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Replacing a deteriorated steel bridge with an innovative buried bridge structure



Design & Construction Members

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- Elliott Fullerton, Bridge Superintendent
- Luke Jolliff, Dave Kirkpatrick, Kyle Rumer & Brandon Moon
- Others (i.e. Survey Crew & Road Crew members)



Project Details

- What was replaced: A deteriorated steel bridge built in 1958 & rehabbed with additional beams in 1997
- 2021: Mike Steenhoek from the Soy Transportation Coalition (STC), shared a funding opportunity with us & gave us a brochure titled 'Top 20 Innovations for Rural Bridge Replacement and Repair" ('Top 20')
- We compared our list of bridges that needed replaced or repaired in the near future and found a few bridges that we thought might have a reasonable chance to be replaced with a buried bridge structure, one of the 'Top 20' recommendations
- We analyzed survey data for the sites, ran hydraulic reports, and evaluated cost estimates for the potential bridges
- ConTech supplied a BridgeCor galvanized steel multi-plate single radius arch (24'-1" span x 10'-5" rise) and aluminum headwalls (28'-6" wide) for \$41,400
- September 18, 2023: Construction began
- November 17, 2023: Construction finished

1958 Bridge



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Removing 1958 bridge



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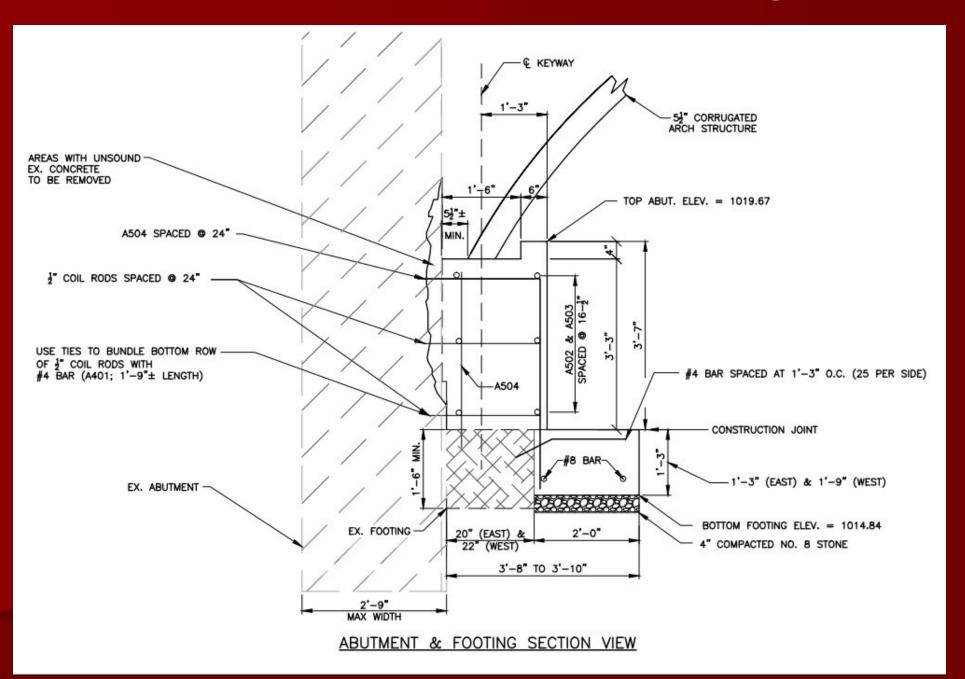


Removing 1958 bridge



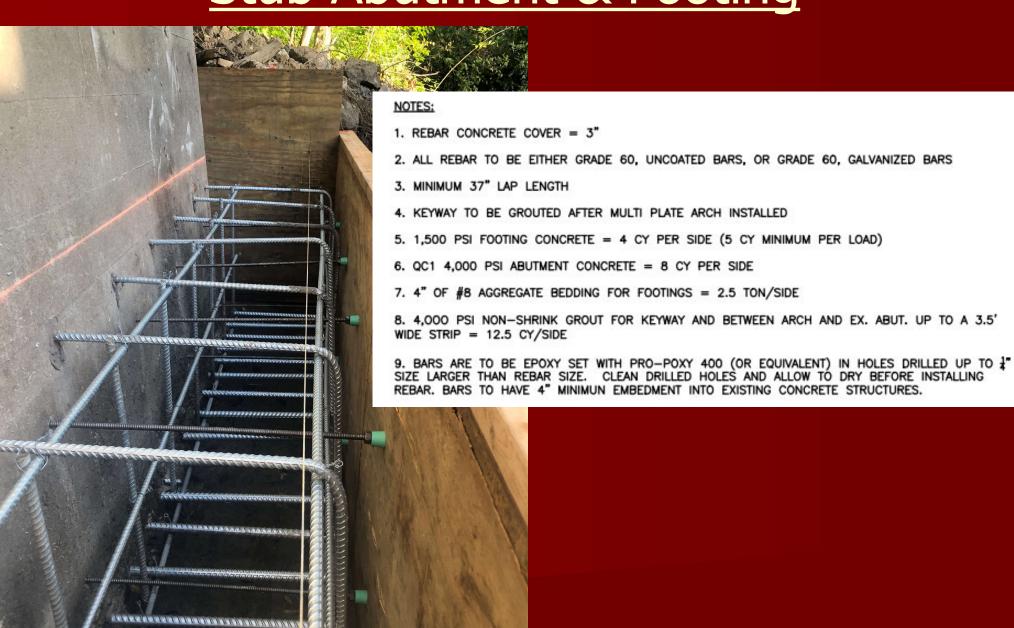
Dewatering pipe installed











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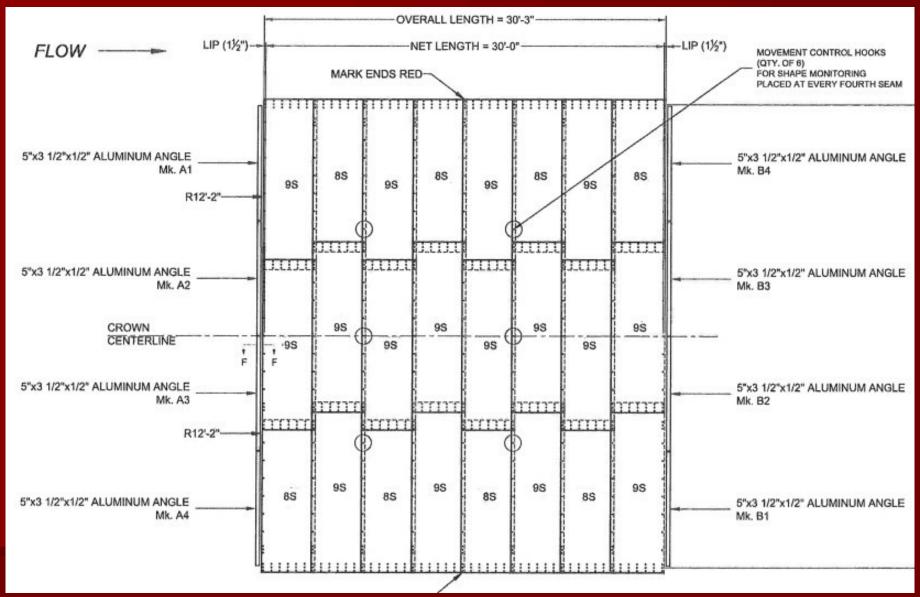








Galvanized Steel Deep Corrugated Arch Structure



On-site pre-assembly and material list review meeting with ConTech

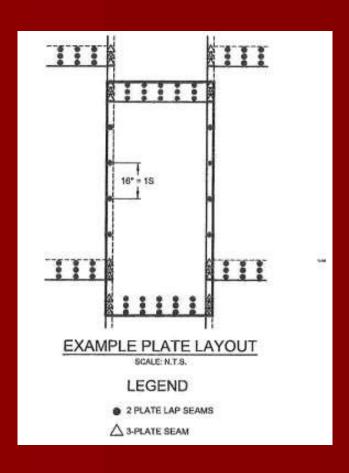
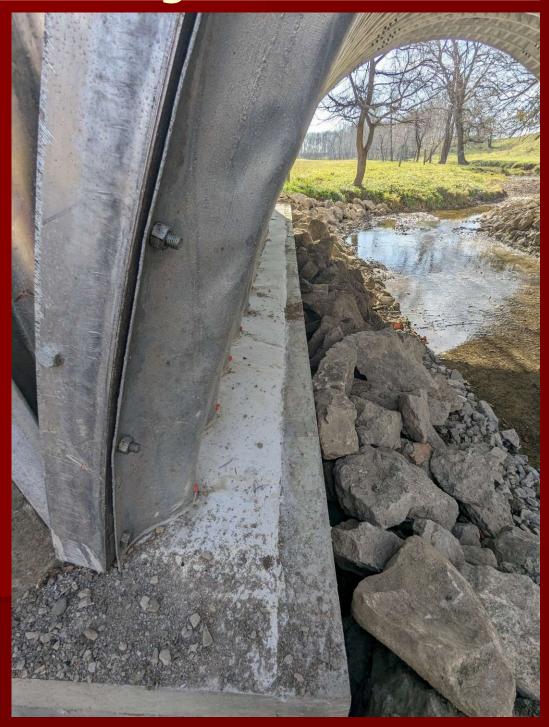


Plate weights459 pounds & 411 pounds



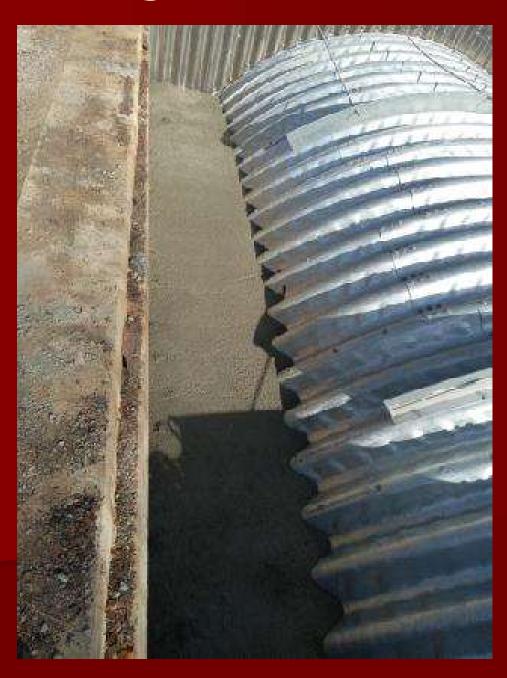








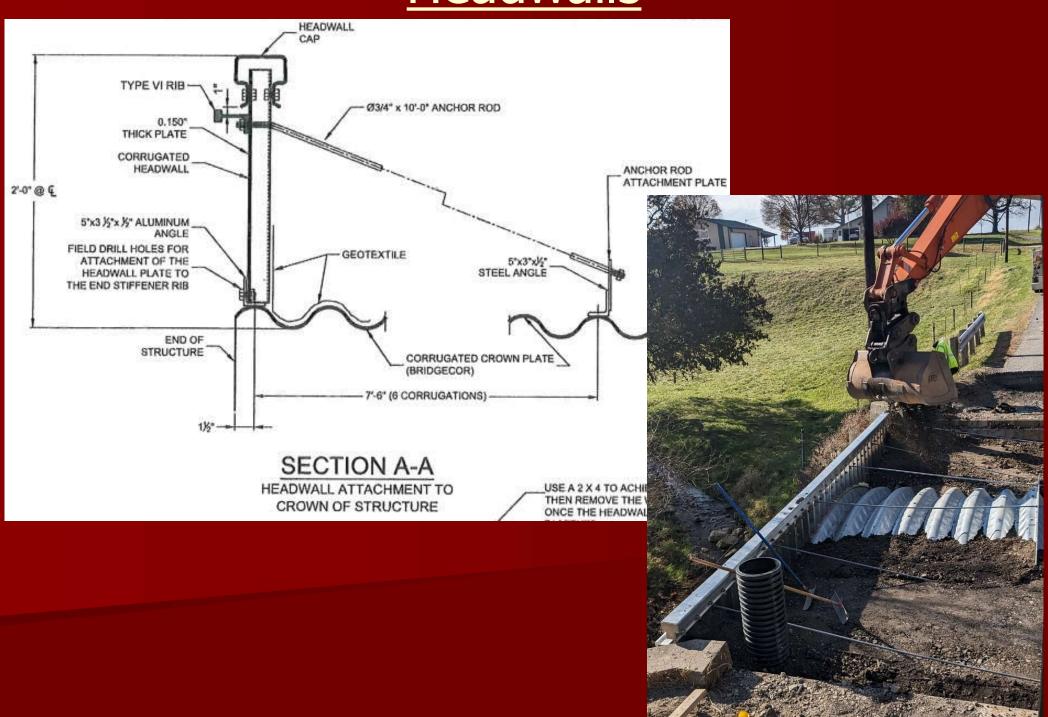


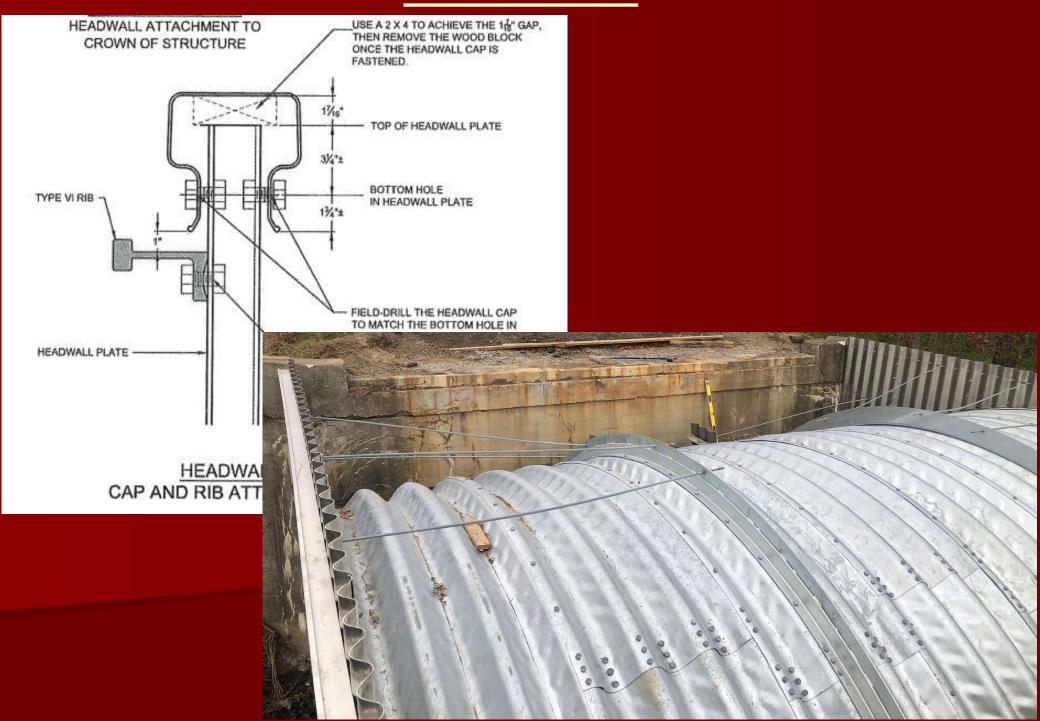


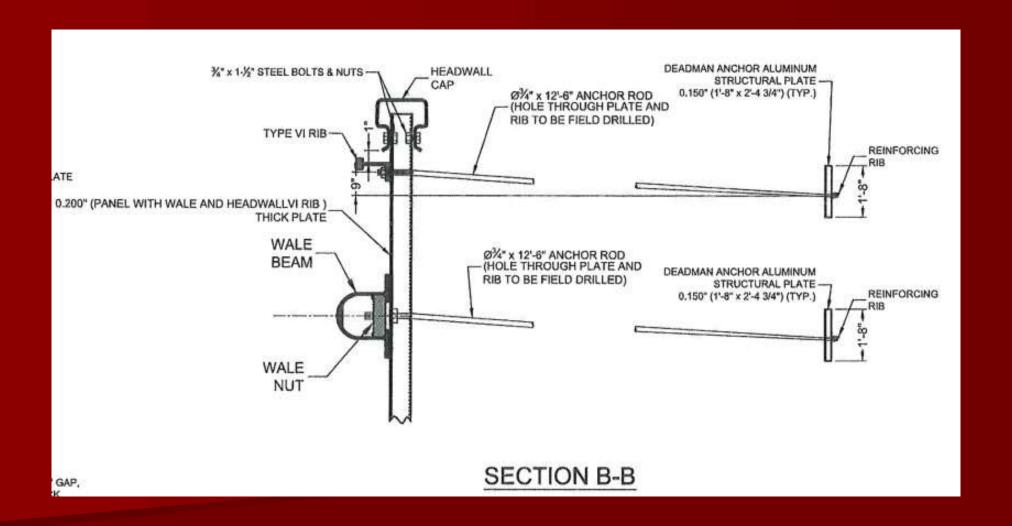


Benefits of aluminum vs. CIP concrete headwalls

- Easier & quicker to construct
- Estimated cost savings = \$25,800







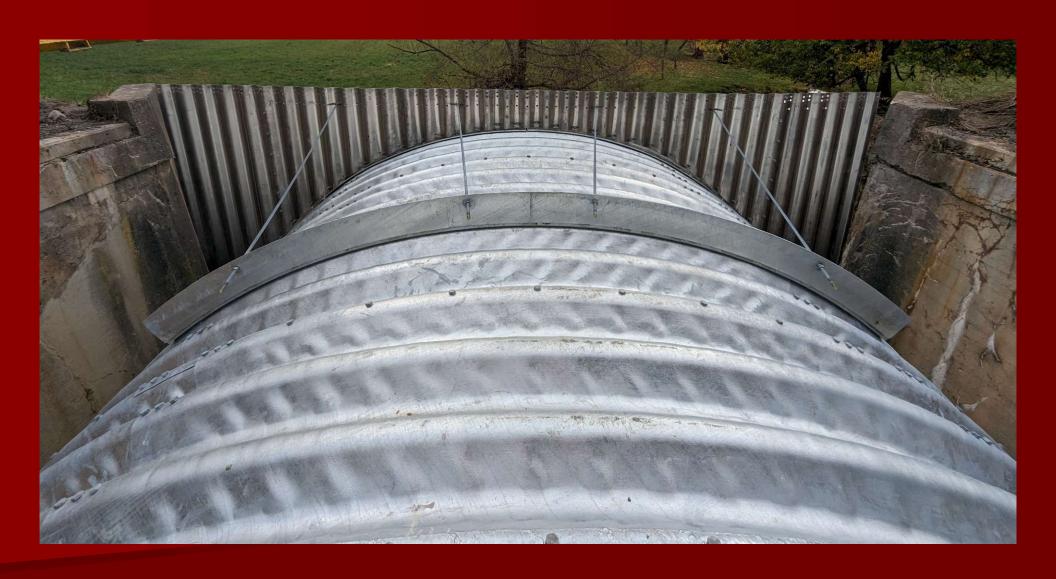
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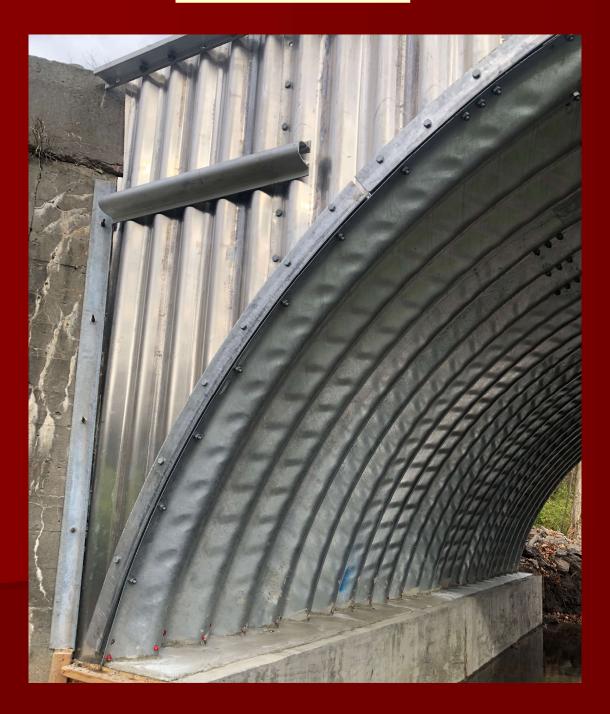


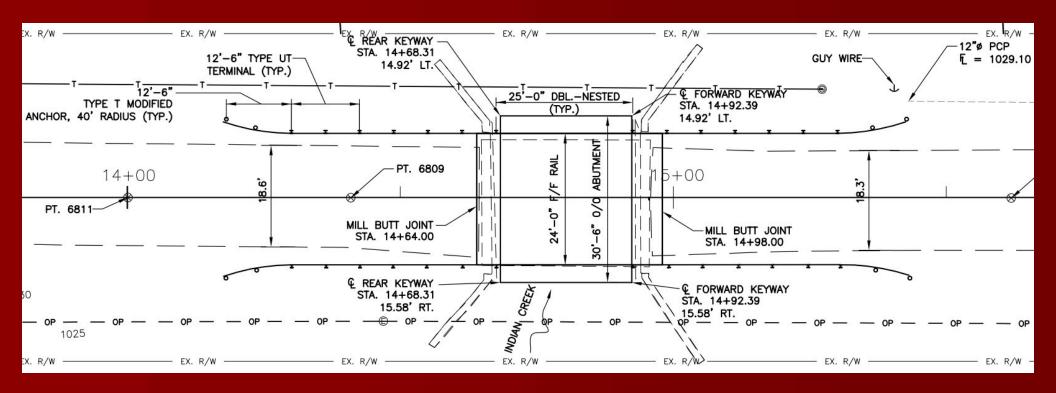
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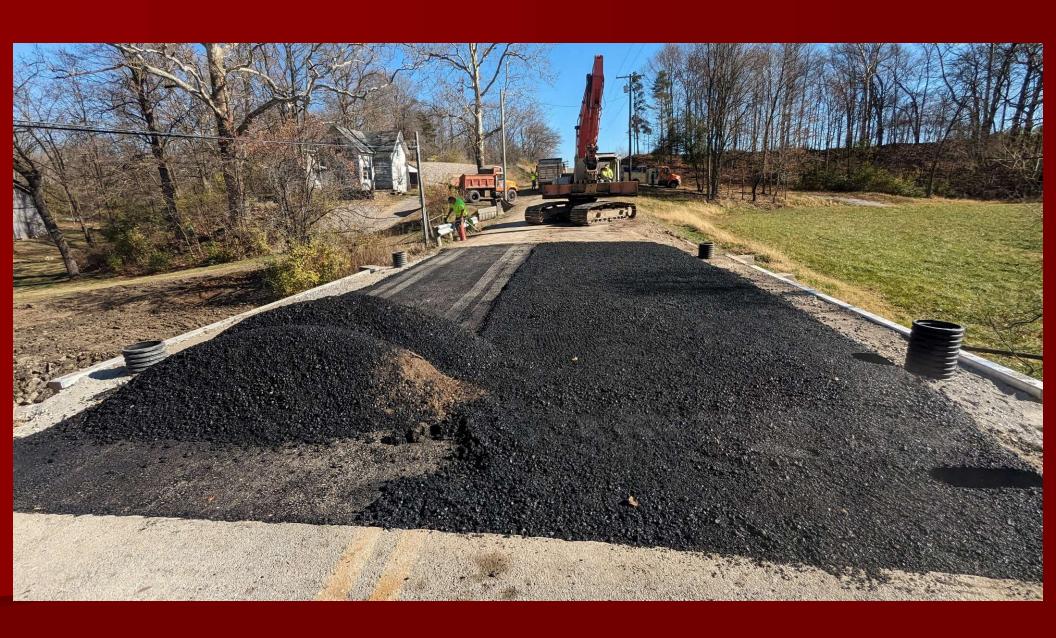
















Estimated Costs and Funding

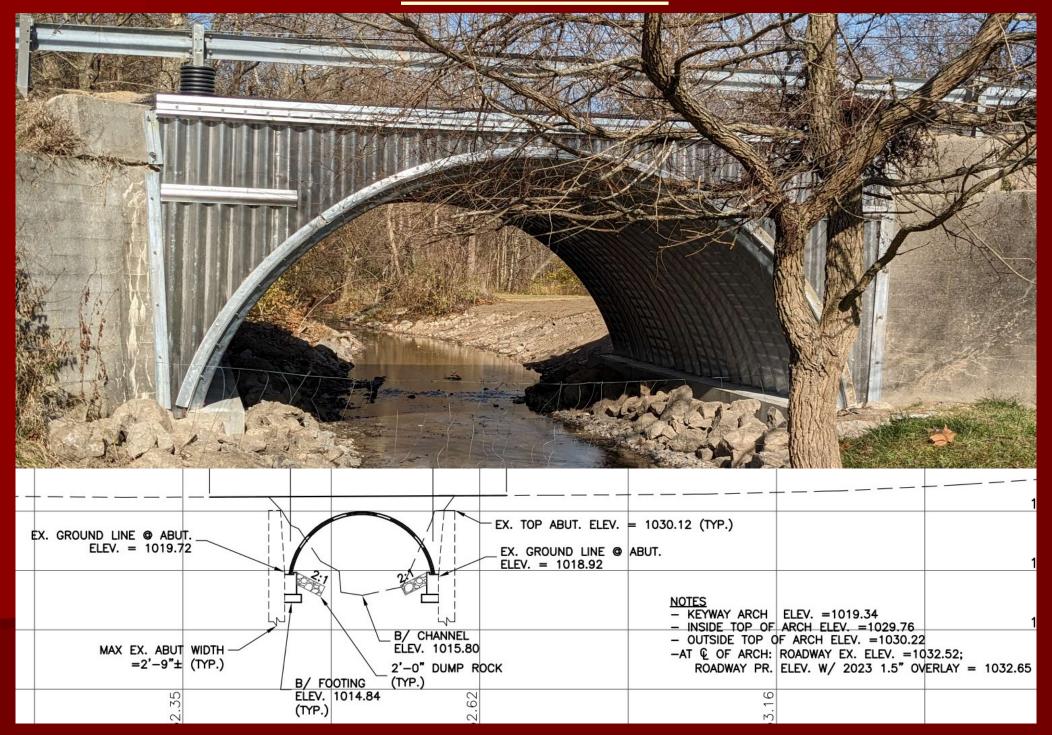
- Estimated cost for a simple span superstructure on new piling and abutments = \$158,400
- Pre-construction engineering and surveying services for this project totaled \$8,188.93 & this was funded by the STC
- STC was willing to consider funding pre-construction engineering and surveying services up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 if we used one of the 'Top 20' innovative bridge ideas

Force Account (FA) Summary					
		Final Costs		Es	timated Costs
Labor	\$	53,955.97	Labor	\$	39,139.00
Materials	\$	60,386.90	Materials	\$	62,259.00
Equipment	\$	26,725.03	Equipment	\$	21,367.00
FA Final Total	\$	141,067.90	FA Estimated Total	\$	122,765.00

Design Notes

- Maintain existing roadway elevations
- Coordinate bridge replacement with paving program
- Stay within existing right-of-way
- Meet hydraulic requirements
- Minimum cover = 2.25'
- Proposed structure to fit within the existing concrete walls

Profile view



Questions?

- Thank you to STC's Mike Steenhoek and Contech's John V. Kanzlemar, Sr. Bridge Consultant, for helping with this project
- Per Mike Steenhoek's (msteenhoek@soytransportation.org) email from 4/8/'24: "One of the concepts from our "Top 20" report that we would like to further promote is the use of railroad flat cars, and we are willing to increase the available funding to do so. Whenever I have seen them utilized, there has been a significant cost and time savings while maintaining safety. We have \$30,000 available do to a project in Ohio in which a rural bridge would be replaced via this method."
- This presentation is located on our website: www.lceo.us

