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Purpose Statement

This webinar will provide training in implementing ABC programs. Presenters will share how to establish a strategic plan, estimate time and cost for projects, and how to reduce and offset costs.

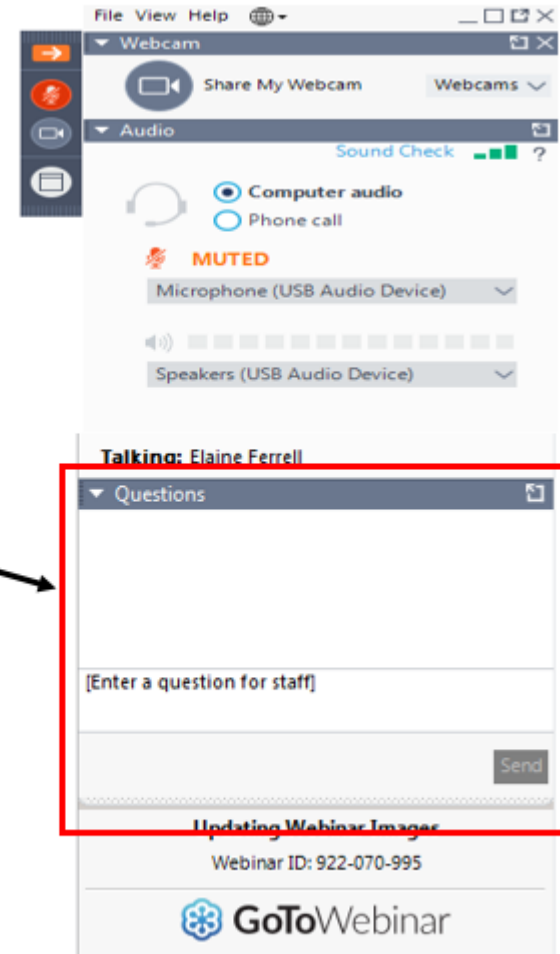
Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- (1) Establish a strategic ABC plan to turn detractors into champions
- (2) Estimate time and cost for ABC projects
- (3) Reduce and offset ABC costs

Questions and Answers

- Please type your questions into your webinar control panel
- We will read your questions out loud, and answer as many as time allows



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Timing, cost estimating, and implementing ABC in a state Department of Transportation

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ABC Cost and Time

Normally we say:
Time = money

Meaning more
time means more
money



ABC is somewhat
different:

Less time often
means more
money
(higher bid),
but not always

Why is this so?
Let's explore this

How Much Does ABC Construction Cost?

It depends.....

How fast is fast

- Build a bridge in a weekend: Very expensive
- Build a bridge in two weeks: Not too expensive
- Build a bridge in a month: Can be the same price

Overtime pay

- Weekends, nights

Details

- Complex details tend to be more expensive

Site conditions

- Difficult sites can lead to higher costs

Equipment

- Specialized equipment is pricey

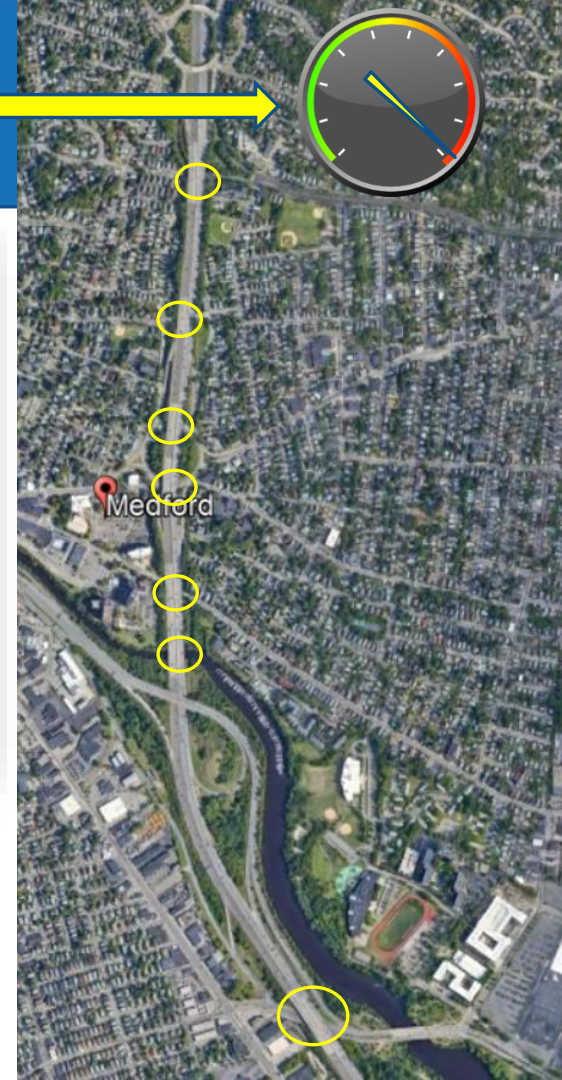
Let's look at some examples



Project Example: Very Fast

Project Information

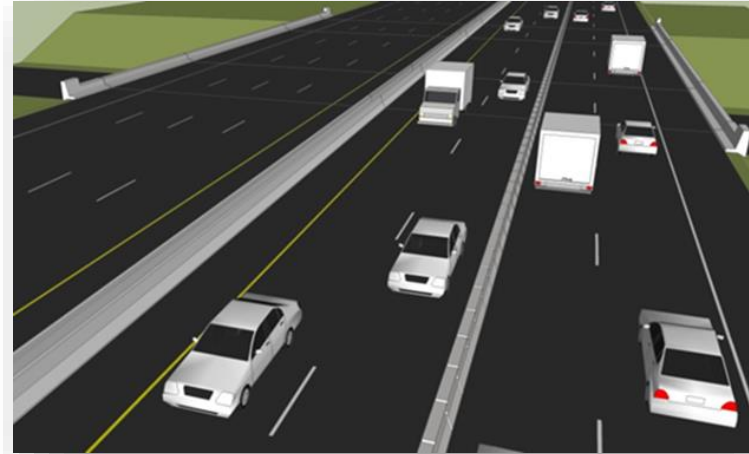
- 93Fast14
- I-93 Just north of “Big Dig”
 - 180,000 ADT
- Superstructure replacements
- 14 Bridges
 - 7 Pairs of two: 7 NB, 7 SB
 - Most were 3-span bridges with joints



Traffic Management



- Close entire bound during weekends
 - 55-hour closure
 - Give entire other bound over to the contractor
 - Desired Production:
 - Two bridges per weekend



Construction Sequence



Friday night, 9:00 pm – Demolition begins



Construction Sequence



Friday night – Beam removal and cutting



Construction Sequence



Saturday afternoon – Erection continues



Construction Sequence



Sunday morning – Placement of high early strength concrete in closure joints



Construction Sequence



Completed bridge



Project Example: Very fast



Bid cost information

- ABC was 80% more expensive than conventional construction
- Why?
 - Very tight timeframe
 - I/Ds
 - Incentive: \$1,000,000 per weekend if completed before Monday morning
 - Disincentive: \$1,000,000 per weekend if not
- Considered to be a cost success?
 - Conventional construction would have been 5 years
 - ABC was built in one year
 - CEI and traffic management costs for 4 years were found to be similar to the ABC premium

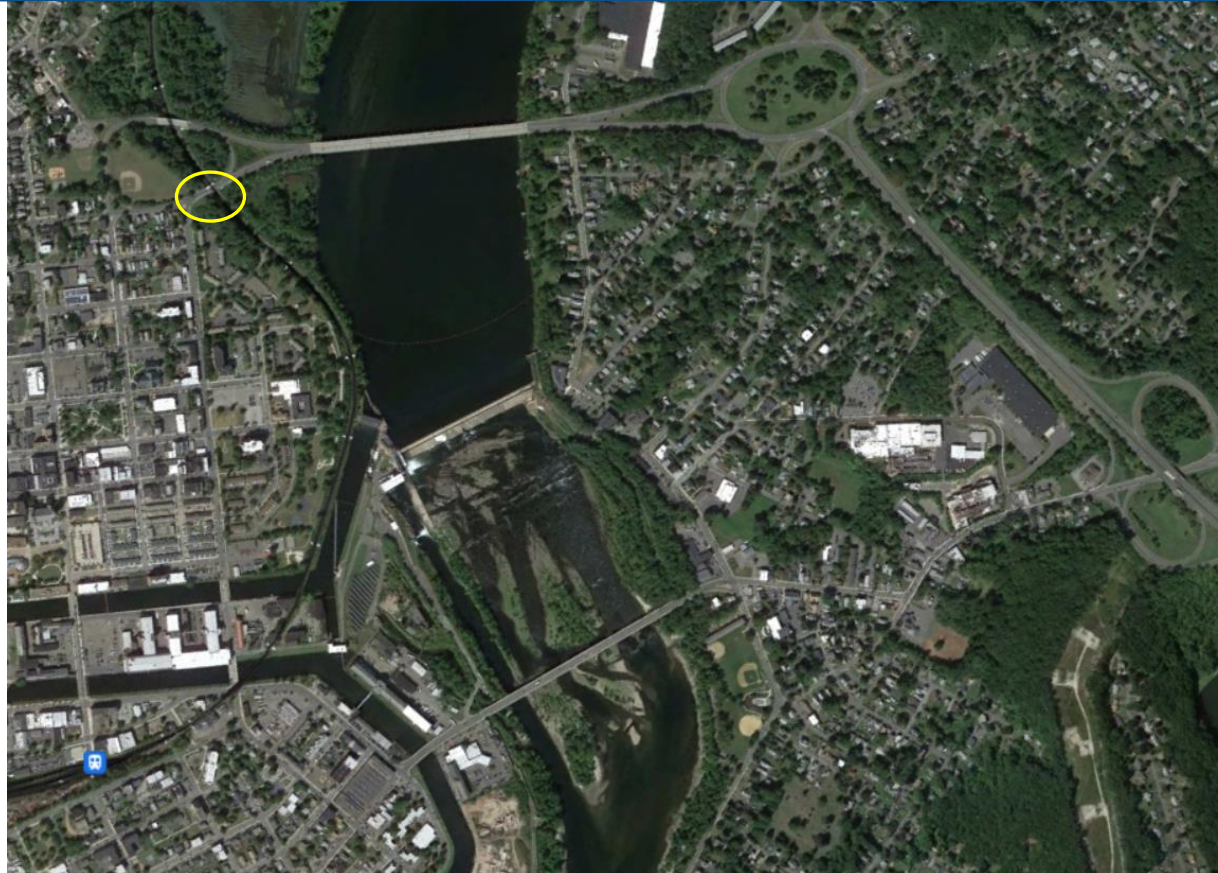
Project Example: Moderately fast



MassDOT Project

Location: Holyoke, MA

- Road was essentially a bypass for a busy “downtown”
- Detouring traffic was not an option

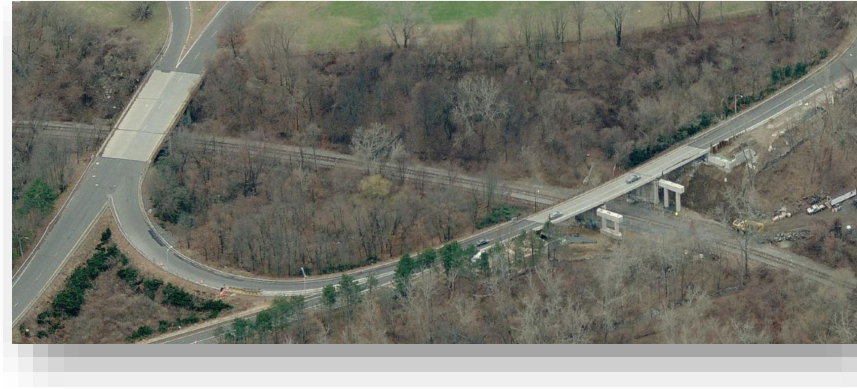


Project Example: Moderately fast



3-span bridge replacement

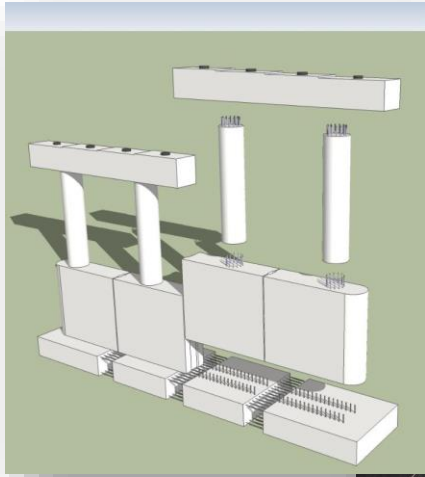
- Project approach
 - Use staged (or phased) construction
 - ABC light: Replace the bridge in one construction season



Project Example: Moderately fast



Project Example: Moderately fast



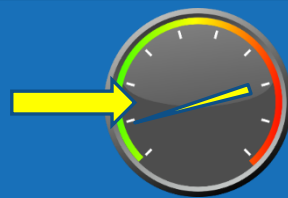
Project Example: Moderately fast



Cost information

- ABC was 27% more than conventional construction
- Why?
 - Complex post-tensioning system on the deck
 - We would use more simple closure joints now

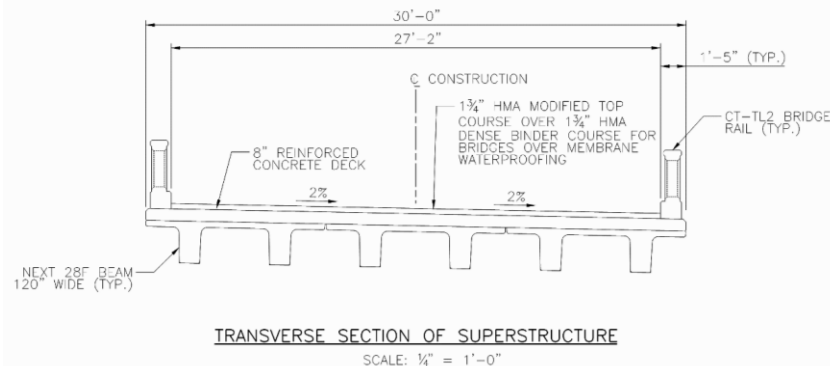
Project Example: Comfortably fast



MassDOT Project:

Single Span Bridge Replacement

- Project approach
 - Close road and set up a detour
 - Accelerated construction (to a degree)
- Use prefabricated elements
 - Precast abutments
 - Precast NEXT Beams with CIP topping
- 60-day full closure allowed



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Construction:



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Construction:



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Construction:



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Construction:



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Construction complete:



Project Example: Comfortably fast



Cost differential

- ABC was 10% higher compared to conventional construction
- Why so low?
 - Comfortable speed
 - No overtime or weekends
 - Simple details

Cost of Prefabrication?

Why is precast sometimes more expensive?

- One reason: Handling of the materials
- CIP Construction:
 - Concrete shipped to site in ready mix truck and placed **handled once**
- Precast Construction
 - Concrete placed in forms in the plant
 - Element removed from the form and stacked
 - Element lifted onto truck
 - Element off loaded **handled 4 times**
- Each time it is handled, it costs money



I/Ds and Risk

- Disincentives

- Disincentives can create RISK for the contractor
- Tight milestones or high disincentives = RISK

- Risk = \$\$

- Why is it difficult to put a finger on ABC costs?

- Contractors bid RISK
- Designers do not estimate RISK

How Can Owners Address Risk?

Understand that incentives and disincentives come at a price

- Pick incentives and disincentives that are commensurate with the needs
- Typically user costs

Tight schedules come at a price

- Consider relaxing the schedule if possible

Accept that some risk is inherent in ABC

- It will most likely cost more
- Look for cost savings elsewhere – More on this later today

Recommendations for Cost Premiums

These are budget level estimates based on the project examples presented today

This is heavily influenced by a number of factors that were previously discussed

States can develop similar matrices based on their experiences

	Construction Speed				
	1-2 days	4 days	9 days	16 days	1-2 Months
Complex Process Difficult site	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Complex Process Moderate site	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
Moderate Process Difficult Site	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
Moderate Process Good Site	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
Simple Process Good Site	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1

Estimating ABC Construction Durations

As with cost, there are several factors that influence construction time

- Details
- Site conditions (access, staging areas)
- Specialized equipment
- Contractor experience

Pre-Construction Planning

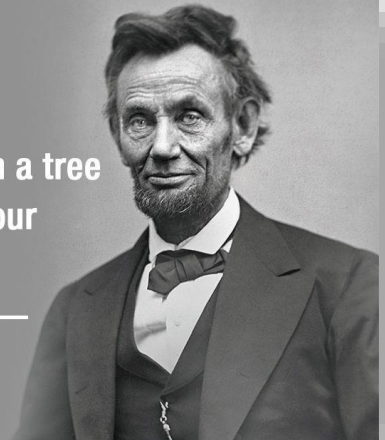
There is significant planning time required prior to the actual ABC construction period:

- Preparing the site
- Building substructures between existing substructures
- Fabricating elements
- Developing an assembly plan
- Etc.

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Give me six hours to chop down a tree
and I will spend the first four
sharpening the axe.

Abraham Lincoln



Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Example:

Superstructure
replacement with
modular deck beams

- Weekend (50-55 hours)
- High early strength concrete or UHPC can be used for the closure joints

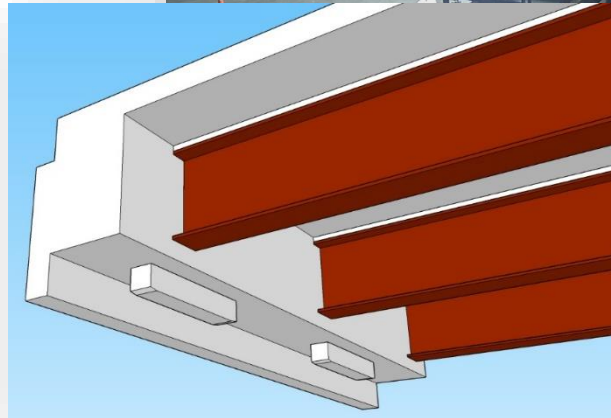


Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Example:

Superstructure replacement with lateral sliding

- Assuming substructures built ahead of time (under the existing bridge)
- Weekend recommended (50-55 hours)
- Can be done in 24 hours
- Simple details are the key



Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Example:

Superstructure replacement with SPMTs

- Assuming substructures built ahead of time (under the existing bridge)
- Weekend recommended (50-55 hours)
- Can be done in 24 hours
- Simple details are the key



Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Example:

Deck replacement
with precast full-
depth deck panels

- Can be done in a weekend, but very difficult
- 5-9 days is reasonable



Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Example:

Full bridge replacement including substructures

- 30 -45 days depending on foundations, substructures, and ABC methods
- Try to build some substructures under the existing bridge
- Recommend a detailed CPM schedule to look at all aspects



Estimated minimum durations for ABC

Other sources of construction timeframe estimates:

- Florida International University ABC UTC database
- Numerous example projects that can be reviewed
- Sorted by project type

Project Search

*Note: For keyword searches, use Keywords for Database Search with quotes (example: "Full-Depth Precast Deck Panel w/o PT").

Reset Search

SEARCH FOR KEYWORDS..*

STATE

filter by state...

TRAFFIC IMPACT CATEGORY

- ☐ Tier 1 (Within 1 Day)
- ☐ Tier 2 (Within 3 Days)
- ☐ Tier 3 (Within 2 Weeks)
- ☐ Tier 4 (Within 1 Month)
- ☐ Tier 5 (Within 3 Months)
- ☐ Tier 6 (Longer But Reduced By Months/Years)

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CATEGORY

- ☐ SPMTs
- ☐ Lateral Slide
- ☐ Longitudinal Launching
- ☐ Other ABC Method
- ☐ Conventional

AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (AT TIME OF CONSTRUCTION)

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Found 124 Results



2019 – Bridge 7345

State: NM
Year: 2019
Owner: State
Location: Rural
Beam material: Concrete
Project Planning: State Process, Design-Bid-Build, A+B Bidding, Full Lane Closure, Incentive / Disincentive Clause
Geotechnical Solutions: Reused Substructure/Foundation Unit,
Structural Solutions: Full-Depth Precast Deck Panel w/o PT, Precast Approach Slab, UHPC Closure Joint, Thin-Bonded Epoxy Overlay

Spans: > Three-span
Max Span Length (ft.): 92.5
Total Bridge Length (ft.): 325
Impact Category: Tier 4 (within 1 month)
Construction Equipment Category: Conventional



2017 – Cannelville Road Bridge

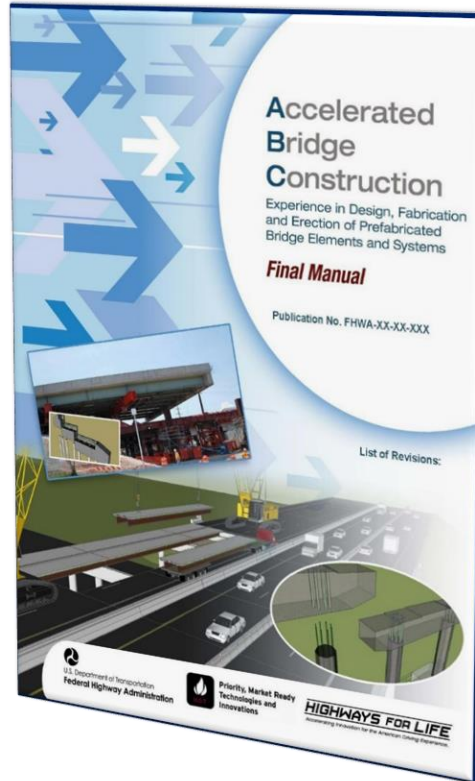
State: OH
Year: 2017
Owner: Muskingum County
Location: Rural
Beam material: Steel
Project Planning:
Geotechnical Solutions:
Structural Solutions: Orthotropic deck - SPS (Sandwich Plate System), MDHBs (Modular hybrid-Decked steel Beam - SPS deck on press-brake-formed tub girders),

Spans: One-span
Max Span Length (ft.): 52.5
Total Bridge Length (ft.): 52.5
Impact Category: Tier 4 (within 1 month)
Construction Equipment Category: Conventional



2017 – Sacramento Wash Crossing at Oatman Highway (Historic Route 66)

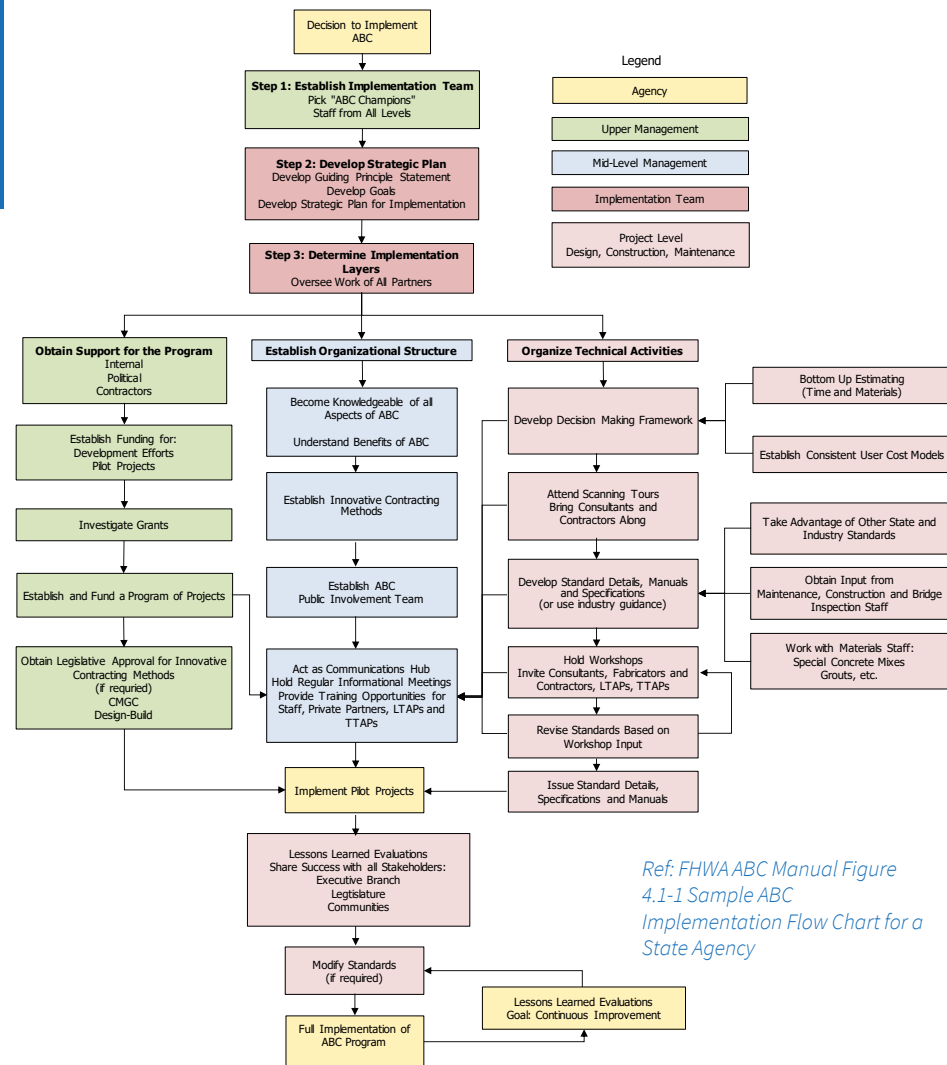
Implementing an ABC Program



Suggested ABC Organization

Based on successful programs (Utah)

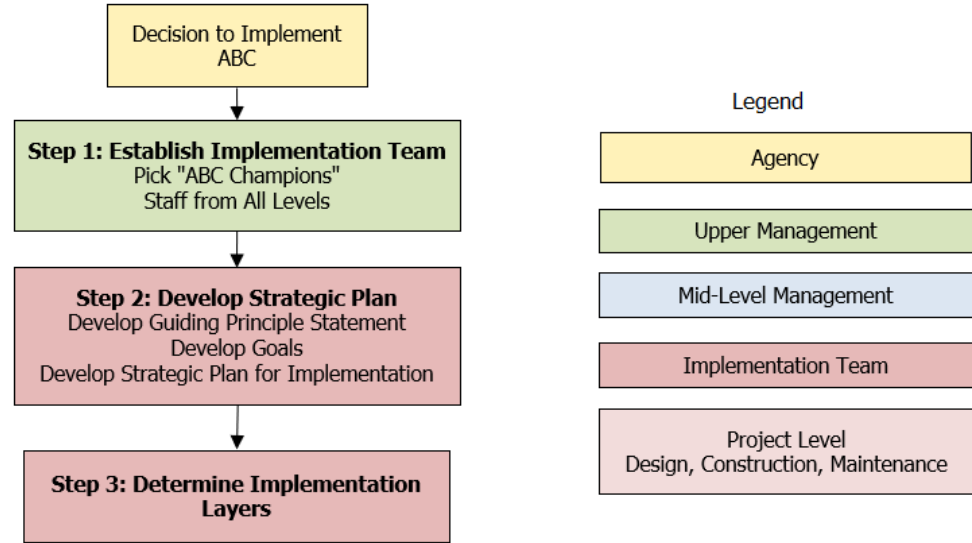
- 3 Levels of implementation
 - Upper management
 - Mid-level management
 - Project level
- 3 Layers of activities
 - Programmatic
 - Organizational structure
 - Project-level implementation
- A single ABC unit cannot effectively re-direct an entire agency



First Steps

Getting started: Establish a policy then..

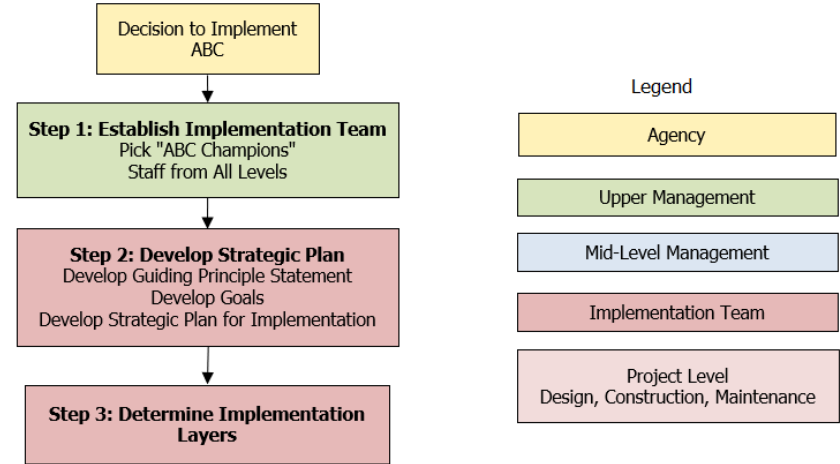
- Step 1: Implementation Team
- Step 2: Strategic Plan
- Step 3: Determine Implementation Approach



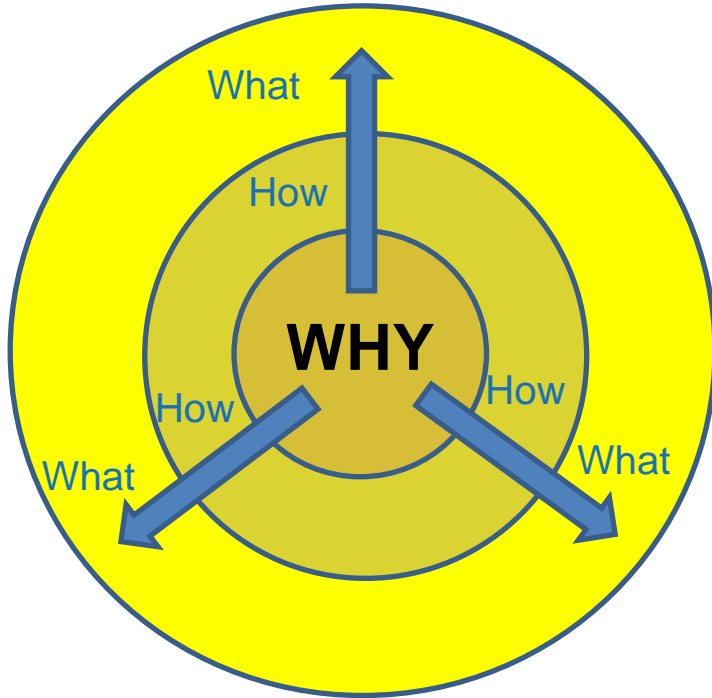
Step 1: Establish Implementation Team

Team make-up

- Upper management: Administration
- Mid-level management: Unit heads
- Project-level
 - Design team leaders
 - Construction managers
 - Materials staff
- These folks will be the champions of ABC within the agency
- They will get the ball rolling and oversee the implementation of ABC
- Act as a resource to all units



Step 2: ABC Strategic Plan Development

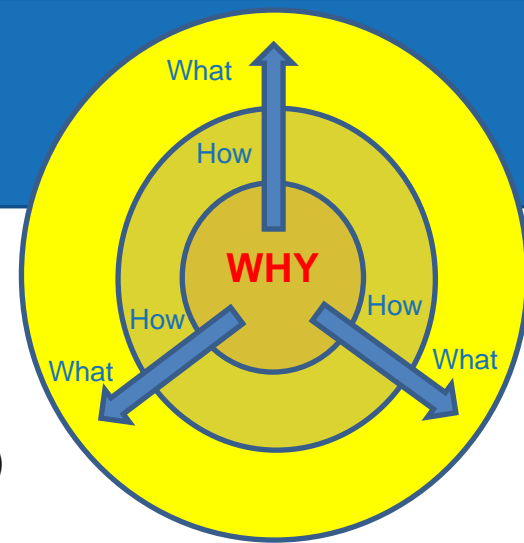


- The concept of the “Golden Circle”
 - Every process needs to be based on the “WHY” (origin of the circle)
 - The “HOWs” are the processes to achieve the desired outcomes
 - The “WHATs” are the desired outcomes

Start with “WHY”

The ABC Team should determine the messaging for WHY do we use ABC?

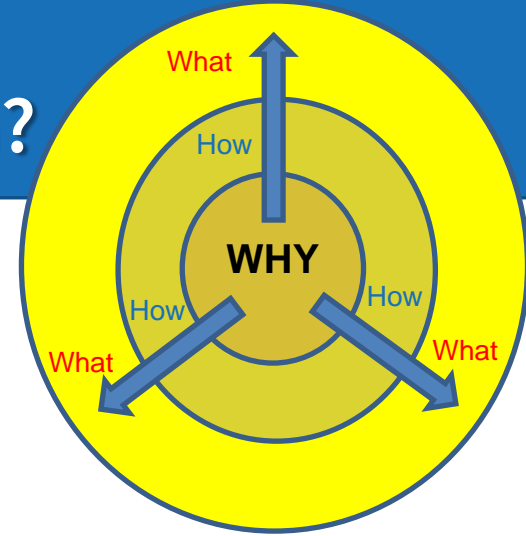
- Fortunately, as an industry, we have stated this already
- FHWA ABC website (and virtually every ABC publication)
 - Improved safety for travelers and workers
 - Improved quality and durability
 - Reduced user impacts (Time = \$\$)
 - Reduced environmental impacts
 - Reduced construction management costs
- Develop a “Guiding Principle Statement”: My idea.....
“Changing construction to better serve society”
 - The agency can develop something similar depending on the needs of the agency



“WHAT” do we want to accomplish with an ABC Program?

Based on the Guiding Principle Statement, the ABC Team should identify WHAT should be accomplished in an ABC Program

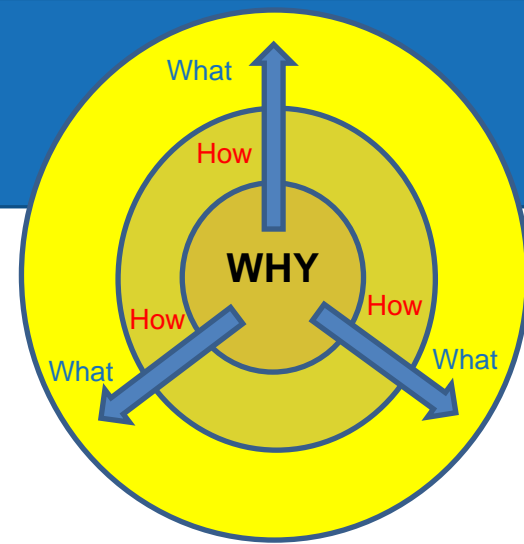
- Identify the goals of the program
- Develop a framework for an ABC Program
- Use the SMART principle
 - **S**pecific
 - **M**easurable
 - **A**chievable
 - **R**elevant
 - **T**ime based



“HOW” do we get there?

The ABC implementation team can then develop a strategic plan

- We know the “WHY” and the “WHAT”, what about the “HOWs”?
- Determine the tools necessary to execute an ABC Program
- Connect the WHY to the WHATs
- The following slides will provide a suggested roadmap

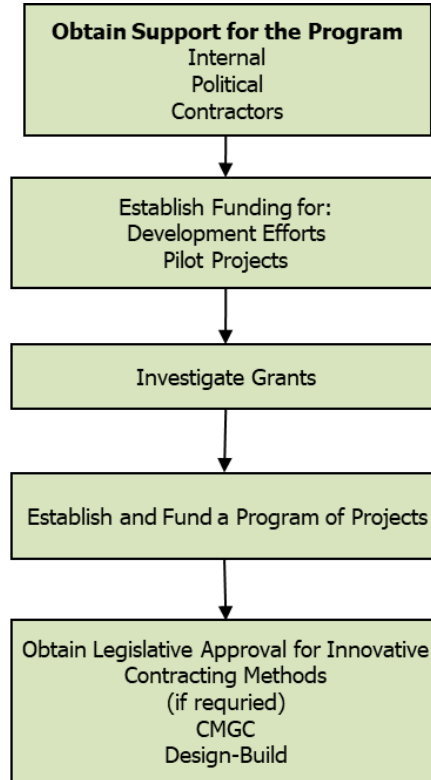


Three Layers of Activities – Layer 1

Use a multi-layer approach

- Obtain support for the program
- Establish organizational structure
- Organize technical activities

Upper Management



Key to
success

Three Layers of Activities – Layer 2

Use a multi-layer approach

- Obtain support for the program
- Establish organizational structure
- Organize technical activities



Mid-Level Management

Establish Organizational Structure

Become Knowledgeable of all
Aspects of ABC

Understand Benefits of ABC

Establish Innovative Contracting
Methods

Establish ABC
Public Involvement Team

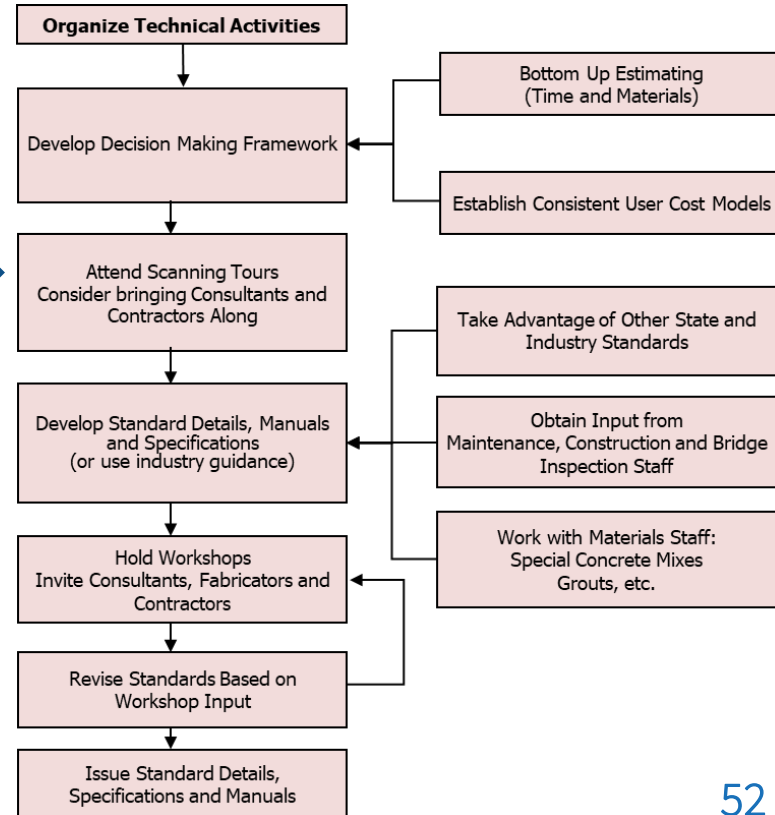
Act as Communications Hub
Hold Regular Informational Meetings
Provide Training Opportunities for
Staff, Private Partners, LTAPs and
TTAPs

Three Layers of Activities – Layer 3

Use a multi-layer approach

- Obtain support for the program
- Establish organizational structure
- **Organize technical activities**

Project Level
Design, Construction, Maintenance

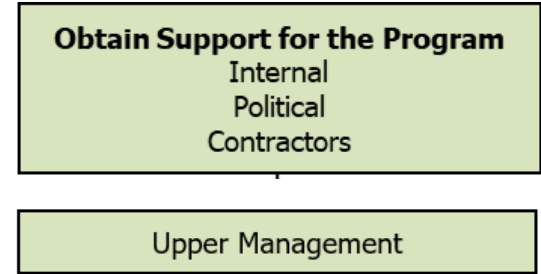


Obtaining Support for an ABC Program

This is a key feature of a successful ABC program

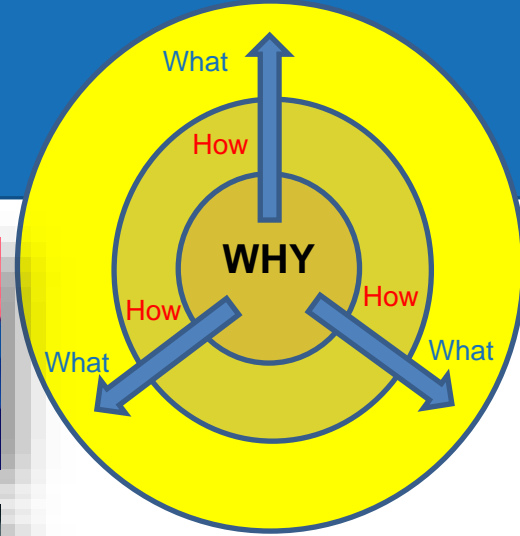
- Step 1: Internal agency buy-in
- Step 2: Gain political and public support
- Step 3: Contractor engagement

Let's explore how to do these



Step 1: Internal Agency Buy-in

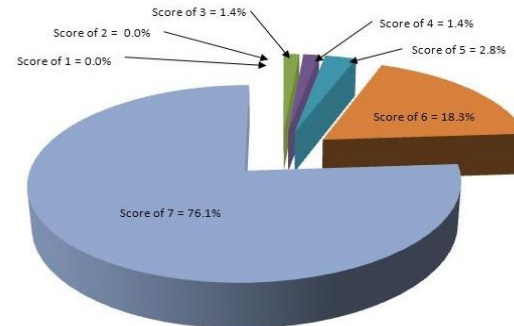
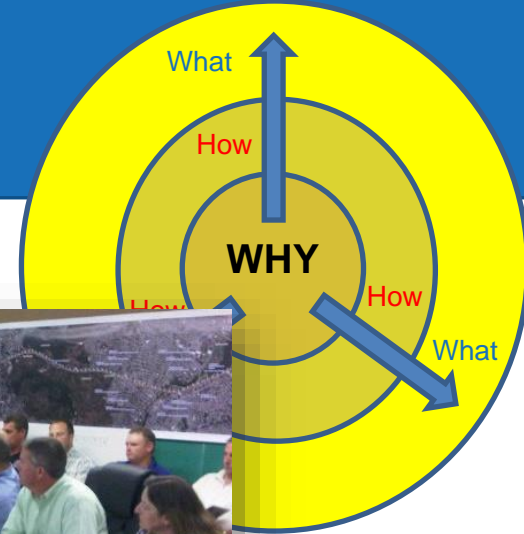
- **Upper management**
 - They need to be the flag bearers for external communications
 - Contractors will contact them, not the design staff
- **Design Staff**
 - We need to develop buildable and efficient designs
- **Construction Staff**
 - They are at the front line with the contractors



Step 2: Gain Political Support

- **Political Support**

- Politicians need to be educated as to the benefits of ABC
- **Why is this important?**
 - The public will contact them, and they listen
 - Happy travelers are happy voters
 - Politicians secure funding for projects

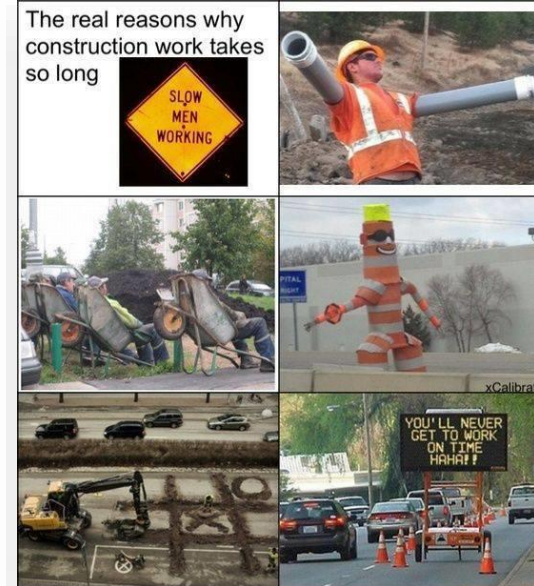
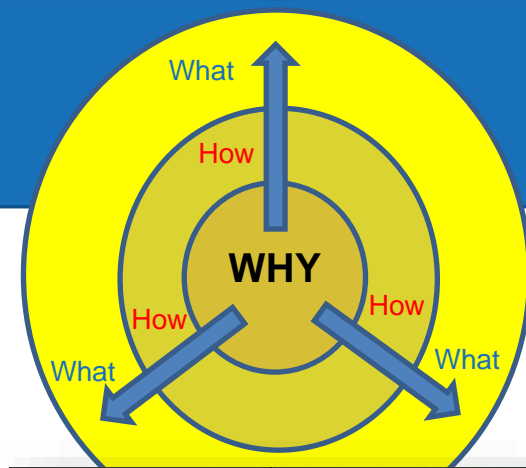


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Step 2: External Buy-in

- Public involvement

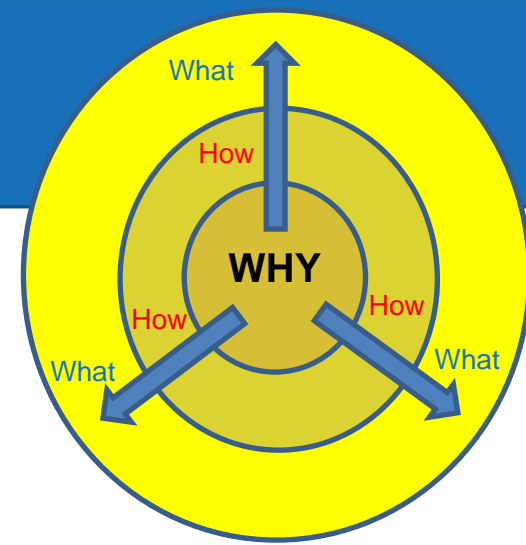
- We need to educate the public about what we are doing and WHY we are doing it.
- Normally done as part of the public outreach process
- Why is this important?
 - We often plan short-term increases in impacts for long-term reductions in impacts.
 - The public needs to know the big picture and WHY
 - Initially there will be a trust issue
 - They have driven for years through work zones
 - We are the butt of their jokes
 - A few successful ABC projects can turn that around fast



Step 3: Contractor Engagement

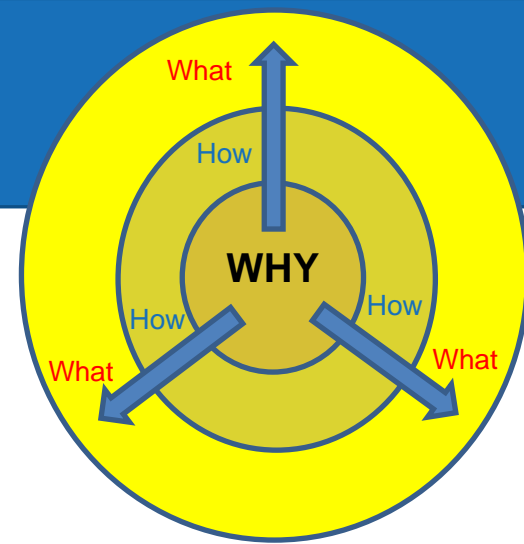
- Contractors

- We need to educate contractors about what we are doing and WHY we are doing it.
- If we don't do this....
 - Given a chance, contractors will switch out precast concrete to cast-in-place concrete



Step 3: Contractor Engagement

- Why is contractor “buy-in” important?
- If contractors push back...
 - They won't call the design office
 - They will call
 - Agency construction office
 - Agency management
 - Political leaders
 - If everyone is not on board with the “WHY”, the program can fall apart



Step 3: Contractor Engagement

Why many contractors dislike ABC?

- They like to pour concrete
 - They are staffed and equipped for cast-in-place concrete work
 - Precasting takes work away from their staff
- Staffing ABC projects can have its challenges
 - You need a lot of staff for a short time
 - What do you do with them after the work is done?
- Potential loss of control over project production and schedule
- Risk:
 - Working with new technologies
 - Risk = \$\$ = loss of bid advantages

Step 3: Contractor Engagement

How to engage the contracting community on a programmatic level

- An agency can hold regular meetings with the contractor's associations
- Educate them about the “WHY” = Guiding Principle
- Ensure that they know that ABC is agency policy and not a fad
- Benefits of ABC
 - Less overhead: Do more with less staff
 - Safer work environment:
 - Shorter duration work zones
 - Building off-site
 - Benefits to the traveling public
 - Reduced user costs due to delays
 - Happy motorists = Happy voters = better political support for more highway construction

Step 3: Contractor Engagement



What can we do to reduce contractor push-back?

- Start with “trial projects”
 - Get everyone on the same page
 - Try several “Practice Projects”
 - Bid a few projects with more relaxed schedules
 - Make it clear that switching to cast-in-place construction will not be allowed even if there is time
 - Build contractor familiarity with ABC without so much risk
 - At some time in the future, there will be projects with much tighter schedules where ABC will be necessary
 - Goal: Reduce risk on future projects through practice
 - This should be clearly communicated with....
 - Agency management at all levels
 - Politicians
 - The contracting community

Step 3: Contractor Engagement



Project Level

- Pre-bid conferences
 - Explain why ABC is being used
 - Both programmatic and project level
 - Go through the proposed details
 - Invite comments:
 - Live
 - Post conference
 - **Make it clear that switching to cast-in-place concrete will not be allowed**

Step 3: Contractor Engagement

How can we make ABC more palatable to contractors?

- Relax schedules on early projects
 - But not too much
 - Reduces risk = lower bids
- Limit the value of disincentives
 - Reduces risk = lower bids
- Consider allowing self-performance of precasting
 - Require development of QA/QC processes
 - Expected quality should be the same as a precast plant
 - Utah DOT has contractors obtain PCI “Precast” certification
 - Allows the contractor to keep work in-house
 - This has worked well in Utah

Conclusions

- Estimating cost and time is difficult due to many factors
 - Speed, Complexity, I/Ds, Equipment, Risk, etc.
 - We are building a knowledge base that is making this a little easier
 - Consider the FIU ABC UTC project database
- Be careful when developing Incentive/Disincentive provisions
 - Should be based on a real benefit (not a bonus)
 - Limit to 5% of the contract value
 - These can lead to higher bid costs if there is a risk of the disincentive being applied
- Use a multi-tier approach to implementing an ABC program
 - Engage all stakeholders (internal and external), politicians, and the public
 - Recommend using the “Golden Circle Approach”

Important factors to consider in ABC project selection

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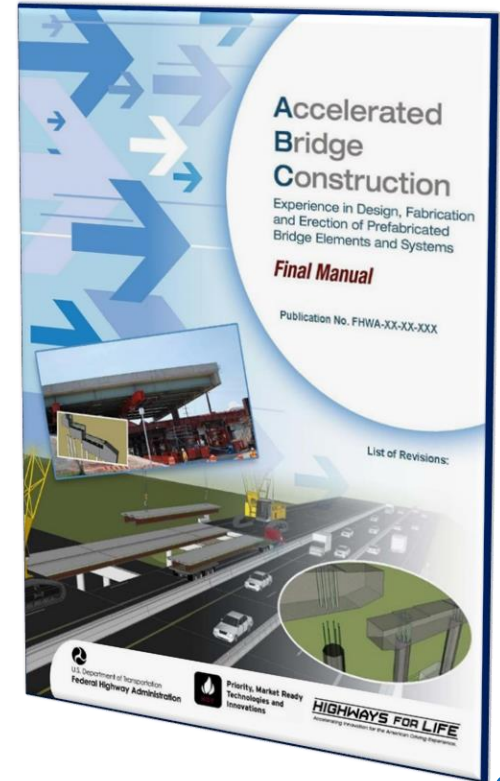
This Module Covers:

- Important factors to consider
 - Type of ABC
 - Road User Impacts
 - Cost
- Recommended Decision processes

Important Factors – Part 1

Type of ABC

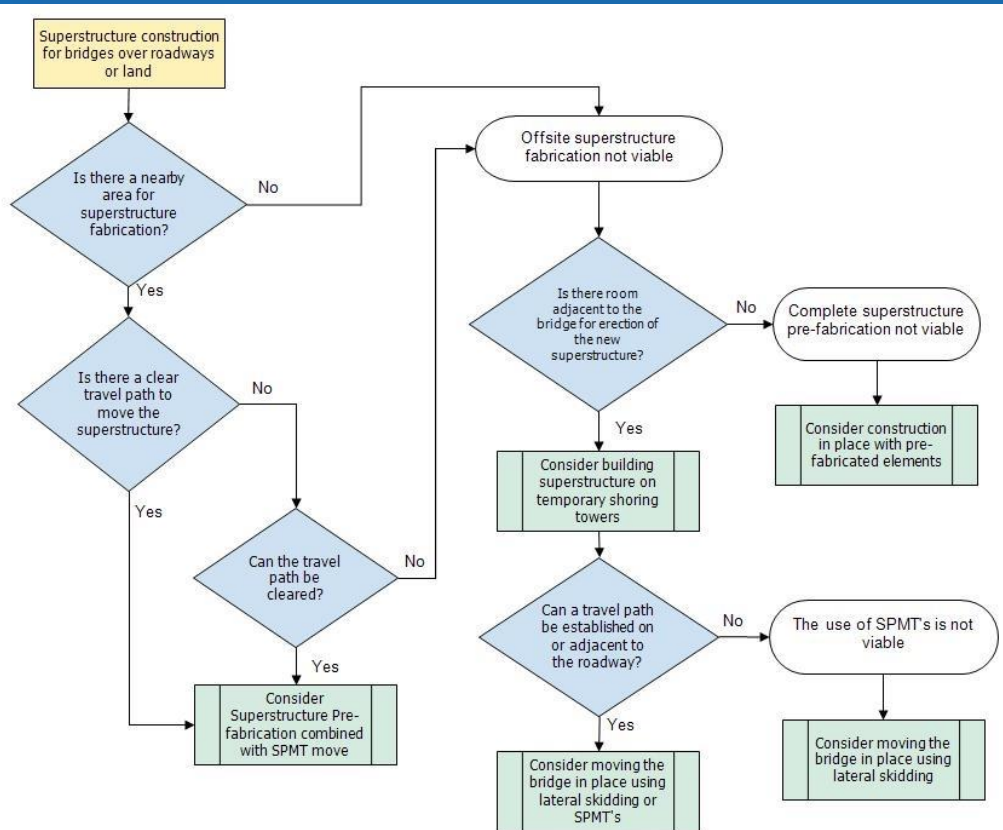
- There are many options for ABC
- Which one(s) are appropriate for each site?
- The **FHWA ABC Manual** has guidance
 - Helps in decision making
 - After a few projects, this will become more obvious



FHWA ABC Manual

Chapter 3: Project planning and scoping

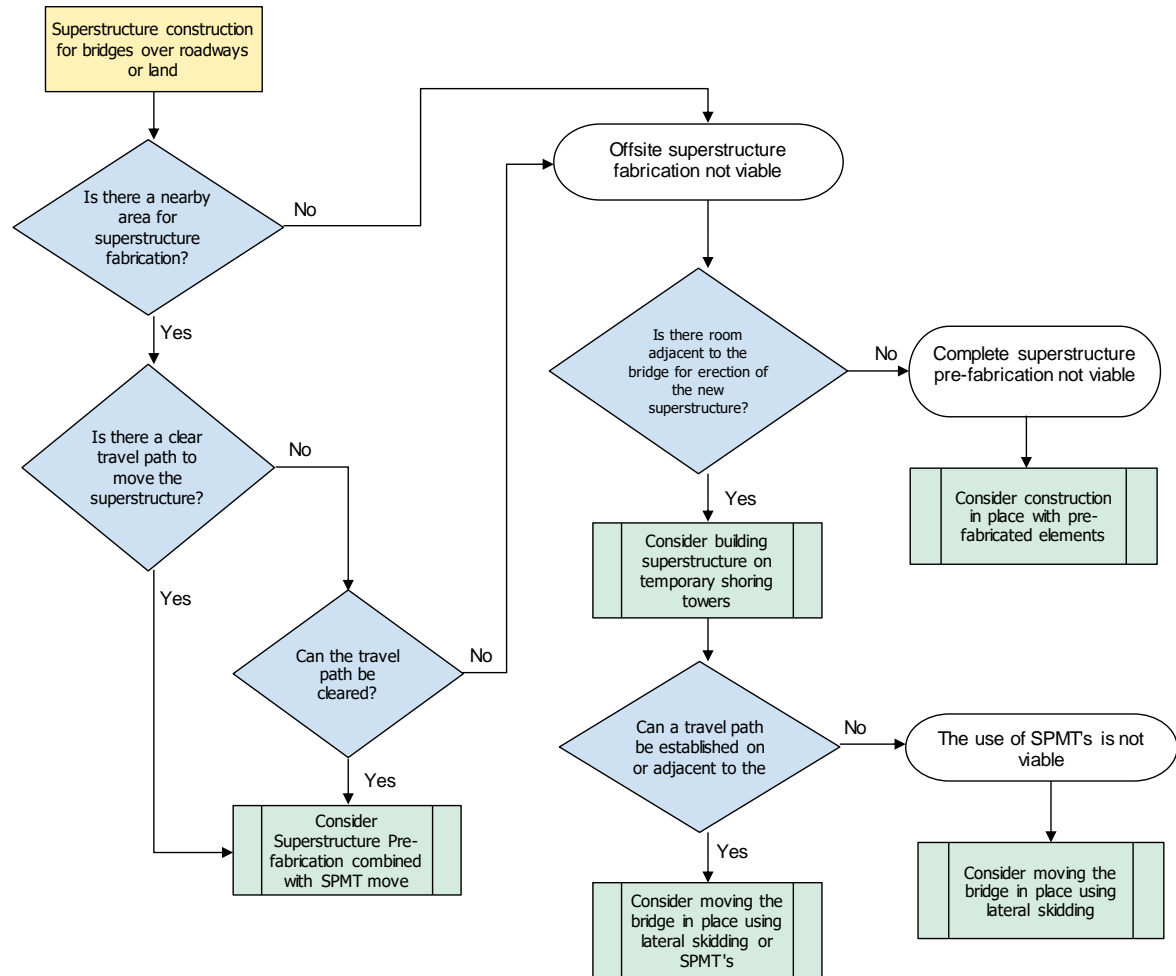
- Determination of appropriate ABC methods
- Flowcharts developed to assist in decision making
- Assumption: Construction with prefabricated bridge elements is always an option



ABC Decision Flowcharts

Superstructure over roadways

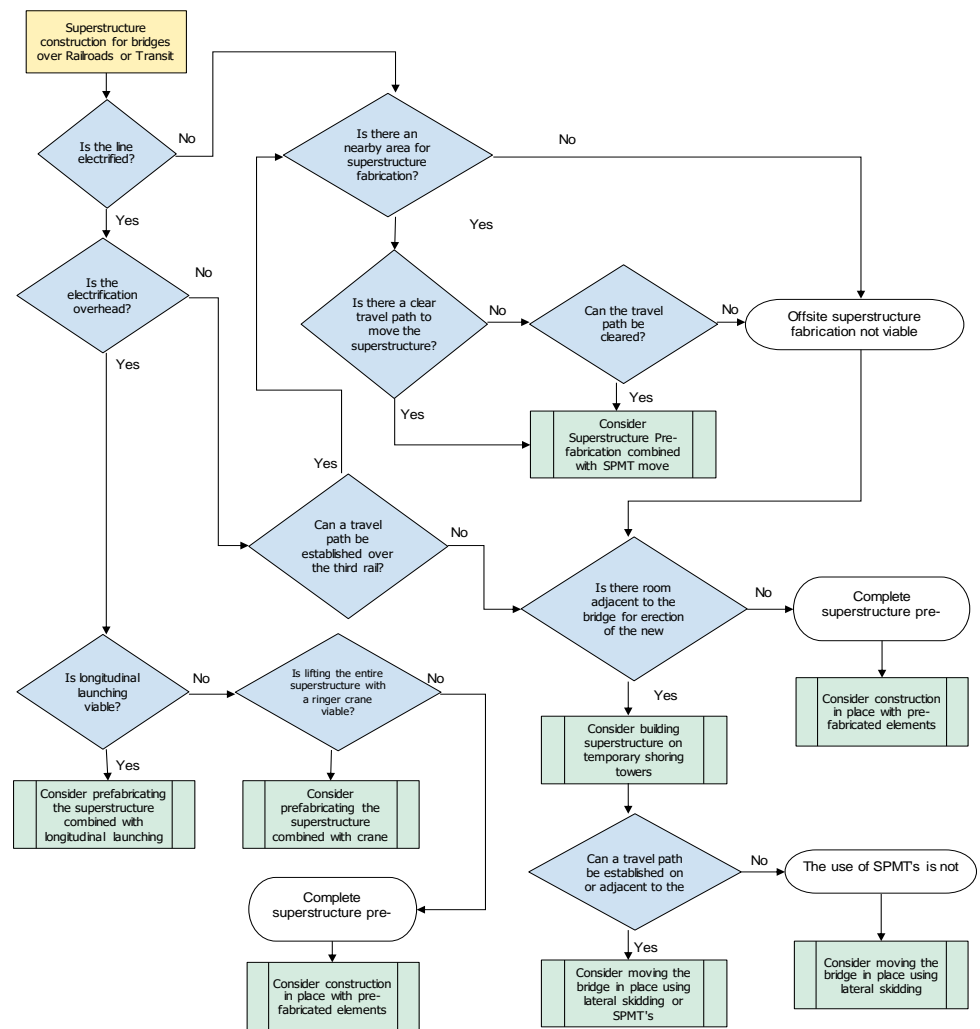
Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2-1
Decision Flowchart for Superstructure Construction over Roadway or Land



ABC Decision Flowcharts

Superstructure over railroads

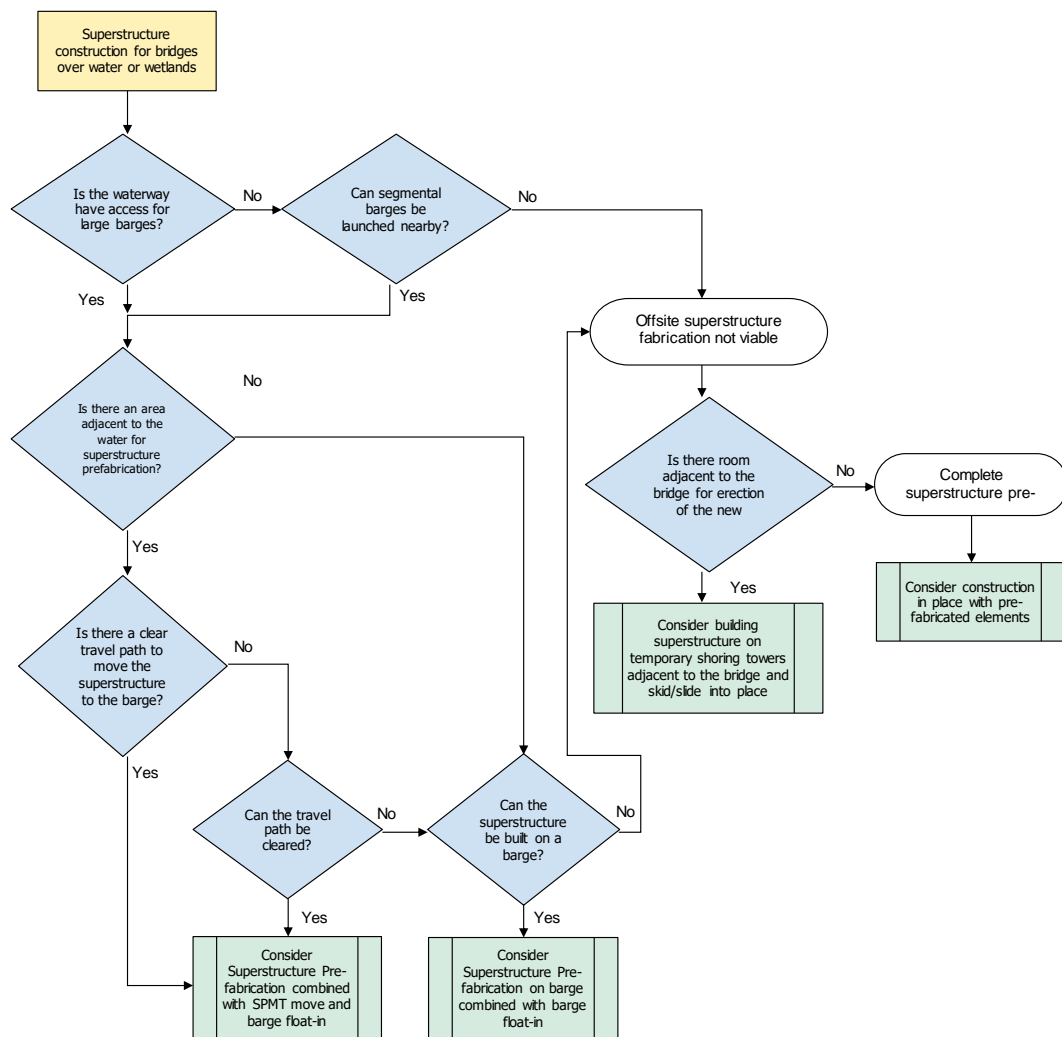
Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2-2 Decision Flowchart for Superstructure Construction over Railroad



ABC Decision Flowcharts

Superstructure over water or wetlands

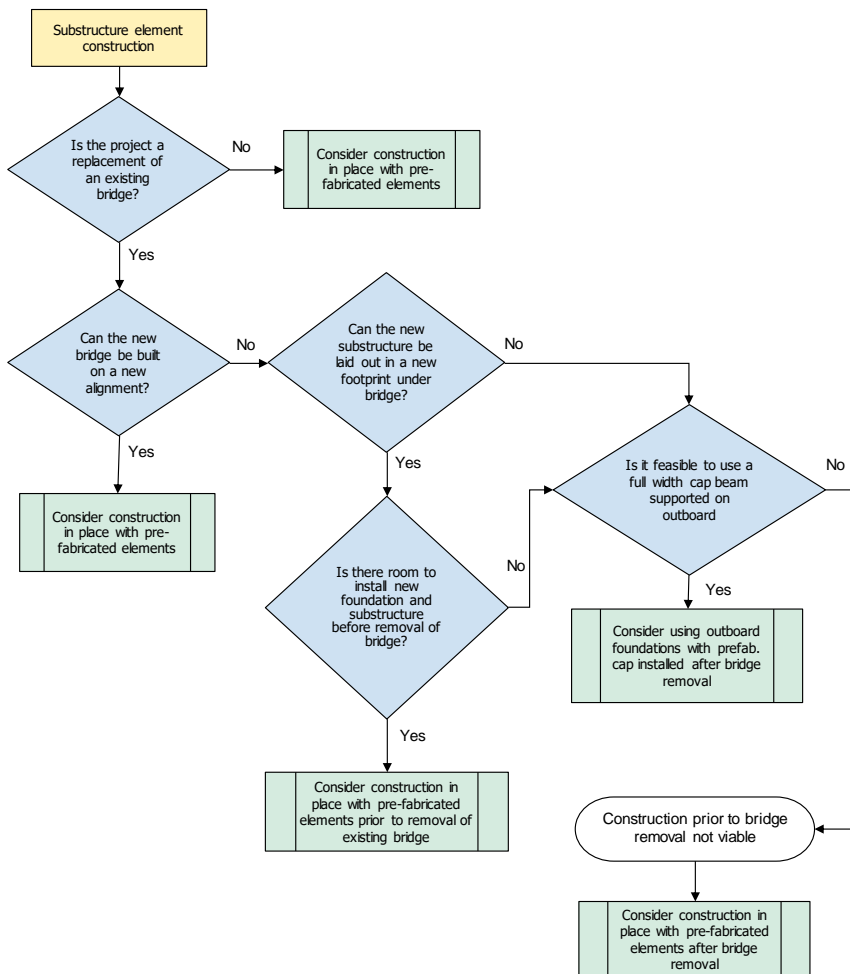
Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2-3 Decision Flowchart for Superstructure Construction over Water or Wetlands



ABC Decision Flowcharts

Substructures

Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2-4
Decision Flowchart for Substructure Construction



Example Project

Highway Overpass

- Heavy traffic on overpass road (retail area)
- Relatively light traffic on interstate
- No land available nearby for large staging area

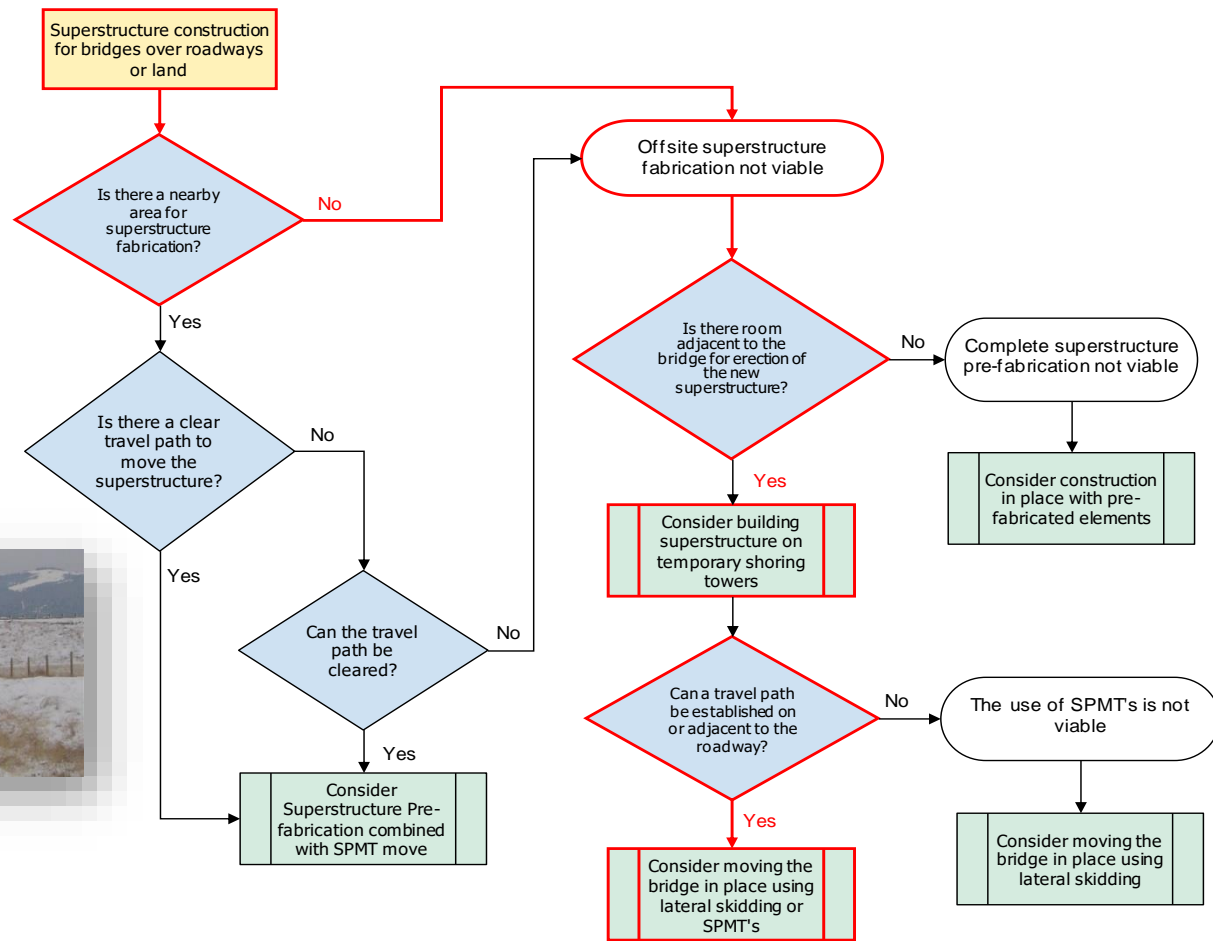


Example Project

Superstructure



Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2.1-2
ABC Flowchart for Example Bridge
Superstructure

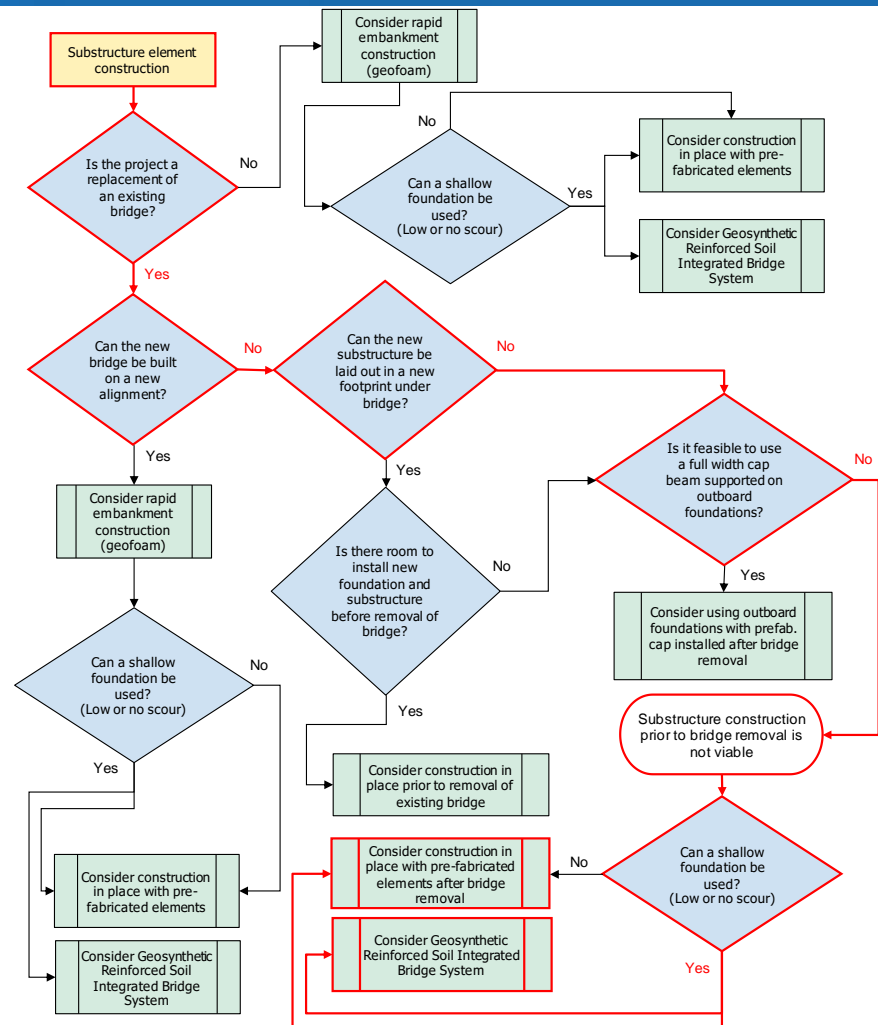


Example Project

Substructure



Ref: FHWA ABC Manual Figure 3.2.2.1-3
ABC Flowchart for Example Bridge
Superstructure



Important Factors – Part 2

Investigate traffic patterns

- Traffic impacts are a significant part of any decision process
- In order to make a proper decision, the designer needs to understand the existing traffic patterns including:
 - Hourly volumes (weekdays and weekends)
 - Seasonal changes (resorts\beaches\local events)
 - Available detours
 - State highways
 - Local roads?
 - Evacuation routes and emergency vehicle routes
 - Impact on local businesses?

Important Factors – Part 3

Cost

- In the previous module, we discussed the potential premiums for ABC
- Is this the whole picture? No
- We should investigate TOTAL project costs

Important Factors – Part 3

Total Project Cost

- What is the total cost of a project?
 - Bid price? No
- Common non-bid costs
 - Construction inspection
 - Back-office staff
 - Field office
 - Flagging
- These can be reduced with ABC by reducing the overall project schedule



Important Factors – Part 3

Other ways to save costs with ABC

- Maintenance of traffic costs
 - Staging\Barriers\Temporary traffic control
- Overbuild
 - Sometimes we will overbuild to facilitate staging
 - May not be necessary with ABC
- Temporary bridges
 - We may be able to eliminate a temporary bridge with ABC



ABC Decision Processes

Processes in use in the US

- Many states have developed ABC decision processes
- Not all the same, but that is ok
- Each state has different priorities

Types of decision matrices

- Simple checklists
- Weighted scoring (algorithms)

Recommended Approach to ABC Decision Making

Connecticut DOT ABC Decision Matrix (or something similar)

- This decision process has a few key elements that stand out
 1. It is a simple method based on weighted scoring
 - Similar to the UDOT method and others
 2. It compares ABC to Conventional Construction
 3. Uses a simplified road user impact process
 4. It accounts for non-bid savings
 - Offset ABC costs with costs that can be reduced or eliminated with ABC

CTDOT Approach to User Impacts

User costs

- Some agencies calculate user costs
- Good tool for justification of ABC
- Problem:
 - You cannot spend user costs
 - Not a real cost to the agency (Monopoly Money)
 - Approach to calculating user costs can vary widely
- What is really important?
 - Impact of ABC on road users, environment, etc.
 - The ratio of impacts is more important than the \$\$



CTDOT Approach to User Impacts

User cost impact ratio approach

- Compare aggregate road user impacts for ABC vs. conventional construction
 - Calculated in “vehicle days”
 - Add up impacts to travelers on the bridge and below the bridge
 - Calculate a percent increase or reduction
- Key factors needed
 - ADT for all roadways
 - Delay time for all roadways



CTDOT Approach to Cost Analysis

Ways to save \$\$ with ABC

Reduced construction management costs

- Field inspectors: Less time on the job
- Backoffice staff: Reduced number of invoices and reports
- Field office and equipment rental: Reduced number of months

Reduced traffic management costs

- Temporary signals
- Flagging and police
- Multiple stages of construction
- Elimination of temporary bridges
- Elimination of overbuilds to accommodate construction stages



CTDOT ABC Decision Matrix

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CTDOT ABC Decision Making Process											
Site Information											
Project Description: Replacement of Bridge No. 02583, Route 97 over Cold Brook in the City of Norwich											
Prop. ABC Method: Integral bridge with precast abutments, wingwalls and beams (with deck already implemented, NEXT Beams).											
Conventional Construction Method: Integral bridge with precast abutments, wingwalls and beams. Deck and parapets CIP.											
Roadway on Bridge Route 97											
Average Daily Traffic 4100 vehicles per day											
Conventional Construction Delay Time 12.00 minutes Construction Impact Duration 90 Days Aggregate Impact Time 3331 Person Days											
ABC Delay Time 13.00 minutes Construction Impact Duration 49 Days Aggregate Impact Time 1814 Person Days											
Roadway Below Bridge N/A											
Average Daily Traffic vehicles per day											
Conventional Construction Delay Time minutes Construction Impact Duration Days Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days											
ABC Delay Time minutes Construction Impact Duration Days Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days											
Percent Reduction in Aggregate Impact Time											
Conventional Construction Total Aggregate Impact Time 3331 Person Days											
ABC Total Aggregate Impact Time 1814 Person Days											
User Impact Reduction 48%											
Note: Negative value indicated that ABC has more impact											
Preliminary Cost Evaluation											
Estimated conventional construction project cost =											
Required Bridge \$2,666,000											
Overbuild \$0											
Total conventional bridge cost \$2,666,000											
Estimated CEI Costs per month											
Field office monthly cost \$3,563											
CEI staff monthly cost (field plus main office) \$20,000											
Total CEI Monthly Cost \$23,563											
Notes: Small field office = \$300 per month Medium office = \$300 per month Large office = \$300 per month Staff = \$20,000 per person per month											
Net time savings for ABC = 14 months											
Estimated Percent Premium for ABC = -1%											
MPT savings with ABC Things that you can eliminate from conventional construction by using ABC											
Overbuild for staging \$0											
Temporary bridge \$0											
Temporary signal \$0											
Other \$0											
Total MPT Savings with ABC \$0											
Cost analysis											
Premium for ABC = -\$26,660											
CEI Cost Savings = \$32,988											
MPT savings with ABC = \$0											
Net cost change for ABC = -\$53,648											
ABC is less expensive than conventional											
Net percentage of conventional cost = -2%											
ABC Rating procedure											
Enter values for each aspect of the project. Attach back-up data if applicable											
Average Daily Traffic 1											
Combined traffic on and under											
1 No traffic impacts											
2 Less than 10000											
3 10000 to 40000											
4 40000 to 70000											
5 70000 to 100000											
6 More than 100000											
User Impact Reduction 3											
Calculated by spreadsheet											
1 Zero											
2 1% to 20%											
3 20% to 40%											
4 40% to 60%											
5 60% to 80%											
6 80% to 100%											
Bridge Location 2											
Stakeholder Impact											
1 Rural Bridge away from town center											
2 Rural bridge near town center											
3 Suburban bridge away from town center											
4 Suburban bridge near major traffic generators											
5 Urban Bridge near major traffic generators											
6 Urban Bridge near emergency services											
Use of Typical Detail 4											
1 Complex and unfavorable geometry											
2 Curved and skewed bridges											
3 Curved bridges											
4 Skewed Bridges											
5 Simple geometry well suited for typical details											
Work Zone Geometry 2											
Detour quality and/or MPT Quality											
1 Short duration project with good geometry & flow											
2 Short duration project with moderate geometry & flow											
3 Average project duration with average geometry & flow											
4 Long duration project with moderate geometry & flow											
5 Long duration project with complex geometry & flow											
Site Conditions 3											
Utilities/ROW/Env. Compliance											
1 significant limitations on work											
2 moderate construction limitations for portions of the work											
3 minor construction limitations											
4 No Restrictions											
5 No Restrictions											
Railroad Impacts 0											
1 No Railroad (entry of 0 = not considered in score)											
2 Freight Siding (Less than 1 train per week)											
3 Light Freight (1 train per week to 1 train per day)											
4 Heavy Freight (More than 1 train per day)											
5 Commuter rail											
6 Electrified Commuter Rail											
Cost Analysis 5											
Factor = -2%											
1 20% < Factor < 30%											
2 10% < Factor < 20%											
3 5% < Factor < 10%											
4 0% < Factor < 5%											
5 Factor < 0%											
Envir. /Water Handling 1											
1 No Restrictions (entry of 0 = not considered in score)											
2 minor construction limitations											
3 moderate construction limitations for portions of the work											
4 significant limitations on work											
5 significant limitations on work											
Waterway Limitation 0											
1 No impact (entry of 0 = not considered in score)											
2 Minor impacts											
3 Seasonal recreational impacts											
4 Significant recreational impacts											
5 Significant commercial impacts											
ABC Rating											
Average Daily Traffic Score Weight Factor Adjusted Score Maximum Score											
User Impact Reduction 3 30 90 5 150											
Bridge Location 2 5 10 5 25											
Use of Typical Details 4 5 20 5 25											
Work Zone Geometry 2 8 16 5 40											
Site Conditions 3 5 15 5 25											
Railroad Impacts 0 5 0 0 0											
Cost Analysis 5 30 150 5 150											
Envir. /Water Handling 1 5 5 5 25											
Waterway Limitations 0 5 0 0 0											
Total Score 316 Max. Score 490											
ABC Rating 64											
ABC Rating Scale											
60-100 Use ABC											
50-60 Consider ABC											
0-50 Do not use ABC											

Note: Weight factors determined by CTDOT. Do not adjust factors without prior consultation.

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 1

- Enter site information data
- Enter the following traffic inputs for Roadway on Bridge and Roadway Below Bridge (if applicable) for both conventional and ABC alternatives for determination of user impact reduction:
 - ADT
 - Delay time (entered from supplementary traffic delay time spreadsheets)
 - Construction impact duration
- Spreadsheet calculates user impact reduction value for ABC compared to conventional construction

CTDOT ABC Matrix
Screen Shot

Site Information

Project Description:

Prop. ABC Method:

Conventional Construction Method:

Roadway on Bridge

Average Daily Traffic

vehicles per day

Conventional Construction

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) minutes

Construction Impact Duration Days

Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days

ABC

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) minutes

Construction Impact Duration Days

Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days

Roadway Below Bridge

Average Daily Traffic

vehicles per day

Conventional Construction

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) minutes

Construction Impact Duration Days

Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days

ABC

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) minutes

Construction Impact Duration Days

Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days

Percent Reduction in Aggregate Impact Time

Conventional Construction

Total Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days

ABC

Total Aggregate Impact Time 0 Person Days


User Impact Reduction

#DIV/0!

Note: Negative value indicated that ABC has more impact

Alternating Traffic Delay Time (Supplementary Spreadsheet)

- Determine and enter estimated cycle time
- Use assumed values for preliminary investigations

Connecticut Department of Transportation 2800 Berlin Turnpike, PO Box 317546 Newington, CT 06131-7846				Project: <input type="text"/> By: <input type="text"/> Checked: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/>									
ABC Decision Matrix - Supplementary Spreadsheet Alternating Traffic Delay Time													
Traffic Delay Calculation Recommendations Key		<input type="text"/> Input areas <input type="text"/> Calculations and results											
One Way Alternating Traffic Delays				Comments									
<p>For each direction:</p> <p>Estimated Cycle Time <input type="text" value="2.00"/> minutes (See note 2)</p> <p>Average Delay Time <input type="text" value="1.00"/> minutes (use this in the Base Spreadsheet)</p> <p>** The estimated average cycle time can be assumed based on the following:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ADT < 2000</td> <td>1.00 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2001 < ADT < 4000</td> <td>1.25 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4001 < ADT < 6000</td> <td>1.50 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6001 < ADT < 8000</td> <td>2.00 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>Do not use alternating one way traffic for ADT over 8000</p>				ADT < 2000	1.00 minutes	2001 < ADT < 4000	1.25 minutes	4001 < ADT < 6000	1.50 minutes	6001 < ADT < 8000	2.00 minutes	<p>These calculations would be for a typical bridge replacement project where one way alternating traffic is proposed. The basis for this calculation is the following assumptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On average, a typical car will spend one half of a complete cycle at the signal. Some vehicles will arrive at the worst moment and wait an entire cycle to go. Some vehicles will arrive just as the light goes green and have no delay. The values given are for one way alternating stop signs for low volume roads and and signals for higher volume roads. For stop sign control, maximum length of alternating traffic must be no greater than 400 feet and clear sightline must be provided between the two opposing traffic stop signs. 	
ADT < 2000	1.00 minutes												
2001 < ADT < 4000	1.25 minutes												
4001 < ADT < 6000	1.50 minutes												
6001 < ADT < 8000	2.00 minutes												

Detour Length Delay (Supplementary Spreadsheet)

Traffic Delay Calculation Recommendations Key

	Input areas
	Calculations and results

Detour Delays

Comments

Detour Segment 1 Length miles
 Segment 1 speed limit mph
 Segment 1 Congestion Factor See Note 1
 Segment 1 Time #DIV/0! minutes

Detour Segment 2 Length miles
 Segment 2 speed limit mph
 Segment 2 Congestion Factor See Note 1
 Segment 2 Time #DIV/0! minutes

Detour Segment 3 Length miles
 Segment 3 speed limit mph
 Segment 3 Congestion Factor See Note 1
 Segment 3 Time #DIV/0! minutes

Detour Segment 4 Length miles
 Segment 4 speed limit mph
 Segment 4 Congestion Factor See Note 1
 Segment 4 Time #DIV/0! minutes

Detour Segment 5 Length miles
 Segment 5 speed limit mph
 Segment 5 Congestion Factor See Note 1
 Segment 5 Time #DIV/0! minutes

Number of Stops along detour stop signs or signals
 Delays at stop signs 0.00 minutes

Assumptions

Delay Time per stop 1.00 minutes

Aggregate Detour Time #DIV/0! minutes (use this in the Base Spreadsheet)

1. These calculations would be used if a detour was planned. The adjustment factor is to account for the anticipated volume of traffic on the detour.

2. Segment Congestion Factor variables may be reduced for short term detours if the project will include special advance notice to motoring public during construction phase with the effect of reducing overall short term traffic volumes.

Note 1: This factor accounts for the additional delay on the detour route due to congestion. For example, a value of 1.25 equates to a 25% increase in travel time on the detour route.

Segment Congestion Factor

		Conditions at Bridge				
		Non-limited access highway, total ADT < 5,000	Non-limited access highway, total ADT 5,000 - 10,000	Non-limited access highway, total ADT > 10,000	Limited access highway, directional ADT < 25,000	Limited access highway, directional ADT > 25,000
Conditions on Detour Segment	Longer than 2.0 miles, ADT > 8,000 per lane	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.00	2.00
	Longer than 2.0 miles, ADT < 8,000 per lane	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.00
	0.5 - 2.0 miles, ADT < 3,000 - 8,000 per lane	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
	0.5 - 2.0 miles, ADT < 3,000 per lane	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.75
	Less than 0.5 mile, ADT < 3,000 per lane	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50

Conditions on Detour Segment - Guidance:

ADT per lane = ADT on segment / number of total available lanes on roadway

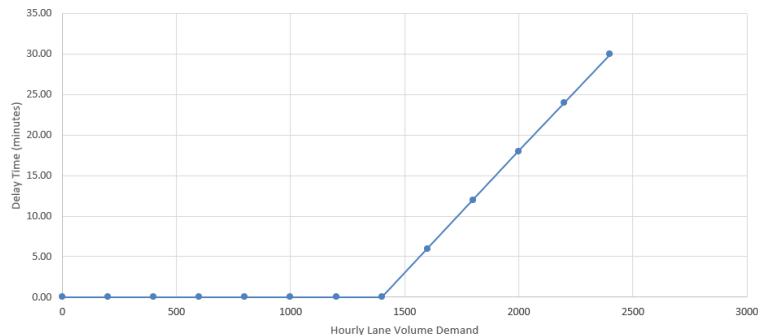
If length of detour and ADT per lane do not match one of the above categories, use higher value condition

Reduced Lane Delay Time (Supplementary Spreadsheet)

Basis:

- Each lane can accommodate up to 1400 vph without delay
- Delay varies linearly as volume increases

Basis of Delay Time



ABC Decision Matrix - Supplementary Spreadsheet Reduced Lane Delay Time

Sheet No. of

Traffic Delay Calculation Recommendations Key		Input areas	Calculations and results
Lane Reduction Delays			
Heavy Commute Peak Period 1 Hourly volume during peak periods Number of Lanes in service during peak Peak Lane Volume Average delay time per vehicle Aggregate delay time for this peak period Length of peak period Aggregate delay time for this period Note: Length of Peak Period: enter 1 for light traffic; 2 for medium traffic; 3 for heavy traffic			total vehicles per hour lanes vehicles per hour per lane minutes (see basis to the right) vehicle minutes per hour hours (see note below) vehicle minutes
Heavy Commute Peak Period 2 Hourly volume during peak periods Number of Lanes in service during peak Peak Lane Volume Average delay time per vehicle Aggregate delay time for this peak period Length of peak period Aggregate delay time for this period Note: Length of Peak Period: enter 1 for light traffic; 2 for medium traffic; 3 for heavy traffic			total vehicles per hour lanes vehicles per hour per lane minutes vehicle minutes per hour hours (see note below) vehicle minutes
Off peak periods Average Hourly volume during off-peak periods Number of Lanes in service during peak Peak Lane Volume Average delay time per vehicle Aggregate delay time for this peak period Length of peak period Aggregate delay time for this period			total vehicles per hour lanes vehicles per hour per lane minutes vehicle minutes per hour 21 hours (24 hours minus peak hours) vehicle minutes
Average delay time Aggregate delay time for period 1 Aggregate delay time for period 2 Aggregate delay time for off peak period Total Aggregate delay time Total ADT Average Delay time per vehicle			vehicle minutes (from above) vehicle minutes (from above) vehicle minutes (from above) vehicle minutes vehicles minutes (use this in the Base Spreadsheet)

1. These calculations would be used if staged construction was planned where there is a proposed reduction in the number of lanes. The basis of the delay times is that a lane can accommodate 1400 vehicles per hour without delay. Increased delays would result as the lane volume increases.

2. The assumption is that the delay time increases linearly from 1400 vehicles per hour (see Basis of Delay Time Plot to Right). The rate of increase can be easily adjusted by changing the delay value for the 2400 vph line in the table to the right (blue cell).

3. The peak hourly volume can be estimated to be 10% of the ADT if specific hourly volumes are not available.

4. The off peak hourly volume can be estimated to be 3% of the ADT if specific hourly volumes are not available.

5. Reduced ADT input values may be used for short term lane reductions (2 to 3 day intervals) if special advance notice to motoring public is implemented during construction phase with the effect of temporarily reducing ADT.

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 2

Entire following project inputs:

Conventional project cost

- Overbuild
- Required base bridge costs

CE&I monthly costs

- Field office
- CE&I staff

ABC net time savings

ABC estimated additional cost premium

Maintenance & Protection of Traffic (MPT) cost
savings with ABC

- Overbuild not needed
- Temporary bridge not needed
- Temporary signal not needed
- Other

Spreadsheet calculates the ABC premium as a "Net percentage of conventional cost"

CTDOT ABC
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Estimated conventional construction project cost =

Required Bridge
Overbuild
Total conventional bridge cost

\$0
\$0

Estimated CE&I Costs per month

Field office monthly cost
CE&I staff monthly cost (field plus main office)
Total CE&I Monthly Cost =

\$0

Notes: Small field office = \$xxx per month
Medium office = \$xxx per month
Large office = \$xxx per month
Staff = \$20,000 per person per month

Net time savings for ABC =

--

 months

Estimated Percent Premium for ABC =

--

MPT savings with ABC

Things that you can eliminate from conventional construction by using ABC

Overbuild for staging
Temporary bridge
Temporary signal
Other
Total MPT Savings with ABC

\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0

Cost analysis

Premium for ABC =

\$0

CEI Cost Savings =

\$0

MPT savings with ABC =

\$0

Net cost change for ABC =

\$0

ABC is less expensive than conventional

Net percentage of conventional cost =

#DIV/0!

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 3

- Enter project rating values:
 - Average Daily Traffic (ADT)
 - Bridge location
 - Use of typical details
 - Work zone geometry
 - Site conditions
 - Railroad impacts
- CTDOT ABC
Matrix Screen
Shot
- User impact reduction is internally computed from data input on Sheet 1

ABC Rating procedure

Enter values for each aspect of the project. Attach back-up data if applicable

Average Daily Traffic	<input type="text"/>	0	No traffic impacts
Combined traffic on and under		1	Less than 10000
		2	10000 to 40000
		3	40000 to 70000
		4	70000 to 100000
		5	More than 100000
User Impact Reduction	<input type="text" value="#DIV/0!"/>	0	Zero
Calculated by spreadsheet		1	1% to 20%
		2	21% to 40%
		3	41% to 60%
		4	61% to 80%
		5	81% to 100%
Bridge Location	<input type="text"/>	0	Rural Bridge away from town center
Stakeholder Impact		1	Rural bridge near town center
		2	Suburban bridge away from town center
		3	Suburban bridge near major traffic generators
		4	Urban Bridge near major traffic generators
		5	Urban Bridge near emergency services
Use of Typical Details	<input type="text"/>	1	Complex and unfavorable geometry
		2	Curved and skewed bridges
		3	Curved bridges
		4	Skewed Bridges
		5	Simple geometry well suited for typical details
Work Zone Geometry	<input type="text"/>	1	Short duration project with good geometry & flow
Detour quality and/or		2	Short duration project with moderate geometry & flow
MPT Quality		3	Average project duration with average geometry & flow
		4	Long duration project with moderate geometry & flow
		5	Long duration project with complex geometry & flow
Site Conditions	<input type="text"/>	0	significant limitations on work
Utilities/ROW/Env. Compliance		1	moderate construction limitations for portions of the work
		2	
		3	minor construction limitations
		4	
		5	No Restrictions
Railroad Impacts	<input type="text"/>	0	No Railroad (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
		1	Freight Siding (Less than 1 train per week)
		2	Light Freight (1 Train per week to 1 Train per day)
		3	Heavy Freight (More than 1 Train per day)
		4	Commuter rail
		5	Electrified Commuter Rail

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 4

- Enter project rating values:
- Cost analysis factor
- Environmental water handling
- Waterway limitations

Cost Analysis	<input type="text"/>	0	>30%
Factor =	#DIV/0!	1	20% < Factor < 30%
Net percentage of conventional cost		2	10% < Factor < 20%
Negative value means that ABC has		3	5% < Factor < 10%
less net cost when compared to		4	0% < Factor < 5%
conventional construction		5	Factor < 0%
Envir. /Water Handling	<input type="text"/>	0	No Restrictions (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
		1	minor construction limitations
		2	
		3	moderate construction limitations for portions of the work
		4	
		5	significant limitations on work
Waterway Limitations	<input type="text"/>	0	No impact (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
		1	Minor impacts
		2	
		3	Seasonal recreational impacts
		4	Significant recreational impacts
		5	Significant commercial impacts

CTDOT ABC
Matrix Screen
Shot

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 4 (Continuation)

ABC Rating Table

ABC rating table computes the comparative rating for ABC project methodology under consideration

Rating table

- Compiles all selected or computed rating measures
- Multiplies rating measures by weighting factors
- Divides sum of weighted measure by theoretical maximum to produce ABC rating score

Rating scores

- 60-100 - Use ABC
- 50-60 - Consider ABC
- 0-50 - ABC not favorable

ABC Rating

	Score	Weight Factor	Adjusted Score	Maximum Score	Adjusted Score
Average Daily Traffic	0	10	0	5	50
User Impact Reduction	#DIV/0!	30	#DIV/0!	5	150
Bridge Location	0	5	0	5	25
Use of Typical Details	0	5	0	5	25
Work Zone Geometry	0	8	0	5	40
Site Conditions	0	5	0	5	25
Railroad Impacts	0	5	0	0	0
Cost Analysis	0	30	0	5	150
Envir. /Water Handling	0	5	0	0	0
Waterway Limitations	0	5	0	0	0
Total Score		#DIV/0!	Max. Score	465	

ABC Rating #DIV/0!

ABC Rating Scale	
60-100	Use ABC
50-60	Consider ABC
0-50	Do not use ABC

CTDOT ABC Matrix Screen Shot

Decision Matrix Example

Site Information

Project Description:

Short span bridge replacement
Bridge over a waterway

Prop. ABC Method:

Precast Integral Substructure
Modular Deck Beams
Detour traffic

Conventional Construction Method:

Staged construction
One lane alternating traffic

CTDOT ABC Matrix Screen Shot

User Impact Analysis – One Way Alternating Traffic

For each direction:

Estimated Cycle Time

2.00

minutes (See note 2)

Average Delay Time

1.00

minutes (use this in the Base Spreadsheet)

** The estimated average cycle time can be assumed based on the following:

ADT < 2000	1.00 minutes
2001 < ADT < 4000	1.25 minutes
4001 < ADT < 6000	1.50 minutes
6001 < ADT < 8000	2.00 minutes

Do not use alternating one way traffic for ADT over 8000

CTDOT ABC Matrix – One-way Alternating Traffic Analysis Screen Shot

User Impact Analysis – Detour

Detour Segment 1 Length 0.60 miles
Segment 1 speed limit 25 mph
Segment 1 Congestion Factor 1.3 See Note 1
Segment 1 Time 1.80 minutes

Detour Segment 2 Length 1.40 miles
Segment 2 speed limit 45 mph
Segment 2 Congestion Factor 1.0 See Note 1
Segment 2 Time 1.87 minutes

Detour Segment 3 Length 0.60 miles
Segment 3 speed limit 25 mph
Segment 3 Congestion Factor 1.3 See Note 1
Segment 3 Time 1.80 minutes

Detour Segment 4 Length miles
Segment 4 speed limit mph
Segment 4 Congestion Factor See Note 1
Segment 4 Time 0.00 minutes

Detour Segment 5 Length miles
Segment 5 speed limit mph
Segment 5 Congestion Factor See Note 1
Segment 5 Time 0.00 minutes

Number of Stops along detour 3 stop signs or signals
Delays at stop signs 3.00 minutes

Assumptions

Delay Time per stop 1.00 minutes

Aggregate Detour Time 8.47 minutes (use this in the Base Spreadsheet)

CTDOT ABC Matrix – Detour Traffic Analysis Screen Shot

User Impact Analysis

Roadway on Bridge

Route 99

Average Daily Traffic

7000 vehicles per day

Conventional Construction

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) 1.00 minutes

Construction Impact Duration 700 Days

Aggregate Impact Time 3403 Person Days

ABC

Delay Time (Per Delay Time Sheets) 8.47 minutes

Construction Impact Duration 30 Days

Aggregate Impact Time 1235 Person Days

Percent Reduction in Aggregate Impact Time

Conventional Construction

Total Aggregate Impact Time 3403 Person Days

ABC

Total Aggregate Impact Time 1235 Person Days

User Impact Reduction 64%

Note: Negative value indicated that ABC has more impact

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 2 - Example

Interesting side note:

- ABC is often less expensive on smaller bridges
- Reason: Non-bid costs are somewhat fixed for small to medium span bridges, and often are larger than the ABC Premium

Estimated conventional construction project cost =

Required Bridge	\$2,000,000
Overbuild	
Total conventional bridge cost	\$2,000,000

Estimated CE&I Costs per month

Field office monthly cost	\$2,000
CE&I staff monthly cost (field plus main office)	\$40,000
Total CE&I Monthly Cost =	\$42,000

Notes: Small field office = \$xxx per month
Medium office = \$xxx per month
Large office = \$xxx per month
Staff = \$20,000 per person per month

Net time savings for ABC = 12.0 months

Estimated Percent Premium for ABC = 20%

MPT savings with ABC

Things that you can eliminate from conventional construction by using ABC

Overbuild for staging	
Temporary bridge	\$0
Temporary signal	\$40,000
Other	\$0
Total MPT Savings with ABC	\$40,000

Cost analysis

Premium for ABC = \$400,000

CEI Cost Savings = \$504,000

MPT savings with ABC = \$40,000

Net cost change for ABC = -\$144,000

ABC is less expensive than conventional

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 3 - Example

ABC Rating procedure

Enter values for each aspect of the project. Attach back-up data if applicable

Average Daily Traffic	<input type="text" value="1"/>	0	No traffic impacts
Combined traffic on and under		1	Less than 10000
		2	10000 to 40000
		3	40000 to 70000
		4	70000 to 100000
		5	More than 100000
User Impact Reduction	<input type="text" value="4"/>	0	Zero
Calculated by spreadsheet		1	1% to 20%
		2	21% to 40%
		3	41% to 60%
		4	61% to 80%
		5	81% to 100%
Bridge Location	<input type="text" value="3"/>	0	Rural Bridge away from town center
Stakeholder Impact		1	Rural bridge near town center
		2	Suburban bridge away from town center
		3	Suburban bridge near major traffic generators
		4	Urban Bridge near major traffic generators
		5	Urban Bridge near emergency services
Use of Typical Details	<input type="text" value="5"/>	1	Complex and unfavorable geometry
		2	Curved and skewed bridges
		3	Curved bridges
		4	Skewed Bridges
		5	Simple geometry well suited for typical details
Work Zone Geometry	<input type="text" value="3"/>	1	Short duration project with good geometry & flow
Detour quality and/or		2	Short duration project with moderate geometry & flow
MPT Quality		3	Average project duration with average geometry & flow
		4	Long duration project with moderate geometry & flow
		5	Long duration project with complex geometry & flow
Site Conditions	<input type="text" value="3"/>	0	significant limitations on work
Utilities/ROW/Env. Compliance		1	moderate construction limitations for portions of the work
		2	
		3	minor construction limitations
		4	
		5	No Restrictions
Railroad Impacts	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	No Railroad (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
		1	Freight Siding (Less than 1 train per week)
		2	Light Freight (1 Train per week to 1 Train per day)
		3	Heavy Freight (More than 1 Train per day)
		4	Commuter rail
		5	Electrified Commuter Rail

ABC Decision Matrix Sheet 4 - Example

Cost Analysis 5
Factor = -7%
 Net percentage of conventional cost
 Negative value means that ABC has
 less net cost when compared to
 conventional construction

0 >30%
 1 20% < Factor < 30%
 2 10% < Factor < 20%
 3 5% < Factor < 10%
 4 0% < Factor < 5%
 5 Factor < 0%

Envir. /Water Handling 3

0 No Restrictions (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
 1 minor construction limitations
 2
 3 moderate construction limitations for portions of the work
 4
 5 significant limitations on work

Waterway Limitations 3

0 No impact (entry of 0 = not considered in score)
 1 Minor impacts
 2
 3 Seasonal recreational impacts
 4 Significant recreational impacts
 5 Significant commercial impacts

ABC Rating

	Score	Weight Factor	Adjusted Score	Maximum Score	Adjusted Score
Average Daily Traffic	1	10	10	5	50
User Impact Reduction	4	30	120	5	150
Bridge Location	3	5	15	5	25
Use of Typical Details	5	5	25	5	25
Work Zone Geometry	3	8	24	5	40
Site Conditions	3	5	15	5	25
Railroad Impacts	0	5	0	0	0
Cost Analysis	5	30	150	5	150
Envir. /Water Handling	3	5	15	5	25
Waterway Limitations	3	5	15	5	25
Total Score			389	Max. Score	515

ABC Rating 76

ABC Rating Scale	
60-100	Use ABC
50-60	Consider ABC
0-50	Do not use ABC

Conclusions

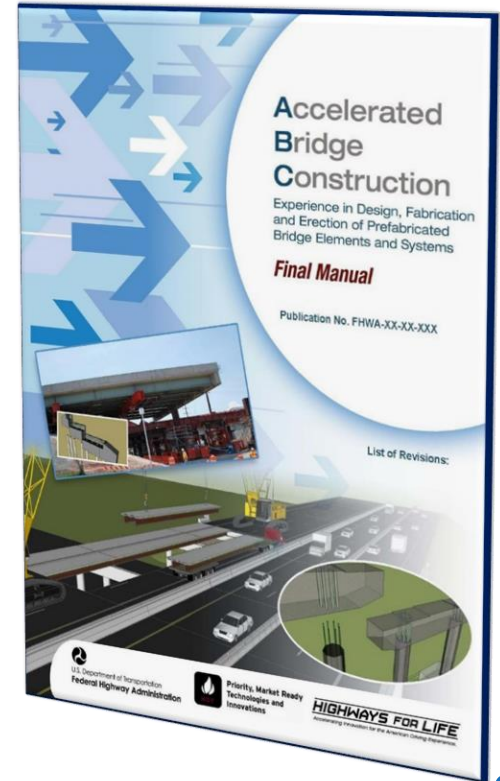
Factors to consider in ABC decision processes

- Type of ABC
- Traffic patterns and detours
- **Total project cost**
- FHWA ABC Manual offers guidance



There is no one process for ABC decision making

- Each agency should develop a process that works for them
 - There are different options in use to choose from
- Recommendation
 - Use a process that factors in the total project cost
 - CTDOT decision matrix is a good example



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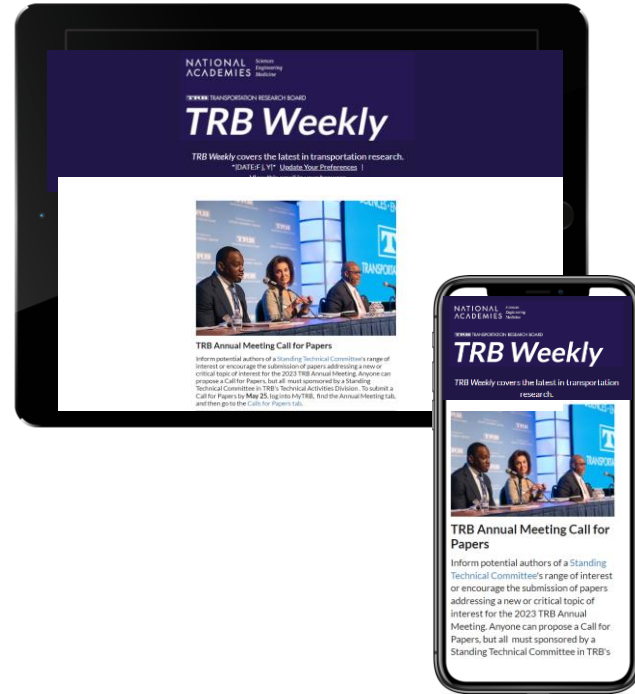


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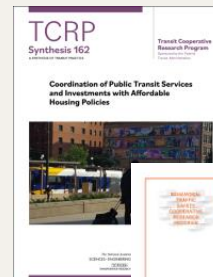
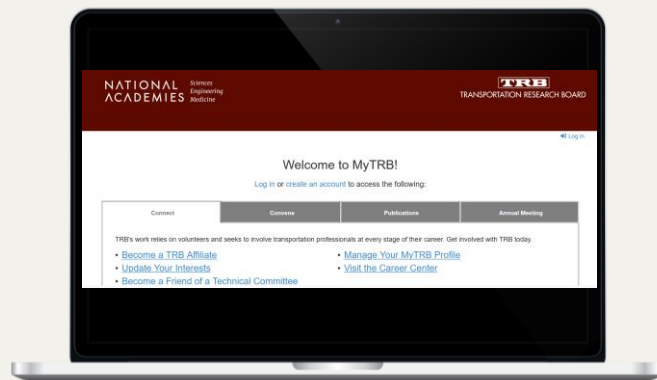
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