



BRIDGE OVER FRENE CREEK

HERMANN, MO

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PURPOSE & NEED

- 92 year old bridge



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- 20' Roadway Width
- Non-compliant sidewalks
- Very Rough Condition

PURPOSE & NEED

Roadway Width

- 100' North of Bridge
- 20' on the Bridge
- 24' South of Bridge



OPTIONS CONSIDERED

1

**Reconfigure
or Rehab**

2

**Superstructure
Replacement**

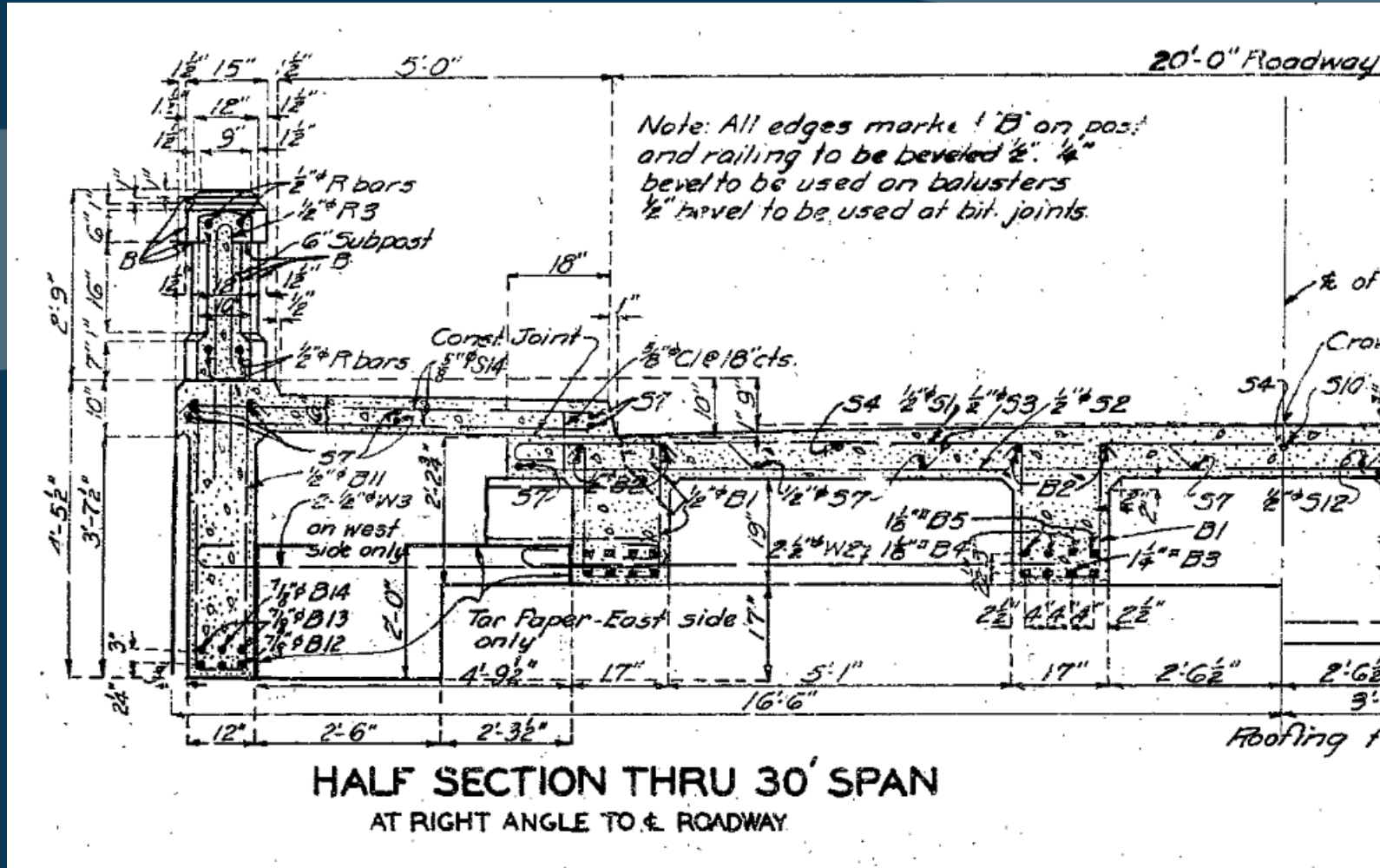
- Two or three spans

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New Bridge

- Single or three spans

RECONFIGURE OR REHAB



SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

General items

- Substructure in good condition.
- No load posting.
- New steel superstructure would be lighter than existing.

Number of Spans

- Three Spans would be most straight forward.
- Two spans was considered to improve hydraulics; however, it would increase load too much on one existing intermediate bent.

Types of Girders

- Prestressed Concrete was ruled out due to desire to reduce dead loads.
- Steel Wide Flange and Press Brake Tub Girders.

NEW BRIDGE

General items

- Would provide longest service life.
- Would require environmental and geotechnical investigations.
- Would not address overtopping of roadway and bridge without a very large investment.

New Three Span Bridge

- Would be hard to miss existing substructure piling.
- Would not improve hydraulics much.

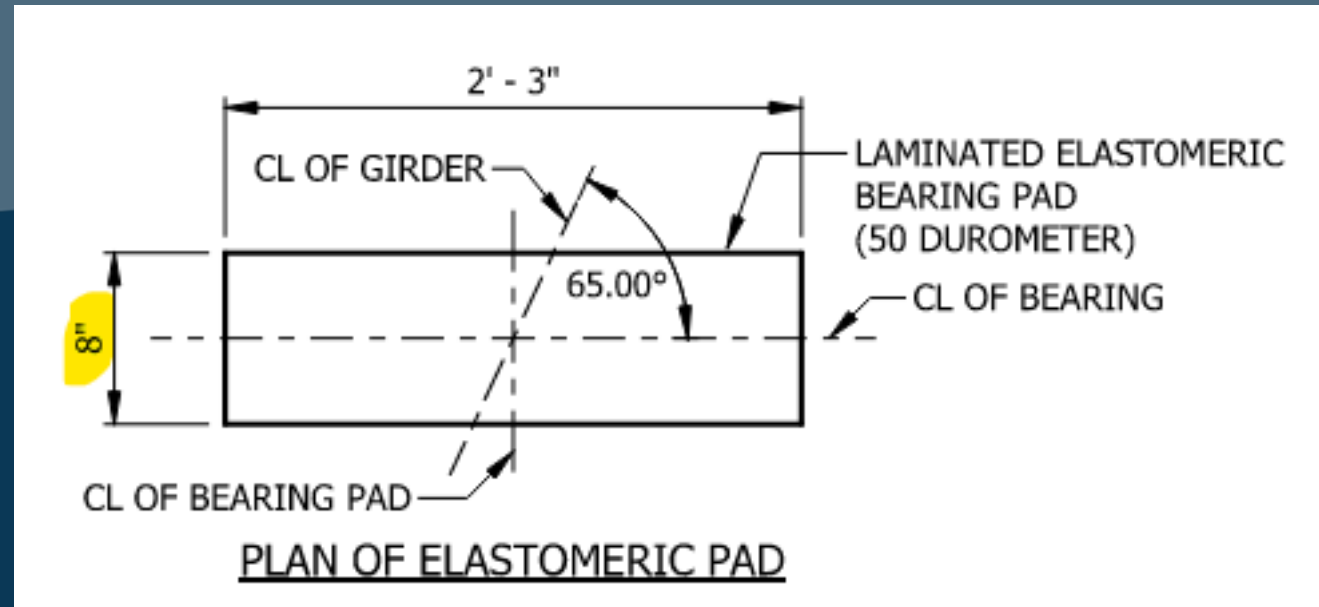
New Single Span Bridge

- Would improve hydraulics.
- Would require even more of a raise in grade.

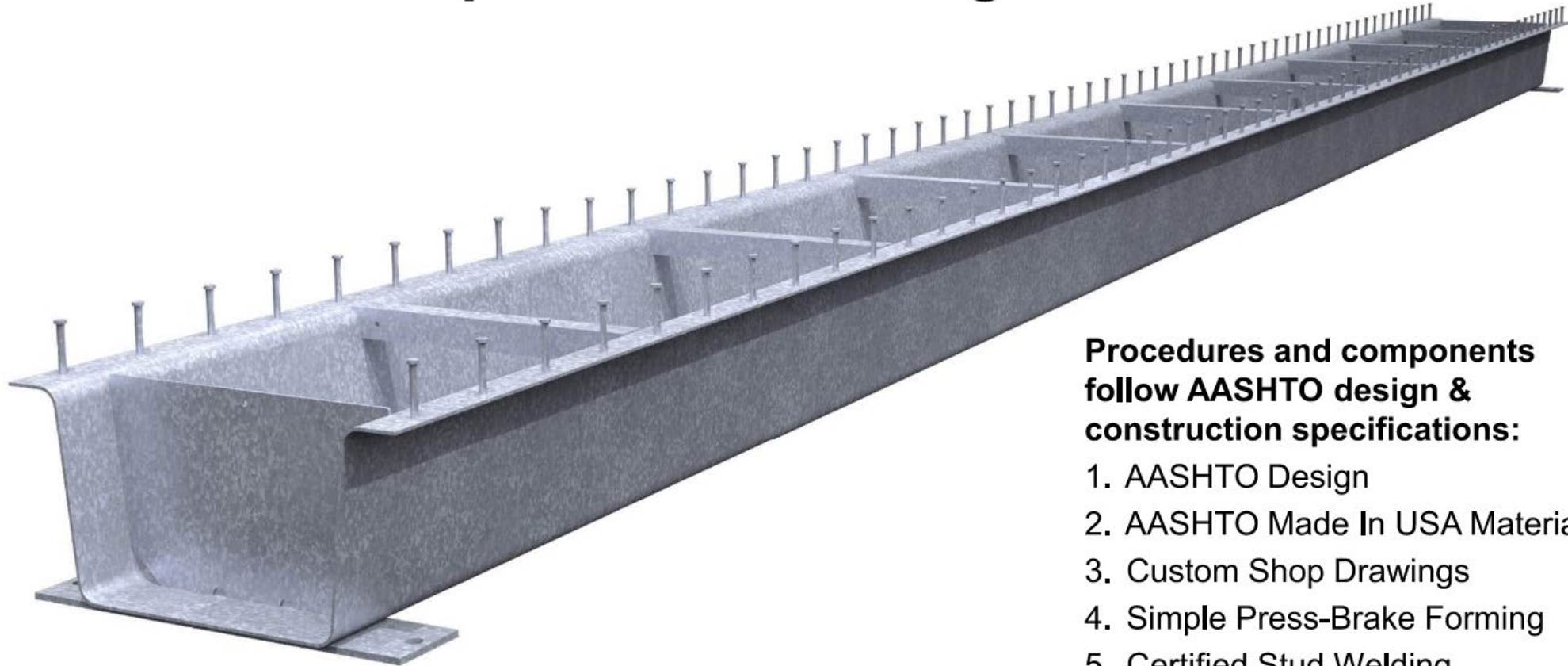
OPTION CHOSEN

- Core Team's Ideal Choice was a New Single Span Bridge
 - MoDOT Geotech was asked to determine spill slopes.
 - Even without new borings, it became apparent that spill slopes would be flatter than existing.
 - This would lead to an unacceptable raise in grade.
 - It would also not address the flooding concerns without raising the grade several feet, which would heavily impact local businesses and be very expensive.
- First Real Choice was a Three Span Superstructure Replacement – Practical Design.
- Steel Press Brake Tub Girders Were Chosen for the Following Reasons
 - MoDOT would receive an additional 5% in federal reimbursement for innovation.
 - More of the existing end bents could be utilized due to the shorter bearing pads.
 - Already galvanized. WF girders must use a separate facility to add galvanizing which adds lead time and cost risk.
 - MoDOT is a lead state for the AASHTO Innovation Initiative Focus Technology for PBTG. They wanted to use these girders on their system to evaluate and monitor.

OPTION CHOSEN



What is a steel press brake tub girder?



Procedures and components follow AASHTO design & construction specifications:

1. AASHTO Design
2. AASHTO Made In USA Material
3. Custom Shop Drawings
4. Simple Press-Brake Forming
5. Certified Stud Welding
6. Hot-Dipped Galvanized Coating

SIMPLIFIED MATERIAL HANDLING



**Lighter Weight,
Easy to Unload**

- Unload with light equipment, utilize a small excavator or a SkyTrak
- Stockpile multiple beams in a small area for tight site conditions
- Easy delivery access to any site

DESIGN RESPONSIBILITIES



Surveying
Hydraulics
Deck Design
Substructure Design
Roadway Design
Contract Plans
Aesthetics
Utility Coordination

valmont 

TEGcivil 

Superstructure Design
Plan Sheets for Girders/Bearings



HYDRAULICS

- Shallower Girders allowed slightly more freeboard without raising the grade.
- Backwater from the Missouri River will still flood this road/bridge occasionally.



STAGED CONSTRUCTION?

- Avoids a lengthy detour
- Higher cost
- Longer time frame

CLOSE THE ROAD?

- Detour on local roads is short; however, not suitable for trucks
- Lower cost
- Shorter time frame
- More likely to avoid peak tourist seasons

CLOSE THE ROAD!

- Road must be open in May, October and December
- 250,000 tourists per year

MAIFEST



OKTOBERFEST



CHRISTMAS



CLOSE THE ROAD!

- October Bid Letting
- January Notice-to-Proceed
- Contractor was given 75 calendar days
- Pick a window between June 1 and December 1

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CHRISTMAS



WATER AND SEWER LINES



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- Existing water and sewer lines attached to bridge
- Water line turned out to be abandoned
- Plan was to replace sewer line in kind with bypass pumping
- Just prior to bidding, city decided to reroute sewer off of bridge



BID LETTING

- October 2023 letting
- Can't close the road until summer 2024

	STATE FISCAL YEAR PROJECT BUDGETING					
	Prior	7/2023	7/2024	7/2025	7/2026	7/2027
	Prog	6/2024	6/2025	6/2026	6/2027	6/2028
Engineering:	37	319				
R/W:	1	0				
Construction:	0	1,223				

Bidder Name	Address	Published	Bid Amount
Don Schnieders Excavating Company, Inc.	1307 Fairgrounds Road Jefferson City MO 65109	Yes	\$1,259,505.35
E & C Bridge, LLC	PO Box 48 California MO 65018	Yes	\$1,297,383.35
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	2301 I-70 Drive NW Columbia MO 65202	Yes	\$1,328,533.29
K.J.U., Inc. dba K.J. Unnerstall Construction Co.	4923 South Point Road Washington MO 63090	Yes	\$1,392,700.00
Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	PO Box 104960 Jefferson City MO 65110-4747	Yes	\$1,516,332.15
S & A Equipment & Builders, LLC	PO Box 937 Fulton MO 65251	Yes	\$1,688,792.12

VALUE ENGINEERING

- One conceptual VE was submitted by the contractor
- It would have used WF beams in a simple for dead – continuous for live (SDCL) configuration
- Same superstructure depth and still galvanized
- Ended up being cost neutral for MoDOT because they could lose the extra 5% reimbursement for innovation

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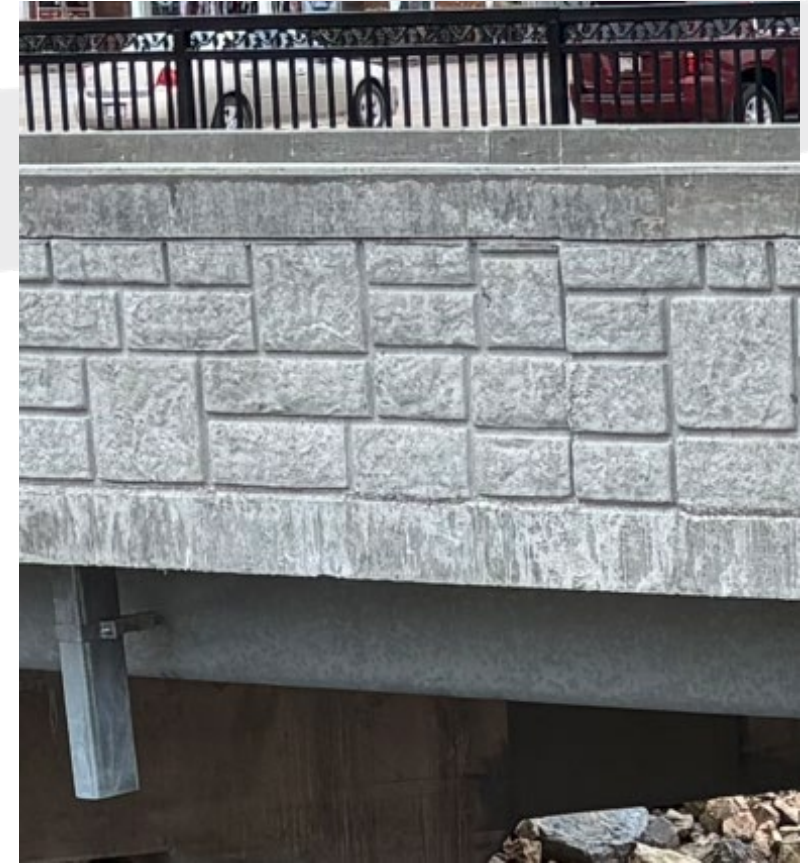
CONSTRUCTION



RESULTS



AESTHETICS BY CITY OF HERMANN



ADA AND ROADWAY DRAINAGE



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REFLECTIONS

- The use of Press Brake Tub Girders went smoothly.
- They are a good tool for projects that benefit from light, shallow girders.
- Engage fabricators early in the design process.
- MoDOT is also exploring SDCL (simple for dead, continuous for live) wide flange girders for similar situations.
- Push the utilities harder to make decisions earlier in the design process.



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