4.3 San Jose Bypass

The F/S alignment was judged generally appropriate, but minor adjustment of the alignment was made.

The F/S alignment was shifted 125m toward west between the section Nueva Ecija-Pangasinan Road and Tris Main Irrigation Canal in order to avoid the new concrete houses along the Nueva Ecija-Pangasinan Road and the approximately 300 meters long swampy area (see Figure 4.3-1).

FIG. 4.3-1 RECOMMENDED ALIGNMENTS FOR SAN JOSE BYPASS

4.4 Comparative Study of Bridge Types for Long Bridges and NLE Overcrossing

Comparative studies of bridge types and alternative schemes were carried out to determine the most appropriate configurations of superstructures and substructures at each bridge location. The selection of optimum bridge scheme was undertaken following the flow of procedure shown in Figure 4.4-1.

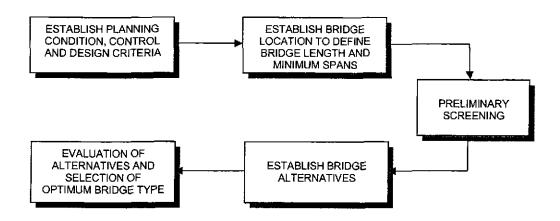


FIGURE 4.4-1 PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES

A set of evaluation criteria was established to guide in the selection of bridge types. Such evaluation criteria includes Construction Cost, Construction Difficulty, Construction Period, Structural Aspect, Use of Local Materials and Labor, Maintenance, River Hydraulics, Introduction of New Technology, Impact to Environment and Aesthetics. Corresponding point scores were given to the different alternatives following these criteria and the scheme with the highest rating is taken as the best alternative.

In selecting the superstructure types for the proposed river crossings, the following factors are considered:

- River requirement in terms of bridge location, maximum flood level, vertical clearances and minimum span,
- Conditions of existing bridges both upstream and downstream of the proposed bridge location,
- Support or pier requirements posing less obstruction to river course,
- Ease of construction and construction period.
- Availability of local materials and labor skill, and
- Structural aspect.

Similarly, the choice of foundation type is governed by the following factors:

- Type of soil layers predominant at the bridge location.
- Depth of bearing layer for the foundation,
- Construction aspect in terms of foundation applicability, cost and period of construction,
- Suitability with superstructure span length combinations, and
- Structural performance.

4.4.1 Bridge Type for Approach Bridge of Angat and Pampanga River Crossings

Three long bridges will cross major rivers – Angat River on Plaridel Bypass and Pampanga River and Talavera River on Cabanatuan Bypass.

These long bridges are configured to clear the minimum span requirement by river hydraulics and discharge on the main river course. However, the maximum flood water level for these bridge locations covers a wider flood area. As such, the main bridge span for long bridges will be provided with approach spans extending to the flood areas. Two of the bridge sites – Angat and Pampanga rivers, will require such approach spans.

Several factors are considered for the choice of schemes for the approach spans to long bridges:

- Minimum span length requirements based on river discharge (see Table 4.4-1)
- Span lengths compatible with main bridge spans so as not to pose obstruction to river discharges,
- Span lengths compatible with dynamic behavior of main bridge,
- Vertical clearance requirement for freeboard of 1.5m minimum,
- Applicable superstructure and substructure types for the proposed scheme, and
- Construction aspect.

TABLE 4.4-1 RIVER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPROACH SPANS

RIVER REQUIREMENT	ANGAT RIVER		PAMPANGA RIVER	
	APPROACH 1	APPROACH 2	APPROACH 1	APPROACH 2
50-year Discharge, Q (m³/s)	1269.3	586.4	464.1	1015.1
Minimum Span, S (m) S = 20 + 0.005Q	27	23	23	26

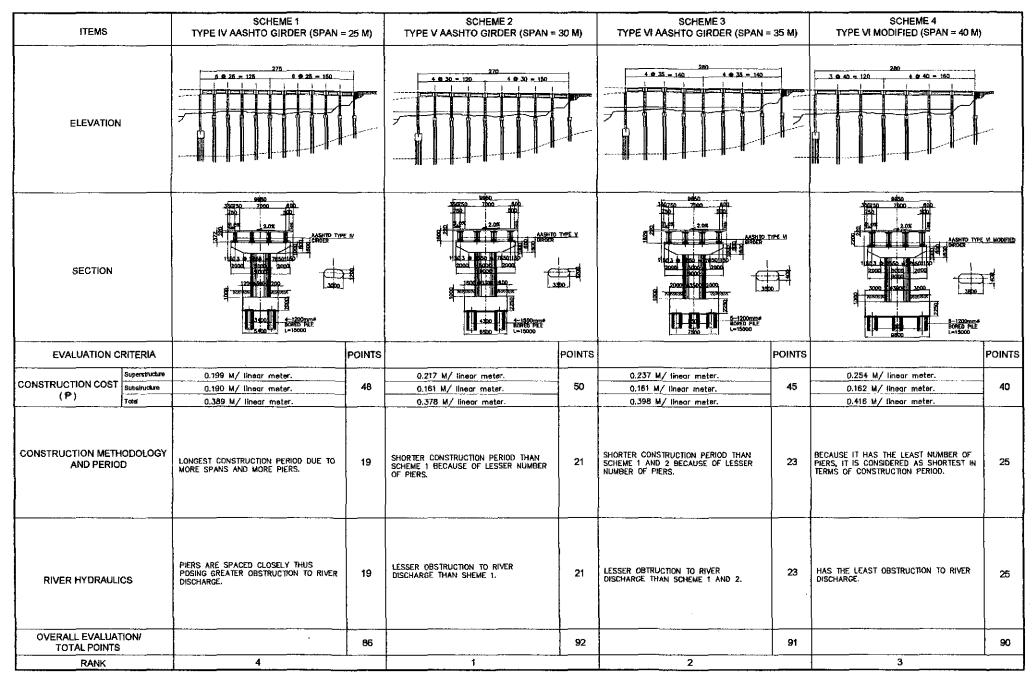


FIGURE 4.4-2 COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES FOR APPROACHES OF LONG SPAN BRIDGES (ANGAT AND PAMPANGA RIVER CROSSING)

Alternatives for the approach spans of long bridges are configured and shown in Figure 4.4-2 considering spans of 25m, 30m 35m and 40m. The spans are intentionally longer to be in proportion with the main bridge spans and to minimize obstruction to river flow during flood discharges. AASHTO type girders are taken as most appropriate superstructure considering span lengths, cost and ease of construction. In addition, wall type piers on bored piles are considered appropriate substructures for the approaches.

As seen on Figure 4.4-2, the 30m-span AASHTO girder scheme is recommended as most appropriate for the approaches.

4.4.2 Bridge Scheme for Angat River Bridge Crossing

The proposed bridge will span the Angat river with a bank to bank distance of about 1120m and a main river waterway width of about 400m as shown in Figure 4.4-3. Therefore, the bridge scheme alternatives to be considered for this location will include a main bridge spanning the 400m main waterway and approach bridges covering the flood area.

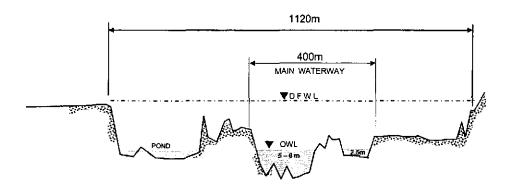


FIGURE 4.4-3 ANGAT RIVER SECTION AT PROPOSED SITE LOCATION

The river hydraulics for the proposed bridge is presented in Table 4.4-2 below.

TABLE 4.4-2 RIVER HYDRAULICS FOR ANGAT RIVER CROSSING

50-year Discharge, Q ₅₀ (m ³ /s)	5,020
Minimum Span, S (m) S = 30 + 0.005Q	56
Flow Velocity, V ₅₀ (m ³ /s)	0.79
Design Flood Water Level, (EL +m)	15.30
Catchment Area , CA (km²)	889.1

Considering the above river requirements, a preliminary screening was conducted to determine appropriate bridge schemes that can be used for a more detailed comparison. Figure 4.4-4 is used to determine the costs of the different components of the main bridge for this river condition.

The preliminary screening of bridge alternatives is presented in Table 4.4-3. Three bridge scheme alternatives with the highest ranks - two with 7-span prestressed box girder and one 2-steel plate girder bridge, are taken for a more detailed comparison following the criteria mentioned earlier.

As seen in Tables 4.4-4a and 4b, Scheme 2 which is a 7-Span Continuous Prestressed Box Girder Scheme (with span configuration of 50m + 5 @ 60m + 50m) is taken as the most appropriate scheme due to:

- The minimum span requirement for river discharge is complied with,
- The balanced cantilever method of construction is more appropriate due to river condition with an average ordinary water level height of 6m, The temporary works for the construction of steel plate girder tends to be more difficult and more expensive.
- The side-span to inner-span ratio is more balanced structurally. In addition, the side span is shorter and easier to construct than Scheme 1.

The final scheme for the bridge crossing the Angat river is shown in Figure 4.4-5. The proposed bridge is 1120m long with 420m + 300m long approaches using AASHTO Girders and 400m long 7-span continuous prestressed box girder constructed by balanced cantilever method.

4.4.3 Bridge Scheme for Pampanga River Bridge Crossing

The Pampanga river at the proposed bridge site has a flood area of about 1120m width and a main river waterway about 475m wide as shown in Figure 4.4-6. The bridge scheme for this bridge will then have to span at least 500m of main waterway and approaches to cover the flood areas.

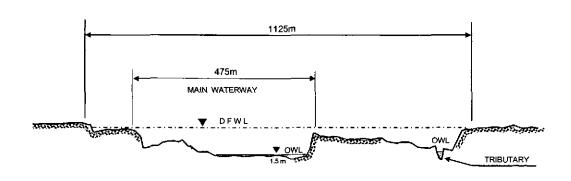


FIGURE 4.4-6 PAMPANGA RIVER SECTION AT PROPOSED SITE LOCATION

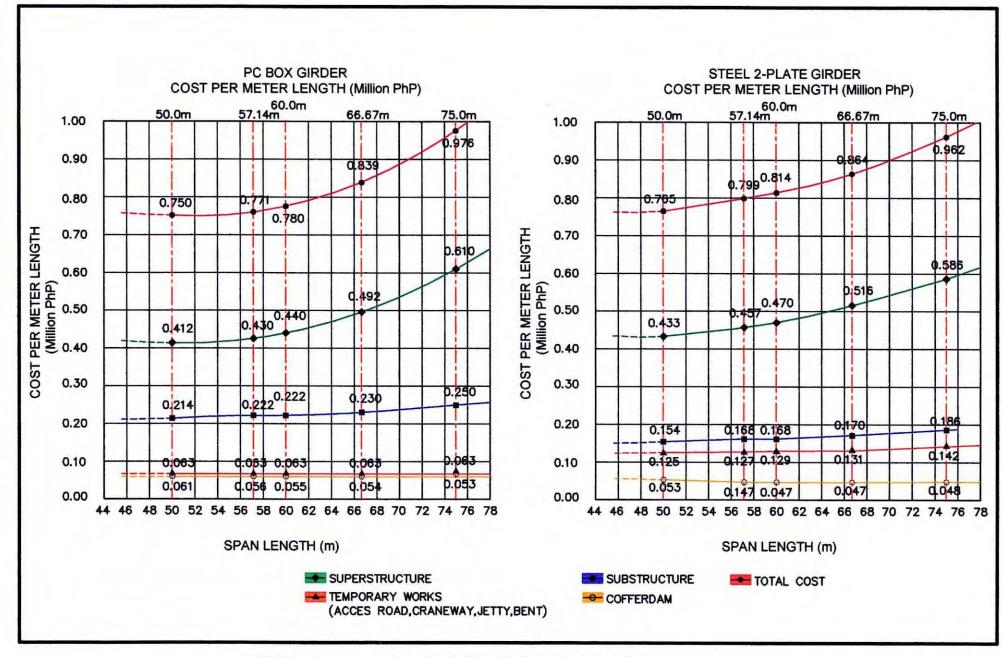


FIGURE 4.4-4 COSTS BREAKDOWN FOR ANGAT RIVER CROSSING

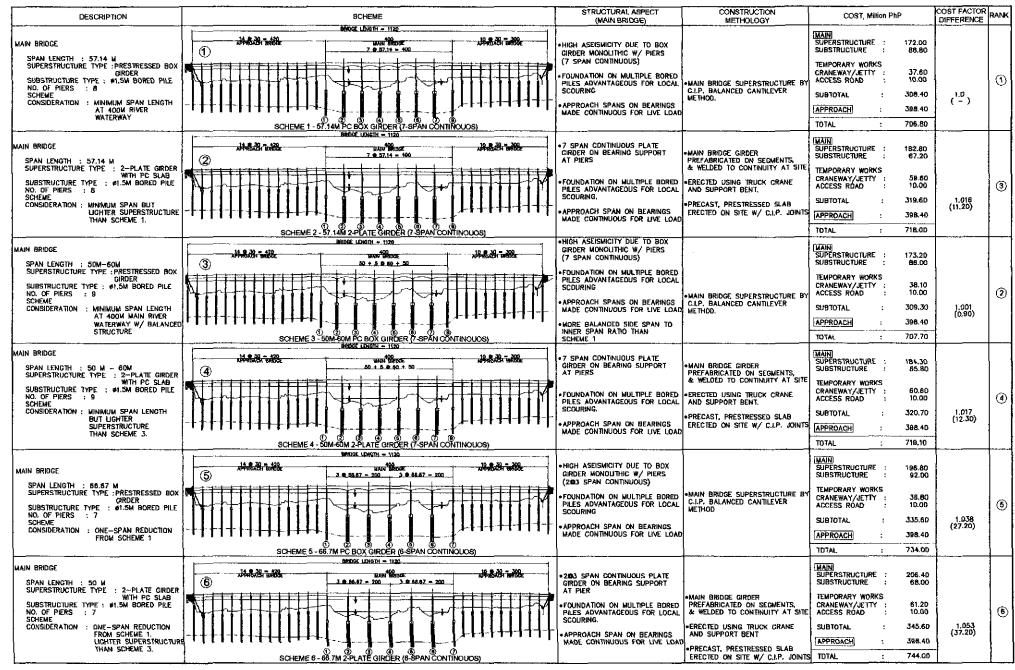


TABLE 4.4-3 PRELIMINARY SCREENING FOR ANGAT RIVER MAIN BRIDGE CROSSING

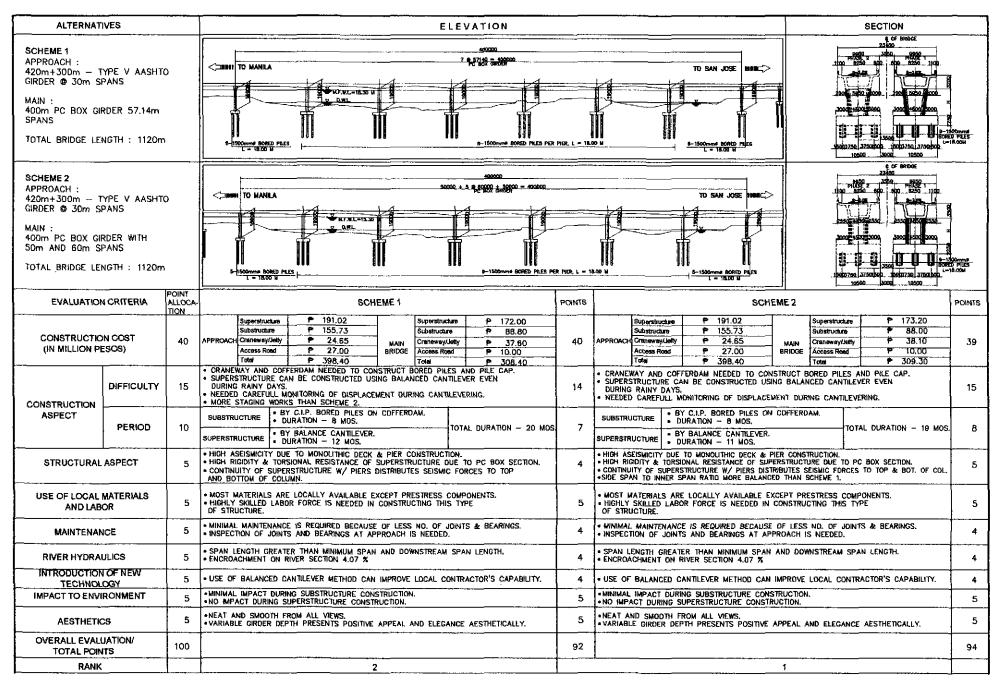


TABLE 4.4-4(a) ANGAT RIVER MAIN BRIDGE COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

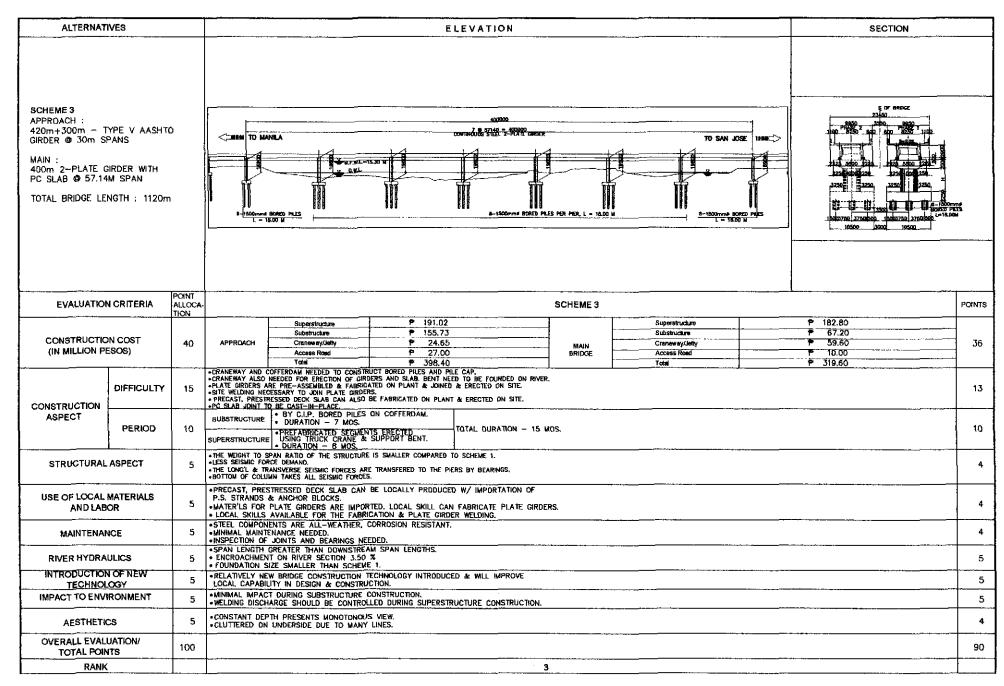
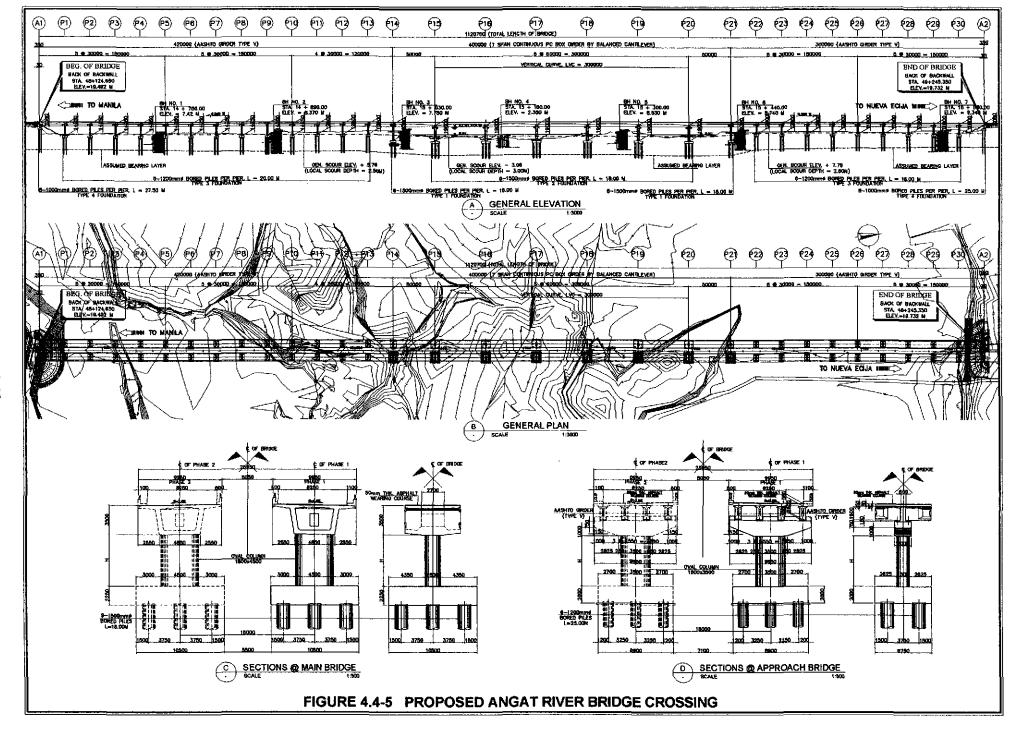


TABLE 4.4-4(b) ANGAT RIVER MAIN BRIDGE COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES



The river hydraulics for the proposed bridge is presented in Table 4.4-5 below.

TABLE 4.4-5 RIVER HYDRAULICS FOR PAMPANGA RIVER CROSSING

50-year Discharge, Q ₅₀ (m³/s)	6,990
Minimum Span, S (m) S = 30 + 0.005Q	65
Flow Velocity, V ₅₀ (m ³ /s)	1.88
Design Flood Water Level, (EL +m)	32.30
Catchment Area , CA (km²)	2,508.6

Similar to Angat river, a preliminary screening was conducted to determine appropriate bridge schemes that can be used for a more detailed comparison. Figure 4.4-7 is used to determine the costs of the different components of the main bridge for this river condition.

The preliminary screening of bridge alternatives is presented in Table 4.4-6. The first two highest ranks among the different alternatives are selected for a more detailed comparison. The two schemes for the main bridge are 9-span bridges with a total length of 585m consisting of 65m spans prestressed box girder bridge and a 2-steel plate girder.

As seen in Table 4.4-7, Scheme 2 which is a 9-Span 2-Steel Plate Girder Scheme (with span configuration of 5-span continuous @ 65m + 4-span continuous @ 65m) is taken as the most appropriate scheme due to:

- The minimum span requirement for river discharge is complied with,
- The 2-steel plate girder is the cheaper alternative,
- The steel plate girder and pre-cast slab erected by truck crane is a more appropriate construction method since the ordinary water level is shallow and does not cover the whole waterway,
- Construction period is faster than the box girder, and
- The superstructure is much lighter than the box girder thus lesser forces under seismic action is anticipated.

The final scheme for the bridge crossing the Pampanga river is shown in Figure 4.4-8. The proposed Pampanga river crossing is an 1125m long bridge with 180m + 360m long approaches using AASHTO Girders and a 585m long 9-span 2-plate girder with pre-cast prestressed slabs.

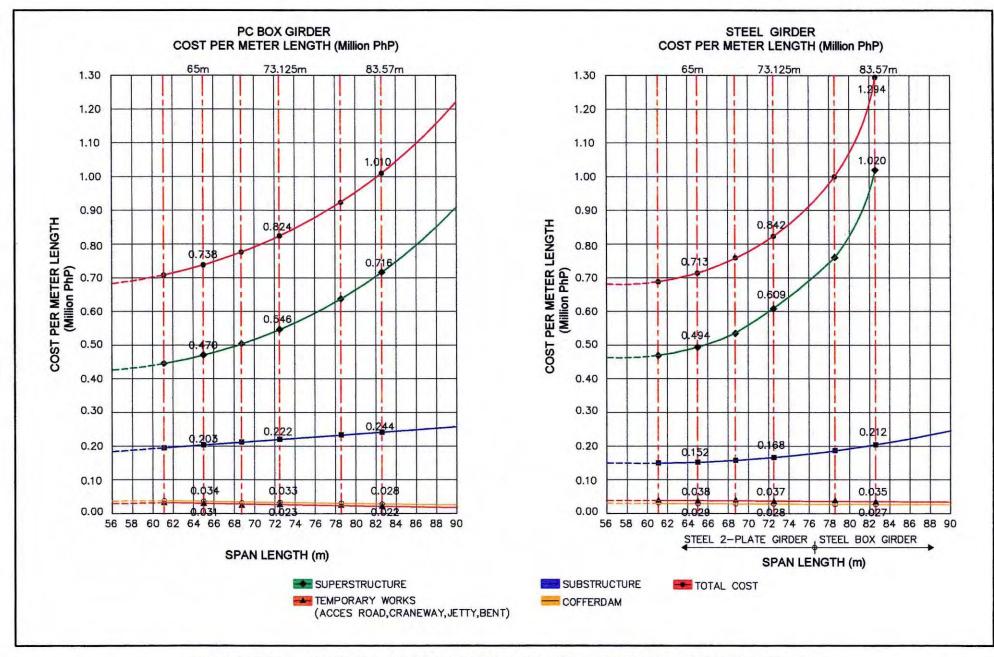


FIGURE 4.4-7 BRIDGE COSTS BREAKDOWN FOR PAMPANGA RIVER CROSSING

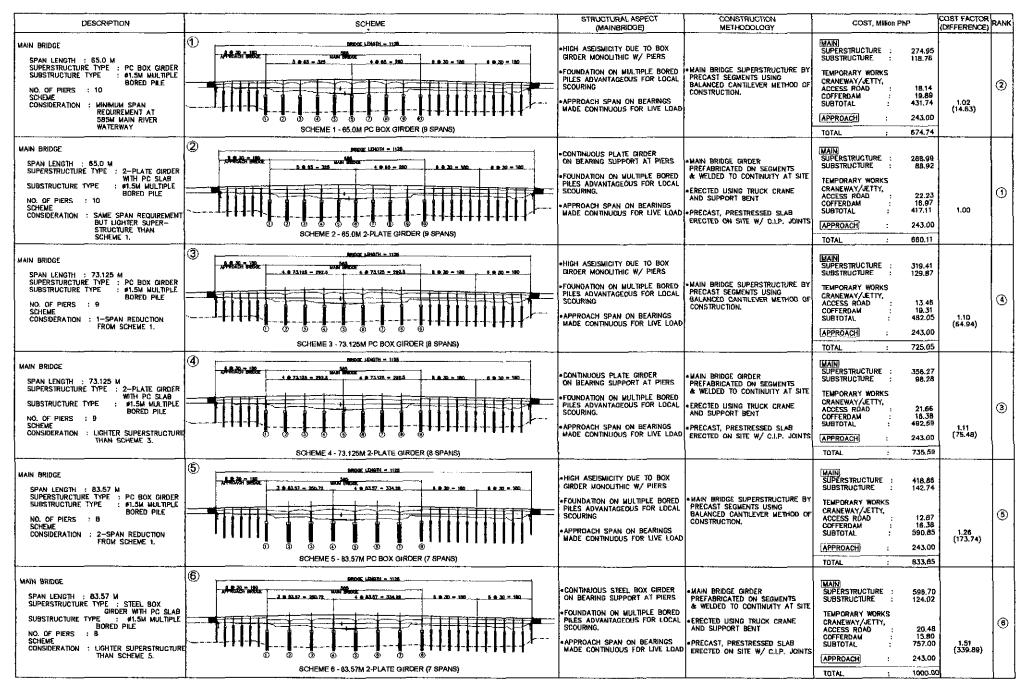


TABLE 4.4-6 PRELIMINARY SCREENING FOR PAMPANGA RIVER MAIN BRIDGE CROSSING

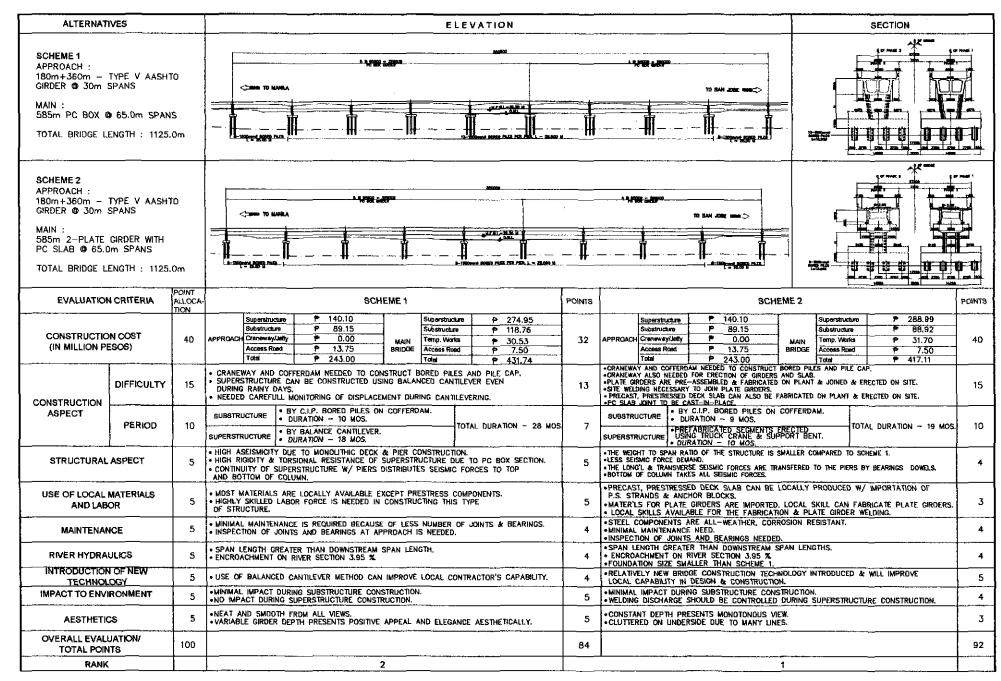
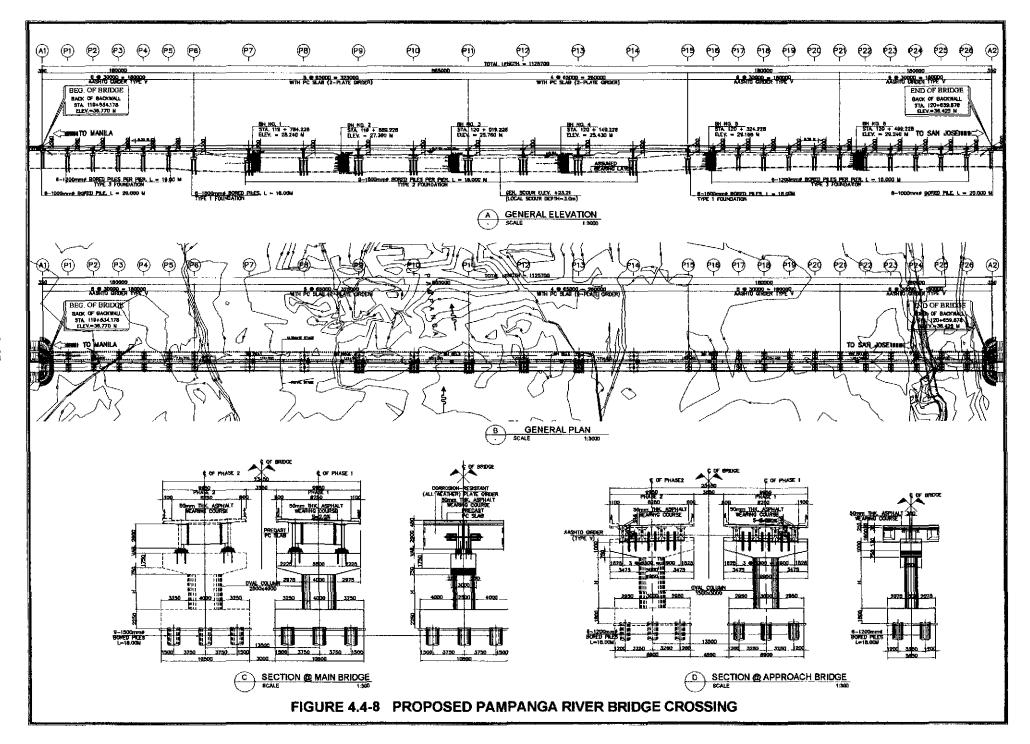


TABLE 4.4-7 PAMPANGA RIVER MAIN BRIDGE COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES



4.4.4 Bridge Scheme for Talavera River Bridge Crossing

Similar to the Pampanga river, the Talavera river has a wide flood area but only a main river waterway width of about 360m as shown in Figure 4.4-9. Thus the bridge scheme alternatives will cover only 360m of the river section.

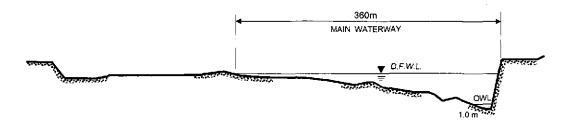


FIGURE 4.4-9 TALAVERA RIVER SECTION AT PROPOSED SITE LOCATION

The river hydraulics for the proposed bridge is presented in Table 4.4-8 below.

TABLE 4.4-8 RIVER HYDRAULICS FOR TALAVERA RIVER CROSSING

50-year Discharge, Q ₅₀ (m ³ /s)	1,570
Minimum Span, S (m) S = 30 + 0.005Q	38
Flow Velocity, V ₅₀ (m³/s)	2.08
Design Flood Water Level, (EL +m)	43.25
Catchment Area , CA (km²)	463.0

Similar to the other two bridges and considering the above river requirements, a preliminary screening was conducted to determine appropriate bridge schemes that can be used for a more detailed comparison.

The preliminary screening of bridge alternatives is presented in Table 4.4-9. Using the minimum span length of 38m, a 9-span and 7-span bridge are identified and compared. The superstructures for the bridge schemes considered includes Type VI AASHTO Girders, Prestressed Box Girder and 2-Plate Girder.

The three alternative schemes are compared further as presented in Tables 4.4-10a and 10b. Scheme 1 which is a 9-span pre-cast prestressed AASHTO Girder is taken as the most appropriate scheme due to:

- The minimum span requirement for river discharge is complied with,
- This is the cheapest alternative among the schemes,
- Construction is the easiest using truck cranes to erect the girders and castin-place slab using suspended formworks from the girders, and
- The method is the easiest to implement since local contractors have much experience in constructing the proposed bridge scheme.

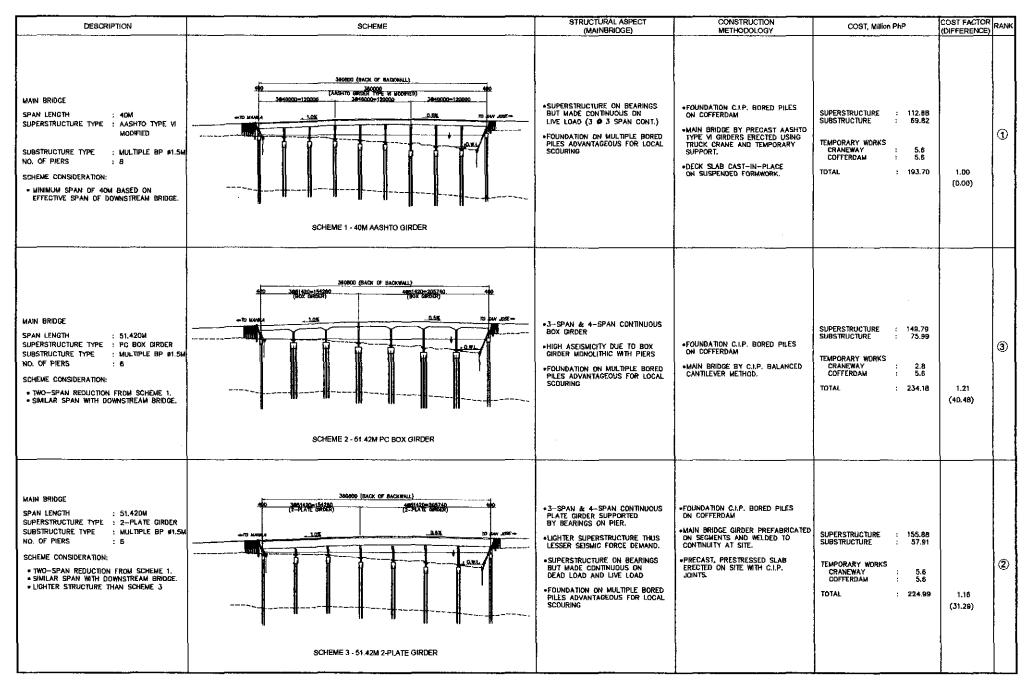


TABLE 4.4-9 PRELIMINARY SCREENING FOR TALAVERA BRIDGE CROSSING

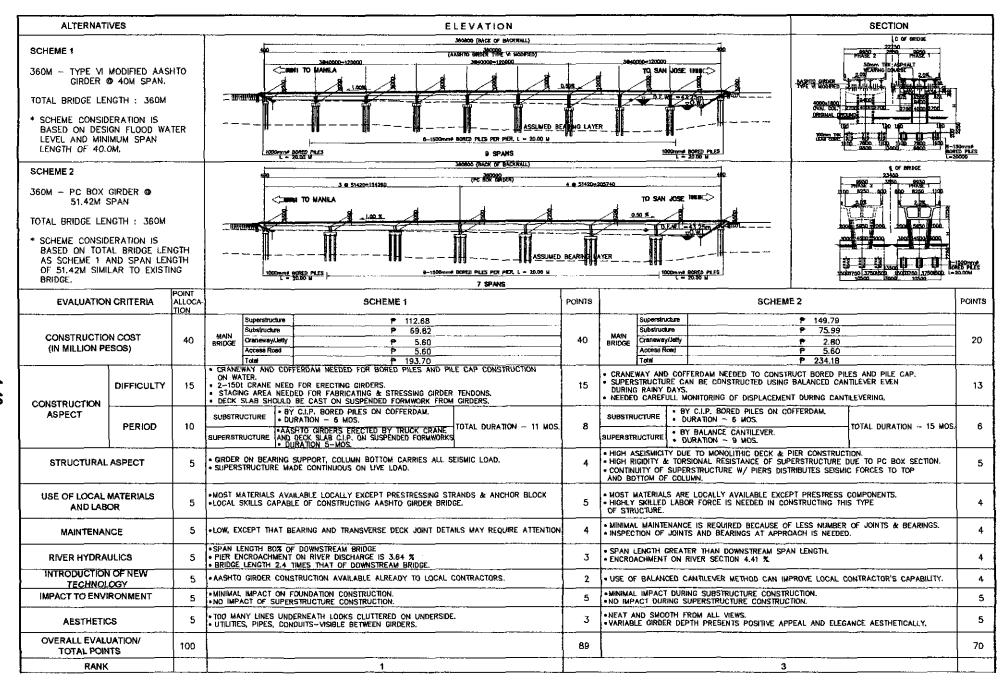


TABLE 4.4-10(a) TALAVERA RIVER MAIN BRIDGE COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

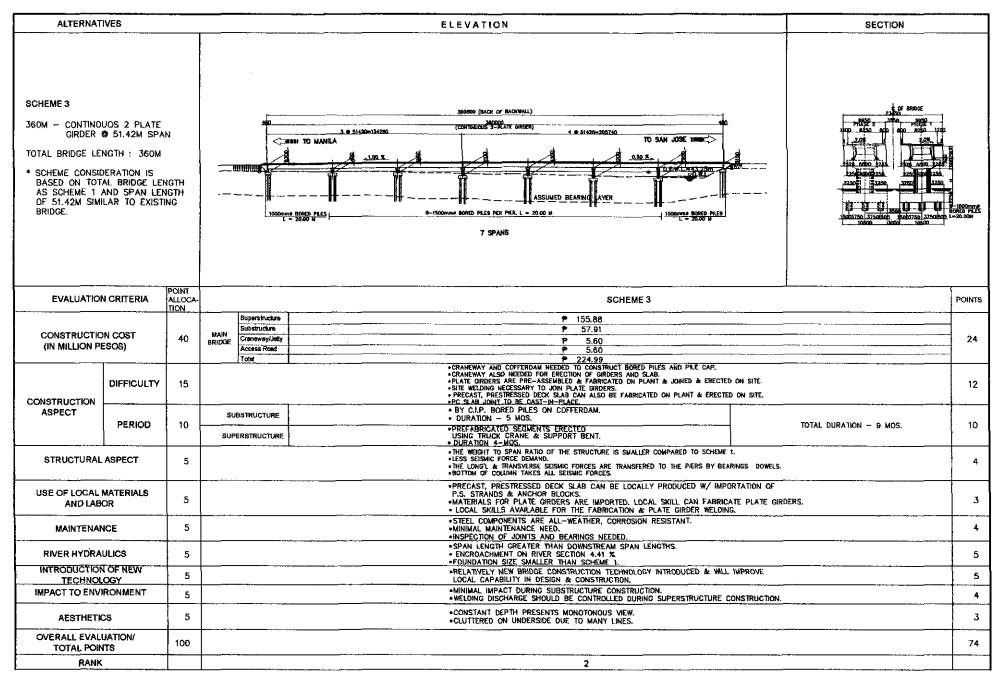
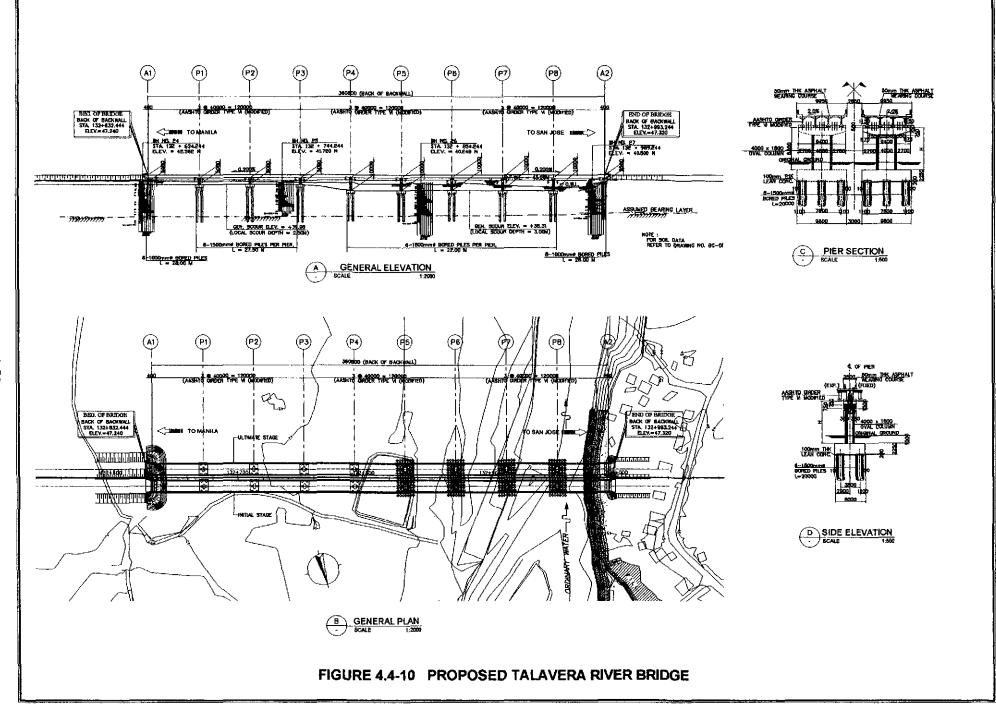


TABLE 4.4-10(b) TALAVERA RIVER MAIN BRIDGE COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES



The final scheme for the bridge crossing the Angat river is shown in Figure 4.4-10. The proposed bridge is 360m long consisting of 9-spans of Type VI AASHTO Girder at 30m spacing and founded on cast-in-place bored piles.

4.4.5 Bridge Scheme for Interchange Ramp C (NLE Overcrossing)

The beginning of Plaridel Bypass is connected to the North Luzon Expressway (NLE) at the proposed Interchange location. The bypass outbound ramp, Ramp C, will cross-over the Expressway (Photo 4.4-1) necessitating the construction of a bridge overcrossing. The proposed bridge overcrossing will have to clear the following control points:

Minimum vertical clearance to be provided for the Expressway

: 5.10m

Minimum horizontal clearance to be : Shoulder-to-shoulder of provided for the Expressway

Expressway

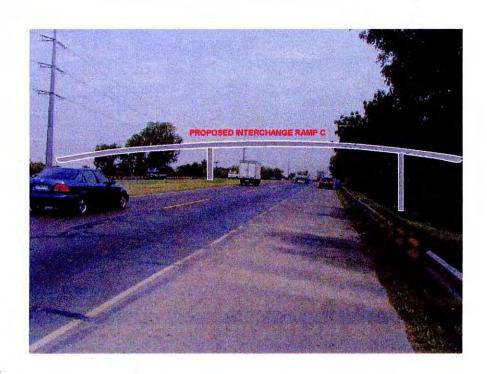


PHOTO 4.4-1 NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY

A study on the bridge length requirement for the NLE overcrossing is undertaken considering the following:

- the least cost to the project including ROW acquisition,
- the minimum number of span and length of the bridge,
- · the horizontal and vertical clearance requirements,
- the construction period and difficulty,
- · the structural performance, and
- functionality or impact to commuters using the expressway.

Three alternative schemes (Table 4.4-11) are compared to determine the bridge length appropriate for the proposed NLE overcrossing which includes:

- (1) 2-Span, 60m long bridge to minimize the length resulting to a high abutment and structures too close to the expressway,
- (2) 4-Span, 90m long bridge to move the abutment further from the expressway and lower the abutment height, and
- (3) 13-Span, 325m long bridge to limit the embankment height to 5m.

Among the three schemes, Scheme 2 which is the 4-Span, 90m long bridge is taken as the most appropriate and cheapest among the alternatives.

A comparison of the superstructure type for the proposed overcrossing is also undertaken, as shown in Table 4.4-12, to determine the most appropriate scheme considering:

- the least cost,
- construction period and difficulty
- structural aspect considering the curve geometry of the superstructure,
- maintenance and aesthetics.

As indicated in Table 4.4-12, Scheme 1 or the cast-in-place Voided Slab is the most appropriate superstructure type.

The final scheme for the proposed NLE ramp overcrossing is shown in Figure 4.4-11. The proposed bridge is a 4-span, 90m long bridge (with span configuration as 20m + 2 @ 25m + 20m) with prestressed voided slab superstructure founded on bored piles.

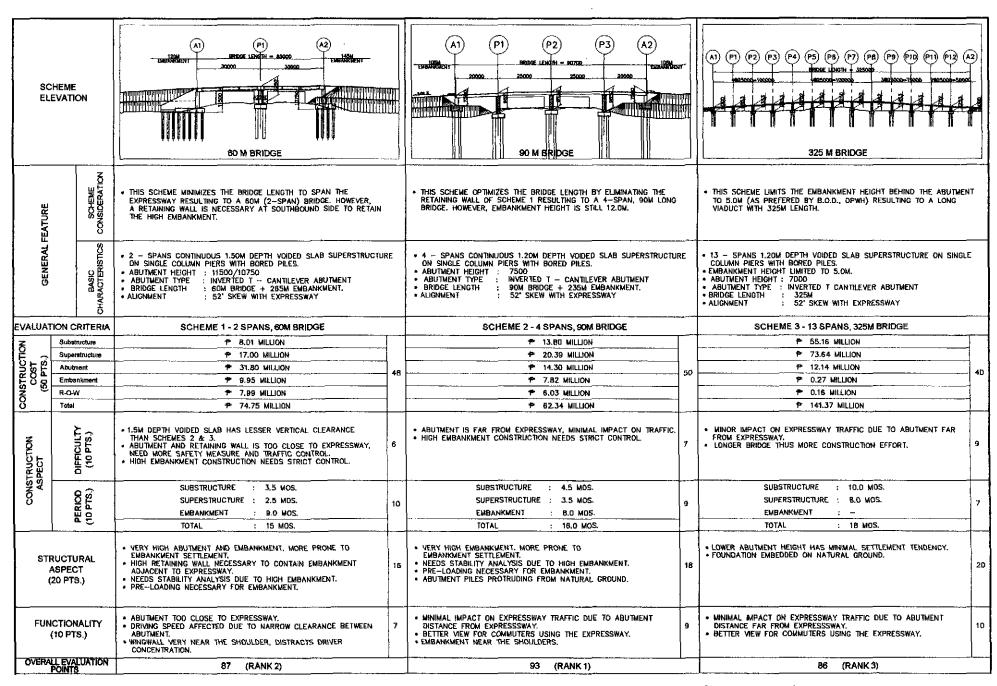


TABLE 4.4-11 BRIDGE LENGTH COMPARATIVE STUDY FOR INTERCHANGE RAMP C (NLE OVERCROSSING)

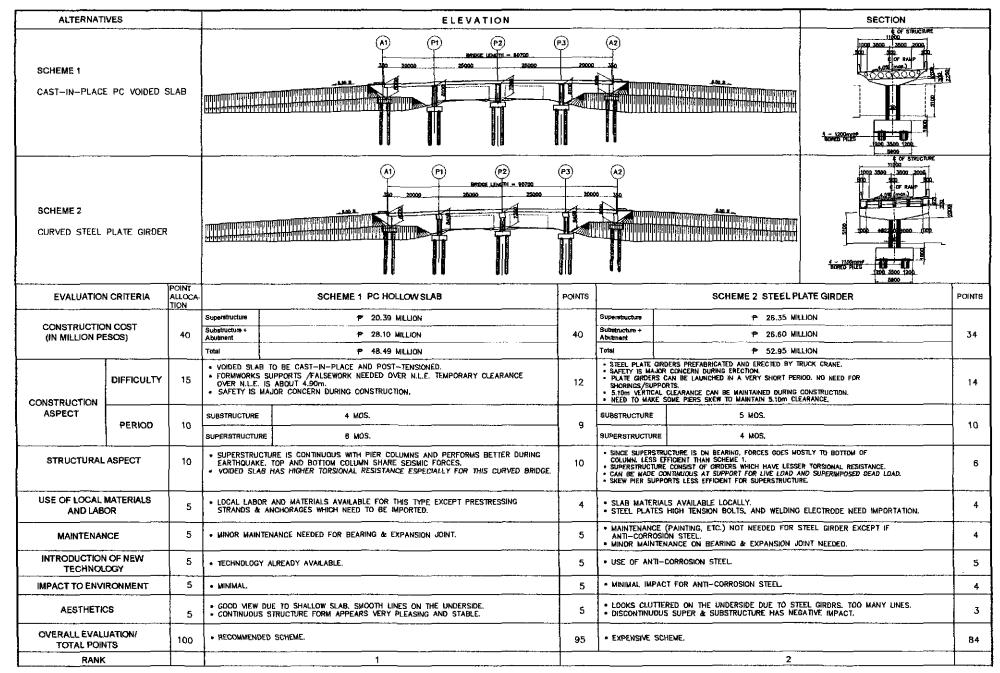


TABLE 4.4-12 SCHEME COMPARISON FOR INTERCHANGE RAMP C (NLE OVERCROSSING)

