

**Rebuilding the** Lynchpin of American Commerce KIUGES RÒÇHEPORT BRIDĠE

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# **I-70 ROCHEPORT DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT TEAM**

- Owner, MoDOT
- Contractor, Lunda Construction Co.
- Lead Designer, Parsons
  - Geotechnical, Dan Brown & Associates
  - Geotechnical Exploration, Shannon & Wilson
  - Traffic and Safety, CBB
  - Hydraulics, HZ United
  - Route BB Bridge, Civil Design, Inc.





#### I-70 ROCHEPORT DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

 I-70 is the artery of commerce serving the heart of national and regional distribution and commodity flows.

 Each year, approximately 100 million tons of freight, worth more than \$154 billion, is carried across I-70 in Missouri.

 All told, more than 1.1 million jobs nationwide depend on I-70 in Missouri.

 Connecting Missouri's largest cities, St. Louis and Kansas City, the I-70 Rocheport Bridge over the Missouri River is a key component of I-70 in Missouri.

 Carrying 12.5 million vehicles per year, including over 3.6 million freight trucks travelling across the United States, the bridge has been called the "lynchpin of America."

### **I-70 ROCHEPORT DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT**

#### Trucks Crossing the Rocheport Bridge take Freight throughout the United States

#### 24 hours after crossing Rocheport

#### 72 hours after crossing Rocheport



Source: American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)

# **EXISTING I-70 ROCHEPORT BRIDGE**

- Build in 1960
- Single 2-span through truss
- Plate girder approaches
- Two lanes of traffic each direction
- Structurally deficient, functionally obsolete
- In need of Rehabilitation
- Massive user delay costs to rehab
  - 3-8 hr backups, 25 miles long



### **PROJECT NEEDS**

- Remove & replaceMissouri River Bridge
- Remove & replace Rte
  BB overpass
- Both should accommodate 6-lanes of traffic on I-70



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#### **SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY**





Crash Rate on Bridge is 4X Higher than statewide

An average of 1.72 crashes occur on the bridge every month

Crash Rate on I-70 between bridge and BB is 2X Higher than statewide

73% of these crashes occurred on WB I-70

49% of crashes occurred during nondry surface conditions



36% of crashes were out-of-control crashes

## **PROJECT NEEDS**

- Improve Safety
- Improve Reliability



# **PROJECT GOALS**

- 1. Meet the expectation of delivering the project under budget.
- 2. Provide a high quality, durable, low maintenance project that improves safety and reliability.
- 3. Minimize traffic impacts during and after construction while maximizing safety and capacity.
- 4. Maximize safety for workers while beating the project completion deadline of 12/31/24.
- 5. Deliver the project with a diverse workforce that fosters future DBE and workforce development.
- 6. Demonstrate a commitment to quality and innovation in all phases of the project.



## **I-70 LANE CONFIGURATION**





#### **NEW MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE**



Planview

#### **I-70 MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE CONFIGURATION**

- By utilizing a two-phase construction approach, the Lunda Team is able to reduce the construction disturbance footprint by more than 66'. This benefits MoDOT by:
- Reducing impacts to wetlands
- Reducing potential property impacts
- Reducing risk of impacting archaeological areas
- Reducing rock cut east of the river
- Reducing embankment needed within the scour hole west of the river
- Reducing required reconstruction limits
- Enabling the use of flatter curves without superelevation transitions



**Existing Bridge** 



The Lunda Proposal constructs the new WB bridge offline. EB and WB traffic is moved from the existing bridge to the new WB bridge after construction, and then the existing bridge is removed. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ proposed WB bridge footprint is **108' +/-** from the existing centerline of I-70.



# IMPROVED LONG TERM SAFETY

- Geometric Improvements
- Oelineation
- Pavement Friction Treatments
  - Intelligent Transportation System
    - Roadside Safety





# COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND NEW



# CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1

- Traffic remains on existing bridge
- New WB bridge constructed
- Two lanes maintained in each direction
- Present to Late Spring 2023



# CONSTRUCTION PHASE 2

- All traffic moved onto new WB bridge
- Demolition of existing bridge
- New EB bridge constructed
- Two lanes maintained in each direction
- Lane and shoulder widths like existing
- Late Spring 2023 to Winter 2024



# PROJECT COMPLETION

Three lanes in each direction from
 Route BB to UPRR bridges



#### **NEW MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE**



Planview

# **OVERBANK PILE BENTS – 48" DIAMETER PIPE PILES**

- Minimizes Scour
- Eliminates cofferdams
- Minimizes forming
- Piles up to 133 ft long
- 3 pipe sections per pile
- Two 5 span units
- Longitudinally fixed for longitudinal stability
- Concrete filled to scour elev.
- Designed for scour



# **RIVER BRIDGE – DRILLED SHAFT BENTS**

- Minimizes Scour
- Eliminates cofferdams
- Combined WB & EB pier
- Strut above normal water elevations
- Designed for sour to bedrock in river
- Grade 80 rebar in shafts
- ChromX Gr 100 A1035 rebar in caps
- One 5 span unit
- Longitudinally fixed for longitudinal stability



#### **ROUTE BB**

- No geometric changes to ramps
- No impacts to adjacent properties
- Ramps repaved
- Route BB bridge reconstructed on existing alignment





#### LOOKING EAST FROM THE RIVER

 Working on west approach embankment and access

 Blasting rock for fill on the east & west approach

 Utilized wood chips made from tree debris from clear and grubbing process as erosion perimeter control



## LOOKING WEST ACROSS THE SCOUR HOLE

BLASTED ROCK FROM THE NORTHEAST QUAD WILL BE USED AS EAST APPROACH EMBANKMENT

# **SCOUR HOLE PROTECTION**







## WEST ABUTMENT AND SCOUR HOLE





West Abutment H-piles

**Muck Removal for Embankment** 

### **DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATIONS**





Drilling Shafts at Bent 12

#### **DRILLED SHAFT BENT 12 UNDER CONSTRUCTION**







Welding 48" Galvanized Pipe Piles

**Driving Pipe Pile** 

# **PIPE PILE FOUNDATIONS**

#### **PIPE PILE BENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



### **PIPE PILE BENTS COMPLETE**



#### EAST ABUTMENT FOOTING

- 1. Air rig drilling holes for grouting beneath footing
- 2. Grouting holes beneath footing
- 3. Footing formed





















## WB MAIN SPAN LIFT

2,078,000 lb

■360-ft length

Pair of 100T jacks (10" stroke)

All-thread bars









#### **PROJECT TIMELINE**



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE & PLAN

- MU Capstone Class
- #RoadtoRocheport
- #STEMStories
- Saturday Superintendent Talks



# MU ENGINEERING CAPSTONE CLASS

CAPSTONE STUDENTS RECENTLY VISITED THE PROJECT SITE TO TOUR THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF WORK SITE.



#### **STAY UP TO DATE ON THE PROJECT**

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#### I-70 ROCHEPORT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT





# QUESTIONS?