

Assessing the performance of a transportation lifeline in the Philippines, the Light Rail Transit (LRT) System, under a large magnitude earthquake

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Summary

This paper therefore investigates the reliability index of the columns of the LRT under a Level 1 (El Centro) earthquake and Level 2 (Tohoku-Kanto) earthquake using ordinary Monte Carlo Simulation. Based from the maiden structural plans of LRT, the slenderness ratio of columns based from the ACI 318 was observed and checked for buckling failure. The reliability indices of the light railway transit, specifically in one of its reinforced concrete pier, is 3.06 (unconfined, NSCP 2010) and 3.67 (confined, NSCP 2001) when it was simulated under a Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake. A similar scenario was also computed for the simulation of El Centro Earthquake, that is, 3.50 (unconfined, NSCP 2010) and 4.10 (confined, NSCP 2010). This can be attributed to the effectiveness of the confinement model used in this simulation, that is, a maximum of 92% improvement of confinement in the reinforced concrete pier.

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