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## Introduction to 100 Eleventh Avenue

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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE



### General Information

- 22-story residential building
- Location.....Manhattan's West Chelsea District
- Size.....148,000 sf
- Project Cost.....Unreleased

### The Players

- Design Architect.....Jean Nouvel
- Executive Architect.....Beyer Blinder Belle
- Structural Consultant.....DeSimone Consulting Engineers



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### Architectural Design Concept

- Panelized curtain wall system
  - 1650 windows uniquely sized and oriented
  - Bottom six levels enclosed by a second facade
- Building as a “vision machine”
- Curved facade meant to contour the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> street and West Side Highway



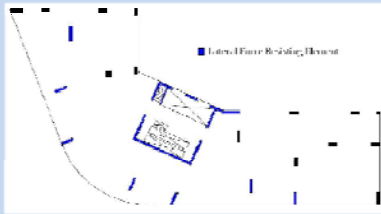
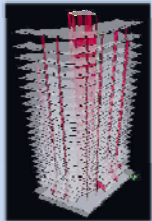
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Typical Floor Plan (Levels 7-21)

**Existing Structural System**

- Gravity System
  - 9" thick two-way concrete flat plate floor system
  - Concrete strength:
    - Slab – 6 ksi
    - Columns/Wall – 7.8 ksi
  - Typical spans of 18' to 23'
- Lateral System
  - 12" core shear walls, in combination with seven "long" columns



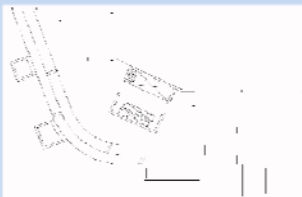
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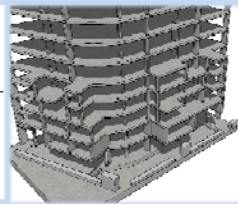
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6th Level



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  - 12" core shear walls, in combination with seven "long" columns
- Intricate balcony system found at Levels 1 through 6
  - Cantilevered columns at Level 2 allow for column free space at street-level atrium



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**Existing System – Perimeter Slab Strip**

- Spans increase to maximum of 34 feet
- Facade load of 500 lb/ft
- As a result, slab thickens from 9" (typical) to 18.5" along 9.5'-wide portion of perimeter
- Advantages
  - Practical means of meeting strength and deflection requirements
- Disadvantages
  - Negative effect on exposed ceiling appearance
  - Decreased floor-to-ceiling height at perimeter
  - Increased weight and material usage



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Existing Systems – 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Transfer System

- 3 columns transfer to accommodate a building setback of 13'
- Forces transferred via 18.5" transfer slab, reinforced with #10's @ 6" o.c. E.W. (top and bottom of slab)

- Advantages
  - Easily formed
- Disadvantages
  - Very heavily reinforced



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## Proposed Solutions

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### Thickened Perimeter Slab Strip

- Post-tension 9.5'-wide slab strip
- Goal of Design
  - Reduce 18.5" perimeter slab strip to *typical thickness of 9"* without significant increase in *cost* or *schedule*

### 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Transfer Slab

- Design alternate system using transfer beams in lieu of transfer slab
- Goal of Design
  - Substantially reduce *cost*, *weight* and *material usage* of system without significant impact on *schedule*

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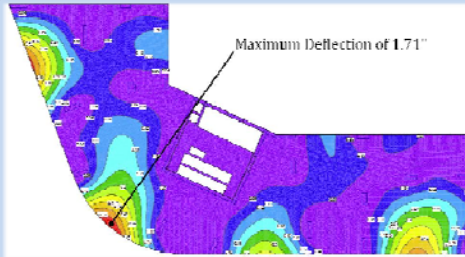
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Typical Floor without Thickened Perimeter

### Understanding the Existing Design

- 10" thickness required for flexural strength

- Critical Deflection limitations used by structural consultants

- $\Delta \leq 1"$  (for portions of slab supporting facade)
- $\Delta \leq L/360$  (immediate)
- $\Delta \leq L/240$  (total)

- Conclusion: deflection limitations drove existing design

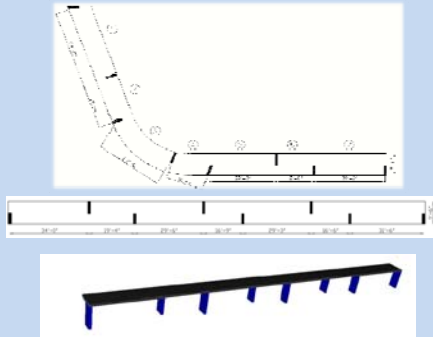


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### Design Procedure

- Single design for typical floor of Levels 7 through 21
- Levels 2 through 6 require individual attention
- Design and analysis assumed curved perimeter to act as a single equivalent frame



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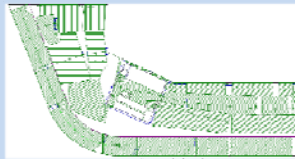
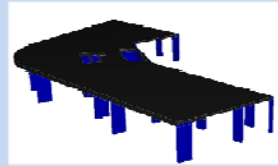
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Design Strips defined

Utilizing RAM Concept

- A finite element method (FEM) analysis program for elevated slabs
  - Linear elastic analysis
- FEM (as opposed to more traditional Equivalent Frame Method) advantageous in modeling highly irregular floors with no regular grid
- Links FEM analysis with concrete code by defining “design strips”



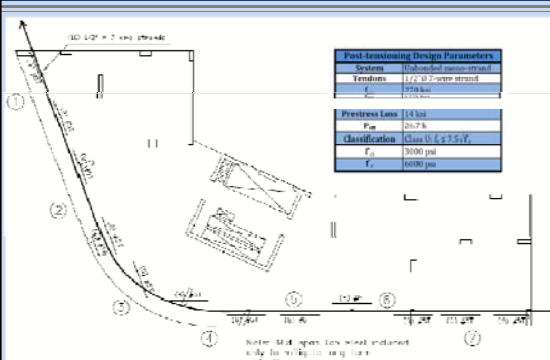
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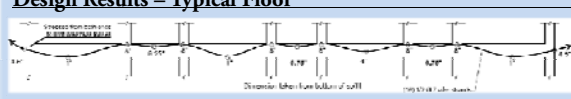
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Prestressing Design Parameters	
System	Unbonded post-tensioned
Tendons	1/2" Ø 7-wire strand
$E_s$	29,000 ksi
$f_{pu}$	270 ksi
Prestress Loss	
$P_{loss}$	21.7%
Classification	Class II (S & T 5.1)
$f_{ci}$	3000 psi
$f_{cs}$	4000 psi

#### Design Results – Typical Floor



- (16) 1/2" Ø 7-wire strands
- P/A = 416 psi





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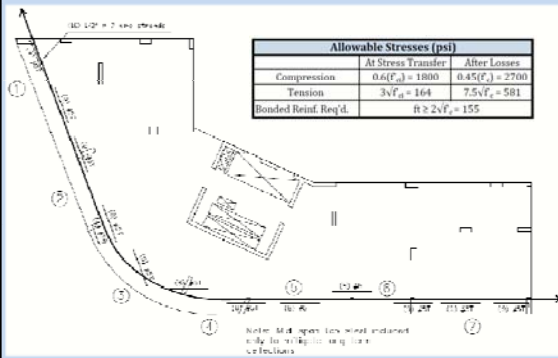
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### Design Results – Typical Floor

Item	Spans							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Span (ft)	14' 0"	17' 4"	29' 6"	16' 9"	29' 3"	16' 6"	31' 6"	31' 6"
# of Tendons	10	16	16	10	16	16	10	10
$P/A$ (psi)	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
Balanced Load $(D_u/D)^*$	1.4	1.3	2.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5
to Dead Load Balanced	100%	80%	77%	53%	100%	100%	65%	65%
Midspan Total Deflection	0.75"	0.09"	0.71"	0.69"	0.56"	0.69"	0.69"	0.79"
Center of 1' x 1' Area	0.85"	0.48"	0.74"	0.41"	0.73"	0.41"	0.79"	0.79"
Midspan Initial Service Stresses**								
$f_{top}$ (psi)	-148	-212	96	-175	-69	-214	-114	-114
$f_{bot}$ (psi)	-473	-235	-472	-180	-282	-251	-484	-484
Midspan Service Stresses**								
$f_{top}$ (psi)	-580	-362	-310	-142	-332	-200	-420	-420
$f_{bot}$ (psi)	-73	-72	82	-145	79	-224	81	81

Item	Supports							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Column #	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1
Support Initial Service Stresses**								
$f_{top}$ (psi)	-802	-203	491	-375	-348	-230	-383	-651
$f_{bot}$ (psi)	-368	-119	32	2	23	-85	-78	-229
Support Service Stresses**								
$f_{top}$ (psi)	-381	401	248	250	399	375	329	-55
$f_{bot}$ (psi)	-621	-678	-472	-495	-379	-611	-620	-666

\* Average balanced load = 1.3 k/ft.  
\*\* Negative values denote compression.

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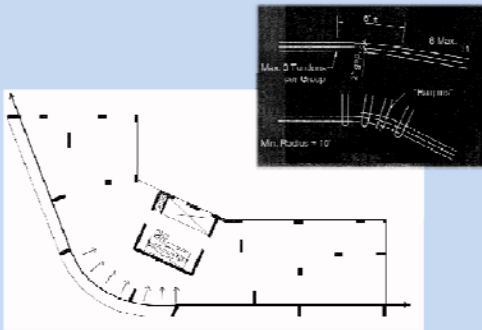


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### Additional Considerations

- Tendons to be stressed from both ends
- $P/A > 300$  psi
- Counteracting curved tendons desire to "straighten out"



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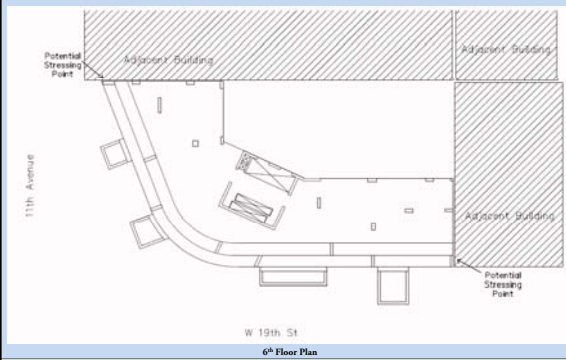
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### Design Results – Lower Floors

• Post-tensioned perimeter design complicated by balcony system

• Two key issues:  
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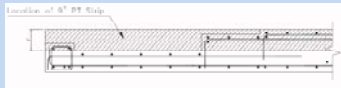
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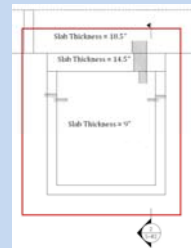


PT 9" slab superimposed on existing

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  - (2) Balcony slab drops



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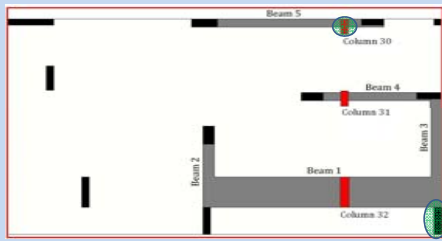
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Column Load Takedown Results	
Column	Load (k)
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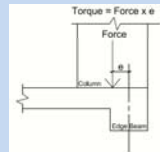
### Design Procedure

- (5) beams necessary to transfer Columns 30, 31 & 32

- Design must satisfy (3) general requirements:

- (1) Strength.....*Flexure, Shear, Torsion*
- (2) Serviceability.....*Deflection*
- (3) Architectural.....*Beam depth limited to 18.5"*

- Consideration of Torsion



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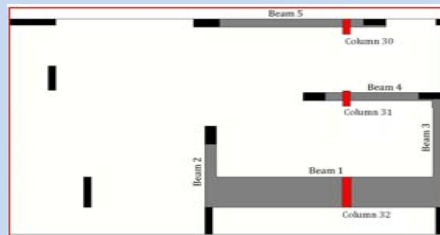
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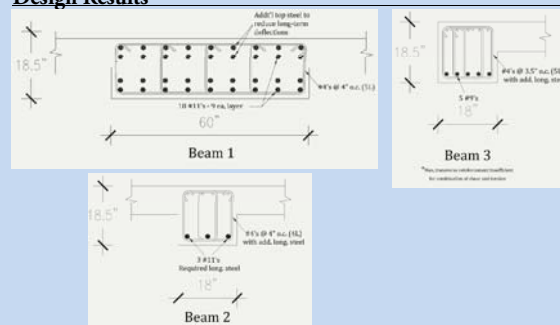
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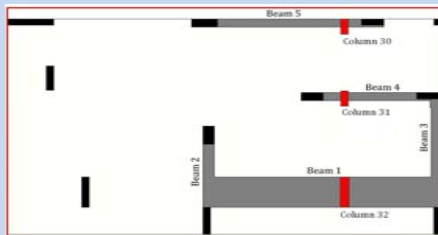
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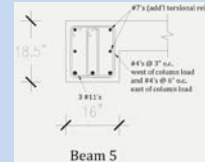
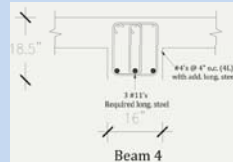
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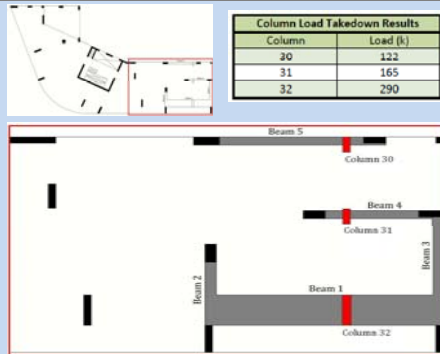
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Beam ID	Span	Point Load Location	M <sub>x</sub> (ft-k)	φM <sub>x</sub> (ft-k)	V <sub>x</sub> (k)	φV <sub>x</sub> (k)	T <sub>x</sub> (ft-k)	φT <sub>x</sub> (ft-k)	All design parameters satisfied?
1	21'-0"	0.40L	-1651	1775*	251	263	-	-	No
2	14'-0"	0.34L	+221	301	152	175	-	-	Yes
3	20'-9"	0.23L	+355	335*	224	**	37	**	No
4	16'-0"	0.38L	+213	297	152	171	-	-	Yes
5	13'-0"	0.71L	+246	297	138	138	71	71	Yes

\*Uses effective flange width as beam width in flexural strength calculation  
 \*\* ACI 318-08 Eq. 11-16 not met (i.e. section not large enough for combined shear and torsion)

- Beam 1:  $\Delta_{total} = 2.74"$   
 $\Delta_{allowable} = L/240 = 1.58"$  ❌
- Beam 3: Section insufficient for combination of shear and torsion (ACI 318 Eq. 11-19) ❌



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### Breadth Topics

- **Construction Management**
  - Importance → help determine success of alternate designs
    - Material Usage
    - Cost
    - Impact on Schedule
  
- **Shading**
  - Study of *exterior* shading strategy
  - Not presented



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Construction Management Breadth

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Perimeter Strip Material Take off			
Item	Concrete (cy)	Steel (ton)	Prestressed Steel (ton)
Existing Design	1229	47	0
Alternate Design	696	16	11
Material Savings	+533	+31	-11
Total Weight Reduction	2197 kton		
Structure is 5.2% lighter*			

\*Compared to structure weight of 41,852 k calculated in Technical Report 1

Perimeter Slab Design – Material Usage / Cost

- Superstructure over 5% lighter
- Over \$180,000 in savings
  - \$12,000 per floor (roughly 7% of existing floor cost)

- High labor cost of installing tendons in NYC overcome by significant material reduction

Item	Quantity	Existing Design				Total*
		Material	Labor	Equipment	Total	
Steel Reinforcement (tons)	46.8	77220	22952	-	100172	22680
Cast-in-place Concrete (cy)	1229	171691	33708	16346	221835	257353
Total	-	248911	56730	16346	321987	379033
Adjusted for Location	-	\$ 264,895	\$ 93,377	\$ 16,340	\$ 374,612	\$ 495,396

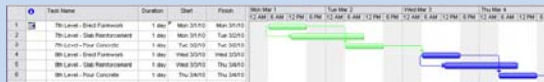
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Item	Quantity	Post-tensioned Slab Perimeter Design				Total*
		Material	Labor	Equipment	Total	
Steel Reinforcement (tons)	16.4	37060	8036	-	45096	47640
Cast-in-place Concrete (cy)	696	97221	15660	7506	120487	138114
Post-tensioning Steel (lb)	37784	14132	22353	456	41941	60860
Total	-	139123	31049	8062	179234	246614
Adjusted for Location	-	\$ 146,867	\$ 84,036	\$ 8,062	\$ 238,965	\$ 316,289

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Existing Design - 2 day cycle



PT Design - 3 day cycle

**Perimeter Slab Design – Impact on Schedule**

- Existing Design → 2-day cycle (typical floors)
- Levels 7 through 21 erected in **30 days**
- PT Design → 3-day cycle
- Tendon placement
  - requires additional crew
  - (1) additional day per floor
- Levels 7 through 21 erected in **48 days**



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Transfer System Material Take off			
Item	Concrete (cy)	Steel (ton)	Beam Formwork (sfca)
Existing Design	71	21	0
Alternate Design	47	6.5	370
Material Savings	+24	-14.5	-370
Total Weight Reduction		1.27 kips	
Transfer System is 4% lighter / Structure is 0.3% lighter*			

\*Compared to structure weight of 41,852 k, calculated in Technical Report 1

**Transfer System Design – Material Usage / Cost**

- Superstructure 0.3% lighter
- \$15,000 in savings

- Increased cost of beam formwork counteracts savings in material

Existing Design						
Item	Quantity	Costs (\$)			Total	Total*
		Material	Labor	Equipment		
Slab Reinforcement (ton)	13.2	18480	3169	-	21649	24152
Cast in place Concrete (cy)	71	9919	1953	944	11816	14867
Total	-	28399	5122	944	34465	39019
Adjusted for Location	-	\$ 30,121	\$ 6,759	\$ 944	\$ 37,824	\$ 45,723

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Transfer Beam Design						
Item	Quantity	Costs (\$)			Total	Total*
		Material	Labor	Equipment		
Slab Reinforcement (ton)	14	2049	354	-	2403	4160
Slab Cast in place Concrete (cy)	27.3	3814	614	298	4726	5064
Beam Formwork (sfca)	370	408	1913	-	2321	3420
Beam Reinforcement (ton)	4.9	7295	3065	-	10360	13365
Beam Cast in place Concrete (cy)	7.7	1076	424	204	1704	2047
Total	-	15512	4079	502	20093	26656
Adjusted for Location	-	\$ 16,480	\$ 11,191	\$ 502	\$ 28,173	\$ 36,470

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**Transfer System Design – Impact on Schedule**

• Using RS Means output data:

• Existing Design → 3 days

- 2 days to place rebar
- 1 day for concrete pouring/finishing

• Alternate Design → 4.5 days

- (1) additional day for formwork
- (0.5) additional days for rebar placement

Construction Output from RS Means Building Construction Cost Data, 2009		
Material	Unit	Output/Day
Forms in Place, Beam	sfea	377
Forms in Place, Flat Plate	sftca	560
Reinforcing, Beam	ton	2.7
Reinforcing, Slab, #4-#7 and higher	ton	2.9
Reinforcing, Slab, #7 and higher	ton	4.9
Concrete, Slab, 6-10" thick, Crane & Bucket	cy	110
Placing concrete, Slab, over 10" thick, Crane & Bucket	cy	90
Placing concrete, Beam, Crane & Bucket	cy	45



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Perimeter Slab Design

Alternate System Conclusions						
Design	Strength, Service, and Architectural Req's Met?	Interior Appearance	Monetary Savings	Material Savings	Weight Reduction	Impact on Schedule
PT Perimeter Slab Design	Yes	Improved	\$100,500	Significant	31.97 k	-18 days
Transfer Beam System	No	Worsened	\$15,000	Insignificant	127 k	+1.5 days

• Design Goals Revisited:

- Thickness successfully reduced to 9" ✓
- Cost of design did not increase ✓
- Impact on schedule bearable considering improvements ✓

**Conclusion:**

Design is a satisfactory solution that improves the interior space



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Transfer System Design

Alternate System Conclusions						
Design	Strength, Service, and Architectural Req's Met?	Interior Appearance	Monetary Savings	Material Savings	Weight Reduction	Impact on Schedule
PT Perimeter Slab Strip	Yes	Improved	\$100,000	Significant	21.99 k	-18 days
Transfer: Trans System	No	Worsened	\$15,000	Insignificant	127 k	+1.5 days

• Design Goals Revisited:

- Design requirements could not be met ❌
- Insignificant savings in material, cost and weight ❌
- Impact on schedule insignificant ✅

Conclusion:

Even if design requirements could be satisfied, disadvantages far outweigh advantages



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