



## Standard Classification for Bridge Elements—UNIFORMAT II<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This standard establishes a classification of bridge elements within the UNIFORMAT II family of elemental classifications. It covers most highway bridges, railroad bridges, and pedestrian bridges.

1.2 UNIFORMAT II classifications have an elemental format similar to the original UNIFORMAT<sup>2</sup> building elemental classification. However, the title UNIFORMAT II differs from the original in that it now takes into consideration a wide range of constructed entities that collectively form the built environment.

1.3 Elements, as defined here and in other UNIFORMAT II Classifications, are major physical components that are common within constructed entities. Elements perform their given function(s), regardless of the design specification, construction method, or materials used.

1.4 This elemental classification serves as a consistent reference for analysis, evaluation, and monitoring during the feasibility, planning, and design stages when constructing bridges.

1.5 Using UNIFORMAT II elemental classifications ensures a consistency in the economic evaluation of construction projects over time and from project to project.

1.6 UNIFORMAT II classifications also enhance reporting at all stages of a constructed entity's life cycle—from feasibility and planning through the preparation of working documents, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, and disposal.

1.7 This classification is unsuitable for process applications or for preparing trade estimates.

1.8 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each

system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.9 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

E631 Terminology of Building Constructions

E833 Terminology of Building Economics

E917 Practice for Measuring Life-Cycle Costs of Buildings and Building Systems

E964 Practice for Measuring Benefit-to-Cost and Savings-to-Investment Ratios for Buildings and Building Systems

E1057 Practice for Measuring Internal Rate of Return and Adjusted Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Buildings and Building Systems

E1074 Practice for Measuring Net Benefits and Net Savings for Investments in Buildings and Building Systems

E1121 Practice for Measuring Payback for Investments in Buildings and Building Systems

E1185 Guide for Selecting Economic Methods for Evaluating Investments in Buildings and Building Systems

E1369 Guide for Selecting Techniques for Treating Uncertainty and Risk in the Economic Evaluation of Buildings and Building Systems

E1699 Practice for Performing Value Analysis (VA) of Buildings and Building Systems and Other Constructed Projects

E1804 Practice for Performing and Reporting Cost Analysis During the Design Phase of a Project

E1946 Practice for Measuring Cost Risk of Buildings and Building Systems and Other Constructed Projects

E2013 Practice for Constructing FAST Diagrams and Performing Function Analysis During Value Analysis Study

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<sup>2</sup> The original UNIFORMAT classification was developed jointly by the General Services Administration (GSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

**E2506** Guide for Developing a Cost-Effective Risk Mitigation Plan for New and Existing Constructed Facilities

**E2691** Practice for Job Productivity Measurement

2.2 *ASTM UNIFORMAT II Classification Standards Family*.<sup>3</sup>

**E1557** Classification for Building Elements and Related Sitework—UNIFORMAT II

**E2083** Classification for Building Construction Field Requirements, and Office Overhead & Profit

**E2168** Classification for Allowance, Contingency, and Reserve Sums in Building Construction Estimating

**E2514** Practice for Presentation Format of Elemental Cost Estimates, Summaries, and Analyses

**E2516** Classification for Cost Estimate Classification System

2.3 *ASTM Adjuncts*.<sup>4</sup>

**Discount Factor Tables Adjunct to Practices E917, E964, E1057, E1074, and E1121**

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of general terms related to building construction used in this classification, refer to Terminology **E631**, and for general terms related to building economics, refer to Terminology **E833**.

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This standard builds on the concepts and organizational framework first established in Classification **E1557**. This classification describes bridge elements that are major components of most highway, railroad, and pedestrian bridges. The elemental classification is the common thread linking activities and participants in a bridge project from initial planning through operations, maintenance, and disposal.

NOTE 1—As this classification refers solely to permanent, physical parts of any construction, two additional classifications, Classifications **E2083** and **E2168**, need to be included when calculating construction cost. These standards provide for the inclusion of construction enabling, temporary, and risk mitigation cost figures. Procedures for reporting all these figures are described in Practices **E1804** and **E2514** and Classification **E2516**. While these three latter standards were primarily written for building construction, they are nonetheless appropriate and readily applied to other forms of construction as well.

4.2 *The Users of Bridge UNIFORMAT II Include:*

4.2.1 *Financial and Investment*—Typically owners, developers, bankers, lenders, accountants, and financial managers.

4.2.2 *Implementation*—Primarily project managers; facilities programmers; designers, including engineers; and project controls specialists, including cost planners, estimators, schedulers, specification writers, and risk analysts.

4.2.3 *Facilities Management*—Comprising property portfolio managers, operating staff, and maintenance staff.

4.2.4 *Others*—Public officials, manufacturers, educators, students, and other project stakeholders.

4.3 *Apply This Classification When Undertaking the Following Work on Bridges*.<sup>5</sup>

4.3.1 *Financing and Investing:*

4.3.1.1 Structuring costs on an elemental basis for economic evaluations (Guide **E1185** and Practices **E917, E964, E1057, E1074, E1121, and E1804**) early in the design process helps reduce the cost of early financial analysis and can contribute to substantial design and operational savings before decisions have been made that limit options for potential savings.

4.3.2 *Implementing:*

4.3.2.1 *Cost Modeling, Cost Planning, Estimating and Controlling Project Time and Cost During Planning, Design, and Construction*—Use the bridge UNIFORMAT II classification to prepare budgets and to establish elemental cost plans before design begins. Project managers and project controls specialists use these cost plans against which to measure and control project cost, and quality, and to set design-to-cost targets.

4.3.2.2 *Conducting Value Engineering Workshops*—Conducting value engineering workshops (Practices **E1699** and **E2013**). Use this classification as a checklist to ensure that alternatives for all elements of significant cost in the bridge project are analyzed in the creativity phase of the job plan. Also, use the elemental cost data to expedite the development of cost models for bridge systems.

4.3.2.3 *Developing Initial Project Master Schedules*—Since projects are essentially built element by element, UNIFORMAT II classifications are an appropriate basis for preparing construction schedules at the start of the design process. Project managers and project controls specialists use these time plans against which to measure and control project time (Practice **E2691**), and to set milestone target dates.

4.3.2.4 *Performing Risk Analyses—Simulation* (Guides **E1369** and **E2506**) is one technique for developing probability distributions of bridge costs when evaluating the economic risk in undertaking a bridge project. Use individual elements and group elements in this classification for developing probability distributions of elemental costs. From these distributions, build up probability distributions of total costs to establish project contingencies (Practices **E1946** and **E2168**) or to serve as inputs to an economic analysis.

4.3.2.5 *Structuring Preliminary Project Descriptions During the Conceptual Design Phase*—This classification facilitates the description of the scope of the project in a clear, concise, and logical sequence for presentation to the client; it provides the basis for the preparation of more detailed elemental estimates during the early concept and preliminary design phases, and it enhances communication between designers and clients by providing a clear statement of the designer's intent.

4.3.2.6 *Coding and Referencing Standard Details In Computer-Aided Design Systems*—This classification allows a designer, for example, to reference an assembly according to

<sup>5</sup> For a more comprehensive discussion of the uses of UNIFORMAT II, see Bowen, Charette, and Marshall, *UNIFORMAT II—A Recommended Classification for Building Elements and Related Sitework*, National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 841, Gaithersburg, MD, 1992; and Charette and Marshall, *UNIFORMAT II Elemental Classification for Building Specifications, Cost Estimating, and Cost Analysis*, National Institute of Standards and Technology NISTIR 6389, Gaithersburg, MD, 1999.

<sup>4</sup> Available from ASTM International Headquarters. Order Adjunct No. ADJE091703. Original adjunct produced in 1984. Adjunct last revised in 1985.

this classification's element designations and build up a database of standard details. This is particularly appropriate to design modeling and building information modeling (BIM) applications.

4.3.3 *Managing Facilities:*

4.3.3.1 Recording and writing property condition assessment reports in a structured way, using UNIFORMAT II classifications, provides for a consistent, accessible, and searchable database of real property inventory.

4.3.4 *Other Activities:*

4.3.4.1 Structuring cost manuals and recording construction, operating, and maintenance costs in a computer database. Having a cost manual or computer database in an elemental format assists the preparation of an economic analysis early in the design stage and at a reasonable cost.

5. Basis of Classification

5.1 The framework in Fig. 1 shows the various constructed entities that collectively are used to create the built environment. Each entity is treated as a module. Appropriate modules used together will effectively describe any planned or built development. This standard classification describes exclusively the elements that make up one of those constructed entities, bridge structures, shown as the shaded block under the heading of Heavy (Civil) Entities.

5.1.1 This bridge classification is applicable to most types of highway, railroad, and pedestrian bridges crossing over highways, railroads, walkways, and waterways. The classification includes slab bridges; beam/girder bridges; truss bridges;

true and tied-arch bridges; cable-stayed bridges; and suspension bridges. The classification does not include the following movable bridge types: draw bridges; lift bridges; and bascule bridges.

5.2 The classification is consistent with typical costing practices used at the conceptual design phase.

5.3 Each element has a significant impact on the cost, and it usually occurs frequently.

5.4 Each element performs a specific function.

5.5 Table 1 divides the classification of bridge elements into three hierarchical levels: Level 1—Major Group Elements, Level 2—Group Elements, and Level 3—Individual Elements. The major groups are listed in the normal chronological order of construction.

5.6 Sub-Classifications are named Sub-Elements and comprise as many hierarchical levels (Level 4 and below) as are deemed appropriate to the needs of that specific example. Appendix X1 provides an example Sub-Classification of bridge elements.

5.7 The decision as to where among the classification elements to include specific construction items will rely on professional judgment as to where professionals in current practice normally look for such items.

5.8 Only items that impact the choice and cost of the bridge elements are included. Other civil works in the transportation system are not included. Consequently, this classification does

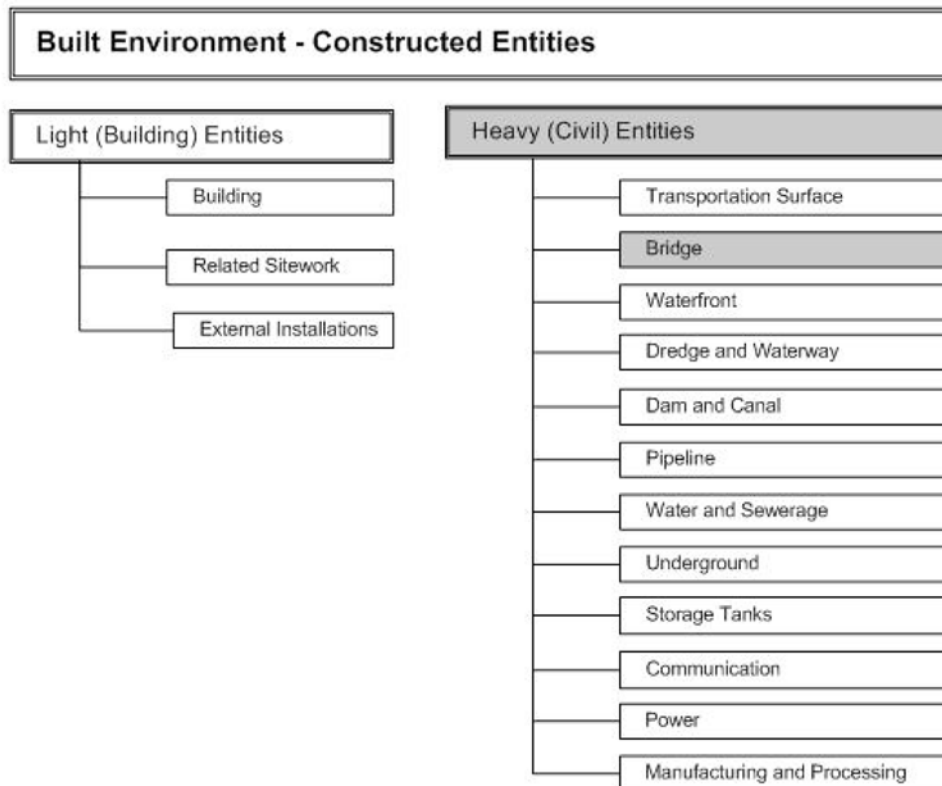


FIG. 1 List of Constructed Entities Suitable for Inclusion in the Family of UNIFORMAT II Elemental Classifications

**TABLE 1 UNIFORMAT II Classification of Bridge Elements**

Level 1 Major Group Elements	Level 2 Group Elements	Level 3 Individual Elements
Substructure	Piers	Foundations Walls Columns Cap Beams
	Towers	Foundations Walls Columns Cap Beams
	Abutments	Foundations Stems Wing Walls
	Other Supports	Thrust Blocks Anchorages
Superstructure	Short Span Assemblies	Flexural Members Diaphragms Bracings Bearings
	Long Span Assemblies	Ribs Cables Hangers Spandrels Ties Truss Members Segmental Box Girders
	Deck	Structural Surface Wearing Surface
Protection	Structure Protection	Slope Walls Expansion Joints Protective Coats Sacrificial Beams Drainage Systems Inspection and Maintenance Systems
	Traffic Protection	Barriers Protective Shields Traffic Controls
	Other Protection	Lighting Signage Sound Barrier Walls Air Pressure Barriers Enclosure
Sitework	Site Preparation	Clearing and Grubbing Demolition and Relocation Earthwork Hazardous Material Handling Environmental Restoration/Replacement
	Approach Construction	Approach Slabs Sleeper Slabs Earth Retention Systems

not include utilities—pipelines (water, natural gas, and petroleum) and transmission lines (electrical, communication, and video)—sharing the same right of way as the transportation system.

5.9 Elements, as used and defined in UNIFORMAT II, will ideally display the following additional attributes:

- 5.9.1 Capable of being defined precisely;
- 5.9.2 Self explanatory;
- 5.9.3 Separable at all stages of development;
- 5.9.4 Quantifiable at all stages of development;
- 5.9.5 Capable of reconciliation with other elemental classifications;
- 5.9.6 Allow comparisons, project to project, in a meaningful way;
- 5.9.7 Is a functional component of the constructed entity.

5.10 Sitework elements are provided for exclusive use in support of the construction of bridges, not to classify elements of major civil construction works. Sitework elements presented in **Table 1** are designed to provide sufficient detail to planners so they will not need to resort to other elemental classifications when working on a bridge project.

## 6. Description of Project Elements

6.1 *Elements and Functions*—**Table 2** provides, for each Level 3 Individual Element, the name, functions, description, inclusions, exclusions, and unit of measure. The functions are classified as Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary. All three levels of functions may be served. However, one or two functions may be the driving force behind the existence of the element, and they are classified as Primary functions.

**TABLE 2 Description of UNIFORMAT II Bridge Elements**

<b>SUBSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Piers</b>	
	<b>Foundations</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load, Minimize settlement
Secondary Function	Minimize maintenance
Tertiary Function	Facilitate construction
Description	Foundations are structures that transfer the load of the bridge substructures to the ground. They may be spread footings, piles, or drilled shafts. The type depends upon the soil conditions.
Includes	Excavation and backfilling
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or m [ft]
	<b>Walls</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load, Protect foundation
Secondary Function	Enhance appearance
Tertiary Function	Expedite construction
Description	Walls are structures that support the columns; in addition to transferring the load from the columns to the foundation, they protect the pier against impacts from vehicles, vessels, and debris.
Includes	
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
	<b>Columns</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load
Secondary Function	Enhance appearance
Tertiary Function	Expedite construction
Description	Columns are structures that support the cap beam and transfer the load from the cap beam to the wall below.
Includes	
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
	<b>Cap Beams</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load
Secondary Function	Enhance appearance
Tertiary Function	Expedite construction
Description	Cap beams are structures that receive and transfer beam loads from the deck to the bridge columns.
Includes	Bridge seat
Excludes	Bearings and anchor bolts (see Bearings, Flexural Members)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
<b>SUBSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Towers</b>	
	<b>Foundations</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load, Minimize settlement
Secondary Function	Minimize maintenance
Tertiary Function	Facilitate construction
Description	Foundations are structures that transfer the load of the bridge substructures to the ground. They may be spread footings, piles, or drilled shafts. The type depends upon the soil conditions.
Includes	Excavation and backfilling
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or m [ft]
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Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
	<b>Columns</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load
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Tertiary Function	Expedite construction
Description	Columns are structures that support the cap beam and transfer the load from the cap beam to the wall below.
Includes	

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Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
	<b>Cap Beams</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load
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Description	Cap beams are structures that receive and transfer beam loads from the deck to the bridge columns.
Includes	Bridge seat
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Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
<b>SUBSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Abutments</b>	
	<b>Foundations</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load, Minimize settlement
Secondary Function	Minimize maintenance
Tertiary Function	Facilitate construction
Description	Foundations are structures that transfer the load of the bridge substructures to the ground. They may be spread footings, piles, or drilled shafts. The type depends upon the soil conditions.
Includes	Excavation and backfilling
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or m [ft]
	<b>Stems</b>
Primary Function	Distribute load, Retain earth
Secondary Function	Minimize erosion
Tertiary Function	Minimize settlement
Description	Stems are usually supported on piles; they partially or fully retain earth behind, support the ends of the first and last spans of the bridge, and support the approach slab.
Includes	Bridge seat, reinforcing, concrete, and finishing
Excludes	Slope wall, foundation, and anchor bolts and bearings (see Foundations, Barriers, Slope Wall, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or kg [lb]
	<b>Wing Walls</b>
Primary Function	Retain earth
Secondary Function	Minimize erosion
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	Wing walls (parallel, perpendicular, or angled) are structures connected to the abutment and supported by piles that retain the embankment below the approach road.
Includes	Reinforcing, concrete, and finishing
Excludes	Approach slab and parapet (see Approach Slab, Barriers)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>SUBSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Other Supports</b>	
	<b>Thrust Blocks</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load, Transfer thrust
Secondary Function	Minimizes movement
Tertiary Function	
Description	Thrust blocks are a special substructure of a true arch bridge that receive loads from the ribs and transfer loads to the foundation.
Includes	Structure excavation, reinforcing, concrete, and finishing
Excludes	Furnishing and installation of anchor bolts, bearing plates, utility relocation (see Demolition and Relocation, Flexural Members)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
	<b>Anchorage</b>
Primary Function	Secure cable, Transfer load
Secondary Function	Maintain even distribution
Tertiary Function	
Description	Anchorage are a special substructure to which the weight of the deck and supporting superstructure is secured via cables and steel eye bars imbedded in solid rock or massive concrete blocks.
Includes	Structure excavation, reinforcing, concrete, finishing, and cable support (Steel Eye Bar)
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]





TABLE 2 Continued

<b>SUPERSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Short Span Assemblies</b>	
	<b>Flexural Members</b>
Primary Function	Support Load
Secondary Function	Minimize deflection
Tertiary Function	Increase redundancy
Description	Flexural members are commonly known as beams and girders that support the bridge deck. When the depth of the girder is shallow, it is referred to as a beam.
Includes	Fabrication and installation of beams and girders
Excludes	Diaphragms, bracings, bearings (see Diaphragms, Bracings, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	kg [lb] or m [ft]
	<b>Diaphragms</b>
Primary Function	Stabilize girder, Brace girders
Secondary Function	Facilitate deck reconstruction
Tertiary Function	
Description	Diaphragms are braces for shallow-depth beams.
Includes	
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	kg [lb] or m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
	<b>Bracings</b>
Primary Function	Stabilize girders
Secondary Function	Facilitate deck reconstruction
Tertiary Function	
Description	Bracings are steel angles used to brace deep-depth girders.
Includes	Fabrication and erection of structural steel angles
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	kg [lb]
	<b>Bearings</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Facilitate expansion and contraction
Tertiary Function	Minimize maintenance
Description	Bearings are mechanical systems that transfer vertical and longitudinal forces; expansion bearings allow rotational and longitudinal movement, whereas fixed bearings allow only rotational movement.
Includes	Fabrication and erection of bearings and anchor bolts
Excludes	Bridge seat (see Cap Beams, Stem Abutments)
Unit of Measure	EACH
<b>SUPERSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Long Span Assemblies</b>	
	<b>Ribs</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Facilitate inspection
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	Ribs are rectangular-, square-, or circular-shaped parts of the superstructure for arch bridges; they receive loads from hangers and spandrels and transfer them to the foundation.
Includes	
Excludes	Bracings, bearings (see Bracings, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	kg [lb], or m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ], or m [ft]
	<b>Cables</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Enhance appearance
Tertiary Function	
Description	Cables, made of steel wires bound together and draped over towers to anchors at each cable end, receive through hangars the load from the deck.
Includes	Fabrication and installation of cables, cable support
Excludes	Anchorage (see Anchorage)
Unit of Measure	m [ft]
	<b>Hangers</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Increase vertical clearance
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	Hangers are rods or strands that connect the deck to the ribs (arch bridges) or the main cable (cable-stayed or suspension bridges); they receive loads from the deck and transfer loads to the ribs or main cable in tension.
Includes	Splices (rod), strand assembly, protection
Excludes	End connections (see Flexural Members and Ribs)
Unit of Measure	m [ft]

TABLE 2 Continued

<b>Spandrels</b>	
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Increase reliability
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	Spandrels are concrete or steel members that connect the deck to the ribs (arch bridges); they receive loads from the deck and transfer loads to the ribs in compression. They are below the deck and above the rib.
Includes	Concrete or steel members, protection
Excludes	End connections (see Flexural Members and Ribs)
Unit of Measure	m [ft]
	<b>Ties</b>
Primary Function	Eliminate thrust
Secondary Function	
Tertiary Function	
Description	A tie is a horizontal tension member that connects the two ends of the compression ribs of an arch bridge and balances the horizontal thrust.
Includes	Fabrication and erection of structural steel, stiffeners, splices, and other connections
Excludes	Hangers, bearings (see Bearings, Hangers and Spandrels)
Unit of Measure	kg [lb]
	<b>Truss Members</b>
Primary Function	Support load, Reduce weight
Secondary Function	Minimize deflection
Tertiary Function	
Description	Truss members, connected at nodes by plates, are two-dimensional structures that support the superstructure.
Includes	Splices and other connections
Excludes	Bracings, bearings (see Bracings, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	kg [lb], or m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ], or m [ft]
	<b>Segmental Box Girders</b>
Primary Function	Support Load
Secondary Function	Minimize deflection
Tertiary Function	Facilitate Construction
Description	Segmental box girders are concrete box sections with or without overhanging flanges. The segments are precast sections which are post tensioned in the field.
Includes	Post tensioning
Excludes	Bracings, bearings (see Bracings, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	m [ft]
<b>SUPERSTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Deck</b>	
	<b>Structural Surface</b>
Primary Function	Transfer load
Secondary Function	Minimize maintenance
Tertiary Function	Facilitate future expansion
Description	The structural surface supports the wearing surface and traffic.
Includes	Reinforcing, concrete, and finishing
Excludes	Expansion joint assembly, parapet, barriers (see Expansion Joints, Barriers, Drainage Systems)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or EACH
	<b>Wearing Surface</b>
Primary Function	Protect structure, Guide traffic
Secondary Function	Comfort riders
Tertiary Function	Reduce maintenance
Description	The wearing surface is the part of the road or rail system that comes into contact with the vehicle or train car wheels.
Includes	Concrete or asphalt overlay or rails, striping, marking,
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>PROTECTION</b>	
<b>Structure Protection</b>	
	<b>Slope Walls</b>
Primary Function	Protect abutment
Secondary Function	Prevent erosion
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	Slope walls, made of stone, concrete, gravel, or gravel with asphalt mix, support the sloped surface and protect the bridge abutment.
Includes	Reinforcing, concrete, and finishing
Excludes	Excavation and backfill (see Earthwork)

**TABLE 2** *Continued*

Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Expansion Joints</b>	
Primary Function	Facilitate expansion and contraction
Secondary Function	Maintain smooth surface
Tertiary Function	Facilitate replacement
Description	Expansion joints allow expansion and contraction of the slab while keeping the substructure stationary.
Includes	Furnishing and installation of expansion joint support and expansion joint
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m [ft]
<b>Protective Coats</b>	
Primary Function	Protect structure
Secondary Function	Minimize maintenance
Tertiary Function	
Description	Protective coats are paints, sealants, or preservatives that are applied to concrete surfaces of the bridge.
Includes	Minor repair work, cleaning surface, and coating
Excludes	Major repair work to other bridge elements
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Sacrificial Beams</b>	
Primary Function	Protect girders
Secondary Function	Reduce maintenance
Tertiary Function	
Description	Sacrificial beams have a lower clearance than the main beams to ensure that excessive-height vehicles will hit the sacrificial beam before impacting the main beams.
Includes	Fabrication and erection of structural steel, stiffeners, splices, and other connections
Excludes	Bracings, bearings (see Bracings, Bearings)
Unit of Measure	kg [lb]
<b>Drainage Systems</b>	
Primary Function	Minimize erosion
Secondary Function	Protect traffic
Tertiary Function	Protect structure
Description	Drainage systems are scuppers to drain the bridge deck, downspouts to carry off the water from the scuppers, and buried drains behind abutments and adjacent to sleeper slabs.
Includes	Fabrication and installation of scuppers, drain tiles, drain pipes, and related earthwork
Excludes	Structural surface (see Structural Surface)
Unit of Measure	EACH or m [ft]
<b>Inspection and Maintenance Systems</b>	
Primary Function	Facilitate inspection
Secondary Function	Facilitate maintenance
Tertiary Function	
Description	These systems include platforms, railings, stairways, and hoist ways to facilitate inspection and maintenance.
Includes	Handrails or other type of barriers
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>PROTECTION</b>	
<b>Traffic Protection</b>	
<b>Barriers</b>	
Primary Function	Separate traffic, Protect occupants
Secondary Function	Protect structure
Tertiary Function	Minimize maintenance
Description	Barriers are structures designed to: withstand forces due to crashes; separate the opposing traffic; and protect bridge structures adjacent to live traffic.
Includes	Noise wall support, or light pole support
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>Protective Shields</b>	
Primary Function	Protect traffic (below)
Secondary Function	
Tertiary Function	
Description	Protective shields are barriers below the bridge deck to protect traffic below from falling objects.
Includes	Membranes and supports designed to catch falling objects
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Traffic Controls</b>	

**TABLE 2** *Continued*

Primary Function	Manage Traffic
Secondary Function	
Tertiary Function	
Description	Traffic controls are an assembly of signals, supports, and conduits.
Includes	Power source and related items
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	EACH
<b>PROTECTION</b>	
<b>Other Protection</b>	
<b>Lighting</b>	
Primary Function	Protect traffic
Secondary Function	Guide traffic
Tertiary Function	Discourage vandalism
Description	Lighting is illumination from fixtures that provide vehicle traffic direction, ship navigation direction, task lighting, and vandalism discouragement.
Includes	Fabrication and installation of mast, lights, base plates, and power
Excludes	Base support (see Barriers)
Unit of Measure	EACH
<b>Signage</b>	
Primary Function	Guide traffic
Secondary Function	Simplify or consolidate message
Tertiary Function	
Description	Signage is the provision of information through electronic or printed message boards.
Includes	Fabrication and installation of sign and support, and power
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	EACH
<b>Sound Barrier Walls</b>	
Primary Function	Abate traffic noise
Secondary Function	Create visual barrier
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	A sound barrier wall is a structure to mask traffic noise from the surrounding neighborhood.
Includes	Wall panel, support, and connection to barrier
Excludes	Base (see Barriers)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Air Pressure Barriers</b>	
Primary Function	Protect people
Secondary Function	Protect property
Tertiary Function	
Description	Air pressure barriers are structures to mitigate the impact of significant air pressure differentials created by the passing of high speed transportation vehicles.
Includes	Barriers mounted on bridges to mitigate the impact of air pressure differentials.
Excludes	Base (see Barriers)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Enclosure</b>	
Primary Function	Protect pedestrians and protect traffic
Secondary Function	Facilitate maintenance
Tertiary Function	Enhance appearance
Description	An enclosure is a vertical envelope with roof to protect pedestrians and traffic crossing over a bridge. Structural and architectural members to contain pedestrians and traffic with expansion joints at the ends
Includes	
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>SITWORK</b>	
<b>Site Preparation</b>	
<b>Clearing and Grubbing</b>	
Primary Function	Eliminate obstacles
Secondary Function	Create staging area
Tertiary Function	Provide temporary drainage
Description	Clearing is the removal from the construction site of trees and abandoned utilities, and the grading and leveling of the site. Grubbing is the removal of stumps and tree roots.
Includes	Tree removal, abandoned utilities, minor earthwork
Excludes	Major earth work and major utility removal (see Demolition and Relocation, Earthwork)
Unit of Measure	EACH or Hectare (Acre)
<b>Demolition and Relocation</b>	

**TABLE 2** *Continued*

Primary Function	Eliminate obstacles
Secondary Function	Protect structures
Tertiary Function	Protect environment
Description	Demolition is the complete or partial (for example, deck or superstructure) removal of an existing bridge, carried out on the whole bridge at once or by removing a portion of the deck or superstructure in stages to maintain traffic; relocation is the removal and reinstallation of utilities.
Includes	Removal of bridge elements and disposal, relocation of utilities such as storm sewer
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	EACH
<b>Earthwork</b>	
Primary Function	Prepare grade
Secondary Function	Protect structures
Tertiary Function	Protect environment
Description	Earthwork is excavation, placement, and compaction of material to raise the bridge profile (material is hauled in and compacted) and to lower the bridge profile (material is excavated and hauled away).
Includes	Shrinkage factor for embankment, hauling material to or from the site
Excludes	Removal of hazardous material, structure excavation and back fill (see Demolition and Relocation, Foundations)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>Hazardous Material Handling</b>	
Primary Function	Protect environment
Secondary Function	Dispose hazardous waste
Tertiary Function	Protect workers
Description	Hazardous material handling is the discovery, excavation, recovery, and disposal of hazardous materials.
Includes	Excavation and disposal of material
Excludes	General excavation (see Demolition and Relocation, Earthwork)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>Environmental Restoration/Replacement</b>	
Primary Function	Protect environment
Secondary Function	
Tertiary Function	
Description	Environmental restoration/replacement is the activity of restoring or replacing elements of the environment disturbed by construction.
Includes	Restoration or replacement of wetlands
Excludes	
Unit of Measure	Hectare (Acre)
<b>SITWORK</b>	
<b>Approach Construction</b>	
<b>Approach Slabs</b>	
Primary Function	Provide transition
Secondary Function	Minimize settlement effects
Tertiary Function	Facilitate construction
Description	An approach slab, supported by the bridge abutment on one side and a sleeper slab or soil on the other, provides a smooth transition between the roadway and the bridge, and spans any settlement gap between the abutment and the roadway.
Includes	Granular fill, drain tiles, concrete, reinforcing, and finishing
Excludes	Barrier and wing wall (see Barriers, Wing Walls)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Sleeper Slabs</b>	
Primary Function	Protect substructure
Secondary Function	Exclude water
Tertiary Function	Minimize maintenance
Description	Sleeper slabs are rectangular concrete foundations that support approach slabs.
Includes	Excavation and backfill, concrete, reinforcing and finishing
Excludes	Approach slab (see Approach Slabs)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>Earth Retention Systems</b>	
Primary Function	Retain embankment
Secondary Function	Enhance appearance
Tertiary Function	Facilitate construction

**TABLE 2** *Continued*

Description	Earth retention systems are designed to support embankments when the grades are not uniform.
Includes	Its foundation and wall
Excludes	Excavation and backfill (see Earthwork)
Unit of Measure	m <sup>3</sup> [yd <sup>3</sup> ] or m <sup>2</sup> [yd <sup>2</sup> ]

6.2 *Description*—The element descriptions help you understand the purpose and application of the element.

6.3 *Includes*—The purpose of the element inclusions is to list features that make up the element.

6.4 *Excludes*—The purpose of the element exclusions is to list features that are not included in the element but which are included elsewhere in this classification.

NOTE 2—Because this classification refers solely to permanent physical parts of bridge constructions, references to construction enabling (cranes and formwork), temporary construction (cofferdams and traffic detours), and risk mitigation (allowances and contingencies) cost figures are omitted from the element exclusions.

6.5 *Unit of Measure*—The purpose of the unit of measure is to provide a means for calculating the magnitude, or size, of each element in any bridge description; units of measure are important to all users of elemental classifications. Units of measure are of prime importance in the elemental cost management process. Both SI and inch-pound units are reported. SI units are reported first followed by inch-pound units within brackets. **Table 2** uses the following unit of measure abbreviations: linear metres (m) and linear feet (ft); square metres (m<sup>2</sup>) and square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>); cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) and cubic yards (yd<sup>3</sup>); and kilograms (kg) and pounds (lb).

## 7. Application

7.1 **Appendix X2** uses a case study of the Gateway Arch Bridge construction project to demonstrate how to use the Classification E2103 and the example Sub-Classification to analyze and manage bridge design and construction costs. The Gateway Arch Bridge was part of the reconstruction of Interstate 94 for the Super Bowl XL game held in 2006.<sup>6</sup>

## 8. Keywords

8.1 bridge assemblies; bridge cost estimation; bridge cost planning; bridge elemental format; bridge elements; bridge functional elements; bridge systems classification; construction; design economics; economic analysis; economic evaluation; elemental bridge classification; elemental/systems classification; life-cycle costing; master schedules; outline specifications; preliminary project description; risk analysis; sitework; standard classifications of bridge systems; UNIFORMAT II; value engineering

<sup>6</sup> For a comprehensive discussion of the uses of ASTM Building Economics Standards to design and construction applications in general and to the Gateway Arch Bridge in particular, see Kasi and Chapman, *Benefits of Using ASTM Building Economics Standards for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Constructed Facilities*, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publication 1098, Gaithersburg, MD, 2012.



## APPENDIXES

(Nonmandatory Information)

### X1. EXAMPLE SUB-CLASSIFICATION OF BRIDGE ELEMENTS

X1.1 This appendix presents an example Sub-Classification of bridge elements. The Sub-Classification expands the Classification E2103 Level 3 Individual Elements into their constituent parts. These constituent parts include a Level 4 for all Individual Elements and, where necessary, a Level 5.

X1.2 The example Sub-Classification is presented in **Table X1.1**. **Table X1.1** is laid out in a five-column format. The first column lists the Level 1 Major Group Elements. The second column lists the Level 2 Group Elements associated with each Level 1 Major Group Element. The third column lists the Level 3 Individual Elements associated with each Level 2 Group Element. The fourth column lists the Level 4 Sub-Elements associated with each Level 3 Individual Element. The fifth column lists any Level 5 Sub-Elements associated with a Level 4 Sub-Element. Where appropriate, the Level 5 Sub-Elements are listed in the normal chronological order of construction.

X1.3 Alphanumeric designators are included for all Level 1 Major Group Elements, Level 2 Group Elements, Level 3 Individual Elements, Level 4 Sub-Elements, and Level 5 Sub-Elements. It is anticipated that the alphanumeric designators will be useful in structuring cost manuals and in recording construction, operating, and maintenance costs in computer databases.

X1.4 Alphanumeric designators for the Classification E2103 presented in this appendix use a format similar to that employed in Classification **E1557**. Specifically, the format for the alphanumeric designators is as follows: Level 1, Major Group Elements, use a single capital letter; Level 2, Group Elements, use a two-digit number preceded by the Level 1 letter; and Level 3, Individual Elements, use a two-digit number preceded by the Level 2 character string.

X1.5 The alphanumeric designators for the example Sub-Classification uses the Level 3 Individual Element character string as their reference point. For example, the first Level 4 Sub-Element associated with the A1010 Foundations Level 3 Individual Element is A101010 Spread Footings. Additional Level 4 Sub-Elements associated with A1010 Foundations are: A101020 Piles and A101030 Drilled Shafts. For Level 5 Sub-Elements, the alphanumeric designator uses the Level 4 Sub-Element character string as their reference point. For example, the first Level 5 Sub-Element associated with the A101010 Spread Footings Level 4 Sub-Element is A10101010 Excavation. Additional Level 5 Sub-Elements associated with A101010 Spread Footings are: A10101020 Reinforcement; A10101030 Placement; and A10101040 Backfilling.

**TABLE X1.1 Example Sub-Classification of Bridge Elements**

Level 1 Major Group Elements	Level 2 Group Elements		Level 3 Individual Elements		Level 4 Sub-Elements		Level 5 Sub-Elements		
A Substructure	A10	Piers	A1010	Foundation	A101010	Spread Footings	A10101010	Excavation	
							A10101020	Reinforcement	
							A10101030	Placement	
					A101020	Piles	A10101040	Backfilling	
							A10102010	Test Piles	
							A10102020	Piles	
							A10102030	Pile Cap	
					A101030	Drilled Shafts	A10103010	Permanent Casing	
							A10103020	Rock Socket	
							A10103030	Bell	
			A10103040	Reinforcement					
			A10103050	Placement					
			A1020	Walls	A102010	Cast-in-Place Concrete	A10103060	Cap	
							A10201010	Reinforcement	
							A10201020	Placement	
							A10201030	Finishing	
							A10201040	Coating	
					A102020	Precast Concrete	A10202010	Fabrication	
							A10202020	Erection	
							A1030	Columns	A103010
A10301020	Placement								
A103020	Precast Concrete	A10301030							Finishing
		A10302010	Fabrication						
A103030	Steel	A10302020	Erection						
		A10303010	Fabrication						
A103040	Timber	A10303020	Erection	A10303020	Erection				
				A10304010	Fabrication				
		A1040	Cap Beams	A104010	Cast-in-Place Concrete	A10304020	Erection		
						A10401010	Reinforcement		
A20	Towers	A2010	Foundations	A201010	Spread Footings	A10401020	Placement		
						A10401030	Finishing		
						A10402010	Fabrication		
						A10402020	Erection		
				A201020	Pile Foundations	A10403010	Fabrication		
						A10403020	Erection		
						A201030	Drilled Shafts	A10404010	Fabrication
								A10404020	Erection
A2020	Walls	A202010	Cast-in-Place Concrete	A20101010	Excavation				
				A20101020	Reinforcement				
				A20101030	Placement				
				A20101040	Backfilling				
				A20202010	Fabrication				
		A202020	Precast Concrete	A20202020	Erection				
				A2030	Columns	A203010	Cast-in-Place Concrete	A20202020	Erection
								A20301010	Reinforcement
						A203020	Precast Concrete	A20301020	Placement
								A20301030	Finishing
A203030	Steel	A20302010	Fabrication						
		A20302020	Erection						
A203040	Timber	A20303010	Erection	A20303010	Fabrication				
				A20303020	Erection				
		A2040	Cap Beams	A204010	Cast-in-Place Concrete	A20304010	Fabrication		
						A20401010	Reinforcement		
A204020	Precast Concrete	A20401020	Placement	A20401020	Placement				
				A20401030	Finishing				
		A204030	Steel	A20402010	Fabrication				
				A20402020	Erection				
		A204040	Timber	A20403010	Fabrication				
				A20403020	Erection				
A20404010	Fabrication								

TABLE X1.1 *Continued*

Level 1 Major Group Elements	Level 2 Group Elements	Level 3 Individual Elements	Level 4 Sub-Elements	Level 5 Sub-Elements	
				A20404020 Erection	
	A30	Abutments	A3010 Foundations	A301010 Spread Footings	A30101010 Excavation A30101020 Reinforcement A30101030 Placement A30101040 Backfilling
			A301020 Piles	A30102010 Test Piles A30102020 Piles A30102030 Pile Cap	A30103010 Permanent Casing A30103020 Rock Socket A30103030 Bell A30103040 Reinforcement A30103050 Placement A30103060 Cap
		A3020	Stems	A302010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	A30201010 Reinforcement A30201020 Placement A30201030 Finishing
			A302020 Precast Concrete	A30202010 Fabrication A30202020 Erection	
		A3030	Wing Walls	A303010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	A30301010 Reinforcement A30301020 Placement A30301030 Finishing
			A303020 Precast Concrete	A30302010 Fabrication A30302020 Erection	
	A40	Other Supports	A4010 Thrust Blocks	A401010 Cap	A40101010 Reinforcement A40101020 Placement A40101030 Finishing
			A401020 Foundation	A40102010 Spread Footings A40102020 Piles A40102030 Drilled Shafts	
		A4020	Anchorage	A402010 Prestressed	A40201010 Spray Saddle A40201020 Anchor
			A402020 Cast-in-Place Concrete	A40202010 Reinforcement A40202020 Placement	
			A402030 Foundations	A40203010 Spread Footings A40203020 Piles A40203030 Drilled Shafts	
B Superstructure	B10	Short Span Assemblies	B1010 Flexural Members	B101010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	B10101010 Reinforcement B10101020 Placement B10101030 Finishing
			B101020 Precast Concrete	B10102010 Fabrication B10102020 Erection	
			B101030 Steel	B10103010 Fabrication B10103020 Erection	
			B101040 Timber	B10104010 Fabrication B10104020 Erection	
		B1020	Diaphragms	B102010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	B10201010 Reinforcement B10201020 Placement
			B102020 Precast Concrete	B10202010 Fabrication B10202020 Erection	
			B102030 Steel	B10203010 Fabrication B10203020 Erection	
			B102040 Timber		
		B1030	Bracings	B103010 Steel	B10301010 Fabrication B10301020 Erection
			B103020 Timber		
		B1040	Bearings	B104010 Elastomeric B104020 Sliding B104030 Roller	
	B20	Long Span Assemblies	B2010 Ribs	B201010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	B20101010 Reinforcement B20101020 Placement
			B201020 Precast Concrete	B20102010 Fabrication B20102020 Erection	
			B201030 Steel	B20103010 Fabrication B20103020 Erection	
		B2020	Cables	B202010 Wires B202020 Sockets B202030 Saddles B202040 Housings B202050 Strands B202060 Anchor Sockets	
		B2030	Hangers	B203010 Top Anchor Socket	

**TABLE X1.1** *Continued*

Level 1 Major Group Elements	Level 2 Group Elements	Level 3 Individual Elements	Level 4 Sub-Elements	Level 5 Sub-Elements
			B203020 Strand B203030 Rod B203040 Boot B203050 Spacer B203060 Bottom Anchor Socket	
	B2040	Spandrels	B204010 Cast-in-Place Concrete B204020 Precast Concrete B204030 Steel	B20401010 Reinforcement B20401020 Placement B20401030 Finishing B20402010 Fabrication B20402020 Erection B20403010 Fabrication B20403020 Erection
	B2050	Ties	B205010 Cast-in-Place Concrete B205020 Precast Concrete B205030 Steel B205040 Splices B205050 Connections	B20501010 Reinforcement B20501020 Placement B20502010 Fabrication B20502020 Erection B20503010 Fabrication B20503020 Erection
	B2060	Truss Members	B206010 Members B206020 Splices B206030 Connections	
	B2070	Segmental Box Girders	B207010 Main Members B207020 Placement	B20702010 Erection B20702020 Permanent Post Tensioning B20702030 Closure Piece Placement
B30	Deck	B3010 Structural Surface	B301010 Cast-in-Place Concrete B301020 Precast Concrete B301030 Steel B301040 Timber	B30101010 Reinforcement B30101020 Placement B30101030 Finishing B30102010 Fabrication B30102020 Erection B30103010 Metal Deck B30103020 Connections B30104010 Plank B30104020 Connections
		B3020 Wearing Surface	B302010 Cast-in-Place Concrete B302020 Asphalt B302030 Rails	B30201010 Placement B30201020 Finishing B30202010 Placement B30202020 Finishing
C Protection	C10 Structure Protection	C1010 Slope Walls	C101010 Cast-in-Place Concrete C101020 Asphalt C101030 Stone	C10101010 Reinforcement C10101020 Placement C10101030 Finishing C10102010 Gravel C10102020 Placement
		C1020 Expansion Joints	C102010 Strip-Seal C102020 Modular C102030 Finger Plate	
		C1030 Protective Coats	C103010 Preparation C103020 Application	
		C1040 Sacrificial Beams	C104010 Fabrication C104020 Erection	
		C1050 Drainage Systems	C105010 Scuppers C105020 Drain Pipes C105030 Buried Drains	C10503010 Pipe C10503020 Head Wall C10503030 End Walls
		C1060 Inspection and Maintenance Systems	C106010 Hangers C106020 Beams C106030 Platform C106040 Railing C106050 Connections	
	C20 Traffic Protection	C2010 Barriers	C201010 Parapet C201020 Railing C201030 Glare Screen C201040 Median C201050 Curb C201060 Guardrail	

**TABLE X1.1** *Continued*

Level 1 Major Group Elements	Level 2 Group Elements	Level 3 Individual Elements	Level 4 Sub-Elements	Level 5 Sub-Elements
			C201070	Screen
		C2020	Protective Shields	C202010 Fabrication C202020 Erection
		C2030	Traffic Controls	C203010 Signals C203020 Arms C203030 Mast C203040 Base Plate C203050 Conduits
	C30	Other Protection	C3010	Lighting
				C301010 Lights C301020 Arms C301030 Mast C301040 Base Plate C301050 Conduits
		C3020	Signage	C302010 Sign Board C302020 Support C302030 Lights C302040 Conduits
		C3030	Sound Barrier Walls	C303010 Panels C303020 Support C303030 Connections
		C3040	Air Pressure Barriers	C304010 Panels C304020 Support C304030 Connections
		C3050	Enclosure	C305010 Vertical Envelope C305020 Roof
D Sitework	D10	Site Preparation	D1010	Clearing and Grubbing
			D1020	Demolition and Relocation
				D102010 Structures D102020 Utilities D102030 Trees
		D1030	Earthwork	D103010 Cut D103020 Fill
		D1040	Hazardous Material Handling	D104010 Excavation D104020 Disposal
		D1050	Environmental Restoration/Replacement	D105010 Environmental Restoration D105020 Environmental Replacement
	D20	Approach Construction	D2010	Approach Slabs
				D201010 Reinforcement D201020 Placement D201030 Finishing
		D2020	Sleeper Slabs	D202010 Excavation D202020 Reinforcement D202030 Placement D202040 Backfilling
		D2030	Earth Retention Systems	D203010 Foundation D203020 Wall D203030 Cap

## X2. CASE ILLUSTRATIONS TO A SINGLE-SPAN, MODIFIED TIED-ARCH BRIDGE

### X2.1 Summary of Key Bridge Characteristics

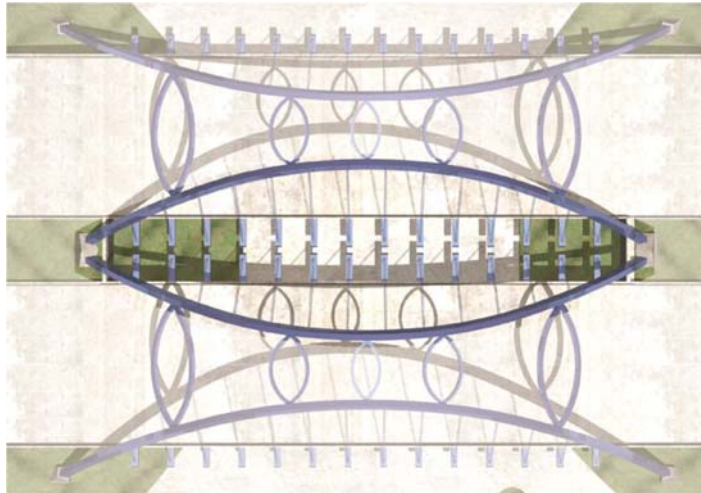
X2.1.1 The material presented in this appendix is abstracted from NIST Special Publication 1098.<sup>7</sup> This appendix uses a case study bridge construction project to demonstrate how to use the Classification E2103 and example Sub-Classification in conjunction with Practice E2013 to analyze and manage bridge design and construction costs. The bridge is a dual single-span, modified tied-arch carrying six lanes of Interstate 94 (I-94)

traffic (three eastbound and three westbound) over Telegraph Road in Taylor, Michigan. Fig. X2.1 provides an overhead view of the two bridge structures. This bridge was part of the reconstruction of I-94 for the Super Bowl XL game held in 2006. Fig. X2.2 and Fig. X2.3 provide different perspectives of the bridge as seen from Telegraph Road (Fig. X2.2) and from I-94 (Fig. X2.3).

X2.1.2 Many modern bridges are either true arches or tied arches. The modified tied-arch bridge in Taylor, Michigan combined the two concepts for aesthetic and safety reasons. Tied arches, where the tie is exposed, might be hit by trucks and are not desirable for grade separation structures. True arches, where the thrust must be taken by the foundation

<sup>7</sup> Kasi and Chapman, *Benefits of Using ASTM Building Economics Standards for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Constructed Facilities*, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publication 1098, Gaithersburg, MD, 2012.





Source: Alfred Benesch & Company

FIG. X2.1 Overhead View of the Gateway Arch Bridge



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FIG. X2.2 Gateway Arch Bridge as Seen from Telegraph Road

elements, are exposed to risk when the soil conditions are poor. The Gateway Arch, as it is now called, is a signature structure modified to look like a true arch with a tied foundation.

X2.1.3 The project team was challenged with two major criteria: cost and structural integrity. The team approached the design by analyzing its functions and its worth. The team value engineered the conventional design of elements and identified the function, cost, and performance of each element using Practice E2013. If the function need/performance is high and cost is low, it has value. If the function need/performance is low and cost is high, it becomes a mismatch. When mismatches of conventional design were identified, the team developed

innovative solutions to create value of the elements that had a higher need/performance at a comparable or lower cost.

X2.1.4 Through repeated use of Practice E2013 the project team was able to develop and implement five key design innovations that balanced safety and aesthetics with life-cycle cost considerations. The five key design innovations are: (1) unique foundation system composed of longitudinal and transverse foundation ties and battered piles; (2) inclined arch ribs of unequal lengths that make the bridge appear as a true arch; (3) pressurized arch ribs to minimize future maintenance costs; (4) dual strand hanger assemblies to provide redundancy and



Source: Alfred Benesch & Company

**FIG. X2.3 Gateway Arch Bridge as Seen from I-94**

facilitate the replacement of individual strands; and (5) transverse girders composed of a plate girder in the middle and a box section on the ends for torsional stiffness.

## **X2.2 Cost Analysis of the Gateway Arch Bridge Using the UNIFORMAT II Elemental Classification and Example Sub-Classification**

X2.2.1 The total contract award cost for one of the two bridge structures making up the Gateway Arch Bridge is \$6.67 million. Since the two bridge structures are identical, their total contract award cost is \$13.34 million. The cost analysis of the Gateway Arch Bridge using the Classification E2103 and example Sub-Classification is presented in Fig. X2.4 and summarized in Fig. X2.5. Fig. X2.4 records information for each of the three levels in the Classification E2103 and the two additional levels in the example Sub-Classification. Fig. X2.4 includes alphanumeric designations and Element/Sub-Element names, dollar values, and percent of total cost associated with those dollar values. Fig. X2.5 records the cost distribution of selected Group Elements and Individual Elements. The costs summarized in Fig. X2.5 are the major Substructure and Superstructure Group Elements and Individual Elements; they account for approximately 85 % of the Gateway Arch Bridge's total cost.

X2.2.2 Fig. X2.4 is organized so that the costs from each lower level in the UNIFORMAT II hierarchy can be easily aggregated. The first three columns correspond to Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the Classification E2103. The fourth column corresponds to Level 4 of the example Sub-Classification. The fifth column lists detailed cost information, including any Level 5 Sub-Elements of the example Sub-Classification. In several cases, the entries under the Detailed Cost Information heading correspond to a Level 4 Sub-Element or a Level 3 Individual Element. Two intermediate columns under the Detailed Cost Information heading report the percent of total cost and the cost for each detailed cost item. The cost of each Level 4 Sub-

Element is obtained by summing over all Level 5 Sub-Elements associated with it. The two intermediate columns under the Level 4 heading summarize the cost characteristics of each Level 4 Sub-Element, specifically the per cent of total cost and the cost associated with that Sub-Element. For example, the Level 4 Sub-Element, A301020 Piles, has a cost of \$269 000. Given that the total cost of the bridge is \$6.67 million, this value represents 4.03 % of the total cost.

X2.2.3 The cost of a Level 3 Individual Element is obtained by summing over all of its Level 4 Sub-Elements. In a similar fashion, the cost of a Level 2 Group Element is obtained by summing over all of its Level 3 Individual Elements and the cost of a Level 1 Major Group Element is obtained by summing over all of its Level 2 Group Elements. The cost for each Major Group Element and Group Element, along with its per cent of total cost, are recorded in the first two columns of Fig. X2.4. Note that some Group Elements have a single Level 3 Individual Element. For example, Group Element A40, Other Supports, has a single Individual Element, A4010 Thrust Blocks. In such cases the values recorded under the Level 2 Group Element heading correspond to those associated with the Level 3 Individual Element.

X2.2.4 The values recorded in Fig. X2.4 provide the basis for Fig. X2.5. Fig. X2.5 presents a cost distribution of selected Group Elements and Individual Elements tied to a graphical representation of a longitudinal view of the Gateway Arch Bridge. The figure includes the alphanumeric string, the name of the Group Element or Individual Element, its cost, and its per cent of total cost. Two Group Elements and six Individual Elements are highlighted in Fig. X2.5. Reference to Fig. X2.5 reveals that the Level 2 Group Element A30 Abutments has a cost of \$824 000, which corresponds to 12.3 % of the total cost. The other Level 2 Group Element shown in Fig. X2.5, B30 Deck, has a cost of \$658 000 or 9.9 % of total cost. Two Individual Elements, B1010 Flexural Members and B2010

Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Detailed Cost Information		
Major Group Elements	Group Elements	Individual Elements	% Total Cost	Cost	Level 4 Sub-Elements	% Total Cost	Cost	Level 5 Sub-Elements	% Total Cost	
<b>A Substructure</b>	A30 Abutments	A3010 Foundation	12.3%	\$268,875	A301020 Piles	4.03%	\$268,875	A30102010 Test Piles	0.25%	
		A3020 Stems	8.12%	\$541,650	A302010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	8.12%	\$541,650	A30201010 Reinforcement	1.06%	
	A40 Other Supports	A3030 Wing walls		0.19%	\$12,960	A303010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	0.19%	\$12,960	A30301010 Reinforcement	0.04%
		A4010 Thrust Blocks	8.2%	\$545,725	A401010 Cap	5.00%	\$333,925	A40101010 Reinforcement	0.95%	
		B10 Short span assemblies	B1010 Flexural Members	26.6%	\$1,492,311	A401020 Foundations	3.17%	\$211,800	A40102010 Placement	4.06%
			B1020 Diaphragms	1.10%	\$73,500	B102030 Steel	1.10%	\$73,500	B10203010 Fabrication	3.17%
	B20 Long Span Assemblies	B2010 Ribs	B201010 Bracings	2.20%	\$146,544	B101030 Steel	22.36%	\$1,492,311	B10103010 Fabrication	12.78%
			B201020 Bearings	0.90%	\$60,000	B10103020 Erection	9.58%	\$639,562	B1010302010 Erection	9.58%
		B2030 Hangers	B203010 Ribs	21.91%	\$1,462,206	B104020 Sliding	0.90%	\$60,000	B20301010 Fabrication	11.95%
			B203020 Ties	5.25%	\$350,450	B203010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	21.91%	\$1,462,206	B20302010 Erection	9.96%
B30 Deck	B3010 Structural Surface	B301010 Surface	7.13%	\$476,094	B301010 Cast-in-Place Concrete	7.13%	\$476,094	B30101020 Placement	4.63%	
		B3020 Wearing Surface	2.72%	\$181,500		2.72%	\$181,500		2.72%	
<b>C Protection</b>	C10 Structure Protection	C1020 Expansion Joint	0.06%	\$4,000		0.06%	\$4,000		0.06%	
		C20 Traffic protection	0.49%	\$33,000		0.49%	\$33,000		0.49%	
<b>D Sitarwork</b>	D10 Site Preparation	D1010 Clearing and Grubbing	0.97%	\$65,000		0.97%	\$65,000		0.97%	
		D1020 Demolition and Relocation	8.6%	\$483,615		8.6%	\$483,615		8.6%	
	D20 Approach Construction	D2010 Approach Slabs	0.72%	\$48,060		0.72%	\$48,060		0.72%	
		D2020 Sleeper Slabs	0.8%	\$4,000		0.8%	\$4,000		0.8%	
<b>Total Bridge Cost</b>				<b>\$6,673,921</b>						

**FIG. X2.4 Cost Analysis of the Gateway Arch Bridge Using the UNIFORMAT II Elemental Classification and Example Sub-Classification**

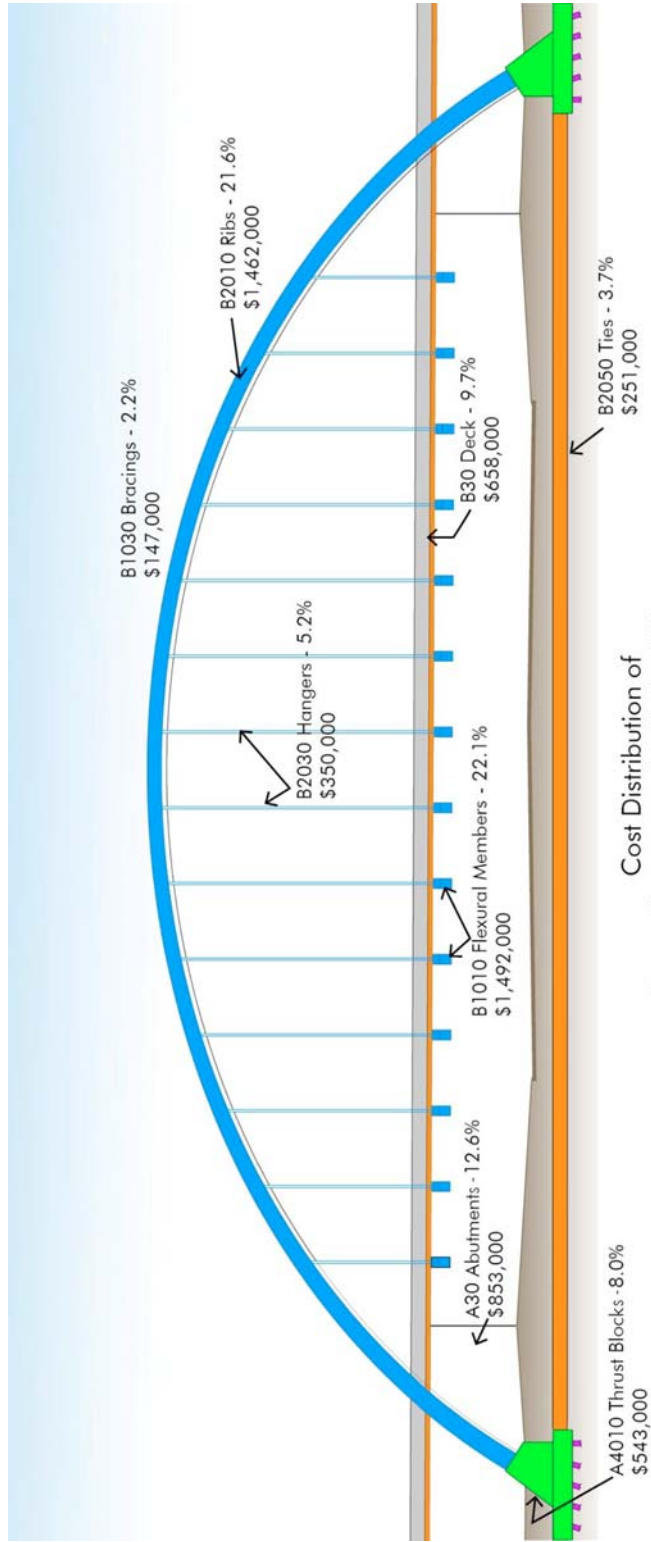


FIG. X2.5 Cost Distribution of Selected Group Elements and Individual Elements for the Gateway Arch Bridge



Ribs, are of particular importance, since they each represent more than 20 % of the total cost of the bridge. **Fig. X2.4** and **Fig. X2.5** illustrate how the Classification E2103 and example Sub-Classification can be used to focus attention on those elements that drive the overall costs of a bridge project, as well as those elements that are associated with special characteristics—in this case the unique foundation system and other design innovations—of a particular bridge.

X2.2.5 The Gateway Arch Bridge won six awards, including two national awards. The two national awards were the 2006 Outstanding Project Award from the National Council of Structural Engineers Association and the 2007 Prize Bridge—

Medium Span Award from the National Steel Bridge Alliance. In addition to the two national awards, the Gateway Arch Bridge won the 2006 Best Medium Structure Award from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois; the 2006 Engineering Honorable Conceptor Award from the Michigan Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies; the 2008 Partnering Award from the Michigan Construction Quality Partnership; and the 2008 Making a Difference Gold Award for Partnering from the National Partnership for Highway Quality. A major criterion for its selection as an award recipient was its cost effectiveness.

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