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I. INTRODUCTION

The world faces today the big challenge of traffic accidents that harvest annually millions of human lives (Muhammad, 2013). The consequences of these traffic accidents do not only affect the victims or their families, but extend to the impact the community and its progress (Muhammad, 2013). Pedestrian bridges are structures made for allowing pedestrians to cross a street/road/highway without being exposed to the risks of car accidents. A pedestrian bridge is any structure that removes pedestrians from vehicle roadway (Muhammad, 2013).

The first pedestrian bridge in Nigeria was a steel structure erected at Idumota cenotaph on Lagos Island (The Guardian, 2015). However, according to the Guardian newspaper, two such concrete bridges were also constructed: one in Iddo railway terminals across the road and the second was from Oyingbo to Otto near the old Leventis mainland hotel. The two bridges were planned towards the 1960 independence celebration. The construction work was carried out by Taylor Woodrow Construction Company (The Guardian, 2015). It was a major event on its own in those days especially considering the swampy terrain that the bridges were required to cross through. With the advent of the third National Development Plan (1975-1980), reinforced concrete bridges on piles and prefab deck were

constructed over Apapa-Oshodi expressway and the Agege Motor Way at Ikeja. A bridge is a structure that provides passage over an obstacle such as valley, rough terrain or body of water by spanning those with natural or manmade materials (Newman, 2003; Mosley and Bungey, 1999; Jeswald, 2005).

According to Mugu (2004) a footbridge or pedestrian bridge is principally designed for pedestrians and in some cases cyclists, animal traffic and horse riders rather than vehicular traffic. Recently the Lagos State Government erected a multi-functional pedestrian structure at Oshodi (The Guardian, 2015). The current governor of Lagos State, Akinwumi Ambode, has approved the construction of pedestrian bridge at Berger area of the State to give room for easy crossing by pedestrian of the ever busy Lagos- Ibadan expressway (P M News, 2015). In Benin City, Edo State of Nigeria, there was a pedestrian steel bridge constructed at close proximity to the University of Benin main gate but was dismantled because of the dualisation of the road by the Edo State Government. Types of pedestrian bridge include: simple suspension, clapper, moon, step.stone and zig.zag bridge

Increasing rate of accident at the hostels' gate of Auchi Polytechnic is worrisome. This involves either two or more vehicles or at times two or more motor bikes. The fatal ones always attract the attention of the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) who needs to evacuate the vehicles and the injured in order to allow the free flow of traffic. The main victims of hit and run by vehicles and bike riders especially at night have been the students living on and off campus of Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi. Thus this development necessitates the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Auchi-Benin highway.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

a) Study Area

This study focuses on the design of pedestrian bridge across the Auchi-Abuja Highway in front of Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi main entrance gate.

b) Design consideration, calculations and analysis

i. Soil Test

The following geotechnical parameters were determined as follows:

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$$\text{Percentage soil sample retained (\%)} = \frac{\text{mass retained}}{\text{total mass}} \times \frac{100}{1} \quad [1]$$

$$\text{Percentage passing (\%)} = \frac{\text{total percentage retained}}{\% \text{ retained of each sieve}} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{Coefficient of uniformity (cu)} = \frac{D_{30}}{D_{60}} \times D_{10} \quad [3]$$

$$\text{Coefficient of uniformity (cu)} = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} \quad [4]$$

ii. Specific Gravity Test (Gs)

Table 1: Specific Gravity Result at 0.5m & 1m: Data Sheet for Specific Gravity by Density Bottle

S/N	Observation and Calculations	Determination	No
		1	2
1	Density	4267.0	4331.0
2	Weighty of Empty Bottle (M ₁) (g)	26.6	26.6
3	Weighty of Bottle + Sample (M ₂) (g)	56.6	56.6
4	Weighty of Bottle + Sample H ₂ O (M ₃) (g)	94.0	94.1
5	Weighty of Bottle + Sample + H ₂ O (M ₄) (g)	77.6	76.6
6	M ₂ -M ₁ (g)	30.0	30.0
7	M ₄ -M ₃ (g)	13.6	13.5
8	Gs	2.2	2.2
Result	Density Gs = 5	2.2	2.2

Field data, 2016

Given:

$$Gs = (M_2 - M_1) / (M_2 - M_1) - (M_4 - M_3)$$

iii. Density Test

Table 2: Calculation and Results: Data Sheet for Dry Density by Core Cutter Method

S/N	Observation and Calculations	Determination	No
		1	2
1	Core Cutter No	501.0	502.0
2	Internal Diameter (cm)	10.0	10.0
3	Internal Height (cm)	13.0	13.0
4	Mass Of Empty Core Cutter (M ₁)g	900.0	900.0
5	Mass Of Core Cutter With Soil (M ₂)g	2900.0	2600.0
6	Mass Of Wet Soil M = M ₂ -M ₁	2000.0	1700.0
7	Volume Of Cutter (V) (cm ³)	1021.0	1021.0
8	Moisture Content	0.1	0.2
9	Bulk Density = Wt of Soil / Vol of Cutter (g/cm ³)	1.96	1.67
10	Dry Density (g/cm ³)	1.75	1.45

Field data, 2016

Volume of cutter (V), mass of wet soil (M), Bulk density and dry density were computed as follows:

$$V = \pi r^2 H \quad [5]$$

$$M = M_2 - M_1 \quad [6]$$

Bulk density (Bd):

$$Bd = \frac{M_2 - M_1}{\pi r^2 H} \quad [7]$$

Dry density =

$$\frac{\text{Bulk density}}{1 + \% \text{moisture}} \quad [8]$$

iv. *Shear Strength of Soil*

First Test Run 10kg = 66 Div.

Second Test Run 20kg = 95 Div.

Third Test Run 30kg = 115 Div.

Shear Stress at Failure

Test Run 1 (10kg)

Shear at Failure = $0.577 \times 66 = 38 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Test Run 2 (20kg)

Shear Stress at Failure = $0.577 \times 97 = 56 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Test Run 3 (30kg)

Shear Stress at Failure = $0.577 \times 115 = 66 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Normal Stress

Test Run 1 (10kg)

Normal Stress = $21.8 + 10 \times 2.75 = 49 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Test Run 2 (20kg)

Normal Stress = $21.8 + 20 \times 2.75 = 77 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Test Run 3 (30kg)

Normal Stress = $21.8 + 30 \times 2.75 = 104.3 \text{ KN/m}^2$

Table 3: Shear Strength Failure Result

Test No.	Load	Shear Stress at Failure (KN/M2)	Normal Stress (KN/M2)
1	10	38.0	49.0
2	20	56.0	77.0
3	30	66.0	104.3

Field data, 2016

Table 4: Shear Strength at Depth 1m

Time (Seconds)	Mass 1 10 kg	Mass 2 20 kg	Mass 3 30 kg
5			
10			1
15			1
20			1
30			1
60			1
90	1		13
120	2	29	56
150	4	46	75
180	16	54	87
210	30	61	93
240	40	71	93
270	47	76	106
300	50	82	105
330	52	86	109
360	53	87	112
390	57	92	115
420	61	97	
450	62		
480	65		
510	65		
540	66		
570			
600			
630			
660			
690			
720			

Field data, 2016

v. *Bearing Capacity Computation*

Length = 1800mm; Breadth = 1200mm; Depth = 1000mm

$$Q_u = 1.3CNC + rDfNq + 0.4rBNr \quad [9]$$

$$Q_u = 1.3 \times 8 \times 37.2 + 9.8 \times 1 \times 22.5 + 0.4 \times 9.8 \times 1.2 \times 19.7$$

$$Q_u = 386.88 + 220.5 + 92.67$$

$$Q_u = 700 \text{KN/m}^2$$

Where factor of safety = 3

Allowable bearing capacity = $700/3 = 233 \text{KN/m}^2$

Net allowable load = $233 \times 1.8 \times 1.2 = 503 \text{KN}$.

 vi. *Consolidation Test*

For 2kg Load

$$\text{Stress } \tau = \frac{\text{forcexbeamratio}}{\text{area}} \quad [10]$$

Beam ratio = 10.00

Diameter of sample = 5cm = 0.05m

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = \frac{3142 \times 0.05^2}{4} = 1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}^2$$

$$\text{Stress } \tau_1 = \frac{2 \times 9.81 \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{1.96 \times 10^{-3}} = 100.102 \text{KN/M}^2$$

For 4kg Load

$$\text{Stress } \tau_2 = \frac{4 \times 9.81 \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{1.96 \times 10^{-3}} = 200.204 \text{KN/M}^2$$

For 6kg Load

$$\text{Stress } \tau_3 = \frac{6 \times 9.81 \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{1.96 \times 10^{-3}} = 300.306 \text{KN/M}^2$$

For 8kg Load

$$\text{Stress } \tau_4 = \frac{8 \times 9.81 \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{1.96 \times 10^{-3}} = 400.408 \text{KN/M}^2$$

For 10kg Load

$$\text{Stress } \tau_4 = \frac{10 \times 9.81 \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{1.96 \times 10^{-3}} = 500.510 \text{KN/M}^2$$

Calculation for Coefficient of Consolidation under Stress

$A_o = 1.594$; $A_f = 1.678$; $T_{50} = 0.018$; $A_{50} = 1.640$

Note: These values were read off from the consolidation graph.

$$A_s = \frac{A_f - A_o}{2} \quad [11]$$

Determination of C_v

$$C_v = \frac{0.20H^2}{t_{50}} \quad [12]$$

where $H = \frac{1}{2}(H_1 + H_2)$

$$C_v = 0.20 \frac{(0.0175)^2}{(0.018)^2} = 0.19 \text{m}^2/\text{mins}$$

Determination of Co-efficient of Compressibility (A_v)

$$A_v = \frac{\Delta e}{\Delta p} \quad [13]$$

$$= \frac{0.0565}{200.204 - 100.102} = 56 \times 10^{-4} \text{m}^2/\text{KN}$$

Determination of M_v

$$M_v = \frac{av}{1+ef} \quad [14]$$

$$= \frac{5.6 \times 10^{-4}}{1+ef} = 3.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{m}^2/\text{KN}$$

Initial Saturated Density (P_{sat})

$$P_{sat} = \frac{G_s + e}{1+e} \times pw \quad [15]$$

$$= \frac{2.59 + 0.129}{1 + 0.129} \times 1000 = 2408 \text{ kg / m}^3$$

Determination of K

$$K = \frac{M_v \cdot cv \cdot 9.81}{1408 \times 62} \quad [16]$$

Table 5: Consolidation Result

ΔH	$\Delta e = 0.0565 \Delta H$	$e = e - \Delta e$	$h = H_0 - \Delta H$	Effective Stress
0	0.00000	0.513	20.00	0.0000
0.86	0.04859	0.464	19.14	100.102
1.16	0.06554	0.448	18.84	200.204
1.43	0.08079	0.432	18.57	300.306
1.59	0.08984	0.423	18.41	400.408
1.69	0.09549	0.448	18.31	500.501

Field data, 2016

c) Design of Structural Elements

i. Live Load for Footbridge

For loaded length in excess of 30m

$$\text{Live load, } q_k = k \times 5.0 \text{ kN/m}^2 \quad [17]$$

Where,

$$K = \frac{\text{nominal HA UDL for appropriate loaded length (in kN/m)}}{30 \text{ kN/m}} \quad [18]$$

HA value for loaded length (32.4m) = 29.1 kN/m

Therefore,

$$K = \frac{29.1 \text{ kN/m}}{30 \text{ kN/m}} = 0.97$$

 But $q_k = k \times 5.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$

 Therefore, $q_k = 0.97 \times 5.0 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 4.85 \text{ kN/m}^2$

ii. Steel Plate for Treads

Assume 300mm x 2400mm size

Plate Loading

Dead load from plate

$$= 25.55 \text{ kg/m}^2 \times 0.3 \text{ m} \times 2.4 \text{ m} + 25.55 \text{ kg/m}^2 \times 0.147 \text{ m} \times 2.4 \text{ m}$$

$$= 27.41 \text{ kg} \times 10 = 274.1 \text{ N} \times 10^{-3} = 0.274 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Characteristic impose load} = 2.4 \text{ m} \times 0.3 \text{ m} \times 4.85 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 3.49 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Impose load on riser/tread} = 3.49 \times 22 = 76.78 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Design load, } n = 1.4g_k + 1.6q_k$$

$$= 1.4 \times 0.274 + 1.6 \times 76.78 = 123.23 \text{ kN}$$

Bending moment

$$BM_{\max} = WL/8 \quad [19]$$

$$= 123.23 \times 0.3 / 8 = 4.62 \text{ kNm}$$

For short span girder

$$\text{Span/depth} = 12$$

$$\text{Span/depth} = 15$$

$$2390 \text{ mm/depth} = 15$$

$$\text{Depth} = 2390 \text{ mm} / 15 = 159 \text{ mm} \approx 160 \text{ mm}$$

 Since $d = 160 \text{ mm} > 150 \text{ mm}$; take $p_y = 225 \text{ N/mm}^2$

$$\text{Area of flanges, } A_f = M/d \times p_y \quad [20]$$

$$= 4.62 \times 10^6 / 160 \times 225$$

$$4620000 / 36000 = 128.33 \text{ mm}^2$$

 Width of the flanges is within the range of $0.5d$

$$= 0.5 \times 160 \text{ mm} = 80 \text{ mm}$$

$$128.33 / 80 = 1.604; \text{ assume } 2 \text{ mm}$$

 Assume a plate size $80 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm}$

$$\text{Area} = 80 \times 2 = 160 \text{ mm}^2 > 128.33 \text{ mm}^2$$

The section chosen for the plate girder flanges as OK, the plate can be used.

 Adopt the section $80 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm}$

For the Web

$$T \geq d/20 \quad [21]$$

$$T \geq 160/20 = 1.333$$

 Since T is a little bit small use the dimension of the flanges for the web $80 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm}$
Section Classification

Flanges

$$T = 160 \text{ mm}; p_y = 225 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

But

$$\epsilon = (275/p_y)^{1/2} \quad [22]$$

$$\epsilon = (275/225)^{1/2} = 1.11$$

$$b = \frac{80-2}{2} = 39$$

$$T = 160 \text{ mm}$$

$$b/T = 39/160 = 0.243$$

For welded section

$$b/T = 13\epsilon$$

$$b/T = 13 \times 1.11 = 14.43 > 0.24$$

Therefore, the flanges are semi compact

Serviceability Deflection under Imposed Load

$$\delta = \frac{0.50}{384} \times \frac{wl^4}{EI} \quad [23]$$

$$W = 1.0g_k + 1.0q_k$$

$$= 13.814 + 38.39 = 52.204 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Where, } E = 205 \times 10^9 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$I = 4010 \text{ cm}^4 = 4010 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\delta = \frac{5}{384} \times \frac{52.204 \times 103 \text{ N} \times (7670)^4 \text{ mm}^4}{7670 \text{ mm} \times 205 \times 109 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times 4010 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4}$$

$$= \frac{9.0334 \times 1020 \text{ mm}}{2.4212 \times 1025}$$

$$= 3.7309 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{But } \delta < \text{span}/360$$

$$= 3.7309 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm} < 7670 \text{ mm}/360$$

$$= 3.7309 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm} < 21.30 \text{ mm}: M_c > M_{\max}: \text{Ok}$$

Moment Capacity

$$M_c = p_y S_x \quad [24]$$

$$S_x = 1010 \text{ cm}^3 = 1010 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$M_c = 275 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times 1010 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$= \frac{277750000 \text{ Nmm}}{106}$$

$$= 277.75 \text{ KNm} > 253.76 \text{ KNm}$$

Serviceability deflection under imposed load

$$W = 1.0g_k + 1.0q_k$$

$$= 25.23 + 75.60$$

$$= 100.83 \text{ KN}$$

$$\delta = \frac{5w_l^4}{384EI} \quad (\text{from eq. 23})$$

$$\text{Where } E = 205 \times 10^9 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$I_x = 16000 \text{ cm}^4 = 16000 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\delta = \frac{5}{384} \times \frac{100.83 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \times (12990)^4 \text{ mm}^4}{205 \times 10^9 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times 16000 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4}$$

$$= \frac{1.4355 \times 1022 \text{ mm}}{1.6361 \times 1026}$$

$$= 8.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}: \text{OK}$$

$$\text{But}$$

$$\delta < L/360$$

$$8.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm} < 12990 \text{ mm}/360$$

$$8.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm} < 36.08 \text{ mm}: \text{OK}$$

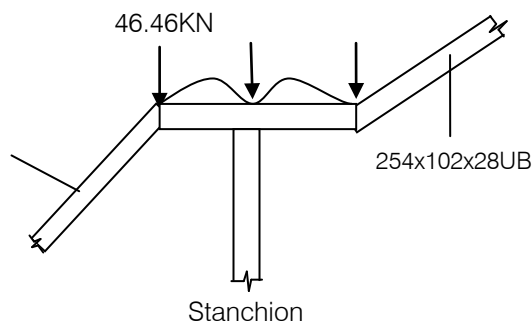


Fig. 1: Moment on the Stanchion

Bending moment

$$BM_{\max} = 46.46 \times 1.2 + 12.22 \times 1.2/2$$

$$= 63.08 \text{ KNm}$$

Adopt 254x102x28UB since $77.43 \text{ KNm} > 63.08 \text{ KNm}$

Column

Dead load, $g_k =$

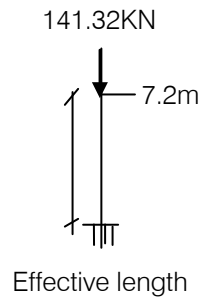
$$46.46 + \frac{6.64}{2} + \frac{12.22}{2} + \frac{13 \text{ kg/m} \times 10 \times 10^{-3}}{2} + 1.78$$

$$= 57.74 \text{ KN}$$

$$\text{Live load, } q_k = \frac{12.99 \times 1.2 \times 4.48}{2}$$

$$= 37.80 \text{ KN}$$

$$\text{Design load, } n = 1.4(57.74) + 1.6(37.80) = 141.32 \text{ KN}$$



$$L_e = 1.0L \quad [25]$$

Where, $L = 7200 \text{ mm}$

Therefore, $L_e = 1.0 \times 7200 = 7200 \text{ mm}$

Assume section $203 \times 203 \times 46 \text{ UC}$

$T = 11.0 \text{ mm}$; area of section, $A_g = 58.7 \text{ cm}^2$

Radius of gyration, $V_y = 5.13 \text{ cm}$

$b/T = 9.25$; $d/t = 22.3$

Since $T \leq 16 \text{ mm}$ $P_y = 275 \text{ N/mm}^2$

For outstand $b/T = 15\epsilon$ semi compact

For web $d/t \leq 40\epsilon$

$$\epsilon = (275/P_y)^{1/2} = (275/275)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$b/T = 9.25 \leq 15\epsilon$$

$$= 9.25 \leq 15 \times 1$$

$$= 9.25 \leq 15$$

$$d/t = 22.3 \leq 40\epsilon$$

$$= 22.3 \leq 40 \times 1$$

$$= 22.3 \leq 40$$

$$P_c = A_g p_c \quad [26]$$

$$\lambda = L_e/V_y = 7200/(5.13 \times 10) = 140$$

Using curve C; assuming it buckle along y-y with S275

$$P_c = 76 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{But } A_g = 58.7 \text{ cm}^2 = (58.7 \times 10^2) \text{ mm}^2$$

$$P_c = A_g p_c \quad (\text{from eq.26})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (58.7 \times 10^2) \text{ mm}^2 \times 76 \text{ N/mm}^2 \\
 &= 446120 \text{ N} \times 10^{-3} \\
 &= 446.12 \text{ kN} > 141.32 \text{ kN: OK}
 \end{aligned}$$

Foundation

$$\text{Axial Load} = 141.32 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Stanchion load from } 203 \times 203 \times 46 \text{ UC}$$

$$= 46.1 \text{ kg/m} \times 10 \times 0^3 = 0.461 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Allowable bearing capacity} = 233 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\text{Assume footing weight} = 50 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{cu} = 25 \text{ N/mm}^2; F_y = 460 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Concrete cover} = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Live load}$$

$$= 4.85(2.4 \times 7.67) + (1.2 \times 7.67/2) \times 4.85$$

$$= 111.59 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Dead load} = 141.32 + 0.461 + 50 = 191.78 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Serviceability limit state}$$

$$= 1.0g_k + 1.0q_k$$

$$= 191.78 + 111.59 = 303.37 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Required base area}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of footing} &= \frac{\text{Service load}}{\text{Bearing capacity}} \\
 &= \frac{303.37 \text{ kN}}{233 \text{ kN/m}^2} \\
 &= 1.302 \text{ m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{This provides } 1300 \text{ mm} \times 1300 \text{ mm} \times 450 \text{ mm footing}$$

$$\text{Ultimate Limit State}$$

$$n = 1.4g_k + 1.6q_k$$

$$= 1.4 \times 141.78 + 1.6 \times 111.59$$

$$= 377.036 \text{ kN}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Earth pressure} &= \frac{377.036 \text{ kN}}{1.69 \text{ m}^2} \\
 &= 223.09 \text{ kN/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Assume } 450 \text{ mm Thick Footing}$$

$$\text{Concrete cover } 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Assume } 20 \text{ mm } \phi \text{ bar in both direction}$$

$$\text{Then}$$

$$d = h - c - \phi / 2 = 450 - 50 - 20/2 = 390 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Punching Shear}$$

$$\text{Critical perimeter} = \text{col perimeter} + 4\pi d \quad [27]$$

$$= 4 \times 203 + 4 \times 3.142 \times 390$$

$$= 5712 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Area within Perimeter}$$

$$= (203 + 4d)^2 - (4 - \pi)(2d)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (203 + 4 \times 390)^2 - (4 - 3.142)(2 \times 390)^2 \\
 &= 2.58 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Punching shear force}$$

$$V_{ED} = 456(1.692 - 2.58) = 125.9 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{Punching shear force} = V_{ED} / \text{col perimeter} \times d$$

$$= 125.9 \times 103 / 5712 \times 390$$

$$= 0.056 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Bending Reinforcement}$$

$$M = 223.09 \times 1.3 \times \frac{0.525^2}{2}$$

$$= 39.97 \text{ kNm}$$

$$= 0.00808 \leq 0.156$$

$$\text{For the Concrete}$$

$$\mu_u = 0.156 f_{cu} b d^2$$

$$= 0.156 \times 25 \times 1300 \times 390^2$$

$$= 771.15 \text{ kNm} > 39.97 \text{ kNm}$$

$$K = M / f_{cu} b d^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{39.97 \times 10^6}{25 \times 1300 \times 390^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

III. CONCLUSION

The outputs of the design analysis indicate that the chosen sections for all the structural members of the footbridge are adequate in term of ultimate and serviceability considerations. The soil analysis shows that it would be able to withstand the load from the columns and vibrations from vehicular movement.

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