



SDG 5:

Precast Prestressed Beams

Chapter 5

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Section 1 Design Requirements and Guidelines

Precast prestressed concrete beams are economical, durable, and can be adapted to accommodate a variety of geometries, including curved and tapered bridges. They are TDOT's beam of choice for spans generally between 30 ft. and 160 ft.

5-101.00 Design Specifications

Use the current edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications. AASHTO references in this document are given in parentheses.

5-102.00 Haunch Depth

The thickness of the haunch given on the "Typical Cross-Section" drawings is always the value at the substructure locations. The thickness naturally varies within the span, but should be set to never be less than the following minimum values:

- 1" minimum at edge of flange for all beams
- 1 ½" minimum at centerline of I-beams and box beams
- 2" minimum at centerline of bulb-tee and wide bulb-tee beams

Sag vertical curves usually result in the haunches being thicker at the supports in order to not violate the minimum haunch thickness along the span.

Prestressed concrete beams used for horizontally curved bridges act as chords to concentric arcs. This results in an offset between the actual beam location (chord) and its theoretical arc. The haunch depth must be increased for this effect.

The 1-inch minimum thickness along the edge of the top flange makes provision for a 1" thick bituminous fiberboard deck panel support and provides a contingency against encroachment of the beam into the bottom of the deck. (The terms "deck" and "slab" are used interchangeably in this document.)

For haunches exceeding 2", the standard 5" stirrup projection shall be increased to ensure the stirrups project above the bottom mat of slab reinforcement or project above the top of the prestressed concrete deck panels. If the haunch is increased above 2" during construction after the beams have been fabricated, the haunch will require supplemental reinforcement (K-bars) to sufficiently engage the slab reinforcement with the stirrups. If the haunch depth varies significantly between spans or even within a span, the stirrup projections or K-bar vertical leg lengths will need to vary accordingly and be called out on the bridge plans.



Figure 1. K-Bars

5-103.00 Design Loads

The design live load is the HL-93 live loading increased by 10% (multiplied by 1.1) in addition to all load factors specified by AASHTO for all applicable load combinations.

- For single span bridges, use design lane, design truck, and design tandem.
- For multi-span bridges, use design lane, design truck, design tandem, and double truck.
 - Do not use double tandem unless permission is given by the Design Manager. It is rarely necessary.

Prior to the curing of the deck, all loads act on a simply supported, non-composite beam section. The non-composite loads include:

- Dead load of the beams, slab, haunches, intermediate diaphragms, and deck forms (or panels). These are designated as DC₁.
 - Lightweight concrete for the deck is an option with the Directors' approval. See AASHTO 5.4.2.8. Lightweight concrete (Class L) is seldom used and is more expensive than Class D and Class DS concrete. It can be helpful when there is a special need to reduce the slab weight, including reducing the weight of the superstructure for seismic design.
- After the deck is cured, all additional loads act on the composite section (beam, deck, and haunch) and act on continuous spans. The composite loads include:
 - Live Load (LL)
 - Dead Load of parapets, sidewalks, median barriers, and any other dead load component added after the slab is cured (DC₂)
 - Dead Load of wearing surface and utilities (DW) (The wearing surface load is 35 psf.)
 - Utility loads shall be applied as a line load and include the weight of the pipe and full volume in the pipe. Hanger spacing shall be designed and specified by the utility but shall not exceed 10 feet.

5-104.00 Concrete Compressive Strength

- Use the lowest compressive strengths that satisfy the beam design requirements for the initial and final beam strengths. The minimum compressive strengths shall be 5 ksi (final) and 4 ksi (release).
- No compressive strengths above 10 ksi will be allowed. This is the upper limit because TDOT does not have confidence in the aggregate performing adequately at strengths above 10 ksi.
- Specify f'_{ci} and f'_c of the beam to the nearest 0.1 ksi. $f'_{c \text{ slab}} = 4$ ksi

5-105.00 Prestressing Strand Stress Limits

For prestressed concrete beams, use low-relaxation (low-lax) strands pulled to 75 percent of the tensile strength of the strand (Table 5.9.2.2-1).

Strands must all be pulled to the same force for any given beam. Partial prestressing of strands is prohibited, except when two strands are added to the top of a beam as an aid to the fabricator to support the reinforcement cage. Do not show these strands on the bridge plans. If used, they shall be shown on the beam shop drawings from the fabricator. These strands shall not be pulled to more than 5 kips each without the Design Manager's approval.

All prestressed beams shall have at least one strand in each corner of the bottom flange. The corner strands shall be placed 2 inches from each vertical face of the bottom flange. This strengthens the corners of the bottom flange and helps prevent concrete spalling, especially during shipping, handling, and erection.

5-106.00 Deflection

All beams shall have upward deflection of at least 1/8" under total dead load ($DC_1 + DC_2 + DW$). All deflection multiplier factors in Leap Bridge Concrete shall be set to 1.0.

5-107.00 Prestressing Strand Size and Type

Use 6/10" diameter low-lax strands unless directed otherwise by the Design Manager. The use of 1/2" diameter strands may be permitted in special cases with approval of the Design Manager.

Strands must all be the same size for any given beam, except the two partially prestressed strands added to the top of the beam to support the stirrups. These partially prestressed strands shall not be less than 3/8" in diameter.

5-108.00 Tension Reinforcement

All prestressed beams shall have mild reinforcement placed in the top of the beams. The required area of reinforcement is the greater of 1.2 multiplied by the cracking moment ($1.2M_{cr}$) or the area required by Leap Bridge Concrete. Use $f_{cpe} = 0$ and $S_c = S_{nc}$ when computing M_{cr} for this particular design requirement. In most cases, the area of reinforcement required for $1.2M_{cr}$ will exceed the area required by Leap Bridge Concrete, which is based on the actual tensile stress in the top of the beam. However, the extra reinforcement provides additional strength that helps protect the beam from overstresses and damage during shipping and erection. The mild tension reinforcement shall be symmetrical about the centerline of the beam.

5-109.00 Beam Length Adjustments

Beam lengths shall be increased to account for the vertical profile of the bridge as necessary. All beam lengths shall be rounded up to the nearest inch.

5-110.00 Diaphragms

Permanent support or end diaphragms are always required between all beams at substructure locations. Intermediate diaphragms between all beams shall be required as given in Table 1. Support diaphragms at bents and piers shall be 1'-6" thick.

5-110.01 Intermediate Diaphragms

Use intermediate diaphragms as required in Table 1 below.

| Bulb-Tee and Wide Bulb-Tee Beams | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Span | Diaphragm Requirement |
| $L < 40'$ | none |
| $40' \leq L < 80'$ | midspan |
| $L \geq 80'$ | third points along span |
| I-Beams | |
| Span | Diaphragm Requirement |
| $L \geq 80'$ | midspan |
| $R \leq 800'$ | midspan |
| L = span length | |
| R = radius of curvature | |

Table 1. Intermediate Diaphragm Requirements

Standard drawing STD-14-1 specifies structural steel intermediate diaphragms for bulb-tee and wide bulb-tee beams. Standard drawing STD-14-2 specifies cast-in-place concrete diaphragms for I-beams but allows the use of steel channels as an alternate.

5-110.02 Continuity Diaphragms

TDOT uses jointless, continuous bridges whenever possible. Continuity diaphragms are required at the bents of continuous bridges because they facilitate moment transfer between spans.

The continuity diaphragm shall be detailed for a positive moment connection with slab reinforcement and bent prestressing strands in the bottom row of the beam ends threaded through horizontal stirrups, all encased in the diaphragm.

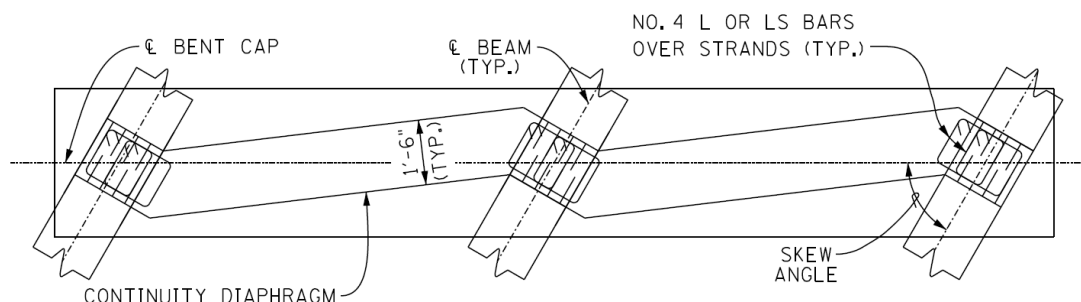


Figure 2. Plan View of Continuity Diaphragm

AASHTO 5.12.3.3.9 only allows fully bonded strands to be embedded in the diaphragms. Verify this is satisfied when checking the beam shop drawings.

The following strategies are in place to allow end rotation of the beam prior to continuity, to avoid calculating restraint moments, to help reduce cracking in diaphragms/endwalls, and to enhance continuity:

1. 90 days after detensioning is the earliest time a beam can receive a full depth continuity diaphragm. If the beams are placed on supports before this time, only the bottom 15 inches of the diaphragm shall be poured (see plans note 116). The remainder of the diaphragm is poured when the slab over the support is poured. Any deviation from this requirement will require the Director's approval.
2. Pouring the bottom 15 inches of the continuity diaphragm immediately after the beams are erected helps stabilize the ends of the beams and prevents thermally induced movement of the beams relative to the supports. This movement could otherwise result in misalignment of the beams and damage to the elastomeric bearing pads. The beams are still able to rotate slightly when the slab is poured.
3. The Contractor shall provide temporary bracing until the diaphragms are poured and cured.

The office policy is to assume that prestressed concrete beams are continuous for composite dead load and live load once the slab and support diaphragms have cured.

5-111.00 Transforming Strands

Transformed strands are not permitted for prestressed beam design.

5-112.00 Bond Breaks

When bond breaks (aka debonding, shielding, or wrapping strands) are required for a design, AASHTO's requirements (5.9.4.3.3) shall be satisfied with the following exceptions:

1. Bond breaks shall not be used on vertically or horizontally adjacent strands or corner strands in the bottom row.
2. The office policy exception for rows above the bottom row is to try to avoid placing bond breaks on the exterior strands. However, if that cannot be avoided, the shortest possible bond breaks shall be used for exterior strands above the bottom row.

5-113.00 Draping Strands

Draping (aka harping, deflecting, or raising) strands permits the designer to extend the span limits of prestressed beams by reducing the tensile stresses near the top ends of the beams.

Draping strands should only be done if the maximum number of bond breaks has been reached and there are still tensile overstresses in the top of the beam near the ends. Use the following limits when draping strands:

- Maximum allowable total hold-down force = 50 kips
- Maximum allowable strand hold-down force = 5 kips per strand
- Maximum number of draped strands = 10 for I-beams and bulb-tee beams (6" web)
= 15 for bulb-tee (8" web) and wide bulb-tee beams
- Hold down points shall be between $0.3L$ and $0.4L$ from each end of the beam where L is the precast beam length. Moving the hold-down points toward the ends of the beam can gain capacity in the beam but increases the hold-down force.

5-114.00 Top Strands

Instead of draping strands, it is acceptable to use top strands that are fully tensioned but debonded throughout the beam length except for the beam ends. Whenever this approach is used, Leap Bridge Concrete ignores all effects of debonded top strands at all locations where they are debonded. This is equivalent to assuming that these debonded top strands are detensioned at midspan at the same time that all the other strands are detensioned. If it is intended to detension the top strands at a later time, such as after erection, design calculations showing the effects of the delayed detensioning shall be submitted to the Bridge Design Manager for review and approval. These design calculations shall include all effects of the delayed detensioning, including the effects on beam stresses and deflections.

All top strands that are to be detensioned at midspan shall include a block-out at mid-span to access the strands. The top strands shall be heated a sufficient amount to relieve the stresses in the strands before the strands are cut.

5-115.00 Dead Load Correction Curve

Show the dead load correction curve at the quarter points of each span. Use the dead load deflection of the slab, haunch, and composite dead load to calculate the dead load correction values. Do not include any dead load deflection due to the self-weight of the beam or the intermediate diaphragms.

After the beams are erected, the contractor will conduct a field survey to establish the as-erected profile of each beam. The expected final top of beam profile is then calculated by reducing the as-erected beam profile by the values given in the dead load correction curve. The required bottom of slab profile is determined by subtracting the slab thickness from the required top of slab profile based on the finished grade line. The elevation difference between the bottom of slab and the top of beam is the haunch thickness. If the beams have excessive camber, then the grade may have to be raised to provide the minimum haunch thickness. Occasionally beams do not camber as much as expected, and the haunch must be increased to maintain the final profile of the deck. Adjustments to the grade and haunch are made by adjusting the elevations of the deck forms and bridge screed rail.

5-116.00 Allowable Tensile Stress at Beam Ends

The Service III tensile stress limit at the bearing and transfer locations shall be taken as $0.24\sqrt{f'c}$. The Service III tensile stress limit at all other locations shall be taken as $0.19\sqrt{f'c}$.

Section 2 Leap Bridge Concrete

Use Leap Bridge Concrete for prestressed beam design unless approval to use an alternate program is given by the Director.

5-201.00 Leap Bridge Concrete Input Parameters

5-201.01 Project Tab

- Use LRFD-9 design code. (Use LRFD-10 when it is available.)
- Use Multi-Span (Continuous) span type for multi-span bridges.
- Use Simple Span for single span bridges.

5-201.02 Geometry Tab

- Curb width is measured to the bottom of the parapet. See the standard drawing for the parapet to determine the width of the bottom of the parapet.
- Deck Thickness = 8.25" for most bridges
 - 8.25" is the minimum thickness allowed.
 - See SDG 4 for more information on slab thickness.

- Add 1" of sacrificial deck thickness. This will help account for the extra concrete used when steel stay-in-place deck forms are used.
- Haunch Thickness: Input the haunch thickness as shown on the typical cross-section of the superstructure.
- Select "Ignore Haunch for Comp. Section Properties".
- Precast length = Release length
- Pier to Pier = Span length
- The skew angle for Leap Bridge Concrete and the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications is the complementary angle of the skew angle shown on the preliminary layout.
- Pier CL to Precast (For span 1, "Pier CL" is the beginning of bridge.)
 - Span 1: $\frac{1.5ft.}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\text{maximum flange width}/2}{\tan \theta}$ for I-beams, bulb-tee beams, and wide bulb-tee beams.
 - Per STD-14-1, the top flange of bulb-tee and wide bulb-tee beams may be clipped for skews less than 75 degrees.
 - Box beams may have their ends skewed between 60 degrees and 90 degrees, so the equation varies based on the skew angle.
 - All other spans: 0.75 ft. (regardless of skew angle or beam type)

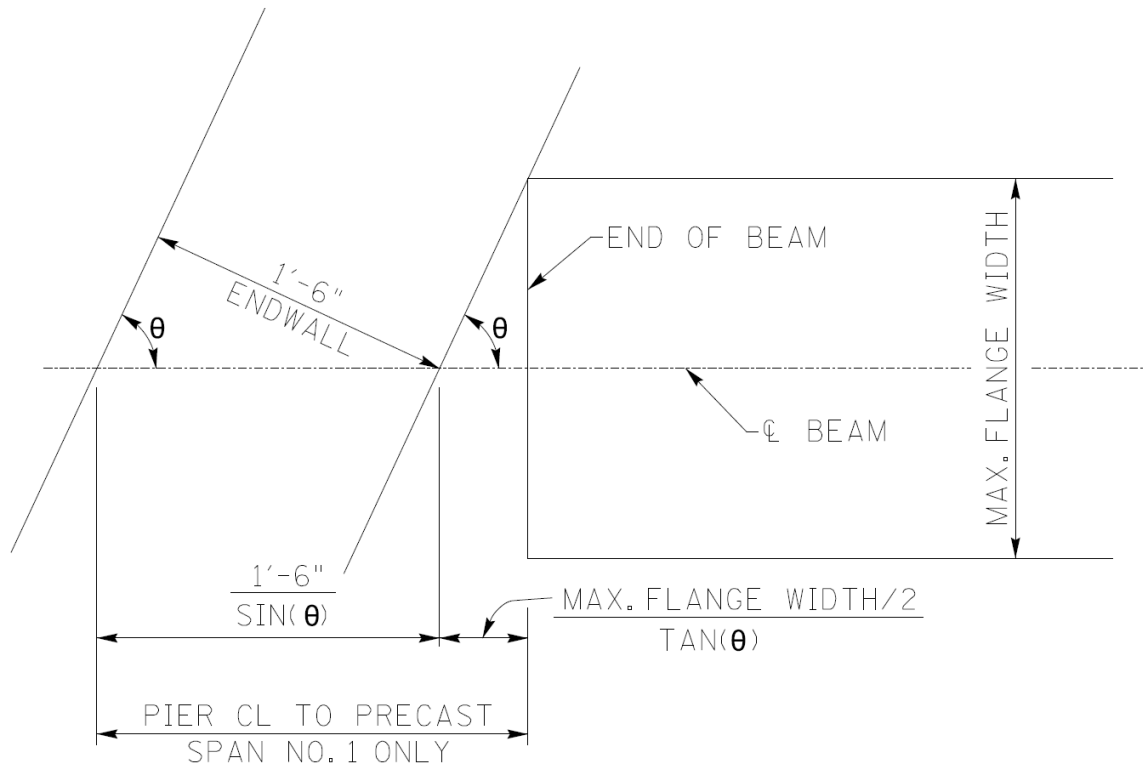


Figure 3. Plan View of Beam End at Abutment

5-201.03 Materials Tab

- Use $f'_c = 4$ ksi for the deck concrete.
- Do not transform the prestressing strands or rebar.
- Use 0.6"-270K-LL strands for most bridges.
 - ½"-270K-LL strands may be permitted in special cases with approval of the Design Manager.
- Maximum auto-debonding percentage:
 - Use current AASHTO limits.

5-201.04 Loads Tab

- Loads may be manually input or auto-generated with the wizard.
- Live Load
 - Design Lane
 - Design Tandem
 - Design Truck
 - Double Truck (for multi-span bridges)
 - Do not use Double Tandem (unless for a special case and permission is given by the Design Manager.)
 - Live load factors shall be increased by 10% as shown in Figure 5.
- Do not include:

- Static live load for RSA (used for seismic design)
- Temperature load
- Pedestrian live load
 - Vehicular live load is to be placed from curb-to-curb, even when sidewalks or greenways are present.
- Live load deflection
- Do not select “Mass for RSA” or “Include Static LL for RSA.”

5-201.05 Analysis Tab

The following screenshots are from the Analysis Factors and Design Parameters in Leap Bridge Concrete. AASHTO references and notes are shown where applicable.

Analysis Factors

Distribution | Load Factors | Modifier

① **Distribute Dead Load**

☒ Equally to all beams
☐ Based on Tributary Fraction

Dead Load

☒ Computed ☐ Manual

Span: 01 Beam: 1

Apply to All Beams

Comp. DC: 0.25
 Comp. DW: 0.25

② **Live Load - Girder**

Span: 01 Beam: 1

☒ Manual
☐ Use Code Equations
☐ Use Refined Method of Analysis

Apply to All Beams

Moment -ve
 2+ Loaded Lane
 1 Loaded Lane

Moment +ve
 2+ Loaded Lane
 1 Loaded Lane

Shear
 2+ Loaded Lane
 1 Loaded Lane

Pedestrian: 0.00

③ **Dynamic Load Factor**

Truck: 0.33
 Lane: 0.00
 Strength II: 0.33
 Fatigue: 0.15

④ **Live Load LRFD params**

☐ Use Permit Vehicle side by side with design loads for Strength II

ADTT: 5000 **Apply ADTT** 1.00

☐ Include Rigid Cross-section Assumption (Art. 4.6.2.2.2d)
☐ Include sacrificial deck thick in ts
☐ Apply reduction of Moment for skew

OK **Cancel**

Figure 4. Distribution Tab

① Check conditions in 4.6.2.2.1.

② Use the spreadsheet "LLDF_LRFD_(current edition)" or an alternate file/program/technique approved by the Design Manager to determine the highest LLDF values for moment and shear for the entire bridge. Manually input the highest factors and apply to all beams in all spans. All beams in each span shall have the same strand and stirrup pattern unless an exception is given by the Design Manager.

③ Table 3.6.2.1-1

④ Do not apply any of the Live Load LRFD Parameters options.

Analysis Factors

Load Factors

Strength Limit State

① Strength I

| | DC | Max. | Min. |
|--------|----|------|------|
| DW | | 1.25 | 0.90 |
| ② Live | | 1.50 | 0.65 |
| | | 1.93 | |

☒ Included

Service Limit State

Service III

| | DC | Max | Min. |
|--------|----|------|------|
| DW | | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| ③ Live | | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| | | 1.1 | |

☒ Included

Fatigue I Limit State

Live

④ 1.93

☒ Included

[Load Factors](#)

OK Cancel

① Do not use Strength II for new bridges. It is for permit loads.

② $1.75 * 1.1 = 1.93$

③ Service III live load factor = $1.0 * 1.1 = 1.1$ due to the use of the refined method of prestress losses. The Service I live load factor is also 1.1.

④ $1.75 * 1.1 = 1.93$

Figure 5. Load Factors Tab

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Analysis Factors" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It has three tabs: "Distribution", "Load Factors", and "Modifier", with the "Modifier" tab currently selected. The dialog contains three input fields, each with a value of "1.00":

- "Ductility, η_D "
- "Importance, η_I "
- "Redundancy, η_R "

At the bottom right of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Office policy

See 1.3.3, 1.3.4, and 1.3.5.

Figure 6. Modifier Tab

Project Design Parameters [X]

| Resistance Factor/Losses | | Moment and Shear Provisions | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Limiting Stress | | Restraining Moments | |
| Temporary Before Losses | | | |
| Compression: | 4.55 | ksi | |
| Tension-Precast Top: | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Advanced Settings ... | | |
| With Reinforcement: | - 0.63 | ksi | |
| No Reinforcement: | - 0.20 | ksi | (≤ 0.20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check at lifting point | | | |
| At Service Limit State | | | |
| Compression (Service I): | Precast | | |
| Final1 (P/S+DL+LL): | 5.40 | ksi | |
| Final2 (P/S+DL): | 4.05 | ksi | |
| Compression (Fatigue I) | | | |
| Final3 (0.5[P/S+DL]+F_LL): | 3.60 | ksi | |
| Tension (Service III) (≤ 0.60) - | 0.57 | ksi | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compute stresses at top of deck | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use factor to calculate | | | |
| <input type="button" value="Edit Factors..."/> | | | |
| <input type="button" value="OK"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/> | | | |

Values will vary based on concrete strength.

Figure 7. Limiting Stress Tab

Limiting Stress Factors

① Temporary Stresses Before Losses

Compression: 0.65 x f'ci

② Tension-Precast Top: Advanced Settings ...

With Reinforcement: - 0.24 x sqrt (f'ci)

No Reinforcement: - 0.09 x sqrt (f'ci)

Stresses At Service Limit State

③ Compression (Service I): Precast

Final1 (P/S+DL+LL): 0.60 x f'c

Final2 (P/S+DL): 0.45 x f'c

④ Compression (Fatigue I):

Final3 (0.5[P/S+DL]+F_LL): 0.40 x f'c

⑤ Tension (Service III): - 0.19 x sqrt (f'c)

OK

Cancel

① 5.9.2.3.1a

② Table 5.9.2.3.1b-1

③ Table 5.9.2.3.2a-1

④ 5.5.3.1

⑤ Table 5.9.2.3.2b-1

Figure 8. Limiting Stress Factors Tab

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Project Design Parameters" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog has three tabs: "Resistance Factor/Losses", "Moment and Shear Provisions", and "Multipliers". The "Restraining Moments" tab is currently selected. Inside this tab, there are three radio button options: "Full Continuity, Disregard Restraining Moments" (which is selected), "Manually Input Restraining Moment", and "PCA method (Calculated Restraining Moment)". Under the "Manually Input Restraining Moment" option, there are input fields for "Left Pier:" and "Right Pier:", both with a unit of "k.ft" and a value of "0.". Under the "PCA method (Calculated Restraining Moment)" option, there is an input field for "Age at which continuity is established:" with a unit of "Days" and a value of "28.". Below this, there is a section titled "Continuity Factor" with input fields for "Left Pier:" and "Right Pier:", both with a value of "1.". At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Office policy

Ensure that standard plan notes 116 and 153 are included on the bridge plans.

Figure 9. Restraining Moments Tab

Project Design Parameters

| Resistance Factor/Losses | | Moment and Shear Provisions | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Limiting Stress | Restraining Moments | Multipliers | |
| ① Deflection Multipliers | | | |
| | No Topping | With Topping | |
| Erection: | | | |
| Self Weight: | 1. | 1. | |
| Prestress: | 1. | 1. | |
| Final: | | | |
| Self Weight: | 1. | 1. | |
| Prestress: | 1. | 1. | |
| SDL: | 1. | 1. | |
| Deck Weight: | | 1. | |
| Length Multipliers | | | |
| | Transfer | Development | |
| ② Bonded: | 1. | 1.6 | |
| ③ Debonded: | 1. | 2. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Span to Depth Ratio Check (Table 2.5.2.6.3-1) | | | |
| OK | | Cancel | |

① Office policy

② 5.9.4.3.2

③ 5.9.4.3.3

Figure 10. Multipliers Tab

Office policy

Project Design Parameters

Limiting Stress Restraining Moments Multipliers

Resistance Factor/Losses Moment and Shear Provisions

Moment Method

☒ AASHTO equations

☐ Strain Compatibility

Ultimate Concrete Strain:

☐ Consider Bottom Tension Steel Contribution

Negative Moment Reinforced Design

☐ Include Non-Composite Moments in Mu

☒ Exclude Non-Composite Moments from Mu

Horizontal Shear Method

☐ Include Beam and Slab Contribution in Vu

☒ Exclude Beam and Slab Contribution from Vu

☐ User Input Interface Width, bvi

☒ Horizontal Shear Autodesign for

Vertical Shear Method

☐ General (LRFD Appendix B5) Beta Theta Tables

☒ General (LRFD 5.7.3.4) Beta Theta Equations

Modulus of Rupture

☒ AASHTO equation

☐ User Defined x lambda x sqrt (f'c)

OK Cancel

Figure 11. Moment and Shear Provisions Tab

Project Design Parameters [X]

Limiting Stress Restraining Moments Multipliers

Resistance Factor/Losses Moment and Shear Provisions

Strength Reduction Factors, Phi

Reinforced: Prestressed:

Tens: Comp: Tens: Comp: Shear:

① 0.90 0.75 1.00 0.75 0.90

Strain Limits

Prestressed, all fy values

② Compression--> 0.0020 <--Transition--> 0.0050 <--Tension

Prestress Losses

☒ AASHTO ☐ Manual

% %

③ Relative Humidity: 70.00 Release: 10.00

Days %

Release Time (ti): 0.75 Final: 20.00

④ Age of deck placement (td): 90.00

Final Age (tf): 20000.00

Steel Relaxation

☒ AASHTO ☐ by Tadros

⑤ KL 30.00 K'L 45.00

Compute Losses using

☐ Approximate Method ⑥ ☒ Refined Method

☐ Pre '2005 Interims' LRFD spec ☐ Neglect Elastic Gains

☐ Compute ES using Eq. C5.9.3.2.3a

OK Cancel

① 5.5.4.2

② 5.6.2.1

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⑤ 5.9.3.4.2c

⑥ Refined Method

Figure 12. Resistance Factors/Losses Tab

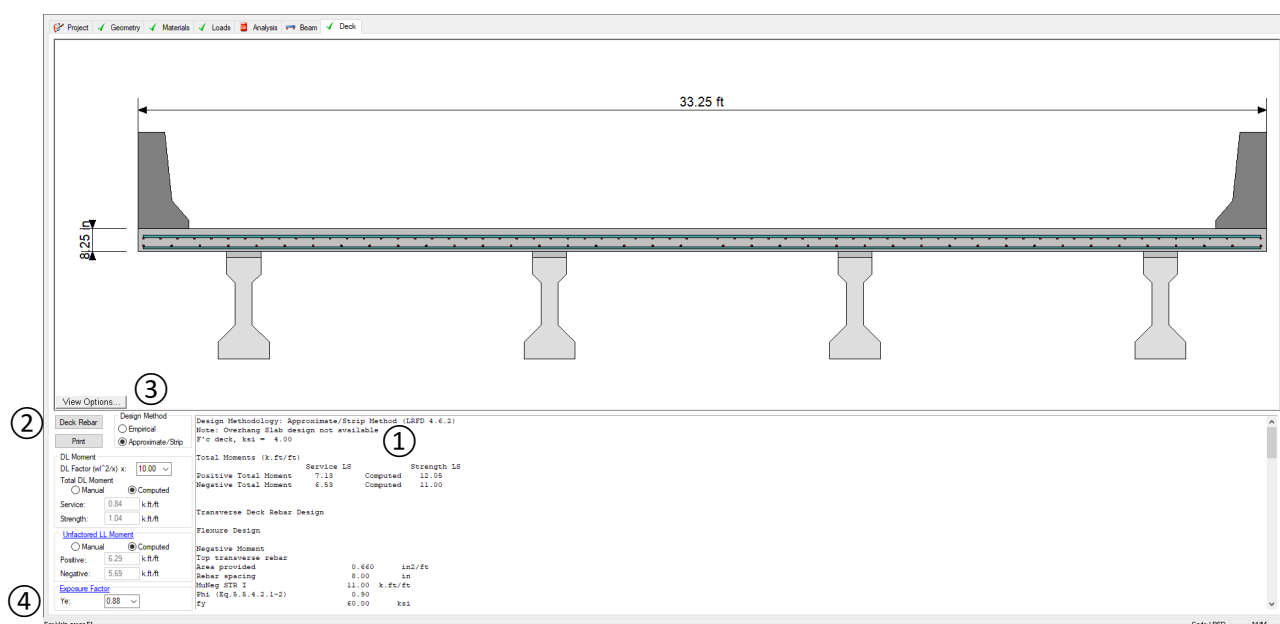


Figure 13. Deck Tab

- ① Leap Bridge Concrete does not consider the cantilever in its slab design, so the designer must check the cantilever to see if it controls.
- ② “Longitudinal Deck Rebars” under the “Deck Rebar” tab are not the longitudinal negative moment continuity bars. Only top longitudinal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement and bottom longitudinal distribution reinforcement are checked here.
- ③ Use the Approximate/Strip method. (4.6.2)
- ④ Office policy is to use a maximum allowable crack width of 0.015”, which corresponds to an exposure factor $\gamma_e = 0.88$. This value can be manually input. (5.6.7)

5-301.00 Beam Rating

All new beam designs shall be rated using the *AASHTOWare Bridge Rating* program. Contact the Design Manager for the current office policy regarding bridge rating.

5-401.00 Repair of Damaged Beams

When a beam is damaged during fabrication, shipping, or erection, the contractor must submit a detailed repair procedure for review and approval. The repair procedure submittal shall include details of the repair procedure, pictures and drawings of the damaged area, and specifications of the repair material. See the current edition of the *Manual for the Evaluation and Repair of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Products* for guidance on repair procedures.

Appendix A. Beam Properties

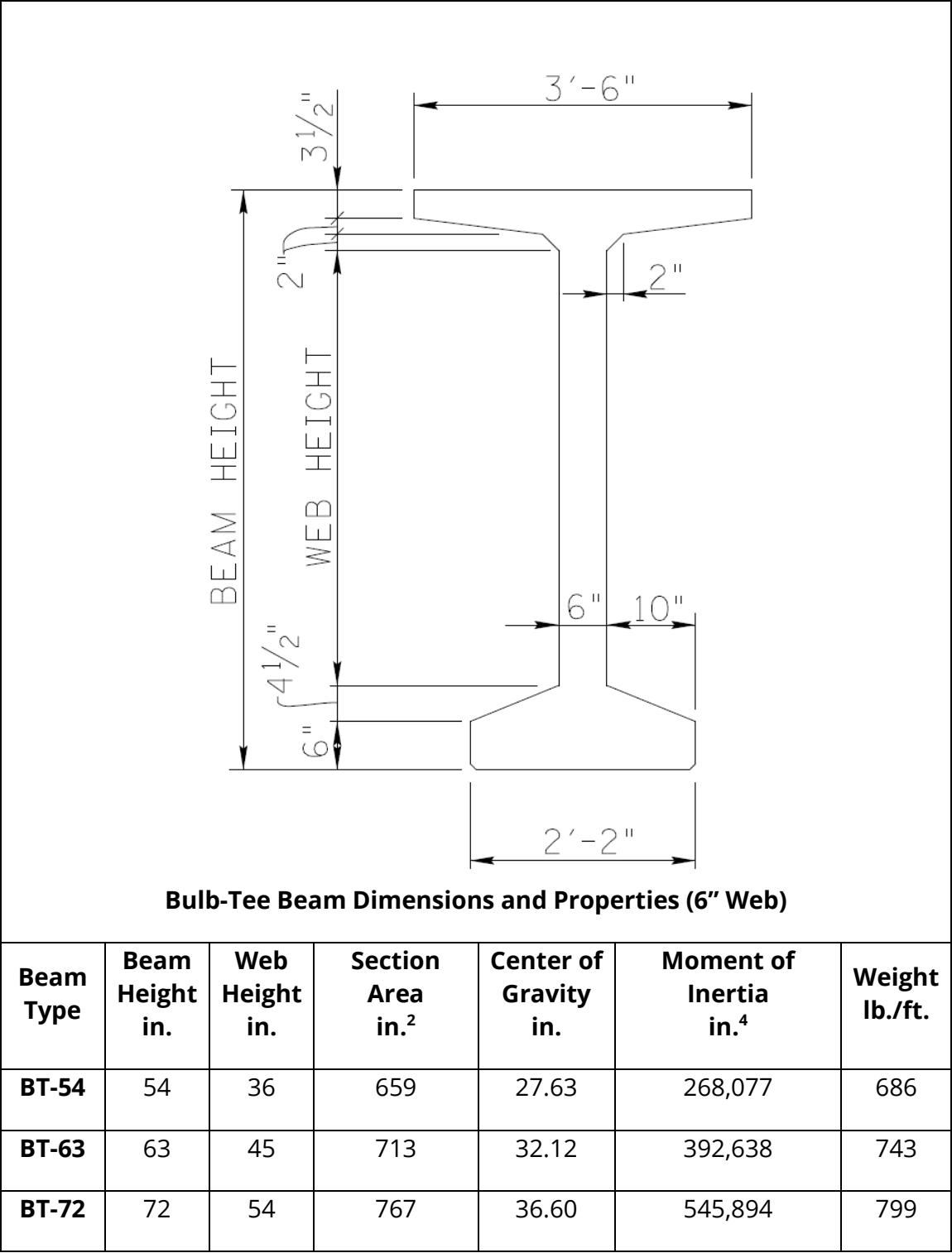


Figure 14. Bulb-Tee Beam Dimensions and Properties (6" Web)

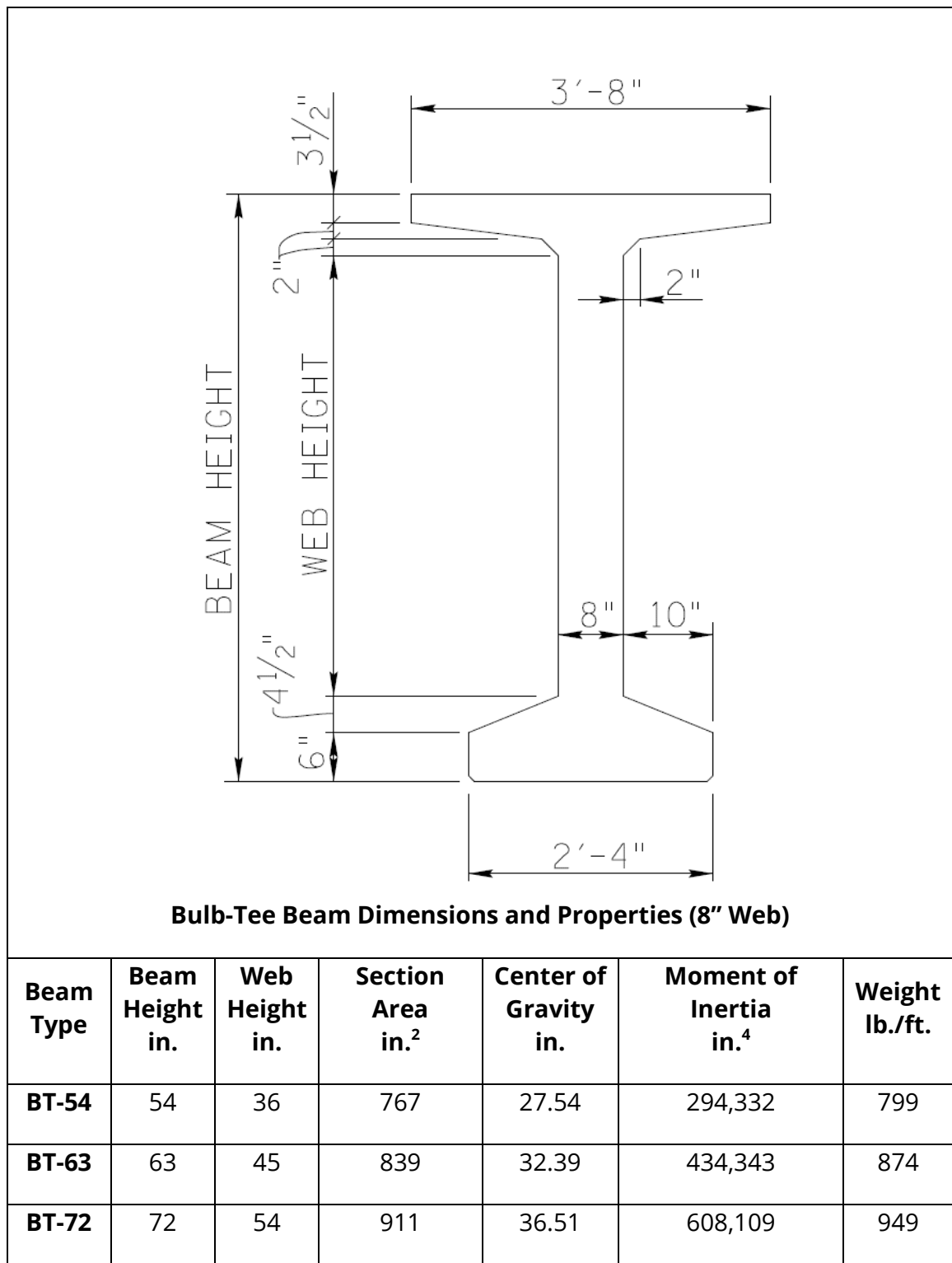


Figure 15. Bulb-Tee Beam Dimensions and Properties (8" Web)

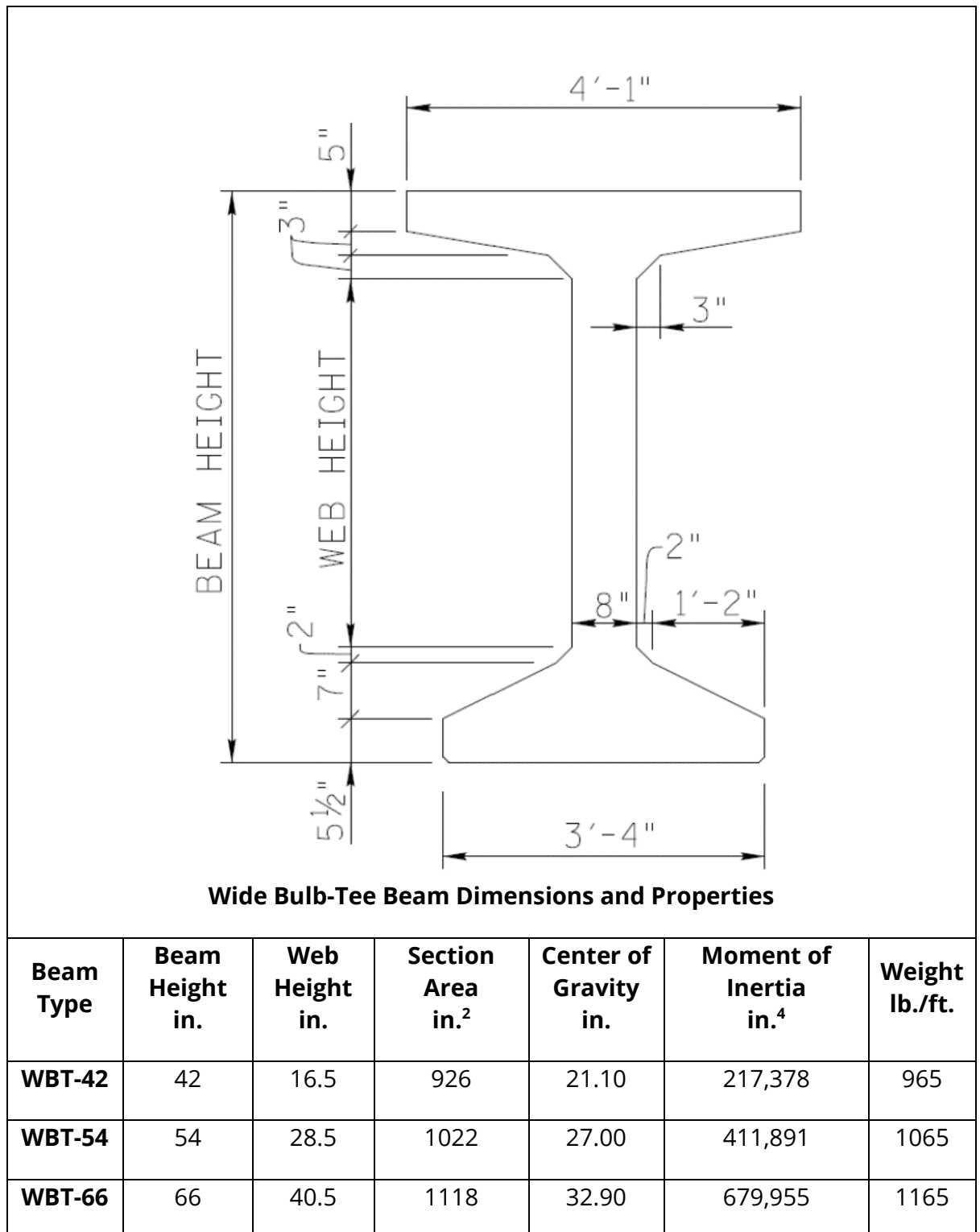
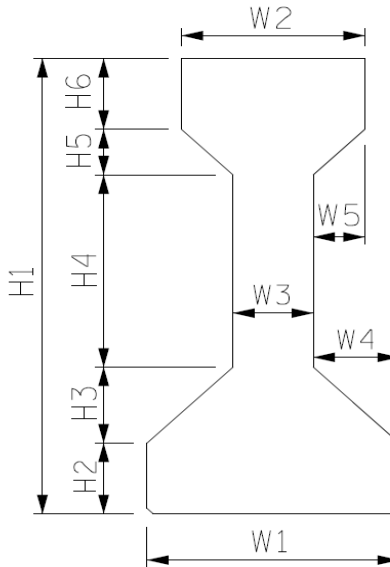


Figure 16. Wide Bulb-Tee Beam Dimensions and Properties



| I-Beam Dimensions | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----|------|-----|------|----|-----|-----|----|------|------|
| Type | H1 | H2 | H3 | H4 | H5 | H6 | W1 | W2 | W3 | W4 | W5 |
| I | 28" | 5" | 5" | 11" | 3" | 4" | 16" | 12" | 6" | 5" | 3" |
| II | 36" | 6" | 6" | 15" | 3" | 6" | 18" | 12" | 6" | 6" | 3" |
| III | 45" | 7" | 7.5" | 19" | 4.5" | 7" | 22" | 16" | 7" | 7.5" | 4.5" |
| IV | 54" | 8" | 9" | 23" | 6" | 8" | 26" | 20" | 8" | 9" | 6" |

| I-Beam Section Properties | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beam Type | Section Area in. ² | Center of Gravity in. | Moment of Inertia in. ⁴ | Weight lb./ft. |
| I | 276 | 12.59 | 22,750 | 287 |
| II | 369 | 15.83 | 50,980 | 384 |
| III | 560 | 20.27 | 125,390 | 583 |
| IV | 789 | 24.73 | 260,730 | 822 |

Figure 17. I-Beam Dimensions and Properties

Appendix B. Standard Beam Details

Appendix B contains the following standard beam details:

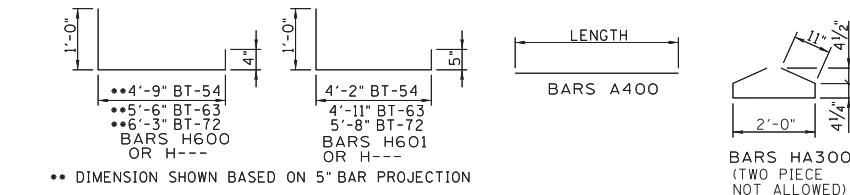
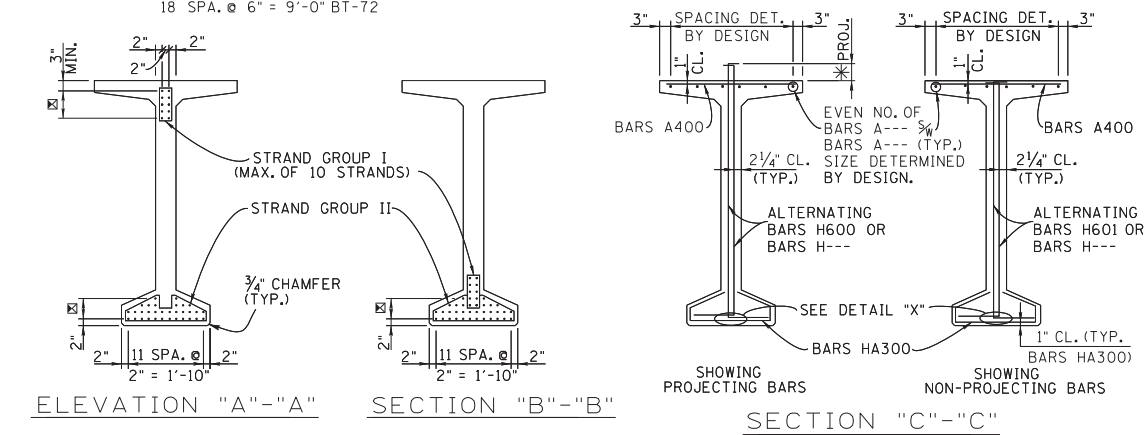
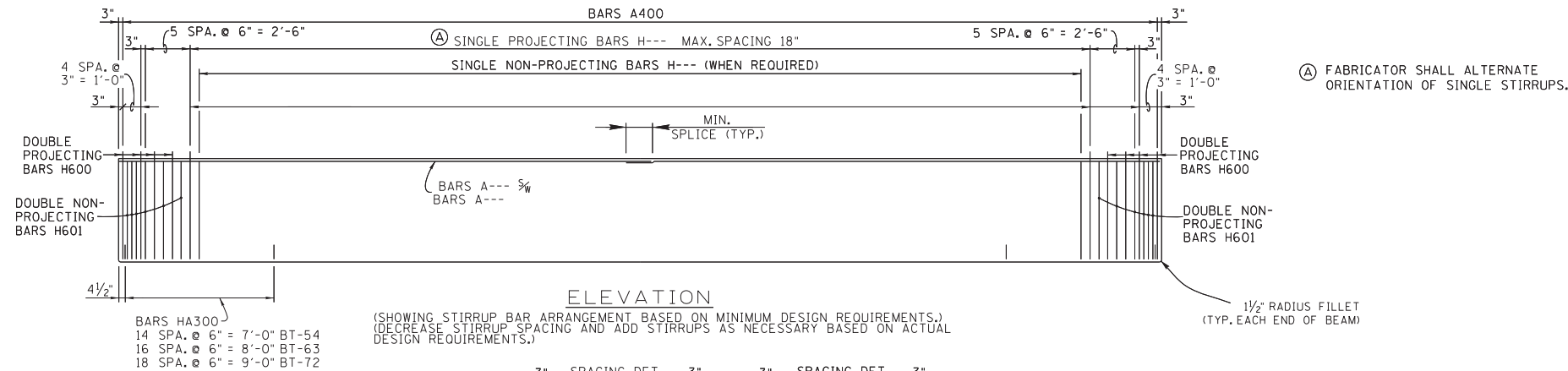
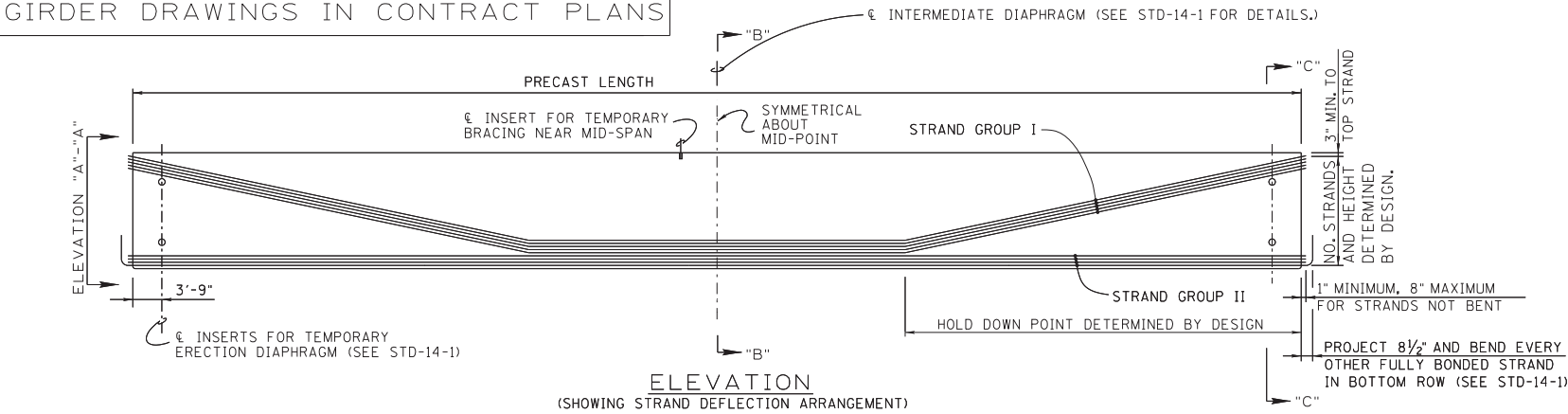
Figure 18. Standard Details for Prestressed Bulb-Tee Beams (6" Web)

Figure 19. Standard Details for Prestressed Bulb-Tee Beams (8" Web)

Figure 20. Standard Details for Prestressed Wide Bulb-Tee Beams

Figure 21. Standard Details for Prestressed I-Beams

Figure 22. Standard Details for Prestressed Box Beams



| NO. REQ'D | CLASS "P" CONCRETE C.Y. | REINFORCING STEEL LB. | PRESTRESSING STRANDS (LOW RELAXATION) LB. |
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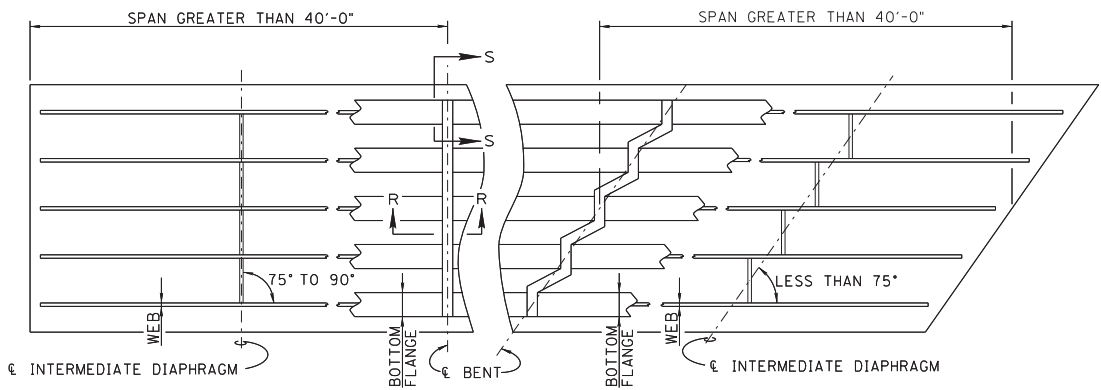
BILL OF STEEL
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| BAR | SIZE | NO. REQ'D | LENGTH |
|-------|------|-----------|--------|
| A400 | 4 | | 3'-2" |
| A500 | 5 | | 5'-6" |
| A--- | | | |
| H--- | | | |
| H600 | 6 | | |
| H601 | 6 | | |
| HA300 | 3 | | 4'-7" |

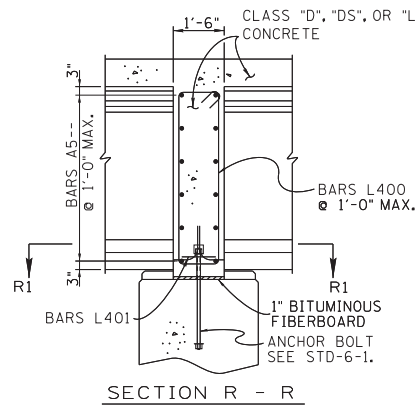
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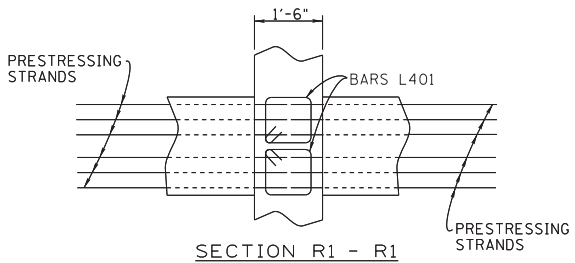
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SECTION R - R



| BEAM TYPE | CONCRETE C.Y. PER/FT. | TEXTURE FINISH S.Y. PER/FT | TEXTURE FINISH S.Y. PER/FT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BT-54 | 0.1695 | 1.6292 | 0.9379 |
| BT-63 | 0.1834 | 1.7959 | 1.0212 |
| BT-72 | 0.1973 | 1.9626 | 1.1045 |

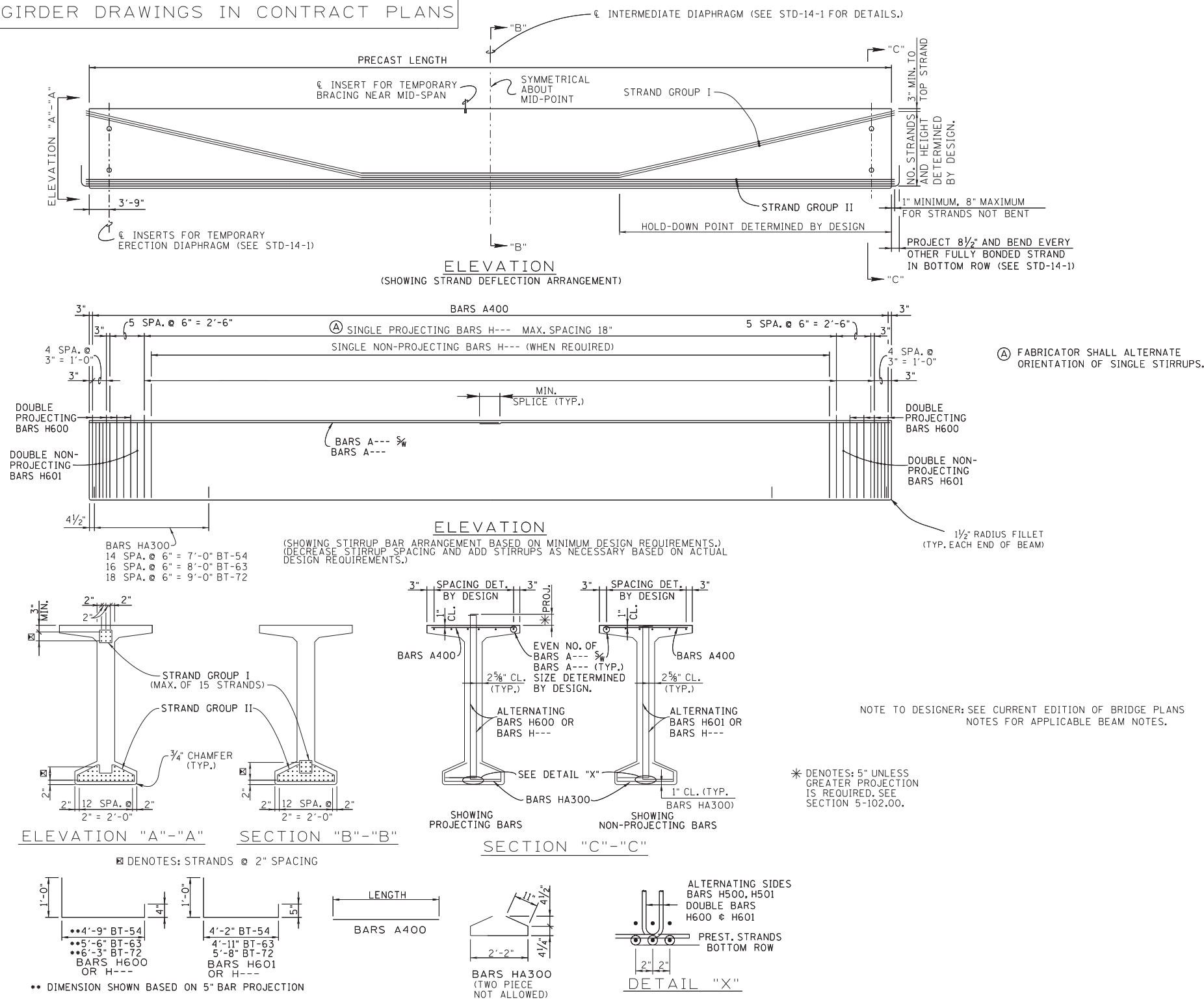
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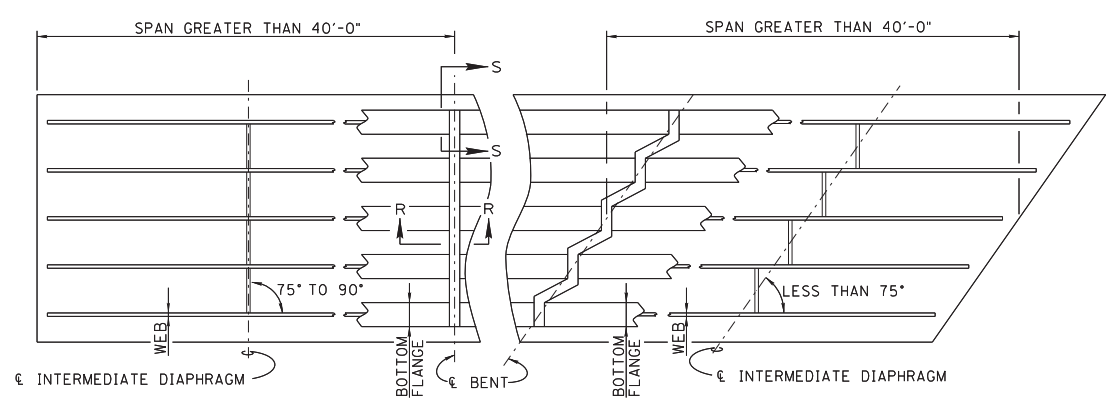
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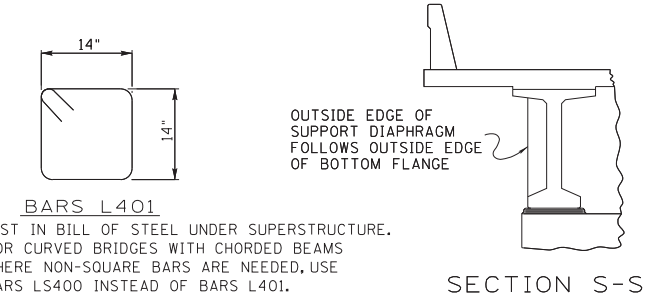
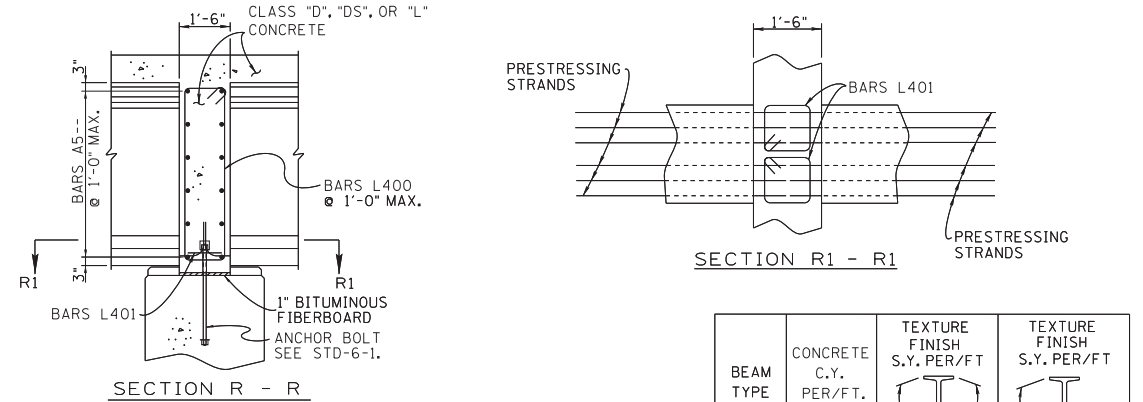
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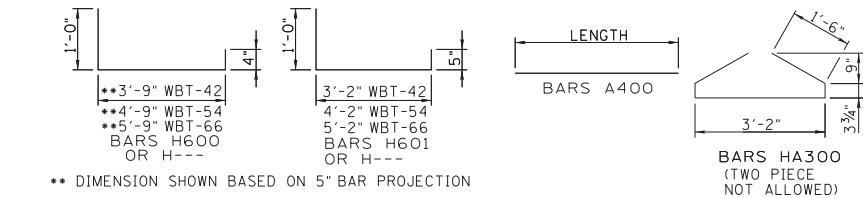
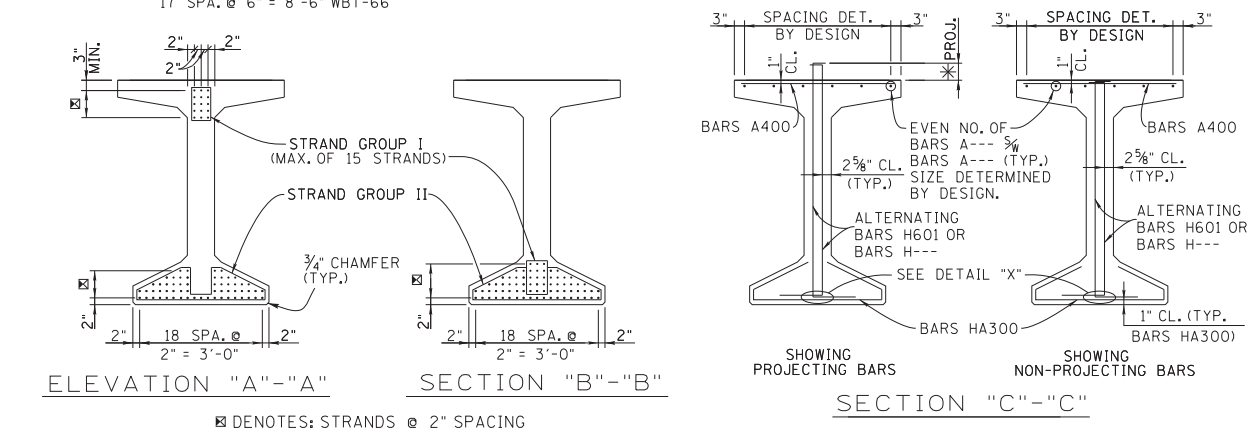
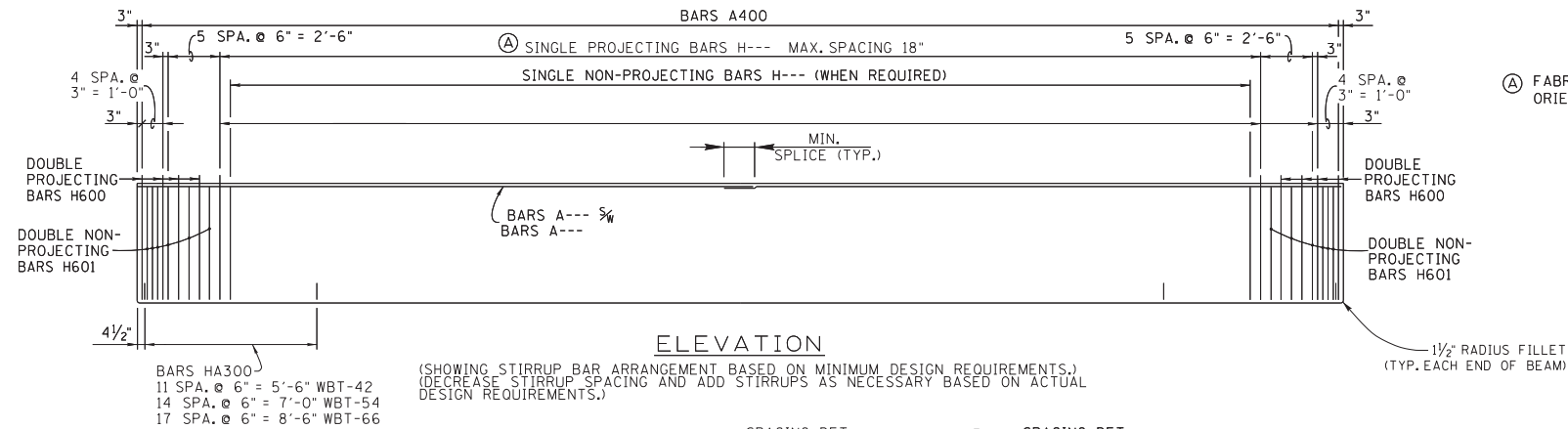
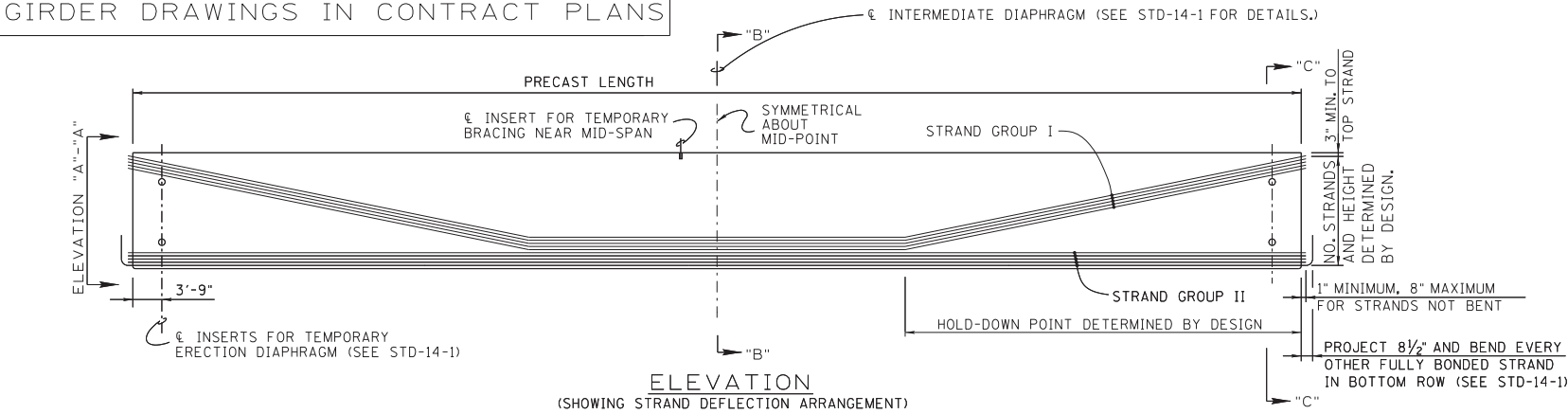
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|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BT-54 | 0.1973 | 1.6478 | 0.9564 |
| BT-63 | 0.2158 | 1.8144 | 1.0397 |
| BT-72 | 0.2343 | 1.9811 | 1.1231 |

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FIGURE 19. STANDARD DETAILS FOR PRESTRESSED BULB-TEE BEAMS (8" WEB)



| ESTIMATED QUANTITIES (PER BEAM) | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
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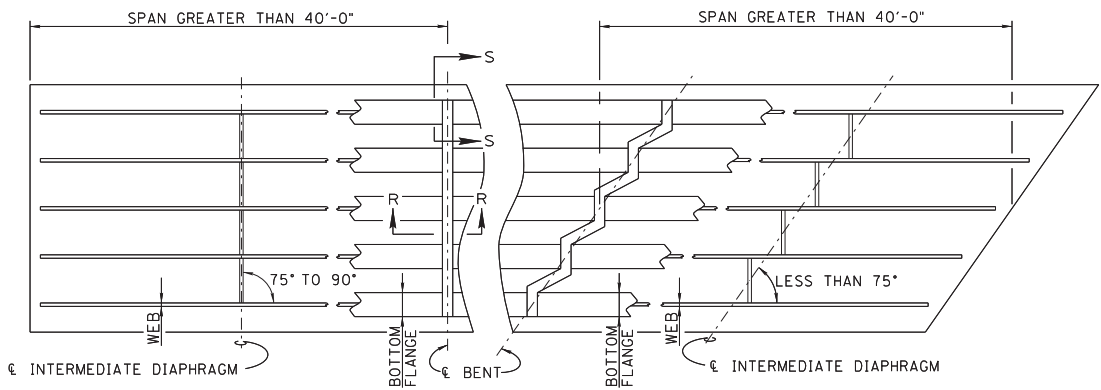
| BILL OF STEEL (PER BEAM) | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|--------|
| BAR | SIZE | NO. REQ'D | LENGTH |
| A400 | 4 | | 3'-9" |
| A500 | 5 | | 5'-6" |
| A--- | | | |
| H--- | | | |
| H600 | 6 | | |
| H601 | 6 | | |
| HA300 | 3 | | 6'-10" |

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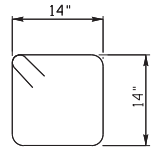
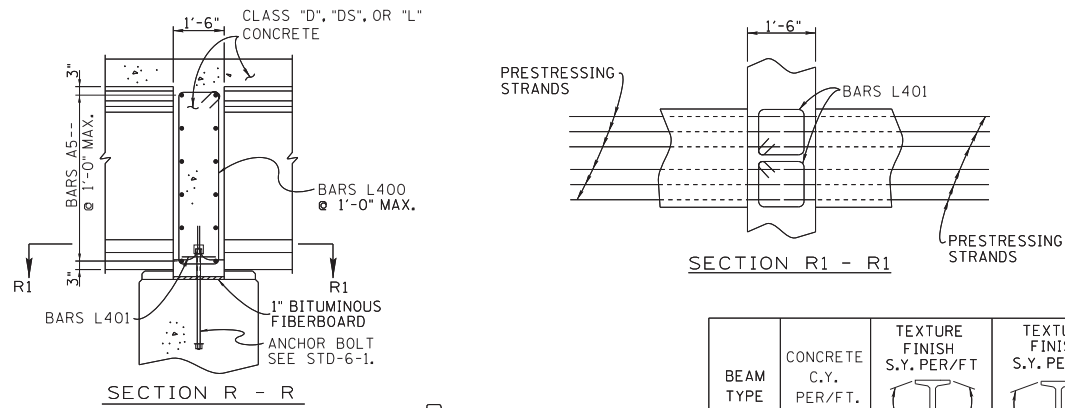
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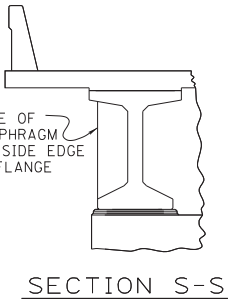
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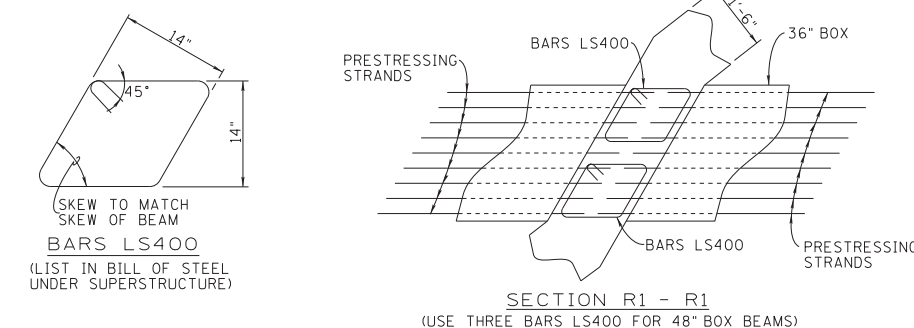
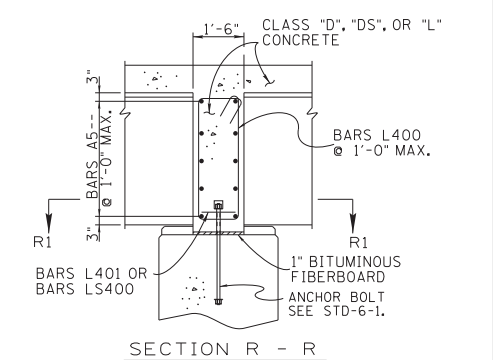
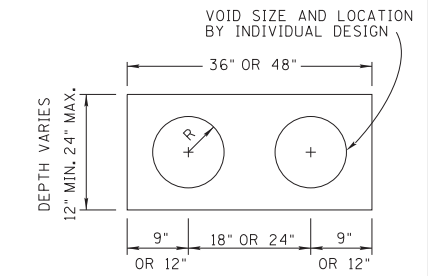
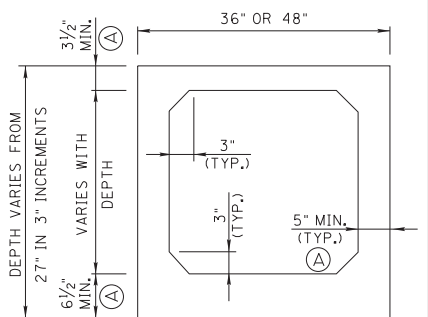
| BEAM TYPE | CONCRETE C.Y. PER/FT. | TEXTURE FINISH S.Y. PER/FT | TEXTURE FINISH S.Y. PER/FT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| | |  |  |
| WBT-42 | 0.2382 | 1.6118 | 0.9940 |
| WBT-54 | 0.2629 | 1.8341 | 1.1051 |
| WBT-66 | 0.2876 | 2.0563 | 1.2162 |

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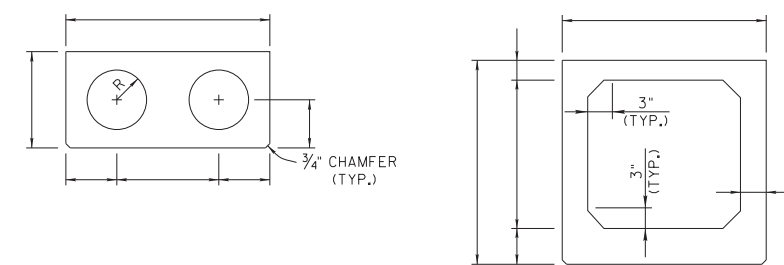
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FIGURE 20. STANDARD DETAILS FOR PRESTRESSED WIDE BULB-TEE BEAMS



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| BILL OF STEEL (PER BEAM) | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|--------|
| BAR | SIZE | NO. REQ'D. | LENGTH |
| A300 | 3 | | |
| A500 | 5 | | 5'-6" |
| A501 | 5 | | |
| A502 | 5 | | |
| C- | | | |
| G- | | | 2'-4" |
| H300 | 3 | 10 | |
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FIGURE 22. STANDARD DETAILS FOR PRESTRESSED BOX BEAMS

Version History and Revision Summary

Version history and a summary of revisions are given in Table 2. Minor editorial revisions may not be included in the summary.

| Version | Revision Summary |
|----------------|--|
| 01012022 | Initial Release |
| 12082023 | Added Version History and Revision Summary; Revised notes for Figure 4, Revised 5-110.00 and 5-110.01, Added tables and figures for bulb-tee beams with 8" webs and wide bulb-tee beams. |
| 02032025 | Revised 5-103.00, 5-106.00, 5-201.01, and 5-201.04; Revised Figure 5; new Section 5-114.00 added and subsequent sections renumbered; Revised concrete class listed on Figures 18 thru 22 |
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Table 2. Version History and Revision Summary