

### **High Steel Open House**

### October 4, 2013

### **BrIM in Structural Steel Fabrication:**

**Current Uses, Benefits and Potential** 





# "Traditional" BrIM in Steel Fabrication



STRUCTURES INC. An Affiliate of High Industries Inc.



### **Current Uses of BrIM**



- Generation of Shop Drawings, Fab Data & CAM Files
- Fabrication Planning
- Fit Verification and Clash Detection
- Data Warehouse for Fabrication
  Documentation (QC Data)
- Steel Erection Planning







#### **SHOP DRAWING TO FABRICATION FLOW - TRADITIONAL**



#### SHOP DRAWING TO FABRICATION FLOW - WITH ADVENT OF CNC EQUIPMENT





CNC

EQUIPMENT

MODELS

**MODELS/DATA** 

USED

**MODELS/DATA** 

**GOVERN!** 



**APPROVAL** 



FOR

**APPROVAL** 

ALL

**COMPONENTS** 

PROJECT



Digital

### **BrIM and Design Interaction**

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- Design Data Transfer Project Geometry
  - Roadway Horizontal, Vertical, Cross slopes
  - Span
  - Deck Thickness, Haunches
  - Structural Steel Top of Steel Elevations, Camber Data



Project: NYSDOT Kew Gardens Interchange, Contract 2A



- Design Data Transfer Member Properties
  - Steel Member Sizes, Shapes
  - Size Transition Locations
  - Material Specifications



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# **BrIM and Fabrication**





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## **BrIM and Fit Verification/Assembly**



### **Traditional Assembly**

- Labor Intensive
- Time Consuming
- Costly





### **BrIM and Fit Verification/Assembly**



SETUP 1 SETUP 2

- Schedule/Size Prohibited Full Assembly
- Physical Progressive Laydown Assembly
- Fully Connected Virtual Assembly in

**Position for Bearing to Bearing Check** 

### **BrIM and Fit Verification/Assembly**



**Physical Assembly avoids** issues here, **BUT Virtual Assembly can** achieve same result





May 9, 2013

#### LOCAL NEWS

High Steel Structures awarded PennDOT contract for emergency replacement of bridge at I-81 Interchange

Lancaster County based High Steel Structures is awarded a PennDOT contract to fabricate 365 tons of structural steel for the emergency replacement of the bridge carrying Route 22 eastbound traffic into Harrisburg at the Interstate 81 exit 67 interchange.

The overpass bridge was severely damaged on Thursday, May 9, when a tanker truck loaded with diesel fuel overturned and caught fire causing massive traffic delays in the Harrisburg metro.

Courtesy: WPMT43

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### Project Timeline

- May 09 Accident Occurred
- May 10 HSSI Contacted PennDOT to Offer Assistance
- May 23 NTP from PennDOT
- June 06 Start of Fabrication (2 weeks after NTP)
- August 09 Start of Steel Delivery (11 weeks after NTP)
- August 12 Start of Steel Erection
- August 26 Completion of Steel Erection (13-1/2 weeks after NTP)







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- Expedited Shop Drawing/Model Review
  - Direct Communication—PennDOT, Gannett Fleming, HSSI
  - Redline Markup of Existing Shop Drawings
  - Modeling of Box Girders





- On-Site Review/Approval of Model
  - Design Change from Existing FPW to Bolted Connection
  - Investigation/Resolution of Design/Detail Issues
  - Verification of Design Requirements





### • Fabrication Drawing Approval















### **95 Calender Days**

### NTP to Complete Steel Erection





## **BrIM Benefits in Steel Fabrication**

- An Affiliate of High Industries Inc.
- Optimizes Workflow from Design to Detailing to Fabrication
- Minimizes Errors due to:
  - Manual Data Transfer
  - Detailing Misfits
- Provides One Source for Data
  - Shop Drawings
  - Fabrication Documentation
  - QC Records
- Eliminates Redundant or Manual Efforts
  - Manual Programming and Fabrication Processes
  - Physical Assemblies for Fit Verification



# **BrIM Potential in Steel Fabrication**

- Transfer of Design Data from Engineer to Fabricator
  - Industry format needed
- Fabrication Approval Process
  - Use of Models; Fewer Dwgs
- Project Doc Warehouse
  - Fabrication Details
  - Fabrication QC Docs
  - As-Built Docs



- Maintenance / Inspection / Rating Docs
- Virtual Assemblies & Erection Planning





- Be Open to the Possibilities of BrIM
- Consider the Benefits to You
  - Owner, Engineer, GC
- Promote the Benefits
- Discuss with Owners
- Participate with Industry



• AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration--TG 15 Data Modeling for Interoperability

