

Accelerating Bridge Construction

- Seismic Connections

TRB Research Proposal Webinar

Objectives

- Review and discuss connection details considered good candidates for immediate use in regions of strong to moderate seismic hazards following testing.
- Discuss proposed connection details and formulate an updated research problem statement with specific research goals and timelines at the 2009 TRB meeting.
- Once funded, work would conclude rapidly, facilitating rapid technology deployment.
- Will seek national funding through AASHTO and NCHRP or other avenues within FHWA.
- In the absence of these options, consider pooled funding project(s).

Washington DOT





Washington DOT Precast Bent cap SR 202 / SR 520



Tolerances - Tack Welc



Duct Template



Spirals

Washington DOT Precast Bent cap SR 202 / SR 520

1^{1/2} Hours +/-Bent Cap Erection







Washington DOT Fixed Intermediate Pier Connection End of Girder Top of Cirder Slab Slab









Precast Girder to CIP Bent Cap

• Used by Washington DOT







Why consider grouted couplers?

- They are very versatile
 - We can connect virtually any 2 precast elements together
- Connections can be made very quickly
- They can transfer axial, moment and shear forces
- They have been used for many years on bridges under traffic and in severe exposed environments
- Is it cost effective and easy to construct
- It is not proprietary
 - There are 3 companies that produce similar connectors
- We don't need to change the way we design and detail bridges

Grouted Reinforcing Splice Couplers

- Emulates a reinforcing steel lap splice
- Used in precast parking lacksquaregarages and stadiums and bridges











Precast Cantilever Abutments









Precast Piers

- Florida DOT Detail
 - Edison Bridge
 - Highly corrosive environment
 - Excellent performance
- Also used in Georgia and Northeast PCI



Column to footing connection













Column to cap connection





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Pier Types

- Single column hammerhead
- Two column bent
- Three column bent





Footings

- Full Precast
 - For smaller footings



Shim and grout under footing through ports in footing





Footings

- **Partial Precast** •
 - For larger footings
 - Precast designed to support DL of bridge
 - CIP extensions designed for other loads





Previous Testing data



Grouted Splice coupler @ end of column



Previous Testing Data



Control Column w/o Grouted Splice Coupler



- Precast Girder
- Precast Bent Cap













Precast Bent Cap







Caltrans- San Mateo Bridge Precast Bent Cap-Column connections



Precast I-Girder placement











Precast Pile Cap-Carolina Bays Parkway, South Carolina

•SCDOT PCP to Pre-cast Cap Connection detail that was used for several bridges on a Design-Build project. This detail has not been adopted by SCDOT, but it is a candidate for research considerations.

•The SCDOT detail consists of 18" prestressed concrete piles used as pile extensions instead of reinforced concrete columns.

•The superstructure used is a flat slab superstructure, very common in our entire SC coastal region.

Precast Pile Cap-Carolina Bays Parkway, South Carolina



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Conway Bypass-Precast Bent Cap



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Discussions

- Open Forum
- Agree on Details to be Tested
- Identify Follow-up Action Items