

# Richford BRF 0302(29) Bridge 6 on FAS 0302 (TH 3) over Berry Brook Alternatives Presentation



Presented by  
Christopher P. Williams, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager  
Structures Section  
Vermont Agency of Transportation  
[Chris.Williams@State.VT.US](mailto:Chris.Williams@State.VT.US)

April 9, 2013



# Meeting Outline

- Purpose of the Meeting
- Structures Section re-organization
- Existing bridge deficiencies
- Alternatives considered
- Summary and recommendation-

# Purpose of Meeting

- Present the alternatives that we have considered
- Explain the constraints to the project
- Help you understand our approach to the project
- Provide you with the chance to ask questions.
- Provide you with the chance to voice concerns
- Build consensus for the recommended alternative -

# Phases of Development

Project  
Funded

Project  
Defined

Contract  
Award

Project Definition

Project Design

Construction

Identify resources &  
constraints

Evaluate alternatives

Public Participation

Build Consensus

- Quantify areas of  
impact

- Environmental  
permits

- Right-of-Way Process

- Utility Coordination

- Develop plans,  
estimate and  
specifications

# Accelerated Bridge Program

- Began in January 2012
- Bridges are deteriorating faster than we can fix them
- Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) with short-term closures used when appropriate
- Impacts to property and resources is minimized
- Results in project being delivered faster
- Goal of 25% of projects into Accelerated Bridge Program
- Goal of 2 year design phase for ABP (5 years conventional)
- Visit the website at [acceleratedbridge.vermont.gov](http://acceleratedbridge.vermont.gov)

# Project Initiation & Innovation Team

- Part of re-organization in January 2012
- Currently team of 5
- All projects will begin in the PIIT
- Very efficient process
- Look for innovative solutions whenever possible
- Involved until Project Scope is defined
- Hand off to PM to continue Project Design phase -

# Project Background

- **Priority 14** in the Town Highway Bridge Program
- The structure is owned and maintained by the Town
- FAS 302 (TH 3) is a Class 2 Town Highway
- Existing bridge is a single-span concrete T-beam bridge
- Span of 24 feet and width of 21 feet
- The bridge was built in 1900 (113 years old)
- Bridge is structurally deficient and has a Federal sufficiency rating of **70.8 (out of 100) -**

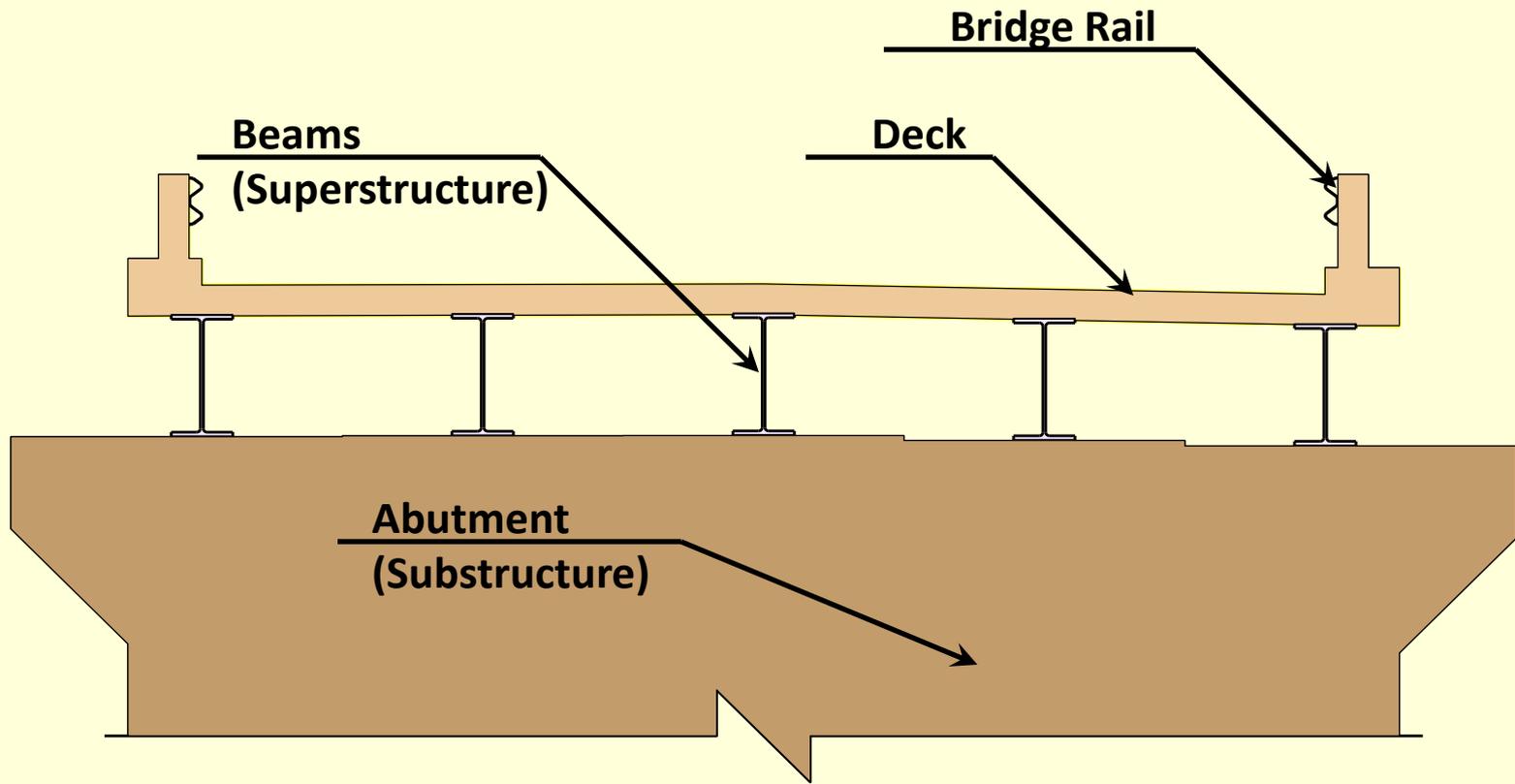
# Project Background (Cont)

- Traffic Data

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2035</b>
<b>AADT</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>880</b>
<b>DHV</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>ADTT</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>%T</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>17.5</b>

- Design speed = 50 mph

# Description of Terms Used



# EXISTING BRIDGE DEFICIENCIES

## Inspection Report Information (Based on a scale of 9)

Bridge Deck Rating	7 Good
Superstructure Rating	6 Satisfactory
Substructure Rating	6 Satisfactory (was 4 before scour work)

## Deficiencies

- Width of bridge and roadway approaches is substandard
- No approach guardrail leading to the bridge rail
- Scour and undermining issues on the south abutment
- Bridge does not meet hydraulic requirements

# Looking North



04.05.2012

# Looking South



04.05.2012

# South Abutment at Upstream (West) side



# South Abutment - Footing



# North Abutment



# Layout Showing Constraints

## Constraints

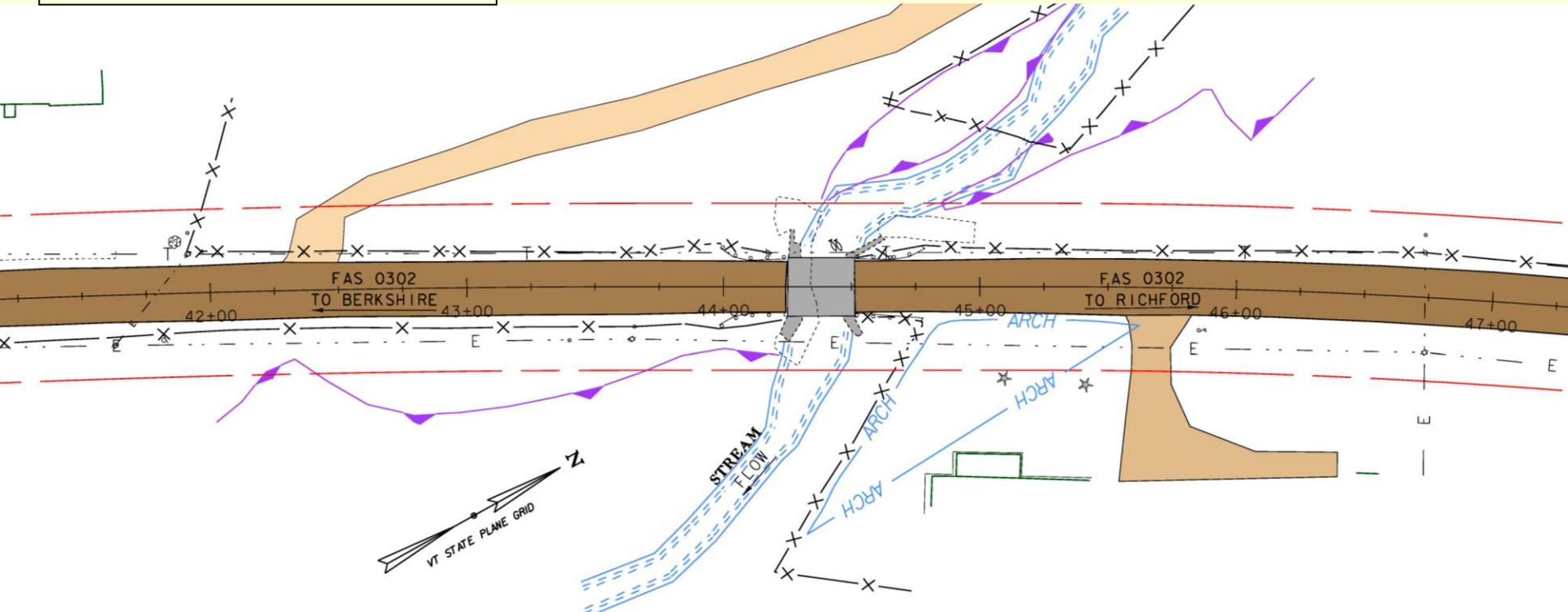
Right-of-Way (4 rods)

Houses

Wetlands

Archeology

Aerial Utilities



# Alternatives Considered

1. Preventive Maintenance
2. Full Bridge Replacement

Note: The method to maintain traffic during construction will be considered separately once the recommended alternative has been identified

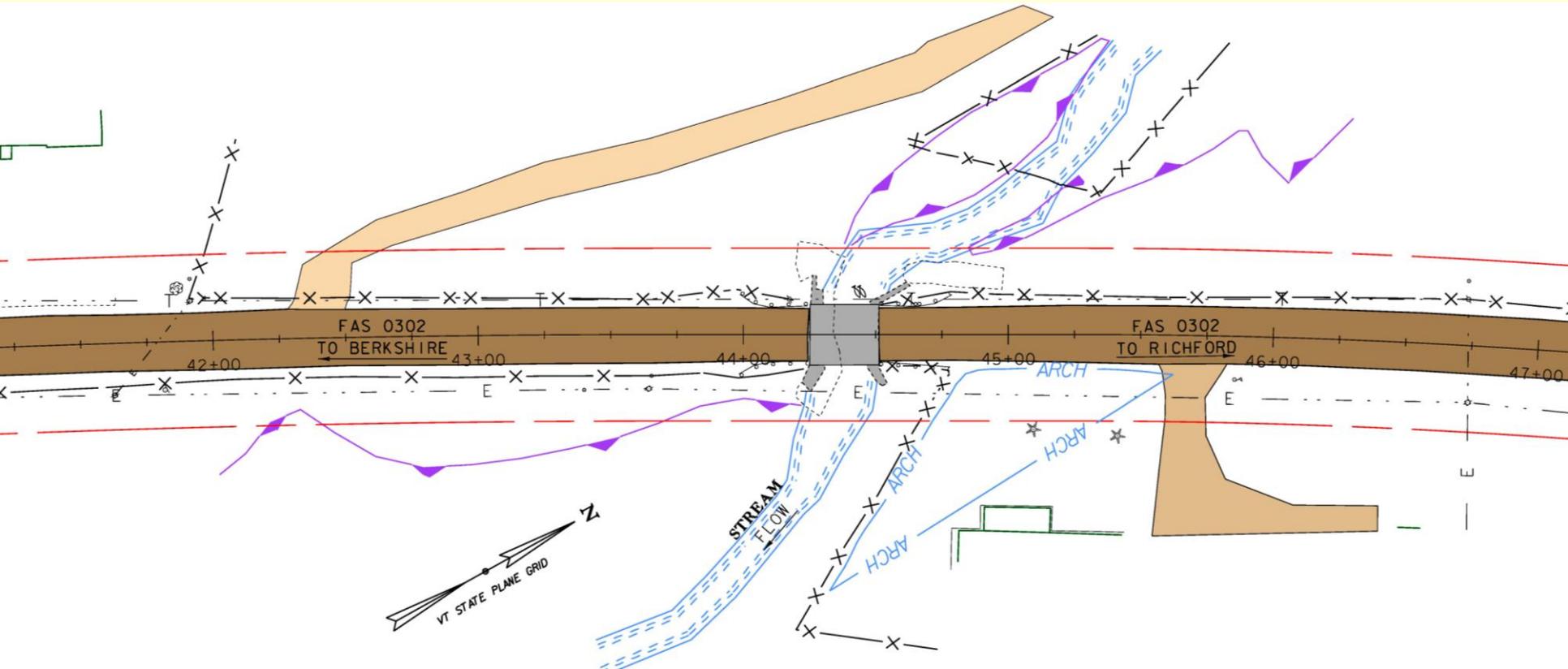
# Alternative 1

## Preventive Maintenance Details

- Place a concrete apron in the stream at the south abutment down to 4 feet below stream bed to protect against undermining
- Hydraulic standards would not be met
- Existing bridge width would remain substandard
- Would require future monitoring for scour
- Expected 20 year life expectancy

# Alternative 1

## Preventive Maintenance Plan

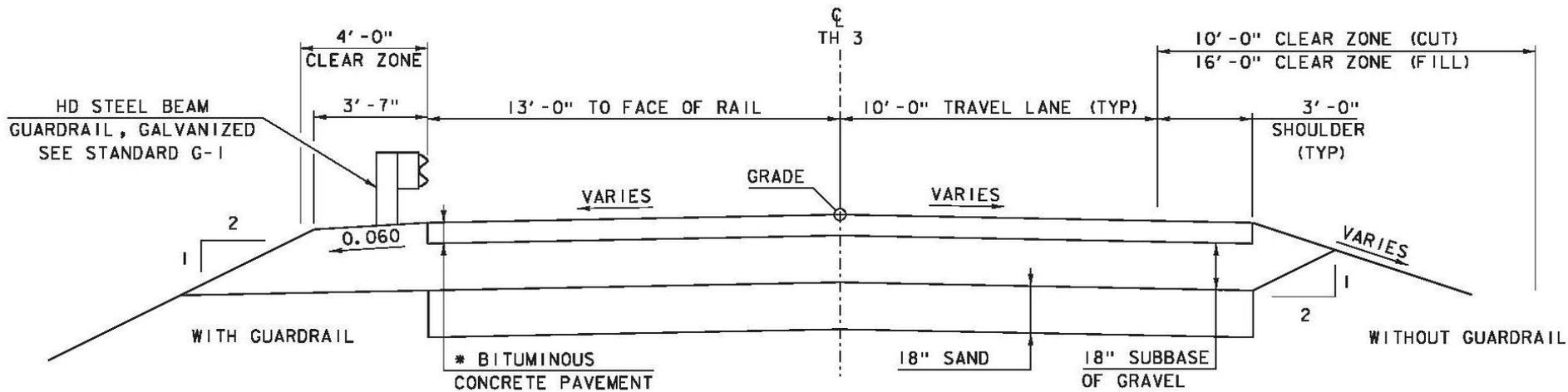


# Alternative 2

## Full Replacement Details

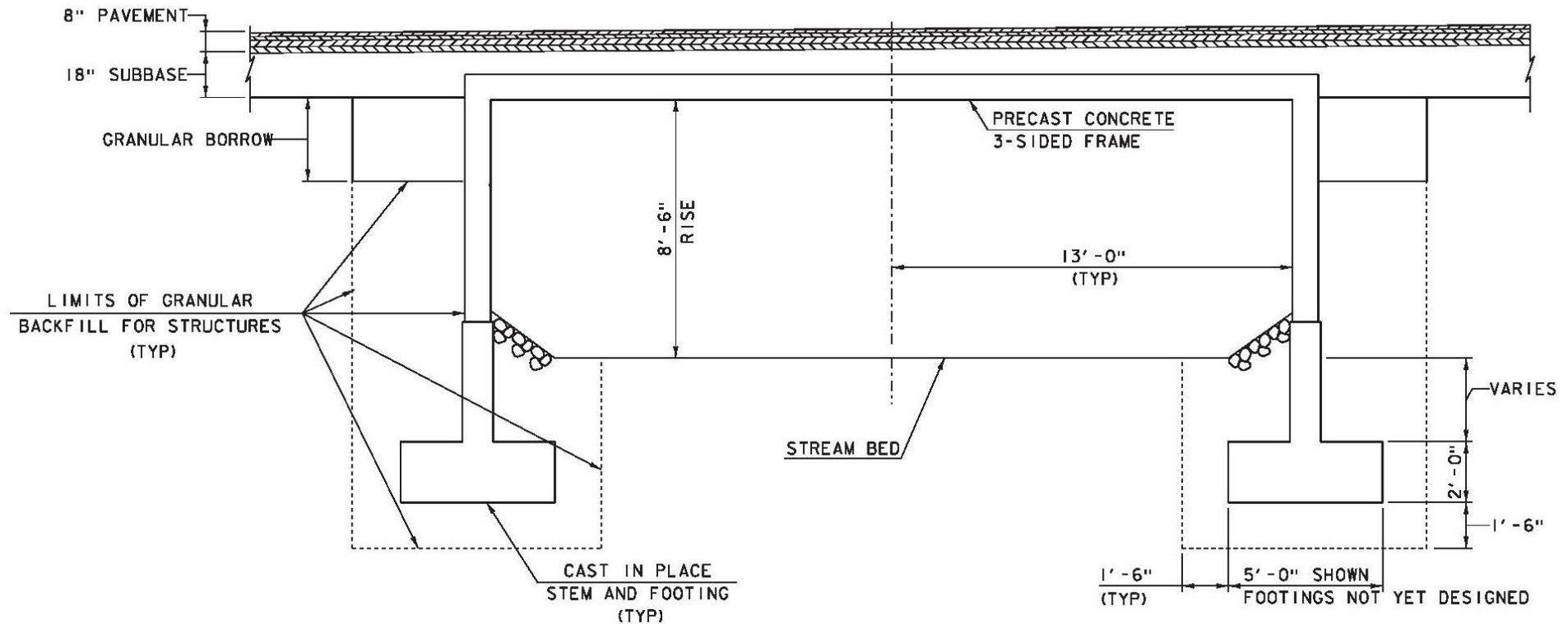
- Increase clear span to 26 feet
- Increase bridge rail-rail width to 26 feet (3'-10'-10'-3')
- Precast 3-sided frame or arch proposed
- All substandard features would be eliminated
- All work would remain inside existing Right-of-Way
- Long-term 80 year fix

# Proposed Roadway Section

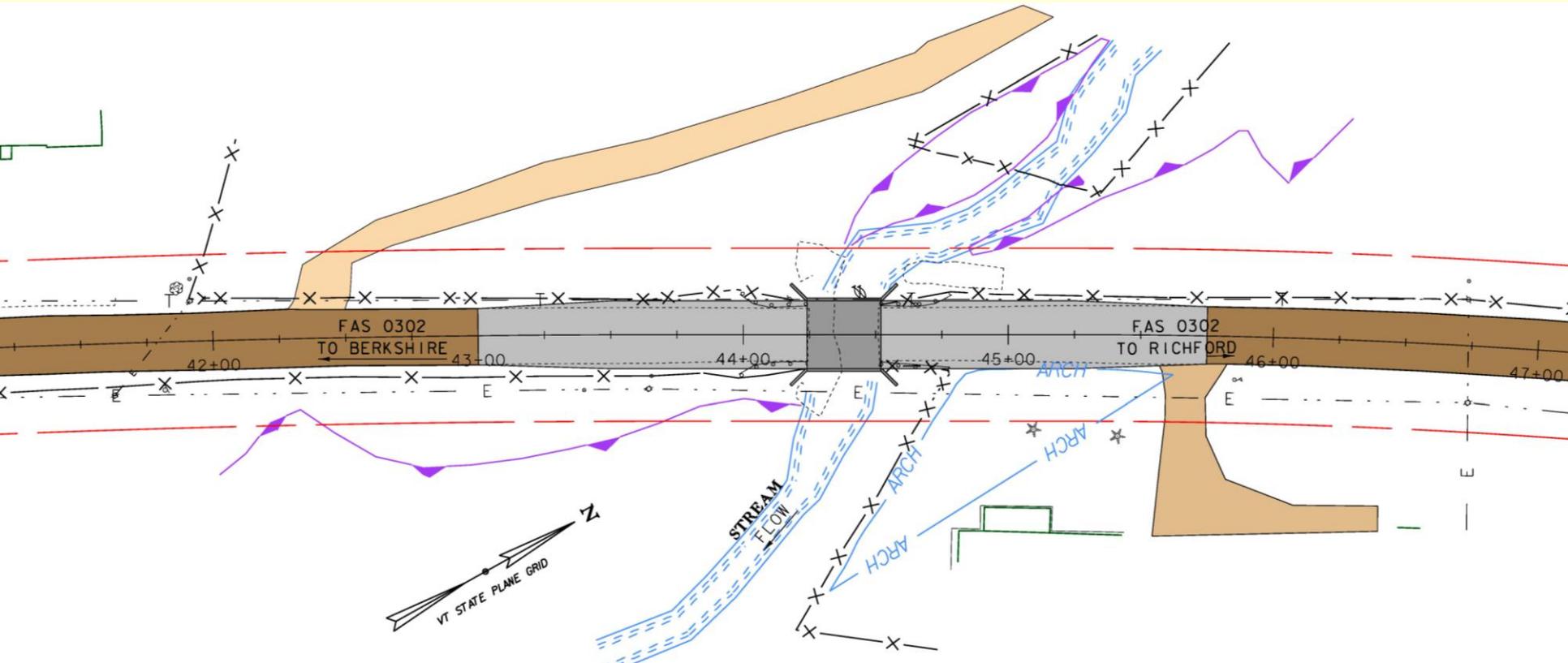


PROPOSED FAS 0302 TYPICAL SECTION

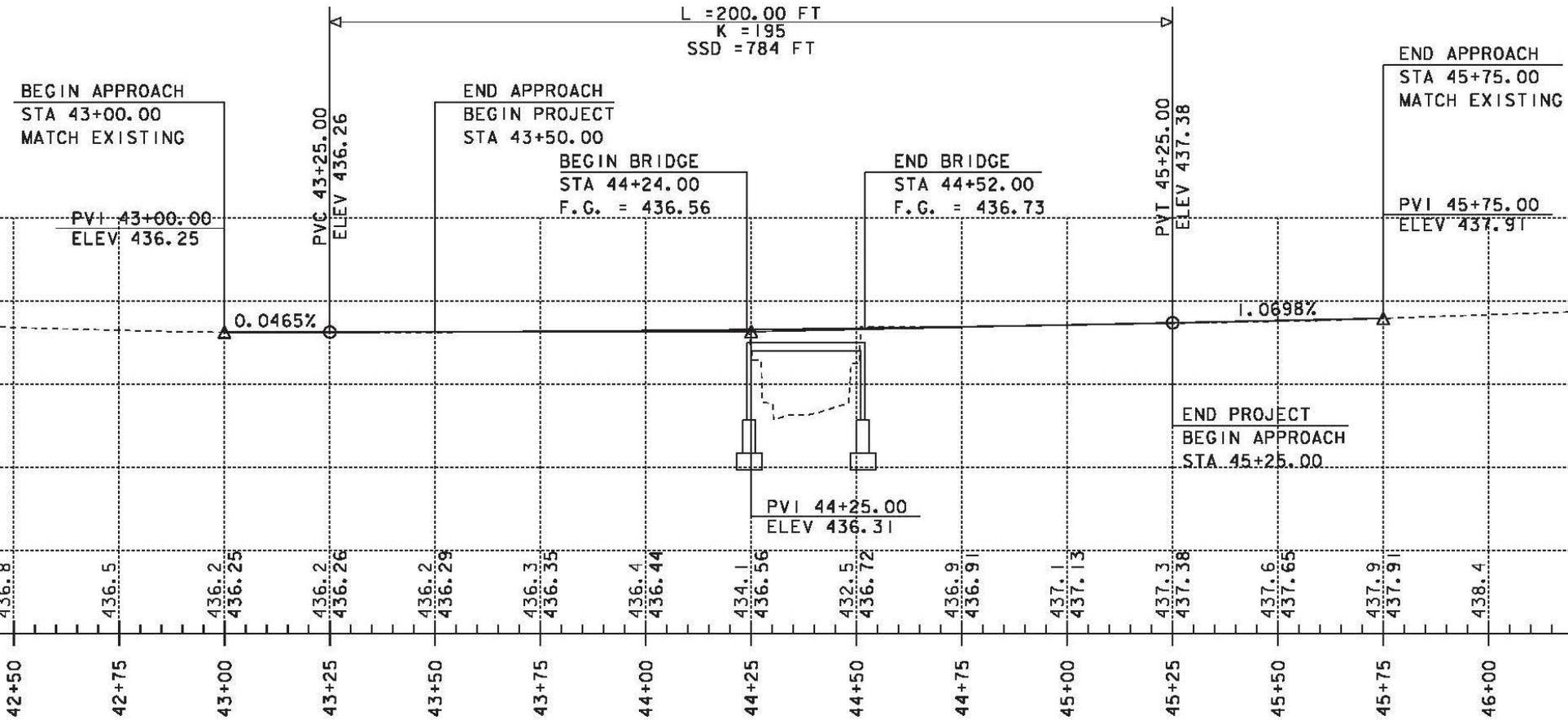
# Proposed Bridge Section



# Alternative 2 Full Replacement



# Alternative 2 Profile



# Recommendation on Alternatives

- VAOT recommends Alternative 2
- Complete bridge replacement warranted
- Good funding sources from Federal/State (90-95%)
- Long-term fix

Methods to maintain traffic will be based on recommended alternative

# Methods to Maintain Traffic

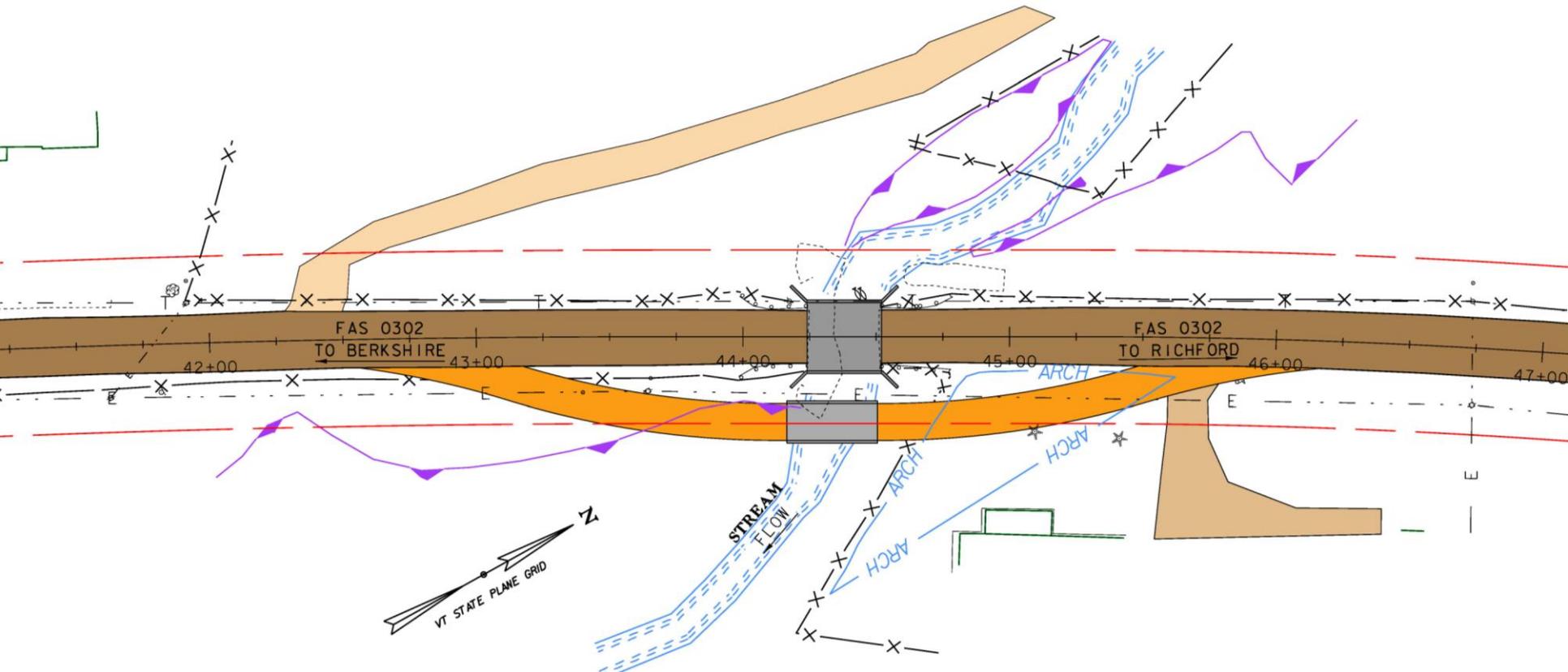
- Phased Construction
- Temporary Bridge
- Bridge Closure with off-site detour

# Phased Construction Option

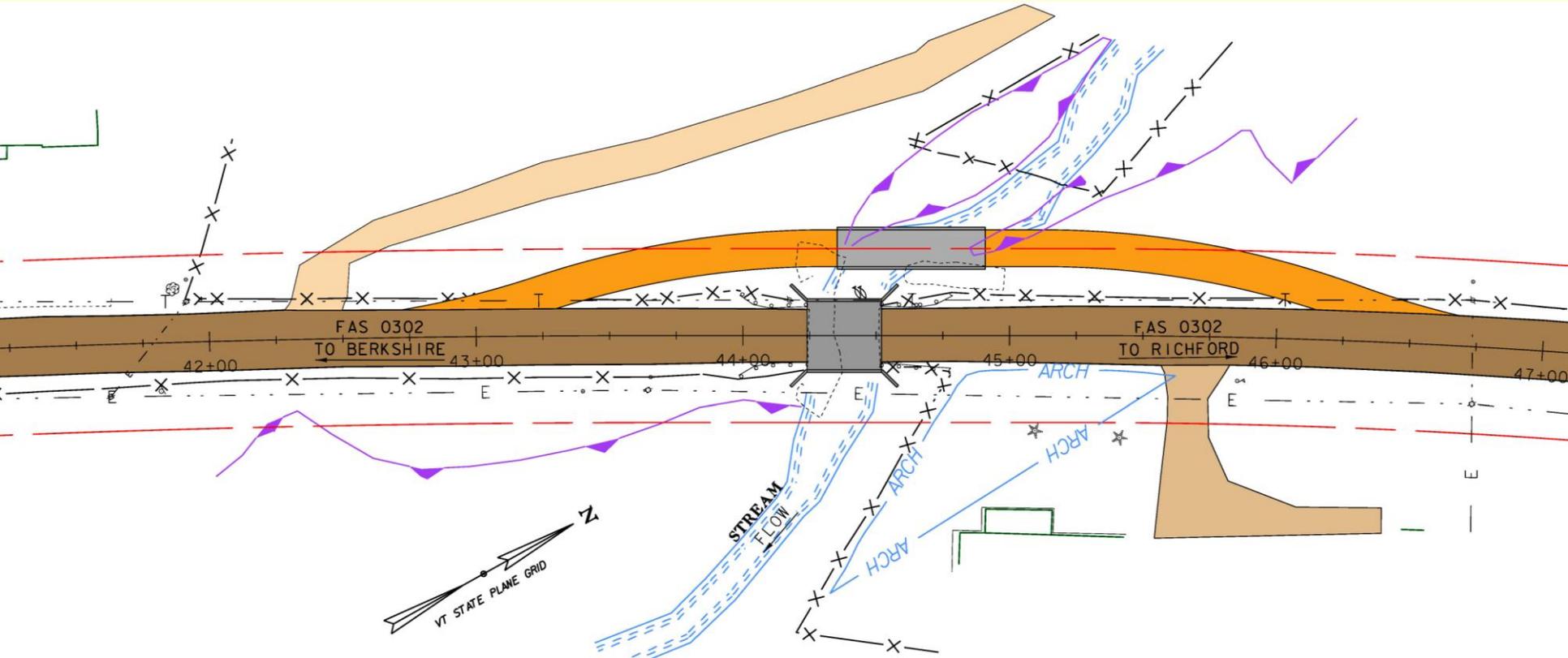
- Build half new bridge while traffic is on half of old bridge
- One-Way alternating traffic (no lights required here)
- Queue lengths and queue times can be inconvenient
- Access to side drives/buildings needs to be considered
- Relatively long construction duration
- Workers & motorists in close proximity
- Can usually be done without ROW acquisition

Phased construction ruled out due to width of existing bridge.  
Would require building a wider bridge than necessary or shifting the roadway alignment

# Temporary Bridge Option Downstream



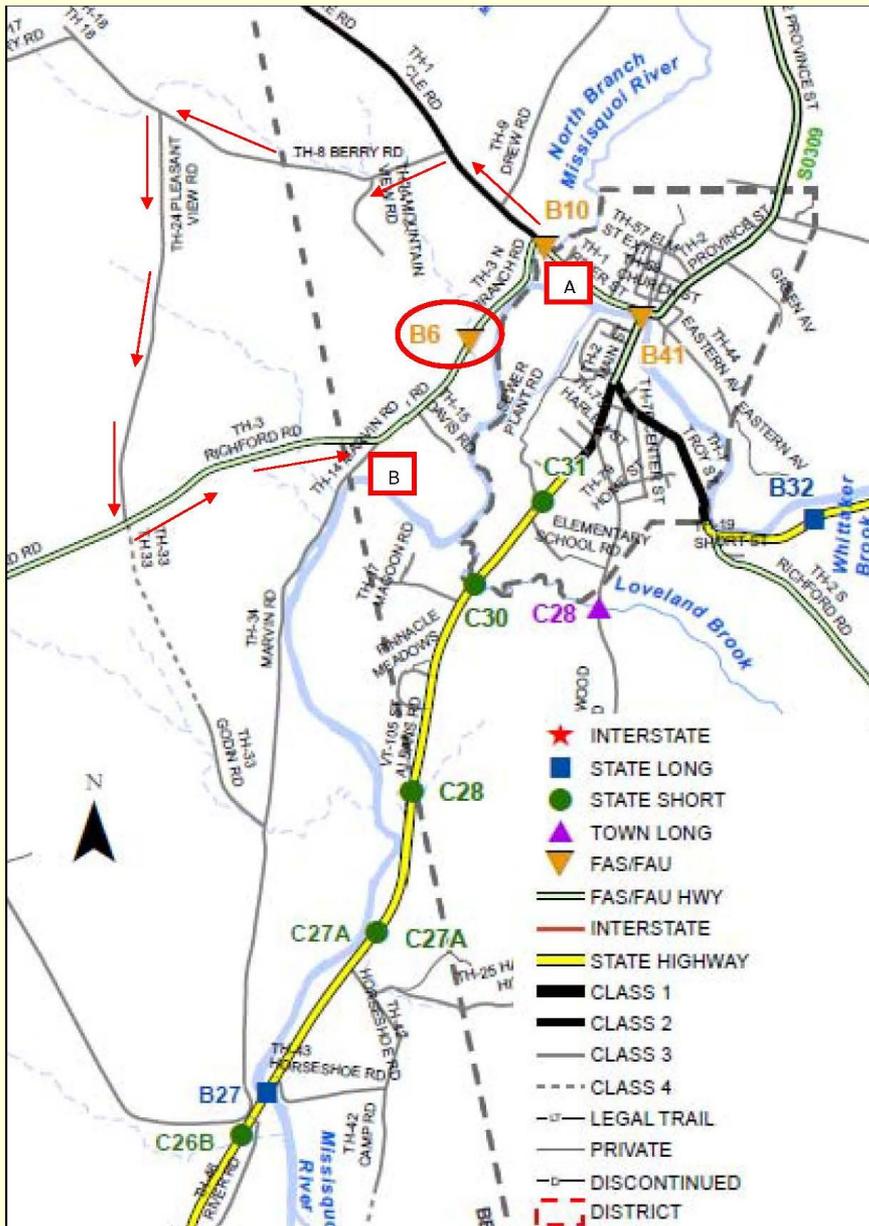
# Temporary Bridge Option Upstream



# ABC with Bridge Closure Option

- Bridge 6 to be closed for 28 days (maximum)
- Allow 24/7 construction during bridge closure
- Contract incentives/dis-incentives to encourage contractor
- Community would have input on time of closure (between June 1 and September 1)
- Town will be responsible for detour route (location, signing, installing, maintaining)
- Public Outreach to provide advance notice for planning
- Local share will be cut in half (10% reduced to 5%)-

# Detour Map



## Mileage Summary

A-B Thru = 1 miles

A-B Detour = 4.2 miles

Added Miles = 3.2 miles

End-End Dist. = 5.2 miles

## Major Factors

Traffic Volume = 830

Added Miles = 3.2 miles

Duration = 4 weeks

**NOTE:** There are other possible detour routes. The Town is responsible for choosing the best route.

# Alternatives Matrix

	Preventive Maintenance	Replacement w/ ABC and off-site detour	Replacement w/ Temporary Bridge
Maintenance of Traffic	\$31,000	\$105,000	\$245,000
Construction w/ CE + Contingencies	\$170,745	\$701,732	\$964,982
Preliminary Engineering	\$52,537	\$188,928	\$222,688
Right of Way	\$0	\$0	\$89,075
<b>Total Cost (Rounded)</b>	<b>\$223,300</b>	<b>\$890,700</b>	<b>\$1,276,700</b>
<b>Town Share</b>	<b>\$11,200 (5%)</b>	<b>\$44,500 (5%)</b>	<b>\$127,700 (10%)</b>
<b>Design Life</b>	<b>20 Years</b>	<b>80 Years</b>	<b>80 Years</b>
Project Development Duration	1 year	2 years	>4 years
Construction Duration	2 months	3 months	18 months
Closure Duration	None	28 days	None
Mobility Impact Duration	None	28 days	8 months

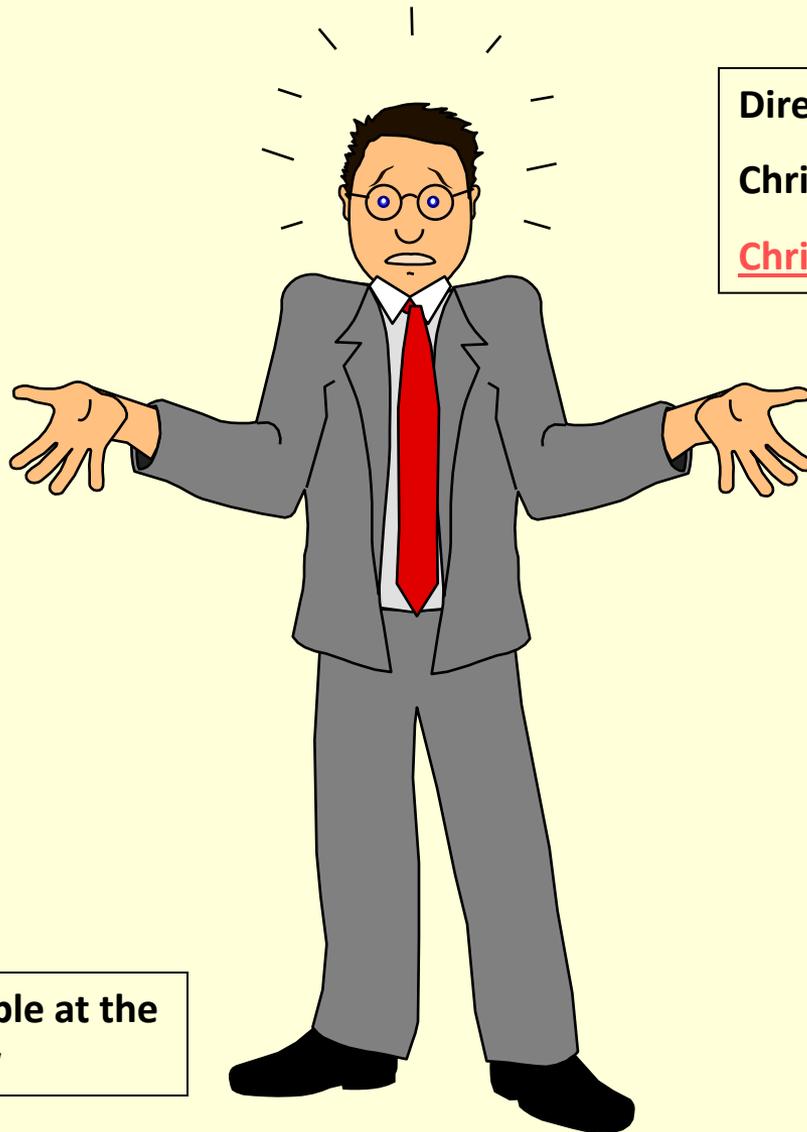
# Conclusion and Recommendation

- Full bridge replacement using ABC & 28 day closure

The benefits of this approach are:

- Project delivery expedited
- Lower direct costs (Design, ROW and Construction)
- Minimal environmental impacts
- Minimal impact to adjacent property owners
- Improved safety for public and construction workers
- Long term 80 year fix
- Takes advantage of reduced local share -

# Questions



Direct any questions to:

Christopher P. Williams, P.E.

[Chris.Williams@State.VT.US](mailto:Chris.Williams@State.VT.US)

This presentation is available at the  
web address shown below

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/12J158>