



# Bridge Design Alternatives for the Joint Transportation Committee Washington State Legislature

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**355 Bridge Design  
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All Bridges Built  
Because They Were  
Lowest Cost**





**Sunshine Skyway Bridge, FL**



**Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct, NC  
National Park Service**



**Natchez Trace Parkway Arches, TN  
National Park Service**

**3 Presidential Awards**  
**through the National Endowment for the Arts**  
**-Only 5 ever for Bridges-**



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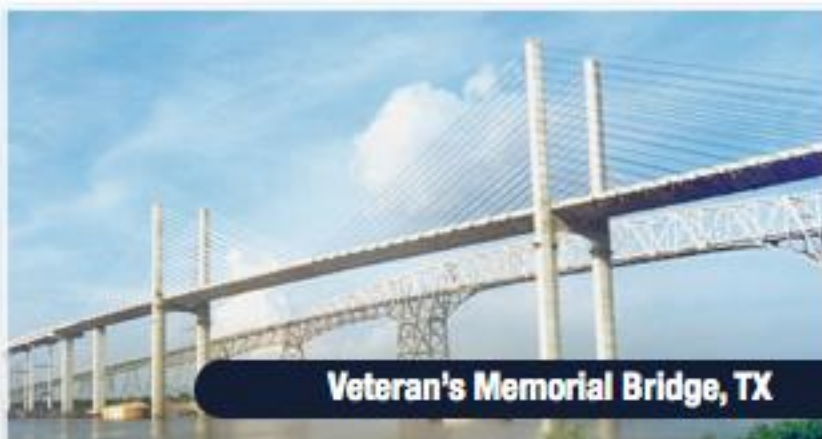
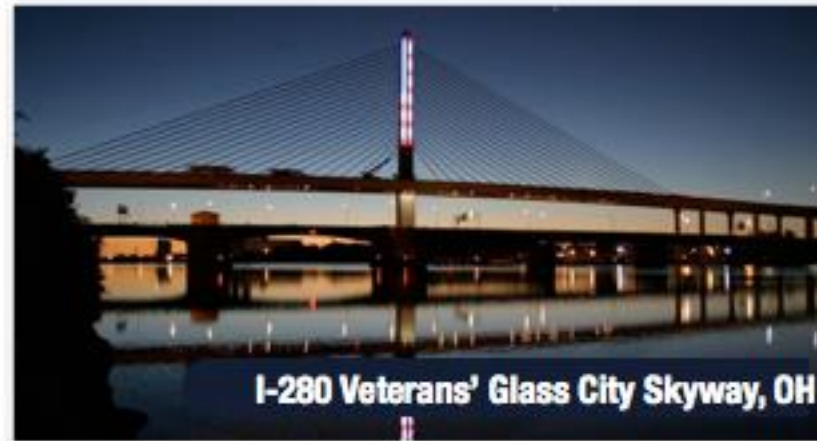
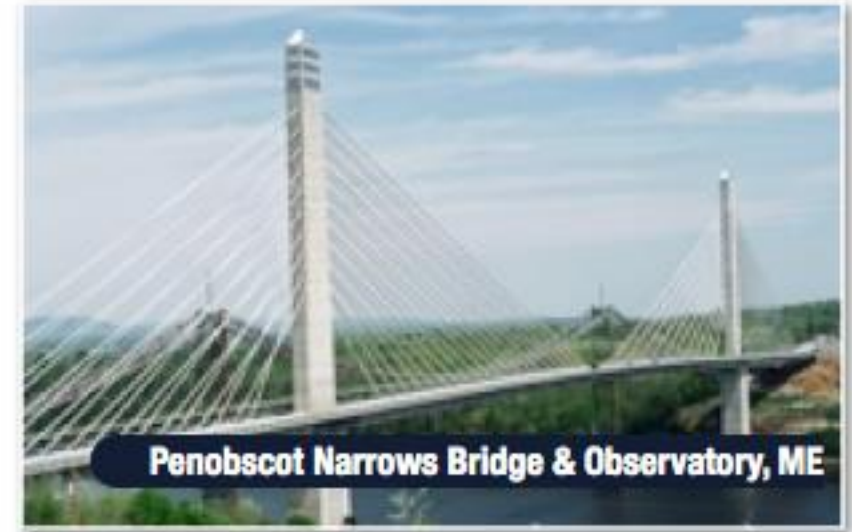
# FIGG Has Delivered the Most Long Span Concrete Cable-Stayed Bridges in America

**13 built concrete cable-stays in U.S.**

**11 FIGG responsible charge**

**7 Engineer of Record - A first for each state**

**5 Precast concrete - Engineer of Record  
For All of them**

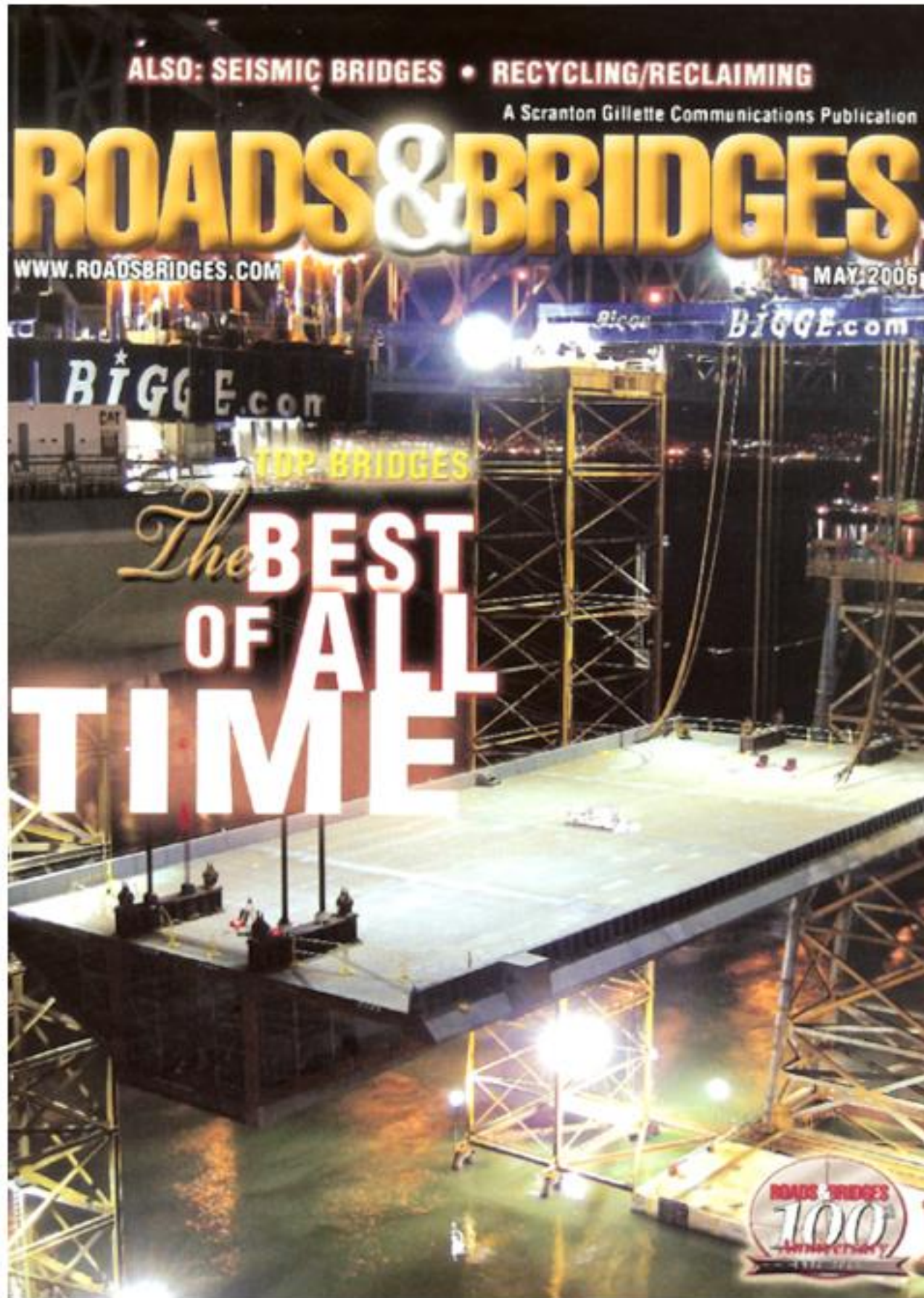


# FIGG Has Delivered the Most Long Span Concrete Bridges in America

54 built long-span concrete bridges from 300' to 1200' spans as Engineer of Record

An unsurpassed record of success in closing long spans concrete bridges





**FIGG**

**6 of the Top 25 Bridges  
of all time**



# **FIGG Bridges showcased on 7 television shows in the last 14 years**



**History of Concrete 2000 - Modern Marvels  
(All major bridges designed by FIGG)**

**Overseas Highway 2003 - Modern Marvels  
(Seven Mile Bridge, FL Keys)**



**Sunshine Skyway Bridge 2004 - Modern Marvels  
(Skyway Bridge, Tampa FL)**



**History of Arches 2004 - Modern Marvels  
(Natchez Trace Parkway Arches, TN)**



**Mountain Roads 2007 - Modern Marvels  
(Blue Ridge Parkway, NC)**



**Super Bridge 2003 - 2 hour PBS/NOVA Special  
Clark Bridge, IL**

**Twin City Bridge: After the Collapse 2009 - Nat Geo  
(New I-35W Bridge, Minnesota)**





**RAIL BRIDGES**



**ARCHES**



**CABLE STAYED BRIDGES**



**ENVIRONMENTAL BRIDGES**



**URBAN BRIDGES**



**LONG BRIDGES OVER WATER**



**LONG SPAN BRIDGES**

Every bridge has a story.  
It begins with

a **Vision**



I-275 Sunshine Skyway Bridge

I - 275 Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Tampa Bay, Florida

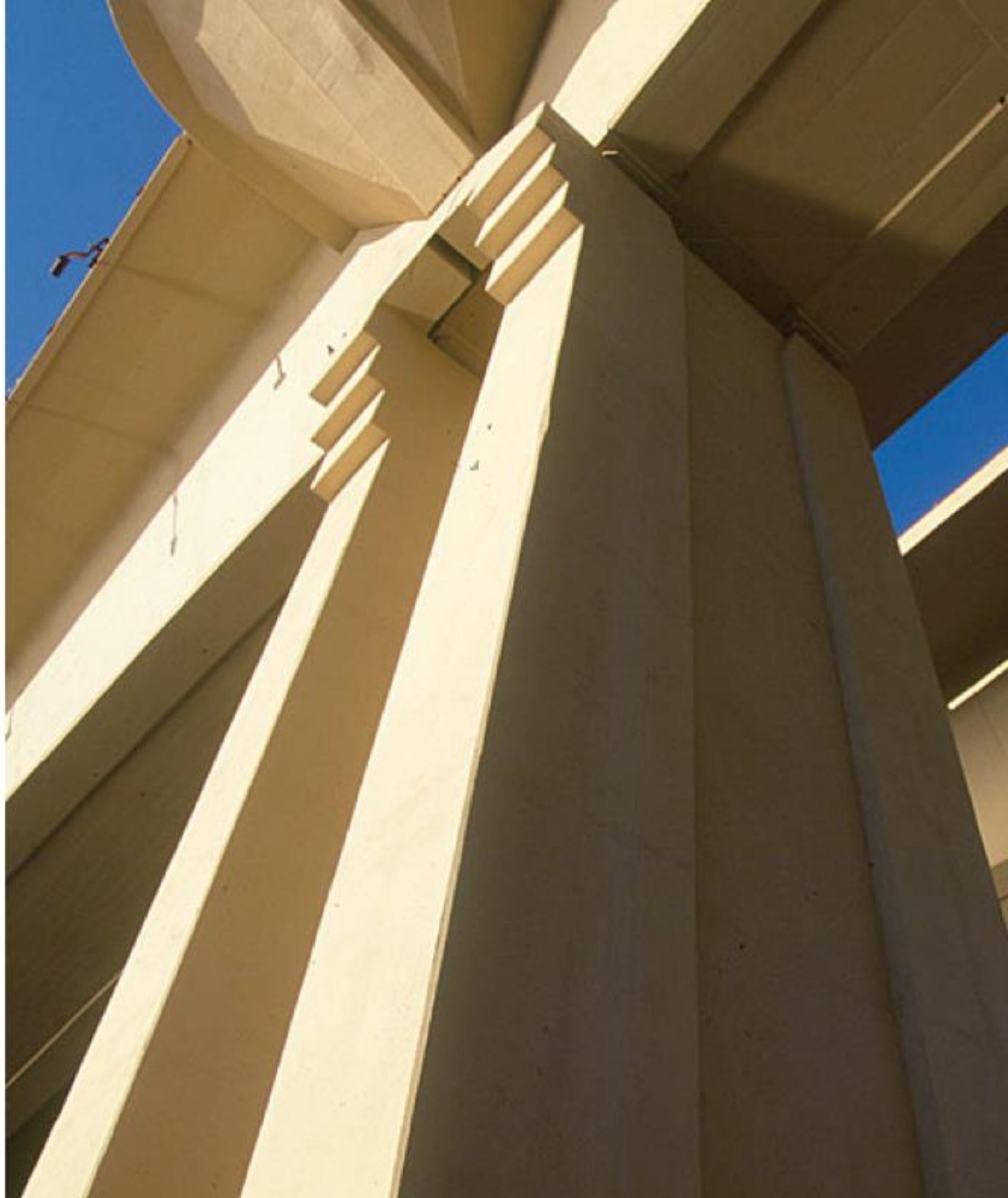
# Community Vision





**Signature Design**

# Functional Sculpture



# Constructibility





# **Environmental Sensitivity**



# Harmony with Environment



# Context Sensitive Design



# Technical Innovation



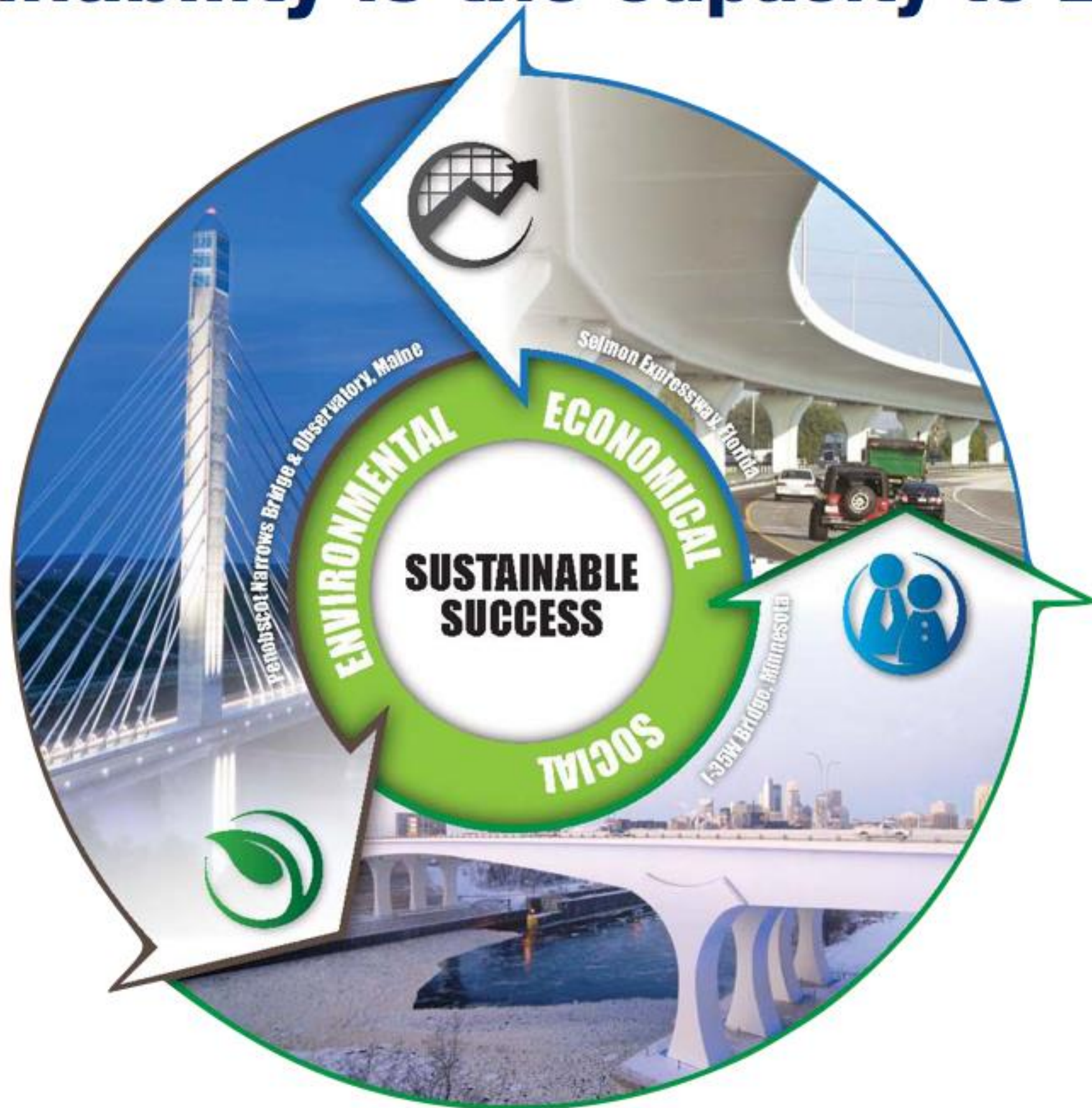
# Spirit of People





**Timeless**

# Sustainability is the Capacity to Endure



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# **Applying FIGG Archetypal Design Principals to Concrete Bridges**

**Establish a Theme**

**Blend Shapes**

**Create Shadows**

**Select Appropriate Textures**

**Choose Pleasing Colors**

**Open New Vistas**

**Use Native Materials**

**Create Feature Lighting**

**Incorporate Landscaping**



**New I-35W Bridge, MN**



— Sky

— Land

— Water



**Concrete Segmental Bridges  
are a Sustainable Solution**





# **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Concrete Segmental Bridges are **COOL**

**Protect air, water and land**

**Protect ecosystem**

**Reduce green house gases**

**carbon footprint**

**Low energy use**



**Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct  
Grandfather Mountain, NC**

**FHWA  
Owner - National Park Service**



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**Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct  
Grandfather Mountain, NC**

**Built from Above**



**Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct  
Grandfather Mountain, NC**



**Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct  
Grandfather Mountain, NC**

**Black Iron Oxide Matches Boulders**





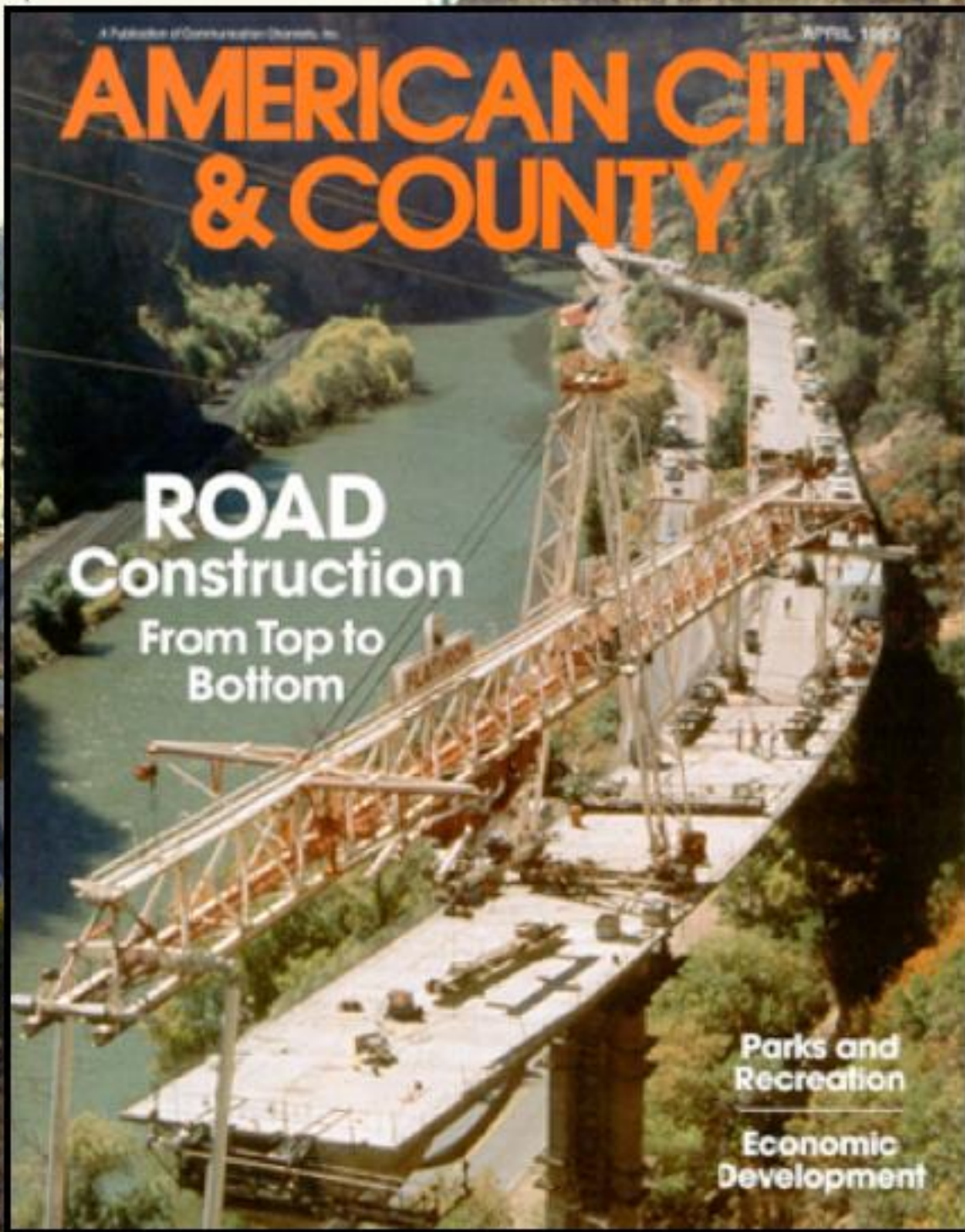
## **Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct Grandfather Mountain, NC**

**Complements the Physical Setting While  
Preserving Scenic, Aesthetic and  
Environmental Resources**



## **I-70 Hanging Lake Viaduct Between Vail & Aspen, Colorado**

**9 bridges through canyon  
Built by Flatiron**



# I-70 Hanging Lake Viaduct Between Vail & Aspen, Colorado





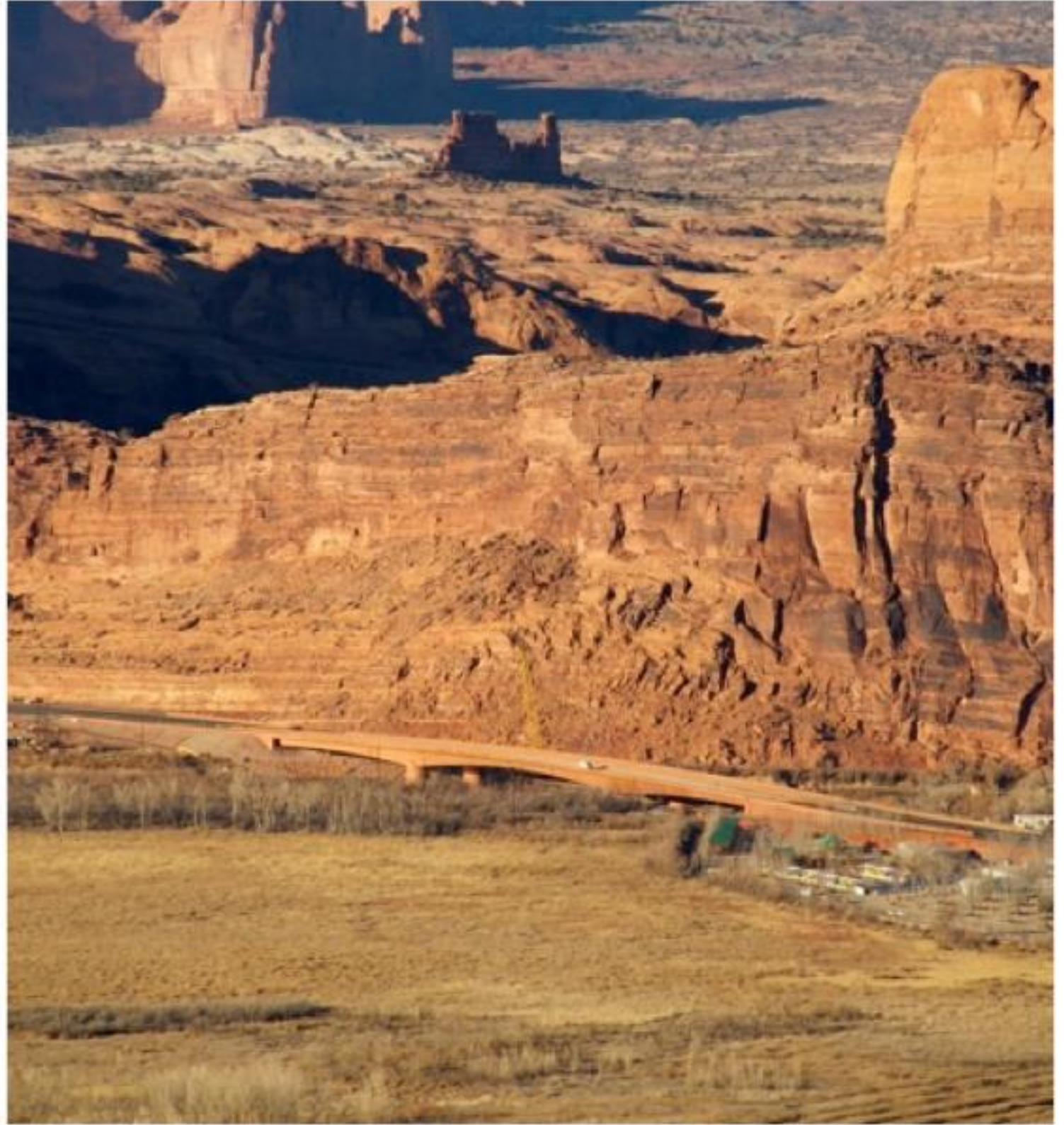
## **I-70 Hanging Lake Viaduct Between Vail & Aspen, Colorado**

**Angular piers compliment  
rocky terrain**



**US 191 Colorado River Bridge  
Moab, Utah**

**Near Arches National Park**



## **Bridge Born of the Earth**

**Bridge Color and stone texture on piers selected by the community blend the bridge with canyon surroundings**

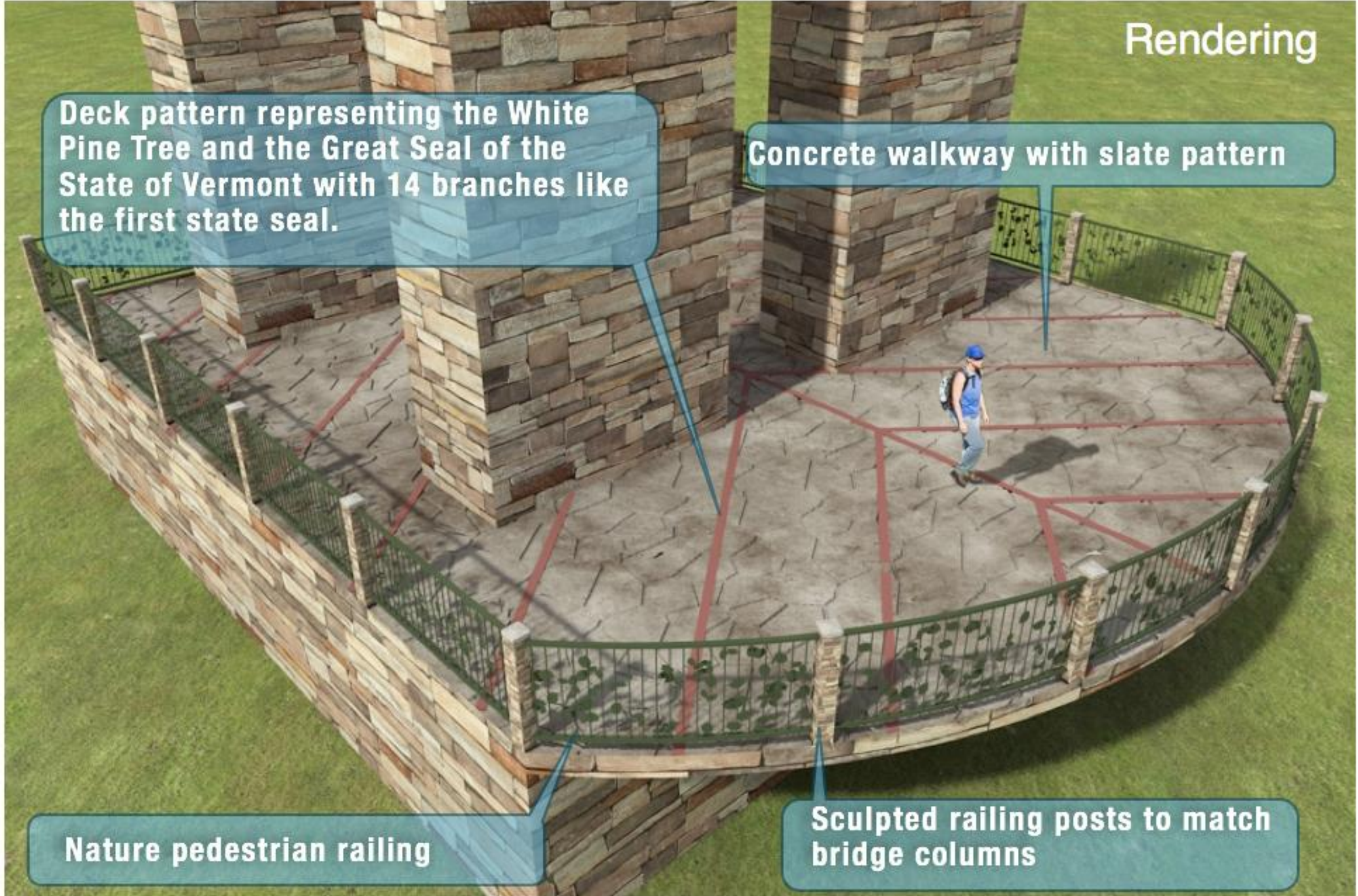
# Vermont: A Bridge To Nature



**I-91 Brattleboro Bridge  
Brattleboro, Vermont**

**\$60 Million,  
Design Build - PCL/FIGG Team  
Construction Complete Spring 2016**

# Viewing Platforms - Gallery of the Natural Habitat







Rendering

**I-91 Brattleboro Bridge  
Brattleboro, Vermont**

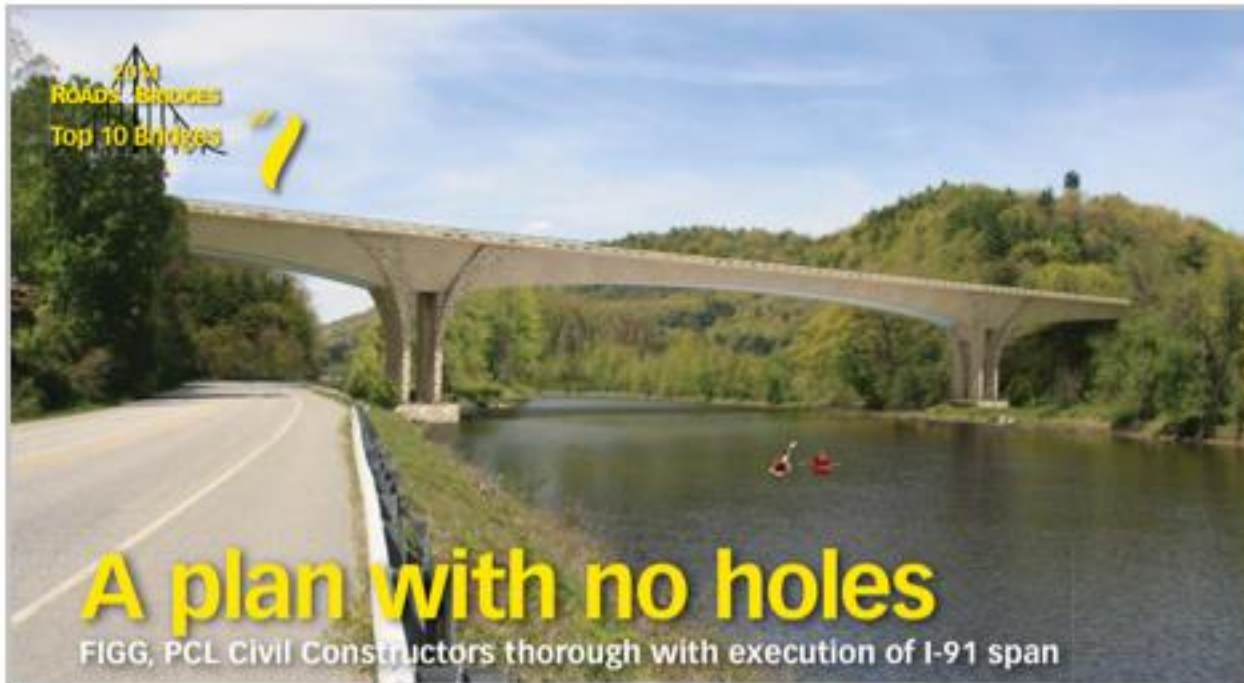




Rendering

**I-91 Brattleboro Bridge  
Brattleboro, Vermont**

**Future Pedestrian Bridge**



By Bill Wilson  
Editorial Director

**W**hen putting together a complicated 3-D puzzle, you really cannot build around a missing piece.

As FIGG and PCL Civil Constructors were attempting to mold together the first pier table of the I-91 Brattleboro Bridge in Vermont in late October, extreme measures were being taken to make sure there was not a void in the process.

"As you extend up from those piers that are curving in two different directions at the same time, we are putting [what amounts to] a three-story building of concrete right on top of those four piers," Garrett Hoffman, project manager for FIGG, told *Roads & Bridges*. "So having the diaphragms to distribute that load from the bridge down into the piers like that, it's requiring a lot of steel and that complexity is taking a while to complete."

"There's a lot of reinforcement and a lot of congestion, and it becomes a very big 3-D puzzle."

Those double-acting piers Hoffman referred to are the centerpiece of a whole gallery of engineering innovation, which made the I-91 Brattleboro Bridge the obvious choice for No. 1 on this year's *Roads & Bridges* Top 10 Bridges list. It's actually called a quad wall pier system. An opening sits between two walls so that there are actually four legs of the column, which is supposed to have the look of a giant tree.

In late October, construction of pier No. 1 on the south side of the West River was complete, ushering in the complex handling of the diaphragm and its 300-yd concrete pour, and crews were already on lift two (which is about 70 ft off the ground) of pier No. 2 on the north end. The goal: to have the pier table on No. 1 complete by Christmas, so forms travelers could be installed and the first segment could be cast before cold weather settled in.

"They want to get one segment done and a cycle behind them before the hard winter sets in, so they are not dealing with learning a cycle time for a segment as well as dealing with the hardships of winter," said Hoffman.

After last winter it's no wonder tensions were running high heading into November. During the polar vortex of 2014, Mother Nature gave Vermont a reprieve in January with a couple days of mild winter. The spike in temperature, however, unleashed a huge rush of water that was plugged farther upstream, and when frigid conditions returned the next day PCL Civil Constructors found its equipment literally frozen in the West River.

Hoffman said they are now out of that danger zone because no machines are in the water, but winter will still be a challenge due to the amount of concrete curing that is set to take place. Additional insulation in the form of tenting, burlap and blankets will be used to create an ideal environment for strengthening



**PROJECT:** I-91 Brattleboro Bridge  
**LOCATION:** Brattleboro, VT  
**OWNER:** Vermont Agency of Transportation  
**DESIGNER:** FIGG  
**CONTRACTOR:** PCL Civil Constructors  
**COST:** \$60 million  
**START DATE:** September 2013  
**COMPLETION DATE:** April 2016

# Roads & Bridges Magazine #1 Bridge of 2014

## 70' Tall Piers



**Cascades Connector Pedestrian  
Bridge, Tallahassee, Florida**

**Eco-Friendly Park Bridge  
Construction Starts in 2015**

# East County Bridge Project

Between Clark County, Washington & Multnomah County, Oregon  
Crossing the Columbia River



# Overall Bridge Layout

10,995' long

4 lane bridge

Design Build / Turnkey

PCL/FIGG





**East End Bridge Rendering**

**Alignment is away from homes.  
Convenient connection to  
commercial areas**

**410' - 480' span lengths**

# Example Theme of Nature inspired by Washington and Oregon Trees



**Ponderosa Pine**



**Sitka Spruce**



**Quaking Aspen**





**East End Bridge Rendering**

**East County Bridge Project  
Between Clark County, Washington  
& Multnomah County, Oregon**

**Connecting Communities**



# **ECONOMICAL**

**Cost and Time Savings**

**Local Economic Benefits**

**Resource Efficiency**

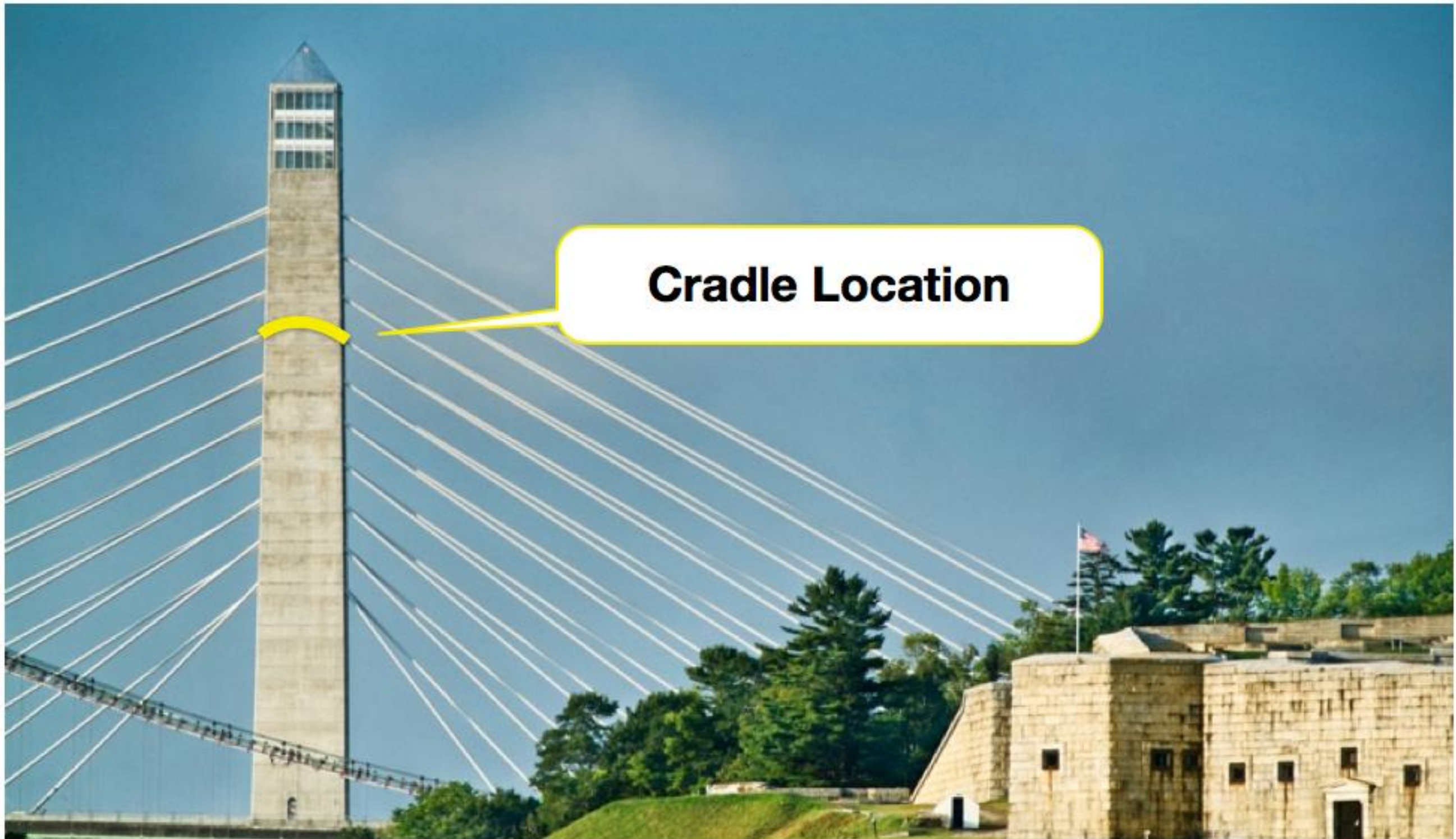
**Life Cycle Cost Benefits**



## **Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory, Maine**

**Local economic development  
\$ 74 million cable stayed bridge**

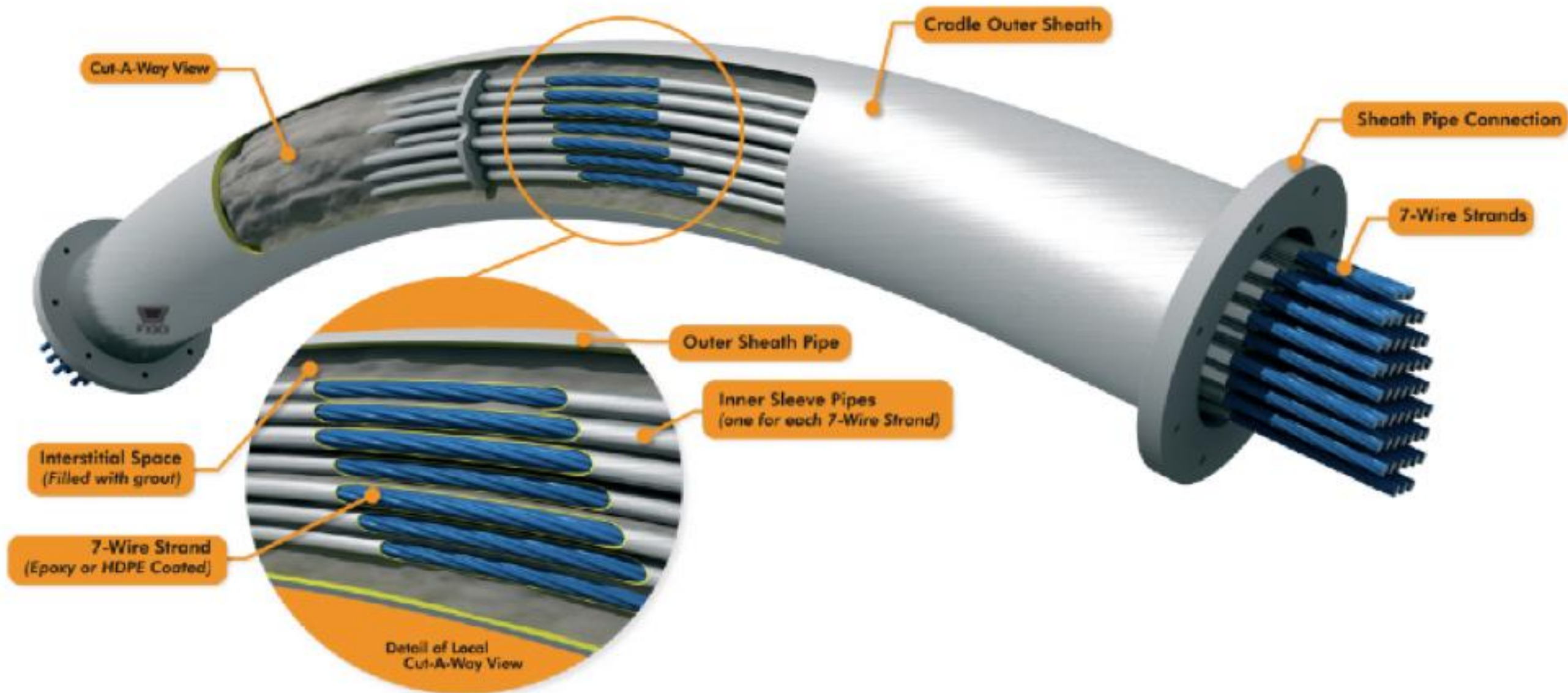
# Innovative Cable Stay Cradle



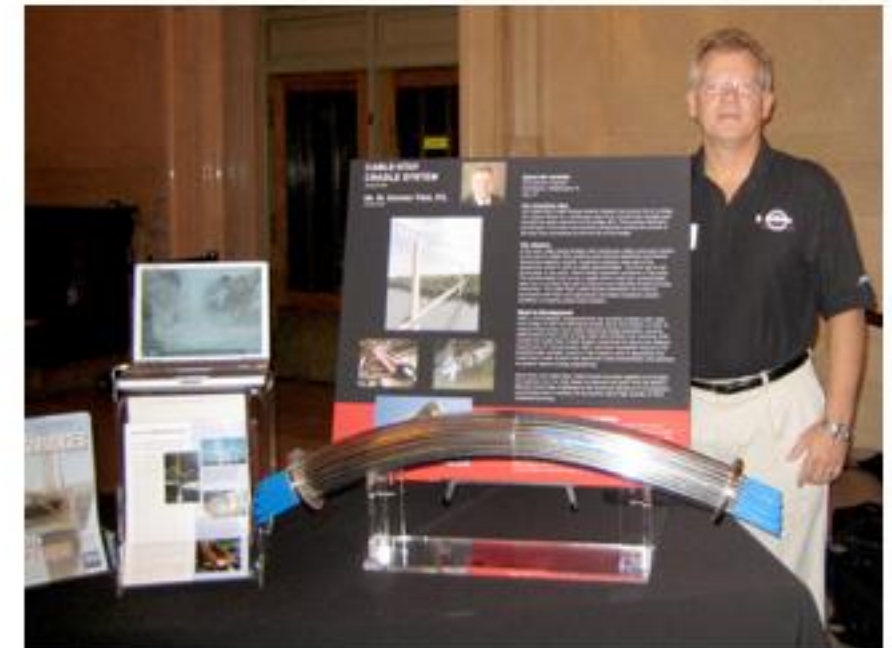
**Ft. Knox State Park in Maine**

# FIGG Patented Cable Stay Cradle

Lowest maintenance cable-stayed solution creating over 100 year life



**Removes 50% of the anchors, 50% of the operations**

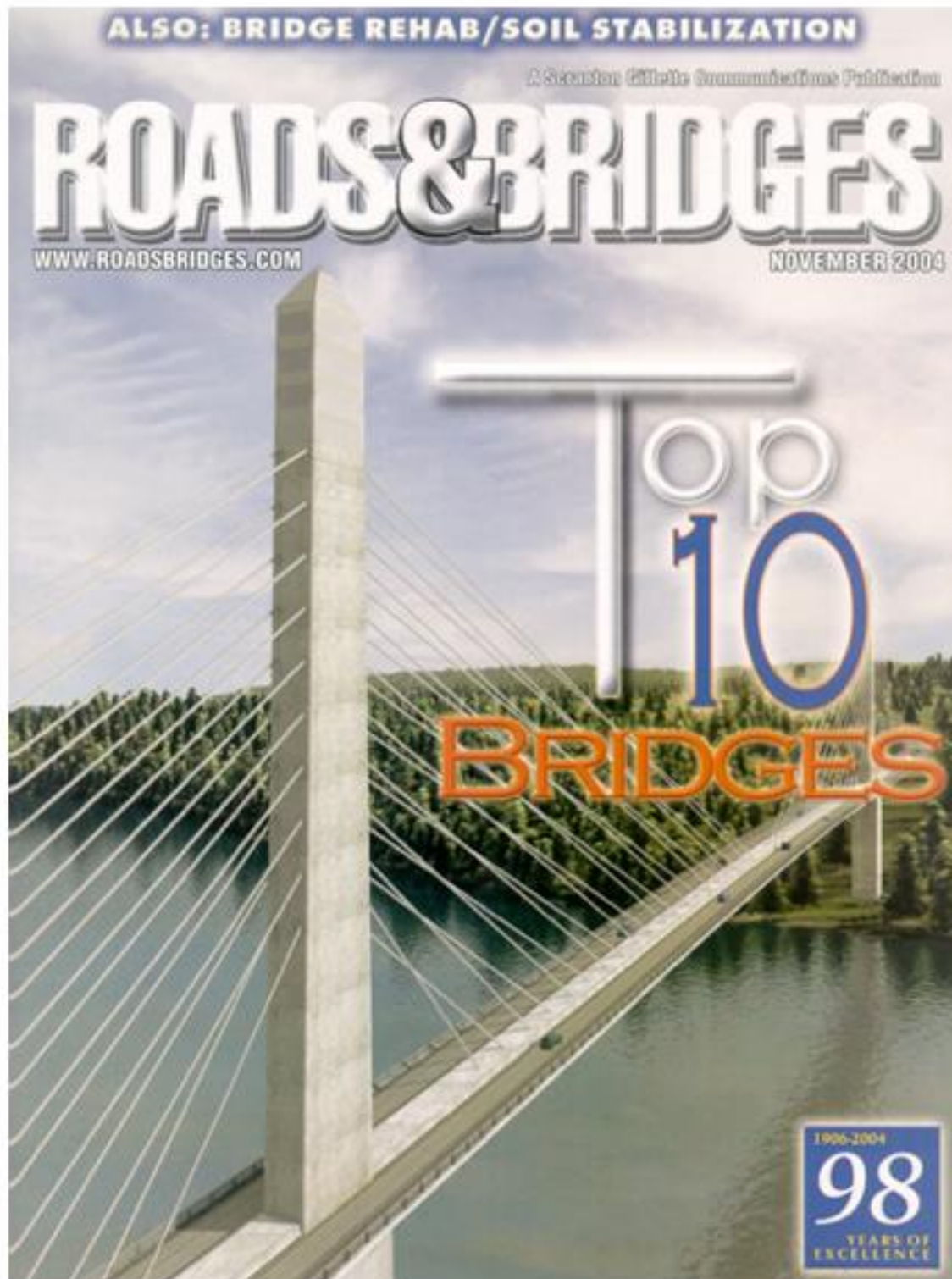


Grand Central Station, New York

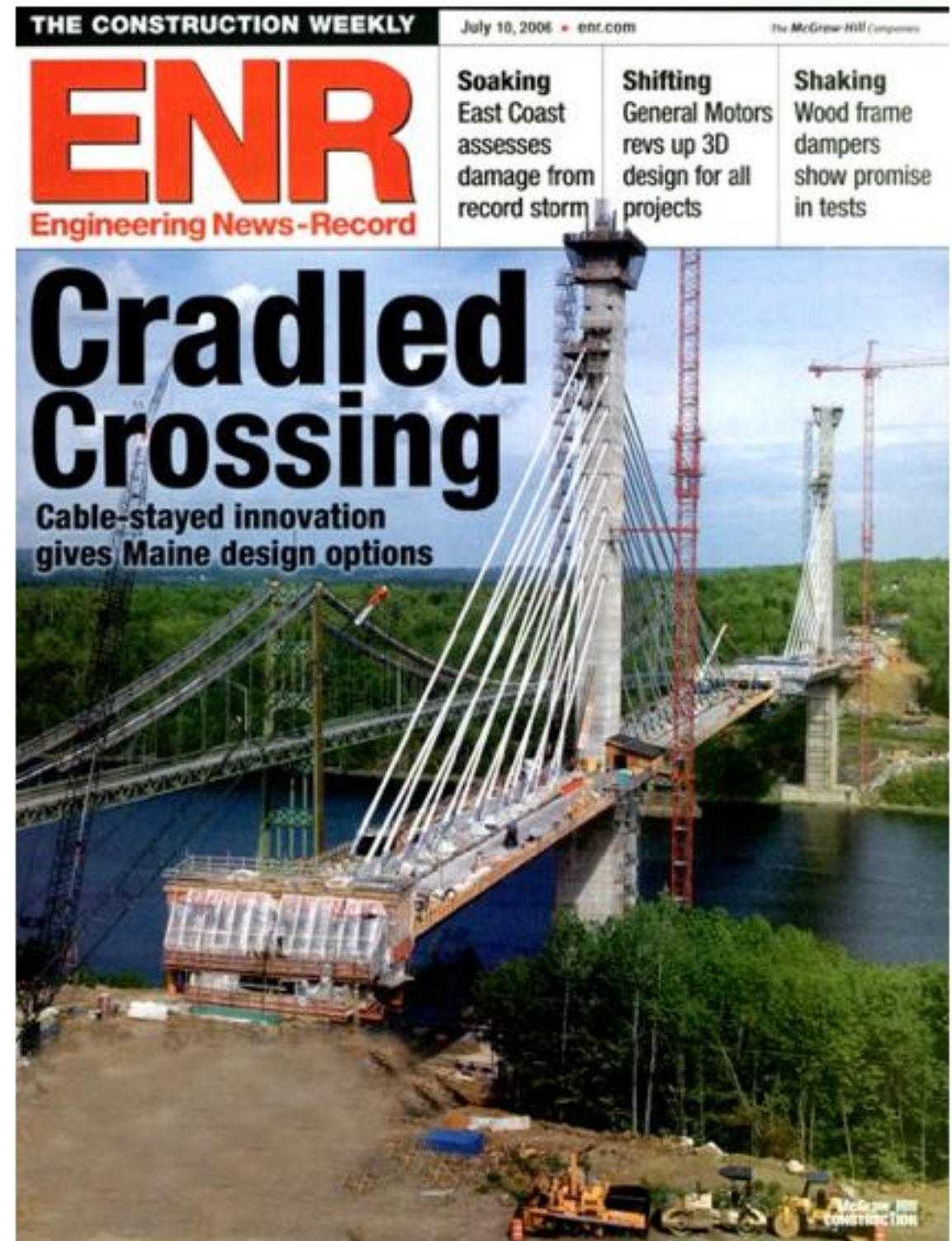
# Modern Marvels Invent Now Challenge

One of Top 25 Inventions of 2006 from over 4000 entries

# Winner of 20 Design Awards including FHWA "Innovation Award"



**2004 #1 BRIDGE IN AMERICA**



**JULY 10, 2006 ENR COVER**

# Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory, Maine



**The observation pylon stay 2, 10 and 17 reference strands have been replaced with carbon fiber composite cable**

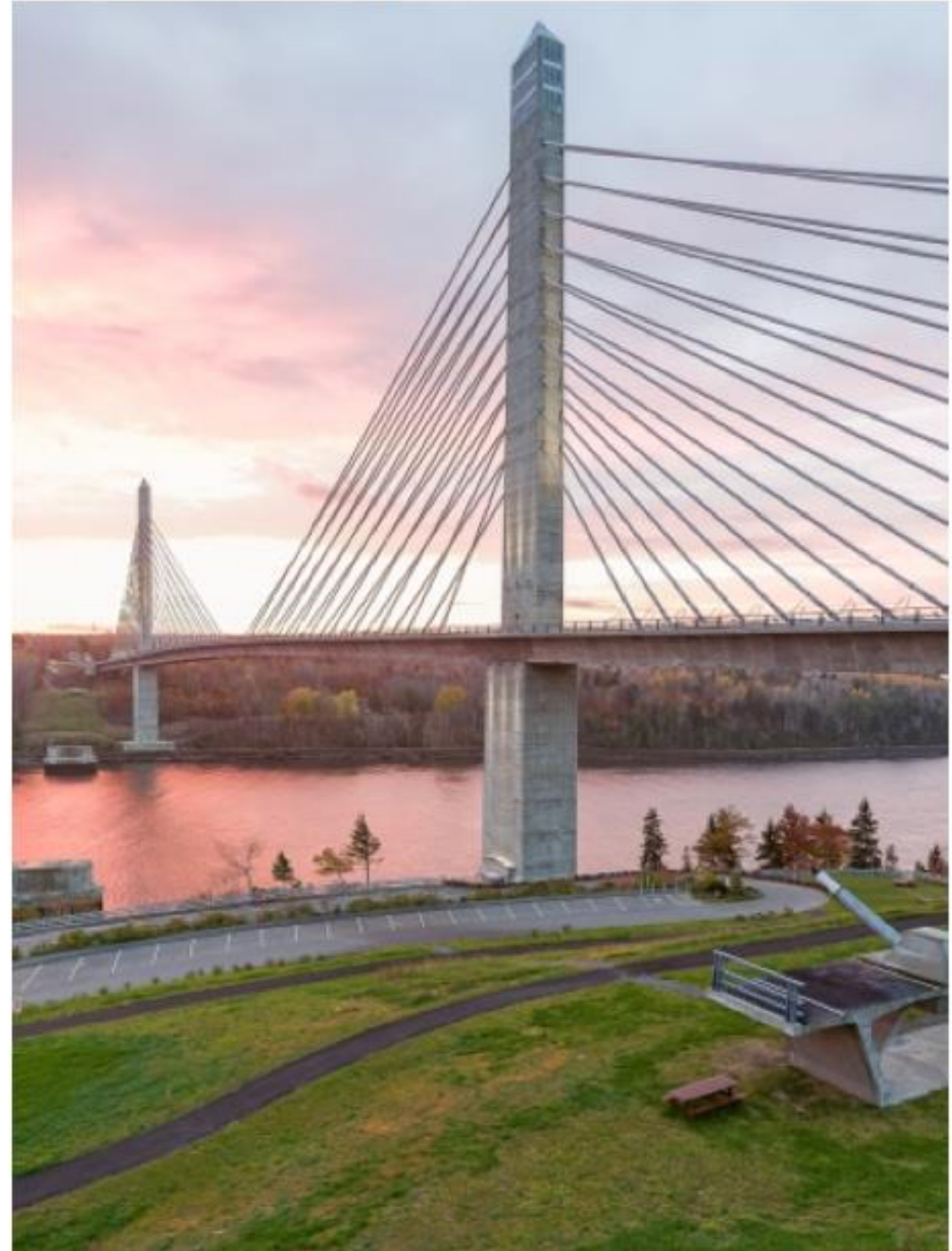
**First time in United States**

**All operations took place while bridge open to traffic, inside the box and without opening exterior stay sheathing**



# Transportation and Economic Development

## Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory, Maine



# Vertical Park Public Observatory

**Tallest public observatory on a bridge - 420' atop one pylon**



# Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory, Maine





**\$255 Million  
Opened in 2007**

**I-280 Veteran's Glass City  
Skyway, Toledo Ohio**

**Largest bridge in Ohio history  
612'-6" main span**



**I-280 Veteran's Glass City  
Skyway, Toledo Ohio**

**Theme: Glass**



**I-280 Veteran's Glass City  
Skyway, Toledo Ohio**





# **SOCIAL**

**Context Sensitive Solutions**

**Involve Community**

**Better Quality of Life**

**Safer**

**Better Land Use**



## **I-35W Bridge Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**August 1, 2007, 40 year old Bridge  
in Minneapolis, MN collapsed.**

**The bridge had been rated as structurally  
deficient and raised concerns throughout  
the US for the condition of bridges**



## **New I-35W Bridge**

**Designed and Built in 11 Months**

**\$234 Million**





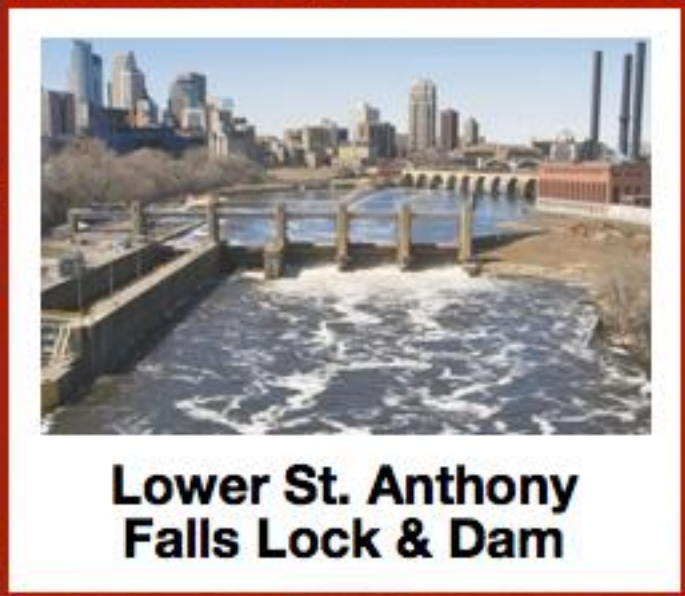


WELCOME TO  
**MARCY-HOLMES**  
THE CITY'S FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD  
Marcy-Holmes  
Neighborhood

**Metrodome**

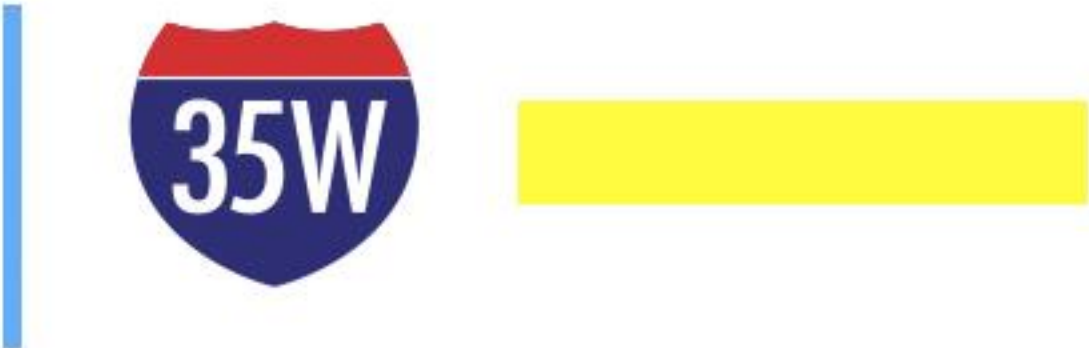


**Guthrie Theater**



**Lower St. Anthony  
Falls Lock & Dam**

**The Urban Neighborhood  
in downtown Minneapolis**





**New I-35W Bridge  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**504' Mainspan  
Built by Flatiron with FIGG**



**October 24, 2007  
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**88 People  
Residents, Businesses,  
Cultural/Arts,  
University of Minnesota,  
Government Officials**

**FIGG Bridge Design Charette™**

**Voted on Bridge Features**

# Community Involvement in the Art of Design

**Sculpted Pier Shape**

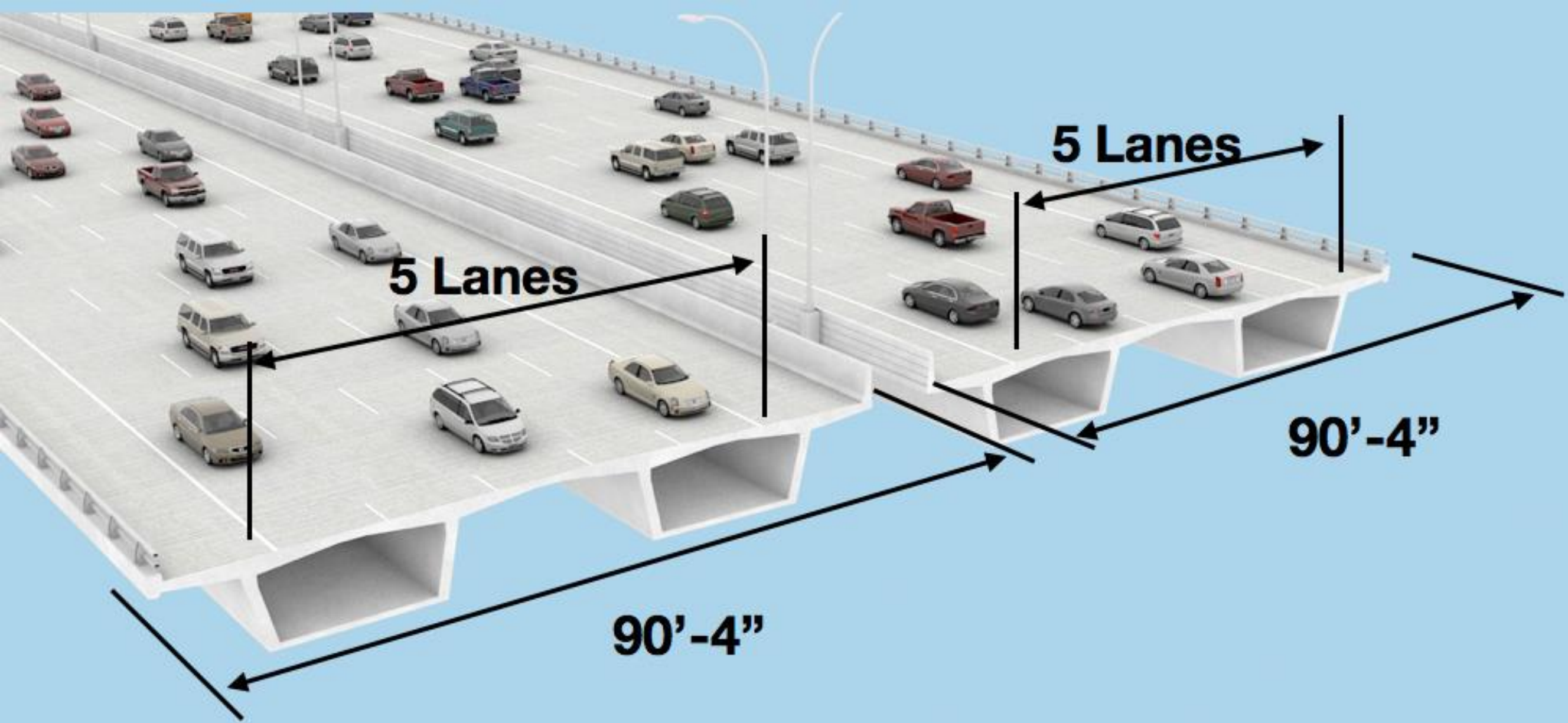
**Bridge Color**

**Open Railing**

**Feature Lighting**

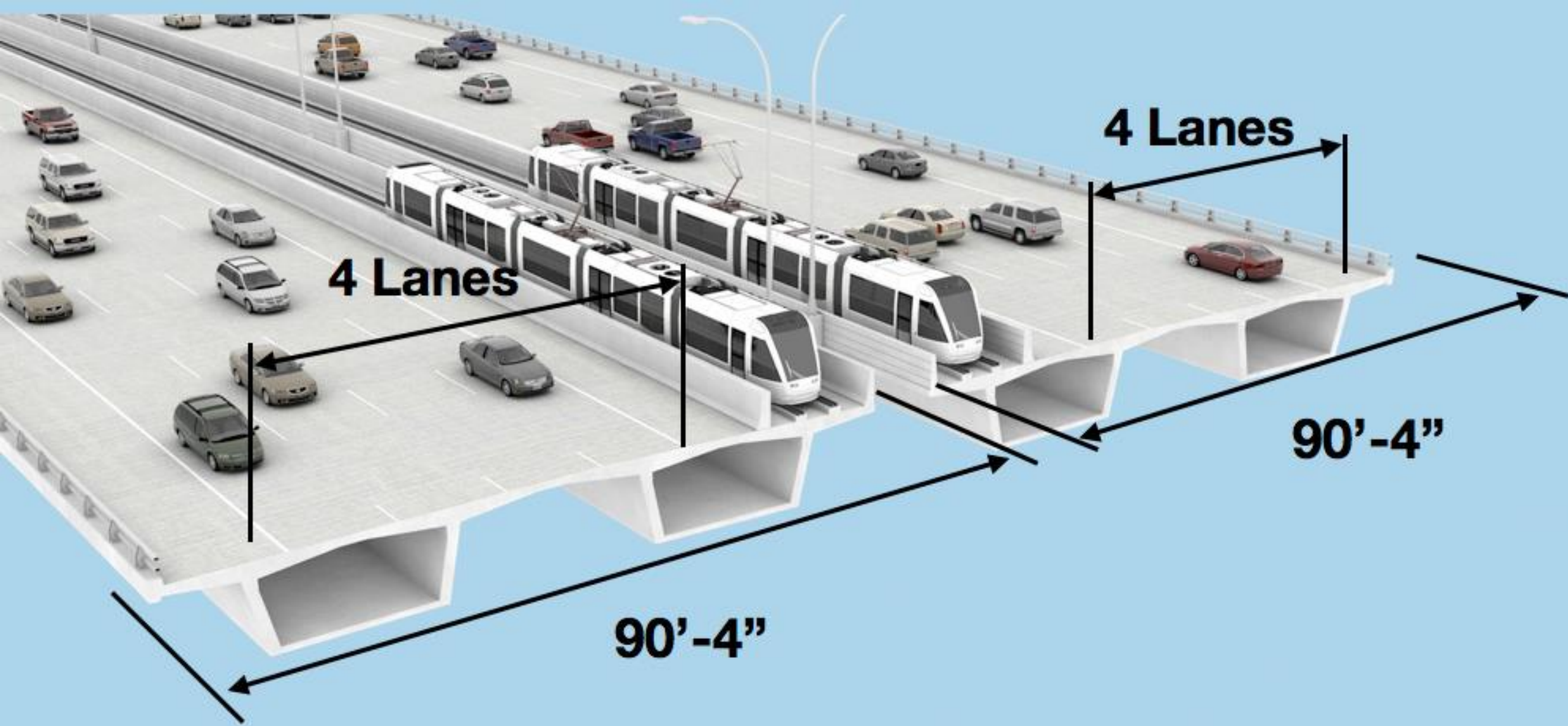
**Stone Abutments**





## Current Configuration

**Twin Box Girder - 5 Lanes Each.  
Inside shoulder/lane designed to convert  
to light rail in future**



**Future Transit Ready**

**4 Lanes with LRT**



**Economy of Longline Precasting  
in Spaces Near Site**

**Local materials, Local labor  
Warming house maintains constant  
temperature for curing**



**Up to 4 segments/day**

**Time Savings**

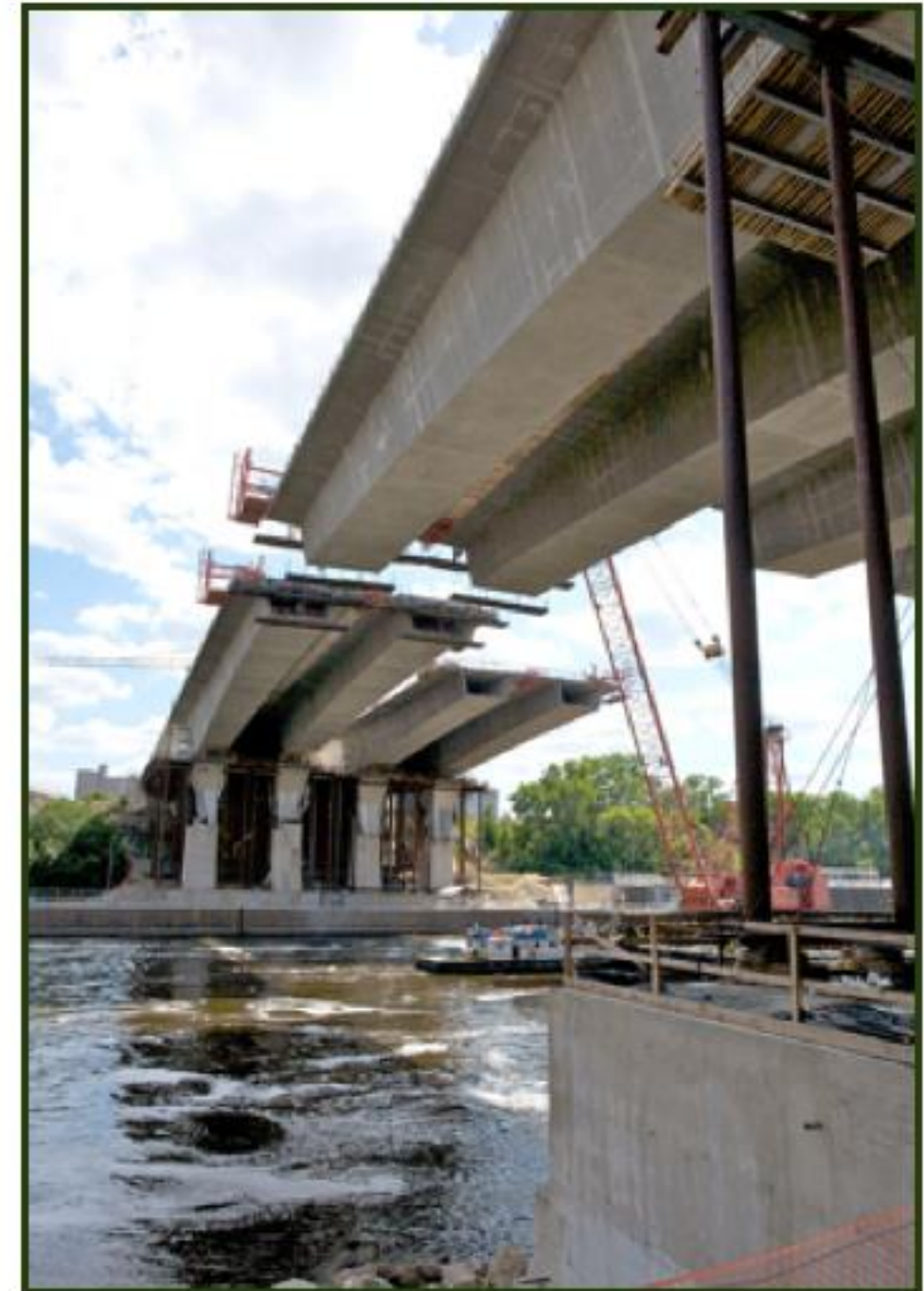




## **Accelerated Bridge Construction**

**120 segments placed in  
47 days over Mississippi River**

# “Construction As A Spectator Sport” - New York Times



**Community Involvement**

**New I-35W Bridge  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**



## New I-35W Bridge Minneapolis, Minnesota

 **NATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHIC**

**1 Hour Special**

TWIN CITY BRIDGE: AFTER THE  
COLLAPSE  
Thursday January 22 4P

[Overview](#) [Video](#) [Photos](#)




In less than a year, an astonishing new bridge is designed and built to replace the I-35W bridge over the Mississippi River that tragically collapsed in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**70' Tall Piers with LED Lights**



## **Eco-friendly Concrete**

### **30' Precast Gateway Sculptures**

**Inspired by the ancient symbol for water, the gateway design consists of three rippling forms that recall  the river and the flow of life.**

**Nanotechnology self-cleaning and pollution-eating cement**

**When UV light hits surface of concrete it creates a photocatalytic reaction that cleans pollution out of the air**



**LED Highway Lighting for Interstate - A first.  
Worked with US Dept. of Energy**

**New I-35W Bridge  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Opened Sept. 18, 2008  
at 5 a.m., 3 months ahead of schedule**

## Urban Bridges - All views are important



**17th Street Bridge  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

**205' spans  
1908' length  
8' - 3" wide piers**



**Underneath creates usable space  
that is quiet**

**17th Street Bridge  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**



**A Usable Space for Parks**

**17th Street Bridge  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**





**A Usable Space for Parks**

**17th Street Bridge  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**



**Maximizing Connectivity in  
Urban Environment**

**17th Street Bridge  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

# Selmon Expressway, Tampa, Florida

## Doubling Capacity In Existing Right-of-Way



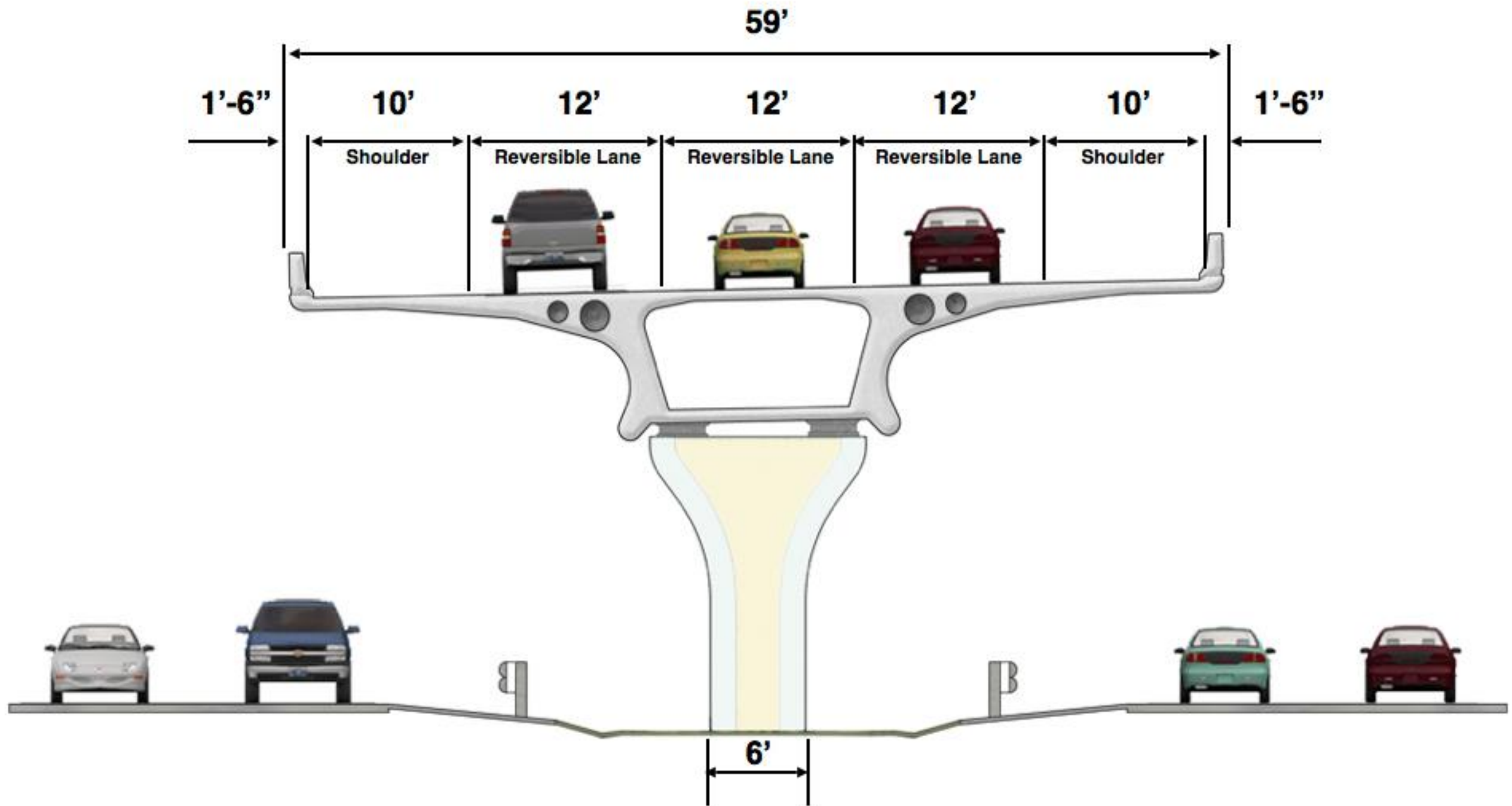
**2007 #1 Toll Facility in World by International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association**

# Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority - A Vision For The Future



**14 mile long  
toll road connecting  
Brandon & Tampa**

# SPACE SAVER – The future answer to expanding highways in existing right-of-way



**6 LANES IN 6 FEET**



**Piers built in median concurrent  
with segment casting**

# Curved box girder shape



**Local Casting Yard at  
Port of Tampa**

**Selmon Expressway  
Tampa, Florida**



**Storage Yard at Port of Tampa**

**3032 Precast Segments**





**Segment (9'-4" wide) is loaded on segment hauler truck**

**Bridge built by PCL**



**Building from The Top While  
Keeping Traffic Moving**

**2400' built in one month**



**All Electronic Tolling**

# Selmon Expressway - Tampa, Florida



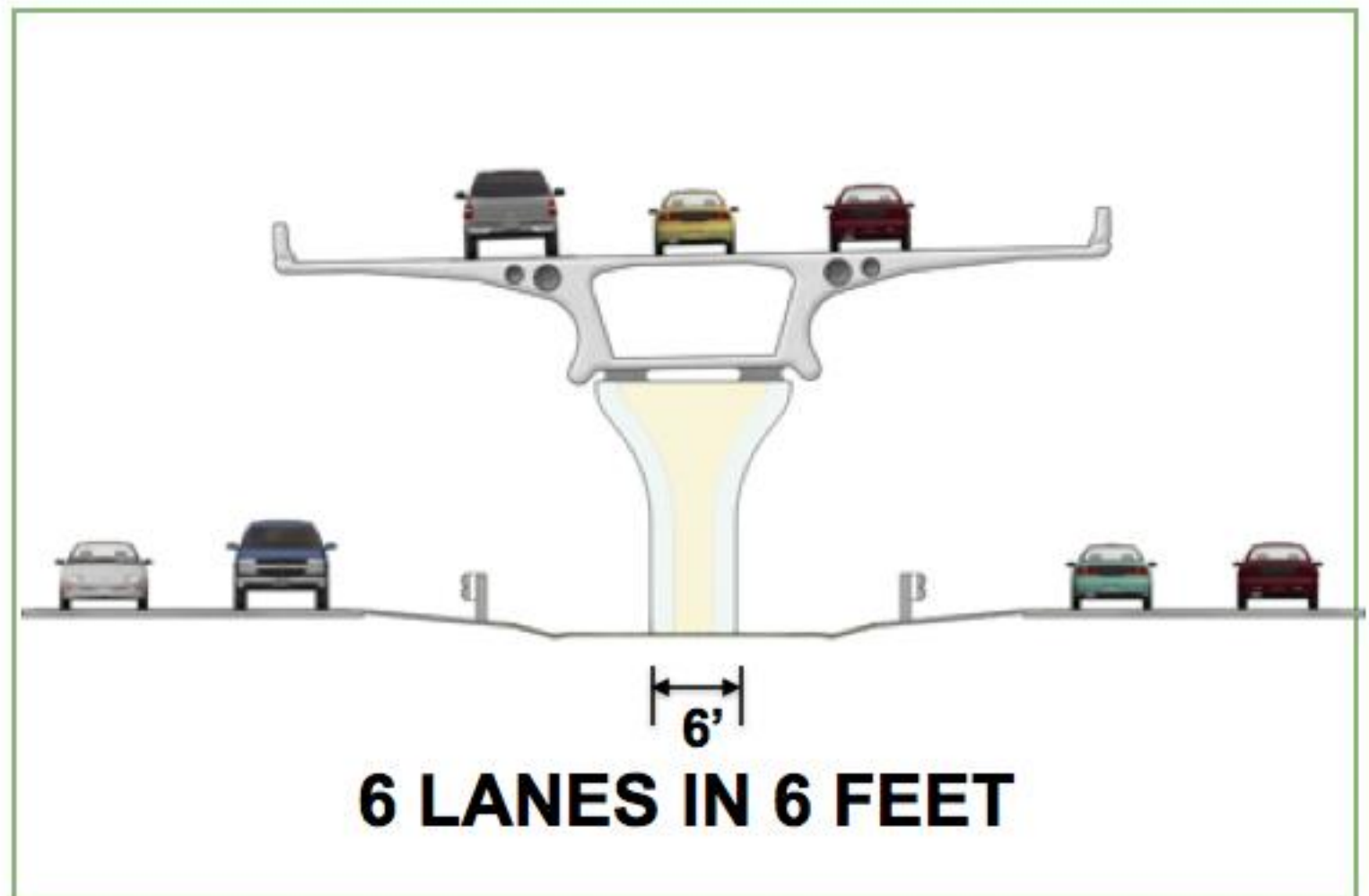
**5 miles (40 minute trip cut to 10 minutes)**

**\$1.87 toll**

**Opened June 2006**

**Over 20 million trips, no accidents**

**\$65 Square Foot**



# Positive Effect on Property Values

**Property values adjacent to elevated roadways designed by FIGG since 1988 have shown that average property values increased during and after construction**

**Selmon Expressway (2006)**

**43% the year after it opened**

**Regionally – 10% per year**



# BAYLIFE

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007 • THE TAMPA TRIBUNE • TBO.COM



## unexpected beauty



**M**ost of us are too busy each day to stop and marvel at the beauty around us. The beautiful architecture, trees and water that reflect Tampa's history. A small downtown in the City needs a wealth of signs and symbols of past generations and those that came the future. Some large and well-engineered, others are quietly elegant. All have one thing in common: they are beautiful. Find the answers on Page 7.

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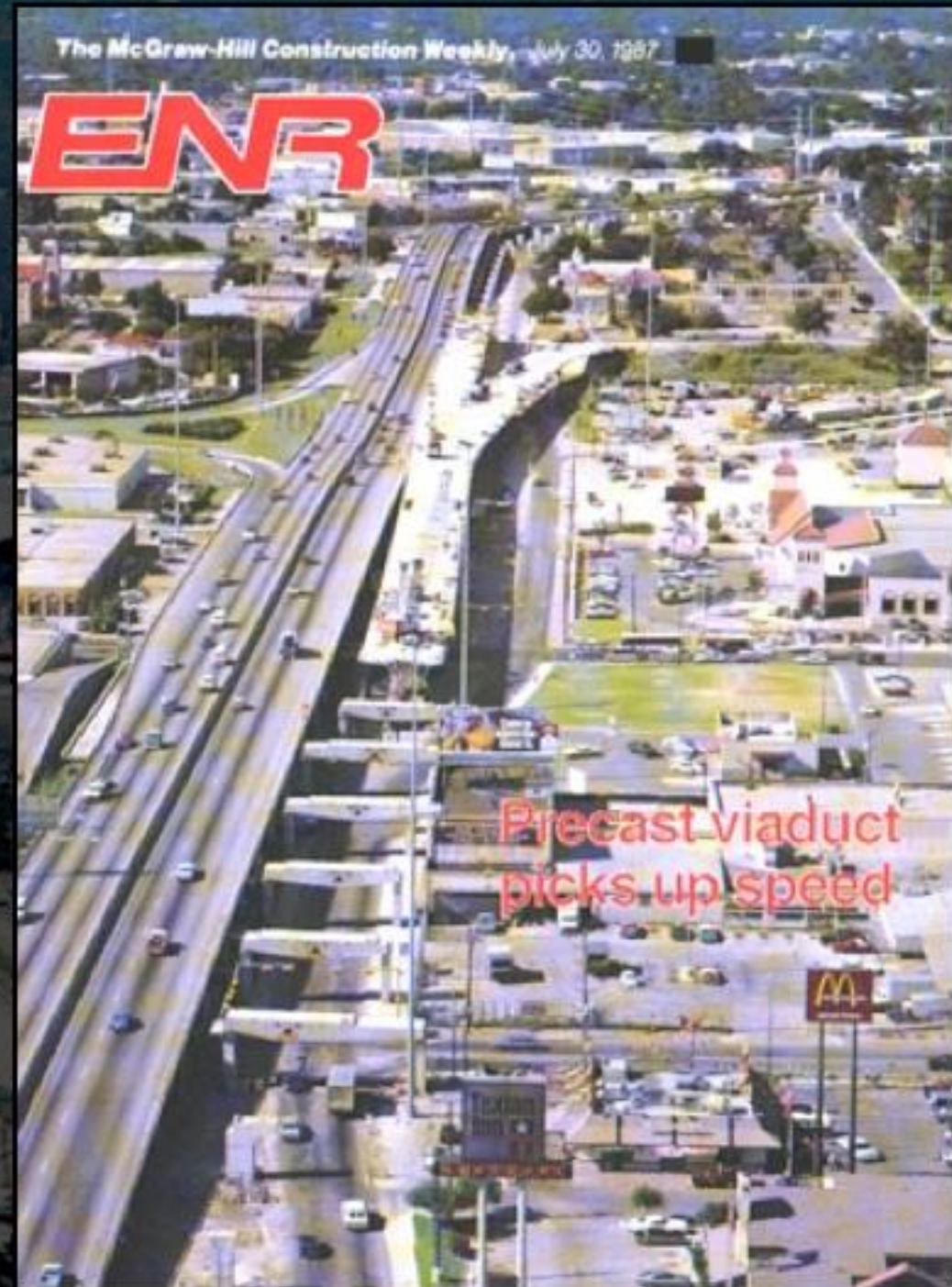
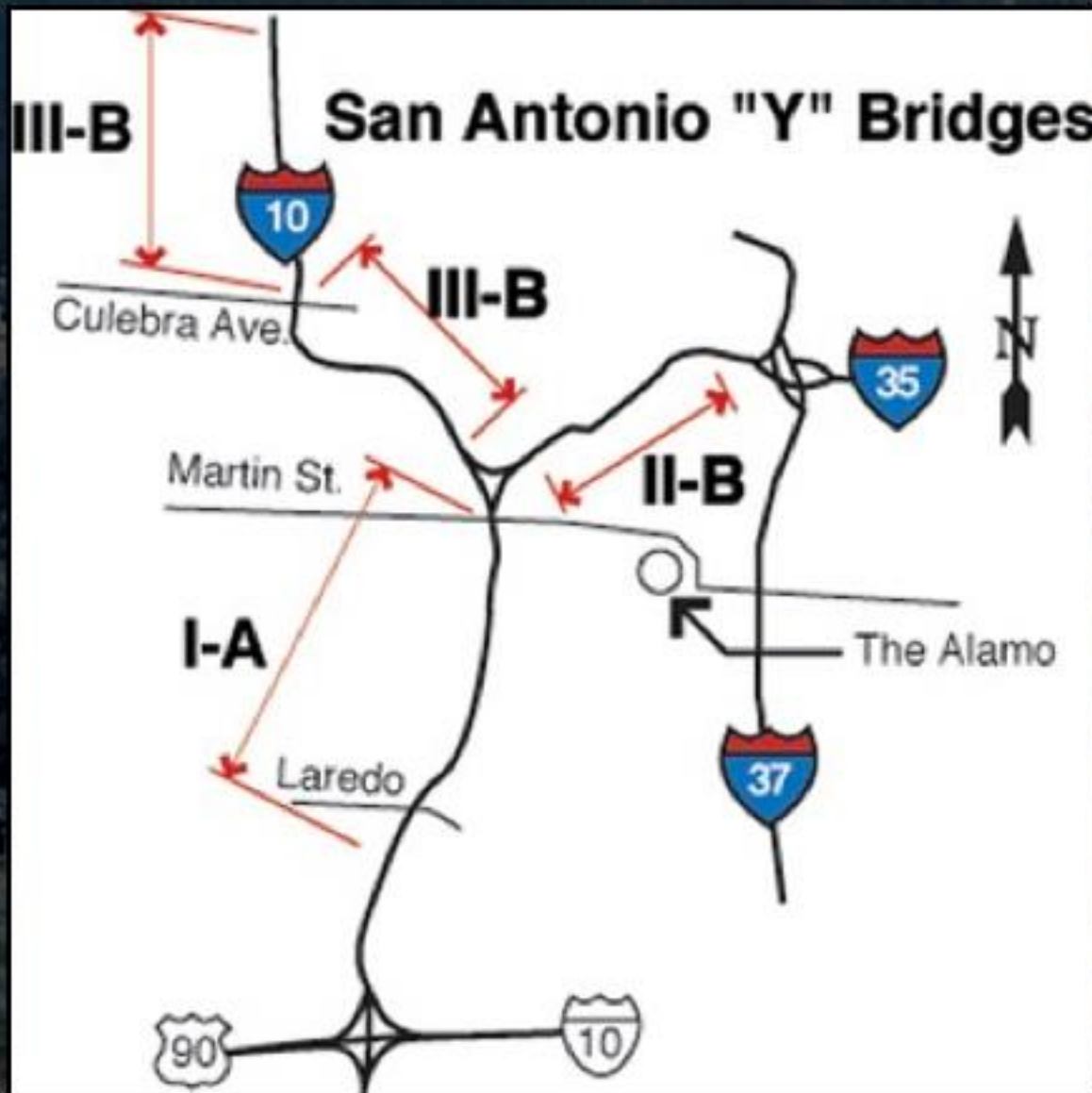
July 1, 2007 Tampa Tribune

## Selmon Expressway Tampa, Florida



## **San Antonio “Y” San Antonio, Texas**

**Doubling the Capacity in the  
Existing Right of Way**



## San Antonio "Y" San Antonio, Texas

**Doubling the Capacity in the  
Existing Right of Way  
I-10 and I-35 Meet**





## **San Antonio “Y” San Antonio, Texas**

**Expanding Capacity using  
existing shoulders**



**San Antonio "Y"**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

**Built over railroad**



**San Antonio “Y”  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Only 7’ of space used in  
existing shoulder**



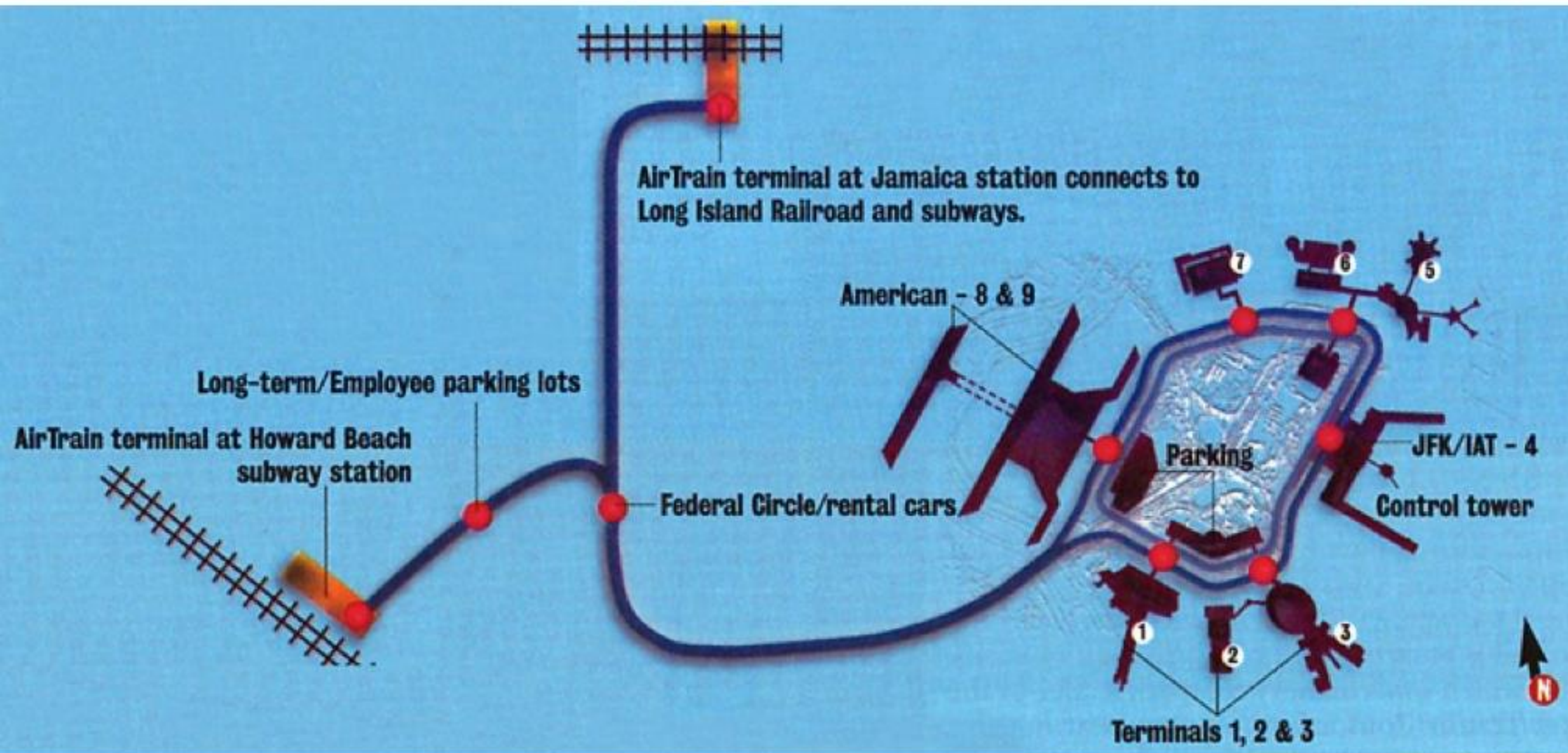
**San Antonio "Y"**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

**Only 7' of space used in  
existing shoulder**



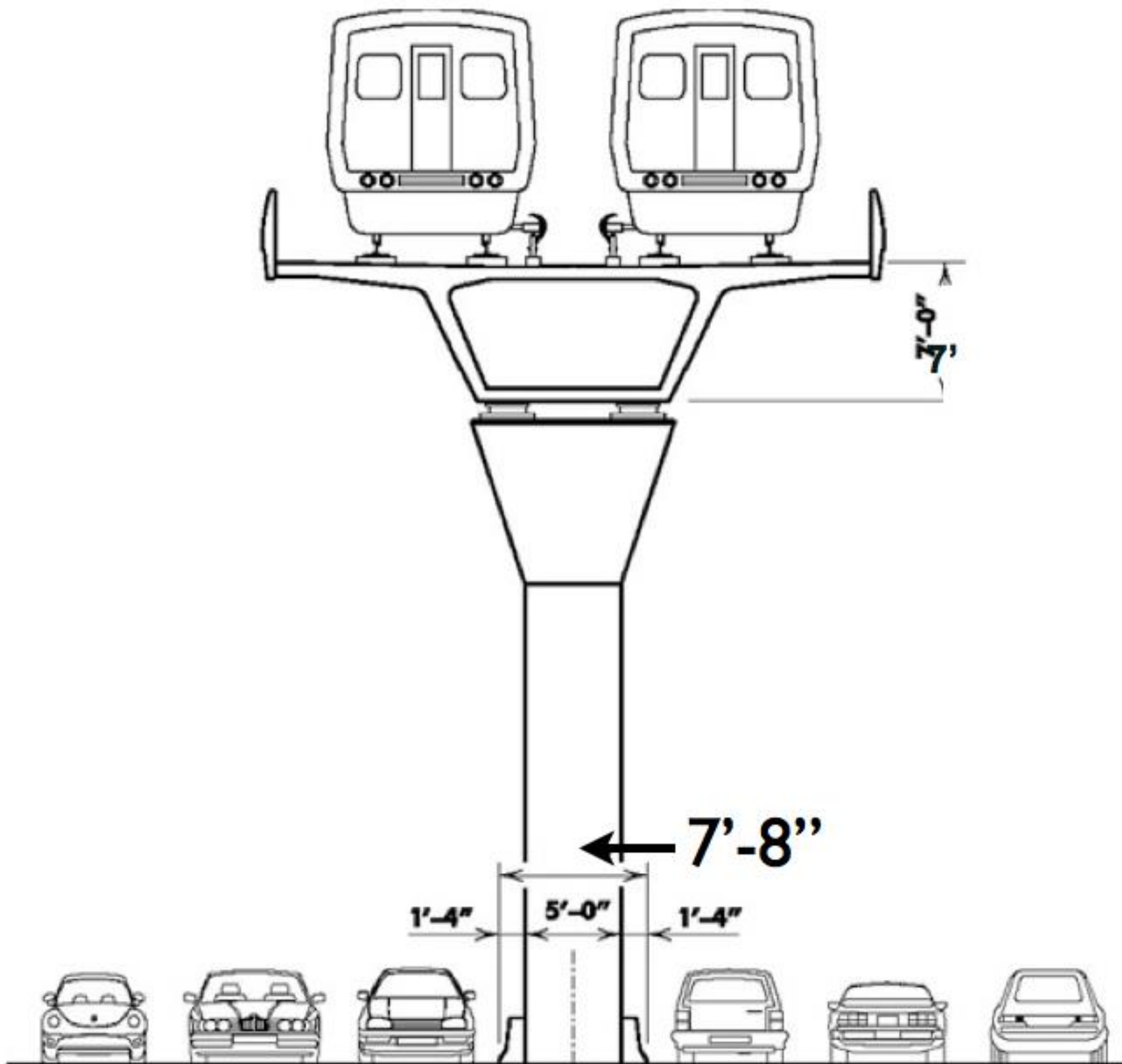
**AirTrain JFK, New York**

**Port Authority New York/New Jersey  
9 Miles - Built in 21 months**



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**AirTrain JFK, New York**

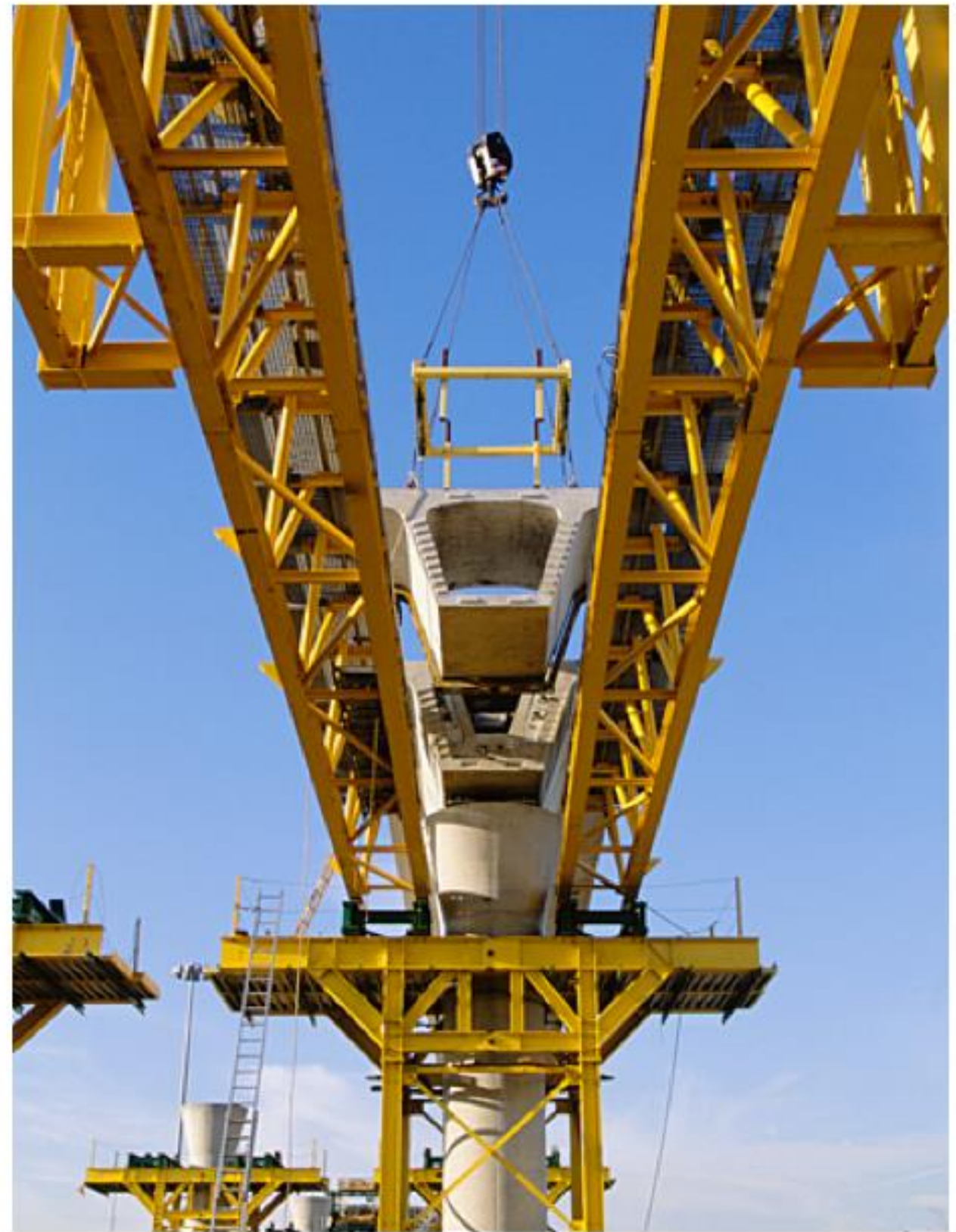
**Create median for elevated structure  
in existing right-of-way**



**AirTrain JFK, New York**

**Van Wyke Expressway  
160,000 vehicles per day**





**AirTrain JFK, New York**

**Built over existing bridges and  
down the median**



**AirTrain JFK, New York**

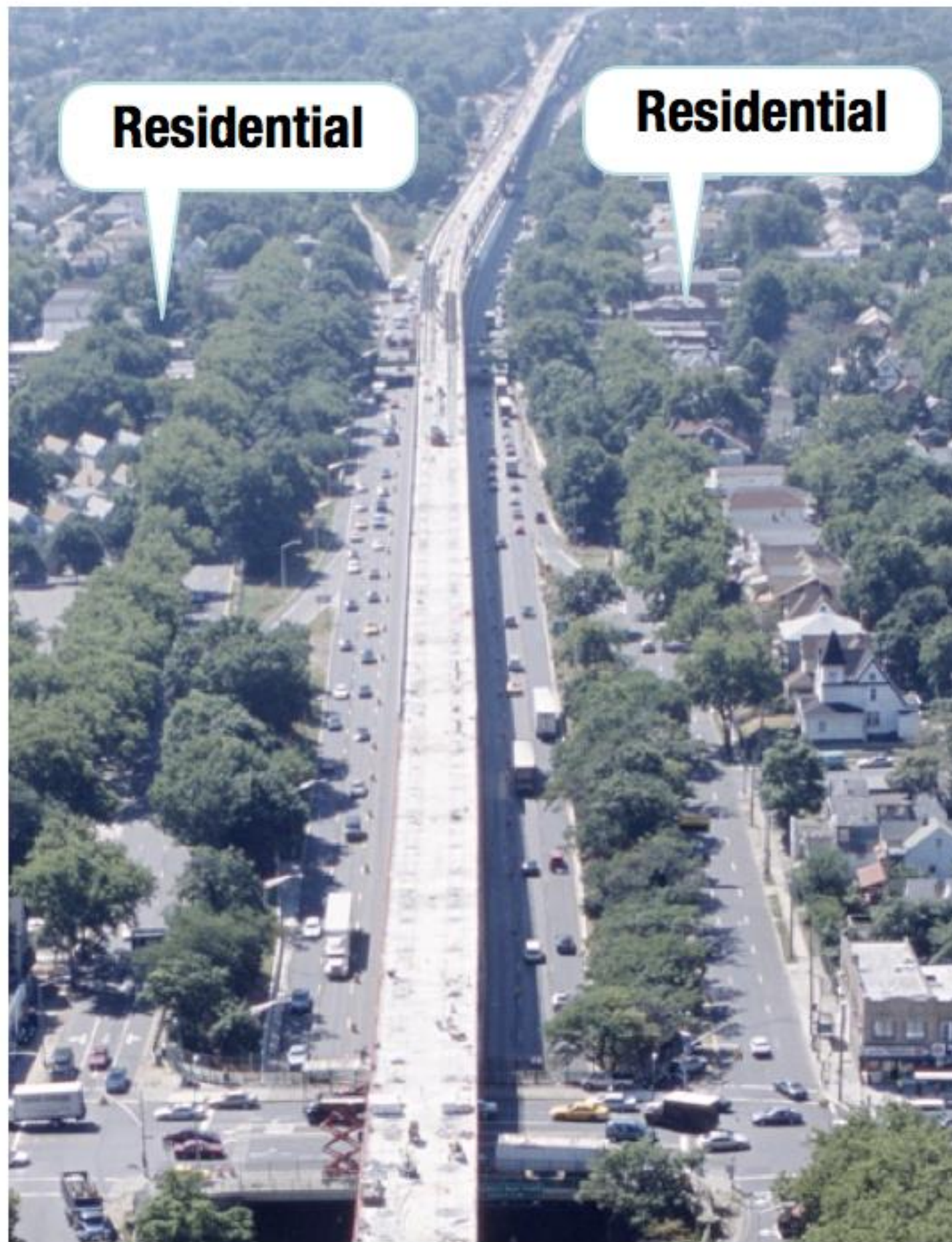
**Long open spans**

# Positive Effect on Property Values

**Property values adjacent to elevated roadways designed by FIGG since 1988 have shown that average property values increased during and after construction**

**AirTrain JFK (2001) -  
32.5% per year**

**Regionally – 13% per year**





## **AirTrain JFK, New York**

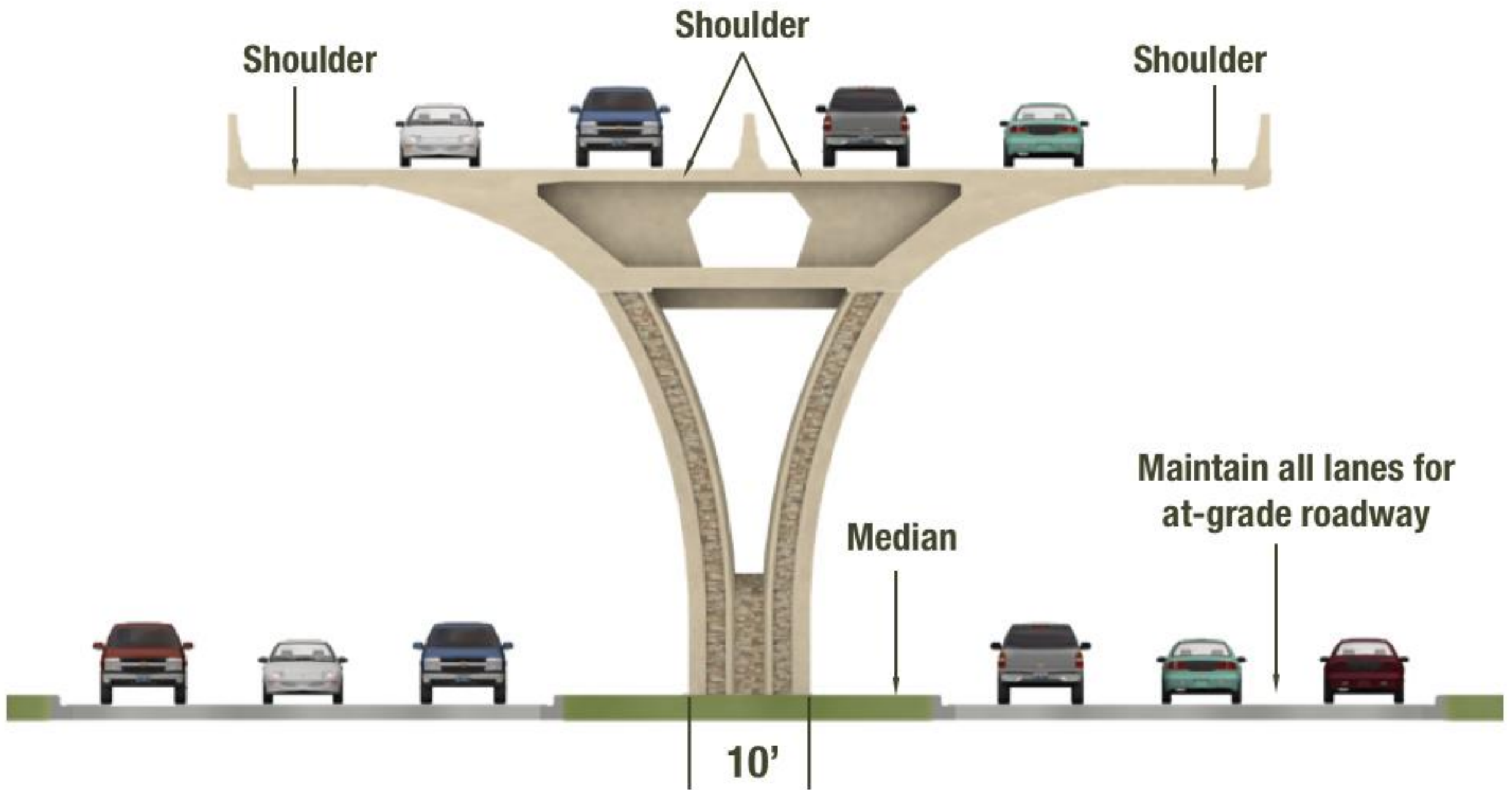




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**U.S. 280 Elevated Roadway  
Birmingham Alabama**

**Garden Parkway - A Tribute to Nature:  
Trees and Native Stone**



**U.S. 280 Elevated Roadway  
Birmingham Alabama**

**Garden Parkway - A Tribute to Nature:  
Trees and Native Stone**

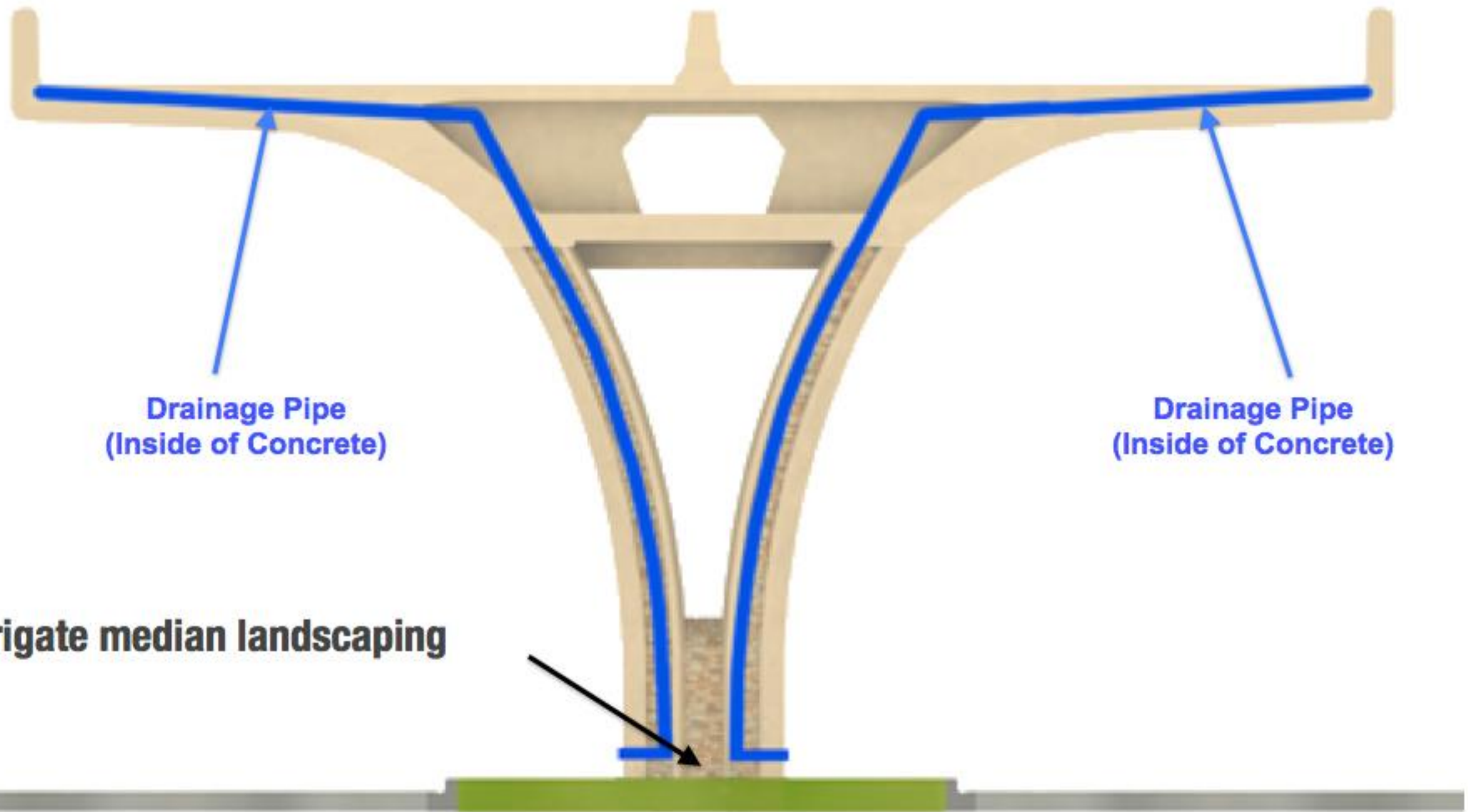


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## U.S. 280 Elevated Roadway Birmingham Alabama

**Construction Method to Keep  
Traffic Flowing at All Times  
over intersections**

# Stormwater collected at deck level, piped through the bridge and used to irrigate landscaping







Rendering ©FIGG

# **U.S. 280 Elevated Roadway Birmingham Alabama**

**Garden Parkway  
A Tribute to Nature:  
Trees and Native Stone**



Rendering ©FIGG

**SR-21 Corridor Study  
Savannah, Georgia**

**6 Miles of Elevated Structure  
Corridor Study for MPO**



Rendering ©FIGG

**SR-21 Corridor Study  
Savannah, Georgia**

**6 Miles of Elevated Structure  
Corridor Study for MPO**



Rendering ©FIGG

**SR-204 Corridor Study  
Savannah, Georgia**

**3 Miles of Elevated Structure  
Corridor Study for MPO**



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**Concept Rendering**



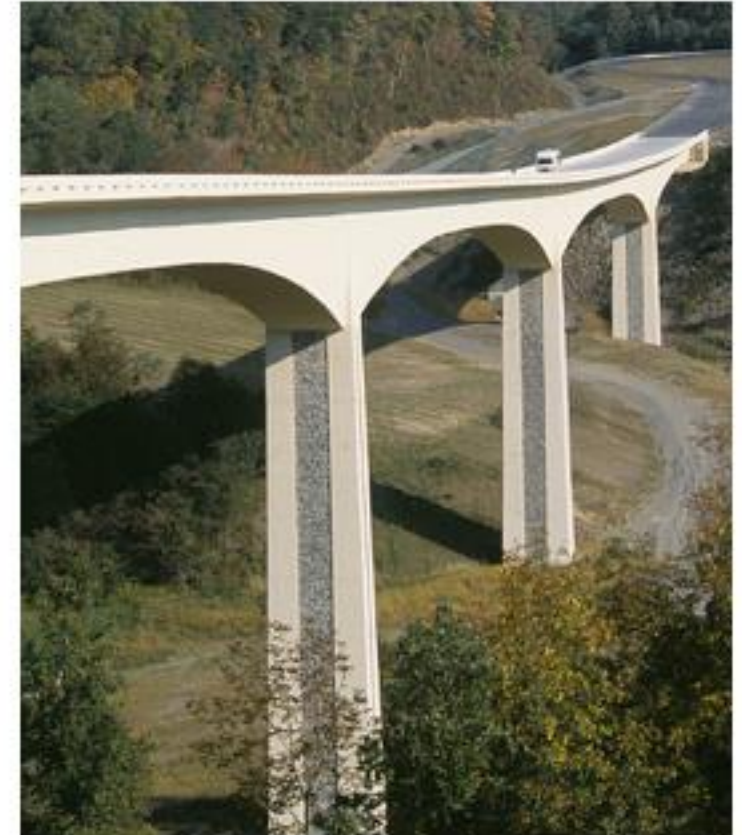
**Concept Rendering**



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**Concept Rendering**

# Functional Bridge Sculpture™



**Sustainable Solutions**