

### **Replacing the Aging US 52 Mississippi River Bridge**

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#### Project Overview

- US 52 / IL 64 over the Mississippi River
- Connecting Savanna, IL to Sabula, IA
- Illinois DOT Led Project
- Replacing Existing Cantilever Truss Bridge
  - 520 ft main span
- Extensive Coordination
  - Environmental and Permitting
  - Railroads and Utilities
- Proposed 546 ft Main Span Tied Arch
  - Steel Plate Girder Approaches
  - Drilled Shafts with Coffercell Footings

## Project Location



## Aerial View

- Sabula, IA
  - "Iowa's only island city"
  - Pop. 576
- Savanna, IL
  - "Sportman's Paradise"
  - Pop. 2,945



# Iowa Causeway





## National Fish & Wildlife Refuge



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# BNSF Railway



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# Mississippi Palisades State Park & Bluffs



## Mississippi River & Barges

The Upper Mississippi River System is the only waterbody in the nation that has been recognized by Congress as a "nationally significant ecosystem and a nationally significant commercial navigation system." (Section 1103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, PL 99-662)





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## History

- Constructed in 1932
- Savanna-Sabula Bridge Company
- Private Toll Bridge before being turned over to Iowa
- Illinois took over jurisdiction in 1987
- Listed as a Historic Structure in 1999



# Existing Bridge



- 947 ft Iowa Approach
- 282 ft Simple Span Truss
- 1,160 ft Cantilever Truss

- 520 ft main span
- 78 ft Illinois Approach
- 2,468 ft in total length

# Existing Bridge



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# Open Deck Grate



## Repairs

- Major repairs in 1985
- Minor repairs in 1999
- Partial replacement of steel grid deck in 2008
  - 28 day road closure and \$2.9M
  - Major out cry from public
- Identified more repairs in 2009
  - \$8M repairs + \$8M user cost
  - 9 month closure, 37 mile detour
- Future repairs?



## Key Issues

#### Structurally Deficient

- Entire Iowa approach substructure
- Repairs needed for truss spans
- Weight Limit

#### • Functionally Obsolete

- 2 narrow 10 ft lanes
- Trucks encroach into lane
- Tight turning radius
- Steel grid deck
- Remaining Service Life
  - 8 to 10 years in current state



## Average Daily Traffic (ADT) over the Mississippi



## Vital Transportation Link

- Education, Emergency and Jobs
- Nearest alternate crossings
  - Clinton, IA to Fulton, IL 20 miles south
  - Dubuque, IA to East Dubuque IL 45 miles north



### Constraints

- Iowa Causeway
  - Minimize Environmental Impacts
  - Minimize Causeway Construction
- Illinois Intersection
  - Between bluff and railroad
  - Minimal change to existing IL 84
  - Tie-in at highpoint
  - Limit ROW Impact
- Minimize grades to 4% if possible



## Navigation Clearance



#### Maintain Existing Clearances

- Channel near Illinois bank
- Steep grade with existing tie-in (> 4%)
- Minimal Superstructure Depth

## Navigation Channel Shift



#### • Approach USCG with Channel Shift

- Proposed 200 ft shift to west
- Agreed to 150 ft shift to west
- Maintain 350 ft channel during construction
- 7.5 ft superstructure depth and 4% max grade

# Bridge Type Study

• Evaluated 3 Types – Tied Arch, Cable-stayed, Plate Girder



## Bridge Type Study Evaluation

#### Criteria

- Initial Cost
- Inspection & Maintenance
- Durability
- Constructability
- Structure Depth
- Aesthetics
- Environmental Impacts
- Geotech
- Hydraulics
- Future Widening

## Results

- Tied Arch
  - Float-in Erection
  - Replaceable Deck
- Cable-stayed
  Not fracture critical
- Similar costs
- Selected Tied Arch
  - Less length of complex structure
  - IDOT familiarity

### Preliminary Design Development

#### Advance Structural Decisions before Final Design

- Vessel Collision Study
- Approved Design Criteria
- Optimized Span Layout / Pier Locations
- Foundation Type Study
- Tied Arch Concepts Advanced
  - Sections defined and sized (H, I, Box)
  - Floor beam sized and spacing optimized
  - Hanger arrangement and spacing
  - Floating deck concept advanced
  - Stringer fixities defined
- Final Design completed in 12 months to meet schedule

### Proposed Structure





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### **River Pier Foundations**

- Minimal cost aesthetic enhancement for arch piers
- Rock close to surface in IL
- 130 ft of sand + on IA side
- Deep river pool
- Waterline footings





### Drilled Shaft with Coffercell



## Tied Arch



- 546 ft span, 100 ft rise, span to rise ~ 5.5:1
- Floor Beam Spacing 31'-9"

### Cross Section



### Floating Floor System

- Replaceable deck with 1 lane of traffic
- Stringers spanning over floor beams
  - Bearings at center span fixed
  - Elastomeric bearings elsewhere
  - Deck full length of span
  - Allows deck replacement half at a time
  - Deck connected to tie at center
- Lower lateral K bracing for wind
  - Braces floor beam at mid-span
- Galvanized floor system
  - Lengths under 60 ft
  - Corrosion protection

### Tie Girder and Lower Hanger

- Bolted Box Tie full length
  - Tab plates
  - 6 ft deep
  - HPS50W
- Hanger connection offset from Floor beam
  - Simplifies detailing
- Connection precompressed
- 4 anchor rods provide redundancy
- Shim plates for length adjustment



### Arch Rib and Upper Hanger

- Welded Box Rib
  - Longitudinal stiffener
  - 5 ft deep
- Hanger connection offset from bracing connection
  - Simplifies detailing
- Two hangers
  - minimize strand size
  - easier replacement
- Hanger connections bolted to rib



## Upper Bracing

- X-bracing chosen
  - Smaller members than Vierendeel
  - Tension & Compression only
  - More modern look than K-bracing
- HSS 16x16
  - Efficient member section
  - Consistent box section
- Galvanized
  - Corrosion protection on inside of box
  - Distinct contrast with blue rib
  - Low maintenance / impact to traffic



### Constructability Review

- Provided IDOT a constructability review
  - During preliminary design phase

#### Parsons Construction Group

- Experience in Large River Bridge Construction
- Identified staging and access areas
- Identified potential construction issues
- Provided IDOT a contractor style estimate
  - Preliminary and Final Design

# Aerial View





# May 2016– Retaining Wall along IL 84


# June 2016 – Retaining Wall along IL 84



## Retaining Wall along IL 84



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### Substructure Construction



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# Wirth Drill on Pier 9



## The Perils of River Work



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# Pump Trucks on Barge





# Pier Coffercell Construction



### **River Pier Construction**



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# Pier 5 – Pier 8 8,000 Cubic Yards of Concrete



#### Structural Steel Erection















## Steel Tied Arch Erection



### Manitowoc MLC 300

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# MLC 300-VPC Max



# The Right Crane For the Right Job



#### Steel Tied Arch Erection





#### Arch Erection Falsework





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### Topping Out – August 2017







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#### Arch Erection Geometry Control



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# September 2017




#### Race to the Finish



### Ribbon Cutting – November 17, 2017



## Ribbon Cutting



#### Demolition – March 9, 2018



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# Questions?



#### Thank You!

