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# Passenger Loading Bridge (PLB) Replacement Phase 3

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# Background

- PLBs are one of the highest used pieces of equipment at SEA.
  - Approximately 75 active bridges in 2019, SEA saw an average of 336,000 passengers per PLB.
  - Compared to a national average of 220,000 passengers per PLB for the top 20 airports.
- Bridges have a 25-year service life
  - Bridge failures have a significant impact to operations and customer experience.
- New technologies to improve turnaround time and customer experience.
  - Safedock, Improved Wifi, and JetDock.
- 2021 Construction season
  - Opportunity with NSAT
- 2022 Construction season
  - Looking for opportunities with airfield pavement project

## **Location & Overview**



Replace 7 Passenger Loading Bridges

4-Year Program (2021-2024)

Concourse C & D



# What is Involved? – Foundation

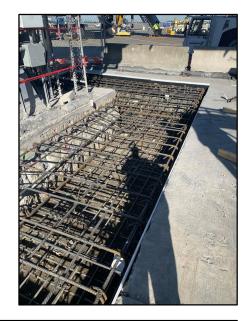






Bridge foundations are being brought up to the current building code.

Drilled shaft (35'-45' deep with 8'x8'x4' Cap)



Expanded footing (18'x18' foundation)



# What's Involved? – Bridge



## What is new?

- Fixed walkway section
- Bridge section
- Support columns
- Control/Communication boxes
- 400 Hz system refresh New Gate boxes
- Ethernet connections
- Upgraded Controls and safety sensors
- Prep for future improvements
- New interior! No carpet!

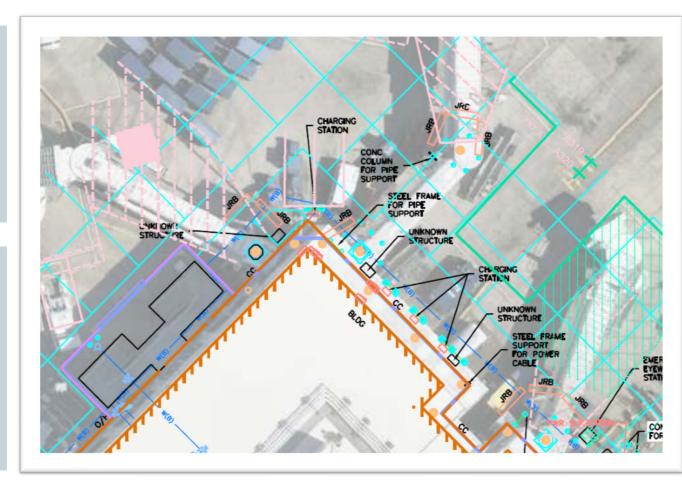
## Risks

## Gate outage scheduling

- Limited number of gates that can be out for construction and other project delays can affect the PLB replacement schedule.
- Competing projects for the dry weather construction window.

## Unknown Subgrade

- Foundation excavations have uncovered unknown structures not identified during the survey activities.
- Underground piping was identified prior to construction. However, it was not where it had been identified.



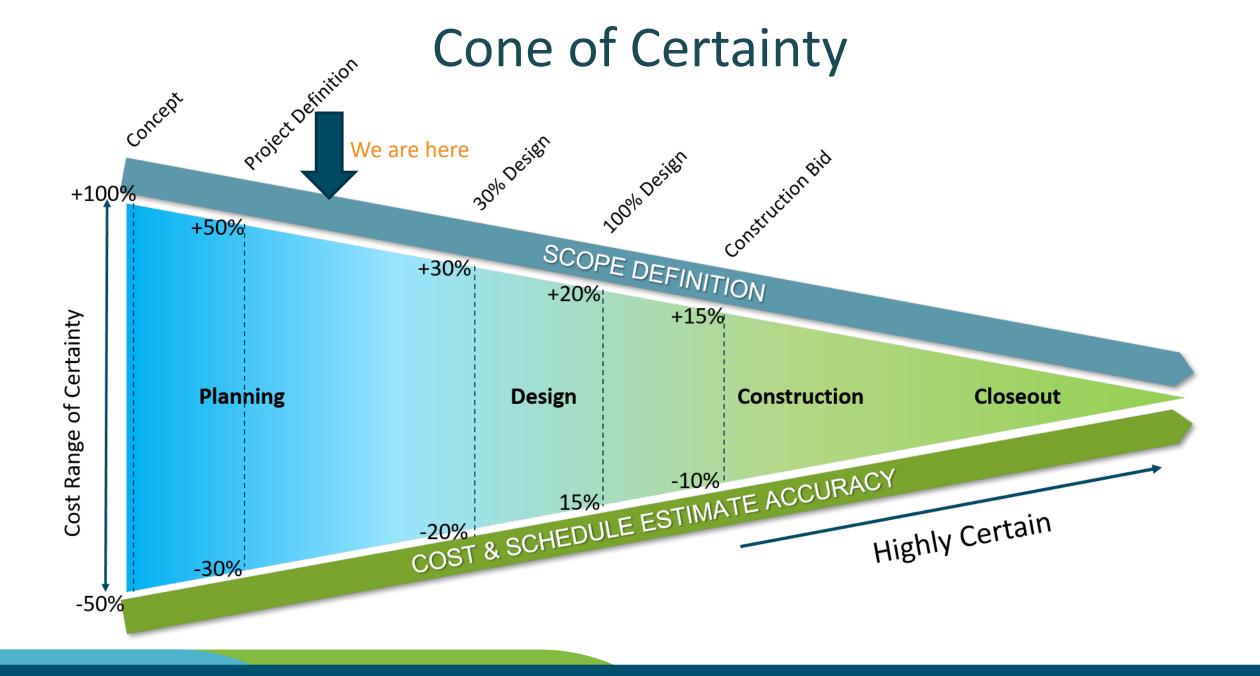
## **Opportunities**

## Gate Outage Scheduling

- Potential for overlapping project schedules with gate outages (Airfield pavement and Mega projects).
- Changing bridge replacement order to align with other projects.
- Frequent coordination meetings with AV-Ops and other projects that have gate outages.
- Gates C18 and C20 are being accelerated to take advantage of gates opening at the north satellite

## Alternative procurement methods

Design Build approach to increase the number of replacements in a year.



# Alternative 1 – Delay Project

Cost Implications: Approximately \$20,000 would need to be expensed; potential for additional costs if PLB fails during delay and is rushed to be replaced.

#### Pros:

Delayed capital investment

#### Cons:

- Bridges will be operating beyond their service life
- Increased replacement cost and time if replaced as an emergency
- Future replacement projects may cost more
- Increased risk of gate outages
- Other projects will be needed to replace smaller components of the bridge to keep functional
- Outdated technology may not support other bridge improvements (Safedock, Jetdock)

# Alternative 2 – PLB Bridge Replacement Only

Cost Implications: \$13,500,000

#### Pros:

- Replace all 7 PLBs that are at end of service life
- Upgrade bridge foundations to meet current code
- Install new equipment with capacity for future improvements

### • Cons:

- Higher capital investment
- Does not replace the 400 Hz gate boxes that are near or beyond end of life
- A future project and shutdowns will be required to replace 400 Hz gate boxes

# Alternative 3 – PLB Bridge Replacement and New 400 Hz Gate Boxes

Cost Implications: \$14,000,000

#### • Pros:

- Replace all 7 PLBs that are at end of service life
- Upgrade bridge foundations to meet current code
- Install new equipment with capacity for future improvements
- Replace 7 Aging 400 Hz gate boxes

#### Cons:

Highest capital investment

