

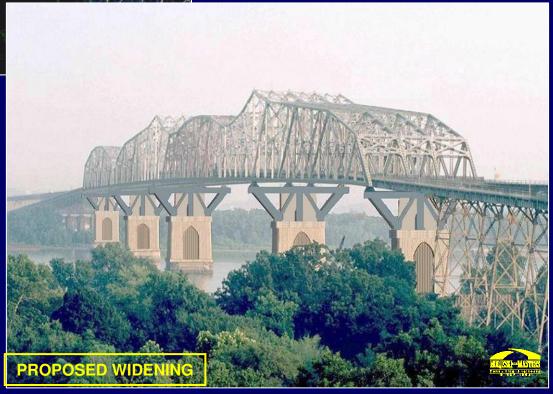
# Widening of the Huey P. Long Bridge



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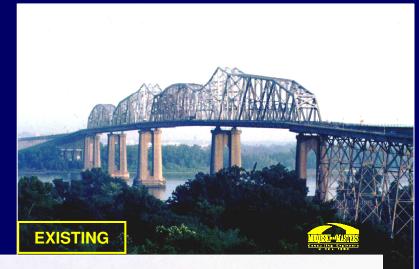
**EXISTING** 





#### Introduction

- Background
- 4 Construction Contracts
  - Main Bridge Substructure
  - Main Bridge SuperstructureTruss Widening
  - Railroad Modifications
  - Approaches and Main Bridge Deck Widening
- Project Status
  - Project Timeline
  - Construction Photographs





#### Location



## Before the Bridge

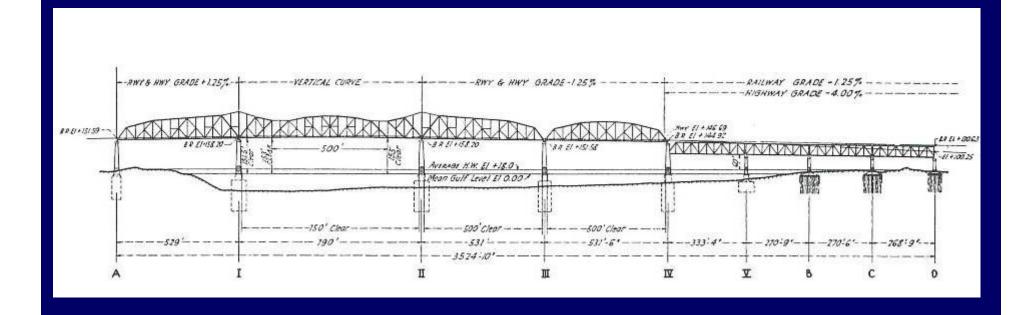




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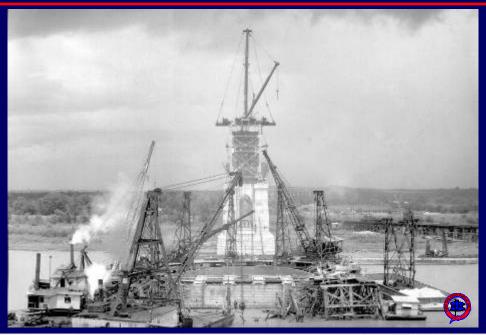


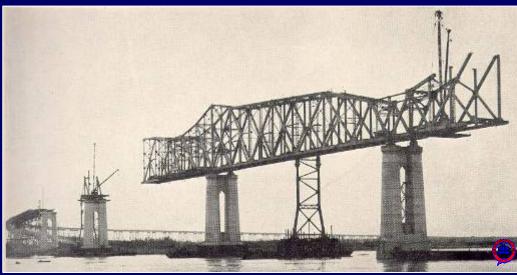
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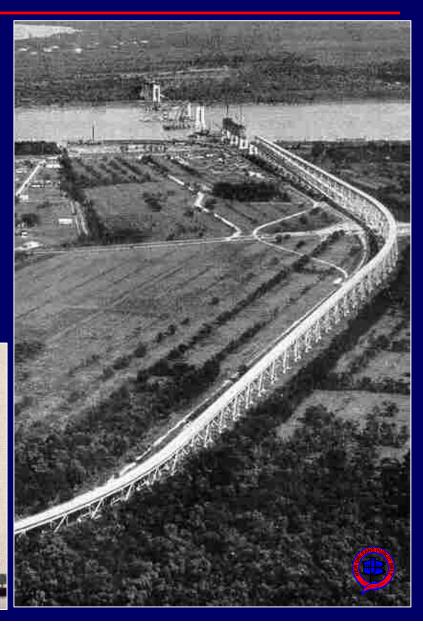




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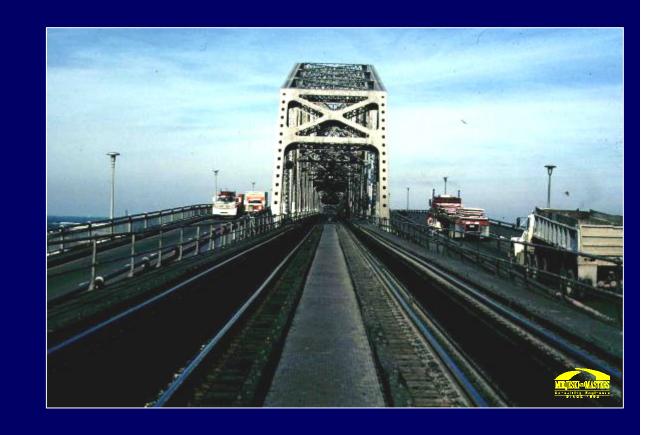
## Background – Huey P. Long Bridge

- Combined railroad highway bridge
  - 2 tracks
  - 4 lanes 9 ft.width



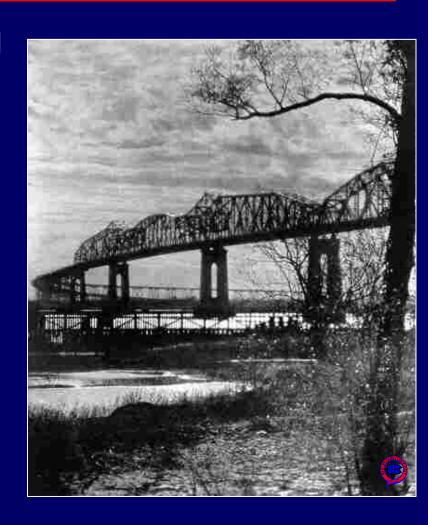
#### Background – Huey P. Long Bridge

- Very heavily built
- Carries largest modern RR load without distress
- Many years of service life remaining

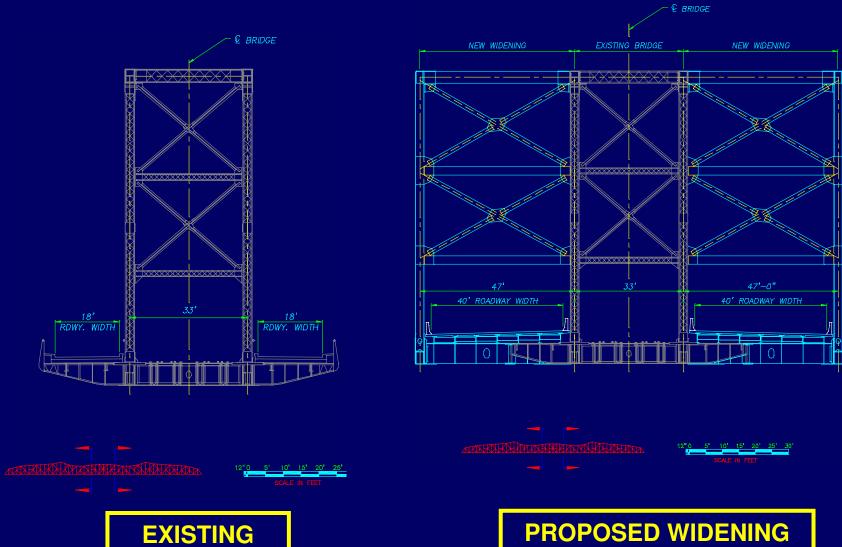


#### **Project Background**

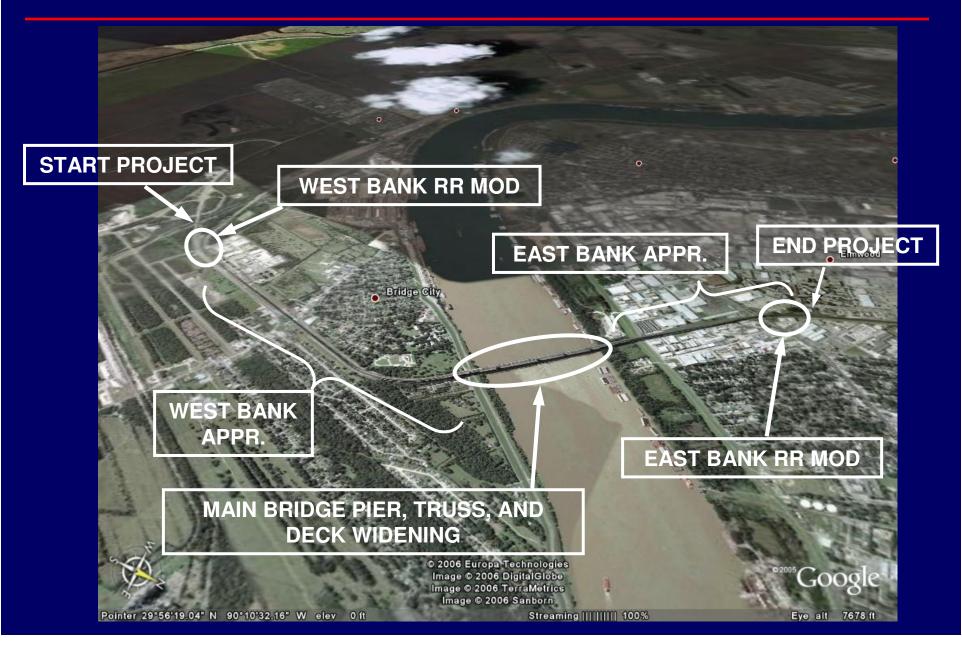
- By widening the existing structure rather than constructing a new river crossing:
  - Reduce environmental impact, property takings.
  - Reduce project cost.
  - Reuse existing right-ofway and traffic corridors.
- Final report published April 1988.



#### **Project Background**



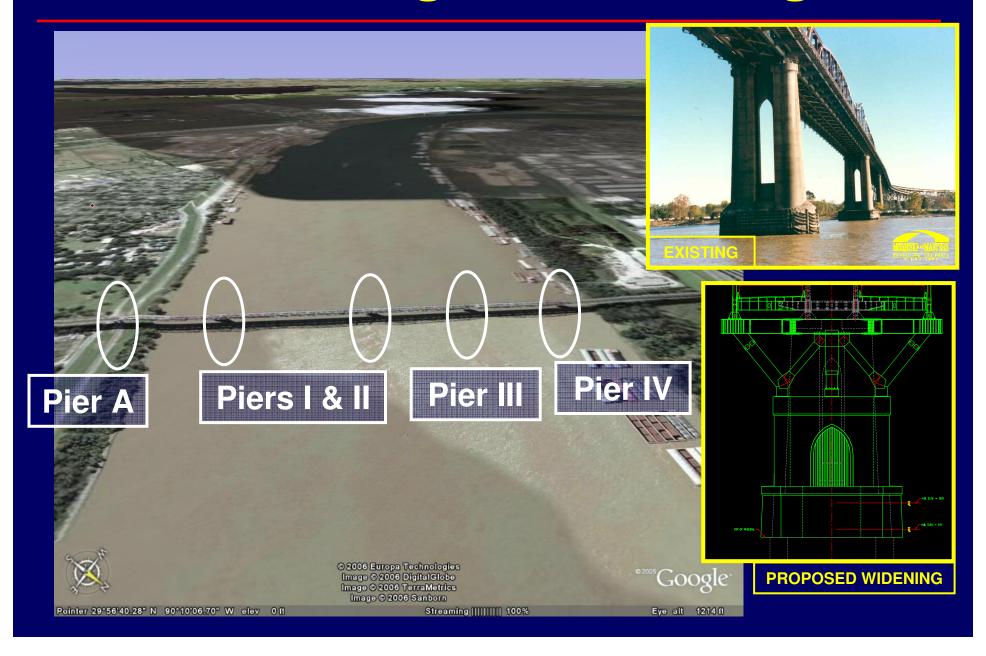
#### Huey P. Long Widening Project



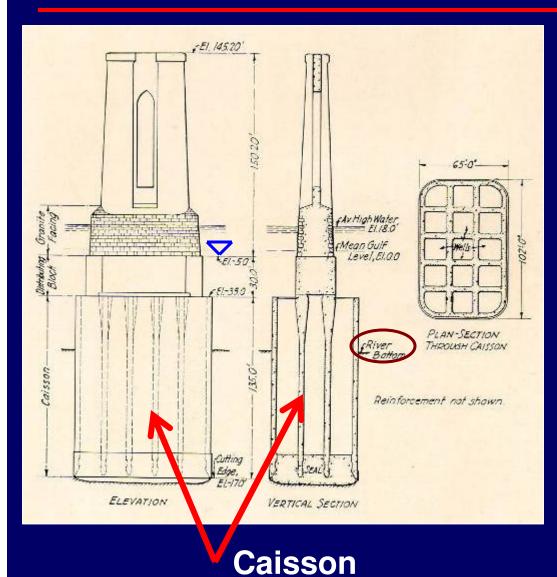
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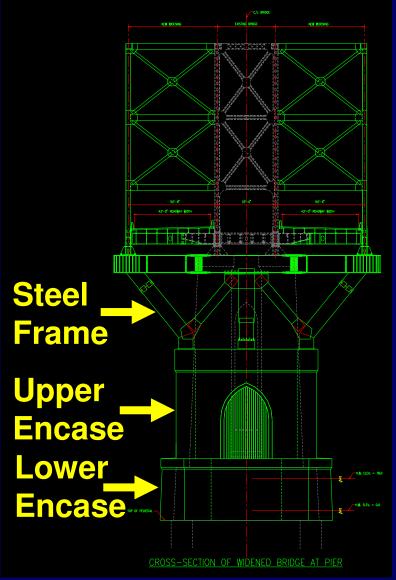


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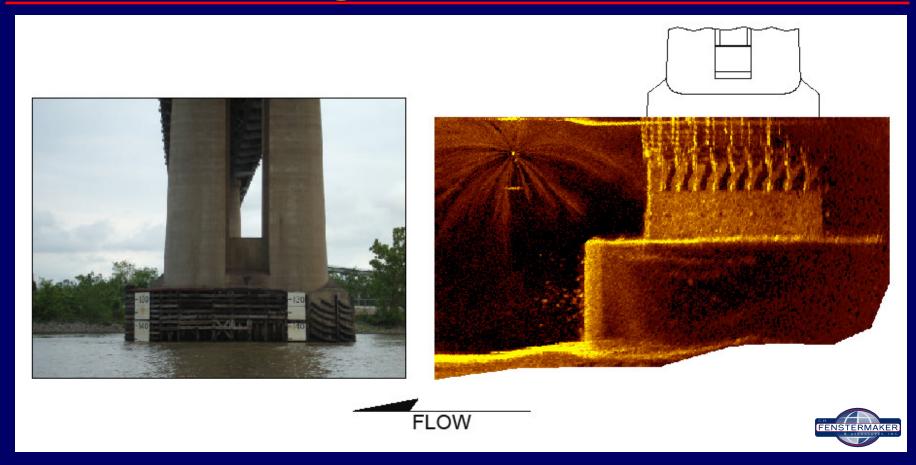


#### **Widened Pier**



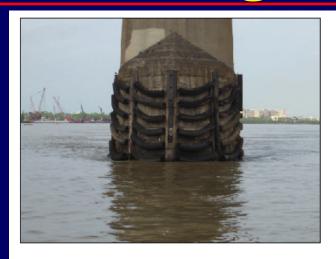


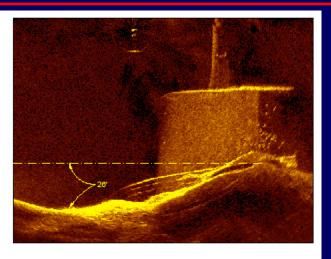
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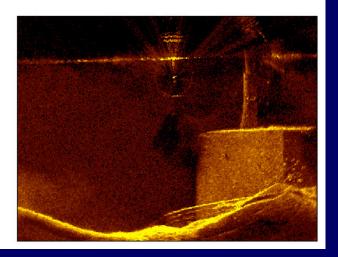
Pier I – North Face

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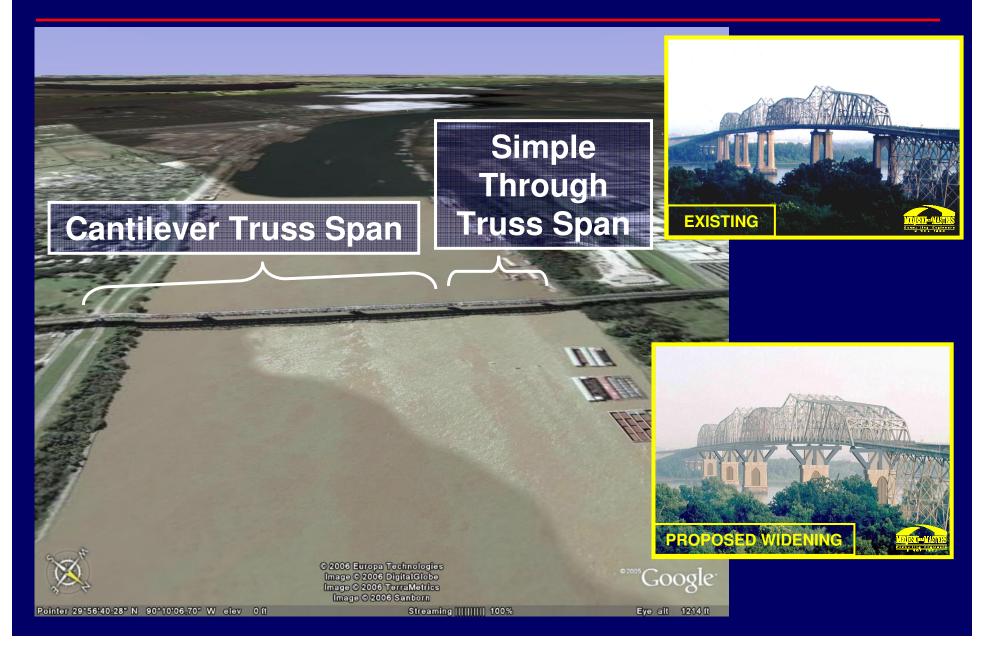
Pier II – West Nose



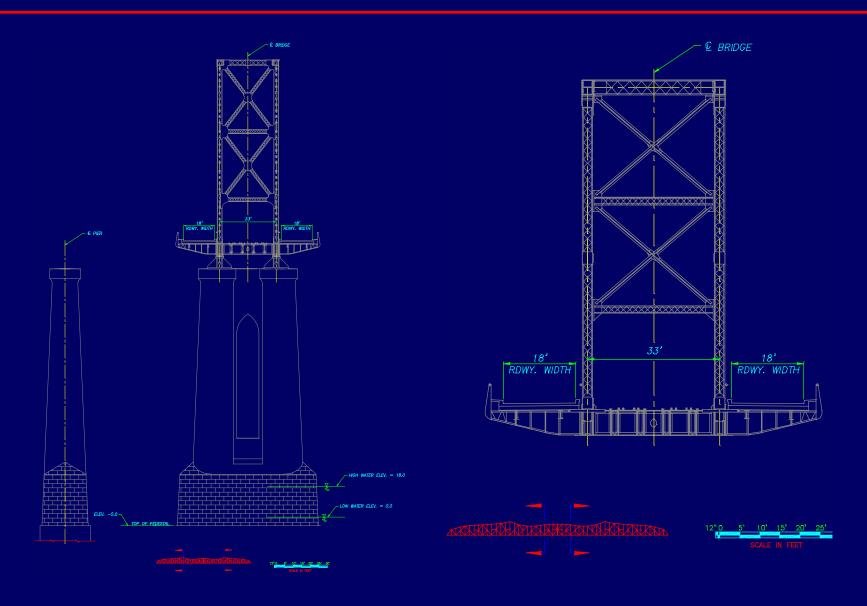
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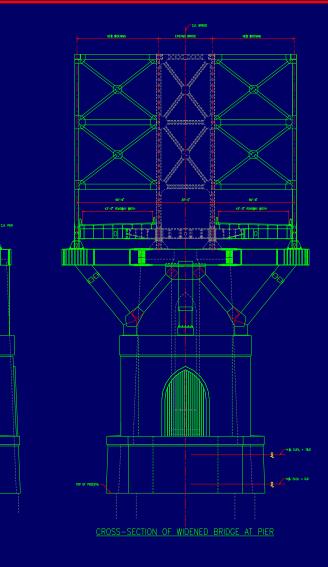
#### Main Bridge Truss Widening



### **Cross Sections – Existing Bridge**



#### Widened Main Bridge Features

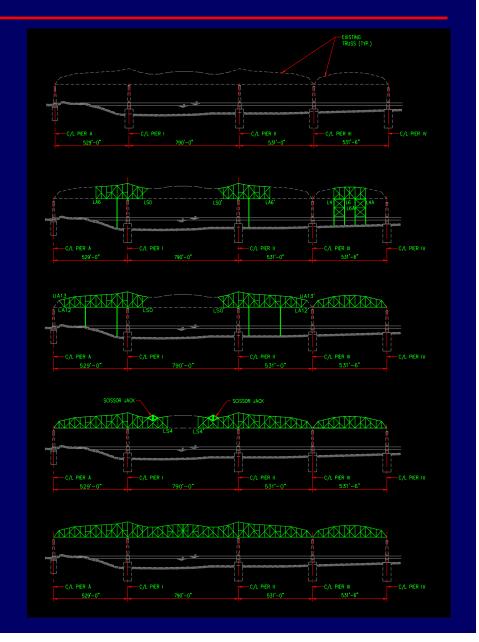


- 2 new trusses added, parallel to existing trusses.
- Roadways widened from 18 ft. to 43 ft.
- Currently: 2 9 ft. lanes
   No offset
- Proposed: 3 11 ft.
   lanes

8 ft. shoulder 2 ft. offset

#### **Construction and Erection**

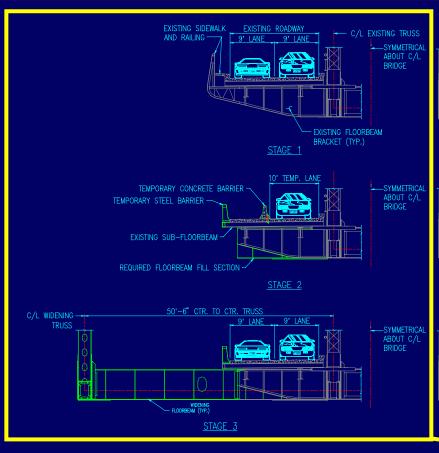
- Sequence of construction
  - Widening Truss
    - Imbalance
  - Widened FloorSystem

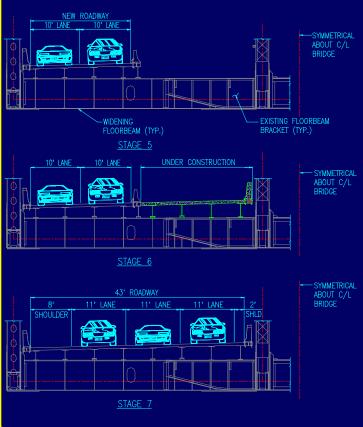


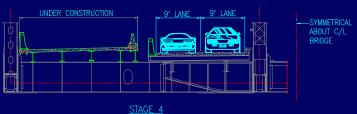
#### **Maintenance of Traffic Through Construction**

- Marine Traffic Maintained
  - same vertical and horizontal clearances
- Rail Traffic Maintained
- Vehicular Traffic Maintained
  - by use of staged construction

#### Main Bridge Maintenance of Traffic

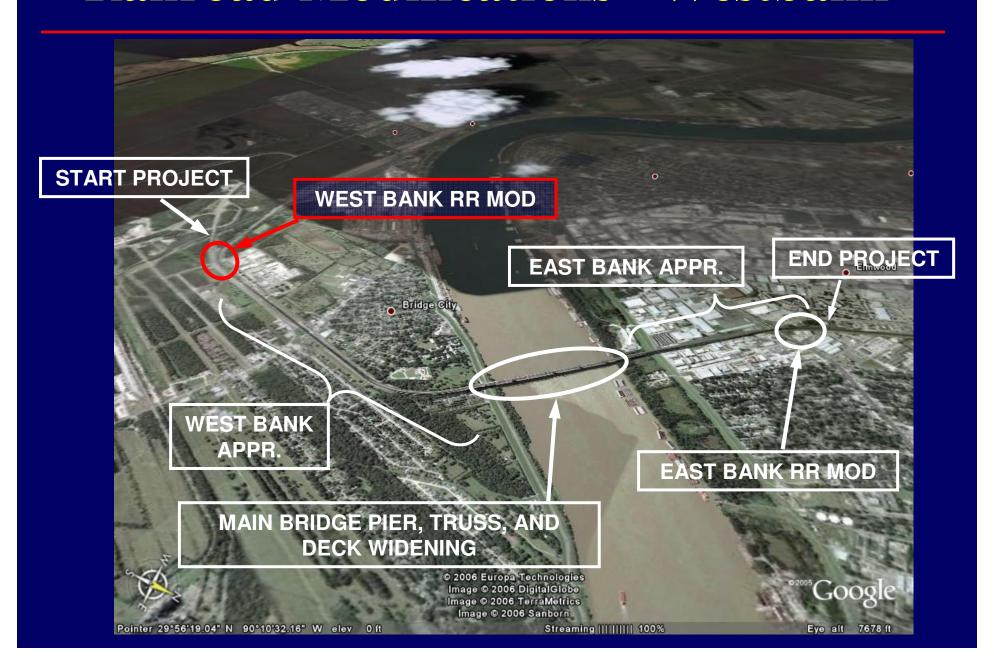






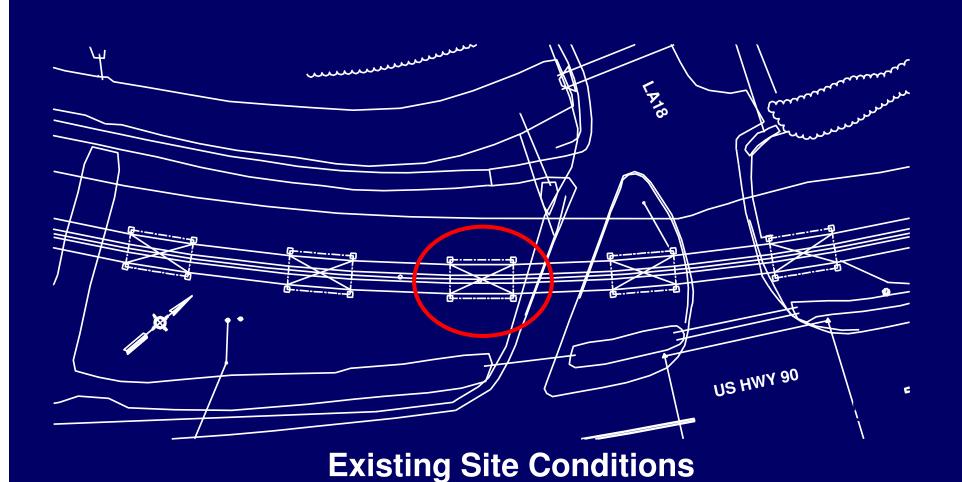
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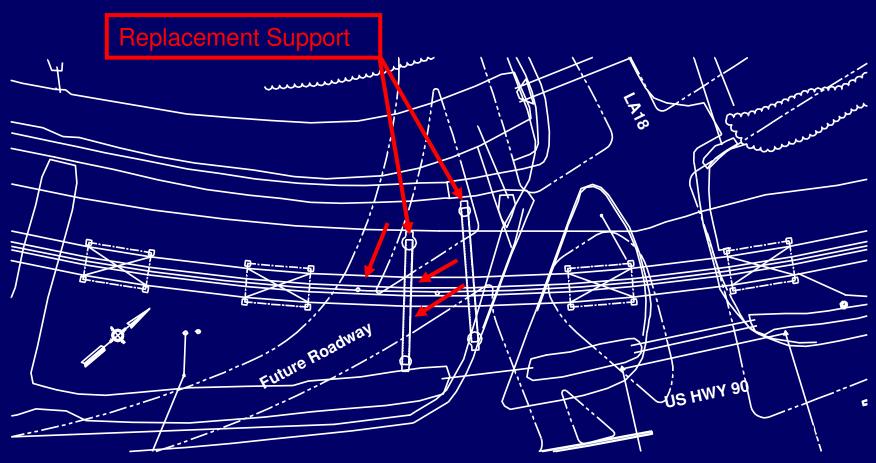
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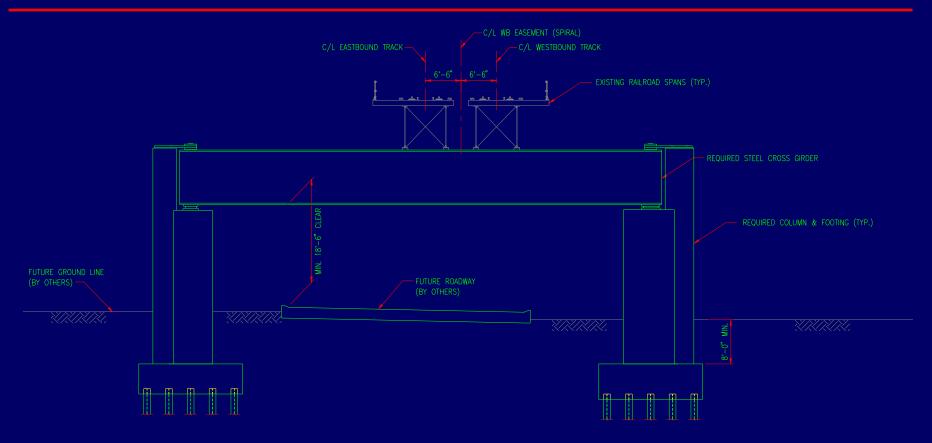
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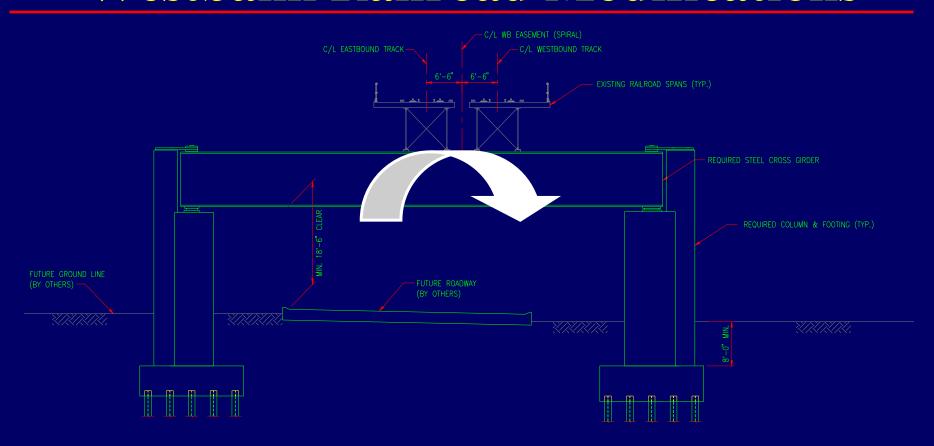




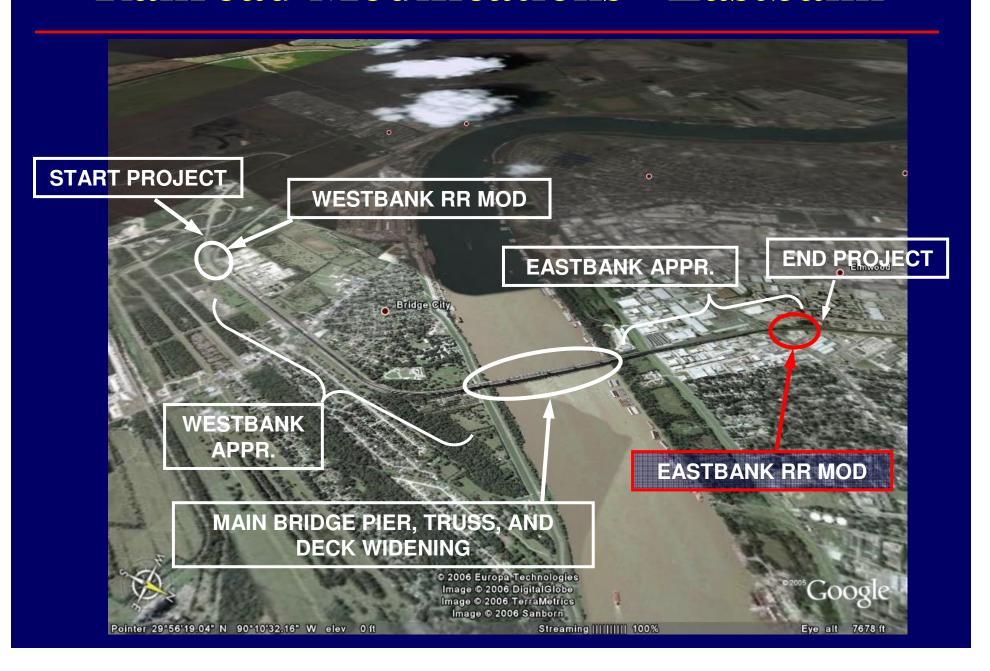


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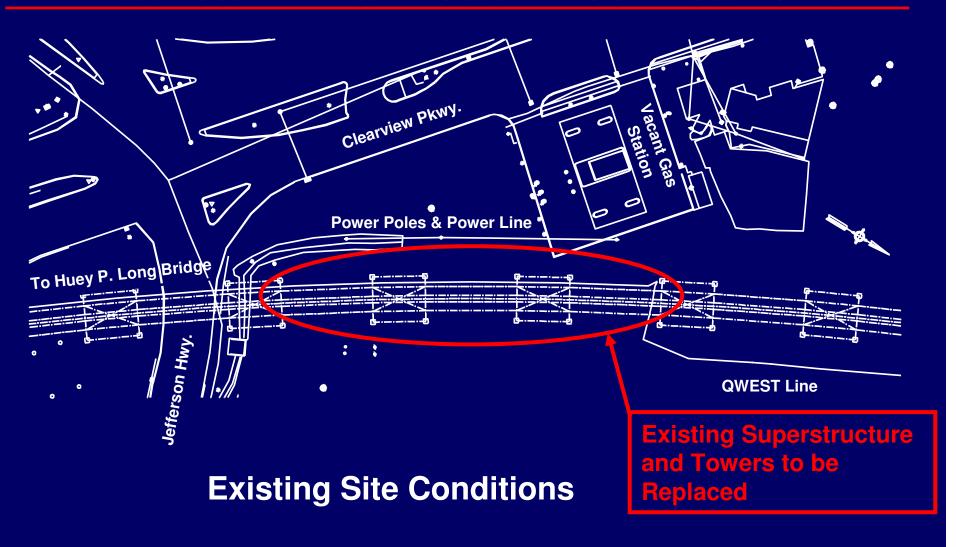


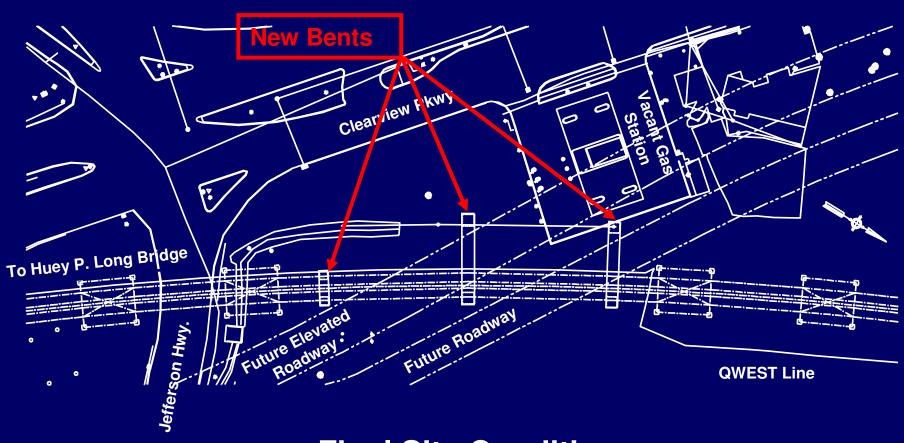
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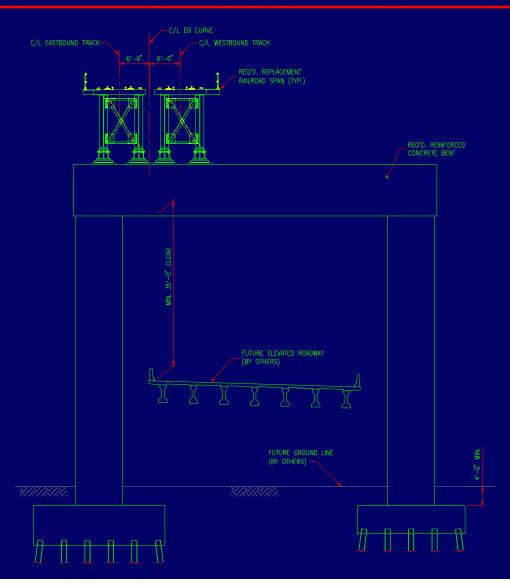
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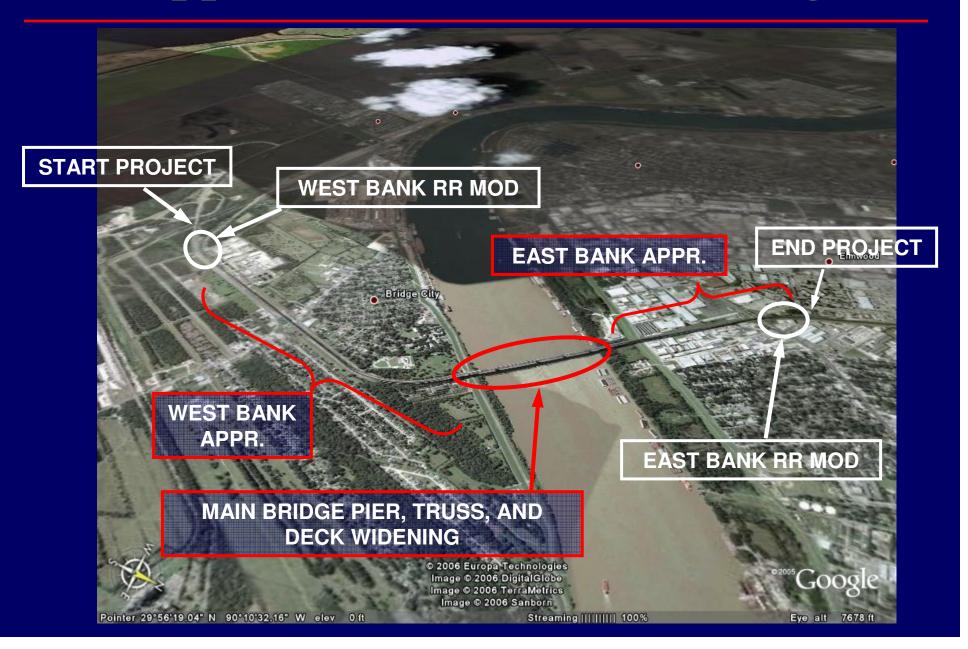




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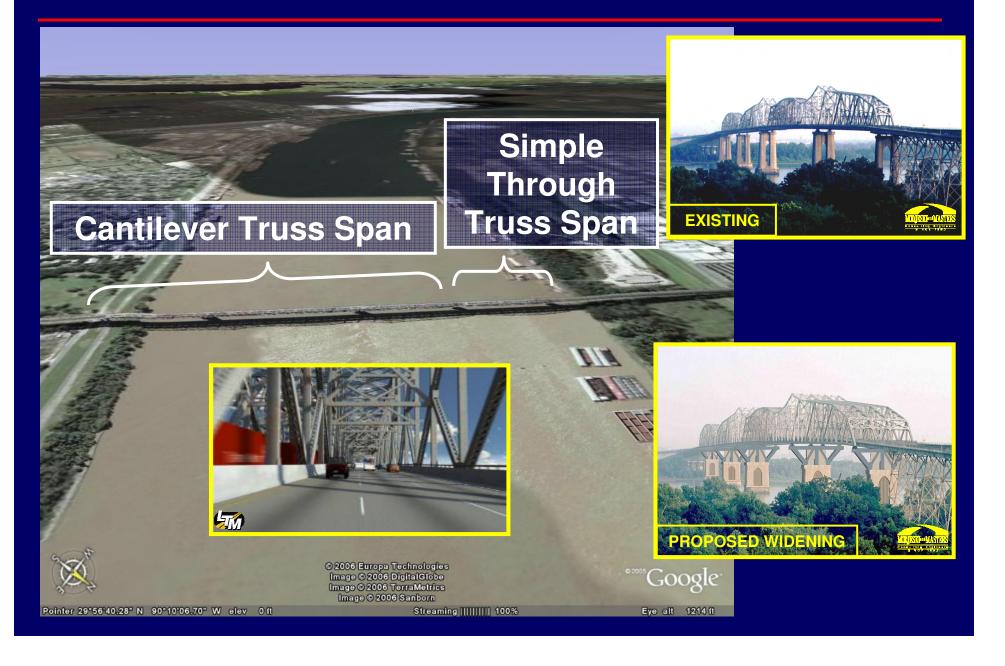
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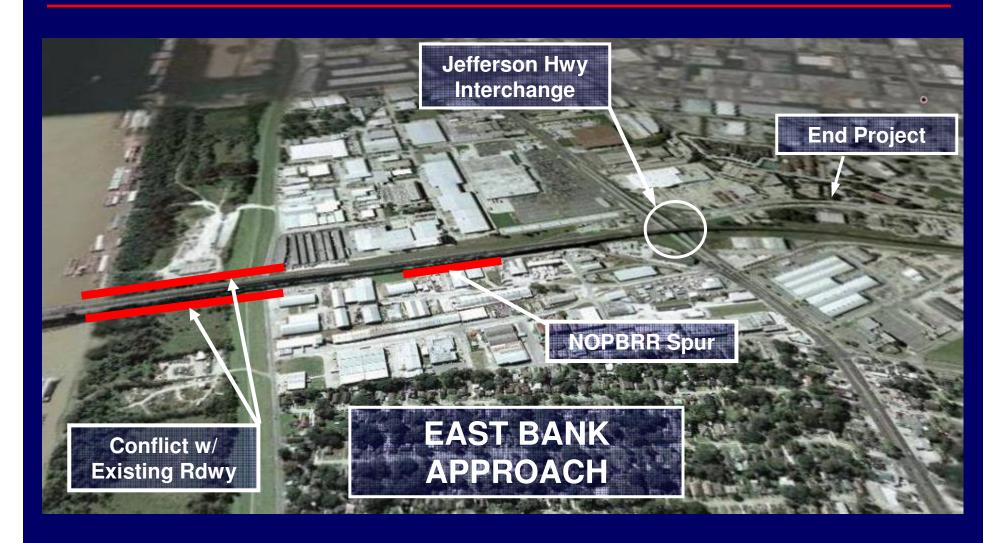
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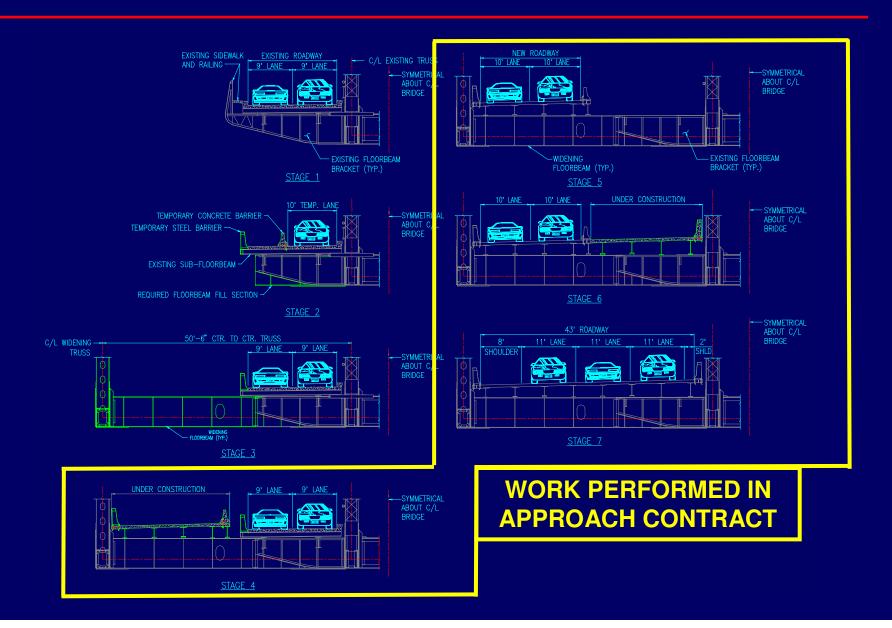
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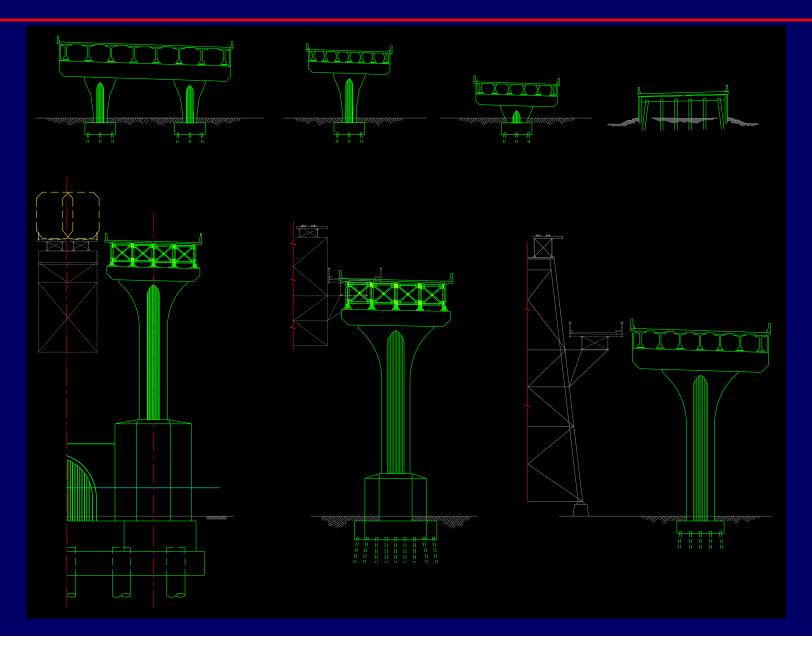
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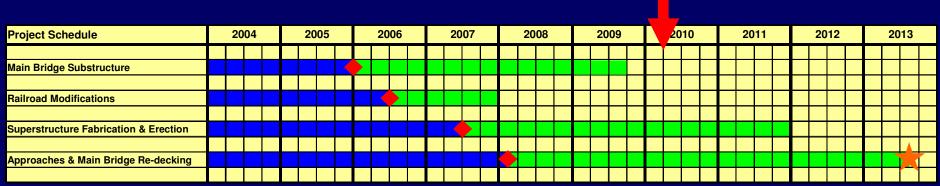
#### Main Bridge Deck Widening



#### **Approaches & Deck Widening**



#### **Project Timeline**



#### Work Completed

- Railroad Modifications
- Main Bridge Pier Widening

# Design Activity Construction Activity Contract Letting Project Completion

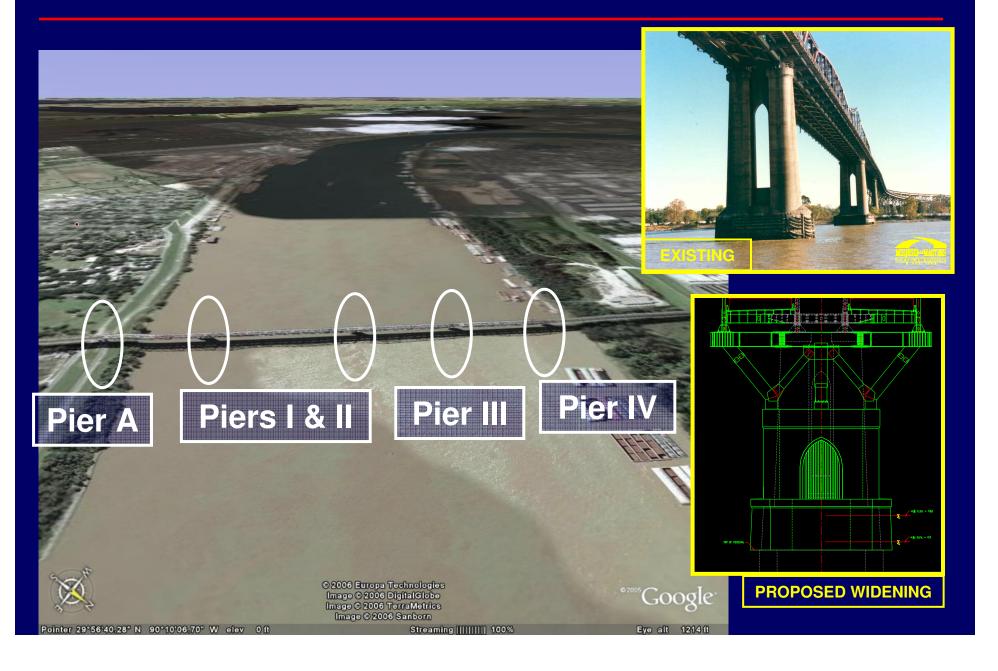
#### Work Under Construction

- Main Bridge Truss Widening
- West Bank Approach, Main Bridge Deck Widening,
   East Bank Approach

#### **Project Status – Completed**

- Letting Date:
  - December 14, 2005
- Notice To Proceed Date:
  - April 10, 2006
- Construction Bid:
  - **-** \$ 98,826,907
- Contractor:
  - Massman Construction Co.









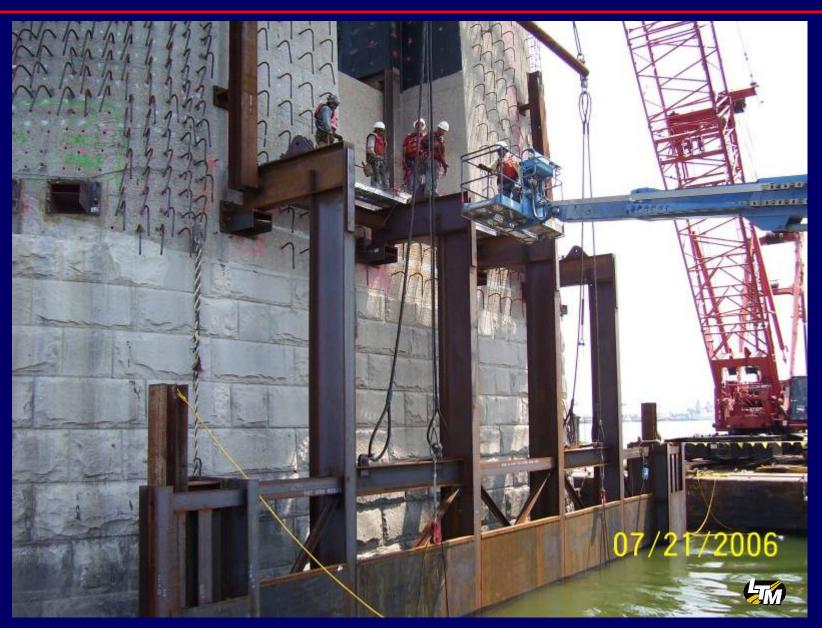


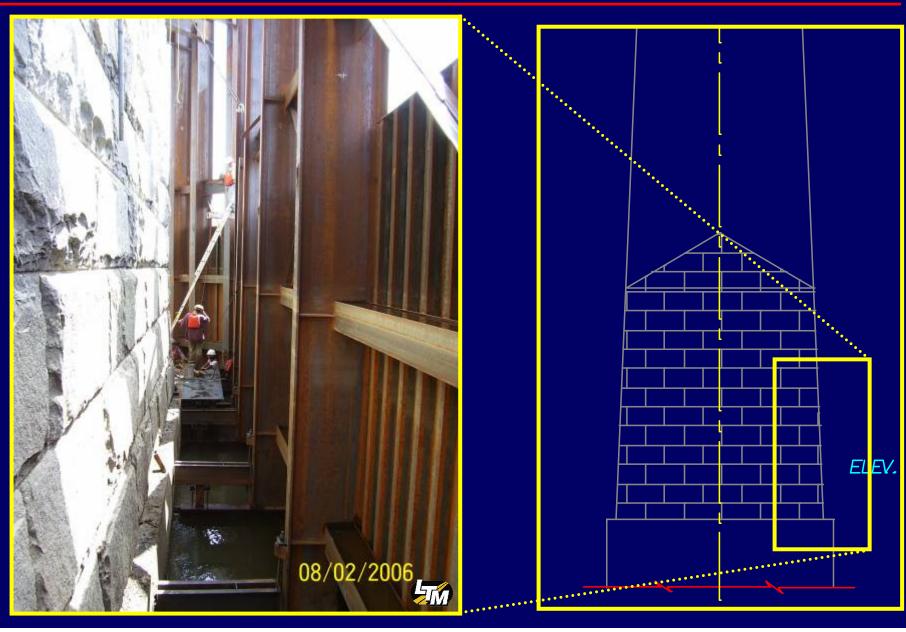




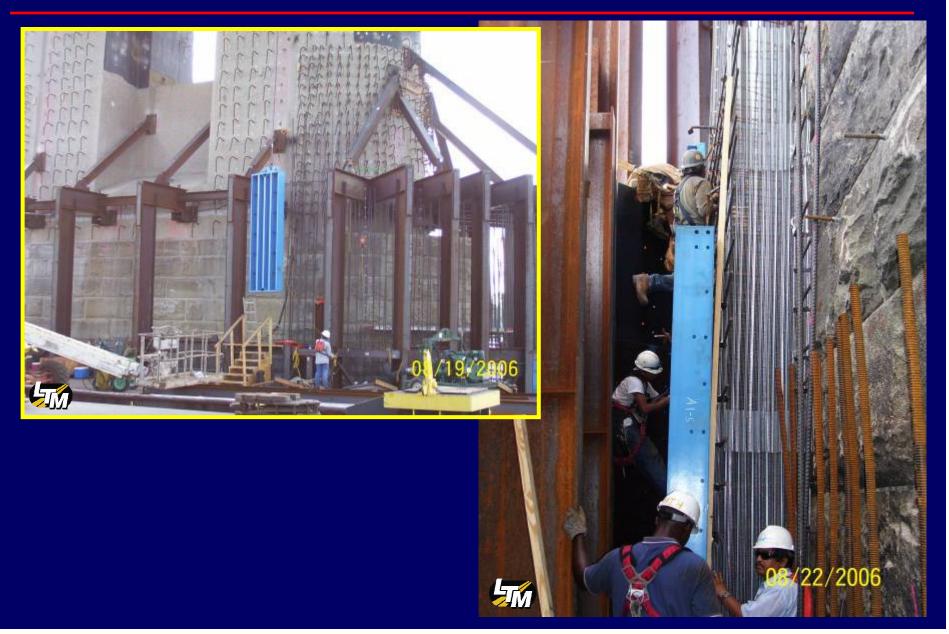
















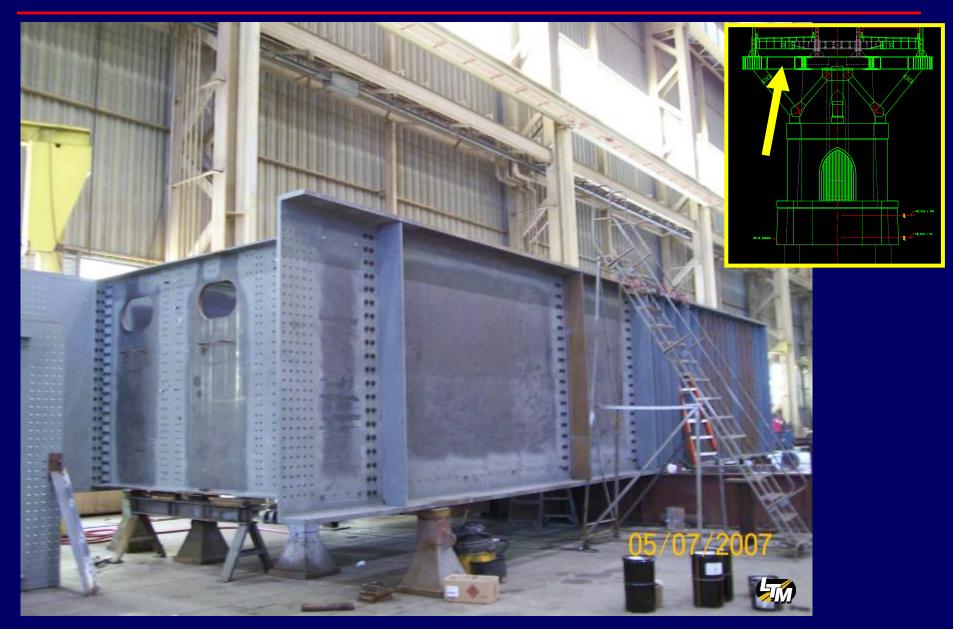


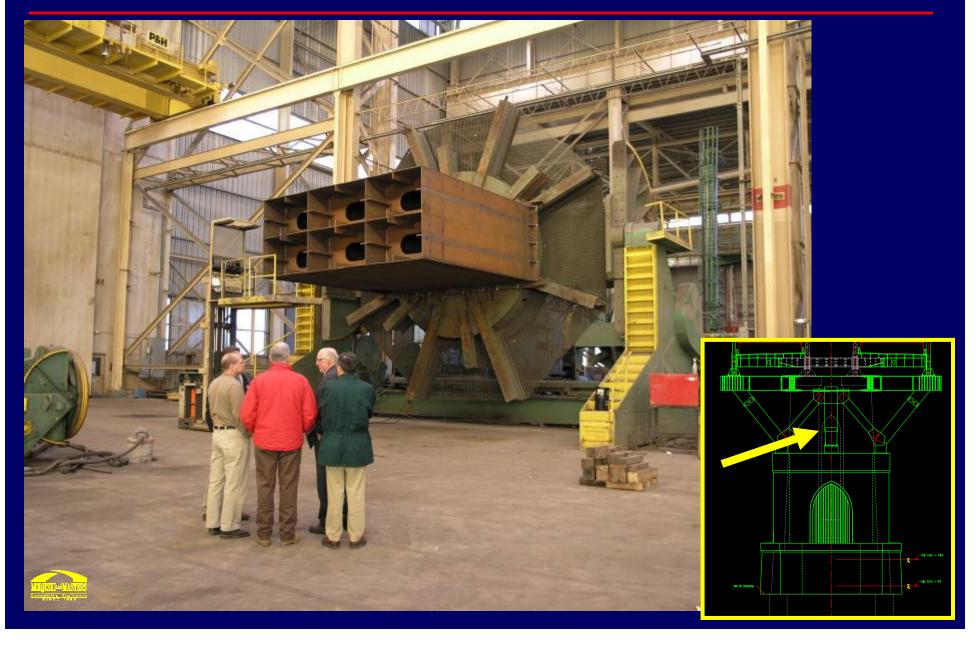




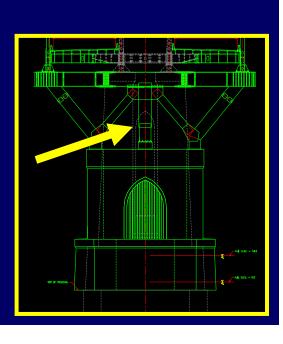


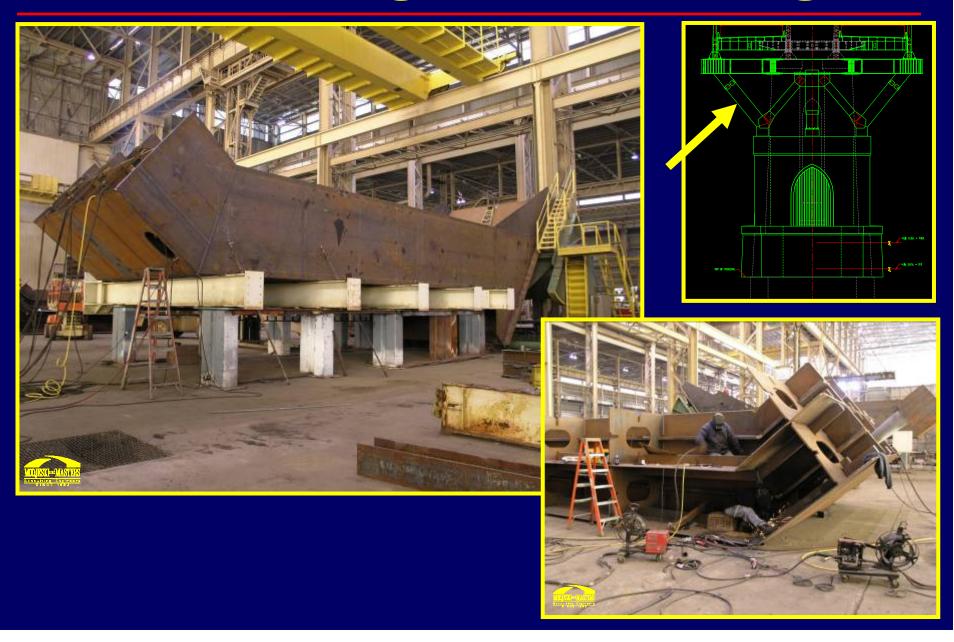










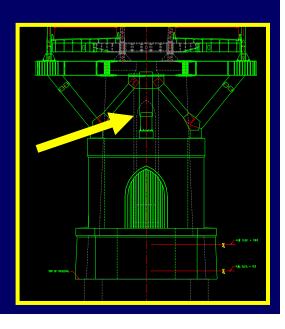




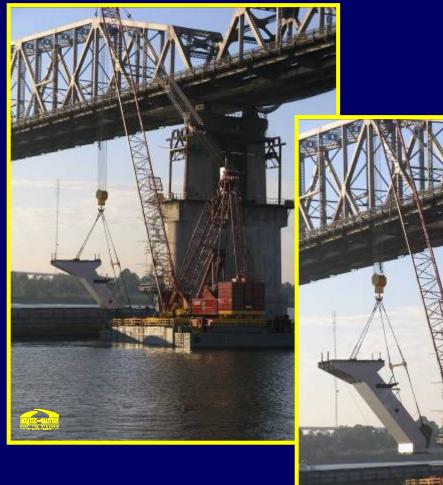




























## Project Status - Completed

#### **Railroad Modifications**

- Letting Date:
  - May 10, 2006
- Notice To Proceed Date:
  - August 28, 2006
- Construction Bid:
  - **-** \$ 13,782,713
- Contractor:
  - Boh Bros. Construction Co.























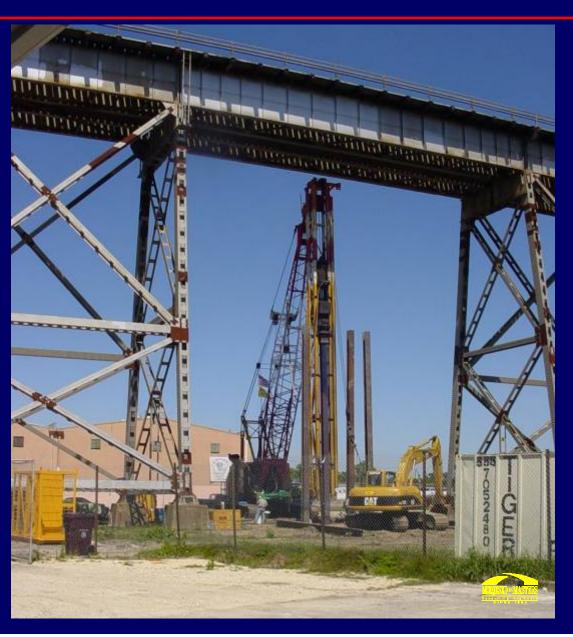








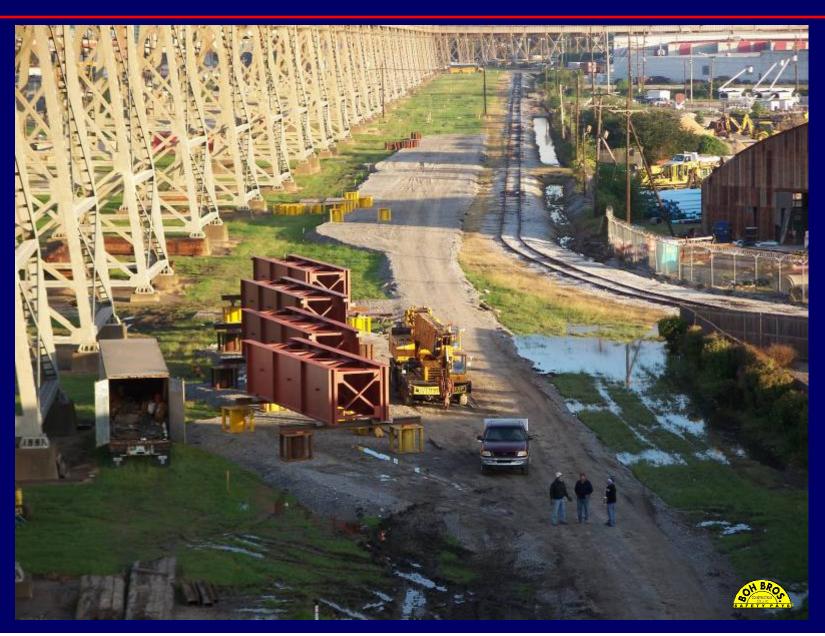






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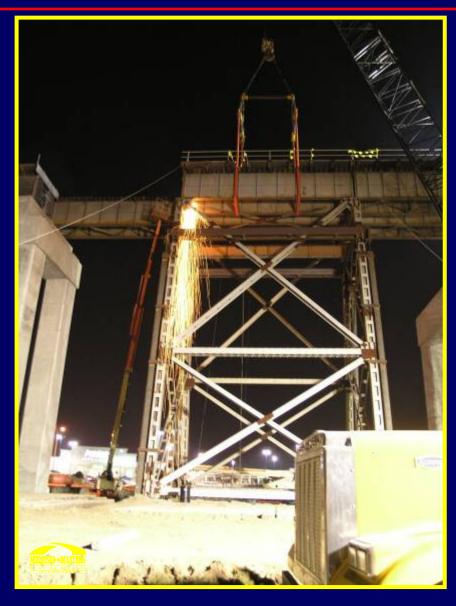






































#### **Project Status – Under Construction**

#### Main Bridge Truss Widening

- Letting Date:
  - March 28, 2007
- Notice to Proceed Date:
  - November 5, 2007
- Construction Bid:
  - \$ 452,605,568
- Contractor:
  - Massman Construction Co., Traylor Brothers Inc., and IHI, Inc.







**Truss Monitoring** 





#### STATIC MONITORING SYSTEM

- 433 Members (777
   Vibrating Wire Strain Gages)
- 5 Piers (10 Vibrating Wire Tilt Meters)
- Wind Speed/Direction

# DYNAMIC (LIVE LOAD) MONITORING SYSTEM

 31 Members (50 Electrical Resistance Strain Gages)



#### **Work Platform**





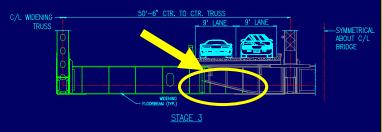
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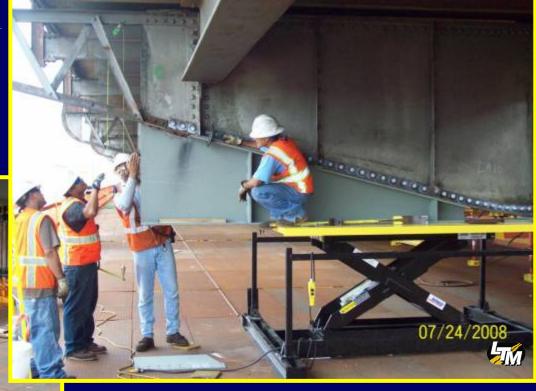
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# Main Bridge Truss Widening Floorbeam Modifications



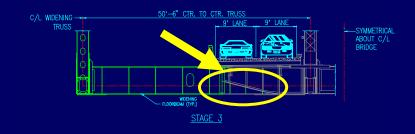


**Template Fit Up Check** 

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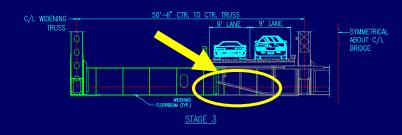
**Installation of Wedge Fill** 





# Main Bridge Truss Widening Floorbeam Modifications





**Installation of Wedge Fill** 

**Work on Existing Structure – Bottom Chord** 



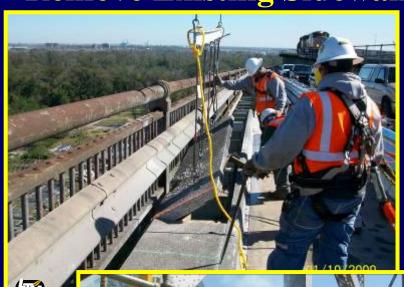
# Main Bridge Truss Widening Work on Existing Structure – Top Chord



# Main Bridge Truss Widening Widening Truss Bottom Laterals



Remove Existing Sidewalk – Install Temporary Steel Barrier

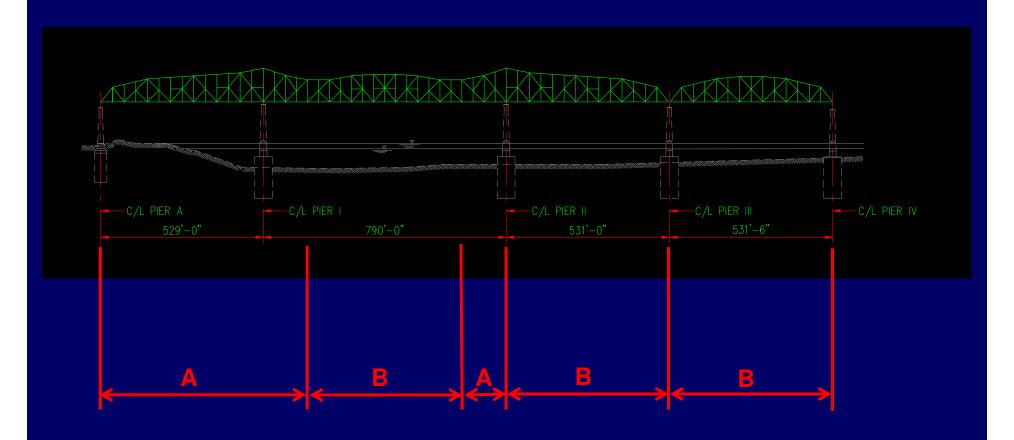








#### **Main Bridge Erection - Methods**



A = "Stick Build" B = "Span by Span"







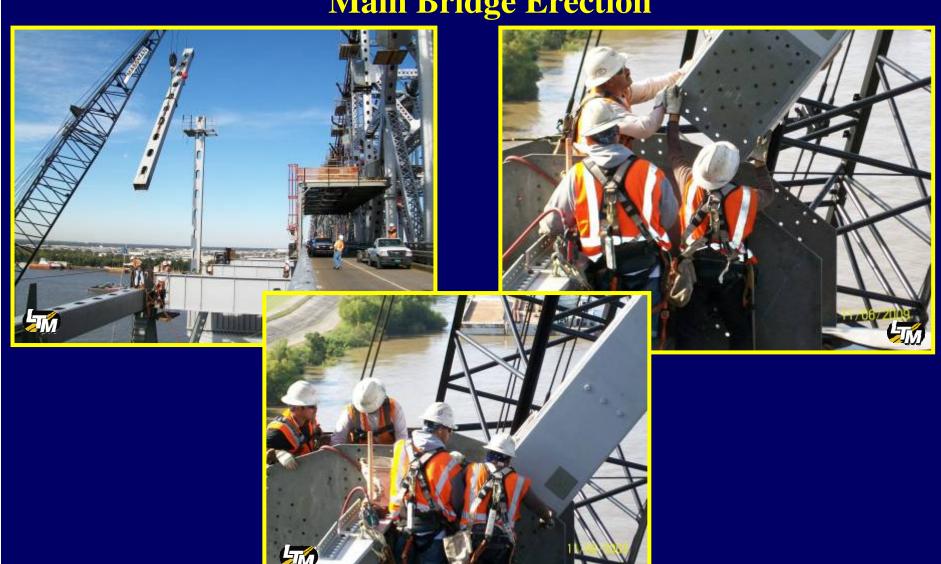


















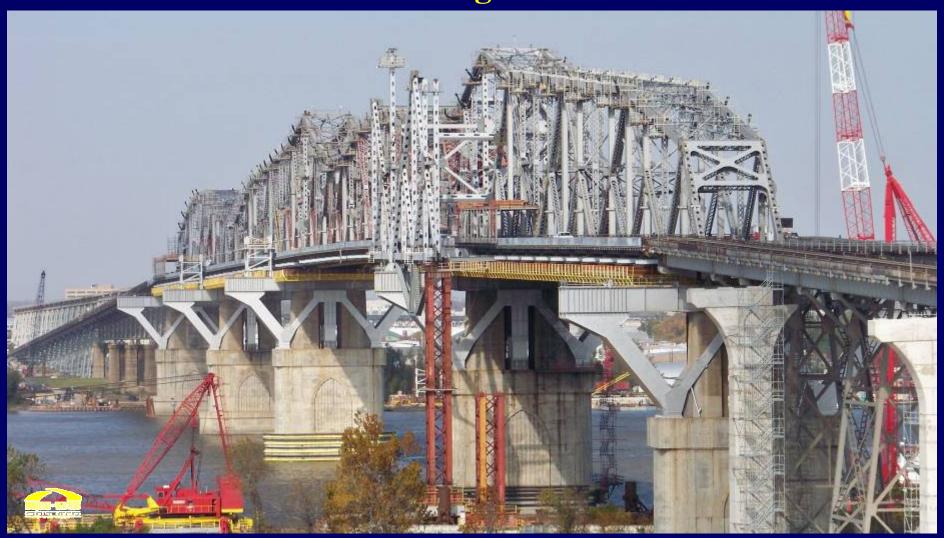


**Main Bridge Erection** 



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**Main Bridge Erection** 



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Contractor's Erection Scheme – "Span by Span" Erection







- Suspended Span
- Through TrussSpan



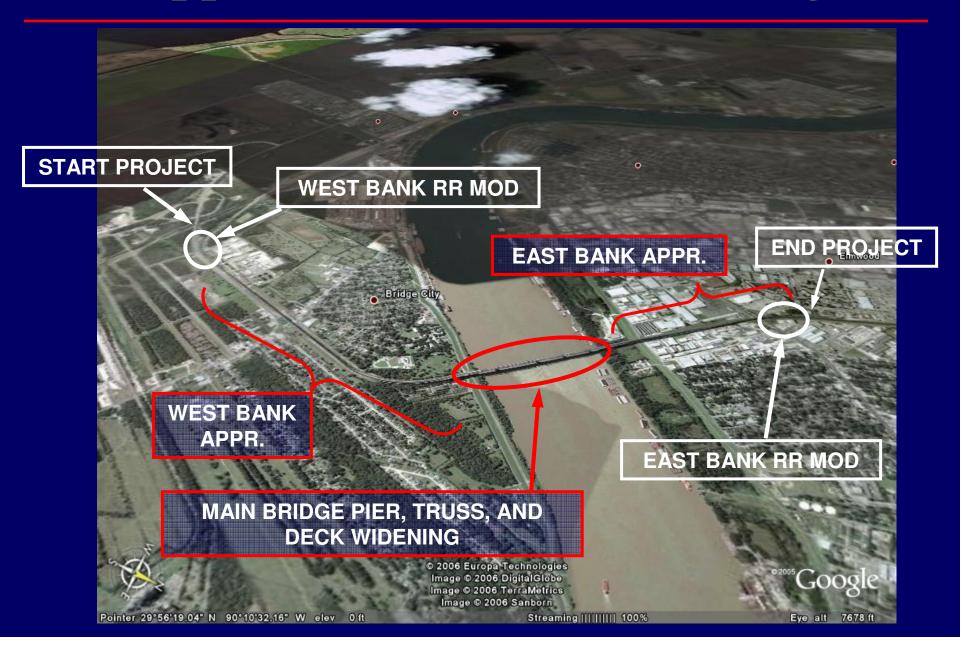
### **Project Status – Under Construction**

### West Bank Approach, Main Bridge Deck Widening, East Bank Approach

- Letting Date:
  - March 19, 2008



- Notice to Proceed Date:
  - May 5, 2008
- Construction Bid:
  - **-** \$ 433,950,000
- Contractor:
  - Kiewit Massman Traylor Constructors



### **Box Culverts**





### At Grade Roadways – West Bank



### Foundations - Westbank



### **Foundations - Westbank**













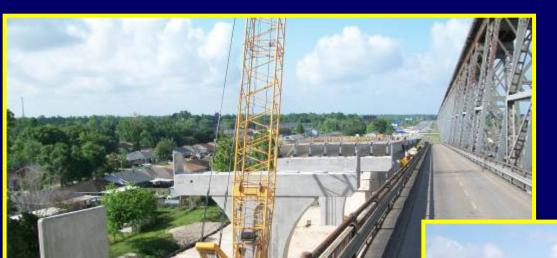
























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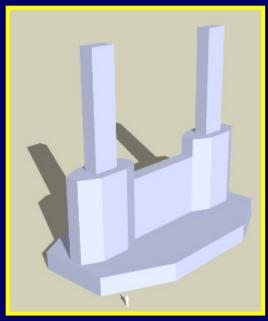


### Superstructure - Westbank



### Substructure – Pier IVA





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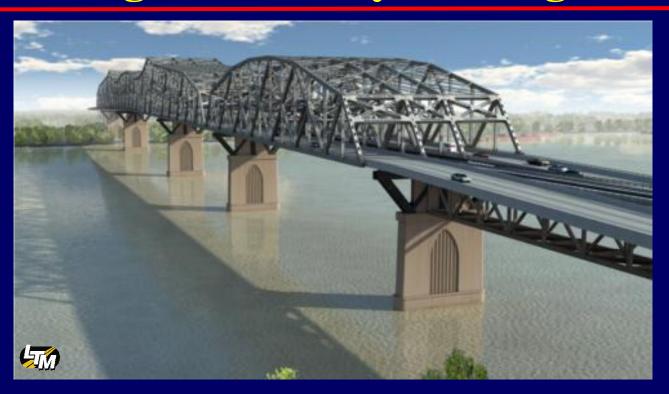
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