



# HAS-799-03.90/04.52: ODOT'S 1<sup>ST</sup> PROJECT WITH CARBON FIBER PRESTRESSING STRANDS

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# BOTTOM LINE

- Box beam bridges deteriorate and are being replaced 30-40 years after construction





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- ◉ ODOT's goal is to utilize non-conventional materials to increase the useful life of these bridges to 100 years



**Carbon Fiber  
Composite Cable (CFCC)**



**Stainless Steel**

# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Problem and solutions
- Project goals
- Carbon Fiber Composite Cable (CFCC) box beam and transverse post-tensioning design
- Fabrication
- Cost comparisons and summary



# BOX BEAM BRIDGE PROBLEMS

- ◉ Common problems with box beam bridges
  - > Deterioration of the beam reinforcing and steel strands
    - Non-composite beams with asphalt wearing surface
    - Inadequate waterproofing on the tops of the beams
    - Deterioration of grouted shear keys
    - Leakage through the joints between beams

# BOX BEAM BRIDGE PROBLEMS

- Composite box beams with a concrete deck typically outlast non-composite box beams with an asphalt surface





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# POSSIBLE BOX BEAM BRIDGE SOLUTIONS

- Conventional solutions to increasing the life of box beam bridges
  - > Using a composite concrete deck instead of applying asphalt wearing surface to tops of beams

# POSSIBLE BOX BEAM BRIDGE SOLUTIONS

- Non-conventional solutions to increasing the life of box beam bridges
  - > Transversely post-tensioning the box beams
  - > Carbon fiber prestressing strands instead of the steel strands
  - > Stainless steel reinforcing instead of typical epoxy-coated rebar
  - > High performance grout or UHPC for shear keys between beams



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## Project scope

- > Replace two existing box beam bridges over Clendening Lake





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## Project scope

- > One bridge scoped to be conventional materials while the other bridge scoped to be non-conventional materials
- > Perform research into non-conventional methods and materials
  - Provide ODOT with design criteria and final design



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## ➤ Project Challenges

- > Managing and coordinating a large design team
- > First Ohio bridge that utilizes beams that have CFCC prestressing strands
- > Developing two separate sets of project plans (one for beam fabricator and one for general contractor)

## ➤ Final Bridge Designs

- > Combination of different types of foundations due to variability in bedrock (drilled shafts, pile foundations and spread footings)
- > Both bridges are single span composite box beam bridges on reinforced concrete wall type abutments
- > One bridge scoped to be conventional materials while the other bridge scoped to be non-conventional materials

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## Non-Conventional Bridge is Unique and Innovative

- > First bridge in Ohio to use Carbon Fiber Composite Cable (CFCC) prestressing strands (Tokyo Rope)
- > Stainless steel reinforcing bars in the box beams, composite concrete deck slab and approach slabs
- > Transversely post-tensioned (both bridges)



# CARBON FIBER COMPOSITE CABLE (CFCC)

- ◉ Developed by Tokyo Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.
- ◉ Patented in 10 countries
- ◉ CFCC® is a registered trade mark of Tokyo Rope
- ◉ Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP)



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# CARBON FIBER COMPOSITE CABLE (CFCC)

- ◉ Composite reinforcing cable utilizing carbon fibers and resins formed into a standard cable shape
- ◉ Twisted 7 micrometer diameter carbon fibers with an epoxy resin
- ◉ 7 strands braided into 1 cable



# CARBON FIBER COMPOSITE CABLE (CFCC)

## ➤ Advantages:

- > Light weight and flexible
  - 15 lbs per 100 feet of CFCC
  - 52 lbs per 100 feet of steel strands
- > High tensile strength
- > High corrosion resistance



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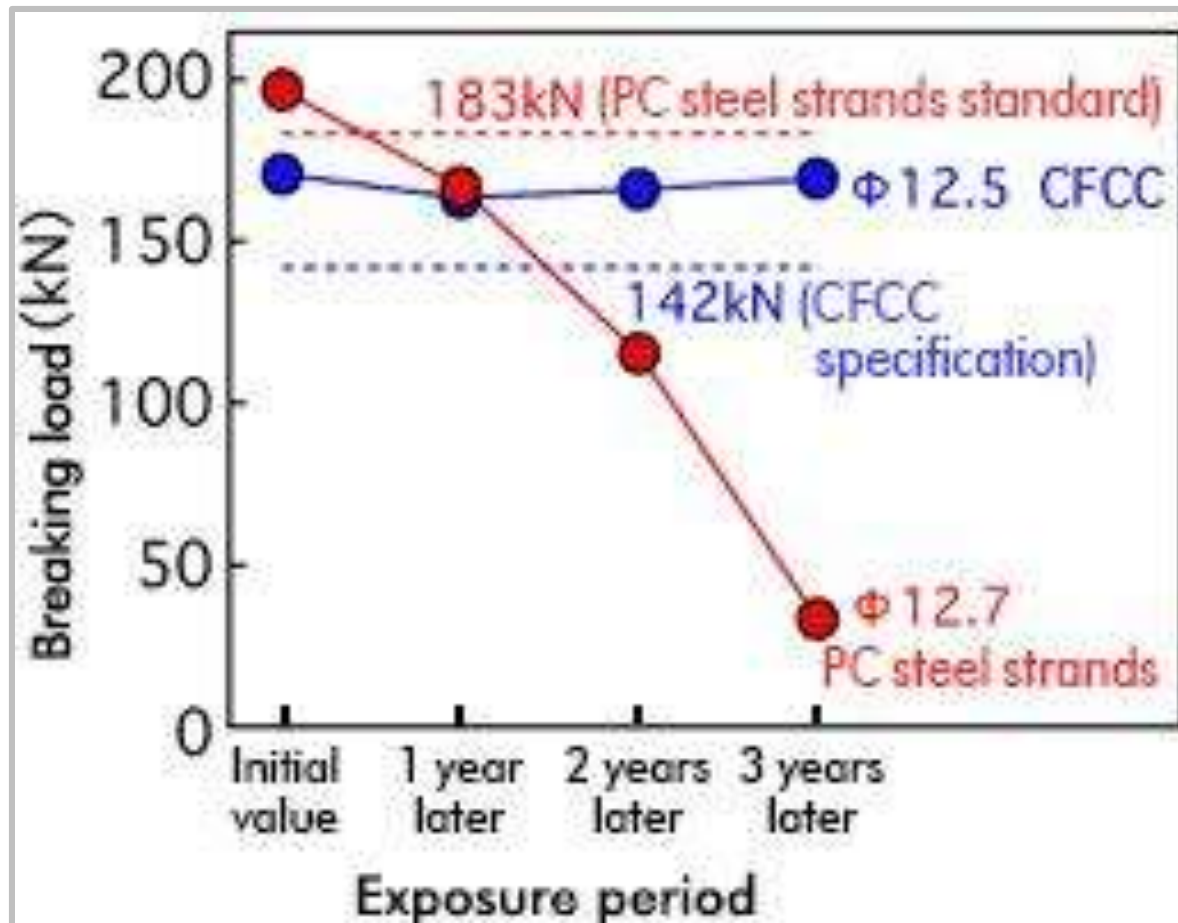
- ⦿ High corrosion resistance
  - > Superior resistance to acid and alkali
    - Oceans
    - Areas using salt for de-icing of roads

**Condition of CFCC  
after exposure**



**Condition of low relaxation  
strands after exposure**

# CFCC – HIGH CORROSION RESISTANCE



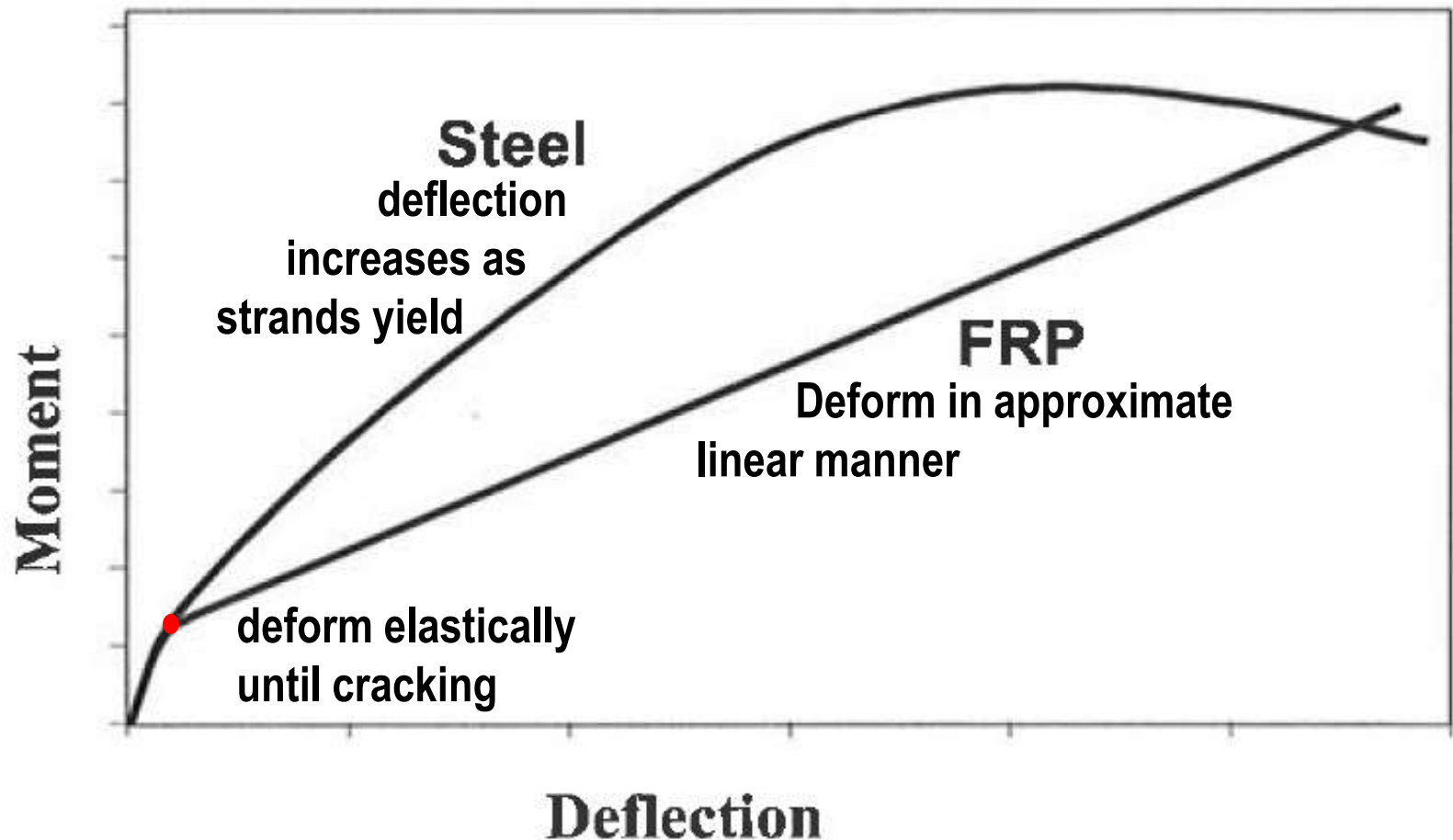


# DESIGN CHALLENGES WITH CFCC

- ◉ Designed using ACI-440.4R-04 (Prestressing Concrete Structures with FRP Tendons)
- ◉ Tensile stress allowed at service limit state
  - > Zero for CFCC design
  - >  $0.0948\sqrt{f'_c} = 250 \text{ psi}$  for a severe corrosive environment (AASHTO Table 5.9.4.2.2-1)
    - Resulted in more strands to limit concrete tensile stress



# DEFORMATION CHARACTERISTICS



# CFCC VS STEEL PRESTRESSING

|                         | CFCC            | Low Relaxation  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Diameter                | 0.6 inch        | 0.5 inch        |
| Area                    | 0.179 sq in     | 0.167 sq in     |
| Ultimate Tensile Stress | 305 ksi         | 270 ksi         |
| Initial Stress          | 183 ksi (60%)   | 202.5 ksi (75%) |
| Stress after All Losses | 144.5 ksi (21%) | 171.3 ksi (15%) |

# STAINLESS STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE

- ◉ Stainless steel using in 6" concrete deck and stirrups
- ◉ ODOT didn't want a corrosive steel material in the box beams with the CFCC strands





# STAINLESS STEEL REINFORCING BARS

- ◉ Corrosion resistant
- ◉ US conventional bar sizes
- ◉ Standard bend shapes
- ◉ Grade 60 and Grade 75
- ◉ Care is required during shipping, handling, fabrication and placement



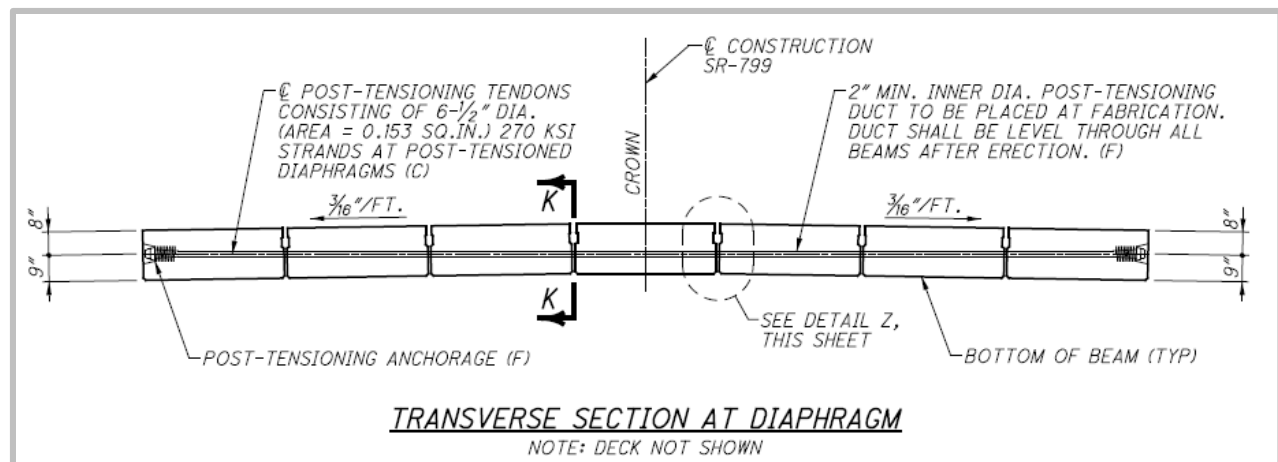
# CFCC VS TRADITIONAL BRIDGE

- 7 CB17-48 box beams; 55'-0" span

|                   | <b>HAS-799-0390<br/>CFCC &amp; Stainless</b> | <b>HAS-799-0452<br/>Traditional</b> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Strand            | 0.6 inch diameter<br>0.179 sq in             | 0.5 inch diameter<br>0.167 sq in    |
| Number of Strands | 36 CFCC                                      | 28 Low Relax                        |
| Release Concrete  | 6.5 ksi                                      | 5.5 ksi                             |
| Final Concrete    | 7 ksi  | 7 ksi                               |

# TRANSVERSE POST-TENSION

- ◉ Replace traditional tie rods with post-tension
  - > Help prevent leakage between the box beam joints
- ◉ Post tensioning at quarter points (both bridges)
  - > Six 0.5" diameter low relaxation strands



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## PSI Presentation Overview

1. Past projects and experience with CFCC strand
2. Preplanning for Carbon Fiber Composite Strand
3. Specific Safety Requirements and Material Handling



# PAST PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

PSI's First CFCC Project in Taylor County, KY in 2014.



(29) CFCC Strands



Stainless Steel Rebar



HN4054 x 74' Long

# PAST PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

PSI's Second CFCC Project in St. Joseph, MI in 2016.



(59) CFCC Strands



Epoxy Coated Rebar



HN4249 x 107' Long

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# PREPLANNING FOR CFCC

1. Bed selection and number of beams per cast.
2. Coupler staggering layout and stressing sequence.

## 1. Bed Criteria

Based on stressing capacity and making full use of the casting bed length

- Harrison County, OH CFCC beams consists of (7) beams 17" x 48" x 57' long.
- The beams have (36) .6" dia. strands pulled to approximately 33,500 lbs.
- Number of coupler locations were (4) spaces at approximately 4'-0"

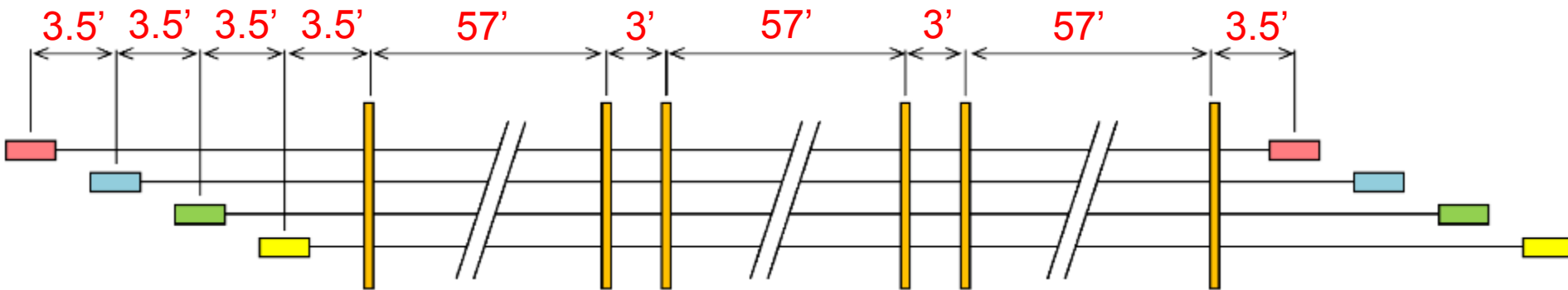
## 2. Sequencing Criteria

Based mainly on the size of the coupler.



# PREPLANNING FOR CFCC

210' Casting Bed with a 'Chuck to Chuck' of 225' selected.

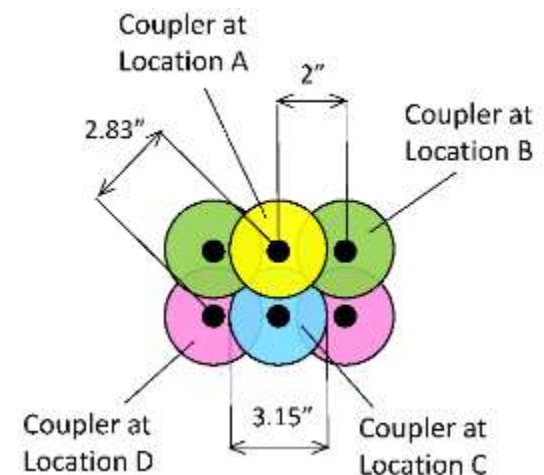


## Bed Allowances

- ✓ (3) Beams per cast =  $57' \times 3 = 171'-0"$
- ✓ (2) Gaps between beams =  $3' \times 2 = 6'-0"$
- ✓ (4) Locations @  $3'-6"$  x 2 ends =  $28'-0"$
- Total Above = 207' ➡ Use 210' Casting Bed

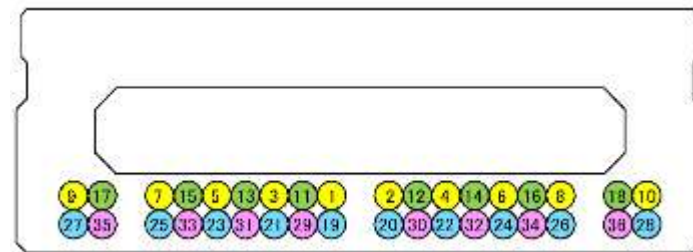
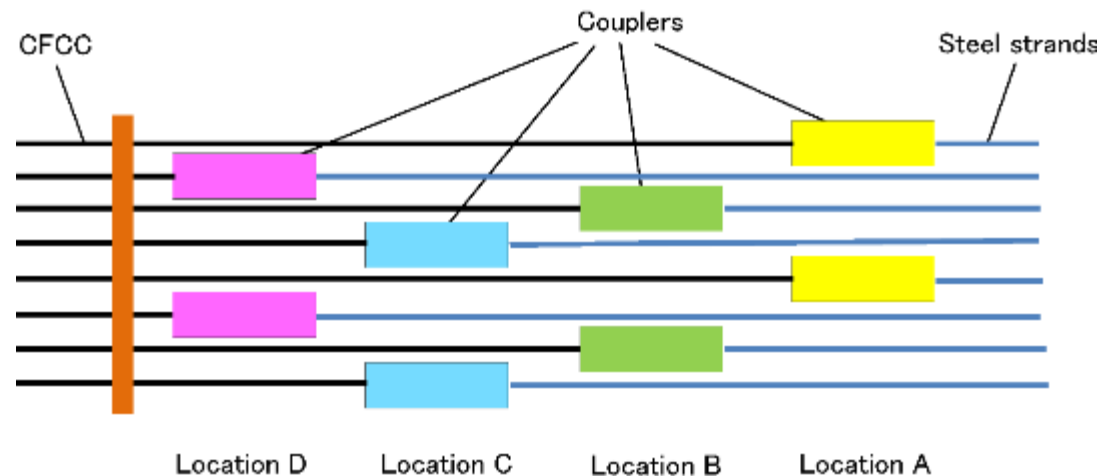
## Strand Length based on 'Chuck to Chuck of 225'

- CFCC =  $(3.5' \times 5) + (57' \times 3) + (3 \times 2) = 194.5'$
- Steel =  $225' \text{ Chuck to Chuck} - 194.5 \text{ CFCC} = 30.5'$



# PREPLANNING FOR CFCC

## Coupler Layout & Stressing Sequence



Elongation is a critical component of the coupler layout and sequencing preplanning



# SAFETY AND CFCC STRAND





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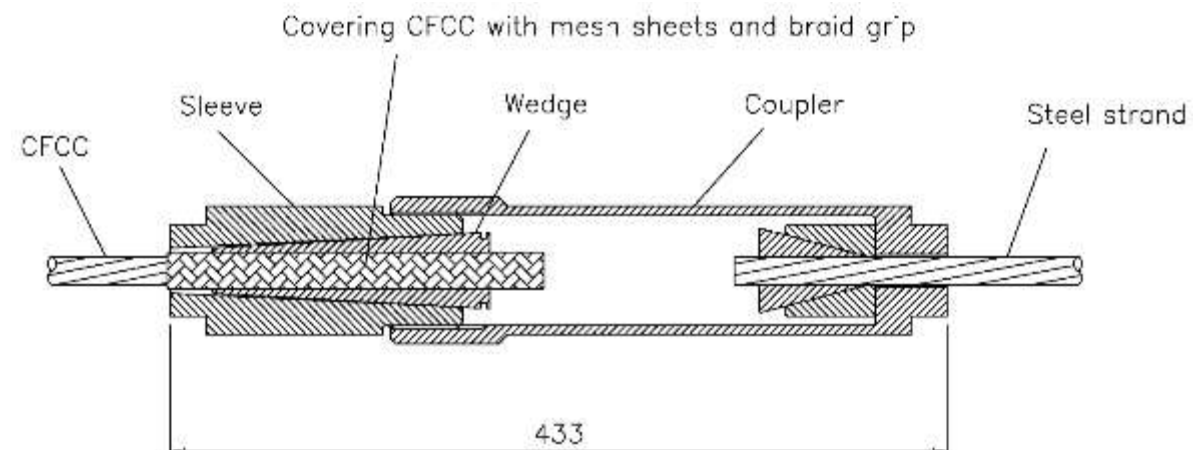
# HANDLING CFCC



Pushing Machine



# THE COUPLER



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Picture of  
Final Product

# CFCC VS TRADITIONAL BRIDGE

|                       | HAS-799-0390<br>CFCC & Stainless | HAS-799-0452<br>Traditional |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Life Span             | 100+ years                       | 40 - 50 years               |
| Cost 2016             | \$39,400 per beam                | \$8,800 per beam            |
| Beam Replacement 2066 | N/A                              | \$10,000 per beam           |
| Construction 2066     | N/A                              | \$25,000 per beam           |
| Life Cycle Costs 2116 | \$39,400 per beam                | \$43,800 per beam           |

**CB17-48 CFCC PATTERN**

Technical drawing showing the cross-section and strand layout for the CFCC pattern. Dimensions include: 4'-0" total width, 3'-1" internal width, 5 1/2" top flange width, 1 1/2" (TYP) hole spacing, 2" φ HOLE (TYP) EACH END OF BEAM, 3" top flange thickness, 4" web thickness, 2" bottom flange thickness, 6 SPA. @ 2" = 1'-0" strand spacing, and 18-CFCC 1x7 15.2 φ STRANDS.

**CB17-48 STRAND PATTERN**

Technical drawing showing the cross-section and strand layout for the strand pattern. Dimensions include: 4'-0" total width, 3'-1" internal width, 5 1/2" top flange width, 3/8" hole spacing, 1 1/2" (TYP) hole spacing, 2" φ HOLE (TYP) EACH END OF BEAM, 3" top flange thickness, 4" web thickness, 2" bottom flange thickness, 5 SPA. @ 2" = 10" strand spacing, 16-1/2" φ STRANDS, and 12-1/2" φ STRANDS.

# SUMMARY

- ◉ Unique learning experience
- ◉ Increasing the life of box beam bridges
  - > Carbon fiber prestressing strands instead of the steel strands
  - > Stainless steel reinforcing instead of typical epoxy-coated rebar
  - > Transversely post-tensioning
- ◉ Contractor sale date: August 11, 2016

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