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19 Bridge Barriers

19.1 Glossary of terms

For a complete glossary of terms refer Chapter 1 – Introduction.

19.2 Figures and examples shown in this volume

The figures and examples shown in this volume are for presentation purposes only, and may contain some details that are now superseded. These details have been included for ease of reference, to illustrate typical solutions, and to show the required standard of drafting presentation. The details are not to be used without an engineering check and certification by a Structural RPEQ to confirm that the details are appropriate for the specific project.

19.3 General

All barriers on new bridges are designed to the requirements of AS 5100 Bridge Design. Additional information may be found in TMR Road Planning and Design Manual, 8.2.7 Bridge Barriers and Transitions.

The most common barrier types on bridges used by the Department of Transport and Main Roads are as follows:

- Bridge traffic barriers (aluminium or steel)
- Bridge safety rails (aluminium or steel) – including bicycle safety rails where needed
- Balustrades (aluminium or steel) – including bicycle safety rails where needed
- Single slope reinforced concrete barriers.

On bridges with a footway, the type of barriers used either side of it is dependent on what the footway is used for. Where the footway is expected to carry a large number of cyclists, the footway shall be referred to as a bikeway and bicycle safety rails will be required. Agreement on the need for bicycle safety rails shall be made with the relevant departmental region before the bridge design begins because the bridge will be wider if bicycle safety rails are needed. Bicycle safety rails are required to prevent cyclists from snagging their handlebars or pedals on the bridge barriers. For minimum footway and bikeway widths refer TMR Design Criteria for Bridges and other Structures.

Figure 19.3-1 Barrier Types illustrates the various barrier types and their height requirements.

Additional consideration shall be given to the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Guidelines for Queensland, The Building Code of Australia and AS 1428 Design for Access and Mobility for topics including, but not limited to:

- Wheelchair access
- Landings and additional rails for longitudinal grades > 3%

Transitions in barrier height shall be at a maximum steepness of one vertical to 10 horizontal. This is to reduce the chance of a vehicle snagging on the barrier, or it being launched into the air because the barrier acts as a ramp. TMR Standard Drawing 1486 Single Slope Concrete Barrier and some other similar standard drawings will be amended shortly to show the correct transition slope. Details that are copied from these standard drawings onto project specific drawings shall be modified to show the correct transition.
19.4 **Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers**

Bridge traffic barriers are manufactured from either aluminium or steel. They shall be designed to the requirements of AS 5100. Their performance level can be low, regular, or medium. The performance level required is determined by many factors, including, but not limited to:

- The type of vehicles to be contained
- Total traffic volumes and volumes of vehicles relevant to alternative performance levels
• Road alignment and operating speed
• Bridge width and offset from the traffic lanes to the barrier
• Divided, undivided and one way roads
• The cost of providing and maintaining a bridge barrier and bridge approach barrier system of specified performance level(s)
• The consequences of a vehicle penetrating or vaulting the barrier.

Aluminium traffic barriers are used in special circumstances only such as in tidal splash zones, or for aesthetic purposes. The department does not have an approved product or Standard Drawing for this type of barrier; therefore details must be developed on a project specific basis. Manufacturers such as ‘Tollfab’ may have standard rail types which could be suitable, however it must be demonstrated to the department that the barrier design is in accordance with AS 5100. Refer Appendix A Example Aluminium Bridge Traffic Barrier Drawing.

Refer to TMR Standard Drawings 1508, 1509 and 1510 for standard details and design criteria for regular performance level, steel bridge traffic barriers. Refer Appendix B Example Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier Drawings.

**Design Criteria (Regular performance Level, Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier Only)**

The following criteria must be met when designing the rail types and post spacing:

• Deck unit bridges with cast insitu kerbs – Spacing of intermediate posts shall be 2.05 m maximum, except over the pier and abutment centrelines, where there may be a single spacing of up to 2.8 m
• Bridges with a concrete deck – Spacing of intermediate posts shall be 2.45 m maximum
• Spacing of an end post and its adjacent intermediate post shall be 1.2 m maximum
• The spacing between three adjacent posts shall not exceed 4.9 m; that is, an average of 2.45 m
• The joint between rails shall be 20 mm nominal at fixed joints and 40 mm nominal at expansion joints
• Only one joint is allowed between successive posts
• Each rail must be supported by at least two posts
• One joint shall be provided at each abutment and pier location
• The barrier shall transition to full height at one on 10 from the top of the approach guardrail to the top of the bridge traffic rail
• Rail lengths shall be 8.2 m maximum.

**Post Anchorages (Regular performance Level, Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier Only)**

Post anchorage details shall be shown on the Bridge Traffic Barrier drawings because they are fabricated with the barrier. In the cost estimate they shall be bundled together into one item. Refer Figure 19.4-1 Post Anchorage for standard details.
Figure 19.4-1 Post Anchorage Detail (Regular Performance)

The setting out details for the anchorages shall be shown on the Cast Insitu Kerb/Deck drawings. It is important to show that the anchorage with three 400 mm long bolts (Type 1) is placed closest to the road face of the kerbs and wingwalls and the anchorage with two 330 mm long bolts (Type 2) is placed at the back. To ensure that the bridge traffic rails line up within tolerance to the front face of the kerb, the anchorages must be set back 130 mm and 280 mm from the road face of the kerbs and wingwalls. The anchorages shall protrude 100 mm. On bridges with a concrete deck and scuppers, the anchorages (and hence the posts) shall avoid the scupper recesses. Refer Figure 19.4-2 Bridge Traffic Barrier Post Anchorage Setting Out Detail.

330 mm long bolts are specified at the back of the post. These bolts are used because fabricators have large quantities that have been bought and tested. Once these stockpiles have been reduced, 400 mm long bolts will be specified at both the front and back of the post.
**Figure 19.4-2 Bridge Traffic Barrier Post Anchorage Setting Out Detail (Regular Performance)**

Orientation of Posts

In the longitudinal direction, posts are to be set normal to the grade of the bridge, except on small radius vertical curves where the posts may need to be vertical. On small radius curves the fitment of
the bolts and holes must be thoroughly checked to determine if the posts need to be vertical. Refer Figure 19.4-3 Post Orientation on Small Radius VC.

**Figure 19.4-3 Post Orientation on Small Radius VC**

In the transverse direction, posts are to be set vertical except on bridges where the deck super elevation/crossfall slope exceeds three per cent. In these cases posts are to be set normal to the super elevation/crossfall. Refer Figure 19.4-4 Post Orientation in Transverse Direction.

**Figure 19.4-4 Post Orientation in Transverse Direction**

**Bending of Rails for Vertical Curves**

On bridges with a RC deck or cast in situ kerbs where the top face of the kerb follows the actual VC, rails shall be bent to match the curve when the mid-offset dimension exceeds 5 mm. Refer Figure 19.4-5 Rail Bent for VC.
On bridges with a VC or changing grade and with linear kerbs, rails shall be bent at the pier and abutment centrelines if necessary. Refer Figure 19.4-6 Rail Bent for Linear Change of Grade Vertically.

**Figure 19.4-6 Rail Bent for Linear Change of Grade Vertically**

Bending of Rails for Horizontal Curves

On bridges with a RC deck where the road face of the kerb follows the actual HC, rails shall be bent to match the curve where the mid-offset dimension exceeds 5 mm. Refer Figure 19.4-7 Rail Bent for HC.

**Figure 19.4-7 Rail Bent for HC**

On bridges with a HC and with linear kerbs, rails shall be bent at the pier and abutment centrelines if necessary. Refer Figure 19.4-8 Rail Bent for linear change of Direction Horizontally.
19.5 Bridge Safety Rails

Bridge safety rails are used to add additional height to the barrier which is positioned between a footway and a road. If the barrier is positioned between a bikeway and a road, the additional height shall be achieved with the addition of a bicycle safety rail, refer 19.7 Bicycle Safety Rails.

Bridge safety rails can be manufactured from aluminium or steel.

Aluminium bridge safety rails are used in special circumstances only e.g. in tidal splash zones, or for aesthetic purposes. They are used in conjunction with aluminium bridge traffic barriers or concrete barriers. The department does not have an approved product or Standard Drawing for this type of barrier; therefore details must be developed on a project specific basis. Refer Appendix C Example Aluminium Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing.

Steel bridge safety rails are used in conjunction with steel traffic barriers or concrete barriers. Refer to TMR Standard Drawing No 1511 for details of the standard steel bridge safety rail design for when it is attached to a steel bridge traffic barrier. Refer Appendix D Example Steel Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing.

Design Criteria

The following criteria must be met when designing the barrier types and post spacing:

- If the bridge safety rail is attached to concrete parapet the post spacing shall be 3 m maximum.
- If the bridge safety rail is attached to a bridge traffic barrier the post spacing shall match those of the bridge traffic barrier.
- The joint between rails shall be 20 mm nominal at 25°C at fixed and continuous joints and 40 mm at 25°C at expansion joints.
- Only one joint is allowed between successive posts.
- One joint shall be provided at each abutment and pier location.
- The bridge safety rail shall transition to full height at one on 10 from the top of the bridge traffic barrier to the top of the bridge safety rail.
- Rail lengths shall be 8.2 m maximum.
- The top of the bridge safety rail shall be 1.2 m above the top of kerb.
Orientation of Posts

Follow the theory for bridge traffic barriers, refer 19.4 Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers.

Bending of Rails for Vertical Curves

Follow the theory for bridge traffic rails, refer 19.4 Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers.

Bending of Rails for Horizontal Curves

Follow the theory for bridge traffic rails, refer 19.4 Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers.

19.6 Bridge Balustrades

Bridge balustrades are used as the external barrier for footways. Balustrades for bikeways shall have a bicycle safety rail attached on top, refer 19.7 Bicycle Safety Rails.

Bridge balustrades can be manufactured from aluminium or steel.

Aluminium balustrade is used in special circumstances only such as in tidal splash zones, or for aesthetic purposes. The department does not have a Standard Drawing for this type of barrier; therefore details must be developed on a project specific basis. Manufacturers such as ‘Tollfab’ may have standard rail types which may be suitable. Refer Appendix E Example Aluminium Bridge Balustrade Drawing.

Refer TMR Standard Drawing 1512 Bridge Balustrade for details of the standard steel balustrade design and Appendix F Example Steel Bridge Balustrade Drawings.

Design Criteria

The following criteria must be met when designing the balustrade panel types and post spacing:

- Spacing of posts shall be 2 m maximum.
- The joint between rails shall be 40 mm nominal.
- Only one joint is allowed between successive posts.
- One joint shall be provided at each abutment and pier location.
- Panel lengths shall be 4 m maximum.
- Balusters shall be spaced at 125 mm clear gap maximum.
- The top of the balustrade shall be 1.2 m minimum above the footway.

Orientation of Panels

In the longitudinal direction, the rails shall follow the grade while the balusters and posts are always vertical.

In the transverse direction the panels are to be set vertical.

Bending of Rails for Vertical and Horizontal Curves

Follow the theory for bridge traffic barriers, refer 19.4 Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers.

19.7 Bicycle Safety Rails

Bicycle safety rails are required to prevent cyclists from snagging their handlebars or pedals on the bridge barriers.
Bicycle safety rails are manufactured from either aluminium or steel.

Aluminium bicycle safety rails are used in special circumstances only such as in tidal splash zones. The department does not have an approved product or Standard Drawing for this type of barrier; therefore details must be developed on a project specific basis.

The department is currently developing Standard Drawings for steel Bicycle Safety Rails. Refer Appendix G Example Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier with Bicycle Safety Rail Drawing.

**Design Criteria**

The following criteria must be met when designing the bicycle safety rails:

- The rail is attached to either the bridge traffic barrier posts or the balustrade posts.
- The rail shall protrude 150 mm past the kerb face.
- The joint between rails shall be 40 mm nominal.
- Only one joint is allowed between successive posts.
- One joint shall be provided at each abutment and pier location.
- The bicycle safety rail shall transition to full height at one on 10 from the top of the bridge traffic barrier to the top of the bridge safety rail.
- Rail lengths shall be 6.5 m maximum.
- The top of the bicycle safety rail shall be 1.4 m above the top of the bikeway.

**Bending of Rails for Vertical and Horizontal Curves**

Follow the theory for bridge traffic barriers, refer 19.4 Aluminium or Steel Bridge Traffic Barriers.

**19.8 Re-railing Existing Bridges**

To improve vehicle safety, old bridges are often fitted with new bridge traffic barriers. The department does not have a Standard Drawing for this type of barrier; therefore details must be developed on a project specific basis. An engineering design shall determine the attachment details and post spacing. If the Barrier Performance Level does not satisfy AS 5100, the actual level shall be noted in the title block, for example, '50% of AS 5100.1 Low Performance Level'.

The posts are usually attached to the bridge with bolts and/or chemical anchors. Refer Figure 19.8-1 Example Re-railing (1) and Figure 19.8-2 Example Re-railing (2) for two examples of attachment details.
**Figure 19.8-1 Example Re-railing (1)**

**Figure 19.8-2 Example Re-railing (2)**
Usually the existing wingwalls need to be extended to provide an anchorage for the bridge traffic barrier end posts to be attached. Refer Figure 19.8-3 *Example Wingwall Extension* for typical details.

**Figure 19.8-3 Example Wingwall Extension**

19.9 Single Sloped Concrete Barriers

This section shall be read in conjunction with Chapter 17 – *Cast In situ Kerbs and Decks*.

Overpass bridges crossing roads or railway have concrete barriers rather than steel bridge traffic barrier. This is to help prevent debris falling off the bridge onto traffic below. Bridges on major roads and those on small horizontal radius curves may also be required to have concrete barriers.
To decrease construction time and road/railway closures, precast barrier panels are often used on overpass bridges. The precast panels must be more than 100 mm thick. The cast insitu portion of the barrier must be wide enough to allow for vibration of the concrete. The back face of the barrier is precast, and then erected on the bridge deck. The front face of the barrier is then cast insitu. The precast barrier brackets must allow for height adjustment while providing secure attachment to the deck. Many different systems may be used, an example is shown in Figure 19.9-1 Precast Barrier Panel, and another example is shown in Appendix H Example Precast Barrier Panel and Deck Drawings.

To reduce cracking in concrete barriers, contraction joints are usually placed approximately every 4 m. Refer Figure 19.9-2 Contraction Joint.

Often a concrete barrier will transition to a concrete barrier off the bridge. For details of concrete barriers refer to TMR Standard Drawing Nos 1460 to 1473 inclusive.

*Figure 19.9-1 Precast Barrier Panel*
19.10 Protection Screens

Overpass bridges may require protection screens. For requirements refer to AS 5100, TMR Technical Guidelines for the Treatment of Overhead Structures – Objects Thrown or Dropped and the departmental policy Reduction of Risk from Objects Thrown from Overpass Structures onto Roads.

Protection screens shall be positioned behind a plane parallel to the barrier face or a minimum of the working width behind the barrier.

The designer must do a risk assessment to determine their necessity. Important factors to consider include:

- the design speed of the underpass road
- the volume of traffic on the underpass
- the volume of vehicle traffic on the overpass and more importantly, the volume of pedestrian traffic on the overpass
- if the bridge is for pedestrians only
- if the bridge is near a school, park or playground
- the lighting of the bridge
- the presence of vandalism or gangs near the bridge.

Refer Appendix I – Example Protection Screen Drawings.
19.11 Railway Overbridge Barriers

In addition to AS 5100, bridges over QR railways shall be designed in accordance with the following relevant QR Standard Drawings and the following QR documents:

- MCE-SR-001 Queensland Railways – Requirements for the Design of Road Overbridges
- MCE-SR-006 Queensland Railways – Requirements for the Design of Footbridges
- MCE-SR-007 Queensland Railways – Design and Selection Criteria for Road/Rail Interface Barriers
- MCE-SR-012 Queensland Railways – Railway Track Clearances

In regards to barrier design, MCE-SR-007 is the overriding document.

After determining the rail status and road class, use MCE-SR-007, Table 5 – Road Bridge over Railway Barrier Selection to select the appropriate barrier type and height.

The barrier must also comply with MCE-SR-007, Appendix 3 Barrier Transitions Road Bridge over Railway Corridor.

Design Criteria for Barriers on Bridges over QR Railway that are not Electrified

Some important design criteria include the following:

- Bridge barrier type must be concrete barrier to prevent debris falling into the rail corridor.
- The concrete barrier will be 1.1 m or 1.5 m high depending on the performance level. The barrier shall transition to full height at one on 10.
- Protection screens are required on top of the concrete barrier.
- If the protection screen is not see through, the top of the screen shall be 2 m minimum above the road surface. The screen can be either additional concrete cast on top of the barrier or steel made from an approved product such as plate, welded wire mesh, perforated sheet of louvre mesh. Note that louvre mesh is considered see through and shall be orientated so that a person standing on the bridge looking through the openings will see the sky rather than the ground.
- If the protection screen is see through, the top of the screen shall be 2.4 m minimum above the road surface. The screen can be either additional concrete cast on top of the barrier or steel plate.
- The concrete barrier and protection screen shall be smooth faced so as not to be readily climbable.
- The protection screen shall extend at full height for a minimum of 3 m (horizontally) either side of the track centre line on both sides of the bridge.

Refer Figure 19.11-1 Typical Barriers (Non Electrified Railway).
Additional Design Criteria for Barriers on Bridges over QR Railway that is Electrified

Railway that is electrified requires special electrification screening 1.8 m minimum in height. Electrification screening has smaller allowable openings than protection screening. The electrification screen shall extend at full height for a minimum of 3 m (horizontally) either side of the track centre line and/or overhead line equipment on both sides of the bridge. Refer Figure 19.11-2 Typical Barriers (Electrified Railway).
**Figure 19.11-2 Typical Barriers (Electrified Railway)**

- Protection screen
  - 2.4m if screen is see through
  - 2m if screen is not see through

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**REINFORCED CONCRETE SCREEN TYPE**

- Concrete barrier
- No foot hold
- Barrier height 1800 electrification screen height

**OTHER SCREEN TYPE**

- Concrete barrier
- Electrification screen
- No foot hold
- Barrier height 1800 electrification screen height

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*Protection screen*
Appendix A – Example Aluminum Bridge Traffic Barrier Drawing
Appendix B – Example Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier Drawings

Appendix B – Example Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier Drawings – Sheet 1
Appendix C – Example Aluminium Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing

Appendix C – Aluminium Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing

![Diagram of Aluminium Bridge Safety Barrier](image)

**NOTES**

1. All extruded aluminium sections shall comply with AS/NZS 1199—ship face tolerances shown.
2. Aluminium plate shall comply with AS/NZS 1794—ship face tolerances shown.
3. All aluminium components shall be free from excessive bitterness, burns & other manufacturing defects.
4. Welding
   - Welding symbols conform to AS 1102.2
   - All welding to conform to AS/NZS 1554.
   - Welding consumables to be specified unless otherwise specified.
5. All welding procedures to be performed in accordance with AS/NZS 1554.
6. All aluminium components shall be cleaned and welded as per AS/ISO 857 to a minimum thickness of 20 microns after welding.
7. Stainless steel bolts shall be Grade 703, and steel washers shall be Grade 314.
8. All anchors shall be hot-dip galvanised to BS 1149.2 stainless steel. 3.16 mm thick stainless steel 203 mm electrode for anti-theft protection after installation.
10. Adequate facilities are to be provided for disposal of all aluminium components to prevent mechanical damage or water damage prior to installation.
11. Batts are to be wrapped in Firex Tapes before being wrapped with aluminium, protective plastic, under wrappings.
12. Base plates to be painted with approved fire paints.
Appendix D – Example Steel Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing

Appendix D – Example Steel Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing

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Appendix D – Example Steel Bridge Safety Barrier Drawing
Appendix E – Example Aluminium Bridge Balustrade Drawing

Panel Type A

Panel Type C

Panel Type B

Handrail Arrangement

Typical Panel Details

Base Plate Detail

Splice Connectors

Typical Panel Joint Details

Typical Rail Join Details

For aluminium system these shall be fabricated using Fallbear®

For general notes, refer Cey No 304122

For all other panels a 304122
Appendix F – Example Steel Bridge Balustrade Drawing

NOTES

1. RCUS and LUSL tubes to be Grade 235 to AS 1163.

2. All welds to be made per AS 1210 with 6.6M minimum strength.

3. Bolts size 4.8 to AS 4146 SN316, Nuts size 5 to AS/NSZ 1112 and washers size 2 to AS 4172.

4. Polyline and clip (except for sloped shingles) to be hot-dip galvanised to AS 1241.

5. Channel spacers are to AS 1163, all welding to be done by qualified welders.

6. All component parts to be hot-dip galvanised to AS/NZS 4568.

7. All end connections to be formed and welded or bolted prior to hot-dip galvanising to AS/NZS 4568.
Appendix F – Example Steel Bridge Balustrade Drawing – Sheet 2
Appendix F – Example Steel Bridge Balustrade Drawing – Sheet 3

[Diagram of steel bridge balustrade panels with dimensions and annotations.]
Appendix G – Example Steel Bridge Traffic Barrier with Bicycle Safety Rail Drawing

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