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The attached drawings show a revised anchor system for U2 joint armor in backwalls. The

revision was made after a failure occurred on a recently constructed bridge on I40 over Cadron

Creek. It appeared that the construction sequence and construction tolerances left the 4 plate

above the span when the bridge was opened to traffic. The original anchor system was

insufficient when the 3/4 plated acted as a cantilever. A field review of six U2 joints revealed

varying degrees of contact for the 3/4 plate and span. The worst joint had three points of contact

with up to 3/16" gap elsewhere. In view of the observed construction tolerances and considering

that the proposed LRFD specs require joint armor to be designed as a cantilever when spans are

supported by elastomeric bearings, the attached changes were made. **Note the additional

backwall reinforcing and hew optional construction joint. We will be using this system on all

jobs from today forward.

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Dale said to try this on a few jobs.

