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Welcome!

Implementation Guidance for Accelerated Bridge Construction in South Dakota

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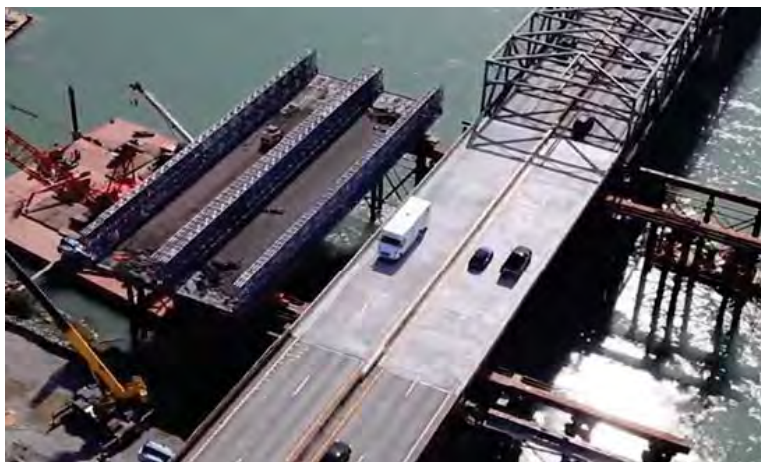


Our partners:



- Project Background & Motivation
- Literature review
- ABC Interviews
- ABC Catalog
- Decision making tool
- Example
- Conclusion

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Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) can be defined as construction practices that employ innovative techniques to reduce on-site construction time and interruption to traffic.

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Safety First

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Background

Project Background

A Collaborative Project between MPC and SD DOT to provide preliminary information to assist ABC application in SD DOT



Every Day Counts (FWHA)

State-based model that identifies and rapidly deploys proven, yet underutilized innovations to shorten the project delivery process, enhance roadway safety, reduce traffic congestion, and improve environmental sustainability.



The 5th least populated state (860k population)
~80,000 miles road ways, 670 miles of interstate HW

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Background

Project Title: Implementation Guidance for Accelerated Bridge Construction in South Dakota

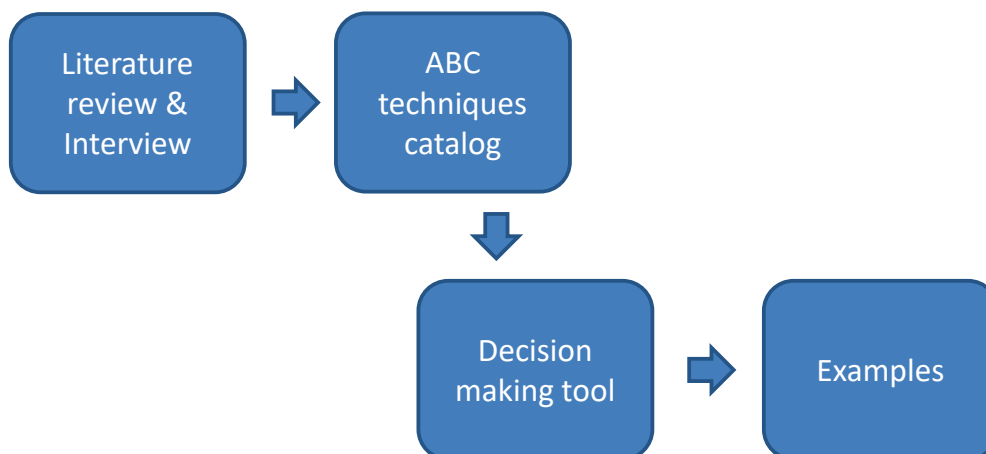
Project Duration: 2012 ~ 2014 (Completed)

Main Objectives:



- 1) To investigate previously used ABC techniques
- 2) To estimate the potential costs and benefits of implementing ABC techniques
- 3) To develop a cost-benefit analysis model SD DOT can use

Background



Lit Review

First stop is the official FHWA ABC site:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/abc/>

PBES can be broken down to four categories:

1. Materials
2. Superstructure elements
3. Substructure elements
4. Foundations elements

ABC Manual also touched on durability considerations on ABC techniques



ABC Manual by FHWA

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Lit Review

Individual case and planning study reports from DOTs

- “One-Weekend Job Rapid Removal and Replacement of 4500 South Bridge in Salt Lake City, Utah” (Ardani et al. 2010) one project
- Khaleghi, B. (2010). “Washington State Department of Transportation Plan for Accelerated Bridge Construction.”
- “Accelerated Bridge Construction Applications in California—A Lesson Learned” (Chung et al. 2008) Seven projects
- “Texas’s Totally Prefabricated Bridge Superstructures” (Freeby 2005)
- “Use of Precast Concrete Members for Accelerated Bridge Construction in Washington State” (Khaleghi 2005)

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Lit Review

Other Reports and References

- “Connections Details for Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems” (Culmo 2009)
- “Manual on Use of Self-Propelled Modular Transporters” (FHWA 2007)
- “Induced Stresses from Lifting and Moving Highway Bridges with Self-Propelled Modular Transporters” (Rasvall, Halling, Lindsey 2010).
- “Application of Accelerated Bridge Connections in Moderate-to-High Seismic Regions” (Marsh et al. 2011)
- “Framework for Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems Decision-Making” (FHWA 2005)
- “Guidelines for Accelerated Bridge Construction Using Precast or Prestressed Concrete Components” (PCI Northeast Bridge Technical Committee 2006)
- “Selection of Durable Closure Pour Materials for Accelerated Bridge Construction” (Zhu, Ma 2010).

This is getting pretty dry...

Detailed info in report references

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Creating A Catalog

So far, purely from lit review

Table 5-1. Organization of ABC Techniques

| Category | Subcategory |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Substructure | Abutments |
| | Caps |
| | Footings |
| | Miscellaneous Elements |
| Superstructure | Decks and Panels |
| | Girders/Beams |
| | Spans |
| Placement | N/A |

What can be used, no info on when to use yet. But let's find out needs first

Precast Bent Caps

Description: A bent cap is the top horizontal portion of a bent that supports the superstructure of a bridge. Precast bent caps simply provide a way of precasting portions of each bent without prefabricating the entire bent away from the bridge site. Instead, the portions are brought to the job site and assembled in place.

Source: “ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES”

Example Project: Lake Ray Hubbard Bridge, Dallas, TX



Precast Bent Cap
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/03nov/02.cfm>
Accessed 23 Oct 2012

Example Profile in the Catalog

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Interviews

Interview of SD DOT employee to identify needs

- Current Experience: ABC in South Dakota is minimal
- Completeness of the Catalog: Fairly good
- What are you interested in: these becomes info to be collected in Catalog.
- What is current decision making process: what can affect ABC implementation.

Table 5-2. ABC Catalog Columns

| Category of Interest | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Benefit | The benefit of using a given ABC technique as opposed to conventional construction |
| Special Equipment | Any special construction equipment required for construction |
| Special Crew Experience | Any special experience that may be required of the contractor's crew (welding, specialty equipment operation, etc.) |
| Special Site Requirement | Any special requirement of the job site that is necessary for the ABC technique (precasting zone away from job site, etc.) |
| Connections Details | Any specified connections details specified for the ABC technique |
| Typical Duration | The duration of the ABC technique as compared to conventional construction |
| Potential Problems | Any potential problems that have been recognized by other crews who have utilized the ABC technique in practice |
| Existing Experience | Any example projects that have employed the ABC technique |
| Other Comments | Additional comments gleaned from literature review or interviewees |

Interviews

Interview of Other DOT employees who had experience with ABC

- Most experts identified from the literature review
- Details on specific ABC process they had experience on
- Requirements, constraints, and benefits
- Decision making process (tools) for ABC

Table 5-4. Other State DOT Contacts

| State DOT Office | Contact(s) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Utah (UDOT) | Josh Sletten, Carmen Swanswick |
| Texas (TxDOT) | Michael Hyzak |
| Minnesota (MnDOT) | Paul Rowekamp |
| Ohio (ODOT) | Tim Keller |
| Washington State (WSDOT) | Bijan Khaleghi, Ron Lewis |
| California (Caltrans) | Dorie Mellon |

All interview outcome on ABC techniques included in the final Catalog

Interviews

Utah DOT:

- precast spread footings, full-depth precast deck panels, lightweight precast deck panels, precast approach slabs, self-propelled modular transporters (SPMTs), and longitudinal launching.
- Accelerated Bridge Construction Analytical Hierarchy Process Decision Tool produced by the FHWA (FHWA 2012).
- UDOT has developed a different tool due to the complexity of FHWA tool

Caltrans:

- precast abutments, precast I-girders, precast bulb-T girders, and precast box girders.
- Similar concerns with Accelerated Bridge Construction Analytical Hierarchy Process Decision Tool produced by the FHWA (FHWA 2012). Subjectivity in inputs making the process more qualitative than quantitative

Interviews

Texas DOT:

- precast bent caps, proprietary retaining wall systems, precast double-T beams, and pretopped U-beam design.
- Texas does not use FHWA tool for decision making regarding ABC, but feel it can be a useful tool if all inputs are known

Ohio DOT:

- fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) deck panels, geosynthetic reinforced soil (GRS) abutments, and horizontal skidding/sliding.
- Ohio does not use FHWA ABC AHP Decision Tool for decision making regarding ABC. They conduct their own critical path analysis for individual project.

Interviews

Minnesota DOT:

- precast inverted-T beams, arch span without deck, and barge use.
- MDOT tried to use FHWA tool for decision making regarding ABC, but feel it was too complicated and time-consuming (especially input process) for the use of the tool to be efficient and effective.

Washington DOT:

- prefabricated full height wall panels, proprietary retaining wall systems, precast box culverts, partial-depth precast deck panels, and steel grid deck systems.
- FHWA ABC AHP Decision Tool was not effective for use by the WSDOT office due to the fact that every project is site specific, and so many of the input factors included in the decision tool were not applicable to WSDOT.

Interviews

- A lot of good information about specific ABC techniques.
- None of the people interviewed found FHWA ABC AHP Decision Tool effective. It is likely a reasonable framework, but require too many detailed inputs.

Completed the Catalog

Moving on to decision
making tool (with lessons
learnt...)

Catalog

Catalog is part of the MPC final project report Appendix (Download if you need)

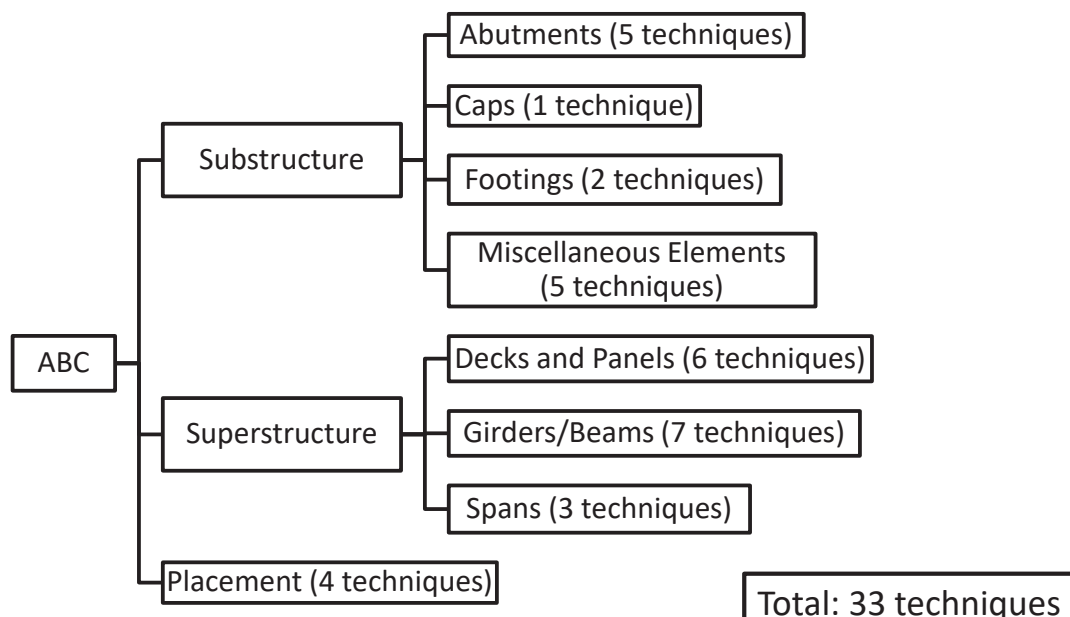
Contains two parts:

- Technique Profile: one-page index cards with short description, source of information(reference), and an example project. (info mostly from literature review)
- Technique Characters (table format): For each technique listed in the profile, the table outlined major benefits, special equipment needed, special crew experience, special site requirements, Connection detail, typical duration, potential problems, who has done it before, and additional comments. (info mostly from interview with experts)
- And a ball-park cost catalog (will discuss later)

Now let's take a look

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No, I'm not going to talk
about all of them



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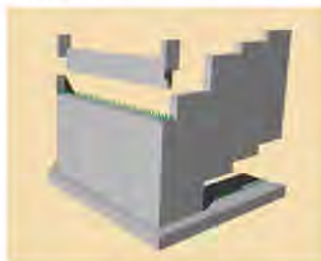
Substructure example

Precast Abutments

Description: Abutments support the ends of a bridge's superstructure. Precast abutments in general are abutments that are poured and cured off site and moved into place after curing is complete.

Source: "ABC Applications in CA—A Lesson Learned"

Example Project: I-40 Bridges Replacement in CA (20-mile stretch along I-40 about 80 miles east of Barstow, CA)



Typical Precast Abutment
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everdyntec/technology/bridges/pbeswebinartraining/s3_m5.cfm
Accessed 23 Oct 2012

Precast Pier Box Cofferdams

Description: This ABC technique is used for placement of bridge support columns in channels of water. The pile cap footing is commonly placed just below the surface of the water. By prefabricating pier boxes, they can be floated downstream from wherever they were cast and set into place to block off water flow for the installation of the pile caps.

Source: "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Example Project: Providence River Bridge



Example of a Precast Pier Box Cofferdam
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/prefab/00010/04.cfm>
Accessed 23 Oct 2012

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Deck example

Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Deck Panels

Description: These panels are much like the partial- and full-depth precast deck panels previously discussed. However, they are constructed from fiberglass reinforced polymer rather than concrete. The polymer is reinforced with fiber or some other material of equal strength to reinforce the panels in one or more directions along the span of the bridge.

Source: "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Example Project: Project 100 in Ohio



Full-Depth FRP Panels
"ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Precast Approach Slabs

Description: Precast approach slabs are structural slabs that span between the bridge abutments and the approach fill. They are used to span across the potential settlement of the approach roadway fills directly behind the abutments.

Source: "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Example Project: UDOT



Precast Approach Slab Installation
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/25664139@N00/5899098381/>
Accessed 16 Nov 2012

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Superstructure example

Truss Span with/without Deck

Description: This is an example of a full-width beam element. Part of the superstructure is prefabricated and constructed off site. Then, SPMTs, barges, or other placement devices are used to move it into place. This technique also serves as a testament to ABC being implemented to different degrees. Spans can also be moved with the bridge deck already constructed to it.

Source: "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Example Project: Providence River Bridge, Rhode Island



Replacement of Truss Span without Deck (Barge Use)
<http://www.ftwa.dot.gov/bridge/abc/docs/aashto.pdf>
Accessed 23 Oct 2012

Steel Tub Girder

Description: Steel tub girder use is becoming more commonplace in modern infrastructure design. They offer advantages over other superstructure types in terms of span range, stiffness and durability—particularly in curved bridges. In addition, steel tub girders have distinct aesthetic advantages due to their clean, simple appearance.

Source: "Induced Stresses from Lifting and Moving Highway Bridges with Self-Propelled Modular Transporters"

Example Project: Brightman Street Bridge Replacement Project, Fall River, Somerset, MA



Steel Tub Girder Placement
http://www.highsteel.com/project_gallery/bridges/Brightman-Street-Bridge.cfm
Accessed 23 Oct 2012

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Placement example

Self-Propelled Modular Transporters (SPMTs)

Description: Self-propelled modular transporters are a tool used to transport bridge decks or portions of bridge decks from the prefabrication site to the project site. This is especially useful when working on projects located away from any rivers or bodies of water where barges could be used for transport. This technique is one of the main ideas behind accelerated bridge construction.

Source: "Manual of Use of Self-Propelled Modular Transporters to Remove and Replace Bridges"

Example Project: 4500 South Bridge, Salt Lake City, UT



Self-Propelled Modular Transporter Carrying a Bridge Deck
<http://www.ecvv.com/product/2996068.html>
 Accessed 23 Oct 2012

Horizontal Skidding or Sliding

Description: This method requires that the new bridge be built in parallel to the proposed finished location. The structure is normally built on a temporary support frame that is equipped with rails. The bridge can be moved transversely using cables or hydraulic systems. Minor vertical adjustment can also be incorporated into these systems.

Source: "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

Example Project: ODOT



Lateral Bridge Slide in Oregon
 "ABC—Experience in Design, Fabrication, and Erection of PBES"

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Decision Making

Now we have the techniques, also some useful information about their benefits and constraints.

But Should we do ABC on all projects?

When to use them?



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Decision Making

Let's take a look at how others have done it!

- Accelerated Bridge Construction Analytical Hierarchy Process Decision Tool by FHWA (AHP tool)
- A customized decision making tool by UDOT
- Iowa DOT decision making tool



A customized simple tool for SD DOT

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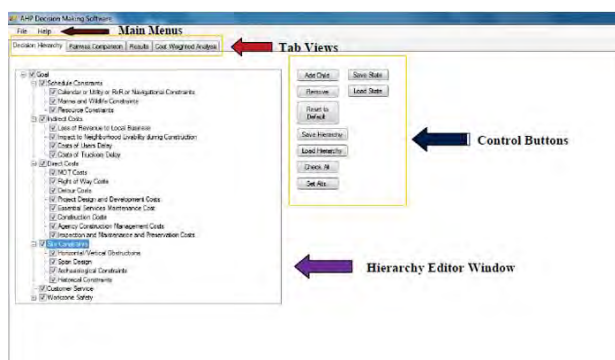
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Decision Making

Accelerated Bridge Construction Analytical Hierarchy Process Decision Tool by FHWA (AHP tool)

Can be readily downloaded from

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/abc/fast.cfm>



Objective of this tool is to help DOTs who might be interested in ABC to assess potential bridge projects

We did not study it in details, but this is our experience.

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Decision Making

AHP depends on relative importance of all input factors.

It will ask the user to compare between subcategories, as well as categories.

Comparison was done through a pair-wise scale for all potential pairs

For 9 items, you have 72 possible pairs... If you want to compare everything.

Table 5-6. ABC AHP Decision Tool Inputs (FHWA 2012)

| Category | Subcategory |
|----------------------|---|
| Direct Costs | Construction |
| | Maintenance of Transport |
| | Design and Construct Detours |
| | Right of Way |
| | Project Design and Development |
| | Maintenance of Essential Services |
| | Construction Engineering |
| | Inspection and Maintenance and Preservation |
| Indirect Costs | Toll Revenue |
| | User Delay |
| | Freight Mobility |
| | Revenue Loss |
| | Livability During Construction |
| | Road Users Exposure |
| Schedule Constraints | Construction Personnel Exposure |
| | Calendar or Utility or R&R or Navigational |
| | Marine and Wildlife |
| Site Constraints | Resource Availability |
| | Bridge Span Configurations |
| | Horizontal/Vertical Obstructions |
| | Environmental |
| | Historical |
| Customer Service | Archaeological Constraints |
| | Public Perception |
| | Public Relations |

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Decision Making

First you do this for each subcategory item

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Decision Hierarchy | Pairwise Comparison | Results | Cost Weighted Analysis |
| User Delay | ○ 9 ○ 7 ○ 5 ○ 3 ○ 1 ○ 3 ○ 5 ○ 7 ○ 9 | Freight Mobility | <input type="text"/> |
| Comments: <input type="text"/> | | | |

| Intensity | Definition | Explanation |
|------------|--|---|
| 1 | Equal importance | Two activities contribute equally to the objective |
| 3 | Weak importance of one over another | Experience and judgment slightly favor one activity over another |
| 5 | Essential or strong importance | Experience and judgment strongly favor one activity over another |
| 7 | Demonstrated importance | An activity is strongly favored, and its dominance demonstrated in practice |
| 9 | Absolute importance | The evidence favoring one activity over another is of the highest possible order of affirmation |
| 2, 4, 6, 8 | Intermediate values between the two adjacent judgments | When compromise is needed |

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Decision Making

Then you do this for each main category regard to ABC and Conventional options (from catalog?)

Decision Hierarchy Pairwise Comparison Results Cost Weighted Analysis

Determine the Degree to Which One Alternative Satisfies the Goal with Regard to:

Construction

ABC ☐ 9 ☐ 7 ☐ 5 ☐ 3 ☐ 1 ☐ 3 ☐ 5 ☐ 7 ☐ 9 Conventional

Comments:

The issue is there is too many comparisons in this pair-wise format and the user can loose track...

Let's try something else

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Decision Making

UDOT Tool

Utah was one of the first states in the United States to begin implementing ABC techniques as an alternative to conventional bridge construction.

The inputs are intuitive and simple

Alternatives can be compared

Enter values for each aspect of the project. Attach applicable supporting data.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Average Daily Traffic | <input type="text" value="5"/> | 0 No traffic impacts |
| Combined on and under | | 1 Less than 5000 |
| Enter 5 for Interstate Highways | | 2 5000 to 10000 |
| | | 3 10000 to 15000 |
| | | 4 15000 to 20000 |
| | | 5 More than 20000 |
| Delay/Detour Time | <input type="text" value="2"/> | 0 No delays |
| | | 1 Less than 5 minutes |
| | | 2 5-10 minutes |
| | | 3 10-15 minutes |
| | | 4 15-20 minutes |
| | | 5 More than 20 minutes |
| Bridge Classification | <input type="text" value="1"/> | 1 Normal Bridge |
| | | 3 Essential Bridge |
| | | 5 Critical Bridge |
| User Costs | <input type="text" value="4"/> | 0 No user costs |
| | | 1 Less than \$10,000 |
| | | 2 \$10,000 to \$50,000 |
| | | 3 \$50,000 to \$75,000 |
| | | 4 \$75,000 to \$100,000 |
| | | 5 More than \$100,000 |
| Economy of Scale | <input type="text" value="2"/> | 0 1 span |
| (total number of spans) | | 1 2 to 3 spans |
| | | 2 4 to 5 spans |
| | | 3 More than 5 spans |
| Use of Typical Detour | <input type="text" value="1"/> | 1 Complex geometry or unfavorable site conditions |
| | | 3 Some complexity, but favorable site conditions |
| | | 5 Simple geometry and favorable site conditions |
| Safety | <input type="text" value="5"/> | 1 Short duration impact with simple MOT scheme |
| | | 2 Short duration impact with multiple traffic shifts |
| | | 3 Normal duration impact with multiple traffic shifts |
| | | 4 Extended duration impact with multiple traffic shifts |
| | | 5 Extended duration impact with complex MOT scheme |
| Railroad Impacts | <input type="text" value="0"/> | 0 No railroad or minor railroad spur |
| | | 3 One mainline railroad track |
| | | 5 Multiple mainline railroad tracks |

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Decision Making

UDOT Tool (cont.)

A set of weight factor for different factors is built-in. User can adjust them but have to consult with UDOT.

This is dedicated to UDOT projects

You get an ABC Rating, but that is not the end...

Note: Do not adjust weight factors without prior consultation with UDOT Structures Division Project Manager

| ABC RATING SCORE FACTORS AND WEIGHTS | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Score | Weight Factor | Adjusted Score | Maximum Score | Adjusted Score |
| Average Daily Traffic | 5 | 10 | 50 | 5 | 50 |
| Delay/Detour Time | 2 | 10 | 20 | 5 | 50 |
| Bridge Classification | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 25 |
| User Costs | 4 | 10 | 40 | 5 | 50 |
| Economy of Scale | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Use of Typical Details | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 15 |
| Safety | 5 | 10 | 50 | 5 | 50 |
| Railroad Impacts | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 25 |
| Total Score | | | 174 | Max. Score | 274 |

ABC Rating Score: 64

The ABC Rating Score is driven by the four most heavily weighted factors: Average Daily Traffic, Delay/Detour Time, User Costs and Safety. For a detailed explanation, review the narrative on page 4 of the ABC Decision Making Process.

Cost Considerations:

Calculate the following costs for use in determining the lowest total project cost

| TOTAL PROJECT COST EVALUATION | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Alternative #1 | Alternative #2 |
| Construction Costs | \$2,500,000 | \$3,000,000 |
| User Costs | \$1,000,000 | \$250,000 |
| Total Project Cost | \$3,500,000 | \$3,250,000 |

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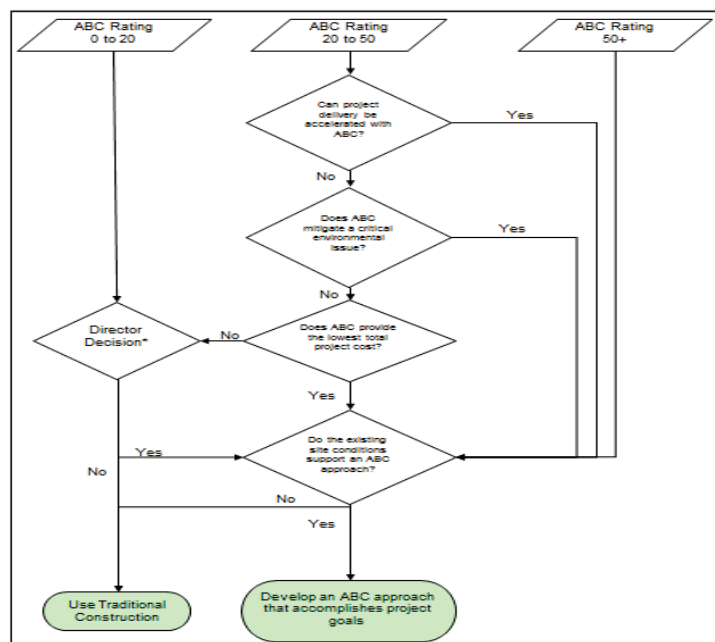
UDOT Tool (cont.)

Three levels of ABC Rating

- Below 20: No ABC
- Above 50: ABC
- 20-50: A couple of Y/N criteria checks

Subjective decision built into the process

It worked for UDOT!



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Decision Making

Iowa DOT Tool

Two-stage process

First stage to weed-out projects that have no chance without complicated analysis

First stage input:
(very similar to UDOT tool)

| Concept Measure | Score | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Average Annual Daily Traffic Combined value of 100% on and 25% under = <input type="text" value="18,300"/> | <input type="text" value="4"/> | 0 No traffic impacts 1 Less than 5000 2 5000 to less than 10,000 3 10,000 to less than 15,000 4 15,000 to less than 20,000 5 20,000 or more |
| Out of Distance Travel Value in miles = <input type="text" value="9"/> | <input type="text" value="2"/> | 0 No detour 1 Less than 5 2 5 to less than 10 3 10 to less than 15 4 15 to less than 20 5 20 or more |
| User Costs Value in \$ = <input type="text" value="\$76,585.50"/> | <input type="text" value="4"/> | 0 No user costs 1 Less than \$10,000 2 \$10,000 to less than \$50,000 3 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 4 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 5 \$100,000 or more |
| Economy of Scale Value is total number of spans = <input type="text" value="3"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> | 0 1 span 1 2 or 3 spans 2 4 or 5 spans 3 6 spans or more |

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Decision Making

Iowa DOT Tool (Cont.)

Weights and factors for Stage One analysis

You also get an ABC Rating score, only Projects with 50+ score go to Stage 2

| ABC Rating Score Factors and Weights | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Concept Measure | Score | Weight Factor | Adjusted Score | Maximum Score |
| Average Annual Daily Traffic | 4 | 10 | 40 | 50 |
| Out of Distance Travel | 2 | 10 | 20 | 50 |
| User Costs | 4 | 10 | 40 | 50 |
| Economy of Scale | 1 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| Total Score | | | 105 | 165 |
| Calculated ABC Rating Score | | | 64 | |
| ABC Rating Score | | | 64 | |

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Iowa DOT Tool (Cont.)

Stage 2 for Iowa is the ABC AHP Decision making tool.

At least you do not need to do this for majority of the projects.

Now move on for SD DOT

Maybe try to not use ABC AHP Decision making tool (for most of the projects).

Two-stage format seems to be good

Try use stage one to eliminate a lot of cases (as it reasonably should)

Decision Making

SD DOT tool

Focused on road use in Stage 1, cost in Stage 2

Table 5-7. Customized Tool Inputs and Descriptions

| Stage | Input | Description |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| One | Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) | Combined value of 100% on and 25% under the bridge structure |
| | Out of Distance Travel (OODT) | Detour distance in miles |
| | Daily Road User Costs (DRUC) | Empirical formula shown in Equation 5-1 |
| | Economy of Scale (EOS) | Total number of spans in a project |
| Two | Direct Costs (DC) | Information obtained in Section 5.3.3 |
| | Indirect Costs (IC) | SDSU Road User Cost Tool |
| | Non-ABC Conventional Costs (NCC) | Information obtained in Section 5.3.1 |
| | Schedule Constraints (SchC) | i.e. emergency repairs, seasonal deadlines, etc. |
| | Site Constraints (SC) | i.e. prefab/precast site, geographic constraints, etc. |

Decision Making

Stage One is done just like Iowa DOT tool

| | | | |
|--|--|---------|--|
| Project No. | | PCN02AB | |
| Inputs | | | |
| Average Daily Truck Traffic | | 51 | |
| Mileage Rate | | 37.5 | |
| Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) | | 1 | 0 No traffic impacts |
| Combined value of 100% on and 25% under structure: | | 746 | 1 Less than 5000 2 5000 to less than 10000 3 10000 to less than 15000 4 15000 to less than 20000 5 20000 or more |
| Out of Distance Travel (OOTD) | | 1 | 0 No detour |
| Detour distance in miles: | | 0.25 | 1 Less than 5 2 5 to less than 10 3 10 to less than 15 4 15 to less than 20 5 20 or more |
| *Note: OOTD should not be 0 if DRUC formula is to be used, as DRUC will then be \$0. | | | |
| Daily Road User Costs (DRUC) | | 1 | 0 No user costs |
| (AADT * 2 * ADTT) (OOTD) (Mileage Rate) = | | \$79.50 | 1 Less than \$100 2 \$100 to less than \$500 3 \$500 to less than \$750 4 \$750 to less than \$1000 5 \$1000 or more |
| *Note: If OOTD is 0, SDSU DRUC Tool can be used to estimate DRUC for Stage 1. | | | |
| Economy of Scale (EOS) | | 2 | 0 1 span |
| Total number of repeatable of spans: | | 4 | 1 2 or 3 spans 2 4 or 5 spans 3 6 spans or more |

| ABC Rating Score Factors and Weights | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Score | Factor | Adjusted Score | Max. Score | Adjusted Score |
| AADT | 1 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| OOTD | 1 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| DRUC | 1 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| EOS | 2 | 10 | 20 | 3 | 30 |
| Total Score: | | | 50 | Max. Score: | 180 |
| ABC Rating Score: | | | 28 | | |

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Decision Making

Stage Two has similar format but different focus
(Only go there if you have Stage 1 rating >50)

| | | | |
|---|--|----------|--|
| Project No. | | | |
| Inputs | | | |
| Direct Costs | | 3 | 0 \$100000 or more additional cost |
| Input approximate costs for superstructure, substructure, and/or placement: | | \$32,000 | 1 \$75000 to less than \$100000 additional cost 2 \$50000 to less than \$75000 additional cost 3 \$25000 to less than \$50000 additional cost 4 \$0 to less than \$25000 additional cost 5 Lesser cost than conventional |
| Indirect Costs | | 2 | 0 No user costs |
| Transfer info from Daily Road User Cost tool: | | \$120 | 1 Less than \$100 2 \$100 to less than \$500 3 \$500 to less than \$750 4 \$750 to less than \$1000 5 \$1000 or more |
| Non-ABC Conventional Costs | | 3 | 0 \$0 to less than \$50/SF of bridge |
| Transfer info from SDDOT cost data per sq. ft. of bridge: | | \$112 | 1 \$50 to less than \$75/SF of bridge 2 \$75 to less than \$100/SF of bridge 3 \$100 to less than \$125/SF of bridge 4 \$125 to less than \$150/SF of bridge 5 \$150 or more/SF of bridge |
| Schedule Constraints | | 1 | 0 No schedule constraints |
| i.e. emergency repairs, seasonal deadlines, etc. | | | 1 Slight schedule constraints 2 Moderate schedule constraints 3 Substantial schedule constraints |
| Site Constraints | | 1 | 0 No site constraints |
| i.e. critical path, geographic constraints, etc. | | | 1 Slight site constraints 2 Moderate site constraints 3 Substantial site constraints |

| ABC Rating Score Factors and Weights | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Score | Weight Factor | Adjusted Score | Max. Score | Adjusted Score |
| DC | 3 | 10 | 30 | 5 | 50 |
| IC | 2 | 10 | 20 | 5 | 50 |
| NCC | 3 | 10 | 30 | 5 | 50 |
| SchC | 1 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| SC | 1 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Total Score: | | | 100 | Max. Score: | 210 |
| ABC Rating Score: | | | 48 | | |

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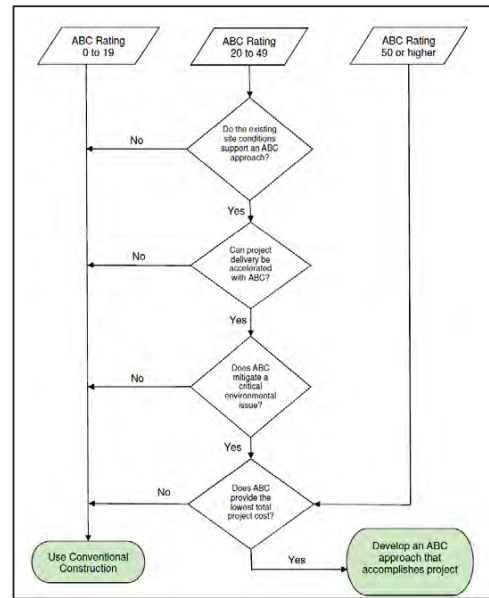
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Decision Making

Stage Two Rating:

- 1) <20 : no ABC
- 2) 20~50 : More considerations on Site condition, Feasibility, Environmental concern, and Cost concern before ABC
- 3) >50 : Only cost concern, do ABC if cost makes sense

Very similar to UDOT flowchart, but much simpler



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Decision Making

Some Details regarding SD DOT tool:

- 1) All factors are equally weighted (can change later, but needs more experience and data)
- 2) A lot of cost metrics, some guidelines needed for use
 - Daily Road User Cost (DRUC) used in Stage 1, this calculation leverage on an existing tool to calculate DRUC developed by SDSU.
 - Non-ABC conventional cost: by experience and data from past projects.
 - Direct ABC Costs: How much more expensive than conventional method? Through estimates and bids.

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Cost Estimation

Daily Road User Cost (DRUC)

How much total \$ would road user incur in addition to their normal costs if you have a project going on (re-route, slow down, etc.)

Two methods:

- 1) Empirical equation (Iowa DOT literature)

$$DRUC (\$) = (AADT + 2 * ADTT)(OODT)(Mileage Rate)$$

- 2) In a previous research project managed by SDDOT (Qin and Cutler 2013), a SDSU Road User Cost Tool was developed by researchers at SDSU.

Qin, X. and Cutler, C. (2013). "Review of Road User Costs and Methods." Report No. SD2011-05, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD.

Cost Estimation

Non-ABC Conventional Costs

This is highly localized information. Only South Dakota information is presented here (based on SD DOT data and survey)

Total of 31 projects in SD were surveyed. All costs summarized on a per-Square Ft. basis based on bridge type:

Table 5-5. Average, Minimum, and Maximum Conventional Construction Costs

| Bridge Type | Average Cost/SF | Minimum Cost/SF | Maximum Cost/SF |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Steel Girder | \$145.04 | \$80.12 | \$160.48 |
| Continuous Concrete | \$175.18 | \$87.97 | \$188.56 |
| Prestressed Girder | \$132.48 | \$66.76 | \$195.03 |

Actual cost data available in project final report Appendix E.

Cost Estimation

Additional Cost for ABC Techniques

Again, this will be very localized.

Even worse, not that much data in SD (we haven't done much).

How to estimate it?

Material
Costs

Placement
Costs

Labor Cost
Reduction

Survey Manufacturers, Contractors, and Transporters.

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Cost Estimation

Additional Cost for ABC Techniques (Cont.)

For detailed cost comparison, one can always get separate Bids (ABC vs. Conventional)

This project provided a rough simplified ABC cost catalog based on surveys:

Full Table in report

| Category | ABC Technique | Approximate Materials Cost | | Time | Equipment |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | Materials | Contractor | | |
| Substructure | Precast Abutments | ~ \$30-40/CF for precasting | ~ \$10,000 saved | 1 week | Crane transport and operation |
| | Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS) Abutments | INF | ~ \$20,000 saved | ~ 2 weeks | Less equipment used than with conventional |
| | Spill-Through Abutments | INF | INF | INF | INF |
| | Precast Pier Box Cofferdams | ~ \$30-40/CF for precasting | Transport costs: \$20,000-\$25,000 plus \$200-\$250/hr | INF | INF |
| | Integral Abutments | ~ \$30-40/CF for precasting | Transport costs: \$20,000-\$25,000 plus \$200-\$250/hr | INF | INF |
| | Precast Bent Caps | ~ \$30-40/CF for precasting | 1/2 of original labor costs | Threefold increase in speed | Crane transport and operation |
| | Precast Spread Footings | ~ \$30-40/CF for precasting | ~ \$2,000 saved | 1-2 days | N/A |

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Example

Let's try the tool on Three projects

Results should be logical... But let's see

Example also serves as rough validation

Table 5-9. Case Study Information from Bridge Design Office

| Project Number | AADT | ADTT | ODDT | Mileage Rate | Number of Spans |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| SD34 (PCN 02AB) | 746 on, none below | 6.8% (51) | Less than ¼ mile | 37.5 cents per mile | 3 and 4 spans |
| I90 (PCN 01KK) | 1,015 on, none below | 2.6% (26) | None | 37.5 cents per mile | 4 and 5 spans |
| I29/I229 interchange (PCN 01QS) | 18,012 on, 12,827 below (21219 total) | 18.7% (1,526) | None | 37.5 cents per mile | 2 spans |

None ODDT means no official detour but will have a partial traffic flow adjustment. A minimum of ¼ mile ODDT used in analysis

Example

Stage One inputs are very straight forward. The only part needs calculation is URUC:

Project SD34 (PCN 02AB):

$$DRUC = (746 + 2 * 51) \frac{\text{vehicles}}{\text{day}} * (0.25) \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{vehicle}} * (0.375) \frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{mile}} = \$79.50/\text{day}$$

Project I90 (PCN 01KK):

$$DRUC = (1,015 + 2 * 26) \frac{\text{vehicles}}{\text{day}} * (0.25) \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{vehicle}} * (0.375) \frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{mile}} = \$100.03/\text{day}$$

Project I29/I229 interchange (PCN 01QS)

$$DRUC = (21,219 + 2 * 1,526) \frac{\text{vehicles}}{\text{day}} * (0.25) \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{vehicle}} * (0.375) \frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{mile}} = \$2,275.40/\text{day}$$

Example

Plug the ratings in, only the third project can advance to Stage Two

Table 5-10. Case Study Output Indicators and Decisions

| Project Number | AADT | OODT | DRUC | EOS | Output Indicator | Decision |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----|------------------|------------------------------|
| SD34 (PCN 02AB) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 28 | Conventional Construction |
| I90 (PCN 01KK) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 33 | Conventional Construction |
| I29/I229 interchange (PCN 01QS) | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 67 | Advance to Stage 2 |

Which is expected...

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Example

If you made Stage Two, you may want to "refine" your numbers

Table 5-11. Stage Two Evaluation Project Information for I-29/I-229 Project

| AADT | ADTT | OODT | Normal & Work Zone Speeds | Traffic Detour Percentage | Conventional Costs | Additional Cost of Using ABC |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 18,012 on, 12,827 below (21219 total) | 18.7% (1,526) | 0.25 mi each | 65 mph & 45 mph | 75% (I-29) 100% (I-229) | \$113.25/SF | ~\$420,000 |

| COSTS WITH OVERLAY | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Pre-cast ABC cost (\$) | Columns & caps | deck panels | | Cast-in-place (\$) | Columns & caps | deck | |
| fabrication | 122950 | 679967 | | cu. Yds | 136.6 | 755.6 | |
| shipping | 16500 | 69500 | | cost/yard | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Excise & sales (15%) | 18443 | 101995 | | total | 136600 | 755600 | 892200 |
| labor* | 1200 | 41700 | | | | | |
| grouting# | 600 | 20000 | | | | | |
| epoxy chip seal | | 239750 | | difference = | | 420405 | |
| total | 159693 | 1152912 | 1312605 | | | | |

epoxy chip seal = 3425 sq. yds. x \$70 /sq. yd

Figure 5-13. Additional Cost of Using ABC for I-29/I-229 Project

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Example

Also do a refined
DRUC analysis:

This is what that DRUC
tool looks like, if you are
curious...

| QUICK REPORT ROAD USER COST: PROJECT 0 | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Project Name I-29/I-229 Interchange | | | | County Minnehaha | | | |
| Project Number PCN 01QS | | | | | | | |
| K Z O N E C O N D I T I O N A L P R O J E C T | Phases: | | | | | | |
| | ADT | 18012 | | 12827 | | | |
| | Percent Trucks | 18.7 % | | 11.9 % | | | % |
| | Operating Speed | 65 mph | | 65 mph | | | mph |
| | Project Length | 1 miles | | 1.5 miles | | | miles |
| | Accident Rate | 1.11 | | 1.11 | | | |
| | WZ Speed | 45 mph | | 45 mph | | | mph |
| | Detour | 75 % | | 100 % | | | % |
| | CMF | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| | Project Duration | 210 days | | 210 days | | | days |
| I | Detour Segment | Speed | Length | Speed | Length | Speed | Length |
| | 1 | 45 | 0.25 | 45 | 0.25 | | |
| O U T P U T | VOT | (\$2,502.11) | | (\$4,250.96) | | | |
| | Auto | (\$2,055.17) | | (\$3,769.56) | | | |
| | Truck | (\$446.94) | | (\$481.41) | | | |
| | VOC | (\$1,960.97) | | (\$3,084.91) | | | |
| | Auto | (\$957.99) | | (\$1,941.89) | | | |
| | Truck | (\$1,002.97) | | (\$1,143.02) | | | |
| | AC | (\$110.96) | | (\$131.70) | | | |
| | Daily RUC | (\$4,574.04) | | (\$7,467.57) | | (\$12,041.61) | |
| | Project Total | (\$960,548.15) | | (\$1,568,190.66) | | | |

Figure 5-14. DRUC Inputs and Outputs for I-29/I-229 Project

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Example

In the end, still boils down to categories:

Table 5-12. Stage Two Inputs, Output Indicator, and Corresponding Action

| Inputs | | | | | Output Indicator | Corresponding Action |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Direct Costs | Indirect Costs | Non-ABC Conventional Costs | Schedule Constraints | Site Constraints | | |
| 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 48 | Use flowchart decision-making questions |

Result is to use flowchart for more
consideration... Kind of expected...



Not a knock-out case
for ABC

We did not do further analysis on this example as some of the flow chart process is outside of the scope of this study

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Conclusion

- This is a “First-try” effort to look at application of ABC in South Dakota. The aim is developing background info and basic tools for decision making.
- The Catalog and simple tools developed in this study can be of some reference value to other DOTs with similar constraints.
- This is not for DOTs with established experience and practice procedures for ABC.
- Decision tools have to be simple for people to use.

[Download the Report \(from MPC\) if you want to know more...](#)

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Final word

HOW YOU MAKE A DECISION



I know it's hard, by try to do this

There is probably no “one size fit all” ABC decision making tool or procedure.

Most are “pre-screener” at best.

True decision needs to be made **case-by-case**

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