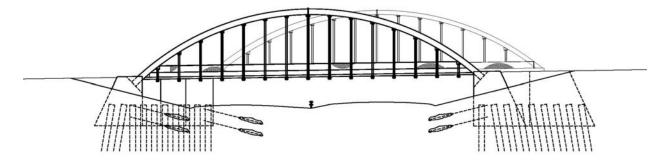


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This Manual should prove useful to designers for all Thruway structures projects; however, it is expected that the Professional Engineer will apply all of their experience and resources to develop the best final product possible.

## **TECHNICAL REFERENCES**

As noted above, Professional Engineers should utilize all applicable reference materials in conjunction with this Manual. Reference materials include, but are not limited to, the following:

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