#### **UHPC** in Iowa

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#### Overview

- UHPC / Ductal®
- Preliminary work
- Wapello Co Project
- Buchanan Bridge Project
- Future projects

## UHPC / Ductal®

#### UHPC Development

- France in 1990's
- Industrial and Commercial Projects (France, Canada, United States)
- Pedestrian Bridges (Canada, Japan, Korea, France)
- Highway Bridges (France, Australia, United States)

#### Bridges

- Sherbrooke Bridge, Quebec, Canada
- Footbridge of Peace, Seoul, South Korea
- Sakata Mirai Footbridge, Sakata, Japan
- Two Highway Overpasses, Drome Region, France
- Shepherds Highway Bridge, Sydney, Australia
- Cat Point Highway Bridge, Virginia DOT

## What is UHPC / Ductal®?

- High performance cement based material
- Finely graded, silica fumes (glass), cement, fine sand, water, superplasticizer, and fibers
- Metallic or organic fibers (2% by volume)
- Steel Fibers (0.008 inches x 0.5 inches)
- Largest aggregate (fine sand 0.024 inches)
- W/C ratio 0.15-0.20



#### Why UHPC?

- High compressive strength
- High durability
- Low permeability
- Fibers (removal mild reinforcement)
- After curing (stable, minimal creep and shrinkage)
- More efficient sections

#### Properties?

- Compressive strength = 18-33 ksi.
- Tensile strength = 1.1-1.6 ksi
- Flexural strength = 4-7 ksi.
- Final modulus of elasticity = 7,800 ksi
- Density (Steel Fibers) =  $0.156 \text{ kips/ft}^3$

### Why Ductal®?

- Available in the U.S.
- Testing by FHWA

## Preliminary Work

#### VIDEO OF CYLINDER TEST NO FIBERS

#### VIDEO OF FLEXURE TEST

## Test Mixes at Iowa DOT Lab (12-11-03, 1-26-04)

- Hands on DOT Materials Lab
- 1 cubic ft mix
- 3" x 6" cylinders
- 4" x 4" beam
- 2" x 2" cube

## **Test Mix Proportions**

Test Mix Proportions	
Description	Quantity
Ductal Mix	137 lbs
Water	8.03 lbs
3000NS (Super Plasticizer)	850 g
Steel Fibers	9.7 lbs

## Mixing UHPC



### Test Cylinders



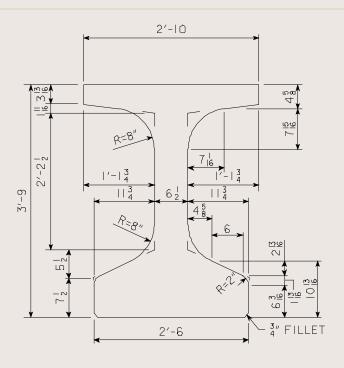
## Results of Second Test Mix (95% Humidity)

2 inch cubes	Compressive Strength (psi)
1	29,930
2	27,540
3	30,610

#### Wapello Co Project

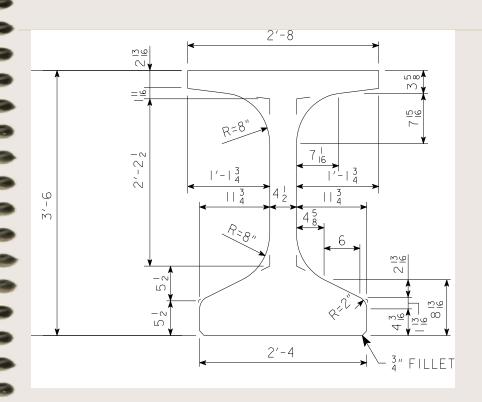
- Beam Design (Summer/Fall 2004)
- Test Beam (Cast Feb 2005)
- Bridge Beams (Cast June/July 2005)

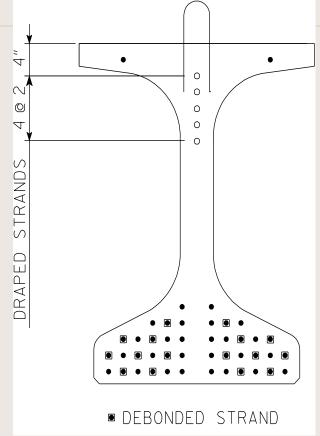
#### Iowa 45 in BTC



 $A = 691.8 \text{ in}^2$ , yb = 20.74 in,  $I = 178,971 \text{ in}^4$  UHPC  $19.8yd^3$ 

## Summary of Section





Sec reduced 1" top, 2" bottom, 2" web

A = 512.3 in<sup>2</sup>, yb = 18.72 in, I = 123,654 in<sup>4</sup>  $73.7 \% \sim UHPC \ 14.6yd^{3}$ 

49 – 0.6" Dia. strands 5 draped, 16 debonded, 72.6% GUTS

#### ISU Test Program

- Compression of Cubes
- Flexure of Prisms
- Large-Scale Beam (71 ft)
  - Flexure Test
  - Shear Test
  - Flexure-Shear Test
- Small-Scale Beams (Shear test)

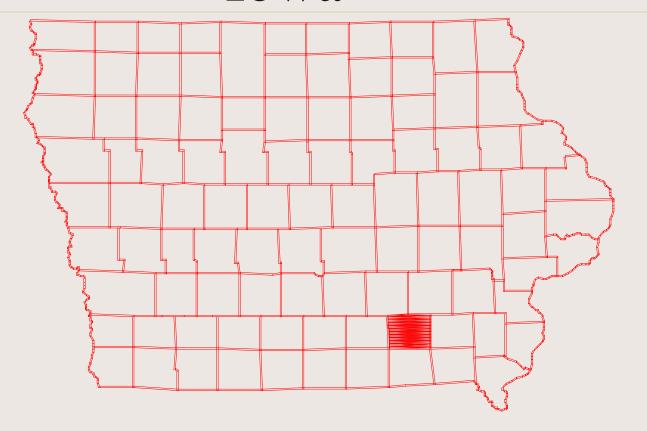
#### **VIDEO OF SHEAR TEST**

## Shear Test Cracking

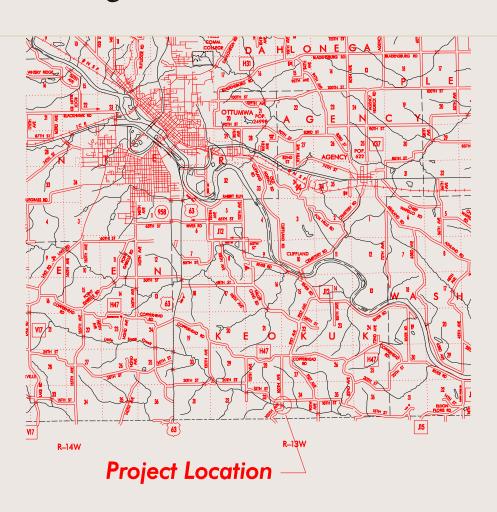




# Project Location, Wapello Co., Iowa



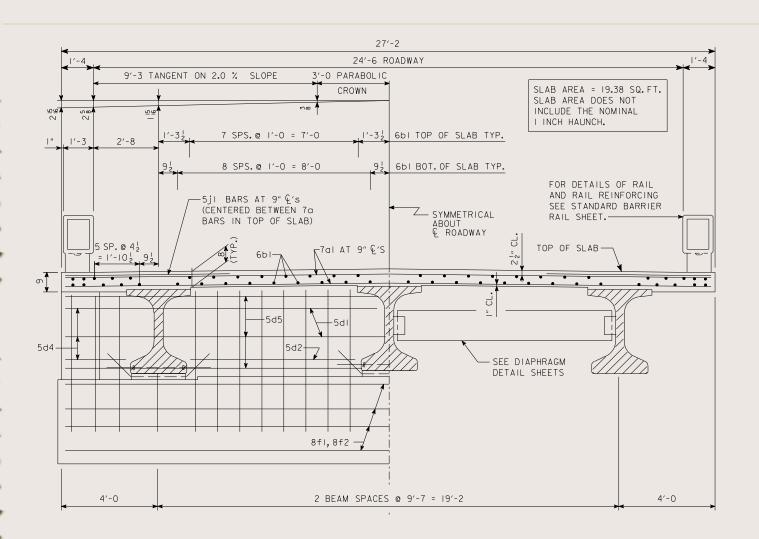
#### **Project Location**



### Bridge Description

- 110 ft single span
- 3 beam cross section
- Modified Iowa bulb-tee
- Integral abutments
- 8 inch cast-in-place deck
- Open style concrete rail.

### Wapello Co. Bridge



## 110' Girder Casting







## Completed Structure

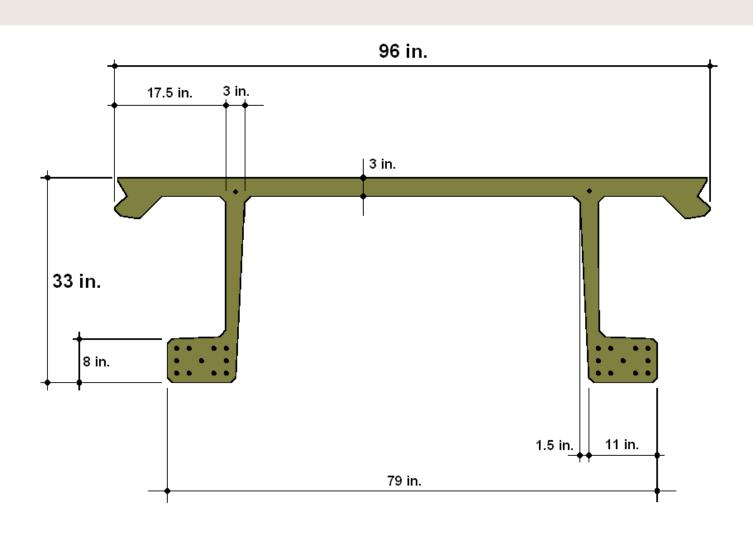




#### Initial Pi-Girder

- Developed by MIT/FHWA
- Optimized section
- No Mild Steel
- Integral Deck
- Tested by FHWA

#### Initial Pi-Girder



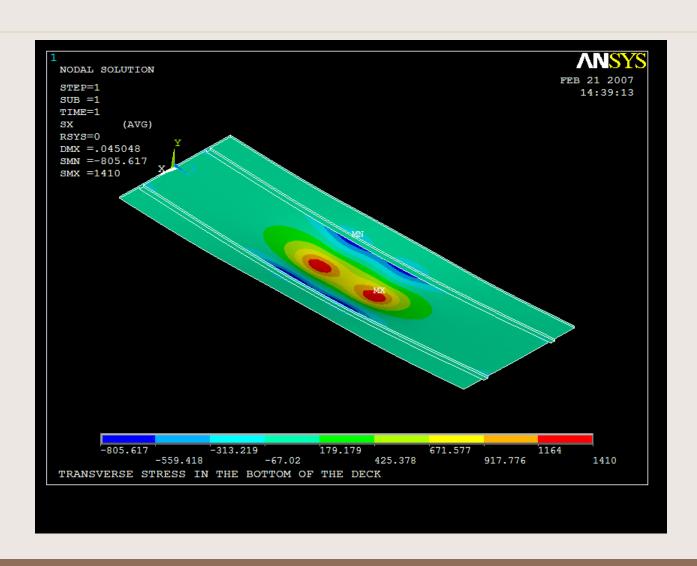
#### Testing Results by FHWA

- Optimized section
- Longitudinal capacity okay
- Low service capacity transverse in deck
- Low live load distribution between girders

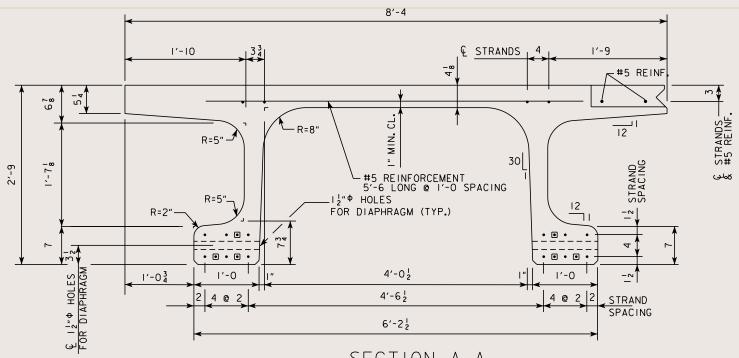
#### Finite Element Analysis

- Revised section analyzed by ISU and FHWA
- Analyzed girder unit and complete bridge
- Load combinations 16 kip single and 12.5 kip tandem wheel loads with impact.

#### **FEA**



#### Final Section New detail



SECTION A-A

BOTTOM STRAND DEBONDING		
SYMBOL DEBONDED LENGTH FROM EACH END OF BEAM		
•	3′-0	

A = 860.8 in<sup>2</sup> yb = 22.5 in I = 105,730 in<sup>4</sup> wt/ft = 0.932 k/ft

SECTION PROPERTIES

### Summary Project

- Bridge Project let in June 17, 2008
- Casting completed September 2008
  - 2-25 ft test girders for FHWA
  - 3-51 ft bridge girders
- Construction started September 2008
- Girders placed October 16, 2008
- Pockets grouted October 21, 2008
- End spans cast October 30, 2008
- Load Test Week of November 17, 2008
- 3/8 in. chip seal Spring 2009

## Girder Casting

- Cast by Lafarge, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
   Canada
- 11.3 cu. yd. per beam
- Premixed bags of Ductal
- Mixed in two redi-mix truck
- Water added as ice cubes
- Total mixing time ~ 6-7 hours









# VIDEO OF PI GIRDER CASTING









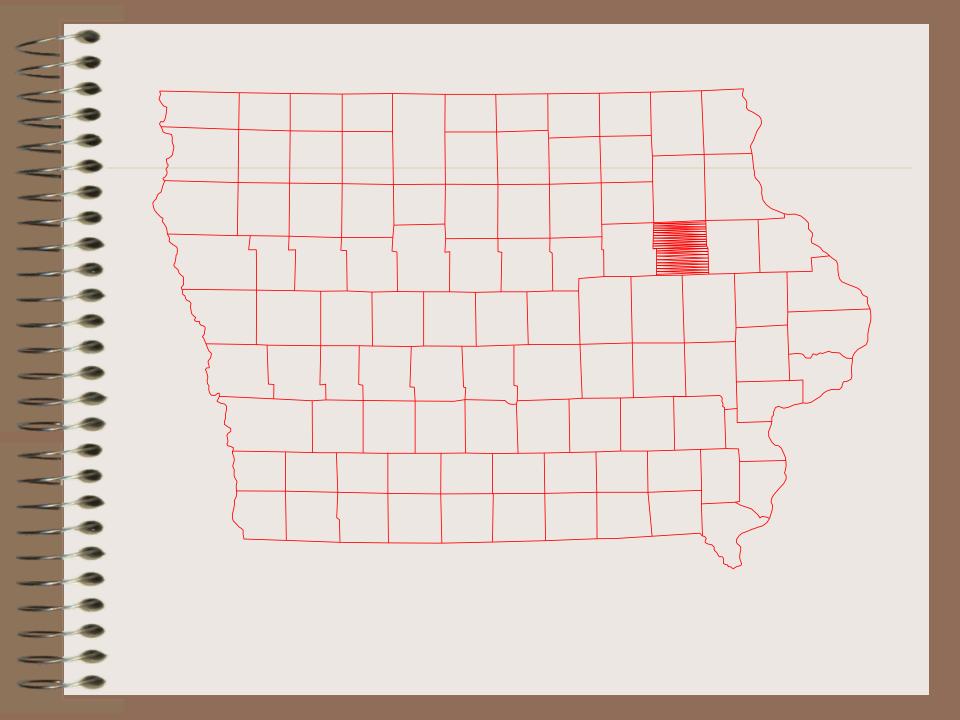
#### Post-casting

- Initial set to break forms (25-30 hrs)
- Strand release (40 hrs)
- Steam cure (48 hrs at 195 degree F)



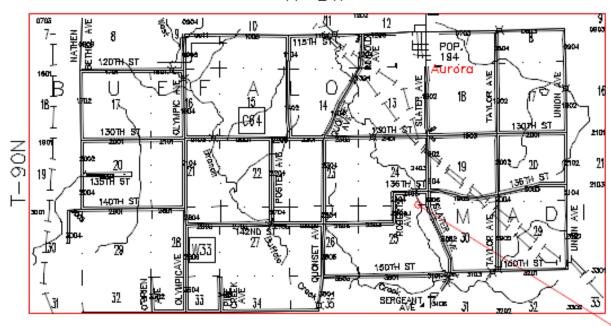






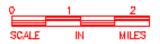
#### Bridge Location

R-8W



SECTION 24

APPROX. SCALE.

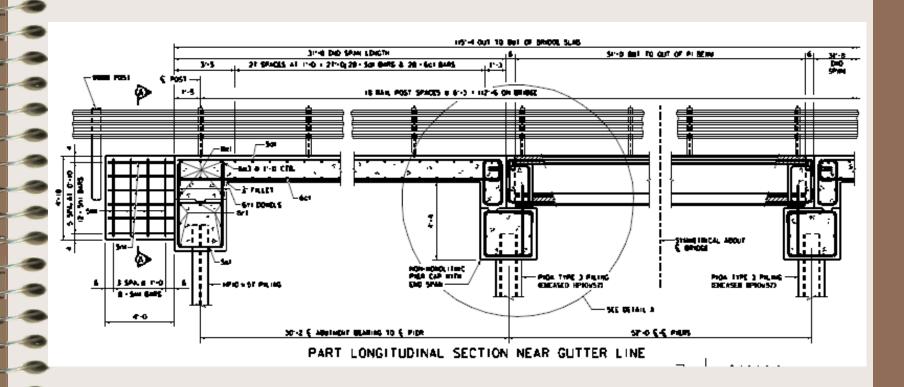


Bridge Location

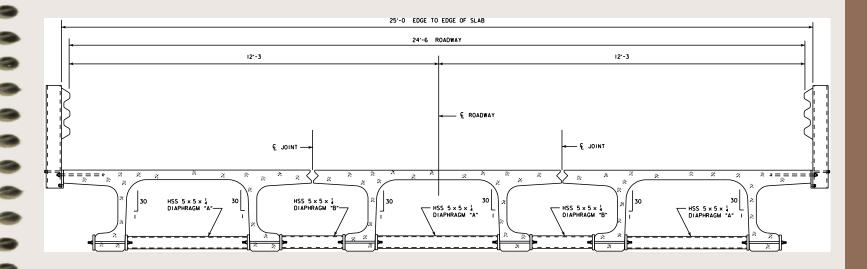
#### Bridge Decription

- 24'-6 x 112'-4
- 3 simple spans (32'-2, 52'-0, 30'-2)
- Integral Abuts and Pile Bents (HP10x57)
- End spans 18 in, CIP concrete slab
- Center span 3 PI girders
- Girders connected, grouted dowel pockets, steel diaphragms
- Thrie beam bridge railing

### Longitudinal View



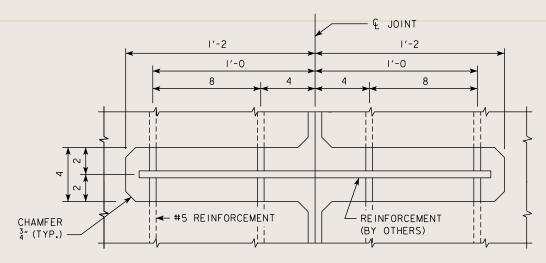
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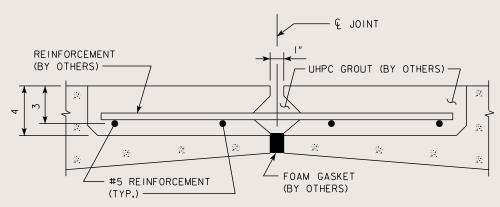




#### Girder Connection Detail



PLAN VIEW SHOWING DOWEL POCKETS



TYPICAL LONGITUDINAL SECTION
THRU JOINT DETAIL AT POCKET LOCATIONS









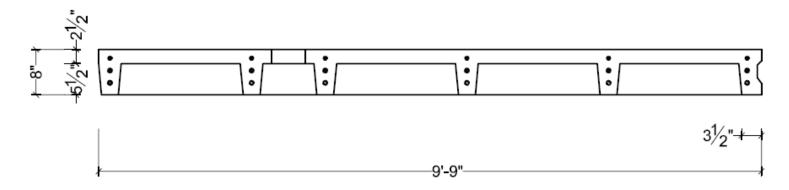




#### Future Work

- UHPC Precast Deck with Wapello Co.
- ISU research on used of UHPC piles

## WAFFLE SLAB TEST PANELS IN PROGRESS



SIDE VIEW









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