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#### Project Overview – Higgins Road



- Hoffman Estates, IL
- 30 miles NW of Chicago
- Twin two-lane bridges span over I-90
- Currently 26,000 vehicles per day increasing to 43,000 in 2040



#### **Project Overview**



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- High voltage power lines
- Large diameter water main
- Large diameter gas mains
- Oil pipeline
- Historic farm properties
- Forest preserve



# **Project Overview**

- Two spans at 280 feet = 560 feet
- Long enough to cross
  - $_{\circ}$  a 6-lane road
  - $_{\circ}$  a 4-lane road
  - AND a 20-lane freeway...
  - $_{\circ}$  With room to spare



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#### Design



## Design

- Stub abutments behind 600 ft long soldier pile walls
- Modular swivel type expansion joints at each abutment
- Multi-column pier supported on 4 rows of battered piles



## **Behavior of Skewed Structures**

- Girder differential vertical deflection causes lateral deflections and twist
- Shifting of load between girders creates torsion and changes the vertical and horizontal reactions
- Cross-frames attempt to equalize adjacent girder deflections



## **Framing Plan**

- Integrated system behavior is recognized with framing plan arrangement
- Continuous versus staggered diaphragms
  - ∘ Manage Uplift
  - Flange Lateral Bending



## **Framing Plan**

- Selectively remove cross-frames near the pier
  Nuisance stiffness, reduce transverse load paths
- Use full-depth diaphragms at interior pier location
  Attract load at two distinct locations
- Use staggered cross-frame pattern at skewed ends
  Eliminate the transverse load paths



## **Framing Plan**

Opposite direction of rotation between span 1 and 2



### 3D Finite Element Analysis

- Properly model girder torsional stiffness and warping stiffness
- Can account for load shifting between girders
- Explicitly model all cross-frame members and full-depth diaphragms
- 2D grid analysis inaccurate results:
  o Cross-frame forces
  - Bearing Reactions
  - Girder displacements



## **Steel Details**

- Full-depth end diaphragm (length ~ 23.5 ft)
  o Too long for a K-type cross-frame
- Auxiliary stiffeners (back-up stiffeners)





# **End Diaphragm**

- Full-depth diaphragm connected to bent stiffener plate
- Bolted jacking stiffener installed after end diaphragm due to conflict



# Full-Depth Diaphragm at Pier

 Detail to avoid interference with fixed bearing at skewed pier





# **Fit Condition**

- Severe skew leads to:
  - Out-of-plumb webs after dead load is applied
  - Excessive bearing rotation
  - Try to control this rotation via detailing
- AASHTO Article 6.7.2
  - Fit condition to be specified in the plans
- 3 choices:
  - $_{\circ}$  No load fit (NLF)
  - Steel dead load fit (SDLF)
  - $_{\rm o}$  Total dead load fit (TDLF)



Cross-frames connect to girder locations that have different dead load deflections (differential).

For SDLF and TDLF the cross-frames are forced into place and the girders are twisted out of plumb during the erection.

Figure courtesy of Ronnie Medlock (High Steel).

# **Detailing and Fit**

- For SDLF and TDLF the crossframes are forced into place and the girders are twisted out of plumb during the erection
- Steel Dead Load Fit (SDLF) chosen
  Disc bearing can accommodate
  - rotations
    - Concrete dead load
    - Live load
  - Erection simpler and faster than TDLF
    - Due to larger girder size
  - Limited construction windows



## **Pier Design: Effect of Skew**

Opposite direction of rotation between span 1 and 2





# Pier Design

- Severe skew and fixed bearing condition led to high lateral forces in opposite directions
- Segmented pier:
  - Better accommodate internal thermal force demands
  - Reduce torsion in pier cap
- Circular columns directly under girders to effectively carry vertical reaction
- Intermediate circular columns to effectively resist fixed horizontal bearing reactions





# Pier Cap Design

- End Result:
  - Horizontal bearing reactions approximately equal to vertical reactions
- High torsional demand
  No. 10 bars all around
- Special design considerations at fixed bearing locations





#### Concrete Anchorage Design

- Specialized approach with seismiclike detailing
  - Supplemental horizontal and vertical stirrups
  - Welded hoop bars
  - Embedded anchor bolts
  - $_{\circ}$  Bar terminators
- Use of parametric tools
  - Clash detection
  - Verify sequence





## **Bearing Design**

- High Load Multi-Rotational Bearings
- Disc bearings were specified (rotation at abutments > 0.05 radians)





Anchor bolts threaded through embedded plate -



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## **Shop Fit-Up**



## Pier

Welded hoop bars to confine core for anchorage



## **Pier Cap Detailing**

Bar Terminator



Anchorage



## **Deck Placement**

Placement of concrete along skew to load girders equally



## **Deck Placement**

Bridge Paver rails extended to approach





#### Swivel Type Modular Expansion Joint

- Multi-directional movement capability
- Detail girders and end diaphragms to accommodate joint
- Special closure pour at joints
  - To minimize movement due to dead load effects (racking)
  - To reduce shrinkage effects



#### Sometimes it's the little things...



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# Summary

- Consider 3D FE analysis for severely skewed supports
- Recognize alternative load paths at severely skewed supports
- Be cognizant of high lateral forces at fixed bearings of a skewed support
- Specify fit condition for the girders and cross-frames
- Consider shop assembly to verify fit-up
- Place deck concrete along skew







#### Be aware of the effects of severe skew on staff!



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## QUESTIONS.....



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