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ATTENTION: Mr. John T. Thomas, Jr.  
NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: **Nationwide Permit 23 and Nationwide Permit 33 Application** for the proposed replacement of Bridge Nos. 128 and 130 on I-85 Business over Abbotts Creek, Davidson County, Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-29 (19), State Project 8.1602001, WBS Element 33453.1.1, TIP No. B-4095

Please see the enclosed Pre-Construction Notice (PCN), permit drawings, design plans and Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the subject project. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) plans to replace Bridge Nos. 128 and 130 with new three span bridges with a minimum length of 220 feet. The new bridges will be constructed in place. The existing bridges will be used as detours. Bridge No. 128 will be used as a two-lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 130 is being replaced in place. The new Bridge No. 130 will then be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 128 is replaced in place. During the construction period, the speed limit in the project area will be lowered to 45 mph because of the two-lane detour and to meet the temporary detour design requirements. In addition, wide load vehicles will be directed to off-site detour routes.

The typical section for the structures includes two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot outside shoulders and a 4-foot inside shoulders. The typical section for the approach roadway for the permanent replacement structures consists of four 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot outside paved shoulders and 2-foot inside paved shoulders. The approach roadways will extend approximately 1500 east and approximately 1500 west of the new bridges. The design speed of the roadway is 60 mph. The elevation of the new structures will be approximately the same as the existing structures. The replacement structures are bridges with a minimum grade to facilitate drainage.

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## IMPACT TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

General Description: The project is located in the Yadkin River basin (Sub-basin 03-07-07), Hydrologic Unit Code 03040103. The jurisdictional resource in the project area is Abbotts Creek. Abbotts Creek is a perennial stream. The Division of Water Quality stream index number for Abbotts Creek is 12-119-(6). The channel of Abbotts Creek at the bridges is approximately 45 feet wide and has an average depth of 1.5 feet. The creek appeared to have an E5 Rosgen classification (stream with gentle slopes, and sandy bed with some gravel and silt/clay deposits) although this was difficult to determine due to high turbidity. From the upstream side of the bridges to the Abbotts Creek arm of High Rock Lake, Abbotts Creek has a best usage classification of C. Upstream of the bridges the best usage classification is WS-III, CA [stream index number 12-119-(4.5)].

According to the City of Lexington Utilities Water Resource section, there are two water valves located upstream of the bridges (west of Abbotts Creek) and immediately north of the study area. These water valves are from the water plant and one serves as a drain structure and the other serves as an intake structure. A valid permit is maintained for these structures. The intake structure is not being used at this time and has not been used for a long time. The drain structure is used periodically.

No Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW), High Quality Waters (HQW), WS-I, or WS-II Waters occur within 1.0 mile of the project study area.

Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds are listed on the CE Greensheet. The study area is not located in a ORW, HQW, WS-I or WS-II. The site is located in a critical area (CA) because it is near two water valves that are not currently being used as intake structures (see above paragraph). Project construction will occur downstream of the water valves. Because of these reasons NCDOT will use Best Management practices for this project and not Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds.

Permanent Impacts: There will be 0.01 acres of permanent surface water impacts associated with the project. The permanent impacts are resulting from fill in surface waters due to construction of the proposed substructures (bents) of each bridge (0.0007 acre). The project will not impact wetlands.

The CE states that no bents will be placed in the creek. Bents are now proposed because the bridge structure could not be adjusted to keep the bents out of the creek.

Temporary Impacts: There will be 0.04 acres of temporary surface water impacts due to installation of two temporary work pads for each bridge (0.02 acres). No temporary wetland impacts are associated with this project.

Bridge Demolition: Bridge No. 128 carries I-85 Business – US 29/70 northbound traffic. Bridge No. 128 was built in 1951. The overall bridge length is 200 feet. Bridge No. 128 has four spans, each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a reinforced concrete cap on a spread footing at end bent 1, a reinforced concrete cap on timber piles at end bent 2 and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents.

Bridge No. 130 carries I-85 Business- US 29/70 southbound traffic and was built in 1946. The overall bridge length is 200 feet. The bridge has four spans, each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a spill through concrete abutment at End Bent 1, a reinforced concrete cap on steel piles at End Bent 2, and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents.

For each bridge, the roadway width, including paved shoulders, is 30 feet and the total deck width is 33.3 feet. The existing approach roadway width, including paved shoulders is approximately 30 feet for each bridge. The height of each bridge (from crown to bed) is 26 feet. The existing median width is 24 feet. The existing right of way includes the maintained area and is 260 feet. There are no posted weight limits. The posted speed limit is 55 mph.

Bridges No. 128 and 130 will be removed without dropping components into Waters of the United States. Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters and Bridge Demolition and Removal guidelines will be followed.

Utility Impacts: There will be no utility relocation impacts to jurisdictional resources. An overhead electrical line crosses the roadway immediately southwest of the bridges. There is a sanitary sewer line that runs parallel to the roadway and crosses the creek approximately 100 feet upstream of the bridges. An underground gas line and overhead telephone line also are located approximately 120 feet upstream. There are three water lines in the study area. Two of the water lines and the aerial line have conflicts with the project.

The water line that runs diagonally across the study area (at the bridges) will be relocated. This water line will be relocated by putting bends in the line. These bends will be installed on the bank away from the bridge. A second water line is located east of US 29/70 Business and old highway US 29. This line will be relocated further away from the road but will remain inside the right-of-way. No utility impacts to jurisdictional areas are anticipated from the relocation of both utility lines (water).

Two aerial poles located in the southeast and northeast quadrants will be removed and the line reattached to existing poles. No utility impacts to jurisdictional areas are anticipated from the pole removal and reattachment of the overhead aerial line.

### **FEDERALLY PROTECTED SPECIES**

Plants and animals with a federal classification of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Proposed Endangered (PE) and Proposed Threatened (PT) are protected under provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The USFWS lists 3 federally – protected species, as of December 11, 2006, for Davidson County. The Endangered and Threatened species in North Carolina web-site was checked on December 20, 2006 for any changes and the list remains the same. The species under federal protection are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Federally Protected Species for Davidson County

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Federal Status</b>	<b>Habitat Present</b>	<b>Biological Conclusion</b>
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	No	No Effect
Bog turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	T(S/A)	No	N/A
Schweinitz's sunflower	<i>Helianthus schweinitzii</i>	Endangered	No	No Effect

No suitable habitat for the bald eagle, bog turtle and Schweinitz's sunflower are located in the study area according to the CE. The Biological Conclusion of No Effect remains valid for all three species.

### **RESTORATION PLAN**

Following construction of the bridge, all material used in the construction of the structure will be removed. The impact area associated with the bridge is expected to recover naturally, since the natural streambed and plant material will not be removed. NCDOT does not propose any additional planting in this area. Class I riprap and filter fabric will be used for bank stabilization. Pre-project elevations will be restored. NCDOT will restore stream to its pre-project contours.

Schedule: The project calls for a letting of August 21, 2007 with a date of availability of October 2, 2007. It is expected that contractor will choose to start construction in October 2007.

Removal and Disposal Plan: The contractor will be required to submit a reclamation plan for the removal of and disposal of all material off-site at an upland location. The contractor will use excavation equipment for removal of any earthen material. Heavy-duty trucks, dozers, cranes and various other pieces of mechanical equipment necessary for construction of roadways and bridges will be used on site. All material placed in the stream will be removed from the stream at that time. The contractor will have the option of reusing any of the materials that the engineer deems suitable in the construction of project. After the erosion control devices are no longer needed, all temporary materials will become the property of the contractor.

### **AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION and MITIGATION**

#### Avoidance and Minimization:

Avoidance examines all appropriate and practicable possibilities of averting impacts to "Waters of the US". The NCDOT is committed to incorporating all reasonable and practicable design features to avoid and minimize jurisdictional impacts and to minimize impacts as part of the project design. Practical means to minimize impacts to surface waters temporarily impacted by the project include:

Project Specific Measures-

- During construction road closure is planned for one bridge and traffic will be diverted to the other bridge.
- The bridges are to be replaced in the same location
- The existing bridges can be removed without any debris falling into the water.

Standard Measures-

- Best Management Practices will be followed for this project as outlined in “NCDOT’s Best Management Practices for Construction and Maintenance Activities”

Mitigation: No mitigation is proposed because of minimal impacts.

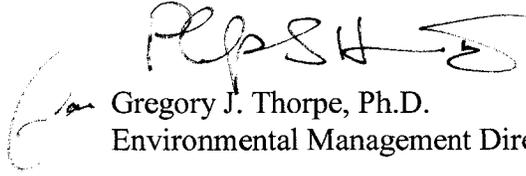
## **REGULATORY APPROVALS**

Section 404 Permit: It is anticipated that impacts from construction of the new bridges will be authorized under Section 404 Nationwide Permits 23 and 33. We are therefore requesting the issuance of a Nationwide Permit 23 and 33 for the bridge construction.

Section 401 Permit: We anticipate 401 General Certification number 3403 and 3366 will be applicable to this project. All general conditions of the Water Quality Certification will be met. Therefore, in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H, Section .0500(a) and 15A NCAC 2B .0200 we are providing 2 copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality for their notification.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this project. A copy of this permit application will be posted on the NCDOT website at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/permit.html>. Please contact Susan Thebert at (919) 715-1461 or [sthebert@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:sthebert@dot.state.nc.us) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.  
Environmental Management Director, PDEA

w/attachment

Mr. John Hennessy, NCDWQ (2 Copies)  
Ms. Marla Chambers, NCWRC  
Ms. Marella Buncick, USFWS  
Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics  
Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental  
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Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design  
Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP  
Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design  
Mr. Scott McLendon, USACE, Wilmington  
Ms. Stacy Baldwin, PDEA Project Planning Engineer

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**USACE Action ID No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **DWQ No.** \_\_\_\_\_

(If any particular item is not applicable to this project, please enter "Not Applicable" or "N/A".)

**I. Processing**

1. Check all of the approval(s) requested for this project:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 404 Permit   | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian or Watershed Buffer Rules      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Section 10 Permit               | <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated Wetland Permit from DWQ        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Express 401 Water Quality Certification |

2. Nationwide, Regional or General Permit Number(s) Requested: 23 and 33

3. If this notification is solely a courtesy copy because written approval for the 401 Certification is not required, check here:

4. If payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) is proposed for mitigation of impacts, attach the acceptance letter from NCEEP, complete section VIII, and check here:

5. If your project is located in any of North Carolina's twenty coastal counties (listed on page 4), and the project is within a North Carolina Division of Coastal Management Area of Environmental Concern (see the top of page 2 for further details), check here:

**II. Applicant Information**

1. Owner/Applicant Information

Name: Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director  
Mailing Address: 1598 Mail Service Center

Telephone Number: (919) 733-3141 Fax Number: (919) 733-9794

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Agent/Consultant Information (A signed and dated copy of the Agent Authorization letter must be attached if the Agent has signatory authority for the owner/applicant.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Project Information

Attach a **vicinity map** clearly showing the location of the property with respect to local landmarks such as towns, rivers, and roads. Also provide a detailed **site plan** showing property boundaries and development plans in relation to surrounding properties. Both the vicinity map and site plan must include a scale and north arrow. The specific footprints of all buildings, impervious surfaces, or other facilities must be included. If possible, the maps and plans should include the appropriate USGS Topographic Quad Map and NRCS Soil Survey with the property boundaries outlined. Plan drawings, or other maps may be included at the applicant's discretion, so long as the property is clearly defined. For administrative and distribution purposes, the USACE requires information to be submitted on sheets no larger than 11 by 17-inch format; however, DWQ may accept paperwork of any size. DWQ prefers full-size construction drawings rather than a sequential sheet version of the full-size plans. If full-size plans are reduced to a small scale such that the final version is illegible, the applicant will be informed that the project has been placed on hold until decipherable maps are provided.

1. Name of project: Replacement of Bridge Nos. 128 and 130 on I-85 Bus. over Abbotts Creek
2. T.I.P. Project Number or State Project Number (NCDOT Only): B-4095
3. Property Identification Number (Tax PIN): N/A
4. Location  
County: Davidson Nearest Town: Lexington  
Subdivision name (include phase/lot number): N/A  
Directions to site (include road numbers/names, landmarks, etc.): I-85 Business US 29/70 bridges over Abbotts Creek northeast of Lexington
5. Site coordinates (For linear projects, such as a road or utility line, attach a sheet that separately lists the coordinates for each crossing of a distinct waterbody.)  
Decimal Degrees (6 digits minimum): \_\_\_\_\_°N \_\_\_\_\_°W
6. Property size (acres): N/A
7. Name of nearest receiving body of water: Abbotts Creek
8. River Basin: Yadkin Pee Dee  
(Note – this must be one of North Carolina's seventeen designated major river basins. The River Basin map is available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/admin/maps/>.)
9. Describe the existing conditions on the site and general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: I-85 Business is a 4-lane facility. Bridge No. 128 carries northbound traffic. Bridge No. 130 carries southbound traffic. Lexington Water works is

northwest of the bridges. Land use in the project vicinity is residential, commercial and institutional.

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10. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used: Bridge No. 128 will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while bridge No. 130 is being replaced in place. The new bridge No. 130 then will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while bridge No. 128 is replaced in place. During construction the speed limit in the project area will be lowered to 45 mph and wide load vehicles will be directed to off-site conditions.

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11. Explain the purpose of the proposed work: The existing structures are considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. Bridge replacement will result in safer and more efficient traffic operations.

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#### **IV. Prior Project History**

If jurisdictional determinations and/or permits have been requested and/or obtained for this project (including all prior phases of the same subdivision) in the past, please explain. Include the USACE Action ID Number, DWQ Project Number, application date, and date permits and certifications were issued or withdrawn. Provide photocopies of previously issued permits, certifications or other useful information. Describe previously approved wetland, stream and buffer impacts, along with associated mitigation (where applicable). If this is a NCDOT project, list and describe permits issued for prior segments of the same T.I.P. project, along with construction schedules.

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#### **V. Future Project Plans**

Are any future permit requests anticipated for this project? If so, describe the anticipated work, and provide justification for the exclusion of this work from the current application.

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#### **VI. Proposed Impacts to Waters of the United States/Waters of the State**

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to wetlands, open water, and stream channels associated with the project. Each impact must be listed separately in the tables below (e.g., culvert installation should be listed separately from riprap dissipater pads). Be sure to indicate if an impact is temporary. All proposed impacts, permanent and temporary, must be listed, and must be labeled and clearly identifiable on an

accompanying site plan. All wetlands and waters, and all streams (intermittent and perennial) should be shown on a delineation map, whether or not impacts are proposed to these systems. Wetland and stream evaluation and delineation forms should be included as appropriate. Photographs may be included at the applicant's discretion. If this proposed impact is strictly for wetland or stream mitigation, list and describe the impact in Section VIII below. If additional space is needed for listing or description, please attach a separate sheet.

1. Provide a written description of the proposed impacts: Permanent fill in surface waters due to bent construction. Temporary fill in surface waters due to temporary work pads.

2. Individually list wetland impacts. Types of impacts include, but are not limited to mechanized clearing, grading, fill, excavation, flooding, ditching/drainage, etc. For dams, separately list impacts due to both structure and flooding.

Wetland Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Type of Impact	Type of Wetland (e.g., forested, marsh, herbaceous, bog, etc.)	Located within 100-year Floodplain (yes/no)	Distance to Nearest Stream (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
Total Wetland Impact (acres)					

3. List the total acreage (estimated) of all existing wetlands on the property: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Individually list all intermittent and perennial stream impacts. Be sure to identify temporary impacts. Stream impacts include, but are not limited to placement of fill or culverts, dam construction, flooding, relocation, stabilization activities (e.g., cement walls, rip-rap, crib walls, gabions, etc.), excavation, ditching/straightening, etc. If stream relocation is proposed, plans and profiles showing the linear footprint for both the original and relocated streams must be included. To calculate acreage, multiply length X width, then divide by 43,560.

Stream Impact Number (indicate on map)	Stream Name	Type of Impact	Perennial or Intermittent?	Average Stream Width Before Impact	Impact Length (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
Bridge 128	Abbotts Creek	fill	perennial			0.0007
Bridge 130	Abbotts Creek	fill	perennial			0.0007
Bridge 128	Abbotts Creek	temp work pad	perennial			0.02
Bridge 130	Abbotts Creek	temp work pad	perennial			0.02
Total Stream Impact (by length and acreage)						0.0414

5. Individually list all open water impacts (including lakes, ponds, estuaries, sounds, Atlantic Ocean and any other water of the U.S.). Open water impacts include, but are not limited to fill, excavation, dredging, flooding, drainage, bulkheads, etc.

Open Water Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Name of Waterbody (if applicable)	Type of Impact	Type of Waterbody (lake, pond, estuary, sound, bay, ocean, etc.)	Area of Impact (acres)
Total Open Water Impact (acres)				

6. List the cumulative impact to all Waters of the U.S. resulting from the project:

Stream Impact (acres):	0.0414
Wetland Impact (acres):	
Open Water Impact (acres):	
Total Impact to Waters of the U.S. (acres)	0.0414
Total Stream Impact (linear feet):	

7. Isolated Waters

Do any isolated waters exist on the property?  Yes  No

Describe all impacts to isolated waters, and include the type of water (wetland or stream) and the size of the proposed impact (acres or linear feet). Please note that this section only applies to waters that have specifically been determined to be isolated by the USACE.

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8. Pond Creation

If construction of a pond is proposed, associated wetland and stream impacts should be included above in the wetland and stream impact sections. Also, the proposed pond should be described here and illustrated on any maps included with this application.

Pond to be created in (check all that apply):  uplands  stream  wetlands

Describe the method of construction (e.g., dam/embankment, excavation, installation of draw-down valve or spillway, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed use or purpose of pond (e.g., livestock watering, irrigation, aesthetic, trout pond, local stormwater requirement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Current land use in the vicinity of the pond: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of watershed draining to pond: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected pond surface area: \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. Impact Justification (Avoidance and Minimization)

Specifically describe measures taken to avoid the proposed impacts. It may be useful to provide information related to site constraints such as topography, building ordinances, accessibility, and financial viability of the project. The applicant may attach drawings of alternative, lower-impact site layouts, and explain why these design options were not feasible. Also discuss how impacts

were minimized once the desired site plan was developed. If applicable, discuss construction techniques to be followed during construction to reduce impacts. During construction road closure is planned for one bridge and traffic will diverted to the other bridge. The bridges are to be replaced in the same location. The existing bridges can be removed without any debris falling into the water

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### VIII. Mitigation

DWQ - In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .0500, mitigation may be required by the NC Division of Water Quality for projects involving greater than or equal to one acre of impacts to freshwater wetlands or greater than or equal to 150 linear feet of total impacts to perennial streams.

USACE – In accordance with the Final Notice of Issuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits, published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2002, mitigation will be required when necessary to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. Factors including size and type of proposed impact and function and relative value of the impacted aquatic resource will be considered in determining acceptability of appropriate and practicable mitigation as proposed. Examples of mitigation that may be appropriate and practicable include, but are not limited to: reducing the size of the project; establishing and maintaining wetland and/or upland vegetated buffers to protect open waters such as streams; and replacing losses of aquatic resource functions and values by creating, restoring, enhancing, or preserving similar functions and values, preferable in the same watershed.

If mitigation is required for this project, a copy of the mitigation plan must be attached in order for USACE or DWQ to consider the application complete for processing. Any application lacking a required mitigation plan or NCEEP concurrence shall be placed on hold as incomplete. An applicant may also choose to review the current guidelines for stream restoration in DWQ’s Draft Technical Guide for Stream Work in North Carolina, available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands/strmgide.html>.

1. Provide a brief description of the proposed mitigation plan. The description should provide as much information as possible, including, but not limited to: site location (attach directions and/or map, if offsite), affected stream and river basin, type and amount (acreage/linear feet) of mitigation proposed (restoration, enhancement, creation, or preservation), a plan view, preservation mechanism (e.g., deed restrictions, conservation easement, etc.), and a description of the current site conditions and proposed method of construction. Please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.
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2. Mitigation may also be made by payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the NCEEP at (919) 715-0476 to determine availability, and written approval from the NCEEP indicating that they are will to accept payment for the mitigation must be attached to this form. For additional information regarding the application process for the NCEEP, check the NCEEP website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/wrp/index.htm>. If use of the NCEEP is proposed, please check the appropriate box on page five and provide the following information:

Amount of stream mitigation requested (linear feet): \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of buffer mitigation requested (square feet): \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Coastal wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Environmental Documentation (required by DWQ)**

1. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land? Yes  No
2. If yes, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?  
Note: If you are not sure whether a NEPA/SEPA document is required, call the SEPA coordinator at (919) 733-5083 to review current thresholds for environmental documentation.  
Yes  No
3. If yes, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearinghouse? If so, please attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter. Yes  No

**X. Proposed Impacts on Riparian and Watershed Buffers (required by DWQ)**

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to required state and local buffers associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII above. All proposed impacts must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on the accompanying site plan. All buffers must be shown on a map, whether or not impacts are proposed to the buffers. Correspondence from the DWQ Regional Office may be included as appropriate. Photographs may also be included at the applicant's discretion.

1. Will the project impact protected riparian buffers identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0233 (Neuse), 15A NCAC 2B .0259 (Tar-Pamlico), 15A NCAC 02B .0243 (Catawba) 15A NCAC 2B .0250 (Randleman Rules and Water Supply Buffer Requirements), or other (please identify \_\_\_\_\_)? Yes  No

2. If “yes”, identify the square feet and acreage of impact to each zone of the riparian buffers. If buffer mitigation is required calculate the required amount of mitigation by applying the buffer multipliers.

Zone*	Impact (square feet)	Multiplier	Required Mitigation
1		3 (2 for Catawba)	
2		1.5	
Total			

\* Zone 1 extends out 30 feet perpendicular from the top of the near bank of channel; Zone 2 extends an additional 20 feet from the edge of Zone 1.

3. If buffer mitigation is required, please discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (i.e., Donation of Property, Riparian Buffer Restoration / Enhancement, or Payment into the Riparian Buffer Restoration Fund). Please attach all appropriate information as identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0242 or .0244, or .0260. \_\_\_\_\_
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**XI. Stormwater (required by DWQ)**

Describe impervious acreage (existing and proposed) versus total acreage on the site. Discuss stormwater controls proposed in order to protect surface waters and wetlands downstream from the property. If percent impervious surface exceeds 20%, please provide calculations demonstrating total proposed impervious level. \_\_\_\_\_

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**XII. Sewage Disposal (required by DWQ)**

Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility.

N/A

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**XIII. Violations (required by DWQ)**

Is this site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500) or any Buffer Rules?

Yes  No

Is this an after-the-fact permit application? Yes  No

**XIV. Cumulative Impacts (required by DWQ)**

Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality? Yes  No

If yes, please submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative impact analysis in accordance with the most recent North Carolina Division of Water Quality policy posted on our website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands>. If no, please provide a short narrative description: \_\_\_\_\_

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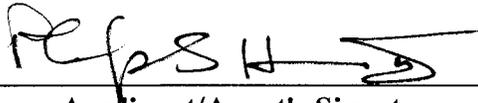
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**XV. Other Circumstances (Optional):**

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the application sufficiently in advance of desired construction dates to allow processing time for these permits. However, an applicant may choose to list constraints associated with construction or sequencing that may impose limits on work schedules (e.g., draw-down schedules for lakes, dates associated with Endangered and Threatened Species, accessibility problems, or other issues outside of the applicant's control).

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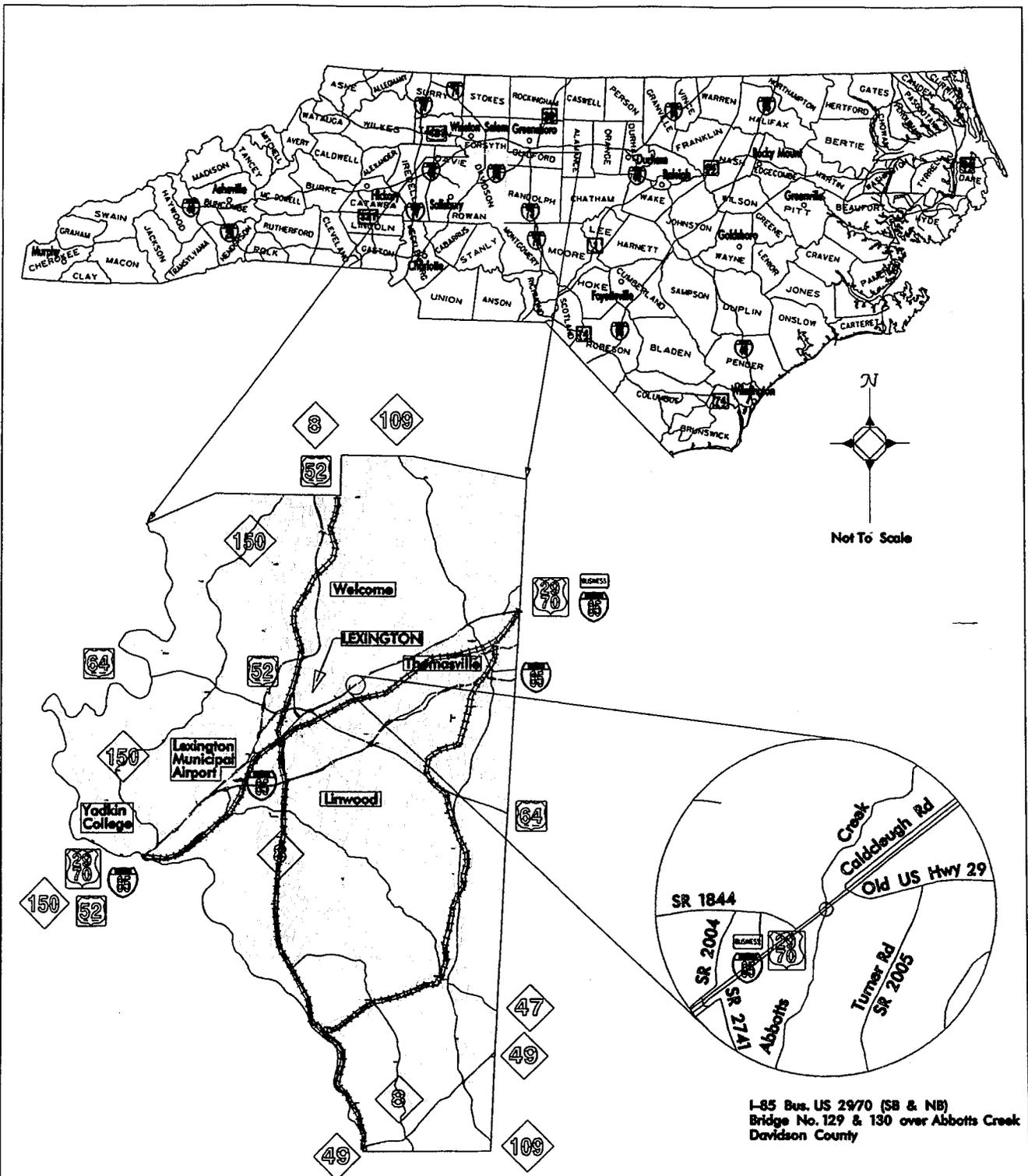


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**Date**

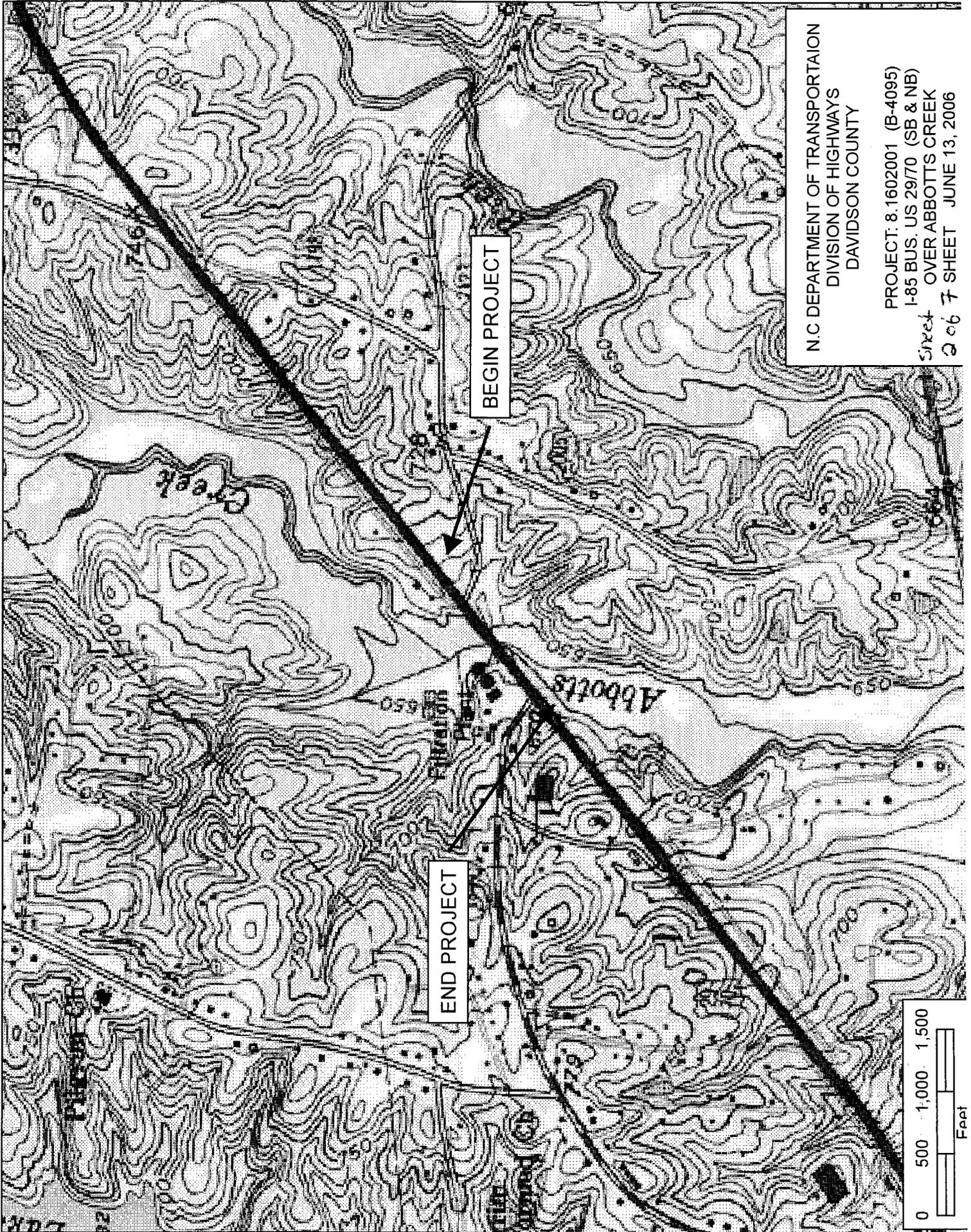
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I-85 Bus. US 29/70 (SB & NB)  
 Bridge No. 129 & 130 over Abbotts Creek  
 Davidson County

# VICINITY MAP

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 DAVIDSON COUNTY  
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 I-85 BUS. US 29/70 (SB & NB)  
 OVER ABBOTTS CREEK

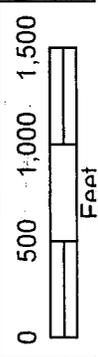


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JUNE 13, 2006

END PROJECT

BEGIN PROJECT





WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY																
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	WETLAND IMPACTS			SURFACE WATER IMPACTS										
			Fill In Wetlands Permanent (ac)	Fill In Wetlands Temporary (ac)	Excavation In Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing (Method III) (ac)	Fill In SW (Natural) Permanent (ac)	Fill In SW (Natural) Temporary (ac)	Existing Channel Impacted Permanent (ft)	Existing Channel Impacted Temporary (ft)	Natural Stream Design (ft)					
1	25+74 to 26+35 -L- SB	220' Three-Span (70', 80', 70') High-Strength 54" Prestressed Concrete Girder with Spillthrough Abutments						0.02								
2	25+60 to 26+15 -L- NB	220' Three-Span (70', 80', 70') High-Strength 54" Prestressed Concrete Girder with Spillthrough Abutments						0.02								
<b>PROJECT TOTALS:</b>																0.04

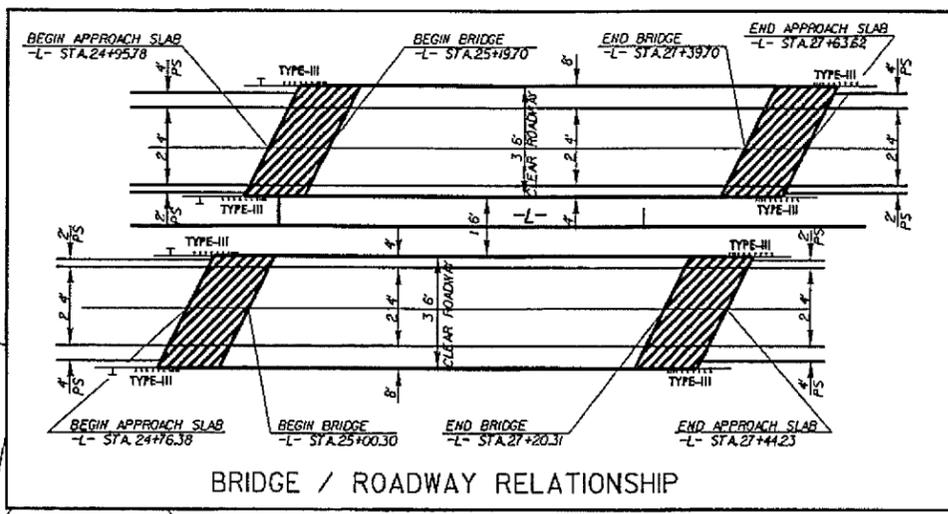
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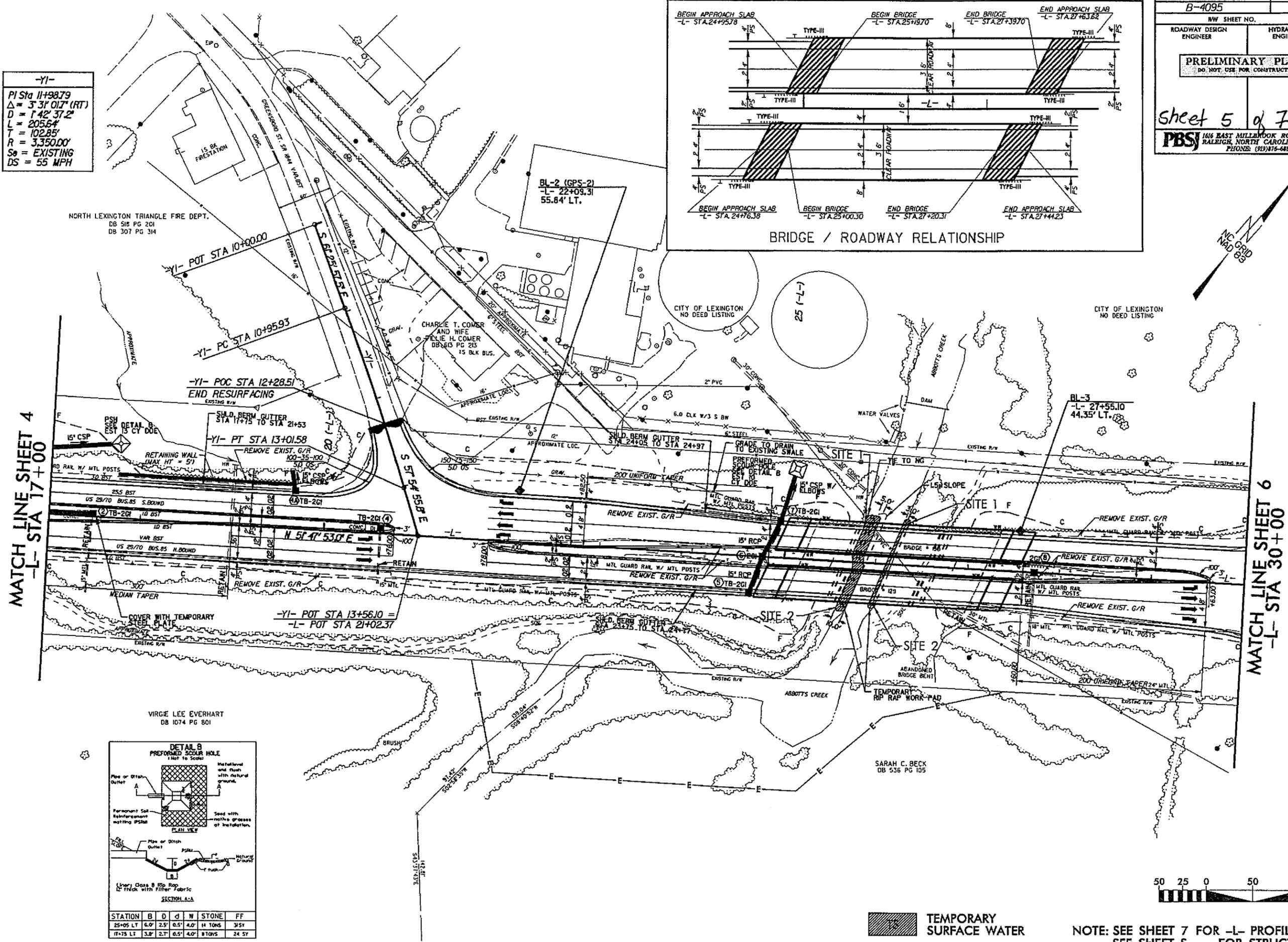
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-Y1-  
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 $T = 102.85'$   
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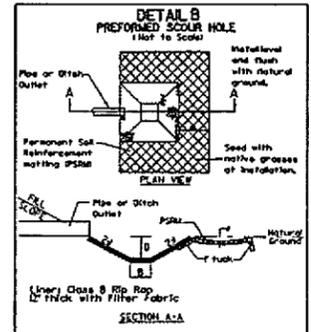


BRIDGE / ROADWAY RELATIONSHIP



MATCH LINE SHEET 4  
 -L- STA 17+00

MATCH LINE SHEET 6  
 -L- STA 30+00



STATION	B	D	d	W	STONE	FF
25+05 LT	6.0'	2.5'	0.5'	4.0'	14 TONS	3.5'
17+75 LT	3.8'	2.7'	0.5'	4.0'	8 TONS	24.5'



TEMPORARY SURFACE WATER

NOTE: SEE SHEET 7 FOR -L- PROFILE.  
 SEE SHEET 5 - FOR STRUCTURE.

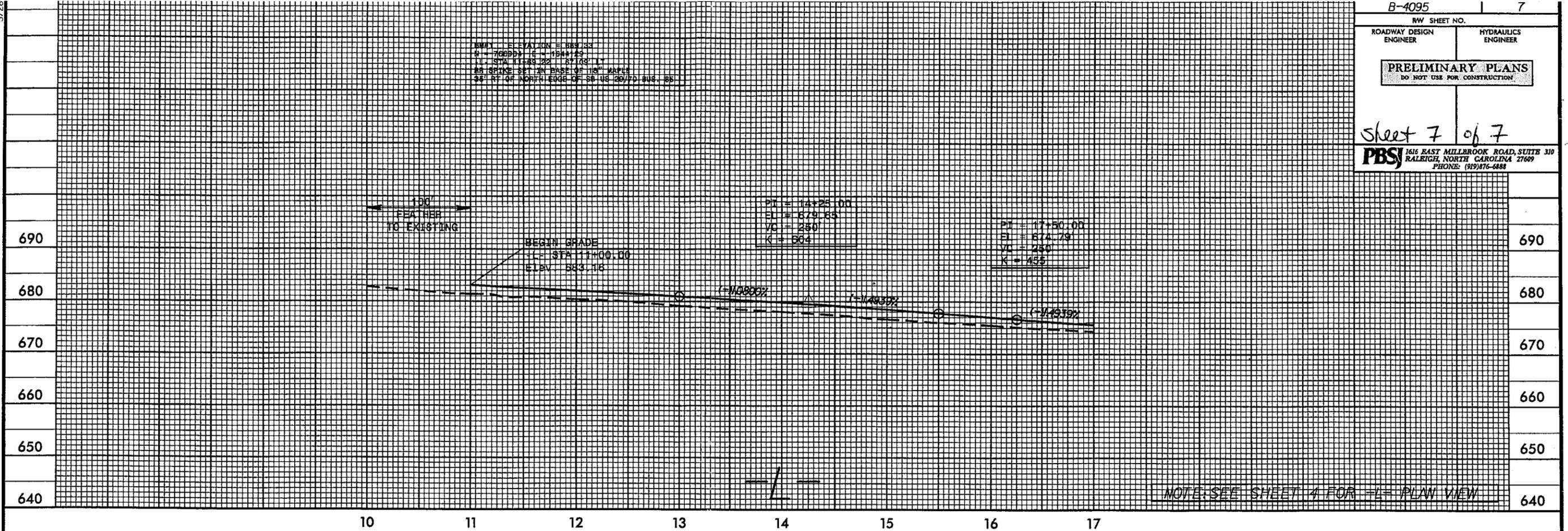
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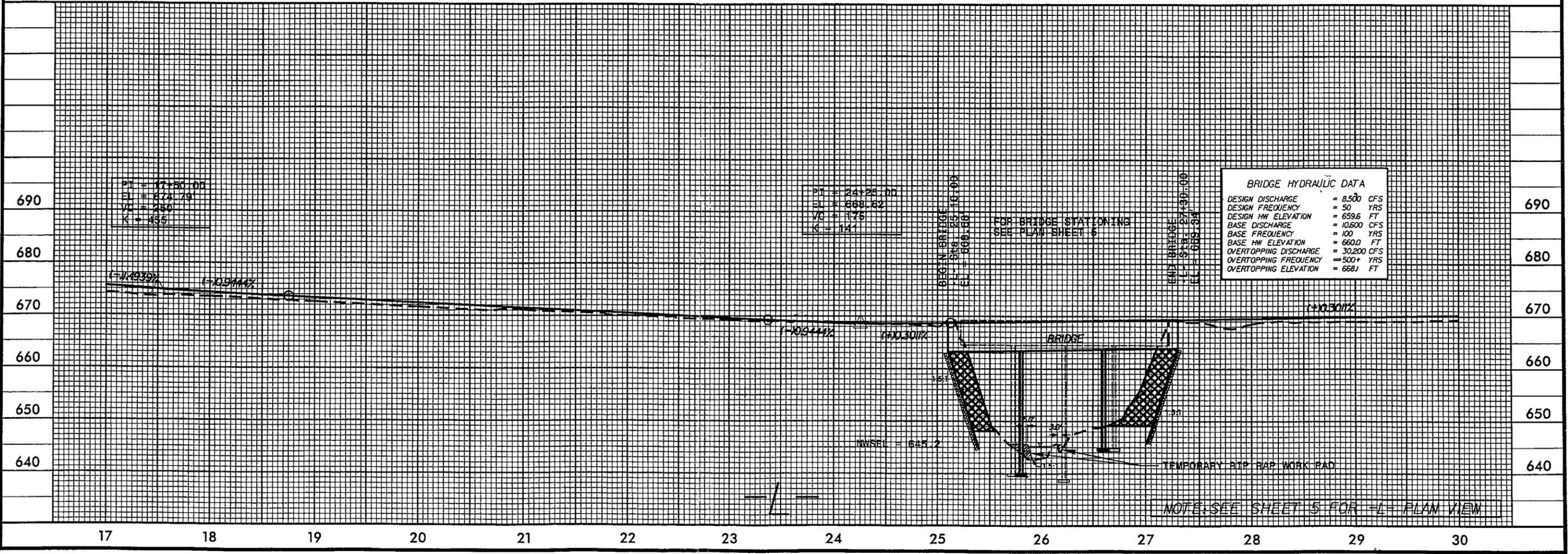
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G = 76899  
I = 154125  
I = 311183 22' 11" TIG  
AN SPAC SET IN BASE OF 12" RADIUS  
36" RT OF NORTH EDGE OF 36" US 26/70 BUS. BS

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**BRIDGE HYDRAULIC DATA**

DESIGN DISCHARGE	= 8,500 CFS
DESIGN FREQUENCY	= 50 YRS
DESIGN HW ELEVATION	= 659.6 FT
BASE DISCHARGE	= 10,600 CFS
BASE FREQUENCY	= 100 YRS
BASE HW ELEVATION	= 660.0 FT
OVERTOPPING DISCHARGE	= 30,200 CFS
OVERTOPPING FREQUENCY	= 500+ YRS
OVERTOPPING ELEVATION	= 668.1 FT

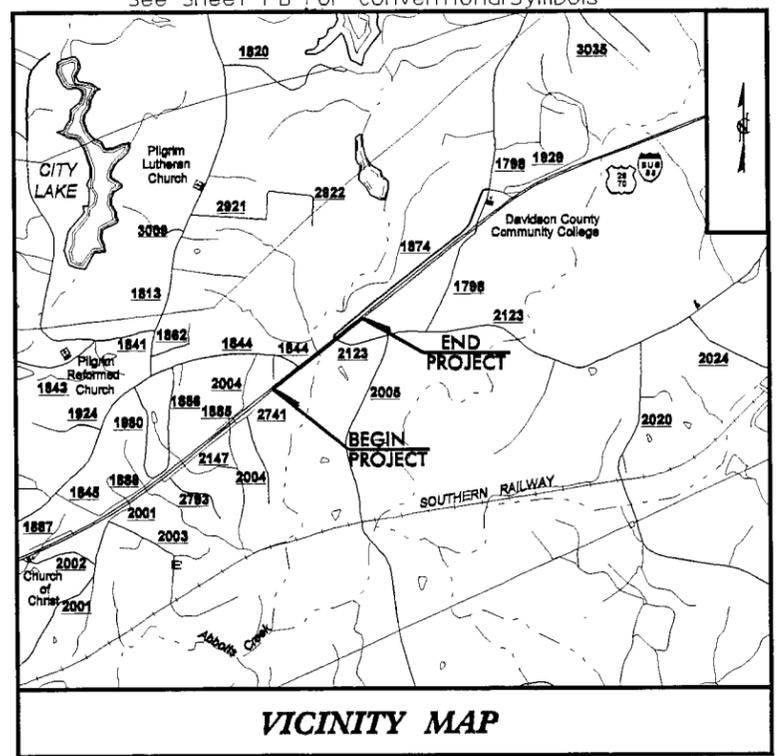


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**CONTRACT: TIP PROJECT: B-4095**

See Sheet I-A For Index of Sheets  
See Sheet I-B For Conventional Symbols



**VICINITY MAP**

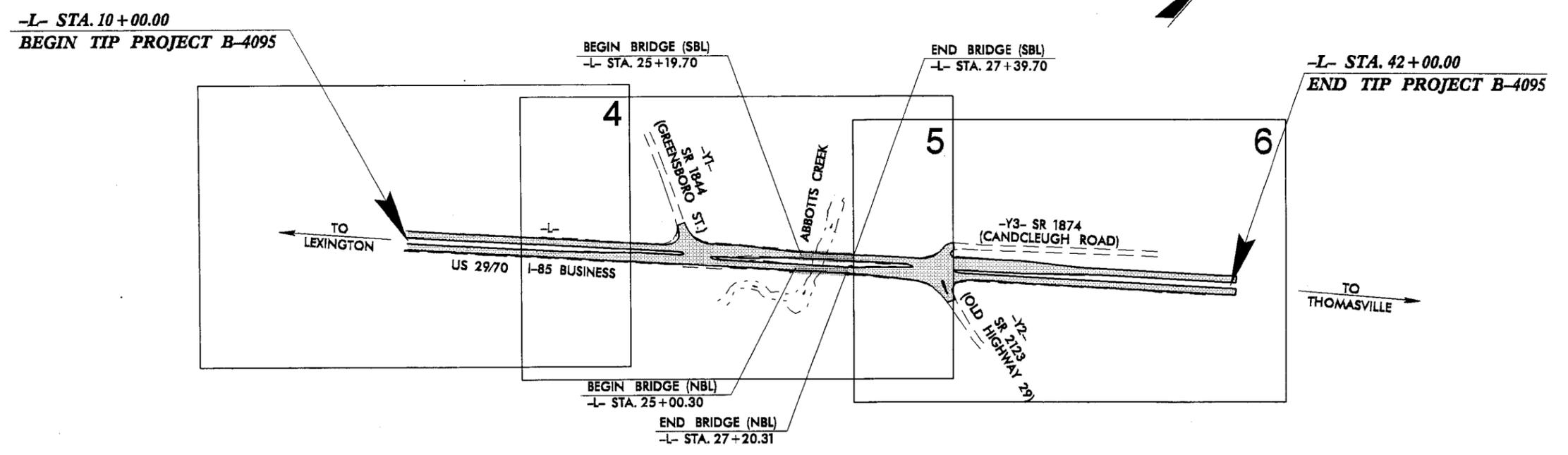
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**LOCATION: BRIDGE NO. 129 (NBL) & NO. 130 (SBL) OVER ABBOTTS CREEK ON US 29 /70 AND I-85 BUSINESS LOOP**

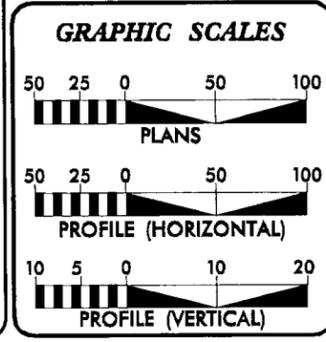
**TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, STRUCTURES, PAVING, WIDENING AND RESURFACING**

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
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STATE PROJ. NO.	F.A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
33453.1.1	BRSTP-29(19)	PE	
33453.2.2	BRSTP-29(19)	R/W & UTILITIES	

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NCDOT CONTACT: CATHY S. HOUSER, PE  
PROJECT ENGINEER  
ROADWAY DESIGN



**DESIGN DATA**

ADT 2006 =	25,820
ADT 2026 =	39,900
DHV =	10 %
D =	60 %
T =	16 % *
V =	60 MPH
* TTST	6% DUAL 10%
FUNC CLASS =	RURAL
	MINOR ARTERIAL

**PROJECT LENGTH**

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-4095 =	0.564 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURES TIP PROJECT B-4095 =	0.042 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT B-4095 =	0.606 MILES

Prepared in the Office of:  
**PBSJ** 1616 EAST MILLBROOK ROAD, SUITE 310  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27609  
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2006 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

<b>RIGHT OF WAY DATE:</b> NOVEMBER 30, 2005	<b>DAVID W. BASS, PE</b> PROJECT ENGINEER
<b>LETTING DATE:</b> MARCH 20, 2007	<b>RHONDA B. EARLY, PE</b> PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

**HYDRAULICS ENGINEER**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ P.E.

**ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ P.E.

**DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

STATE DESIGN ENGINEER P.E.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

APPROVED DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR DATE

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CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS

ROADS & RELATED ITEMS

Edge of Pavement	-----
Curb	-----
Prop. Slope Stakes Cut	----- C -----
Prop. Slope Stakes Fill	----- F -----
Prop. Woven Wire Fence	----- ○ -----
Prop. Chain Link Fence	----- □ -----
Prop. Barbed Wire Fence	----- ◇ -----
Prop. Wheelchair Ramp	----- (WCR) -----
Exist. Guardrail	----- T -----
Prop. Guardrail	----- T -----
Equality Symbol	----- ⊕ -----
Pavement Removal	----- ⊗ -----

RIGHT OF WAY

Baseline Control Point	----- ◆ -----
Existing Right of Way Marker	----- △ -----
Exist. Right of Way Line w/Marker	----- △ -----
Prop. Right of Way Line with Proposed RW Marker (Iron Pin & Cap)	----- ▲ -----
Prop. Right of Way Line with Proposed (Concrete or Granite) RW Marker	----- ● -----
Exist. Control of Access Line	----- (C/A) -----
Prop. Control of Access Line	----- (C/A) -----
Exist. Easement Line	----- E -----
Prop. Temp. Construction Easement Line	----- E -----
Prop. Temp. Drainage Easement Line	----- TDE -----
Prop. Perm. Drainage Easement Line	----- PDE -----

HYDROLOGY

Stream or Body of Water	-----
Flow Arrow	----- → -----
Disappearing Stream	----- > -----
Spring	----- ♁ -----
Swamp Marsh	----- ⚡ -----
Shoreline	-----
Falls, Rapids	----- + -----
Prop Lateral, Tail, Head Ditches	----- FLOW -----

STRUCTURES

MAJOR	
Bridge, Tunnel, or Box Culvert	----- CONC -----
Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall and End Wall	----- CONC WW -----

MINOR	
Head & End Wall	----- CONC HW -----
Pipe Culvert	----- = = = -----
Footbridge	----- > -----
Drainage Boxes	----- □ CB -----
Paved Ditch Gutter	----- -----

UTILITIES

Exist. Pole	----- ● -----
Exist. Power Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Prop. Power Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Exist. Telephone Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Prop. Telephone Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Exist. Joint Use Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Prop. Joint Use Pole	----- ⚡ -----
Telephone Pedestal	----- □ -----
Cable TV Pedestal	----- □ -----
Hydrant	----- ⚡ -----
Satellite Dish	----- ⚡ -----
Exist. Water Valve	----- ⊗ -----
Sewer Clean Out	----- ⊕ -----
Power Manhole	----- ⊕ -----
Telephone Booth	----- □ -----
Water Manhole	----- ⊕ -----
Light Pole	----- ⚡ -----
H-Frame Pole	----- ● -----
Power Line Tower	----- ⊗ -----
Pole with Base	----- □ -----
Gas Valve	----- ◇ -----
Gas Meter	----- ⚡ -----
Telephone Manhole	----- ⊕ -----
Power Transformer	----- ⊕ -----
Sanitary Sewer Manhole	----- ⊕ -----
Storm Sewer Manhole	----- ⊕ -----
Tank; Water, Gas, Oil	----- ○ -----
Water Tank With Legs	----- ○ -----
Traffic Signal Junction Box	----- □ -----
Fiber Optic Splice Box	----- □ -----
Television or Radio Tower	----- ⊗ -----

Utility Power Line Connects to Traffic Signal Lines Cut Into the Pavement	----- TS -----
Water Line	----- W -----
Sanitary Sewer	----- SS -----
Sanitary Sewer Force Main	----- FSS -----
Gas Line	----- G -----
Storm Sewer	----- S -----
Power Line	----- P -----
Telephone Cable	----- T -----
U/G Telephone Conduit	----- TC -----
Unknown Utility	----- ?UTL -----
Television Cable	----- TV -----
Fiber Optics Cable	----- FO -----
Exist. Water Meter	----- ○ -----
Drawn According to U/G Records	----- DATUR -----
Abandoned According to U/G Records	----- AATUR -----
End Of Information	----- E.O.I -----

BOUNDARIES & PROPERTIES

State Line	-----
County Line	-----
Township Line	-----
City Line	-----
Reservation Line	-----
Property Line	-----
Property Line Symbol	----- PL -----
Exist. Iron Pin	----- ○ EP -----
Property Corner	----- + -----
Property Monument	----- ECM -----
Property Number	----- (123) -----
Parcel Number	----- (6) -----
Fence Line	----- X X X ----- WW & ISBW
Existing Wetland Boundaries	----- WLB -----
Proposed Wetland Boundaries	----- WLB -----
Existing Endangered Animal Boundaries	----- EAB -----
Existing Endangered Plant Boundaries	----- EPB -----

BUILDINGS & OTHER CULTURE

Buildings	-----
Foundations	-----
Area Outline	-----
Gate	-----
Gas Pump Vent or U/G Tank Cap	-----
Church	-----
School	-----
Park	-----
Cemetery	-----
Dam	-----
Sign	-----
Well	-----
Small Mine	-----
Swimming Pool	-----

TOPOGRAPHY

Loose Surface	-----
Hard Surface	-----
Change in Road Surface	-----
Curb	-----
Right of Way Symbol	----- R/W -----
Guard Post	----- ○ GP -----
Paved Walk	-----
Bridge	-----
Box Culvert or Tunnel	-----
Ferry	-----
Culvert	-----
Footbridge	-----
Trail, Footpath	-----
Light House	-----

VEGETATION

Single Tree	-----
Single Shrub	-----
Hedge	-----
Woods Line	-----
Orchard	-----
Vineyard	----- VINEYARD -----

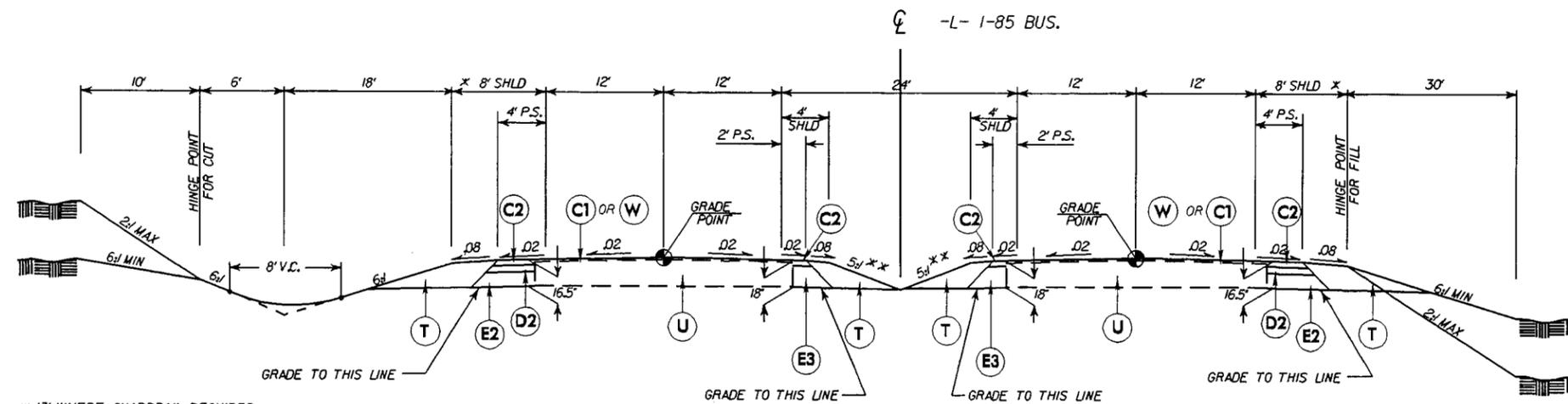
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Standard Gauge	-----
RR Signal Milepost	-----
Switch	-----

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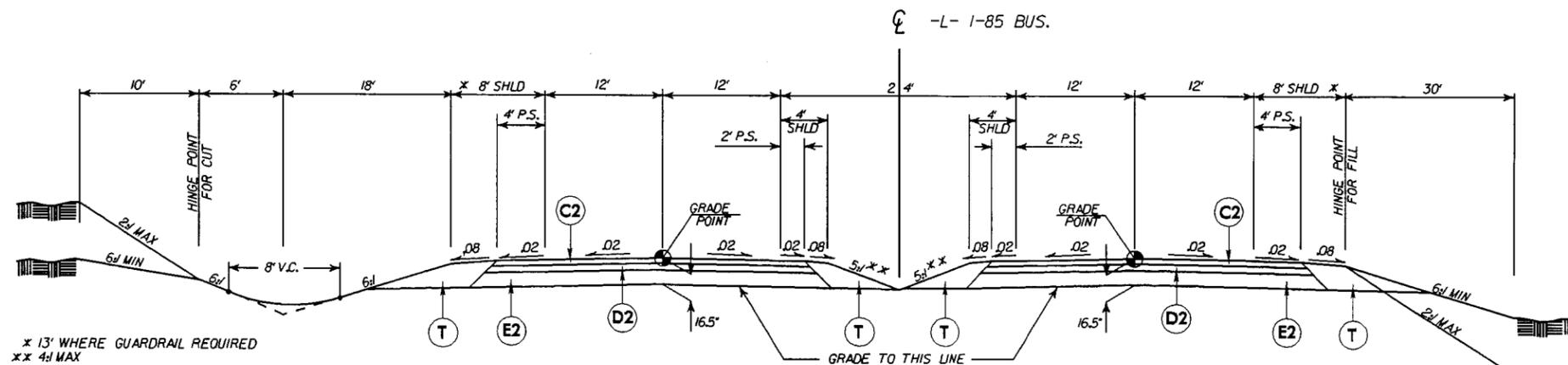


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xx 4' MAX

**TYPICAL SECTION NO. 1**

USE TYPICAL SECTION NO.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
 -L- NBL/SBL STA.10+00.00 TO STA. 21+75.00  
 -L- NBL/SBL STA.28+50.00 TO STA. 42+00.00

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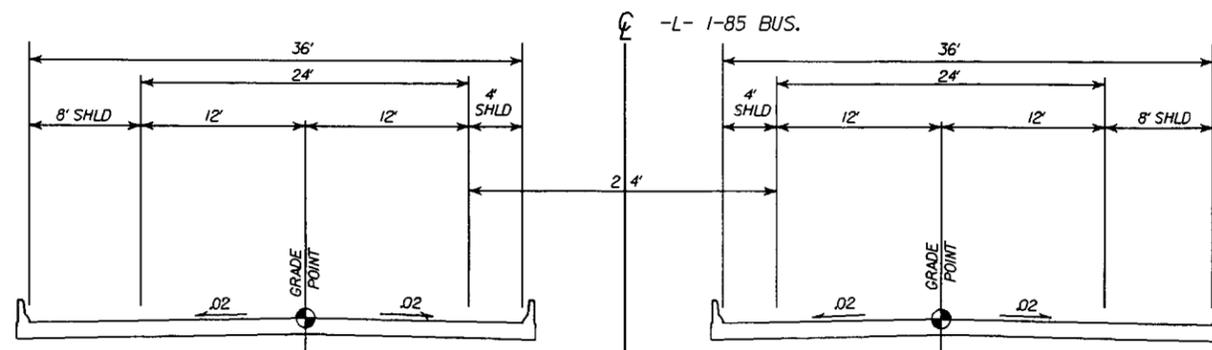


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**TYPICAL SECTION NO. 2**

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 -L- NBL STA 21+75.00 TO STA 24+76.38 (APPROACH SLAB)  
 -L- NBL STA 27+44.23 (APPROACH SLAB) TO STA 28+50.00  
 -L- SBL STA 21+75.00 TO STA 24+95.78 (APPROACH SLAB)  
 -L- SBL STA 27+44.23 (APPROACH SLAB) TO STA 28+50.00

x 13' WHERE GUARDRAIL REQUIRED

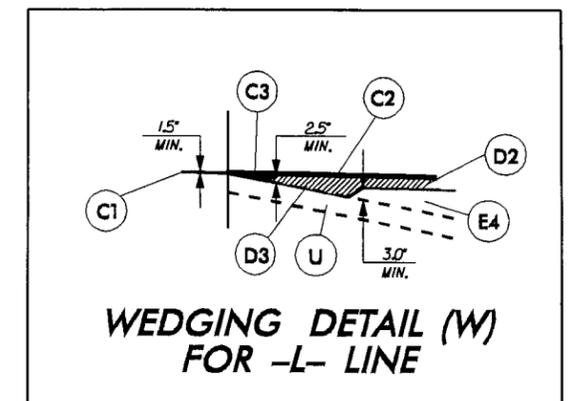


**BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION NO. 3**

USE TYPICAL SECTION NO.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
 -L- NBL STA 25+00.30 (BEGIN BRIDGE) TO STA 27+20.31 (END BRIDGE)  
 -L- SBL STA 25+19.70 (BEGIN BRIDGE) TO STA 27+39.70 (END BRIDGE)

PAVEMENT SCHEDULE	
C1	PROP. APPROX. 1.5" ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 88.6C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 188 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
C2	PROP. APPROX. 3" ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 89.6C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 188 LBS. PER SQ. YD. IN EACH OF TWO LAYERS.
C3	PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 89.6C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 112 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT TO EXCEED 2.0" IN DEPTH.
D1	PROP. APPROX. 2.5" ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE 119.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 285 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
D2	PROP. APPROX. 4" ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE 119.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 458 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
D3	PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE 119.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 2.5" IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN 4" IN DEPTH.
E1	PROP. APPROX. 5" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 370 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
E2	PROP. APPROX. 8.5" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 541.5 LBS. PER SQ. YD. IN EACH OF TWO LAYERS.
E3	PROP. APPROX. 16" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 370 LBS. PER SQ. YD. IN EACH OF THREE LAYERS.
E4	PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0C, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 3" IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN 5.5" IN DEPTH.
T	EARTH MATERIAL.
U	EXISTING PAVEMENT.
W	WEDGING DETAIL.

NOTE: PAVEMENT EDGE SLOPES ARE 1:1 UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.



**WEDGING DETAIL (W)  
FOR -L- LINE**

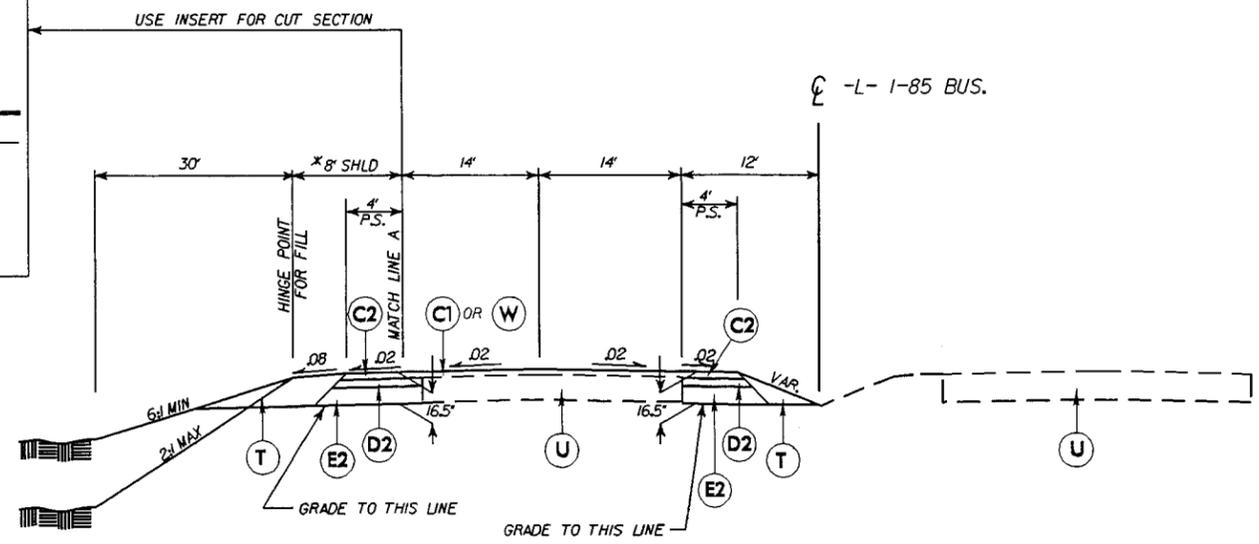
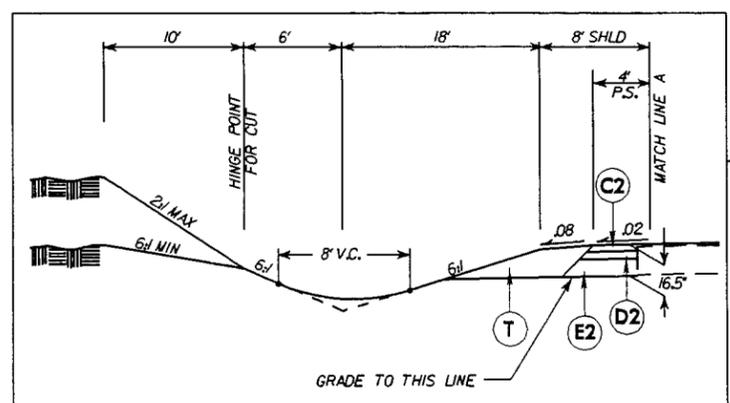
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# TRAFFIC CONTROL TYPICAL SECTIONS

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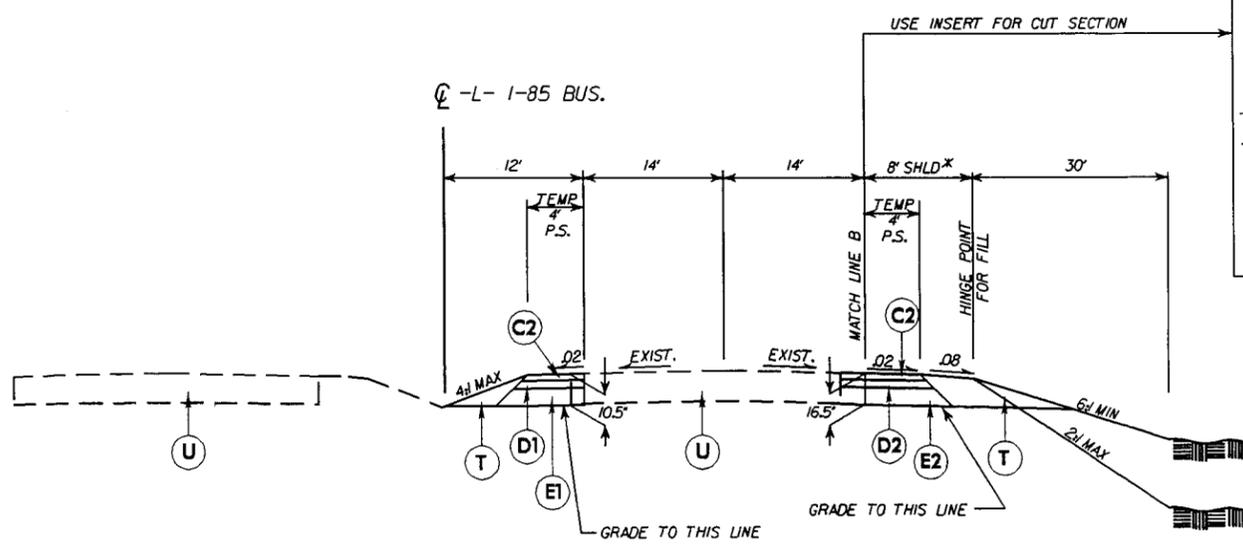
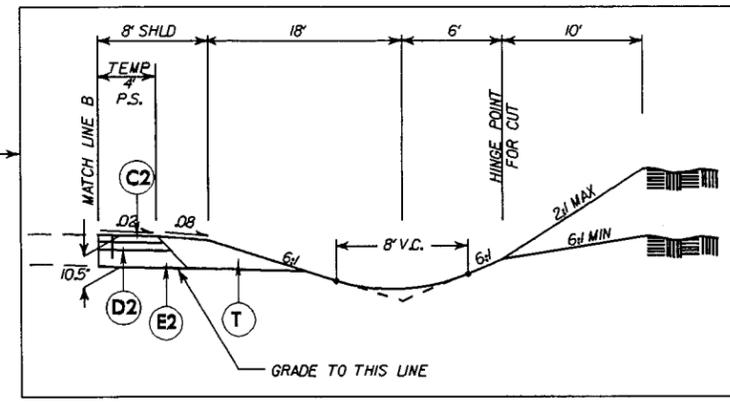


## TYPICAL SECTION NO. 4

USE TYPICAL SECTION NO.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
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 -L- STA.28+50.00 TO STA. 42+00.00 (SBL)

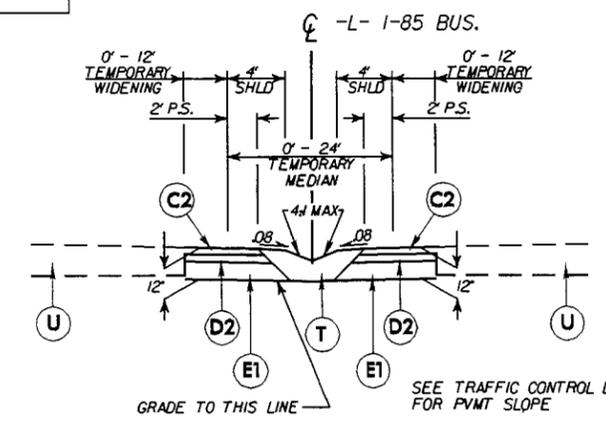
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C2	3" TYPE 89.5C (TWO LAYERS)
C3	VAR. DEPTH TYPE 89.5C
D1	2.5" TYPE I19.0C
D2	4" TYPE I19.0C
D3	VAR. DEPTH TYPE I19.0C
E1	5" TYPE B25.0C
E2	9.5" TYPE B25.0C (TWO LAYERS)
E3	15" TYPE B25.0C, (THREE LAYERS)
E4	VAR. DEPTH TYPE B25.0C
T	EARTH MATERIAL.
U	EXISTING PAVEMENT.
W	WEDGING DETAIL.

NOTE: PAVEMENT EDGE SLOPES ARE 1:1 UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.



## TYPICAL SECTION NO. 5

USE TYPICAL SECTION NO.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
 -L- STA.14+00.00 TO STA. 25+15.00 (NBL)  
 -L- STA. 31+88.00 TO STA. 36+78.00 (NBL)



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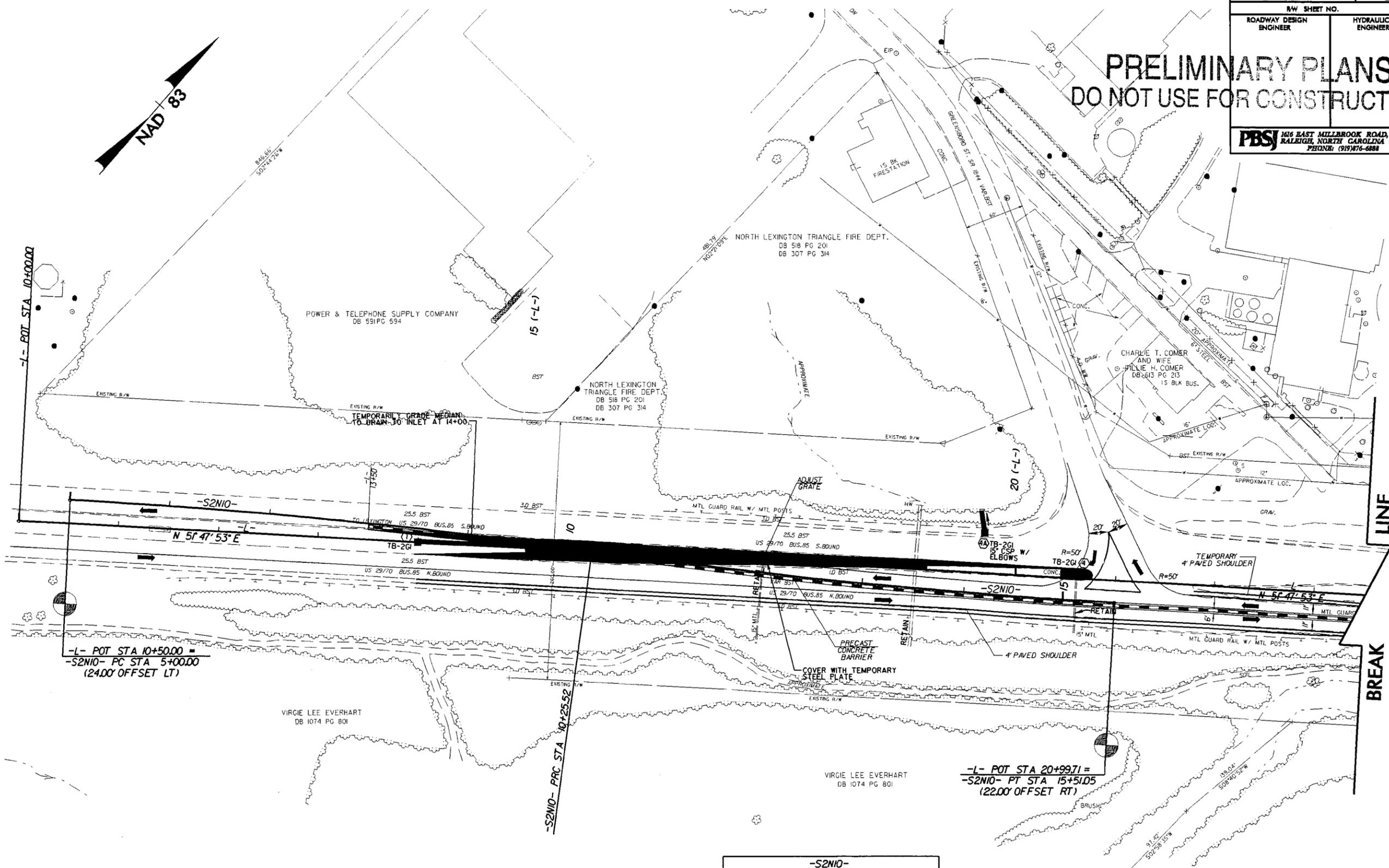
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 -L- STA.13+53.74 TO STA. 20+44.86  
 -L- STA. 31+20.41 TO STA. 36+78.22

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**CROSS-OVER DETAIL  
SBL TO NBL (-L- 10 + 00 +/-)  
-S2N10-**

-S2N10-	
PI Sta 7+62.93	PI Sta 12+88.46
$\Delta = 5' 01'' 06.2''$ (RT)	$\Delta = 5' 01'' 06.2''$ (LT)
D = 0' 57' 17.7"	D = 0' 57' 17.7"
L = 525.52'	L = 525.52'
T = 262.93'	T = 262.93'
R = 6,000.00'	R = 6,000.00'
SE = EXIST	SE = EXIST
DS = 50	DS = 50

**NOTE:**  
SEE SHEETS 4 & 5 FOR -L- PLAN VIEW  
SEE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS FOR TEMPORARY WIDENING

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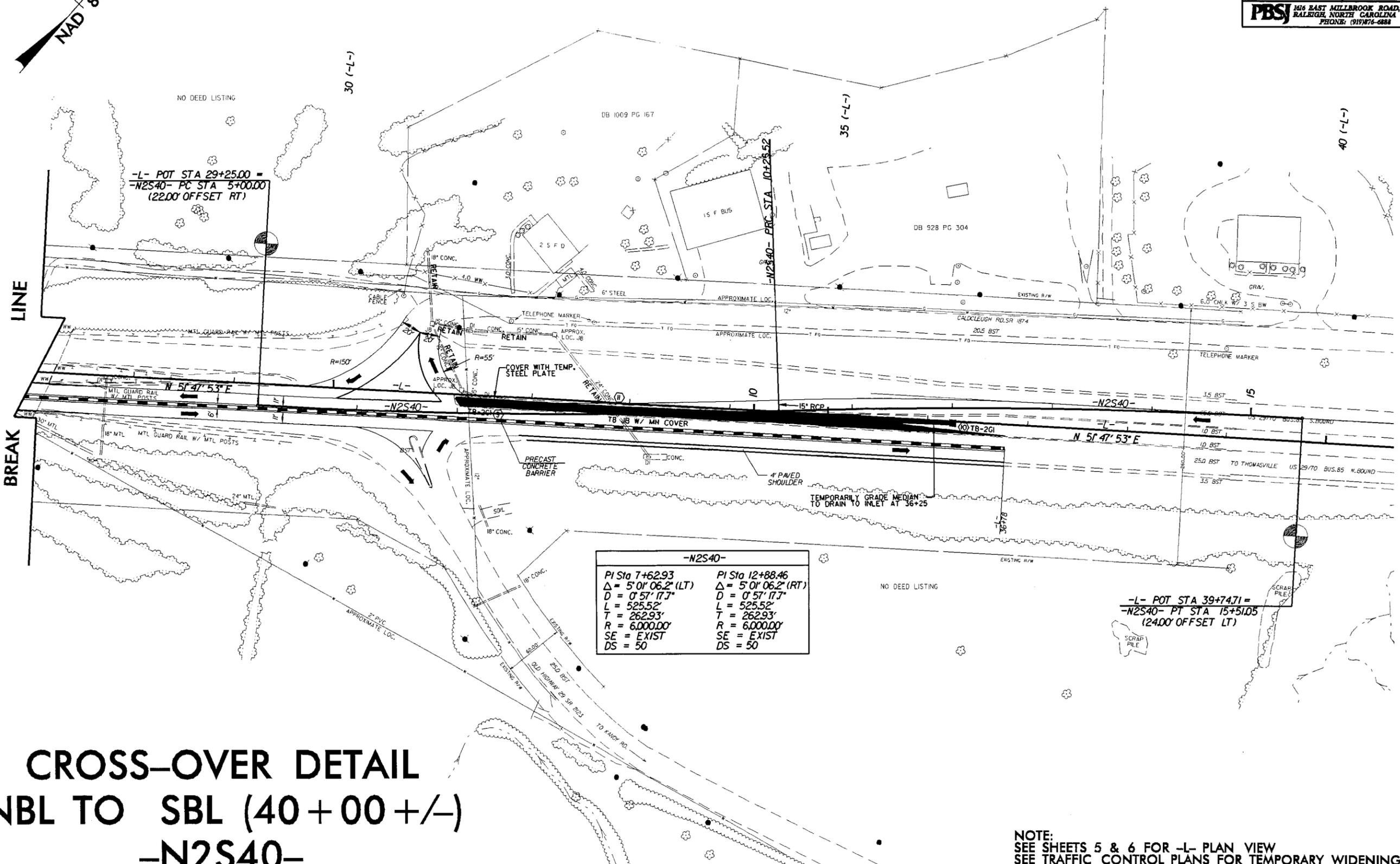
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SEE SHEET 2B  
LINE  
BREAK



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$D = 0'57'17.7"$	$D = 0'57'17.7"$
$L = 525.52'$	$L = 525.52'$
$T = 262.93'$	$T = 262.93'$
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**CROSS-OVER DETAIL**  
**NBL TO SBL (40 + 00 +/-)**  
**-N2S40-**

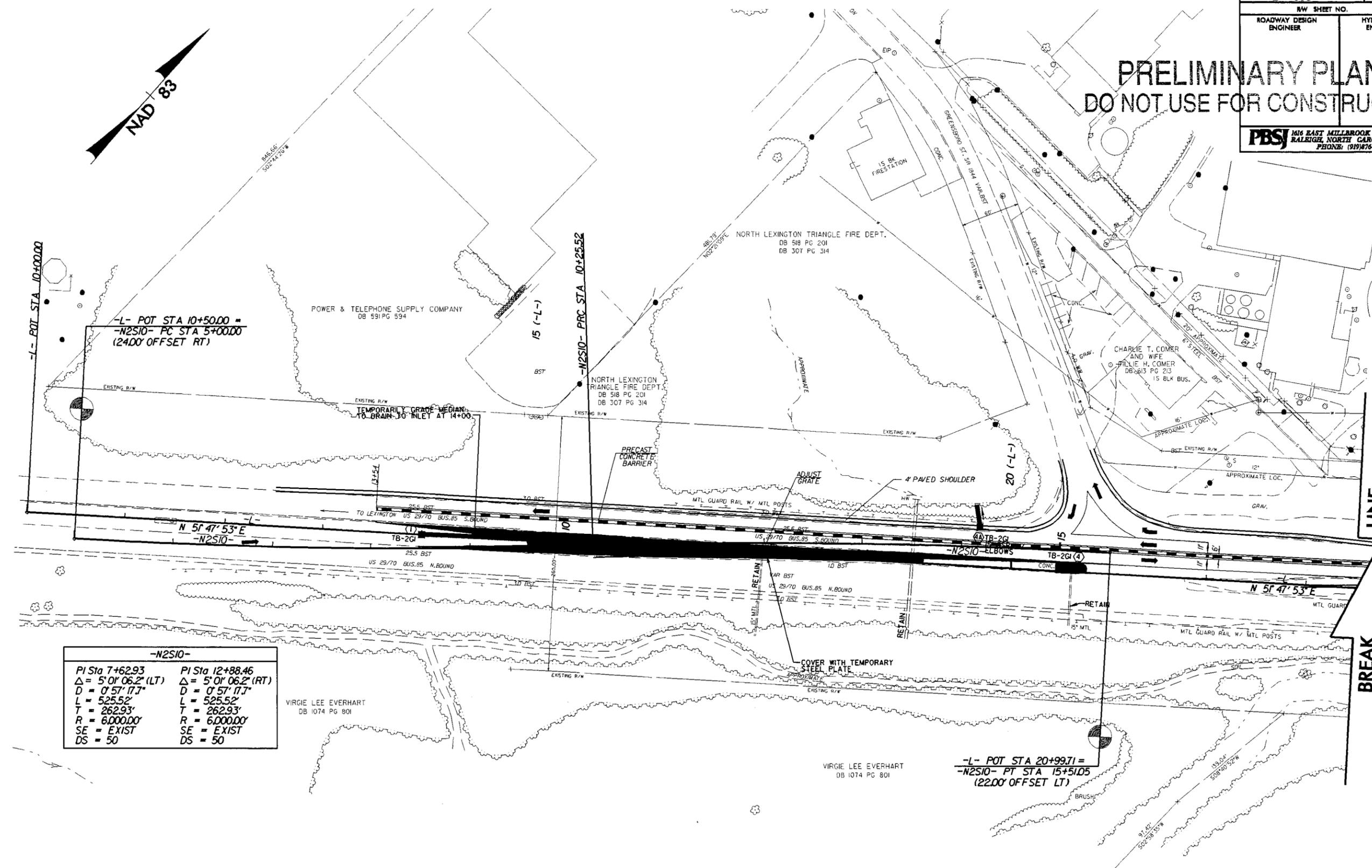
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$D = 0' 57'' 17.7''$	$D = 0' 57'' 17.7''$
$L = 525.52'$	$L = 525.52'$
$T = 262.93'$	$T = 262.93'$
$R = 6,000.00'$	$R = 6,000.00'$
SE = EXIST	SE = EXIST
DS = 50	DS = 50

**CROSS-OVER DETAIL  
NBL TO SBL (-L- 10+00 +/-)  
-N2S10-**

**NOTE:**  
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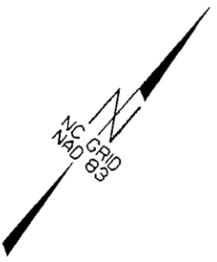
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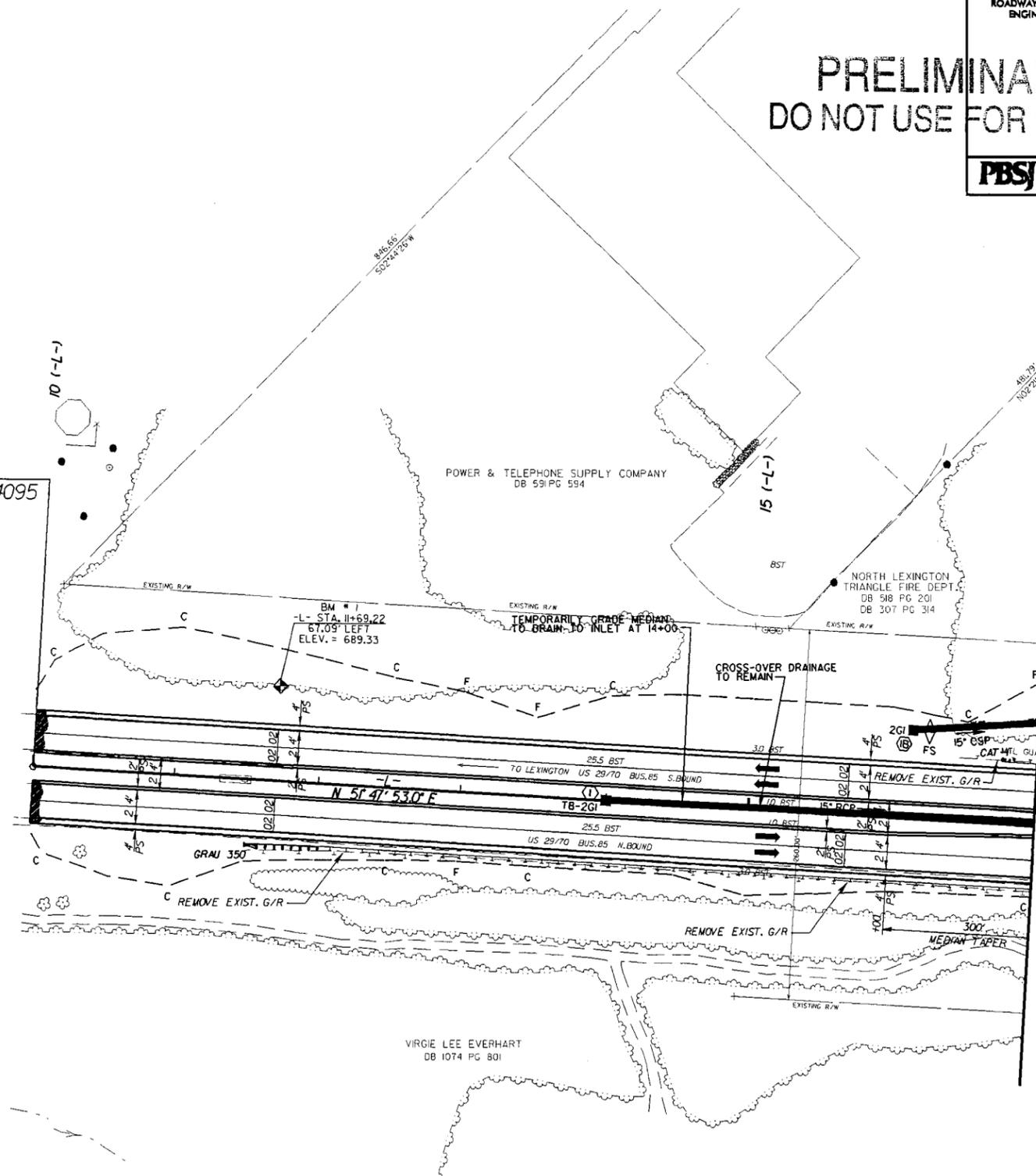


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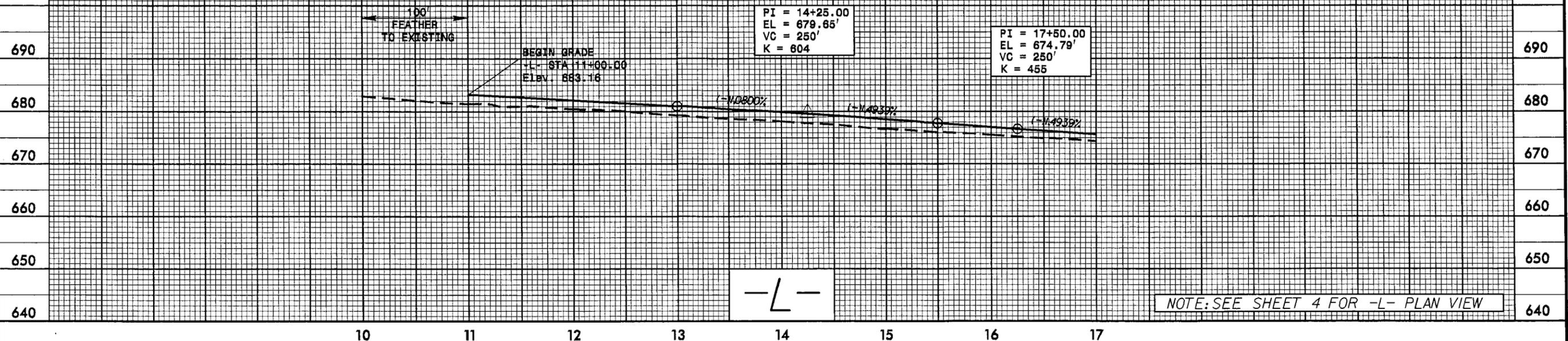
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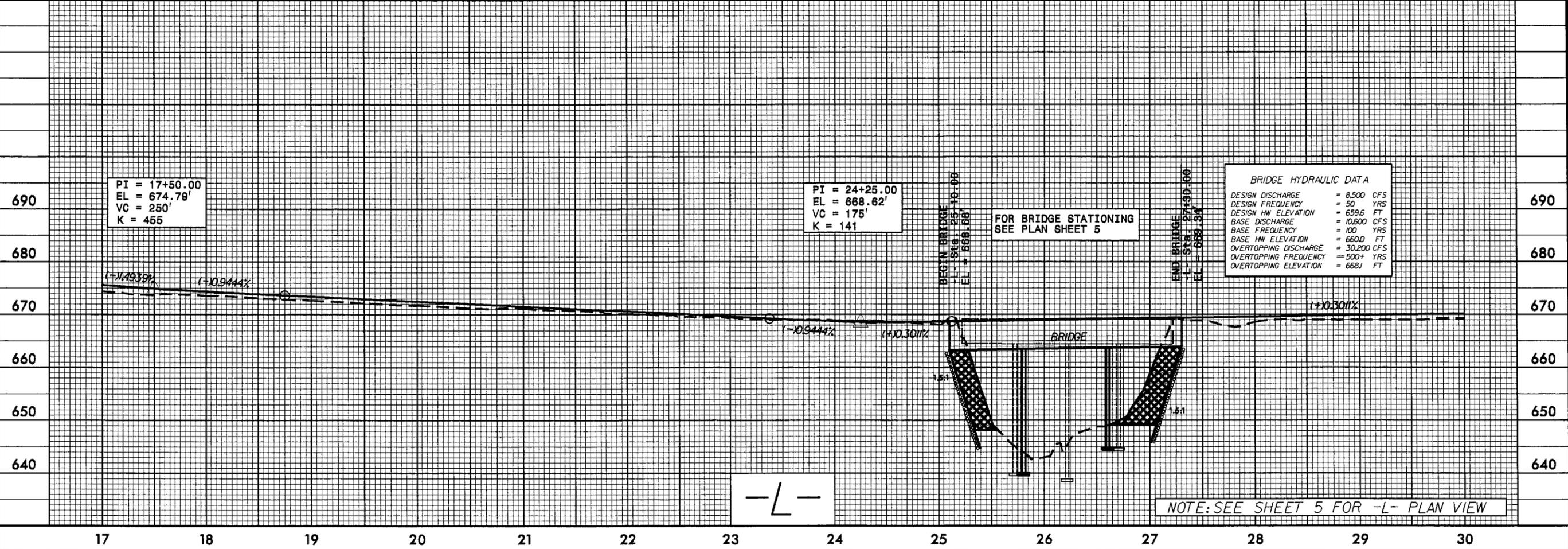
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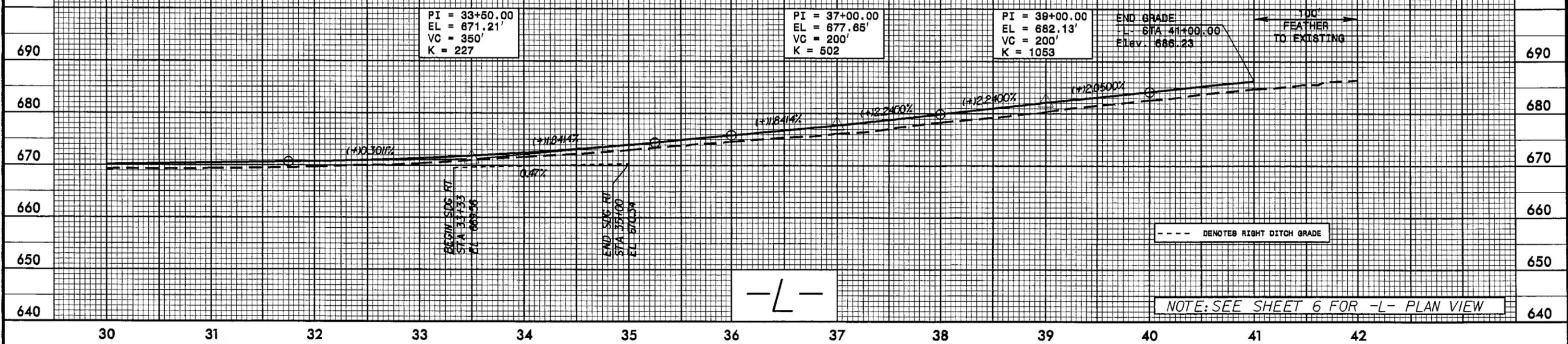
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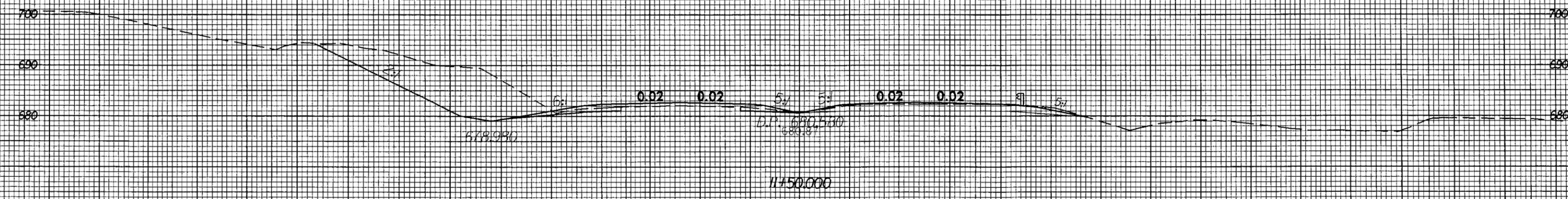
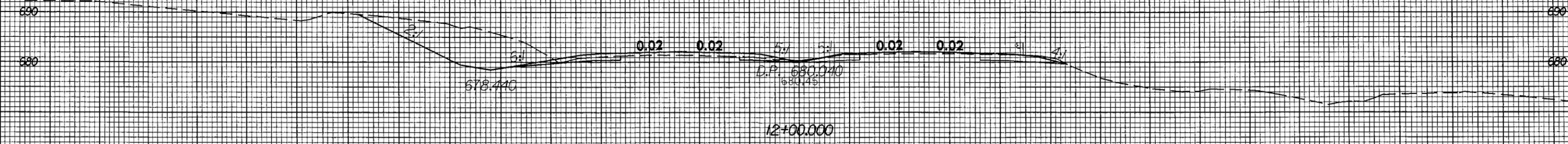
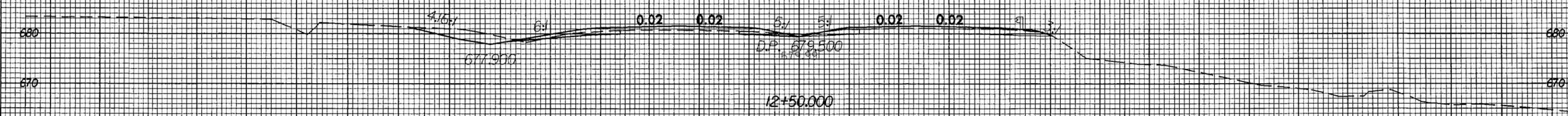
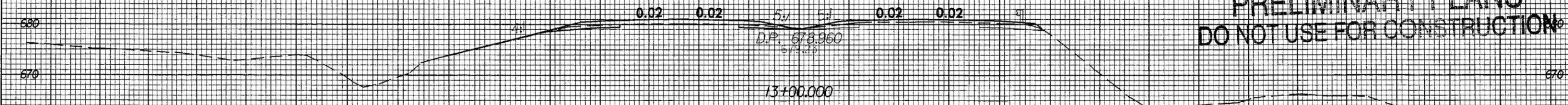




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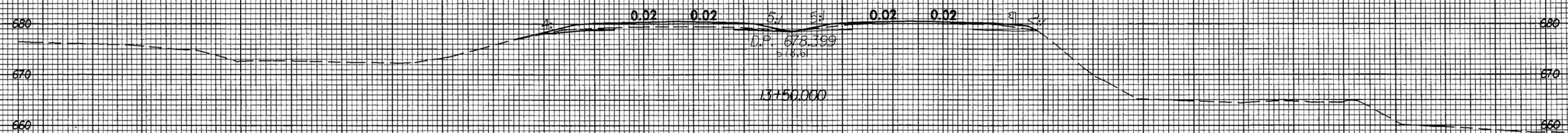
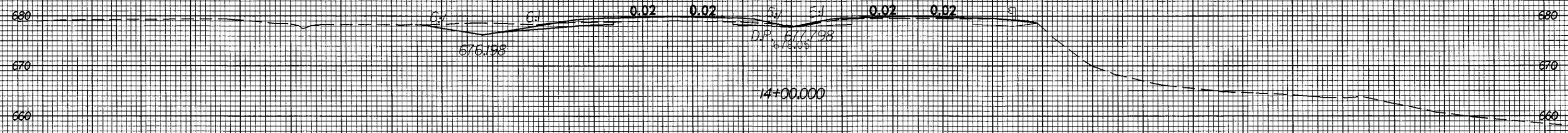
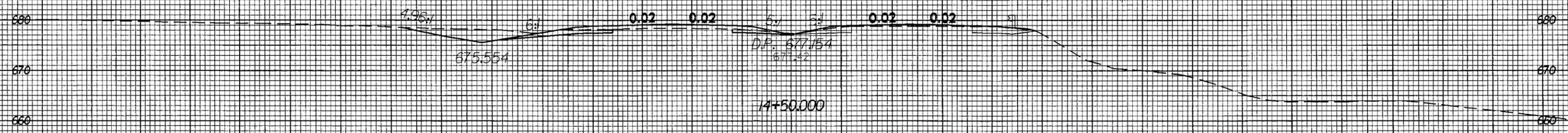


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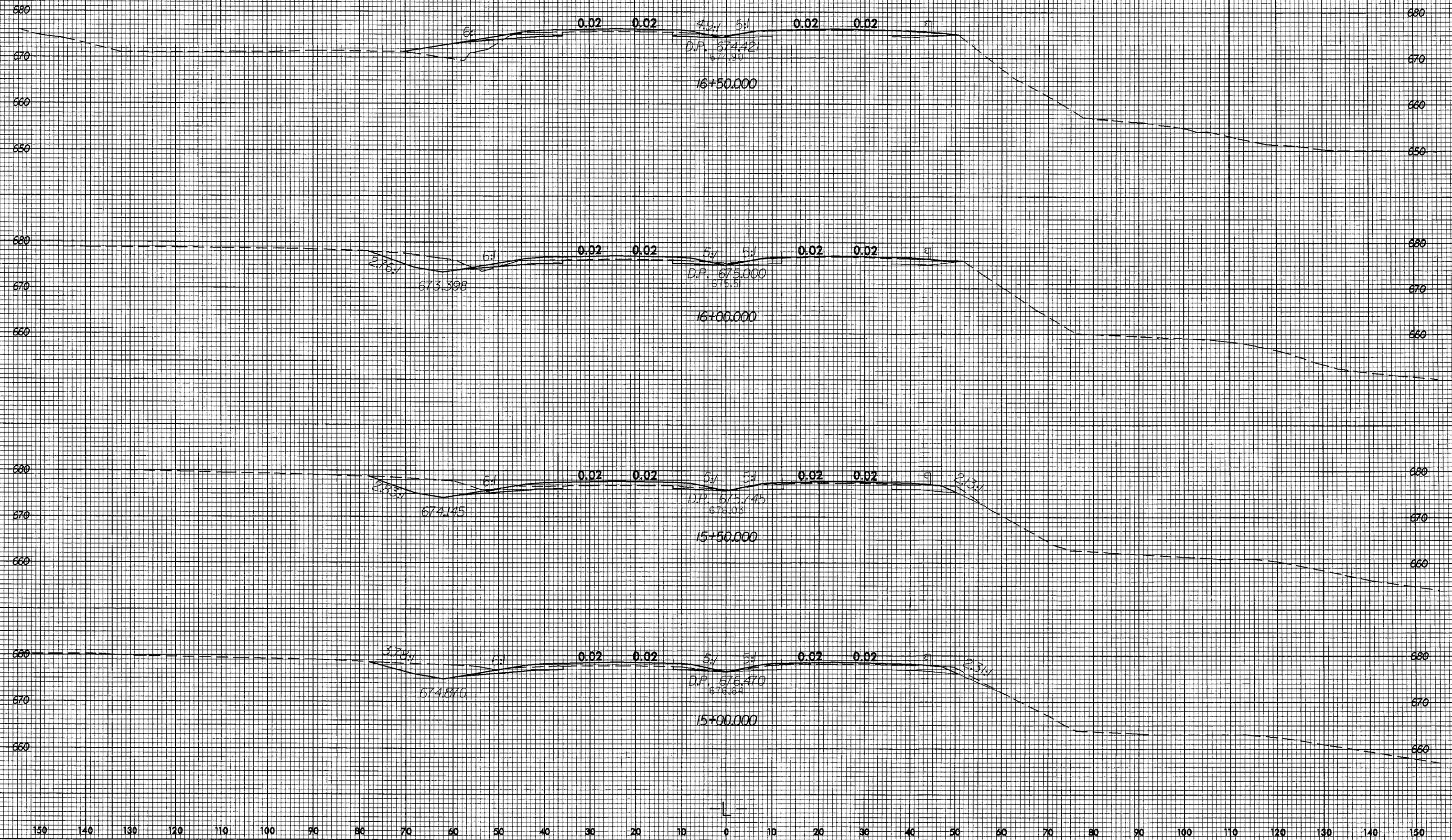


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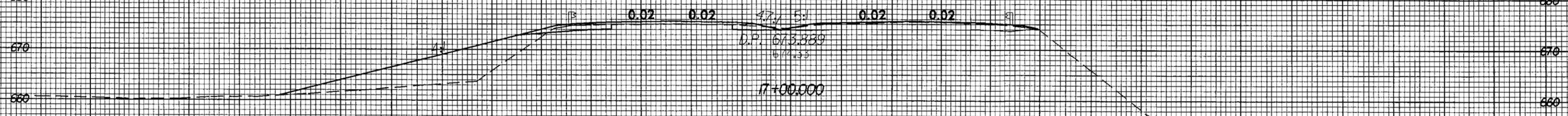
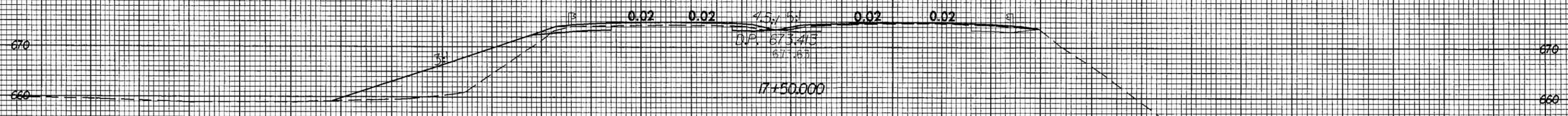
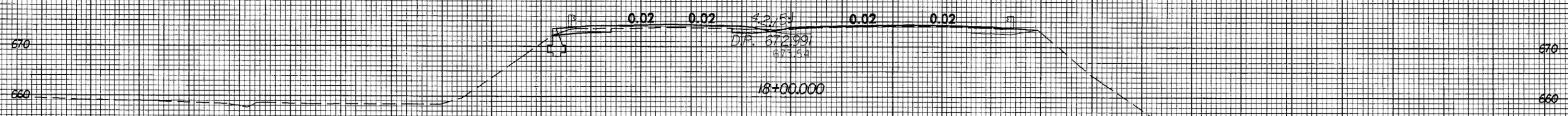
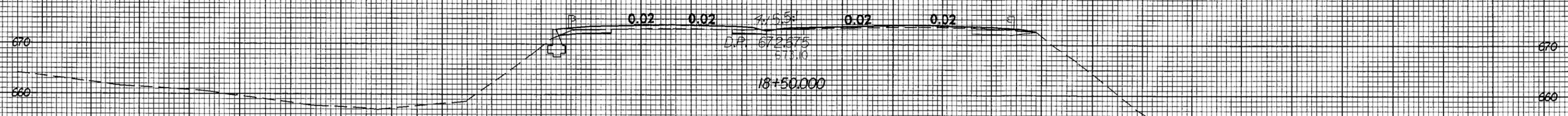
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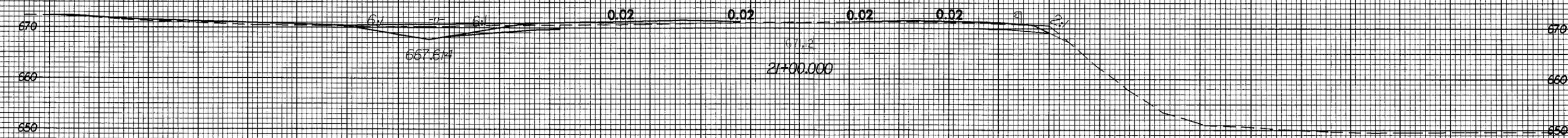
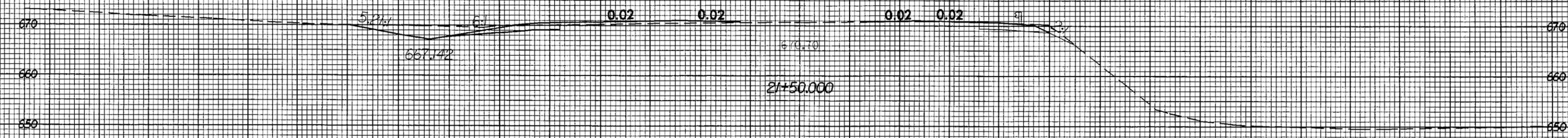
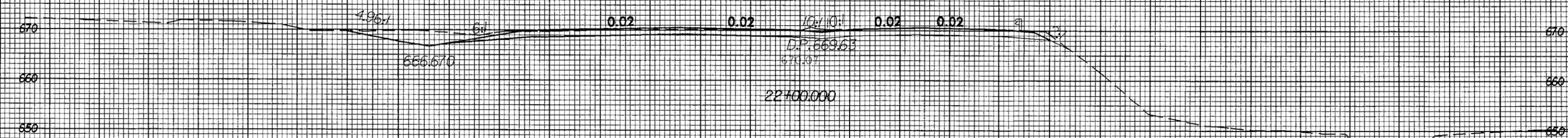
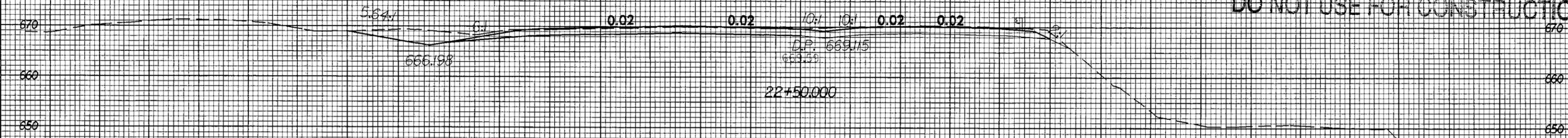
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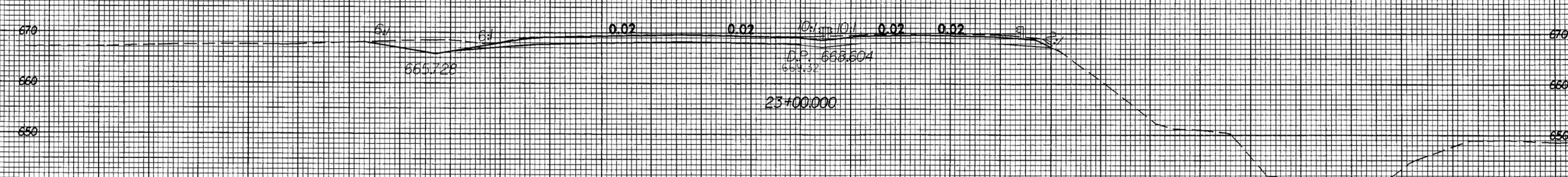
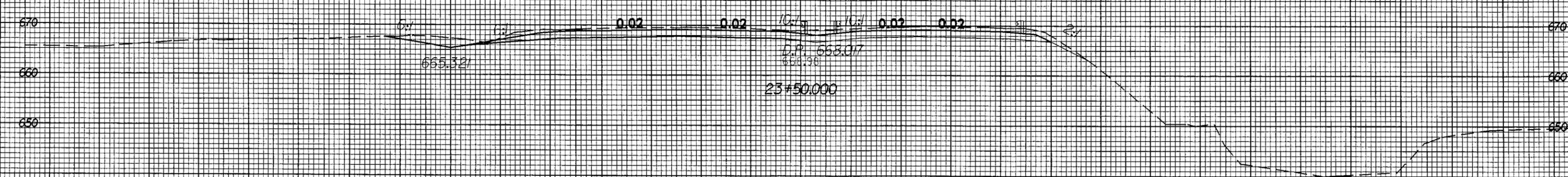
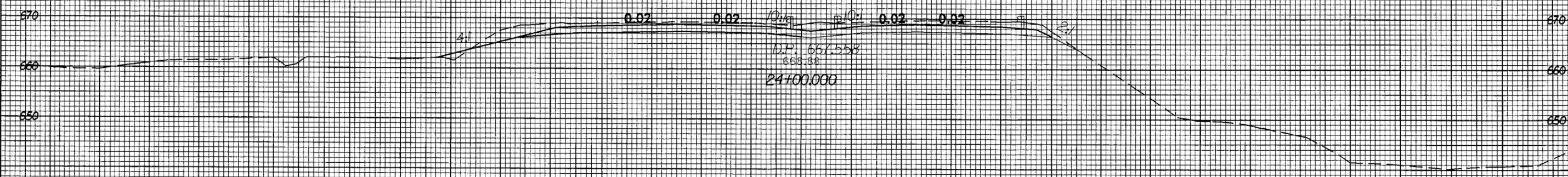
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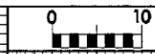
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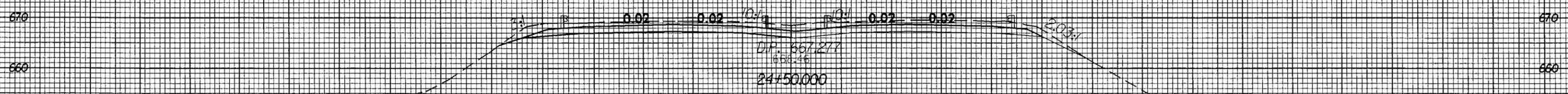
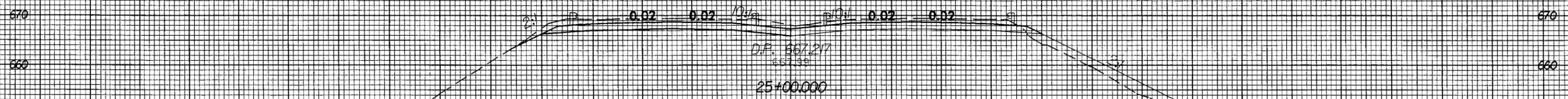
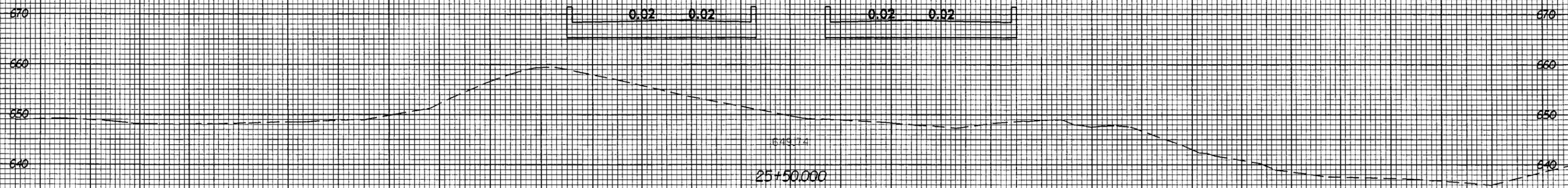
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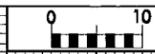


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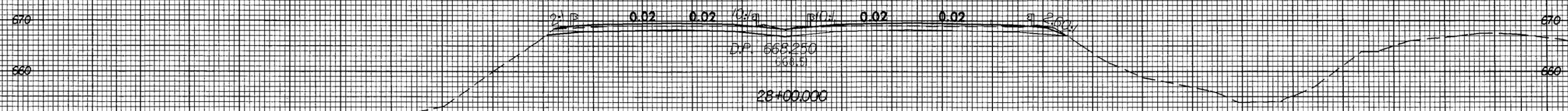
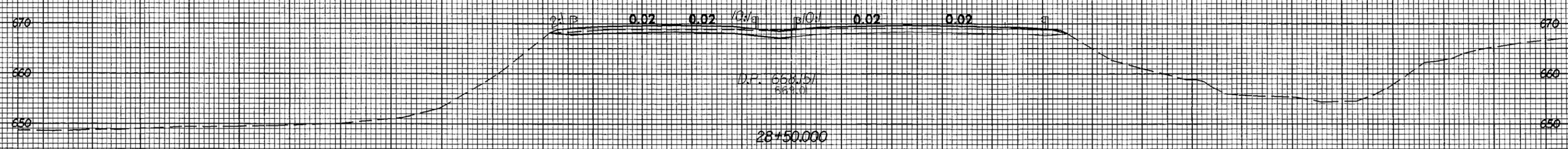
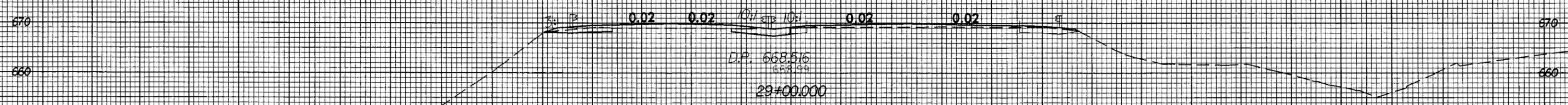
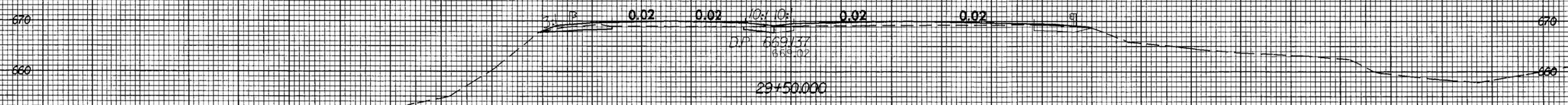


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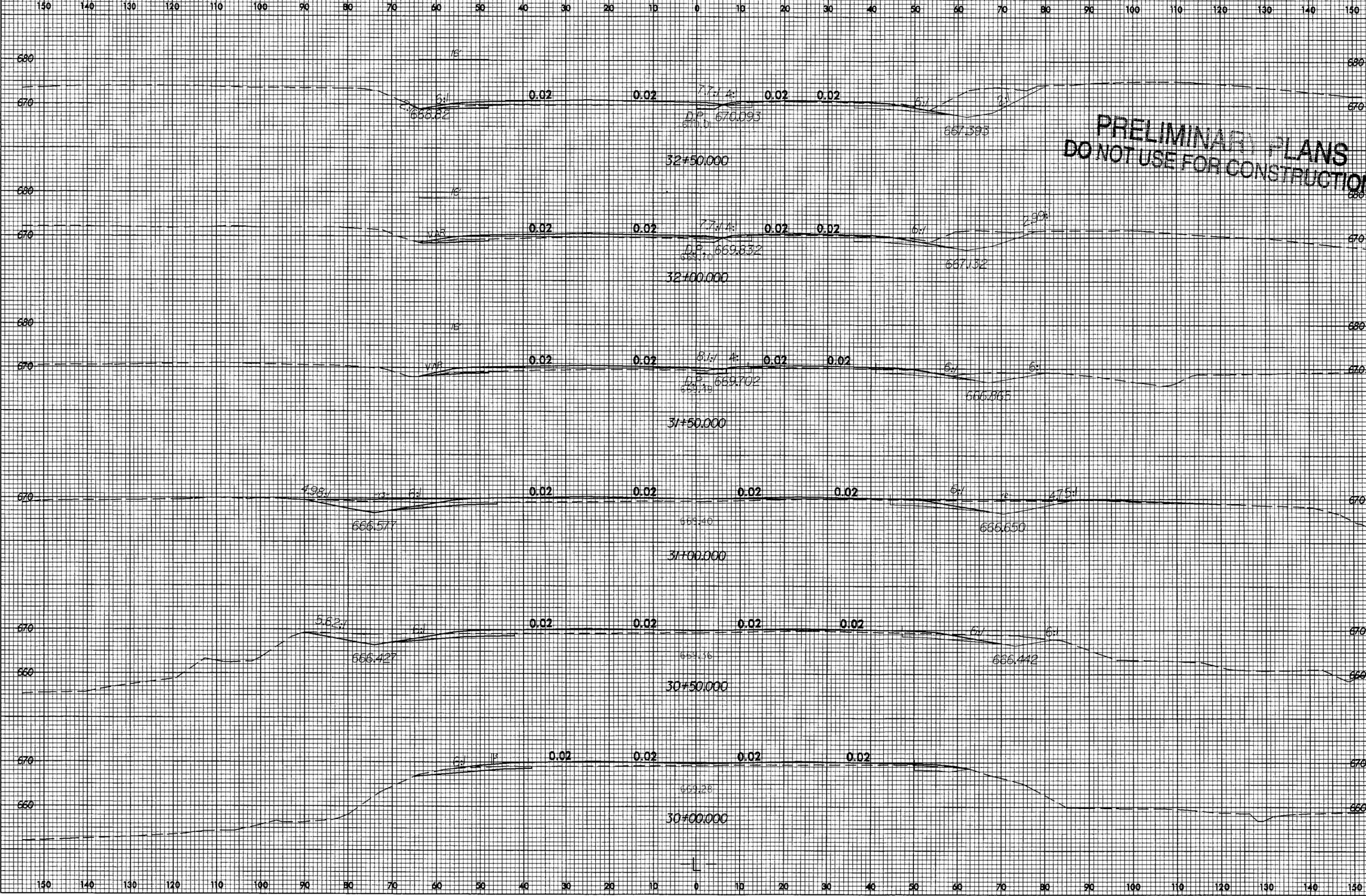
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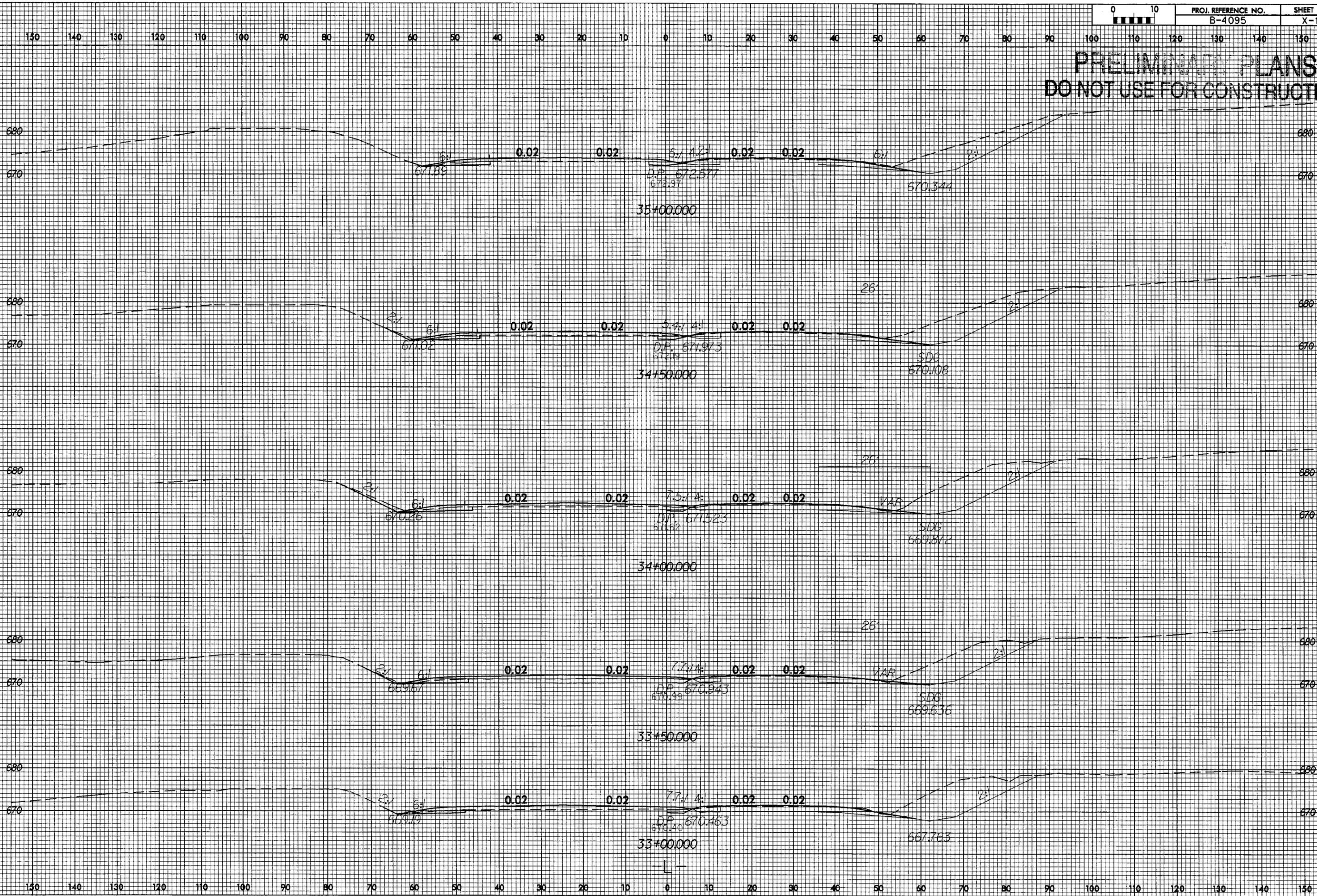
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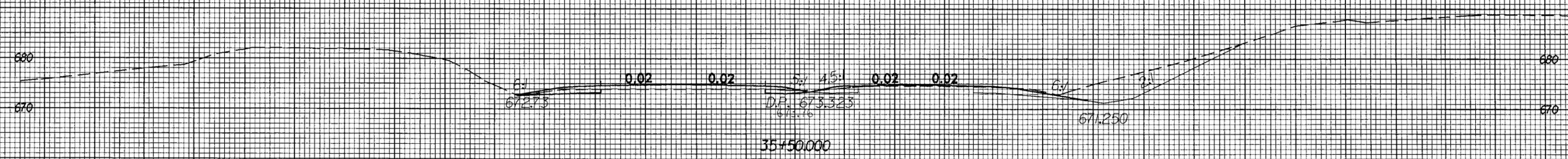
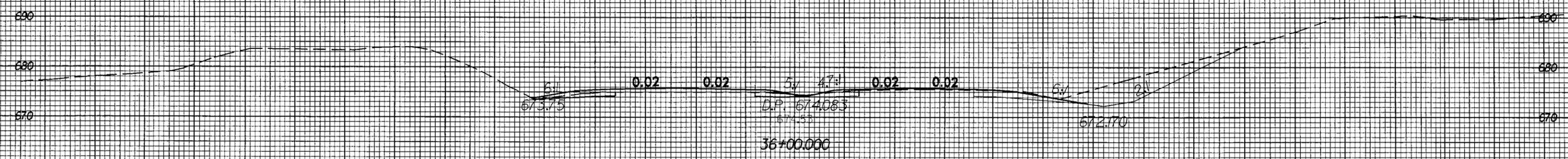
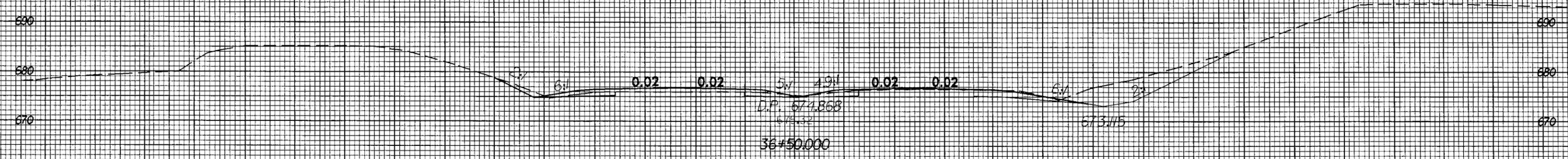
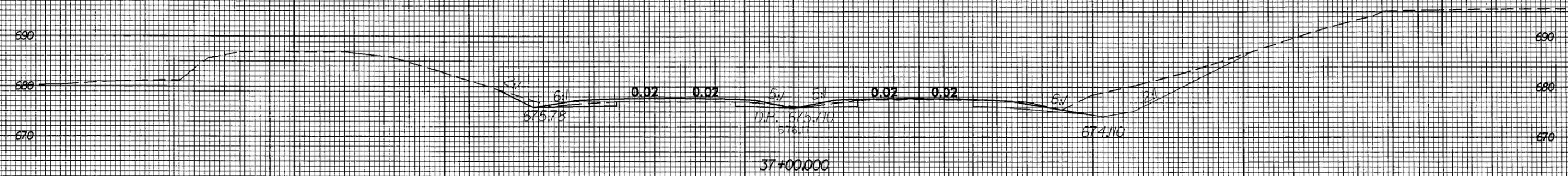


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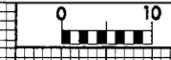
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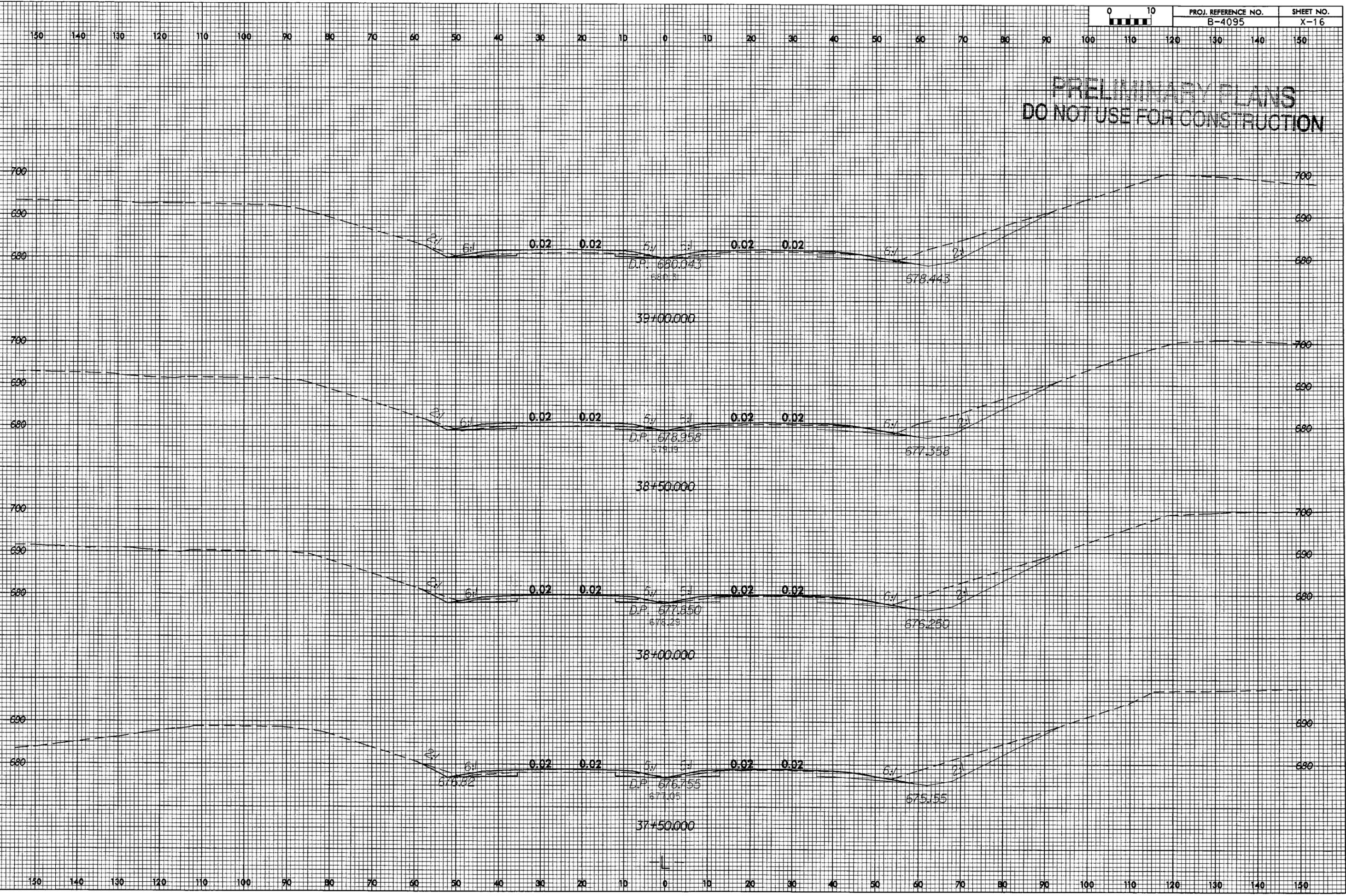


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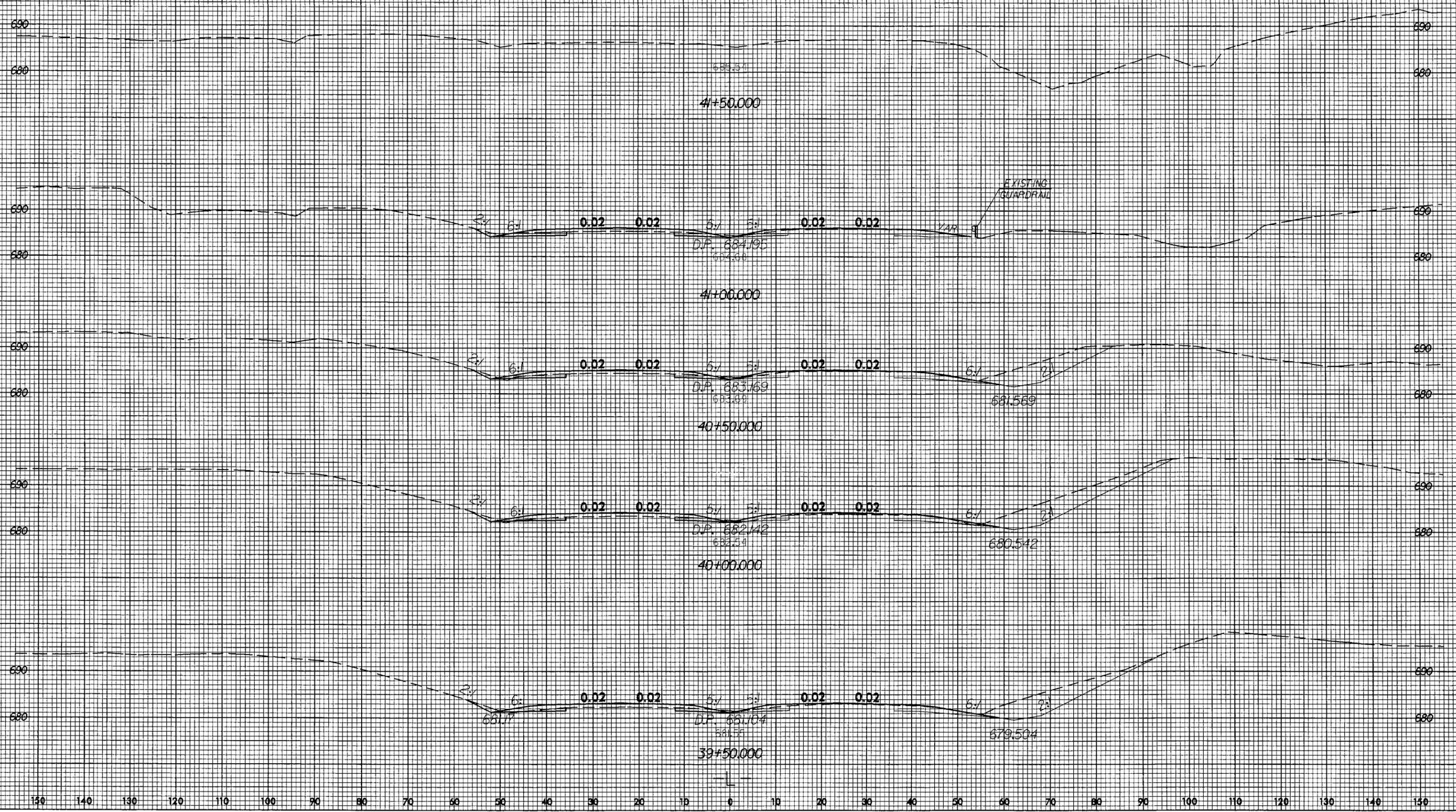


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Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 over Abbotts Creek  
Davidson County  
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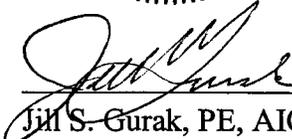
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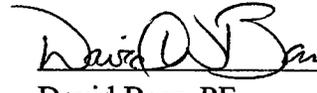
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## **PROJECT COMMITMENTS**

**I-85 Business – US 29/70 Southbound  
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Davidson County  
Federal-Aid Project No. BRSTP-29(19)  
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In addition to the standard Nationwide Permit No. 23 Conditions, the General Nationwide Permit Conditions, Section 404 Only Conditions, Regional Conditions, State Consistency Conditions, NCDOT's Guidelines for Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters, Design Standards for Sensitive Watersheds, General Certification Conditions, and Section 401 Conditions of Certification, the following special commitments have been agreed to by NCDOT:

No special project commitments.

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**INTRODUCTION:** The replacement of Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 is included in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in the Federal-Aid Bridge Replacement Program. The location of the bridges is shown in **Figure 1**. No substantial environmental impacts are anticipated. The project is classified as a Federal “Categorical Exclusion”.

## **I. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR PROJECT**

NCDOT Bridge Maintenance Unit records indicate that Bridge No. 128 has a sufficiency rating of 41.0 out of a possible 100 for a new structure, and Bridge No. 130 has a sufficiency rating of 37.8. These bridges are considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The replacement of these inadequate structures will result in safer and more efficient traffic operations.

## **II. EXISTING CONDITIONS**

**Project Setting.** **Figure 1** shows the project location in relation to the county and state. The project is located in the piedmont area of the central part of the state. I-85 Business – US 29/70, which is a north/south roadway, runs east/west in the project area.

I-85 Business – US 29/70 is classified as a rural minor arterial. It is a four-lane median divided facility. Land use in the project area is mixed. Rural residential and agricultural land use is predominant south of I-85 Business – US 29/70.

Lexington Water Works, a public water treatment facility, is just northwest of the bridges. There is

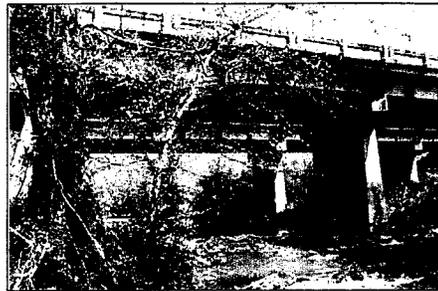


**Photograph 1: View of Bridge  
Nos. 128 & 130 looking west.**

some wooded land, a barn, and a portable restroom business in the area northeast of the bridges. Davidson County Community College is approximately one mile northwest of the bridges on I-85 Business – US29/70.

An overhead electrical line crosses the roadway immediately southwest of the bridges. There is a sanitary sewer line that runs parallel to the roadway and crosses the creek approximately 100 feet upstream of the bridges. An underground gas line and overhead telephone line also are located approximately 120 feet upstream. The utility conflicts for this bridge project are considered medium.

**Existing Bridge Data.** Bridge No. 128 carries I-85 Business – US 29/70 northbound traffic. Bridge No. 128 was built in 1951. The overall length of the bridge is 200 feet. The bridge has four spans, each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a reinforced concrete cap on a spread footing at End Bent 1, a reinforced concrete cap on timber piles at End Bent 2, and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents.



**Photograph 2: Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 facing upstream (North).**

Bridge No. 130 carries I-85 Business – US 29/70 southbound traffic and was built in 1946. The overall length of the bridge is 200 feet. The bridge has four spans, each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a spill through concrete abutment at End Bent 1, a reinforced concrete cap on steel piles at End Bent 2, and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents.

The existing drainage area for Abbotts Creek is 70.7 square miles.

For each bridge, the roadway width, including paved shoulders, is 30 feet and the total deck width is 33.3 feet. The existing approach roadway width, including paved shoulders is approximately 30 feet for each bridge. The height of each bridge (from crown to bed) is 26 feet. The existing median width is 24 feet. The existing right of way includes the maintained area and is 260 feet. There are no posted weight limits. The posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour (mph).

**Traffic Information.** Traffic volumes at this bridge project location are 23,700 vehicles per day (vpd) for the year 2003 and 42,700 vpd for the design year 2030. The projections estimate six (6) percent truck-tractor semi-trailer (TTST) and ten (10) percent dual-tired (DT) vehicles.

Twenty-one accidents were reported in the vicinity of these bridges during the period from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003. Eight of these crashes occurred in the southbound lanes in the vicinity of Bridge No. 130 and thirteen of these crashes occurred in the northbound lanes in the vicinity of Bridge No. 128.

Fourteen Davidson County school busses cross Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 once each day.

This section of I-85 Business – US 29/70 in Davidson County is a highway where bicycling and walking are not allowed. This section of I-85 Business – US 29/70 is not part of a designated bicycle route nor is it listed in the TIP as needing incidental bicycle accommodations.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

#### **A. Project Description**

Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 will be replaced with new bridges. The typical section for these structures is shown in **Figure 2**. Each new structure will be a three span bridge with a minimum length of 220 feet. None of the bents will be in the creek. The typical section for the structures includes two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot outside shoulders and a 4-foot inside shoulders. The typical section for the approach roadway for the permanent replacement structures consists of four 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot outside paved shoulders and 2-foot inside paved shoulders. The approach roadways will extend approximately 780 feet east and approximately 670 feet west of the bridges. The design speed for the roadway is 60 miles per hour.

Based on the preliminary hydraulic analysis, the elevation of the new structures will be approximately the same as the existing structures. The replacement structures are bridges with a minimum grade to facilitate drainage. The length and opening of the new bridge structures may increase or decrease as necessary to accommodate peak flows, which will be determined from detailed hydraulic analysis during final design.

## **B. Build Alternatives**

Two alternatives were evaluated for the replacement of Bridge Nos. 128 & 130. These alternatives are shown in **Figures 3a-g** and described below.

### Alternative 1 – Temporary Realignment Upstream (North)

This alternative will involve building a temporary detour structure upstream (north) and constructing the replacement bridges at the existing location. The detour bridge will be approximately 200 feet long and 28 feet wide. The detour bridge will be offset a distance of approximately 72 feet upstream of the existing bridge. During construction, traffic will be maintained on the temporary detour bridge. Upon completion of the new bridges, the temporary bridge and approaches will be removed.

During the construction period, the Caldcleugh Road/I-85 Business intersection east of the bridges will be closed. Caldcleugh Road can be accessed by another intersection with I-85 Business approximately 1 mile northeast. The Caldcleugh Road/I-85 Business intersection near the bridge will be reopened when the replacement bridges are completed.

Alternative 1 was not selected because it is more costly and has more impacts to biotic communities when compared to Alternative 3.

### Alternative 3 – Temporary Median Cross-Overs (Preferred)

This alternative will use the existing bridges as detours. Bridge No. 130 will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 128 is being replaced in place. The new Bridge No. 128 then will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 130 is replaced in place.

During the construction period, the speed limit in the project area will be lowered to 45 miles per hour because of the two lane detour and to meet the temporary detour design requirements. In addition, wide load vehicles will be directed to off-site detour routes.

## **C. Alternatives Eliminated from Further Study**

The “do-nothing” alternative will eventually necessitate removal of the existing structures. This is not desirable due to the service provided by Bridge Nos. 128 & 130.

Rehabilitation of the existing structures is not feasible due to their age and deteriorated condition.

A road closure alternative is not feasible due to the volume of traffic using I-85 Business – US 29/70.

Alternative 2 – Temporary Realignment Downstream

This alternative involves building a temporary detour structure downstream (south) and constructing the permanent replacement bridges at the existing location. The detour bridge will be approximately 200 feet long and 28 feet wide. The approach roadway will extend approximately 780 feet east and approximately 670 feet west of the bridge. The detour bridge will be offset a distance of approximately 72 feet downstream of the existing bridge. During construction, traffic will be maintained on the detour bridge.

Upon completion of the new bridges, the temporary detour bridge and approaches will be removed.

Alternative 2 was eliminated from further study because it would relocate approximately 415 feet of Abbotts Creek.

**D. Preferred Alternative**

Alternative 3 is the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 3 uses each bridge as a detour while the other bridge is replaced in place. Alternative 3 was selected as the Preferred Alternative because it is the least expensive alternative and has the least impacts to biotic communities when compared to Alternative 1. Both structures will be designed and constructed to allow for a future six-lane facility.

The Division 9 Engineer concurs with the selection of Alternative 3 as the Preferred Alternative.

## IV. ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated costs, based on current prices, are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**Estimated Costs**

<b>Cost Item</b>	<b>Alternative 1</b>	<b>Alternative 3 (Preferred)</b>
Structure Removal (Existing)	\$132,000	\$132,000
Structure (proposed)	\$1,136,000	\$1,136,000
Detour Structure and Approaches	\$389,100	\$70,900
Roadway Approaches	\$586,200	\$621,900
Miscellaneous and Mobilization	\$570,700	\$502,200
Engineering and Contingencies	\$436,000	\$387,000
ROW/Construction Easements/Utilities	\$79,400	\$79,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,329,400</b>	<b>\$2,929,400</b>

The estimated cost of the project as shown in the *2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program* is \$3,030,000; including \$30,000 for right-of-way and \$2,800,000 for construction. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled for 2005, with construction to follow in 2006.

## V. NATURAL RESOURCES

Definitions for area descriptions used in this report are as follows: **Project Study Area** denotes the area bounded by proposed construction limits; and **Project Vicinity** describes an area extending 0.5 mile on all sides of the Project Study Area.

### A. Methodology

Background research on soils, water resources, wetlands, protected species and other area features were conducted prior to field investigations. Information sources used in this pre-field investigation of the study area included:

- US Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map (High Point West)

- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory Map (High Point West)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS, formerly the Soil Conservation Service) soil maps, and
- NCDOT aerial photographs of project area (scale 1" = 100').

Water resource information was obtained from the following source:

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ)

Information concerning the occurrence of federal and state protected species in the study area was gathered from the following sources:

- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) website list of Davidson County Endangered Species, Threatened Species, and Federal Species of Concern
- NC Natural Heritage Program (NHP) database of rare species and unique habitats

General field surveys were conducted along the proposed alignment April 12, 2001, September 18, and October 31, 2001. Plant communities and their associated wildlife were identified and recorded. Wildlife identification involved using one or more of the following observation techniques: active searching and capture, visual observations, and identifying characteristic signs of wildlife (sounds, scat, tracks and burrows).

Jurisdictional wetland determinations were performed using delineation criteria prescribed in the 1987 *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (USACE, 1987).

Estimated impacts were derived using the construction limits shown on the functional designs for each alternative. The estimated construction limits on the functional designs were developed based on site visits, aerial photography, and USGS topographic mapping.

## **B. Physiography and Soils**

The Project Study Area denotes the area bounded by proposed construction limits. It lies within the Piedmont Physiographic Province. The topography in this section of Davidson County is characterized by gently rolling hills, dissected by wide floodplains.

Topography in the Project Study Area includes moderate slopes leading down to a relatively wide and flat floodplain associated with Abbotts Creek. The project elevation is approximately 650 feet above mean sea level (msl).

Land use in the project vicinity is residential, commercial, and institutional.

One soil phase occurs within the project boundaries: Chewacla loam, 0-2 percent slopes. Chewacla loam is a deep, rather poorly drained soil commonly found on floodplains and adjoining upland sideslope depressions. Permeability is moderate, and the seasonal high water table is located 0.5 foot-1.5 feet below the surface. Chewacla loam is frequently flooded, and is listed as a hydric soil because of saturation for a substantial period during the growing season.

The forest potential on Chewacla loam is listed as high, although excessive water can be a substantial limitation. Wetness may impede equipment use. (US Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey of Davidson County, 1976).

### **C. Water Resources**

#### **1. Waters Impacted**

Abbotts Creek will be the only surface water resource temporarily impacted by the proposed project. Abbotts Creek is located in sub-basin 07 of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin (03-07). **Figure 4a-b** shows the various resources in the project study area.

#### **2. Water Resource Characteristics**

Abbotts Creek at Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 is approximately 45 feet wide and has an average depth of 1.5 feet. The creek appeared to have an E5 Rosgen classification (stream with gentle slopes, and sandy bed with some gravel and silt/clay deposits), although this was difficult to determine due to high turbidity. The drainage area for Abbotts Creek is 70.7 square miles.

There is a small dam approximately 200 feet upstream (north) of the bridges. A public water treatment facility, Lexington Water Works, is located northwest of the existing bridge about 300 feet upstream. It has a discharge pipe in Abbotts Creek located approximately 40 feet upstream of the dam (240 feet upstream of the existing bridge). The dam stands about 3 feet high and is used to pool water for the discharge. The water passed freely over the dam on the days of the site visits. The Public Works Manager for the City of Lexington was contacted and had no concerns regarding the project in relation to the water treatment facility.

### 3. Best Usage Classification and Water Quality

**Best Usage Classification.** Streams are assigned a best usage classification by the NCDWQ. The classification of Abbotts Creek [Index No. 12-119-(6)] is C. The Class C listing indicates that the water uses include aquatic life propagation and survival, fishing, wildlife, secondary recreation, and agriculture.

Neither High Quality Waters (HQW), Water Supplies (WS-I: undeveloped watersheds or WS-II: predominately undeveloped watersheds) nor Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) occur within one mile downstream of the Project Study Area.

**Water Quality Monitoring.** The Benthic Macroinvertebrate Ambient Network (BMAN) is managed by NCDWQ and is part of an ongoing ambient water quality monitoring program which addresses long-term trends in water quality. The program assesses water quality by sampling for selected benthic macroinvertebrate organisms at fixed monitoring sites. Some macroinvertebrates are sensitive to very subtle changes in water quality; thus, the species richness and overall biomass of these organisms are reflections of water quality. There is a BMAN station on Bridge No. 130. It was sampled in 1985, and received a rating of Fair.

The overall support rating for this section of Abbotts Creek is support-threatened (ST). This rating indicates that while the creek is currently capable of supporting activities indicated by its best usage classification (Class C), it may not be able to support these activities in the future without pollution prevention or a control action. (NCDWQ 1998).

**NPDES Permitted Dischargers.** There are 19 major and 41 general NPDES permitted dischargers in the subbasin (NCDENR-DWQ 1998). It is not anticipated that the project will impact any of these facilities, including the water treatment plant (Lexington Water Works) about 300 feet upstream from the bridge. The Public Works Manager for the City of Lexington was contacted and had no concerns regarding the project in relation to the water treatment facility.

**Non-Point Source Dischargers.** Non-point source dischargers cause water problems in sub-basin 07. Major sources in this basin include; agriculture, especially cattle and poultry production, urban/residential areas, construction, timber harvesting, onsite wastewater disposal, generally from septic systems, and solid waste disposal.

#### **4. Anticipated Impacts to Water Resources**

Alternative 3 (Preferred) is a bridge without bents in the creek; therefore, there will be no permanent impacts to Abbotts Creek.

Impacts to water resources can occur during construction. NCDOT, in cooperation with NCDWQ, has developed a sedimentation control program for highway projects, which adopts formal best management practices (BMPs) for the protection of surface waters.

#### **5. Impacts Related to Bridge Demolition and Removal**

The superstructure should be removed without any resulting fill. Since the substructures of the existing bridges are made of concrete, there is a potential for some of this material to be dropped into Waters of the United States during removal. The substructures of Bridge No. 128 and Bridge No. 130 each are made up of 277 cubic yards of concrete. Therefore, the removal of the substructure will likely result in 554 cubic yards of temporary fill dropped into the water during removal of Bridge Nos. 128 & 130.

#### **D. Biotic Resources**

Biotic resources include aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. This section describes those ecosystems encountered in the study area, as well as the relationships between fauna and flora within these ecosystems.

Descriptions of the terrestrial systems are presented in the context of plant community classifications and follow descriptions presented by Schafale and Weakley (1990) where possible. Scientific nomenclature and common names (when applicable) are provided for each plant and animal species described. Plant taxonomy generally follows Radford, et al. (1968). Animal taxonomy follows Martof, et al. (1980); Menhenick (1991); Potter, et al. (1980); and Webster, et al. (1985). Subsequent references to the same organism include the common name only. An asterisk (\*) after the faunal species name indicates that an animal or evidence of a particular animal was observed on the site visits (nest, scat, tracks, sound etc).

##### **1. Terrestrial Communities**

As shown in **Figure 4**, two distinct terrestrial communities occur in the Project Study Area: Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest and Maintained/Disturbed. Community

boundaries within the Project Study Area are well defined, without a substantial transition zone between them.

**Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest.** There is a fringe Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest along the Abbotts Creek corridor extending about 20 feet on either side of the stream bank. Southwest and northeast of the project area, there are large areas of alluvial forest, intermixed with disturbed land. The transition from alluvial forest to maintained/disturbed community is abrupt due to road shoulder maintenance activities. Intermittent flooding during high flow periods drives the hydrology of the alluvial forest. Periodic flooding provides nutrient input through sediment deposition, making this system very productive. However, periodic flooding can be a destructive factor during large storm events by undercutting banks and eroding soils.

The canopy of the Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest is composed of green ash (*Fraxinus Pennsylvanica*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), and red maple (*Acer rubrum*). The understory consists of tag alder (*Alnus serrulata*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), and red maple saplings. The shrub layer consists of multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), blackberry (*Rubus* sp.), and privet (*Ligustrum sinense*). Herbs in the area include clover (*Trifolium* sp.), bamboo (*Fargesia* sp.), dandelion (*Taraxacum* sp.), violet (*Viola* sp.), and rush (*Juncus effusus*). Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), and greenbrier (*Smilax* sp.) comprise the vine layer.

Wildlife associated with the alluvial forest include: raccoon\* (*Procyon lotor*), gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), and white-tailed deer\* (*Odocoileus virginianus*). These species will use this forest community for cover and will forage on twigs and leaves as well as mast. Amphibians and reptiles likely to inhabit this habitat type include the two-lined salamander (*Eurycea bislineata*), spring peeper (*Hyla crucifer*), and snake species such as the northern copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen*) and the black rat snake (*Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*).

Avian species using the alluvial forest include: song sparrow\* (*Melospiza melodia*), tufted titmouse\* (*Parus bicolor*), northern mockingbird\* (*Mimus polyglottos*), eastern bluebird\* (*Sialia sialis*), belted kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*), northern parula (*Parula americana*), and blue-gray gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*). The barred owl (*Strix varia*) is a permanent resident in this community type. Swallows\* (Family Hirundinidae) and pigeons\* (*Columbia livia*) are using the current bridge for nesting and roosting.

**Maintained/Disturbed Community.** The Maintained/Disturbed areas are mowed infrequently and have a variety of early successional species including: multiflora rose, goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.), daisies (Family Compositae), and Japanese honeysuckle. A few sapling sycamores are growing through the herb and shrub layer.

The Maintained/Disturbed Community includes residential and commercial areas. The residential areas are primarily covered with turf grasses, with some planted trees. The area immediately to the west of the project area is in commercial use by the Lexington Water Works and other commercial buildings. Most of the area is maintained in turf grasses (*Festuca* sp. and *Cynodon dactylon*).

The Project Study Area is surrounded by a combination of farmland and alluvial forest. Therefore, faunal species frequenting the maintained community will be species inhabiting the alluvial forest or early successional habitat.

Wildlife associated with the maintained/disturbed community includes: gray squirrel\*, opossum\*, groundhog (*Marmota monax*), raccoon, and white-tailed deer. Amphibians and reptiles likely to inhabit this habitat type include spring peeper and other frog and toad species as well as snake species such as the northern copperhead and the black rat snake.

Avian species using the maintained/disturbed community include: song sparrow\*, tufted titmouse\*, northern mockingbird\*, eastern bluebird\*, blue jay\* (*Cyanocitta cristata*), and American robin (*Turdus migratorius*).

## **2. Aquatic Communities**

One aquatic community, Abbots Creek, will be temporarily impacted by the proposed project. Physical characteristics of the water body and condition of the water resource influence faunal composition of aquatic communities. Terrestrial communities adjacent to a water resource also greatly influence aquatic communities.

Fish associated with the aquatic community include redbreast sunfish (*Lepomis auritus*), gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*), bluehead chub (*Nocomis leptoccephalus*), redlip shiner (*Notropis chiliticus*), creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*), fantail darter (*Etheostoma flabellare*), and tessellated darter (*Etheostoma olmstedii*) (Tracy, Pers. Comm.). A fisherman in the area stated he had caught catfish (*Ictalurus* sp.) and carp (*Ctenopharyngodon* sp.) at the dam upstream of the bridge (April 12, 2001).

Invertebrates that will be present include: crayfish (Family Cambaridae) and nymphal stages of dragonflies and damselflies (Order Odonata). The bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*), pickerel frog (*R. palustris*), snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), and northern water snake (*Nerodia sipedon*) are common permanent residents in this community.

### 3. Anticipated Impacts to Biotic Communities

#### a. Terrestrial Communities

Calculated impacts to biotic resources reflect the relative abundance of each community present within the study area. Project construction will result in clearing and degradation of portions of these communities. **Table 2** summarizes potential quantitative losses to these biotic communities resulting from Alternative 1 (temporary realignment upstream) and Alternative 3 (temporary median crossovers). Estimated impacts are derived using the construction limits (slope stakes) shown on the functional designs for the alternative.

**Table 2**  
**Anticipated Impacts to Biotic Communities**

Community		Alternative 1	Alternative 3 (Preferred)
Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest (acres)		1.46	0.67
Maintained/Disturbed (acres)		1.08	0.81
Abbotts Creek (linear feet)		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>acres of habitat</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>1.48</b>
	<b>linear feet of creek</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

As indicated in **Table 2**, the total area of impact for Alternative 1 is greater than for Alternative 3 (Preferred). The habitat impacted most will be Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest for Alternative 1 and Maintained/Disturbed for Alternative 3. Impacts from Alternative 1 will be temporary since the detour bridge will be removed after the bridges are constructed and the area around the detour bridge will be restored. Impacts from Alternative 3 (Preferred) are caused by construction of the roadway approaches and will be temporary since the existing bridges will be used as detours and will be removed after the bridges are constructed and the area will be restored. Areas modified by construction, but not paved, will become road shoulders and early successional or maintained/disturbed habitat.

Plant communities found within the proposed project area serve as nesting and sheltering habitat for various wildlife species. Due to the size and scope of this project, it is anticipated that impacts to fauna will be minimal.

Invasive species such as Japanese honeysuckle are already prevalent in the area. To avoid further spread of these species, establishment of a hardy groundcover as soon as possible after disturbance is recommended.

#### **b. Aquatic Communities**

Aquatic communities are sensitive to even small changes in their environment. Stream channelization, scouring, siltation, sedimentation and erosion from construction-related work will temporarily affect water quality and biological constituents.

Impacts often associated with construction that disturbs streambanks include increased channelization and scouring of the streambed. Construction activities that take place in-stream, such as equipment crossing the stream, alter the stream substrate and may remove streamside vegetation at the site.

The removal of streamside vegetation and placement of fill material at the construction site alters the terrain. Alterations of the streambank increase the likelihood of erosion and sedimentation. Erosion and sedimentation carry soils, toxic compounds and other materials into aquatic communities at the construction site. Revegetation stabilizes and holds the soil, thus mitigating these processes.

Implementation of guidelines and Best Management Practices for surface waters, trout waters, waters classified as ORW, and bridge demolition and removal will result in no notable losses to aquatic species or habitats.

### **E. Special Topics**

#### **1. Waters of the United States**

Surface waters and wetlands fall under the broad category of "Waters of the United States" as defined in Section 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 328.3 and in accordance with provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Waters of the United States are regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Potential wetland communities were investigated pursuant to the 1987 *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (USCE, 1987). According to the three-parameter approach outlined in the manual, hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation and prescribed hydrologic characteristics all must be present for an area to be considered a wetland. No jurisdictional wetlands are present within the Project Study Area.

Abbotts Creek is a Jurisdictional Surface Water under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Abbotts Creek will not be permanently impacted by the proposed project.

## **2. Permits**

### **a. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

It is anticipated that this project will fall under Nationwide Permit 23 (33 CFR 330.5(a)), which is a type of general permit. Nationwide Permit 23 is relevant to Categorical Exclusions. This permit authorizes activities, work, and discharges undertaken, assisted, authorized, regulated, funded or financed in whole, or part, by another Federal agency and that the activity is "categorically excluded" from environmental documentation because it is included within a category of actions which neither individually nor cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Activities authorized under nationwide permits must satisfy all terms and conditions of the particular permit.

### **b. Section 401 Water Quality Certification**

A Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) is necessary for projects that require Section 404 Permits. Written concurrence/notification is not always required by the State, and varies depending upon the General Certification. If this project qualifies under Nationwide Permit 23, the NCDWQ must be notified, however written concurrence from the NCDWQ is not required.

### **c. Bridge Demolition and Removal**

Since the substructure and superstructure of the existing bridges are made of concrete, there is a potential for some of this material to be dropped into Water of the United States during removal. Permitting will be coordinated such that any permit needed for bridge construction will address issues related to bridge demolition. If the bridge is to be

removed in a fashion such that there is a practical alternative to dropping bridge components into the water, that alternative shall be followed.

### **3. Avoidance**

Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 will be replaced with new bridge structures with no bents in the creek. Therefore, impacts to Abbotts Creek are avoided.

### **4. Minimization**

The Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3) minimizes impacts to the Waters of the United States by replacing Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 at the existing location. Utilization of BMPs will be used in an effort to minimize impacts. No jurisdictional wetlands are present within the Project Study Area.

### **5. Mitigation**

The USACE has adopted, through the CEQ, a wetland mitigation policy which embraces the concepts of "no net loss of wetlands" and sequencing. The purpose of this policy is to restore and maintain the chemical, biological and physical integrity of Waters of the United States, including wetlands. Mitigation of wetland impacts has been defined by the CEQ to include avoiding impacts, minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time, and compensating for impacts (40 CFR 1508.20). Each of these three aspects (avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation) must be considered sequentially. There are no wetland impacts associated with this project. Mitigation is not expected for any alternative.

The USACE usually requires compensatory mitigation for activities authorized under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act if unavoidable impacts to Waters of the United States total more than 0.10 acre of wetlands or 500 linear feet of perennial and intermittent streams.

The NCDWQ may require compensatory mitigation for activities authorized under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act if unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States total more than 0.10 acre of wetlands and/or 150 linear feet of perennial streams.

A final determination regarding mitigation requirements rests with the agencies noted above.

**F. Protected Species**

Some populations of fauna and flora have been in, or are in, the process of decline either due to natural forces or their inability to coexist with human activities.

**1. Federally Protected Species**

Plants and animals with federal classifications of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Proposed Endangered (PE) and Proposed Threatened (PT) are protected under provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. **Table 3** includes the federally protected species listed by the USFWS for Davidson County as of October 4, 2004. A brief description of each species' characteristics and habitat follows.

**Table 3  
Federally-Protected Species for Davidson County**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat in Project Study Area
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	No
Schweinitz's sunflower	<i>Helianthus schweinitzii</i>	Endangered	No
Bog Turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	T(S/A) <sup>1</sup>	No

**Endangered** species are in danger of becoming extinct throughout all or a significant portion of their range.

**Threatened** species are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range.

<sup>1</sup> On November 4, 1997, the northern population of bog turtles (from Maryland to New York) was listed as threatened. The southern population was listed as threatened due to similarity of appearance (T(S/A)). This listing bans collection, interstate and international commercial trade in bog turtles, but it has no effect on private landowners.

**Bald Eagle - (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened**

Family: Accipitridae

Date Listed: March 11, 1967

**BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION**

**NO EFFECT**

Adult bald eagles can be identified by their large white head and short white tail. The body plumage is dark-brown to chocolate-brown in color. In flight, bald eagles can be identified by their flat wing soar.

Eagle nests are found in proximity to water (within a half mile) with a clear flight path to the water, in the largest living tree in an area, and having an open view of the surrounding land. Human disturbance can cause an eagle to abandon otherwise suitable habitat. The breeding season for the bald eagle begins in December or January. Fish are the major food source for bald eagles. Other sources include coots, herons, and wounded ducks. Food may be live or carrion.

The major reasons for the eagles' decline are habitat loss, direct shooting, and pesticide use. The birds use riparian systems, many of which have been altered for recreational, urban, or agricultural uses. Human disturbance and tree removal, particularly of large trees used for nesting, has further reduced the birds' reproductive abilities. From the 1950's to the 1970's, DDT use was a major cause for the species' decline. Even today, environmental contamination from pesticide use, lead and mercury, is a threat to the species (Sierra Club, Spotlight on the Species website, <http://www.sierraclub.org/habitat/species/bald.asp>).

Habitat for the bald eagle is not found within the Project Study Area. It is possible that eagles may occasionally fly over the project area. However, the lack of appropriate feeding, roosting and perching habitat or suitable nesting habitat in the form of large trees with a clear flight path to water is not present within the project vicinity. Additionally, the NC Natural Heritage Program database of rare species and unique habitats has no record for the presence of the bald eagle within the project vicinity. Therefore, project construction will not affect the bald eagle.

**Schweinitz's sunflower - (*Helianthus schweinitzii*) - Endangered**

Family: Helianthus

Date Listed: May 7, 1991

**BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION**

**NO EFFECT**

Schweinitz's sunflower is a perennial plant with a pubescent stem and a head less than 1.4 inches. It is 3.3-6.5 feet tall, often with several flowering stems. The yellow flowers bloom from September to frost, with rays 0.8-1.2 inches long. In September through October, dark brown glabrous nutlets develop. These are rounded at the apex and 0.12-.13 inches long. The stiff pubescent leaves are the plant's most readily identifiable indicator. The upper surface is rough, with broad-based spinose hairs directed towards the leaf tip. The underside is densely covered with soft white hairs that obscure the leaf surface.

The plant is generally found in upland areas, in wood fringes, thickets or pastures in moist to fairly dry clay, clay-loam, or sandy-clay loam soil.

The major threats to Schweinitz's sunflower are habitat destruction, fire suppression, habitat alteration, and highway right-of-way maintenance. Many areas where the plant lives have been developed as cities or suburbs grow. Some known populations have disappeared for unknown reasons (USFWS Endangered Species Program website, <http://endangered.fws.gov>).

Habitat for the Schweinitz's sunflower is not found within the Project Study Area. A population of Schweinitz's sunflower has been recorded in Davidson County. However, a review of the NC Natural Heritage Program database of rare species and unique habitats revealed no records of North Carolina rare and/or protected species in or near the project study area. Additionally, the soil type in the Project Area is not generally favorable for Schweinitz's sunflower growth. The plants prefer moist to dry clay soils, and the frequent flooding expected in a streambed and common to the Chewacla soils will not be conducive to this plant. No plants were found during site visits on any of the field visits, including September 18, 2001, when the species would have been in bloom. Project construction will not affect the Schweinitz's sunflower.

**Bog Turtle - (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*) – T(S/A)**

Family: Emydidae

Date Listed: November 4, 1997

**Table 3** lists the Federal Threatened Species due to Similarity of Appearance (T(S/A)). These are species that are not Threatened or Endangered themselves, but are listed to protect Threatened or Endangered species that may be difficult to differentiate. These species are not subject to Section 7.

There is one Federal Threatened Species Due to Similarity of Appearance (T(S/A)), the bog turtle (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*), listed for Davidson County. Directed surveys for the Bog turtle were not conducted during the site visits, nor was this species observed. There is no suitable habitat for this species in the project vicinity. Project construction will not affect the bog turtle.

## 2. Federal Species of Concern (FSC)

There are three Federal Species of Concern (FSC) listed for Davidson County. Federal Species of Concern are not afforded federal protection under the ESA and are not subject to any of its provisions, including Section 7, until they are formally proposed or listed as Threatened or Endangered. Federal Species of Concern are defined as those species which may or may not be listed in the future. These species were formally candidate species, or species under consideration for listing for which there was insufficient information to support a listing of Endangered, Threatened, Proposed Endangered or Proposed Threatened.

**Table 4** lists Federal Candidate species, the species' state status (if afforded state protection) and the existence of suitable habitat for each species in the study area. This species list is provided for information purposes, as the status of these species may be upgraded in the future.

**Table 4**  
**Federal Species of Concern (FSC) for Davidson County**

Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Habitat
<i>Vertebrates</i>			
Carolina darter	<i>Etheostoma collis collis</i>	SR	Yes
<i>Vascular Plants</i>			
Georgia aster <sup>+</sup>	<i>Aster georgianus</i>	T	Yes
Heller's trefoil	<i>Lotus helleri</i>	C	No

C = **Candidate** species are very rare in North Carolina and/or throughout their range. These are species whose fate depends largely on their conservation in North Carolina. If present land trends continue, candidate species are likely to be listed as Endangered or Threatened.

SR = **Significantly Rare** species are very rare in North Carolina. They are generally more common in other parts of their range.

T = **Threatened** species are likely to become endangered through all or a portion of their range.

<sup>+</sup> No specimen found in Davidson County in 50 years.

Directed surveys for these species were not conducted during the site visits. However, none of these species were observed.

## **VI. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

### **A. Compliance Guidelines**

This project is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106, codified as 36 CFR Part 800. Section 106 requires Federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings (federally-funded, licensed, or permitted) on properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and to afford the Advisory Council a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings.

### **B. Historic Architecture**

All structures within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) were photographed, and later reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (HPO). In a concurrence form dated March 29, 2001, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred there are no historic architectural resources either listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places within the project's area of potential effect. A copy of the concurrence form is included in the **Appendix**.

### **C. Archaeology**

The SHPO, in a memorandum dated June 13, 2001, stated that the agency was "unable to comment on the potential for an effect upon archaeological sites." The SHPO requested that plans be forwarded so that they can continue their review. A map of the Preferred Alternative was sent to the SHPO. In a memorandum dated October 21, 2003, the SHPO stated that an archaeological survey is not necessary. A copy of the memorandums are included in the **Appendix**.

## **VII. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

**Summary.** The project is a Federal "Categorical Exclusion" due to its limited scope and lack of substantial environmental consequences. The project is expected to have an overall positive impact. Replacement of an inadequate bridge will result in safer traffic operations. The bridge replacement will not have an adverse effect on the quality of the human or natural environment with the implementation of current NCDOT standards and

specifications. On the basis of information included in this document, it is concluded that no significant adverse environmental effects will result from implementation of the project.

**Land Use Planning.** The project is not in conflict with any plan, existing land use, or zoning regulation. No change in land use is expected to result from construction of the Preferred Alternative.

**Community Services and Facilities.** No adverse effects on public facilities or services are anticipated. The project is not expected to adversely affect social, economic, or religious opportunities in the area. None of the alternatives require an offsite detour; therefore, school bus or emergency vehicle service should not be disrupted.

**Relocations.** Right of way acquisition will be limited. No relocatees are expected with implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

**Utilities.** Major existing utilities within the immediate project study area include a sanitary sewer line and electrical lines. An underground gas line and overhead telephone lines are located approximately 120 feet upstream. All utility providers will be contacted and coordinated with to ensure that the proposed design and construction of the project will not disrupt service.

**Section 4(f) Resources.** There are no publicly owned parks, recreational facilities, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance in the vicinity of the project. This project does not require right-of-way acquisition or easement from any land protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

**Air Quality.** This project is an air quality “neutral” project. Therefore, it is not required to be included in the regional emission analysis (if applicable) and a project level CO analysis is not required.

The project is located in Davidson County, which has been determined to be in compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. 40 CFR Part 51 is not applicable, because the proposed project is located in an attainment area. This project is not anticipated to create any adverse effects on the air quality of this attainment area. If vegetation is disposed of by burning, all burning shall be done in accordance with applicable local laws and regulations of the North Carolina SIP for air quality in compliance with 15 NCAC 2D.0520.

This evaluation completes the assessment requirements for air quality (1990 CAAA and NEPA) and no additional reports are required.

**Noise.** Because traffic volumes will not increase or decrease because of this project and there are no noise sensitive receptors located in the immediate area of this project, no noise impacts attributable to this project are expected.

Noise levels could increase during construction, but this increase will be temporary.

This evaluation completes the assessment requirements for highway traffic noise (23 CFR Part 772) and no additional reports are required.

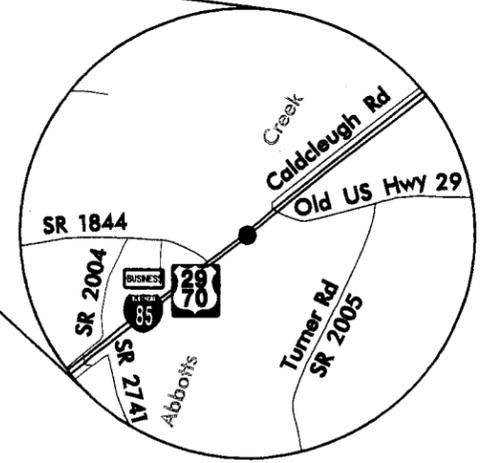
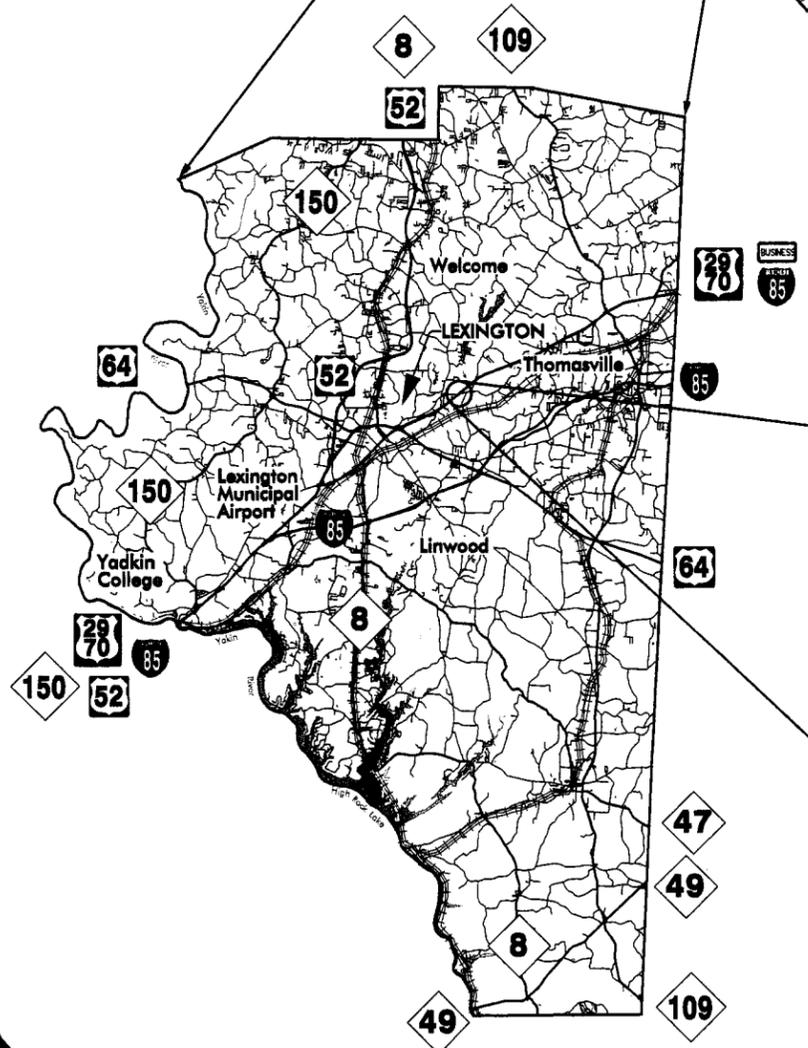
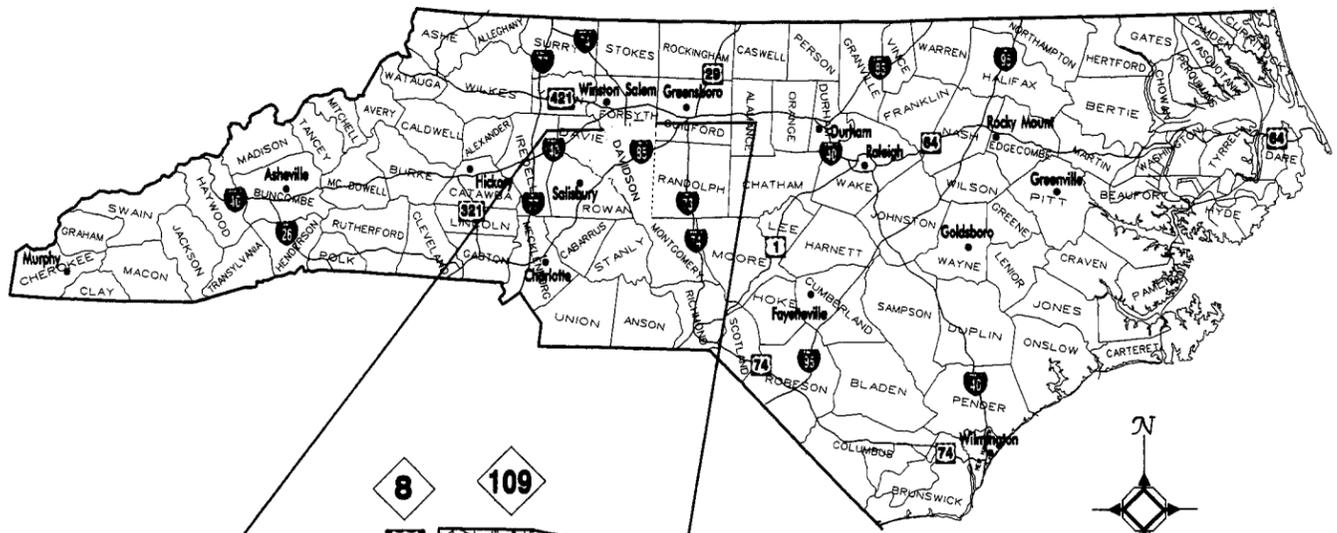
**Hazardous Materials.** A field reconnaissance survey was conducted in the vicinity of the existing bridges. A file search at the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Management, Groundwater Section and the NC Dept of Human Resources, Solid Waste Management Section was conducted to identify any known problem sites along the proposed project alignment. No underground storage tank facilities or hazardous waste sites are known to be present in the Project Study Area.

**Prime and Important Farmland.** The Farmland Protection Policy Act requires all federal agencies or their representatives to consider the potential impacts to prime and important farmland soils by all land acquisition and construction projects. Prime and important farmland soils are defined by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS). An assessment was completed using form AD 1006 to determine if the project's impact on Prime and Important Farmland will require consideration of mitigation. This project was not submitted to NRCS for land evaluation due to the low site assessment criteria score. The completed form is included in the **Appendix**.

**Floodplains.** Abbots Creek is included in a detailed flood insurance study with regulatory floodway established. The proposed replacement is not anticipated to increase the extent of upstream flood hazard. There are no practical alternatives to crossing the floodplain. All reasonable measures will be taken to minimize harm to the floodplain. A copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (see **Figure 5**) shows the approximate limits of the 100-year floodplain in the vicinity of the project.

**Geodetic Survey Markers.** No geodetic survey markers will be impacted.

## APPENDIX



I-85 Bus. US 2970  
 Bridge Nos. 128 & 130 over Abbotts Creek  
 Davidson County

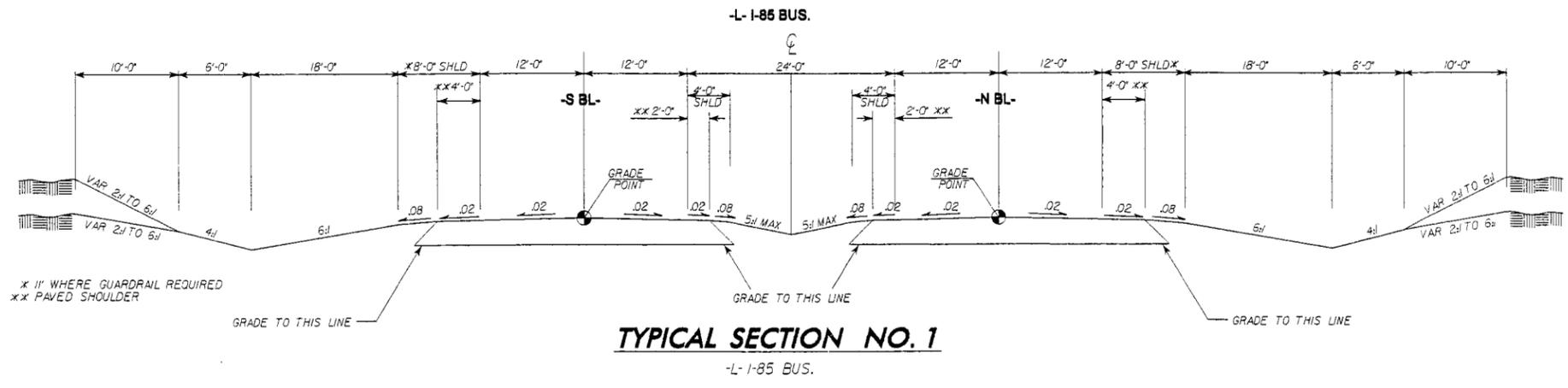
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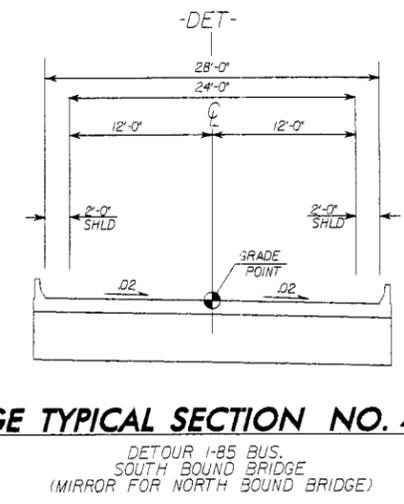
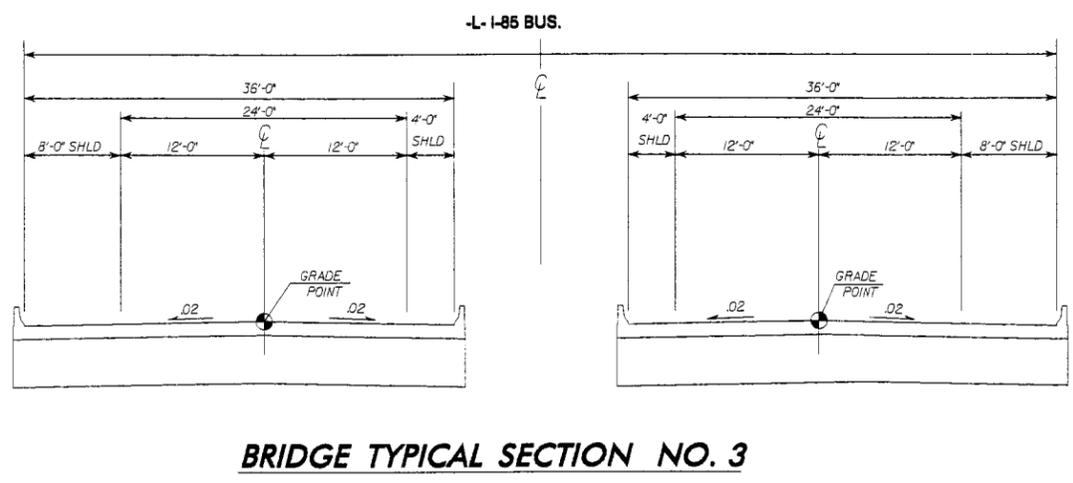
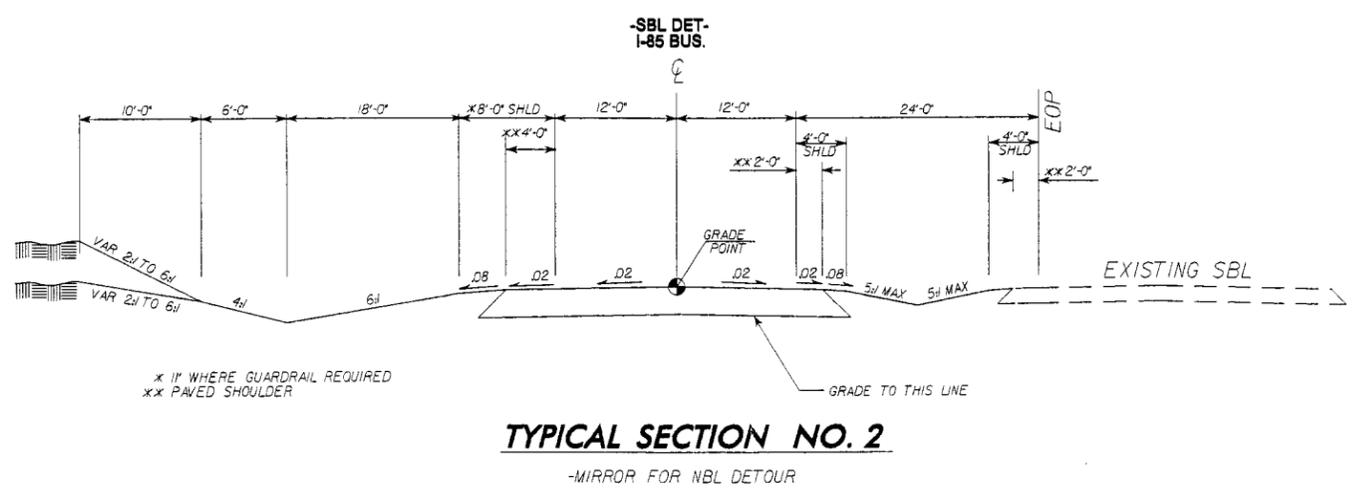
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**BRIDGE NOS. 128 & 130 OVER ABBOTTS CREEK**  
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
**MAP**

**FIGURE 1**



PRELIMINARY PLANS  
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**TYPICALS**

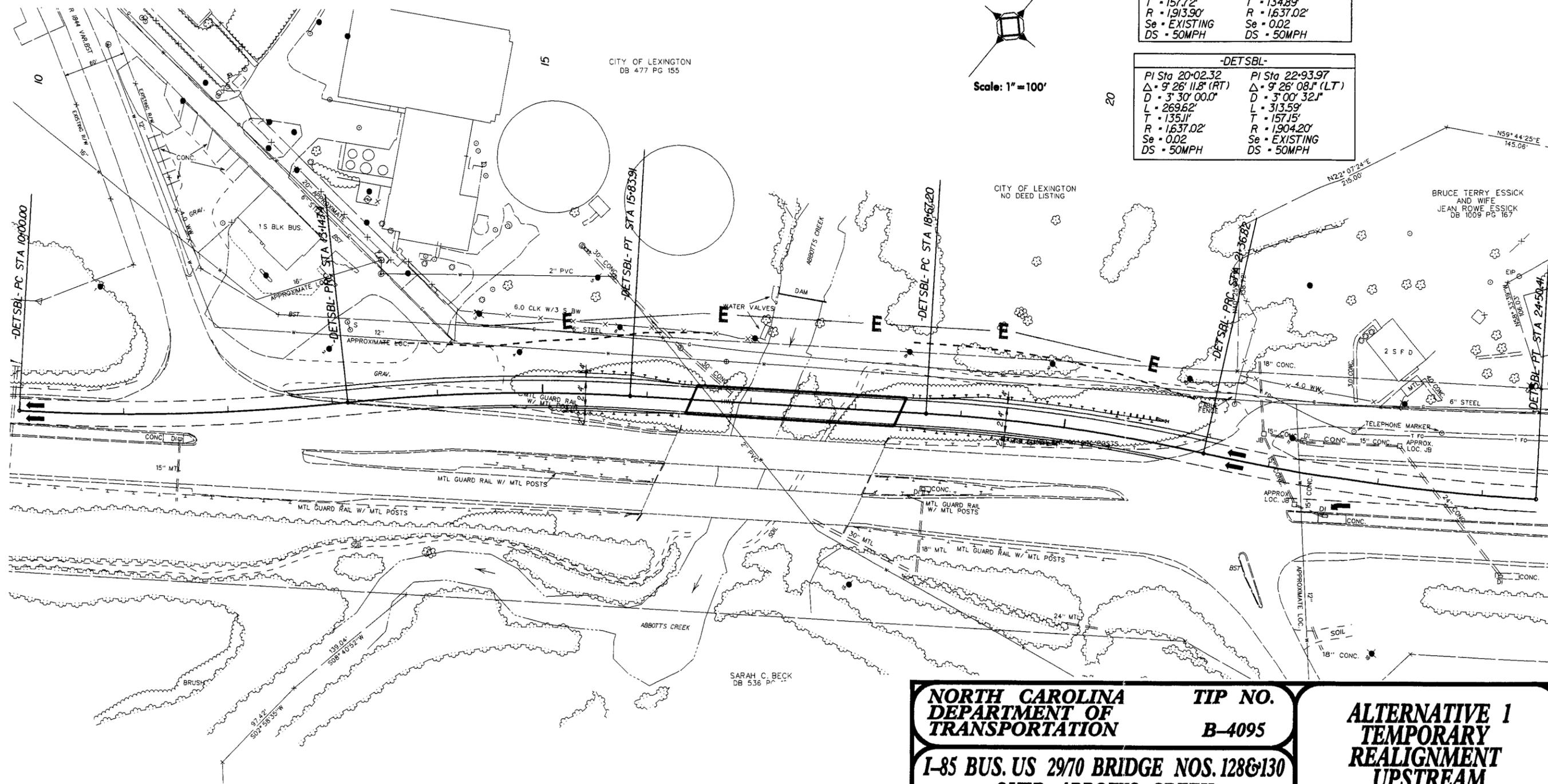
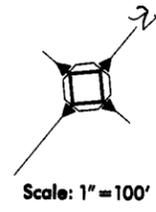
**FIGURE 2**

SYSTEMS DESIGN

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L = 314.74'	L = 269.18'
T = 157.72'	T = 134.89'
R = 1913.90'	R = 1637.02'
Se = EXISTING	Se = 0.02
DS = 50MPH	DS = 50MPH

-DETSBL-	
PI Sta 20+02.32	PI Sta 22+93.97
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D = 3' 30' 00.0"	D = 3' 00' 32.1"
L = 269.62'	L = 313.59'
T = 135.11'	T = 157.15'
R = 1637.02'	R = 1904.20'
Se = 0.02	Se = EXISTING
DS = 50MPH	DS = 50MPH



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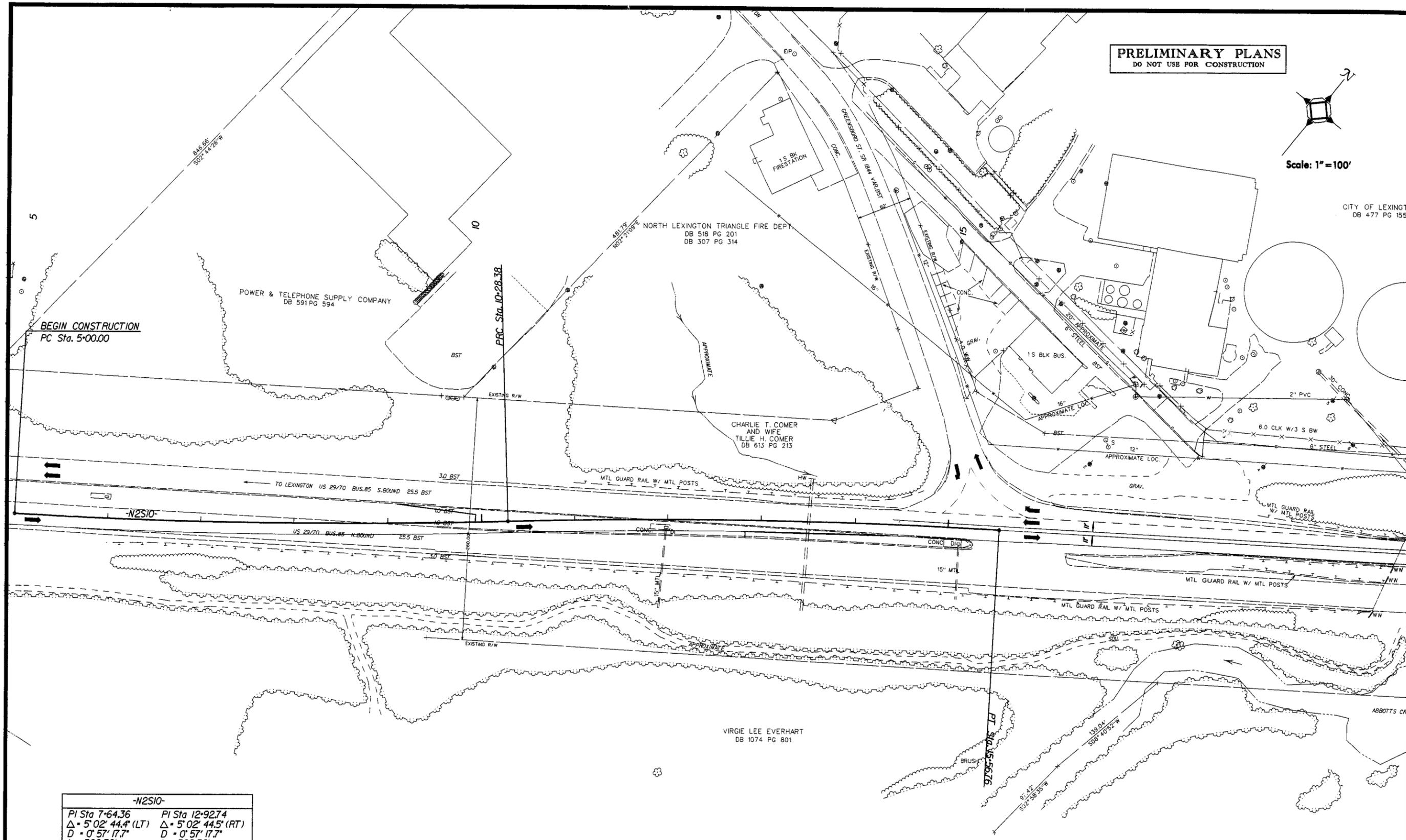
**ALTERNATIVE 1 TEMPORARY REALIGNMENT UPSTREAM**

**FIGURE 3A**

**PRELIMINARY PLANS**  
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Scale: 1" = 100'

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PI Sta 7+64.36	PI Sta 12+92.74
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L = 528.38'	L = 528.38'
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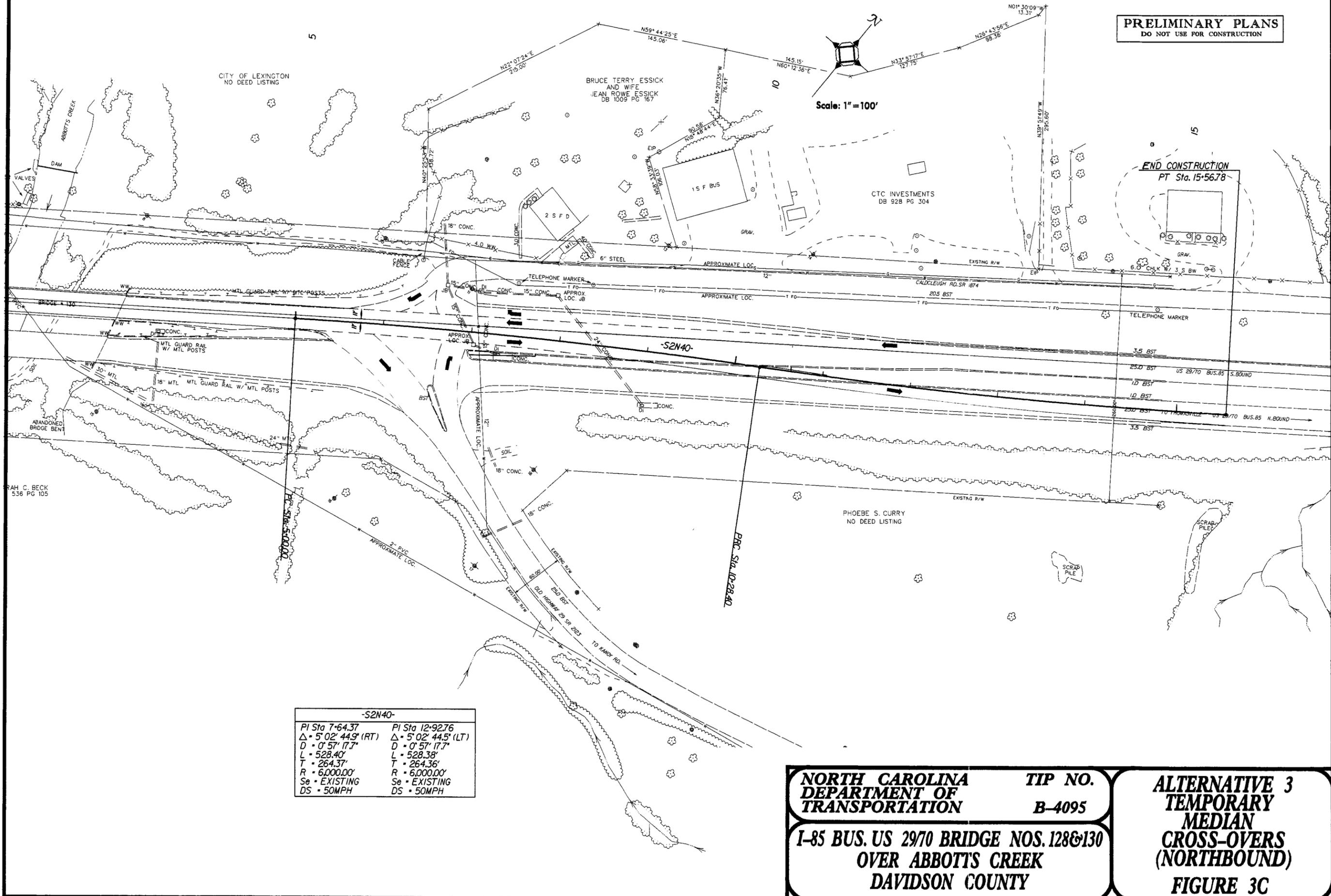
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**ALTERNATIVE 3  
TEMPORARY  
MEDIAN  
CROSS-OVERS  
(NORTHBOUND)  
FIGURE 3B**

**PRELIMINARY PLANS**  
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L = 528.40'	L = 528.38'
T = 264.37'	T = 264.36'
R = 6,000.00'	R = 6,000.00'
Se = EXISTING	Se = EXISTING
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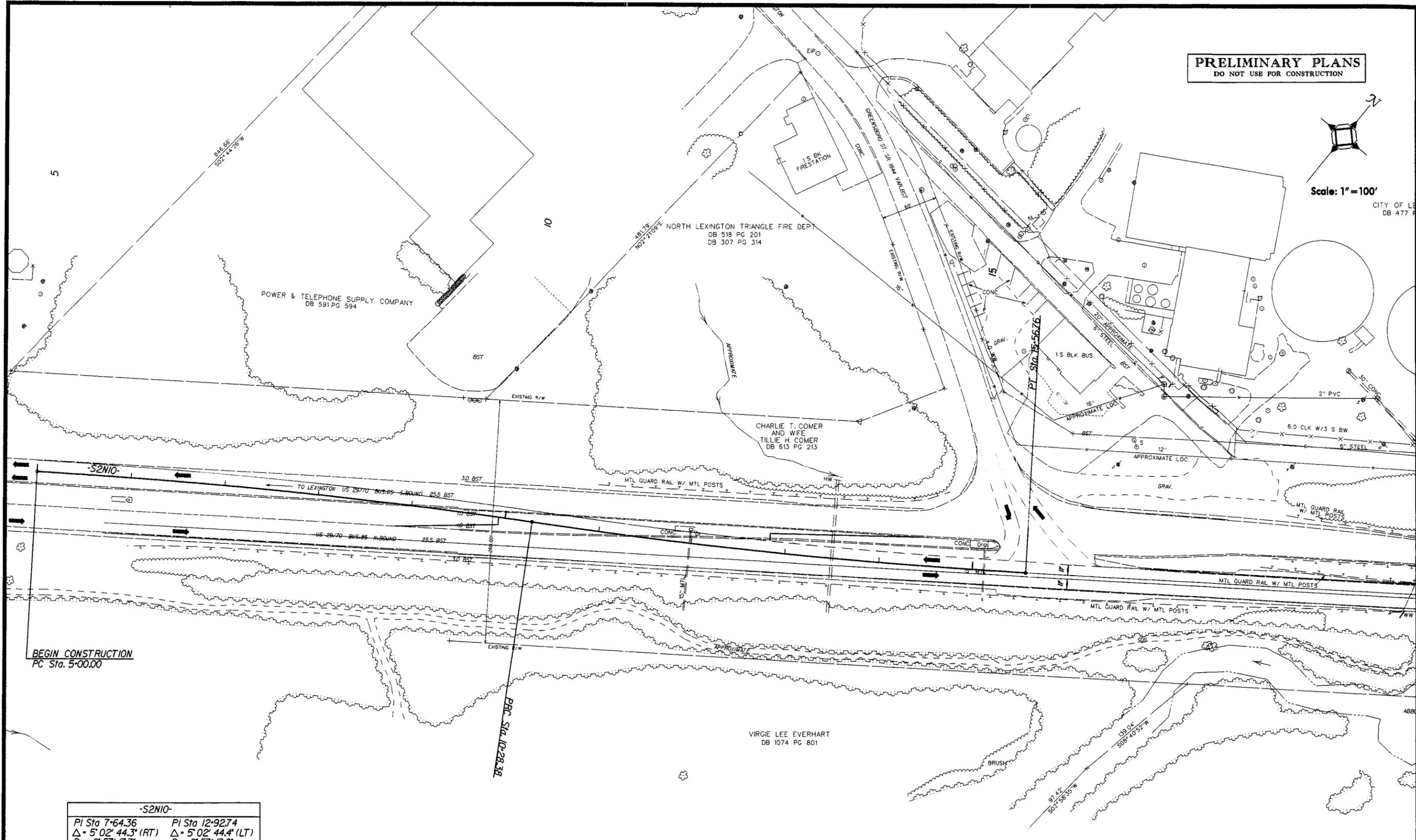
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**OVER ABBOTTS CREEK**  
**DAVIDSON COUNTY**

**ALTERNATIVE 3**  
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**MEDIAN**  
**CROSS-OVERS**  
**(NORTHBOUND)**  
**FIGURE 3C**

**PRELIMINARY PLANS**  
DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Scale: 1" = 100'

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Δ = 5° 02' 44.3" (RT)	Δ = 5° 02' 44.4" (LT)
D = 0° 57' 17.7"	D = 0° 57' 17.8"
L = 528.38'	L = 528.38'
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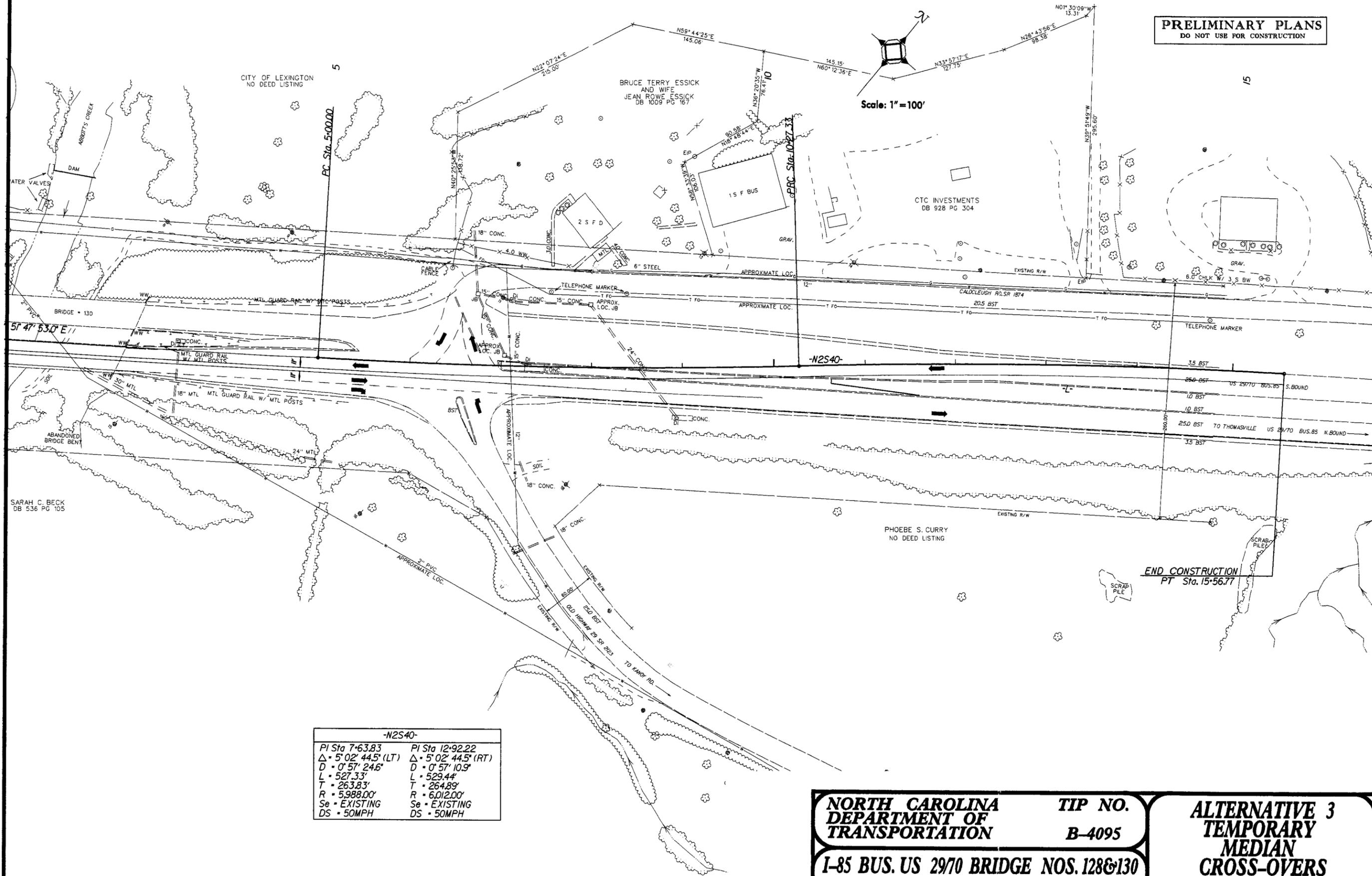
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**ALTERNATIVE 3  
TEMPORARY  
MEDIAN  
CROSS-OVERS  
(SOUTHBOUND)  
FIGURE 3D**

**PRELIMINARY PLANS**  
DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION



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Δ • 5° 02' 44.5" (LT)	Δ • 5° 02' 44.5" (RT)
D • 0' 57' 24.6"	D • 0' 57' 10.9"
L • 527.33'	L • 529.44'
T • 263.83'	T • 264.89'
R • 5,988.00'	R • 6,012.00'
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DS • 50MPH	DS • 50MPH

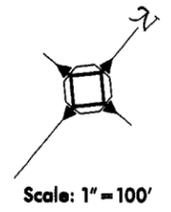
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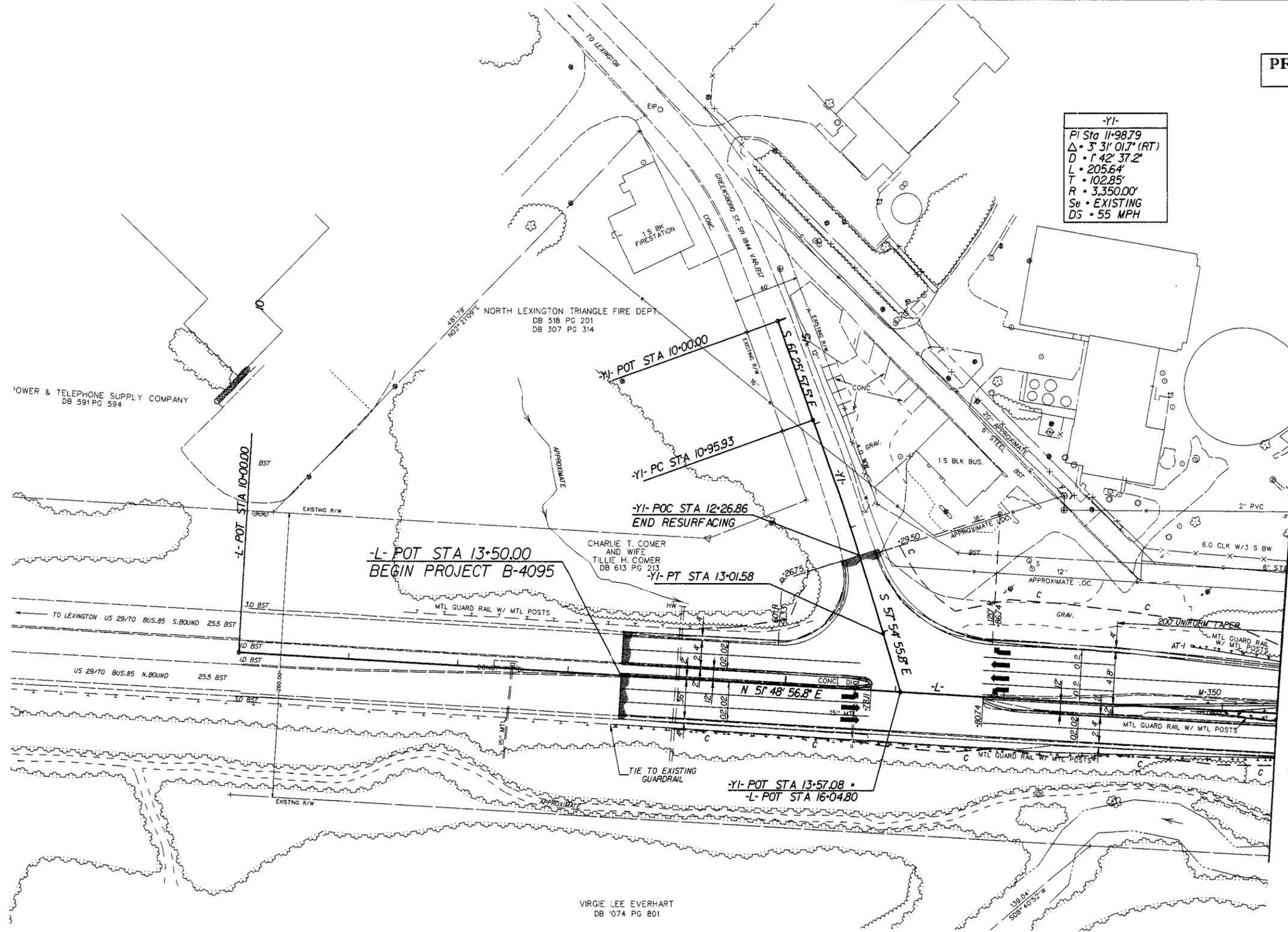
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**CROSS-OVERS**  
**(SOUTHBOUND)**  
**FIGURE 3E**

**PRELIMINARY PLANS**  
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-YI-  
PI Sta 11+98.79  
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D = 1° 42' 37.2"  
L = 205.64'  
T = 102.85'  
R = 3,350.00'  
Se = EXISTING  
DS = 55 MPH

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**MATCH LINE**  
-L- Sta. 19+50

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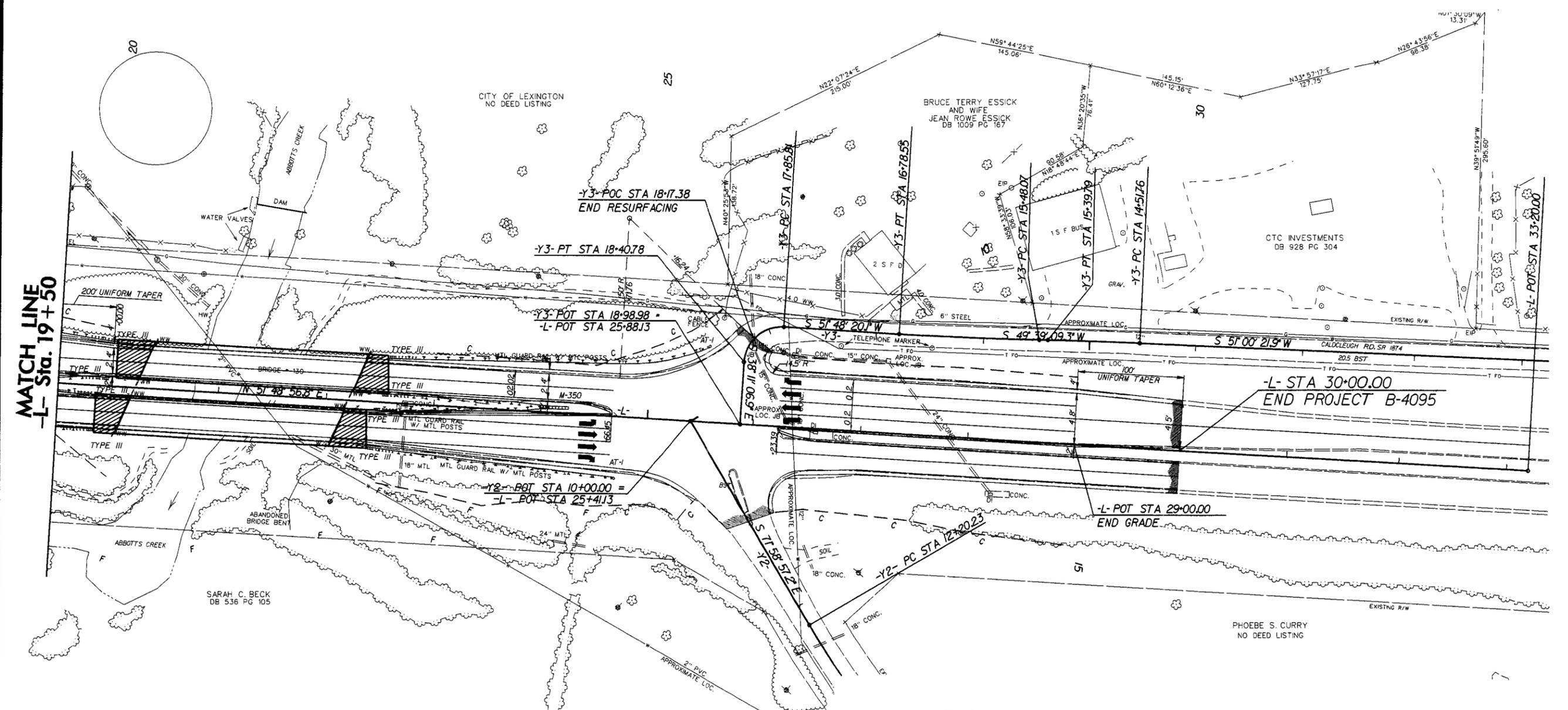
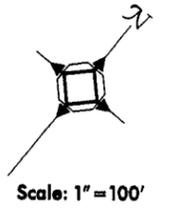
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**ALTERNATIVES 1 & 3**  
**FINAL ROADWAY**

**FIGURE 3F**

-Y2-	-Y3-		
PI Sta 13+01.84	PI Sta 14+95.78	PI Sta 16+13.32	PI Sta 18+20.81
Δ • 13° 17' 58.7" (LT)	Δ • 1° 21' 12.7" (LT)	Δ • 2° 09' 10.8" (RT)	Δ • 89° 59' 27.0" (LT)
D • 8' 11" 06.4"	D • 1' 32' 15.0"	D • 1' 39' 00.0"	D • 163' 42' 08.0"
L • 162.49'	L • 88.03'	L • 130.48'	L • 54.97'
T • 81.61'	T • 44.02'	T • 65.25'	T • 34.99'
R • 700.00'	R • 3,726.55'	R • 3,472.47'	R • 35.00'
Se • EXISTING	Se • EXISTING	Se • EXISTING	Se • EXISTING
DS • 45 MPH	DS • 55 MPH	DS • 55 MPH	DS • 15 MPH

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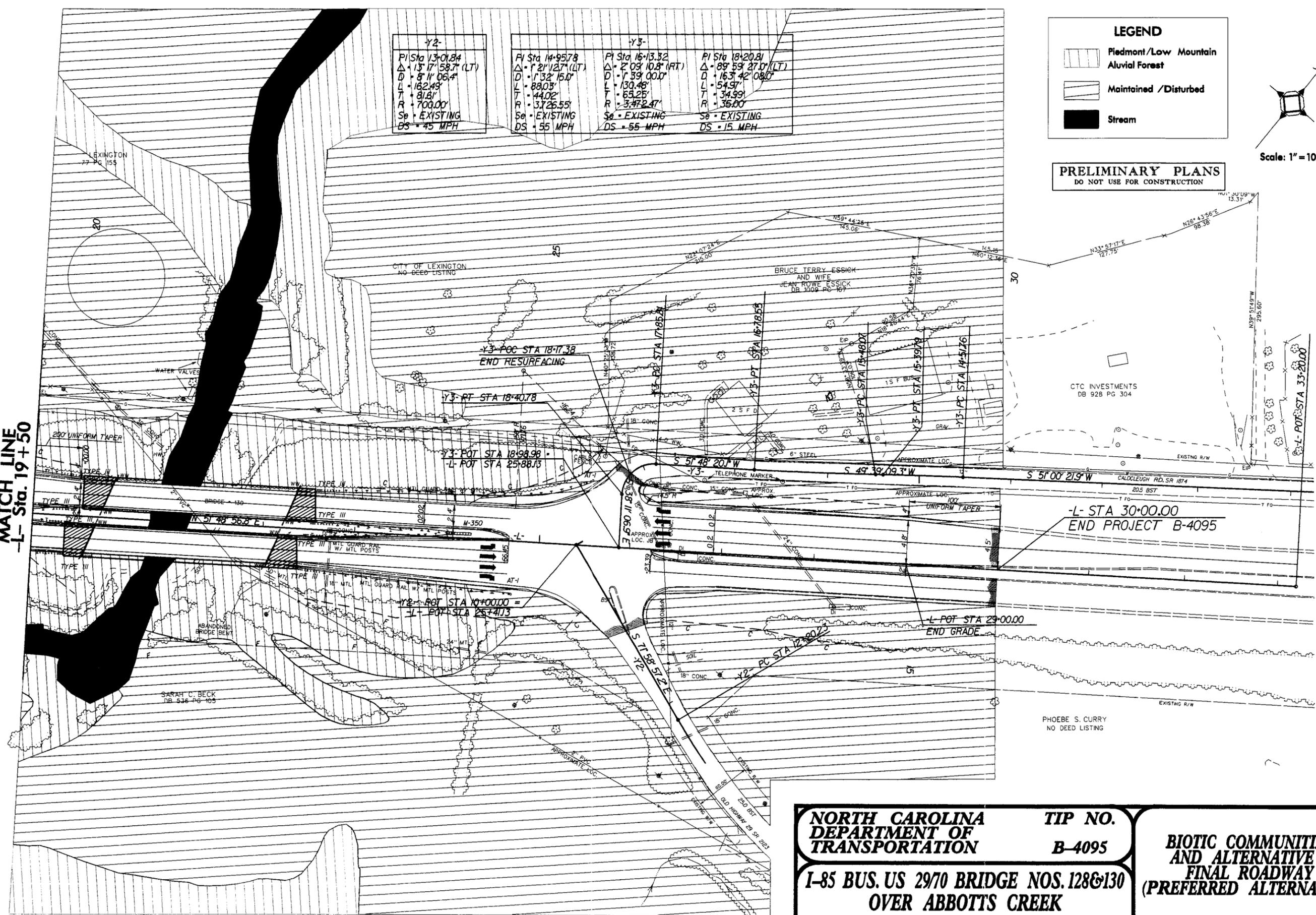
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**ALTERNATIVES 1 & 3  
FINAL ROADWAY**

**FIGURE 3G**

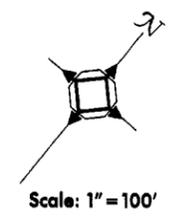
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-L- Sta. 19+50



Y2-		Y3-	
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D = 811' 06.4"	D = 1' 32' 15.0"	D = 1' 39' 00.0"	D = 163' 42' 08.0"
L = 162.49'	L = 88.03'	L = 130.48'	L = 54.97'
T = 81.81'	T = 44.02'	T = 65.25'	T = 34.99'
R = 700.00'	R = 3726.55'	R = 372.47'	R = 35.00'
S <sub>e</sub> = EXISTING			
DS = 45 MPH	DS = 55 MPH	DS = 55 MPH	DS = 15 MPH

**LEGEND**

- Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest
- Maintained /Disturbed
- Stream



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**BIOTIC COMMUNITIES AND ALTERNATIVE 3 FINAL ROADWAY (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)**

**FIGURE 4B**



North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office

David L. S. Brook, Administrator

Michael F. Easley, Governor  
Lisbeth C. Evans, Secretary

Division of Archives and History  
Jeffrey J. Crow, Director

June 13, 2001

PBS&J  
Attention: Suzanna Spence  
3214 Spring Forest Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27616

Re: Bridge Replacement, US 70/29 over Abbotts Creek,  
TIP Number B-4095, Davidson County, ER 01-9366

Dear Ms. Spence:

We have reviewed the proposed undertaking and determined that it will not affect any properties of architectural or historical significance. However, we are unable to comment on the potential for an effect upon archaeological sites. Please forward plans as they become available so that we may continue our review.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, Environmental Review Coordinator, at 919/733-4763.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Gledhill-Earley".

David Brook  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DB:kgc

cc: William Gilmore, NCDOT  
T. Padgett, NCDOT

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	Location	Mailing Address	Telephone/Fax
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Restoration	515 N. Blount St, Raleigh, NC	4613 Mail Service Center, Raleigh 27699-4613	(919) 733-6547 • 715-4801
Survey & Planning	515 N. Blount St, Raleigh, NC	4618 Mail Service Center, Raleigh 27699-4618	(919) 733-4763 • 715-4801

**CONCURRENCE FORM FOR PROPERTIES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Project Description: Replace Bridge No. 130 on I-85 Business over Abbotts Creek

On 3/29/01, representatives of the

- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
- Other

Reviewed the subject project at

- Scoping meeting
- Historic architectural resources photograph review session/consultation
- Other

All parties present agreed

- There are no properties over fifty years old within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are no properties less than fifty years old which are considered to meet Criteria Consideration G within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are properties over fifty years old within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), but based on the historical information available and the photographs of each property, the properties identified as \_\_\_\_\_ are considered not eligible for the National Register and no further evaluation of them is necessary.
- There are no National Register-listed or Study Listed properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- All properties greater than 50 years of age located in the APE have been considered at this consultation, and based upon the above concurrence, all compliance for historic architecture with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and GS 121-12(a) has been completed for this project.
- There are no historic properties affected by this project. *(Attach any notes or documents as needed)*  
*The Alexander R. Calclough House will not be affected.*

Signed:

*Heather Feun*  
Representative, NCDOT

3/29/01  
Date

*Michael C. Damm*  
FHWA, for the Division Administrator, or other Federal Agency

4/16/01  
Date

*Claudia Brewer*  
Representative, HPO

3/29/01  
Date

*Renee Hedrick-Early*  
State Historic Preservation Officer

3/30/01  
Date



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Division of Historical Resources

October 21, 2003

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Stacy Baldwin  
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch  
Department of Transportation

From: David Brook *David Brook*

Re: Replacement of Bridge #130 over Abbotts Creek, B-4095, Davidson County, ER01-9366

Thank you for your memorandum of September 4, 2003, transmitting the additional mapping for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the maps and determined that an archaeological survey is not necessary.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919/733-4763. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

cc: Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT

[www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us](http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us)

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SURVEY & PLANNING	515 N. Blount St., Raleigh NC	4617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-4617	(919) 733-6545 • 715-48

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of <u>1</u>
1. Name of Project <b>B-4095</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Bridge Replacement</b>		6. County and State <b>Davidson, North Carolina</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size	
5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS	

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>			
	<b>Corridor A</b>	<b>Corridor B</b>	<b>Corridor C</b>	<b>Corridor D</b>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	0			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	0	0	0	0

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

**PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)**

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	10			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	5			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	0			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	20	0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**



## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Charles R. Fullwood, Executive Director

TO: Ron Elmore  
Project Engineer, NCDOT

FROM: Maryellen Haggard, Highway Project Coordinator  
Habitat Conservation Program *Maryellen Haggard*

DATE: June 27, 2001

SUBJECT: NCDOT Bridge Replacements in Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Davidson, Haywood, Jackson, and Madison counties of North Carolina. TIP Nos. B-4033, B-3814, B-3818, B-3826, B-3834, B-4095, B-3854, B-3859, B-3860, and B-4184

Biologists with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have reviewed the information provided and have the following preliminary comments on the subject project. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661-667d).

On bridge replacement projects of this scope our standard recommendations are as follows:

1. We generally prefer spanning structures. Spanning structures usually do not require work within the stream and do not require stream channel realignment. The horizontal and vertical clearances provided by bridges allows for human and wildlife passage beneath the structure, does not block fish passage, and does not block navigation by canoeists and boaters.
2. Bridge deck drains should not discharge directly into the stream.
3. Wet concrete should not be allowed to contact stream water. This will lessen the chance of altering the stream's water chemistry and causing a fish kill.
4. If possible, bridge supports (bents) should not be placed in the stream.
5. If temporary access roads or detours are constructed, they should be removed back to original ground elevations immediately upon the completion of the project. Disturbed

areas should be seeded or mulched to stabilize the soil and native tree species should be planted with a spacing of not more than 10'x10'. If possible, when using temporary structures the area should be cleared but not grubbed. Clearing the area with chain saws, mowers, bush-hogs, or other mechanized equipment and leaving the stumps and root mat intact, allows the area to revegetate naturally and minimizes disturbed soil.

6. A clear bank (riprap free) area of at least 10 feet should remain on each side of the stream underneath the bridge.
7. In trout waters, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reviews all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide and general '404' permits. We have the option of requesting additional measures to protect trout and trout habitat and we can recommend that the project require an individual '404' permit.
8. In streams that contain threatened or endangered species, NCDOT biologist Mr. Tim Savidge should be notified. Special measures to protect these sensitive species may be required. NCDOT should also contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information on requirements of the Endangered Species Act as it relates to the project.
9. In streams that are used by anadromous fish, the NCDOT official policy entitled "Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage (May 12, 1997)" should be followed.
10. In areas with significant fisheries for sunfish, seasonal exclusions may also be recommended.
11. Sedimentation and erosion control measures sufficient to protect aquatic resources must be implemented prior to any ground disturbing activities. Structures should be maintained regularly, especially following rainfall events.
12. Temporary or permanent herbaceous vegetation should be planted on all bare soil within 15 days of ground disturbing activities to provide long-term erosion control.
13. All work in or adjacent to stream waters should be conducted in a dry work area. Sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, or other diversion structures should be used where possible to prevent excavation in flowing water.
14. Heavy equipment should be operated from the bank rather than in stream channels in order to minimize sedimentation and reduce the likelihood of introducing other pollutants into streams.
15. Only clean, sediment-free rock should be used as temporary fill (causeways), and should be removed without excessive disturbance of the natural stream bottom when construction is completed.
16. All mechanized equipment operated near surface waters should be regularly inspected and maintained to prevent contamination of stream waters from fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials.

If corrugated metal pipe arches, reinforced concrete pipes, or concrete box culverts are used:

1. The culvert must be designed to allow for fish passage. The culvert or pipe invert should be buried at least 1 foot below the natural streambed. The installation of the culvert or pipe should insure that all waters flow without freefalling or damming on either end during low flow conditions. If culverts are long, notched baffles should be placed in reinforced concrete box culverts at 15 foot intervals to allow for the collection of sediments in the culvert, to reduce flow velocities, and to provide resting places for fish and other aquatic organisms moving through the structure.
2. When two pipes are installed, only the lower pipe should be buried 12" into the substrate so that all base flows continue uninterrupted in the lower pipe during normal and low flow conditions to maintain aquatic life passage. The bottom of the second pipe should be placed at grade or at bankfull elevation. The second pipe should remain dry during normal flows to allow for wildlife passage. Where disrupted, natural floodplain benching should be restored upstream and downstream of the second, "dry", pipe.
3. Culverts or pipes should be situated so that no channel realignment or widening is required. Widening of the stream channel at the inlet or outlet of structures usually causes a decrease in water velocity causing sediment deposition that will require future maintenance.
4. Riprap should not be placed on the streambed.

In most cases, we prefer the replacement of the existing structure at the same location with road closure. If road closure is not feasible, a temporary detour should be designed and located to avoid wetland impacts, minimize the need for clearing and to avoid destabilizing stream banks. If the structure will be on a new alignment, the old structure should be removed and the approach fills removed from the 100-year floodplain. Approach fills should be removed down to the natural ground elevation. The area should be stabilized with grass and planted with native tree species. If the area that is reclaimed was previously wetlands, NCDOT should restore the area to wetlands. If successful, the site may be used as wetland mitigation for the subject project or other projects in the watershed.

#### Project specific comments:

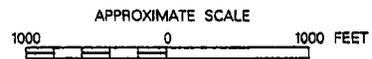
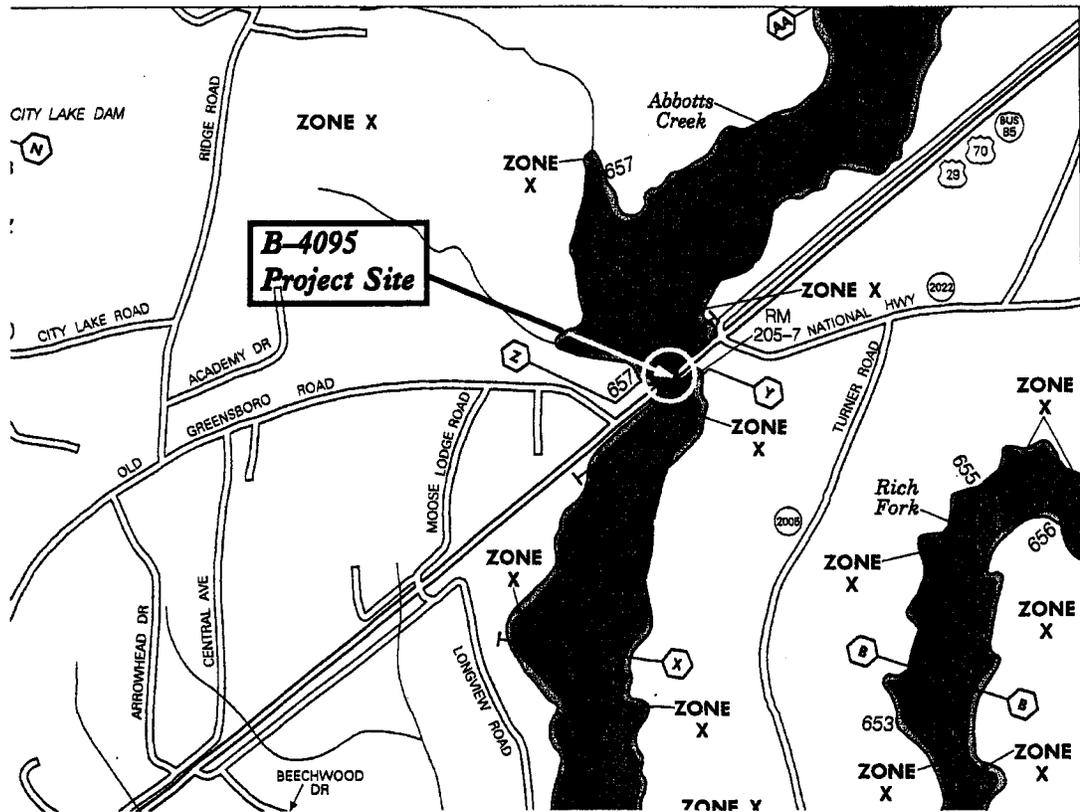
1. B-4033 – Buncombe County – Bridge No. 85 over Hominy Creek. We have no specific comments. We are not aware of any threatened or endangered species in the project vicinity.
2. B-3814 – Burke County – Bridge No. 56 over Canoe Creek. Canoe Creek at the bridge replacement is in a designated water supply watershed. NCDOT should adhere to strict erosion control measures.
3. B-3818 – Caldwell County – Bridge No. 3 over Lost Cove Creek. First class trout waters with wild populations of brown and rainbow trout present in both Lost Cove Creek and downstream in Wilson Creek. The area is designated Public Mountain Trout Water. We will require a trout moratorium from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. We request that High Quality

Sedimentation and Erosion Control Measures be used due to the DWQ water quality classification of ORW (Outstanding Resource Waters).

4. B-3826 – Cherokee County – Bridge No. 166 over Bates Creek. The upper portion of Bates Creek is on gamelands and is designated wild trout. Trout are also likely below the bridge replacement. We will require a trout moratorium from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. NCDOT should adhere to strict erosion control measures.
5. B-3834 – Davidson County – Bridge No. 156 over Hanks Creek. No comment.
6. B-4095 – Davidson County – Bridge No. 130 over Abbotts Creek. This Creek flows into High Rock Lake. Abbott Creek supports a diverse fishery including Largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill, channel catfish, and crappie. White Bass make a seasonal spring run up the creek to spawn. We request that High Quality Sedimentation and Erosion Control Measures be used due to the DWQ water quality classification of WS-III CA.
7. B-3854 – Haywood County – Bridge No. 329 over Jonathon Creek. Jonathon Creek is designated hatchery supported water. Therefore, Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout will be present. We will require a trout moratorium from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. NCDOT should adhere to strict erosion control measures.
8. B-3859 – Jackson County – Bridge No. 138 over Pressley Creek. The upper section of a tributary to Pressley Creek is on game lands and supports wild trout. The lower end of Pressley also supports wild trout. Hatchery supported water begins at the confluence with Cullowhee Creek. It looks like this bridge is actually over Tilley Creek. Tilley Creek is considered trout waters. We will require a trout moratorium from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. NCDOT should adhere to strict erosion control measures.
9. B-3860 – Jackson County – Bridge No. 33 over Buff Creek. Upper sections of the creek support wild trout. The lower section is designated Hatchery Supported. We will require a trout moratorium from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. NCDOT should adhere to strict erosion control measures.
10. B-4184 – Madison County – Bridge No. 4 over Ivy River. We have no specific comments. We are not aware of any threatened or endangered species in the project vicinity.

We request that NCDOT routinely minimize adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources in the vicinity of bridge replacements. The NCDOT should install and maintain sedimentation control measures throughout the life of the project and prevent wet concrete from contacting water in or entering into these streams. Replacement of bridges with spanning structures of some type, as opposed to pipe or box culverts, is recommended in most cases. Spanning structures allow wildlife passage along streambanks, reducing habitat fragmentation and vehicle related mortality at highway crossings.

If you need further assistance or information on NCWRC concerns regarding bridge replacements, please contact me at (336) 527-1549. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on these projects.



**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**FIRM**  
**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**  
**DAVIDSON COUNTY,**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**AND INCORPORATED AREAS**

**PANEL 205 OF 400**  
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

**CONTAINS:**

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
DAVIDSON COUNTY	370267	0205	D
LEWISTON, CITY OF	370267	0205	D

Notes to User: The MAP NUMBER shown below should be used when quoting map orders; the COMMUNITY NUMBER shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

**MAP NUMBER**  
**37057C0205 D**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2000**



Federal Emergency Management Agency



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION**

**TIP NO.**  
**B-4095**

**FEMA FLOOD**  
**MAP**

**I-85 BUS. US 29/70 (SOUTHBOUND)**  
**BRIDGE NOS. 128 & 130 OVER ABBOTTS CREEK**  
**DAVIDSON COUNTY**

**FIGURE 5**

**Central**  
**Squad Document Review**

Project Manager: Susan Thebert

TIP #: B-4095

WBS #: 33453.1.1

Function Code: 2100

Let Date: 08/21/07

Review Date:      /      /     

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Date Submitted for Review:

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1<sup>st</sup> Review

2<sup>nd</sup> Review

3<sup>rd</sup> Review

Date Reviewed by Rachelle:

2/13/07

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2<sup>nd</sup> Review

3<sup>rd</sup> Review

Date Document Sent for Distribution:   

Comments:

- Ready to be signed (NEU + internal NCDOT reviews completed)

- Permanent<sup>sw</sup> impacts not listed on summary sheet (too small) but stated in Permit appl. + PCN



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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 Raleigh, NC 27615

ATTENTION: Mr. John T. Thomas, Jr.  
 NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: **Nationwide Permit 23 and Nationwide Permit 33 Application** for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 128 and 130 I-85 Business over Abbots Creek, Davidson County, Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-29 (19), State Project 8.1602001, WBS Element 33453.1.1, TIP No. B-4095

Please see the enclosed Pre-Construction <sup>notification</sup> notices (PCN), permit drawings, design plans and Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the subject project. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) plans to replace Bridge Nos. 128 and 130 with new three span bridges with a minimum length of 220 feet. The new bridges will be constructed in place. The existing bridges will be used as detours. Bridge No. 128 will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 130 is being replaced in place. The new Bridge No. 130 will then be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while Bridge No. 128 is replaced in place. During the construction period, the speed limit in the project area will be lowered to 45 mph because of the two lane detour and to meet the temporary detour design requirements. In addition, wide load vehicles will be directed to off-site detour routes.

The typical section for the structures includes two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot outside shoulders and a 4-foot inside shoulders. The typical section for the approach roadway for the permanent replacement structures consists of four 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot outside paved shoulders and 2-foot inside paved shoulders. The approach roadways will extend approximately 1500 east and approximately 1500 west of the new bridges. The design speed of the roadway is 60 mph.

The elevation of the new structures will be approximately the same as the existing structures. The replacement structures are bridges with a minimum grade to facilitate drainage. ~~There will be~~

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~~0.01 acres of permanent surface water impacts and 0.04 acres temporary surface water impacts associated with the project.~~ *site & Below*

## IMPACT TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

General Description: The project is located in the Yadkin River basin (Sub-basin 03-07-07), Hydrologic Unit Code ~~no~~ 03040103. The jurisdictional resource in the project area is Abbotts Creek. The Division of Water Quality stream index number for Abbotts Creek is 12-119-(6). The channel of Abbotts Creek at the bridges is approximately 45 feet wide and has an average depth of 1.5 feet. The creek appeared to have an E5 Rosgen classification (stream with gentle slopes, and sandy bed with some gravel and silt/clay deposits) although this was difficult to determine due to high turbidity. From the upstream side of the bridges to the Abbotts Creek arm of High Rock Lake, Abbotts Creek has a best usage classification of C. Upstream of the bridges the best usage classification is WS-III, CA [stream index number 12-119-(4.5)].

*is it  
permanent  
or  
intermittent*

According to the City of Lexington Utilities Water Resource section, there are two water valves located upstream of the bridges (west of Abbotts Creek) and immediately north of the study area. These water valves are from the water plant and one serves as a drain structure and the other serves as an intake structure. A valid permit is maintained for these structures. The intake structure is not being used at this time and has not been used for a long time. The drain structure is used periodically.

No Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW), High Quality Waters (HQW), WS-I, or WS-II Waters occur within 1.0 mile of the project study area.

Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds are listed on the <sup>CE</sup> Greensheet. The study area is not located in a ORW, HQW, WS-I or WS-II. The site is located in a critical area (CA) because it is near two water valves that are not currently being used as intake structures (see above paragraph). Project construction will occur downstream of the water valves. Because of these reasons NCDOT will use Best Management practices for this project and not Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds.

Permanent Impacts: There will be 0.01 acres of permanent surface water impacts associated with the project. The permanent impacts are resulting from fill in surface waters due to construction *of new weirs* the proposed substructures (bents) of each bridge (0.0007 acre). The project will not impact wetlands.

The CE states that no bents will be placed in the creek. Bents are now proposed because the bridge structure could not be adjusted to keep the bents out of the creek.

Temporary Impacts: There will be 0.04 acres of temporary surface water impacts due to installation of two temporary work pads for each bridge (0.02 acres). No temporary wetland impacts are associated with this project.

Bridge Demolition: Bridge No. 128 carries I-85 Business – US 29/70 northbound traffic. Bridge No. 128 was built in 1951. The overall bridge length is 200 feet. Bridge No. 128 has four spans,

each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a reinforced concrete cap on a spread footing at end bent 1, a reinforced concrete cap on timber piles at ~~end~~ <sup>correct</sup> bent 2 and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents.

Bridge No. 130 carries I-85 Business- US 29/70 southbound traffic and was built in 1946. The overall bridge length is 200 feet. The bridge has four spans, each 50 feet long. The superstructure consists of a reinforced concrete deck with bituminous wearing surface and reinforced concrete deck girders. The substructure consists of a spill through concrete abutment at ~~End Bent~~ <sup>lower</sup> 1, a reinforced concrete cap on steel piles at End Bent 2, and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents. <sup>lower must be consistent</sup>

For each bridge, the roadway width, including paved shoulders, is 30 feet and the total deck width is 33.3 feet. The existing approach roadway width, including paved shoulders is approximately 30 feet for each bridge. The height of each bridge (from crown to bed) is 26 feet. The existing median width is 24 feet. The existing right of way includes the maintained area and is 260 feet. There are no posted weight limits. The posted speed limit is 55 mph.

Bridges No. 128 and 130 will be removed without dropping components into Waters of the United States. Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters and Bridge Demolition and Removal guidelines will be followed.

Utility Impacts: There will be no utility relocation impacts to jurisdictional resources. An overhead electrical line crosses the roadway immediately southwest of the bridges. There is a sanitary sewer line that runs parallel to the roadway and crosses the creek approximately 100 feet upstream of the bridges. An underground gas line and over head telephone line also are located approximately 120 feet upstream. There are three water lines in the study area. Two of the water lines and the aerial line have conflicts with the project.

The water line that runs diagonally across the study area (at the bridges) will be relocated. This water line will be relocated by putting bends in the line. These bends will be installed on the bank away from the bridge. A second water line is located east of US 29/70 Business and old highway US 29. This line will be relocated further away from the road but will remain inside the right-of-way. No utility impacts to jurisdictional areas are anticipated from the relocation of both utility lines (water).

Two aerial poles located in the southeast and northeast quadrants will be removed and the line reattached to existing poles. No utility impacts to jurisdictional areas are anticipated from the pole removal and reattachment of the overhead aerial line.

**FEDERALLY PROTECTED SPECIES**

Plants and animals with a federal classification of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Proposed Endangered (PE) and Proposed Threatened (PT) are protected under provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The USFWS lists 3 federally – protected species, as of December 11, 2006, for Davidson County. The Endangered and

Threatened species in North Carolina web-site was checked on December 20, 2006 for any changes and the list remains the same. The species under federal protection are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Federally Protected Species for Davidson County

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	Habitat Present	Biological Conclusion
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	No	No Effect
Bog turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	T(S/A)	No	N/A
Schweinitz's sunflower	<i>Helianthus schweinitzii</i>	Endangered	No	No Effect

No suitable habitat for the bald eagle, bog turtle and Schweinitz's sunflower are located in the study area according to the CE. The Biological Conclusion of No Effect remains valid for all three species.

### AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION and MITIGATION

#### Avoidance and Minimization:

Avoidance examines all appropriate and practicable possibilities of averting impacts to "Waters of the US". The NCDOT is committed to incorporating all reasonable and practicable design features to avoid and minimize jurisdictional impacts and to minimize impacts as part of the project design. Practical means to minimize impacts to surface waters temporarily impacted by the project include:

#### Project Specific Measures-

- During construction road closure is planned for one bridge and traffic will be diverted to the other bridge.
- The bridges are to be replaced in the same location
- The existing bridges can be removed without any debris falling into the water.

#### Standard Measures-

- Best Management Practices will be followed for this project as outlined in "NCDOT's Best Management Practices for Construction and Maintenance Activities"

Mitigation: No mitigation is proposed because of minimal impacts.

Restoration plan

### REGULATORY APPROVALS

Section 404 Permit: It is anticipated that impacts from construction of the new bridges will be authorized under Section 404 Nationwide Permits 23 and 33. We are therefore requesting the issuance of a Nationwide Permit 23 and 33 for the bridge construction.

Section 401 Permit: We anticipate 401 General Certification number 3403 and 3366 will be applicable to this project. All general conditions of the Water Quality Certification will be met. Therefore, in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H, Section .0500(a) and 15A NCAC 2B .0200 we are providing 2 copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality for their notification.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this project. A copy of this permit application will be posted on the NCDOT website at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/permit.html>.

Please contact Susan Thebert at (919) 715-1461 or [sthebert@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:sthebert@dot.state.nc.us) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.  
Environmental Management Director, PDEA

w/attachment

- Mr. John Hennessy, NCDWQ (2 Copies)
- Ms. Marla Chambers, NCWRC
- Ms. Marella Buncick, USFWS
- Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics
- Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental
- Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design
- Mr. S. P. Ivey, P.E., Division Engineer
- Ms. Diane Hampton, P.E., DEO

w/o attachment

- Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design
- Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP
- Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design
- Mr. Scott McLendon, USACE, Wilmington
- Ms. Stacy Baldwin, PDEA Project Planning Engineer

USACE Action ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ DWQ No. \_\_\_\_\_

(If any particular item is not applicable to this project, please enter "Not Applicable" or "N/A".)

**I. Processing**

1. Check all of the approval(s) requested for this project:

- Section 404 Permit
- Section 10 Permit
- 401 Water Quality Certification
- Riparian or Watershed Buffer Rules
- Isolated Wetland Permit from DWQ
- Express 401 Water Quality Certification

2. Nationwide, Regional or General Permit Number(s) Requested: 23 and 33

3. If this notification is solely a courtesy copy because written approval for the 401 Certification is not required, check here:

4. If payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) is proposed for mitigation of impacts, attach the acceptance letter from NCEEP, complete section VIII, and check here:

5. If your project is located in any of North Carolina's twenty coastal counties (listed on page 4), and the project is within a North Carolina Division of Coastal Management Area of Environmental Concern (see the top of page 2 for further details), check here:

**II. Applicant Information**

1. Owner/Applicant Information

Name: Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director  
Mailing Address: 1598 Mail Service Center

Telephone Number: (919) 733-3141 Fax Number: (919) 733-9794

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Agent/Consultant Information (A signed and dated copy of the Agent Authorization letter must be attached if the Agent has signatory authority for the owner/applicant.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. Project Information**

Attach a **vicinity map** clearly showing the location of the property with respect to local landmarks such as towns, rivers, and roads. Also provide a detailed **site plan** showing property boundaries and development plans in relation to surrounding properties. Both the vicinity map and site plan must include a scale and north arrow. The specific footprints of all buildings, impervious surfaces, or other facilities must be included. If possible, the maps and plans should include the appropriate USGS Topographic Quad Map and NRCS Soil Survey with the property boundaries outlined. Plan drawings, or other maps may be included at the applicant's discretion, so long as the property is clearly defined. For administrative and distribution purposes, the USACE requires information to be submitted on sheets no larger than 11 by 17-inch format; however, DWQ may accept paperwork of any size. DWQ prefers full-size construction drawings rather than a sequential sheet version of the full-size plans. If full-size plans are reduced to a small scale such that the final version is illegible, the applicant will be informed that the project has been placed on hold until decipherable maps are provided.

1. Name of project: Replacement of Bridge Nos. 128 and 130 on I-85 Bus. over Abbots Creek
2. T.I.P. Project Number or State Project Number (NCDOT Only): B-4095
3. Property Identification Number (Tax PIN): N/A
4. Location  
County: Davidson Nearest Town: Lexington  
Subdivision name (include phase/lot number): N/A  
Directions to site (include road numbers/names, landmarks, etc.): I-85 Business US 29/70 bridges over Abbot's Creek northeast of Lexington
5. Site coordinates (For linear projects, such as a road or utility line, attach a sheet that separately lists the coordinates for each crossing of a distinct waterbody.)  
Decimal Degrees (6 digits minimum): \_\_\_\_\_°N \_\_\_\_\_°W
6. Property size (acres): N/A
7. Name of nearest receiving body of water: Abbot's Creek
8. River Basin: Yadkin Pee Dee  
(Note – this must be one of North Carolina's seventeen designated major river basins. The River Basin map is available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/admin/maps/>.)
9. Describe the existing conditions on the site and general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: I-85 Business is a 4-lane facility. Bridge No. 128 carries northbound traffic. Bridge No. 130 carries southbound traffic. Lexington Water works is

northwest of the bridges. Land use in the project vicinity is residential, commercial and institutional.

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10. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used: Bridge No. 128 will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while bridge No. 130 is being replaced in place. The new bridge No. 130 then will be used as a two lane detour (one lane of traffic in each direction) while bridge No. 128 is replaced in place. During construction the speed limit in the project area will be lowered to 45 mph and wide load vehicles will be directed to off-site conditions.

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11. Explain the purpose of the proposed work: The existing structures are considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. Bridge replacement will result in safer and more efficient traffic operations.

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#### **IV. Prior Project History**

If jurisdictional determinations and/or permits have been requested and/or obtained for this project (including all prior phases of the same subdivision) in the past, please explain. Include the USACE Action ID Number, DWQ Project Number, application date, and date permits and certifications were issued or withdrawn. Provide photocopies of previously issued permits, certifications or other useful information. Describe previously approved wetland, stream and buffer impacts, along with associated mitigation (where applicable). If this is a NCDOT project, list and describe permits issued for prior segments of the same T.I.P. project, along with construction schedules.

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#### **V. Future Project Plans**

Are any future permit requests anticipated for this project? If so, describe the anticipated work, and provide justification for the exclusion of this work from the current application.

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#### **VI. Proposed Impacts to Waters of the United States/Waters of the State**

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to wetlands, open water, and stream channels associated with the project. Each impact must be listed separately in the tables below (e.g., culvert installation should be listed separately from riprap dissipater pads). Be sure to indicate if an impact is temporary. All proposed impacts, permanent and temporary, must be listed, and must be labeled and clearly identifiable on an

accompanying site plan. All wetlands and waters, and all streams (intermittent and perennial) should be shown on a delineation map, whether or not impacts are proposed to these systems. Wetland and stream evaluation and delineation forms should be included as appropriate. Photographs may be included at the applicant's discretion. If this proposed impact is strictly for wetland or stream mitigation, list and describe the impact in Section VIII below. If additional space is needed for listing or description, please attach a separate sheet.

1. Provide a written description of the proposed impacts: Fill in surface waters (permanent) due to bent construction. Temporary fill in surface waters due to temporary work pads.

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2. Individually list wetland impacts. Types of impacts include, but are not limited to mechanized clearing, grading, fill, excavation, flooding, ditching/drainage, etc. For dams, separately list impacts due to both structure and flooding.

Wetland Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Type of Impact	Type of Wetland (e.g., forested, marsh, herbaceous, bog, etc.)	Located within 100-year Floodplain (yes/no)	Distance to Nearest Stream (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
Total Wetland Impact (acres)					

3. List the total acreage (estimated) of all existing wetlands on the property: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Individually list all intermittent and perennial stream impacts. Be sure to identify temporary impacts. Stream impacts include, but are not limited to placement of fill or culverts, dam construction, flooding, relocation, stabilization activities (e.g., cement walls, rip-rap, crib walls, gabions, etc.), excavation, ditching/straightening, etc. If stream relocation is proposed, plans and profiles showing the linear footprint for both the original and relocated streams must be included. To calculate acreage, multiply length X width, then divide by 43,560.

Stream Impact Number (indicate on map)	Stream Name	Type of Impact	Perennial or Intermittent?	Average Stream Width Before Impact	Impact Length (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
Bridge 128	Abbott's Creek	fill	perennial			0.0007
Bridge 130	Abbott's Creek	fill	perennial			0.0007
Bridge 128	Abbott's Creek	temp work pad	perennial			0.02
Bridge 130	Abbott's Creek	temp work pad	perennial			0.02

Total Stream Impact (by length and acreage)		0.0414
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5. Individually list all open water impacts (including lakes, ponds, estuaries, sounds, Atlantic Ocean and any other water of the U.S.). Open water impacts include, but are not limited to fill, excavation, dredging, flooding, drainage, bulkheads, etc.

Open Water Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Name of Waterbody (if applicable)	Type of Impact	Type of Waterbody (lake, pond, estuary, sound, bay, ocean, etc.)	Area of Impact (acres)
Total Open Water Impact (acres)				

6. List the cumulative impact to all Waters of the U.S. resulting from the project:

Stream Impact (acres):	0.0414
Wetland Impact (acres):	
Open Water Impact (acres):	
Total Impact to Waters of the U.S. (acres)	0.0414
Total Stream Impact (linear feet):	

7. Isolated Waters

Do any isolated waters exist on the property?  Yes  No

Describe all impacts to isolated waters, and include the type of water (wetland or stream) and the size of the proposed impact (acres or linear feet). Please note that this section only applies to waters that have specifically been determined to be isolated by the USACE.

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8. Pond Creation

If construction of a pond is proposed, associated wetland and stream impacts should be included above in the wetland and stream impact sections. Also, the proposed pond should be described here and illustrated on any maps included with this application.

Pond to be created in (check all that apply):  uplands  stream  wetlands

Describe the method of construction (e.g., dam/embankment, excavation, installation of draw-down valve or spillway, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed use or purpose of pond (e.g., livestock watering, irrigation, aesthetic, trout pond, local stormwater requirement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Current land use in the vicinity of the pond: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of watershed draining to pond: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected pond surface area: \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. Impact Justification (Avoidance and Minimization)

Specifically describe measures taken to avoid the proposed impacts. It may be useful to provide information related to site constraints such as topography, building ordinances, accessibility, and financial viability of the project. The applicant may attach drawings of alternative, lower-impact

site layouts, and explain why these design options were not feasible. Also discuss how impacts were minimized once the desired site plan was developed. If applicable, discuss construction techniques to be followed during construction to reduce impacts. During construction road closure is planned for one bridge and traffic will be diverted to the other bridge. The bridges are to be replaced in the same location. The existing bridges can be removed without any debris falling into the water

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### VIII. Mitigation

DWQ - In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .0500, mitigation may be required by the NC Division of Water Quality for projects involving greater than or equal to one acre of impacts to freshwater wetlands or greater than or equal to 150 linear feet of total impacts to perennial streams.

USACE – In accordance with the Final Notice of Issuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits, published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2002, mitigation will be required when necessary to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. Factors including size and type of proposed impact and function and relative value of the impacted aquatic resource will be considered in determining acceptability of appropriate and practicable mitigation as proposed. Examples of mitigation that may be appropriate and practicable include, but are not limited to: reducing the size of the project; establishing and maintaining wetland and/or upland vegetated buffers to protect open waters such as streams; and replacing losses of aquatic resource functions and values by creating, restoring, enhancing, or preserving similar functions and values, preferable in the same watershed.

If mitigation is required for this project, a copy of the mitigation plan must be attached in order for USACE or DWQ to consider the application complete for processing. Any application lacking a required mitigation plan or NCEEP concurrence shall be placed on hold as incomplete. An applicant may also choose to review the current guidelines for stream restoration in DWQ's Draft Technical Guide for Stream Work in North Carolina, available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands/strmgide.html>.

1. Provide a brief description of the proposed mitigation plan. The description should provide as much information as possible, including, but not limited to: site location (attach directions and/or map, if offsite), affected stream and river basin, type and amount (acreage/linear feet) of mitigation proposed (restoration, enhancement, creation, or preservation), a plan view, preservation mechanism (e.g., deed restrictions, conservation easement, etc.), and a description of the current site conditions and proposed method of construction. Please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.
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2. Mitigation may also be made by payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the NCEEP at (919) 715-0476 to determine availability, and written approval from the NCEEP indicating that they are will to accept payment for the mitigation must be attached to this form. For additional information regarding the application process for the NCEEP, check the NCEEP website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/wrp/index.htm>. If use of the NCEEP is proposed, please check the appropriate box on page five and provide the following information:

Amount of stream mitigation requested (linear feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of buffer mitigation requested (square feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Coastal wetland mitigation requested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Environmental Documentation (required by DWQ)**

1. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land? Yes  No
2. If yes, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?  
Note: If you are not sure whether a NEPA/SEPA document is required, call the SEPA coordinator at (919) 733-5083 to review current thresholds for environmental documentation.  
Yes  No
3. If yes, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearinghouse? If so, please attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter. Yes  No

**X. Proposed Impacts on Riparian and Watershed Buffers (required by DWQ)**

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to required state and local buffers associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII above. All proposed impacts must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on the accompanying site plan. All buffers must be shown on a map, whether or not impacts are proposed to the buffers. Correspondence from the DWQ Regional Office may be included as appropriate. Photographs may also be included at the applicant's discretion.

1. Will the project impact protected riparian buffers identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0233 (Neuse), 15A NCAC 2B .0259 (Tar-Pamlico), 15A NCAC 02B .0243 (Catawba) 15A NCAC 2B .0250 (Randleman Rules and Water Supply Buffer Requirements), or other (please identify \_\_\_\_\_)? Yes  No

2. If “yes”, identify the square feet and acreage of impact to each zone of the riparian buffers. If buffer mitigation is required calculate the required amount of mitigation by applying the buffer multipliers.

Zone*	Impact (square feet)	Multiplier	Required Mitigation
1		3 (2 for Catawba)	
2		1.5	
Total			

\* Zone 1 extends out 30 feet perpendicular from the top of the near bank of channel; Zone 2 extends an additional 20 feet from the edge of Zone 1.

3. If buffer mitigation is required, please discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (i.e., Donation of Property, Riparian Buffer Restoration / Enhancement, or Payment into the Riparian Buffer Restoration Fund). Please attach all appropriate information as identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0242 or .0244, or .0260. \_\_\_\_\_
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**XI. Stormwater (required by DWQ)**

Describe impervious acreage (existing and proposed) versus total acreage on the site. Discuss stormwater controls proposed in order to protect surface waters and wetlands downstream from the property. If percent impervious surface exceeds 20%, please provide calculations demonstrating total proposed impervious level. \_\_\_\_\_

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**XII. Sewage Disposal (required by DWQ)**

Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility.  
 N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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**XIII. Violations (required by DWQ)**

Is this site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500) or any Buffer Rules?  
 Yes  No

Is this an after-the-fact permit application? Yes  No

**XIV. Cumulative Impacts (required by DWQ)**

Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality? Yes  No

If yes, please submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative impact analysis in accordance with the most recent North Carolina Division of Water Quality policy posted on our website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands>. If no, please provide a short narrative description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**XV. Other Circumstances (Optional):**

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the application sufficiently in advance of desired construction dates to allow processing time for these permits. However, an applicant may choose to list constraints associated with construction or sequencing that may impose limits on work schedules (e.g., draw-down schedules for lakes, dates associated with Endangered and Threatened Species, accessibility problems, or other issues outside of the applicant's control).

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**Applicant/Agent's Signature**

**Date**

(Agent's signature is valid only if an authorization letter from the applicant is provided.)