Enhancing the Resilience of Critical Lifeline Bridges in Coastal North Carolina: The Harkers Island Bridge Replacement Project

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Quantification, Damage Mitigation, and Preservation of Concrete Bridges and Structures under Natural and Man-Made Hazards

Part 2 of 2



Bridge 150096 superstructure replaced in 2013 following 10/2012 inspection – 43 years of service



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Maps from USGS, US Census Bureau CURRITUCK



NC Cored Slab Bridge Construction:

- Used since late 1960s
- 18, 21 or 24 in. depth X 3 ft wide
- 40 70 ft long simple spans
- Typically 14-16 slabs per span















1st reference to patching in 2003 bridge inspection report – 28 years of service Within the next 10 years: 37 of 64 end span slabs need 'priority maintenance' 144 of 272 slabs have been patched



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FRP Reinforced/Prestressed Concrete...

a new technology, but no longer an emerging technology

- 1988 Sinmiya Bridge, Japan, 35 years of service
- 1997 First FRP bridge in Canada, 26 years of service
- 2001 First FRP bridge in the US, 22 years of service
- \sim 24 bridges in the US with FRP elements (girders or piles)
 - FL, KY, LA, ME, MI, OH, VA
- ~ 6 new bridges or demonstration projects in the US under design or construction

AASHTO:

LRFD Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete

Guide Specification for the Design of Concrete Bridge Beams Prestressed with Carbon FRP Systems

ASTM D30 on Composite Materials

ACI440.11-22 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete Reinforced with GFRP Bars – Code and Commentary (an ACI318-14 dependent code)

Harkers Island, Carteret County, NC



Bridge No. 96

- Built 1970
- Superstructure Replacement 2013
- Functionally Obsolete

Bridge No. 73

- Built 1969
- Posted SV 24, TTST 37
- Structurally Deficient















Harkers Island Bridge Project Details

- New Bridge Length: 3,200 ft. (28 Spans)
- CFRP Prestressing Strand:
 - Girders (115): 650,000 Linear Feet
 - Piles (212): 325,000 Linear Feet
- GFRP Reinforcement:
 - Superstructure: 715,000 Linear Feet
 - Substructure: 220,000 Linear Feet
- Let Date: July 2021
- Completion Date: October 2025
- Contract Amount: \$59,995,746
- Moratorium: April 1st through September 30th







24 in. Square CFRP Prestressed Precast Piles





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GFRP Bars for Cast-in-Place Concrete





Cast-in-Place Substructure



CFRP Prestressed Precast F.I.B.



Construction Progress









What's next...





- Built in 1962
- 2.8 mi. long with mechanical swing span
- 35 mi. detour adds 45 min. driving time
- 53 mi. detour adds 58 min. driving time

Lindsay B. Warren Bridge (aka Alligator River Bridge) Replacement