ALLEN COUNTY'S CREDIT BRIDGE EXPERIENCE

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ZURMEHLY ROAD BRIDGE

- Over the Little Ottawa River
- Steel truss, reinforced concrete deck with asphalt overlay
- 65' long and 20' wide
- Built in 1950
- Current ADT = 2,300
- Structurally deficient
- Posted load limit since March of 2012
- Less than a quarter mile from a middle school and high school

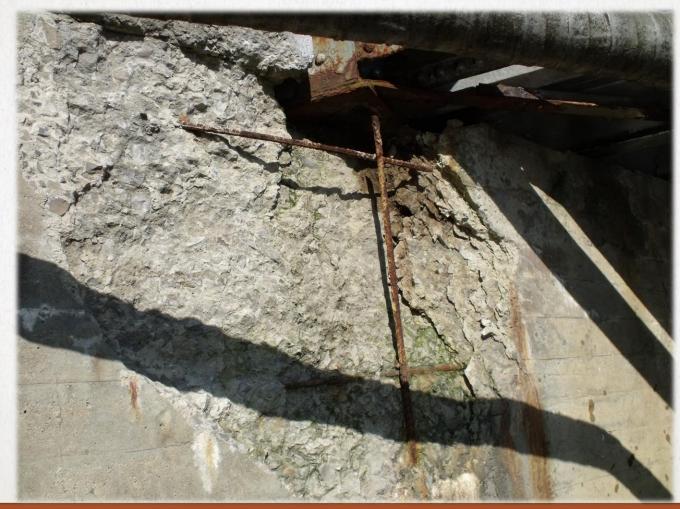












NEW STRUCTURE

- Surveyed in-house
- Designed by Kohli & Kaliher Associates, Inc.
- Single-span, non-composite prestressed reinforced concrete box beams
- 78'-0" c/c bearings
- 32'-0" f/f guardrail
- HL-93 loading
- Asphalt wearing surface
- Reinforced Concrete Capped Pile Abutments

NEW STRUCTURE

- Length of Project = 400 feet
- Guardrail
 - Twin Steel Tube on the bridge
 - Bridge Terminal Assemblies (Type 1), MGS with Long Posts, Type A & Type T Anchor Assemblies
 - All posts are steel
- No additional right-of-way required
- Earth Disturbing Activity = less than 1 acre
- No design exceptions
- Engineer's Estimate = \$589,348.15

FUNDING

- There was no way we could fund this project with local funds
- We pursued OPWC funds
 - In 2014, we applied for an 80% grant with a 20% local match
 - In 2015, we applied for a 53% grant and 20-year, no interest loan
- Once we were approved for funding, we began the Credit Bridge process

CREDIT BRIDGE TIMELINE

- 2/22/16: Maumee Watershed Conservancy District approved the project
- 2/28/16: Requested field review with ODOT District 1
- 3/14/16: Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission issued a Floodplain Development Permit
- 3/16/16: Field Review with ODOT District 1
 - No historical/archeological concerns
 - No wetlands
 - No wild/scenic rivers

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- 3/16/16: Field Review with ODOT District 1
 - A Nationwide Permit must be received from the Army Corps prior to any in-stream work
 - ODOT was concerned that the stream may be suitable for mussels
- 4/4/17: Pre-Construction Notification submitted to the Army Corps
- 6/2/16: Army Corps approves the Nationwide Permit
 - No mussel survey was required

CREDIT BRIDGE TIMELINE

- 7/1/16: Bid Opening
 - 3 Bidders: R.G. Zachrich Construction, Inc. was the low bidder at \$511,305.59
- 7/11/16: ODOT approved the project for Credit Bridge
- 8/12/16: Roadway was closed
- 10/28/16: Roadway was reopened
- 12/1/16: Credit Bridge Program Project and Cost Certification was submitted to ODOT
- 12/12/16: ODOT final inspection
- 3/16/17: Federal Highway Administration approval

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- Final Construction Cost = \$500,491.46
- On time and under budget
- Credit Bridge = \$400,393.17

WHY CREDIT BRIDGE?

- We used Credit Bridge Funds on the Central Avenue Bridge
- Local-Let LPA Project
- Engineer's Estimate = \$757,691.93
- We had budgeted 20%
 - \$151,538.39
- We only had to pay 5%
 - \$37,884.60
 - We also used Credit Bridge Funds for the inspection/project management contract and only had to pay 5% (\$2,400)
- We were able to save \$110,000 on just one project

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- We have two more federal projects programmed
 - Grubb Road in FY 2019
 - Estimate = \$290,000
 - 20% = \$58,000
 - 5% = \$14,500
 - Savings = \$43,500
 - Fisher Road in FY 2022
 - Estimate = \$1,055,000
 - 20% = \$211,000
 - 5% = \$52,750
 - Savings = \$158,250
- We were able to fund 3 projects and still have Credit Bridge Funds available
 - All from 1 bridge we were already going to replace

SUMMARY

- Overall, it was a fairly smooth process
 - Being a contract job, cost certification was very simple
- We will definitely pursue more Credit Bridge projects in the future
 - Both in-house and consultant designed
 - Both contractor and force account projects
- Another tool to "do more with less"

LESSONS LEARNED

- Focus on relatively simple projects
 - Minimal environmental concerns
 - Little or no right-of-way needed
- Start the process as early as possible
 - Not only on projects to earn Credit Bridge Funds, but also on projects that you want to use Credit Bridge Funds on
- Make sure the amount of credit is worth the extra time, effort and money