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## EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE PIERS SUBJECTED TO BI-DIRECTIONAL QUASI-STATIC LOADING

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This research aims to determine the effect of loading pattern on the damage of a reinforced concrete bridge column. Five specimens were tested with uni-directional or bi-directional cyclic loading patterns combined with a uniform axial load. From the test results, the theoretical plastic hinge zone length was calculated considering the yield penetration effect and the energy dissipated by the specimens was obtained.

**Key Words:** bi-directional cyclic loading, RC column members, plastic hinge zone length, energy dissipation

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