

### **Steel Day 2023 – Industry Update**

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#### Who We Are

Meet the NSBA Team

### National Steel Bridge Alliance

Technical Institute & Trade Association

Not-for-profit: working for the advancement of steel bridge design and construction

Services: free resources, forums, AASHTO/NSBA collaboration, preliminary design & evaluation tools, continuing education

### Meet the **NSBA**

### Bridge Steel Specialists

Western Market open

Central Market Tony Peterson

Southeast Market open

Northeast Market Vin Bartucca

Steel Solutions Center Travis Hopper<sup>1</sup>



Leadership Team

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The Steel Solutions Center is your gateway to nearly 100 years of steel knowledge, and it's just a phone call or email away.

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answer your technical questions about structural steel design.



help you understand NSBA's technical publications.



help you reduce project risk by connecting decision-makers with AISC bridge-member fabricators for price and schedule information.



provide conceptual solutions for steel girder and beam bridges, including framing plan and girder spacing concepts, preliminary girder sizes, and steel tonnage estimates. Home Trade Show Hotels FAQs Newsroom For Exhibitors More

## NASCC: THE STEEL CONFERENCE

World Steel Bridge Symposium QualityCon Architecture in Steel SafetyCon SEICon24 SSRC Annual Stability Conference NISD Conference on Steel Detailing

#### HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER | MARCH 20-22, 2024 SAN ANTONIO

Registration for NASCC: The Steel Conference 2024 opens in January!

## **Knowledge Base**

#### Before we get started...

Guidelines and such are no substitute for talking with the experienced engineers in your office, colleagues, fabricators, erectors, or NSBA.

Welding Example



## **Presentation Outline**

- NSBA Website
  - Design & Estimating Resources
  - Modern Steel Construction
  - AASHTO/NSBA Collaboration
- Current Initiatives & Other Available Resources
- Market Trends







#### A Century of American Steel Bridges



#### New Interactive Bridge Timeline

Did you know that the word "dinosaur" is younger than the oldest U.S. steel bridge that's still in service? A lot happened between 1838 and 1938-including the construction of more than 25,000 U.S. steel bridges that are still in service. Check out our new interactive timeline featuring a century of steel bridges throughout history!

VIEW NOW

#### Featured Prize Bridge Award Winner



The \$3.98 billion Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge-the largest bridge project in New York history and one of the largest transportation design-build contracts in the United States to date--replaced the old Tappan Zee Bridge over the Hudson River. It is designed for a 100year service life.

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## **NSBA** Website

#### Design and Estimating

AASHTO/NSBA Collaboration







Find a Certified Fabricator

#### Steel Solutions Center



#### WSBS Past Conference Proceedings



#### Access archival sessions and conference proceedings from past World Steel Bridge

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#### Plate Availability Here you'll find plate availability tables.

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#### **Bridge Innovations**



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#### Extending In-Service Life



Existing steel bridges throughout the country can get a new lease on life thanks to the many proven rehabilitation and strengthening techniques that can easily take advantage of existing steel and extend the bridge's useful life.

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#### Redundancy and Fracture-Critical Members







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Achieving Speed in Steel Bridge Fabrication

Describe the best practices for executing the fabrication of a steel bridge project.

### **Major Chapters**

- Shop drawing approval
- Shop assembly
- Quality control
- Best practices on behalf of the owner
- Best practices on the behalf of the designer
- Best practices on design-build project

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Steel Achieving Speed in Steel Bridge Fabrication

Accelerated





Uncoated Weathering Steel Reference Guide

# Reduce cost from fabrication & life cycle cost through long term maintenance costs

#### **Major Chapters**

- Benefits and Appropriate Use.
- Design and Detailing Recommendations.
- Fabrication and Construction Considerations
- In-Service Inspection and Maintenance.
- Preservation and Repair.

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Uncoated Weathering Steel Reference Guide



Single Coat IOZ Synthesis Study

# SIOZ is a cost-effective solution to corrosion protection in instances where weathering steel may not be appropriate.

#### **Major Chapters**

- Literature Review.
- Survey of Current Bridge Inventory.
- Field Assessment of In-Service Bridges.
- Recommendations for Further Research.

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Single Coat Inorganic Zinc Protection for Steel Bridges



#### Lean-on Bracing Guide

Easiest method for achieving cost effectiveness for straight steel I-girder bridges with little or no skew.

#### **Major Chapters**

- Stability Fundamentals.
- Available Literature and Research.
- Design Approach.
- Fabrication and Erection Consideration.
- Case Studies.
- Design Examples Two.

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Lean-on Bracing Reference Guide



## Achieving Speed From Design to Delivery

#### **Material Procurement - Plate**

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#### Steel Plate Availability for Highway Bridges

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## Modern Steel Construction

Modern Steel Construction is the only magazine in the United States devoted exclusively to the design, fabrication and construction of structural steel buildings and bridges. modernsteel.com/subscribe





#### **AASHTO/NSBA** Collaboration



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#### https://www.aisc.org/nsba/nsba-publications/aashto-nsba-collaboration/

• Provides a forum where professionals can work together to improve and achieve the quality and value of steel bridges through standardization of design, fabrication and erection.

#### **Specifications and Guidelines**

Specifications:

- Written in "spec language"
- Can be adopted as a contract document

#### Guidelines:

- Written as a reference
- Consensus of the steel industry
- ALL ARE FREE!!!





### Variety of Collaboration Standards for Engineers

- Guidelines for Design Details (G1.4-2006)
- Guidelines for Design for Constructability (G12.1-2016)
- Guidelines for Steel Girder Bridge Analysis (G13.1-2019)
- Steel Bridge Erection Guide Specification (S10.1-2019)
- Steel Bridge Bearing Design and Detailing Guidelines (G9.1-2004)
- Design Drawings Presentation Guidelines (G1.2-2003)
- Shop Drawing Review/Approval Guidelines (G1.1-2000)

### Guidelines for Design Details (G1.4-2006)

- Collection of sample design details that allow for the economical fabrication and erection of bolted splices, cross frames, and stiffeners. Guidelines for Design for Constructability (G12.1-2016)
- When in doubt regarding a specific design detail, this should be the engineer's first reference AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration

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### Guidelines for Design for Constructability (G12.1-2016)

- Provides engineers with design and detailing recommendations to help make steel girder type bridges more easily fabricated and constructible.
- Refer to this guideline for a better understanding of certain details can affect fabrication, and for general guidance to make better informed decisions during design.











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# Guideline for Navigating Routine Steel Bridge Design

- for straight, low skew, <200' span steel girder bridges ("routine")
- Implement AASHTO LRFD BDS with greater efficiency and quality
  - Released <u>www.aisc.org/nsba</u>

### **Coatings Performance Study**

- bring more confidence for use of corrosion protection systems when they are needed
- provide better guidance on when to prescribe weathering steel or a particular coating systems









### **Steel Girder Bridge Design Standards**

- Develop a National Standard for single span, two-span, three-span, and possibly four-span bridges.
- Apply to "typical" overpass type structures.
- Base designs on what is most constructable fabrication and erection.
- Encourage designers to use the girder as is, no plate changes.
- Provide examples on how to use when project does not fit exactly.





### **Steel Bridge Design Handbook Update**

- FHWA handing back to NSBA
- To be updated for AASHTO LRFD 9th Edition
- Online Publication Feb 2022

### **Steel Bridge Design Class**

- Create Course Syllabus and Teaching Material that can be used to administer a graduate level class
- Contract with Russo Structural Services & MA Grubb & Associates
- Estimated completion Early 2023



### LRFD SIMON

- Free Line Girder analysis software
- Strength I, Service, Constructability, and Fatigue girder checks
- Updated to AASHTO LRFD BSD 9<sup>th</sup> Edition





### **Market Trends**



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## **Common Bridge Material Today**

Table 1 Plate Thickness Availability by Steel Grade Inched

Thickness	A709 Grade S0 & S0W	A709 Grade HPS 50W	A709 Grade HPS 70W	A709 Grade HPS 100W
3%				
34				
394				
36				
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Table 2 Plate Width Availability by Steel Grade (Inches)

Width	A709 Grade 50 & 50 W	A709 Grade HPS S0W	A709 Grade HPS 70W	A709 Grade HPS 100W
48		1		
54				
60				
66				
72				
75				
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Table 3

Maximum Plate Length Availability (Inches) - ASTM A709 Grade 50 & 50W

Plate	Plate Width-Grade 50 & 50W								
Thickness	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120
34	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034
<u>%</u>	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034
74	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034
3/1	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034
34	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034
54	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,026	972	923
1	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,030	980	690	680
134	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	790	680	680
11/2	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	720	690	680
134	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	995	720	680	680
2	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	930	720	680	680
2%	1,034	1,034	980	1,034	975	865	720	680	680
215	1,034	1,034	975	925	875	825	720	690	680
2%	1,034	975	900	850	800	720	700	650	625
3	970	900	825	775	725	675	650	600	575

The following key should be referenced when using Table 3

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Readily available from two domestic mills

Readily available from

one domestic mill

readily available

### **Structural Shape Availability**



## **Plate Mills**



### Bridge Cost Breakdown

- Total cost to owner General Breakdown
  - Raw material 33%
  - Labor 33%
  - Erection & construction 33%
- Saving material (designing for least weight) can result in a greater fabrication labor cost.
- Consider amount of steel rebar in piers, pier caps, deck, and other substructure elements.
- Designers should talk with bridge fabricators about their design before finalizing it.



## **Average Mill Price of A709-50W**

#### Size 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. thick x 96 in. wide x 636 in. long



Raw material pricing presented in this chart is a small snapshot of a limited time and is not representative of long term historical and future trends.

## **Historical Fabricated Steel Costs**



#### Also available at artba.org/economics/materials-dashboard/

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## **More Information**

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