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*AGING AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE RUNWAY  
9R—ALSF-2 PIER REPLACEMENT  
- PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT -*

.Chicago, Il.

# AMERICA'S AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

American Society of Civil Engineers 2017 Infrastructure Report Card:

“U.S. airports serve more than two million passengers every day. The aviation industry is marked by technologically advanced and economically efficient aircraft, however, the associated infrastructure of airports and air traffic control systems is not keeping up. Congestion at airports is growing; it is expected that 24 of the top 30 major airports may soon experience

“Thanksgiving-peak traffic volume” at least one day every week. With a federally mandated cap on how much airports can charge passengers for facility expansion and renovation, airports struggle to keep up with investment needs, creating a \$42 billion funding gap between 2016 and 2025.”

<https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/cat-item/aviation/>

# AMERICA'S AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Per American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2017 report:

America 's overall infrastructure grade: **D+**

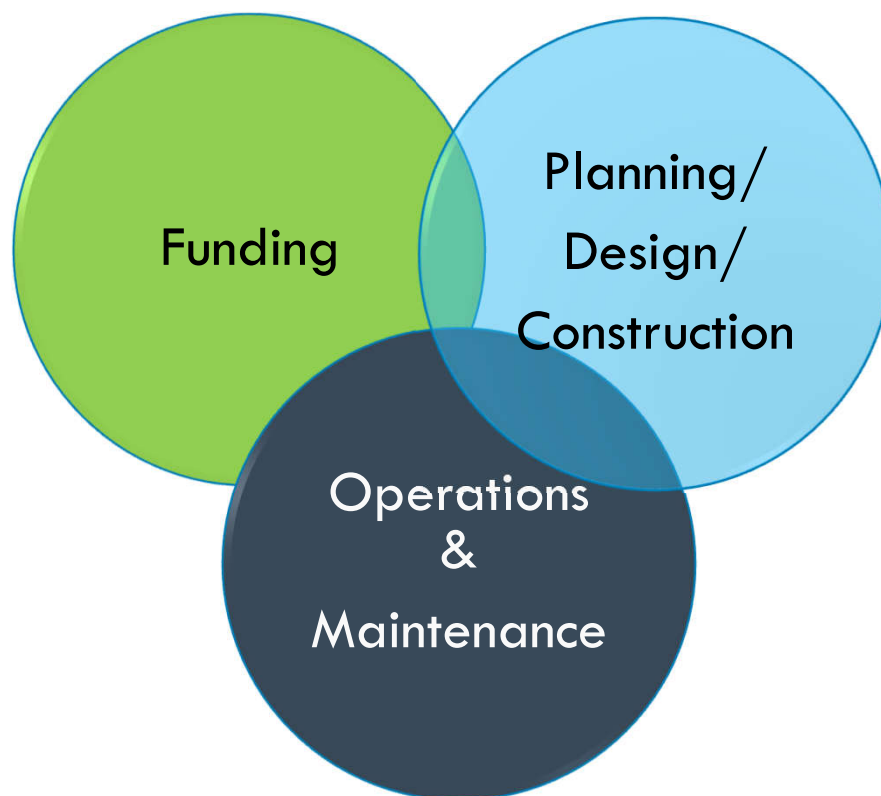
Aviation infrastructure grade: **D**

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## The facts:

- “Failure of Congress to regularly reauthorize FAA programs between 2007 and 2012 and again since 2015, has operated under a series of short-term authorizations, leading to delays in investment ...”
- Investment has been consistently lagging in the past 18 years
- As of Wednesday (9/26) the House passed a five-year FAA reauthorization bill that flat funds the Airport Improvement Program and maintains the current cap on Passenger Facility Charges.
- Lack of political will and failure to invest will result in degradation of service and safety

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## Key Considerations for the future:

- **Climate:** Increased demands on site/drainage systems due frequency and intensity of storms, flood elevations, structures
- **Technological Advances:** Digital technologies, NextGen, Advanced system architectures, Internet of Things (IoT), Increasingly sophisticated aircraft
- **Safety and Security** - New threats: Cyber, Terrorism, Disease, Active shooter incidents
- **Ageing population** - Accessibility, accommodation, signage
- **User preferences:** Uber & Lyft, Mobile Devices, Crowd sourced data apps, expectation of highspeed Wi-Fi
- **Capacity:** Industry growth trends, larger aircraft

## ALSF-2 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Specific improvements and repairs include:

- The installation and replacement of existing conduits, cabling, and the Low-Impact Resistant (LIR) Tower Systems at each ALSF light station.
- Resolution of OSHA compliance issues & Safety issues, maintenance issues
- Improve maintain ability and reliability of PHL's ONLY CATII approach
- In addition, the session will explore the construction of a new steel truss walkway  
Construct a new landside abutment
- demolition of the existing dilapidated wooden walkway structure.

# ALSF-2 CONFIGURATION

ALSF-2: Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashing Lights configuration 2

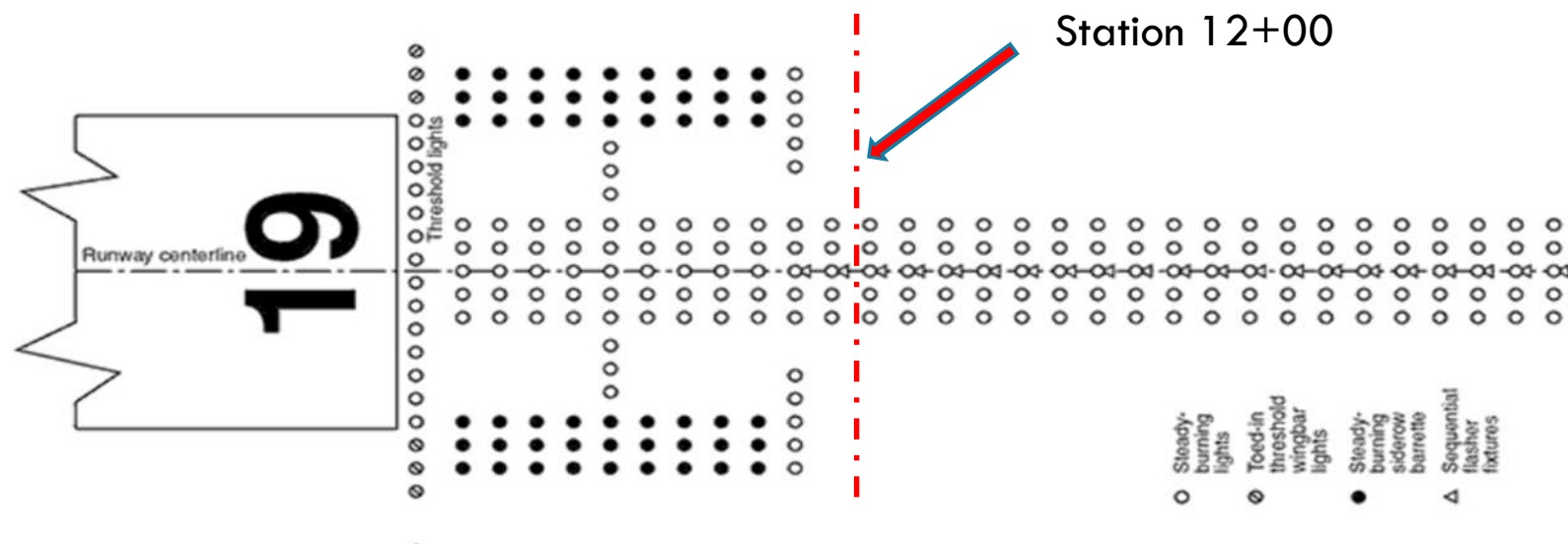


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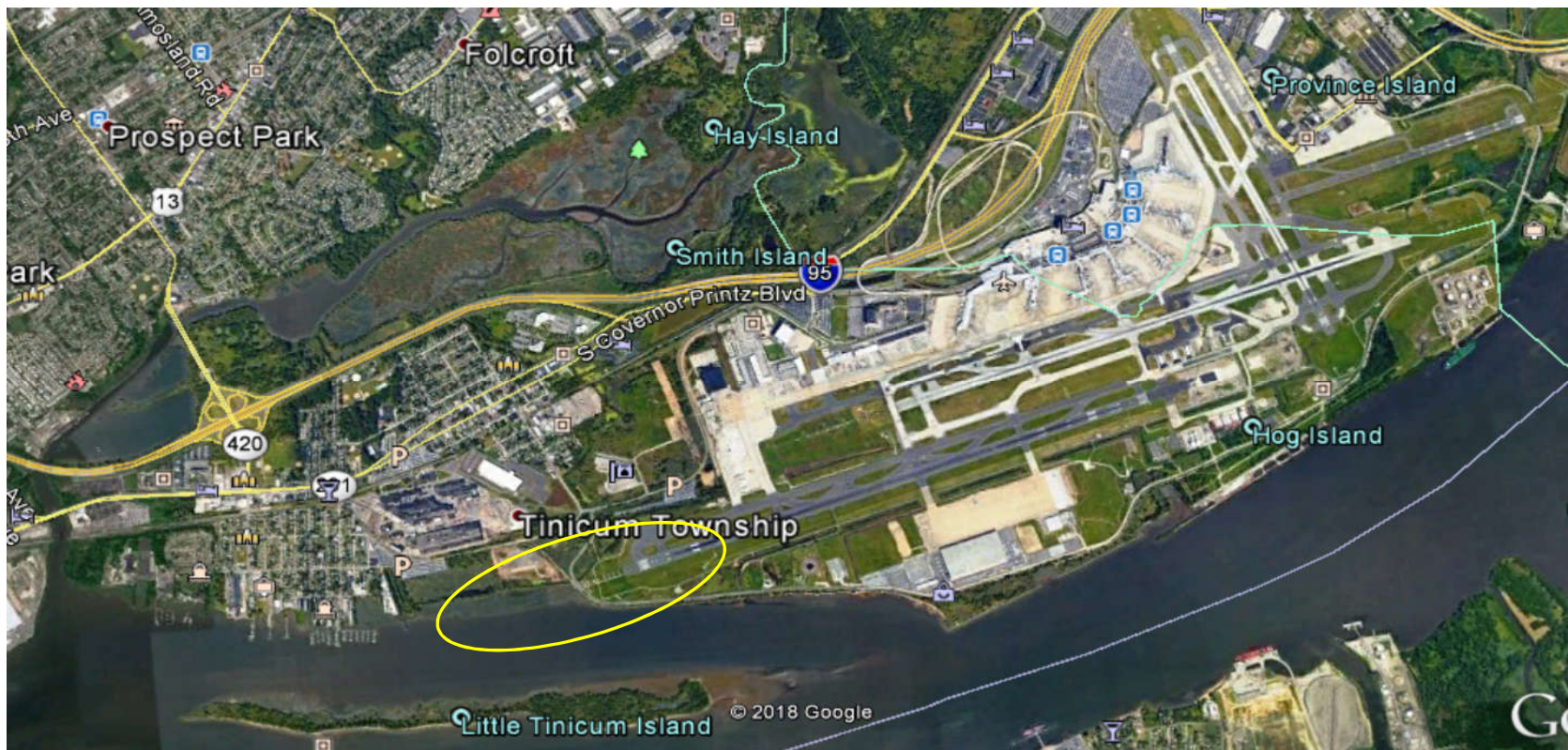
## PECULIARITIES & CONSIDERATIONS

- Operations stipulated severely limited downtime of ALSF-2
- Project was located in a protected Tinicum Marsh & Wildlife Refuge
- Schedule were limited to migratory turtle movement - April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Tidal movement /Variations of water depth
- Set-in up infrastructure to accommodate a future 5 loop ASLF-2, but reinstalled existing equipment & 3 loop system
- Raceway crossing under freight rail right of way
- System was originally installed in 1974, updated 1984  
(Reconstructed 2017)





# PROJECT LOCATION



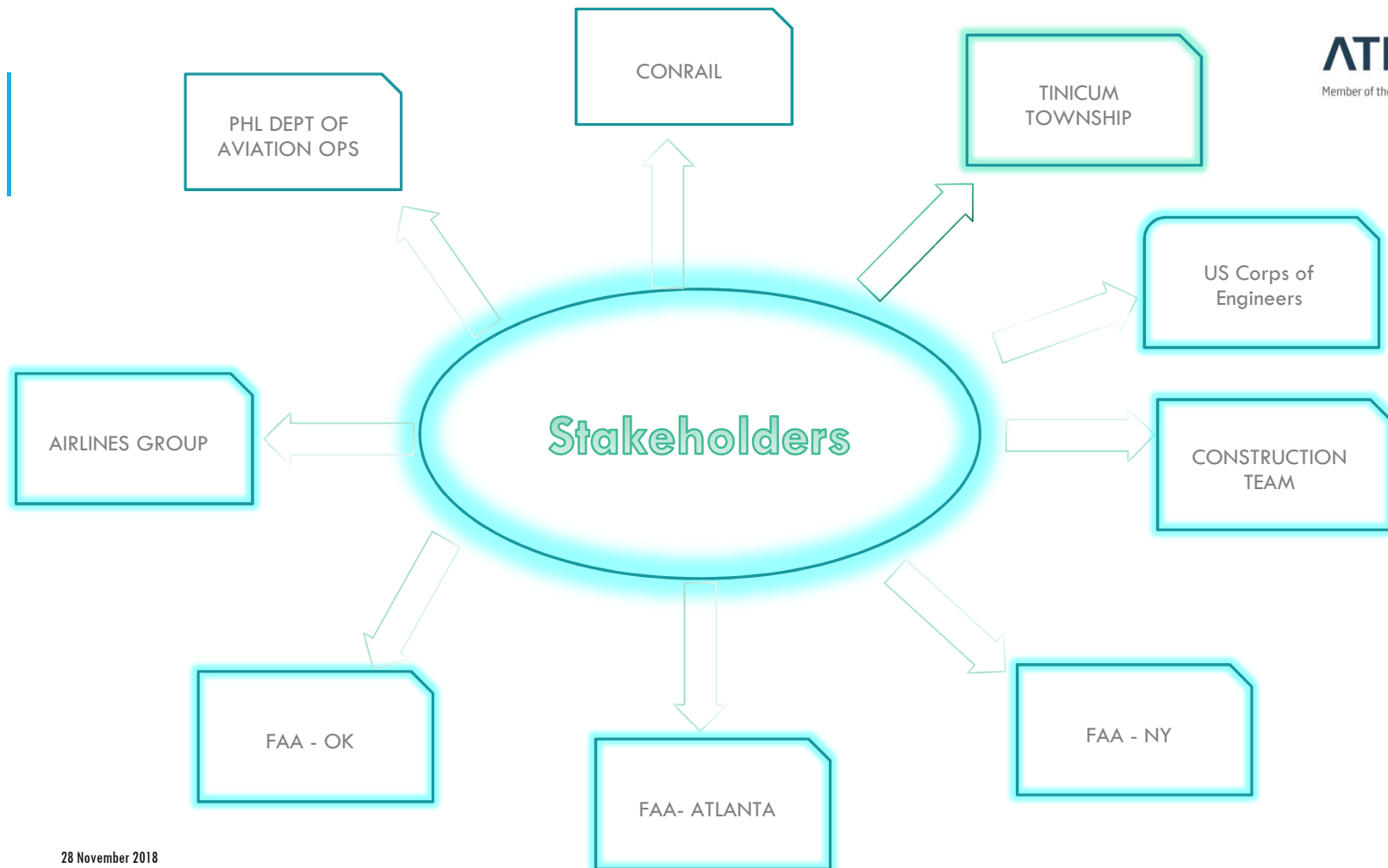
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# EXISTING CONDITIONS



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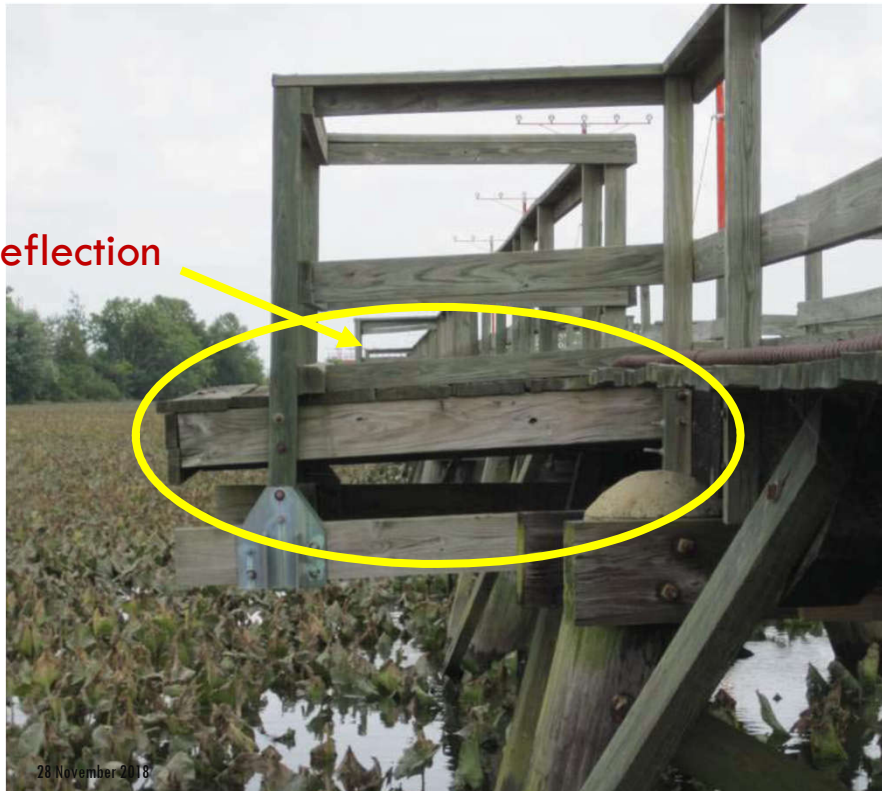


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# EXISTING CONDITIONS

Deflection



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Horizontal  
Crack

Warping



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# OSHA NON-CONFORMANCE

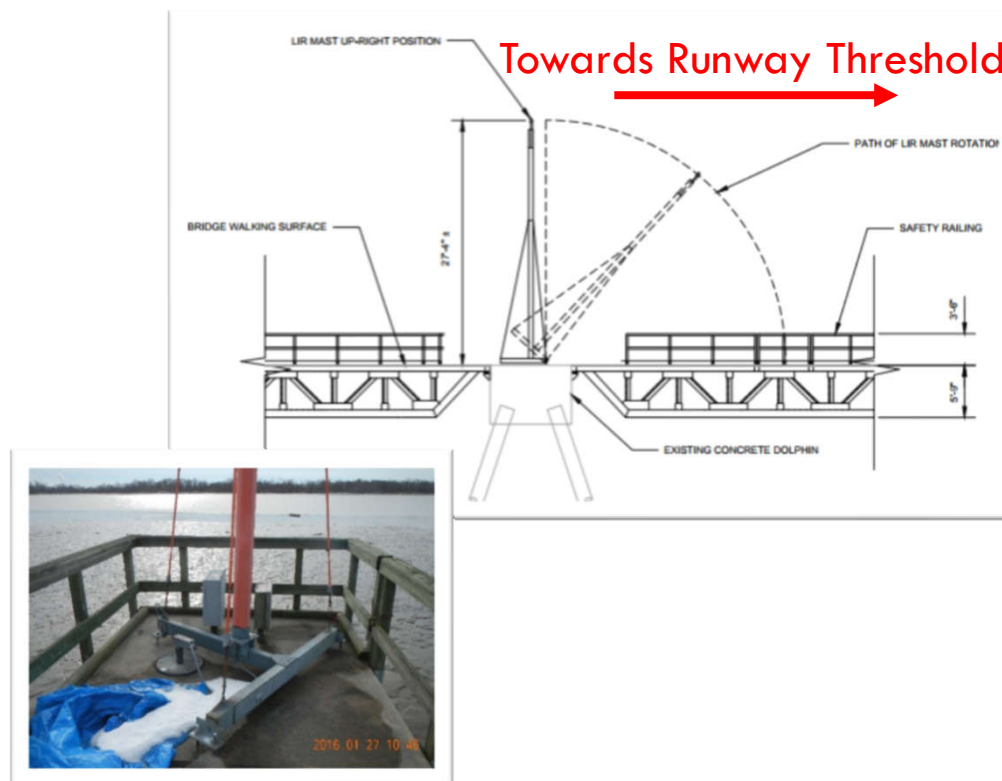
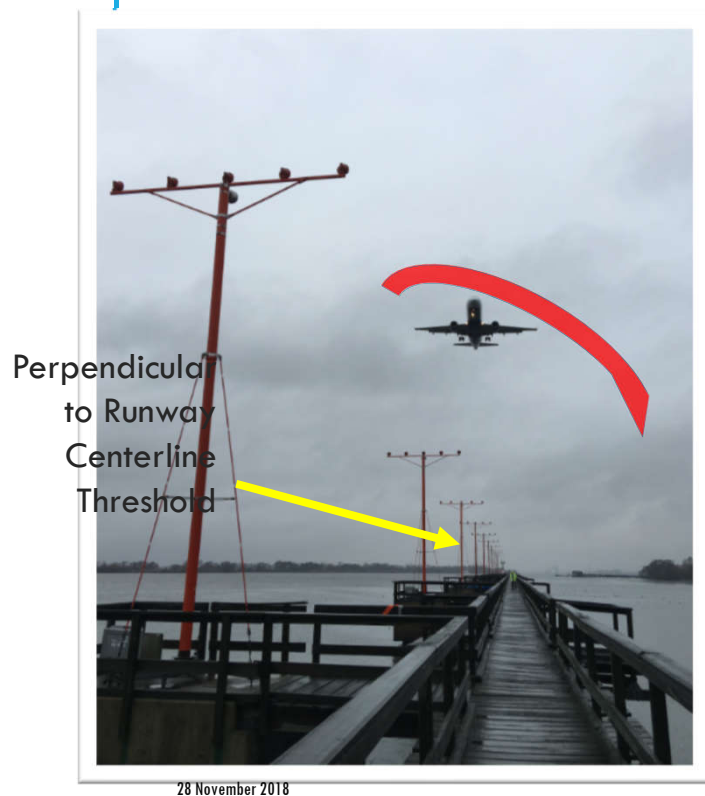
Existing < 3 feet  
walkway



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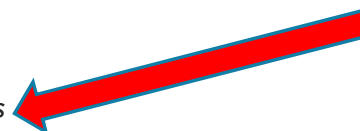


# NON CONFORMANCE WITH FAA STANDARDS



# BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

- OPTION #1 Phased Construction – 10 months
  - Construction Cost – \$9 Mil
- OPTION #2 Remove the Existing Bridge – 8 months
  - Construction Cost – \$10 Mil



	NOVEMBER 2016	DEC. 2016 THRU MARCH 2017	APRIL 2017	MAY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2017	AUGUST 2017	SEPTEMBER 2017	OCTOBER 2017
NTP ISSUED TO CONTRACTOR									
SUBMITTAL REVIEW AND ORDERING OF LONG LEAD ITEMS/MATERIALS ARRIVAL ON SITE									
DURATION OF IN-WATER WORK									
DIRECTIONAL DRILLING/FOUNDATION COMPLETED/MISCELLANEOUS WORK COMPLETED									
WALKWAY INSTALLATION									
REMOVAL OF EXISTING AND REPLACE NEW LIR TOWERS									
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BOARDWALK AND RAILING									
OVERALL CLOSEOUT									

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## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

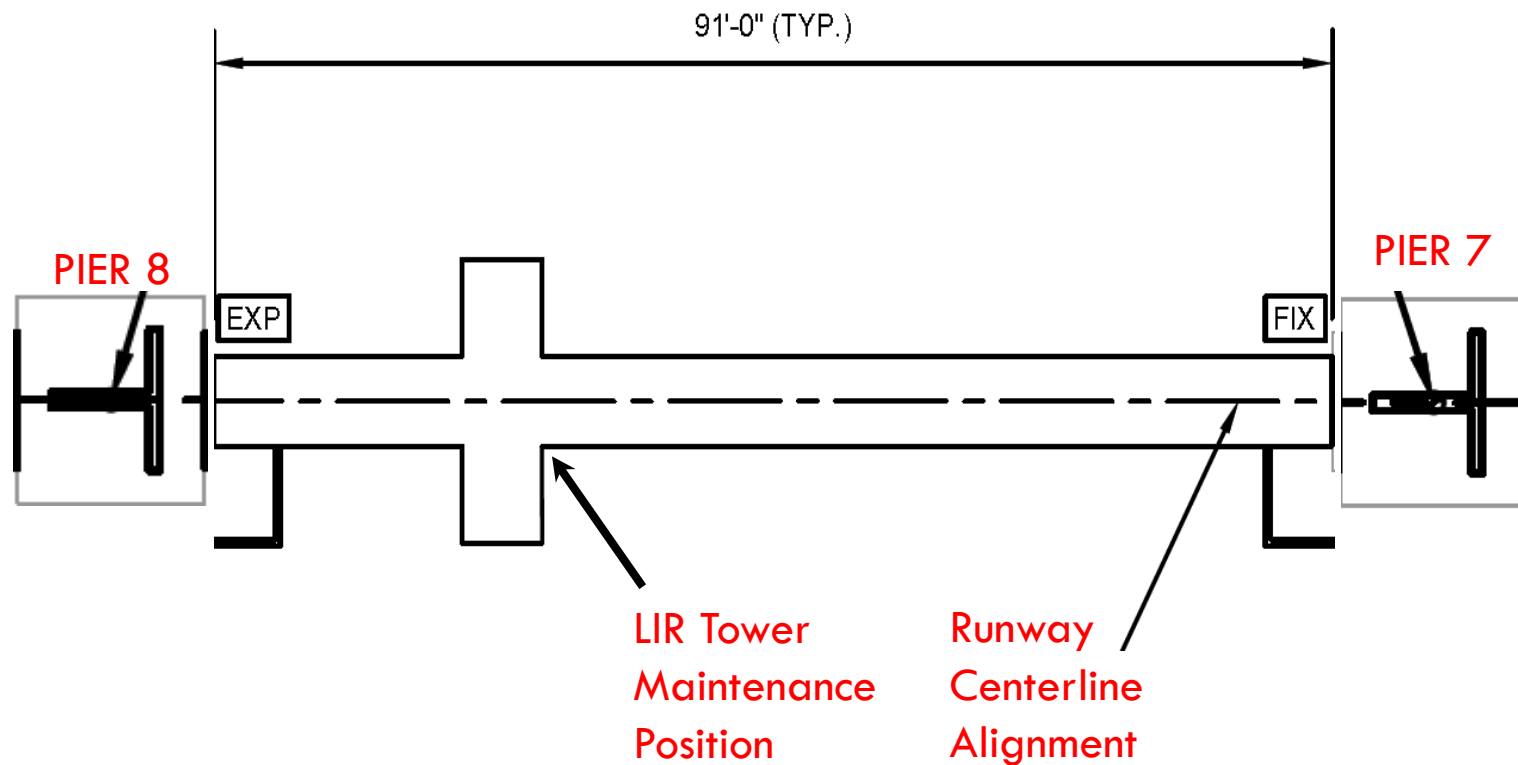
NOT TO SCALE

IN-WATER WORK ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME ONLY (APRIL 15, 2017 TO OCTOBER 15, 2017)

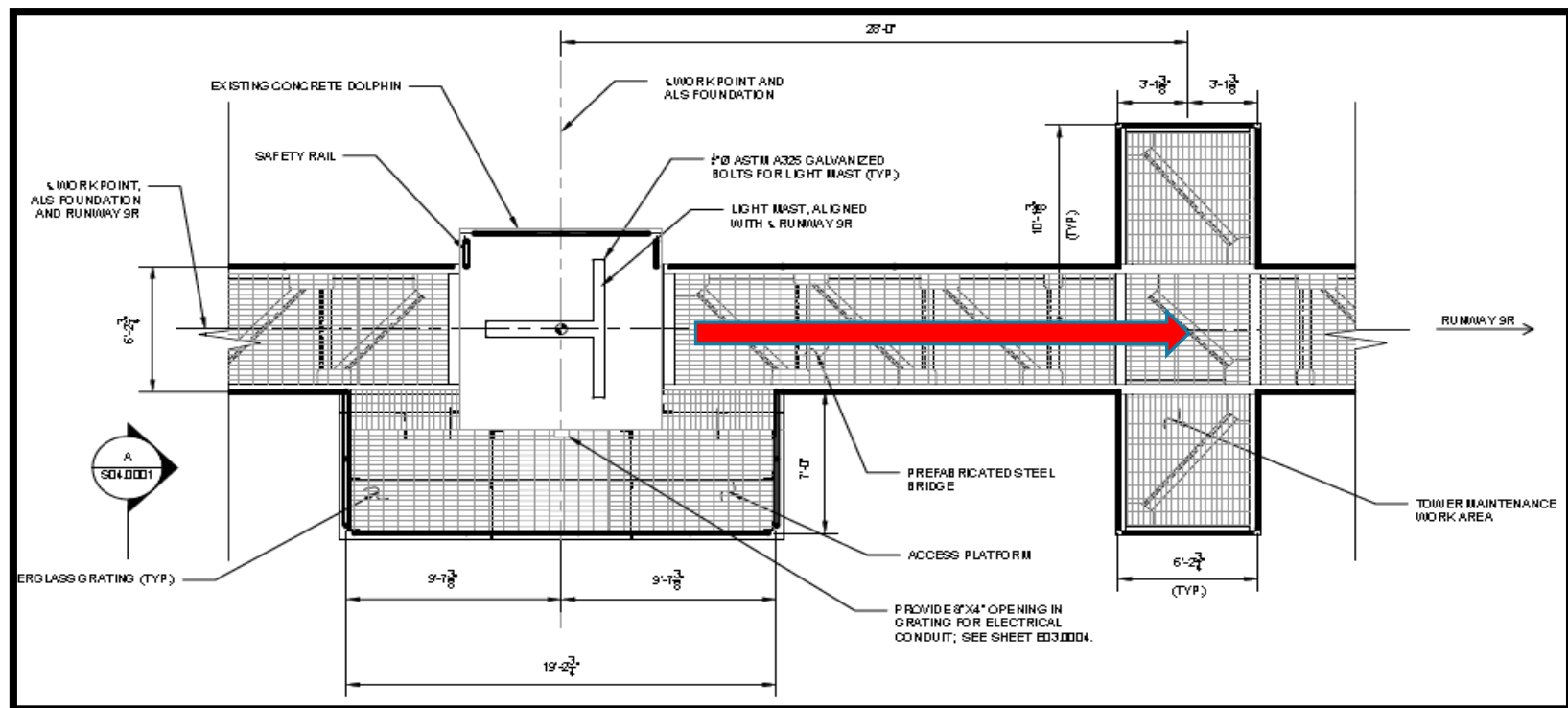
ALSF COMPLETE SHUTDOWN  
(JUNE 15, 2017 TO AUGUST 15, 2017)

**13. ANY IN-STREAM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN APRIL 15, 2017 TO OCTOBER 15, 2017 IN ORDER TO ALLOW TURTLES TO AVOID THE PROJECT AREA WHILE THEY ARE ACTIVE. THIS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION.**

## PROPOSED STRUCTURAL CONFIGURATIONS - INITIAL



# PROPOSED STRUCTURAL CONFIGURATIONS - FINAL





# ELECTRICAL DESIGN ELEMENTS

## CRITICAL FACTORS:

- Maintenance of Operations
- Right of way coordination under roadways, AOA fence and Rail ROW
- Configuration of accessible maintenance points from deck
- Incorporate infrastructure for a 5 loop ALSF-2 System
- Update of raceways to PVC coated RGS
- Efficient use of conduit bends — Limit to 270° between pull points
- Design to enable prefabrication



## Design Challenges:

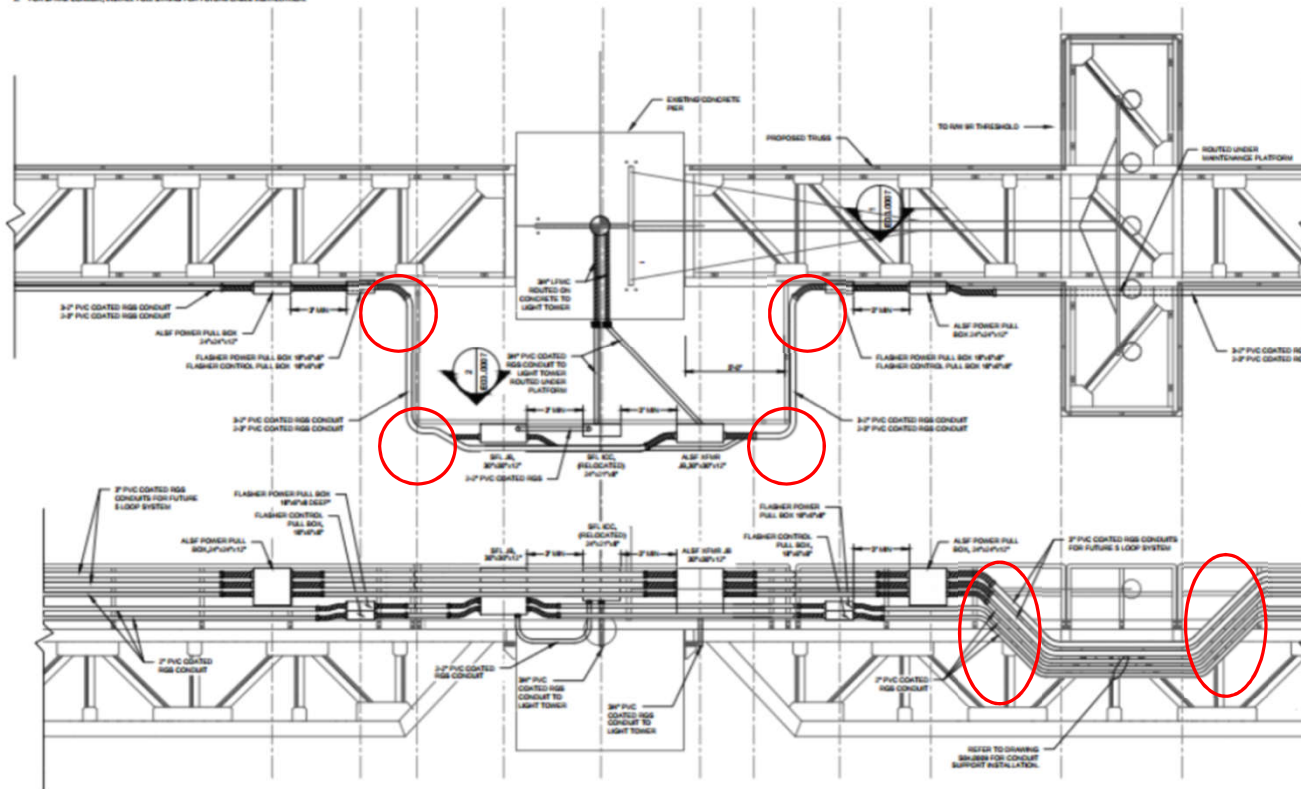
- Flexible structure
- Multiple bends/transitions
- Max at 270°
- Accessibility for maintenance
- 6' clear walkways
- Raceways to Support a 5 loop system (future)

### LEGEND

- PVC COATED RIB CONDUIT
- PROPOSED FLEX CONDUIT - ALL FLEX CONDUIT SHALL BE 18" I.D. - 36" MAX. LENGTH

### NOTES

1. SEE SHEET CABLES FOR STATION 10+00 CONDUIT LAYOUT.
2. FOR SPARE CONDUIT, INSTALL PULL STRIPS FOR FUTURE CABLE INSTALLATION.



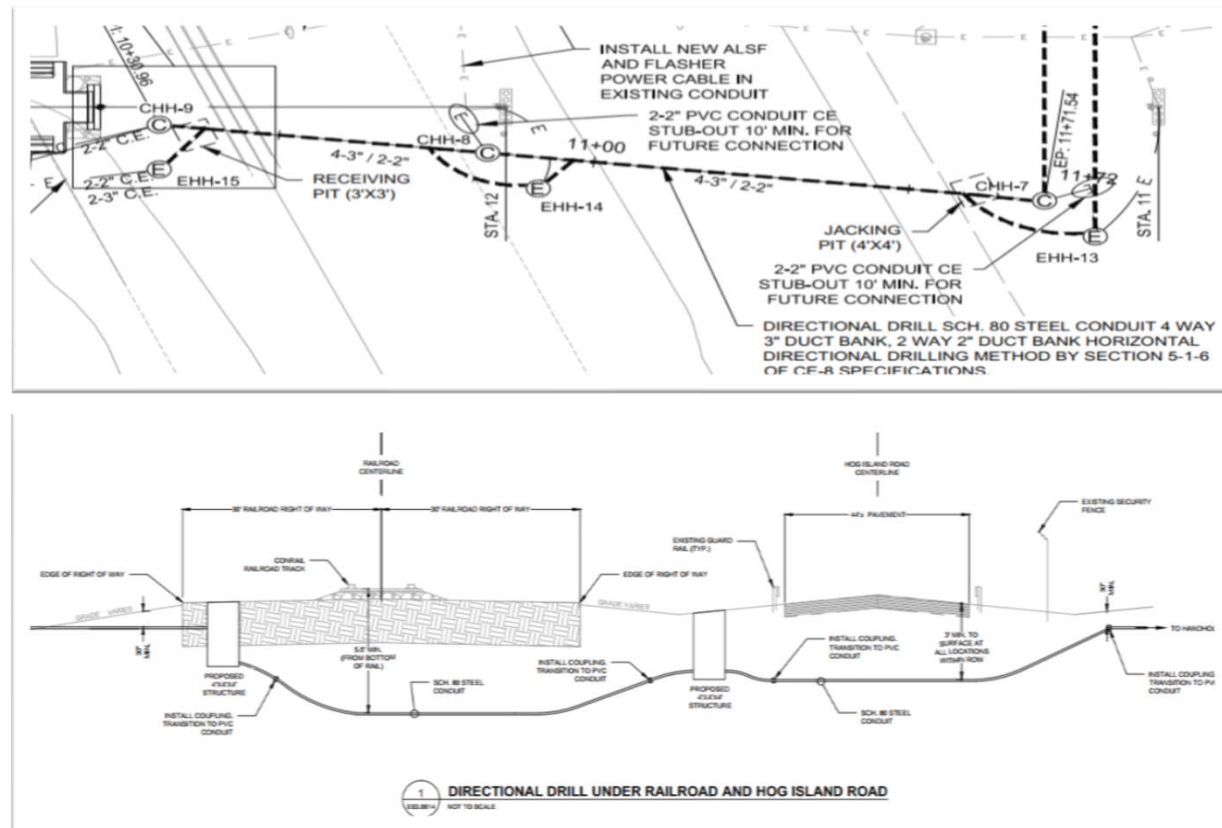
1 TYPICAL CONDUIT AND JUNCTION BOX LAYOUT - PLAN AND PROFILE  
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# ELECTRICAL DESIGN

- Jacked 12" Steel casing W/Schedule 40 PVC Grouted
- Ducts bored
- 5'6" Min below rail
- 3' Min below roadway

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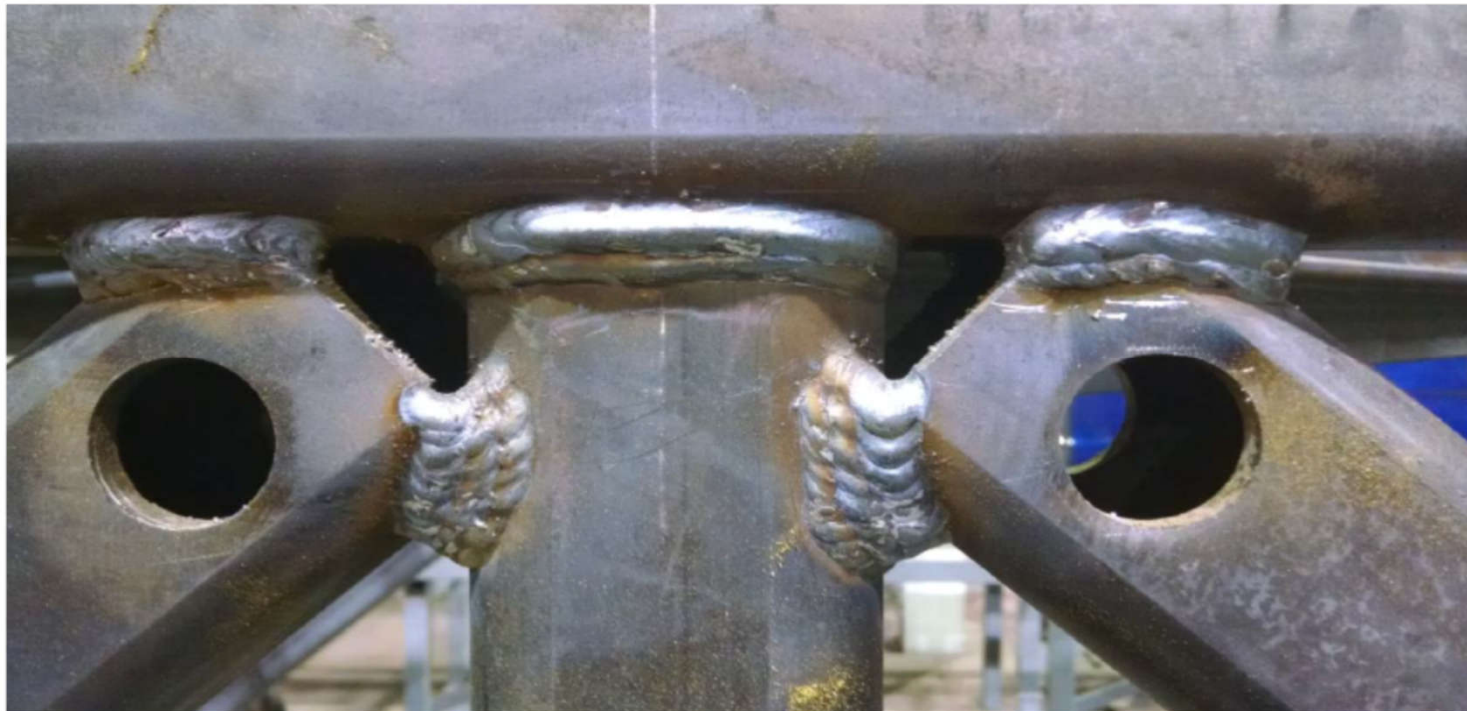


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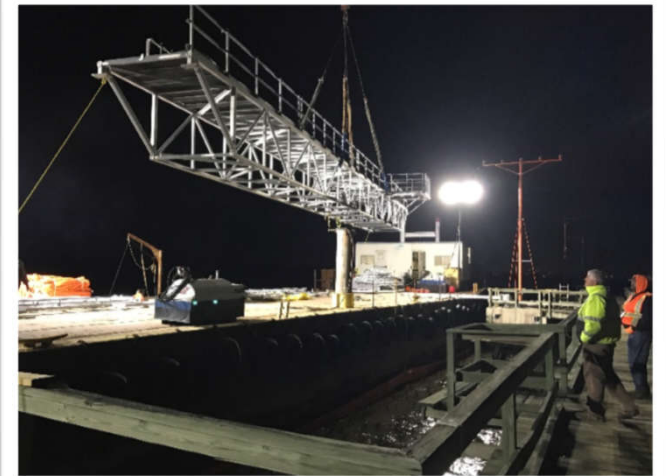
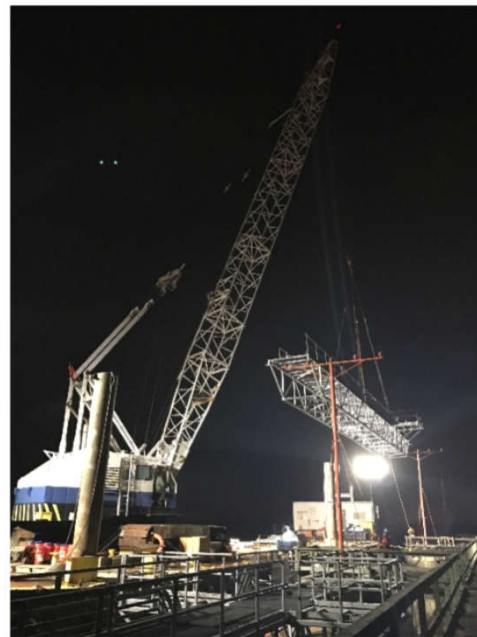


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# BRIDGE PLACEMENT

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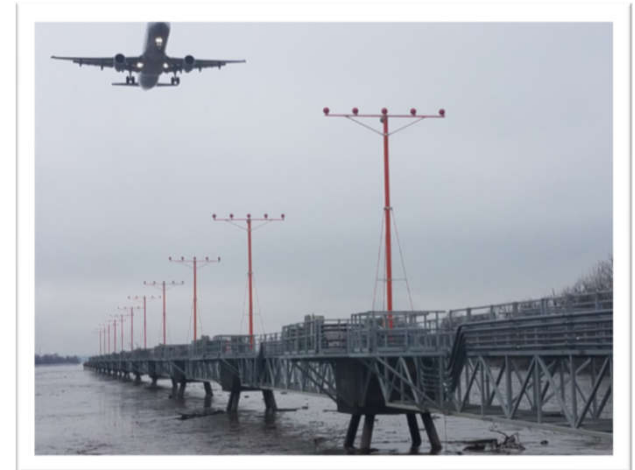
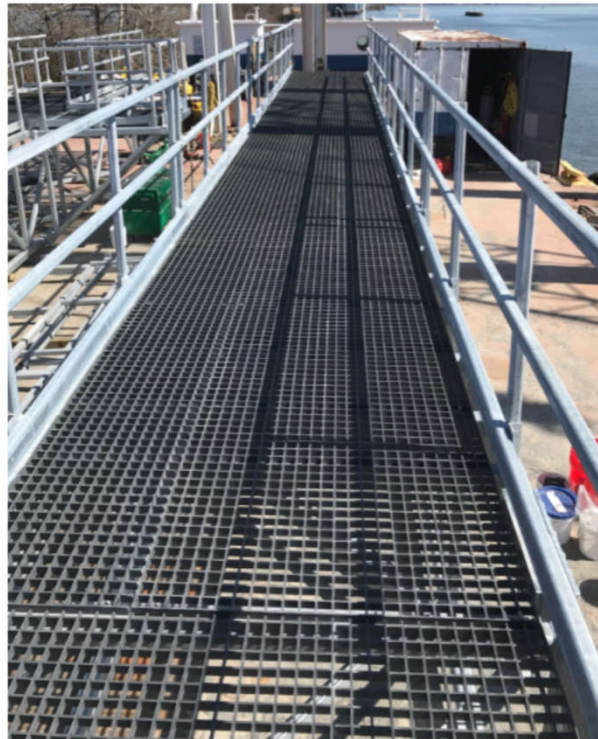


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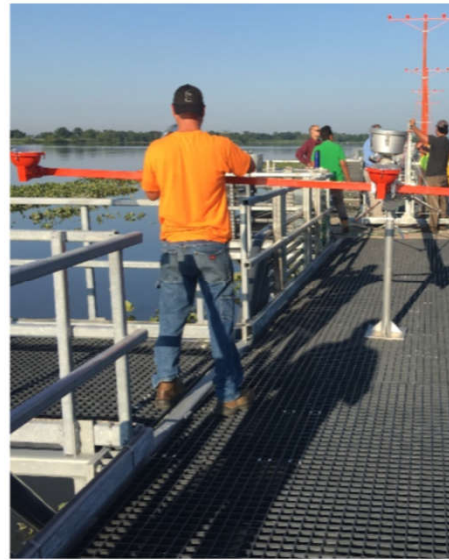


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# FINAL THOUGHTS:

2017



2018



## FINAL THOUGHTS

- Technology is advancing at rapid pace, airports are evolving rapidly
- Funding remains flat for the foreseeable future
- Lack of political will and industry lobbying inhibits our ability to advance technically
- Success is truly a collaboration of Airports, FAA, Designers, Suppliers and Builders
- Under the current circumstances, creative solutions for design and construction are essential
- Advocate, plan ahead and INNOVATE!

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