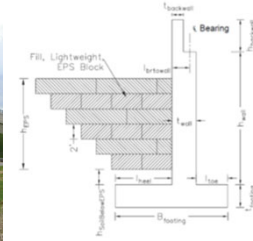


Design of Highway Bridge Abutments and Foundations



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- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome, introduction, and workshop overview
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4:00 – 4:15 Discussions and Q/A

4:15 – 4:30 Evaluation and adjournment

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OBJECTIVE

- ❑ Design examples to demonstrate the flow of formulations and decisions that are executed during bridge substructure design.
- ❑ The design is implemented in accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) policies published as of 09/30/2022.
- ❑ The requirements of the 9th Edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification; as modified and supplemented by the Bridge Design Manual (BDM), Bridge Design Guides (BDG), and 2020 Standard Specifications for Construction (SSFC); are followed.
- ❑ Certain material and design parameters are selected to be in compliance with MDOT practice reflected in the Bridge Design System (BDS), the MDOT legacy software.

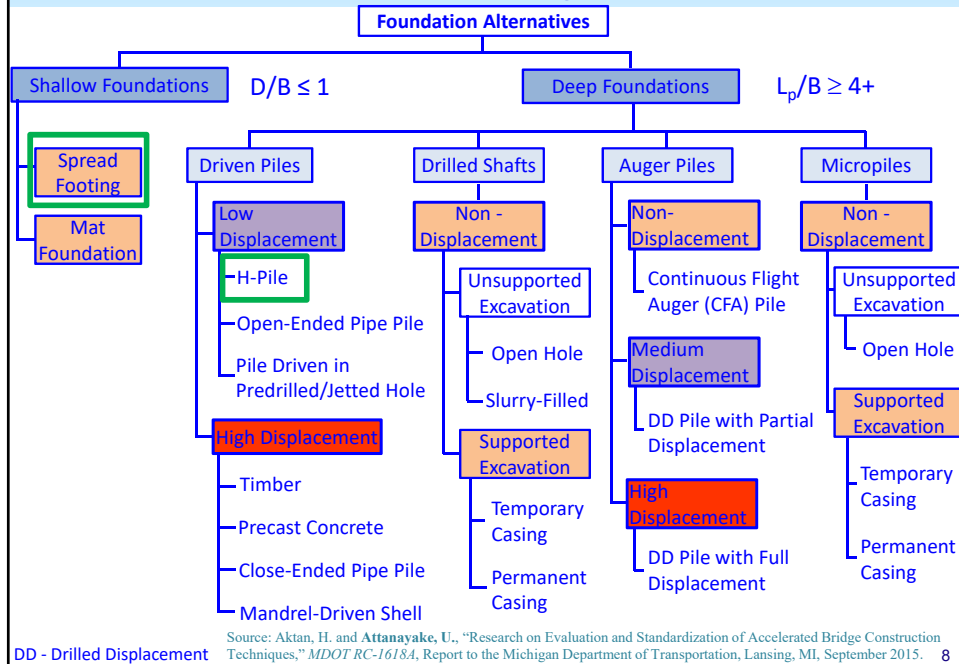
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Abutment Types

- ❑ The function of a bridge abutment is to transfer superstructure loads to the foundation.
- ❑ Abutment types (BDM 7.03.01B)
 - ❑ **Cantilever abutment**
 - ❑ Counterfort abutment
 - ❑ Curtainwall abutment (BDG 5.18.01)
 - ❑ Integral and semi-integral abutment (BDG 6.20.04)
 - ❑ Spill-through abutment

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Foundation Types



DESIGN EXAMPLE FORMAT

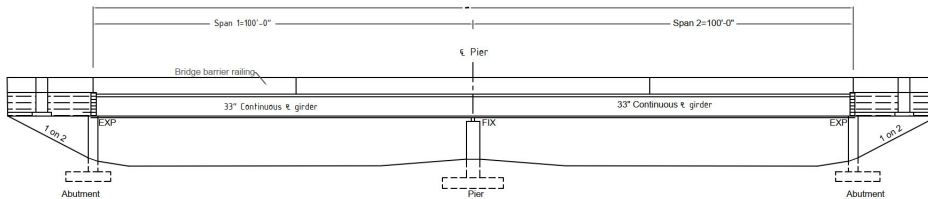
User Input

Design Check

Reference(s)

Bridge design span length	$L_{span} := 100 \text{ ft}$	
Number of beams	$N_{beams} := 7$	
Beam spacing	$BeamSpacing := 9 \text{ ft} + 8.625 \text{ in} = 9.72 \text{ ft}$	
Out-to-out deck width	$W_{deck} := 63.75 \text{ ft}$	
Roadway clear width	$Rdwy_{width} := 60.5 \text{ ft}$	
Number of design traffic lanes per roadway	$N_{lanes} := \text{floor}\left(\frac{Rdwy_{width}}{12 \text{ ft}}\right) = 5$	LRFD 3.6.1.1.1
Deck slab thickness	$t_{Deck} := 9 \text{ in}$	BDM 7.02.08
Resistance factor for sliding	$\phi_r := 0.8$	BDM 7.03.02.F, LRFD Table 10.5.5.2-1
Sliding resistance	$V_{resistance} := \phi_r \cdot \mu \cdot F_{VFILC1StrIMm} = 16.65 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$	
Check if $V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}$	$Check := \text{if}(V_{resistance} > V_{sliding}, "OK", "Not OK") = "OK"$	

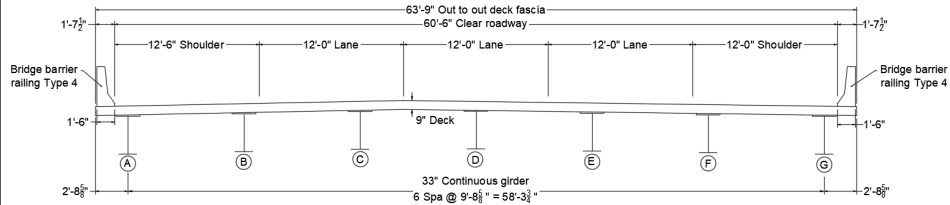
BRIDGE GEOMETRY AND COMPONENTS



Bridge elevation: 2-Span continuous bridge

The example illustrates the design of the abutment of a zero skew, 200 ft long, two-span, continuous, interstate freeway bridge crossing a highway.

BRIDGE GEOMETRY AND COMPONENTS



Bridge cross-section

- ❑ Steel plate girders
- ❑ Number of girders: 7
- ❑ Number of 12 ft wide lanes: 3 (5 design lanes)
- ❑ Shoulder width: 12 ft – 6 in. and 12 ft – 0 in.
- ❑ Overhang: 2 ft – 6.125 in.

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BRIDGE GEOMETRY AND COMPONENTS

The superstructure design can be found at

<https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/SpecProv/trainingmaterials.htm#2108560>

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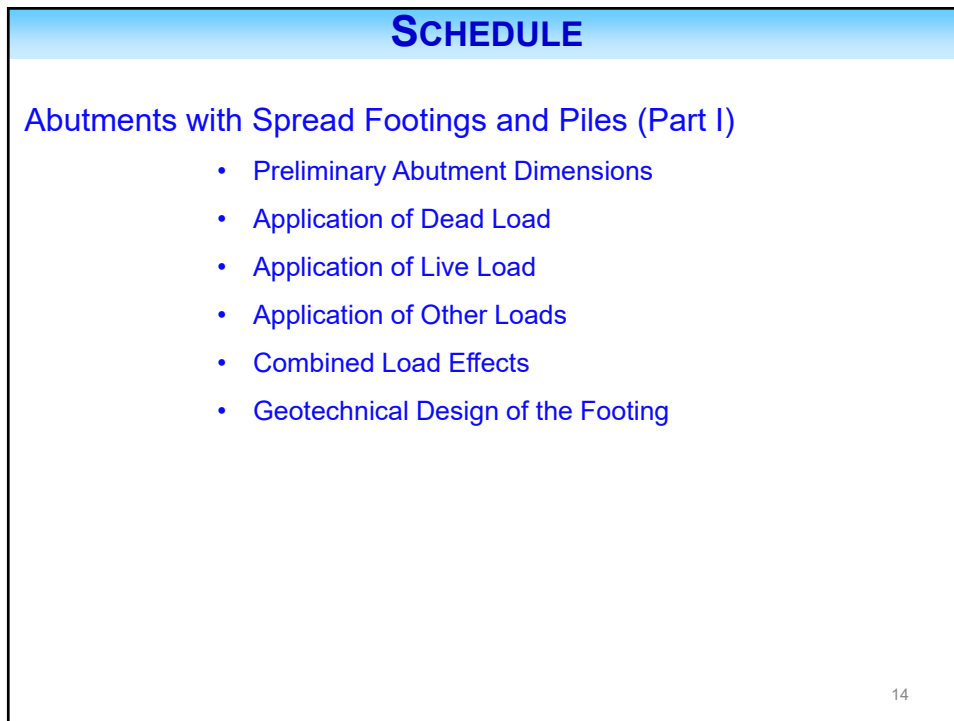
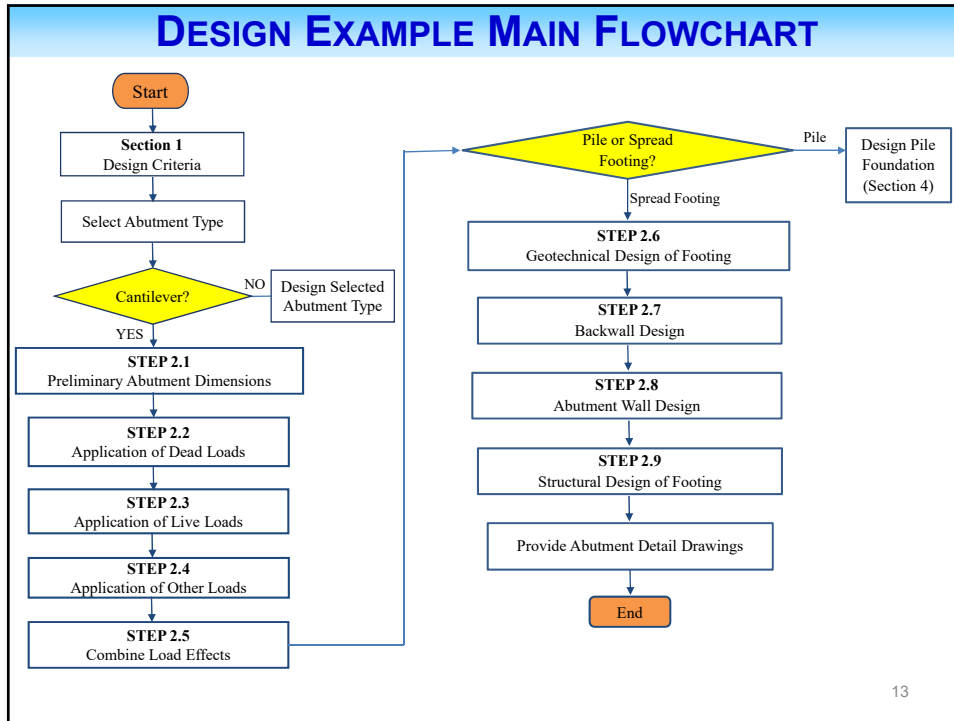
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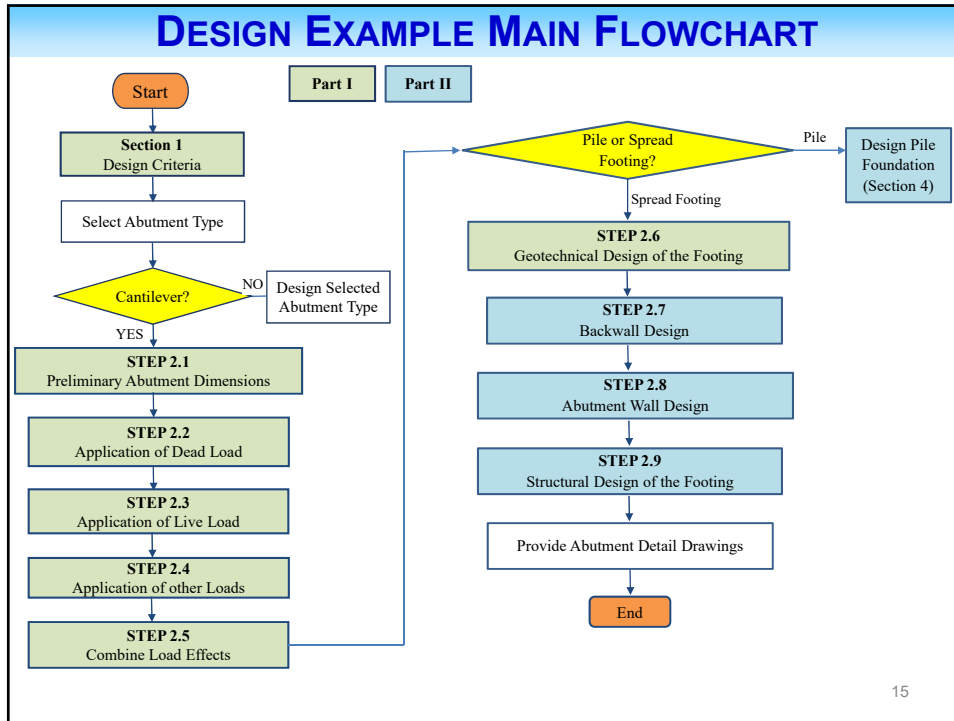
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Cited in this example as the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

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DESIGN CRITERIA

Section 1
Design Criteria

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Material properties:

- Concrete 28-day compressive strength $f'_c = 3000$ psi
- Reinforcing steel yield strength $f_y = 60$ ksi

Soil properties:

- Sands
- No groundwater

Backfill soil properties:

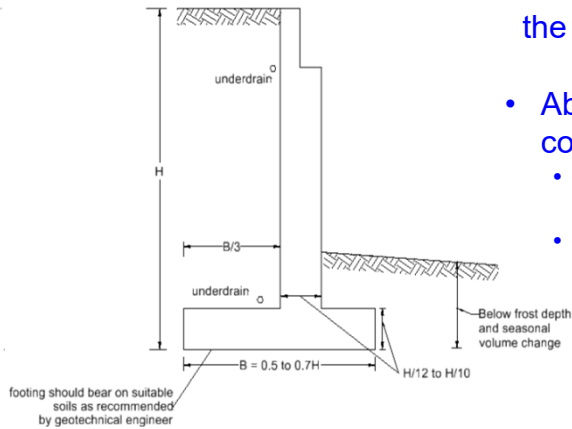
- Unit weight = 120 pcf
- Coefficient of active earth pressure = 0.3

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PRELIMINARY ABUTMENT DIMENSIONS

STEP 2.1 Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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- “Rule of thumb” guidelines of the abutment dimension
- Abutment wall thickness is controlled by the need to fit
 - bearings and anchor bolts with adequate edge distances
 - one or more rows of piles or drilled shafts with sufficient spacing and edge distance.

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PRELIMINARY ABUTMENT DIMENSIONS

STEP 2.1 Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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Minimum requirements in BDM

- The minimum wall thickness for abutments is 2 ft. **BDM 7.03.01C**
- The minimum footing thickness is normally 2 ft - 6 in. When the wall thickness at its base becomes 3 ft or greater, the footing thickness is to be increased to 3 ft. **BDM 7.03.02A**
- The minimum footing width is 6 ft for cantilever abutments. **BDM 7.03.01B**

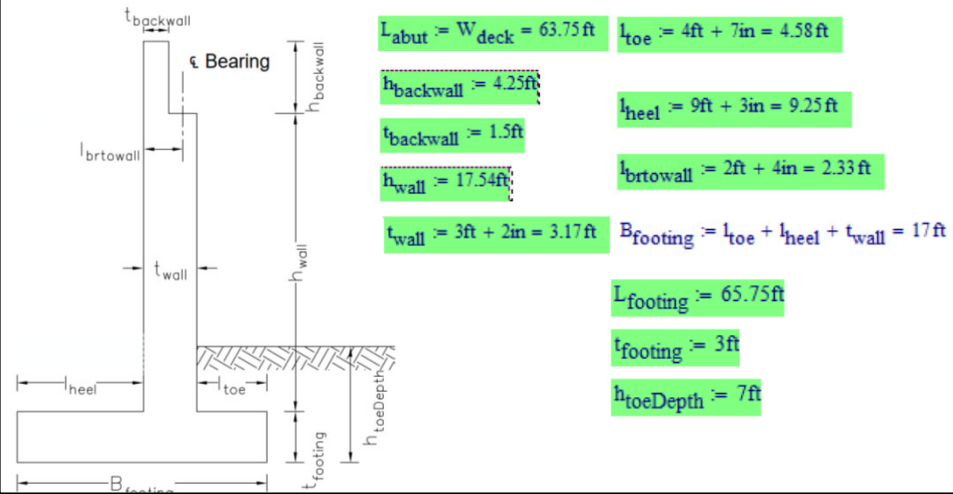
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PRELIMINARY ABUTMENT DIMENSIONS

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Preliminary Abutment Dimensions

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Preliminary dimensions of the cantilever abutment with an independent backwall.

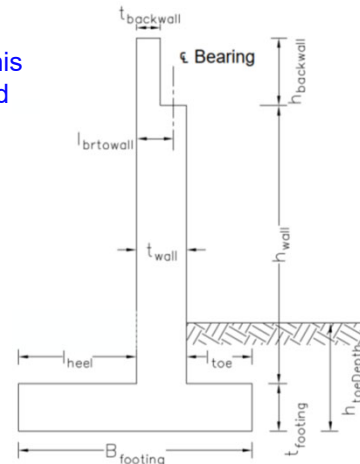


LOADS CASES FOR ANALYSIS

BDM 7.03.01

- Case I - abutment built and backfilled to grade
- Case II - bridge open to traffic with traffic loading on the approach only
- Case III - bridge with traffic on it and no load on approach
- Case IV - loading from Case II plus the effects of temperature contraction in the deck transmitted to the abutment.

Since Case IV always governs over Case II for this abutment, only Cases I, III, and IV are considered in the design example.



DEAD LOAD

STEP 2.2
 Application of Dead Load

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- Obtain girder reactions under dead loads from the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*
- Apply superstructure dead load as a uniformly distributed load over the length of the abutment

$$DC_{Sup} := \frac{2 \cdot R_{DCEx} + (N_{beams} - 2) \cdot R_{DCIn}}{L_{abut}}$$

- Calculate selfweight of abutment per foot

Backwall weight	$DC_{backwall} := h_{backwall} \cdot t_{backwall} \cdot W_c = 0.96 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Abutment wall weight	$DC_{wall} := h_{wall} \cdot t_{wall} \cdot W_c = 8.33 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$
Footing weight	$DC_{footing} := B_{footing} \cdot t_{footing} \cdot W_c = 7.65 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$

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LIVE LOAD

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 Application of Live Load

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HL-93 Mod consists of 1.2 times the combination of the

- Design truck (HS-20-44) or single **60-kip** load, and
- Design lane load of 0.64 kip/ft

Multiple Presence Factor **LRFD Table 3.6.1.1.2-1**

$$MPF(\text{lanes}) := \begin{cases} 1.2 & \text{if lanes} = 1 \\ 1.0 & \text{if lanes} = 2 \\ 0.85 & \text{if lanes} = 3 \\ 0.65 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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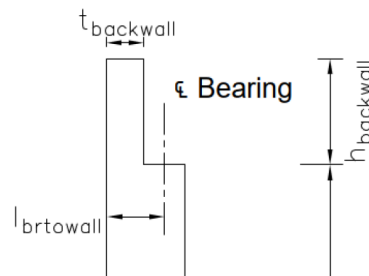
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Application of Live Load

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Live load on the backwall

- Live load on the bridge: No impact on the independent backwall
- Live load on the approach: represented as a live load surcharge. Results in a lateral load on the backwall (calculated later).



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LIVE LOAD

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Application of Live Load

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Live load on the abutment walls

- Live load on the bridge
Obtain girder reactions under one-lane live load from the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*. The controlling live load case is all five lanes loaded.

$$lanes := 5 \quad R_{LLWall5} := \frac{lanes \cdot (V_{TruckMax} + V_{LaneMax}) \cdot f_{HL93Mod} \cdot MPF(lanes)}{L_{abut}}$$

Note: Even though the LRFD Specifications recommend including the dynamic impact of live load in the design of substructures that are not completely buried, the current MDOT practice excludes it from the design of bridge abutments.

- Live load on the approach: represented as a live load surcharge. Results in a lateral load on the abutment wall (calculated later).

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LIVE LOAD

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Application of Live Load

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Live load on the footing

- Live load on the bridge

Dynamic impact is excluded.

LRFD 3.6.2.1

All five loaded lanes control the design.

$$R_{LL\text{Footings}} = \frac{\text{lanes} \cdot (V_{\text{TruckMax}} + V_{\text{LaneMax}}) \cdot f_{\text{HL93Mod}} \cdot \text{MPF}(\text{lanes})}{L_{\text{footing}}}$$

- Live load on the approach

Results in a lateral load and a vertical downward load on the footing.

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OTHER LOAD

STEP 2.4
Application of Other Loads

- Braking force – not considered (see slide 26)
- Wind load – not considered (see slide 27)
- Earth load – lateral and vertical components
- Live load surcharge on the bridge approach
- Temperature load

45° F drop and 35° F rise from the construction.

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OTHER LOAD

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Application of Other Loads

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Braking force

- Abutments have expansion bearings. The braking force is resisted by the pier with fixed bearings.
- Practices are different when dealing with the moment caused by braking force applied at 6 ft above the bridge deck.

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OTHER LOAD

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Application of Other Loads

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Wind load

- Abutments have expansion bearings. The longitudinal component of wind load is resisted by the pier with fixed bearings.
- The transverse component of wind load is usually small and does not impact the design of an abutment. MDOT practice is to neglect the wind load on abutments.
- For illustrative purposes, the wind load calculation is included in Appendix 2.A.

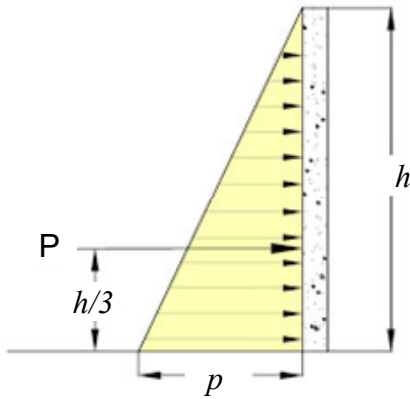
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Lateral earth load



$$p = k_a \gamma_s h \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 3.11.5.1-1}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} p h$$

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Application of Other Loads

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Live load surcharge

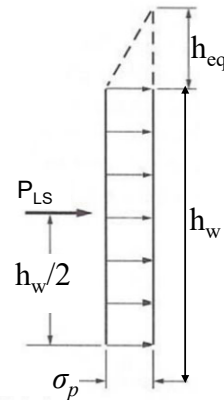
Table 3.11.6.4-1—Equivalent Height of Soil for Vehicular Loading on Abutments Perpendicular to Traffic

Abutment Height (ft)	h_{eq} (ft)
5.0	4.0
10.0	3.0
≥ 20.0	2.0

Height of the abutment = 24.8 ft, $h_{eq} = 2$ ft

$$\sigma_p = k_a \gamma_s h_{eq}$$

$$P_{LS} = \sigma_p h_w$$



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OTHER LOAD

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Application of Other Loads

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Temperature load

- 45° F drop and 35° F rise from construction
- Bridge superstructure deformation $\Delta_T := \alpha \cdot L_{span} \cdot T_{Range}$
- Horizontal force transmitted through an elastomeric expansion bearing

$$H_{bu} = GA \frac{\Delta_u}{h_{rt}} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 14.6.3.1-2}$$

The force acting on a bearing due to superstructure contraction

$$H_{buContr} := \frac{G_{bearing} \cdot A_{bearing} \cdot \Delta_{TContr}}{h_{rt}} = 2.53 \cdot \text{kip}$$

Total force acting on the abutment due to superstructure contraction

$$TU_{Contr} := \frac{N_{beams} \cdot H_{buContr}}{L_{abut}} = 0.28 \cdot \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}}$$

LOAD COMBINATION

STEP 2.5
Combined Load Effects

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$$\text{Strength I} = 1.25DC + 1.5DW + 1.75LL + 1.75BR + 1.5EH + 1.35EV + 1.75LS + 0.5TU$$

$$\text{Strength III} = 1.25DC + 1.5DW + 1.5EH + 1.35EV + 1.0WS + 0.5TU$$

$$\text{Strength V} = 1.25DC + 1.5DW + 1.35LL + 1.35BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.5EH + 1.35EV + 1.35LS + 0.5TU$$

$$\text{Service I} = 1.0DC + 1.0DW + 1.0LL + 1.0BR + 1.0WS + 1.0WL + 1.0EH + 1.0EV + 1.0LS + 1.0TU$$

Since wind load is not considered for abutment design, only Strength I and Service I limit states are considered.

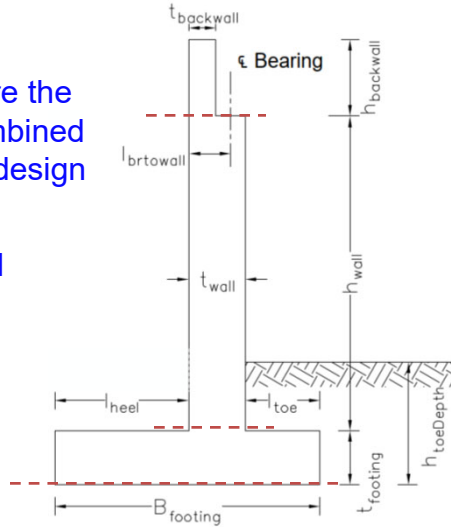
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Three critical locations where the force effects need to be combined and analyzed for abutment design

- base of the backwall
- base of the abutment wall
- base of the footing



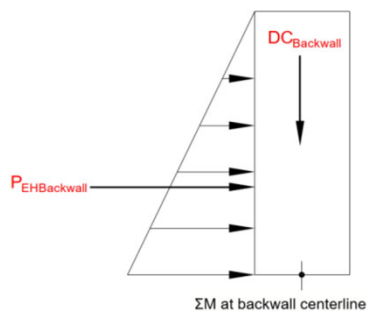
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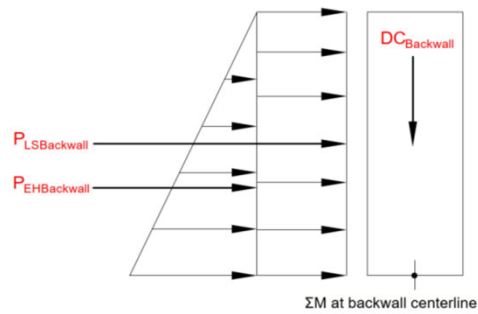
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Base of the backwall



LC I and III



LC IV

Calculate F_{VBW} , V_{UBW} , M_{UBW} at the base of the backwall under each load case.

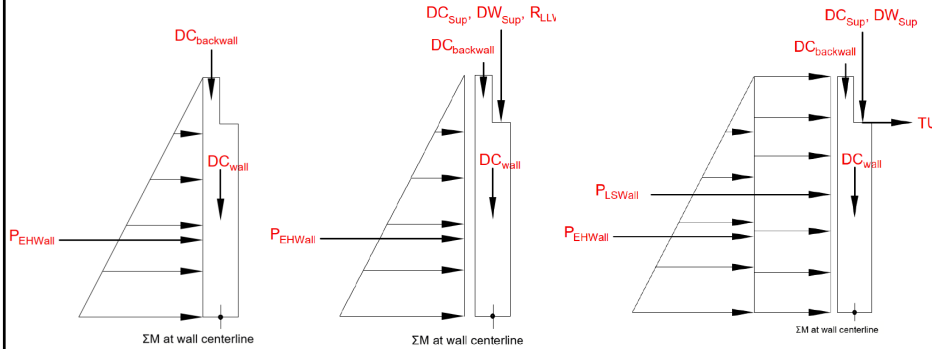
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Base of the abutment wall



LC I

LC III

LC IV

Calculate F_{VWall} , V_{uWall} , M_{uWall} at the base of the abutment wall under each load case.

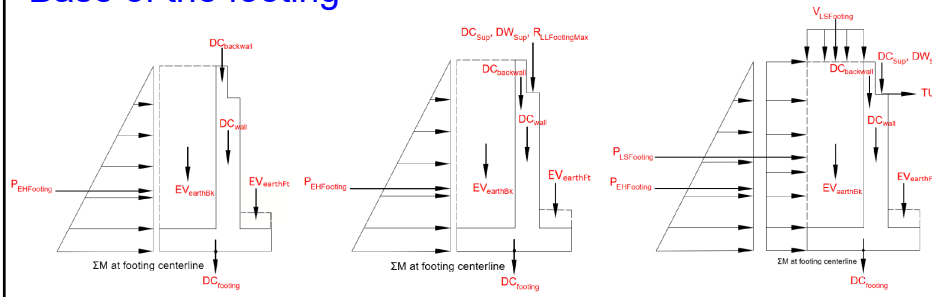
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Combined Load Effects

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Base of the footing



LC I

LC III

LC IV

Calculate F_{VFt} , V_{uFt} , M_{uFt} at the base of the backwall under each load case.

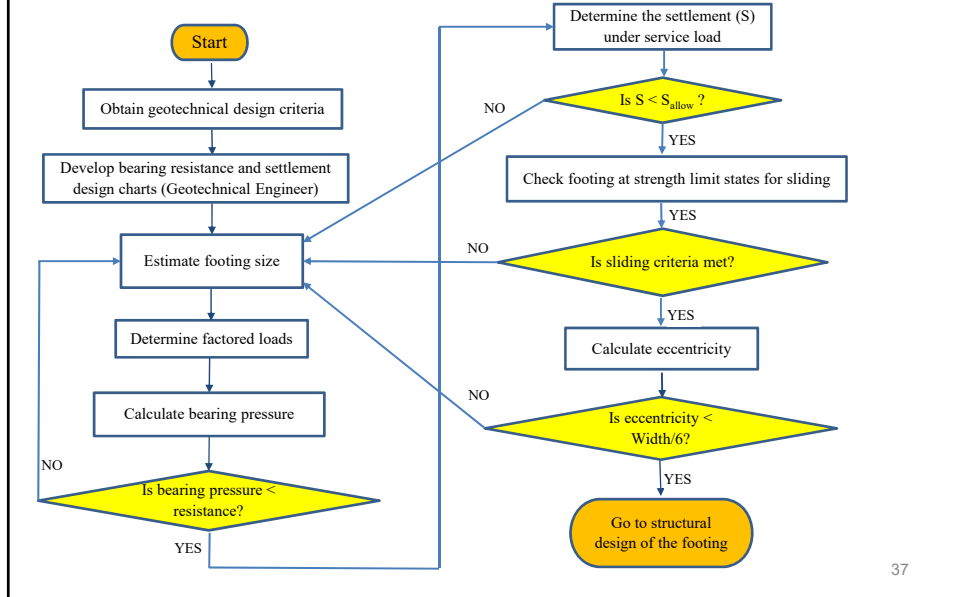
Use the minimum load factor for EV when calculating M_{uFt} .

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GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN OF FOOTING

STEP 2.6 Geotechnical Design of the Footing

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GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN

STEP 2.6 Geotechnical Design of the Footing

LRFD 10.6.1.1

Geotechnical design of a spread footing considers the following strength and serviceability limit states:

- Bearing resistance – strength limit state
- Settlement – service limit state
- Sliding resistance – strength limit state
- Load eccentricity (overturning) – strength limit state

Structural engineers and geotechnical engineers need to work closely to fulfill geotechnical design requirements.

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Bearing resistance – strength limit state

- **LRFD method** **LRFD 10.6.1.1**
 - Calculate eccentricities in B direction
 - Calculate reduced effective area $B' \times L$ $B' = B - 2e_B$
 - Bearing pressure assumed uniformly distributed over $B' \times L$
 - Calculate bearing pressure on the reduced area under strength limit state
- **MDOT method**
 - For each load cases under strength and service limit states, provide average bearing pressure, and the bearing pressures at the toe and heel (maximum and minimum bearing pressures) to the Geotechnical Service Section.

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Bearing resistance – strength limit state

- **MDOT procedure**

Bearing pressures (in psf)

	Toe (Service I)	Avg (Service I)	Heel (Service I)	Toe (Strength I)	Avg (Strength I)	Heel (Strength I)
LC I	3217	2549	1880	5166	3341	1516
LC III	4692	3254	1817	7371	4397	1422
LC IV	4551	3064	1577	6977	4064	1150

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Settlement check – service limit state

Same procedure is used to calculate bearing pressure, but the service limit state loads are used.

Allowable settlement – 1.5 in. **BDM 7.03.02G 2b**

Note: Besides the total settlement, considerations should be given to prevent the differential settlement between the abutments and pier from exceeding the tolerable differential settlement limit.

Differential settlement limits are given in the *Steel Plate Girder Design Example*.

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Sliding resistance check – strength limit state

$$R_R = \phi R_n = \phi_\tau R_\tau + \phi_{ep} R_{ep} \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.3.4-1}$$

$$R_{ep} = 0, \text{ Ignore passive soil pressure } \text{BDM 7.03.02F}$$

$$\phi_\tau = 0.8 \quad \text{BDM 7.03.02.F}$$

LRFD Table 10.5.5.5.2-1

$$R_\tau = \mu V \quad (\mu = 0.5)$$

- Live load on the bridge is excluded.
- Minimum load factors are used for all vertical loads.
- Maximum load factors are used for the loads that results in horizontal sliding forces.
- For Load Case IV, consider the effects with and w/o live load surcharge.

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Eccentricity check – strength limit state

The eccentricity of loading at the strength limit state, evaluated based on factored loads, shall not exceed one-third of the corresponding dimension of footing on soils for stability. **LRFD 10.6.3.3**

- Minimum load factors are used for all vertical loads.
- This replaces the investigation of the ratio of resisting moment to overturning moment
- For Load Case III, consider with and w/o live load
- For Load Case IV, consider with and w/o live load surcharge

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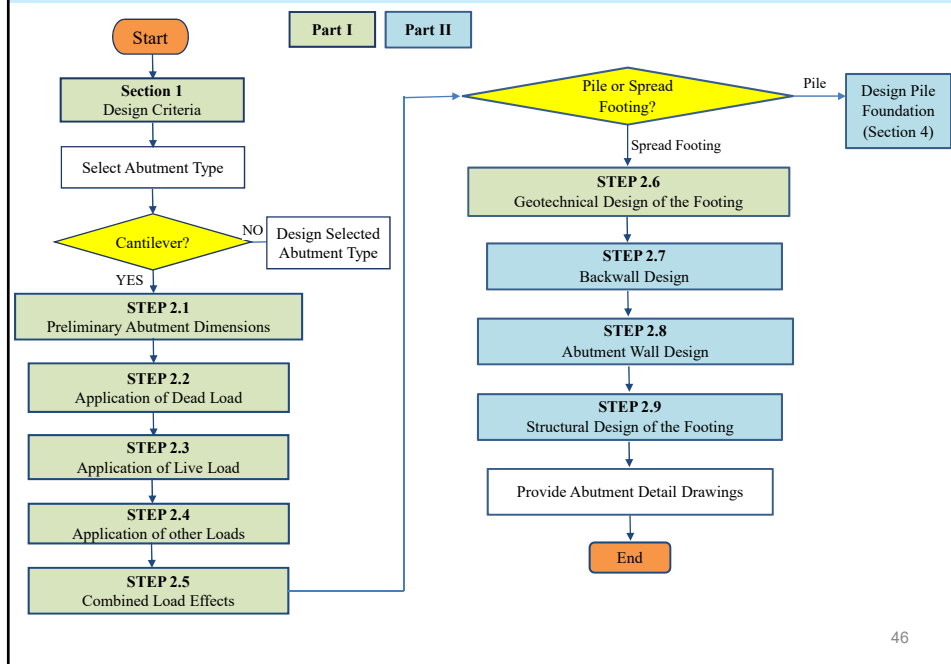
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Abutments with Spread Footings and Piles (Part I)

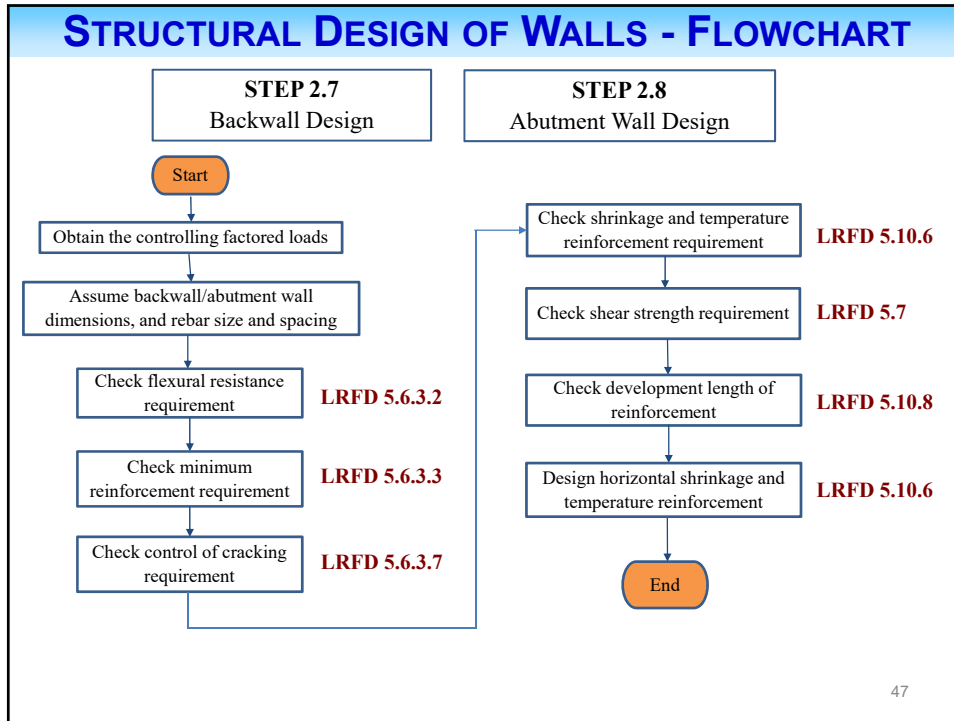
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DESIGN EXAMPLE MAIN FLOWCHART



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FLEXURAL RESISTANCE

Check flexural resistance requirement	LRFD 5.6.3.2	Page 46 Backwall	Page 54 Abutment wall
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$$M_r = \phi M_n \quad (5.6.3.2.1-1)$$

M_n = nominal flexural resistance (kip-in.)
 ϕ = resistance factor as specified in [Article 5.5.4.2](#)

$$M_n = A_s f_s \left(d_s - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

a = $c\beta_1$; depth of the equivalent stress block (in.)

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MINIMUM REINFORCEMENT

Check minimum reinforcement requirement

LRFD 5.6.3.3

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Abutment wall

The tensile reinforcement provided must be adequate to develop a factored flexural resistance at least equal to the lesser of

- 1.33 times the factored moment required by the applicable strength load combination specified in Table 3.4.1-1;

- $$M_{cr} = \gamma_3 \left[(\gamma_1 f_r + \gamma_2 f_{cpe}) S_c - M_{dnc} \left(\frac{S_c}{S_{nc}} - 1 \right) \right] \rightarrow \gamma_3 \gamma_1 f_r S_c$$

(5.6.3.3-1)

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CRACK CONTROL

Check control of cracking requirement

LRFD 5.6.7

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The actual stress in the reinforcement should not exceed the service limit state stress.

$$s \leq \frac{700\gamma_e}{\beta_z f_{ss}} - 2d_c \quad (5.6.7-1)$$

in which:

$$\beta_z = 1 + \frac{d_c}{0.7(h - d_c)} \quad (5.6.7-2)$$

f_{ss} = calculated tensile stress in nonprestressed reinforcement at the service limit state not to exceed $0.60 f_y$ (ksi)

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SHRINKAGE AND TEMPERATURE REINFORCEMENT

Check shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirement

LRFD 5.10.6

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Backwall

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Abutment wall

For bars or welded wire reinforcement, the area of reinforcement per foot, on each face and in each direction, shall satisfy the following:

$$A_s \geq \frac{1.30bh}{2(b+h)f_y} \quad (5.10.6-1)$$

except that:

$$0.11 \leq A_s \leq 0.60 \quad (5.10.6-2)$$

where:

- A_s = area of reinforcement in each direction and each face (in.²/ft)
- b = least width of component section (in.)
- h = least thickness of component section (in.)

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SHEAR STRENGTH

Check shear strength requirement

LRFD 5.7.3

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Sectional Design Method

- Critical section is d_v from face of the support

$$d_v := \max\left(d_e - \frac{a}{2}, 0.9 \cdot d_e, 0.72 \cdot t_{\text{wall}}\right) \quad \text{LRFD 5.7.2.8}$$

$$V_n = V_c + V_s + V_p \quad (5.7.3.3-1)$$

$$V_n = 0.25f'_c b_v d_v + V_p \quad (5.7.3.3-2)$$

in which:

$$V_c = 0.0316\beta\lambda\sqrt{f'_c} b_v d_v \quad (5.7.3.3-3)$$

- β = factor indicating ability of diagonally cracked concrete to transmit tension and shear as specified in [Article 5.7.3.4](#)

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SHEAR STRENGTH

Check shear strength requirement

LRFD 5.7.3

Simplified procedure

For concrete footings in which the distance from point of zero shear to the face of the column, pier, or wall is less than $3d_v$ with or without transverse reinforcement, and for other nonprestressed concrete sections not subjected to axial tension and containing at least the minimum amount of transverse reinforcement specified in [Article 5.7.2.5](#), or having an overall depth of less than 16.0 in., the following values may be used:

$$\beta = 2.0$$

- Can't be used in the backwall and abutment wall
- Can be used in the footing

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SHEAR STRENGTH

Check shear strength requirement

LRFD 5.7.3

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General procedure

When sections do not contain at least the minimum amount of shear reinforcement, the value of β may be as specified in [Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-2](#):

$$\beta = \frac{4.8}{(1 + 750\varepsilon_s)} \frac{51}{(39 + s_{xe})} \quad (5.7.3.4.2-2)$$

$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{\left(\frac{|M_u|}{d_v} + 0.5N_u + |V_u - V_p| - A_{ps}f_{po} \right)}{E_s A_s + E_p A_{ps}} \quad (5.7.3.4.2-4)$$

$$s_{xe} = s_x \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \quad (5.7.3.4.2-7)$$

$$12.0 \text{ in.} \leq s_{xe} \leq 80.0 \text{ in.}$$

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SHEAR STRENGTH

Check shear strength requirement

LRFD 5.7.3

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Abutment wall: General Procedure

Find M_u , N_u , and V_u at the critical section

$$\epsilon_s := \frac{\left(\frac{M_{uWallShear}}{d_v} + 0.5 \cdot N_{uWallShear} + V_{uWallShear} \right)}{E_s \cdot \frac{A_{sProvided}}{ft}} = 1.24 \times 10^{-3}$$

LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-4

Crack spacing parameter

$$s_x := d_v = 2.83 \text{ ft}$$

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SHEAR STRENGTH

Check shear strength requirement

LRFD 5.7.3

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Abutment wall: General Procedure (cont'd)

Maximum aggregate size (in.)

$$a_g := 1.5$$

MDOT Standard Specifications
for Construction Table 902-1

Crack spacing parameter as
influenced by aggregate size

$$s_{xe} := \min \left[\begin{array}{l} (80\text{in}) \\ (12\text{in}) \\ \max \left[\left(s_x \cdot \frac{1.38}{a_g + 0.63} \right) \right] \end{array} \right] = 22.04 \cdot \text{in}$$

LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-7

Factor indicating the ability of
diagonally cracked concrete to
transmit tension and shear

$$\beta := \frac{4.8}{(1 + 750 \cdot \epsilon_s)} \cdot \frac{51}{\left(39 + \frac{s_{xe}}{\text{in}} \right)} = 2.08$$

LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.4.2-2

$$V_{c1} := 0.0316 \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot \text{ksi} \cdot b \cdot d_e = 47.7 \cdot \text{kip}$$

LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-3

$$V_{c2} := 0.25 f_c \cdot b \cdot d_e = 315 \cdot \text{kip}$$

LRFD Eq. 5.7.3.3-2

$$V_n := \min(V_{c1}, V_{c2}) = 47.73 \cdot \text{kip}$$

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DEVELOPMENT LENGTH

Check development length of reinforcement

LRFD 5.10.8

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The modified tension development length, ℓ_d , in in. shall be taken as:

$$\ell_d = \ell_{db} \times \left(\frac{\lambda_H \times \lambda_{cs} \times \lambda_{re} \times \lambda_{st}}{\lambda_c} \right) \quad (5.10.8.2.1a-1)$$

in which:

$$\ell_{db} = 2.4d_b \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{f'_c}} \quad (5.10.8.2.1a-2)$$

- BDG 7.14.01 and 7.14.02 provide the development and lap lengths for Grade 60 reinforcing steel and 3 ksi and 4 ksi concrete.

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HORIZONTAL REINFORCEMENT

Design horizontal shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

LRFD 5.10.6

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The horizontal reinforcement in the walls should satisfy the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement requirement.

LRFD 5.10.6

Spacings shall not exceed the following:

- 12.0 in. for walls and footings greater than 18.0 in. thick
- 12.0 in. for other components greater than 36.0 in. thick
- For all other situations, 3.0 times the component thickness but not less than 18.0 in.

MDOT policy is to use 18 in. as the maximum spacing.

BDG 5.16.01

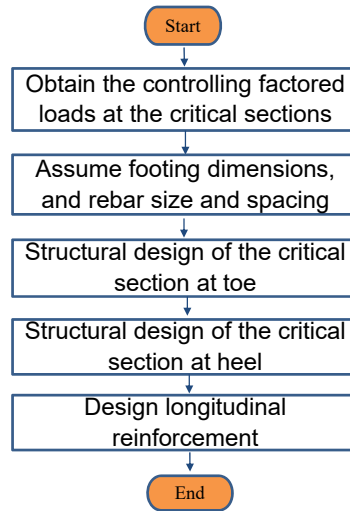
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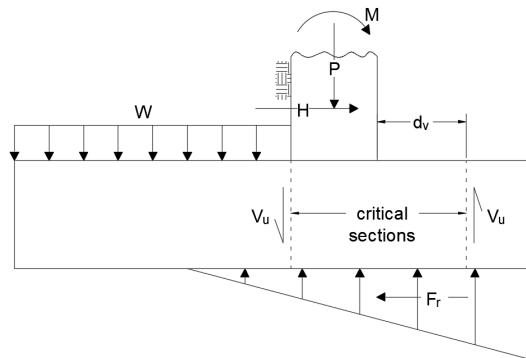
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- Shear Design – Critical section
 - If downward load is larger than the upward load, the critical section is at the face of the wall.
 - If the upward load is larger than the downward load, the critical section is at a distance d_v away from the wall.

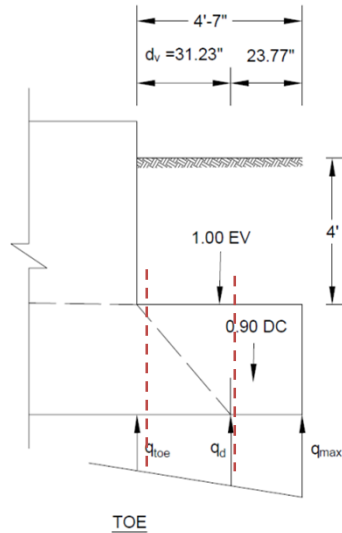


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For structural design of an eccentrically loaded foundation, a triangular or trapezoidal bearing pressure distribution based on the factored loads shall be used.

LRFD 10.6.5

Toe

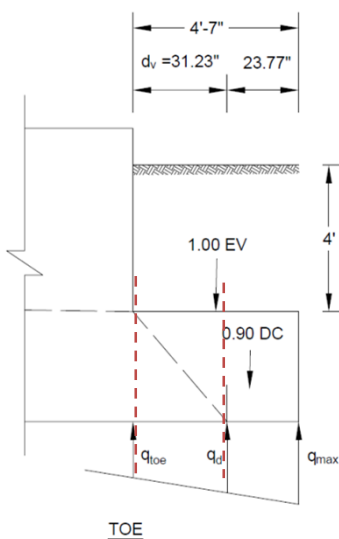
- Use minimum load factors for the weight of the footing and EV
- Critical section for flexure is at face of the wall.
- Critical section for shear is at a distance d_v from face of the wall.

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Toe

- Design includes flexure design, shear design, reinforcement development length check, shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.
- Simplified procedure can be used in shear design.

LRFD 5.7.3.4.1

- Shear in the footing – simplified procedure

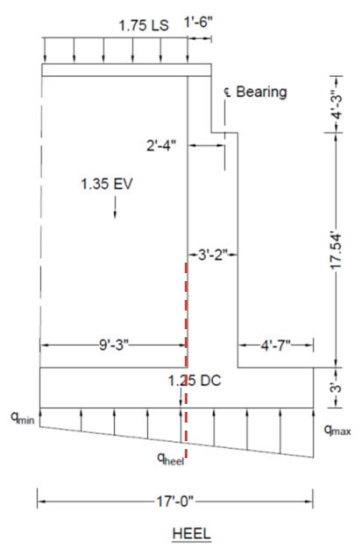
For concrete footing in which the distance from point of zero shear to the face of the wall is less than $3d_v$, the simplified procedure for nonprestressed sections can be used.

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Heel

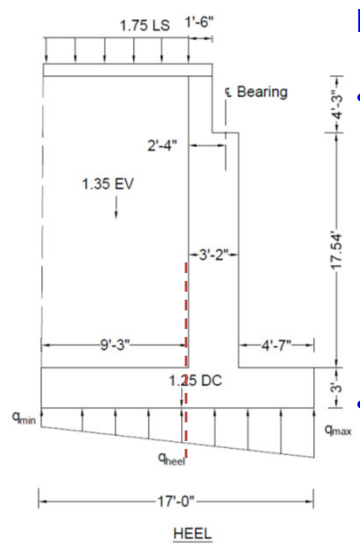
LRFD C5.12.8.6.1

- In the general case of a cantilever abutment wall, where the downward load on the heel is larger than the upward reaction of the soil under the heel, the top of the heel is in tension.
- The critical section for flexure and shear is at the back face of the abutment wall.

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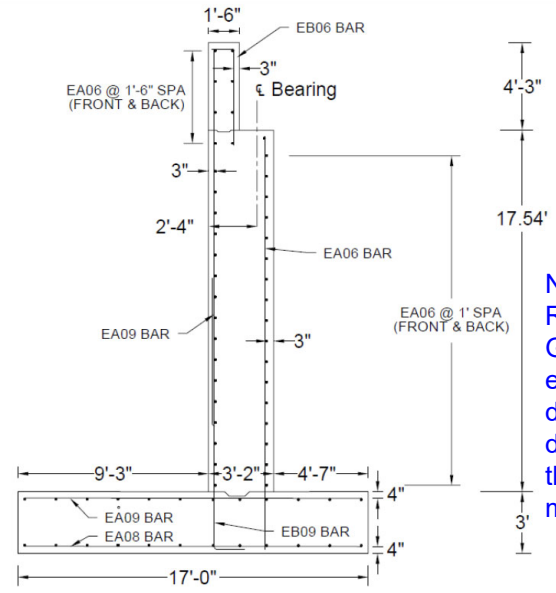
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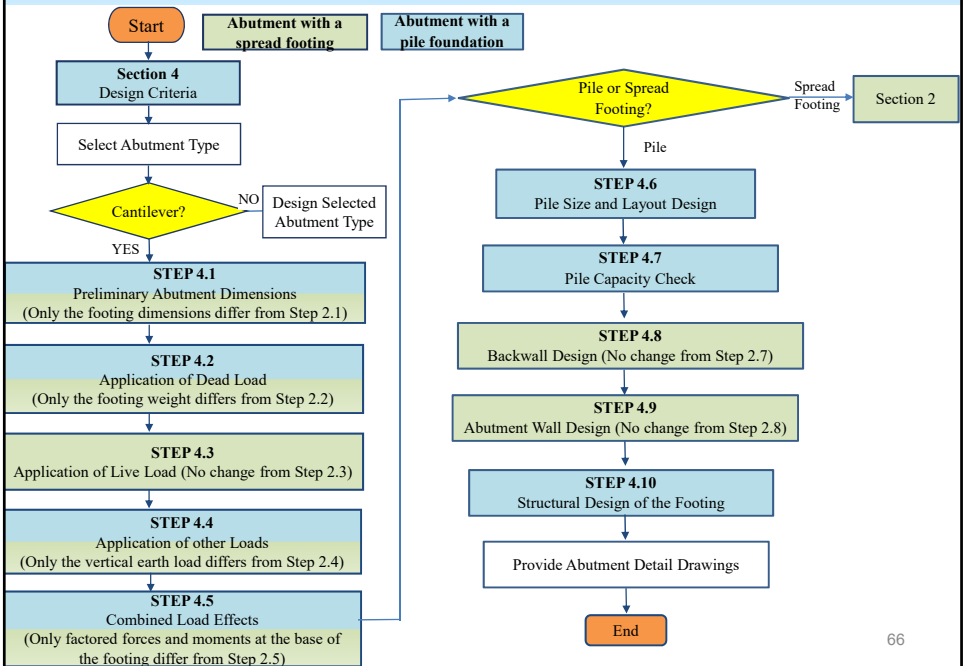
- The critical load combination for the heel design selects the load factors that produce the minimum axial loads and maximum eccentricities resulting in the minimum bearing pressure at the bottom of the footing.
- Use maximum load factors for the weigh of the footing and EV.

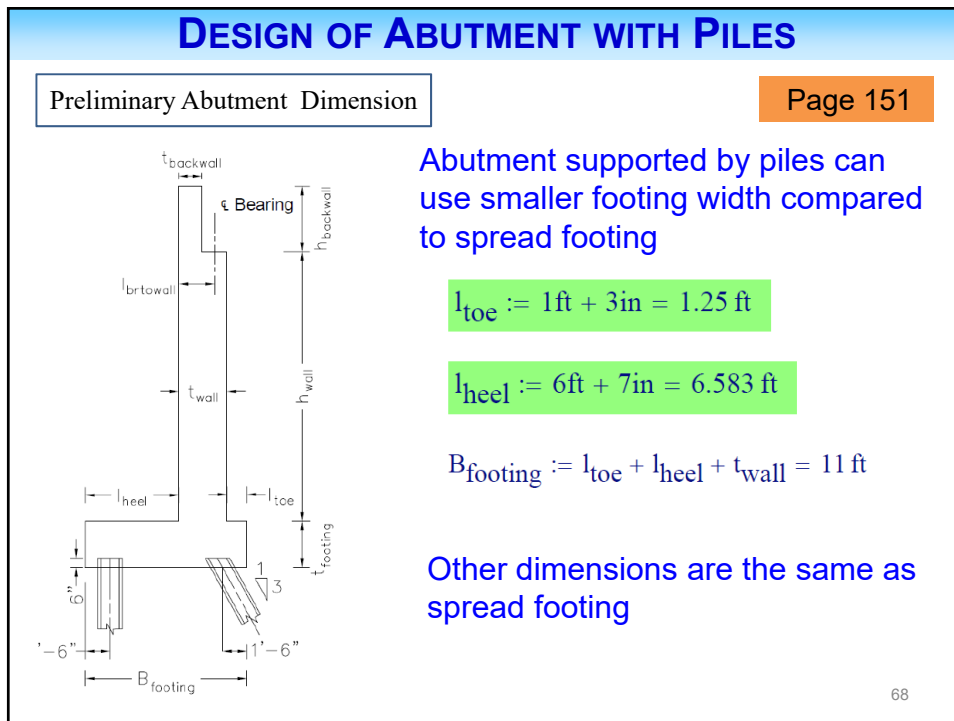
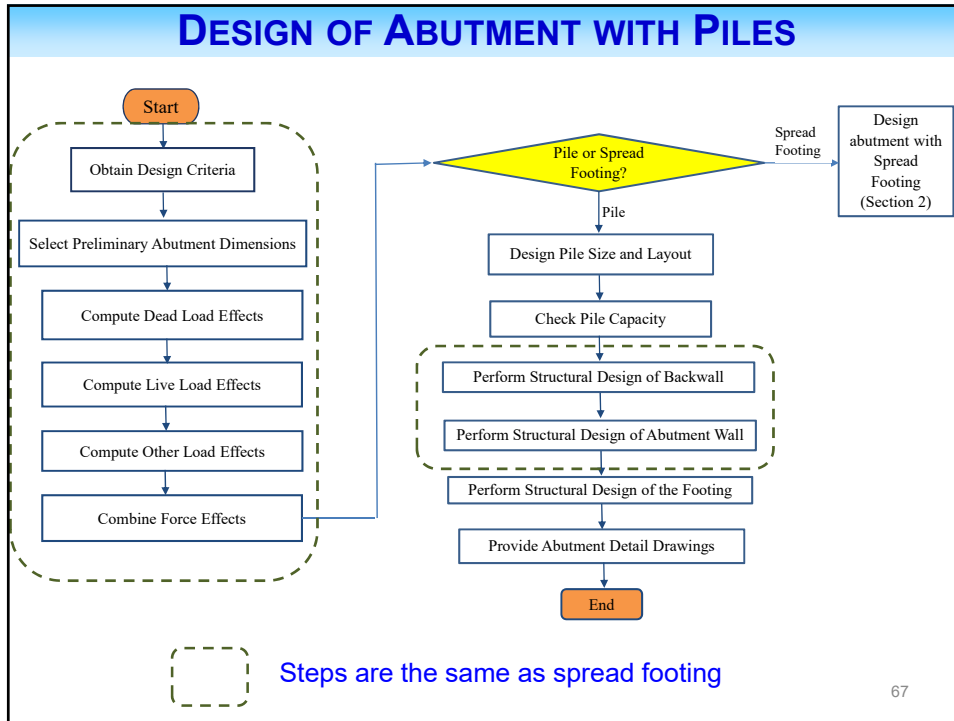
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Note:
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Design Pile Size and Layout

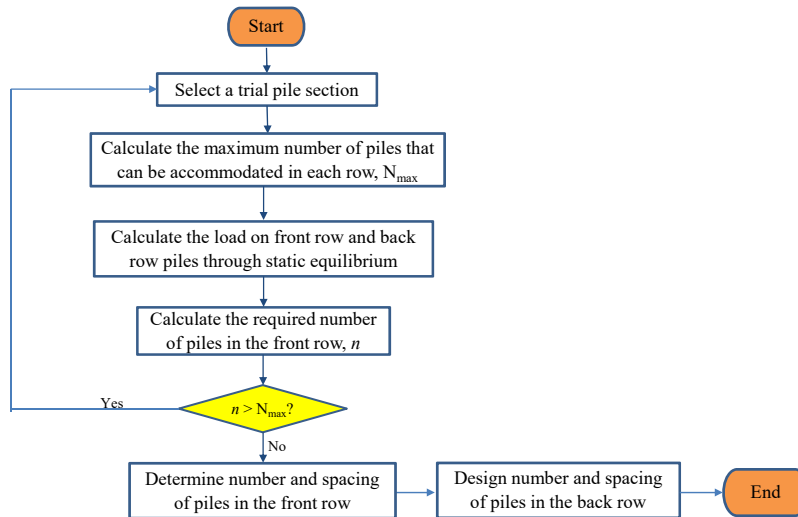
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- H-piles most commonly used by MDOT
- Embedment depth into the footing: 6 in. without tremie and 12 in. with a tremie **BDM 7.03.09.A5**
- Pile spacing: The minimum pile spacing is controlled by the greater of 30 in. or 2.5 times the pile diameter. MDOT practice is to use 3 times the pile diameter. **LRFD 10.7.1.2**
- Edge distance: Minimum edge distance 18 in. **BDM 7.03.09A**
- Battered front row piles: Generally, piles are to be battered no flatter than 3V:1H. **BDM 7.03.09.A9**

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Design Pile Size and Layout



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Select a trial pile section

- Start with an initial pile nominal resistance. As an example, 350 kips

HP 10X42	275 kips
HP 10X57	350 kips
HP 12X53	350 kips
HP 12X74	500 kips
HP 12X84	600 kips
HP 14X73	500 kips
HP 14X89	600 kips

BDM 7.03.09.B

- $R_R = \phi_{dyn} \times R_n$
 - ϕ_{dyn} Resistance Factor
 - R_n Nominal Pile Resistance
 - R_R Factored Nominal Resistance

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Select a trial pile section

- ϕ_{dyn} Resistance Factor

In general, the Resistance Factor for Driven Piles (ϕ_{dyn}) = 0.50 assuming that the Nominal Pile Driving Resistance (R_{ndr}) is verified using the FHWA-modified Gates Dynamic Formula. The Resistance Factor (ϕ_{dyn}) = 0.65 when dynamic testing with signal matching (P.D.A. testing) is used and (ϕ_{dyn}) = 0.80 with static load tests.

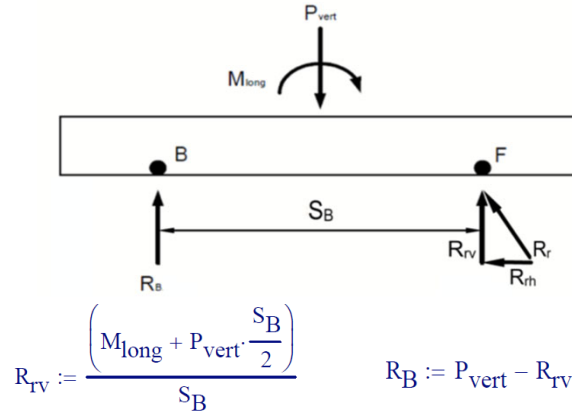
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Calculate the load on front row and back row piles through static equilibrium

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R_{rv} - Vertical component of axial force in the front row piles
 R_B - Axial force in the back row piles

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- Calculate the maximum number of piles that can be accommodated

$$\text{Spacing}_{min} := 36\text{in}$$

$$\text{PileEdgeDist} := 18\text{in}$$

Use two rows of piles.

Maximum number of piles in each row the footing can accommodate

$$N_{MaxPiles} := \frac{L_{footing} - 2 \cdot \text{PileEdgeDist}}{\text{Spacing}_{min}} = 20.917$$

- Start with nominal pile resistance 350 kips $R_n := 350\text{kip}$

- Factored nominal pile resistance $\varphi_{dyn} := 0.5$

$$R_R := \varphi_{dyn} \cdot R_n = 175 \cdot \text{kip}$$

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- Calculate required number of front piles

Required number of piles in the front row $n_{\text{front_required}} := \frac{R_T}{R_R} = 21.462$

$n_{\text{front_required}} > N_{\text{MaxPiles}}$

Consider a larger pile section. **HP 14X73**

$R_n := 500\text{kip}$ **BDM 7.03.09.B**

$R_R := \phi_{\text{dyn}} \cdot R_n = 250 \cdot \text{kip}$

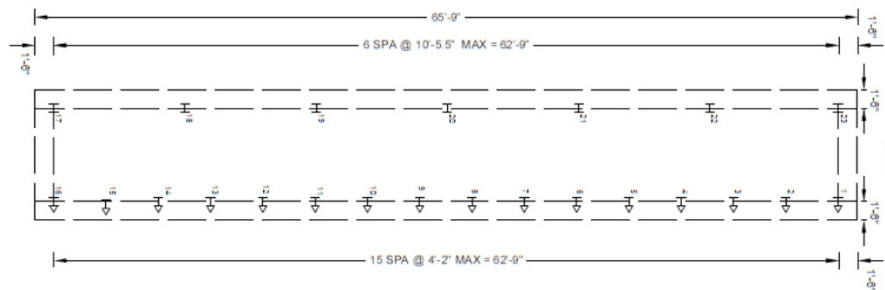
$n_{\text{front}} := \frac{R_T}{R_R} = 15.023$ Use 16 piles in the front row

Use 7 piles in the back row

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AASHTO LRFD 10.7.5

The effects of corrosion and deterioration from environmental conditions shall be considered in the selection of the pile type and cross-section.

Consult the Geotechnical Services Section to determine a suitable pile type and cross-section for the selected site.

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Check Pile Capacity

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- After pile layout has been determined, check the axial forces on piles in the front and back rows, and the required lateral load resistance on each pile.
 Required lateral load resistance on each pile =
 (Total shear force acting on the footing – total horizontal components of the battered piles) / number of piles
- The axial force can not exceed $\phi_{dyn} \times R_n$
- The lateral force on each pile can not exceed the later load capacity determined by the geotechnical engineer.
 - MDOT practice is to use 12 kips as the typical lateral resistance of a vertical pile.
 - p - y analysis may be performed by incorporating soil-pile interaction to determine a more accurate lateral load resistance of the piles.

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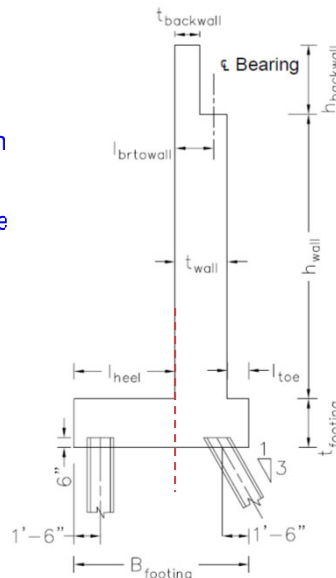
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Flexural Design

- Critical sections
 - Toe: short toe length and piles are with the critical section, no need to check
 - Heel: critical section is at the back face the abutment wall.



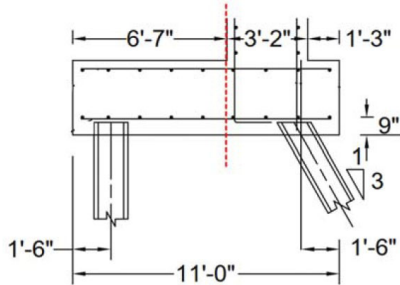
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Flexural design at the critical section of the heel

- Consider two cases: bottom in tension and top in tension



- Bottom in tension: use maximum axial loads in the back row piles and minimum load factors for the resisting force, excluding live load surcharge.
- Top in tension: use minimum axial loads in the back row piles, and maximum load factors for the resisting force, including live load surcharge.

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- Bottom in tension: use maximum axial loads in the back row piles and minimum load factors for the resisting force, excluding live load surcharge – Load Case III

$$M_{Tb} := \frac{R_{backMax} \cdot d_{arm}}{L_{footing}} - 0.9W_c \cdot t_{footing} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}^2}{2} - EV_{earthBk} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}}{2} = -36.942 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

No need to check

- Top in tension: use minimum axial loads in the back row piles, and maximum load factors for the resisting force, including live load surcharge

$$M_{Tt} := 1.25W_c \cdot t_{footing} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}^2}{2} + 1.35EV_{earthBk} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}}{2} + 1.75V_{LSFooting} \cdot \frac{l_{heel}}{2} - \frac{R_{backMin} \cdot d_{arm}}{L_{footing}} = 88.333 \cdot \frac{\text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$$

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Shear Design

- Toe: short toe length and piles are within the critical section, no need to check.
- One-way shear (beam action shear) and two-way shear (punching shear)
- Simplified procedure can be applied in the design for the one-way shear in the footing.

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- Shear Design – two-way shear

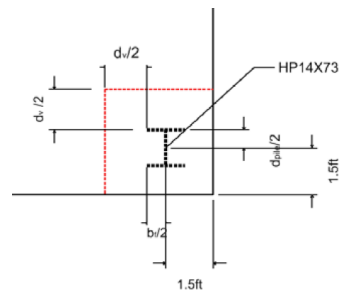
For two-way action, the pile critical perimeter, b_o , is located a minimum of $0.5d_v$ from the perimeter of the pile. If portions of the critical perimeter are located off the footing, that portion of the critical perimeter is limited by the footing edge.

LRFD 5.12.8.6.3

$$V_n = \left(0.063 + \frac{0.126}{\beta_c} \right) \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_o d_v \leq 0.126 \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} b_o d_v \quad (5.12.8.6.3-1)$$

where:

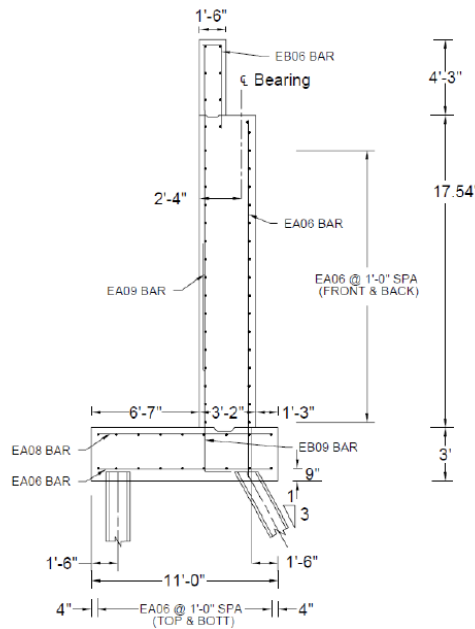
- β_c = ratio of long side to short side of the rectangle through which the concentrated load or reaction force is transmitted
- λ = concrete density modification factor as specified in [Article 5.4.2.8](#)
- b_o = the perimeter of the critical section for shear (in.)
- d_v = effective shear depth (in.)



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TREMIE SEAL DESIGN

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- Tremie seals should be called for on all structures where it is expected that difficulty will be encountered in pumping the water down below the bottom of footing.
- The tremie seal shall be designed to resist the hydrostatic pressure at the bottom of the tremie by a combination of
 - Its weight
 - the bond on the cofferdam and piles
- The allowable bond stress is 10 psi on the piles and 5 psi on the cofferdam.
- The allowable tension in bending on the tremie seal is 30 psi.
- Hydrostatic head should be figured from bottom of tremie seal to ordinary water surface elevation.

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- Assumptions
 - Consider 1-ft width of tremie seal.
 - Tremie seal is simply supported on both ends by the cofferdam.
 - MDOT practice is to neglect the bonding between tremie seal and piles.
- Two checks
 - Flexural stress in the tremie seal
 - Resistance to the hydrostatic pressure

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- Flexural stress in the tremie seal

Tremie is assumed to be simply-supported on the ends by the cofferdams.

The pile resistance is not considered.

$$S_{\text{tremie}} := \frac{1}{6} \cdot h_{\text{tremie}}^2$$

$$M_{\text{tremie}} := \frac{1}{8} [\gamma_{\text{water}} \cdot (H_{\text{water}} + t_{\text{footing}}) - \gamma_{\text{tremie}} \cdot t_{\text{footing}}] \cdot l_{\text{tremie}}^2$$

$$F_c := \frac{M_{\text{tremie}}}{S_{\text{tremie}}} < 30 \text{ psi}$$

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Resistance to the hydrostatic pressure

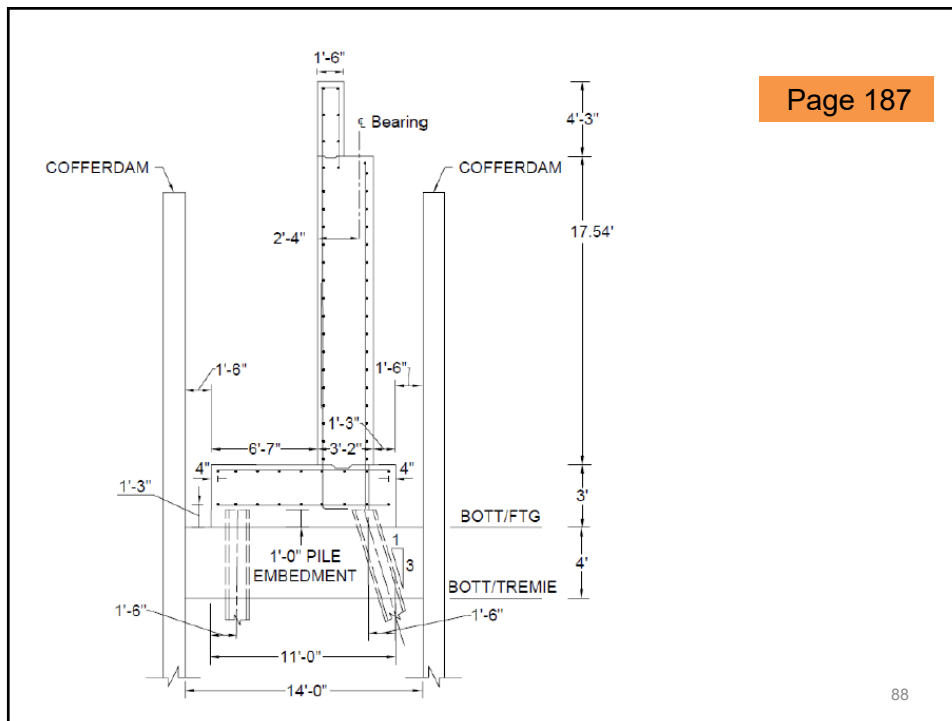
- Resistance by the bond between cofferdam and tremie seal
 $= 5 \text{ psi} \times \text{contact area between cofferdam and tremie seal}$
- Resistance by the bond between piles and tremie seal
 $= 10 \text{ psi} \times \text{contact area between piles and tremie seal}$

Total resistance = Bond forces + weight of tremie seal

Hydrostatic buoyancy force

$$= \gamma_{\text{water}} \times \text{tremie seal bottom area} \times \text{hydrostatic head}$$

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Break

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DESIGN OF ABUTMENT BACKFILLED WITH EPS

Geofoam made with EPS is effective at reducing lateral forces or settlement potential for bridge abutments.

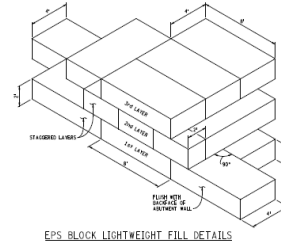
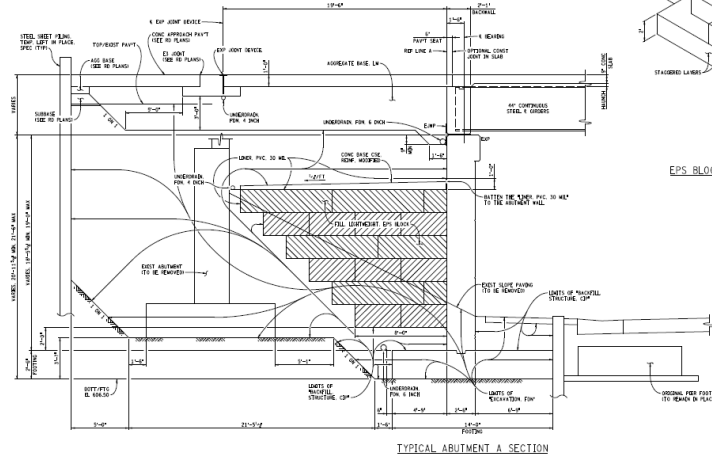


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Typical geofoam embankments consist of the foundation soils, the geofoam fill, and a load dissipater slab designed to transfer loads to the geofoam.



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Design guidelines for geofoam embankments are provided in NCHRP Report 529 and NCHRP web document 65, *Geofoam Applications in the Design and Construction of Highway Embankments* (Stark et al., 2004)

NCHRP
REPORT 529

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Geofoam Applications in
Highway Embankments

NCHRP Web Document 65 (Project 24-11)

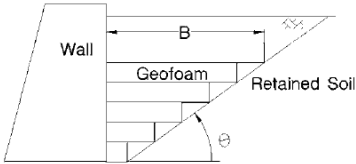
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NCHRP method to calculate the lateral force on the abutment backfilled with EPS

- Lateral earth pressure generated by the soil behind the EPS/soil interface is conservatively assumed to be transmitted without dissipation through the geofoam.
- The active earth pressure acting along this interface is calculated using a coefficient of active earth pressure, K_A .

$$K_A = \left[\frac{\sin(\theta - \phi) \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right)}{\sqrt{\sin(\theta + \delta)} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \sin(\phi)}{\sin(\theta)}}} \right]^2$$


Where δ is the friction angle of the EPS/soil interface. The value of δ can be assumed to be equal to the friction angle of the soil, ϕ .

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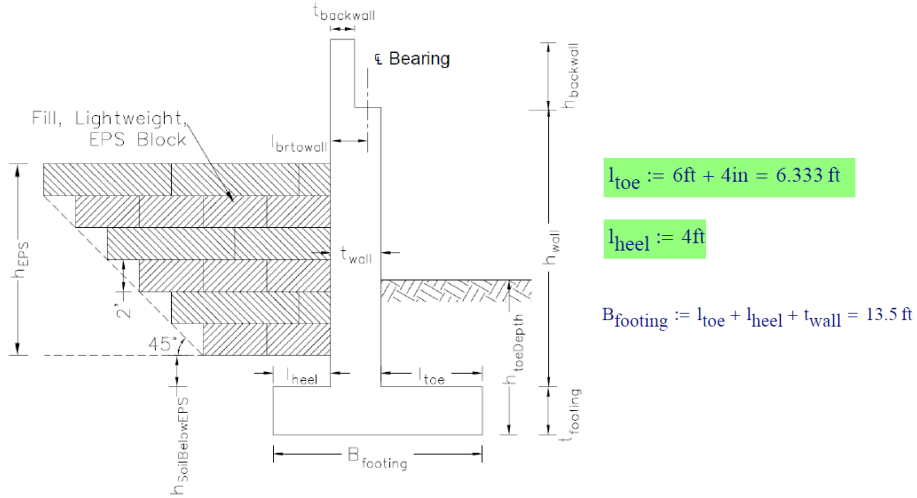
- NCHRP method to calculate the lateral force on the abutment backfilled with EPS
 - In addition, NCHRP method assumes that the lateral pressure imposed by the live load surcharge is equal to 1/10 times the vertical stress.
- MDOT practice: Neglect the lateral load from EPS.
- In this example, the NCHRP method is followed, and the results are compared with MDOT practice.

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DESIGN OF ABUTMENT BACKFILLED WITH EPS

- Preliminary abutment dimension

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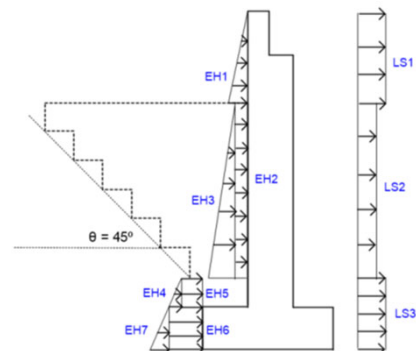
Compared with the spread footing in Section 2, $B_{footing} = 17\text{ ft}$

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- The design procedure is very similar with spread footing, except the calculation of the lateral earth load
- NCHRP method is followed

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- EH 1: the lateral pressure from the soil above the EPS blocks
- EH 2: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the top of the EPS blocks
- EH 3: the lateral pressure from the soil behind the EPS blocks
- EH 4: the lateral pressure from the soil located below the EPS blocks and above the top of the footing
- EH 5: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the bottom of the EPS blocks
- EH 6: the lateral pressure due to the vertical load at the top of the footing
- EH 7: the lateral pressure from the soil located along the depth (thickness) of the footing.

DESIGN OF ABUTMENT BACKFILLED WITH EPS

- NCHRP method and MDOT practice comparison

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	Vu (kip/ft)		Mu (kip-ft/ft)		
	Strength I	Service I	Strength I	Service I	
NCHRP method	LC I	4.69	3.13	43.28	28.53
	LC III	4.69	3.13	56.97	37.66
	LC IV	6.68	4.62	75.76	54.58
MDOT	LC I	4.29	2.86	40.87	26.93
	LC III	4.29	2.86	54.56	36.06
	LC IV	6.31	4.41	73.89	54.06

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