Las Trancas Bridge Project

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Outline

- Community Overview
- Current Conditions of Roadway and Project Site
- Data Acquisition and Analysis
- Design Constraints and Alternatives
- Final Design Selection and Detailing
- Cost Estimate and Project Schedule



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Las Trancas Location & Transportation Routes



(via Google Maps)



Poor Road Conditions



Steep Road Grades





Previous Bridge Attempts



Current Conditions



Ford Crossing



Las Trancas Center



Las Trancas Community



Site Layout



Site Surveying



Contour Map



Soil Conditions

Soil Classification

- Brown red fat clay
- High Plasticity
- CH on ASTM Scale





Summary of Design Constraints

- Remote Location
- Poor Road Conditions
- Steep Elevations
- Budget
- Hydrology
- Soil Conditions



Design Alternatives





Steel Truss

Box Culvert





Wood Truss

Final Design

Flexible Steel Buried Bridge

- Reduces Live Loads
- Spread footings
- Natural river bottom
- Lightweight materials
- Low maintenance



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Hydrology - Watershed

- 0.33 mi² approximated watershed area
- ~ 4300' channel length leading into the site location
- NRCS Peak Discharge Method was used:
- ➤ Runoff Curve Number: 83



Hydrology - Stream Channel Slope



• 5% Channel Slope

Hydrology - Hydrograph

Hydrograph due to runoff through channel at project location



 280 ft³/s Max Flow Rate

Riprap Placement

- Plan view of Riprap Placement
- Riprap to be Placed at 3:1 along River Channel



Max River Height: 30" Max Velocity of 8.4 ft^3/s





Crown Plate and Footing on 3D model



Footing Design



Bridge Dimensions



Bridge Plates



Crown Plate Dimensions



Headwall Plate on 3D Model



Gravel Placement



- 18 ft Road Width
- Minimum 2 ft of Gravel Cover
- Masonry Wall to Contain Gravel



- 1 in Crushed, Angular Gravel
- 6" 8" Lifts and Compacted to 90%
- Vertical Road Grades of 16% and 20%

Masonry Wing Walls



Steel Headwall





Connection A rods run to opposite side Headwall. Connection B & C rods connect to Crown Plate

Cost Estimation and Project Schedule



Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	January 2017 February 2017 March 2017 1 4 7 10 13 16 19 22 25 28 31 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 2 5 8 11 14 17 20 23
Project Schedule	55 days	Mon 1/9/17	Fri 3/24/17		1
Material Preparation	1 day	Mon 1/9/17	Mon 1/9/17		8
Mobilization	6 days	Mon 1/9/17	Mon 1/16/17		
Site Preparation	6 days	Mon 1/16/17	Mon 1/23/17		
Footings	23.5 days	Mon 1/23/17	Thu 2/23/17		
Steel Plate Assembly	14 days	Thu 2/9/17	Tue 2/28/17		
Rip Rap Backfilling	3 days	Wed 3/1/17	Fri 3/3/17		
Roadbed Creation	9 days	Mon 3/6/17	Thu 3/16/17		
Site Repair	1 day	Fri 3/17/17	Fri 3/17/17		8
Cleanup / Demobilization	5 days	Mon 3/20/17	Fri 3/24/17		

Conclusion

- Las Trancas needs a reliable structure over this stream crossing to keep transportation route open year-round
- Analyzed data collected on assessment trip, formed design constraints
- Flexible buried steel bridge best meets design constraints
- Detailed final design
 - Channel Design
 - Footing Design
 - Roadbed Design
 - Steel Structure Design
- Cost Estimate Project Schedule



Thank You!

