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Project Overview

The Interstate 83 East Shore Section 1 project extends from the I-81 junction to south of the Union Deposit Interchange near Peiffers Lane. Problems with this roadway included deteriorating pavement, high traffic volumes and operational safety concerns with the existing mainline and interchange configurations. The project includes reconstruction and widening of I-83, with three lanes in each direction throughout the project limits, plus a fourth continuous auxiliary lane in each direction between interchanges. The project also included reconstruction of the US 22/ I-83 Interchange, widening and resurfacing of US 22 between South Franklin Street and Colonial Road, and the replacement and widening of the US 22, Elmerton Avenue, and Union Deposit Road bridges over I-83. Work also included reconstruction and reconfiguration of Union Deposit Interchange, retaining walls and sound barriers. This project was identified in the 2003 I-83 Master Plan as one of four I-83 sections between I-81 (Exit 15) and the New Cumberland Interchange (Exit 40), and was the first to be studied, designed, and constructed.

Complexity

The I-83 and the greater Harrisburg area is a massive hub for warehouses and intermodal transport and is within an eight-hour drive of 50% of the population of the United States. High traffic volumes (currently exceeding 90,000 vehicles per day (VPD)) made maintaining traffic complex during construction and phased construction was necessary. Traffic control plans for the first construction contract included 201 plan sheets with three main stages, each having three substages. The second contract contained 124 plan sheets with three main stages with several smaller shifts.

As part of the early design coordination, one of the main design issues with the mainline was the need to move the low-point north beyond the US 22 bridge limits to accommodate increased clearances over three local roads and drainage needs for the project. This shift and attention to mainline elevations during construction were early design complexities.

The project had 113 parcels requiring right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, including 99 residential (28 displacements) and 14 commercial properties (4 displacements). In addition to the magnitude of the ROW acquisition, there were several areas that presented unique challenges to minimize ROW impacts. Very large retaining walls, some more than 30 feet tall, were constructed to support the mainline widening, minimize impacts to adjacent residential and business properties, and maintain emergency access points.

Given the nature of the impacts, complexity, and interstate nature of the project, close coordination with FHWA and environmental resource agencies were necessary. A CLOMR was completed as part of the project and several stormwater and E&S details were developed through close coordination with DEP and Dauphin County Conservation District.

The structure design, development, and staged construction was very complicated given the number of mainline structures carrying I-83 over local roads, including twin structures over Valley Road. Additionally, two overhead structures carrying Union Deposit and US 22 over the mainline presented their own challenges with each of those roadways carrying more than 20,000 VPD, and the Elmerton Avenue structure adding pedestrian connections. There was an extension of the box

culvert carrying Slotznick Run, seven retaining walls, six structure-mounted sound barriers, 11 design-build ground-mounted sound barriers, and nine overhead sign structures.

New Application of Existing Techniques / Originality / Innovation

Project developed special provisions for a variable speed limit were implemented because of safety concerns and speeding encountered during SR 0081-070 project, which only had static speed reduction signs. Several variable speed limit signs were deployed as part of this project in coordination with the Traffic Management Center and were adjusted based on traffic volumes and time of day congestion.

The US 22/ I-83 Interchange was particularly innovative and original in how it was constructed and phased as well as constraints that were handled. Shoop's cemetery with a signalized intersection around 1,000 feet to the east created operational challenges. A unique off-ramp with three lanes and center choice lane accommodated through traffic on eastbound 22 as well as traffic that wanted to go north on Colonial Road.

The project had 12,434 linear feet of sound barrier with some using a design build delivery mechanism.

Construction of the overhead bridges incorporated Accelerated Bridge Construction techniques to minimize overall construction duration of these bridges. Prefabricated superstructure units comprised of prestressed concrete beam and concrete deck were fabricated and set, and Ultra-High Performance Concrete was utilized for the longitudinal and transverse closure pours. The bridges were then overlayed with a rapid set modified concrete wearing surface.

Social / Economic Considerations

A thorough Public Involvement Program was completed, starting with the Master Plan meetings in 2002 and was ongoing throughout the design and construction of the project.

The overall footprint of the project was kept as narrow as possible and retaining walls were used to minimize disturbance to the surrounding communities. Noise abatement was added along the interstate where noise analysis had determined that it was feasible and reasonable. Crossroads and interchanges were enhanced, so traffic circulation would improve in and adjacent to the project area. The project design not only considers vehicular traffic, but bicycle and pedestrian traffic which utilize the adjacent roadway system's continuous sidewalks near the shopping centers. Sidewalks were added to the Union Deposit bridge, improving safety and access for numerous pedestrians in the area. The project team obtained input by meeting regularly with the community throughout the design process, including local municipalities, residents, interest groups, public officials, and businesses. Meetings were also held with neighborhoods obtaining sound barriers to allow voting on the type of barrier that their community would receive.

An Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis was conducted to identify any disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority or low-income populations that could result from the proposed project. Although there were several EJ areas identified along the project area, the proposed improvements (widening) have been developed symmetrically about the centerline of the existing highway resulting in relatively equal impacts on both sides of the highway. No known minority or

low-income populations were identified that would be disproportionately adversely affected by this project.

Positive feedback from surrounding communities is being received now that construction is nearing completion. In November 2021, a comment received in a community group, the Nextdoor platform, noted: "*The intersection of US 22 and I83 has gone from being one of the worst in the state to possibly the best. The design is excellent. A job this well done should be recognized.*"

<u>Safety</u>

The goal of the project was to provide a safe and efficient interstate facility which meets the high traffic and mobility demands as part of the Capital Beltway System.

- The US 22/ I-83 Interchange was completed in 2011 to address a congestion and safety issue with the existing interchange ramps as an early action project. This project resulted in a 70% reduction in crashes in advance of the mainline improvement. A modified point of access study process was completed for this project to gain efficient FHWA buy-in and approval.
- Auxiliary lane connections between Union Deposit and US 22 created an area for lane changes and lower speed maneuver to stay out of the mainline travel lanes.
- Inside and outside shoulders improved safety and incident response significantly over the existing conditions.
- Pedestrian safety and connections were greatly improved along US 22 and Union Deposit.

Aesthetics and Sustainable Features

Several sustainable and aesthetic features were developed as part of this project, including:

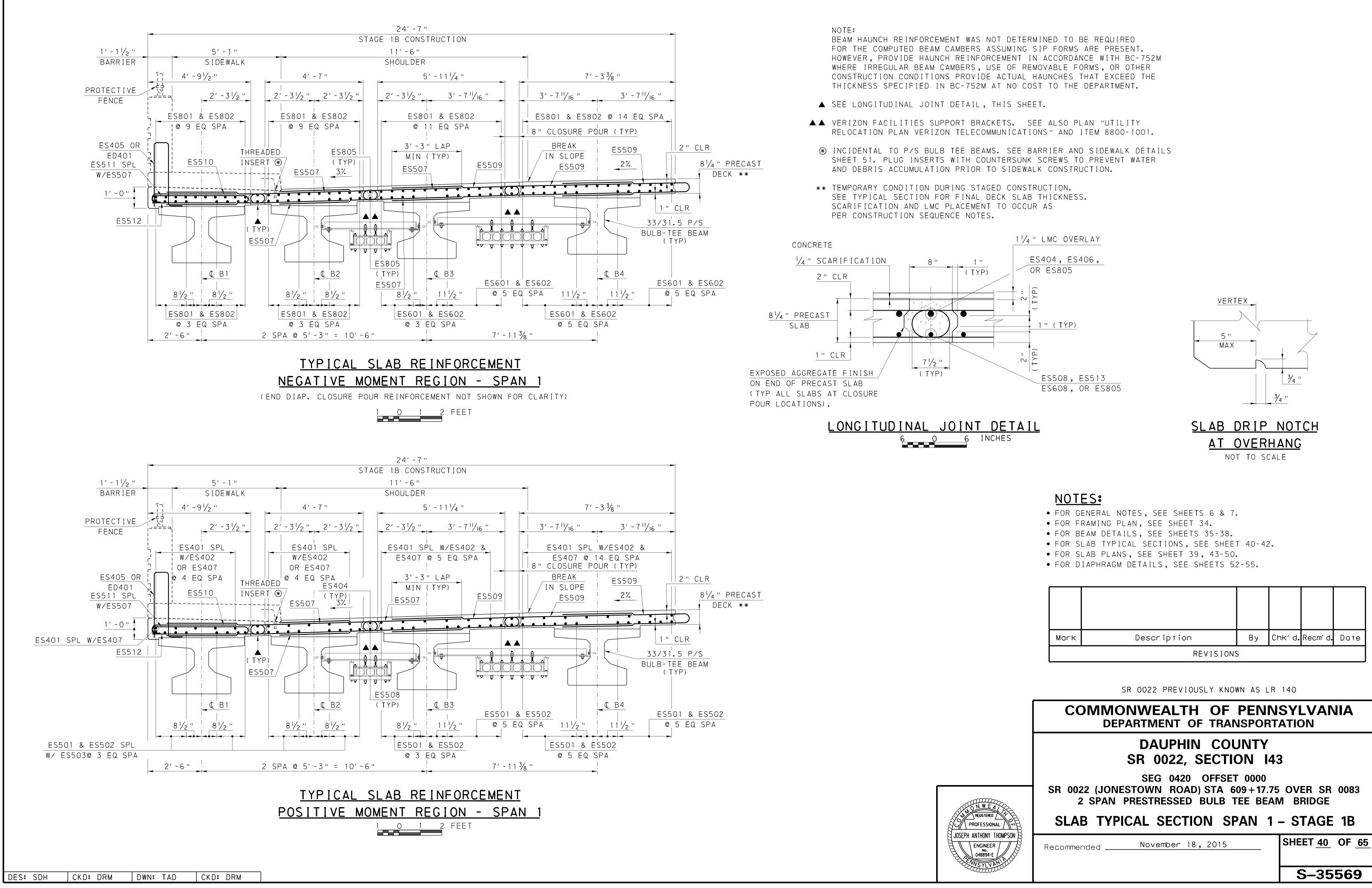
- In 2013, the Master Plan was part of the Advancing the Application of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS): The CSS National Dialog 2 at the national level.
- New fencing along Shoop's Cemetery in consideration of visitors.
- Architectural treatments and the development of a Capital Beltway branding of all projects in and around the beltway, including the Keystone symbol on the bridges.

Meeting and Exceeding Owner's/ Client's Needs

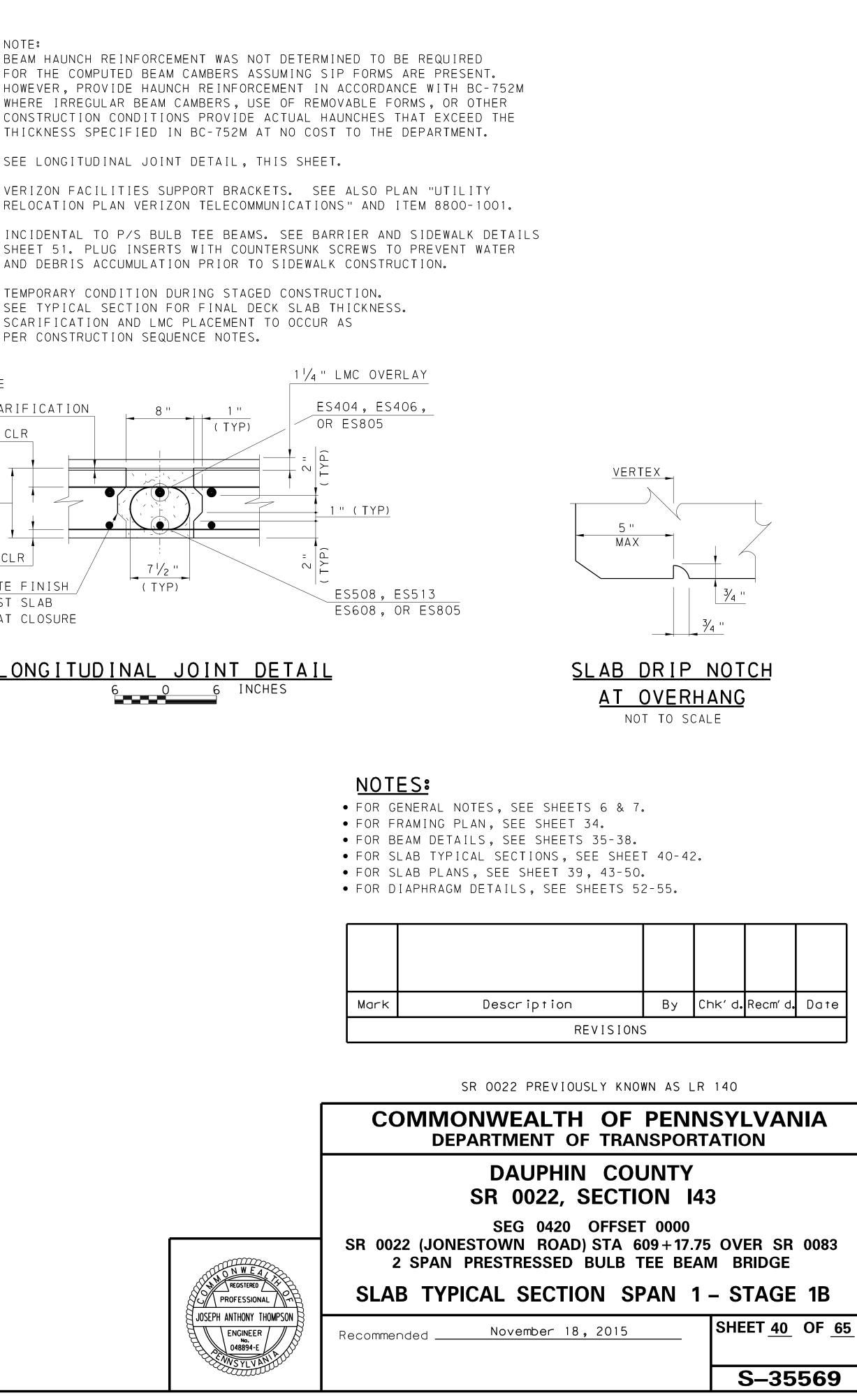
As the first widening project to be constructed as part of the Master Plan, this project set several standards and methods for the remainder of the Capital Beltway widening program. In early stages of project development, funding constraints required the evaluation of construction sections and potential programming changes to keep the project moving and ultimately led to the early action contract to address the immediate safety and congestion concern at the I-83 southbound to US 22 eastbound ramp. Further development and deployment in concert with the Master Plan recommendations led to the funding of the full widening and ultimately the link to East Shore Sections 2 and 3 all as independent projects with logical termini and independent utility. The project was also delivered on schedule and within budget.

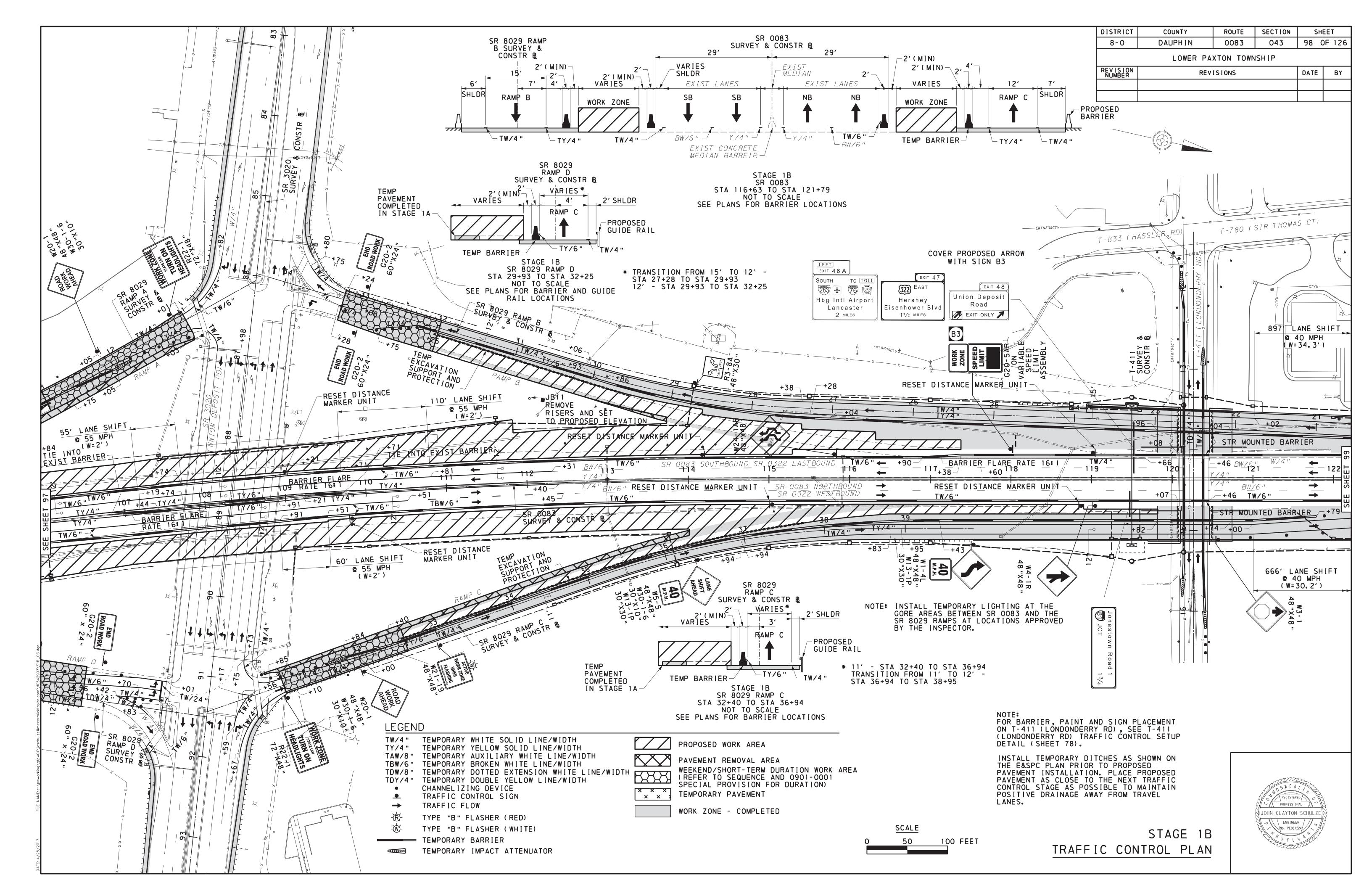
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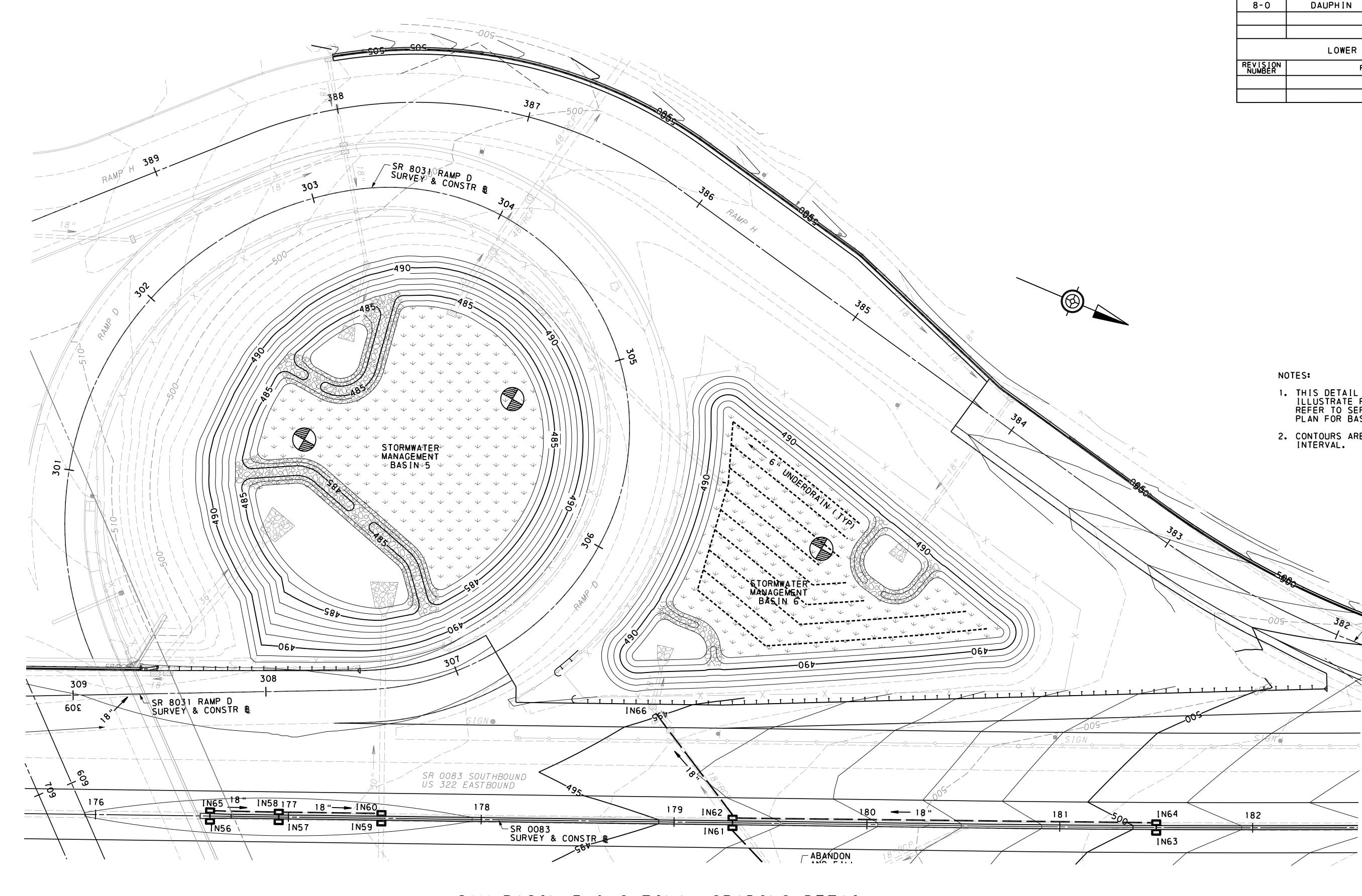
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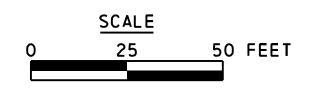
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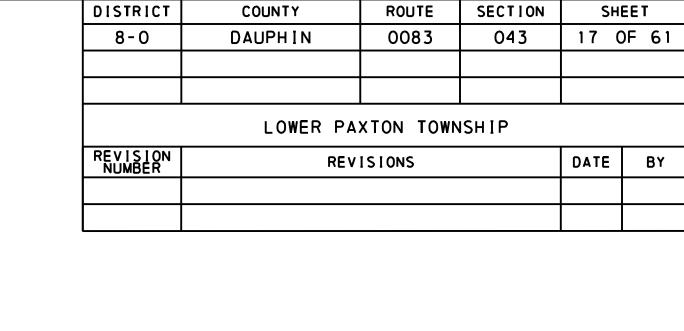






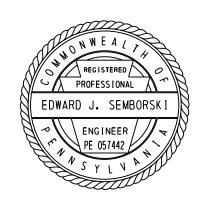
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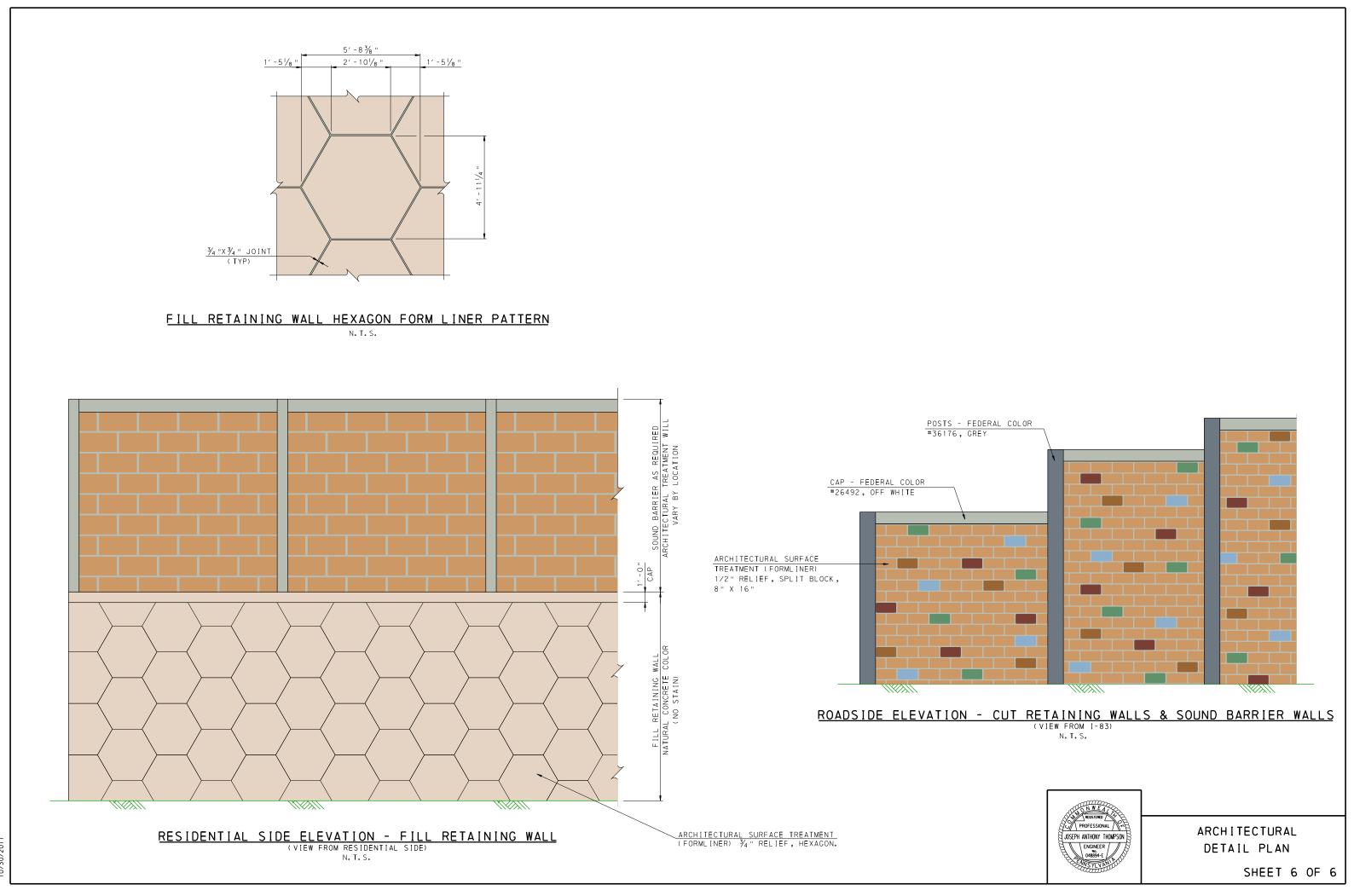




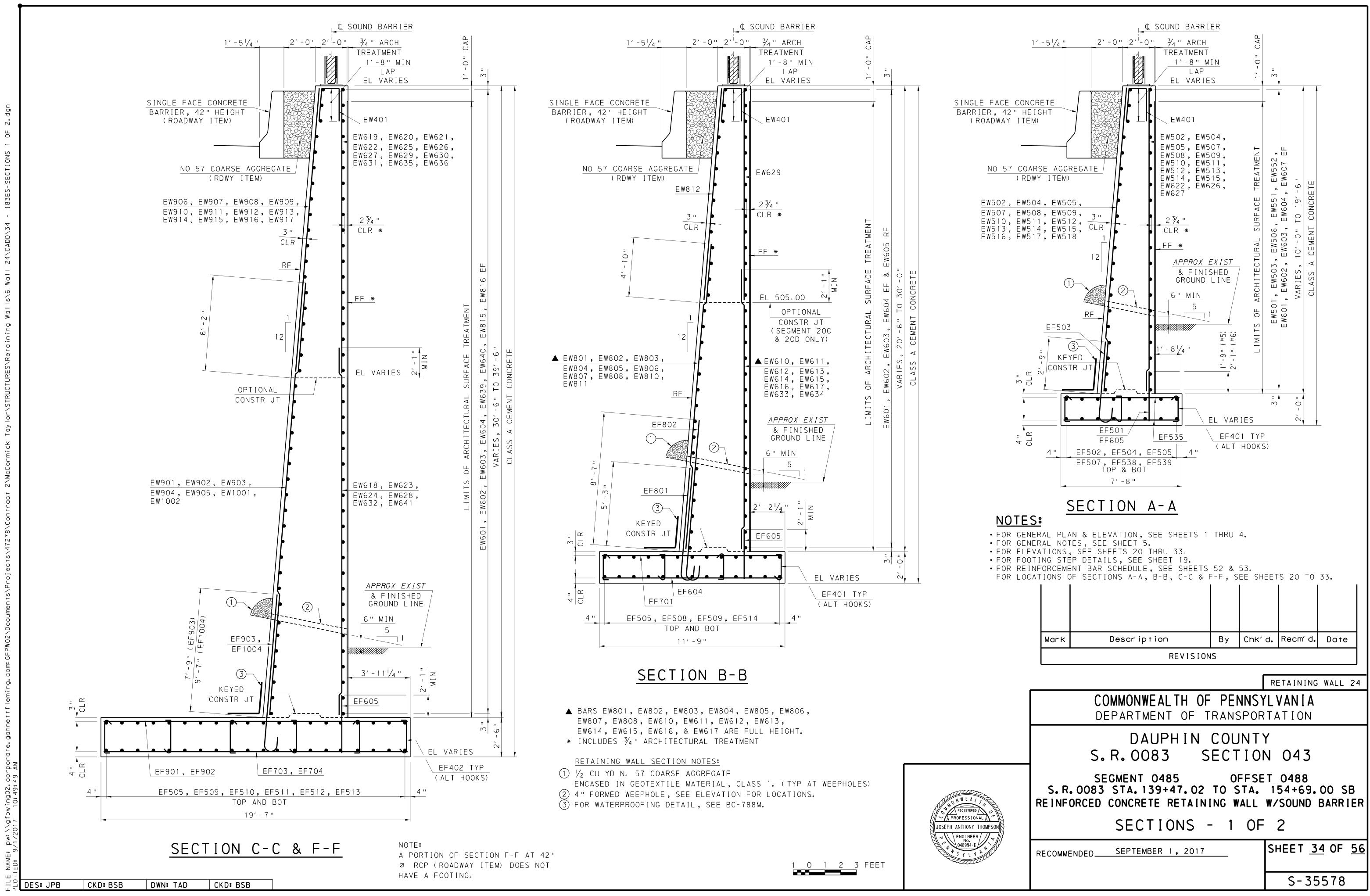
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February 2, 2023

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SR 0083, Section 043 (I-83 East Shore Section 1) MPMS 70024 Dauphin County 2023 ASHE National Project of the Year Award Application

Dear Mr. St. John:

We hereby grant permission to McCormick Taylor to submit an application to enter the SR 0083, Section 043 (I-83 East Shore Section 1) project for the 2023 ASHE National Project of the Year. We are pleased with the work of project team and enthusiastically support the nomination of this important project. Construction of this project is substantially complete and open to the public as of December 2021.

If you have any questions please contact John Bachman, Senior Project Manager, PennDOT District 8-0 at 717.783.4519.

Sincerely,

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For Christopher Kufro, P.E District Executive

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McCormick Taylor, Inc. commits that at least one representative from the project team will attend the awards luncheon. Please contact Brian St. John at 717-775-5807 with any questions.