

Santa Lucia River Crossing

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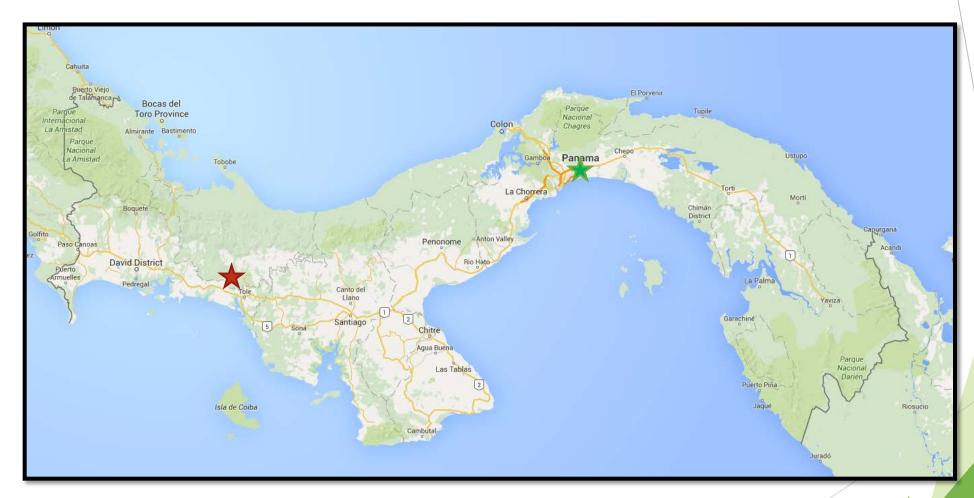
Timeline of Trip

- Arrived in Panama City, Panama (PTY)
- Stayed in City of Knowledge
- Traveled to our community
- Collected data from proposed bridge location
- Experienced community culture
- ► Traveled back to the City of Knowledge
- Departed Panama City, Panama





Quebrada Caracol



Mission Statement

Lucia Associates aims to present a practical, economical, and sustainable design to the community which they can then implement and take ownership of. The designs will aim to ensure the safety of every one of its users. Each design will take into careful consideration the finances, resources and values of the community."





Community Background

- ► PCV: Leigh Miller
- Quebrada Caracol, located in Comarca Ngabe-Bugle
- No road access, electricity, little running water, and few latrines
- Houses in the community are relatively far apart
- People travel by foot or horse on steep muddy trails that can get slippery





Community Background

- Subsistence farming in community, many people find work outside of the community
- ▶ 233 community population, 103 people living out of the community
- ► Long hikes required to get to school, few children continue after middle school



Personal Experiences





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Design Requirements

- Current suspension bridge is unreliable
- ► The bridge is required so children can cross the river and travel to school safely



Site Conditions





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Data Collection

- ► Topography data
- ▶ River Flow rates
- Cross sections and Slope of the river
- Soil type and soil layers were observed
- Recorded GPS coordinates





Proposed Bridge Location

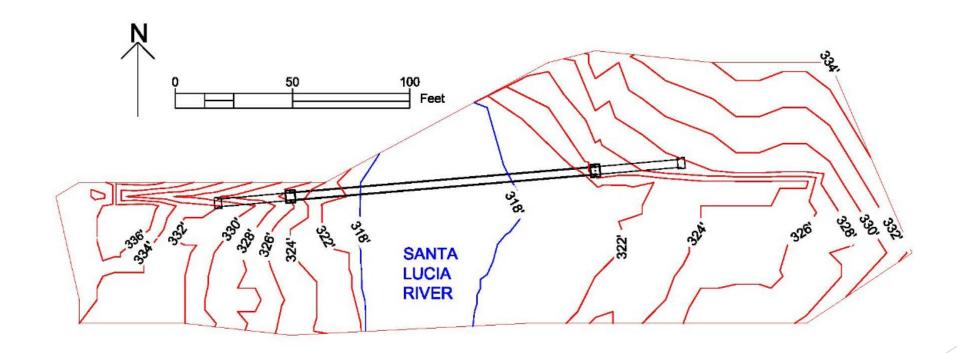


Site Hydrology

- Methods to calculate and analyze flood flow rate and high water level
 - Scale from historic flood flow rates Q = 1,770 ft³/s
 - RCN method $Q = 3,033 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$



Topographic Map of Site

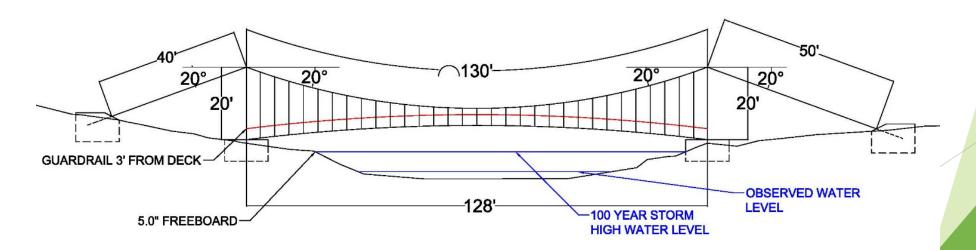


Plan View: Suspension Bridge



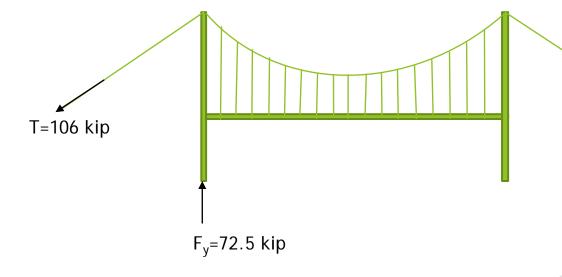
Bridge Design

- ▶ 128-ft Span
- ▶ 20-ft Steel Towers
- ► High Strength Suspension Cables
- Wood Deck



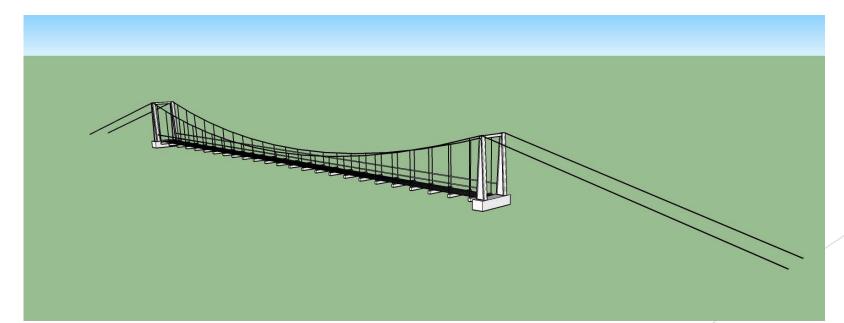
Design Loads

- Dead Load
- Pedestrian Live Load
- Equestrian Live Load
- Earthquake Load
- Wind Uplift Load



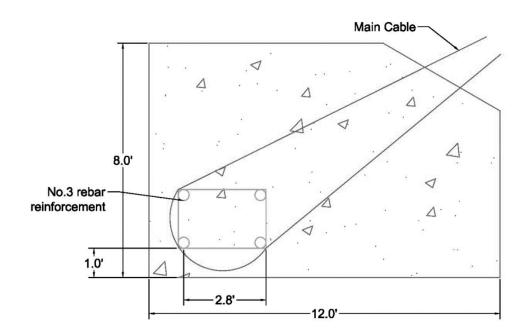
Detailed Drawings

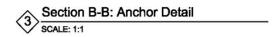
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- ► Foundation Details
- Deck Details
- ► Tower Details

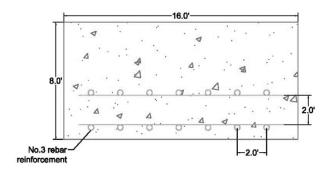




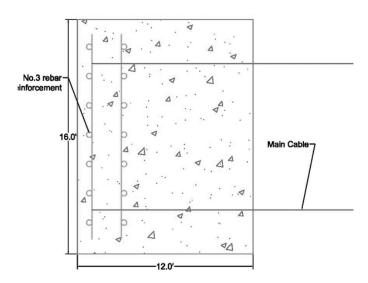
Anchor Details





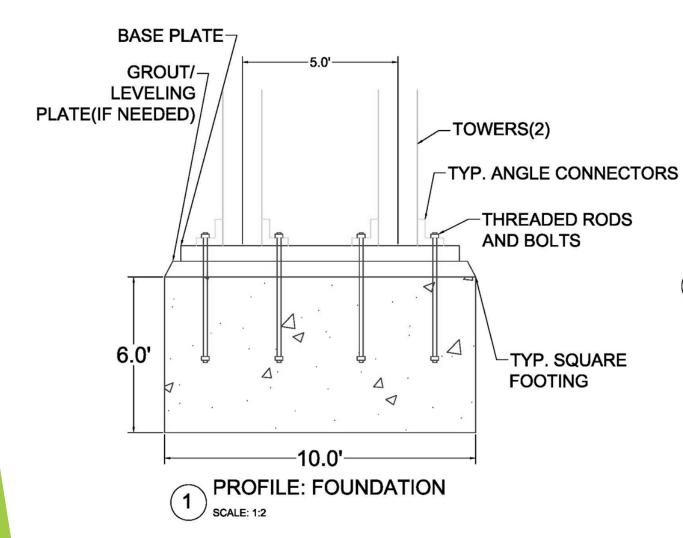


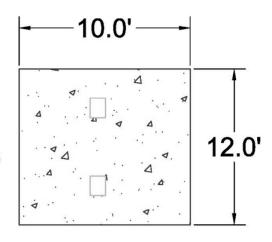






Foundation Details

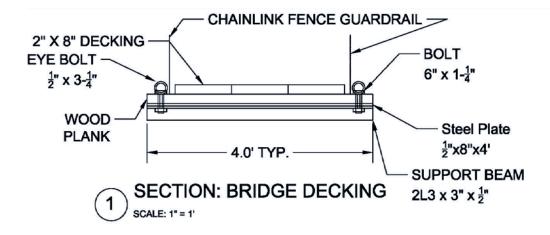


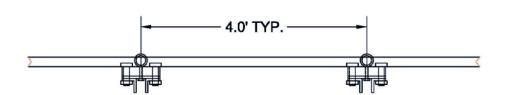


PLAN: FOUNDATION SCALE: 1:4

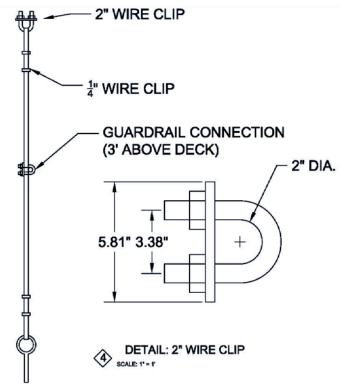


Deck Details

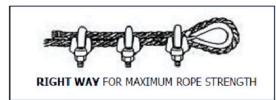




PROFILE: BRIDGE DECKING

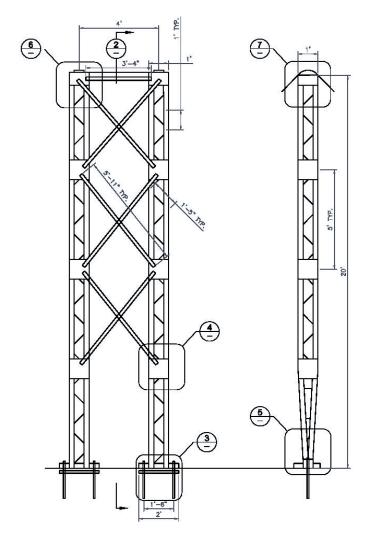


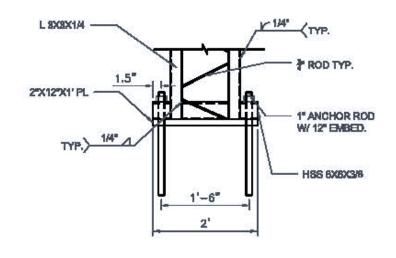


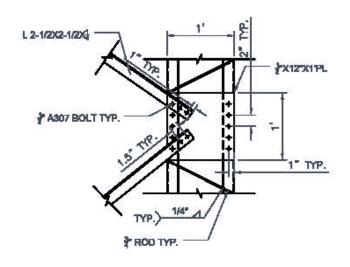




Tower Details







3 DETAIL: TOWER ANCHORAGE SCALE: 1"=1"40"



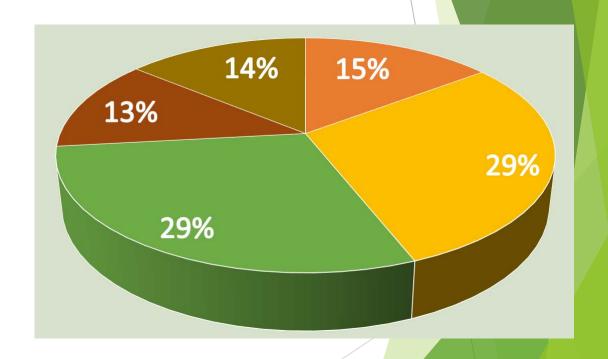






Cost Estimate

- Costs were estimated using U.S. material costs
 - ► Towers \$12,400
 - Anchor Blocks \$24,600
 - ▶ Walkway \$11,800
 - ► Cables \$24,600
 - ► Tower Foundation \$10,700
 - ► Total Estimate- \$85,900



Construction Schedule

- Construction will begin after road is completed
- Construction to be completed in the dry season (January—May)
- Estimate of about 124 work days to complete the project

| Task Name | Duration |
|---|----------|
| Mobilization | 5 days |
| Clearing and Grubbing at Site | 2 days |
| Gather Material for Foundations and Anchor blocks | 10 days |
| Foundations | 8 days |
| Anchor blocks | 10 days |
| Gather Materials for Tower Assembly | 10 days |
| Towers | 37 days |
| Gather Materials for Decking Assembly and Fencing | 10 days |
| Decking | 15 days |
| Adjust Main Cables to level Bridge Deck | 1 day |
| Fencing | 2 days |
| Pathway | 2 days |
| Demobilization | 2 days |
| Bridge Opening Ceremony | 1 day |
| Bridge Maintenance | |

Bridge Maintenance

- Paint towers to prevent rusting
- Check:
 - ► Cables for stretching or rust spots
 - ► Bolts
 - Deck boards for rotting
 - ► Possible erosion around foundations



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Questions

