



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
EXISTING BRIDGE MONITORING**

**Allamakee County  
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**Effective Date  
August 1, 2023**

**THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SERIES 2015, ARE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THEY PREVAIL OVER THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.**

**159017.01 DESCRIPTION.**

This specification identifies the Contractor's responsibilities during monitoring of vibrations, tilt, and displacements in the existing bridge during construction of the new structure. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to determine the construction methods that will be used to complete the work without causing damage to the existing bridge. Vibration, tilt, and displacement monitoring will be performed by the Iowa DOT's Monitoring Consultant and will not be the responsibility of the Contractor; however, the Contractor shall perform work in a manner that maintains vibrations, tilt and displacement levels at the existing bridge below levels required by these Special Provisions. The planned monitor locations for vibration, tilt and displacement monitoring include the pier cap level of Piers 1 through 8 and each Abutment of the existing bridge, as shown in Figure 1 through Figure 3.

**159017.02 PRECONSTRUCTION SURVEY.**

- A.** No information is available regarding the original foundation construction of Piers 1 through 8 and abutments of the existing bridge. The original bridge plans are not available. Copies of rehabilitation and repair plans are available from the Iowa DOT.
- B.** The Monitoring Consultant will perform a preconstruction condition documentation survey of the existing bridge to provide a record of visible, preexisting distresses and to aid in the development of a final instrumentation and monitoring program. Prior to the project bid date, the preconstruction condition documentation survey will be conducted, and a preconstruction condition documentation survey report will be issued. The Contractor shall review the preconstruction condition documentation survey results prior to the bid to develop appropriate means and methods of construction that will not cause additional or new distress to the existing bridge.
- C.** The preconstruction condition documentation survey will document aspects of the structural condition through observations, measurements, sketches, photographs, and other data the Monitoring Consultant may deem appropriate. Prior inspection reports available from Iowa DOT will be collated and attached as an appendix to the preconstruction condition documentation survey report.

**159017.03 INSTRUMENTATION AND MONITORING PLAN.**

- A.** The Monitoring Consultant will develop an Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan to monitor the existing bridge during construction activities with the potential to result in vibration-related or movement-related damage. The Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan will be issued prior to the project bid date.
- B.** The Contractor shall perform all construction work in a manner that maintains vibration, tilt, and displacements at each of the existing bridge piers and abutments below the Alert Thresholds established within the Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan. Preliminary vibration, tilt, and displacement protective limits are provided in this Special Provision; see Preliminary Alert Thresholds section below.
- C.** The Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan shall describe the following:
  - 1.** A vibration monitoring program developed to monitor vibrations at the existing bridge caused by the adjacent construction. The vibration monitoring program shall include the following:
    - Description of the vibration monitoring systems and installation details.
    - Vibration monitoring locations, which will include monitoring on Piers 1 through 8 and each Abutment.
    - Vibration data collection protocols, which will include continuous monitoring of vibrations during construction activities with the potential to cause ground-borne vibration.
    - Establishment of a Vibration Alert Threshold and an alert notification system.
    - Protocols to be followed by the Contractor in the event of an exceedance of the Vibration Alert Threshold, which will include immediate review of the construction methods occurring at the time of the event, communication with the Engineer and Monitoring Consultant, review of tilt and displacement monitoring data, and appropriate actions to prevent damage to the existing bridge.
  - 2.** A tilt and displacement monitoring program developed to monitor ground displacement resulting in settlement or rotation of the piers or abutments, or other unanticipated static movements of the existing bridge. Ambient temperature shall be recorded to aid in the distinction between thermal static movements and construction-related movements of the structure. The tilt and displacement monitoring program shall include the following:
    - Description of the tilt and displacement monitoring systems and installation details.
    - Tilt and displacement monitor locations, which will include monitoring on Piers 1 through 8 and each Abutment.
    - Tilt and displacement data collection protocols, which will include discrete readings at a minimum frequency of four times per day during construction activities with the potential to cause vibration, static ground movement, or settlement.
    - Establishment of a Tilt Alert Threshold and Displacement Alert Threshold and an alert notification system
    - Protocols to be followed by the Contractor in the event of an exceedance of the Tilt Alert Threshold or Displacement Alert Threshold, which will include immediate review of the construction methods occurring at the time of the event, communication with the Engineer and Monitoring Consultant, review of monitoring data, and appropriate actions to prevent further damage to the existing bridge. If the tilt or displacement alert thresholds defined herein are exceeded, the Contractor shall immediately suspend work they deem contributed to the exceedance and shall immediately consult with the Engineer and Monitoring Consultant to take appropriate actions to preserve stability of, and maintain traffic on, the existing bridge.

**159017.04 SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION MEANS AND METHODS.**

- A. The Contractor shall prepare a detailed summary of the proposed means and methods of construction for all construction phases and tasks with the potential to produce ground vibration, ground movement, or settlement that may affect any portions of the existing bridge. The summary of proposed means and methods of construction shall be submitted to the Engineer no later than 30 calendar days prior to commencing work that can impact the existing bridge, including any shaft or pile driving tests and foundation construction work. The Means and Methods Submittal shall include:
- Detailed description of construction methods and equipment, including type of equipment, equipment model, and technical specifications for all construction phases and tasks with the potential to produce ground vibration, ground movement, or settlement that may affect the existing bridge.
  - Detailed description of alternate methods or equipment to be used in the event that alert thresholds are exceeded to ensure that vibrations, tilt, and displacements are kept below the established Alert Thresholds (defined below).

**159017.05 ALERT RESPONSE PLAN.**

- A. The Contractor shall prepare an Alert Response Plan summarizing the response protocols that will be followed in the event of an exceedance of the vibration, tilt, or displacement Alert Thresholds established in the Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan. The Alert Response Plan shall be submitted to the Engineer no later than 15 calendar days prior to commencing work that can impact the existing bridge. The Alert Response Plan will be reviewed by the Engineer. Any comments from the Engineer must be addressed through revision or amendment, resubmittal of the plan, and subsequent approval prior to commencing work.
- B. The Alert Response Plan shall detail the following information and protocols to be followed by the Contractor in the event of an exceedance of the monitoring alert thresholds:
- Identification of the individuals, and their contact information, of the Contractor's site personnel designated to receive and respond to alert notifications from the vibration, tilt, and displacement monitoring system(s).
  - Method for coordinating with the Monitoring Consultant to promptly review the monitoring data and construction activities that occurred at the time of the exceedance.
  - Establish a protocol for the identification of the activity or construction equipment that caused the vibration, tilt, or displacement threshold to be exceeded.
  - Daily activity log of vibration-inducing activity to ensure the identification of the cause of any vibration, tilt, and/or displacement event. A daily activity log for the duration of the construction project shall be maintained either in written or electronic form.
  - In the event of a verified exceedance of the Tilt Alert Threshold or Displacement Alert Threshold, a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Iowa and retained by the Contractor shall conduct a post-alert condition survey of the existing bridge. This Alert Response Plan shall detail the method for coordinating with the Engineer and conducting the post-alert condition survey. The post-alert condition survey shall include a comparative evaluation of the condition of the existing bridge relative to the preconstruction condition documented within the preconstruction condition documentation report issued by the Monitoring Consultant. The Contractor shall submit a written post-alert condition survey report signed by the Contractor's engineer, summarizing the results of the survey, and clearly identifying any visible and/or measurable changes in conditions relative to the preconstruction condition.

- C. In the event that the vibration, tilt, or displacement Alert Thresholds are exceeded at any monitor location, the Contractor shall immediately suspend work with the potential to have caused vibration or movement of the existing bridge and shall follow the Alert Response Plan. Suspension of the work shall remain in effect until, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the cause of the exceedance has been identified, the Alert Response Plan has been executed, and if warranted the means and methods of construction have been adjusted to reduce the potential for further exceedance of the Alert Thresholds. A written recommendation from the Contractor's engineer to resume work shall be submitted to the Engineer prior to authorization to resume work.

**159017.06 VIBRATION, TILT, AND DISPLACEMENT ALERT THRESHOLDS.**

- A. The Alert Thresholds defined in this Special Provisions represent the preliminary vibration, tilt and displacement alert thresholds recommended for monitoring of the existing bridge. The preliminary thresholds assume that monitoring will be conducted on the pier caps of Piers 1 through 8 and on each Abutment of the existing bridge. The monitoring locations and Alert Thresholds may be revised within the final Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan; however, the preliminary thresholds represented below are not expected to be reduced within the final Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan.

**B. Vibration:**

- All piers and abutments - Vibration alert threshold: 2.0 inches/second (ips) peak particle velocity (PPV), regardless of frequency

**C. Tilt and Displacement:**

- All piers and abutments - Vertical displacement alert threshold: +/- 0.75 inches
- Out-of-plane (roughly east-west / parallel to the bridge centerline) and in-plane (roughly north-south / transverse to the bridge centerline) horizontal displacement alert thresholds as follows:

<b>Abutment/ Pier Number</b>	<b>Out-of-plane Tilt (+/- Degrees)</b>	<b>In-plane Tilt (+/- Degrees)</b>	<b>Out-of-plane Displacement (+/- Inches)</b>	<b>In-plane Displacement (+/- Inches)</b>
West Abutment	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75
Pier 1	0.10	0.10	1.00	0.75
Pier 2	0.20	0.10	2.50	0.75
Pier 3	0.25	0.10	2.50	0.75
Pier 4	0.20	0.10	1.00	0.75
Pier 5	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75
Pier 6	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75
Pier 7	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75
Pier 8	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75
East Abutment	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.75

**159017.07 BASIS OF PAYMENT.**

There will be no specific pay item associated with these Special Provisions. The means and methods of work required to achieve compliance with these Special Provisions shall be considered incidental to the work. There will be no compensation for delays as the result of exceedance of the vibration, tilt, or displacement Alert Thresholds, or for adjustment of construction activities or equipment should an exceedance occur. There is no payment for Contractor's response to exceeding the Alert Thresholds, including but not limited to, coordination with Monitoring Consultant and Engineer, post-alert data reviews, and post-alert condition surveys and associated reporting.

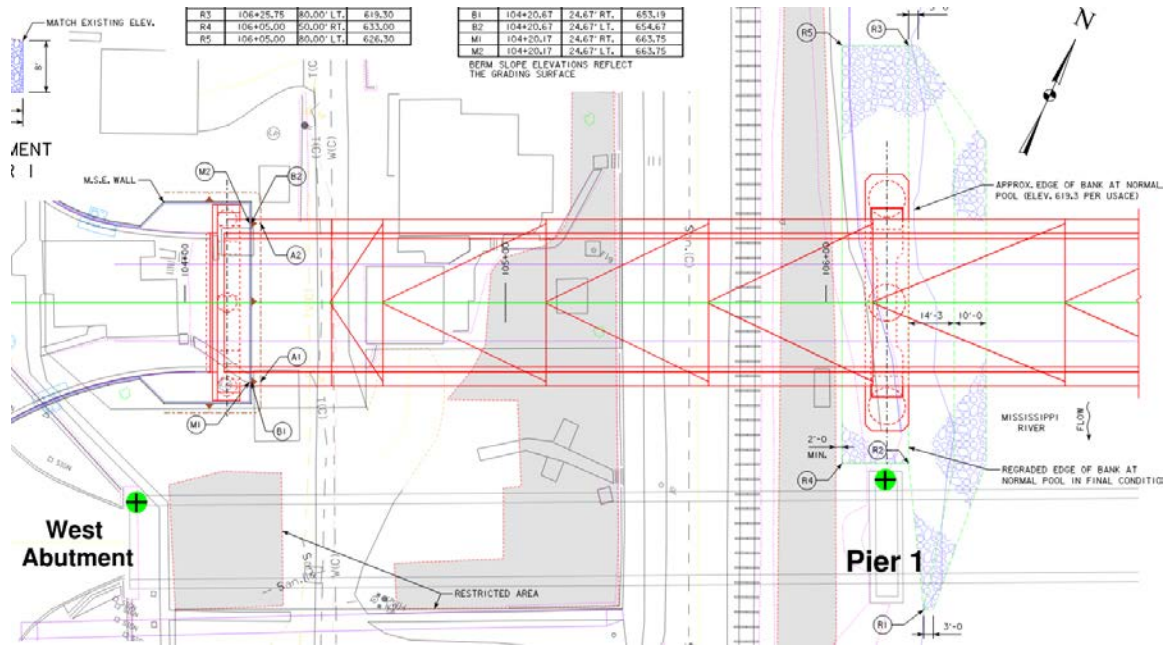


Figure 1: Preliminary Monitor Locations –West Abutment and Pier 1.

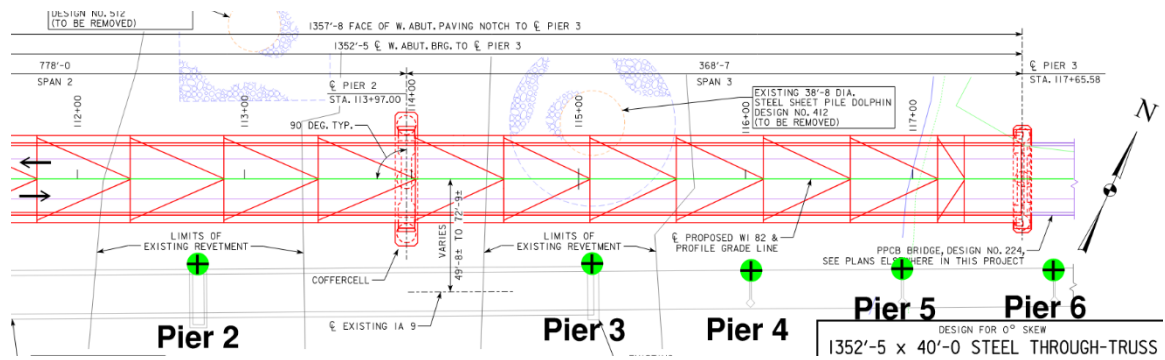


Figure 2: Preliminary Monitor Locations –Pier 2 to Pier 6

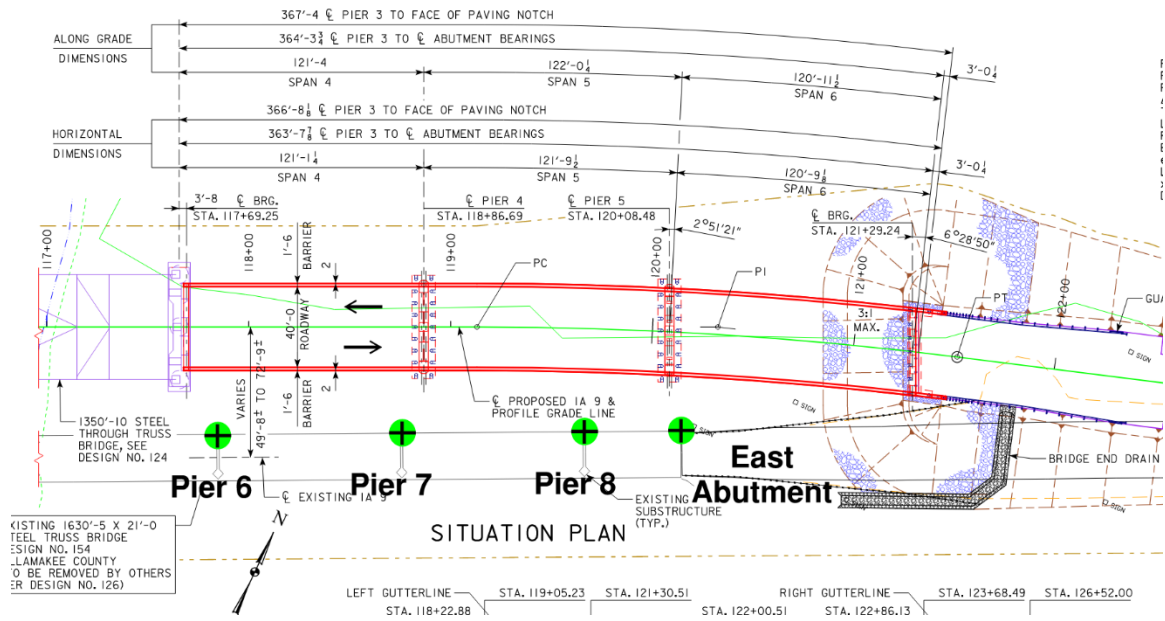


Figure 3: Preliminary Monitor Locations –Pier 6 to East Abutment