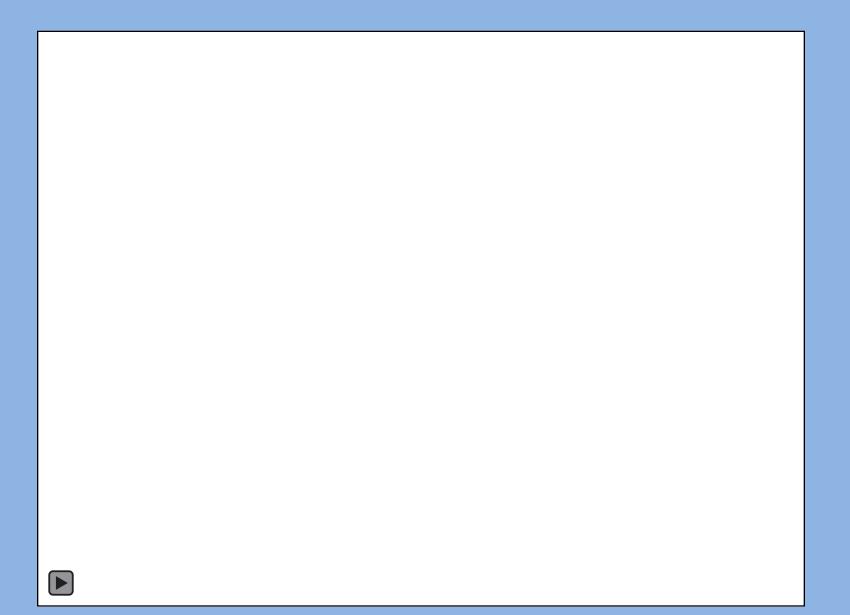


## How many Engineers in the room?



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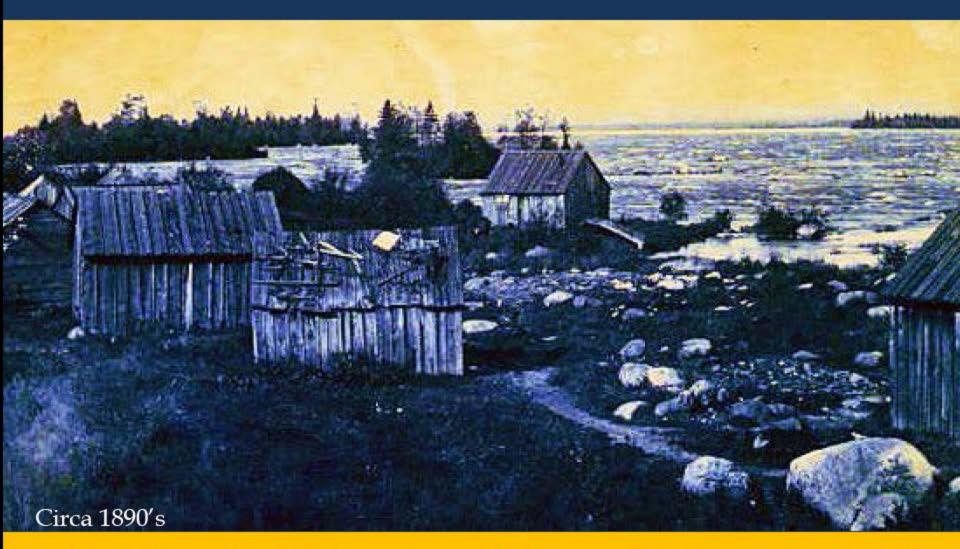
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# St. Mary's River Little Rapids Habitat Restoration Project









The Sault Area Rapids have been highly modified including: 1) total island removal, 2) development of hydroelectric plants, 3) locks and dredged channels for support of ship navigation, and 4) construction of the island causeway at Sugar Island and the Neebish Island cut. 013074 INDIANS FISHING IN THE RAPIDS, SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.

Native Americans netting whitefish in the famous Sault Rapids no longer exists as much of the rapids habitat was destroyed for shipping and commercial interests.



#### Little Rapids - 1939

3 small bridges existed

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FLOW

#### Shipping channel



#### Looking *south* east from the Sugar Island Causeway



#### Looking *north* east from the Sugar Island Causeway

# Primary project goal –Rehabilitation of St. Marys River Little Rapids





#### Lentic (still) water



#### Lotic (moving) water

#### **Expected Changes**

- Stream velocity
- Flow
- Bottom Substrate changes in specific areas
- Fish community composition shift
- Increased seasonal use by new fish species
- Benthic organism composition shift and expansion





Current state – Silt may cover some of the better substrate sou



After restoration – Clean gravel for spawning and juvenile

#### Seasonal fisheries surveys proposed

 Determine species composition and fish abundance pre and post implementation



Numerous other studies have been proposed including :

- Aquatic insect surveys
- Sturgeon/walleye spawning and use
- Sea Lamprey use
- Recreational use using cameras
- Freshwater mussel





What about Great Lakes Shipping? A 2012/2013 flow study funded by NOAA indicates that restoring flows to the Little Rapids will not have any meaningful impact on Great Lakes Shipping under all flows conditions (Per Troy R. Naperala /Senior Engineer/ URS 2013)



- Project was first proposed by Soo area sportsmen's club in 1992.
- Co-operative feasibility study performed by the club, MDNR and funded by Edison Sault Electric Co.
- Found to be feasible but no viable funding sources were identified.
- Feasibility study lacks hydraulic modeling.

- 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is introduced
- 2011 Soo area sportsmen, MDNR, MDEQ, LSSU, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, EUP Regional Planning Great Lakes Commission and others approach road commission and ask to apply for funds to complete hydraulic analysis, complete engineering design, and construct.
- Road Commission agrees, LSSU is first applicant

- LSSU application is not selected, NOAA is interested, recommends re-application for only hydraulic modeling and engineering
- 2012 EUP Regional Planning re-applies and grant for engineering work is awarded to URS Corp.
- 2013 Great Lakes Commission applies for and is awarded construction grant - 6.1 mill
- 2013 EUP Reg. Planning, LSSU, and Road Commission sign sub-recipient agreements with Great Lakes Commission

- After agreements with sub-recipients 4.6 million left for construction
- Design-Build, Fixed Price-Variable Scope contracting method chosen. URS Corp.(now AECOM) prepares project documents and RFP for Road Commission
- 2014 No completed proposals received, all contractors state project goals can not be met with available funds. Also state a need for additional geotechnical information.

- 2014 Great Lakes Commission approaches NOAA and requests additional funds for construction. 3.5 mill additional is approved.
- Winter 2014/2015 Additional geotechnical drilling is accomplished and amended RFP is prepared
- Summer/ Fall 2015 Payne and Dolan / Zenith Tech are chosen as design – builders
- Winter 2015/2016 Design Phase, RFC plans by May

#### Why is the Road Commission involved?



### Why is the Road Commission involved?

- Through Long-term use, Road Commission is owner of roadway
- U.S. Corps of Engineers is owner of adjacent bottomland
- U.S. Corps of Engineers, NOAA very interested in project
- Road Commission remains involved to maintain local input and control since we are ultimate owner and responsible for maintenance.
- Existing culverts (two 6' Dia.) are a safety hazard and should be replaced anyway

### Human Benefits



## **Construction Difficulties**

• Its ON an island, not TO an island!!! Delivery of all materials must pass across the deck of this boat. Max Length 114', Max weight is two Redi-mix trucks.



# **Construction Difficulties**

- There is no good source of aggregate on the island, all aggregates must be trucked to the site.
- License was received to haul waste stone from a Corps of Engineers property approx 20 miles south of site.



#### **Borrow site**



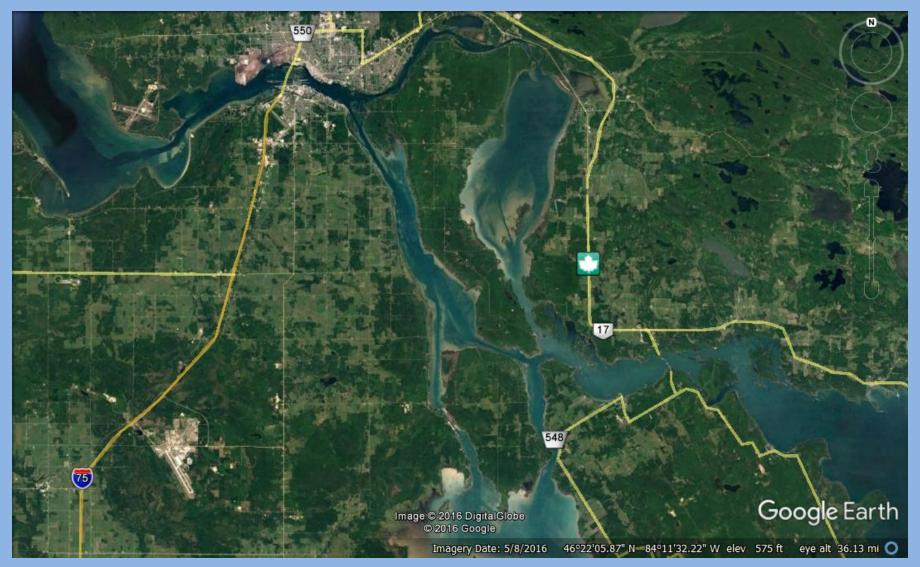
#### Aerial view of eventual bridge location



Very little room for staging
Must allow for two-way traffic
O/H power needs relocate

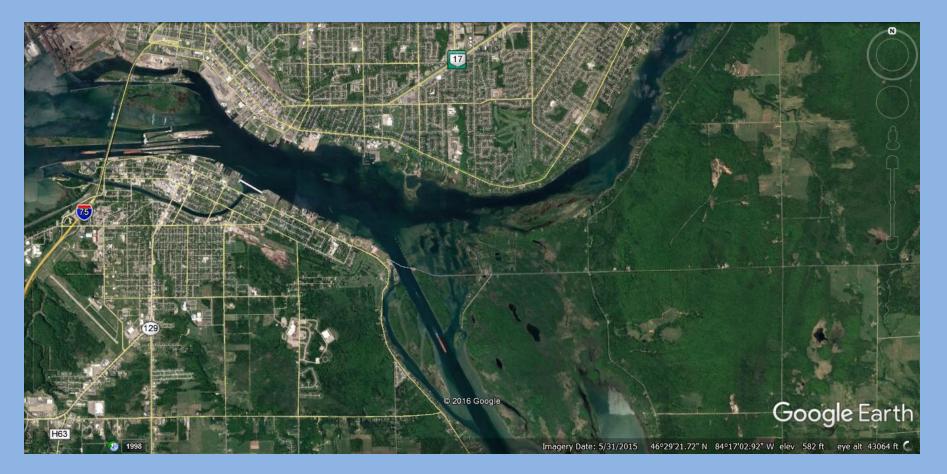
•U/G phone needs relocate•Very poor underlying soils

#### Overview of the region

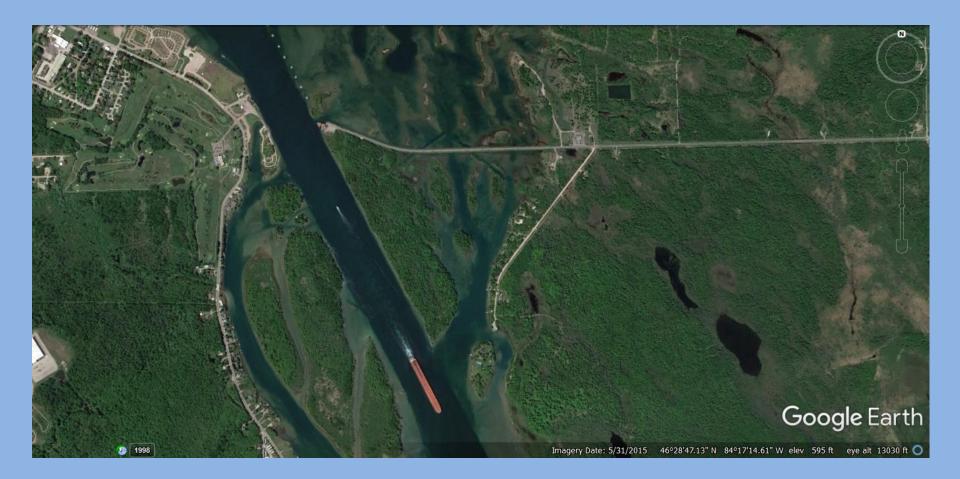


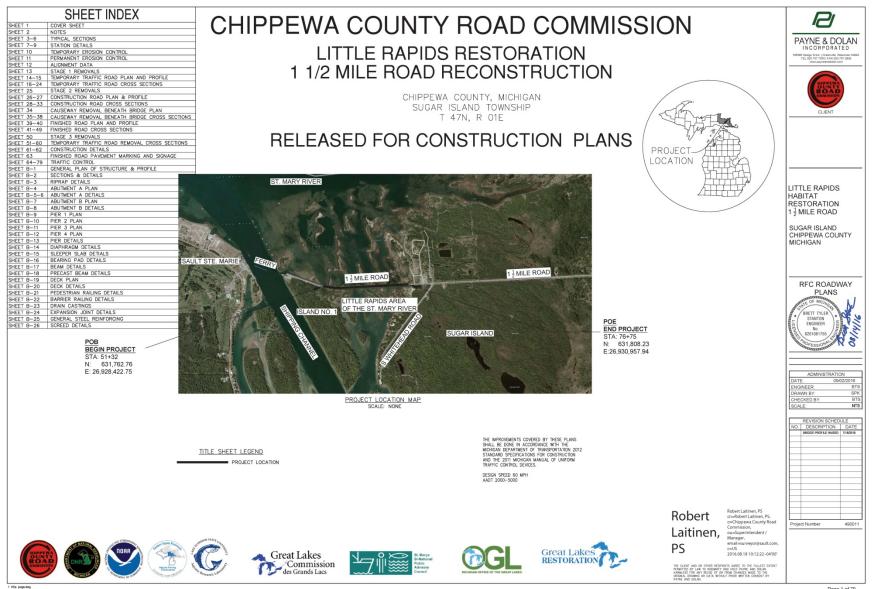
Approx 20 mile haul route on County owned roads

## **Construction Difficulties**



## **Construction Difficulties**





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#### **Construction Begins**

• May 09 2016 – Construction commences



# **Turbidity Curtains**





# **Temporary Roadway**



# **Temporary Roadway**





## **Construction Access Roadway**



## **Construction Access Roadway**



## **Buried Treasure**



## **Equipment and Materials Arriving**



# Pile Driving begins





# **Pile Driving continues**





# Pile Driving continues



## Work Force Changes



### **Friday Jobsite Visitor**





#### Foundation work continues



# **Stripping Forms**



# Foundation Complete 08/31/2016



# Loading Girders



## Safety Meeting before Girder set





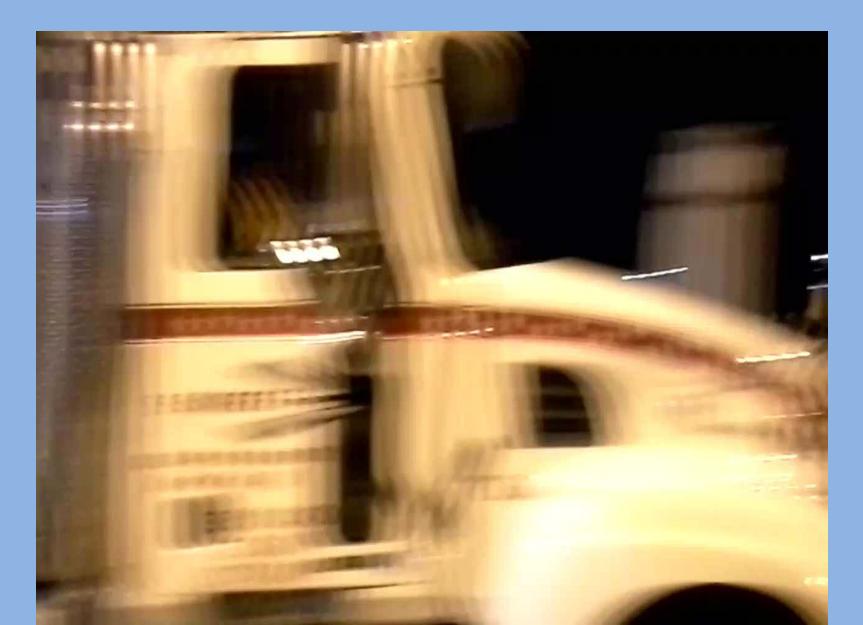








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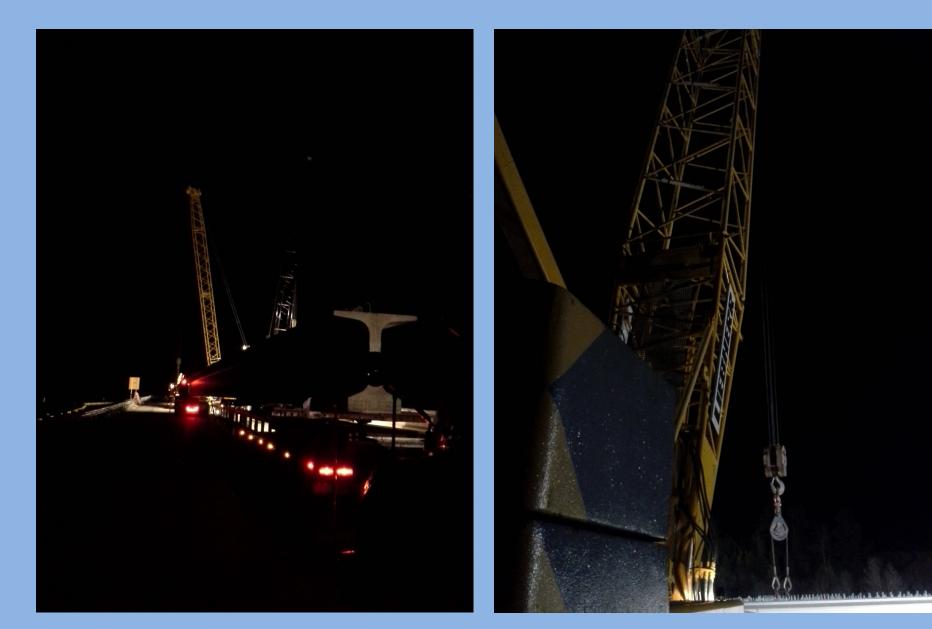
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#### First Set



# **More Girders**



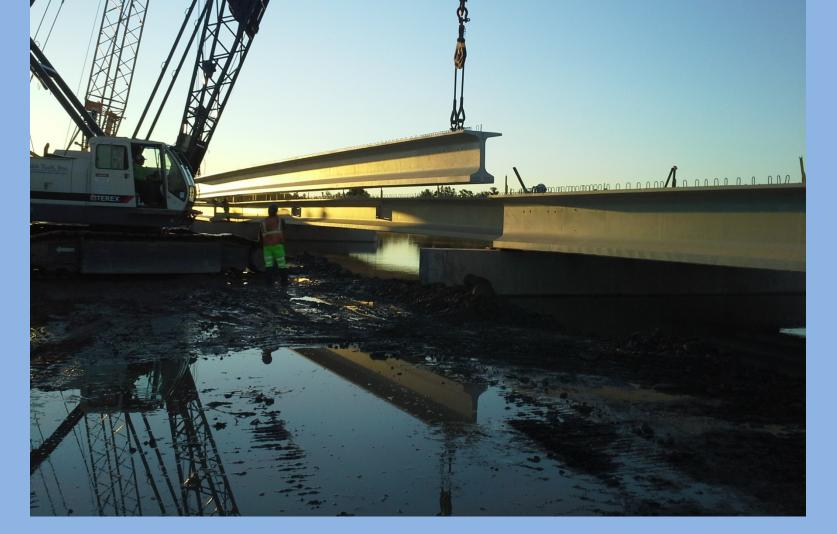
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## Girder Set Complete



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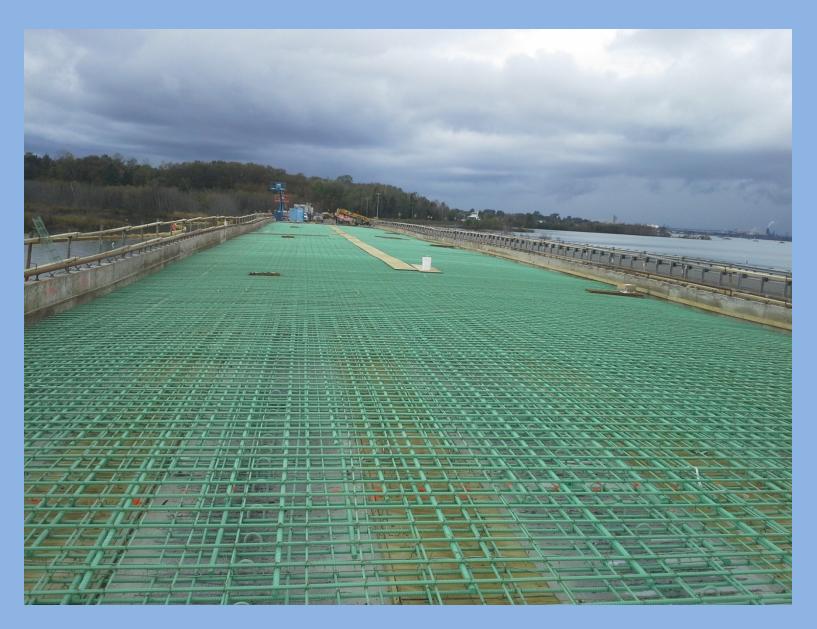
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## **Continue Formwork**



# Ready to pour

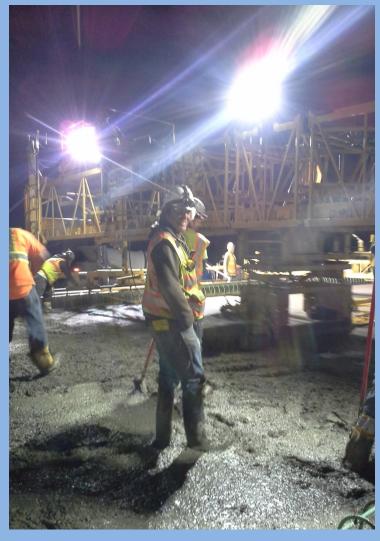


# Ready to Pour



# Another All Nighter 10/03/2016





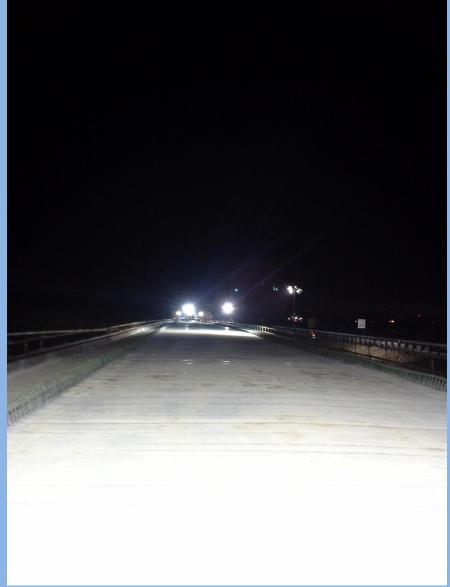
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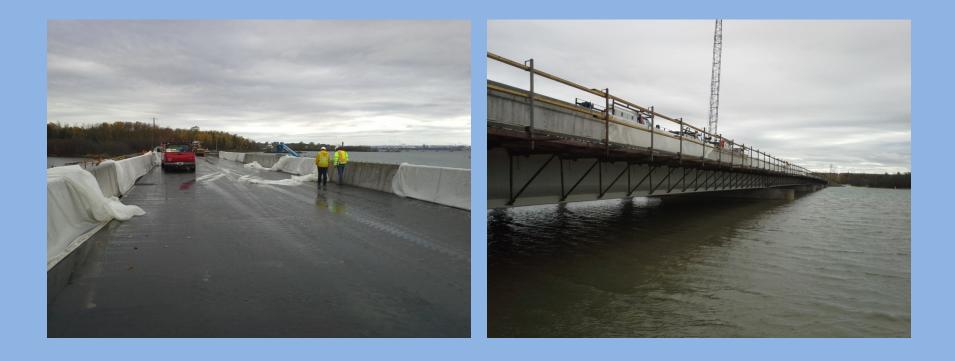
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## **Curing deck and Forming Parapets**



## **Bridge Nearing Completion**



## **Bridge Nearing Completion**



## **Bridge Nearing Completion**



## Bridge is complete



## Open to Traffic 10/21/2016 11:30 AM



#### **Remove Temp Road**







### **Remove Temp Road**



#### **Remove Temp Road**



# Remove Temp Road Complete 11/02/2016



#### Build it and they will come......



#### **Timelapse of construction**

