## HOW SQUARE-FOOT COSTS ARE CALCULATED

Typically, the Total-Cost Amount will include items of work that are not directly related to the cost of the structure. The items not directly related to the cost of the structure are the Excluded-Cost Amount. The Cost-Less-Excluded Amount is the cost of the items directly related to bridge construction.

Square foot costs are calculated by dividing the total square foot area of the deck (out-to-out and end-to-end) into the Cost-Less-Excluded Amount.

Items in the bridge group that are excluded:

- Concrete and Steel for Bridge Approaches
- Removal of Structure
- Traffic Control Items
- Training
- Excavation (except for bridge excavation)
- Other items included for bidding convenience

