



Section 1 - BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE

PC/PRETENSIONED BULB-TEE GIRDER (DEBONDED STRANDS)

XS Sheet Number:

xs1-121-1

Description of Component:

Precast Pretensioned Bulb-Tee Girder with Debonded Strands - this sheet shall be used in conjunction with xs1-121-3.

Standard Drawing Features:

1. Elevation:

- Provide girder length "L". If different girder lengths are specified, fill out the Girder Design Table.
- Shear stirrup spacing shall be provided, #5 Stirrups are preferred. Caltrans study has shown that #5@3 inches within a "D" distance from girder ends satisfies girder web splitting force and local strut & tie analysis.
- The debonded lengths shall be provided in the Strand Information Table.
- The number of intermediate diaphragms should be designed based on BDM 5.3 and detailed accordingly.
- Special details shall be provided if the girder ends are not level.

2. Typical Girder Section:

- Girder Depth "D" shall be provided and should be shown on the Girder Design Table.
- The spacing for the #3 bottom flange confinement reinforcement shall not exceed 6 inches per AASHTO-CA LRFD BDS Article 5.9.4.4.2 within 1.5D from girder ends. This sheet provides #3@3 inches within 1.5D and #3@12 inches for the rest of the girder.

3. Section A-A:

The stirrups for splitting resistance should be verified based on AASHTO LRFD BDS Article 5.9.4.4 - Pretensioned Anchorage Zones. Other standard confinement details are provided for this area to develop the strands (see note of Typical Section). End blocks are usually not needed unless the design requires them.

4. Strand Template & Debonding Pattern:

The designer is responsible for determining the total number of strands and debonded strands. Show the number of total strands, debonded strands, and debonded strand lengths in the Strand Information Table.



5. Girder Design Table:

This table shall be used to specify girder lengths, depths, number of 0.6-inch diameter strands, jacking forces, concrete strengths, mid-span deflections due to deck dead load, additional load such as barrier railing, and the total number of extended strands. Additional top reinforcement at girder ends may be needed if temporary tensile stress exceeds the allowable stress specified in AASHTO-CA LRFD BDS. With the additional top reinforcement designed, the temporary tensile stress limits can be increased per AASHTO-CA LRFD BDS Table 5.9.2.3.1b-1. If the project has different girder configurations, identify each as Girder A, B, C, etc. In some cases, especially for long-span girders, prestress force may be controlled by strength limit state. In order to reduce initial concrete strength, the designer could reduce the initial jacking force from a maximum 75% to a lower percentage (such as 72%) to meet the requirements of the service limit state while, at the same time, using extra numbers of strands to meet the requirements of the strength limit state.

6. Strand Extension Hook Detail for Continuity Diaphragm (At Bent):

Per the Caltrans Earthquake Committee's request and the latest SDC, the details have been added, and the designer shall determine the number of hooked strands to satisfy the seismic design requirements of precast bridge systems. The total number of extended strands shall be provided in the Girder Design Table.

7. Strand Information Table

This table shall be used to specify the number of strand rows, the total number of strands in each row, the number of debonded strands, and the debonded length.

Design/General Notes:

Several notes have been moved to standard specifications, including the maximum tensile stress limit (75%) and the maximum temporary tensile stress limit (80%).

One design option is to add temporary top prestressing strands, which allows the concrete strength at release to be reduced.

Additional Drawings Needed to Complete PS&E:

This sheet must be accompanied by xs1-121-3

Contract Specifications:

Standard Specifications 2024

Restrictions on Use of Standard Drawings:

The project engineer is responsible for designing and stamping this sheet.



Special Considerations:

The project engineer may modify this sheet based on project needs.