

JACKING EXISTING SUPERSTRUCTURE

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Description: This work shall consist of furnishing all material, equipment and labor for the construction and subsequent removal of jacking support systems complete, including jacks, jack supports, shims and all necessary cribbing. Included under this item shall be all work to raise and support the existing structure as specified on the plans and as noted herein.

Submittals: The Contractor shall submit details and calculations of his/her proposed jacking systems, cribbing and procedures for approval of the Engineer before commencing work. The system shall be designed and sealed by a Structural Engineer licensed in Illinois. Approval will not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for the safety of the structure.

Construction Requirements: Jacking and cribbing shall be done only under main beams, with jacking against diaphragms prohibited unless specifically allowed on the plans. Mud sills for timber cribbing shall be placed on firm, level, tamped ground that has been inspected by probes for soft spots. Uneven settlement should be anticipated and correction shims provided for mud sills that are partially on stabilized shoulders or pavement.

If unforeseen field conditions preclude the execution of the approved jacking plan, the Engineer may require the Contractor to provide additional supports or measures. All changes to the revised jacking plan shall be approved by the Structural Engineer that sealed the jacking plan. Neither added precautions nor the failure of the Engineer to order additional protection will in any way relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for the safety of lives, equipment and structure.

Jacks shall be provided with a ram head plate approximately equal in contact area as the sole plate at the beam. This plate shall be "C" clamped to the beam flange when clearances will not allow the jack to be placed equidistant from the ends of the plate. The centerline of the ram head must be in line with the centerline of the beam. A needle beam or fabricated jacking yoke with two jacks will be allowed provided the design meets with the approval of the Engineer.

The jacking support system shall be such that all beams that are attached transversely by a bridge deck and/or diaphragms or crossframes, for each individual structure, shall be raised simultaneously in the sequence prescribed in the plans and all jacking tolerances stated below apply. If the bridge deck is removed and the diaphragms or crossframes between adjacent beams are detached, then the beams do not need to be raised simultaneously and only the longitudinal jacking tolerances stated below apply. The system shall be installed in such a manner to prevent lateral movement and remain stable during all phases of the work. In all cases where multiple jacks are used for a lift the hydraulic jacks shall be equipped with gages so that jacking pressures can be equalized or the needle and blocking beams equipped with adjustable machinist levels so that a uniform amount of lift can be accomplished. The jacking tolerances shall be as follows:

- (a) Jacking Existing Superstructure with bridge deck in place. The differential jacking height shall not exceed 1/8 in. (4 mm) transversely between adjacent beams and 1/4 in. (7 mm) longitudinally between adjacent supports.
- (b) Jacking Existing Superstructure when entire bridge deck is removed. The differential jacking height shall not exceed 1/4 in. (7 mm) transversely between adjacent beams and 3/4 in. (19 mm) longitudinally between adjacent supports.

The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring to their original condition, prior to jacking, the drainage ditches, pavement, or slopewall disturbed by the cribbing footings. If applicable, existing diaphragms or cross frames at the stage construction line shall be disconnected prior to jacking and reconnected using new H.S. bolts after jacking is completed.

Basis of Payment: This work, as herein specified, will be paid for at the contract lump sum price for JACKING EXISTING SUPERSTRUCTURE.

Additional supports or measures resulting from unforeseen field conditions will be paid for according to Article 109.04.