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MEMORANDUM TO: Project Engineers
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FROM: T. V. Rountree, P. E.
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DATE: May 15, 2000

SUBJECT: Beam Bolsters

At the request of the Construction Unit and to better support the bottom mat of steel, detail 1¼" (32 mm) beam bolsters upper (BBU) in lieu of continuous high chairs for metal decks (CHCM) for all bridges using metal stay-in-place forms. The attached details show the orientation of the bar supports and are available for your use. The beam bolsters upper shall run longitudinally along the bridge and rest on the peaks of the stay-in-place forms. The beam bolsters upper shall have a maximum spacing of 4'-0" (1.2 m) as required by CRSI. Place the following note on the plans:

Provide 1¼" (32 mm) high Beam Bolsters Upper (BBU) at 4'-0" (1.2 m) centers atop the metal stay-in-place forms to support the bottom mat of 'A' bars.

This policy is effective as soon as is practicable, but no later than the September 2000 letting. The Design Manual will be updated at a later date.

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Attachments

[1. English "Superstructure - Slab Design".](#)

[2. English "Superstructure - Slab Design".](#)

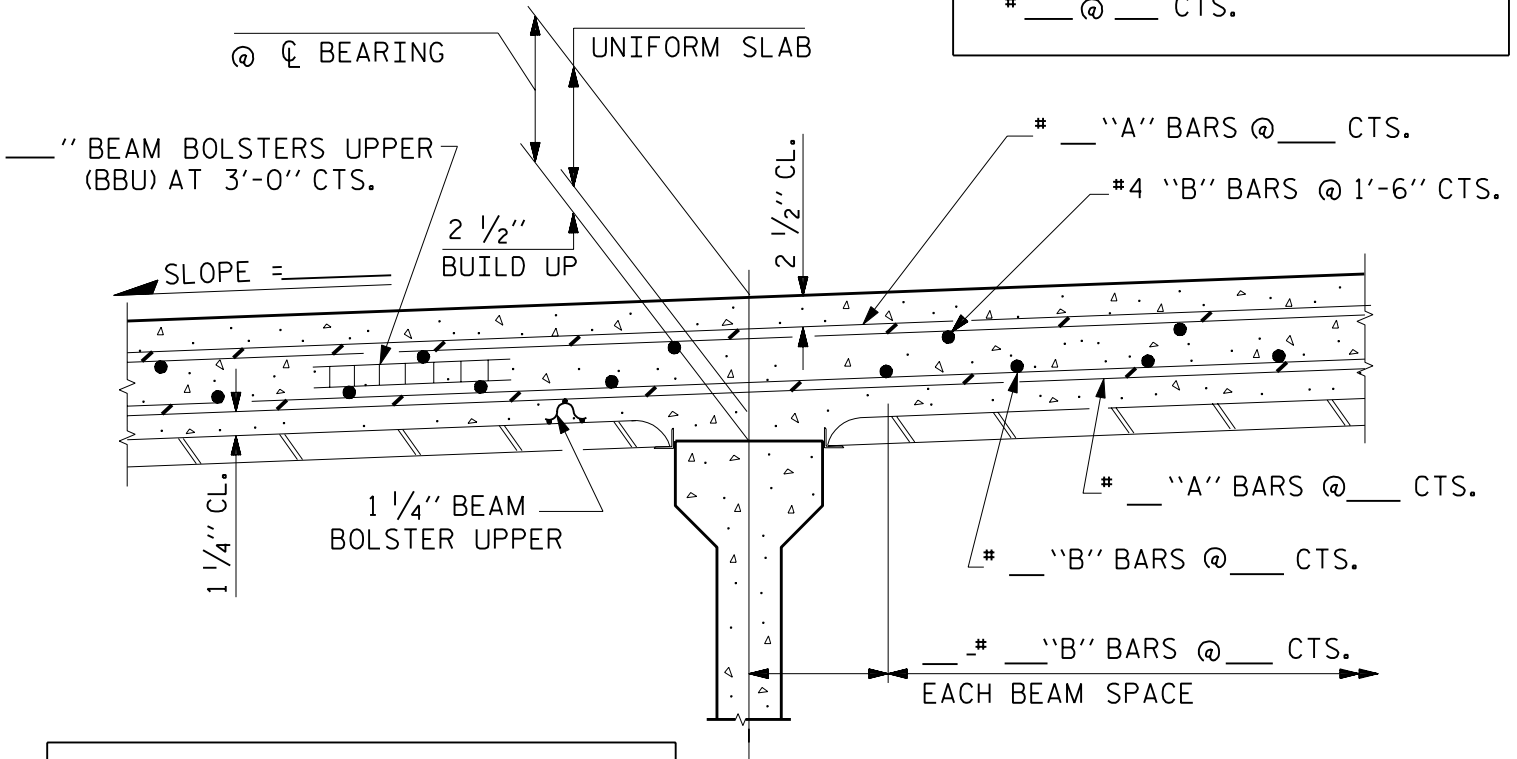
[1. Metric "Superstructure - Slab Design".](#)

[2. Metric "Superstructure - Slab Design".](#)

_____ LIVE LOAD
 _____ ROADWAY
 _____ RAILING
 _____ PRESTR. CONC. GIRDERS SPA @ _____ CTS.
 _____ UNIFORM SLAB @ _____ GIRDER
 _____ SKEW
 _____ "A" BARS @ _____ CTS.
 _____ "B" BARS @ _____ CTS. IN BOTT. OF SLAB
 #4 "B" BARS @ 1'-6" CTS. IN TOP OF SLAB

PROJECT : _____
 COUNTY : _____
 STATION : _____
 DATE : _____
 COMP'S BY: _____
 ✓ BY : _____

DISTRIBUTION STEEL
 $\% = \frac{220}{\sqrt{S}} = \frac{220}{\sqrt{\quad}} = \quad (67 \% \text{ MAX.})$
 USE _____ x _____ % = _____ SQ. mm
 # _____ @ _____ CTS.



SLAB THICKNESS
 _____ CLEARANCE @ TOP
 _____ "d"
 _____ HALF OF # _____ BAR
 _____ SLAB REQUIRED @ _____ BEARING

NOTE ON PLANS:
 PROVIDE 1 1/4" BEAM BOLSTERS UPPER AT 4'-0" CTS. ATOP THE METAL STAY-IN-PLACE FORMS TO SUPPORT THE BOTTOM MAT OF 'A' BARS.

BBU DEPTH FOR TOP MAT
 _____ CLEARANCE @ TOP
 _____ # _____ "B" BAR (BOTTOM)
 _____ # 4 "B" BAR (TOP)
 _____ 2 - # _____ "A" BARS
 _____ CLEARANCE @ BOTTOM
 _____ SLAB THICKNESS
 _____ " HIGH BBU @ 3'-0" CTS.

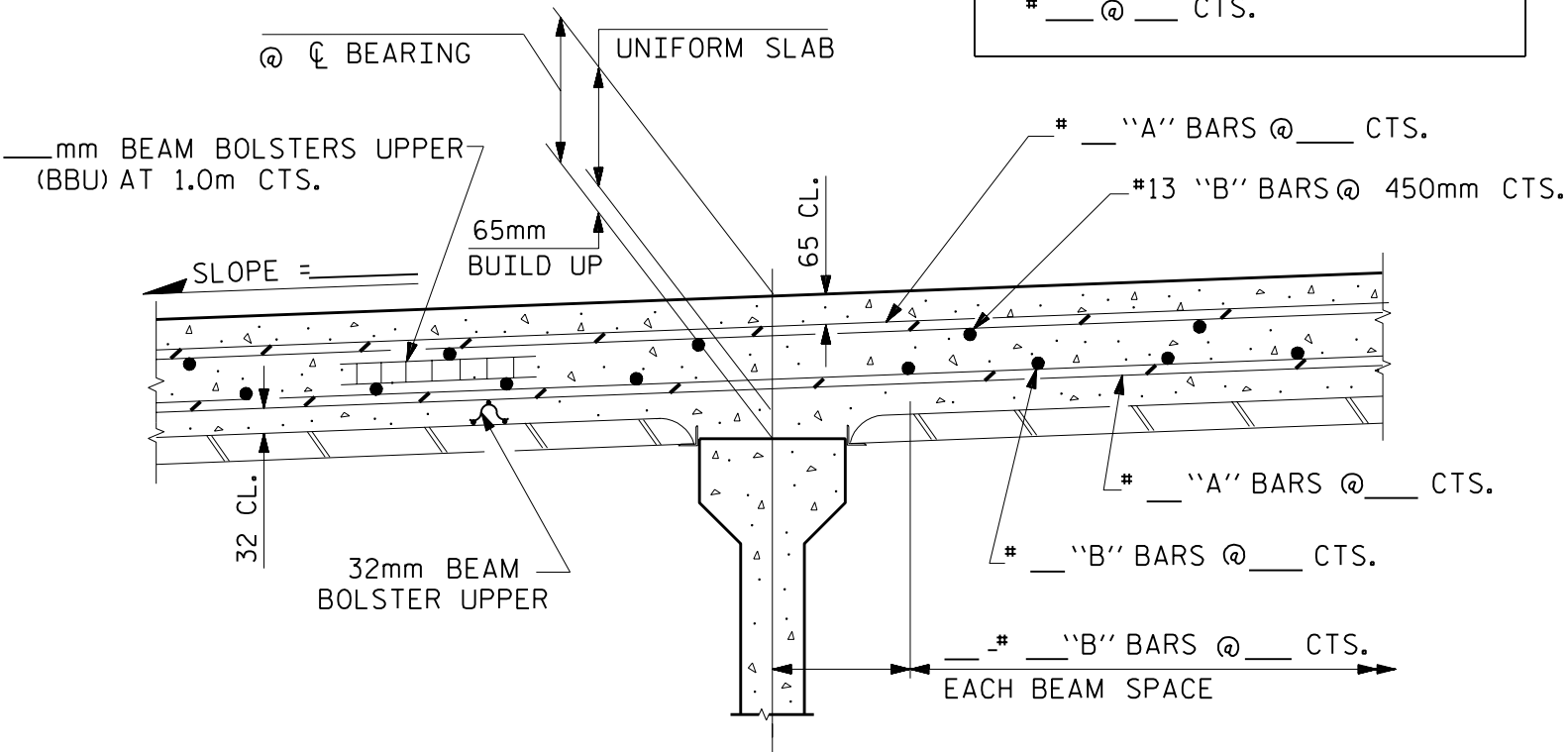
SUPERSTRUCTURE - SLAB DESIGN

(DETAILED FOR STAY-IN-PLACE FORMS)

_____ LIVE LOAD
 _____ ROADWAY
 _____ RAILING
 _____ PRESTR. CONC. GIRDERS SPA@ _____ CTS.
 _____ UNIFORM SLAB@ ϕ GIRDER
 _____ SKEW
 _____ "A" BARS @ _____ CTS.
 _____ "B" BARS @ _____ CTS. IN BOTT. OF SLAB
 #13 "B" BARS @ 450mm CTS. IN TOP OF SLAB

PROJECT : _____
 COUNTY : _____
 STATION : _____
 DATE : _____
 COMP'S BY: _____
 ✓ BY : _____

DISTRIBUTION STEEL
 $\% = \frac{121}{\sqrt{S}} = \frac{121}{\sqrt{\quad}} = \quad (67 \% \text{ MAX.})$
 USE $\quad \times \quad \% = \quad \text{SQ. mm}$
 # $\quad @ \quad \text{CTS.}$



SLAB THICKNESS
 _____ CLEARANCE @ TOP
 _____ "d"
 _____ HALF OF # _____ BAR
 _____ SLAB REQUIRED @ ϕ BEARING

NOTE ON PLANS:
 PROVIDE 32mm HIGH BEAM BOLSTERS UPPER AT 1.2m CTS. ATOP THE METAL STAY-IN-PLACE FORMS TO SUPPORT THE BOTTOM MAT OF 'A' BARS.

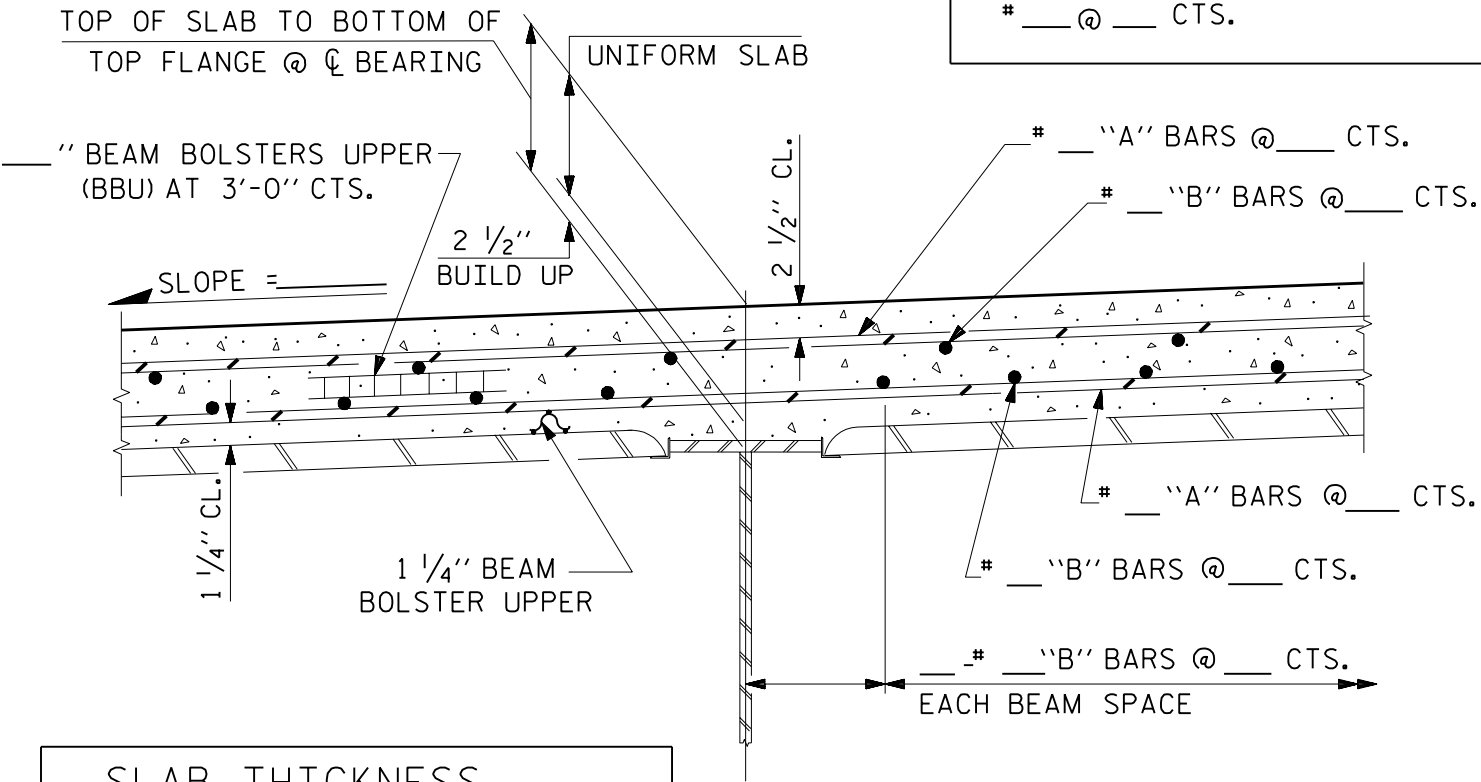
B.B.U. DEPTH FOR TOP MAT
 _____ CLEARANCE @ TOP
 _____ # _____ "B" BAR (BOTTOM)
 _____ # 13 "B" BAR (TOP)
 _____ 2 - # _____ "A" BARS
 _____ CLEARANCE @ BOTTOM
 _____ SLAB THICKNESS
 _____ mm HIGH BBU@ 1.0m CTS.

SUPERSTRUCTURE - SLAB DESIGN
 (DETAILED FOR STAY-IN-PLACE FORMS)

_____ LIVE LOAD
 _____ ROADWAY
 _____ RAILING
 _____ STEEL BEAMS SPA. @ _____ CTS.
 _____ UNIFORM SLAB
 _____ SKEW
 _____ "A" BARS @ _____ CTS.
 _____ "B" BARS @ _____ CTS. IN BOTT. OF SLAB
 _____ "B" BARS @ _____ CTS. IN TOP OF SLAB
 _____ WALK

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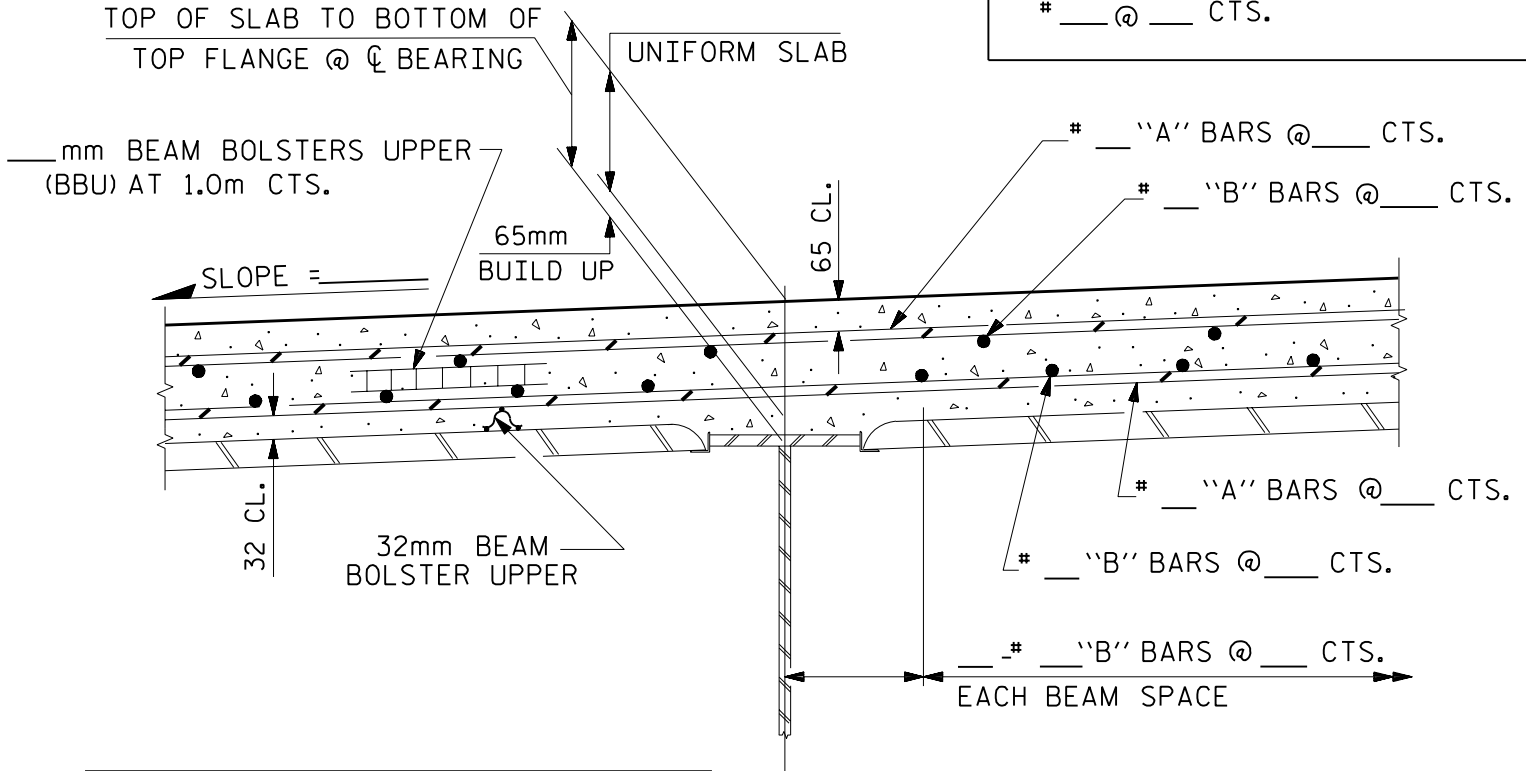
BBU DEPTH FOR TOP MAT
 _____ CLEARANCE @ TOP
 _____ # _____ "B" BAR (BOTTOM)
 _____ # _____ "B" BAR (TOP)
 _____ 2 - # _____ "A" BARS
 _____ CLEARANCE @ BOTTOM
 _____ SLAB THICKNESS
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 _____ "B" BARS @ _____ CTS. IN TOP OF SLAB
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 _____ CLEARANCE @ BOTTOM
 _____ SLAB THICKNESS
 _____ mm HIGH BBU @ 1.0m CTS.

SUPERSTRUCTURE - SLAB DESIGN