Embedded Data Collectors

The Virginia Experience

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Virginia’s Highway System

Interstate – 1,118
Primary – 8,111
Secondary – 48,305
Frontage – 333
Total Mileage - 57,867
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VDOT’s Annual Budget

$4.19 Billion

$1.830 Billion – Road Maintenance
$1.605 Billion – Construction
$449.7 Million – Support to other agencies, administration, tolls and other programs
$300 Million – Debt service
EDC

EMBEDDED DATA COLLECTORS
VDOT’s first project using **DYNAMIC PILE TESTING** was in the Summer 1984
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EDC | EMBEDDED DATA COLLECTORS
Monitor- Merrimac Memorial Bridge
Interstate Route 664 in Newport News, Virginia

Pile Driving Program

2 Pre-Construction Pile Load Test Programs ($333,000)
16 Construction Load Tests ($387,000)
45 Construction Dynamic Pile Tests ($95,000)
Monitor- Merrimac Memorial Bridge

Interstate Route 664 in Newport News, Virginia

Pile Driving Program

430,000 linear feet of pile
12” Prestressed Concrete Piles
24” Prestressed Concrete Piles
54” Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Piles
Monitor- Merrimac Memorial Bridge
Interstate Route 664 in Newport News, Virginia

Pile Testing Program Costs: $815,000

Estimated savings in Construction Cost due to increased pile capacities: $12 Million

Estimated savings in Construction Cost due to reduced pile lengths through Dynamic Testing: $2 Million
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What followed was 25 Years of productive and cost effective Pile Driving using Dynamic Testing.
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EMBEDDED DATA COLLECTORS
Six 24” square prestressed concrete piles were cast with EDC’s in the top and at the tip.

The piles were used as Driving Test Piles.
The tests were only partly successful due to the failure of several of the sensors possibly due to the heat of hydration in the concrete.
No new Virginia projects with EDC’s were developed but we followed the progress of Florida DOT’s EDC research.
When the Florida research was completed and the use of EDC’s was allowed in the Florida pile specification, Virginia followed suit.
In December of 2011 VDOT organized a one day new product information transfer workshop on EDC’s for our consultants and contractors.
The first project where EDC’s were chosen for use by the Contractor is the new bridge on Dominion Boulevard in Chesapeake, Virginia, advertised in 2012.
EDC

EMBEDDED DATA COLLECTORS
# Pile Driving Program

on Dominion Boulevard

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In What Ways Does VDOT Plan To Use Embedded Data Collectors?
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We may begin to require that the first Driving Test Pile have a top and bottom sensor.
realization of 200uE shift in static pre-stress level....
Cost Benefits – Advanced Damage Detection
(early detection saves $$)
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When the Contractor remobilizes to begin production pile driving, the EDC in the Driving Test Pile can easily be reactivated and a second restrike performed, giving us soil setup weeks after initial driving.
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Long Term Monitoring using Embedded Data Collectors (EDC) in Bridge Structures
A pier cap with Embedded Data Collectors installed in it was built for FHWA’s Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center. It will provide data for ongoing studies into lifecycle monitoring and cost. The work is being done by Carl Ealy.
Remote Monitoring – System Elements

EDC Piles, Beams, Columns, ETC.

Gateways:
Remote Monitoring
Harvests sensor data and moves data to the portal.

3G
Internet
Database (Portal)

Browser Access

Localized wireless sensor network

All raw sensor data processed and reported via Portal

Commercial Users
Governmental Users
Researchers
EDC Drilled Shaft Instrumentation Layout – Bridge B606, I-95 Hot lanes Project, Virginia, USA
Step 1

Strain transducers and temperature sensors are installed on drilled shaft rebar cage.

Step 2

Preliminary data is collected from the dataport before and after concrete pour in drilled shafts.
### Step 3
Cables are installed for cap monitoring

### Step 4
Sensors are connected through cables and are connected to data port
Step 5
Data port attached to the form work, to collect data after concrete pour

Step 6
Cap instrumentation set up before concrete pour
Concrete Pour
Data Collection Equipment

Data port cover on the back wall of abutment
Purpose of using EDC Instrumentation & Monitoring in Drilled Shaft
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- Static Load measurements at various locations along the shaft and shaft cap.
- Changes in shaft strain during live load, dead load and service loads.
- Temperature of concrete at various stages of the shaft and shaft cap construction and post construction.
- Determine the load transfer along the shaft.
This information will be extremely valuable if States want to revisit and modify load and resistance factors based on their local conditions and practices.
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