VENETIAN CAUSEWAY
(Venetian Way)
Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
FROM NORTH BAYSHORE DRIVE TO PURDY AVENUE

FM No. 422713-2-22-01

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 12756

Project Advisory Group (PAG)

(Citizen's Advisory Committee)

Meeting No. 1

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Florida Department of Transportation - District 6

Project Team

VENETIAN ISLANDS HISTORIC BRIDGES

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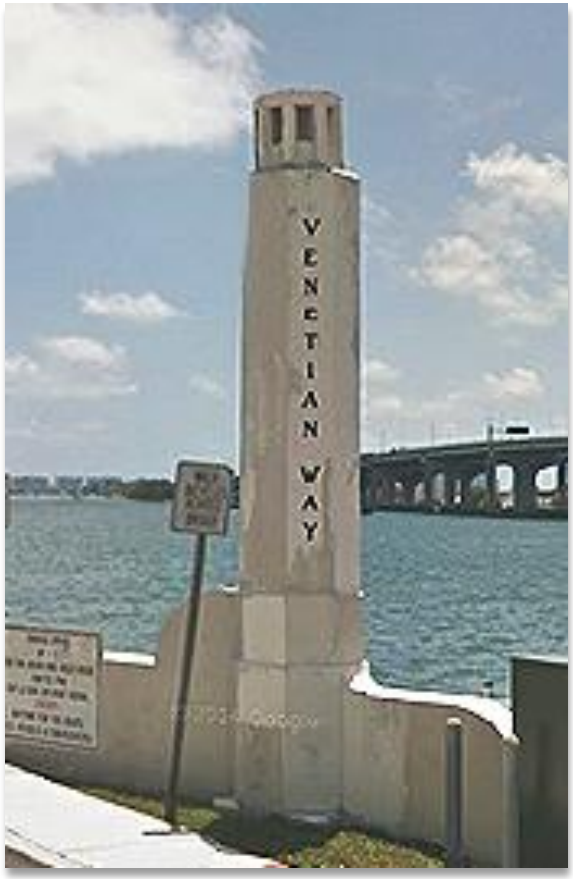

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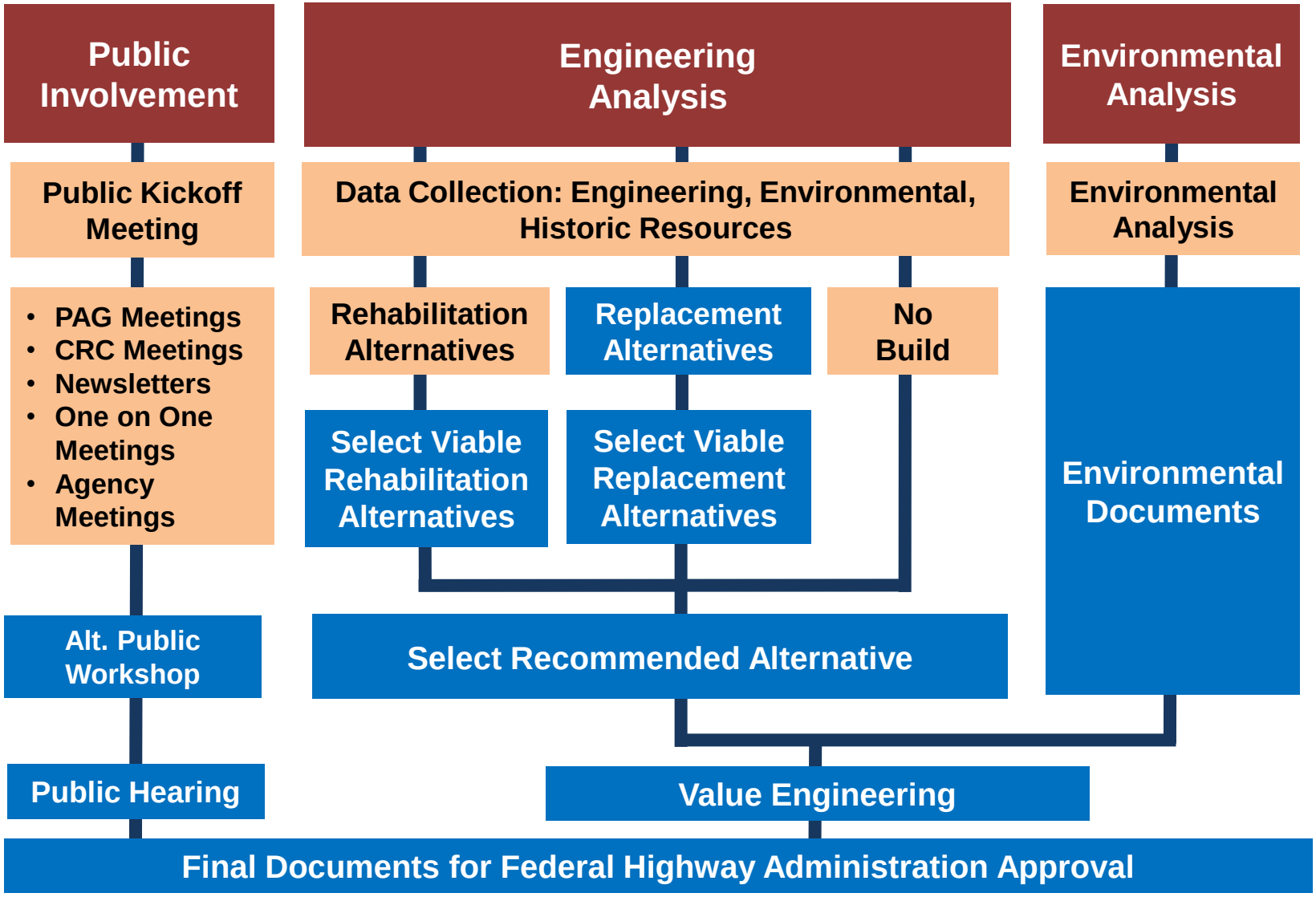
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Select Viable Replacement Alternatives
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Public Hearing
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Purpose of the Project Advisory Group (PAG)

- The purpose of the Project Advisory Group (PAG) is to allow FDOT to hear from potentially impacted residents, businesses and stakeholders.
- The PAG is made up of residents and other stakeholders in the immediate area. FDOT wants to make sure that a full range of views are considered during the transportation decision making process.
- The PAG will also be asked to help the project team explore how to address issues and needs that may be identified in the study.
- There will be a total of 4 PAG meetings planned over the course of the PD&E study.
- PAG MEETING NO. 1 GOAL – ESTABLISH THE REHABILITATION PARAMETERS

Existing Condition

Venetian Causeway Bridge Inventory

FO= Functionally Obsolete
SD= Structural Deficient
EST.= Estimated

Bridge No.	DOT Bridge #	NBI Condition Rating			Appraisal /Present Posted	Scour/Storm Evaluation		Bridge
		Sufficiency Rating		Deficiency FO/SD		Scour Depth		Exist Est. pile
		2011	*2014**	*2011/2014*	*2014*	*Year 1998*		*1927 and Renovation*
						100 Year	Category 5	
1	874459	32.6	19	FO/SD	5 Tons	26.9 ft	26.9 ft	40-54 ft
2	874460	52	45.9	FO	11 Tons	19.6 ft	29.1 ft	20-28 ft
3	874461	55.5	46	FO	11 Tons	25.0 ft	31 ft	20-28 ft
4	874463	55.5	46	FO	11 Tons	25.0 ft	31 ft	20-28 ft
5	874465	47.9	36.5	FO	11 Tons	19.6 ft	25.9 ft	20-28 ft
6	874466	57.6	48.2	FO	11 Tons	22.6 ft	28.2 ft	20-28 ft
7	874471	55.5	46	FO	11 Tons	22.0 ft	27.3 ft	20-28 ft
8	874472	55.5	46	FO	11 Tons	22.6 ft	28.9 ft	20-28 ft
9	874473	64	48.7	FO	11 Tons	24.2 ft	35.5 ft	20-28 ft
10	874474	57.5	32.1		11 Tons	25.0 ft	30.1 ft	20-28 ft
11	874477	64	41	FO	11 Tons	25.3 ft	31.6 ft	20-28 ft
12	874481	68.1	43.6		16 Tons	15.8 ft	19.4 ft	20-28 ft

*Based on FDOT Bridge Information July 1st 2014

Existing Condition

History of Continuous Repair and Maintenance

- **1970s:** Over one half of the 201 pile caps were repaired
- **1998:** Bridge Rehabilitations
  - 40%-90% of girders and deck repaired
  - One pile cap repair & Riprap placement at all foundations
- **2011:** 50%-75% of girders and deck repaired
- Much of original resource lost due to repairs and replacement
  - New light poles (1998)
  - New railings (1998)
  - 60% of West Bridge replaced in 1997 (including drawbridge)
  - East drawbridge superstructure replaced in 1998

Existing Condition

Fixed Bridges

Summary of Typical Deficiencies

- Unsound concrete in Beam & Slabs
- Failed Repairs
- Significant corrosive deterioration

Fixed Bridges

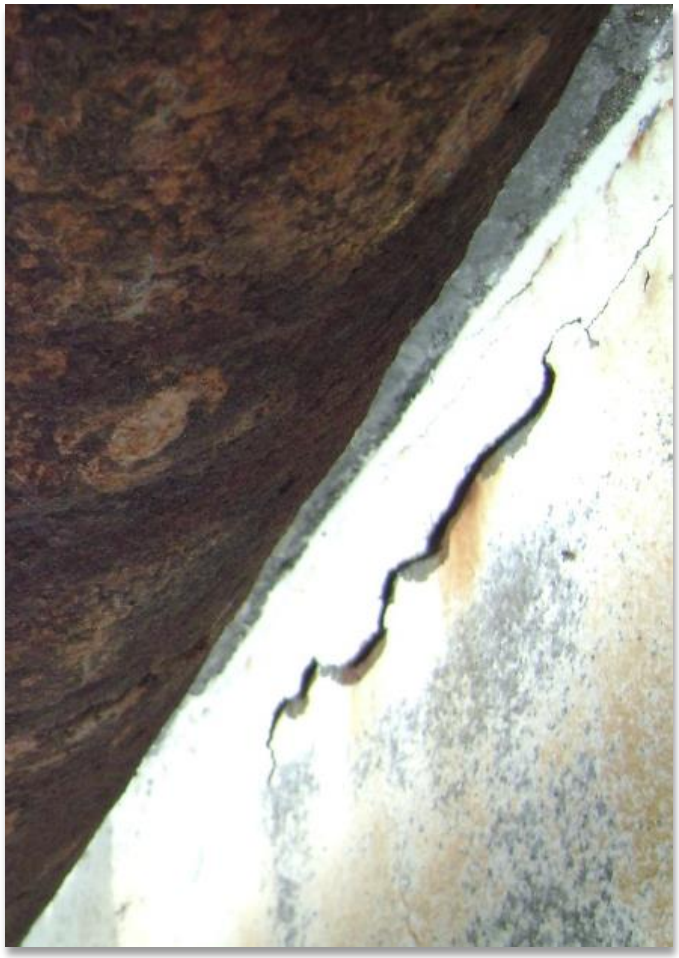
Summary of Typical Deficiencies

- Utilities- Supporting Hangers broken & hanging loose & uneven pipes

Fixed Bridges

Summary of Typical Deficiencies

- Cracks – minor in Beams & Substructures
- Surface Corrosion- in exposed Reinforcing steel bars



Existing Condition

Fixed Bridges

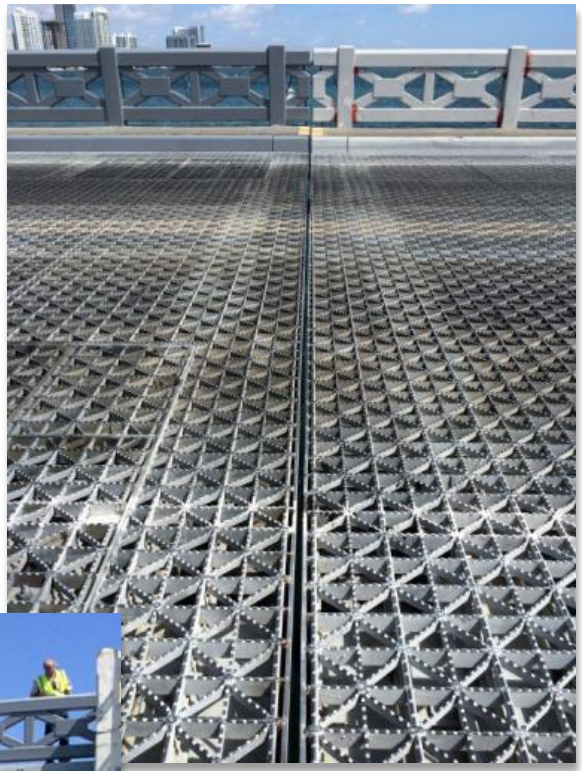
Summary of Typical Deficiencies

- Transverse Cracks through asphalt in structural member Joints
- Exposed reinforcing bars in slabs

Existing Condition

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

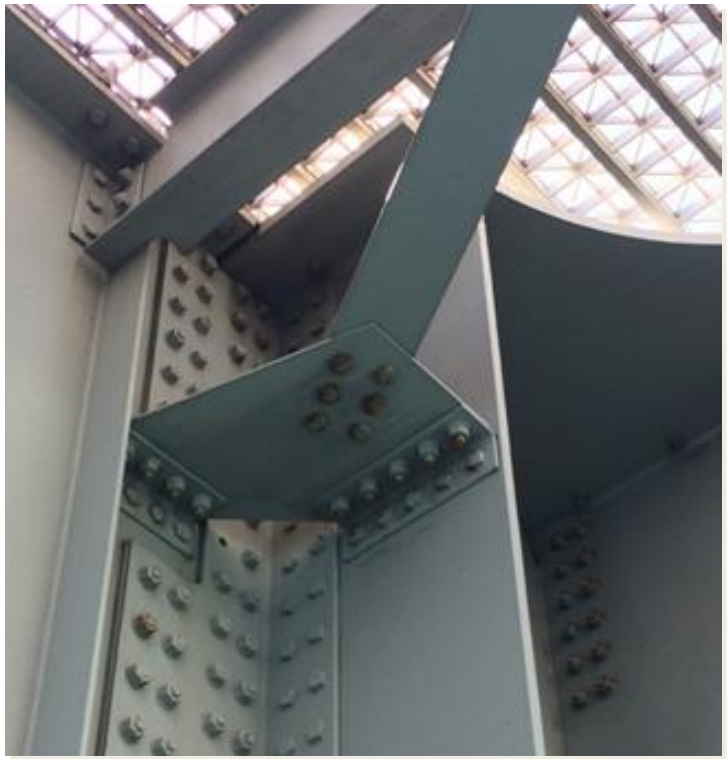
- **Overall in Good Condition**
  - Bascule Span Replaced 1999
  - 12-ft Vert. Clearance at Fender
  - 16-ft Vert. Clearance at Center



Existing Condition

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

- **Steel Bascule Leaf**
  - Minor Steel Corrosion
  - Protective Coatings/Paint Needs Replacement



Existing Condition

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

- **Undesirable Roadway Features**
  - Steel Open Grid Deck
    - **Poor Skid Resistance**
    - **Not Bicycle Friendly**
    - **Noisy**
    - **Maintenance Concerns**
  - Deck Joints in Shoulder
    - **Potential Bicycle Hazard**

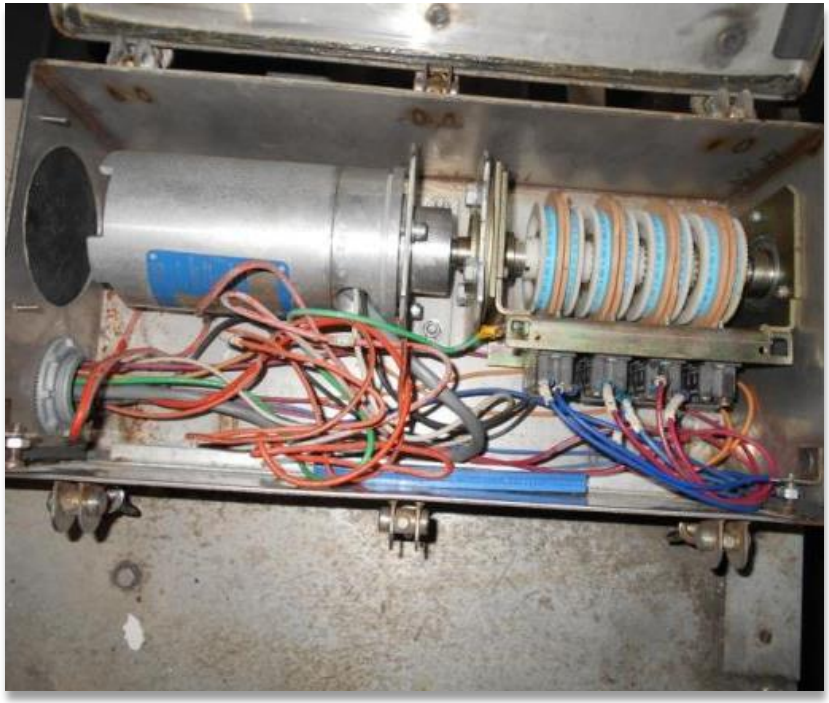
Existing Condition

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

- **Concrete Bascule Piers**
  - Concrete Cracking
  - Flaking Decorative Coatings
  - Openings in Pier Below 100-yr Storm Surge Elevation/Potential for Flooding

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

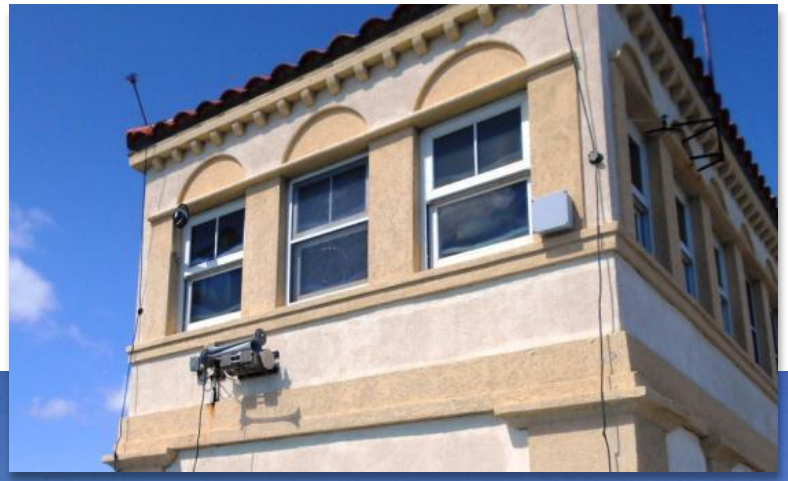
- **Electrical-Mechanical**
  - Minor Conduit and Wiring Issues
  - Minor Hydraulic Fluid Leaks
  - Moderate Wear of Span Lock Shoes

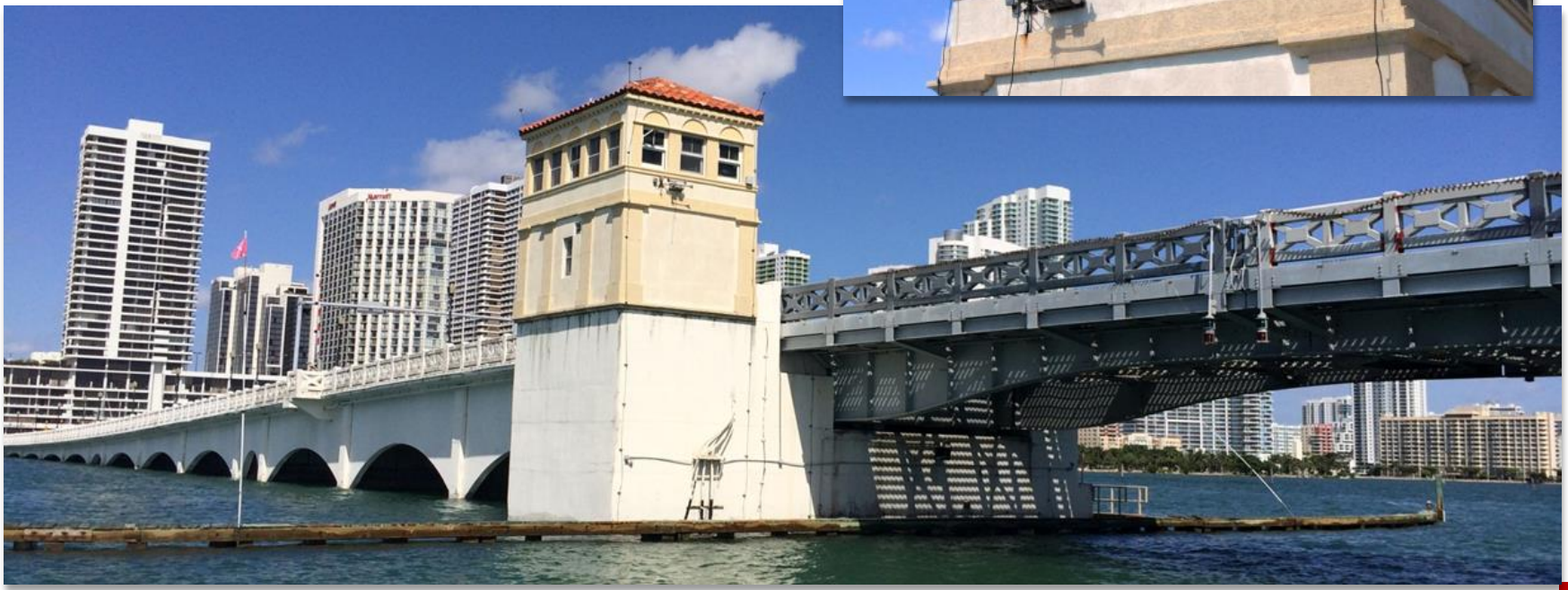


Existing Condition

West Bascule (874459) – Main Span

- **Control House**
  - Windows Need Replacement





Existing Condition

East Bascule (874474) – Main Span

- **Fair Overall Condition**
  - Bascule Leaf Replaced 1998
  - 8-ft Vert. Clearance at Fender
  - 12-ft Vert. Clearance at Center
  - Frequent Openings
  - Exposure to Splashing

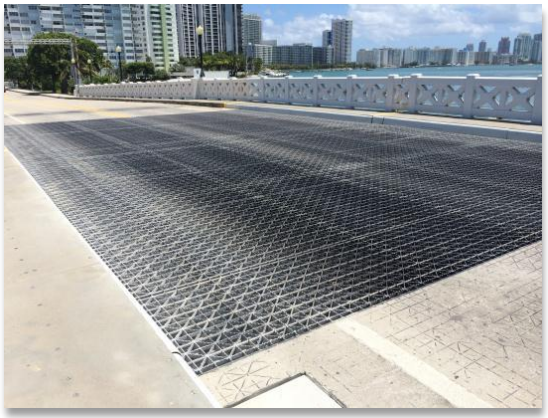
Existing Condition

East Bascule (874474) – Main Span

- **Steel Bascule Leaf**
  - Minor Corrosive Deterioration
  - Protective Coatings/Paint System Failure (Repainted 2012)

East Bascule (874474) – Main Span

- **Undesirable Roadway Features**
  - Steel Open Grid Deck
    - Poor Skid Resistance
    - Not Bicycle Friendly
    - Noisy
    - Maintenance Concerns
  - Deck Joints in Shoulder
    - Potential Bicycle Hazard



Existing Condition

East Bascule (874474) – Main Span

- **Concrete Bascule Piers (87+ Years Old)**
  - Concrete Cracking
  - Flaking Decorative Coatings
  - Open Piers with Extreme Exposure
  - Entire Piers/Leaves Below 100-yr Storm
  - Surge Elevation/Potential for Flooding

Existing Condition

East Bascule (874474) – Main Span

- **Electrical-Mechanical (Replaced 1998)**
  - Extensive Corrosion of Electrical Conduit
  - Minor Conduit and Wiring Issues
  - Slow Operation (2 Minutes to Raise or Lower Span)
  - Poor Machinery Alignment
  - Moderate Wear of Rolling Tracks and Treads
  - Moderate Wear of Span Lock Shoes

Rehabilitation Parameters

Determine Parameters for:

- Safety
- National Register of Historic Places Listing
- Environmental Impacts
- Service Life
- Typical Section
- Structural Capacity
- Bridge Railings and End Treatments
- Bridge Clearances
- Traffic Control during Construction
- Utility Service during Construction

Rehabilitation Parameters

Safety

- **The preserved bridge shall meet current safety standards**
  - Structural Capacity
    - Load carrying Capacity
    - Foundation Stability
    - Hurricane Resistance
    - Vessel Collision Resistance
  - Minimize exceptions and/or variations to Design Standards
  - Clearances
  - Maintain Traffic during construction
    - Hurricane evacuation
    - Emergency service
    - Residential and Business Access

Rehabilitation Parameters

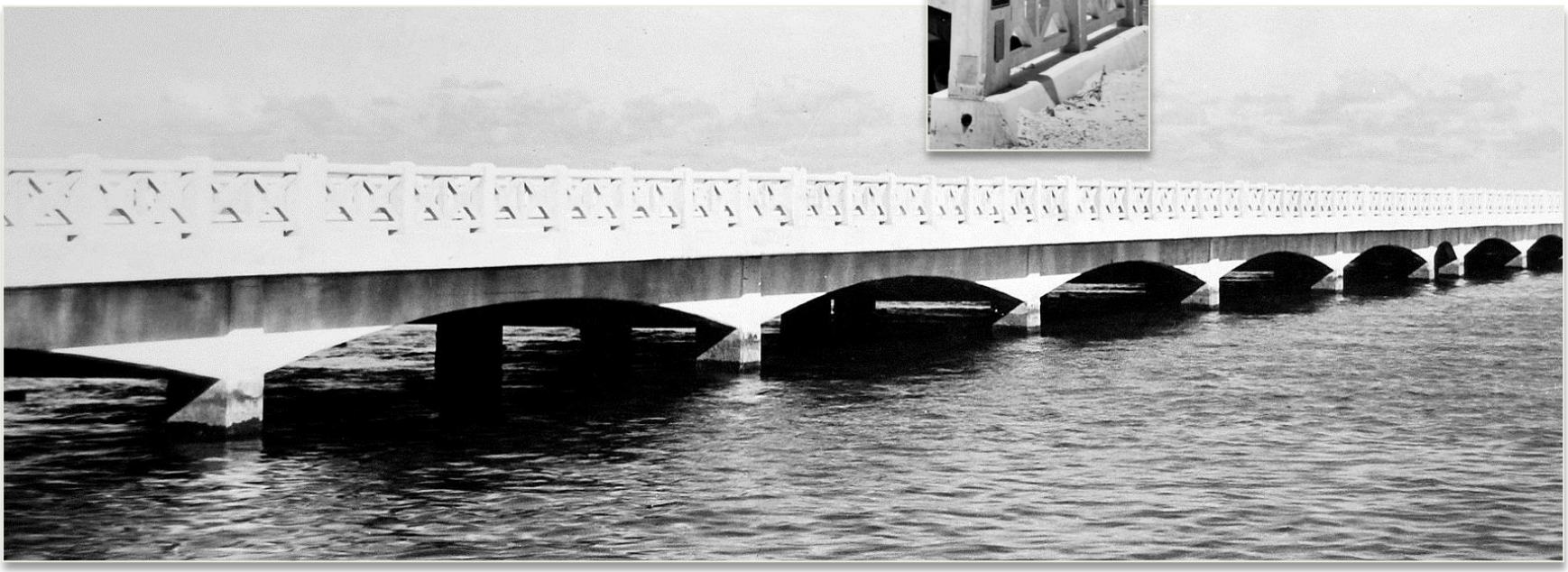
Maintain National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Listing

- Constructed in 1926
- Oldest causeway in Florida
- Listed as Historic in the Cities of Miami & Miami Beach

Maintain National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Listing – Cont'd

Maintain the historic character

- Bridge railings
- Light poles
- Arched form of the concrete superstructure



Purpose of the Project Advisory Group (PAG)

Environmental Analysis

- Avoid Impacts to marine resources
  - Seagrasses and Corals
  - Manatees/Sea Turtles/Smalltooth Sawfish
  - Essential Fish Habitat
- Minimize impacts to Noise/Air Quality including vibration impacts
- Minimize Contamination Concerns
- Minimize Socio-cultural Impacts

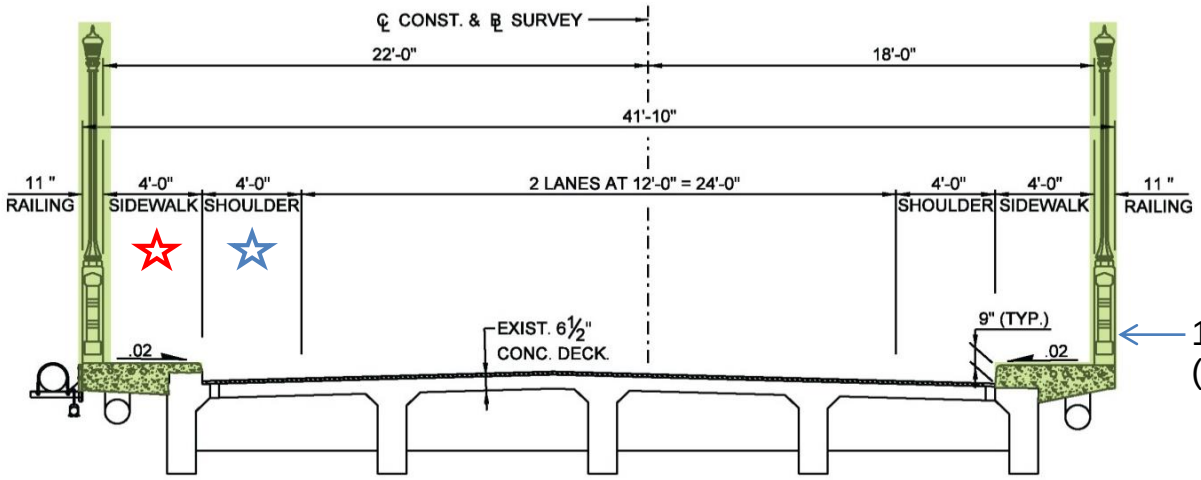
Rehabilitation Parameters

Service Life

- Indefinite (Goal)
- Presently a Major Rehabilitation is undertaken every 10 +/- years
- Proposed Rehabilitation will be for minimum of **25** years
  - Normal bridge inspection and maintenance
  - Movable bridge operating equipment requires – Periodic repair or replacement
- Achieve Sufficiency Ratings above **80**

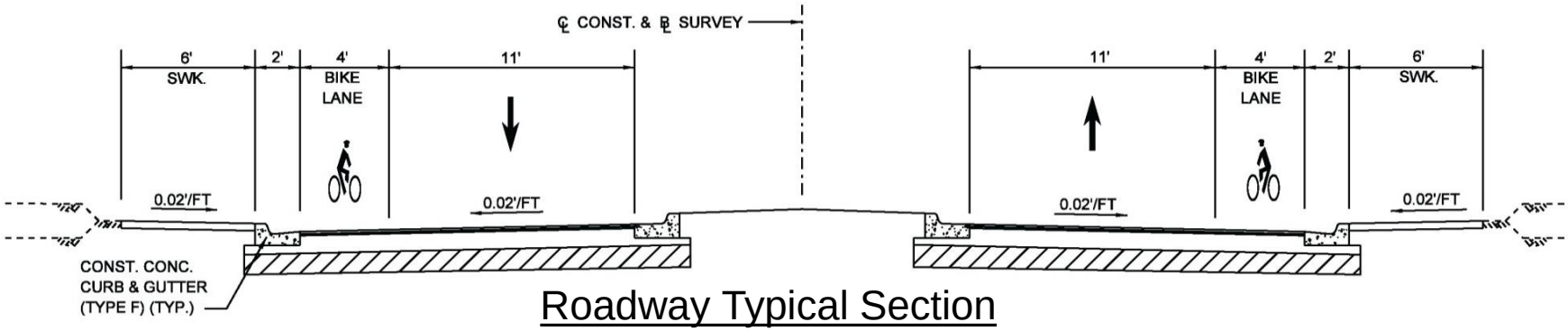
Rehabilitation Parameters

Typical Section



1998 Construction (Typ.)

Bridge Typical Section



Roadway Typical Section

Design Speed = 35 MPH (Posted at 30 MPH)

☆ 6 ft sidewalk required for FDOT, 5 ft minimum. (4 ft existing)

☆ 5.5 ft shoulder required for bike lane (4 ft existing)

- Existing bridge typical section does not meet standards and is not compatible with proposed master plan roadway typical section
- Drainage: Direct discharge through bridge scuppers into the environmentally sensitive Biscayne Bay

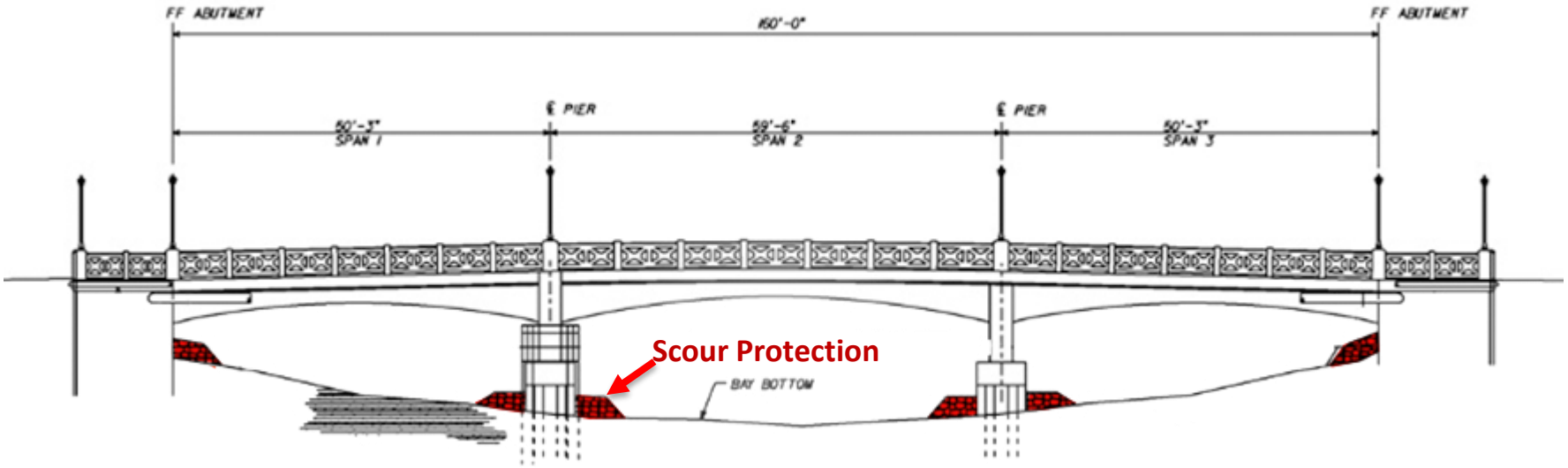
Rehabilitation Parameters

Structural Capacity – Load Carrying Capacity

- Venetian Causeway Bridges
  - Original Design Criteria – 15 ton truck (H-15)
  - Current Design Criteria – 36 ton truck (HL-93)
- Rehabilitate for current load carrying capacity requirements (HL-93)
  - Avoid load restriction
  - Extend service life

Structural Capacity – Foundation Stability

- Erosion (scour) protection (rip rap) provided in 1990's rehabilitation.
- Evaluate for current standards
- Enhance erosion protection measures as required



Structural Capacity – Hurricane Resistance

- Classification - Critical due to the cost and time to repair/replace, emergency access and the detour length
- Bridges which do not meet the wave crest clearance shall be rehabilitated to meet the capacity requirements
- Where coastal bridges are not elevated at least 1 ft. above the design wave crest elevation (DWC), a qualified coastal engineer with experience in wave mechanics shall provide 100-year design wave height, wave period and wave crest elevation along with accompanying horizontal and vertical surge and wave forces. Wave forces shall be computed according to The Guide Specifications for Bridges Vulnerable to Coastal Storms. *(FDOT Drainage Manual (2014), Section 4.9.5)*
- Coastal Bridges - The District Drainage Engineer should review tidal projects to determine if coastal hydraulics play significant role in a roadway or bridge project's design. If coastal hydraulics might be significant, a qualified coastal engineer should review the complexity of the tidal conditions to determine the appropriate level of coastal engineering expertise needed in design. *(PD&E Manual, Chapter 4)*

Structural Capacity – Hurricane Resistance - Cont'd

- Storm Surge (Water Level Rise)
- Wind Driven Waves
  - Large Forces
  - Potential for Significant Damage or Failure
- Current Standards
  - Raise Bridges above Maximum Wave Crest or
  - Design Bridges to Resist Large Forces from Waves

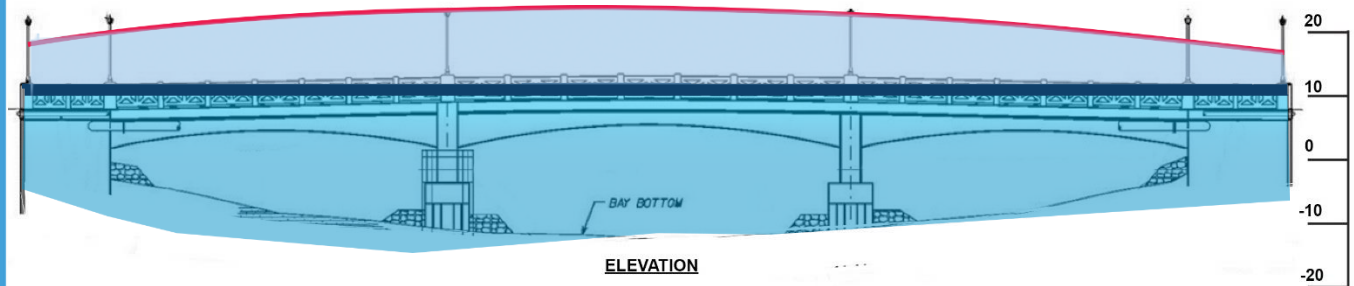
Rehabilitation Parameters

Structural Capacity – Hurricane Resistance - Cont'd

- Determine Desired Level of Performance
  - Use of Bridges Immediately after Storm or
  - Repairable Damage with Limited Delay after Storm
- Depends on Causeway Importance
  - Non-critical, Critical or Extremely Critical
  - Bridge Owner Decision
  - Numerous Factors Considered:
    - Evacuation Route
    - Emergency Response/Life Safety
    - Mobility/Traffic Impacts
    - Economic Impacts to Businesses/Residents
    - Bridge Strengthening Costs

Structural Capacity – Hurricane Resistance - Cont'd

- **100 year Peak Storm Surge Heights**
  - 7.7' (FEMA) to 11.6' (Current Study)
  - Wave crest is storm surge plus 70% of the maximum wave height. Causeway bridges are mostly below this elevation.
- **Wave Forces**
  - Vertical will be in the 10 to 12 kip/ft range or 500 to 600 kips (250 to 300 tons) per 50 ft span!
  - Horizontal wave forces will be in the 4 to 5 kip/ft range or 200 to 250 kips (100 to 125 tons) per 50 ft span! (Equivalent to a collision with a barge drifting at approximately half a knot)



Location	Design Wave Height (ft)	Wave Crest Elevation (ft-NAVD)
End Bent 1	9.3	18.1
Pier 2	13.7	21.2
Pier 3	12.9	20.6
End Bent 4	7.5	16.8

100-Year Water Surface Elevation (storm surge) and the 100-Year Wave Crest Elevations.

Structural Capacity – Hurricane Resistance - Cont'd

- Low Causeway Bridges
  - Below Anticipated Storm Surge
    - 100 Year Storm Surge – Elevation 8 ft to 12 ft
    - Wave Crests – 7 to 8 ft above Storm Surge

I-I0 Escambia Bay, FL. - Hurricane Ivan - 2005

Structural Capacity - Vessel Collision Resistance

- Prevent Collapse from Vessel Collision
- West Bascule Bridge – over Intracoastal Waterway
  - 80 Tug & Barges per Year (each direction)
  - 500 to 600 Other Larger Vessels (each direction)
- East Bascule Bridge – over Tide Relief Channel
  - Mostly Recreational and Smaller Commercial Craft Only
- All Causeway Bridges must consider Risk of Collision from Loose (Free-Floating) Barge

Structural Capacity - Vessel Collision Resistance - Cont'd

FDOT Structures Design Guidelines (2014)

- "The design of all bridges over navigable waters must include consideration for possible Vessel Collision (usually from barges or ocean going ships).
- Conduct a vessel collision risk analysis to determine the most economical method for protecting the bridge."
- Vessel Collision Risk Analysis
  - Evaluates the probability that an errant vessel could strike the bridge
  - Evaluates the risk that the bridge will collapse if hit by an errant vessel.

Structural Capacity - Vessel Collision Resistance - Cont'd

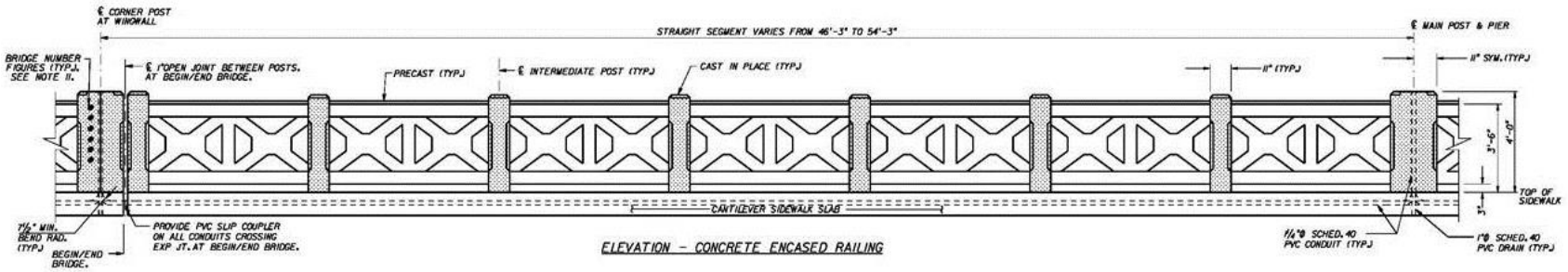
- Current Design Standards – Risk Analysis
  - Probability that vessel will veer off course
  - Probability that vessel will collide with bridge
  - Probability that bridge will collapse after collision
- Acceptable Levels of Risk
- Depends on Importance of Causeway
  - Regular (Non-critical) or Critical
  - Bridge Owner Decision
  - Numerous Factors Considered:
    - Evacuation Route
    - Emergency Response/Life Safety
    - Mobility/Traffic Impacts
    - Economic Impacts to Businesses/Residents
    - Bridge Strengthening Costs
- West Bascule Bridge does not meet Current Standards

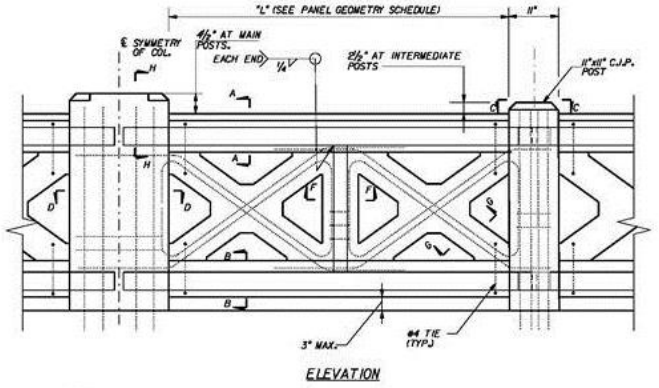
Structural Capacity – Vessel Impact Resistance

- Causeway Bridges Classified by Local Government
  - Detour Available if One Bridge Damaged
  - Design Accepts Greater Level of Risk for Collapse than “Critical” Bridges
- East Bridge over Tide Relief Channel
  - Limited to Smaller Vessels
- West Bridge over Intracoastal Waterway
  - Larger Vessels Pass Under Bridge
  - Does not Meet Current Design Criteria
- Impact to Fixed Causeway Bridges also Considered

Bridge Railings & End Treatments

- Meet Design Standards for height and strength
- Preserve historic character
- End Treatments





Rehabilitation Parameters

Bridge Clearances

- Navigational
  - Horizontal – Existing at a minimum
  - Vertical – Existing at a minimum
- Hydraulic channel below the bridge shall not be less than existing

Rehabilitation Parameters

Maintenance of Traffic - During Construction

- Rehabilitation while maintaining reasonable access
  - Venetian Isles Residents
  - Service Vehicles (Lawn Maintenance, Delivery Vehicles, etc.)
  - Mass Transit
  - Public Safety Access
  - Hurricane/Emergency evacuation
  - Pedestrians & Bicycles
  - Eliminate or minimize openings of the East Bascule Bridge if any bridge is closed to vehicular traffic

Utility services – During Construction

- Maintain Utility Services
  - Water and Sewer
  - Telephone/Data
  - Electric
  - Cable/Data

Rehabilitation Parameters

Summary

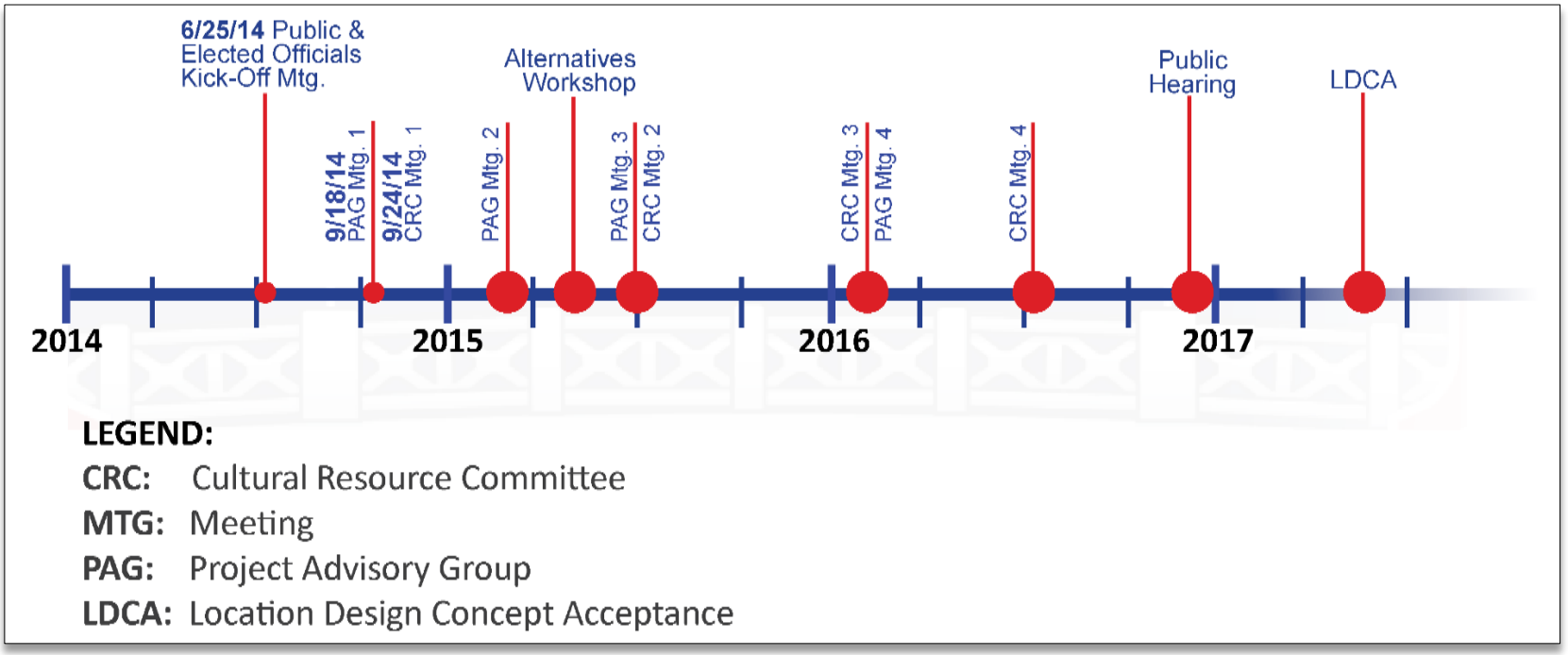
- Safety – meet current safety standards
- Maintain National Register of Historic Places Listing
- Environmental – Minimize Impacts
- Service Life – 25 year Rehabilitation
- Typical Section – Improve Functionality
- Structural Capacity – meet current standards for:
  - Load Carrying Capacity
  - Foundation Stability
  - Hurricane Resistance
  - Vessel Collision Resistance
- Bridge Railings and End Treatments
  - Preserve Historic Character
  - Meet current standards
- Bridge Clearances – existing as minimum
- Maintain Traffic during Construction
- Maintain Utilities during Construction

Rehabilitation Parameters

Next Steps

- CRC Meeting 1
- Rehabilitation Alternatives
- Replacement Parameters

Anticipated schedule



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