

#### Dundalk Marine Terminal (DMT) RoRo Demolition and Bulkhead Rehabilitation

**Port of Baltimore, Maryland Port Administration** 

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#### Introduction



# MPA Baltimore A Diversified Facility

At the top of one of the main branches of the Chesapeake Bay into the Baltimore Harbor

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#### Overview

Port Location Terminal History Structural Assessment Design Phase Rehabilitation Construction





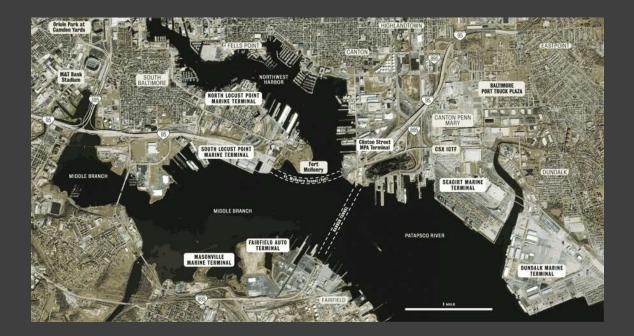


#### Location



# Port of Baltimore

- 7 MPA Terminals
- Over 1,250 acres of Port Facilities
- 7 Private Terminals
- Average Depths Ranging 23' to over 50'





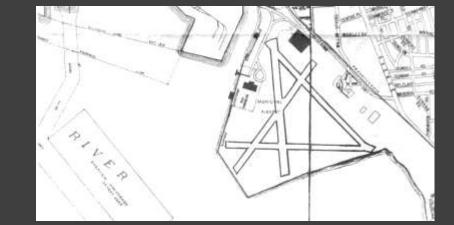






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1939 Boeing 314 "Yankee Clipper" landing at Baltimore Municipal Airport's Flying boat facility.





# **Civil Air Service**

- Utilized as a military Operating Base during WWII and the Maryland Air National Guard Fighter Squadron.
- Operated until the mid 1950's



1947 Maryland Air National Guard's 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron conducting a retreat ceremony in from of the Air Guard Hangar at Baltimore Municipal Airport.



#### **Airport Decommissioning**

- 1960 the airport was closed and purchased by the Maryland Port Administration for conversion to a marine terminal.
- Dundalk Marine Terminal was added to in Acreage to extend the wharf edges in the 1960's.



1957 Aerial view of Harbor Field still operating, although runways appear in extremely rough condition prior to purchase by MPA.









1961 Aerial of Dundalk Marine Terminal after airport decommissioning



2001 Aerial of Dundalk Marine Terminal







# **Dundalk Marine Terminal**

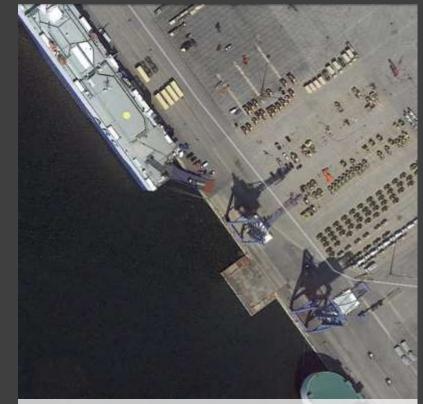
- The DMT was originally an integral part of the automobile industry in Baltimore. The croming processes for certain auto parts were done throughout the terminal.
- Issues with Hexavalent Chromate later





#### **Dundalk Marine Terminal**

- The marginal wharf was added to seaward over time
- Built with wooden piles and grade beams to match original form.
- Traffic at DMT is generally from stackable sea container vessels or from vehicle transport.



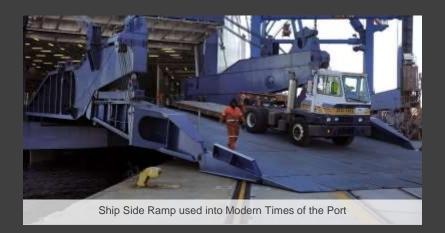
Berth 8 with the Ro-Ro Platform Location next to the Panamax STS Cranes.



#### **Dundalk Marine Terminal**

- STS cranes were added for unloading ship cargo. Required additional structural capacity.
- High mast light poles can be seen for ISO container stacking illumination.

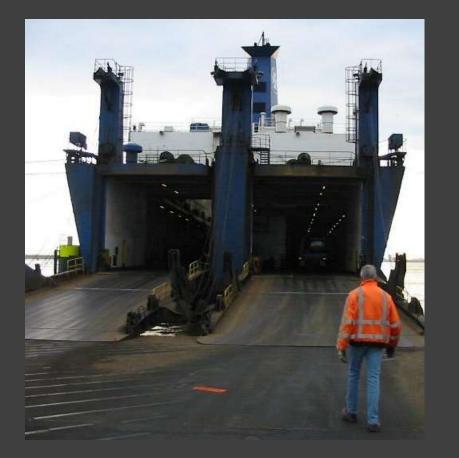






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- Roll-On Roll-Off Platforms were originally utilized to unload vessels by rear cargo ramps
- As modern times came, side ramps were more widely utilized

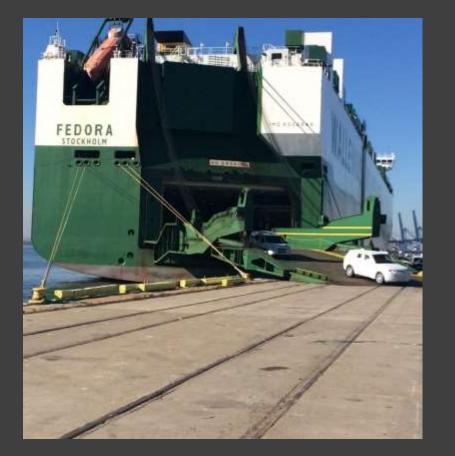






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- Heavier mooring loads gave way to larger bollard capacities.
- Rail cars were used less frequently







# **Structural Assessment**

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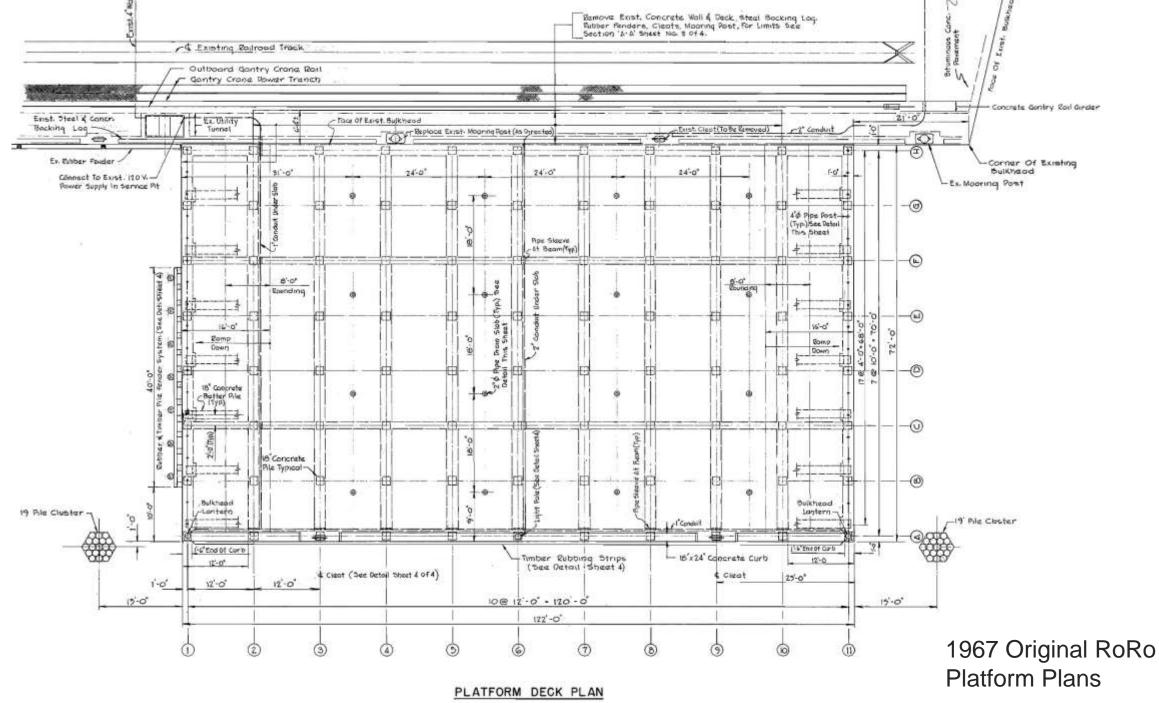


#### **Historical Plans Review**

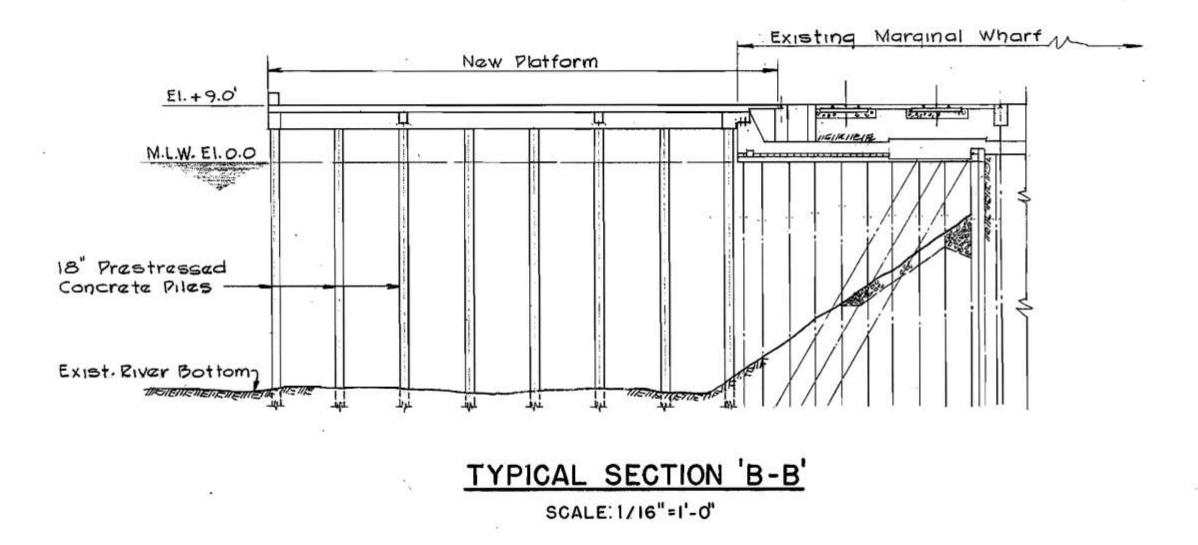
- 1964 Marginal Wharf Plans
- 1967 Original Ro-Ro Platform Design Plans
- 1973 Bearing Piles & Fender Repairs
- 1975 Rehab Rails, Paving & Related Work
- 1980 SubStructure & Deck Repair
- 1981 Bollard Replacement, Railroad Track & Crane Rail Rehabilitation
- 1994 New Fendering System & Bulkhead Repairs
- 2011 Wharf Upgrades & Repairs





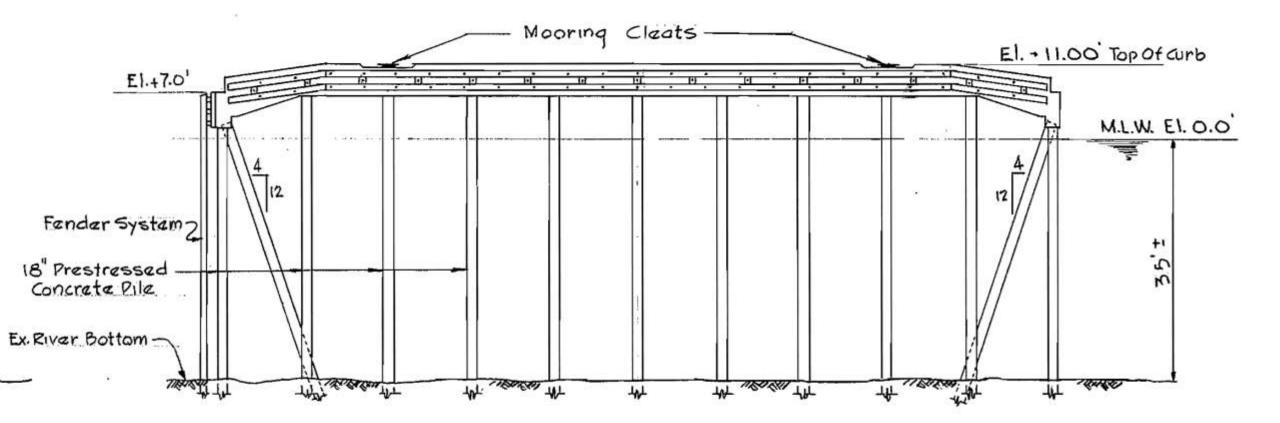


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1967 Original RoRo Platform Plans

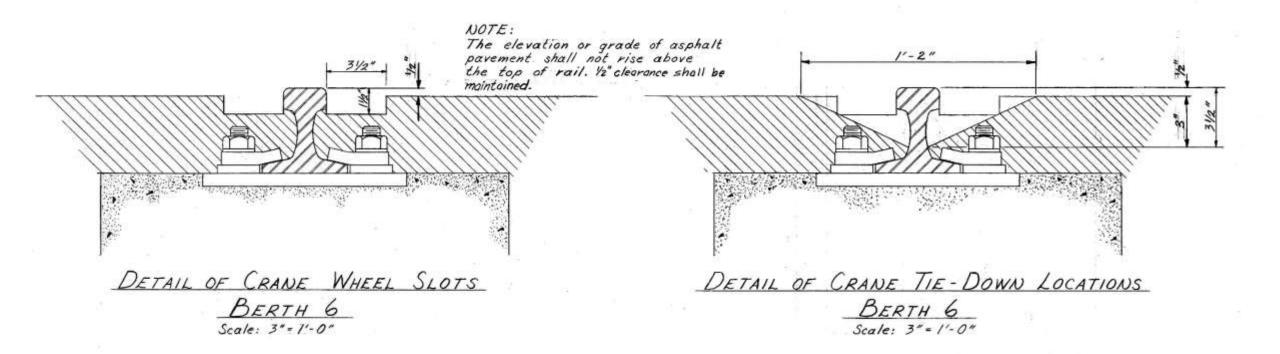
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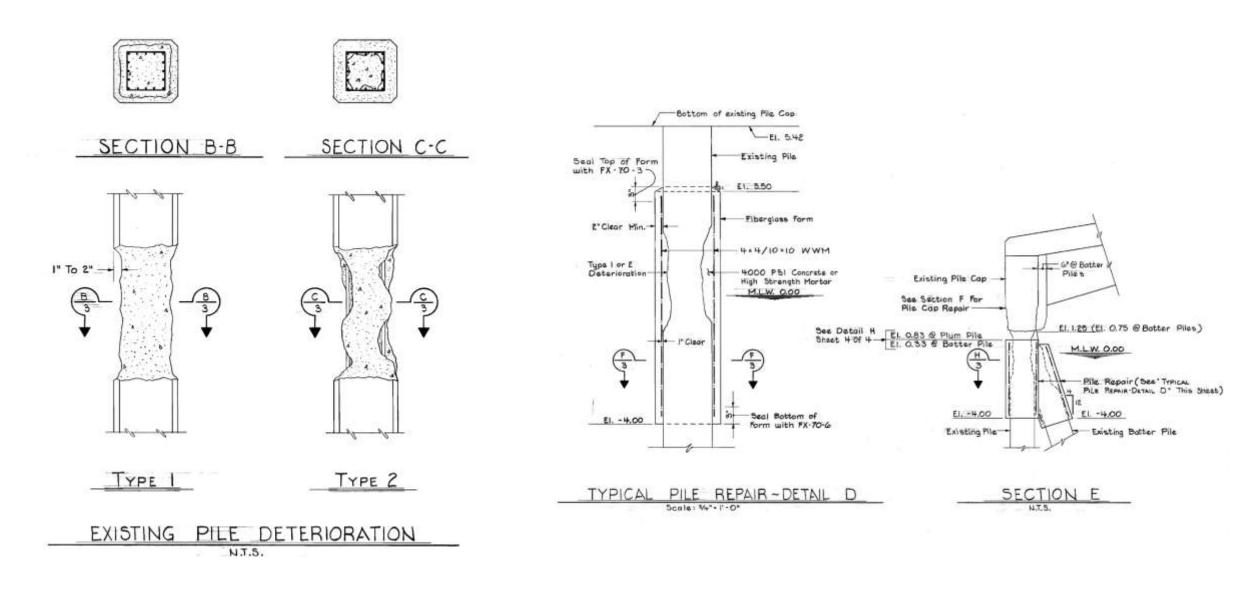
#### ELEVATION LOOKING NORTH

SCALE: 1/6"=1-0"

1967 Original RoRo Platform Plans



1975 Rehab Rails, Paving & Related Work Plans



1980 Sub-Structure and Deck Repair Plans

# **Above & Below Board Structural Assessment**

# Underwater and Site Investigation

 Trained divers from M&N Engineering and Diving Services, Inc. surveyed and documented the condition of the piles, substructure and inventoried any debris along the bottom that would influence dredging operations.



Engineering Divers conducting an underwater structural assessment.

View Looking Toward the Francis Scott Key Bridge



Waterline Fenders and Piles



#### **Above & Below Board Structural Assessment**

#### **Underwater and Site Investigation**

- Condition of piles restricted pulling during demolition
- Timber and concrete pile section obstructions on the channel bottom
- Underside of concrete deck and deck beams spalled fully exposing reinforcing bars
- Prestressed concrete piles broken and defective with exposed strands



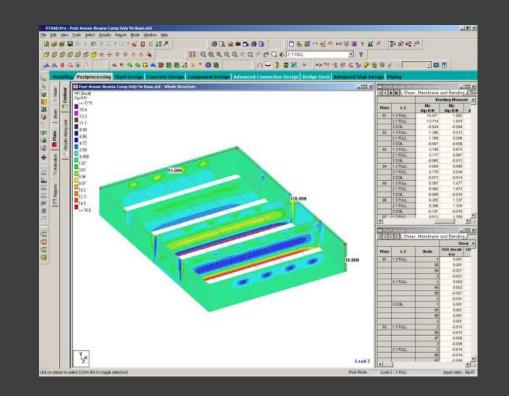


# **Design Phase**



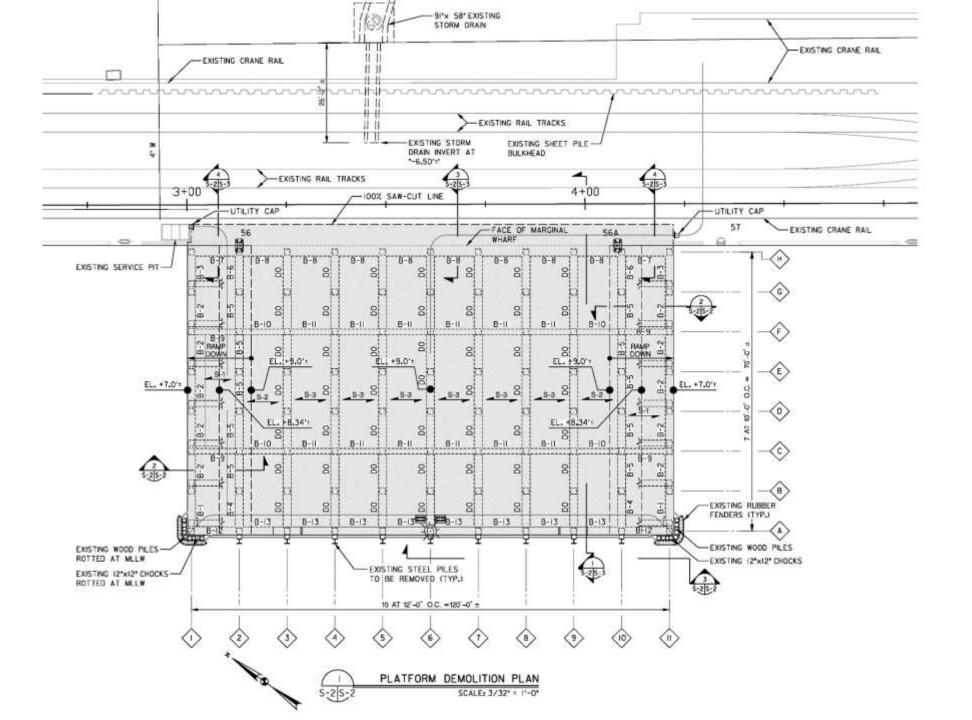
#### **RoRo Platform Demolition**

- Use of FEA for marginal wharf capacities
- Load acquisition for pile pulling requirements
- Existing platform piles checked for unbalanced loads



FEA Concrete Analysis





#### Design Phase

# **Dredging Design**

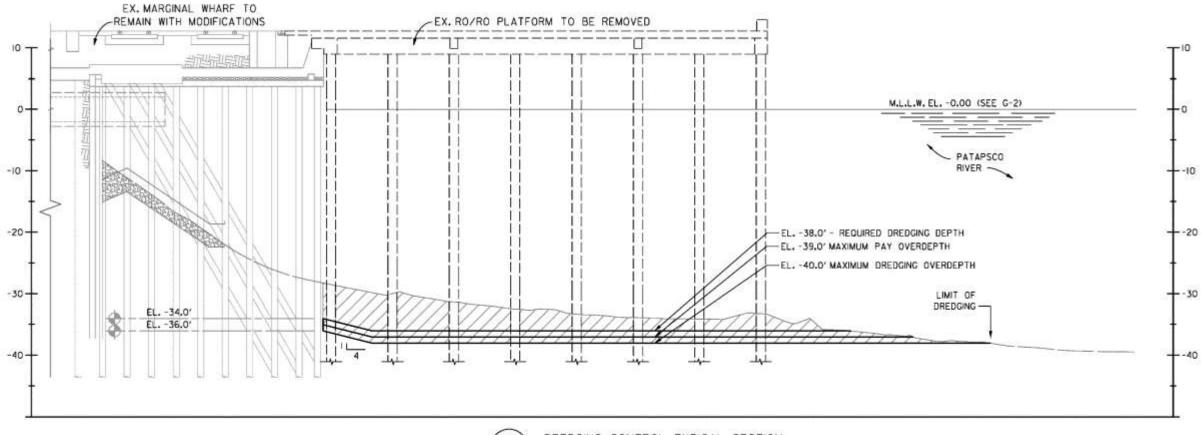
- Bottom contours under Ro-Ro Platform to be dredged
- All spoils taken to DMCF specifically built at MPA
- Final contours checked with Lidar











DREDGING CONTROL TYPICAL SECTION 1 C-1 C-2

SCALE: 1/8' = 1'-0'

#### **Design** Phase

# New Bollard Design & Wharf Rehabilitation

- Original classification 60 -80 T capacity
- Larger 150 200 T capacity with recessed arrangements









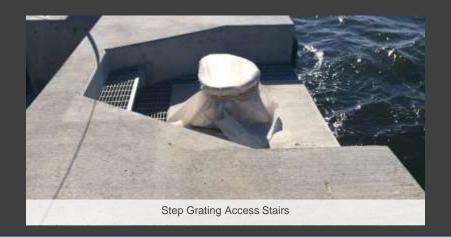
### **Rehabilitation Construction**

#### New Bollard Arrangement

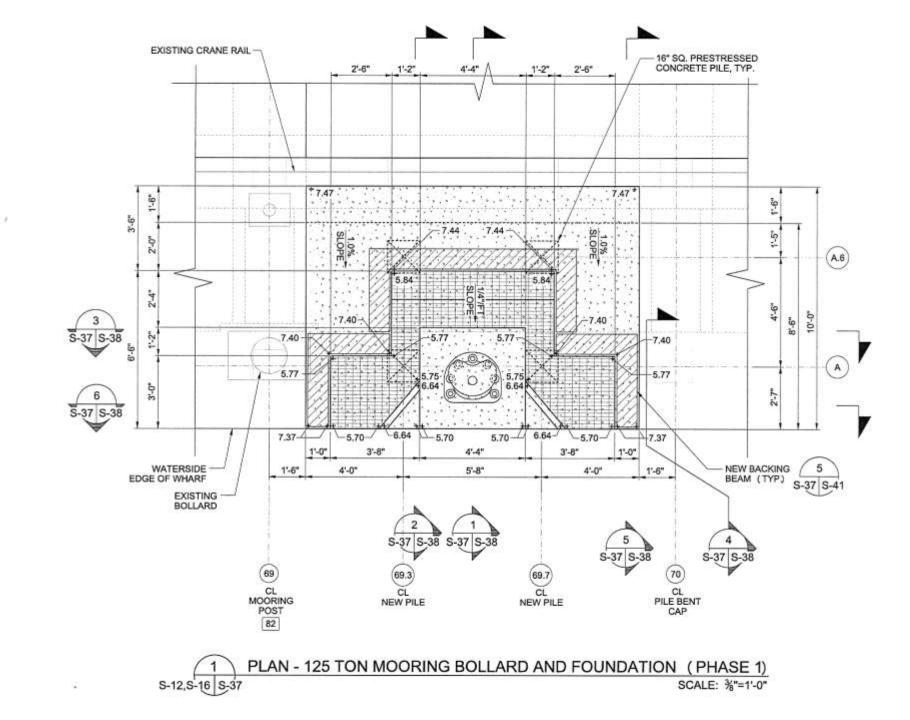
- Using independent piles and pile cap.
- Breakaway theory from marginal wharf
- Recessed for unencumbered ship mooring access
- Positive drainage
- Step grating for man access

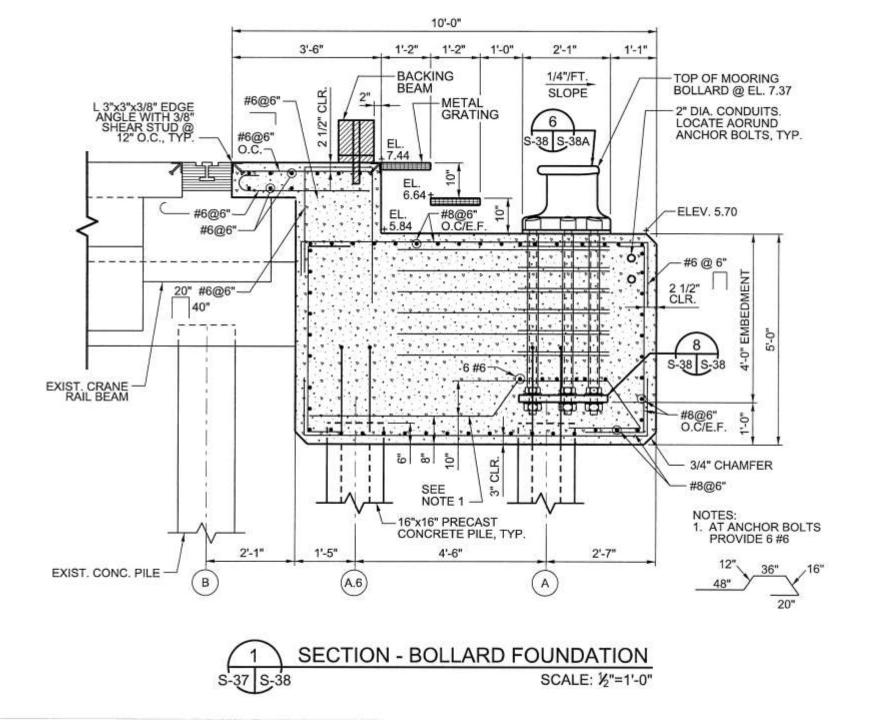


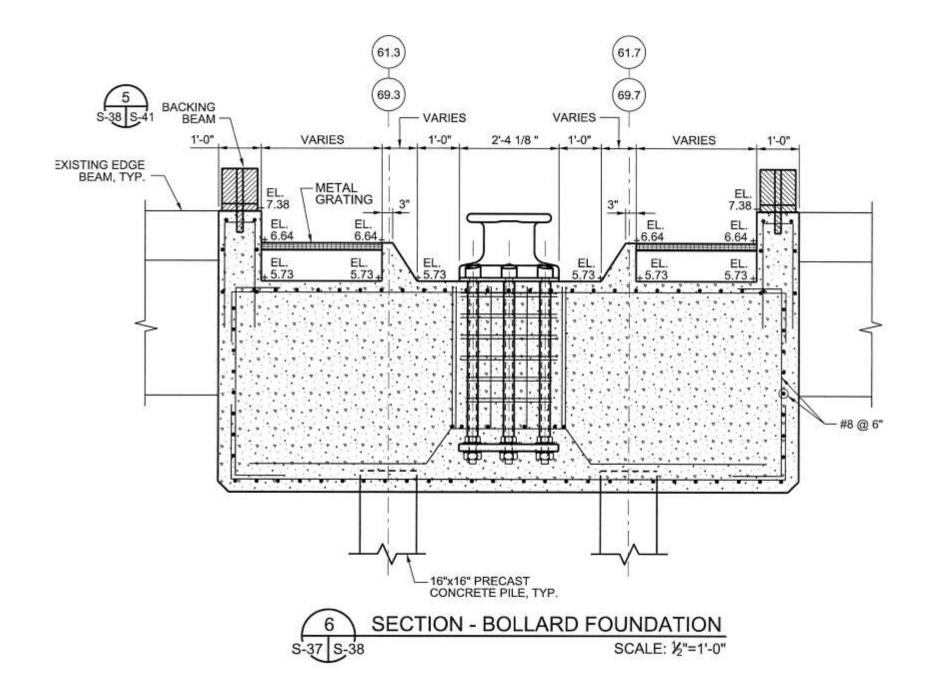














# **Construction Observation**

### **Rehabilitation Construction**

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- Face repairs from rusted connections
- Piles under Ro-Ro Platform sawcut and pulled
- Repairs done to wharf sides and face and integrated with new pile supported bollards







