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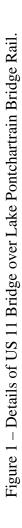
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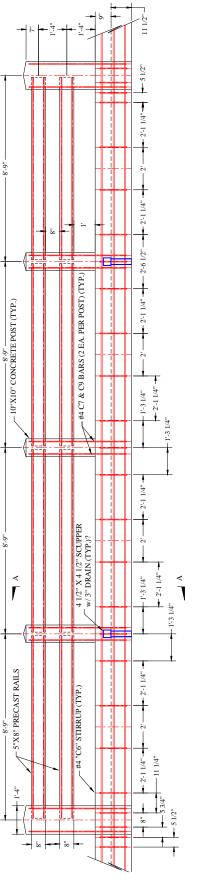
SUMMARY REPORT:

INTRODUCTION

The US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge crosses over Lake Pontchartrain just northeast of New Orleans in Orleans Parish, Louisiana. This bridge is approximately 4.72 miles in length and was constructed in the late 1920s. Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) received several drawings of the bridge structure entitled "State Project No. 18-02-22 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge," and dated April 29, 1926. The Lake Pontchartrain Bridge supports two 12-ft roadway lanes with 3 ft shoulders. The total roadway width is 30 ft. The existing bridge rail consists of two 5-inch by 8-inch precast concrete rail members supported by cast-in-place 10-inch by 10-inch concrete posts. The concrete posts are spaced 8-ft-9-inches on centers. The posts are cast on top of a 9-inch high by 18-inch wide concrete curb. Details of the existing bridge rail are shown in Figure 1.











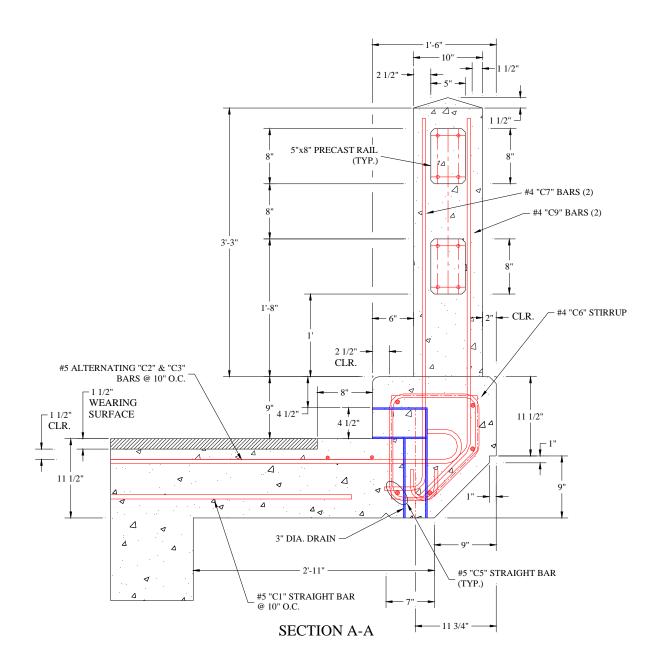


Figure 1 – Details of US 11 Bridge over Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Rail (continued).



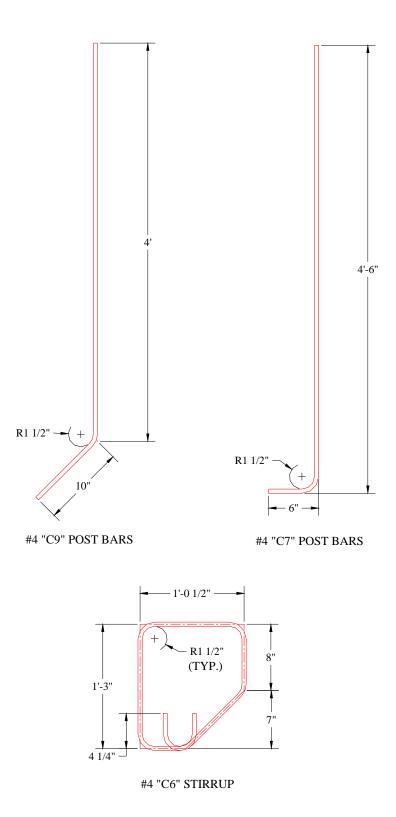


Figure 1 – Details of US 11 Bridge over Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Rail (continued).

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TTI visited the bridge site on September 24, 2008, to review the condition of the bridge and to gather structural design information and other details. Photos of the existing bridge rail are shown in Figures 2 and 3. The existing bridge railings were severely damaged during hurricanes Katrina & Rita in 2005. Repair of the existing bridge railings is not feasible since the original rail design has deteriorated and is deficient with respect to the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *LRFD*⁽¹⁾ strength requirements, as well as the impact performance requirements of National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) *Report 350*⁽²⁾ for Test Level 3 (TL-3). A new retrofit bridge rail design that the current AASHTO *LRFD* TL-3 strength requirements as well as meets the performance requirements of *NCHRP Report 350* TL-3 is needed.



Figure 2 – Existing US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Rail Traffic Side View.





Figure 3 – Existing US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Rail Lake Side View

OBJECTIVE

Several bridge rail retrofit designs have been developed at TTI for a host of different states, as well as for the FHWA. In addition, hundreds of crash tests have been performed at TTI on various TL-3 bridge rail designs. For this project, TTI reviewed several different TL-3 bridge rail designs that meet the performance requirements of *NCHRP Report 350*.

The objective of this project is to develop a new retrofit bridge rail design to be used for the US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge that meets the current AASHTO *LRFD* strength and *NCHRP Report 350* performance requirements. Some of the existing reinforcement in the existing bridge rail has deteriorated due to weathering in a marine environment. In addition, the bridge railing was damaged from the high water surge forces from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Figure 4 shows some of the damaged bridge railing and deterioration in the reinforcing steel in the bridge rail.





Figure 4 – Existing U.S. 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge Rail Damage



RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The objective of this project is to design a retrofit bridge rail that meets the performance requirements of *NCHRP Report 350* TL-3 and can be constructed on top of the existing curb of the US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge. Several bridge rail design options meeting the crash requirements of *NCHRP Report 350* performance requirements were evaluated as part of this project. These options were submitted to the state technical representative for review and approval. One option was selected for engineering strength analysis per AASHTO *LRFD* strength requirements.

The retrofit bridge rail selected for this project was the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mount Bridge Rail. The Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail was modified from the previous Illinois 2399 design. The original 2399 railing design consisted of W6x25 posts spaced at 6 ft-3 inches on centers with a TS4x3x5/16 top rail element and a TS8x3x1/4 bottom rail element. The height of the metal railing above the top of the curb was 23 inches, with a total height from the pavement surface of 30 inches.

The modified Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail is similar to the original design except it utilizes a TS8x5x5/16 top rail element and a TS4x4x1/4 lower rail element. TTI performed engineering analyses and full-scale crash testing on the Illinois 2399-1 Bridge Railing design in September, 1993.⁽³⁾ Based on engineering strength calculations, the Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail design will resist 93.5 kips at 23 inches above the surface of the deck, or 83.6 kips at 28 inches. At the time the railing was designed, the proposed strength test conditions for Performance Level Two (PL-2) was a 5400 lb pickup truck traveling 65 miles per hour with an impact angle of 20 degrees. For Performance Level Three (PL-3), it was a 40,000 lb single unit truck traveling 60 miles per hour with an impact angle of 15 degrees. Details of the Illinois 2399-1 Bridge Rail are presented in Figure 5.

The strength test for PL-2 given in the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*⁽⁴⁾, is 18,000 lb single unit truck traveling at a speed of 50 miles per hour with and impact angle of 15 degrees. The design force for this condition is a line force of 56 kips uniformly distributed over a longitudinal distance of 42 inches at 28 inches above the deck surface. The Illinois 2399-1 design met this requirement as per the engineering analyses performed for this project.

Full scale crash testing was performed on the Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail. The Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail was tested to PL-2 requirements of the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*. The following test conditions were performed on the Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail:

- 1.) 1800-lb passenger car at 60 miles per hour with an impact angle of 20 degrees
- 2.) 5400-lb pickup truck at 65 miles per hour with an impact angle of 20 degrees
- 3.) 18,000-lb single-unit truck at 50 miles per hour with an impact angle of 15 degrees



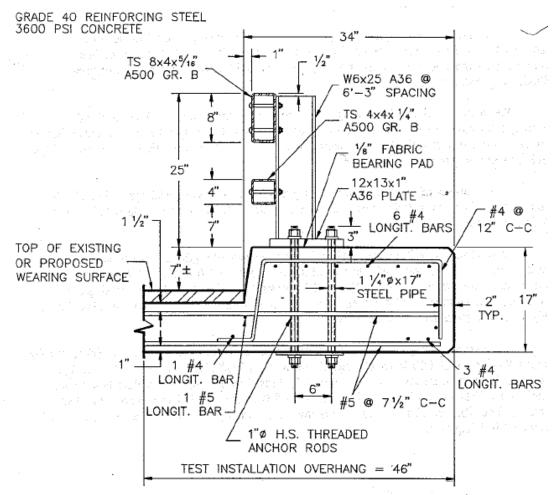


Figure 5 – Cross Section of Illinois 2399-1 Bridge Railing

A full-scale crash was performed on the Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing using the 1800-lb passenger car. This test was performed in accordance with the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*. The Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing contained and smoothly redirected the vehicle with no lateral movement of the bridge railing. There was no debris or detached elements. There was minimal intrusion into the occupant compartment. The vehicle trajectory at loss of contact indicated minimum intrusion into adjacent lanes. The vehicle remained upright and stable during the entire test period.

According to the evaluation criteria recommended by FHWA and *NCHRP Report 230⁽⁵⁾* specifications, this test meets the requirements for structural adequacy, vehicle trajectory, and occupant risk factors. Performance of the railing was considered marginally acceptable with respect to the occupant risk values as stated in *NCHRP Report 230*, Test S13.

A second full-scale crash was performed on the Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing using the 5400-lb pickup truck. This test was performed in accordance with the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*. The Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing contained and smoothly redirected the vehicle with minimal lateral movement of the bridge railing. There was no debris or detached



elements. There was no intrusion into the occupant compartment. The vehicle trajectory at loss of contact indicated minimum intrusion into adjacent lanes. The vehicle remained upright and stable during the entire test period.

According to the criteria recommended by FHWA, this test met the requirements for structural adequacy, vehicle trajectory, and occupant risk factors. This test was considered acceptable with respect to 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*.

A third full-scale crash was performed on the Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing using the 18,000-lb single-unit truck. This test was performed in accordance with the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*. The Illinois 2399-1 bridge railing contained and smoothly redirected the vehicle with minimal lateral movement of the bridge railing. There was no intrusion into the occupant compartment and very little deformation of the compartment. The vehicle trajectory at loss of contact indicated minimum intrusion into adjacent lanes. The vehicle remained upright and stable during the entire test period.

According to the criteria recommended by FHWA, this test met the requirements for structural adequacy, vehicle trajectory, and occupant risk factors. This test was considered acceptable with respect to 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings*.

The crash tests for the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail were evaluated according the *NCHRP Report 230* specifications with test conditions as per the 1989 *Guide Specifications for Bridge Railings* (i.e., vehicles, impact speed, impact angle). The Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail was crash tested before *NCHRP Report 350* was established, and therefore was not tested under the *NCHRP Report 350* criteria. However, FHWA later concluded that the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail Design meets the requirements of *NCHRP Report 350* TL-4 specifications without further testing.⁽⁶⁾

<u>US 11 LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RETROFIT BRIDGE RAIL ENGINEERING</u> <u>STRENGTH ANALYSES & DESIGN</u>

A new retrofit bridge rail has been designed for the US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge. Prior to constructing the new retrofit bridge rail, the existing posts and bridge rail elements should be demolished to the top of the concrete curb. The existing concrete curb will be used to anchor the new retrofit bridge rail. Two concrete cores were taken from the existing concrete deck in August 2009. One core (H-1) was taken on the Slidell end (north end) of the bridge approximately 33 ft from the end of the bridge in the north bound lane. The other core (H-2) was taken on the Irish Bayou end (south end) of the bridge approximately 41 ft and-6 inches from the end of the bridge in the south bound lane. The compressive strength of core H-1 and H-2 measured 7087 psi and 6005 psi, respectively.

Engineering strength analyses were performed using the Illinois 2399-1 bridge rail design anchored to the existing 9-inch high by 18-inch wide concrete curb for the US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge. The proposed retrofit design consists of W6x25 steel posts spaced on 6-3 inches on centers supporting two steel tubular rail elements. The top rail element is an



HSS8x4x5/16 steel tube located 30 inches from the roadway surface. The lower rail element is an HSS4x4x1/4 steel tube located 18 inches from the roadway surface. The bridge rail elements are attached to each post using two ¾-inch diameter by 6 inch long, A307 galvanized buttonhead bolts with nuts and washer. Each post shall be anchored to the concrete curb using four Hilti 7/8-inch diameter by 13 inches long, A193 B7 threaded rods anchored 10 inches into the concrete curb using Hilti RE500 Epoxy Anchoring System. The adhesive anchors should be installed in accordance with Hilti RE500 Epoxy Anchoring System specifications. All steel tubes shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Designation A500 Grade B Material. All other steel shapes and plate shall conform to AASHTO M 270 Grade 3 Material. The calculated strength of the retrofit bridge rail design using the Illinois 2399-1 steel bridge rail is approximately 55.4 kips. This calculated strength exceeds the design force listed for TL-3 traffic railing in Section 13 of AASHTO LRFD. Please refer to Figure 6 for additional information. The strength calculations are included in Attachment A. For additional information please refer to the FHWA Bridge Rail Guide which can be found online at

<u>www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bridgerail</u>. Details for the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail can be found on this website.

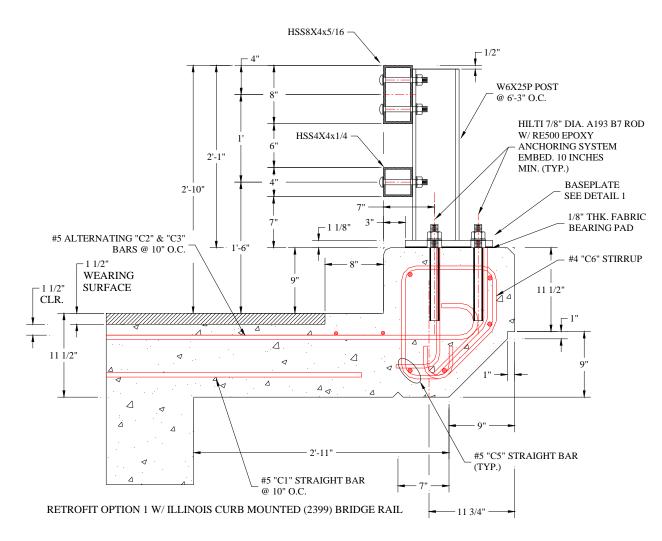


Figure 6 – Cross Section of Illinois 2399-1 Bridge Railing Retrofit Design



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

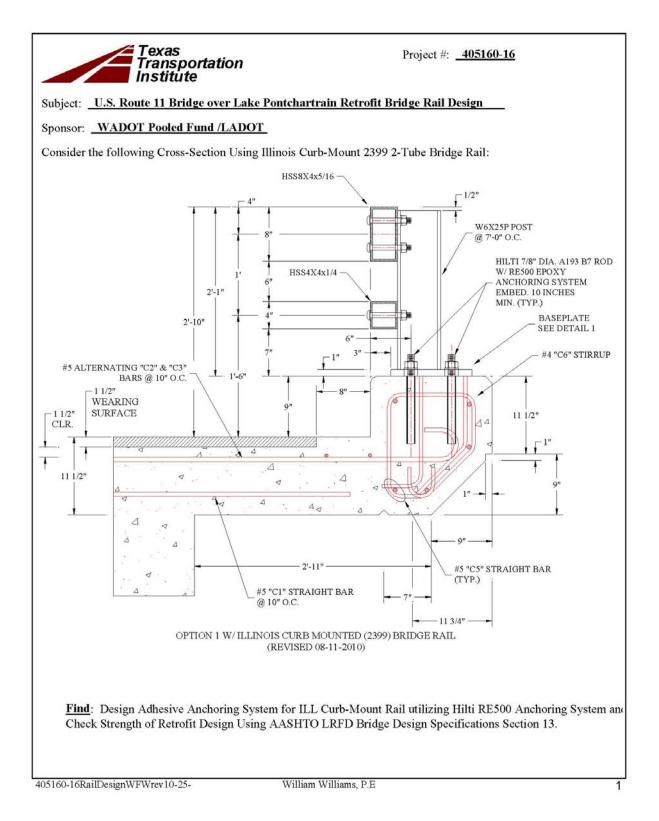
The new retrofit bridge rail design presented in this report incorporates the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail anchored to the top of the existing 9-inch high by 18-inch wide concrete curb. The existing concrete posts and rails on the US 11 Lake Pontchartrain Bridge should be demolished. The posts should be removed using saw cutting or other means that would provide a flat surface without damaging the existing concrete curb. Based on engineering analyses, it is recommended that the bridge rail posts be anchored to the top of the concrete curb using Hilti 7/8-inch diameter A193 B7 threaded rods with Hilti RE500 Adhesive Epoxy Anchoring System (4 anchors per post). The threaded rods should be embedded a minimum depth of 10 inches and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The recommended post spacing is 7 ft as shown in Sheet 1 of Attachment A. For additional information, please refer to the FHWA Bridge Rail Guide which can be found online at www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bridgerail. Details for the Illinois 2399-1 Curb Mounted Bridge Rail can also be found on this website.

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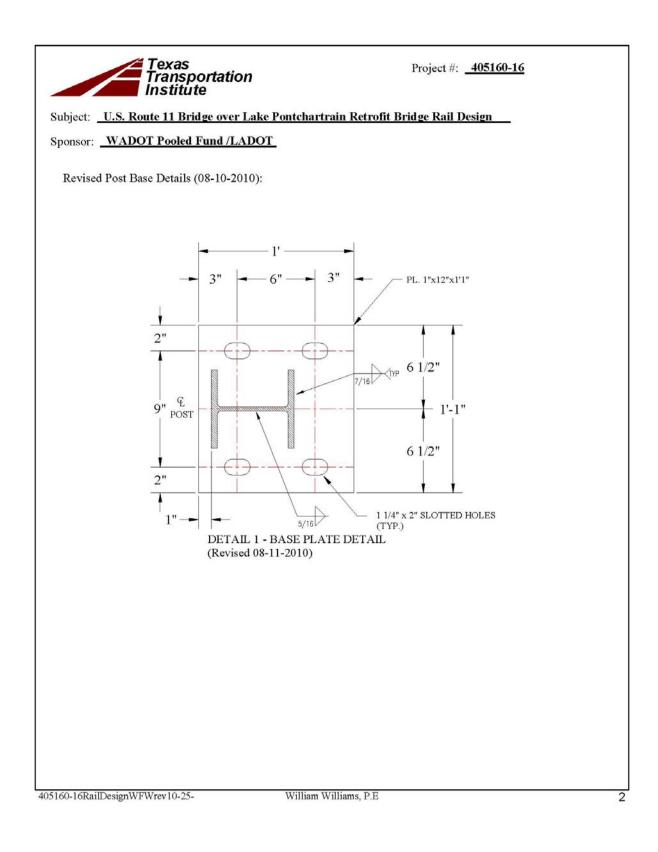
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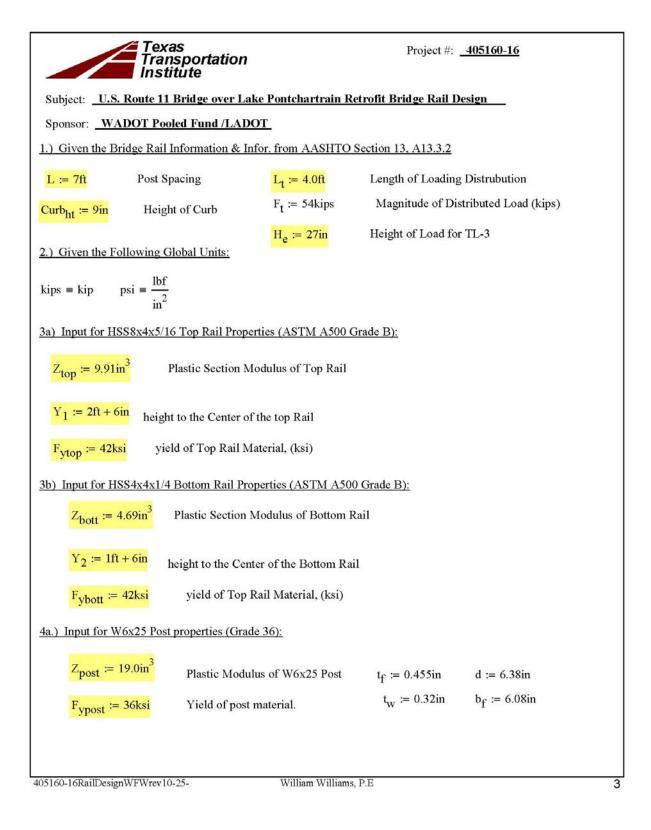
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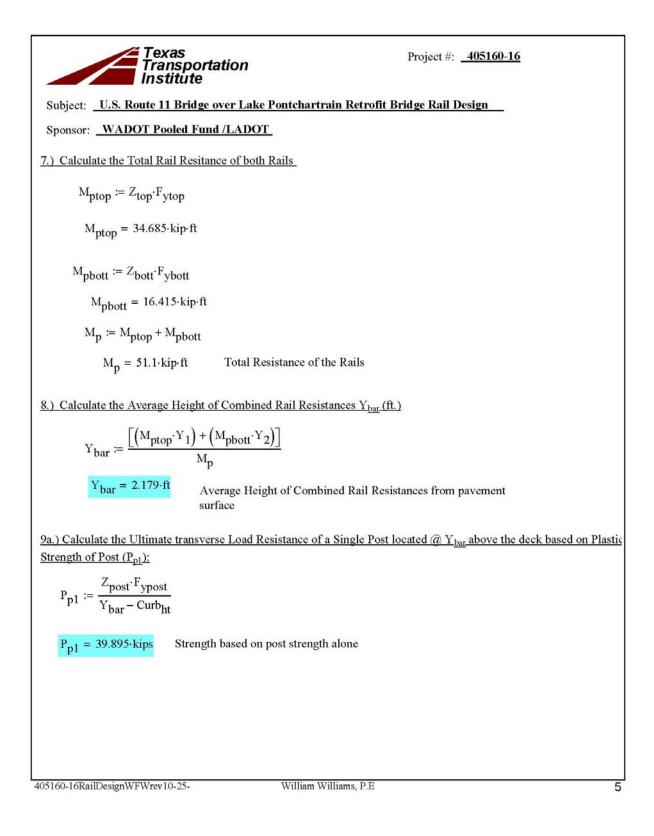






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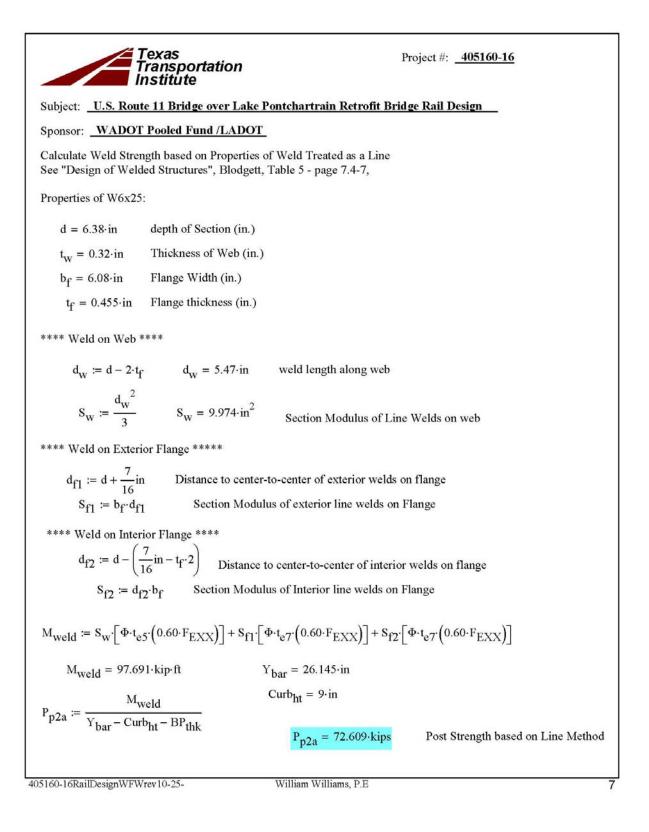






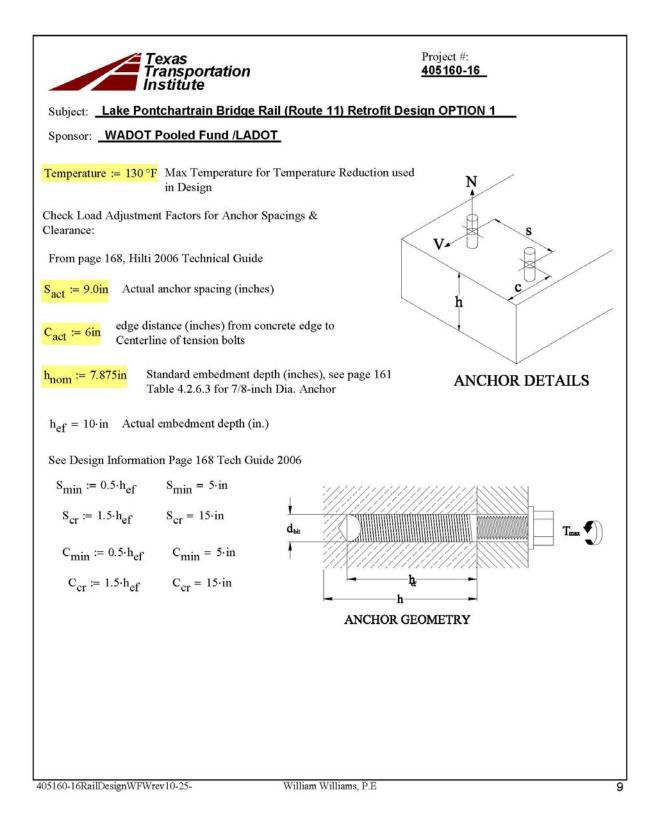
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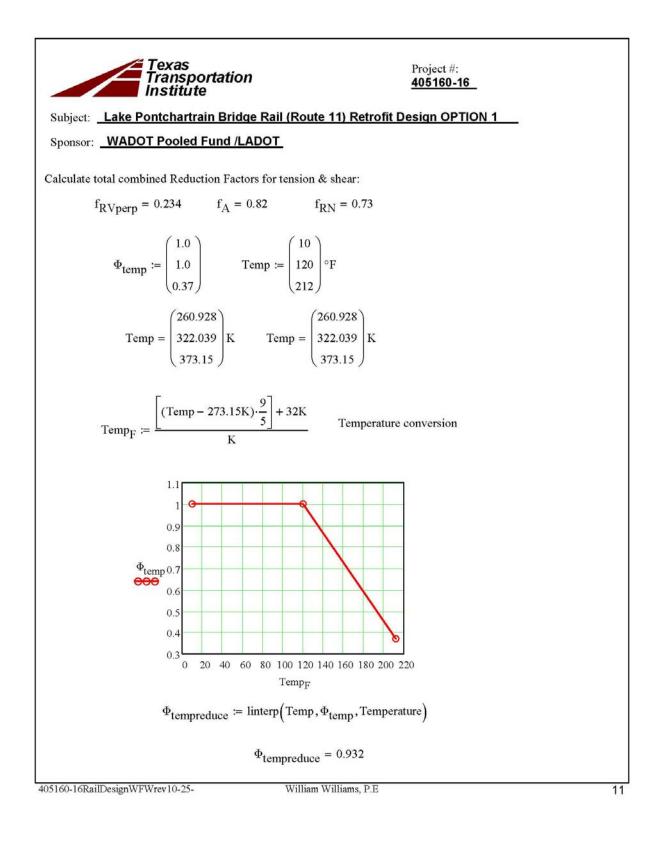






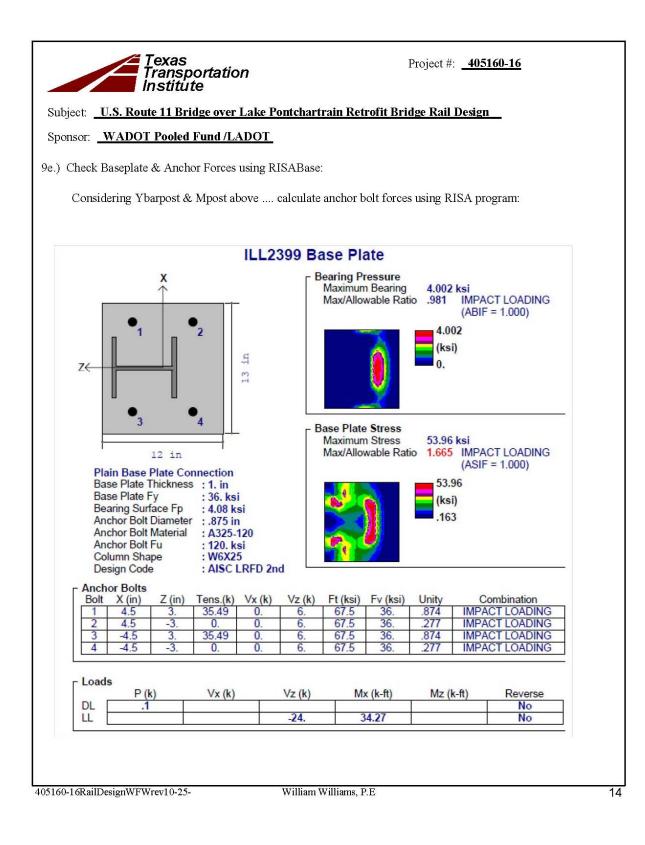
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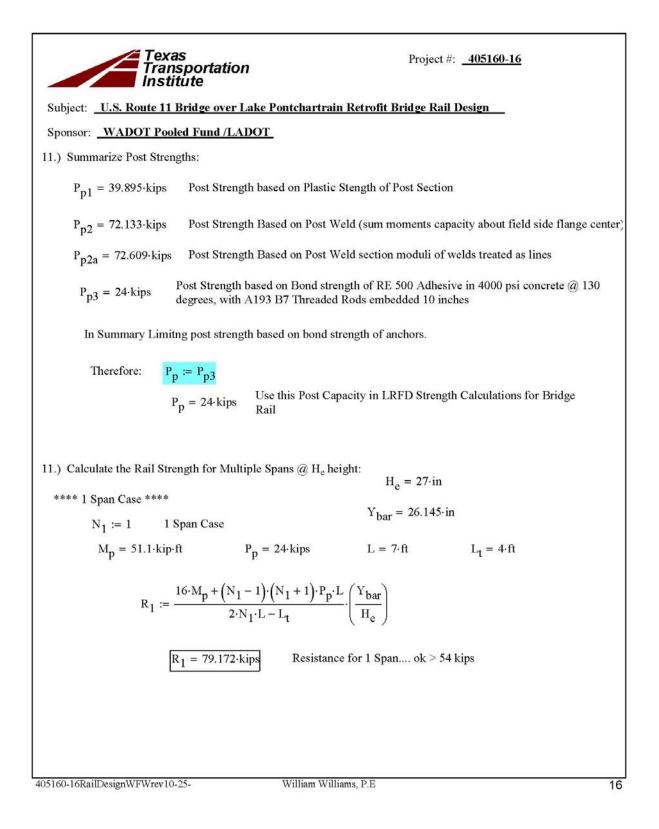
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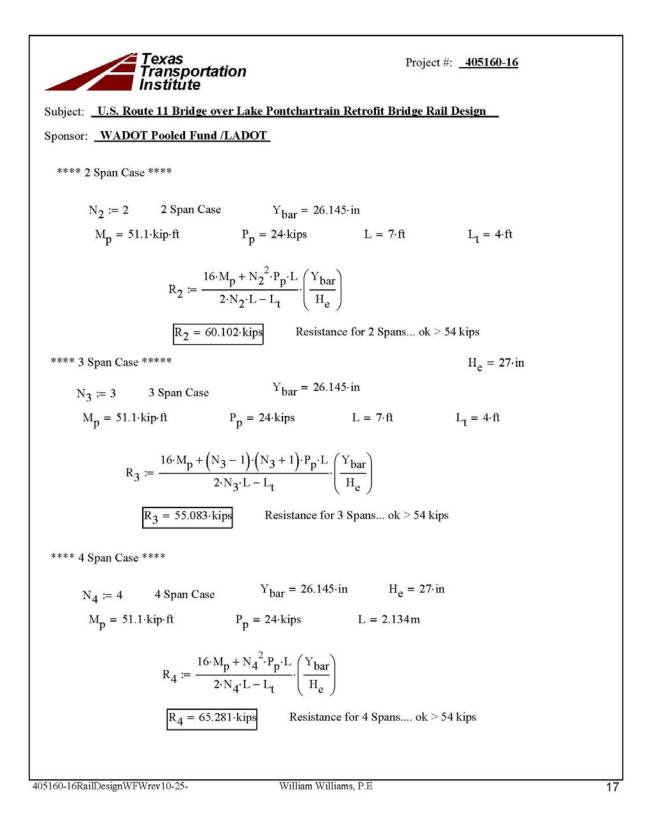


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12.) Design Summary:

1.) Use ILLinois 2-Tube Curb Mounted 2399 Bridge Rail

- 2.) Use Hilti RE 500 Adhesive Anchor System to anchor 7/8-inch Dia A193 B7 Threaded Rods
- 3.) Minimum Embedment of 7/8-inch Dia. Anchors is 10 inches.
- 4.) Post Spacing 7'-0"
- 5.) Install bridge rail in accordance with the details shown on Page one of these calculations.
- 6.) Install anchors in accordance with manufacture's specifications.
- 7.) All bridge railing tubular sections shall conform to ASTM A500 Grade B Material
- 8.) All W6x25 Posts Shall be Grade 36 Material
- 9.) All base plate material shall be Grade 36 Material.
- 10.) All bridge railing material (posts & rail elements) including anchor bolts shall be galvanized.
- 11.) Calculated strength of the retrofit rail design = 55 kips based on AASHTO LRFD Specifications

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