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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

ATTN: Mr. Andy Williams  
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Application for Section 404 Nationwide Permit 33** for the proposed  
replacement of Bridge No. 54 over Rockhouse Creek on NC 65 in Rockingham  
County, Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-65(4); Division 7; TIP No. B-4622

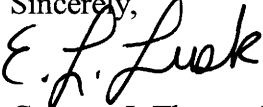
Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace Bridge No. 54 over Rockhouse Creek on NC 65. There will be 40 feet of temporary surface water impacts due to the placement of a temporary work pad.

Please see enclosed copies of the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), storm water management plan, permit drawings, and design plans for the above-referenced project. The Categorical Exclusion (CE) was completed in July 2007 and the Right-of-Way Consultation was completed in September 2008. Documents were distributed shortly thereafter. Additional copies are available upon request.

This project calls for a letting date of December 15, 2009 and a review date of October 27, 2009.

A copy of this permit application will be posted on the NCDOT Website at:  
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/>. If you have any questions or need additional  
information, please call James Pflaum at (919) 431-6527.

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

w/attachment

Mr. Brian Wrenn, NCDWQ (2 Copies)

W/o attachment (see website for attachments)

Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics

Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design

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DWQ project no. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form

### A. Applicant Information

#### 1. Processing

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|---|---|
| 1a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 404 Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Section 10 Permit                     |
| 1b. Specify Nationwide Permit (NWP) number: 33  | or General Permit (GP) number:  |
| 1c. Has the NWP or GP number been verified by the Corps?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 1d. Type(s) of approval sought from the DWQ (check all that apply):<br><input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification – Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Non-404 Jurisdictional General Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification – Express <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Buffer Authorization |   |
| 1e. Is this notification solely for the record because written approval is not required?  | For the record only for DWQ 401 Certification:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | For the record only for Corps Permit:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No          |
| 1f. Is payment into a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program proposed for mitigation of impacts? If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 1g. Is the project located in any of NC's twenty coastal counties. If yes, answer 1h below.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 1h. Is the project located within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |

#### 2. Project Information

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| 2a. Name of project:                        | Replacement of Bridge No. 54 over Rockhouse Creek on NC 65 |
| 2b. County:                                 | Rockingham   |
| 2c. Nearest municipality / town:            | Wentworth  |
| 2d. Subdivision name:                       | <i>not applicable</i>                                      |
| 2e. NCDOT only, T.I.P. or state project no: | B-4622   |

#### 3. Owner Information

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|--|---|
| 3a. Name(s) on Recorded Deed:                  | North Carolina Department of Transportation |
| 3b. Deed Book and Page No.                     | <i>not applicable</i>                       |
| 3c. Responsible Party (for LLC if applicable): | <i>not applicable</i>                       |
| 3d. Street address:                            | 4701 Atlantic Ave, Suite 116                |
| 3e. City, state, zip:                          | Raleigh, NC 27604                           |
| 3f. Telephone no.:                             | (919) 431-6527                              |
| 3g. Fax no.:                                   | (919) 431-2002                              |
| 3h. Email address:                             | jrpflaum@ncdot.gov                          |

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| <b>4. Applicant Information (if different from owner)</b> |   |
| 4a. Applicant is:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: |
| 4b. Name:   | <i>not applicable</i>   |
| 4c. Business name<br>(if applicable):                     |   |
| 4d. Street address:                                       |   |
| 4e. City, state, zip:                                     |   |
| 4f. Telephone no.:  |   |
| 4g. Fax no.:  |   |
| 4h. Email address:  |   |
| <b>5. Agent/Consultant Information (if applicable)</b>    |   |
| 5a. Name:   | <i>not applicable</i>   |
| 5b. Business name<br>(if applicable):                     |   |
| 5c. Street address:                                       |   |
| 5d. City, state, zip:                                     |   |
| 5e. Telephone no.:  |   |
| 5f. Fax no.:  |   |
| 5g. Email address:  |   |



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| <b>B. Project Information and Prior Project History</b>   |  |  |
| <b>1. Property Identification</b>   |  |  |
| 1a. Property identification no. (tax PIN or parcel ID):   | not applicable   |  |
| 1b. Site coordinates (in decimal degrees):  | Latitude: 36.396755<br>(DD.DDDDDD)   | Longitude: - 79.789662<br>(-DD.DDDDDD) |
| 1c. Property size:  | 35 acres   |  |
| <b>2. Surface Waters</b>  |  |  |
| 2a. Name of nearest body of water (stream, river, etc.) to proposed project:  | Rock House Creek   |  |
| 2b. Water Quality Classification of nearest receiving water:  | WS-IV  |  |
| 2c. River basin:  | Roanoke  |  |
| <b>3. Project Description</b>   |  |  |
| 3a. Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application:<br>Site is predominantly rural, mostly forested for silviculture use.   |  |  |
| 3b. List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the property:<br>0   |  |  |
| 3c. List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams (intermittent and perennial) on the property:<br>2620 linear feet  |  |  |
| 3d. Explain the purpose of the proposed project:<br>To replace a structurally deficient bridge.   |  |  |
| 3e. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used:<br>Replacement of Bridge No. 54 on NC 65 over Rock House Creek. A single span 150-foot long 30-foot wide 60-inch plate girder bridge is proposed to replace the three span 135-foot long 22-foot wide reinforced concrete deck girder bridge. The bridge will be located approximately 50 feet north and at the same elevation as the existing structure. A temporary causeway is proposed on the western bank to remove an existing bent in Rock House Creek. No bents will be placed in Rock House Creek. An on-site detour will be used to route traffic during construction. Heavy duty excavation equipment will be used such as trucks, dozers, cranes, and other equipment necessary for roadway construction. |  |  |
| <b>4. Jurisdictional Determinations</b>   |  |  |
| 4a. Have jurisdictional wetland or stream determinations by the Corps or State been requested or obtained for this property / project (including all prior phases) in the past?<br>Comments: No wetlands, all streams perennial   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 4b. If the Corps made the jurisdictional determination, what type of determination was made?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Final                                  |  |
| 4c. If yes, who delineated the jurisdictional areas?<br>Name (if known):  | Agency/Consultant Company:<br>Other:   |  |
| 4d. If yes, list the dates of the Corps jurisdictional determinations or State determinations and attach documentation.   |  |  |
| <b>5. Project History</b>   |  |  |
| 5a. Have permits or certifications been requested or obtained for this project (including all prior phases) in the past?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 5b. If yes, explain in detail according to "help file" instructions.  |  |  |

**6. Future Project Plans**

6a. Is this a phased project?

☐ Yes☒ No

6b. If yes, explain.

| <b>C. Proposed Impacts Inventory</b>   |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Impacts Summary</b>  |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| 1a. Which sections were completed below for your project (check all that apply):   |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands  |                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Streams - tributaries |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Buffers   |   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Waters   |                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Construction                |   |  |   |                                       |
| <b>2. Wetland Impacts</b>  |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| If there are wetland impacts proposed on the site, then complete this question for each wetland area impacted.   |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| 2a.<br>Wetland impact<br>number –<br>Permanent (P) or<br>Temporary (T)   | 2b.<br>Type of impact | 2c.<br>Type of wetland<br>(if known)                      | 2d.<br>Forested   | 2e.<br>Type of jurisdiction<br>(Corps - 404, 10<br>DWQ – non-404, other)       | 2f.<br>Area of impact<br>(acres)            |                                       |
| W1 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| W2 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| W3 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| W4 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| W5 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| W6 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| <b>2g. Total wetland impacts</b>   |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| 2h. Comments:  |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| <b>3. Stream Impacts</b>   |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| If there are perennial or intermittent stream impacts (including temporary impacts) proposed on the site, then complete this question for all stream sites impacted. |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |
| 3a.<br>Stream impact<br>number -<br>Permanent (P) or<br>Temporary (T)  | 3b.<br>Type of impact | 3c.<br>Stream name  | 3d.<br>Perennial<br>(PER) or<br>intermittent<br>(INT)?                  | 3e.<br>Type of<br>jurisdiction<br>(Corps - 404, 10<br>DWQ – non-404,<br>other) | 3f.<br>Average<br>stream<br>width<br>(feet) | 3g.<br>Impact length<br>(linear feet) |
| S1 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T  | Fill                  | Rock House<br>Creek                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ      | 25  | 40                                    |
| S2 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| S3 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| S4 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| S5 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| S6 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T   |                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PER<br><input type="checkbox"/> INT            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corps<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ                 |   |                                       |
| <b>3h. Total stream and tributary impacts</b>  |                       |   |   |  |   | 0 Perm<br>40 Temp                     |
| 3i. Comments:  |                       |   |   |  |   |                                       |

**4. Open Water Impacts**

If there are proposed impacts to lakes, ponds, estuaries, tributaries, sounds, the Atlantic Ocean, or any other open water of the U.S. then individually list all open water impacts below.

| 4a.<br>Open water<br>impact number –<br>Permanent (P) or<br>Temporary (T) | 4b.<br>Name of<br>waterbody<br>(if applicable) | 4c.<br><br>Type of impact | 4d.<br><br>Waterbody type | 4e.<br><br>Area of impact (acres) |
|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| O1 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T                  |  |                           |                           |                                   |
| O2 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T                  |  |                           |                           |                                   |
| O3 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T                  |  |                           |                           |                                   |
| O4 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T                  |  |                           |                           |                                   |
| <b>4f. Total open water impacts</b>                                       |  |                           |                           |                                   |

4g. Comments:

**5. Pond or Lake Construction**

If pond or lake construction proposed, then complete the chart below.

| 5a.<br><br>Pond ID<br>number | 5b.<br><br>Proposed use or<br>purpose of pond | 5c.<br><br>Wetland Impacts (acres) |        |               | 5d.<br><br>Stream Impacts (feet) |        |           | 5e.<br><br>Upland<br>(acres) |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|
|                              |   | Flooded                            | Filled | Excavat<br>ed | Flooded                          | Filled | Excavated | Flooded                      |
| P1                           |   |                                    |        |               |                                  |        |           |                              |
| P2                           |   |                                    |        |               |                                  |        |           |                              |
| <b>5f. Total</b>             |   |                                    |        |               |                                  |        |           |                              |

5g. Comments:

|   |                              |                             |                       |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5h. Is a dam high hazard permit required? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, permit ID no: |
| 5i. Expected pond surface area (acres):   |                              |                             |                       |
| 5j. Size of pond watershed (acres):       |                              |                             |                       |
| 5k. Method of construction:               |                              |                             |                       |

**6. Buffer Impacts (for DWQ)**

If project will impact a protected riparian buffer, then complete the chart below. If yes, then individually list all buffer impacts below. If any impacts require mitigation, then you **MUST** fill out Section D of this form.

|   |                                |                    |  |                                       |                                       |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6a.<br>Project is in which protected basin?                           |                                |                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuse <input type="checkbox"/> Tar-Pamlico <input type="checkbox"/> Other:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Catawba <input type="checkbox"/> Randleman |                                       |                                       |
| 6b.<br>Buffer impact<br>number –<br>Permanent (P) or<br>Temporary (T) | 6c.<br>Reason<br>for<br>impact | 6d.<br>Stream name | 6e.<br>Buffer<br>mitigation<br>required?   | 6f.<br>Zone 1 impact<br>(square feet) | 6g.<br>Zone 2 impact<br>(square feet) |
| B1 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T              |                                |                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                       |                                       |
| B2 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T              |                                |                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                       |                                       |
| B3 <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> T              |                                |                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                       |                                       |
| 6h. Total buffer impacts  |                                |                    |  |                                       |                                       |
| 6i. Comments:   |                                |                    |  |                                       |                                       |

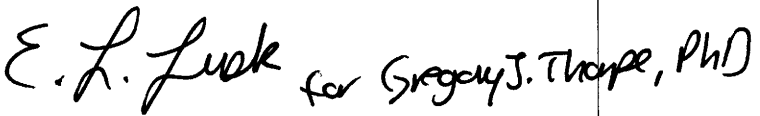
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| <b>D. Impact Justification and Mitigation</b>  |  |          |
| <b>1. Avoidance and Minimization</b>   |  |          |
| 1a. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts in designing project.<br>A single span structure is proposed that eliminates the need for bents in Rock House Creek. A preformed scour hole will be constructed to prevent erosion.   |  |          |
| 1b. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts through construction techniques.<br>NCDOT will implement Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal. NCDOT BMP's for the protection of surface waters will be strictly enforced during construction of this project. |  |          |
| <b>2. Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State</b>   |  |          |
| 2a. Does the project require Compensatory Mitigation for impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |          |
| 2b. If yes, mitigation is required by (check all that apply):  | <input type="checkbox"/> DWQ <input type="checkbox"/> Corps  |          |
| 2c. If yes, which mitigation option will be used for this project?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation bank<br><input type="checkbox"/> Payment to in-lieu fee program<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Responsible Mitigation |          |
| <b>3. Complete if Using a Mitigation Bank</b>  |  |          |
| 3a. Name of Mitigation Bank: not applicable  |  |          |
| 3b. Credits Purchased (attach receipt and letter)  | Type   | Quantity |
| 3c. Comments:  |  |          |
| <b>4. Complete if Making a Payment to In-lieu Fee Program</b>  |  |          |
| 4a. Approval letter from in-lieu fee program is attached.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   |          |
| 4b. Stream mitigation requested:   | linear feet  |          |
| 4c. If using stream mitigation, stream temperature:  | <input type="checkbox"/> warm <input type="checkbox"/> cool <input type="checkbox"/> cold  |          |
| 4d. Buffer mitigation requested (DWQ only):  | square feet  |          |
| 4e. Riparian wetland mitigation requested:   | acres  |          |
| 4f. Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested:   | acres  |          |
| 4g. Coastal (tidal) wetland mitigation requested:  | acres  |          |
| 4h. Comments:  |  |          |
| <b>5. Complete if Using a Permittee Responsible Mitigation Plan</b>  |  |          |
| 5a. If using a permittee responsible mitigation plan, provide a description of the proposed mitigation plan.   |  |          |

| <b>6. Buffer Mitigation (State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules) – required by DWQ</b>   |                          |                                      |                   |  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 6a. Will the project result in an impact within a protected riparian buffer that requires buffer mitigation?  |                          |                                      |                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6b. If yes, then identify the square feet of impact to each zone of the riparian buffer that requires mitigation. Calculate the amount of mitigation required.  |                          |                                      |                   |  |
| Zone  | 6c.<br>Reason for impact | 6d.<br>Total impact<br>(square feet) | Multiplier        | 6e.<br>Required mitigation<br>(square feet)              |
| Zone 1  |                          |                                      | 3 (2 for Catawba) |  |
| Zone 2  |                          |                                      | 1.5               |  |
| 6f. Total buffer mitigation required:   |                          |                                      |                   |  |
| 6g. If buffer mitigation is required, discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (e.g., payment to private mitigation bank, permittee responsible riparian buffer restoration, payment into an approved in-lieu fee fund). |                          |                                      |                   |  |
| 6h. Comments:   |                          |                                      |                   |  |

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| <b>E. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWQ)</b>   |   |
| <b>1. Diffuse Flow Plan</b>   |   |
| 1a. Does the project include or is it adjacent to protected riparian buffers identified within one of the NC Riparian Buffer Protection Rules?      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 1b. If yes, then is a diffuse flow plan included? If no, explain why.<br>Comments: See Permit Drawings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>2. Stormwater Management Plan</b>  |   |
| 2a. What is the overall percent imperviousness of this project?   | n/a %   |
| 2b. Does this project require a Stormwater Management Plan?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 2c. If this project DOES NOT require a Stormwater Management Plan, explain why:   |   |
| 2d. If this project DOES require a Stormwater Management Plan, then provide a brief, narrative description of the plan:<br>See enclosed description |   |
| 2e. Who will be responsible for the review of the Stormwater Management Plan?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Local Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ Stormwater Program<br><input type="checkbox"/> DWQ 401 Unit   |
| <b>3. Certified Local Government Stormwater Review</b>  |   |
| 3a. In which local government's jurisdiction is this project?   | not applicable  |
| 3b. Which of the following locally-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):   | <input type="checkbox"/> Phase II<br><input type="checkbox"/> NSW<br><input type="checkbox"/> USMP<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply Watershed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other:      |
| 3c. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>4. DWQ Stormwater Program Review</b>   |   |
| 4a. Which of the following state-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal counties<br><input type="checkbox"/> HQW<br><input type="checkbox"/> ORW<br><input type="checkbox"/> Session Law 2006-246<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| 4b. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>5. DWQ 401 Unit Stormwater Review</b>  |   |
| 5a. Does the Stormwater Management Plan meet the appropriate requirements?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
| 5b. Have all of the 401 Unit submittal requirements been met?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |



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| <b>F. Supplementary Information</b>  |   |
| <b>1. Environmental Documentation (DWQ Requirement)</b>  |   |
| 1a. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 1b. If you answered "yes" to the above, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or State (North Carolina) Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 1c. If you answered "yes" to the above, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearing House? (If so, attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter.)<br><br>Comments:                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>2. Violations (DWQ Requirement)</b>   |   |
| 2a. Is the site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), DWQ Surface Water or Wetland Standards, or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)?               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2b. Is this an after-the-fact permit application?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2c. If you answered "yes" to one or both of the above questions, provide an explanation of the violation(s):   |   |
| <b>3. Cumulative Impacts (DWQ Requirement)</b>   |   |
| 3a. Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3b. If you answered "yes" to the above, submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative impact analysis in accordance with the most recent DWQ policy. If you answered "no," provide a short narrative description.    |   |
| <b>4. Sewage Disposal (DWQ Requirement)</b>  |   |
| 4a. Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility.<br><br>not applicable |   |

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| <b>5. Endangered Species and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)</b>   |  |  |
| 5a. Will this project occur in or near an area with federally protected species or habitat?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| 5b. Have you checked with the USFWS concerning Endangered Species Act impacts?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| 5c. If yes, indicate the USFWS Field Office you have contacted.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raleigh<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asheville  |  |
| 5d. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Endangered Species or Designated Critical Habitat?<br>Field surveys, NHP database, and USFWS website for Rockingham County   |  |  |
| <b>6. Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)</b>   |  |  |
| 6a. Will this project occur in or near an area designated as essential fish habitat?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Essential Fish Habitat?<br>NMFS County Index   |  |  |
| <b>7. Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Resources (Corps Requirement)</b>   |  |  |
| 7a. Will this project occur in or near an area that the state, federal or tribal governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Historic Trust designation or properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact historic or archeological resources?<br>Categorical Exclusion document for B-4622  |  |  |
| <b>8. Flood Zone Designation (Corps Requirement)</b>   |  |  |
| 8a. Will this project occur in a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8b. If yes, explain how project meets FEMA requirements: Hydraulics coordinating with FEMA   |  |  |
| 8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination? FEMA maps   |  |  |
| Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph D<br><br>Applicant/Agent's Printed Name  | <br>Applicant/Agent's Signature<br><small>(Agent's signature is valid only if an authorization letter from the applicant is provided.)</small> | Date<br>3-30-09                        |

# **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Project: 33801.1.1  
TIP No. B-4622  
Rockingham County

03/26/2009

Hydraulics Project Manager: James R. Rice, P.E. (HDR),  
Marshal Clawson, P.E. (NCDOT Hydraulics Unit)

## **ROADWAY DESCRIPTION**

The project B-4622 consists of constructing a new bridge 150 feet long to replace the existing bridge #54 in Rockingham County on NC 65 over Rock House Creek. The total project length is 0.279 miles. The project creates impacts to Rock House Creek, which is located in the Roanoke River Basin. The project drainage systems consist of grated inlets with associated pipe systems, deck drains, and a preformed scour hole.

Jurisdiction Stream: Roquist Creek

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION**

The project is located within the Roanoke River Basin in Rockingham County, which is not a CAMA county. There will not be any impacts to wetlands due to the construction of the bridge and associated road due to the fact that there are no wetlands in the vicinity of the project. A pre-formed scour hole was utilized at the outlet of the lateral ditch to eliminate the need for embankment rip rap where the lateral ditch would need to tie to Rock House Creek. The only environmental impacts anticipated are as a result of removing the existing structure.

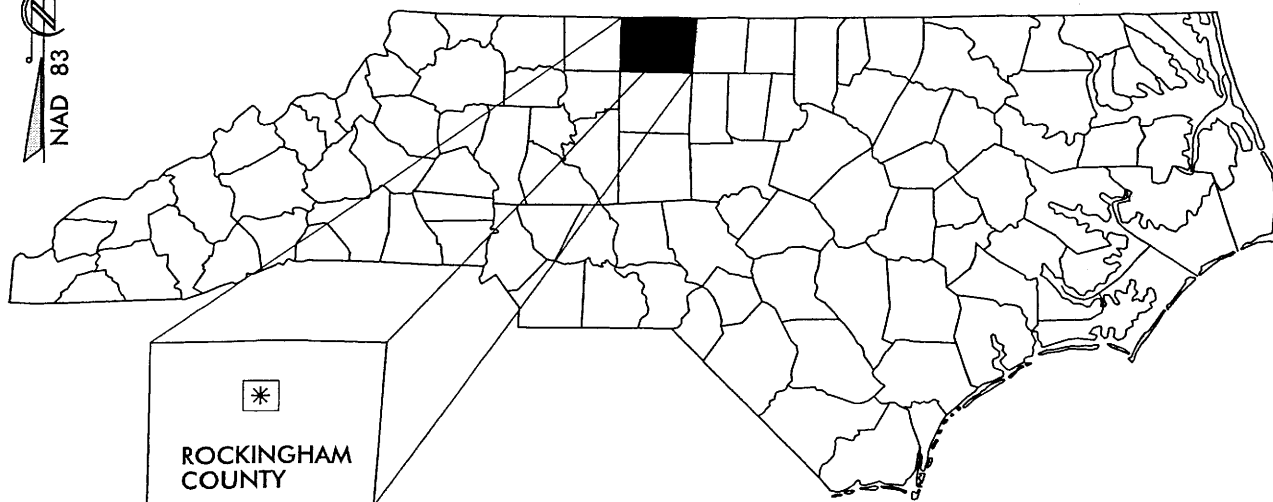
## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND MAJOR STRUCTURES**

The primary goal of Best Management Practices (BMPs) is to prevent degradation of the states surface waters by the location, construction and operation of the highway system. The BMPs are activities, practices and procedures taken to prevent or reduce stormwater pollution. The BMP measures used on this project to reduce stormwater impacts are:

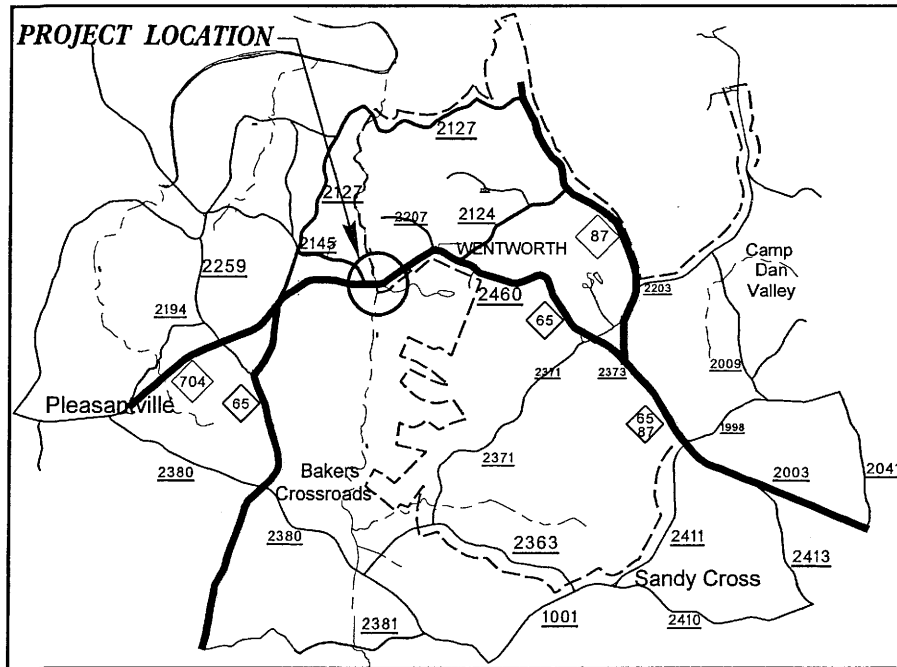
- Rip rap preformed scour hole at ditch outlet.



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## PROJECT LOCATION



## VICINITY MAPS

## NORTH CAROLINA

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

PROJECT: 3380L1.1 (B-4622)

REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE

#54 OVER ROCK HOUSE CREEK

ON NC 65

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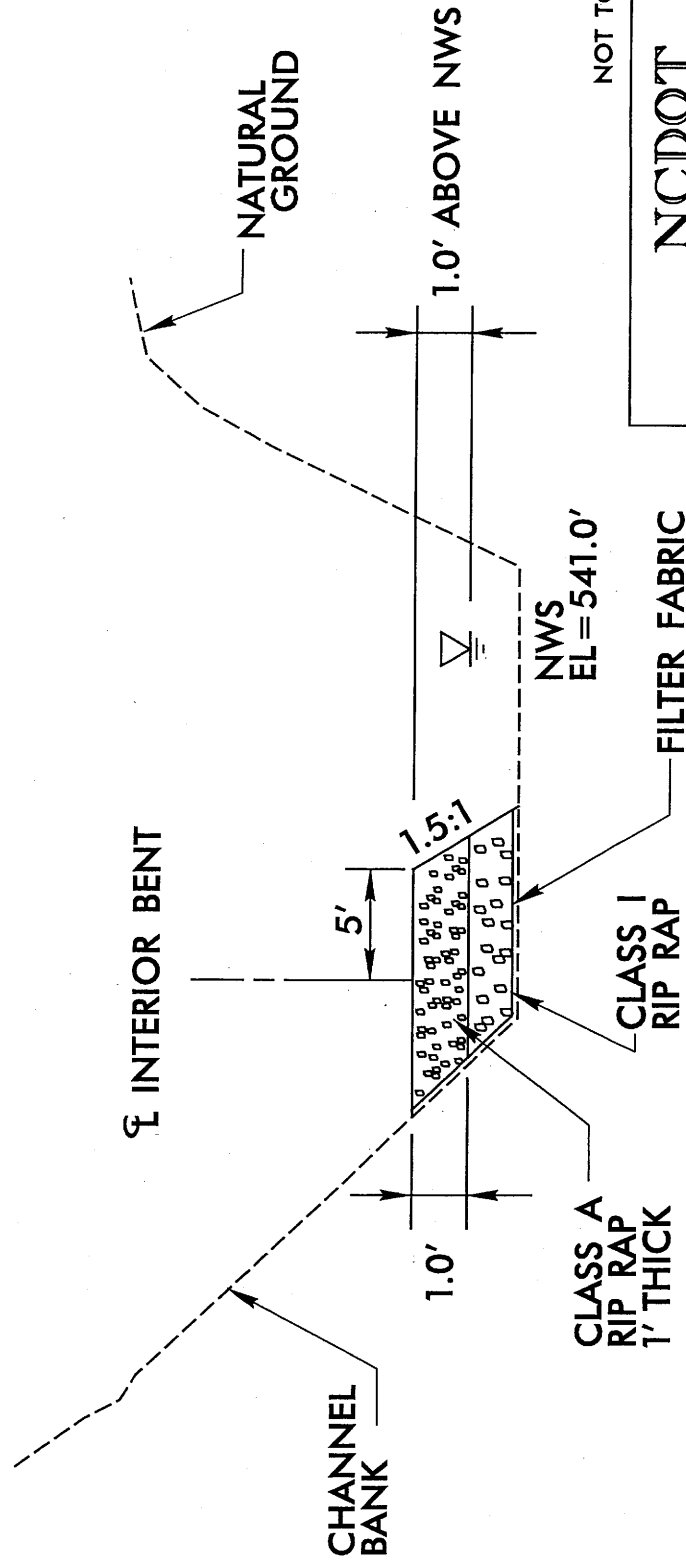
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# TYPICAL SECTION RIP RAP WORK PAD



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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY  
PROJECT: 33801.11 (B-4622)

REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE  
#54 OVER ROCK HOUSE CREEK  
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EST 18 TONS CLASS A RIP RAP  
EST 30 TONS CLASS I RIP RAP  
EST 60 SQ YDS FILTER FABRIC

DO NOT BLOCK MORE THAN 50% OF THE  
CHANNEL WITH WORK PAD AT ANY LOCATION

# PROPERTY OWNERS

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES

| PARCEL NO. | NAMES              | ADDRESSES                          | SITE NO. |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1          | GREEN FAMILY TRUST | 1475 NC 65<br>REIDSVILLE, NC 27230 | 1        |
|            |                    |                                    |          |
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## NORTH CAROLINA

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

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REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE

#54 OVER ROCK HOUSE CREEK

ON NC 65

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## WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY

| Site No. | Station (From/To) | Structure Size / Type | WETLAND IMPACTS                 |                             |                             |                                      |                                | SURFACE WATER IMPACTS     |                       |   |                                     |                            |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|          |                   |                       | Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac) | Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac) | Excavation in Wetlands (ac) | Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac) | Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac) | Permanent SW impacts (ac) | Temp. SW impacts (ac) | Existing Channel Impacts Permanent (ft) | Existing Channel Impacts Temp. (ft) | Natural Stream Design (ft) |
| 1        | 16+56 -L- RT      | Exist Pier Removal    | 0.00                            | 0.00                        | 0.00                        | 0.00                                 | 0.00                           | 0.00                      | <0.01                 | 0                                       | 40                                  | 0                          |
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**\*\* No more than 50% of the stream may be blocked during the removal of the existing pier.**

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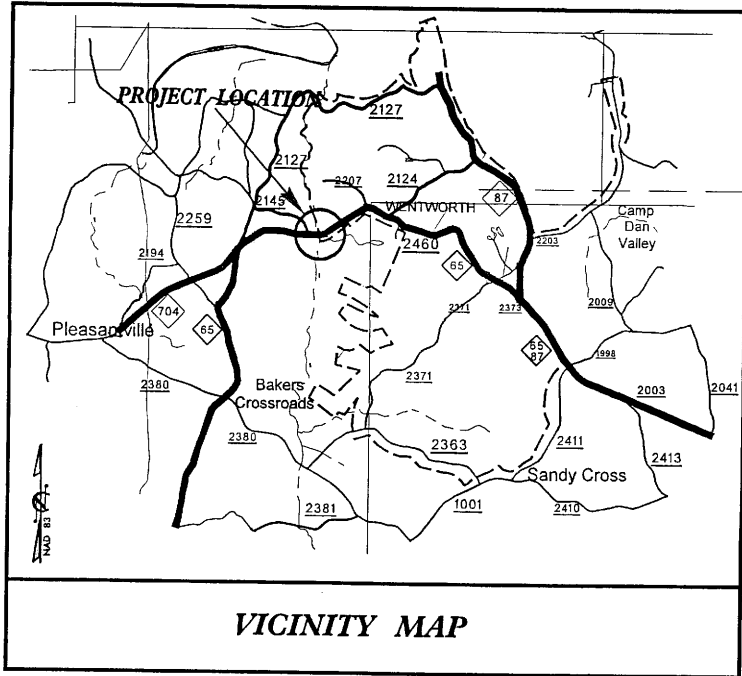
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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY  
33801.1.1 (B-4622)

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**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

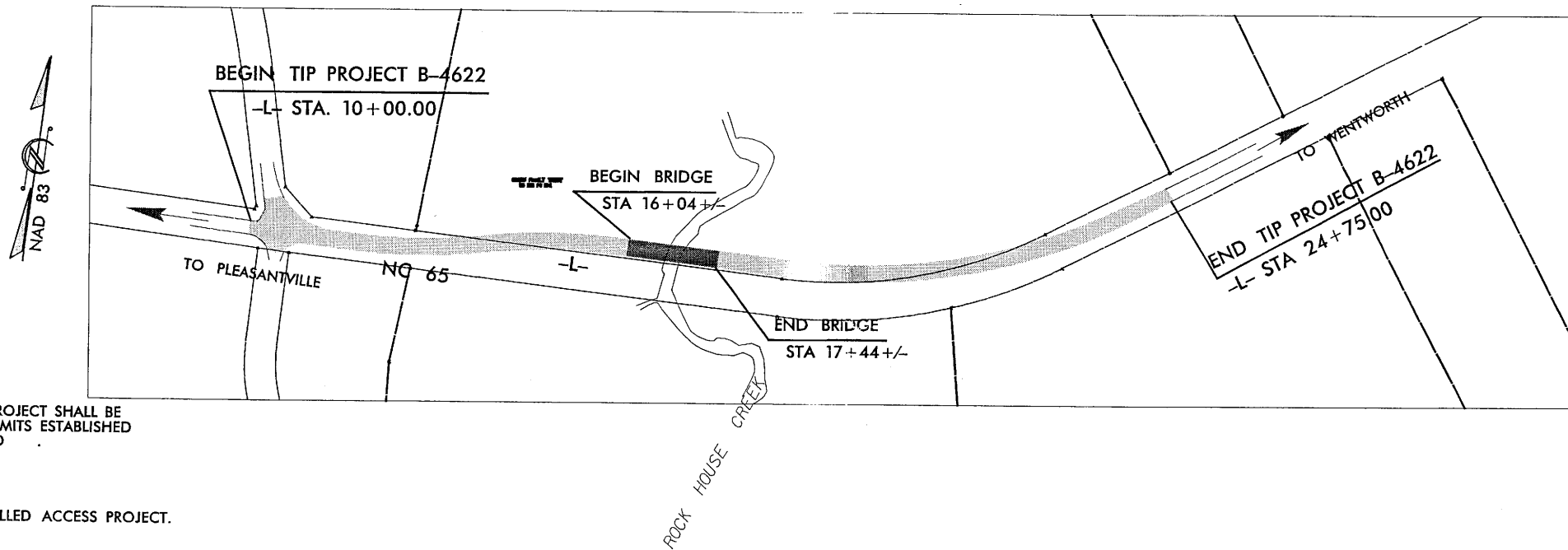
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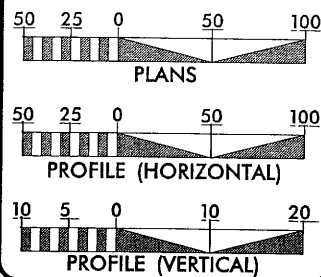
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LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-4622 = 0.027 MILE  
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PROJECT ENGINEER

TIM GOINS  
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

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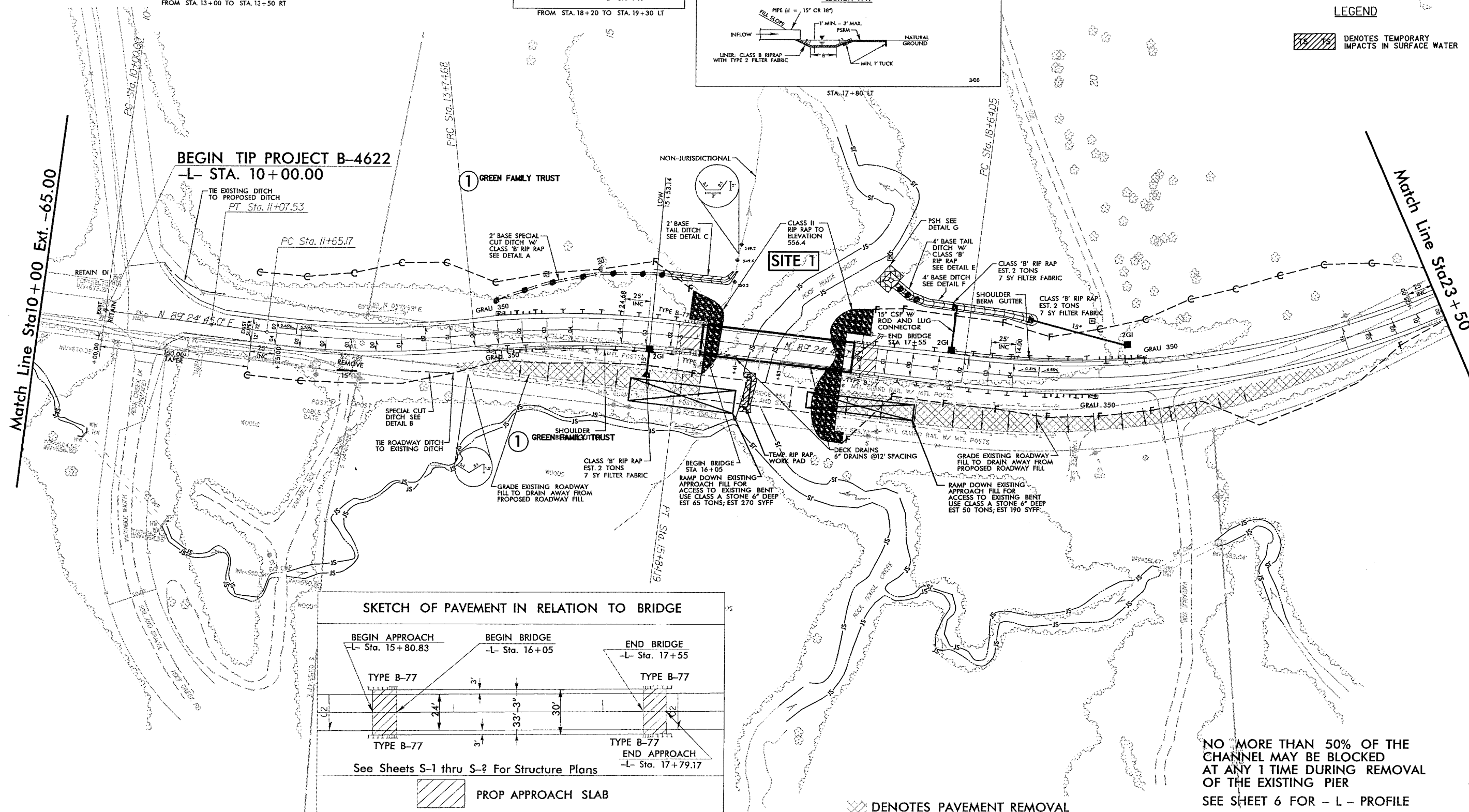
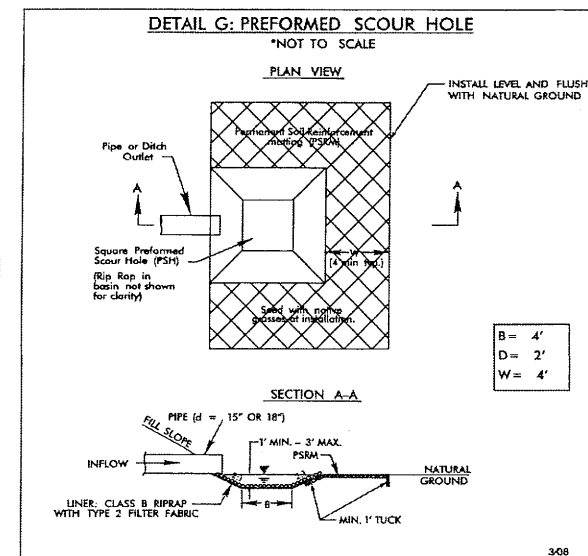
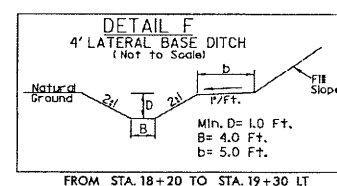
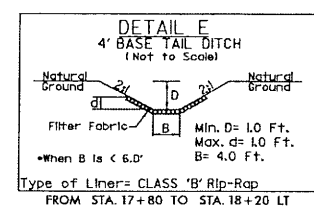
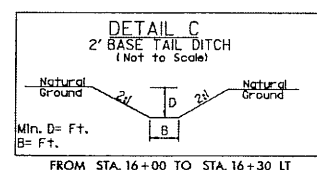
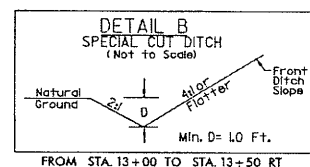
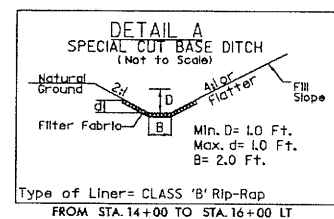


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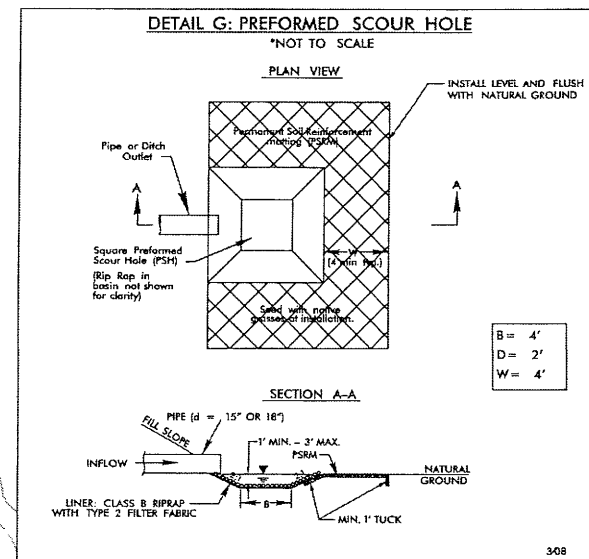
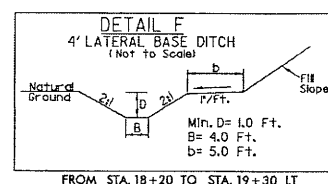
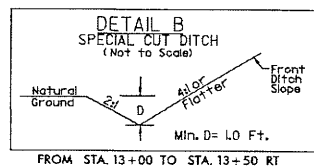
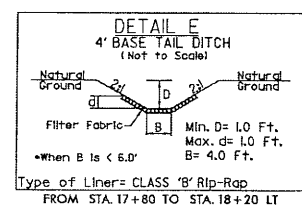
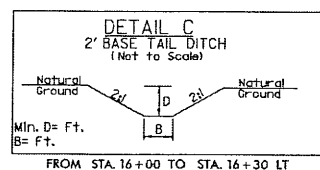
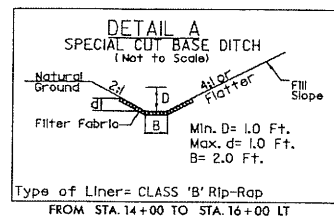
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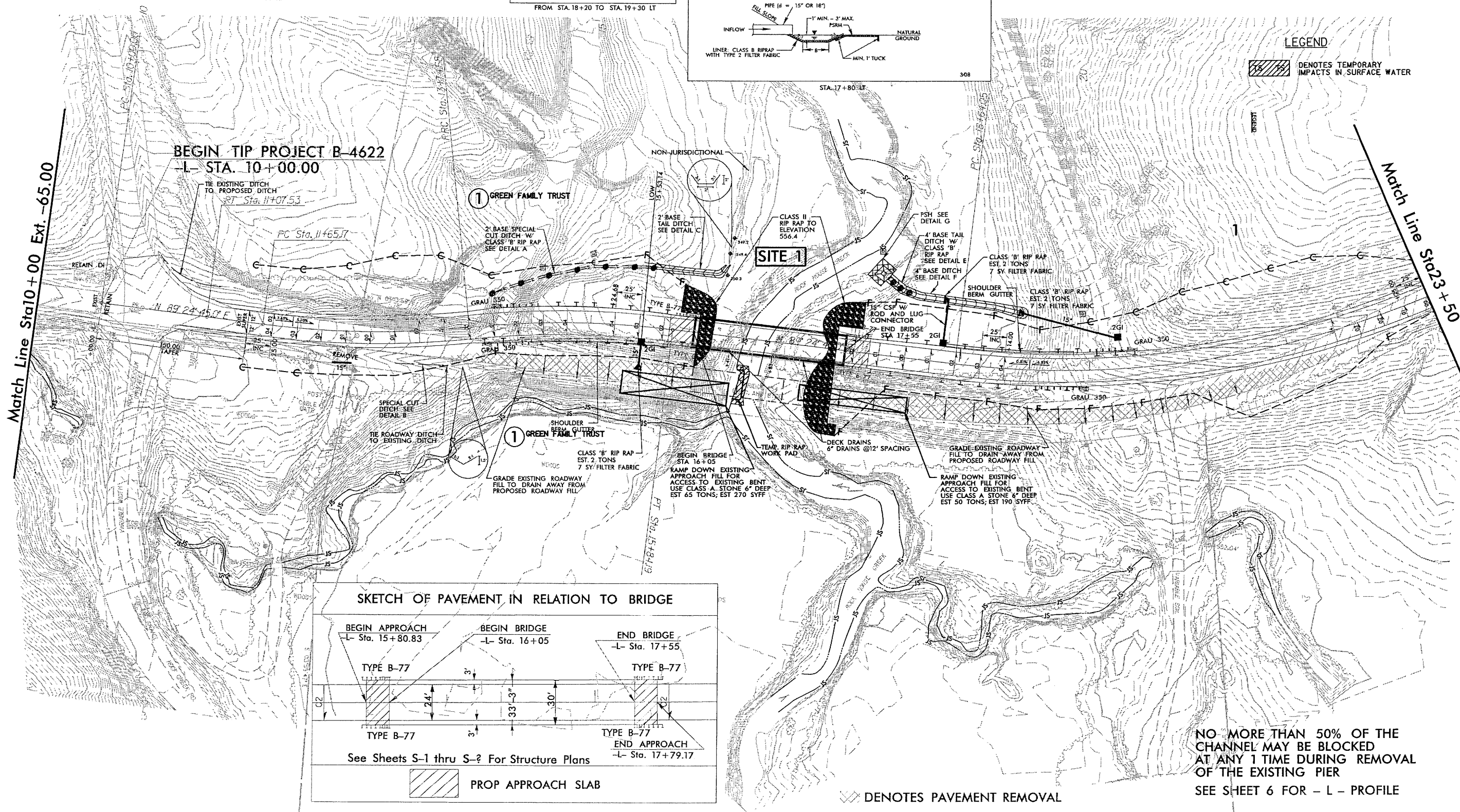
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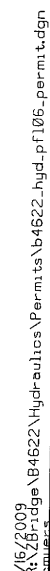


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BASE FREQUENCY           = 100 YRS
BASE HW ELEVATION        = 555.3 FT
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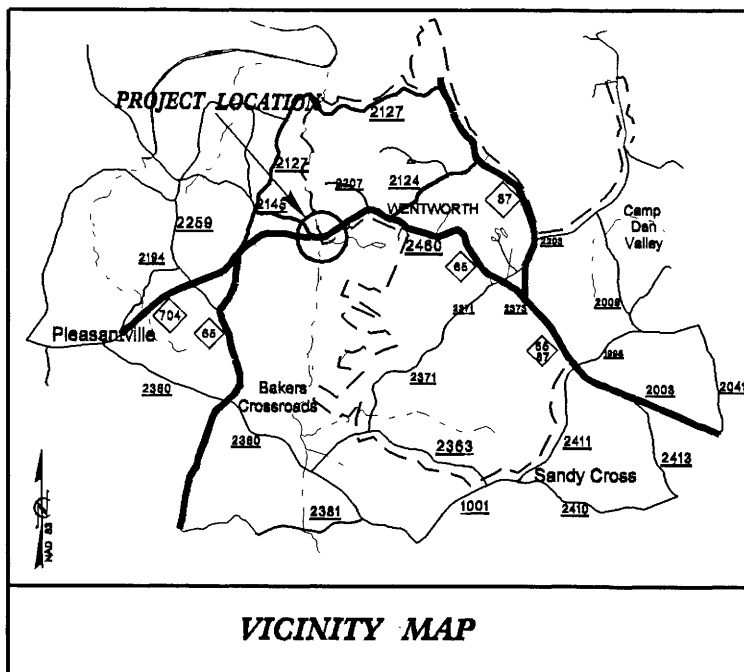
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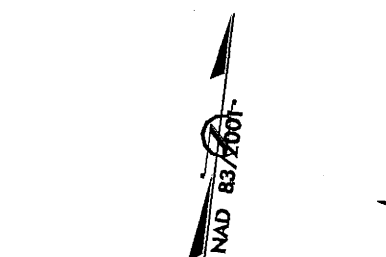


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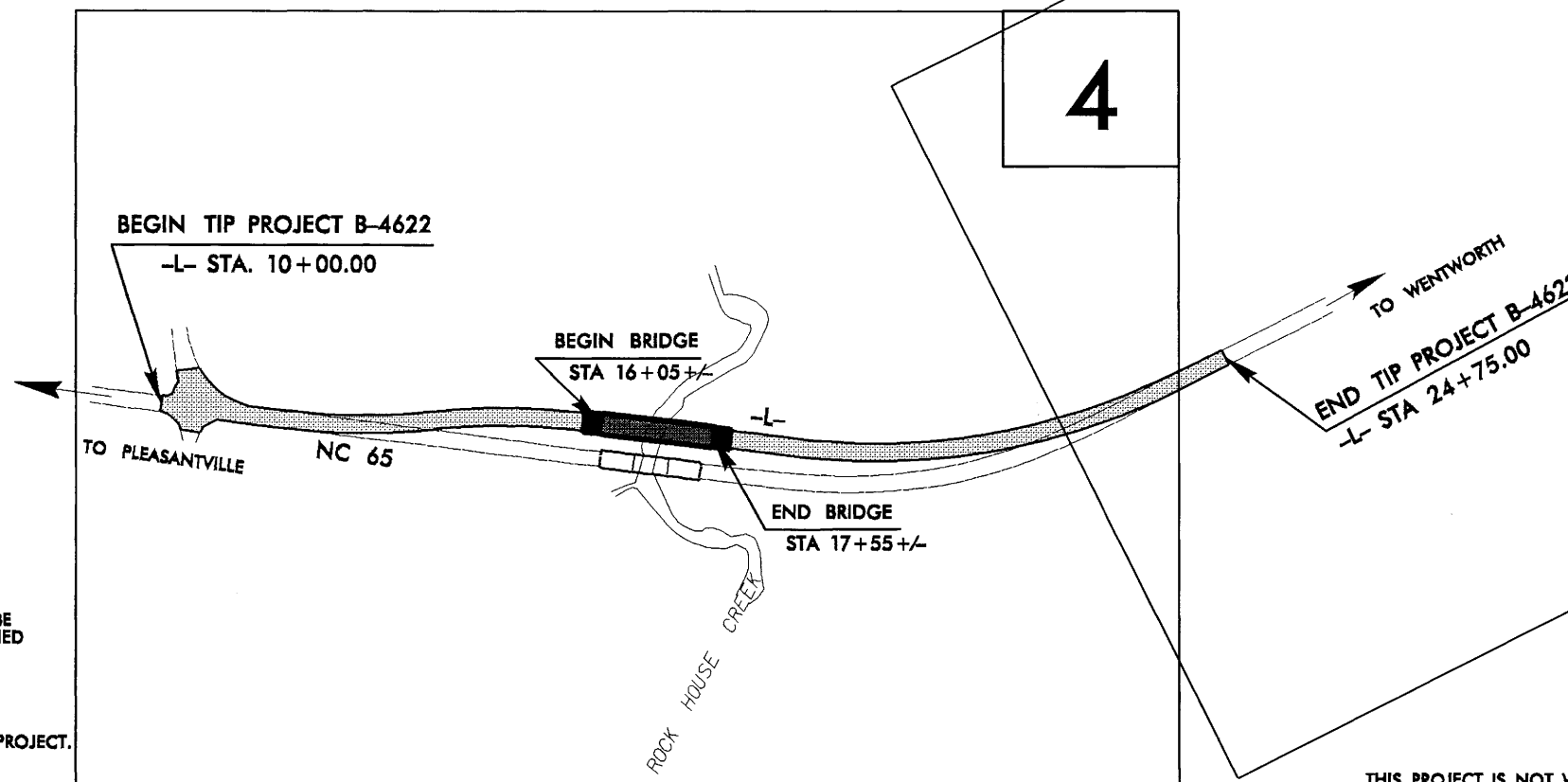
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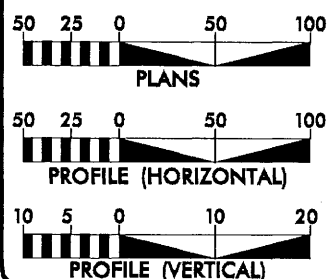
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**Note: Not to Scale****\*S.U.E. = Subsurface Utility Engineering**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

## CONVENTIONAL PLAN SHEET SYMBOLS

**BOUNDARIES AND PROPERTY:**

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| State Line                          | -----   |
| County Line                         | -----   |
| Township Line                       | -----   |
| City Line                           | -----   |
| Reservation Line                    | -----   |
| Property Line                       | -----   |
| Existing Iron Pin                   | ⊙       |
| Property Corner                     | ⊙       |
| Property Monument                   | ⊙       |
| Parcel/Sequence Number              | (23)    |
| Existing Fence Line                 | -x-x-x- |
| Proposed Woven Wire Fence           | -o-o-o- |
| Proposed Chain Link Fence           | -□-□-□- |
| Proposed Barbed Wire Fence          | -◇-◇-◇- |
| Existing Wetland Boundary           | -WLB-   |
| Proposed Wetland Boundary           | -WLB-   |
| Existing Endangered Animal Boundary | -EAB-   |
| Existing Endangered Plant Boundary  | -EPB-   |

**BUILDINGS AND OTHER CULTURE:**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Gas Pump Vent or U/G Tank Cap | ○ |
| Sign                          | ⊙ |
| Well                          | ⊙ |
| Small Mine                    | ⊙ |
| Foundation                    | ⊙ |
| Area Outline                  | ⊙ |
| Cemetery                      | ⊙ |
| Building                      | ⊙ |
| School                        | ⊙ |
| Church                        | ⊙ |
| Dam                           | ⊙ |

**HYDROLOGY:**

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Stream or Body of Water            | -----  |
| Hydro, Pool or Reservoir           | -----  |
| Jurisdictional Stream              | -JS-   |
| Buffer Zone 1                      | -BZ 1- |
| Buffer Zone 2                      | -BZ 2- |
| Flow Arrow                         | ←      |
| Disappearing Stream                | →      |
| Spring                             | ⊙      |
| Wetland                            | ⊙      |
| Proposed Lateral, Tail, Head Ditch | -----  |
| False Sump                         | ⊙      |

**RAILROADS:**

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Standard Gauge     | ----- |
| RR Signal Milepost | ⊙     |
| Switch             | ⊙     |
| RR Abandoned       | ----- |
| RR Dismantled      | ----- |

**RIGHT OF WAY:**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Baseline Control Point                                     | ⊙     |
| Existing Right of Way Marker                               | ⊙     |
| Existing Right of Way Line                                 | ----- |
| Proposed Right of Way Line                                 | ----- |
| Proposed Right of Way Line with Iron Pin and Cap Marker    | ⊙     |
| Proposed Right of Way Line with Concrete or Granite Marker | ⊙     |
| Existing Control of Access                                 | ⊙     |
| Proposed Control of Access                                 | ⊙     |
| Existing Easement Line                                     | ----- |
| Proposed Temporary Construction Easement                   | ----- |
| Proposed Temporary Drainage Easement                       | ----- |
| Proposed Permanent Drainage Easement                       | ----- |
| Proposed Permanent Utility Easement                        | ----- |

**ROADS AND RELATED FEATURES:**

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Existing Edge of Pavement  | ----- |
| Existing Curb              | ----- |
| Proposed Slope Stakes Cut  | ----- |
| Proposed Slope Stakes Fill | ----- |
| Proposed Wheel Chair Ramp  | ⊙     |
| Existing Metal Guardrail   | ----- |
| Proposed Guardrail         | ----- |
| Existing Cable Guiderail   | ----- |
| Proposed Cable Guiderail   | ----- |
| Equality Symbol            | ⊙     |
| Pavement Removal           | ⊙     |

**VEGETATION:**

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Single Tree  | ⊙     |
| Single Shrub | ⊙     |
| Hedge        | ----- |
| Woods Line   | ----- |
| Orchard      | ⊙     |
| Vineyard     | ⊙     |

**EXISTING STRUCTURES:**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| MAJOR:                                   |         |
| Bridge, Tunnel or Box Culvert            | CONC    |
| Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall and End Wall | CONC WW |
| MINOR:                                   |         |
| Head and End Wall                        | CONC HW |
| Pipe Culvert                             | -----   |
| Footbridge                               | -----   |
| Drainage Box: Catch Basin, DI or JB      | CB      |
| Paved Ditch Gutter                       | -----   |
| Storm Sewer Manhole                      | ⊙       |
| Storm Sewer                              | -----   |

**UTILITIES:**

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| POWER:                              |       |
| Existing Power Pole                 | ⊙     |
| Proposed Power Pole                 | ⊙     |
| Existing Joint Use Pole             | ⊙     |
| Proposed Joint Use Pole             | ⊙     |
| Power Manhole                       | ⊙     |
| Power Line Tower                    | ⊙     |
| Power Transformer                   | ⊙     |
| U/G Power Cable Hand Hole           | ⊙     |
| H-Frame Pole                        | ⊙     |
| Recorded U/G Power Line             | ----- |
| Designated U/G Power Line (S.U.E.*) | ----- |

**TELEPHONE:**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Existing Telephone Pole                     | ⊙     |
| Proposed Telephone Pole                     | ⊙     |
| Telephone Manhole                           | ⊙     |
| Telephone Booth                             | ⊙     |
| Telephone Pedestal                          | ⊙     |
| Telephone Cell Tower                        | ⊙     |
| U/G Telephone Cable Hand Hole               | ⊙     |
| Recorded U/G Telephone Cable                | ----- |
| Designated U/G Telephone Cable (S.U.E.*)    | ----- |
| Recorded U/G Telephone Conduit              | ----- |
| Designated U/G Telephone Conduit (S.U.E.*)  | ----- |
| Recorded U/G Fiber Optics Cable             | ----- |
| Designated U/G Fiber Optics Cable (S.U.E.*) | ----- |

**WATER:**

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Water Manhole                       | ⊙         |
| Water Meter                         | ⊙         |
| Water Valve                         | ⊙         |
| Water Hydrant                       | ⊙         |
| Recorded U/G Water Line             | -----     |
| Designated U/G Water Line (S.U.E.*) | -----     |
| Above Ground Water Line             | A/G Water |

**TV:**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| TV Satellite Dish                          | ⊙     |
| TV Pedestal                                | ⊙     |
| TV Tower                                   | ⊙     |
| U/G TV Cable Hand Hole                     | ⊙     |
| Recorded U/G TV Cable                      | ----- |
| Designated U/G TV Cable (S.U.E.*)          | ----- |
| Recorded U/G Fiber Optic Cable             | ----- |
| Designated U/G Fiber Optic Cable (S.U.E.*) | ----- |

**GAS:**

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Gas Valve                         | ⊙       |
| Gas Meter                         | ⊙       |
| Recorded U/G Gas Line             | -----   |
| Designated U/G Gas Line (S.U.E.*) | -----   |
| Above Ground Gas Line             | A/G Gas |

**SANITARY SEWER:**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Sanitary Sewer Manhole                   | ⊙                  |
| Sanitary Sewer Cleanout                  | ⊙                  |
| U/G Sanitary Sewer Line                  | -----              |
| Above Ground Sanitary Sewer              | A/G Sanitary Sewer |
| Recorded SS Forced Main Line             | -----              |
| Designated SS Forced Main Line (S.U.E.*) | -----              |

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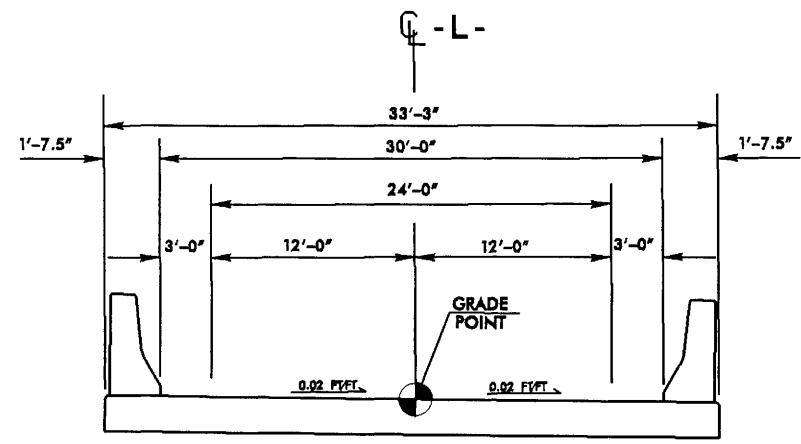
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| Utility Pole                           | ⊙      |
| Utility Pole with Base                 | ⊙      |
| Utility Located Object                 | ⊙      |
| Utility Traffic Signal Box             | ⊙      |
| Utility Unknown U/G Line               | -----  |
| U/G Tank; Water, Gas, Oil              | ⊙      |
| A/G Tank; Water, Gas, Oil              | ⊙      |
| U/G Test Hole (S.U.E.*)                | ⊙      |
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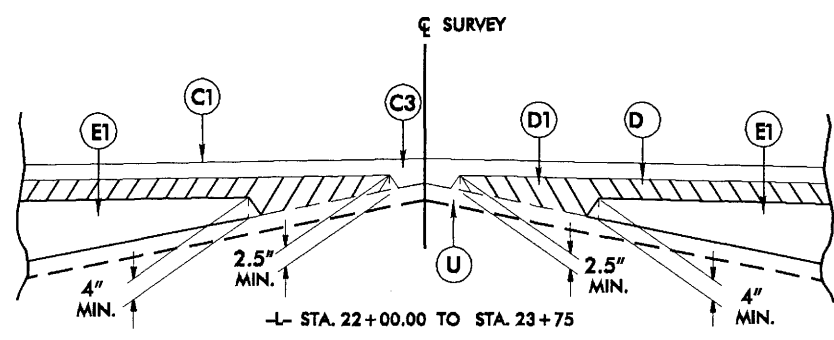
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| PAVEMENT SCHEDULE |  |
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| C1                | PROP. APPROX. 3" ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE S9.5B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 168 LBS. PER SQ. YD. IN EACH OF 2 LAYERS.  |
| C2                | PROP. APPROX. 1.5" ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE S9.5B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 168 LBS. PER SQ. YD.   |
| C3                | PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE S9.5B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 112 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT TO EXCEED 2" IN DEPTH.                                     |
| D                 | PROP. APPROX. 3" ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE I19.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 342 LBS. PER SQ. YD.   |
| D1                | PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE I19.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 2.6" IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN 4" IN DEPTH. |
| E                 | PROP. APPROX. 4" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 466 LBS. PER SQ. YD.   |
| E1                | PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 4" IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN 8 1/2" IN DEPTH.       |
| T                 | EARTH MATERIAL.  |
| U                 | EXISTING PAVEMENT.   |
| W                 | WEDGING.   |

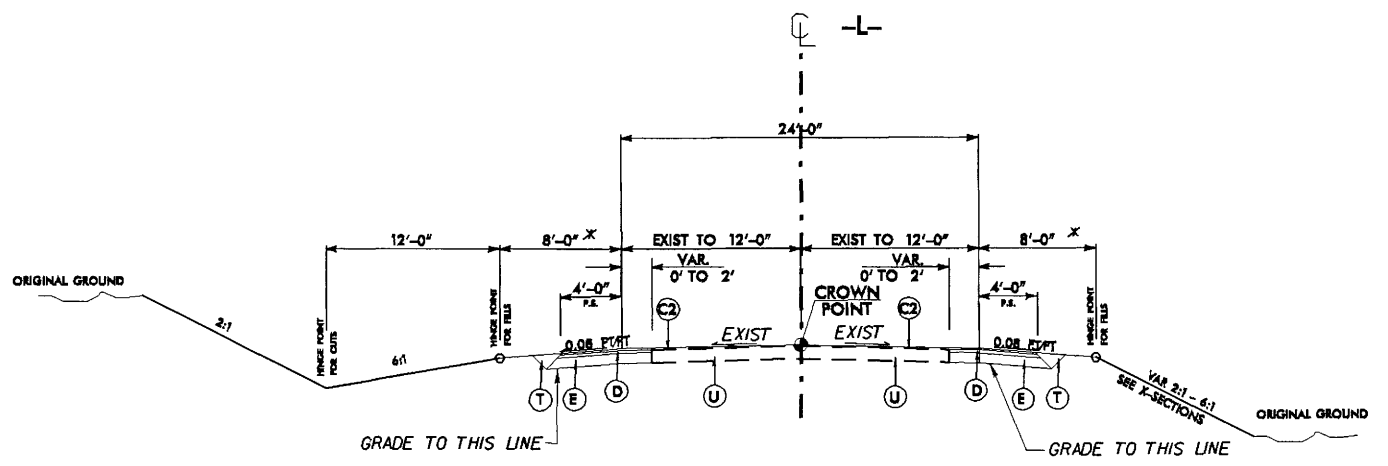
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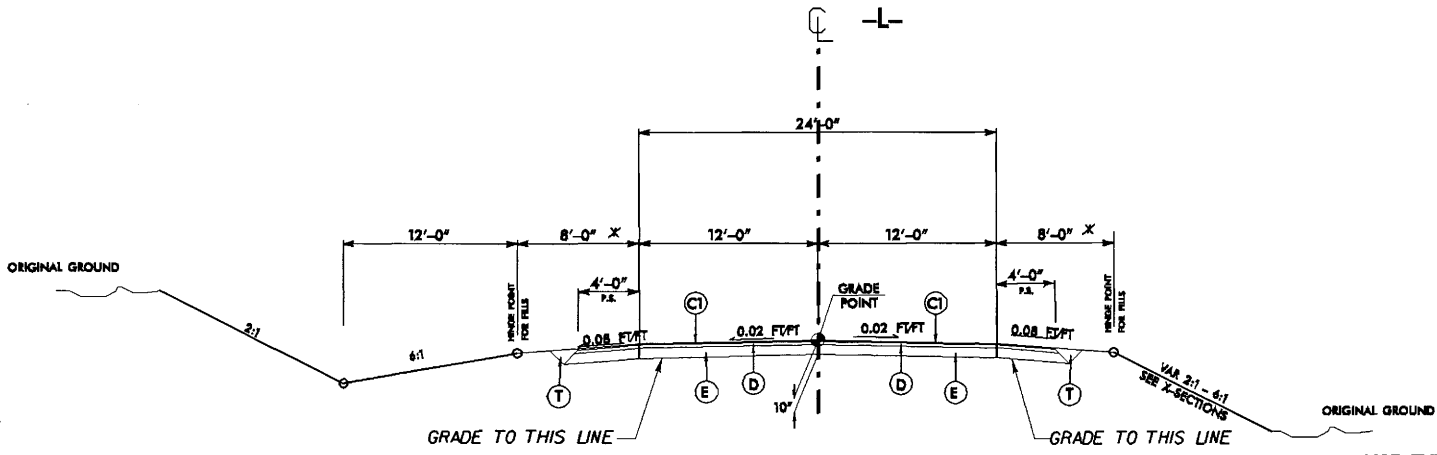


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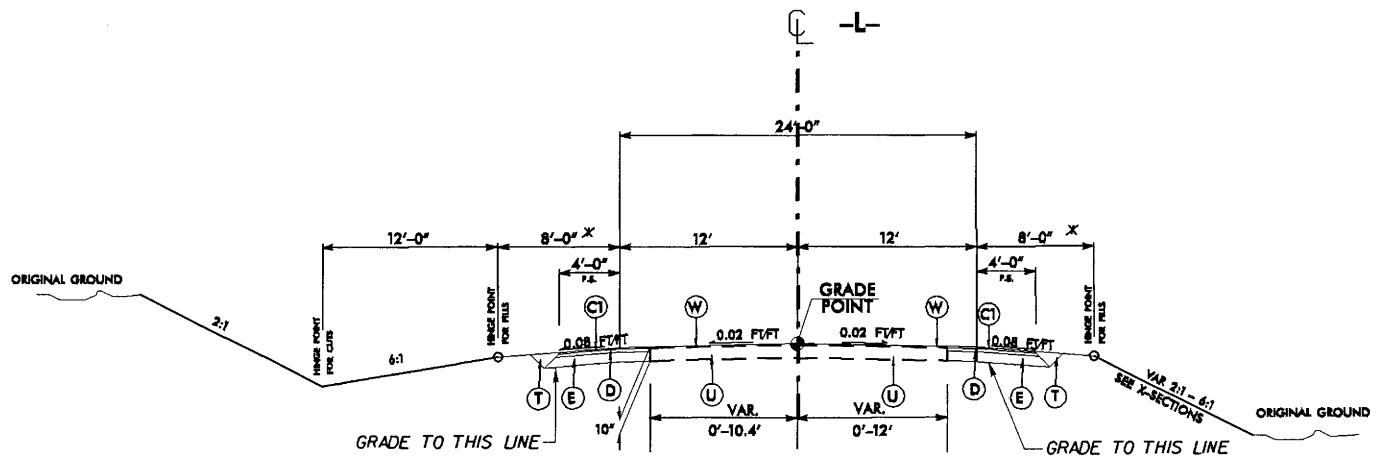
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TYPICAL SECTION NO. 2

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TYPICAL SECTION NO. 3

\* ADD 3'-0" W/ GUARDRAIL

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-L- STA. 23+75.00 TO -L- STA. 24+75.00

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-L- STA. 11+50.00 TO STA. 16+05 (BEGIN BRIDGE)  
-L- STA. 17+55.00 (END BRIDGE) TO -L- STA. 22+00.00

USE TYPICAL SECTION NO. 3  
-L- STA. 22+00.00 TO STA. 23+75

## SUMMARY OF EARTHWORK

| STATION         | STATION      | UNCL.<br>EXCAV. | EMBANK.<br>+% | BORROW | WASTE |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| -L- 11+00.00    | -L- 16+20.94 | 4646            | 6129          | 1463   |       |
| -L- 17+36.08    | -L- 24+00.00 | 4973            | 9238          | 4265   |       |
|                 |              |                 |               |        |       |
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| PROJECT TOTALS: |              |                 |               |        |       |
|                 |              |                 |               |        |       |
|                 |              |                 |               |        |       |
| GRAND TOTALS:   |              | 9639            | 15367         | 5728   |       |
|                 |              |                 |               |        |       |
| SAY:            |              | 9700            | 15400         | 5800   |       |
| DDE             |              | 31              |               |        |       |

Earthwork quantities are calculated by the Roadway Design Unit. These earthwork quantities are based in part on subsurface data provided by the Geotechnical Engineering Unit.

## PAVEMENT REMOVAL SUMMARY

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### SUMMARY OF BREAKING EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT

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## SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT REMOVAL

| SURVEY<br>LINE | STATION | STATION | LOCATION<br>L7/R7/CL | YD <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                |         |         |                      |                 |
|                |         |         |                      |                 |
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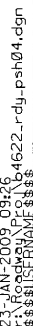
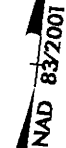
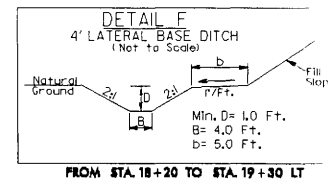
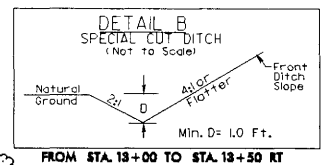
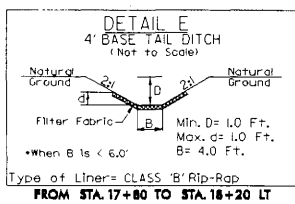
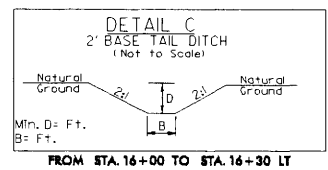
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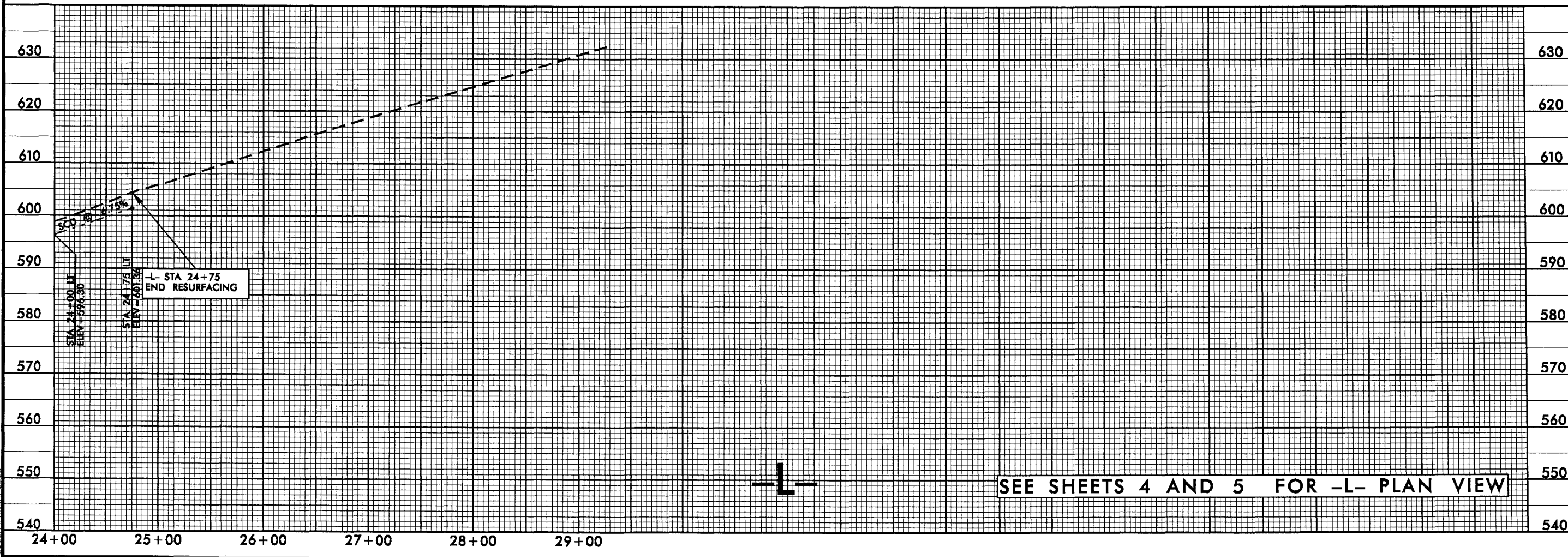
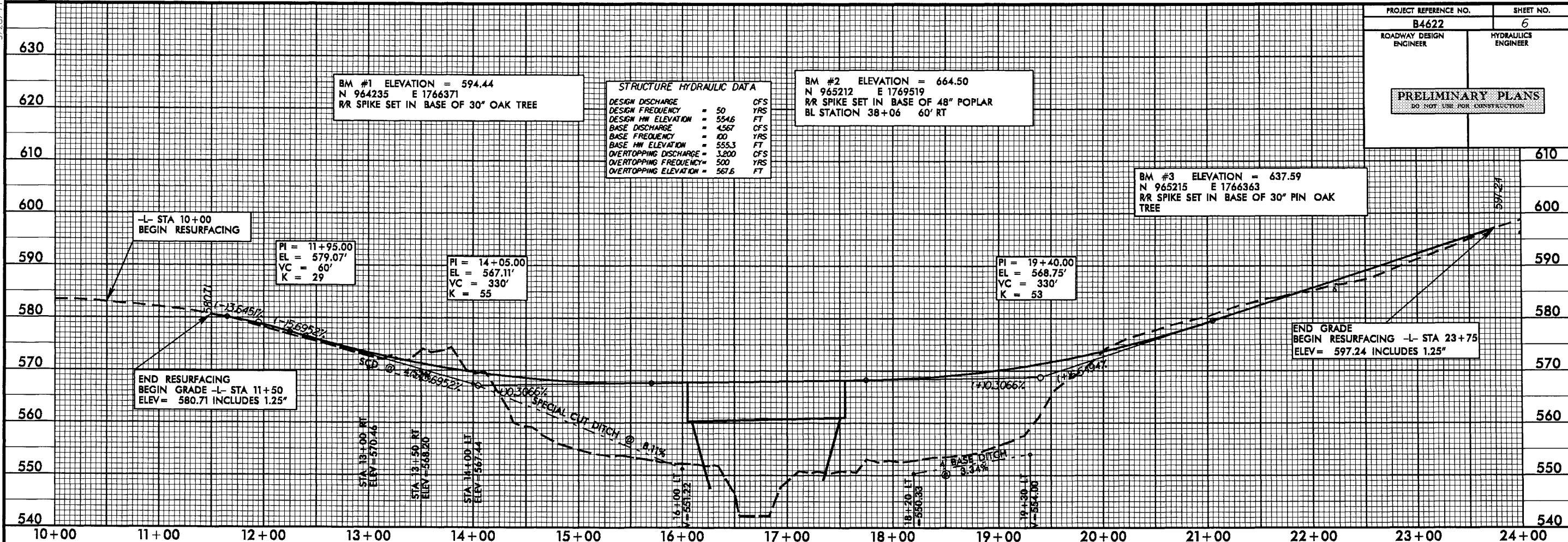




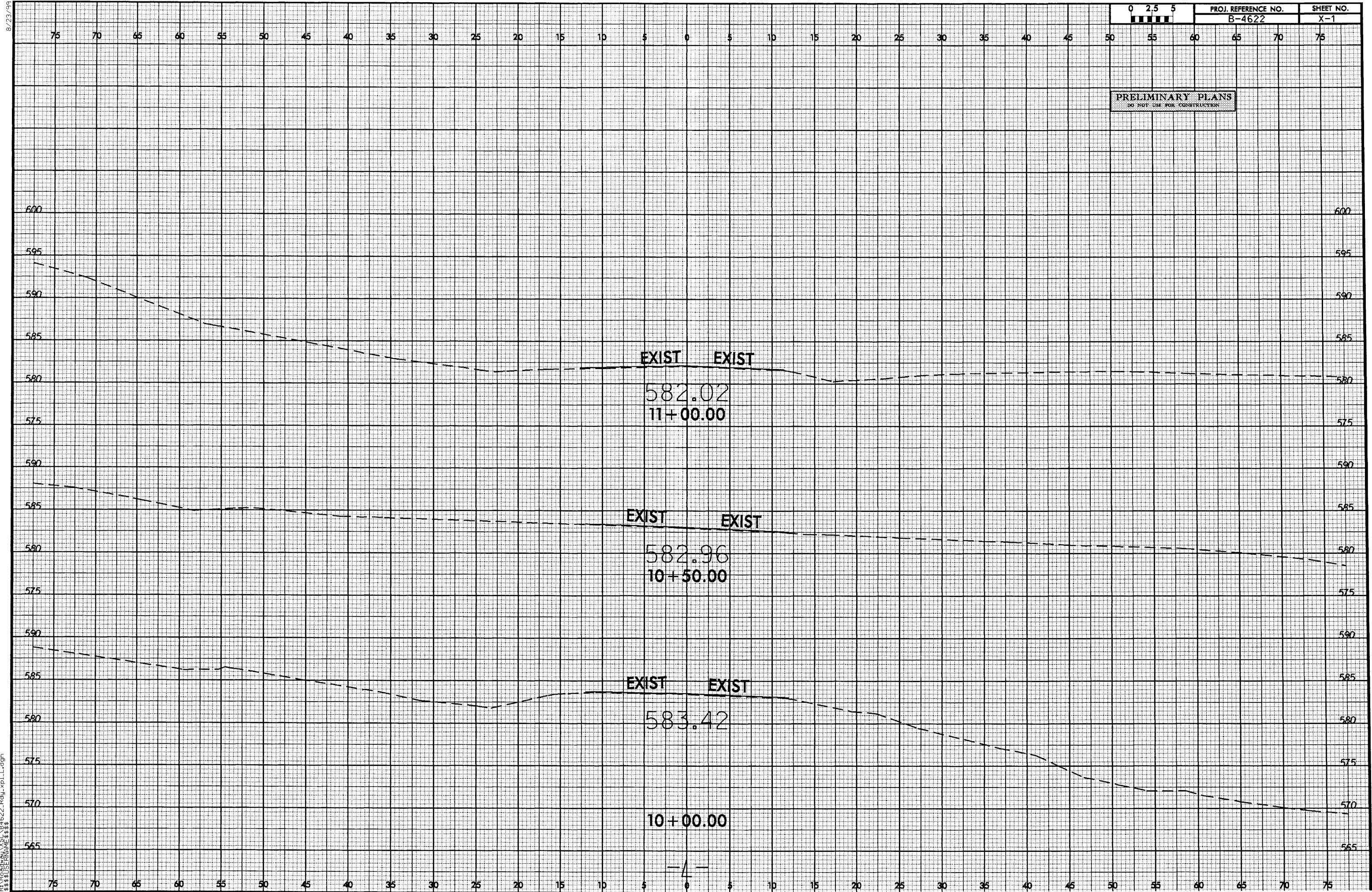
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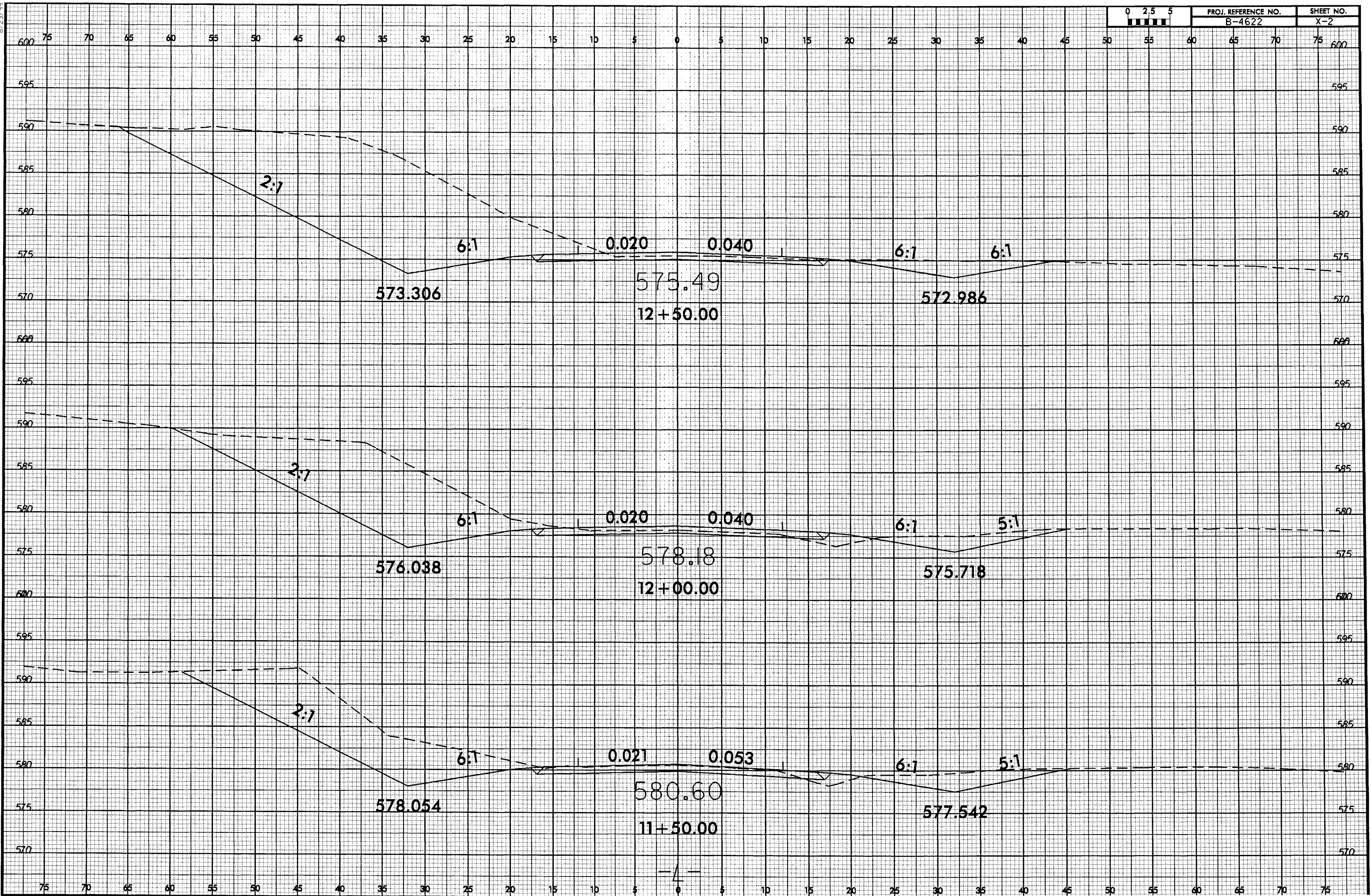








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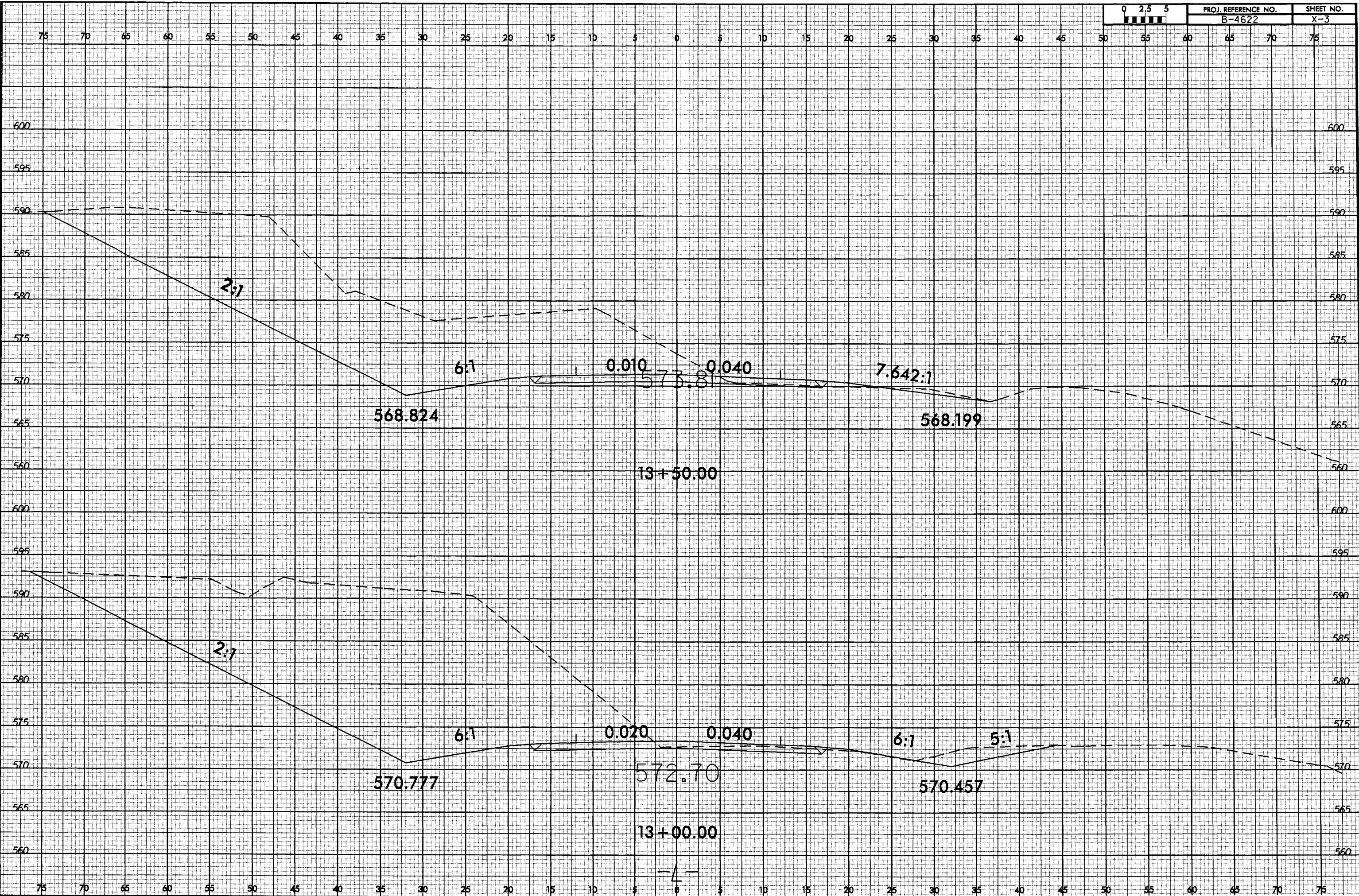


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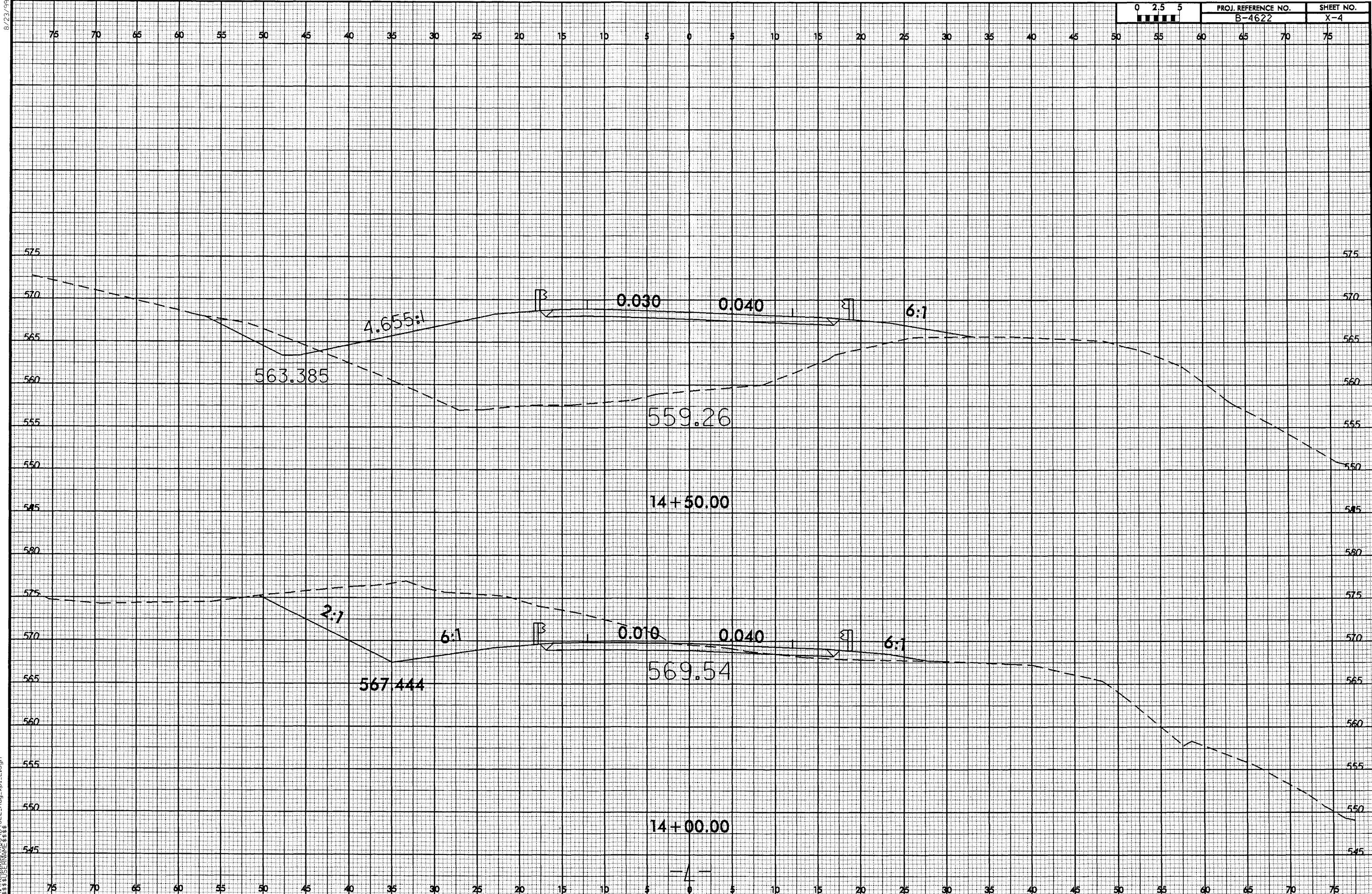
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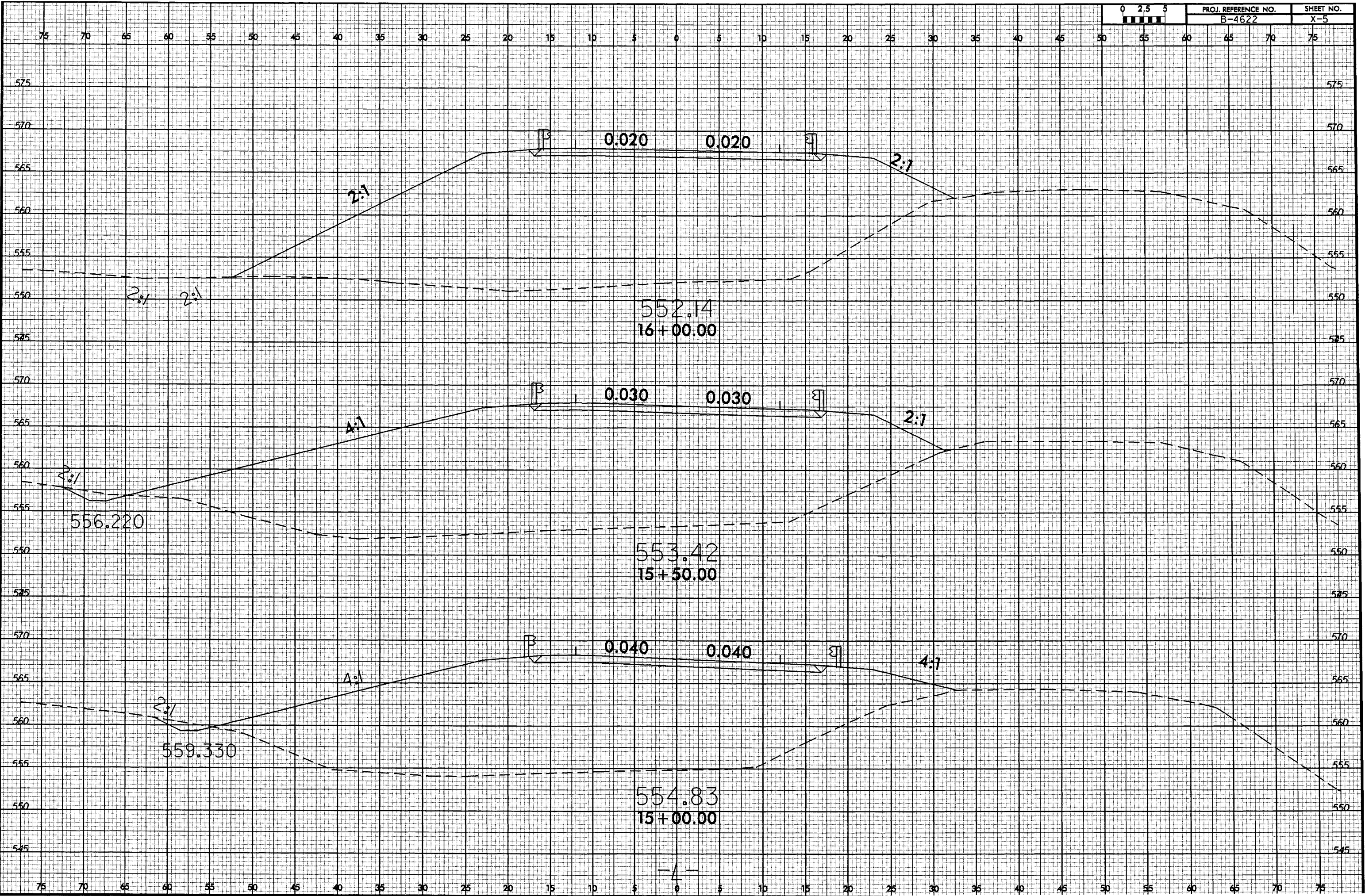


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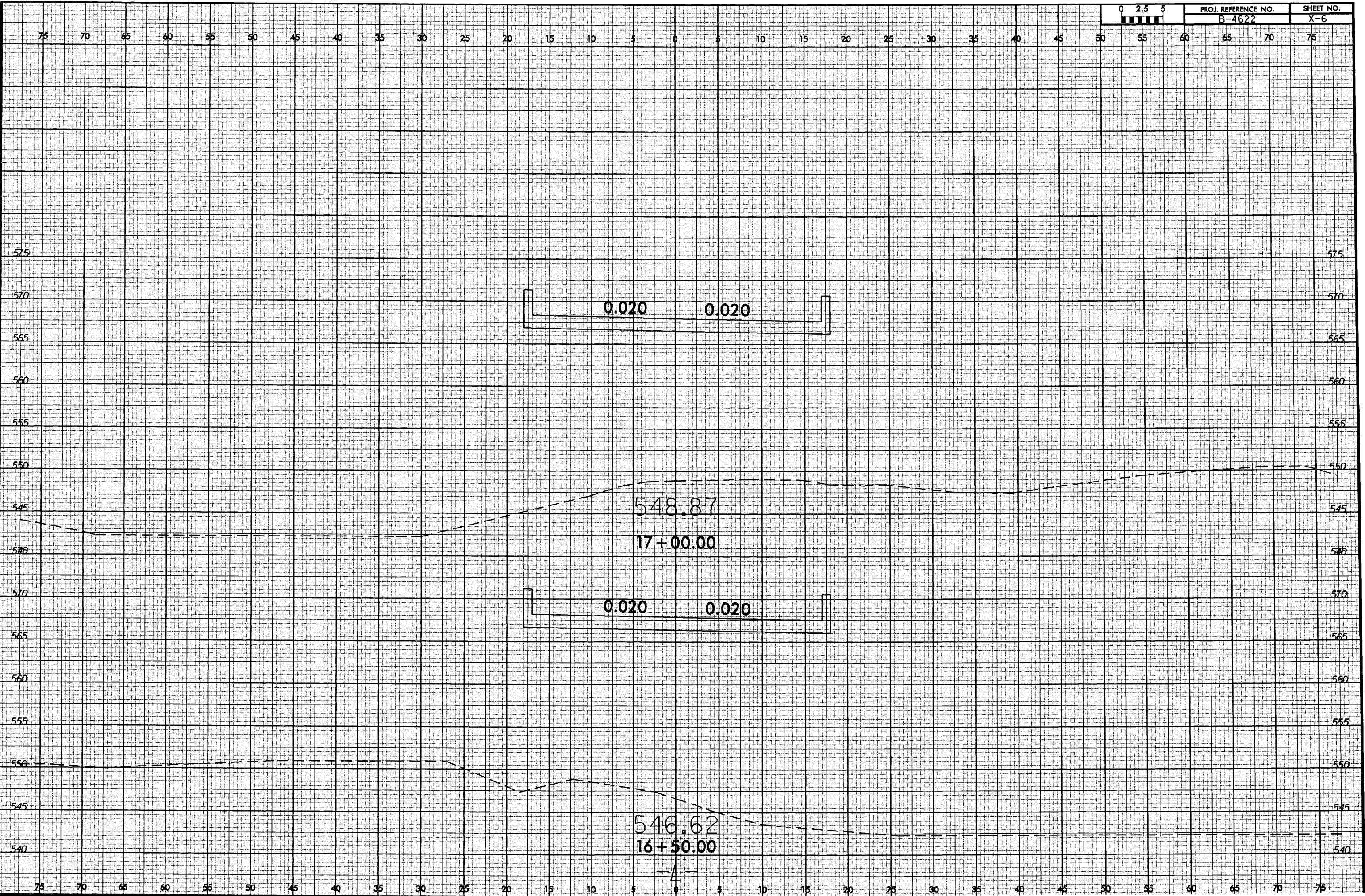


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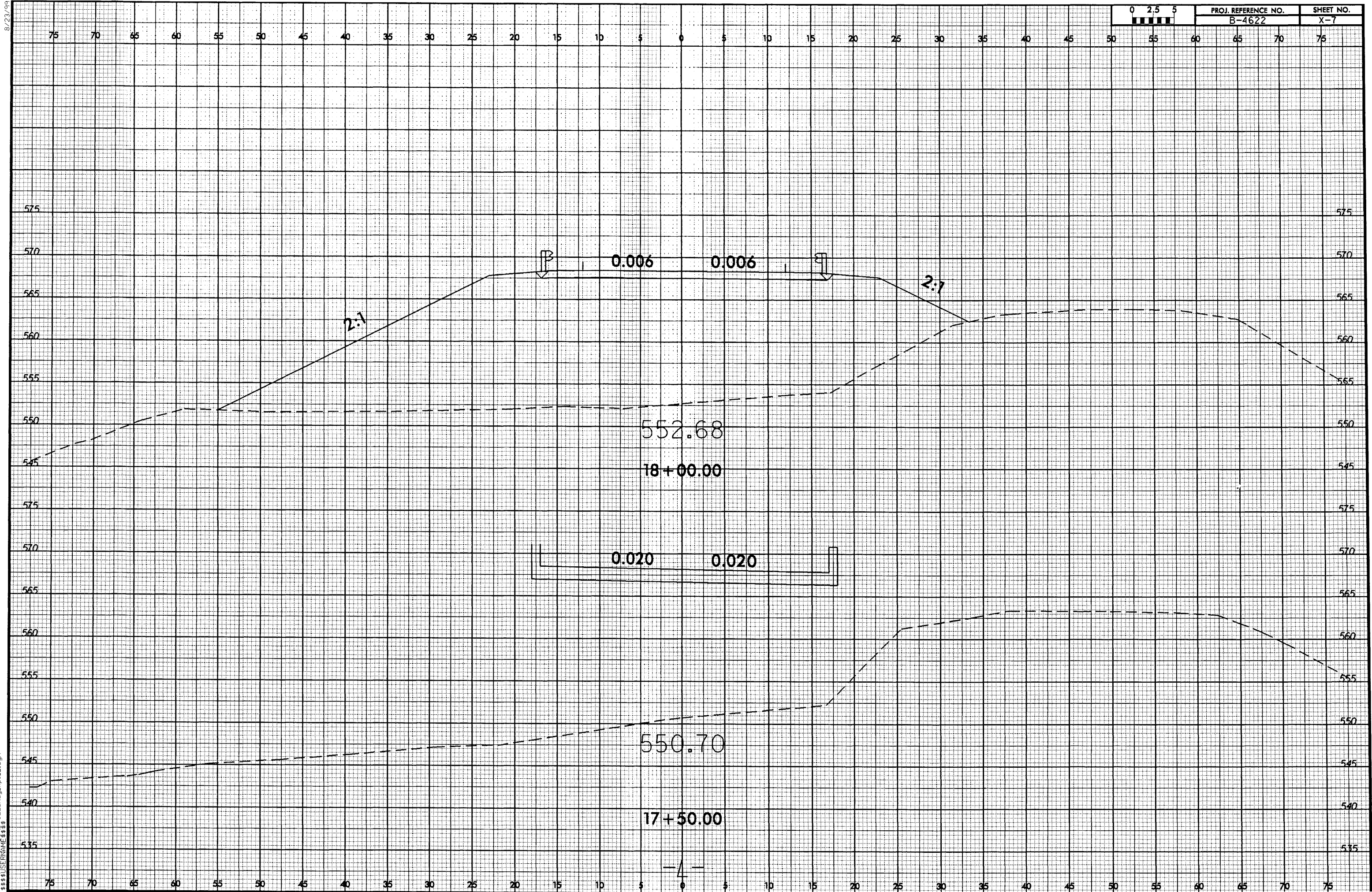


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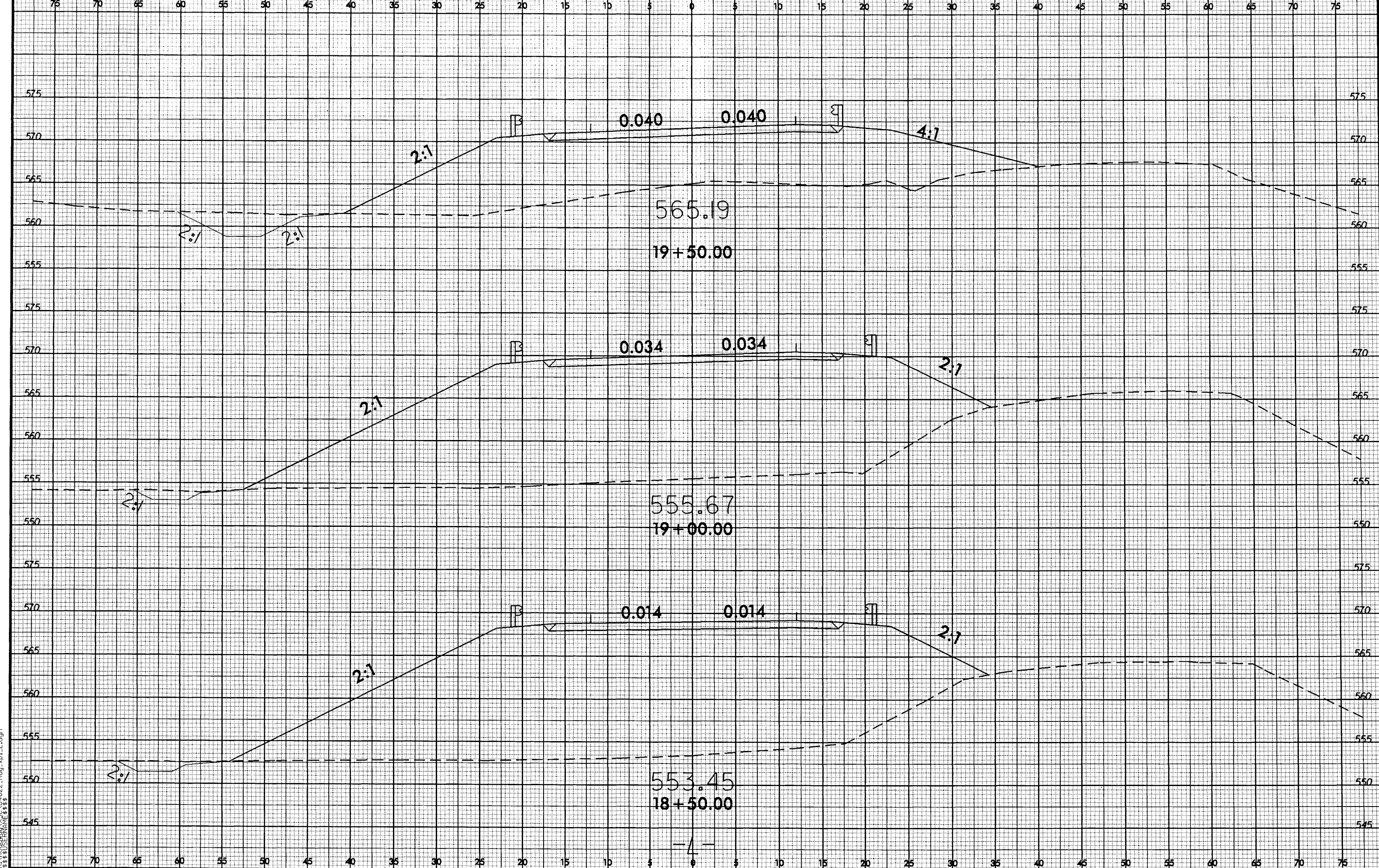


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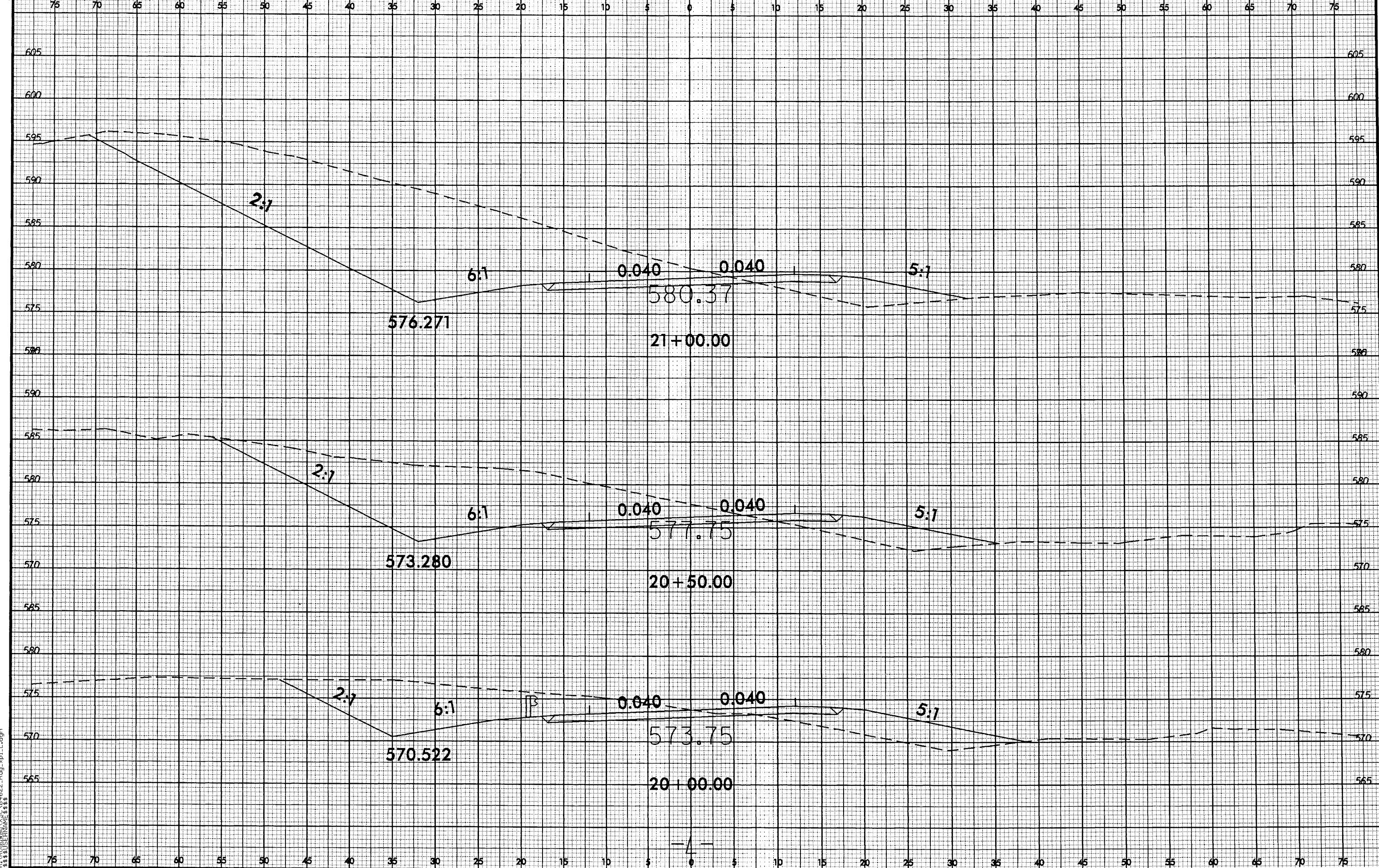


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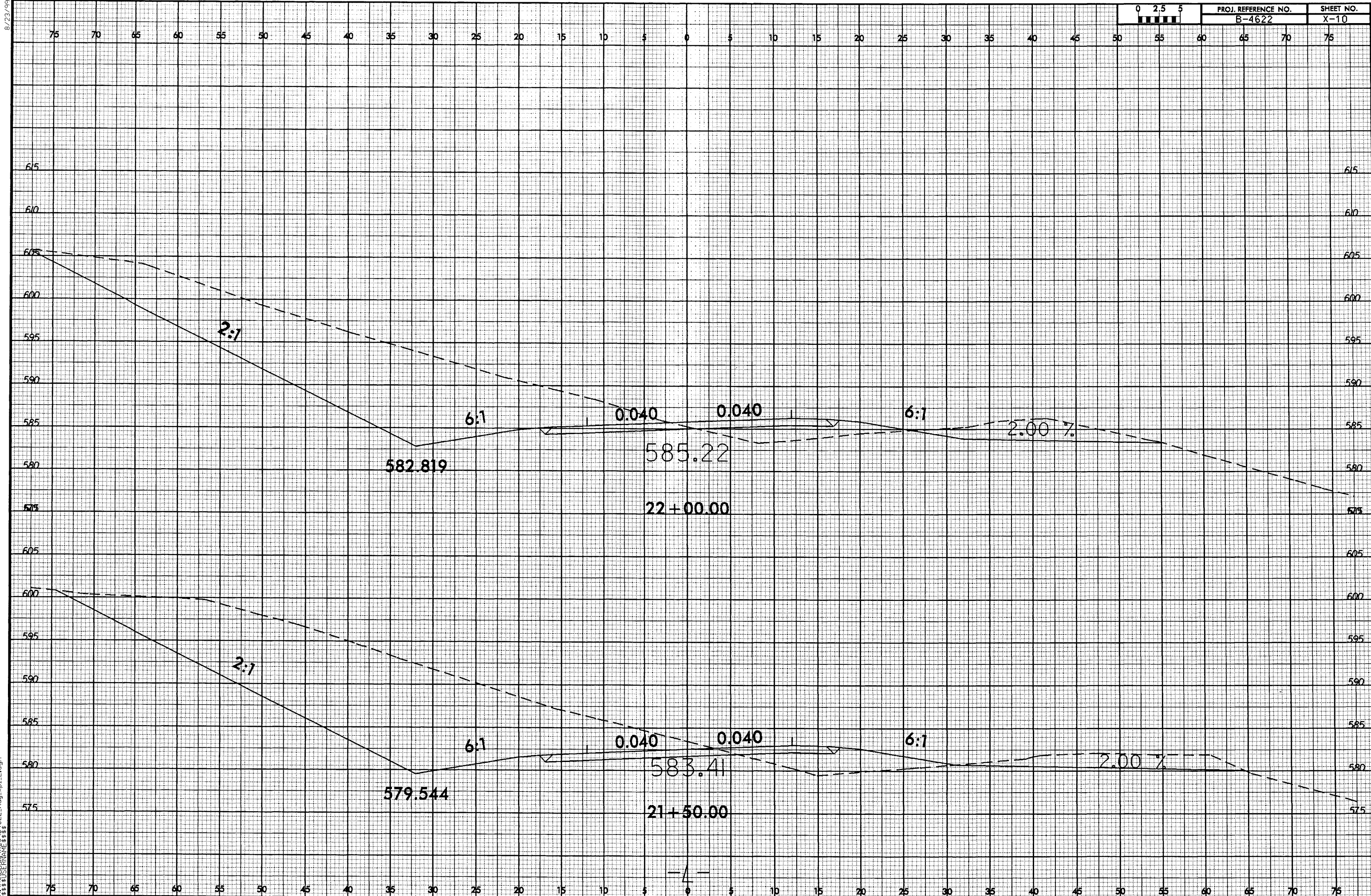


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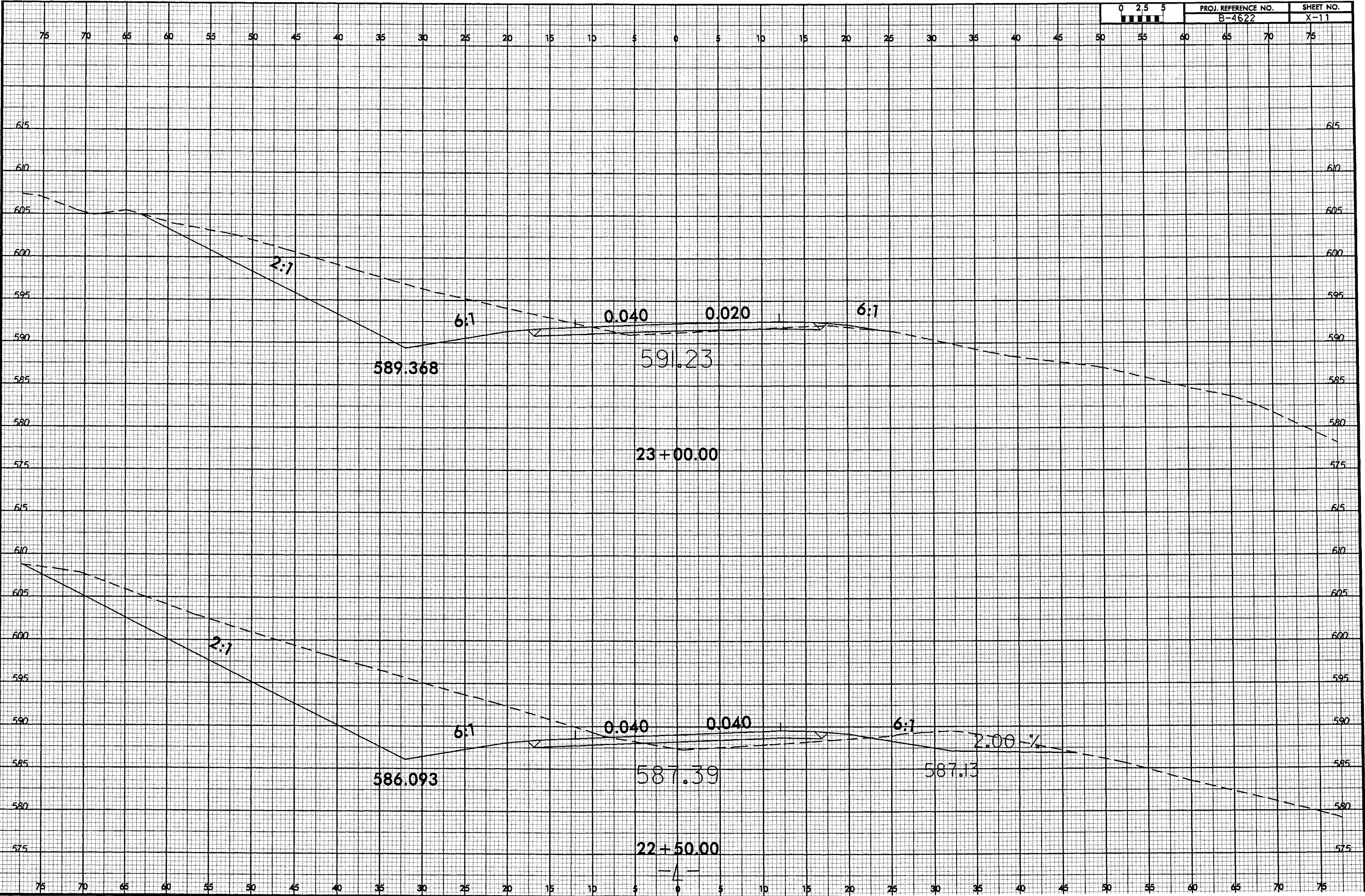


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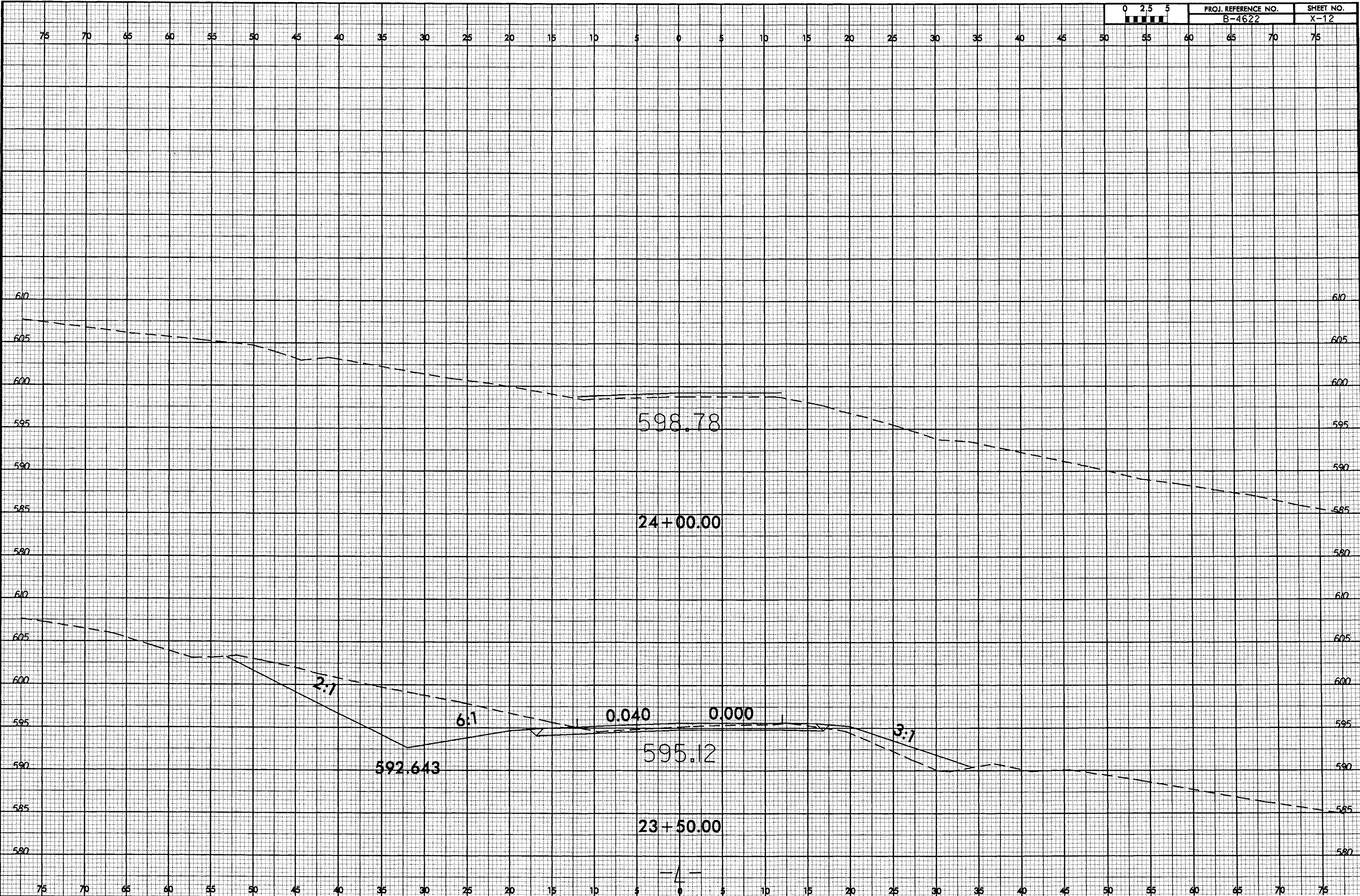


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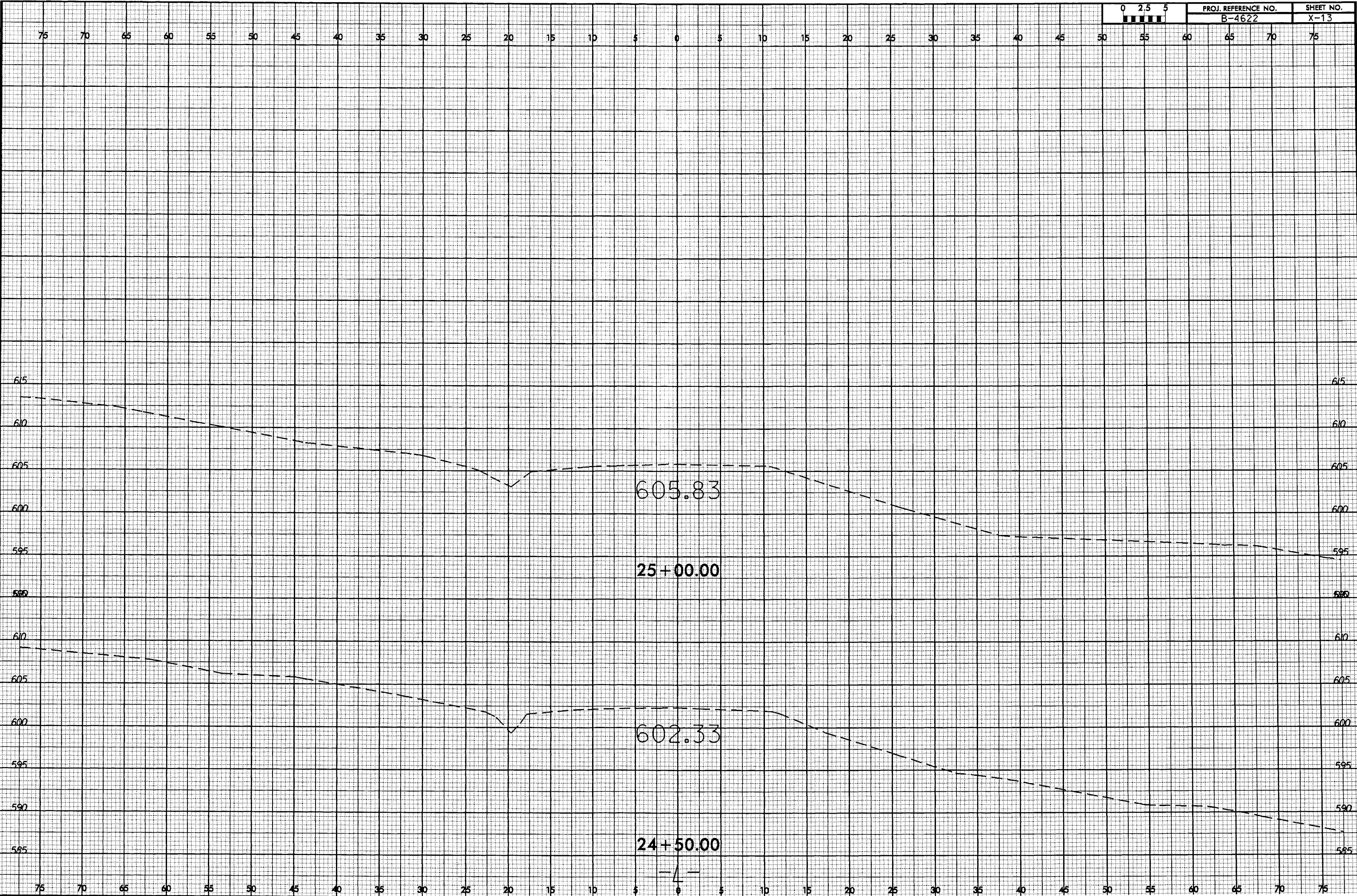




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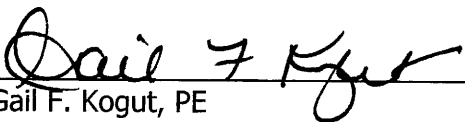


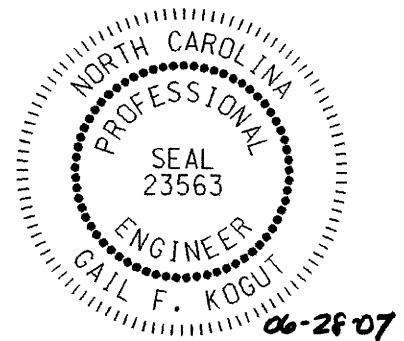
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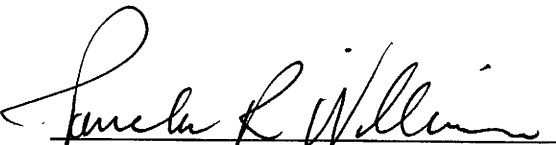
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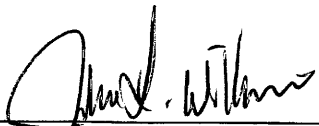
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## **PROJECT COMMITMENTS**

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### ***Wetlands***

#### **Division 7 Construction, Resident Engineer's Office and PDEA- NEU**

The National Wetland Inventory has mapped a forested wetland adjacent to the southeastern portion of the PSA. Due to its location, over 200-feet east of NC65 and outside of the PSA limits, and low potential for impact, the area was not delineated. Should the project limits increase, this area will be evaluated according to the 1987 *Wetlands Delineation Manual* and field delineated using mapping grade Global Positioning System.

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**INTRODUCTION:** The replacement of Bridge No. 54 is included in the 2007-2013 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Improvement Program 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**

The NCDOT Bridge Maintenance Unit records indicated the bridge has a sufficiency rating of 28.0 out of a possible 100 for a new structure. The bridge is considered structurally deficient due to the structural evaluation rating of 2 out of 9 according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards and therefore eligible for FHWA's Highway Bridge Replacement Program.

Bridge No. 54 is considered narrow since the clear roadway width of the bridge is 20.0 ft. which is equal to the approach roadway width of 20 ft. According to current standards, the roadway width of this bridge should be at least 4 ft. wider than the approach roadway width. Due to this insufficient width, the deck geometry was rated 2 out of 9.

The posted weight limit on the bridge is down to 19 tons for single vehicles (SV) and 23 tons for truck-tractor semi-trailers (TTST). By comparison, a new bridge would be designed for 25 tons SV and 45 tons TTST.

**II. EXISTING CONDITIONS**

Bridge No. 54 is located on NC 65 in Rockingham County over Rock House Creek (Figure 1). NC 65 is classified as a Rural Major Collector Route in the Statewide Functional Classification System.

Bridge No. 54 was constructed in 1932. The existing structure is a two-lane, three-span bridge with an overall length of 134.0 ft. and a clear roadway width of 20.0 ft. The bridge consists of a reinforced concrete T-beams with an asphalt wearing surface. The interior bents are reinforced concrete post and web and the abutments are reinforced concrete spill-through. Bridge No. 54 currently has posted weight limits of 21 tons for SV and 25 tons for TTST. The posted speed limit is 45 mph. The approach roadway for Bridge No. 54 is a two-lane 20.0-foot wide road with 4.0-foot grass shoulders.

Within the project limits, the existing roadway grade is in a sag vertical curve which meets a 35 mph operating speed.

The creek bed to roadway crown point height is 22.0 ft. and the normal depth of Rock House Creek is 1.0 ft.

There are no utilities attached to the existing structure. Aerial power and telephone lines run along the southern side of NC 65. Southern Bell also has underground telephone lines along the southern side of NC 65. Water and gas lines are located just east of the project area.

The 2007 estimated average daily traffic (ADT) volume is 6800 vehicles per day (vpd). The projected ADT is 14,000 vpd by the design year 2030. The percentages of truck traffic are 2% dual-tired vehicles and 1% TTST. The project area is located within the Wentworth City Limits. Wentworth is the county seat. NC 65 is the main thoroughfare connecting Wentworth with the western portion of the Rockingham County.

NC 65 is not a part of a designated bicycle route nor is it listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as needing bicycle accommodations. There is no indication that an unusual number of bicyclists use this roadway.

Three accidents were reported in the vicinity of the bridge during a recent three year period. All three crashes were the result of the inadequate bridge width.

Eight school buses cross Bridge No. 54 for a total of 16 trips per day.

Land use within the project area is cultivated or pastureland with scattered single family residential.

There are no U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) geodetic survey markers located within one mile of the proposed project.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

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

The proposed structure will provide a minimum 30-foot clear roadway width to allow for two 12-foot travel lanes with 3-foot shoulders. The approach roadway will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders 4 ft. of which will be paved. The design speed will be 50 mph.

The estimated structure requirements are based on the historic performances of the existing structure and field observations of the site. Based on field reconnaissance of the site and a preliminary hydraulic investigation, the existing structure will be replaced with a bridge with an approximate skew of 70 degrees. The length and width of the proposed bridge may increase or decrease as necessary to accommodate peak flows as determined from a more detailed hydraulic analysis to be performed during the final

design phase of the project. A minimum gradient of 0.3% will be utilized to facilitate deck drainage and deck drains should not be placed over the stream channel.

## **B. Reasonable and Feasible Alternatives**

### **Alternative 2**

Alternative 2 replaces the bridge in-place while traffic is maintained on an on-site temporary detour bridge. The proposed structure length would be approximately 145 ft. The temporary detour bridge would be approximately 110 ft. in length and would have two 11-foot wide travel lanes. The roadway grade would be raised approximately one foot over existing. However, a design exception would be required for the vertical alignment with a safe operating speed of 35mph.

### **Alternative 4 (Preferred)**

Alternative 4 proposes to relocate Bridge No. 54 just north of the existing structure. Traffic will be maintained on the existing alignment during construction. The proposed structure would be approximately 145 ft. long and the vertical alignment would be raised 7 ft. above existing. No design exceptions are anticipated.

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

The "do-nothing" alternative will eventually necessitate removal of the bridge effectively removing this section of NC 65 from traffic service. This is not acceptable due to the service NC 65 provides for a high volume of traffic.

Investigation of the existing structure by the Bridge Maintenance Unit indicates that rehabilitation of the old bridge is not feasible due to its age and deteriorated condition. Portions of the bottom layer of reinforcing steel of the girders is exposed and in some areas exhibited a 25% loss of section. The bridge is narrow according to current standards and in order to widen Bridge No. 54, a two T-beam section would be required on each side of the existing bridge. This widening, combined with rehabilitation necessary for the structurally deficient girders, is comparable to the cost of materials for new bridge.

### **Alternative 1**

Alternative 1 would replace the bridge in-place while traffic is maintained on an off-site detour. The proposed structure length would be approximately 145 ft. The roadway grade would be raised approximately one foot over existing. However, a design exception would be required for the vertical alignment with a safe operation design speed of 35mph.

NCDOT Guidelines for Evaluation of Offsite Detours for Bridge Replacement Projects considers multiple project variables beginning with the additional time traveled by the average road user resulting from the offsite detour. The offsite detour for this project would include NC 65, SR 2145 (Settle Bridge Road), SR 2127 (Pannel Road), NC 87, and

SR 2124 (Hancock Road). The majority of traffic on the road is through traffic. The detour for the average road user would result in 6.5 minutes additional travel time (3.6 miles additional travel). Up to an 18-month duration of construction is expected on this project with the off-site detour in use for 12 months. NCDOT Division 7 has indicated that the condition of all roads, bridges and intersections along the detour are acceptable without improvement.

Based on the Guidelines, the criteria above indicate an offsite detour is preferable but a stronger evaluation of other project variables is required. In this case, Rockingham County Emergency Services has indicated that due to the increased call response time to homes and businesses in this area, the delay is unacceptable. Rockingham County School Transportation has indicated that rerouting buses around this project is not preferable and would prefer summer construction if road closure were necessary. However, with a construction period of 12 months, summer closure would be insufficient. In view of the objections from Rockingham County Emergency Services and Rockingham County Schools, an offsite detour is not preferred. NCDOT concurs with these concerns and believes that an offsite detour is not justifiable.

### **Alternative 3**

Alternative 3 would relocate Bridge No. 54 just south of the existing structure. Traffic would be maintained on the existing alignment during construction. The proposed structure would be approximately 290 ft. long and the vertical alignment would be raised 7 ft. above existing. No design exceptions are anticipated.

Alternative 3 was eliminated due to the higher costs associated with R/W costs and longer approach work. In addition, Alternative 3 has the greatest amount of stream impacts.

### **D. Preferred Alternative**

Alternative 4, replacing the bridge slightly north of the existing bridge while maintaining traffic on the existing alignment is the preferred alternative. Alternative 4 was selected because it has the least impacts to the natural environment while maintaining traffic on-site. All alternatives have similar impacts to Rock House Creek. However, Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 each impact more linear feet of UT2 than Alternative 4. In addition, Alternative 4 improves the vertical alignment and may eliminate the need for design exceptions.

NCDOT Division 7 concurs with the selection of Alternative 4 as the preferred alternative.

#### IV. ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated costs, based on 2007 prices, are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Estimated Costs**

|                                     | <b>Alternative 2</b> | <b>Alternative 4<br/>(Preferred)</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Structure Removal (existing)        | 45,000               | 60,000                               |
| Structure (proposed)                | 502,000              | 502,000                              |
| Detours Structure<br>and Approaches | 409,000              | 0                                    |
| Roadway Approaches                  | 200,000              | 714,000                              |
| Miscellaneous and Mobilization      | 319,000              | 414,000                              |
| Engineering and Contingencies       | 225,000              | 260,000                              |
| ROW/Const. Easements/Utilities      | 31,000               | 56,000                               |
|                                     |                      |                                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,731,000</b>  | <b>\$ 2,006,000</b>                  |

#### V. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

##### A. Physical Characteristics

The project study area (PSA) is an area of thirty-five acres centered about the intersection of Rock House Creek and Bridge No. 54. Not all of the PSA will be affected by the project.

##### 1. Water Resources

The proposed project falls within the Roanoke River Basin, within the NC Division of Water Quality subbasin designated 03-02-03 and the US Geological Survey 8-digit Hydrologic Cataloging Unit Code 03010103. Rock House Creek (Stream Index No. 22-34-(2)) and two small tributaries (UT1 and UT2) to Rock House Creek are the lotic systems within the Project Vicinity. Rock House Creek (Stream Index No. 22-34-(2)) and the two small tributaries (UT1 and UT2) are perennial streams located within the PSA.

Rock House Creek has a classification of "WS-IV". Class "WS-IV" waters are used as sources of water supply for drinking, culinary, or food processing purposes for those users where a WS-I, WS-II, or WS-III classification is not feasible." Rock House Creek has a use support rating of "fully supporting", based on the evaluated method. All tributaries to Rock House Creek will have the same classification and use support rating. Rock House Creek and the two tributaries (UT1 and UT2) do not appear on the Final 2004 303(d) list. No waters classified as Water Supplies (WS-I: undeveloped watershed, or WS-II: predominately undeveloped watersheds), Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW), or that appear on the Final 2004 303(d) list occur within 1.0 mile of the PSA. At the time of this report, the Roanoke River Basin was not subject to riparian buffer regulations.

## 2. Biotic Resources

Land use and land cover classifications for the natural vegetative communities occurring in the Project Study Area include Dry-Mesic Oak Hickory Forest, Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest, Cropland and Pasture, and Residential. Cropland/pasture and residential, the most human influenced communities, account for less than 25 percent of the total land use within the PSA.

**Table 2: Impacts to Natural Communities in Project Study Area**

| Impacts                                | Direct Impacts (acres) |           |                           |           |
|--|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|  | Alternative 2          |           | Alternative 4 (Preferred) |           |
|  | Permanent              | Temporary | Permanent                 | Temporary |
| Cropland/Pasture                       | 0.30                   | 0.32      | 0.61                      | 0.31      |
| Dry Mesic Oak Hickory Forest           | 0.40                   | 0.04      | 1.39                      | 0.76      |
| Piedmont/ Low Mountain Alluvial Forest | 1.08                   | 0.85      | 1.05                      | 0.90      |
| Residential                            | 0                      | 0         | 0.15                      | 0.03      |

## B. Jurisdictional Topics

### 1. Surface Waters and Wetlands

The National Wetland Inventory has mapped a forested wetland (Palustrine, Forested, Broad-leaved Deciduous, Temporarily Flooded) adjacent to the southeastern portion of the PSA. Field investigation within this area noted a broad flood-prone area composed of broad-leaved deciduous trees. Chewacla soils are mapped for this area. These soils usually have pedon colors of 10YR4/4 with mottles of 7.5YR 4/6. Samples taken during the field investigation yielded colors of 10YR6/5 with very few mottles present. In addition, evidence of recent hydrology in this area was not noted. Investigation traversed only that portion of it adjacent to the PSA. The area has been modified by the placement of a narrow gravel road, logging activities and forest regeneration. Due to its location, over 200-feet east of NC65 and outside of the PSA limits, and low potential for impact, the area was not delineated. Should the project limits increase, this area will be evaluated according to the 1987 *Wetlands Delineation Manual* and field delineated using mapping grade Global Positioning System.

NC Department of Transportation will ensure that Best Management Practices are employed to prevent or reduce water pollution as described in the NC Department of Transportation handbook *Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters*. Rockingham County is not a mountain trout county and Rock House Creek does not support trout. Smallmouth bass and anadromous fish are not known to utilize Rock House Creek or its tributaries.



**Table 3: Stream Impacts in Project Study Area**

| Stream Identification | Permanent Direct Impacts (feet) |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                       | Alternative 2                   | Alternative 4 (Preferred) |
| Rock House Creek      | 30                              | 30                        |
| UT1                   | 0                               | 0                         |
| UT2                   | 260                             | 190                       |

## **2. Permits**

This project may be processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has made available Nationwide Permit (NWP) 23 (67 FR 2020, 2082; January 2002) for CEs due to minimal impacts to waters of the United States expected from bridge construction. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) has made available a General 401 Water Quality Certification for NWP 23 (GC 3403). If temporary structures are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of the site, then a NWP 33 (67 FR 2020, 2087; January 15, 2002) permit and the associated General 401 Water Quality Certification (GC 3366) will be required.

## **3. Mitigation**

The USACE has adopted, through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a wetland mitigation policy which embraces the concept of "no net loss of wetlands" and sequencing. The purpose of this policy is to restore and maintain the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of waters of the United States, specifically wetlands. Mitigation of wetland impacts has been defined by the CEQ to include: avoiding impacts, minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time, and compensating for impacts (40 CFR 1508.20). Avoidance, minimization, and compensatory mitigation must be considered in sequential order.

In accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement among the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Wilmington District" (MOA) July 22, 2003, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will be requested to provide off-site mitigation if necessary, to satisfy the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) compensatory mitigation requirements of this project. Determination of final compensatory mitigation requirements rests with the USACE.

## **4. Protected Species**

The US Fish & Wildlife Service list two federally-protected species for Rockingham County as of the January 29, 2007 listing: James spinymussel (*Pleurobema collina*) and smooth coneflower (*Echinacea laevigata*).

**Table 4: Federally Protected Species for Rockingham County**

| Common Name            | Scientific Name            | Federal Status | State Status | Habitat Requirements   | Habitat Present | Biological Conclusion |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Invertebrates</b>   |                            |                |              |  |                 |                       |
| James spiny-mussel     | <i>Pleurobema collina</i>  | E              | SR           | Found in waters with slow to moderate current and relatively hard water on sand and mixed sand and gravel substrates. Documented record in Mayo River. | No              | No Effect             |
| <b>Vascular Plants</b> |                            |                |              |  |                 |                       |
| Smooth coneflower      | <i>Echinacea laevigata</i> | E              | E-SC         | Open woods, cedar barrens and roadsides  | Yes             | No Effect             |

**NOTES:**

E – Endangered. A taxon which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

SC – Special concern.

SR – Significantly rare.

***Pleurobema collina*** (James spiny mussel)**Endangered**

Animal Family: Unionidae

Date Listed: July 22, 1988

**BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT**

A survey to detect the presence or absence of James spiny mussel was conducted on October 3, 2004 by Alderman Environmental Services, Inc. Survey limits began over 1,300-feet downstream and ended more than 300-feet upstream of Bridge No. 54. Survey methods employed included visual and tactile searches. Species observed included a native snail (*Elimia proxima*) and an exotic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*). However, no freshwater mussels were observed. The Mayo River is located upstream of the confluence of Rock House Creek and the Dan River, approximately 15-stream miles from the Project Study Area. Therefore, it can be concluded that this project will have no effect on the James spiny mussel.

***Echinacea laevigata*** (smooth coneflower)**Endangered**

Plant Family: Asteraceae

Federally Listed: December 9, 1991

**BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: NO EFFECT**

The dominant vegetative communities within and adjacent to the PSA include Basic-Mesic Oak-Hickory Forest and Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest, neither of which is suitable habitat for the smooth coneflower. Available roadside habitat is limited due to the lack of well-maintained right-of-ways in this area. Therefore, it can be concluded that this project will have no effect on the smooth coneflower.

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program County electronic database of rare species and unique habitats was reviewed in January 2005 and showed no occurrences of Federal Species of Concern or C1 species within 1-mile of the Project Study Area. However, there are four recorded occurrences of state protected species within or within

1-mile of the Project Study Area. Three of these occurrences are of Goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*), a state protected plant species which is listed by the state as endangered. The fourth occurrence is of the state protected animal species Roanoke hog sucker (*Hypentelium roanokense*). The Roanoke hog sucker is listed by the state as "SR", indicating that it is significantly rare throughout its range. Neither Goldenseal nor the Roanoke hog sucker are federally listed or Federal Species of Concern species.

## **5. Bridge Demolition**

Dropping any portion of the structure into the waters of the United States will be avoided unless there is no practical method of removal. In the event that practical method is feasible, a worst-case scenario is assumed for calculations of fill entering waters of the United States. The existing structure consists of concrete T-beams with an asphalt wearing surface. The substructure consists of concrete abutments and reinforced concrete post and web interior bents. There is the potential for the concrete superstructure and western interior bent to be dropped into Rock House Creek during removal. The maximum resulting temporary fill associated with the removal of the concrete deck, beams, and bent is approximately 90 cubic yards.

# **VI. HUMAN ENVIRONMENT**

## **A. Compliance Guidelines**

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

### **Historic Architecture**

In a memorandum dated October 31, 2005 the State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) conducted a search of their files and stated that they were aware of no structures of historical importance that would be affected by the project. Therefore, no further compliance with Section 106 is required. See memorandum dated October 31, 2005 included in the attachments.

### **Archaeology**

The State Historic Preservation Office (HPO), in a memorandum dated October 31, 2005 noted that they are "aware of no historic resources that would be affected by the project". A copy of the HPO memorandum is included in the attachments.

## **B. Community Impacts**

No adverse impact on families or communities is anticipated. Right of way acquisition will be limited. No relocatees are expected with implementation of the proposed alternative.

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

The project is not in conflict with any plan, existing land use or zoning regulation. No change in land use is expected to result from the construction of this project.

The Farmland Protection Policy Act requires all federal agencies or their representatives to consider the potential impacts to prime and important farmland soils by all land acquisition and construction projects. Prime and important farmland soils are defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). According to the Soil Survey for Rockingham County, four types of soil are present in the PSA. One of these soils, Cecil sandy clay loam (2-8%), is considered prime farmland. Another of these soils, Chewacla loam, is considered prime farmland only if the soil is well-drained and protected from flooding. The other two soils are not considered prime or locally important farmland. The impacted area of the PSA with Chewacla loam soil is currently not farmed nor does it appear drained and protected. Of the areas with Cecil sandy clay loam, the alternatives have the potential to impact these areas. See the table below.

**Table 5: Farmland Impacts in Acres**

| <b>Farmland Soil</b>                            | <b>Alternative 2</b> | <b>Alternative 4<br/>(Preferred)</b> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chewacla Soil<br>Prime if drained and protected | 1.6                  | 1.2                                  |
| Cecil sandy clay loam<br>Prime                  | 0                    | 0.5                                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>1.6</b>           | <b>1.7</b>                           |

Alternative 4 is the preferred alternative. While this alternative does not have the least impacts of all feasible alternatives, it does have the least impact to the Chewacla soil. The impacts to the Cecil soil is minimal or none for all alternatives.

The project will not have a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmentally effect on any minority or low income population.

## **C. Noise and Air Quality**

This project is an air quality neutral project in accordance with 40 CFR 93.126. It is not required to be included in the regional emissions analysis (if applicable) and project level CO or PM2.5 analyses are not required. This project will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility, or any other factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative. Therefore, FHWA has determined that this project will generate minimal air

quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special MSAT concerns. Consequently, this effort is exempt from analysis for MSATs. Any burning of vegetation shall be performed in accordance with applicable local laws and regulations of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality compliance with 15 NCAC 2D.0520.

Noise levels may increase during project construction; however, these impacts are not expected to be substantial considering the relatively short-term nature of construction noise and the limitation of construction to daytime hours. The transmission loss characteristics of nearby natural elements and man-made structures are believed to be sufficient to moderate the effects of intrusive construction noise.

## **VII. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

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

The bridge replacement will not have an adverse effect on the quality of the human or natural environment with the use of current NCDOT standards and specifications.

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. There are no publicly owned recreational facilities, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance in the vicinity of the project.

An examination of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Division of Water Quality (DWQ), Groundwater Section and the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Solid Waste Management Section records by the NCDOT GeoEnvironmental Section revealed no hazardous waste sites nor groundwater contamination incidents in the project area.

A field investigation by the NCDOT GeoEnvironmental Section and an examination of records of DENR's Division of Waste Management, Underground Storage Tank Section, revealed that no regulated underground storage tanks exist in the project study area.

Rockingham County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Rock House Creek is not included in a detailed FEMA flood study. Areas inundated by the 100-year flood are determined by the methods of the detailed study. The proposed project is not anticipated to increase the level or extent of upstream flood potential.

## **VIII. COORDINATION AND AGENCY COMMENTS**

NCDOT has sought input from the following agencies as a part of the project development: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, US Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, N.C.

Wildlife Resource Commission, North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization.

The N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in standardized letters provided a request that they prefer any replacement structure to be a spanning structure.

**Response:** Bridge No. 54 will be replaced with a bridge.

The Rockingham County Department of Emergency Services has requested that NC 65 remain open during construction. Any off-site detour would greatly hamper response times of emergency services.

**Response:** Traffic will be maintained on-site.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, US Environmental Protection Agency, and the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources have not responded to requests for input.

## **IX. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Efforts were undertaken early in the planning process to contact local officials to involve them in the project development with scoping letters. For this bridge replacement study, the selected alternative will provide for the maintenance of traffic on-site during construction of the replacement structure. There are minimal impacts to surrounding properties and no anticipated relocatees.

A newsletter has been sent to all those living in an area bound by NC 65, SR 2145, SR 2127, NC 87, and SR 2124 including any cross streets intersected by these roads. One comment has been received to date. The property owner was in favor of replacing the bridge with a wider structure since the existing narrow bridge is a major factor in the high accident rate of this section of NC 65.

Based on the one response to the newsletter, a Citizens' Informational Workshop was determined unnecessary.

There is not substantial controversy on social, economic, or environmental grounds concerning the project.

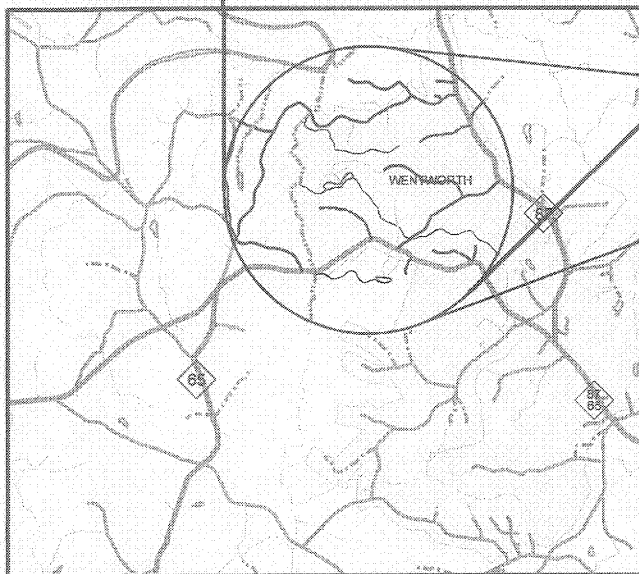
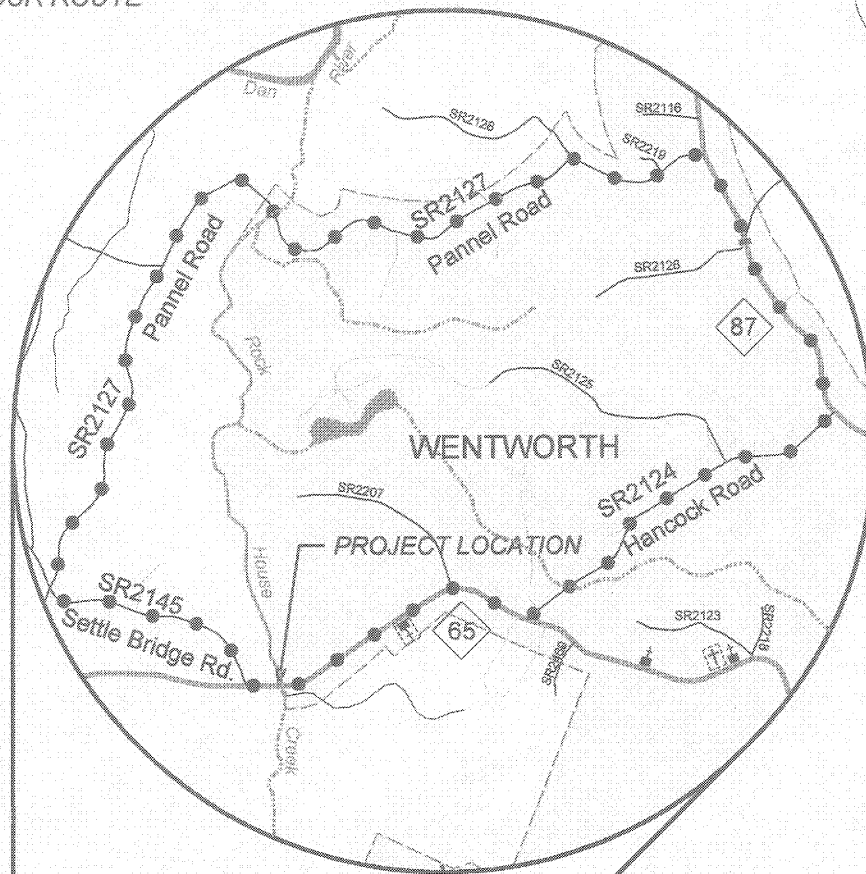
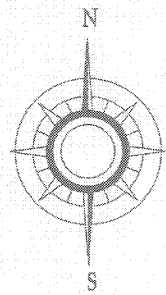
## **X. CONCLUSION**

On the basis of the above discussion, it is concluded that no significant adverse environmental effects will result from implementation of the project. The project is therefore considered to be a Federal "Categorical Exclusion" due to its limited scope and lack of substantial environmental consequences.

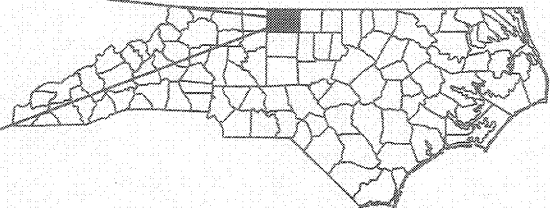
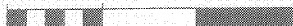
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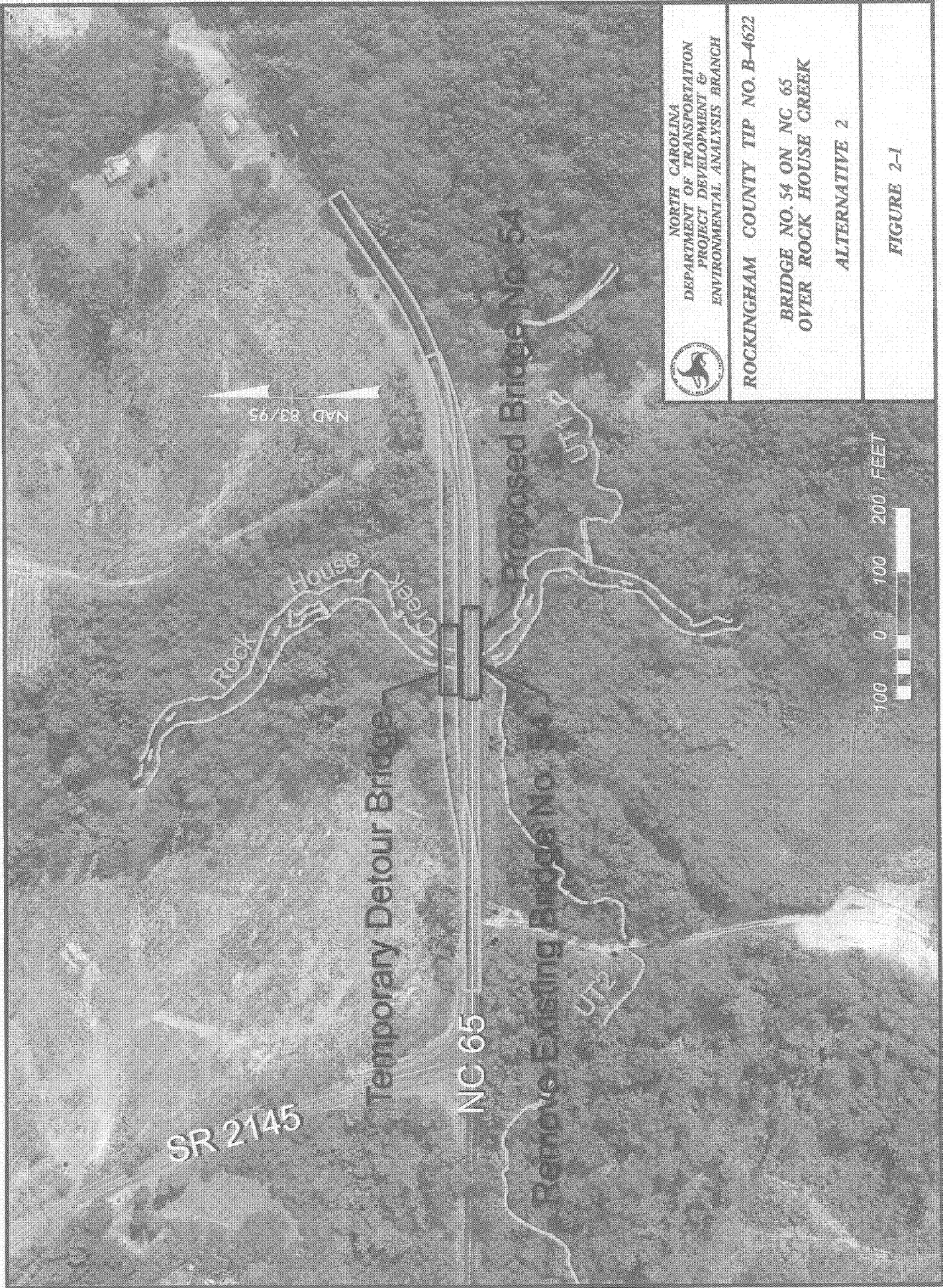
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BRIDGE NO. 54 ON NC 65  
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VICINITY MAP

FIGURE 1





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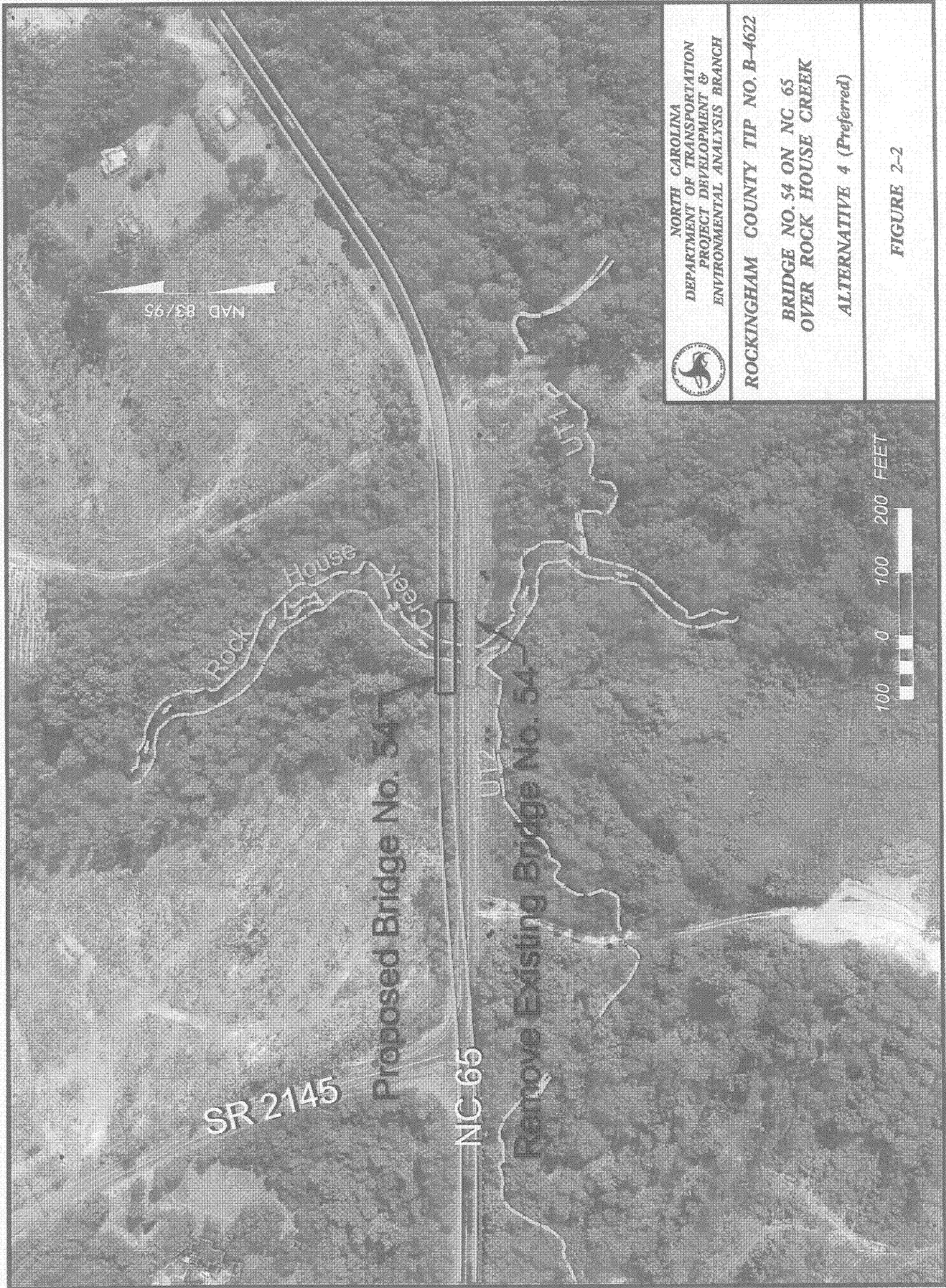
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ALTERNATIVE 2

FIGURE 2-1







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BRIDGE NO. 54 ON NC 65  
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ALTERNATIVE 4 (Preferred)

FIGURE 2-2



VIEW LOOKING EAST



VIEW LOOKING WEST



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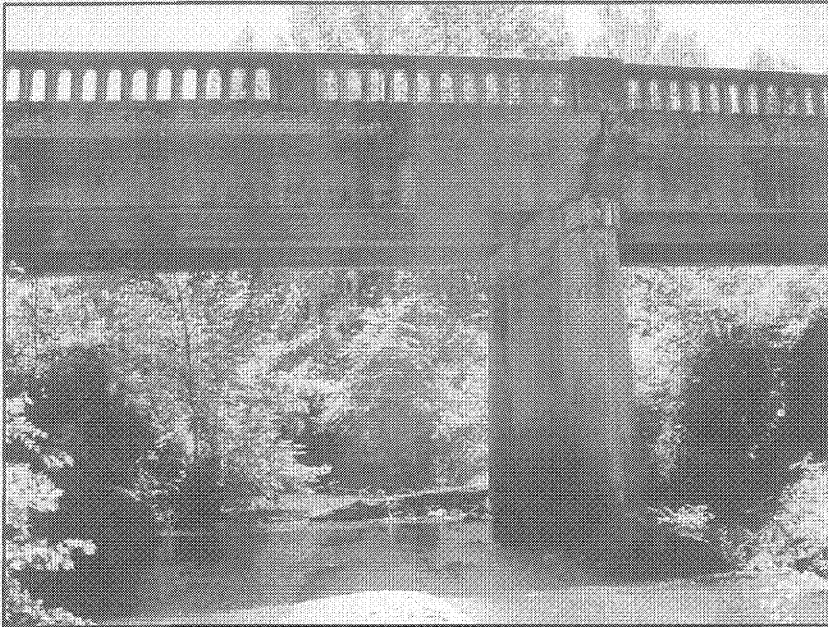
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**Figure 3-1**





VIEW OF UPSTREAM  
FACE OF BRIDGE  
(LOOKING NORTH-  
EAST)



VIEW OF DOWN-  
STREAM FACE OF  
BRIDGE (LOOKING  
SOUTHWEST)



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REPLACEMENT BRIDGE NO. 54  
OVER ROCK HOUSE CREEK  
on NC 65

PHOTOGRAPHS

*Figure 3-2*



North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office

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Office of Archives and History  
Division of Historical Resources  
David Brook, Director

October 31, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Thorpe, Ph.D., Director  
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch  
NCDOT Division of Highways

FROM: Peter Sandbeck *P.S. for Peter Sandbeck*

SUBJECT: Bridge #54 over Rock House Creek, NC 65, TIP No. B-4622, Rockingham County,  
ER 05-2409

Thank you for your letter of September 5, 2005, concerning the above project.

We have conducted a review of the proposed undertaking and are aware of no historic resources that would be affected by the project. Therefore, we have no comment on the undertaking as proposed.

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

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

cc: Mary Pope Furr, NCDOT  
Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT

**From:** Renee Gledhill-Earley [mailto:renee.gledhill-earley@ncmail.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2007 9:57 AM  
**To:** 'Dolores Hall'; 'Matt T. Wilkerson'  
**Subject:** RE: B-4622 CE comments from FHWA

IF our memo or letter said "no historic resources or properties" that includes archaeological resources. When we get the CE, we will also respond and let FHWA know that we are fine with the document's treatment of historic resources. Dolores says that OSA is okay with no survey for archaeology.  
Renee

**From:** Dolores Hall [mailto:dolores.hall@ncmail.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2007 8:56 AM  
**To:** Matt T. Wilkerson; Renee Gledhill-Earley  
**Subject:** Re: B-4622 CE comments from FHWA

Renee:

I went back and looked at the record for B-4622. My no comment, or no request for archaeological investigation, was based on the poorly drained nature of the soils in the floodplain and the low probability for the presence of eligible archaeological sites.

Would you like me to email FHWA or NCDOT or do you think it should come from you?

Dolores

Dolores A. Hall  
Deputy State Archaeologist-Land  
Office of State Archaeology  
(919) 733-7342

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**From:** Matt T. Wilkerson  
**To:** Renee Gledhill-Earley  
**Cc:** Dolores A. Hall  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2007 8:32 AM  
**Subject:** B-4622 CE comments from FHWA

Good morning,

Note that the TIP project in question is B-4622 *not* B-4662. Sorry for the confusion.

Felix Davila, the FHWA area engineer for the B-4622 project, has requested that NCDOT secure either a letter or email from the HPO clarifying that the October 31, 2005 HPO "no comment letter" means that no archaeological investigations were requested by OSA. Mr. Davila made this request after reviewing the draft CE for the subject project. The letter or email from HPO clarifying the 2005 letter would be included in the revised draft CE. Thank you for your assistance in addressing FHWA's request.

Regards,  
Matt Wilkerson