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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 70.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT****Resident Engineer:** Pursell, Gary**Address:** 333 Burma Road**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-006581**Date Inspected:** 30-Apr-2009**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**Contractor:** Japan Steel Works**OSM Arrival Time:** 730**OSM Departure Time:** 1630**Location:** Muroran, Japan

<b>CWI Name:</b>	Chung Fu Kuan		
<b>Inspected CWI report:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Electrode to specification:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Qualified Welders:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Approved Drawings:</b>	Yes	No	N/A

<b>CWI Present:</b>	Yes	No	
<b>Rod Oven in Use:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Weld Procedures Followed:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Verified Joint Fit-up:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Approved WPS:</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Delayed / Cancelled:</b>	Yes	No	N/A

**Bridge No:** 34-0006**Component:** Tower, Jacking, and Deviation Saddles**Summary of Items Observed:**

On this date Caltrans OSM Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector Mr. Art Peterson was present during the times noted above for observations relative to the work being performed in Fabrication shop #4 and the Foundry shop at Japan Steel Works.

**Fabrication Shop #4**

Machining Operation of Saddle: Tower Saddle Segment T1-1 (cast section welded to steel section)

The QA Inspector observed that tower saddle segment T1-1 is located in Machine Shop #4 to have the final machining performed. On this date, the QA Inspector observed that the machining on one of the top of trough sections was in process on tower saddle segment T1-1.

Machining Operation of Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-E2 (cast section welded to steel section)

The QA Inspector observed that west deviation saddle segment W2-E2 is located in Machine Shop #2. On this date, the QA Inspector observed JSW personnel were drilling holes in the end section of the rib plate.

Storage of Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-E1 (cast section welded to steel section)

The QA Inspector observed that west deviation saddle segment W2-E1 has been moved from Machine Shop #2 to Fabrication Shop #4. On this date, the QA Inspector observed that no work was performed on west deviation saddle segment W2-E1.

Welding Operation of Saddle: Tower Saddle Segment T1-3 (cast section being welded to steel section)

The QA Inspector observed the partial-joint penetration groove root pass weld operation on the stem plate (steel

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section) to stem plate (cast section) of tower saddle segment T1-3. The QA Inspector observed Quality Control (QC) Inspector Mr. Chung Fu Kuan verify prior to and during the welding operation that the minimum preheat temperature of 110 degrees Celsius was maintained and the welding parameters of JSW welding personnel Mr. R. Iizuka (06-2643) on weld joint no. 9S-3U and Mr. M. Kato (08-5018) on weld joint no. 9S-2U were in compliance with WPS SJ-3012-4 per the SMAW process in the (2G) horizontal position using (4.0) mm diameter LB52A 7016 electrode. The QA Inspector observed that the partial-joint penetration groove weld operation was in process at the QA Inspectors' shift.

**Welding Operation of Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-E3 ( cast section being welded to steel section)**  
The QA Inspector observed that the JSW personnel were in process on re-positioning- (turn over) west deviation saddle segment W2-E3 in preparation to resume the welding of the 2nd side of the partial-joint penetration groove welds on the rib plate (steel section) to rib plate (cast section). The QA Inspector observed that the repositioning of west deviation saddle segment W2-E3 was in process at the end of the QA Inspectors' shift.

**Welding Operation of Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-W1 (cast section)**

The QA Inspector observed JSW personnel previously removed west deviation saddle segment W2-W1 (cast section) that was temporarily fit to west deviation saddle segment W2-W1 (steel section). The QA Inspector observed JSW welding personnel Mr. H. Mitsumori (81-5438) welding temporary attachments- (stay plates) in between the trough section to the built up section (weld surfacing layers) previously deposited on the cast section per the FCAW-G process in the (2F and 3F) horizontal and vertical positions. The purpose of welding the stay plates in between the trough section at (3) locations is for dimensional and distortion control prior to the start of the welding operation. The Quality Control Inspector Mr. Chung Fu Kuan informed the QA Inspector that JSW uses their in-house weld procedure specifications to perform the welding of the stay plates to the built up section (weld surfacing layers) previously deposited on the cast section. The QA Inspector observed that the welding of the stay plates in between the trough section was in process at the end of the QA Inspectors' shift.

**NDT Operation of Saddle: Tower Saddle Segment T1-2 (cast section welded to steel section)**

The QA Inspector observed NIS Quality Control NDT personnel Mr. R. Kumagai (#132) performing magnetic particle test (MPT) inspection (dry method) on the partial-joint and complete-joint penetration groove welds after the intermediate post weld stress relief heat treatment operation on the rib (cast sections) to rib (steel sections) and the stem (cast sections) to stem (steel sections) of tower saddle segment T1-2. The QA Inspector observed that the MPT inspection was in process at the end of the QA Inspectors' shift.

**Grinding Operation on Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-W2 (steel section)**

The QA Inspector observed that JSW personnel were performing the grinding operation on the ends of the weld where the run-off plates were removed from the partial-joint penetration groove weld operation on the rib plate to stem plate of west deviation saddle segment W2-W2. The QA Inspector also observed that JSW personnel were grinding the finished welds to an acceptable profile prior to Quality Control (QC) Inspector Mr. Chung Fu Kuan performing a visual inspection in accordance with the approved shop drawings and AWS D1.5-2002 section 3.6 (weld profiles). The QA Inspector observed that the grinding operation was in process at the end of the QA Inspectors' shift.

Foundry Shop:

Storage of Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-W2 (cast section)

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The QA Inspector observed that west deviation saddle segment W2-W2 (cast section) is located in the Foundry Shop for storage until west deviation saddle segment W2-W2 (steel section) is ready for the fit-up operation. On this date, the QA Inspector observed that no work was performed.

### Grinding Operation on Saddle: East Saddle E2-E1 (cast saddle)

The QA Inspector observed that JSW personnel were not performing the grinding operation on this date of the shaped areas on the outside of the trough section and on the rib sections where previously the excess removal of cast material- (scarfing operation by the air-carbon-arc method) on the rough casting was performed on east saddle E2-E1. The purpose of the grinding operation is to profile the areas to a smooth finish and for subsequently the NDT operation. The JSW representative Mr. Hideaki Kon informed the QA Inspector that the grinding operation would resume at a later date.

### Repair Operation pending on Saddle: East Saddle E2-W1 (cast saddle)

The QA Inspector was informed by JSW Representative Mr. Hideaki Kon that JSW personnel will perform the gouging operation (air-carbon arc method) of discontinuities marked up by NIS QC NDT Personnel Mr. H. Kohama (#86) from the magnetic particle test (MPT) inspection and the ultrasonic test (UT) inspection on the rib section and trough section on the outside of east saddle E2-W1 (cast section). The QA Inspector observed that the gouging operation has not started on this date.

### NDT Operation on Saddle: West Deviation Saddle Segment W2-W3 (cast section)

The QA Inspector observed Nikko Inspection Services (NIS) Quality Control (QC) NDT personnel Mr. A. Seino (#82) performing the magnetic particle test (MPT) inspection (wet method) on west deviation saddle W2-W3 (cast section) on the as finished surface of level (1) areas as shown on the plans on the outside of the trough section and of level (3) areas as shown on the plans on the rib sections of the west deviation saddle. The NIS QC NDT Inspector verified the lifting force and the sensitivity of the yoke prior to the start of the MPT inspection. The QA Inspector also performed MPT inspection (wet method) on the outside of the trough section and rib section on the west deviation saddle. The QA Inspector verified that the bath concentration of the non-fluorescent particles were between (1.2 and 2.4) mL per (100) mL as per ASTM E709 Section 20.6.3 and the manufacturer recommendations. The actual settling volume was recorded at (2) mL as measured using a pear shape centrifuge tube with a (1.5) mL stem and after allowing the particles to settle for approximately (30) minutes prior to taking the settling volume measurement. The QA Inspector performed a performance check of the equipment by verifying the alternating current (AC) lifting force of the yoke using a (10) lb steel plate with the yoke pole spacing at (100) mm and verifying the sensitivity of the yoke using a "pie" field indicator prior to the start of the MPT verification inspection. The QA Inspector observed that the MPT inspection performed by Mr. A. Seino was in process at the end of the QA Inspectors' shift. See Magnetic Particle Test Inspection Report TL-6028 dated April 30th, 2009 for details of equipment used and locations of inspection on west deviation saddle segment W2-W3.

### Machining Operation of Saddle: West Jacking Saddle (cast saddle)

The QA Inspector observed that the west jacking saddle is located in Machine Shop #2. On this date, the QA Inspector observed JSW personnel were machining / milling the surface on one end of the rib section on the west jacking saddle.

Unless otherwise noted, all observations reported on this date appeared to be in general compliance with applicable contract documents.

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**Summary of Conversations:**

No significant conversations were reported on this date.

**Comments**

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Nina Choy, 510 385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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