



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

February 23, 2004

Division of Coastal Management
1367 U.S. 17 South
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

ATTENTION: Ms. Lynn Mathis
NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

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Rose Bay Canal is located in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has assigned Rose Bay Canal a Stream Index Number of 29-44-1-1. DWQ has assigned a best usage classification SC. Class SC waters are defined as saltwaters protected for aquatic life propagation and survival, wildlife, and secondary recreation. Rose Bay Canal is a well-defined brackish marsh stream.

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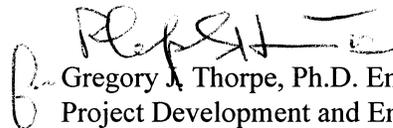
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2. CULVERTS

- a. Water body in which culvert is to be placed

- b. Number of culverts proposed _____
- c. Type of culvert (construction material, style)

- d. Will proposed culvert replace an existing bridge?
 Yes No
 If yes,
 - (1) Length of existing bridge _____
 - (2) Width of existing bridge _____
 - (3) Navigation clearance underneath existing bridge _____
 - (4) Will all, or a part of, the existing bridge be removed? (Explain) _____
- e. Will proposed culvert replace an existing culvert?
 Yes No
 If yes,
 - (1) Length of existing culvert _____
 - (2) Width of existing culvert _____
 - (3) Height of the top of the existing culvert above the MHW or NWL _____
 - (4) Will all, or a part of, the existing culvert be removed? (Explain) _____
- f. Length of proposed culvert _____
- g. Width of proposed culvert _____
- h. Height of the top of the proposed culvert above the MHW or NWL _____
- i. Will the proposed culvert affect existing water flow?
 Yes No
 If yes, explain _____
- j. Will the proposed culvert affect existing navigation potential? Yes No
 If yes, explain _____

3. EXCAVATION AND FILL

- a. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert require any excavation below the MHW or NWL?
 Yes No
 If yes,
 - (1) Length of area to be excavated 300 ft.
 - (2) Width of area to be excavated 20 ft
 - (3) Depth of area to be excavated 4 ft
 - (4) Amount of material to be excavated in cubic yards 905
- b. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert require any excavation within: NO
 Coastal Wetlands SAVs Other Wetlands
 If yes,
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 - (2) Width of area to be excavated 20 ft.
 - (3) Amount of material to be excavated in cubic yards 905
- c. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert require any highground excavation?
 Yes No
 If yes,
 - (1) Length of area to be excavated _____
 - (2) Width of area to be excavated _____
 - (3) Amount of material to be excavated in cubic yards _____
- d. If the placement of the bridge or culvert involves any excavation, please complete the following:
 - (1) Location of the spoil disposal area

 - (2) Dimensions of spoil disposal area

 - (3) Do you claim title to the disposal area?
 Yes No
 If no, attach a letter granting permission from the owner.
 - (4) Will the disposal area be available for future maintenance? Yes No
 - (5) Does the disposal area include any coastal wetlands (marsh), SAVs, or other wetlands?
 Yes No
 If yes, give dimensions if different from (2) above. _____

Form DCM-MP-5

- (6) Does the disposal area include any area below the MHW or NWL? Yes No
If yes, give dimension if different from No. 2 above. _____
- e. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert result in any fill (other than excavated material described in Item d. above) to be placed below MHW or NWL? Yes No
If yes,
(1) Length of area to be filled 1078 ft.
(2) Width of area to be filled 10 ft.
(3) Purpose of fill Rock fill to stabilize and lessen impacts to marshland
- f. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert result in any fill (other than excavated material described in Item d. above) to be placed within:
 Coastal Wetlands SAVs Other Wetlands
If yes,
(1) Length of area to be filled _____
(2) Width of area to be filled _____
(3) Purpose of fill _____
- g. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert result in any fill (other than excavated material described in Item d. above) to be placed on highground? Yes No
If yes,
(1) Length of area to be filled _____
(2) Width of area to be filled _____
(3) Purpose of fill _____

If yes, explain in detail _____

- d. Will the proposed project require any work channels? Yes No
If yes, complete Form DCM-MP-2
- e. How will excavated or fill material be kept on site and erosion controlled? NCDOT High Quality Waters Erosion Control Methods will be used
- f. What type of construction equipment will be used (for example, dragline, backhoe or hydraulic dredge)? Heavy highway construction equipment
- g. Will wetlands be crossed in transporting equipment to project site? Yes No
If yes, explain steps that will be taken to lessen environmental impacts. _____
- h. Will the placement of the proposed bridge or culvert require any shoreline stabilization?
 Yes No
If yes, explain in detail _____

NCDOT

Applicant or Project Name

[Signature]
Signature

2/24/04
Date

4. GENERAL

- a. Will the proposed project involve any mitigation?
 Yes No
If yes, explain in detail _____
- b. Will the proposed project require the relocation of any existing utility lines? Yes No
If yes, explain in detail 6 inch waterline, telephone and electrical lines
- c. Will the proposed project require the construction of any temporary detour structures?
 Yes No

APPLICATION

(To be completed by all applicants)

1. APPLICANT

a. Landowner:

Name N. C. Department of Transportation

Address 1548 Mail Service Center

City Raleigh State NC

Zip 27699-1548 Day Phone 919-733-3141

Fax 919-733-9794

b. Authorized Agent:

Name Phil Harris, PE

Address Same as above

City State

Zip Day Phone

Fax

c. Project name (if any) B-3349 Brg. # 32 over Rosebay Creek on US 264 8.1080701

NOTE: Permit will be issued in name of landowner(s), and/or project name.

2. LOCATION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

a. County: Hyde

b. City, town, community or landmark
Rosebay Oyster Co.

c. Street address or secondary road number
US 264

d. Is proposed work within city limits or planning jurisdiction? Yes x No

e. Name of body of water nearest project (e.g. river, creek, sound, bay) Roesbay Creek

3. DESCRIPTION AND PLANNED USE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

a. List all development activities you propose (e.g. building a home, motel, marina, bulkhead, pier, and excavation and/or filling activities.

Replace existing bridge with a new one

b. Is the proposed activity maintenance of an existing project, new work, or both? both

c. Will the project be for public, private or commercial use? Public

Give a brief description of purpose, use, methods of construction and daily operations of proposed project. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. To replace Bridge # 32 using staged construction.

4. LAND AND WATER CHARACTERISTICS

- a. Size of entire tract N/A
- b. Size of individual lot(s) N/A
- c. Approximate elevation of tract above MHW or NWL 1.2 ft
- d. Soil type(s) and texture(s) of tract
Delcomb muck, Udorthents
- e. Vegetation on tract black needlerush, salt grass, narrow-leaved cattail
- f. Man-made features now on tract
Roesbay Oyster Co., manmade canals
- g. What is the CAMA Land Use Plan land classification of the site? *(Consult the local land use plan.)*
- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed | <input type="checkbox"/> Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
- h. How is the tract zoned by local government?
N/A
- i. Is the proposed project consistent with the applicable zoning? Yes No
(Attach zoning compliance certificate, if applicable)
- j. Has a professional archaeological assessment been done for the tract? Yes No
If yes, by whom? NCDOT
- k. Is the project located in a National Registered Historic District or does it involve a National Register listed or eligible property?
 Yes No
- l. Are there wetlands on the site? Yes No
Coastal (marsh) Other
If yes, has a delineation been conducted? yes
(Attach documentation, if available)
- m. Describe existing wastewater treatment facilities.
N/A

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- n. Describe location and type of discharges to waters of the state. (For example, surface runoff, sanitary wastewater, industrial/commercial effluent, "wash down" and residential discharges.) Surface runoff _____
- o. Describe existing drinking water supply source.
N/A

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the completed application form, the following items must be submitted:

- **A copy of the deed** (with state application only) or other instrument under which the applicant claims title to the affected properties. If the applicant is not claiming to be the owner of said property, then forward a copy of the deed or other instrument under which the owner claims title, plus written permission from the owner to carry out the project.
 - **An accurate, dated work plat** (including plan view and cross-sectional drawings) drawn to scale in black ink on an 8 1/2" by 11" white paper. (Refer to Coastal Resources Commission Rule 7J.0203 for a detailed description.)
- Please note** that original drawings are preferred and only high quality copies will be accepted. Blue-line prints or other larger plats are acceptable only if an adequate number of quality copies are provided by applicant. (Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding that agency's use of larger drawings.) A site or location map is a part of plat requirements and it must be sufficiently detailed to guide agency personnel unfamiliar with the area to the site. Include highway or secondary road (SR) numbers, landmarks, and the like.
- **A Stormwater Certification**, if one is necessary.

- A list of the **names and complete addresses of the adjacent waterfront (riparian) landowners and signed return receipts as proof that such owners have received a copy of the application and plats by certified mail.** Such landowners must be advised that they have 30 days in which to submit comments on the proposed project to the Division of Coastal Management. Upon signing this form, the applicant further certifies that such notice has been provided.

Name See attached list
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

- A list of **previous state or federal permits** issued for work on the project tract. Include permit numbers, permittee, and issuing dates.

- A **check for \$400** made payable to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources (DEHNR) to cover the costs of processing the application.
- A **signed AEC hazard notice** for projects in oceanfront and inlet areas.
- A **statement of compliance with the N.C. Environmental Policy Act (N.C.G.S. 113A - 1 to 10)**
 If the project involves the expenditure of public funds or use of public lands, attach a statement documenting compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

6. CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION TO ENTER ON LAND

I understand that any permit issued in response to this application will allow only the development described in the application. The project will be subject to conditions and restrictions contained in the permit.

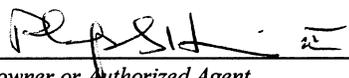
I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the proposed activity complies with the State of North Carolina's approved Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.

I certify that I am authorized to grant, and do in fact, grant permission to representatives of state and federal review agencies to enter on the aforementioned lands in connection with evaluating information related to this permit application and follow-up monitoring of the project.

I further certify that the information provided in this application is truthful to the best of my knowledge.

This is the 24 day of February, 2004.

Print Name Philip S. Harris III

Signature 
Landowner or Authorized Agent

Please indicate attachments pertaining to your proposed project.

- DCM MP-2 Excavation and Fill Information
- DCM MP-3 Upland Development
- DCM MP-4 Structures Information
- DCM MP-5 Bridges and Culverts
- DCM MP-6 Marina Development

NOTE: Please sign and date each attachment in the space provided at the bottom of each form.

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 Permit No. G-10

ZIP+4 in this box •

Postage	\$	Postmark Here
Certified Fee		
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)		
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)		
Total Postage & Fees	\$	B33349

Sent to
 Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No.
 Weyerhaeuser Co.
 P.O. Box 1392
 City, State, ZIP+4
 New Bern, NC 28560
 PS Form 3800, May 2000

See Reverse for Instructions

7000 1670 0003 2580 8649

U.S. Postal Service
CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT
 (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)

First-Class Mail
 Postage & Fees Paid
 USPS
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Sent to
 Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No.
 Robert Rich
 68827 N Weyburn Road
 City, State, ZIP+4
 8 Carolina Ave.
 PS Form 3800, May 2000

See Reverse for Instructions

7000 1670 0003 2580 8656

63349

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
Received by (Printed Name) Robert J. Rich Address
C. Date of Delivery 12-11-01
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Mattamuskeet Seafood
(Rose Bay Oyster Company)
Route 1, Box 136
Swan Quarters, NC 27885

2. Article Number
(Transfer from service label) 7000 1670 0003 2580 86070
PS Form 3811, August 2001 Domestic Return Receipt

63349

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
Received by (Printed Name) Robert J. Rich Address
C. Date of Delivery 12-11-01
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

Mr. Robert J. Rich
1468 Carolina Avenue
Washington, NC 27889

2. Article Number
(Transfer from service label) 7000 1670 0003 2580 86056
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
Received by (Printed Name) James W. Hodges Addressee
C. Date of Delivery 12-12-03
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

Mr. James W. Hodges
695 E. Main Street
Belhaven, NC 27810

2. Article Number
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
Received by (Printed Name) Michael S. Standberg Addressee
C. Date of Delivery 12-17-03
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

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1. Article Addressed to:

Weyerhaeuser Company
P. O. Box 1392
New Bern, NC 28560

2. Article Number
(Transfer from service label) 7000 1670 0003 2580 86049
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
 Address
 B. Received by (Printed Name) James W. Hodges C. Date of Delivery 12-12-03
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
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 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Mr. James W. Hodges
 695 E. Main Street
 Belhaven, NC 27810

Article Number

(Transfer from service label) 7000 1070 0003 2580 8049

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Domestic Return Receipt

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Article Addressed to:

Mattamuskeet Seafood
 (Rose Bay Oyster Company)
 Route 1, Box 136
 Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Article Number

(Transfer from service label) 7000 1070 0003 2580 8070

PS Form 3811, August 2001

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M-1

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
 Address
 B. Received by (Printed Name) Kelley Lujan C. Date of Delivery 12-11-03
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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 Route 1, Box 136
 Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Article Number

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Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M-1

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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
 Address
 B. Received by (Printed Name) Michael J. Standish C. Date of Delivery MICHAEL STANISH 12/17
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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Article Addressed to:

Weyerhaeuser Company
 P. O. Box 1392
 New Bern, NC 28560

Article Number

(Transfer from service label) 7000 1070 0003 2580 8049

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Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M-1540

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Article Addressed to:

Mr. Robert J. Rich
 1468 Carolina Avenue
 Washington, NC 27889

Article Number

(Transfer from service label) 7000 1070 0003 2580 8056

PS Form 3811, August 2001

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M-1

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
 Address
 B. Received by (Printed Name) Ken Ellis C. Date of Delivery 12/17
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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Article Addressed to:

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 1468 Carolina Avenue
 Washington, NC 27889

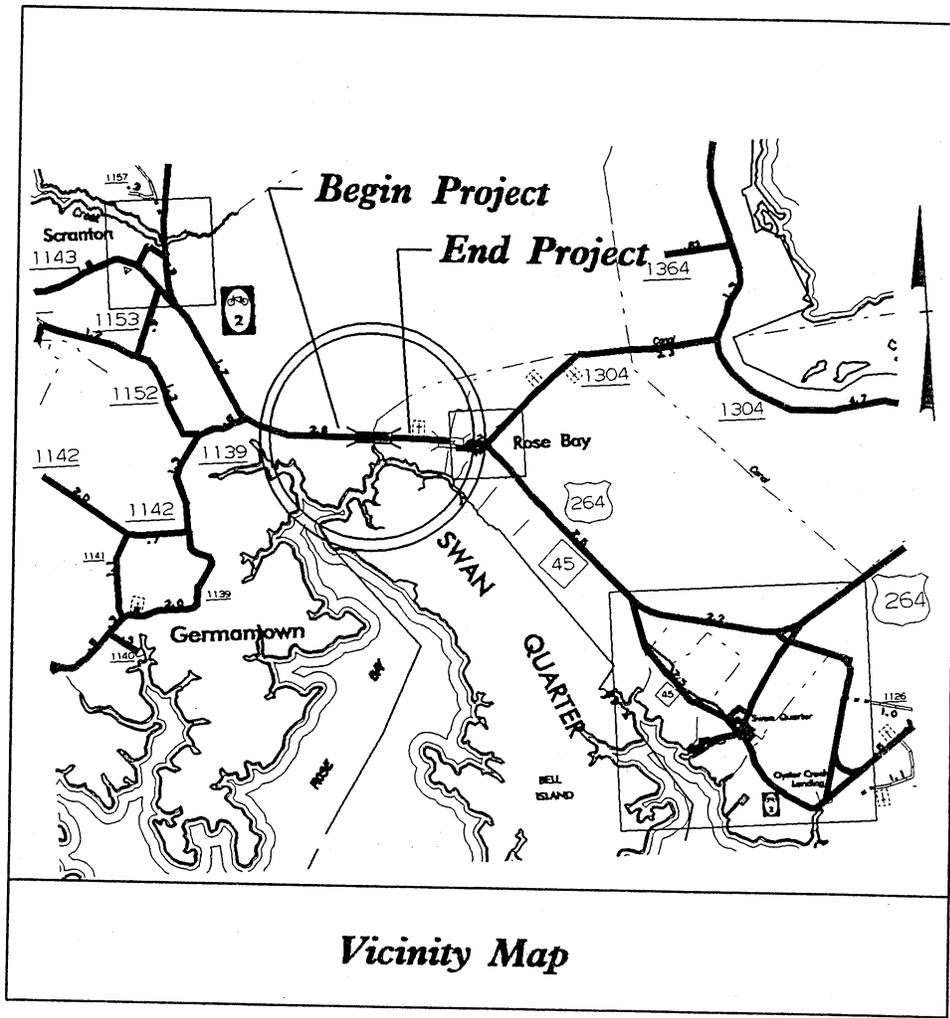
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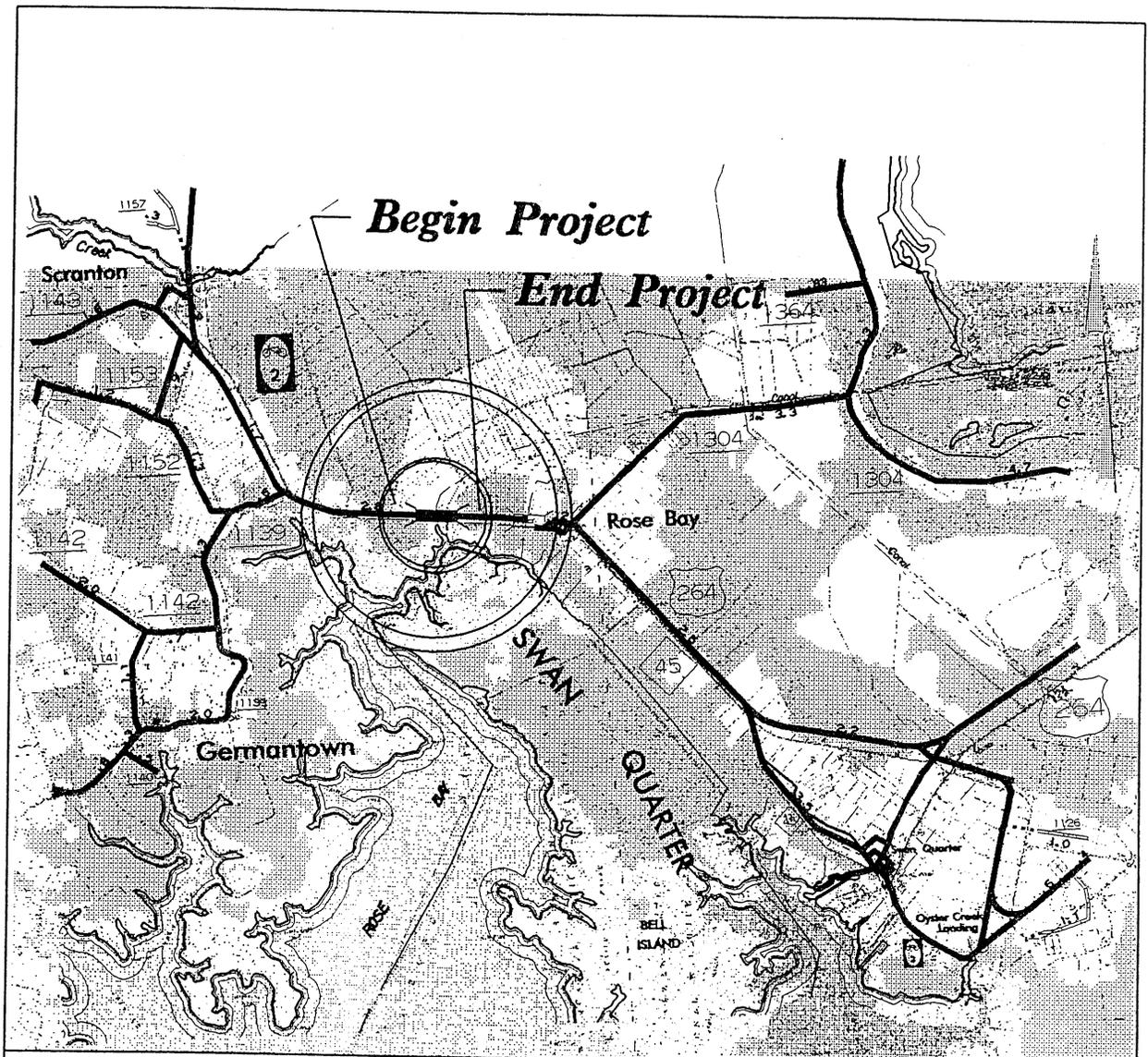
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Vicinity Map

VICINITY
MAPS

N. C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 HYDE COUNTY
 PROJECT: 8.1080701 (B-3349)
 REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.32
 OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US 64



Site Map

SITE
MAPS

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 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 HYDE COUNTY
 PROJECT: 8.1080701 (B-3549)

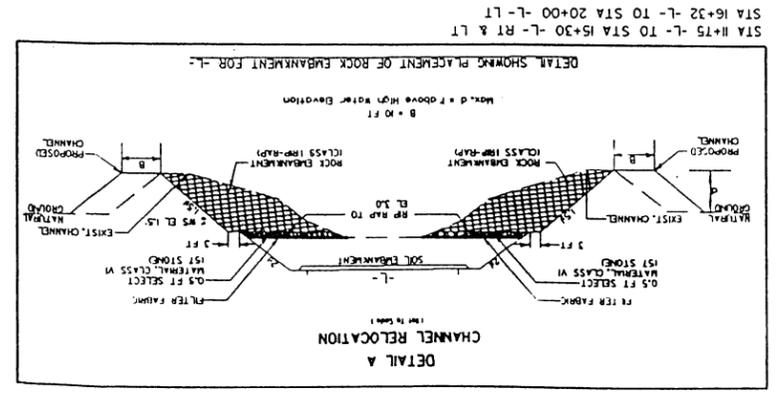
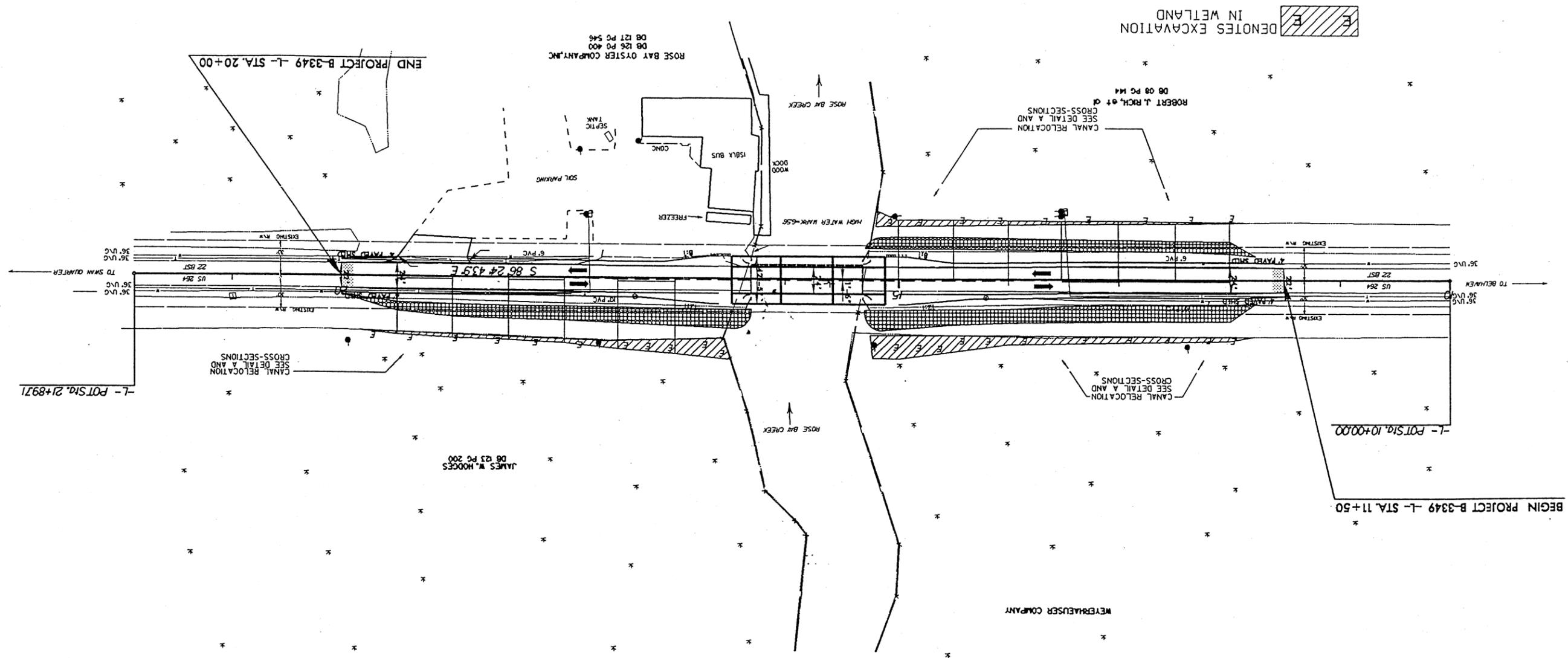
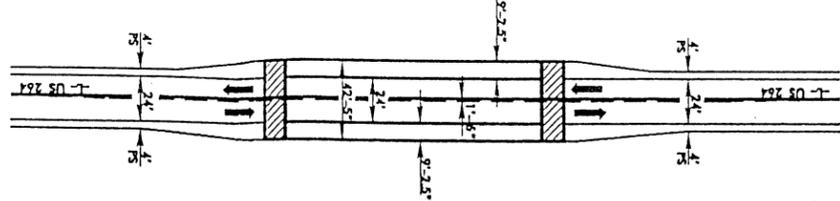
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 32
 OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US 264

LEGEND

	WETLAND BOUNDARY
	WETLAND
	DENOTES FILL IN WETLAND
	DENOTES FILL IN SURFACE WATER
	DENOTES FILL IN SURFACE WATER (POND)
	DENOTES TEMPORARY FILL IN WETLAND
	DENOTES EXCAVATION IN WETLAND
	DENOTES MECHANIZED CLEARING
	FLOW DIRECTION
	TOP OF BANK
	EDGE OF WATER
	PROP. LIMIT OF CUT
	PROP. LIMIT OF FILL
	PROP. RIGHT OF WAY
	NATURAL GROUND
	PROPERTY LINE
	TEMPORARY DRAINAGE EASEMENT
	PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT
	EXIST. ENDANGERED ANIMAL BOUNDARY

	EXIST. ENDANGERED PLANT BOUNDARY
	WATER SURFACE
	LIVE STAKES
	BOULDER
	CORE FIBER ROLLS
	ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER OR PARCEL NUMBER
	PROPOSED BRIDGE
	PROPOSED CULVERT
	PROPOSED PIPE CULVERT
(DASHED LINES DENOTE EXISTING STRUCTURES)	
	SINGLE TREE
	WOODS LINE
	DRAINAGE INLET
	ROOTWAD
	RIP RAP
	RIP RAP ENERGY DISSIPATOR BASIN

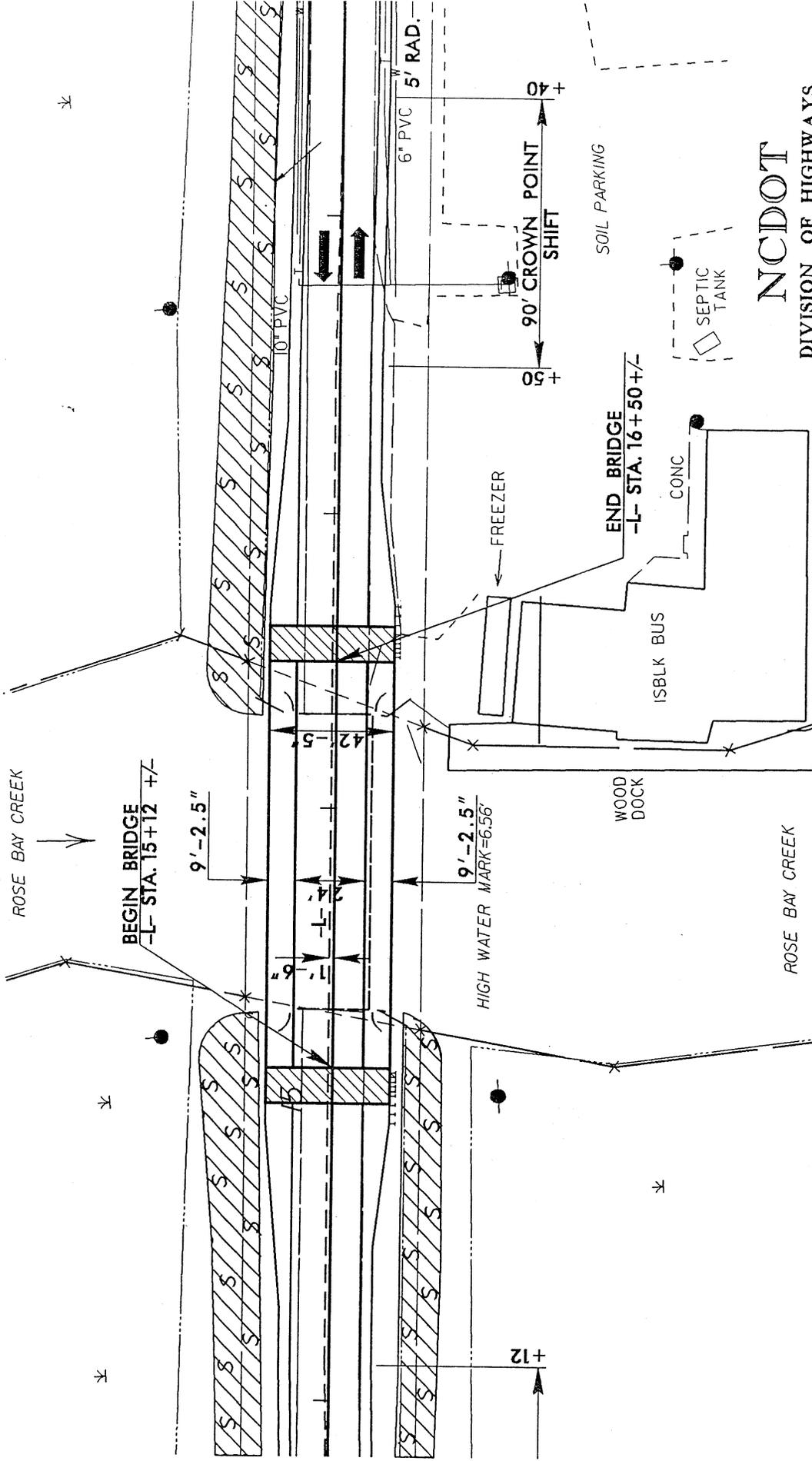
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 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 HYDE COUNTY
 PROJECT:
 8.1080701 (B-5349)



NO.	REVISIONS

PROJECT REFERENCE NO.		B-3349	
SHEET NO.		4	
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER		HYDRAULICS ENGINEER	
PRELIMINARY PLANS DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION			
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REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 32
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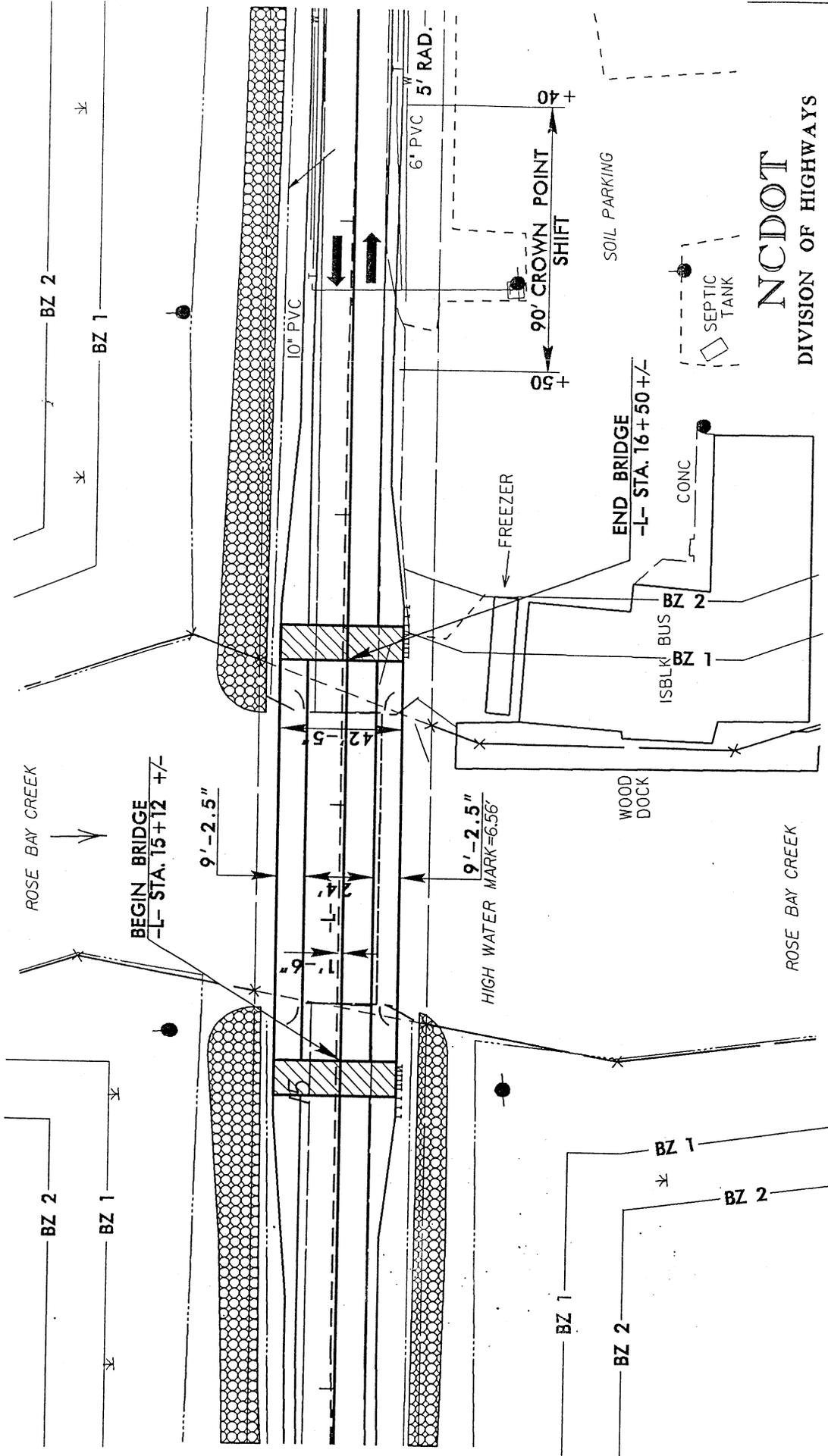
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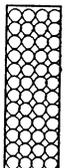
PLAN VIEW



DENOTES FILL IN
SURFACE WATER



PLAN VIEW

 DENOTES IMPACTED BUFFER ZONE

IMPACTED TAR-PAMLICO BUFFER ZONE

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HYDE COUNTY

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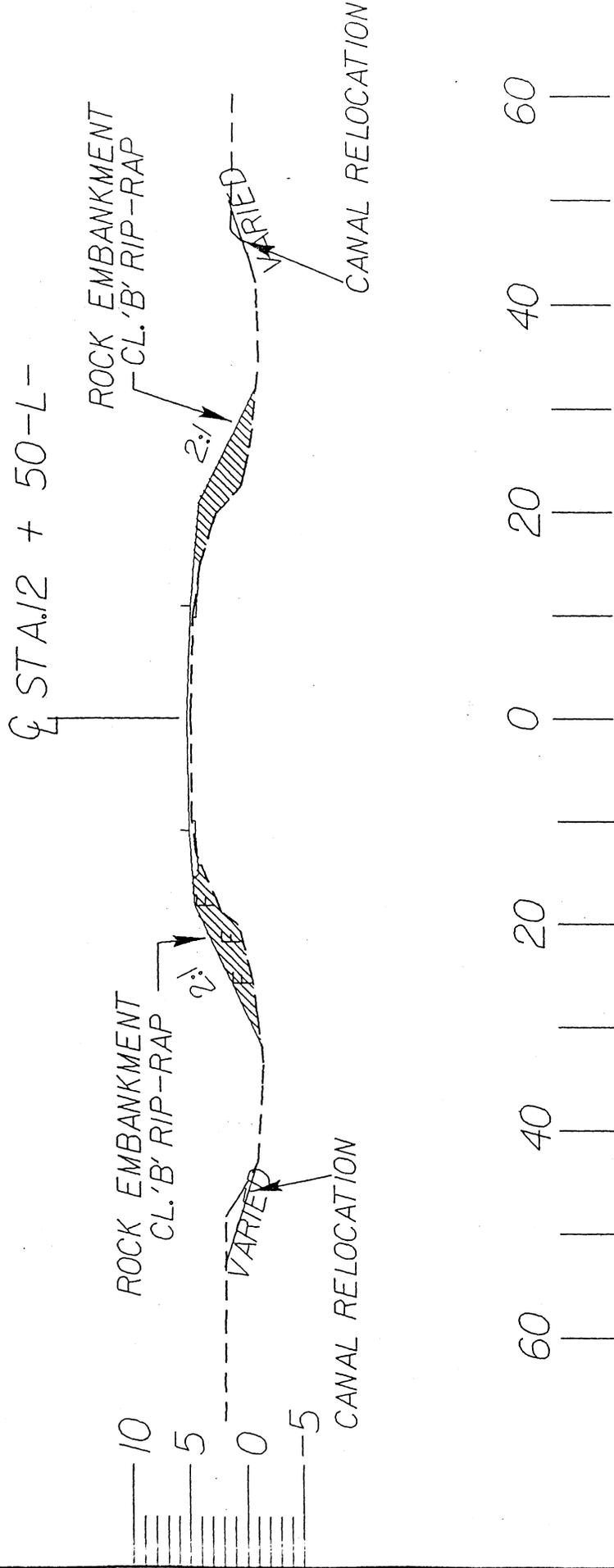
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OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US64.

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SECTION A A



PROFILE



N. C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
HYDE COUNTY
PROJECT: 8.1080701 (B-3349)
BRIDGE NO. 32 OVER ROSE BAY
CREEK ON US264
SHEET 7 OF 11

PROPERTY OWNERS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

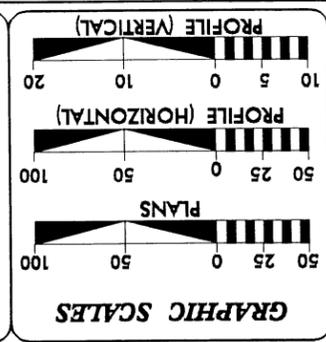
PARCEL NO.	NAMES	ADDRESSES
	MATTAMUSKEET SEAFOOD (ROSE BAY OYSTER COMPANY)	RT.1 BOX 136 SWAN QUARTER ,N.C.27885
	JAMES W.HODGES	695 E.MAIN STREET BELHAVEN ,N.C.27810
	ROBERT J.RICH	1468 CAROLINA AVE. WASHINGTON ,N.C.27889
	WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY	P.O.BOX 1392 NEW BERN ,N.C.28560

N. C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
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PROJECT: 81080701 (B-33-49)
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.32
OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US264

28-AUG-2003 10:56
 Date of Issue: 28-AUG-2003 10:56
 Drawing Number: A-110212339

PROJECT: 8.1080701

B-3349



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2004	=	2,922
ADT 2025	=	4,400
DIR.	=	55%
DHV	=	10%
T	=	8%
V	=	60 MPH
Vdet	=	40 MPH
TTST 2%	=	DUALS 6%

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY F.A. PROJECT BRSTP-264(11) = 0.135 MILES
 LENGTH OF STRUCTURES F.A. PROJECT BRSTP-264(11) = 0.026 MILES
 TOTAL LENGTH STATE PROJECT 8.1080701 = 0.161 MILES

Prepared in the Office of:
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 1000 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610

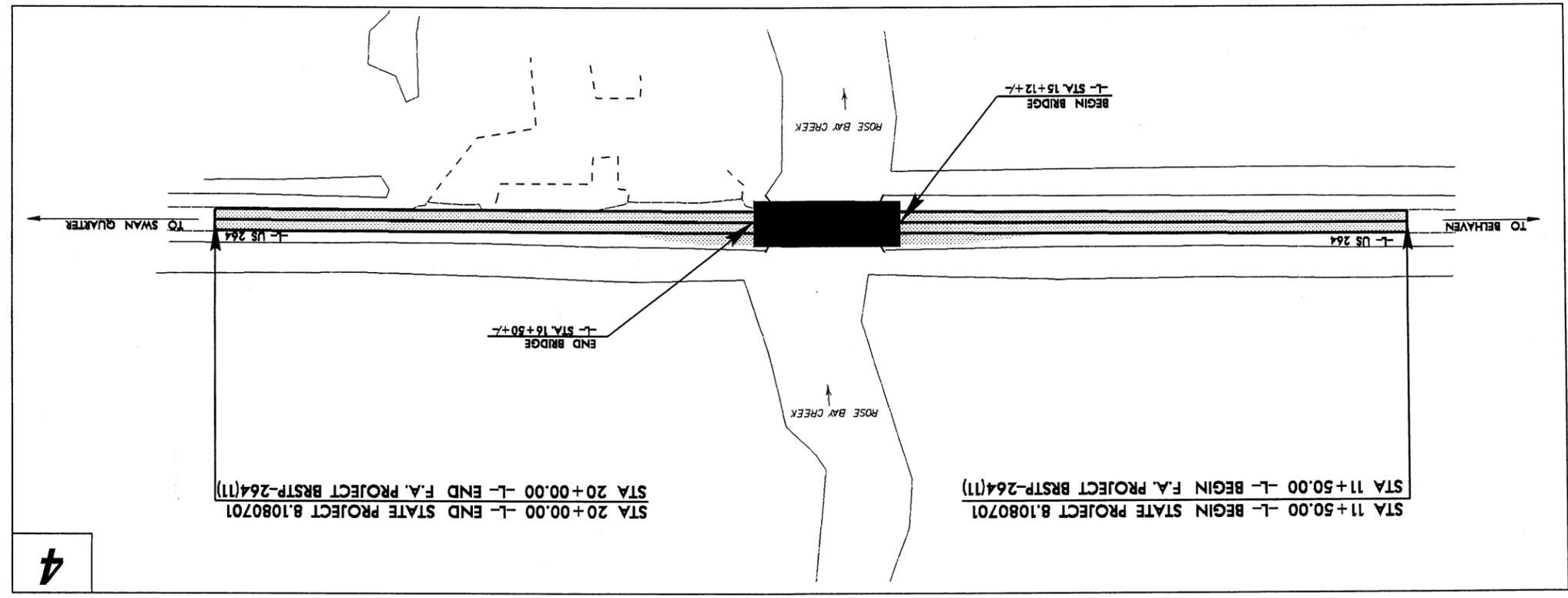
PROJECT ENGINEER: JAMES A. SPEER, PE
 PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER: DANNY GARDNER

LETTING DATE: JUNE 15, 2004
 RIGHT OF WAY DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2001
 2002 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER: _____
 ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER: _____

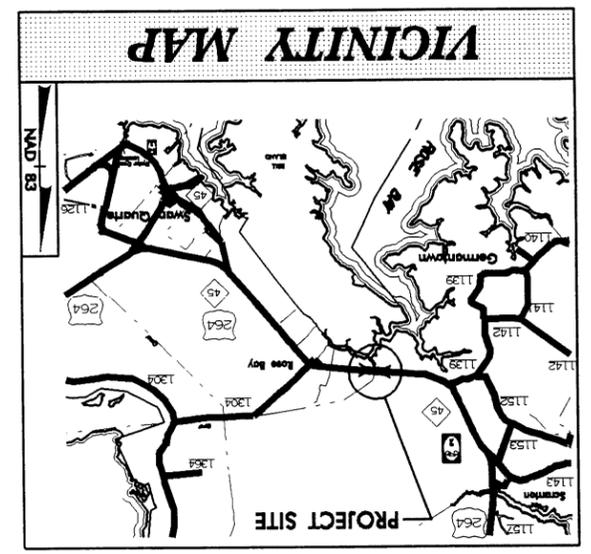
STATE DESIGN ENGINEER: _____
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

APPROVED DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR: _____
 DATE: _____



CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II. THIS PROJECT IS NOT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF SWAN QUARTER. ** DESIGN EXCEPTION REQUIRED FOR L-LINE SHOULDER WIDTHS.

PRELIMINARY PLANS
 DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION



See Sheet 1-A For Index of Sheets
 See Sheet 1-B For Conventional Symbols

LOCATION: BRIDGE NO. 32 OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US 264
 TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURE, GUARDRAIL, AND TEMPORARY SIGNALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS HYDE COUNTY

STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	B-3349	STATE PROJECT NO.	8.1080701
SHEET NO.	1	F.A. PROJECT NO.	BRSTP-264(11)
TOTAL SHEETS	1	DESCRIPTION	PE, RW, & UTIL.



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CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS

*S.U.E. = SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEER

BUILDINGS & OTHER CULTURE

	Buildings
	Foundations
	Area Outline
	Gate
	Gas Pump Vent or UG Tank Cap
	Church
	School
	Park
	Cemetery
	Dam
	Sign
	Wall
	Small Mine
	Swimming Pool

TOPOGRAPHY

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

VEGETATION

	Single Tree
	Single Shrub
	Hedge
	Woods Line
	Orchard
	Vineyard
	Standard Gauge
	RR Signal Milepost
	Switch

Revised 11/09/00

	Recorded Water Line
	Designated Water Line (S.U.E.)*
	Sanitary Sewer
	Recorded Sanitary Sewer Force Main
	Designated Sanitary Sewer Force Main (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Gas Line
	Designated Gas Line (S.U.E.)*
	Storm Sewer
	Recorded Power Line
	Designated Power Line (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded UG Telephone Conduit
	Designated UG Telephone Conduit (S.U.E.)*
	Unknown Utility (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Television Cable
	Designated Television Cable (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Fiber Optics Cable
	Designated Fiber Optics Cable (S.U.E.)*
	Exist. Water Meter
	UG Test Hole (S.U.E.)*
	Abandoned According to UG Record
	End of Information

BOUNDARIES & PROPERTIES

	Recorded Water Line
	Designated Water Line (S.U.E.)*
	Sanitary Sewer
	Recorded Sanitary Sewer Force Main
	Designated Sanitary Sewer Force Main (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Gas Line
	Designated Gas Line (S.U.E.)*
	Storm Sewer
	Recorded Power Line
	Designated Power Line (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded UG Telephone Conduit
	Designated UG Telephone Conduit (S.U.E.)*
	Unknown Utility (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Television Cable
	Designated Television Cable (S.U.E.)*
	Recorded Fiber Optics Cable
	Designated Fiber Optics Cable (S.U.E.)*
	Exist. Water Meter
	UG Test Hole (S.U.E.)*
	Abandoned According to UG Record
	End of Information
	State Line
	County Line
	Township Line
	City Line
	Reservation Line
	Property Line
	Property Line Symbol
	Exist. Iron Pin
	Property Corner
	Property Monument
	Property Number
	Parcel Number
	Fence Line
	Existing Wetland Boundaries
	Proposed Wetland Boundaries
	Existing Endangered Animal Boundaries
	Proposed Endangered Animal Boundaries
	Existing Endangered Plant Boundaries
	Proposed Endangered Plant Boundaries

UTILITIES

	Head & End Wall
	Pipe Culvert
	Footbridge
	Drainage Boxes
	Paved Ditch Gutter
	Exist. 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

ROADS & RELATED ITEMS

	Edge of Pavement
	Curb
	Prop. Slope Stakes Cut
	Prop. Slope Stakes Fill
	Prop. Woven Wire Fence
	Prop. Chain Link Fence
	Prop. Barbed Wire Fence
	Prop. Wheelchair Ramp
	Prop. Wheelchair Ramp
	Curb Cut for Future Wheelchair Ramp
	Exist. Guardrail
	Prop. Guardrail
	Exist. Cable Guiderail
	Prop. Cable Guiderail
	Equally Symbol
	Pavement Removal
	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
	Prop. Control of Access Line
	Exist. Easement Line
	Prop. Temp. Construction Easement Line
	Prop. Temp. Drainage Easement Line
	Prop. Perm. Drainage Easement Line
	Stream or Body of Water
	River Basin Buffer
	Flow Arrow
	Disappearing Stream
	Spring
	Swamp Marsh
	Shoreline
	Falls, Rapids
	Prop Lateral, Tail, Head Ditches
	MAJOR Bridge, Tunnel, or Box Culvert
	Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall and End Wall

HYDROLOGY

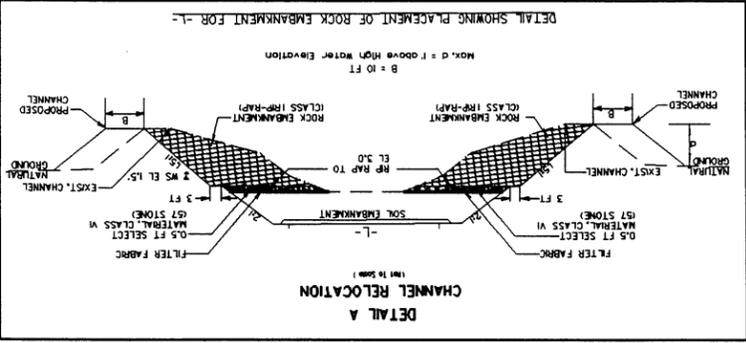
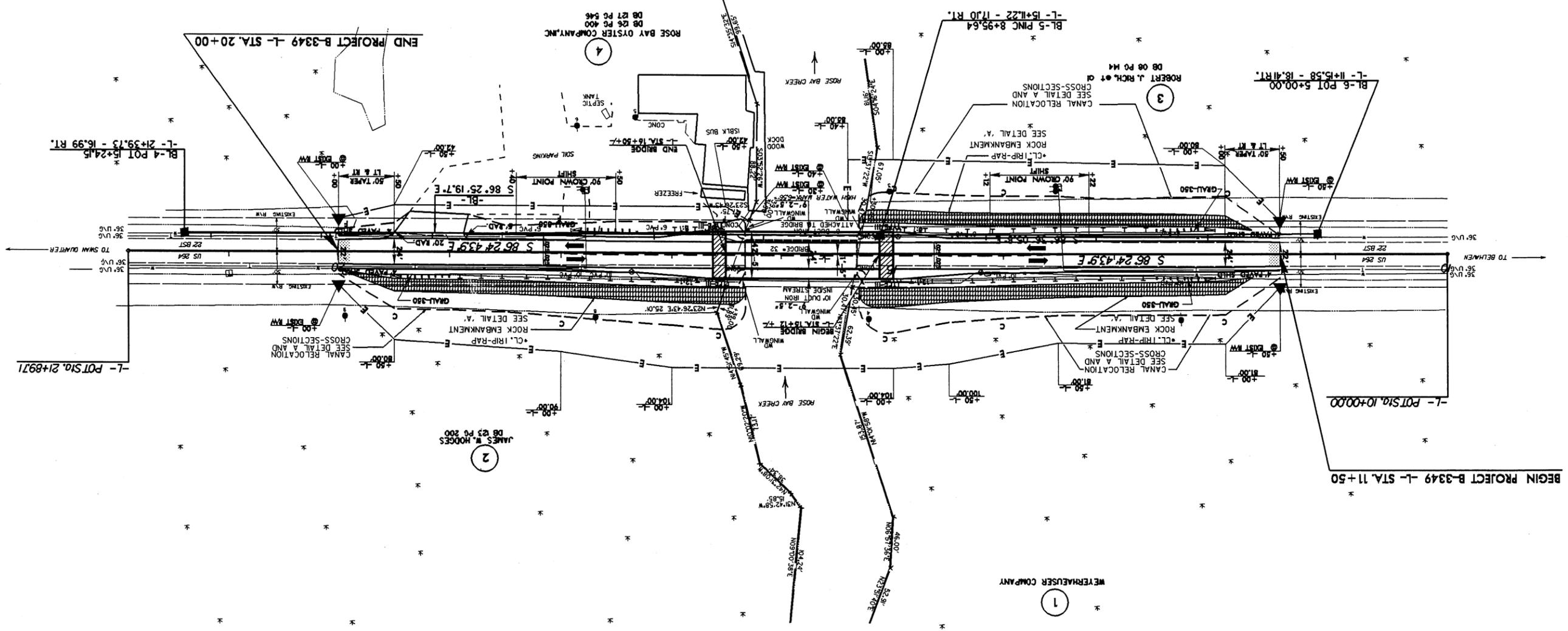
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 THE LOCALIZED COORDINATE SYSTEM DEVELOPED FOR THIS PROJECT
 WITH NAD 83 STATE PLANE COORDINATES OF
 NORTHING 6332325(FT) EASTING 272151(FT)
 THE AVERAGE COMPAIRED GRID FACTOR USED ON THIS PROJECT
 (GROUND TO GRID) IS 0.9998791
 THE N.C. LAMBERT GRID BEING AND
 LOCALIZED HORIZONTAL GROUND DISTANCE FROM
 ORIGIN TO 4- POT STATION 11+50 IS
 N 86° 29' 52.92" W 3131.11 FT
 ALL LINEAR DIMENSIONS ARE LOCALIZED HORIZONTAL DISTANCES
 VERTICAL DATUM USED IS MVD 29



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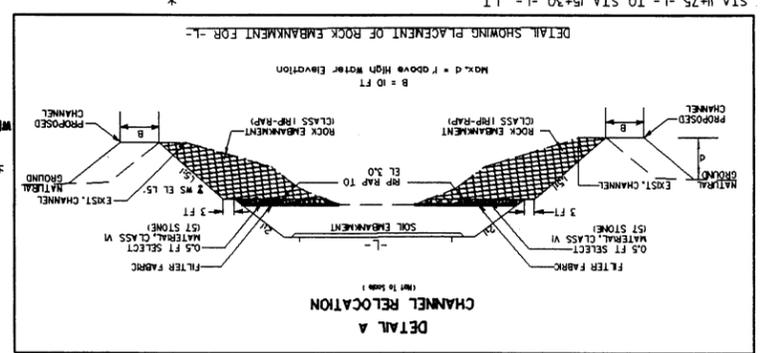
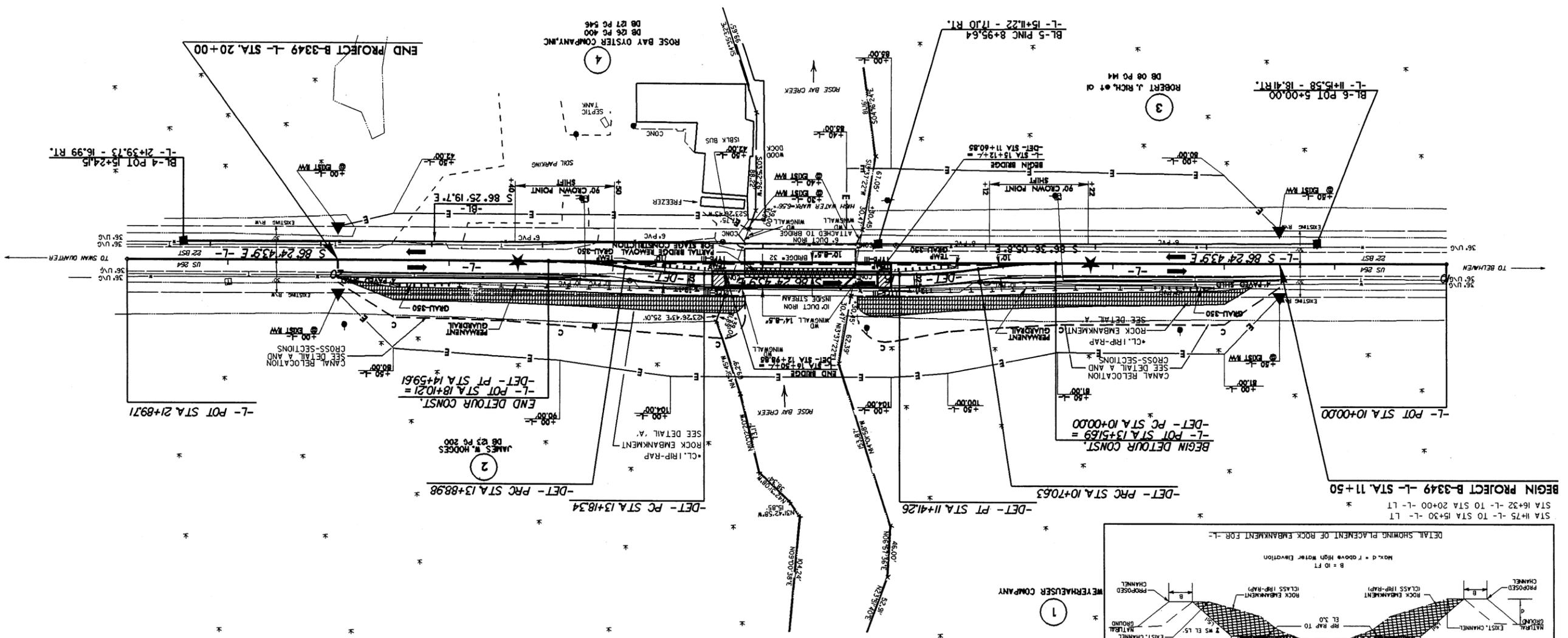
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SHEET NO.		4	
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER		HYDRAULICS ENGINEER	
PRELIMINARY PLANS			
DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION			

NOTE: SEE SHEET 5 FOR -L- PROFILE
 SEE SHEETS S-1 THRU S-4 FOR STRUCTURE PLANS
 SEE SHEET 4A FOR DETOUR ALIGNMENT

★ DENOTES SIGNAL REQUIRED FOR ONE LANE TWO-WAY DETOUR OPERATION
 SEE SHEETS TCP-1 THRU TCP- FOR DETOUR OPERATION
 SEE SHEETS S-1 THRU S- FOR STRUCTURE PLANS

NOTE: THE DETOUR ALIGNMENT WILL USE THE PROJECTION OF THE L- GRADE AT
 THE .025 SUPER RATE FOR THE DETOUR GRADE.



-DETOUR-

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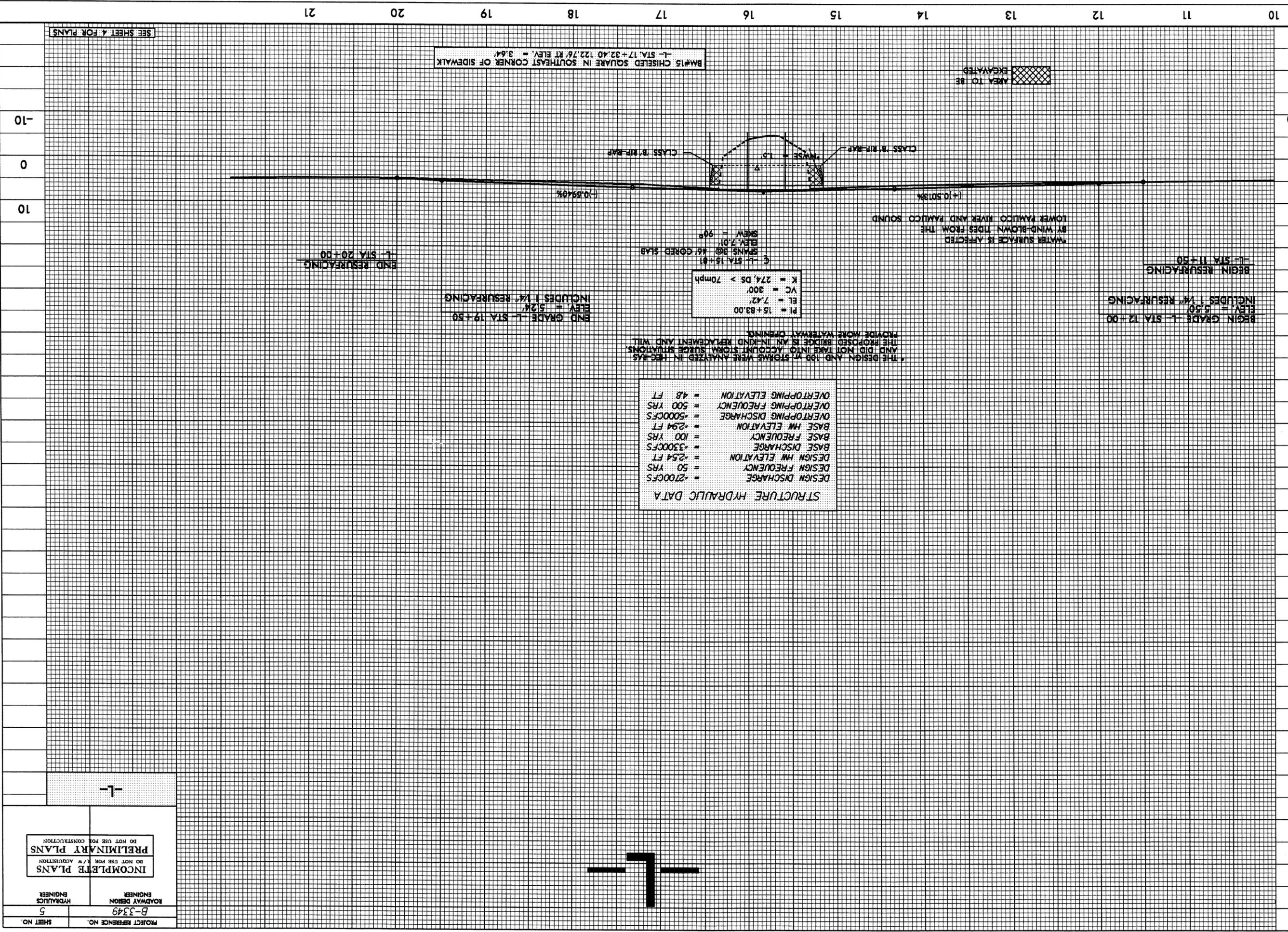
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PRELIMINARY PLANS
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HYDRAULICS ENGINEER	
SHEET NO.	

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NO.	DESCRIPTION



STRUCTURE HYDRAULIC DATA

DESIGN DISCHARGE	= 2700CFS
DESIGN FREQUENCY	= 50 YRS
DESIGN HW ELEVATION	= 254 FT
BASE DISCHARGE	= 3300CFS
BASE FREQUENCY	= 100 YRS
BASE HW ELEVATION	= 294 FT
OVERTOPPING DISCHARGE	= 5000CFS
OVERTOPPING FREQUENCY	= 500 YRS
OVERTOPPING ELEVATION	= 48 FT

• THE DESIGN AND 100-YR STORMS WERE ANALYZED IN HEADS AND DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STORM SURGE SITUATIONS. THE PROPOSED BRIDGE IS AN IN-KIND REPLACEMENT AND WILL PROVIDE MORE WATERWAY OPENING.

P1 = 15+83.00
 EI = 7.42
 VC = 300'
 K = 274, DS > 70mph
 SKEW = 90°
 ELEV. 7.01
 SPANS: 80' @ 40' GORED SLAB

END GRADE - L- STA 19+50
 ELEV. = 5.24
 INCLUDES 1/4" RESURFACING

BEGIN GRADE - L- STA 12+00
 ELEV. = 5.50
 INCLUDES 1/4" RESURFACING

END RESURFACING
 - L- STA 20+00

BM#15 CHISELED SQUARE IN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SIDEWALK
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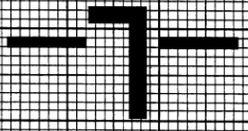
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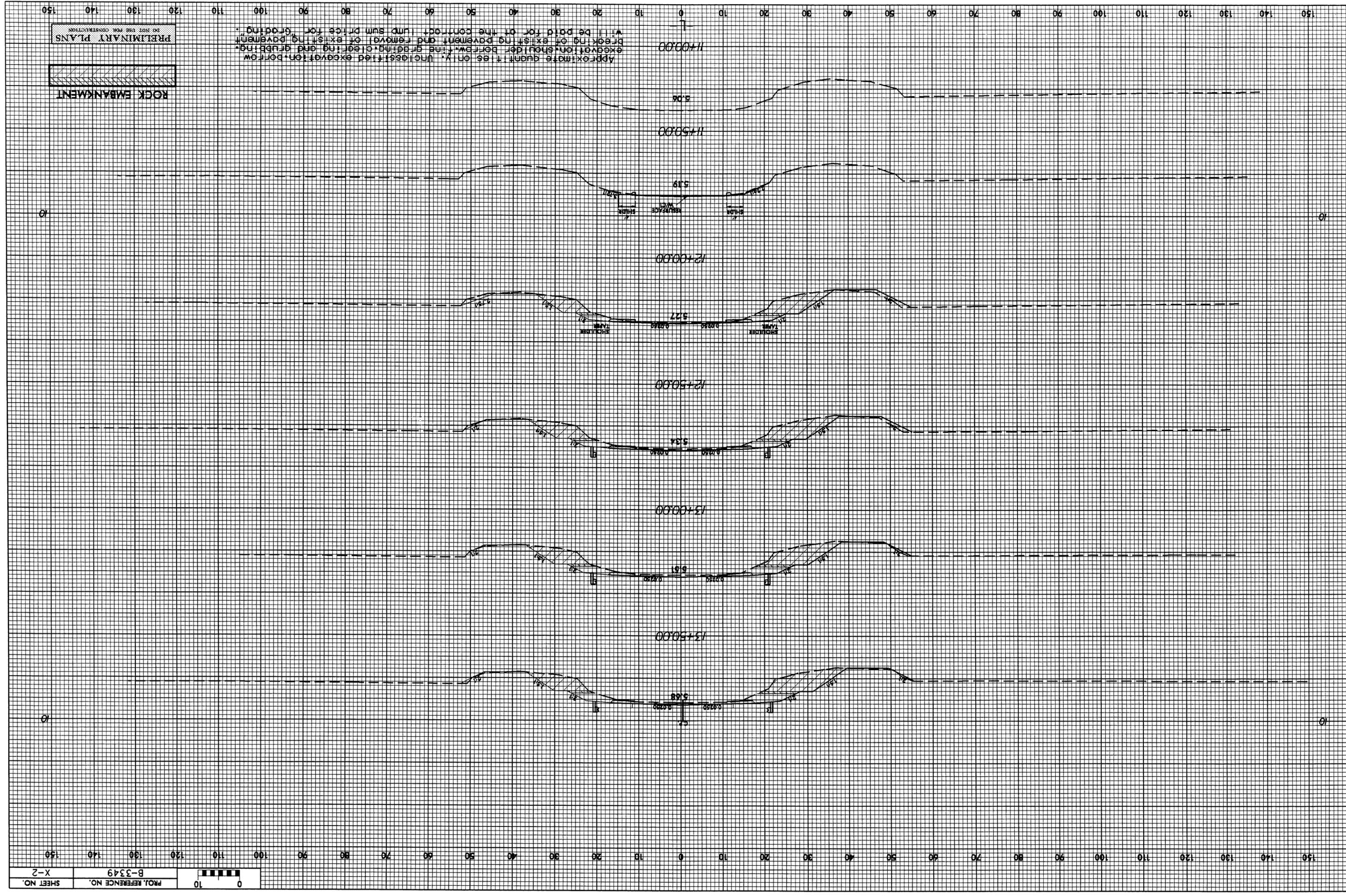
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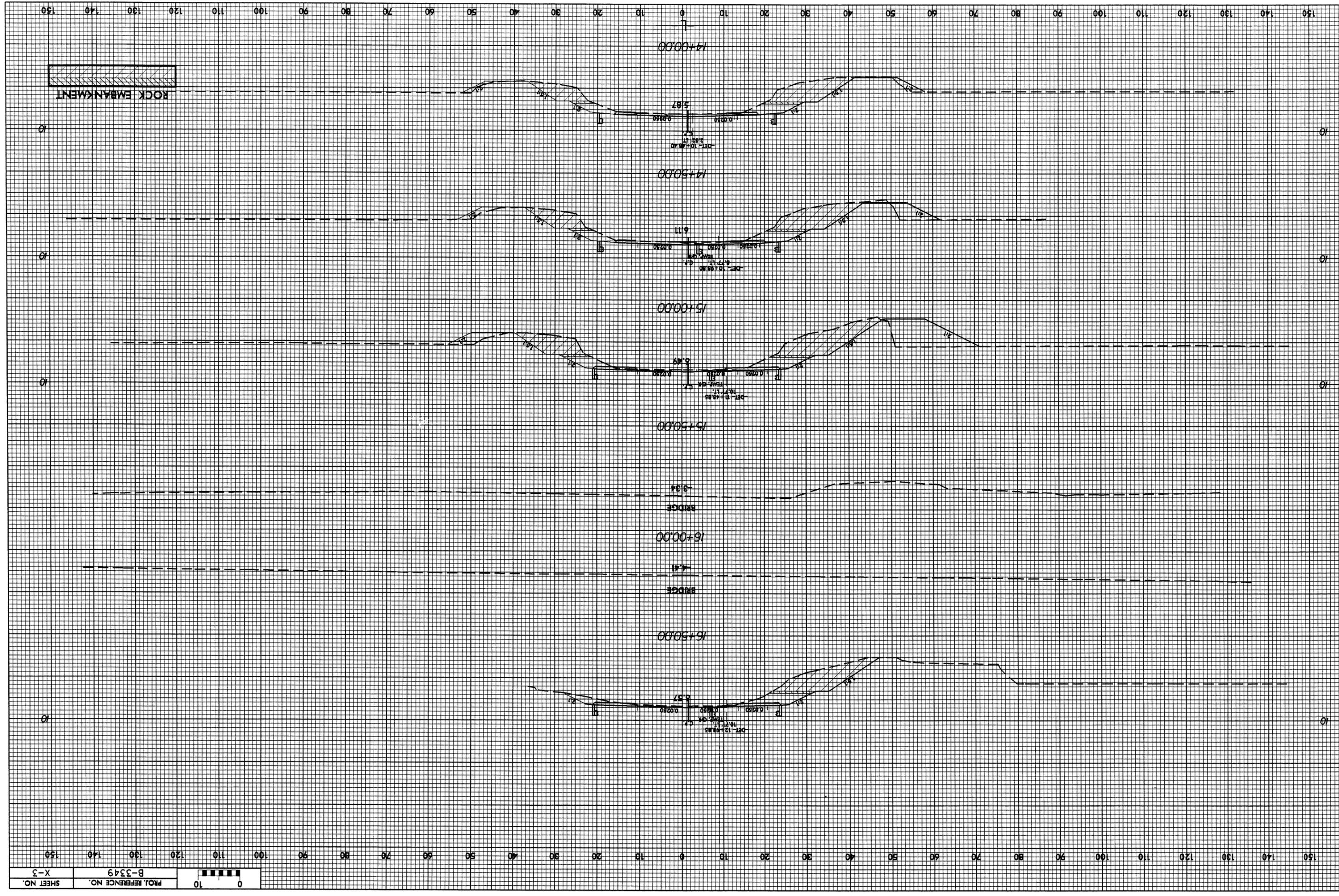




Approximate quantities only. Unclerified excavation, borrow
excavation, shoulder borrow, fine grading, clearing and grubbing,
breakup of existing pavement and removal of existing pavement.
Will be paid for at the contract lump sum price for grading.

PRELIMINARY PLANS
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ROCK EMBANKMENT



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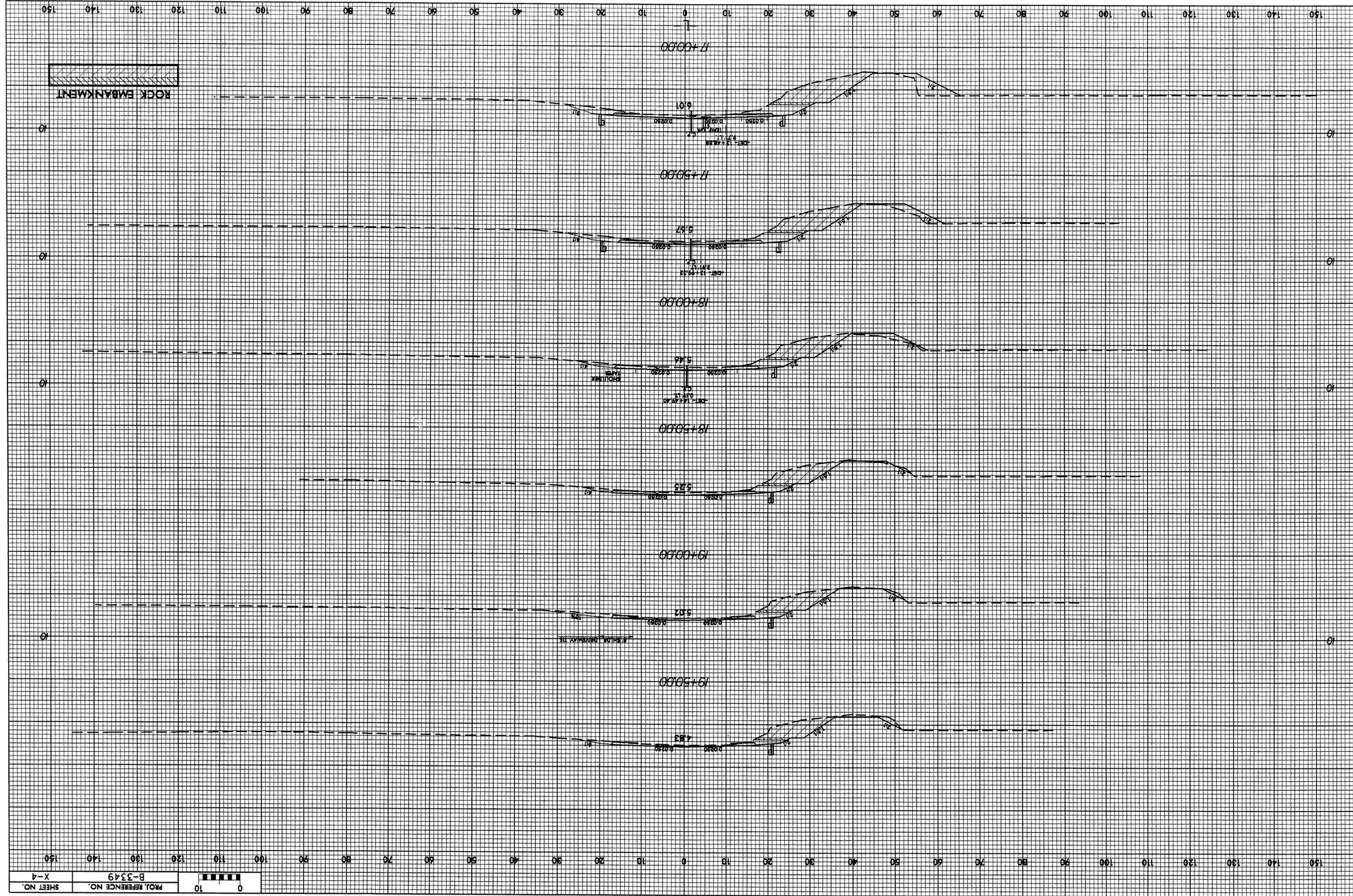
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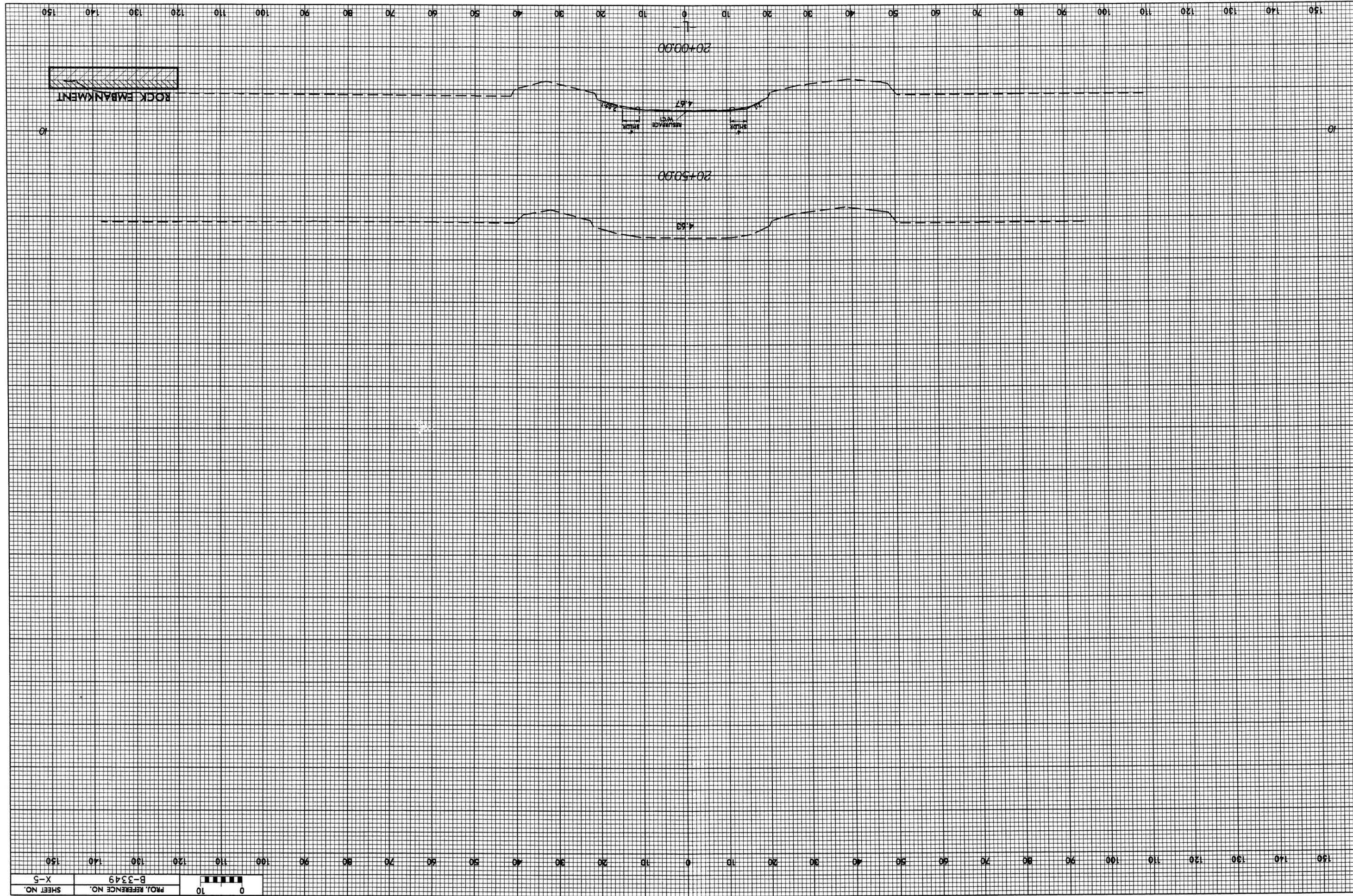
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PROJ. REFERENCE NO. B-3349
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
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LYNDO TIPPETT
SECRETARY

February 23, 2004

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Field Office
Post Office Box 1000
Washington, NC 27889-1000

ATTENTION: Mr. Bill Biddlecome
NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: **Nationwide 23 Permit and Riparian Buffer Application** for the Replacement of Bridge No. 32 over Rose Bay Creek on US 264, Hyde County. Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-264(11), State Project No. 8.1080701, TIP Project No. B-3349.

Please find enclosed three copies of the project planning report for the above-mentioned project. The project's CE states that Bridge No. 32 over Rose Bay Canal on US 264 in Hyde County will be replaced with a new bridge in approximately the same location. The proposed structure for Bridge No. 32 will provide a 24-foot travel-way with eight-foot shoulders for a total clear structure width of 40 feet. The bridge approach will have a 24-foot travel-ways with eight-foot shoulders of which four feet would be paved for bicyclists. The preferred alternative involves staged, simultaneous construction. This will allow one-lane, two-way traffic.

The project is located in a CAMA jurisdictional AEC and a CAMA Major application is being submitted under separate cover.

There will be 0.14 acres of permanent impacts to wetlands. There will be 0.32 acres of fill in surface waters.

Bridge Demolition

Bridge Demolition: Bridges No. 32 is a two-lane structure with reinforced concrete caps on timber piles supporting steel I-beams and a reinforced concrete deck. Bridge No. 32 is 100 feet long with a 26-foot clear roadway width. Due to the structural components of the bridge, there is the possibility of 90 cubic yards for Bridge No. 32 being dropped into the "Waters of the United States". All measures will be taken to avoid any temporary fill from entering Waters of the U.S. Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal will be implemented.

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TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
1 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET
RALEIGH NC

As noted in the project's CE document, NCDOT will observe an in-stream construction moratorium from March 1 to September 30.

Avoidance and Minimization

Due to the location of this project and the juxtaposition of adjacent wetlands and surface waters, total avoidance of the surrounding marsh and wetland is impossible during the construction of this project. NCDOT has taken steps to minimize the impacts to this resource.

Bridge No. 32 is on a primary US Route. Therefore traffic flow must be maintained throughout construction. Road closure during construction is unfeasible due to the lack of a suitable off-site detour. A temporary on-site detour that would have affected a brackish marsh complex was rejected in favor of staged construction. Staged construction will allow one lane to remain open to traffic during construction while minimizing necessary encroachment into the surrounding wetlands and surface waters.

NCDOT is sheeting piles in order to keep fill from entering the adjacent wetland.

Minimum width for the approaches and structure has been utilized.

Summary of Impacts

Wetlands: The total amount of wetland impacted is 0.14 acres.

Surface Waters: The amount of fill in surface waters is 0.32 acres and existing channel impacted is 1078 feet.

Buffer Impacts: The amount of impacts to Zone 1 is .46 acres (1076 sq. ft).

Mitigation: NCDOT proposes to debit 0.14 acres of the restored wetlands for project B-3348 totaling 0.44 acres.

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 co-exist with human activities. Federal law (under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended) requires that any action likely to adversely affect a species classified as federally protected be subject to review by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Other species may receive additional protection under separate state laws. Plants and animals with federal classifications of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Proposed Endangered (PE) and Proposed Threatened (PT) are protected under provisions of ESA §§7 and 9, as amended.

As of January 29, 2003, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lists 13 federally protected species for Hyde County. Table 1 depicts these species. The biological conclusion of **No Effect** remains valid.

Table 1. Federally Protected Species in Hyde County.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Bio. Conclusion
Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E	No Effect
Hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretomochelys imbricata</i>	E	No Effect
Kemp's Ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E	No Effect
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E	No Effect
Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	E	No Effect
Sensitive joint-vetch	<i>Aeschynomene virginica</i>	T	No Effect
Seabeach amaranth	<i>Amaranthus pumilus</i>	T	No Effect
Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T	No Effect
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T	No Effect
Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T	No Effect
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T	No Effect
American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	T	No Effect
Red wolf	<i>Canis rufus</i>	EXP	N/A

Tar-Pamlico River Basin Buffer Rules

As previously noted, this project is located in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin (sub-basin 03-03-08, HUC 03020105); therefore, the regulations pertaining to the buffer rules apply. Buffer impacts associated with this project total 1675.0 sq. ft (0.46 ac.) for Zone 1. All practicable measures to minimize impacts within buffer zones were followed. According to the buffer rules, bridges are allowable. Uses designated as allowable may proceed within the riparian buffer provided that there are no practicable alternatives to the requested use pursuant to Item (8) of this Rule. These uses require written authorization from the Division or the delegated local authority.

Regulatory Approvals

Section 404 Permit: This project is being processed by the Federal Highway Administration as a "Categorical Exclusion" in accordance with 23 CFR 771.115(b). Therefore, we do not anticipate requesting an individual permit but propose to proceed under a Nationwide 23 as authorized by a Nationwide Permit 23 (67 FR 2020; January 15, 2002).

Section 401 Permit: We anticipate 401 General Certification number 3403 will apply to this project. In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H, Section .0500(a) we are providing two copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, for their review.

Riparian Buffer Authorizaton: NCDOT requests written authorization for a Buffer Certification from the Division of Water Quality.

A CAMA Major application is being submitted under separate cover to the Division of Coastal Management.

A copy of this permit application will be posted on the DOT website at: <http://www.ncdot.org/planning/pe/naturalunit/Permit.html>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Chris Underwood at (919) 715-1451.

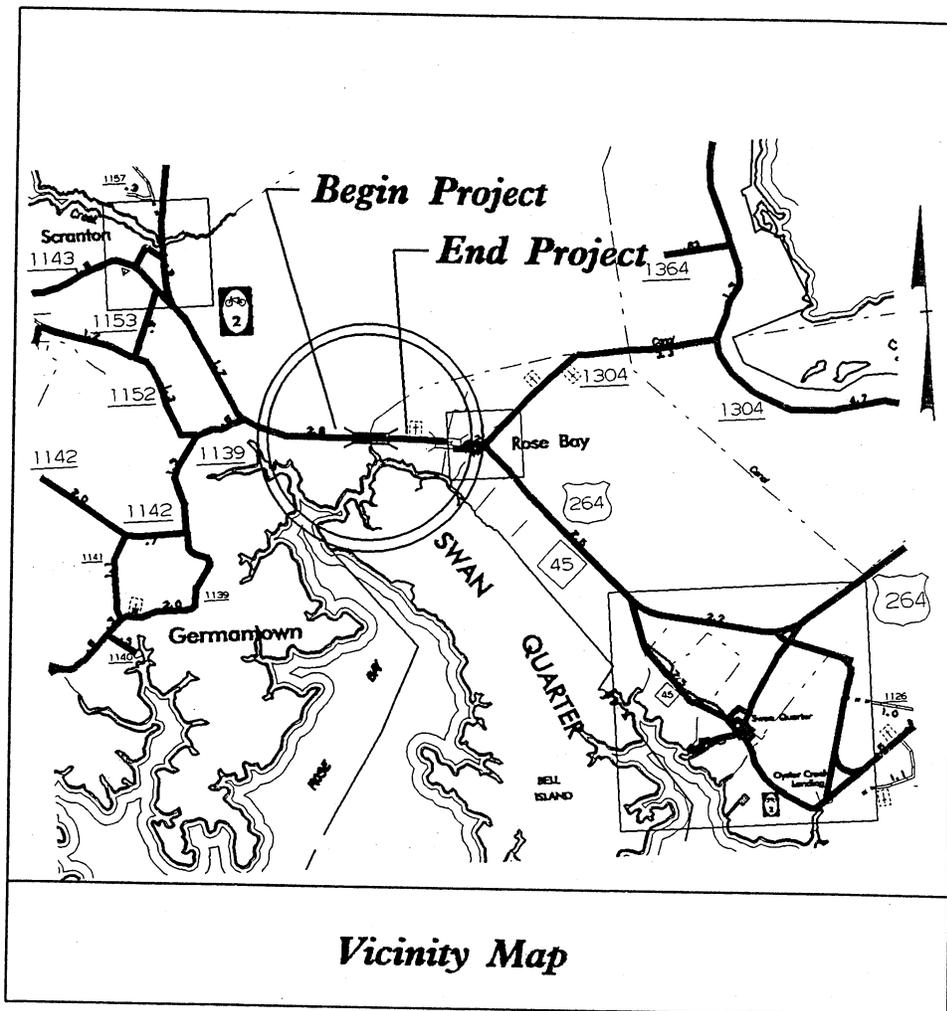
Sincerely,



Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D. Environmental Management Director
Project Development and Environmental Analysis

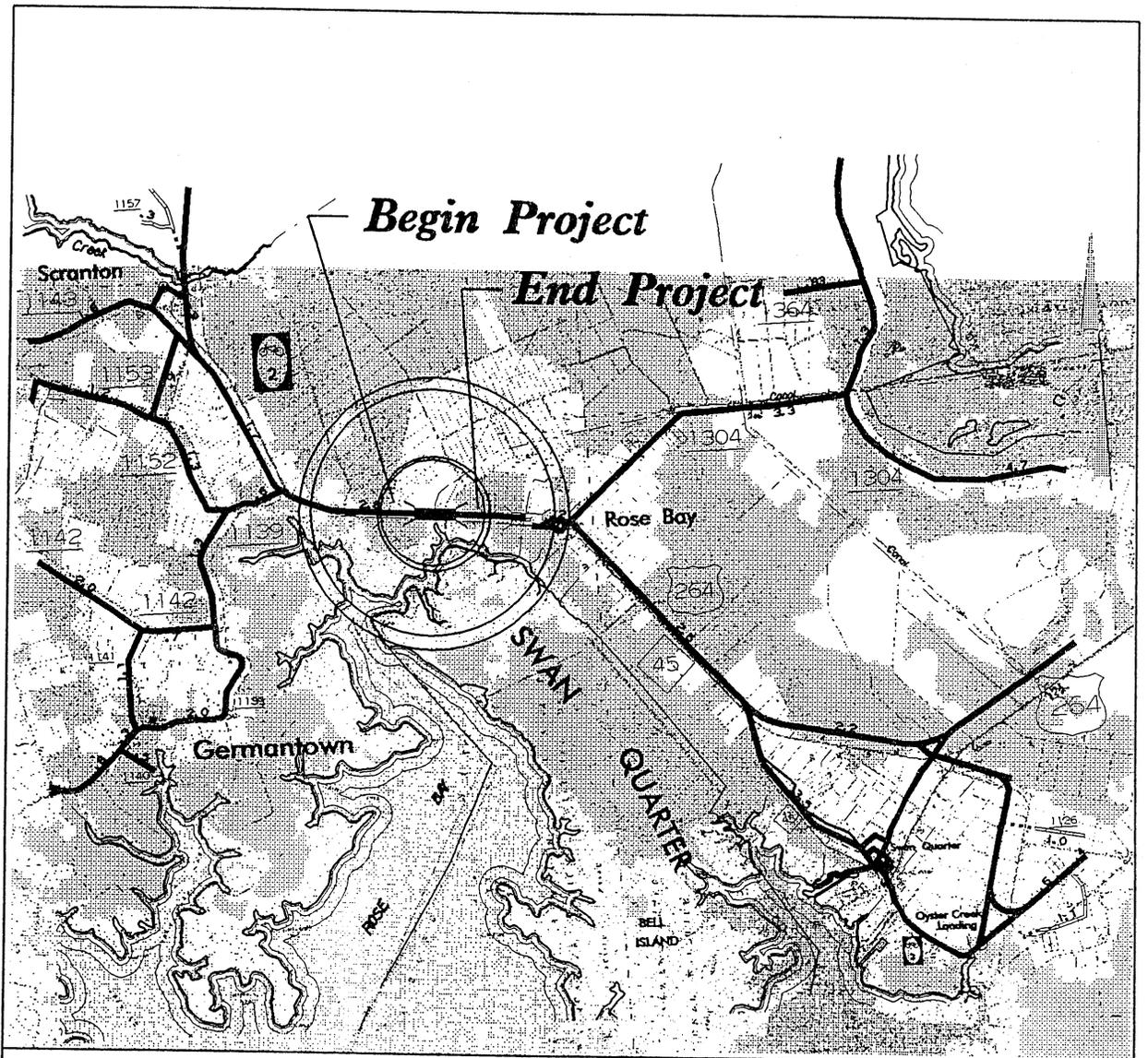
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Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC
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Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design
Mr. Omar Sultan, Programming and TIP
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Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design
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REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.52
OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US 64



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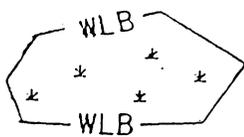
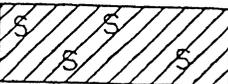
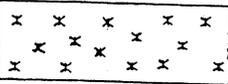
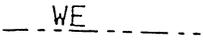
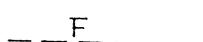
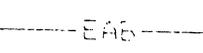
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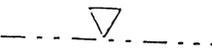
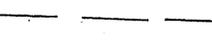
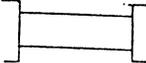
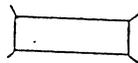
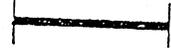
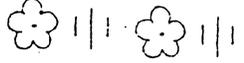
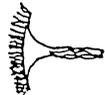
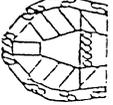
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REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 32
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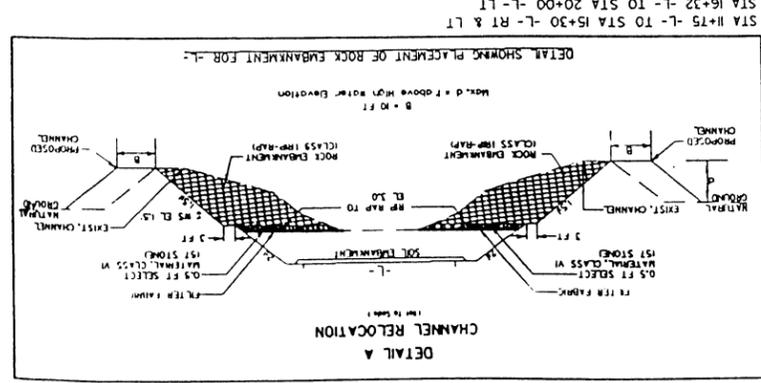
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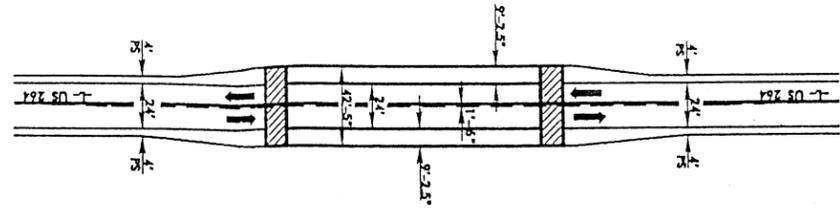
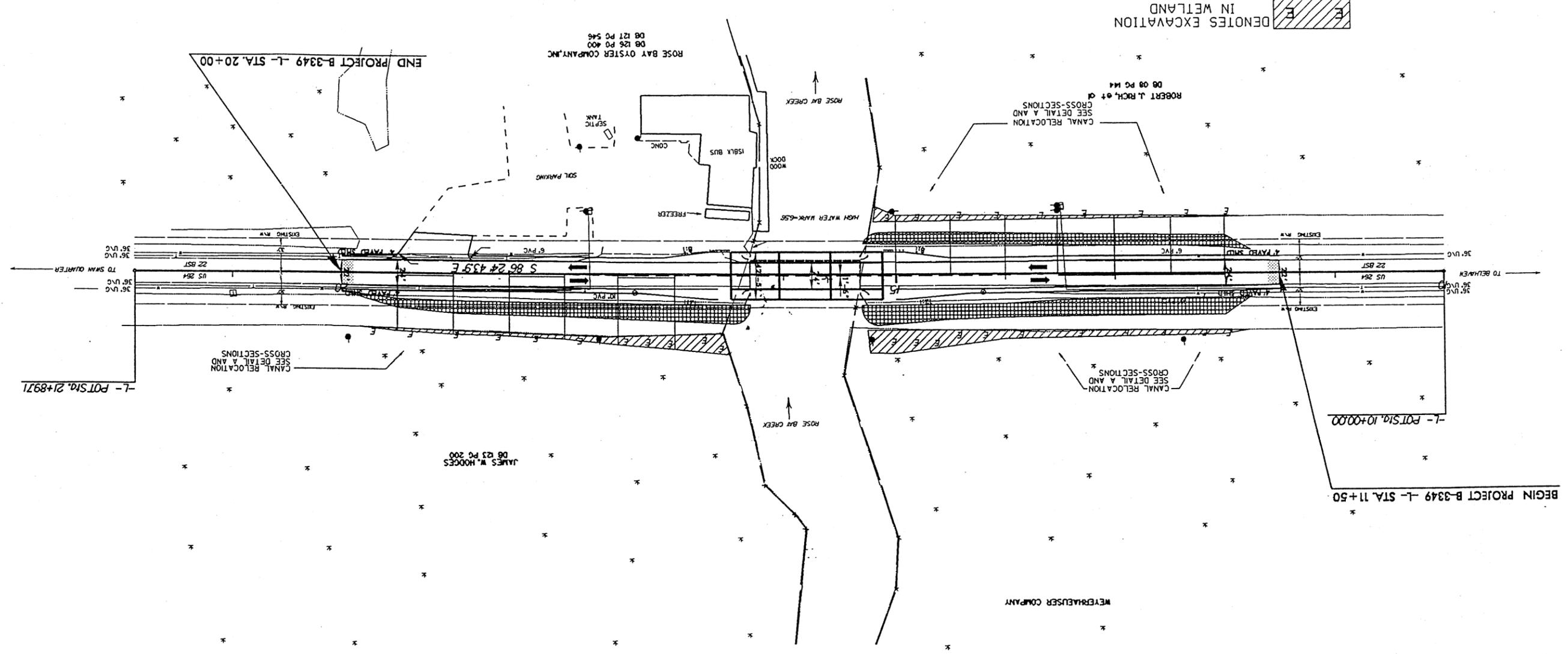
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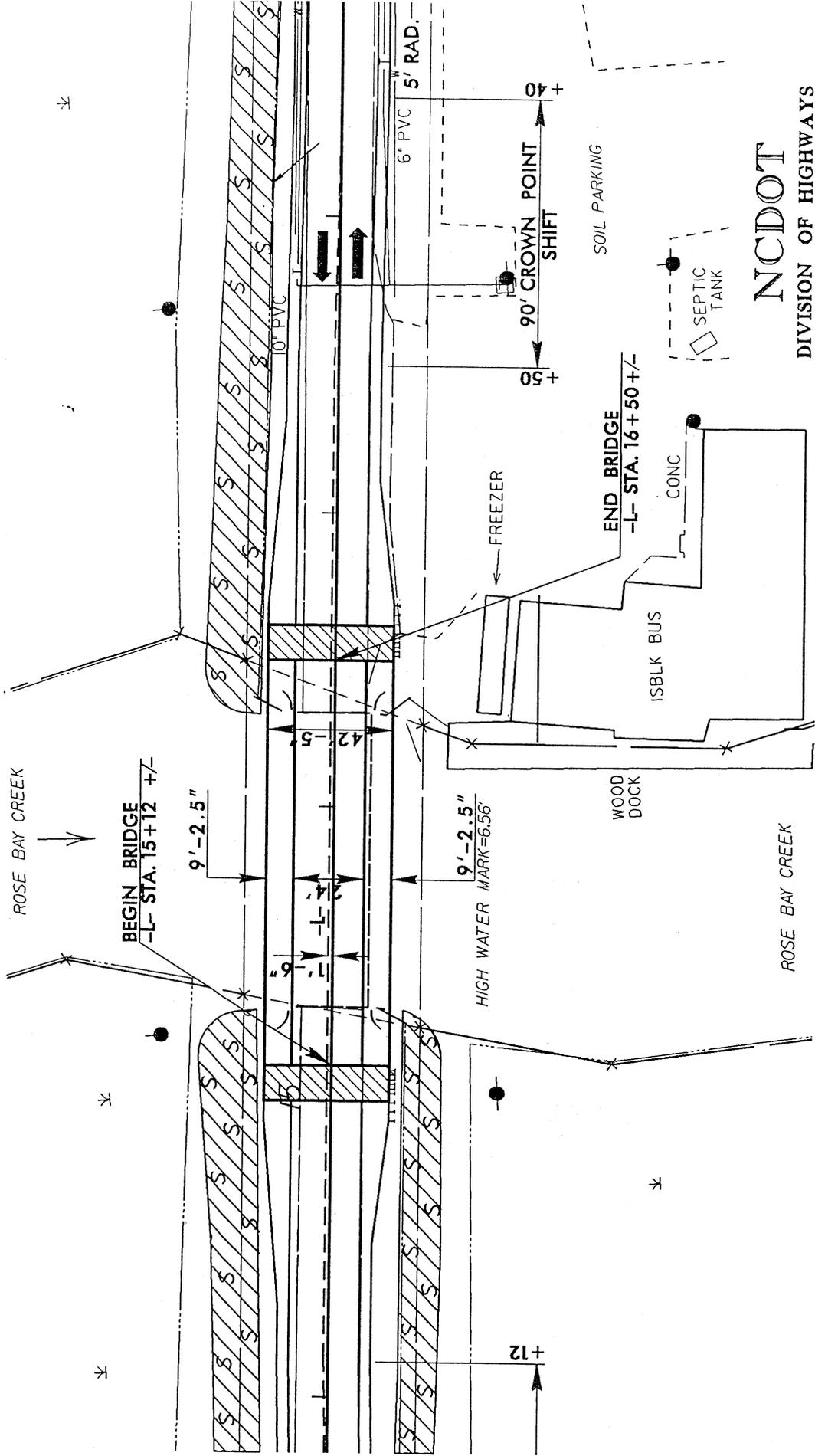
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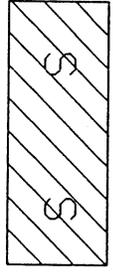
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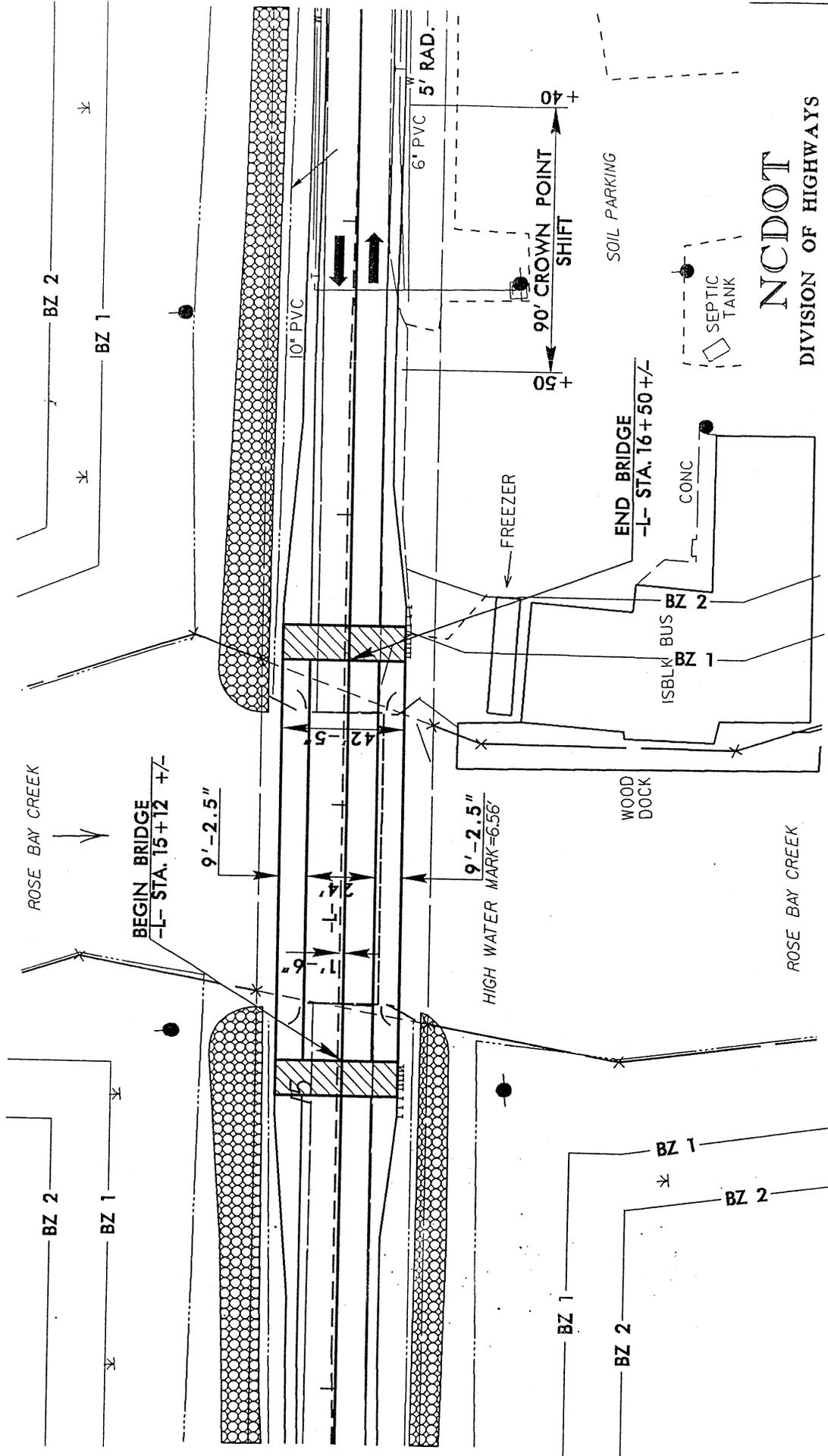
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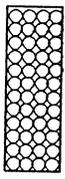
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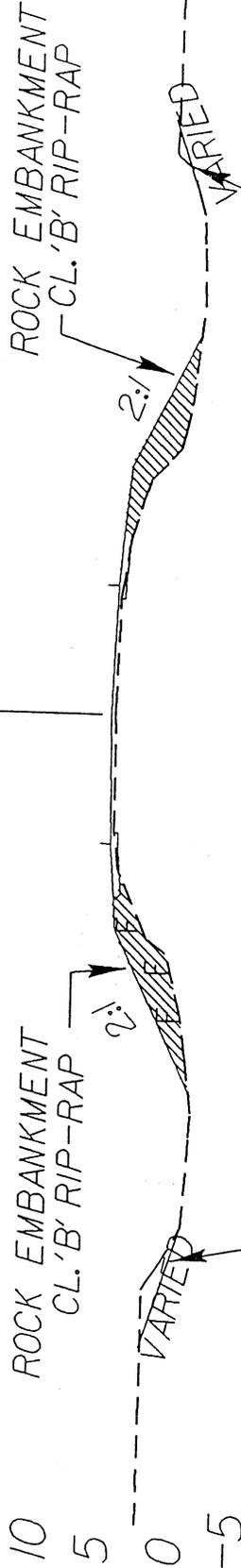
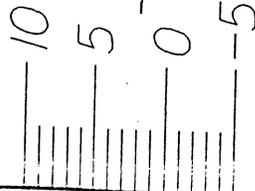
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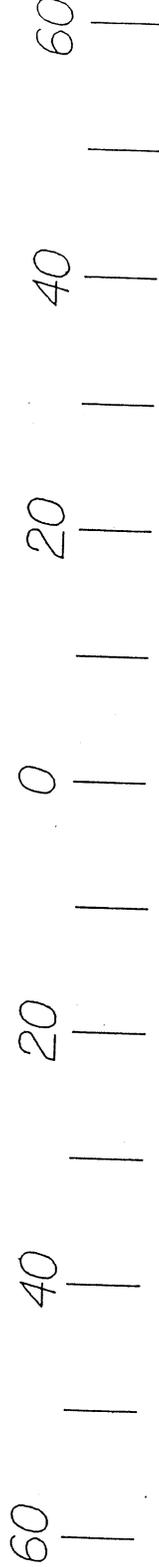
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HORIZONTAL SCALE



VERTICAL SCALE

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 BRIDGE NO. 32 OVER ROSE BAY
 CREEK ON US264

IMPACT SUMMARY

Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size	WETLAND IMPACTS				SURFACE WATER IMPACTS					BUFFER IMPACTS					
			Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Excavation In Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing (Method III) (ac)	Fill In SW (Natural) (ac)	Fill In SW (Pond) (ac)	Temp. Fill In SW (ac)	Existing Channel Impacted (ft)	Relocated Channel (ft)	Enclosed Channel (ft)	Zone 1 (ac)	Zone 2 (ac)	Mech Clear (ac)		
1	11 + 75-L- TO 15 + 30-L-	3@ 46' CORED SLAB BRIDGE			0.14		0.32					1078	1078				
	16 + 32-L- TO 20 + 00-L-																
TOTALS:			0	0	0.14	0	0.32	0	0	0	0	1078	1078	0	0	0	0

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12/11/00

PROPERTY OWNERS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

PARCEL NO.

NAMES

ADDRESSES

MATTAMUSKEET SEAFOOD
(ROSE BAY OYSTER COMPANY)

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JAMES W. HODGES

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BELHAVEN .N.C. 27810

ROBERT J. RICH

1468 CAROLINA AVE.
WASHINGTON .N.C. 27889

WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY

P.O. BOX 1392
NEW BERN .N.C. 28560

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REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 52
OVER ROSE BAY CREEK ON US 264

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US 264
Hyde County
Bridge No. 32 over Rose Bay Canal
Federal-Aid Project No. BRSTP-264(11)
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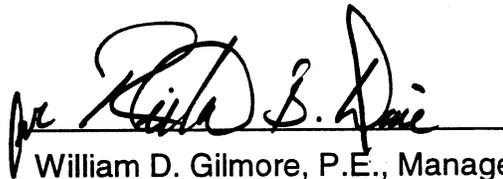
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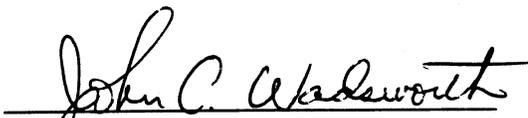
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3/30/00
Date



William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
North Carolina Department of Transportation

3/30/00
Date



for Nicholas L. Graf, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

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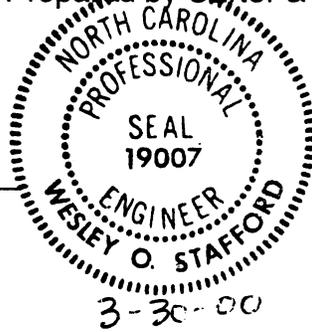
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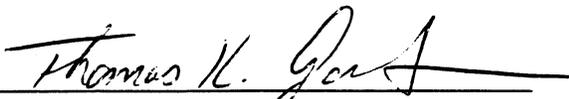
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PROJECT COMMITMENTS

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Division

- To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish, anadromous and resident species at the project site, NCDOT will follow the "Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage".
- In order to minimize negative effects on the early stage development of the marine organisms found in the Primary Nursery Area, no in-water work will be conducted between March 1 and September 30.
- If possible, bridge deck drains will not discharge directly into Rose Bay Canal.
- If possible, the area of the temporary detour will be cleared but not grubbed.
- The detour will be removed to original ground upon completion of the project and disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched to stabilize the soil and planted with native tree species.
- Live concrete will not be allowed to contact the water or enter into the stream.

Design/Division/Roadside Environmental

- The proposed Tar-Pamlico River Basin Rules will be implemented during the design, construction and maintenance of this project.

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INTRODUCTION: Bridge No. 32 is included in the 2000-2006 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in the Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program. The location is shown in Figure 1. No substantial environmental impacts are anticipated. The project is classified as a Federal “Categorical Exclusion”.

I. PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT

Bridge Maintenance Unit records indicate the bridge has a current sufficiency rating of 31.6 out of a possible 100 for a new structure. The bridge has an estimated remaining life of 6 years. The bridge is considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The replacement of this inadequate structure will result in safer and more efficient traffic operations.

II. EXISTING CONDITIONS

US 264 is classified as a minor arterial on the Statewide Functional Classification System. This section of US 264 is included in the Pamlico Scenic Byway. The Pamlico Scenic Byway extends from the City of Washington waterfront, following the Pamlico River, to Pamlico Sound and the junction of Croatan Sound. This section of US 264 is also a designated bicycle route, NC Bicycling Highways “Mountains to Sea”, Map 15 (Mattamaskeet), and is used by a substantial number of bicyclists. The speed limit along US 264 is posted at 55 miles per hour.

Bridge No. 32 is located on US 264 west of the community of Rose Bay approximately 1.4 miles (2.2 kilometers) east of the junction with SR 1139. It provides the only east-west roadway access in southern Hyde County. The terrain in the project area is flat and marshy. The land uses in the area include marshland, low farmland, and commercial timberland with low-density residential beginning approximately one mile east of the bridge. An exception to this is the Rose Bay Oyster Company located immediately southeast of the bridge. A covered pier attached to the building is approximately 25 feet (7.6 meters) south of the bridge. Two soil driveways located 100 feet (30.5 meters) and 250 feet (76.2 meters), respectively, east of the bridge provide access to the Rose Bay Oyster Company and the adjacent boat docks.

Bridge No. 32 is a two-lane structure, built in 1955 (Figures 3 and 4), with reinforced concrete caps on timber piles supporting steel I-beams and a reinforced concrete deck. The bridge has concrete post and railing measuring 33 inches (0.83 meters) in height. The bridge consists of four spans totaling 100 feet (30.5 meters) in length. The bridge deck contains weep holes to facilitate drainage. There is no current posted weight limit. The bridge is signed “No Fishing from Bridge”.

The existing bridge has a clear roadway width of 26 feet (7.9 meters). The existing structure has a deck width of 27.7 feet (8.4 meters). Near the bridge, US 264 is a two-lane facility with a 22.5-foot (6.8 meter) pavement and approximately 7-foot (2.1 meter) grass shoulders. Existing right of way is 60 feet (18 meters) wide with no control of access.

US 264 is on a straight horizontal alignment with relatively flat grades in the vicinity of the existing bridge. The bridge is situated approximately 14.2 feet (4.3 meters) above the canal, measured from the top of the rail, with the observed high water mark 7 feet (2.1 meter) below the top of rail.

The estimated 1999 traffic volume was 2,600 vehicles per day (vpd) on US 264. The traffic volumes are expected to increase to 4,400 vpd by the year 2025. The projected volume includes 2 percent truck-tractor semi-trailer (TTST) and 6 percent dual-tired vehicles (DTT).

Multiple utility lines, both aerial and underground, parallel US 264 across the bridge. Aerial cables include telephone lines on the south side and electrical power lines on the north side of the bridge. Underground utilities include an insulated 6-inch water line suspended from the south side of the bridge. An underground telephone cable runs parallel to the roadway and becomes aerial near the canal.

Three accidents occurred in the vicinity of the bridge during the period of January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1997. Two of these accidents involved either turning vehicles or rear end of vehicles stopped or slowed in the travel lane. No fatalities were recorded during this period.

Two (2) school buses cross Bridge No. 32 twice daily, for a total of 4 school bus crossings per day.

III. ALTERNATIVES

A. Project Description

The proposed roadway approaches will consist of two 12-foot (3.6-meter) lanes with 8-foot (2.4-meter) shoulders including 4 feet (1.2 meters) paved. The proposed project will be constructed within the existing 60-foot (18.3-meter) right-of-way. Construction easements will be required. The 4-foot paved shoulders will accommodate the substantial number of bicyclists using this route.

Based on a preliminary hydraulic analysis the new structure is recommended to have a length of approximately 135 feet (41.2 meters). The elevation of the new structure will be approximately the same as the existing structure to facilitate deck drainage and to match existing road approaches. The length and opening size of the proposed bridge may be increased or decreased as necessary to accommodate peak flows as determined from a more detailed analysis during the final design phase of the project. Bridge rail height of 54 inches (1.4 meters) will be provided for bicycle safety.

B. Reasonable and Feasible Alternatives

Three (3) reasonable and feasible alternatives were studied for this project (Figure 5): Alternatives A, B, and N. All three alternatives involved replacement of the bridge at its existing location. Alternatives A and B involve staged construction; Alternative N includes an on-site detour to the north.

Alternate A involves replacing the bridge with a 45-foot (13.7 meter) wide structure at the existing location. A portion, 8 feet (2.4 meters), of the existing structure will be demolished and two-way, one-lane traffic will be maintained on the remaining 18 feet (5.5 meters) of bridge. This will allow 16 feet (4.9 meters) of the new structure to be constructed. Once the new structure is sufficient to allow one-lane, two-way traffic to be shifted, the remainder of the existing structure will be removed. To maintain the existing centerline, 29 feet (8.8 meters) of additional structure will be constructed resulting in a cross-section of two 12-foot (3.7 meters) lanes with one 8-foot (2.4 meter) shoulder and one 13-foot (4.0 meter) shoulder. Temporary traffic control signals will be required on both approaches to the bridge during construction to control the one-lane, two-way traffic. The construction of this alternative will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9-meter) wide canal. This Alternative is not recommended because it is not practicable to maintain the high traffic volumes on US 264 with a one-lane pattern for the extended time period required for construction and the relocation of the Rose Bay Oyster Company.

Alternate B involves widening and replacing the bridge with a 66-foot (20.1-meter) wide structure at the existing location. To replace the existing bridge a new structure adjacent to the existing structure will be built with two 12-foot (3.7 meter) travel lanes. A safe distance of 4 feet (1.20 meters) of separation will be maintained between the structures. When constructed two-way traffic will be shifted to the new portion of the bridge. The existing structure will be demolished, reconstructed and attached to the detour section with two 12-foot (3.7 meter) lanes and an 8-foot (2.4 meter) shoulder, maintaining the existing centerline, for a total width of 66 feet (20.1 meters). The construction of this alternative will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9.1-meter) wide canal. This Alternative was not recommended because it would result in greater permanent impacts to brackish marsh.

Alternate N (Preferred) involves replacing the bridge at the existing location. The structure will provide two 12-foot (3.6-meter) lanes with 8-foot (2.4-meter) shoulders for a clear roadway width of 40 feet (12.2 meters) (see Figure 2). During construction, traffic will be maintained on a two-lane temporary detour just north (upstream) of the existing bridge. A 25-mph (40-kph) design speed is proposed on the detour structure to limit the intrusion into the brackish marsh and to minimize environmental impacts. The detour will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9 meter) wide canal, which parallels the roadway to the north. Following construction of the new bridge, the detour embankment will be removed and the area will be restored to its natural topography.

C. Alternatives Eliminated from Further Study

Alternative S involves replacing the bridge at its existing location using an on-site detour to the south (downstream). This detour would result in the elimination of the loading area of the Rose Bay Oyster Company. Alternative S was eliminated from further study

due to adverse impacts to the oyster facility and constructability issues associated with the temporary bridge.

A “do-nothing” alternative would eventually necessitate closure of the bridge due to its poor condition. The “do-nothing” alternative is not considered reasonable and feasible due to the essential traffic service provided by US 264.

“Rehabilitation” of the existing bridge is not feasible due to its age and deteriorated condition.

An off-site detour is not available.

D. Preferred Alternative

Bridge No. 32 will be replaced on its existing location (Figure 5). Alternative N is recommended because it minimizes permanent impacts to the brackish marsh complex and the Rose Bay Oyster Company. The Division Engineer concurs with the selection of Alternate N as the Preferred Alternative.

IV. ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated costs, based on current prices, are as follows:

	<u>Alternate A</u>	<u>Alternate B</u>	<u>Alternate N (Preferred)</u>
Structure Removal (existing)	\$ 22,905	\$ 22,905	\$ 42,630
Structure (proposed)	458,700	675,675	530,600
Building removal	10,000		
Roadway Approaches	243,564	241,762	257,288
Miscellaneous and Mobilization	339,831	434,658	369,482
Engineering and Contingencies	175,000	225,000	200,000
ROW/Const. Easements/Utilities:	33,950	33,925	34,400
TOTAL	\$1,283,950	\$1,633,925	\$1,434,400

The estimated cost of the project, shown in the NCDOT Transportation Improvement Program is \$675,000. This cost is based upon an estimated right-of-way cost of \$55,000 and a construction cost of \$540,000.00. The project is scheduled for right of way acquisition in 2001 and construction in 2002.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Methodology

The site was visited on December 28, 1998. The study corridor was walked and visually surveyed for important features. For purposes of this evaluation, the study corridor was assumed to measure approximately 970 feet (295.6 meters) in length. Impact

calculations for each alternative are based on corridor width of approximately 80 feet (24 meters) for each alternative. Special concerns evaluated in the field include potential habitat for protected species, wetlands, and protection of water quality in Rose Bay Canal.

Hyde County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). According to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), the bridge crosses a canal within the 100-year flood plain. The hydrological source for the marshes and Rose Bay Canal is a combination of: 1) inland runoff from the region north, west and east of the subject bridge; 2) wind-blown tides from the lower Pamlico River and Pamlico Sound; and 3) direct precipitation. The bridge is located in a detailed study area and the base (100 year) flood elevation is 9 feet (2.7 meters). Since the proposed bridge is an in-kind replacement, it is anticipated that this project will not have any adverse effect or impact on the existing floodplain or the adjacent properties and existing structures.

Materials and research data for the project were derived from a number of sources, including applicable U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping (Scranton, NC 7.5 minute quadrangle), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Wetlands Inventory mapping (7.5 minute quadrangle), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) draft soils mapping (USDA unpublished), and recent aerial photography (scale: 1 inch = 100 feet).

Plant community descriptions are based on a classification system utilized by North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NHP) (Schafale and Weakley 1990). When appropriate, community classifications were modified to better reflect field observations. Vascular plant names follow nomenclature found in Radford *et al.* (1968). Jurisdictional areas were evaluated using the three-parameter approach (hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, wetland hydrology) following U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) wetland delineation guidelines (COE 1987). Jurisdictional areas were characterized according to a classification scheme established by Cowardin *et al.* (1979). Habitat used by terrestrial wildlife and aquatic organisms, as well as expected population distributions, were determined through field observations, evaluation of available habitat, and supportive documentation (Martof *et al.* 1980, Webster *et al.* 1985, Potter *et al.* 1980, Menhinick 1991, Palmer and Braswell 1995, Hamel 1992, Robins *et al.* 1986, Parnell *et al.* (1991), Fussell 1994, Wiegert and Freeman 1990, Linzey 1998, Gosner 1978, and Odum *et al.* 1984). Water quality information for area streams and tributaries was derived from available sources (DEM 1994, DWQ 1998). Quantitative sampling was not undertaken to support existing data.

The most current FWS listing of federal-protected species with ranges, which extend into Hyde County, was obtained prior to initiation of the field investigation. In addition, NHP records documenting presence of federal- or state-listed species were consulted before commencing the field investigation.

B. Physiography and Soils

The study corridor is located in the Outer Coastal Plain or Tidewater physiographic province of North Carolina. Regional topography is generally flat, and consists primarily of an emergent shrub/marsh grass complex transected by natural streams; man-made canals and a highway causeway consisting of fill material. The landscape elevation does not exceed 5 feet (1.5 meter) National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) within 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) of the study corridor. The highest elevation within the study corridor is approximately 3 feet (0.9 meters) NGVD at the road facility surface.

Marshes adjacent to the road facility are underlain by Delcomb muck (*Terric Medisaprists*). Fill material under the shellfish processing plant is mapped as Udorthents.

Delcomb muck is characterized as very poorly drained and with a moderate to moderately rapid permeability. This mapping unit typically underlies nearly level landscapes supporting brackish marshes. This soil is frequently flooded for long periods. The seasonal high water table is one-foot (0.3 meters) above the marsh surface, and the seasonal low water table is one-foot (0.3 meters) below the marsh surface (NRCS unpublished). Within Hyde County, Delcomb muck is considered to be a hydric soil (NRCS 1996).

The designation "Udorthents" refers to areas where fill material has covered most or all of the natural soil. Within this mapping unit, characteristics of the original soils (drainage, horizons, and compaction) have been drastically altered by development. The land supporting the Rose Bay Oyster Company and associated storage yard is mapped as Udorthents (NRCS unpublished).

C. Water Resources

1. Stream Crossing

The study corridor is located within sub-basin 03-03-08 of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin (DEM 1994). This area is part of USGS accounting unit 03020105 of the South Atlantic-Gulf Region. Rose Bay Canal has been assigned a Stream Index Number of 29-44-1-1 by the N.C. Division of Water Quality (1998). The bridge proposed for replacement crosses a tributary to Rose Bay Creek (known as Rose Bay Canal) located approximately 1500 feet above the confluence of Rose Bay Canal with Rose Bay Creek. Aerial photographic interpretation indicates that Rose Bay Canal was constructed to drain Lake Mattamuskeet as well as forested peat lands west of Lake Mattamuskeet. The hydrological source for the marshes and Rose Bay Canal is a combination of: 1) inland runoff from the region north, west, and east of the subject bridge; 2) wind-blown tides from the lower Pamlico River and Pamlico Sound; and 3) direct precipitation. A result of the unpredictability of these hydrological forces is that marshes within the project corridor are characterized by irregular flooding.

2. Stream Characteristics

Rose Bay Canal is a well-defined brackish marsh stream characterized by slow flow. Flow direction varies due to wind tides and inland runoff. The stream and marsh substrate consists of unconsolidated sediments flocculated (precipitated) out of the water column - a result of fresh water (carrying organics from upstream) meeting with saline waters of the estuary. In the vicinity of the subject bridge, the Rose Bay Canal is oriented in a north-south direction and generally drains from north to south. The Canal is approximately 105 feet (32 meters) wide and 7 feet (2.1 meters) deep at mid-stream. The highway causeway approaches the Canal at right angles (on an east-west axis) and makes a perpendicular bridge crossing. The causeway is bounded to the north and southwest by man-made, roadside canals approximately 30 feet (9.1 meters) wide and 3 feet (0.9 meters) deep. The roadside canals are not identified on USGS mapping; however, the canals exhibit characteristics of waters of the United States. At the time of the field survey, water in Rose Bay Canal (and the associated tributary canals) was flowing slowly southward, toward Rose Bay Creek and the Pamlico Sound. Water-column turbidity was high during the visit, possibly due to runoff from an extended rainfall event, which initiated several days prior to, and continued during, the field efforts.

Classifications are assigned to waters of the State of North Carolina based on the existing or contemplated best usage of various streams or segments of streams within a basin. A best usage classification of **SC** has been assigned to the entire extent of Rose Bay Canal (DWQ 1998). The designation **SC** denotes tidal salt waters suitable for uses such as aquatic life propagation and survival, fishing, wildlife, secondary recreation, and agriculture. Secondary recreation refers to any activity in which bodily contact with water occurs on an infrequent or incidental basis (DWQ 1998).

No waters designated High Quality Waters (**HQW**), Outstanding Resource Waters (**ORW**), Water Supply I (**WS-I**), or Water Supply II (**WS-II**) occur within 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometers) of the study corridor. The nearest waters with any of the aforementioned designations are **ORWs** associated with Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge, located approximately 6.3 miles (10.1 kilometers) southeast of the project corridor. Rose Bay Canal is not designated a North Carolina Natural and Scenic River or a national Wild and Scenic River.

The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) (previously known as the Division of Environmental Management [DEM], Water Quality Section) has initiated a whole-basin approach to water quality management for the 17 river basins within the state. Water quality for the proposed project area is summarized in *Tar-Pamlico River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan* (DEM 1994). The proposed project area is located in Subbasin 08 of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin. No major dischargers reside in this subbasin, and the only non-point discharger noted within the project corridor is the Rose Bay Oyster Company. User-support information concerning water quality indicates that Rose Bay Canal is **supporting** its intended uses.

The proposed Tar-Pamlico River Basin Rules will be implemented during the design, construction and maintenance of the proposed bridge.

3. Anticipated Impacts

Short-term impacts to water quality, such as sedimentation and turbidity, can be anticipated from construction-related activities. Alternates A, B and N, will impact man-made canals adjacent to the existing road causeway; however, re-constructed channels will allow for a continuation of area drainage. Impacts will be minimized by:

1) removal of temporary causeway fills and filling temporary channels after bridge construction, and 2) using the NCDOT Best Management Practices for Protection of Surface Waters (BMPs) during construction, as applicable.

The contractor will follow, as applicable, contract specifications pertaining to erosion control measures as outlined in 23 CFR 650 Subpart B and Article 107-13 entitled "Control of Erosion, Siltation, and Pollution" (NCDOT, Specifications for Roads and Structures). These measures may include: the use of dikes, berms, silt basins, and other containment measures to control runoff; elimination of construction staging areas in wetlands and adjacent to waterways; re-seeding of herbaceous cover on disturbed sites; management of chemicals (herbicides, pesticides, de-icing compounds) with potential negative impacts on water quality; and avoidance of direct discharges into streams by catch basins and roadside vegetation.

The proposed bridge replacement will allow for continuation of present water flows, thereby protecting system integrity. Long-term impacts to Rose Bay Canal are expected to be negligible. In order to minimize impacts to water resources, the NCDOT Best Management Practices for Protection of Surface Waters (BMPs) will be implemented, as applicable during construction of the project.

D. Biotic Resources

1. Plant Communities

Two distinct plant communities were identified within the study corridor: brackish marsh complex and roadside/disturbed land. These plant communities are described below.

Brackish Marsh Complex - This community occurs on relatively flat landscapes at approximate sea level near the upper (landward) extent of estuaries, where fresh water runoff from inland dilutes saline waters from the ocean. Salinities within the brackish marsh complex may vary from less than 0.5 parts per thousand (ppt) to greater than 30 ppt; however, salinities within this community are typically low (approximately 0.5 to 5.0 ppt; considered an oligohaline environment). This community is very similar to that described as Brackish Marsh by Schafale and Weakley (1990). The brackish marsh complex consists primarily of emergent grasses and also contains herbs. Scattered shrubs and stunted trees occur on mounds and along upland fringes. Brackish marsh complex occurs in all but the southeastern quadrant of the bridge crossing.

Species diversity is low in this community, and species are generally distributed in homogeneous bands or zones within the marsh. The dominant species is black needlerush (*Juncus roemerianus*), which accounts for approximately 80 percent of marsh cover. Other grasses and herbs include salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*), salt meadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*), narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha angustifolia*),

seaside goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*), broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*), and sawgrass (*Cladium jamaicense*). Scattered shrubs include: marsh elder (*Iva frutescens*), silverling (*Baccharis halimifolia*), and sea oxeye (*Borrchia frutescens*). The few areas where soil is mounded above sea level support scattered, stunted individuals of loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) and southern red cedar (*Juniperus sillicicola*).

Roadside/Disturbed Land - Roadside/disturbed land consists of road shoulders and a shellfishery (including associated parking lot and storage yard) located in the southeastern quadrant of the bridge crossing. This community appears to have established on fill material placed in a brackish marsh. The road shoulders support low herbs and grasses, which are maintained by regular mowing. The shellfishery yard includes docks, buildings, and a surface pavement consisting of gravel and oyster shells. The yard is used to store boats, tractor-trailers, crab traps, and building debris.

Roadside/disturbed land is dominated by invasive grasses and herbs. Common species include: vasy grass (*Paspalum urvillei*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), foxtail grass (*Setaria geniculata*), spiny-leaved sow-thistle (*Sonchus asper*), seaside goldenrod, broomsedge, trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*), and pepper-vine (*Ampelopsis arborea*).

The following table indicates the amount of each plant community present within the 80 foot (24 meter) project corridor width for each alternative (actual impacts within construction limits will be less), except Alternative N. Alternative N areas include communities located within both the rights-of-way of the existing road facility and the on-site detour N.

Plant Community	Estimated Area Acres (hectares)			
	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative N Replacement Detour	
Brackish Marsh Complex	0.34 (.14)	0.40 (.16)	0.13 (.05)	0.14 (.06)
Roadside/Disturbed Land	0.30 (.12)	0.24 (.10)	0.13 (.05)	0.90 (.36)
Total	0.64 (.26)	0.64 (.26)	0.26 (.10)	1.04 (.42)

Implementation of Alternate N will require two temporary causeways and a temporary bridge north of the existing bridge. Approximately 79 percent of community coverage within Alternate N right-of-way is disturbed and maintained as such (roadside disturbed land), while only approximately 21 percent of community coverage is in a natural state (brackish marsh complex).

Implementation of Alternate A will require staged construction on the existing bridge alignment. The existing facility will remain in use throughout construction so there will be no need for temporary causeways or bridges. The ratio of disturbed and maintained areas (roadside maintained area) to natural community area (brackish marsh complex) is relatively even (47 percent to 53 percent, respectively) within the Alternate A right-of-way.

Implementation of Alternate B will require widening of the existing facility without the use of temporary causeways or bridges. Approximately 63 percent of community coverage within Alternate B right-of-way is in a natural state (brackish marsh complex), while approximately 37 percent of community coverage is disturbed and maintained as such (roadside disturbed land).

From an ecological perspective, the impacts of bridge replacement in place are minimal relative to construction on new location. All three alternatives will require that fill material be placed on existing brackish marsh and canals be constructed in the marsh adjacent to the temporary causeways to maintain roadside drainage. Following construction of the new bridge in Alternative N, the detour embankment will be removed and the area will be restored to its natural topography. The footprint of these temporary structures is expected to re-vegetate with native species rapidly, a recovery process, which is a characteristic of brackish marsh vegetation. All three alternatives will avoid residential and commercial structures.

2. Wildlife

Within the brackish marsh complex, species that are primarily terrestrial in nature utilize the upper levels of marsh vegetation and air space over the marsh. The road causeway provides a travel corridor for terrestrial mammals and reptiles to access marsh resources. No mammal signs (tracks, scat, etc.) or sightings were noted during the investigation. However, opportunistic and characteristic species which are expected to frequent these habitats include: Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), southeastern shrew (*Sorex longirostris*), least shrew (*Cryptotis parva*), silver-haired bat (*Lasionvcteris noctivagans*), red bat (*Lasiurus borealis*), Seminole bat (*L. seminolus*), marsh rabbit (*Sylvilagus palustris*), marsh rice rat (*Oryzomys palustris*), eastern harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys humulis*), white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), meadow vole (*Microtus pinetorum*), Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

Primarily terrestrial birds observed within or adjacent to the project corridor include: American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), fish crow (*Corvus ossifragus*), eastern meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), red-winged blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), European starling (*Sternus vulgaris*), and savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*). Other species expected within these habitats include: northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*), barred owl (*Strix varia*), marsh wren (*Cistothorus palustris*), gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), eastern kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*), tree swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*), barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), palm warbler (*Dendroica palmarum*), yellow-rumped warbler (*D. coronata*), common yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), boat-tailed grackle (*Quiscalus major*), song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), and seaside sparrow (*Ammodrammus maritimus*).

Due to the time of year and weather conditions (cold and rainy) in which fieldwork was conducted, no reptiles and amphibians were documented. All reptiles expected to occur within the project corridor are aquatic oriented, and no amphibians are expected due to fluctuating saline conditions.

No scat or sign of primarily aquatic mammals was observed during field surveys. Mammals expected to utilize the brackish marshes and open water creeks and canals include: muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), mink (*Mustela vison*), and river otter (*Lutra canadensis*).

Aquatic-oriented birds observed during field surveys include: pied-billed grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*), double-crested cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*), great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), ring-billed gull (*Larus delawarensis*), and belted kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*). Other species expected to utilize local aquatic habitats include: little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*), snowy egret (*E. thula*), tricolor heron (*E. tricolor*), great egret (*Casmerodius albus*), cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), black-crowned night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris*), American coot (*Fulica americana*), laughing gull (*Larus atricilla*), and herring gull (*L. argentatus*).

Aquatic reptiles expected within the project corridor include: snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*), eastern mud turtle (*Kinosternum subrubrum*), yellow rat snake (*Elaphe obsoleta*), rainbow snake (*Farancia erythrogramma*), Carolina water snake (*Nerodia sipedon williamengelsi*), brown water snake (*N. taxipilota*), ribbon snake (*Thamnophis sauritus*), eastern cottonmouth (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*), and American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*).

Irregularly flooded, oligohaline waters and marshes are characterized by periodic fluctuations in water level, water chemistry (salinity, dissolved oxygen), and temperature. For this reason, aquatic species that occur in estuaries either migrate with the fluctuations or are adapted to the dynamic environment. Fishes expected in and adjacent to the project corridor include permanent resident estuarine or brackish species, migratory (anadromous, semianadromous, and catadromous) species, and larval forms of marine species that utilize estuarine and brackish marshes as nurseries. Expected permanent residents include mosquitofish (*Gambusia holbrooki*), spotfin killifish (*Fundulus luciae*), Atlantic croaker (*Micropogon undulatus*), oyster toadfish (*Opsanus tau*), and sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegatus*). Anadromous fishes that may be found near the project corridor include alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), blueback herring (*A. aestivalis*), American shad (*A. sapidissima*), hickory shad (*A. mediocris*), shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*). Semianadromous fishes that may occur in the vicinity include white perch (*Morone americana*), yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*), and gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*). The American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) is an expected catadromous species. Nursery utilizers include striped mullet (*Mugil cephalus*), pinfish (*Lagodon rhomboides*), and spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*).

Aquatic invertebrates observed within the project corridor include blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus*) and brackish-water fiddler (*Uca minax*). Other notable invertebrates expected to occur within the project corridor include blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*), Carolina marsh clam (*Polymesoda carolinana*), and penaeid and caridean shrimps. These organisms serve as prey items for fish and other wildlife.

Due to the limited extent of infringement on natural communities, neither alternative will result in substantial loss or displacement of known fish and wildlife populations. No substantial habitat fragmentation is expected, as most improvements will be restricted to

roadside margins. Construction noise and associated disturbances will have short-term impacts on fish and wildlife movement patterns. However, long-term impacts are expected to be negligible. Potential down-stream impacts to aquatic habitat will be avoided by bridging the system to maintain regular flow and stream integrity. In addition, temporary impacts to downstream habitat from increased sediment during construction will be minimized by the implementation of the NCDOT Best Management Practices for Protection of Surface Waters, as applicable.

Loss of marsh and open-water habitat will occur within all three alternatives. This disturbance is expected to have little effect on local wildlife populations. Construction of temporary structures associated with these alternatives will result in substantial short-term disturbance to open-water habitats. The mobile nature of estuarine fish populations will allow them to vacate the project area during construction and return following bridge replacement and removal of temporary structures.

E. Special Topics

1. Waters of the United States

Surface waters within Rose Bay Canal and the canals adjacent to the bridge access causeways are subject to jurisdictional consideration under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as "waters of the United States" (33 CFR 328.3). The waters of Rose Bay Canal exhibit characteristics of estuarine, subtidal, open-water streams that are permanently flooded, with unconsolidated bottoms (E1OWL) (Cowardin *et al.* 1979).

Wetlands subject to review under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are defined by the presence of three primary criteria: hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology (COE 1987). According to these criteria, both the brackish marsh complex and the maritime forest are subject to jurisdictional review. The brackish marsh complex exhibits characteristics of estuarine, intertidal, emergent persistent vegetation, that is subject to irregular flooding (E2EM1P5); and the maritime forest exhibits characteristic of estuarine, intertidal, needle-leaved evergreen forested, saturated, partially drained or ditched (E2FO4Bd) (Cowardin *et al.* 1979). Vegetative composition of these communities was previously characterized in V.D.1 of this document.

The area (in acres [hectres]) of open waters and vegetated wetlands (brackish marsh complex) and the length (in feet [meters]) of open-waters (both the main canal and roadside canals) which occur within the 80-foot (24 meters) wide alternative corridors are depicted in the following table:

Type of Jurisdictional Area In acres (hectares)	Jurisdictional Totals within Right-of-Way			
	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative N Replacement Detour	
Vegetated Wetland	0.34 (.14)	0.40 (.16)	0.13 (.05)	0.17 (.07)
Open Water	0.20 (.08)	0.22 (.09)	0.24 (.10)	0.49 (.20)
Linear Distance in ft (m)	620 (188.9)	680 (207)	640 (195)	887 (270)

Alternative N includes the construction of temporary bridge approach causeways through existing canals and brackish marsh complex. All three alternatives require the excavation of temporary canals adjacent to the temporary causeways to maintain roadway drainage.

Both surface waters and wetlands are considered to be high quality habitat and have been designated as Areas of Environmental Concern (AECs) by the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission. Consideration will be given to avoiding disturbances within these areas to the fullest extent practicable.

2. Permits

The proposed project will require a Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit from the N.C. Division of Coastal Management (DCM) as a result of probable impacts to AECs. AECs anticipated to be impacted by this project include coastal wetlands, estuarine waters, public trust areas, and estuarine shorelines. The proposed project will also require notification to the COE concerning Section 404 permitting and consultation with DWQ concerning Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

Bridge demolition will be addressed at the time of the permit application.

3. Mitigation

Compensatory mitigation is not proposed for this project, due to the limited nature of project impacts. However, the NCDOT BMPs will be implemented, as applicable, to minimize impacts. Temporary impacts to vegetated wetlands associated with construction activities will be mitigated by removal of temporary fill material and replanting disturbed areas with native wetland species upon project completion. A final determination regarding mitigation for impacts to Waters of the U.S. rests with DCM, in consultation with the COE and DWQ.

F. Rare and Protected Species

1. Federally-Protected Species

Species with the federal classification of Endangered (E) or Threatened (T), Proposed for such listing (P), Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance (T[S/A]), or Experimental (EXP) are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The following federal-protected and FSC species are listed for Hyde County (December 1999 FWS list):

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E
Hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E
Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	E
Sensitive jointvetch	<i>Aeschynomene virginica</i>	T
Seabeach amaranth	<i>Amaranthus pumilus</i>	T
Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T
Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T*
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T
American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	T (S/A)
Red wolf	<i>Canis rufus</i>	EXP
Black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	FSC
Dune blue curls	<i>Trichostema sp. 1</i>	FSC*

Note:

- E Denotes Endangered (a species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range)
- T Denotes Threatened (a species that is likely to become an Endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range)
- T(S/A) Denotes Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance
- EXP Denotes Experimental (a species that involves a local population which has been recently introduced into the species historic range and habitat).
- FCS Denotes Federal Species of Concern (a species that may or may not be listed in the future, dependent on the information known about the species). FSC species receive no formal protection under the ESA.
- * Historic record - the species was last observed in the county more than 50 years ago.

Leatherback sea turtle - The leatherback turtle is distinguished by its large size (46- to 70-inch) carapace, (650 to 1,500 pounds) and a shell of soft, leathery skin. This species is primarily tropical in nature, but the range may extend to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (Martof *et al.* 1980). The leatherback is a powerful swimmer, often seen far from land; however, it has been known to move into shallow bays, estuaries, and even river mouths: Most living specimens of leatherback sea turtle observed in North Carolina were observed off shore of ocean beaches. Very few individuals have been documented in sounds and estuaries. Preferred food of the leatherback is jellyfish, although the diet includes other sea animals and seaweed. The leatherback generally nests on sandy, tropical beaches.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The leatherback is primarily an oceanic species. The project corridor is located approximately 36 miles from the nearest ocean inlet (Ocracoke Inlet) and up a restricted brackish marsh creek, so there is a low probability of the leatherback traveling to the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to leatherback sea turtle.

Hawksbill sea turtle - The hawksbill is a medium-sized turtle (carapace length of 30 to 35 inches) and a maximum of 58 lbs. with a carapace characterized by red, yellow, brown, and black streaking. This is a primarily oceanic turtle whose population center is the Caribbean; it rarely ranges as far north as North Carolina (Martof *et al.* 1980). Of the eight recent records of hawksbill in North Carolina, only one was reported from inland waters - the Pamlico Sound. Preferred food of the hawksbill includes marine plants and invertebrates (Palmer and Braswell 1995). The hawksbill generally nests on sandy tropical beaches.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The hawksbill is primarily an oceanic species. The project corridor is located approximately 36 miles from the nearest ocean inlet (Ocracoke Inlet) and up a restricted brackish marsh creek so there is a low probability of the hawksbill traveling to the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to hawksbill sea turtle.

Kemp's ridley sea turtle - The Kemp's ridley sea turtle is the smallest of the sea turtles (23- to 30-inch carapace, 79 to 110 lb), and is generally considered the most endangered species of sea turtle in the world (Palmer and Braswell 1995). This species ranges from the Gulf of Mexico and the east coast, to Nova Scotia and Europe. In addition to its small size, this species is discernible by the heart shaped carapace and gray coloration. Kemp's ridley prefers shallow coastal waters, including sounds and the lower portions of large rivers, where it feeds on crabs, shrimp, snails, clams, and some saltwater plants. Nearly all members of this species are believed to nest on a short strand of ocean beach in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. Only a single nesting record exists for North Carolina - on Long Beach in Brunswick County (1992). The nearest suitable nesting habitat for this species is the Outer Banks ocean beaches.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The Kemp's ridley is primarily an oceanic species; however, it may also frequent high-saline waters of sounds near ocean inlets. The project corridor is located approximately 36 miles from the nearest ocean inlet (Ocracoke Inlet) and up a restricted brackish marsh creek, so there is a low probability of the Kemp's ridley traveling to the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker - This small woodpecker (7 to 8.5 inches long) has a black head, prominent white cheek patch, and black-and-white barred back. Males often have red markings (cockades) behind the eye, but the cockades may be absent or difficult to see (Potter *et al.* 1980). Primary habitat consists of mature to over-mature southern pine forests dominated by loblolly (*Pinus taeda*), long-leaf (*P. palustris*), slash (*P. elliottii*), and pond (*P. serotina*) pines (Thompson and Baker 1971). Nest cavities are constructed in the heartwood of living pines (generally older than 70 years) that have been infected with red-heart disease. Nest cavity trees tend to occur in clusters, which are referred to as colonies (FWS 1985). The woodpecker drills holes into the bark around the cavity entrance, resulting in a shiny, resinous buildup around the entrance, which allows for easy detection of active nest trees. Pine flatwoods or pine-dominated savannas, which have been maintained by frequent natural fires, serve as ideal nesting and foraging sites for this woodpecker. Development of a thick understory may result in abandonment of cavity trees.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The red-cockaded woodpecker requires pine forest for foraging and reproduction and the project corridor contains no pine forest. NHP records have no documentation of red-cockaded woodpecker within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to red-cockaded woodpecker.

Manatee - The manatee is a large, gray or brown aquatic mammal that averages 10 to 13 feet in length and weighs up to 1,000 lbs. This species occurs from Brazil to the West Indies to the east coast of the United States. During summer months manatees migrate from their Florida wintering areas as far north as coastal Virginia. These mammals inhabit warm waters, both fresh and salt, where their diet consists mostly of aquatic vegetation (Linzey 1998, Clark 1987, Webster *et al.* 1985).

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The manatee rarely occurs in North Carolina inland waters, although there have been recent sightings in the Cape Fear and Neuse Rivers. The project corridor is not expected to support forage sufficient for the manatee. NHP records have no documentation of manatee within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to the manatee.

Sensitive Jointvetch - Sensitive joint-vetch is a robust, bushy-branched, annual legume often exceeding 3.3 feet in height. Young stems have bristly hairs with large, swollen bases (Leonard 1985). The alternate, compound leaves are even-pinnate, approximately 1.3 to 2 inches wide, with 30 to 56 toothless leaflets (Radford *et al.* 1968). Flowers are bright greenish-yellow with red veins, about 0.5 inches long, and are subtended by bractlets with toothed margins (Leonard 1985). Flowers are produced on few-flowered racemes from July to October. The jointed legume (loment) is about 2 inches long, has 6 to 10 segments, and a 0.5- to 1.0-inch long stalk.

Sensitive jointvetch occurs in the intertidal zone near the upper limit of tidal fluctuation. It seems to prefer sparsely vegetated areas where annuals predominate (FWS 1995). Habitat for this species in North Carolina consists of moist to wet coastal roadside ditches and moist fields that are nearly tidal (FWS 1995), especially in full sun (Leonard 1985). Associated plants listed for this jointvetch in North Carolina are all fresh water species. Sensitive jointvetch is not expected to be found in association with salt-tolerant species such as saltmarsh cordgrass or giant cordgrass (Rouse 1994). This species seems to favor microhabitats where there is a reduction in competition from other plant species and usually some form of soil disturbance (FWS 1995). The traditional range of sensitive jointvetch is Atlantic coastal areas from New Jersey to the Savannah River. This species has been documented in Hyde and Beaufort Counties, North Carolina (Leonard 1985).

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

Sensitive jointvetch occurs in intertidal areas, near the upper extent of tidal flooding, on open ground surfaces with sparse vegetation. The NHP has documented this species approximately 1.8 miles west of the project corridor near the intersection of SR 1311 and SR 1314. A visual search for this species during site surveys did not result in the identification of this species. Intertidal areas within the project corridor are brackish in nature and densely vegetated, and therefore do not provide appropriate habitat for this species. Based on available information, the proposed project will not result in an adverse impact to sensitive jointvetch.

Seabeach Amaranth - Seabeach amaranth is a low-growing, fleshy, annual herb. The spatula-shaped leaves are pink and range from 0.5 to 1.0 inch in diameter. The leaves are clustered near the end of the stem and are notched apically. Flowers and fruits are inconspicuous and occur along the stem. This plant is primarily found on foredunes and sand spits of Atlantic coast barrier beaches and inlets in areas where periodic overwash eliminates vegetative competition. Some of the largest remaining populations of this species occur in North Carolina (FWS 1993). This species has been documented on sand spits and ocean-fronting beaches of the Outer Banks.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

Seabeach amaranth prefers the open sand of foredunes, overwash fans, and inlet spits associated with ocean-fronting barrier islands. Potential habitat for seabeach amaranth does not exist within the project corridor. NHP records indicate no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor, and this species was not observed during field surveys. Based on available information, the proposed project will not result in an adverse impact to seabeach amaranth.

Loggerhead sea turtle - The loggerhead sea turtle is the most common sea turtle on the coast of the Carolinas; this species occurs along the coast of North America from Texas to Nova Scotia. This species averages 31 to 47 inches in length and weighs from 170 to 500 lbs. (Martof *et al.* 1980). The loggerhead is basically temperate or subtropical in nature, and is primarily oceanic, but may also be found in estuarine bays, sounds, and large coastal rivers. This species occurs along the coast of North Carolina from late April to October. Preferred nesting habitat is ocean beaches, generally south of Cape Lookout. Traditionally, the largest concentration of loggerhead nests each year occurs on Smith Island, located at the mouth of the Cape Fear River (Palmer and Braswell 1995).

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The loggerhead primarily occurs south of Cape Lookout in North Carolina; however, it may also wander into estuarine waters of coastal sounds such as the Pamlico. The project corridor is located approximately 36 miles from the nearest ocean inlet (Ocracoke Inlet), so there is a low probability of the loggerhead traveling to the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to loggerhead sea turtle.

Piping plover - Piping plovers are the smallest of the plovers found in the Carolinas, measuring only 6 to 8 inches in length (Golder and Parnell 1987). This species is characterized by a white head and back and white breast and belly, yellow legs, narrow black neck band, a narrow band above the eyes, and a black bill in the winter and yellow and black bill in the summer (Potter *et al.* 1980). These small Nearctic birds occur along beaches above the high tide line, sand flats at the ends of sand spits and barrier islands, gently sloping foredunes, blowout areas behind primary dunes, and washover areas cut into or between dunes (Dyer *et al.* 1987). Nests most often occur on open, wide, sandy stretches of beach similar to those associated with inlets and capes.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The piping plover occurs along beaches, sand flats, sand spits, and among dunes. No plover habitat exists within the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to piping plover.

Green sea turtle - The green sea turtle is a medium to large turtle 30 to 60 inches long, 220 to 650 lbs. in weight) with a smooth, heart-shaped shell (Martof *et al.* 1980). Adults are believed to be primarily herbivorous (including jellyfish) while the young are believed to be primarily carnivorous. The green sea turtle is most commonly found in the Caribbean where it breeds, although individuals (usually immatures) are occasionally found as far north as the North Carolina coast. Preferred nesting habitat occurs on ocean-fronting beaches. The FWS has listed the green sea turtle for Hyde County based on a historic record, which means the species was last observed in the County more than 50 years ago.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The green sea turtle rarely occurs in North Carolina waters, and then primarily in ocean waters. The project corridor is located approximately 36 miles from the nearest ocean inlet (Ocracoke Inlet) up a restricted brackish marsh creek, so there is a low probability of the green sea turtle traveling to the project corridor. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor, and no evidence of this species has been reported in Hyde County during the last 50 years. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to the green sea turtle.

Bald Eagle - The bald eagle is a large raptor with a wingspan greater than 6 feet. Adult bald eagles are dark brown with a white head and tail. Immature eagles are brown with whitish mottling on the tail, belly, and wing linings. The bald eagle typically feeds on fish, but may also take birds and small mammals. In the Carolinas, nesting season extends from December through May (Potter *et al.* 1980). The bald eagle typically nests in tall, living trees in a conspicuous location near open water. Eagles forage over large bodies of water and utilize adjacent trees for perching (Hamel 1992).

Disturbance activities within a primary zone extending 750 to 1500 feet from a nest tree are considered to result in unacceptable conditions for eagles (FWS 1987). The FWS recommends avoiding disturbance activities, including construction and tree cutting, within this primary zone. Within a secondary zone, extending from the primary zone boundary out to a distance of 1 mile from a nest tree, construction and land-clearing activities should be restricted to the non-nesting period. The FWS also recommends avoiding alteration of natural shorelines where bald eagles forage, and avoiding significant land-clearing activities within 1500 feet of known roosting sites.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT

The bald eagle typically nests in large trees near open water. The project corridor includes open water but no large trees. Although there are large trees within 1 mile of the project corridor, NHP records have no documentation of this species in the project corridor vicinity, and no individuals were observed during recent field surveys. Based on available information, this project will not result in an adverse impact to the bald eagle.

2. Federal Species of Concern

Federal Species of Concern (FSC) are not legally protected under the Endangered Species Act and are not subject to any of its provisions, including Section 7, until they are formally proposed or listed as Threatened or Endangered. Species designated as FSC are defined as taxa, which may or may not be listed in the future. These species were formally Candidate 2 (C2) species or species under consideration for listing as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern by the NCNHP database of rare plant and animal species and are afforded state protection under the State Endangered Species Act and the North Carolina Plant Protection and Conservation Act of 1979. The following are listed as Federal Species of Concern in Hyde County.

Black rail - FSC species do not receive protection under federal law, but should be considered during project planning. The black rail is a rare, permanent resident of coastal North Carolina. This species requires dense, herbaceous cover characteristic of marshes and wet meadows where it nests and feeds on small invertebrates, seeds, and vegetation (Hamel 1992). The project corridor supports appropriate habitat for this species; however, NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor. Due to the mobility of this species, and the extensive marshes in the project vicinity, the proposed project will not result in an adverse impact to black rail.

Dune blue curls - FSC species do not receive protection under federal law, but should be considered during project planning. Dune blue curls is a perennial, profusely branching herbaceous member of the mint family that grows to 1.0 foot high. This species is endemic to barrier islands from just north of Cape Hatteras south to Cape Romain, South Carolina. Habitat consists of barrier island dunes vegetated with perennial grasses and openings in maritime shrub (Weakley unpublished). The project corridor does not support appropriate habitat for this species. NHP records have no documentation of this species within 2.0 miles of the project corridor, and this species was not observed during site surveys. Based on available information, the proposed project will not adversely affect dune blue curls.

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, implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic

Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106, codified at 36 CFR Part 800. Section 106 requires that for federally funded, licensed, or permitted projects having an effect on a property listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given an opportunity to comment.

B. Historic Architecture

A field survey of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) was conducted. All structures within the APE were photographed, and later an NCDOT staff architectural historian reviewed these photos. A Historical Architectural Resources Survey Report, which meets the guidelines for survey procedures for NCDOT and the National Park Service, was prepared. This report was submitted to SHPO for their concurrence. In a memorandum dated March 1, 2000 the SHPO concurred that the Rose Bay Oyster Company is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the memorandum is included in the Appendix.

C. Archaeology

The State Historic Preservation Officer, in a memorandum dated January 13, 1999, stated, "it is unlikely that any archaeological resources which may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the project construction" and recommended, "no archaeological investigations be conducted in connection with this project." A copy of the SHPO memorandum is included in the Appendix.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

This project is expected to have an overall positive impact. Replacement of an inadequate bridge will result in safer traffic operations.

The project is considered a Federal "Categorical Exclusion" due to its limited scope and insignificant environmental consequences.

The bridge replacement will not have an adverse effect on the quality of the human or natural environments with the use of current North Carolina Department of Transportation standards and specifications.

The project does not conflict with any plan, existing land use, or zoning regulation. No change in land use is expected to result from construction of this project. Therefore, no secondary impacts are anticipated.

No adverse impact on families or communities is anticipated. No additional right of way is anticipated with the proposed alternative. The construction of the project will require temporary construction easements. No relocatees are expected with implementation of the proposed alternative.

No adverse effect on public facilities or services is expected. The project is not expected to adversely affect social, economic, or religious opportunities in the area.

The proposed project will not require right of way acquisition or easement from any land protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

Bridge No. 32 is located on US 264 over the Rose Bay Canal in Hyde County. The four spans are composed of reinforced concrete caps on timber piles supporting steel I-beams and a reinforced concrete deck.

The project has been coordinated with the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Farmland Protection Policy Act requires all federal agencies or their representatives to consider the potential impact to prime farmland of all land acquisition and construction projects. There are no soils classified as prime, unique, or having state or local importance in the vicinity of the project. Therefore, the project will not involve the direct conversion of farmland acreage within these classifications.

This project is an air quality "neutral" project, so it is not required to be included in the regional emissions analysis and a project level CO analysis is not required.

Noise levels could increase during construction but will be temporary. 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 highway traffic noise (23 CFR Part 772) and for air quality (1990 CAAA and NEPA) and no additional reports are required.

An examination of records at the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Management, Groundwater Section and the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Solid Waste Management Section revealed no underground storage tanks or hazardous waste sites in the project area.

Hyde County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). According to the Flood Insurance Rate Map, the bridge crosses a canal within the 100-year flood elevations. The base (100-year) flood elevation is 9 feet (2.7 meters).

There are no practical alternatives to crossing in the floodplain area. Any shift in alignment will result in a crossing of about the same magnitude. All reasonable measures will be taken to minimize any possible harm.

The project will not increase the level of extent of the flood hazard.

On the basis of the above discussion, it is concluded that no substantial adverse environmental impacts will result from implementation of this project.

VIII. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the project development process, citizen and agency participation was encouraged. A scoping letter was mailed in December of 1998, to the Chair of the Hyde County Commission, the Hyde County Manager, the Superintendent of Hyde County

Schools, and to state and Federal environmental regulatory and resource agencies to request input into the project development process. A copy of the responses are included in the Appendix. No interagency meetings were held as part of this project.

IX. AGENCY COMMENTS

In April of 1999, members of the project team met with the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to discuss the project alternatives and impacts. The COE indicated that total impacts were minimal and preferred Alternative N.

In addition to the scoping letters, additional information was sent to the US Coast Guard and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Management in June and August of 1999.

The following comments were received:

1. US Department of Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service, December 29, 1999

Comment - "Habitat requirements for any federally-listed species that occur in the project impact areas should be compared with the available habitat at the project site. If suitable habitat is present within the action area of the project, field surveys for the species should be performed. Note that a listed species, the sensitive joint-vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*), is known to occur in the vicinity of bridges B-3448 and B-3449 in Hyde County."

Reply – *See Biological Conclusion (page 19) section of this report*

2. US Department of the Army – Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, February 24, 1999

Comment - "Project Commitments should include the removal of all temporary fills from waters and wetlands and "time-of-the-year" restrictions in the in-stream work if recommended by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission."

Reply – *So noted. See Project Commitments, Green Sheet.*

3. NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Division of Marine Fisheries, January 13, 1999

Comment - "Both these bridges are located in Primary Nursery Areas (PNA) and the surrounding habitat is almost identical. Because of the importance of PNA's to the initial development of post larval fish and shellfish species, NCDMF must stress our concerns relating to construction activities at these two sites. NCDMF requests that replacement of these bridges occur between October 1 and April 1 in order to minimize negative effects..."

Reply – *See comment 5, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.*

4. NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Division of Water Quality, January 15, 1999

Comment – “Identify the linear feet of stream channelization/relocations. If the original stream banks were vegetated, it is requested that the channelized/relocated stream banks be revegetated.

Reply – *So noted. See page 15 of this report and Project Commitments, Green Sheet.*

Comment - “Borrow/waste areas should avoid wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Prior to the approval of any borrow/waste site in a wetland, the contractor shall obtain a 401 Water Certification from DWQ.”

Reply – *Use of wetlands for borrow/waste areas will be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Prior to use of these areas for borrow/waste, a 401 Water Certification will be obtained from DWQ.*

Comment - “DWQ is also concerned about secondary wetland impacts.”

Reply – *See Environmental Effects (page 24) section of this report.*

5. North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, January 25, 1999

Comment – “Live concrete should not discharge directly into the stream”

Reply – *So noted.*

Comment - “If possible, bridge supports (bents) should not be placed in the stream.”

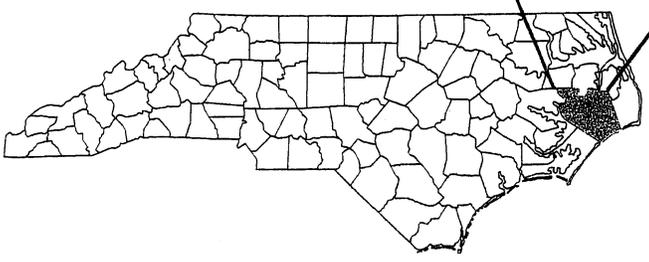
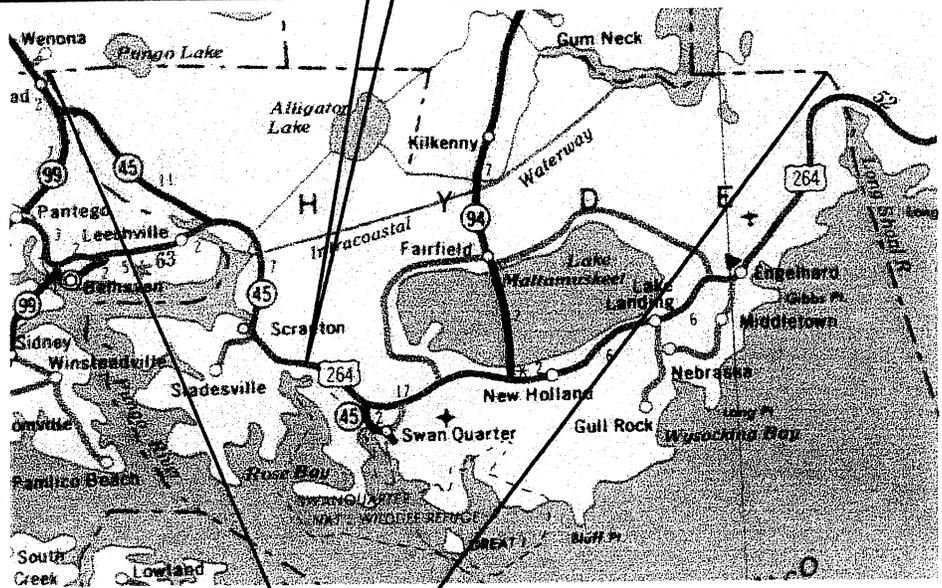
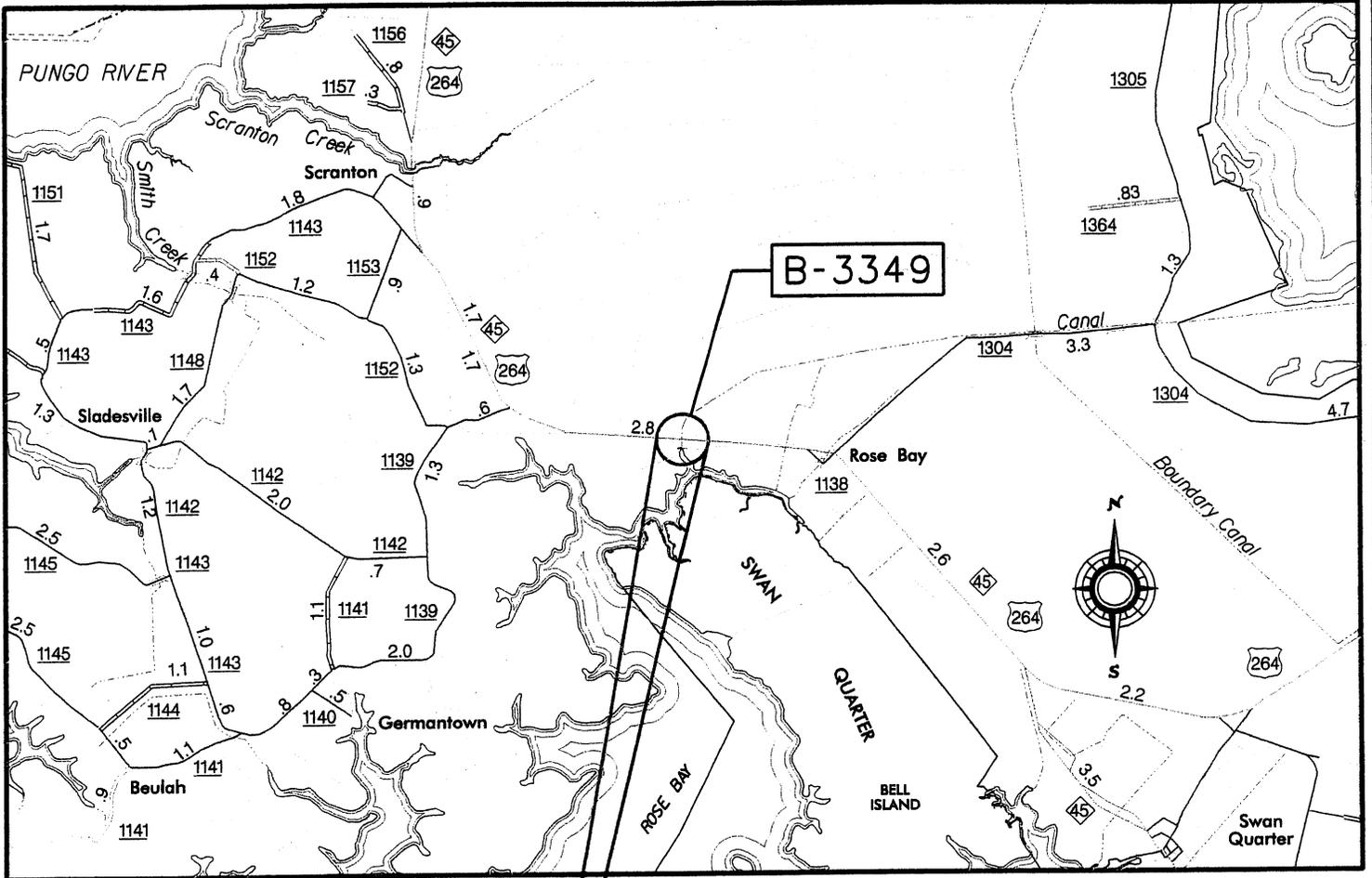
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Comment – “If possible, when using temporary structures the area should be cleared but not grubbed.”

Reply – *So noted. See Project Commitments, Green Sheet.*

Comment - “To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the proposed site, NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. We specifically request that this structure be replaced with a spanning structure. No in-water work should be conducted between March 1 and September 30.”

Reply – *So noted. See Project Commitments, Green Sheet.*

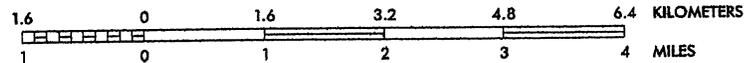


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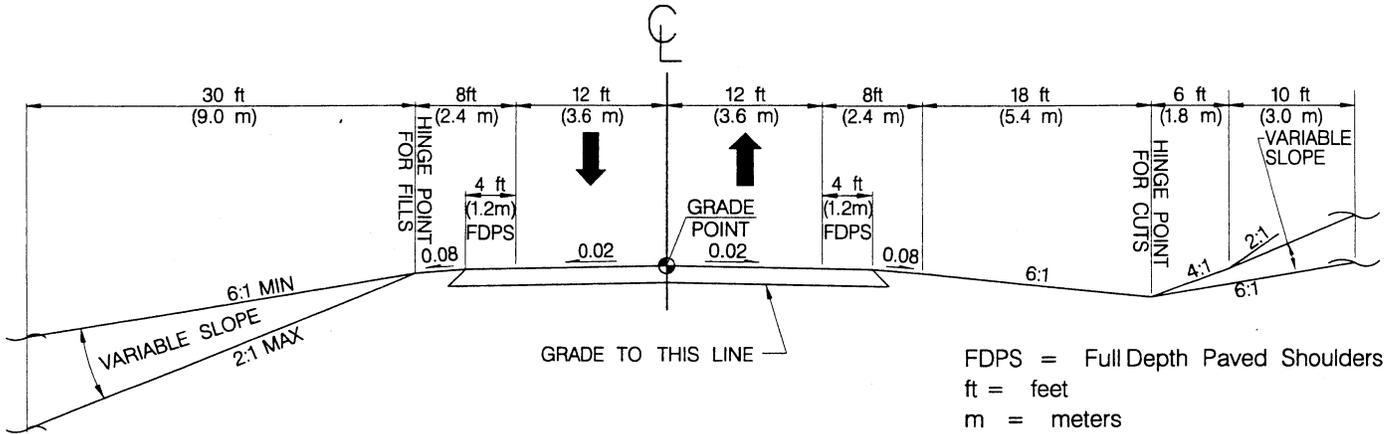
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BRIDGE NUMBER 32
ON US 264
OVER ROSE BAY CANAL
B-3349**

FIGURE 1



BRIDGE REPLACEMENT GROUP XIX

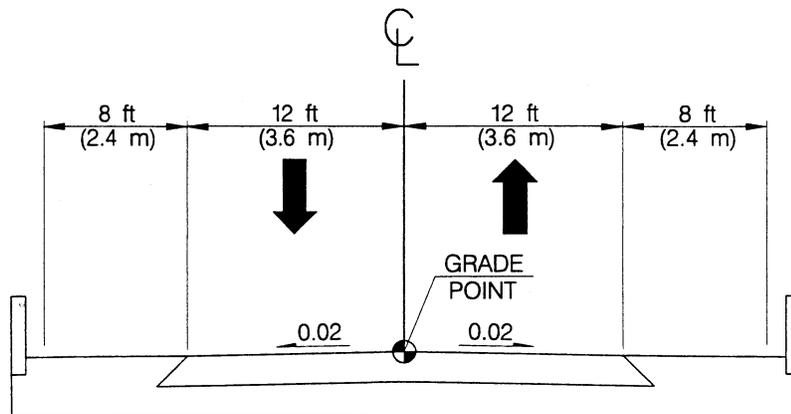
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TYPICAL SECTION FOR ROADWAY APPROACH DESIGN DATA

1999 ADT - 2,600 vpd (LOS B)
2002 ADT - 2,800 vpd (LOS B)
2025 ADT - 4,400 vpd (LOS C)

vpd = Vehicles Per Day
LOS = Level of Service



TYPICAL SECTION FOR PROPOSED STRUCTURE

ON-SITE DETOUR DESIGN DATA

On-Site Detour (Signalized)
Clear Roadway Width - 32 ft (9.6 m)
Paved Width - 20 ft (6.0 m)

HYDE COUNTY
BRIDGE NO. 32
B-3349



LOOKING WEST
AT EAST APPROACH



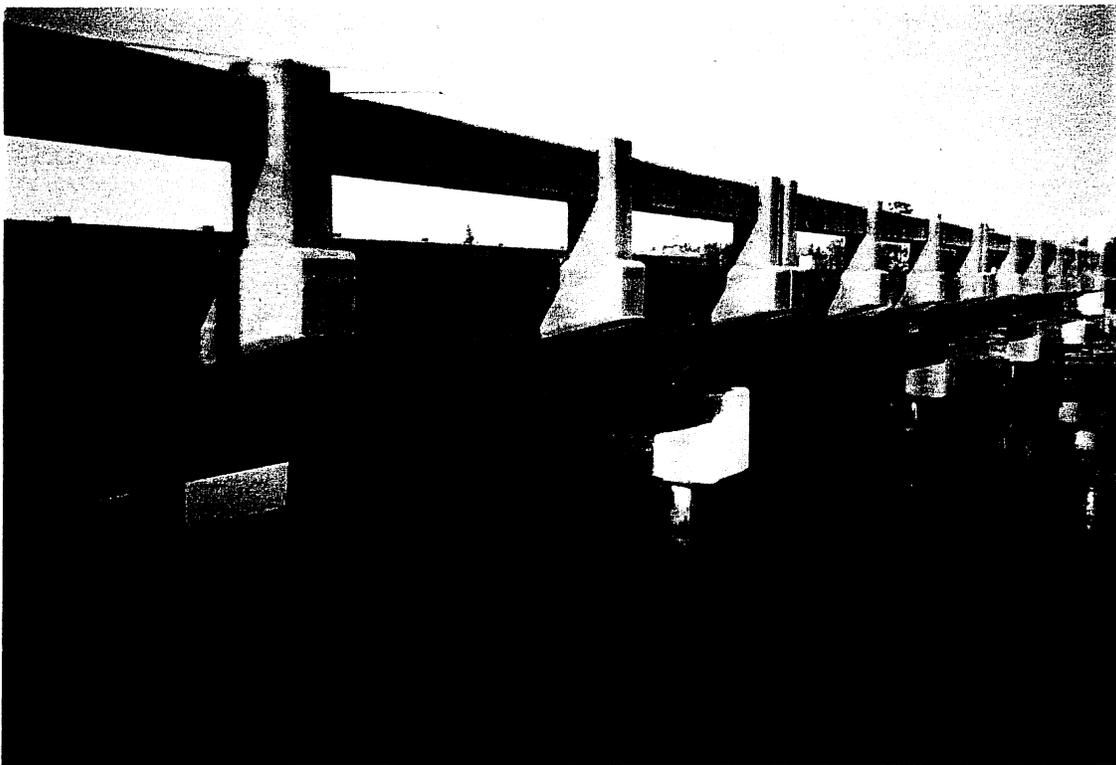
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FIGURE 3

**HYDE COUNTY
BRIDGE NO. 32
B-3349**



**VIEW FROM
SOUTHEAST CORNER**



**VIEW FROM
NORTHEAST CORNER**

FIGURE 4

X. APPENDIX



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December 18, 1998

Mr. William D. Gilmore, P. E. Manager
Planning and Environmental Branch
NCDOT
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Dear Mr. Gilmore:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects:

1. B-3348, Hyde County, Bridge No. 54 on US 264 over Canal on Pamlico Sound,
2. B-3349, Hyde County, Bridge No. 32 on US 264 over Rose Bay Canal,
3. B-3442, Cumberland County, Bridge No. 224 on SR 1006 (Person Street) over Locks Creek,
4. B-3443, Cumberland County, Bridge No. 219 on SR 1006 (Person Street) over the Cape Fear River,
5. B-3445, Currituck County, Bridge No. 7 on NC 615 over northern canal between Back Bay and Currituck Sound,
6. B-3524, Wake County, Bridge No. 259 on SR 1370 (Tryon Road) over Norfolk Southern Railroad,
7. B-3537, Wayne County, Bridge No. 62 on NC 581 over the Little River.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service does not have any comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Kollstedt
State Conservationist

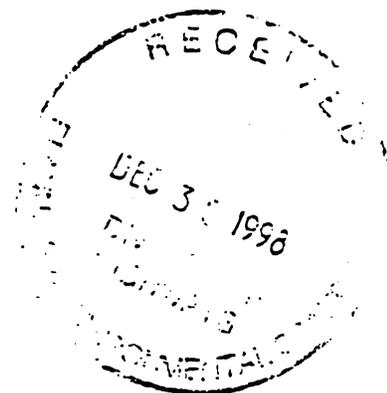


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December 29, 1998



Mr. William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager
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Division of Highways
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Attention: Ms. Stacy Baldwin, P.E.

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 1998, requesting information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for the purpose of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the following proposed bridge replacement projects:

1. B-3348. Hyde County, Bridge No. 54 on US 264 over Canal on Pamlico Sound;
2. B-3349. Hyde County, Bridge No. 32 on US 264 over Rose Bay Canal;
3. B-3442. Cumberland County, Bridge No. 224 on SR 1006 (Person Street) over Locks Creek;
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6. B-3524. Wake County, Bridge No. 259 on SR 1370 (Tryon Road) over Norfolk Southern Railroad; and,
7. B-3537, Wayne County, Bridge No. 62 on NC 581 over the Little River.

This report provides scoping information and is provided in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (16 U.S.C. 661-667d) and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543). This report also serves as initial scoping comments to federal and state resource agencies for use in their permitting and/or certification processes for these projects.

The mission of the Service is to provide leadership in the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish and wildlife, and their habitats, for the continuing benefit of all people. Due to staffing limitations, we are unable to provide you with detailed site-specific comments at this time. However, the following recommendations are provided to assist you in your planning process and to facilitate a thorough and timely review of the project.

Generally, the Service recommends that wetland impacts be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practical as outlined in Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977. In regard to avoidance and minimization of impacts, we recommend that proposed highway projects be aligned along or adjacent to existing roadways, utility corridors, or previously developed areas in order to minimize habitat fragmentation and encroachment. Areas exhibiting high biodiversity or ecological value important to the watershed and/or region should be avoided. Crossings of streams and associated wetland systems should use existing crossings and/or occur on a structure wherever feasible. Where bridging is not feasible, culvert structures that maintain natural water flows and hydraulic regimes without scouring, or impeding fish and wildlife passage, should be employed. Highway shoulder and median widths should be reduced through wetland areas. Roadway embankments and fill areas should be stabilized by using appropriate erosion control devices and/or techniques. Wherever appropriate, construction in sensitive areas should occur outside fish spawning and migratory bird nesting seasons.

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps of the appropriate 7.5 Minute Quadrangles for each site should be consulted to determine if wetlands may be impacted by the respective projects. However, while the NWI maps are useful for providing an overview of a given area, they should not be relied upon in lieu of a detailed wetland delineation by trained personnel using an acceptable wetland classification methodology.

We reserve the right to review any required federal or state permits that may be required for these projects at the public notice stage. We may have no objection, provide recommendations for modification of the project, or recommend denial. Therefore, it is important that resource agency coordination occur early in the planning process in order to resolve any conflicts that may arise and minimize delays in project implementation.

In addition to the above guidance, we recommend that the environmental documentation for each project include the following in sufficient detail to facilitate a thorough review of the action:

1. A clearly defined purpose and need for each proposed project, including a discussion of the projects' independent utility;
2. A description of the proposed action with an analysis of all alternatives being considered, including the upgrading of existing bridges, new bridges on existing alignments, new bridges on new alignments, and a "no action" alternative;

3. A description of the fish and wildlife resources, and their habitats, within the project impact areas that may be directly or indirectly affected;
4. The extent and acreage of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, that are to be impacted by filling, dredging, clearing, ditching, and/or draining. Acres of wetland impact should be differentiated by habitat type based on the wetland classification scheme of the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). Wetland boundaries should be determined by using the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps);
5. The anticipated environmental impacts, both temporary and permanent, that would be likely to occur as a direct result of the proposed project. The assessment should also include the extent to which the proposed project would result in secondary impacts to natural resources, and how this and similar projects contribute to cumulative adverse effects;
6. Design features and/or construction techniques which would be employed to avoid or minimize the fragmentation or direct loss of wildlife habitat value;
7. Design features, construction techniques, and/or any other mitigation measures which would be employed at wetland crossings and stream channel relocations to avoid or minimize impacts to waters of the United States; and,
8. If unavoidable wetland impacts are proposed, we recommend that every effort be made to identify compensatory mitigation sites in advance. Project planning should include a detailed compensatory mitigation plan for offsetting unavoidable wetland impacts. Opportunities to protect mitigation areas in perpetuity, preferably via conservation easement, should be explored at the outset.

The attached pages identify the federally-listed endangered, threatened, and candidate species that are known to occur in the respective counties. Habitat requirements for any federally-listed species that occur in the project impact areas should be compared with the available habitat at the project site. If suitable habitat is present within the action area of the project, field surveys for the species should be performed. Note that a listed species, the sensitive joint-vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*), is known to occur in the vicinity of bridges B-3348 and B-3349 in Hyde County.

Habitat for sensitive joint-vetch is a rare and specialized community known as a freshwater tidal marsh. These communities are close enough to the coast to be influenced by tidal fluctuations, yet far enough upstream to consist of fresh or only slightly brackish water.

Environmental documentation should include survey methodologies and results. In addition to this guidance, the following information should be included in the document regarding protected species:

1. A map and description of the specific area used in the analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts;
2. A description of the biology and status of the listed species and the habitat of the species that may be affected by the action, including the results of any onsite inspections;
3. An analysis of the "effects of the action" on the listed species and associated habitat which includes consideration of:
 - a. The environmental baseline which is an analysis of the effects of past and ongoing human and natural factors leading to the current status of the species and its habitat;
 - b. The impacts of past and present federal, state, and private activities in the project area and cumulative impacts area;
 - c. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action. Indirect effects are those that are caused by the proposed action and are later in time, but are still reasonably certain to occur;
 - d. The impacts of interrelated actions (those that are part of a larger action and depend on the larger action for their justification) and interdependent actions (those that have no independent utility apart from the action under consideration); and,
 - e. The cumulative impacts of future state and private activities (not requiring federal agency involvement) that will be considered as part of future Section 7 consultation,
4. A description of the manner in which the action may affect any listed species or associated habitat including project proposals to reduce/eliminate adverse effects. Direct mortality, injury, harassment, the loss of habitat, and/or the degradation of habitat are all ways in which listed species may be adversely affected;
5. A summary of evaluation criteria to be used as a measure of potential effects. Criteria may include post-project population size, long-term population viability, habitat quality, and/or habitat quantity; and,
6. Based on evaluation criteria, a determination of whether the project is not likely to adversely affect or may affect threatened and endangered species.

Candidate species are those plant and animal species for which the Service has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to their survival to propose them as endangered or threatened under the ESA. Although candidate species receive no statutory protection under the ESA, Federal agencies are required to informally confer with the Service on actions likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species or that may destroy or modify proposed critical habitat.

Federal species of concern (FSC) include those species for which the Service does not have enough scientific information to support a listing proposal or species which do not warrant listing at the present time. These species receive no statutory protection under the ESA, but could become candidates in the future if additional scientific information becomes available indicating that they are endangered or threatened. Formal listing places the species under the full protection of the ESA, and necessitates a new survey if its status in the project area is unknown. Therefore, it would be prudent for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to avoid any adverse impacts to candidate species or their habitat. The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program should be contacted for information on species under state protection.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to comment on these projects. Please continue to advise us during the progression of the planning process, including your official determination of the impacts of this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Tom McCartney at 919-856-4520, ext. 32.

Sincerely,



John M. Heffner
Ecological Services Supervisor

Enclosures

FWS/R4:TmcCartney:TM:12/28/98:919/856-4520 extension 32:7-bridge:rep

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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February 24, 1999

IN REPLY REFER TO

Planning Services Section

Mr. William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager
Planning and Environmental Branch
North Carolina Division of Highways
Post Office Box 25201
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-5201

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

This is in response to a letter from your office dated December 8, 1998, to Mr. Mike Bell of our Washington Regulatory Field Office, subject: "Request for Comments for Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects." The bridge replacement projects are located in Hyde, Currituck, and Wayne Counties.

Our comments involve impacts to flood plains and jurisdictional resources that include waters, wetlands, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects. The proposed bridge replacements would not cross any Corps-constructed flood control or navigation project. Enclosed are our comments on the other issues.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these projects. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

W. Coleman Long
Chief, Technical Services Division

Enclosure

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILMINGTON DISTRICT, COMMENTS ON:

"Request for Comments for Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects" in Hyde, Currituck, and Wayne Counties

1. FLOOD PLAINS: POC - Bobby L. Willis, Planning Services Section, at (910) 251-4728

All of the bridges are within counties which participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). From the various Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), it appears that detail study streams or waterways are involved. For Hyde and Currituck Counties, the bridges cross canals with 100-year flood elevations determined from coastal storm surge but no floodways defined. For the Little River crossing in Wayne County, this stream has both 100-year flood elevations determined and a floodway defined. A summary of flood plain information pertaining to the bridges is contained in the following table. The FIRMs are from the county flood insurance study.

<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Study Stream</u>	<u>BF^E*</u>	<u>Date Of Firm</u>
32	US 264	Hyde	Rose Bay Canal	9	2/87
54	US 264	Hyde	Canal	5	2/87
7	NC 615	Currituck	Northern Canal	5	11/84
62	NC 581	Wayne	Little River	94	3/98

* Base (100-year) Flood Elevation in feet N.G.V.D.

For the Little River crossing, we refer you to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) "Procedures for 'No Rise' Certification for Proposed Developments in Regulatory Floodways", copies of which have been furnished previously to your office. The project should be designed to meet the requirements of the NFIP, administered by FEMA, and be in compliance with all local ordinances. Specific questions pertaining to community flood plain regulations or developments should be referred to the local building official.

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2. WATERS AND WETLANDS: POC - Michael Bell, Project Manager, Washington Field Office, Regulatory Division, at (252) 975-1616, Extension 26

The bridge replacements in Hyde and Currituck Counties appear to impact CAMA designated coastal marsh. The Little River bridge replacement in Wayne County could impact a high quality riverine system.

All work restricted to existing high ground will not require prior Federal permit authorization. However, Department of the Army permit authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, will be required for the discharge of excavated or fill material in waters of the United States or any adjacent and/or isolated wetlands in conjunction with your proposed bridge replacements, including disposal of construction debris. Specific permit requirements will depend on design of the projects, extent of fill work within waters of the United States, including wetlands (dimensions, fill amounts, etc.), construction methods, and other factors.

Although these projects may qualify as a Categorical Exclusion, in order for the proposal to be considered for authorization under Nationwide Permit #23, the project planning report should contain sufficient information to document that the proposed activity does not have more than a minimal individual or cumulative impact on the aquatic environment. Our experience has shown that replacing bridges with culverts often results in sufficient adverse impacts to consider the work as having more than minimal impacts on the aquatic environment. Accordingly, the following items need to be addressed in the project planning report:

- a. The report should contain the amount of permanent and temporary impacts to waters and wetlands as well as a description of the type of habitat that will be affected.
- b. Offsite detours are always preferable to onsite (temporary) detours in wetlands. If an onsite detour is the recommended action, justification should be provided.
- c. Project commitments should include the removal of all temporary fills from waters and wetlands and "time-of-the-year" restrictions on in-stream work if recommended by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. In addition, if undercutting is necessary for temporary detours, the undercut material should be stockpiled to be used to restore the site.
- d. All restored areas should be planted with endemic vegetation, including trees, if appropriate.

2. WATERS AND WETLANDS: (Continued) . .

e. The report should provide an estimate of the linear feet of new impacts to streams resulting from construction of the project.

f. If a bridge is proposed to be replaced with a culvert, NCDOT must demonstrate that the work will not result in more than minimal impacts on the aquatic environment, specifically addressing the passage of aquatic life, including anadromous fish. In addition, the report should address the impacts that the culvert would have on recreational navigation.

g. In addition, to be considered for authorization, discharge of demolition material into waters and wetlands and associated impacts must be disclosed and discussed in the project planning report.

At this point in time, construction plans are not available for review. When final plans are complete, including the extent and location of any work within waters of the United States and wetlands, our Regulatory Division would appreciate the opportunity to review those plans for a project-specific determination of DA permit requirements.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Bell.

Call



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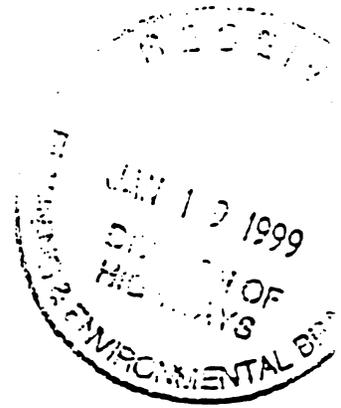
January 13, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager
Planning and Environmental Branch
Division of Highways
Department of Transportation

FROM: David Brook *David Brook*
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: Bridge Group XIX, Bridge 7 on US 264 over
Rose Bay Canal, Hyde County, B-3349, ER
99-7921



Thank you for your memorandum of December 8, 1998, concerning the above project.

We have conducted a search of our files and are aware of no structures of historical or architectural importance located within the planning area. We look forward to meeting with an architectural historian from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to review the aerial and photographs of the project area so we can make our survey recommendation.

There are no known archaeological sites within the proposed project area. Based on our present knowledge of the area, it is unlikely that any archaeological resources which may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the project construction. We, therefore, recommend that no archaeological investigation be conducted in connection with this project.

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.

DB:slw

cc: N. Graf
B. Church
L. Novick

State of North Carolina
Department of Environment
and Natural Resources
Division of Water Quality

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A. Preston Howard, Jr., P.E., Director



January 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: William D. Gilmore Manager
Planning and Environmental Branch

FROM: Gloria Putnam, DWQ SEPA Coordinator *GP*

RE: Comments on DOT Scoping Sheets, DWQ# 12307
Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects



The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) requests that the following topics be discussed in the environmental review document (s):

- A. Identify the streams potentially impacted by the project. The current stream classifications and use support ratings for these streams should be included. This information is available from DWQ through the following contacts:

Liz Kovasckitz - Classifications - 919-733-5083, ext. 572
Andrea Leslie - Use Support Ratings - 919-733-5083, ext. 577
- B. Identify the linear feet of stream channelization/relocations. If the original stream banks were vegetated, it is requested that the channelized/relocated stream banks be revegetated.
- C. Identify the number and locations of all proposed stream crossings.
- D. Will permanent spill catch basins be utilized? DWQ requests that these catch basins be placed at all water supply stream crossings. Identify the responsible party for maintenance.
- E. Identify the stormwater controls (permanent and temporary) that will be used.
- F. Please ensure that sediment and erosion control measures are not placed in wetlands.

G. Wetland Impacts

- i) Identify the federal manual used for identifying and delineating jurisdictional wetlands.
- ii) Have wetlands been avoided as much as possible?
- iii) Have wetland impacts been minimized?
- iv) Mitigation measures to compensate for habitat losses.
- v) Wetland impacts by plant communities affected.
- vi) Quality of wetlands impacted.
- vii) Total wetland impacts.
- viii) List the 401 General Certification numbers requested from DWQ.

H. Borrow/waste areas should avoid wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Prior to the approval of any borrow/waste site in a wetland, the contractor shall obtain a 401 Certification from DWQ.

I. Please provide a conceptual wetland mitigation plan to help the environmental review. The mitigation plan may state the following:

1. Compensatory mitigation will be considered only after wetland impacts have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent possible.
2. On-site, in-kind mitigation is the preferred method of mitigation. In-kind mitigation within the same watershed is preferred over out-of-kind mitigation.
3. Mitigation should be in the following order: restoration, creation, enhancement, and lastly preservation.

J. The EA should discuss in detail project alternatives that alleviate traffic problems without road widening, such as mass transit and traffic congestion management techniques.

DWQ is also concerned about secondary wetland impacts. For DWQ to concur with an alternative in the mountains or the piedmont, DOT will need to commit to full control of access to the wetland parcels or DOT to purchase these parcels for wetland mitigation.

Written concurrence of 401 Water Quality Certification may be required for this project. Applications requesting coverage under our General Certification 14 or General Permit 31 (with wetland impact) will require written concurrence. Please be aware that 401 Certification may be denied if wetland or water impacts have not been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

Please have the applicant call Cyndi Bell at 919-733-1786 if they have any questions on these comments.

mek:\12307; NCDOT Scoping

cc: Cyndi Bell - DWQ- ESB, Ecological Assessment Group



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

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Charles R. Fullwood, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stacy Baldwin, Project Planning Engineer
Planning & Environmental Branch, NCDOT

FROM: David Cox, Highway Project Coordinator
Habitat Conservation Program *David Cox*

DATE: January 25, 1999

SUBJECT: NCDOT Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects. TIP Nos. B-3348, B-3349, B-33442, B-3443, B-3445, B-3524, and B-3537.

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. Live concrete should not be allowed to contact the water in or entering into the stream.
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.

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

1. The culvert must be designed to allow for fish passage. Generally, this means that the culvert or pipe invert is buried at least 1 foot below the natural stream bed. If multiple cells are required the second and/or third cells should be placed so that their bottoms are at stream bankful stage (similar to Lyonsfield design). This will allow sufficient water depth in the culvert or pipe during normal flows to accommodate fish movements. If culverts are long, baffle systems are required to trap gravel and provide resting areas for fish and other aquatic organisms.
2. If multiple pipes or cells are used, at least one pipe or box should be designed to remain dry during normal flows to allow for wildlife passage.
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 stream bed.

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-3348 – Hyde County - Bridge # 54 is located on an unnamed canal connected to Pamlico Sound. The shallow water habitat in this canal is used by numerous species of anadromous and resident fish as spawning, rearing, feeding, and escape areas. This location likely supports migrating populations of blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) and alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*). Populations of these species in northeastern North Carolina are currently classified as depressed. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. We specifically request that this structure be replaced with a spanning structure. No in-water work should be conducted between March 1 and September 30.
2. B-3349 – Hyde County – Bridge # 54 is located over Rose Bay Canal. The shallow water habitat in Rose Bay Canal is used by numerous species of anadromous and resident fish as spawning, rearing, feeding, and escape areas. This location is especially important for migrating populations of blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) and alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) into Lake Mattamuskeet. Populations of these species in northeastern North Carolina are currently classified as depressed. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. We specifically request that this structure be replaced with a spanning structure. No in-water work should be conducted between March 1 and September 30.
3. B-3442 & B-3443 – Bridge # 224 is located over Locks Creek and Bridge # 219 is over the Cape Fear River. Both of these projects cross in locations known to support anadromous fish. Therefore, we recommend NCDOT follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. Cofferdams or turbidity curtains may be required to reduce sediment during construction of in-stream bridge supports. No in-water work should be performed from February 1 to June 15. Any work involving utility lines should be restricted to the north or upstream side of the bridge as there is a cleared construction corridor on this side of the bridge.
4. B-3445 – Currituck County - Bridge # 7 is located over Northern Canal which runs between Currituck Sound and Back Bay. Tributaries and canals of Currituck Sound and Back Bay provide important spawning refugia for many freshwater fish species especially during periods of high salinity. The shallow

water habitat in this canal also provides, rearing, feeding, and escape areas for many fish species. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, no in-water work should be conducted between March 31 and September 30.

5. B-3524 – Wake County – No specific concerns.
6. B-3537 – Wayne County – Bridge # 62 is located over the Little River. The Little River is known to support populations of anadromous fish at this site. We request that this bridge be replaced with a spanning structure. NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. No in-water work should be conducted between February 15 and June 15.

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 (919) 528-9886. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on these projects.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

14 July 1999

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WALTER McDEVITT
SECRETARY

Mr. William Gilmore, P.E., Manager
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Dear Mr. Gilmore:

This letter is in reference to your 3 June 1999 request to review two bridge replacement projects in Hyde County to determine if CAMA jurisdiction is warranted,

Bridges No. 52 and 54 on US 264 over a canal and Kitty Creek, and Bridge No. 32 on U.S. 264 over Rose Bay Creek, were inspected on 30 June 1999. It was determined that these areas do fall within the definition of Estuarine Waters as described in Subchapter 7H.0206, and Public Trust Areas as described in Subchapter 7H.0207 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Therefore, CAMA permits are required from this Division for development at these sites. As proposed, these projects would require CAMA Major Permits. There is not enough information included in this package to allow a complete assessment of the proposed alternatives.

I appreciate your concern and effort to comply with the permit requirements of this Division and encourage you to continue to consult representatives of this Division for future questions regarding CAMA jurisdiction. If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please call me at (252) 946-6481, ext. 299.

Sincerely,


Tracey L. Wheeler
Coastal Management Representative

Cc: Terry Moore- District Manager, Washington Regional Office, DCM

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March 1, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
Division of Highways
Department of Transportation

FROM: David Brook *for David Brook*
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: Replace Bridge No. 32 on US 264 over Rose Bay Canal, TIP No. B-3349, Hyde County, ER 00-8635

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 2000, transmitting the survey report by Marvin A. Brown concerning the above project.

For purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the following property is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

Rose Bay Oyster Company

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.

cc: B. Church

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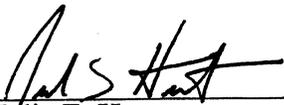
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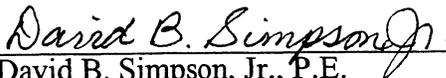
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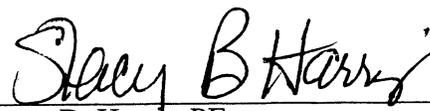


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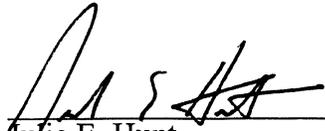
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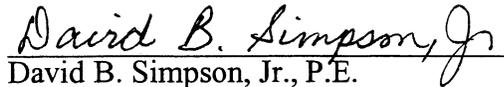
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I. BACKGROUND

A Categorical Exclusion for the subject project was approved March 30, 2000. Figure 1 identifies the vicinity and location of the proposed project. Alternate N, the recommended alternative, calls for an on-site two-lane 150-foot (45.7 meters) detour bridge with 550-foot (167.6 meters) temporary rock fill. Subsequent to that time, additional detailed studies have determined that the present design cannot be permitted due to temporary fill in high quality wetlands. The new recommended alternate, Alternative O, is described below. It is similar to Alternative N with the exception that the proposed detour bridge would span a 528 feet (161 meter) distance over the canal. Temporary sheeting and rock embankment is proposed at the detour bridge end bents to minimize fill in the canal and wetlands.

II. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish, anadromous and resident species at the project site, NCDOT will follow the "Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage".

In order to minimize negative effects on the early stage development of the marine organisms found in the Primary Nursery Area, no in-water work will be conducted between March 1 and September 30.

If possible, bridge deck drains will not discharge directly into Rose Bay Canal.

If possible, the area of the temporary detour will be cleared but not grubbed.

The detour will be removed to original ground upon completion of the project and disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched to stabilize the soil and planted with native tree species.

Live concrete will not be allowed to contact the water or enter into the stream.

The proposed Tar-Pamlico River Basin Rules will be implemented during the design, construction and maintenance of this project.

All standard procedures and measures, including Best Management Practices, will be implemented to avoid or minimize environmental impacts.

II. DISCUSSION

Four (4) reasonable and feasible alternatives were studied for this project: Alternatives A, B, N, and O. All four alternatives involved replacement of the bridge at

its existing location. Alternatives A and B involve staged construction; Alternative N and O include an on-site detour to the north. Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the proposed typical sections and the placement of the alternatives.

Alternate A involves replacing the bridge with a 45-foot (13.7 meter) wide structure at the existing location. A portion, 8 feet (2.4 meters), of the existing structure will be demolished and two-way, one-lane traffic will be maintained on the remaining 18 feet (5.5 meters) of bridge. This will allow 16 feet (4.9 meters) of the new structure to be constructed. Once the new structure is sufficient to allow one-lane, two-way traffic to be shifted, the remainder of the existing structure will be removed. To maintain the existing centerline, 29 feet (8.8 meters) of additional structure will be constructed resulting in a cross-section of two 12-foot (3.7 meters) lanes with one 8-foot (2.4 meter) shoulder and one 13-foot (4.0 meter) shoulder. Temporary traffic control signals will be required on both approaches to the bridge during construction to control the one-lane, two-way traffic. The construction of this alternative will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9-meter) wide canal. This Alternative is not recommended because it is not practicable to maintain the high traffic volumes on US 264 with a one-lane pattern for the extended time period required for construction and the relocation of the Rose Bay Oyster Company.

Alternate B involves widening and replacing the bridge with a 66-foot (20.1-meter) wide structure at the existing location. To replace the existing bridge a new structure adjacent to the existing structure will be built with two 12-foot (3.7 meter) travel lanes. A safe distance of 4 feet (1.20 meters) of separation will be maintained between the structures. When constructed two-way traffic will be shifted to the new portion of the bridge. The existing structure will be demolished, reconstructed and attached to the detour section with two 12-foot (3.7 meter) lanes and an 8-foot (2.4 meter) shoulder, maintaining the existing centerline, for a total width of 66 feet (20.1 meters). The construction of this alternative will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9.1-meter) wide canal. This Alternative was not recommended because it would result in greater permanent impacts to brackish marsh.

Alternate N involves replacing the bridge at the existing location. The structure will provide two 12-foot (3.6-meter) lanes with 8-foot (2.4-meter) shoulders for a clear roadway width of 40 feet (12.2 meters). During construction, traffic will be maintained on a two-lane temporary detour just north (upstream) of the existing bridge. A 25-mph (40-kph) design speed is proposed on the detour structure to limit the intrusion into the brackish marsh and to minimize environmental impacts. The detour will require re-channelization and filling of the existing 30-foot (9 meter) wide canal, which parallels the roadway to the north. Following construction of the new bridge, the detour embankment will be removed and the area will be restored to its natural topography. This Alternative was not recommended because the temporary fill in high quality wetlands will be considered a permanent impact and probably would not be permitted from the standpoint of the resources agencies.

Alternate O (recommended) involves replacing the bridge at the existing location. The structure will provide two 12-foot (3.6-meter) lanes with 8-foot (2.4-meter) shoulders for a clear roadway width of 40 feet (12.2 meters) (see Figure 2). During construction, traffic will be maintained on a two-lane temporary detour just north (upstream) of the existing bridge. A 25-mph (40-kph) design speed is proposed on the detour structure to limit the intrusion into the brackish marsh and to minimize environmental impacts. The proposed detour bridge would span a 528 feet (161 meter) distance over the canal. Temporary sheeting and rock embankment is proposed at the detour bridge end bents to minimize fill in the canal and wetlands. The amount of

wetland impacts with Alternative O will be less than Alternative N. Following construction of the new bridge, the area will be restored to its natural topography.

The estimated costs of the studied alternatives have increased since the original Categorical Exclusion was published. In the early stages of project development, estimates were based on limited preliminary engineering data. Cost estimates for Alternatives A and B were not revised subsequent to completion of the original Categorical Exclusion since these alternatives were not recommended for construction. The cost estimate for Alternative N was revised during detailed pre-construction studies. The original cost estimate for Alternatives A and B, the revised cost estimate for Alternatives N, and the new cost estimate for Alternative O are as follows:

	<u>Alternate A</u>	<u>Alternate B</u>	<u>Alternate N</u>	<u>Alternate O</u> <u>(Recommended)</u>
Structure Removal (existing)	\$ 22,905	\$ 22,905	\$ 51,000	\$ 123,500
Structure (proposed)	458,700	675,675	505,200	882,800
Building removal	10,000			
Roadway Approaches	243,564	241,762	805,300	355,200
Miscellaneous and Mobilization	339,831	434,658	339,500	339,500
Engineering and Contingencies	175,000	225,000	249,000	249,000
ROW/Const. Easements/Utilities:	33,950	33,925	78,500	78,500
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TOTAL	\$1,283,950	\$1,633,925	\$2,028,500	\$2,028,500

Impacts on plant communities are reflective of the relative abundance of each system present in the study area. Estimated impacts for Alternatives A, B, and N were derived using the entire proposed right-of-way. Project construction does not require the entire right-of-way and therefore actual impacts may be less. Potential plant community impacts that could result from the proposed bridge replacement are as follows:

Estimated Area Acres (hectares)						
Plant Community	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative N		Alternative O (Recommended)	
			Replacement	Detour	Replacement	Detour
Brackish Marsh Complex	0.34 (.14)	0.40 (.16)	0.13 (.05)	0.14 (.06)	0.59 (.24)	0.07 (.03)
Roadside/Disturbed Land	0.30 (.12)	0.24 (.10)	0.13 (.05)	0.90 (.36)	0.99 (.40)	0.25 (.10)
Total	0.64 (.26)	0.64 (.26)	0.26 (.10)	1.04 (.42)	1.58 (.64)	0.32 (.13)

From an ecological perspective, the impacts of bridge replacement in place are minimal relative to construction on new location. Alternatives A, B, and N will require that fill material be placed on existing brackish marsh and canals be constructed in the marsh adjacent to the temporary causeways to maintain roadside drainage. Following construction of the new bridge in Alternative N, the detour embankment will be removed

and the area will be restored to its natural topography. The detour bridge proposed for Alternative O would not require wetland fill and the area will be restored to its natural topography. The footprint of these temporary structures is expected to re-vegetate with native species rapidly, a recovery process, which is a characteristic of brackish marsh vegetation. All four alternatives will avoid residential and commercial structures.

All alternates provide the same traffic service. Remaining environmental consequences of each alternate are considered to be equal and are limited in scope. These impacts are accurately described in the Original Categorical Exclusion.

Species with the federal classification of Endangered (E) or Threatened (T), Proposed for such listing (P), Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance (T[S/A]), or Experimental (EXP) are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The following table lists federal-protected and FSC species for Hyde County (May 2002 FWS list). Construction of the recommended alternative will not adversely impact any federally protected plant or animal species.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E
Hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E
Kemp's Ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E
Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	E
Sensitive jointvetch	<i>Aeschynomene virginica</i>	T
Seabeach amaranth	<i>Amaranthus pumilus</i>	T
Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T
Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T*
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T
American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	T (S/A)
Red wolf	<i>Canis rufus</i>	EXP
Black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	FSC
Dune blue curls	<i>Trichostema sp. 1</i>	FSC*

Note:

- E Denotes Endangered (a species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range)
- T Denotes Threatened (a species that is likely to become an Endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range)
- T(S/A) Denotes Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance
- EXP Denotes Experimental (a species that involves a local population which has been recently introduced into the species historic range and habitat).
- FCS Denotes Federal Species of Concern (a species that may or may not be listed in the future, dependent on the information known about the species). FSC species receive no formal protection under the ESA.
- * Historic record - the species was last observed in the county more than 50 years ago.

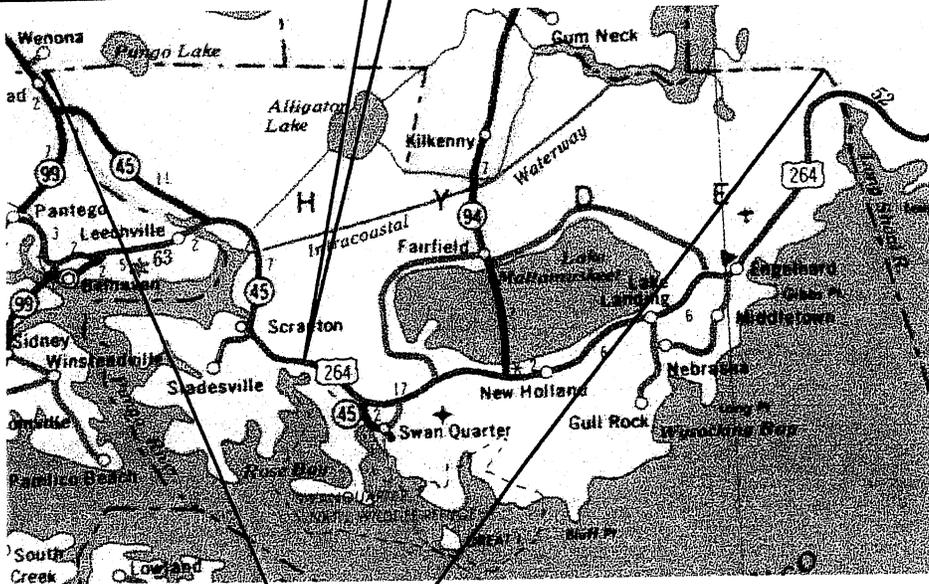
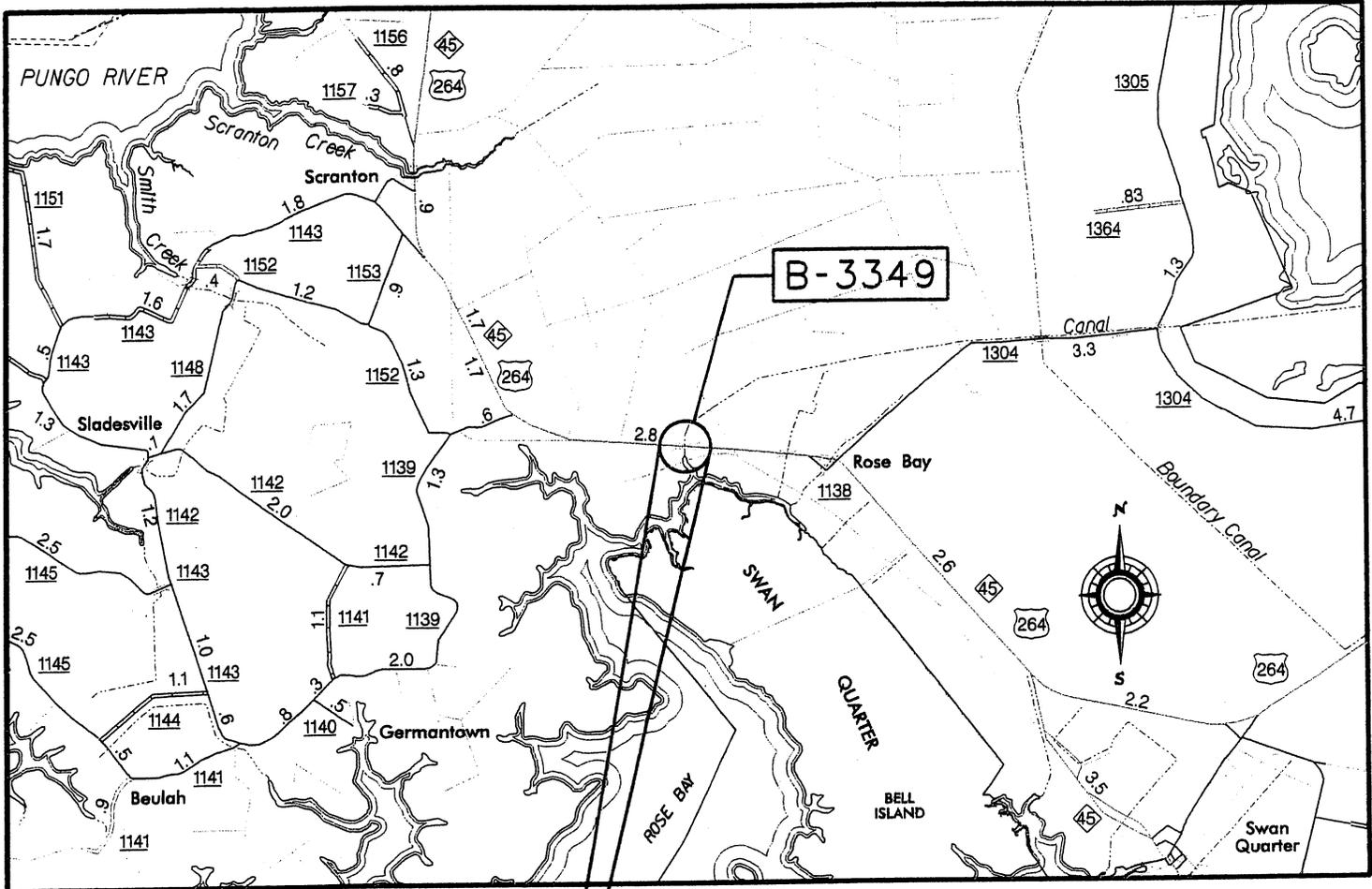
There are no architectural resources in the area of potential effect (APE) of the project that are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The recommended alternative will not involve any National Register-eligible archaeological resources. The State Historic Preservation Officer was consulted and has concurred with

the above statements. The concurrence letter was included in the Appendix of the original Categorical Exclusion for the proposed project.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), a permit will be required from the Corps of Engineers for the discharge of dredged or fill material into "Waters of the United States."

A 401 Water Quality Certification, administered through the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, will also be required. This certificate is issued for any activity that may result in a discharge into waters for which a federal permit is required.

This project is expected to have an overall positive impact. Replacement of an inadequate bridge will result in safer traffic operations.

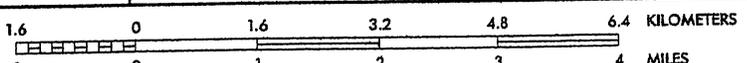


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ON US 264
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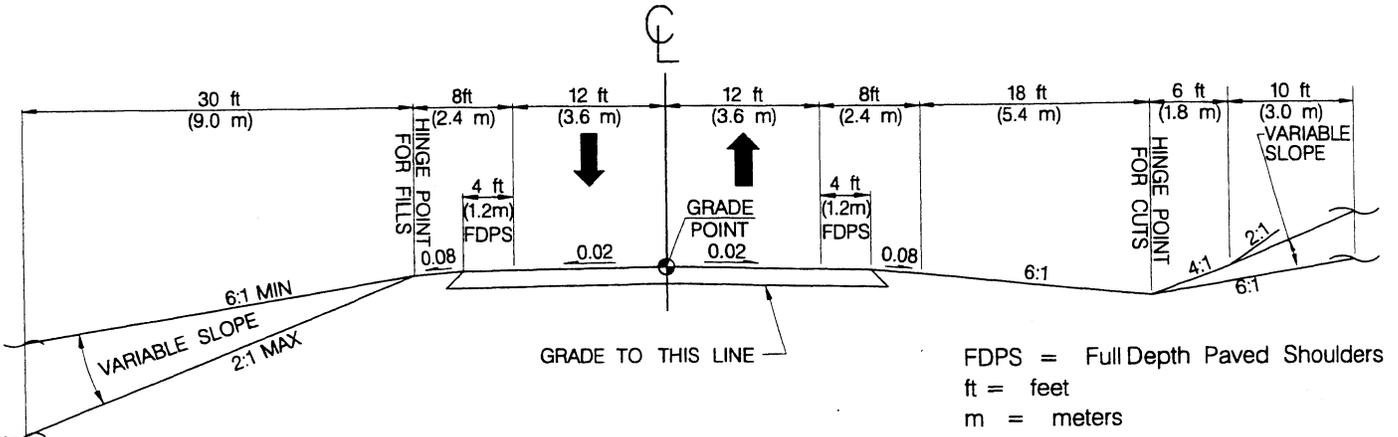
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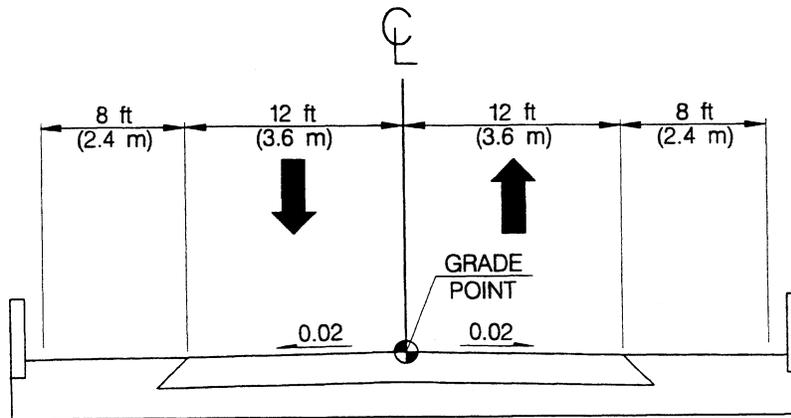
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TYPICAL SECTION FOR ROADWAY APPROACH DESIGN DATA

1999 ADT - 2,600 vpd (LOS B)
2002 ADT - 2,800 vpd (LOS B)
2025 ADT - 4,400 vpd (LOS C)

vpd = Vehicles Per Day
LOS = Level of Service



TYPICAL SECTION FOR PROPOSED STRUCTURE

ON-SITE DETOUR DESIGN DATA

On-Site Detour (Signalized)
Clear Roadway Width - 32 ft (9.6 m)
Paved Width - 20 ft (6.0 m)

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HYDE COUNTY
BRIDGE NUMBER 32
ON US 264
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FIGURE 3



US 264



ALT. N, O DETOUR

ALT. A, B, N, O

ROSE BAY CANAL

FLOW SUBJECT TO
TIDAL INFLUENCE

APPENDIX



United States Department of the Interior

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December 29, 1998..



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Attention: Ms. Stacy Baldwin, P.E.

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 1998, requesting information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for the purpose of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the following proposed bridge replacement projects:

1. B-3348. Hyde County, Bridge No. 54 on US 264 over Canal on Pamlico Sound;
2. B-3349. Hyde County, Bridge No. 32 on US 264 over Rose Bay Canal;
3. B-3442. Cumberland County, Bridge No. 224 on SR 1006 (Person Street) over Locks Creek;
4. B-3443. Cumberland County, Bridge No. 219 on SR 1006 (Person Street) over the Cape Fear River;
5. B-3445, Currituck County, Bridge No. 7 on NC 615 over northern canal between Back Bay and Currituck Sound,
6. B-3524. Wake County, Bridge No. 259 on SR 1370 (Tryon Road) over Norfolk Southern Railroad; and,
7. B-3537, Wayne County, Bridge No. 62 on NC 581 over the Little River.

This report provides scoping information and is provided in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (16 U.S.C. 661-667d) and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543). This report also serves as initial scoping comments to federal and state resource agencies for use in their permitting and/or certification processes for these projects.

The mission of the Service is to provide leadership in the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish and wildlife, and their habitats, for the continuing benefit of all people. Due to staffing limitations, we are unable to provide you with detailed site-specific comments at this time. However, the following recommendations are provided to assist you in your planning process and to facilitate a thorough and timely review of the project.

Generally, the Service recommends that wetland impacts be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practical as outlined in Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977. In regard to avoidance and minimization of impacts, we recommend that proposed highway projects be aligned along or adjacent to existing roadways, utility corridors, or previously developed areas in order to minimize habitat fragmentation and encroachment. Areas exhibiting high biodiversity or ecological value important to the watershed and/or region should be avoided. Crossings of streams and associated wetland systems should use existing crossings and/or occur on a structure wherever feasible. Where bridging is not feasible, culvert structures that maintain natural water flows and hydraulic regimes without scouring, or impeding fish and wildlife passage, should be employed. Highway shoulder and median widths should be reduced through wetland areas. Roadway embankments and fill areas should be stabilized by using appropriate erosion control devices and/or techniques. Wherever appropriate, construction in sensitive areas should occur outside fish spawning and migratory bird nesting seasons.

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps of the appropriate 7.5 Minute Quadrangles for each site should be consulted to determine if wetlands may be impacted by the respective projects. However, while the NWI maps are useful for providing an overview of a given area, they should not be relied upon in lieu of a detailed wetland delineation by trained personnel using an acceptable wetland classification methodology.

We reserve the right to review any required federal or state permits that may be required for these projects at the public notice stage. We may have no objection, provide recommendations for modification of the project, or recommend denial. Therefore, it is important that resource agency coordination occur early in the planning process in order to resolve any conflicts that may arise and minimize delays in project implementation.

In addition to the above guidance, we recommend that the environmental documentation for each project include the following in sufficient detail to facilitate a thorough review of the action:

1. A clearly defined purpose and need for each proposed project, including a discussion of the projects' independent utility;
2. A description of the proposed action with an analysis of all alternatives being considered, including the upgrading of existing bridges, new bridges on existing alignments, new bridges on new alignments, and a "no action" alternative;

3. A description of the fish and wildlife resources, and their habitats, within the project impact areas that may be directly or indirectly affected;
4. The extent and acreage of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, that are to be impacted by filling, dredging, clearing, ditching, and/or draining. Acres of wetland impact should be differentiated by habitat type based on the wetland classification scheme of the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). Wetland boundaries should be determined by using the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps);
5. The anticipated environmental impacts, both temporary and permanent, that would be likely to occur as a direct result of the proposed project. The assessment should also include the extent to which the proposed project would result in secondary impacts to natural resources, and how this and similar projects contribute to cumulative adverse effects;
6. Design features and/or construction techniques which would be employed to avoid or minimize the fragmentation or direct loss of wildlife habitat value;
7. Design features, construction techniques, and/or any other mitigation measures which would be employed at wetland crossings and stream channel relocations to avoid or minimize impacts to waters of the United States; and,
8. If unavoidable wetland impacts are proposed, we recommend that every effort be made to identify compensatory mitigation sites in advance. Project planning should include a detailed compensatory mitigation plan for offsetting unavoidable wetland impacts. Opportunities to protect mitigation areas in perpetuity, preferably via conservation easement, should be explored at the outset.

The attached pages identify the federally-listed endangered, threatened, and candidate species that are known to occur in the respective counties. Habitat requirements for any federally-listed species that occur in the project impact areas should be compared with the available habitat at the project site. If suitable habitat is present within the action area of the project, field surveys for the species should be performed. Note that a listed species, the sensitive joint-vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*), is known to occur in the vicinity of bridges B-3348 and B-3349 in Hyde County.

Habitat for sensitive joint-vetch is a rare and specialized community known as a freshwater tidal marsh. These communities are close enough to the coast to be influenced by tidal fluctuations, yet far enough upstream to consist of fresh or only slightly brackish water.

Environmental documentation should include survey methodologies and results. In addition to this guidance, the following information should be included in the document regarding protected species:

1. A map and description of the specific area used in the analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts;
2. A description of the biology and status of the listed species and the habitat of the species that may be affected by the action, including the results of any onsite inspections;
3. An analysis of the “effects of the action” on the listed species and associated habitat which includes consideration of:
 - a. The environmental baseline which is an analysis of the effects of past and ongoing human and natural factors leading to the current status of the species and its habitat;
 - b. The impacts of past and present federal, state, and private activities in the project area and cumulative impacts area;
 - c. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action. Indirect effects are those that are caused by the proposed action and are later in time, but are still reasonably certain to occur;
 - d. The impacts of interrelated actions (those that are part of a larger action and depend on the larger action for their justification) and interdependent actions (those that have no independent utility apart from the action under consideration); and,
 - e. The cumulative impacts of future state and private activities (not requiring federal agency involvement) that will be considered as part of future Section 7 consultation,
4. A description of the manner in which the action may affect any listed species or associated habitat including project proposals to reduce/eliminate adverse effects. Direct mortality, injury, harassment, the loss of habitat, and/or the degradation of habitat are all ways in which listed species may be adversely affected;
5. A summary of evaluation criteria to be used as a measure of potential effects. Criteria may include post-project population size, long-term population viability, habitat quality, and/or habitat quantity; and,
6. Based on evaluation criteria, a determination of whether the project is not likely to adversely affect or may affect threatened and endangered species.

Candidate species are those plant and animal species for which the Service has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to their survival to propose them as endangered or threatened under the ESA. Although candidate species receive no statutory protection under the ESA, Federal agencies are required to informally confer with the Service on actions likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species or that may destroy or modify proposed critical habitat.

Federal species of concern (FSC) include those species for which the Service does not have enough scientific information to support a listing proposal or species which do not warrant listing at the present time. These species receive no statutory protection under the ESA, but could become candidates in the future if additional scientific information becomes available indicating that they are endangered or threatened. Formal listing places the species under the full protection of the ESA, and necessitates a new survey if its status in the project area is unknown. Therefore, it would be prudent for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to avoid any adverse impacts to candidate species or their habitat. The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program should be contacted for information on species under state protection.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to comment on these projects. Please continue to advise us during the progression of the planning process, including your official determination of the impacts of this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Tom McCartney at 919-856-4520, ext. 32.

Sincerely,



John M. Hefner
Ecological Services Supervisor

Enclosures

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February 24, 1999

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Dear Mr. Gilmore:

This is in response to a letter from your office dated December 8, 1998, to Mr. Mike Bell of our Washington Regulatory Field Office, subject: "Request for Comments for Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects." The bridge replacement projects are located in Hyde, Currituck, and Wayne Counties.

Our comments involve impacts to flood plains and jurisdictional resources that include waters, wetlands, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects. The proposed bridge replacements would not cross any Corps-constructed flood control or navigation project. Enclosed are our comments on the other issues.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these projects. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Coleman Long". The signature is stylized and cursive.

W. Coleman Long
Chief, Technical Services Division

Enclosure

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILMINGTON DISTRICT, COMMENTS ON:

"Request for Comments for Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects" in Hyde, Currituck, and Wayne Counties

1. FLOOD PLAINS: POC - Bobby L. Willis, Planning Services Section, at (910) 251-4728

All of the bridges are within counties which participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). From the various Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), it appears that detail study streams or waterways are involved. For Hyde and Currituck Counties, the bridges cross canals with 100-year flood elevations determined from coastal storm surge but no floodways defined. For the Little River crossing in Wayne County, this stream has both 100-year flood elevations determined and a floodway defined. A summary of flood plain information pertaining to the bridges is contained in the following table. The FIRMs are from the county flood insurance study.

<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Study Stream</u>	<u>BFE*</u>	<u>Date Of Firm</u>
32	US 264	Hyde	Rose Bay Canal	9	2/87
54	US 264	Hyde	Canal	5	2/87
7	NC 615	Currituck	Northern Canal	5	11/84
62	NC 581	Wayne	Little River	94	3/98

* Base (100-year) Flood Elevation in feet N.G.V.D.

For the Little River crossing, we refer you to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) "Procedures for 'No Rise' Certification for Proposed Developments in Regulatory Floodways", copies of which have been furnished previously to your office. The project should be designed to meet the requirements of the NFIP, administered by FEMA, and be in compliance with all local ordinances. Specific questions pertaining to community flood plain regulations or developments should be referred to the local building official.

2. WATERS AND WETLANDS: POC - Michael Bell, Project Manager, Washington Field Office, Regulatory Division, at (252) 975-1616, Extension 26

The bridge replacements in Hyde and Currituck Counties appear to impact CAMA designated coastal marsh. The Little River bridge replacement in Wayne County could impact a high quality riverine system.

All work restricted to existing high ground will not require prior Federal permit authorization. However, Department of the Army permit authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, will be required for the discharge of excavated or fill material in waters of the United States or any adjacent and/or isolated wetlands in conjunction with your proposed bridge replacements, including disposal of construction debris. Specific permit requirements will depend on design of the projects, extent of fill work within waters of the United States, including wetlands (dimensions, fill amounts, etc.), construction methods, and other factors.

Although these projects may qualify as a Categorical Exclusion, in order for the proposal to be considered for authorization under Nationwide Permit #23, the project planning report should contain sufficient information to document that the proposed activity does not have more than a minimal individual or cumulative impact on the aquatic environment. Our experience has shown that replacing bridges with culverts often results in sufficient adverse impacts to consider the work as having more than minimal impacts on the aquatic environment. Accordingly, the following items need to be addressed in the project planning report:

- a. The report should contain the amount of permanent and temporary impacts to waters and wetlands as well as a description of the type of habitat that will be affected.
- b. Offsite detours are always preferable to onsite (temporary) detours in wetlands. If an onsite detour is the recommended action, justification should be provided.
- c. Project commitments should include the removal of all temporary fills from waters and wetlands and "time-of-the-year" restrictions on in-stream work if recommended by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. In addition, if undercutting is necessary for temporary detours, the undercut material should be stockpiled to be used to restore the site.
- d. All restored areas should be planted with endemic vegetation, including trees, if appropriate.

2. WATERS AND WETLANDS: (Continued) . .

e. The report should provide an estimate of the linear feet of new impacts to streams resulting from construction of the project.

f. If a bridge is proposed to be replaced with a culvert, NCDOT must demonstrate that the work will not result in more than minimal impacts on the aquatic environment, specifically addressing the passage of aquatic life, including anadromous fish. In addition, the report should address the impacts that the culvert would have on recreational navigation.

g. In addition, to be considered for authorization, discharge of demolition material into waters and wetlands and associated impacts must be disclosed and discussed in the project planning report.

At this point in time, construction plans are not available for review. When final plans are complete, including the extent and location of any work within waters of the United States and wetlands, our Regulatory Division would appreciate the opportunity to review those plans for a project-specific determination of DA permit requirements.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Bell.

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor
Wayne McDevitt, Secretary
A. Preston Howard, Jr., P.E., Director



January 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: William D. Gilmore Manager
Planning and Environmental Branch

FROM: Gloria Putnam, DWQ SEPA Coordinator *GP*

RE: Comments on DOT Scoping Sheets, DWQ# 12307
Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects



The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) requests that the following topics be discussed in the environmental review document (s):

- A. Identify the streams potentially impacted by the project. The current stream classifications and use support ratings for these streams should be included. This information is available from DWQ through the following contacts:
- Liz Kovasckitz - Classifications - 919-733-5083, ext. 572
Andrea Leslie - Use Support Ratings - 919-733-5083, ext. 577
- B. Identify the linear feet of stream channelization/relocations. If the original stream banks were vegetated, it is requested that the channelized/relocated stream banks be revegetated.
- C. Identify the number and locations of all proposed stream crossings.
- D. Will permanent spill catch basins be utilized? DWQ requests that these catch basins be placed at all water supply stream crossings. Identify the responsible party for maintenance.
- E. Identify the stormwater controls (permanent and temporary) that will be used.
- F. Please ensure that sediment and erosion control measures are not placed in wetlands.

G. Wetland Impacts

- i) Identify the federal manual used for identifying and delineating jurisdictional wetlands.
- ii) Have wetlands been avoided as much as possible?
- iii) Have wetland impacts been minimized?
- iv) Mitigation measures to compensate for habitat losses.
- v) Wetland impacts by plant communities affected.
- vi) Quality of wetlands impacted.
- vii) Total wetland impacts.
- viii) List the 401 General Certification numbers requested from DWQ.

H. Borrow/waste areas should avoid wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Prior to the approval of any borrow/waste site in a wetland, the contractor shall obtain a 401 Certification from DWQ.

I. Please provide a conceptual wetland mitigation plan to help the environmental review. The mitigation plan may state the following:

1. Compensatory mitigation will be considered only after wetland impacts have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent possible.
2. On-site, in-kind mitigation is the preferred method of mitigation. In-kind mitigation within the same watershed is preferred over out-of-kind mitigation.
3. Mitigation should be in the following order: restoration, creation, enhancement, and lastly preservation.

J. The EA should discuss in detail project alternatives that alleviate traffic problems without road widening, such as mass transit and traffic congestion management techniques.

DWQ is also concerned about secondary wetland impacts. For DWQ to concur with an alternative in the mountains or the piedmont, DOT will need to commit to full control of access to the wetland parcels or DOT to purchase these parcels for wetland mitigation.

Written concurrence of 401 Water Quality Certification may be required for this project. Applications requesting coverage under our General Certification 14 or General Permit 31 (with wetland impact) will require written concurrence. Please be aware that 401 Certification may be denied if wetland or water impacts have not been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

Please have the applicant call Cyndi Bell at 919-733-1786 if they have any questions on these comments.

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cc: Cyndi Bell - DWQ- ESB, Ecological Assessment Group



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

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Charles R. Fullwood, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stacy Baldwin, Project Planning Engineer
Planning & Environmental Branch, NCDOT

FROM: David Cox, Highway Project Coordinator
Habitat Conservation Program *David Cox*

DATE: January 25, 1999

SUBJECT: NCDOT Group XIX Bridge Replacement Projects. TIP Nos. B-3348,
B-3349, B-33442, B-3443, B-3445, B-3524, and B-3537.

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. Live concrete should not be allowed to contact the water in or entering into the stream.
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.

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

1. The culvert must be designed to allow for fish passage. Generally, this means that the culvert or pipe invert is buried at least 1 foot below the natural stream bed. If multiple cells are required the second and/or third cells should be placed so that their bottoms are at stream bankful stage (similar to Lyonsfield design). This will allow sufficient water depth in the culvert or pipe during normal flows to accommodate fish movements. If culverts are long, baffle systems are required to trap gravel and provide resting areas for fish and other aquatic organisms.
2. If multiple pipes or cells are used, at least one pipe or box should be designed to remain dry during normal flows to allow for wildlife passage.
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 stream bed.

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-3348 – Hyde County - Bridge # 54 is located on an unnamed canal connected to Pamlico Sound. The shallow water habitat in this canal is used by numerous species of anadromous and resident fish as spawning, rearing, feeding, and escape areas. This location likely supports migrating populations of blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) and alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*). Populations of these species in northeastern North Carolina are currently classified as depressed. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. We specifically request that this structure be replaced with a spanning structure. No in-water work should be conducted between March 1 and September 30.
2. B-3349 – Hyde County – Bridge # 54 is located over Rose Bay Canal. The shallow water habitat in Rose Bay Canal is used by numerous species of anadromous and resident fish as spawning, rearing, feeding, and escape areas. This location is especially important for migrating populations of blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) and alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) into Lake Mattamuskeet. Populations of these species in northeastern North Carolina are currently classified as depressed. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. We specifically request that this structure be replaced with a spanning structure. No in-water work should be conducted between March 1 and September 30.
3. B-3442 & B-3443 – Bridge # 224 is located over Locks Creek and Bridge # 219 is over the Cape Fear River. Both of these projects cross in locations known to support anadromous fish. Therefore, we recommend NCDOT follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. Cofferdams or turbidity curtains may be required to reduce sediment during construction of in-stream bridge supports. No in-water work should be performed from February 1 to June 15. Any work involving utility lines should be restricted to the north or upstream side of the bridge as there is a cleared construction corridor on this side of the bridge.
4. B-3445 – Currituck County - Bridge # 7 is located over Northern Canal which runs between Currituck Sound and Back Bay. Tributaries and canals of Currituck Sound and Back Bay provide important spawning refugia for many freshwater fish species especially during periods of high salinity. The shallow

water habitat in this canal also provides, rearing, feeding, and escape areas for many fish species. Increased turbidity in these areas results in the destruction of spawning habitat, and greatly diminishes egg and fry survival. To avoid adverse impacts to spawning populations of fish species at the project site, no in-water work should be conducted between March 31 and September 30.

5. B-3524 – Wake County – No specific concerns.
6. B-3537 – Wayne County – Bridge # 62 is located over the Little River. The Little River is known to support populations of anadromous fish at this site. We request that this bridge be replaced with a spanning structure. NCDOT should follow the “Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage”. No in-water work should be conducted between February 15 and June 15.

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 (919) 528-9886. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on these projects.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

14 July 1999

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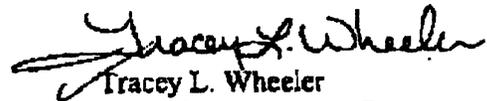
Dear Mr. Gilmore:

This letter is in reference to your 3 June 1999 request to review two bridge replacement projects in Hyde County to determine if CAMA jurisdiction is warranted,

Bridges No. 52 and 54 on US 264 over a canal and Kitty Creek, and Bridge No. 32 on U.S. 264 over Rose Bay Creek, were inspected on 30 June 1999. It was determined that these areas do fall within the definition of Estuarine Waters as described in Subchapter 7H.0206, and Public Trust Areas as described in Subchapter 7H.0207 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Therefore, CAMA permits are required from this Division for development at these sites. As proposed, these projects would require CAMA Major Permits. There is not enough information included in this package to allow a complete assessment of the proposed alternatives.

I appreciate your concern and effort to comply with the permit requirements of this Division and encourage you to continue to consult representatives of this Division for future questions regarding CAMA jurisdiction. If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please call me at (252) 946-6481, ext. 299.

Sincerely,



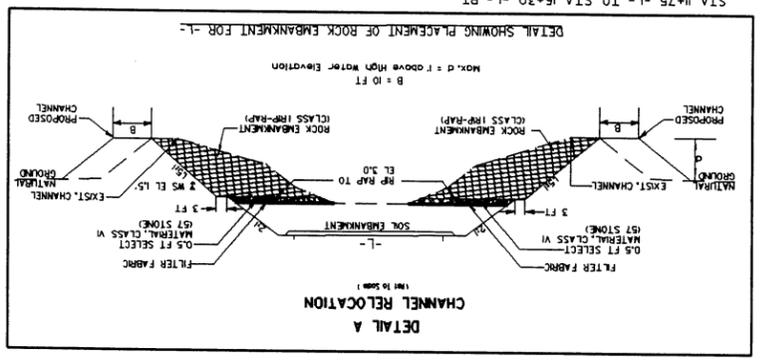
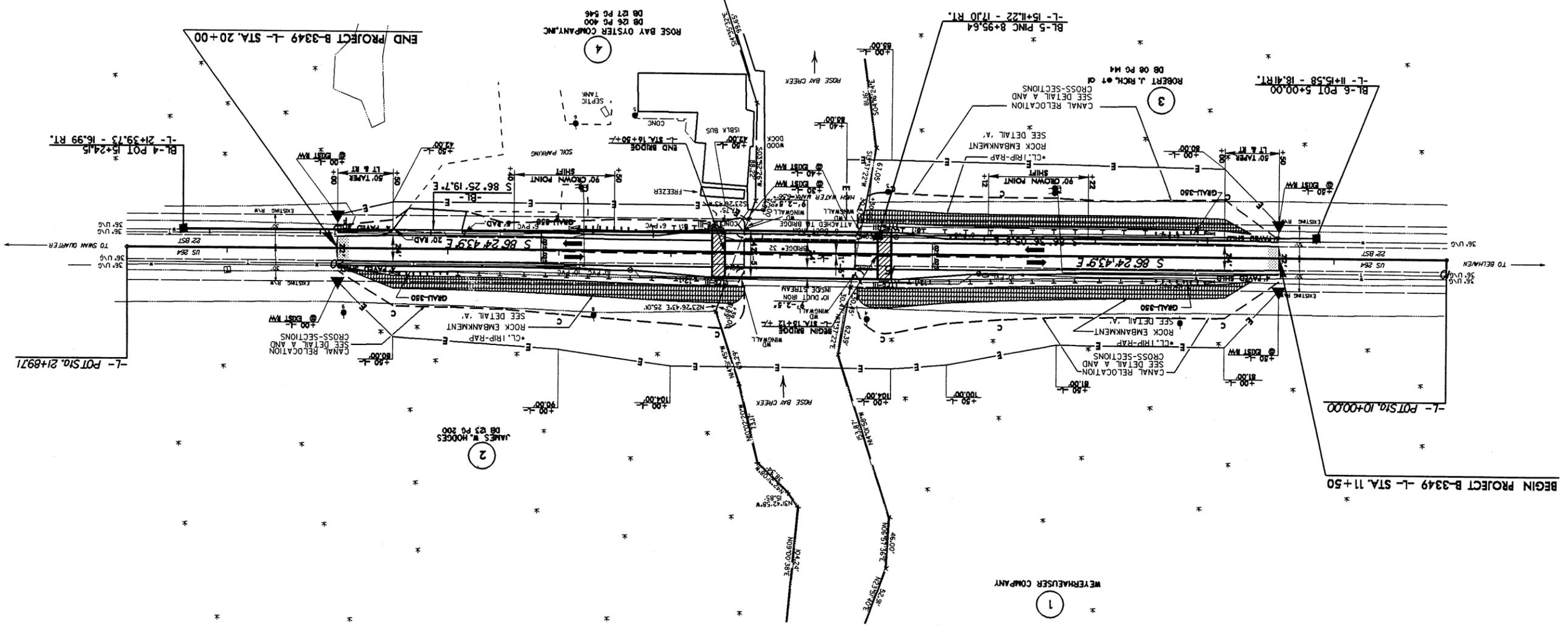
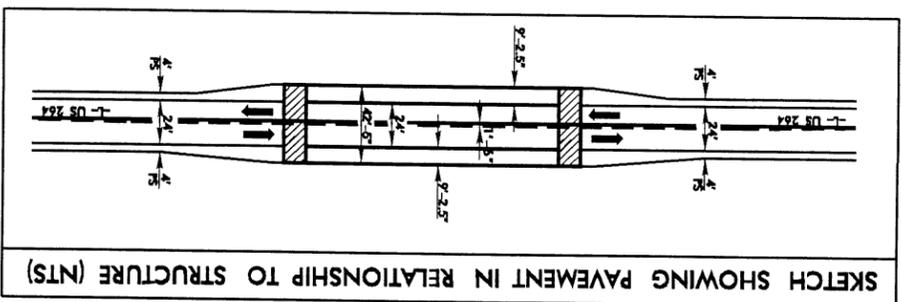
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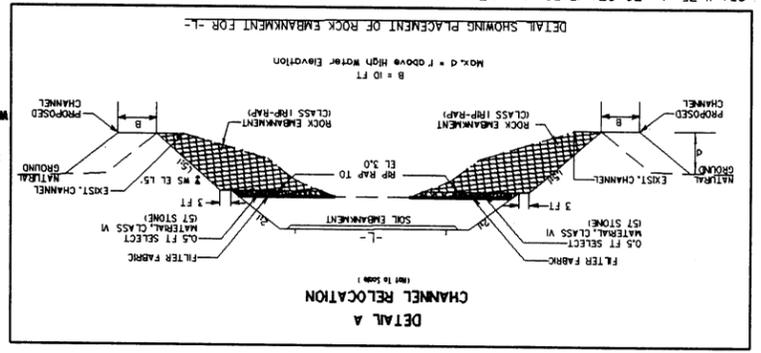
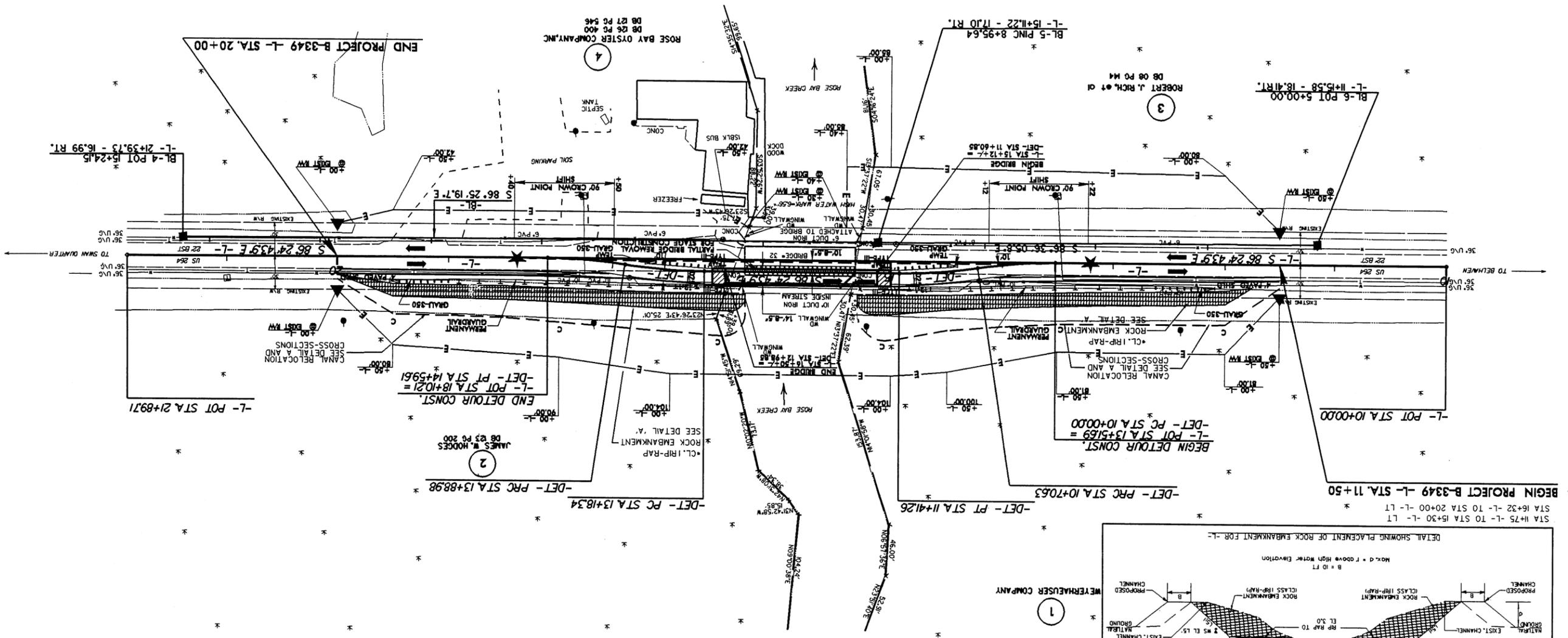
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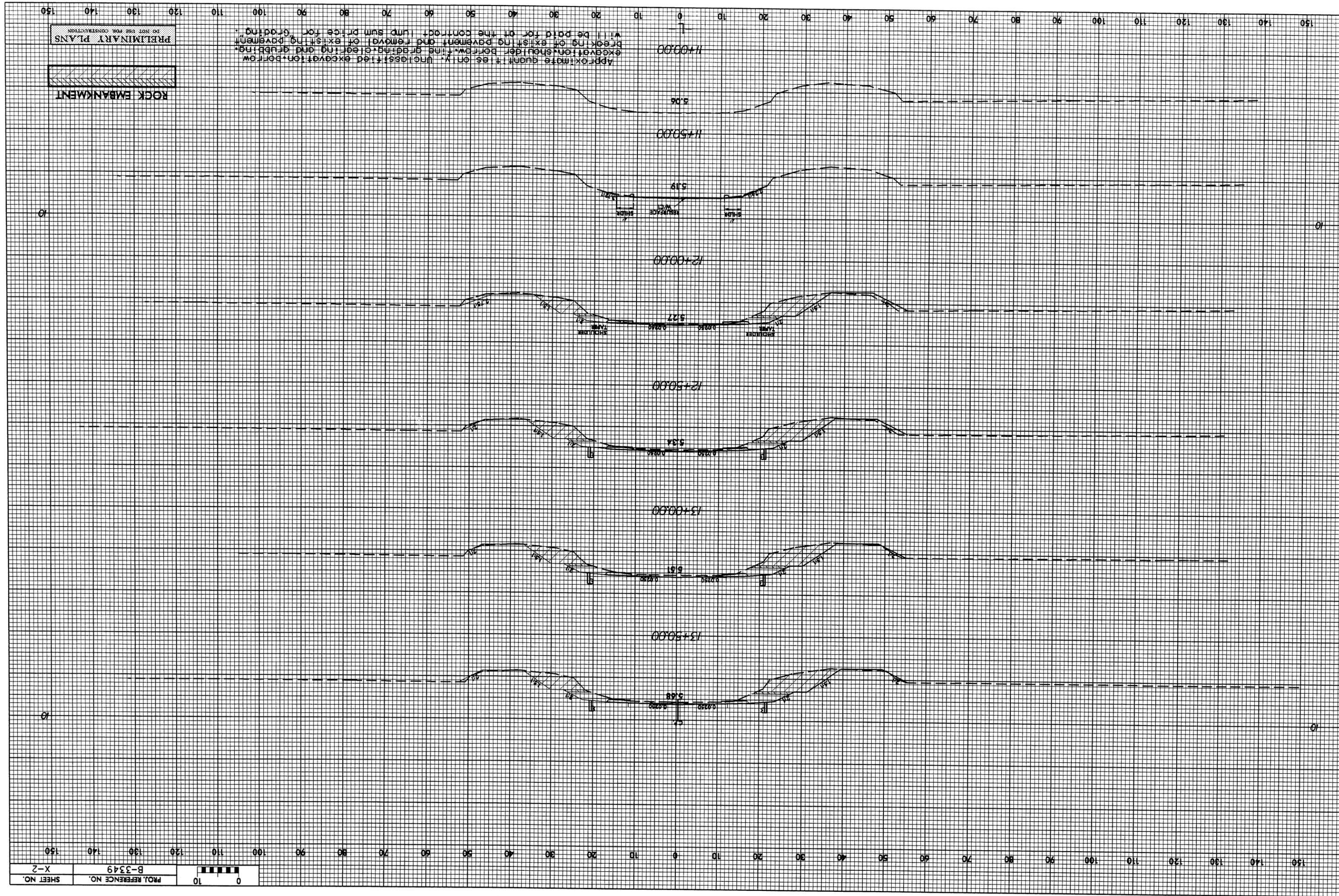
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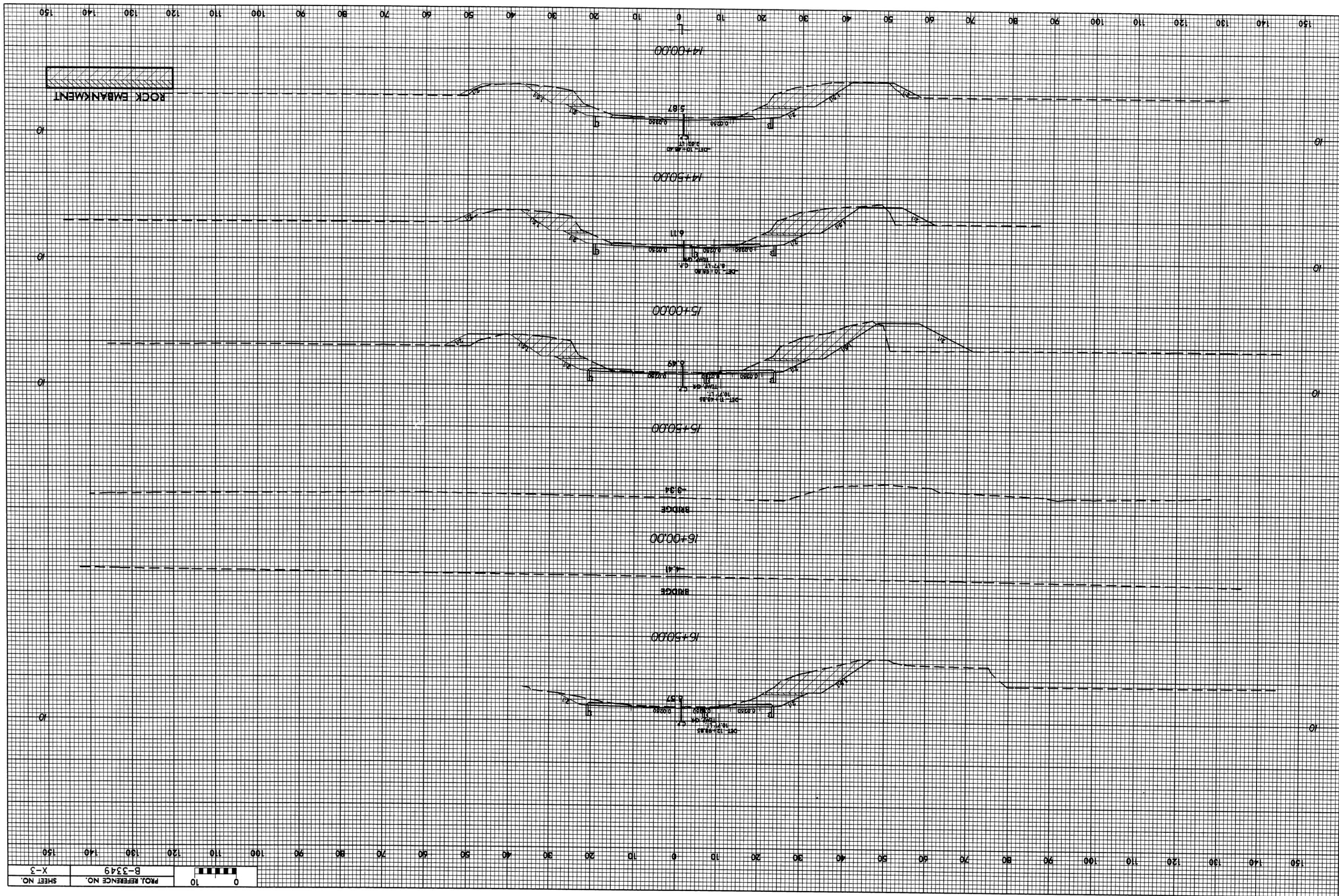
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PRELIMINARY PLANS
 DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

REVISIONS



Approximate quantities only. Unsettled excavation, borrow
excavation, shoulder bottom, fine grading, clearing and grubbing,
breaking of existing pavement and removal of existing pavement
will be paid for on the contract lump sum price for grading.



ROCK EMBANKMENT

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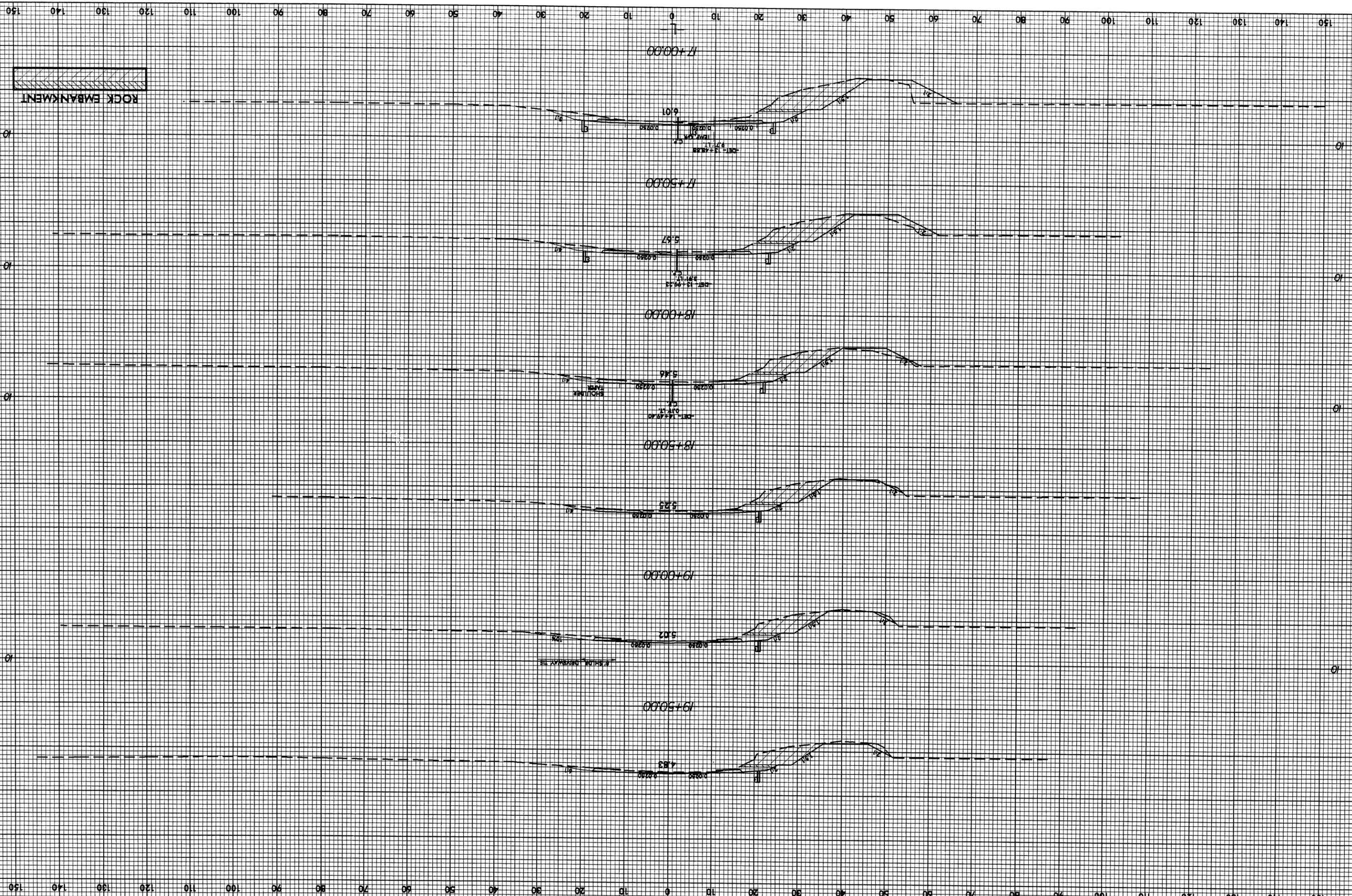
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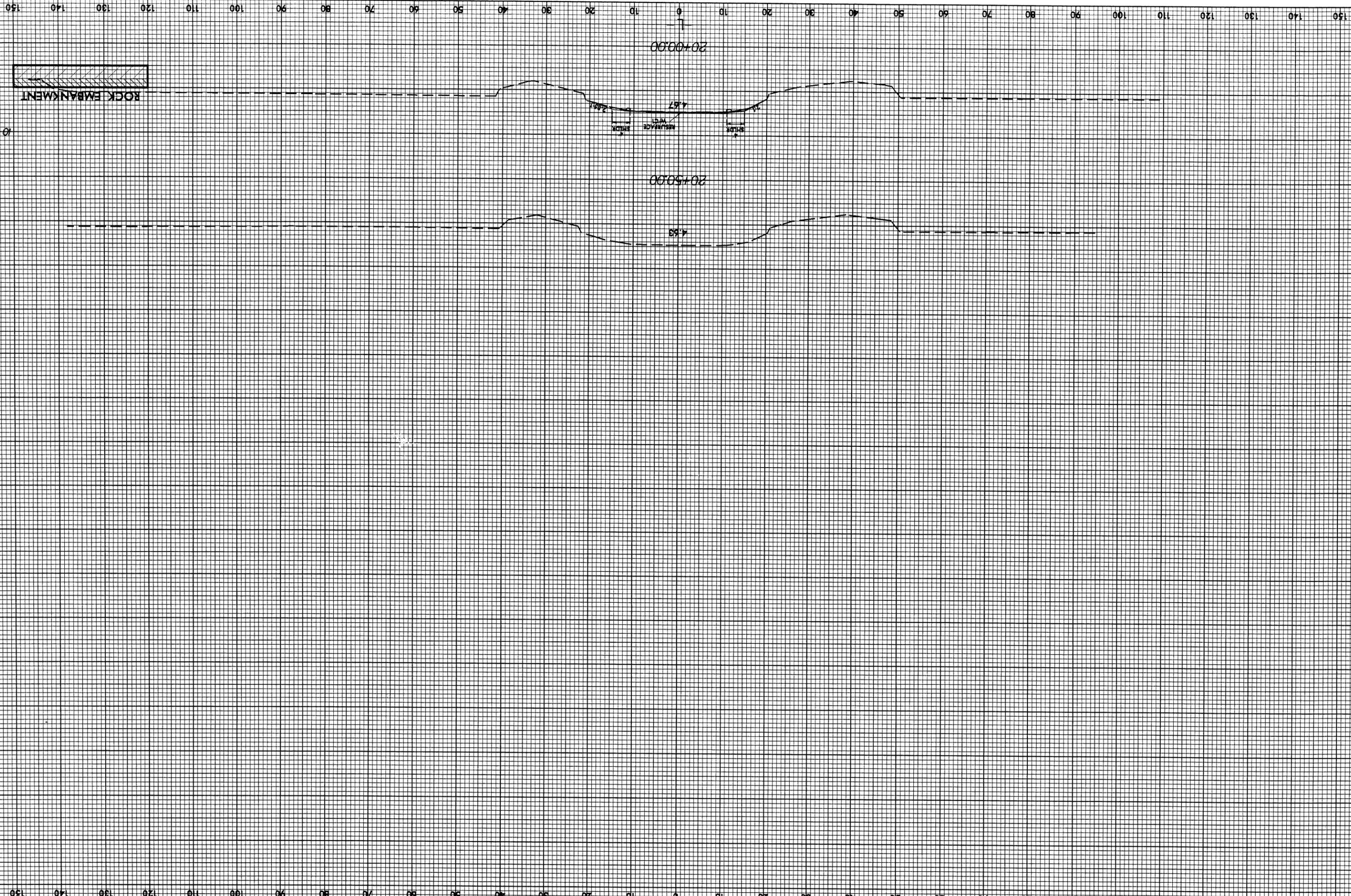
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