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  - Secondary: First Responder departments of Developing Countries (e.g. Bomberos De Rivas – Fire Department in Rivas, Nicaragua)

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# Executive Summary

## Problem Statement:

- Low-water crossings in undeveloped road systems are a hazard which contribute to damage and injury of the traffic passing the waterway

## Background:

- The developing world often relies on low-water crossings on unpaved roads in place of bridges for vehicle river crossings
- Impoverished communities suffer disproportionately more from road shut-downs

## Objective:

- Define a modular and deployable bridge solution to combat low-water crossing hazards in undeveloped road systems in year-round conditions
- Use Systems Engineering and related methodologies to architect the solution and deliver a preliminary implementation plan

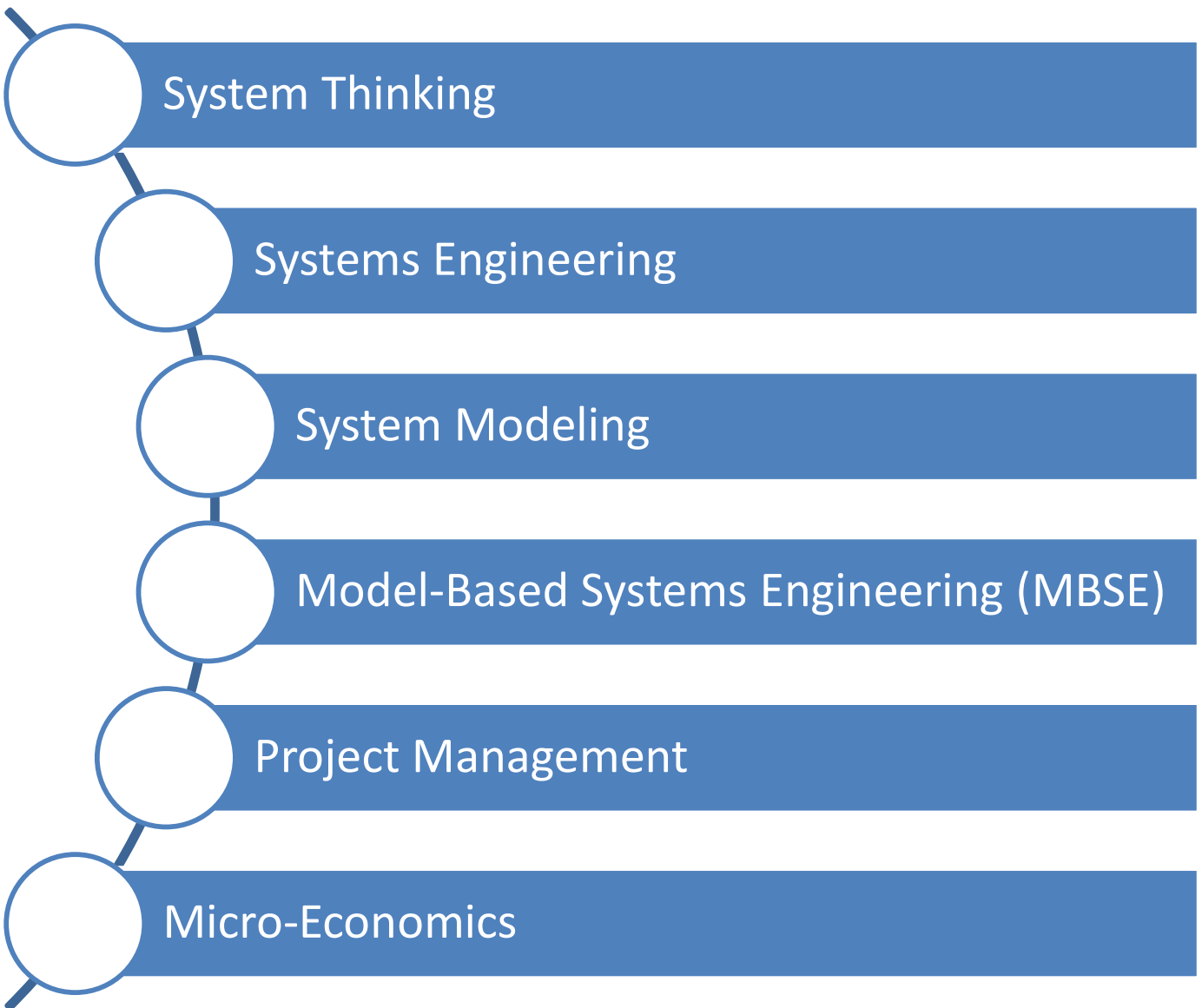




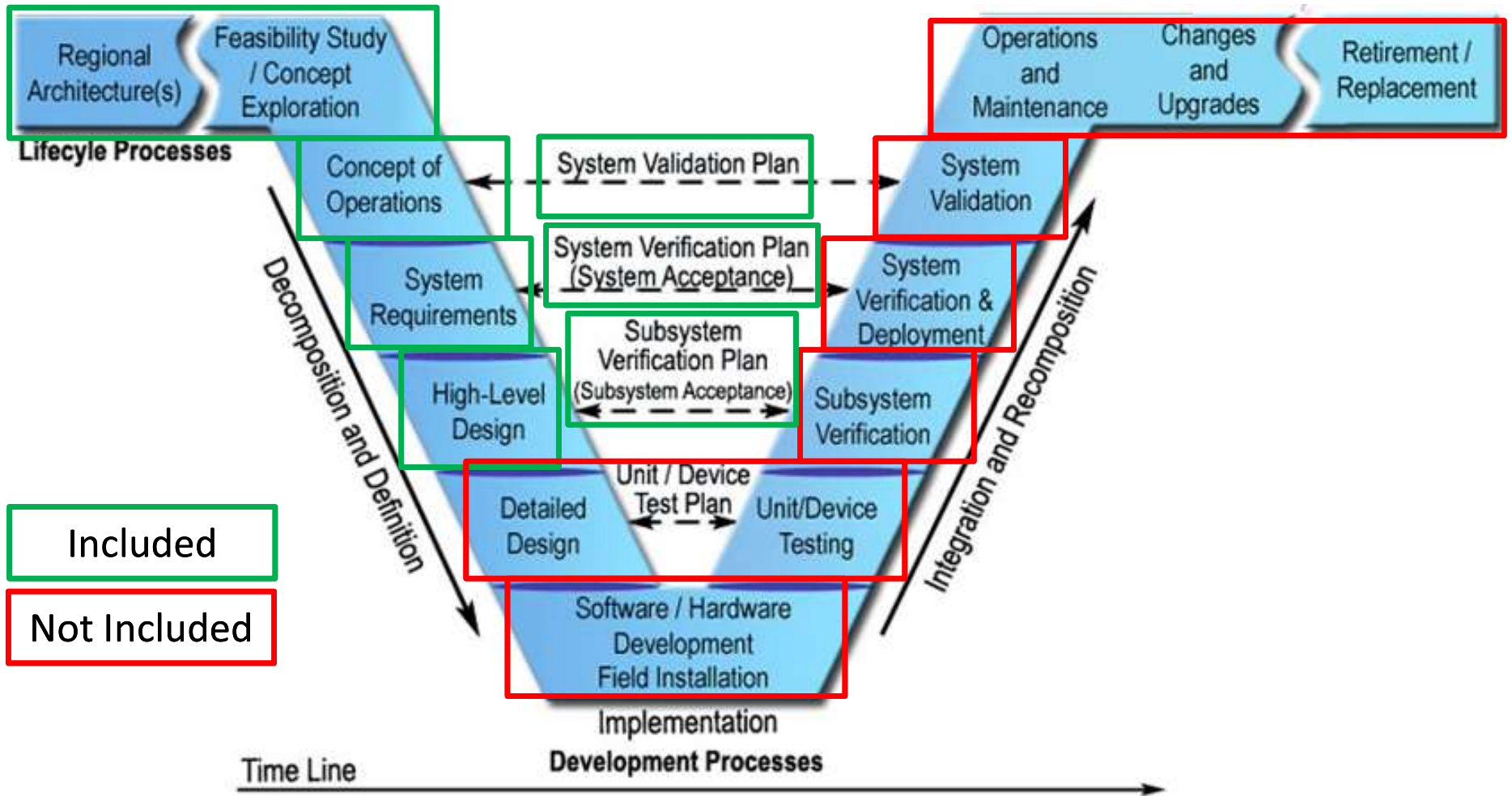
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# Methodology



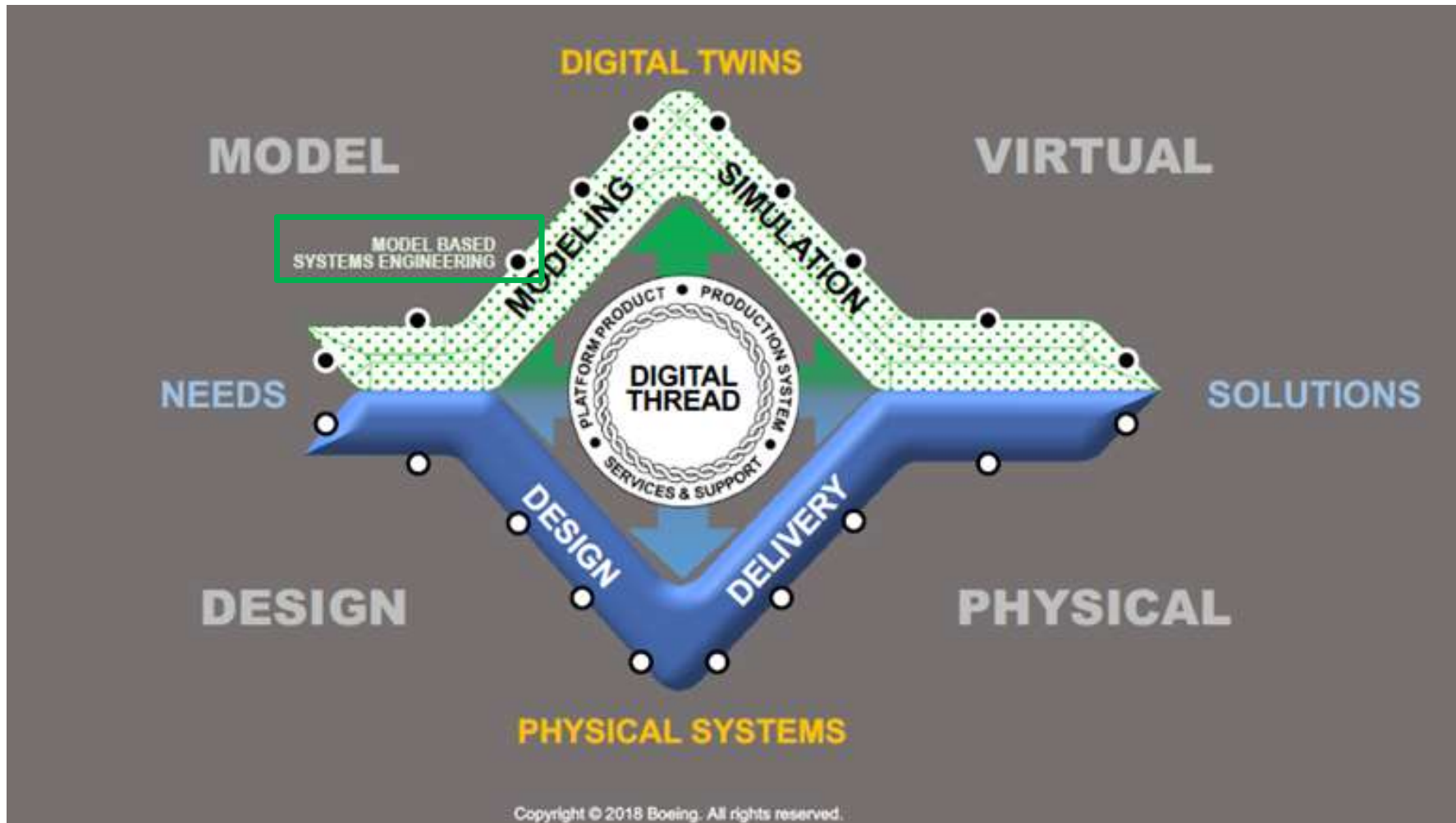
# Systems Engineering “V” Diagram



**Project Does NOT include Detailed Design or Implementation**

# MBSE Diamond

- Modeling Architecture, requirements, function and relationships using Catia Magic Systems of Systems Architect



# Personal Background & Motivation

- B.S. Electrical Engineering
  - U.C. Santa Barbara
- 10 Years at Boeing El Segundo
  - Satellite Systems Test & Evaluation Engineer
  - 10 Months Functional Management
    - Test Development Engineering
- Motivations
  - Recent Trip to Nicaragua
    - Economic Impacts
    - Health Impacts
  - Curiosity in Small Business Ventures
    - Entrepreneurship
    - Startups



# Background – Low-Water Crossings

- In developing parts of the world, the majority of the roads are unpaved and subject to natural disasters
  - Only 35% of the world's roads are paved [11]
  - Only 50% of the world's roads are accessible year-round [11]
  - Low-water Crossings are used in place of bridges [3, 9]



# Background – Effects of Climate Change

- Natural Disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity [7]
  - Extreme precipitation → Flooding [7]
  - Intense Fire Seasons → Landslides [7]
  - Creates unsafe roadways [7]
  - Disproportionately affects developing communities [17]



# Scope

## Out

Deep Rivers

Wide Rivers

Urban Communities

Deployed in Storms (e.g. high wind)

## In

Shallow Rivers

Narrow Rivers

Rural Communities

Deployed in Floods

Car & Truck Drivers

Pedestrians, horses, & cattle

Material / Labor

Device Manufacturing / Installation

Device Distribution

Day and Night

Military Vehicles (e.g. Tanks)

Device Advertising

Emergency Reporting / Reconnaissance

Foreign Maintenance

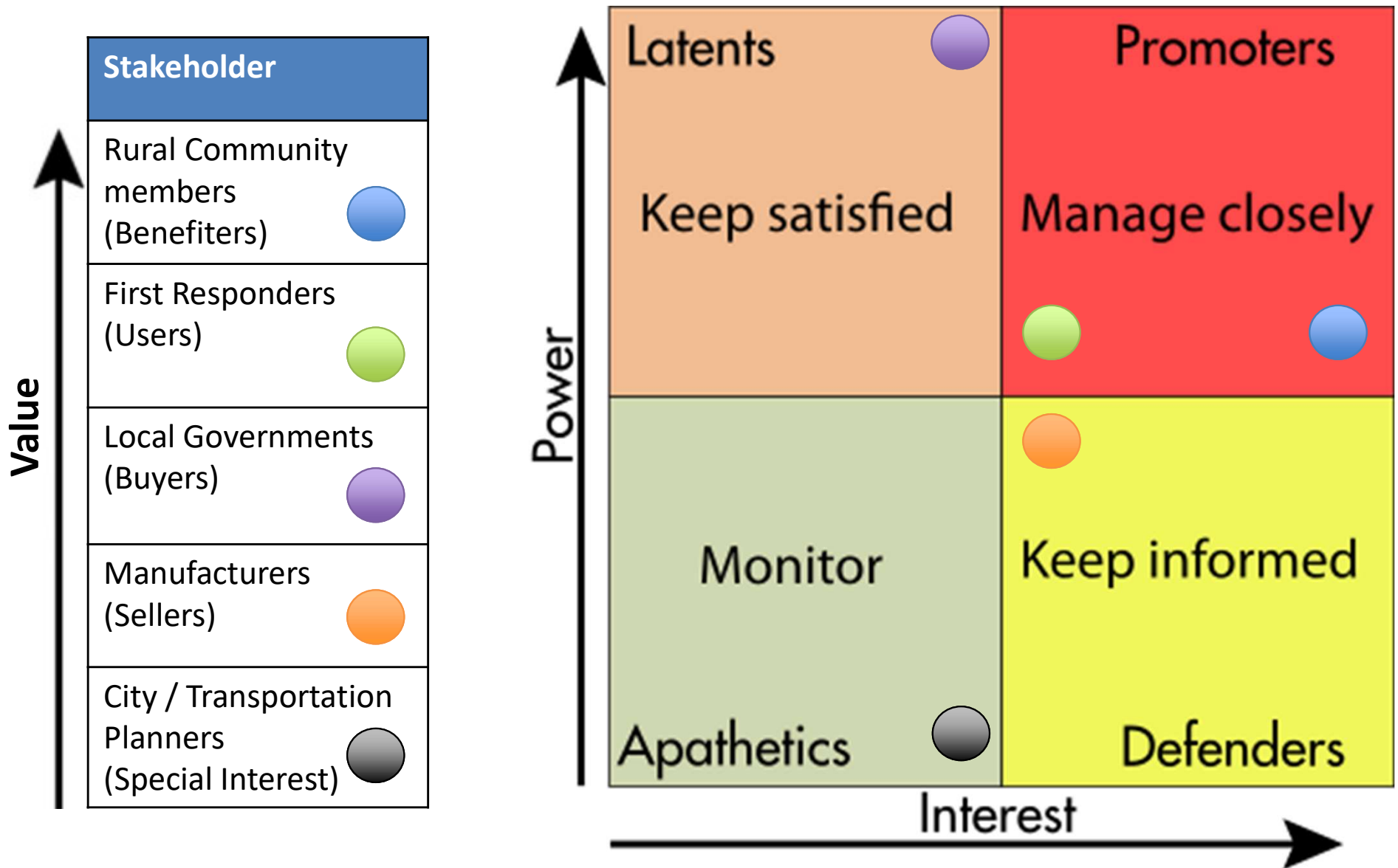




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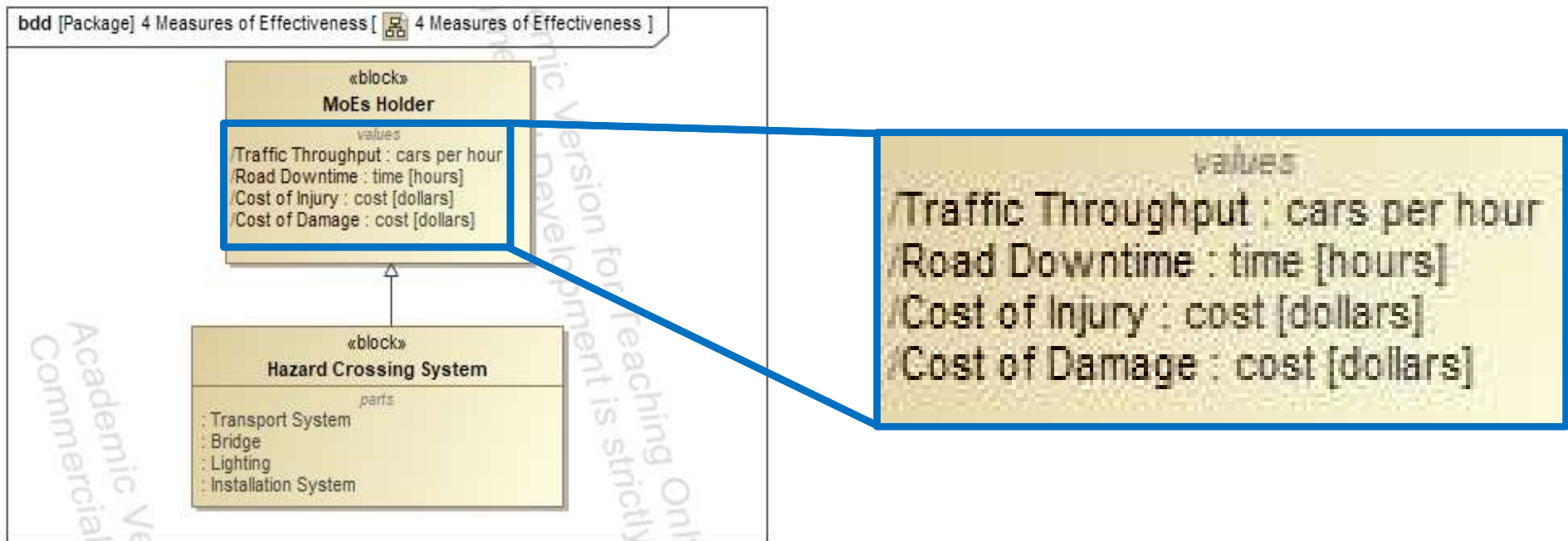
# Stakeholders Analysis



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# Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) - Catia



#	△ Name	
1	☐ <b>R</b> SN-1 User Needs	
2	☐ <b>D</b> SN-1.1 Lower Damage Costs	Lower Cost of Damage or Economic loss due to Flooding
3	☐ <b>D</b> SN-1.2 Lower Injury Costs	Lower Costs due to death or injury, including emergency responder costs
4	☐ <b>P</b> SN-1.3 Lower Road Downtime	Lower average time to get roadways working again
5	☐ <b>P</b> SN-1.4 Increase Traffic Through	Increase traffic throughput over river crossings

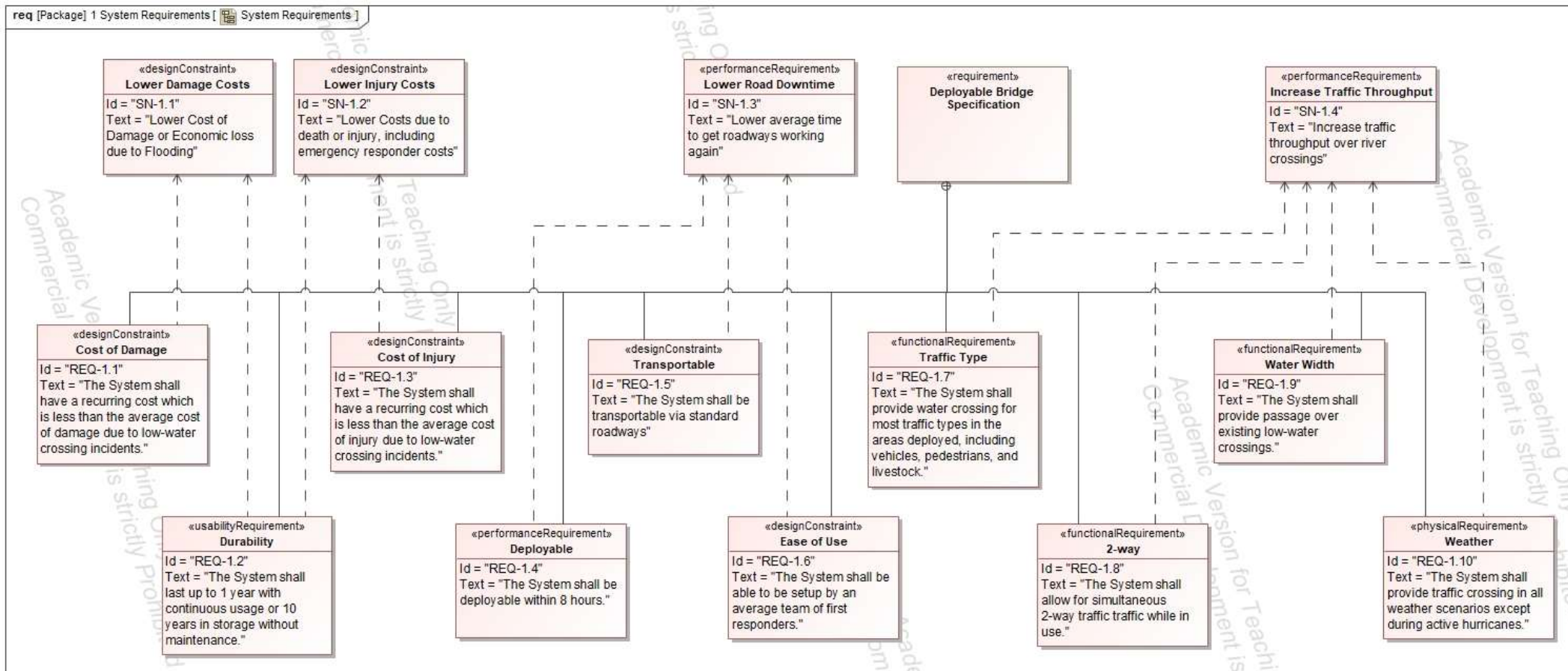
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# System Requirements & Verification Methods

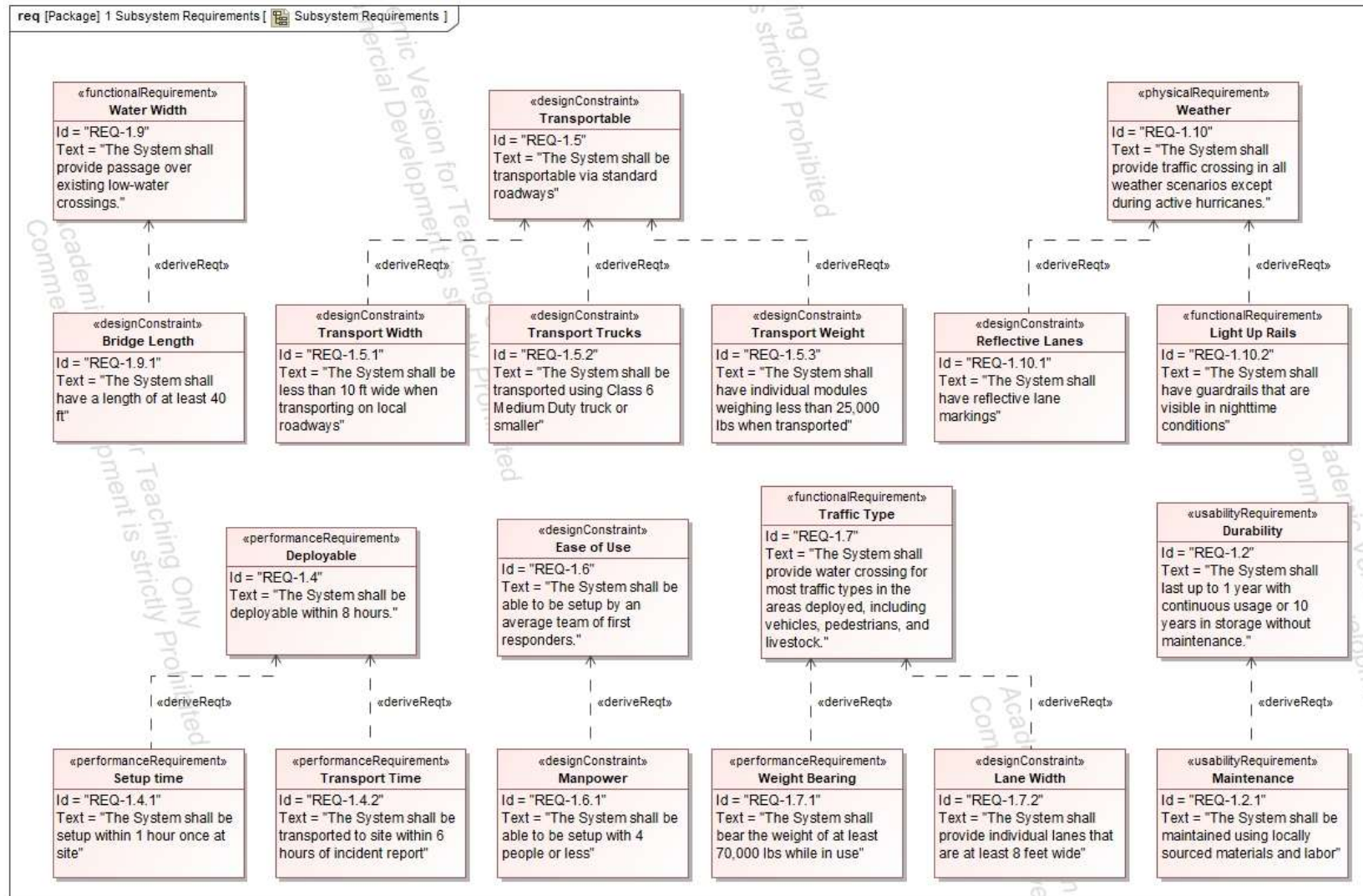
Req ID	Name	Requirement	Type	Verification Method
[RQ-1.1]	Cost of Damage	The System shall have a recurring cost which is less than the average cost of damage due to low-water crossing incidents.	Constraint	Analysis
[RQ-1.2]	Durability	The System shall last up to 1 year with continuous usage or 10 years in storage without maintenance.	Usability	Analysis, Test
[RQ-2.1]	Cost of Injury	The System shall have a recurring cost which is less than the average cost of injury due to low-water crossing incidents.	Constraint	Analysis
[RQ-3.1]	Deployable	The System shall be deployable within 8 hours.	Functional / Performance	Test
[RQ-3.2]	Transportable	The System shall be transportable via standard roadways.	Constraint	Demonstration
[RQ-3.3]	Ease of Use	The System shall be able to be setup by an average team of first responders	Constraint	Demonstration
[RQ-4.1]	Traffic Type	The System shall provide water crossing for most traffic types in the areas deployed, including vehicles, pedestrians, and livestock.	Functional	Demonstration
[RQ-4.2]	2-way	The System shall allow for simultaneous 2-way traffic while in use.	Functional	Demonstration
[RQ-4.3]	Water Width	The System shall provide passage over existing low-water crossings.	Functional	Analysis
[RQ-4.4]	Weather	The System shall provide traffic crossing in all weather scenarios except during active hurricanes.	Physical	Analysis, Demonstration

# System Requirements Tree



MOEs (Level 1) to System Requirements (Level 2) Traced

# Level 3 Derived Requirements



System Requirements (Level 2) to Level 3 Derived Requirements Traced



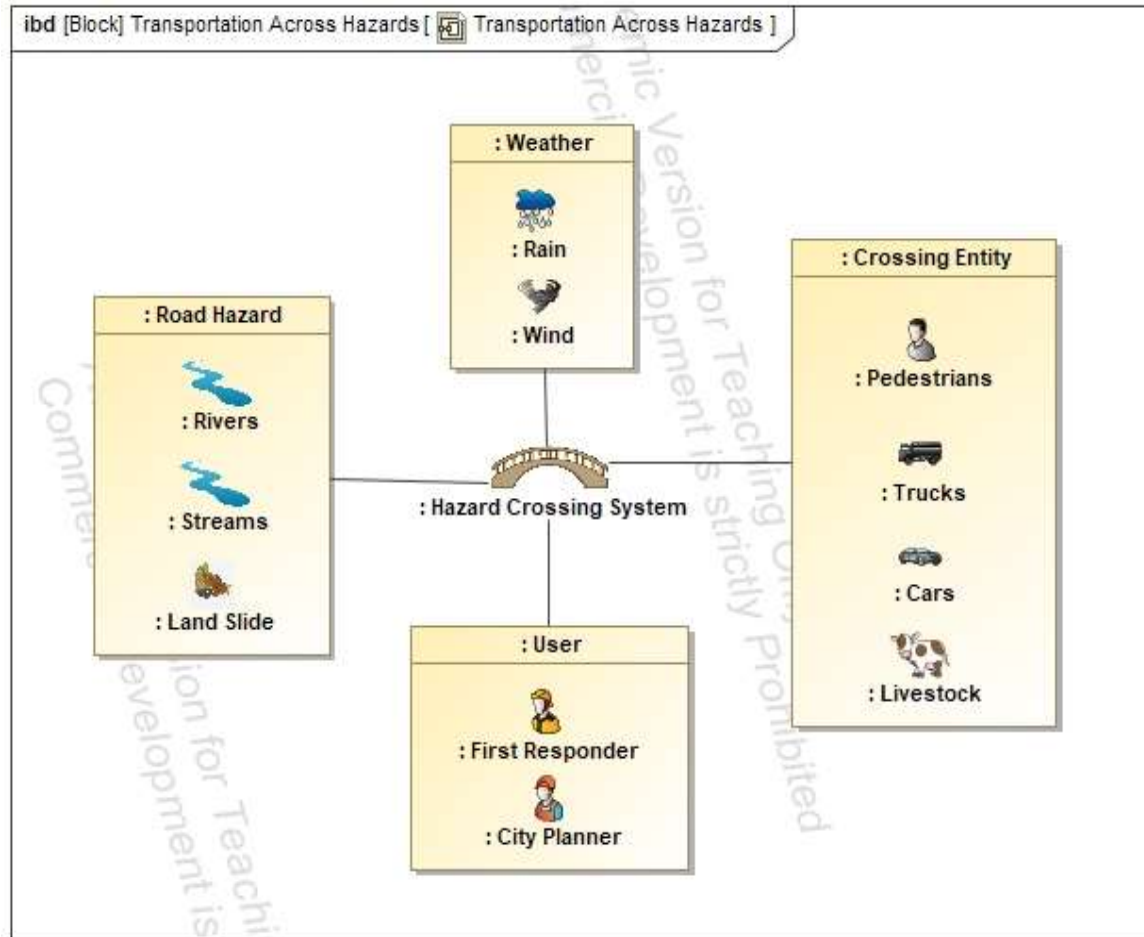


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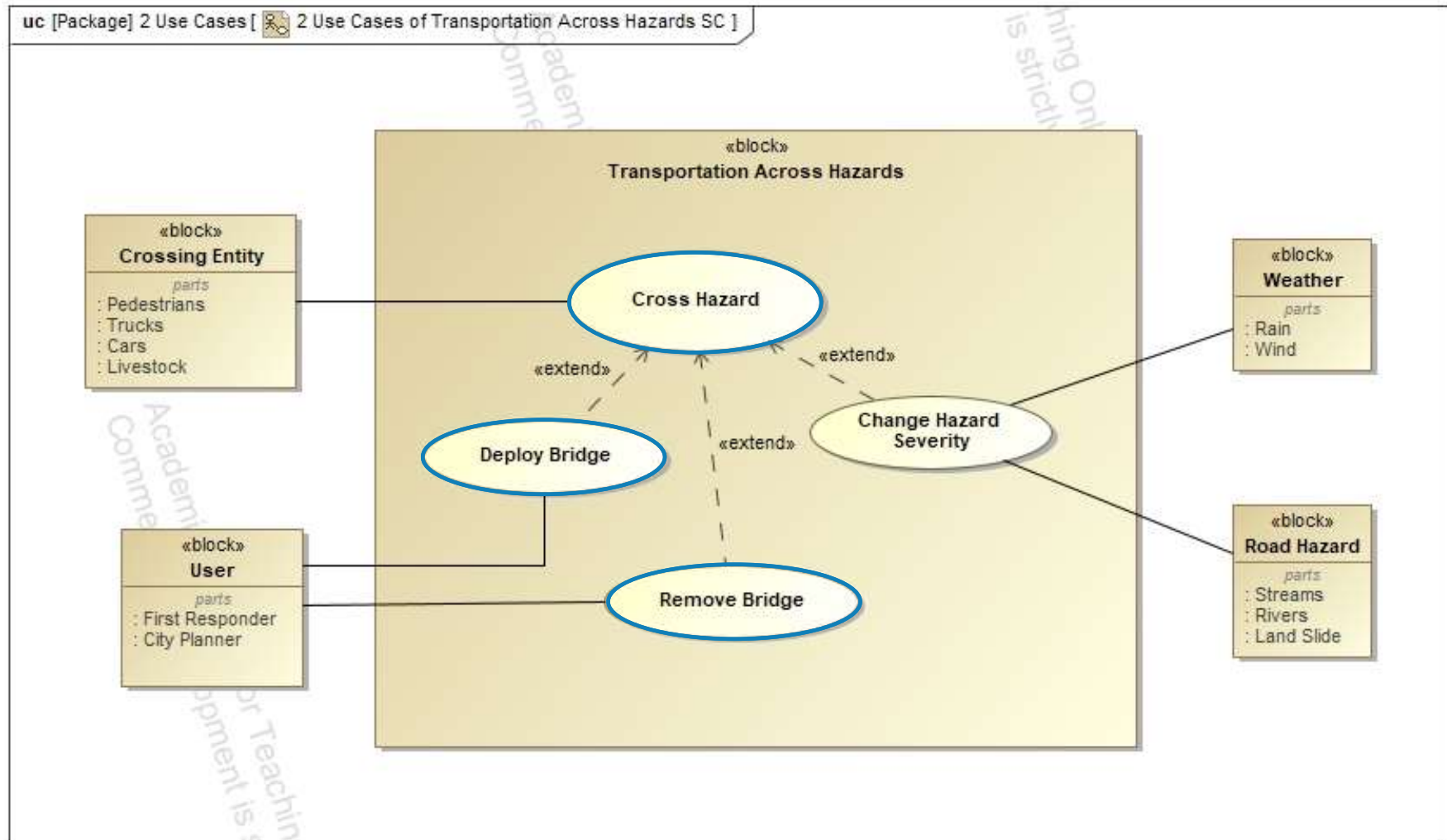
# System Context

## Internal Block Diagram (IBD) – Transportation Across Hazards



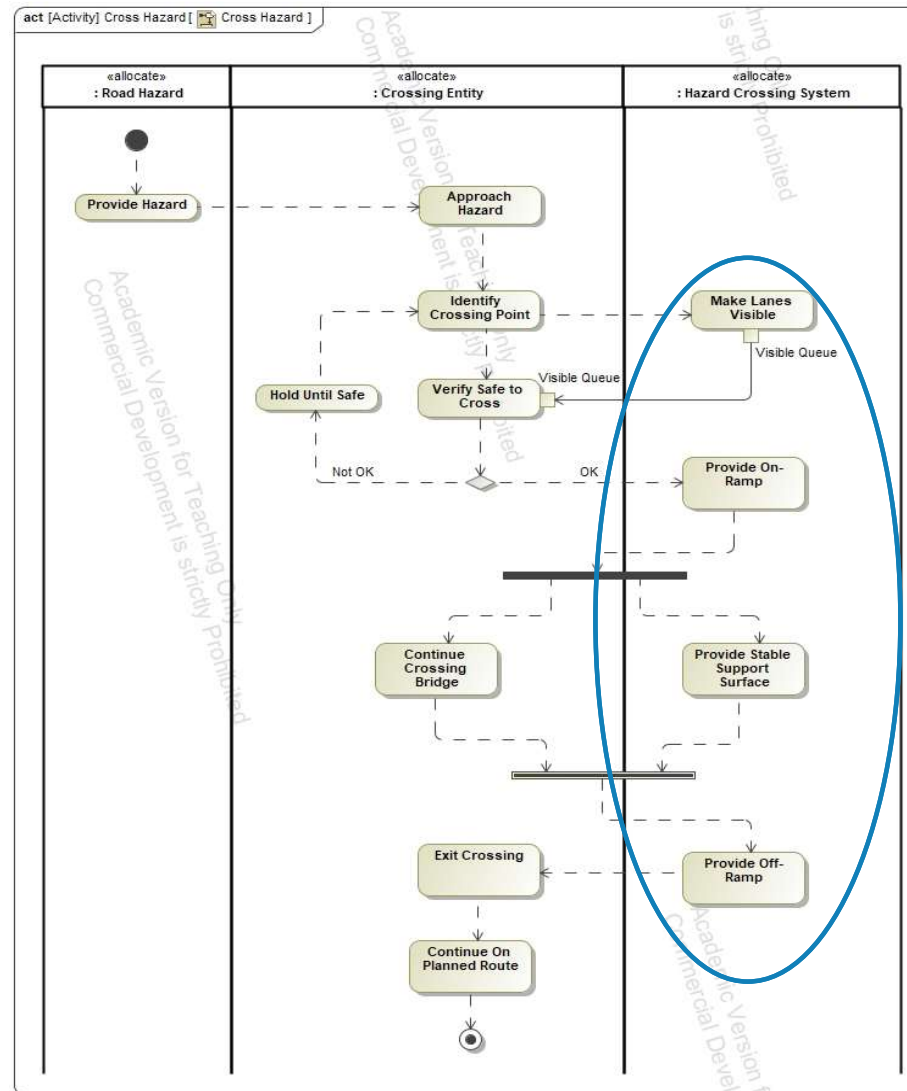
**System Context describes external interactions with the SOI**

# System Use Cases



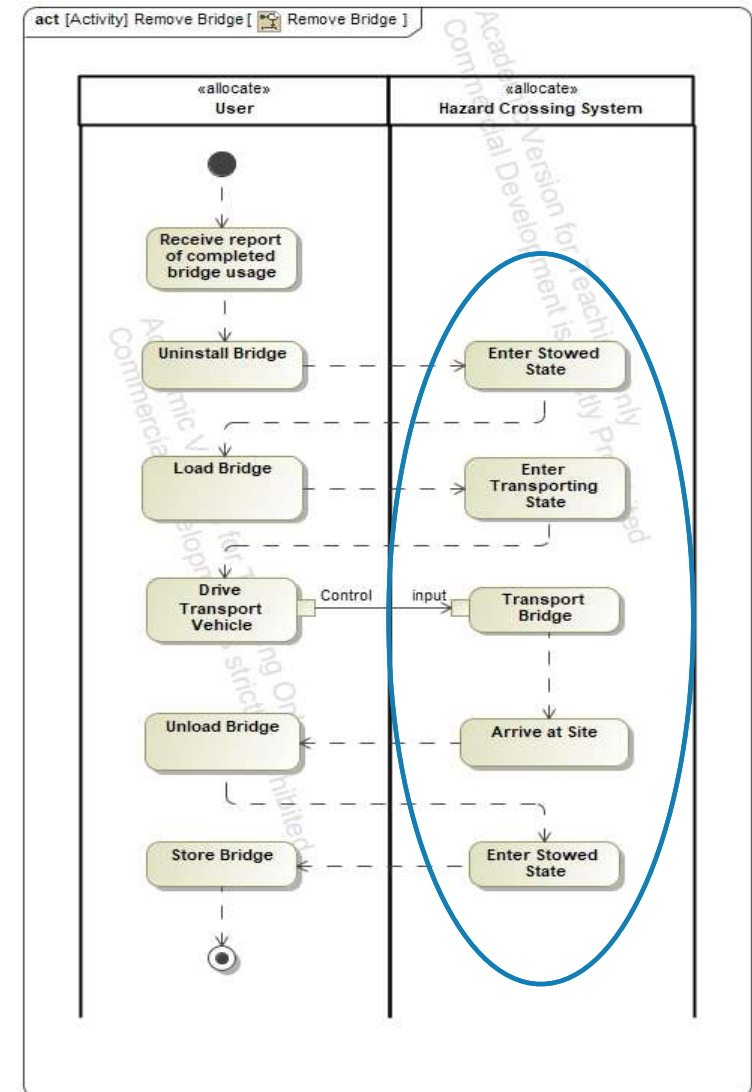
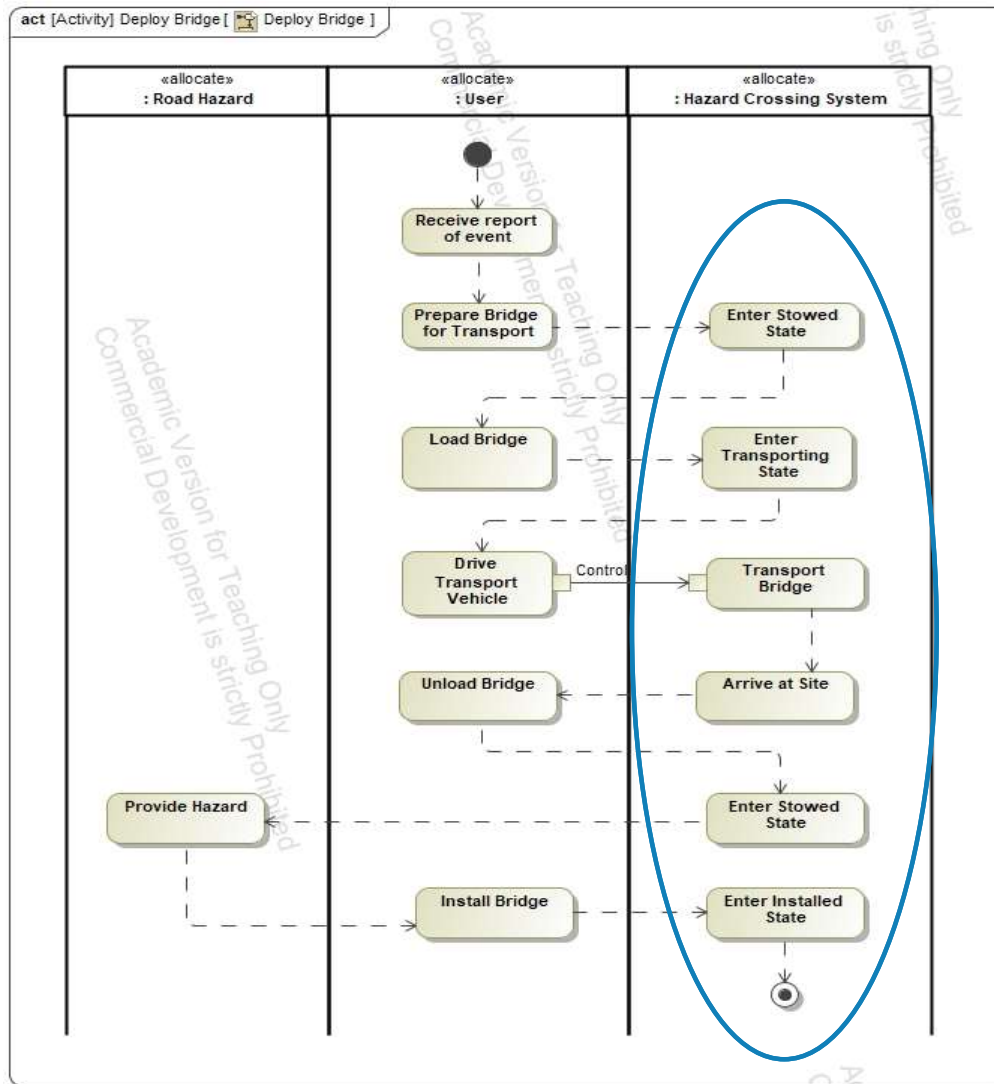
**Focus on Activities with user and crossing entity interactions**

# Activity Diagram – Cross Hazard



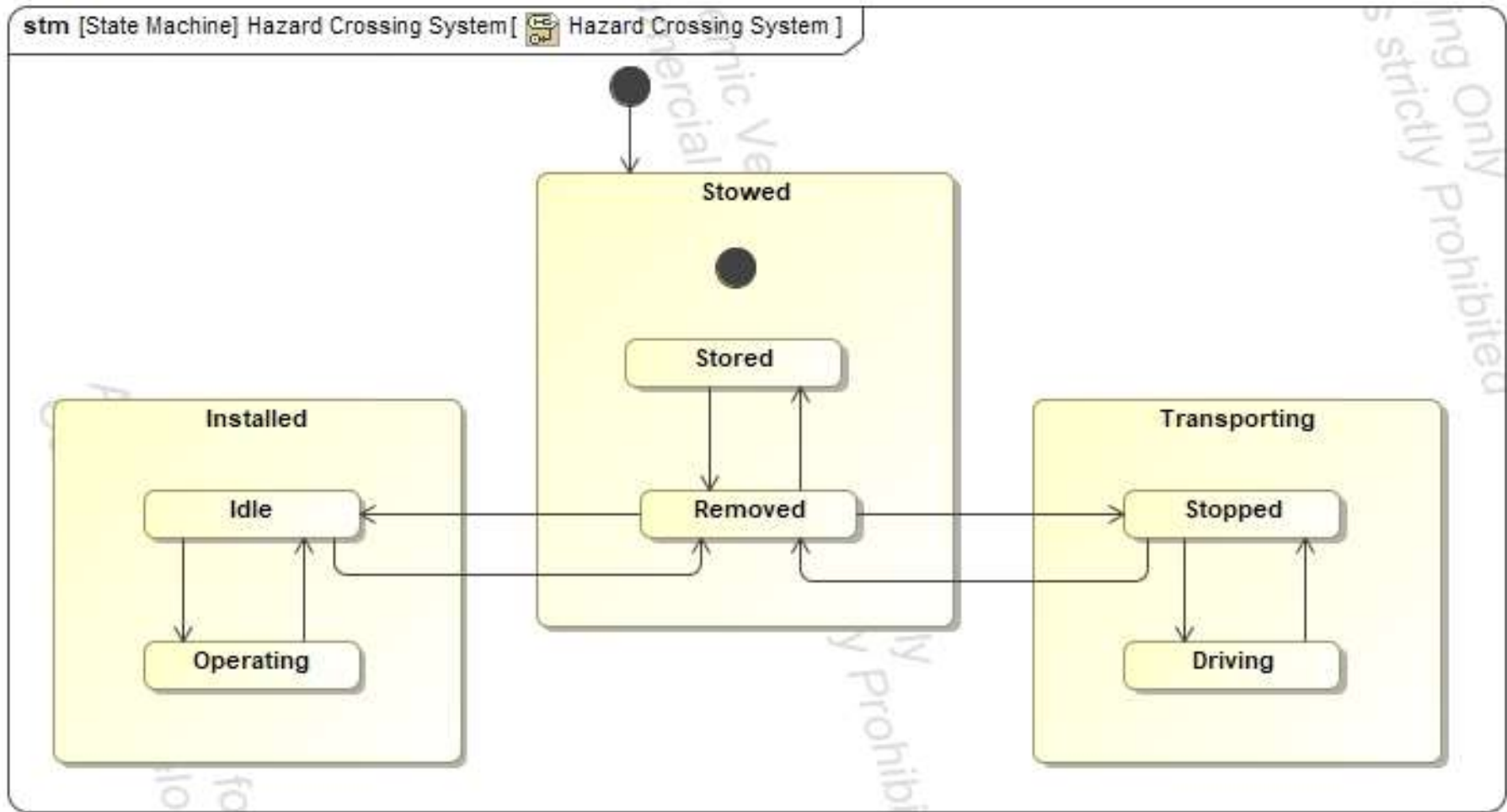
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# Activity Diagrams – Deploy/Remove Bridge



**SOI required functions fall in far-right columns of activities**

# System State Diagram



**SOI States Derived from Activities and Functions**

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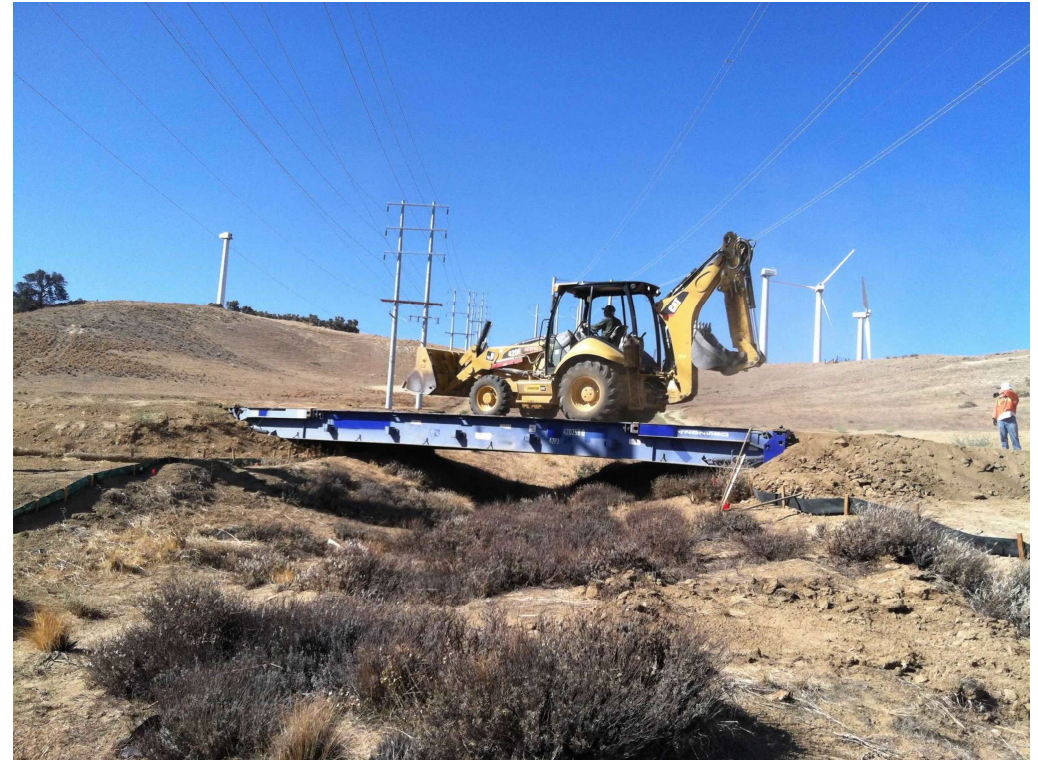
- Initial Trade at very High Level Captured in Appendix
- Temporary Bridge Down-Selected from High Level Alternatives (e.g. dams, permanent bridge, levee, etc.)
- Focus on targeted trade at subsystem level in next charts



# Bridge Alternatives – Paragon Bridge Works [2]

- Converting railroad flat cars
- Re-purpose millions of pounds of steel each year
- Built in the U.S.

<b>Strengths</b>	High Availability Simple
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Fixed Size Transport Size
<b>Opportunities</b>	Local Segments
<b>Threats</b>	Easily Copied



# Bridge Alternatives – VersaBridge by Pro-Tec [16]



- Built in place
- Designed for easy/temporary installation at construction sites
- Built in the U.S.

<b>Strengths</b>	Highly Modular Fits Use Case
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Long Setup Time Heavy Install Equipment
<b>Opportunities</b>	Standardize units
<b>Threats</b>	Supply Chain Issues

# Bridge Alternatives – Viatechnik Mobile Bridge 4.0 [12, 15]

- Emergency bridge structure with a scissor-like shape
- Uses a foldable design inspired by origami
- Built in the Japan

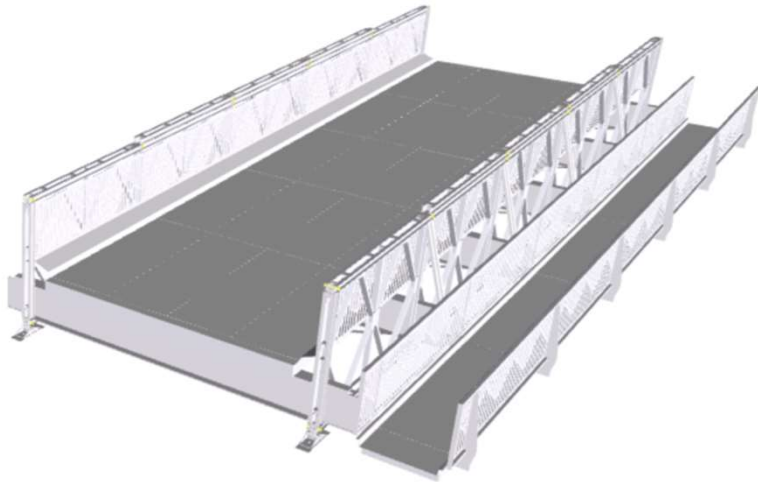
<b>Strengths</b>	Quick Setup Easy Transport
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Expensive Complex Design High Maintenance
<b>Opportunities</b>	Other Use Cases
<b>Threats</b>	Increasing Material Costs



# Bridge Alternatives – Mabey Bridge Compact 200 [10]



- Mabey's most widely used modular bridging product
- Interchangeable components for rapid deployment
- Built in the U.K.



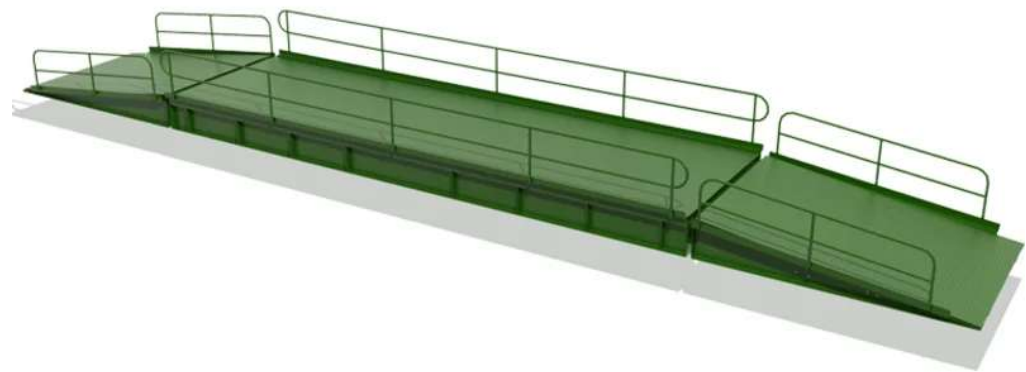
<b>Strengths</b>	Customizable Standard Features
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Long Setup Time Heavy Install Equipment
<b>Opportunities</b>	Easy Design Changes
<b>Threats</b>	Supply Chain Issues

# Bridge Alternatives – VP Groundforce Mega Bridge [18]

- The Mega Bridge is the largest VP Groundforce bridge
- Integrated deployment solution
- Built in the U.K.

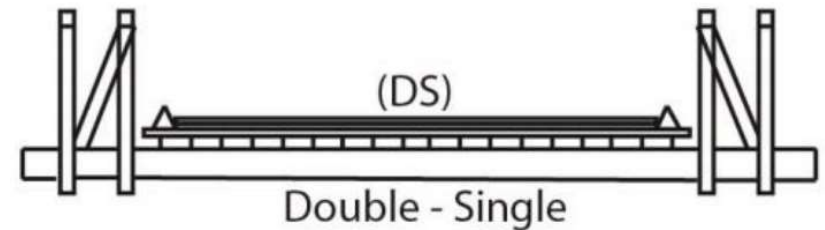


<b>Strengths</b>	Quick Setup Transportability High Loading
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Fixed size Design Changes
<b>Opportunities</b>	Other bridge options
<b>Threats</b>	Shipping Costs



# Bridge Alternatives – Build In Place [5]

- New “Build-On-Site” Solution:
  - Double-Single Truss System → Stiff and light weight with low depth
  - Steel Beams “Ladder-Deck”
  - Steel Grate Deck
  - Steel Abutments w/ Entry / Exit Ramps
- Design: 100 hrs x 2 heads = 200 hrs
- Materials: Construction Steel
  - Durable and low cost
  - Double-Lane Bridge = \$2500/foot x 40ft = \$100,000
  - Guardrails = \$100/foot x 40ft = \$4,000
  - Anti-scour upgrade = \$40,000
- Assembly: 16 Hours x 4 heads = 64 hours



<b>Strengths</b>	Optimized Design Design Control
<b>Weaknesses</b>	High Design Cost Manufacturability
<b>Opportunities</b>	Cost Reduction Local Parts
<b>Threats</b>	Corruption

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# Analysis of Alternatives

	Cost	Durability	Deployment	Installation	Load Capacity	Dimensions	Modularity	Total
Weighting	7	1	5	4	6	2	3	N/A
Paragon	6	6	4	4	3	5	3	121
VersaBridge	4	2	2	2	4	3	5	93
MB 4.0	1	1	6	6	1	1	4	82
C200	2	3	3	3	2	4	6	82
Mega Bridge	5	5	5	5	6	2	2	131
In-House	3	4	1	1	5	6	1	79

Scoring Details →





# Recommendation

- **VP Groundforce Mega Vehicle Bridge**

[18]

- Optimized Design
- Fairly Modular
- Extreme Load Capacity
- Extremely durable
- Quick Setup (<4 hours) and tear-down
- Great Transportability
- Simple Design

START



FINISH

# Lighting

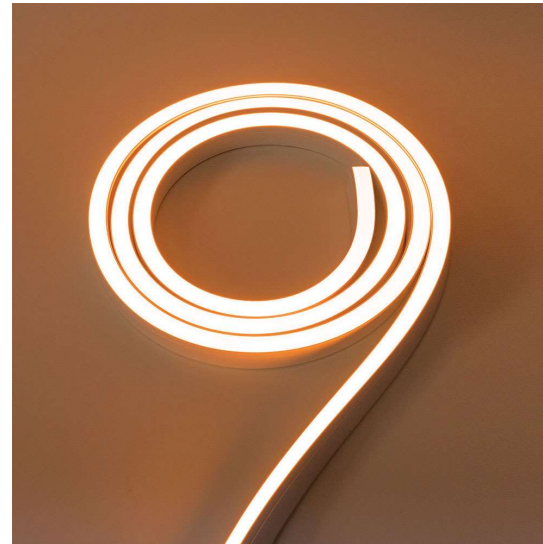
- Incorporate Reflective Lane Dividers <sup>[13]</sup>

- Mark Lanes
- Raised for haptic feedback
- Alert Drivers at Night



- Incorporate Lighted Rail System <sup>[13]</sup>

- Mark Railing
- Useful for pedestrians at night
- Battery Powered



# Integrated Lighting



**Incorporate to Satisfy Lighting Requirements for Night Conditions**

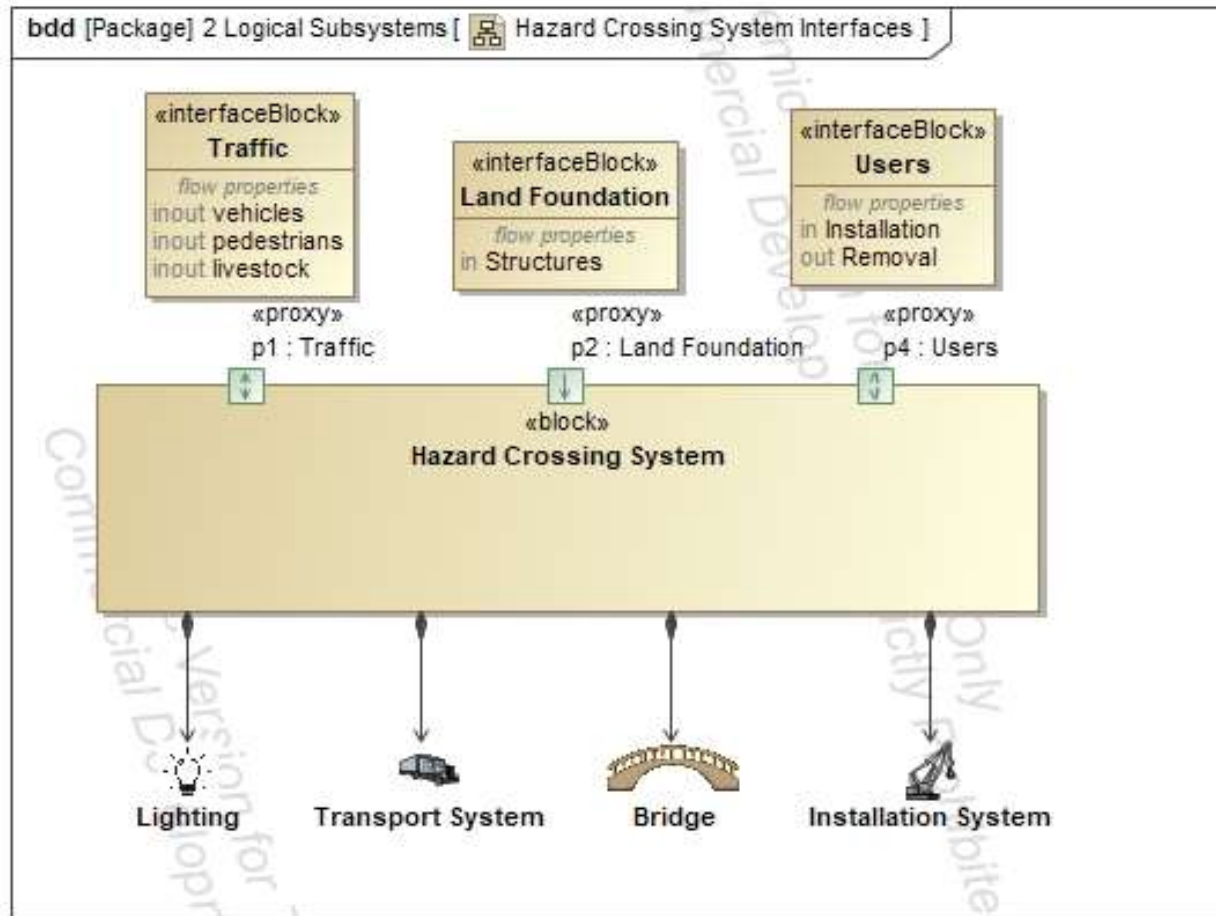


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# System Interfaces & Subsystems

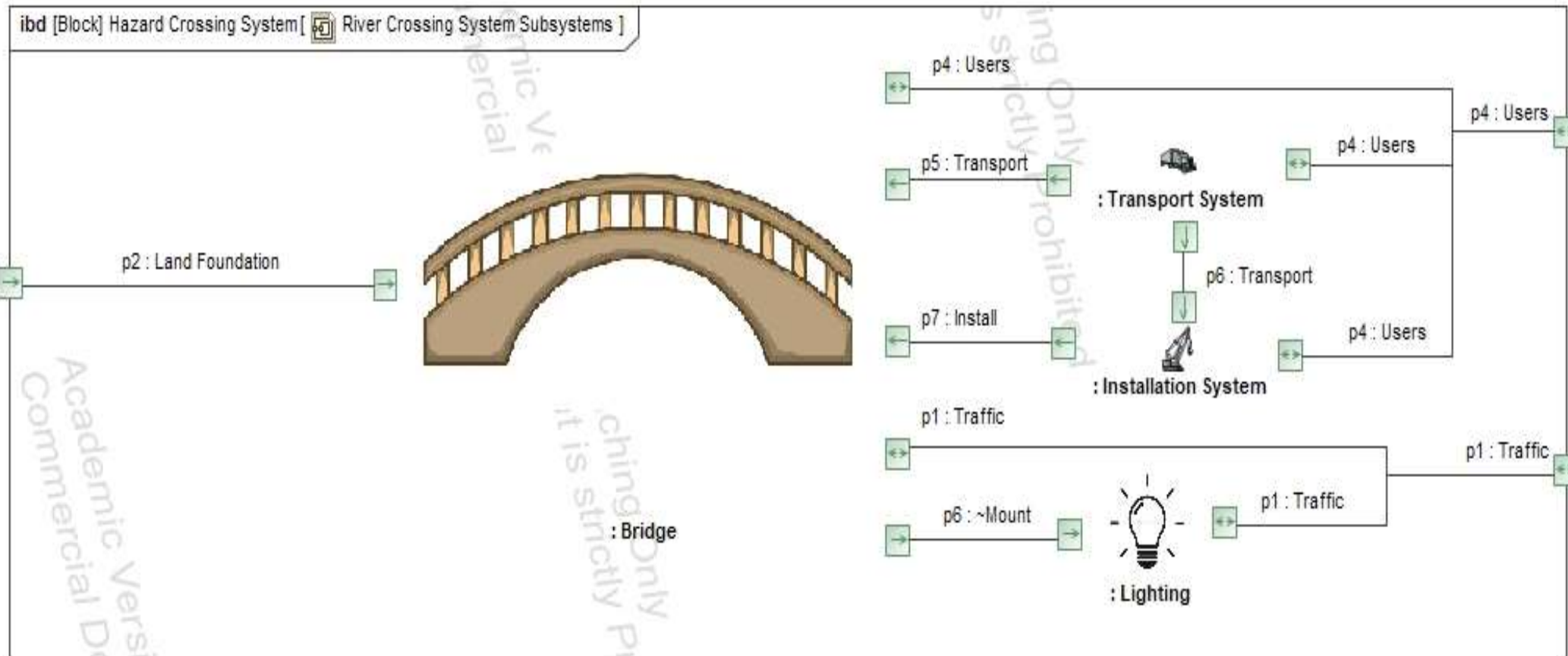
## Block Definition Diagram (BDD) – Hazard Crossing System Interfaces



Subsystems Derived from System Solution

# Internal Interfaces

## Internal Block Diagram (IBD) – River Crossing System Subsystems



**White Box View of System Defines Internal Interactions**

# Functional Analysis & Relationships

Legend		2 Functional Analysis											
→	Refine	0	4	0	3	0	0	5	2	19	10	7	7
→	Refine (Implied)												
1 System Requirements													
1.1 Deployable Bridge Specification													
1.1.1 Cost of Damage										4	→	→	→
1.1.2 Durability										2	→	→	→
1.1.2.1 Maintenance										2	→	→	→
1.1.3 Cost of Injury										2	→	→	→
1.1.4 Deployable		5	→	→	→				→	4	→	→	→
1.1.4.1 Setup time		1	→	→						3	→	→	→
1.1.4.2 Transport Time		3	→	→	→					2	→	→	→
1.1.5 Transportable		3	→	→	→	→	→		→	3	→	→	→
1.1.5.1 Transport Width		2	→	→	→	→	→			3	→	→	→
1.1.5.2 Transport Trucks		2	→	→	→	→	→			3	→	→	→
1.1.5.3 Transport Weight		2	→	→	→	→	→			2	→	→	→
1.1.6 Ease of Use		3		→	→	→	→			2	→	→	→
1.1.6.1 Manpower		3		→	→	→	→			2	→	→	→
1.1.7 Traffic Type		3						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.7.1 Weight Bearing		3						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.7.2 Lane Width		2						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.8 2-way		3						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.9 Water Width		3						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.9.1 Bridge Length		3						→	→	1	→	→	→
1.1.10 Weather		1					→			1		→	→
1.1.10.1 Reflective Lanes		1					→			1		→	→
1.1.10.2 Light Up Rails		1					→			1		→	→

Requirements Mapped to Functions and Subsystems

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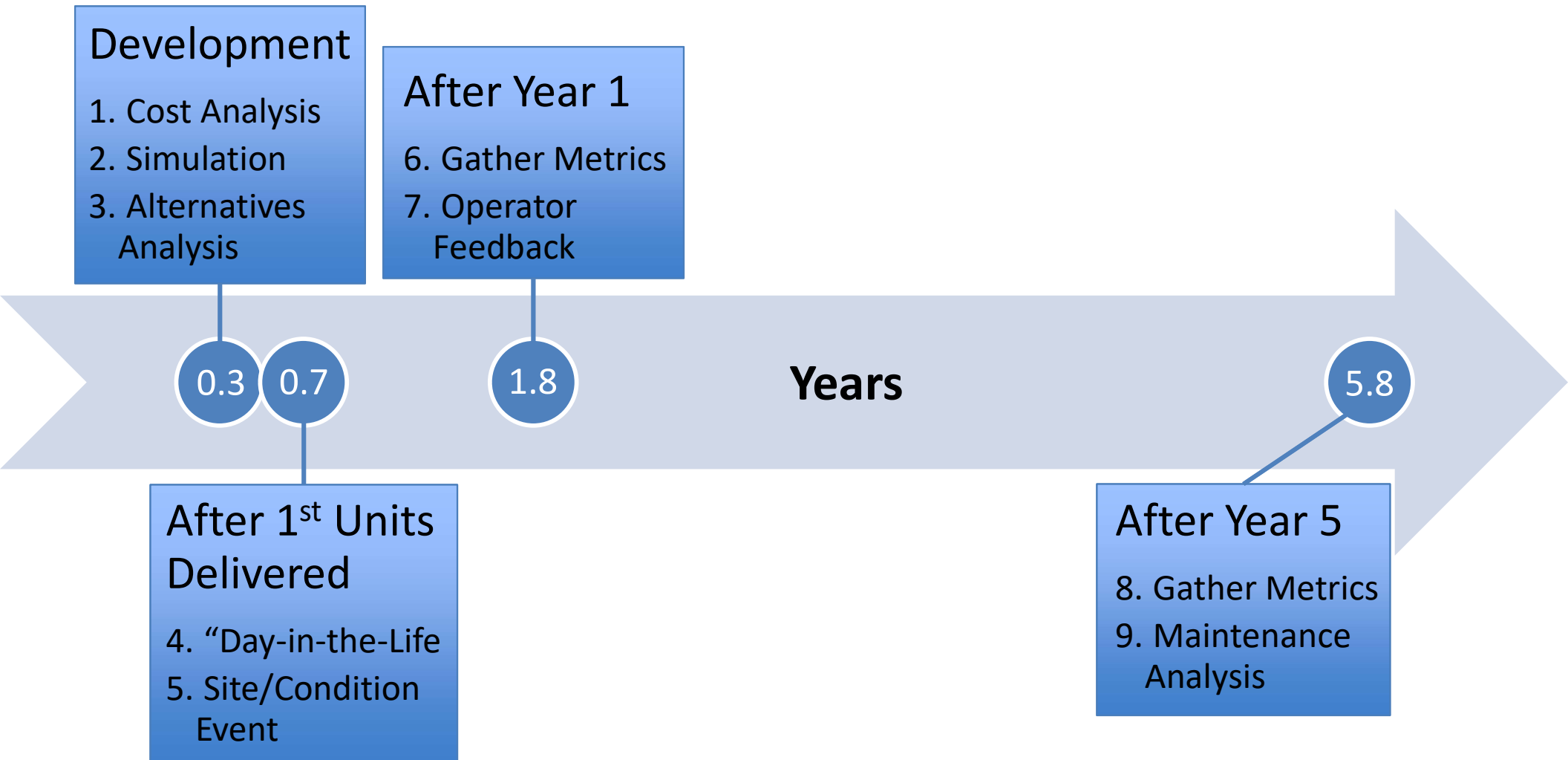
# Verification Events

Req ID	Name	Verification Method	Verification Criteria
[RQ-1.1]	Cost of Damage	A	Calculation of expected total recurring costs, including parts and labor for maintenance and use, is less than the average cost of damage within active region of a given deployable bridge.
[RQ-1.2]	Durability	A, T	Analysis shows parts are rated for up to 1 year of usable life, 10 years of storage life. Stress Testing of a single unit to simulate 1 year of usage.
[RQ-2.1]	Cost of Injury	A	Calculation of expected total recurring costs, including parts and labor for maintenance and use, is less than the average cost of injury within active region of a given deployable bridge.
[RQ-3.1]	Deployable	T	Test Event where average team, as defined in [RQ-3.3], sets up an individual unit within 8 hours, including transport from staging house
[RQ-3.2]	Transportable	D	Demonstration of unit Traveling on public roads, can be combined with verification of [RQ-3.2]
[RQ-3.3]	Ease of Use	D	Demonstration of unit being deployed and setup[ by average team of first responders, can be combined with verification of [RQ-3.2]
[RQ-4.1]	Traffic Type	D	Demonstration of each type of traffic passing over the unit while in use.
[RQ-4.2]	2-way	D	Demonstration of unit having 2 vehicles pass at the same time going opposite direction
[RQ-4.3]	Water Width	A	Analysis showing unit length is greater than most low-water river crossings.
[RQ-4.4]	Weather	A, D	Analysis shows system components chosen are suitable for all required weather Operational scenarios in each weather situation shall be performed to demonstrate requirement is met

# Validation Events

#	Phase	Event
1	Development	Detailed analysis on costs compared to recurring solution cost
2	Development	Simulate traffic flows with system added to areas of interest
3	Development	Collect and analyze data from existing alternatives in at least 5 different operational scenarios (e.g. different sites/conditions, etc.)
4	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Units Delivered	“Day-in-the-life” Demonstration of unit deployment, setup, and removal with metrics tracked
5	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Units Delivered	Install units in at least 5 different sites under different conditions and monitor performance
6	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Year of Operations	Gather metrics to verify performance
7	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Year of Operations	Operator Feedback collected on ease-of-use
8	After 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operations	Gather metrics and compare to historical averages to verify trends
9	After 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operations	System Sustainment reviewed to verify maintenance

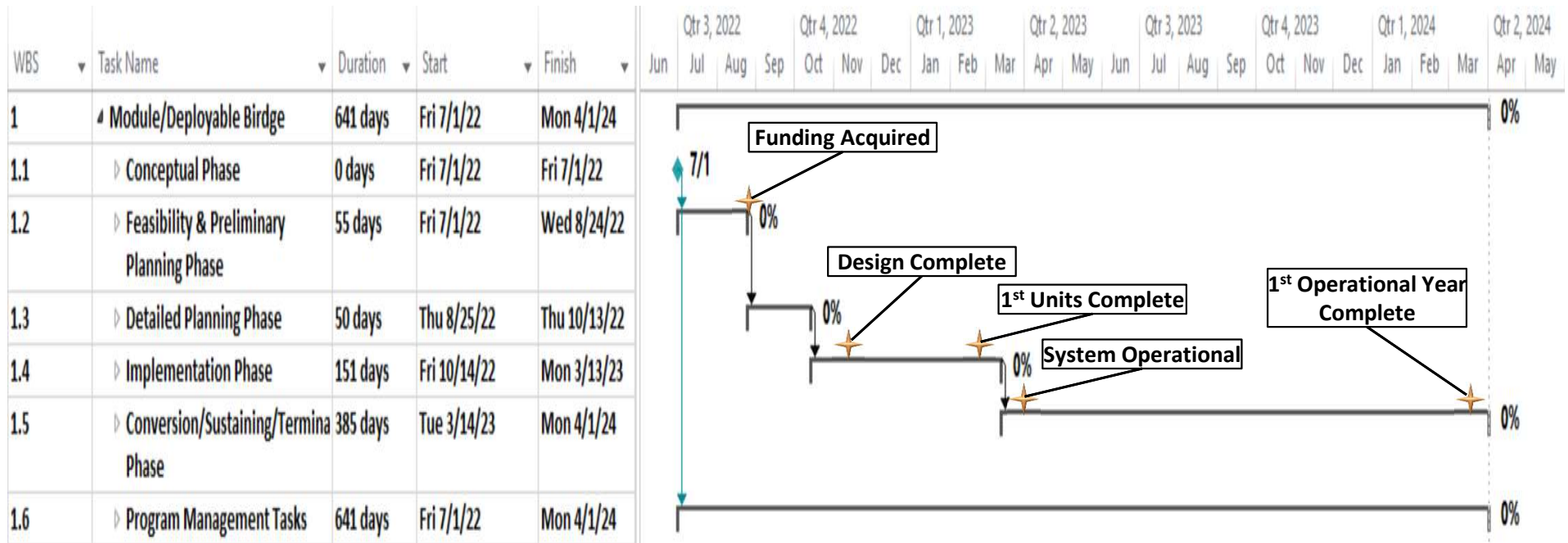
# Validation Timeline



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# Implementation Schedule – Level 2



★ = Milestone

**Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) & Level 3 Schedule Contained in Backup**

# Cost Estimate ROM

WBS#	Title	NRE	RE (Yearly)	Total
1	Conceptual Phase	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Feasibility & Preliminary Planning Phase	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000
3	Detail Planning Phase	\$142,000	\$0	\$142,000
4	Implementation Phase	\$1,581,200	\$0	\$1,581,200
5	Conversion / Sustaining / Termination Phase	\$20,000	\$682,400	\$702,400
6	Program Management Tasks	\$199,680	\$0	\$199,680
MR	Management Reserve (10%)	\$0	\$0	\$275,528
Total		\$2,072,880	\$682,400	\$3,030,808

ROM Details →



**Includes total NRE plus 1<sup>st</sup> year of recurring costs and aligns with WBS**

# Project Team

Person	Description	# Needed	Phase Start
Project Manager	Manage overall project and perform PM tasks	1	Feasibility & Preliminary Planning
Chief Engineer	Technical Lead specializing in civil engineering	1	Feasibility & Preliminary Planning
Business/Marketing Leads	Developing Business plan, funding strategy, & marketing plan	2	Feasibility & Preliminary Planning
Support Engineers	Develop Detailed engineering plans and models	4	Detailed Planning Phase
Specialty Engineers	Support project reviews and perform specialty analyses	2	Detailed Planning Phase
Manufacturing Leads	Lead integration and test activities	2	Implementation Phase
Technicians	Support integration and test activities	8	Implementation Phase

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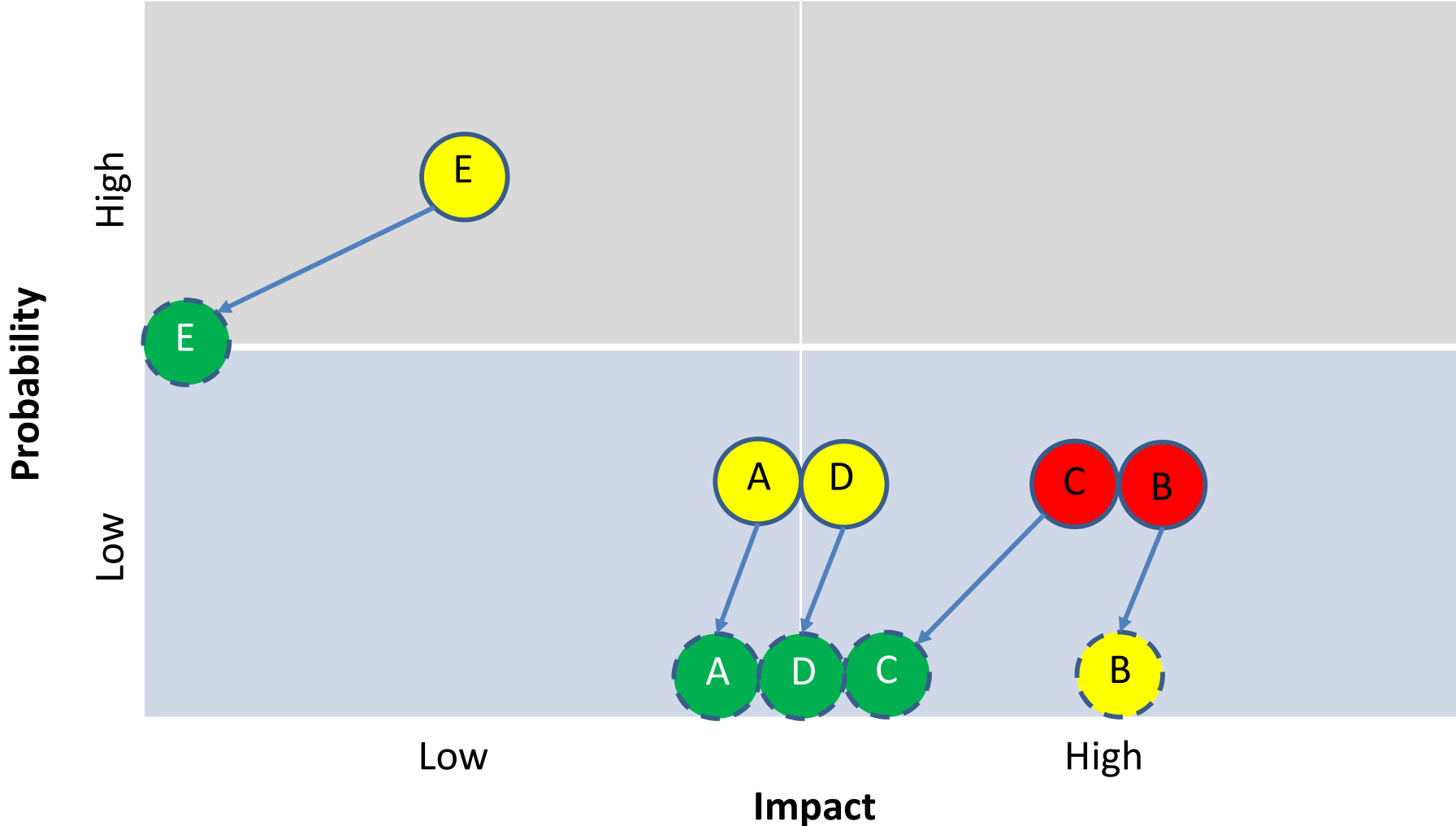




# Risk Identification

STATUS	ID #	TITLE	TYPE	IMPACT	HANDLING	POST-MITIGATION IMPACT
Open	A	State Funding Shortages	External – Predictable	Medium-Low	Control	Low
Open	B	Simulation Results	Internal – Technical	Medium	Control	Medium-Low
Open	C	Supplier Changes	External – Predictable	Medium	Control	Low
Open	D	Verification Failures	Internal – Technical	Medium-Low	Control	Low
Open	E	I&T Delays	Internal – Technical	Medium-Low	Control	Low

**No High Impact Risks Identified – All Risks have mitigation plans defined  
(See Backup for Details)**

# Risk Summary (Cube)



 = No Mitigation  
 = W/ Mitigation

Red = Critical  
 Yellow = Watch  
 Green = Managed  
 White = Closed

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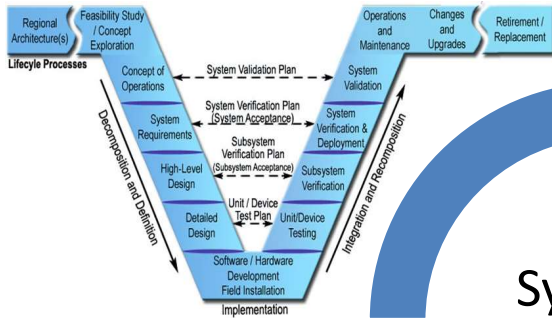
# Ethical Considerations

- Maximize use of local labor
- Define standards for working conditions
- No illegal labor (e.g. child labor)
- Monitor areas vulnerable to corruption
- Verify local community endorsements
- Do NOT negatively impact water sources
- Equity in communities served

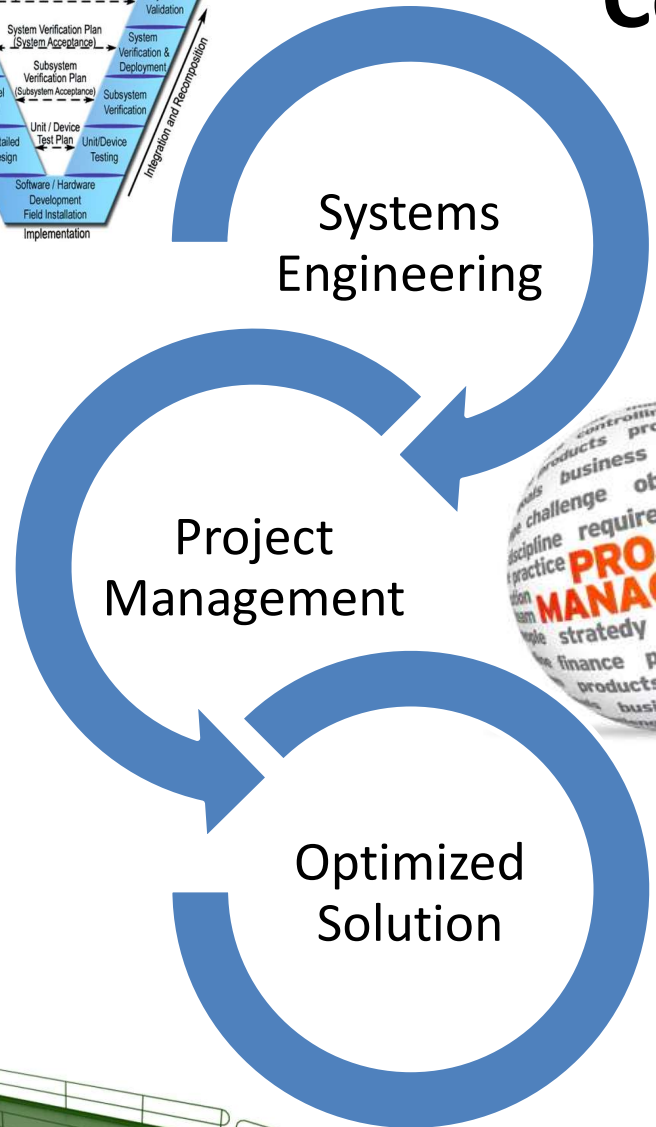


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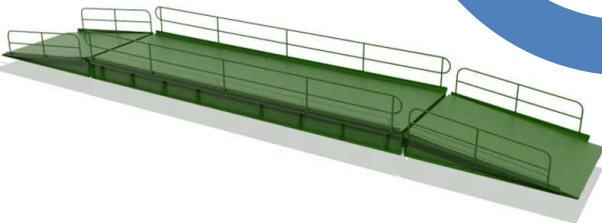




# Conclusion



- A modular/deployable solution for passing hazardous roads will benefit disadvantaged communities
  - Increase Prosperity
  - Decrease Injury
- SE processes → Optimization
  - Considers true needs of society
  - Feasible and Affordable
- Project Management → Success
  - Risk Mitigation
  - Ethical Considerations
- VP Groundforce Mega Bridge
  - 9 Months of development
  - \$2M in development costs



# Next Steps



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# Personal Impact & Learning Outcomes

- Independent work is highly disciplined
  - Flexible Schedule
  - Empowering
  - Easy to get behind
- Project Scheduling is very volatile
  - Lots of re-planning
  - Pull work forward to continue earning value
- Supplier Communication is key
  - Supports feasible solutions
  - Supports realistic costs/schedules
- System Modeling keeps things organized
  - Clear trace from need to product/functions
  - Easy Configuration Management



**Thank You!**

**Questions?**

# APPENDICES



# APPENDIX A – References



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# APPENDIX B – Acronyms List



# Acronym List

Acronym	Definition
ACT	Activity Diagram
BDD	Block Definition Diagram
I&T	Integration and Test
IBD	Internal Block Diagram
MBSE	Model-Based Systems Engineering
MOE	Measure of Effectiveness
NRE	Non-Recurring Funding
PM	Project Management
RE	Recurring Funding
REQ	Requirement
ROM	Rough Order of Magnitude (In relation to a cost estimate)
SE	Systems Engineering
SOI	System of Interest
SOW	Statement of Work
STM	State Machine Diagram
U.C.	University of California
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States
UC	Use Case
V&V	Verification and Validation
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure

# APPENDIX C – CAPSTONE Prep Material





# Caveats & Limitation

- Focus of research:
  - Verify the economic impacts of the problem described to verify the extent to which it affects communities
  - Existing solutions and options available today to address this problem and feasibility in the target communities
  - Manufacturing methods and distribution channels feasible to the target communities.
- Scope:
  - The problem will be limited to narrow / shallow river crossings which make up the majority of “low-water crossings”, and not address wide/deep water crossings.
  - The solution will focus on a modular and mobile solution which will enable it to be deployed quickly to new areas.
  - The solution should enable crossing for majority of possible traffic, including humans, livestock, cars, and small trucks. However it will not cover unusually large or heavy vehicles (e.g. military vehicles, etc.)



# Community Needs

- System Should be low cost in order to be viable for developing communities
- System should be modular and length appropriate to fit at least 90% of low-water crossings (update length)
- System should be quickly and easily deployed to locations where break-out events have occurred
- System should support the weight of 99% of possible traffic scenarios
- System should last up to 1 year of continued usage or 10 years in storage without maintenance
- System should be locally repairable / maintained
- Power requirements? Minimal Electronics
- Reflective lighting?



# Methodology

- Systems Thinking and the systems engineering process will be used to break down the problem and architect an optimized solution.
  - The focus will be on the left-side of the Systems Engineering “V” Diagram (see backup chart)
- The community needs and measures of effectiveness (MOEs) will be established to help derive system requirements
  - Stakeholders and their interests will be analyzed to support this analysis
- The system architecture will be defined and augmented with Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) tools
- Different alternative solutions will be identified and compared in a trade study to establish the recommended solution
  - Trade Studies will compare MOE parameters and derived performance parameters
- Verification and Validation plans will be proposed and schedule of activities will be assessed to come up with a detailed cost estimate to execute the project
- Risks and potential impact to the project will be summarized.
- “Next Steps” will be looked at to address what it would take to implement the project post-CAPSTONE completion.



# Preliminary Recommendation

- Recommendation
  - The temporary bridge is currently most Aligned with preliminary Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) and the most likely candidate to be selected
  - Manufacturing is likely going to occur in an industrialized nation with high access to resources and materials
  - Distribution will also use established / large scale distribution channels for most of the journey, with local entities for final leg of the journey
- Future work
  - Development of fully realized business plan along with marketing the product to target clients
  - Full implementation of the project, including: detailed design, execution of Integration and Test Schedule, and sustainment
  - Development of care, maintenance, storage requirements along with training programs for users
  - Identification of additional use cases for the project to expand the project user base for increased market opportunities



# Key Performance Parameters (KPPs)

- Durability of the System
- Ease of Use
  - Time to setup / install
  - Manpower Needed
  - Weight of system
- Weight Bearing capacity
- Ability to cross wider river (Length)
- Ability to pass more traffic (Width)
- Ability to work in higher floods (Height)
- Cost of each unit

# Direct Alternatives

- Low-water crossings (ford) – Crossing which allow the stream to flow over the road all the time without any structure to be constructed or maintained (Do Nothing Option) [3, 9]



- Ford w/ added Culverts – Crossing which allows water flow to pass from one side to the other where water is partially diverted underneath the road. [3, 9]



# Direct Alternatives (cont.)

- Permanent Bridge – A road passage over a body of water without the travel surface becoming subject to the forces of the moving water underneath that's built into foundation [8]



- Temporary Bridge – Same as a permanent bridge except it is installed temporarily as needed [8]
  - Paragon Bridges
  - VersaBridge by Pro-Tec
  - VP Groundforce



# Indirect Alternatives

- Runoff Reduction – Replacing impermeable surfaces with natural landscapes and afforestation to reduce the rate at which rainfall remains on surface and flows into rivers
- Storage of runoff – Store excess water in wetlands or reservoirs to reduce the magnitude of flood events
- Capacity enhancement of rivers – Bypass channels and channel deepening/widening which increase the amount of water that can pass through a river channel
- Dams/Dikes/Levees – Structures constructed to hold back water or divert water to control water levels and directions





# Solution Space and Evaluation Matrix

Alternative	Pros	Cons
Low-Water Crossings (Do Nothing Option)	Low Cost and fastest solution	Does not improve current conditions
Ford w/ added Culverts	Low Design cost. Minor improvement to current conditions	Medium implementation cost and schedule. Not quickly deployed to new areas
Permanent Bridge	Major improvement to current conditions	Medium to High Design cost (custom for every circumstance every time). High implementation cost and long schedule. Not quickly deployed to new areas
Temporary Bridge	Major improvement to current conditions. Quickly deployed to new areas. Low implementation cost and fast schedule	May not address all river sizes. Requires storage facilities when not in use.
Indirect Solutions (e.g. Dams, dikes, or levees)	Major improvement to current conditions. Can be designed for “future proofing”	High design and implementation cost. Long schedule. Not quickly deployed to new areas

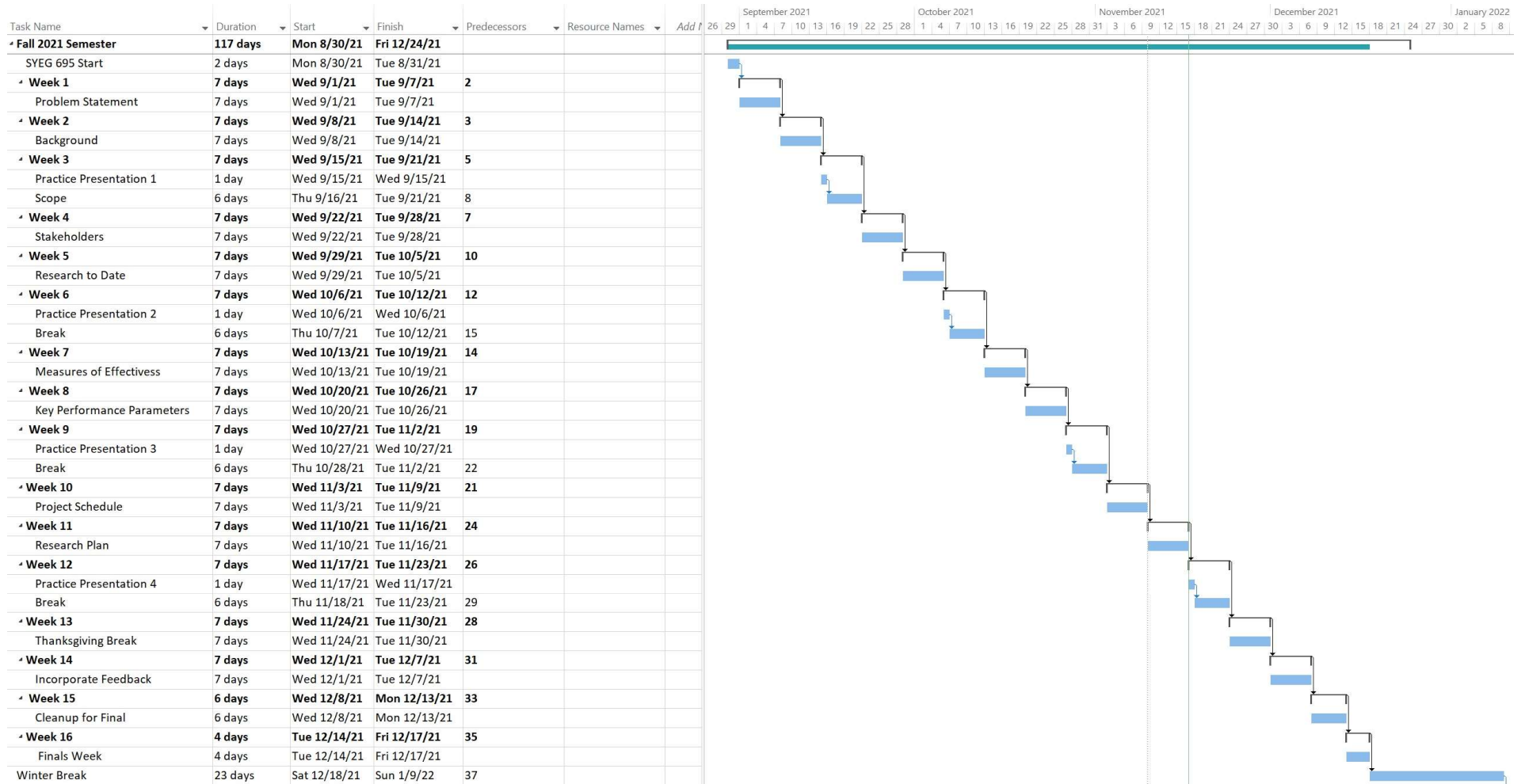
Note: After selection of the above alternative, lower level alternatives and trades are still required to analyze alternative materials, manufacturing processes, etc.

# Research Plan

Research Topic	Source	Category	Artifact Inputs
Statistics on Unpaved Roads Statistics on Low Water Crossings	Online Journals News Articles	Problem Definition	Refine Community Needs
Economics of Flood Damage Emergency Service Response Times Low Water Crossing Repair Time Traffic Throughput over rivers	Health and Safety Records Engineers w/o Borders Surveys	Problem Definition	Refine MOEs
Government, community, first responder, transportation planner response to flooded rivers Bridge Manufacturers	Government Websites Supplier Brochures	Problem Definition	Refine Stakeholders
Water Crossing Solutions (Fords vs Culverts vs bridges vs indirect)	Supplier Spec Sheets Research Papers	Solution Definition	Identification of Alternatives & ROM
Parts Manufacturers & Distribution Common Transport Methods (Car vs truck vs bike vs horse vs tbd)	Supplier Brochures Public Surveys	Solution Definition	Subsystem Design
Parts Qualification Methods	Supplier Spec Sheets Research Papers Engineers w/o Borders	Solution Definition	Verification Plan

\*Additional research as required to support other deliverables as needed

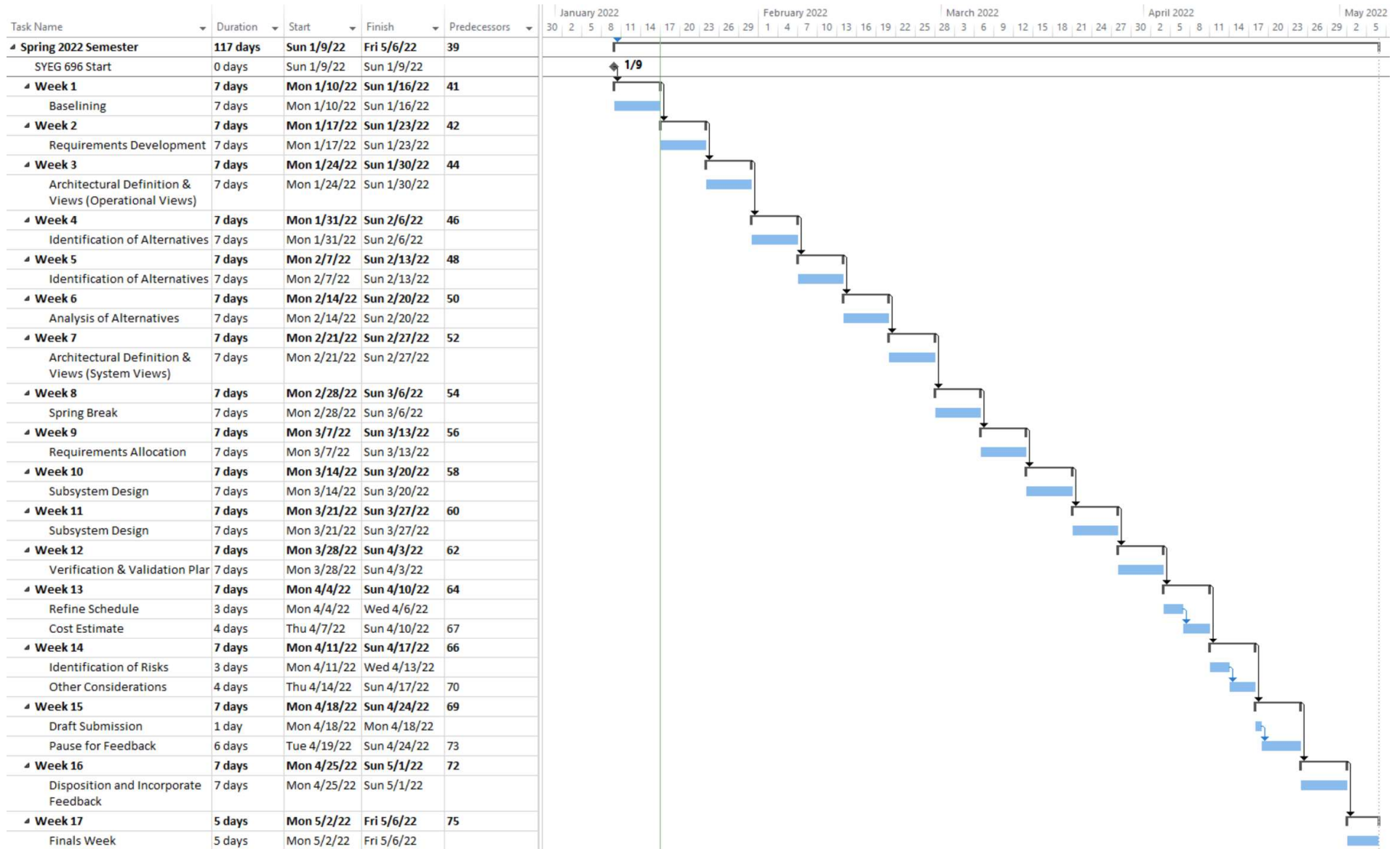
# Project Schedule – Capstone Prep



# APPENDIX D – Supplementary CAPSTONE Information



# Project Schedule



# Systems Engineering Process

1. Describe Background & Problem
2. Refine Project Scope & define Mission Statement
3. Assess Stakeholders & Interrogatives
4. Define Measures of Effectiveness & System Requirements
  - a. Quantitative and Measurable Metrics
5. Identification of Alternatives
6. Analysis of Alternatives and Recommended Solution
7. Develop Solution Architecture via MBSE Tools
  - a. Operational Views
  - b. Systems Views
  - c. Use Cases
  - d. Data Flow Views
6. Develop Verification and Validation Plans
7. Develop Project Integration and test schedule
8. Identify Cost Estimates, Rough Order of Magnitude
  - a. Include economic analysis and case study
9. Identify Risks & Mitigation Strategy
10. Identify Ethical Concerns
11. Identify Lessons Learned

**The Systems Engineering Processes will Guide Development**



# Stakeholders Analysis

Stakeholder (Who?)	Initiative Value	Why?	What?	When?	Where?
Rural Community members	High	Flood impacts negatively impact their daily routines	Dependable Transportation infrastructure	Now and until road system is fully developed	Developing nations with high flood risks (tropical areas)
First Responders	High	Need effective ways to get to victims quickly	Quick Solution	During natural disasters	Emerging flood struck areas
Local Governments	Medium	Responsible for well-being of citizens and federal local budgets	Safety of citizens, enablement of trade, and budgets	Always and during wet seasons	Jurisdiction and high production areas
City / Transportation Planners	Low	Need areas of growth	Enabling early local transportation methods	Early phases of new developments	New / Future Development Sites
Manufacturers	Medium	Responsible to produce solution	Manufacturability of product	When contracted by users	Within range of delivery and supply chain

# Requirements Relationships

Level 2 Requirements to MOEs

Legend					
↗ DeriveReq					
1 System Requirements	1	2	2	3	4
REQ-1 Deployable Bridge Spec	1	↗			
REQ-1.1 Cost of Damage	1	↗			
REQ-1.2 Durability	2	↗	↗		
REQ-1.3 Cost of Injury	1		↗		
REQ-1.4 Deployable	1			↗	
REQ-1.5 Transportable	1			↗	
REQ-1.6 Ease of Use	1			↗	
REQ-1.7 Traffic Type	1				↗
REQ-1.8 2-way	1				↗
REQ-1.9 Water Width	1				↗
REQ-1.10 Weather	1				↗

Level 3 to Level 2 Requirements

Legend											
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REQ-1.2.1 Maintenance		↗									
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REQ-1.4.2 Transport Time			↗								
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REQ-1.9.1 Bridge Length								↗			
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# Bridge Alternatives – Honorable Mentions

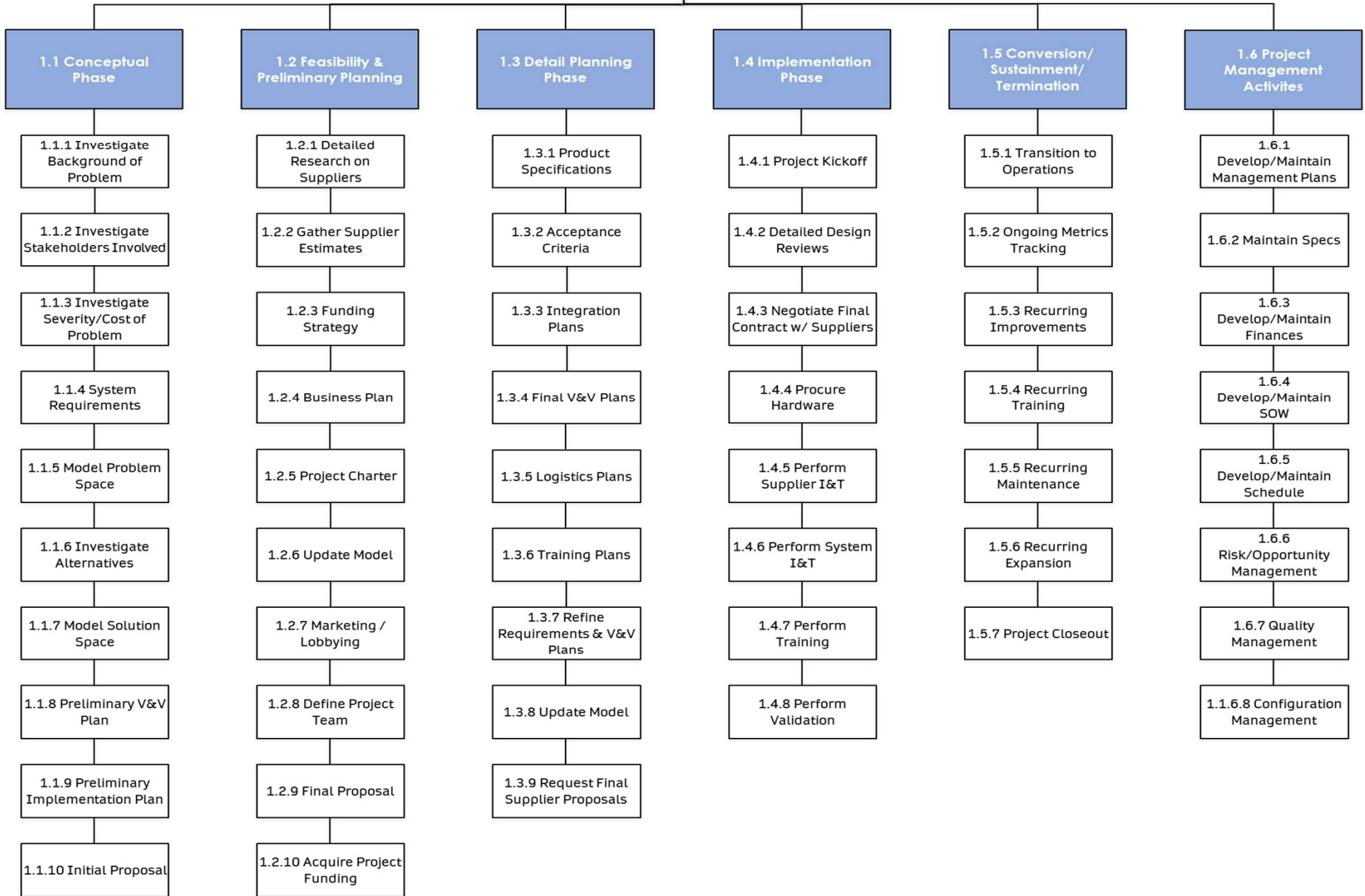
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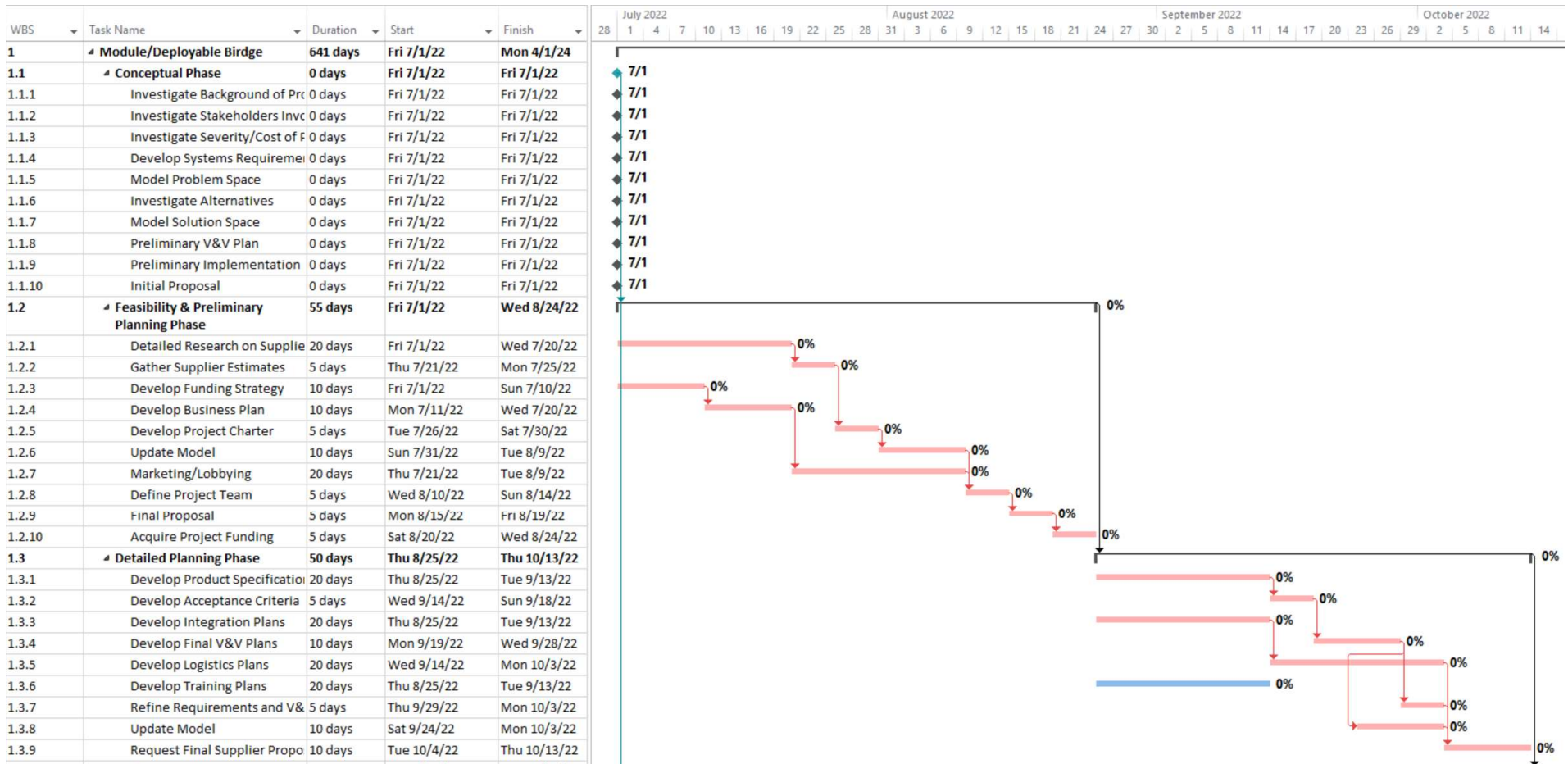
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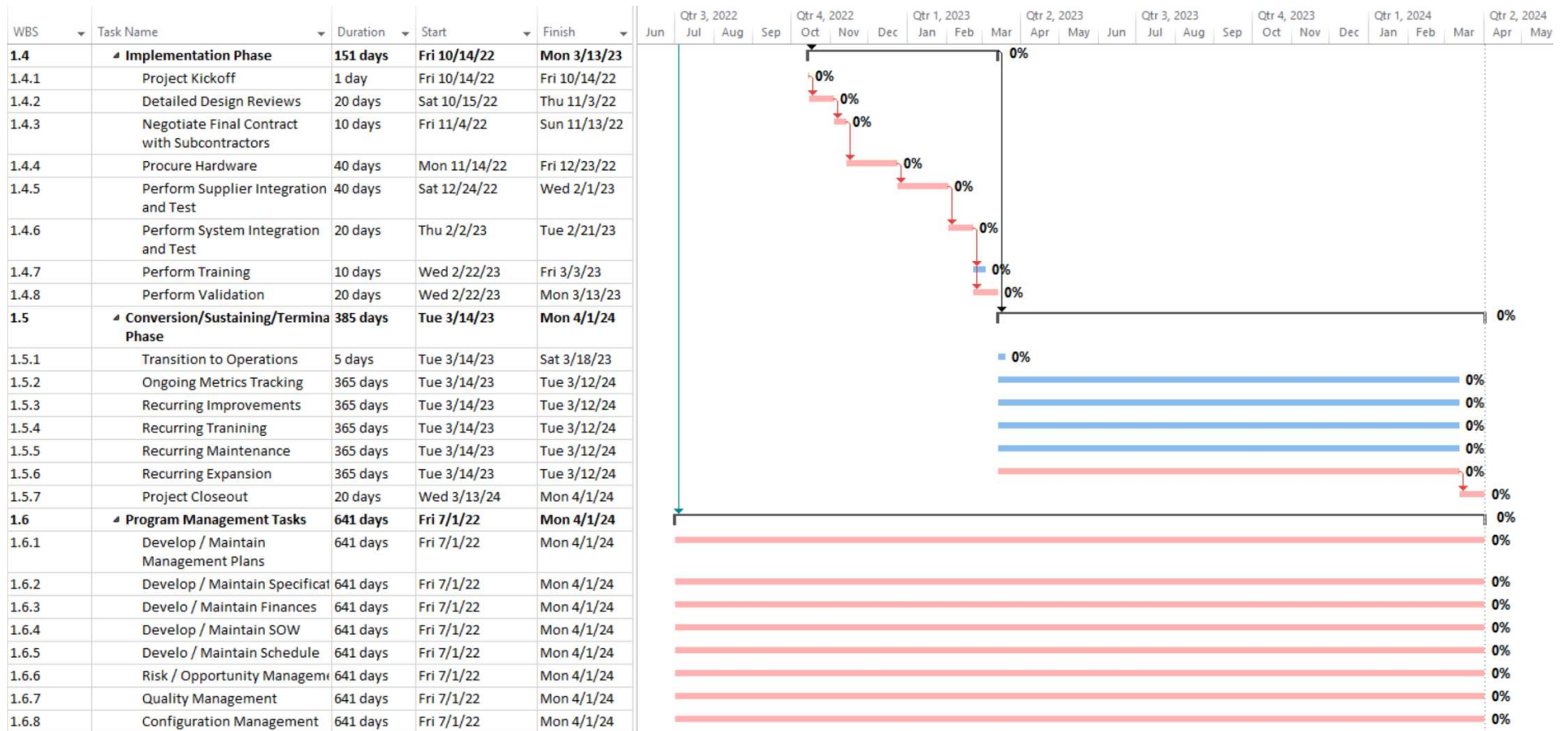
# 1 Deployable Bridge Project Work BreakDown Structure (WBS)



# Implementation Schedule – Level 3



# Implementation Schedule – Level 3 (cont.)



# APPENDIX E – Risks



# Risk A

- **Title:** State Funding Shortages
- **ID:** A
- **Status:** Open
- **Type:** External – Predictable
- **Handling:** Control
- **Description:**  
State funding is less than expected due to various causes (e.g. state budget cuts, corruption, etc.)
- **Impact:**  
Low Probability x Medium Impact = Medium-Low Exposure
- **Mitigation:**  
Acquire private investors whom can help fund the project and receive revenue.
- **Post-Mitigation Impact:**  
Very Low Probability x Medium Impact = Low Exposure



# Risk B

- **Title:** Simulation Results
- **ID:** B
- **Status:** Open
- **Type:** Internal – Technical
- **Handling:** Control
- **Description:**  
Simulation of traffic flows with system inserted shows less than expected improvement.
- **Impact:**  
Low Probability x High Impact = Medium Exposure
- **Mitigation:**  
Allocate additional funding to research on current magnitude of the problem and level of impact to the community during Feasibility and Preliminary Planning Phase
- **Post-Mitigation Impact:**  
Very Low Probability x High Impact = Medium-Low Exposure



# Risk C

- **Title:** Supplier Changes
- **ID:** C
- **Status:** Open
- **Type:** External – Predictable
- **Handling:** Control
- **Description:**  
Suppliers for different segments of the system (bridges, other subsystems, spare parts, logistics, etc.) raise prices or stop offering the needed products.
- **Impact:**  
Low Probability x High Impact = Medium Exposure
- **Mitigation:**  
Get agreement on minimum supplier durations/quantities for critical components and order spares up front. Identify spare suppliers for each segment of the system.
- **Note:** Eventually bring critical segments in house to avoid the risk altogether
- **Post-Mitigation Impact:**  
Very Low Probability x Medium Impact = Low Exposure





# Risk D

- **Title:** Verification Failures
- **ID:** D
- **Status:** Open
- **Type:** Internal – Technical
- **Handling:** Control
- **Description:**  
Verification failures during either supplier test or system test leads to re-design of the system and re-qualification of the hardware
- **Impact:**  
Low Probability x Medium Impact = Medium-Low Exposure
- **Mitigation:**  
Model all segments of the system at the system level to minimize risk
- **Post-Mitigation Impact:**  
Very Low Probability x Medium Impact = Low Exposure



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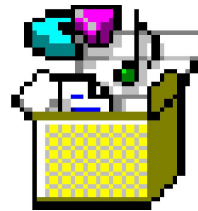
- **Title:** Integration & Test (I&T) Delays
- **ID:** E
- **Status:** Open
- **Type:** Internal – Technical
- **Handling:** Control
- **Description:**  
Delays during I&T (due to non-conformances, resource shortages, funding, etc.), leads to delayed delivery schedule
- **Impact:**  
High Probability x Low Impact = Medium-Low Exposure
- **Mitigation:**  
Where possible, start I&T early. Also, order long-lead parts early.
- **Post-Mitigation Impact:**  
Medium Probability x Very Low Impact = Low Exposure



# APPENDIX F – MBSE Model



# MBSE Model File



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