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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Spire Structure

Arup

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Site Plan – Fayetteville, NC

Spire Geometry

- 4 steel pylons arranged in cruciform shape at base, tapered to various heights
- 22 ft x 18 ft plan profile
- 120 136 ft tall
- Flame torch at 104 ft



Design Criteria

Codes

- North Carolina Building Code
- ASCE 7-16

Loading on structure

- Dead load (self weight of structure)
- Wind loads
 - Basic wind speed of 121 mph
 - Tornado wind speed 200 mph
- Snow loads (10 psf)
- Ice loads (1.5 in. thick ice)

Lateral Deflections

• Limit to Height/200 under wind loads (approx. 8")





Interaction between Pylons



Response to Wind Loads

Base Scheme Options



Scheme 1

Scheme 2

Scheme 3

Intersection Geometry





Scheme 1

Scheme 2

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Section 2

Current Scheme





Section at mid-height

Base Plan

Current Scheme Development



Advantages of Current Scheme

- All four pylons connected via center shaft
- Stiffer structure
- Material savings
- Trapezoidal sections give slim appearance while allowing for sufficient cross-sectional area
- Easier to construct



Foundation



42 ft x 46 ft x 4 ft deep concrete pad



Steel base plates shop welded to each pylon

Trapezoidal Cross Sections

- Steel plates shop welded
 - FILLET WELD (\$) EQ. EQ. Inset plates Full depth stiffener plate CJP WELD (\$\$\$) EQ.-EQ. EQ. Flush outer edges Short fins
- Stiffening of deep cross sections

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Splice Detailing





Welded sleeve joint

Through-bolted sleeve joint

Crane lifts pieces into place

Connection to Shaft



Concept sketch



Stress concentrations



Detailing options

Torch Detailing



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Material Selection Corten Weathering Steel



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