


ROUTE 33 BRIDGES

Overview and Construction Issues

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Existing Conditions

- Eltham Bridge over the Pamunkey River
 - 2-lane structure posted for legal load limits with a Warren Through Truss Swing Span
- Lord Delaware Bridge over the Mattaponi River
 - 2-lane structure posted for legal load limits with a Warren Through Truss Swing Span
- Route 33 through the Town of West Point
 - 3-lane curb & gutter roadway with an at grade railroad crossing

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Project Purpose


- Replace the existing bridges at the Town of West Point over the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers
- Eliminate the at grade Railroad Crossing
- Widen existing Route 33 through the Town of West Point to accommodate two through lanes of traffic East & West plus turning lanes

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Eltham Bridge


- 5,354' long structure
 - Spanning the Thorofare Creek, Pamunkey River, marsh, and existing railroad crossing
- 4-12' lanes with 10' shoulders each side
- Double leaf bascule span over the channel with a minimum vertical clearance of 55' at Mean High Tide
- Brick pilasters on pier caps and lighting

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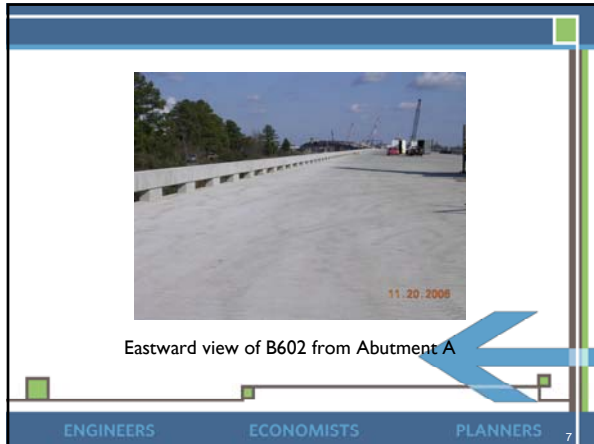
Bascule Test Lift

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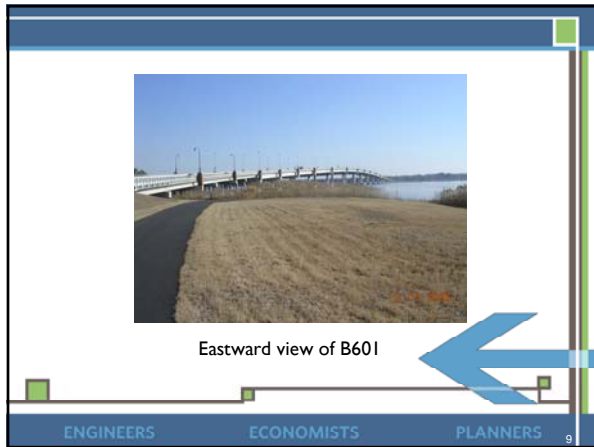
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Lord Delaware Bridge

- 3,545' long structure
 - Spanning the Mattaponi River and marsh
- 4-12' lanes with 10' shoulders each side
- Fixed span with a minimum vertical clearance of 55' at Mean High Tide over the channel
- Brick pilasters on pier caps and lighting

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Route 33 Roadway

- 5-12' lanes with a right turn lane at the intersection of Route 30
- Curb & gutter typical
- Brick sidewalks and crosswalks with landscaping, benches, trash receptacles, and lighting on both sides


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Intersection of F Street and Route 33 pavers

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Crosswalk pavers and the intersection of Route 33 and Route 30

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Prestressed Concrete Bulb-T Girder Design


- Bulb-T allows for longer span lengths
- Two Units of Spliced Post Tensioned Prestressed Concrete Bulb-T girders
 - Spans of 200'-240'-240'-200' each bridge
- Reduced the number of piers in deep water
- Competitive and economical when compared with structural steel
- Minimum maintenance in corrosive salt water environment

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Haunch girders and Bulb T

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Haunch girders and Bulb T

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Girder Design

- All prestressed concrete girders
 - 8,000 psi
- Span lengths less than 120'
 - Class A5 concrete
- Span lengths over 120'
 - Class A5 Lightweight Aggregate Concrete
 - Unit weight of 115 pcf

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Deck Design


- Spans less than 120'
 - Class A4 concrete
 - 4,000 psi
- Spans over 120'
 - Class A5 Lightweight Aggregate Concrete
 - 5,000 psi
 - Unit weight of 110 pcf




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Substructure Design


- Footers in the river designed to withstand ship collisions
- Class A3 Mass concrete for river elements
- Minimum concrete cover of 4" for re-steel
- Pile bents for marsh approach spans
- 24" prestressed concrete piles
- 66" prestressed concrete cylinder piles for bascule footers




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66" Concrete piles



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Bridge footing formwork



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Context Sensitive Philosophy Used For Design


- Landscaping
- Overlooks
- Bike/pedestrian trail
- Seating areas
- Brick pavers for sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections
- Antique light posts for street lighting to match Town's
- Brick pilasters on bridges



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Concrete Quantities

- Class A3 Concrete
 - 30,406 CY
- Class A4 Concrete
 - 10,723 CY
- Class A5 Lightweight Aggregate Concrete
 - 12,574 CY
- Not including the concrete in girders, KC-Rail, or piles



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Research Efforts

- Virginia Transportation Research Council
 - Evaluating the use of Self Consolidating Concrete for prestressed concrete girders on Pamunkey project
 - Monitoring spliced girders
 - Instrumentation
 - Monitoring ground improvement pile fills
 - Instrumentation
 - Field sampling and testing some of the concrete as it is being placed in deck

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Construction Issues

- River footing elevations
- Sequence of deck pours for spliced PT girders
 - Access
- Pumping of Lightweight Aggregate Concrete
- Spliced PT girder closures
- Tooth expansion joint installation
- Pressure wave monitoring

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Tidewater falsework

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McLean falsework

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Construction Issues

- Re-Steel
 - Schedules & Detailing
 - Conflict at column/footer splice
 - Conflict at column/cap overlap
 - Extra moment steel in decks conflicting with shear connections with minimum bolster

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Reinforcing steel out of footing for columns

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Construction Issues

- Bascule
 - Concrete grid filled deck placement
 - Cantilever corbels for barrier/warning gates
 - Balancing
 - Counterweight clearance



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Most important

- **Involve and use your designer throughout the construction process**



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Questions?



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