

WSDOT Bridge 17.7 Widening:

Complex bridge relocation featuring the impact of previous construction methods on retrofitting (or widening)

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I-405 Renton to Bellevue Design-Build



- Funding: \$705 million
- Flatiron-Lane JV
- 14-miles of improvement and 12-miles of Express Toll Lanes
- >40 bridge replacements/retrofits
- AADT \approx 125,000 to 185,000 (2021)
- Current Status: Under construction

“Travelers on Interstate 405 between Renton and Bellevue experience one of the state’s **WORST** commutes.”



**Washington State
Department of Transportation**



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Media And on the 8th day, the Lord created the S-Curves and constant construction.



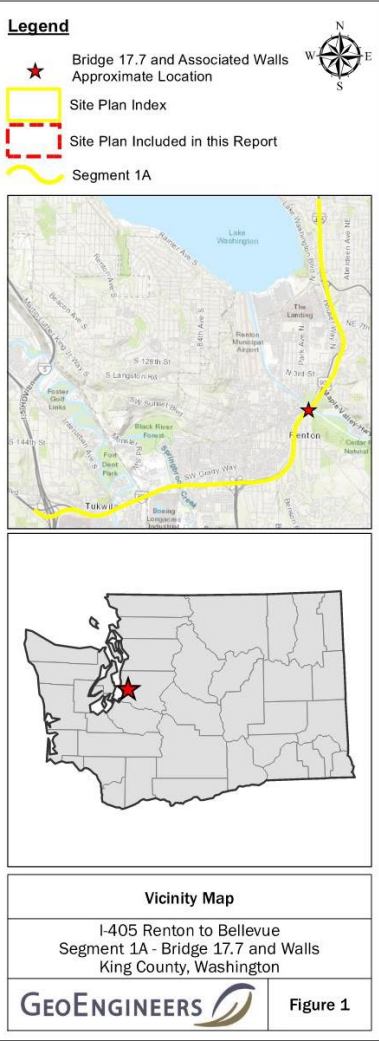
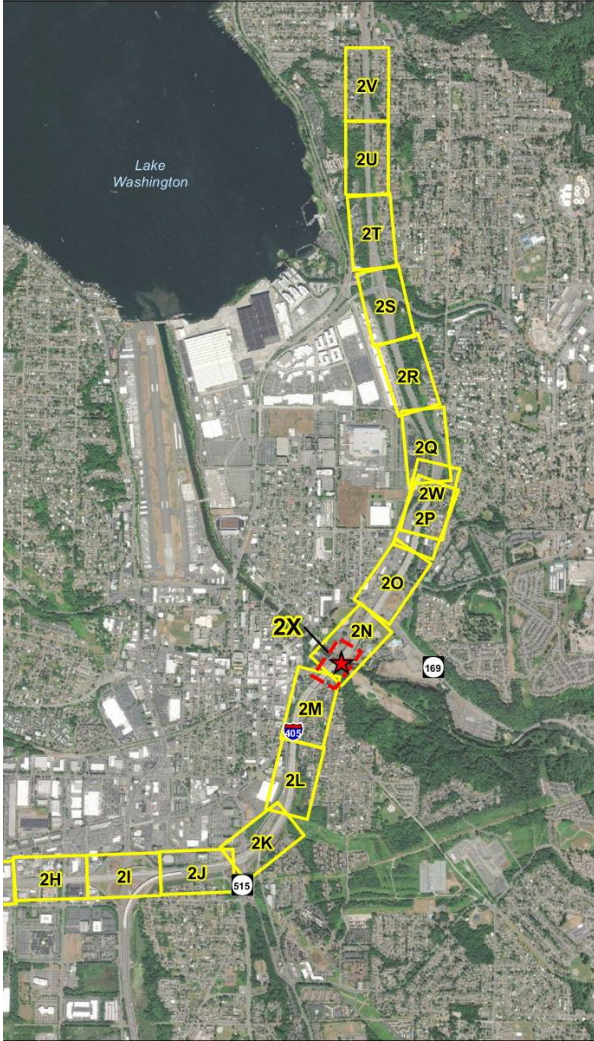
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“Treat yourself like I-405 and **NEVER** stop working on yourself, no matter how inconvenient it is for everyone else.”

- Karl Terzaghi (probably)

Bridge 17.7 - Location





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145 feet

8 feet

36 feet

EXIT 4
169 SOUTH
Maple Valley
Bronson Way
EXIT ONLY

ONLY
5 AM - 7 PM

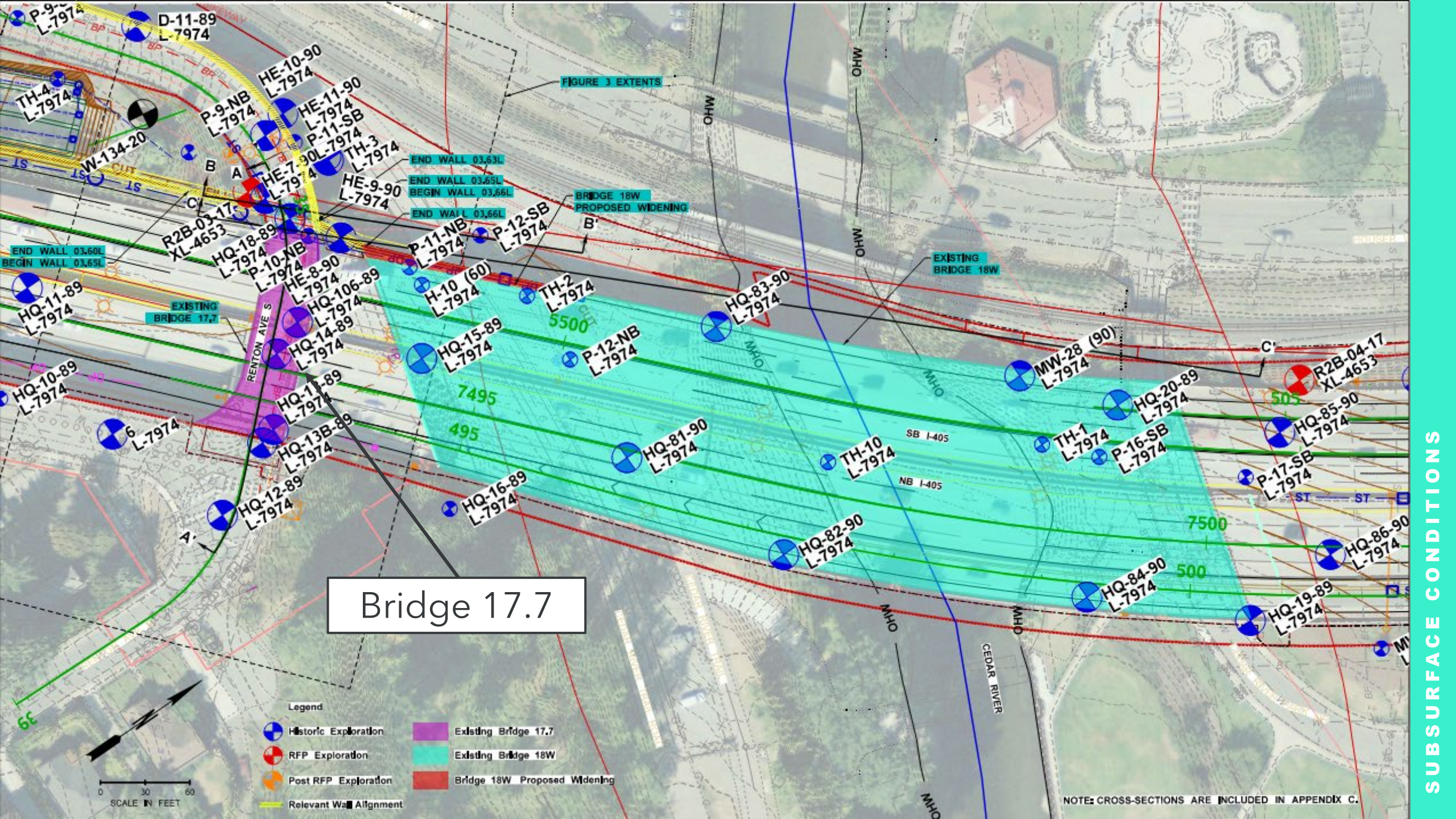
Renton Ave S

I-405



I-405 Over Cedar River

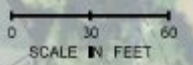
50 feet



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Legend

- ⊕ Historic Exploration
- ⊕ RFP Exploration
- ⊕ Post RFP Exploration
- Relevant Wall Alignment
- Existing Bridge 17.7
- Existing Bridge 18W
- Bridge 18W Proposed Widening



NOTE: CROSS-SECTIONS ARE INCLUDED IN APPENDIX C.

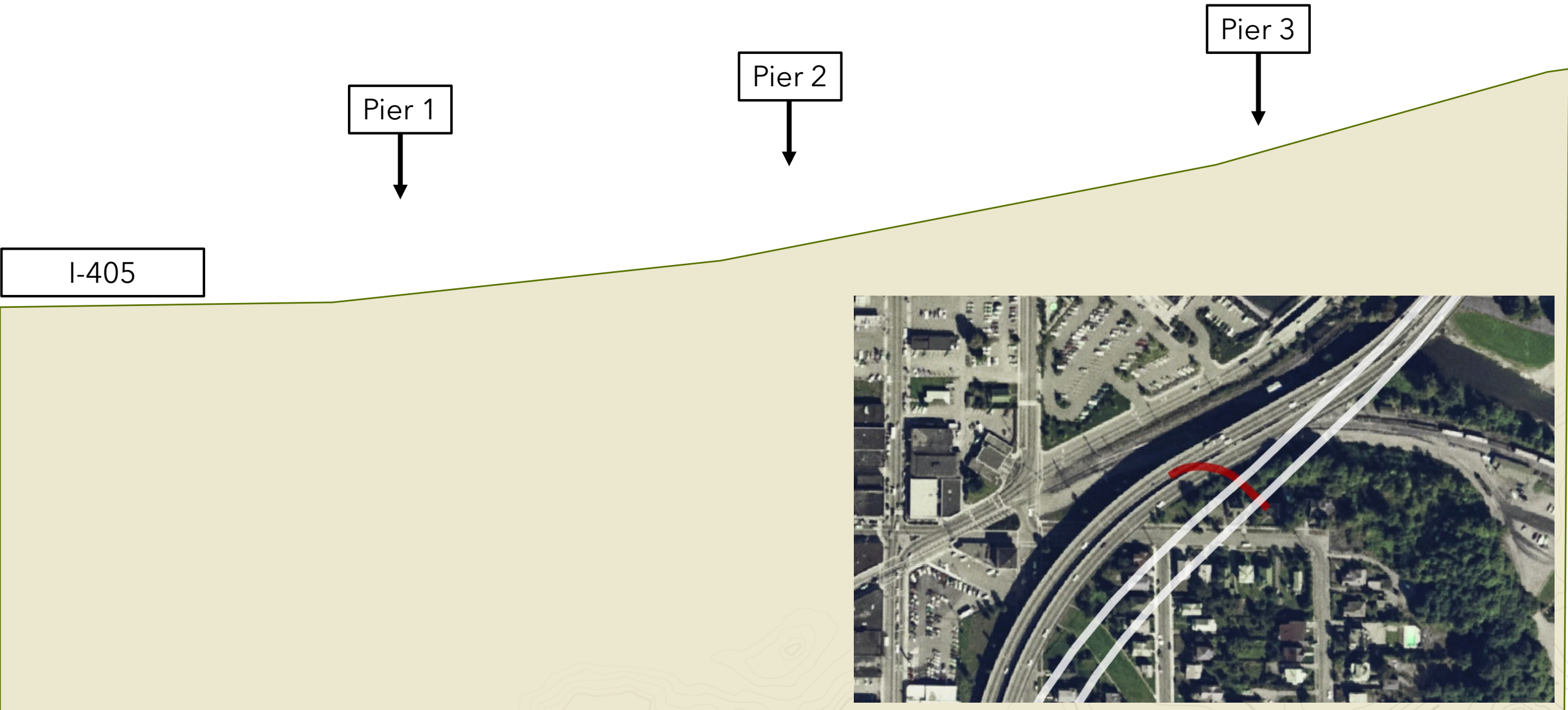


Proposed Bridge

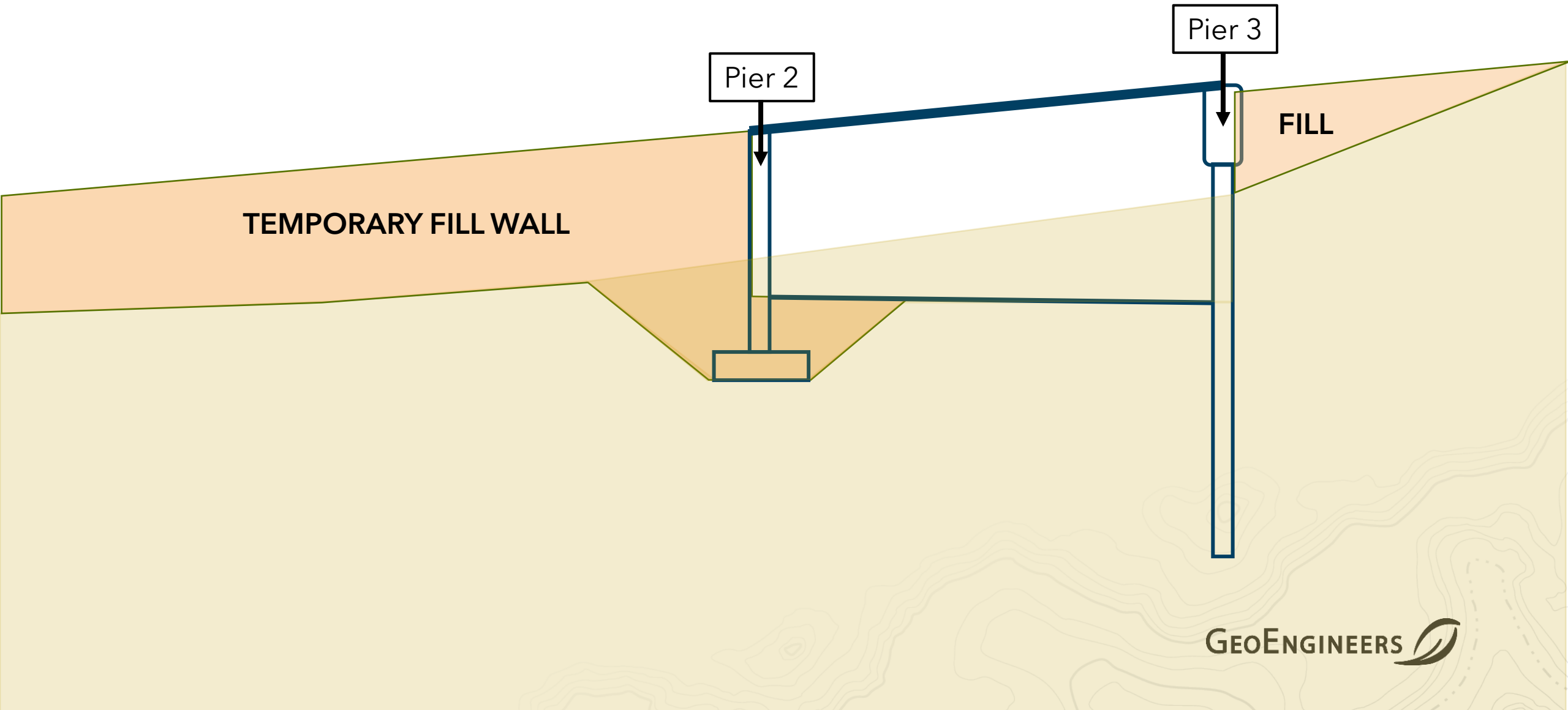
Existing I-405 Alignment

Proposed I-405 Alignment

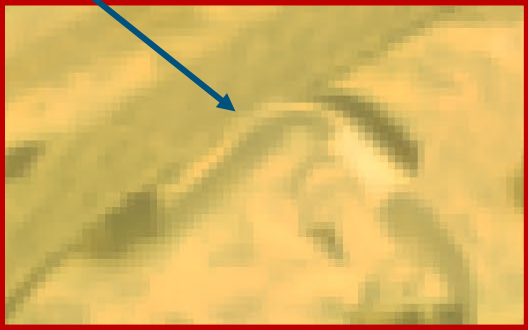
Historical Grading - 1990



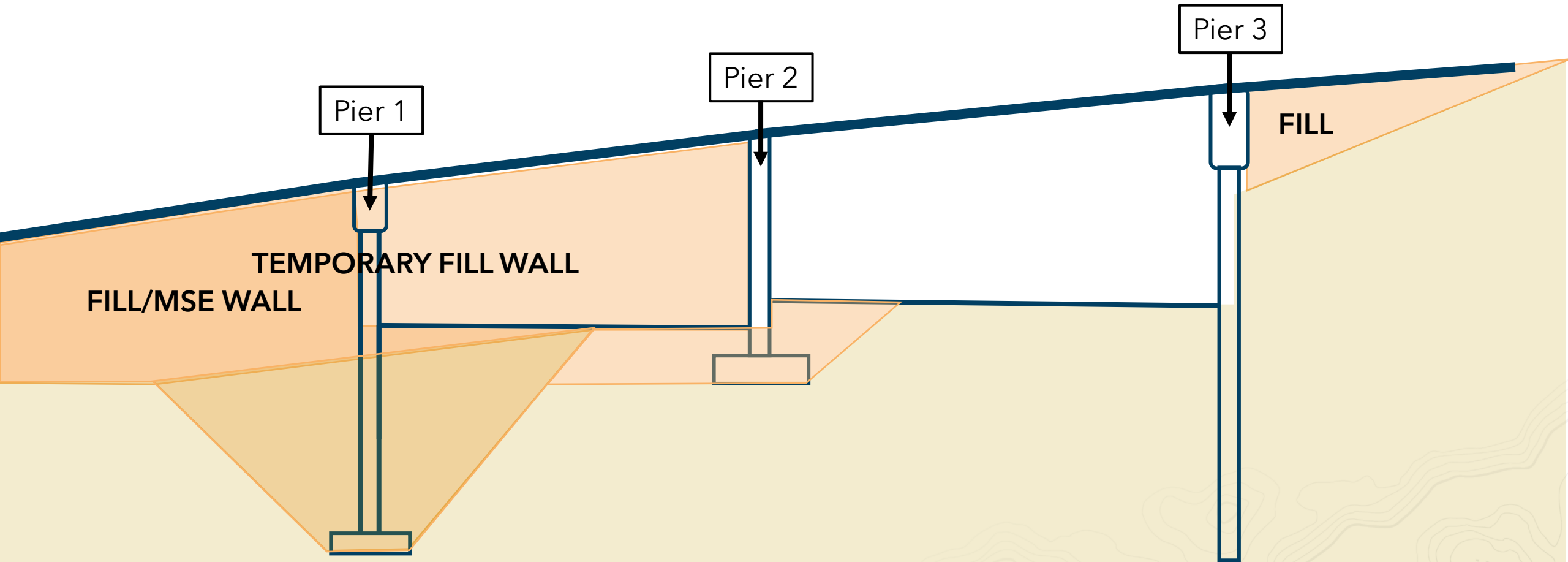
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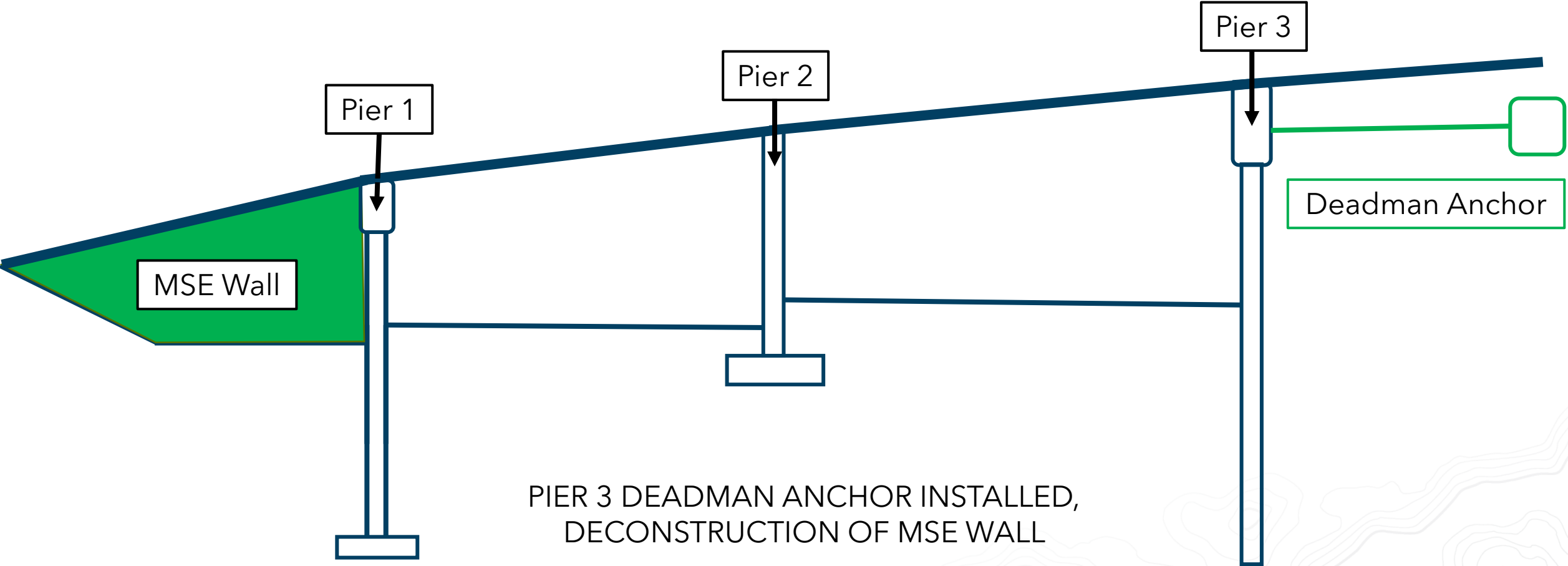
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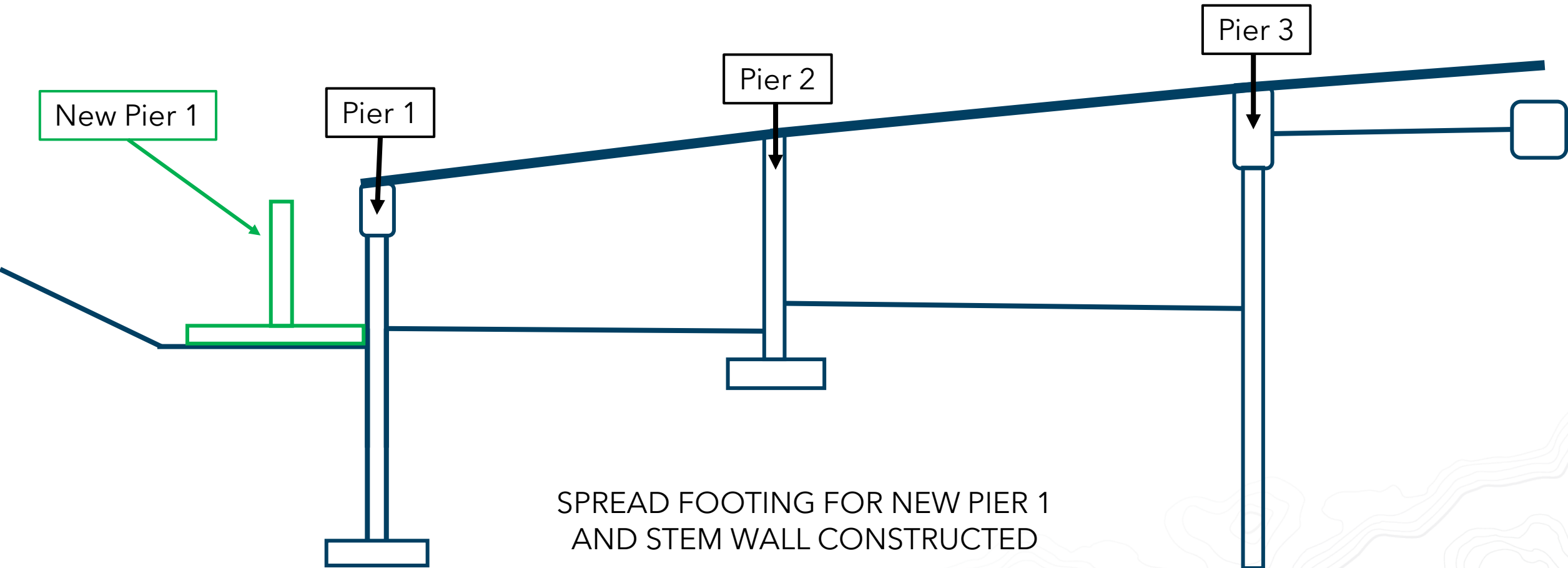
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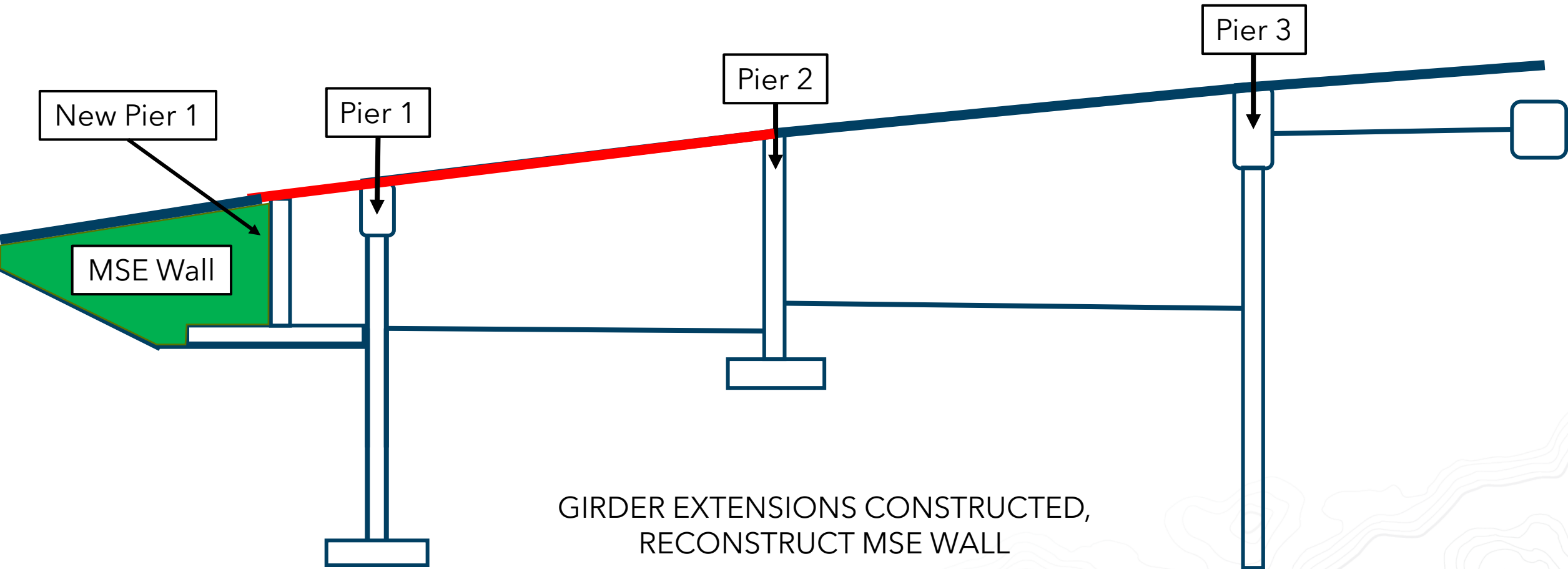
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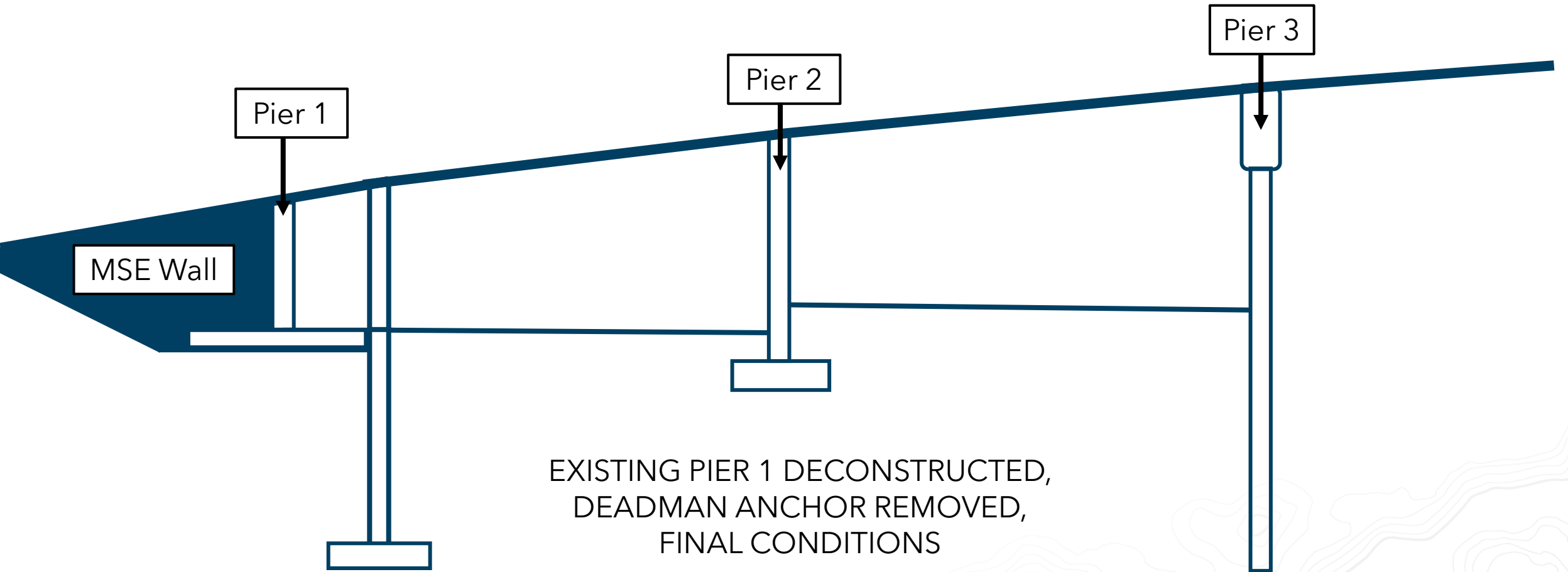
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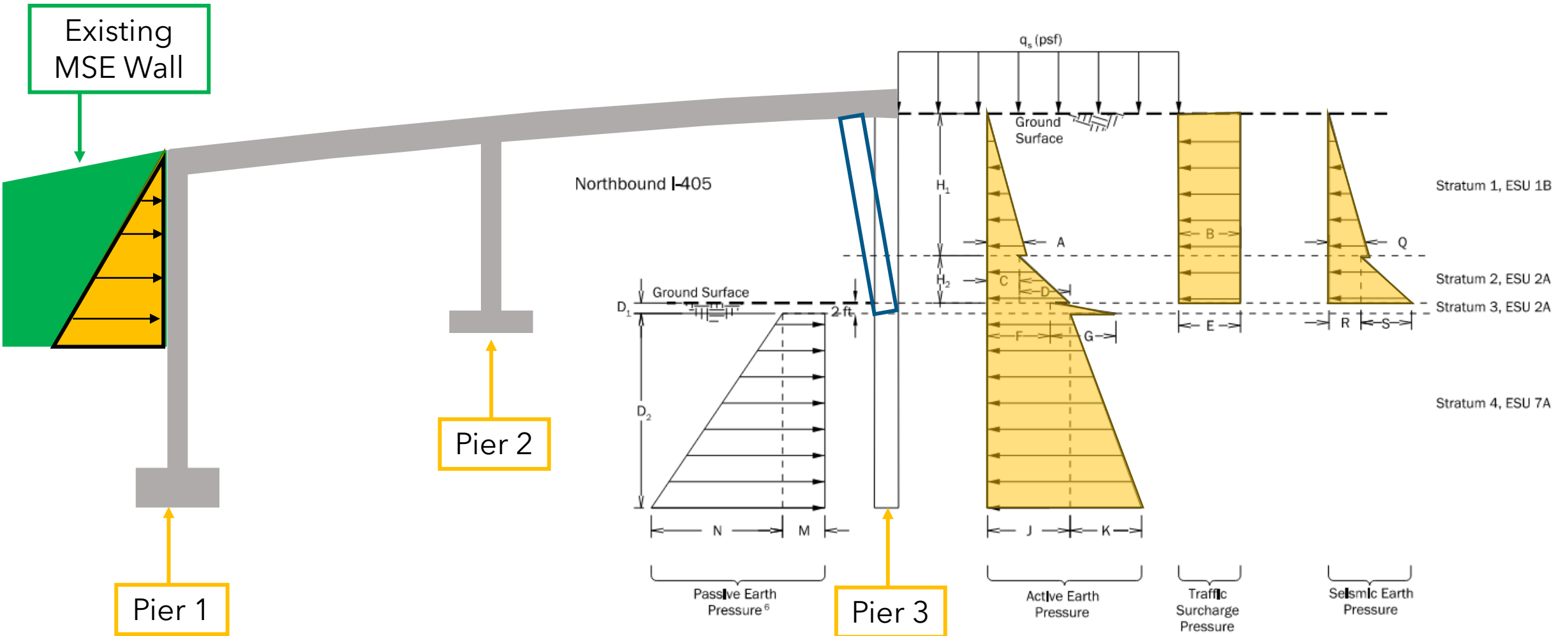
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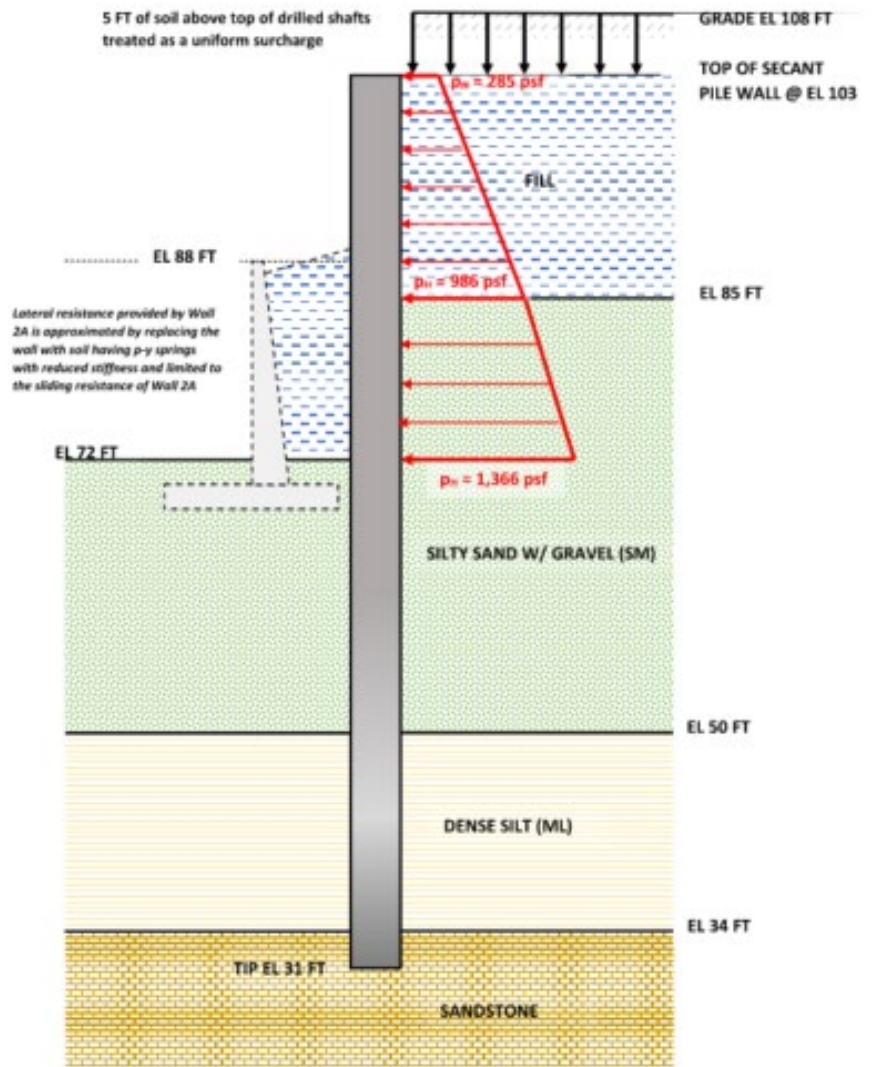
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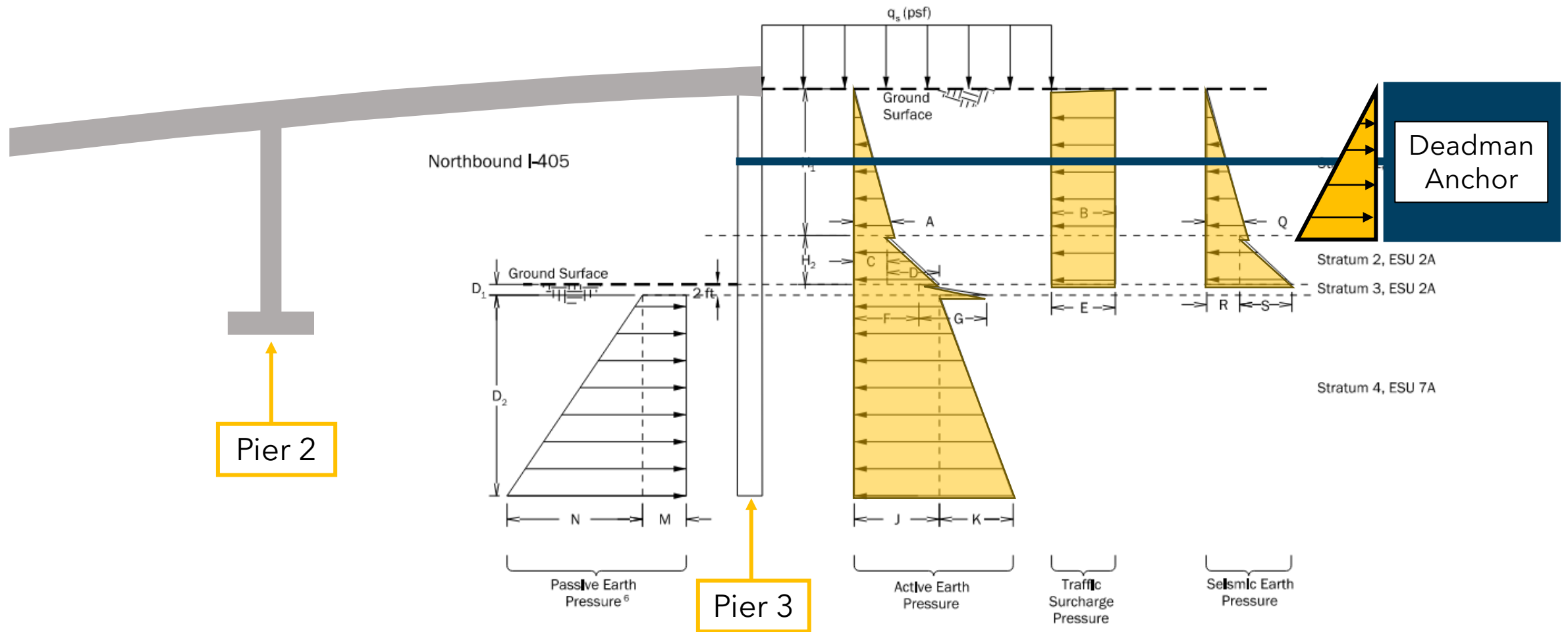
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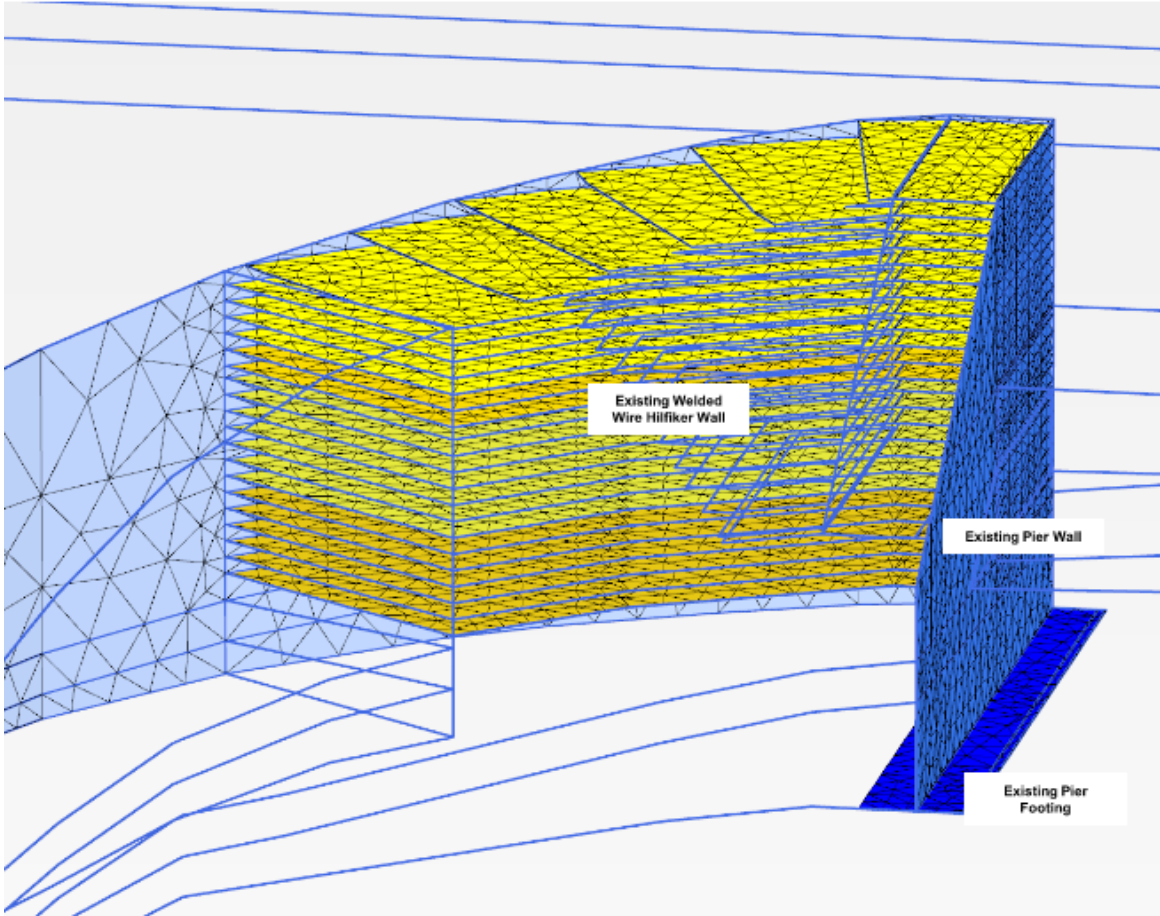
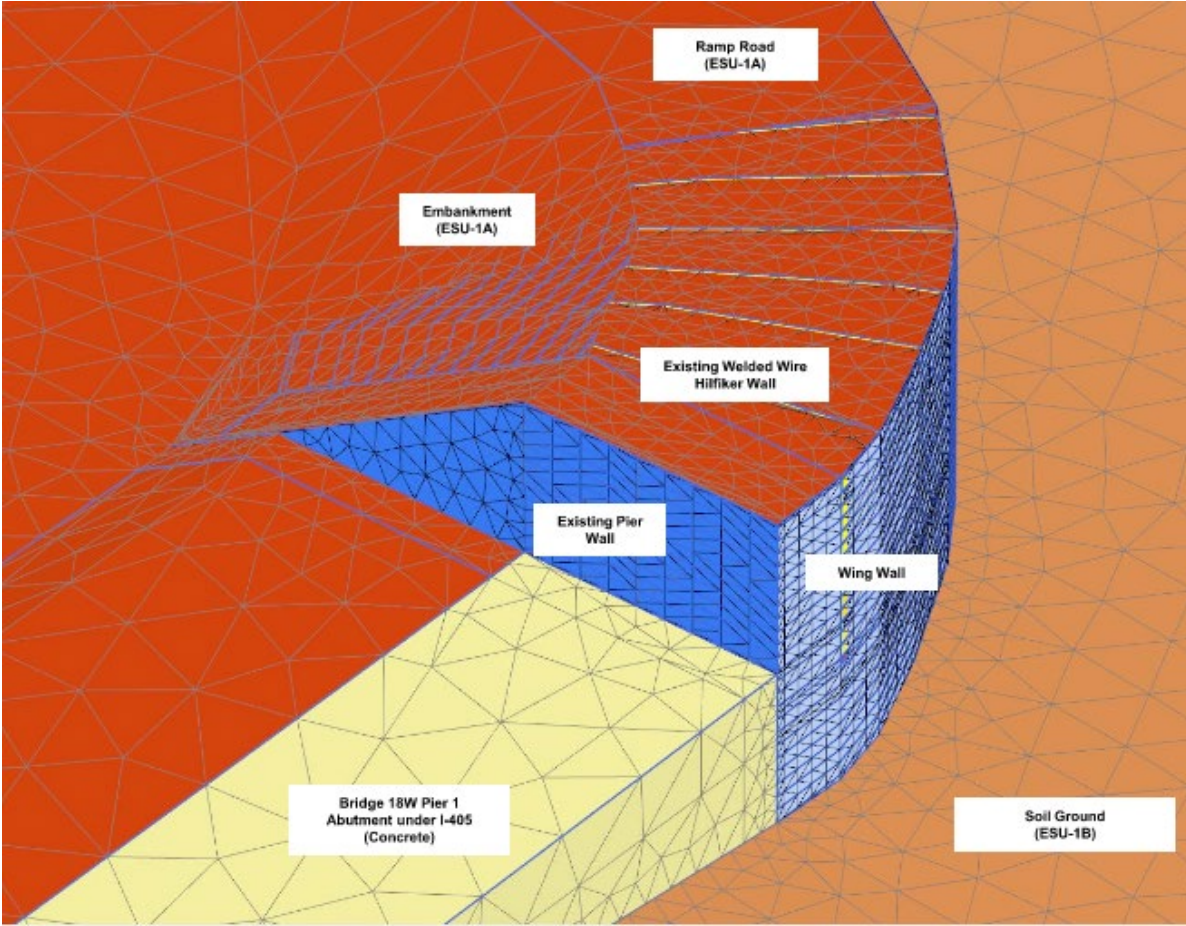
Idealized profile of secant pile wall and subsurface conditions for analysis. Lateral earth pressures shown are unfactored and include active, surcharge, and live load surcharge.

Load Combination	Lateral Displacement (in.)
Service I	5.80
Extreme	5.01

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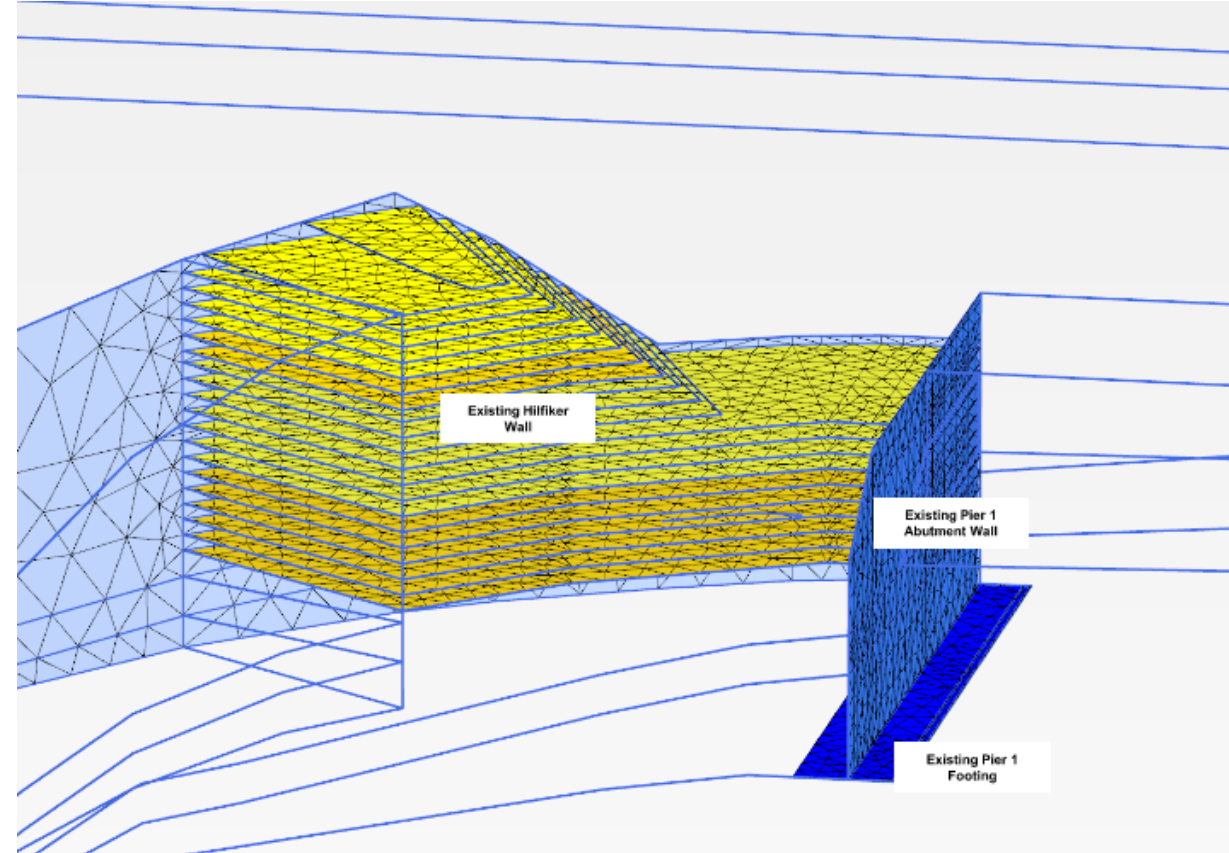
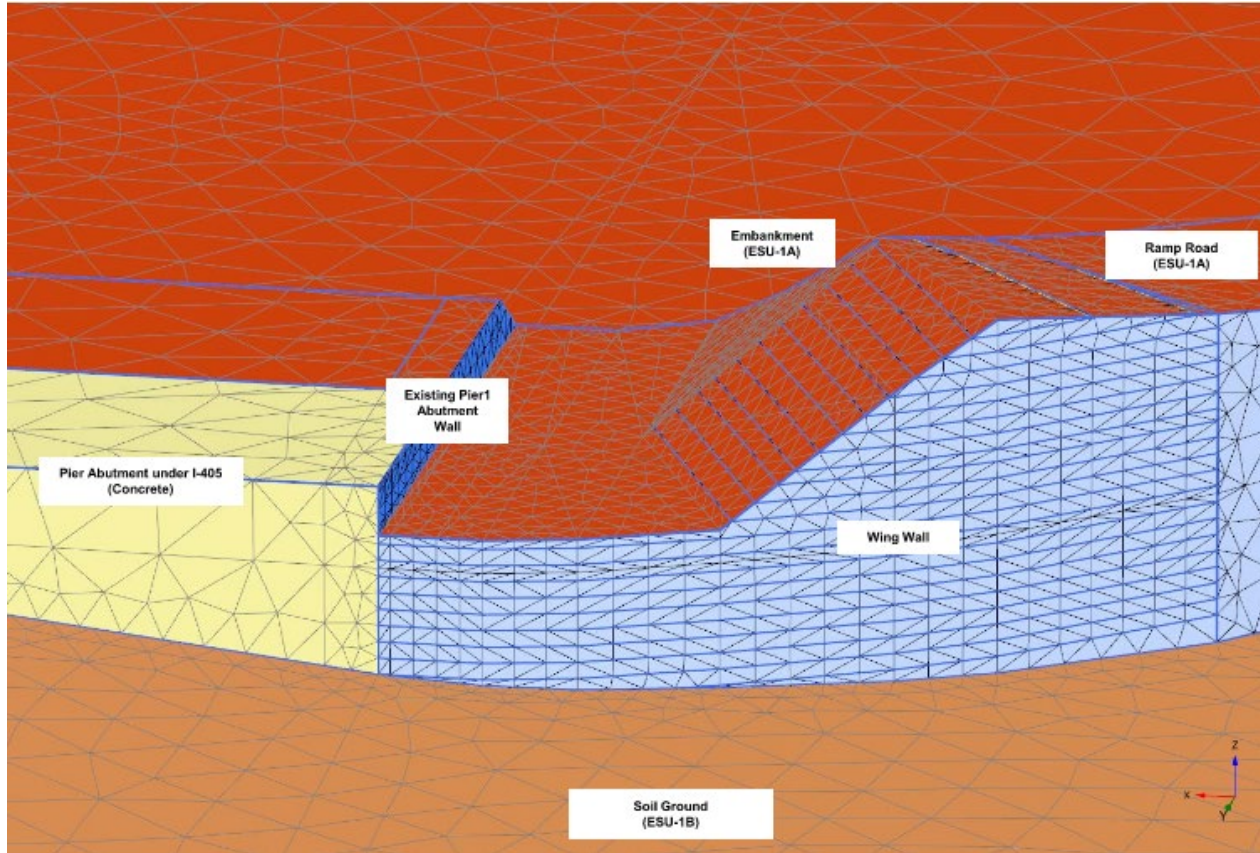


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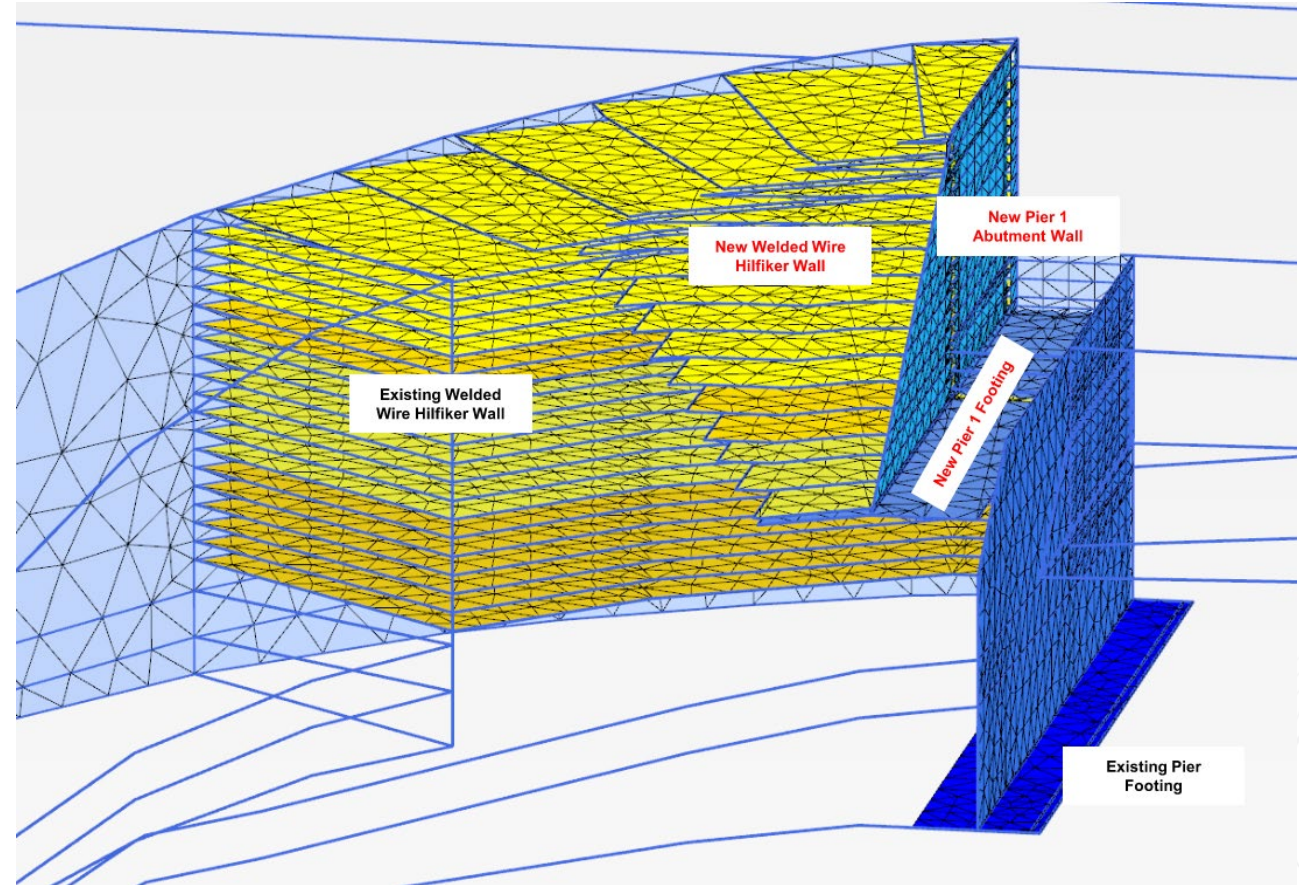
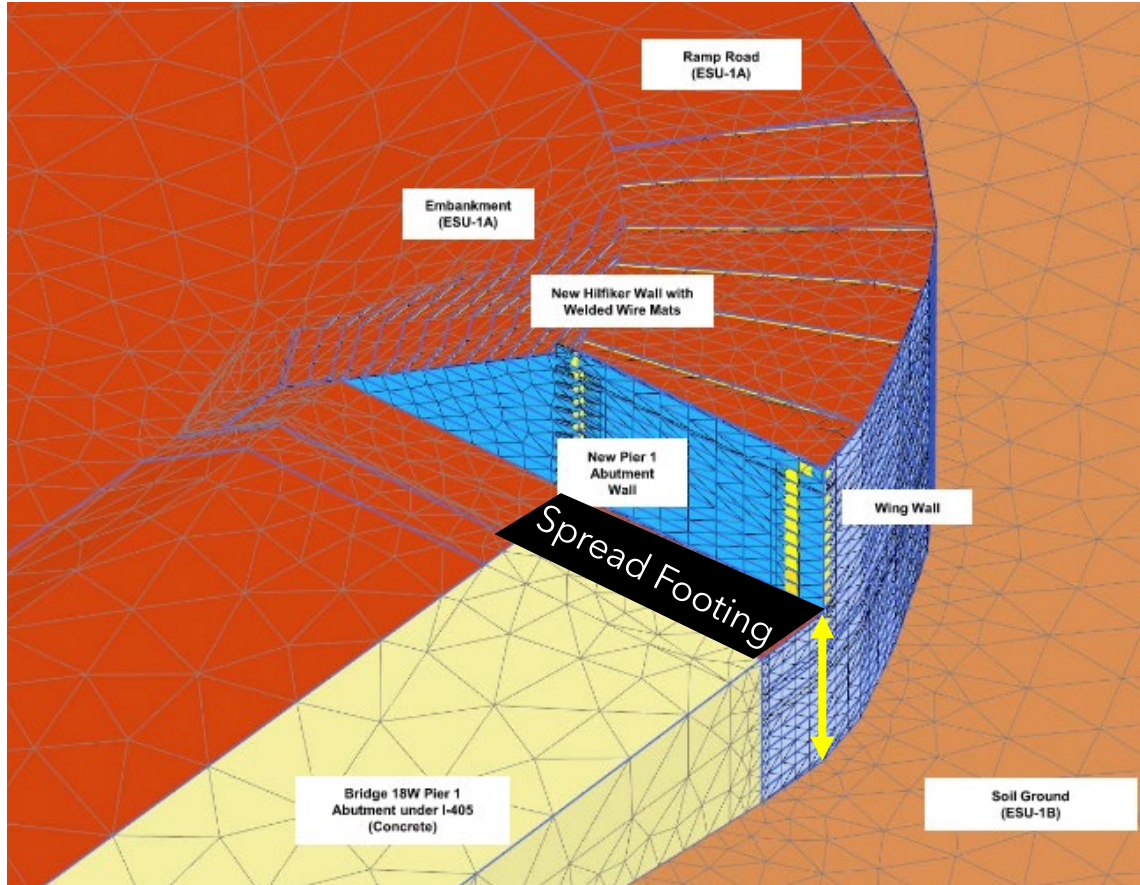
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Complication #3 - FEM



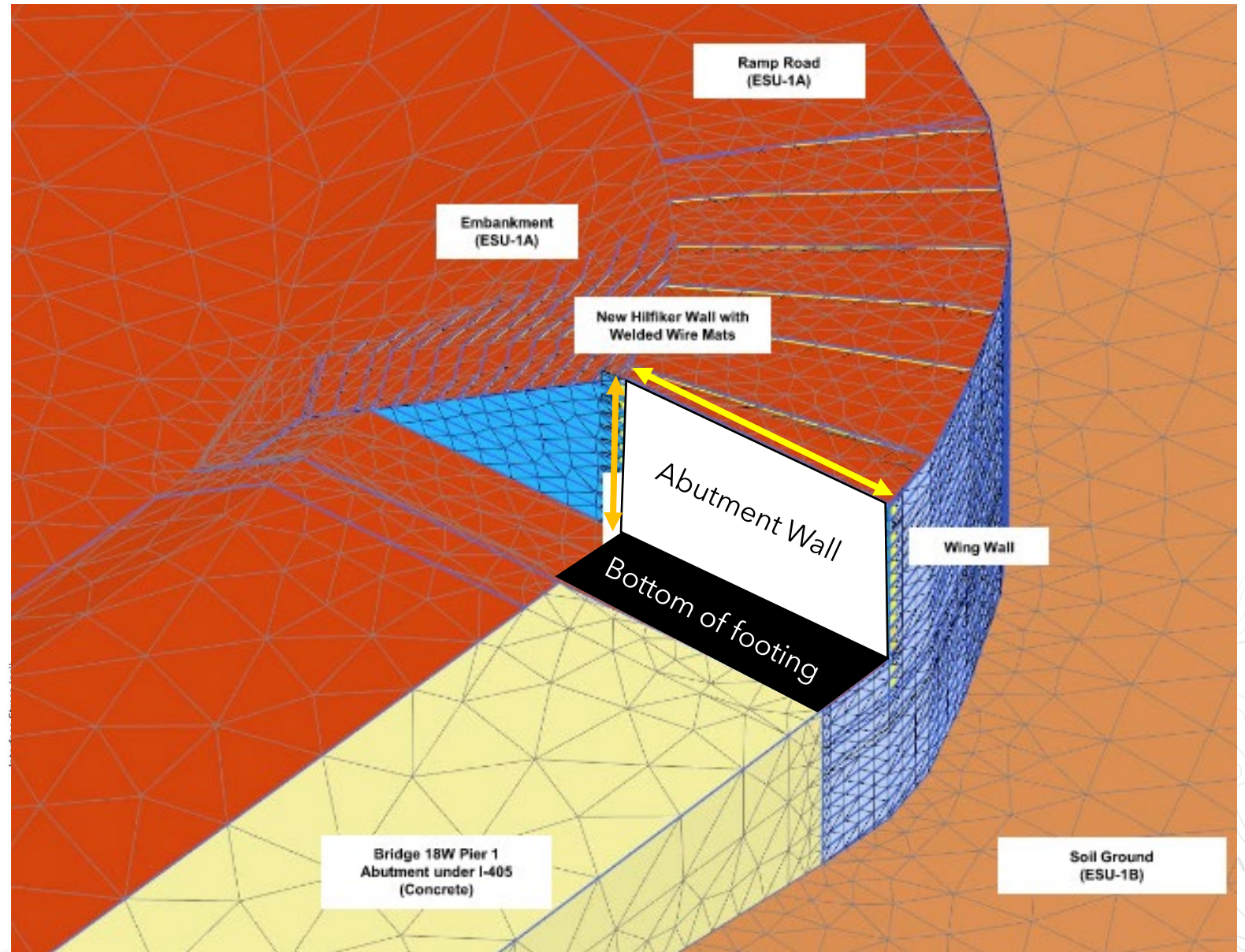
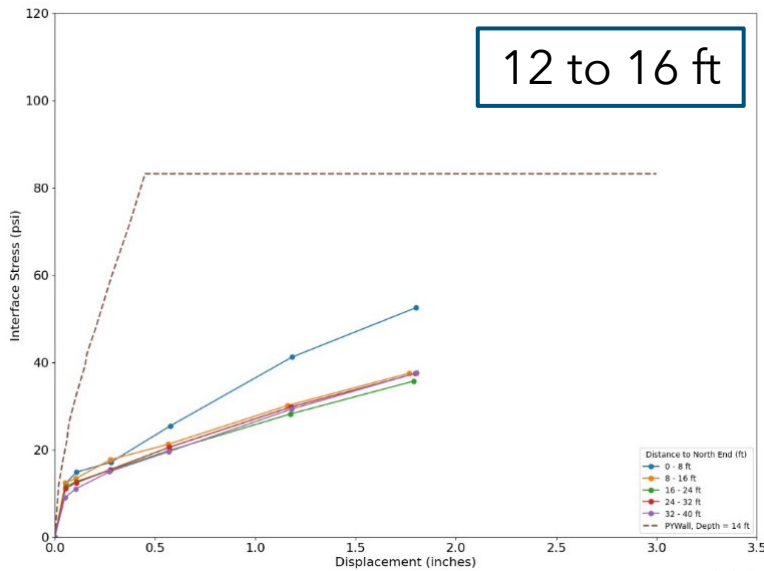
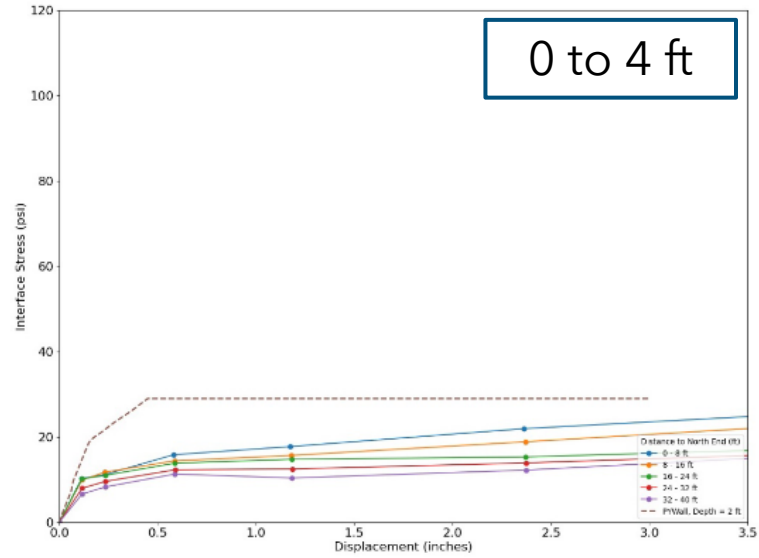
EXCAVATION CONDITIONS

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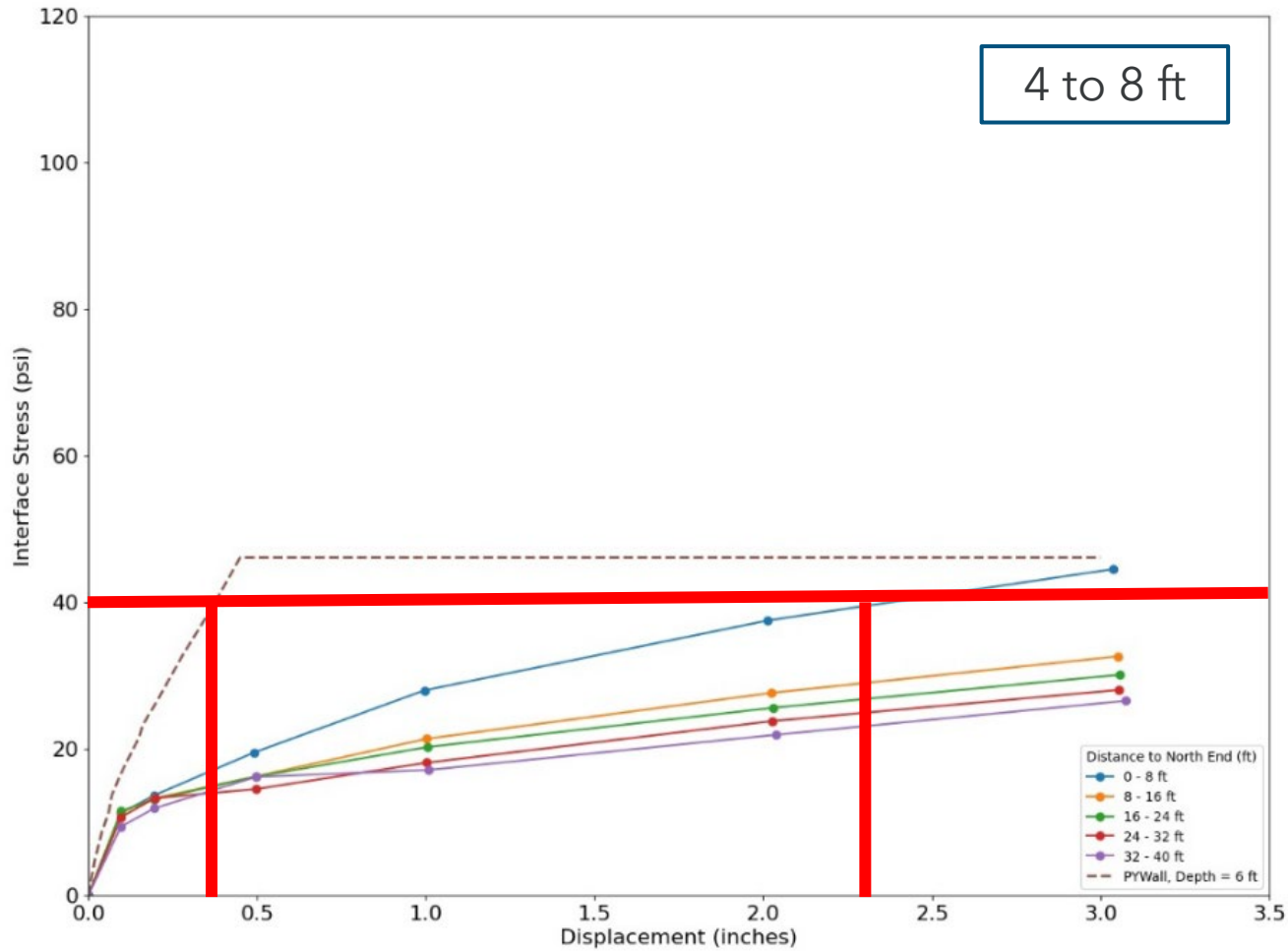


NEW PIER 1 CONDITIONS

Complication #3 - FEM Spring Results

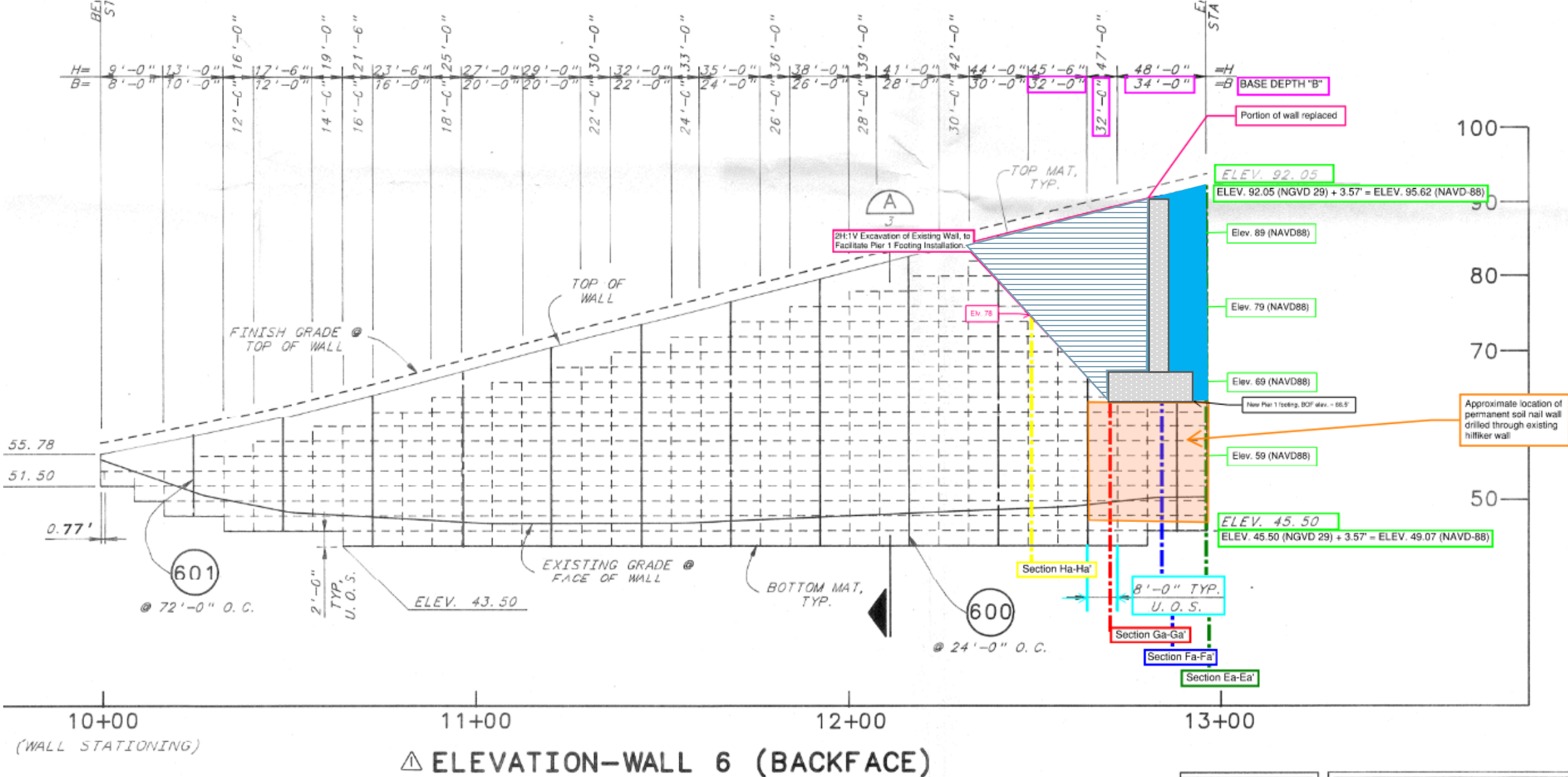


Complication #3 – FEM Spring Results

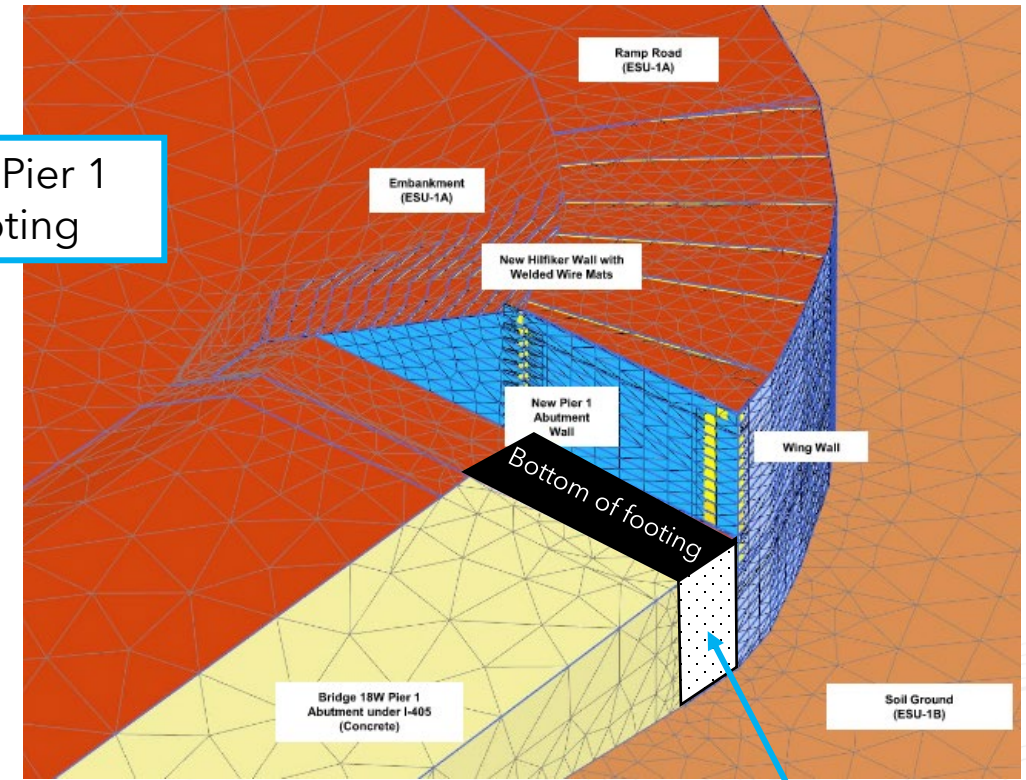
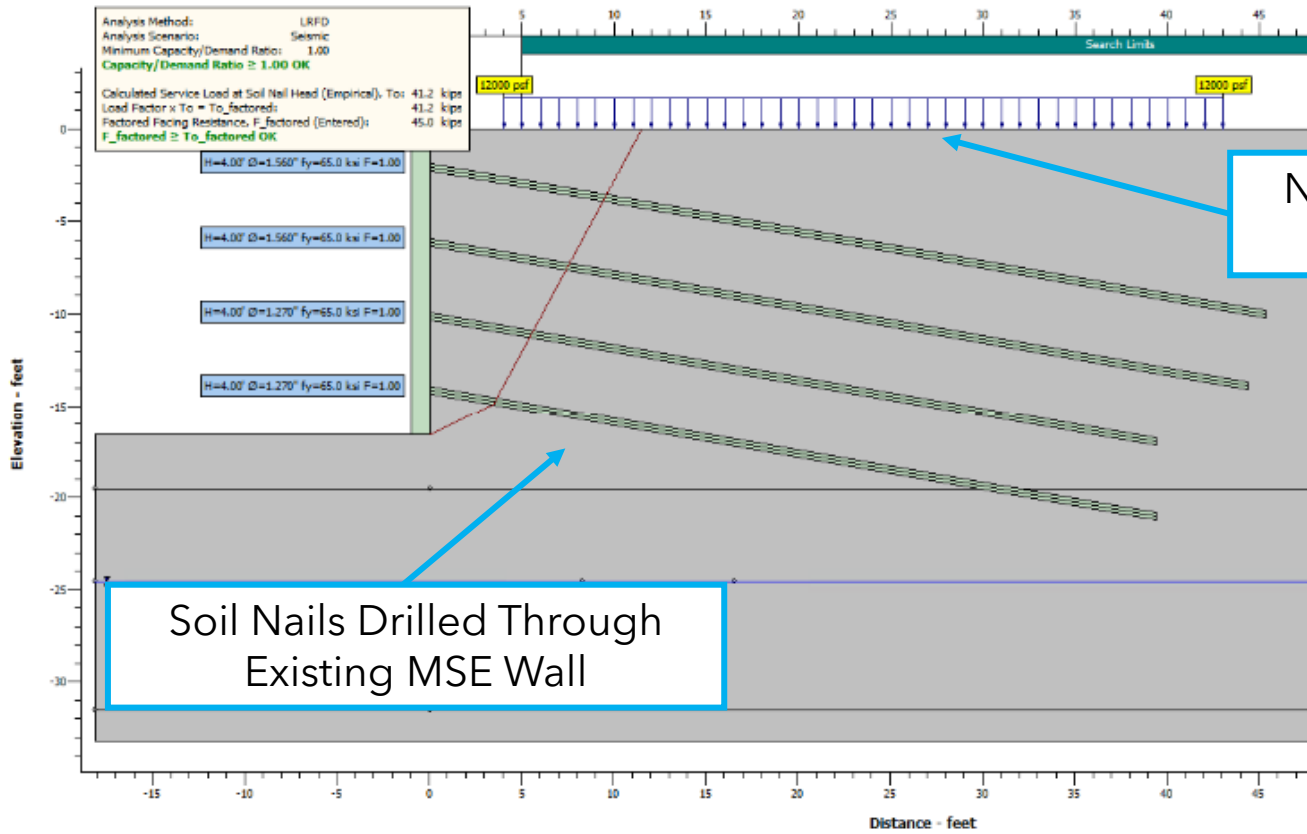


Interface Stress 40 psi	Displacement (in.)	Difference
Pywall	0.4	≈400%
FEM	> 2.0	

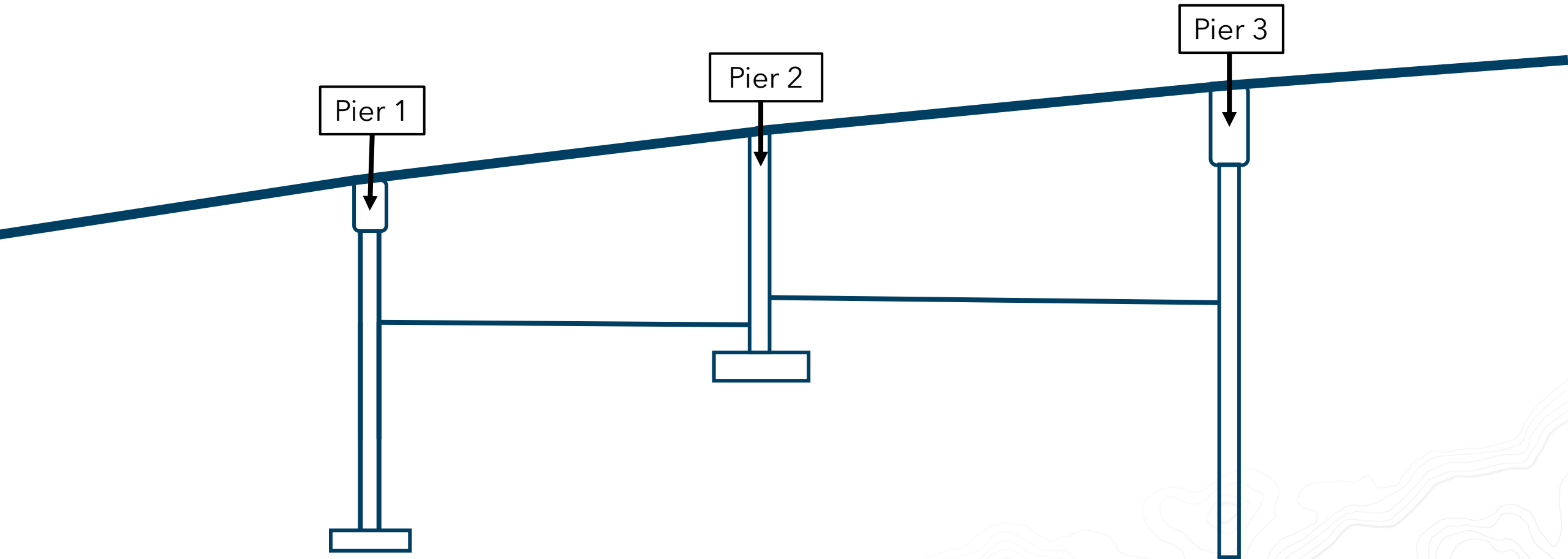
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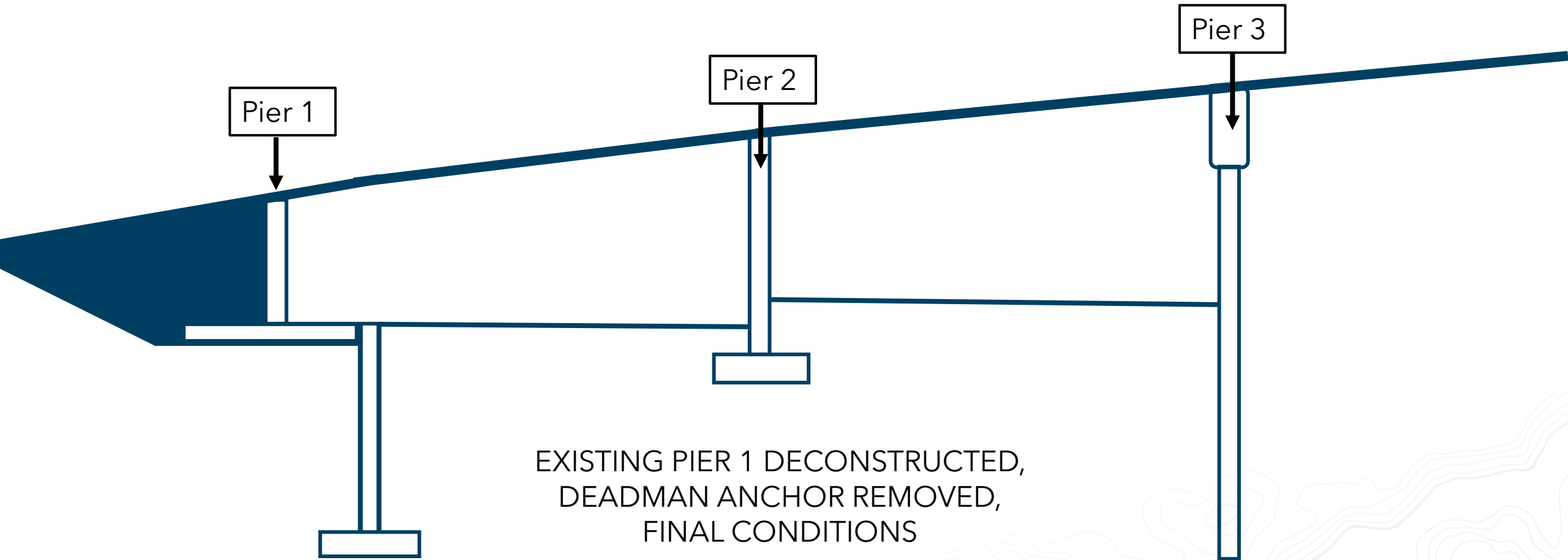
Bridge 17.7 Complication #4 - Pier 1 Bearing on Existing MSE Wall



Bridge 17.7 - Existing Conditions



Bridge 17.7 - Final Design





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