

#### **Quarterly Progress Report:**

Project Number and Title: 3.10 Assessment and Optimization of Double CT Bridge Girder Sections with Longitudinal

Precast Decks

Research Area: Thrust Area 3

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Co-PI(s): H. Dagher, UMaine

**Reporting Period:** 7/1/2020 – 9/30/2020

**Submission Date:** 9/30/2020

### Overview: (Please answer each question individually)

Provide **BRIEF** overview and summary of activities performed during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, AIT Bridges has fabricated and delivered the first three shear block specimens, and we are in the process of scheduling these tests. The design of the precast decks for the test girders is being finalized, and layup of the FRP girders is underway.

Provide context as to how these activities are helping achieve the overarching goal(s) of the project...

Test specimen fabrication is central to this primarily experimental project.

Describe any accomplishments achieved under the project goals...

Test specimen design and initial fabrication is moving along well. AIT and UMaine are also exploring alternative shear connector types (FRP and stainless steel) for use with the precast deck system, and the selection of the final shear block specimens will depend on the performance of the specimens that have already been fabricated.

Complete the following tables to document the work toward each task and budget (add rows/remove rows as needed, make sure you complete the Overall Project progress row and include all tasks even if they have ended or have not been started)...

| Table 1: Task Progress |            |            |            |  |  |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Task Number            | Start Date | End Date   | % Complete |  |  |
| Task 1:                | 7/1/2020   | 8/30/2020  | 50         |  |  |
| Task 2:                | 9/1/2020   | 12/30/2020 | 10         |  |  |
| Task 3:                | 9/1/2020   | 11/31/2020 | 0          |  |  |
| Task 4:                | 9/1/2020   | 2/28/2020  | 0          |  |  |
| Task 5:                | 3/1/2020   | 8/31/2021  | 0          |  |  |
| Overall Project:       | 3/2019     | 5/2021     | 10         |  |  |

| Table 2: Budget Progress |                         |                    |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Project Budget           | Spend – Project to Date | % Project to Date* |  |  |  |
| \$240,376                | ????                    | ????               |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Include the date the budget is current to.

Describe any opportunities for training/professional development that have been provided...

Describe any activities involving the dissemination of research results (be sure to include outputs, outcomes, and the ways in which the outcomes/outputs have had an impact during the reporting period. Please use the tables below for any Publications and Presentations in addition to the description of any other technology transfer efforts that took place during the reporting period. )... Use the tables below to complete information about conferences, workshops,

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publications, etc. List all other outputs, outcomes, and impacts after the tables (i.e. patent applications, technologies, techniques, licenses issued, and/or website addresses used to disseminate research findings).

| Table 3: Presentations at Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, and Other Events |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Title  | Event Type Location Date(s) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                             |  |  |  |  |  |

| Table 4: Publications and Submitted Papers and Reports |                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Type   | ype Title Citation Date Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N/A  |                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |

No results have been disseminated due to the project's current scheduling.

# **Participants and Collaborators:**

Use the table below to list all individuals who have worked on the project.

| Table 5: Active Principal Investigators, faculty, administrators, and Management Team Members |                          |               |                        |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Individual Name</b>  | Email Address            | Department    | Role in Research       |  |  |
|   |                          | Civil and     | Principal investigator |  |  |
| William Davids  | william.davids@maine.edu | Environmental |                        |  |  |
|   | _                        | Engineering   |                        |  |  |

Use the table below to list all students who have participated in the project during the reporting. (This includes all paid, unpaid, intern, independent study, or any other student that participated in this project.)

| Table 6: Student Participants during the reporting period |  |       |                   |                         |  |
|---|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Student Name Email Address Class Major Role in research   |  |       |                   |                         |  |
| Andrew  |  | Ph.D  | Civil Engineering | Conduct and coordinate  |  |
| Schanck   |  | rii.D |                   | testing, report results |  |

Use the table below to list any students who worked on this project and graduated during this reporting period.

| Table 7: Student Graduates                         |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Student Name Role in Research Degree Graduati Date |  |  |  |  |  |
| N/A  |  |  |  |  |  |

Use the table below to list organizations have been involved as partners on this project and their contribution to the project.

| Table 8: Research Project Collaborators during the reporting period |                  |                             |                    |            |               |           |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
|   | Location         | Contribution to the Project |                    |            |               |           |
| Organization  |                  | Financial                   | In-Kind            | Facilities | Collaborative | Personnel |
|   |                  | Support                     | Support Facilities | Research   | Exchanges     |           |
| Advanced<br>Infrastructure<br>Technologies                          | Brewer,<br>Maine | X                           | X                  | X          | X             | X         |

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List all other outputs, outcomes, and impacts here (i.e. patent applications, technologies, techniques, licenses issued, and/or website addresses used to disseminate research findings). Please be sure to provide detailed information about each item as with the tables above.

No technology transfers has occurred within the reporting period.

Have other collaborators or contacts been involved? If so, who and how? (This would include collaborations with others within the lead or partner universities; especially interdepartmental or interdisciplinary collaborations.)

Who is the Technical Champion for this project?

Name: Ken Sweeney Title: President

Organization: AIT Bridges

Location (City & State): Brewer, Maine Email Address: ken@aitbridges.com

#### **Changes:**

Discuss any actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them...

Discuss any changes in approach and the reasons for the change...

The project has been delayed due to challenges in fabrication as well as slowed lab activity caused by COVID-19. No changes in approach are planned for the foreseeable future.

# **Planned Activities:**

Description of future activities over the coming months.

We anticipate beginning our shear block tests, and hope to complete girder fabrication. Ideally, creep testing will also begin at AIT's Brewer facility.

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