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**Manitowoc MLC300 helps accelerate bridge replacement in Washington**

* *Ceccanti, a Tacoma, Washington-based construction company* deployed the crawler because of its maneuverability on the job site and high capacity for reach and weight.
* Positioned on a bulkhead on the shore of the river, the MLC300 has increased velocity at the job site, and now the project will complete five months ahead of schedule.

Ceccanti, a Tacoma, Washington-based construction company, needed a crane with superior maneuverability that could handle heavy loads at great heights to assist with the replacement of an old wooden bridge in Ridgefield, Washington. The contractor found the MLC300 crawler crane had the right features to get the job done in the shortest time possible.

“We chose the MLC300 because of its superior capacity at radius and its maneuverability when compared to similar cranes in its range, and even larger cranes,” said Jake Brockmoller, project manager at Ceccanti. “This crawler crane’s radius allowed service of 75% of the job with help from the derrick barge. We would have certainly lost time and money if we had deployed other equipment.”

The work in Ridgefield started last February. Initially, the contractor had the job scheduled to take 14 months to complete, but now it is going to wrap up approximately five months ahead of schedule, in November. By then, the single-lane wooden bridge will be replaced by a two-lane concrete bridge that will pass over railroad tracks on the opposite riverbank.

Brockmoller explained that the MLC300 was positioned on a bulkhead built on the shore of the river. From there, the crane enabled Ceccanti to set shaft cages, position casings, place girders and all other construction support to take place without moving. The MLC300 lifted girders as heavy as 66.5 USt to heights of 65 ft and rebar cages as heavy as 61 USt to as high as 125 ft.

Western Pacific Crane & Equipment (Western Pacific) was instrumental in helping Ceccanti find the best crane to efficiently complete the job in Ridgefield. Working from their Arlington, Washington regional facility, Western Pacific consulted with Ceccanti on the nature of the project and helped the company conclude that the MLC300’s strong load chart at long radii would be needed for the lifts from one side of the river. Western Pacific helped Ceccanti determine that the company could save money by deploying the MLC300 over alternative lifting strategies.

“As a Manitowoc crane distributor we strive to support our customers with the best consultation and support service possible,” said Randy DeFosse, general manager at Western Pacific. “This project presented a multitude of logical challenges. The versatility and best-in-class capacity of the MLC300 were the perfect solution to our customers’ needs and job site requirements. We are pleased to hear that the crane is not only getting the job done but helping Ceccanti to save time and money in the process.”

The MLC300 features a 386 USt capacity and 334.6 ft boom, which can also be fitted with a 315 ft luffing jib. It comes standard with Manitowoc’s CCS (Crane Control System) that offers a user-friendly interface, two full-graphic displays mounted horizontally for better visibility, a jog dial for easier data input and ergonomic joysticks.

**To learn more about the MLC300,**[**click here**](https://www.manitowoccranes.com/en/cranes/manitowoc/crawler-cranes/lattice-boom-crawlers/MLC300) .

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