



Pierce County  
Public Works and Utilities

Courtesy of Gary Marston



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Bridge Engineering  
**Fox Island Bridge**

Fox Island Community Presentation

## History

- **Built by the Washington Toll Bridge Authority in 1954**
- **Construction Bid \$1,051,476**
- **Originally Toll Bridge**
- **Tolls lifted May 14, 1965**



(Courtesy of Fox Island Museum)

## Vital Statistics



- **Longest bridge on the Pierce County Inventory (1,950 feet)**
- **Deck width 22' curb to curb**
- **ADT (Average Daily Traffic) 6,150 in 2013**

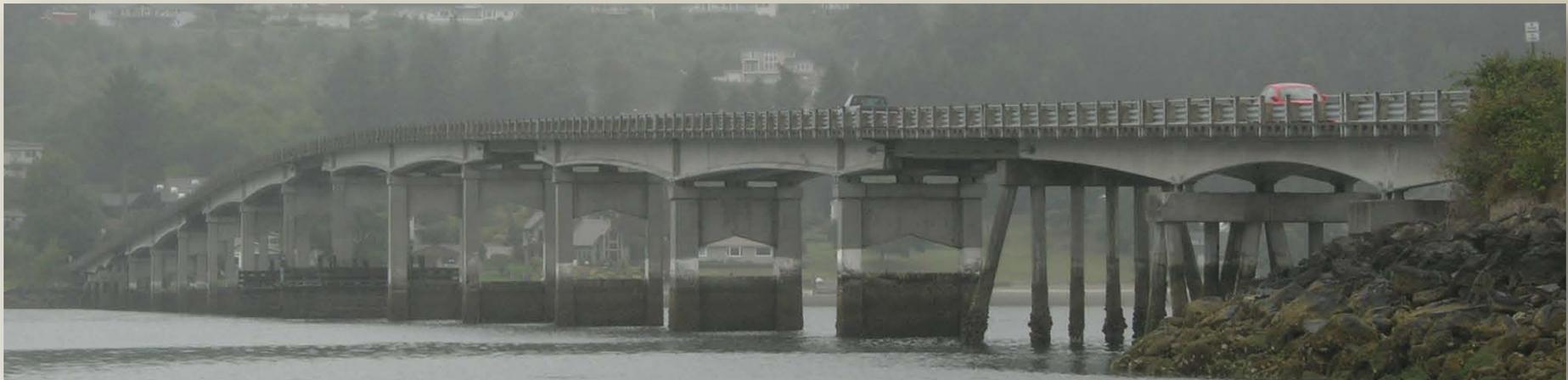
# Is the Bridge safe?

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## Sufficiency Rating 7.33

- **What a Sufficiency Rating is:** The sufficiency rating is the basis for establishing eligibility and priority for replacement or rehabilitation of bridges with the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program funds.
- **What the Sufficiency Rating is NOT:** A measure of bridge safety.
- **In general, the lower the sufficiency rating, the better a project competes for Federal funds.**





## Sufficiency Rating details

### Summation of four calculated values:

- Structural Adequacy and Safety (55%)
- Serviceability and Functional Obsolescence (30%)
- Essentiality for Public Use (15%)
- Special reductions (variable)



# Structural Adequacy and Safety

- Superstructure overall
- Inventory rating
- Substructure overall
- Culverts

								Inspections Performed					
								IT	NT	HRS	Date	Rep	Type
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural Adqcy (657)	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pier/Abut/Protect (679)	1954	Year Built (332)	Y	24	7.0	04/18/2013	Routine	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deck Geometry (658)	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scour (680)	0	Year Rebuilt (336)						Fract Crit
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Underclearance (659)	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retaining Walls (682)	24	Oper Rating (551)	D	60	20.0	07/11/2012	Underwater	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating Level (660)	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pier Protection (683)	14	Inv Rating (554)						Special
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alignment Adqcy (661)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge Rails (684)	P	Open Close (293)						Interim
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	WaterwayAdqcy (662)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transition (685)	9999	Vert Over Deck (360)						Equipment
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deck Overall (663)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guardrails (686)	0000	Vert Under (374)						Damage
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drains Condition (664)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terminals (687)	N	Vert Und Code (378)						Safety
6	5	Superstructure (671)	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revise Rating (688)	0.00	Asphalt Depth						Short Span
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number Utilities (675)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Photos Flag (691)	35	Speed Limit						
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substructure (676)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Soundings Flag (693)								
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chan/Protection (677)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure Clearance (694)								
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culvert (678)											
								Total: 13.0					
								Suff Rating: 7.33 SD		7.33 SD			

# Serviceability and Functional Obsolescence

- **Main span design**
- **Curb-to-Curb width**
- **Approach roadway**
- **ADT**
- **Structural adequacy**
- **Deck geometry**
- **Under clearance adequacy**
- **Alignment adequacy**
- **Waterway adequacy**
- **Deck overall**
- **Lanes on bridge**



- **Minimum Vertical clearance over deck**
- **STRAHNET (Strategic Highway Network)**

## Essentiality for Public Use



- ADT
- STRAHNET
- Detour length

## Special Reductions

- **Detour Length**
- **Main span design**
- **Bridge rail**
- **Transition**
- **Guardrail**
- **Terminal**



## Functionally Obsolete / Structurally Deficient

- **Functionally obsolete**

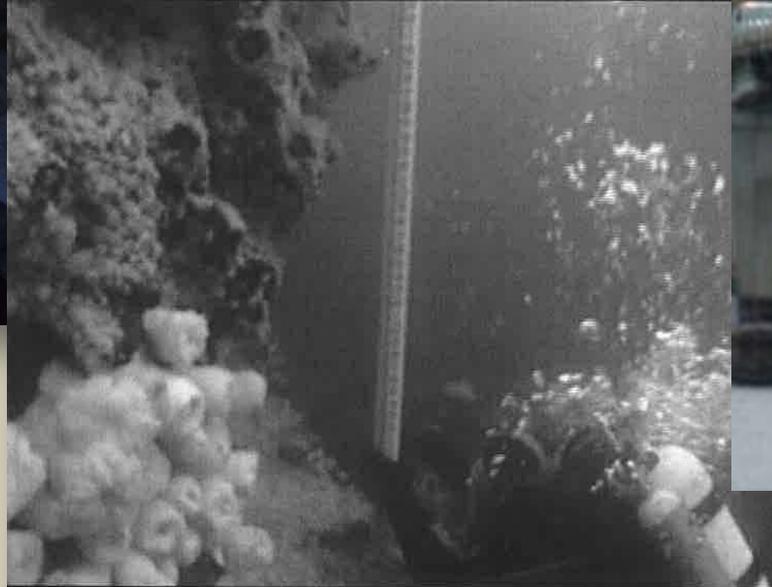
- **Federal definition** – a bridge that has deck geometry, load carrying capacity, clearance or approach roadway alignment that no longer meets the criteria for the system of which the bridge is a part.

- **Structurally deficient**

- **Federal definition** – bridges where:
  - 1) Significant load carrying elements are found to be in poor or worse condition due to deterioration and/or damage or,
  - 2) The adequacy of the waterway opening provided by the bridge is determined to be extremely insufficient to the point of causing intolerable traffic interruptions.



## How does the County monitor/maintain bridge structural condition?



### Inspections:

- Routine – 24 months
- Underwater – 60 months
- UBIT (Under Bridge Inspection Truck) – 24 months [in 2009, the frequency was 48 months]



# UBIT Inspection Report

## UBIT INSPECTION REPORT

Fox Island Bridge #26211-A

April 19, 2013

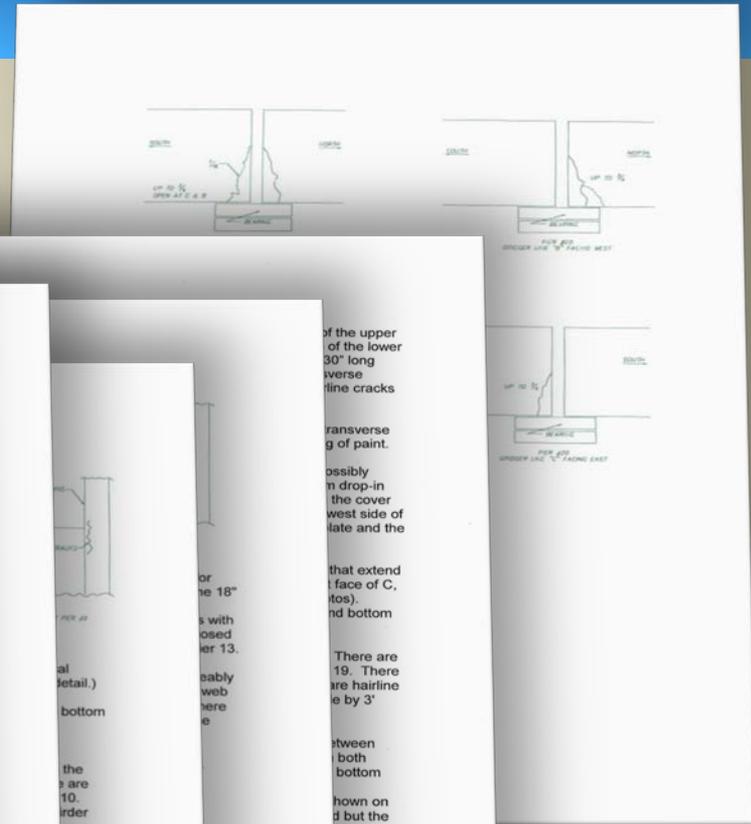
Inspection conducted on April 18, 2013 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Note - The Bridge was inspected, with the Under Bridge Inspection Truck (UBIT) UB-50, in the West lane with the bucket deployed over the West rail.

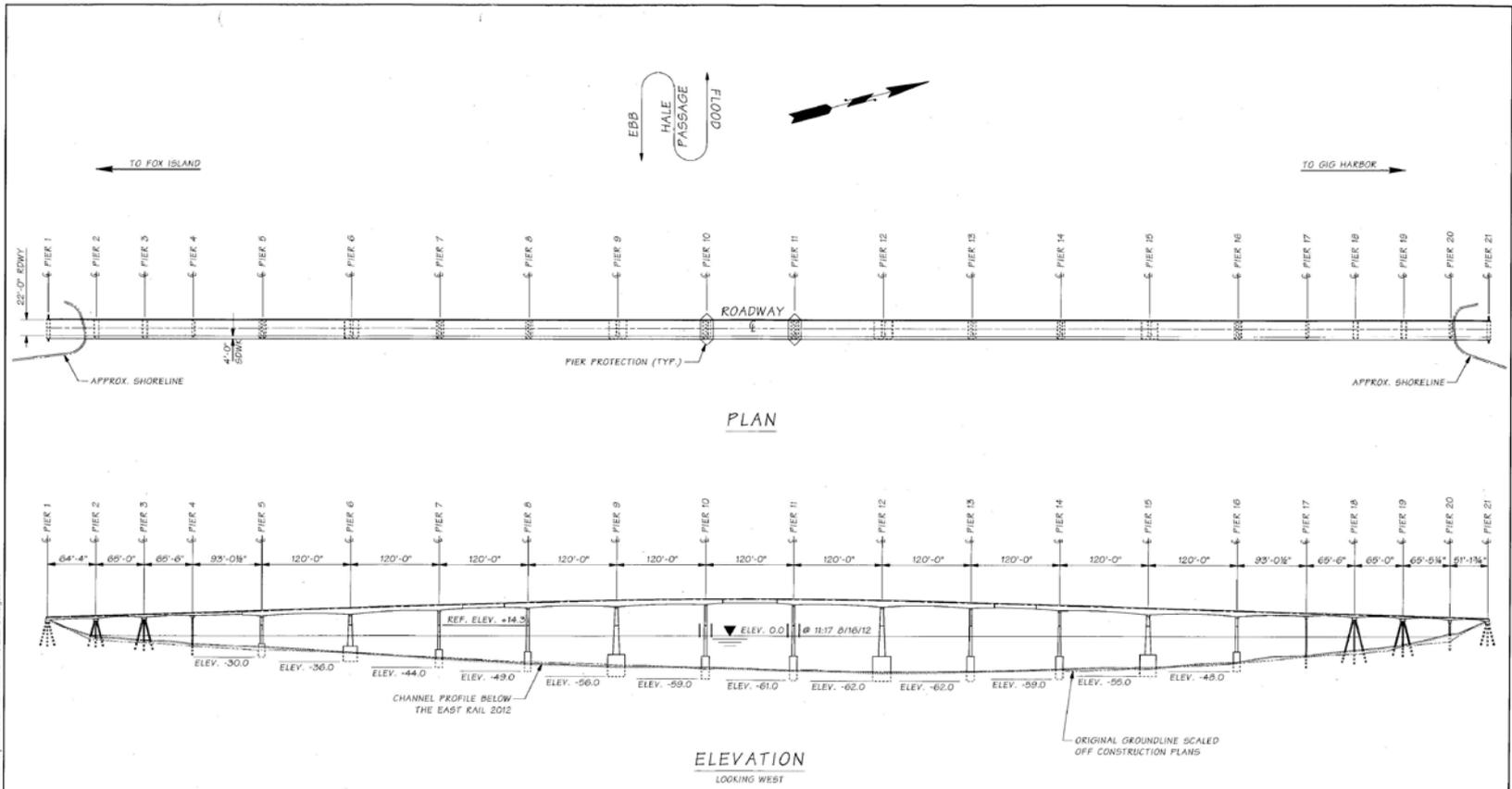
WSDOT Personnel: Colt Tatum Bucket Operator  
Doug Walsh Driver

Pierce County Personnel: Gary Amundsen Inspector (G0803)  
Mike Manley Co-Inspector  
Traffic control was provided by the Road Ops.

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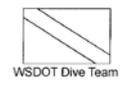


# Underwater Inspection Report – Layout



- NOTES:
- BRIDGE LAYOUT PER ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS, WASHINGTON TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1992
  - REFERENCE ELEVATION, TOP OF PIER 7 PIER WALL ELEV. +14.3

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Scale:	MGD6 SCALE: 1:775
Drawn By:	JRH
Reviewed By:	MBS



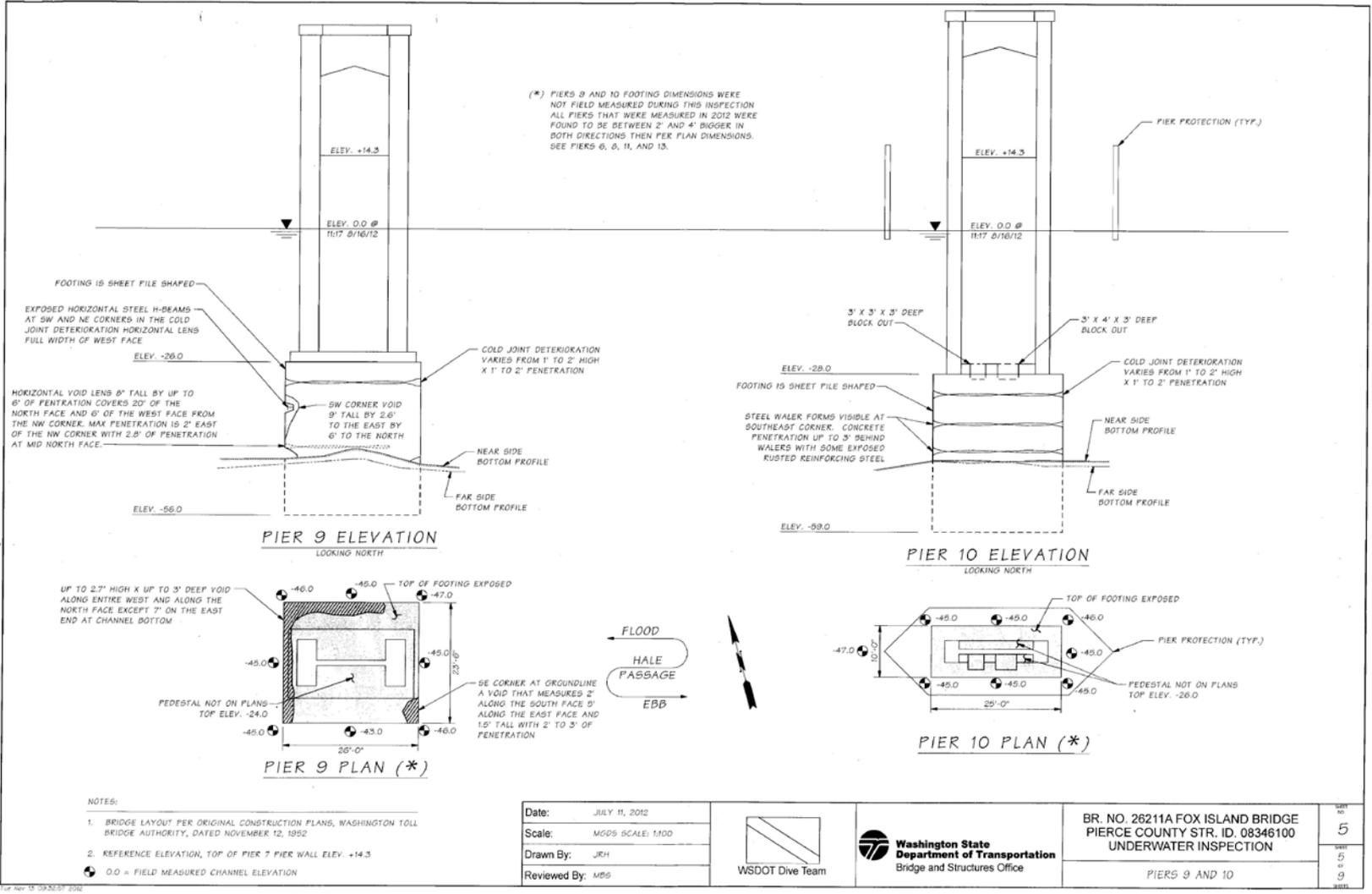
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PIERCE COUNTY STR. ID. 08346100  
UNDERWATER INSPECTION

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# Underwater Inspection Report – Piers 9 & 10



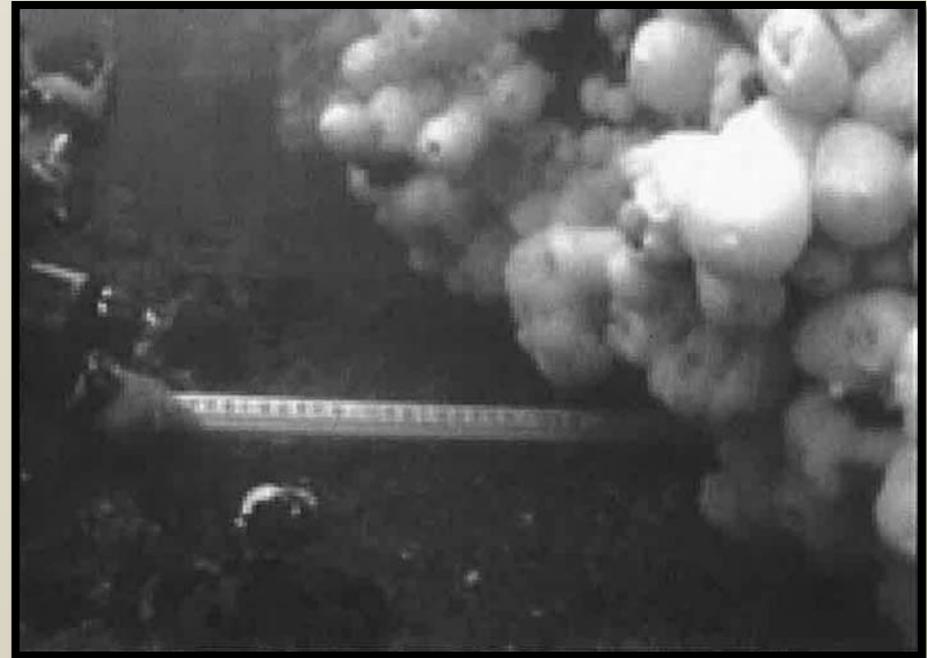
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## Underwater Inspection Report – Photos



**SW corner of Pier 6 lens of poor consolidation measuring up to 2' vertical with up to 3.2' of penetration along the entire west face.**

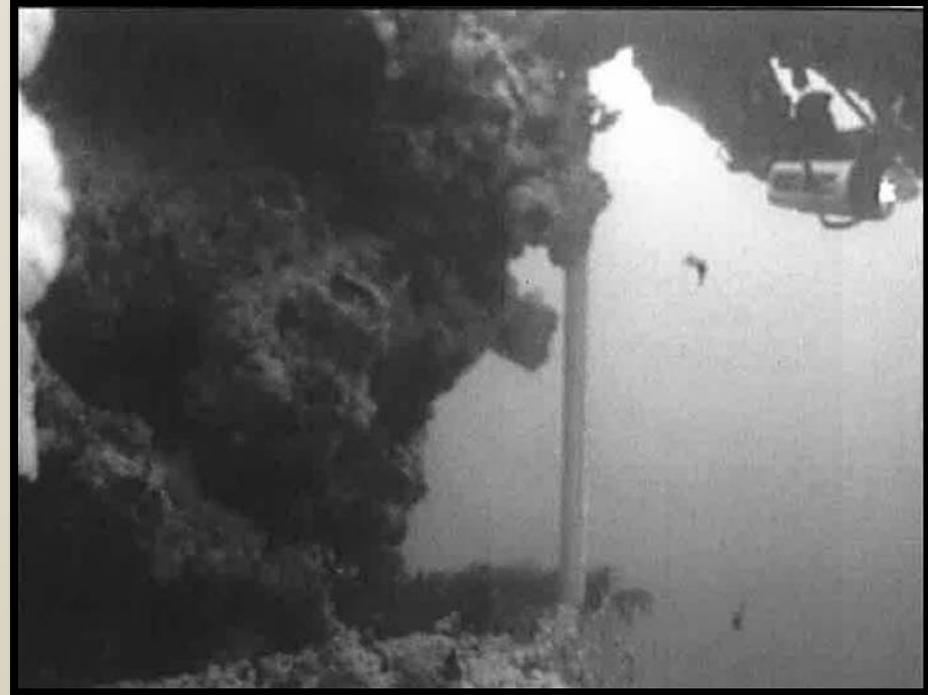


**Middle of Pier 6 lens of poor consolidation measuring up to 2' vertical with up to 3.2' of penetration along entire west face.**

## Underwater Inspection Report – Photos



**Horizontal lens at NW corner of Pier 9 measured 8" tall with 6' of penetration. Looking west.**



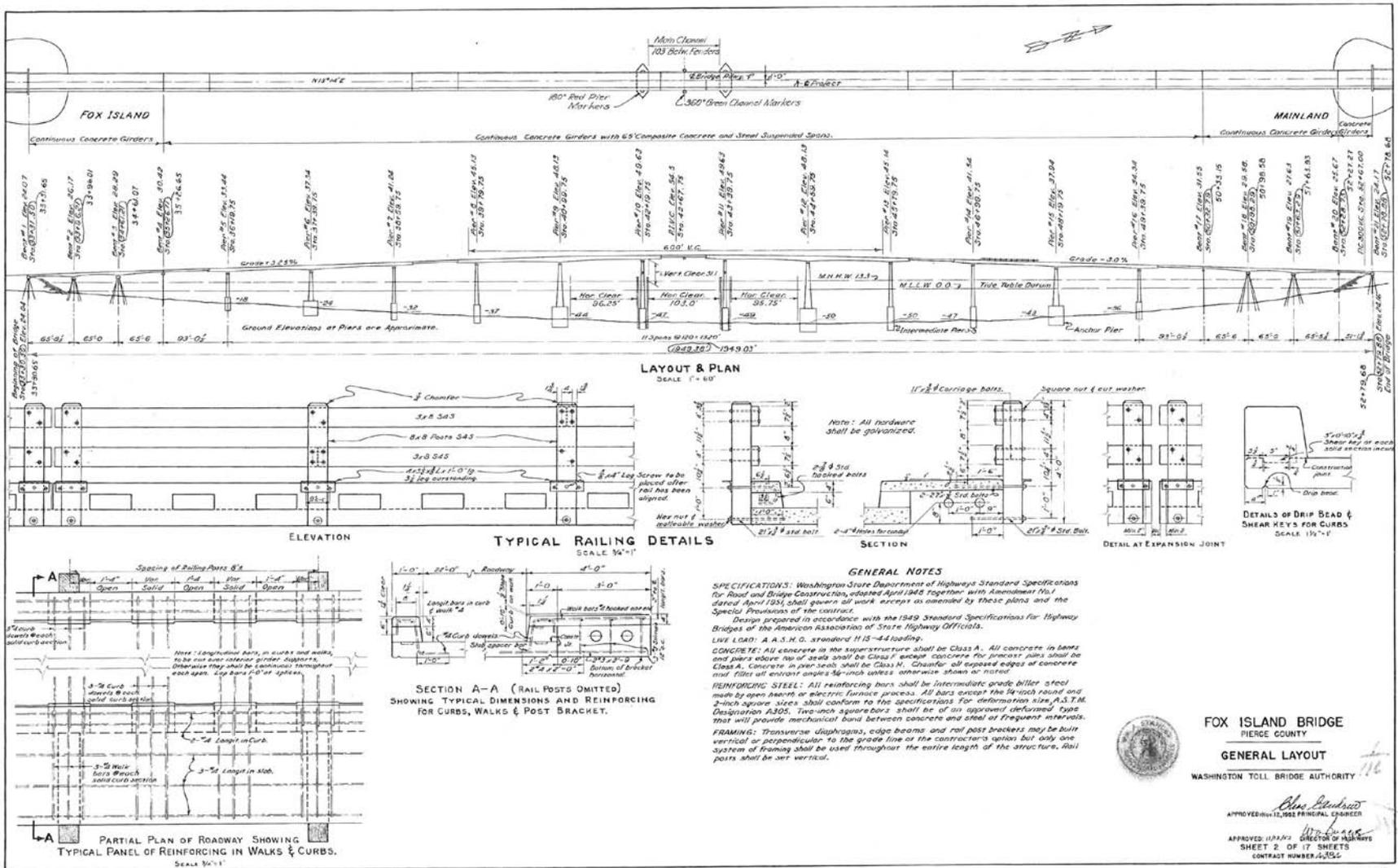
**Horizontal lens at NW corner of Pier 9 measured 8" tall with 6' of penetration. Looking west. Note the rod reading.**

# Seismic Evaluations

- Seismic evaluation completed 1994
- Superstructure seismic retrofit completed 2003
- Substructure Retrofit?



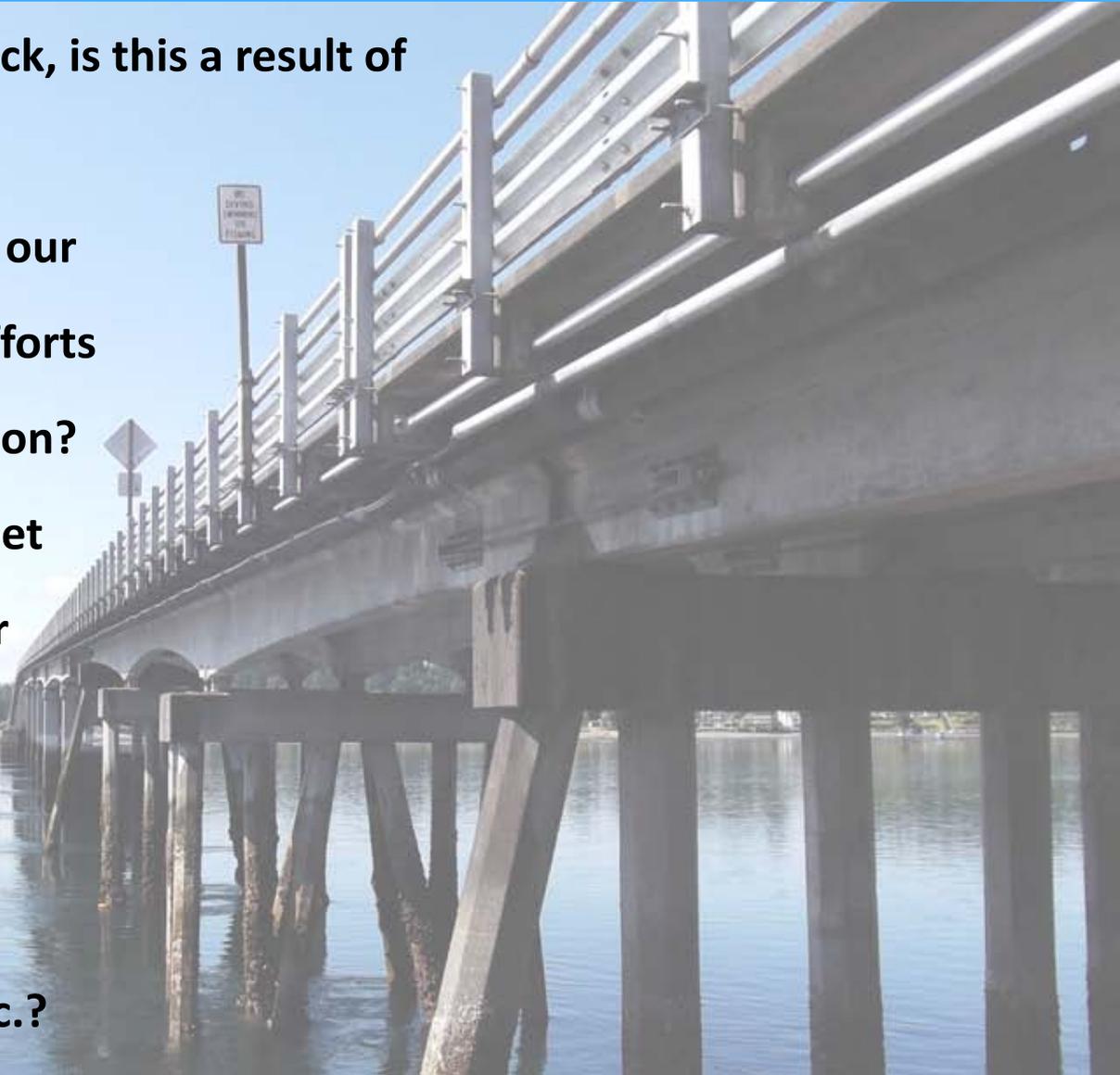
# Bridge Layout





## Common Questions

- **Joint noise on the bridge deck, is this a result of foundation issues?**
- **Should residents accelerate our emergency preparedness efforts in light of the bridge condition?**
- **Does the existing bridge meet current design standards for roadway width, pedestrian facilities, seismic design, structural design, marine vessel vertical clearance, etc.?**



# Questions?



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