

Highlights of the 2024 MassDOT Hundredth Anniversary Edition Bridge Manual

1920 MassDOT Bridge Section 2020 Celebrating One Hundred Years





What has Stayed the Same, What has Changed

- Organization Still Consists of Three Parts
 - Part I Design Guidelines
 - Part II Conventional Construction
 - Part III Prefabricated Bridge Elements
- What's changed
 - Part I Contains new material
 - Part II
 - Four new chapters added with new material
 - Beam chapters re-organized based on beam type
 - Part III
 - Chapter sequence re-organized
 - No longer stand alone must be used in conjunction with Part II
 - Buried Structures and PBU chapters added



- Chapter 1 Hydraulics
 - Information on stream survey limits for hydraulic studies
 - Elevation readings for existing structures
 - Soil sample locations for scour analysis
 - Use of pebble counts for scour soil sampling



Figure 1.1.5-4 (a): Multi-Span Structure (Open Bottom) Survey Locations



Figure 1.1.5-2: Survey Limits for Stream Confluence



Figure 1.3.1-2: Multi Span Bridge in Riverine and Tidal Environment



- Chapter 2 Hydraulics and Scour
 - Use Climate Change Indicator (CCI) for resilience
 - How to measure scour and how to design foundations
 - Scour countermeasures







Figure 2.6.5-3: Scour Placement of Footings for Deep Foundations



Figure 2.6.5-2: Riprap Countermeasures for Spread Footings



- Chapter 3
 - Clearer direction on use of Galvanizing/Metalizing
 - Micropiles
 - Scour Design Considerations
 - Link Slab Design
 - PBU Design considerations, including making them continuous for Live Load
 - Bridge Inspection considerations, including Scour Coding
- Chapter 6
 - Reflects use of PDFs in shop drawing review and approval
 - Provides email addresses for distributing shop drawings



- Chapter 7
 - Major rewrite that includes:
 - Rating guidelines for Special Hauling Vehicles (SU) and Emergency Vehicles (EV)
 - Results of UMass research
 - Deteriorated Steel Beam Ends
 - Deteriorated Prestressed Concrete Beams
 - A new Bridge Load Rating Report checklist to be used by rating engineers when preparing and submitting a report
 - As a separate file to download from the webpage as well as a part of Chapter 7
 - Currently working on revision to reflect submission through SharePoint
 - Would be issued some time next year



- Four new chapters added
 - Chapter 4 Abutments and Wingwalls
 - Chapter 5 Piers
 - Chapter 6 Bridge Seat Elevations
 - Chapter 11 Prestressed Stringer Bridges with Integral Deck
- One chapter moved
 - 2013 Chapter 11, Concrete Box Culverts, moved to Part III because these structures are now exclusively prefabricated
- Chapters 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 remain content wise the same as their previous versions, just updated and re-organized



- 2013 Chapter 3, Bridge Substructures, split into three new chapters:
 - Chapter 3 Foundations
 - includes new micropile details
 - Chapter 4 Abutments and Wingwalls
 - Chapter 5 Piers
- Pier chapter completely new
 - Includes several new Aesthetic Pier details
 - Provides typical reinforcing patterns for piers





- New Chapter 6 shows how to calculate bridge elevations
 - Stepped, sloped, and how to modify to prevent beam racking





- Beam chapters organized by type of beam
 - Chapter 8 Steel Stringer Bridges
 - Rolled Beams, Welded Plate Girders, Steel Box Girders
 - Chapter 9 Prestressed Stringer Bridges with Conventional Deck
 - NEBT, NEXT F, Spread Box Beam
 - Chapter 10 Adjacent Beams with Conventional Deck
 - Deck and Box Beam used as adjacent systems
 - Chapter 11 Prestressed Stringer Bridges with Integral Deck
 - NEDBT, NEXT D



New Features in Part II

- New features for steel beams
 - Split HSS tubes for skewed end diaphragm connections
 - Interior diaphragms square to beam but follow skew line





New Features in Part II

- Chapter 12 uses the new shaped curb for sidewalks
 - Developed to meet MASH crash testing requirements
 - Performance verified by actual crash tests







New Features in Part II

- Chapter 13 Roadway Joints
 - Chapter now includes the saw cut as a joint
 - Strip Seal detail uses a more robust steel extrusion and UHPC as a header pour



 Chapter 15 adds corner pilasters to aid in concrete consolidation for abutments with NEDBT and NEXT D



- Sequence of chapters has been revised
- Part III now needs to be used in conjunction with Part II
 - Before Part III details were similar to Part II and showed all relevant dimensions and reinforcement so details could be used on plans
 - Now, Part III provides guidance and only those details that are needed to convert a Part II detail into a prefabricated detail



- Two new chapters added
 - Chapter 6 Prefabricated Bridge Units (PBU)
 - Provide design and detailing guidelines
 - Provide details for link slabs and making PBUs continuous for Live Load
 - Diaphragms required between beams within a PBU unit but no longer required between PBU units
 - Shows crane lifting strategies





- Chapter 8 Buried Structures
 - Includes three sided frames and arches and box culverts, including wingwalls and approach slab shelves
 - Frames and box culverts with at least 18" or more of fill and pavement over the culvert no longer require approach slabs





- Chapter 7 Deck Panels now include non-post tensioned deck panels details
 - To be constructed with cast in place longitudinal and transverse closure pours
 - Shows how to lay out the panels for different skews
 - Shows suggested vertical adjustment devices

