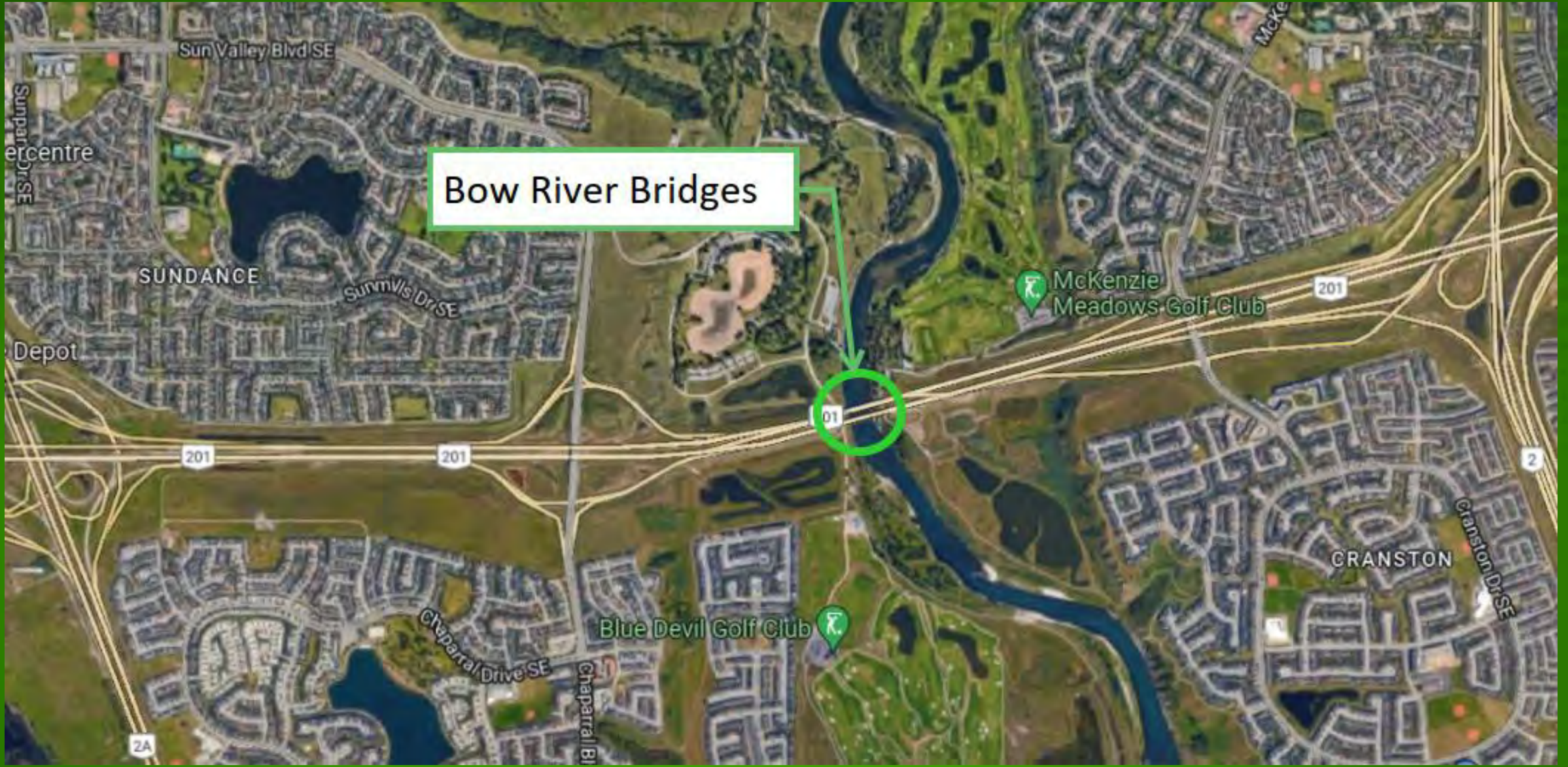




Bridge Widening – Closure Pours

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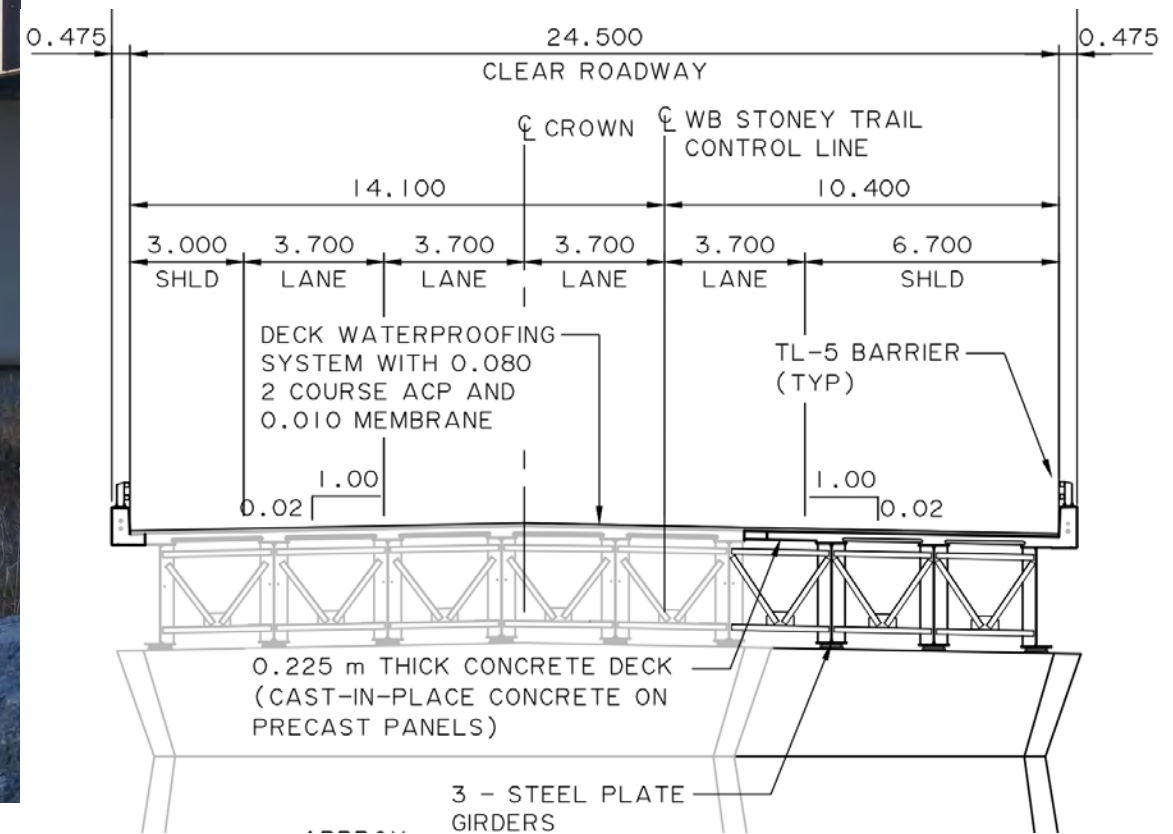
SE Stoney Trail over Bow River

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Widening to 4 lanes EB & WB:

- EB Bridge Replacement
- WB Bridge Widening





SE Stoney Trail over the Bow River - Construction

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SE Stoney Trail over the Bow River



Wedgewood Creek
Bridges

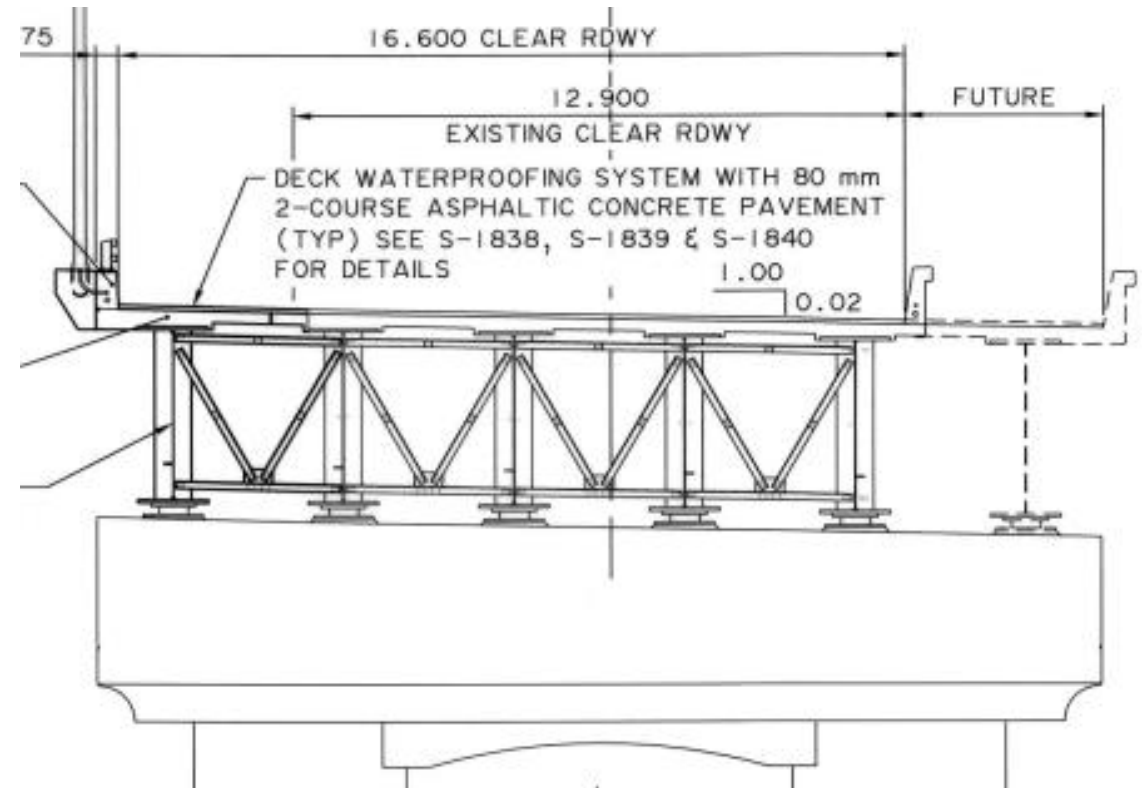
North Saskatchewan
River Bridges

SW Anthony Henday Drive

SWAHD over the North Saskatchewan River



Widening to 3 lanes EB & WB



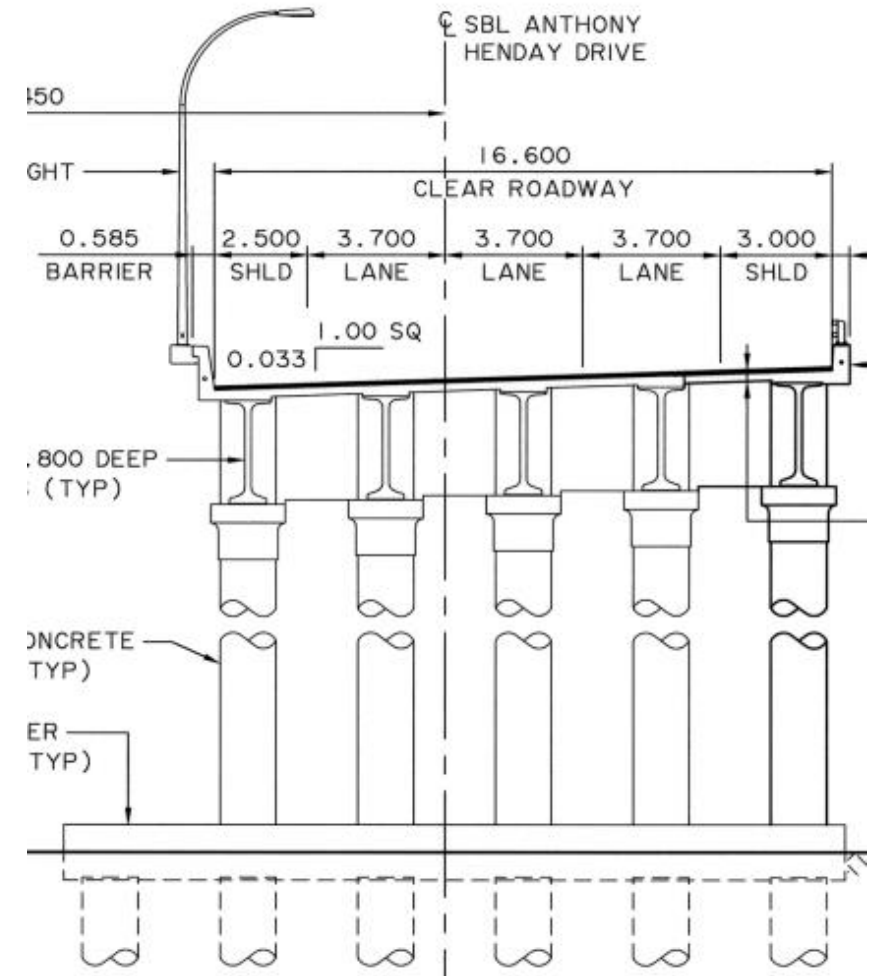


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SWAHD over Wedgewood Creek

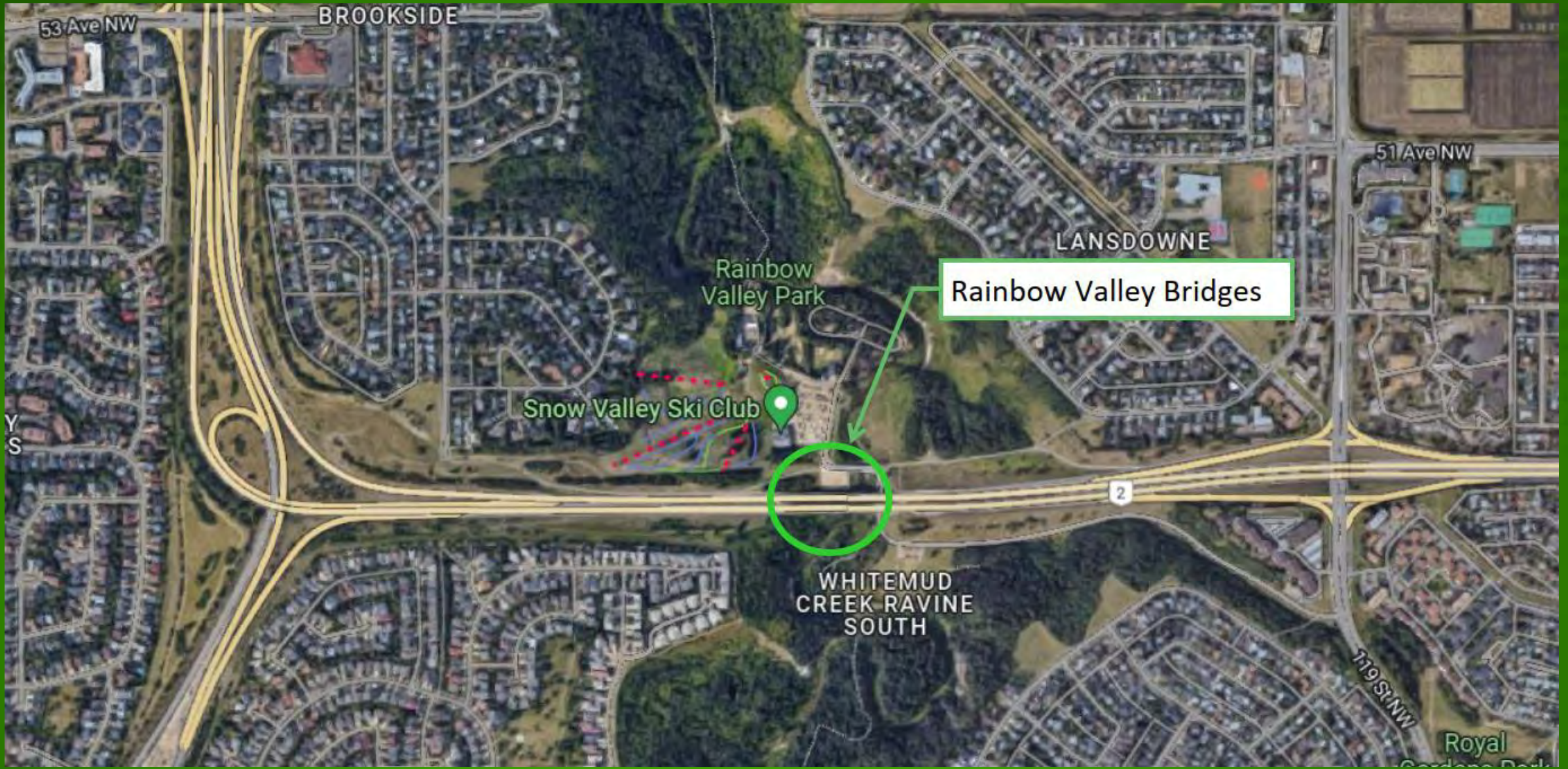


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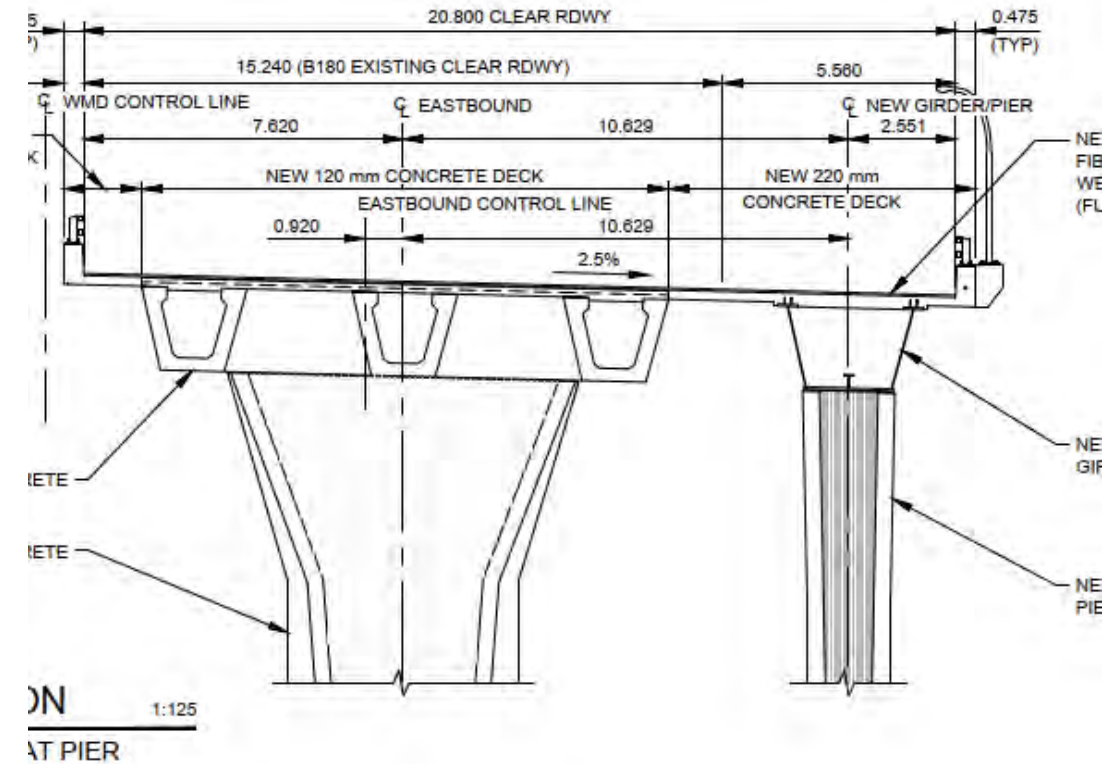
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Rainbow Valley Bridges - Whitemud Drive over Whitemud Creek, Edmonton

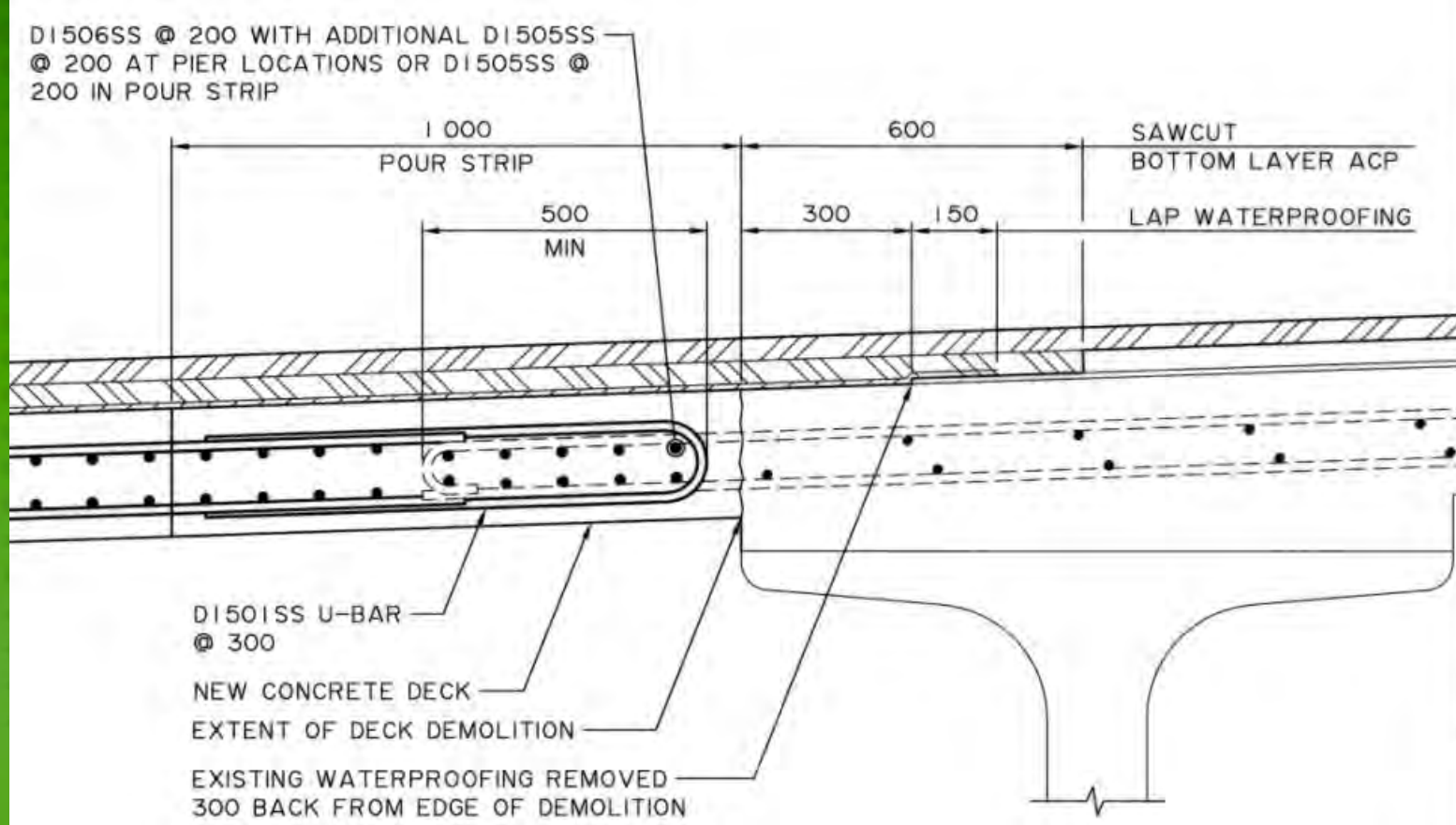
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CLOSURE POUR

Definition: A closure pour is a strip of deck left unpoured between the new and existing decks. This strip of deck is poured last connecting the new to the existing deck.

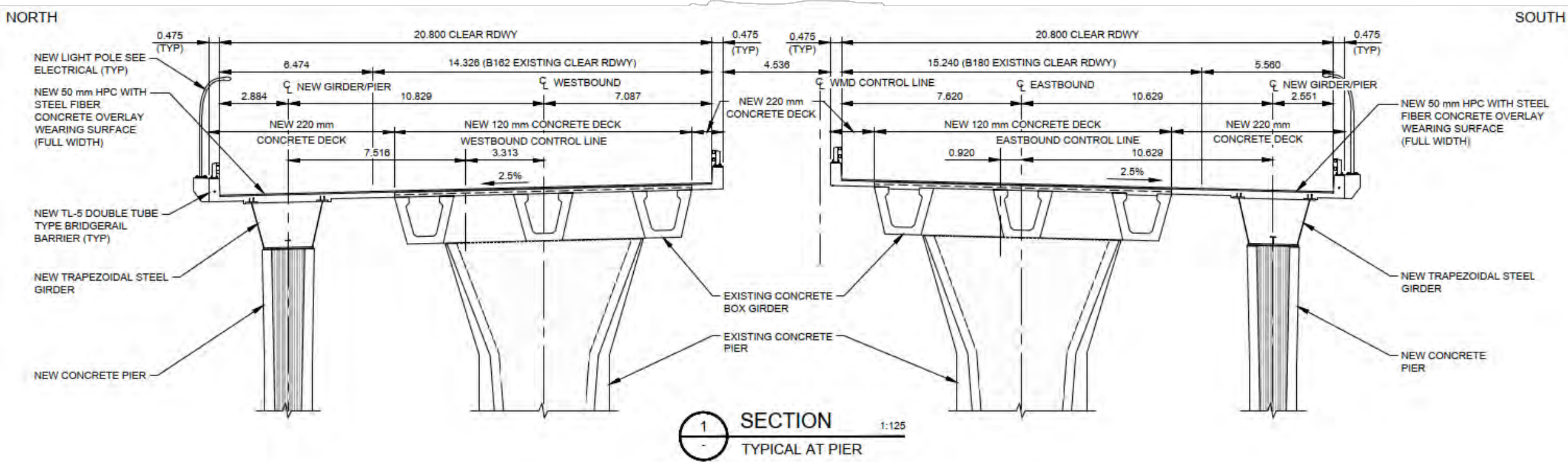


WHY CHOOSE A CLOSURE POUR?

- Separate existing and widened structures during construction
- Control vibrations
- Limit traffic closures

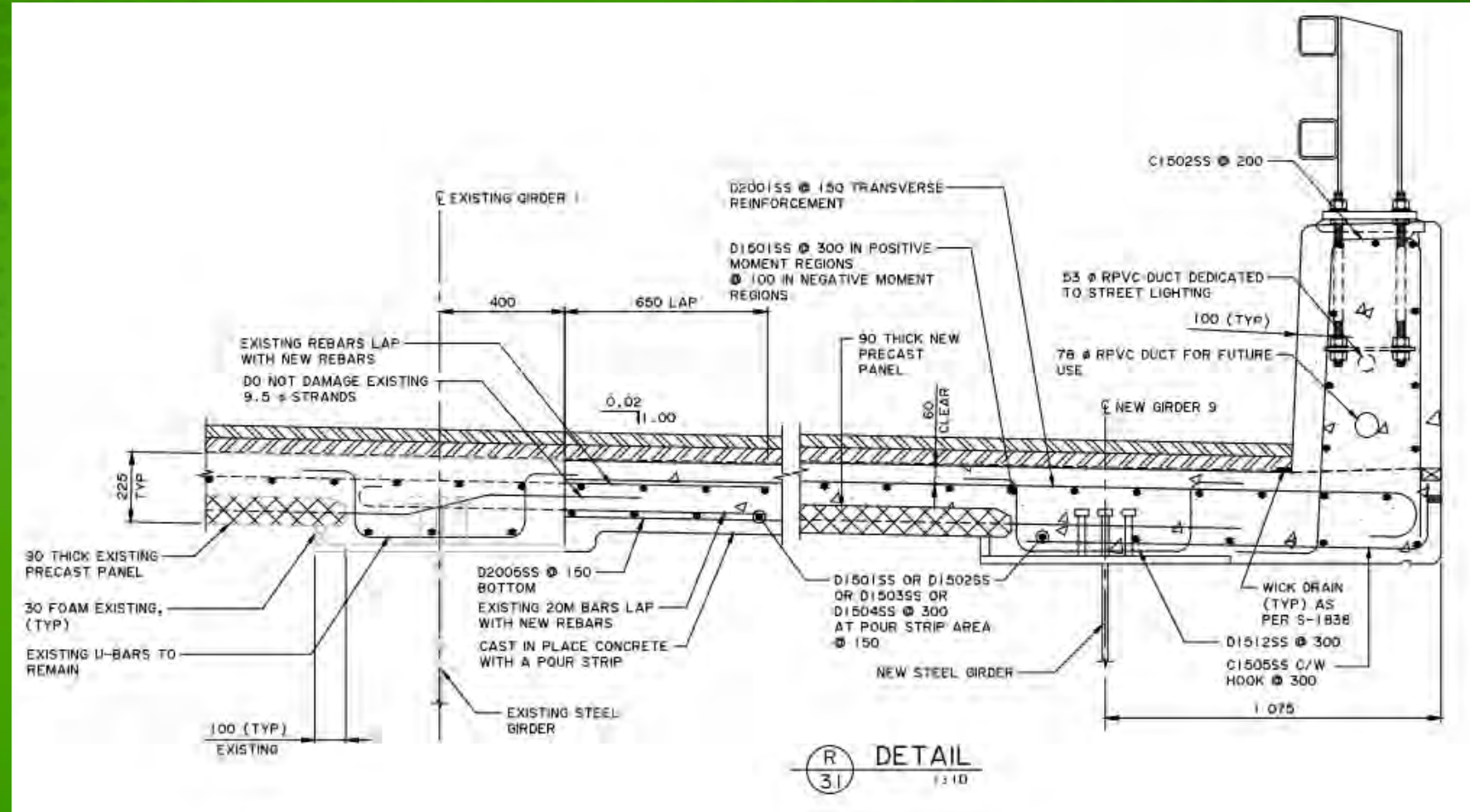


WHY CHOOSE A CLOSURE POUR?



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- Limit new dead load deflections to the widened structure
- Compensate for minor elevation deviations
- Limit the shrinkage cracking to the closure pour area



BEST PRACTICES

Codes and Guides for Bridge Decks

- Ontario MOT Guideline for Staged Construction of Bridges
- ACI 345.2R-13 Guide for Widening Highway Bridges
- CSA S6:19 Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code
 - Section 5.7 – Analysis of Decks
 - Section 8.12 – Control of Cracking
 - Section 8.18 – Special Provisions for Deck Slabs



ACI 345.2R-13 GUIDE FOR WIDENING HIGHWAY BRIDGES

Section 4.4 Closure Placement Details

- Vibrations from traffic
- Reinforcing details
- Layers of reinforcing
- Formwork details
- Dead load deflections (camber)
- Timing of concrete placement

Guide for Widening Highway Bridges

Reported by ACI Committee 345



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ONTARIO MOT GUIDELINE FOR STAGED CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES

- Minimum width of closure pour
- Minimum longitudinal reinforcement to prevent and limit transverse cracks



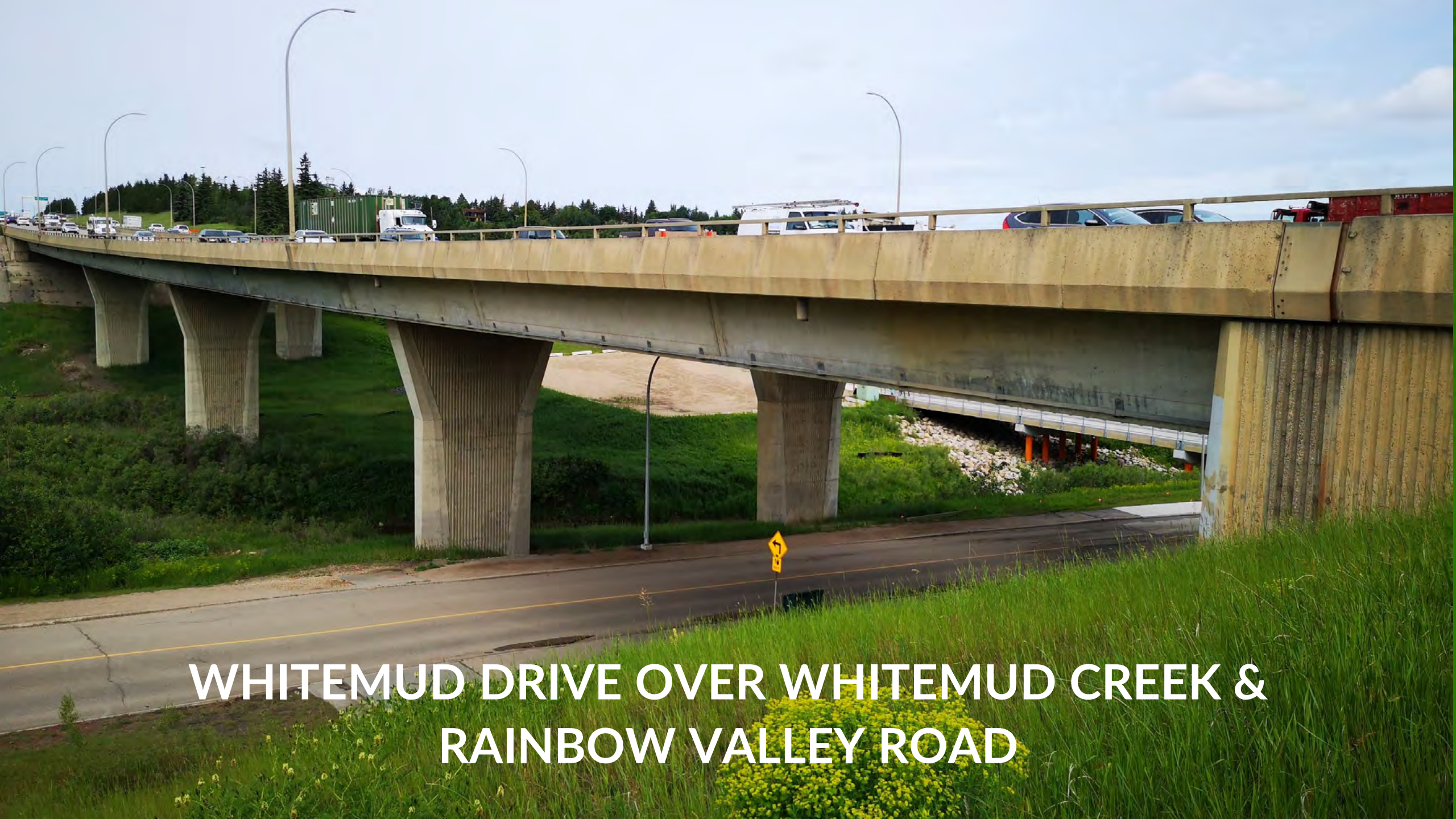
Guidelines for Staged Construction of Bridges

CSA S6:19 CHBDC

Design of Closure Pours

- Deck designed using section 5 and MIDAS models
- Non-composite girder designed using CHBDC with additional torsional checks if barrier is to be placed prior to closure pour

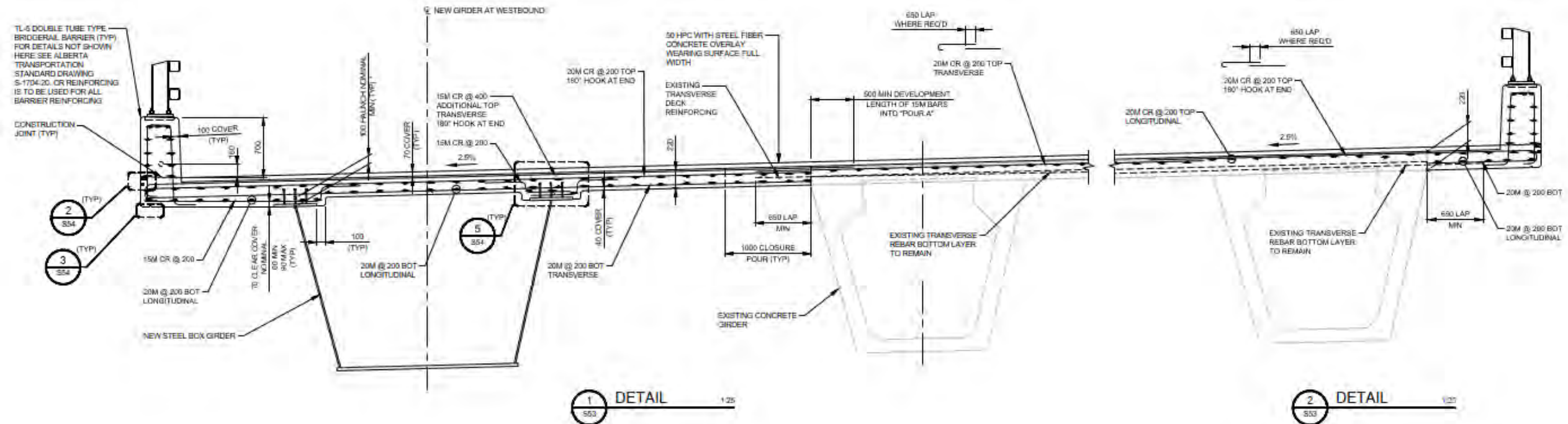




**WHITEMUD DRIVE OVER WHITEMUD CREEK &
RAINBOW VALLEY ROAD**

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- 2 – 188.976 m long 4 span bridges
- Span arrangement: 42.672 – 51.816 – 51.816 – 42.672 m
- Widened from 12.9 m to 16.6 m
- 1 additional 3.7 m wide lane in each direction
- 225 mm thick cast-in-place concrete deck



SOUTHEAST STONEY TRAIL OVER BOW RIVER

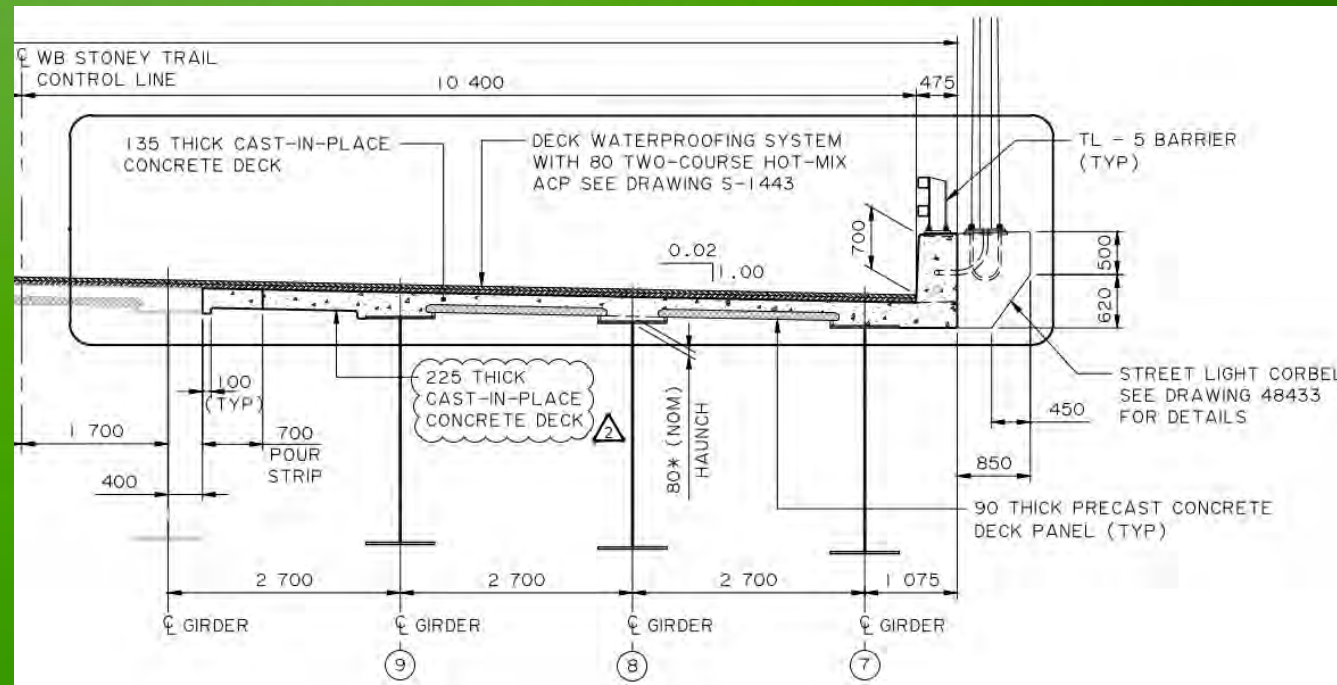
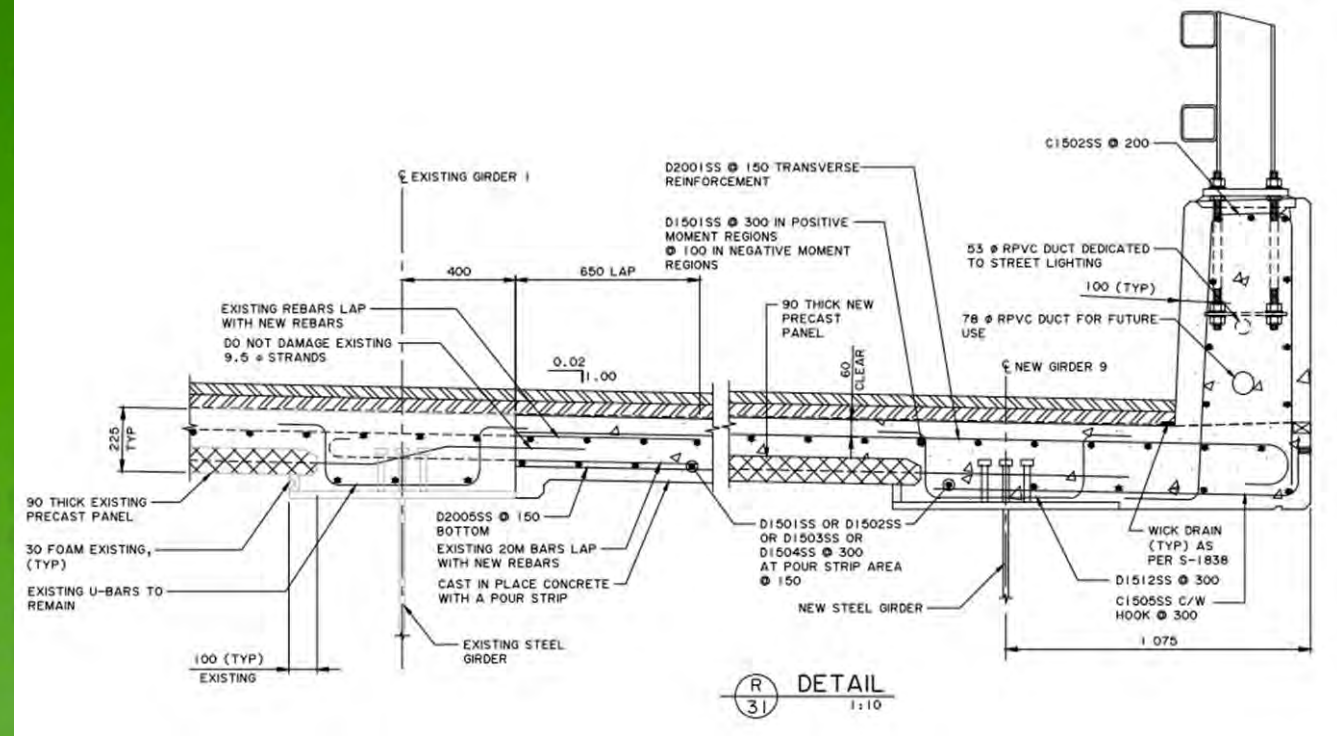


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SOUTHEAST STONEY TRAIL OVER BOW RIVER

- 207.4 m long 5 span bridge
- Span arrangement: 36.6 – 40.7 – 65.0 – 34.6 – 30.5 m
- Widened from 16.6 m to 24.5 m
- 2 additional 3.7 m wide lanes
- Precast deck panels
- Closure pour is 225 mm thick full depth cast-in-place concrete deck



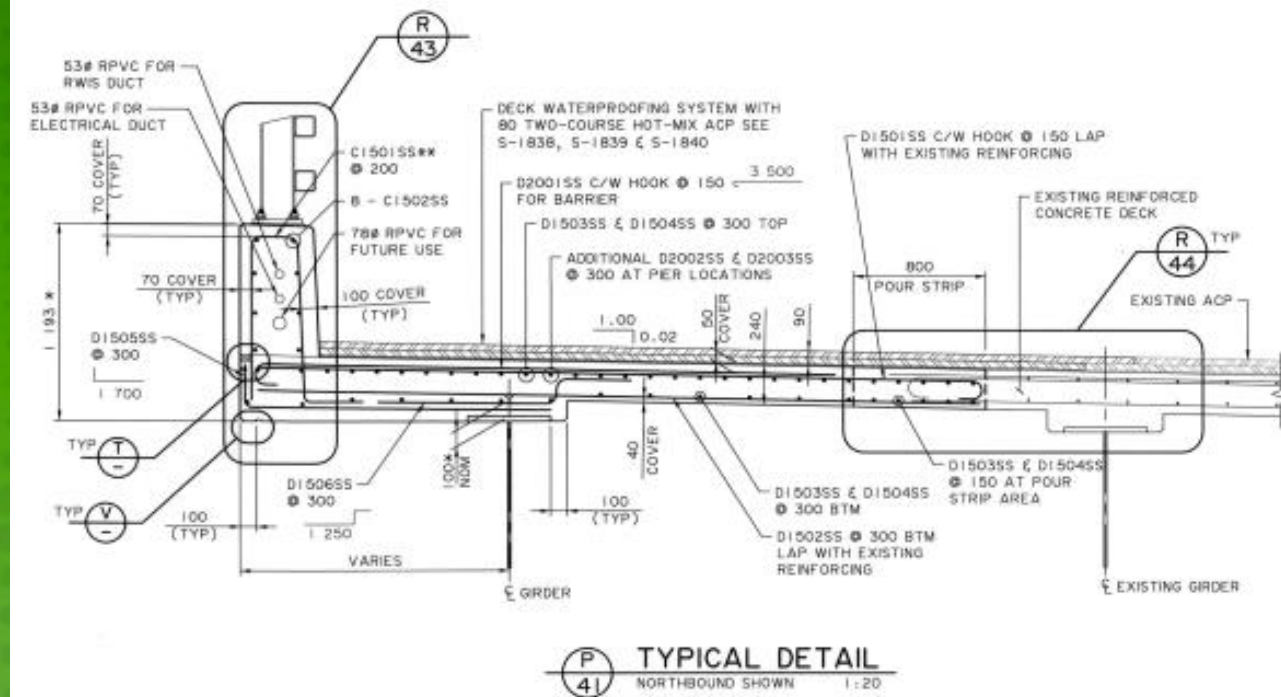


SOUTHWEST ANTHONY HENDAY DRIVE OVER NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER



SOUTHWEST ANTHONY HENDAY DRIVE OVER NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

- 2 - 360.0 m long 4 span bridges
- Span arrangement: 80.0 – 100.0 – 100.0 – 80.0 m
- Widened from 12.9 m to 16.6 m
- 1 additional 3.7 m wide lane in each direction
- 225 mm thick cast-in-place concrete deck

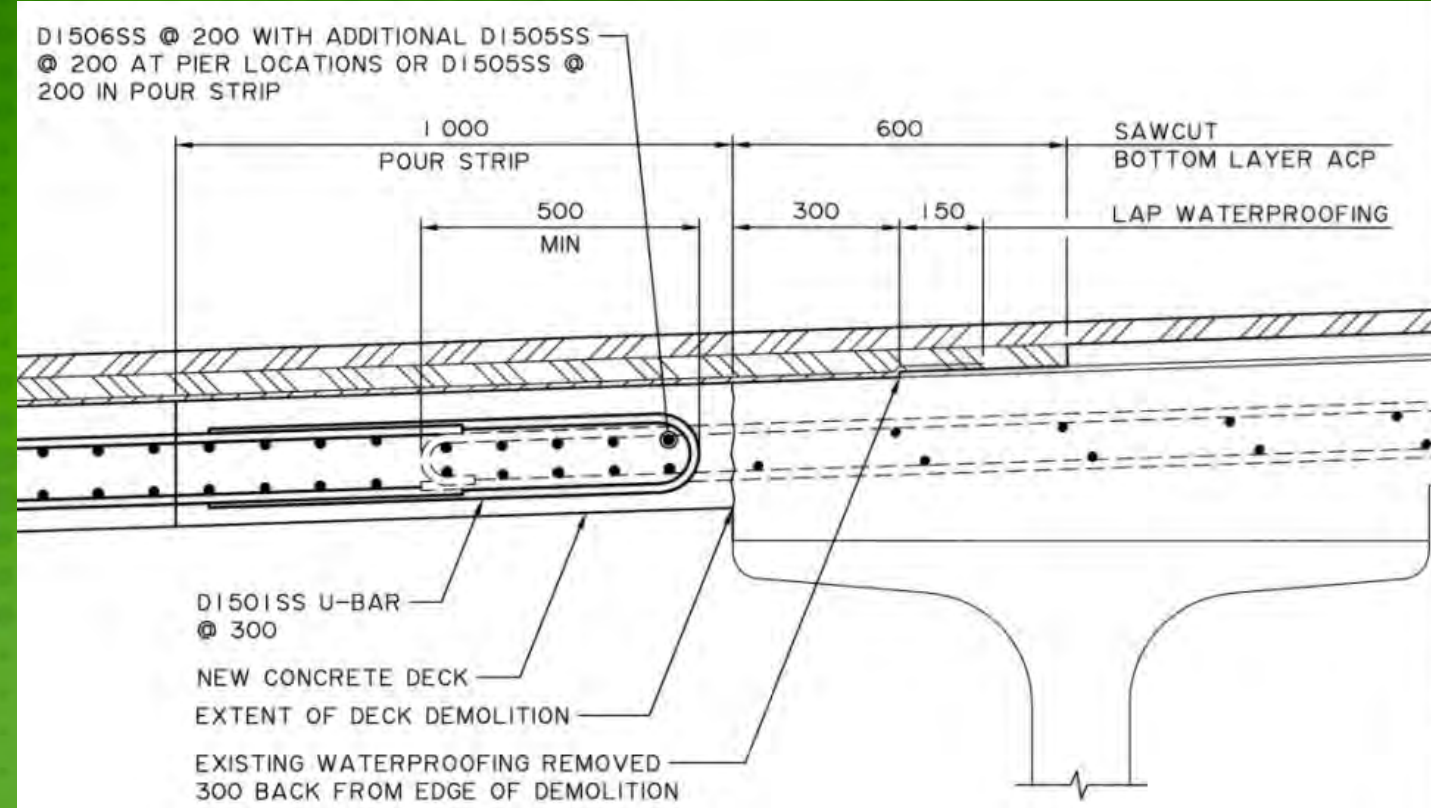


**SOUTHWEST ANTHONY
HENDAY DRIVE OVER
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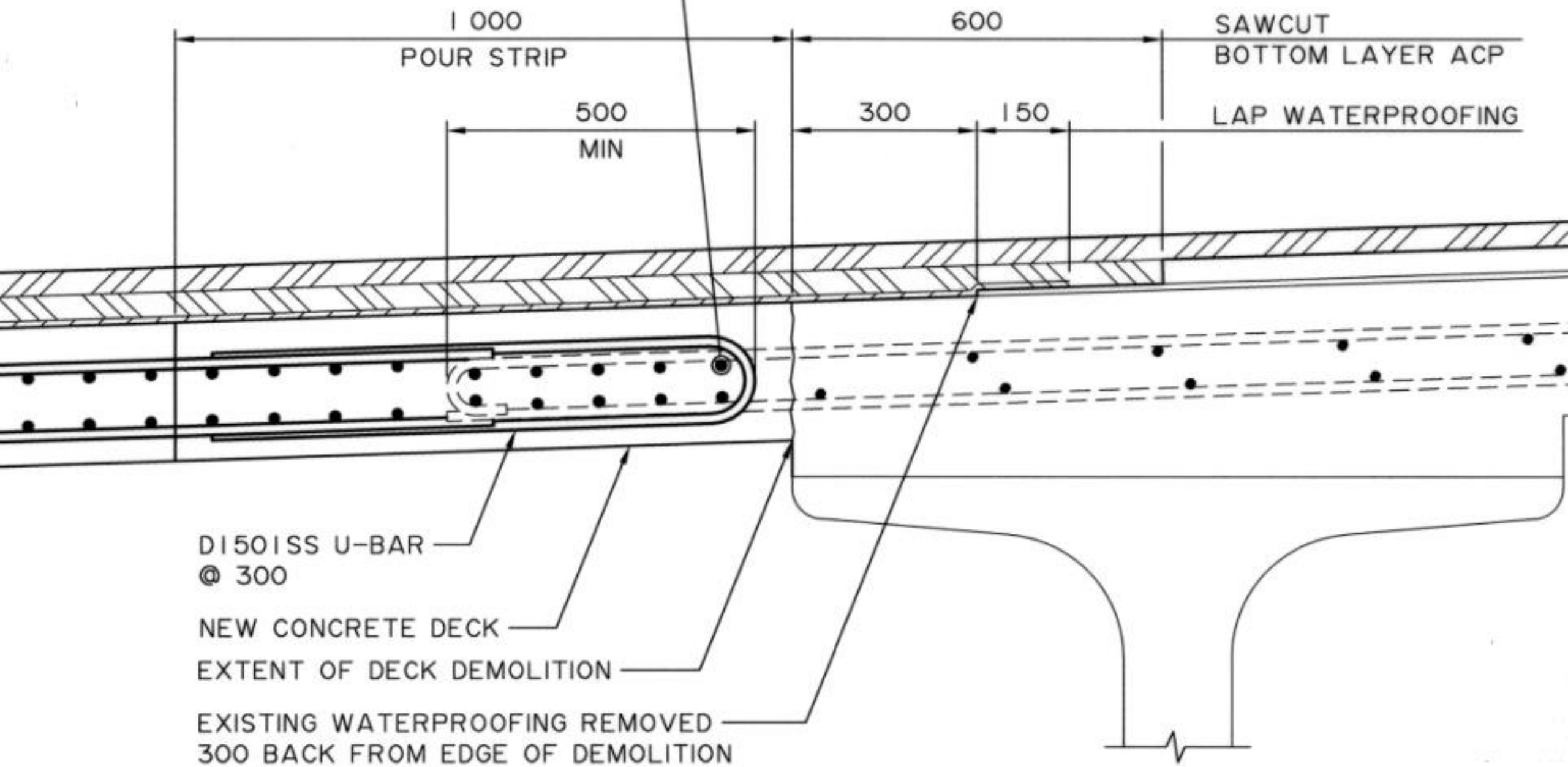


SOUTHWEST ANTHONY HENDAY DRIVE OVER WEDGEWOOD CREEK

- 2 - 135.0 m long 3 span bridges
- Span arrangement: 41.5 – 52.0 – 41.5 m
- Widened from 12.9 m to 16.6 m
- 1 additional 3.7 m wide lane in each direction
- 225 mm thick cast-in-place concrete deck



DI506SS @ 200 WITH ADDITIONAL DI505SS @ 200 AT PIER LOCATIONS OR DI505SS @ 200 IN POUR STRIP



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POUR STRIP

500
MIN

600

SAWCUT
BOTTOM LAYER ACP
LAP WATERPROOFING

300

150

DI501SS U-BAR
@ 300

NEW CONCRETE DECK

EXTENT OF DECK DEMOLITION

EXISTING WATERPROOFING REMOVED
300 BACK FROM EDGE OF DEMOLITION





Questions?