

GREATER GOLDEN HILL (GGH) PLANNING COMMITTEE
Zoom Meeting Minutes March 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm.

GGHPC Board members Present (9):

- *Kathy Vandenheuvel (GGHPC Chair, Rep to Community Planners Committee (CPC), Member Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) on Airport Noise;
- *Sabrina DiMinico (Vice Chair);
- *Susan Bugbee (Elections and Membership Rep);
- *Victoria Curran (Balboa Park Rep and Bicycle Subcommittee Chair);
- *Cheryl Brierton (taking minutes);
- *Reyna Ayala (late);
- *Joe Coneglio;
- *Valerie Pasquetto;
- *Richard Santini

GGHPC Board Members absent-3

- *Ericka Espinosa Araiza (Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC) Rep;
- *Paul Schumacher (Project Development Subcommittee Chair)
- *Susanna Starcevic

GGHPC Vacancies: 4

New GGHPC Board Candidates present-6:

- Mónica de la Cruz;
- Celestin Faustino;
- Michael Gruby;
- Ian Koskela;
- Will Link;
- Kerry Wesson (no video)

Members of the public present (25 participants): list is maintained by GGHPC
Membership/Elections Representative

A. Additions/deletions to agenda: In absence of Secretary, Chair designated Brierton to take minutes.

B. Approval of GGHPC minutes of February 10, 2021: Brierton moved to approve 2/10/21 minutes, Curran seconded, motion carried (7-yes, 9-no, 1-abstaining (Pasquetto not present), Ayala not participating).

C. Government Reports

1. San Diego City Council District 3 (Steve Whitburn by Ryan Darsey)

* Golf Course Drive. Councilmember Whitburn is getting a full briefing on Golf Course Drive tomorrow (3/11) from Andy Field, Director of City Parks and Recreation.

Brierton inquired if a member of GGHPC could attend the 3/11 briefing, such as the Chair, a member of the Development subcommittee working on the issue, or the Chair of the Bicycle subcommittee. Gruby indicated he was available. Darsey said he would check, and get back to the Chair.

Past Chair/member of public David Swarens expressed concern that City staff is not participating with the community on Golf Course Drive. The project manager is the Golf Course Manager, and the prior assigned engineer, who was responsive to the community, is no longer on the project. Board candidate Wesson indicated the prior engineer is coordinating with the new engineer.

*Environment. Whitburn is a member of the Airport Pollution Control District. Involved in Environmental Justice survey.

Vandenheuvel asked if GGH is eligible for City climate equity funds. Darsey indicated he would follow up.

*Housing/homeless. Action has been taken on past due rent/utilities.

Coneglio enquired about the growing homeless encampment on "F" Street by the freeway ramp. The City is not responding on the GetItDone App. Curran added that the City and CalTrans were each saying it was the other's responsibility. Swarens pointed out the area was designated as a linear park in the October 2016 GH Community Plan.

Brierton asked if the Councilmember could coordinate with the Mayor, concerning the Mayor's new homeless program announced in the press today. Darsey indicated the Mayor's representative at today's meeting might be able to respond.

2. San Diego Mayor (Todd Gloria by Kohta Zaiser)

*Golf Course Drive. The Mayor has spoken to Fields about edits to this project. Gloria is very familiar with the issue, a community priority for some 40 years, since he previously served as District 3 Councilmember and 78th District Assemblymember.

*City budget. There is an \$86 million mid-year deficit, but the pending \$300 million federal pandemic legislation helps close the gap.

Responding to a question from Brierton, Zaiser said the federal money is earmarked for certain projects, so some City programs may still be cut.

*Housing/homeless. Rental assistance funds are available. The Mayor's new homeless program consists of more social work outreach/contacts. Issues should still be reported through the GetItDone App; the City is revamping that App.

*Libraries. Please take the online survey about City library needs.

*Schools. All eligible teachers have had the opportunity to get vaccinated. A hybrid reopening is planned for April 12.

*Parks and Rec. Vandenheuvel requested an update on plans.

*Heartfelt thanks to the Mayor for sending a representative to GGHPC. (Brierton, Vandenheuvel, Swarens.)

3. State Senate District 39 (Pro Tem Toni Atkins by Chevelle Tate)

*Schools. San Diego's status in worst (purple) coronavirus tier is a factor in reopening. Proper protections must be in place. 40,000 teachers have been vaccinated (half).

*Pandemic relief payments are coming for low income San Diegans.

*In person attendance by Pro Tem Atkins may be arranged, possibly in June. (Response to Vandenheuvel.)

*Improving police practices. Legislation is being drafted re decertifying police officers using excessive force, and re use of rubber bullets. Pro Tem Atkins' office is monitoring federal legislation on qualified immunity proposed by US House of Representatives. (Response to Brierton.)

*Return from maternity leave. Congratulations to Tate on birth of her baby boy. (Curran).

4. US Congressional District 53 (Rep Sarah Jacobs)- not present

5. State Assembly District 78 (Assemblymember Chris Ward)-not present

6. State Assembly District 80 (Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez)-not present

7. San Diego Police Department- not present

8. San Diego City Planning Department (not present)

D. Nonagenda Public Comment

*Honey for sale, happybeeSD.com (Curran)

*A volunteer needs to take over updating GGHPC website (Gruby)

E. GGHPC Election (Bugbee):

11 pre-qualified candidates were declared elected pursuant to City pandemic rules.

* 5 Returning GGHPC Board members (Ayala, Brierton, DiMinico, Schumacher, Vandenheuvel)

*6 new members (de la Cruz, Faustino, Gruby, Koskela, Link, Wesson) who briefly introduced themselves. Full candidate statements had been previously posted/disseminated, and no objections were raised.

A brief clarification was made concerning any potential conflict of interest of City employee Wesson, whose work relates to Golf Course Drive. (DiMinico, Past Chair/Member of Public David Swarens).

The GGHPC Chair will send a link for required Ethics training (COW). Brierton urged all to retain certificate of training attendance as required for indemnification by City.

The Chair clarified that 3 terms are for 1 year (filling expired terms), rest are for 2. The election notice also stated that for 1-vs 2-year terms, consideration will be given to board seniority in choice of term length.

The new board members will be seated at the April meeting, and leadership positions selected at that time.

F. Florida Canyon Footbridge. (Hunter Ruthrauff.)

Ruthrauff sought community input on potential footbridge extending Balboa Park Prado to Arizona landfill across Florida Canyon. (See 3 sample screenshot photos at end of minutes. A full power point of the presentation is available from the Chair upon request.)

Ruthrauff thought allowing some vendor opportunities on the structure might increase private funding support.

Comments included:

- * the past community plans (GGH, East Mesa Precise Plan, Capital Improvement priorities) have asked for the bridge to provide access across Florida Canyon from Golden Hill Park via the City yard (Brierton, Swarens)
- *the proposed plan would assist with improving the Arizona landfill (member of the public Rene Smith, candidate Wesson)
- *there are other proposed freeway lids/bridges supported by the community, and funding is difficult to obtain (Curran, Paschetto, Smith, Swarens);
- *bridges are very expensive (Wesson);
- *private sector funding might be obtained through the newly-created Balboa Park funding coordinating group (Brierton);
- * no, Balboa Park can't help, and CalTrans blew off freeway lid funding idea (Swarens)
- *likes the eco bridge concept, or a Spanish Colonial look (Vandenheuvel).

G. Project Appeal Process. (Vandenheuvel)

-Appeal timelines are short, and authority to appeal is unclear. Wants more guidance.
—Brierton: agreed to re-forward La Jolla Community Planning Group (LJCPG) appeal procedures to Chair, and proposes using those for GGHPC to adopt. LJCPG is the only

community planning group with appeal procedures.

-Swarens suggested Chair filing appeal, then withdrawing it. Brierton stated this was too much work within short timelines, no need to reinvent wheel, GGHPC should consult first with City Senior Planner Turgeon.

H. Subcommittee Reports

(1) Chair, CPC Rep. appreciated Mayor Gloria addressing CPC, and his support for the volunteer efforts of community planning groups. The Mayor presented his priorities on Covid and budget shortfalls.

(2) Vice Chair. No report.

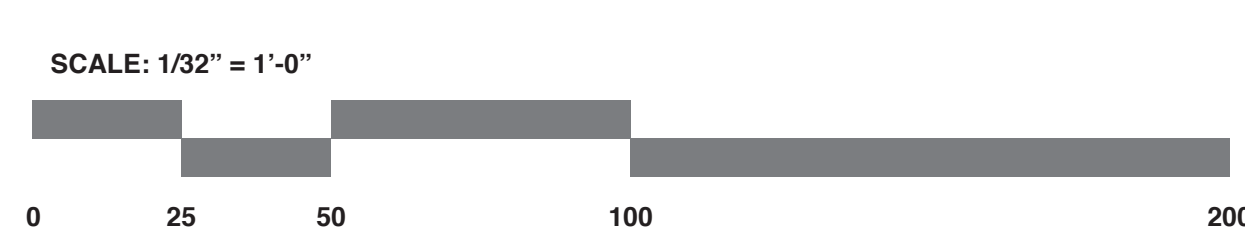
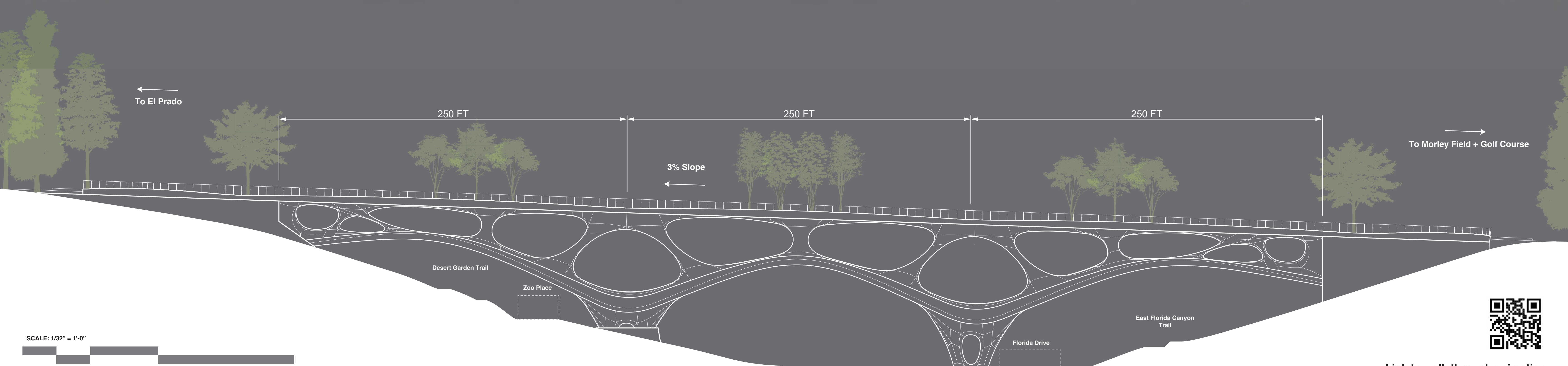
(3) ANAC. Espinoza Araiza sent a report to Chair, available on request. Chair will attend April 8 meeting on airport noise, in her capacity as CAC member. There is a survey online. Brierton asked if Coneglio could update GGHPC on meeting of February 17, but he was not available to respond.

(4) Balboa Park (Curran). The comfort station by the Organ Pavilion is being upgraded. There is a beautiful cactus garden originally planted by Kate Sessions, near the Clubhouse.

(5) Development Subcommittee. No report, in absence of Schumacher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting April 13, 2021 at 6:30



Link to walk through animation

AERIAL LOOKING SOUTH



AERIAL LOOKING SOUTH OVER FLORIDA DRIVE



AERIAL LOOKING SOUTH OVER ZOO PLACE



WEST ENTRANCE LOOKING EAST



ZOO PLACE LOOKING EAST

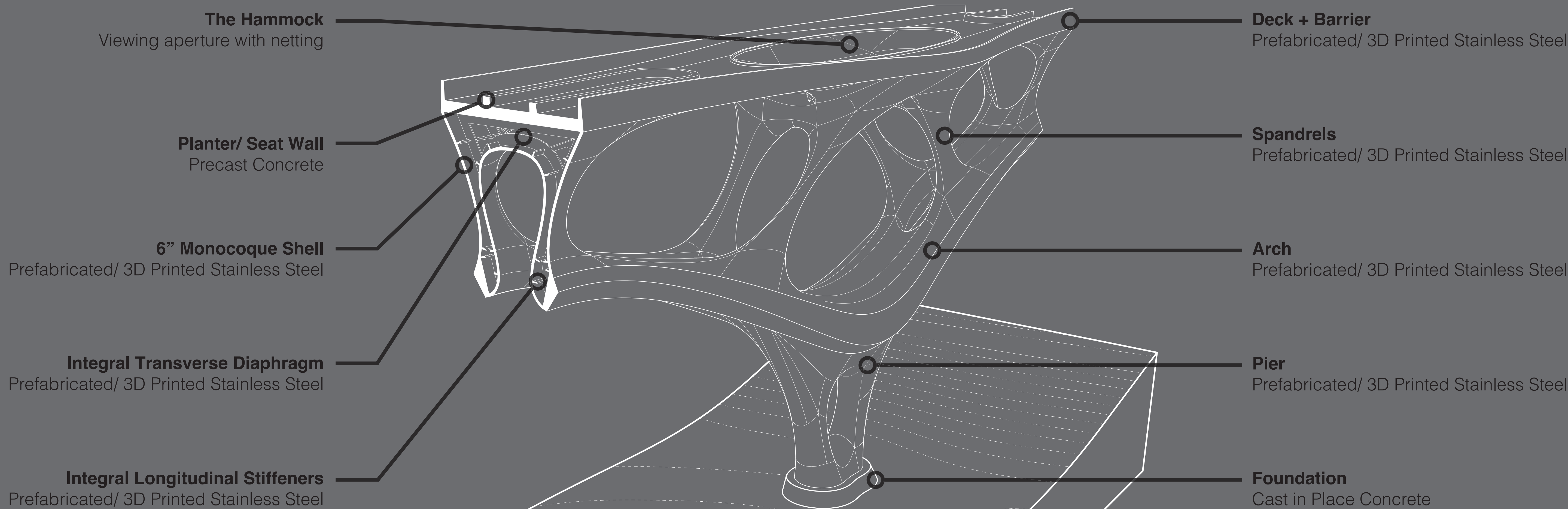


EAST FLORIDA CANYON LOOKING WEST TOWARD EL PRADO



FLORIDA DRIVE LOOKING NORTH





DESERT GARDEN LOOKING EAST



Image by T.Y. Lin International



Image by Frei Otto

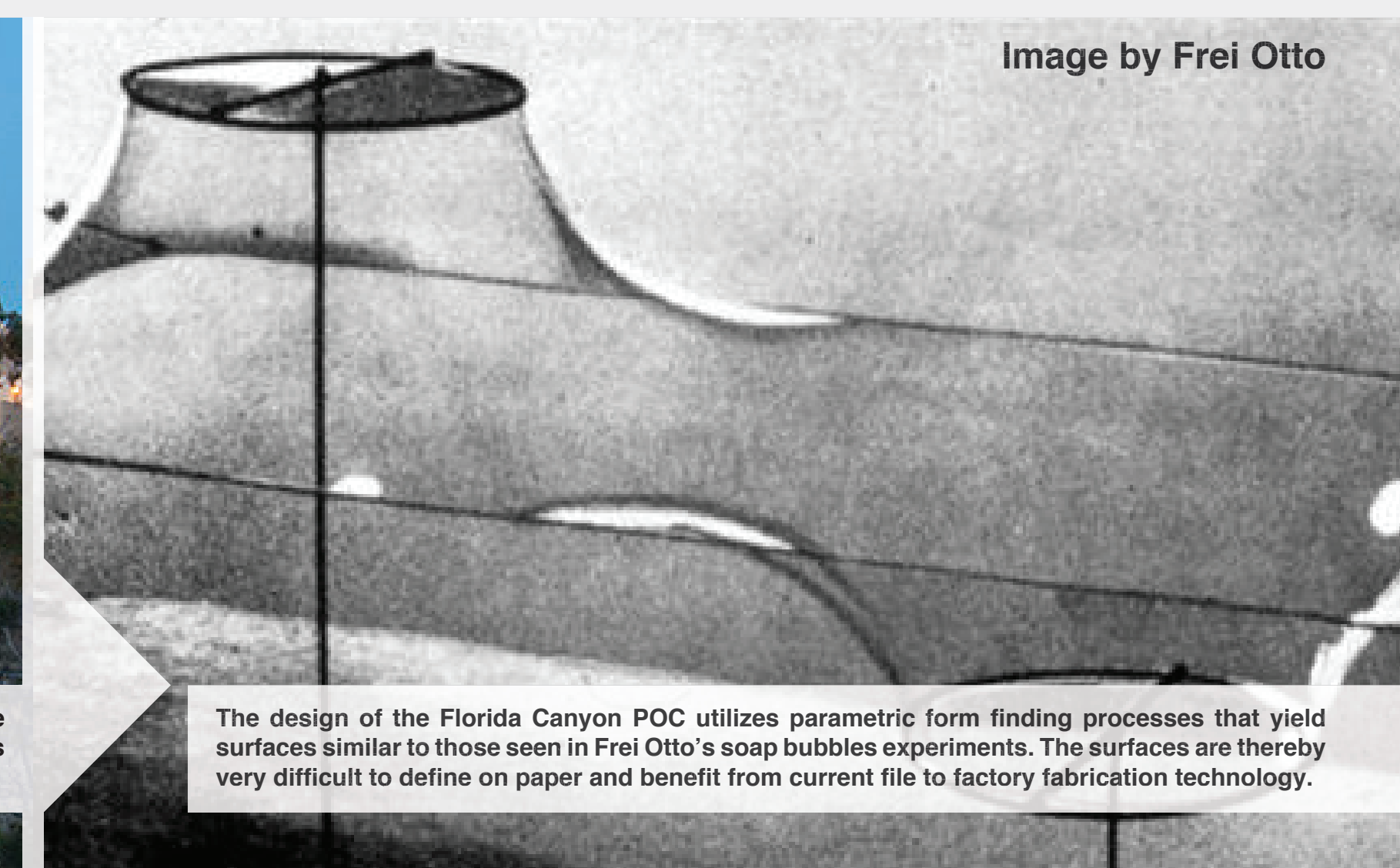
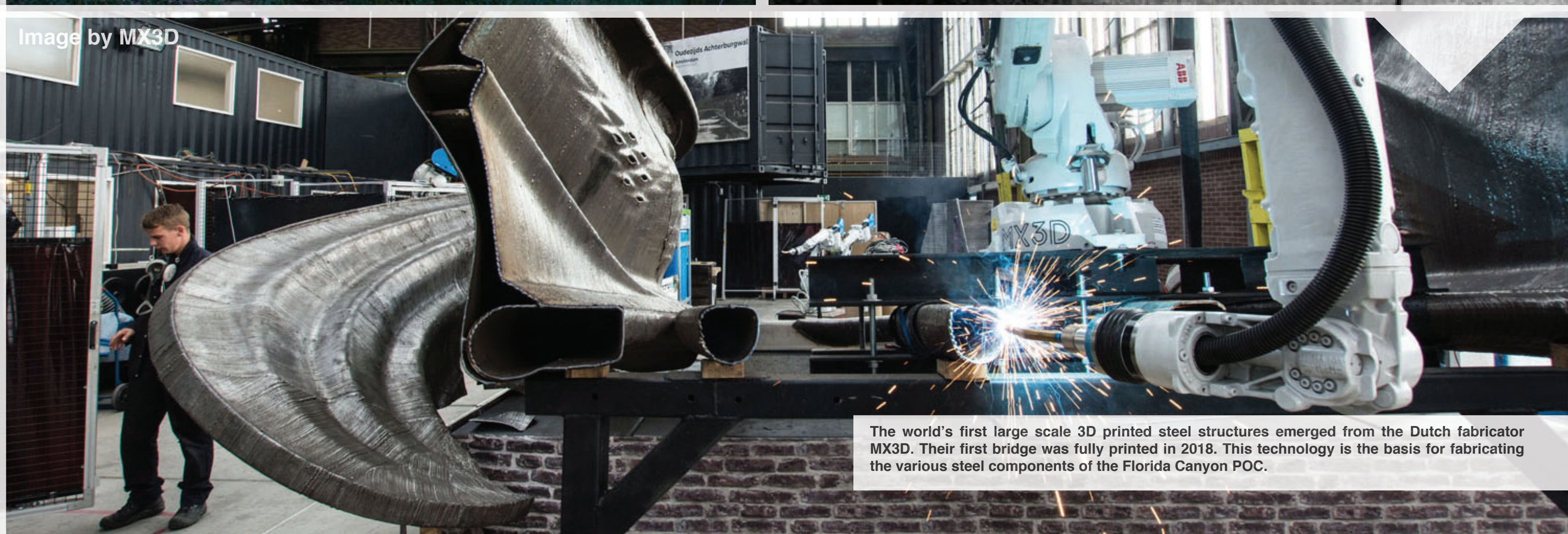


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Stage 1: Site graded. Pier foundations, abutments, and approach structures installed.



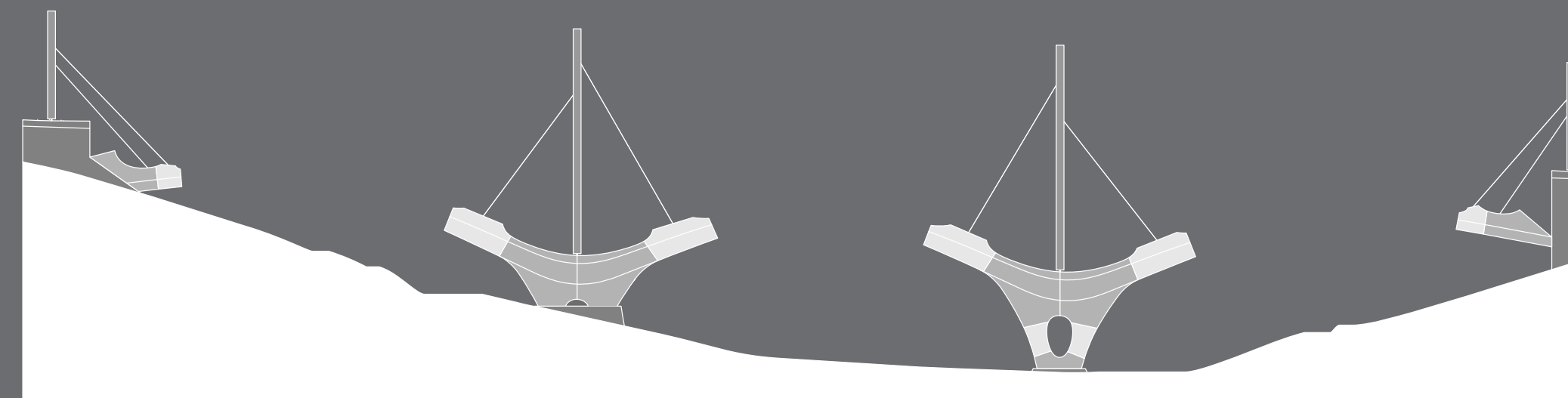
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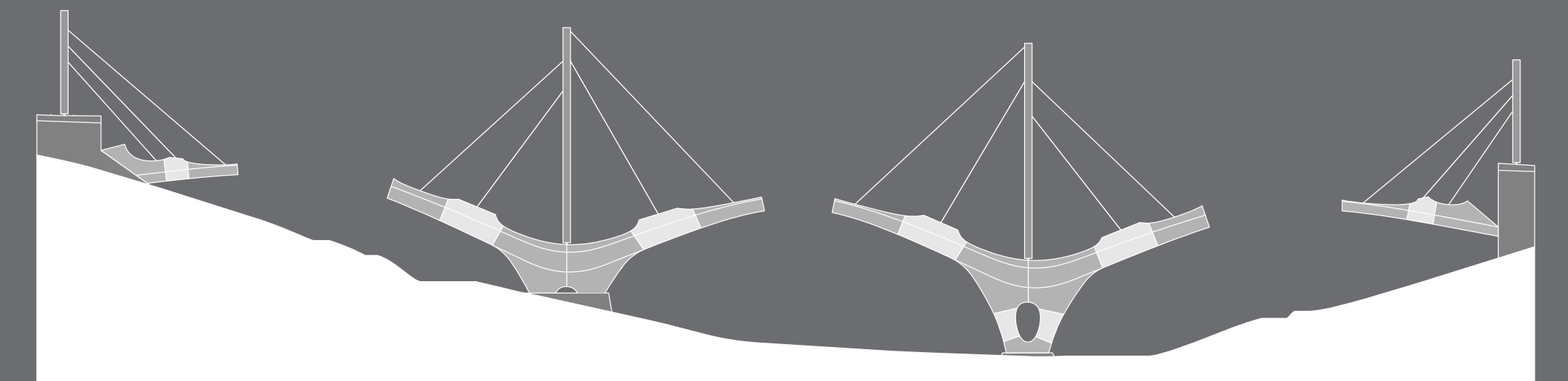
Stage 3: Second lowest east pier component installed.



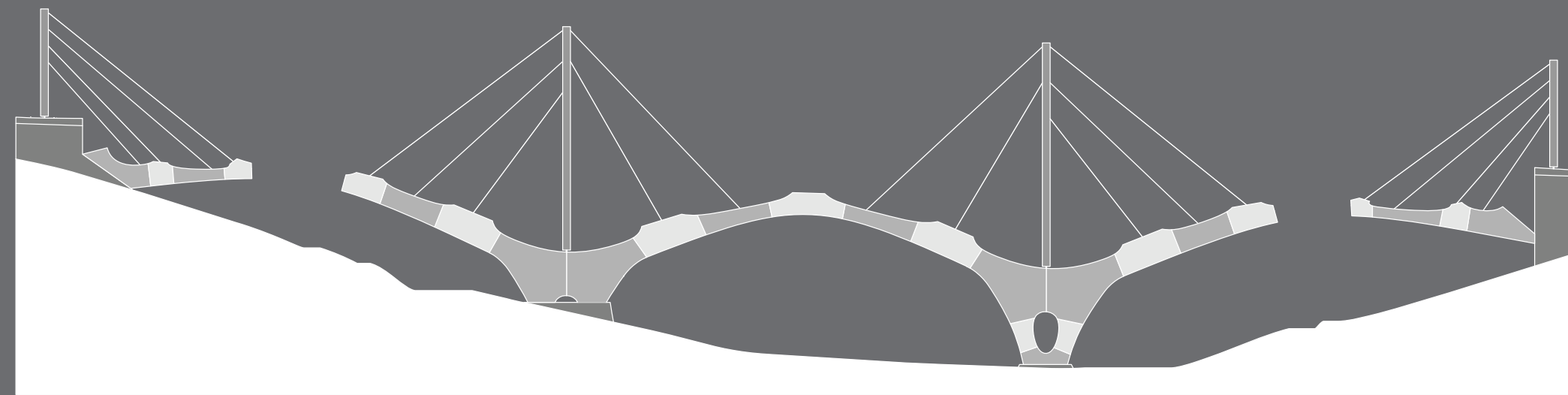
Stage 4: Primary pier components and temporary cable stay towers installed. First abutment components are installed and supported by temporary cable stays.



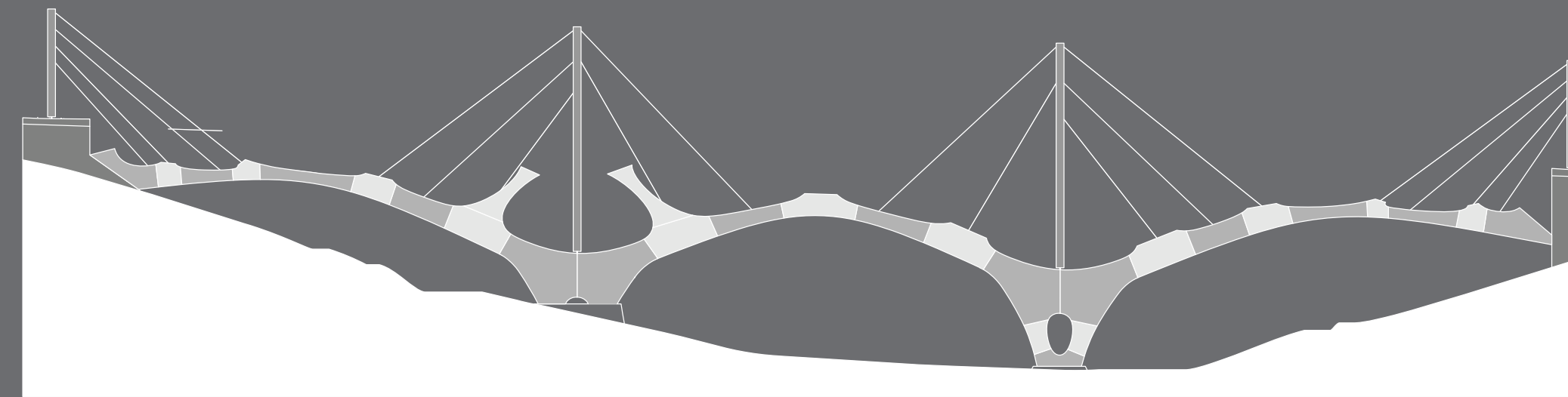
Stage 5: Second set of cable stays are installed near the abutments along with second arch components. Second components near piers are installed and temporarily supported by cable stays.



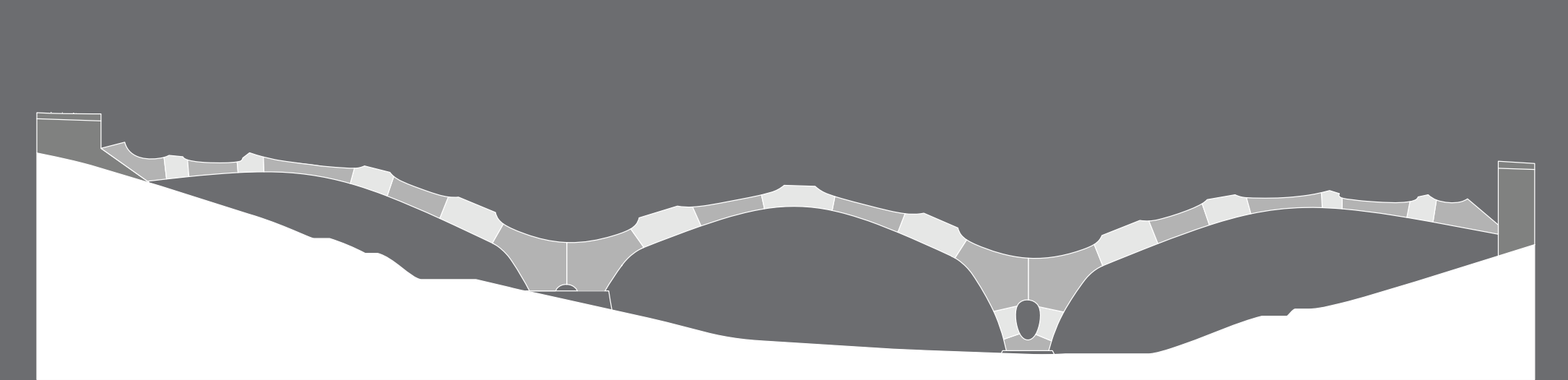
Stage 6: Next set of arch components are installed with the support of temporary cable stays.



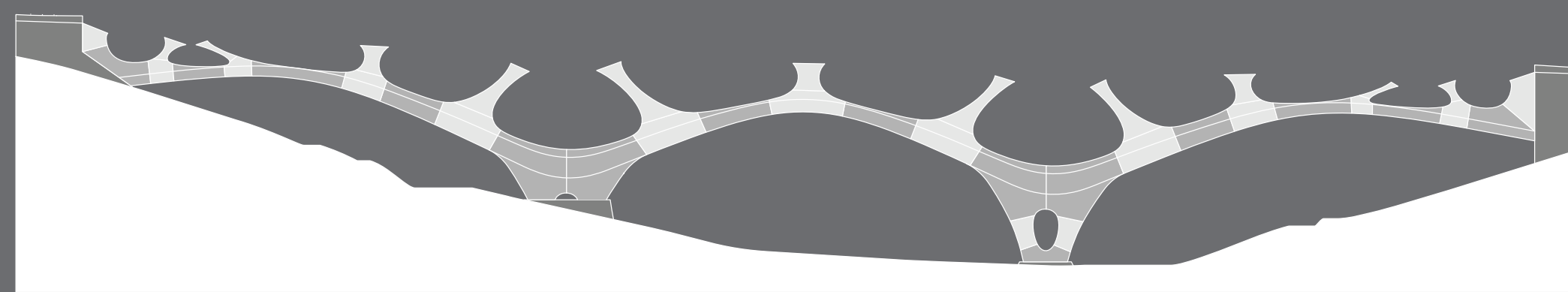
Stage 7: Next set of arch components are installed with the support of temporary cable stays.



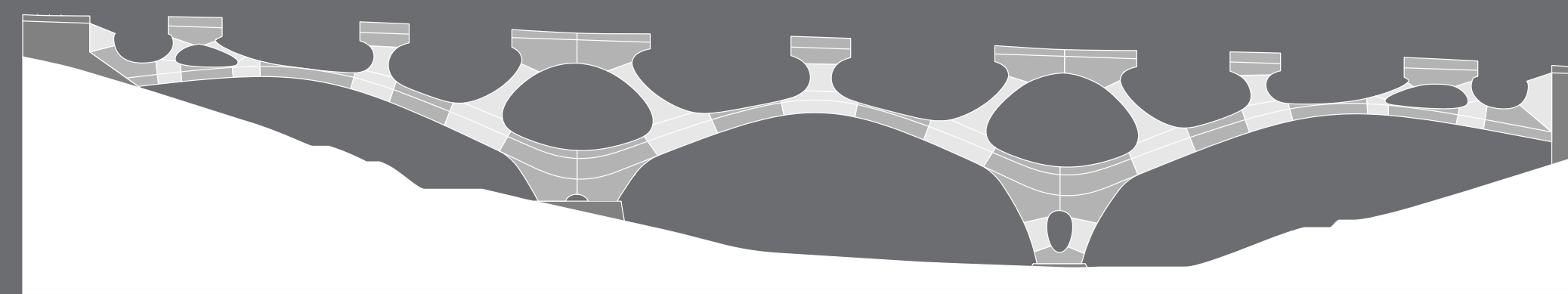
Stage 8: "Key stone" or final arch component is installed giving the structure stability.



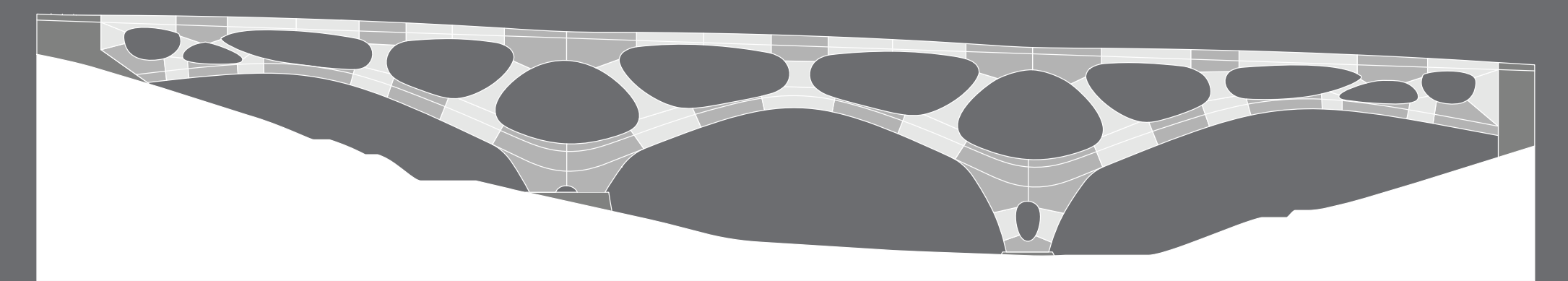
Stage 9: Temporary cable stay towers are removed.



Stage 10: Vertical spandrels are installed.



Stage 11: First set of deck segments are installed atop spandrels.



Stage 12: Final set of deck segments are installed.