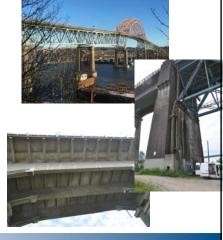


# **CONFIGURATION**

- North and South approach spans supported by concreteencapsulated steel trusses;
- Main river crossing spans supported by structural steel spans;
- Camel back truss spans navigable channel;
- Spans supported by steel trusses are FAR more dynamic than approach spans.



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# REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE DECK Nominally 200 mm thick; Waterproofing membrane was originally • 50 mm asphalt pavement installed; overlay; Removed in 1982 and asbestos-modified asphalt overlay placed; CONCRETE REPAIR

# REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE DECK

- Issues related to concrete deterioration were known to BC MoTI in 1982;
- Deferred rehabilitation until 1985 until construction of a new 6-lane crossing was
- Unable to undertake rehabilitation due to
- Average traffic volume is



# PROVINCE OF BC CREATES Bridge operations limped along through 1980s and 1990s as concrete deterioration worsened with South Coast Regional transportation Authority (TransLink) created by Province of BC in 1998. • In 1999, Province of BC "gifts" three bridges to TransLink; Downloaded responsibility for operation and maintenance onto the regional transportation authority. CONCRETE REPAIR



- Extent of deterioration not fully understood until 2003 when recoating of the below-deck portion of steel truss span is undertaken;
- Scaffolding installed beneath deck for re-painting work;
- Confused as to why brand new blue paint is being stained rust brown;
- Scaffold provides close-up access to deck soffit for first time;
- Identified full-thickness cracks and major water leakage through deck;
- First limited condition assessment undertaken at soffit;



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Leakage through

full thickness cracks

at transverse floor

beams

# TransLink FIRST NOTICES DECK CONDITION IS POOR

- Widespread condition assessment undertaken in 2006;
- · Bridge closed for a weekend;
- Top surface of deck exposed by milling of asphalt overlay to expose reinforced concrete bridge deck at select locations;
- · Condition Assessment included:
  - · Delamination survey;
  - Cover depth measurement;
  - Half-cell corrosion potentials;
  - · Chloride profiles;
  - pH profiles;
  - Corrosion rate measurements;
- Condition of superstructure and substructure elements also reviewed;





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# TransLink STARTS TO REALIZE HOW BAD IT IS...

- In 2009, a fire started by homeless people destroyed the timber superstructure supporting the final span of the South Approach;
- Extended deck closure while repairs are undertaken;
- Access provided to remaining area of deck;
- All asphalt pavement overlay removed and replaced;
- Deck condition assessed in detail;
- RESULTS ARE HORRIFYING



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# TransLink STARTS TO REALIZE HOW BAD IT IS...

- Signage installed beneath bridge deck to warn of risk of falling concrete.
- Nets are installed to catch falling concrete at areas of bridge spanning:
  - Roads;
  - Railroad tracks; and
  - Navigable river channel.





# **EXTENT OF DETERIORATION IMPACTS RIDEABILITY**

- Widespread spalling of concrete deck caused by chloride-induced corrosion begins to disrupt asphalt pavement overlay;
- Major potholes frequently result;
- Periodic weekend closures implemented to target problem areas;
- Select areas exposed by milling;
- · Spalls removed by chipping;



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# **EXTENT OF DETERIORATION IMPACTS RIDEABILITY**

- Weekend closures undertaken two to three times annually from 2009 to 2015;
- Not enough time for proper repairs, cleaning rebar, substrate preparation, patching, etc.;
- Only had sufficient time to patch spalls and re-pave in order to minimize traffic disruption;
- No time allowed for efforts to arrest or mitigate corrosion.



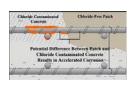


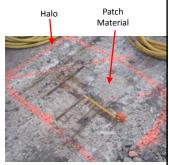


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# EXTENT OF DETERIORATION IMPACTS RIDEABILITY

- Periodic repairs actually made things worse due to the ring-anode effect and forced anodic corrosion into concrete surrounding patch repairs;
- Deterioration accelerated and worsened with time.

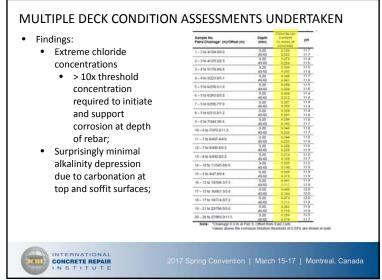


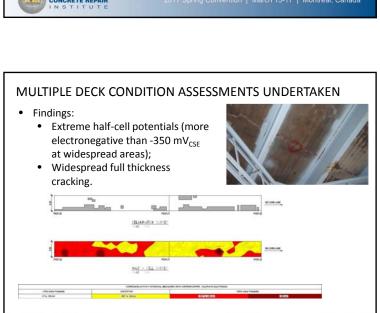




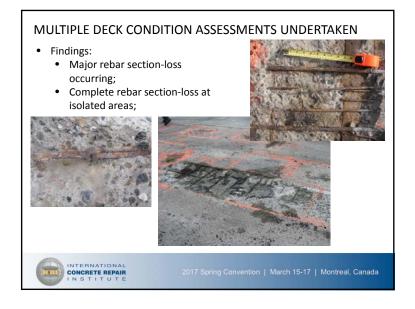
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# MULTIPLE DECK CONDITION ASSESSMENTS UNDERTAKEN • Findings: • Widespread delaminations; • Up to 32% in some spans; • Major soffit spalling at steel truss spans; • Major soffit spalling at steel truss spans;

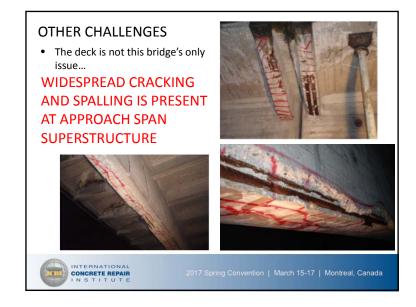




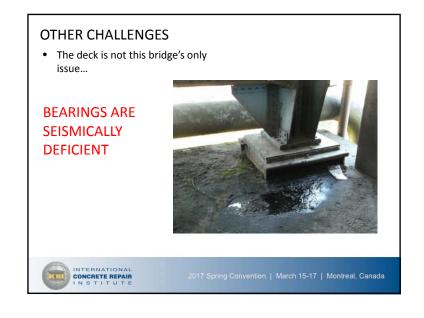
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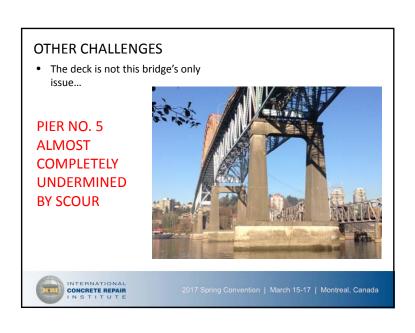












# OTHER CHALLENGES The deck is not this bridge's only issue... PILES DO NOT EXTEND THROUGH -**FULL-DEPTH OF** LIQUIFIABLE SOILS **INTO SOLID GROUND** CONCRETE REPAIR

# SEISMIC RETROFIT & REHABILITATION PROJECT

- TransLink issues an RFP for Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project in 2013;
- Preliminary Design Requirements:
  - · Extend service life by 30 years;
  - Widen deck to current design requirements (i.e. widen truss opening);
  - · Must mitigate impact of work on traffic flow (so... widen truss while bridge is open to traffic);

  - Bearing replacement;
  - · Deck rehabilitation:
  - · Substructure repairs and strengthening;
  - Seismic retrofit for 1-in-2,475 year return period earthquake;
  - Ground densification for foundations;
  - Armouring of in-river piers with riprap;
  - Consultation with six First Nations bands claiming land rights;
  - Archaeological assessment;
  - Preliminary cost estimate and construction schedule;
  - Capital budget for construction is \$299M (Maximum);

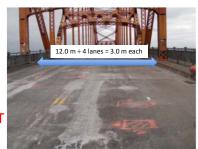


# OTHER CHALLENGES

• The deck is not this bridge's only issue...

**BRIDGE DECK IS TOO NARROW DUE TO WIDTH OF TRUSS OPENING:** 

WIDTH OF EACH LANE IS LESS THAN CURRENT **DESIGN CODE OF** ≥ 3.6 metres





# SEISMIC RETROFIT & REHABILITATION PROJECT

• Winning team lead by Buckland & Taylor (now COWI Bridge North America)



- · Determined that list of deliverables cannot be completed for TransLink's maximum allowable budget of \$299M (surprise!);
- · TransLink removes various scope items;
- Reduce seismic requirements to 1-in-475 return period earthquake;
- · Requests design team to evaluate second option to extend service life of bridge deck for an additional 10 years;
- . A 10 year rehab is VERY different than a 30 year rehab;
- · Project now requires two parallel designs.



# OPTIONS CONSIDERED FOR REHABILITATION PROJECT

### 10 year Service Life Extension:

- Remove asphalt overlay;
- Remove top 50 mm of concrete bridge deck by milling to top of rehar:
- Target areas exhibiting spalling for deep concrete removal past rebar;
- Clean rebar by grit blasting;
- Reinstate all removed areas with a high-performance CIP C-1 concrete overlay;
- No soffit spall repairs;
- Not expected to stop corrosion, but rate of corrosion slowed down to allow for additional ten years of service.

### 30 year Service Life Extension:

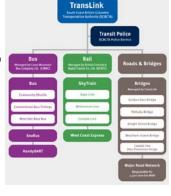
- Complete removal and replacement of two worst spans with precast units;
- Remove asphalt overlay;
- Remove top 50 mm of concrete bridge deck by milling to top of rebar;
- Remove concrete past rebar to ~100 mm depth by hydro-demolition;
- Arrest corrosion by installation impressed current cathodic protection system;
  - Considered distributed anode system too...
- Reinstate all areas with a highperformance CIP C-1 concrete overlay;
- · Repair soffit spalls;

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# TransLink Governance

- Governed by Mayors of 14 cities and municipalities that comprise Metro Vancouver;
- Only consolidated regional transportation authority in North America;
- Developed a 30 year vision for transportation of people and goods within Greater Vancouver region;
- Needed to find a way to pay for it;
- · Situation was a political hot potato;
- BC Government won't allow new taxes without public input;
- BC Government would not allow tolling of the Pattullo Bridge as they had deemed it to be the "toll-free alternative" to recently constructed upstream \$4B Gateway / Port Mann Bridge Project (tolled);
- Held a plebiscite in May 2014 re tax increase.



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# Plebiscite on Regional Transportation Tax of 0.5%

- Message regarding the vote was largely misconstrued by public;
- Unfairly became a referendum on TransLink's past spending transgressions;
  - This was never the intent;
- Received minimal vocal support from provincial or federal governments due risk of public backlash for raising taxes;
- "No" campaign led by taxpayer advocacy group;
- Soundly defeated by ~62-38 split;
- TransLink had no way to pay for elaborate rehabilitation project;



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# REPLACEMENT (TOLLED) STRUCTURE NOW PLANNED



- An upstream replacement structure is being planned.
- New span won't be completed until 2023 to 2025.
- Costs to be split:
  - 33.3% Federal Government;
  - 33.3% BC Government;
  - 33.3% TransLink



# EXTENT OF BRIDGE DECK DETERIORATION IS SEVERE

- Public perception of TransLink spending habits was already
- Cannot justify spending millions of dollars rehabilitating the bridge when it is likely to be replaced on a 7 to 10 year horizon;

### BUT

- Current deck condition is so badly deteriorated, that it is PAST the end of its service life. It will not last until new structure is completed;
- No longer an exercise of nursing the deck along... we are in a full-blown protection of public safety exercise.







# DO-MINIMUM REHABILITATION PROJECT

- Scope of rehabilitation project evolves to a "DO MINIMUM" approach to minimize cost and traffic disruption;
- Project objectives are:
  - To mitigate the risk of full thickness breach occurring while open to traffic;
  - Minimize costs;
  - Mitigate impact on traffic disruption; and
  - · Do just barely enough for bridge to remain in service until 2023.
- Other functional improvements are abandoned (lane-widening, foundation improvements, seismic upgrades, etc.)







# DO-MINIMUM REHABILITATION PROJECT

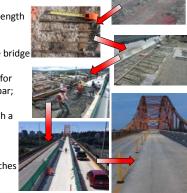


- bridge deck is widespread at all areas;
- However, while extent of soffit deterioration is major at steel truss spans (> 100 m²), it is minimal at approach spans (~ 1 m²);
- Extent of deterioration at top surface of Focus of rehab is deck at Piers 0 to 9 (steel truss spans).
  - Maintenance burden of asphalt overlay disruption due to unabated corrosion of approach span decks will continue; however, minimal risk of full thickness breach at these areas.



# DO-MINIMUM REHABILITATION PROJECT

- Scope largely similar to 10 year rehab option presented earlier.
- Limited to ~750 m of 1,300 m total length of deck
  - Remove asphalt overlay;
  - Remove top 50 mm of concrete bridge deck by milling to top of rebar;
  - · Target areas exhibiting spalling for deep concrete removal past rebar;
  - Clean rebar by grit blasting;
  - · Reinstate all removed areas with a high-performance CIP C-1 concrete overlay;
  - · Wire mesh to span areas of full thickness cracks and repair patches for augmentation of rebar.

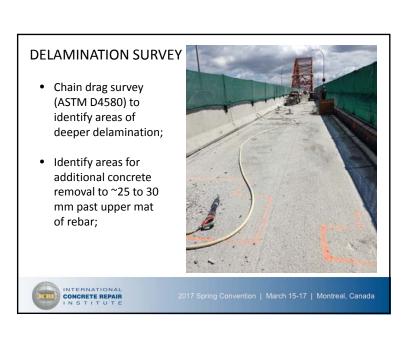




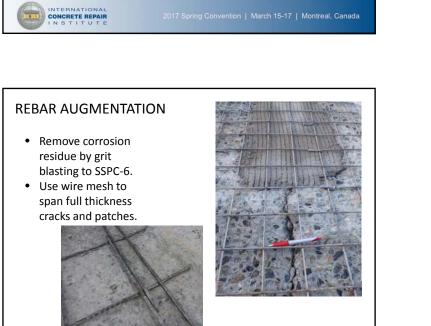






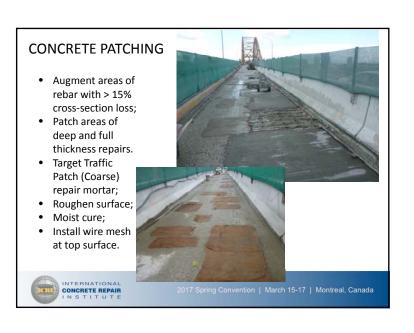






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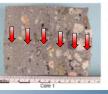




# **CONCRETE OVERLAY**

- TransLink owns another bridge, built circa 2007-2009;
- Precast deck panels with high-performance silica fume-modified 50 mm thick overlay (C-XL exposure class);
- Widespread cracking soon after placement;
- EFFECTIVE cover depth is now 20 mm;
- 100 year Service Life?
- Did not want a recurrence of this issue.









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# CONCRETE OVERLAY PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Project specification based upon BC MoTI Standard Specification with special provisions;
- Special provisions included:
  - C-1 exposure class;
  - Compressive strength = 35 MPa at 28 days (minimum);
  - Completely <u>FORBID THE USE OF SILICA FUME</u> to mitigate shrinkage challenges;
  - Specified drying shrinkage performance < 0.035% per CSA A23.2-11C;
  - Maximum plastic temperature = 17 C;
    - Required night placements and batching with ice;
  - Minimum moist curing period = 7 days; and
  - Minimum adhesion strength = 0.9 MPa at 7 days per CSA A23.2-6B.



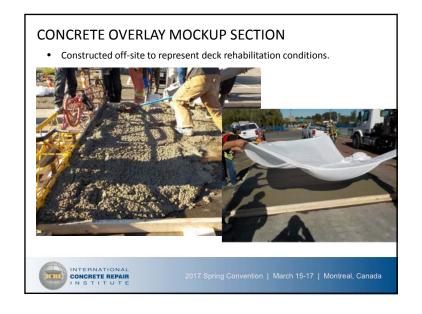
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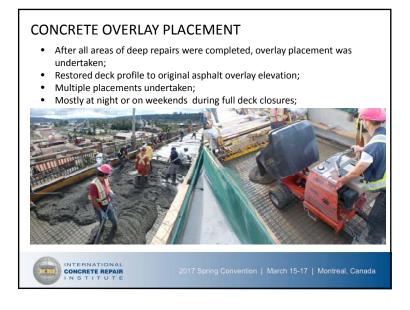
# CONCRETE OVERLAY TRIAL MIXES UNDERTAKEN

- Concrete supplier undertook laboratory trials to prove mix performance prior to construction;
- Complete disclosure (in confidence) of mix proportions (i.e. amounts expressed in kg per m<sup>3</sup>... not simply a "Yes" sheet)



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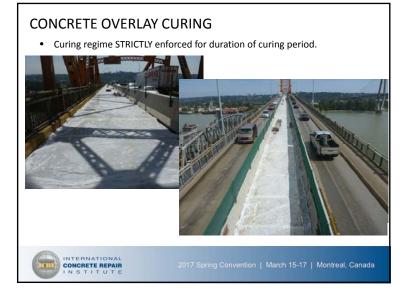














- 41 individual adhesive bond tests completed. Not one failure.
- All but three failed within substrate concrete or at top surface of overlay.





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# **CONCRETE OVERLAY TESTING**

Compressive Strength:

- 238 f<sub>c</sub> cylinders were cast for quality control purposes;
- 35 MPa achieved at 28 days in all cases;
  - Adequate strength achieved by 7 days in most cases;

# Drying Shrinkage:

- Two quality assurance spot tests to confirm drying shrinkage performance;
- Both results show shrinkage less than 0.040%;
- Expected a slight increase (0.005%) from lab to field-scale production;



| AR DRY AGE<br>Sample ED | PERCENT LENGTH CHANGE |        |        | PERCENT | SPECIFIED. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
|                         | 18                    | 19     | 10     | LENGTH  | 28 DAYS-   |
|                         | -0:004                | -0.007 | -0.006 | -0.006  | -          |
| 4                       | -0.014                | 4015   | 4012   | -0.014  |            |
|                         | 4.626                 | 4 022  | 40 020 | -0.021  |            |
| 14                      | -0.027                | -0.027 | -4.026 | -0.021  |            |
| 21                      | 4.032                 | -0.032 | -4 632 | 0.032   | 1000000    |
| 28                      | -0.038                | -0.03T | 4.037  | -0.037  | 8.835      |



# CONCRETE OVERLAY - CRACKING REVIEW

- All areas of constructed overlay were reviewed for cracking at end of warranty period;
- Minimal evidence of cracking that is not related to full thickness cracks reflecting through overlay;
- Minimal cracking thought to be related to restraint of drying shrinkage;
- Crack widths mostly narrower than 0.25 mm;
- Deck had been exposed to extreme winter weather prior to reviews;
- Wider cracks will be sealed with a methyl methacrylate sealer in May 2017 during maintenance closure and delamination survey.







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# **SOFFIT REPAIRS**

- Project was ahead of schedule and under budget;
- TransLink elected to proceed with soffit repairs at some areas;
- Chip out loose concrete;
- · Saw-cut edges;
- Clean rebar;
- · Patched with overhead repair mortar.







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# **CHALLENGES**

- · Unpredictable weather from May to mid-July;
- Deck closures had to be coordinated weeks in advance in order to adequately notify public and minimize disruption.







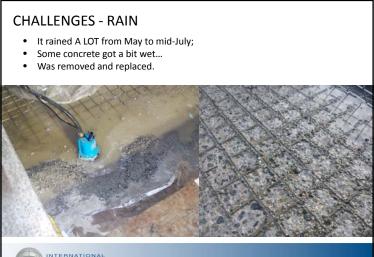
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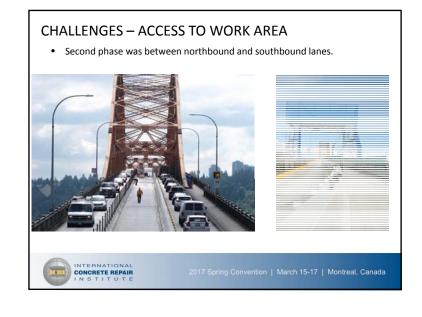
- Unpredictable weather from May to mid-July;
- · Closures had to go ahead as planned;
- Intense rainfall commenced during some pours;
- Fresh concrete was sheltered from rain as well as possible.















# PROJECT FACTS

- Total volume of asphalt and concrete milled from deck 960 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total area of partial depth repairs 1160 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total area of full depth repairs 111 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total volume of concrete placed for deck overlay 963 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total number of formed deck soffit repair locations 103
- Total area of deck soffit spall repairs 46 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total area of deck soffit scaling 28 m<sup>2</sup>
- Length of Ontario Barriers 2.1 km
- Area of scaffold sub-deck 3.6 Acres

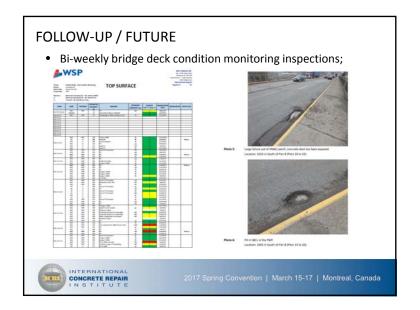


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# **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Thorough preparation no major unknowns prior to construction.
- Contractor early involvement.
- Create team ethos.
- Combined site office for contractor and consultants.
- Understand/respect all participants' priorities.
- Communicate Regular, timely, bad/good news.
- Financial penalties and incentives in contract.
- Appropriate response when things do not go to plan.
- Very disciplined application of special provisions produced a high quality overlay.





# FOLLOW-UP / FUTURE

- Monthly bridge deck soffit inspections;
- Annual chain-drag of bridge deck from Pier 0-9;
- Anticipate localized repair of delaminations in the bridge deck approach spans every 12-18 months;
- Annual freshet/winter hydrographic surveys;
- Ongoing railing inspection and repairs;
- Monitoring for wind and seismic events;
- Other repairs as-and-when required; and
- New Bridge 2022/23?



