

Chichica Footbridge Team

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Outline

- Background
- Project Scope
- While We Were There
- Design Considerations
- Components
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- Conclusion

Where We Were



Regions of Panama

Panama – 9 provinces & 3 Comarcas



Project Location



<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/maps/central-america/panama>

CHICHICA

- 1300 inhabitants
- Government Offices
- High school and University
- Road to Tole

Crossing



TIJERA

- 700 inhabitants
- Elementary school
- Main trail from Tijera to Chichica

CROQUIS
COMUNIDAD
TIJERA
SÜRÜ



People of Tijera and Chichica



Why a Bridge?

- Water level fluctuates
- Rainy season
- School
- Government offices





Project Goals

“... to design a sustainable and inexpensive footbridge for the communities of Chichica and Tijera.”

How We Lived



On Location



Community Requests



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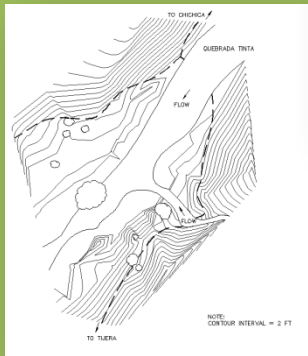


Data Collection



Design Process

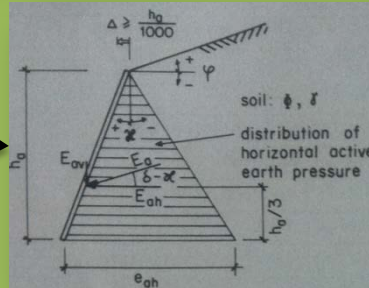
START



Site & River Conditions



Constraining Parameters

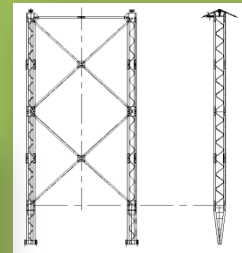
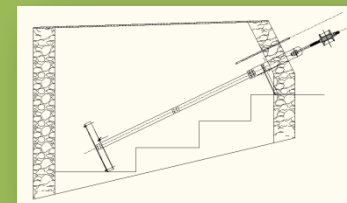


Survey, Design and Construction of Trail Suspension Bridges for Remote Areas.



LRFD Guide Specifications for Design of Pedestrian Bridges

Component Design



FINISH

Site & River Conditions



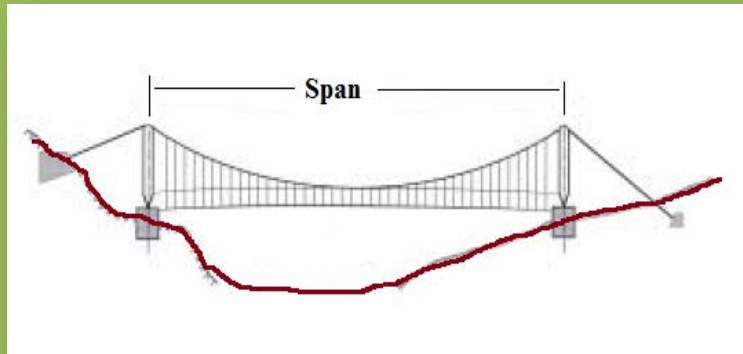
UPSTREAM VIEW

DOWNSTREAM VIEW

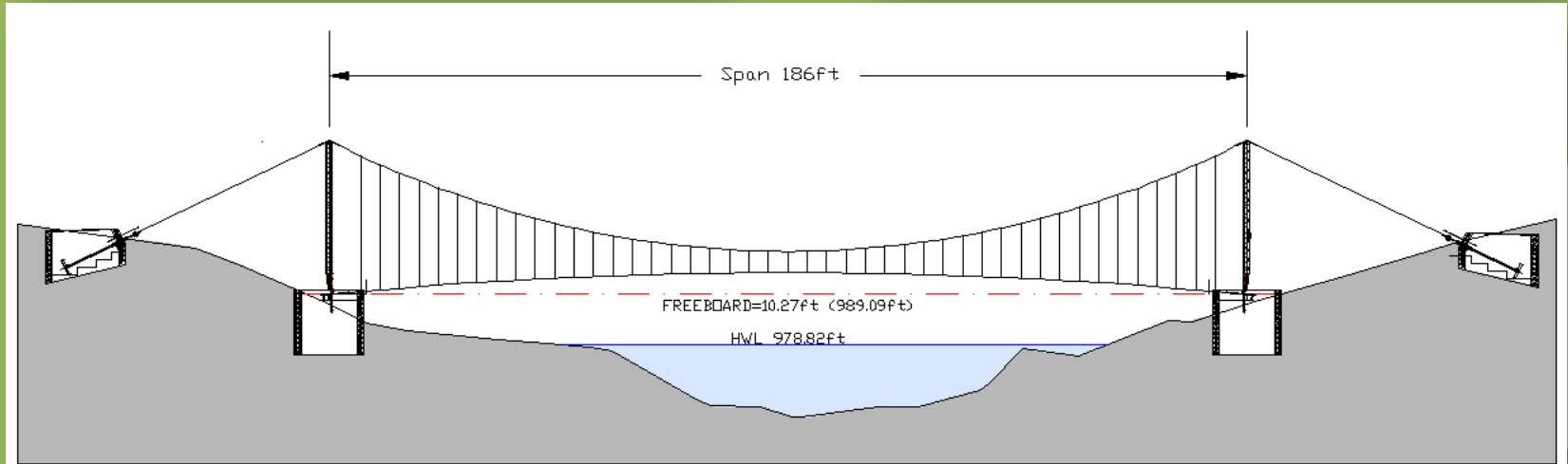
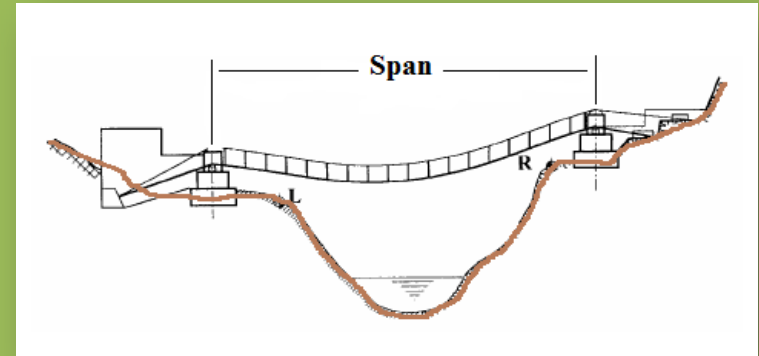


Bridge Type

Suspension Bridge

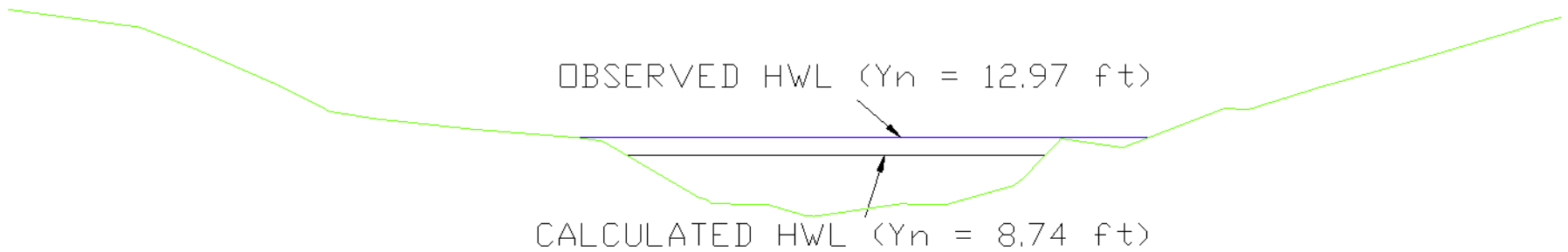


Suspended Bridge



Hydrology

- High water level
- 4,093 cfs
 - 8.74 ft vs. 12.97 ft



Erosion



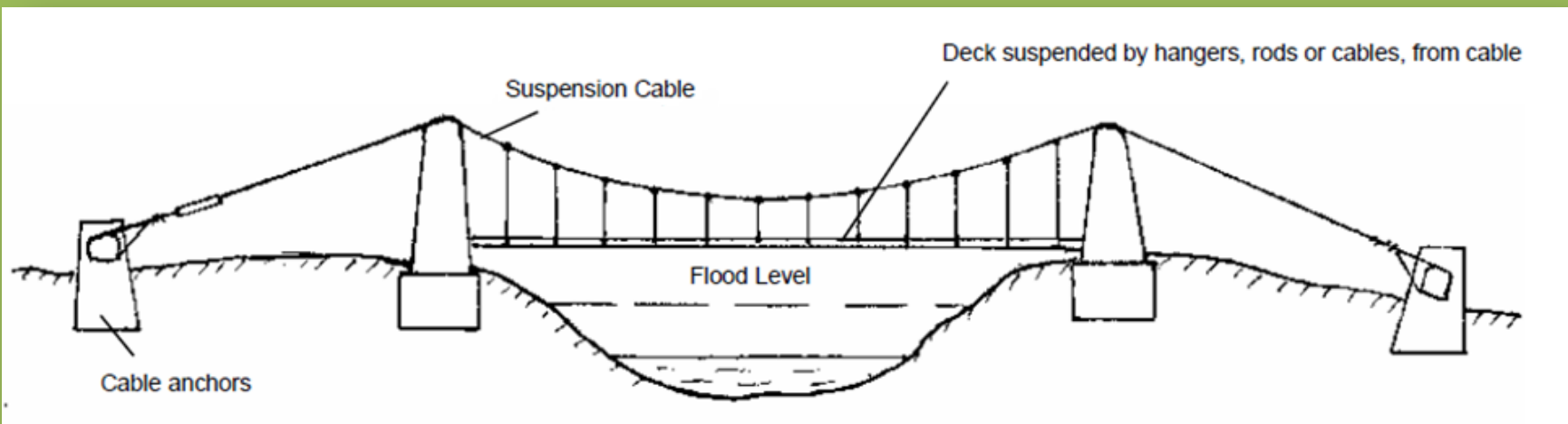
Constraining Parameters

- Anticipated loadings
- Soil capacity

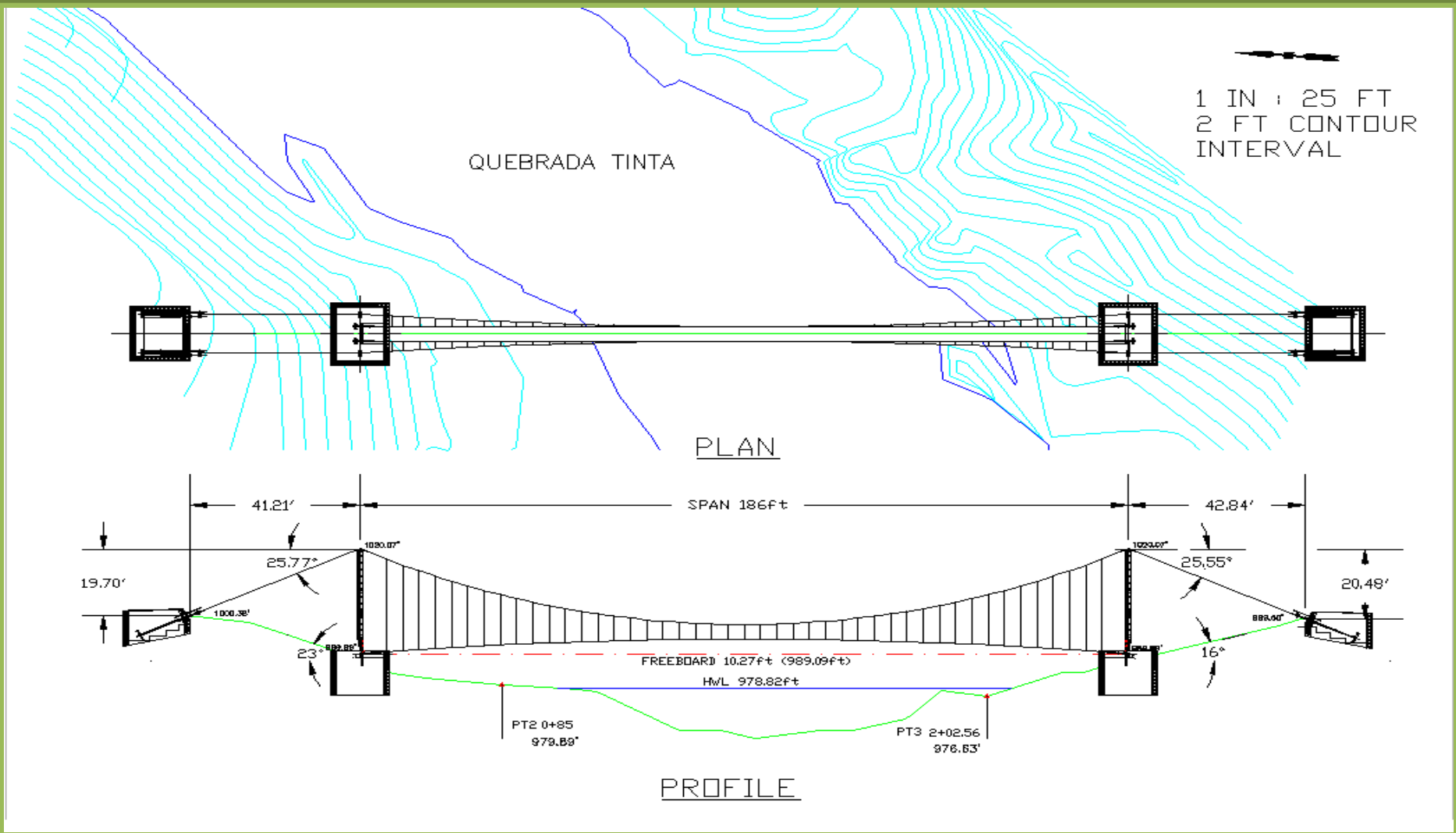


Footbridge Components

- Cables
- Towers
- Foundations & Anchorages
- Suspenders & Walkway

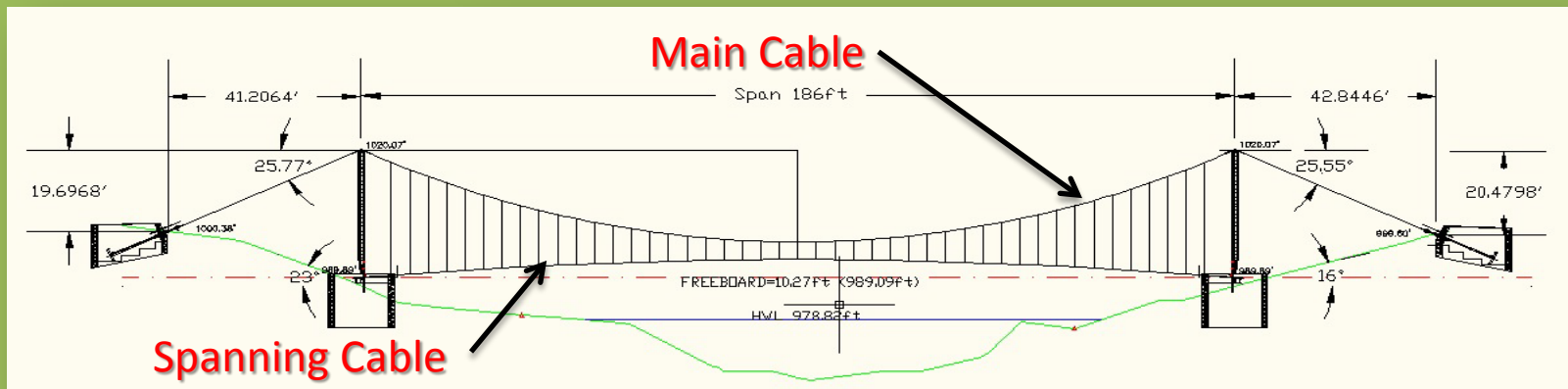
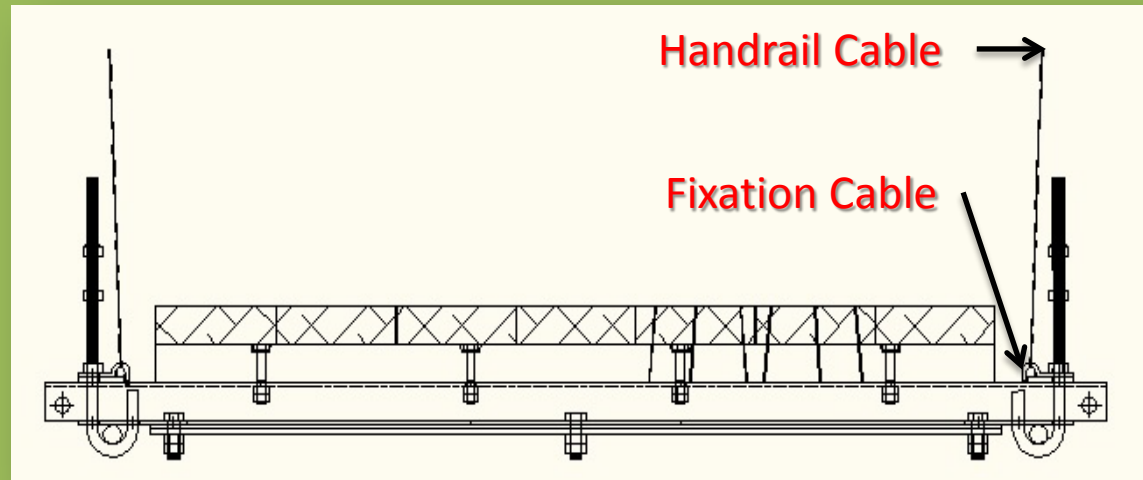


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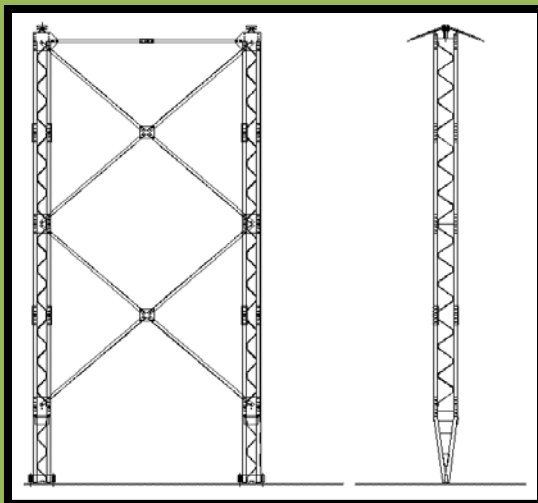
Cables

- Main
- Spanning
- Fixation
- Handrail



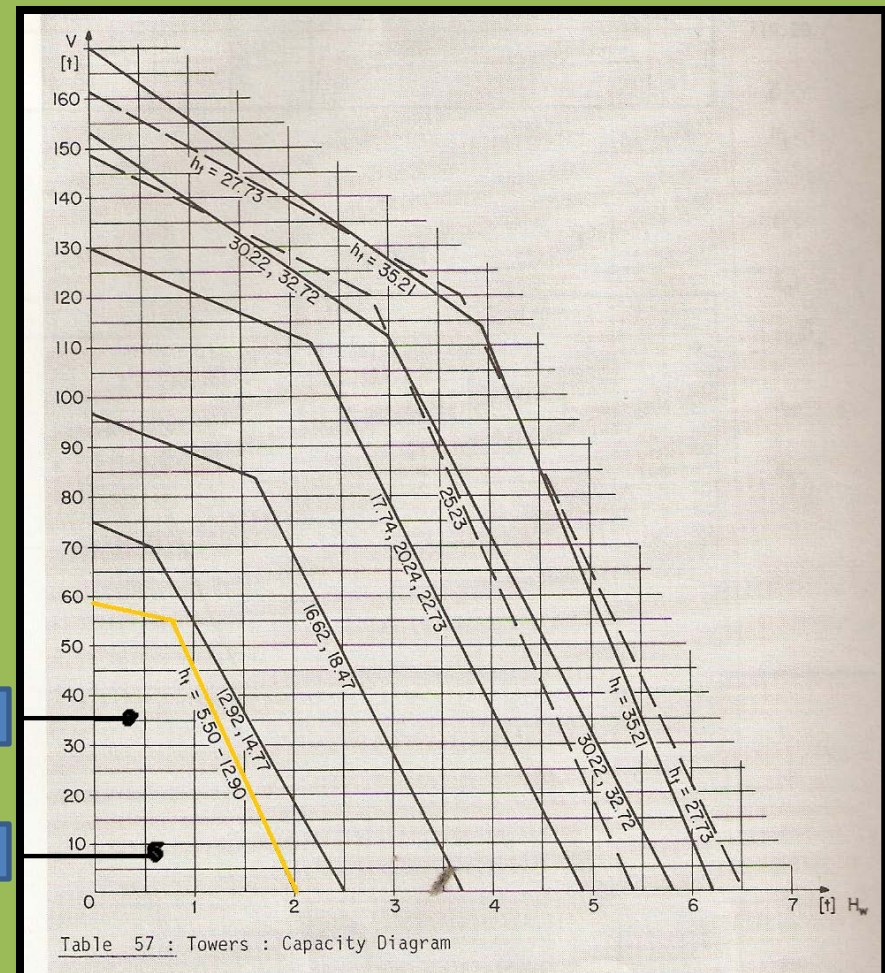
Towers

- Steel Towers
- Height: 30.37ft
- Loading Cases
- Tower capacity



Buckling

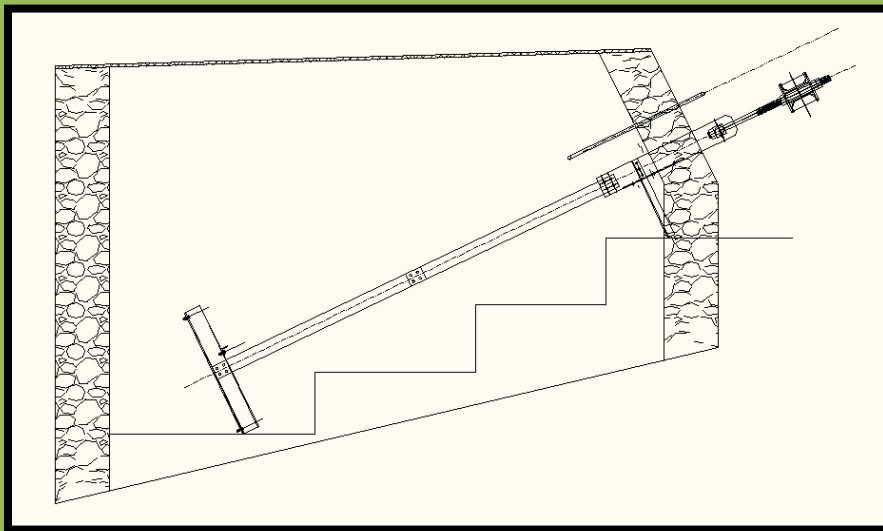
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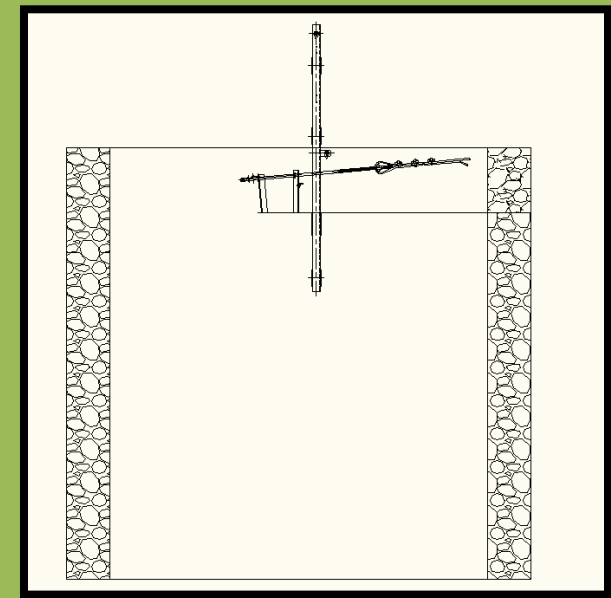
Foundations & Anchorages

- Masonry and Concrete
- Block size
 - Safety against Sliding and Bearing failure

Size: 14.5' x 16' x 10' (4')

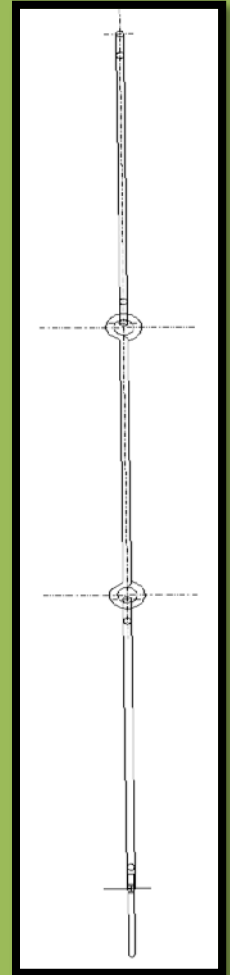
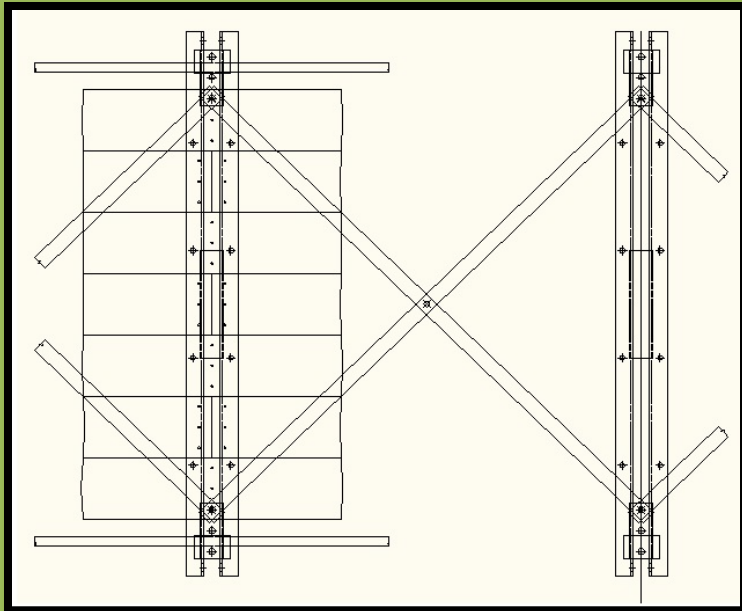


Size: 14' x 18.5' x 13'

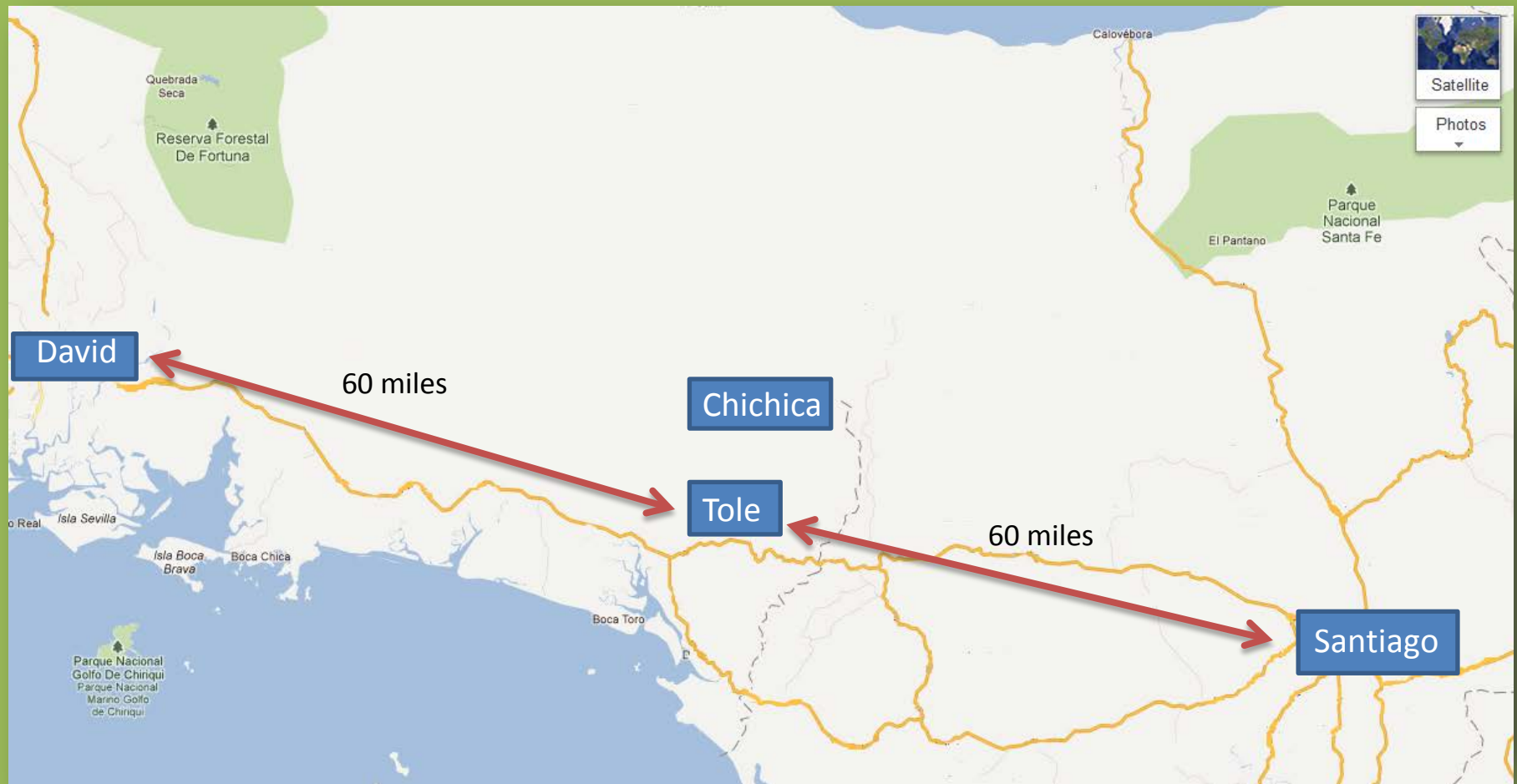


Suspenders & Walkway

- Steel and Timber
- Suspenders sized for cable shape
- Walkway decking check

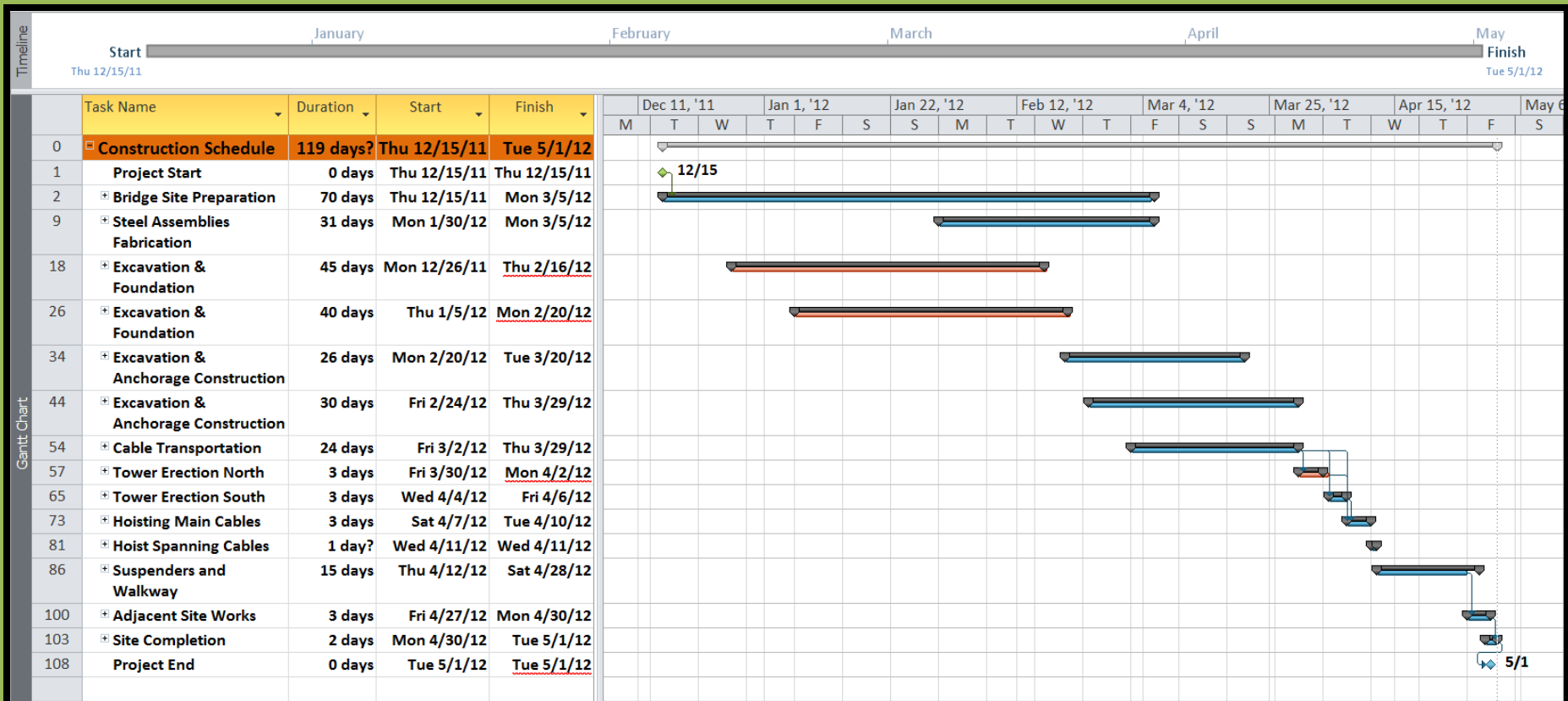


Logistics



Construction Schedule

- **119 Days (20 weeks, 5 months)**



Cost Estimate

- **Total Cost--\$67,000**
 - Material Cost
 - Labor
 - Equipment
- **With Donations--\$43,000**

Overall Estimate		
Item	Total Cost	Actual Cost (Donations Subtracted)
Materials	\$40,418	\$35,381
Labor	\$22,028	\$2,720
Equipment	\$4,626	\$4,626
Total	\$67,000	\$43,000

What Happens Next

- Report
- Construction Schedule
- Construction Reference Material
- Design Drawings
- Parts Lists





Conclusion

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Questions???