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NO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REQUIRED FORM

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No: **W-5601AT** County: **Columbus**
 WBS No: **50138.1.47** Document: **CE**
 F.A. No: **HSIP-0701(31)** Funding: ☐ State ☒ Federal
 Federal Permit Required? ☐ Yes ☒ No Permit Type: **na**

Project Description: NCDOT Division 6 intends to resurface and wedge the curves along US 701 surrounding its intersection with SR 1005, Peacock Road. The proposed section of US 701 for improvement is listed as .459 mile (nearly .739 kilometer) long. Existing right-of-way (ROW) along this portion of US 701 is listed at 150 feet (45.72 meters) wide. All proposed activities will occur within existing ROW and no easements are anticipated. Thus, the area of potential effects (APE) for the project as currently proposed is estimated as encompassing approximately 8.35 acres (nearly 3.38 hectares).

SUMMARY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

A review of the site maps and files archived at the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology was conducted on September 28, 2015. No previously identified archaeological resources are located within the APE, but the project is adjacent the cemetery associated with the Western Prong Baptist Church. The original location of the historic Western Prong Baptist Church is recorded to the west of the current APE. On September 24, 2015, a reconnaissance investigation was conducted by NCDOT archaeologist, Brian Overton, and MCDOT architectural historian, Megan Privett. The cemetery southwest of the SR 1005/US 701 intersection contains more than 800 graves ranging from the early-mid nineteenth century through the present. A number of honorary military markers that are not associated with interments are also present. The recorded ca. 1950 Western Prong Baptist Church had been destroyed by fire and replaced by much larger church building to the southwest of the cemetery in 2002. Several other early structures were noted in the vicinity of the project area, but none are located within the proposed APE.

Despite the extension of the cemetery into the ROW along US 701 and immediately adjacent ROW along SR 1005 (with some markers immediately adjacent ROW along both highway facilities), no further archaeological investigations are required for the project as presently proposed. Should changes to existing ditch-lines necessitate an expansion of the cut-banks along the edges of the cemetery, further consultation will be required.

Brief Explanation of why the available information provides a reliable basis for reasonably predicting that there are no unidentified historic properties in the APE:

As noted above, all proposed activities associated with the project are expected to occur within existing ROW. Thus, most of the proposed project falls within areas that have been significantly disturbed by the highway facility construction and maintenance activities. The exceptions to this generality are the portions of the West Prong Baptist Church Cemetery that fall along the edge of existing ROW for US 701. While a few cemetery markers are located near this ROW edge, none are expected to be impacted by the proposed project. While slope-stake lines may shift slightly, they are not expected to expand in towards the cemetery.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

See attached: ☒ Map(s) ☐ Previous Survey Info ☒ Photos ☐ Correspondence
☒ Other: proposed cross-sections and ditch-lines

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October 19, 2015

NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST II

Date



Aerial photograph depicting the Area of Potential Effects (yellow lines) along US 701, near its intersection with SR 1005.



Cemetery markers immediately adjacent the ditch-line along SR 1005 (facing east).



Ditch-line and cut-bank within ROW along US 701 at the eastern edge of the cemetery (facing south).



Markers along easternmost edge of the Western Prong Baptist Church Cemetery (facing south).

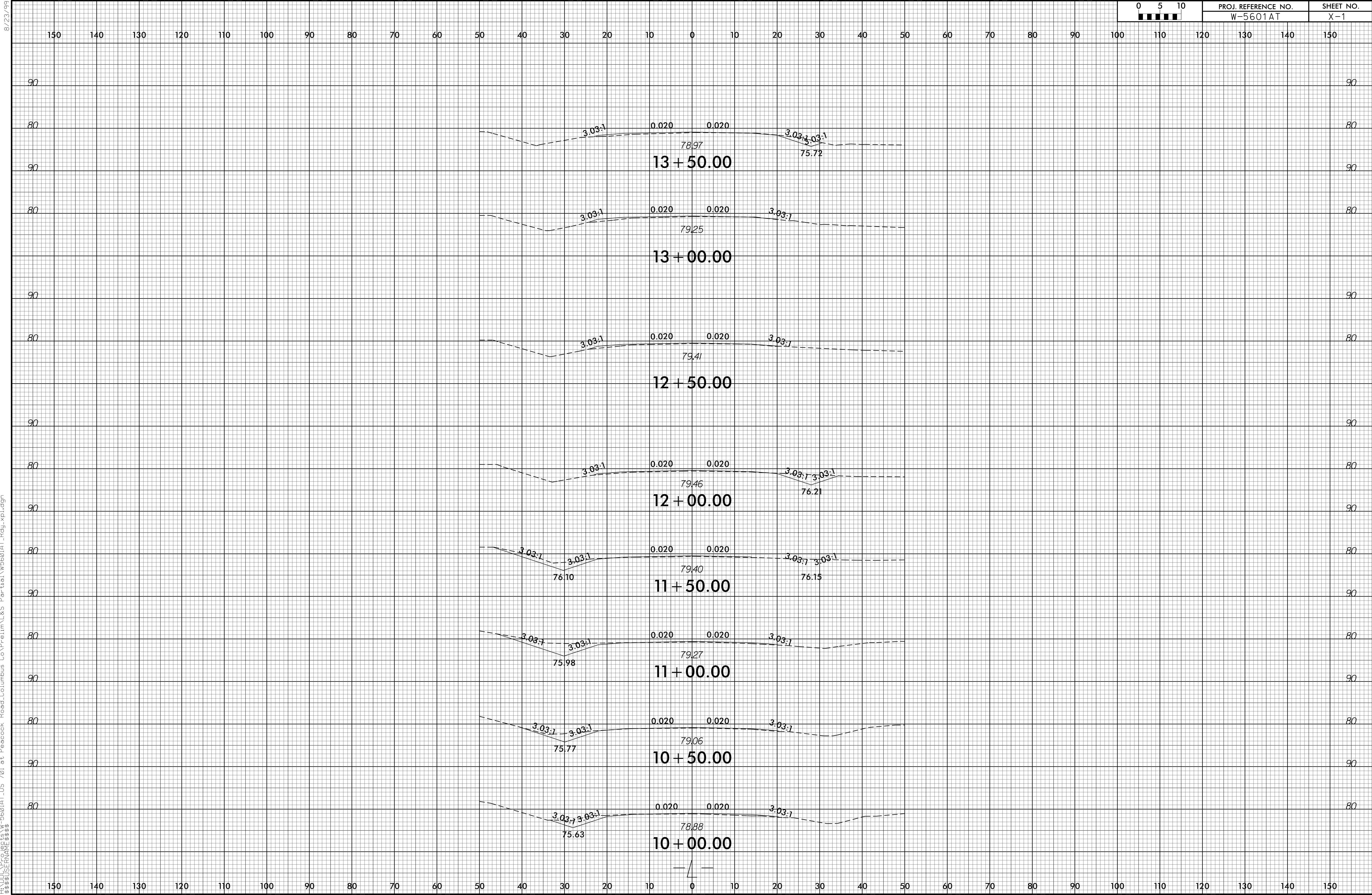


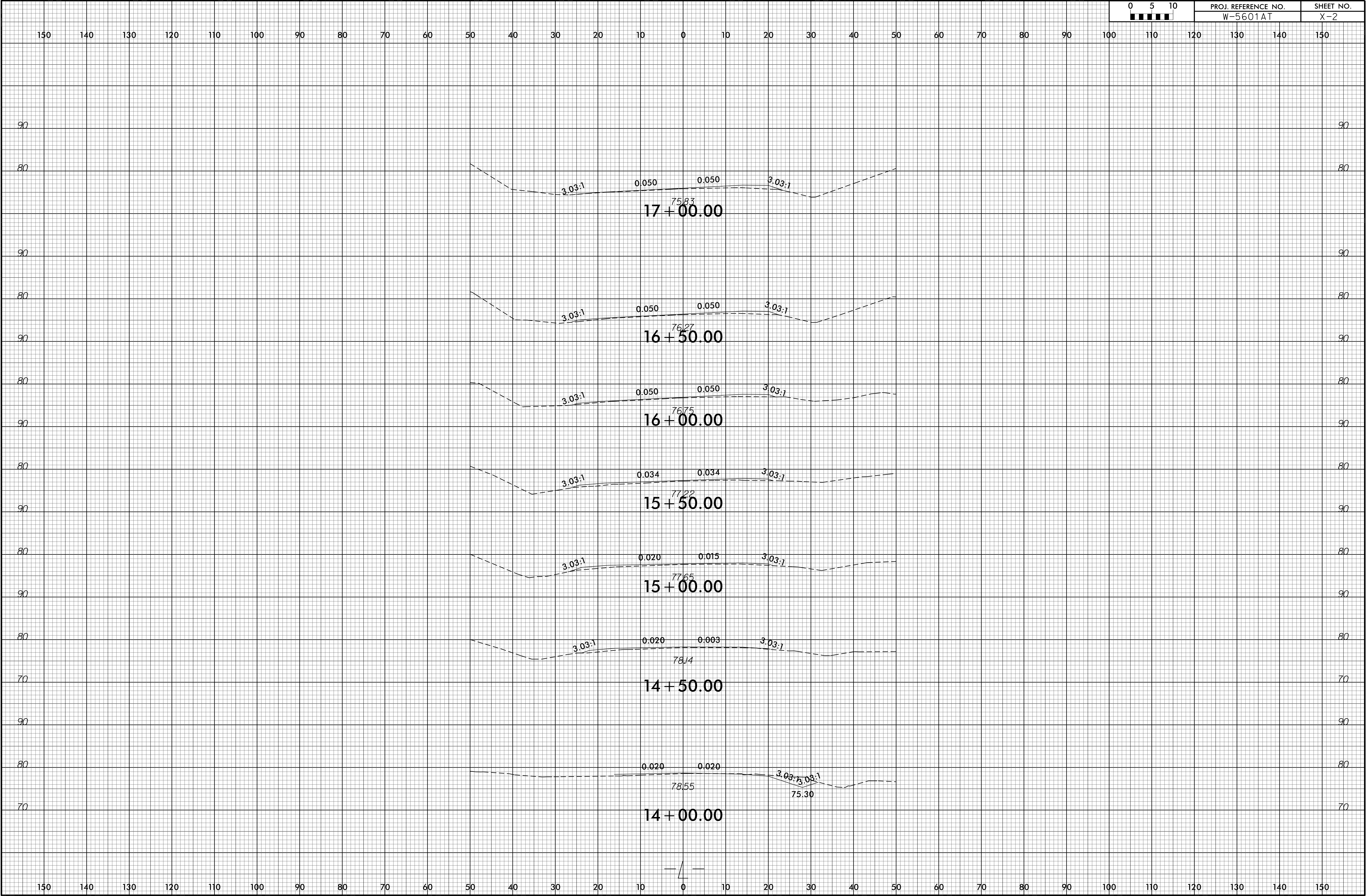
Markers along southeast corner of the Western Prong Baptist Church Cemetery (facing north).

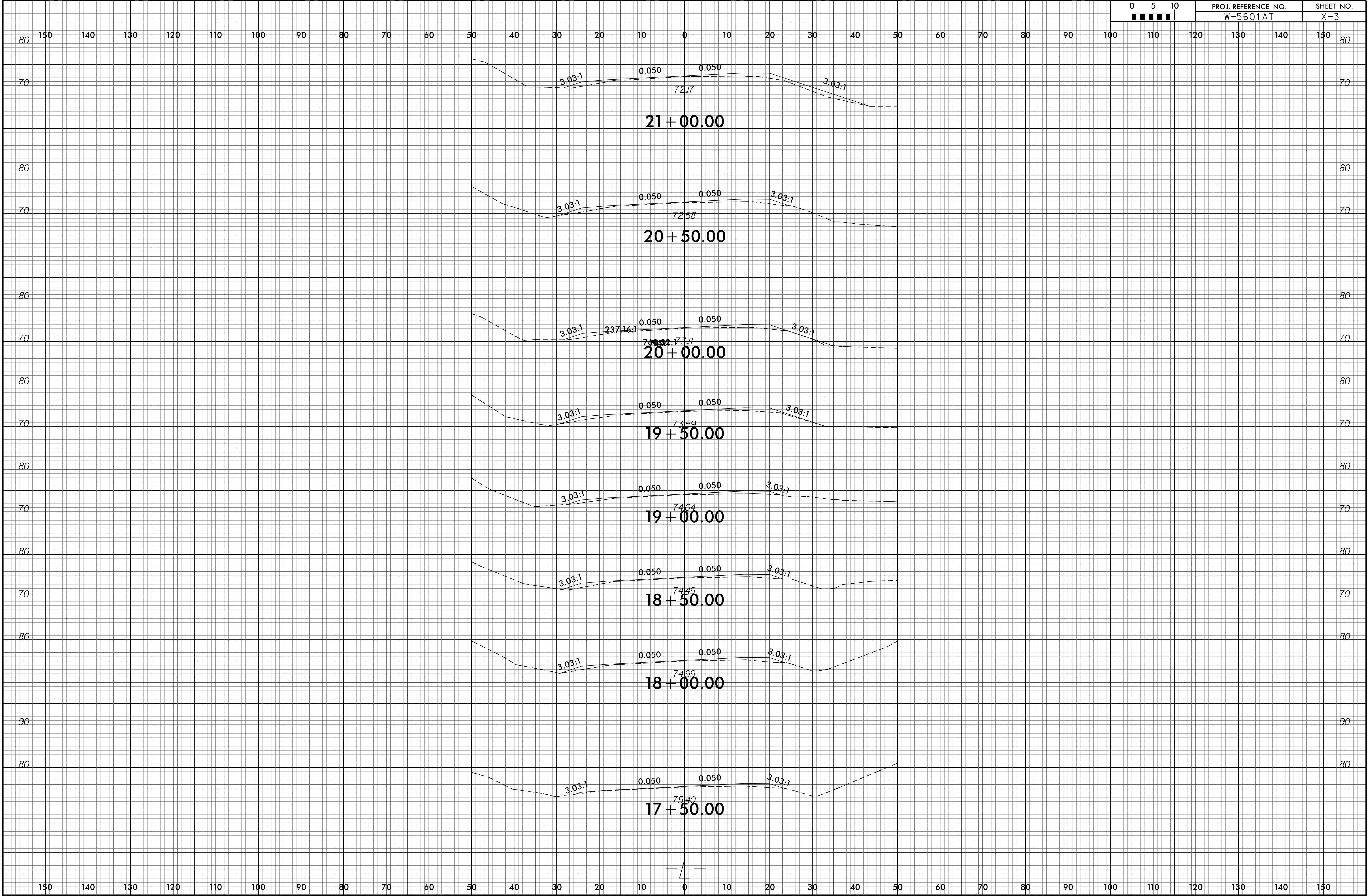


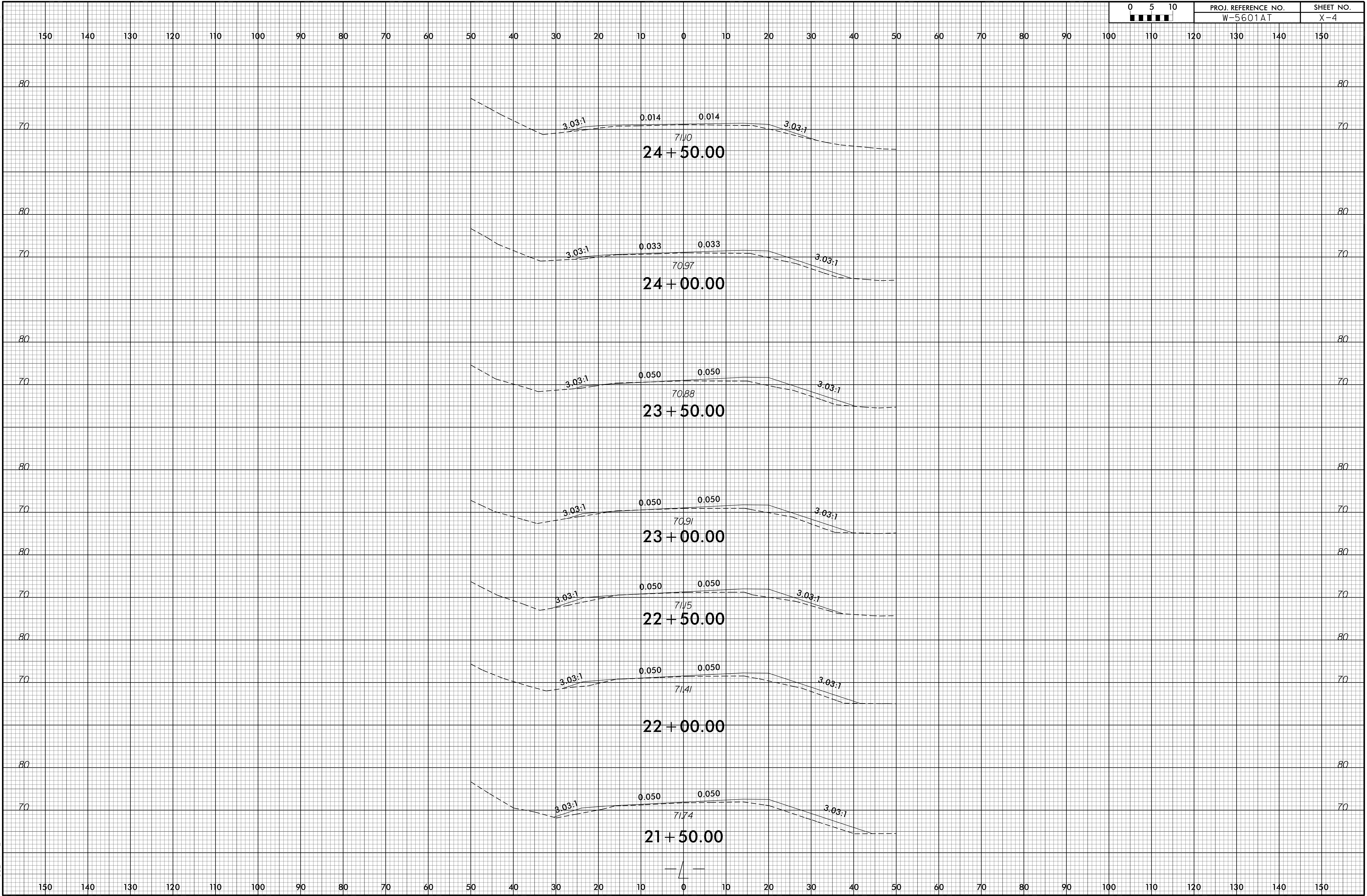
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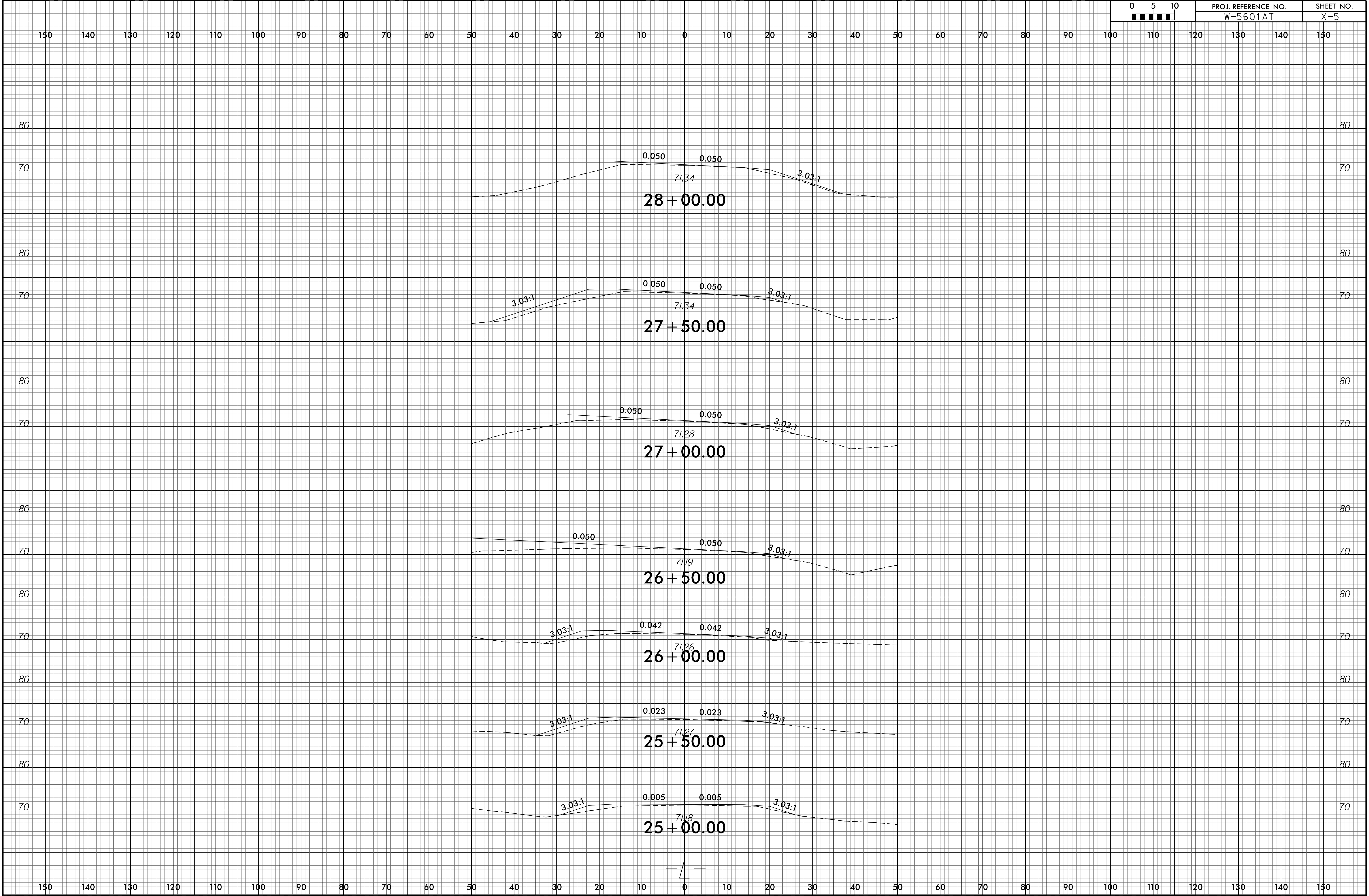
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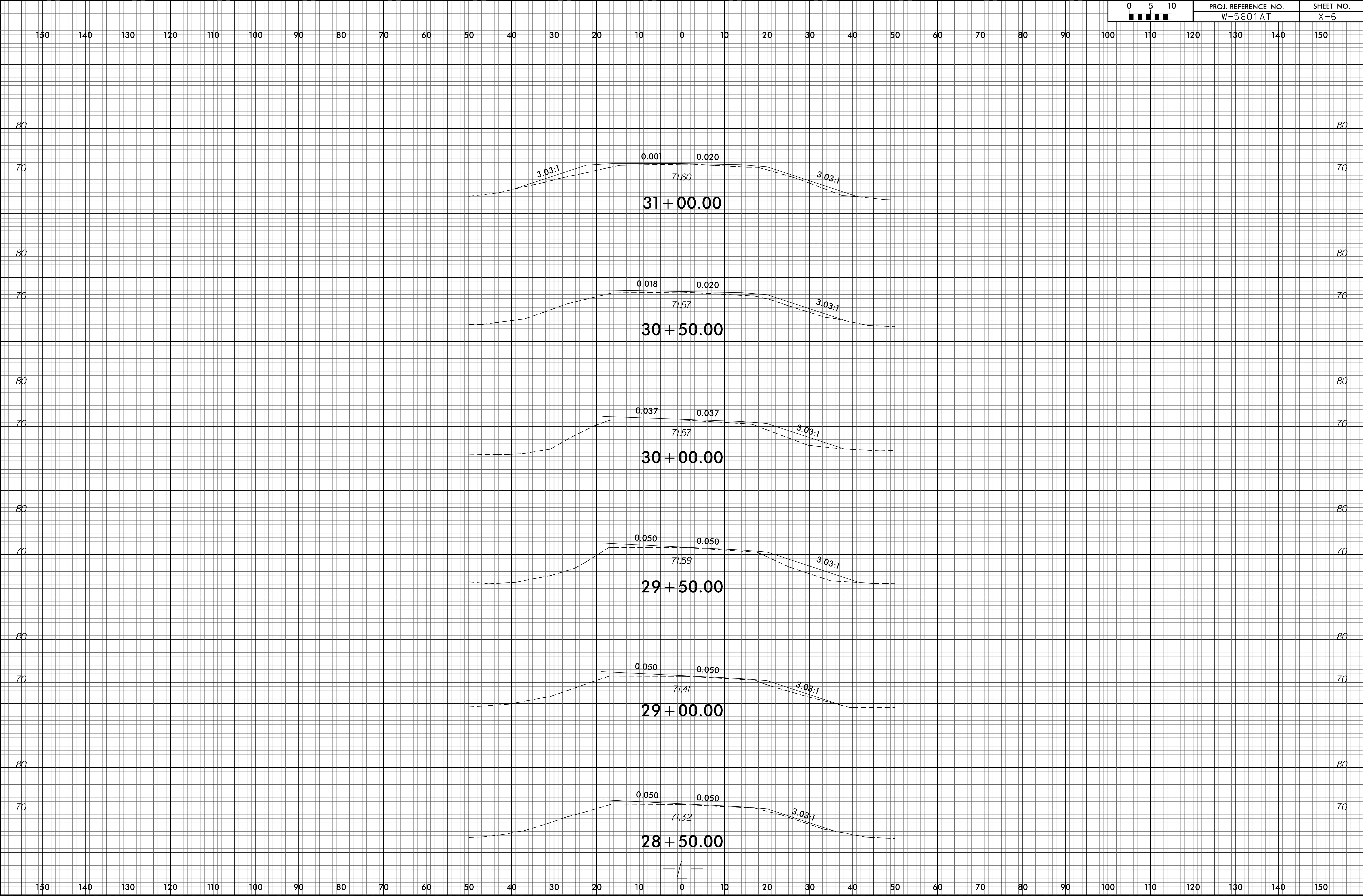




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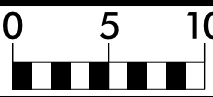
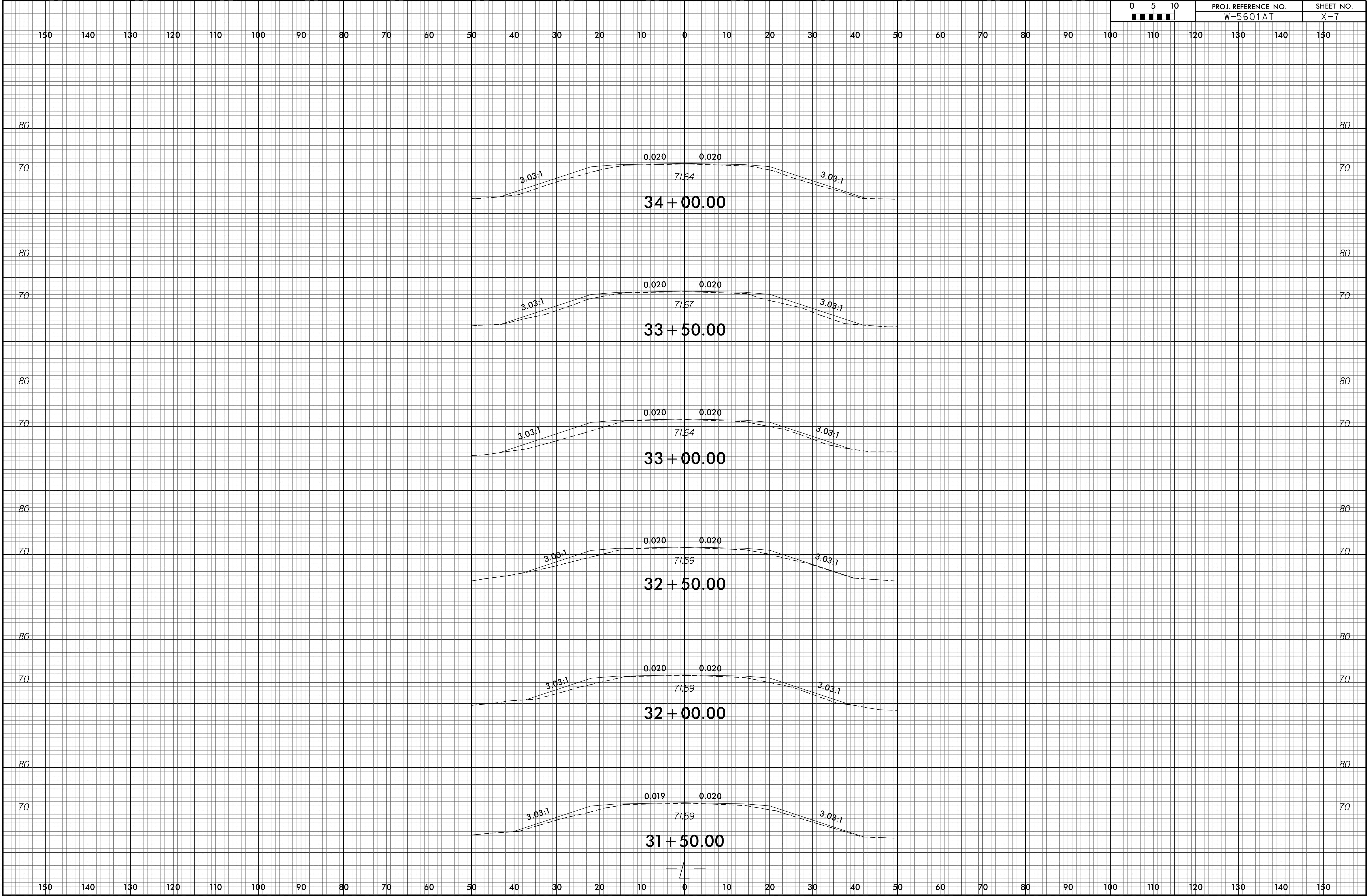
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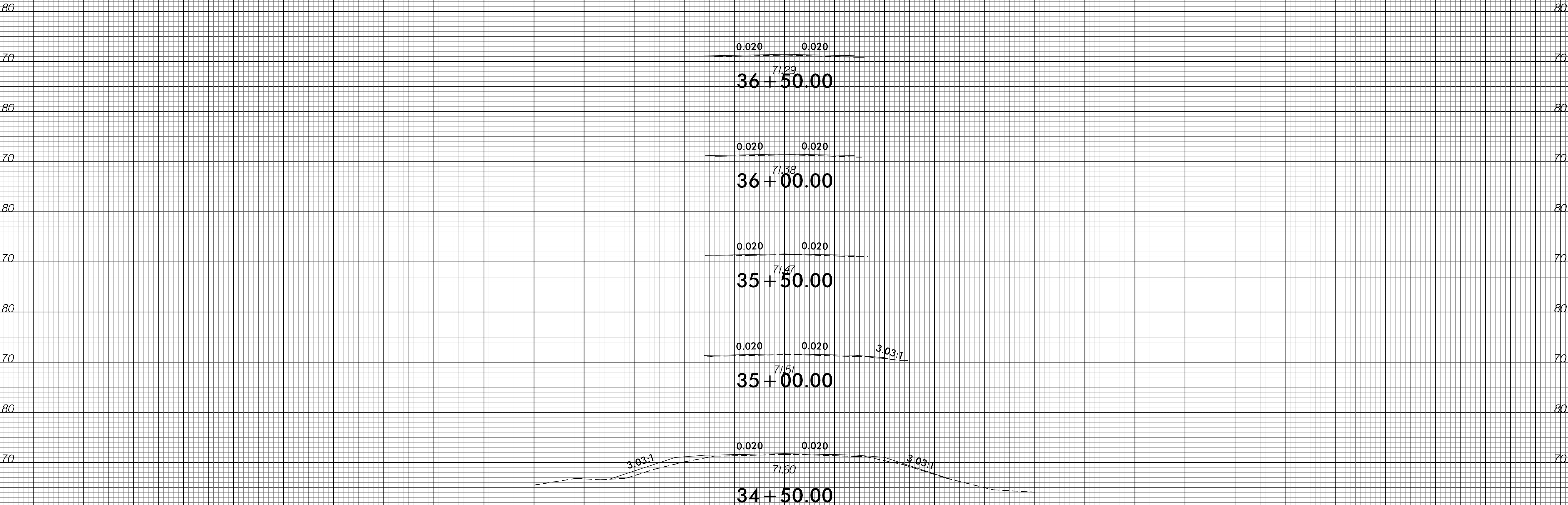
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