Sliding Bridge

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Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)
ABC

Goals & Initiatives

- Minimize traffic disruptions and/or road closures during bridge construction
  - Reduce user delay-related costs
- Improve work-zone safety
- Improve bridge construction quality and/or durability
- Minimize disruption to environmentally sensitive areas
- Promote standardization
- Take advantage of site accessibility and/or existing right-of-ways
- Reduce construction time
  - Accelerate the overall project
  - Utilize accelerated bridge construction techniques
- Provide another solution for bridge construction compared to traditional methods
ABC

Considerations

- High traffic volumes
- Right-of-way
- Environmental
- Time
- Cost
- Construction quality
- Safety
- Mobility Impacts
- Availability of Prefabrication Bridge Elements
- ABC Technologies
- Planning, Design, & Construction
- Site Selection
- Contracting/Procurement/Delivery Methods
- Construction equipment and/or means-and-methods
- Standardization
- Construction Specifications and Materials
Accelerated Bridge Construction Technologies

- **source:** FHWA Every Day Counts Initiative from USDOT/FHA Accelerated Bridge Construction Manual (Publication No. HIF-12-013)

- ALDOT Ross Clark Circle/Dothan Bridge Slide Project utilized 3 ABC technologies:
  - Prefabricated bridge elements (i.e., prestressed girders and stay-in-place metal deck forms)
  - Fast Track Contracting (i.e., design-build and incentive/disincentive clause)
  - Structure Placement Methods (i.e., horizontal slide)
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Design-Build Comes to Alabama DOT

From the Design Build Institute of America (April 28, 2016)

- “Alabama joins 35 other states where design-build is authorized for use by their State Departments of Transportation. The Governor has signed the legislation into law and is effective immediately.”

- “The bill – sponsored by State Senator Arthur Orr – authorizes the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into design-build contracts for the first time. Design-build is an integrated approach to project delivery that offers design and construction services under one contract with a single point of responsibility.”

- Various studies show design-build transportation projects are completed up to 36 percent faster, with up to 11 percent costs savings when compared to the traditional delivery method.”
ALDOT Ross Clark Circle Bridge Slide Project (Dothan, AL)

SR-210 Ross Clark Circle Bridge over Bridge Culvert from Fortner Street to Bauman Drive
STATION 668+92
Houston County, Alabama
ALDOT Project No.: NHF-BRF-0210(506)
ALDOT Ross Clark Circle
Project Overview

- US 231
- Built in 1950s
- Divided Four Lane
- ADT 40,000 (73,000 in 2040)
- 250 ft. Right-of-Way
- 3-barrel culvert
  - 155 ft long
  - 20’ fill
  - Structurally Deficient

- Project Rendering taken from ALDOT’s project website
  [www.dothanbridge.com](http://www.dothanbridge.com)
ALDOT Ross Clark Circle

Bridge Information

- Separate NB & SB bridges
- Single span length = 120 ft
- Gutter-to-gutter = 58 ft (NB)
- Gutter-to-gutter = 48 ft (SB)
- Cast-in-place concrete abutments on driven steel H-piles
- Precast I-girders (BT-63)
- Cast-in-place concrete deck and barriers
- Stay-in-place deck forms
- Cast-in-place concrete end slabs
- Modified cast-in-place concrete end diaphragms to accommodate the jacking equipment and loads
ALDOT is the owner and project designer
The design of the temporary construction/ABC was given to the Design-Build Team
   - The project was awarded to McInnis Construction in 2015 who partnered with Thompson Engineering for the design of the temporary construction aspects associated with the bridge slide
ALDOT Special Provisions
   - 235 day contracting window
   - ABC-Horizontal Slide
   - Incentive Payments, Disincentive Deductions, and Liquidated Damages ($35,000/day)
   - Limit the complete road closure to less than 7-days per bridge during each slide
   - High-early concrete strength for the bridge approach/end slabs

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1. **Temporary Shoring**
   
   Used to construct the new Abutments *(while maintaining traffic)*

2. **Temporary Falsework**

   Used to support new Superstructure in preparation for bridge slide

3. **Bridge Slide**
Temporary Shoring Boxes

- Cost effective
- Used material that was readily available to McInnis Construction
- Could be installed quickly at the project site
- Could be de-constructed
- Could be re-used on future projects
- Standup to the extensive traffic (40,000 ADT) with large truck volumes over several months
- Included individual component designs for the:
  - Removable upper-lid (comprised of longitudinal & transverse beams)
  - Cap beam
  - Struts
  - Columns
  - Lagging
  - Sill plate (3/4”)
  - Mats & Bearing Capacity (2000 psf)
In order to ensure proper geometry controls and check constructability, McInnis Construction set up a pre-fabrication site at their home office to verify the temporary shoring box geometry and fit-up, pick weights and crane reach requirements, fabrication steps, transportation requirements, and de-construction sequence.

Thompson Engineering coordinated the AASHTO LRFD design of the temporary shoring box with McInnis Construction in order to optimize construction means & methods.
Construction activities continued concurrently as the shoring boxes were built in the Lay-Down area.
A two phase traffic control was used to maintain traffic during excavation and installation of the shoring boxes. The first phase shifted traffic to the inside with excavation on the outside.
A plan note required existing traffic to be maintained during peak hours, therefore McInnis Construction installed the shoring boxes during the weekend including nighttime work to minimize impacts to traffic.
To stay within the crane capacity the upper lid and side sill plates were erected separately.
Traffic Control (inside)

Backfilling and approach roadway asphalt being completed.
Phase two traffic control shifted traffic to the outside while construction activities were repeated on the inside.

Corner piles and timber wingwalls were installed to support the approach roadway embankment.
Excavation continued on the inside while traffic was maintained on the outside.
Traffic Control (outside)

Shoring boxes being erected and set in the trench.
Traffic Control (outside)

The last of the four shoring boxes being set adjacent to traffic.

Inside excavation.
After the shoring boxes were installed, pile layout and geometry control checks were made prior to pile driving.
A similar inside/outside traffic control was used to drive the piles after the upper lids of the shoring boxes were removed. Additional falsework piles were driven on the outside.
After the piles were installed, the abutment cap seat was constructed.
Temporary falsework was installed adjacent to the new bridge location to support the new superstructure in preparation for the bridge slide.
The BT-63 inch precast prestressed concrete bulb-tee girders were erected adjacent to the new bridge location on the falsework.
Jacking Sequence:
Step 1: use 3-50 ton jacks at each diaphragm location in between the girders to initially lift bridge to insert the MC slide track, 2-50 ton jacks, and Hilman rollers under each girder
Step 2: using 100 ton jack, slide bridge horizontally into final position
Step 3: re-install 2-50 ton jacks under each girder and remove rollers and then lower bridge into final position using 3-50 ton jacks at each diaphragm location in between the girders
New superstructure ready for bridge slide
Hillman rollers and steel channel used as a guide for the slide
100-ton jack used during the slide
Total bridge weight was 1.6M lbs for the SB bridge and 1.9M for the NB
3-50 ton jacks were used in between each beam to support and lower the final structure onto the abutment cap
The bridge slide took only a few days for McInnis Construction to complete
Time-Lapse Video

- Provided by McInnis Construction, LLC
“The road to success is always under construction.”