

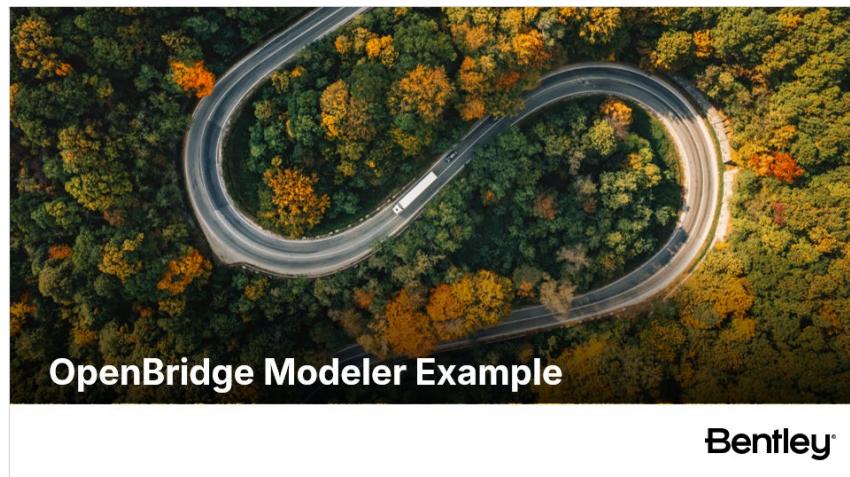
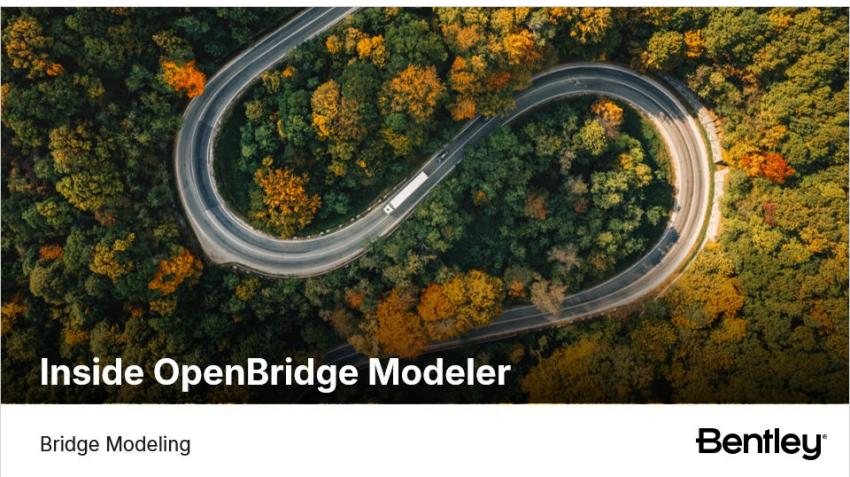
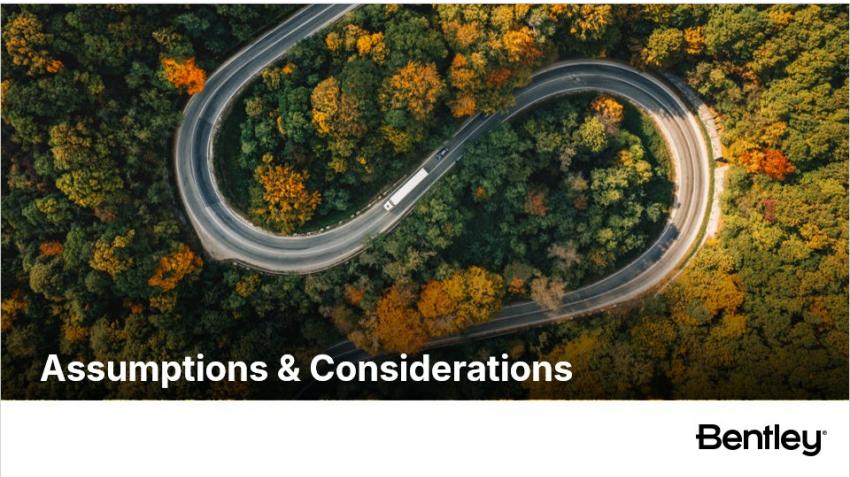


Phased Bridge Construction with OpenBridge Modeler

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Agenda





Assumptions & Considerations

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Considerations...

- Additional Preparation will be need for a Phased Bridge Model compared to a Final Bridge Model.
- Prior to modeling, a preliminary construction sequence should be established.
- Additional Feature Definitions for Phases / Stages is helpful but not required.
- Elevation of the substructure caps are determined by exterior beams, therefore elevation constraints will need to be utilized.
- If using the Phased / Staged models for plans production, knowledge of both Dynamic and Cashed Visible Edges will be helpful.



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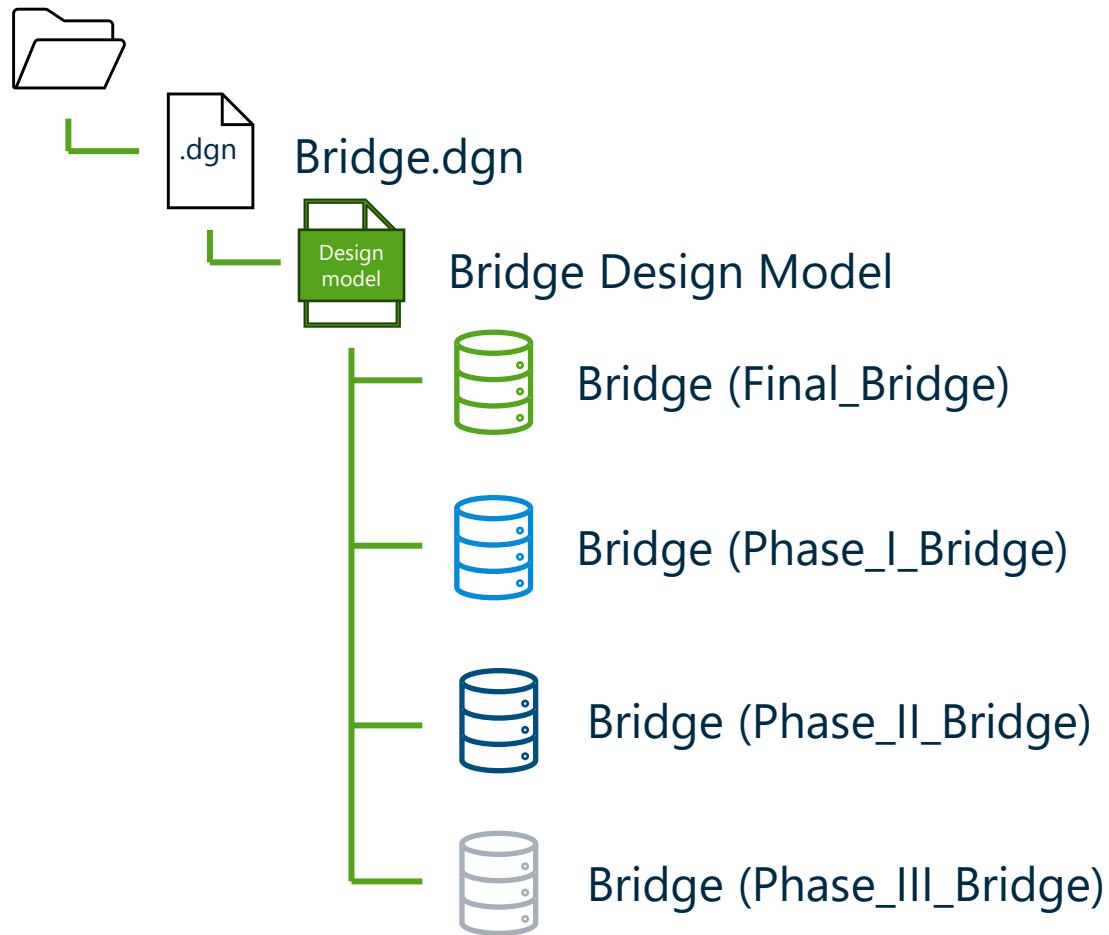
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Model Management

- What does Model organization look like?
 - Should all the bridge models be created in one design model?
 - What about multiple design models in one dgn?
 - Or rather should each bridge have their own design model and dgn?

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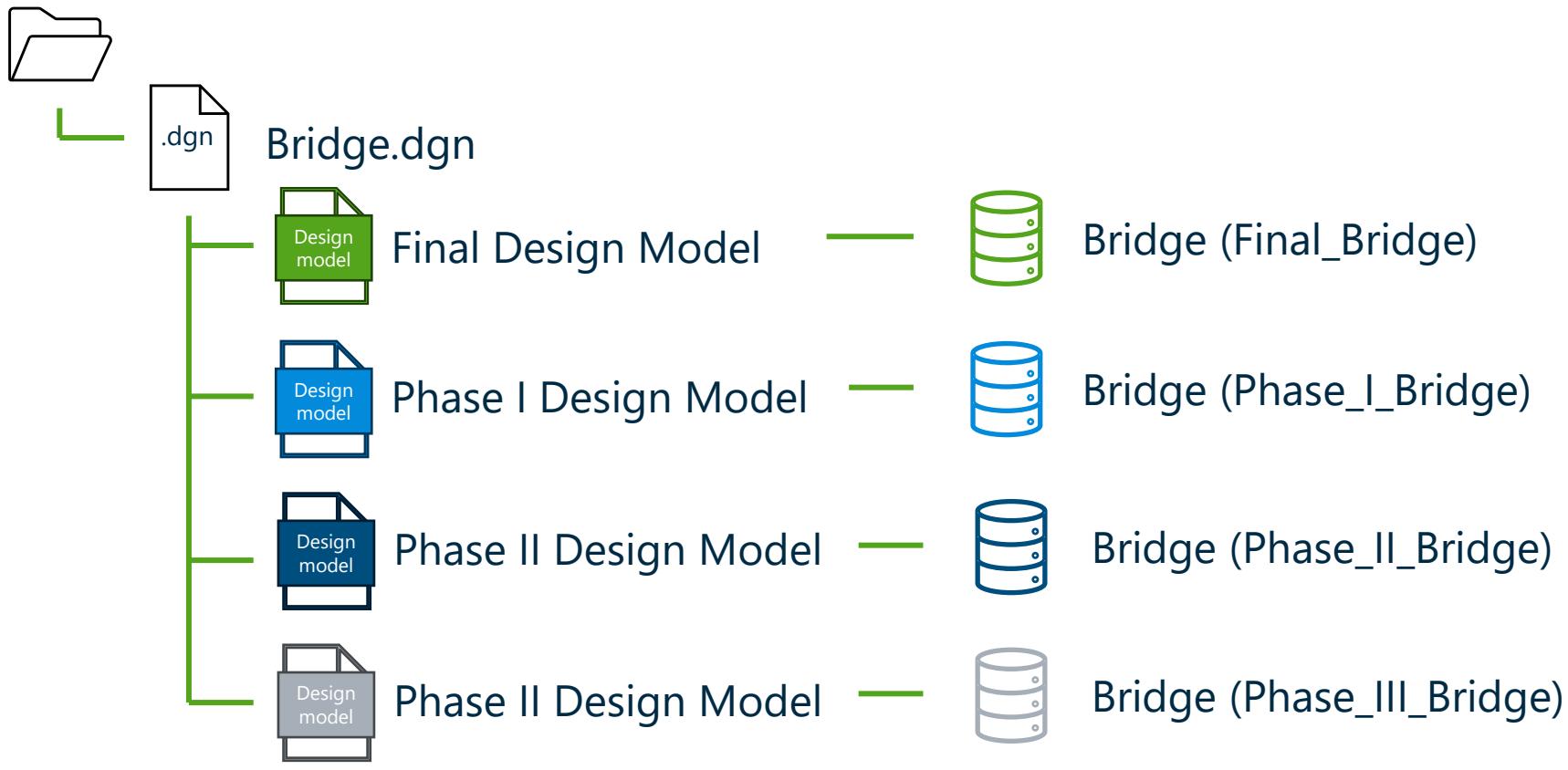
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A single design model for all bridge model

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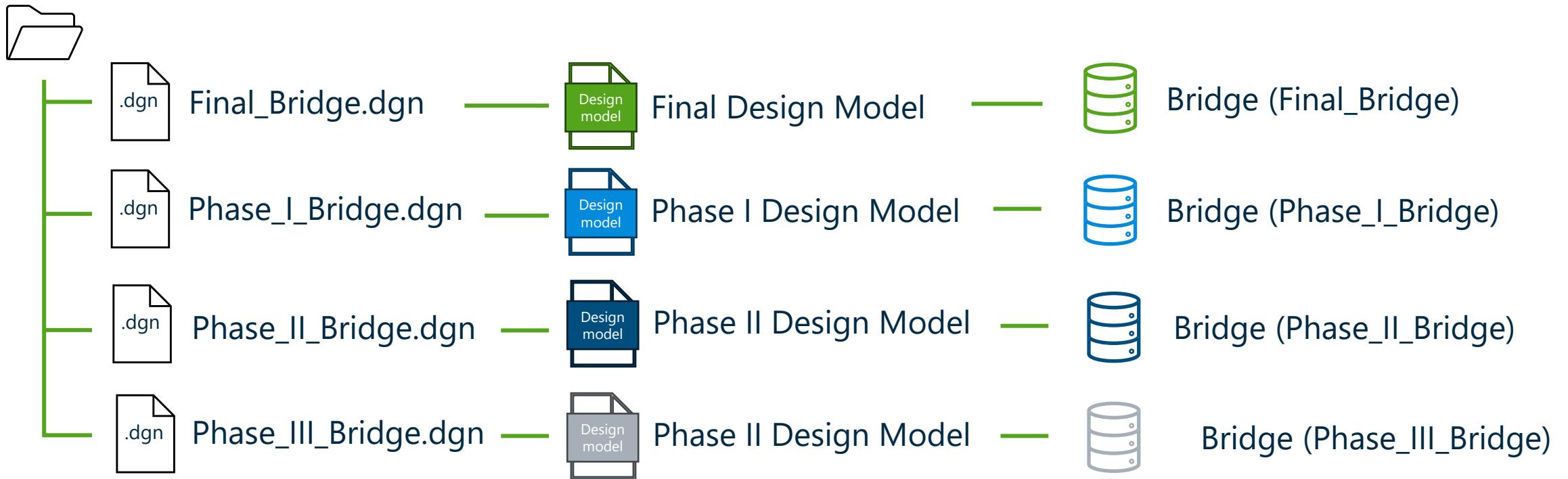
Option 2



A separate design model for each bridge model

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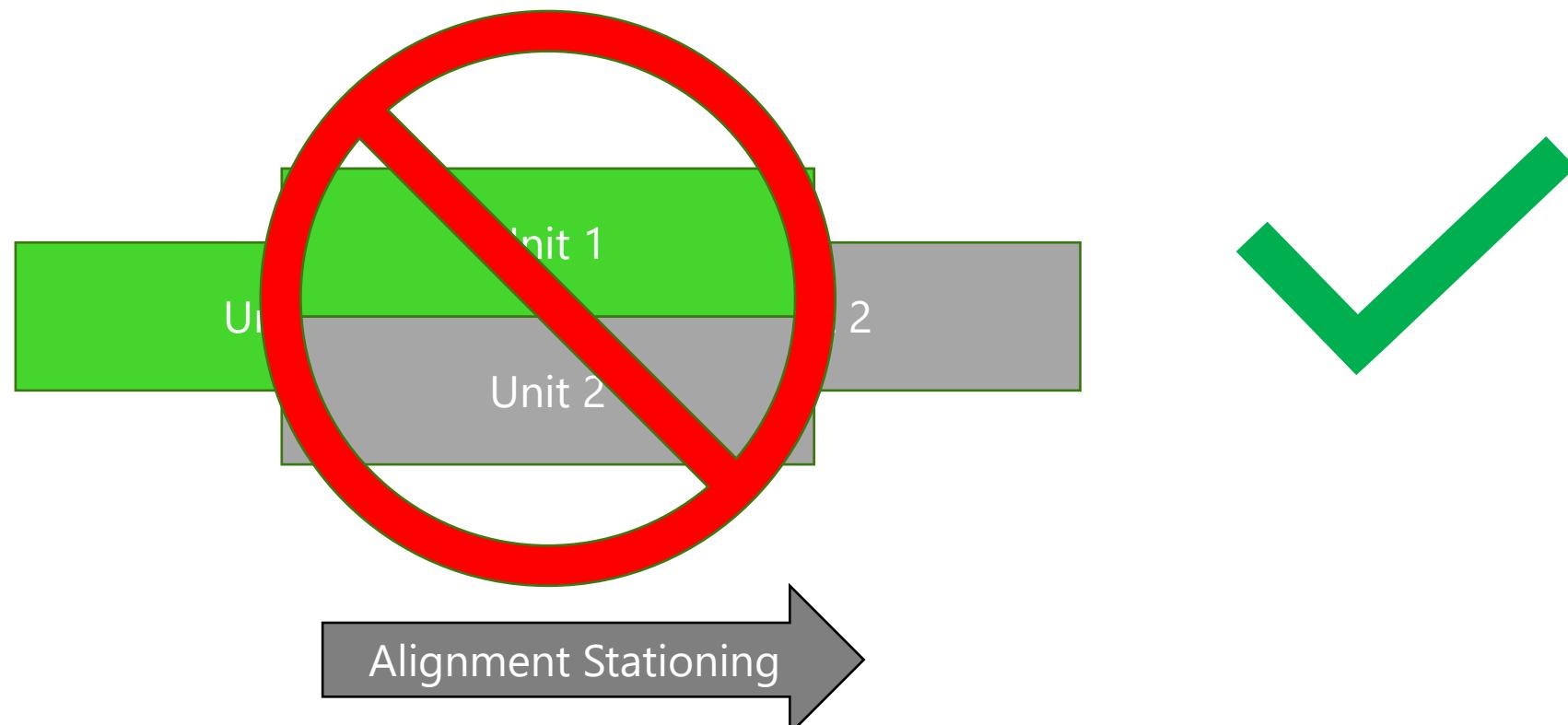
Option 3



A separate .dgn for each bridge model

Model Management

- Can I use Units to model phased / staged construction?
 - Not when different Units would overlap the same Station range
 - Otherwise, Yes, Units can be used in conjunction with phased / staged construction

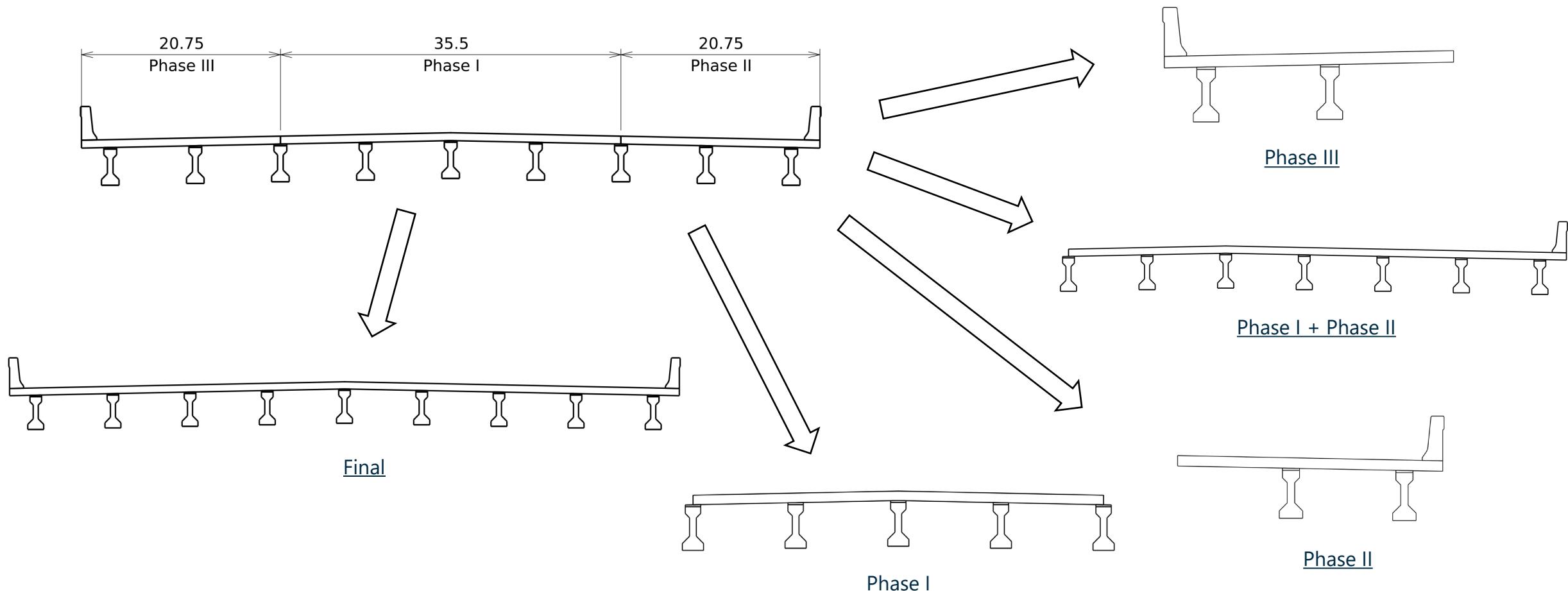


Model Management

- How many Bridge Models will I need to provide a complete picture of my phased bridge?
 - It depends on a few factors:
 - How many Construction Stages do you anticipate?
 - Will you be using the Bridge Model for Plans Production?
 - Will you also be using the Bridge Model for Analytical Design?

Model Management

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Inside OpenBridge Modeler

Bridge Modeling

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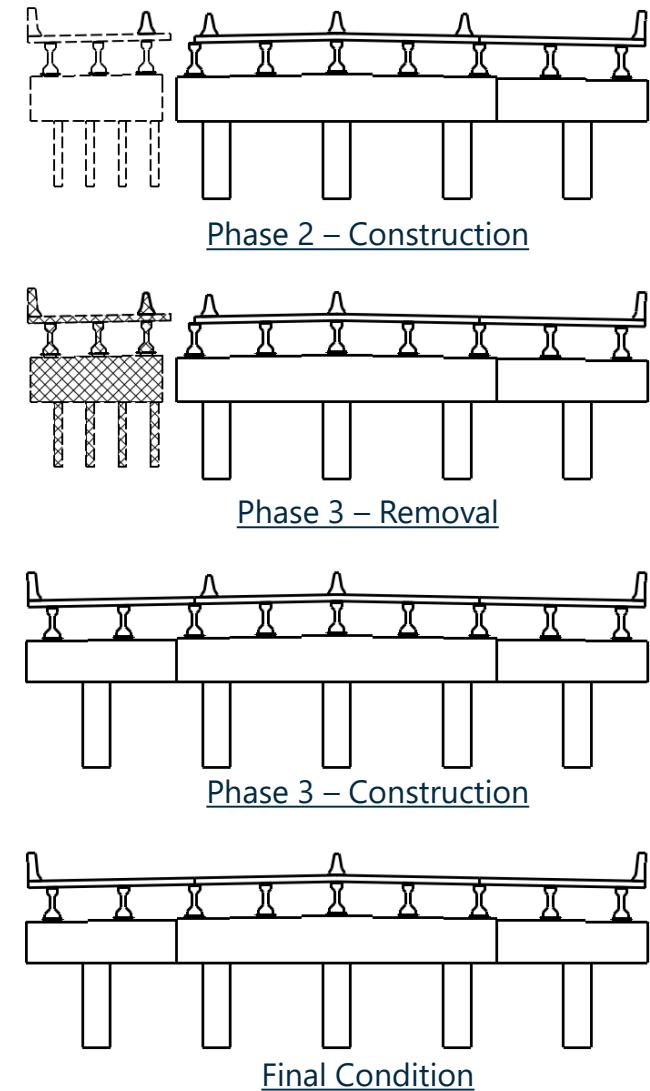
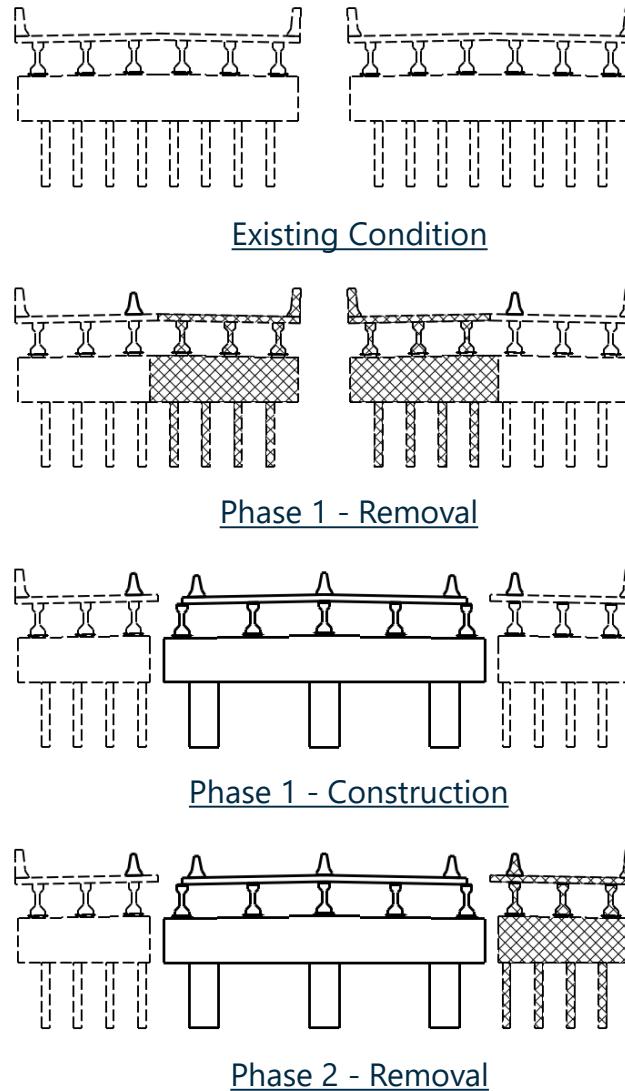
Inside OpenBridge Modeler

An Overview

- Establish a Preliminary Construction Phasing Sequence
- Establish a Preliminary Construction Layout
- Establish the Final Condition of the Bridge
- Determine Layout of Phased Elements
 - Superstructure deck widths, and variables.
 - Substructure template widths, elevation constraints, etc.
- Model Each Phase of the Bridge

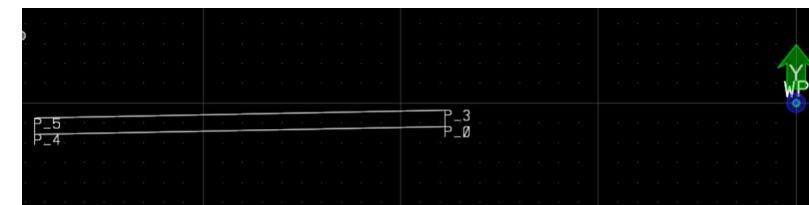
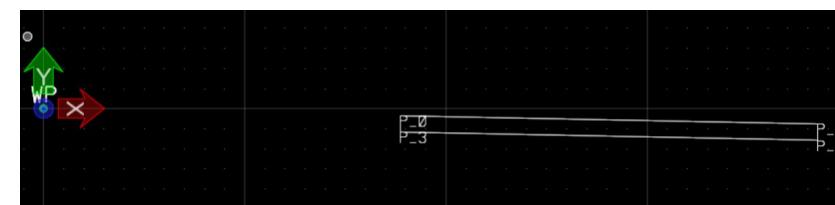
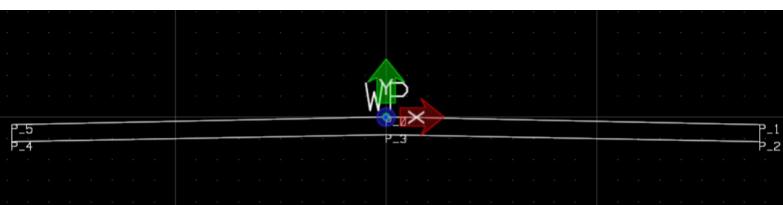
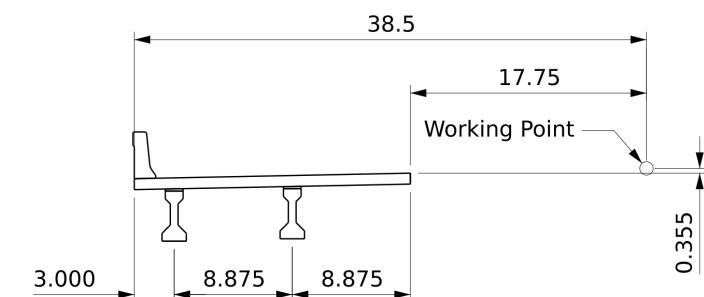
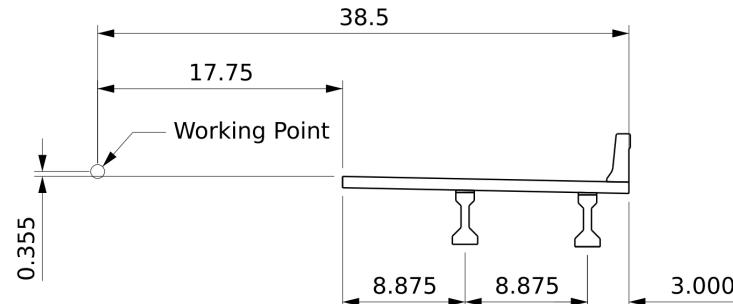
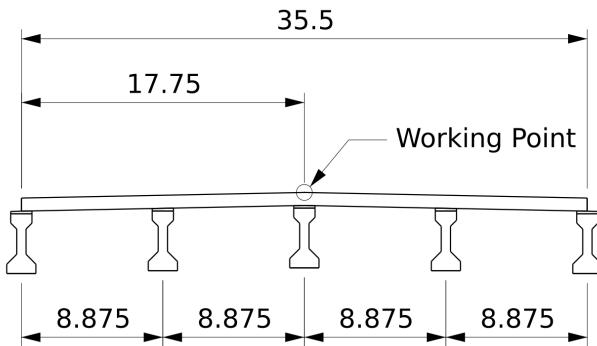
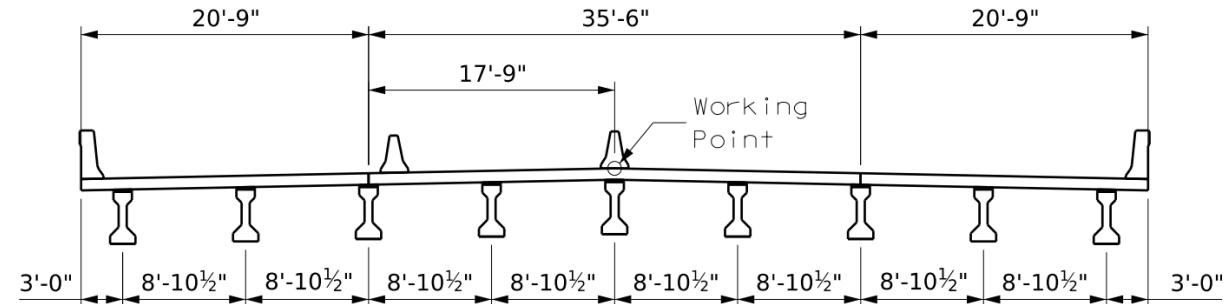
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 - Understanding the location of construction joints and how they related to bridge components.
 - Identifying potential areas for additional consideration / review



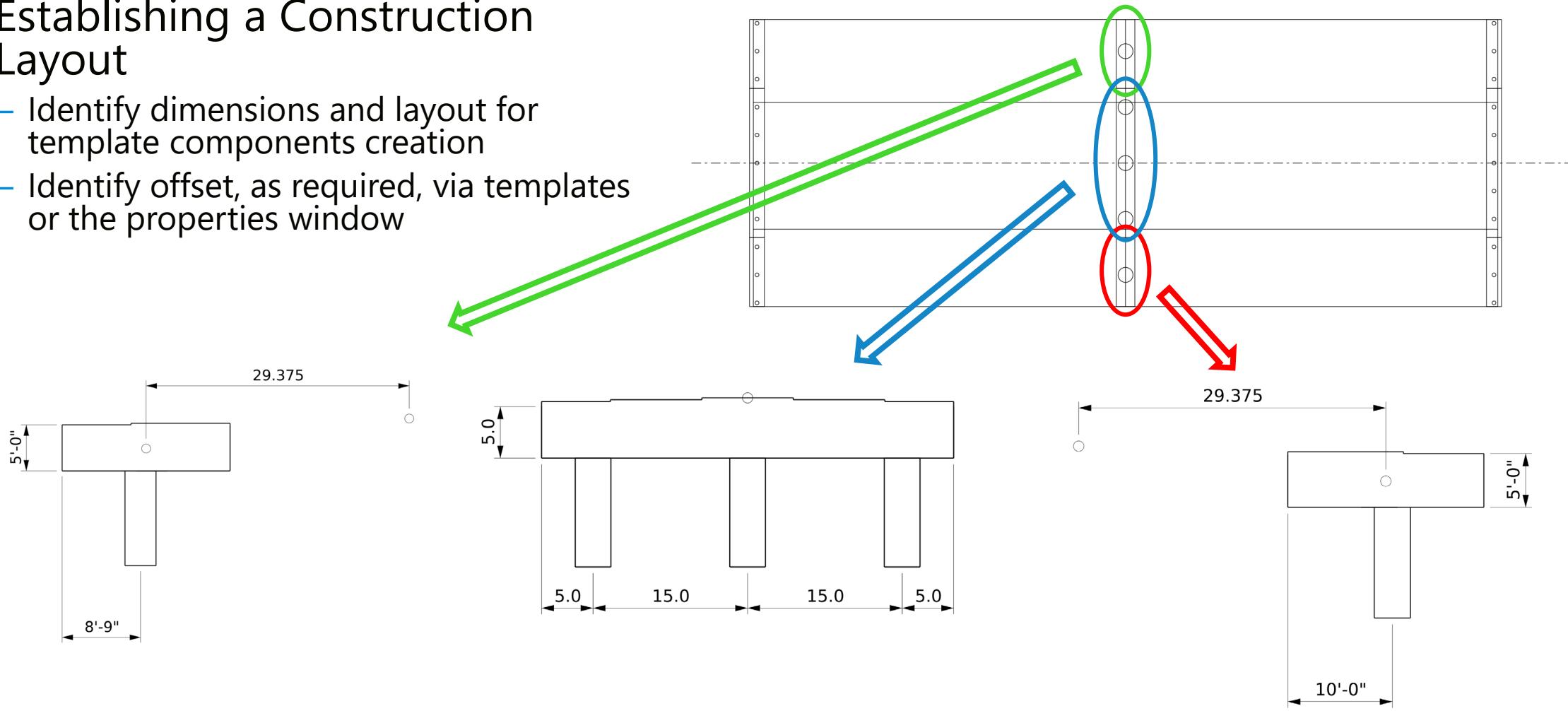
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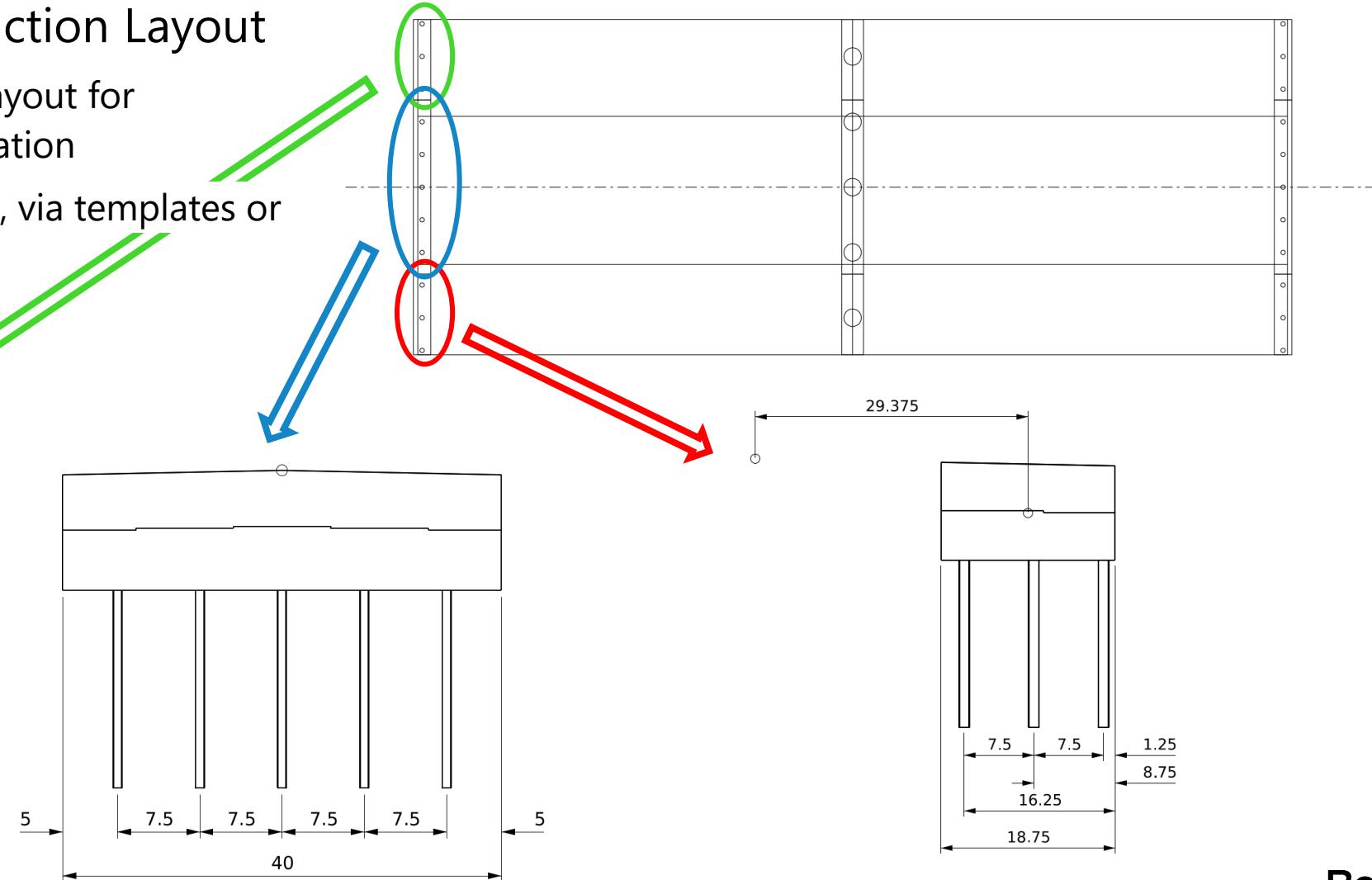
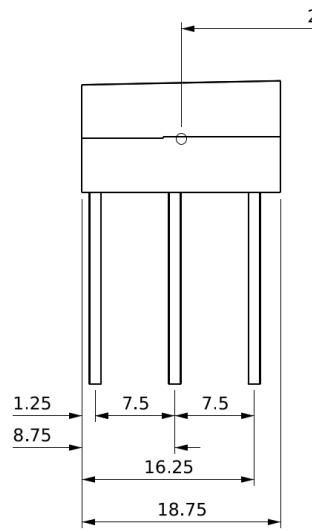
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 - Identify dimensions and layout for template components creation
 - Identify offset, as required, via templates or the properties window

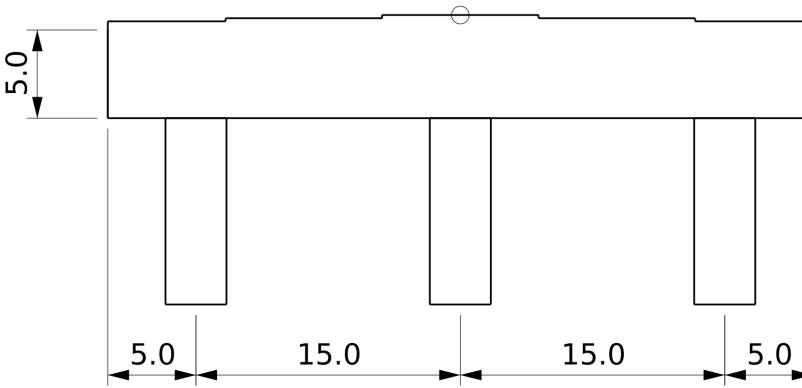


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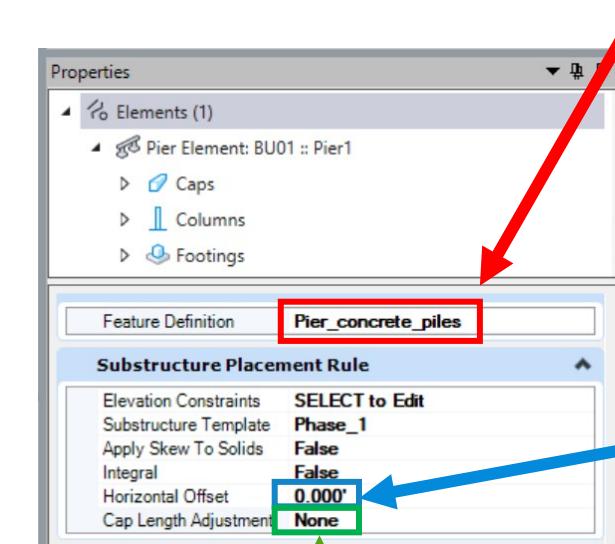
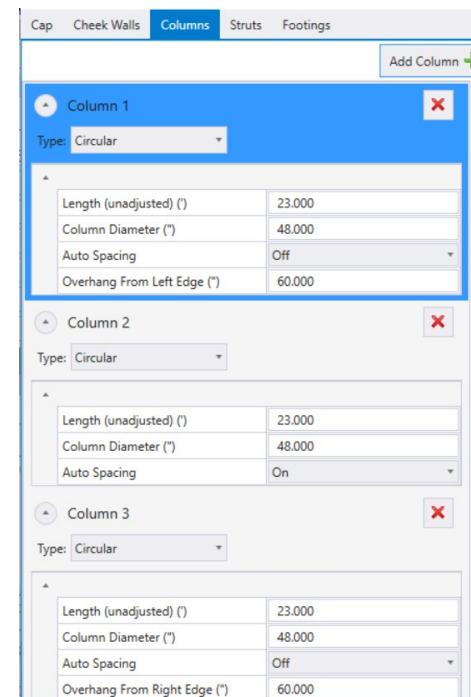
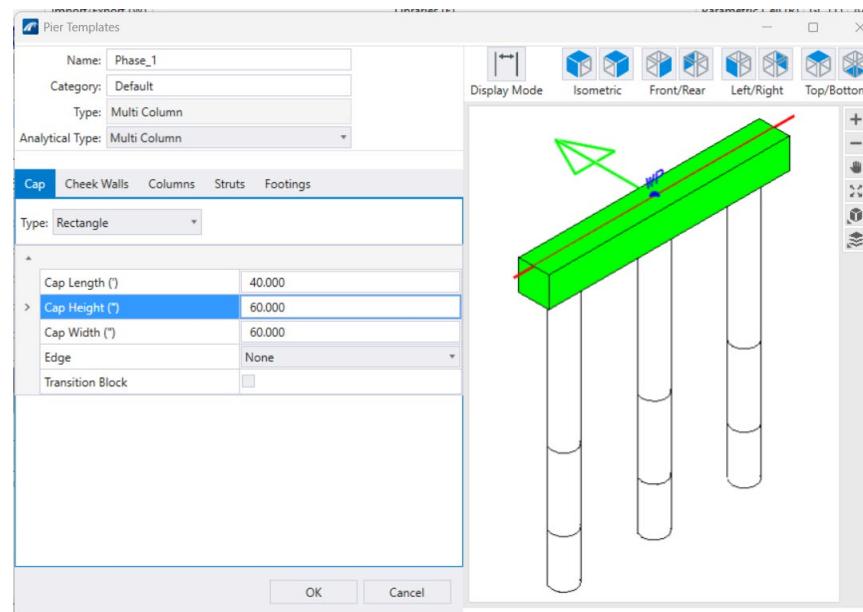
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Template Creation & Placement



(Optional) Can assign a Feature specific to the phase and component if available.



How we will control the location of the phased substructure components.

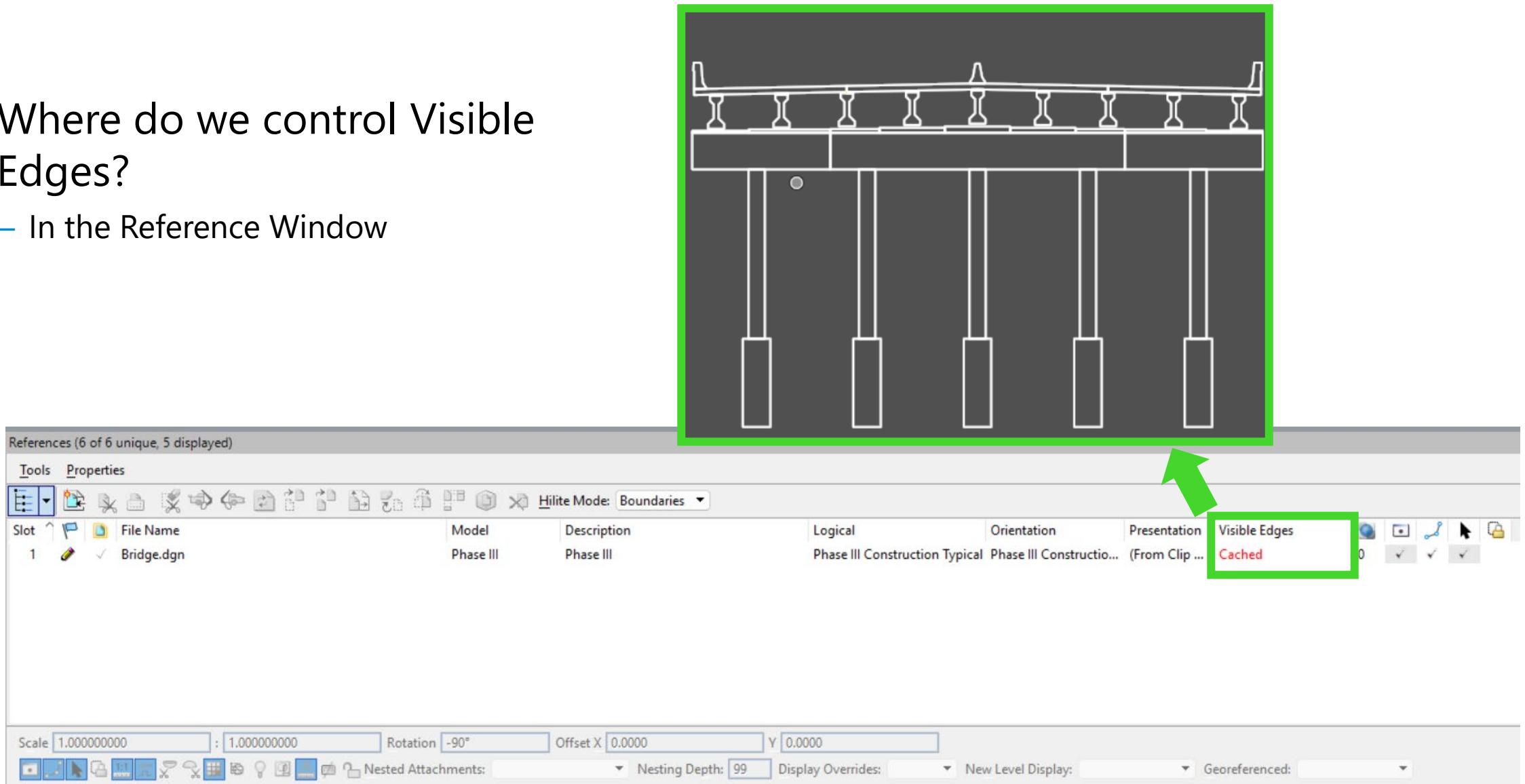
Set to None, so the template controls the length.

Dynamic View Vs Cashed View

- **Dynamic Views**
 - Live, interactive slices of the 3D model. They update automatically when the model changes.
 - Useful in Plans Development where real-time visual validation is required or helpful.
 - Useful for Proposed Bridge models that are preliminary or in the middle of design, and subject to change.
 - Requires the use of Feature Definitions or View Level control to display or hide bridge features.
- **Cashed Views**
 - Static representations of the model geometry captured at a specific moment.
 - Useful in Plan Development when a static moment in time of a structure need to be represented.
 - Useful for compiling Construction Sequences with the minimum amount of references or models.
 - Allows for the use of default Feature Definitions while able to control bridge features that are visible.

Dynamic View Vs Cashed View

- Where do we control Visible Edges?
 - In the Reference Window



Feature Definitions

What is a Feature Definition?

- An element that defines what the geometric object represents and controls how the object behaves and interacts with other components.
- It is typically stored in DGNLIB and accessed via the Explorer tool.

Feature Definitions

What are the Required Components of a Feature Definition?

1. Feature Definition

- The central element that defines what the geometric object represents (e.g., deck, barrier, pier).
- Controls how the object behaves and interacts with other components.
- Stored in DGNLIB and accessed via the Explorer tool.

2. Feature Symbology

- Specifies the **Element Template(s)** used to draw the feature.
- Determines how the feature appears in plan, profile, and 3D views.
- Also stored in DGNLIB.

3. Element Templates

- Define the visual and structural properties of elements:
 - Level
 - Color
 - Style
 - Weight
 - Class
 - Transparency
 - Priority
 - Material
 - Text Styles
- Configured in DGNLIB and can be customized via right-click options.

4. Levels

- Used to organize and control the display of elements.
- Each feature can be assigned to a specific level for better management.

Feature Definitions

How can we use Feature Definitions for Phase Bridge Construction?

- Feature Definitions can be helpful
 - Adding Definitions for Existing geometry or bridge stages allows more control over levels, styles, weights, etc. for plans production
 - Individual Elements can then be controlled via level display, display rules. etc.
 - 2D Decorators can become plan ready
 - Feature Definitions are applied when the bridge component is created, but Feature Definitions can be modified after the element is created, through the properties window.



OpenBridge Modeler Example

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Questions?

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