



# **2022 Student Steel Bridge Competition**

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## **Overview and Significance**

- Competed in 2022 AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition at Ohio University
- 1:10 scale model of wildlife overcrossing bridge requires all components to be below deck-level
- 1:40 scale model 3D printed for display in CSU Civil Engineering Department
- \$350 million allocated to wildlife crossings by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021)
- Competition demonstrates balance of structural design and construction engineering
- Dynamic design required for cantilevered end and six possible load cases



# Design

- Preliminary free body, shear, and moment diagrams created for each loading case
- Used to identify crucial design considerations



SOMETRIC VIEW

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### Competition

- Awards: Structural Efficiency 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Lightness – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Stiffness – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Total 11 schools competed in event
- Performance based on construction time, vertical and horizontal load testing



- SolidWorks used to analyze lateral and vertical deflections, stresses, buckling, and stability
- Bridge model weighs 198 lbs in total
- Design features two layers of Warren trusses
- A36 steel plating laser-cut and bent by fabricator, AH Marty Company
- Priority placed on efficiency of material and ease of fabrication

Estimation of material and construction costs required for each load case



- **Diagram shows competition layout**
- No construction allowed within highway zone
- Construction team divided on either side
- Strong communication and coordination required for connections above this zone