

# **Bridge Deck Repair & Preservation using Hydrodemolition & Latex Modified Concrete Overlays**

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# Bridge Deck Preservation

- It is very cost effective to attain a minimum of 75 years of service life from a bridge deck.
- By placing Latex Modified Concrete Overlays on Hydrodemolition prepared bridge deck surfaces before decks becomes structurally deficient, 75 years of service life or more can be achieved.
- The use of **Fast Track Hydrodemolition and Latex Modified Concrete Overlays** will provide an owner with an economical, long lasting and very fast bridge deck preservation method. Used for 50 years.

# Bridge Deck Preservation Strategies

- **75 Year Bridge Decks**

- Year 1 – Construct New Bridge Deck
- Year 25 – Place LMC O/L #1 – Hydrodemolition
- Year 50 – Place LMC O/L #2 – Hydrodemolition
- Year 75 – Replace Bridge Deck (Third O/L ? = 100 years)

**Systematic Approach – utilize bridge deck inspections.**



# Hydrodemolition Definition

- Hydrodemolition is a mechanical process by which deteriorated concrete is selectively removed utilizing a high-pressure water jet.
- Replaces jackhammers – cost effective, efficient and precise.
- Rapid erosion occurs with the high-pressure water jet. The cement matrix and fine aggregates between the coarse aggregate is essentially washed away.
- By properly calibrating the hydrodemolition robot movements, concrete of uniform strength can be removed to a specified depth + unsound deteriorated concrete with one pass of the robot = Selective Removal.

# Hydrodemolition Equipment

- Consists of a Pump & Power Unit, a Hydrodemolition Robot and a Vacuum Truck
- Can be readily mobilized to any project
- Set up time is quick and relatively easy

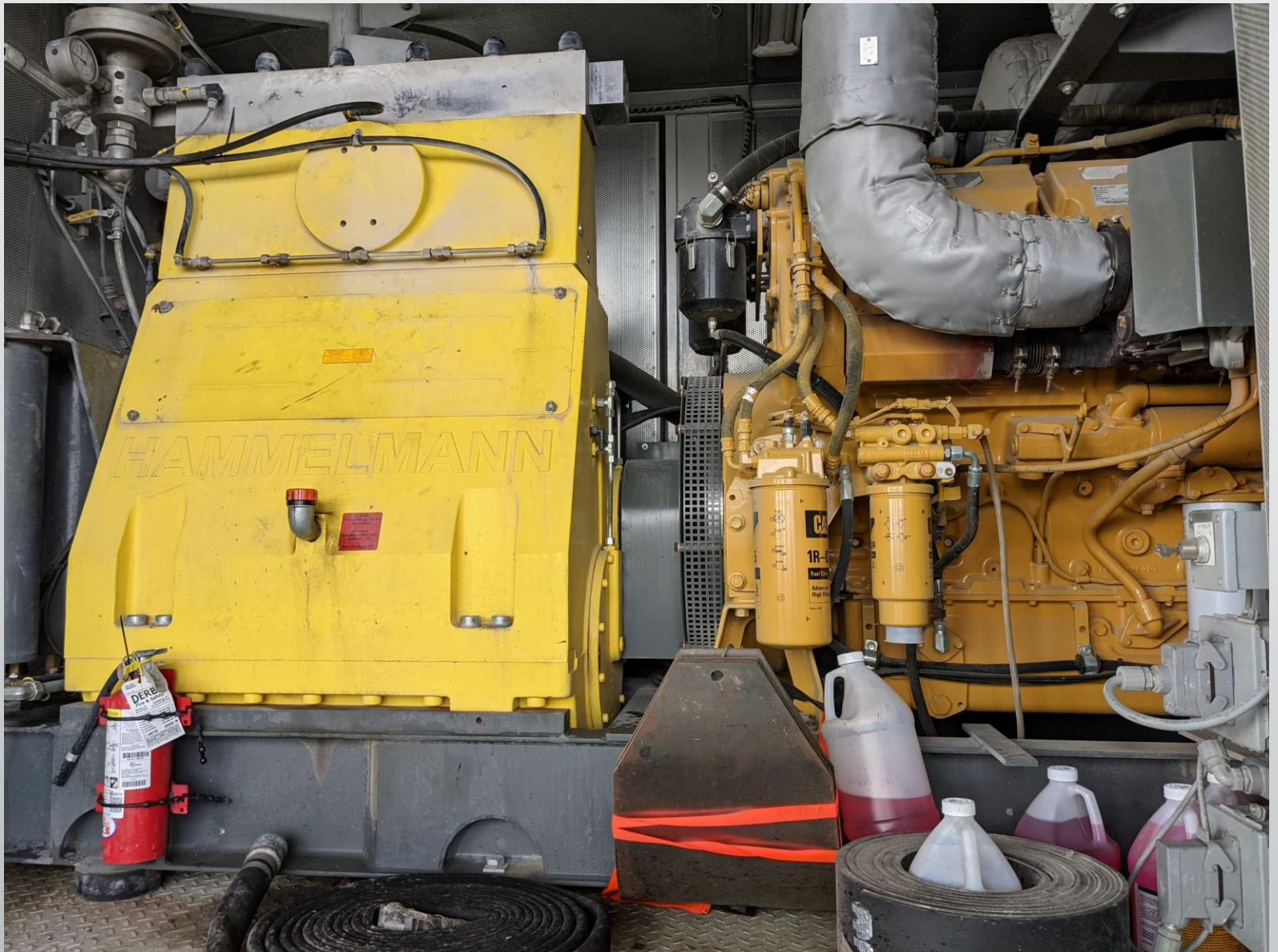
# Hydrodemolition Pump Unit

- Receives water intake from either water tankers, a fire hydrant or directly from a stream or a lake
- Filters and pressurizes the water
- Supplies water at 12K to 20K psi minimum and 55 gal/min minimum to the Hydrodemolition Robot
- Selective settings

# Hydrodemolition Pump Unit







# Hydrodemolition Robot

- Computerized and Self-Propelled
- Water from the power unit exits through a 1/4" jet nozzle
- Controls allow operator to control the removal depth of the concrete by adjusting the step of the machine and the glide of the water jet + pressures and flow rates.
- Safety

# Hydrodemolition Robot















# Hydrodemolition Vacall Unit

- Cleans and washes bridge deck surface.
- Removes all hydrodemolition debris and slurry.

# Vacall Unit









# Vacuum Tube Unit



# Hydrodemolition Applications

**Fast-Track Hydrodemolition** - Surface preparation of total bridge deck area prior to placement of overlays.

- Cost Range - \$25 to \$75/sy
- Production – 750 sy to 1200 sy / shift (based on calibration)
- Always milling first – mill for depth
- Highly Bondable Surface + Selective Removal
- Latex Modified Concrete Overlays
- Toledo Skyway Bridge - Ohio
- Baltimore Harbor Tunnel - Maryland

# Toledo Skyway Bridge

















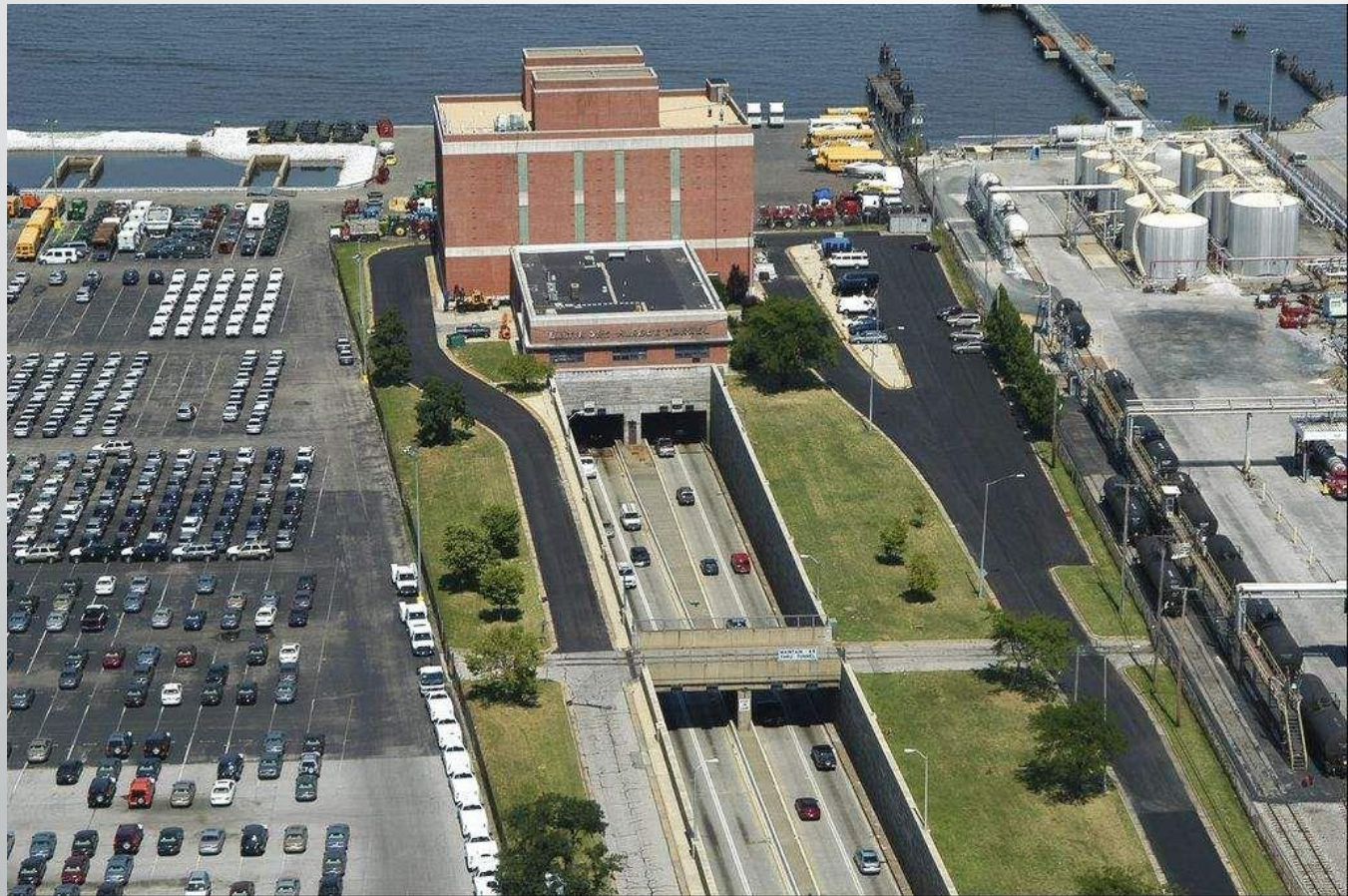


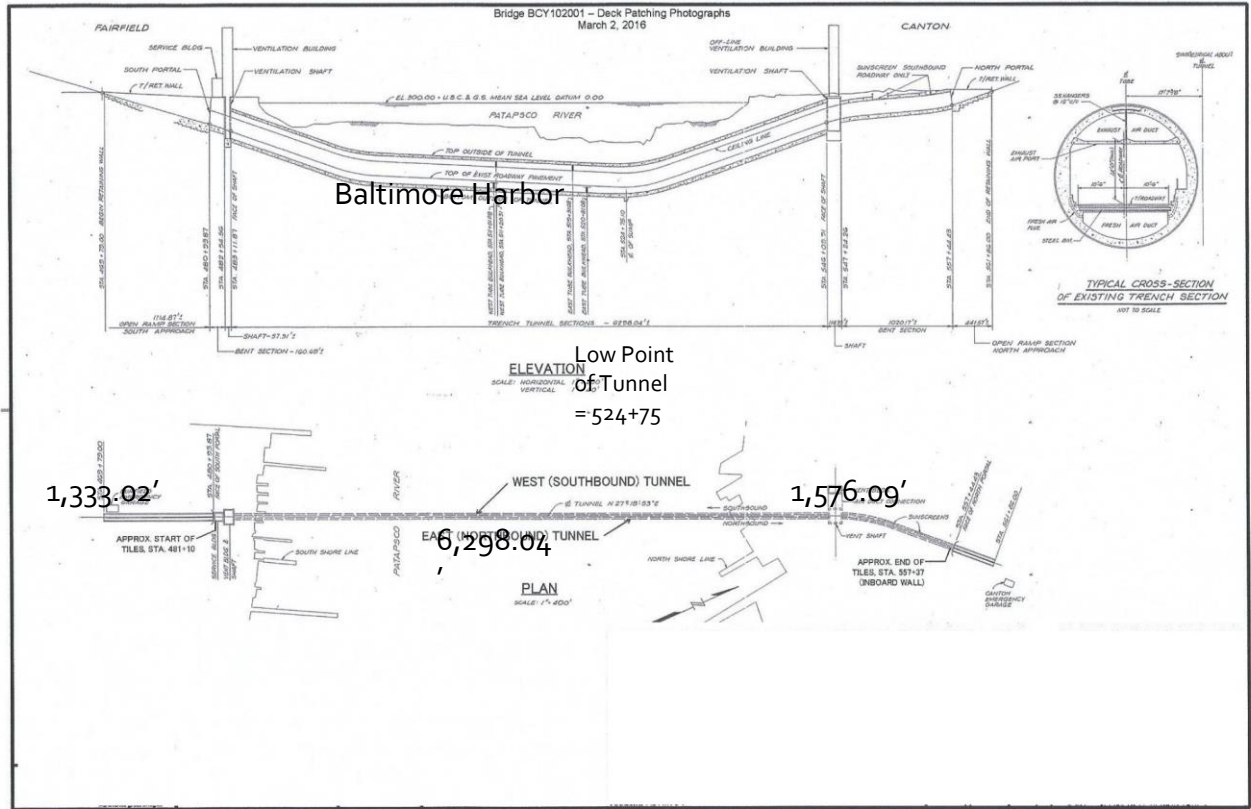




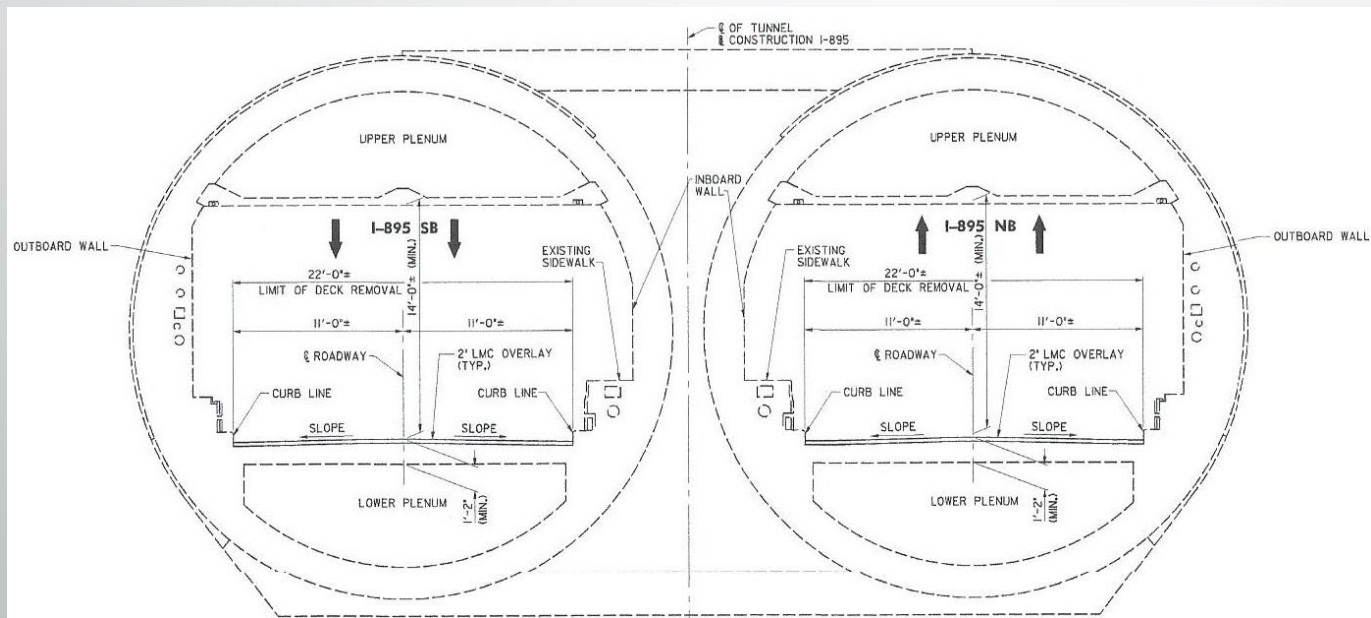


# Baltimore Harbor Tunnel

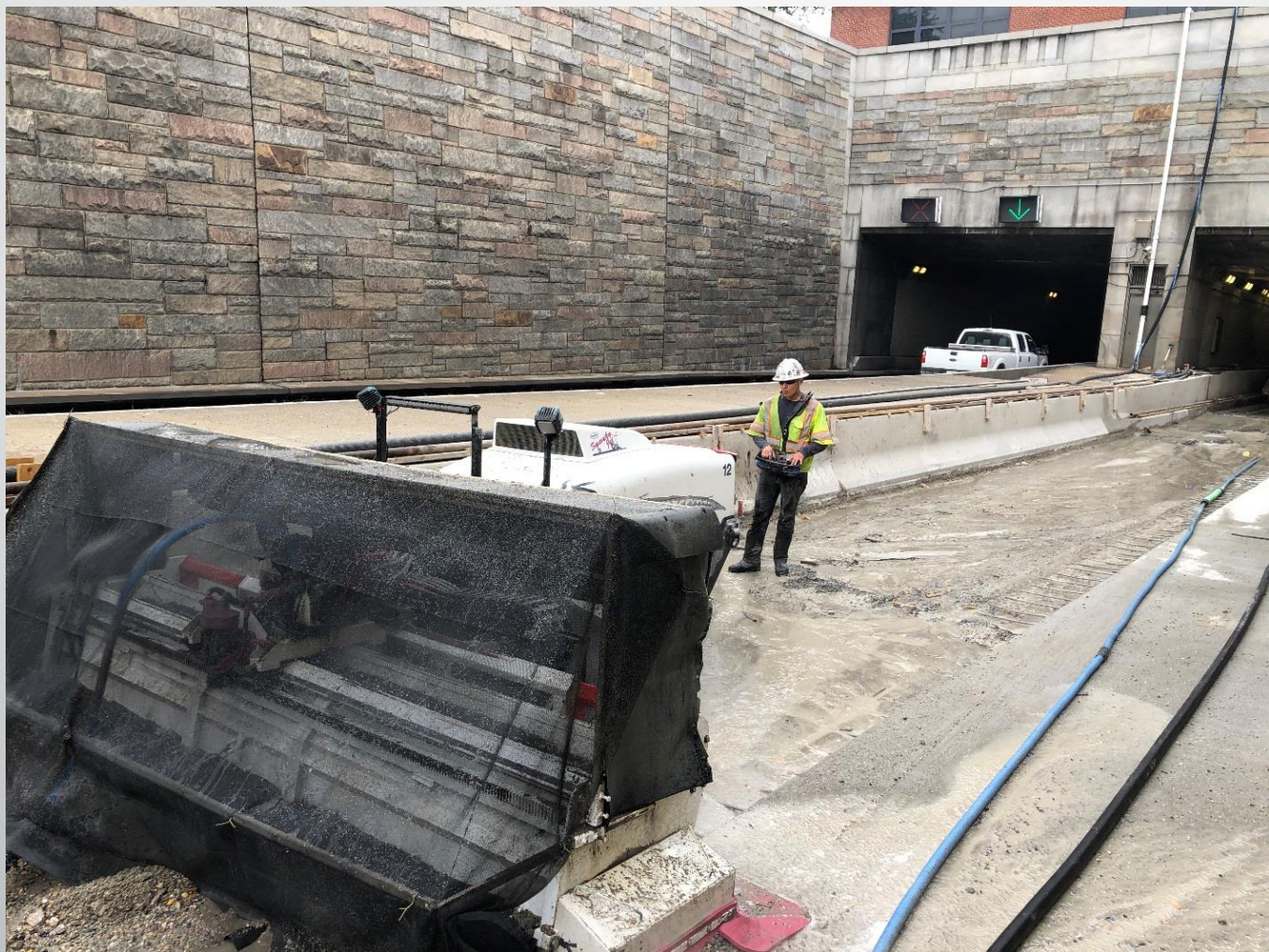








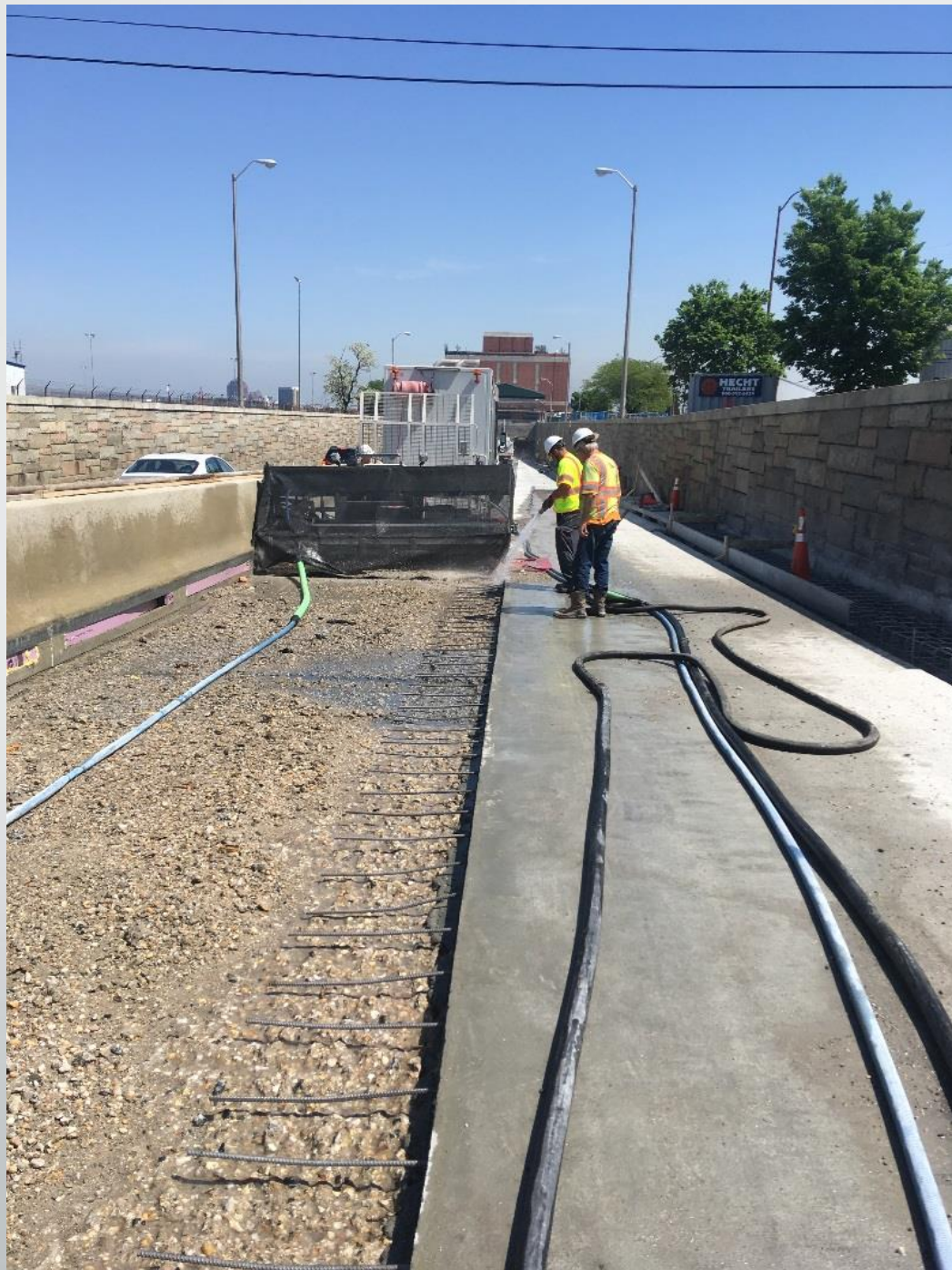










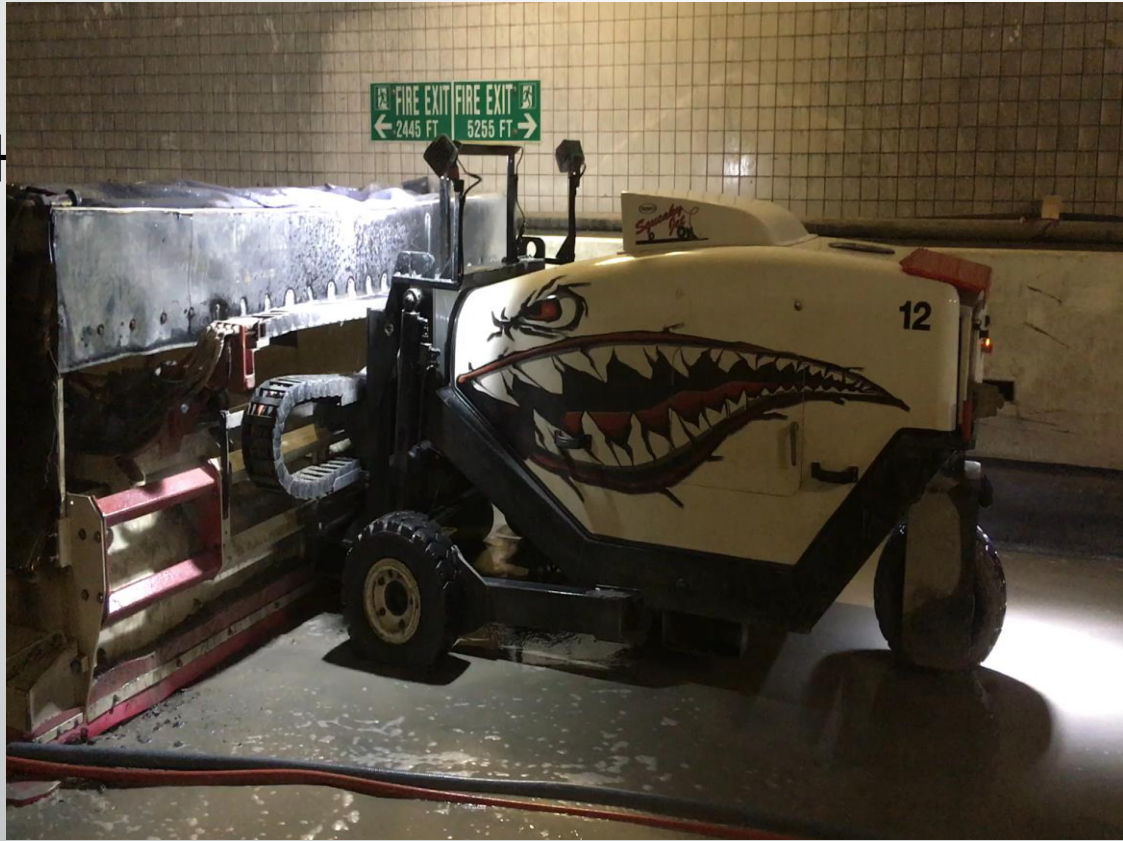


















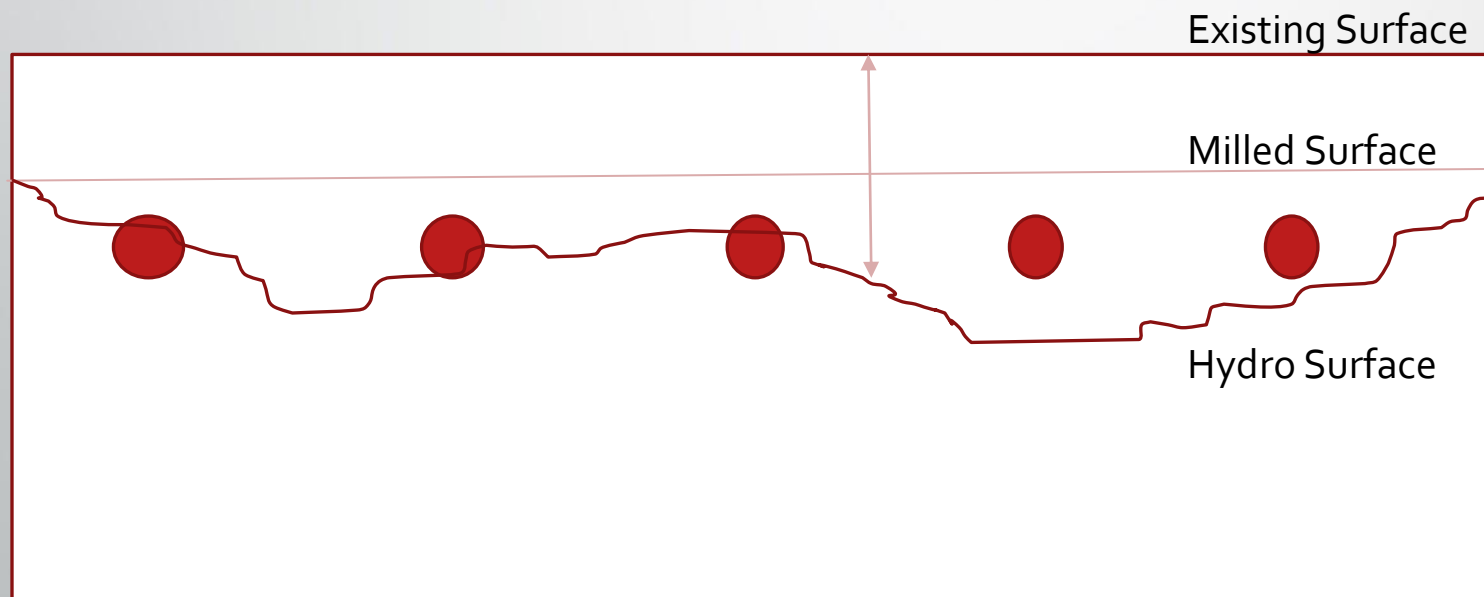


# Fast-Track Hydrodemolition Surface

- Fastest way to prepare a bridge deck surface for a concrete overlay.
- Selectively removes deteriorated concrete at variable depths.
- Highly rough and bondable surface.
- Reduces Chloride Ion concentrations in the deck.
- With proper milling, only sound concrete remains.
- Has 300% to 400% more bondable area than surface milling alone.
- Stone is not cut – aggregates are protruding.
- Exposes and cleans reinforcing steel. Will not damage or dislodge reinforcing steel.



# Fast Track Hydrodemolition Surface









# Fast Track Hydrodemolition Midwest

- **Indiana** – 2/10 letting= 11 projects , 1/13 letting = 7 projects  
– 2019/2020 = 166 projects, 406,000 sy of deck area
- **Illinois** – 1/15 letting = 17 projects , 47,500 sy  
– 2019/2020 = 108 projects , 220,500 sy of deck area
- **Ohio** – 2019/2020= 76 projects , 290,000 sy of deck area
- **Kentucky** – 2019/2020 = 35 projects LMC overlay
- **Missouri** – 2019/2020 = 18 projects , 62,000 sy of deck area
- **Oklahoma** – 2020 = 14,500 sy LMC – Pensacola Dam
- **Michigan** – 2019/2020 = 21 projects , 41,000 sy of deck area
- **Iowa** – 6 projects , 8028 sy

# Hydrodemolition Applications

**Deep-Cut Hydrodemolition** - Rebar exposure of bridge deck + Selective Removal

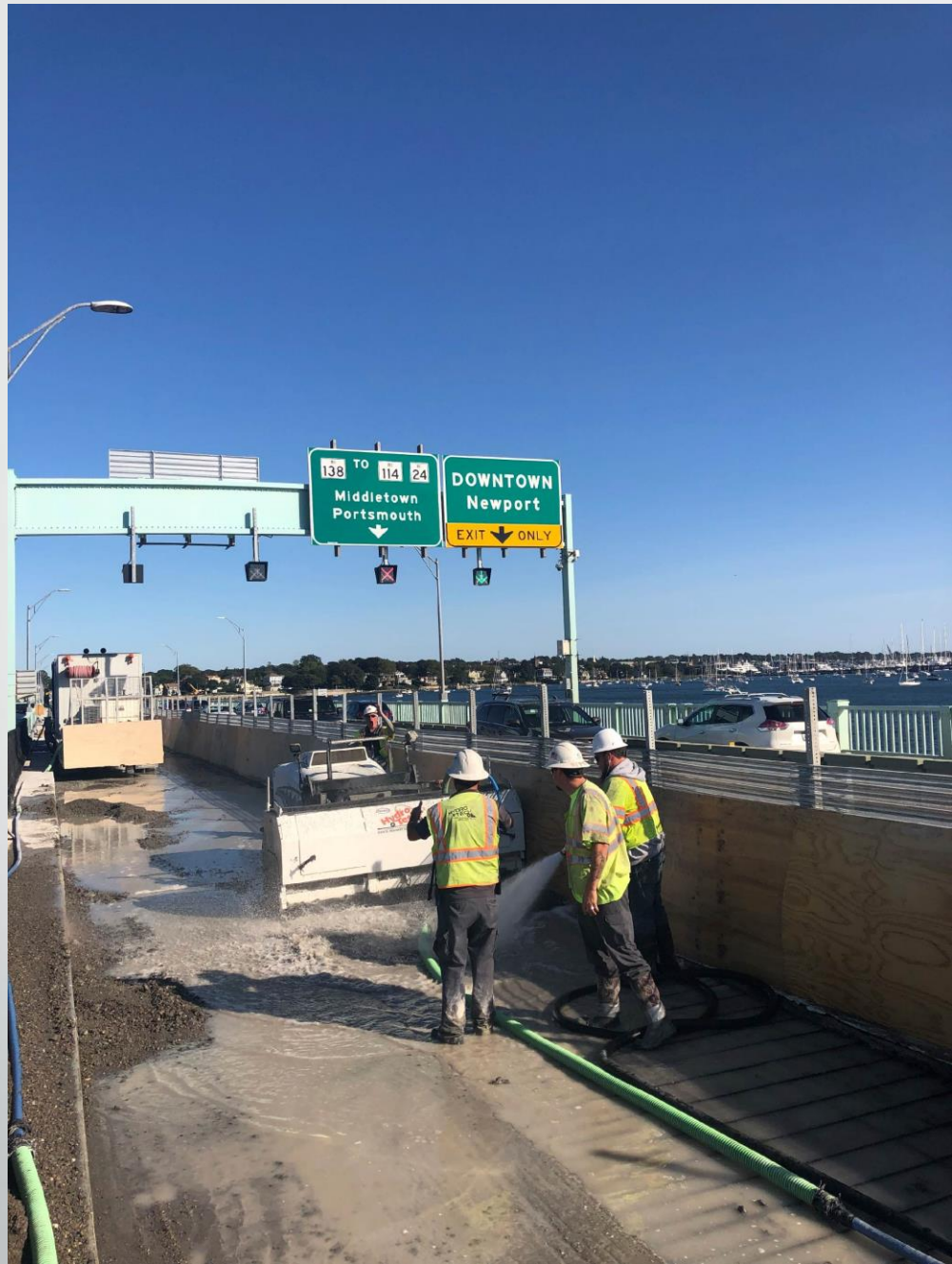
- Cost Range - \$150 to \$250/sy
- Production – 150 sy to 400 sy / shift
- Always milling first to top matt of resteel
- Newport Bridge – Road Island

# Newport Bridge











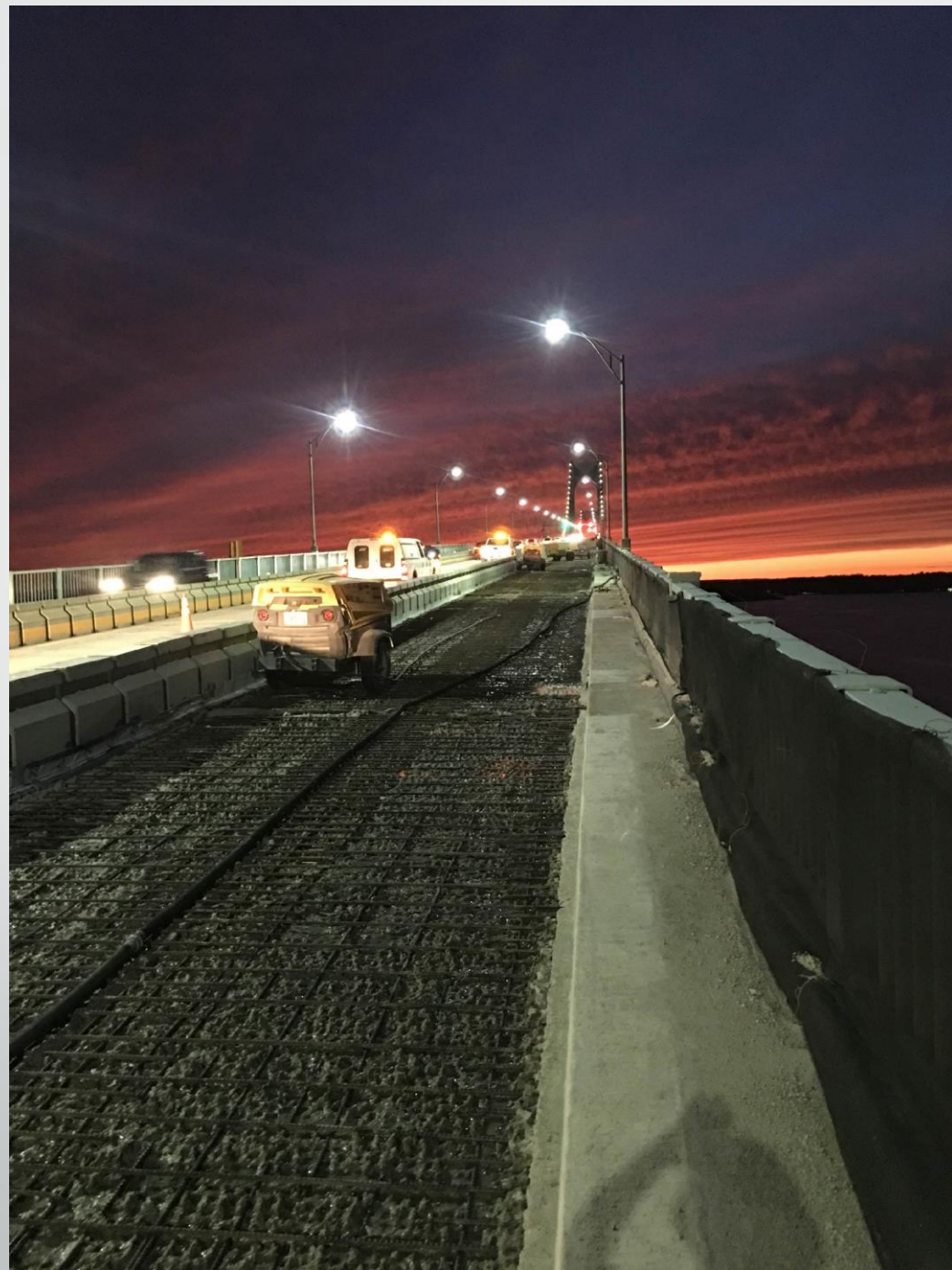


















# Hydrodemolition Applications (less common)

- Bridge Deck Patching Surface Preparation
- Full Depth Concrete Removal
- Expansion Joint Removal & I-Beam Exposure
- Vertical Applications
  - Bridge Piers, Parapet Walls, Tunnel Walls, Dam Spillways
- Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Parking Garages, Factory Floors, Nuclear Power Plants













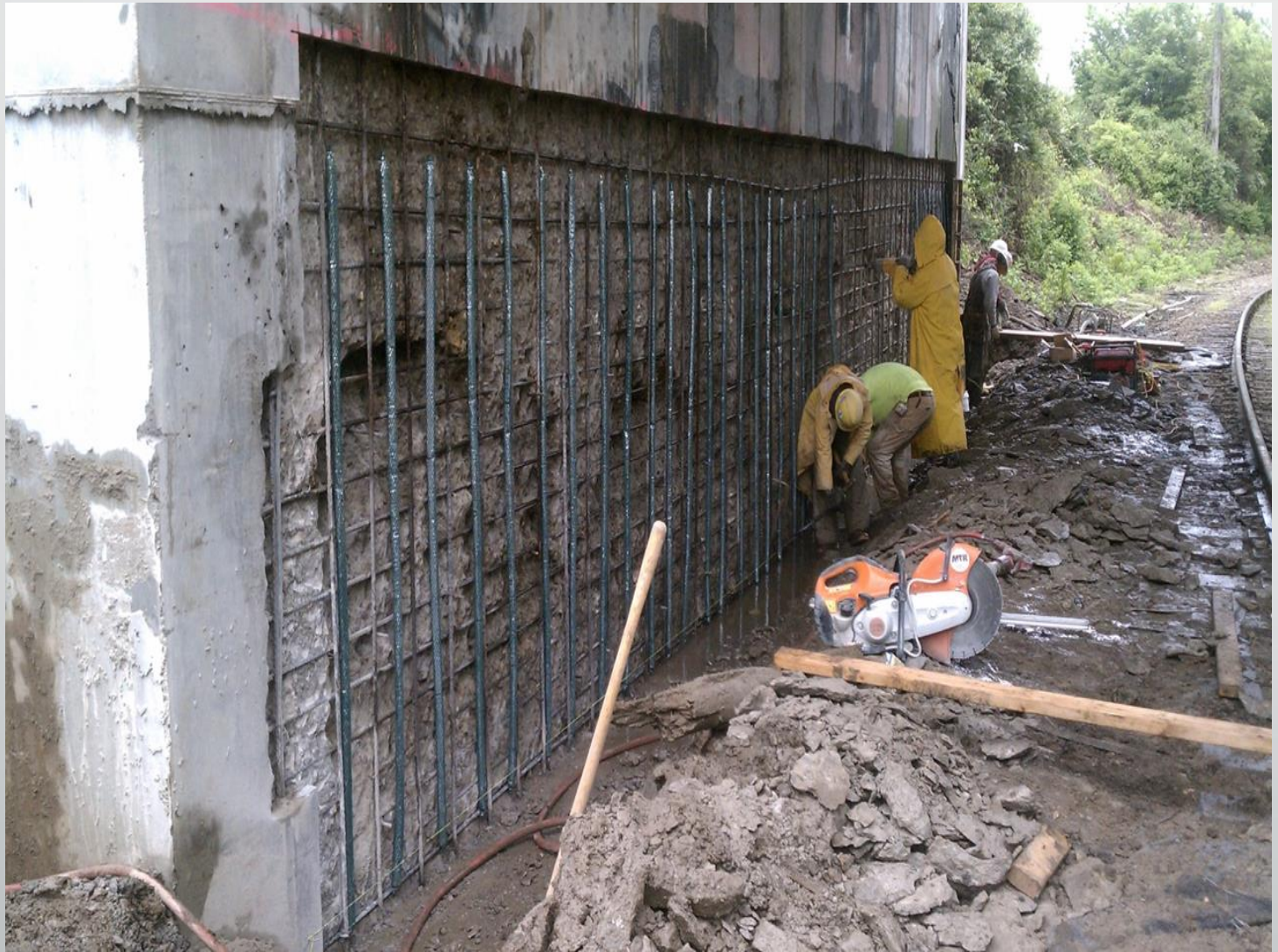


















# Latex Concrete Mix Design

- Fine Aggregate (Sand) - 1505 - 1715 lbs/cy
- Course Aggregate (size 9-M) - 1155 - 1365 lbs/cy (
- Cement (7 bags ) - 658 lbs/cy – min.
- Latex Emulsion - 24.5 gal/cy – mon.
- Water - 154 lb/cy - .40 w/c ratio max
- Maximum Air - 7%
- Slump - 4 to 6 in – after 5 min.

\* Cement = Type 1, Type 3 or Rapid Set

# Latex Emulsion

- Suspension of tiny (.2 micron diam.) styrene-butadiene polymer particles in water, typically about 50% polymer solids.
- Styrene-butadiene polymers are known for their hydrophobicity or excellent water resistance.
- Polymer particles coalesce or fuse together when in intimate contact to form a highly waterproof polymer film.
- Essentially waterproofs concrete.

# LMC Equipment

- Volumetric mixer used to produce LMC – 601.02
- Calibration of mixer
- Bidwell type finish machine used to achieve proper grade and profile – 609.02.09 (furnish a Department approved machine)

# Mobile Mixer













# Research

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Successful Approaches for the Use of Hydrodemolition for Partial Depth Removal of Bridge Decks  
National Cooperative Highway Research Program:Project 20-68A, Scan 18-01:2020

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Michael M. Sprinkle – Virginia Transportation Research Council:2008

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# Initial Setup



Hydro-Tech Transportation Rig



Slabs Prior to Hydro-demolition

# Initial Setup



Hydro-demolition Robot on Truck Bed



Initial Setup

# Calibration



Initial Depth Calibration



Hydro-demolition Robot

# Finished Surface



Abraded Concrete Surface



Completed Hydro-demolition



Debris Removal



Formwork



# Pre-Pour Mobilization



# Rapid-Set Pour





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