IPRO 326 Steel Bridge



The Mission

The purpose of this IPRO is to simulate a real world design project by producing a scaled steel bridge. This IPRO showcases the actual process required to erect a structure. Students examine the designing aspect as well as the business aspect of such an operation.

The Cause

This IPRO is a contribution to our school's own ASCE chapter. The bridge designed will be fabricated and assembled in the following semester and entered into the ASCE/AISC Student Steel Bridge Competition.

Competition Scenario

A century-old highway bridge that spans a scenic river must be replaced. The bridge carries traffic serving residences and resorts that are the foundation of the economy for this rural region. A quick replacement is necessary because no other crossing is available for miles. The state Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested design/build proposals for replacing the existing bridge.

Motivation for Design

A deck bridge

Clearance under the bridge

Material used is steel

Steel Bridge Crew

Students involved with IPRO 326 are aspiring:

- Civil Engineers
- Architects
- Construction Managers
- Mechanical Engineers
- Architectural Engineers
- & Business majors

Brings the aspiring professionals together

Replicates real world work place

People interaction





- Read the rules of the ASCE Steel Bridge Competition
- Discussed and interpreted the rules to begin designing regulations
- Teams each came up with a preliminary design for the bridge and members, along with timeline and project plan.

Following the Rules

Rules for the ASCE competition regulate certain areas such as: Building envelope

- Member sizes
- Connection design
- Assembly of the bridge
- Loading requirements

Building Envelope

 Bridge must exist inside within given dimensions

This excludes many design options



Member Requirements

All members must fit into a 6"x6"x42" box
A member must retain its shape, dimensions, and rigidity during timed construction and load testing.
Hinged, jointed, articulated, and telescoping members are prohibited

Connections

Each connection must have one fastener



Loading the Bridge

Initial vertically load tested

Loading positions are randomly selected



Loading the Bridge

Also, laterally load tested

Load position is known



Initial Project Plan

Project Budget			
Items name	Specifications	Cos	st
Registration:	School	\$	125.00
	Individuals	\$	810.00
Hotel:	7 Rooms @ \$80/night * 3 nights	\$	1,680.00
	Taxes @ 10.75%	\$	180.60
Travel:	Gas Reimbursement for driving	\$	1,164.00
Fabrication:		\$	4,000.00
	Connectors		
	Tools		
	Wooden forms		
	Hard Hats		
Presentation:		\$	50.00
	Posters		
	Printing		
Bridge Aesthetics:		\$	200.00
	Paint		
	Decals		
Grand Total:		\$	8,209.60





- Created Budget
- Marketing for the project
- Contacted possible sponsors

- Discussed potential bridge layouts
- Ideas for member shapes and sizes
- Preliminary connection design
- Considered likely dilemmas and possible critical spots

Design Approach

Find critical loading points

Simple load analysis

Moment diagrams

Moment Diagrams



Preliminary Bridge Designs

Several bridge designs were proposed

Constructability was key



Preliminary Bridge Designs

Web members were carefully considered





SAP 2000 TeamConducted load analysis

Finalize geometry

Length of overall bridge Final shape

Number and length of members

Lateral bracing

Analysis of Bridge

 Determining structural integrity using SAP2000

 Difficulties included determining the proper way in which to model connections and releases

Determines best weight to deflection ratio

Analysis

Analysis of varies load possibilities was done on the proposed bridge design until the correct sized members and connections were perfected.



Bridge of Choice

The final selected bridge consists of simple truss with both the upper chord and lower chord connecting to the pier.



Pier Design/Oversight

- Proposed connection/design for the piers.
- Made a simple model to show the slipping of the feet on the pier
- Placed an overview of the rules on Igroups that can be viewed should there be any questions

Pier Design



The pier was a simple design. This inevitably cut down on weight
 Needs to support bridge while building

Connection Design

Plan the position of connecting members
 Decide location of bolts



Connection Design



Shop Drawings

 Detailed drawings of individual members

 All dimensions are clearly marked so fabricators can put the members through production

 Each drawing is assembled in a title block to label where it belongs on the bridge



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Construction Planning

Develops a plan to assemble the bridge

Reviewed ASCE competition rules to See how it will allow us to function

Develop a time frame of construction

In the purchase of tools and materials

Proposed Assemblage of the Bridge












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Ethical Issues

 Quebec Bridge Collapse
Minnesota Bridge
Kansas City Hyatt



Accomplishments

- The progression of this operation has advanced well beyond last years by this time.
- Giving ASCE plenty of time for preparation for the competition
- This allotted time will ensure our success at the ASCE/AISC Steel Bridge Competition

