Appendix E. Executive Summary of Study Bridges

This appendix provides an executive summary of the bridges that are studied in the NCHRP 12-79 research. The bridges are presented in alphabetical and numerical order within the following bridge categories:

- (1) ICSN: I-girder, Continuous-span, Straight, No-skew,
- (2) ISSS: I-girder, Simple-span, Straight, Skewed supports,
- (3) ICSS: I-girder, Continuous-span, Straight, Skewed supports,
- (4) ISCR: I-girder, Simple-span, Curved, Radial supports,
- (5) ICCR: I-girder, Continuous-span, Curved, Radial supports,
- (6) ISCS: I-girder, Simple-span, Curved, Skewed supports,
- (7) ICCS: I-girder, Continuous-span, Curved, Skewed supports,
- (8) TCSN: Tub-girder, Continuous-span, Straight, No-skew,
- (9) TSSS: Tub-girder, Simple-span, Straight, Skewed supports,
- (10) TSCR: Tub-girder, Simple-span, Curved, Radial supports,
- (11) TCCR: Tub-girder, Continuous-span, Curved, Radial supports,
- (12) TSCS: Tub-girder, Simple-span, Curved, Skewed supports,
- (13) TCCS: Tub-girder, Continuous-span, Curved, Skewed supports.

The basic geometry information, key indices, and a summary of important observations are provided for each bridge. For the Existing bridges (indicated by an "E" in front of the above designations), the location information and key information about the physical structure are listed. For the eXample bridges, designated by an "X" in front of the above designations, the reference citation for the example calculations is provided.









E2.9 NISSS14 ($L_1 = 150$ ft / w = 80 ft / $\theta_1 = 70^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 70^\circ$ / 9 girders)







E2.15 NISSS56 ($L_1 = 300$ ft / w = 80 ft / $\theta_1 = 50^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 0^\circ$ / 9 girders)



- $I_{S1} = 0.30, I_{L1} = 1.34, I_{T1} = 0.53$
- The girder responses throughout the construction process are properly captured for this bridge by the 1D and 2D methods of analysis. However, the forces in some of the cross-frames are considerable large (above 100 kips) at the TDL level. These forces cannot be predicted by the approximate methods.



• Influence of method of detailing on girder responses and cross-frame forces



E3.6 NICSS16 ($L_1 = 350$ ft, $L_2 = 350$ ft / w = 80 ft / $\theta_1 = 0^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 35^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 0^\circ$ / 4 girders) $I_{S1} = 1.69, I_{S2} = 1.36, I_{S3} = 1.36 / I_{L1} = 1.0, I_{L2} = 1.0, I_{L3} = 1.0 / I_{T1} = 0.50, I_{T2} = 0.50, I_{T3} = 0.50$ The cross-frame forces in this structure reach values that are between 62 kips in compression and 74 kips in tension at the TDL level. The flange lateral bending stresses reach values of 25 kips at the same load level. The approximate analysis methods are not able to properly predict the behavior of the structure neither during the steel erection nor in the completed configuration. E3.7 NICSS25 ($L_1 = 350$ ft, $L_2 = 350$ ft / w = 80 ft / $\theta_1 = 0^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 35^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 0^\circ$ / 4 girders) $I_{S1} = 0.15, I_{S2} = 0.15 / I_{L1} = 1.16, I_{L2} = 1.16 / I_{T1} = 0.48, I_{T2} = 0.52$ The major-axis bending responses in the girders are accurately captured by the approximate models. However, near the middle support, there are large forces in the cross-frames, in the order of 120 kips, that cannot be captured by the 1D and 2D models. E3.8 NICSS27 ($L_1 = 350$ ft, $L_2 = 350$ ft / w = 80 ft / $\theta_1 = 35^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 35^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 0^\circ$, 9 girders) $I_{S1} = 0.15, I_{S2} = 0.15 / I_{L1} = 1.0, I_{L2} = 1.16 / I_{T1} = 0.50, I_{T2} = 0.52$ Influence of large span lengths on girder responses.

• Significant second-order amplification of the global flange lateral bending stresses since flangelevel lateral bracing is not provided.







• Since this structure satisfies the assumptions used in the formulation of the V-load method, the simplified line girder analysis is able to predict the bridge behavior as described by the 3D model.

E4.5 NISCR8 ($L_1 = 150$ ft / R = 420 ft / w = 80 ft / 9 girders)



- $I_{S1} = 0, I_{L1} = 1.19, I_{T1} = 0.58, I_{C1} = 4.46$
- The bridge behavior is misrepresented by the 2D model. The line girder analysis yields better result predictions than the grid model.
- The lack of a term that represents the flange warping contributions to the girder torsion stiffness has a very important influence in the response prediction of this structure.

E4.6 NISCR10 ($L_1 = 225$ ft / R = 705 ft / w = 80 ft / 9 girders)



- $I_{S1} = 0, I_{L1} = 1.11, I_{T1} = 0.59, I_{C1} = 1.93$
- The effects of the curvature are not accurately captured by the 2D model. There is a significant over prediction of the vertical displacements and the girder layovers.
- The 1D model is a closer representation of the structure's behavior. The major-axis bending responses are properly predicted by the model based on the V-load method. Similarly, the flange lateral bending stress responses are well predicted by this analysis method.

E4.7 NISCR11 (L₁ = 300 ft/R₁ = 730 ft / w = 80 ft, 9 girders)
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- Poor prediction of the vertical displacements and layovers due to poor torsional modeling of girders when more than one element is used to model the girders between the cross-frames...
- Poor prediction accuracy in the flange lateral bending stresses due global nonlinear effects since flange-level lateral bracing is not provided.



E5.1 EICCR4 (*L*₁ = 219 ft, *L*₂ = 260 ft, *L*₃ = 211 ft, *L*₄ = 162 ft, *L*₅ = 256 ft, *L*₆ = 190 ft / *R*₁ = 968 ft, *R*_{2,3,4} =1108 ft, *R*₅ =968 ft, ∞, *R*₆ = ∞ / *w* = 44 ft, 5 girders)
Ramp GG John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, I-95 Express Toll Lanes and I-695 Interchange, Baltimore Co., MD
Relatively long spans and narrow deck. Successful implementation of SDLF detailing. *I*_{S1} = 0, *I*_{S2} = 0, *I*_{S3} = 0, *I*_{S5} = 0, *I*_{S5} = 0, *I*_{S5} = 0 / *I*_{L1} = 1.09, *I*_{L2} = 1.07, *I*_{L3} = 1.07, *I*_{L4} = 1.07, *I*_{L5} =

- 1.09, $I_{L6} = 1.0 / I_{T1} = 0.61$, $I_{T2} = 0.64$, $I_{T3} = 0.59$, $I_{T4} = 0.56$, $I_{T5} = 0.64$, $I_{T6} = 0.50 / I_{C1} = 0.60$, $I_{C2} = 0.45$, $I_{C3} = 0.56$, $I_{C4} = 0.68$, $I_{C5} = 0.52$, $I_{C6} = 0$
- Poor prediction of the vertical displacements and layovers due to poor torsional modeling of girders when more than one element is used to model the girders between the cross-frames...
- Overestimation of the flange lateral bending stresses during erection.







• Tendency for uplift problems during erection due to severe horizontal curvature



• The flange lateral bending stress responses predicted with the V-load formula are close to those predicted with the 3D FEA.



E6.3 NISCS3 ($L_1 = 150$ ft / R = 436 ft / w = 30 ft / $\theta_1 = -35^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 0^\circ$ / 4 girders)



- $I_{S1} = 0.11, I_{L1} = 1.18, I_{T1} = 0.71, I_{C1} = 3.44$
- In this structure the orientation of the skew makes the girders twist in the same direction as the rotations in the girders due to the curvature. Hence, the effects of the skew and the curvature are additive.
- The combination of the curvature and the skew induces flange lateral bending stresses that are in the order of 25 ksi. None of the approximate analysis methods are able to capture this response.
- Similarly, the deflection predictions obtained from the 1D and 2D analyses do not captured the expected response, as predicted by the 3D FEA.

E6.4 NISCS9 ($L_1 = 150$ ft / R = 438 ft / w = 30 ft / $\theta_1 = 65.2^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 45.6^\circ$ / 4 girders)



- $I_{S1} = 0.35, I_{L1} = 0.88, I_{T1} = 0.63, I_{C1} = 3.11$
- In this structure the effects of the skew in the left support counteracts the effects of the horizontal curvature. In the right support, these effects are additive since they both make the girders rotate in the same direction.
- Due to its complex geometry, the approximate 1D and 2D methods do not capture the behavior of the bridge properly. The vertical displacements and girder rotations are severely misrepresented by the approximate models.



• Poor prediction of the results due to uplift



• Due to the skew, significant levels of flange lateral bending stress are observed near the skewed end.





- $I_{S1} = 0, I_{S2} = 0.08, I_{S3} = 0.08, I_{S4} = 0 / I_{L1} = 1.05, I_{L2} = 1.25, I_{L3} = 0.85, I_{L4} = 1.05 / I_{T1} = 0.65, I_{T2} = 0.80, I_{T3} = 0.70, I_{T4} = 0.62 / I_{C1} = 0.99, I_{C2} = 0.66, I_{C3} = 0.66, I_{C4} = 0.99$
- None of the approximate methods capture the expected responses of this structure, as predicted by the 3D model.
- In the case of the 1D model, it cannot capture the influence that the intermediate skewed support has on the behavior of the bridge.
- In the case of the 2D analysis, the torsion stiffness model that neglects the contribution of flange warping has a severe effect in the response predictions.











close to the obtained from the 3D FEA.



• Predicted TFLB force distribution follows the bending moment diagram while they should follow the shape of the torsional moment diagram which is similar to the shear force distribution.



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13.2 ETCCS6 ($L_1 = 160$ ft, $L_2 = 207$ ft / R = 814 ft / w = 50.5 ft / $\theta_1 = 0^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 39.2^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 0^\circ$, 4 tubgirders) McGruder Blvd. to SB I-64, Hampton, VA Constructed in two phases of two tub-girders each. Fit-up issues encountered during erection. $I_{S1} = 0.06, I_{S2} = 0.05 / I_{L1} = 0.95, I_{L2} = 1.07 / I_{T1} = 0.70, I_{T2} = 0.84$ (Stage 1 - Interior) $I_{S1} = 0.06, I_{S2} = 0.04 / I_{L1} = 0.95, I_{L2} = 1.06 / I_{T1} = 0.68, I_{T2} = 0.95$ (Stage 2 - Exterior) Staged construction of 2 tub-girders each. The lack of external diaphragms at the interios pier helps avoiding the torsional effects due to skew but girder rotations are increased. Heavily skewed intermediate supports must have collinear diaphragms and cross frames to avoid geometric problems with sloped webs. Relative vertical displacements of the most extreme flanges have differences of 8in on the completed 4 tub-girder bridge mainly due to the increased relative length of the internal to external girders. These vertical displacements are usually accommodated in the camber but must be predicted accurately. TFLB and top flange interaction is noticeable as saw-tooth shaped major axis bending stresses. 13.3 NTCCS22 ($L_1 = 250$ ft, $L_2 = 250$ ft / R = 713 ft / w = 30 ft / $\theta_1 = 20.1^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 0^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 0^\circ$, 2 tubgirders) $I_{S1} = 0.02, I_{S2} = 0 / I_{L1} = 1.00, I_{L2} = 1.02 / I_{T1} = 0.98, I_{T2} = 1$ Lateral displacements start at non-zero value at skewed support location. 2D grid matches the results. Skew and curvature torsional forces counteract. TFLB and top flange interaction is noticeable as saw-tooth shaped major axis bending stresses. Linear and Non-Linear 3D FEA analyses results report negligible differences.