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FEATURE JOB

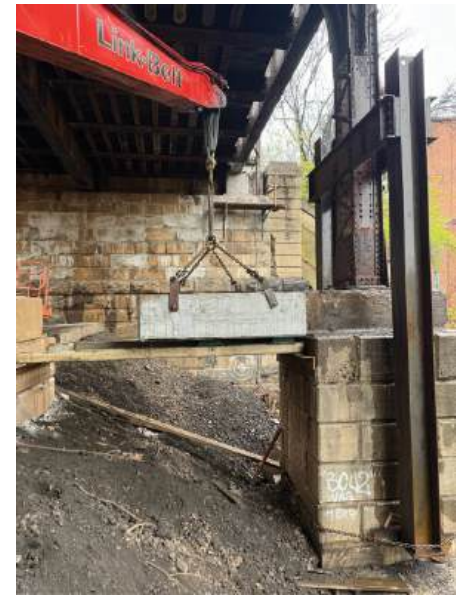
NORFOLK SOUTHERN – BRIDGE PC-O.51 REHABILITATION

By: MATT INGALLS

In September of 2023, The LC Whitford Railroad Division was awarded a large project in Pittsburgh, PA for the Norfolk Southern Railway. The project consists of numerous steel repairs, steel column replacements and multiple precast concrete pedestal replacements made by the L.C. Materials Co., Inc. On paper, it sounds like a relatively easy project, right? Not exactly, the project location and limited workspace has shown to be quite the challenge.

As of now we have installed six of the eleven steel column replacements and multiple other steel and precast concrete replacements. One of the tricky parts about this project is the precast concrete pedestal replacements. Since all this work is taking place under the structure there is limited head room of about twenty feet,” and on top of that the work site is on a steep slope. That does not sound like a big deal until we tell you that some of these precast pedestals weigh about 16,000 LBS. We knew that utilizing a crane to set these in place would be out of the picture. So, we went to the drawing board and fabricated a table with rollers on top to roll the precast into place. We plan to wrap this project up in the next few months.

The superintendent on the project is Jake Johnston. Jake has recently been promoted to superintendent and has been doing a fantastic job on one of the most complex projects that the LCW Railroad Division has on the books. Jake has about eight years of experience working with our other superintendents, Dean Ingalls, Rob Faulkner, Adam Daley, and Jeremy Faulkner. With the knowledge he’s gained working with them and his unwavering work ethic, we have no doubts that Jake is ready to tackle any obstacle thrown his way. Keep up the good work Jake and crew.



*Table with Rollers to Install
Precast Concrete Pedestals*

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*Jacking System for
Column & Precast Pedestal
Replacement*



*Completed Column & Precast
Pedestal Replacement*

EQUIPMENT COMPANY – JUSTIN SNYDER

Wood waste recycling, land clearing and forestry are demanding worlds with customers that expect their suppliers to be “Johnny on the spot”. Having the right equipment, parts and people on time is essential. Over the last three months our team has really been tested; having multiple rental and customer owned pieces operating in the Southeast. Machine issues have arisen, and the added distance can be a nasty stumbling block on the path of customer satisfaction. Phil and Ken made multiple trips to Florida for service calls as well as Drew making a trip. As projects in the shop continued to come in and the need for service in the south continued, it was apparent that we needed some help.

Enter Matt Miller with Double L Environmental. Matt’s services were recommended to me by Garret and after talking to him a couple of times I felt confident that he was a guy we could work with. Matt has experience as an iron worker and a welder, he was employed by Standard Sand who owned two Morbark Tub grinders, one of which was purchased from LCW Equipment Co. Along with his time working on the tubs, Matt also has experience working on horizontal grinders.

Matt was contracted to replace a hydraulic cooling fan motor on our 6600 Wood Hog that was being used at the time southwest of Orlando FL. After discovering the replacement motor sent by the manufacturer was not a correct fit, Matt quickly advised an alternative fix, performed it and had the machine up and running for transport to the next customer and site. He was contracted again to replace a mill bearing on a 6400XT Wood Hog, worked through it with some advisement from Phil and had the customer up and running in a timely manner.

Joe Catalone had his first Morbark sales of the year, selling a 40/36 drum chipper to long time customer PennLine. Joe also sold one of our trade-in machines, a 830B forwarder. We delivered a new 6400XT Wood Hog OHSW in Utica, NY and performed the start-up procedures and operational training in March.

I have witnessed members of LCW Equipment Co. continue to stay resilient and weather the storm. Renting equipment has allowed us to reach further markets and offer customers an option with lower upfront costs. Coupled with partnership options like Double L Environmental, it remains a viable option moving forward.



PennLine

MATERIALS COMPANY – JESSICA LAFLEUR HUNT

The Materials Company kicked off this year on March 3rd and we’ve been rolling since! Returning this year is our entire crew from last year (minus one), and we also welcomed one new employee to our team. We believe our crew, along with the experience they hold, will be enough to carry on another successful season. In addition, we look forward to our summer crews returning to assist through our busiest summer months. We pride ourselves on our high-quality beams paired with on-time delivery and who better to trust with that reputation than our experienced team.

To summarize some of what’s taken place in our first 24 working days, I’ll try to focus on the measurable items. In total, the production crew poured 24 beams (1728’ 4” total end-to-end), the finishing crew, quality crew, and John Waters shipped 270 pieces of barrier over a 3-day period, Brady produced and received back 12 sets of approved drawings (totaling 93 beams), and we’ve already shipped 1 job this year to Wayne County, PA. Everyone really pulled together and, in some cases, in less than 24 hours’ notice. Because of everyone’s hard work, this first month was a success!

As for the Materials Company’s upcoming year... we have a full schedule laid out. We have twenty-four jobs on the books, consisting of 124 beams, multiple precast pieces for the railroad, and a job set up to install beams for a private investor near Arcade, NY. We are also planning to produce and provide hundreds of pieces of tube & key barrier for the construction company in addition to multiple outside contractors. With a lot more bidding ahead the next few weeks, I am sure our schedule and numbers will fluctuate slightly as more purchase orders come in.

Lastly, thanks to Eric Neudeck for finding us our new fork truck on last minutes notice. Ours had been failing for some time and decided to give way while pulling strand. Due to Randy and Eric’s quick communication, we were able to get it replaced in less than a week. It’s been great seeing all the improvements being made at the shop, from new fork trucks and repaired forms to repair of the PennDOT cranes coming up in the next few weeks. I like to think it’s a step in the right direction and hopefully a positive momentum that will lead to great things!

PRESIDENTS CORNER – BRAD WHITFORD

The LCW Newsletter comes out four times per and it seems like it would be easy to be timely, but sometimes it is not! I’ll be brief. We have had a relatively busy bid schedule and have picked up 13 projects worth about \$15.5 M in the last 16 weeks. We have also had some great new hires in that timeframe who are already contributing to operations in a big way!

I am excited about this season and feel that we have a very good combination of work in the right places.

Thanks for all you do!

Regards,

Brad

GEORGIA NEWS – KARL YOUNG***Project #23107 – Bridge Rehab near Monroe & Athens***

There are four bridge structures we are repairing in Monroe and Athens for this contract. The three bridges in Monroe, GA are all complete except for the bridge painting work which will begin shortly. The finished work consisted of bridge jacking & bearing replacements, edge beam replacements, header repairs, polymer overlays and bridge joint seals. Our crews are currently working on finishing work on the lone bridge in Athens, GA. Repair of the parapet walls and replacement of chain-link fence posts is complete. The bridge jacking, concrete pier cap repairs and bearing replacements will be finished in April. The weekend edge beam replacements are approximately one-third complete and should be finished by the end of May. The polymer overlays and bridge joint seals on this bridge along with painting of all four structures should be complete by the end of July.

Project #23129 – Bridge Rehabs at 3 locations on I-95

On this GDOT project, we have three bridges to repair along the I-95 corridor south of Savannah. The scope of work includes concrete header repairs, edge beam replacements, bridge jacking & bearing replacements, erosion stabilization, polymer overlays, bridge joint sealing and bridge painting. We finished the clearing, grading and rip rap work during the winter months. The concrete header repairs are 75% complete. The project is temporarily delayed until a new contract revision is finalized. After traffic was heavily congested for many miles on I-95 during one of our weekend double lane closures, GDOT decided to alter the contract traffic control restrictions for this project to accommodate heavy traffic demands. We are currently working on a change order to compensate LCW for these changes. We anticipate resuming work in April or May. The project completion date is currently April 26th, 2026.

Project #25001 – Bridge Drift Removal in Rome, GA

We successfully bid and were awarded this Invitation to Bid (ITB) bridge repair project in January. Work was then completed by mid-March. Like with our previous GDOT bridge debris removal projects, all debris had to be hoisted from the stream bed up to the bridge deck to comply with Federal Endangered Species Acts for various species of freshwater mussels, mollusks, and snails. No mechanized equipment could touch the stream bed. We utilized a daily lane and right shoulder closure to make space for a work area on the bridge deck. A boat was utilized below so crew members could access the debris, cut free sections of trees, and attach cables for hoisting. Debris was hoisted to the deck, cut up into smaller sections, and then hauled off for disposal. This first project of 2025 was a terrific way to kick off the new year!

***Project #23107 - Fence Repair******Project #23129 - Rip Rap******Project #23129 - Marsh******Project #25001 - Tree Removal******Project #25001 - Boat Crew******Project #25001 - Rome Debris Removal***

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FINAL THOUGHT

"The man who will use his skill and constructive imagination to see how much he can give for a dollar, instead of how little he can give for a dollar, is bound to succeed."

-Henry Ford

SAFETY UPDATE THIS QUARTER

77,262

MAN HOURS WITH

1

LOST TIME ACCIDENT

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

RECENT CONTRACTS AWARDED

Georgia

- GADOT – River Debris Removal, Canton, GA

Michigan

- Conrail – North Yard Bridge Repair, Detroit Michigan

New York

- NYSOGS, 47100C – Replace Relief Wells, Elmira, NY
- NYSDOT, D265443 – Culvert Replacement & Retaining Wall Rep Rt 54a
- Norfolk Southern – Bridge Repair, Harpersville, NY
- Norfolk Southern – Concrete Repair, Watkins Glen, NY
- NYSDOT, D265450 – Region 4 Emergency Highway Contract
- Allegany County – CR 31 over Vancampen Creek Br, Friendship, NY

Pennsylvania

- PADOT – ECMS 121927 – SR 2025 over Marin Creek, Tioga County
- Athens Township – Moore Road Bridge Repair, Athens PA
- PADOT – ECMS 117249 – SR 202 Pipe Replacement, Ulster Bradford County
- Haines & Kibblehouse Subcontract – PADOT 69663 CR 31 Waterproofing
- Keating Township – T349-Bordell Road Bridge Replacement

Virginia

- Dominion – IFC Unity Oil, North Anna TX1, Pickett Street Substation, Roundtable TX1, Park Center TX1-5
- Dominion – Harrisburg Substation

EEO UPDATE – BY ANGELA DUPUIS

The LC Whitford Company offers equal employment opportunities for all qualified candidates who apply. This means, all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status. Our commitment is to employ and promote the most qualified personnel and prohibit discrimination of any kind.

The L.C. Whitford Company, Inc prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Moreover, individuals within a protected class relating to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status would be equally considered for advancement opportunities. We strive to maintain an all-inclusive workforce and provide opportunities to all protected classes. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Dupuis, Human Resources/EEO Officer/Benefits Coordinator at (585)593-3601 ext. 117 or by email adupuis@lcwhitford.com.

SAFETY UPDATE – COLTON SAULTER

As we start a new construction season, it is crucial to reaffirm our commitment to safety on construction sites. Every year presents new challenges, but one thing remains constant, ensuring that all workers go home safe at the end of the day. Safety starts at the top but thrives when each individual takes personal responsibility for their safety and the safety of others. As a team, we must foster an environment where everyone feels comfortable reporting hazards and looking out for one another. Here is how we can do that:

- Be Proactive: Regularly inspect your work area for potential hazards.
- Speak up: If something feels unsafe, report it immediately. Everyone has stop work authority.
- Look out for one another. Safety is a shared responsibility.

To kick off this year on the right foot, here are some safety practices every worker and manager should keep in mind:

- Proper Use of PPE: Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is always worn, including hard hats, gloves, safety-toe boots, high-visibility vests, and hearing protection as needed.
- Fall Protection: Falls remain one of the leading causes of injuries in construction. Always use fall protection equipment such as harnesses, guardrails, and safety nets when working at heights.
- Trenching and Excavation Safety: Always follow proper procedures when working around excavations or trenches. These must be adequately shored or sloped to prevent collapse.

Safety is a Year-Round Commitment. The new year is a great time to renew our commitment to safety, but it's essential to carry that commitment throughout the year. Remember, safety does not take a break, and neither should we.

Let us make 2025 the safest year yet by working together to keep each other safe!

CHUCK'S CHUCKLE

ATF AGENT

An ATF agent showed up at a farmer's property and immediately showed the farmer his badge. The agent explained "I have reason to believe that there is marijuana growing on your farm." The farmer stated "I do not have any pot growing here." The agent again showed the farmer his badge and said, "see this badge, it allows me to search your property." The farmer said "fine, you can check any place you want but don't go into that pasture there" the farmer pointed.

The agent raised his voice "see this badge, it allows me to go anywhere I want and I'm going in that pasture." Before the farmer could say anything else the agent was inside the pasture fence. The farmer heard a loud scream as his prize bull had head butted the agent and tossed him into the air. The bull was getting ready to charge the agent again, so the farmer yelled "SHOW HIM YOUR BADGE! SHOW HIM YOUR BADGE!!"