  - The previously noted fillet welds between the Girder A diaphragm and the bottom flange tie plate and south web plate intersecting the fillet weld of the tie plate and web has not changed since the previous inspection. The intersecting fillet welds under the girder tie plates, girder webs, and the diaphragms have previously been drilled, coped in the lower corners, and painted. This is an old condition, and no changes were observed during this inspection.
  - The east access hatch cover was still missing both middle bolts, and the bolt holes were caulked over to seal the hatch. The west hatch door gasket seal was missing.
  - The top flange plate exhibited painted over pitting with no corrosion. Corrosion was developing between the top plate and the concrete deck.
  - The painted over laminating corrosion at both ends of the interior of the pier cap has reactivated.
  - The welded connection for the drainpipe support bracket on the north web plate was replaced with a bolted connection. The connection was observed to operate as intended and exhibited no corrosion or section loss.
  - The welded lateral bracing connections were removed from the pier cap web plates and replaced with bolted connections and clip angles.
  - During a previous rehabilitation, the web plates were retrofit with drilled stress relief holes connected by vertical saw cuts adjacent to the welded connections of the girder bottom flange tie plates. No change was observed, and the retrofits appear to function as designed.
  - No change was observed to the previously noted 2 in. long painted and ground tack weld on the north web plate exterior below Girder B.
  - Tack welds were typical along the bolted clip angles connecting the girder web to the pier cap. This occurred on the clip angle on only one side of the girder.





• No change was observed to the surface corrosion on the pot bearings and along the lower edge of the masonry plate. The ponding of water on the concrete around the plate edge contributes to the corrosion.

#### Summary of Recommendations:

- Consider retrofits of Category E details of intersecting welds at Piers 1, 2, and 3. A simple drilled and ground retrofit at the intersection is recommended.
- Replace the detached anchor nut at the west access hatch and ensure that the hatch cover plate can be removed at Pier 2.
- Replace the missing cover plate anchor bolts and rubber gasket seal on the west access hatch at Pier 3.
- Clean and paint the areas of active laminating corrosion on the bottom flange inside the ends of the pier cap at Pier 3.
- Trim or remove the tree encroaching the roadway at Pier 1 to improve roadway sight distance.

#### **NBI Ratings:**

Item ID	Description	<b>Condition Rating</b>	Summary
B.C.01	Deck Condition Rating	6-Satisfactory	A few cracks and efflorescence present.
			Localized haunch spalls.
B.C.02	Super. Condition Rating	6-Satisfactory	A couple small, localized corrosion holes.
			Painted over pitting to 1/8 in.
B.C.03	Substr. Condition Rating	7-Good	A few small spalls, some minor cracks.
B.C.05	Railing Condition Rating	6-Satisfactory	Vertical cracks. Impact scrapes and gouges.
B.C.06	Rail Trans. Condition Rating	7-Good	Good, rail extends past bridge.
B.C.07	Bearings Condition Rating	6-Satisfactory	Freckling corrosion, one in contraction when
			it should be in expansion.
B.C.08	Joints Condition Rating	6-Satisfactory	Debris, evidence of leaking.
B.C.14	NSTM	7-Good	Corrosion reactivating, retrofits perform as
			designed. No major defects.

#### AASHTO National Bridge Element (NBE) Ratings:

				Condition State			
Element #	Description	Units	Total	1	2	3	4
152	Steel Floor Beam	LF	160	130	30	0	0

Note: Ratings were developed using the FHWA Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory and AASHTO Manual for Bridge Element Inspection, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.





#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 <u>Purpose and Scope</u>

This report consists of the results of a detailed inspection of non-redundant steel tension members (fracture critical) performed at the IR-71 SB Bridge over Eden Park Drive and Reading Road (US-42) in Hamilton County, OH. Collins Engineers, Inc. (Collins) conducted the fracture critical and NBI routine inspection for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 8 on June 24, 2023 and August 3, 2023.

#### 1.2 <u>General Description of the Structure</u>

Bridge HAM-71-0248L is a seven span bridge constructed in 1970 that carries IR-71 southbound over Eden Park Drive and Reading Road (US-42). The superstructure is comprised of welded steel plate girders. The overall bridge length is 755 ft, and the deck width is 54 ft.



Figure 1: Bridge Location Map

Three fracture critical pier caps are supported by concrete columns at Piers 1, 2, and 3. The caps are simply supported welded box members with cantilever ends up to 10.5 ft in length. Six welded plate girders frame into the box sections. The girder webs are bolted by vertical double angles to the cap webs. At Piers 1, 2, and 3, the top flange splice plates are bolted to the top flanges of the pier caps and to the girders on each side





of the cap. At Piers 1 and 2, the bottom flange splice plates are bolted to the bottom flanges of the pier caps and to the girders on each side of the cap. At Pier 3, the bottom flange splice plates pass through the web plates of the pier cap and are bolted to the bottom flanges of the girders on each side of the cap. Refer to Exhibit 1 for existing pier cap plans and Exhibit 2 for the rehabilitation project plans.

A previous rehabilitation project performed the following repairs on this structure:

- Cleaning and painting portions of the interiors of all the caps
- Removal of interior diaphragm knee braces on the caps at Piers 1 and 2
- Bolted retrofit of welded drainage bracket and lateral bracing gusset connections to the web plates of all pier caps
- Grinding of intersecting fillet welds on the web stiffeners and the cap flanges at Piers 1 and 2
- Grinding of miscellaneous tack welds on the caps at Piers 1 and 2
- Drilling and saw-cutting of pressure relief holes in the web plates of the cap at Pier 3

A 2017 rehabilitation project performed the following repairs on this structure:

- Removed and replaced wearing surface with Super plasticized Dense Concrete (SDC)
- Replaced torn expansion joint seal at rear expansion joint and intermediate expansion joint
- Cleaned existing drainage system to the first manhole both on structure and below the ground
- Repaired fatigue cracks in Steel Pier Cap 3 details

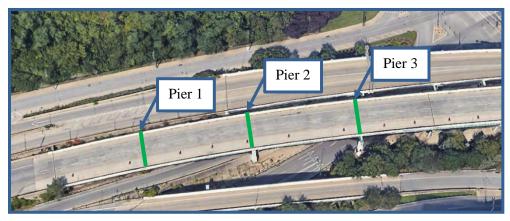


Figure 2: Fracture Critical Pier Cap Locations





This bridge is inventoried in a south to north direction, and superstructure units are labeled from left to right looking north. Substructure units are labeled as Rear and Forward Abutments (Abutments 1 and 2) and Piers 1 through 3. Refer to Photographs 1 and 2 below for overall views of the bridge superstructure.



Photograph 1: Bridge Elevation, Looking North.

Photograph 2: Bridge Endview, Looking North.

## 1.3 <u>Method of Investigation</u>

On June 22 to 24, and August 2 and 3, 2023, a two- to three-person team consisting of a professional engineer and NBI team leader (Michael A. Seal, P.E.) and technicians Trent Graham (Collins) and Rob Parker (Gannett Fleming), or Matthew McFadden (Gannett Fleming) performed an NBI routine and fracture critical inspection of Bridge HAM-71-0248L. A 46 ft. bucket truck was used to access the fracture critical pier cap interiors (Pier 1, Pier 2, Pier 3), perform the "arms-length" inspection of the exteriors, and to complete routine inspections for the remaining structural elements. Traffic control provided by A&A Safety was used to gain access to the box cap exteriors and consisted of single lane closures as follows:

- <u>SB IR-71 Ramp</u> One shoulder of this one lane ramp was closed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM to inspect the caps at Piers 2 and 3.
- <u>NB Reading Road (US-42)</u> Single lane closures between the hours of 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM were necessary on NB Reading Road to inspect the cap at Pier 3.
- <u>Eden Park Drive</u> Single lane closures between the hours of 8:00AM to 3:30PM were necessary to inspect Pier 5.

OSHA confined space entry procedures were followed while inspectors were working inside the pier caps. Entry was performed in accordance with complete permit-required confined space entry procedures per





GF SOP #10 and 29 CFR 1910.146. This included the use of an entry permit system, pre-entry air monitoring, continuous air monitoring, the designation of qualified entrants, attendants, and supervisor(s), and available emergency response. OSHA compliant safety harnesses and lanyards were worn by inspectors when working in the lift bucket and when implementing bridge climbing techniques. The bolts securing the pier cap hatches were removed and reinstalled with an impact wrench and the hatches were sealed with exterior-grade caulking once the interior inspection was complete. Various socket sizes from 1/2 in. to 15/16 in. were required to remove the hatch bolts.

Field measurements were taken using tape measures, calipers, and an ultrasonic thickness gauge to verify structural component dimensions. Observed deficiencies were recorded on member-specific field inspection forms. Digital photographs were taken of the fatigue prone details and other areas of interest or concern to further document the physical condition of the pier caps.

#### 1.4 Condition Ratings

State and federal guidelines for evaluating the condition of bridges have been developed to promote uniformity in the inspections performed by different teams at different times. Condition ratings are used to describe the existing, in-place bridge as compared to the as-built condition. The following table was used as a guide in evaluating the condition of the various members of the pier cap.

CODE	CONDITION	DESCRIPTION
N	NOT APPLICABLE	Component does not exist.
9	EXCELLENT	Isolated inherent defects.
8	VERY GOOD	Some inherent defects.
7	GOOD	Some minor defects.
6	SATISFACTORY	Widespread minor or isolated moderate defects.
5	FAIR	Some moderate defects; strength and performance of the component are not affected.
4	POOR	Widespread moderate or isolated major defects; strength and/or performance of the component is affected.
3	SERIOUS	Major defects; strength and/or performance of the component is seriously affected. Condition typically necessitates more frequent monitoring, load restrictions, and/or corrective actions.



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2	CRITICAL	Major defects; component is severely compromised. Condition typically necessitates frequent monitoring, significant load restrictions,					
		and/or corrective actions in order to keep the bridge open.					
1	IMMINENT FAILURE	Bridge is closed to traffic due to component condition. Repair or					
		rehabilitation may return the bridge to service.					
0	FAILED	Bridge is closed due to component condition, and is beyond correctiv					
		tion. Replacement is required to restore service.					

The inspection of this bridge was performed in accordance with the following documents:

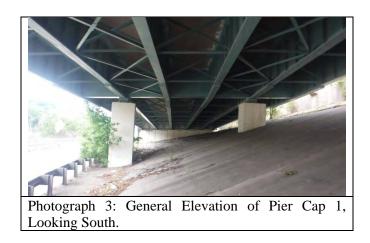
- 1. Manual of Bridge Inspection, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), 2014.
- 2. Manual for Bridge Element Inspection, AASHTO, 2019.
- 3. Bridge Inspector's Reference Manual, U.S. Department of Transportation, 2002 (rev 2012).
- 4. Inspection of Fracture Critical Bridge Members, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1986.
- 5. Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory, U.S. Department of Transportation, 2022.

#### 2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

#### 2.1 <u>Pier Cap Conditions</u>

#### 2.1.1 Pier Cap 1

Pier Cap 1 was in overall GOOD condition [7]. There were isolated areas of surface corrosion on the interior surfaces of the cap that have not changed since the previous inspection. At the time of inspection, the pier cap interior was dry.







#### 2.1.1.1 Pier Cap 1 Interior

The interior paint and pier cap was overall in GOOD condition [7]. Specific items on the interior to note include:

- The interior exhibited isolated areas of surface corrosion with no section loss on the top flange plate, along the top of the web plates, and at the bottom flange between the diaphragm and end caps (Photographs 4 and 5).
- A minor gap was observed above Girder E and the top flange of steel pier cap; this is an old comment that has not changed.
- There was no change noted to the discontinuous fillet weld observed on the web plate stiffener east of the Girder B diaphragm.
- The knee braces at the Girder C and D diaphragms had previously been removed with the fillet welds ground from the bottom flange plate. This is an old condition and has not changed (Photograph 6).
- There was no change observed to the 1-1/8 in. long tack weld west of the stiffener between the Girder C and D diaphragms on the north web plate (Photograph 7). The ground tack welds on both web plates (three are not completely removed) exhibited no change since the previous inspection.
- There were six total gouges caused by tack weld removal between the Girder D and E diaphragms with three on each web plate (Photograph 8).
- Between Girder E and F diaphragms, there was one moderate gouge and 3 minor gouges from tack weld removal along the south web, and one on the north web plate. This has not changed since the prior inspection.
- The previously noted 9 in. long minor grinding scrape on the north web plate east of Girder D exhibited no change since the last inspection (Photograph 9).
- Weld porosity was still observed in the fillet weld between the north web plate and the top flange plate just west of Girder F (Photograph 10). This was also observed between the west face of Diaphragm D and the south web plate in the lower corner (Photograph 11).
- The west face of Diaphragm D connection to the south web plate exhibited minor section loss in the lower corner of 1/16 in. max. This is not currently problematic.



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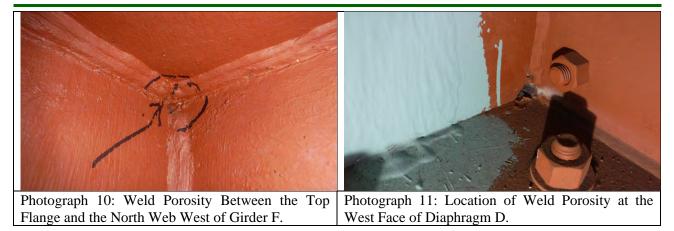






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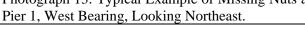


#### 2.1.1.2 Pier Cap 1 Exterior

The exterior of the pier cap was in GOOD [7] Condition. Tack welds were removed during previous rehabilitations from the underside of the bottom flange plate and the edges of the girder fill plates.

- The welded lateral bracing connections were removed from the web plates and replaced with • bolted connections. This is an old condition and has not changed since the previous inspection (Photograph 12).
- The nuts were missing from all the anchor bolts on both pot bearings (Photograph 13). This is an old condition, and the bearings continue to function as designed. Specific items on the interior to note include:

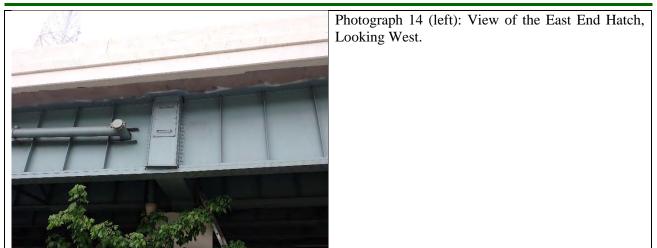






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## 2.1.1.3 Pier Cap 1 Fatigue Prone Details

#### Fatigue Prone Detail 1

Fillet welds between diaphragms or stiffeners and web plates.

Category: C'

Location: All girder diaphragms and web stiffeners.

## Fatigue Prone Detail 3

Tack welds, less than 2 in., on web and flange Category: C

Location:

- One tack weld on the interior of the north web plate between Girder C and D; One tack weld on interior of the north web plate between Girder D and E; One tack weld on the interior of the south web plate between Girder E and F (3 total-all previously ground, but not completely removed).
- One tack weld along each edge of the bottom flange plate and the fill plates of Girder C and D (4 total).

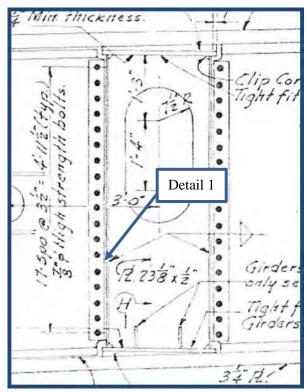


Figure 3: Section of Pier Cap 1



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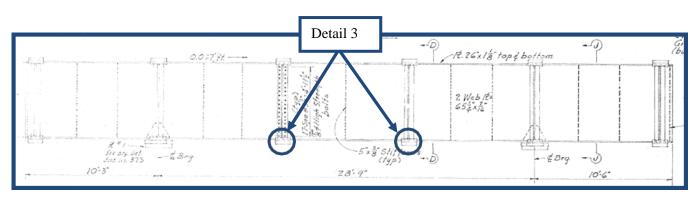
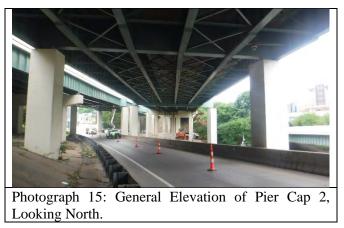


Figure 4: Elevation of Pier Cap 1

## 2.1.2 Pier Cap 2

Pier Cap 2 was overall in GOOD Condition [7] (Photograph 15). At the time of inspection, the pier cap interior was dry.



## 2.1.2.1 Pier Cap 2 Interior

The interior pier cap and paint was in GOOD Condition [7]. The lower flange plates and portions of the web plates at the end caps were painted during a previous rehab. However, the reactivated corrosion along the lower flange plate continues with no major changes since the last inspection (Photograph 16). Specific items to note include:

- Knee braces had been removed from the diaphragms at the interior girders. This is an old comment and continues to work as intended.
- In various tension zones the fillet welds between the web and flange plates intersected the fillet welds between the web plates and vertical web stiffeners/diaphragms. The cope was ineffective to accommodate intersecting welds where the flange and web plates connect with the diaphragms and web plate stiffeners. This is an old condition that has not changed for this inspection; this is more common on the web plate stiffeners than on the diaphragms. (Photograph 17).





- Multiple weld passes are present at isolated locations throughout the pier cap between the vertical web plate stiffeners and the web (Photograph 18). These usually occur on the fillet welds connecting a stiffener to a web plate.
- No changes were observed at the 1/4 in. and a 1/2 in. diameter weld spots observed on the bottom flange of the east side Girder C diaphragm.
- The two ground (but not completely removed) tack welds up to 3/4 in. long on the north web plate between the west bearing and the Girder B diaphragm exhibited no change since the last inspection.
- The previously noted 1/2 in. long shallow gouge in the north web plate west of the east bearing diaphragm has not changed since the last inspection (Photograph 19).







#### 2.1.2.2 Pier Cap 2 Exterior

The exterior of the pier cap was in GOOD Condition [7]. No change was observed to the tack welds previously removed during rehabilitation from the underside of the pier cap bottom flange plate and the edges of the girder fill plates. The exterior paint is in Good Condition [7]. There is typical cracking in the paint along the lower portions of the web stiffener and the bottom flange. Paint cracks were present along the edges of the clip angles connecting the girders to the cap webs. These paint cracks extended over the stitch welds present along the clip angle/cap web and are not weld cracks. Specific items on the exterior to note include:

- The west access hatch was missing the south middle bolt and the north lower bolt. The nuts were only present on the north middle, south top, and south bottom bolts. The anchor nut for one of the bolts that secure the cover plate on the west access hatch was detached from the end plate, and the east access hatch was missing two out of six bolts. These are old conditions, and no changes were observed.
- No change was observed to the stitch welds between the girder web and the clip angles on one side of the girders (Photograph 20)
- Tack welds remained along the edges of the pier cap bottom flange and the girder fill plates; no cracks were noted for this inspection.
- Two tack welds were present on the west face of Girder B and the north web plate between the bottom of the clip angle and the girder web. These welds were previously ground but not all weld material was removed, allowing a localized stress riser. No cracks were observed during this inspection (Photograph 21).
- A bolted connection of the lower lateral bracing on the north web had been retrofitted at Girder
  B. This is an old condition and has not changed.
- The nuts were missing from the anchor bolts at all bearings. This is an old condition, and the bearings function as designed (Photograph 22).

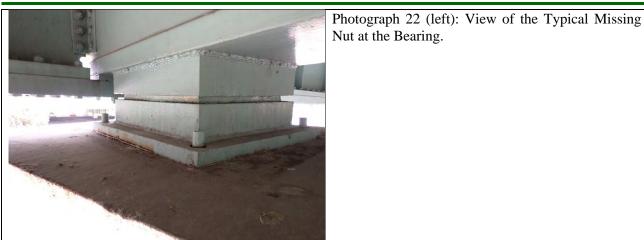


Photograph 20: View of Typical Stitch Welds on<br/>Girder to Cap Web Clip Angles., Looking South.Photograph 21: Two Tack Welds Present Along the<br/>Base of the Clip Angle Between the Clip Angle and<br/>Girder, Looking West.



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#### 2.1.2.3 Pier Cap 2 Fatigue Prone Details

#### Fatigue Prone Detail 1

Fillet welds between diaphragms or stiffeners and web or flange plates.

Category: C'

Location: All girder diaphragms and web stiffeners.

#### Fatigue Prone Detail 3

Tack welds, less than 2 in., on web and flange Category: C

Location:

- Two tack welds on the interior of the north web plate between the west bearing and Girder B (previously ground, but not completely removed).
- Two tack welds along each edge of the bottom flange plate and the fill plates of the interior girders (16 total).
- Two weld spots on the bottom flange on the east side of Girder C

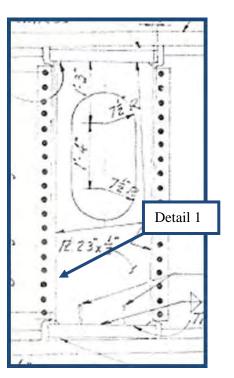


Figure 5: Section of Pier Cap 2



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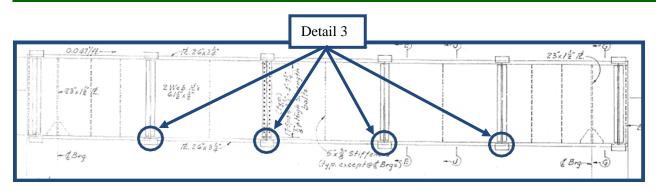
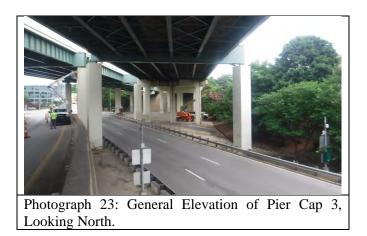


Figure 6: Elevation of Pier Cap 2

#### 2.1.3 Pier Cap 3

Pier Cap 3 was overall in GOOD condition [7] with isolated areas of laminating corrosion and intersecting welds. At the time of inspection, the interior of the cap was dry.



#### 2.1.3.1 Pier Cap 3 Interior

The interior of the cap was observed to be in GOOD [7] condition. The painted over laminating corrosion at both ends of the interior of the pier cap on the bottom flange adjacent the access hatches was observed to be reactivated (Photograph 24). The previously noted intersecting fillet welds between the Girder A diaphragm, the bottom flange tie plate, and the south web plate has not changed since the previous inspection. Intersecting fillet welds under the girder tie plates, girder webs, and the diaphragms have previously been drilled in the lower corners to allow a cope, and were painted (Photograph 25). This is an old condition, and no changes were observed during this inspection.



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## 2.1.3.2 Pier Cap 3 Exterior

The exterior of the pier cap and paint were in Good [7] Condition. The welded lateral bracing connections were removed from the pier cap web plates and replaced with bolted connections and clip angles. This introduces a local loading eccentricity, but no crack or deficiencies were observed. The welded connection for the drainpipe support bracket on the north web was replaced with a bolted connection. The connection was observed to operate as intended and exhibited no corrosion or section loss. The specific items on the exterior include:

- The east access hatch cover was still missing both middle bolts, and the bolt holes were caulked over to seal the hatch. The west hatch door gasket seal was still missing.
- The web plates were retrofit during a previous rehabilitation with drilled stress relief holes connected by vertical saw cuts adjacent to the welded connections of the girder bottom flange tie plates. No change was observed during this inspection, and the retrofits appear to function as designed (Photograph 26).
- The top flange plate exhibited painted over pitting up to 1/16 in. deep. Corrosion was developing between the top plate and the concrete deck.
- No change was observed to the previously noted 2 in. long ground tack weld on the north web below Girder B (Photograph 27).
- Tack welds were typical along clip angles bolted to the girder web to the pier cap. This occurred on the clip angle on only one side of the girder (Photograph 28). No cracks were noted and this has not changed since the prior inspection.





- The bearing anchor bolts were missing nuts.
- No change was observed to the isolated surface corrosion on the pot bearings and along the lower edge of the masonry plate. Water ponds on the concrete around the plate edge contributes to the corrosion (Photograph 29).





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#### 2.1.3.3 Pier Cap 3 Fatigue Prone Details

#### Fatigue Prone Detail 1

Fillet welds between diaphragms or stiffeners and web plates.

Category: C'

Location: All girder diaphragms and web stiffeners.

Fatigue Prone Detail 2

Full Penetration groove weld of flange splice.

Category: B

Location: Two bottom flange splices.

#### Fatigue Prone Detail 4

Tack welds, greater than or equal to 2 in. and less than or equal to 4 in., on the flange plates.

Category: D

Location: One tack weld on the exterior of the north web plate below Girder B.

# Fatigue Prone Detail 8

Intersection of fillet welds.

#### Category: E

Location:

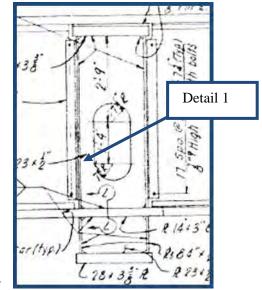
• Fillet welds of the web plates and the Girder A and C bottom flange tie plates, intersecting the fillet welds between the girder diaphragms and the tie plates and web plates.

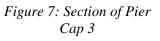
## Fatigue Prone Detail 9

Drilled hole stress relief retrofit in web plates.

Category: B

Location: Both web plates on each side of all interior girder connections





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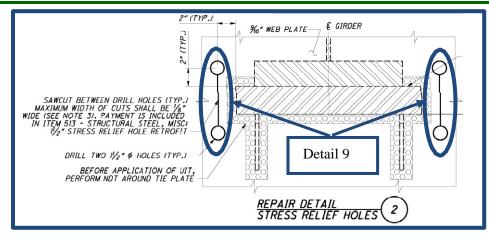


Figure 8: Web Plate Retrofit on Pier Cap 3

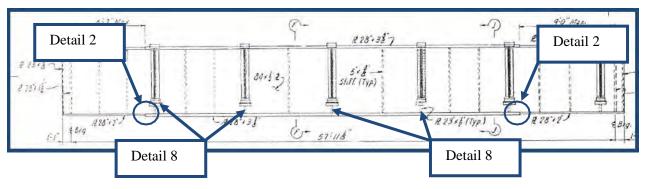


Figure 9: Elevation of Pier Cap 3



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## 3.0 EVAULATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on this inspection, the pier caps for the piers were rated GOOD. The overall rating for the NSTM (B.C.14) has not changed from GOOD (7). Previously noted locations of tack welds, weld remnants, gouges, and similar items were still present; these have not changed since the prior inspection. Anchor bolts were still missing anchor nuts, but this is currently not problematic since no uplift was observed. Corrosion has reactivated on the interior of the caps, mostly on the bottom flange plates at the ends of the cap. Overall, locations of painted over pitting has not changed since the prior inspection.

Collins appreciates the opportunity to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation on this project and looks forward to working together in the future. We would be happy to discuss any aspect of the report with you in person or via phone or email.

Respectfully Submitted, COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.

Michael Seal, P.E. Project Manager

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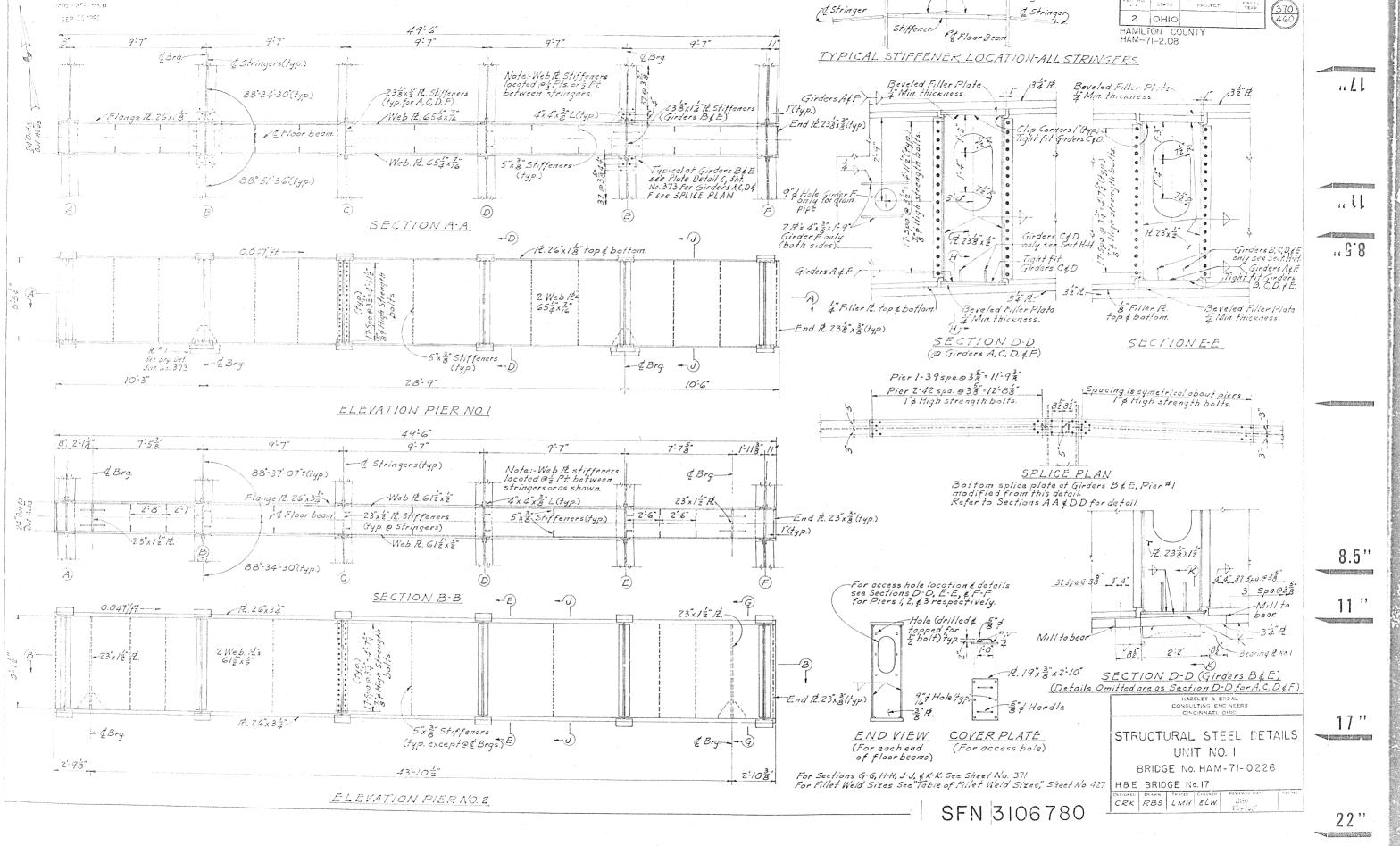
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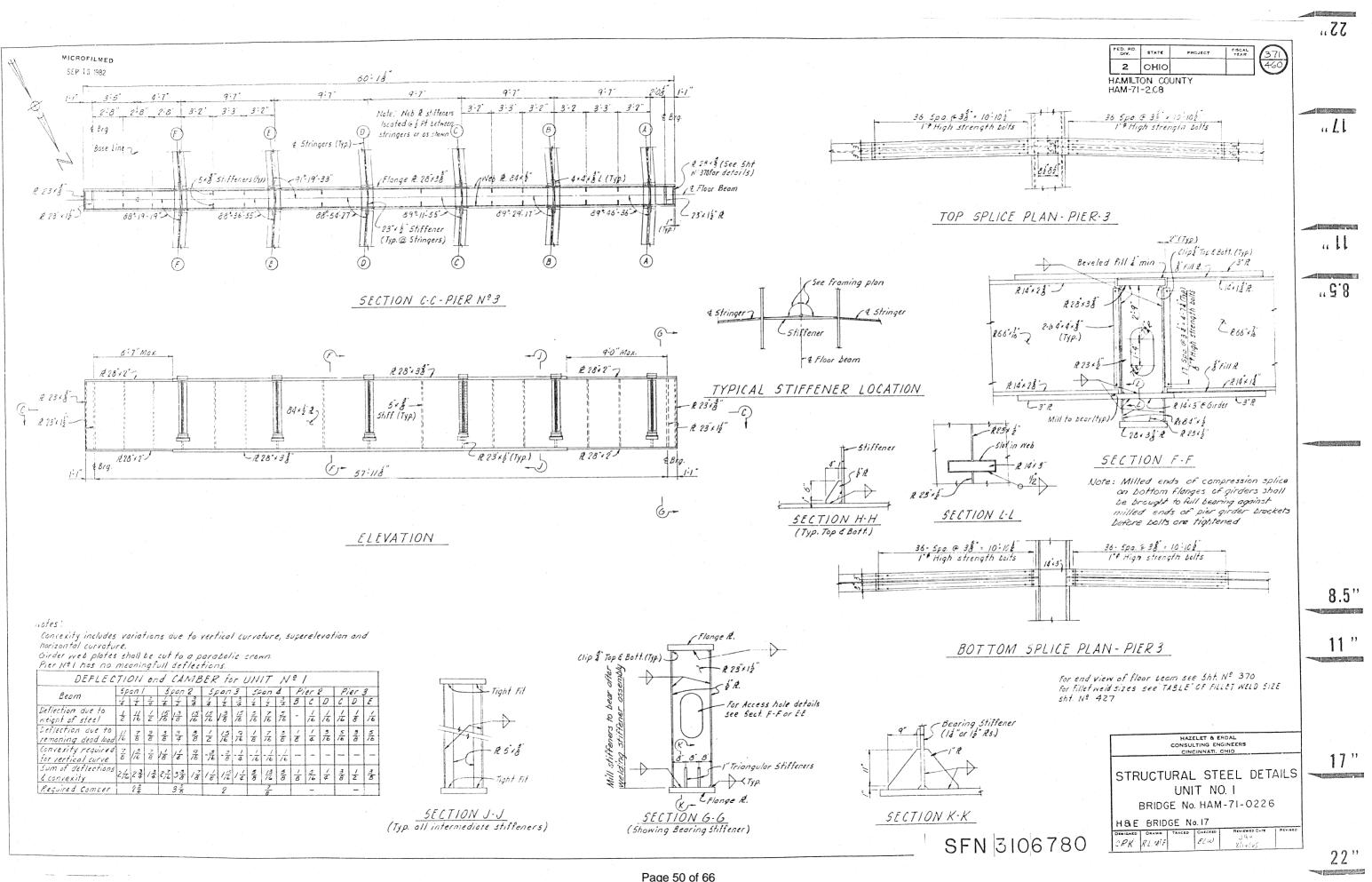


# EXHIBIT 1 – EXISTING PLANS





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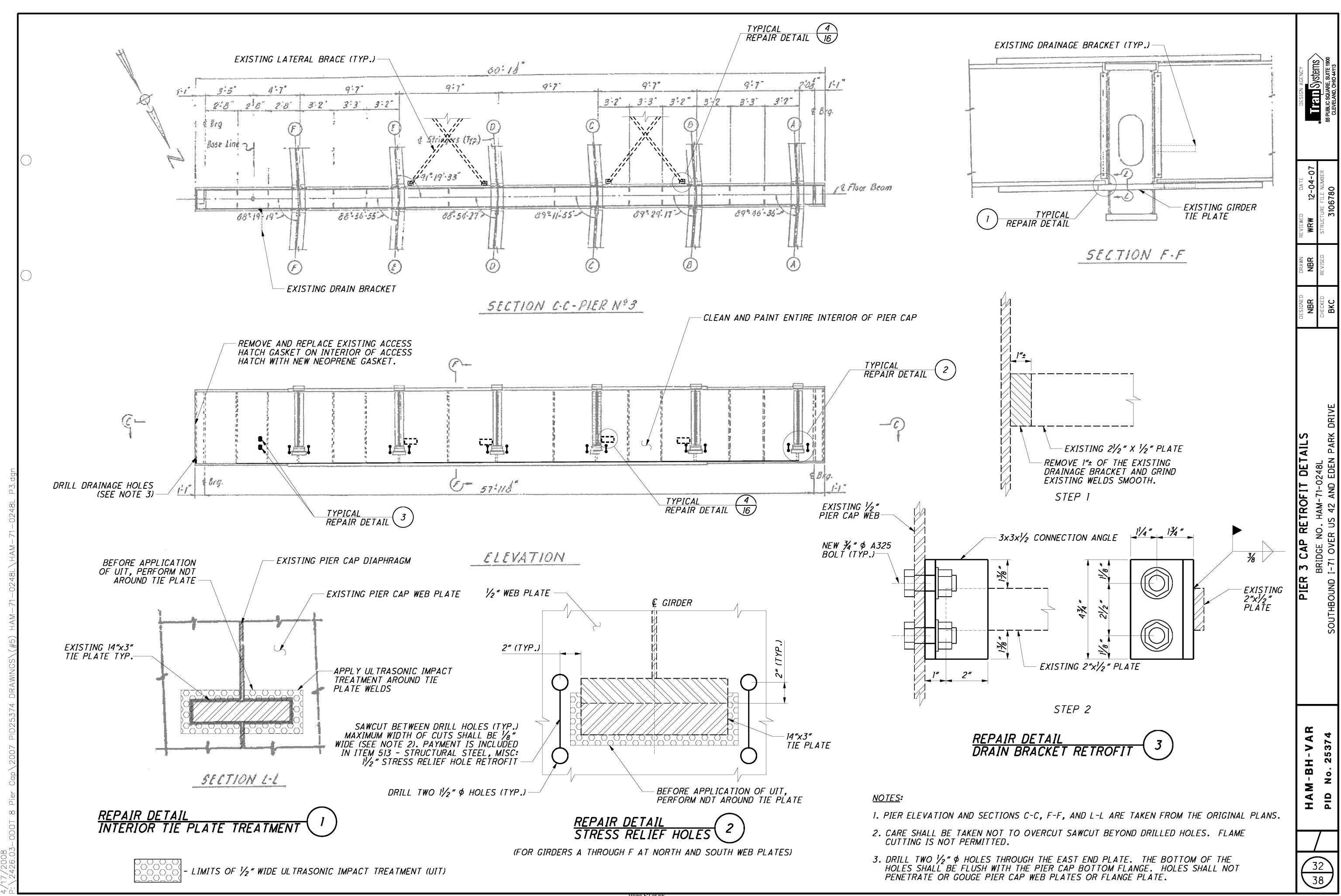
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# EXHIBIT 2 – REHABILITATION PLANS





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# RFI – 005 --- Box Girder Pier Cap Issues – HAM-71-0248R, etc.

Date:	July 28, 2017
RE:	Notes concerning Field Visit on 7/27/17
From:	HAM-71-1.97 Design Team
То:	ODOT District 8

On Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> members of the consultant design staff met with District and Contractor personnel on the project site to discuss clarification of plan details for work being done to steel pier caps on bridges HAM-71-0248R, HAM-71-0248L, and HAM-71-0264R. Notes from the meeting follow. This memo, once reviewed and confirmed by all parties, will help guide the remaining work.

#### HAM-71-0248R

#### PIER CAPS 9, 10, and 12:

- ITEM 513 MISC. 2" STRESS RELIEF HOLE RETROFITS some locations cannot be completed using a mag drill due to lack of clearance. Any specified holes in these three caps that cannot be accessed using a mag drill will be completed using a torch with the resulting holes ground smooth. Any specified hole locations that are inaccessible by torch will receive UIT. Any hole locations that are also inaccessible to UIT will be non-performed.
- 2. All weld material and remnants of knee braces removed in previous rehabilitations will be removed completely as specified in ITEM 513 STRUCTURAL STEEL MISC: GRINDING PER FOOT, AS PER PLAN. However, the plan note should be revised to include removal of remains of knee braces and welds on the (vertical) web plate. ONLY knee braces removed previously are subject to this item. Any existing, intact knee braces are not included.
- 3. The Fillet Weld Crack Retrofit specified to repair two cracks in Pier Cap 9 will be non-performed as it was determined that these were not cracks in the weld.

#### PIER CAP 11:

1. All work on this cap has been completed according to the plans except for UIT.

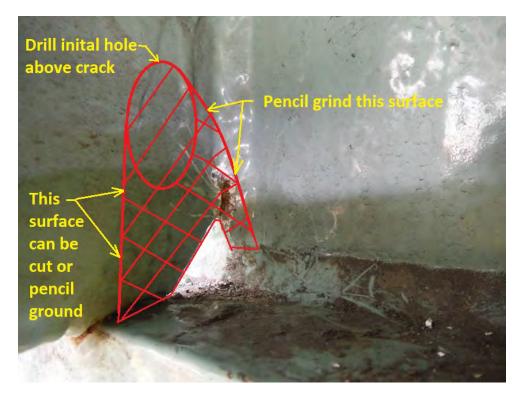
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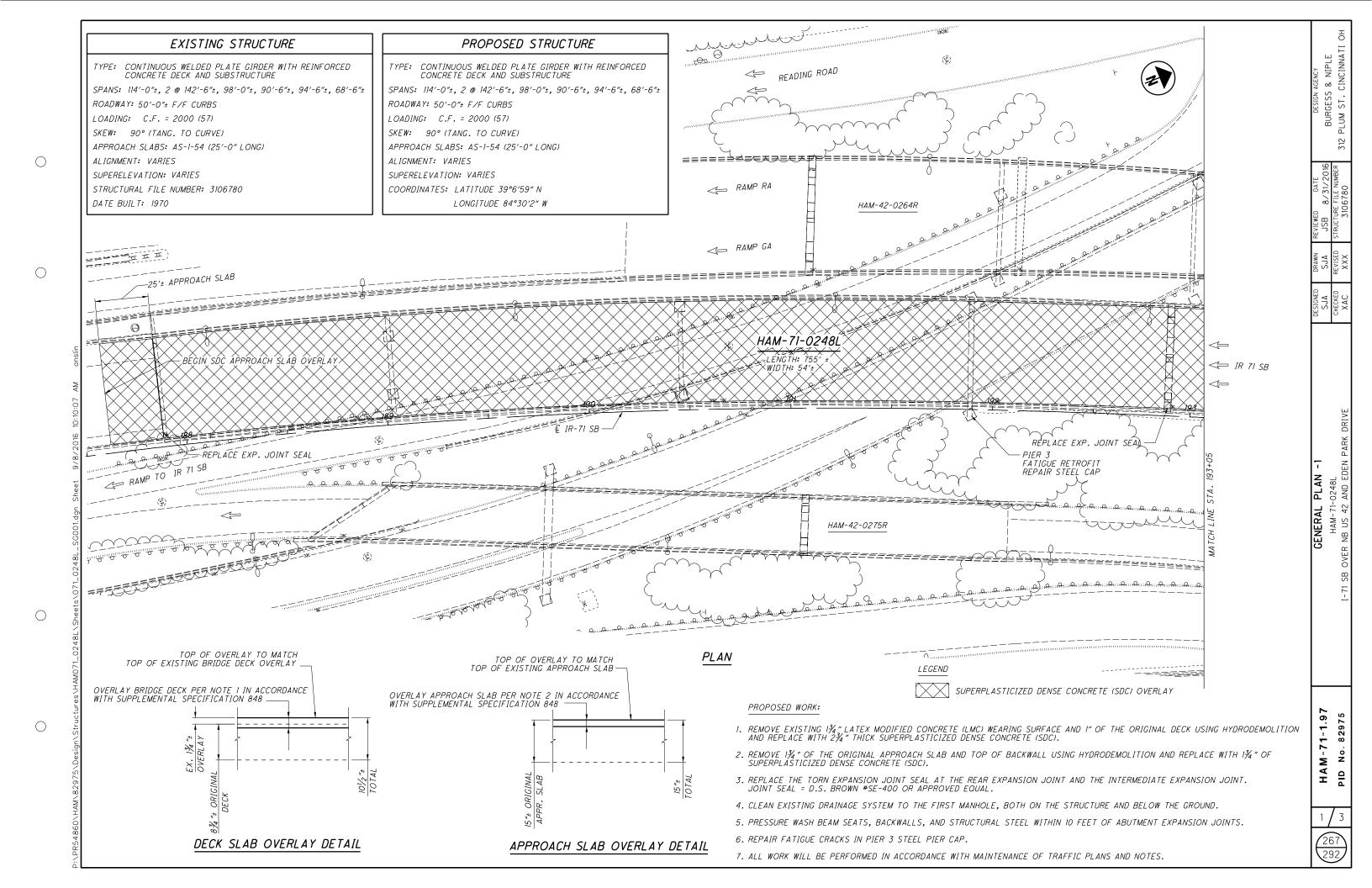
NO concerns or issues with the work being done on this bridge.

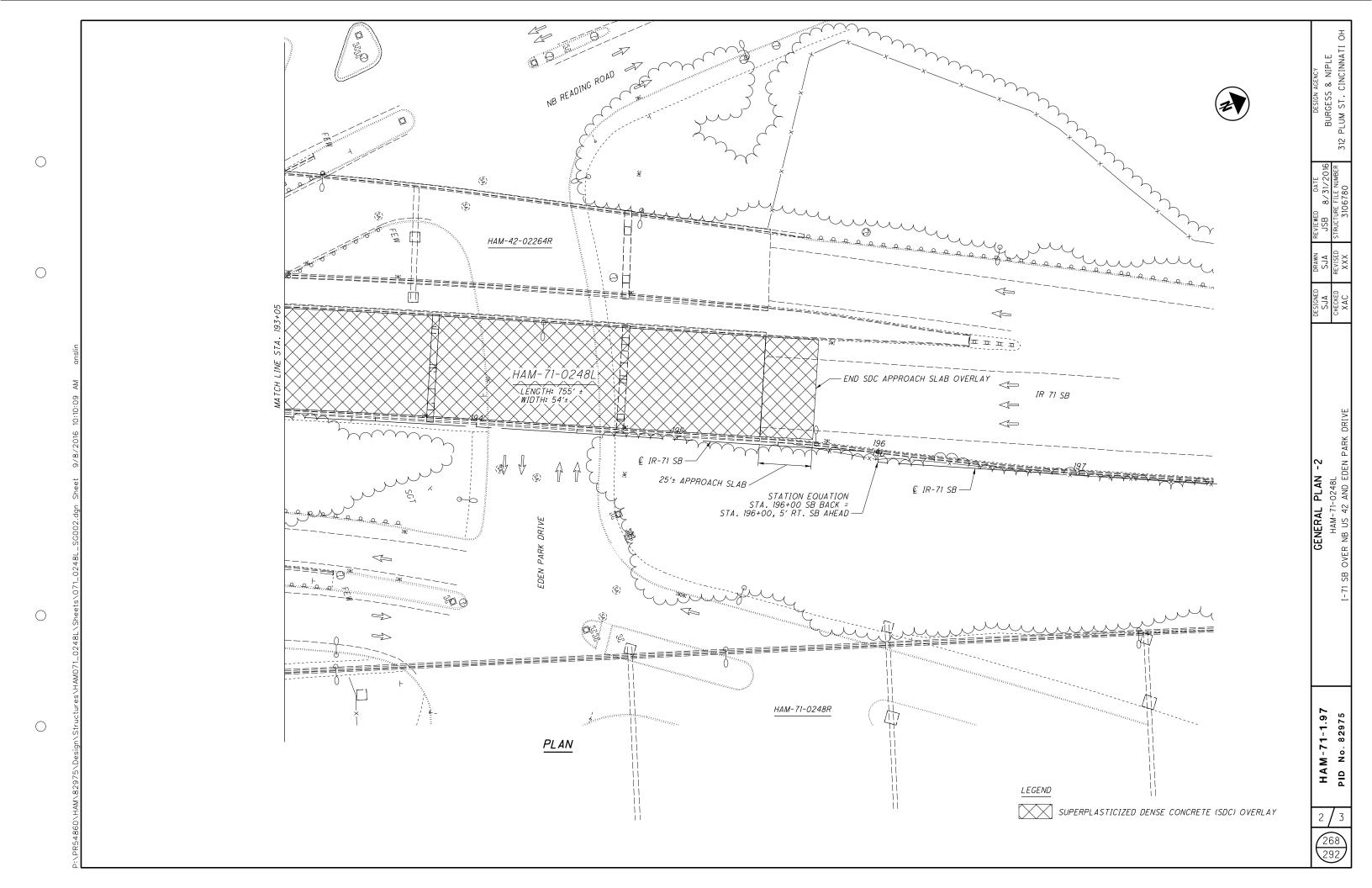
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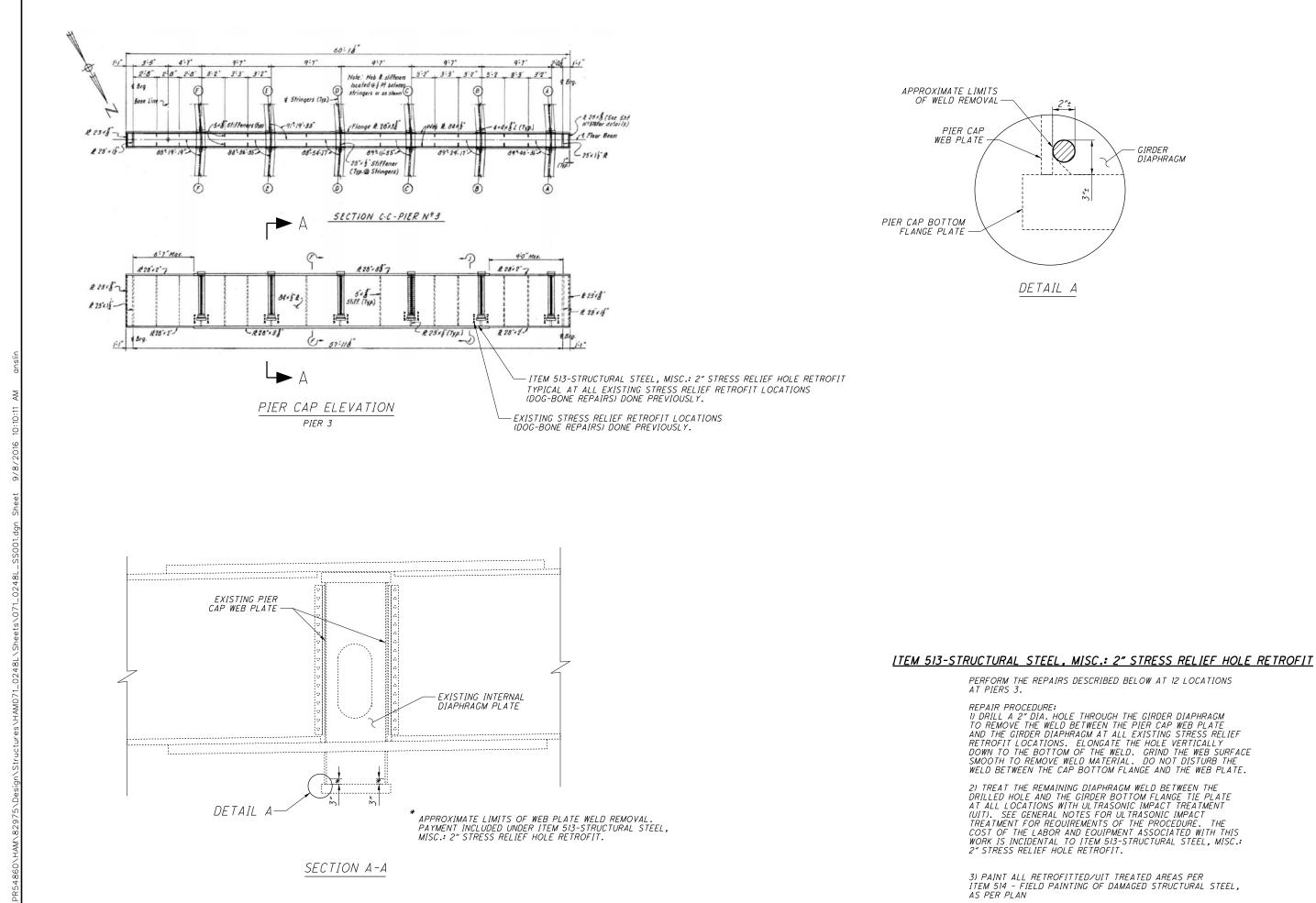
#### PIER CAPS 2, 3, AND 4

- 1. ITEM 513 MISC. 2" STRESS RELIEF HOLE RETROFITS will be non-performed at all three caps since the plates that would be drilled are discontinuous and only welded on the vertical leg.
- 2. The location of the cracked fillet weld in Pier Cap 2 is shown correctly on sheet 275. A more desirable method of repair is depicted below:









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# EXHIBIT 3 – ODOT ASSETWISE FIELD REPORT



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<u>Ohio Bridge Inspe</u>	ection Su	mmary Report		<u>HAM-0</u>	00/1-02	48L_	(3106780)		
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58: Deck	6 - Satisfact	ory Condition	43: Bridge Ty	-					
58.01 Wearing Surface		ry (1-10% distress)			irder and Flo	orbear	n System		
58.02 Joint		ry (isolated leaking)			t Applicable				
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60: Substructure	7 - Good Co	ndition	408: Compos		U - Unknow				
61: Channel	N N National		414A Joint Ty	-	8 - Elastom	eric Str	ip Seal		
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62: Culverts	N - Not Appl		108A: Wearir	ig Sunace		ed layer	of concrete		
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72: Approach Alignment	9 - Superior t	o present desirable crite	ria	483: PCS Date 07/01/2010					
113: Scour Critical	N - Not over	waterway	-	453: Bearing Type 1 3 - Sliding (Bronze)					
71: Waterway Adequacy	N - Not Appli	cable	-	455: Bearing Type 2 N - None _ 528: Foundn: Abut Fwd 1 - Steel H Piles (Other size)					
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48: Max Span Length (ft)		142.0	536: Foundn:		1 - Steel H		,		
49: Structure Length (ft)		755.0	539: Foundn:				most Culverts		
52: Deck Width, Out-To-Ou	t (ft)	54.3							
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34: Skew (deg)		30	28B: Lanes L	Inder	07				
33: Bridge Median		0 - No median	19: Bypass L	ength	0				
54B: Min Vert Underclearan	ce (ft)	33.08	29: ADT		49038				
336A: Min Vert Clrnce IR Ca	ardinal (ft)	99	109: % Truck	s (%)	14				
336B: Min V Clr IR Non-Ca	dinal (ft)	0		Insr	ections				
578: Culvert Length (ft)		0	L		Months				
	Load Postin	g	90: Routine li	nsp.	12	08/03	3/2023		
41: Op/Post/Closed	A - Open		92A: FCM Ins	-	12	06/09	9/2021		
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	Environment	Total Quantity	Units	Condition State 1	Condition State 2	Condition State 3	Condition State 4
12-Reinforced Concrete Deck	3 - Mod.	41021	sq. ft.	20921	19588	512	0
	CS2: Several a underside on th minor areas of girder top flang Pier 4. Overall CS3: Several a particularly nea bay 3 and Spar	e bridge in delaminatio es, the wors no major cl reas of hau r supports (	Span 5, ns on th st case on nanges. nch spa 100 SF)	plus one are of underside. of spalls is al (20,050 SF) lling along th Some areas	ea in Span <sup>3</sup> . Haunch spa ong the east top flange	There are ra alls are prese side of Girde of the beams	andom and ent along the er E near
510-Wearing Surfaces		39260	sq. ft.	35873	3362	25	0
	CS2: Widespre CS3: Medium to are present in th	o wide crac	ks are p				potholes
107-Steel Open Girder/Beam	3 - Mod.	4530	ft.	4487	40	3	0
	Tack welds are plate for Girder west connection are steel angles Overall no majo CS2: Some isol (40'). This was changes overal south of Pier 5 CS3: Small corn (3'). These hav	À in Span 2 n angle for s welded to or changes. lated areas up to 1/8" of l. The upper is not comp rosion holes	2. There Girder B the web of paint deep at letep at letely tig s previou	e is a poor c at the north os of Girder E ed over pittin isolated pits I connection ght. Overall I	juality tack w side of Pier 3 and Girder g/section los with 1/16" typ at the West s no major cha	eld at the bot 2 cap in Spar C in Span 4 r s, mostly nea bical at these side of Girder nges.	tion of the n 3. There near Pier 3. ar supports areas. No B, just
515-Steel Protective Coating		99509	sq. ft.	98469	0	1040	0
	CS3: Isolated a beams, approx			corrosion co	ontinue at iso	lated connec	tions on the
152-Steel Floor Beam	3 - Mod.	160	ft.	130	30	0	0
	The pier caps h saw-cuts adjace all girders, 2017 known cracks, 2 fracture critical CS2: Typical m exterior of the s impact damage	ent to the w 7. Retrofits 2019. Floor report for s inor to mod steel caps.	elded co were ins beams pecifics. erate ar Minor go	onnections of stalled at Pier overall are in eas of corros	f the girder be 3 to remove n good condi sion are prese	ottom flange fatigue pron tion. See the ent on the int	tie plates at e detail and e 2023 erior and
515-Steel Protective Coating		3356	sq. ft.	3311	35	10	0
	CS2: Pier 1: Isc web plates, at t cracking of exte CS3: Pier 2: Th during a previoo Pier 3: Painted flange adjacent No major chang	he bottom f erior paint. ne lower fla us rehab, he over lamina the access	lange be nge and owever ating cor	portions of v corrosion is r rosion at bot	ragm and er veb at the en eactivating a h ends of the	id caps. Pier id caps were long the lowe pier cap on	2: Some painted er flange.
205-Reinforced Concrete Column	3 - Mod.	15	each	13	2	0	0
	The bridge iden Pier 3. CS2: Two piers					of the east c	olumn of

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	Environment	Total Quantity	Units	Condition State 1	Condition State 2	Condition State 3	Condition State 4
215-Reinforced Concrete Abutment	3 - Mod.	126	ft.	109	15	2	0
	CS2: Abutment delaminations ( corrosion statin seat in bay 2 (3 overall. CS3: Abutment change from pri	8'), and por s on the ste ') and scalir 1 - corner o	nding wa m belov ng on be delamina	ater on the ea v (2'). Abutm eam seat nea	ast side of be ent 2 - Minor ar girder E (2'	earing seat is ponding wat ). No major	causing ter on beam changes
234-Reinforced Concrete Pier Cap	3 - Mod.	160	ft.	160	0	0	0
	Staining is pres	ent on the e	east face	e of Pier 5 ar	nd both faces	of Pier 6. N	o change.
300-Strip Seal Expansion Joint	3 - Mod.	162	ft.	136	14	12	0
	CS2: Forward jo CS3: Rear head Some leakage i left area of the l	der has a sr s present ir	nall area	a breaking or ward joint an	ut and settled d evidence d	d near the joi of prior leakag	nt seal.
311-Movable Bearing	3 - Mod.	42	each	29	12	1	0
	CS2: Several be bearing at Abut (1). Several pot that have not ch	ment 2 is in bearings m	contrac	tion in June;	all other bea	arings are in	expansion
321-Reinforced Concrete Approach Slab	3 - Mod.	1950	sq. ft.	1932	10	8	0
	CS2: Cracking a inspection. CS3: At the edg failing patch wit pavement to sla	ge of the for h an 8' spal	ward sla I/pothole	ab for the asp e (8SF). A s	ohalt to slab t pall is preser	transition joir t in the rear	it, there is a
331-Reinforced Concrete Bridge Railing	3 - Mod.	1510	ft.	775	735	0	0
	CS2: The parap scrapes are pre section of rail is	sent, and ir	npact go	ouges are pr			
815-Drainage	3 - Mod.	7	each	0	0	7	0
	CS2: Minor to n perforations (2 CS3: All the gra	total).					r
830-Abutment Backwall	3 - Mod.	126	ft.	115	10	1	0
	CS2: Abutment backwall - seve the forward join CS3: Spall behi	ral minor sp t. Other typ	alls alo bical mir	ng the deck j or cracking i	oint armoring n each bay (	g throughout, 7'). No chan	mostly on ges overall.

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Major Maint:	01 - State Highway A	gency Facility Carried	SB IR 71	Traffic On: 1 - Highway		Rehab Date:
Routine Maint:	01 - State Highway A	gency Feature Inters	US42*N&RMPEDEN PARK ENT	Traffic Under: 1 - Highway, wi pedestrian	th or w/out	Insp. 01 - State Highway Agency Resp A:
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# Inspector Comments - Deck and Approach

#### <u>Deck</u>

# **Floor/Deck**

The deck is in fair condition. There are cracks with efflorescence on the underside in Span 5 and one small area in Span 3. Haunch spalls are present along the top flange of girders near supports. Some areas of saturation in span 2 and 5. Overall no major changes.

# Wearing Surface

The wearing surface is in fair condition with widespread cracking typical throughout. A few cracks are of a larger width. A few potholes are present in the travel lanes.

# Railing

Concrete railing is in fair condition with vertical cracking along the length, heavier near the rail joints. Honeycombing, impact gouges, and minor deterioration are present along both sides.

### Drainage

Some corrosion and perforations on a couple downspouts. All the grates were clogged.

# **Expansion Joints**

Soil and debris are present in the joints. The rear slab header is breaking up and settled. Leakage is present in isolated areas along the left forward joint and evidence of prior leakage at Pier 4; the Pier 4 joint was replaced in 2017. The deck joint armor of the forward joint is missing a section of concrete at the top east corner of the header with a timber plank in its place. These are old comments that have not changed.

### Approach

### **Approach Roadway**

Approach roadway in good condition, only minor defects noted.

### **Approach Slab**

Approach slab visible and in fair condition. Cracks are present along the edge of the

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forward slab. At the edge of the forward

slab for the asphalt to slab transition joint, there is a failing patch with an 8' spall/pothole. A spall is present in the rear slab at the pavement to slab joint. Minor cracks throughout.

### **Approach Guardrail**

Approach guardrail is in good condition, no defects noted.

# **Inspector Comments - General Appraisal**

### Superstructure

# **Beams/Girders**

Superstructure is in fair condition. Minor active corrosion with isolated painted over pitting (section loss) present on the webs, normally over near the joints where prior leakage allowed the deterioration. There are two areas with small corrosion holes (Girder C and F webs at Pier 4).

# **Diaphragms/X-Frames**

### Bearings

Bearings are in fair condition with minor corrosion throughout. The bearing for Girder F at Abutment 2 bearing is in contraction at 80F, opposite direction of rest of bearings (contraction in June, others in expansion). This is an old condition that continues.

### **Steel Floor Beams**

The pier caps have been retrofit with stress relief drilled holes connected by vertical saw-cuts adjacent to the welded connections of the girder bottom flange tie plates at all girders, 2017. Retrofits were installed at Pier 3 to remove fatigue prone detail and known cracks, 2019. Floor beams overall are in good condition. See the 2023 fracture critical report for specifics.

# **Protective Coating System**

Isolated areas of reactivating corrosion exist at isolated connections and random areas on beams, 1% (1000 SF). No major changes for this inspection.

### Substructure

Substructure is in good condition, with minor cracking to

some pier columns and cracks, delaminations, and one corner delamination/spall with rust staining at the abutments.

### Abutments

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Abutments are in fair condition. There are cracks along the stem of Abutment 1, with small delaminations along these cracks.

Corrosion staining is present on the east side of the Abutment 1 bearing

seat on the stem. There is a corner spall on the top of the stem in Bay 5.

Water is ponding on the Abutment 2 beam seat in Bay 2, which has caused scaling on the beam seat near Girder E. There

is vegetation growth along the southeast wingwall for Abutment 1 and both wingwalls for Abutment 2.

# **Pier Columns**

Piers are in good condition with hairline cracks to a couple columns.

# **Concrete Pier Caps**

No issues.

### Backwalls

Vertical cracks in both walls. Shallow spalling under forward joint armor. Spall in forward backwall behind Girder F.

#### **Slope protection**

Light vegetation growth is present near Abutment 1

between the joints along the fascia of the bridge. There is an accumulation of debris and tree

trimmings south of Pier 1 along the entrance ramp. There are cracks and a broken slope protection near the Pier 5 column. Vegetation growth is present along the full

height of the joints on the west side of the slope protection near Abutment 2. There is 1" of slope wall settlement along the Abutment 2 stem.

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# **Inspector Comments - Waterway**

### Waterway Adequacy

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# Pictures



#### PHOTO 1

Description

Endview looking south.



PHOTO 2

Description Endvi

Endview looking north.



PHOTO 3

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Span 3 underview looking north.



PHOTO 4 Description

Span 4 underview looking north.

# Pictures



#### PHOTO 5

Description

Span 5 underview looking north.



PHOTO 6

Description Typical de

Typical deck wearing surface condition.

# Pictures



PHOTO 7

Description View of typical efflorescence on soffit. Span 3 area shown.



PHOTO 8

Description View of typical efflorescence on soffit. Span 5 area shown.

# Pictures

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PHOTO 9

Description

View of north joint. Note debris impaction in the joint.



PHOTO 10

Description

Overall view of Pier 4 joint.

# Pictures



PHOTO 11

Description

View of south joint. Note debris impaction in the joint.

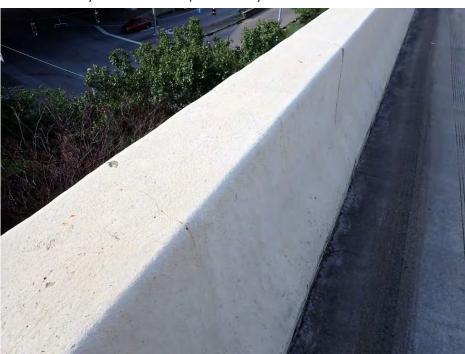


PHOTO 12

Description Typical bridge rail condition and configuration.

# Pictures



**PHOTO 13** 

Description

View of Span 4, east web of Girder F near Pier 4. Note the painted over 3" diameter corrosion hole in the bottom of the cross-frame bracing angle.



PHOTO 14

Description Typical example of missing nuts on bearing anchor bolts.

# Pictures



#### PHOTO 15

Description

Overall view of north approach slab.



PHOTO 16

Description View of south approach slab. Note pothole in the roadway pavement at the end of the slab.

# Pictures



PHOTO 17

Description

General example of clogged scupper on the bridge deck. All scuppers were clogged with vegetation growing in the scupper.