

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
WITH FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

Widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to Just East of Hair Creek Bridge

State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Project No. DE-3010 (503)
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

APPENDICES



LEAD AGENCIES:
Federal Highway Administration AND
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development



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The Draft EA for the captioned project was made available in February 2014 and a public hearing was held on March 26, 2014. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public input on the alternatives and preferred alternative (**Alternative 4**). During the public comment period, many community members expressed concern regarding **Alternative 4**'s impact to four live oak trees on the property of Nolley Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC), just east of the Downtown Couplet portion of the alignment. With guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) recommended the study team further revise **Alternative 4** to minimize impacts to the live oaks. **Alternatives 4B** and **4C** were presented at an open house format public meeting on July 29, 2014, at Nolley Memorial UMC. LDOTD and the study team have identified **Alternative 4C** as the preferred alternative. Public hearing and public meeting summaries, exhibits, and comments are available in the EA and its appendices.

Environmental Assessment

Section 6.3 of the EA reflects additional right-of-way, engineering, and construction costs for the two alternatives.

Line and Grade Study

The study team has included an addendum in the Line and Grade report to reflect changes along the proposed section in **Alternatives 4B** and **4C**, from approximately Carpenter Street to South 4th Street. LDOTD will further refine the preferred alternative in the Design Phase and continue to work with the Town of Jena through Construction in an effort to minimize impacts to the live oak trees at Nolley Memorial.

Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan

The study team has updated the relocation report to reflect additional right-of-way costs and impacts.

Other Supporting Documents

The following documents were not updated to reflect **Alternatives 4B** and **4C**.

- Wetland Delineation
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Noise Study and Air Quality Report
- Traffic Study
- Cultural Resource Survey

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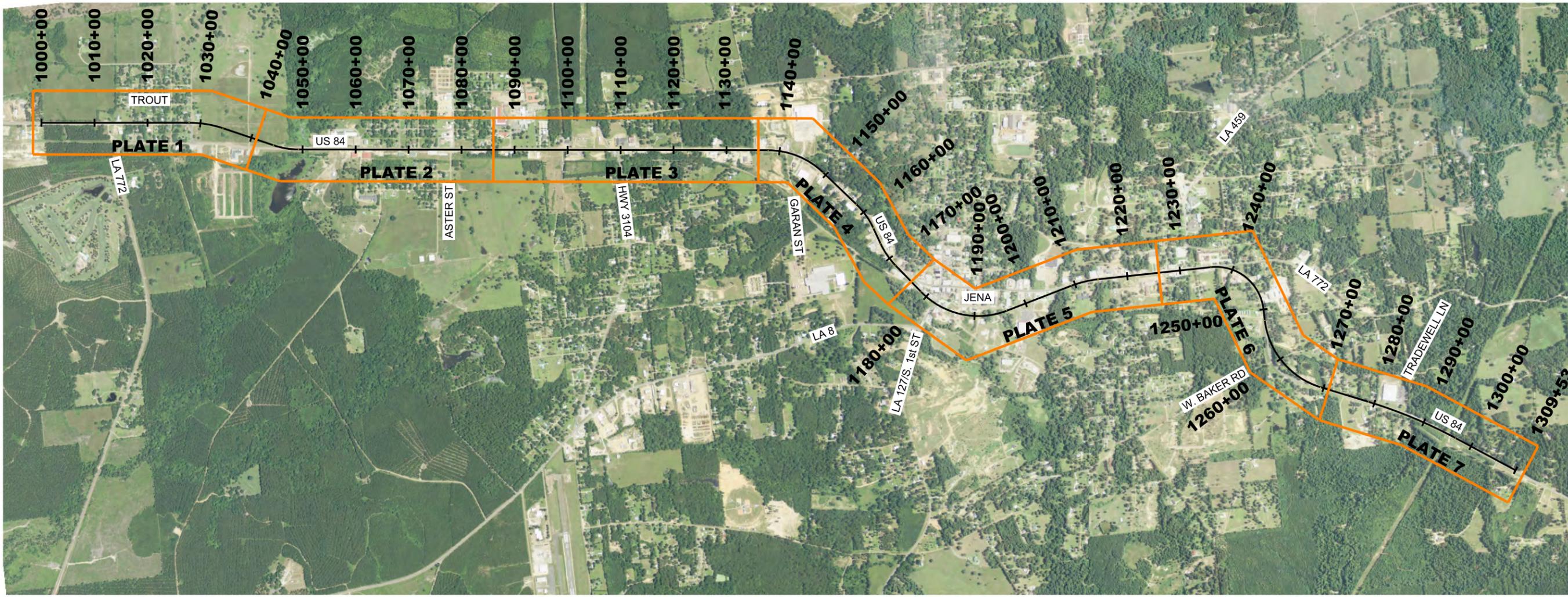
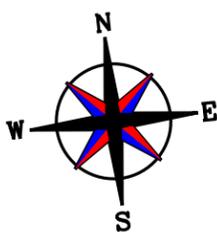
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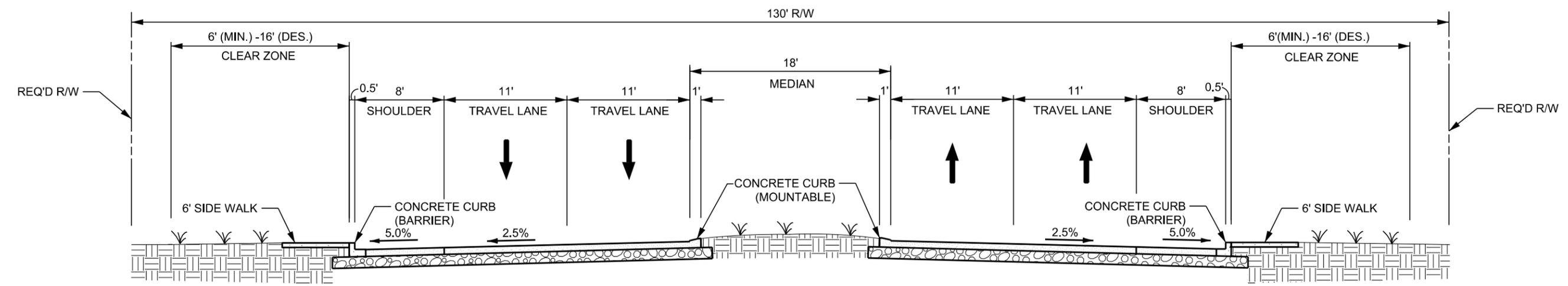
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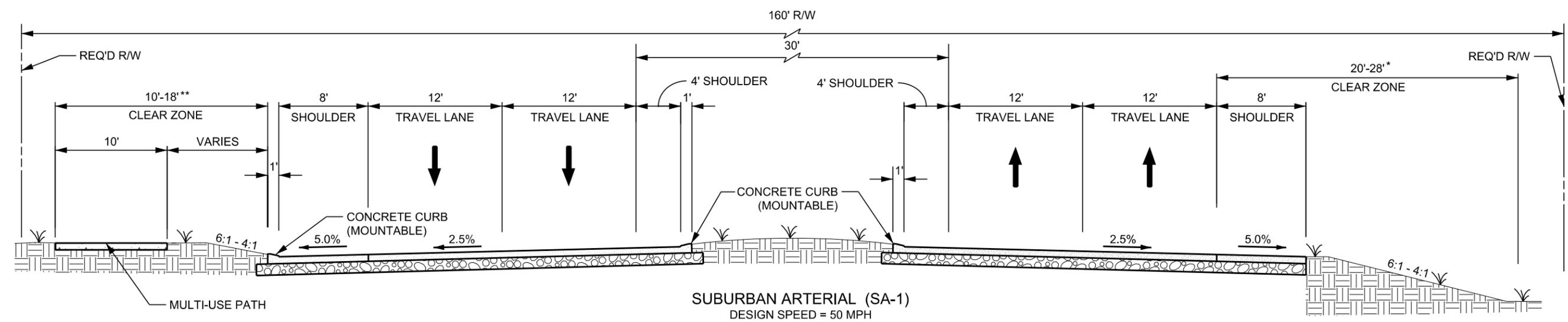
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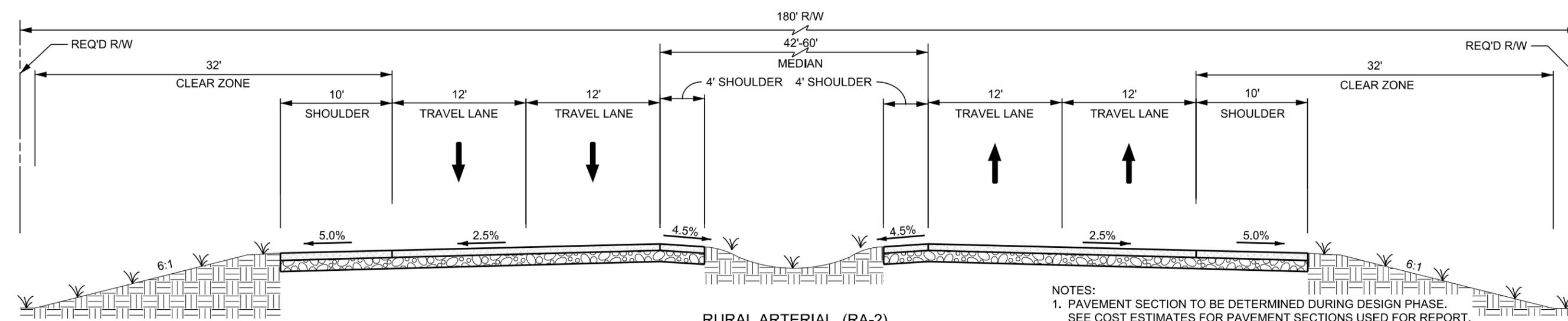


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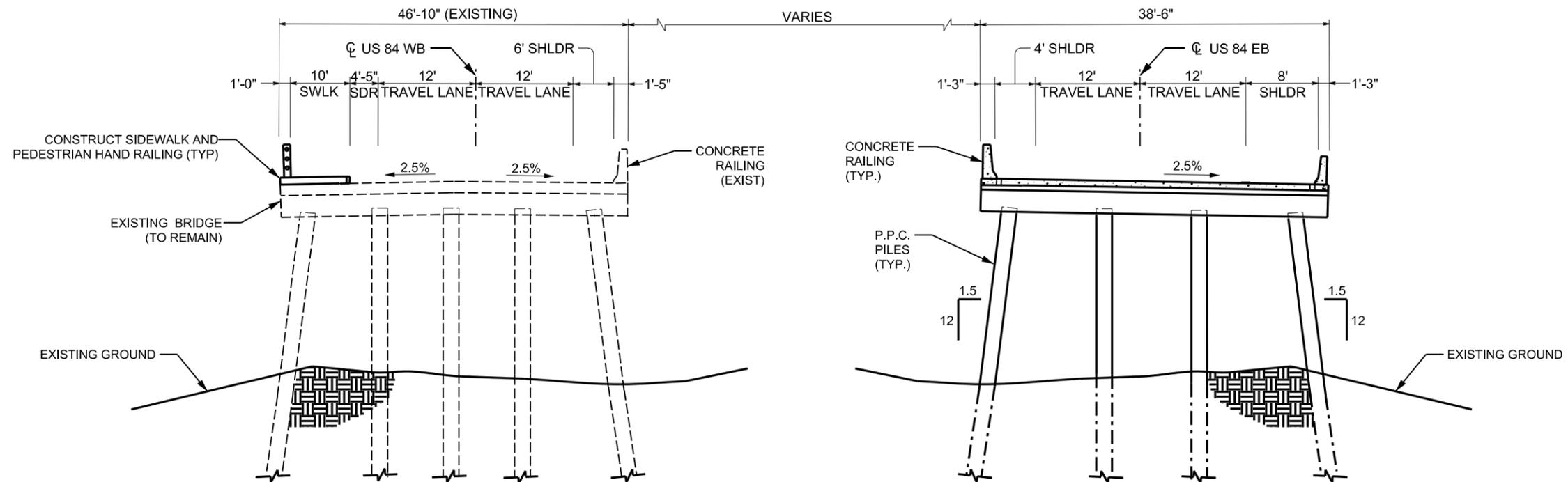
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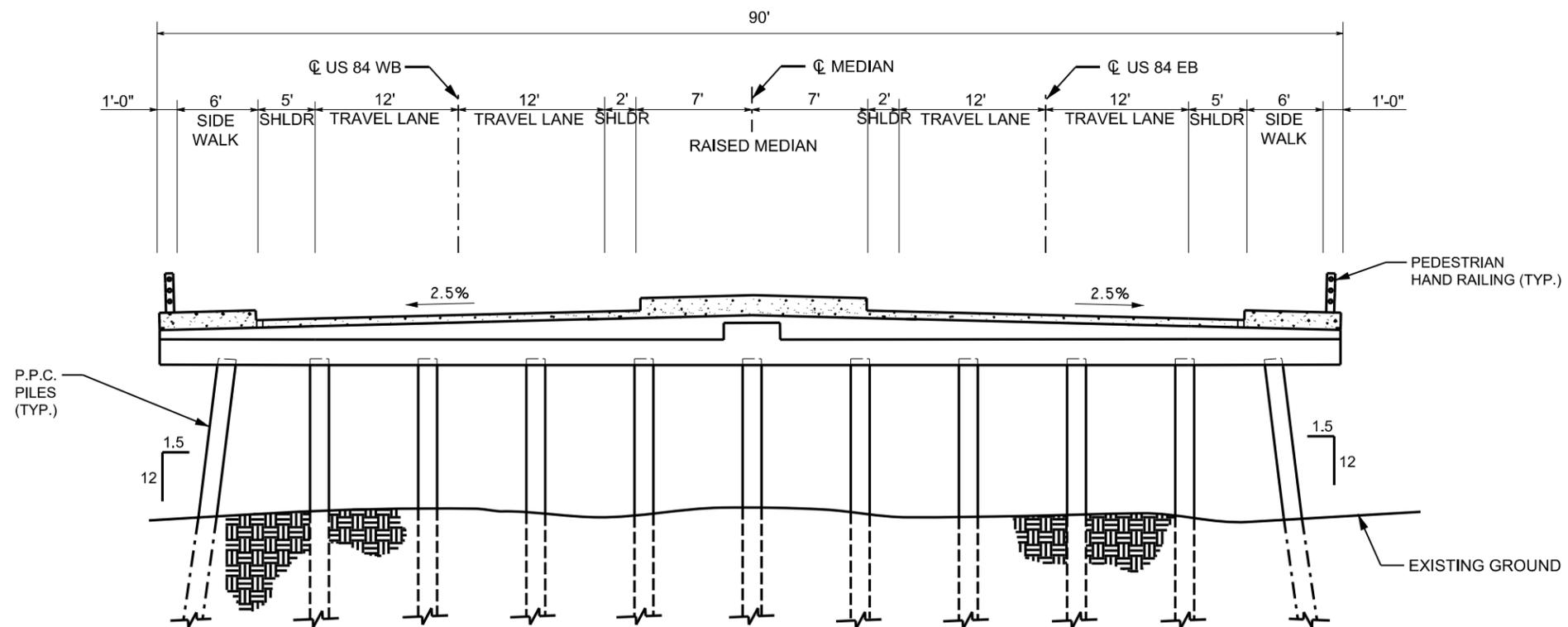


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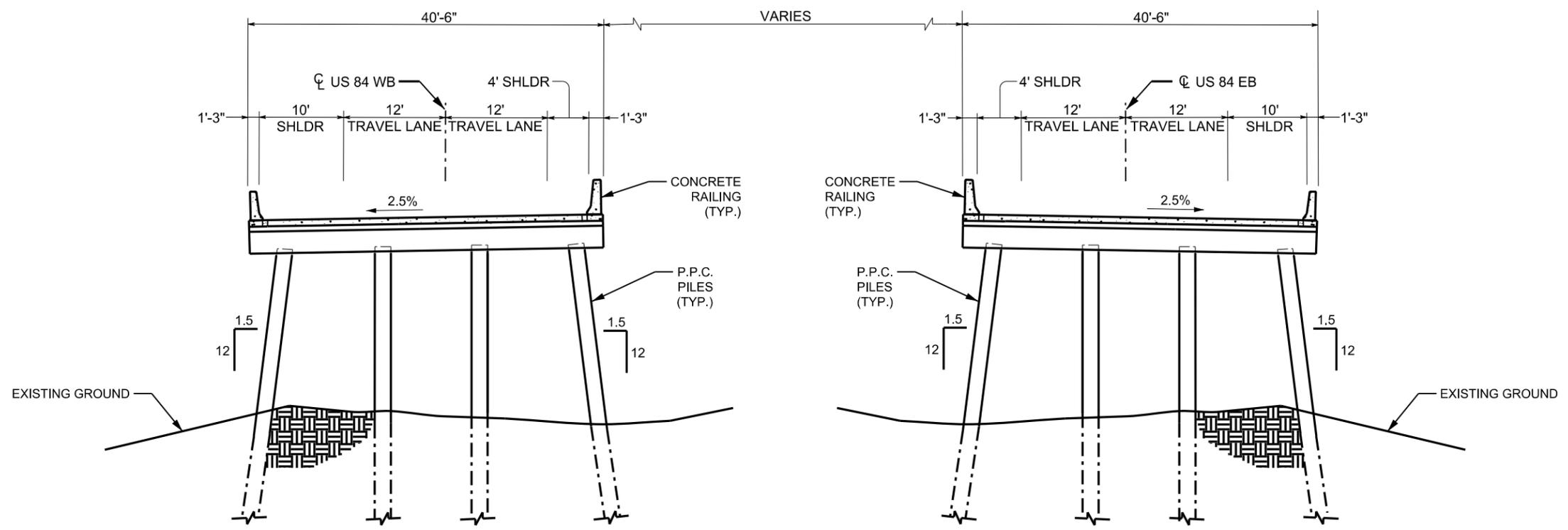


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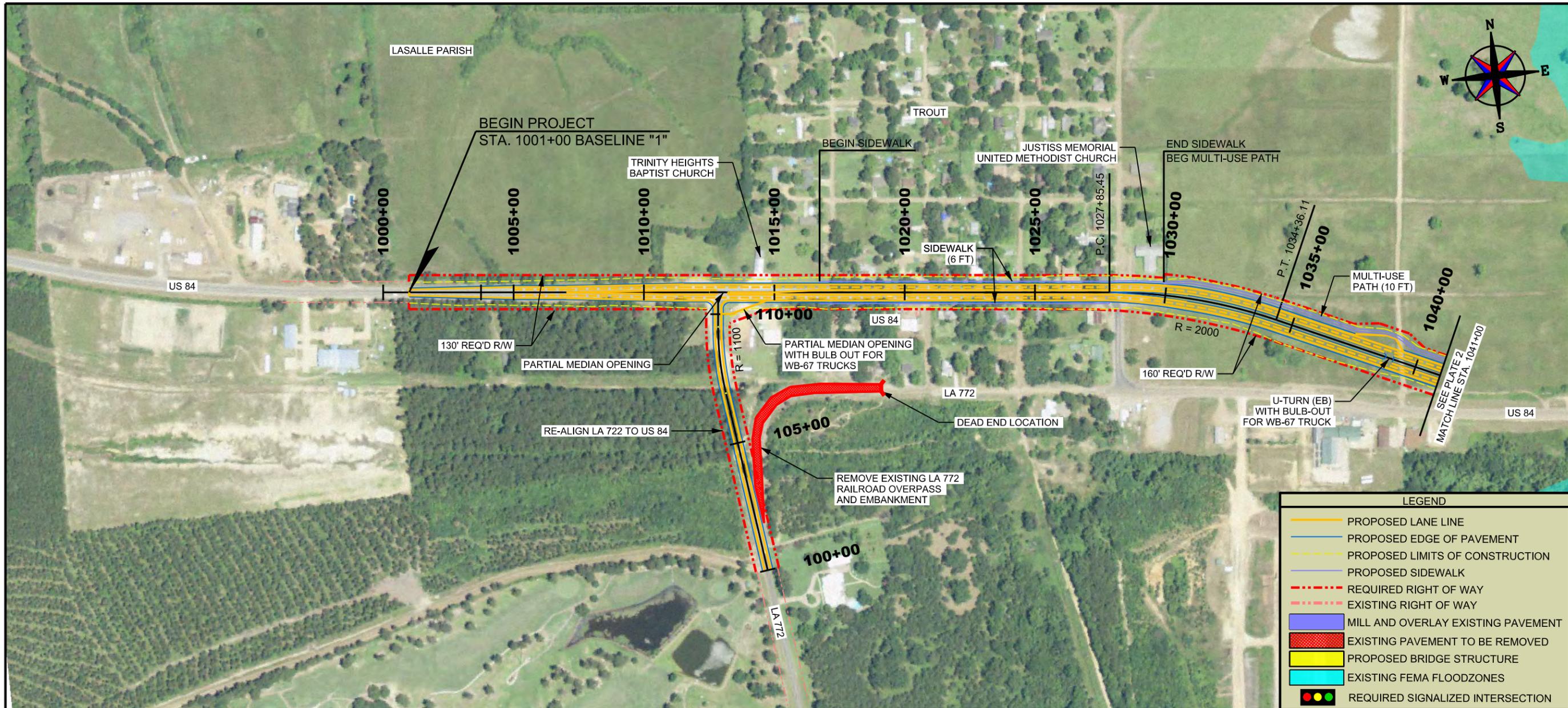
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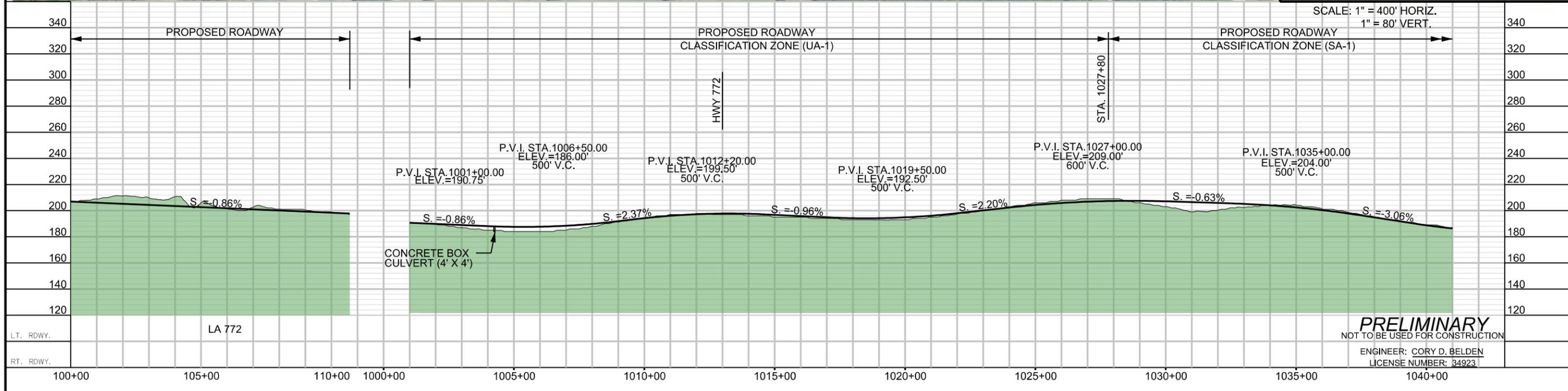


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	PROPOSED LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK
	REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY
	MILL AND OVERLAY EXISTING PAVEMENT
	EXISTING PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED
	PROPOSED BRIDGE STRUCTURE
	EXISTING FEMA FLOODZONES
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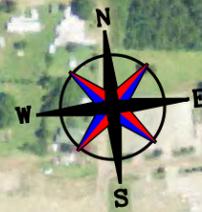
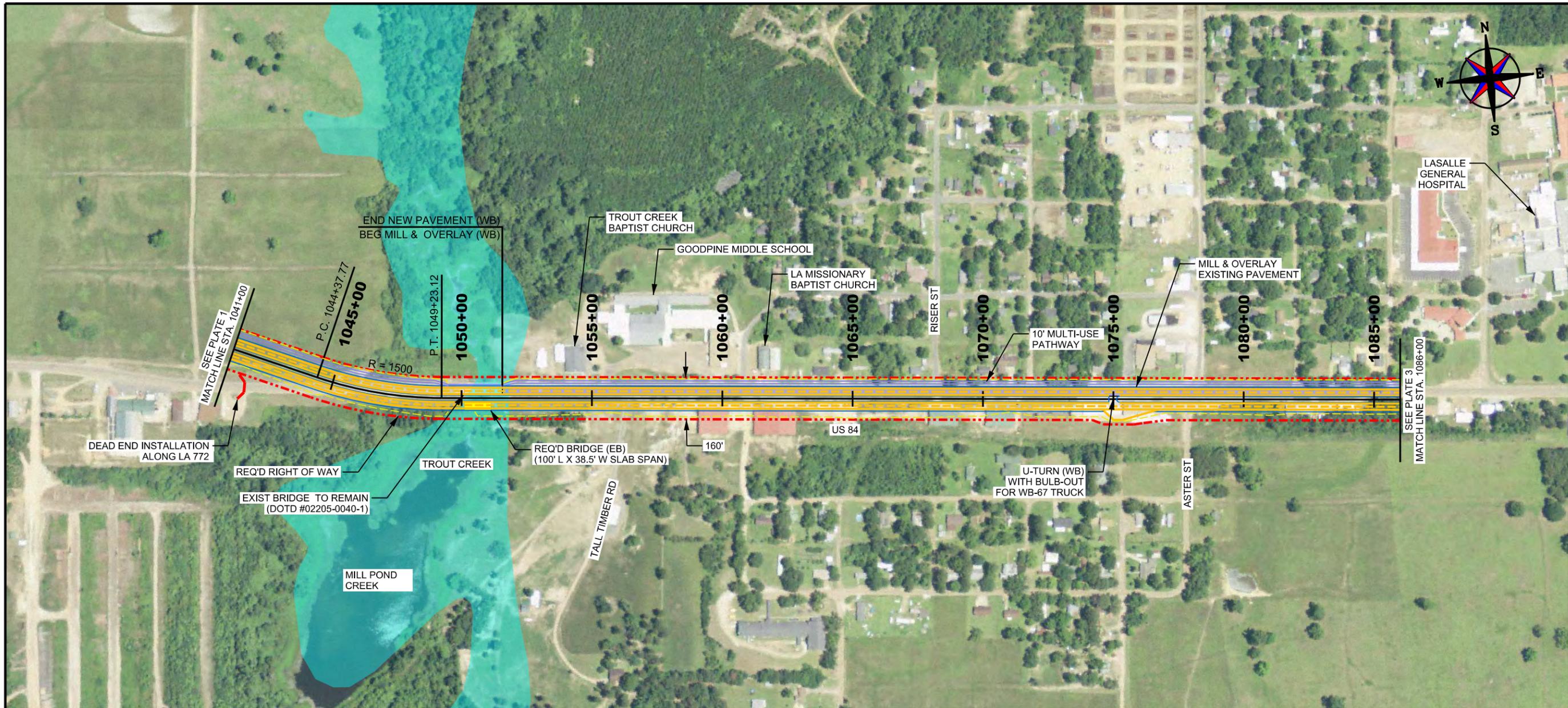
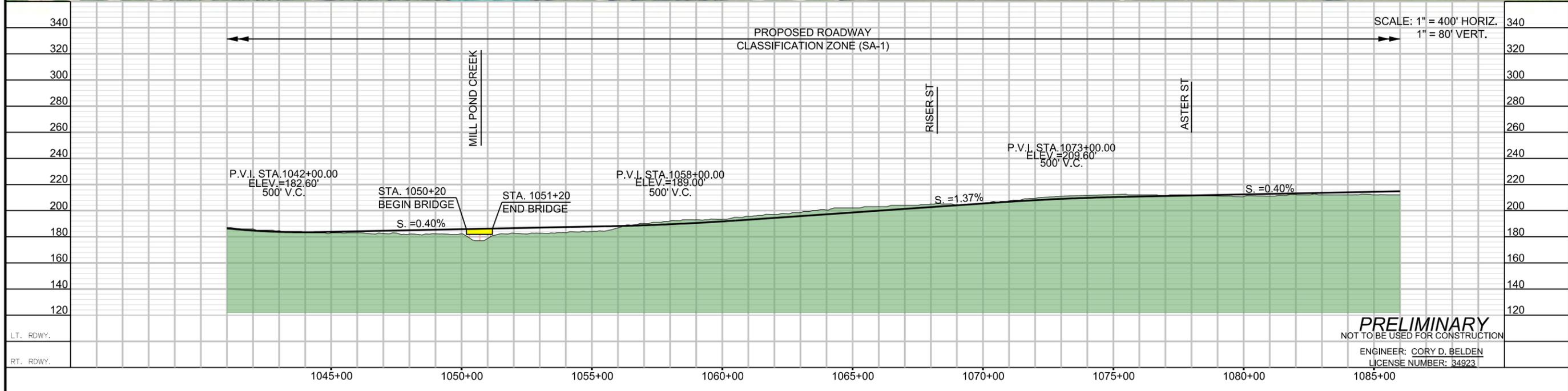


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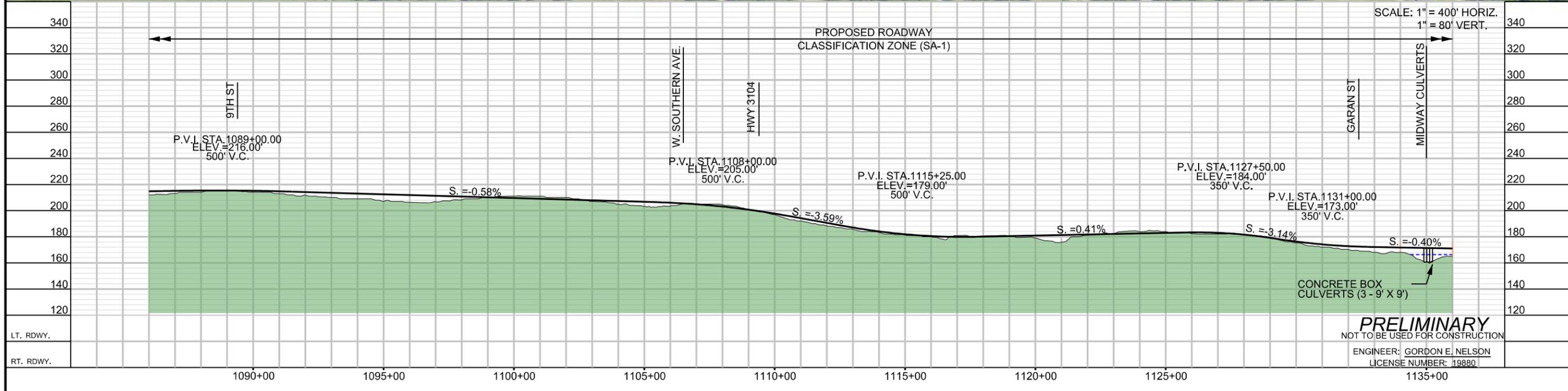
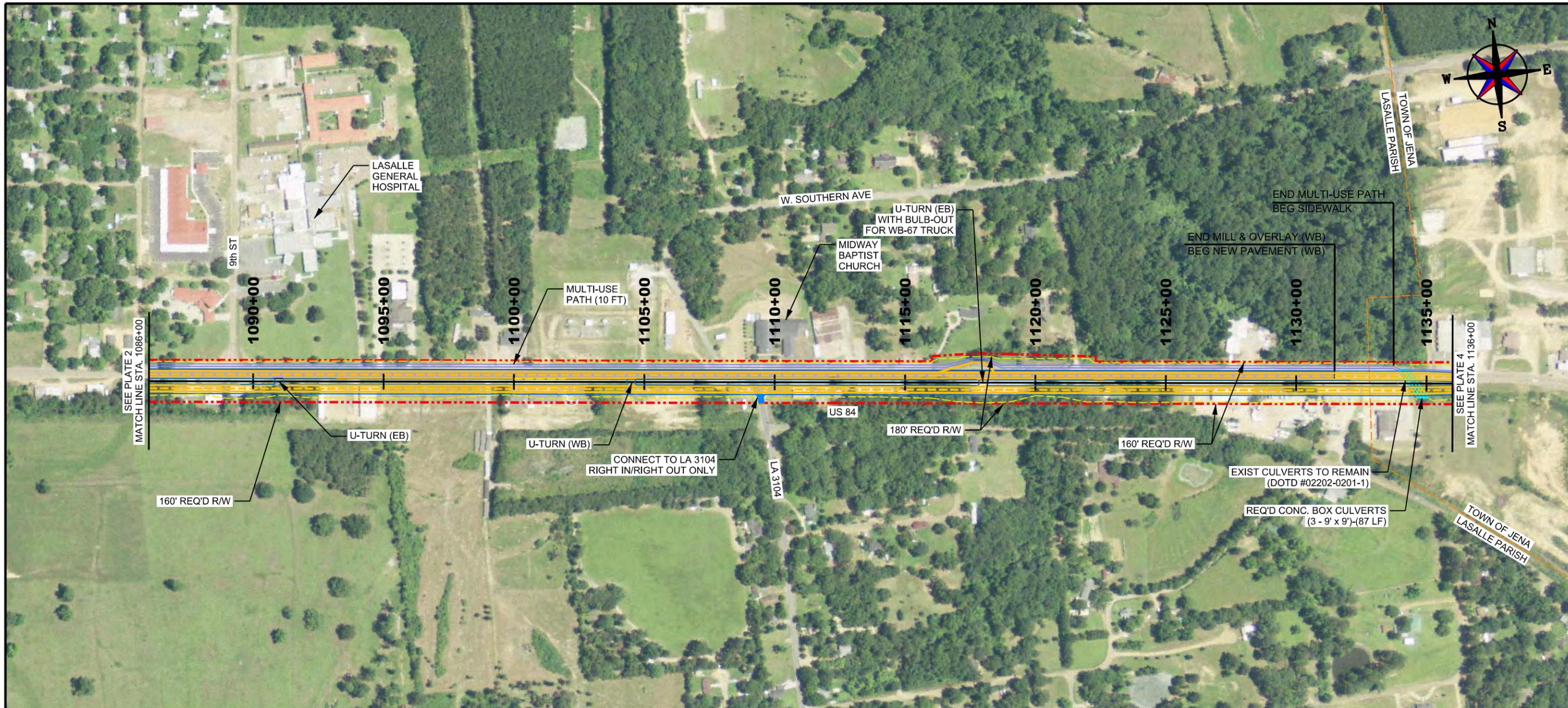
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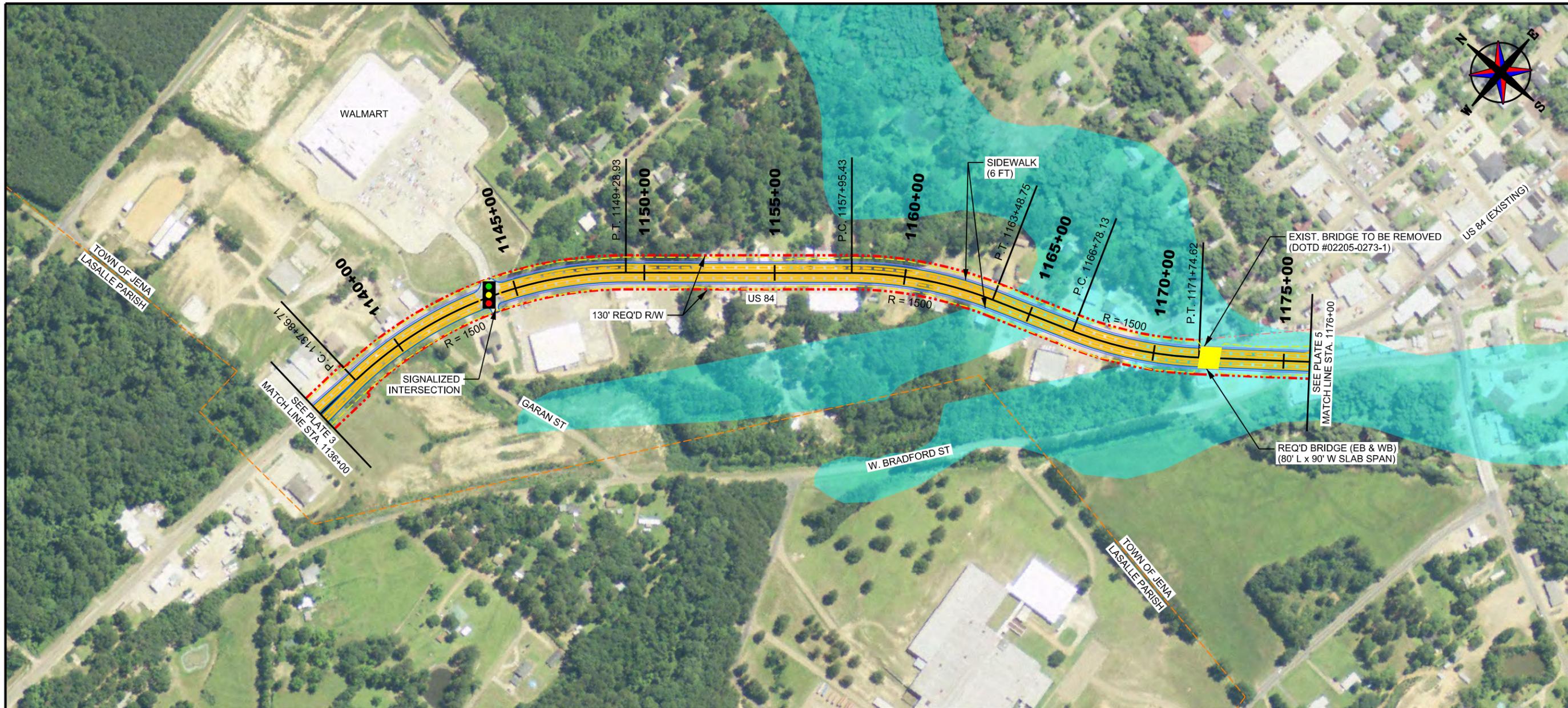
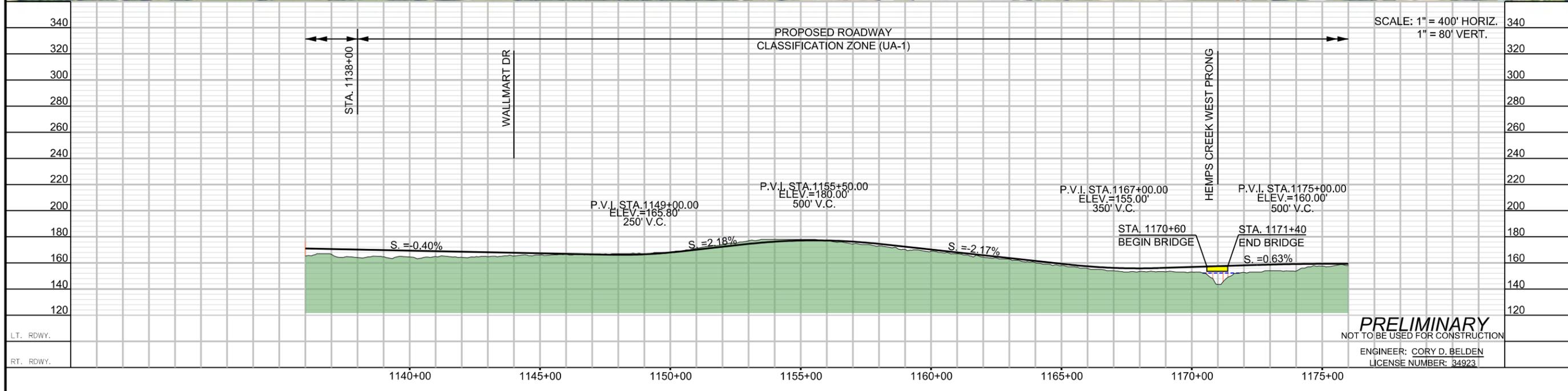


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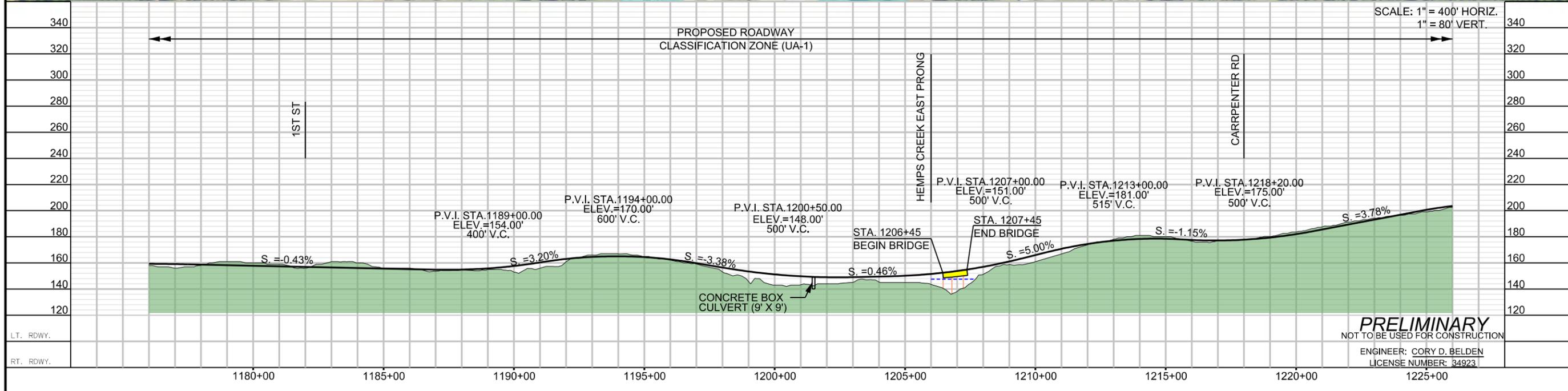
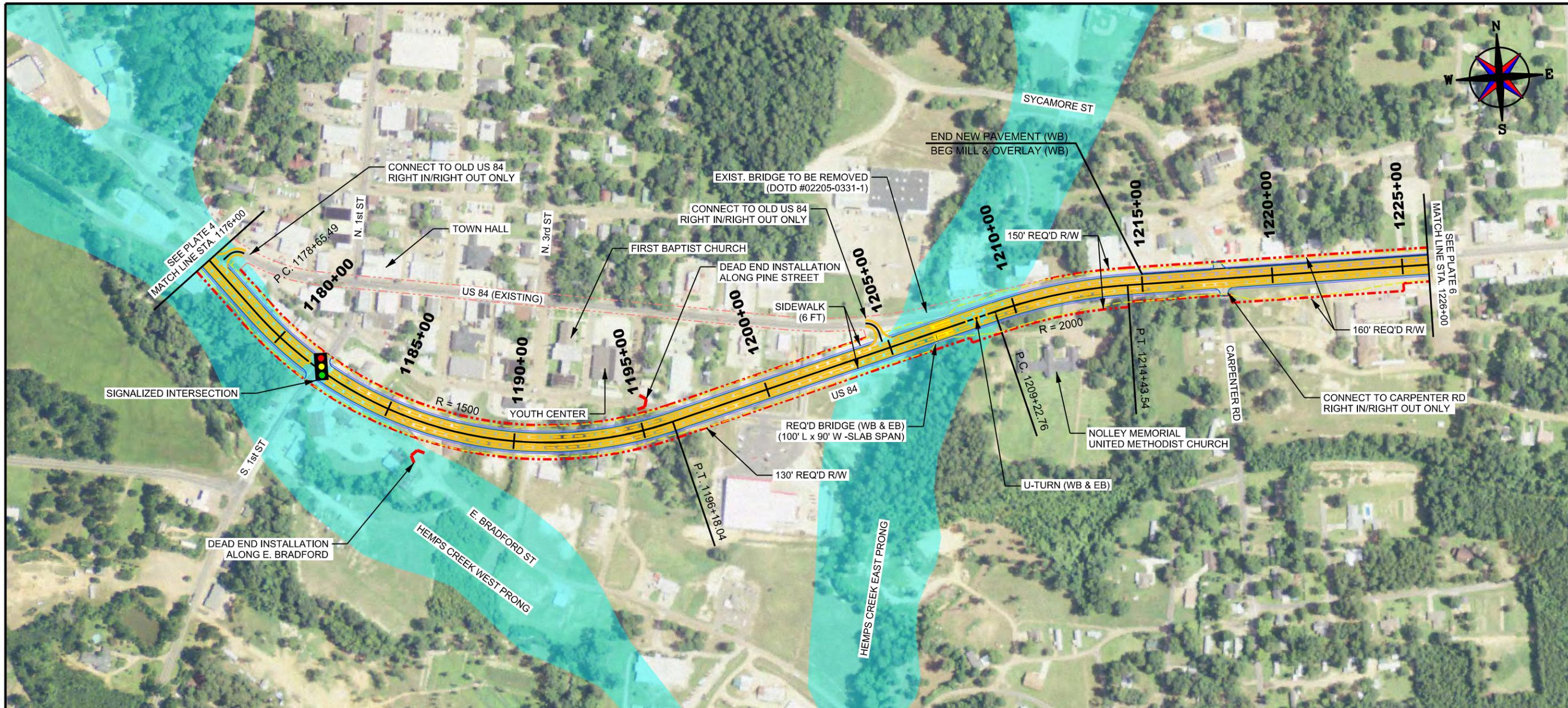
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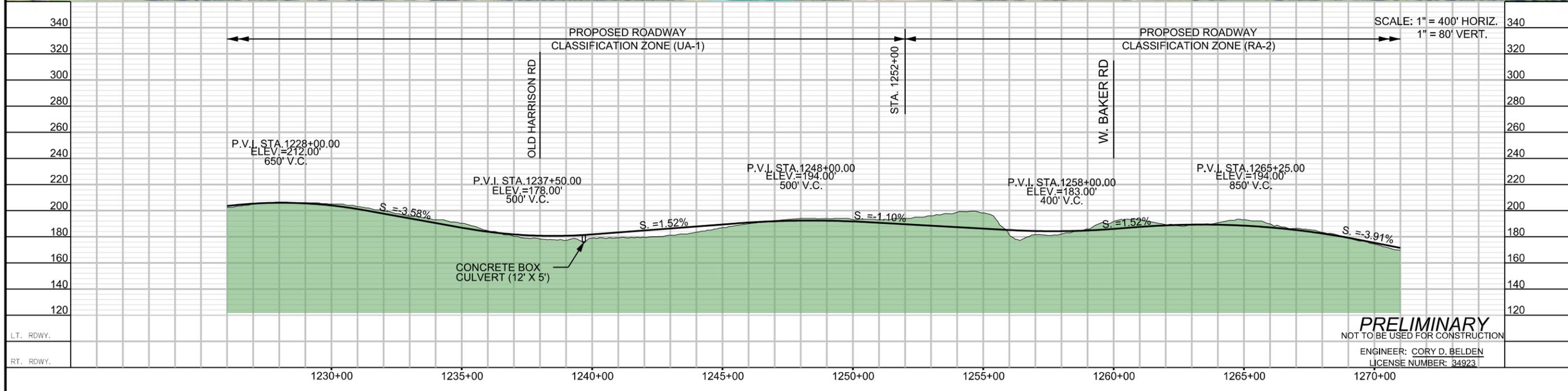
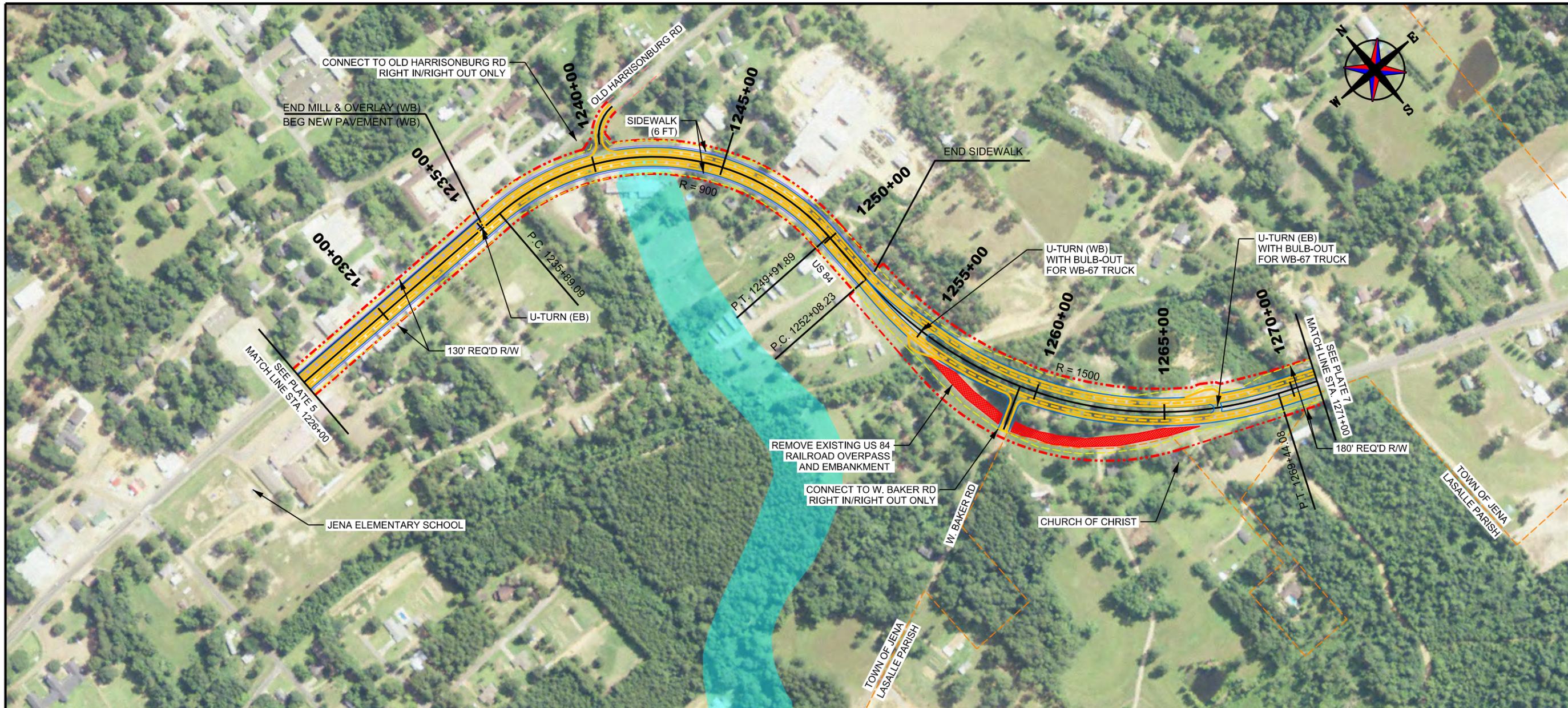


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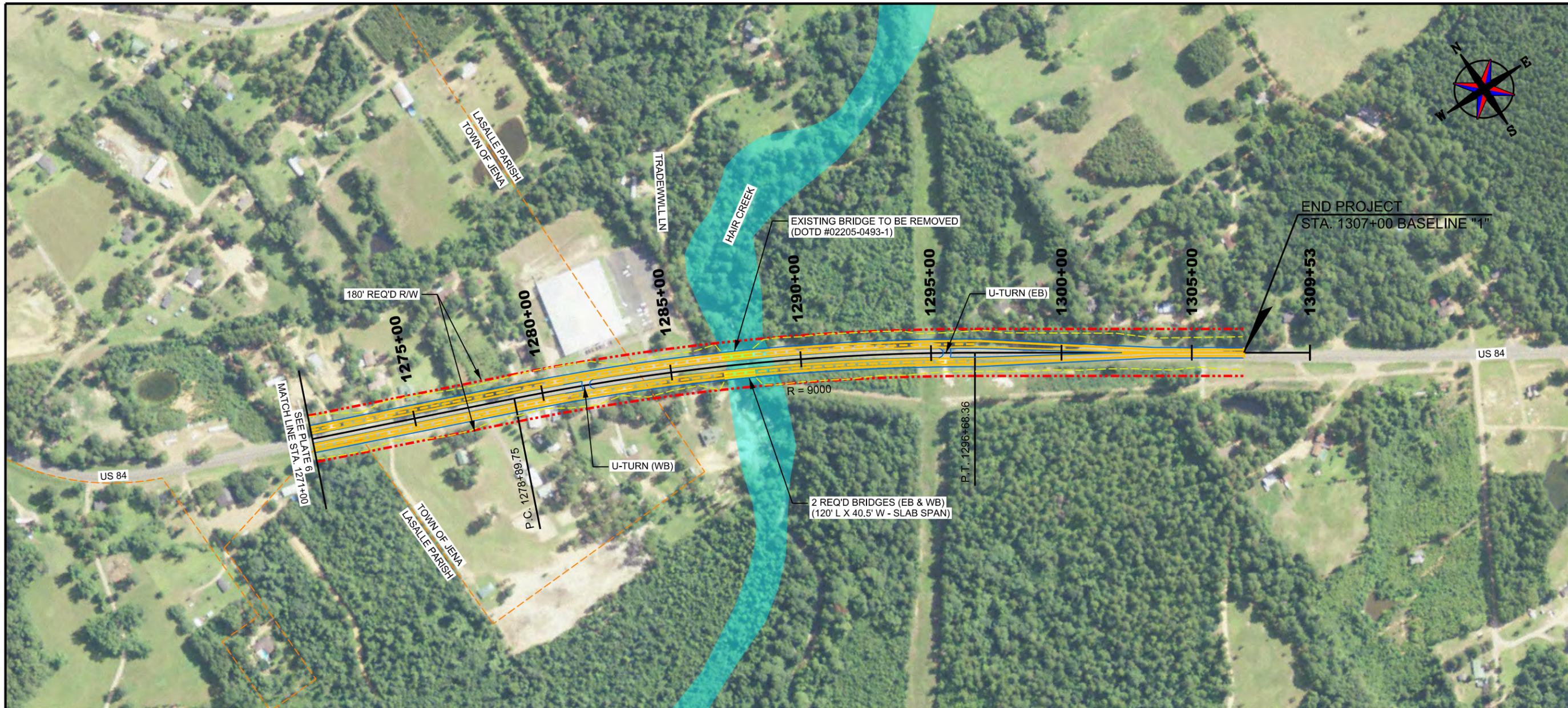
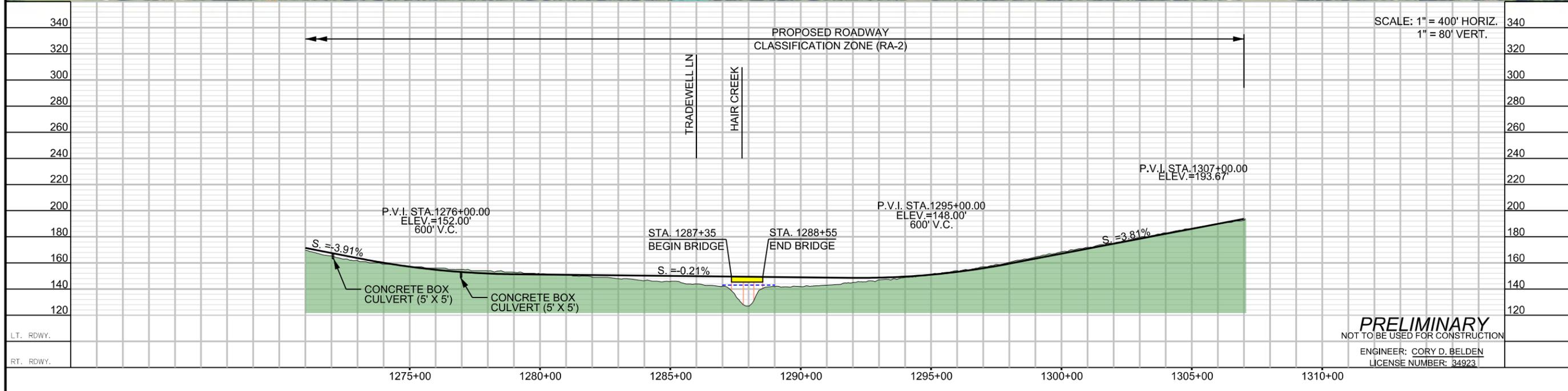


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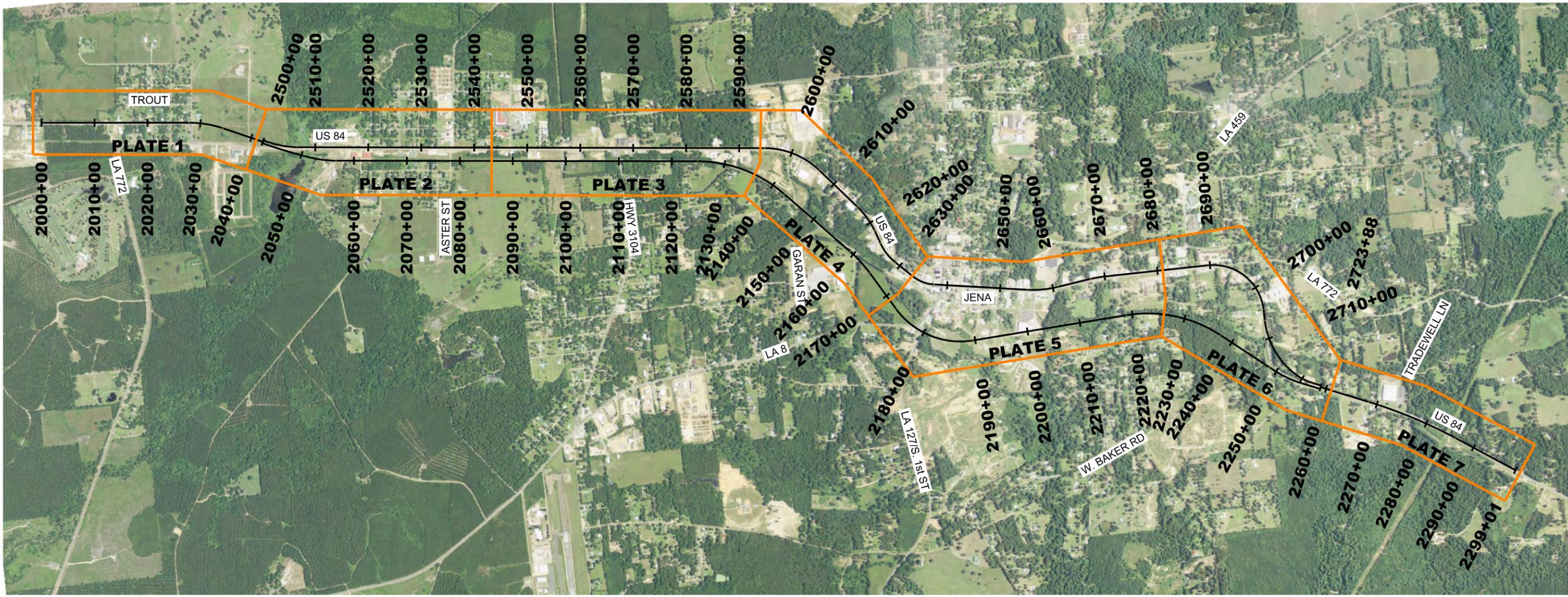
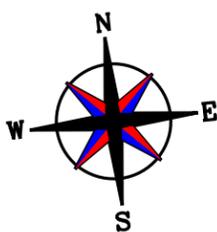
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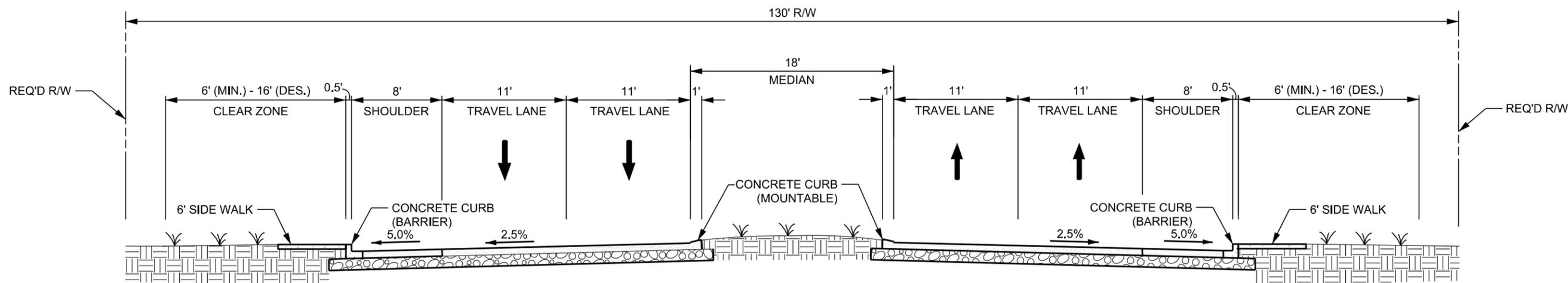
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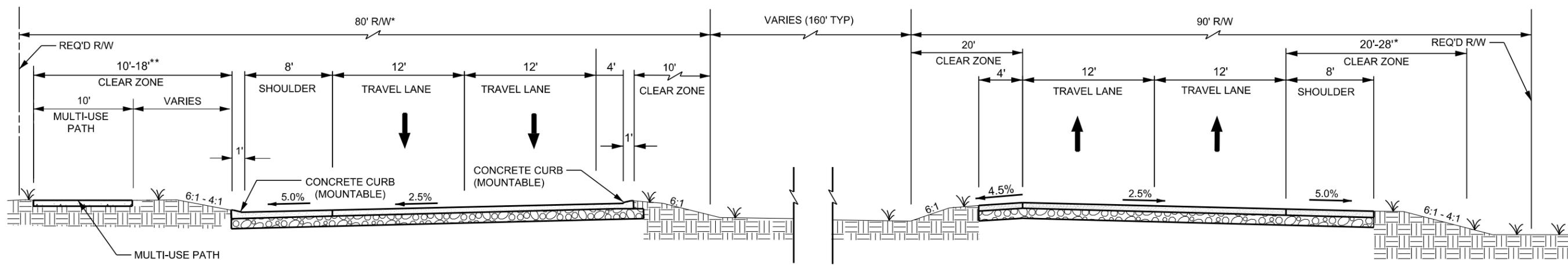
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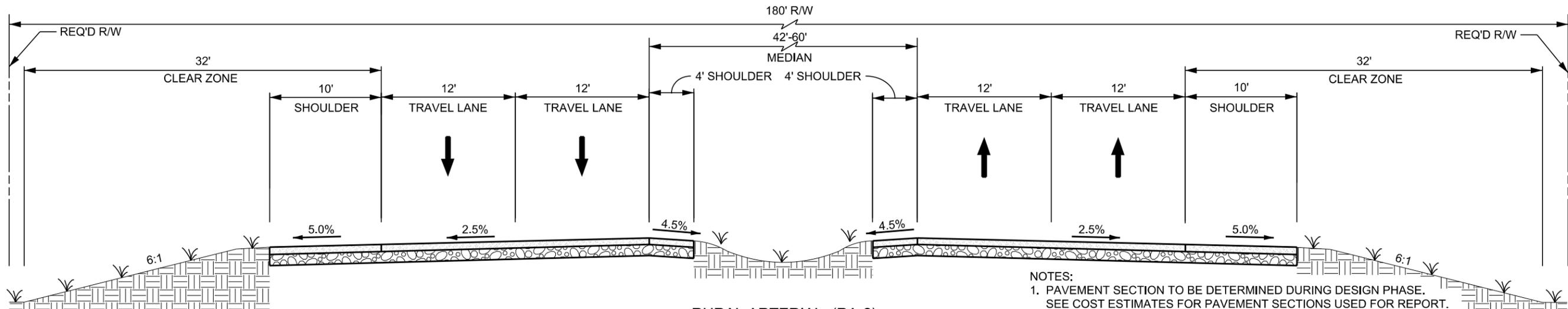


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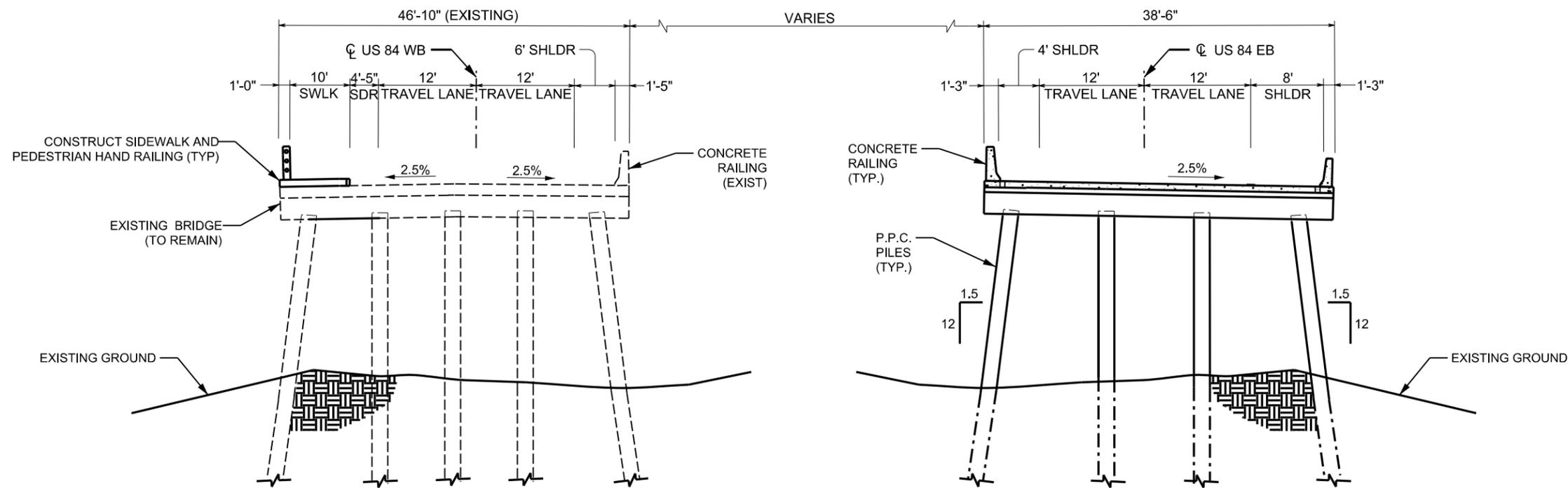
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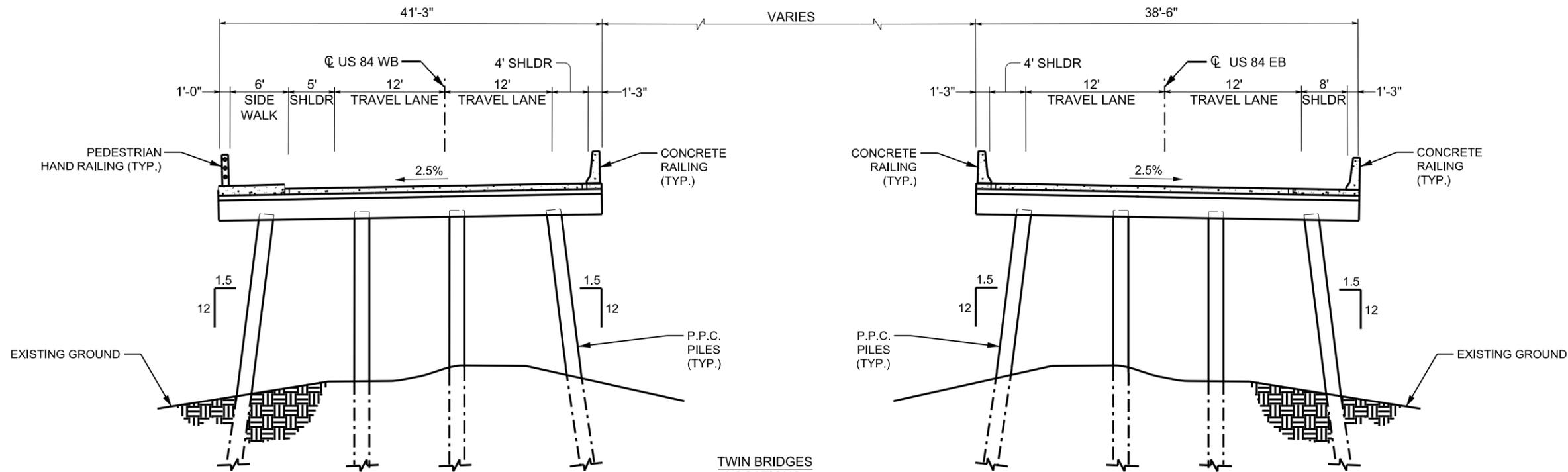
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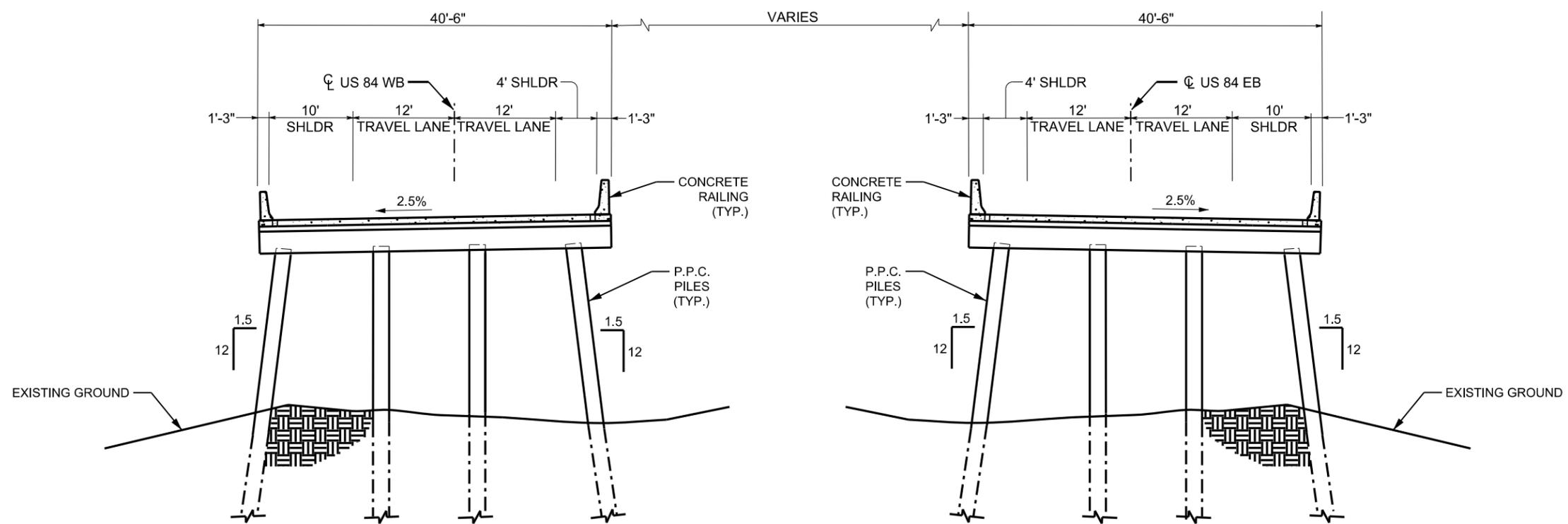


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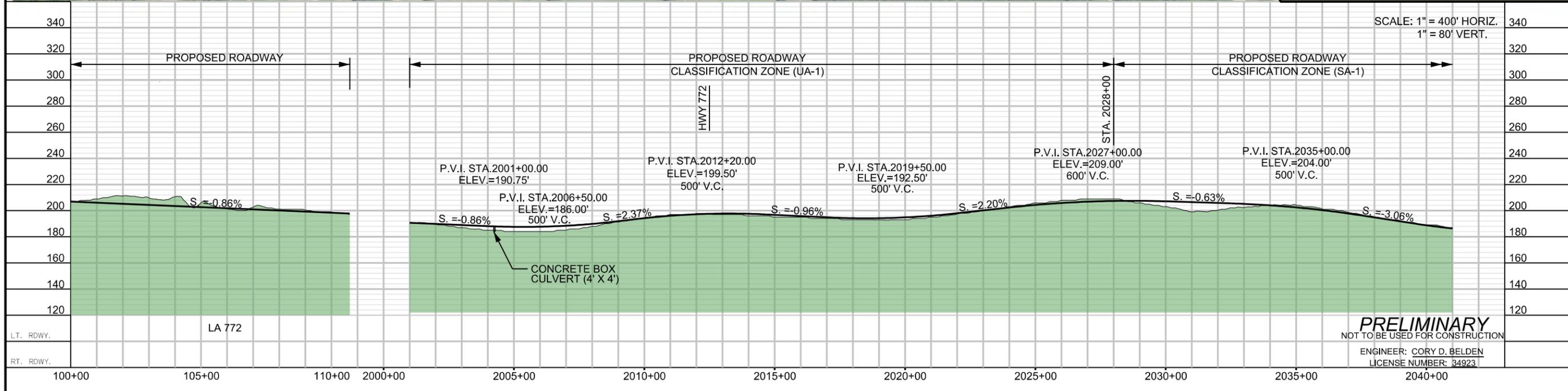
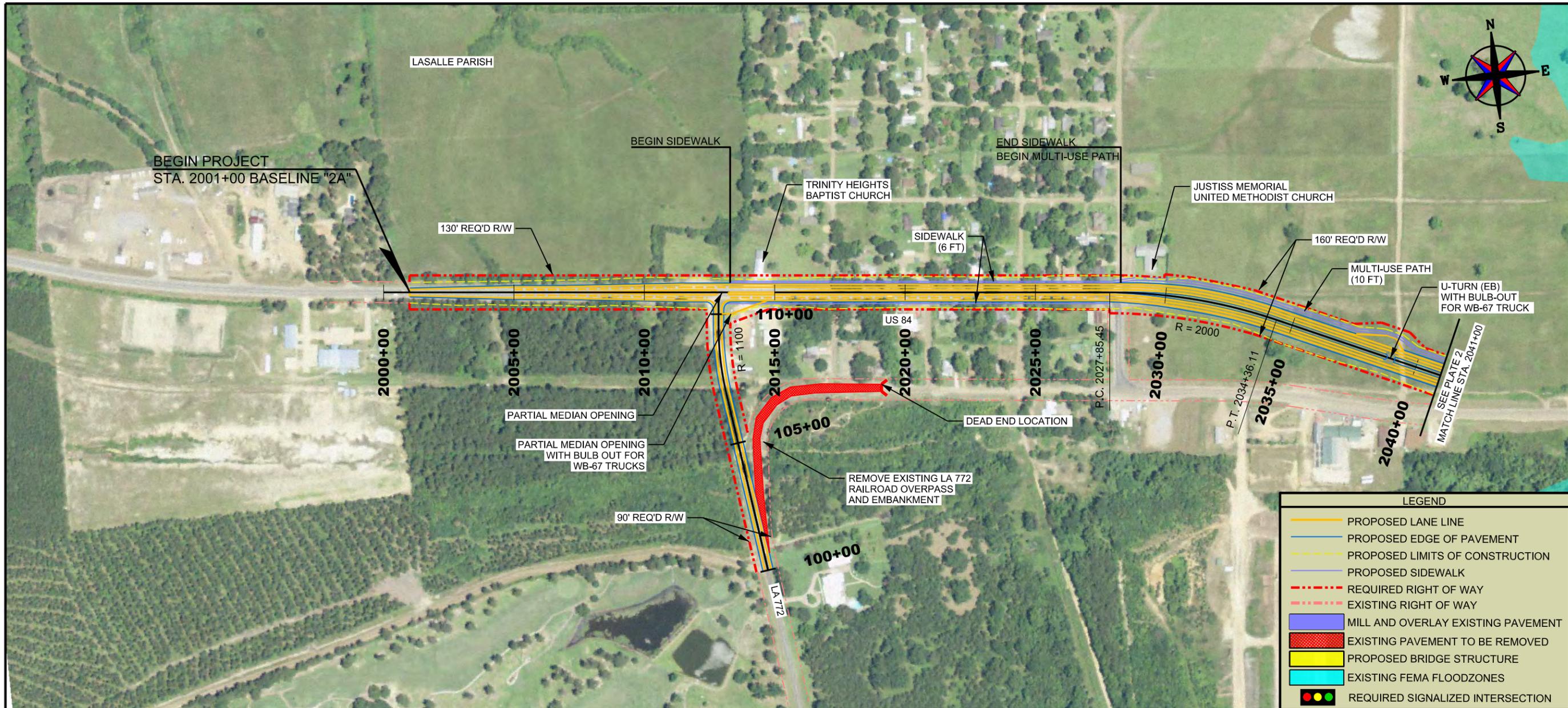
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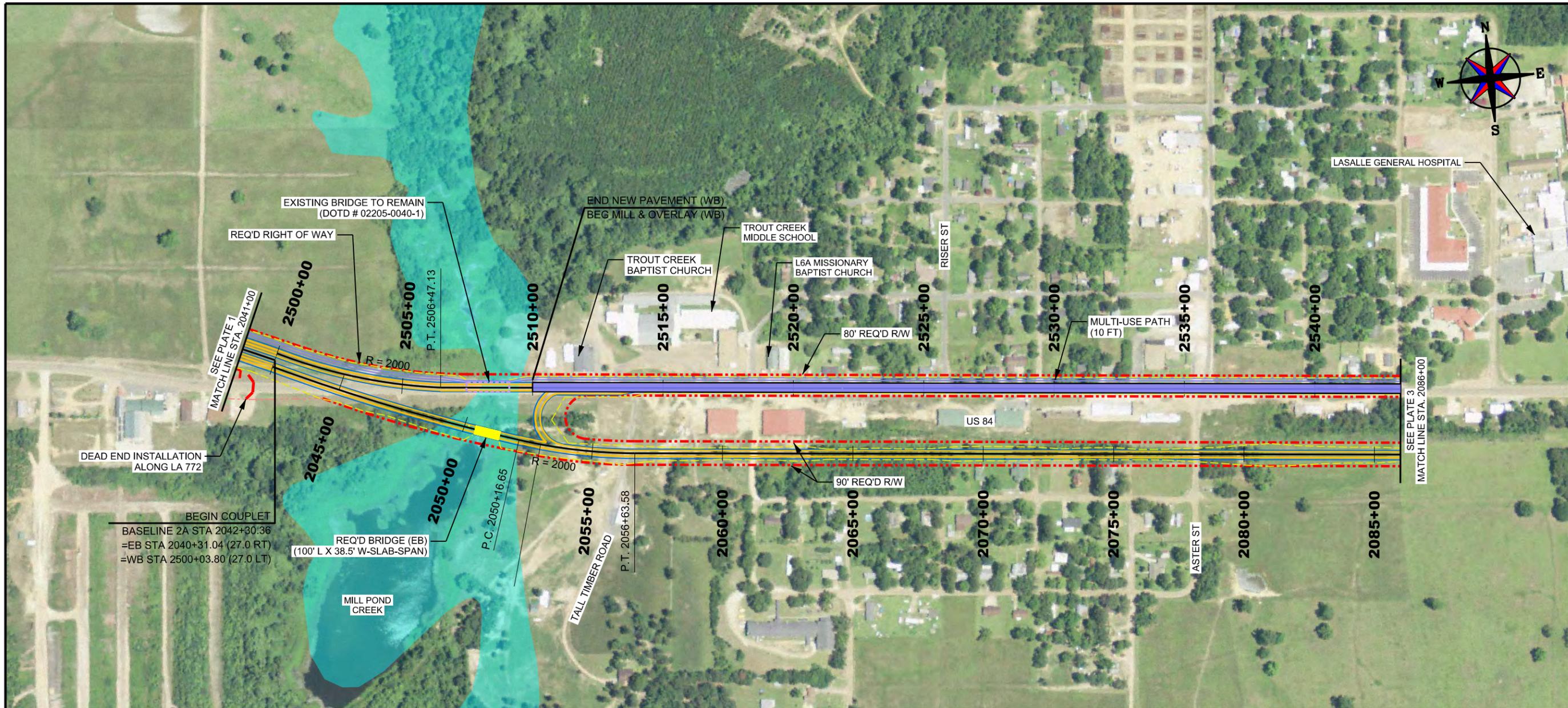
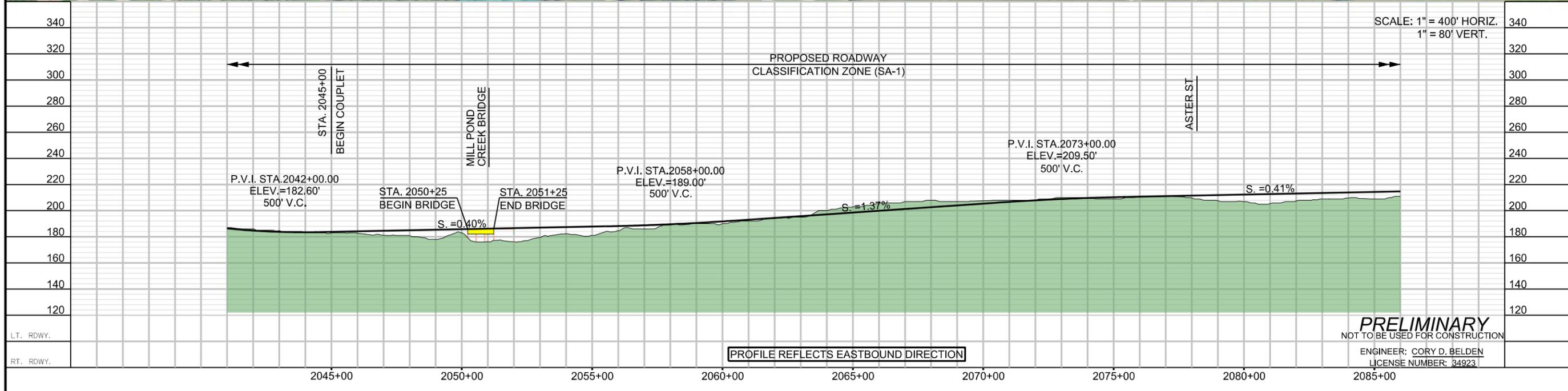


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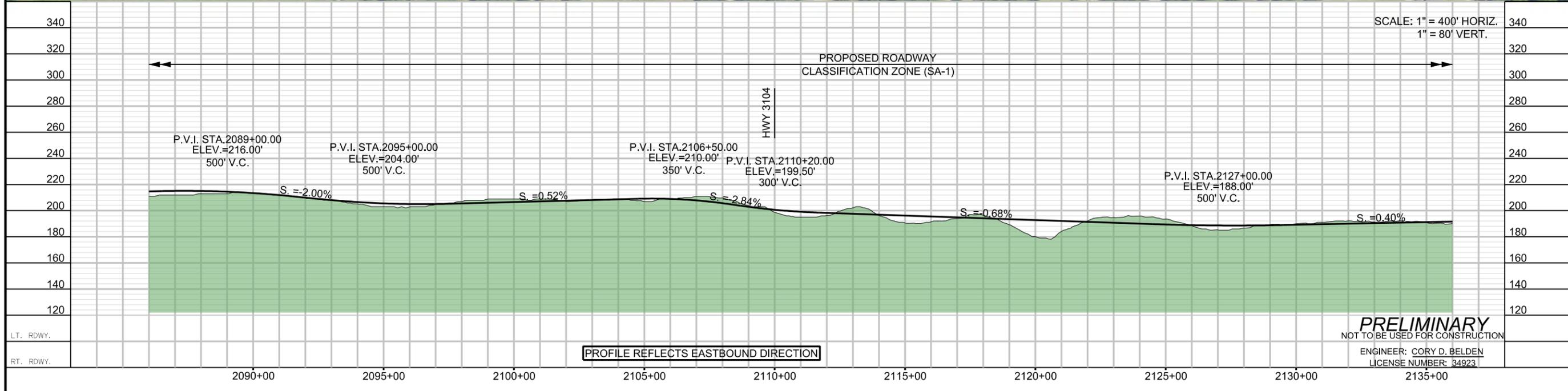
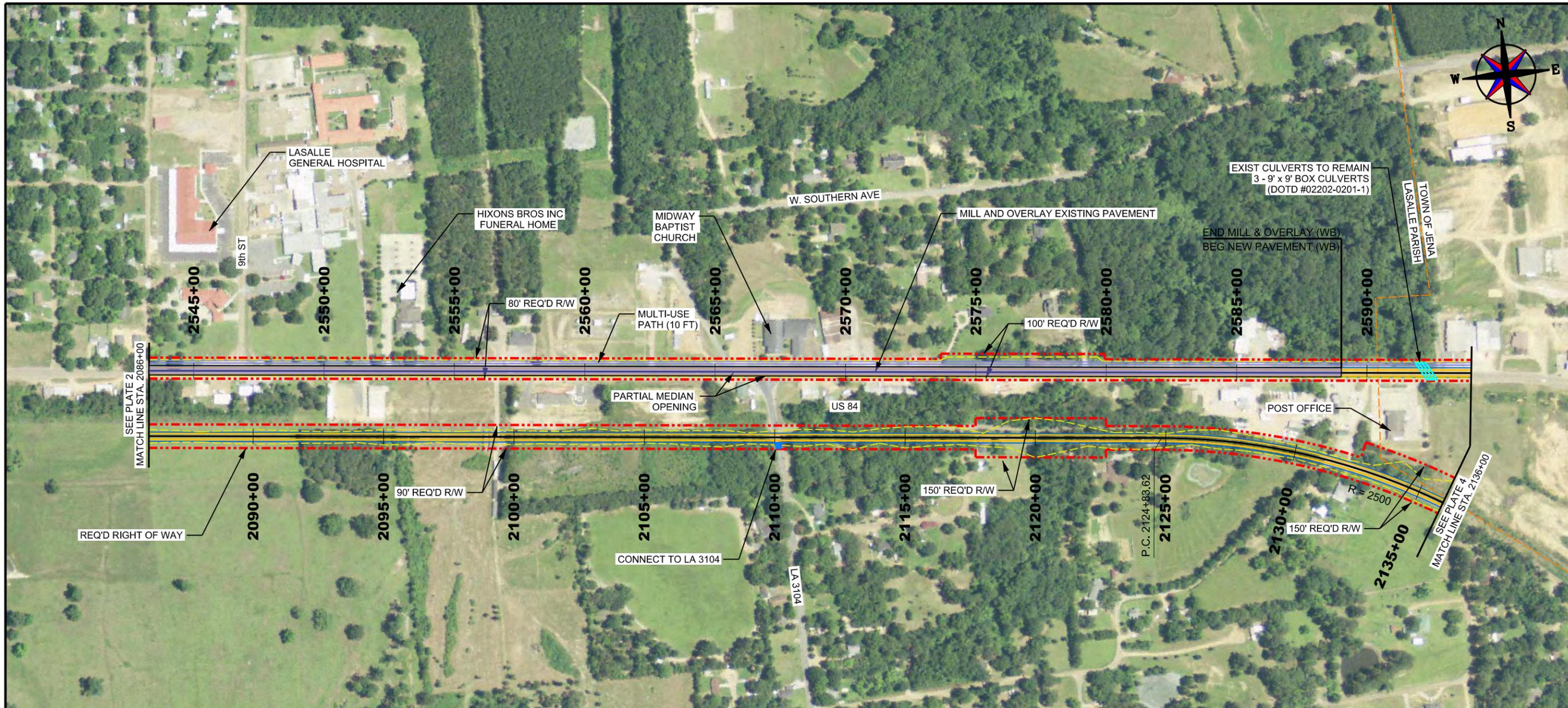
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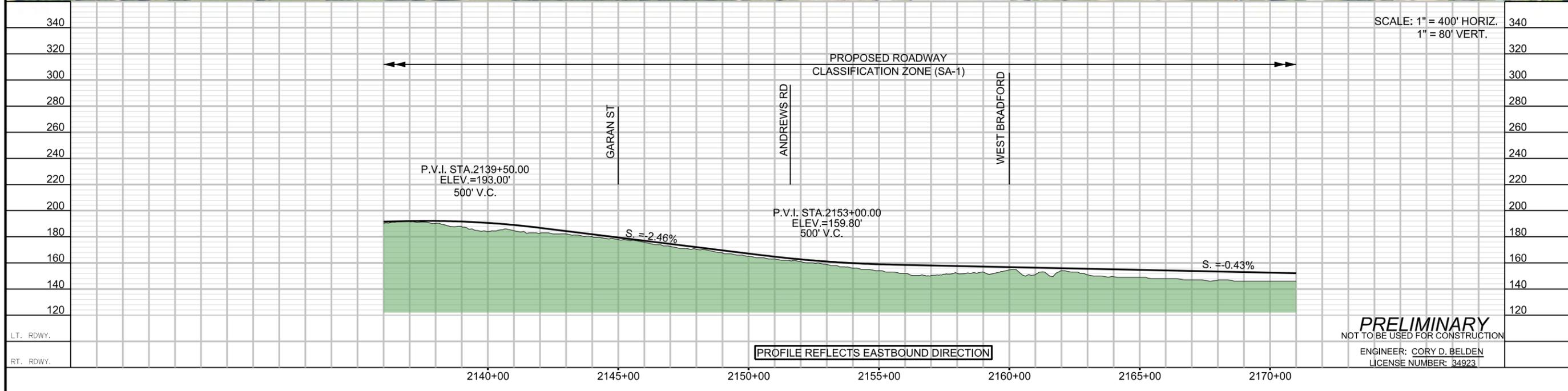
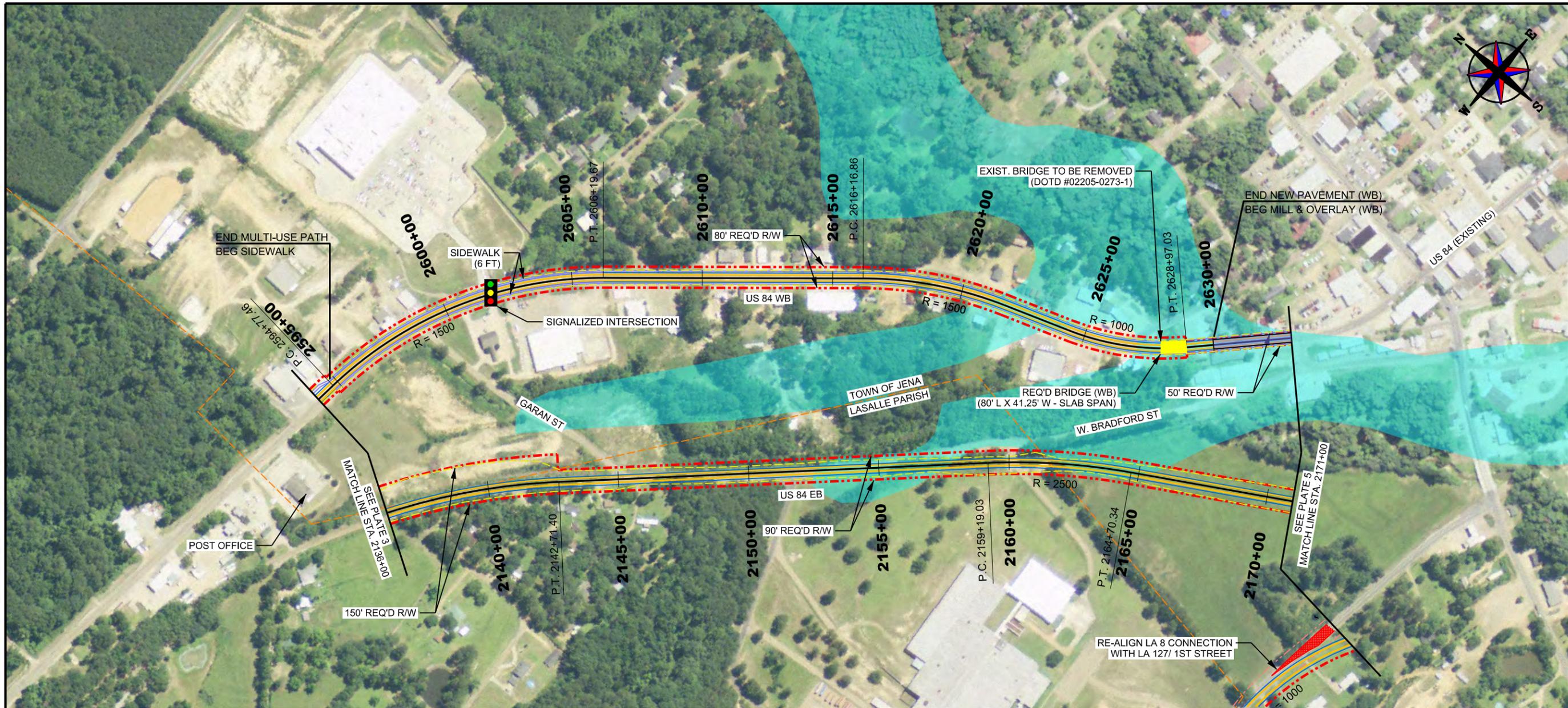


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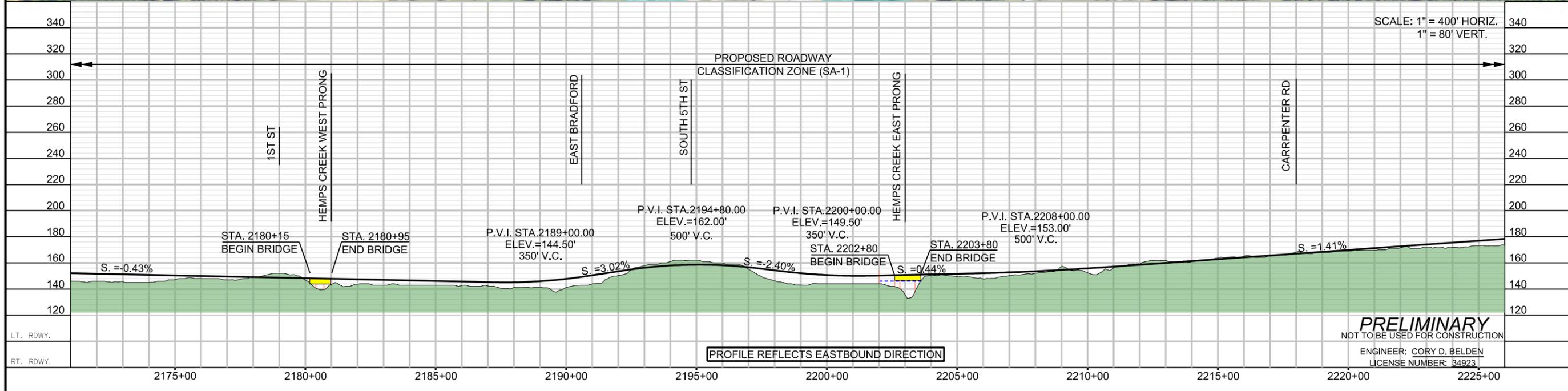
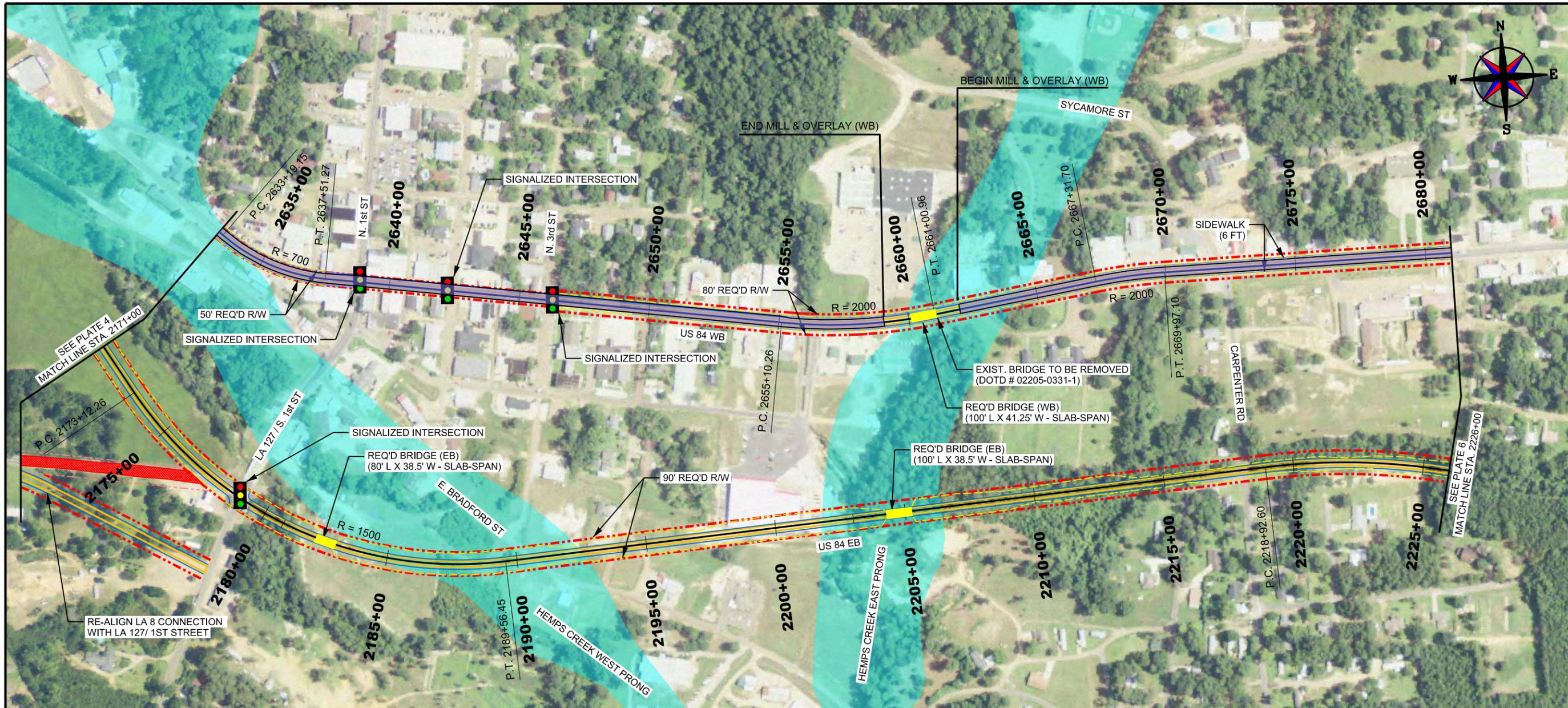


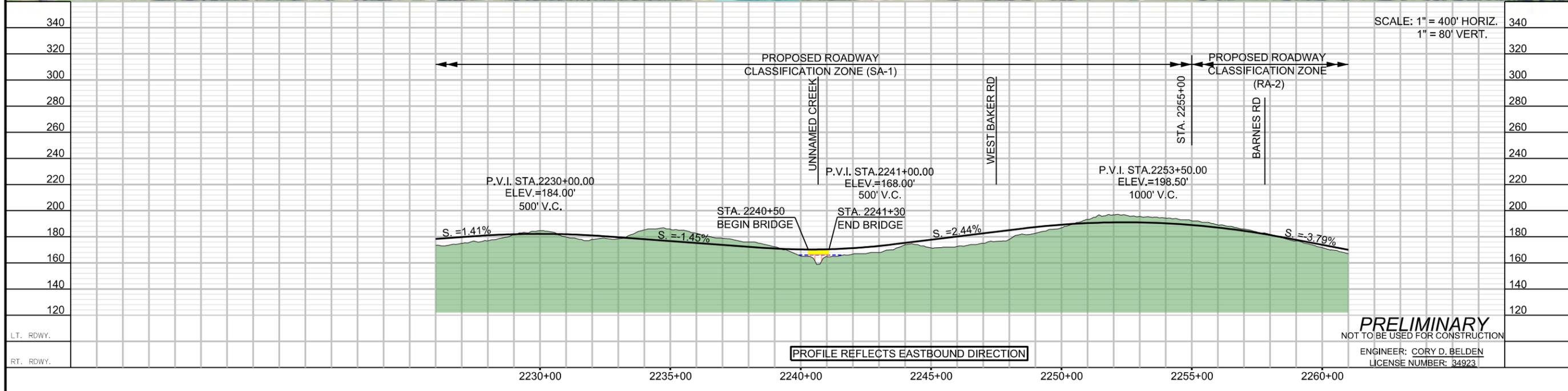
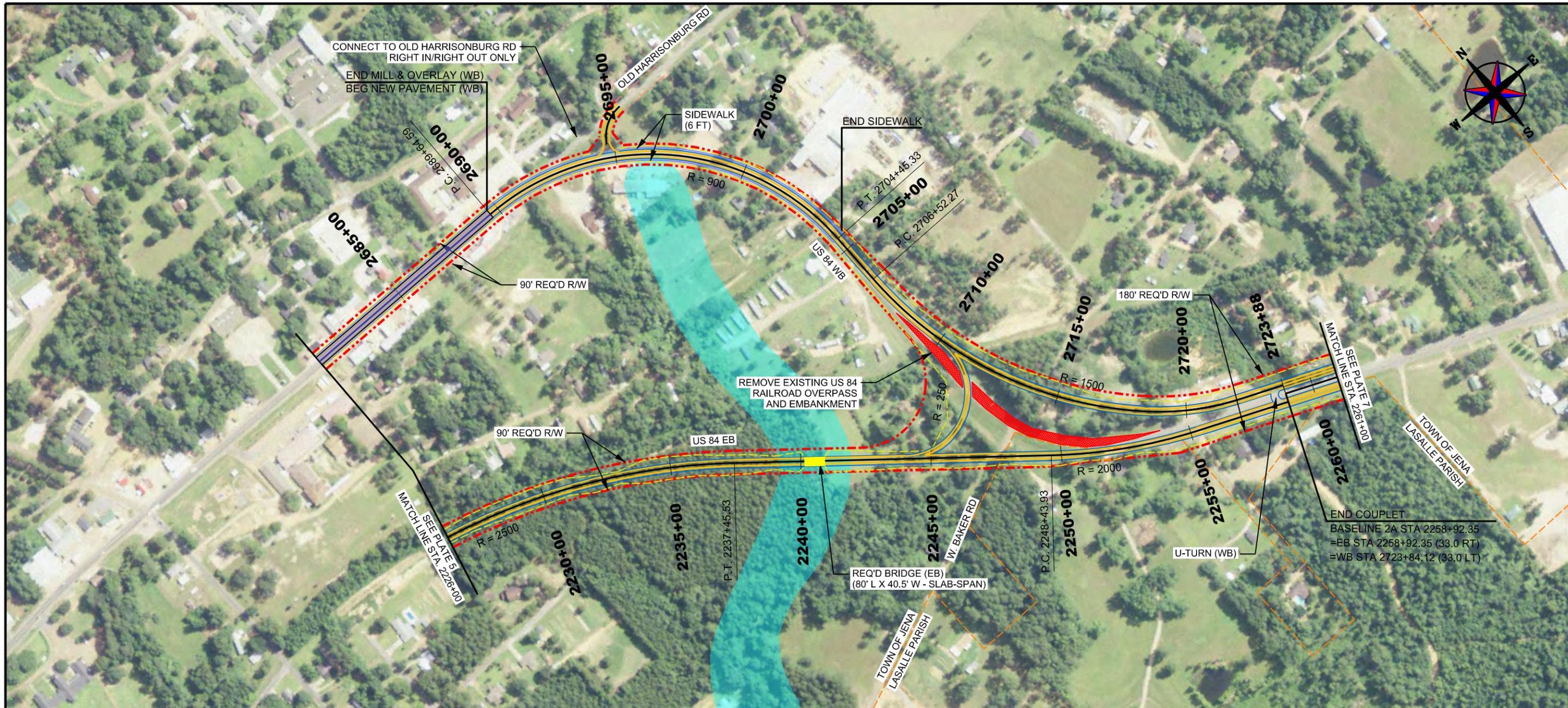
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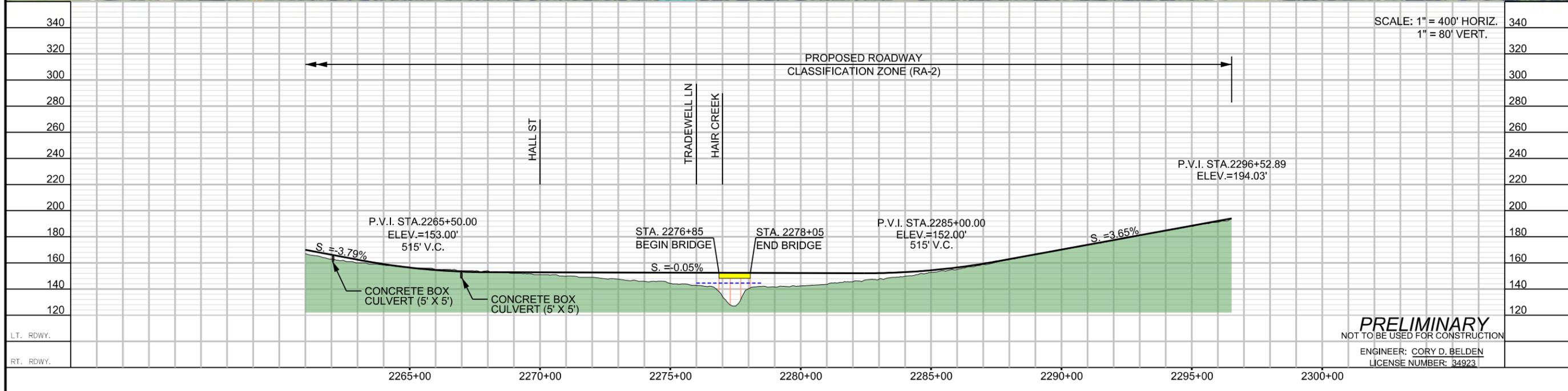
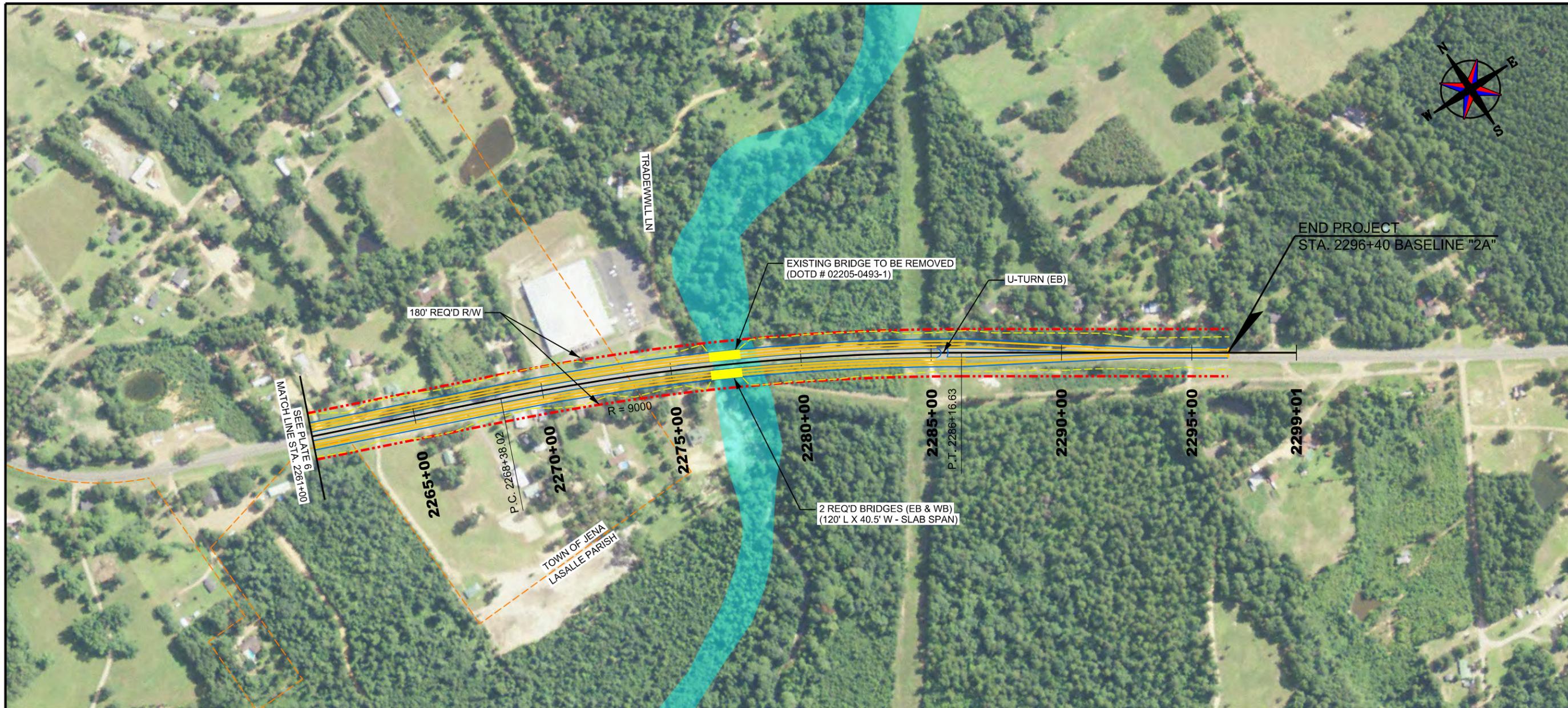


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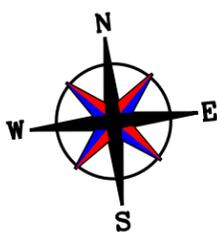
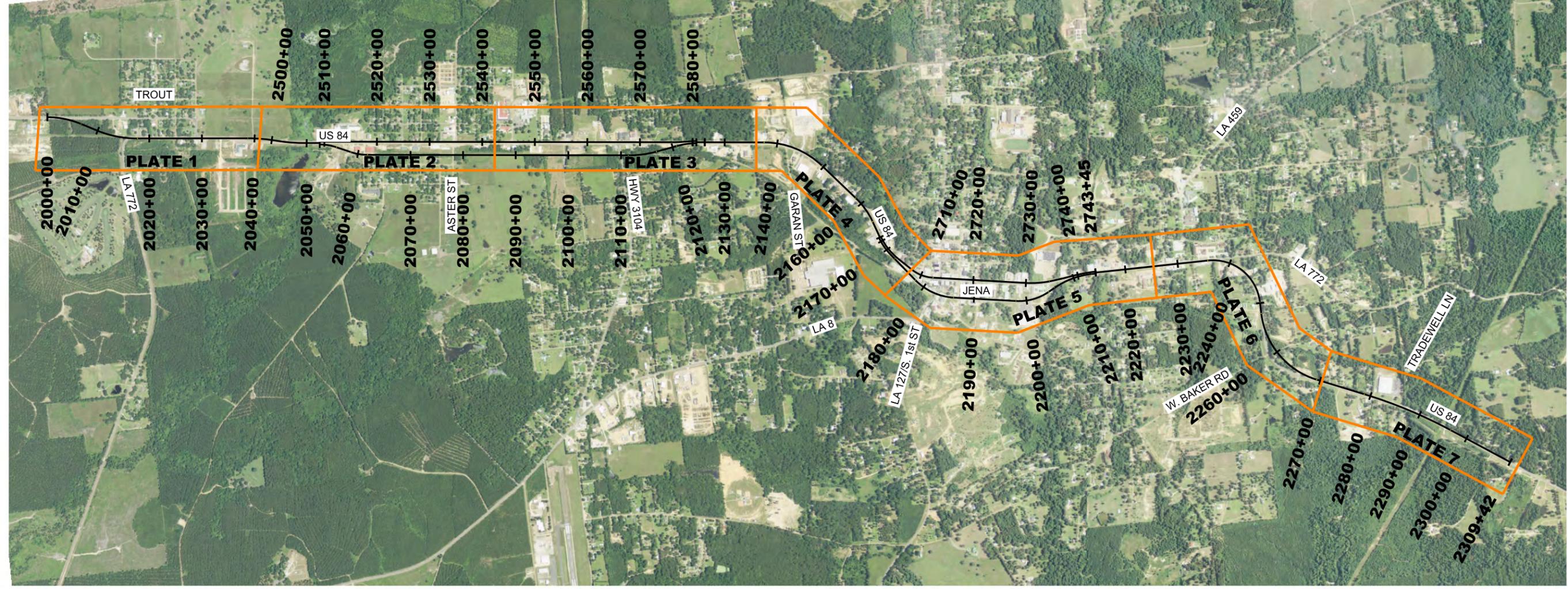


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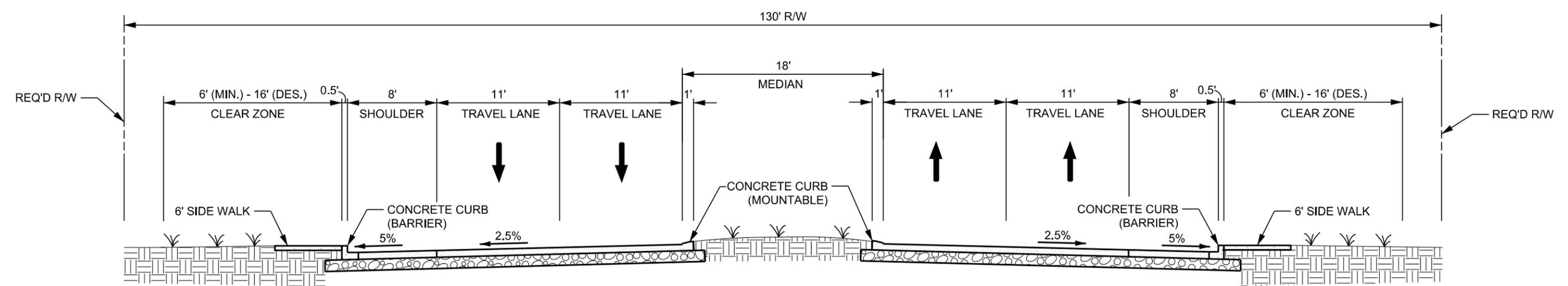
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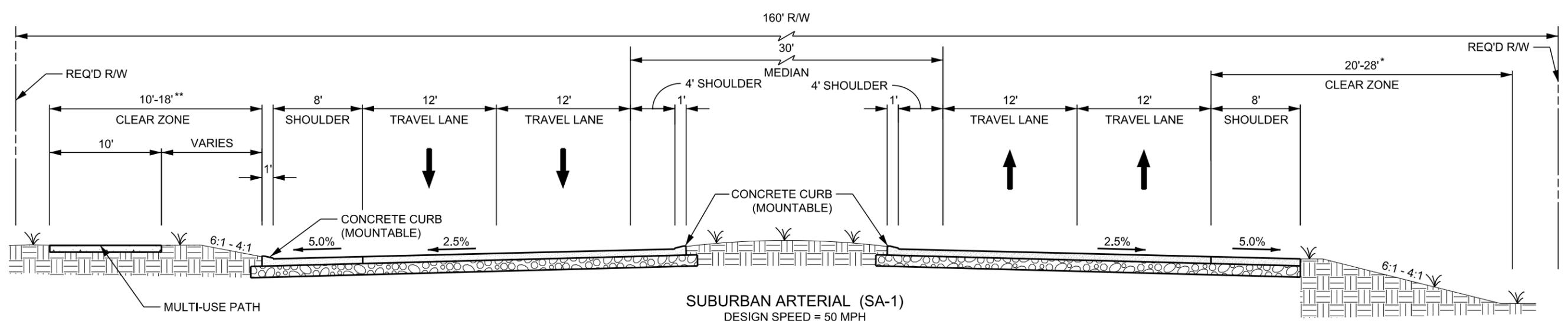


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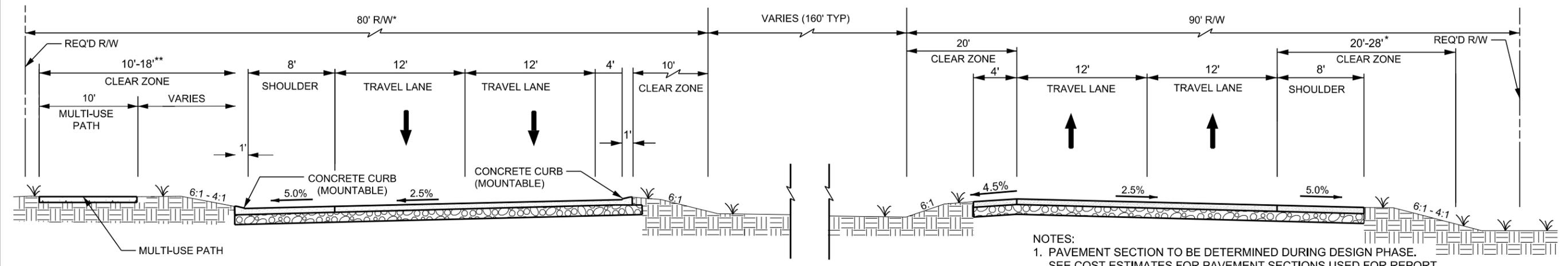


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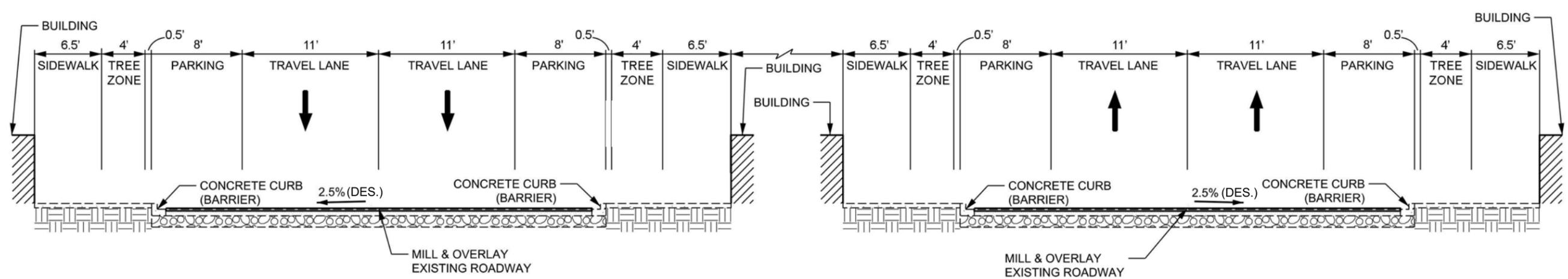
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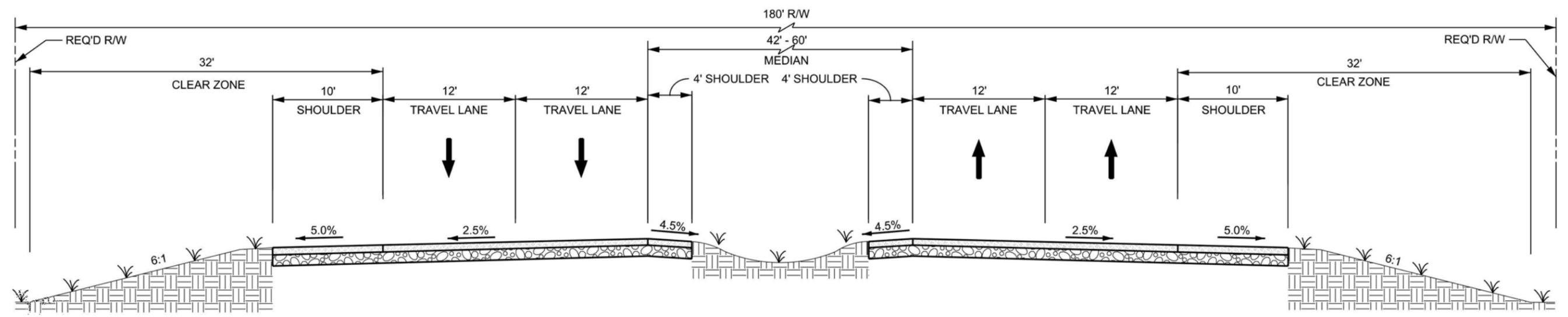
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FAP NO. DE 3010 (503)	PARISH: LASALLE	ROUTE: US HWY 84

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FROM: Mikeila Nagura
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC

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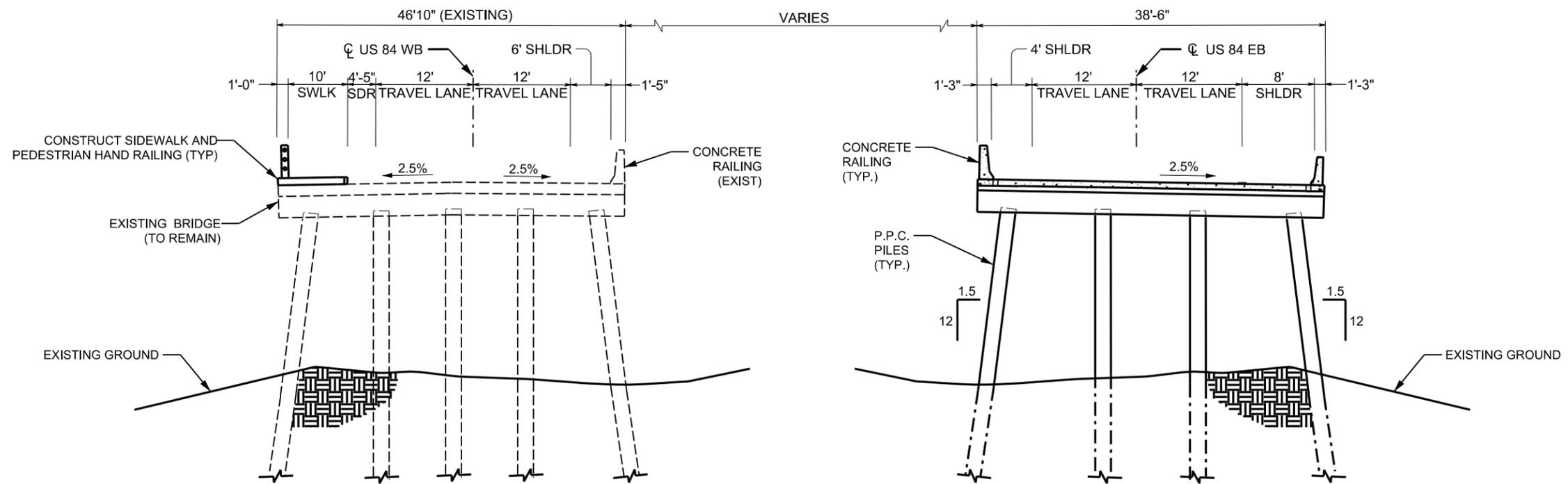
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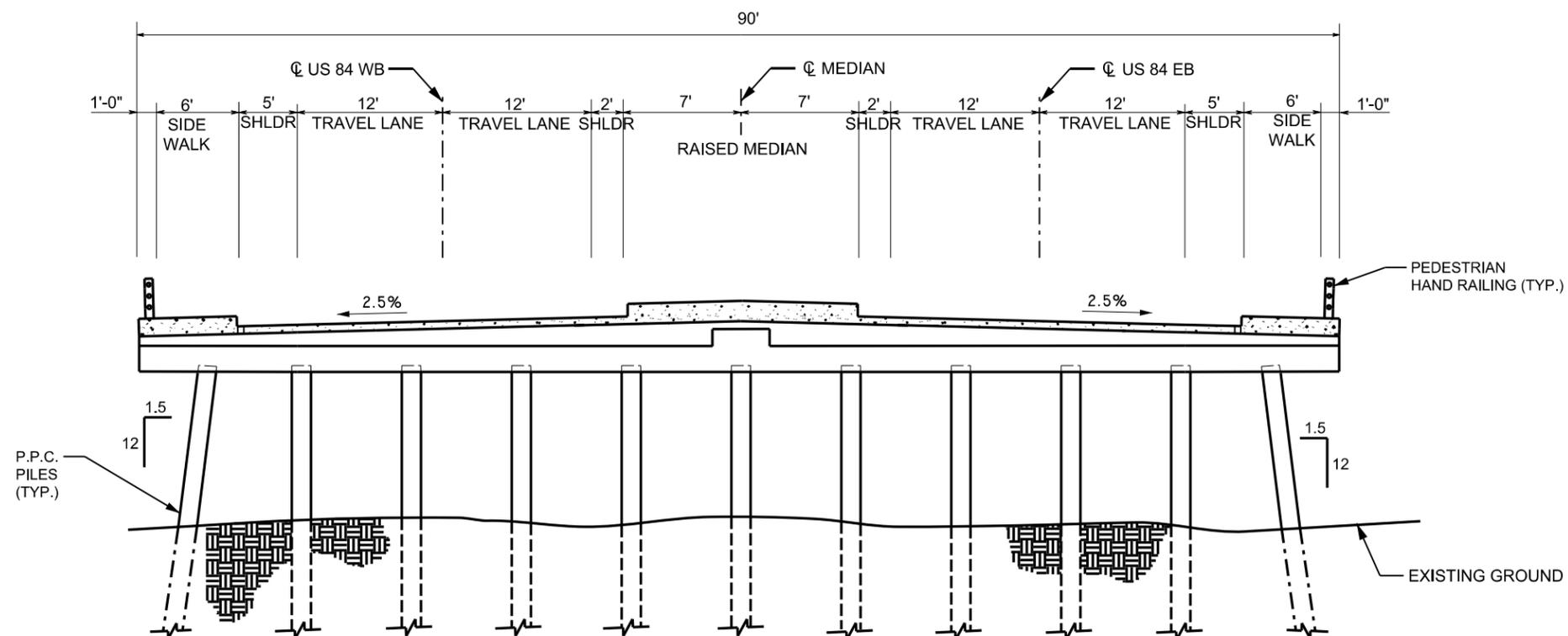
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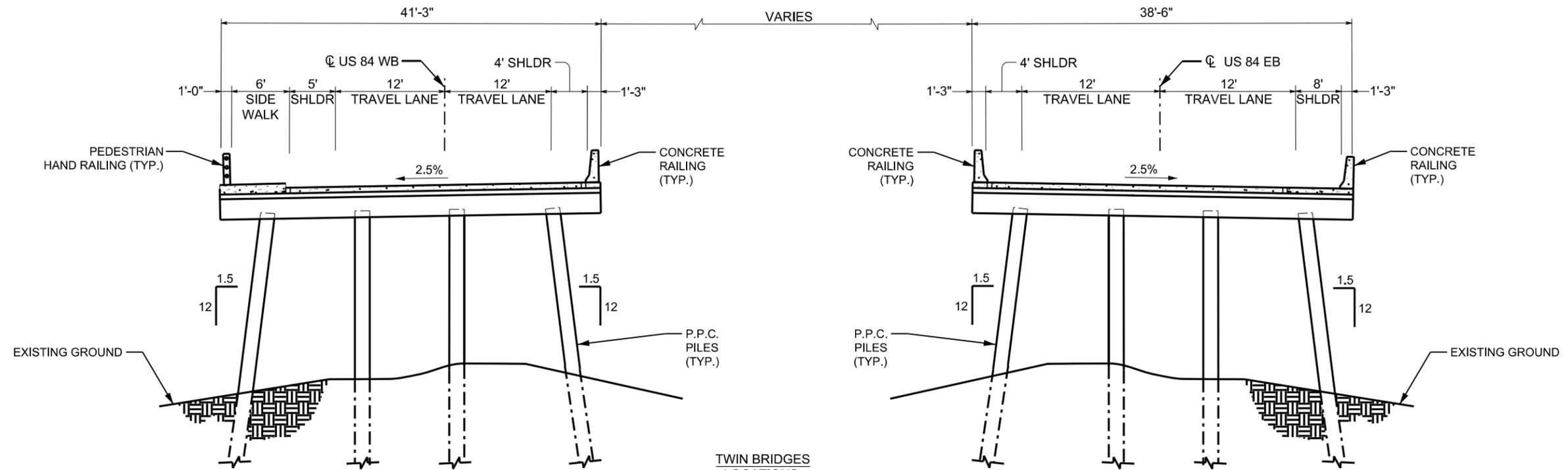


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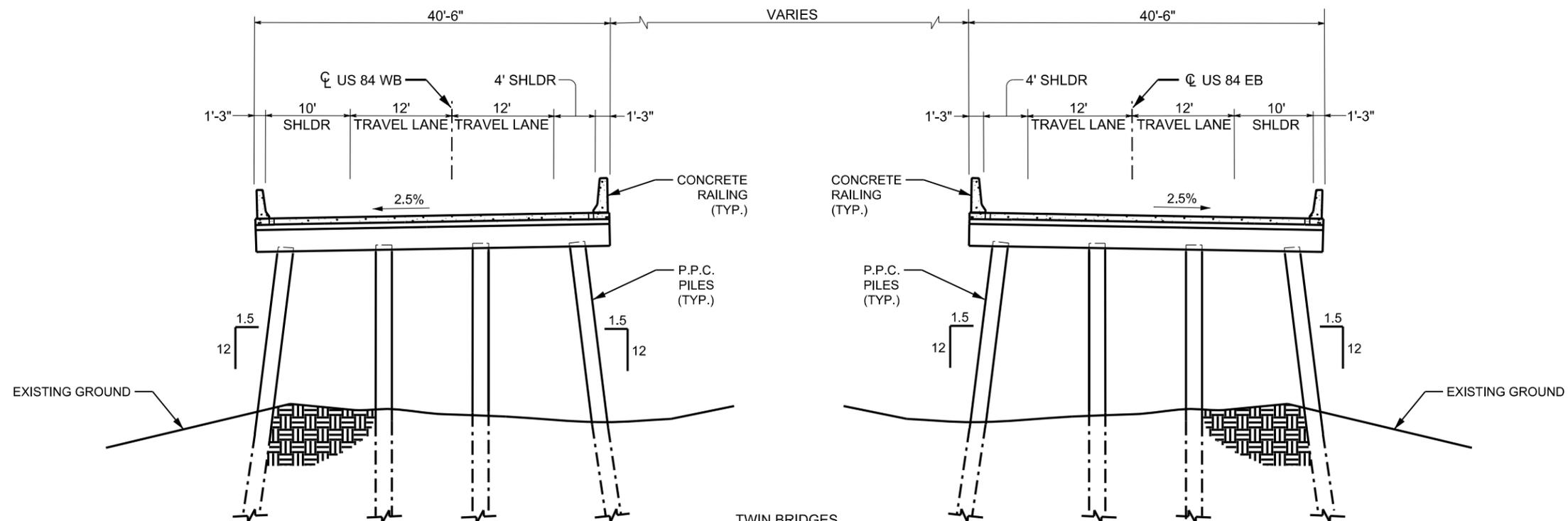


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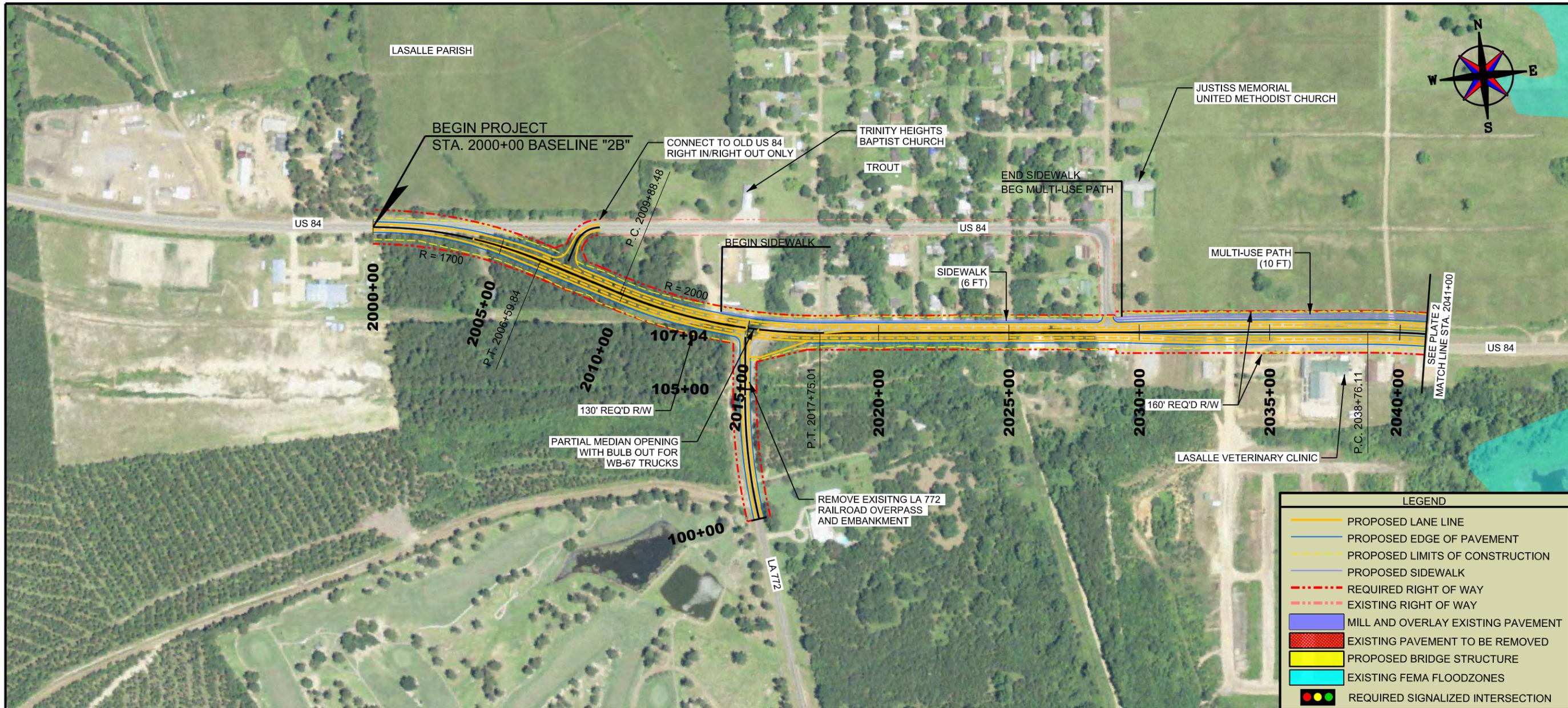


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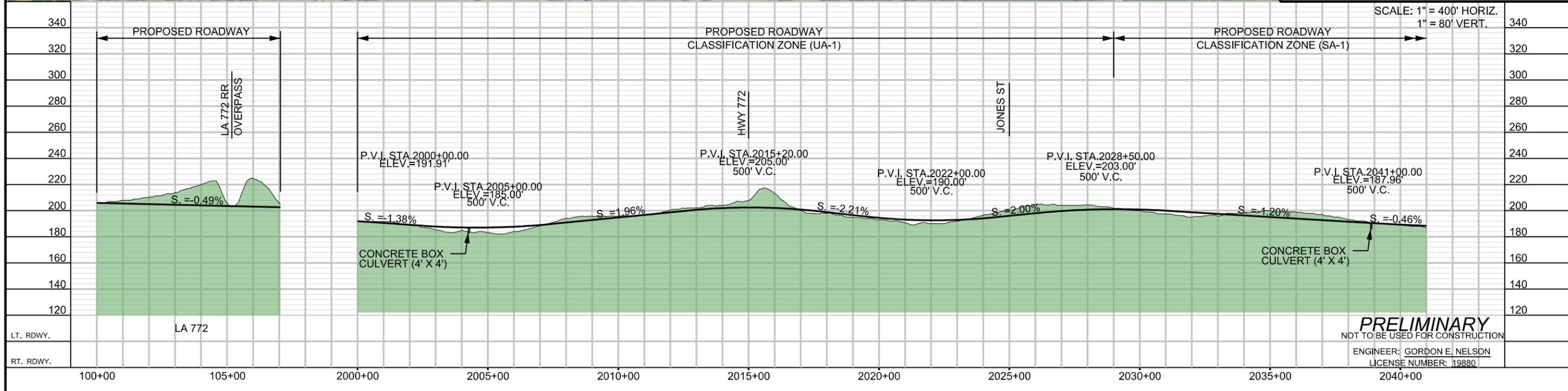


TWIN BRIDGES
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U.S. 84 AT HAIR CREEK (RA-2)

BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTIONS
N.T.S.



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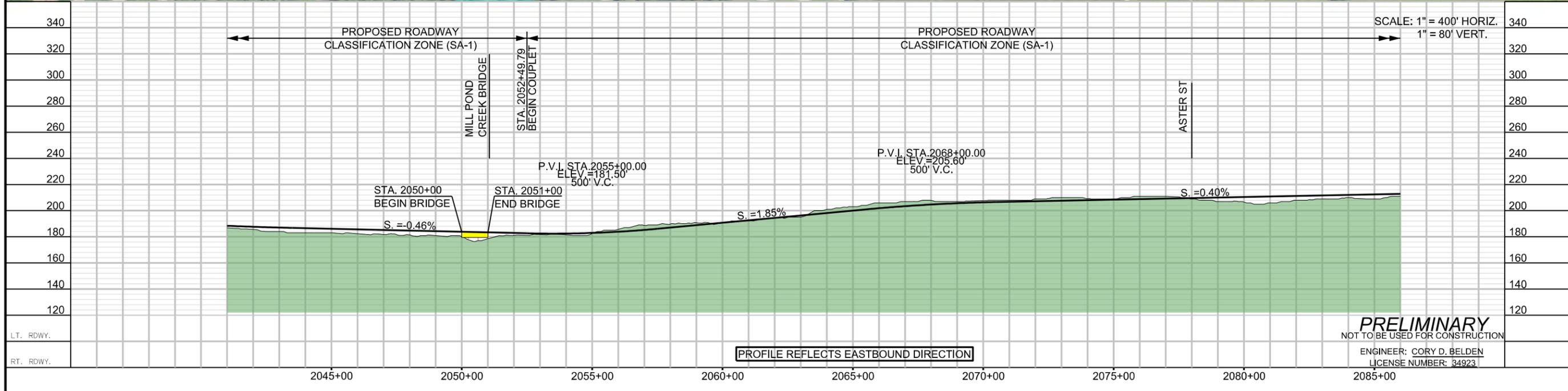
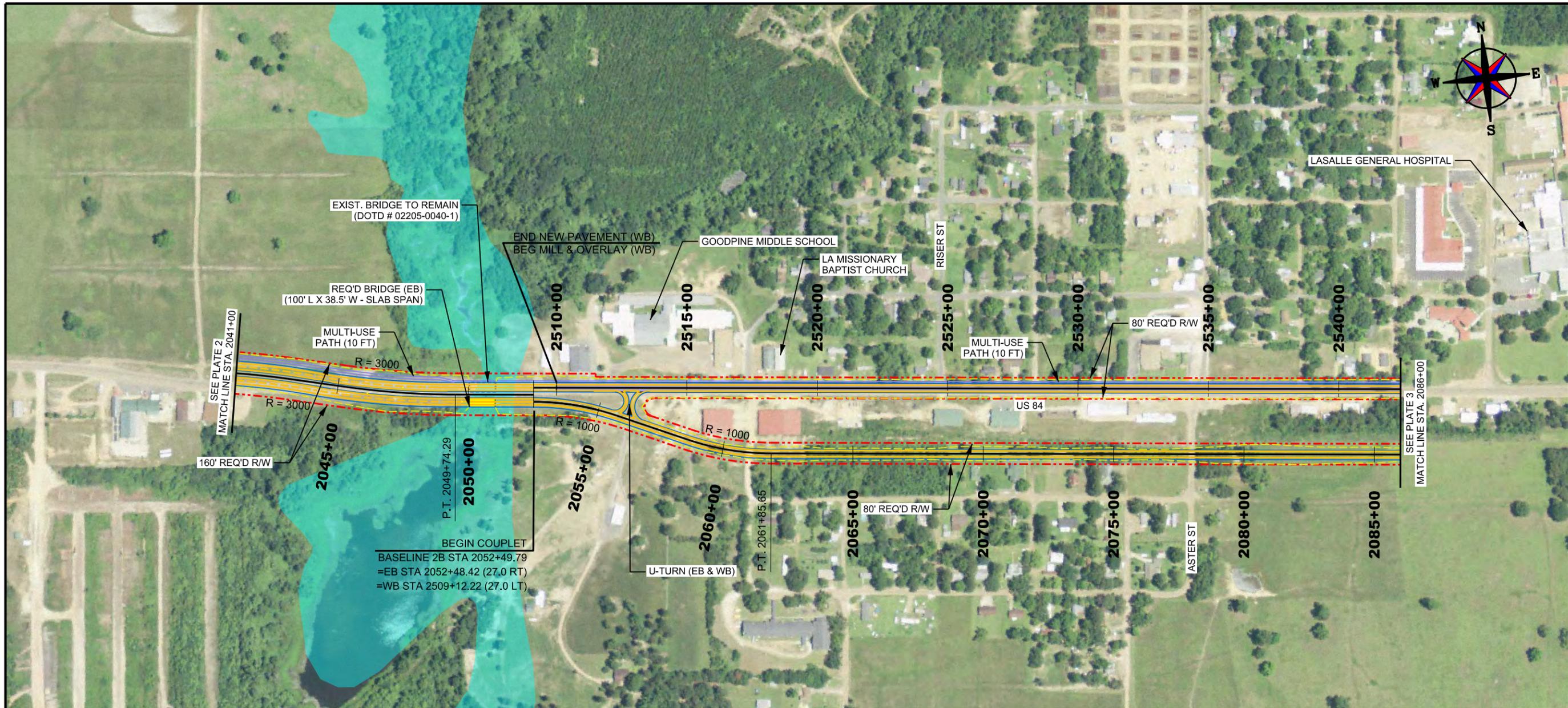


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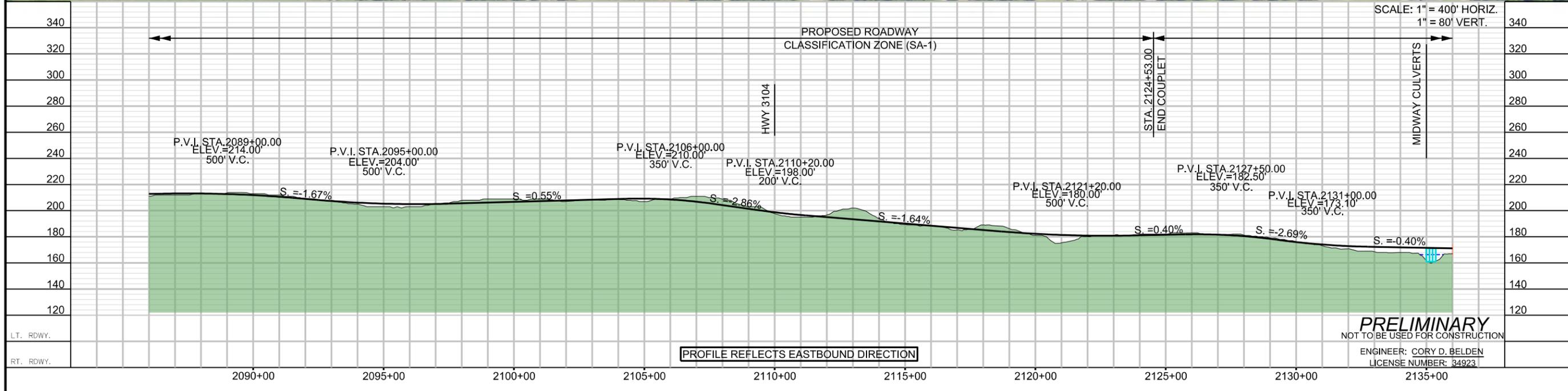
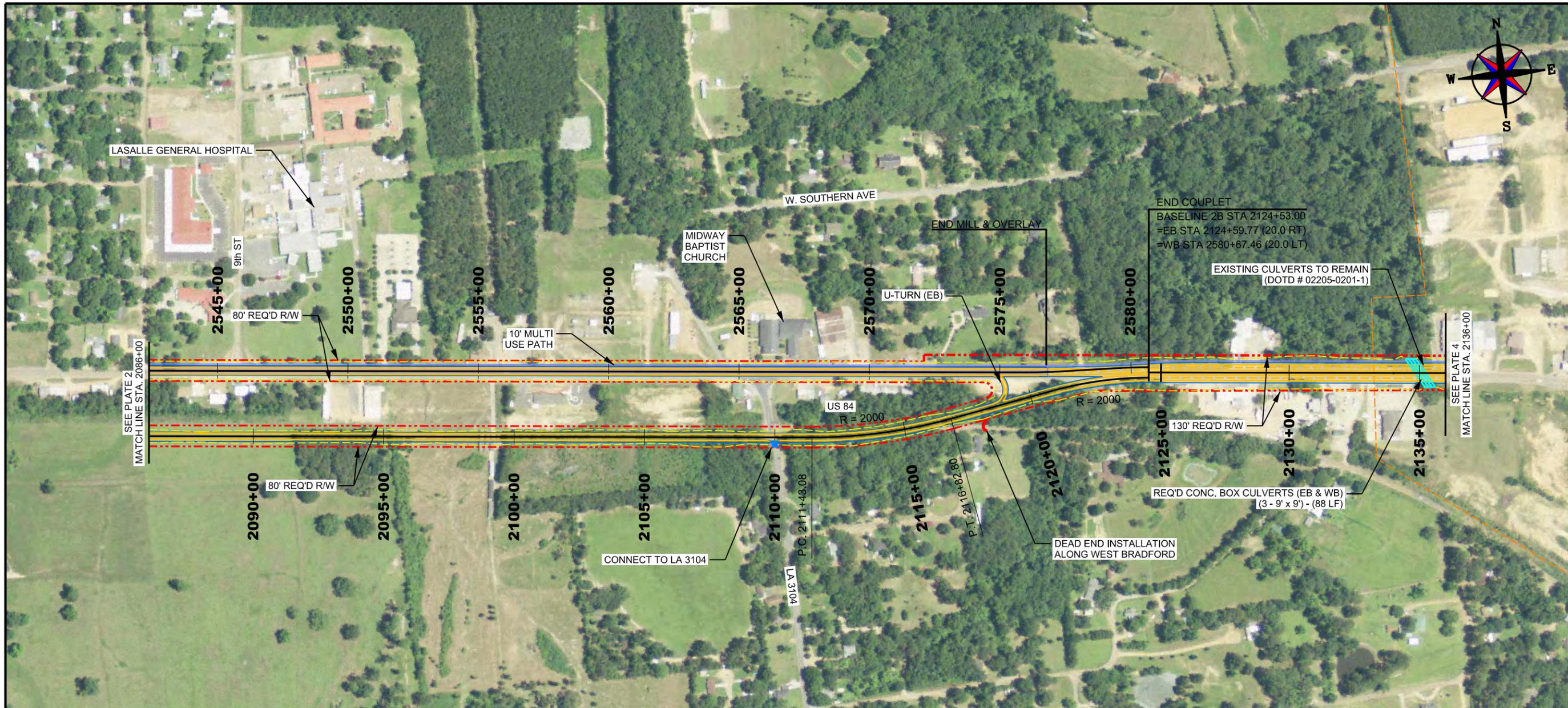
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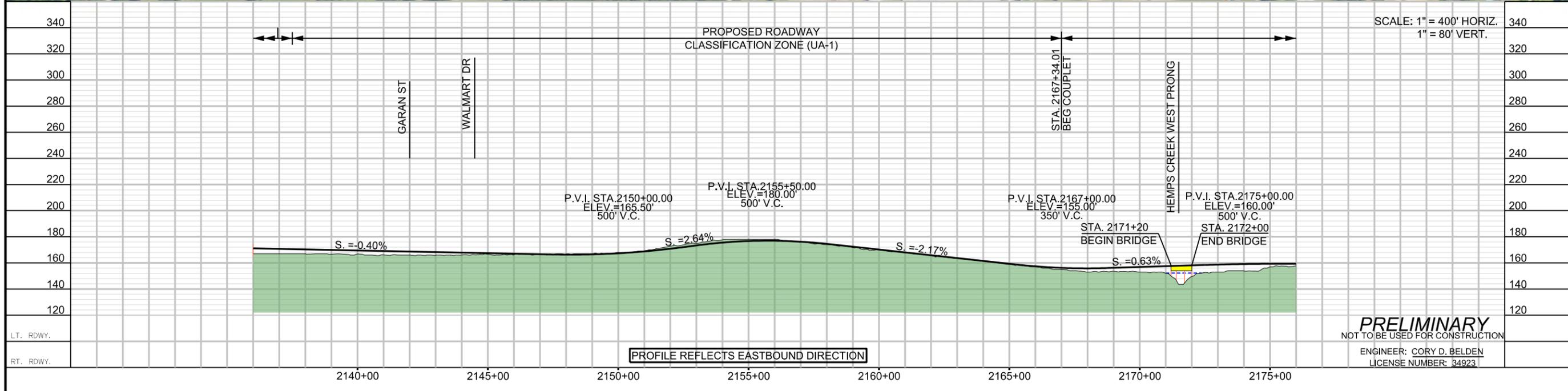
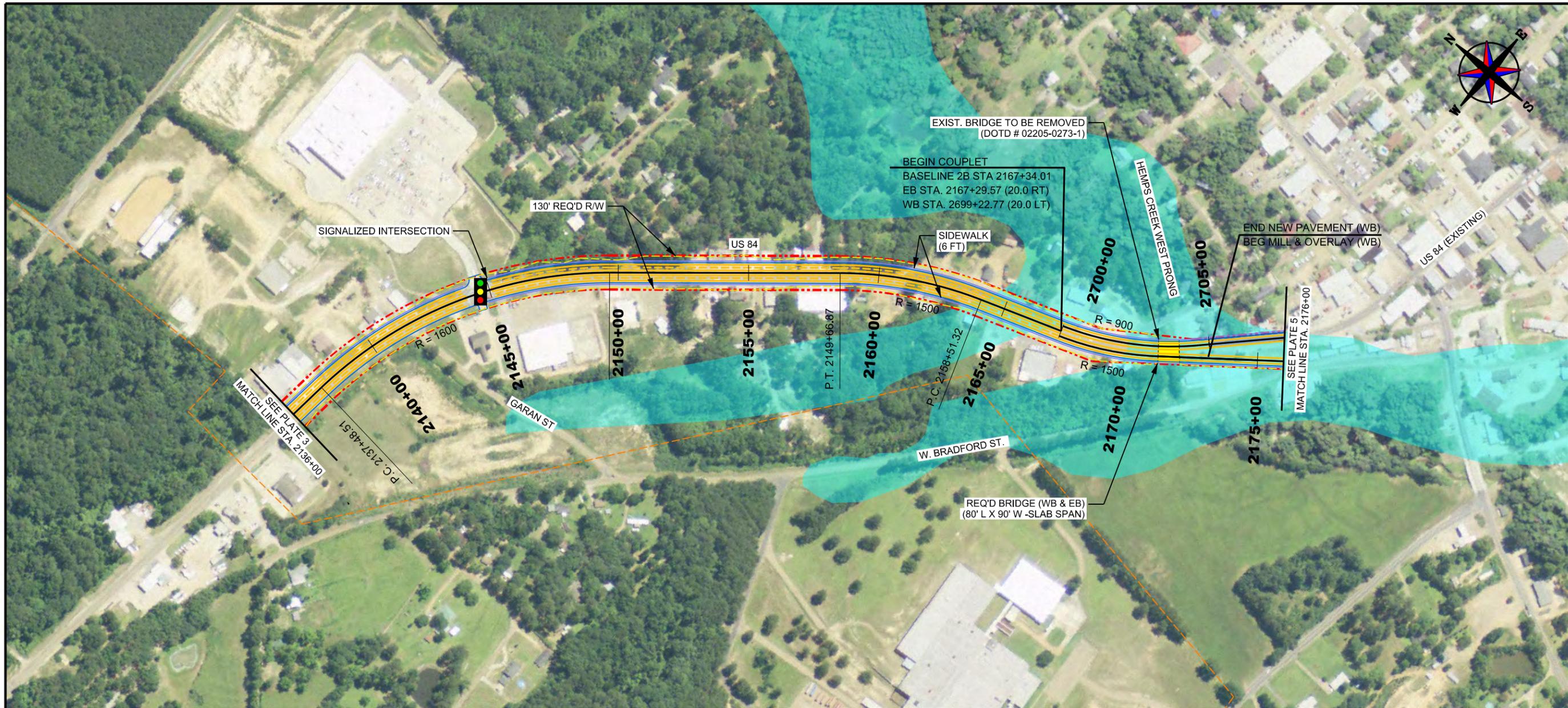
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PLATE 3

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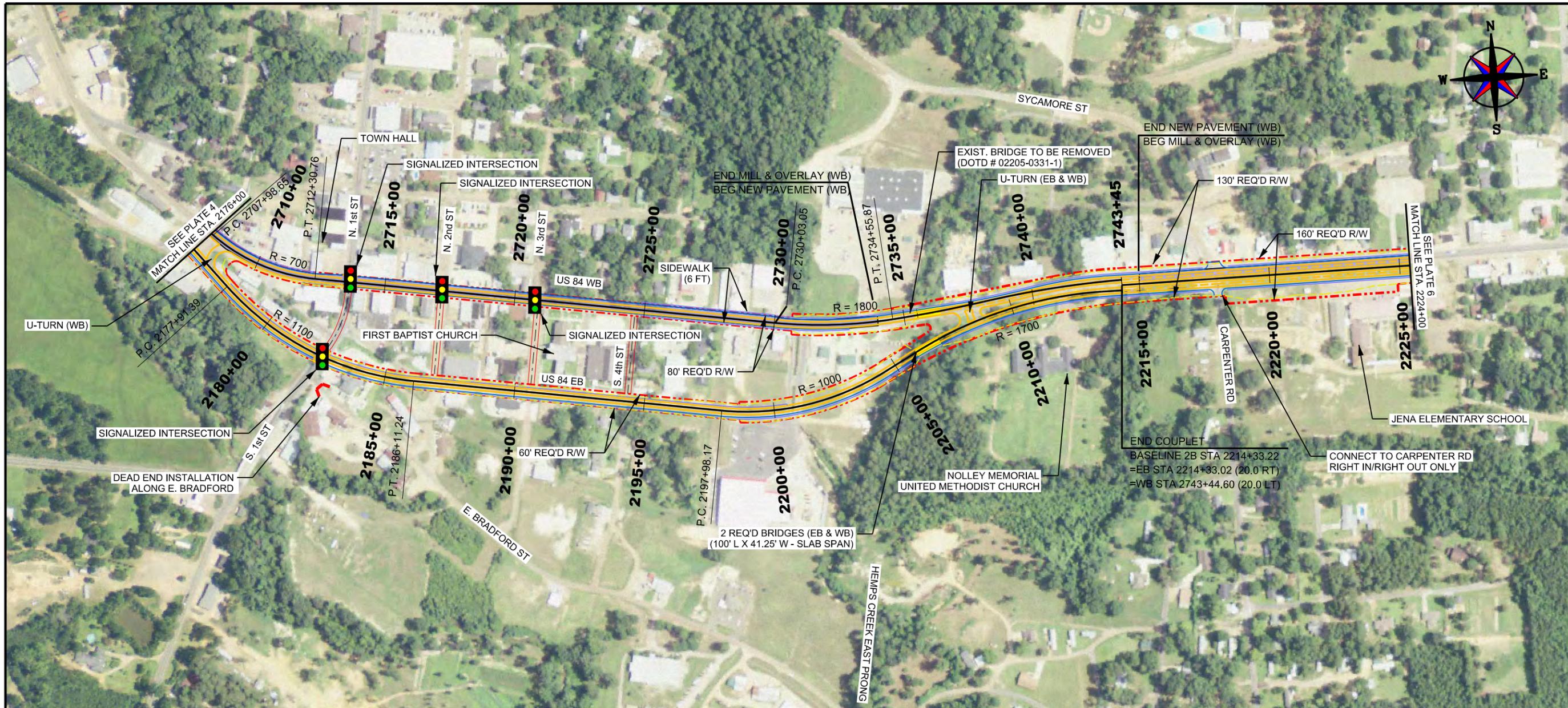
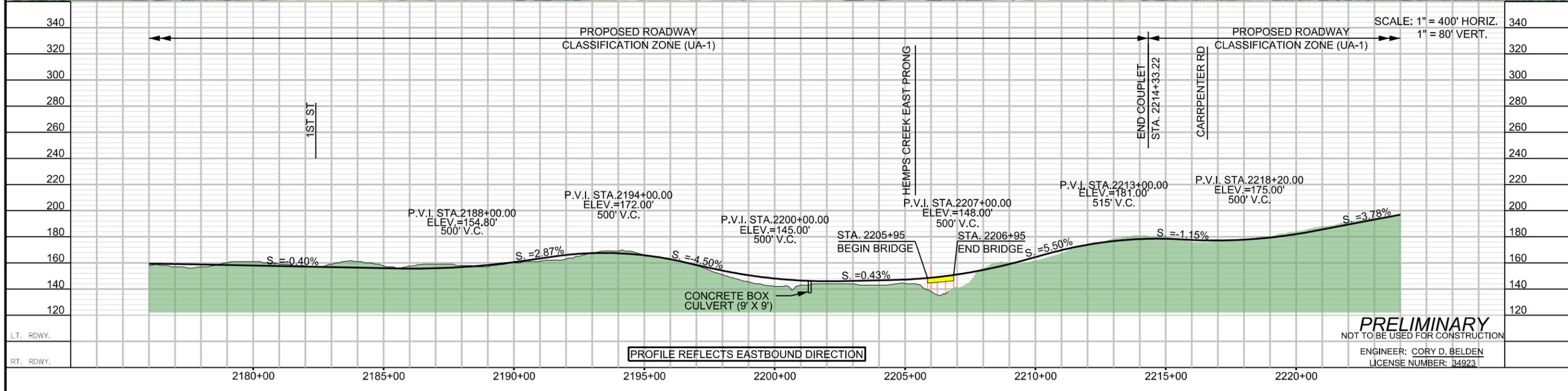


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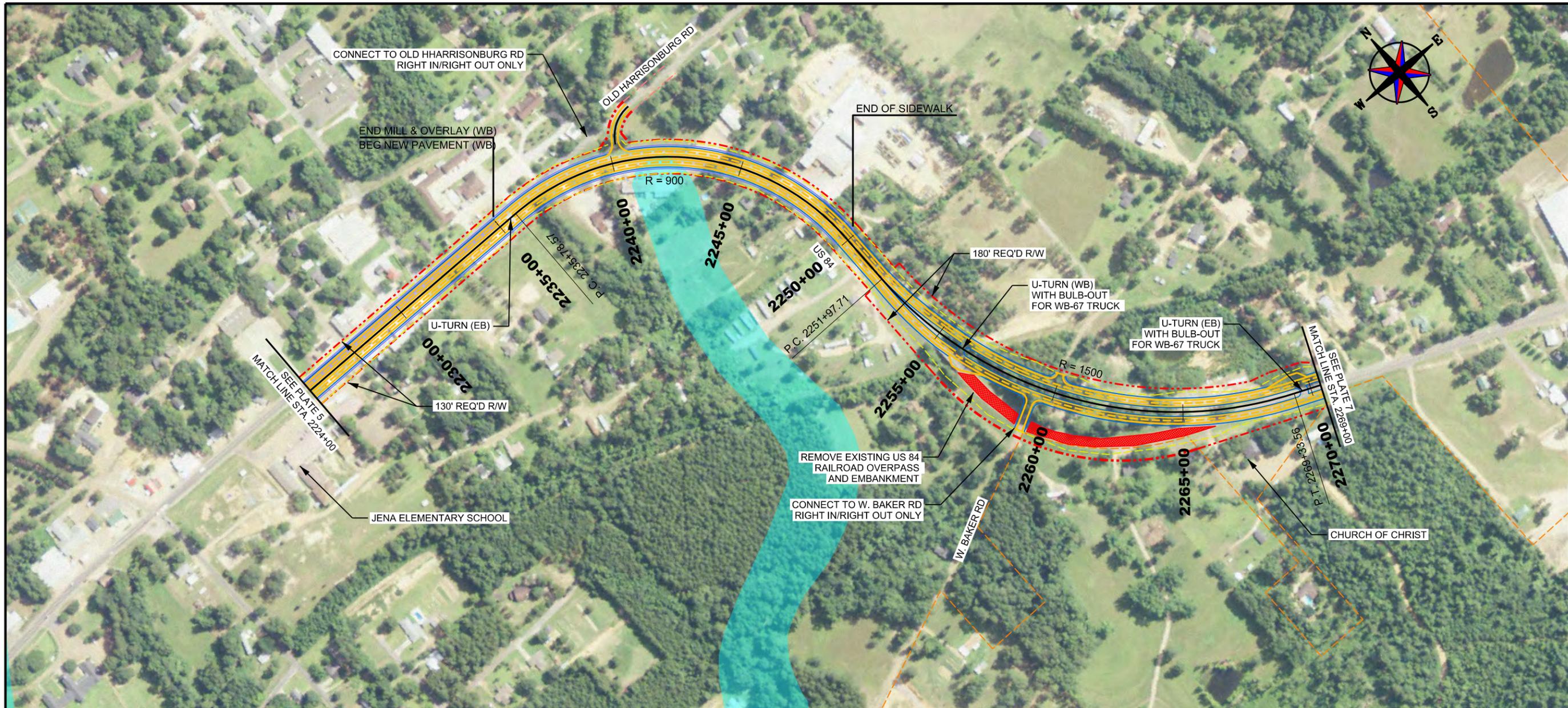


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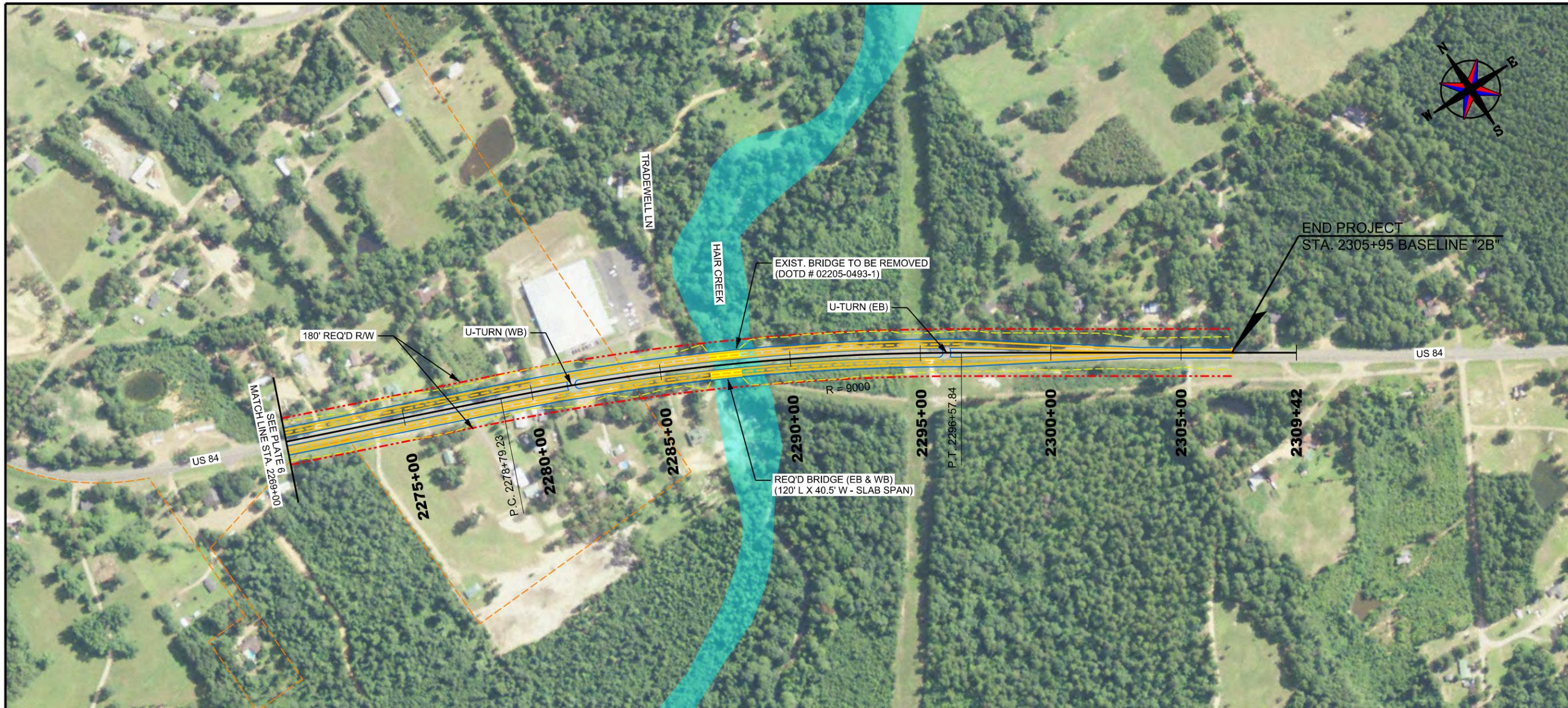


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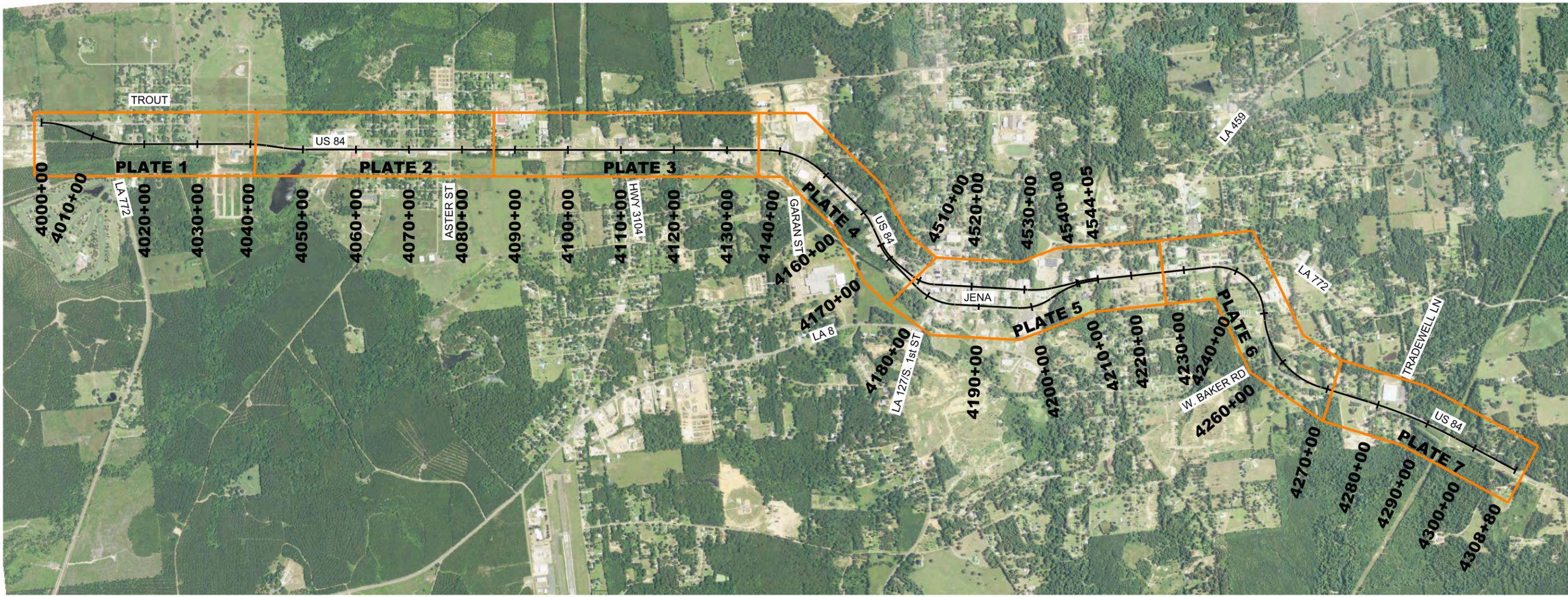
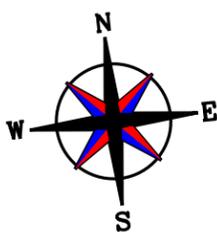
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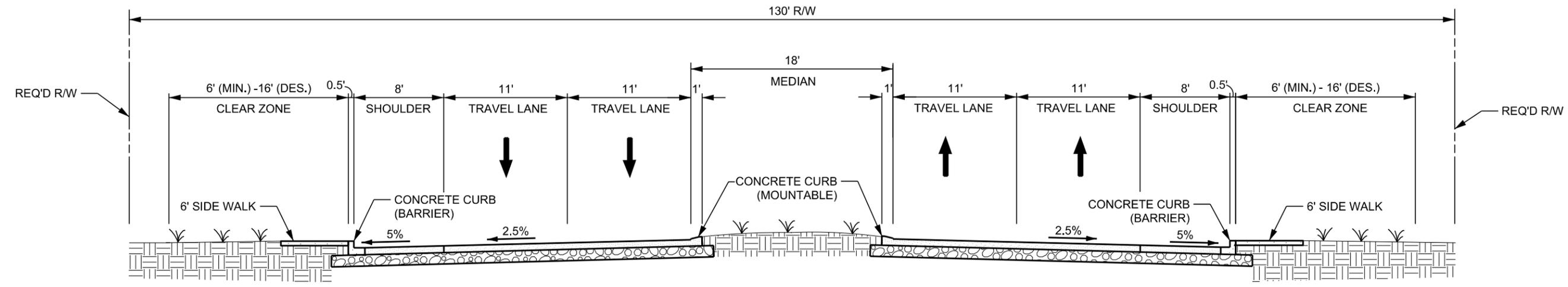
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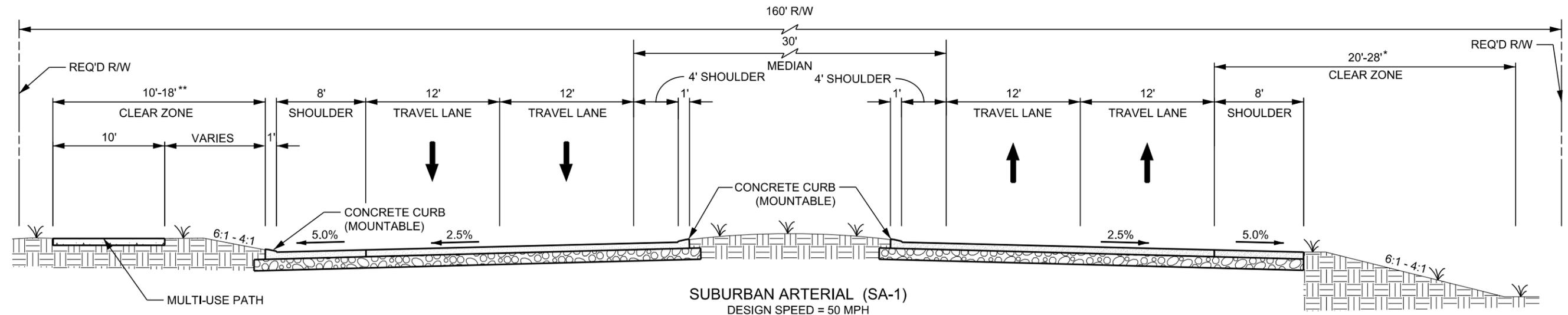
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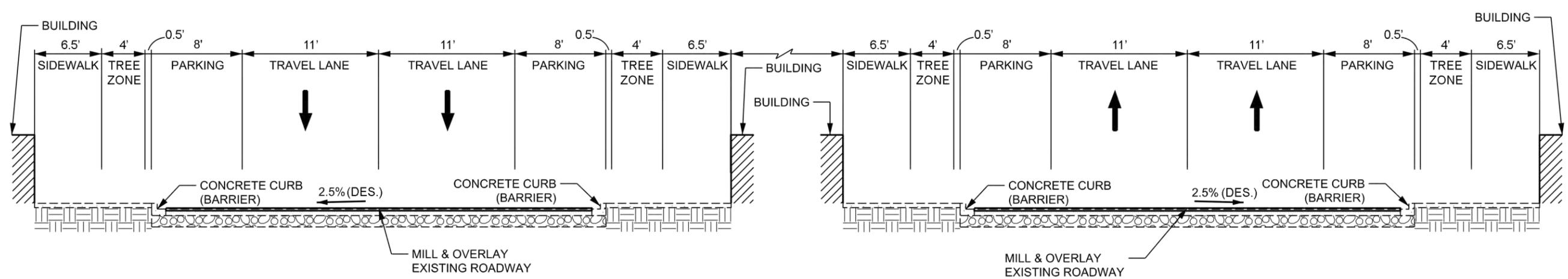
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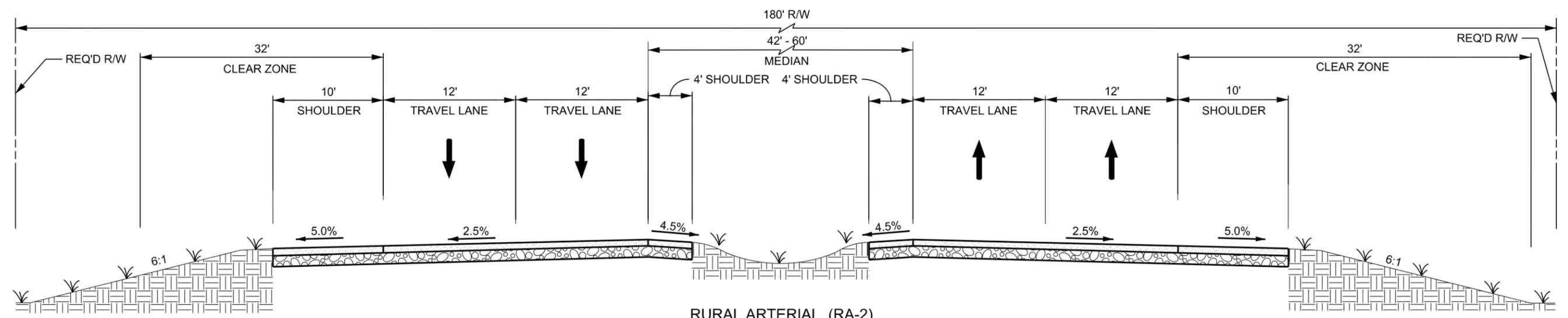
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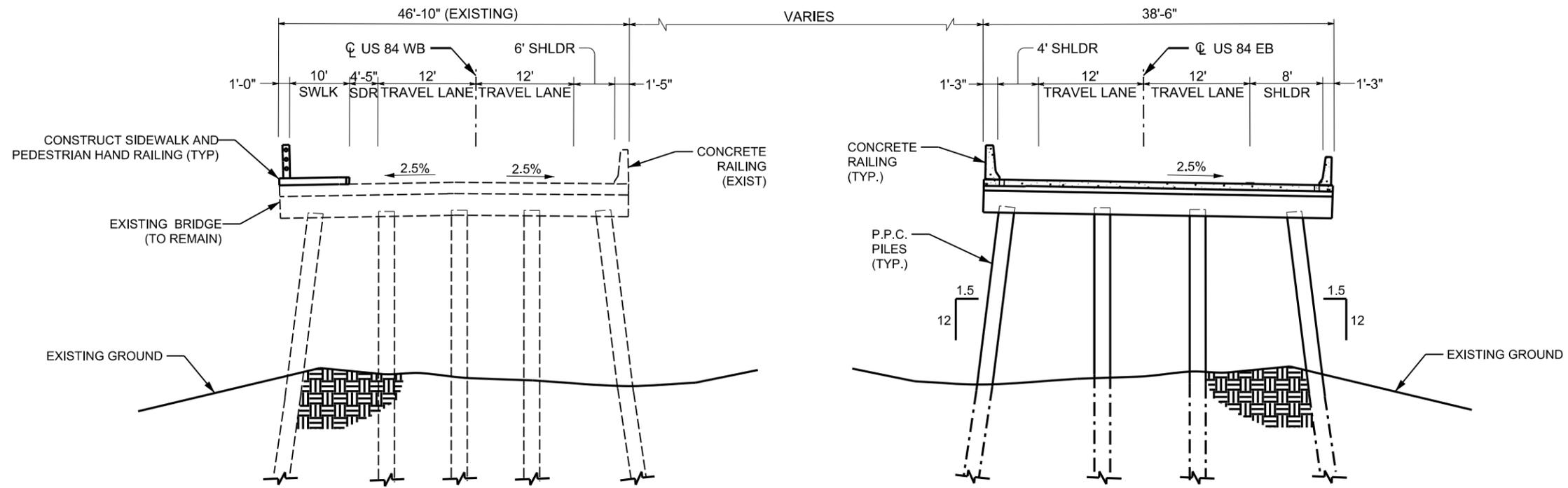
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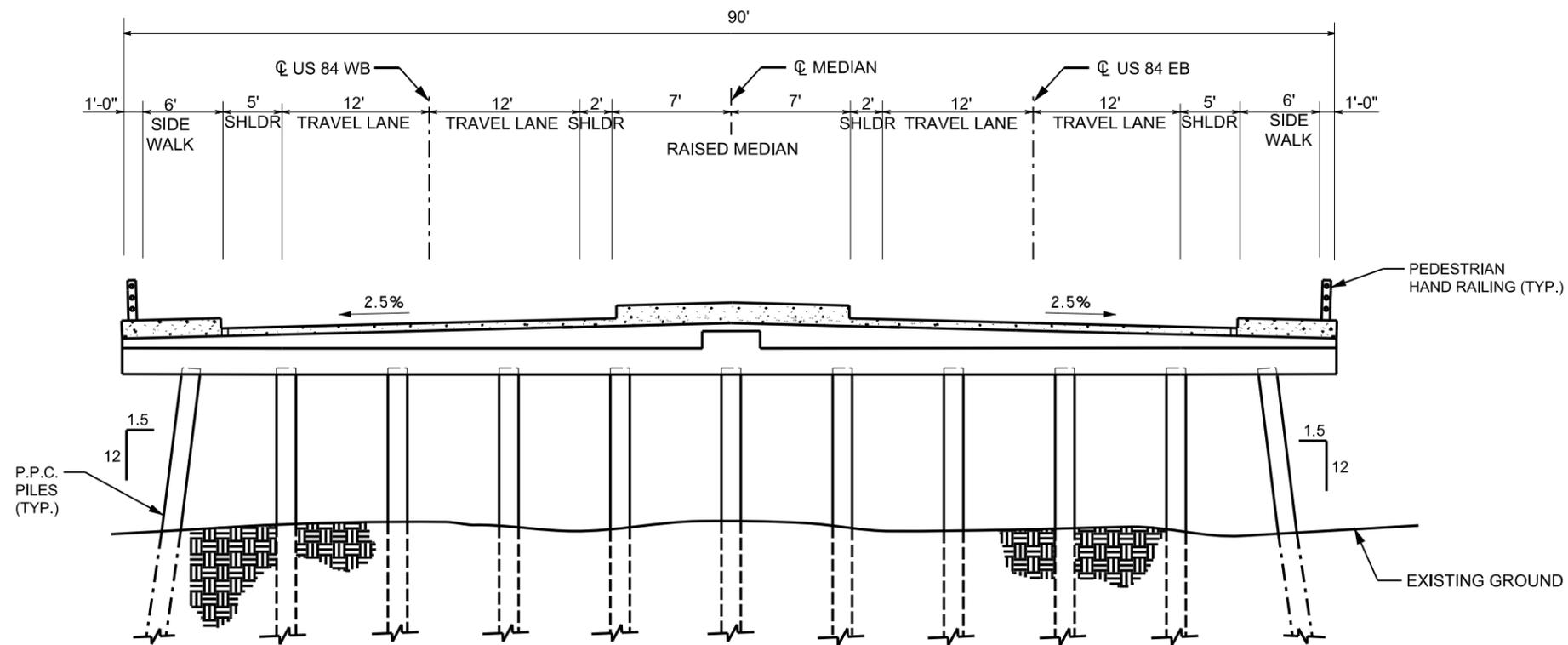
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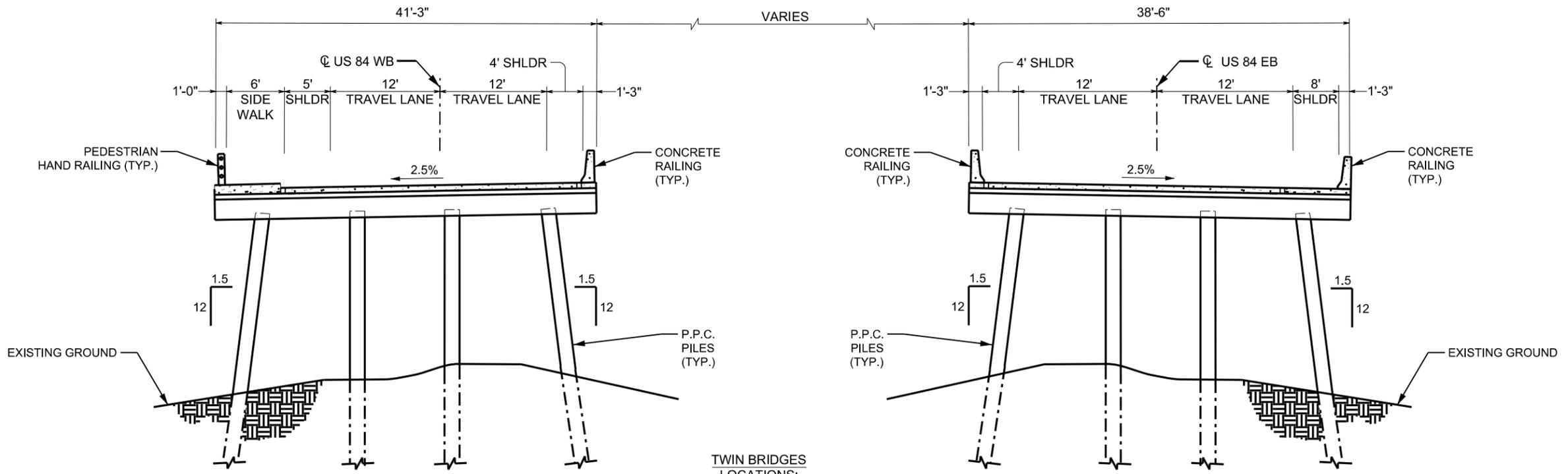
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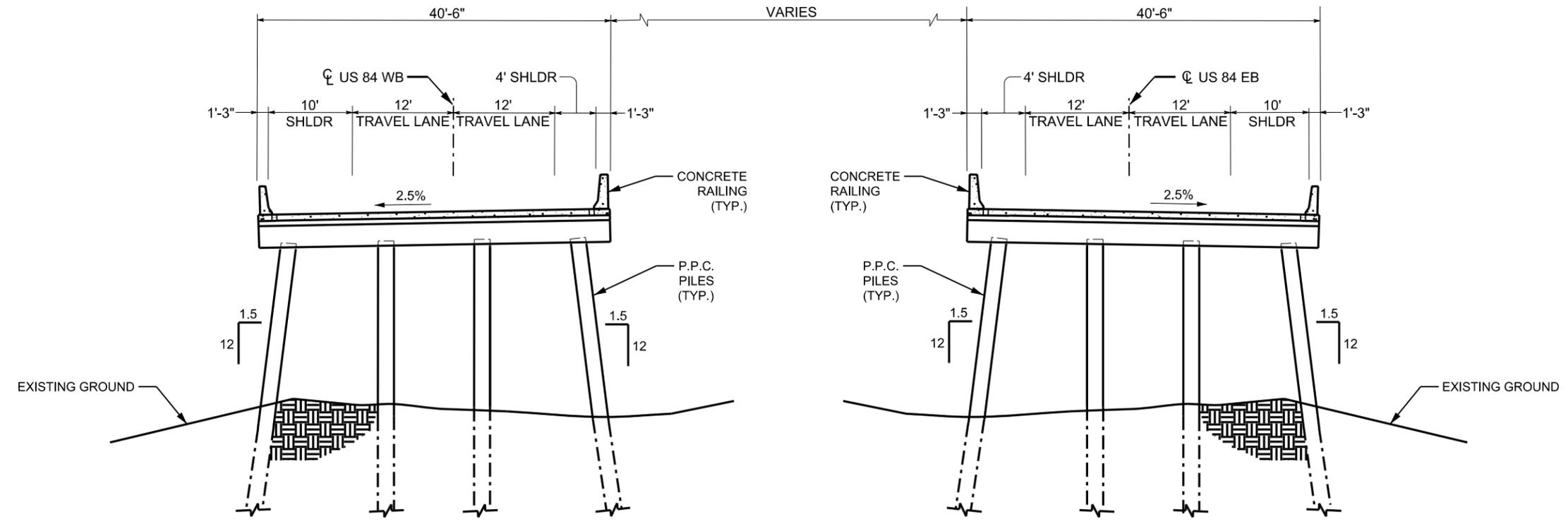
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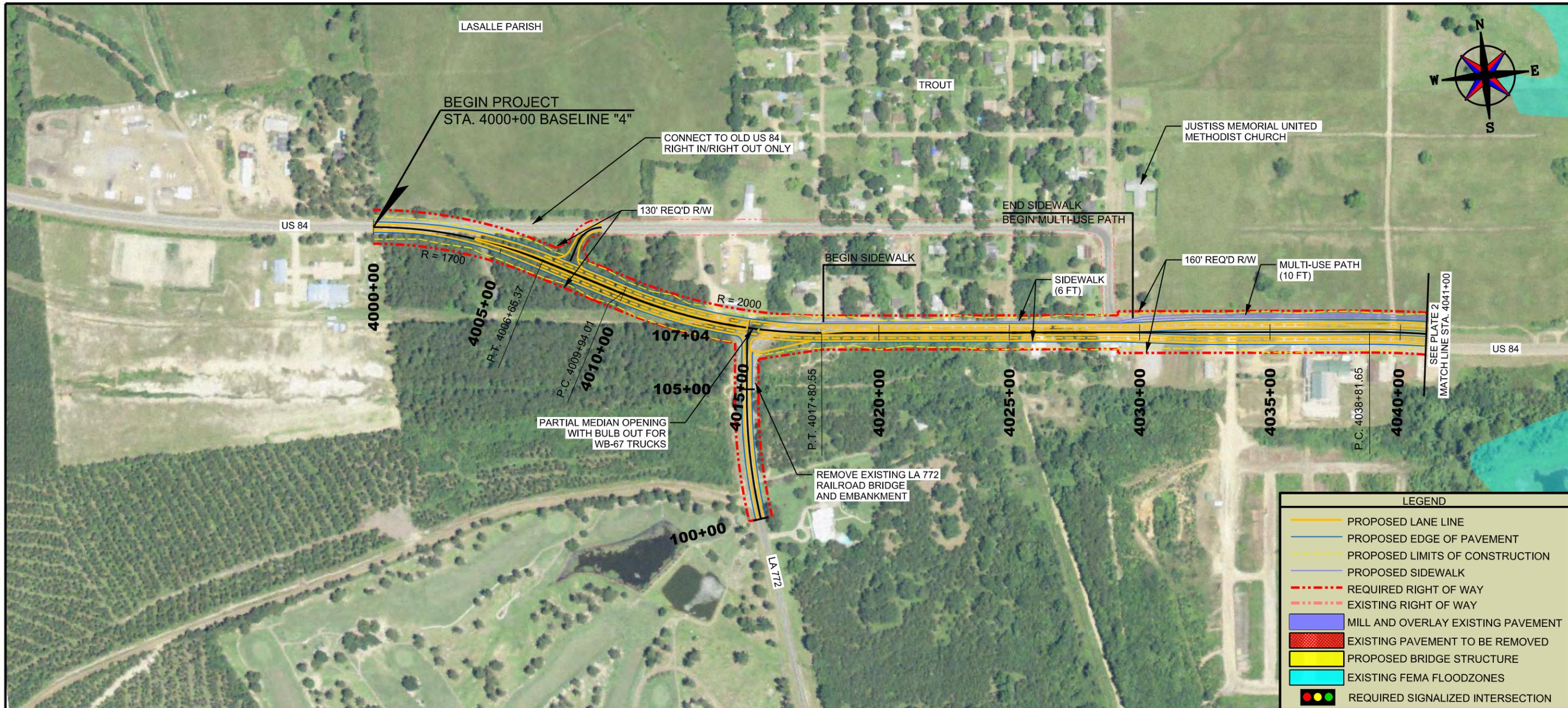
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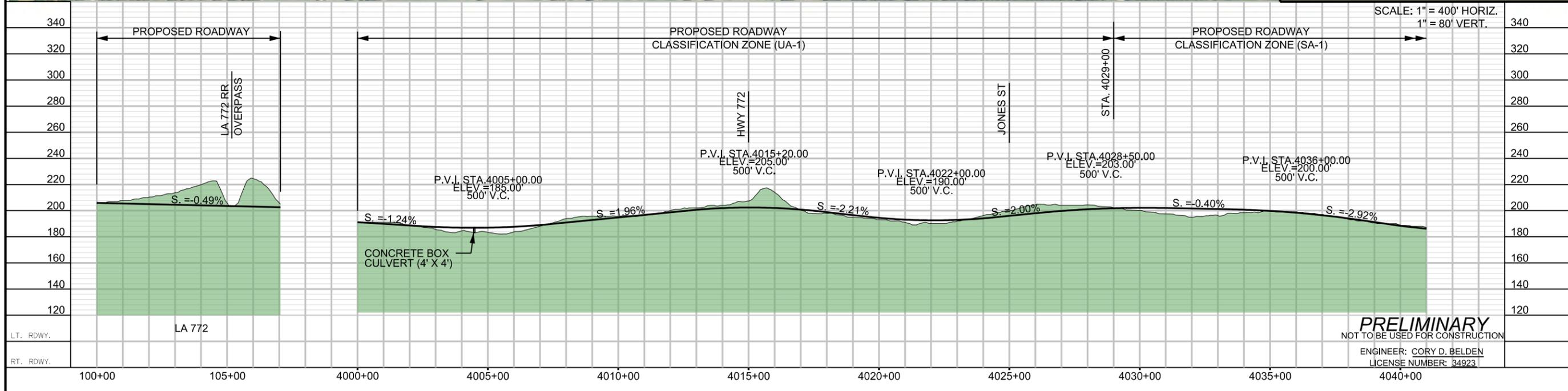
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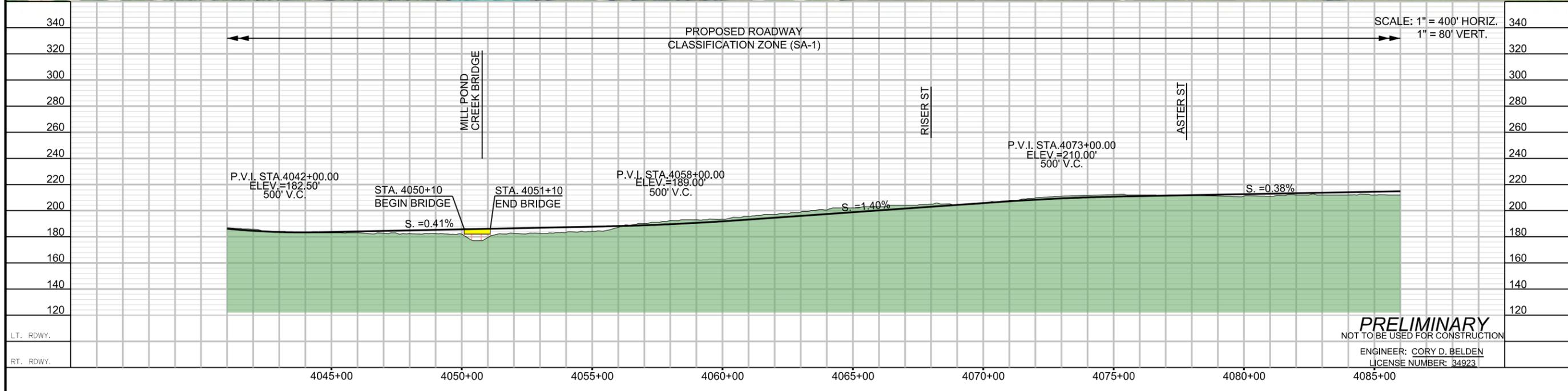
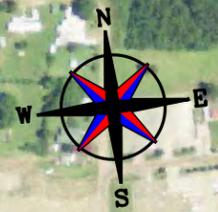
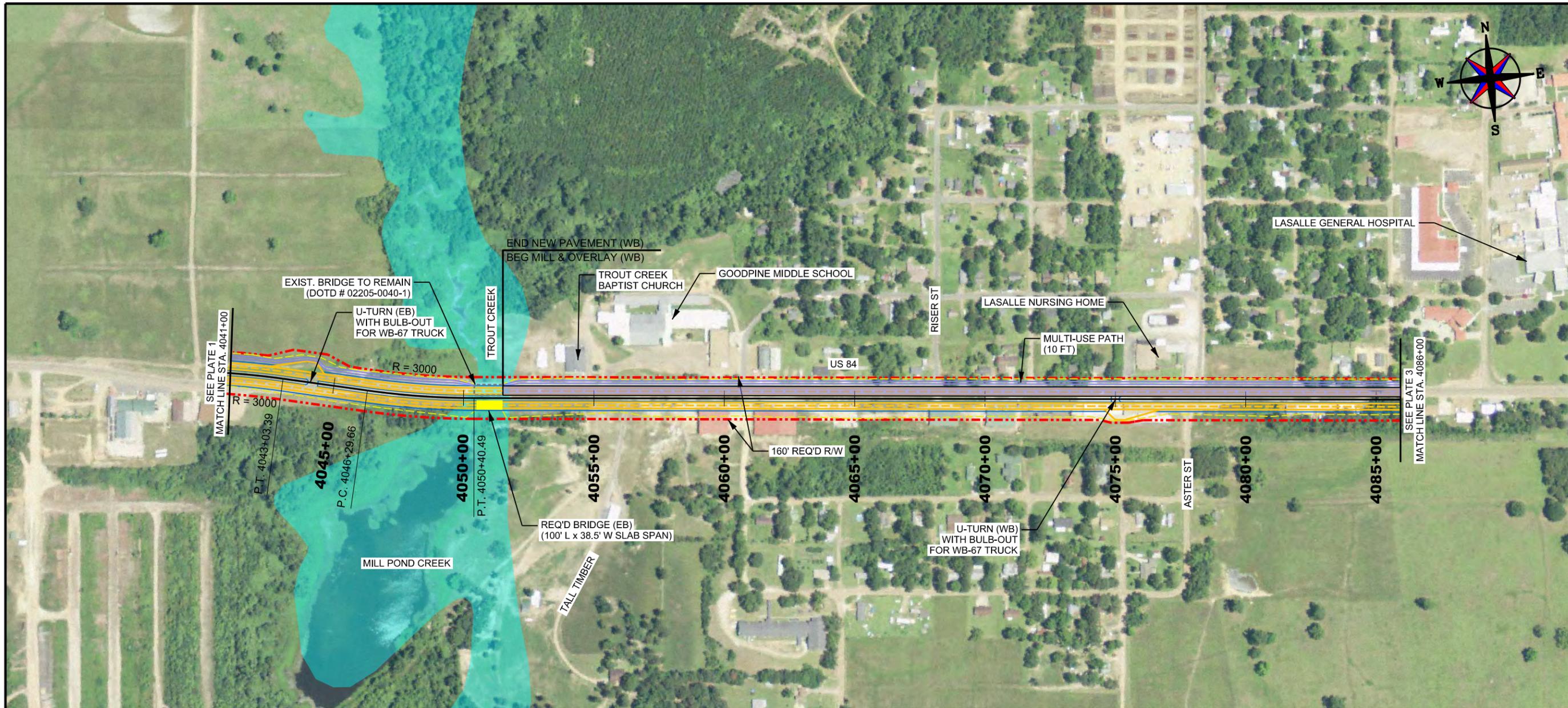


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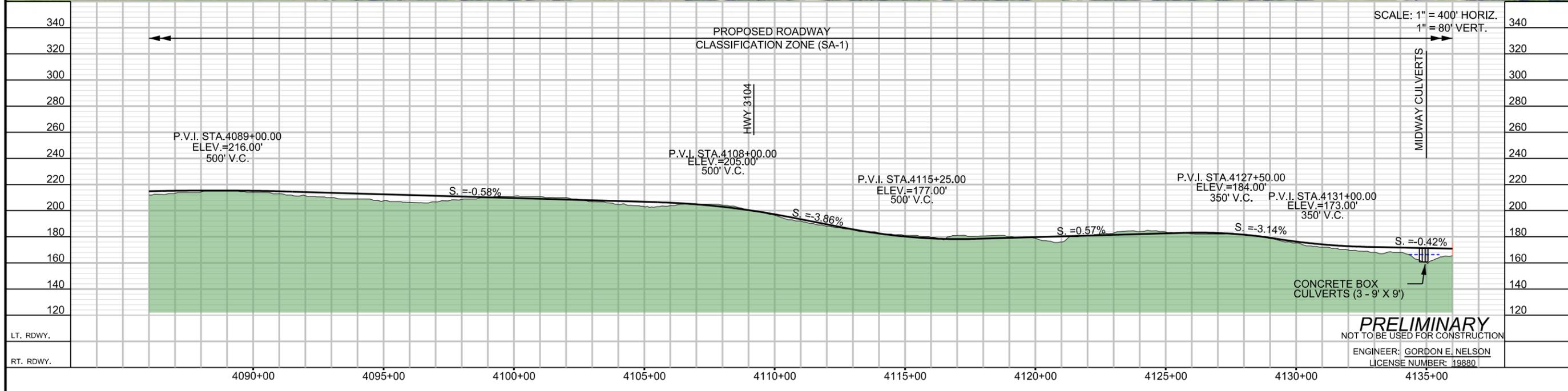
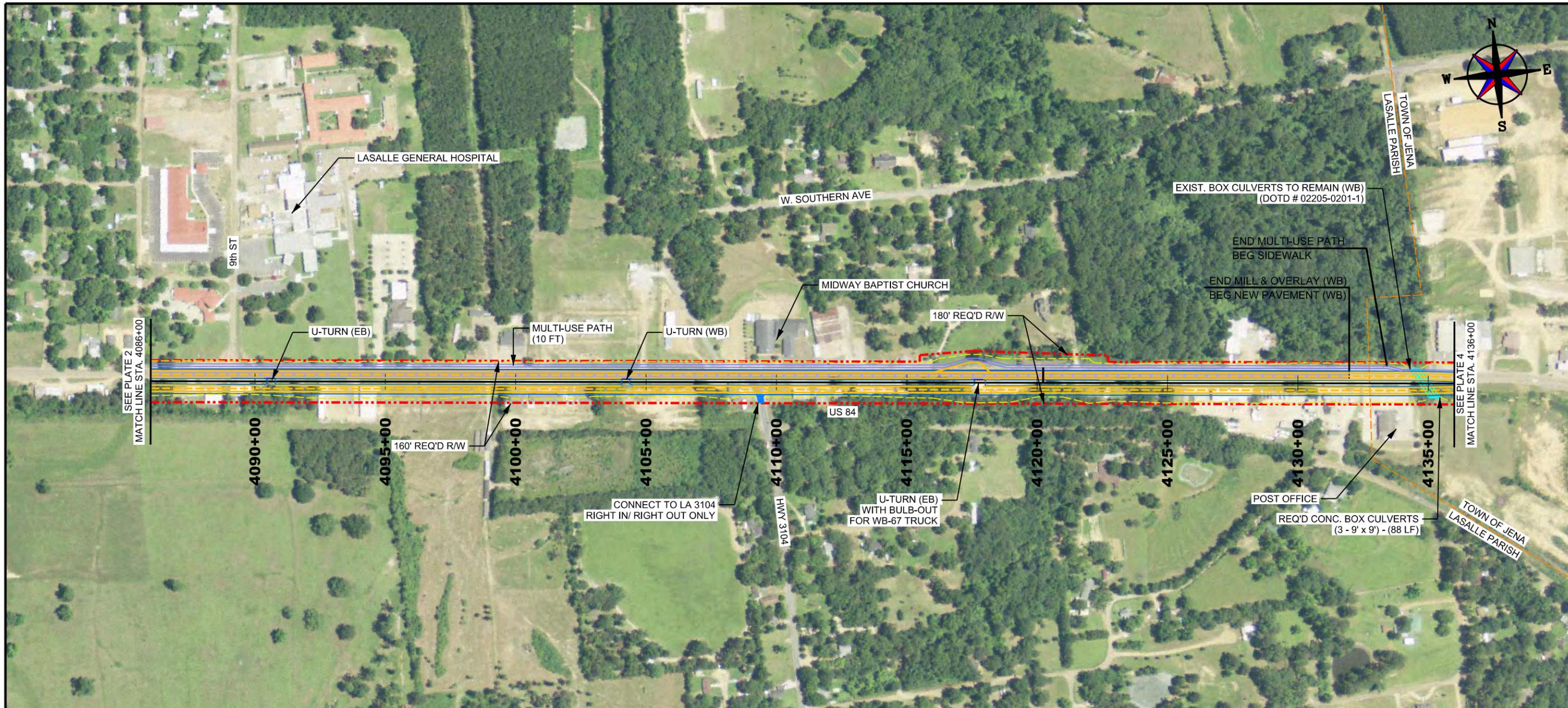


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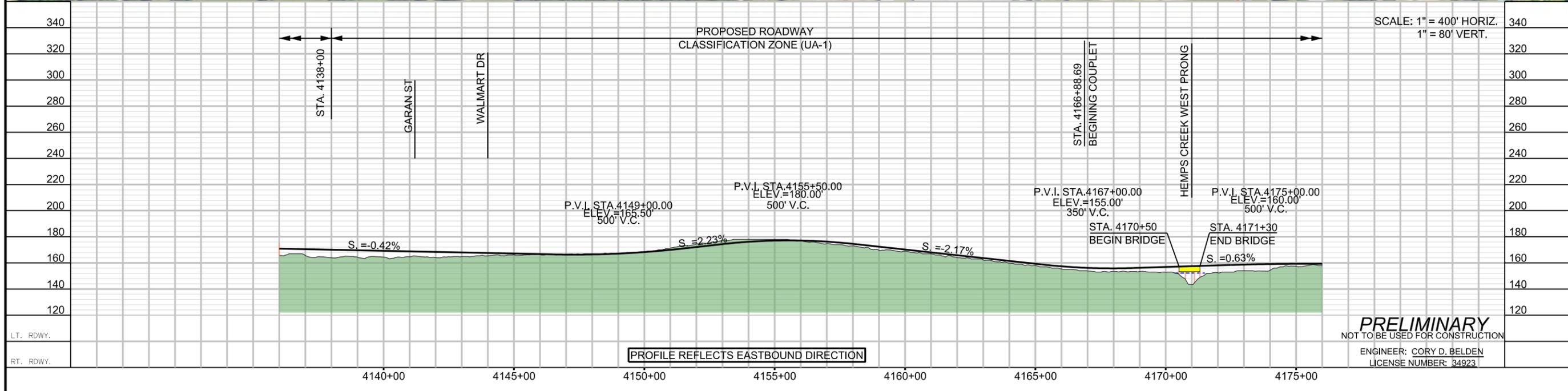
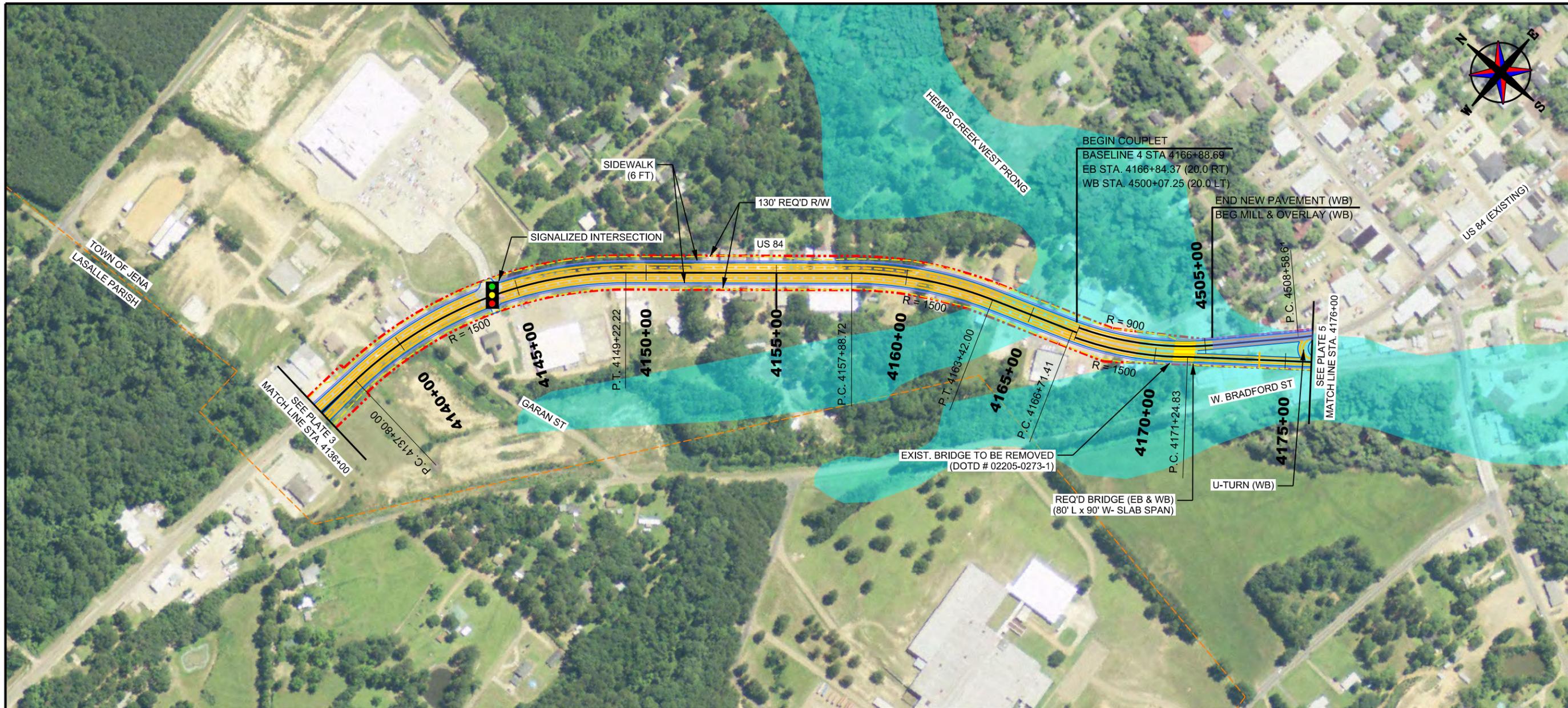


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PLATE 3

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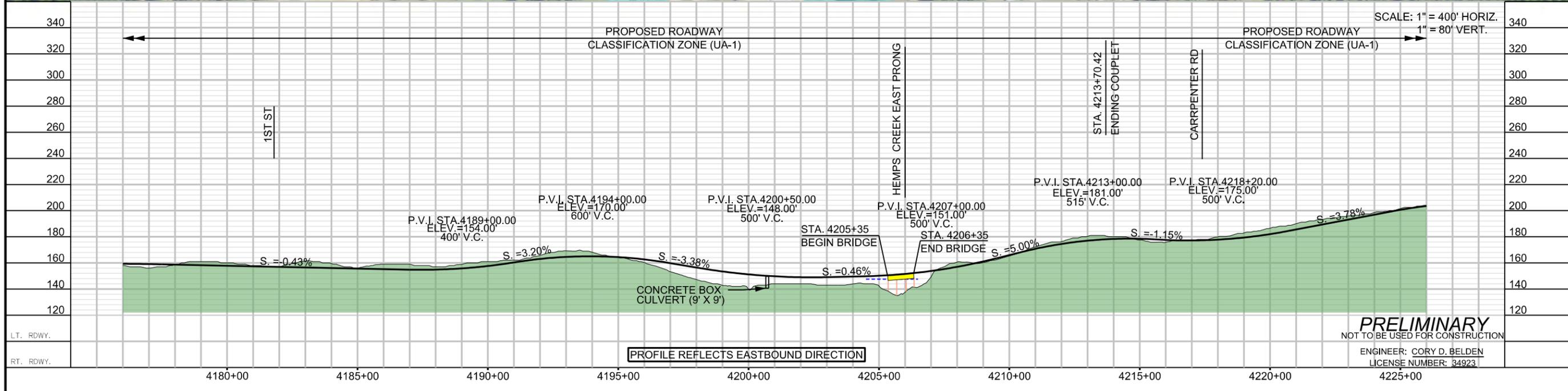
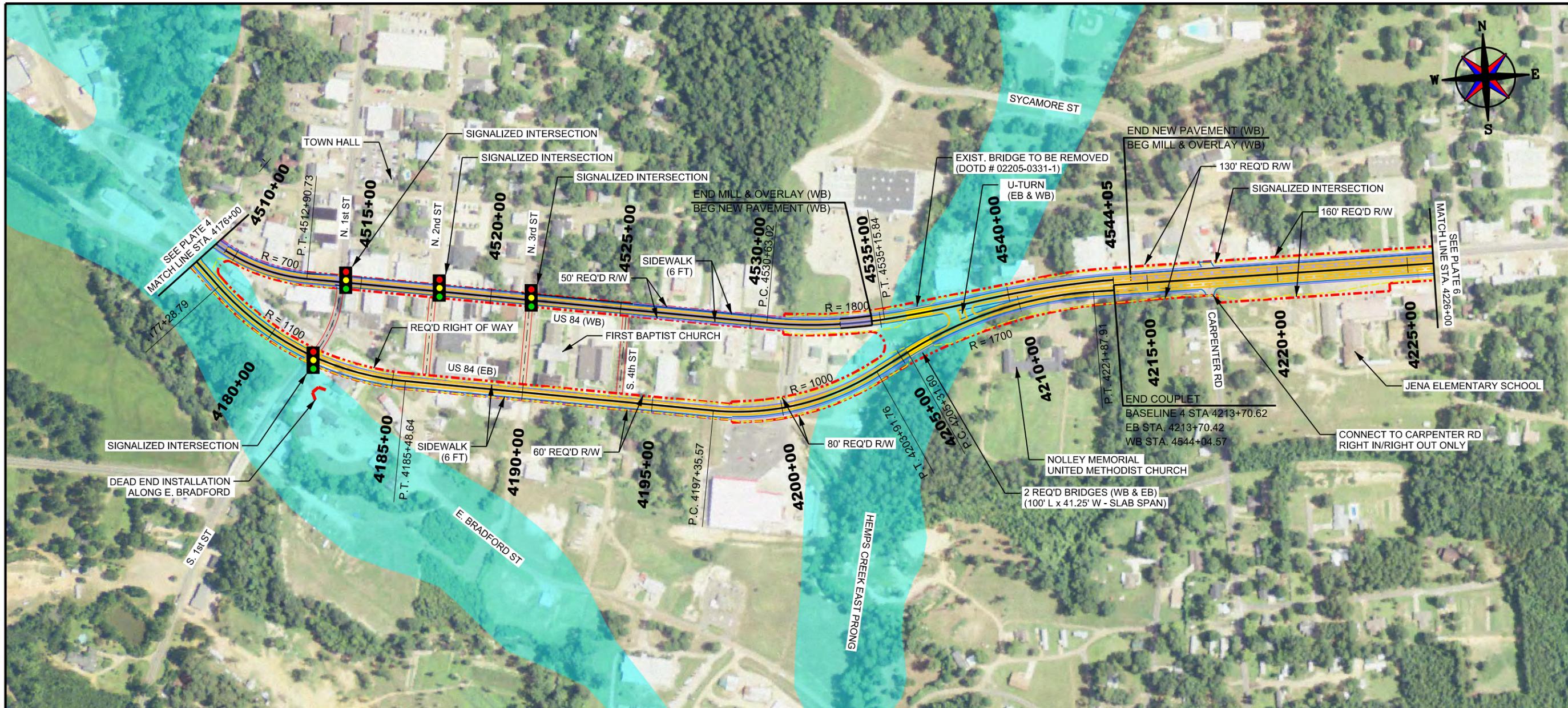


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PLATE 4

ALTERNATIVE 4



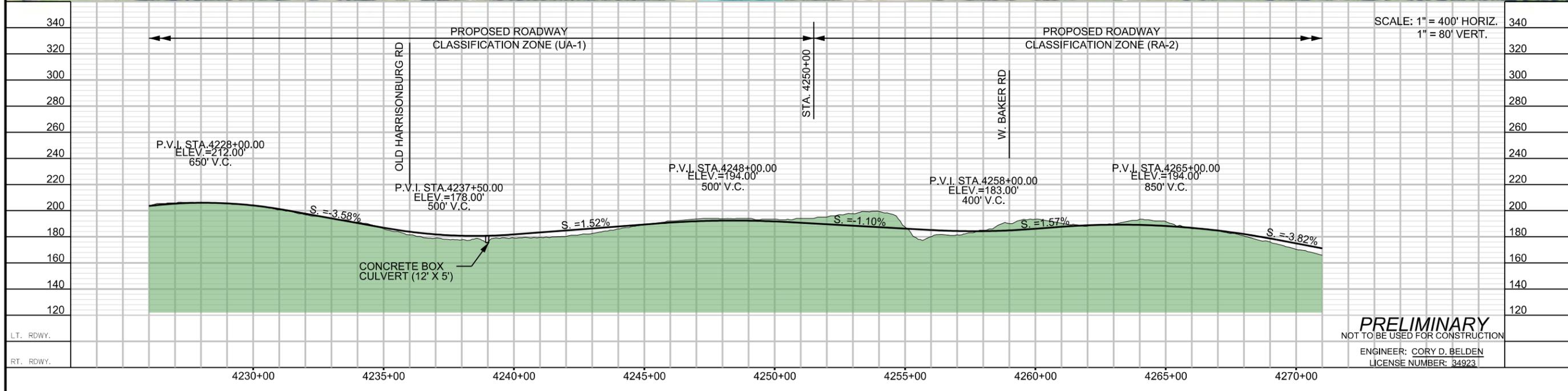
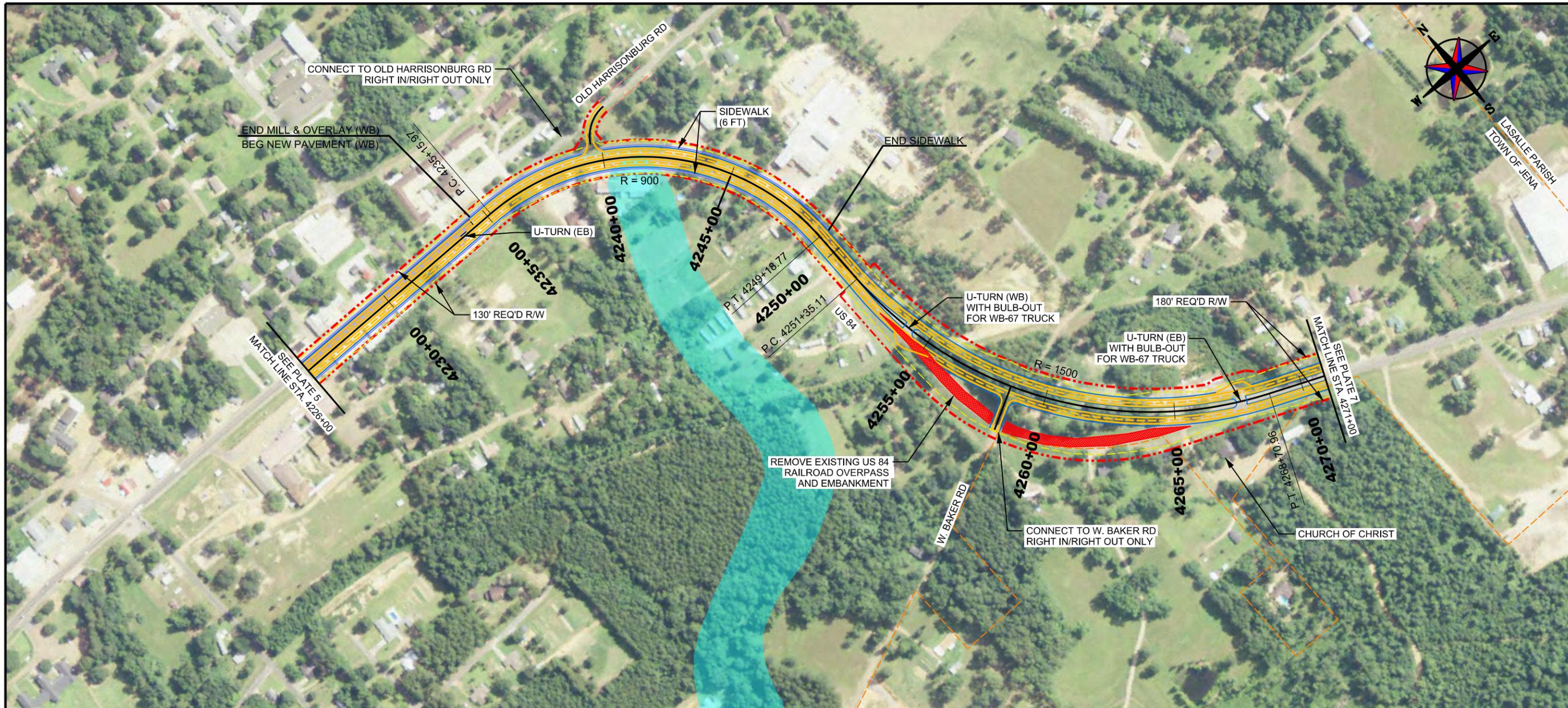
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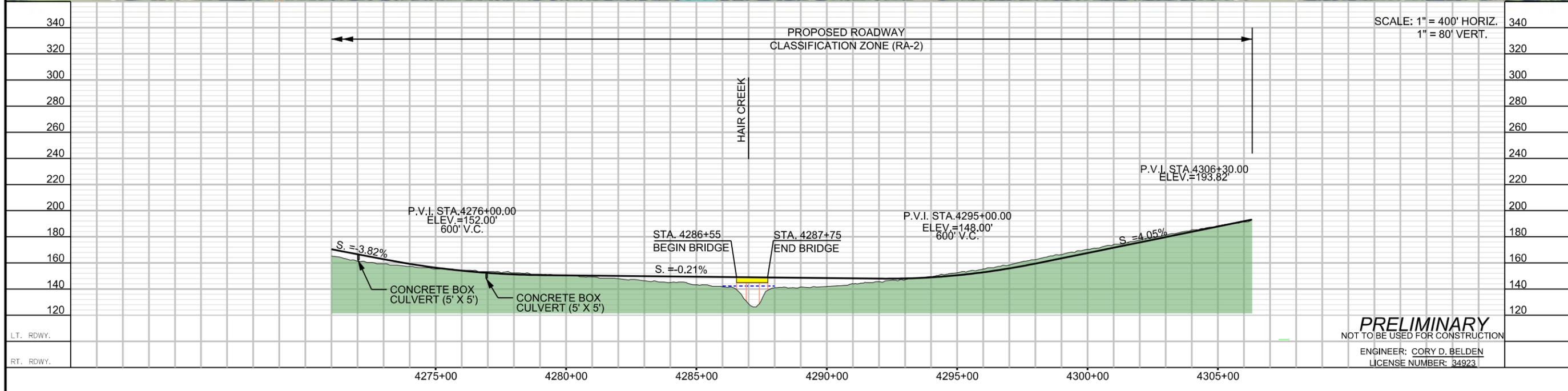
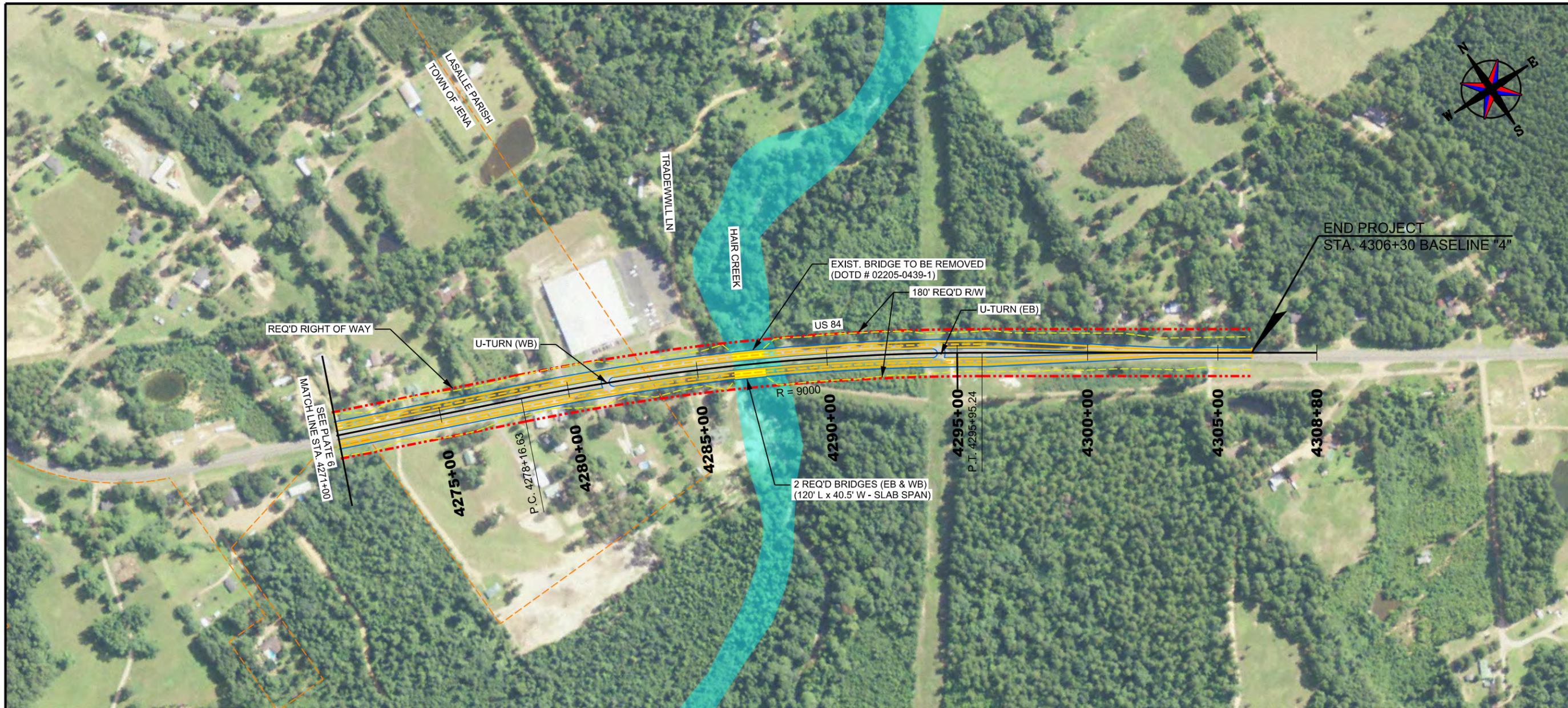


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ALTERNATIVE 4



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ALTERNATIVE 4

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Addendum

Alternative 4B

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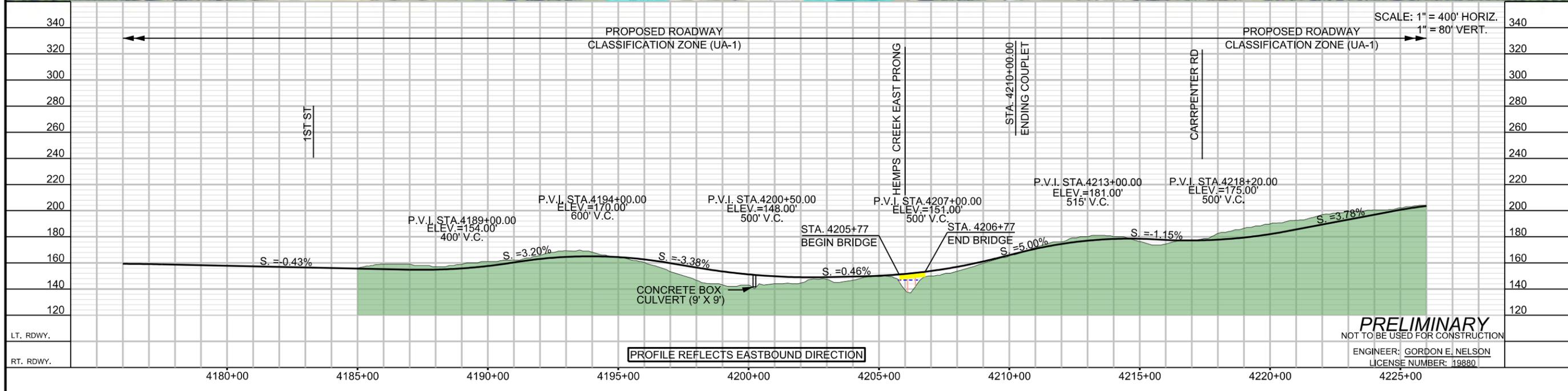
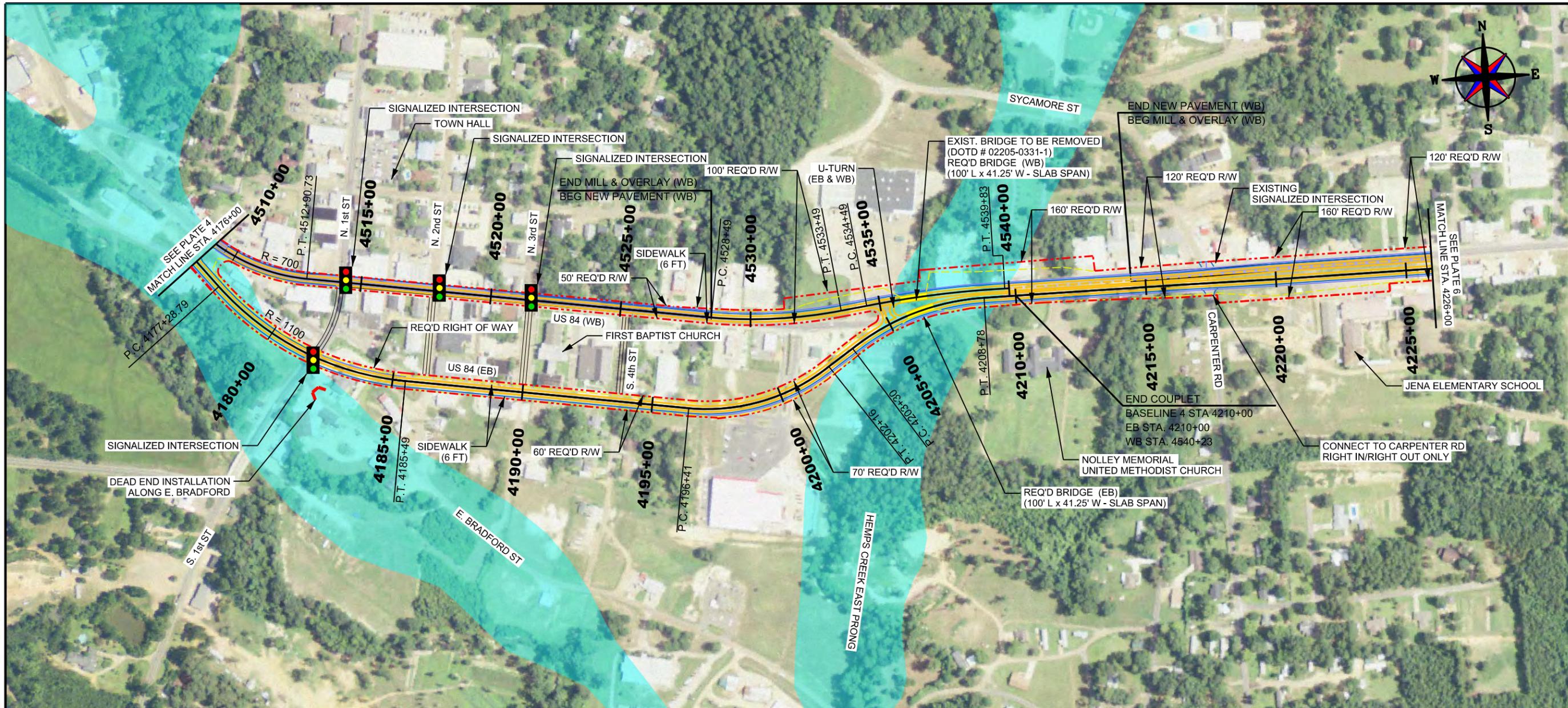


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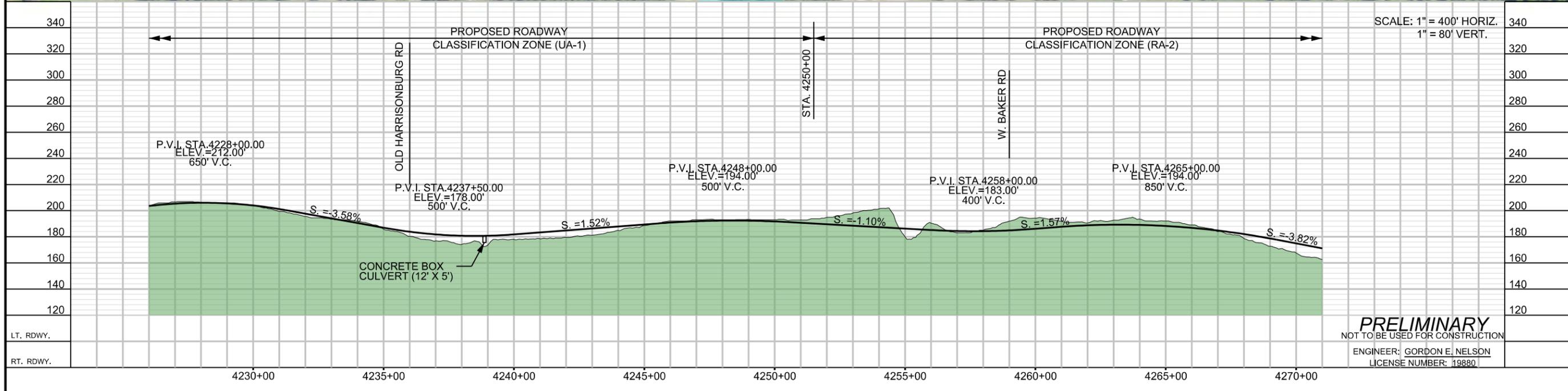
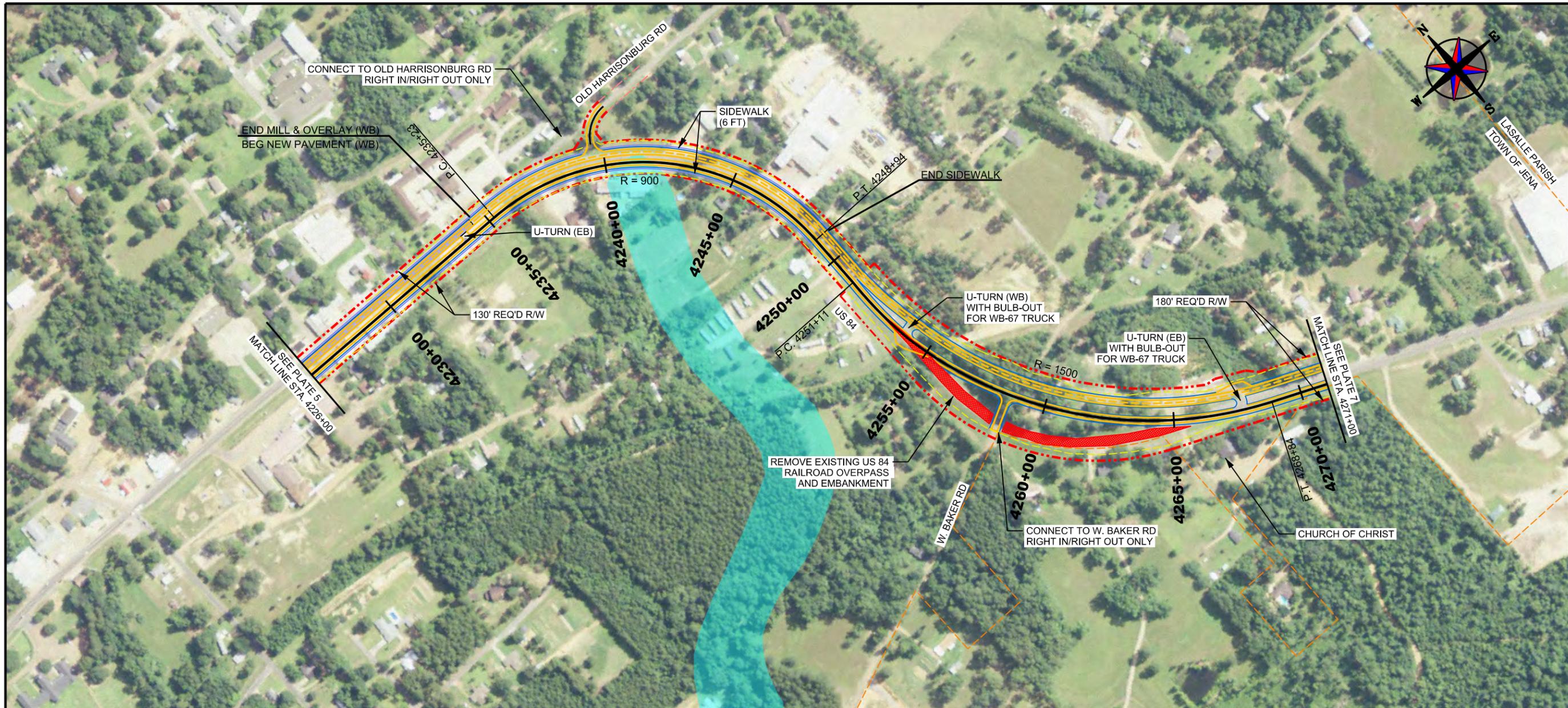
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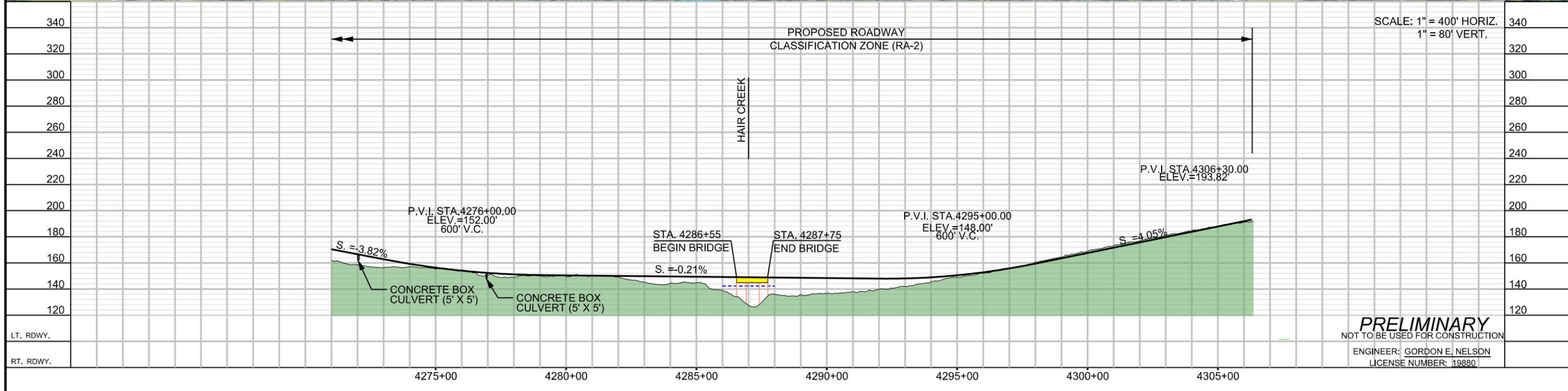
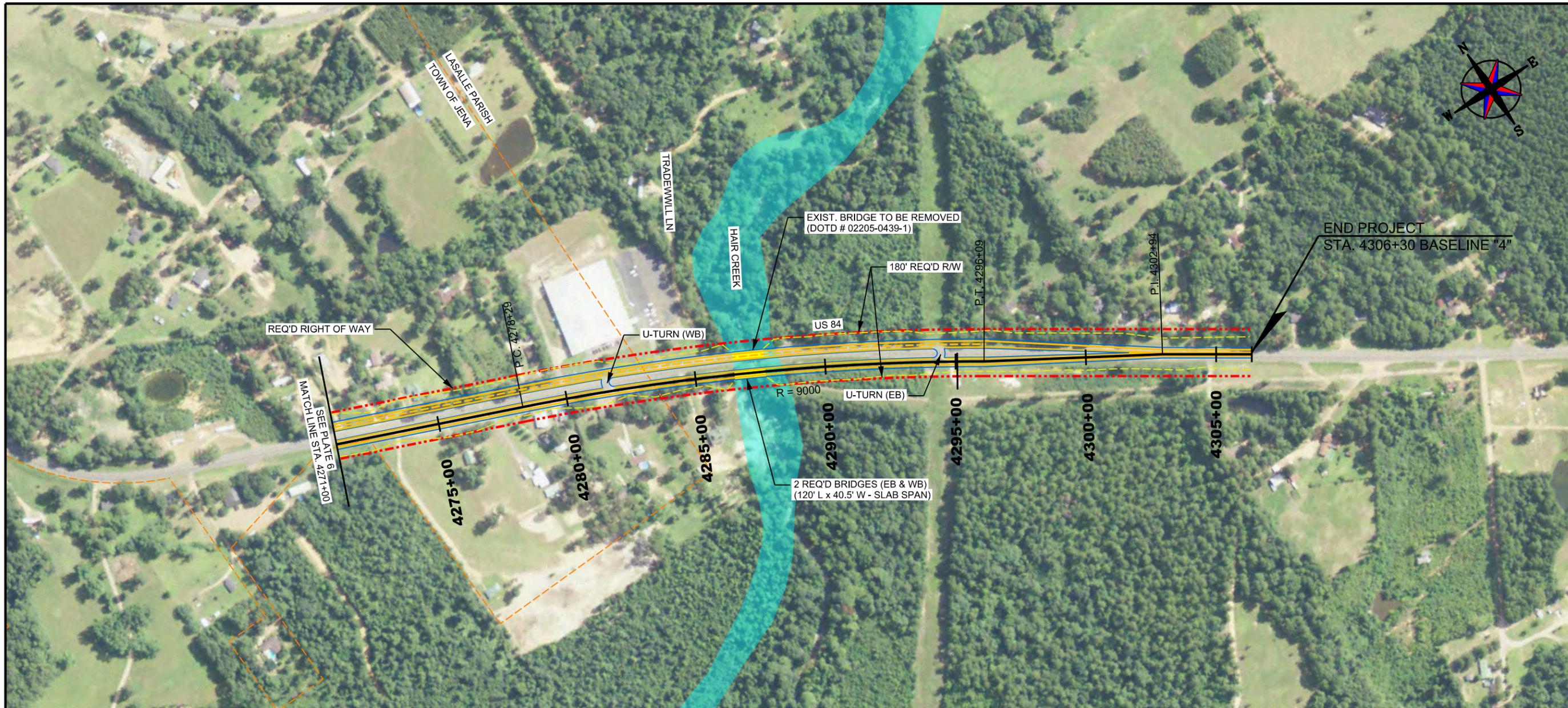


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 NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION
 ENGINEER: GORDON E. NELSON
 LICENSE NUMBER: 19880

PLATE 6

STATE PROJECT NO. H-000758.2
 US 84 WIDENING FROM HIGHWAY 772
 TO EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE
 LASALLE PARISH

ALTERNATIVE 4B



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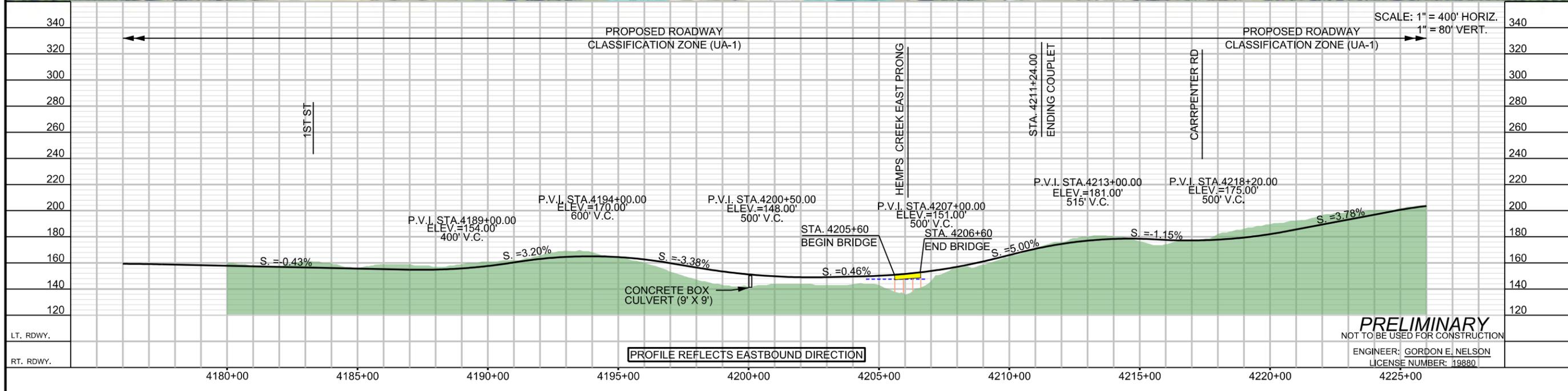
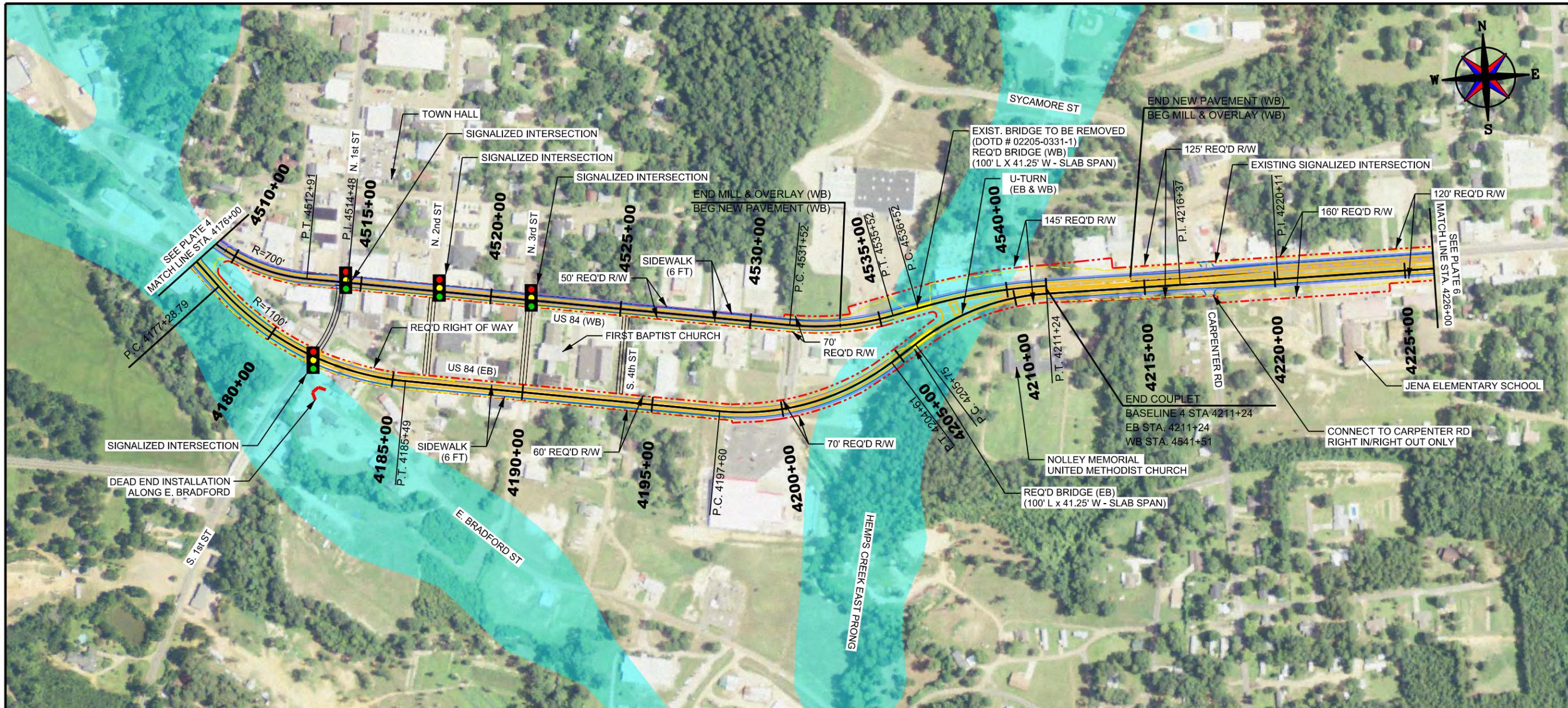
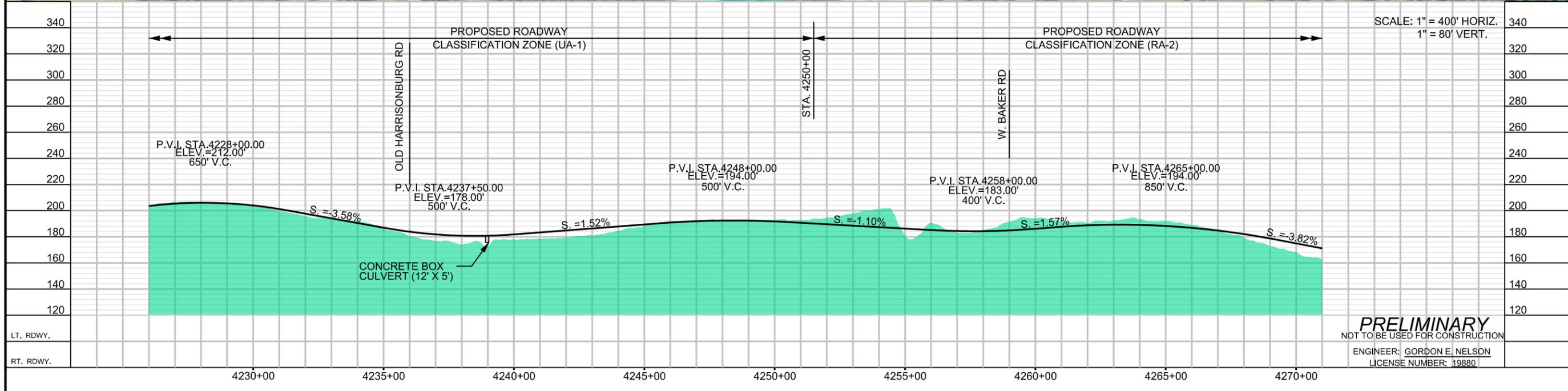
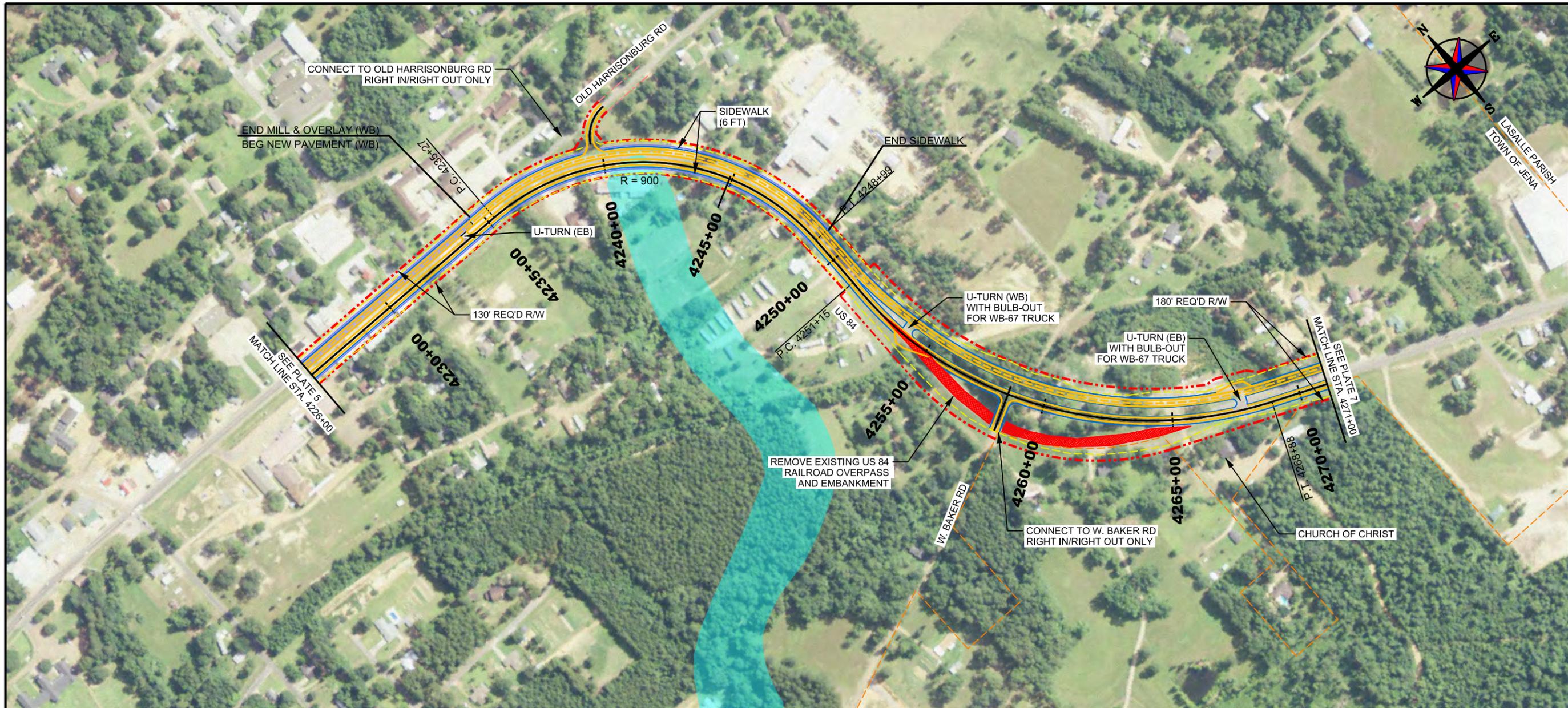


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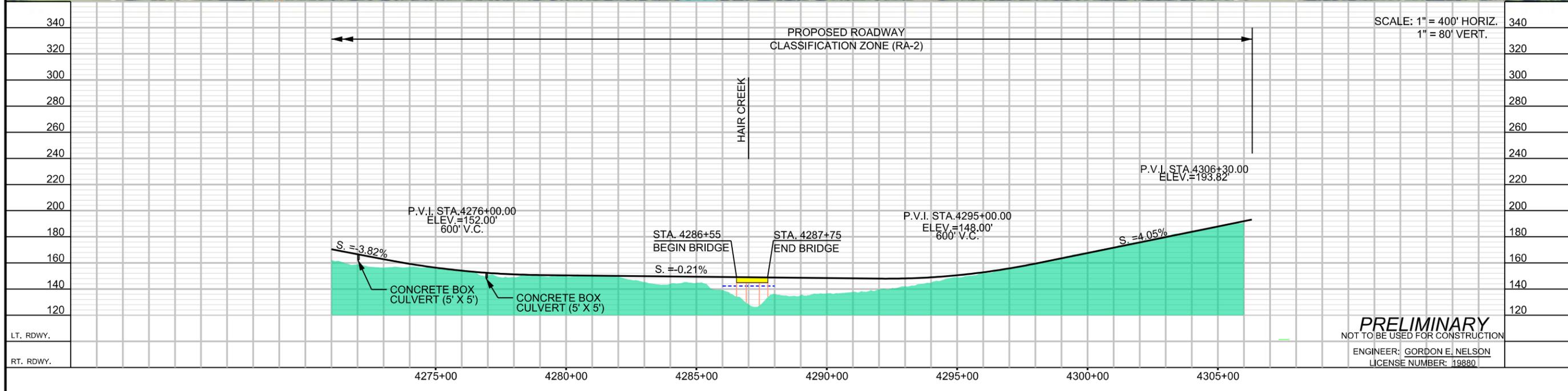
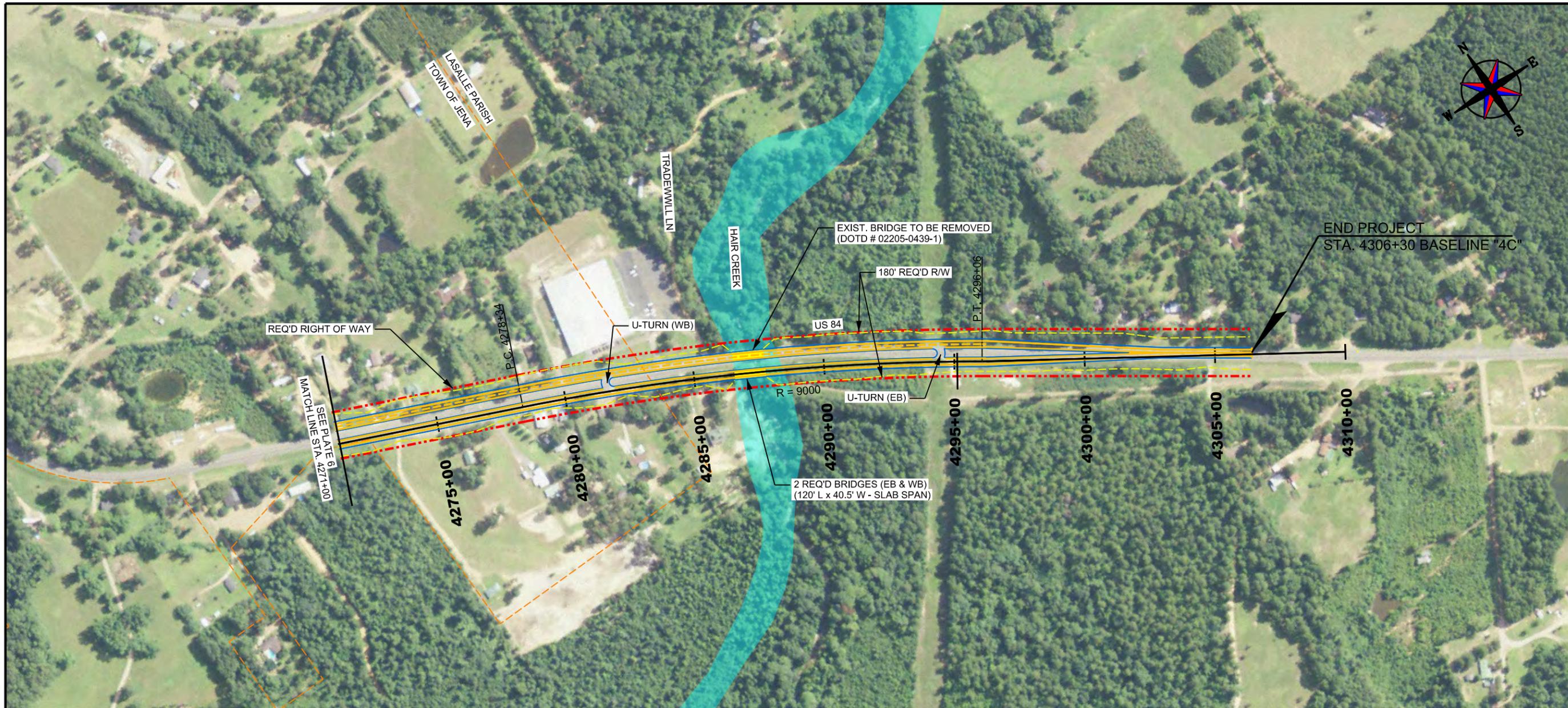


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 TO EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE
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APPENDIX B

Agency Coordination and Correspondence

Logical Termini Correspondence

Solicitation of Views

Scoping Meeting Responses

SHPO Correspondence

Additional Agency Coordination

Tribal Coordination

Logical Termini Correspondence

[April – May 2010]



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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SHERRI H. LEGAS, P.E.
INTERIM SECRETARY

April 12, 2010

State Project No. 022-05-0045
F.A.P. No. NHS 38-04(017)
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

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Mr. Wes Bolinger
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

SUBJECT: Logical Termini for Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Bolinger:

Attn: Lismary Gavillan

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EXAMINED AND RECOMMENDED BY
APPROVAL
DATE

Thomas Scullax
4/15/10

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Robert Lott
Robert Lott

Assistant Environmental Engineer

NA/RL/EO

cc: Mr. Mike Aghayan, P.E.

APPROVED

Carl M. Highsmith
FOR CARL M. HIGHSMITH
PROJECT DELIVERY TEAM LEADER
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

DATE 4/16/10



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Environmental Engineer Administrator


Robert Lott
Assistant Environmental Engineer

NA/RL/EO

cc: Mr. Mike Aghayan, P.E.

Solicitation of Views

[April – July 2010]



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May 24, 2010

State Project No. 022-05-0045
F.A.P. No. NHS 38-04(017)
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

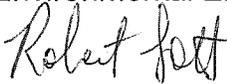
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Due to the earliness of this request for your views, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached a sketch map showing the general location of the project, along with a preliminary project description.

It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by **June 30, 2010**. Replies should be addressed to LA DOTD; Environmental Engineer Administrator; P.O. Box 94245; Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245. Please reference the State Project Number in your reply. If you have any questions, please call my office at (225) 242-4502.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator


Robert Lott
Assistant Environmental Engineer

Attachments
NA/RL/EO
Cc: District Administrator

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SPN 1022-05-0045

F.A.P. No. NHS 38-04(017)

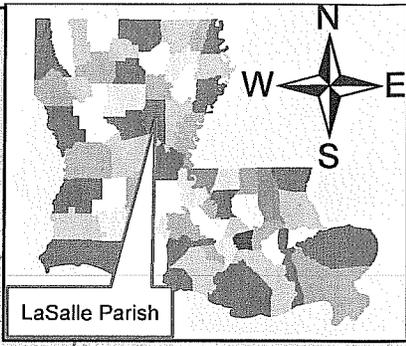
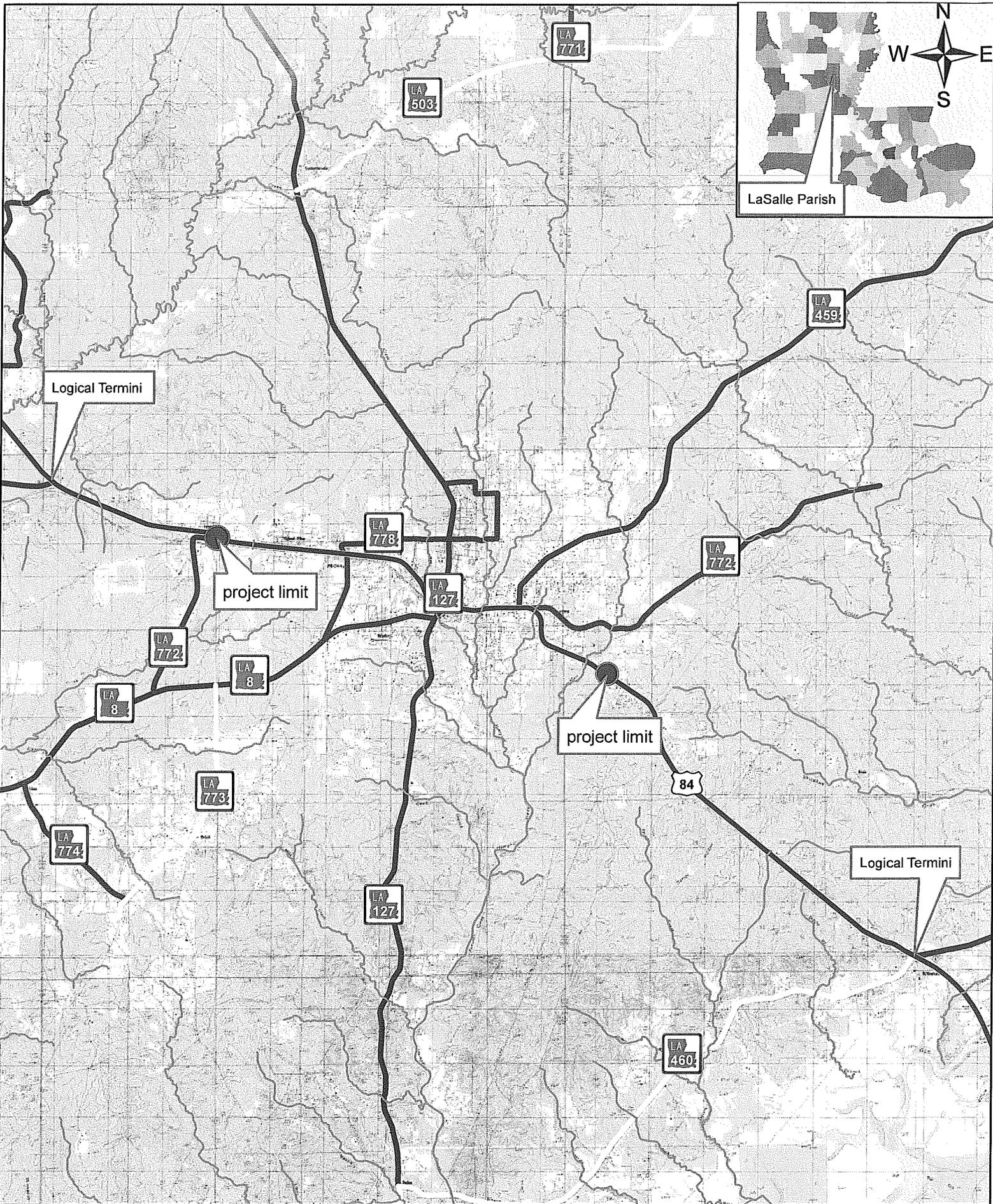
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge

Route: 84

LaSalle Parish

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is proposing to widen the existing LA 84 in LaSalle Parish. Attached is a vicinity map showing the proposed project location.

In 2009, the average daily traffic (ADT) on this road was 8,739, 2010 and 2030 ADT's projected to be 9,092 and 13,510 respectively. The current level of service is C, and projected level of service for "no-build" alternative is D. Right-of-way will be required for the project. The Department will prepare an Environmental Assessment that will examine the environmental impact of the proposed project. Anyone interested in the project is encouraged to send comments.



Map of Project Limit with Logical Termini
For State Project No. 700-30-0307



State of Louisiana

SCOTT ANGELLE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF STATE PARKS

PAM BREAU
SECRETARY

STUART JOHNSON, PH.D.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

June 1, 2010

LA DOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Project No. 022-05-0045
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of the solicitation of views request for the proposal to widen the existing LA 84 in LaSalle Parish.

The Division of Outdoor Recreation in the Louisiana Office of State Parks administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for Louisiana. In this capacity we compile an inventory of recreational sites within the state for publication in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) published periodically. The most recent SCORP was published for the period of 2009-2014 with an inventory developed in 2009.

Given the minimal information provided in the solicitation of views, it is impossible to calculate the impacts to recreation in this project. Jena Town Park located north of US 84 near Sycamore Street is a Land and Water Conservation Fund project site. As such, this site has protection under Section 6(f). Until additional information is forthcoming, it is impossible to provide a complete feedback in relation to recreation with this proposal. Our office would be interested in development of the Environmental Assessment as the project is more defined.

Sincerely,

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Cleve Hardman
Director of Outdoor Recreation



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

June 1, 2010

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
State of Louisiana
Department of Transportation and
Development
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We have received your May 24, 2010, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts which might result from the following project:

STP No. 022-05-0045
FAP No. NHS 38-04(017)
Widening of US84
LA722 – East of
Hair Creek Bridge
LaSalle Parish, LA

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program; however we would like to review the Environmental Assessment Report, when available.

If you did not include the Parish/County; a legal description; project location and the latitude and longitude if available, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence. To view a map of the Sole Source Aquifer delineation(s) for your state go to the following website. <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/swp/ssa/maps.htm>

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator
Sole Source Aquifer Program
Ground Water/UIC Section



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STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SHERRI H. LEBAS, P.E.
INTERIM SECRETARY

State Project No. 022-05-0045
F.A.P. No. NHS 38-04(017)
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

May 24, 2010
The project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,
() Will have no effect on those resources
(X) Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.
This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Robert Lott June 2, 2010
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

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Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Robert Lott
Robert Lott
Assistant Environmental Engineer

SITE MAY CONTAIN WETLANDS
Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
for a jurisdictional determination.

District: Vicksburg, MS
Telephone No. 601 631 5289

Attachments
NA/RL/EO
Cc: District Administrator



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY
JIMMY L. ANTHONY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Date June 4, 2010

Name Robert Lott

Company LA DOTD

Street Address P.O. Box 94245

City, State, Zip Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Project State Project No. 022-05-0045
LA 772-East of Hair Creek Bridge
US 84 LaSalle Parish, LA

Project ID 1632010

Invoice Number 10060401

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,

Gary Lester

GL

Gary Lester, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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INVOICE

RETAIN THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date June 4, 2010
Invoice Number 10060401
Project State Project No. 022-05-0045
LA 772-East of Hair Creek Bridge
US 84 LaSalle Parish, LA
Name Robert Lott
Company LA DOTD
Street Address P.O. Box 94245
City, State, Zip Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Number of Quads Reviewed 1
Total Due \$0.00

Payment should be made to "Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries" within 30 days of the date of this invoice. Please include the invoice number on your check and return a copy of this invoice with your remittance to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Attn: Nancy Hunter
P.O. Box 80399
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0399

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Date June 4, 2010

Invoice Number 10060401

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LA 772-East of Hair Creek Bridge
US 84 LaSalle Parish, LA

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State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

June 9, 2010

LA DOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Project No. 022-05-0045

This office is in receipt of a Solicitation of View regarding the above referenced project(s).

Based upon the information received from the applicant we have no objection to the referenced project(s) at this time. The applicant shall be aware of and comply with any and all applicable Louisiana State Sanitary Code regulations (LAC 51, as applicable). Furthermore, should additional project data become available to this office that in any way amend the information upon which this office's response has been based, we reserve the right of additional comment on the referenced project(s).

In the event of any future discovery of evidence of non-compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any applicable public health laws or statutes which may have escaped our awareness during the course of this cursory review, please be advised that this office's preliminary determination on this Solicitation of View of the project(s) shall not be construed as absolving the applicant of responsibility, if any, with respect to compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any other applicable public health laws or statutes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johan Forsman".

Johan Forsman
Geologist
Engineering Services Section
Center for Environmental Health Services
Telephone: (225) 342-7309
Electronic mail: johan.forsman@la.gov



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KRISTY H. NICHOLS
INTERIM SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
Department of Social Services
Office of Management and Finance

June 15, 2010

LA DOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator
P.O. Box 942245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Project No. 022-05-0045
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Social Services has reviewed the proposed project information supplied in the Department of Transportation's May 24, 2010 Solicitation of Views. We have determined that the project will not adversely impact the operations of our agencies or their delivery of services to our consumers who reside in the affected area.

We offer no objection to this undertaking and look forward to its successful completion.

Sincerely,

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Bridget M. Depland
Deputy Undersecretary

C: Ruth Johnson



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
4155 CLAY STREET
VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39183-3435

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 2, 2010

Regional Planning and
Environment Division South
Vicksburg Planning Branch

Mr. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
Louisiana Department of
Transportation and Development
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Dear Mr. Ardoin:

I refer to your letter of May 24, 2010, regarding widening the existing LA 84 east of Hair Creek Bridge, La Salle Parish, Louisiana (State Project No. 022-05-0045). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, has no ongoing or proposed activities in the project area.

If your proposed work involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or any other waters of the United States, you may need a Department of the Army permit prior to construction. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf> or contact Mr. David Lofton (telephone (601) 631-5147).

I trust this information meets your needs. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Brian LaBarre of this office (telephone (601) 631-5437).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia R. Hemphill".

Patricia R. Hemphill, P.E.
Assistant Chief, Planning,
Programs, and Project
Management Division

U.S. Department of
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United States
Coast Guard



Commander
Eighth Coast Guard District

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16591.1/US HWY 84
June 16, 2010

Mr. Robert Lott
Louisiana Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Subj: US HIGHWAY 84 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Lott:

We have reviewed the information provided in your letter of May 24, 2010 and determined that this project is not a project over which the Coast Guard exercises jurisdiction for bridge administration purposes. A Coast Guard permit is not required.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Sambor at the above number. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Washburn".

ERIC A. WASHBURN
Bridge Administrator
By direction of the District Commander



FEMA

June 14, 2010

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LA DoTD
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Project No: 022-05-0045
Federal Aid Project No: NHS 38-04(017)
Route 84-LA 772-East of Hair Creek Bridge, LaSalle Parish

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We are in receipt of the captioned projects submitted to this office.

Part of this project will be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area under LaSalle Parish Flood Insurance Rate Map panel 220112-22A and the Town of Jena's Map panel 220334-02A.

As the communities of LaSalle Parish and the Town of Jena are participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), these projects must be reviewed by the appropriate Floodplain Administrator in each community to ensure compliance with their Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Since Federal dollars are involved in this project, Executive Order 11988 must be followed and floodplain management requirements would apply.

You may contact Gerald Sansone, LaSalle Parish Floodplain Administrator at (318)992-2101 and Cory Floyd, Town of Jena's Floodplain Administrator at (318)-992-2148 for further information. Please feel free to contact me at (940) 898-5523 or via email at diana.b.herrera@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana B. Herrera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Diana B. Herrera, CFM
Natural Hazards
Program Specialist

Talked to floodplain admin on 6/23/10 and she said we don't need permits

Ezekiel Onyegbunam

From: Noel Ardoin
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8:15 AM
To: Ezekiel Onyegbunam
Subject: FW: DEQ SOV: 022-05-0045/0975 East of Hair Creek Bridge LA 772

From: Diane Hewitt
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Noel Ardoin
Subject: DEQ SOV: 022-05-0045/0975 East of Hair Creek Bridge LA 772

June 21, 2010

Noel Ardoin
LA DOTD
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Noel.Ardoin@la.gov

RE:
022-05-0045/0975 East of Hair Creek Bridge LA 772
DOTD funding
LaSalle Parish

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Offices of Environmental Services and Environmental Compliance have received your request for comments on the above referenced project. Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.

There were no objections based on the information in the document submitted to us. However, the following comments have been included below. Should you encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, please notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

The Office of Environmental Services/Permits Division recommends that you investigate the following requirements that may influence your proposed project:

- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permit Division at (225) 219-3181 to determine if your proposed improvements require one of these permits.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly to inquire about the possible necessity for permits. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28.Lead-Based Paint Activities, LAC 33:III.Chapter 27.Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation), and LAC 33:III.5151.Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, LaSalle Parish is classified as an attainment parish with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Please forward all future requests to Ms. Diane Hewitt, LDEQ/Performance Management/ P.O. Box 4301, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301, and your request will be processed as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-4079 or by email at diane.hewitt@la.gov. Permitting questions should be directed to the Office of Environmental Services at (225) 219-3181.

Diane Hewitt
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Ezekiel Onyegbunam

From: Robert Lott
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 3:02 PM
To: Ezekiel Onyegbunam
Subject: FW: Section 106 Review - Insufficient Documentation State Project No. 022-05-0045--LA772--East of Hair Creek; Route 84 LaSalle Parish

Zeke,

I believe this is in response to the Jena SOV letter. Please gather the requested information and submit it to Mr. Varnado.

Thanks,
Bobby Lott
DOTD - Environmental Section
225-242-4504

From: Mike Varnado [mailto:mvarnado@crt.state.la.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 9:49 AM
To: Robert Lott
Cc: DCRT Section 106
Subject: Section 106 Review - Insufficient Documentation State Project No. 022-05-0045--LA772--East of Hair Creek; Route 84 LaSalle Parish

Date:

Re:

Thank you for your letter of **Date of Letter Being Reviewed**, concerning the above-referenced undertaking. We are unable to complete the Section 106 review at this time due to the submittal of insufficient documentation. We will need the following information to complete our review for the aforementioned project:

Name of federal agency, agency involvement (Funding, license\permit, etc. and description of the undertaking (Detailed description of project).

Applicant contact information (Name, address, phone number and email address).

Agency contact information (Name, address, phone number and email address).

- X Description of the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE can be direct or indirect. It is defined as "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist." (Include the latitude\longitude of the undertaking location and APE)
- X Description of all historic properties within and adjacent to the APE. The historic standing structure is any structure fifty years of age and older. Under Section 106, it is the responsibility of the federal agency or its designee to identify all structures listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Detailed project scope of work including design plans.

- X Map and site plan showing APE and exact location of project undertaking.

Photographs of the entire APE and project location. Photographs of all historic (fifty years of age and older) within the APE. Buildings should be documented showing diagonal views of front and side and rear and opposite side of the building. All photos should be keyed to a site map and project plans if applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation at (225) 219-4596 or mvarnado@crt.state.la.us.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Varnado

Architectural Historian

Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation

Office of Cultural Development

Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism

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OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

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SECRETARY

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

June 28, 2010

TO: Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LA DOTD
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

RE: Solicitation of Views
State Project No.: 022-05-0045
F. A. P. No.: NHS 38-04(017)
LA 772 - East of Hair Creek Bridge
Route: US 84
LaSalle Parish

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

In response to your letter dated May 24, 2010, concerning the referenced matter, please be advised that the Office of Conservation collects and maintains many types of information regarding oil and gas exploration, production, distribution, and other data relative to the petroleum industry as well as related and non-related injection well information, surface mining and ground water information and other natural resource related data. Most information concerning oil, gas and injection wells for any given area of the state, including the subject area of your letter can be obtained through records search via the SONRIS data access application available at:

<http://www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/Conserv.ssi>

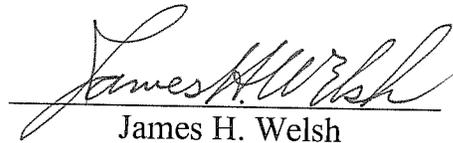
A review of our computer records for the referenced project area indicates no active oil, gas or injection wells located within or adjacent to the project area. However, there are plugged and abandoned wells drilled in search of hydrocarbons in the area. Additionally, the LADOTD database indicates that there are registered water wells in the vicinity of the project area. Please note that unregistered water wells may also be located in the area.

The Office of Conservation maintains records of all activities within its jurisdiction in paper, microfilm or electronic format. These records may be accessed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except on State holidays or emergencies that require the Office to be closed. Please call 225-342-5540 for specific contact information or for directions to the Office of Conservation, located in the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For pipelines and other underground hazards, please contact Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020 prior to commencing operations. Should you need to direct your inquiry to any of our Divisions, you may use the following contact information:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Engineering	Jeff Wells	225-342-5638	jeff.wells@la.gov
Pipeline	Steven Giambrone	225-342-2989	steven.giambrone@la.gov
Injection & Mining	Laurence Bland	225-342-5515	laurence.bland@la.gov
Geological	Mike Kline	225-342-3335	mike.kline@la.gov
Environmental	Tony Duplechin	225-342-5528	tony.duplechin@la.gov

If you have difficulty in accessing the data via the referenced website because of computer related issues, you may obtain assistance from our technical support section by selecting Help on the SONRIS tool bar and submitting an email describing your problems and including a telephone number where you may be reached.

Sincerely,


 James H. Welsh
 Commissioner of Conservation

JHW:MBK



KISATCHIE-DELTA Regional Planning & Development District, Inc.

3516 Parliament Court, Alexandria, LA 71303-3135
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kdelta@kcricket.net

July 8, 2010

Correspondence to requestor

LA DOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

**RE: Clearinghouse Review for State Project #022-05-0045; FAP #NHS38-04(017);
LA 772 – East of Hair Creek Bridge Route: US 84 – Lasalle Parish**

Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District, Inc. has received the information provided regarding solicitation of comments for the aforementioned project. I have reviewed the materials and offer the following comments.

- We have no objection to the proposed project.
- We have no objection and support the proposed use of proceeds to conduct the project.
- Flood Hazard: ~~INVESTIGATION REQUIRED BEFORE RESPONDING~~
 - There is no known flood hazard impact related to the proposed project.
 - Proposed project could be vulnerable to minor impact in relation to its location/elevation.
 - Proposed project is vulnerable to significant impact from flooding; mitigation should be required.
- Location Urban Rural
 - Anticipated finding of historically/culturally Significant Concern regarding economic injustice
 - Impact anticipated to Wild/Scenic River In conflict with established zoning standards
- Upon review, there are no findings relative to known negative environmental impacts.
- The proposed project is compatible with local needs and benefits regional use.
- The proposed project would not detract from employment and income opportunities of area.
- The project is located in a distressed area and investment by the funding agency of grant/loan funds is appropriate and necessary to assist with the quality of life and community and economic development.
 - Renewal Community INVESTIGATION REQUIRED BEFORE RESPONDING
 - Delta Regional Authority distressed county
 - Other: _____
- The proposed project is congruent with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and considerate of both environmental and socioeconomic needs.
- Other: This Project would substantially benefit the region by improving access to a Scenic Byway traversing the region.

Please contact us, if you have other needs with which we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Heather Smoak Urena, CECD
Executive Director

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

318-473-7751
318-473-7626

June 8, 2010

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
State of Louisiana – DOTD
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

RE: Hair Creek – State Project No. 022-05-0045

Noel Ardoin:

I have reviewed your request for comments relative to impacts to Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance resulting from construction of roadway enhancements for the following project in LaSalle parish, Louisiana:

1. Hair Creek – State Project No. 022-05-0045

The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549 final rules and regulations were published in the Federal Register on June 17, 1994. These rules state that projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a Federal agency or with assistance from a Federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

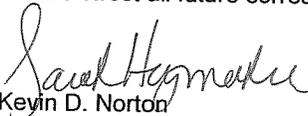
NRCS policy clarifies the Rule by stating that activities not subject to FPPA include:

- Federal permitting and licensing
- Projects planned and completed without the assistance of a Federal agency
- Projects on land already in urban development or used for water storage
- Construction within an existing right-of-way purchased on or before August 4, 1984
- Construction for national defense purposes
- Construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations
- Surface mining, where restoration to agricultural use is planned
- Construction of new minor secondary structures such as a garage or storage shed.

Our Soil Survey indicates that the soils present on 77.4% of the site are Cahaba fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slope (Ch) 0.9%, Pheba loam (Pb) 6.2%, Ruston fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes (Rs) 25.9%, Ruston fine sandy loam 3 to 8 percent slope (Rt) 33.6%, Savannah fine sandy loam (Sf) 10.8% are a prime/unique farmland soil. If federal funds are involved, a determination of the "prime" farm land conversion impact, if any, will have to be made in accordance with the provisions of the Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981.

Further, we do not believe there will be an adverse effect on the surrounding environment provided appropriate erosion control measures are taken during construction.

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

 ACTING FOR
Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

Attachments

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Scoping Meeting Responses

[March – August 2012]



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

March 19, 2011

Ms. Krista R. Goodin, AICP
Director of Planning
Project Manager
Fenstermaker Baton Rouge Office
445 North Boulevard, Suite 601
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Ms. Goodin:

We have received your March 13, 2012, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts that might result from the following project:

STP No. H.000758.2
FP No. DE-3010 (503)
Widening US 84
Lasalle Parish, Louisiana

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program.

If you did not include the Parish/County; a legal description; project location and the latitude and longitude if available, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence.

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bechdol".

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator
Sole Source Aquifer Program
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Jesse Means, LDEQ
Noel Ardoin, LDOT



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 6

**1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733**

March 21, 2012

Krista R. Goodin
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates
445 North Boulevard, Suite 601
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

SUBJECT: State Project No. H.000758.2, Widen US 84 from Hwy 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge

Dear Ms. Goodin:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has received your correspondence, dated March 13, 2012, regarding a request for information for the US 84 from Hwy 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge project. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, our agency has identified areas of concern that should be addressed in your environmental assessment:

- project area is within 1000 meters of a hospital
- project area is within 100 meters of EPA regulated facilities
- project area is within 1000 meters of a school
- project crosses many waters of the U.S., which may include wetlands; a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit may be required
- rare and/or sensitive habitats/vegetation within 100 meters of project area; recommend coordination with the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program
- project area is within 100 meters of places on the National Register of Historic Places
- project area is within the tribal boundaries of the Jena Band of Choctaw Reservation; recommend coordinating with the tribal environmental office and consulting with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)
- project area is 28% minority, which exceeds that of LaSalle Parish (14.6%) and 24% low-income, which exceeds both the Parish (19%) and the State (20%); recommend establishing protocol to engage the environmental justice population within the project area

EPA's suggested Purpose and Need language: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility throughout the corridor in order to relieve existing traffic congestion and promote local traffic circulation. The project is needed because of current and projected population growth, changing land use, and current and projected traffic volumes. All project "needs" should be fully supported.

Please note that the proposed project may be subject to other federal, state, and local regulations. Please see attached documentation. Thank you for your coordination and don't hesitate to contact John MacFarlane, of my staff, at 214-665-7491 or macfarlane.john@epa.gov should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

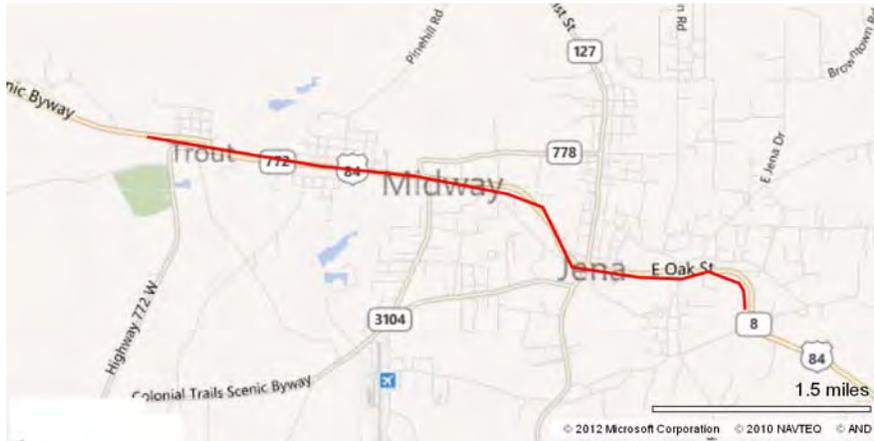
Rhonda Smith
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination

Enclosure



NEPAAssist

Project Location Map



Geographic coordinates:

LINE

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Length of digitized line 4.61 mi

Facility

- Within 100 meters of a hospital? no
- Within 1000 meters of a hospital? yes
- Within 100 meters of a TRI facility? no
- Within 1000 meters of a TRI facility? no
- Within 100 meters of a regulated facility? yes
- Within 1000 meters of a regulated facility? yes
- Within 100 meters of an airport? no

Water

- Within 100 meters of a Wild and Scenic River? no
- Within an area over a Sole Source Aquifer? no
- Within the 100 year flood plain? no
- Within the 500 year flood plain? no
- Within 400 meters of an NWI wetland? [click here](#)

May take several minutes

- Within an NLCD wetland? no
- Within 1000 meters of an NLCD wetland? yes

Ecology

- Within a federal/state park or wildlife area? no
- Within 1000 meters of a federal/state park or wildlife area? no
- Within a critical habitat area? no
- Within 1000 meters of a critical habitat area? no
- Within 100 meters of a REAP Composite area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? no
- Within 100 meters of a REAP Diversity area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? no
- Within 100 meters of a REAP Rarity area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? no
- Within 100 meters of a REAP Sustainability area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? no

Other

- Within 100 meters of a place on the National Historic Register? yes
- Within 1000 meters of a place on the National Historic Register? yes
- Within 100 meters of a school? no
- Within 1000 meters of a school? yes

Within a nonattainment area?

no

Within a previous nonattainment, maintenance, or EAC area?

no

Within 1000 meters of a Tribal boundary or property of interest?

yes

NatureServe data

Within an area with known rare, endangered, or at-risk species?

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Environmental Justice Analysis

GISST Analysis

Last updated on Wednesday, March 21, 2012



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County and State Comparison

Overview

	Study Area	LA SALLE County, LA	LOUISIANA
Total Persons:	1316	14282	4468976
Population Density:	246.37 /sq mi	22.89 /sq mi	102.59 /sq mi
Percent Minority:	28.3%	14.6%	37.5%
Persons Below Poverty Level:	291 (24.2%)	2486 (18.7%)	851113 (19.6%)
Households in Area:	496	5291	1656053
Households on Public Assistance:	22	238	54646
Housing Units Built <1970:	51%	42%	45%
Housing Units Built <1950:	19%	15%	15%

Race

Race Breakdown	Study Area	LA SALLE County, LA	LOUISIANA
White:	945 (71.8%)	12264 (85.9%)	2855964 (63.9%)
African-American:	360 (27.4%)	1757 (12.3%)	1444566 (32.3%)
Hispanic-Origin:	2 (0.1%)	115 (0.8%)	107854 (2.4%)
Asian/Pacific Islander:	1 (0.1%)	32 (0.2%)	55492 (1.2%)
American Indian:	8 (0.6%)	79 (0.6%)	25833 (0.6%)
Other Race:	0 (0.0%)	63 (0.4%)	31803 (0.7%)
Multiracial:	0 (0.0%)	84 (0.6%)	53939 (1.2%)

(* Columns that add up to 100% are highlighted)

Age

Age Breakdown	Study Area	LA SALLE County, LA	LOUISIANA
Child 5 years or less:	85 (6.5%)	1017 (7.1%)	380545 (8.5%)
Minors 17 years and younger:	380 (28.9%)	3722 (26.1%)	1218453 (27.3%)
Adults 18 years and older:	936 (71.1%)	10560 (73.9%)	3250523 (72.7%)
Seniors 65 years and older:	184 (14.0%)	2083 (14.6%)	518097 (11.6%)

(* Columns that add up to 100% are highlighted)

Education

Education Level (Persons 25 & older)	Study Area	LA SALLE County, LA	LOUISIANA
Less than 9th grade:	79 (9.9%)	927 (10.3%)	257710 (9.6%)
9th -12th grade:	180 (22.6%)	1974 (22.0%)	441342 (16.5%)
High School Diploma:	265 (33.2%)	3552 (39.6%)	899354 (33.6%)
Some College/2 yr:	147 (18.4%)	1475 (16.5%)	561486 (21.0%)
B.S./B.A. or more:	126 (15.8%)	1031 (11.5%)	519778 (19.4%)

Language

Ability to Speak English	Study Area	LA SALLE County, LA	LOUISIANA
Population Age 5 and Over:	1236	13419	4153367
Speak only English:	1211 (97.9%)	12891 (96.1%)	3771003 (90.8%)
Non-English at Home:	25 (2.0%)	528 (3.9%)	382364 (9.2%)
Speak English very well:	21 (1.7%)	356 (2.7%)	265457 (6.4%)
Speak English well:	0 (0.0%)	60 (0.4%)	74699 (1.8%)
Speak English not well:	4 (0.3%)	112 (0.8%)	36749 (0.9%)
Speak English less than well:	4 (0.3%)	112 (0.8%)	42208 (1.0%)
Speak English not at all:	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	5459 (0.1%)

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SOURCE: [U.S. Bureau of the Census](#) 

Data represents population and housing statistics by county for Census 2000.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
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March 26, 2012

Krista R. Goodin, AICP
Director of Planning, Project Manager
Fenstermaker & Associates
445 North Boulevard, Suite 601
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Ms. Goodin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your invitation to the Agency Scoping Meeting to be held on March 28, 2012, in Jena, Louisiana. The meeting is in regards to the proposed widening of US 84 near Jena, in La Salle Parish, Louisiana (State Project No. H.000758.2; Federal Project No. DE-3010(503)). The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is proposing to widen approximately five miles of the existing two-lane LA-US 84 from Highway 772 to east of Hair Creek Bridge to a four lane, divided facility.

Our preliminary review revealed that there may be jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, along the proposed site. The EPA recommends that the applicant contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to verify if any jurisdictional waters will be affected by the project, and to begin the process of applying for any necessary permits. The EPA concurs with the use of an existing alignment for the construction of an upgraded highway, and also agrees with the extent of the project study area. Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at Gutierrez.raul@epa.gov or 214-665-6697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raul Gutierrez".

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D.
Wetlands Section
Water Quality Protection Division



March 13, 2012

Re: Agency Scoping Meeting
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Project No. DE-3010 (503)
Widening of US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

With regard to the above referenced project, C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC is currently under contract with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed widening of US 84 from Highway 772 to east of Hair Creek Bridge located in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Jena Town Hall
2908 East Oak Street
Jena, Louisiana 71342

The purpose of this project scoping meeting is to make presentations concerning the project need, scope, and study approaches, identify issues in the Solicitation of Views (SOV) responses, plan for stakeholder outreach, and discuss the project schedule.

Please RSVP by March 26th to krista@fenstermaker.com or call me at 225-344-6701. If you cannot attend in person, a conference call number will be made available.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Krista R. Goodin]

Krista R. Goodin, AICP
Director of Planning, Project Manager
225-344-6701
krista@fenstermaker.com

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed, () Will have no effect on those resources (x) Is not likely to adversely affect those resources. ecw
This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

[Handwritten signature] April 10, 2012
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Date

SHPO Correspondence



JAY DARDENNE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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PAM BREAUX
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

15 May 2013

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer
Dept of Transportation and Development
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Draft Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-4235
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Widening of US 84 Through Jena Project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 April 2013 and two copies of the above referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and offer the following comments.

Figure 8 states that this alternative was subjected to Phase I survey, but this alignment is not shown on Figure 12 or 13 showing Alternatives 2B and 4 that were evaluated for this project.

It would be helpful to mention the revisited site (16L A.72) in the introduction to the Archaeological Survey Results (pg 81), particularly since it is discussed in this section (pg 87), and to include it on Figure 28.

We concur that the portions of archaeological sites 16LA72, 16LA74, 16LA75, 16LA87, 16LA94, 16LA95, and 16LA96 are not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We concur that no archaeological historic properties will be impacted by this project.

In reference to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of structures identified in the project cultural resources survey, we are of the following opinion:

- There is a potential historic district that meets the criteria for listing in the NRHP centered around the Bank of Jena (30-00551) that includes but is not necessarily limited to the following: the building occupied by Tall Timber Insurance Agency and Unique Designs clothier (30-00552), the building comprising 3264 and 3268 First Street (30-00553/3000554), the building occupied by the Caboose Café and Boutique (30-00148), and the building occupied by the Video Connection (30-00550).
- In addition to the small historic district, the Bank of Jena meets the criteria for individual listing in the NRHP.
- Both the Strand Theatre (30-00555) and Billy Wood Ford Dealership (30-00573) buildings have the potential for individual listing in the NRHP under Criterion A; however historic research on each building would be required to establish each building's historical significance in the context of early entertainment and transportation venues of the Town of Jena.
- The proposed single Trout-Good Pine historic district does not meet the criteria for listing in the NRHP due to the loss of the historic integrity and the noncontiguous setting of historic structures within its boundaries. However, there are three potential NRHP districts each associated with

Trout's and Good Pine's three separate sawmill operations, the Trout, Good Pine, and Tall Timbers sawmills. Further historic research and assessment of structure integrity is required in order to delineate the three district boundaries. The Tall Timber Sawmill historic district would be centered around the historic buildings fronting McIntyre Street in the community of Good Pine. The Good Pine Sawmill historic district would be centered on the NRHP listed Good Pine Lumber Company Building and Trout-Good Pine School on Front Street. The Trout Sawmill historic district would consist of the surveyed historic properties along Railroad Avenue and US Highway 84 between West and Church Streets.

In reference to the proposed project's Adverse Effects, the Jena Barber and Style Building (30-00612), in our opinion, is not eligible for listing in the NRHP either ~~individually or as a~~ contributing element of an historic district and its proposed demolition would not constitute an Adverse Effect. However, we concur that project Alternative 2B would be an Adverse effect with the demolition or relocation of the NRHP Good Pine Lumber Company Building or contributing elements of the eligible Good Pine Sawmill historic district. As such, we invite you to consult further with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer in order to avoid the Adverse Effect on these cultural resources.

We look forward to receiving two bound copies of the final report along with a pdf of the report. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey in the Division of Archaeology by email at cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4598. Or Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation by email at mvarnado@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Breaux".

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Office

PB:crn



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State of Louisiana
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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
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December 2, 2013

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LDOTD
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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Section 106 Review
State Project No. H.000758
*Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the
Proposed Widening of U.S. 84 Through
Jena Project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
(22-4235 Vol. 1&2) (Report)*
LaSalle Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

Thank you for your letter of November 20, 2013, transmitting the above-referenced report. In reference to the four project alternatives, we concur with the report's finding that Alternative 4 would avoid an Adverse Effect on any historic property. As such, we recommend that Alternative 4 be adopted for the project route.

In reference to the reduced-size copy survey forms in Volume 2 of the Report, we request that the original survey forms with separate survey reference map be submitted to our office for inclusion in the Louisiana Historic Resources Survey collection.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation at (225) 219-4596.

Sincerely,

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

PB:MV:s

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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

January 14, 2014

State Project No.H.000758.2
Federal Aid No. DE-3010(503)
US 84 Widening
LA 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
LaSalle Parish

Mr. Wes Bolinger
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A
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APPROVED
Carl M. Highsmith
CARL M. HIGH SMITH
PROJECT DELIVERY TEAM LEADER
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
DATE 2-13-14

Dear Mr. Bolinger:

RE: Revised Draft EA

Attn: Ms. Lismary Gavillan, P.E.

Attached are two copies of Revised Draft Environmental Assessment for the captioned project for your approval for distribution. It was prepared by the consultant Fenstermaker and their sub-consultants. Upon your approval, the EA will be distributed for public review and Public Hearing will be scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ezekiel Onyegbunam at (225) 242-4516.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin, P.E
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Robert Lott
Robert Lott, P.E.
Assistant Environmental Engineer

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Attachments



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 6
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April 14, 2014

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development
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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

RE: State Project #H.000758.2

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) titled "Widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to just East of Hair Creek Bridge" in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action will widen the existing US 84 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and add bike lanes, sidewalks, a shared-use path; and traffic access management features. Attached are specific comments for your consideration in preparation of the Final EA.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments for the Draft EA. Please send the Final EA to my attention. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, do not hesitate to call me at 214-665-8006, or contact Keith Hayden of my staff, at 214-665-2133 or hayden.keith@epa.gov for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Smith".

Rhonda Smith
Acting Associate Director,
Compliance Assurance
and Enforcement Division

**DETAILED COMMENTS
ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT
FOR THE
WIDENING OF US 84 FROM HWY 772 TO JUST EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE
LASALLE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Background: This EA is focused on the portion of US 84 located in central LaSalle Parish, along the communities of Trout, Midway, Good Pine, and the Town of Jena. This roadway is an important transportation link in the El Camino corridor. The El Camino corridor is a historic route across the southern United States from the US border with Mexico near El Paso, Texas, to the US Atlantic coast near Brunswick, Georgia, that was used as a major route by Spanish settlers. The purpose of the project is to improve mobility throughout the corridor to increase roadway capacity, promote local traffic circulation, and improve the quality of life of the community. To accomplish these purposes, the project proposes to widen the roadway.

4.0 Environmental Resources, Impacts, and Mitigation

4.2 Constructability and Project Implementation

A fully funded project could be completed in 3 years, as opposed to a partially funded project that would take 10 years to construct. This section does not discuss all effects that could potentially occur as a result of full or partial funding scenarios.

Recommendation:

- Describe how the potential partial funding scenario will affect noise levels in the project area. Of particular importance would be any changes in duration, frequency, or magnitude of noise levels on sensitive receptors.

5.0 Public Involvement and Agency Coordination

Historical, Archeological, and Cultural Resources

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for Louisiana commented on the solicitation of views (SOV) that they could not complete the Section 106 review due to insufficient information. The DEA does not contain SHPO concurrence with the findings presented in the DEA. Therefore, it is unclear if the project will affect historical, archeological, or cultural resources.

Recommendation:

- Complete Section 106 consultation with the Louisiana SHPO.
- Provide all SHPO correspondence in a dedicated section of the Final EA.

Tribal Consultation

The US 84 widening project is not expected to adversely affect tribal resources. The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (JCBI) commented on the SOV that they were not in opposition to the project “in any way”.

Recommendation:

- Continue to consult the JCBI on all aspects of the DEA in accordance with government-to-government consultation requirements set forth in Executive Order (EO) 13175. Include the consultation correspondence in a dedicated section of the Final EA.

Appendix J: Noise Impact Analysis

Analysis of Noise Abatement Measures

The DEA states the project is expected to cause adverse traffic noise impacts to 14 receptors. These impacts would be either an absolute sound level of greater than 66 a-weighted decibels (dbA) or an increase of greater than 10 dbA over the current condition. Out of 5 noise abatement measures, it was recommended that traffic management measures, minor alteration of horizontal alignments, and acquisition of property rights be considered. While these three measures can be expected to lessen the traffic noise for the 14 receptors in the project area, there is no indication that the measures will bring the noise levels under 66 dbA or a less than 10 dbA increase in noise.

Recommendation:

- Discuss the level of noise reduction the abatement measures are expected to reduce noise on sensitive receptors.
- Discuss the measures that will be implemented if noise abatement measures are not successful in reducing traffic noise below significance thresholds.

Tribal Coordination



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March 14, 2012

Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
The Honorable Brenda Shemayne Edwards, Chairperson
PO Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chairperson Edwards:

On behalf of The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is planning the proposed widening of US 84 project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action is to widen US 84 from Highway 772 through Jena to east of Hair Creek Bridge. The enclosed map illustrates the location of the planned project.

FHWA and LADOTD would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma for this project. LADOTD has entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plans to prepare an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship between FHWA and the Tribe, FHWA will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency.

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If you have any questions concerning the project, or if you would like to meet at a separate time in order to commence government-to-government consultation on the US 84 through Jena project, please contact Mr. Robert Lott, LADOTD Environmental Manager at 225-242-4504, Mr. Robert Mahoney, FHWA Environmental Specialist at 225-757-7624, or Ms. Krista Goodin, Fenstermaker Project Manager at 225-344-6701.

Sincerely,

LA Department of Transportation and Development

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March 14, 2012

Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
The Honorable Earl J. Barbry, Sr., Chairman
151 Melacon Drive
Marksville, LA 71351

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chairman Barbry:

On behalf of The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is planning the proposed widening of US 84 project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action is to widen US 84 from Highway 772 through Jena to east of Hair Creek Bridge. The enclosed map illustrates the location of the planned project.

FHWA and LADOTD would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana for this project. LADOTD has entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plans to prepare an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship between FHWA and the Tribe, FHWA will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency.

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March 14, 2012

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
The Honorable Kevin Sickey, Chief
1940 C.C. Bel Road
Elton, LA 70532

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chief Sickey:

On behalf of The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is planning the proposed widening of US 84 project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action is to widen US 84 from Highway 772 through Jena to east of Hair Creek Bridge. The enclosed map illustrates the location of the planned project.

FHWA and LADOTD would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana for this project. LADOTD has entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plans to prepare an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship between FHWA and the Tribe, FHWA will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency.

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March 14, 2012

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
The Honorable Gregory Pyle, Chief
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chief Pyle:

On behalf of The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is planning the proposed widening of US 84 project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action is to widen US 84 from Highway 772 through Jena to east of Hair Creek Bridge. The enclosed map illustrates the location of the planned project.

FHWA and LADOTD would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for this project. LADOTD has entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plans to prepare an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship between FHWA and the Tribe, FHWA will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency.

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March 14, 2012

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
The Honorable Phyllis J. Anderson, Chief
P.O. Box 6257
Philadelphia, MS 39350

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chief Anderson:

On behalf of The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is planning the proposed widening of US 84 project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action is to widen US 84 from Highway 772 through Jena to east of Hair Creek Bridge. The enclosed map illustrates the location of the planned project.

FHWA and LADOTD would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for this project. LADOTD has entered into the environmental review phase of this project and plans to prepare an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Among other issues, we would like consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2). Recognizing the government-to-government relationship between FHWA and the Tribe, FHWA will continue to play a key role in this undertaking as the responsible Federal agency.

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March 14, 2012

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
The Honorable John Paul Darden, Chairman
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
Route US 84
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Aid Project No. DE-3010 (503)

Dear Chairman Darden:

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March 14, 2012

Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

The Honorable B. Cheryl Smith, Chief
P.O.Box-14
Jena, LA 71342-0014

SUBJECT: Widening US 84 from Highway 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge
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Dear Chief Smith:

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From: [Krista Goodin](#)
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Subject: FW: The Jena Band of Choctaw
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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Krista Goodin
Subject: The Jena Band of Choctaw

Ms. Goodin

I am RSVP for Cheif Cheryl Smith of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians and Mrs. Dana Masters, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, for the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians. I am RSVP today March 20, 2012, for the meeting at The Jena Town Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Jena Louisiana. Thank you for your time, We look Forward to seeing you there.

Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
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Subject: Re: US 84 through Jena - Scoping Meeting
Date: [Friday, April 20, 2012](#) 11:07:26 AM

Hello Ms. Goodin,

First, let me apologize for it taking almost a month to reply to you. I have been out of the office all but about 10 days, including weekends, since the scoping meeting. As far as the tribe's affiliation with Trout Creek, Choctaw people have lived along and around the Trout Creek and Catahoula Lake area since before the 1790's. You can also include all of the other rivers located along Hwy. 84's current route to also be of concern to us. As you may or may not know, there is actually quite a few mound sites along Old River, Little River, as well as Sacred Places in the area of concern to the Jena Band and possibly other tribes such as the Tunica-Biloxi, and Caddo as well. I am not quite sure exactly how far the length of their reach may be, but I do know this area is much more important Archeologically than what has been given credit. There are numerous ceremonial landscapes throughout this area, of which I am not at liberty to define by location. One thing that you would learn by doing some research on earlier development is about the destruction of numerous sites, and just as we discussed with Stacy Palmer and Bob Mahoney we continue to view these places as "places of concern" and will even claim some to be Sacred Places. As such we view some of these sites' tangible and intangible traditional cultural properties with such high regard as claiming cultural patrimony to the site itself. Federal law provides that when projects using federal monies on or off federal land occur, federally recognized indian tribes, such as the Jena Band of Choctaw, shall be consulted with on a government to government basis. We are in no way in opposition to the widening/four lane project for Hwy. 84. We are in complete agreement it is and has been a necessary improvement for the growth of the Town of Jena physically and economically. As THPO for the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, it is my duty however to protect and watch out for the tribe's cultural and historical interests. On a side note, we were very pleased to see Dr. Butch Lee at the meeting as a team member (Archeologist) on the project. Our tribe has a great respect for his professionalism and look upon him as friend of the tribe. I will be available in my office for most of the day today and Wed-Fri of next week, if you would like to call and discuss this in more detail. As I stated earlier, we have no desire to slow down or stop this project. We are in complete agreement with its' necessity. I believe if we talk about things early in the planning stages of projects we can prevent needless dollars from being spent and hardfeelings from being developed. The goal is to complete a well needed project, at the lowest cost necessary, both monetarily and culturally, and to maintain a great working relationship between the LaDOTD and the JBCI.

Yakoki,

Dana Masters
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Tribal Council Member
THPO\NAGPRA Coordinator
318-992-1205

-----Original Message-----

From: Krista Goodin <krista@fenstermaker.com>
To: danammasters <danammasters@aol.com>
Sent: [Thu, Mar 29, 2012](#) 2:23 pm
Subject: US 84 through Jena - Scoping Meeting

Good Afternoon Ms. Masters,

Thanks again for coming to the meeting yesterday. You had mentioned in the meeting that the Tribe had an affiliation with Trout Creek. Can you please email me a description of the affiliation so I can capture it in the meeting summary and be aware of as we move forward. Thanks so much for

you help. I appreciate your time!

Sincerely,
Krista Goodin

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From: [Dana Masters](#)
To: [Krista Goodin](#)
Subject: RE: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th
Date: [Wednesday, June 27, 2012](#) 5:41:58 PM

Hi Krista,

Thursday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. will be fine. Can you forward any available information concerning the project such as maps clearly displaying the preferred route and also for any alternative routes that may be presented for consideration. Please provide us with a detailed cultural survey reports, an environmental assessment, a vegetation inventory, available economic impact studies, traffic volume surveys that may have been conducted, contact information to anyone who may own property or be affected by all proposed routes.

Basically any information you are able to provide on any aspect of this project will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Dana

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note™, an AT&T LTE smartphone

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Subject: RE: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th

From: Krista Goodin <krista@fenstermaker.com>

To: "danammasters@aol.com" <danammasters@aol.com>, "purpleheart69@suddenlink.net" <purpleheart69@suddenlink.net>, "lallenjbc@centurytel.net" <lallenjbc@centurytel.net>, "clewismurphy@aol.com" <clewismurphy@aol.com>, "cheryljbc@yahoo.com" <cheryljbc@yahoo.com>

CC: RE: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th

Good Afternoon Dana,

I spoke with the DOTD and FHWA folks and they are unable to stay overnight Wednesday. Is it possible for us to meet with you on Thursday, July 12 at 9:30AM? We have an 11:00AM meeting at Town Hall that should end around Noon so we could also meet with you during lunch if that works out better. Please let me know if either of those work. Thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,

Krista Goodin

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From: danammasters@aol.com [mailto:danammasters@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 3:28 PM

To: Krista Goodin; purpleheart69@suddenlink.net; lallenjbc@centurytel.net; clewismurphy@aol.com; cheryljbc@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th

Hello Krista,

Thank you for inviting us to the public meeting on July 12, however, I will not be available that late in the evening. I am unsure of Chief Smith's schedule for that day, but I think she may be unavailable as well. We are to be in Mississippi as guests fo Chief Anderson during the later part of the week for the Choctaw Fair that is being held at that time. Is there anyway we may can meet with you before lunch or even on Wednesday? I understand this will possibly cause you to have to travel an extra day but the tribe would like to have an opportunity to talk with you guys in private and in person before the public meeting, As a sovereign nation, the Jena Band of Choctaw does not normally disclose information to outside or third party sources that we feel is confidential. If this could be handled in this way for the time being at least, although we are not relinquishing our right to government to government consultation, we could work through any concerns and problems the tribe may have before these things become an issue, which ultimately could cost the project more time and money or even halt it altogether. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you or your colleagues, but I really believe this will make things move much more smoothly. I look forward to working with you in the future.

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Dana Masters

Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

Tribal Council Member

THPO/ Cultural Director

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From: Krista Goodin <krista@fenstermaker.com>

To: cheryljbc <cheryljbc@yahoo.com>; danammasters <danammasters@aol.com>

Cc: Robert Lott <Robert.Lott@LA.GOV>; Robert.mahoney <Robert.mahoney@dot.gov>

Sent: **Wed, Jun 20, 2012** 2:48 pm

Subject: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th

Good Afternoon Chief Smith and Ms. Masters,

I hope you both are doing great. I want to notify you that we have scheduled the Public Meeting for the US 84 through Jena project on Thursday, July 12th from 4:00PM to 7:30PM at Jena Town Hall. The meeting will be an open house format and citizens will be able to come anytime between 4:00PM and 7:30PM and view information about the project and talk to the team members. We will be advertising the meeting in the newspapers as well as media releases. We will also send you a meeting flier closer to the meeting that you can share with your members and post in your office.

We would also like to offer you the opportunity to meet with you beforehand to discuss the alternatives in more detail and to show you the presentation. We are available to come to your office at 1:30PM. I will follow up this email with a phone call to discuss further. We look forward to seeing you both in a few weeks. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Krista Goodin

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From: [Krista Goodin](#)
To: [Dana Masters](#)
Cc: [Robert Lott](#); Robert.mahoney@dot.gov
Subject: RE: US 84 through Jena H.00758.2 - Public Meeting on July 12th
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2012 9:02:40 AM
Attachments: [US84_Alternative4c.jpg](#)
[US84_Alternative1.jpg](#)
[US84_Alternative2a.jpg](#)
[US84_Alternative2b.jpg](#)
[US84_Alternative4a.jpg](#)
[US84_Alternative4b.jpg](#)

Good Morning Dana,

Great, we will plan to meet at your office for 9:30AM on Thursday, July 12th. We do not have any of the technical studies completed yet or in draft form but we do have the alternatives that will be presented at the public meeting. I have attached the alternatives in this email. Please note that we have updated the alternatives that we presented to you at the Agency Scoping Meeting in March.

We have added a new hybrid alternative that combines Alternative 2 and Alternative 4 called "Alternative 2b" and we screened out Alternative 3. Please note that where we show two parallel facilities in the alternatives, they are couplets or one way roads in each direction.

For the meeting, folks from DOTD and FHWA will be coming with me. If you are ok with it, I'd like to have Dr. Butch Lee with Earth Search join us too as he will be conducting the Cultural Survey work. Please let me know if that will be fine.

We look forward to meeting with you in a few weeks! Happy Thursday!

Krista

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From: [Robert Lott](#)
To: [Krista Goodin](#); [Ezekiel Onyegbunam](#); [Nicholas Olivier](#); [Robert.Mahoney@dot.gov](#); [Lismary.Gavillan@dot.gov](#)
Subject: RE: US 84 through Jena EA - H.000758.2
Date: **Wednesday, October 24, 2012** 7:54:44 AM

Krista,

Have we communicated to the Jena Band that Alternative 1 is virtually identical to Alternative 4 except for the downtown couplet? If their property is outside of the downtown area, it would likely have the same effect from Alternative 4 as it would from Alternative 1. However, I don't recall exactly where their property is located.

Thanks,
Bobby Lott
DOTD - Environmental Section
225-242-4504

From: Krista Goodin [mailto:krista@fenstermaker.com]
Sent: **Tuesday, October 02, 2012** 11:53 AM
To: Robert Lott; Ezekiel Onyegbunam; Nicholas Olivier; Robert.Mahoney@dot.gov; Lismary.Gavillan@dot.gov
Subject: FW: US 84 through Jena EA - H.000758.2

Good Morning Everyone,

I'm resending the email below from the Jena Band of Choctaw. Please let me know how you would like to proceed with coordinating with them. Thanks so much for your time!

Sincerely,
Krista Goodin

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From: Dana Masters [mailto:danammasters@aol.com]
Sent: **Friday, August 24, 2012** 3:20 PM
To: Krista Goodin
Subject: Re: US 84 through Jena EA - Cultural Resources Field Work

Hi Krista,

I hope you are doing well! This past Tuesday, August 21, we held our monthly tribal council meeting at

which time we discussed the proposed options for widening Hwy. 84 through Jena, Louisiana. We are in favor of proposed option Alternative 1. This option looks to have the least impact on our tribal lands we currently own and also those we propose to buy in the near future. We feel it would not be in our best interest to have any portion of Hwy 84 or its ROW located on or within our trust lands. As this project moves forward and plans become more concrete, tribal council would like to request to consult with the Federal Highways Administration and La DOTD as the lead federal and state agencies on this project. We believe through meaningful consultation we will be able to move through and around any obstacles that may affect the tribe and its' interests. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you need any information or would like to discuss anything further.

Thank you,

Dana Masters
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From: Krista Goodin <krista@fenstermaker.com>

To: Dana Masters <danammasters@aol.com>; cheryljbc <cheryljbc@yahoo.com>

Cc: Aubra Lee <alee@earth-search.com>

Sent: Thu, Aug 9, 2012 1:05 pm

Subject: US 84 through Jena EA - Cultural Resources Field Work

Good Afternoon Dana and Chief Smith,

I want to notify you that Earth Search will be starting the archaeological and architectural field investigations for the US 84 through Jena project on Monday the 13th of August. They anticipate being in the field for up to 5 weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and have a great day!

Sincerely,
Krista Goodin

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From: [Robert Lott](#)
To: "danammasters@aol.com"
Cc: "[Bob Mahoney \(Robert.Mahoney@dot.gov\)](mailto:Bob.Mahoney@dot.gov)"; [Mikeila Nagura](#)
Subject: RE: US Highway 84 Widening
Date: **Monday, May 19, 2014** 8:03:25 AM

Mrs. Masters,

I wanted to reach out one more time to let you know that our environmental study of the Widening of US 84 is nearing completion. I hope you received a copy of our environmental assessment and I'd like to extend an invitation to meet with you at your convenience to discuss any concerns that you might have relative to the project. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,
Bobby Lott
LADOTD – Environmental Section
225.242.4504

From: Robert Lott
Sent: **Wednesday, March 26, 2014** 8:22 AM
To: 'danammasters@aol.com'
Cc: Bob Mahoney (Robert.Mahoney@dot.gov)
Subject: US Highway 84 Widening

Dana,

I just wanted to touch base with you and let you know that we are having a public hearing tonight at the Jena City Hall for the widening of US Highway 84. Hopefully you received a copy of our Environmental Assessment and also an invitation to the meeting tonight. We welcome any comments that you might have on the project and I would also like to extend an invitation to meet with you at your convenience to discuss any concerns that you might have relative to the project. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,
Bobby Lott
LADOTD – Environmental Section
225.242.4504

APPENDIX C

July 2012 Public Meeting Summary

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

US 84 WIDENING FROM HWY 772 TO JUST EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STATE PROJECT NO. H.000758.2
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. DE-3010(503)
LASALLE PARISH, LA

PREPARED BY:
FENSTERMAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
BATON ROUGE, LA

PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 12, 2012, 4:00PM TO 7:30PM
JENA TOWN HALL
2908 EAST OAK STREET, JENA, LA 71342



PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

A public meeting was held on July 12, 2012 for the US 84 widening project as part of the Environmental Assessment process. The meeting was held as an informal open house with a station format including a short presentation on the project and project exhibits for each proposed alternative and typical sections.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The objective of the public meeting was to seek input from individuals and community organizations on issues and concerns related to the potential impacts associated with the proposed widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge in LaSalle Parish, LA.

MEETING ADVERTISEMENT

The public meeting was advertised in several ways. Property owners along the project corridor were mailed a postcard on June 27, 2012. A display advertisement was advertised in the Jena Times on Tuesday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 11, 2012, and in the Alexandria Town Talk Sunday on July 8, 2012. A press release was emailed to stakeholders and media on Tuesday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 9, 2012. Meeting fliers were also emailed with the Press Release and posted at Jena Town Hall and local businesses. Copies of each form of advertisement are included in the Appendix.

MEETING FORMAT

The meeting followed an informal open house style. Five (5) Stations were organized around the meeting facility and are described below:

- **Welcome and Sign-In.** Meeting attendees were asked to provide their contact information. They also received a project brochure describing the project and NEPA process, and a comment/survey form. Copies of the meeting handouts are included in the Appendix.
- **Presentation.** Meeting attendees were able to watch a 15-minute presentation to familiarize themselves about the NEPA process and project information. The presentation played on a loop. A copy of the presentation is included in the Appendix.
- **Exhibits.** Meeting attendees were able to visit with project team members to ask questions and to view the proposed typical sections and proposed alternatives. Copies of the alternatives and typical sections are included in the Appendix.
- **Right of Way information and Property owner address verification.** Property owners in attendance were asked to verify their contact information and had the opportunity to speak with a Team member regarding Right of Way acquisition.
- **Comments.** Meeting attendees were able to fill out their comment forms and turn them into Team members.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was attended by approximately 125 citizens, nine (9) local officials or agency representatives and eight (8) project team members.

Public Comments

Comment forms were handed out to each attendee when signing in. During the open house, attendees were able to turn in a completed written form. Attendees were also able to turn in comment forms via

email or mail. Comments were received through July 23, 2012. The public meeting comment summary table is included in the Appendix and a summary of responses received are below.

Comment Summary

A total of 39 comment forms were received regarding the US 84 project during the public comment period. At the open house, 27 written comment forms were turned in. There were three (3) emails and nine (9) written comment forms mailed within the comment period. A summary of the comments received are included in the Appendix.

In addition to comments on the Purpose and Need and Alternatives, the participants were asked to comment on Environmental/Socioeconomic Issues, Trout Realignment Options, and asked to rank importance of Context Sensitive Design (CSD) amenities from 1 to 5, 1 being “Not Important” and 5 being “Very Important.” The Alternatives exhibits, Trout Realignment Options, and Typical Sections are attached in the Appendix. The preferences for Alternatives and Trout Realignment Options are detailed in Table 1.0 below. The preferences for ranking of importance for CSD amenities are detailed in Table 2.0 below.

Table 1.0: Public Comment Summary on Alternatives and Trout Realignment Options

Alternative 1	Alternative 2a	Alternative 2b	Alternative 4	Trout Option A	Trout Option B	Trout Option C
0	6 – 8*	9 – 11*	17	5	18	10

*2 commenters chose 2 alternatives options

No Opinion on Trout Options: 6

No Opinion on Alternatives: 5

Of the 39 respondents, approximately 28 percent preferred Alternative 2b and 44 percent preferred Alternative 4. For the Trout Realignment Options, 46 percent preferred Option B. Option A was preferred by 13 percent of the respondents, Option C was preferred by 26 percent of the respondents, and 15 percent had no opinion.

Table 2.0: Survey Summary on Context Sensitive Design Amenities

Amenity	“Not important”			“Very important”		No Opinion
	1	2	3	4	5	
Bike Lanes	6	4	10	4	12	3
Sidewalks	4	2	4	8	16	5
Landscaping	0	3	7	7	18	4
Lighting	0	1	5	2	26	5
Other					4*	

*One commenter suggested shoulders as a very important CSD amenity; another suggested protecting residential neighborhoods; and another specified an east bound turn lane for commenter’s place of business.

Of the 39 respondents, a majority identified each amenity as “Very Important”. Approximately 41 percent identified *Bike Lanes* as “Very Important/Important” by ranking 4 or 5, while 26 percent ranked *Bike Lanes* a 3. About 62 percent identified *Sidewalks* as “Very Important/Important” and *Landscaping* was identified as “Very Important/Important” by 64 percent of the respondents. *Lighting* was identified as the most important CSD amenity by 72 percent of the respondents.

A brief summary of the overall comments received include the following:

- Most respondents agree that the project serves a purpose and is needed, especially an improvement in traffic and safety conditions.
- Many preferred Alternative 4, explaining that this alternative is “best for business in Jena” and will not bypass downtown.
- A majority preferred Trout Realignment Option B, one person cited traffic improvements for residents, but many did not specify why this was their preference.
- A few voiced concern for impacts to businesses and residential properties in Trout.

Submitted: FENSTERMAKER & ASSOCIATES

Name: Krista Goodin, AICP, Project Manager

Title: Director of Planning

LIST OF APPENDICES

Public Meeting Display Ads
News Article
Press Release
Meeting Flyer
Property Owner Postcard Meeting
Sign-In Sheets
Project Brochure
Comment/Survey Form
PowerPoint Presentation (PDF)
Exhibits
Public Meeting Comment
Summary

US 84 PUBLIC MEETING

- What:** Public Meeting on proposed widening along US Highway 84 from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge
- When:** **Thursday, July 12, 2012**
- Where:** Jena Town Hall
2908 East Oak Street
Jena, LA 71342
- Time:** 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is conducting a public meeting in an open house format for the proposed widening along US Highway 84 from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information, and to obtain input on the proposed project.

The meeting will follow an open house format. There will be a continuous multi-media presentation about the project. Additional project exhibits will be available for viewing. Comments and suggestions will be invited from all interested parties to help ensure that the study team addresses the full range of environmental issues during the Environmental Assessment study process. Representatives from DOTD and its consultants will be at the open house to receive comments, answer questions, and discuss issues related to the project. Written statements can be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address shown below, postmarked no later than July 23, 2012.

C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, Attn: Krista Goodin
445 North Boulevard, Suite 601, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Should you require special assistance due to a disability in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC by telephone at (225) 344-6701 at least five (5) working days prior to the public meeting date.

**For more information relating to the meeting contact Ms. Krista Goodin, Project Manager,
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC at Krista@fenstermaker.com or (225) 344-6701
OR Mr. Robert Lott, Assistant Environmental Engineer, DOTD,
at Robert.Lott@la.gov or (225) 242-4504**

July 4, 2012

the answer lies in how Louisiana state government spends your money.

For example, we have around 19,000 contracts. Some are to build things we need but too many are to do things we shouldn't, at least not at the expense of our priorities.

Many Louisiana newspapers have reported eloquently about some of the state's larger contracts (and the lack of transparency surrounding them) but there are also thousands of "smaller" ones. Below are just a few. You be the judge. Don't ask whether these are good things to do.

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• Contract #702019; "Provide spiritual and religious guidance to inmates ... and serve as imam [Muslim spiritual advisor];" \$38,940; DPSC (similar contracts total \$126,400)

• Contract #674139; "Contractor to provide valid and reliable data to parents to support informed school choice decisions;" \$250,000; DOE

• Contract #681519; "To provide diversity training to GOHSEP supervisors and managers;" \$20,000; GOHSEP

• Contract #686276; "One

Last session, by a vote of 94-0, the House of Representatives passed FM 327 by Rep. Dee Richard that would have reduced the state's consulting contracts by 10%, as recommended by the Louisiana Streamlining Government Commission. The Senate Finance Committee unanimously defeated the bill.

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...dict would have collected \$211,000.55 more in taxes in 2012 than it did in 2011. This is based on a total of \$67-million in assessment parish wide in 2011, and a total assessment of \$72-million for 2012.

Voters over the years have approved three millage propositions for the Law Enforcement District. The first was for 16.450 mills, which was lowered to 15.220 mills; the second for 12.990 mills, was lowered to 12.020 mills; and the third for 9.470 mills, was lowered to 8.760 mills.

"We are pleased that after

rescue K9 team be sent to aid in the need arises," he said. reviewing our finances for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and anticipating ending the year with an approximate half million dollars surplus, we were able to reduce our millage rates thus saving taxpayers in the parish more than \$200,000 for this taxable year," Franklin said.

"Our revenue from the half-cent sales tax has been up during the past few months which has helped our overall budget," the Sheriff said. "With the increases in operating the office, such as supplies, insurance and retirement, we still are able to operate with a surplus at the end of the year."

"Understand, the antici-

pated half million dollar surplus we ended the fiscal year with has to be utilized for the first half of the next fiscal year (July to December 2012), before we collect new property tax revenue," he stated. "The bottom line is we were able to save taxpayers more than \$200,000, yet keep your sheriff's office in sound financial condition."

"We are ever mindful of the support we receive from the public in financial support and we are thankful to all taxpayers, whether it is property or sales taxes," Franklin said. "If you have any questions about the finances of this office - your office - please feel free to contact any of us."

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Public meeting held on widening U.S. 84 from Trout through Jena

A public meeting was held last Thursday on the proposed route of four-laning U.S. 84 from its intersection with LA 772 in Trout to the bridge over Hair Creek on the eastside of the town of Jena.

A local officials review was held at 11 a.m. Thursday morning for invited public officials to hear the presentation and make comments on the proposed route. Then, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., the public was invited to attend a public meeting at the Jena Municipal Complex.

In attendance at the morning meeting were town officials, Jena Mayor Murphy McMillin, and council members David Paul Jones, Donnie Kendrick, Carl Newburg, Donny Richardson and Tommy Sandifer, and Town Clerk Cory Floyd.

Other officials attending were State Senator Neil Riser from 32nd District, State Representative Terry Brown from 22nd District, LaSalle Clerk of Court Steve Andrews, LaSalle

review in the fall."

U.S. 84 is part of the El Camino Corridor, a historic route across the southern United States from the U.S. border with Mexico near El Paso, Texas, to the U.S. Atlantic coast near Brunswick, Georgia, that was used as a major route by Spanish settlers.

The public meeting included a station to view the project presentation, a station to view the project study area and alternatives, and a station to provide public comments. This open forum allowed time for anyone interested to review project exhibits and talk informally with representatives from the project team.

A comment form and short survey was provided and the comment forms can be filled out, mailed or emailed to the appropriate contact information shown on the form, or could be filled out and left at the meeting. Additional copies are available at the Jena Town Hall and LaSalle Library

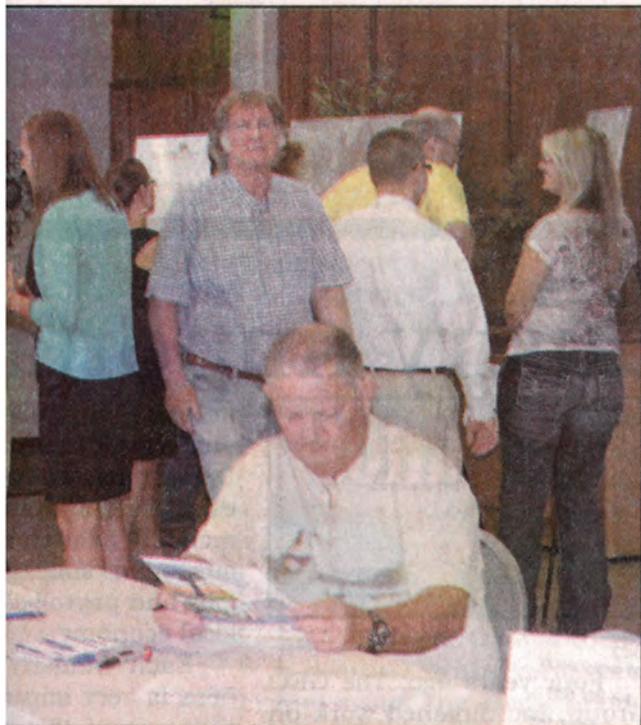
proposed project is located along the El Camino Corridor. The El Camino Corridor has been identified by the five states El Camino East-West Corridor Commission for upgrade to a four-lane facility. A study prepared in June 2002 by LADOTD addressed the importance of the corridor and promoted the upgrading of the route to present design standards to meet growth demands, improve safety and encourage economic development in communities along the corridor. This portion of LA-US 84 is a vital link in the corridor.

Safety – The proposed improvements will correct existing safety hazards at certain locations along the project corridor and provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation.

Improve Access Management – There are three abnormal crash locations along the project corridor. Two areas along the US 84 project corridor east and west of down-

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Assessor-Elect Tom Kendrick, Walter E. Dorroh, Jr., president of the LaSalle Economic Development District (LEDD), Cynthia Cockerham, Executive Director of LEDD, Mike Tinnerello, Executive Director of the El Camino Corridor Commission, Town Architect Jack Breithaupt, along with hosts for the event, representatives from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc., who conducted the Environmental Assessment.

The purpose of the earlier "Local Officials Review" meeting was to discuss the project need and study approaches, present the alternatives, discuss concerns or issues, and present the next steps. The same format was followed for the afternoon public meeting but in a more informal setting.

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A large number of people from the town and area attended the public meeting.

"We were very pleased with the attendance at both meetings, and for the input given to the planners," Mayor McMillin said. "This is a work in progress and it is important that these folks hear the views of our local citizens as they make the final draft for

if anyone is interested in securing one and filling it out.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is a concise public document that a Federal agency prepares under the National Environmental Policy Act to provide sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a proposed agency action would require preparation of an environmental impact statement. It also includes a public involvement process.

Next steps for the project include: completing the environmental inventory with consideration of comments received at the public hearing and prepare a DRAFT Environmental Assessment which will be presented for public comments during another public hearing slated for this fall (probably in September or October); after that public hearing, consider any comments submitted and prepare a final EA report and issue a decision during the winter of 2012 (no later than January 2013).

Purpose and Need For This Project

The focus of the Environmental Assessment is the portion of US 84 located in central LaSalle Parish, through the communities of Trout, Good Pine, Midway, and the Town of Jena. This roadway is an important transportation link in the El Camino corridor.

Purpose - The purpose of the project is to improve mobility throughout the corridor in order to increase the capacity of the roadway, promote local traffic circulation, and improve the quality of life of the people in the community. To accomplish these purposes, the project proposed to widen the roadway and upgrade the facility in accordance with current design criteria.

Need - The following items contribute to the purpose and need for the proposed widening of US 84 from LA 772 to east of Hair Creek Bridge.

System Linkage - The

town Jena, have a high rate of rear end crashes possibly due to several access points along the roadway and vehicles making left turns into side streets. The proposed improvements will minimize these access points by employing access management principles along the corridor.

Enhance Non-Motorized Transportation - There are several churches, schools and community land uses where non-motorized transportation may be utilized. The proposed improvements would accommodate all users by providing non-motorized transportation opportunities.

Social Demands or Economic Development - The proposed improvements will benefit the four communities located along the project corridor: Trout, Good Pine, Midway and the Town of Jena. The project area is 28 percent minority and 24 percent low income according to the EPA Environmental Justice toolkit. Investment along this corridor would improve the quality of life in this distressed area.

Town of Jena Comprehensive Master Plan, "Jena Vision" - The Town of Jena adopted a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Jena and surrounding communities in January 2011. The community prioritized expanding US 84 in a context sensitive manner and expressed a need for expanding transportation choices.

Accommodate Population Growth and Changing Land Use - According to comments received from the Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc., "the proposed project is compatible with local needs and benefits regional use; the proposed project is located in a distressed area; and investment by the funding agency is appropriate and necessary to assist the quality of life and community and economic development; the proposed project is congruent



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JULY 9, 2012

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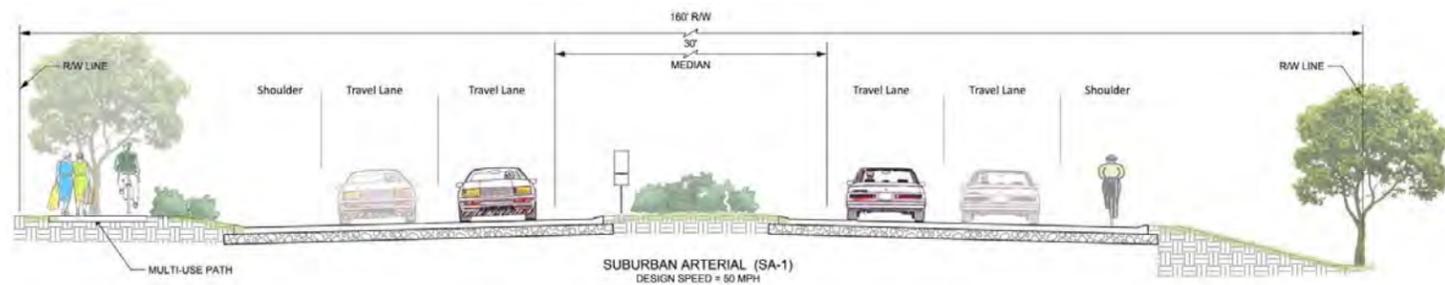
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US 84 Widening Through Jena

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

July 12, 2012
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NEXT STEPS

- Complete environmental inventory
- Develop preferred alternative – (July 2012)
- Prepare DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA) Report – (ongoing)
- Distribute DRAFT EA Report for public comments – (Fall 2012)
- Hold Public Hearing – (Fall 2012)
- Identify selected alternative
- Prepare FINAL EA Report – (Winter 2012)
- Issue Decision – (Winter 2012)

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The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is proposing to improve mobility and transportation efficiency along US 84 from Highway 772 to east of Hair Creek Bridge in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.



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What Is the Purpose of Public Meeting?

The purpose of this public meeting is to seek input from individuals and community organizations on issues and concerns related to the potential impacts associated with the proposed widening of US 84 from Highway 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge. US 84 passes through the communities of Trout, Good Pine, Midway and the Town of Jena. US 84 is part of the El Camino corridor, a historic route across the southern United States from the U.S. border with Mexico near El Paso, Texas to the U.S. Atlantic coast near Brunswick, Georgia that was used as a major route by Spanish settlers.

Tonight's meeting is an informal open-house format, which includes a station to view the project presentation, a station to view the project study area and alternatives, and a station to provide public comment. This open forum will allow the public time to review project exhibits and talk informally with representatives from the project team.

A comment form and short survey is included with this brochure. These comment forms can be mailed or emailed to the appropriate contact information shown on the comment form, or can be filled out and left with Team representatives.

What Is the National Environmental Policy Act?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires the analysis of potential environmental effects associated with major federal actions. NEPA ensures that environmental factors are considered equally with the technical and economic components of a decision to be considered. NEPA also requires that potential environmental effects, and any adverse effects that cannot be avoided, be identified and alternatives to the proposed be considered.

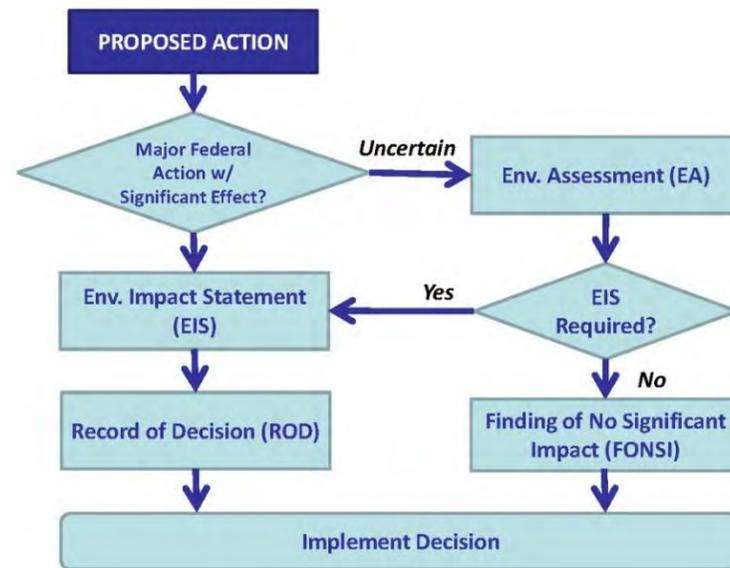
NEPA requires consultation with all relevant federal agencies to determine these impacts.

NEPA is a *full disclosure* law with provisions for public access to and full participation in the federal decision-making process. The act's intent is to protect, restore, or enhance the environment through well-informed federal decisions.

There will be two major NEPA compliance documents associated with this action to include:

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed action;
- Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) is a document that briefly presents the reasons why a proposed action, not otherwise excluded, will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

NEPA Process Flow Chart



What Is an Environmental Assessment?

An Environmental Assessment is a concise public document that a Federal agency prepares under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a proposed agency action would require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a FONSI. It also includes a public involvement process.

Why is an EA being prepared?

This EA is being prepared to assess potential impacts associated with the proposed widening of US 84.

The EA will analyze the following major issues and/or impacts to: wetlands, air and water quality, noise, floodplains, scenic streams, endangered and threatened species, historical and cultural resources, hazardous wastes (Phase I environmental site assessments), land use impacts, prime farmland soils, social impacts, environmental justice, relocation impacts, and economic impacts.

The EA will also evaluate a range of alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative. Information obtained following the public meeting will be considered in finalizing the array of alternatives to be evaluated in the EA.

What Is the Purpose and Need for this project?

The focus of this EA is the portion of US 84 located in central LaSalle Parish, along the communities of Trout, Midway, Good Pine and the Town of Jena. This roadway is an important transportation link in the El Camino corridor. The El Camino corridor is a historic route across the southern United States from the U.S. border with Mexico near El Paso, Texas to the U.S. Atlantic coast near Brunswick, Georgia that was used as a major route by Spanish settlers.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to improve mobility throughout the corridor in order to increase the capacity of the roadway, promote local traffic circulation, and improve the quality of life of the people in the community. To accomplish these purposes, the project proposed to widen the roadway and upgrade the facility in accordance with current design criteria.

NEED

The following items contribute to the purpose and need for the proposed widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to east of Hair Creek Bridge:

System Linkage – The proposed project is located along the El Camino Corridor. The El Camino Corridor has been identified by the five state El Camino East-West Corridor Commission for upgrade to a four lane facility. A study prepared in June 2002 by LADOTD addressed the importance of the corridor and promoted the upgrading of the route to present design standards to meet growth demands, improve safety and encourage economic development in communities along the corridor. This portion of LA-US 84 is a vital link in the corridor.

Safety – The proposed improvements will correct existing safety hazards at certain locations along the project corridor and provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation:

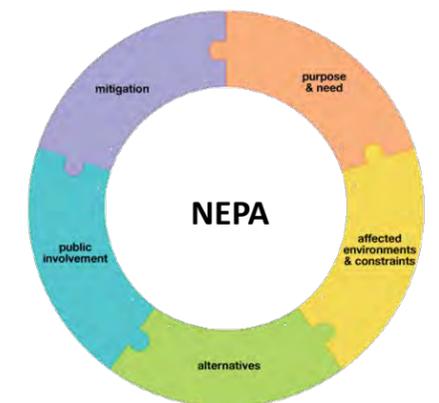
Improve Access Management. There are three abnormal crash locations along the project corridor. Two areas along the US 84 project corridor, east and west of downtown Jena, have a high rate of rear end crashes possibly due to several access points along the roadway and vehicles making left turns into side streets. The proposed improvements will minimize these access points by employing access management principles along the corridor.

Enhance non-motorized transportation. There are several churches, schools and community land uses where non-motorized transportation may be utilized. The proposed improvements would accommodate all users by providing non-motorized transportation opportunities.

Social Demands or Economic Development – The proposed improvements will benefit the four communities located along the project corridor: Trout, Pine, Midway and the Town of Jena. The project area is 28 percent minority and 24 percent low income according to the EPA Environmental Justice toolkit. Investment along this corridor would improve the quality of life in this distressed area.

Town of Jena Comprehensive Master Plan, “Jena Vision” – The Town of Jena adopted a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Jena and surrounding communities in January 2011. The community prioritized expanding US 84 in a context sensitive manner and expressed a need for expanding transportation choices.

Accommodate Population Growth and Changing Land Use – According to comments received from the Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District, Inc., “the proposed project is compatible with local needs and benefits regional use; the proposed project is located in a distressed area and investment by the funding agency is appropriate and necessary to assist the quality of life and community and economic development; the proposed project is congruent with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and considerate of both environmental and socioeconomic needs, and this project would substantially benefit the region by improving access to a Scenic Byway traversing the region.” (Heather Smoak Urena, Executive Director, July 8, 2010)



Will there be Opportunities for Public Involvement?

Additional opportunities for the public to comment on the US 84 through Jena Environmental Assessment include:

- Emailed comments on the scope of the EA, which can be sent to krista@fenstermaker.com by July 23, 2012
- Draft EA written comments
- Public Hearing (Fall 2012)
- Final EA written comments

COMMENT AND SURVEY FORM

COMMENTS

Your participation is vital to ensuring that decisions made about this proposed project reflect the needs of the community and are based on good information. Please take a moment to document your comments or questions below. We will respond to your comments, questions, and concerns for the duration of this Environmental Study process.

Please provide your comments on the Environmental Screening below. You can turn in your comments to any Team member at the public meeting; or you can email your comments to the Team at krista@fenstermaker.com; or you can mail your comment form to Fenstermaker & Associates, ATTN: US 84 Widening through Jena, 445 North Blvd., Ste. 601, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Comments must be received by July 23, 2012.

Name: _____

Email address or phone number: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

COMMENT AND SURVEY FORM

SURVEY

1. Trout Realignment: which of the US 84 proposed options for the Trout Realignment do you prefer?
 - a. Option A (4 lane with connection east of Trout)
 - b. Option B (4 lane with connection west of Trout)
 - c. Option C (2 lane with couplet)

2. Which one of the proposed alternatives do you prefer?
 - a. Alternative 1
 - b. Alternative 2a
 - c. Alternative 2b
 - d. Alternative 4

3. Context Sensitive Design: What types of amenities are important to you regarding the design of the road?

	Not Important			Very Important	
Bike Lanes	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5
Landscaping	1	2	3	4	5
Lighting	1	2	3	4	5
Other: (please specify)					
_____	1	2	3	4	5

4. Are there any proposed developments or other projects we need to be aware of? If there are, please describe the issue, approximate location, and which alternative it may affect.



Widening of US 84 From Hwy 772 to East of Hair Creek Bridge Environmental Assessment State Project No. H.000758.2

Public Meeting

July 12, 2012
4:00PM to 7:30PM



US 84 | TEAM MEMBERS

HOSTED BY:



Department of
Transportation and
Development



Federal Highway
Administration

PRESENTED BY:



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& Associates, LLC

IN ASSOCIATION WITH:



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Earth Search, Inc.

US 84 | PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Seek input on issues and concerns related to potential impacts;
- Allow the public time to review project exhibits and identify issues and concerns; and
- Offer the public an opportunity to speak informally with representatives from the Project team.

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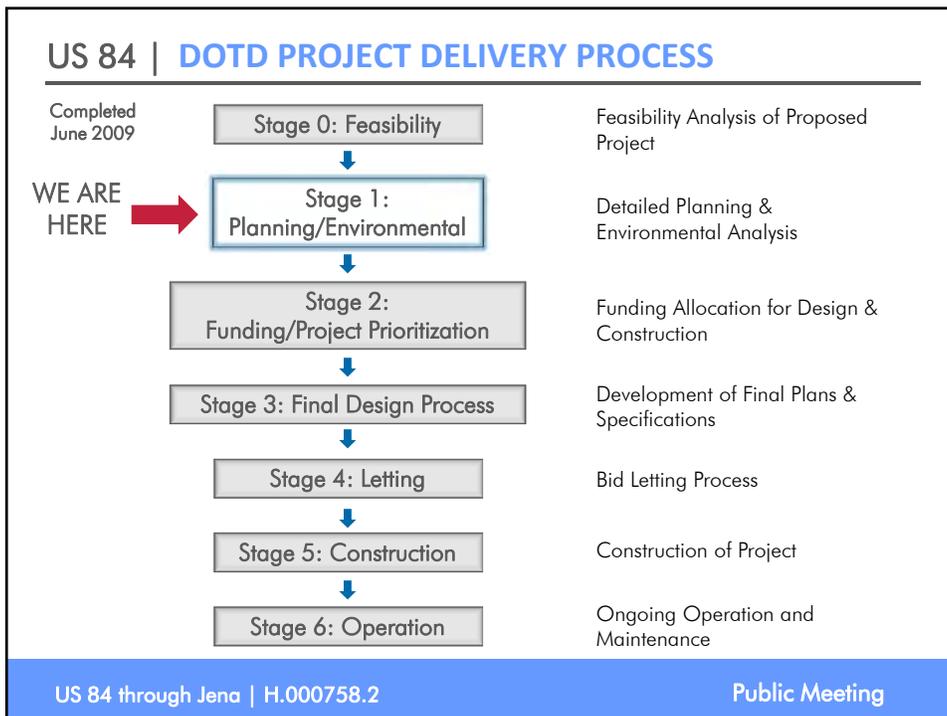
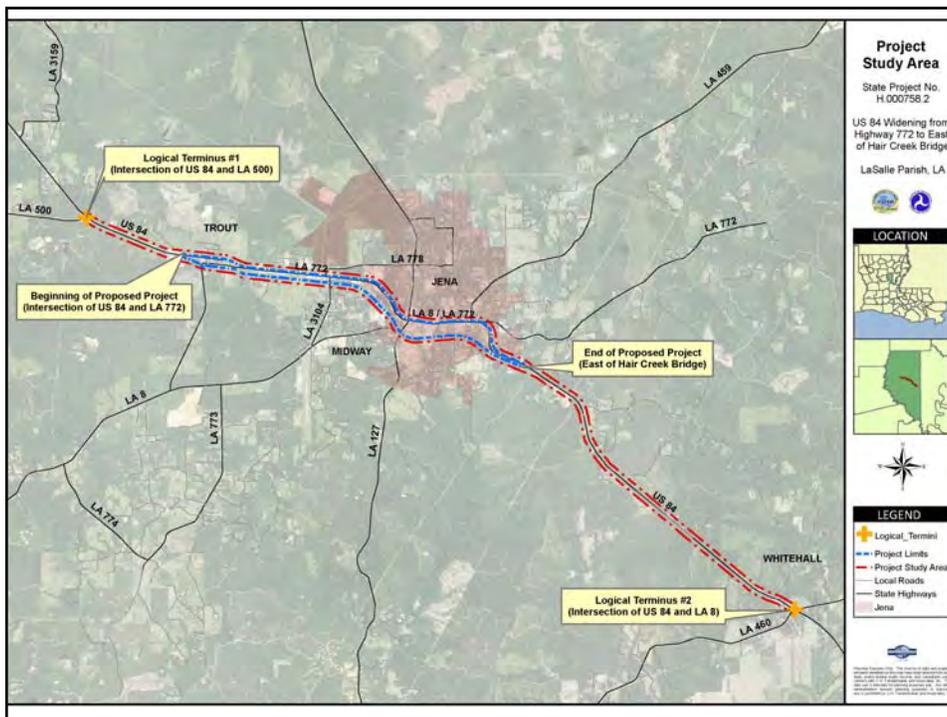
US 84 | WHY WE ARE HERE

- Widen existing US 84 through Jena
- Portion of El Camino Corridor
- Environmental Assessment (Stage 1)
- Conduct environmental review of alternatives



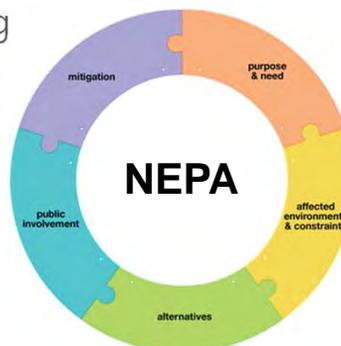
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US 84 | NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- Federal policy of 1969
- Requires analysis of environmental impacts
- Analyzes build and no build alternatives
- Requires early and on-going public involvement



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US 84 | NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- Purpose and Need
- Alternative Development
- Traffic Analysis
- Environmental Impacts
- Alternative Screening
- NEPA Documentation

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US 84 | PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

PURPOSE

The *purpose* of this project is to improve mobility throughout the corridor in order to relieve existing traffic congestion and promote local traffic circulation.

NEED

The *needs* addressed by the proposed action include:

- System Linkage
- Improved Safety
- Social Demand or Economic Development

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US 84 | PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES

DOES THE ALTERNATIVE FULFILL THE PURPOSE AND NEED?

- Develop alternatives that will:
 - Strive to minimize impacts to...
 - Provide facilities to a variety of users...
 - Minimize traffic congestion...
 - Improve mobility...
 - Meet project constraints and appropriate design criteria required by LA DOTD

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US 84 | PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES

DOES THE PROJECT INCORPORATE KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM PREVIOUS DESIGN APPROACHES?

- Stage 0 Recommendations
- Jena's Vision – Town of Jena Comprehensive Plan Recommendations



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US 84 | PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES

DOES THE PROJECT INCORPORATE NEWER, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN APPROACHES?

- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Complete Streets

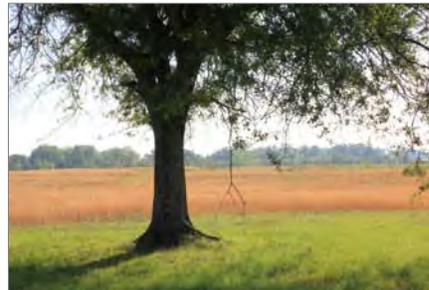


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US 84 | WHAT RESOURCES WILL THE EA ANALYZE?

- Land Use
- Recreational Sources
- Social & Economic
- Floodplains
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Water Resources
- Wildlife
- Floodplains



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS

- Residential/Commercial Relocations
- Acreage of Wetland Impacts
- Impacts to Cultural & Historically Significant Structures
- Estimated Construction Costs
- Traffic Performance
- Impacts to Community Facilities

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US 84 | PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Historic sites adjacent to corridor
- Project area within tribal boundaries of Jena Band of Choctaw Reservation
- Several churches, schools and cemeteries located within project area



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US 84 | PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Portion of Trout Creek is protected by LA Scenic Rivers Act
- Potential residential and commercial relocations



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US 84 | EXISTING CONDITIONS



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US 84 | PROJECT DETAILS

- Project Limits
 - Hwy 772 (Trout Community)
 - East of Hair Creek Bridge
- Approximately 5 miles
- Widen 2 lanes to 4 lanes-divided
- Raised/Depressed Median Section



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US 84 | DESIGN APPROACHES

- Stage 0 Recommendations
- Jena's Vision – Town of Jena Comprehensive Plan Recommendations
- Context Sensitive Design
- Complete Streets Application



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE 1



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE 2a



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE 2b



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE 4



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US 84 | ALTERNATIVE 4: DOWNTOWN JENA COUPLET

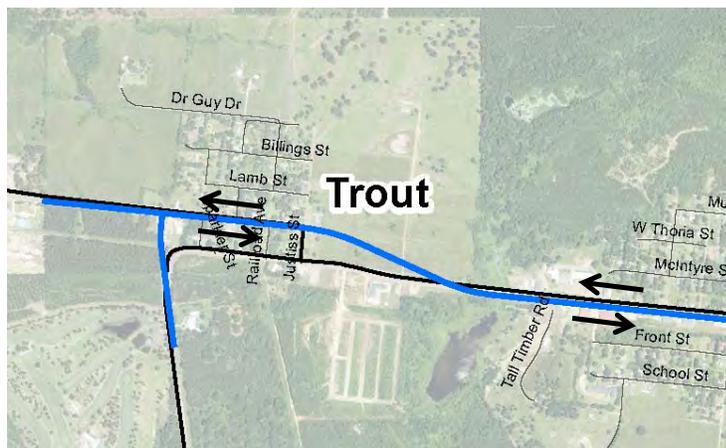


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US 84 | TROUT REALIGNMENT OPTIONS – A

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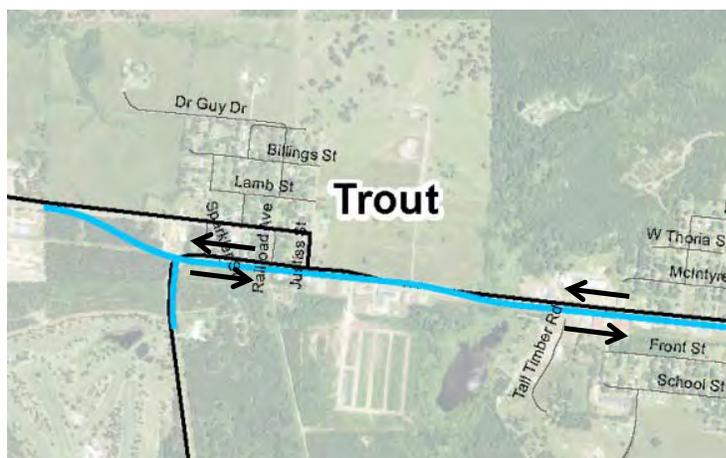


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US 84 | TROUT REALIGNMENT OPTIONS – B

■ OPTION B

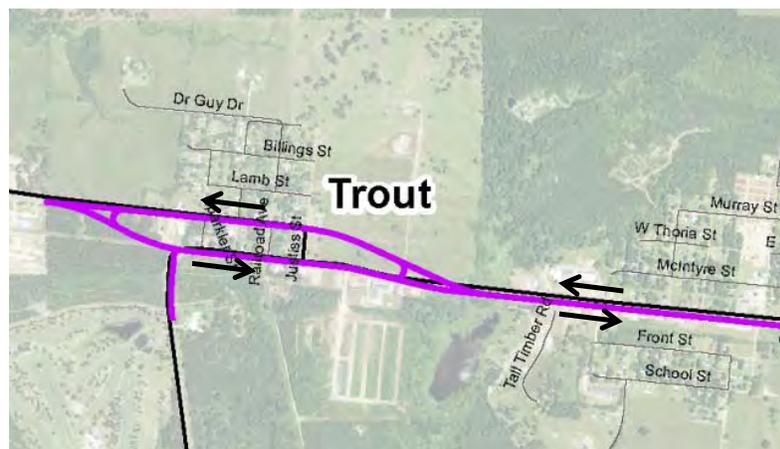


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US 84 | TROUT REALIGNMENT OPTIONS – C

■ OPTION C



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US 84 | WHAT IS CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN?

Every project has a unique *context* comprised of the cultural, environmental, socioeconomic, and physical features of the corridor and surrounding area.

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US 84 | CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN

- Jena's Vision Results – Top Issues for Getting Around
 - Keep US 84 going through downtown
 - Need bike paths and better sidewalks
 - Deal with truck traffic

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US 84 | CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN EXAMPLE

BEFORE



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US 84 | CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN EXAMPLE

AFTER



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US 84 | PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Public Meeting – Tonight
- Draft EA Report – Fall 2012
- Public Hearing – Fall 2012
- Final EA Report – Winter 2012



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US 84 | SOLICITATION OF VIEWS

- Sent by DOTD on May 24, 2010
- Received 13 responses
- Comments of interest
 - Potential wetlands, waterways
 - Located in Special Flood Hazard Area
 - Project is in an economically distressed area

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US 84 | WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Please view the exhibits for a closer look at alternatives and typical sections.
- Talk to a team member.
- Provide your comments tonight or send them in by July 23rd.
- Presentation will be made available online.

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US 84 | PUBLIC MEETING SET-UP

Please walk around and view the exhibits, ask questions to any of the project team members, and provide your comments.

Thank you for attending!

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THANK YOU!



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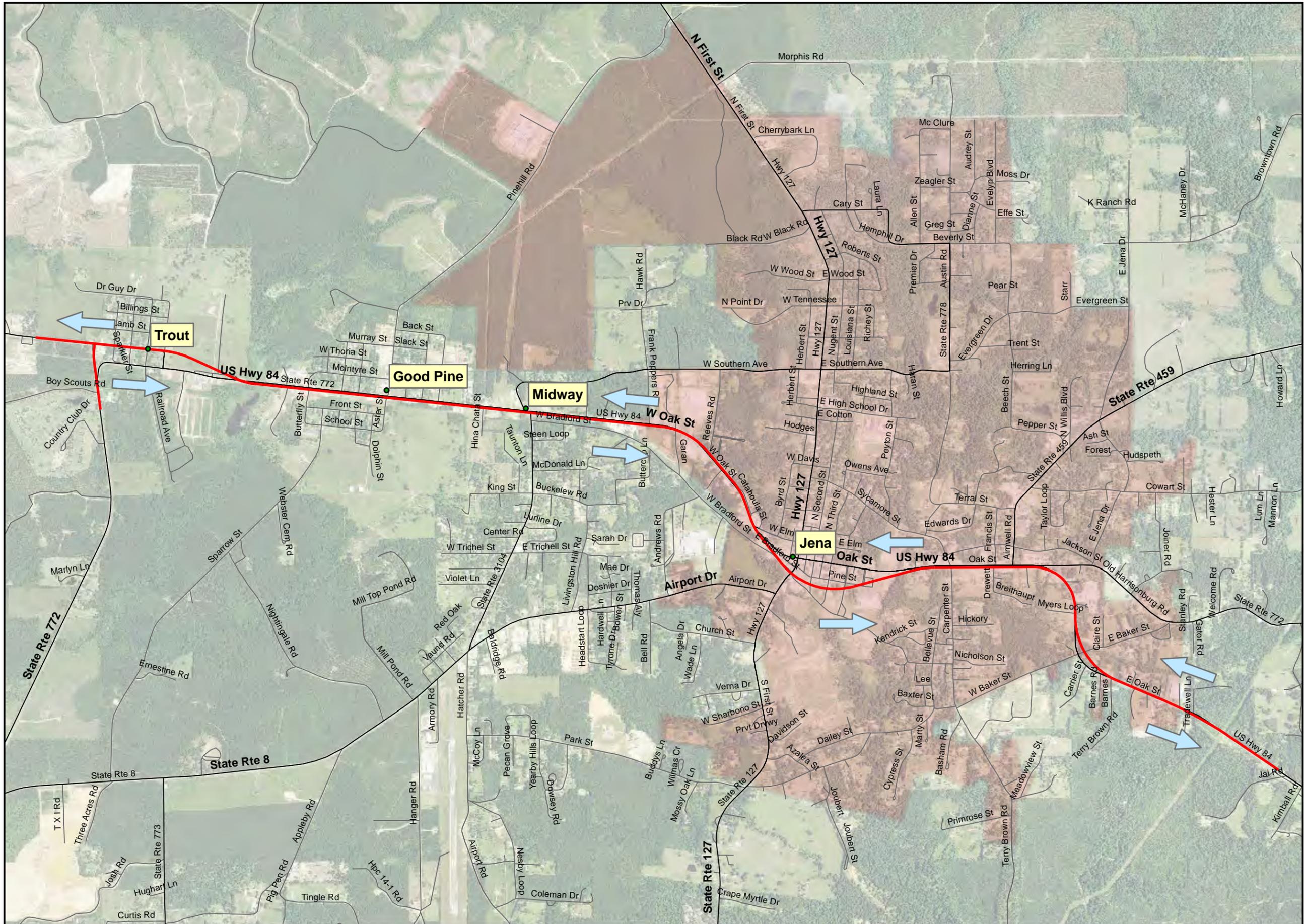
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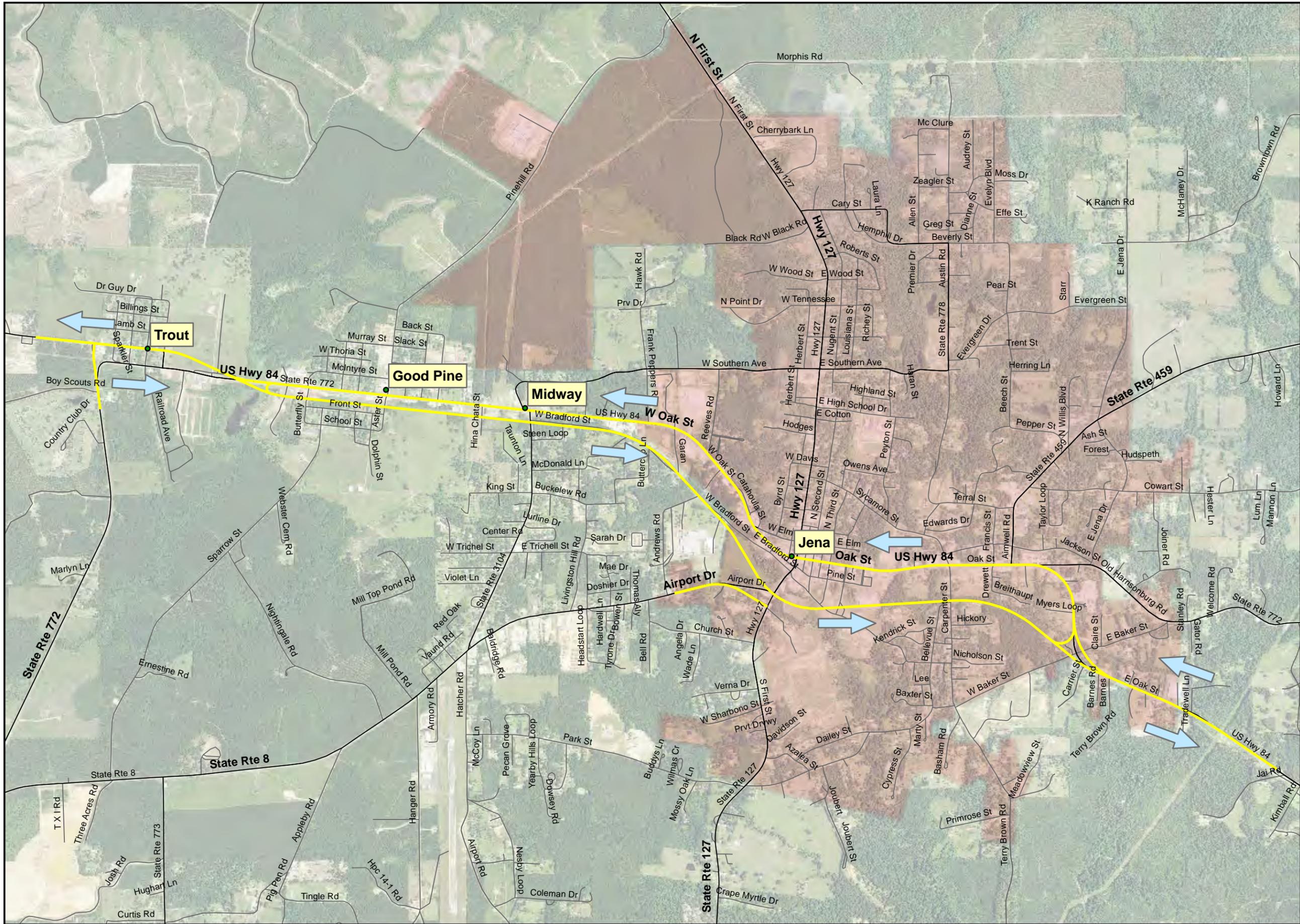
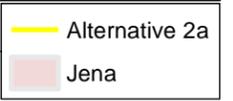
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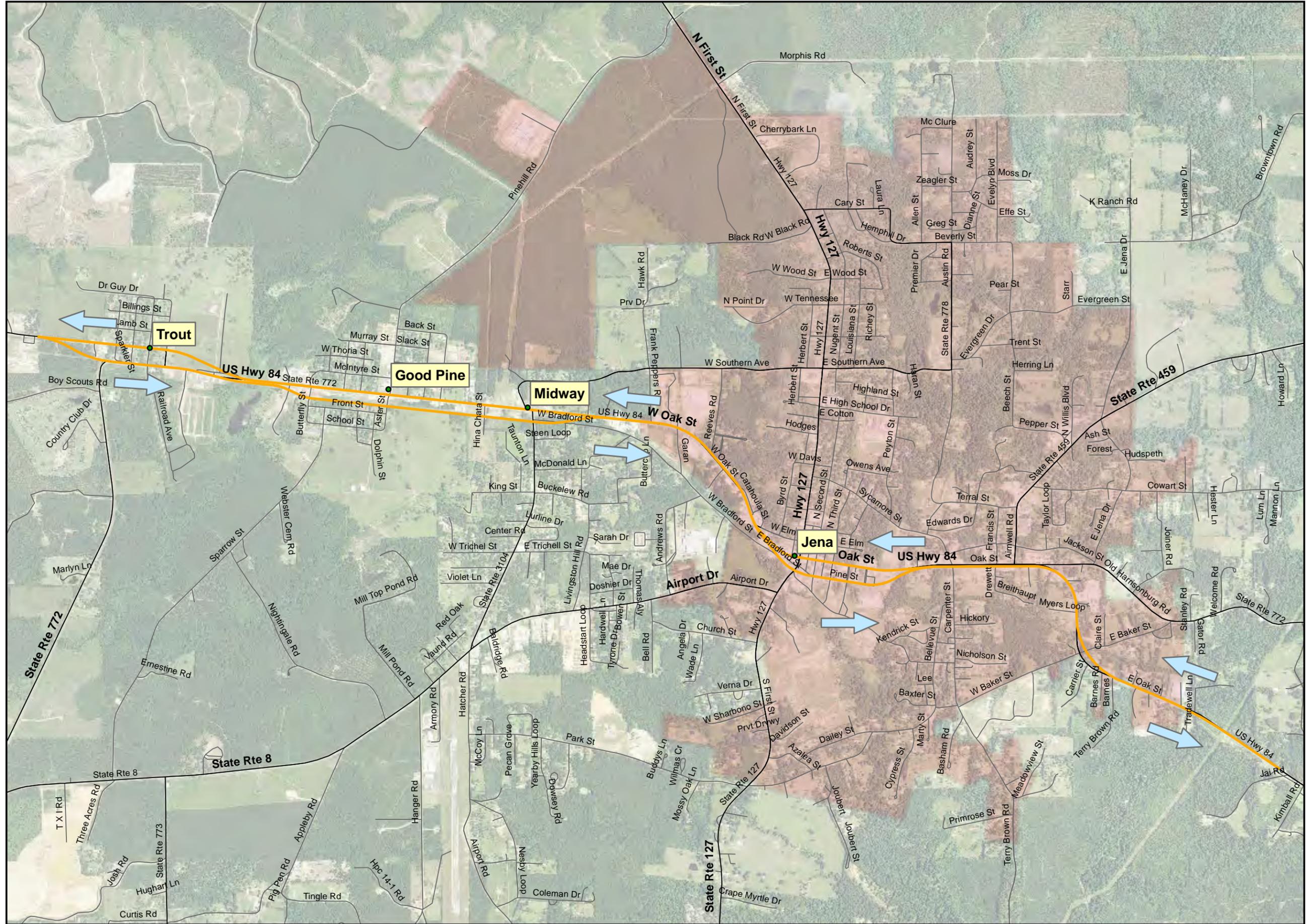
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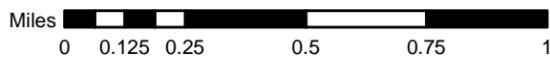
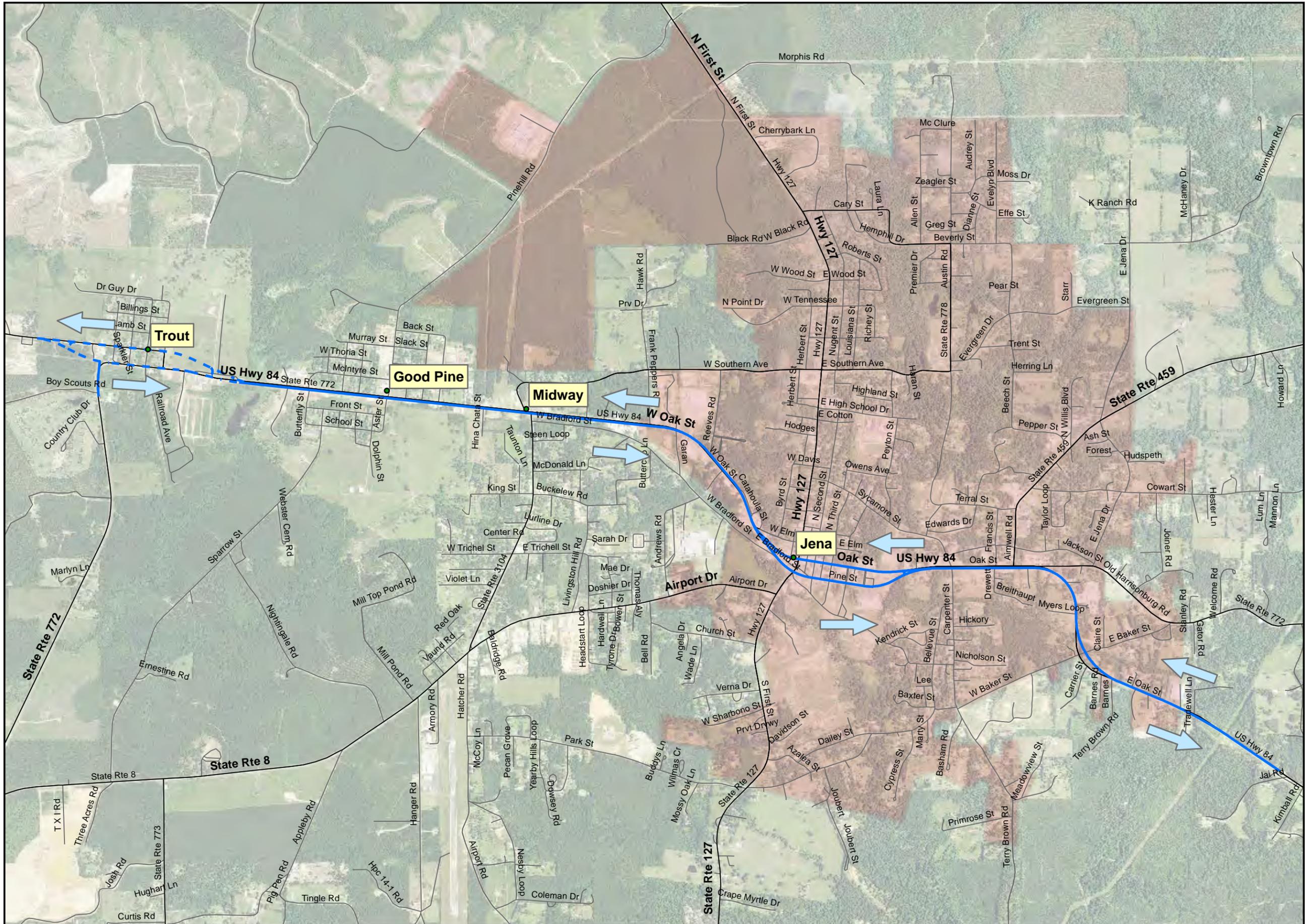
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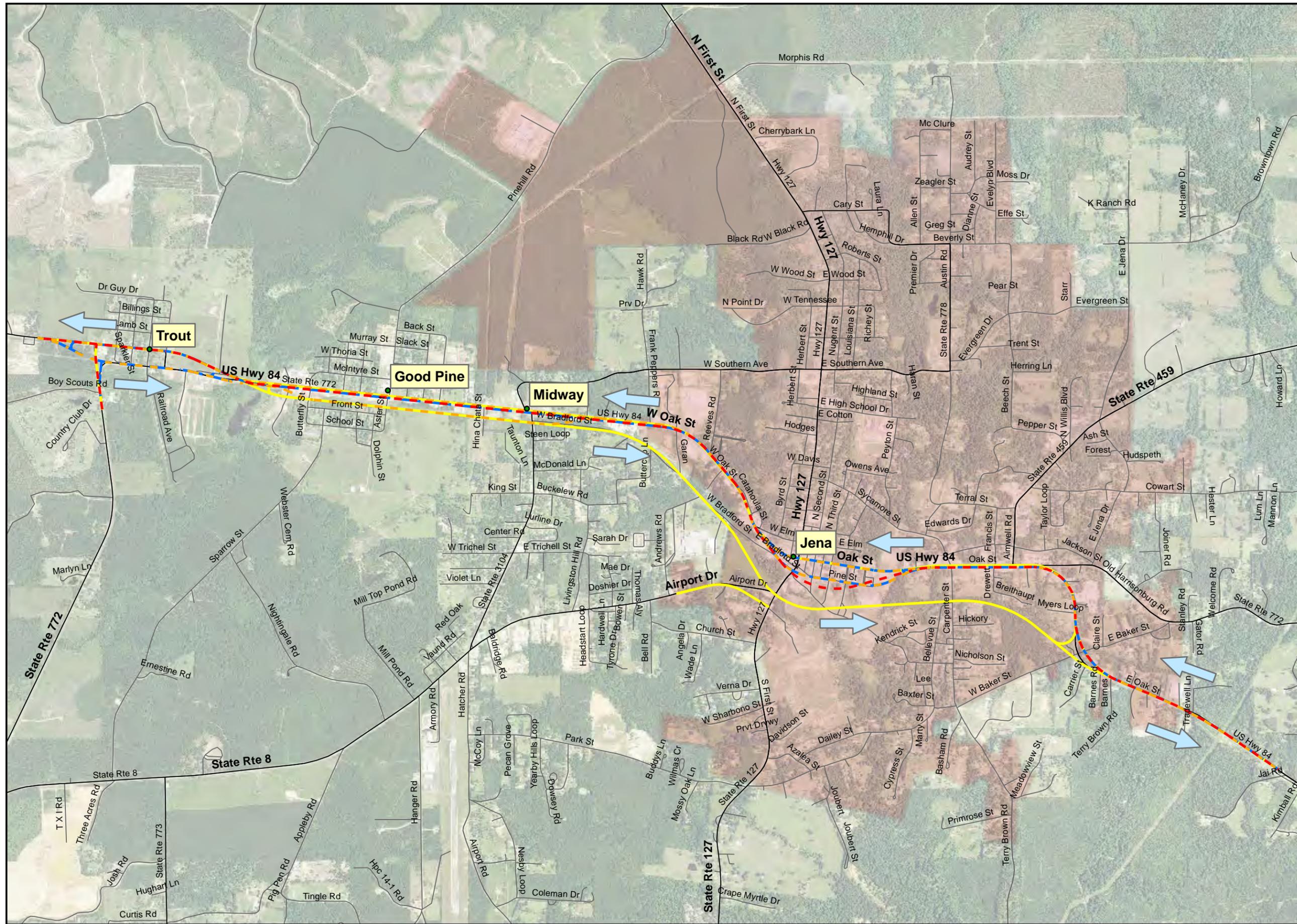


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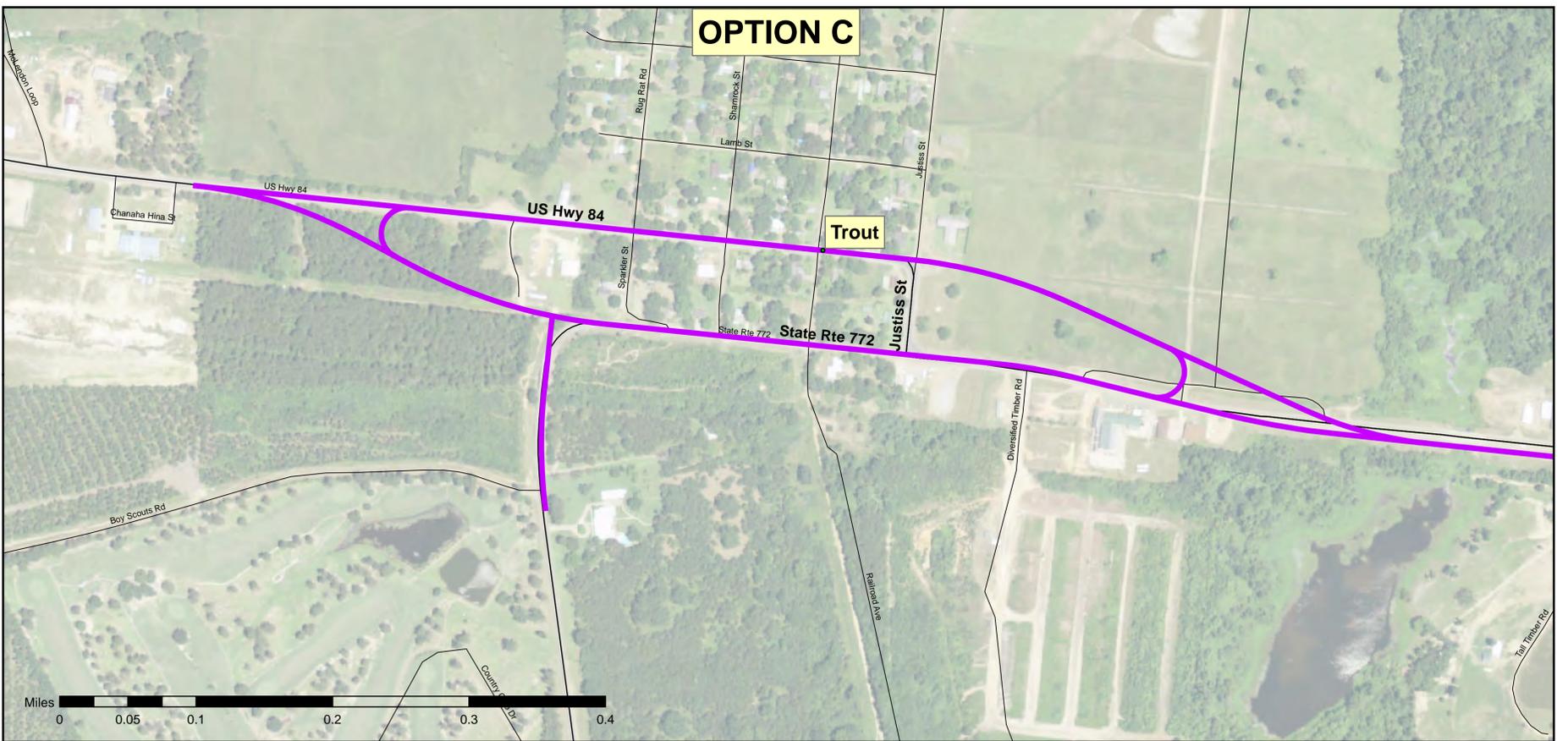
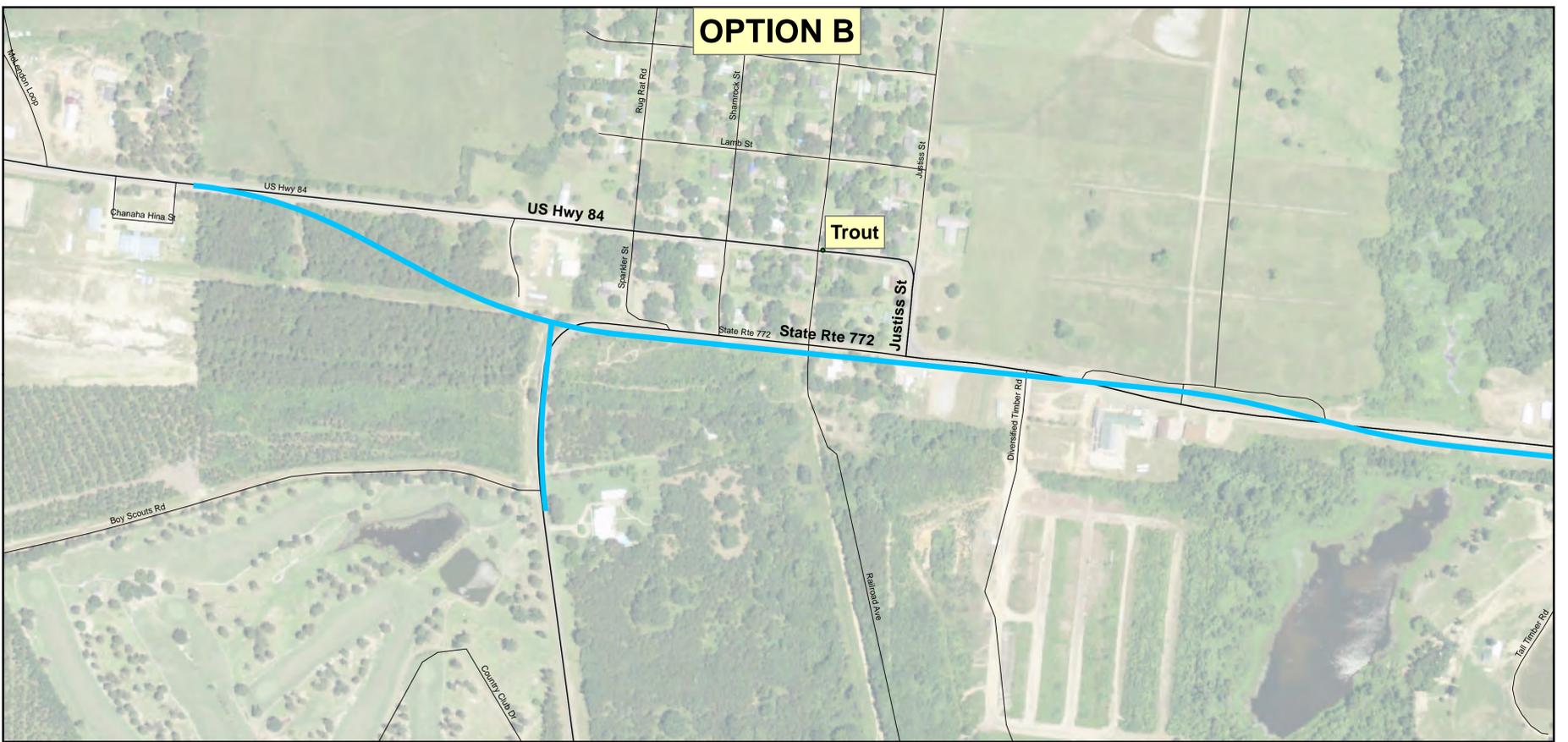
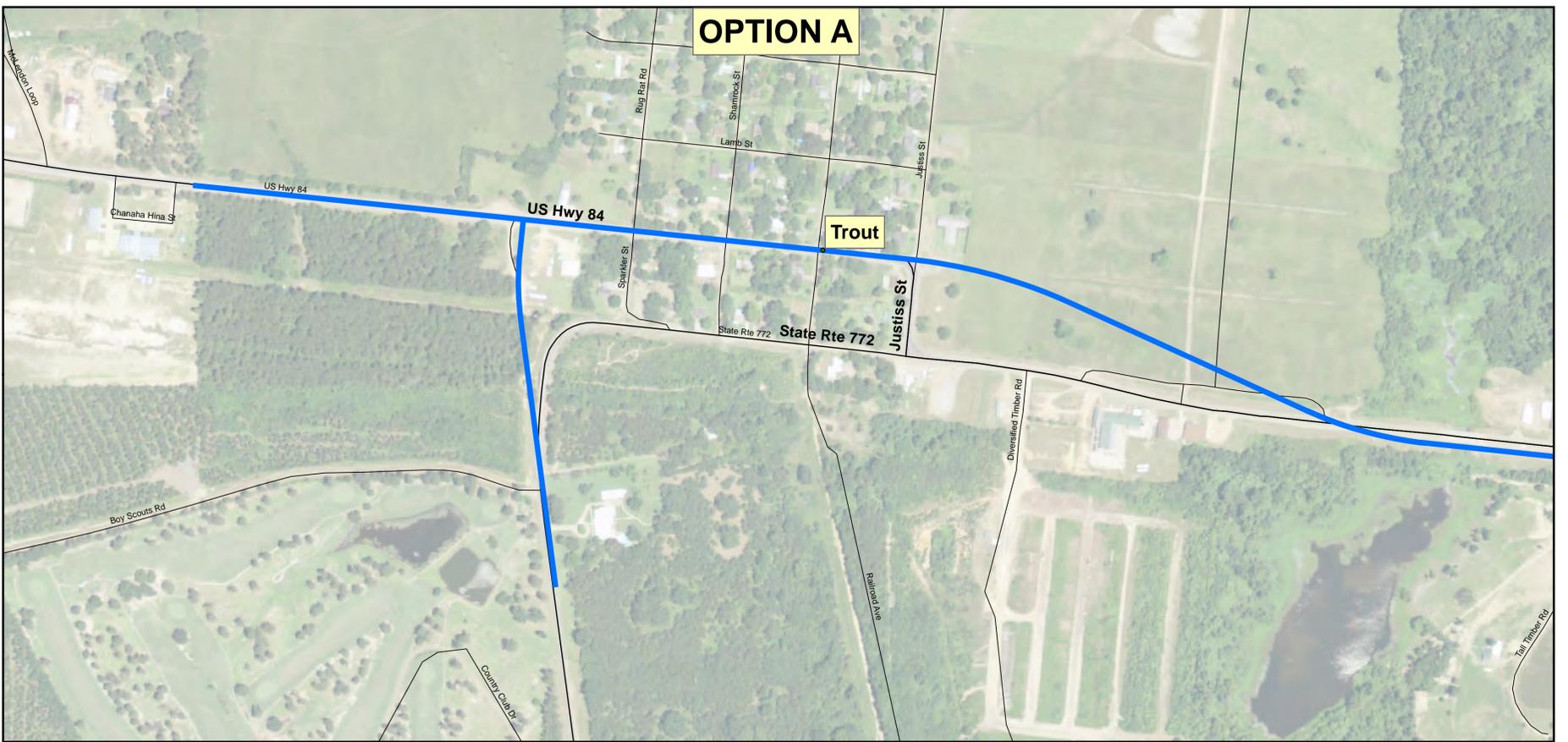
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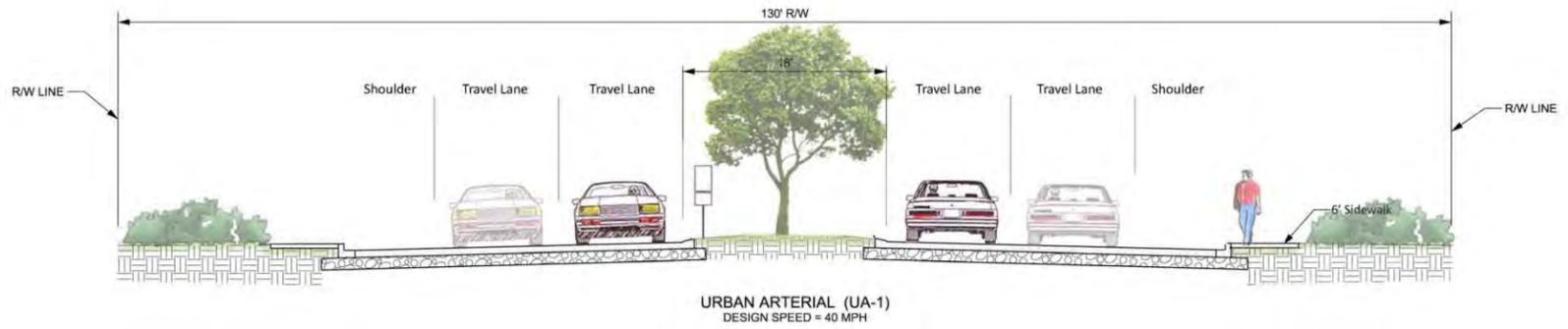
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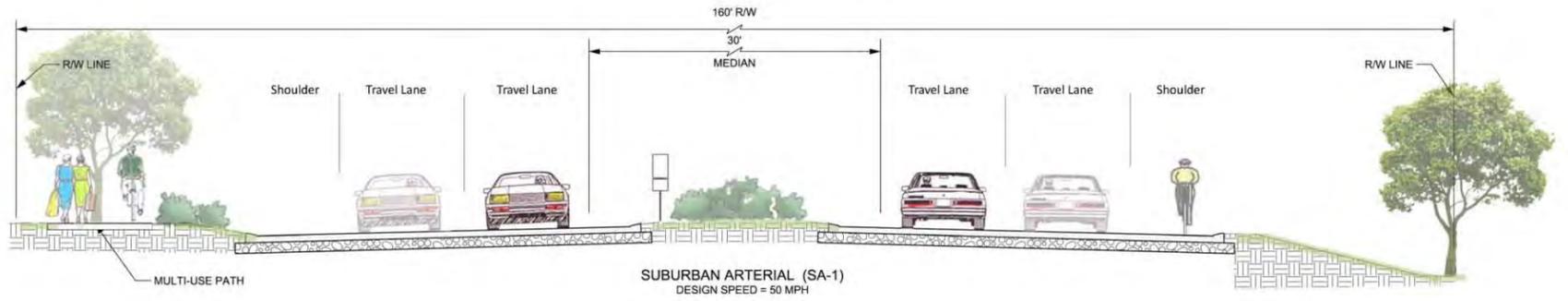


US 84 THROUGH JENA TYPICAL SECTIONS

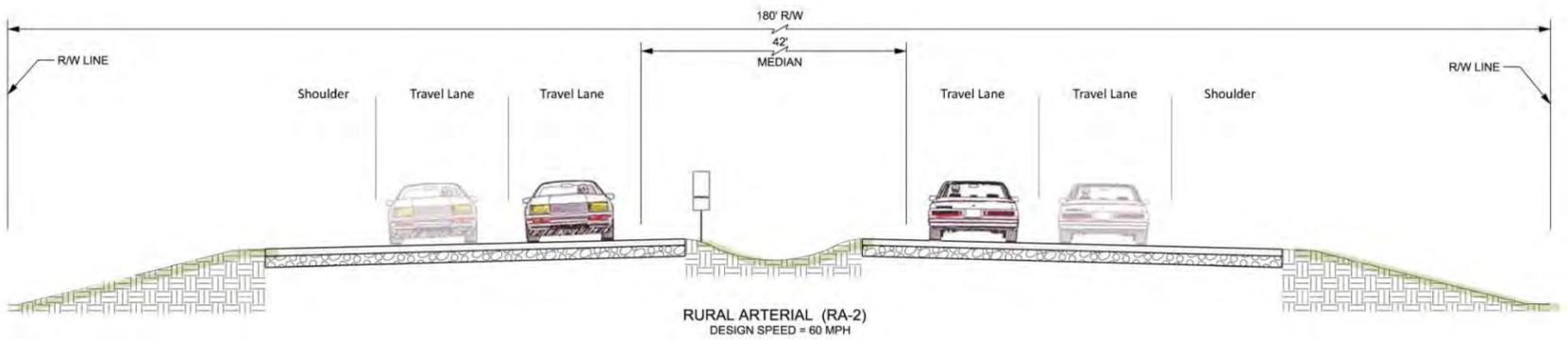
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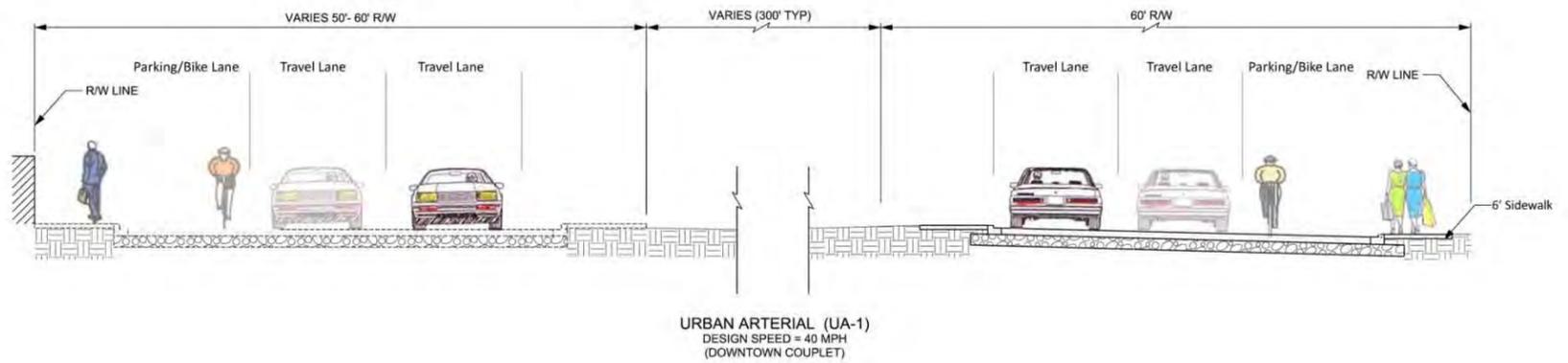
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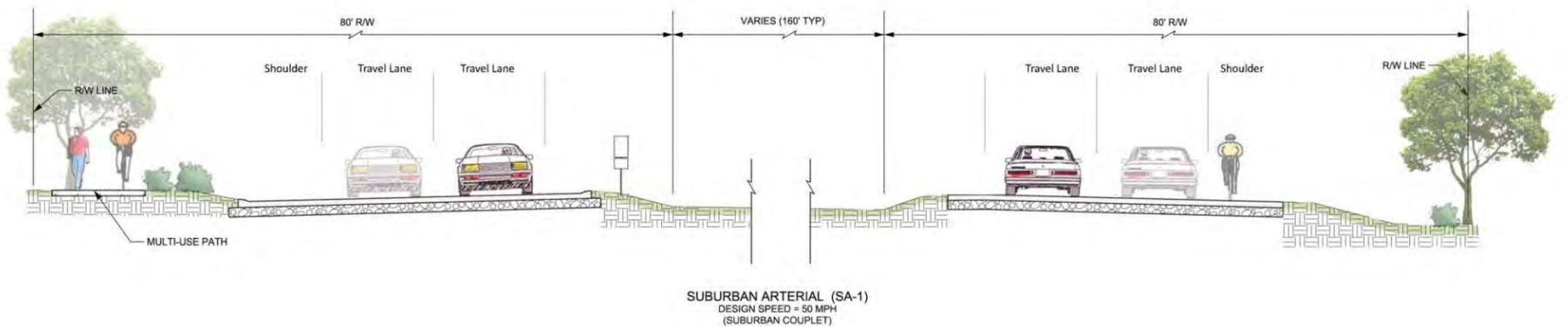
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PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY
MEETING DATE: JULY 12, 2012
COMMENT PERIOD ENDED: JULY 23, 2012

Table 1.0 below documents the comments received for the Purpose and Need and Alternatives No. 1, 2a, 2b, and 4 for the proposed widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge. The Comment/Survey Forms were provided at the meeting and online and were collected during the public comment period from July 3, 2012 to July 23, 2012. (A copy of the form is included in the Public Meeting Summary Appendix.) In addition to comments on the Purpose and Need and Alternatives, the participants were asked to comment on Environmental/Socioeconomic Issues, Trout Realignment Options, and asked to rank importance of Context Sensitive Design (CSD) amenities from 1 to 5, 1 being “Not Important” and 5 being “Very Important.”

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1	(Local Officials Meeting) Tom Kendrick	B – Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4	Option B Alternative 4
2	(Local Officials Meeting) Carl Newburg	A – growth and traffic flow B – Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Landscaping “4”	Option C Alternative 4
3	(Local Officials Meeting) Donnie Kendrick	A – Very important! Traffic control and economic development B – must consider impact on downtown Jena, Alternatives 4 and 2b take this into consideration Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 C – none known at this time D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5” Other (didn’t specify) “5”	Option B Alternative 4
4	(Local Officials Meeting) Tommy Sandifer	A – Very much needed and am grateful for the consideration and progress it has received and experienced B – 4 is my preference Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike lanes “2” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “3” Lighting “5”	Option B Alternative 4

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5	(Local Officials Meeting) David Jones – Jena Town council	A – Economic development, traffic control, maintain a vibrant downtown B – I definitely prefer Alternative 4 or 2b for reasons above Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 C – We want to keep growing in the Town of Jena D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option B Alternative 4
6	(Public Meeting) Walter Creel	B – Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “4” Sidewalks “4”	Option C Alternative 2b
7	(Public Meeting) Robert P Haas	A – I live on the corner of Pine and 4 th Street there is too much traffic and is unsafe, you can have my property. I would ask if I can buy back house that I have spent my retirement money on to put on a piece of land. B – Alternative 2a, 2b D – I cannot enjoy home no privacy sometimes I can barely back out of my drive way if rd. was widened I would take 2 steps and be in traffic when I walk off my porch	Alternatives 2a & 2b
8	(Public Meeting) Randall Welch	A – I agree with the need and purpose of project B – reasonable proposals Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2b C – I want to see the downtown Jena area preserved and improved by NOT by passing it. This would preserve our history and allow us to continue to develop downtown as a social and economic area. D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5” No known proposed developments known	Option B Alternative 2b
9	(Public Meeting) Robert Butler	A – Excellent B – Good Spectrum Trout Realignment Option A, Alternative 2b CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “3” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option A Alternative 2b
10	(Public Meeting) Cynthia White	B – Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option C Alternative 4

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11	(Public Meeting) Tery McDaniel Owens	A – to expand and provide easier access to businesses along Hwy 84 B – Alternative 4 is best for businesses in Jena, therefore, Jena economy as a business owner it is crucial that we get both east and west traffic flows. I employ 9 people for my exposure to be cut in half would kill my business and put more people in the unemployment lines in effect cause a trickle effect of economic downtown for Jena. Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 4 C – The bypass of Columbia downtown where they put through the new Hwy 65 kill the town in effect killed the small businesses in downtown D – Alternative 4 would take my business location however I can relocate bigger and better at another spot and continue with business and grow!!! CSD: Bike Lanes “2” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5” In the proposal for Trout Option C will eliminate a overpass bridge that is very old and in disrepair. The best scenario in my opinion is to eliminate the overpass altogether.	Option C Alternative 4
12	(Public Meeting) Keith Tarver	A – this project has been needed for a long time B – the project should not completely bypass downtown Jena Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “4” Lighting “5”	Option C Alternative 2b
13	(Public Meeting) John W. Long	A – needs to be done B – Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “2” Sidewalks “2” Landscaping “3” Lighting “3”	Alternative 4
14	(Public Meeting) Glen McCormick	B – Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “1” Landscaping “3” Lighting “3” Other: Shoulders “5”	Option B Alternative 2a
15	(Public Meeting) Tommye Price	B – Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “2” Sidewalks “3” Landscaping “4” Lighting “5”	Option B Alternative 4

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16	(Public Meeting) Murphy B. Price	A – A good idea. The need is there – especially traffic between Vidalia and Jena B – OK – does not present a “bypass” alternative Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 C – Minimum impacts should be considered as residential areas. The impacts on businesses may be more significant if the project is routed through Jena D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5” Other: Protect Residential Neighborhood “5” Traffic flow on Carpenter and Bellview streets coming from south part of town and parish to connect with US 84 east – misses the downtown business section and red lights	Option B Alternative 4
17	(Public Meeting) Vickey Jackson	A – Jena needs some traffic relief B – I think Alternative is best for Jena Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “4” Lighting “4”	Option B Alternative 2b
18	(Public Meeting) Larkin Jackson	A – Jena needs some traffic relief B – Alternative 2b is the best plan Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “4” Sidewalks “3” Landscaping “3” Lighting “3”	Option B Alternative 2b
19	(Public Meeting) J. Justiss	B – Trout Realignment Option B	Option B
20	(Public Meeting) Morgan Tarpley	A – The purpose and need are great for this project. We really need the traffic in downtown to be better organized with still keeping business opportunities/traffic into our downtown businesses. B – My vote was between 2b and 4 because I’m in full support of the couplet in downtown. My biggest concern besides the downtown was the couplet in Good Pine. I want to preserve the businesses/buildings that are there if possible, but I also want the route to run as smooth as possible. Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “2” Lighting “3”	Option C Alternative 2b
21	(Public Meeting)	B – Forget the yellow one Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2b	Option B Alternative 2b

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	Ellen Henry	D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	
22	(Public Meeting) Dr. Cleveland Reiser, Jr.	A – Excellent choices B – C Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2b D – CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “1” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option B Alternative 2b
23	(Public Meeting) Gregg Wilbanks	A – Better traffic count, Good Economic impact B – Like them Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Alternative 4
24	(Public Meeting) Joey Grappe	A – Growth is always good B – Trout Realignment Option A, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “1” and “5” Landscaping “2” Lighting “2”	Option A Alternative 2a
25	(Public Meeting)	B – Trout Realignment Option A, Alternative 1, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “1” Landscaping “4” Lighting “4”	Option A Alternatives 2a & 2b
26	(Public Meeting) Doris Ross	A – To update and make city more prosperous (jobs) B – I’m not sure but looks good, esp. (4) Alternative 4 C – Beauty (environmental), jobs (socioeconomic) D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “4” Lighting “5”	Alternative 4
27	(Public Meeting) Blake Chiasson	A – Purpose: to make a safer roadway through the towns of Trout and Jena Need: Develop a plan that is satisfying to all residents involved B – 1-4 don’t show southern alignment through Trout. The southern alignment is what I would like to see done Trout Realignment Option B, None of the alternatives through Trout would be good C – Safety – dog leg is a dangerous intersection and needs to be eliminated as soon as possible Street Lighting – need adequate lighting D – My property is located at 13150 Hwy 84 West in Trout and is very close to the highway. As a concerned citizen I would like to see the highway relocated to the outer skirts of town. It is depicted	Option B

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		<p>in the Jena Vision, Chapter 5 – Focus Areas pg. 14. It is referred to as the southern alignment for Hwy 84 and it intersects with Hwy 772.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be the ideal plan for the residents of Trout. • It would remove the traffic that currently runs through the residential areas to the outer edge of town. • The green space adjacent to the Justiss Methodist Church would make a nice park for the citizens and especially for the children. It would be a nice addition along the new alignment as well. <p>As you all are aware there have been several accidents in Trout. These accidents occur literally in our front yards. It is very dangerous and unsafe for the children or anyone who may be outside. I am sure that by moving the Hwy to the outer edge of town it will make for a safer neighborhood for the residents of Trout. I appreciate all of your time and hard work that you have put into this project and I hope you will do what is best for the residents of Trout. Of the plans shown tonight I prefer Trout Realignment Option B.</p> <p>CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “4” Lighting “5”</p> <p>Jena Vision showed a southern alignment with an area adjacent to the church for green space or parks. This would be great for the community. Options A and C would not allow this area for green space or parks.</p>	
28	(Mailed) G.C. Stapleton 408 Bellevue	<p>A – I see no need B – Trout Realignment Option B, None of the Alternatives C – Scenic Streams D – likely year for construction to begin? CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “2” Landscaping “3” Lighting “5”</p>	Option B
29	(Emailed) Bo McCartney	<p>B – Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “4” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”</p>	Option B Alternative 2a
30	(Emailed) Tracy McCartney	<p>B – Alt 1 & 2a bypass downtown Jena. This would have a very negative impact on the economy of our town; Alt 4 would negatively affect Trout. There are several very nice properties that are new construction that would be lost.</p>	Option B Alternative 2a

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		Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “4” and “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	
31	(Mailed) Andy Girlinghouse	A – US Hwy 84 is an essential artery for bringing traffic into and through the Jena area. While the traffic is vital to the economic growth of Jena and LaSalle Parish, this traffic must also be moved efficiently and safely through the area while still providing the access to businesses and services that Jena has to offer. Hopefully this project will accomplish that. B – Alternatives 2b and 4 make a lot of sense to me, Alternative 1 provides less access to downtown, and Alternative 2a makes no sense to me at all. Alternative 2a looks to be the most expensive in Right of Way Acquisition and totally bypasses the downtown area which would be detrimental to those businesses. 2b and 4 are best for the downtown area, in my opinion, while both have advantages and disadvantages for the Midway to Trout communities which need further study. Trout Realignment Option C (but with easier access to town and country by westbound traffic), Alternative 2b C – Keeping the downtown area viable while safely and efficiently moving the traffic is vital. It seems to me like a lot of towns around the country that have been bypassed by highways have literally “died on the vine,” while others where the highways kept the traffic channeled in the proximity of the towns have thrived. We need to learn from those successes and make that a part of this and other highway projects. D – CSD: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option C Alternative 4
32	(Mailed) Edmond H. Carriere	B – Alt no. 1 would completely bypass the town. 2b and 4 too much conjection. Trout Realignment Option A, Alternative 2a D – CSD: Bike Lanes “1” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Option A Alternative 2a
33	(Mailed) Beth Zoller	B – No need whatsoever for bypassing downtown. Downtown couplet. Alternative 4 will keep downtown open for business – we have been in business downtown for 61 years. Same location – same family. Thanks. Beth Alternative 4 D – CSD: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”	Alternative 4
34	(Mailed) Frank D. Akin	A – necessary to accommodate traffic B – Only one option appears the most logical, that is the railroad corridor. Having this available is the	Option A

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		<p>least infringement on homeowners and businesses! Trout Realignment Option A Use railroad property where available! C – Traffic noise, pollution and local citizens’ well-being are better served with minimum environment impact on the entire community D – My two lots on Frank’s Lane (off of Drewett St.) would probably become commercial zoned and increased value if you widened Hwy 84 in that area; but that would not be in best interest of local citizen homeowners and established businesses. Let’s do the right thing for our people; not the “out-of-towners” passing through. Thank you. CSD: *Bike Lanes “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5” *towns using bike lanes are also allowing “golf cars” which reduce vehicle pollution and traffic and save energy. Please consider this. The long term future benefits everyone. Thank you.</p>	
35	(Mailed) Craig McDonald Proprietor of Macs Supermarket	<p>A – All routes we are not in favor of (as current is) B – not in favor of any alternatives; no clear east bound access into Macs [supermarket] C – State will have to consider loss of business at Macs [supermarket] on all routes D – Being close to the second largest tax collections for Jena, Macs [supermarket] business would suffer. (Route should come together with one bridge with turn signal at Macs, Champlins Drive.) CSS: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “2” Lighting “5” Other “5” Specified turn lane for east bound into Macs [supermarket]</p>	None
36	(Emailed) Stephen Romano	<p>A – Long overdue! B – I think that the downtown Jena couplet should extend further eastward to Meyers Loop. Trout Realignment Option B, Alternative 4 C – Don’t want road to kill downtown or segregate neighborhoods. Desire minimal impacts to private property, ie: least amount of expropriation as possible D – CSS: Bike Lanes “5” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “5” Lighting “5”</p>	Option B Alternative 4
37	(Mailed) Jack Breithaupt	<p>A – Needed. Must be context sensitive. Highway needs to remain as a “street” through town. B – 2 Lane Couplet through downtown Jena, developed as a street – priority Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 4 C – Goal: minimize destruction of existing structures</p>	Option C Alternative 4

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		D – Maintain viability of downtown business accessibility by keeping the historic route through downtown! CSS: Bike Lanes “4” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “3” Lighting “5” The new school and Transportation Enhancement Project plans are centered around maintaining the couplet idea through town as proposed in Jena’s Vision, a Comprehensive Town Plan	
38	(Mailed) Ginger Breithaupt	A – Needed. Must be context sensitive. Highway needs to remain as a “street” through town. B – 2 Lane Couplet through downtown Jena, developed as a street – priority Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 4 C – Goal: minimize destruction of existing structures D – Maintain viability of downtown business accessibility by keeping the historic route through downtown! CSS: Bike Lanes “4” Sidewalks “5” Landscaping “3” Lighting “5” The new school and Transportation Enhancement Project plans are centered around maintaining the couplet idea through town as proposed in Jena’s Vision, a Comprehensive Town Plan	Option C Alternative 4
39	(Mailed) Hayden D. & Wanda E. Burlew	A – I have no purpose or need for this project. B – It is my opinion that the 4 lanes running into town would harm not help the businesses that are already there. It would take away from the small town feel and be much too congested. Trout Realignment Option C, Alternative 2a C – Jena already has its own environmental issues. I’m not sure this may just improve them. D – It is also my opinion that if the lanes were divided further out of town it would leave more area for growth of town and businesses. Also provide easier access to them. I do not approve of the effect the 4 lanes in Jonesville have caused. CSS: Bike Lanes “3” Sidewalks “3” Landscaping “5” Lighting “3” More on Comments It is also my opinion that if the roads are 4 laned to be coming into town there needs to be consideration taken on the businesses it will affect along Hwy 84 east and 84 west. Some of those businesses will either close or relocate and how will it affect the access to those and exiting of those businesses. When I decide to enter a parking lot if it’s too busy to enter or exit I find it’s not worth the effort and	Option C Alternative 2a

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		<p>I'll just go up the road.</p> <p>I know the Mayor of Jena is really keen on having everything coming into town and how everything looks. Honestly if I were traveling through Jena I cannot think of one single place downtown I may need to stop. The Hotel, the gas stations, the convenience stores, and most of the restaurants are on the outer parts of town not downtown.</p> <p>I also know the Mayor is interested in bringing into town new businesses. It seems to me if there is more room for growth it would be better.</p> <p>Well these are just my opinions.</p> <p>Thanks for letting me voice them.</p>	

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Name: Tom Kendrick

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Donnae Kendrick

Email address or phone number: 318-992-3418

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Very Important! - traffic control + economic development

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*must consider impact on downtown Jena
alt 4 + 2b take this in to consideration*

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None know @ this time

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received & experienced

4 is my preference

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Name: David Jones - Jena Town Council

Email address or phone number: djones13@entergy.com

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Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

Economic development
Traffic control
Maintain a vibrant downtown

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

I definitely prefer Alt. 4 or 2 b
for reasons above.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

We want to keep growing in the Town of Jena

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Name: Wally Cuel

Email address or phone number: Cro-lee 2000@yahoo.com

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Name: Robert P. Haas
Email address or phone number: 337 794-9835

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

I live on the corner of Pine & 4th street there is too much traffic and it's unsafe you can have my property.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?



I would ask if I can buy back house that I have spent my retirement money on to put on a piece of land

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

I CANNOT ENJOY HOME NO PRIVACY SOMETIMES I CAN BARELY BACK OUT OF MY DRIVE WAY IF RD. WAS WIDEND I WOULD TAKE 2 STEPS AND BE IN TRAFFIC WHEN I WALK OFF MY PORCH

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Name: Randall Welch
Email address or phone number: rwelch@shbnet.com

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Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

I agree with the need + purpose of project.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Reasonable proposals

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

I want to see the downtown JENA area preserved + improved by NOT bypassing it. This would preserve our history + allow us to continue to develop downtown as a social + economic area.

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Name: ROBERT BUTLER

Email address or phone number: hedybob@centurytel.net

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EXCELLENT

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

GOOD SPECTRUM

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Name: Cynthia White
Email address or phone number: 318-992-5895

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Name: Terry McDaniel Owens
Email address or phone number: terrymed@hotmail.com 813 7840232

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

To expand & provide easier access to businesses along Hwy 84

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

#4 is best for Businesses in Jena, therefore, Jena economy. As a business owner it is crucial that we get both east & west traffic flows. I employ 9 people for my exposure to be cut in half would kill my business

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

The bypass of Columbia downtown when they put through the new Hwy 84 kill the town in effect killed the small businesses in downtown.

and put more people in the unemployment lines in effect cause a trickle effect of economic downturn for Jena.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

#4 would take my business location however I can relocate bigger & better at another spot & continue with business & grow!!!

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In the proposal for Trout Option C will eliminate a overpass bridge that is very old & in disrepair. The best scenario in my opinion is to eliminate the overpass altogether.

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Name:

Keith Tarver

Email address or phone number:

pop687@centurytel.net**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

This project has been needed for a long time

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

The project should not completely by-pass downtown Jena

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name:

John Wibong

Email address or phone number:

longsbody Shop@centurytel.net**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

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Needs to be done

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Alternative 4

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Name:

Alex Fenstermaker

Email address or phone number:

NONE

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Name: MURPHY B. PRICE

Email address or phone number: tnbprice@centurytel.net

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

A good idea. The need is there - especially traffic between Vidalia and Jena.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

OK - does not present a "bypass" alternative.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Minimum impacts should be considered on residential areas. The impacts on businesses may be more significant if the project is routed through Jena.

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Traffic flow on Carpenter and Bellview streets coming from south part of town and parish to connect with US 84 East - misses the downtown business section and red lights.

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Name: Vickey Jackson

Email address or phone number: 992-6719

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

Jena needs some traffic relief

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

I think alternative is best for Jena

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Jackson Larkin

Email address or phone number: jackson.larkin@yahoo.com 318-992-6219

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Jena needs some traffic relief.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Alternative 2b is the best plan

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

None

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

None

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Name: J. Justiss

Email address or phone number: _____

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Name: Morgan Tarpley

Email address or phone number: morgankannal6@yahoo.com

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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The purpose & need are great for this project. We really need the traffic in downtown to be better organized w/ still keeping business opportunities/traffic into our downtown businesses.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

My vote was between 2b & 4 because cl'm in full support of the couplet in downtown. My biggest concern besides the downtown was the couplet in God line. I want to preserve the businesses/buildings that are there if possible, but I also want the route to run as smooth as possible.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Debra Henry
Email address or phone number: 318 992-4574

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What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Forget the yellow one

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Dr. Cleveland Rieder

Email address or phone number: CJAC@Centurytel.net

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project? *Excellent choices*

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

(C)

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Gregg Wilbanks

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Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

Better traffic control
Good economic impact.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Like them.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

NR

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Name: _____

Email address or phone number: Joey Grappe Joeygrappe@yahoo.com

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Growth is always good

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

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Name: Deris Ross

Email address or phone number: dorahross@yahoo.com

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to update and make city more prosperous (jobs)

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

I'm not sure but looks good esp. (4)

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

*Beauty (Environmental)
Jobs (Socioeconomic)*

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

not at this time

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Name: Blake Chiasson

Email address or phone number: spicykajuns@hotmail.com

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

Purpose: To make a safer roadway through the towns of Trout & Jena

Need: Develop a plan that is satisfying to all residents involved.
What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

1-4 don't show Southern alignment through Trout.
The Southern alignment is what I would like to see done.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Safety - dog leg is a dangerous intersection and needs to be eliminated as soon as possible.

Street lighting - need adequate lighting.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

see attached

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} none of the alternatives through Trout would be good.

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Jena Vision showed a southern alignment with an area adjacent to the church for green space or parks. This would be great for the community. Options A & C would not allow this area for greenspace or parks.

July 12, 2012

US 84 Public meeting

Blake Chiasson
attachments (3)

Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development

My property is located at 13150 Hwy 84 West in Trout and is very close to the highway.

As a concerned citizen I would like to see the highway relocated to the outer skirts of town. It is depicted in the ***Jena Vision, Chapter 5 – Focus Areas pg. 14.*** It is referred to as the southern alignment for Hwy 84 and it intersects with Hwy 772.

- This would be the ideal plan for the residents of Trout.
- It would remove the traffic that currently runs through the residential areas to the outer edge of town.
- The green space adjacent to the Justiss Methodist Church would make a nice park for the citizens and especially for the children. It would also be appreciated.
- Street lights would be a nice addition along the new alignment as well.

As you all are aware there have been several accidents in Trout. These accidents occur literally in our front yards. It is very dangerous and unsafe for the children or anyone who may be outside. I am sure that by moving the Hwy to the outer edge of town it will make for a safer neighborhood for the residents of Trout.

I appreciate all of your time and hard work that you have put into this project and I hope you will do what is best for the residents of Trout.

Of the plans shown tonight I prefer is Trout realignment Option B

Thank you,
Blake Chiasson

Trout



- A** New southern alignment for Highway 84. Intersects with LA 772.
- B** Bridge removed and intersection realigned.
- C** New road extends street grid and connects Highway 84 with Dr. Guy Drive.
- D** Opportunity for reconfiguration of existing block to accommodate additional housing organized around public open space.
- E** Tree-lined, median divided highway running through Trout.
- F** Reconfiguration of Post Office site with parking to the rear. New driveway realigned with Church Street.
- G** Opportunity for neighborhood green or square fronting Justiss Methodist Church.
- H** Opportunity for higher density housing fronting Justiss Methodist Church.
- I** Opportunity for new commercial development fronting on Highway 84 with parking to the rear.
- J** Historic block pattern and residential neighborhood reestablished.
- K** Existing buildings maintained, parking moved to the rear.



A log truck failed to negotiate the 'dog leg' curve on U.S. 84 in Trout shortly after noon on Monday dumping its load of logs into the yard of Bernie and Shannon Cooley, who live at the corner of U.S. 84 and Justiss Street. The driver of the log truck was headed west on U.S. 84 and had made the first turn of the 'dog leg' curve but apparently over compensated on the second curve, causing the truck and trailer to flip over. Law enforcement officers were busy working the wreck and no information was available as to the owner of the rig or the driver's name. Although he was not believed to have sustained any serious injuries, the driver was transported to LaSalle General Hospital for evaluation. Plans are currently on the drawing board and work should begin in the near future for straightening out the 'dog leg' curve, which will eliminate the dangerous hazards which prevail there.

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Name: G.C. STAPLETON 408 BELLEVUE, JENA, LA. 71342

Email address or phone number: SLIM STAPLETON @ HOTMAIL.COM
318-992-4083

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I SEE NO NEED.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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LIKELY YEAR FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN?

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Name: ANDY GIRLINGHOUSE

Email address or phone number: ANDY@FAMILYHARDWARELLC.COM 318-992-8211

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

U.S. Hwy 84 is an essential artery for bringing traffic into and through the Jena area. While this traffic is vital to the economic growth of Jena and La Salle Parish, this traffic must also be moved efficiently & safely through the area while still providing the access to businesses and services that Jena has to offer. Hopefully this project will accomplish that.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Alternatives 2B and 4 make a lot of sense to me, ~~and~~ Alternative 1 provides less access to downtown, and Alternative 2A makes no sense to me at all. Alternative 2A looks to be the most expensive in right-of-way acquisition and totally bi-passes the downtown area which would be detrimental to those businesses. 2B and 4 are best for the downtown area, in my opinion, while both have advantages & disadvantages for the Midway to Trout communities which need further study.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Keeping the downtown area viable while safely & efficiently moving the traffic is vital. It seems to me like a lot of towns around the country that have been bi-passed by highways have literally "died on the vine"; while others where the highways kept the traffic channeled in the proximity of the towns have thrived. We need to learn from those successes and make that a part of this and other highway projects.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

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SURVEY

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c. Option C (2 lane with couplet) BUT WITH EASIER ACCESS TO TOWN & COUNTRY BY WEST BOUND TRAFFIC.

2. Which one of the proposed alternatives do you prefer?

- a. Alternative 1
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- c. Alternative 2b
- d. Alternative 4

3. Context Sensitive Design: What types of amenities are important to you regarding the design of the road?

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Other: (please specify)					
_____	1	2	3	4	5

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Name: Edmond H. Carriere

Email address or phone number: 318-613-7703

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What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Alt. no. 1 would completely Bypass the town.
Skatted. 2 B + 4 too much Congestion.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

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Name: Beth Zeller
Email address or phone number: 318-992-2615

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented? *no need what so ever for bypassing downtown*
**Downtown Couplet.*
Alternative 4 will keep downtown open for business. we have been in business downtown for 14 yrs. same location - same family
Thanks.
Beth

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

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	1	2	3	4	5
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Sidewalks			3		<u>5</u>
Landscaping			3		<u>5</u>
Lighting			3		<u>5</u>
Other: (please specify)					
_____	1	2	3	4	5

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Name: FRANK D. AKIN

Email address or phone number: 580 - 931 - 9392

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

Necessary to accomodate traffic.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Only one option appears the most logical and, that is the railroad corridor. Having this available is the least infringement on home owners & businesses!

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Traffic noise, pollution and citizens well-being are better served with minimal ^(local) environment impact on the entire community.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

My 2 lots on Frank's Lane (off of Drewett St.) would probably become commercial zoned & increased value if you widened Hwy 84 in that area; but that would not be in best interest of local citizen homeowners & established businesses. Let's do the right thing for our people; not the "out-of-towners" passing through. Thank you.

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use railroad property where available!

3. Context Sensitive Design: What types of amenities are important to you regarding the design of the road?

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Sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5	
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Lighting	1	2	3	4	5	
Other: (please specify)						
_____	1	2	3	4	5	

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(*) towns using bike lanes are also allowing "golf cars" which reduce vehicle pollution & traffic & save energy. pls consider this. The long term future benefits every one.
 Thank you.

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Name:

Craig McDougald (Mac's Supermarket)

Email address or phone number:

macssupermarket@centurytel.net

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

All Routes we are not in favor of (as current is)

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

Not in favor

No clear east bound access into Macs

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

State will have to consider loss of
Business at Macs on all Routes

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

Being close to the second largest tax collections
for Jena, Macs Business would suffer.

(Route should come together with one Bridge
with turn signal at Macs, Champlins drive)

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NONE

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	Not Important			Very Important	
	1	2	3	4	5
Bike Lanes					5
Sidewalks					5
Landscaping		2			5
Lighting					5

Other: (please specify)

Turn lane for East Bound into Macs 5

4. Are there any proposed developments or other projects we need to be aware of? If there are, please describe the issue, approximate location, and which alternative it may affect.

contact me at 318-267-6974
to confirm you got this.

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Name: Hayden D. & Wanda E. Burlew
Email address or phone number: wandaburlew@yahoo.com

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Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

I have no purpose or need for this project.

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

It is my opinion that the 4 lanes running into town would harm not help the businesses that are already there. It would take away from the small town feel and be much too congested.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Jena already has it's own environmental issues. I'm sure this may just improve them.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

It is also my opinion that if the lanes were divided further out of town it would leave more area for growth of town and businesses. Also provide easier access to them. I do not approved of the effect the 4 lanes in Jonesville has caused.

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More on comments

It is also my opinion that if the roads are 4 laned coming into town there needs to be consideration taken on the businesses it will effect along Hwy 84 east and 84 west. Some of those businesses will either close or relocate and how will it effect the access to those and exiting of those businesses.

When I decide to enter a parking lot if it's too busy to enter or ~~exit~~ I find it's not worth the effort and I'll just go up the road.

I know the Mayor of Jena is really keene on having everything coming into town and how everything looks. Honestly if I were traveling thru Jena I cannot think of one single place downtown I may need to stop. The Hotel, the gas stations, the convenience stores, and most of

the restaurants are on the
outter parts of town not
downtown.

I also know the Mayor
is interested in bringing into
town new businesses. It seems
to me if there is more room
for growth it would be better.

Well these are just my
opinions.

Thanks for letting
me voice them.

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Name: JACK BREITHAAPT & Ginger Breithaupt
Email address or phone number: BREITHAAPT@ISP.COM

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NEEDED - MUST BE CONTEXT SENSITIVE.
HIGHWAY NEEDS TO REMAIN AS A "STREET" THROUGH TOWN

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

2 CANE COULET THROUGH DOWNTOWN JENA, DEVELOPED AS A STREET - PRIORITY

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

GOAL: MINIMIZE DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

MAINTAIN VIABILITY OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ACCESSIBILITY
BY KEEPING THE HISTORIC ROUTE THROUGH TOWN!

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SURVEY *X 2/11*

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The New School and Transportation Enhancement Project plans are centered around maintaining the couplet idea through town as proposed in Jena Vision, a Comprehensive Town Plan -

*Benjamin Wright
Grant writer for
T.E.P. project and
LRTD Trails -*

EMAILED

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Name:

BO MCCARTNEY

Email address or phone number:

BOMC@JUSTESSOIL.COM

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Name: STEPHEN ROMANO

Email address or phone number: STEVE ROMANO @ EMAIL.COM

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Project Purpose & Need: What is your opinion of the Purpose and Need for this project?

LONG OVERDUE!

What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

I THINK THAT THE DOWNTOWN JENA COUplet SHOULD EXTEND FURTHER EASTWARD TO MEYERS LOOP.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

DON'T WANT ROAD TO KILL DOWNTOWN OR SEGREGATE NEIGHBORHOODS. DESIRE MINIMAL IMPACTS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY; IE: LEAST AMOUNT OF EXPROPRIATION AS POSSIBLE.

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

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Name: _____

Tracy McCartney

Email address or phone number: _____

tracymc@centurytel.net

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What is your opinion of the four (4) alternatives presented?

- alt 1 + 2a bypass downtown Jena. This would have a very negative impact on the economy of our town.
- alt 4 would negatively affect travel. There are several very nice properties that are new construction that would be lost.

Environmental, socioeconomic or other concerns: Any issues that need to be addressed?

Other Comments, questions, or concerns (enclose additional pages as necessary):

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APPENDIX D

January 2014 Public Outreach Summary

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY – HISTORIC DISTRICTS

WIDENING OF US 84 FROM HWY 772 TO JUST EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STATE PROJECT NO. H.000758.2
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. DE-3010(503)
LASALLE PARISH, LA

PREPARED BY:
FENSTERMAKER & ASSOCIATES, LLC
BATON ROUGE, LA

JANUARY 2014



PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY – HISTORIC DISTRICTS

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) made recommendations to incorporate potential historic districts along the project corridor in a letter to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) on May 15, 2013. The study team conducted additional field research and subsequently revised the Cultural Resources Survey and cultural resource sections of the Environmental Assessment (EA) to reflect the new recommended historic districts. Additional outreach was prepared and distributed to the public regarding the new information in the CRS and EA.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the outreach was to inform individuals and community organizations on changes related to the potential historic districts associated with the proposed widening of US 84 from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge in LaSalle Parish, LA.

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Property owners along the project corridor were mailed a letter on January 10, 2014. Informational packets were mailed on January 10, 2014, to LaSalle Parish Library – Olla Branch; LaSalle Parish Library – Jena Branch; LDOTD District Office 58 in Chase, LA; and Jena Town Hall. An e-news release was emailed to project contacts on January 13, 2014. A display advertisement was published in the Jena Times on January 15, 2014. Meeting fliers were emailed with the e-news release to Jena Town Hall and posted at the Utility Payment window. Copies of each form of advertisement are included in the Appendix.

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15 May 2013

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer
Dept of Transportation and Development
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Draft Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-4235
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Widening of US 84 Through Jena Project in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 April 2013 and two copies of the above referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and offer the following comments.

Figure 8 states that this alternative was subjected to Phase I survey, but this alignment is not shown on Figure 12 or 13 showing Alternatives 2B and 4 that were evaluated for this project.

It would be helpful to mention the revisited site (16L A.72) in the introduction to the Archaeological Survey Results (pg 81), particularly since it is discussed in this section (pg 87), and to include it on Figure 28.

We concur that the portions of archaeological sites 16LA72, 16LA74, 16LA75, 16LA87, 16LA94, 16LA95, and 16LA96 are not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We concur that no archaeological historic properties will be impacted by this project.

In reference to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of structures identified in the project cultural resources survey, we are of the following opinion:

- There is a potential historic district that meets the criteria for listing in the NRHP centered around the Bank of Jena (30-00551) that includes but is not necessarily limited to the following: the building occupied by Tall Timber Insurance Agency and Unique Designs clothier (30-00552), the building comprising 3264 and 3268 First Street (30-00553/3000554), the building occupied by the Caboose Café and Boutique (30-00148), and the building occupied by the Video Connection (30-00550).
- In addition to the small historic district, the Bank of Jena meets the criteria for individual listing in the NRHP.
- Both the Strand Theatre (30-00555) and Billy Wood Ford Dealership (30-00573) buildings have the potential for individual listing in the NRHP under Criterion A; however historic research on each building would be required to establish each building's historical significance in the context of early entertainment and transportation venues of the Town of Jena.
- The proposed single Trout-Good Pine historic district does not meet the criteria for listing in the NRHP due to the loss of the historic integrity and the noncontiguous setting of historic structures within its boundaries. However, there are three potential NRHP districts each associated with

Trout's and Good Pine's three separate sawmill operations, the Trout, Good Pine, and Tall Timbers sawmills. Further historic research and assessment of structure integrity is required in order to delineate the three district boundaries. The Tall Timber Sawmill historic district would be centered around the historic buildings fronting McIntyre Street in the community of Good Pine. The Good Pine Sawmill historic district would be centered on the NRHP listed Good Pine Lumber Company Building and Trout-Good Pine School on Front Street. The Trout Sawmill historic district would consist of the surveyed historic properties along Railroad Avenue and US Highway 84 between West and Church Streets.

In reference to the proposed project's Adverse Effects, the Jena Barber and Style Building (30-00612), in our opinion, is not eligible for listing in the NRHP either ~~individually or as a~~ contributing element of an historic district and its proposed demolition would not constitute an Adverse Effect. However, we concur that project Alternative 2B would be an Adverse effect with the demolition or relocation of the NRHP Good Pine Lumber Company Building or contributing elements of the eligible Good Pine Sawmill historic district. As such, we invite you to consult further with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer in order to avoid the Adverse Effect on these cultural resources.

We look forward to receiving two bound copies of the final report along with a pdf of the report. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey in the Division of Archaeology by email at cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4598. Or Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation by email at mvarnado@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4596.

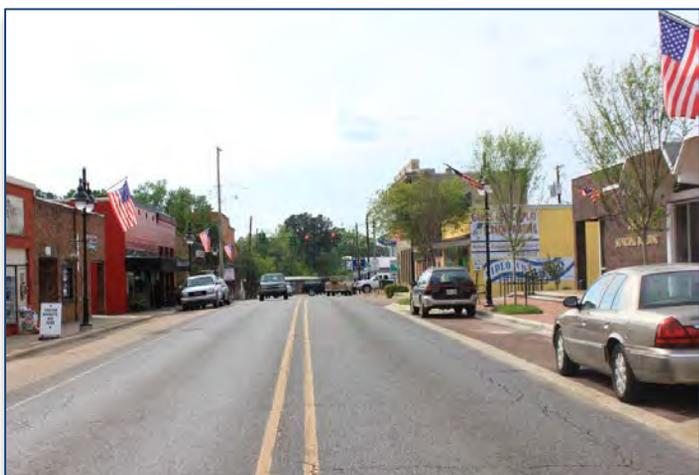
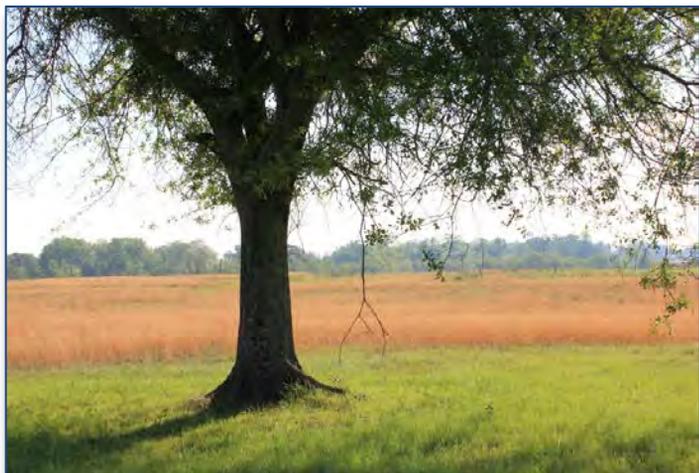
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Breaux".

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Office

PB:crn

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUPPLEMENT



**Widening of US 84
from Hwy 772
to Just East of
Hair Creek Bridge
Draft Environmental
Assessment (EA)**

**Section 4.1.4 Cultural
Resources and Exhibits
[REVISED]**

**State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Project No. DE-3010 (503)
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana**

JANUARY 2014



**LEAD AGENCIES:
Federal Highway Administration
Louisiana Department of Transportation
and Development**

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUPPLEMENT

Revised Section 4.1.4 Cultural Resources



4.1.4 Cultural Resources

Historical properties and archaeological sites are physical resources that also represent cultural values and human history. Special consideration must be given to the effects of the proposed project upon any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as required by Section 106 of Public Law 89-665; 80 Stat. 915; 16 USC 470 as amended, also known as the National Historic Preservation Act. These properties are also afforded protection under Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966. A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the proposed project corridor was conducted in August 2012 and September 2012 to meet the requirements of these acts. The investigation was performed in accordance with guidelines provided by the Louisiana Division of Archaeology and the Louisiana Office of Historic Preservation within an Area of Potential Effect (APE), which coincides with the project corridor.

Prior to commencement of field work, a comprehensive literature search and records review regarding the project area was performed. Background research included examination of records on file at the Divisions of Archaeology and Historic Preservation with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Cultural resource reports, site files, and National Register of Historic Places were reviewed and geomorphological data, maps, and aerial images were examined. Based on the research, areas of high and low probabilities for encountering archaeological remains were identified.

A review of the previous archaeological surveys revealed one previously recorded site, the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Site (16LA72), is located within the project area. This site is not considered eligible for nomination to the NRHP. Architectural background research determined that two NRHP properties, the Good Pine Lumber Company Building (currently the Jena Cultural Center) and the Trout-Good Pine

School (currently the LaSalle Head Start School), are located in the west end of the one-eighth mile buffer surrounding the project corridor. Also, more than 200 structures greater than 50 years of age have been previously recorded in the project area. Many of these are industrial housing constructed for sawmill workers. These were reassessed during the field investigation.

The archaeological field investigations resulted in the identification of six new historic sites. In addition, one previously recorded site (16LA72) was revisited. These sites are considered not eligible for nomination to the NRHP and no further investigations are recommended.

The architectural field investigations identified cultural resources within the APE for the projected corridor of US 84 and assessed the impact of Alternatives 2B and 4 on these cultural resources. Within the APE, two NRHP-listed properties (the Jena Cultural Center and the LaSalle Head Start) and one NRHP-nominated property (the Strand Theatre) were identified. Based on the current cultural resources survey, two additional properties are considered NRHP eligible: the Bank of Jena and the Billy Wood Ford building. Also, the current survey proposes there are four NRHP eligible historic districts, a Downtown Jena Historic District, a Trout Sawmill Historic District, a Good Pine Sawmill Historic District, and a Tall Timber Sawmill Historic District. It is recommended that Alternative 2B has no adverse effect on the NRHP-nominated Strand Theatre because of the distance of the alternative to the building. However, because of the proximity of US 84 to the Bank of Jena and Billy Wood Ford Dealership, there is the potential for vibrations during construction from Alternative 2B. Alternative 2B will have adverse effects on the Jena Cultural Center and the proposed Good Pine Sawmill Historic District. The construction of Alternative 2B in Good Pine would require the demolition or relocation of the NRHP-listed Jena Cultural Center. Either demolition or relocation would negate the NRHP eligibility of the individual property and would adversely affect the proposed Good Pine Sawmill District.

Alternative 4 has been evaluated as having no adverse effect on the NRHP nominated Strand Theatre, or the proposed NRHP eligible Bank of Jena, or the proposed NRHP eligible Billy Wood Ford Dealership. Alternative 4 has no negative impact on the proposed Trout Sawmill Historic District, the Tall Timber Sawmill Historic District, the Good Pine Sawmill Historic District, the Jena Cultural Center, or the LaSalle Parish Head Start if the existing vegetative screen is either left in place or replaced with in-kind vegetation after highway construction. *Table 3* shows a summary of the cultural resources identified.

Table 3: Summary of Cultural Resources for Each Alternative

Cultural Resources	No-Build	Alt. 1	Alt. 2A	Alt. 2B	Alt. 4
Historic Property recommended as eligible for NR Historic District	0	9	12	2	0
Historic Property recommended as NOT eligible NR Historic District	0	26	21	15	12
Historic Property recommended as eligible or listed on NR as individual	0	0	1	1	0
Archaeological Sites Eligible for or Listed on NRHP	0	0	0	0	0
Archaeological Sites Not Eligible for NRHP	0	3	5	3	6

Figure 15: Proposed Historic Districts Overview

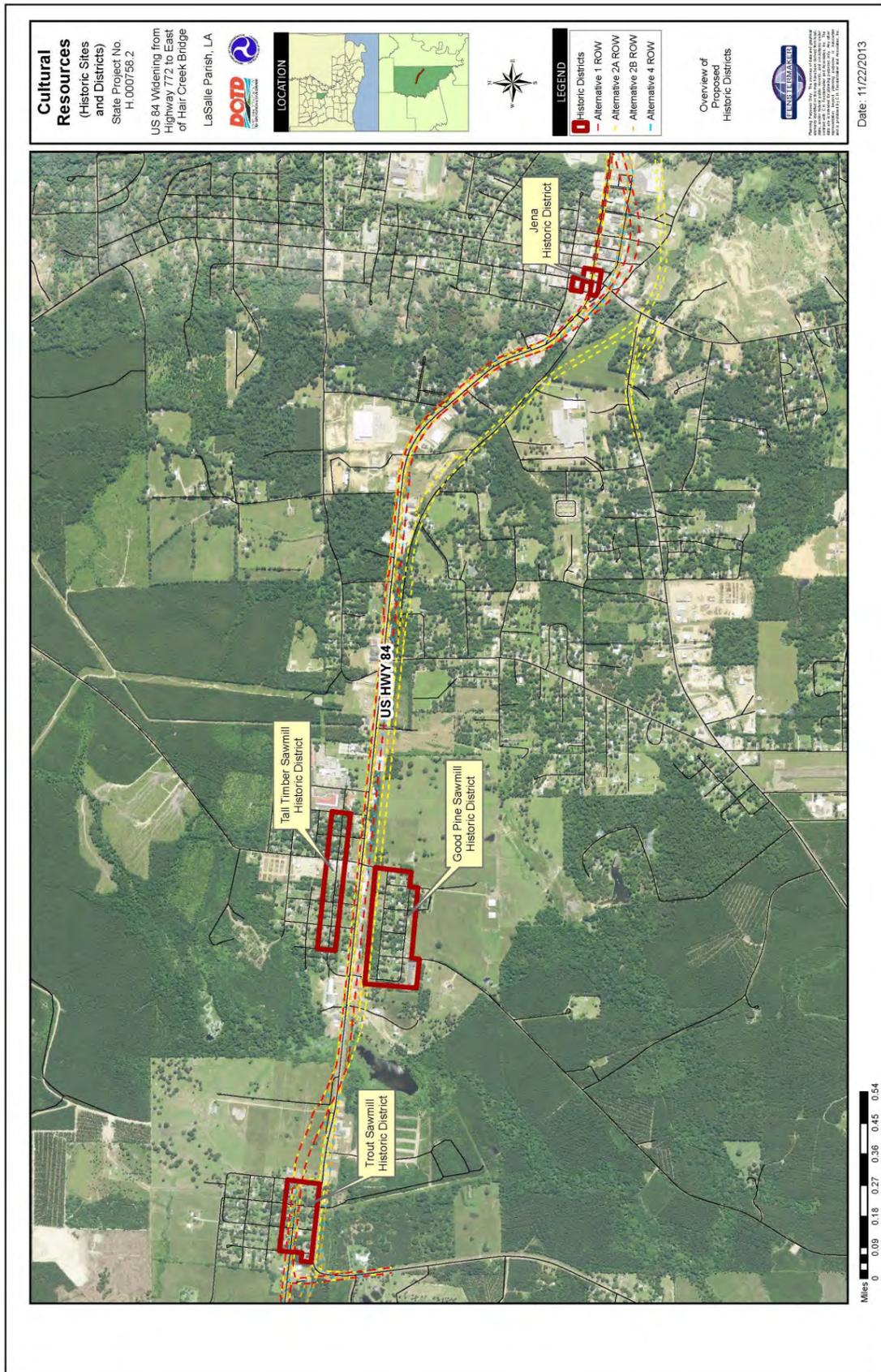


Figure 16: Proposed Trout Sawmill Historic District

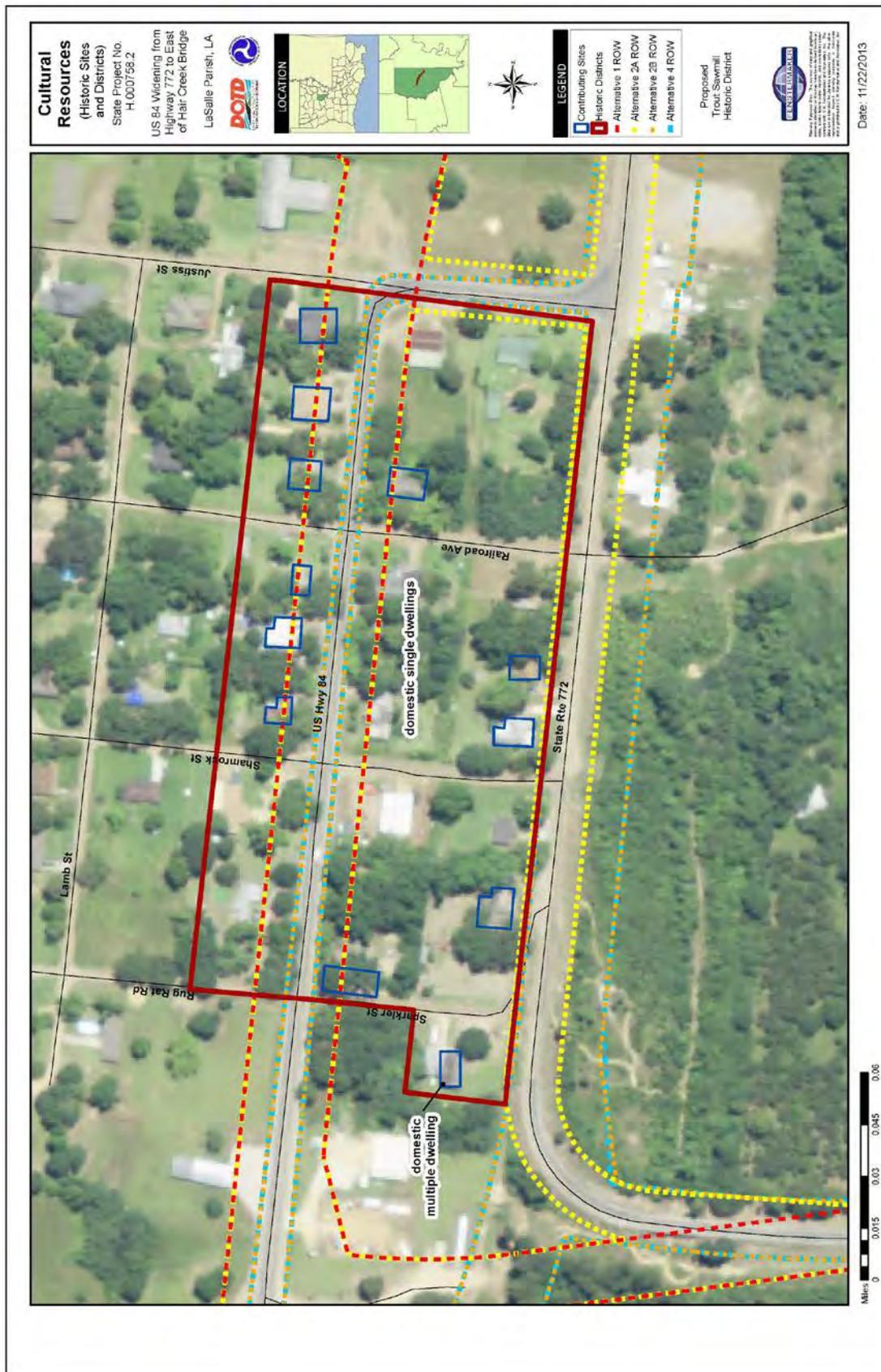
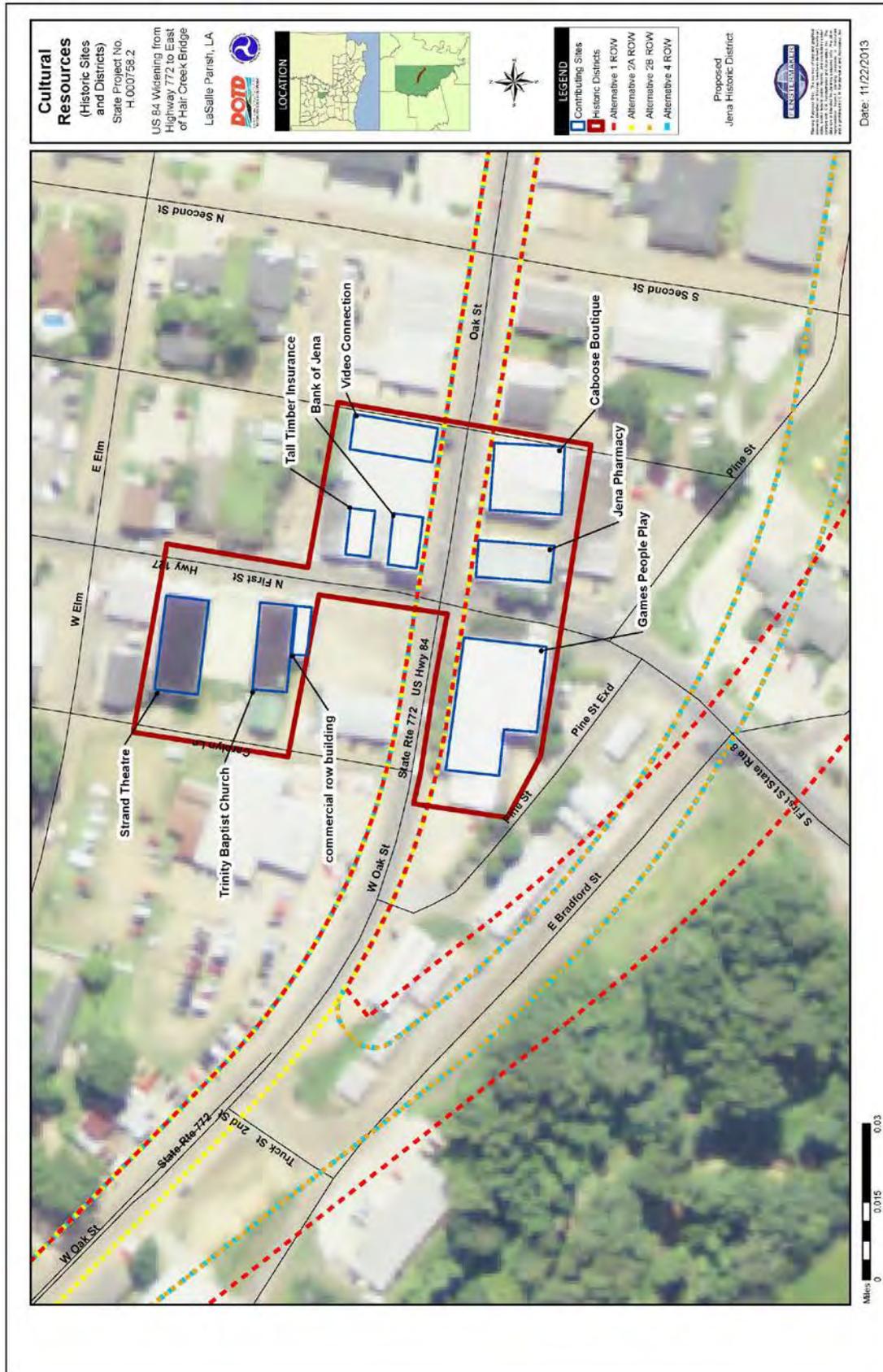


Figure 18: Proposed Jena Historic District



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 15, 2014

Widening of US 84 from Highway 772
to Just East of Hair Creek Bridge
Environmental Assessment
State Project No. H.000758.2
Federal Project No. DE-3010(503)
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

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from Hwy 772 to just east of Hair Creek Bridge**

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SPN: H.0000758.2
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January 12, 2014

STATE PROJECT NO. H000758.2
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NAME: WIDENING OF US 84 FROM HWY 772 TO JUST EAST OF HAIR CREEK BRIDGE
ROUTE: US 84
PARISH: LASALLE

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Sincerely,

Mikeila Nagura, MLA
Deputy Project Manager

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Obituaries

Emma Faye Kleinpeter

Emma Faye Kleinpeter, 70, of Nebo, passed from this life on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at the Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria.

She was born July 25, 1943 in Nebo to the union of Lelon and Dollie Francis Elliott.

Mrs. Kleinpeter was a cosmetologist and was a native of Nebo, but lived in Georgia for a short time. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and she loved to travel and go camping.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 10, at Shady Grove United Pentecostal Church with Rev. Curtis Thornton officiating.

Interment followed in the Nebo Cemetery under direc-

tion of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home of Jena.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Scott Nathaniel Kleinpeter; a daughter, Rhonda Kaye Kleinpeter; and a brother, Curtis Elliott.

Survivors include her husband of 52½-years, Carey Kleinpeter of Nebo; a son, Dwayne Kleinpeter and wife Lori of Bossier City; a sister, Rosa Lea Savoie of Nebo; four grandchildren, Scott Kleinpeter, Jr., LaRae Kleinpeter, MacKenzie Kleinpeter, and Morgan Kleinpeter; and one great grandson, Riley Kleinpeter.

Pallbearers were Scott Kleinpeter, Jr., Larkin Jackson, Jr., Doug Cooper, Donald Kleinpeter, and Mark Dufour.

Howard Leon Lincecum

Howard Leon Lincecum, 83, of Georgetown, passed from this life on Friday, January 10, 2014.

He was born Wednesday, August 27, 1930, to the union of his parents, George Dee and Ethel Lincecum.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, at Lincecum Baptist Church of Georgetown with the Revs. Allen Hatten and Scott Tilton officiating.

Interment followed in the Lincecum Cemetery of Georgetown under direction of Southern Funeral Home of Winnfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kathleen Harrison Lincecum; and siblings, Perry Lincecum, Charlie Lincecum, and Estelle Alwhite.

Survivors include his daughter, Dewana Lincecum Atwell and husband Willie of Georgetown; two sons, Lynn Lincecum and wife Gail of Monroe, and Terry Lincecum and wife Robin of Georgetown; grandchildren, Cary,



Leslie, Will, Brandon, Travis, and Ryan; nine great grandchildren; and three sisters, Maxine Lincecum Hatten, LaVerne Lincecum McNaughten Boyd, and DeeLoise Lincecum Jones Whiddon.

Grandsons and special nephew and friend, Carl Glenn Alwhite, served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were employees of Amberg Trucking Company.

Christian Mathews LaBauve

Graveside services for infant Christian Mathews LaBauve were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the Urania Cemetery in Urania with Rev. Shad Tibbs officiating.

Interment followed under direction of Riser Funeral Home of Olla.

Christian was preceded in death by his grandmother, Rebecca Lynn Gordey Goines Street; great grandmother, Mattie Mayes, Allie Marion Street, Jr., and Rennit Mae Plaisance Street; and uncle Curtis Mac Mayes.

Survivors include his par-

ents, Elizabeth Gerline Street and Christopher Joseph LaBauve, Sr.; brother, Christopher Joseph LaBauve, Jr.; three sisters, Krislynn Michelle LaBauve, Kaye Lynn Shay LaBauve, and Tiffany Ann Street; grandparents, Michael Allen Street, Sr., Felix LaBauve, and Tracie Michelle Williamson Mayes; great grandparents, James Ted Mayes, Charles Edward Williamson, Sr., Joyce Marie Cook Williamson, Willis LaBauve, Jr., and Betty Ann Thibodeaux LaBauve; and a host of aunts, uncles and other family members.

Good Pine honor roll announced

Honor roll students at Good Pine Middle School for the third six weeks of the 2013-14 session have been announced by Principal Janet Tullos, as follows:

Third Grade

All A's - Ashlyn Alexander, Zachary Barker, Marley Bass, Kealie Brown, Gavin Davis, Phaedra Dorsey, Nicholas Fryar, Kendal Hennigan, Ethan Jones, Jordan Jones, Zaylon Jones, Chloe Kimball, Jace Kitterlin, Karley Lucas, Alex McGuffee, Pamela Pentecost, Trevor Pentecost, Teryn Poole, Abigail Reaves, Grace Reeder, Elijah Robertson, Darbie Russell, Lydia Smith, Peyton Todd, Maryssa Tradewell, Alaina Trisler.

A's and B's - Aanirah Bell, Samuel Bradford, William Brixey, Rachel Clark, Nathan D'Angelo, Peyton Delhoste, Raleigh Erwin, Bryor Ford, Kadence Franklin, Jacob Hyde, Serenity McCoy, Alyssa McDaniel, Guston Phillips, Parker Roark, Wayden Savell, Alexander Scales, Brock Shively, Darionna Smith, Wyatt Smith, Jessica Spears, Ryan Thomas, Aaliyah Viso-

ria, Emily Volentine, Cabott Walters, Malachi Webb, Brandon Williams, Layla Williams, Drake Windham.

Fourth Grade

All A's - Collin Ashley, Kennedy Beach, Laci Bond, Braxton Brinson, Chloe Campbell, Emily Elliott, Zachary Hulsey, Adam Jones Emma Justiss, Ramzey Mullins, Tate Turnage,

A's and B's - Audrey Andrews, Ashlynn Bailio, Baylor Book, M'Lynn Boyette, Bryndon Callender, Cassidy Cockerham, Kinsley Douglas, Kandoyce Elliott, Aarianna Faust, Shania Gaines, Brannon Ingle, Brooklynn Jones, Sydney Keene, Leslie Kirkham, Callie McDowell, Ainslee Poole, Andrew Sanders, Victoria Shadow, Alana Smith, Kaina Smith, Bryan Warwick,

Judith G. Russell

Judith "Nell" Billings Russell, 80, passed from this life on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at Riverside Hospital in Alexandria.

She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, spending time with her family, decorating her home and loved Christmas time.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, at East Jena Baptist Church with Rev. Ronnie Tarver officiating.

Interment followed in the Taylor Chapel Cemetery of Summerville under direction of Magnolia Funeral Home of Alexandria.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Glendon Russell; daughters, Janet Leigh Russell McCarty and Sheila Ann Russell Bailey.

Survivors include her children, David Steven Russell and wife Sherry of Jena, Belinda Kay Savoy and hus-



band Keith of Eunice, Stacy Marie McQueary and husband Danny of Natchitoches, and Eric Anthony "Tony" Russell and wife Erika of Rosepine; 12 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters, Brenda Ford and husband Stanley, and Donna Sue McKinzy; and a brother, Jimmy Billings.

Chaney Wilbanks.

Fifth Grade

All A's - Emily Breithaupt, Kaleb Clark, Hunter Estis, Jedd Gibson, Kaylee Hebert, Robert Kendrick, Mattie Mokry, Hannah Parker, Mason Pittman, Samuel Terral, Micah Terry.

A's and B's - Hannah Aymond, Allison Brunson,

Harlee Doshier, Kynzer Elliott, Rhett Fannin, Dylan Fowler, Jensyn Goeggle, Amelia Haddad, Marion Howard, Taylor King, Jace Littleton, Andrew Neal, Alaina Rainey, Cayden Scott, Luke Smith, Skylar Smith, Braxton Spence, Nicholas Spence, Ja'Marion Walker, Jude Walker, Blake Windham.

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The Town of Tullos Sewer System will be conducting leak tests in the sanitary sewer systems by blowing smoke into these pipes during the coming weeks. This smoke will reveal sources of sewer odors in your neighborhood as well as places where some and other surface waters are entering the sanitary system.

A photograph will be taken of leaks occurring in the system. In order to do so, our representatives may have to enter your yard, depending on where the leaks are located. At no time will it be necessary for our representatives to enter your home. We would appreciate your cooperation in allowing the photographer to take pictures.

A special, non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests. This smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains and has no effects on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor. Visibility and odor lasts only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer systems, some of this smoke may enter your house if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your building are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer may also enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous as well as a health hazard to the occupants. Location, identification and correction of the source of smoke that enters your house is urgently advised.

While the Town of Tullos Sewer System will render all possible cooperation the correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer lines on private property is the responsibility of the owner. The services of a professional plumber are advised.

If you have any questions or desire more information, please contact the Town of Tullos Sewer System at 318-534-6499 during regular office hours.

TESTING WILL BE JANUARY 27th - MARCH 1st.

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