

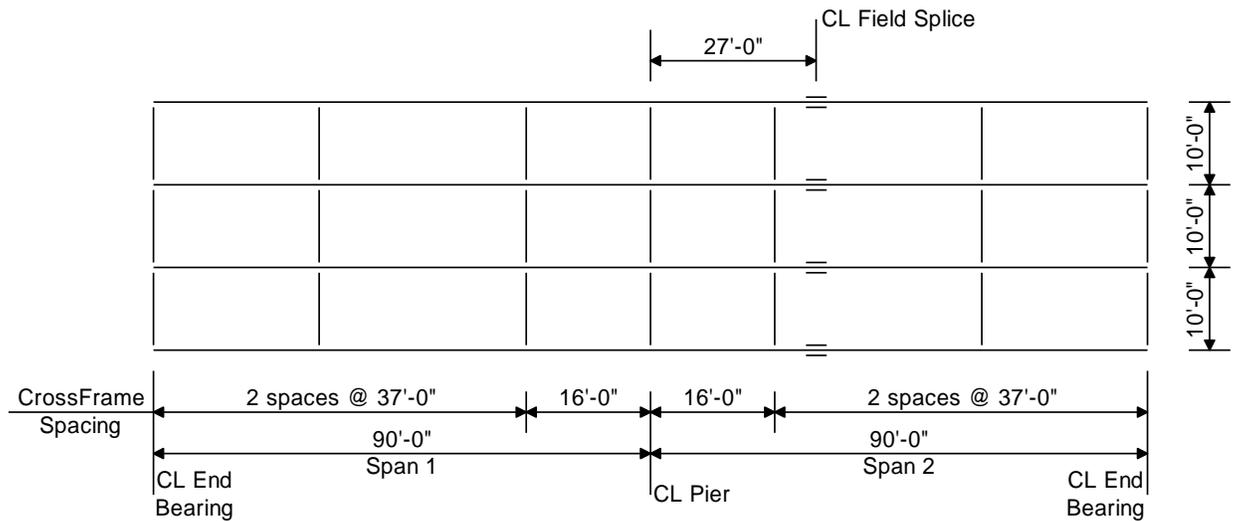
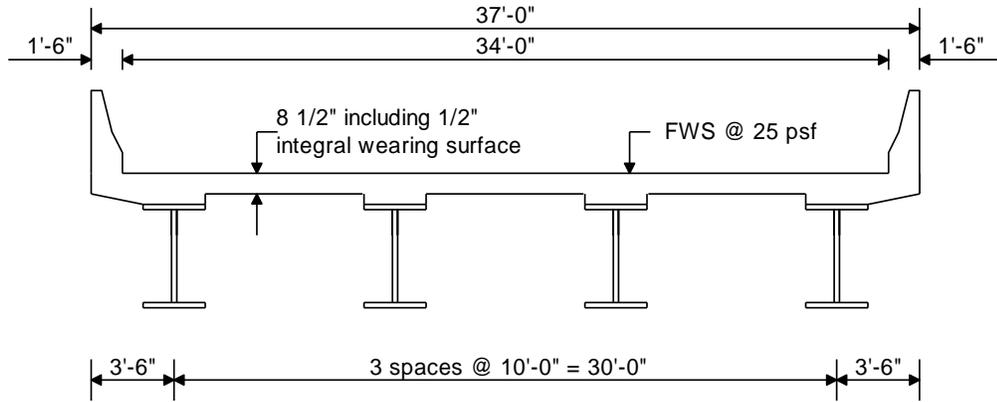
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Steel Tutorial

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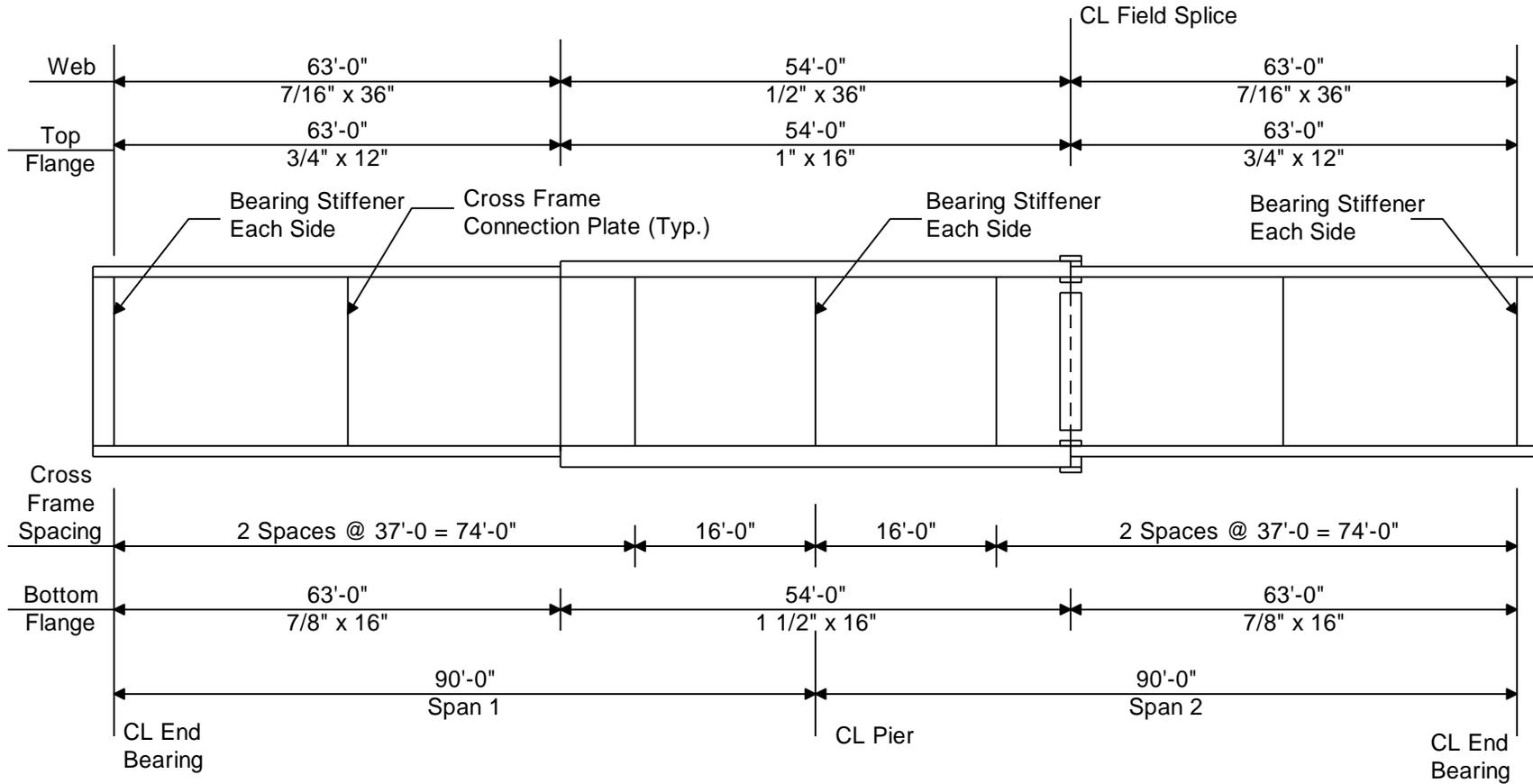
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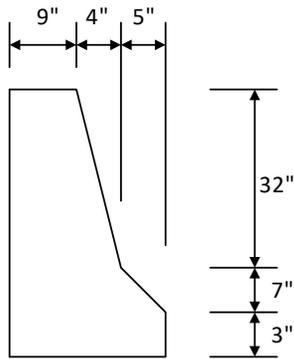
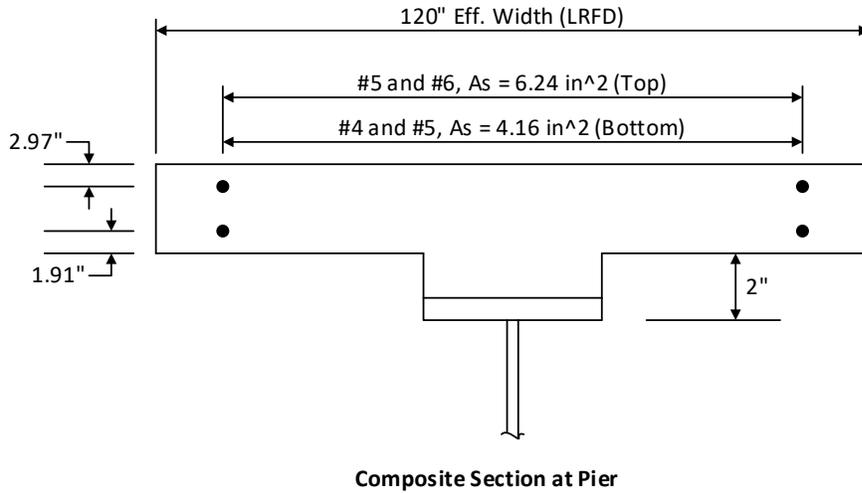
Framing Plan

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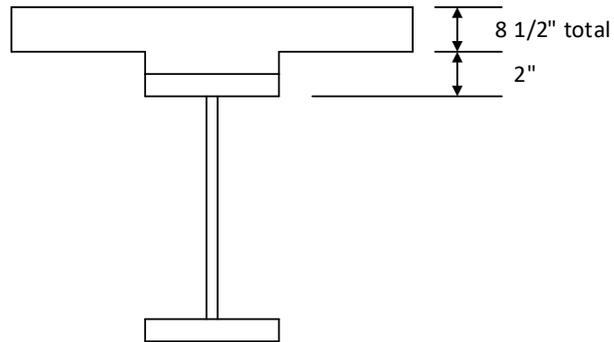
Elevation of Interior Girder

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Weight = 536 plf

Parapet Detail



Haunch Detail

Note: The area of steel is provided in the section at the pier but the number of #4, #5, and #6 bars are not provided. For simplicity, the bars will be input using an equivalent number of #9 bars which have a unit area of 1.0 in².

Material Properties

Structural Steel: AASHTO M270, Grade 50W uncoated weathering steel with $F_y = 50$ ksi

Deck Concrete: $f'_c = 4.0$ ksi, modular ratio $n = 8$

Slab Reinforcing Steel: AASHTO M31, Grade 60 with $F_y = 60$ ksi

Cross Frame Connection Plates: $3/4" \times 6"$

Bearing Stiffener Plates: $7/8" \times 9"$

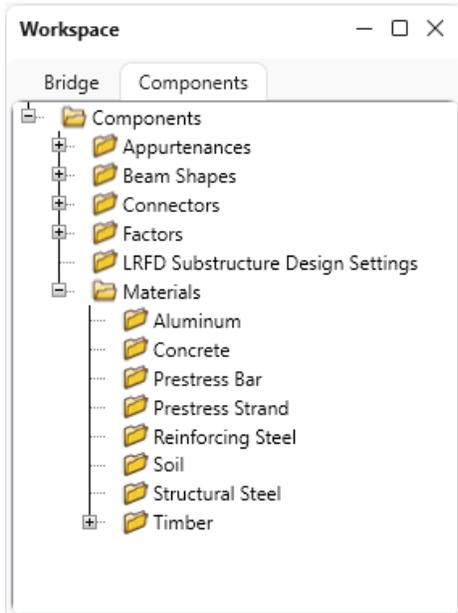
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Bridge Components

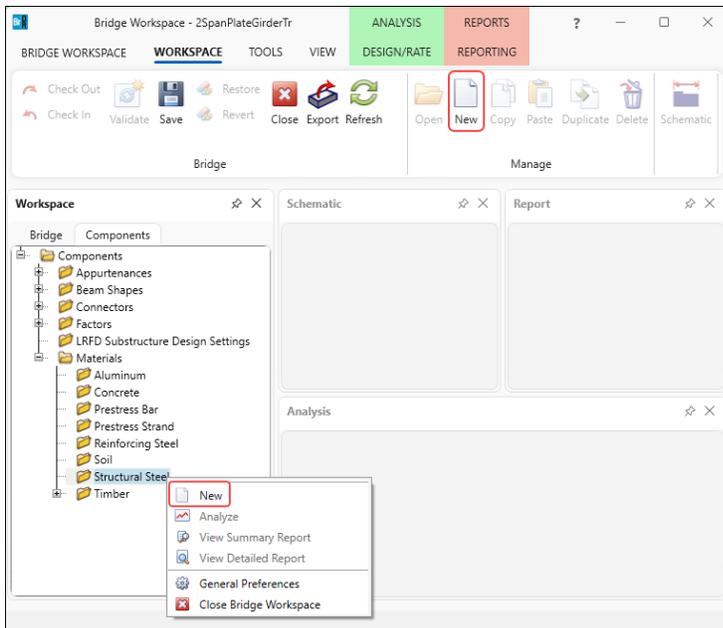
Bridge Materials

To enter the materials to be used by members of the bridge, in the **Components** tab of the **Bridge Workspace**, click on the **+** button to expand the tree for **Materials**.

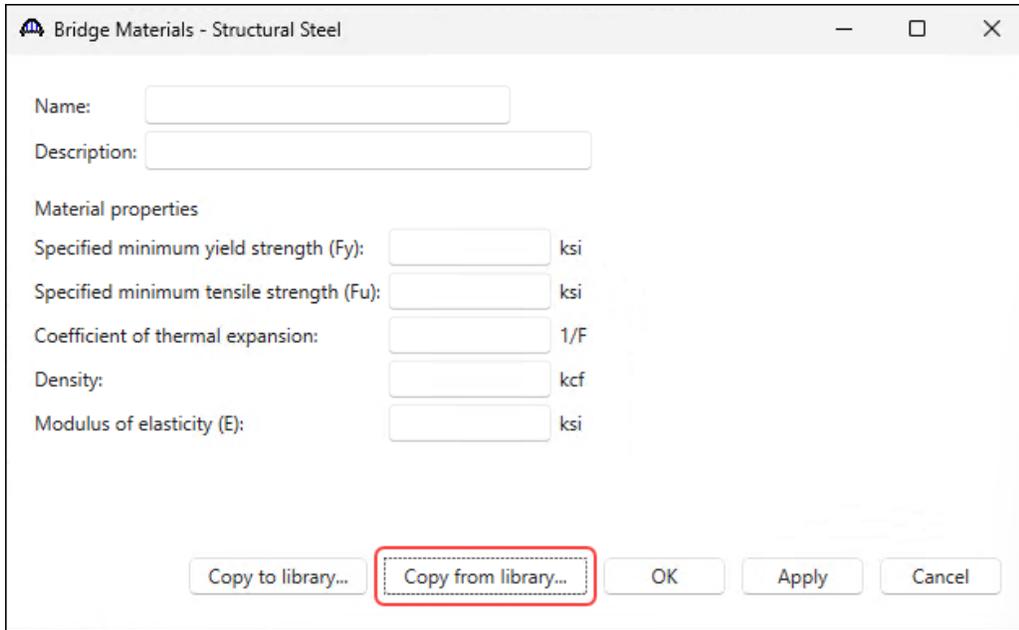
The tree with the expanded **Materials** branch is shown below.



To add a new steel material, in the **Components** tab of the **Bridge Workspace**, click on **Materials, Structural Steel**, and select **New** from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right mouse click on **Structural Steel** and select **New**). The window shown below will open.



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Bridge Materials - Structural Steel

Name:

Description:

Material properties

Specified minimum yield strength (Fy): ksi

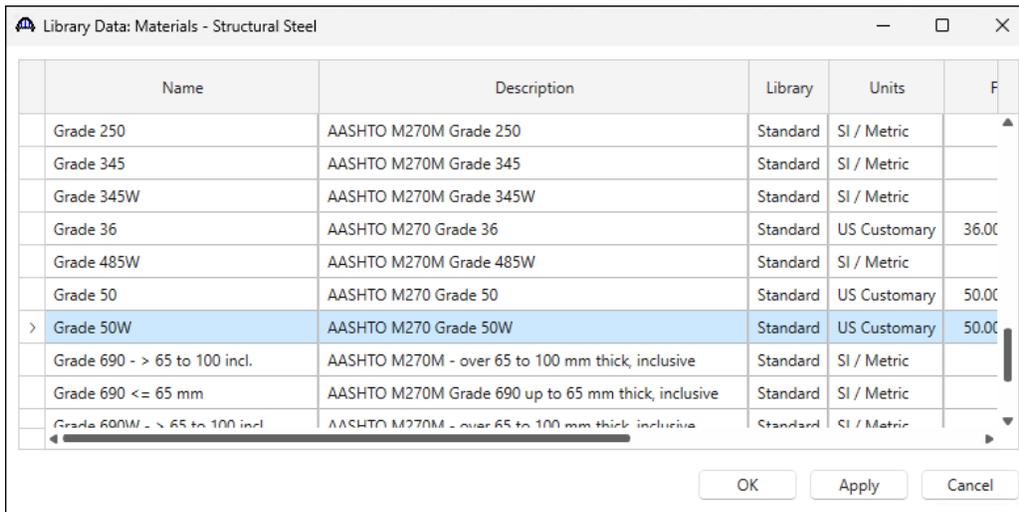
Specified minimum tensile strength (Fu): ksi

Coefficient of thermal expansion: 1/F

Density: kcf

Modulus of elasticity (E): ksi

Add the structural steel material by clicking the **Copy from library...** button. The following window opens. Select the **AASHTO M270 Grade 50W** material and click **OK**.

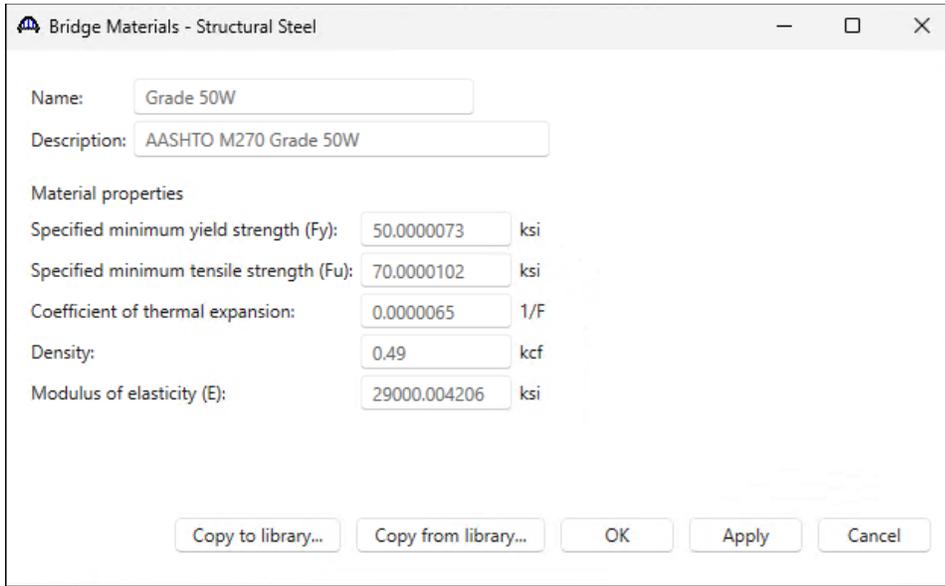


Library Data: Materials - Structural Steel

Name	Description	Library	Units	F
Grade 250	AASHTO M270M Grade 250	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 345	AASHTO M270M Grade 345	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 345W	AASHTO M270M Grade 345W	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 36	AASHTO M270 Grade 36	Standard	US Customary	36.00
Grade 485W	AASHTO M270M Grade 485W	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 50	AASHTO M270 Grade 50	Standard	US Customary	50.00
> Grade 50W	AASHTO M270 Grade 50W	Standard	US Customary	50.00
Grade 690 - > 65 to 100 incl.	AASHTO M270M - over 65 to 100 mm thick, inclusive	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 690 <= 65 mm	AASHTO M270M Grade 690 up to 65 mm thick, inclusive	Standard	SI / Metric	
Grade 690W - > 65 to 100 incl.	AASHTO M270M - over 65 to 100 mm thick, inclusive	Standard	SI / Metric	

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The selected material properties are copied to the Bridge Materials – Structural Steel window as shown below.



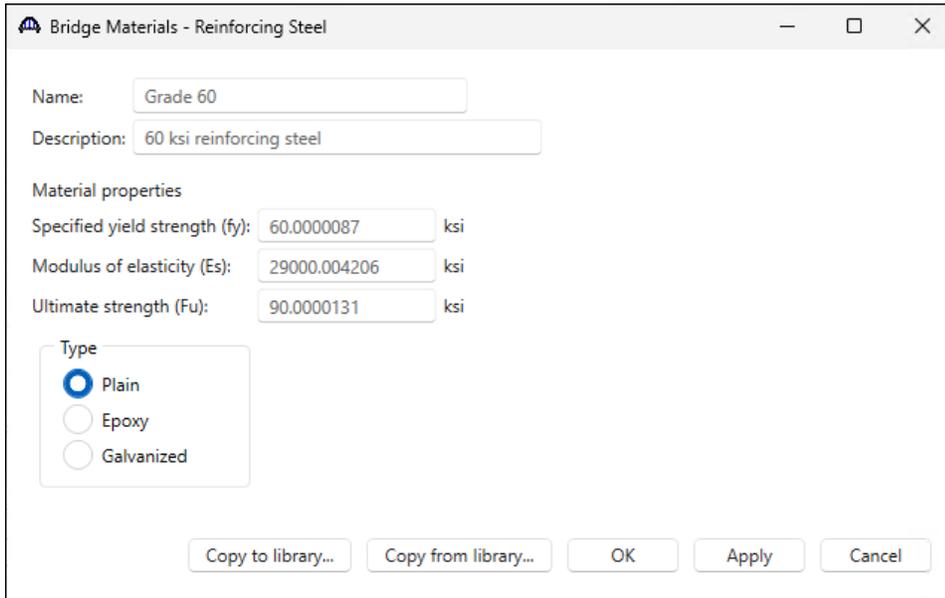
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Bridge Materials - Structural Steel". It contains the following fields and values:

- Name: Grade 50W
- Description: AASHTO M270 Grade 50W
- Material properties section:
 - Specified minimum yield strength (Fy): 50.0000073 ksi
 - Specified minimum tensile strength (Fu): 70.0000102 ksi
 - Coefficient of thermal expansion: 0.0000065 1/F
 - Density: 0.49 kcf
 - Modulus of elasticity (E): 29000.004206 ksi

At the bottom, there are five buttons: "Copy to library...", "Copy from library...", "OK", "Apply", and "Cancel".

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

Add the following reinforcing steel and concrete material using the same techniques.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Bridge Materials - Reinforcing Steel". It contains the following fields and values:

- Name: Grade 60
- Description: 60 ksi reinforcing steel
- Material properties section:
 - Specified yield strength (fy): 60.0000087 ksi
 - Modulus of elasticity (Es): 29000.004206 ksi
 - Ultimate strength (Fu): 90.0000131 ksi
- Type section:
 - Plain
 - Epoxy
 - Galvanized

At the bottom, there are five buttons: "Copy to library...", "Copy from library...", "OK", "Apply", and "Cancel".

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Bridge Materials - Concrete

Name:

Description:

Compressive strength at 28 days (f'c): ksi

Initial compressive strength (f'ci):

Composition of concrete: ▾

Density (for dead loads): kcf

Density (for modulus of elasticity): kcf

Poisson's ratio:

Coefficient of thermal expansion (α): 1/F

Splitting tensile strength (fct):

LRFD Maximum aggregate size:

Std modulus of elasticity (Ec): ksi

LRFD modulus of elasticity (Ec): ksi

Std initial modulus of elasticity:

LRFD initial modulus of elasticity:

Std modulus of rupture:

LRFD modulus of rupture: ksi

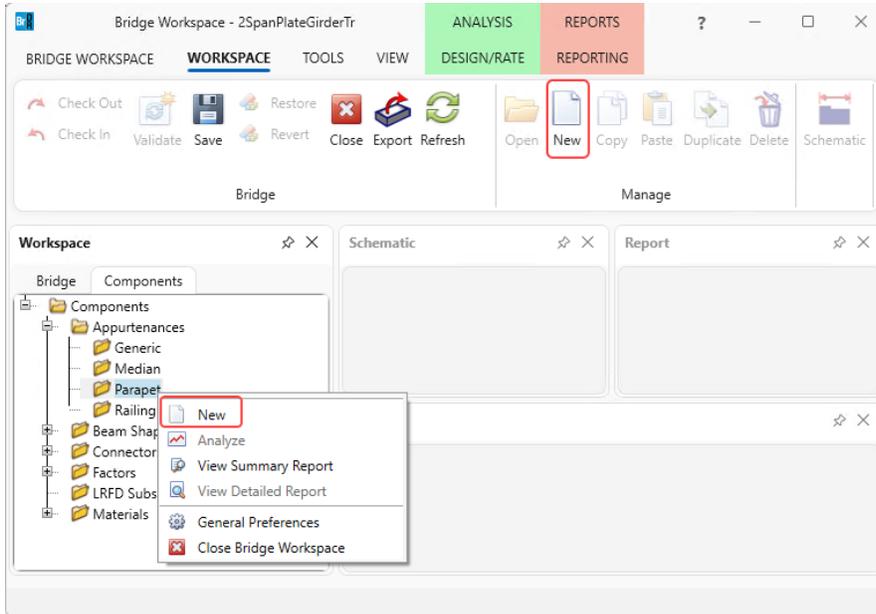
Shear factor:

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

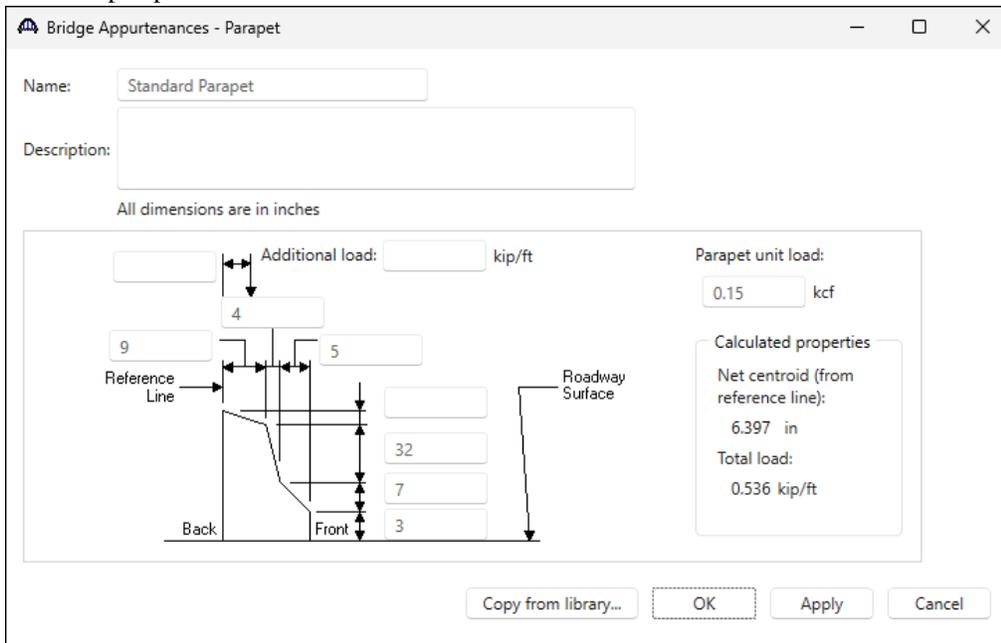
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Bridge Appurtenances

To enter the appurtenances used within the bridge, expand the tree branch labeled **Appurtenances**. To define a parapet, select **Parapet** and click on **New** from the **Manage** button on the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or double click on **Parapet** in the **Components** tree).



Enter the parapet details as shown below.



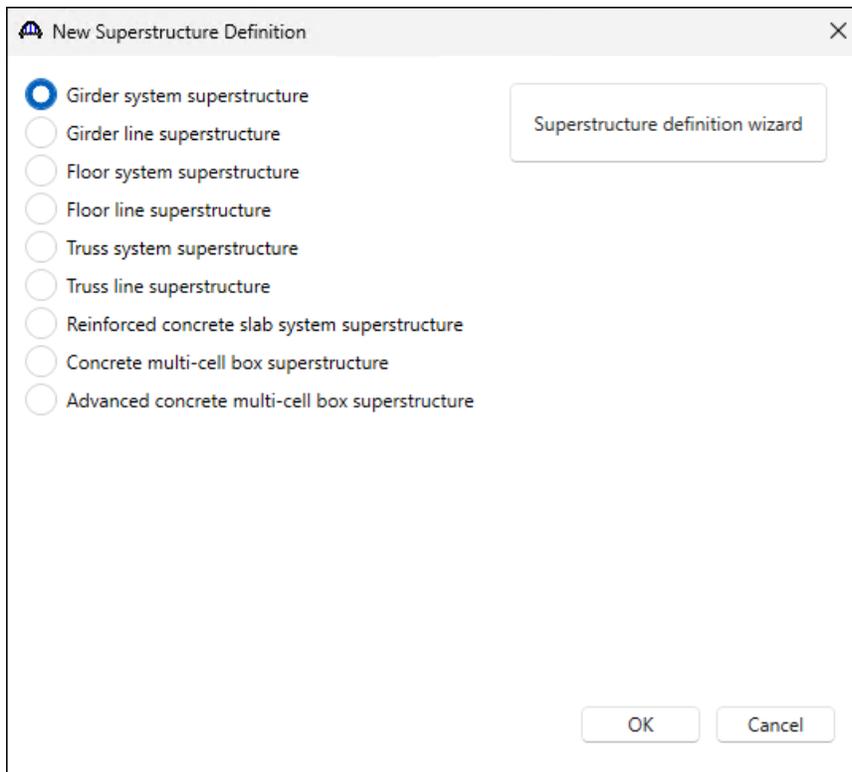
Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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The default standard LRFD and LFR factors will be used. Bridge alternatives will be added after entering the structure definition.

Superstructure Definition

Returning to the **Bridge** tab of the **Bridge Workspace**, double click on **SUPERSTRUCTURE DEFINITIONS** (or click on **SUPERSTRUCTURE DEFINITIONS** and select **New** from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon or right mouse click on **SUPERSTRUCTURE DEFINITIONS** and select **New** from the popup menu) to create a new structure definition. The window shown below will appear.



Select **Girder system superstructure**, click **OK** and the **Girder System Superstructure Definition** window will open.

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Enter the data as shown below and click **Apply** to apply the data and keep the window open.

Girder System Superstructure Definition

Definition Analysis Specs Engine

Name: 2 Span 4 Girder System

Description:

Default units: US Customary

Number of spans: 2

Number of girders: 4

Enter span lengths along the reference line:

Span	Length (ft)
1	90
2	90

Modeling

Multi-girder system MCB

With frame structure simplified definition

Deck type: Concrete Deck

For PS/PT only

Average humidity: %

Member alt. types

Steel

P/S

R/C

Timber

P/T

Horizontal curvature along reference line

Horizontal curvature

Distance from PC to first support line: ft

Start tangent length: ft

Radius: ft

Direction: Left

End tangent length: ft

Distance from last support line to PT: ft

Design speed: mph

Superelevation: %

Superstructure alignment

Curved

Tangent, curved, tangent

Tangent, curved

Curved, tangent

OK Apply Cancel

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The **Analysis** tab is shown below with the default selections. For this example, the default values will not be overridden. No changes are required on this tab.

Girder System Superstructure Definition

Definition Analysis Specs Engine

Structural slab thickness

- Consider structural slab thickness for rating
- Consider structural slab thickness for design

Wearing surface

- Consider wearing surface for rating
- Consider wearing surface for design
- Consider striped lanes for rating

Default analysis type: Line Girder

Longitudinal loading

Vehicle increment: 1 ft

Transverse loading

Vehicle increment in lane: 2 ft

Lane increment: 4 ft

3D analysis control options

- LFR: Model non-composite regions as non-composite
- LRFD: Model non-composite regions as non-composite
- LRFR: Model non-composite regions as non-composite

Number of shell elements

- In the deck between girders
- In the web between flanges

Slower More accurate Faster Less accurate

Target aspect ratio for shell elements

Slower More accurate Faster Less accurate

3D FE node generation tolerance

- Percentage
- Length

Span	Length (ft)	Tolerance (%)
> 1	90	0.1
2	90	0.1

3D bracing member end connection analysis

- Calculated factored member force effects
- Maximum of average (stress + strength) and 75% resistance

Bracing member LRFR factors

Condition factor: Good or Satisfactory

- Field measured section properties

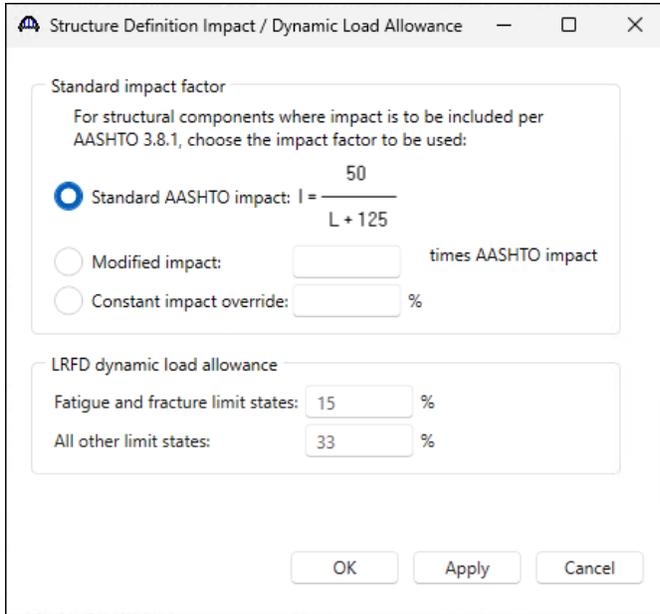
OK Apply Cancel

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Impact/Dynamic Load Allowance

Enter the impact to be used for the superstructure definition by double clicking on **Impact/Dynamic Load Allowance** in the **Bridge Workspace** tree. The **Structure Definition Impact / Dynamic Load Allowance** window shown below will open. The values shown below are default values. No changes are required to these values.



Structure Definition Impact / Dynamic Load Allowance

Standard impact factor

For structural components where impact is to be included per AASHTO 3.8.1, choose the impact factor to be used:

Standard AASHTO impact: $I = \frac{50}{L + 125}$

Modified impact: times AASHTO impact

Constant impact override: %

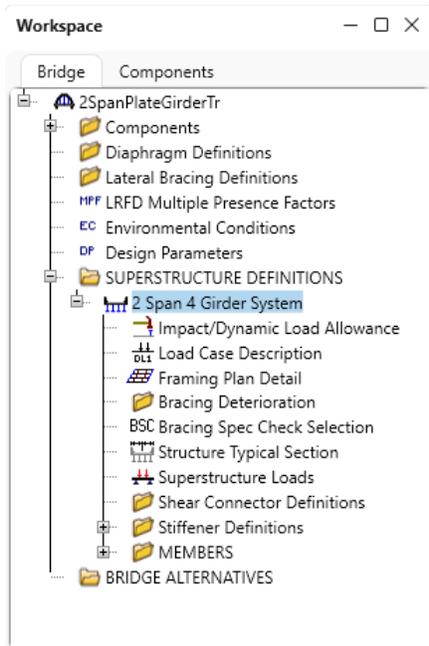
LRFD dynamic load allowance

Fatigue and fracture limit states: %

All other limit states: %

OK Apply Cancel

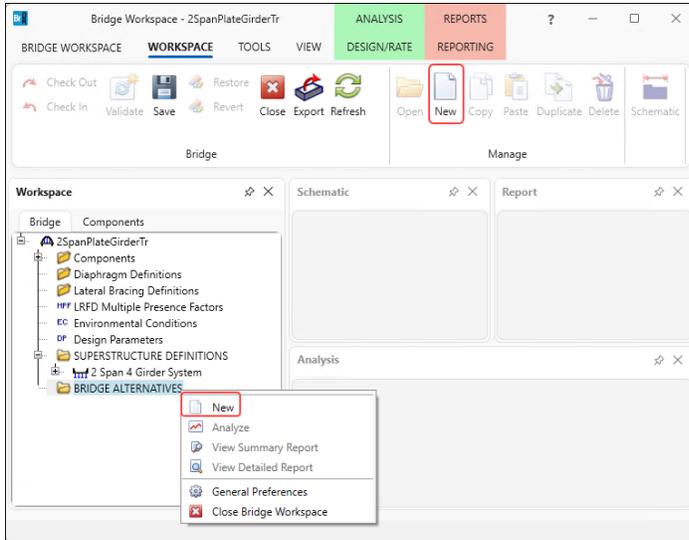
The partially expanded **Bridge Workspace** tree is shown below.



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BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES

Navigate to the **BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree and create a new bridge alternative by double-clicking on **BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES** (or click on **BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES** and select **New** from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon).



Enter the following data.

The "Bridge Alternative" dialog box is shown with the following fields and options:

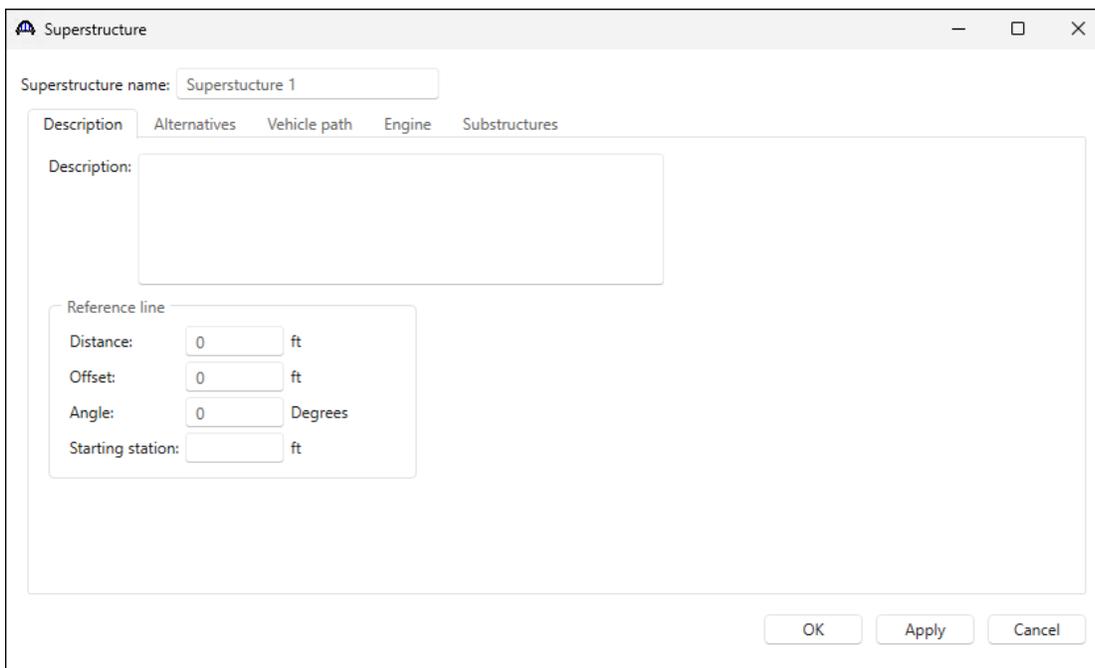
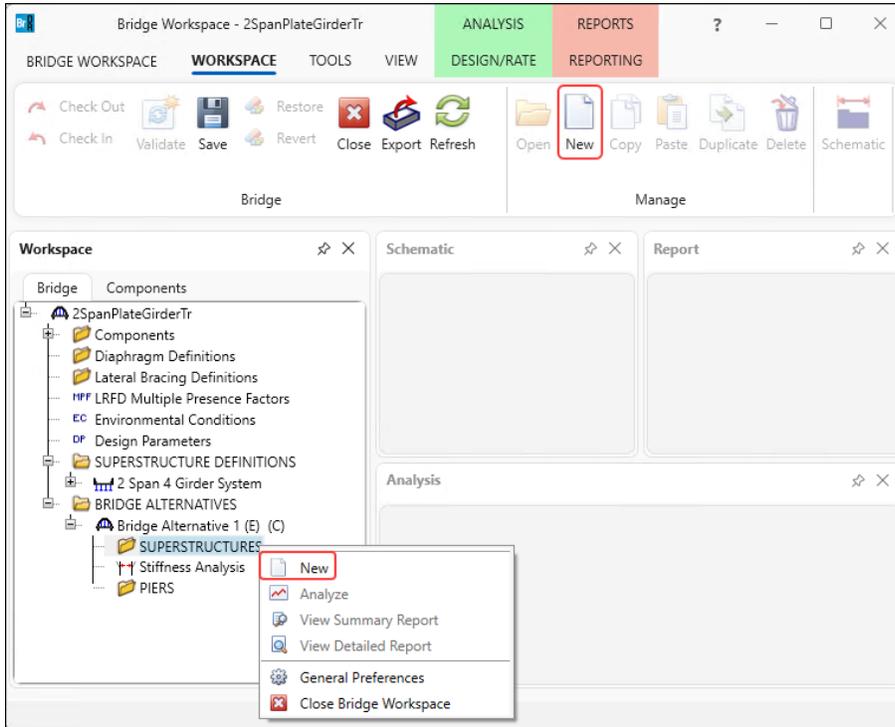
- Alternative name: Bridge Alternative 1
- Description: Substructures
- Description: [Empty text box]
- Horizontal curvature
- Reference line length: [Empty] ft
- Start bearing End bearing
- Starting station: [Empty] ft
- Bearing: N 90 ^ 0' 0.00" E
- Global positioning:
 - Distance: [Empty] ft
 - Offset: [Empty] ft
 - Elevation: [Empty] ft
- Bridge alignment:
 - Curved
 - Tangent, curved, tangent
 - Tangent, curved
 - Curved, tangent
- Start tangent length: [Empty] ft
- Curve length: [Empty] ft
- Radius: [Empty] ft
- Direction: Left (dropdown)
- End tangent length: [Empty] ft

Buttons: Superstructure wizard..., Culvert wizard..., OK, Apply, Cancel

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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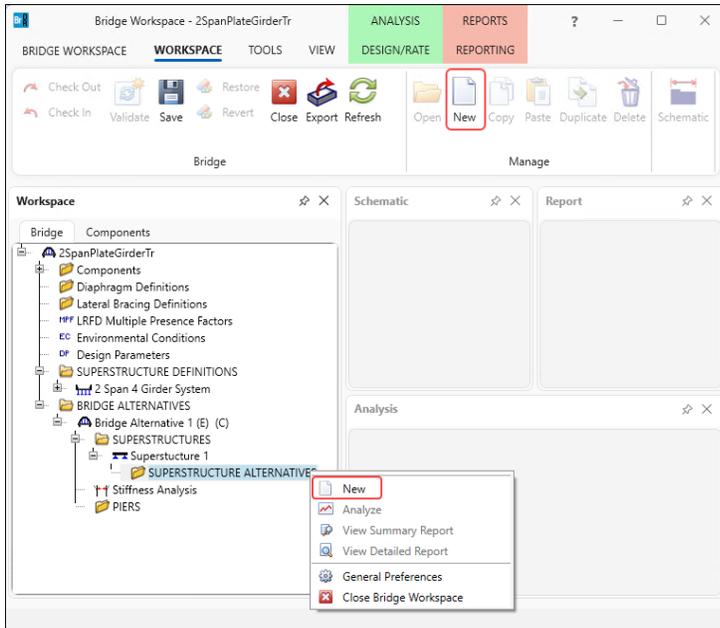
Expand the **Bridge Alternative 1** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree by clicking the **+** button. Double-click on the **SUPERSTRUCTURES** node (or select **SUPERSTRUCTURES** and click **New** from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon) and enter the following new superstructure.



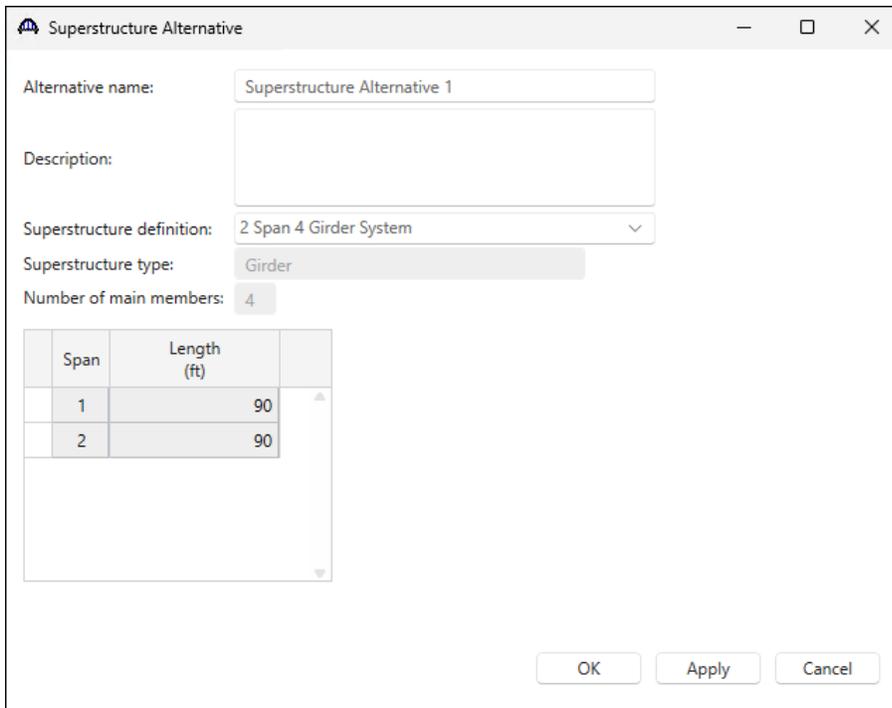
Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Expand the **Superstructure 1** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree by clicking the  button. Double-click on the **SUPERSTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES** node (or select **SUPERSTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES** and click **New** from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon) and enter the following new superstructure alternative.



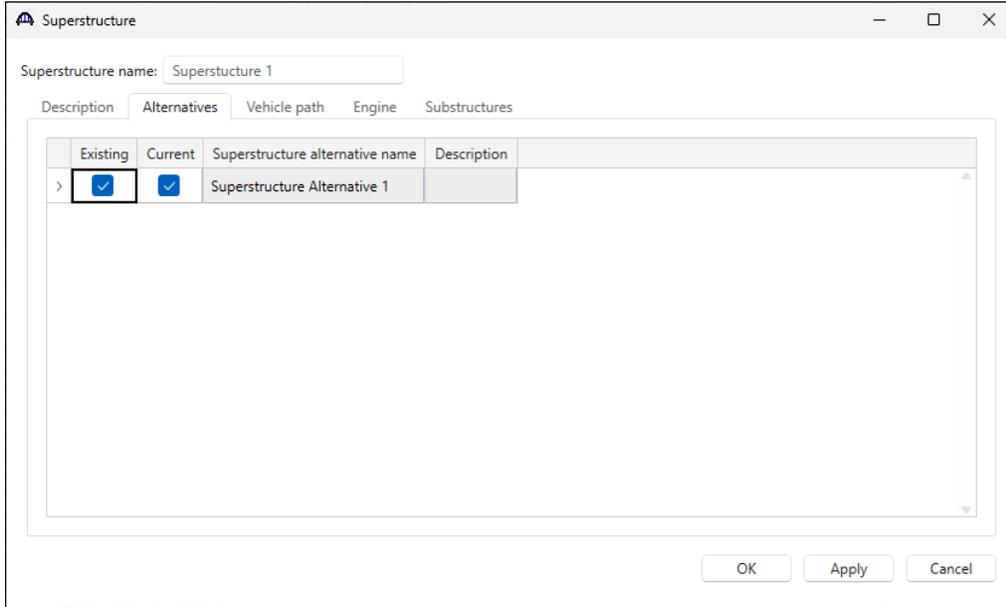
Select the **Superstructure definition 2 Span 4 Girder System** as the current superstructure definition for this Superstructure Alternative.



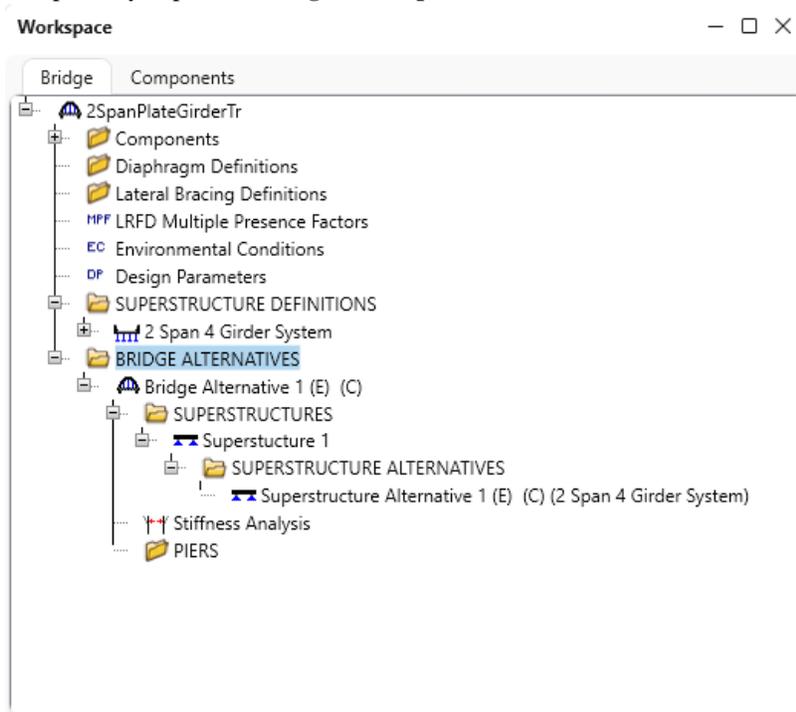
Span	Length (ft)
1	90
2	90

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Re-open the **Superstructure 1** window and navigate to the **Alternatives** tab. The **Superstructure Alternative 1** linked to **2 Span 4 Girder System** is shown as the **Existing** and **Current** alternative for **Superstructure 1**.



The partially expanded **Bridge Workspace** tree is shown below.



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Load Case Description

Navigate to the **2 Span 4 Girder System** superstructure definition and double-click on the **Load Case Description** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree to open the **Load Case Description window**. Click on the **Add default load case description** button to create the following load cases.

Load case name	Description	Stage	Type	Time* (days)
DC1	DC acting on non-composite section	Non-composite (Stage 1)	D,DC	
DC2	DC acting on long-term composite section	Composite (long term) (Stage 2)	D,DC	
DW	DW acting on long-term composite section	Composite (long term) (Stage 2)	D,DW	
> SIP Forms	Weight due to stay-in-place forms	Non-composite (Stage 1)	D,DC	

*Prestressed members only

Add default load case descriptions

New Duplicate Delete

OK Apply Cancel

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

Structure Framing Plan Detail – Layout

Double-click on **Framing Plan Detail** in the **Bridge Workspace** tree to describe the framing plan in the **Structure Plan Details** window. Enter the data as shown below.

Number of spans: 2 Number of girders: 4

Layout Diaphragms Lateral bracing ranges

Support	Skew (degrees)
> 1	0
2	0
3	0

Girder spacing orientation

Perpendicular to girder

Along support

Girder bay	Girder spacing (ft)	
	Start of girder	End of girder
> 1	10	10
2	10	10
3	10	10

OK Apply Cancel

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Structure Framing Plan Detail – Diaphragms

Switch to the **Diaphragms** tab to enter diaphragm spacing. Enter the following diaphragms for **Girder bay 1** as shown below and click the **Apply** button.

Structure Framing Plan Details

Number of spans: 2 Number of girders: 4

Layout **Diaphragms** Lateral bracing ranges

Girder bay: 1 Copy bay to... Diaphragm wizard...

Support number	Start distance (ft)		Diaphragm spacing (ft)	Number of spaces	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)		Load (kip)	Diaphragm
	Left girder	Right girder				Left girder	Right girder		
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	--Not Assigned--	
1	0	0	37	2	74	74	74	--Not Assigned--	
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	--Not Assigned--	
2	0	0	16	1	16	16	16	--Not Assigned--	
> 2	16	16	37	2	74	90	90	--Not Assigned--	

New Duplicate Delete

OK Apply Cancel

Click the **Copy bay to...** button to copy the diaphragms entered for bay 1 to the other bays. The following window appears. Select **Bay 2** and **Bay 3** by holding the **Ctrl** key and click **Apply**.

Copy Diaphragm Bay

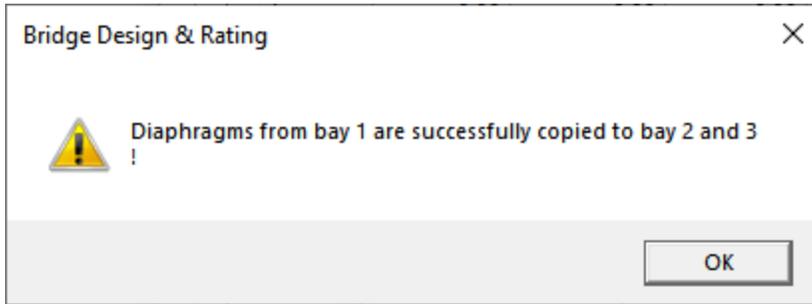
Select the new bay(s):

- Bay 2
- Bay 3

Apply Cancel

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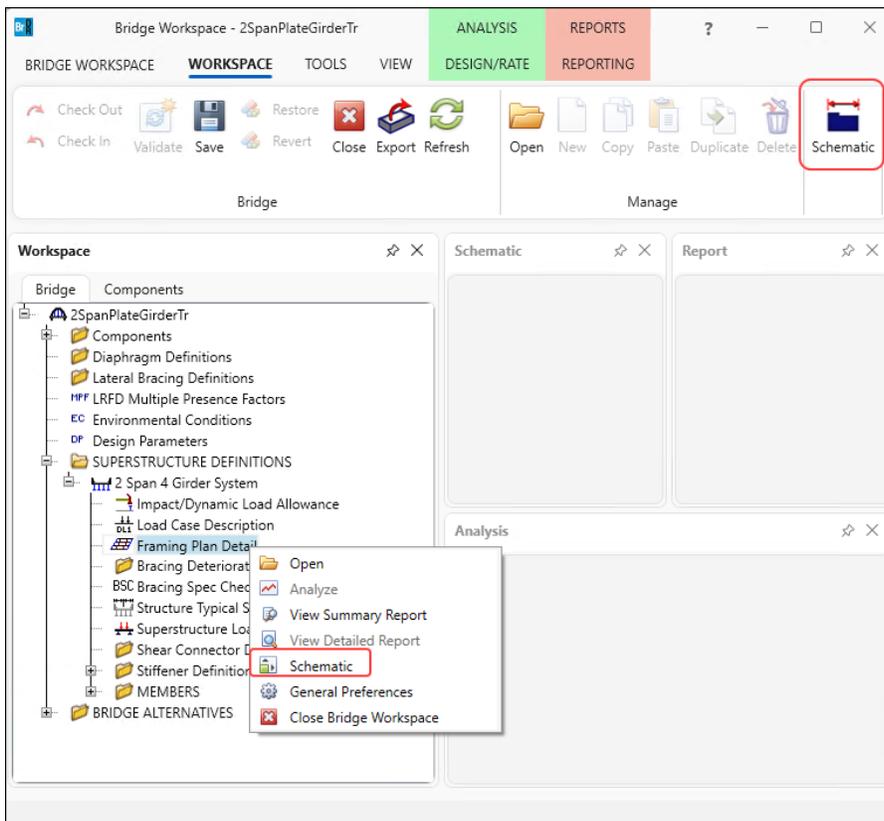
The following message appears indicating that the diaphragms have been copied. Click **OK**.



Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

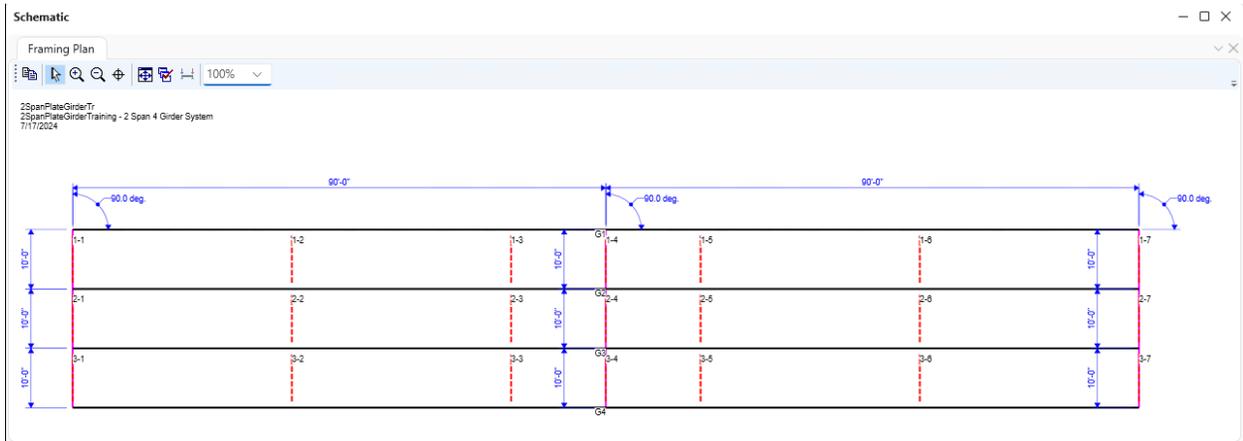
Schematic - Framing Plan Detail

While the **Framing Plan Detail** is selected in the **Bridge Workspace** tree, open the schematic for the framing plan by selecting the **Schematic** button on the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right click on **Framing Plan Detail** in the Bridge Workspace and select **Schematic** from the menu).



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The following schematic is displayed.



Structure Typical Section - Deck

Next define the structure typical section by double-clicking on **Structure Typical Section** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree. Input the data describing the typical section as shown below.

The Structure Typical Section dialog box shows the following input fields:

- Superstructure definition reference line is: the bridge deck.
- Distance from left edge of deck to superstructure definition reference line: Start ft, End ft
- Distance from right edge of deck to superstructure definition reference line: ft, ft
- Left overhang: ft, ft
- Computed right overhang: ft, ft

Buttons: OK, Apply, Cancel

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Structure Typical Section – Deck (cont'd)

The **Deck (cont'd)** tab provides input options for the **Deck concrete** and the **Total deck thickness**. The material for the deck concrete is selected from the list of bridge materials. Enter the data as shown below.

Structure Typical Section

Distance from left edge of deck to superstructure definition ref. line | Distance from right edge of deck to superstructure definition ref. line

Deck thickness | Superstructure Definition Reference Line

Left overhang | Right overhang

Deck | **Deck (cont'd)** | Parapet | Median | Railing | Generic | Sidewalk | Lane position | Striped lanes | Wearing surface

Deck concrete:

Total deck thickness: in

Load case:

Deck crack control parameter: kip/in

Sustained modular ratio factor:

Deck exposure factor:

OK Apply Cancel

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Structure Typical Section – Parapet

Navigate to the **Parapet** tab. Click the **New** button to add a row to the table. The **Name** of the parapet defaults to the only barrier described for the bridge. Change the **Load case** to **DC2** and select **Back** in the **Measure to** column (in this example, locate the parapet on the deck by referencing the back of the parapet to the left edge of the deck).

Enter **0.0** for the **Distance at start** and **Distance at end**. Change the **Front face orientation** to **Right**. Enter another parapet as shown below. The completed tab is shown below.

Name	Load case	Measure to	Edge of deck dist. measured from	Distance at start (ft)	Distance at end (ft)	Front face orientation
> Standard Parapet	DC2	Back	Left Edge	0	0	Right
Standard Parapet	DC2	Back	Right Edge	0	0	Left

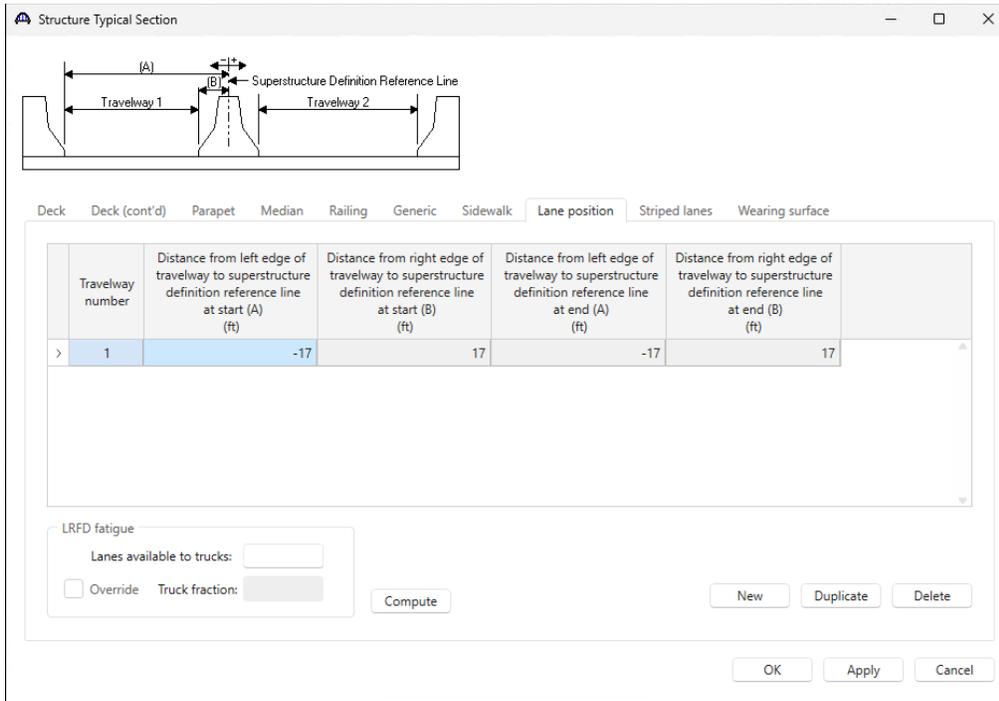
Structure Typical Section – Lane Positions

Select the **Lane position** tab and use the **Compute...** button to compute the lane positions. A window showing the results of the computation opens. Click **Apply** to apply the computed values.

Travelway number	Distance from left edge of travelway to superstructure definition reference line at start (A) (ft)	Distance from right edge of travelway to superstructure definition reference line at start (B) (ft)	Distance from left edge of travelway to superstructure definition reference line at end (A) (ft)	Distance from right edge of travelway to superstructure definition reference line at end (B) (ft)
> 1	-17	17	-17	17

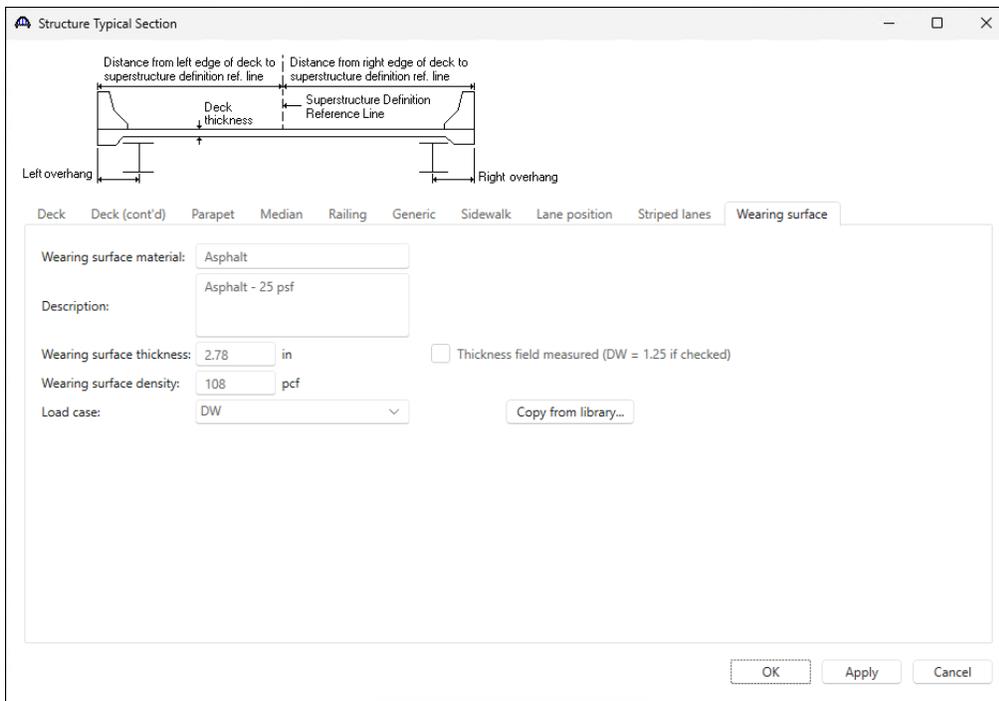
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The **Lane Position** tab is populated as shown below.



Structure Typical Section – Wearing surface

Navigate to the **Wearing surface** tab. Enter the data shown below.

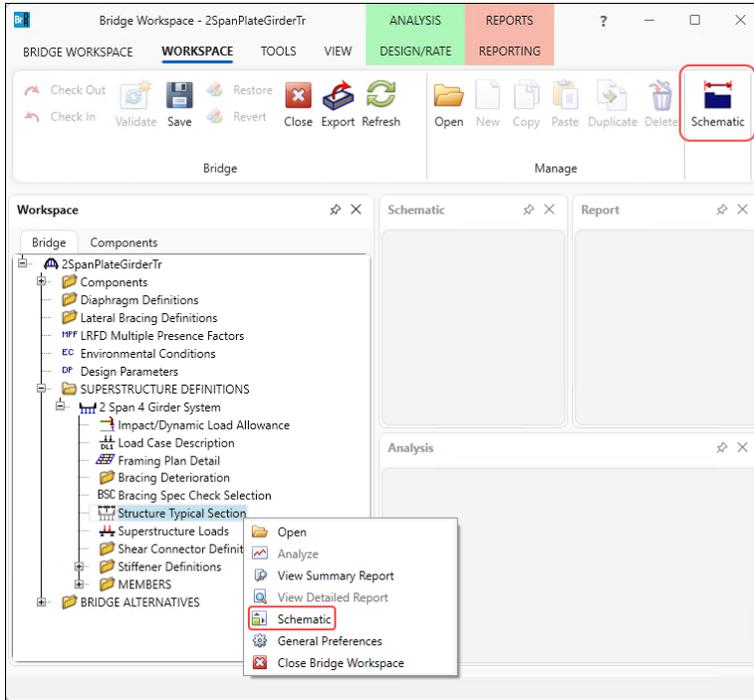


Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

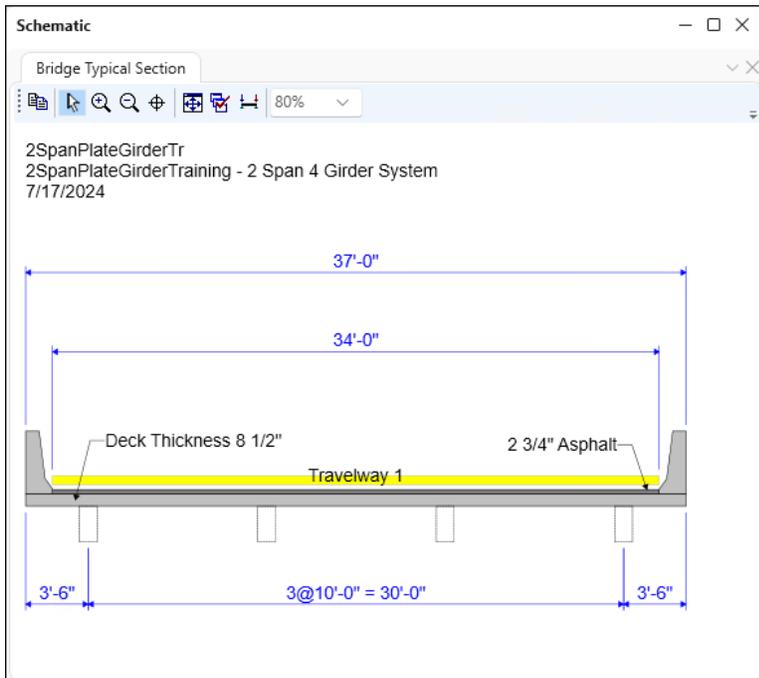
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Schematic – Structure Typical Section

While the **Structure Typical Section** is selected in the **Bridge Workspace** tree, open the schematic for the structure typical section by selecting the **Schematic** button on the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right click on **Structure Typical Section** in the **Bridge Workspace** and select **Schematic** from the menu).



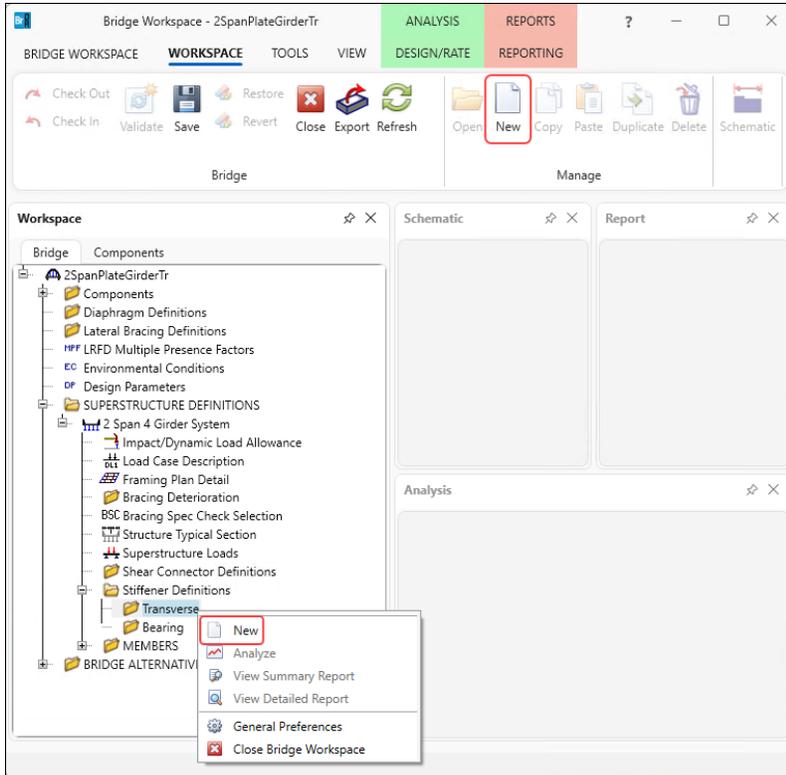
The following schematic is displayed. The girders are displayed as dashed boxes since they are not defined yet.



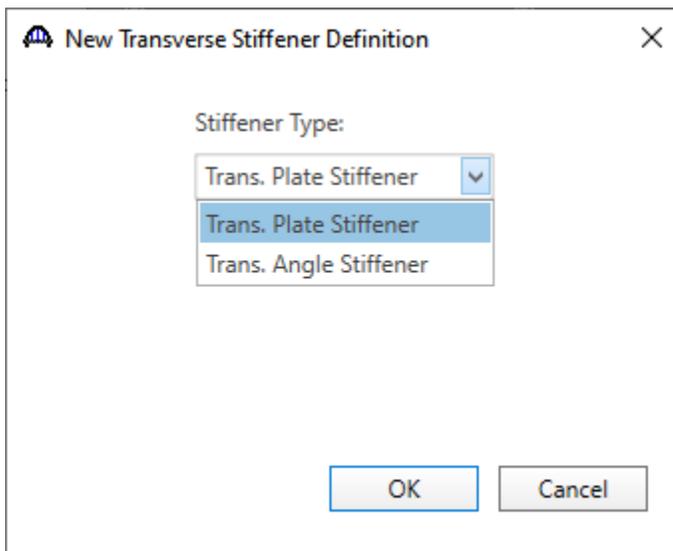
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Stiffener Definitions – Transverse

Define the transverse stiffeners to be used by the girders. Expand the **Stiffener Definitions** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree, select **Transverse** and click on the **New** button from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right click and select **New** from the drop-down menu) as shown below.



Select **Trans. Plate Stiffener** for **Stiffener Type** in the **New Transverse Stiffener Definition** window and click **OK** to open the **Transverse Stiffener Definition** window as shown below.



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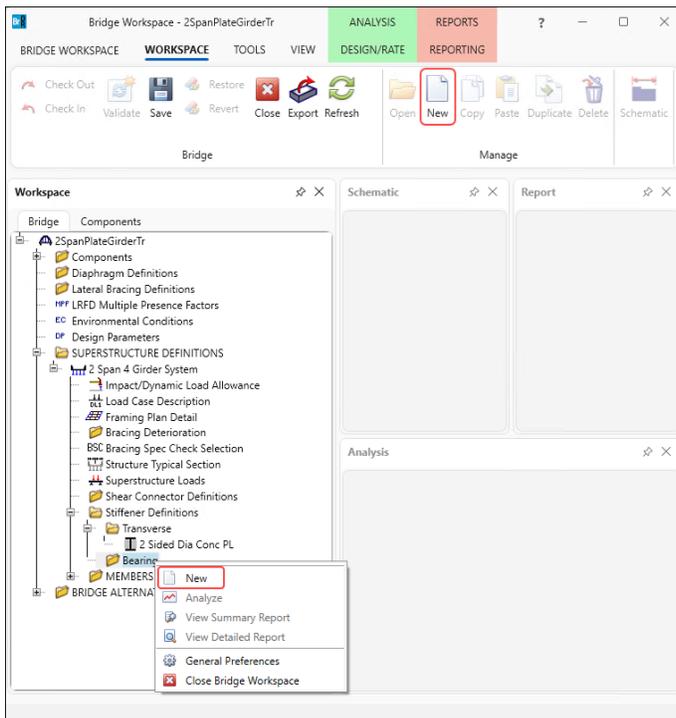
Define the stiffener as shown below.

The screenshot shows the "Transverse Stiffener Definition" dialog box. The "Name" field is set to "2 Sided Dia Conc PL". Under "Stiffener type", the "Pair" radio button is selected. The "Plate" section shows "Thickness" as 0.75 in and "Material" as Grade 50W. The "Welds" section has "Top", "Web", and "Bottom" all set to "-- None --". On the right, "Top gap" and "Bottom gap" are empty, and "Width" is set to 6 in. A schematic diagram shows two vertical stiffeners on a horizontal plate. At the bottom are "OK", "Apply", and "Cancel" buttons.

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

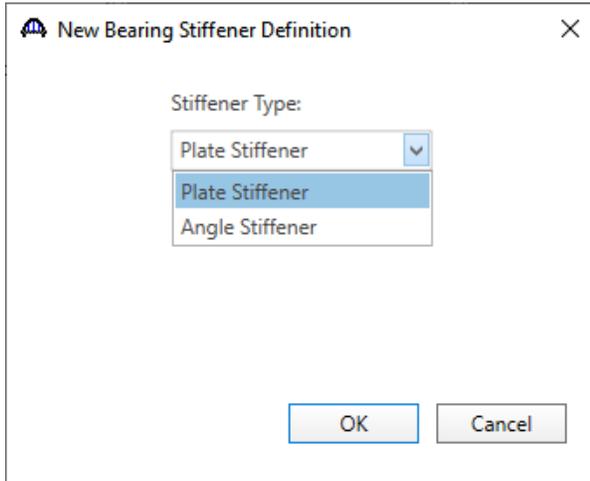
Stiffener Definitions – Bearing

Define the bearing stiffeners to be used by the girders. Expand the **Stiffener Definitions** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree, select **Bearing** and click on the **New** button from the **Manage** group of the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right click and select **New** from the drop-down menu) as shown below.

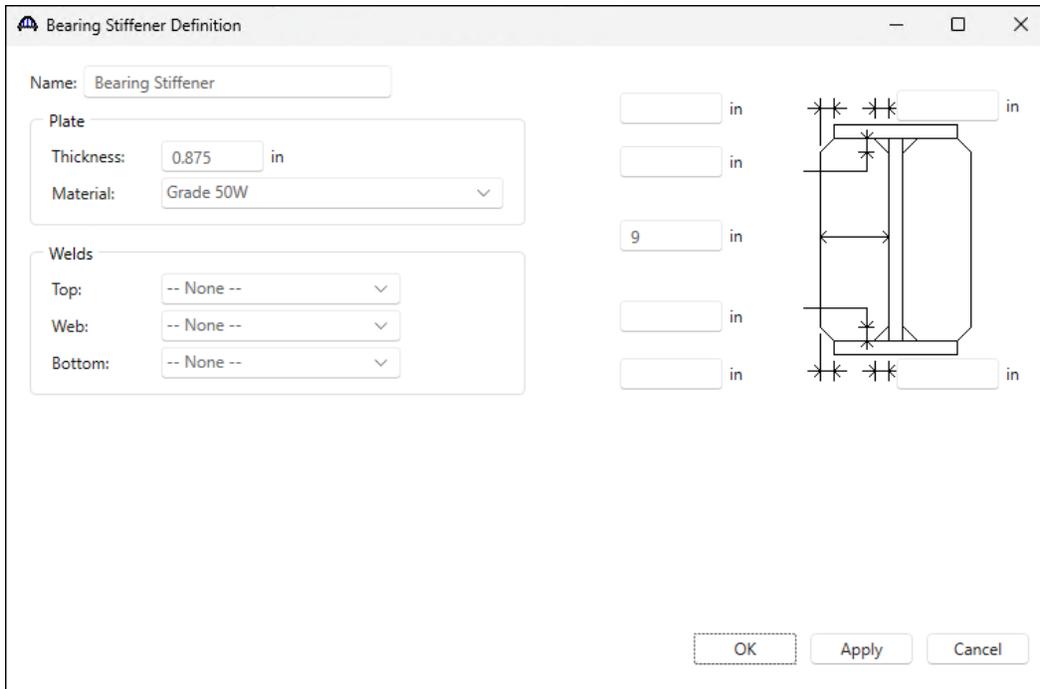


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Select **Plate Stiffener** for **Stiffener type** in the **New Transverse Stiffener Definition** window and click **OK** to open the **Transverse Stiffener Definition** window as shown below.



Define the stiffener as shown below.



Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Describing a member

The **Member** window shows the data generated when the structure definition is created. Expand the **MEMBERS** folder and double click on **G2** node. No changes are required in this window. The first member alternative created will automatically be assigned as the **Existing** and **Current member alternative** for this member.

The Member window displays the following information:

- Member name: G2
- Link with: -- None --
- Description: (empty text box)
- Table with columns: Existing, Current, Member alternative name, Description
- Number of spans: 2
- Table with columns: Span no., Span length (ft)

Span no.	Span length (ft)
1	90
2	90

Buttons: OK, Apply, Cancel

Member Loads

Expand the **G2** member node. Double-click on the **Member Loads** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree to open the **Girder Member Loads** window. Add a new row and select **SIP Forms** from the options for **Load case name**. Enter the **Uniform load** due to the stay-in-place forms as shown below.

The Girder Member Loads window displays the following information:

- Diagram of a girder with a uniform load.
- Pedestrian load: (empty text box) lb/ft
- Load type: Uniform (selected), Distributed, Concentrated, Settlement
- Table with columns: Load case name, Span, Uniform load (kip/ft), Description

Load case name	Span	Uniform load (kip/ft)	Description
SIP Forms	All Spans	0.135	

Buttons: New, Duplicate, Delete, OK, Apply, Cancel

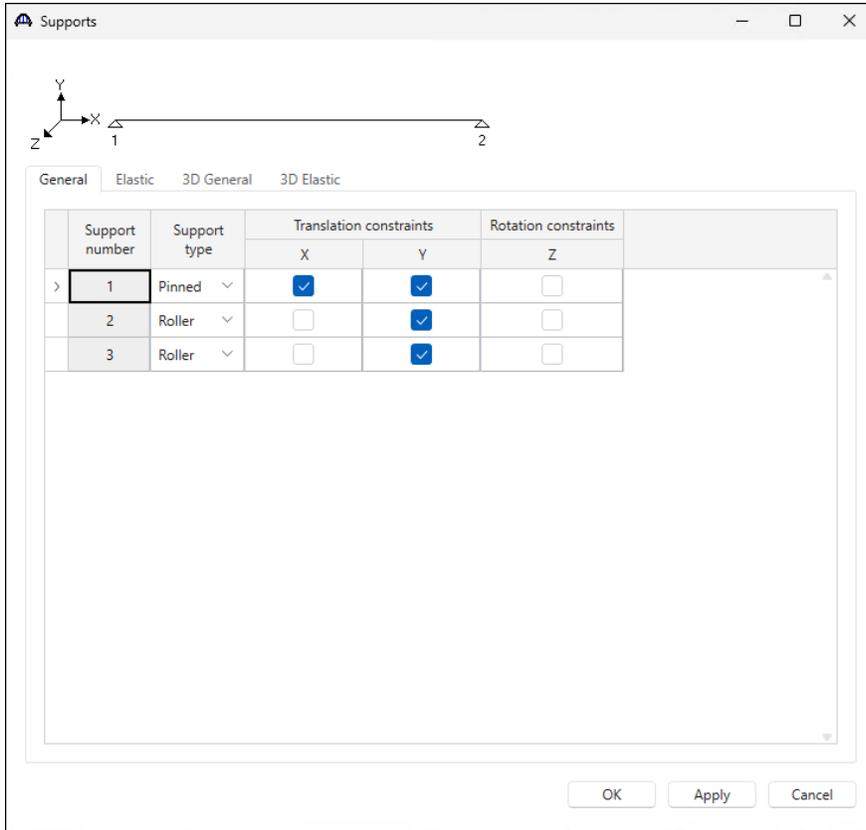
Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Supports

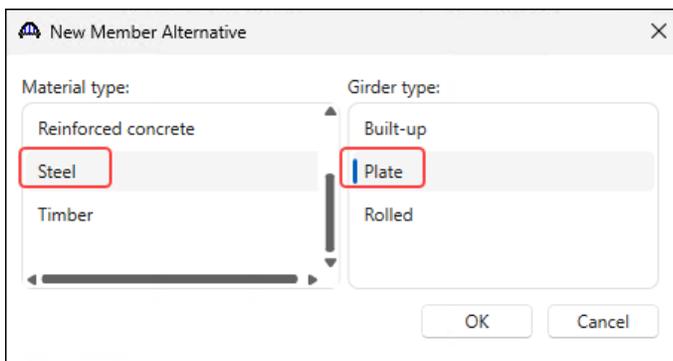
Double click on **Supports** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree for member **G2** to open the **Supports** window.

Support constraints generated when the structure definition is created and are shown below. No changes are required to this window.



Defining a Member Alternative

Double-click on **MEMBER ALTERNATIVES** in the **Bridge Workspace** tree for member **G2** to create a new member alternative. The **New Member Alternative** window shown below will open. Select **Steel** for the **Material type** and **Plate** for the **Girder Type**.



Click **OK** to close the window and create a new member alternative.

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The **Member Alternative Description** window will open. Enter the data as shown below.

Member alternative:

Description | Specs | Factors | Engine | Import | Control options

Description:

Material type:

Girder type:

Modeling type:

Default units:

Girder property input method

Schedule based

Cross-section based

End bearing locations

Left: in

Right: in

Simple DL, continuous LL

Self load

Load case:

Additional self load: kip/ft

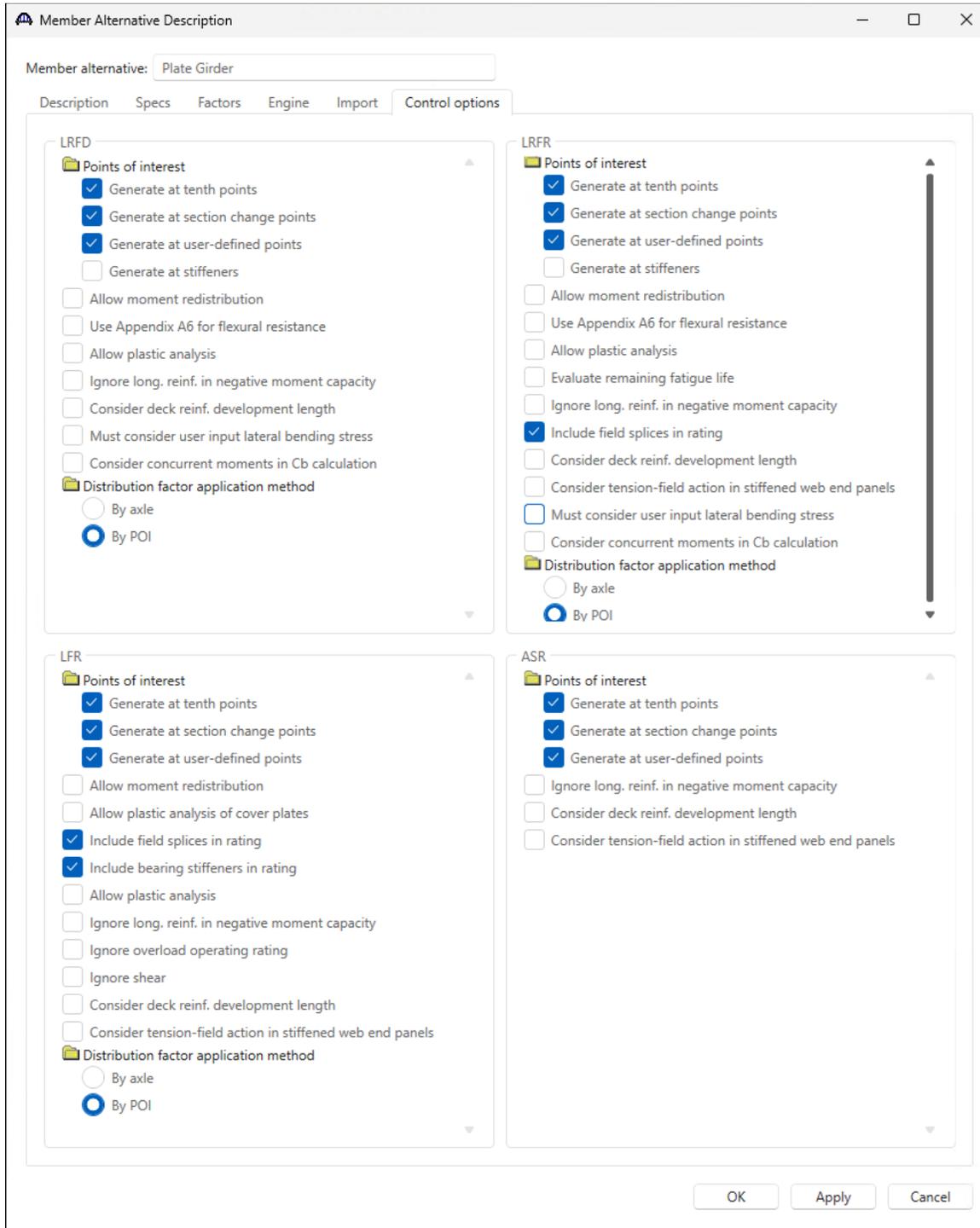
Additional self load: %

Default rating method:

OK Apply Cancel

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Navigate to the **Control options** tab of this window and select the options as shown below.



Click **OK** to close the window and create a new member alternative.

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Reopen the member **G2** window. The newly added member alternative will automatically be assigned as the **Existing** and **Current** member alternative for this member.

Member name: G2 Link with: -- None --

Description:

Existing	Current	Member alternative name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plate Girder	

Number of spans: 2

Span no.	Span length (ft)
1	90
2	90

OK Apply Cancel

Girder Profile

Expand the newly added **Plate Girder** member alternative for member **G2**. Next describe the girder profile by double clicking on the **Girder Profile** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree. Enter the data in each tab of the **Girder Profile** window as shown below.

Web

Type: Plate Girder

Web Top flange Bottom flange

Begin depth (in)	Depth vary	End depth (in)	Thickness (in)	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)	Material	Weld at right
36	None	36	0.4375	1	0	63	63	Grade 50W	-- None --
36	None	36	0.5	1	63	54	117	Grade 50W	-- None --
36	None	36	0.4375	2	27	63	90	Grade 50W	-- None --

New Duplicate Delete

OK Apply Cancel

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Top flange

Type: Plate Girder

Web Top flange Bottom flange

	Begin width (in)	End width (in)	Thickness (in)	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)	Material	Weld	Weld at right
	12	12	0.75	1	0	63	63	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --
	16	16	1	1	63	54	117	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --
>	12	12	0.75	2	27	63	90	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --

Copy to bottom flange New Duplicate Delete

OK Apply Cancel

Bottom flange

Type: Plate Girder

Web Top flange Bottom flange

	Begin width (in)	End width (in)	Thickness (in)	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)	Material	Weld	Weld at right
>	16	16	0.875	1	0	63	63	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --
	16	16	1.5	1	63	54	117	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --
	16	16	0.875	2	27	63	90	Grade 50W	-- None --	-- None --

Copy to top flange New Duplicate Delete

OK Apply Cancel

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Deck Profile

Next open the **Deck Profile** window by double-clicking the **Deck Profile** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree and enter the data describing the structural properties of the deck. The window is as shown below.

Deck Profile window showing the Deck concrete tab. The table contains the following data:

Material	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)	Structural thickness (in)	Start effective flange width (Std) (in)	End effective flange width (Std) (in)	Start effective flange width (LRFD) (in)	End effective flange width (LRFD) (in)	n
Class A (US)	1	0	180	180	8	96	96	120	120	8

Enter the reinforcement data as shown below.

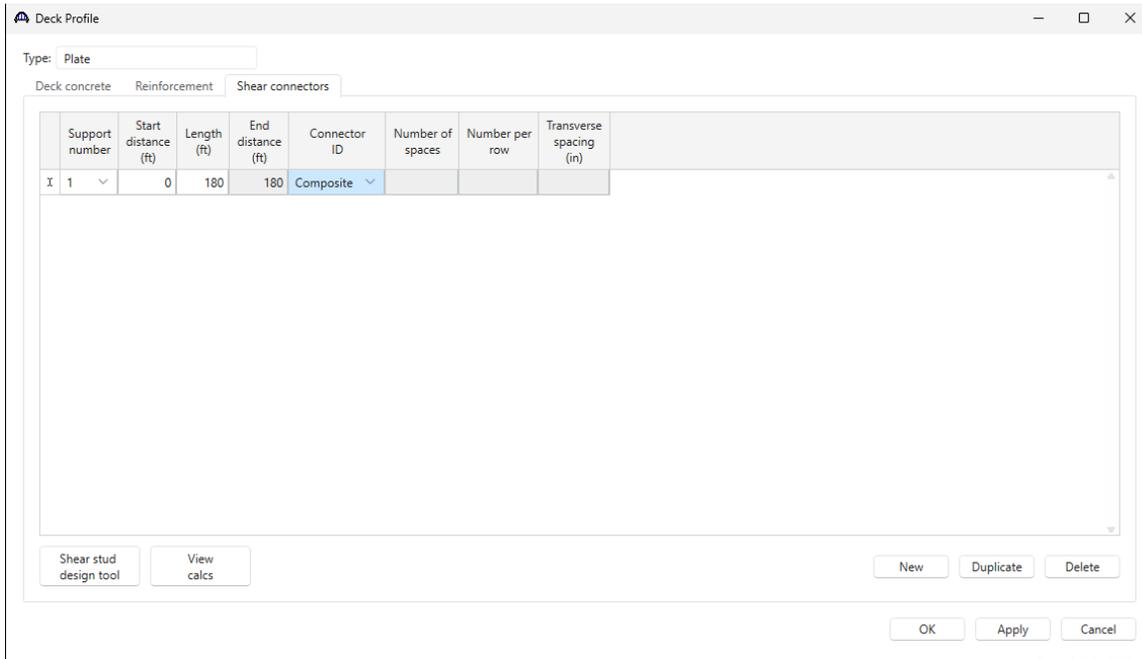
Deck Profile window showing the Reinforcement tab. The table contains the following data:

Material	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)	Std bar count	LRFD bar count	Bar size	Distance (in)	Row	Bar spacing (in)
Grade 60	1	63	54	117	6.24	6.24	9	2.97	Top of Slab	
Grade 60	1	63	54	117	4.16	4.16	9	1.91	Bottom of Slab	

Note: As mentioned in the Note under the composite section details in Page 3 of this tutorial, for simplicity, the bars will be input using an equivalent number of #9 bars which have a unit area of 1.0 in².

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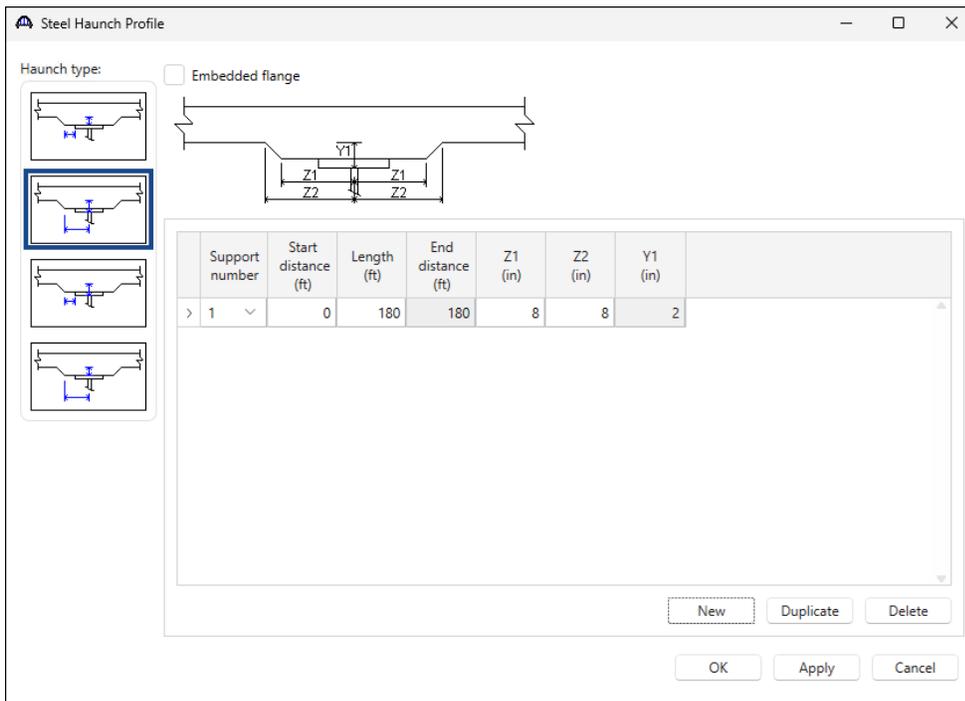
Composite regions described in the **Shear connectors** tab as shown below.



Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

Haunch Profile

To define the haunch profile, double-click on the **Haunch Profile** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree. Select the Haunch type and enter data as shown below.

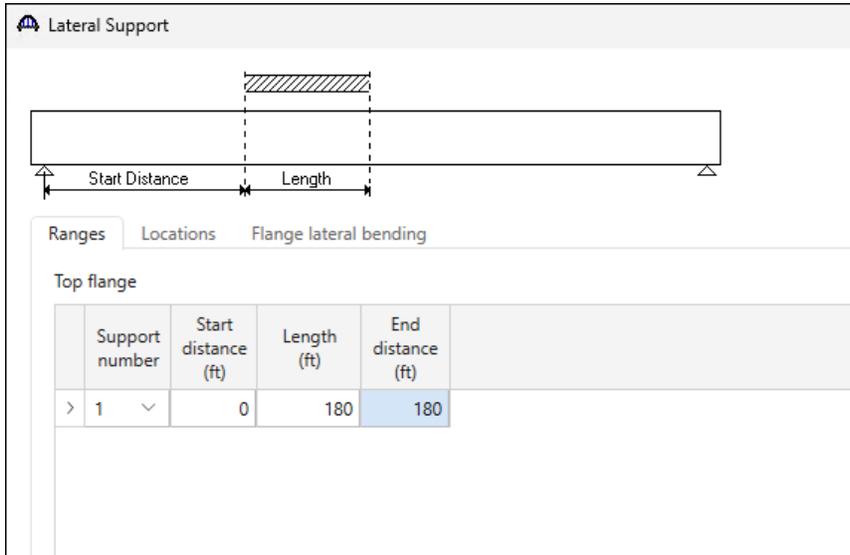


Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

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Lateral Support

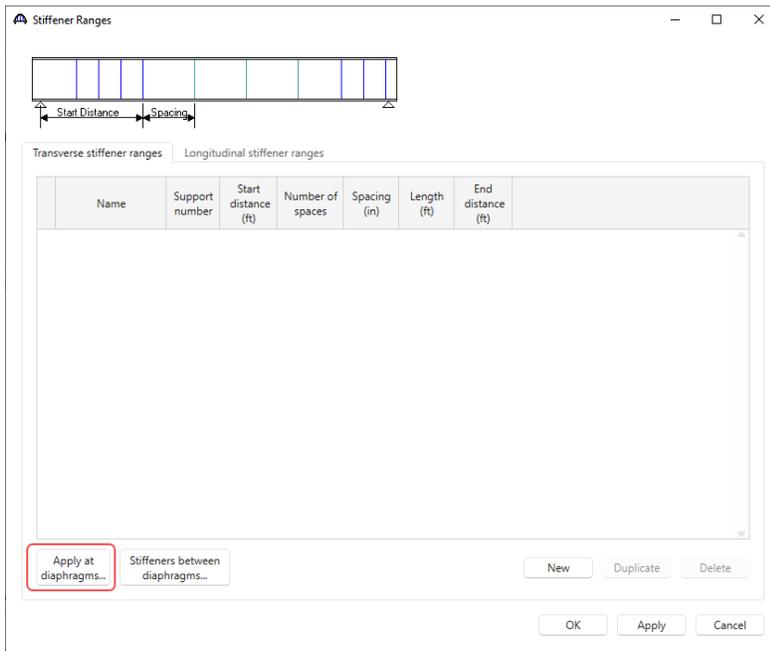
Open the **Lateral Support** window by double clicking on the **Lateral Support** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree. Regions where the slab provides lateral support for the top flange are defined as shown below.



Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

Stiffener Ranges

Double click on the **Stiffener Ranges** node in the **Bridge Workspace** to open the **Stiffener Ranges** window. Click the **Apply at diaphragms...** button to open the **Diaphragm Connection Plates** window.



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Select the **2 Sided Conn PL** as the **Transverse Stiffener** to be applied at the interior diaphragms and click **OK**.

Diaphragm Connection Plates

Apply the following stiffener definitions to the diaphragm locations:

End diaphragms and diaphragms at piers
 Bearing stiffener: Bearing Stiffener

Interior diaphragms
 Transverse stiffener: 2 Sided Dia Conn PL

OK Cancel Help

The **Stiffener Ranges** window will be updated as shown below.

Stiffener Ranges

Transverse stiffener ranges Longitudinal stiffener ranges

Name	Support number	Start distance (ft)	Number of spaces	Spacing (in)	Length (ft)	End distance (ft)
2 Sided Dia Conc PL	1	37	1	0	0	37
2 Sided Dia Conc PL	1	74	1	0	0	74
2 Sided Dia Conc PL	2	16	1	0	0	16
> 2 Sided Dia Conc PL	2	53	1	0	0	53

Apply at diaphragms... Stiffeners between diaphragms... New Duplicate Delete

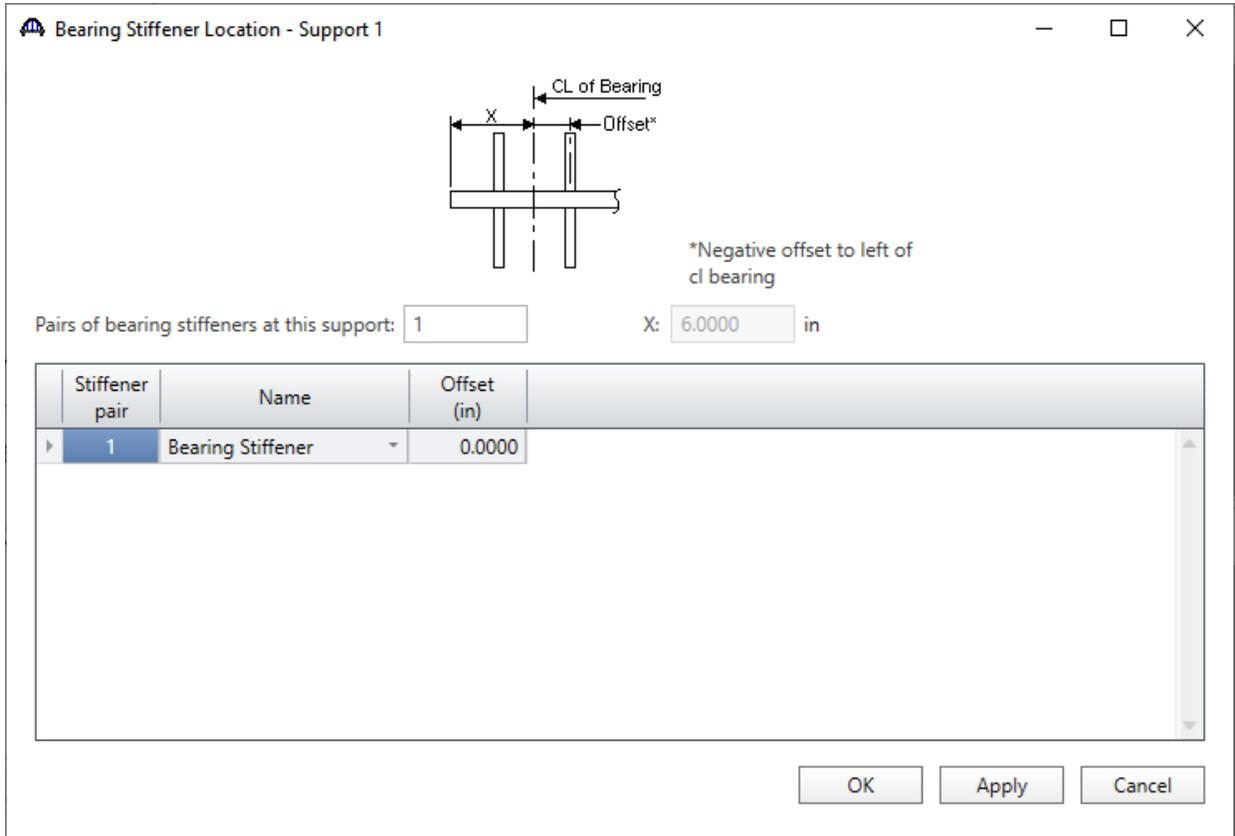
OK Apply Cancel

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This example does not have any intermediate transverse stiffeners. Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

Bearing Stiffener Locations

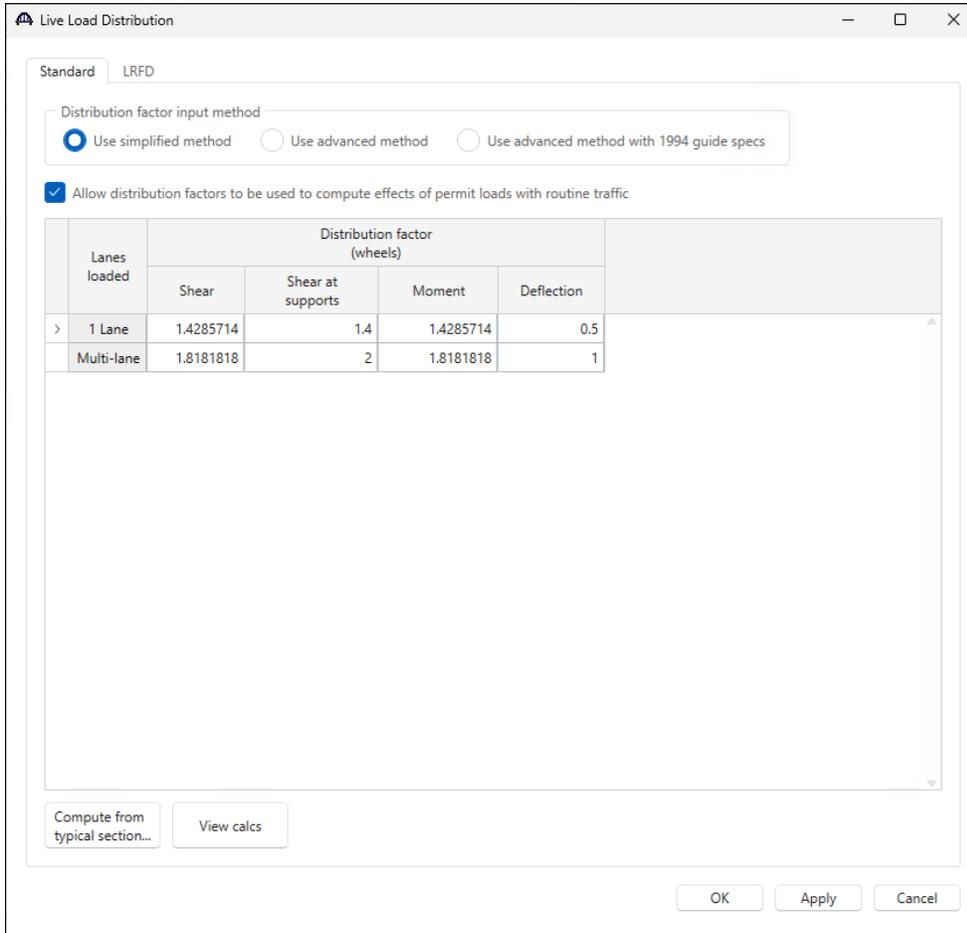
Bearing stiffener definitions were assigned to locations when the **Apply at diaphragms...** option was used on the **Stiffener Ranges** window. The **Bearing Stiffener Location – Support 1** window is opened by expanding the **Bearing Stiffener Locations** node in the **Bridge Workspace** tree and double clicking on the **Support 1** node. The assignment for support 1 is shown below. No changes are required to this window.



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Live Load Distribution

Open the **Live Load Distribution** window from the **Bridge Workspace** tree. Click the **Compute from typical section...** button to compute the standard live load distribution factors.



LRFD distribution factors are computed by the BrDR engine using the girder system structure definition.

Interior (LFR wheels)

Lanes Loaded	Shear	Shear at Support	Moment	Deflection
1 lane	1.43	1.4	1.43	0.5
Multi-lane	1.82	2.0	1.82	1.0

Interior (LRFD lanes)

Lanes Loaded	Shear	Shear at Support	Pos. Moment	Neg. Moment	Deflection
1 lane	0.76	0.76	0.480	0.499	0.3*
Multi-lane	0.952	0.952	0.692	0.720	0.5

* includes 1.20 multiple presence factor

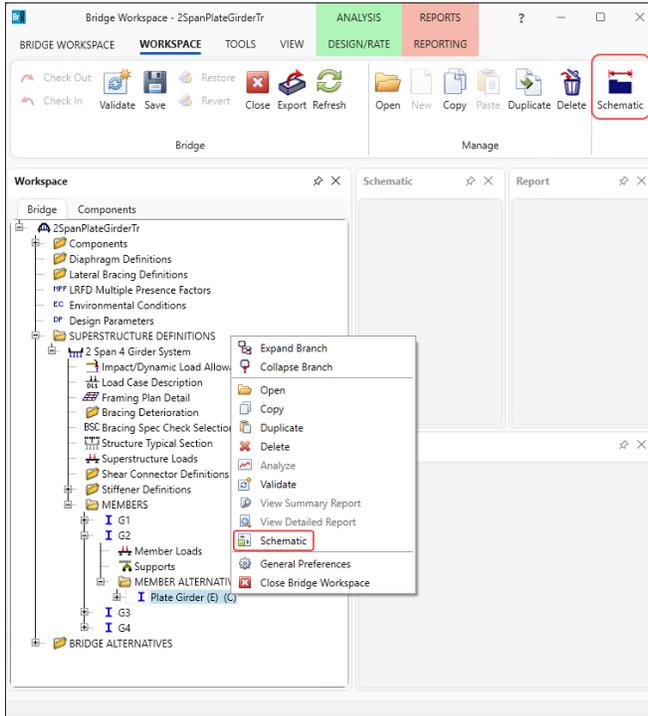
Live load distribution factor calculation details can be viewed by clicking the **View Calcs** button.

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The description of an interior beam for the structure definition is complete.

Schematic – Member alternative

While the member alternative **Plate Girder** for member **G2** is selected in the **Bridge Workspace** tree, open the schematic for the girder profile by selecting the **Schematic** button on the **WORKSPACE** ribbon (or right click and select **Schematic** from the menu).



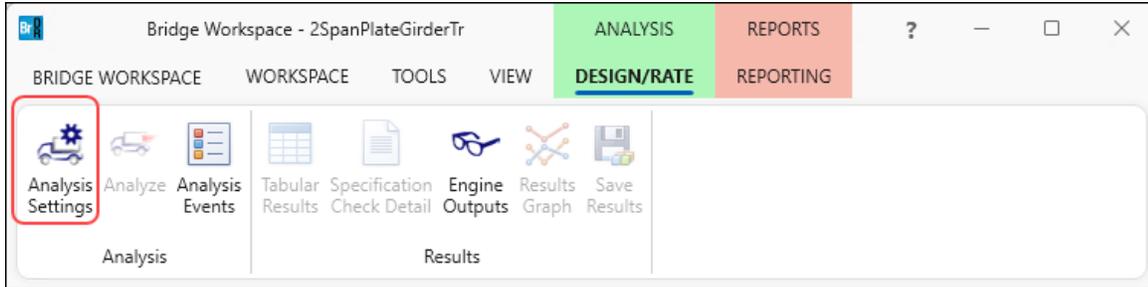
The following schematic will be displayed.



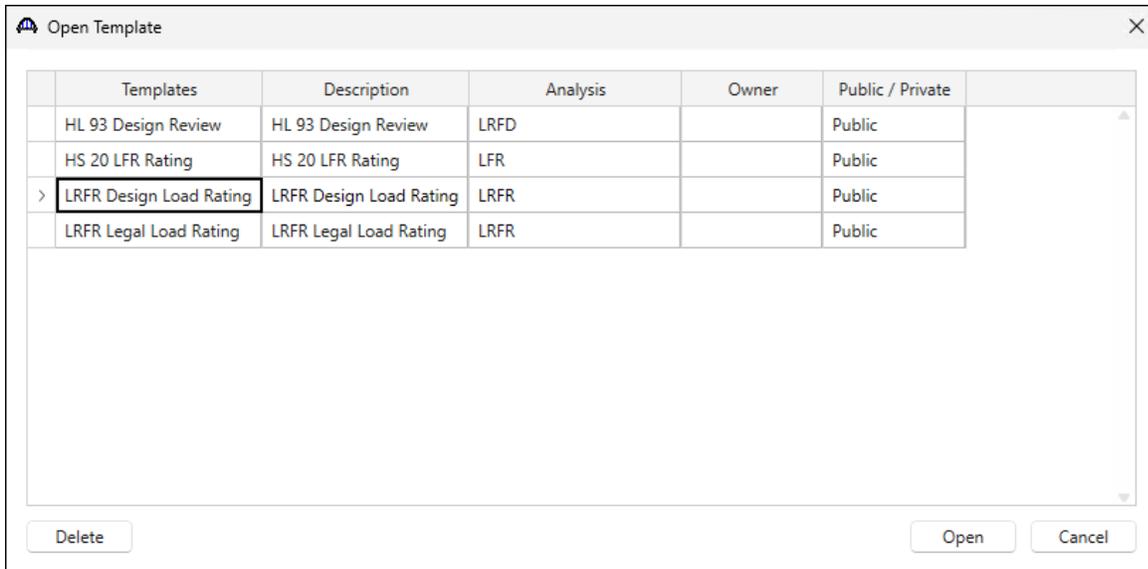
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LRFR Analysis

The interior member alternative can now be analyzed. To perform an **LRFR** rating, select the **Analysis Settings** button on the **Analysis** group of the **DESIGN/RATE** ribbon. The window shown below opens.

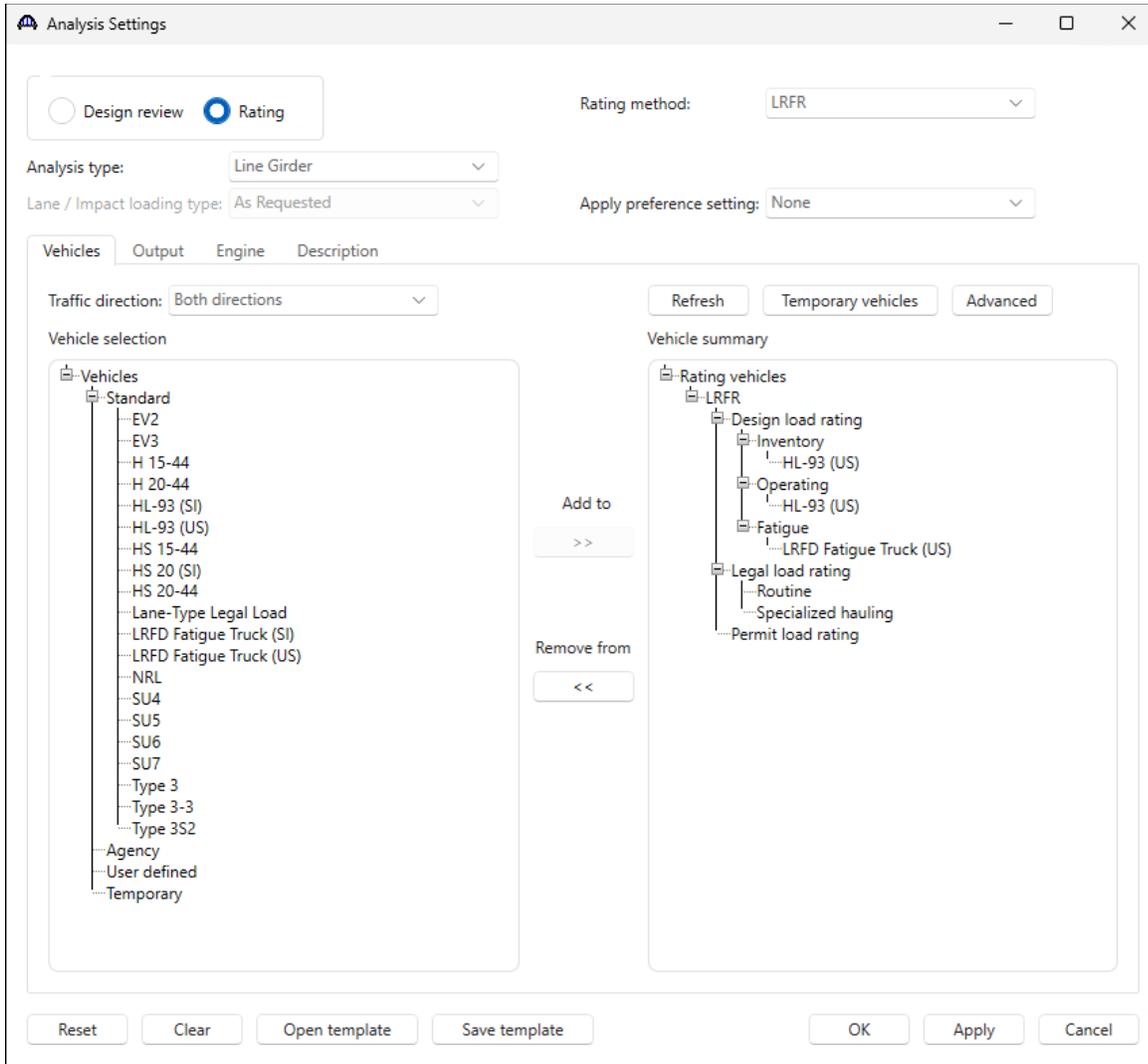


Click the **Open Template** button and select the **LRFR Design Load Rating** to use in the rating and click **Open**.



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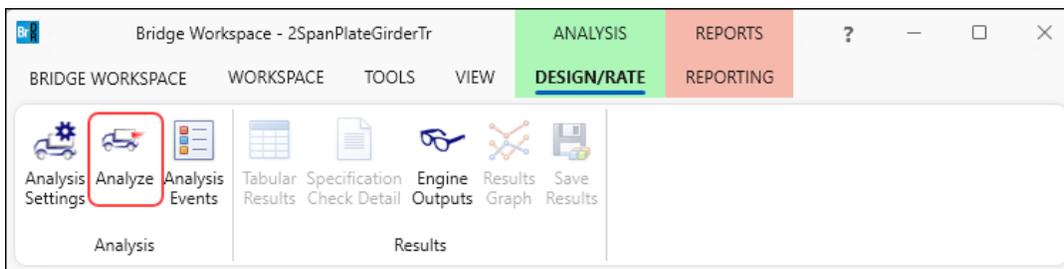
The **Analysis Settings** window will be populated as shown below.



Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

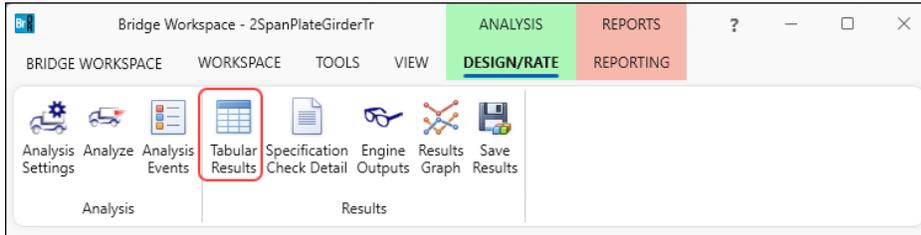
Tabular Results

With **G2** member alternative – **Plate Girder** selected, click the **Analyze** button on the **Analysis** group of the **DESIGN/RATE** ribbon to perform the rating.



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When the rating analysis is finished, results can be reviewed by clicking the **Tabular Results** button on the **Results** group of the ribbon.



The window shown below will open. Select **Rating Results Summary** as the **Report Type** and **Single rating level per row** as the **Display Format** option to have the ratings arranged as shown below.

Analysis Results - Plate Girder
— □ ×

Print
 Print

Report type:
 Rating Results Summary ▾

Lane/Impact loading type
 As requested Detailed

Display Format
 Single rating level per row ▾

Live Load	Live Load Type	Rating Method	Rating Level	Load Rating (Ton)	Rating Factor	Location (ft)	Location Span-(%)	Limit State	Impact	Lane
HL-93 (US)	Truck + Lane	LRFR	Inventory	8.56	0.238	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested
HL-93 (US)	Truck + Lane	LRFR	Operating	11.09	0.308	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested
HL-93 (US)	90%(Truck Pair + Lane)	LRFR	Inventory	6.14	0.171	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested
HL-93 (US)	90%(Truck Pair + Lane)	LRFR	Operating	7.96	0.221	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested
HL-93 (US)	Tandem + Lane	LRFR	Inventory	10.06	0.279	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested
HL-93 (US)	Tandem + Lane	LRFR	Operating	13.04	0.362	90.00	1 - (100.0)	STRENGTH-I Steel Flexure Stress	As Requested	As Requested

AASHTO LRFR Engine Version 7.5.1.3001
 Analysis preference setting: None

Close

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LRFD Design Review

An LRFD design review of this girder for **HL93** loading can be performed by AASHTO LRFD. To perform an LRFD design review, enter the **Analysis Settings** window as shown below.

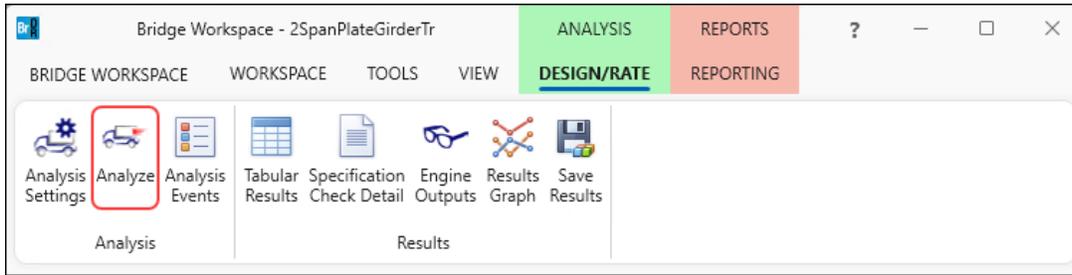
The screenshot shows the 'Analysis Settings' window with the following configuration:

- Design review** (selected) and **Rating** (unselected) radio buttons.
- Design method:** LRFD (dropdown menu).
- Analysis type:** Line Girder (dropdown menu).
- Lane / Impact loading type:** As Requested (dropdown menu).
- Apply preference setting:** None (dropdown menu).
- Traffic direction:** Both directions (dropdown menu).
- Vehicle selection:** A tree view showing 'Standard' expanded with sub-items: Alternate Military Loading, EV2, EV3, HL-93 (SI), HL-93 (US), HS 20 (SI), HS 20-44, LRFD Fatigue Truck (SI), LRFD Fatigue Truck (US), Agency, User defined, and Temporary.
- Vehicle summary:** A tree view showing 'Design vehicles' expanded with sub-items: Design loads, HL-93 (US), Permit loads, and Fatigue loads.
- Buttons:** Refresh, Temporary vehicles, Advanced, Add to (>>), Remove from (<<), Reset, Clear, Open template, Save template, OK, Apply, and Cancel.

Click **OK** to apply the data and close the window.

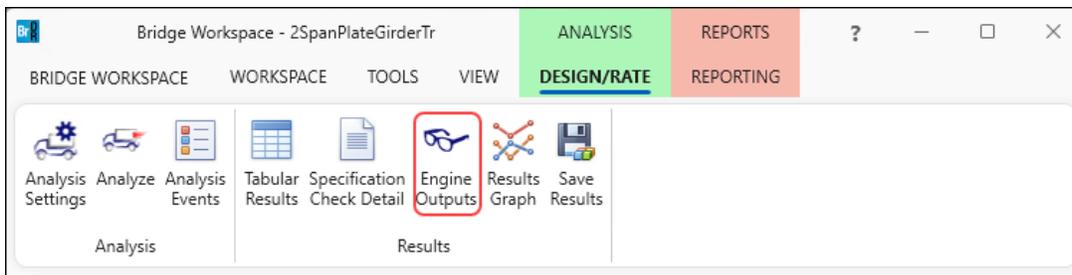
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Next click the **Analyze** button on the **Analysis** group of the **DESIGN/RATE** ribbon to perform the design review.



Engine Outputs

AASHTO LRFD analysis will generate a spec check results file. Click the **Engine Outputs** button from the **Results** group of the **DESIGN/RATE** ribbon to open the following window.



To view the LRFD spec check results (shown below), double click on the **Stage 3 Spec Check Results** under the **AASHTO_LRFD** branch in this window.

