

# Sunshine Bridge Emergency Repair

Southeast Bridge Preservation Partnership  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
4/17/2019

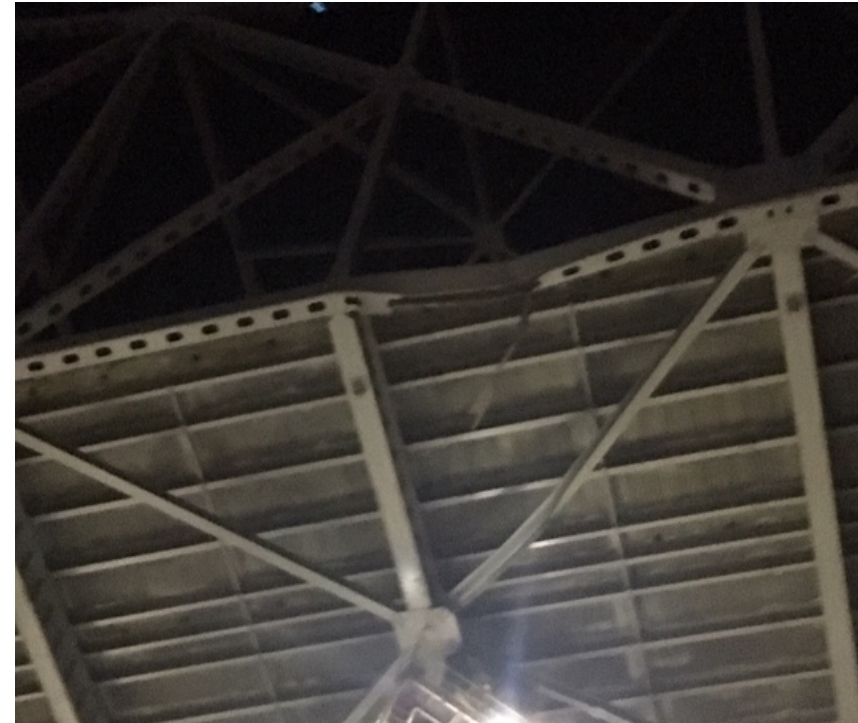
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# OUTLINE

- Damages
- Repair
- Project Team
- Timeline

# Damages

➤ 10/12/18 ~3:00am Sunshine Bridge was hit

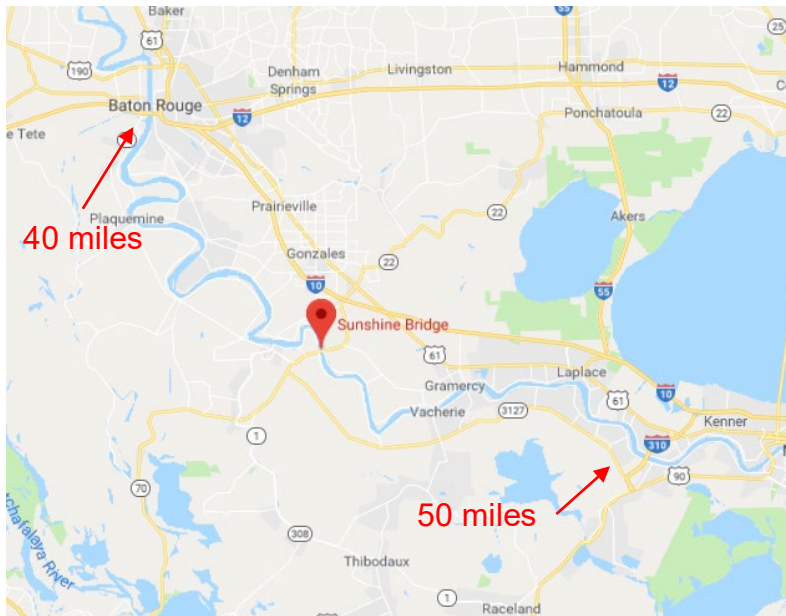


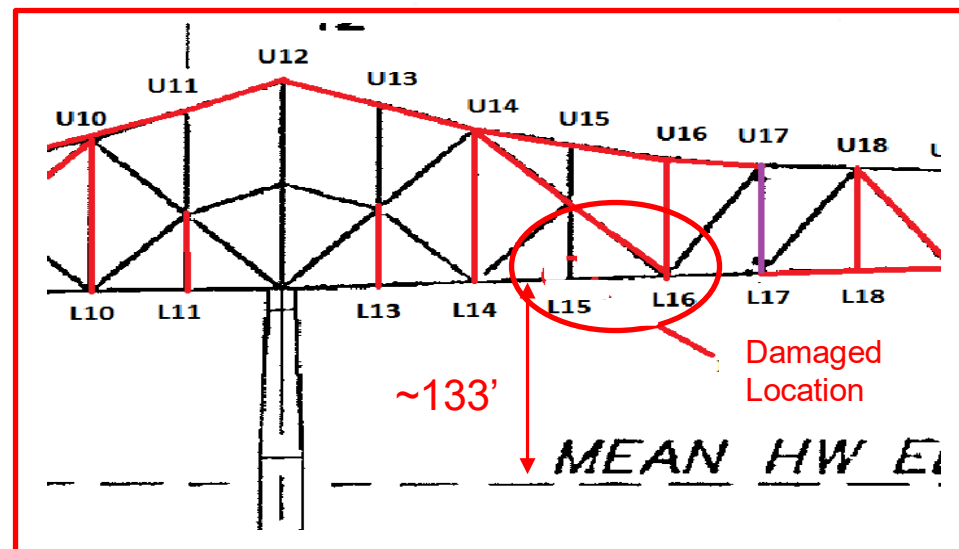
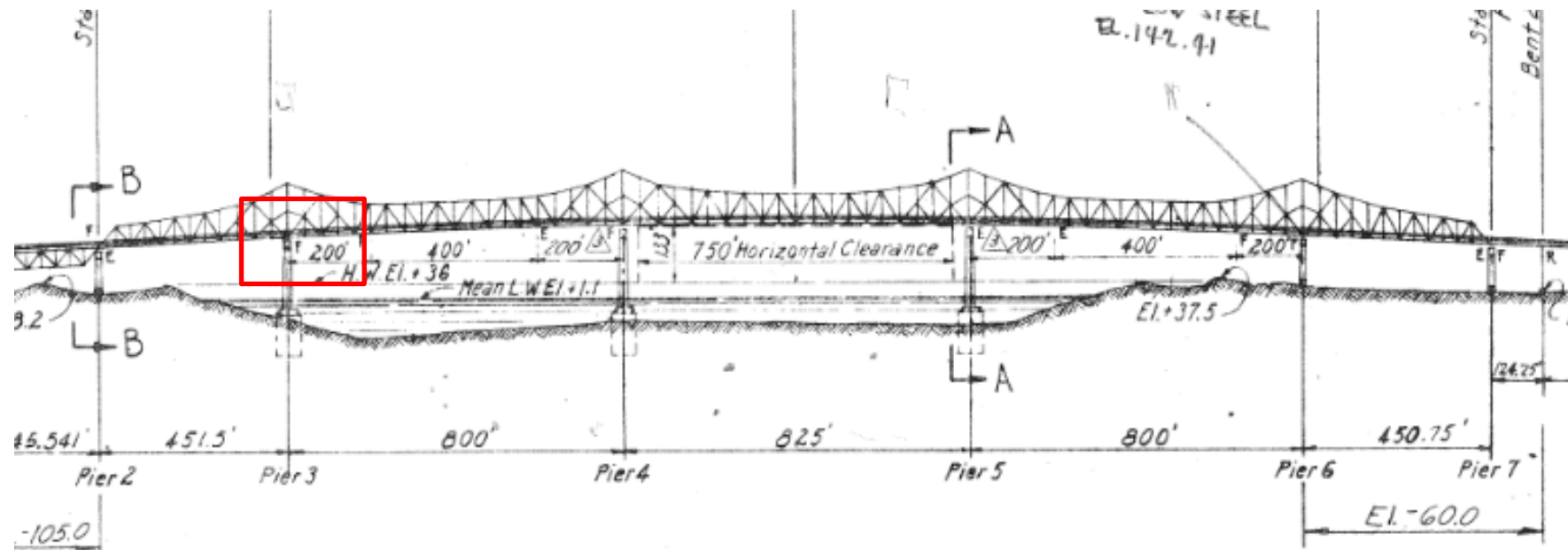






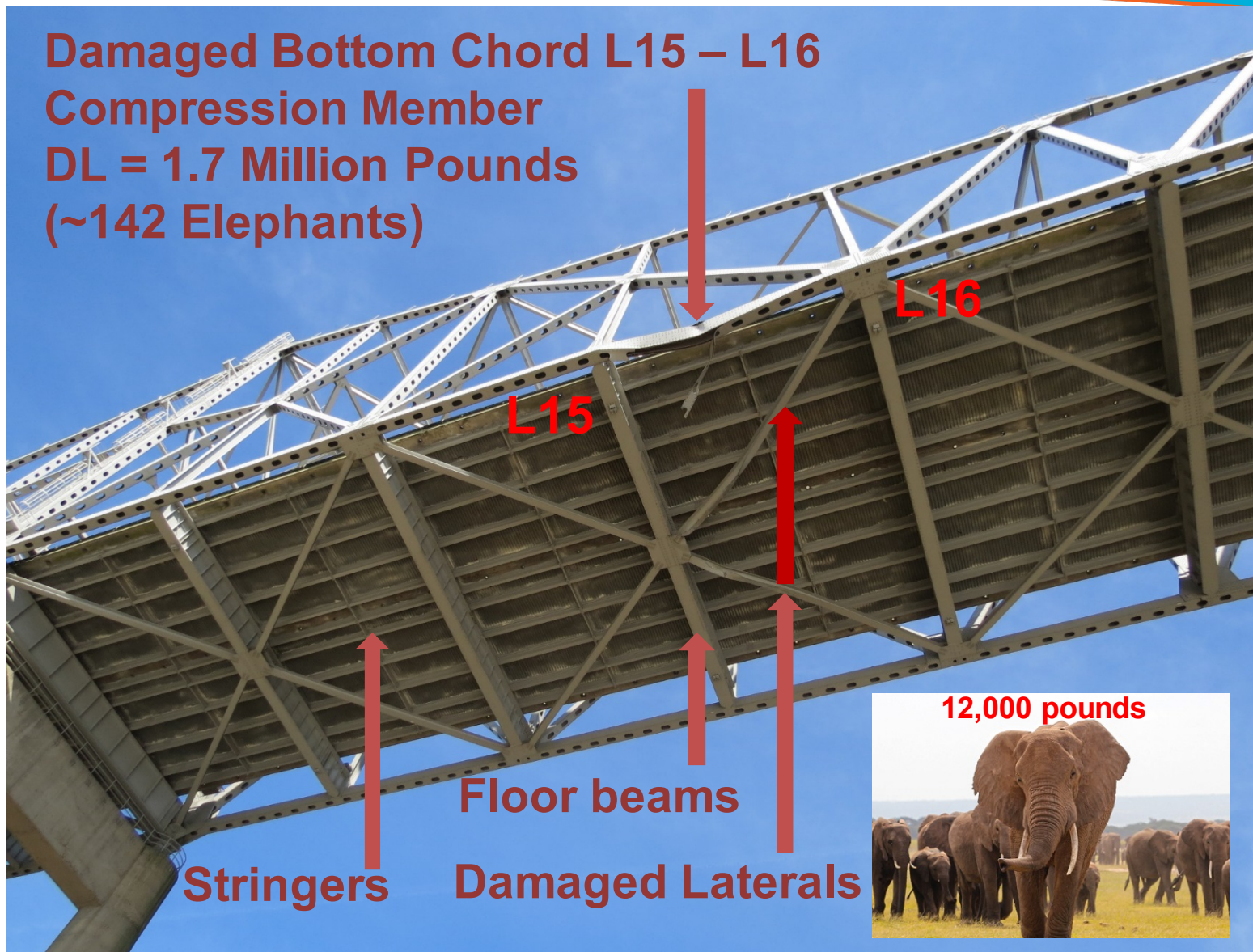








**Damaged Bottom Chord L15 – L16**  
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**(~142 Elephants)**



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**How many trapped in the damaged chord?**





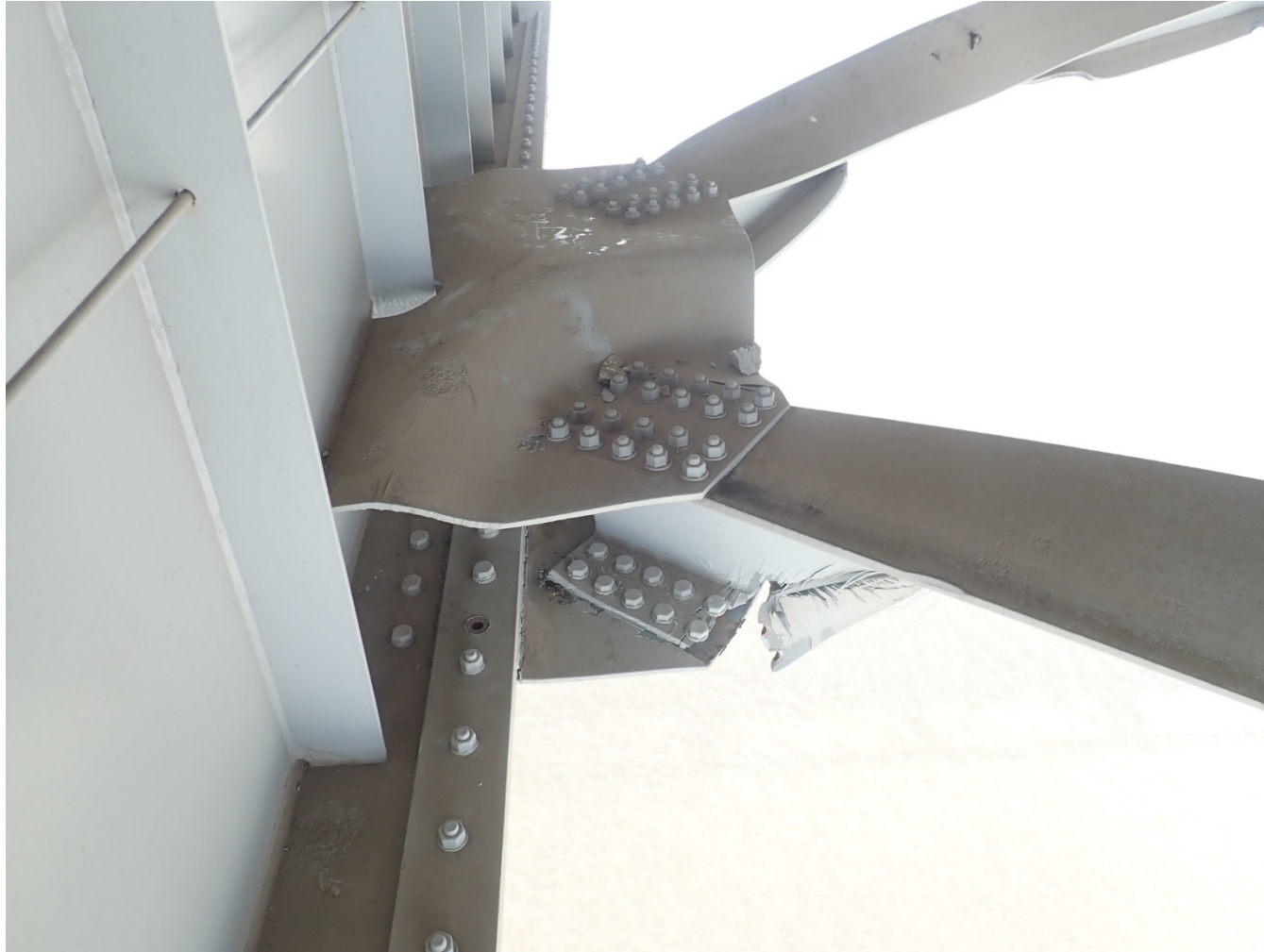














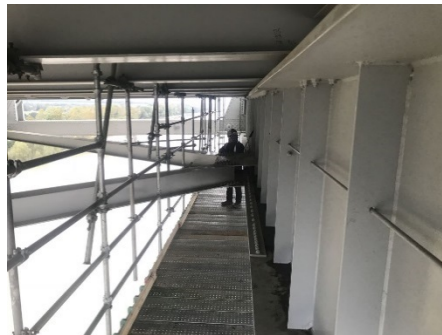
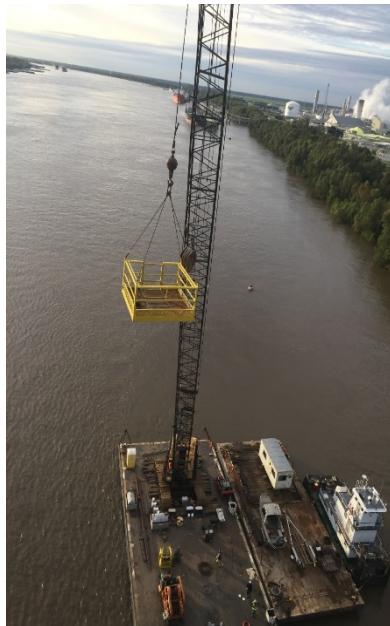
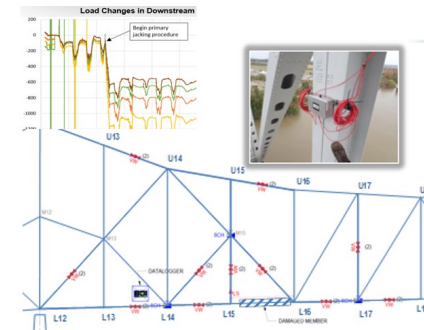
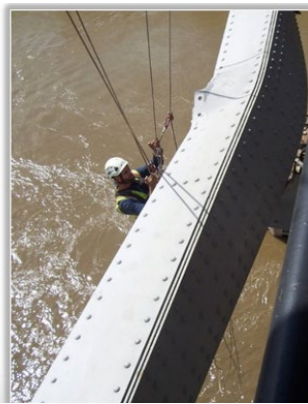


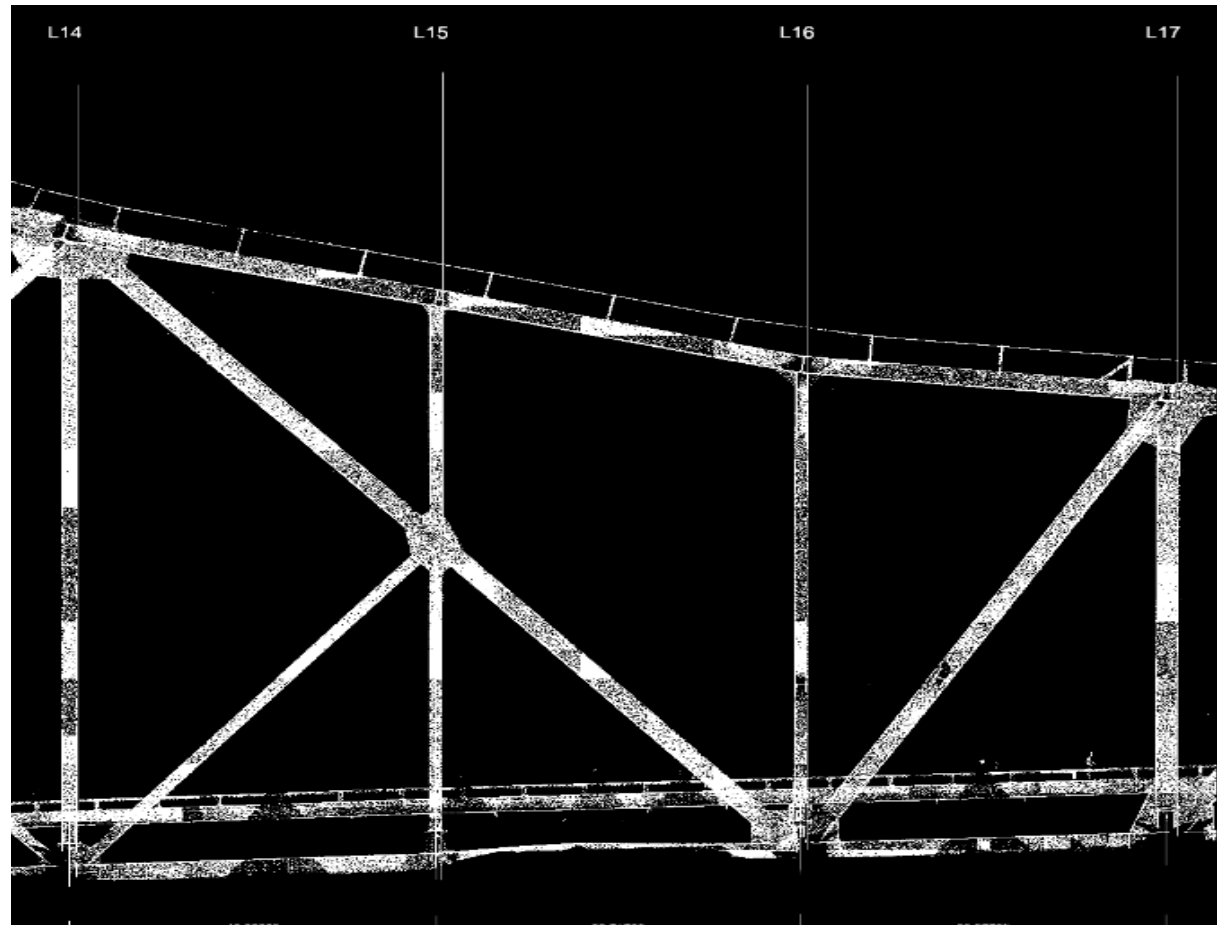


**49 locations**  
**160+ misc. damages**

# Repair







L15 (39.72') L16 (40') L17

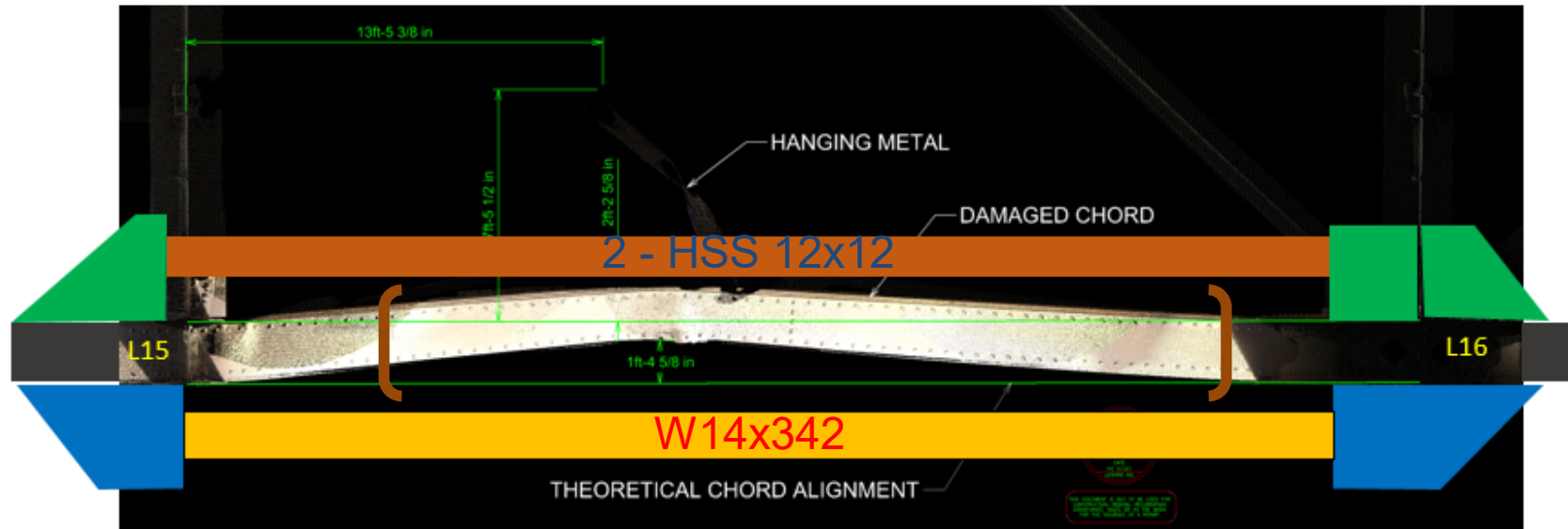
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# Two Goals

- Restore Original Geometry
- Restore Load – 1700 k or 142



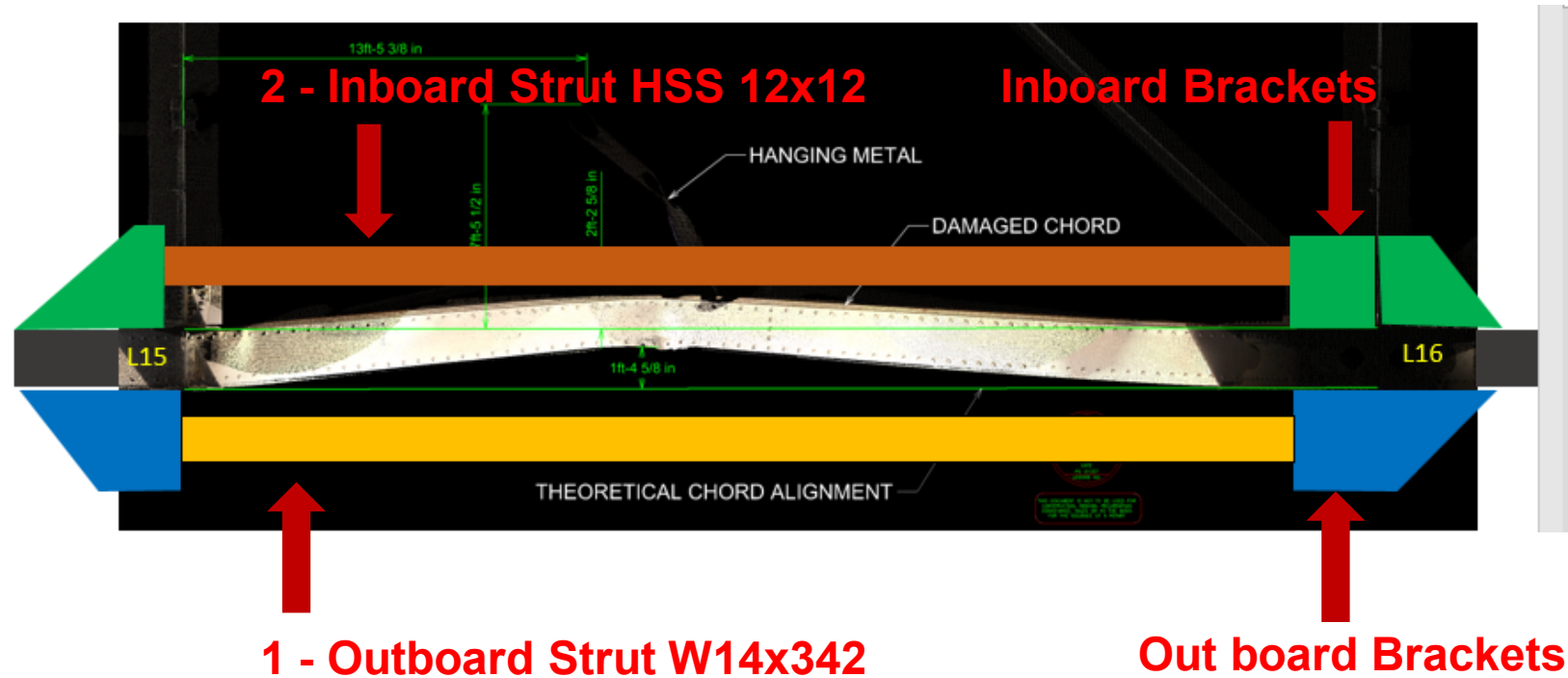




### Repair Steps

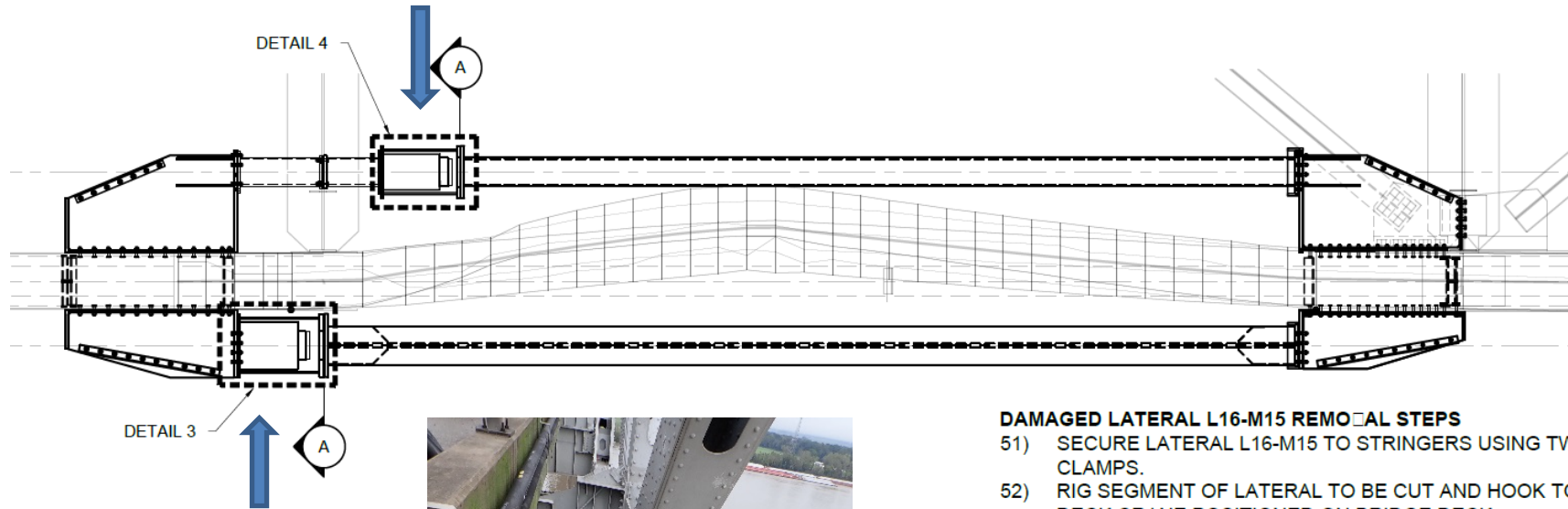
1. Design and install jacking frame (load bypass system)
2. Cut middle section of damaged chord
3. Heat straightening remaining ends
4. Jacking the structure to original geometry
5. Install replacement chord and splice ends
6. Transfer load from jacking frame to replacement chord

# Step 1a – Design Jacking Frame



Jacking System Capacity =  $1.5 \times 1,700,000 \text{ lbs} = 2,550,000 \text{ lbs}$

## 2 - 500 Ton Jacks



## 1000 Ton Jack

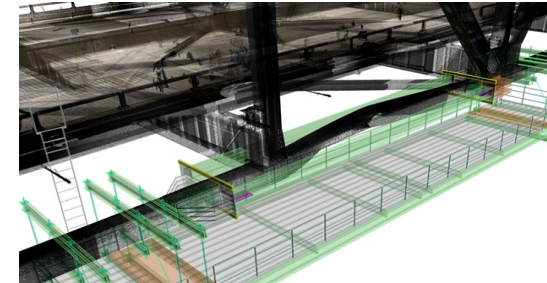
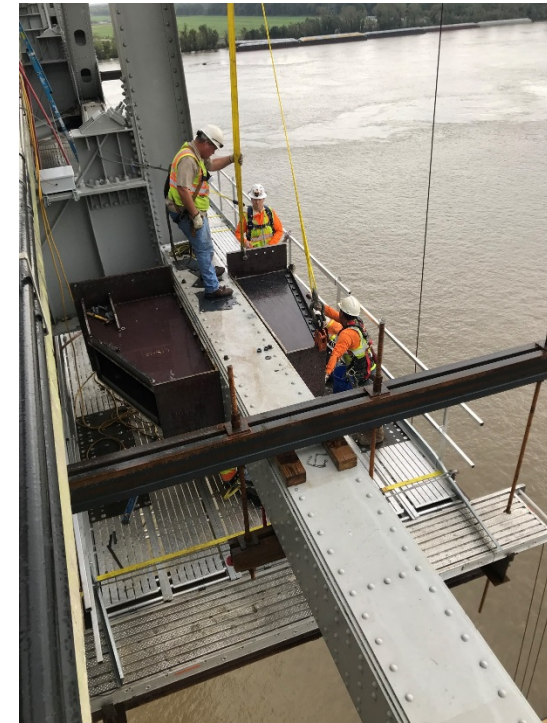
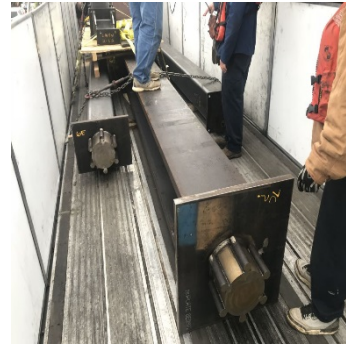


### DAMAGED LATERAL L16-M15 REMOVAL STEPS

- 51) SECURE LATERAL L16-M15 TO STRINGERS USING TWO BEAM CLAMPS.
- 52) RIG SEGMENT OF LATERAL TO BE CUT AND HOOK TO CARRY DECK CRANE POSITIONED ON BRIDGE DECK.
- 53) CREATE DOGBONE STRAIN RELIEF PER DETAIL 2 IN LATERAL APPROXIMATELY 3 FT FROM L16 END
- 54) ADJUST JACK PRESSURES PER PROCEDURE
- 55) SEVER LATERAL
- 56) UNBOLT LATERAL AND REMOVE SEGMENT

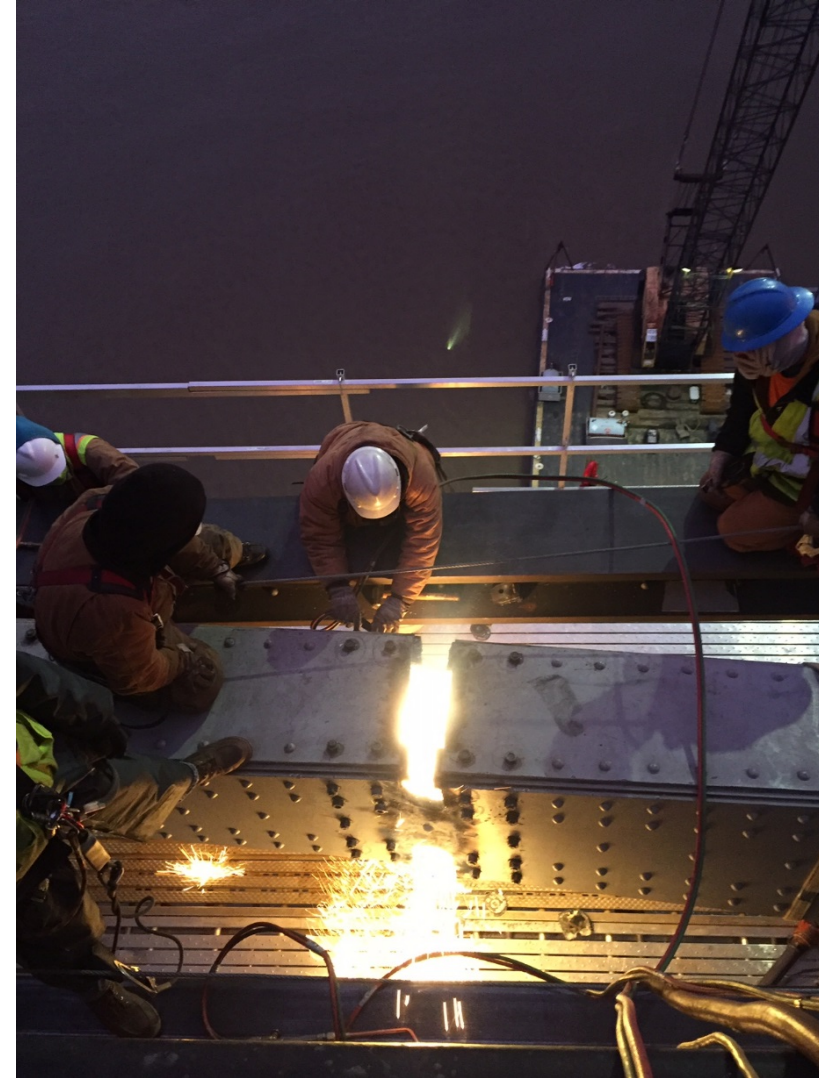
## Installation Procedure 50+ Steps





## Step 1b – Install Jacking Frame





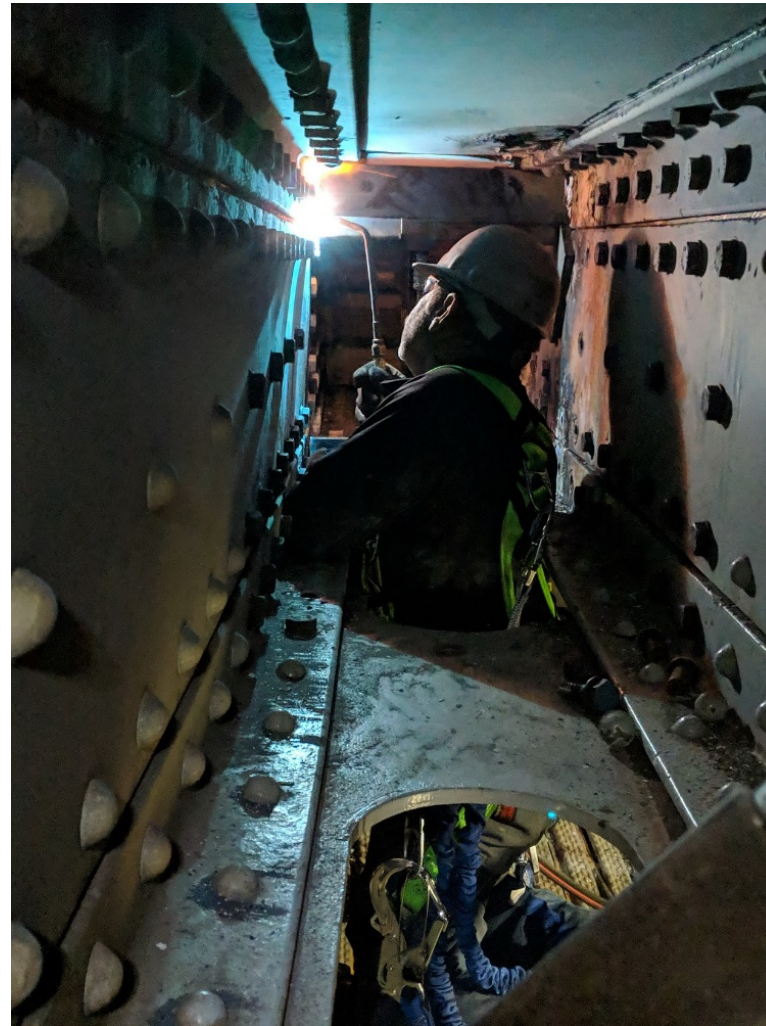
## Step 2 – Cut Damaged Chord



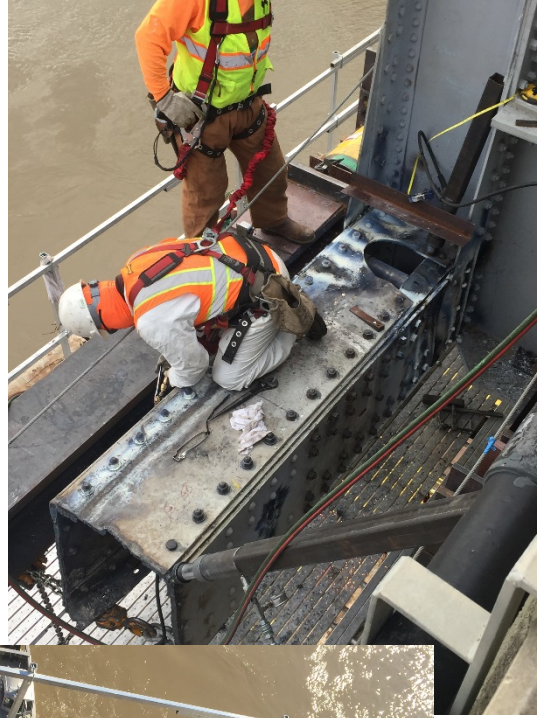


## Step 3 – Heat Straightening

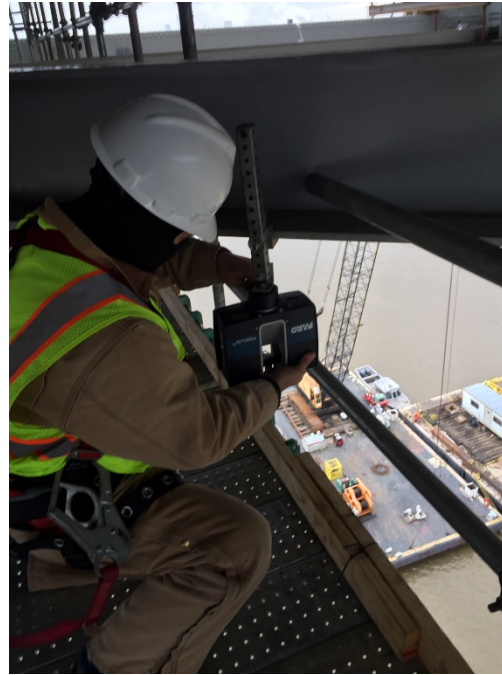












**Jacking Up to 2.1  
Million Pounds at 50k  
increments.  
Critical, Slow, and  
Long Process  
100+ Steps**



## **Step 4 – Jacking Structure to Original Geometry**

# Jacking Monitoring System

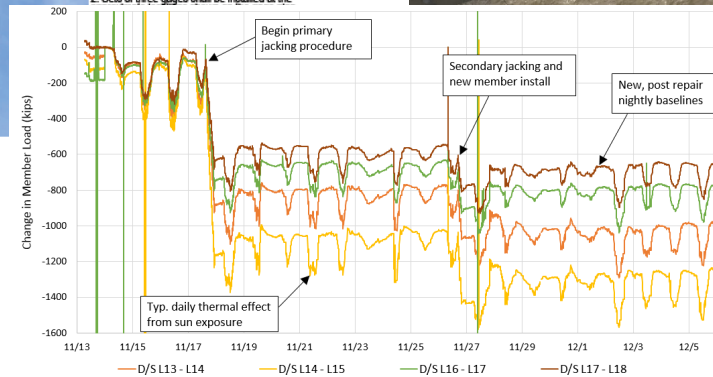
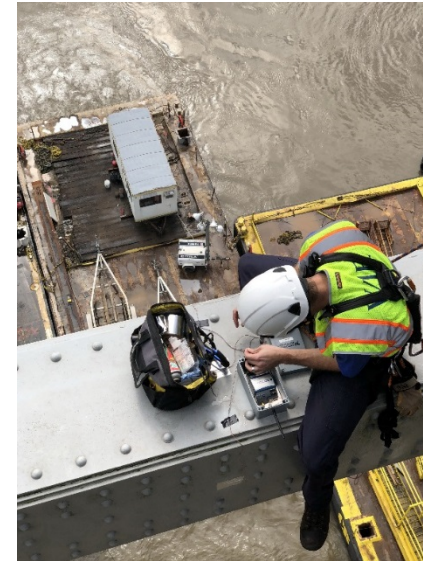


Gage Set ID	Member	Type	Gage Count	System
1	L16-FB17	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
2	L16-L17	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
3	L16-U17	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
4	L16-U16	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
5	L16-M15	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
6	L15-M15	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
7	L14-L15	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
8	L14-M15	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
9	L14-U14	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
10	L15*-L16*	Axial strain	3	NI wireless
11	L15-L16	Axial strain	3	Campbell wired

\* Denotes upstream chord joint.

Live video camera (mounted to L14-M15)

Notes  
1. All strain gages shall be 0.125 in., 350 ohm, axial series, weldable gages, as manufactured by Hitec.  
2. Sets of three gages shall be installed at the







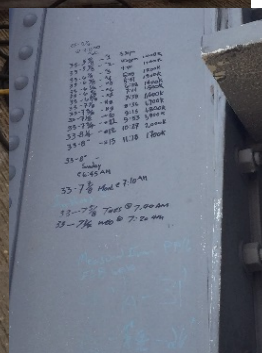
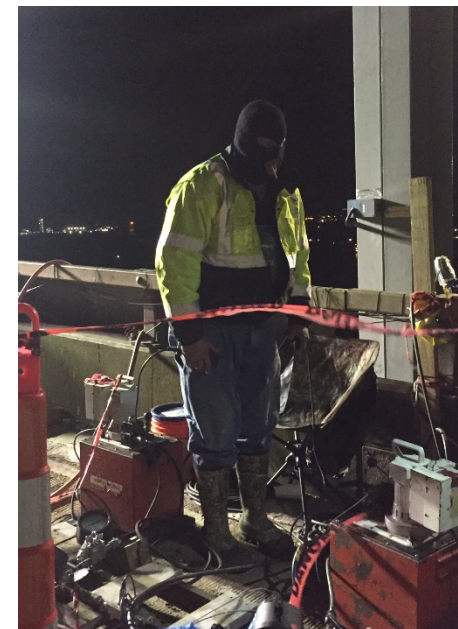
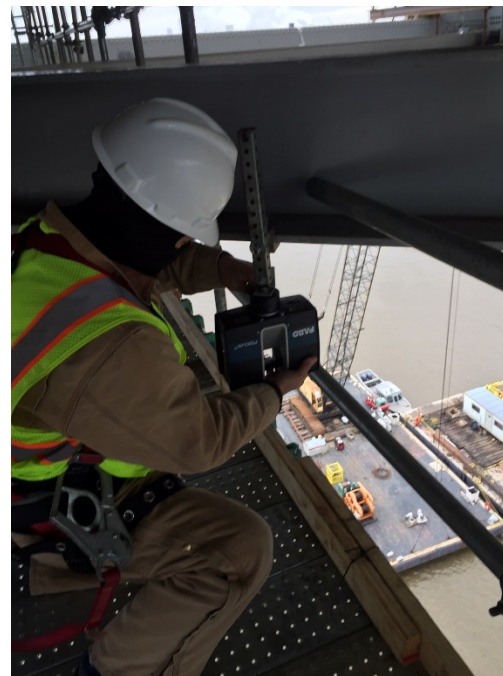
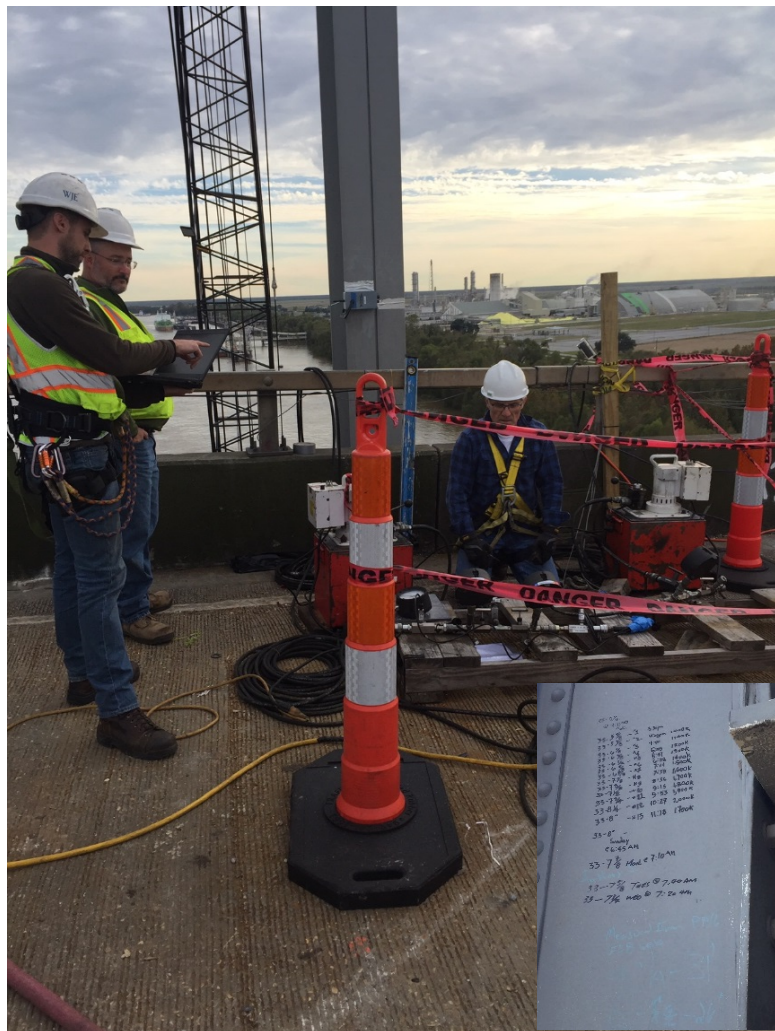
## Step 5a – Install Replacement Chord





## Step 5b – Splice Ends

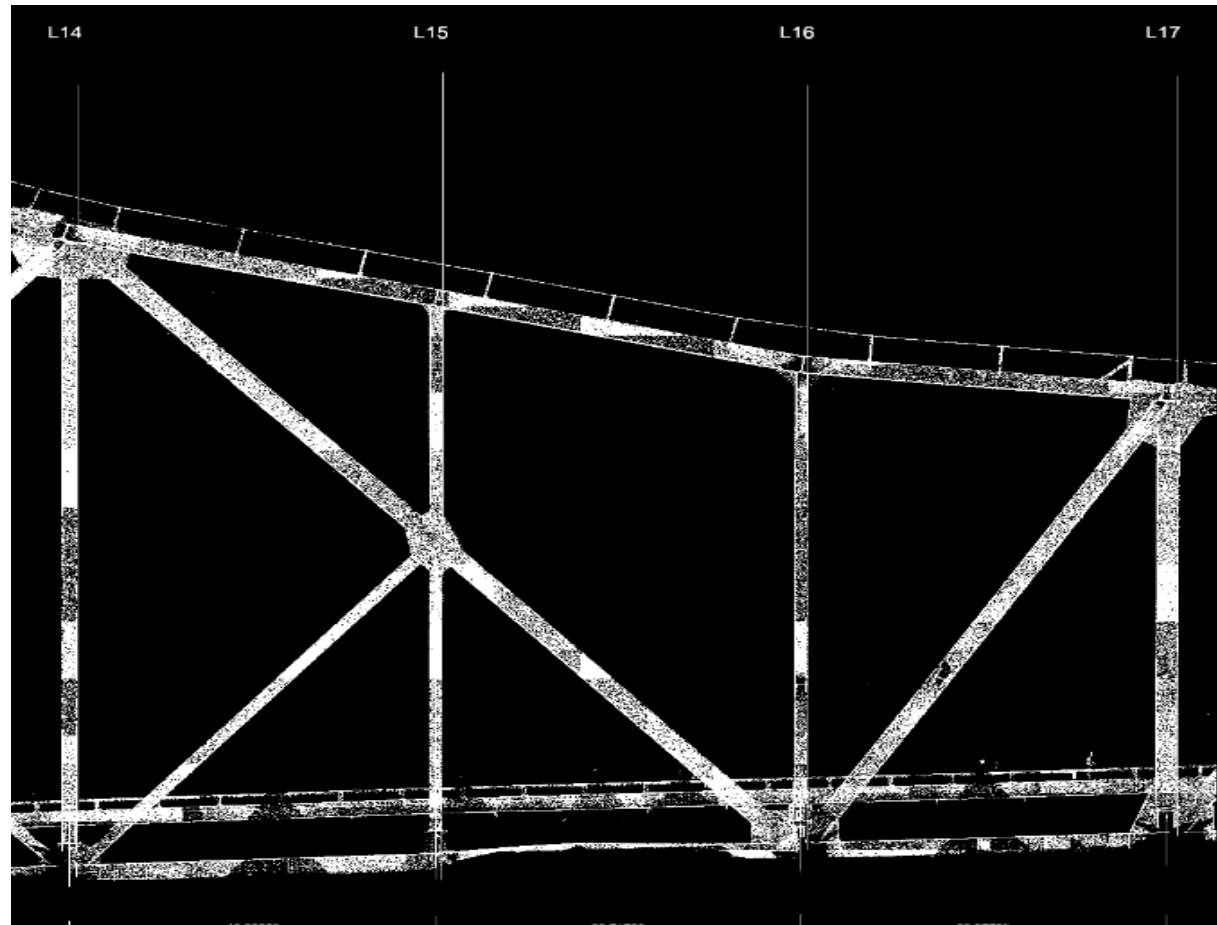




## Step 6 – Transfer Load from Jacking System to New Chord

## Before and After Photos





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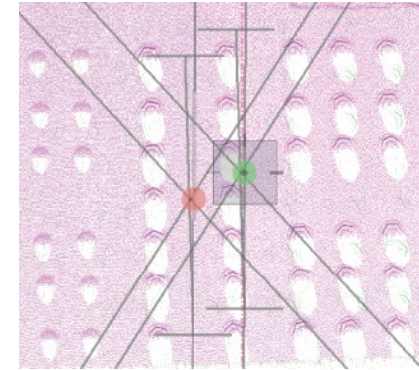
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# L16

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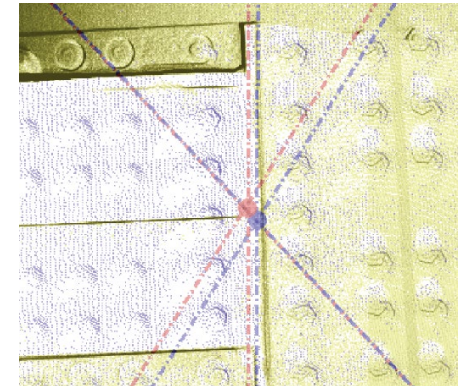
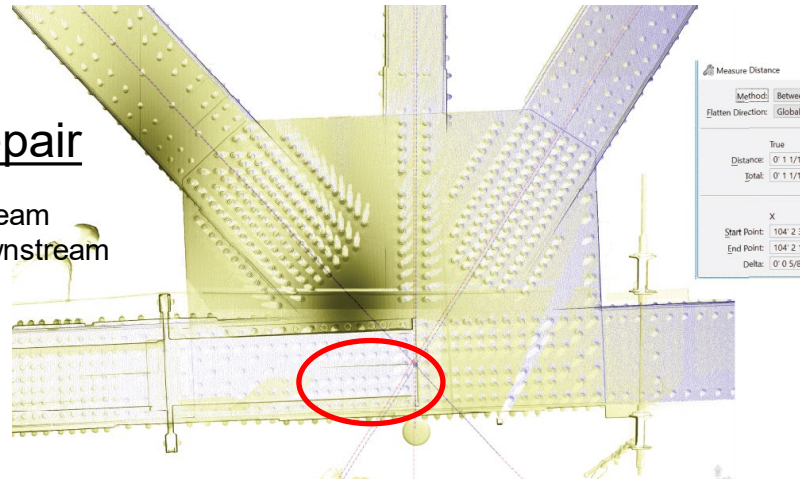
Green – Upstream  
Pink – Downstream



	X	Y	Z
Start Point:	-440' 10 5/8"	-31' 0"	129' 9 7/8"
End Point:	-440' 6 13/16"	-31' 0"	129' 11 7/8"
Delta:	0' 3 13/16"	0' 0"	0' 2"

## After Repair

Gold – Upstream  
Purple – Downstream

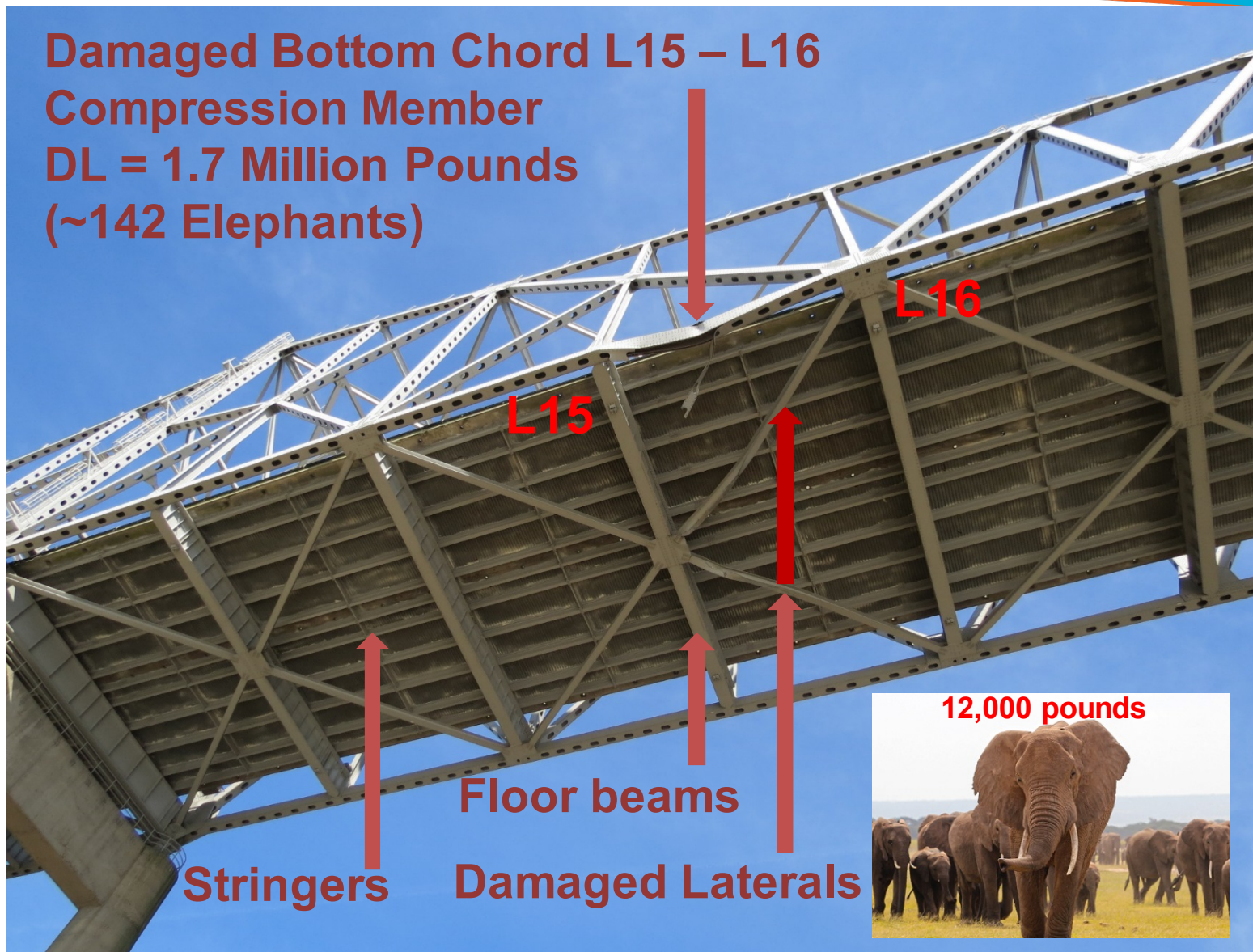


	X	Y	Z
Start Point:	104' 2 3/4"	144' 10 7/8"	-4' 8"
End Point:	104' 2 1/16"	144' 10 7/8"	-4' 7 3/16"
Delta:	0' 0 5/8"	0' 0"	0' 0 13/16"

## Geometry Restored

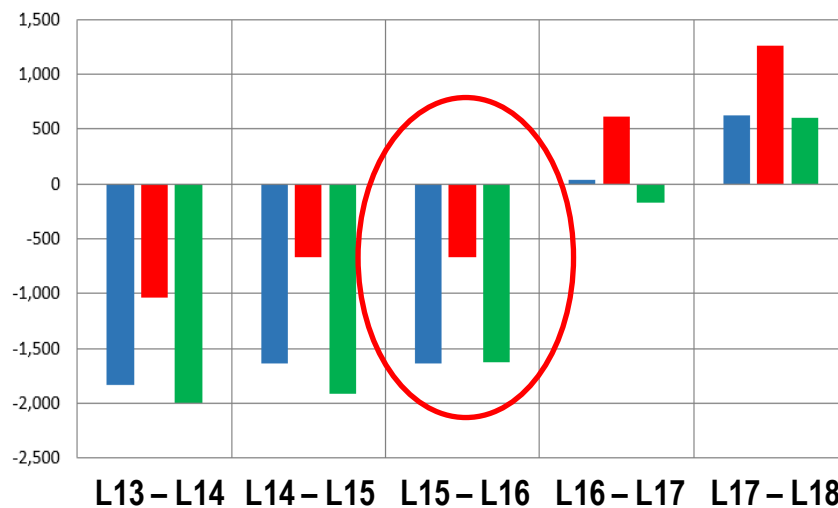


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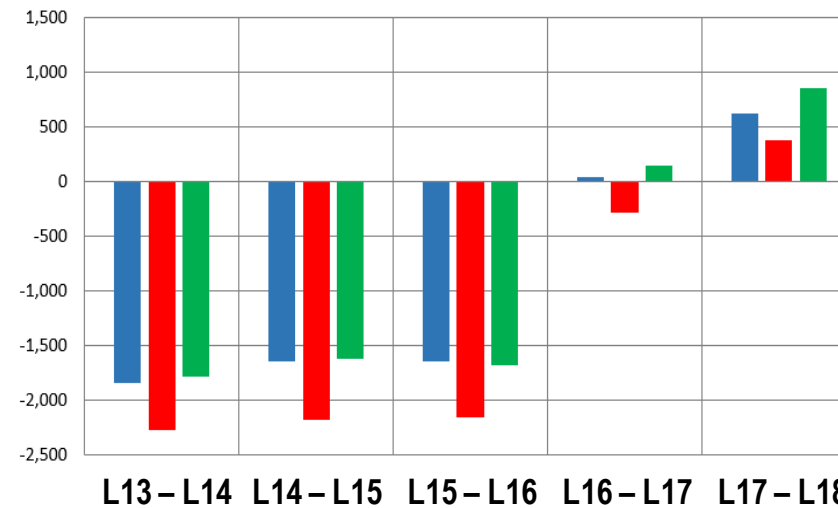


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Downstream Bottom Chord Load Changes in Kips



Upstream Bottom Chord Load Changes in Kips



■ As-built Dead Load ■ Dead Load After Collision ■ Final Post-Repair Dead Load

**Load Restored**



## Barrier Deck Joint at L17 Before and After Repair

Before



After



***After 49 days (working 24/7)  
Sunshine Bridge Reopened to  
Traffic on 12/1/18***



# Project Team



## Design Team



Industrial Solutions Inc.  
Thomas Industrial Coatings  
Southern Synergy

## Contractor's Team



Project Engineer



CEI



# Timeline

- 10/12/2018 (Day 1) Sunshine Bridge was Hit and Closed
- 10/12/2018 (Day 1) Survey, Inspection, Repair Concept Started
- 10/20/2018 (Day 9) Crane Barge and Temp. Access in Place
- 10/22/2018 (Day 11) Repair Concept Verified on Site and Finalized
- 10/26/2018 (Day 16) Primary Work Platform Installed
- 11/04/2018 (Day 24) Jacking Frame Design and Shop Drawings Completed
- 11/08/2018 (Day 28) Jacking Frame Fabricated and Shipped
- 11/13/2018 (Day 32) Jacking Frame Installed
- 11/17/2018 (Day 36) Damaged Chord Removed
- 11/25/2018 (Day 45) Heat Straightening Completed
- 12/01/2018 (Day 49) Replacement Chord in Place; Geometry and Load Restored; Bridge Reopened to Traffic!

