

**Dodge County GRS-IBS Showcase Agenda**  
Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Juneau Community Center

**8:00 Check-in, Coffee, and Conversation**

**8:30 Welcome and Logistics for the Day** WisDOT - Scot Becker and James Luebke

**8:45 GRS-IBS Technology Overview**

- WisDOT General ABC Update WisDOT - Bill Dreher
- GRS-IBS Overview FHWA - Jennifer Nicks
- GRS-IBS Construction FHWA - Daniel Alzamora

**9:30 Break**

**10:00 GRS-IBS Dodge County Projects**

- Dodge County Perspective Dodge County - Peter Thompson
- Design Considerations Design Engineer– Kristofer Olson (Omni)
- WisDOT Perspective WisDOT – James Luebke
- Lessons Learned Project Leader – Brad Abraham (R.A. Smith National, INC.)
- Q&A and Field Trip logistics WisDOT – James Luebke

**11:30 Lunch** (provided)

**12:30 Field Trip to Site** (bus transportation provided)\*

- Safety protection will be required (shoes, vests, and hard hats) and will not be provided.
- Site #1 CTH KW over Pratt Creek B-14-217 West Abutment (60% complete structure)
- Site #2 CTH S over Shaw Brook B-14-216 East Abutment (90% complete structure)

**2:30 Q&A and Wrap-up Discussion**

- Future uses of GRS-IBS
- Comments and questions about the project
- Closing Remarks

**3:00 Adjourn**

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## WisDOT's GRS-IBS History



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



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## Chippewa LET-Showcase

Preliminary 8/3/10  
Plans Let: 3/13/12  
Showcase: 5/11/12



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



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## Dodge County

County Interest: 3/21/14



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



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## EDC-3 Regional Summits

St. Louis: 10/23/14



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



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## Dodge County

Design:	2014
Data and Plans	2015
LET:	2/16
Begin Work	5/16

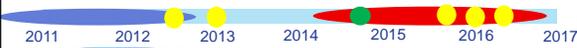




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## WisDOT GRS-IBS Milestones

Chapter 7 WBM	8/2012
GRS Standards	1/2013
GRS Design Steps	8/2015
FHWA Aid Grant	6/20/16
PS Box Girders	1/2016




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## Special Thanks!!!

- ▶ Dodge County
- ▶ FHWA
- ▶ WisDOT
- ▶ Omni Associates
- ▶ UW TIC

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Dan Grasser	Oscar Winger
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Bill Dreher	Peter Thompson
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Bob Arndorfer	
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**And...Thanks for your participation!!!**

- ▶ 24 WisDOT
- ▶ 30 Consulting Firms
- ▶ 18 County
- ▶ And more...



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# Dodge County GRS-IBS SHOWCASE

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## Dodge County GRS-IBS SHOWCASE



William Dreher, PE  
Structures Design Chief  
WisDOT - Bureau of Structures

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## Why ABC in Wisconsin?

### ► It Is Our Mission!

- Provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.
- Finding innovative and visionary ways to provide better products and services...

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## Why ABC Now?

### ► There is a Need & Opportunity!

- Needs of our customers for less disruption and more safety.
- The opportunity provided by our Partners at FHWA (Highways for Life, SHRP2, and EDC)
- FHWA - Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Grant - Today's Showcase!

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## WisDOT's ABC Goals

- Develop Accelerated Bridge Construction options to facilitate safe and efficient transportation systems that better serve the public.
  - Safer projects
  - Shorter and less disruptive impacts to the traveling public
  - Higher Quality
  - Potential cost savings
  - Opening up the field, more contractors may be able to build these types of bridges

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## WisDOT ABC Team

- ▶ **The Team included:**
  - Guidance – State Trans. Innovation Council (STIC)
  - Department Bridge, Geotech, and Contract Administration Experts
  - FHWA Resources and Support
  - *Consultant, Contractor, and Fabricator Support*
- ▶ **The Objective**
  - Develop the Policy, Guidance, Standards, and Provisions to implement ABC tools and solutions, and get out in front of projects.....  
*To Meet Project Needs*

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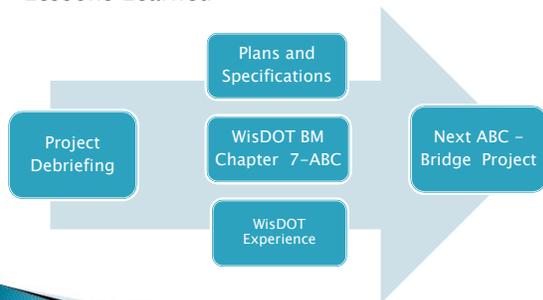
## Our Process of Development:

- ▶ **Research** – Development of Technologies
- ▶ **Customize** – Project/Site Specific Details and Specifications
- ▶ **Standardize** – Program & Corridor Approach
- ▶ **Institutionalize** – System-wide Policy & Applications
- ▶ Learn, Document, and Project to other Elements

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## WisDOT Perspective

- ▶ Lessons Learned



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## Future Objectives

- ▶ **Development of Precast Abutment Standards**
- ▶ **Refinement of GRS-IBS Super Structure Options**
- ▶ **Precast Approach Slabs**
- ▶ **UHPC Applications (Connections & Decks)**

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## We would like to thank:

- FHWA – Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Grant ([Ewa Flum & Dan Alzamora](#))
- Dodge County Highway Dept. ([Peter Thompson](#))
- WisDOT SW Region's Local Program ([Michael Erickson](#))
- And all of you for your interest in this technology

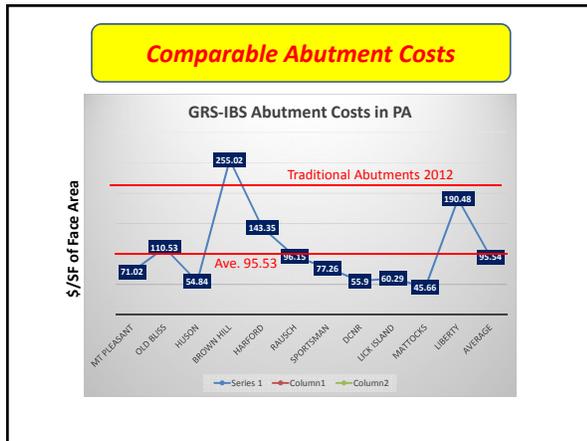
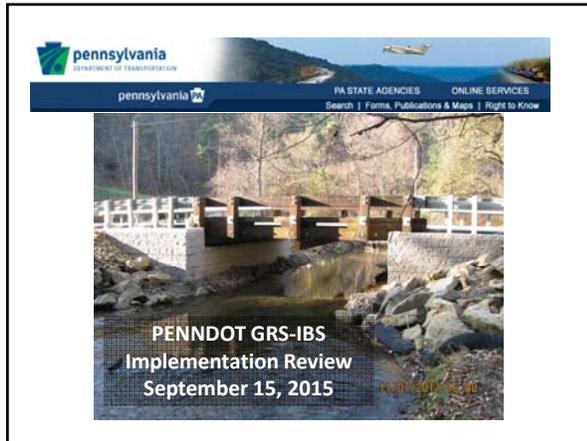
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## Questions?



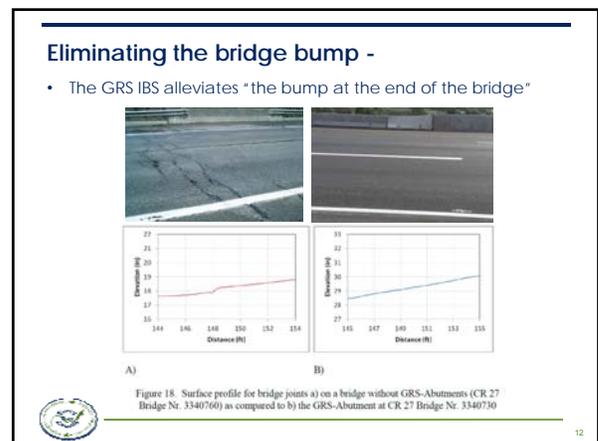
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### Accelerated Bridge Construction

- GRS IBS is quick and simple to build (weeks vs. months for conventional construction)
- If using PBES for the superstructure, a bridge can be replaced in about 4 weeks depending on the project complexity
- Design can be easily modified in the field



**GRS IBS – Where should GRS IBS be considered?**

- Water crossings (creeks, rivers, flood plains, tidal zones)
- Grade separations (at grade crossings of road, rail, trails)
- Low volume local roads (ADT less than 400)
- High volume and high loads (ADT in the thousands)
- Load combinations (Seismic, lateral, thermal, uplift)
- Unusual geometries (Skew, longitudinal grades, transverse grades)
- Superstructure types (Adjacent concrete boxes to steel girders with semi-integral abutment)
- Material selection (Facing, geosynthetic reinforcement, fill)



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**GRS IBS – Where should GRS IBS not be Considered?**

- GRS IBS should not be considered at:
  - High water velocities?
  - Deep Scour?
  - Excessive Settlement?
- Obstacles or design considerations?



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**GRS IBS – Example Projects**

- Different types of crossings
- Different types of superstructures
- Different roadway geometries
- Different types of facings
- Different types of fill materials
- Different types of geosynthetics
- Different designers, from in-house to consultant
- Different construction delivery method, in-house to contracted



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**DE – Chesapeake City Road over Guthrie Run (2013)**



**FL – CR 107 over Lanceford Creek Nassau County (2014)**



**HI – Saddle Road Bridge (2012)**

Designed for  $PGA \times F_{pga}$  ground acceleration ( $PGA=0.6g$   $F_{pga}=1.0$ )



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**IL - Great Western Trail over Grace St. (2011)**

Use of stone columns to improve foundation soils



Image source: FHWA and Village of Lombard

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**LA - Maree Michael Canal, Vermilion Parish (2015)**



**MA - SR 7A over Housatonic RR (2014)**



**MD - Allegany County (2014)**



**ME - Knox County Beach Bridge (2013)**



**MI - Keefer Rd. (2014)**



MO – Rustic Road Project (2015)



NE – Sand Creek (2014)



NJ – Gloucester County Bridge #4-H-5 over Edward's Run on Jessup Mill Road (2015)



NY – CR 38 St. Lawrence County (2013)



OH – Bowman Rd Bridge (2005)



PA – Mattocks Rd Bridge, Greenwood Township (2014)



PR – Yauco PR2 (2014)



SC – Airline Rd, Anderson County (2014)



SD – 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, Custer (2014)



WA, Cheney Plaza Bridge (2013)



WV – VA Hospital, Clarksburg (2013)



Questions and Comments



Image source: PA DOT

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CONSTRUCTION OF GRS-IBS



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Geosynthetics

Geogrids      Geotextiles



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Facing Types



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Reinforced fill materials

Open Graded Fill      Well Graded Fill



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Excavation



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Reinforced Soil Foundation



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### Reinforced Soil Foundation



### Block Placement (First Row)



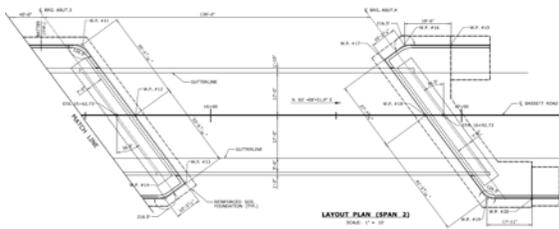
### Block Placement



### Block Placement (corners)



### Block Corners



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### Fill Placement



### Fill Compaction



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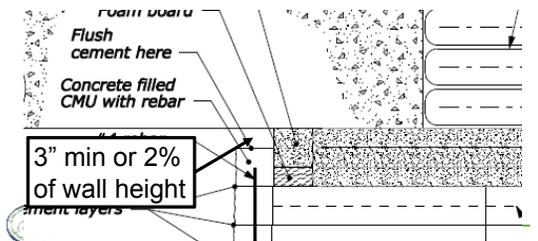


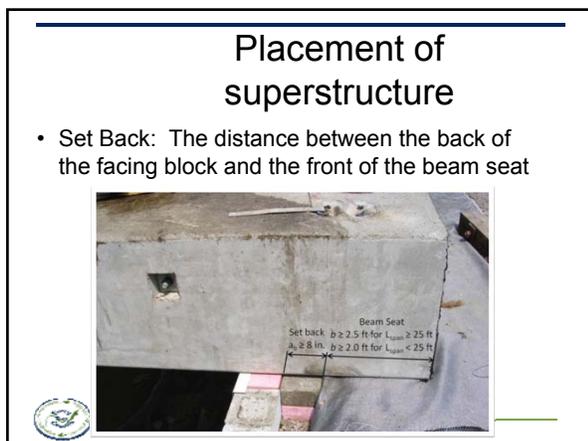
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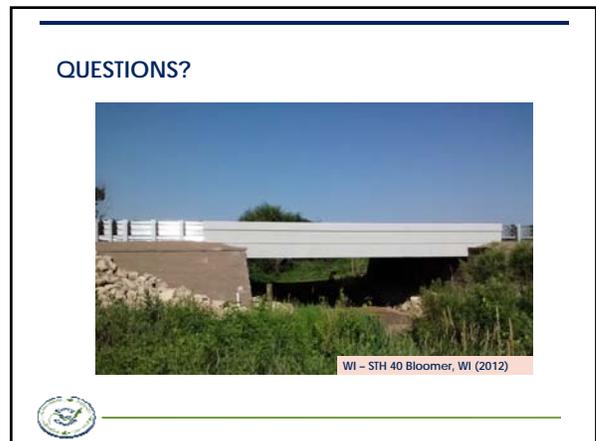
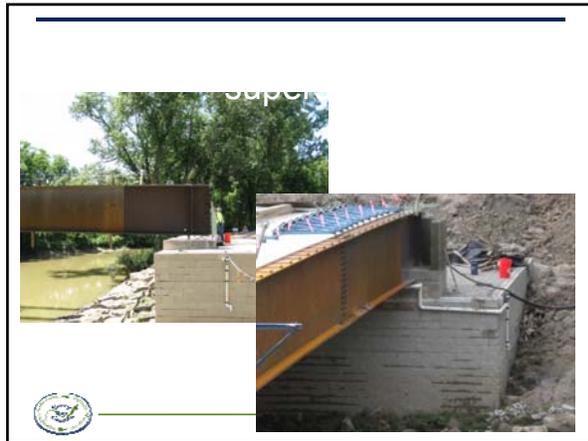


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### Top of wall details







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[www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts)

Taking effective,  
proven and  
market-ready  
technologies and  
getting them into  
widespread use





## Dodge County CTH KW & S GRS-IBS Bridge Design



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## Design Process

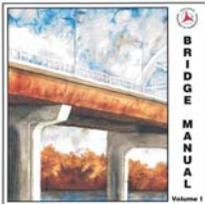


- Data Gathering
- Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling
- Subsurface Investigation
- Planning Meeting/Agency Coordination
- Preliminary Design
- Permitting/Reports
- Final Design & PS&E

## Data Gathering



- Manual Reviews
  - WisDOT Bridge Manual Chapter 7 – Accelerated Bridge Construction
  - FHWA GRS-IBS Interim Implementation Guide



## Data Gathering



### 7.1.4.2.2 Application

In some cases GRS-IBS abutments may not be suitable for a particular bridge location and there are specific limitations that can cause concern. As with any preliminary bridge planning, the site should be thoroughly investigated for adequacy. The designer shall investigate the potential viability of using of GRS-IBS for any proposed bridge. The designer should be aware of the common criteria for use and the limitations of GRS-IBS systems. Some of the common criteria for usage of GRS-IBS are the following:

1. Scour potential at the abutment locations has been evaluated and is within acceptable limits
2. Water velocities are less than 5 ft/s
3. Adequate freeboard is provided (See Bridge Manual Chapter 6.3.1.5)
4. Soil conditions permit shallow foundations.
5. Low-volume roadways
6. Single span structure with a span length less than 90 feet
7. Abutment wall height less than 22 feet (measured at the maximum wall height, from the top of the RSF to the top of the wall)
8. Wingwalls are parallel to roadway
9. Maximum skew angle of 15°
10. Short and long term settlements are tolerable
11. Differential settlement along the length of the abutment is tolerable to avoid twisting of the superstructure
12. Suitable construction materials available

## H & H Modeling

- Velocity

- CTH KW

### HYDRAULIC DATA

$Q_{100}$  \_\_\_\_\_ 836 C.F.S.  
 VELOCITY \_\_\_\_\_ 4.48 F.P.S.  
 HIGH WATER \_\_\_\_\_ EL. 803.45 (100 YEAR)  
 HIGH WATER \_\_\_\_\_ EL. 801.30 (2 YEAR)  
 WATERWAY AREA \_\_\_\_\_ 187 S.F.  
 DRAINAGE AREA \_\_\_\_\_ 24.1 SQ. MILES  
 OVERTOPPING FREQUENCY = N/A  
 SCOUR CRITICAL CODE = 8

- CTH S

### HYDRAULIC DATA

$Q_{100}$  \_\_\_\_\_ 771 C.F.S.  
 VELOCITY \_\_\_\_\_ 4.56 F.P.S.  
 HIGH WATER \_\_\_\_\_ EL. 812.28 (100 YEAR)  
 HIGH WATER \_\_\_\_\_ EL. 810.67 (2 YEAR)  
 WATERWAY AREA \_\_\_\_\_ 169 S.F.  
 DRAINAGE AREA \_\_\_\_\_ 25.8 SQ. MILES  
 OVERTOPPING FREQUENCY = N/A  
 SCOUR CRITICAL CODE = 8

## H & H Modeling

- Scour – 200 yr event

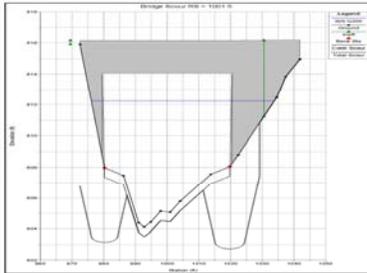
- CTH KW



## H & H Modeling

- Scour – 200 yr event

- CTH S



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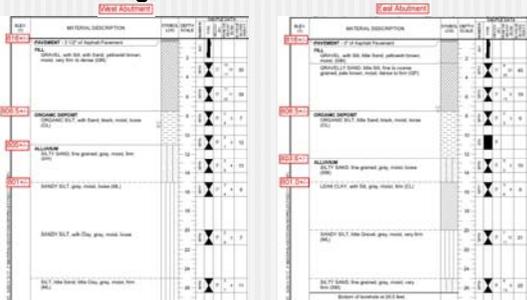
- Geomorphology – CTH KW



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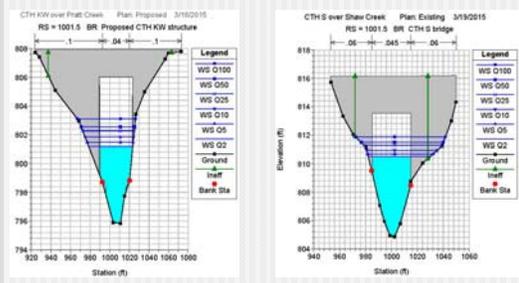
## Soil Borings – CTH S



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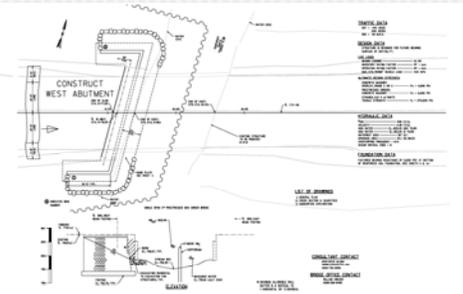
## Controlling Water During Abutment Construction



# Design - Constructability



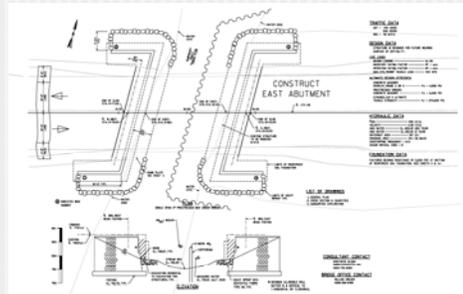
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# Design - Constructability



## Controlling Water During Abutment Construction





## Dodge County WisDOT Perspective

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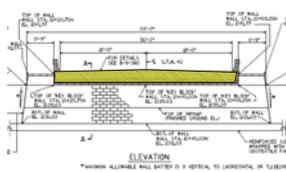
## GRS Abutments

- ▶ GRS History (2011 – Current)
  - FHWA - Every Day Counts (EDC1, EDC2, & EDC3)
  - Demonstration and AID Grants
  - Actively participating and promoting GRS Technology
  - New tool and not for every location



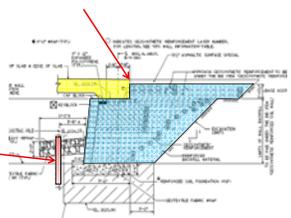
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## Chippewa County



- ▶ Concrete slab cast on GRS
- ▶ No approach slab used

Existing timber piles  
support false work



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## Chippewa County



Reduced Construction Time

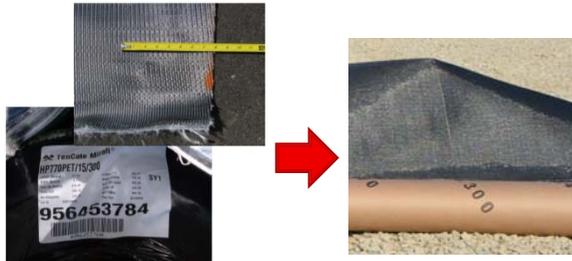


Less Complex Construction  
Methods



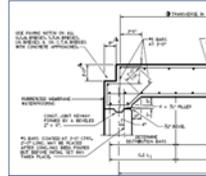
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## Fabric

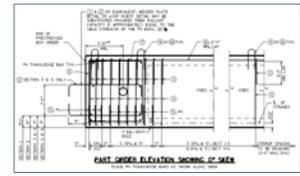


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## Superstructure



Completed Flat Slab



Re-Work Prestressed Box Girders

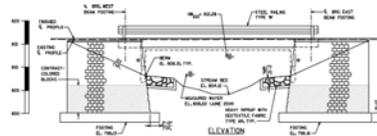


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## Dodge County

GRS Abutments (vs. Chippewa Project)

- > Similar SPV and Plans
- > Reinforcement Strength: 30% reduction (2% strain/min.)
- > Cofferdam Bid Item
- > Project Showcase

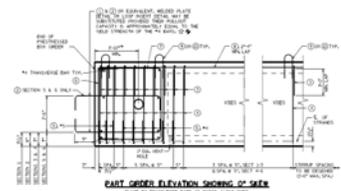


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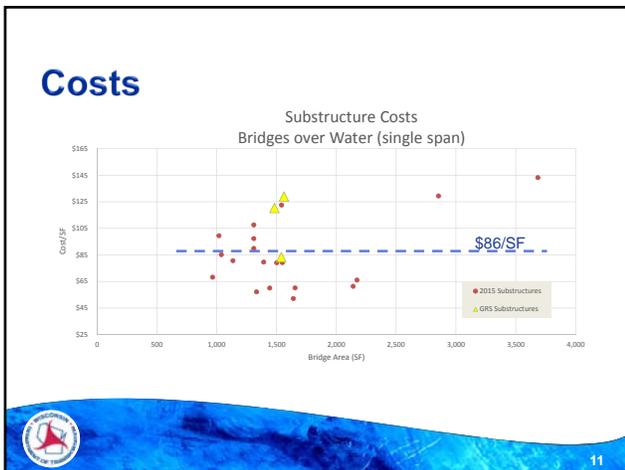
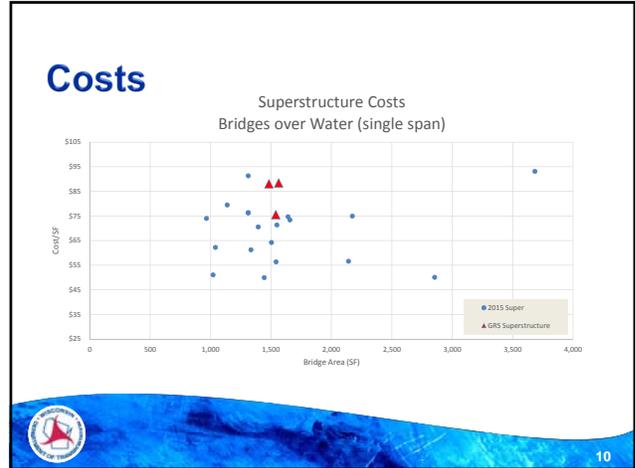
## Other Projects...Iron County

PS Box Girders

- > A1 Abutments
- > Composite Deck



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- ### Future Works
- Monitor Structures
  - Continue to stay connected
  - Address Lessons Learned
    - Identify or rule out potential candidates
    - Improve Design Guidance
    - Construction
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# GRS-IBS SHAW BROOK & PRATT CREEK

LESSONS LEARNED

- ## THE PLAYERS
- CONTRACTOR: JANKE GENERAL CONTRACTORS
  - PROJECT LEADER: BRAD ABRAHAM – RA SMITH NATIONAL, INC.
  - WISDOT LOCAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT: TERI SCHOPP - DAAR
  - BLOCK SUPPLIER: ROCHESTER CONCRETE PRODUCTS
  - GIRDER/BEAM SUPPLIER: SPANCRETE

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SO FAR

- SHAW BROOK BRIDGE (CTH S)
  - BOTH ABUTMENTS @ 90% COMPLETE
  - GIRDERS ARE SET AND GROUTED



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SO FAR

- PRATT CREEK (CTH KW)
  - WEST ABUTMENT IS 75% COMPLETE
  - EAST ABUTMENT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



## REINFORCED SOIL FOUNDATION (RSF)

- USED 18" OF 3" DENSE GRADED BASE FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
- USED 6" OF ¾" DENSE GRADED BASE TO ALLOW FOR EASIER LEVELING OF THE RSF



## BLOCK WALL CONSTRUCTION

- SETTING THE STARTER BLOCKS
  - CORRECT LAYOUT
    - FULL BLOCKS IN THE CORNERS
  - CALCULATING THE LOCATION USING THE BLOCK SUPPLIER WALL DESIGN
    - BATTER
  - LEVELING – UTILIZING A LEVELING MATERIAL
    - ¼" OF MATERIAL ALLOWED PER SPEC



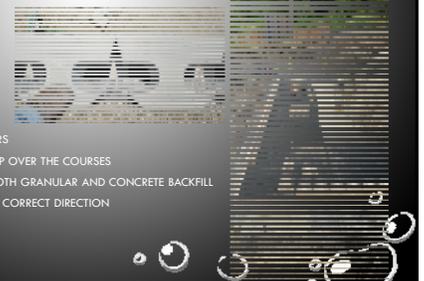
## BLOCK WALL CONSTRUCTION

- 90 DEGREE CORNERS VS. ROUNDED CORNERS



## BLOCK WALL CONSTRUCTION

- FABRIC
  - TYPE OF FABRIC
  - PLACEMENT OF FABRIC
  - KEEPING THE BLOCKS LEVEL
  - OVERLAPPING IN THE CORNERS
  - HEIGHT OF FABRIC ADDING UP OVER THE COURSES
  - COVERING THE VOIDS – IN BOTH GRANULAR AND CONCRETE BACKFILL
  - PLACEMENT OF FABRIC IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION



## BLOCK WALL CONSTRUCTION

- BACKFILLING
  - USING OPEN GRADED STONE
  - LIGHTWEIGHT COMPACTION
  - OVER-EXCAVATION BEHIND THE LAYERS OF FABRIC
  - FACE OF WALL
  - STRIPS OF FABRIC AT THE BACK OF THE BLOCKS TO SEAL THE VOIDS (CONCRETE)



## BLOCK WALL CONSTRUCTION

- BEARING CLOSURE
  - NON-WEIGHT BEARING
  - EASIER THAN TRIMMING BLOCKS TO FIT
  - LEAVING IT 1/4" LOW TO PREVENT THE GIRDERS FROM RUBBING ON IT
  - INCORPORATING REINFORCEMENT (ADDENDUM #1)
  - USING A CORNER BLOCK



## GIRDERS

- GRAVEL AND FABRIC HAS TO BE LEVELED TO A SET ELEVATION
- POST TENSION DUCT SEAL WASHERS HAD TO BE TRIMMED



## GROUT/DECK/OVERLAY

- INVESTIGATE THE USE OF A DIFFERENT MATERIAL IN THE TENSIONING POCKETS
  - EPOXY SEALER
- GRADE E
  - IS THERE ANOTHER MATERIAL THAT CAN BE USED?
  - ASPHALT OVERLAY
  - ALTERNATE GRADES OF CONCRETE DEPENDING ON PROJECT SPECIFIC ITEMS

## OTHER ITEMS

- USING STEEL BEAM GUARD POSTS WITHIN THE GRS-IBS LIMITS
  - MUST PUNCH THROUGH THE FABRIC
- USING STEEL SIGN POSTS WITHIN THE GRS-IBS LIMITS
  - MUST PUNCH THROUGH THE FABRIC
  - HOLES FOR WOOD POSTS
- HOW DO THESE TWO ITEMS AFFECT THE GRS-IBS SYSTEM?

## THOUGHTS/TAKEAWAYS

- THE RIGHT SITE AND CONDITIONS WILL MAKE THE PROJECT EASIER
- BEING ABLE TO WORK ON BOTH ABUTMENTS AT ONCE
- ROUNDED CORNERS ARE THE BETTER OPTION
- UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INCIDENTALS ARE FOR THE ITEM
- CONSIDER REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS FROM THE WALL DESIGNER
- TAKE THE QUESTION OUT OF THE DESIGN PROCESS – MAKE REQUIREMENTS SINGULAR
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS

## QUESTIONS?



## GRS-IBS SHOWCASE Q&A and Field Trip



## Questions So Far?



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## Field Trip

- ▶ 11:30 Lunch
- ▶ 12:30 Buses Leave
- ▶ Visit Site #1 – 30 mins +/-
  - Brief site description
  - Time to observe and discuss
  - Q&A
- ▶ Visit Site #2
- ▶ 2:30 Buses Return
- ▶ Active Site....SAFETY

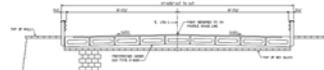
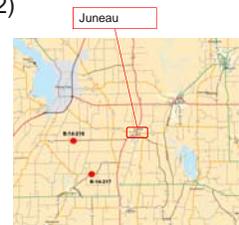


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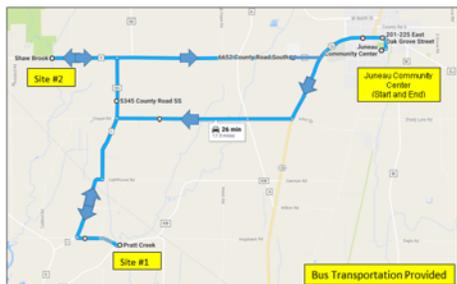
Two Structures (Site #1 and #2)

- ▶ Four GRS Abutments
- ▶ Prestressed Box Girders (17")
- ▶ 2" Concrete Overlay
- ▶ Type W Railings

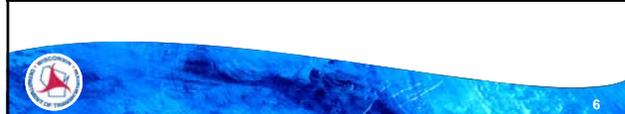
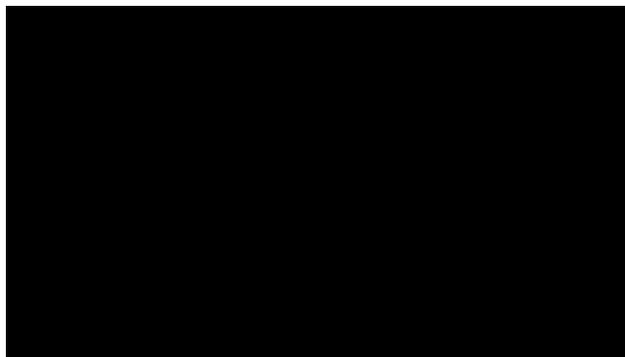


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## Field Trip



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## Field Trip Questions?

Lunch will be served soon



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## GRS-IBS SHOWCASE WisDOT Futures Uses



## GRS Abutments

### WisDOT Future

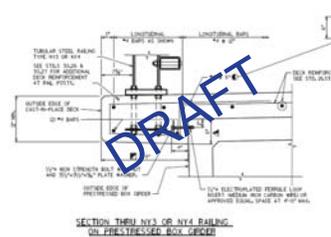
- Several Interested Counties (GRS or PS Box Girders)
- WisDOT Lessons Learned (Dodge County)
- Additional Prestressed Box Girder Projects
- FHWA Coordination and Updates



## County Sites



## Open Rail (under development)



### Grade Separations Multiuse Paths



### Misc. or Buried Structures



### Showcase Questions?

- ▶ GRS-IBS Overview
- ▶ Dodge County Sites
- ▶ Site Visit



### Again.... Special Thanks!!!

- ▶ **Dodge County**
  - ▶ **FHWA**
  - ▶ **WisDOT**
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- ▶ Email certificates of attendance with PDHs
- ▶ Downloadable information
  
- ▶ **And...Thanks for your participation!!!**

