

## **C3.2.6 Superstructures**

### **C3.2.6.1 Type and span**

#### **C3.2.6.1.1 CCS J-series**

#### **C3.2.6.1.2 Single-span PPCB HSI-series**

#### **C3.2.6.1.3 Two-span BT-series**

#### **C3.2.6.1.4 Three-span PPCB H-series**

#### **C3.2.6.1.5 Three-span RSB-series**

#### **C3.2.6.1.6 PPCB**

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**Preliminary haunch for all Prestressed Beam Bridges**

Note: The calculations provide a haunch thickness estimate (X) value, which does not include the nominal haunch thickness.

$S := 111.5 \text{ ft}$  Longest Span (feet)

$e := 0.0$  Superelevation (feet/feet)

$G_1 := -1.6$  Grade 1 vertical curve [+ increasing, - decreasing] (%)

$G_2 := 2.1$  Grade 2 vertical curve [+ increasing, - decreasing] (%)

$A := \frac{G_2 - G_1}{100}$  A = 0.038

$L := 984 \text{ ft}$  Length vertical curve (feet)

$D_c := 1.75 \text{ deg}$  Degree of Horizontal Curvature (degree)

$C := 0.337 \text{ ft}$  Final Beam Camber (feet) - From prestressed concrete beam standards

$D := 0.19 \text{ ft}$  Dead load deflection - Elastic + 1/2 Plastic (feet) - From prestressed concrete beam standards

$T := 1.667 \text{ ft}$  Top flange width (feet)

X = Haunch estimate along the centerline of the beam.

$$X := (C - D) + \frac{S \cdot e}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{D_c}{2}\right)} - \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{D_c}{2}\right)} \right) + \left(\frac{S}{L}\right)^2 \cdot A \cdot \frac{L}{8}$$

$X = 0.219 \text{ ft}$        $X = 66.894 \text{ mm}$

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$T \cdot e = 0.6 \text{ in}$

If  $T \cdot e < 1$  then  $X < 4 \text{ in}$ .      If  $T \cdot e > 1$  then  $X < 3 \text{ in}$ .

Also check maximum offset for horizontal curve  $< \text{ or } = 9 \text{ in}$ .

### C3.2.6.1.7 CWPG

The ~~AASHTO~~-table below [extracted from the AASHTO LRFD Specifications \[AASHTO-LRFD 2.5.2.6.3\]](#) can be used as a guide to establish minimum girder depths, when 1/25 of the span is not possible due to vertical clearance or profile grade issues.

#### Traditional Minimum Depths for Constant Depth Superstructures

| <u>Superstructure</u> |                                                    | <u>Minimum Depth (Including Deck)</u>                                                                                                                      |                         |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                       |                                                    | <u>When variable depth members are used, values may be adjusted to account for changes in relative stiffness of positive and negative moment sections.</u> |                         |
| <u>Material</u>       | <u>Type</u>                                        | <u>Simple Spans</u>                                                                                                                                        | <u>Continuous Spans</u> |
| <u>Steel</u>          | <u>Overall Depth of Composite I-Beam</u>           | <u>0.040L</u>                                                                                                                                              | <u>0.032L</u>           |
|                       | <u>Depth of I-Beam Portion of Composite I-Beam</u> | <u>0.033L</u>                                                                                                                                              | <u>0.027L</u>           |
|                       | <u>Trusses</u>                                     | <u>0.100L</u>                                                                                                                                              | <u>0.100L</u>           |

### C3.2.6.2 Width

#### C3.2.6.2.1 Highway

#### C3.2.6.2.2 Sidewalk, separated path, and bicycle lane

Methods Memo No. 11: Sidewalks on Bridges  
21 March 2001

### C3.2.6.3 Horizontal curve

#### C3.2.6.3.1 Spiral curve

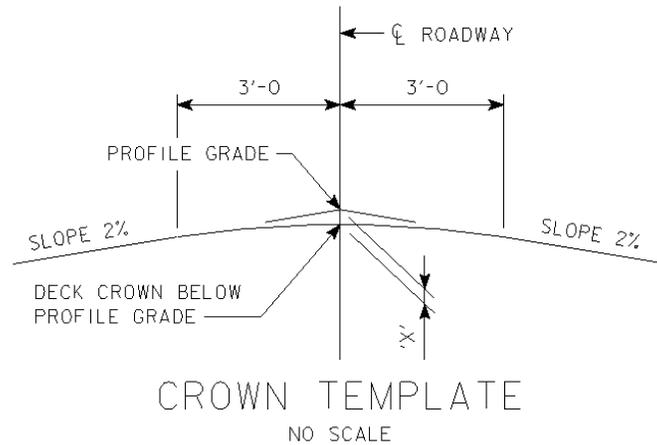
### C3.2.6.4 Alignment and profile grade

Methods Memo No. 85: Layout for Bridges on Four Lane Highways  
30 January 2004

For situations where the profile grade line is not at the centerline of approach roadway, elevations for the bridge deck will be established taking the bridge deck crown into account. The elevations will be noted on the TS&L as "TOP OF BRIDGE DECK AT CENTERLINE ROADWAY IS 'X' ABOVE (OR BELOW) THE PROFILE GRADE TO ACCOUNT FOR DECK CROSS SLOPE AND PARABOLIC CROWN.

For situations where the profile grade line is at the centerline of approach roadway, elevations for the bridge deck will be established in [accordance with Methods Memo No. 222, which is rephrased in BDM 2.5.1.](#)

~~As shown in figure 1, the elevation at the bridge deck crown will be below the roadway profile grade elevation to account for the rounding of the deck with a parabolic template at the cross slope intersection.~~



**Figure 1 Recommended Values for 'X'**

| Slope % | X, ft |
|---------|-------|
| 2%      | 0.03  |
| 2.5%    | 0.04  |
| 3%      | 0.05  |

The rounding of the approach roadway surface is not as well defined as the parabolic template established for the bridge deck crown, however some rounding of the roadway surface at the cross slope intercepts is typical during pavement placement and will match reasonably close to the template shown for the bridge deck crown.

Using this method will ensure the approach roadway surface in the travelled lanes and the outside edge of pavement, match the bridge deck elevations. Elevations shown on the longitudinal section of the TS&L will reflect the top of bridge deck crown elevations along the centerline of approach roadway to the nearest hundredth of a foot (0.0X). These elevations will be noted on the TS&L as "TOP OF BRIDGE DECK CROWN 'X' BELOW PROFILE GRADE".

NOTE: The designer shall fill in the 'X' value based on the specific project cross slopes. This revision should be made to all projects where detailing has not begun.

### C3.2.6.5 Cross slope drainage

### C3.2.6.6 Deck drainage

Partially revised: Methods Memo No. 81: Deck Drains  
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### C3.2.6.7 Bridge inspection/maintenance accessibility

### C3.2.6.8 Barrier rails

Partially revised: Methods Memo No. 162: Bridge Railing Selection on Interstate and Primary Highways  
29 June 2007

A flow chart is reproduced on the next page [\[BDM Figure 5.8.1.2.1\]](#).

**Flow Chart for determining Bridge Barrier Rail Height for New Bridges on Interstate and Primary Highways**  
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