

# **2004 Prefabricated Bridges Scan Implementation Update**

## **Rapid Bridge Replacement with Self-Propelled Modular Transporters (SPMTs)**

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# 2004 Prefab Scan Mission

To investigate and document the applications and experience with prefabricated bridges in Japan and selected European countries, with emphasis on:

- Routine highway and railroad bridges with spans 20 ft – 140 ft
- Innovative systems
- Replacement and new construction
- Emergency work
- Including seismic considerations

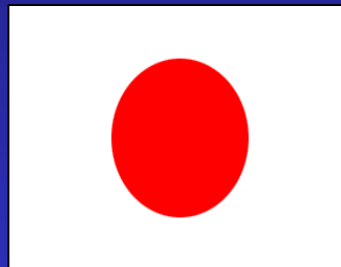
# Prefab Scan Host Countries



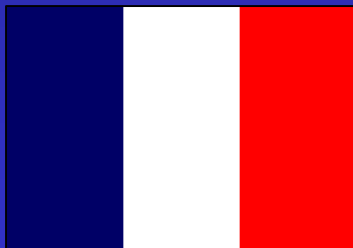
**2. Netherlands**



**3. Belgium**



**1. Japan**



**5. France**



**4. Germany**

# Self-Propelled Modular Transporters



**The Netherlands**  
**Mammoet**

**Belgium**  
**Sarens**

# One-Man Operator



## SPMTs



2004 Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems Scan

# Top Implementation Recommendation

## Self-Propelled Modular Transporters (SPMTs)



# IH-10 Bridge over Escambia Bay, Florida following Hurricane Ivan - 2004



# IH-10 Bridge over Escambia Bay, Florida – 2004



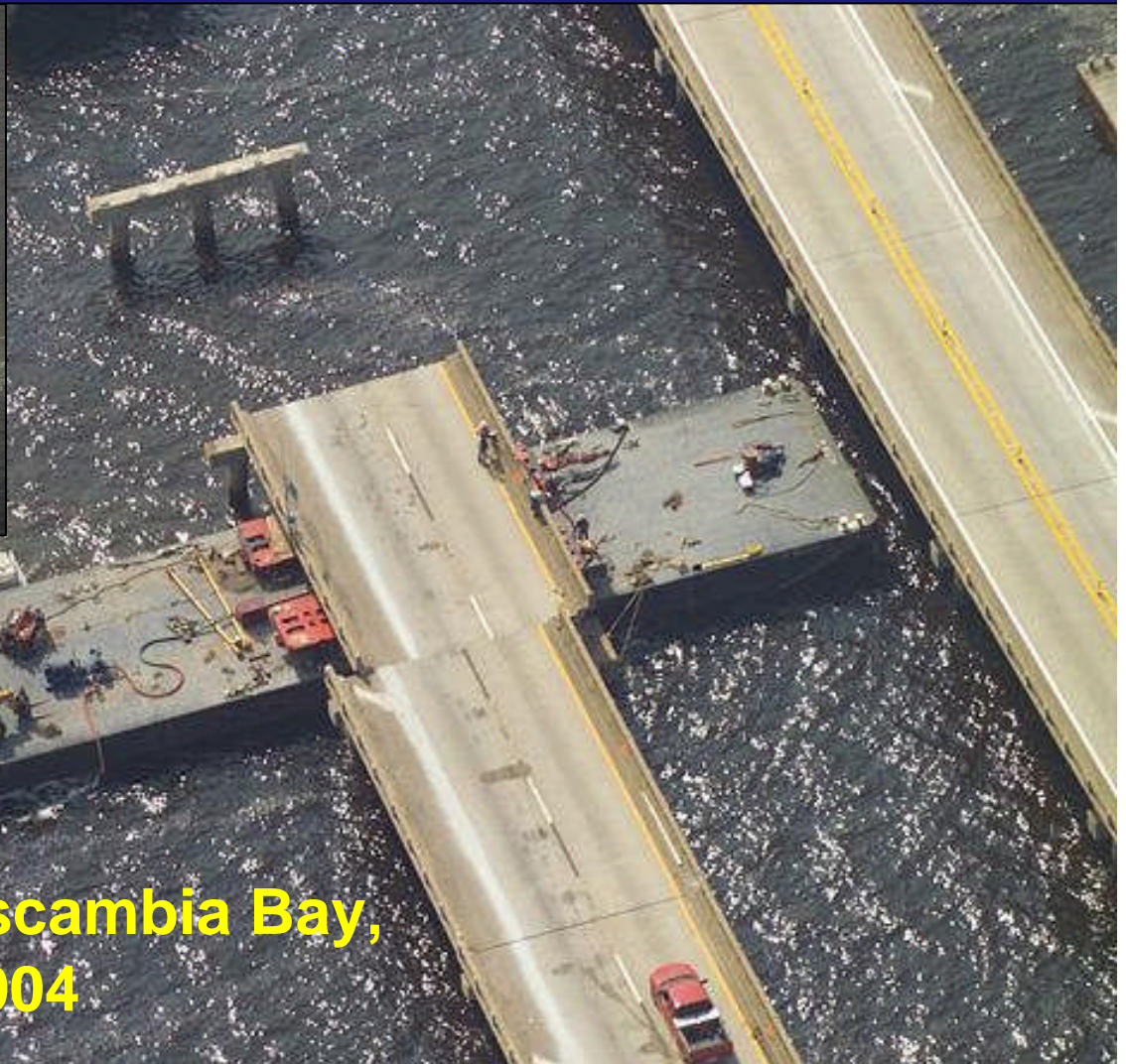
Used barges and Barnhart modular transporters to realign bridge spans





## \$250,000/day Phase I incentive/disincentive:

- Contract completed 7 days early
- Contractor received \$1.75M incentive



**I-10 over Escambia Bay,  
Florida – 2004**

January 11, 2006



**Used Mammoet SPMTs to remove  
Graves Avenue superstructure over I-4 West  
(January 9 removal over I-4 East)**

# YOU'RE INVITED

SPMTs: RAISING THE SPEED OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN THE U.S.  
Self-Propelled Modular Transporters are changing the art of bridge building

**June 9 afternoon – Demonstration Workshop**  
**June 10 midnight – Superstructure Installation**



Interstate 4 in Volusia County as the Graves Avenue bridge span is being removed. January 2006  
The new bridge is ready to be lifted in place. Come see.



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# TRANSFORMATION



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

## Bridge Installation:

Graves Avenue bridge over I-4 in  
Volusia County, FL (Mile Marker 113)

## Seminar & Bridge

### Installation Dates:

Friday - Sunday, June 9-11, 2006

### Seminar Time & Date:

Friday, June 9, 1 pm to 6 pm  
Presentation and a panel discussion.  
After the panel, participants will  
be bused to the project site for a  
daytime tour.

### Installation Date & Time:

Saturday - Sunday, June 10-11 from  
10 pm to 4 am. Transportation from  
the Holiday Inn will be provided as no  
project site parking will be available.

### Seminar Address & Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn  
350 E. International Speedway Blvd.  
DeLand, FL 32724

Call the Holiday Inn DeLand  
reservations desk at (386) 738-5200.  
70 rooms have been reserved for  
June 9 and June 10.

Please provide the following  
group title when making  
reservations to receive the  
discounted Government rate:

**"FDOT District 5 Graves  
Avenue Bridge Conference"**

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Visit the I-4 Public Information Web site at  
[www.transformation.org](http://www.transformation.org) for additional project  
information and photos and real-time camera views.

Subscribe to free periodic updates via e-mail at the  
Transformation Web site and call 1-888-424-4884 for  
all other additional information.

## SPMTs: RAISING THE SPEED OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN THE U.S.

The Florida Department of Transportation, in cooperation with  
FHWA-AASHTO-NCHRP, invites you to be a part of a first-ever event  
for interstate bridge construction in America. Come participate in a  
weekend of events for this FHWA Showcase project.

- On Friday, project participants will make presentations and  
take part in a panel discussion where your questions will be  
answered. Then participants will be bused to the Graves  
Avenue bridge project site to see the setup for the installation.
- On Saturday night, participants will be picked up at the  
Holiday Inn in DeLand and bused to the Graves Avenue  
bridge being installed over I-4 to see the Self Propelled  
Modular Transporters lift the bridge span into place.

**To RSVP for the Friday afternoon seminar and/or the Saturday  
evening/Sunday morning site visit, please e-mail Summer Balsley  
of Global-5, Inc. at [summerbalsley@global-5.com](mailto:summerbalsley@global-5.com) or call 407-571-6782.  
Also call this number for updated project/event information.**

### From Daytona Beach International Airport Approximate Drive Time: 24 minutes

1. Take US-92 West to DeLand
2. Holiday Inn is located on the left

### From Orlando International Airport Approximate Drive Time: 1 hour

1. Take the SR-528-TOLL East exit 1A to  
Cocoa/Kennedy Space Center
2. Merge into SR-528 East
3. Take the SR-417-TOLL exit 16 to Tampa/Orlando
4. Merge into SR-417 N
5. Take the I-4 East exit 55A to Daytona Beach
6. Take the SR-44 exit 118 West to DeLand
7. Turn right at Kepler Rd
8. Turn left at US-92
9. Holiday Inn is located on the left,  
approximately 1 mile

**RSVP Deadline: Friday, May 26**



# Coming Soon!

“How-to” manual sponsored by FHWA/AASHTO/NCHRP/FDOT on use of self-propelled modular transporters to move bridges. Manual will include:

- Benefits and Costs
- Planning
- Design
- Contracting Issues
- Specifications
- Lessons Learned
- Case Studies

# January 2006 Bridge Moves

- ✓ FDOT Removal of Graves Avenue Bridge over Interstate 4 northeast of Orlando
- ✓ LaDOTD Removal and Installation of Interstate 10 Bridge over LA 35 at Rayne near Lafayette

# Acknowledgments

- Florida DOT (FDOT)
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD)
- Mammoet

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# **FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4**

- Removal of Graves Avenue Bridge over Interstate 4:
  - Over I-4 E – Night of January 9, 2006
  - Over I-4 W – Night of January 11, 2006
- June 3 & 10, 2006 – Installation of longer & wider Graves Avenue Bridge

# THE TRADITIONAL METHOD

Close  
Bridge



Demolish  
Bridge



Build  
Substructure



Build  
Superstructure



Open  
to Traffic



# THE NEW METHOD

Build  
Superstructure  
Near Site



Close  
Bridge



Remove  
Bridge  
(Then Demo)



Build  
Substructure



Install  
Bridge



Open  
to Traffic



## FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

# MOTIVATION FOR NEW METHOD

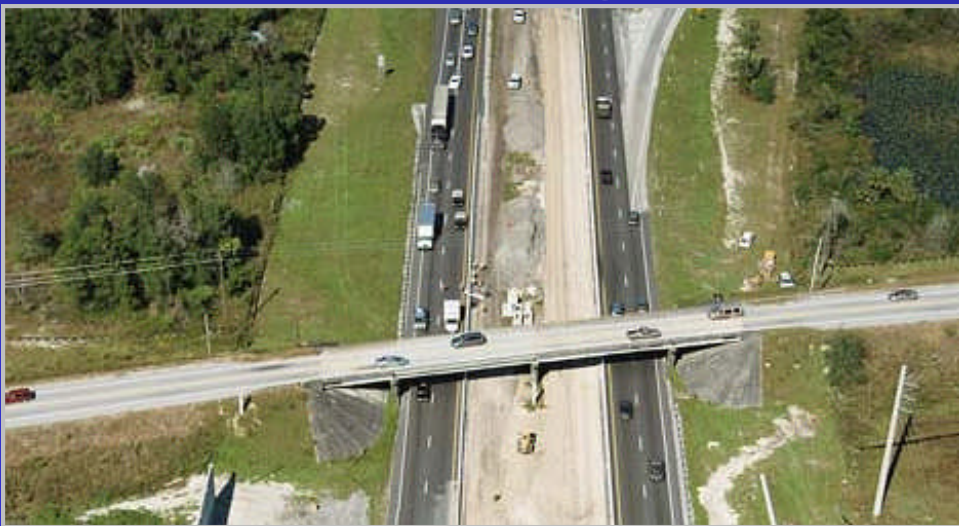
- New technology
- Reduced construction time
- Reduced impacts to the public



January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Removals

## GETTING READY

- Removed end spans of 4-span bridge
  - Used conventional method
- Spans over Interstate 4
  - 70'-6" long, 30' wide, 250 tons



January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Removals

## **MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**

- 1-lane closure from 10 pm to midnight
- 20-minute rolling roadblock at midnight



# Day of Move January 9, 2006



Pre-positioning  
of one 6-axle  
SPMT in median



# Day of Move

January 9, 2006

Looking from  
opposite side,  
close-up of  
pre-positioned  
6-axle SPMT



# Night of Move

January 9, 2006

10 pm to midnight:  
➤ 1-lane closure  
to position 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6-axle SPMT



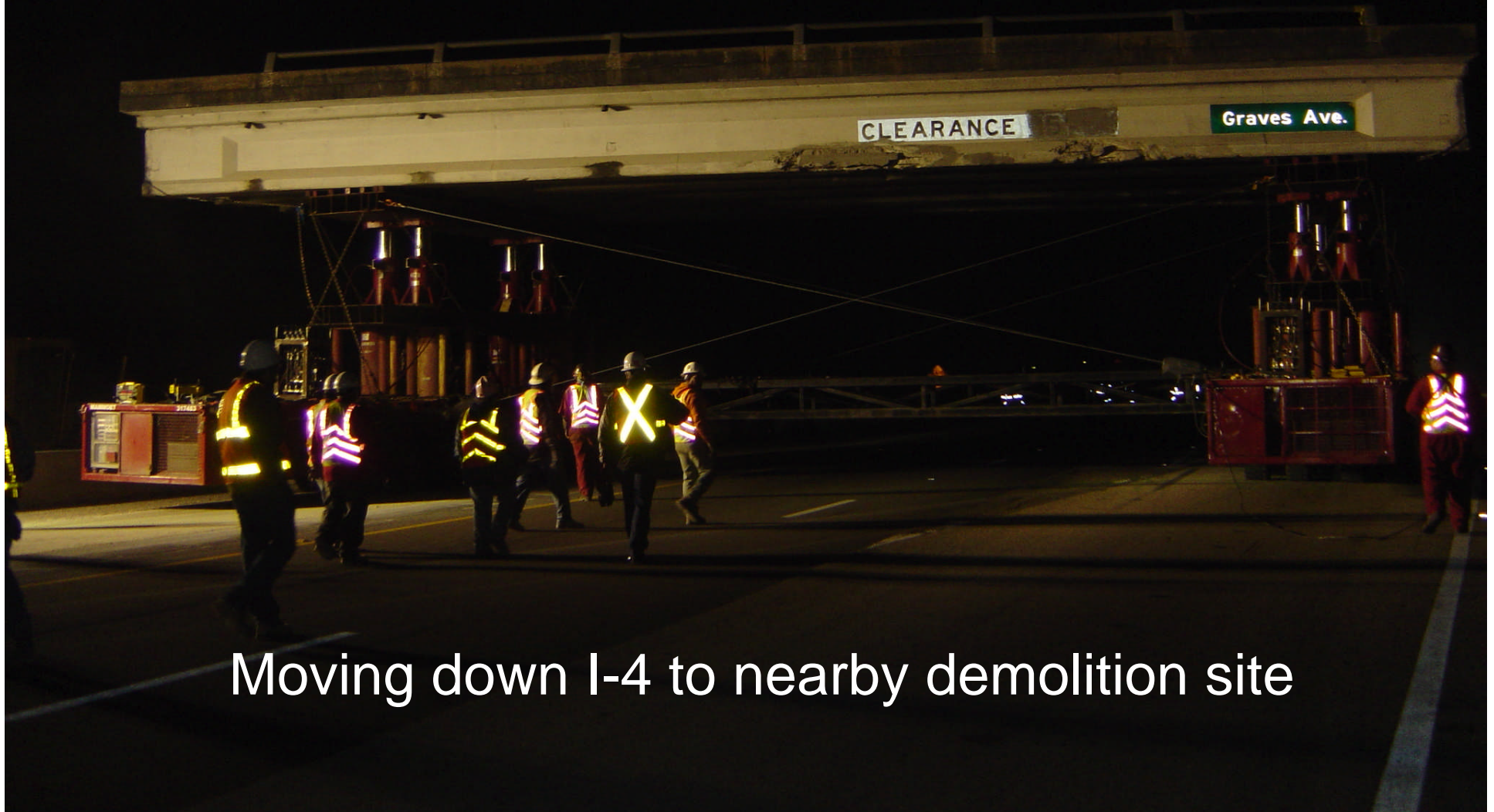
Midnight:

➤ 20-minute rolling  
roadblock to  
connect cross-  
frame and  
remove span





# January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 East Bridge Removal



Moving down I-4 to nearby demolition site

# January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 East Bridge Removal



**At nearby demolition site**

# AFTER THE REMOVAL

the next morning,  
January 10, 2006



48 hours later

**January 11, 2006**



**Same process for removal  
of Graves Avenue over I-4 West**





## FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

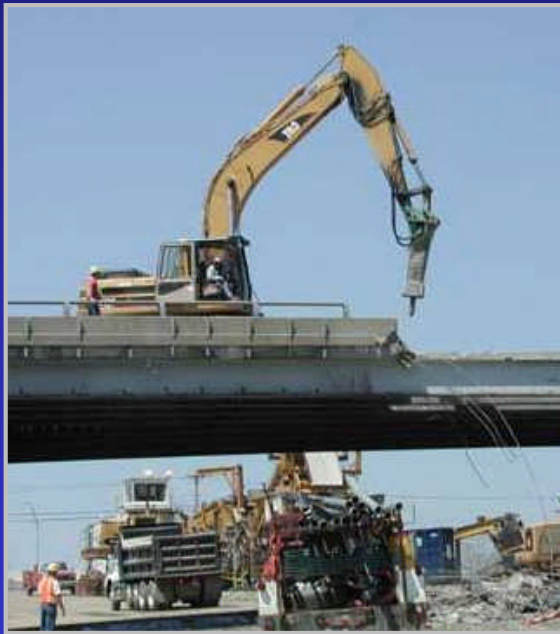
# CHALLENGES OF NEW METHOD

- “This is the way we’ve always done it.”
- Adding new methods to an existing contract
- Justification of added costs
- Finding the funding
- Contractor’s concerns



January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Removals

## Conventional Bridge Removals



**12 Anticipated Nights  
of Work for Removal  
of 2 Spans**

## Bridge Removals With SPMTs



**2 Actual Nights  
of Work for Removal  
of 2 Spans**



January 2006 Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Removals

## **SAVINGS SEEN TO DATE**

- **12 anticipated nights of work for demolition**
  - **2 actual nights of work**
- **6 anticipated rolling roadblocks for beam picks**
  - **3 actual rolling roadblocks**
- **Savings**
  - **Off-duty law enforcement officer hours**
  - **Maintenance of traffic setups**
  - **Switching manpower from day to night**
  - **Transporting old beams**

# FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

## **SAFETY ASPECTS**

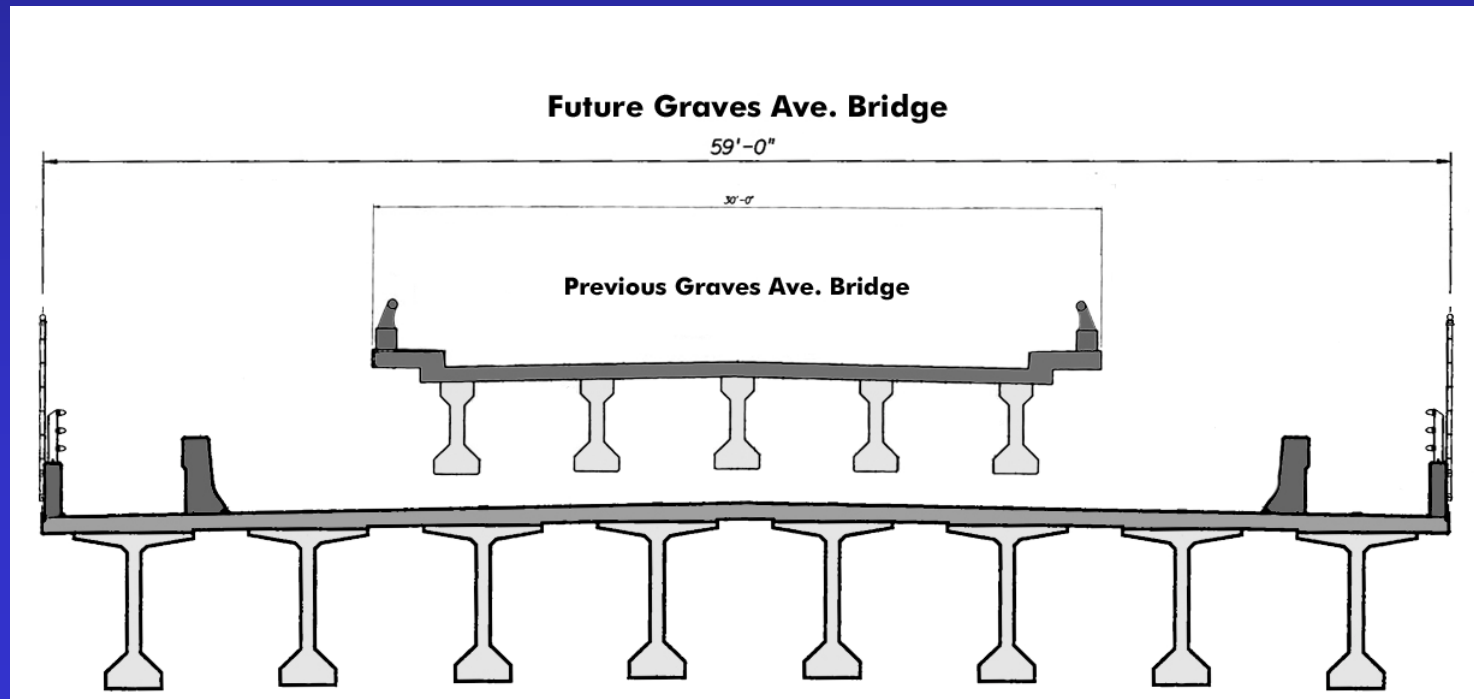
- Significantly reduced time in traffic
- Supported versus suspended load



## FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

# COMPARISON OF BRIDGES

- Existing spans:
  - 70'-6" long, 30' wide, 250 tons
- New spans:
  - 143' long, 59' wide, 1300 tons



# FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

## CRITICAL NEEDS

- Properly aligned temporary supports
- Superstructure tolerances within limits
- High degree of quality control



FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

# FABRICATION OF NEW BRIDGES



# FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

## **JUNE 3 & 10, 2006 INSTALLATIONS**

- Old spans required 2 SPMTs
- New spans will require 8 SPMTs



FDOT Graves Avenue / I-4 E & W Bridge Replacement

## **DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP**

- Friday afternoon, June 9, 2006, in conjunction with bridge installation
- See flyer for more information or contact:

Jeff Ger, FHWA

Phone: (850) 942-9650, ext. 3039

Email: [Jeffrey.ger@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.ger@fhwa.dot.gov)

# January 2006 Bridge Moves

- ✓ FDOT Removal of Graves Avenue Bridge over Interstate 4 northeast of Orlando
- LaDOTD Removal and Installation of Interstate 10 Bridge over LA 35 at Rayne near Lafayette



# LaDOTD I-10 / LA 35

- Removal of existing damaged bridge spans & installation of new spans:
  - I-10 East – Night of January 24, 2006
  - I-10 West – Night of January 26, 2006

# January 24, 2006 – LaDOTD I-10 East / LA 35 Bridge Span Removal





I-10 East over LA 35  
Span Removal

January 24, 2006

32 minutes from  
moving in SPMTs  
for removal to  
final setting of  
new span

I-10 East over LA 35  
Span Installation





## I-10 West over LA 35 Span Removal

January 26, 2006

Same process  
two days later  
for I-10 West  
removal &  
installation

I-10 West over LA 35  
Span Installation



**January 2006 LaDOTD I-10 over LA 35  
Emergency Bridge Replacement**

**For each night,  
maximum time of  
traffic detour to  
on- & off-ramps  
= 10 hours**



# Benefits of This Technology

- ✓ Effective and efficient solution for bridge replacements on high-volume roads:
  - ✓ Significantly reduced traffic disruption
  - ✓ Increased safety due to significantly reduced onsite construction time
- ✓ Savings due to reduced onsite construction time:
  - ✓ Personnel
  - ✓ Maintenance of traffic

# Manual on Use of Self-Propelled Modular Transporters to Move Bridges

Need for “how-to” manual was first identified in 2004 Prefabricated Bridge Elements & Systems Scan Team Implementation Plan (STIP):

- Develop Project Planning Guide for owners including project selection criteria for use of SPMTs and emphasizing the necessity for early project planning, and adequate Right-of-Way needs for construction.
- Prepare draft specifications based on sample project specifications provided to the Scanning Team for states to consider in their projects. The intent is to detail the required qualifications for lifting contractors and reasonable tolerances for placement and distortions of the structure being moved.

Ref.: Prefab Scan STIP

# Manual on Use of Self-Propelled Modular Transporters to Move Bridges

William Nickas, with Dan Dorgan and Ben Tang, requested a “how-to” manual for bridge owners:

- To document the critical components required to effectively use SPMTs to remove and install bridges
- To include draft specifications for owners to consider for their projects
- To be written in conjunction with FDOT’s I-4 / Graves Avenue bridge installation



# Manual on Use of SPMTs to Move Bridges

## Outline

- **Introduction**
  - Project selection criteria / decision-making framework
  - Description of Equipment
- **Benefits & Costs**
- **Planning**
  - Traffic Considerations
  - Site Requirements
  - Efficient Use of SPMTs
  - Project Staffing Requirements

# Manual on Use of SPMTs to Move Bridges

## Outline, continued

- **Design**
  - Possible Design Efficiencies
  - Single-Span versus Multi-Span Movements
  - Design Assumptions
  - Allowable Temporary Stresses and Deflections
  - Tolerances for Lifting and Positioning
  - Ground Pressure Distribution
  - Allowance for Placement / Fit-Up
  - Decks

# Manual on Use of SPMTs to Move Bridges

## Outline, continued

- **Contracting Issues**
  - Construction Scheme
  - On-Site / Near-Site Staging Area
  - Traffic Control Plans
  - SPMT Equipment Payment Strategies
  - Contracting Methods
  - Incentives / Disincentives
  - Qualifications of SPMT Subcontractor
  - Performance/ Delineation of Responsibilities

# Manual on Use of SPMTs to Move Bridges

## Outline, continued

- **Specifications**
  - Temporary Shoring Requirements
  - Moving Equipment Requirements
  - Geotechnical Assessment
  - Geometrical Controls during Move
  - Motion Diagram
  - Construction Tolerances
  - Staffing Requirements
  - Submittal Requirements
  - Example Specifications

# Manual on Use of SPMTs to Move Bridges

## Outline, continued

- Lessons Learned
- Case Studies
  - I-4 / Graves Avenue, FDOT
  - I-10 / LA 35, LaDOTD
  - Others ...

Draft Manual will be submitted for review by early August 2006.

# SPMT Availability

- **Mammoet** – 2004 Prefab Scan Host
  - 1,100 axle lines of SPMTs
- Sarens – 2004 Prefab Scan Host
  - 500 axle lines of SPMTs
- **Barnhart Crane & Rigging**
  - 108 new axle lines of SPMTs
- Bigge Crane & Rigging (?)
- Fagioli Group
- Jim Parkinson Ltd.
- Abnormal Load Engineering Limited (ALE)



***Thank  
You***

**Bridge  
Replacements  
in Minutes !**

