

BRIDGE UNDERPASS RETROFIT FOR EXISTING BRIDGES

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Why use bridge underpass retrofits?

- Typical Florida underpass bridges are utilitarian in appearance
- Separates communities instead of enhancing them
- Retrofit techniques improve the look of the community
- Efficiently and economically improves facades of typical underpass bridges
- Precast elements have clean uniform finishes
- Unlimited textures and colors







Existing Bridges with Sloped Abutments

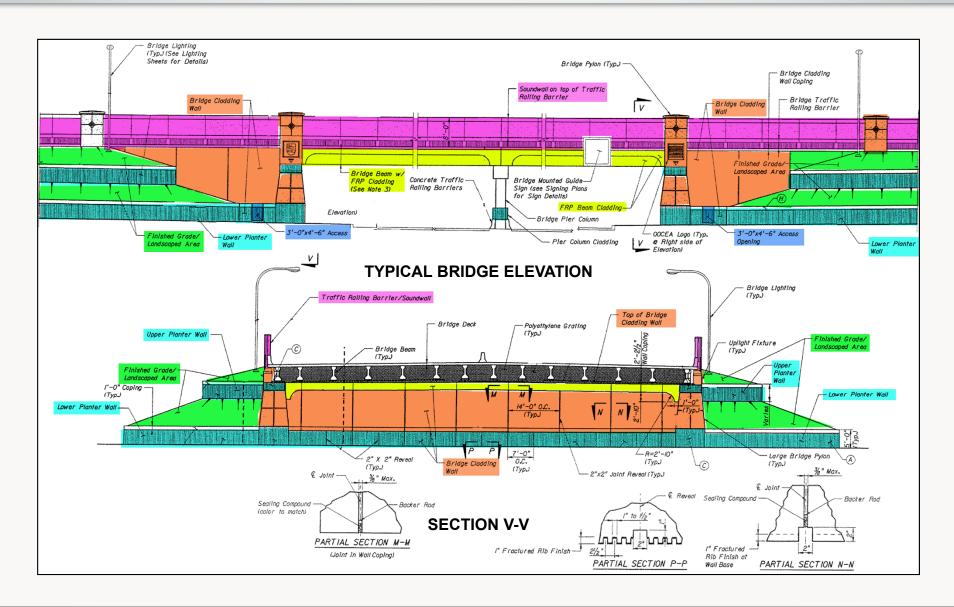
Typical sloped abutment details:

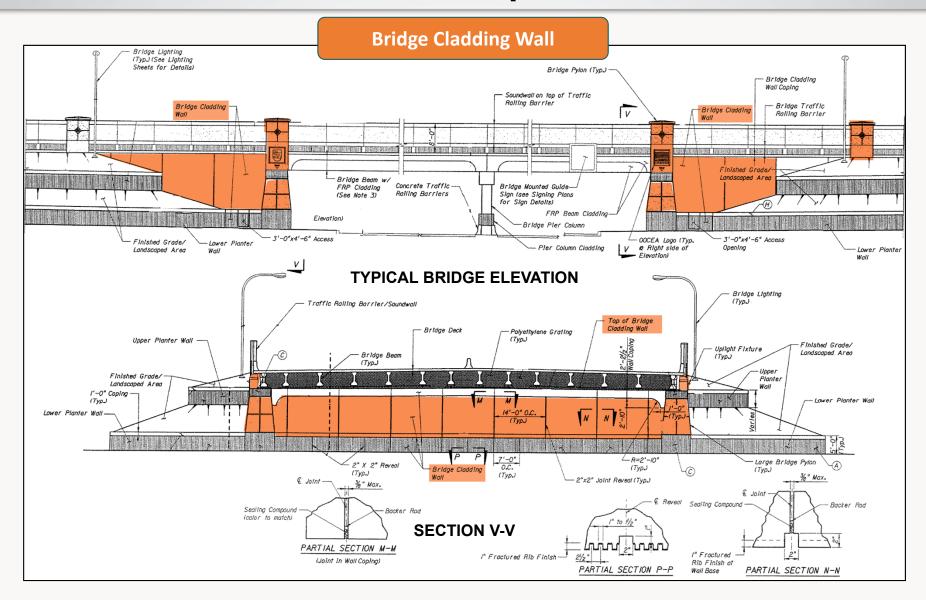
- Provides unpleasant stained areas
- Provides areas for trash collection
- Encourages areas for vagrancy and graffiti

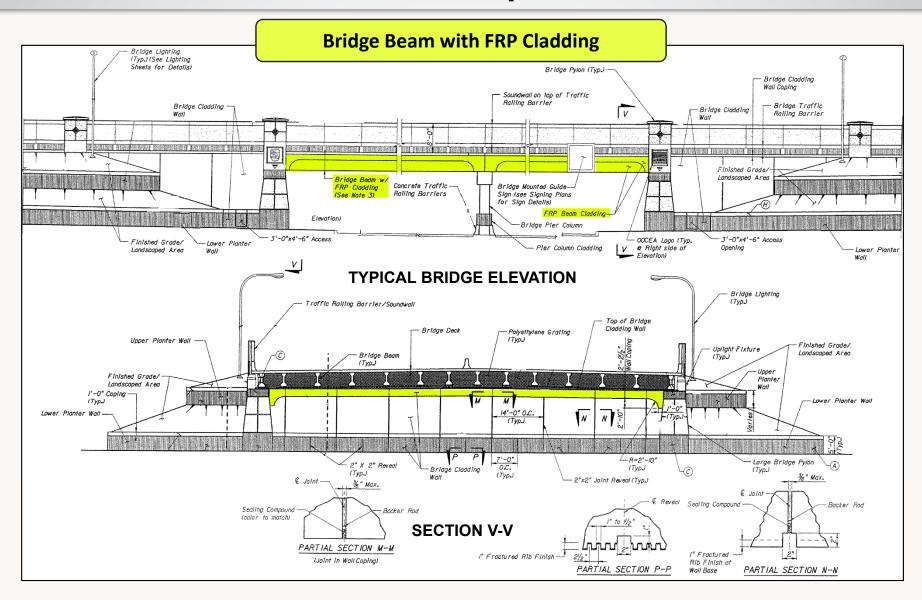


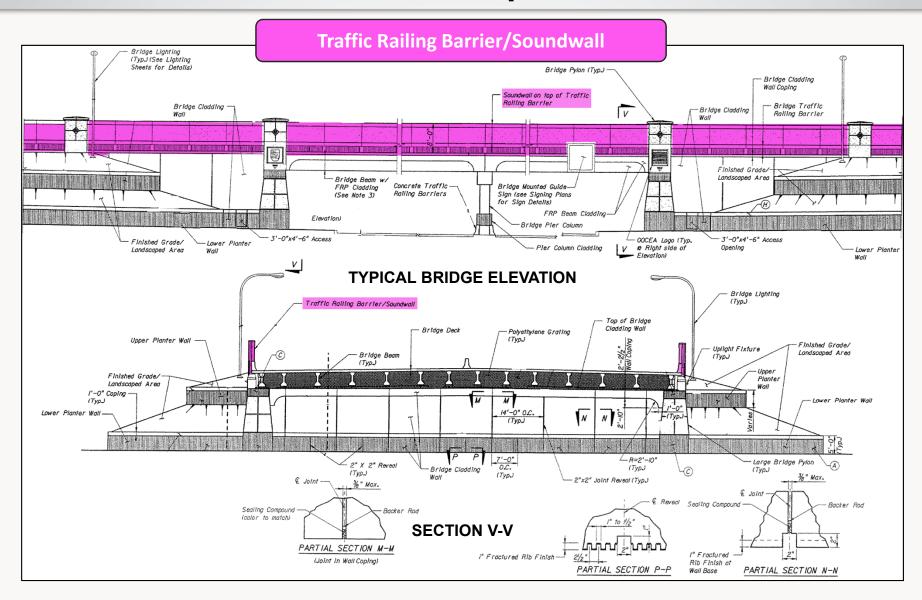


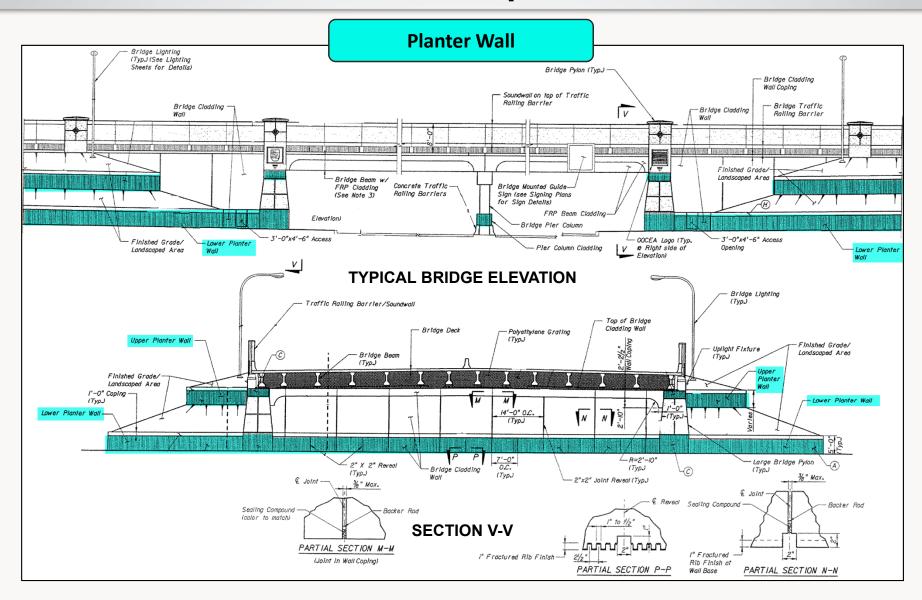
Maintenance and Aesthetic Concerns of Existing Bridges with Sloped Abutment

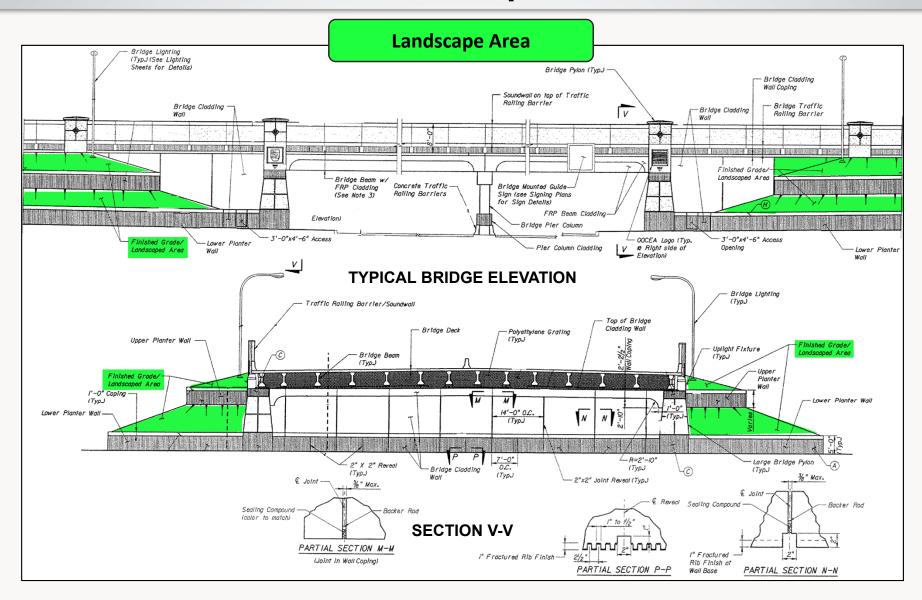


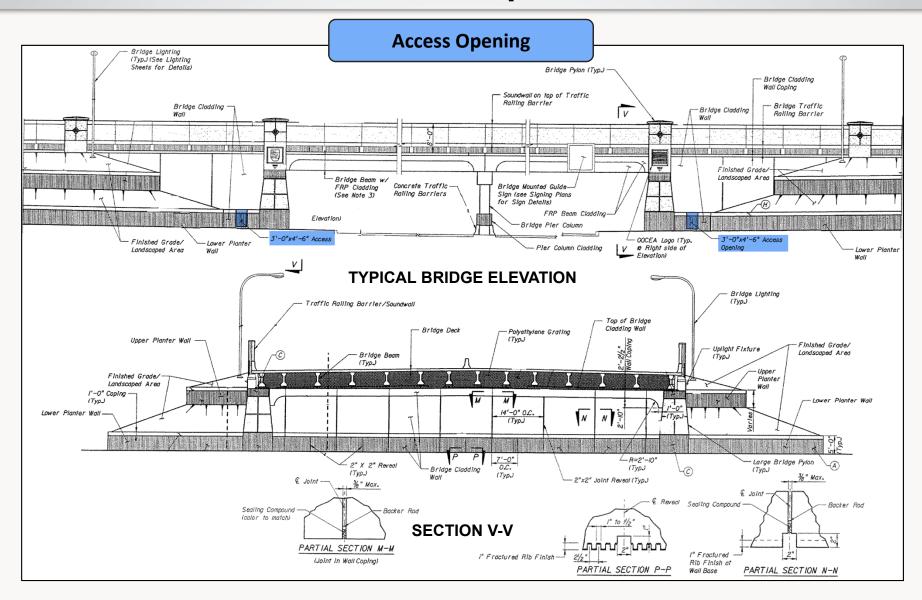










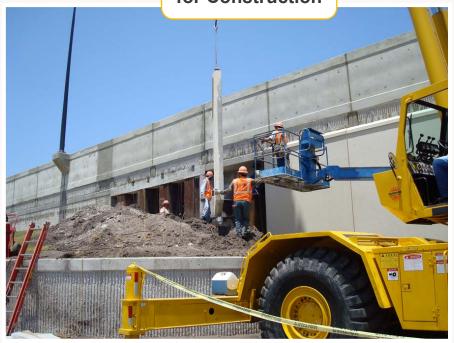


Construction Photos During Retrofit

Advantages

- Placement of cladding walls to cover sloped abutment
- Soundwalls placed on top of Railing to reduce noise pollution
- Walls provide clean aesthetic look

Small footprint for Construction



- Precast walls being installed
- Small equipment and minimal crew

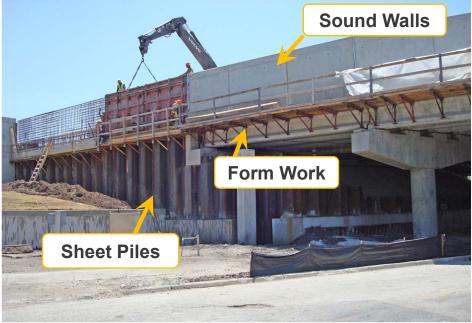
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Installation

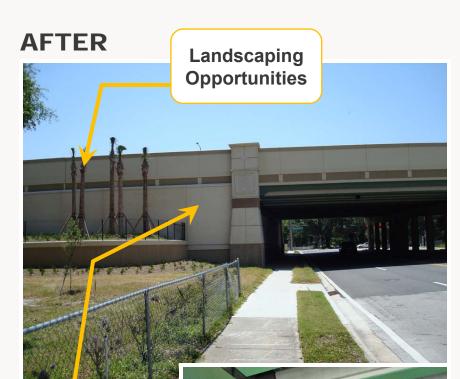
- Sheet piling put into place to hold bridge cladding walls
- Form work put into place to bring in sound walls.
- Elements are very light so can be held in place with small connecting elements
- Can be installed with small equipment



Completed Retrofit

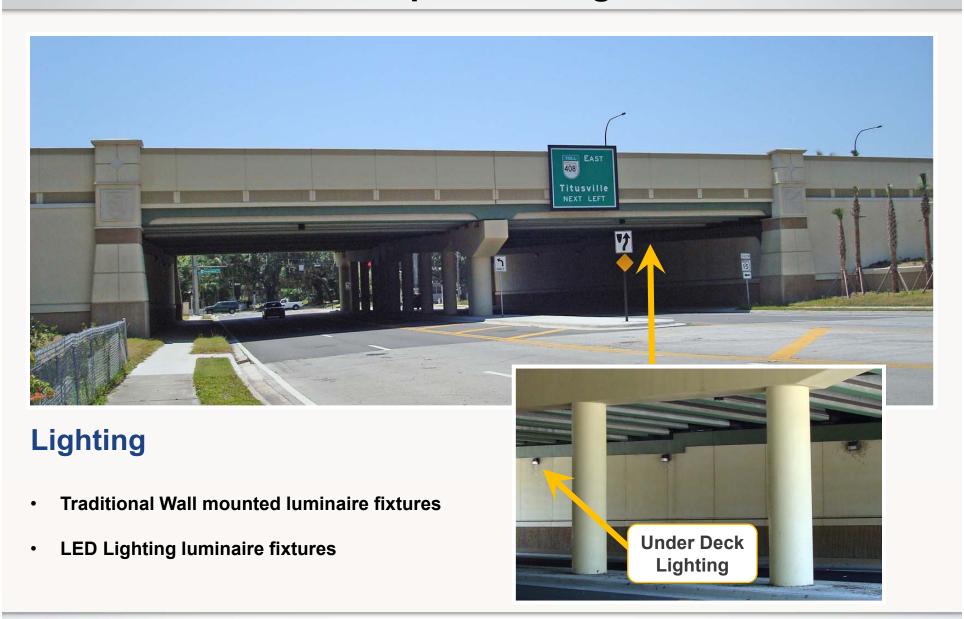
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Sloped Abutment Covered by Panel Walls

Completed Bridge



Bridge Retrofit Lighting

Traditional Lighting

- Die-cast aluminum housing
- High pressure sodium lamps.
- Average rated life = 24,000 hours
 - Assuming 12 hrs /day
 - Approximately 6 year durability

Costs

- \$624 per Fixture
- 6 fixtures per bridge = \$3744

(As per FDOT 2015 Item Average Costs and Basis of Estimate)

LED Lighting

- Die-cast aluminum LED luminaire fixtures
- External heating radiation fins
- Maximizes lighting coverage
- Low Maintenance
- Meets ANSI Vibration Standards
- Average rated life = 100,000 hours
 - Approximately 23 years durability

Costs

- \$900 per Fixture
- 6 fixtures per bridge = \$5400





Effectivity

- Underdeck lighting deters vagrancy and the tunnel effect
- Durable lighting options

Costs/Maintenance

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Costs can range from \$35 to \$50/SF

Maintenance

 The inspectors can use the access door provided in the walls





Downtown Orlando 408 Corridor







408 and S. Summerlin Ave.

408 and S. Mills Ave.

408 and S. Bumby Ave.







408 and Primrose Drive

408 and S. Crystal Lake

408 and S. Semoran Blvd.



Thank You