



Guardrail Training

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Course Breakdown:

Module 1	New Index Sheets Nos. 1-10 (Part A)
Module 2	New Index Sheets Nos. 11-22 (Part B)
Module 3	Instructions for Design Standards (IDS)
Module 4	Design Tool – Length of Need (Excel)

Who's interested in this class?

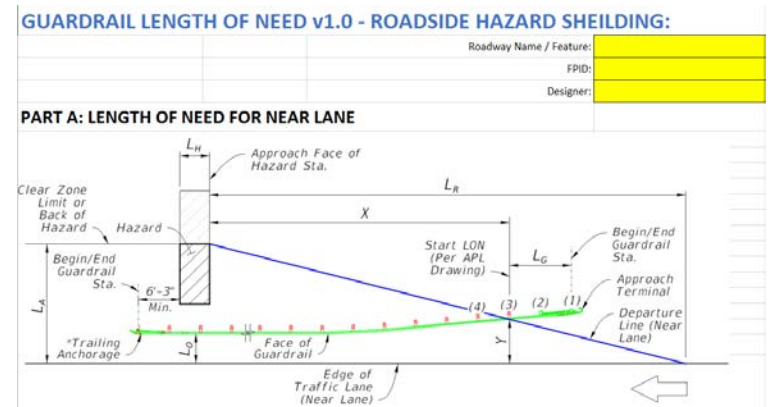
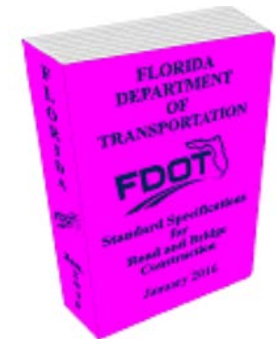
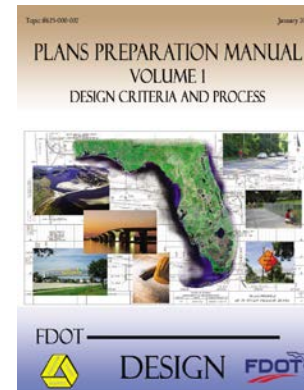
- Roadway Designers?
- Plans Reviewers?
- Project Managers?
- Construction Contractors?
- Maintenance Personnel?

The newly redeveloped Index 400 has many new features to assist contractors with structural aspects and construction, however we've geared this course towards information for Roadway Plans designers and reviewers.

- **Index 400 – Guardrail**

- **Complete Restructuring Project**

- New Index Sheets (Redrawn)
- New Specifications (currently MSPs)
- New Instructions for Design Standards (IDS)
- New Length of Need “Design Tool” (Excel Program)
- Modifications of Existing Indexes for Compatibility (e.g. Index 402, 410, 411)
- Revised PPM Ch. 2 and 4 (Roadside Safety to Ch. 4)



For choosing when to use Guardrail and at what offset to place it, see the PPM Chapter 4 for Roadside Safety.

For more information, see Derwood Sheppard's Portion of the PPM Design Update Training below...
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/Training/Webinar16/Pres16.shtm>



February 2016



Plans Preparation Manual Updates for 2016
 Discussion for the update process, affected bulletins and related volume chapter changes

PDF WMV 132mb - 142min

Mary Jane Hayden
Derwood Sheppard
Chester Henson

We're going to give you the Guardrail "crash course"

Here's the Guardrail crash course....



MODULE 1: Index Overview – Sheets 1 thru 10



FY 2016-17 Design Standards

*Effective for Projects with Lettings in the Fiscal Year (FY) from
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017*

*For Construction and Maintenance Operations
on the State Highway System
Topic No. 625-010-003*

*State of Florida Department of Transportation
Office of Design
Mail Station 32
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450*

This Index 400 is a DSR, as of February 1, 2016

Why change?...

Clarity. Updates. Effectiveness.



OLD INDEX:

- **34 sheets long**
- lengthy verbiage, 'passive voice'
- old scanned-in drawings
- includes information for the designer
- includes Spec. style language
- has previous **NCHRP350** Guardrail Transition to 'Bridge Railings'
- has only TL-3 guardrail options
- 'Length of Need' uses a simplified method based on previous criteria

NEW INDEX:

- **22 sheets long** (with Table of Contents)
- concise verbiage, 'active voice', note headings
- new drawings to scale, latest labeling practice
- designer information moved to PPM and IDS
- Spec. language moved to the Specifications
- has latest **MASH** tested Guardrail Transitions to 'Rigid Barrier' (Both Railings and Barriers)
- has both TL-3 & TL-2 guardrail options
- 'Length of Need' calculations cover more cases, based on AASHTO RDG criteria

Where is it?... *Easiest to Google "FDOT Standards"*

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/DesignStandards/Standards.shtm>

Office of Design

Office of Design / Design Standards
Design Standards



INDUSTRY REVIEW

- Modification Request Origination Form
- Industry Review
- Status of Proposed Revisions

Office of Design / Design Standards / Design Standards Revisions FY 2016-17

Design Standards Revisions FY 2016-17



CURRENT PUBLICATION

Effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Year	Design Standards eBook	Design Standards Revisions	Imp
FY 2016-17	DSeB	DSR	RI

n/a = Non Applicable
n/c = No Change

DSR Reference Number	Revised Sheets (PDF)	Index Title	Design Information				
			Instructions (IDS)	Design Tools	Data Table Cell Library	Borderless DGNs	Associated Design Bulletin
			(PDF)	(Link)	(ZIP)	(ZIP) Terms of Use	(PDF)
DSR400-01	1-22 of 22	Guardrail	IDS	XLS		DGN	
DSR410-01	2, 10, 16, 18 of 25	Concrete Barrier Wall	N/A	N/A	N/A	DGN	RDB16-01
DSR411-01	6 of 10	Pier Protection Barrier	N/C	N/A		DGN	

Implementation Schedule...

Roadway Design Bulletin 16-01

The Index Sheets and Instructions for Design Standards discussed refer to the February 1st DSR to the 2016-17 Design Standards eBook. The Specifications referred to will soon be available as Modified Special Provisions (MSPs).

The draft Specifications (MSPs) and PPM language are currently in Bulletin 16-01.

These documents are available for use at the option of the Districts for all projects let prior to July 1st, 2017.

If this option is used:

1. Place the *DSR Reference Number on the Key Sheet* as described in the *PPM*, Volume 2, Section 3.2.8
2. Request the applicable *MSPs* from the District Specifications Office and include them in the project Specifications Package.

On July 1st, 2017 this update will become mandatory, as it will be released with the 2017-18 Design Standards eBook.

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22	Clear Space - Reduced Post Spacing for Hazards; ¾" Button-Head Bolt System

GENERAL NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct guardrail in accordance with Specification Section 536.

This Index, along with the plans and the manufacturers' drawings on the Approved Products List (APL), is sufficiently detailed for installation of General Guardrail, Low-Speed Guardrail, End Treatment assemblies, and their connecting options shown herein. This precludes requirements for shop drawing submittals unless otherwise specified in the plans.

2. **COMPATIBILITY:** The General Guardrail in this Index is based on the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) design, with a 31" height at the top of the Panel (2'-3" mounting height at ζ of Panel) and a midspan panel splice as shown on Sheet 2. Guardrail components included on the APL, which are compatible with this Index, may also be identified as 31" or MGS Guardrail.

3. **STANDARD COMPONENTS:** Standard guardrail components, including posts, panels, and bolt systems, are based upon English unit conversions of the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee Task Force 13 Report: A Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware (<http://www.aashtof13.org/Barrier-Hardware.php>).

4. **BUTTON-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Button-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers as defined on Sheet 22. Place washers under nuts; washers are optional against steel flanges. Do not place washers between bolt heads and panels, except where otherwise shown in this Index.

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- After tightening the nut, trim the protruding post bolt flush with the nut and galvanize per Specification Section 562.
- Use post bolts 15" in length and countersink the washer and nut between 1" and 1½" deep into the back face of the post.
- Use 15" post bolts with sleeve nuts and washers.

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- Added Table of Contents
- Re-ordered sheets in an intuitive sequence

LAST REVISION
01/28/16

DESCRIPTION:
Index Redevelopment



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DESIGN STANDARDS

GUARDRAIL

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Sheet Organization/Groupings:

2-3) Guardrail run types

4-5) Basic components

6) Guardrail Cross-Sections

7-12) End Treatments:

- Approach "Terminal"
- Trailing "Anchorage"
- CRT (with layouts)

13-16) Transition Connections to Rigid Barriers

17-18) Example guardrail layouts showing how segments above will fit together

19-20) Guardrail supplements

- Rub Rail
- Pipe Rail

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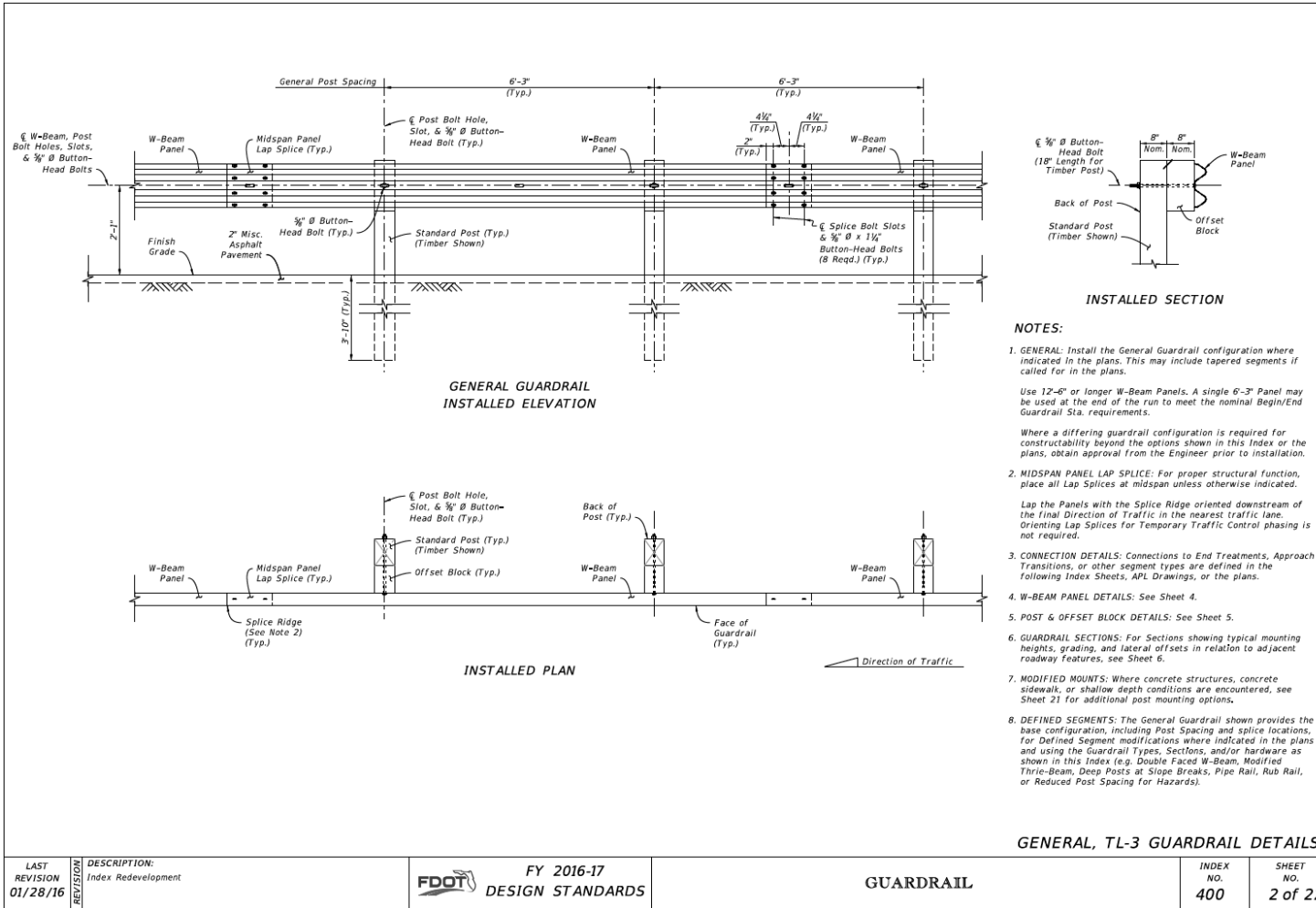
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NOTES Highlights:

1. Use Spec 536. No project specific shop drawings needed.
2. This is considered 31" height Guardrail (based on MGS design)
3. Components based on AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Design
4. Post Bolt type
5. Hex Bolt type
6. Asphalt type
7. Options for Contractor when posts fall within 4' of sidewalk
8. How to connect to existing guardrail (transition)
9. Plans Callouts
10. Guardrail Length Measurement

General, TL-3 Guardrail Details:



- Configuration for “General” run of W-beam guardrail
- Applicable for TL-3 Design Speed and below

General, TL-3 Guardrail Details:



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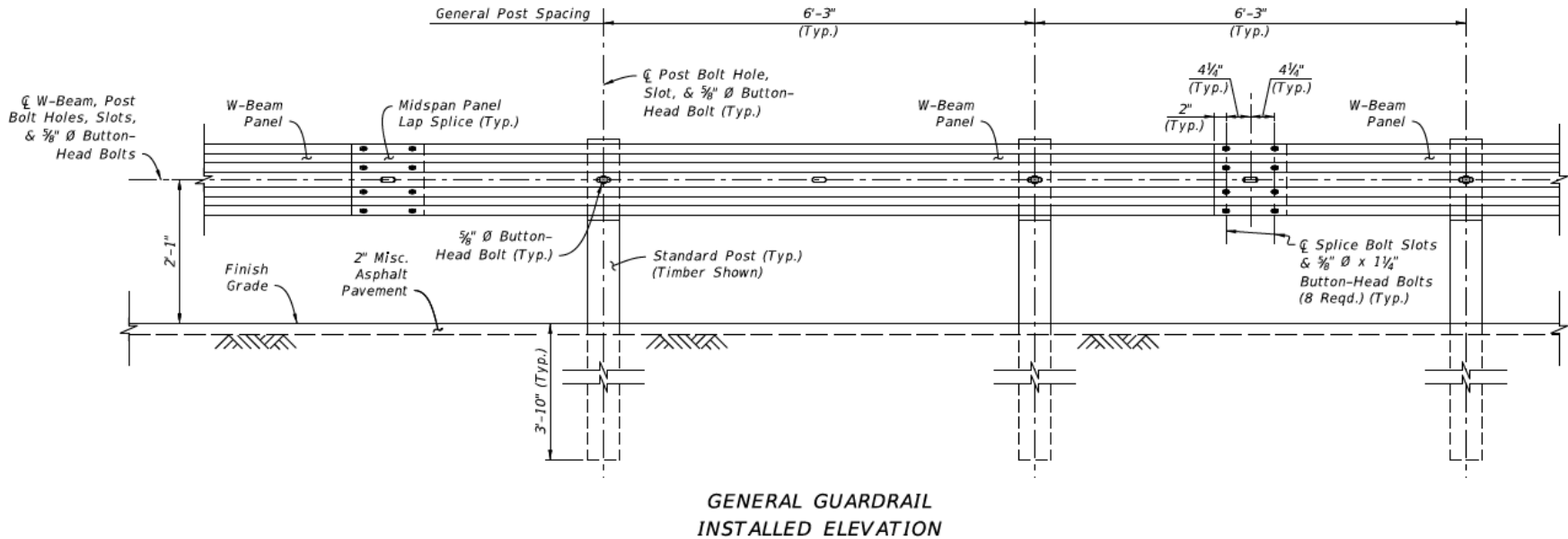


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General, TL-3 Guardrail Details:



General, TL-3 Guardrail is the same as the Previous Standard:

- **31" Height**
- **6'-3" Post Spacing**
- **Midspan Panel Splice**
- **2" Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavt. (Mow Strip)**
- **1 Offset Block Per Post**

General, TL-3 Guardrail Details:

NOTES:

1. **GENERAL:** Install the General Guardrail configuration where indicated in the plans. This may include tapered segments if called for in the plans.

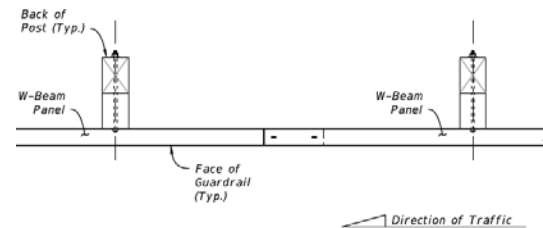
Use 12'-6" or longer W-Beam Panels. A single 6'-3" Panel may be used at the end of the run to meet the nominal Begin/End Guardrail Sta. requirements.

Where a differing guardrail configuration is required for constructability beyond the options shown in this Index or the plans, obtain approval from the Engineer prior to installation.
2. **MIDSPAN PANEL LAP SPLICE:** For proper structural function, place all Lap Splices at midspan unless otherwise indicated.

Lap the Panels with the Splice Ridge oriented downstream of the final Direction of Traffic in the nearest traffic lane. Orienting Lap Splices for Temporary Traffic Control phasing is not required.
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4. **W-BEAM PANEL DETAILS:** See Sheet 4.
5. **POST & OFFSET BLOCK DETAILS:** See Sheet 5.
6. **GUARDRAIL SECTIONS:** For Sections showing typical mounting heights, grading, and lateral offsets in relation to adjacent roadway features, see Sheet 6.
7. **MODIFIED MOUNTS:** Where concrete structures, concrete sidewalk, or shallow depth conditions are encountered, see Sheet 21 for additional post mounting options.
8. **DEFINED SEGMENTS:** The General Guardrail shown provides the base configuration, including Post Spacing and splice locations, for Defined Segment modifications where indicated in the plans and using the Guardrail Types, Sections, and/or hardware as shown in this Index (e.g. Double Faced W-Beam, Modified Thrie-Beam, Deep Posts at Slope Breaks, Pipe Rail, Rub Rail, or Reduced Post Spacing for Hazards).

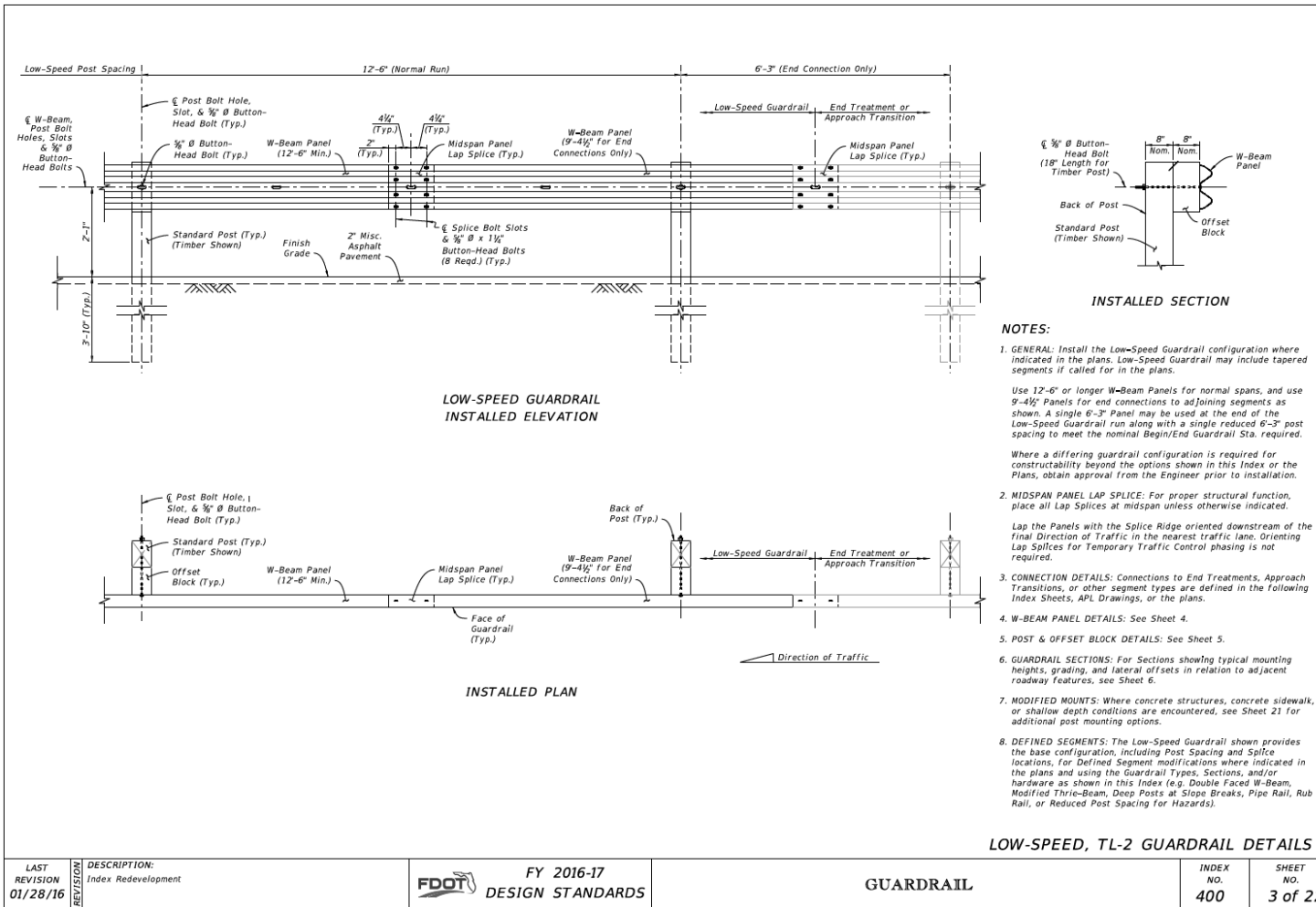
NOTES Highlights:

1. Contractors must use 12'-6" or 25'-0" Panels, but they may use a 6'-3" Panel at the end of the run. *Designers should design the nearest 6'-3" Panel length, measured along CL of panels
2. Midspan Panel Lap Splices need to have exposed ridge facing downstream. *This orientation is not required for TTC phasing.*



8. General Guardrail is "base configuration" (e.g. post spacing, midspan splice, offset block) It is then "modified" where defined in the plans to add Pipe Rail, Double Faced Guardrail, Rub Rail, Deep Posts etc...)

Low-Speed, TL-2 Guardrail Details:



- **All New!**
- Double the post spacing
- Half the posts for cost savings (where applicable)
- Permitted for design speeds 45 MPH and Less (TL-2)
- Use only for flush shoulder conditions (no raised curbs)

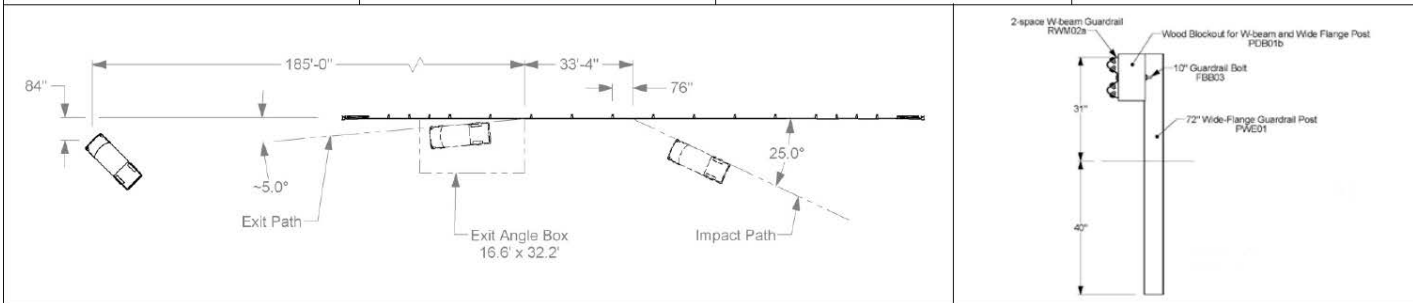
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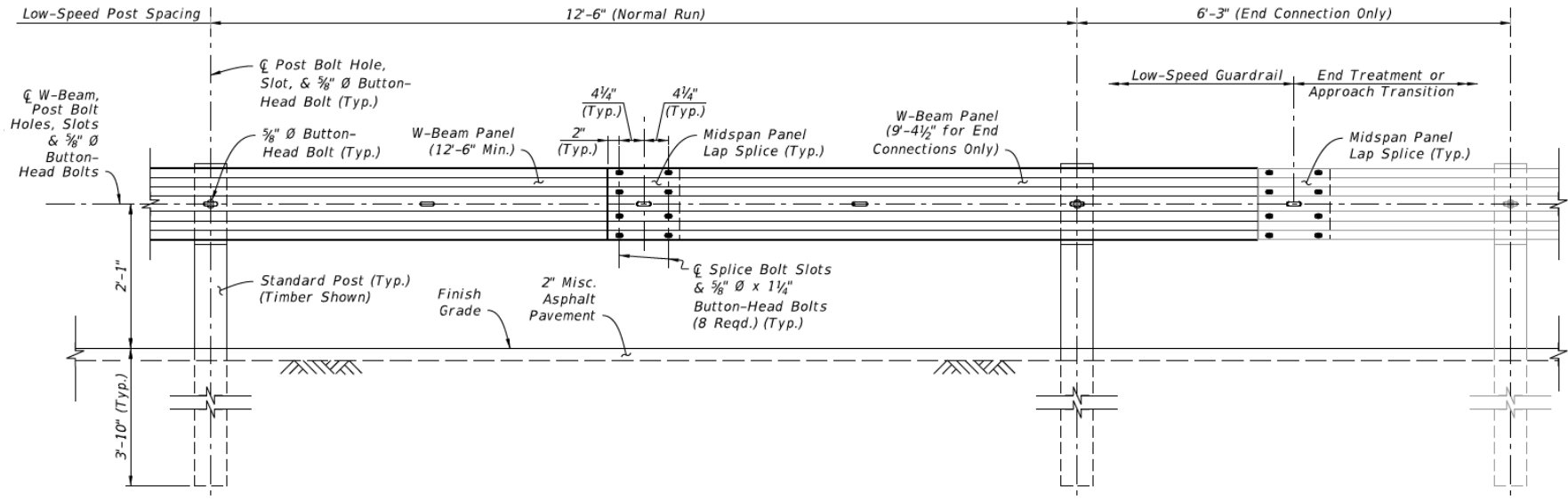
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Low-Speed, TL-2 Guardrail Details:

Vehicle at rest



Low-Speed, TL-2 Guardrail Details:



LOW-SPEED GUARDRAIL
INSTALLED ELEVATION

Low-Speed, TL-2 Guardrail is the same as General Guardrail, **except:**

- **12'-6" Post Spacing**
- **Run ends with a 9'-4½" Panel** to transition to other segment types (with 6'-3" span and midspan splice)

Low-Speed, TL-2 Guardrail Details:

NOTES:

1. **GENERAL:** Install the Low-Speed Guardrail configuration where indicated in the plans. Low-Speed Guardrail may include tapered segments if called for in the plans.

Use 12'-6" or longer W-Beam Panels for normal spans, and use 9'-4½" Panels for end connections to adjoining segments as shown. A single 6'-3" Panel may be used at the end of the Low-Speed Guardrail run along with a single reduced 6'-3" post spacing to meet the nominal Begin/End Guardrail Sta. required.

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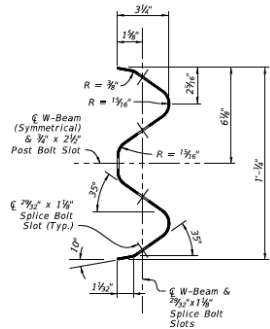
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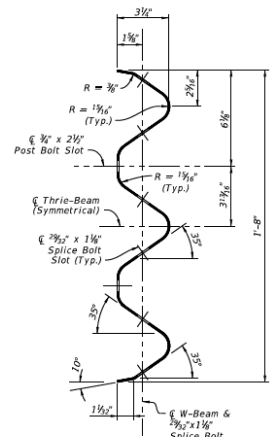
**Designers can place this segment to the nearest 6'-3" Panel length, measured along CL of guardrail panels (Similar to General Guardrail).*

Remaining Notes are similar to previously discussed General Guardrail

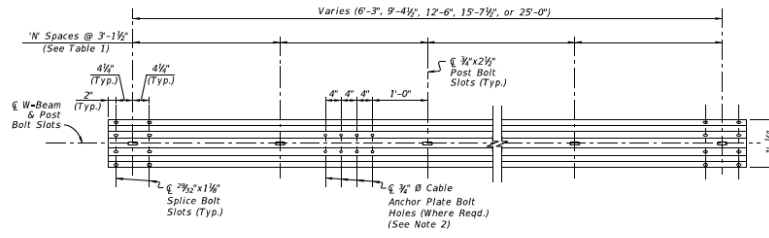
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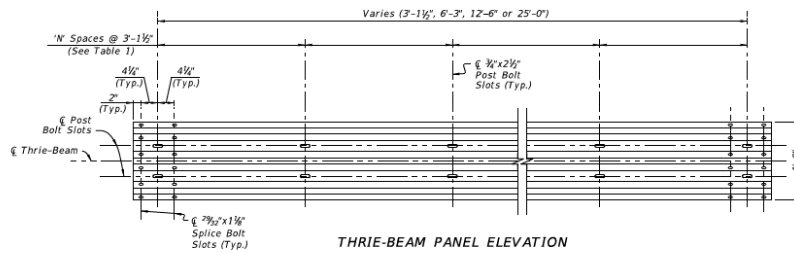
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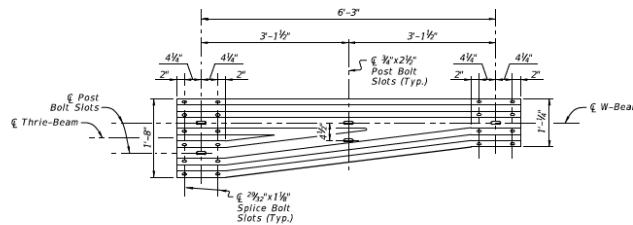
THRIE-BEAM PANEL SECTION



W-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM TRANSITION PANEL ELEVATION
(Reverse Direction Similar by Opposite Hand)

PANEL SUMMARY TABLE:

Panel Type	Number of Spaces 'N'	Gauge
6'-3" W-Beam	2	12
9'-4 1/2" W-Beam	3	12
12'-6" W-Beam	4	12
15'-7 1/2" W-Beam	5	12
25'-0" W-Beam	8	12
3-1 1/2" Thrie-Beam	1	10
6'-3" Thrie-Beam	2	12
12'-6" Thrie-Beam	4	12
25'-0" Thrie-Beam	8	12
Thrie-Beam Trans.	2	10

NOTES:

- MATERIALS:**
Use corrugated steel panels in accordance with Specification Section 967 and made from either Class A, 12 gauge steel or Class B, 10 gauge steel as specified in the 'Panel Summary Table' above.
- CABLE ANCHOR PLATE BOLT HOLES:**
Include 3/4" Ø Cable Anchor Plate Bolt Holes only where required for installation of the Cable Anchor Plate shown on Sheet 9, 10, & 11.

W-BEAM AND THRIE-BEAM
PANEL DETAILS

- Panel Options Shown on single Sheet
- Panels are used in General and Low-Speed Guardrail, Approach Transitions, End Treatments Etc...

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FDOT FY 2016-17 DESIGN STANDARDS

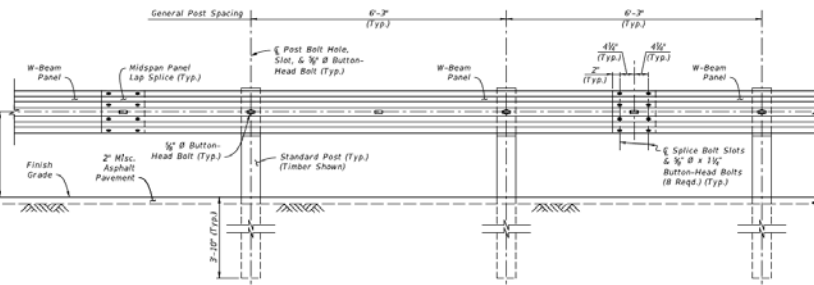
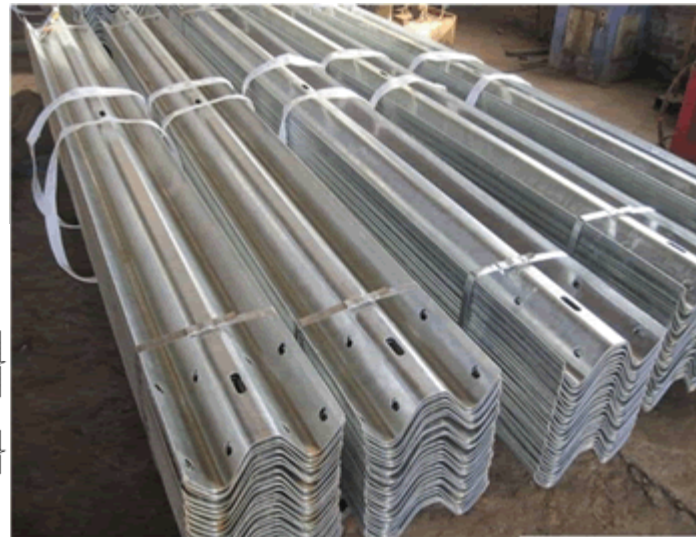
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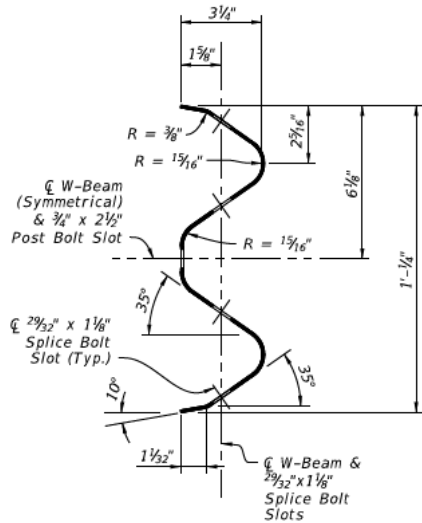
Traditional Panel Jargon:

- Double Panel = 25'-0"
- Full Panel = 12'-6"
- Half Panel = 6'-3"
- Quarter Panel = 3'-1½"

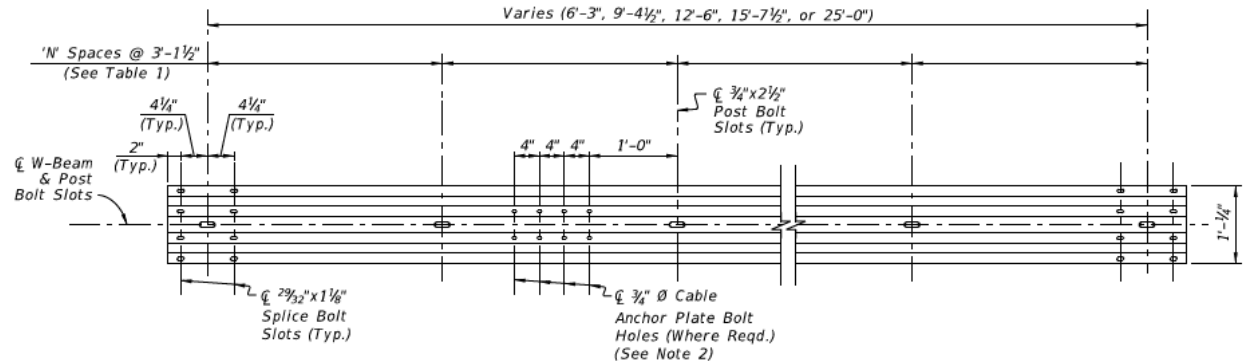


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W-Beam and Thrie-Beam Panel Details:



W-BEAM PANEL SECTION



W-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION

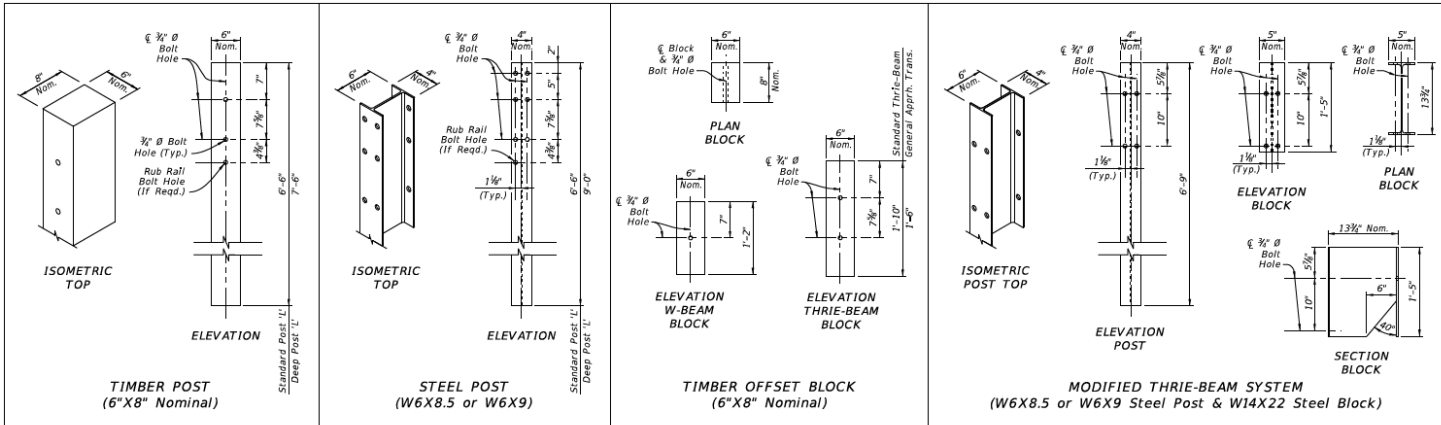
More Flexibility Provided for Contractors:

- **6'-3" Panel** may be used at end of run to meet new guardrail length tolerance of $\pm 3'-1\frac{1}{2}"$ (Spec. 536)
- **9'-4½" or 15'-7½" Panels** may be used to transition to midspan panel lap splices (for connecting to existing older guardrail with splices at post location)
- **25'-0" Panels** may now be used to reduce the number of splice bolt installations required by half

PANEL SUMMARY TABLE:

Panel Type	Number of Spaces 'N'	Gauge
6'-3" W-Beam	2	12
9'-4½" W-Beam	3	12
12'-6" W-Beam	4	12
15'-7½" W-Beam	5	12
25'-0" W-Beam	8	12
3'-1½" Thrie-Beam	1	10
6'-3" Thrie-Beam	2	12
12'-6" Thrie-Beam	4	12
25'-0" Thrie-Beam	8	12
Thrie-Beam Trans.	2	10

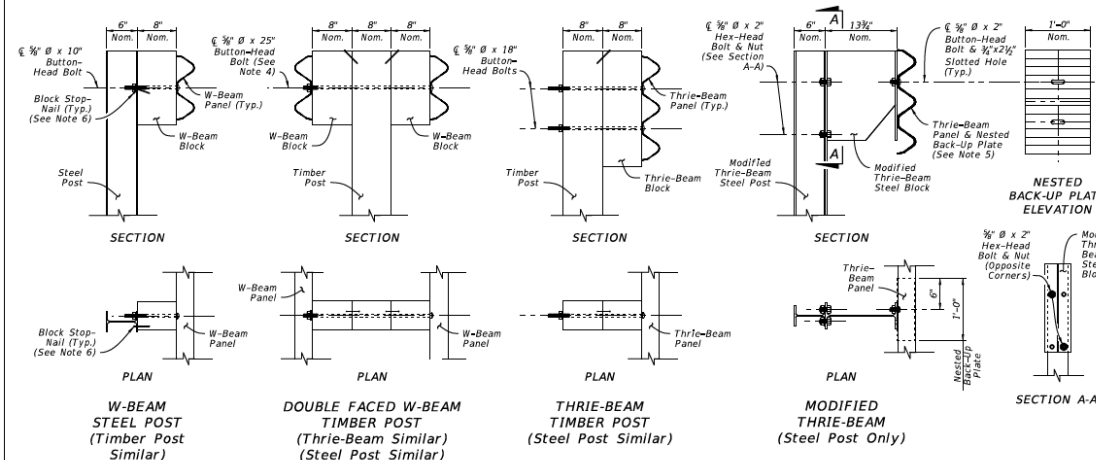
Post and Offset Block Details:



- Covers all Options for Post and Offset Block Configurations

- New "Consolidated" Steel Post type

- New variations of Post length and offset block height are given



NOTES:

- GENERAL: Install Posts and Offset Blocks where indicated throughout this Index.
- OFFSET BLOCKS: For each Panel type, install the corresponding Offset Block type. For General, TL-3 (Single Faced) Approach Transitions only, use the 1'-6" Thrie-Beam Block (See Sheet 13).
- STANDARD POSTS: Where Standard Posts are called for in this Index, use either a Timber Post or Steel Post at the Length, 'L', shown for Standard Posts. Use a single post material type consistently per each run of guardrail. Only where specified in the Plans, use the Deep Post 'L' for Slope Break Conditions as shown on Sheet 6.
- DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL: Orient Post Bolts with the Button-Head located on the side nearest the traffic lane. The bolt's threaded portion is not permitted to extend beyond 3/8" from the face of the tightened nut; trim the threaded portion as needed and galvanize in accordance with Specification Section 502.
- MODIFIED THRIE-BEAM NESTED BACK-UP PLATE: At each post connection, install a Nested Back-up Plate between the Thrie-Beam Panel and the post. The Nested Back-up Plate has a cross-section and material matching the Thrie-Beam Panel Section.
- BLOCK STOP-NAIL: Drive one nail per Standard Offset Block as shown to prevent Block rotation. Use steel 3/8" Type 16d nails with ASTM A153 hot-dip galvanization. For steel posts, drive the nail through the unused flange bolt hole and bend the nail so its head contacts the flange.
- MATERIALS: Use timber and steel posts and offset blocks in accordance with Specification Section 967. Composite offset blocks may be substituted as approved on the APL. Use a single offset block type consistently per each run of guardrail. Steel offset blocks are only permitted for Modified Thrie-Beam.

POST AND OFFSET BLOCK DETAILS

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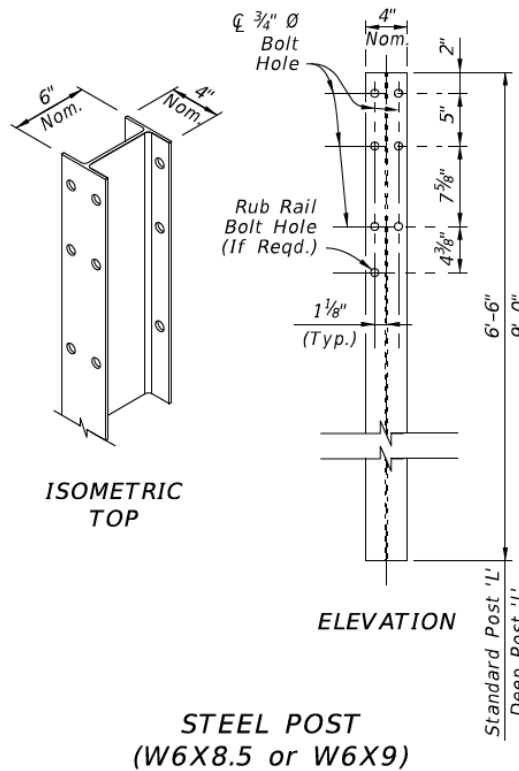
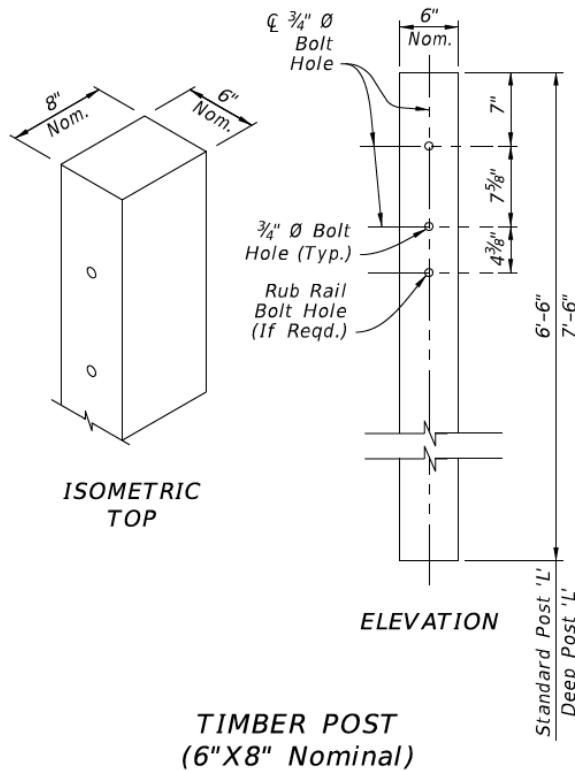
Post and Offset Block Details:



Offset Block
Dimension is
6" x 8" Nominal
(5.5" x 7.5" Actual)

7.5" is the offset
dimension

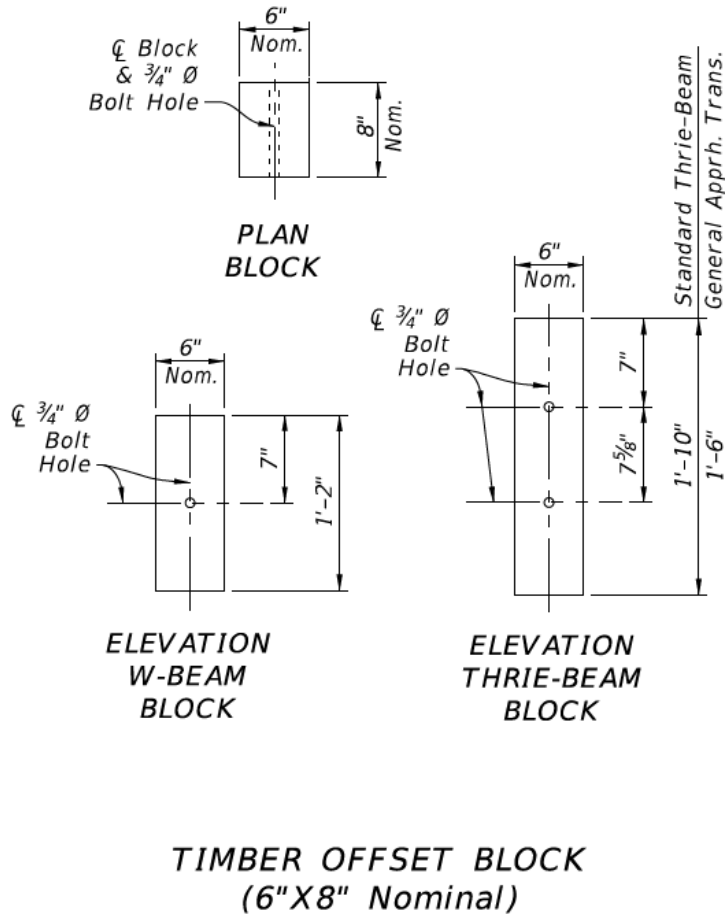
Post Details:



- **2 Post Lengths (Depths)**
 - *Standard 'L'*
 - *Deep Post 'L'*
- ***Standard Post 'L'*** is default for General and Low-Speed Guardrail, End Treatments, Approach Transitions Etc..
- ***Deep Post 'L'*** may be used only for "Slope Break Condition" where Designer calls for it in Plans (we'll cover requirements later)

↑ NEW! Consolidated Steel Post Type:
 Its universal bolt hole placement now handles, W-Beam, Thrie-Beam, and Pipe Rail (contractors can stockpile)

Offset Block Details:



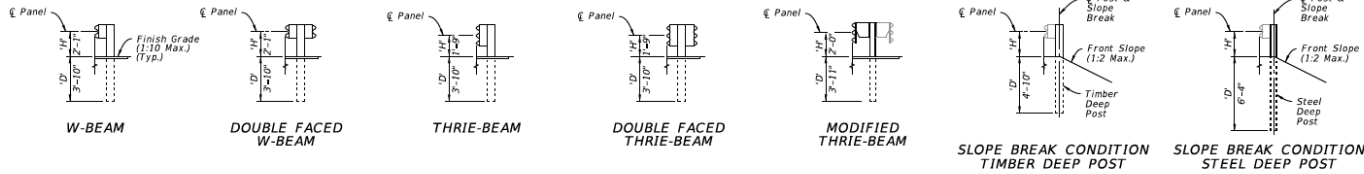
- Timber Blocks are the Standard
- Steel Blocks are Not Permitted (Except for Modified Thrie-Beam)
- *APL Composite Offset Blocks* may be substituted for timber
- Thrie-Beam Offset Block now has 2 height versions
 - Standard Thrie-Beam height (default)
 - General Approach Transition Connection height (only where shown later in Standard)
 - Per MASH crash testing

End of 1st Quarter Review Questions!

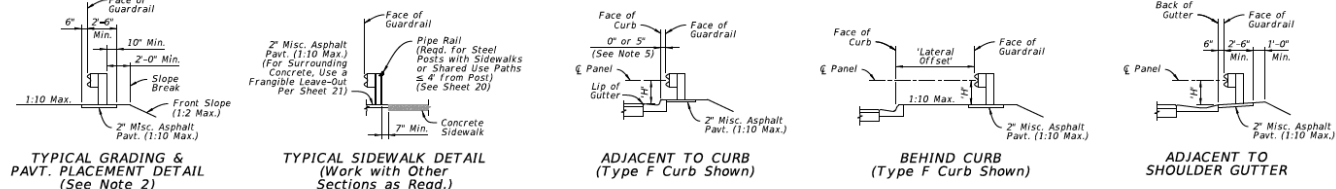
1. What is the Post Spacing of TL-2, Low-Speed Guardrail?
2. At what Design Speed is TL-2 Guardrail Permitted?
3. What Length Panel must contractors use at the end of a TL-2 Low-Speed Guardrail run? Why?
4. At what length increment must designers plan a General or Low-Speed Guardrail run? (excluding Approach Transitions and End Treatments)
5. When else would a contractor use 9'-4½" or 15'-7½" Panels?
6. What is the "offset" length dimension of a Standard Offset Block?"



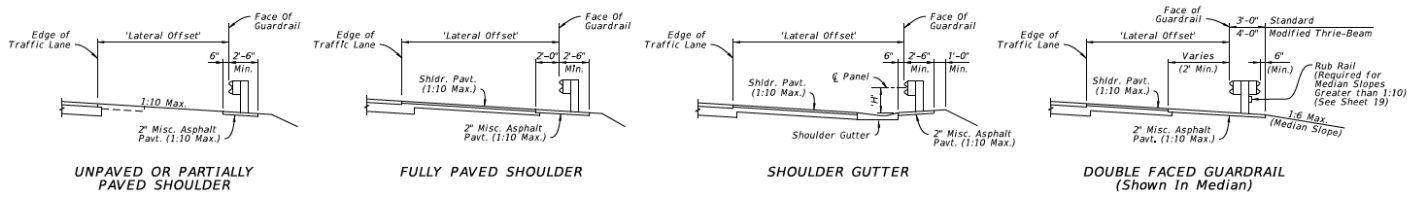
Guardrail Sections:



GUARDRAIL TYPES - MOUNTING HEIGHTS & POST DEPTHS



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - TYPICAL GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - CURB & GUTTER



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - SHOULDERS

GUARDRAIL HEIGHT SUMMARY TABLE:			
Type:	Min. Depth 'D':	Mounting Height 'H':	Post Length 'L':
W-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	2'-1"	6'-6"
Thrie-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	1'-9"	6'-6"
Modified Thrie-Beam	3'-11"	2'-0"	6'-9"
Timber Deep Post	4'-10"	See Above	7'-6"
Steel Deep Post	6'-4"	See Above	9'-0"

- NOTES:**
- GUARDRAIL SECTIONS:** Construct Sections as indicated in the plans. The details shown herein depict W-Beam Guardrail, but are applicable to the other defined Guardrail Types placed at the corresponding height, 'H'. Use components per Sheets 4 & 5. Steel and timber post types are interchangeable unless otherwise defined.
 - TYPICAL GRADING & PAVEMENT PLACEMENT DETAIL:** Construct features as depicted except where superceded by specific Guardrail Sections or the plans. Place the Slope Break a Minimum of 2' behind the post. For Deep Posts, the Slope Break may be placed at the ϵ Post with the 2" Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement omitted.
 - SLOPE BREAK CONDITION:** Install Deep Posts only where called for in the plans. Deep Posts are only permitted where post spacing is 6'-3" or less.
 - LATERAL OFFSETS:** The Lateral Offsets shown are governed by the station and offset call outs for Face of Guardrail, as shown in the plans.
 - ADJACENT TO CURB:** Place the Face of Guardrail consistently offset either flush with the Face of Curb or 5" behind the Face of Curb, as indicated by the plans station and offset callout. For offset changes, transition the Face of Guardrail as shown in the plans.

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS

Summary:

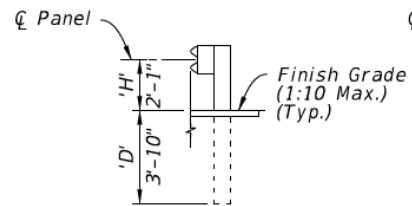
- Guardrail Heights & Depths
- Adjacent Grading (a.k.a. Slopes)
- 2" Misc. Asphalt Mow Strip
- Concrete Sidewalk
- Curb Conditions
- Shoulder Gutter
- Rub Rail

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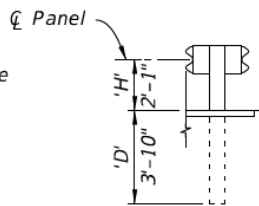
Guardrail Sections:

Types of Guardrail:

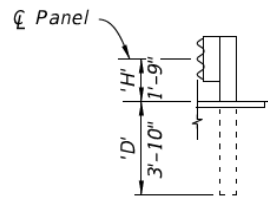
- The **Heights, 'H'**, and **Depths, 'D'**, are used later in Standard drawings where any of the below guardrail types may be used.



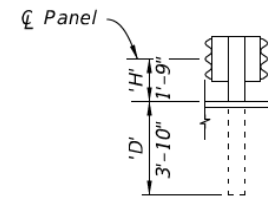
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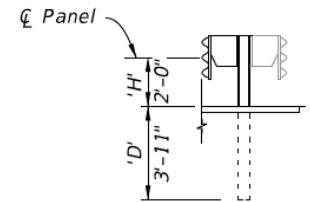
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W-BEAM



THRIE-BEAM



DOUBLE FACED
THRIE-BEAM



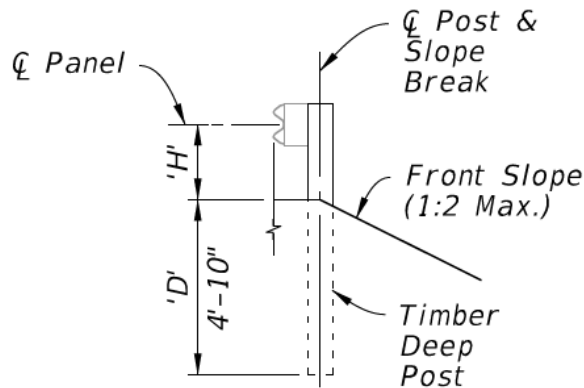
MODIFIED
THRIE-BEAM

NOTE: Grading at base of post established at 1:10 Max. slope (1:10 or flatter)

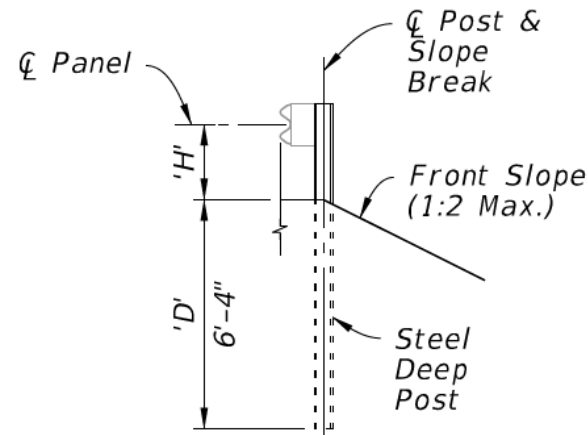
Guardrail Sections:

Slope Break Condition, "Deep Posts" **NEW!**

- Contractor may only use Deep Posts where called for in the Plans.



**SLOPE BREAK CONDITION
TIMBER DEEP POST**

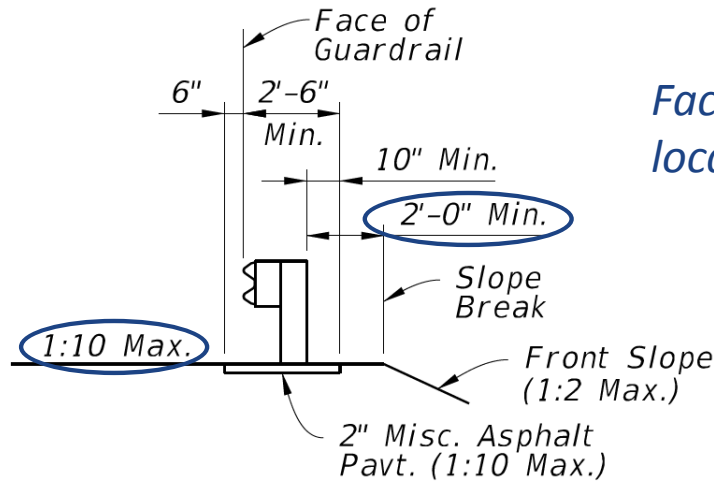


**SLOPE BREAK CONDITION
STEEL DEEP POST**

PPM 4.4.6.2 "With approval of the District Design Engineer and where right-of-way is restricted (i.e. constrained condition), the Deep Post guardrail option, as detailed in Design Standards, Index 400 Slope Break Condition, may be used in lieu of providing a 2 ft. setback to the slope break point. Coordinate the use of the Deep Post guardrail option with the District Drainage Engineer and District Maintenance Engineer."

Guardrail Sections:

Typical Grading and Pavement Placement Detail



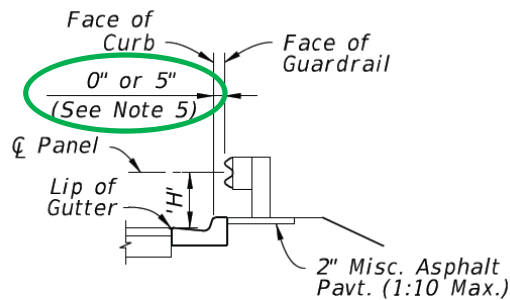
Face of Guardrail is always the location callout in Plans

TYPICAL GRADING & PAVT. PLACEMENT DETAIL (See Note 2)

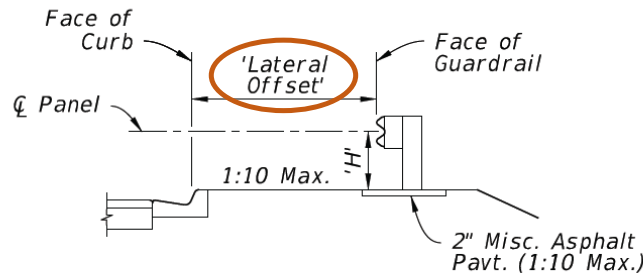
This Provides basic dimensions that may then be superseded by specific differences of other Standard Guardrail Sections.
(e.g. curbed or shoulder gutter sections)

Guardrail Sections:

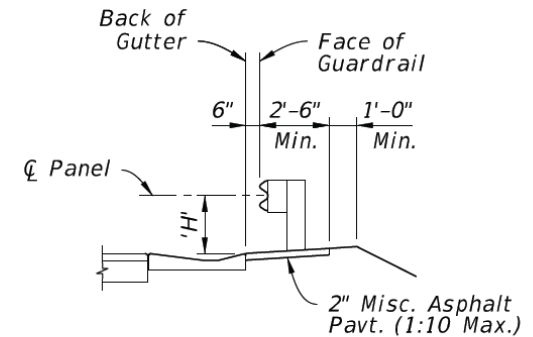
Curb and Gutter Sections



ADJACENT TO CURB
(Type F Curb Shown)



BEHIND CURB
(Type F Curb Shown)



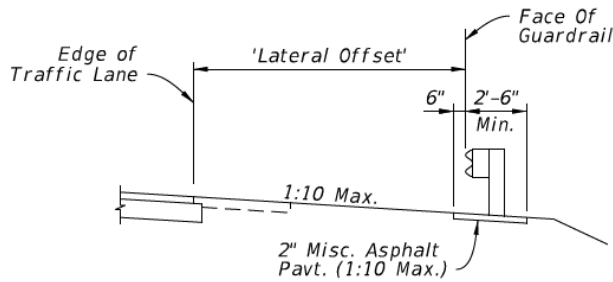
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GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - CURB & GUTTER

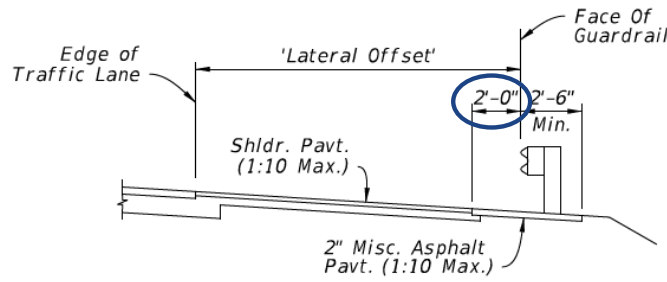
- Notice where Height, 'H', is measured up from in each scenario
- **NEW!** Guardrail placed 'Adjacent to Curb' may now be placed at either 0" or 5" from Face of curb, defined per the Plans. (5" preferred to avoid nuisance hits, such as rearview mirrors)
- Lateral Offsets are defined per the Plans.
*See PPM Section 2.3 "Shoulders" & Figure 4.4.12 "Offset to Guardrail"

Guardrail Sections:

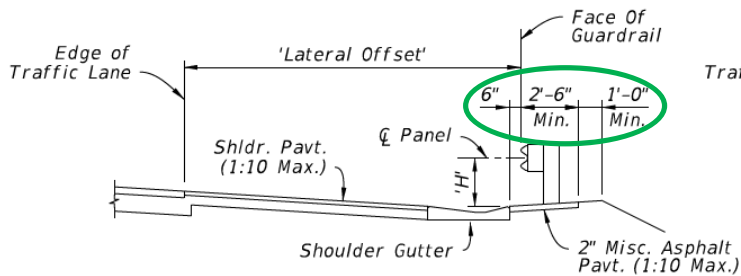
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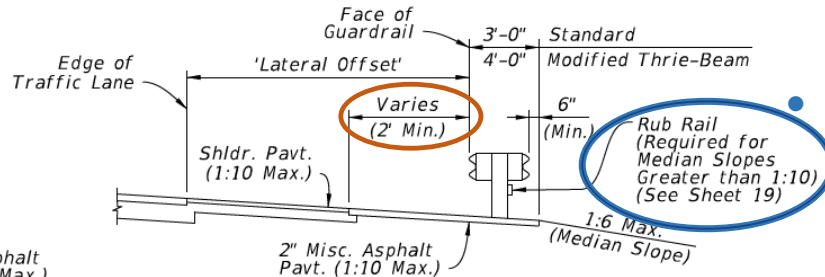
UNPAVED OR PARTIALLY PAVED SHOULDER



FULLY PAVED SHOULDER



SHOULDER GUTTER



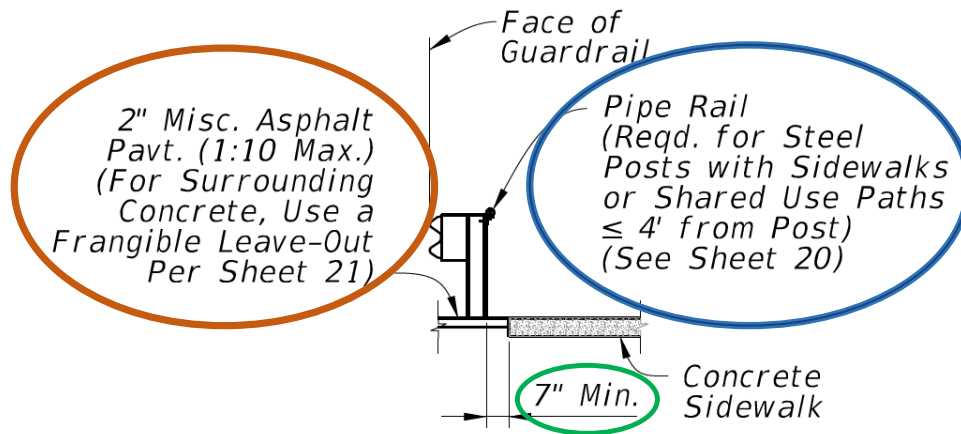
DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL
(Shown In Median)

- 2'-0" misc. asphalt to paved Shoulder Connection (supersedes typical)
- Configuration for Drainage, Matches PPM Table 2.3
- "Varies" for 'Crossover' Taper, Bridge Approach Layout
- Rub Rail is now only permitted for median side, slopes between 1:6 & 1:10

Guardrail Sections:

Concrete is not permitted around base of post.
A low strength “frangible” material must be used (either misc. asphalt or flowable fill)

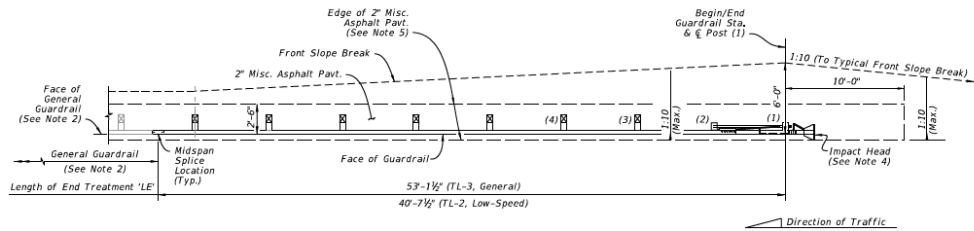
Concrete Sidewalk **NEW!**



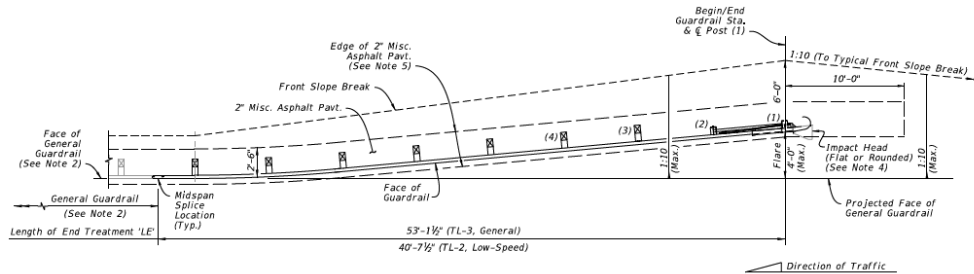
TYPICAL SIDEWALK DETAIL
(Work with Other Sections as Reqd.)

- 7" Clearance is required from the back of post to the rigid concrete to facilitate proper rotation of posts upon vehicle impact
- If 2" Misc. Concrete Can't be placed at post location due to surrounding concrete, use the **"Frangible Leave-Out"** (defined later in the Index)
- When the back of steel posts will be within 4' of a Sidewalk or Shared Use Path, Pipe Rail must be used for pedestrian safety.
NOTE: requires defining Begin/End Stations and length in the Plans

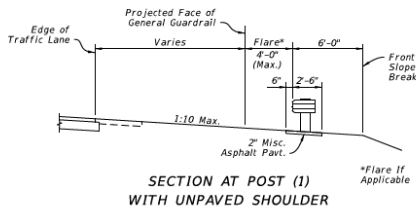
Approach Terminal Geometry, Parallel and Flared:



**APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'PARALLEL' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW**

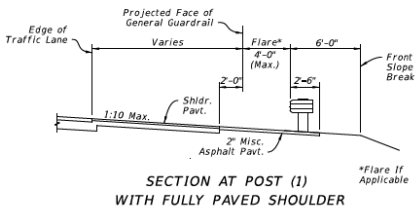


**APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'FLARED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW**



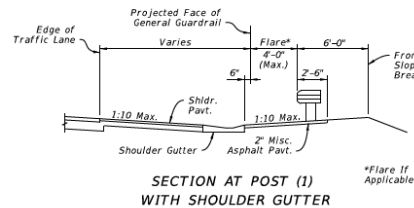
**SECTION AT POST (1)
WITH UNPAVED SHOULDER**

*Flare If Applicable



**SECTION AT POST (1)
WITH FULLY PAVED SHOULDER**

*Flare If Applicable



**SECTION AT POST (1)
WITH SHOULDER GUTTER**

*Flare If Applicable

**END TREATMENT -
APPROACH TERMINAL GEOMETRY
PARALLEL AND FLARED**

NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Locate Approach Terminals where called for in the plans, with the Post (1) & placed at the Begin/End Guardrail Sta. & Post (1) in the plans.
The Plan Views shown herein are schematic only, showing basic geometry for Approach Terminals listed on the APL. The pre-defined Length of End Treatment, 'LE', includes the proprietary portion of various Approach Terminals and provides for more consistent planning of assembly installations across the differing Approach Terminal types. Forward-anchoring style Approach Terminals may vary from the planned lengths shown by up to 3'-0".
Construct Approach Terminals in accordance with the manufacturer's unique drawing details, procedures, and specifications. Install adjacent grading, gutters, and/or curbing as shown herein, unless otherwise specified in the plans.
- GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments.
Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.
- APPROACH TERMINAL TEST LEVEL:** Install either a Test Level 3 (TL-3) or Test Level 2 (TL-2) Approach Terminal as specified in the plans. TL-3 Approach Terminals may substitute for TL-2 Approach Terminals unless the substitution is specifically prohibited in the plans. TL-2 Approach Terminals may not substitute for TL-3 installations.
- IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR:** Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification Section 536.
- MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** The Plan Views shown herein depict the Unpaved Shoulder condition. For Fully Paved Shoulder and Shoulder Gutter conditions, extend the 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement as shown in the corresponding 'Section at Post (1)' details below.
- 'CURBED' AND 'DOUBLE FACED' GUARDRAIL SEGMENTS:** See Sheet 8.

- Shows basic geometry and grading requirements for APL Approach Terminals
- Provides pre-defined Lengths 'LE' that will accommodate all APL Terminals (for simpler Plans design)

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Approach Terminal Geometry, Parallel and Flared:



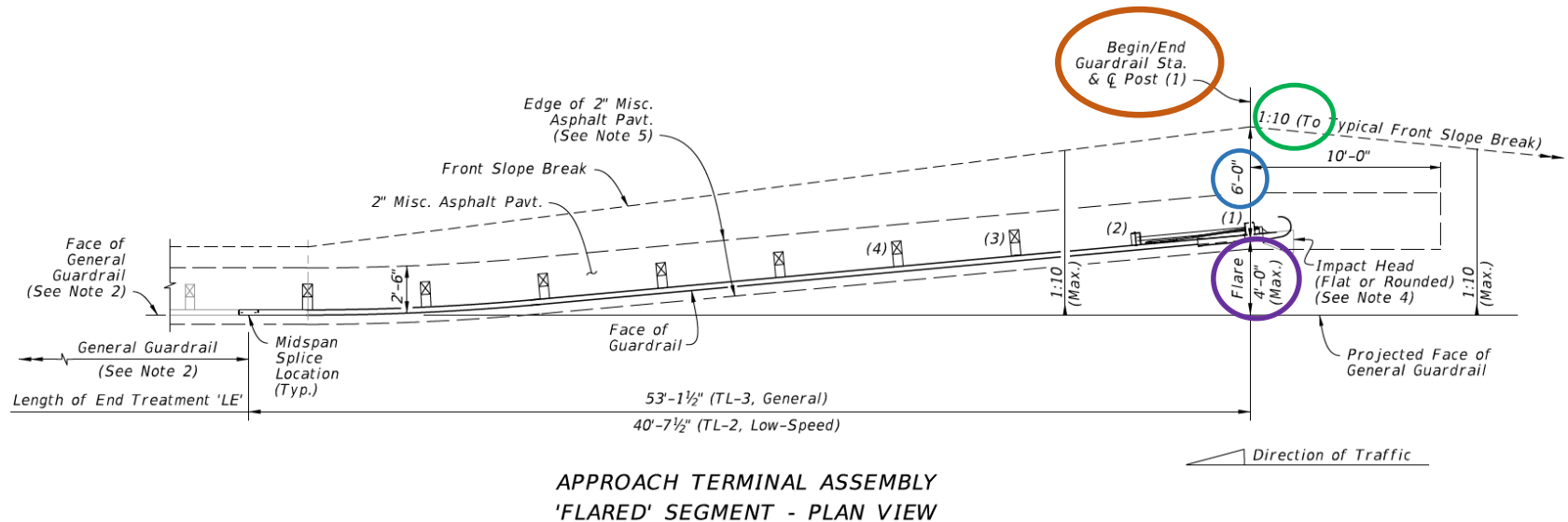
“Soft Stop”



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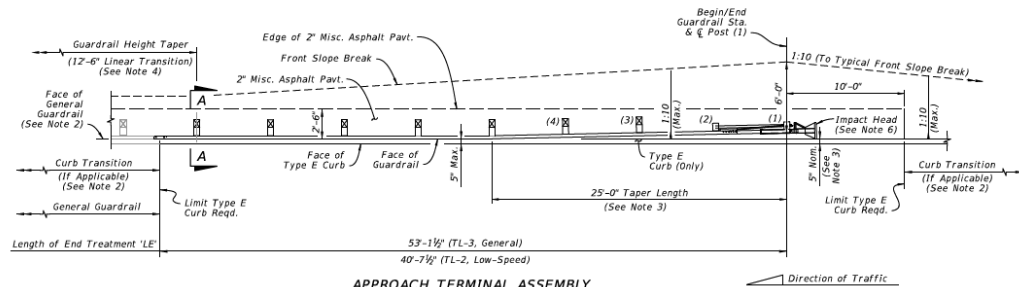
- Shows basic geometry and grading requirements for APL *Approach Terminals*
- Provides pre-defined Lengths ‘LE’ that will accommodate all APL Terminals (for simpler Plans design)

Approach Terminal Geometry, Flared:

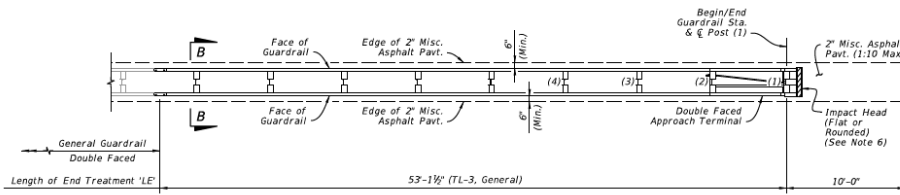


- **Begin/End Guardrail Station** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout (Plans station & offset given at Face of Guardrail) – *Length of guardrail measured from here*
- Slope Break's Taper Rate back to Typical (Parallel) Slope Break has changed to **1:10** (previous Standard showed 1:15)
- Offset to Slope Break has changed to **6'-0"** from face of guardrail (previous Standard showed 3'-0" from back of assembly)
- Maximum flare is still **4'-0"**, measured at post(1). This might be important for later!

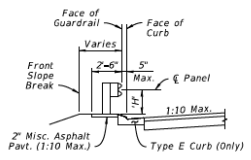
Approach Terminal Geometry, Curbed and Double Faced:



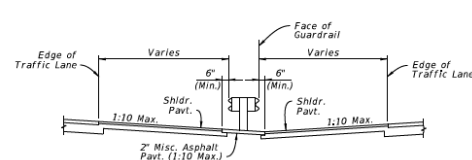
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'CURBED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'CURBED' SECTION A-A
(Height, 'H', Measured from Misc. Asphalt Pavt.)



'DOUBLE FACED' SECTION B-B
(1:10 Slope or Flatter Reqd.)

NOTES:

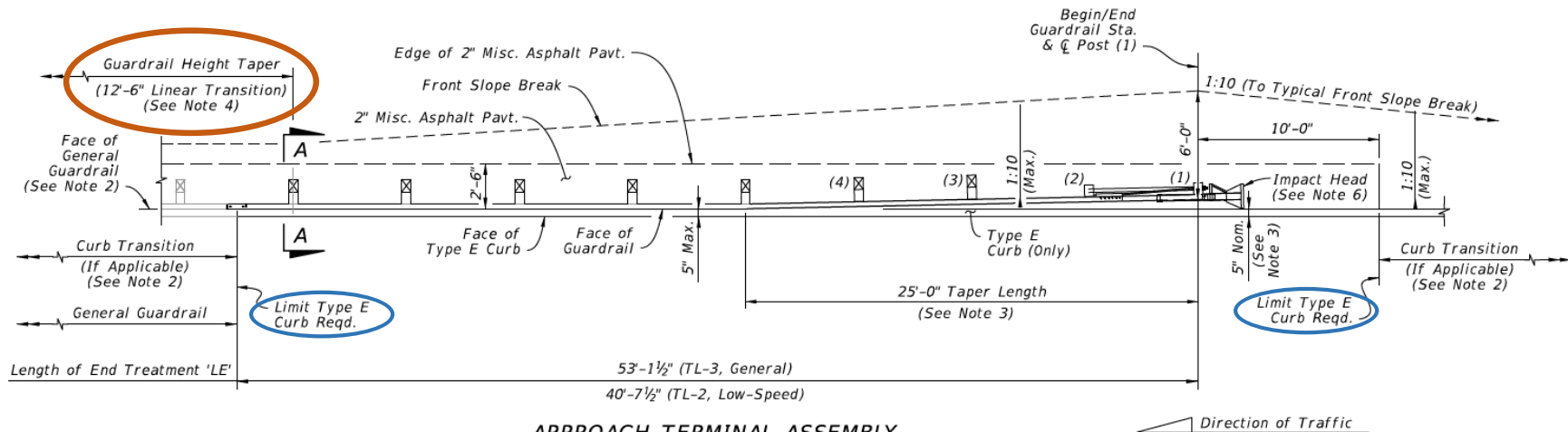
1. GENERAL: See Notes 1 through 3 on Sheet 7.
2. CURBED SEGMENTS: Type E curb is required within the limits shown. When a different curb type is called for outside of the Type E curb limits, transition the curb shape linearly over a nominal distance ranging 5'-0" to 10'-0".
3. TAPER LENGTH: For Curbed Segments, taper the guardrail away from the roadway where shown to place the inside edge of the Impact Head at 5' behind the face of the curb. Where additional lateral offset is required to fit the Approach Terminal Assembly hardware, such as a soil plate, place the Impact Head as close to the curb as the hardware allows, not to exceed 2'-0" from the face of curb.
4. GUARDRAIL HEIGHT TAPER: For Curbed Segments, the connecting General Guardrail Mounting Height, 'H', is typically measured from the Lip of Gutter (See Sheet 6 Guardrail Sections, Adjacent to Curb), while the End Terminal Assembly 'H' is measured from the Misc. Asphalt Pavt. (See Section A-A). Linearly taper the difference in Mounting Height over a length of 12'-6", starting where indicated herein.
5. DOUBLE FACED SEGMENT: Connect to Double Faced General Guardrail. Use consistent Posts and Offset Block types as specified in the APL drawings over the entire Length of End Treatment, 'LE'. Posts and Offset Blocks in the adjoining General Guardrail segment may be different from those inside of the 'LE'. A change in post type between timber and steel is permitted, immediately outside of the 'LE' segment.
6. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR: Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification Section 536.
7. SINGLE FACED 'PARALLEL' AND 'FLARED' SEGMENTS: See Sheet 7.

- Same idea as Sheet 7, but shows "Curbed" and "Double Faced" segments

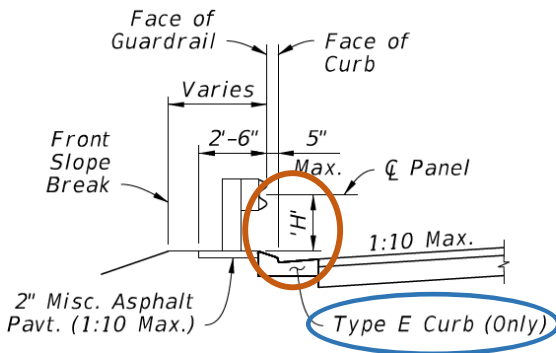
END TREATMENT -
APPROACH TERMINAL GEOMETRY
CURBED AND DOUBLE FACED

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Approach Terminal Geometry, Curbed:



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'CURBED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'CURBED' SECTION A-A
(Height, 'H', Measured from
Misc. Asphalt Pavt.)

- **Type 'E' Curb Required** where shown

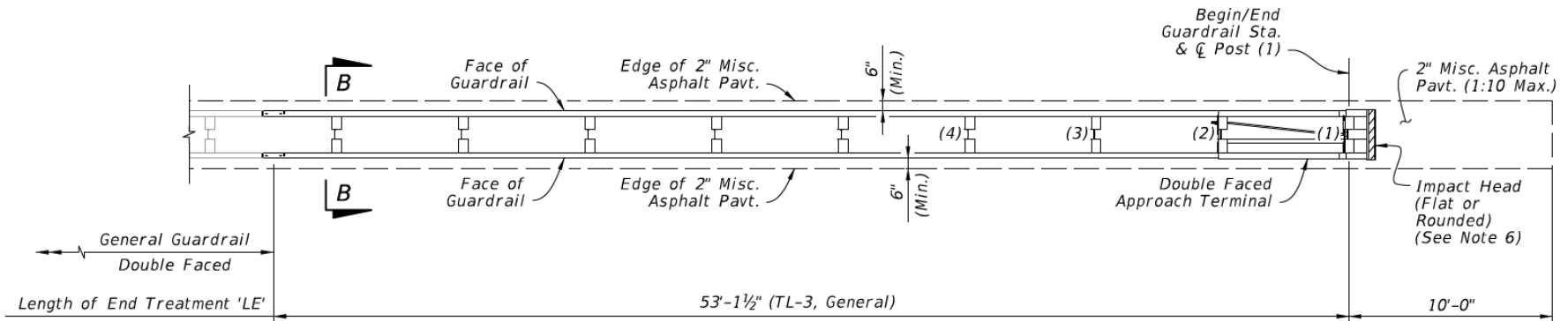
- 63'-1½" for TL-3
- 50'-7½" for TL-2

Show and Label in Plans. Include in Summary of Curb & Gutter.

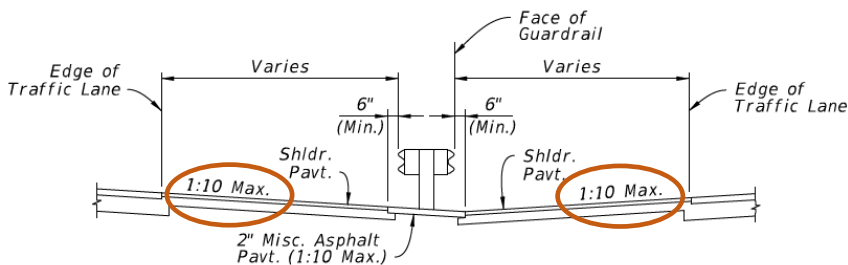
- **Guardrail Height, 'H', is measured from the top of curb (not the lip of gutter) for Approach Terminals. This raises the height a bit.**

- Just FYI! No Action needed from Roadway Designer.

Approach Terminal Geometry, Double Faced:



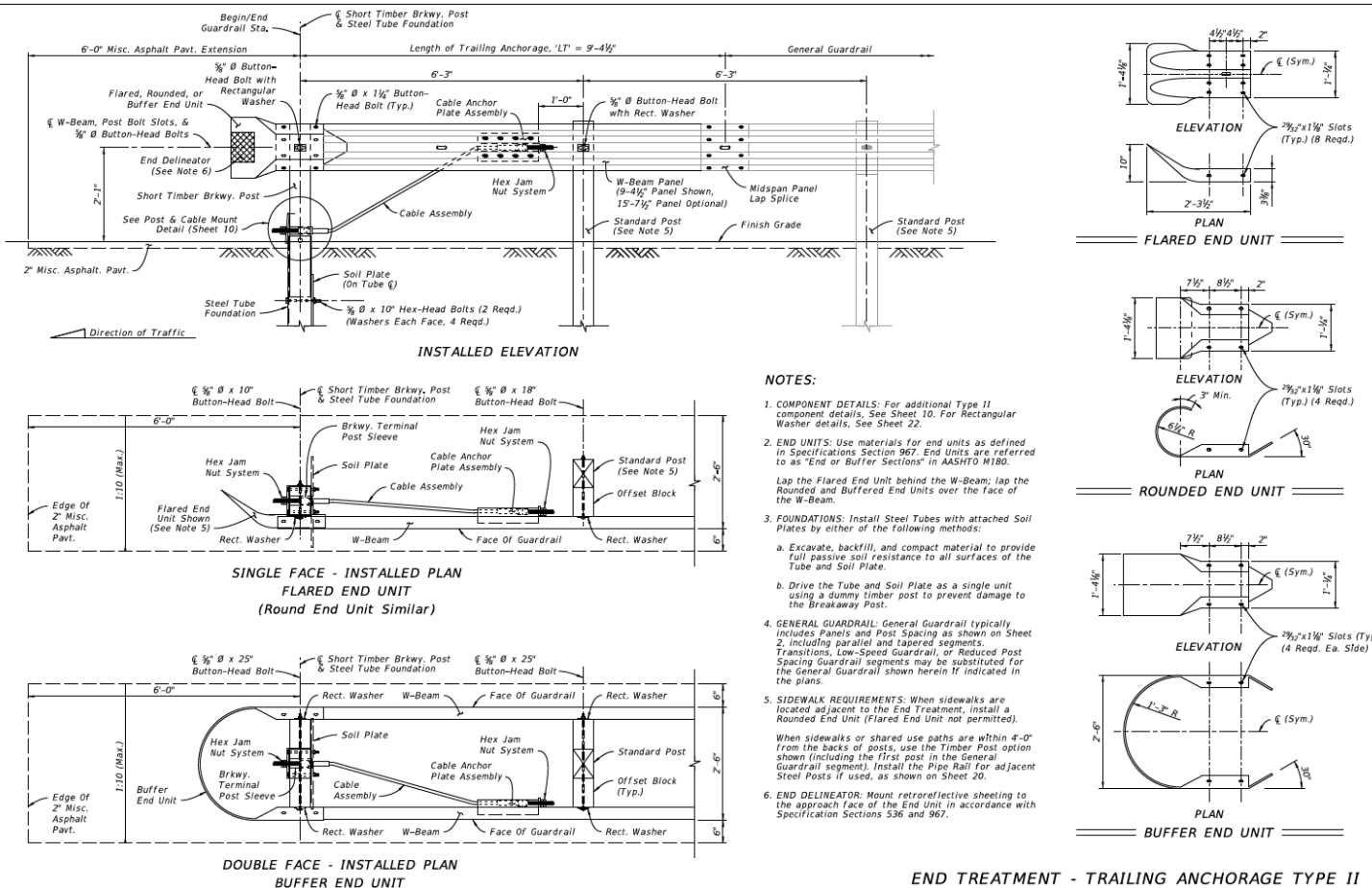
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'DOUBLE FACED' SECTION B-B
(1:10 Slope or Flatter Reqd.)

- **'Double Faced'** option has always been available on the APL, but now it's shown in the Standard for better awareness.
 - Crash tested
 - Initial installation cost savings versus crash cushion
- **1:10 Max. cross slope** extends to Approach Terminal on both sides.
 - Drainage structures may be required to convey median water
 - Outside of 'LE', transition longitudinally to typical median cross slope at 1:10 Max (in direction parallel to roadway).

Trailing Anchorage - Type II:

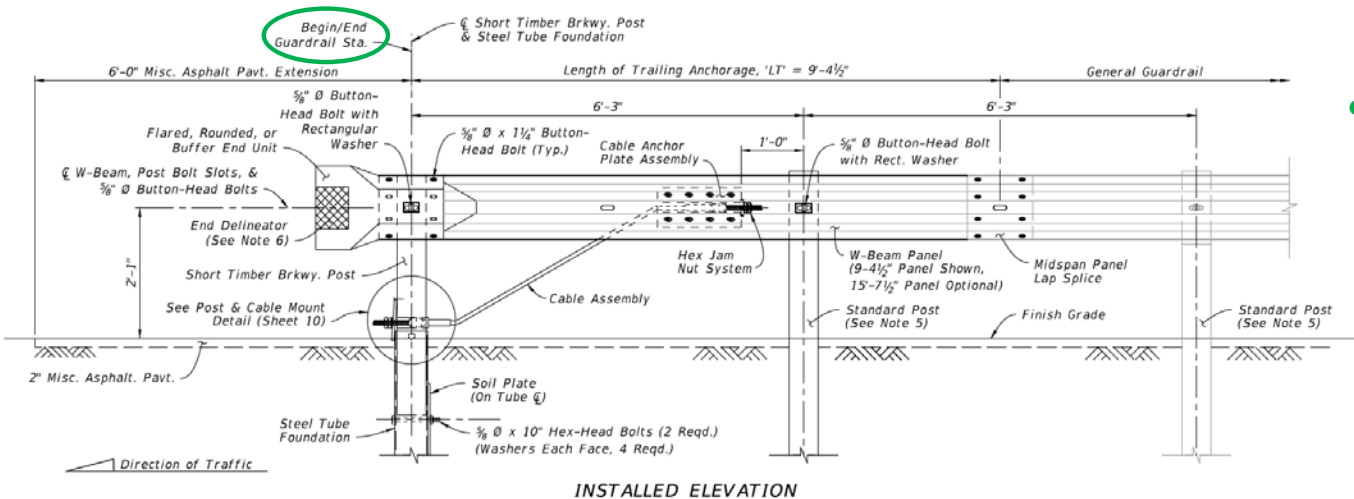


- NOTES:**
- COMPONENT DETAILS:** For additional Type II component details, see Sheet 10. For Rectangular Washer details, see Sheet 22.
 - END UNITS:** Use materials for end units as defined in Specifications Section 967. End Units are referred to as "End or Buffer Sections" in AASHTO M180. Lap the Flared End Unit behind the W-Beam; lap the Rounded and Buffered End Units over the face of the W-Beam.
 - FOUNDATIONS:** Install Steel Tubes with attached Soil Plates by either of the following methods:
 - Excavate, backfill, and compact material to provide full passive soil resistance to all surfaces of the Tube and Soil Plate.
 - Drive the Tube and Soil Plate as a single unit using a dummy timber post to prevent damage to the Breakaway Post.
 - GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.
 - SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS:** When sidewalks are located adjacent to the End Treatment, install a Rounded End Unit (Flared End Unit not permitted). When sidewalks or shared use paths are within 4'-0" from the backs of posts, use the Timber Post option shown (including the first post in the General Guardrail segment). Install the Pipe Rail for adjacent Steel Posts if used, as shown on Sheet 20.
 - END DELINEATOR:** Mount retroreflective sheeting to the approach face of the End Unit in accordance with Specification Sections 536 and 967.

- Apply to "Trailing" guardrail ends to "Anchor" the guardrail. (Not "head-on" crashworthy like Approach Terminals are)
- Nearly same as previous Standard, just drafted more clearly

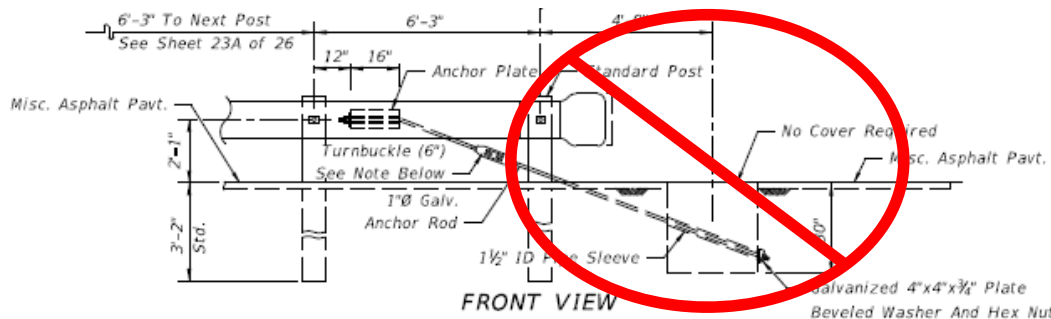
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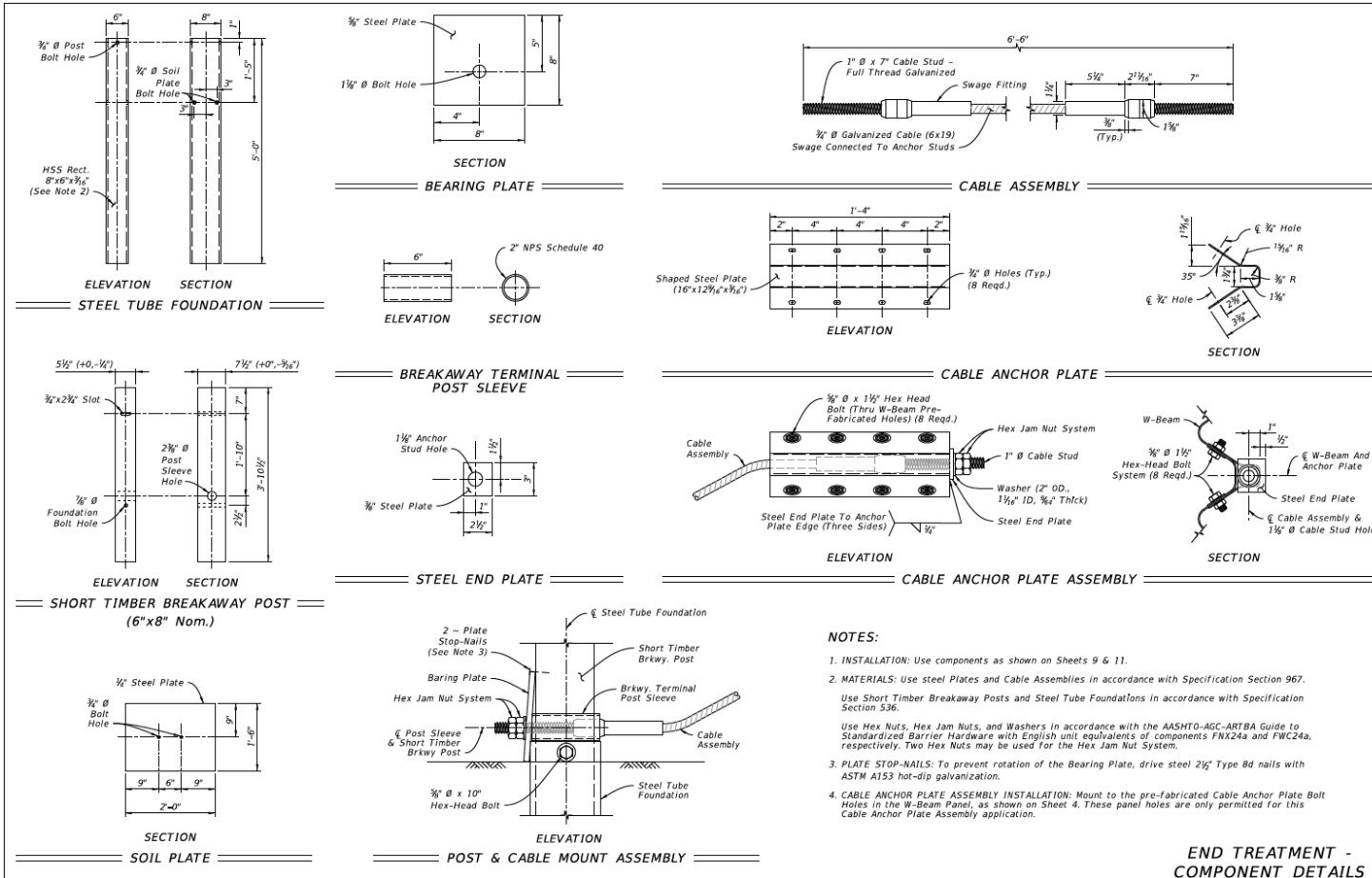
- Begin/End Guardrail Station called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout (Stationing and Offset given at Face of Guardrail) – Length of guardrail measured from here

From Previous Standard...



Anchor Block Option Removed

End Treatment Component Details:



- NOTES:**
1. **INSTALLATION:** Use components as shown on Sheets 9 & 11.
 2. **MATERIALS:** Use Steel Plates and Cable Assemblies in accordance with Specification Section 967. Use Short Timber Breakaway Posts and Steel Tube Foundations in accordance with Specification Section 536. Use Hex Nuts, Hex Jam Nuts, and Washers in accordance with the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Guide to Standardized Barrier Hardware with English unit equivalents of components FN24a and FWC24a, respectively. Two Hex Nuts may be used for the Hex Jam Nut System.
 3. **PLATE STOP-NAILS:** To prevent rotation of the Bearing Plate, drive steel 2 1/2" Type 8d nails with ASTM A153 hot-dip galvanization.
 4. **CABLE ANCHOR PLATE ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION:** Mount to the pre-fabricated Cable Anchor Plate Bolt Holes in the W-Beam Panel, as shown on Sheet 4. These panel holes are only permitted for this Cable Anchor Plate Assembly application.

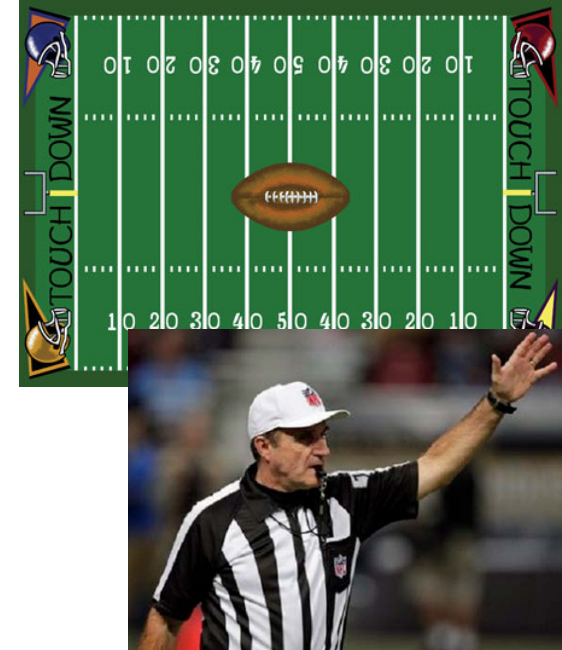
END TREATMENT - COMPONENT DETAILS

- Component Details are used in Type II and CRT End Treatments (on the previous and following pages, respectively)
- Construction Stuff!

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End of 2nd Quarter Review Questions!

1. What is the minimum distance required from the back of post to the front slope break?
2. For Guardrail adjacent to curb, what's the distance between the face of Guardrail and the face of curb?
3. What is the maximum slope permitted for all approach grading to Guardrail or End Treatments?
4. For what "condition" are Deep Posts intended to be used?
5. To what distance, behind post(1) of an approach terminal, must the 1:10 slope be maintained?
6. What type of curb must be used in front of an Approach Terminal?
7. Where is the "Type II" End Treatment used?



MODULE 2: Index Overview – Sheets 11 thru 22



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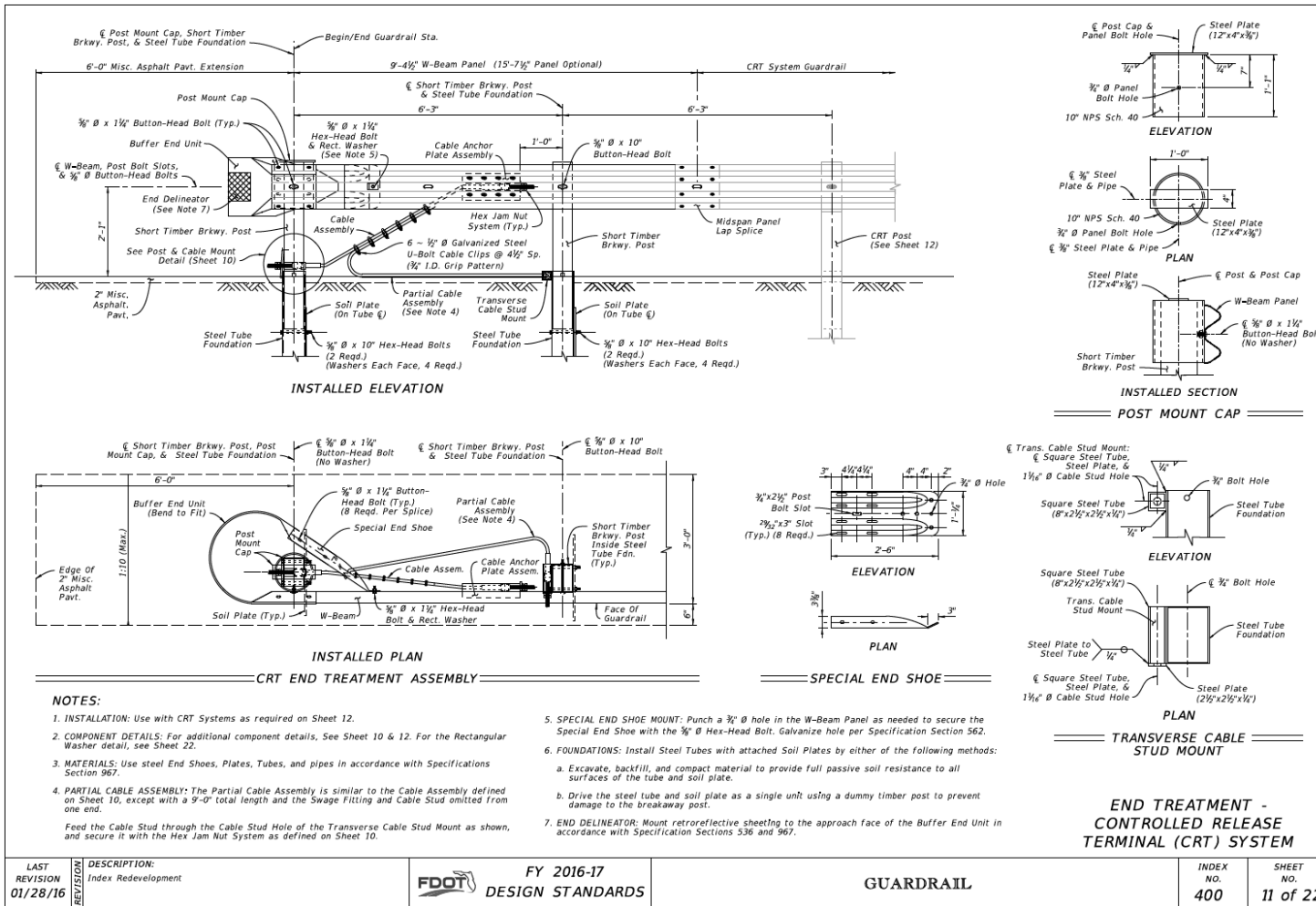
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End Treatment - Controlled Release Terminal (CRT) System:



- For use with short radius guardrail systems as shown on the next sheet.
- This is the same as the previous Standard, only detailed more clearly.

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Layout for Controlled Release Terminal (CRT) System:

8 FOOT RADIUS CRT SYSTEM PLAN VIEW

16 FOOT RADIUS CRT SYSTEM PLAN VIEW

24 FOOT RADIUS CRT SYSTEM PLAN VIEW

32 FOOT RADIUS CRT SYSTEM PLAN VIEW

RETURN RADIUS (FT.)	LENGTH OF SHOP-BENT PANEL(S) (FT.)	QUANTITY OF CRT POSTS	AREA CLEAR OF HAZARDS 'L' x 'W' (FT.)
8	12.5	5	25 x 15
16	25.0	6	30 x 15
24	37.5	8	40 x 20
32	50.0	10	50 x 20

CONTINUING OPTION **END TREATMENT OPTION**

CONNECTING DETAIL

NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Construct the specified radius layout and Connecting Detail option as shown in the plans.
- MIN. CLEAR AREA:** Keep the area behind the CRT free of fixed objects and aboveground hazards within the Min. Clear Area limits shown. Maintain a slope not steeper than 1:10 for a minimum 2' behind the posts, and maintain a slope not steeper than 1:2 beyond 2' from the posts.
- APPROACH GRADING:** Maintain grading on the roadway side of the guardrail face at a maximum slope of 1:10.
- MATERIALS:** For CRT Posts, use Timber Post material in accordance with Specification Section 967. Use steel panels and hardware in accordance with Specification Section 967.
- BOLT OMISSION:** For the 8 Foot Radius CRT System only, do not place a panel-to-post mount bolt at the center CRT Post (omit the 3/8" Button-Head Bolt only at the location shown).
- SHOP-BENT PANELS:** Install Shop-Bent panel(s) where indicated using 12'-0" or 25'-0" W-Beam Panels. Splice at post locations within the CRT radius using the general configuration of 3/8" Button-Head Bolts (8 reqd. per splice).
- GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

CRT POST ELEVATION (6"x8" Nom. Timber)

CRT INSTALLED SECTION

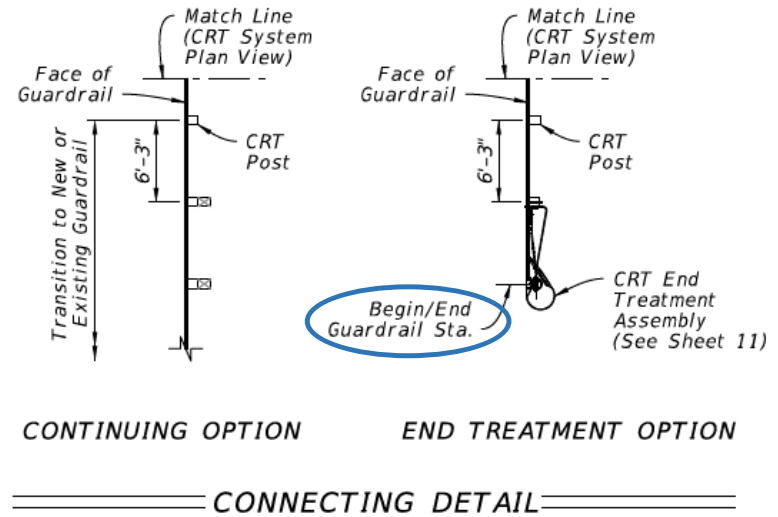
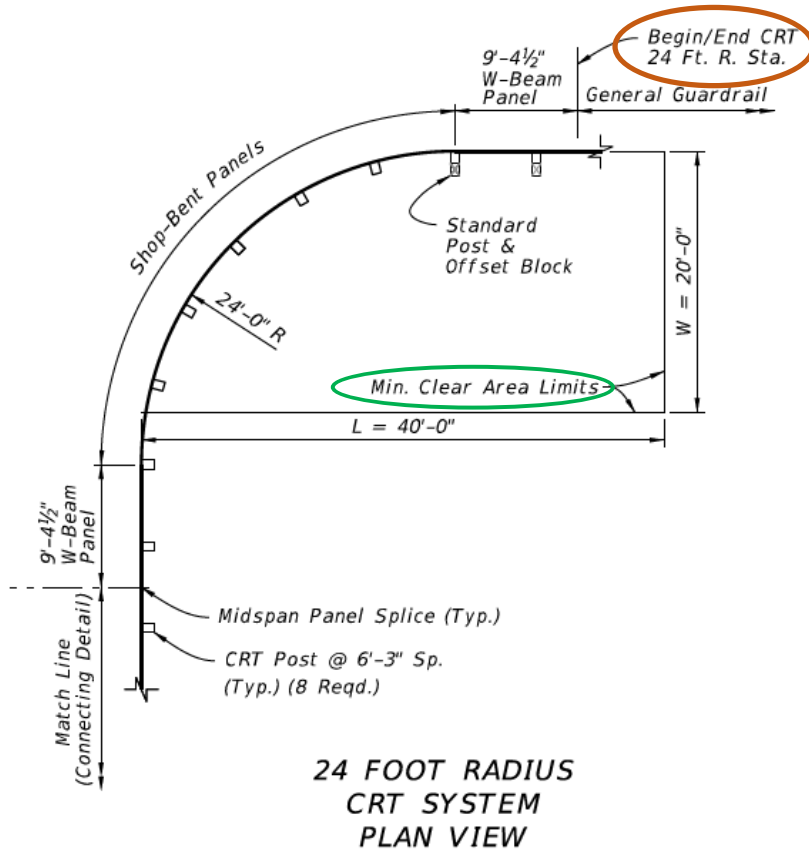
LAYOUT FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE TERMINAL (CRT) SYSTEMS - SIDE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS

- Used for 90 degree intersection of principle roadway and side road or driveway
- This is nearly the same as the previous standard, only detailed more clearly
- Draw corresponding dimensions and radius in the Plans
- When terminating with a CRT End Treatment, the guardrail extends 15'-7½" from Match Line

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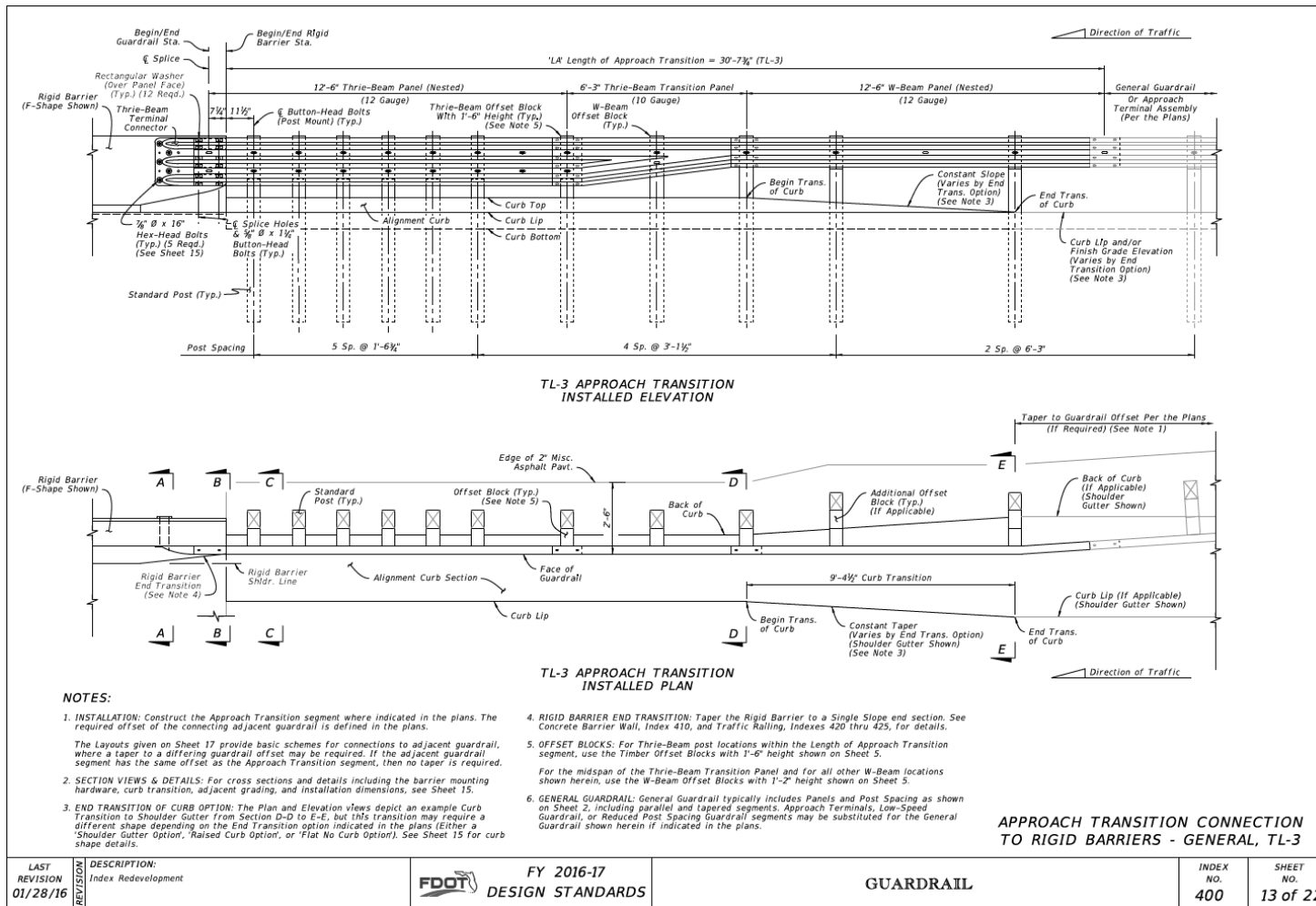
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Layout for Controlled Release Terminal (CRT) System:



- **Begin/End CRT Station called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout**
(e.g. “Begin CRT 24 Ft. R. Sta. 100+00”)
- **Begin/End Guardrail Station called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout. It’s also shown on Elevation view. – Length of guardrail measured from here**
- **Min. Clear Area - Maintain 1:10 Slope to 2’ behind the posts. Beyond that, maintain an area clear of hazards with a 1:2 or flatter slope.**

Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, General TL-3:

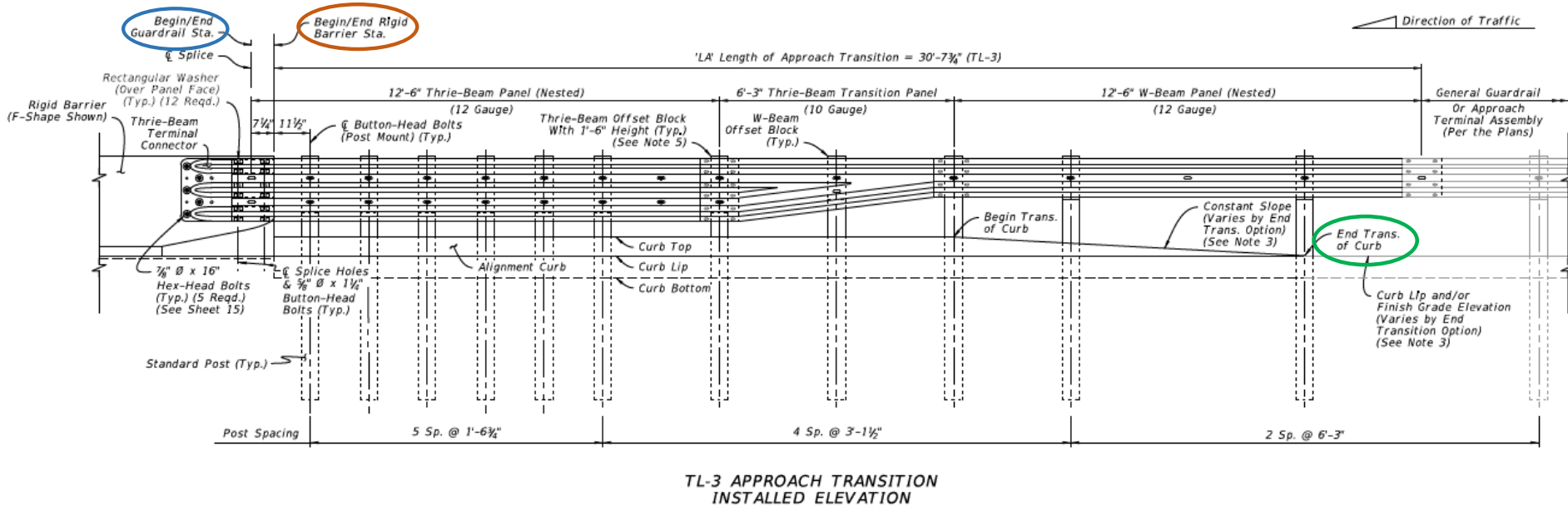


- **ALL NEW!**
- MASH Tested
- Applicable to all Design Speeds
- About 12'-6" shorter than old "Detail J" from Rigid Barrier (about 25' shorter including previous barrier overlap)
- New raised 'Alignment Curb' required
- Section Views on Sheet 15

*Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, **General TL-3:***

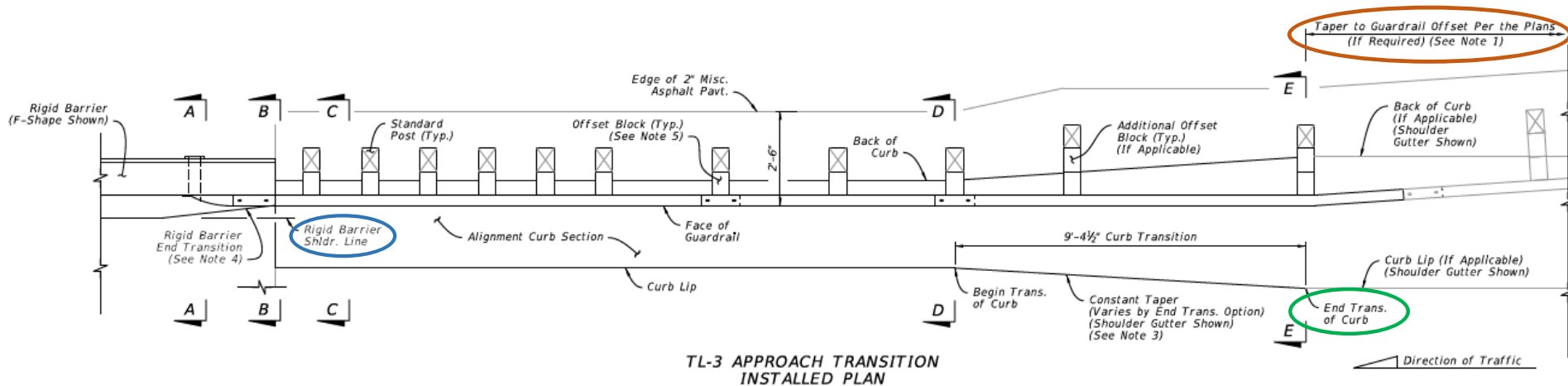


Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, General TL-3:



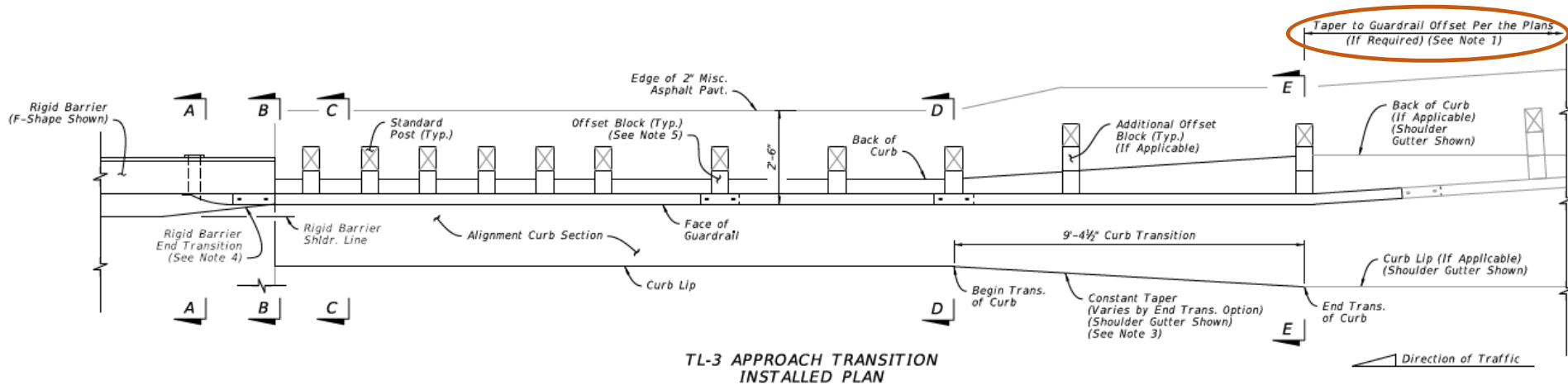
- **Begin/End Guardrail Station** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – Length of guardrail measured from here
- **Begin/End Rigid Barrier Station** called out - Different from Begin/End Guardrail Station (governed by Thrie-Beam Terminal Connector with its Edge flush with Rigid Barrier) Guardrail's 7 1/4" overlap with the Rigid Barrier should be drawn this way in Plans
- **End Transition of Curb** – This is *where typical curb type begins*, if here on project (e.g. Type F, Shoulder Gutter) **Starts 28'-1 1/2"** from Begin/End Guardrail Station

Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, **General TL-3:**

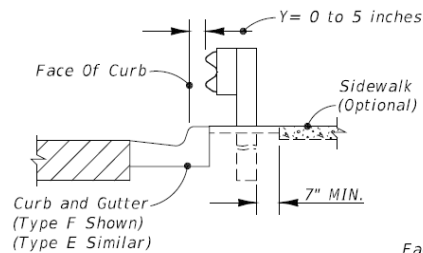
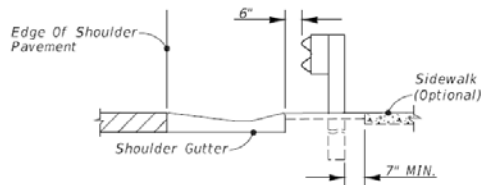
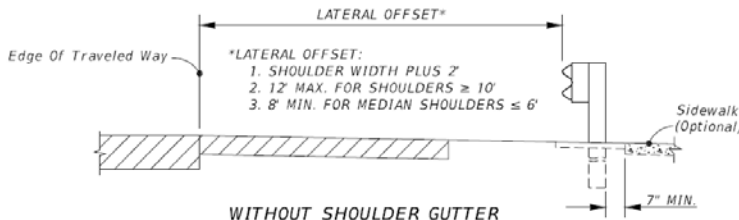


- **Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line:** Aligns with “Standard Shoulder Line” of Shoulder Gutter as shown in Index 300. This Shoulder Gutter aligns at Section E-E.
- **Taper to Guardrail Offset per the Plans:** If roadway guardrail has a different lateral offset than the bridge railing guardrail, then your “Begin/End Taper” callout is given at Section E-E. (Starts 28’-1½” from Begin/End Guardrail Station)
*This leads to typical section, generally meeting PPM Fig 4.4.12
- **End Transition of Curb** – This is *where typical curb type begins*, if here on project (e.g. Type F, Shoulder Gutter; Starts 28’-1½” from Begin/End Guardrail Station)

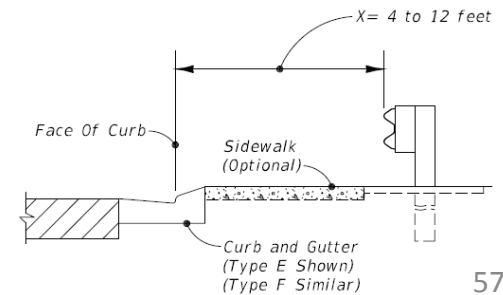
Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, General TL-3:



- **Taper to Guardrail Offset per the Plans:** This guardrail taper generally leads to these typical sections. Per PPM 4.4.12...



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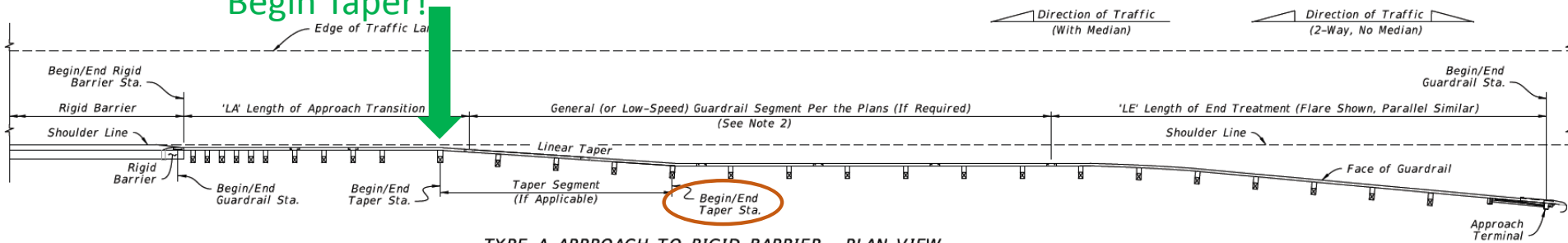


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Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, General TL-3:

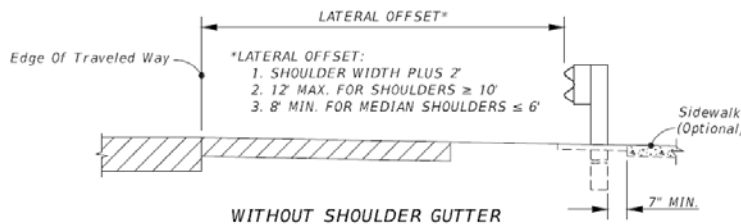
Sneak Peak of Sheet 17... the bigger picture of tapering to typical section!

Section E-E...
Begin Taper!

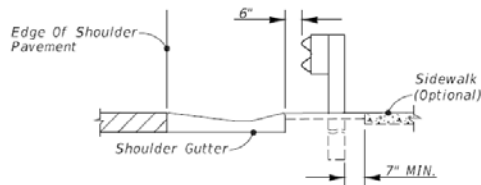


TYPE A APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW
MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDERS
 (Mirror Horiz. and/or Vert. for Opposite Direction and/or Side of Road)

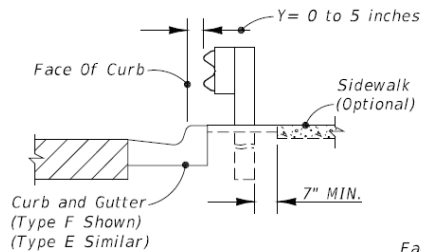
- Taper to Guardrail Offset per the Plans:** This guardrail taper generally leads to these typical sections. Per PPM 4.4.12...



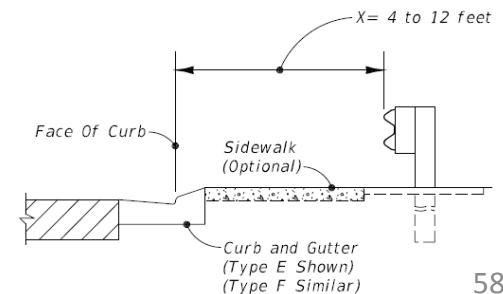
WITHOUT SHOULDER GUTTER



WITH SHOULDER GUTTER

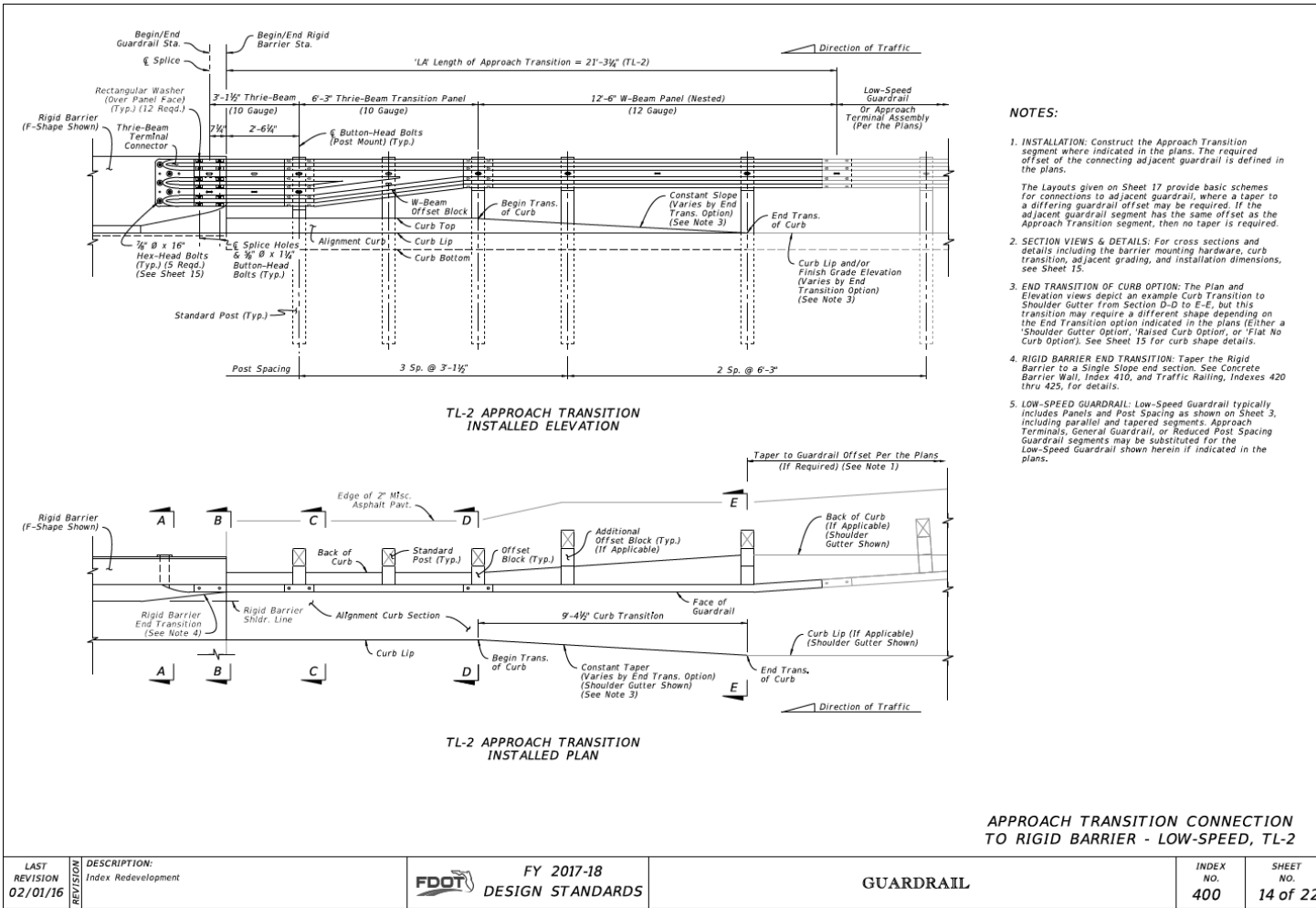


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Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, Low-Speed TL-2:



NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Construct the Approach Transition segment where indicated in the plans. The required offset of the connecting adjacent guardrail is defined in the plans.
The layouts given on Sheet 17 provide basic schemes for connections to adjacent guardrail, where a taper to a differing guardrail offset may be required. If the adjacent guardrail segment has the same offset as the Approach Transition segment, then no taper is required.
- SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS:** For cross sections and details including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 15.
- END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTION:** The Plan and Elevation views depict an example Curb Transition to Shoulder Gutter from Section D-D to E-E, but this transition may require a different shape depending on the End Transition option indicated in the plans (Either a Shoulder Gutter Option, Raised Curb Option, or Flat No Curb Option). See Sheet 15 for curb shape details.
- RIGID BARRIER END TRANSITION:** Taper the Rigid Barrier to a Single Slope end section. See Concrete Barrier Wall, Index 410, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 420 thru 425, for details.
- LOW-SPEED GUARDRAIL:** Low-Speed Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 3, including parallel and tapered segments: Approach Terminals, General Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the Low-Speed Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

- **ALL NEW!**

- MASH Tested

- Applicable to Design Speeds ≤ 45 mph

- Shorter and less robust design for cost savings

- New raised 'Alignment Curb' required

- Section Views on Sheet 15

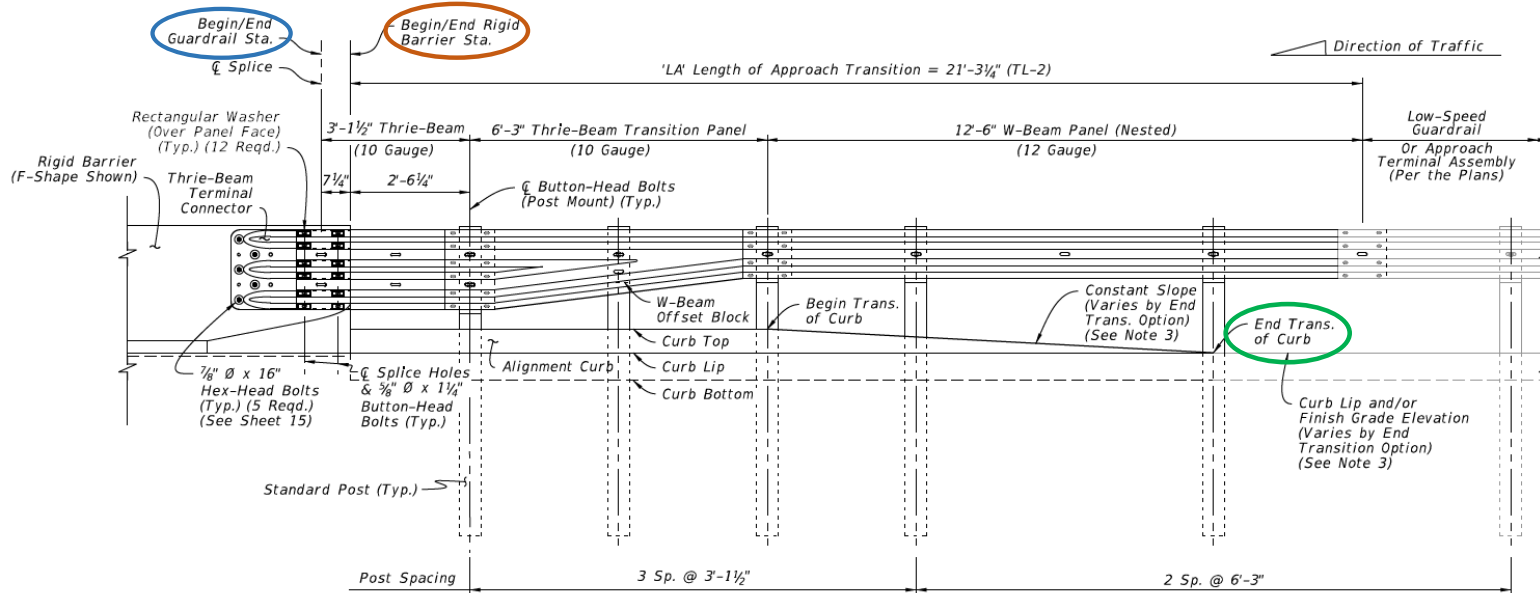
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Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, *Low-Speed TL-2:*



- **ALL NEW!**
- MASH Tested
- Applicable to **Design Speeds ≤ 45 mph**
- Shorter and less robust design for cost savings
- New raised 'Alignment Curb' required
- Section Views on Sheet 15

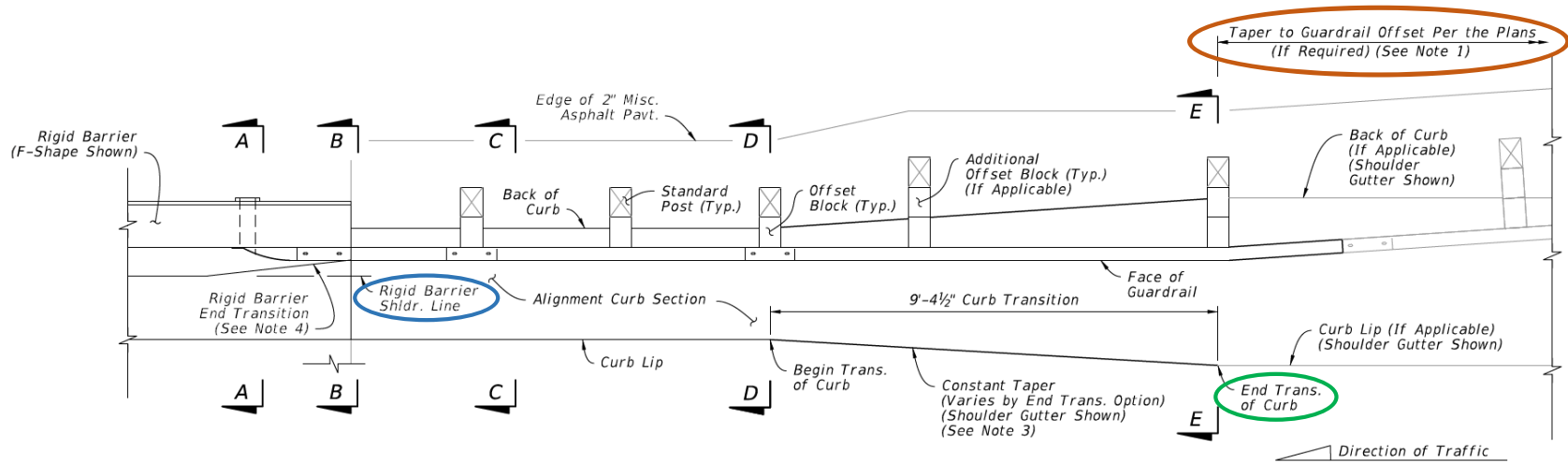
Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, **Low-Speed TL-2:**



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION

- **Similar Connection and Curb Design as the General TL-3 Version!**
- **Begin/End Guardrail Station** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – *Length of guardrail measured from here*
- **Begin/End Rigid Barrier Station** called out - *Different from Begin/End Guardrail Station*
- **End Transition of Curb** – This is *where typical curb type begins*, if here on project (e.g. Type F, Shoulder Gutter) **Starts 18'-9"** from Begin/End Guardrail Station

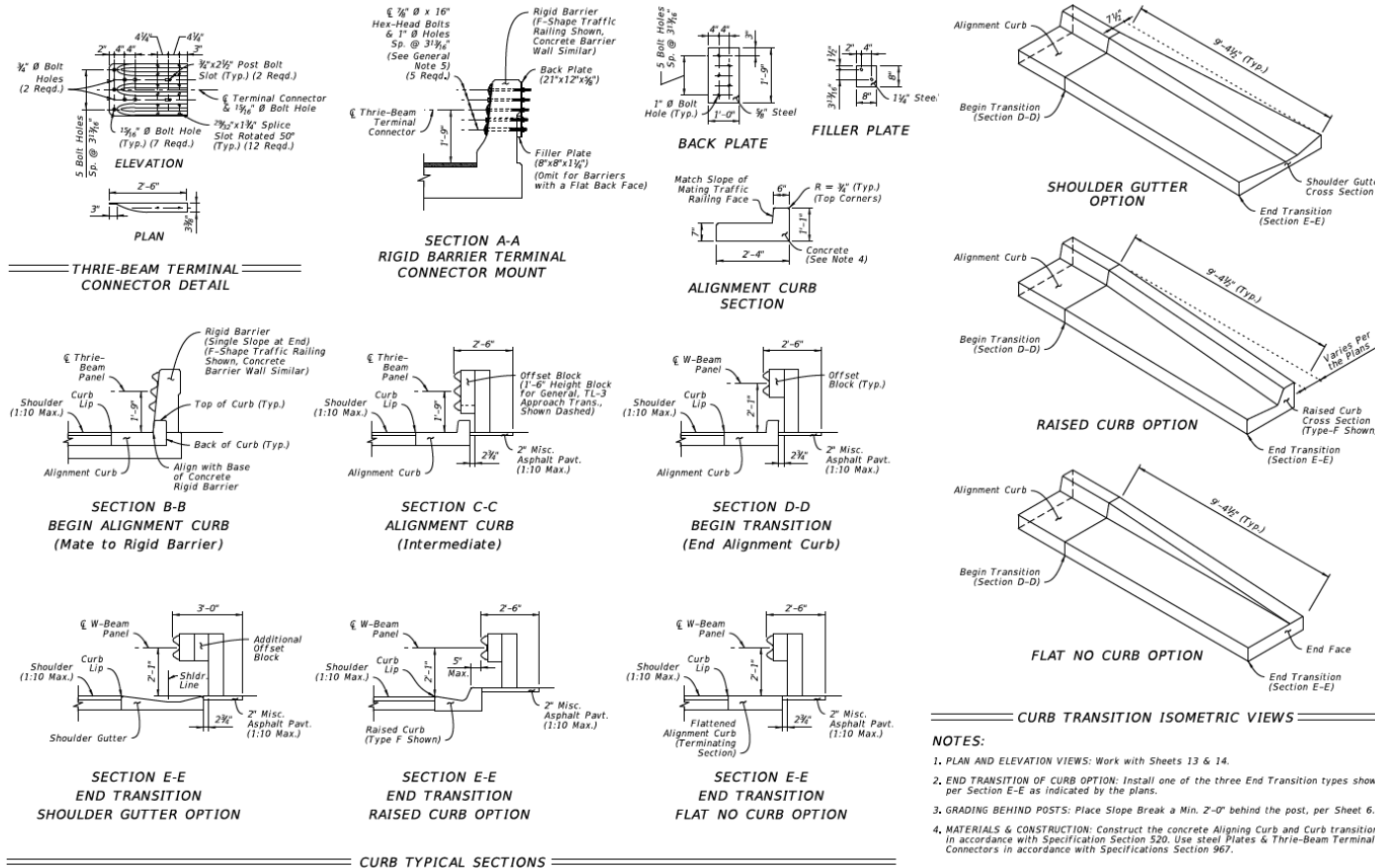
Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, **Low-Speed TL-2:**



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED PLAN

- **Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line:** Aligns with “Standard Shoulder Line” of Shoulder Gutter as shown in Index 300. This Shoulder Gutter aligns at Section E-E.
- **Taper to Guardrail Offset per the Plans:** If roadway guardrail has a different lateral offset than the bridge railing guardrail, then your “Begin/End Taper” callout is given at Section E-E. (Starts 18’-9” from Begin/End Guardrail Station)
*This leads to typical section, generally meeting PPM Fig 4.4.12
- **End Transition of Curb** – This is **where typical curb type begins**, if here on project (e.g. Type F, Shoulder Gutter; Starts 18’-9” from Begin/End Guardrail Station)

Approach Transition Connection Details:



- Shows Cross Section details for Approach Transitions on previous Sheets.

- Provides curb transitions for three types of curb Options

- Shoulder Gutter
- Raised Curb
- No Curb

NOTES:

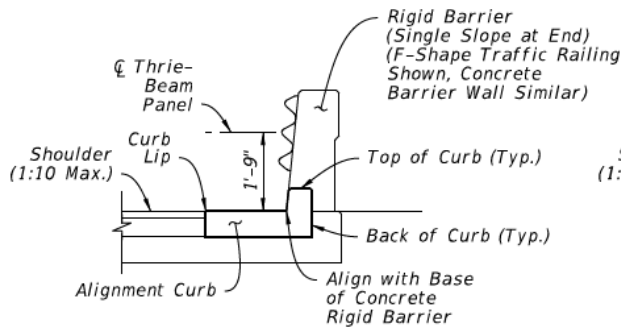
- PLAN AND ELEVATION VIEWS: Work with Sheets 13 & 14.
- END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTION: Install one of the three End Transition types shown per Section E-E as indicated by the plans.
- GRADING BEHIND POSTS: Place Slope Break a Min. 2'-0" behind the post, per Sheet 6.
- MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION: Construct the concrete Aligning Curb and Curb transition in accordance with Specification Section 520. Use steel Plates & Thrie-Beam Terminal Connectors in accordance with Specifications Section 967.

APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION - DETAILS

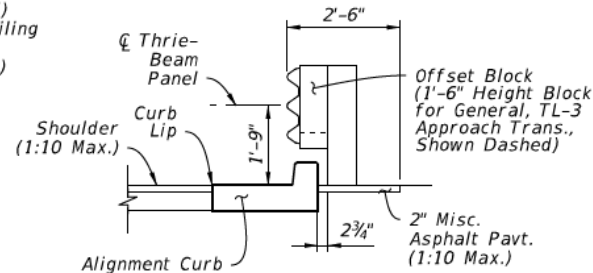
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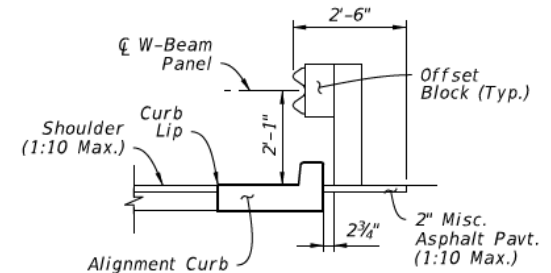
Curb Sections – Alignment Curb Segment



SECTION B-B
BEGIN ALIGNMENT CURB
 (Mate to Rigid Barrier)



SECTION C-C
ALIGNMENT CURB
 (Intermediate)



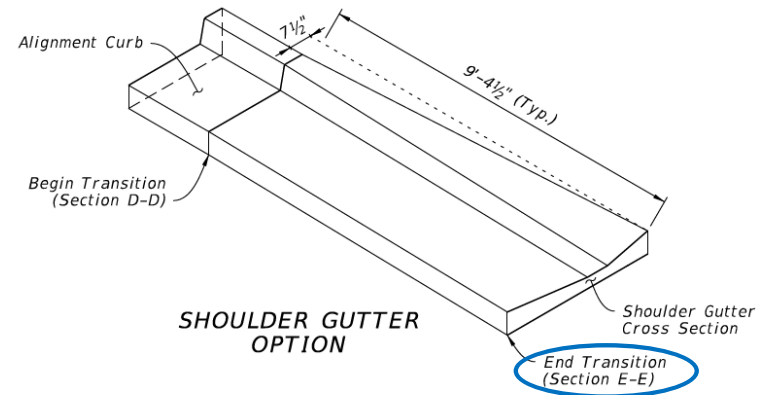
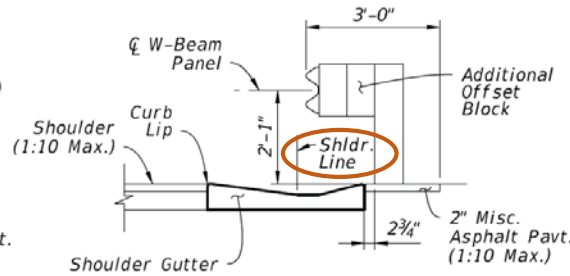
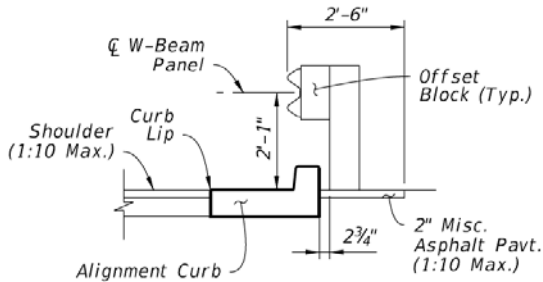
SECTION D-D
BEGIN TRANSITION
 (End Alignment Curb)

- **“Alignment Curb”**

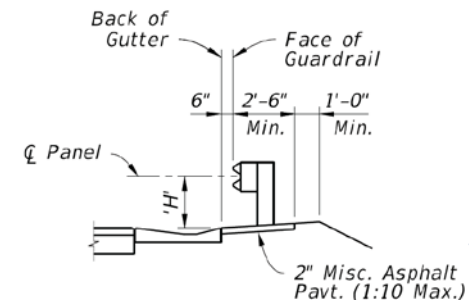
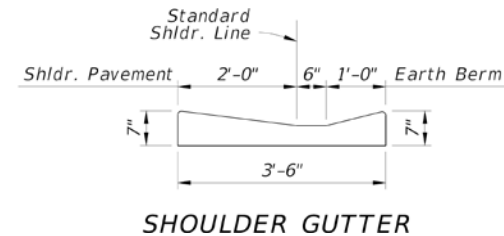
- *aligns* with face of rigid barrier
- reduces potential for vehicle snagging at start of Rigid Barrier (per TTI recommendation)
- follows same lateral offset (both curb and face of guardrail) from Section B-B to D-D

Approach Transition Connection Details:

Curb Sections – Transition to Shoulder Gutter Option (1 of 3)



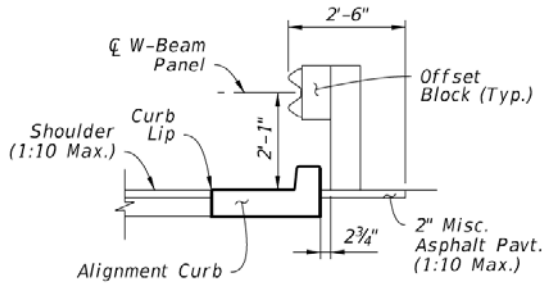
- **Standard Shoulder Line** per Index 300 – This offset aligns with Rigid Barrier and face of Alignment curb (i.e. the Rigid Barrier's Shoulder Line)
- **Section E-E**, Shoulder Gutter shape is established: Begin guardrail offset taper to typical section as the project's shoulder width requires (Index Sheet 6).
- Typical section generally has face of guardrail at Shoulder Line plus 2' (or back edge of shoulder gutter plus 6"). Guardrail Taper Rate guidance is provided in the IDS.



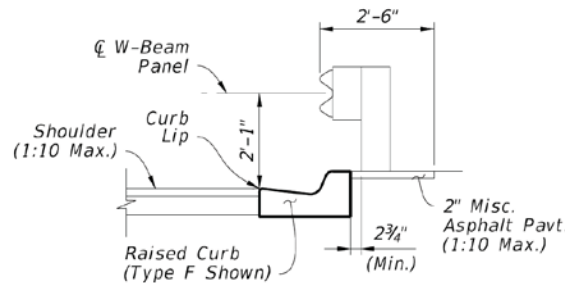
(Final
Guardrail
Typical
Section)

Approach Transition Connection Details:

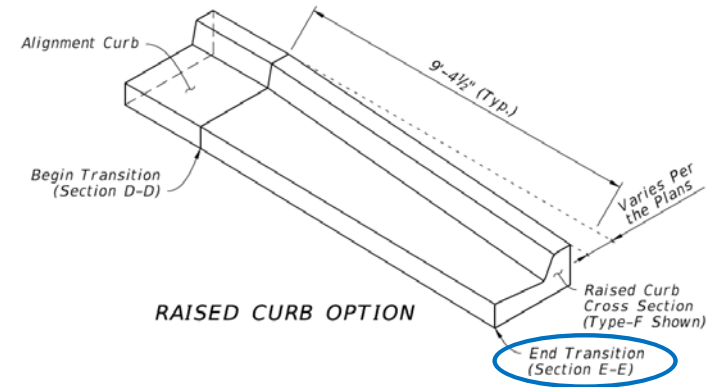
Curb Sections – Transition to Raised Curb Option (2 of 3)



SECTION D-D
BEGIN TRANSITION
 (End Alignment Curb)



SECTION E-E
END TRANSITION
RAISED CURB OPTION

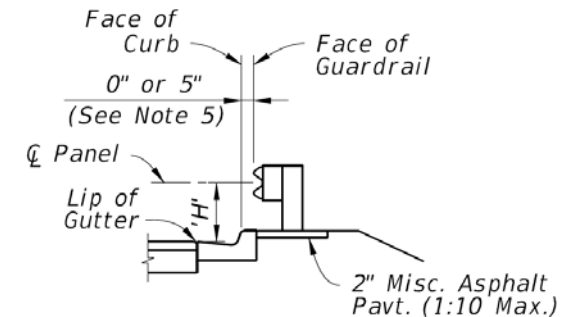


RAISED CURB OPTION

Section E-E, Raised Curb Established (e.g. Type F or Type E). This will generally keep its face aligned with the Rigid Barrier's shoulder line (same as Alignment Curb).

At Section E-E, begin the guardrail offset taper to typical section (Sheet 6).

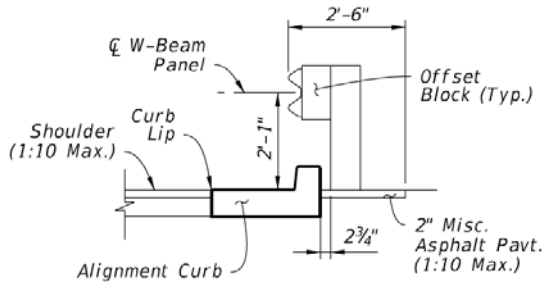
Taper Rate guidance is provided in the IDS.



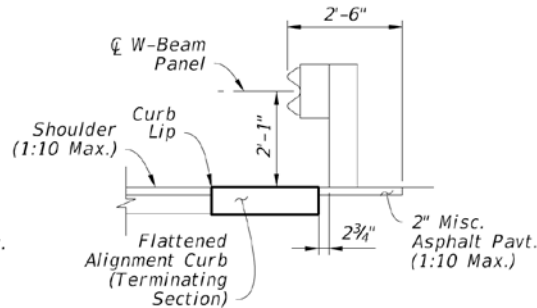
(Final Guardrail Typical Section)

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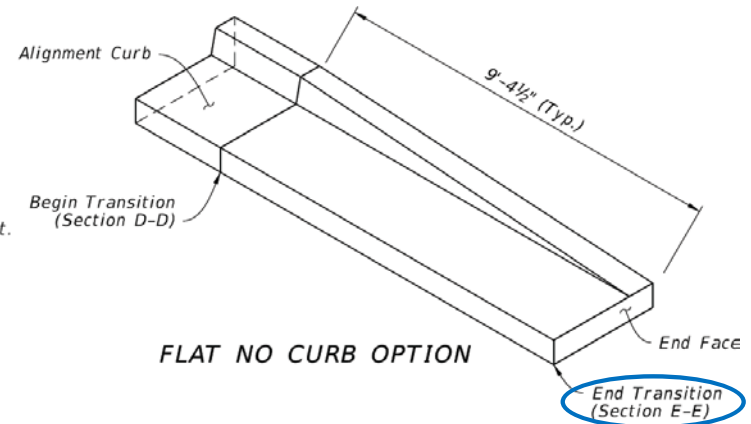
Curb Sections – Transition to No Curb Option (3 of 3)



SECTION D-D
BEGIN TRANSITION
 (End Alignment Curb)



SECTION E-E
END TRANSITION
 FLAT NO CURB OPTION

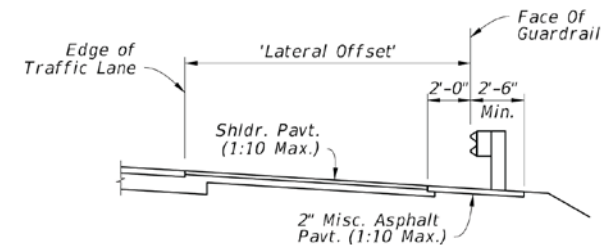


FLAT NO CURB OPTION

Section E-E, Curb is Terminated:

At Section E-E, begin guardrail offset taper to typical section as the project's shoulder width requires (Sheet 6).

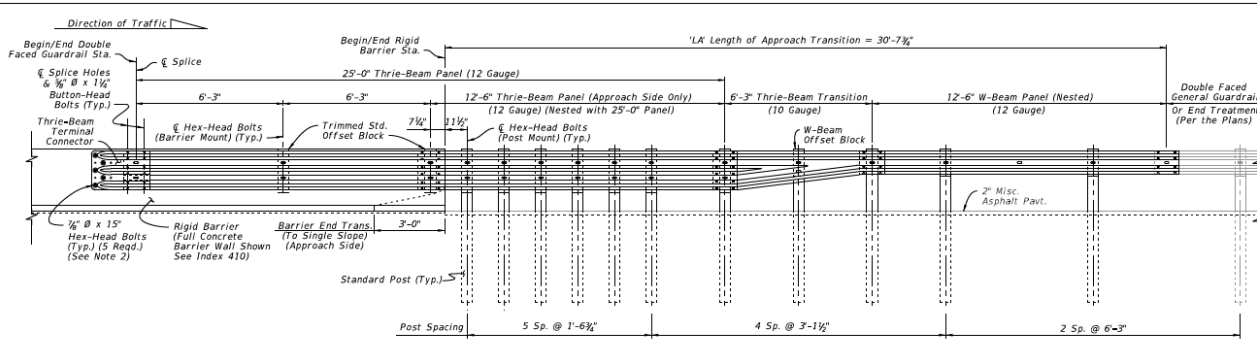
Typical section generally has face of guardrail at Shoulder Line plus 2' (or back edge of shoulder gutter plus 6"). Guardrail Taper Rate guidance is provided in the IDS.



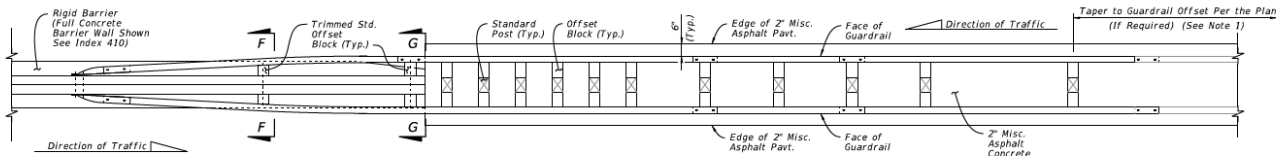
(Final Guardrail Typical Section)

Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, Double Faced:

- **ALL NEW!**
- Applicable to all Design Speeds
- “Hybrid” of previous Double Faced Transition and MASH-Tested TL-3 Approach Transition
- Adds 12'-6" barrier overlap needed to transition guardrail to Rigid Barrier Width



TL-3 DOUBLE FACED APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION



TL-3 DOUBLE FACED APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED PLAN

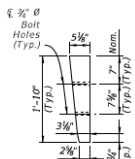
NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the Approach Transition segment where indicated in the plans. The required offset of the connecting adjacent guardrail is defined in the plans.

The Layouts given on Sheet 18 provide basic schemes for connections to adjacent guardrail, where a taper to a differing guardrail offset may be required. If the adjacent guardrail has the same offset as the Approach Transition segment, then no taper is required.

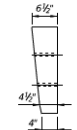
2. **THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR:** See Sheet 15 for Details. The installed bolts' threaded portion is not permitted to extend beyond 1/2" from the face of the nut; trim the threaded portion as needed and galvanize in accordance with Specification Section 562.

3. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. End Treatments or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.



TYPE F-F SECTION

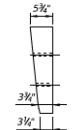
TRIMMED STD. OFFSET BLOCKS
TIMBER POST ALIGNMENT WIDTH



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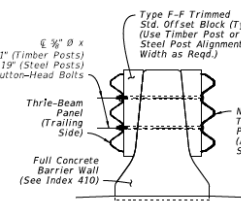


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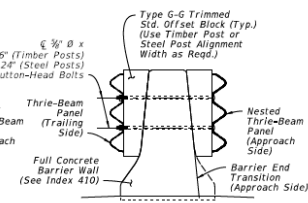


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TRIMMED STD. OFFSET BLOCKS
STEEL POST ALIGNMENT WIDTH



SECTION F-F

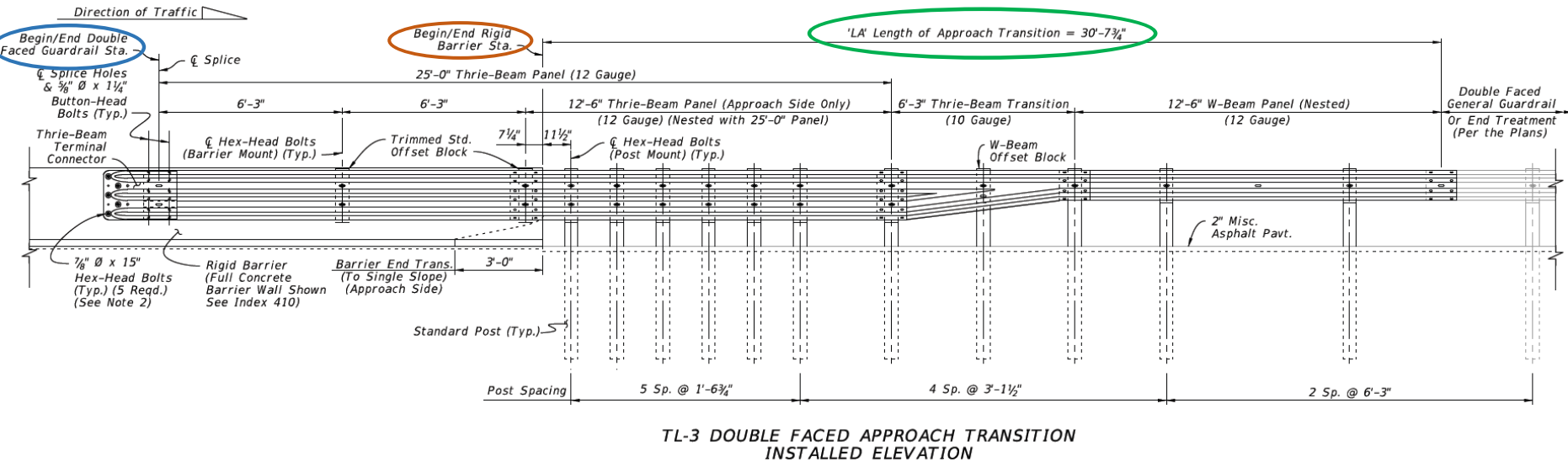


SECTION G-G

APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION TO
RIGID BARRIER WITH DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL

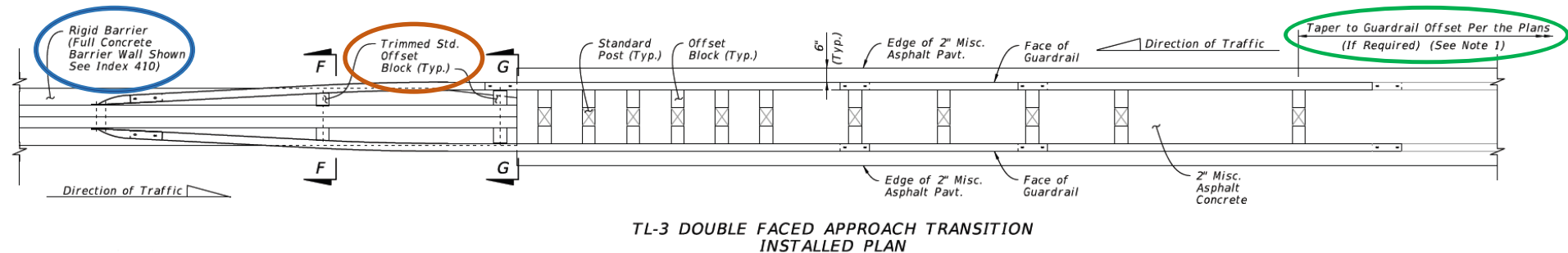
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Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, Double Faced:



- **Begin/End Double Faced Guardrail Station** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – *Length of guardrail measured from here*
- **Begin/End Rigid Barrier Station** called out - Different from Begin/End Guardrail Station (Required for Double Faced Guardrail width to transition into the narrower Rigid Barrier) Guardrail's 13'-1 1/4" overlap with the Rigid Barrier should be drawn this way in Plans.
- **Length of Approach Transition, 'LA'** – Has the same post spacing as the 'General' Approach Transition. The curb is omitted, because the guardrail panels are held away from the Rigid Barrier by the added offset blocks (reducing vehicle snagging).

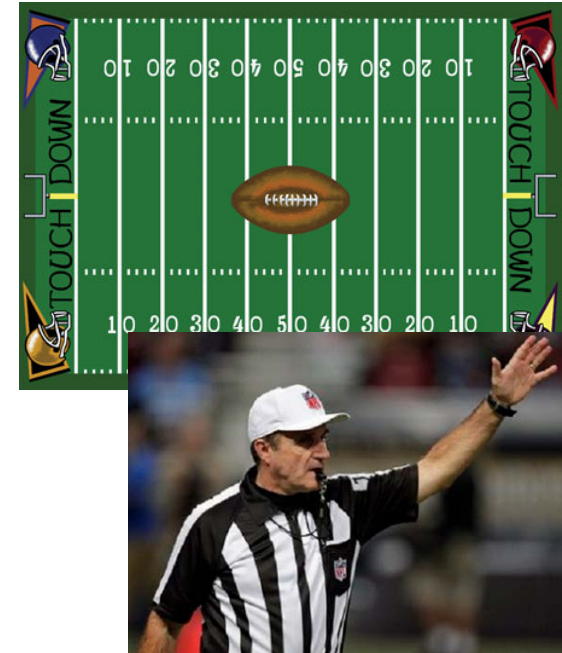
Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier, *Double Faced*:



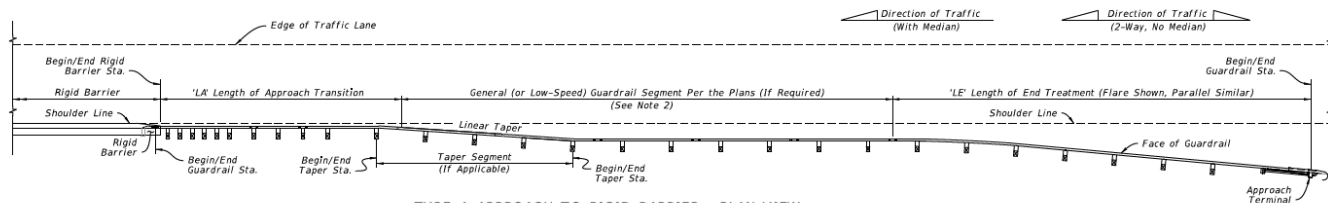
- **Rigid Barrier** – “Full” Double Faced Barrier per Index 410. It is narrower than Double Faced Guardrail System
- **Trimmed Std. Offset Blocks to Rigid Barrier** – Wider guardrail system transitioning to Rigid Barrier width. The reason for the guardrail overlapping with the Rigid Barrier!
- **Taper to Guardrail Offset per the Plans** – Similar to Section E-E in that this is where the Plans will begin transition to a different guardrail offset if needed (40’-7½” from Begin/End Guardrail Sta.)

End of 3rd Quarter Review Questions!

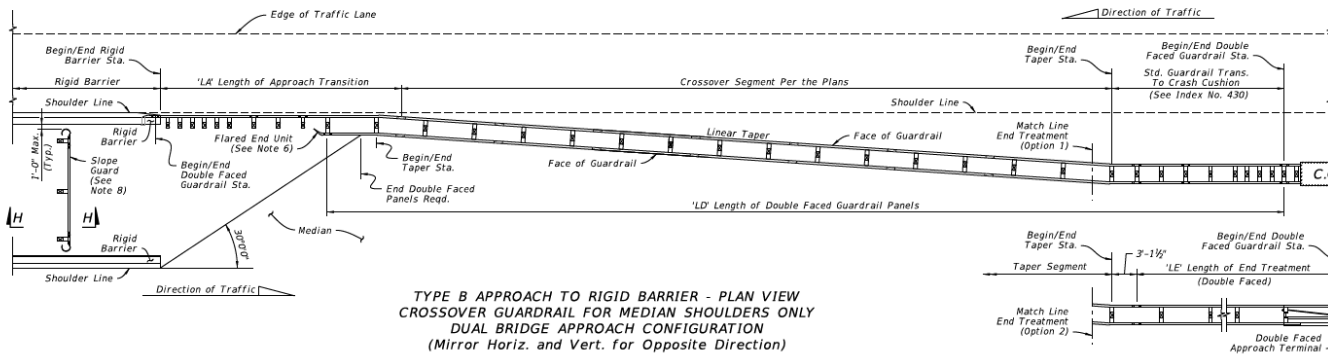
1. When is a CRT configuration used?
2. For Approach Transition Connections, when is the guardrail panel overlap with Rigid Barrier of *about 12'-6"* required?
3. For *single faced* Approach Transition Connections, what is the location difference between the Begin Guardrail Station and the face of the Rigid Barrier? (in inches)
4. All *single faced* Approach Transition Connections require an Alignment Curb underneath... *True or False?*
5. All *double faced* Approach Transition Connections require an Alignment Curb underneath... *True or False?*
6. For single faced Approach Transition Connections, at what 'Section' on the Index Sheet do you begin the guardrail Taper (usually headed towards 2' from shoulder line)?



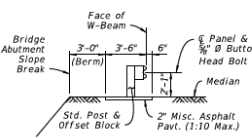
Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Single Barrier Approach or Median Crossover:



TYPE A APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW
MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDERS
 (Mirror Horiz. and/or Vert. for Opposite Direction and/or Side of Road)



TYPE B APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW
CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL FOR MEDIAN SHOULDERS ONLY
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SECTION H-H
BRIDGE ABUTMENT
SLOPE GUARD
 (Between Bridges)

NOTES:

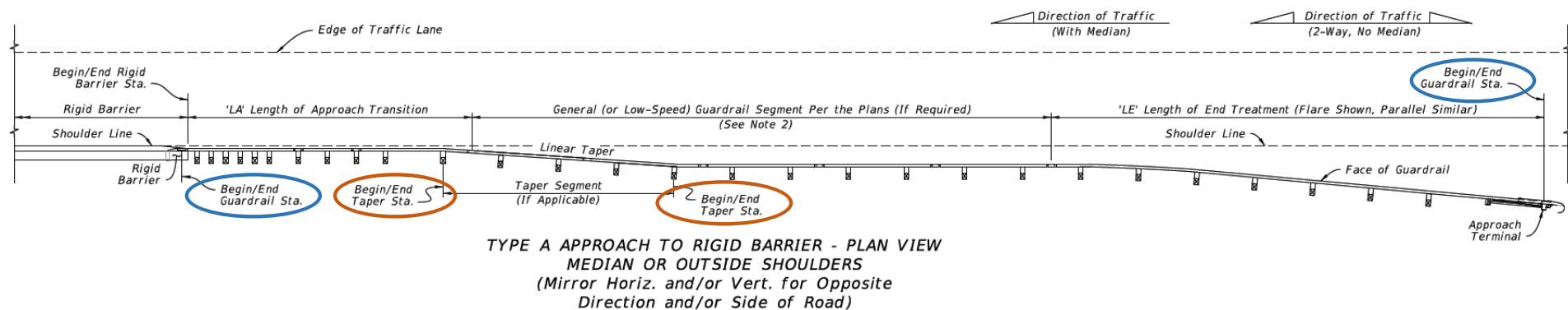
- INSTALLATION:** The Plan Views shown are schematic only, showing example geometry for connecting guardrail segments including taper locations and Double Faced Guardrail requirements as applicable. Work this Sheet with the plans, where stationing and offsets for Begin/End Guardrail, Begin/End Rigid Barrier, and Begin/End Taper are specified.
- GENERAL (OR LOW-SPEED) GUARDRAIL SEGMENT:** Construct this segment if shown in the plans. For the case where this segment's offset differs from the Approach Transition offset, linearly taper the guardrail between the Begin/End Taper Stations and offsets as specified in the plans.
 For the shortest length case of a direct connection between the End Treatment and the Approach Transition, this segment may be omitted as shown in the plans.
- LENGTH OF APPROACH TRANSITION 'LA':** Install the Approach Transition as shown per Sheet 13 or 14 as called for in the plans.
- LENGTH OF END TREATMENT 'LE':** Install the Approach Terminal End Treatment as shown per Sheet 7 or 8, where called for in the plans. Use the corresponding APL drawings for construction details.
- CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Install the Crossover Segment tapering linearly from the Begin Taper Sta. and offset to the End Taper Sta. and offset as specified in the plans.
- LENGTH OF DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL PANELS, 'LD' (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Terminate the Double Faced Guardrail panels as shown (based upon the 30° line measured from the hazard on the opposite side of the median). Extend the panel segment longer than the dimension 'LD' as needed for the Panel's end Bolt Slot to align with a post Bolt hole.
 Install a Flared End Unit where shown, as defined on Sheet 9.
- END TREATMENT OPTIONS (FOR TYPE B & C APPROACH):** For Double Faced applications, use either a Double Faced Approach Terminal Assembly per Sheet 8 or a Crash Cushion per Index 430. For either Option, meet the 1:10 adjacent grading requirements for Approach Terminals as shown on Sheet 8.
- SLOPE GUARD:** Where indicated in the plans, install a Guardrail segment between bridge approaches and offset from the bridge abutment's Slope Break as shown. Install posts at the end bolt slots of the panel system. Use post spacing of either 3'-1 1/2" or 6'-2", as needed to correctly fit system between barriers. The system may also be lengthened to fit by installing two Rounded End Units as defined on Sheet 9.

LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -
APPROACH ENDS

- Provides Example Layout "Types" that will correspond to callouts in the Plans
- Shows how segments in previous sheets connect together

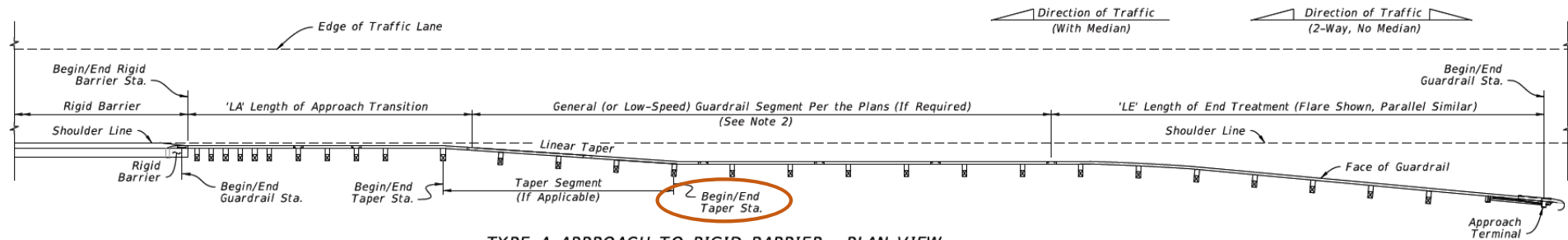
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Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Single Barrier Approach:



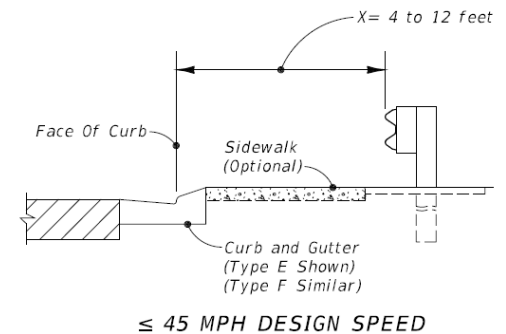
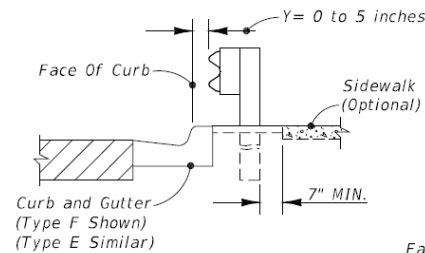
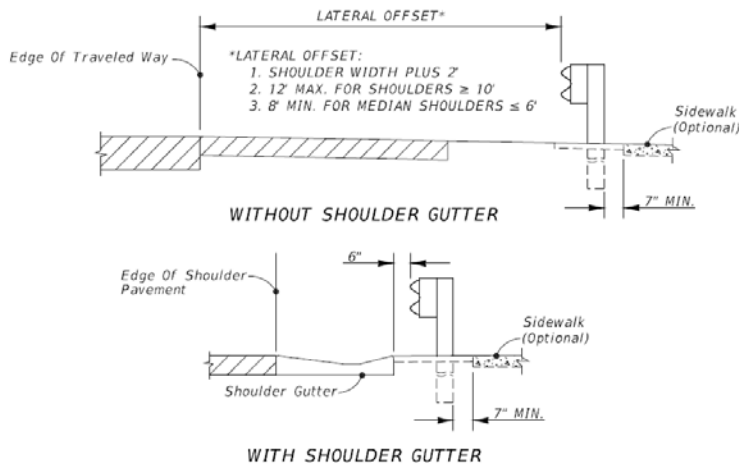
- Shows Approach Transition, General Guardrail, and Approach Terminal End Treatment as one system. NOTE: For shortest case of Rigid Barrier end protection, General Guardrail segment may be omitted (simply 'LA' + 'LE')
- **Begin/End Guardrail Stations** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – Corresponds to callouts on preceding sheets – *Defines length of Guardrail*
- **Begin/End Taper Stations** called out - Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – This is typically where the Guardrail begins tapering to its typical section on Sheet 6 (guardrail face usually goes to paved shoulder line plus 2 feet, or it's measured from face of curb). *This starts at Section E-E on Sheets 13-15! Taper rate guidance is provided in the IDS.

Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Single Barrier Approach:

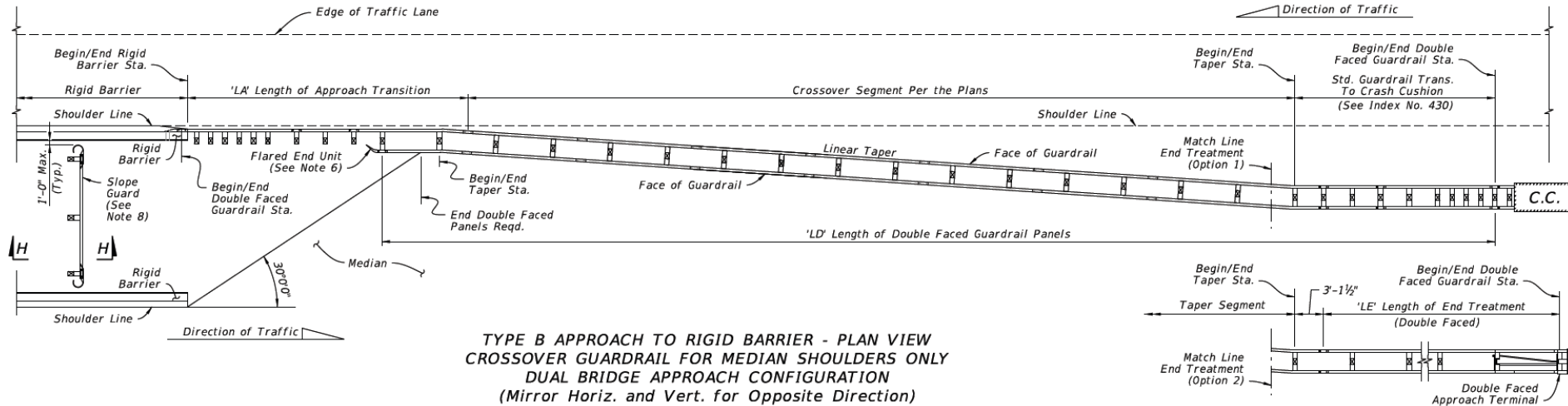


TYPE A APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW
MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDERS
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- **Begin/End Taper Stations** called out – The circled Taper Sta. will generally look like one of these! From PPM Figure 4.4.12

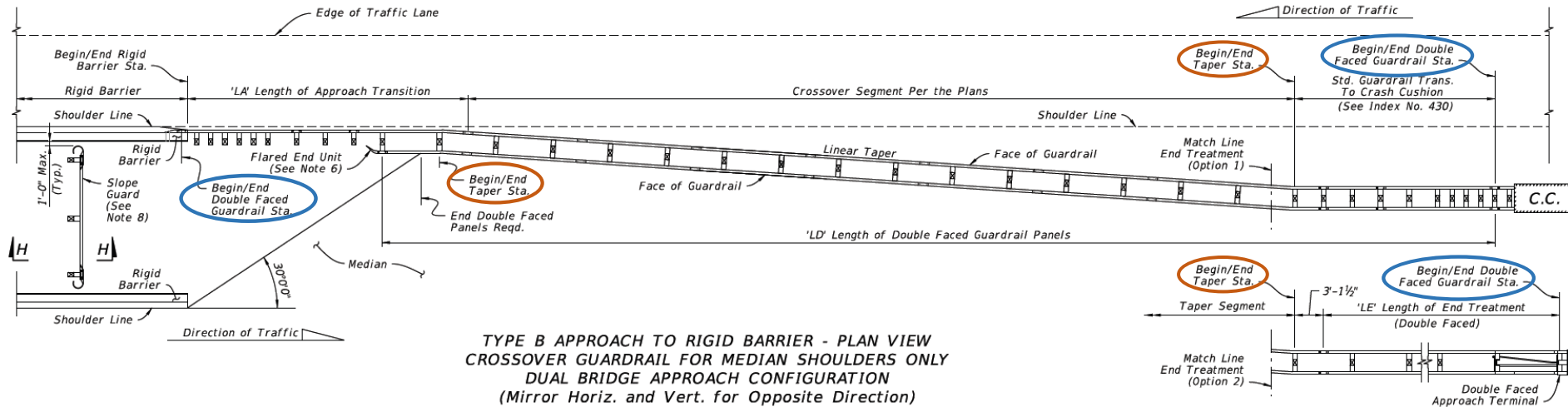


Layouts to Rigid Barrier, “Median Crossover Guardrail”:



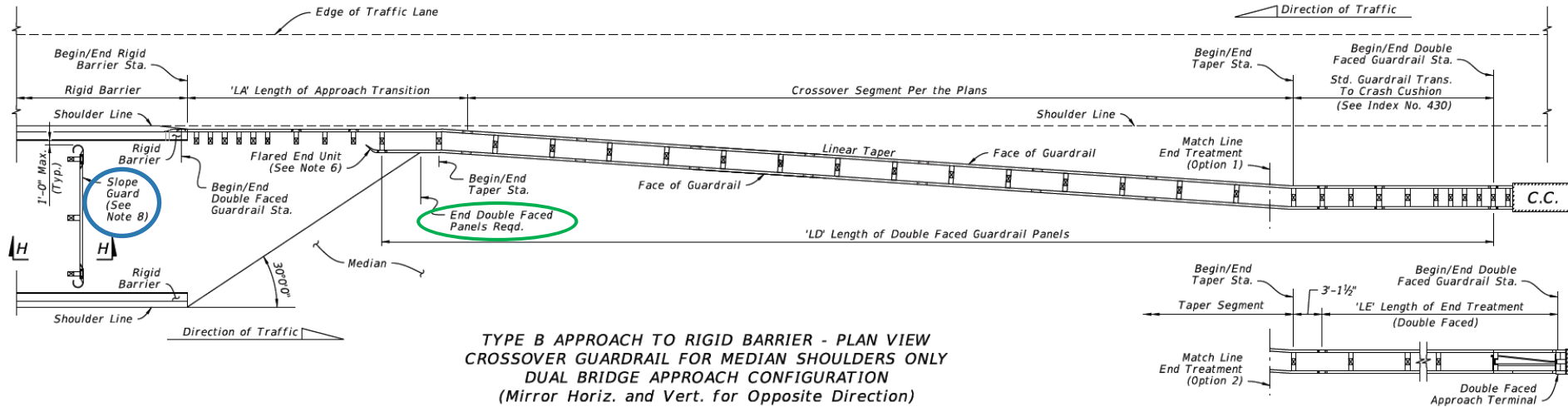
- Shows layout for shielding Rigid Barriers of dual bridges, where the concrete railing across the median is within the clear zone (this places the back of the shielding guardrail in the opposing lane’s clear zone as well)
- The “Median Guardrail Crossover” is most efficient design for the shortest Length of Need
- The new ‘Guardrail Length of Need Program’ assists with this design, providing station and offset information. We’ll cover specifics of ‘Double Faced Approach Terminals’ and ‘Crash Cushions’ when we discuss this later.

Layouts to Rigid Barrier, “Median Crossover Guardrail”:

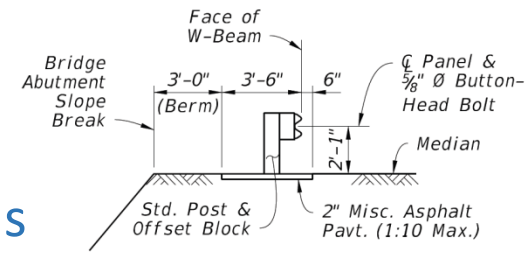


- **Begin/End Double Faced Guardrail Stations** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans
NOTE: The Double Faced Guardrail Pay Item applies from the Rigid Barrier Connection to the End Treatment (even over the single faced Approach Transition Connection).
- **Begin/End Taper Stations** called out - Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout. The station and offset callouts define the linear taper rate for the contractor.
NOTE: The 'Guardrail Length of Need Program' assists with providing these stations and offsets.

Layouts to Rigid Barrier, "Median Crossover Guardrail":

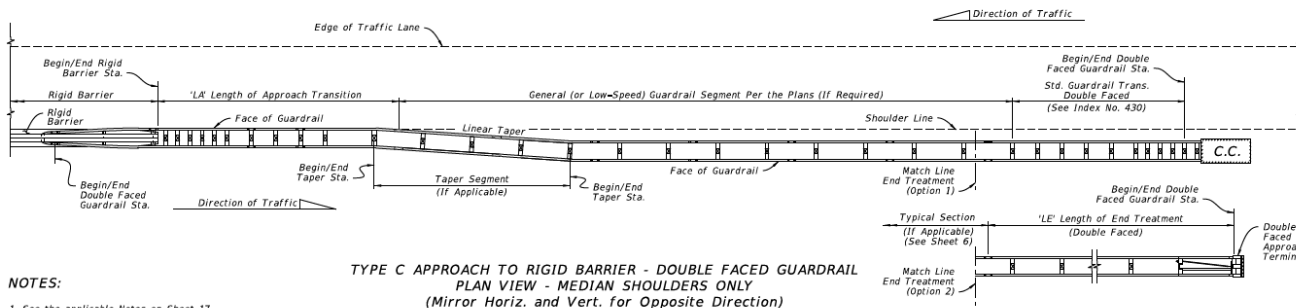


- **End Double Faced Panels Required** – Show how far the double faced panels continue graphically in the Plans (Regarding Payment, the entire layout here is considered Double Faced Guardrail).
- **Slope Guard**- Place in Plans between bridges at 6'-6" from the slope break. Tabulate an estimated length as the adjacent guardrail type and include in the Plans (separate quantity entry). More info in IDS.



**SECTION H-H
BRIDGE ABUTMENT
SLOPE GUARD
(Between Bridges)**

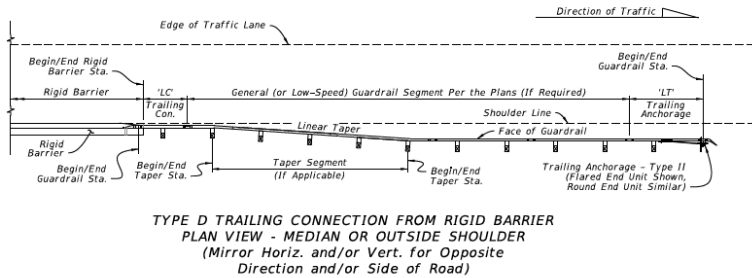
Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Double Faced Approach and Trailing End:



NOTES:
1. See the applicable Notes on Sheet 17.

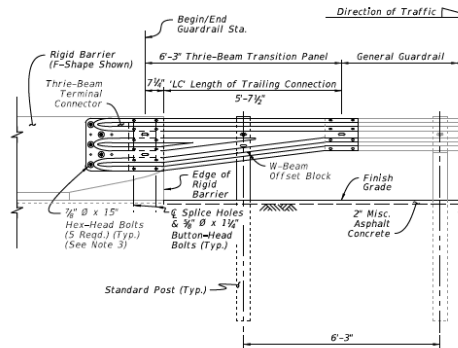
**TYPE C APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL
PLAN VIEW - MEDIAN SHOULDERS ONLY
(Mirror Horiz. and Vert. for Opposite Direction)**

**LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -
APPROACH ENDS WITH
DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL**



NOTES:
1. See the applicable Notes on Sheet 17.
2. LENGTH OF TRAILING ANCHORAGE, 'LT': Install the Trailing Anchorage - Type II as shown on Sheet 9, where called for in the plans.
3. THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR: Install connector and bolts as shown on Sheet 15.
4. RIGID BARRIER SINGLE SLOPE END FACE: See Concrete Barrier Wall, Index 410, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 420 thru 425, for details.

**TYPE D TRAILING CONNECTION FROM RIGID BARRIER
PLAN VIEW - MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDER
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**TRAILING END TRANSITION CONNECTION
TO RIGID BARRIER - INSTALLED ELEVATION**

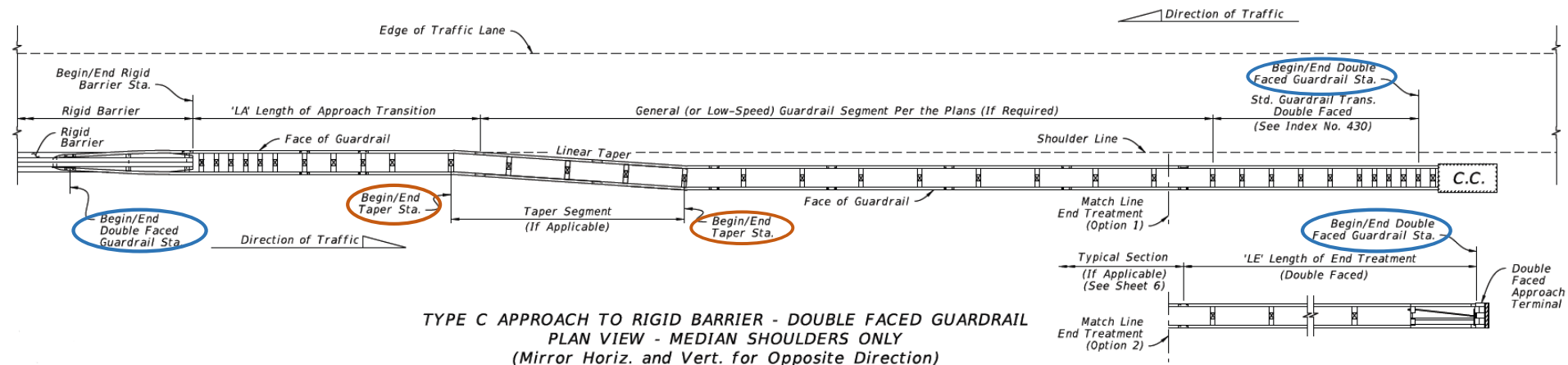
**LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -
TRAILING ENDS**

- More Example Layout "Types" that will correspond to callouts in the Plans

- Shows how segments in previous sheets connect together

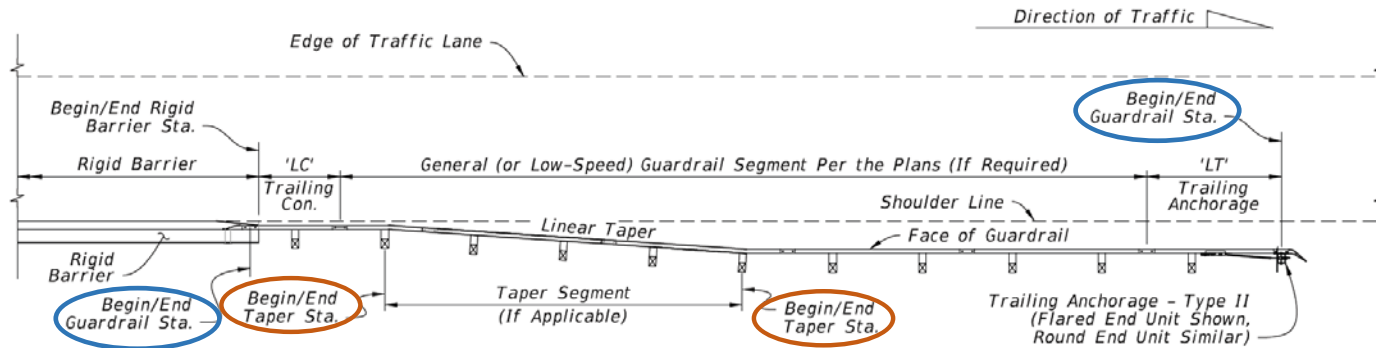
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Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Double Faced Approach:



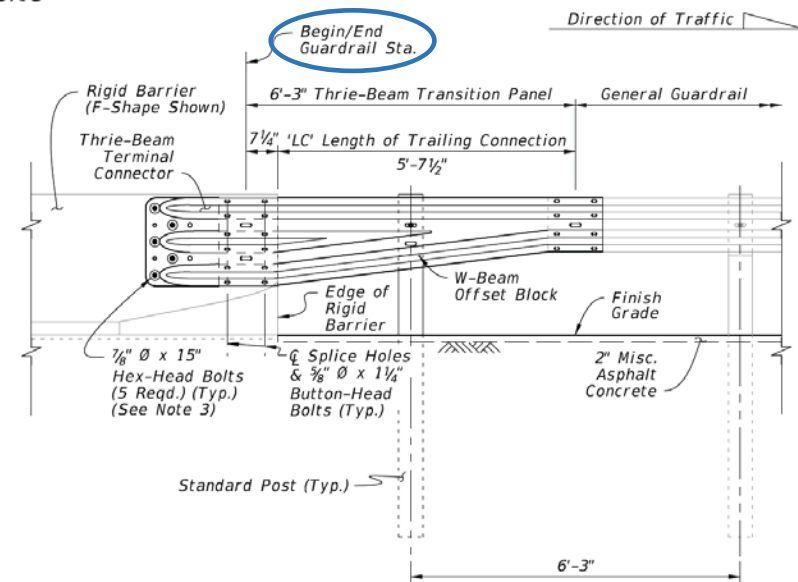
- Shows Approach Transition, General Guardrail, and Approach Terminal End Treatment as one system.
NOTE: For shortest case of Rigid Barrier end protection, General Guardrail segment may be omitted (simply 'LA' + 'LE')
- **Begin/End Double Faced Guardrail Stations** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – Corresponds to callouts on preceding sheets – *Defines length of Guardrail*
- **Begin/End Taper Stations** called out - Corresponds to Roadway Plans callout – This is typically where the Guardrail begins tapering to its typical section on Sheet 6 (guardrail face usually goes to paved shoulder line plus 2 feet, or it's measured from face of curb). The start of taper location is shown on Sheet 16. Taper rate guidance is provided in the IDS.

Layouts to Rigid Barrier, Trailing End:



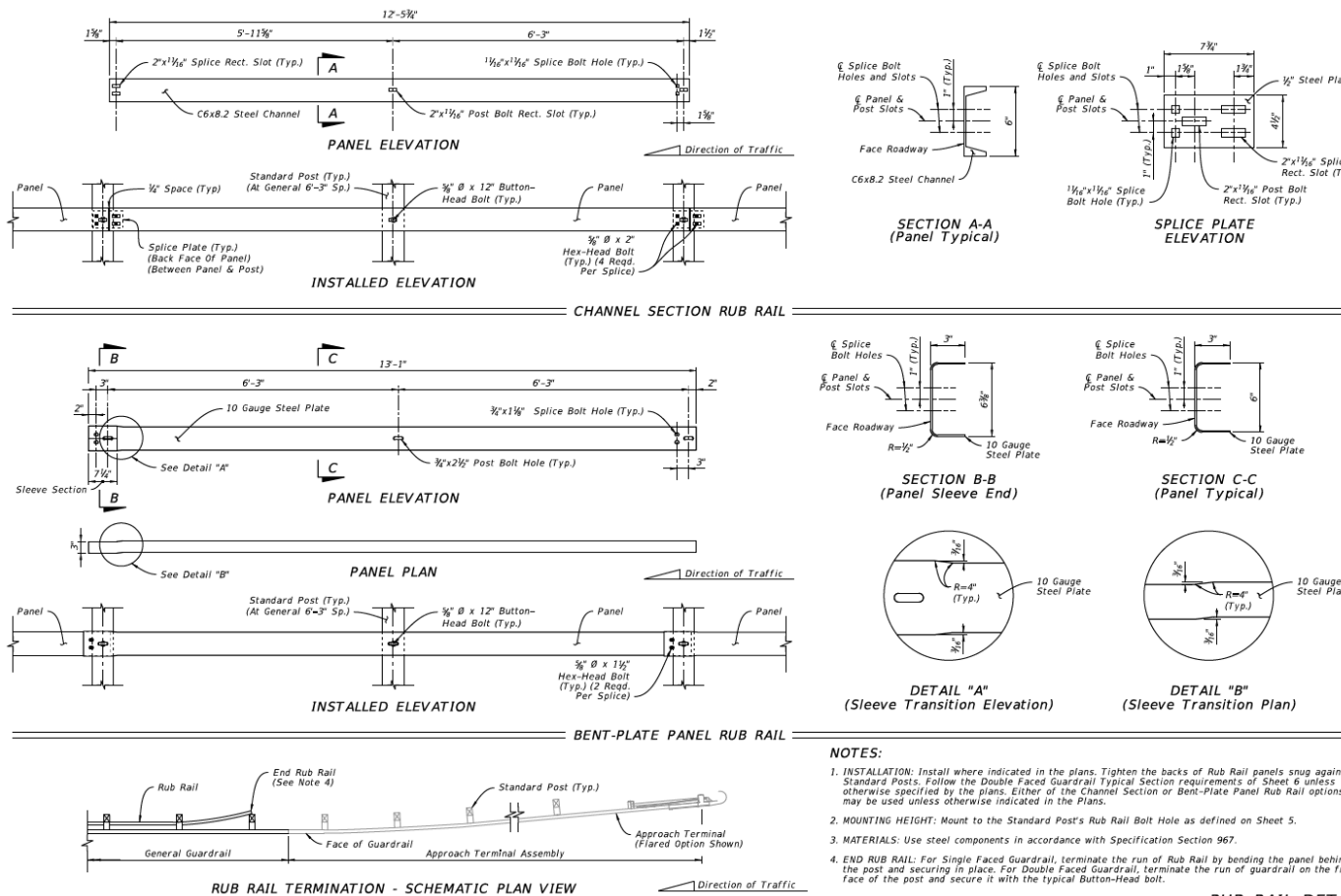
**TYPE D TRAILING CONNECTION FROM RIGID BARRIER
PLAN VIEW - MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDER
(Mirror Horiz. and/or Vert. for Opposite
Direction and/or Side of Road)**

- Shows Trailing Connection, General Guardrail, and Trailing Anchorage (Type II).
- **Begin/End Guardrail Stations** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callouts
- **Begin/End Taper Stations** called out – Corresponds to Roadway Plans callouts
- **ALL NEW – Trailing Connection** detailed on same Sheet. Now uses Thrie-Beam Transition Panel to create similar connection as approach end.



**TRAILING END TRANSITION CONNECTION
TO RIGID BARRIER - INSTALLED ELEVATION**

Rub Rail Details:



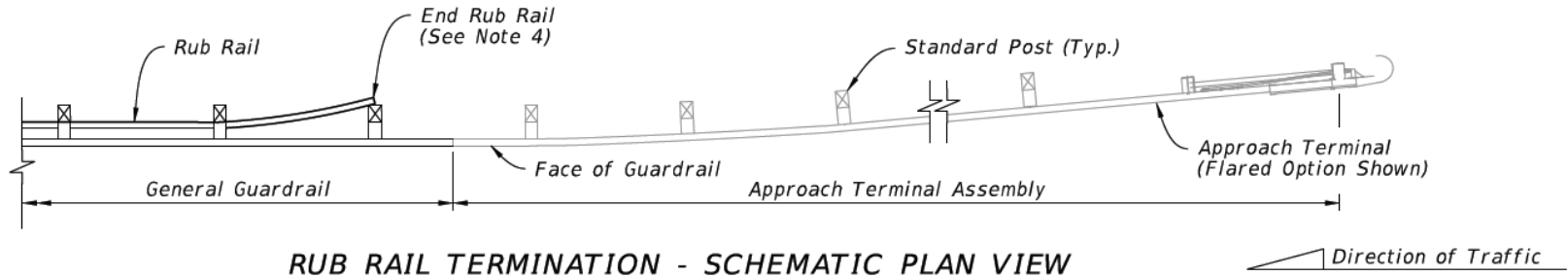
NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Install where indicated in the plans. Tighten the backs of Rub Rail panels snug against Standard Posts. Follow the Double Faced Guardrail Typical Section requirements of Sheet 6 unless otherwise specified by the plans. Either of the Channel Section or Bent-Plate Panel Rub Rail options may be used unless otherwise indicated in the Plans.
- MOUNTING HEIGHT:** Mount to the Standard Post's Rub Rail Bolt Hole as defined on Sheet 5.
- MATERIALS:** Use steel components in accordance with Specification Section 967.
- END RUB RAIL:** For Single Faced Guardrail, terminate the run of Rub Rail by bending the panel behind the post and securing in place. For Double Faced Guardrail, terminate the run of guardrail on the front face of the post and secure it with the typical Button-Head bolt.

- NEW! Rub Rail Details** are now Provided for same old Rub Rail!
- Previous Standard had referenced AASHTO-ARTBA-TF13 "Guide to... Barrier Hardware", but this did not show installed Rub Rail in finished condition
- Now added more specific detail about where to begin and end Rub Rail

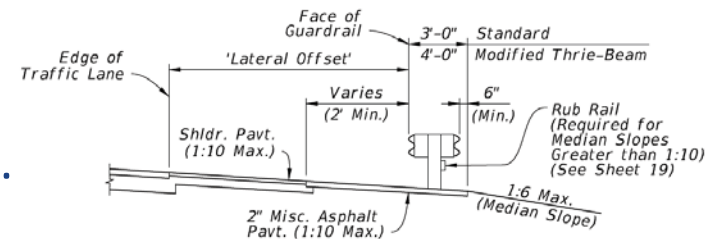
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Rub Rail Details:



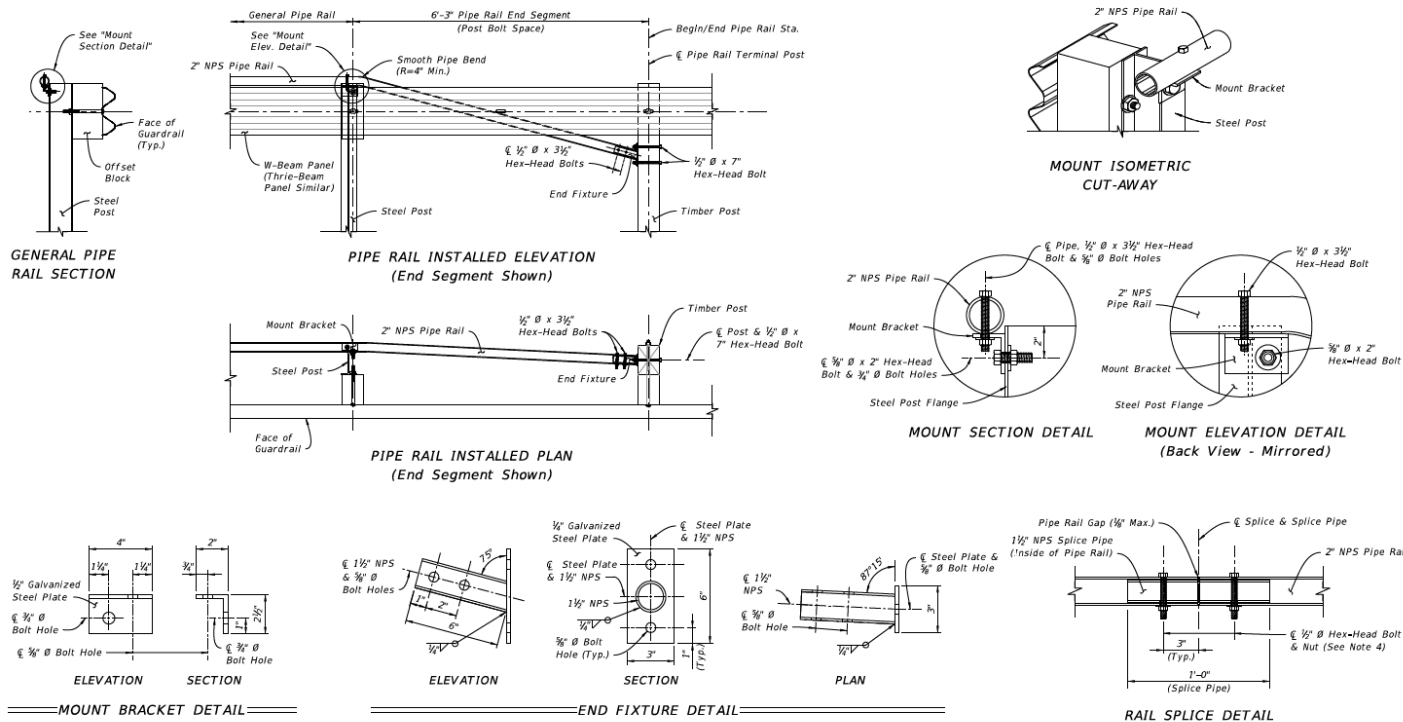
RUB RAIL TERMINATION - SCHEMATIC PLAN VIEW

- Label Begin/End Rub Rail Stations as explained in the IDS
- Terminate Rub Rail outside of End Treatment Segments (Approach Terminal 'LE', Trailing Anchorage 'LT') and Crash Cushion Transition segments.
- Remember, from Sheet 6, use Rub Rail only for median slopes greater than 1:10 (with a 1:6 Max. slope in general)



DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL (Shown In Median)

Pedestrian Safety Treatment – Pipe Rail:



• This is the same as the previous Standard, only detailed more clearly and with more construction issues addressed.

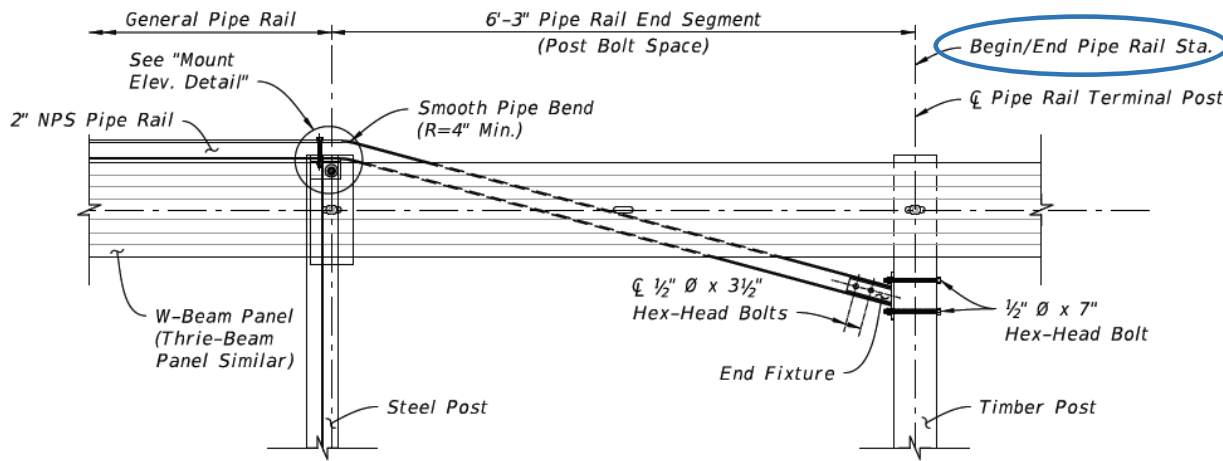
NOTES:

1. GENERAL: Install General Pipe Rail where indicated in the plans or when existing sidewalks or shared use paths are located less than 4'-0" from the back of Steel Posts as shown on Sheet 6.
2. PIPE RAIL END SEGMENTS: Place End Segments on both ends of General Pipe Rail runs, with End Fixtures mounted to Timber Posts located outside of Approach Terminal Assembly (LE) and Trailing Anchorage Assembly (LT) segments.
3. MATERIALS: Use steel brackets, fixtures, and pipes in accordance with Specification Section 967.
4. RAIL SPLICES: Install Rail Splices to join pieces of 2" NPS Pipe Rail into a continuous system. Place splices as needed, at a spacing of 18'-0" or greater. Orient the head of bolt on the top of the pipe.

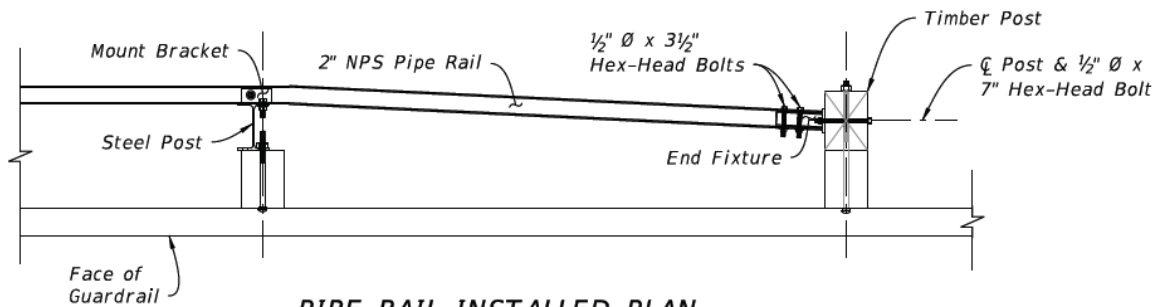
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TREATMENT - PIPE RAIL

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Pedestrian Safety Treatment – Pipe Rail:



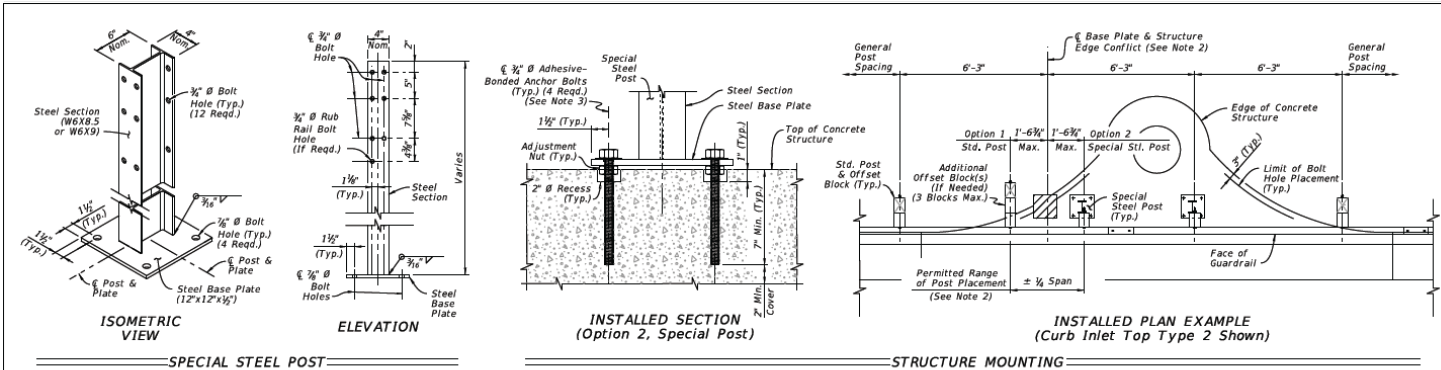
PIPE RAIL INSTALLED ELEVATION
(End Segment Shown)



PIPE RAIL INSTALLED PLAN
(End Segment Shown)

- Pipe Rail segments are required where Steel Posts will be located within 4' of sidewalks or shared use paths
- Designers should generally assume steel posts are used and include pipe rail callouts and quantities in the Plans (to give contractor the post option)
- Pipe Rail must terminate outside of End Treatment segments (At least 3'-1 1/2" outside of 'LE', 'LA', 'LT', and/or Crash Cushion segments). Notice that the first post outside of these segments is timber where Pipe Rail is used.
- **Begin/End Pipe Rail Station** corresponds to the Plans callouts

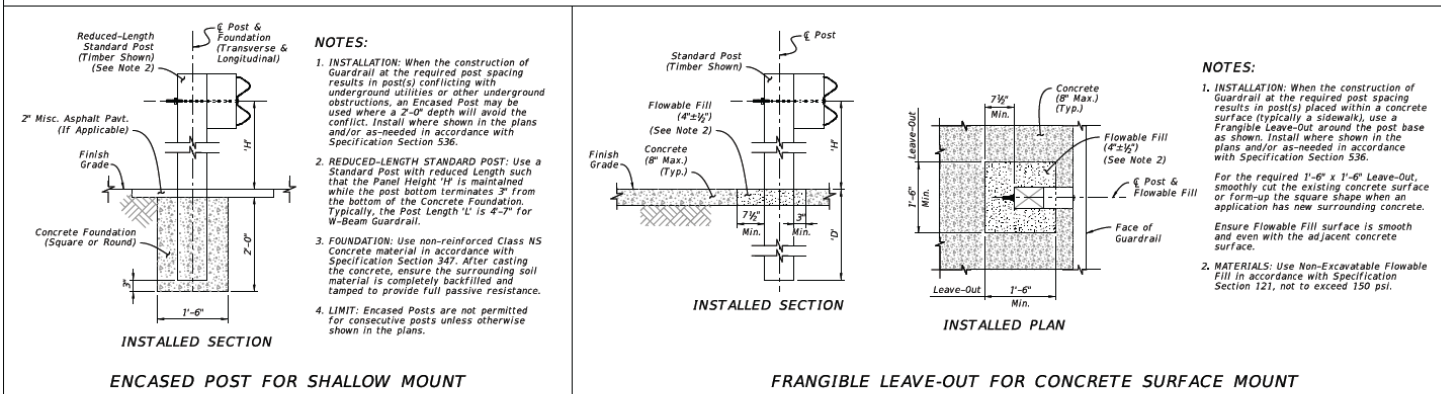
Special Steel Post, Encased Post, Frangible Leave Out:



NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** When the construction of Guardrail at the required post spacing results in post(s) located atop culverts, inlets, pier footings, or similar concrete structures, a Special Steel Post may be substituted for a Standard Post. Special Steel Posts are not permitted within an Approach Terminal's Design Length as specified on the APL drawing. Install where shown in the plans and/or as-needed in accordance with Specification Section 536.
- EDGE CONFLICT:** When a required post location causes an Edge Conflict with the structure, where the Steel Base Plate is not located entirely on the structure at least 3" from the Edge of Concrete, the longitudinal post location may be altered by up to 1'-6 3/4" (Quarter Span) from the original required spacing to prevent the Edge Conflict. With the post location adjusted, use a Std. Post mounted in soil (Option 1) or a Special Steel Post with its Base Plate mounted entirely on the structure (Option 2). Maintain the original required spacing locations upstream and downstream of the structure.
- BASE PLATE MOUNT:** Install Special Steel Posts as shown using steel Adhesive-Bonded Anchor Bolts in accordance with Specification Section 536. Use 3/4" Hex-Head Bolts for structures less than 9" deep as defined in the Specification.
- PANEL MOUNT TO ADJUSTED POST:** Punch additional 3/4"x2 1/2" Post Bolt Slot(s) in the W-Beam or Thrie-Beam Panel only where needed to mount the panel to a post in an adjusted location. Meet the Panel Post Bolt Slots requirements of Specification Section 536.
- MATERIALS:** Use steel base plates in accordance with Specification Section 536.

SPECIAL STEEL POST FOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE MOUNT



NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** When the construction of Guardrail at the required post spacing results in post(s) conflicting with underground utilities or other underground obstructions, an Encased Post may be used where a 2'-0" depth will avoid the conflict. Install where shown in the plans and/or as-needed in accordance with Specification Section 536.
- REDUCED-LENGTH STANDARD POST:** Use a Standard Post with reduced length such that the Panel Height "H" is maintained while the post bottom terminates 3" from the bottom of the Concrete Foundation. Typically, the Post Length "L" is 4'-7" for W-Beam Guardrail.
- FOUNDATION:** Use non-reinforced Class NS Concrete material in accordance with Specification Section 347. After casting the concrete, ensure the surrounding soil material is completely backfilled and tamped to provide full passive resistance.
- LIMIT:** Encased Posts are not permitted for consecutive posts unless otherwise shown in the plans.

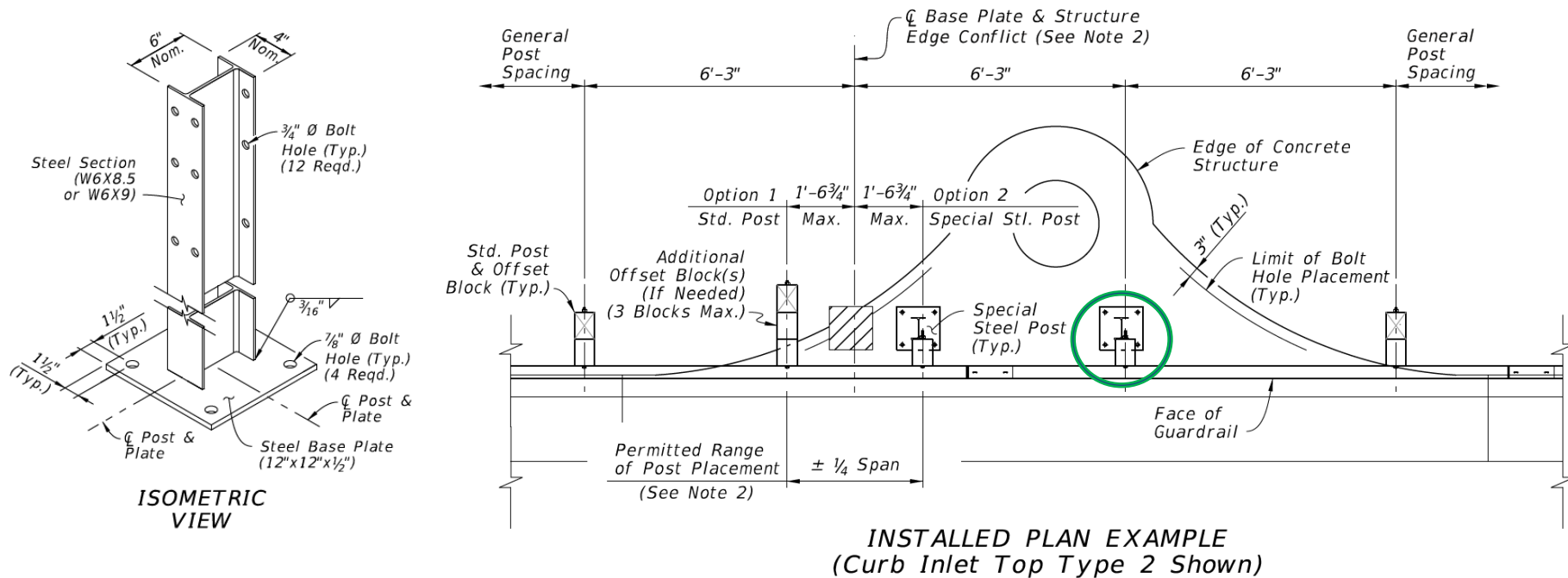
NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** When the construction of Guardrail at the required post spacing results in post(s) placed within a concrete surface (typically a sidewalk), use a Frangible Leave-Out around the post base as shown. Install where shown in the plans and/or as-needed in accordance with Specification Section 536.
For the required 1'-6" x 1'-6" Leave-Out, smoothly cut the existing concrete surface or form-up the square shape when an application has new surrounding concrete. Ensure Flowable Fill surface is smooth and even with the adjacent concrete surface.
- MATERIALS:** Use Non-Excavatable Flowable Fill in accordance with Specification Section 121, not to exceed 150 psi.

- NEW AND IMPROVED!** (mostly)
- “Modified Mounts”** allow different post mounting options for the scenarios of:
 - Posts atop a concrete structure
 - Posts over shallow underground utilities
 - Post atop concrete surface (sidewalk)

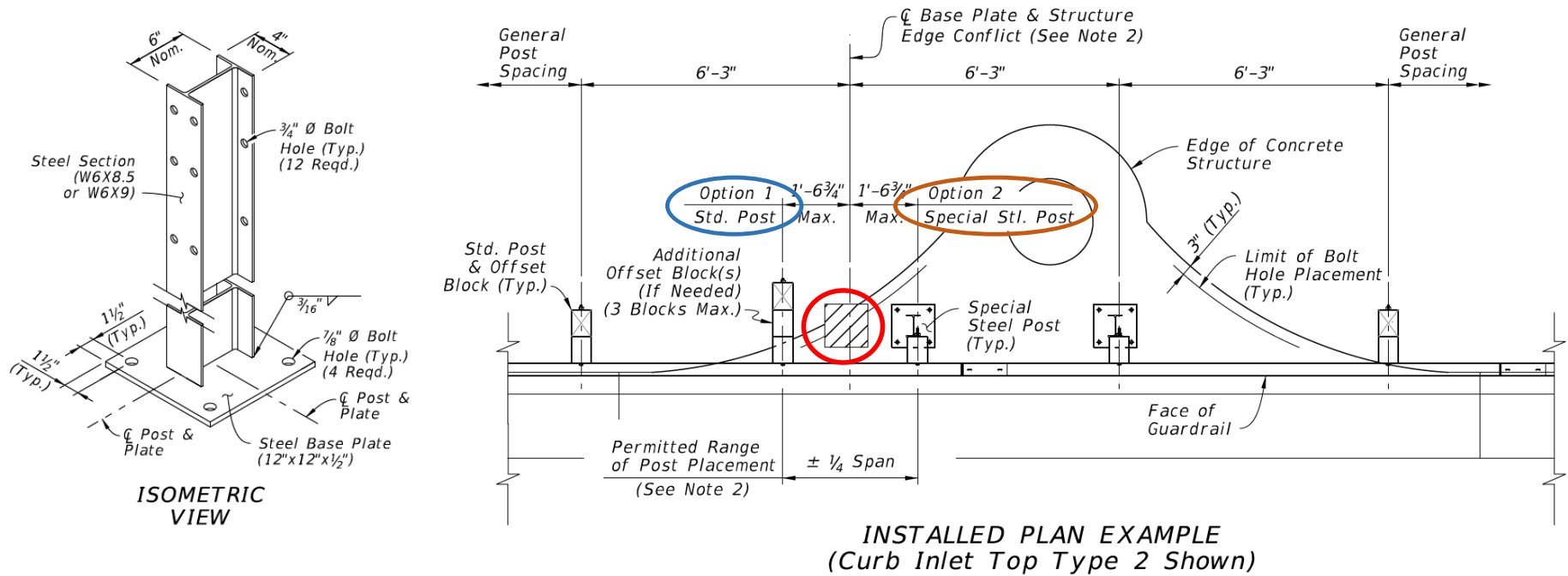
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Special Steel Post for Concrete Structure Mount:



- Contractor may use Special Steel Posts when it is called for in the Plans or as-needed (billed beyond the Plans quantity).
- If a post falls entirely upon a concrete structure (base plate beyond 3" from the edge), a Special Steel Post is used (with base plate mounted into the structure via adhesive-bonded anchor bolts).

Special Steel Post for Concrete Structure Mount:

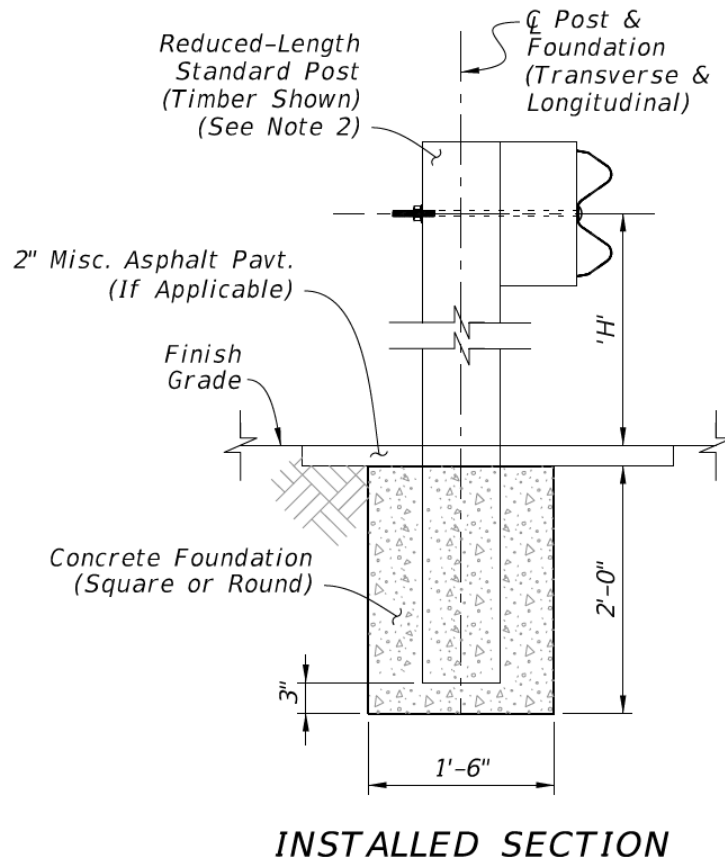


If a post falls on the concrete edge, then this is called an “**Edge Conflict**”, and the contractor has two options:

- Option 1, Standard Post:** Move the post up to a quarter span in the direction away from the structure, and plant the post in the soil

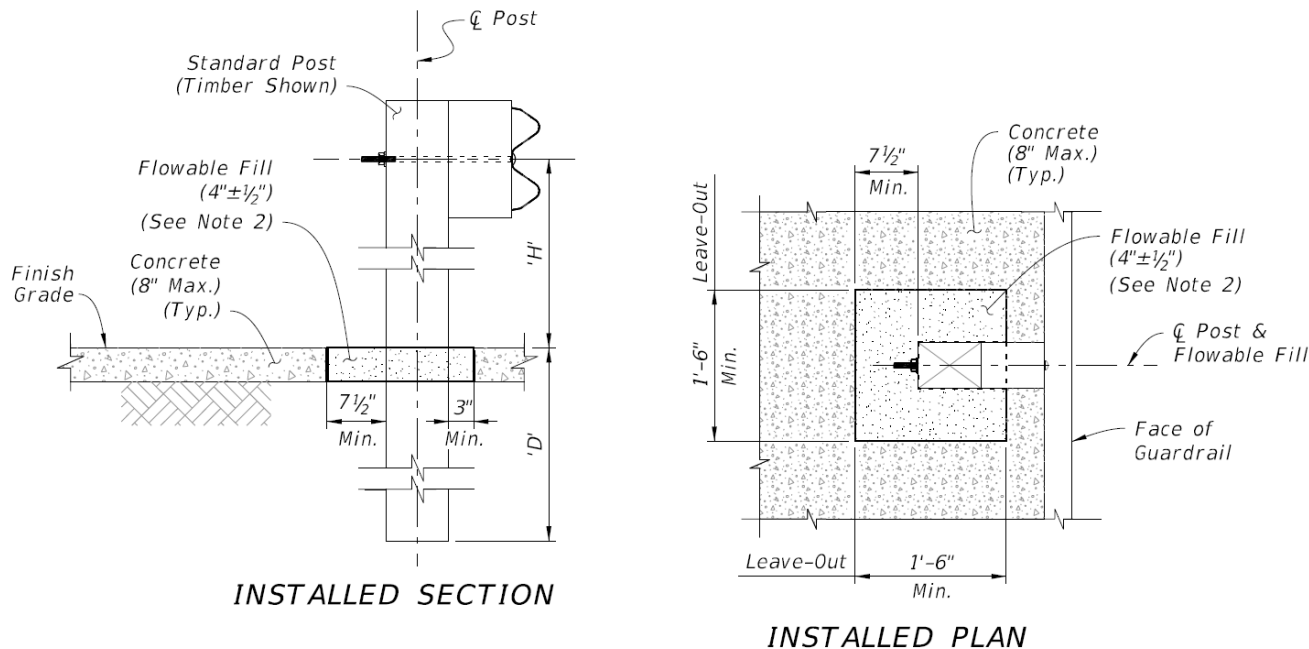
NOTE: The contractor is allowed to use up to 2 additional Offset Blocks to miss the structure
- Option 2, Special Steel Post:** Move the post up to a quarter span in the direction of the structure, and use a Special Steel Post with its base plate entirely atop the structure

Encased Post for Shallow Mount (Over Underground Obstacles):



- This option saves 20" of depth versus Standard Posts.
- The contractor has the option to use as-needed (billed beyond the Plans quantity)
- This may only be used for non-consecutive posts
- If the designer happens to know of a definite post-utility conflict, then this may be called out and quantified in the Plans as well (perhaps on a short guardrail run with predictable post locations)

Frangible Leave-out for Concrete Surface Mount:



- **ALL NEW!** If a post falls atop a concrete surface or sidewalk (undesirable), then the contractor must use a "Frangible Leave-Out" around the base of the post.
- The Frangible Leave-out involves blocking out the concrete around the base of the post and backfilling it with low-strength "Flowable Fill" (max 150 psi).

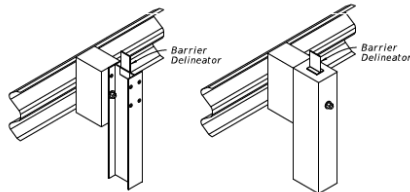
This allows the post to rotate correctly upon vehicle impact.

- These Leave-outs can either be called out in the Plans for predictable post locations, or the contractor can use them as-needed (billed beyond the Plans quantity).

Barrier Delineators, Reduced Post Spacing, Bolt System:

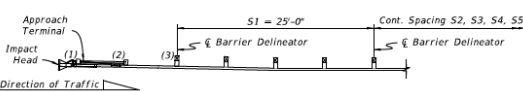
NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Install Barrier Delineators as shown in accordance with the plans, with Specifications Section 536 and 705, and with the manufacturer's design as approved on the APL.
- MATERIALS:** Use materials of the size and type defined for Barrier Delineators in Specifications Section 993.
- COLOR:** Use either white or yellow retroreflective sheeting to match the color of the nearest lane's edgeline.
- MOUNT LOCATIONS:** Mount Barrier Delineators atop posts as shown, starting with Post (3) of Approach Terminals and incrementally increasing spacing towards the downstream direction. Install the Barrier Delineators at the following spacing:



STEEL POSTS TIMBER POSTS

MOUNT LOCATION - ISOMETRIC VIEWS

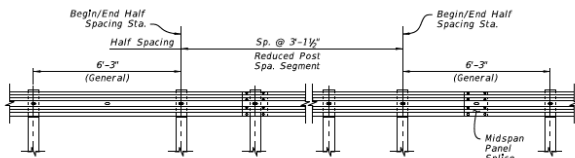


MOUNT LOCATION - PLAN VIEW

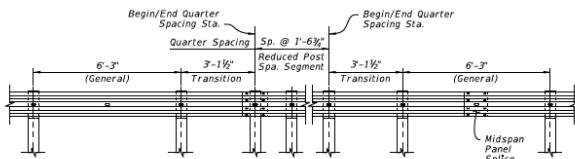
BARRIER DELINEATORS

NOTES:

- INSTALLATION:** Work these details with the plans, where Stationing for Begin/End Half Spacing and Begin/End Quarter Spacing are indicated if required. Where the Begin/End Stations indicated in the plans do not correspond exactly to post locations in construction, extend the Reduced Post Spacing segment to the nearest post(s) before the Begin Station and/or after the End Station called for.
- PANEL SPICES:** Midspan Panel Splices are not required in Transition and Reduced Post Spacing segments; however, they are required for General segments. To place midspan splices in General segments, use one Non-General panel length (9'-4 1/2" or 15'-7 1/2") or add an additional Transition spaced post where required.
- LOW-SPEED GUARDRAIL:** For Reduced Post Spacing with Low-Speed Guardrail (12'-0" post spacing), the Reduced Spacing pattern requires a 6'-3" space between the 12'-0" and 3'-1 1/2" spaces.
- PANEL POST BOLT SLOTS:** For Quarter Spacing configurations, punch additional 3/4"x2 1/2" Post Bolt Slots in the panels only where required for mounting and in accordance with Specification Section 536.

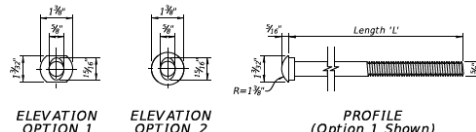


DETAIL 'S' - HALF SPACING ELEVATION
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DETAIL 'S' - QUARTER SPACING ELEVATION
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REDUCED POST SPACING FOR HAZARDS

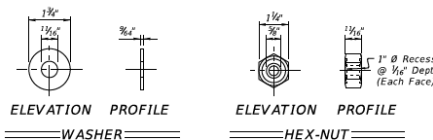


ELEVATION OPTION 1

ELEVATION OPTION 2

PROFILE (Option 1 Shown)

BUTTON-HEAD BOLT



ELEVATION

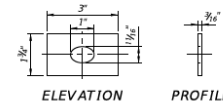
PROFILE

ELEVATION

PROFILE

WASHER

HEX-NUT



ELEVATION

PROFILE

RECTANGULAR WASHER
(For Type II, CRT, & Terminal Connectors Where Shown - Install Over Panel Face)

BUTTON-HEAD BOLT LENGTHS:

Application(s):	Length 'L':	Min. Thread Length:
Panel Splice	1 1/2"	Full Length
Steel Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	10"	4"
Timber Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	18"	4"
Steel or Timber Post Mount - Double Faced Guardrail	25"	4"
Modified Thrie-Beam Panel / Terminal Connector Splice	2"	Full Length

NOTES:

- Use nuts, bolts, and washers in accordance with Specification Section 967.
- For Steel Posts with Double Faced Guardrail, the single 25" Length bolt (one bolt thru both post flanges) may be replaced with two 10" Length bolts (one bolt per post flange).
- Use bolts listed in Table 2 in corresponding locations shown in this Index.

5/8" BUTTON-HEAD BOLT SYSTEM

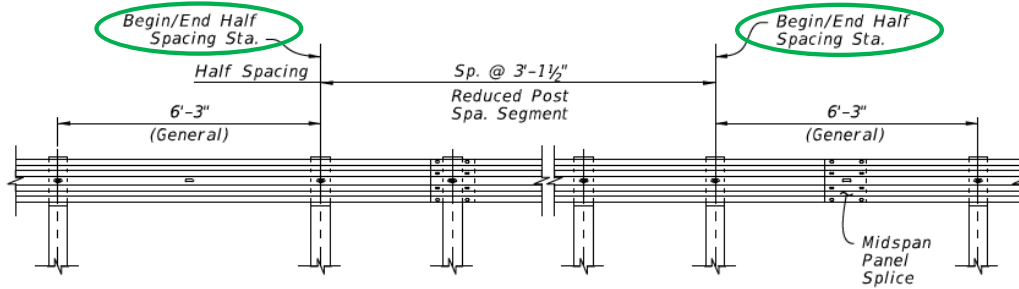
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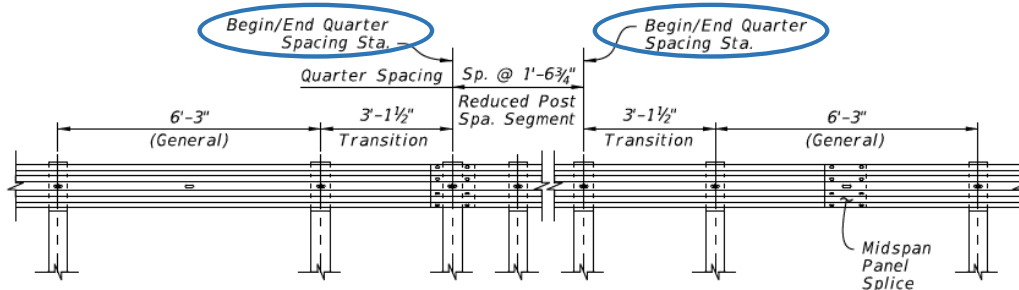
• Includes Miscellaneous Details for the Contractor like Barrier Delineation and Standard Bolt Information

• The "Reduced Post Spacing for Hazards" detail simplifies post spacing transitions for designers

Reduced Post Spacing for Hazards (Reduced Setback Clearance) :

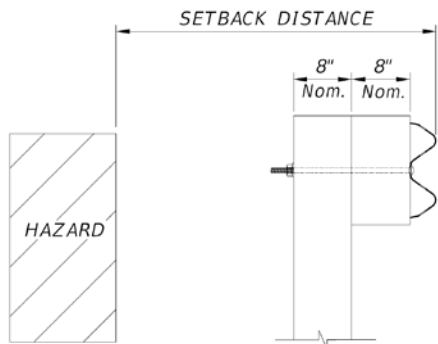


DETAIL 'S' - HALF SPACING ELEVATION
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DETAIL 'S' - QUARTER SPACING ELEVATION
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- When an aboveground hazard is within 5'-0" behind the face of guardrail, *reduced post spacing* may be used to reduce the "Setback" requirement to the hazard (see PPM Table below)
- The designer must call out the reduced post spacing as required per the table, and the Design Standard will handle the transition of post spacing before and after
- The Standard extends the reduced post spacing to the nearest post outside of the station range called for.
- The Standard also handles Low-speed Guardrail 12'-6" spacing, explaining that the spacing sequence remains the same, but with the 12'-6" adjacent to the 6'-3" spacing.

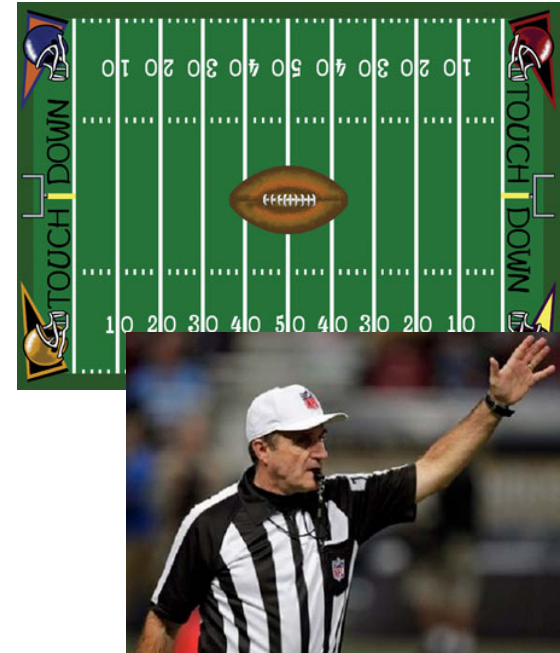


From PPM: Table 4.4.2 Minimum Barrier Setback:

Semi-Rigid Barrier	
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 6'-3" (TL-3)	5'-0"
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 3'-1 1/2" (1/2 Spacing)	3'-10"
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 1'-6 3/4" (1/4 Spacing)	3'-2"
Nested W-Beams with Post Spacing @ 3'-1 1/2" (1/2 Spacing)	3'-0"
Nested W-Beams with Post Spacing @ 1'-6 3/4" (1/4 Spacing)	2'-8"
Modified Thrie-Beam with Post Spacing @ 6'-3"	3'-0"

End of Game Review Questions! (Everyone wins!... of course)

1. What station and offset callouts are required to define a Guardrail Crossover for Median configuration?
2. When is Rub Rail required?
3. When is Pipe Rail required?
4. Concerning Pipe Rail, the Roadway Plans should assume steel posts are used (True or False)
5. How many options does a contractor have when a post has an "Edge Conflict" with a structure?
6. When is a Frangible Leave-Out used?
7. When is a Reduced Post Spacing segment used?



MODULE 3:

Instructions for Design Standards (IDS)



Index 400 is a DSR, as of February 1, 2016

Where is it?...

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Design Standards Revisions FY 2016-17



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Index Number	Revised Sheets	Index Title	Design Information				
	(PDF)		Instructions (IDS) (PDF)	Design Tools (Link)	Data Table Cell Library (ZIP)	Borderless DGNs (ZIP) Terms of Use	Associated Design Bulletin (PDF)
400	1-22 of 22	Guardrail	IDS-00400	XLS	N/A	DGN	RDB16-01
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411	6 of 10	Pier Protection Barrier		N/A		DGN	



Length of Need Concept:

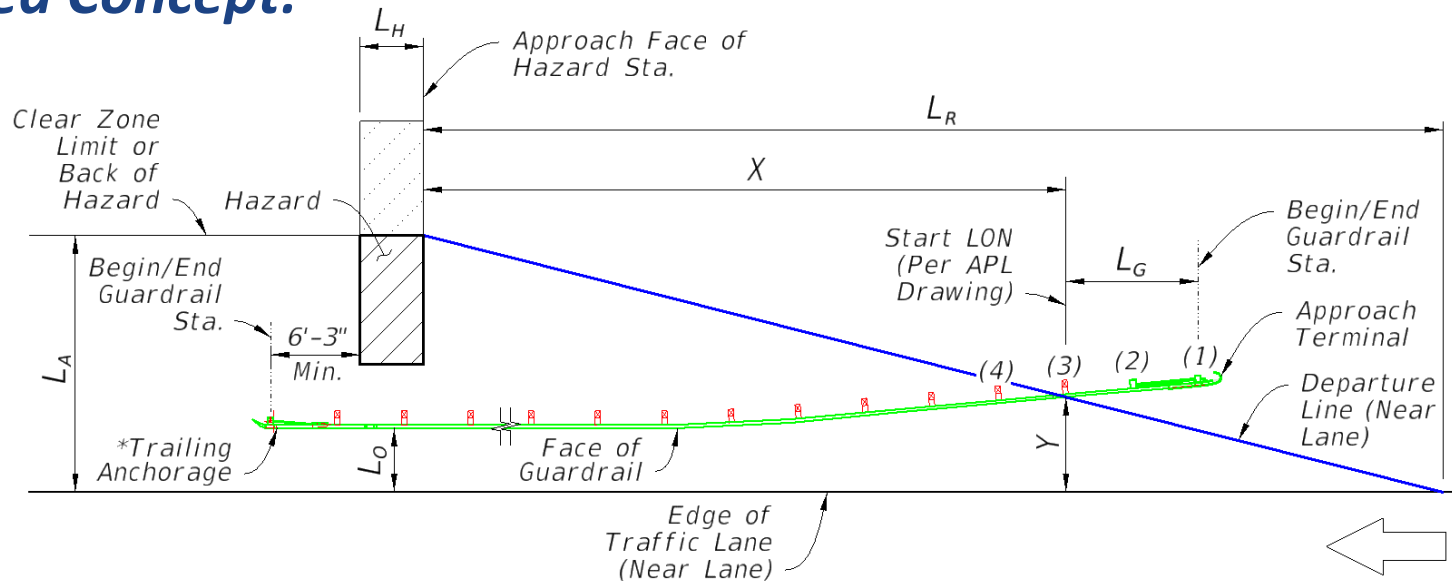
Length of Need (LON) is the length of guardrail required to provide a degree of shielding to prevent errant vehicles from impacting roadside hazards – measured from the hazard’s approach face to the approach end of the redirective guardrail segment.

From the Guardrail-LON program:

*“The standard method of determining guardrail placement for shielding hazards is based on the ‘Runout Length’ and the ‘Length of Need’ calculation in the **AASHTO Roadside Design Guide (RDG), 4th Edition**”*

A picture is worth a thousand words, so....

Length of Need Concept:



Length of Need, X (Ft.)
$$X = \frac{L_A - Y}{L_A / L_R}$$
 AASHTO RDG (5-3)

Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)	<i>the lesser distance from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' to the 'Clear Zone Limit' or 'Back of Hazard'</i>
End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)	<i>the distance from the Edge of Traffic Lane at the start of the guardrail's gating portion "Start LON" (shown at Post 3)</i>
Runout Length, L_R (Ft.)	<i>taken from the AASHTO RDG, Table 5-10(b), based on Design Speed (mph) and Traffic Volume (AADT)</i>

Length of Need

Quick Example:

Design Speed = 45 mph

AADT = 5000 veh/day

Y = 8.5 Ft. (by design, guardrail offset plus flare effect)

Back of Hazard = 22 Ft. (from 'Edge of Traffic Lane')

Clear Zone = 24 Ft. (from PPM Table 4.2.1)

Lateral Area Concern, $L_A = 22$ Ft.

Runout Length, $L_R = 160$ Ft. (from RDG Table 5-10b)

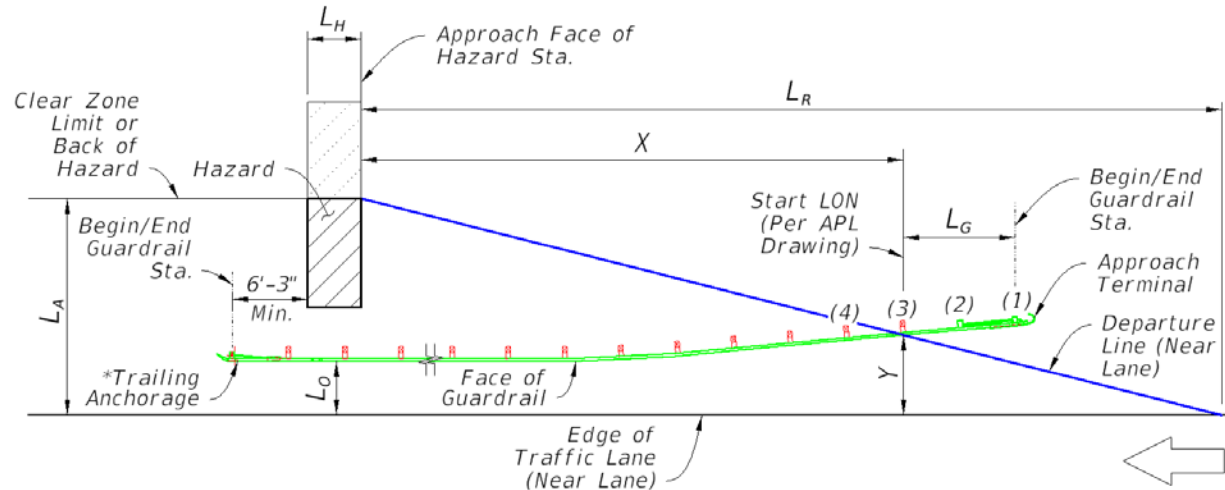


Table 4.2.1 Clear Zone Width Requirements

DESIGN SPEED (mph)	NEW CONSTRUCTION			
	≥ 1500 AADT ⁽¹⁾		< 1500 AADT ⁽¹⁾	
	TRAVEL LANES & MULTILANE RAMPS (feet)	AUXILIARY LANES & SINGLE LANE RAMPS (feet)	TRAVEL LANES & MULTILANE RAMPS (feet)	AUXILIARY LANES & SINGLE LANE RAMPS (feet)
< 45	18	10	16	10
45	24	14	20	14
50	24	14	20	14
55	30	18	24	14
> 55	36	24	30	18

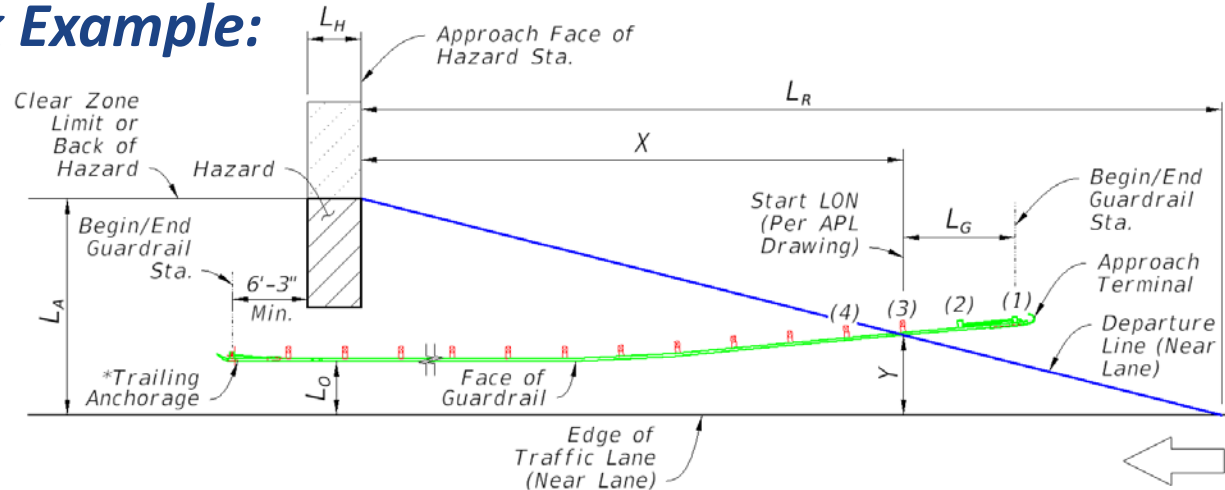
Table 5-10b. Suggested Runout Lengths for Barrier Design (U.S. Customary Units)

Design Speed (mph)	Runout Length (L_R) Given Traffic Volume (ADT) (ft)			
	Over 10,000	5,000 to 10,000	1,000 to 5,000	Under 1,000
80	470	430	380	330
70	360	330	290	250
60	300	250	210	200
50	230	190	160	150
40	160	130	110	100
30	110	90	80	70

$$X = \frac{L_A - Y}{L_A / L_R} = (22 - 8.5) / (22 / 160)$$

$$X = 98.2 \text{ Ft.}$$

Length of Need, Quick Example:



Notice that L_g , the “Length of Gating”, was ignored in the previous Calculation. This is the “break away” stuff, so we only count the “non-gating” *re-directive* segment for Length of Need. We’ll talk more about this in Part C.

Also, we’ll see more Length of Need Design Examples when we discuss the “Length of Need Design” Tool... Stay tuned!

End Treatments:

“An End Treatment segment is required for all guardrail ends where the guardrail does not transition into another barrier type (e.g. Approach or Trailing End Transition Connections to Rigid Barrier). End Treatments are divided into three types.”

End Treatment Types:

- 1. Trailing Anchorages**
- 2. Approach Terminals**
 - i. Flared**
 - ii. Parallel**
 - iii. Double Faced**
- 3. Crash Cushions**

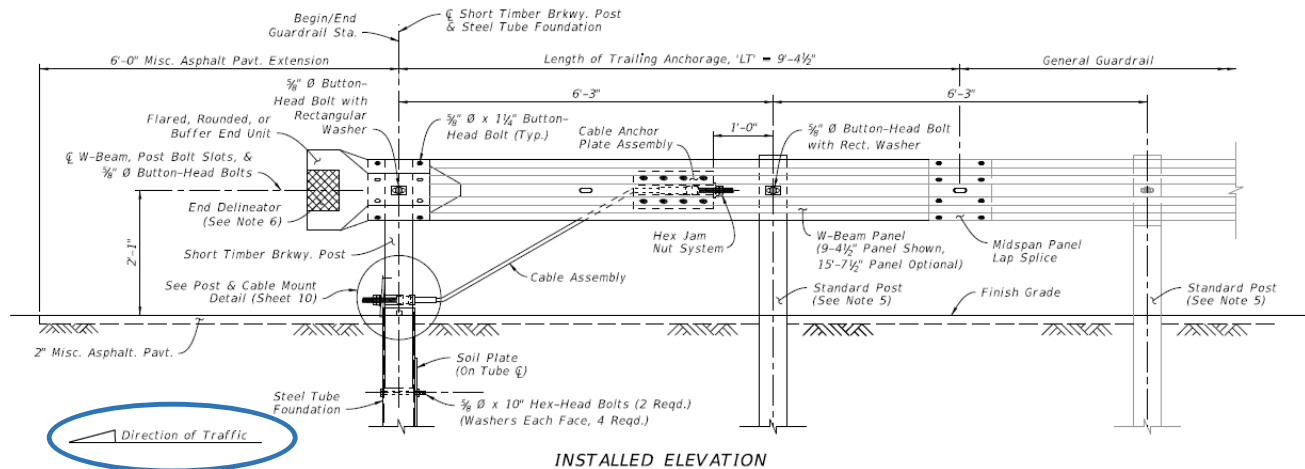
End Treatments – 1. Trailing Anchorage:

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“Place a Trailing Anchorage (Type II) on the downstream ends of all guardrail runs with respect to the nearest traffic lane, except where the location is within the Clear Zone of an opposing traffic lane.”

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➔ Good Ole’ Type II !!



End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

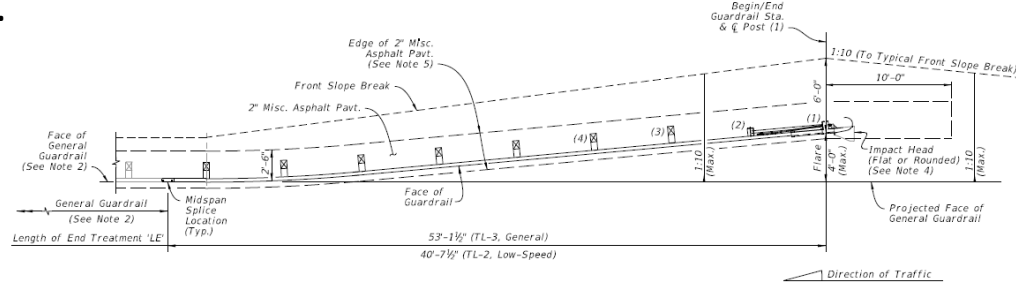
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“Place an Approach Terminal on the approach ends of all guardrail runs, for all locations within the Clear Zone of an adjacent traffic lane.”

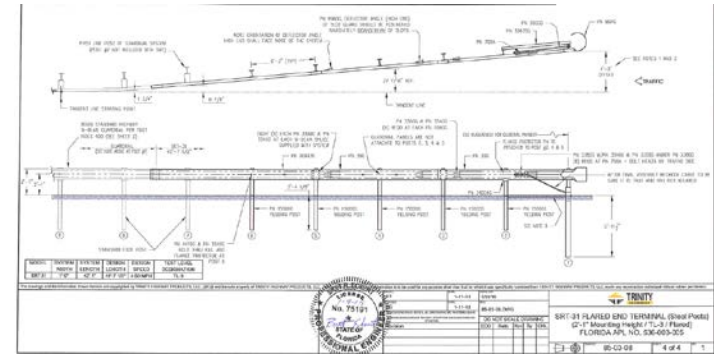
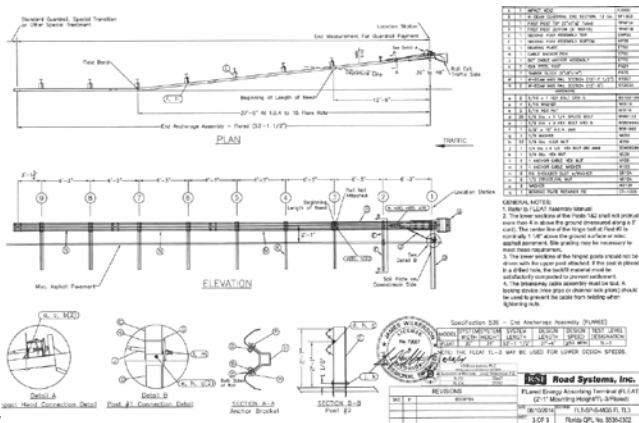
End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

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1. Flared: Use where raised curbs are not present and lateral clearance is available. This is the preferred option, because it provides shortest Length of Need requirement for shielding hazards and reduces driver propensity to shy away from the End Treatment under normal conditions.



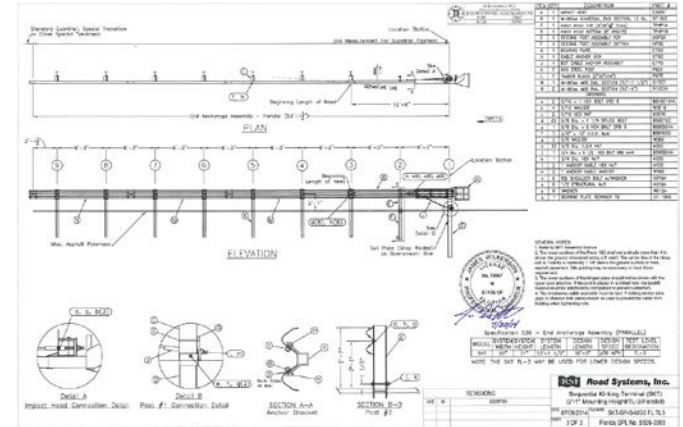
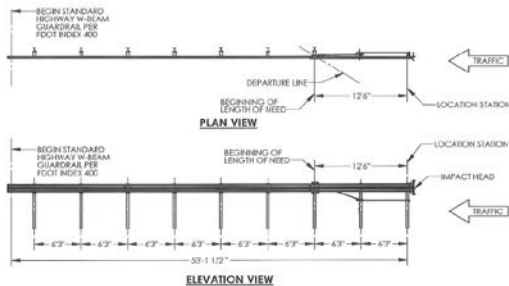
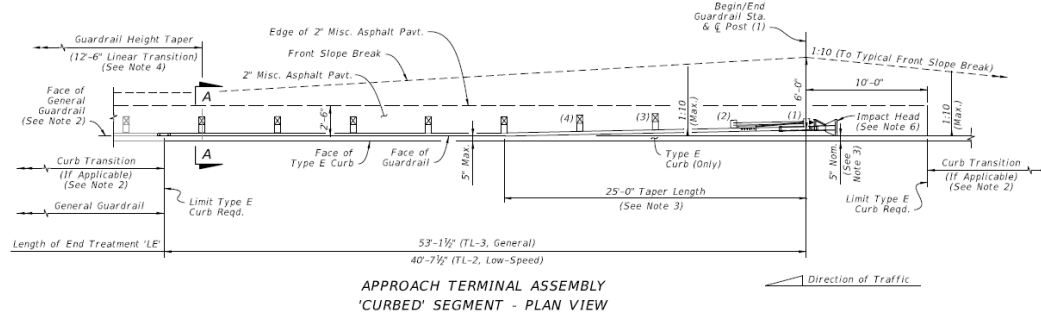
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'FLARED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

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2. Parallel: Use for curbed conditions or where lateral clearance behind the End Treatment is limited.



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X-LITE PARALLEL END TERMINAL
2'-1" MOUNTING HEIGHT/ TL3 PARALLEL
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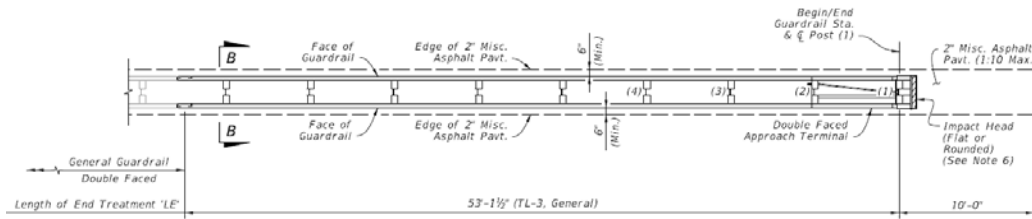
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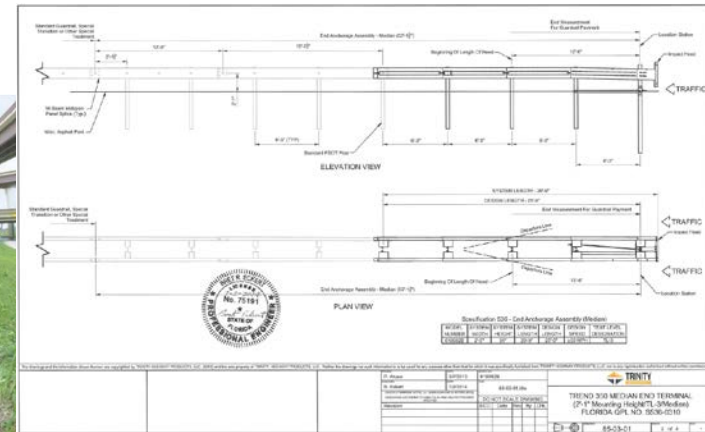
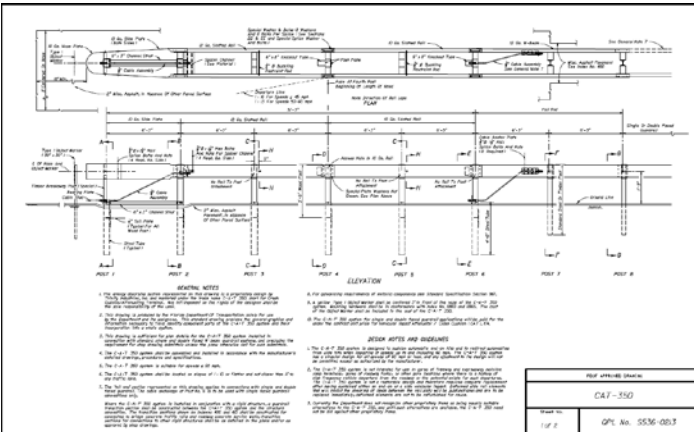
End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

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3. Double Faced: Use with Double Faced Guardrail segments. As an alternative, a Crash Cushion may be substituted for a Double Faced Approach Terminal.



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW

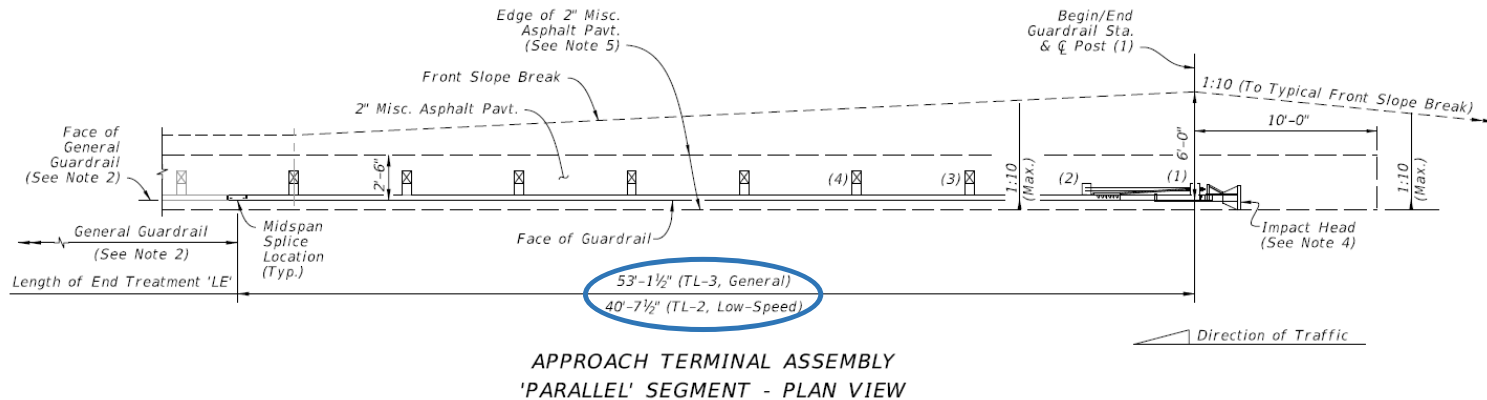


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End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

Predefined Length Concept: Standard Length of End Treatment, 'LE'



'LE' = 53'-1½" for TL-3, and **'LE' = 40'-1½"** for TL-2

Use when possible. These lengths allow all APL Approach Terminals to fit on the Project (contractor's choice).

Allow for at least this much length in the Plans, measured from Post (1)
This length should not overlap with other design segments, like Approach Transitions 'LA' or trailing anchorages 'LT'.

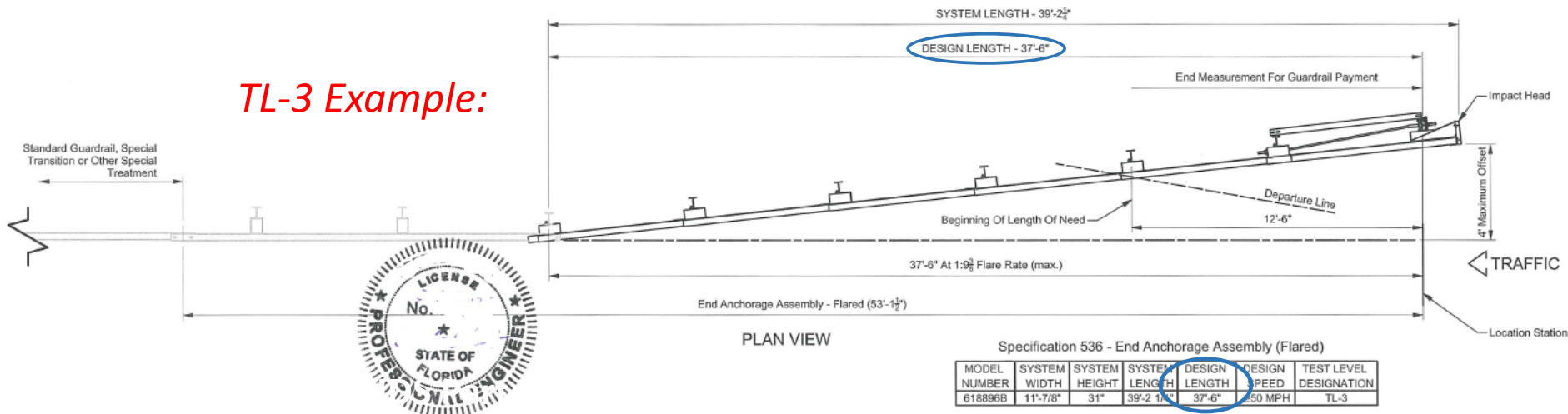
End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

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Design Length Concept:

Only when Standard 'LE' won't fit, look to APL drawings for shortest 'Design Length':

TL-3 Example:



In the Plans, allow for 'Design Length' plus midspan panel lap splice.
 In this example, provide 37'-6" plus 3'-1 1/2" = **40'-7 1/2"** outside of other segments.

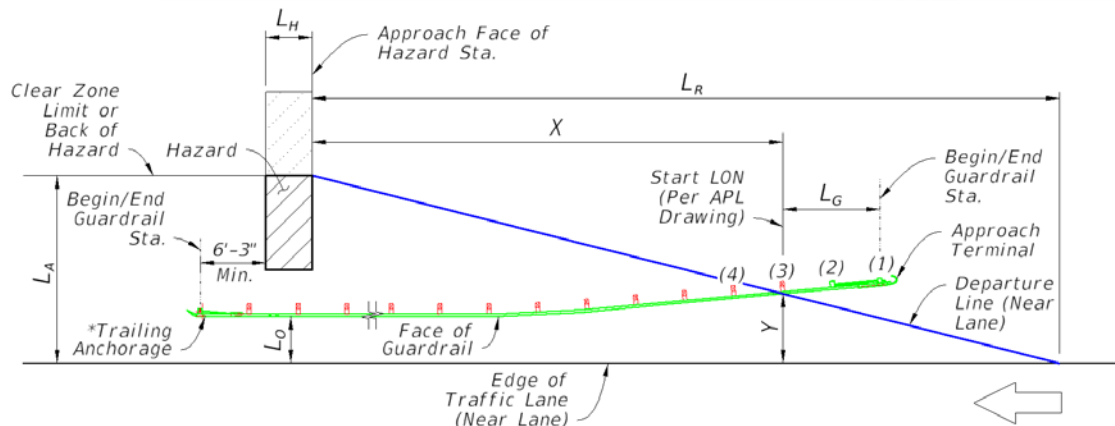
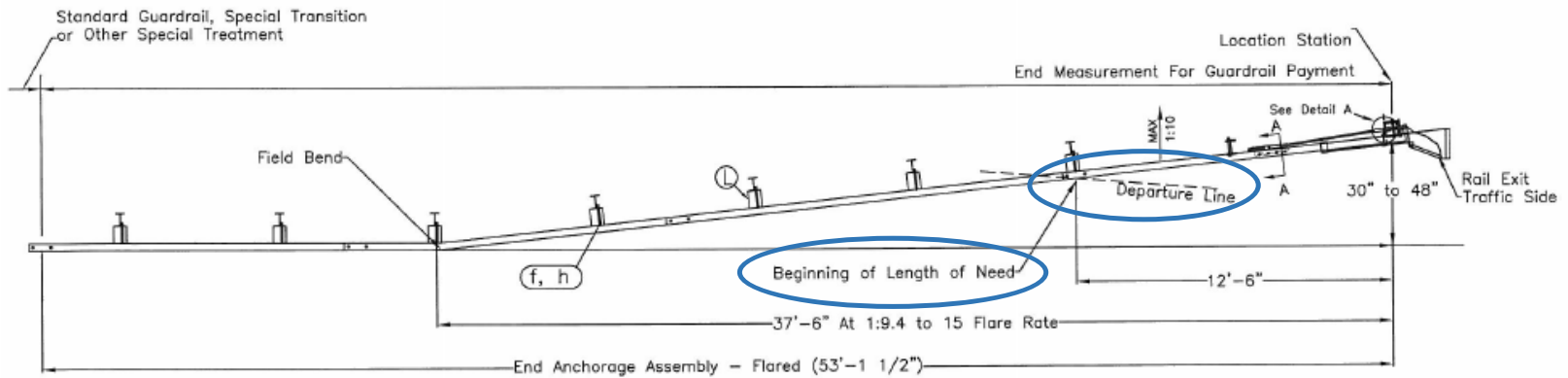
Add 'Design Length' notes to the Roadway Plan callout and Summary of Guardrail per the IDS (e.g. "Design Length ≤ 37.5 Ft., See Summary of Guardrail Note").

End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

Gating Terminal Concept for 'LON' Design:

Most Approach Terminals have break-away “gating” between posts 1 and 3:

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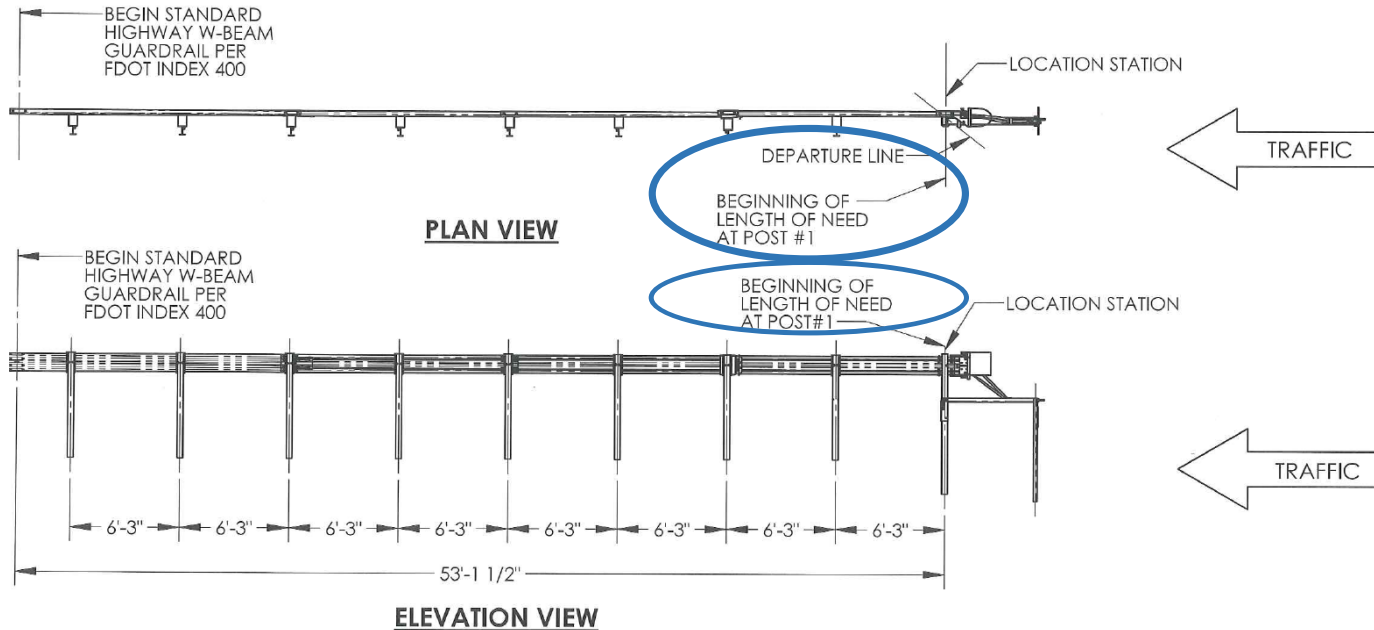
⇒ Gating Terminals typically require 12'-6" between Post (1) and the start of the Length of Need, X, measurement (See “Departure Line”)

End Treatments – 2. Approach Terminal:

Non-Gating Terminal Concept for 'LON' Design:

Non-Gating Terminals save space by Starting the Length of Need Measurement at Post (1):

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Only specify a Non-Gating Terminal in the Plans where this space savings is required to fit. In the Roadway Plan view, specify "Non-Gating" preceding the Approach Terminal callout. Additionally, add a Summary of Guardrail note per the IDS.

End Treatments – 3. Crash Cushions:

Crash Cushions May be Used for Doubled Faced Guardrail End Treatments

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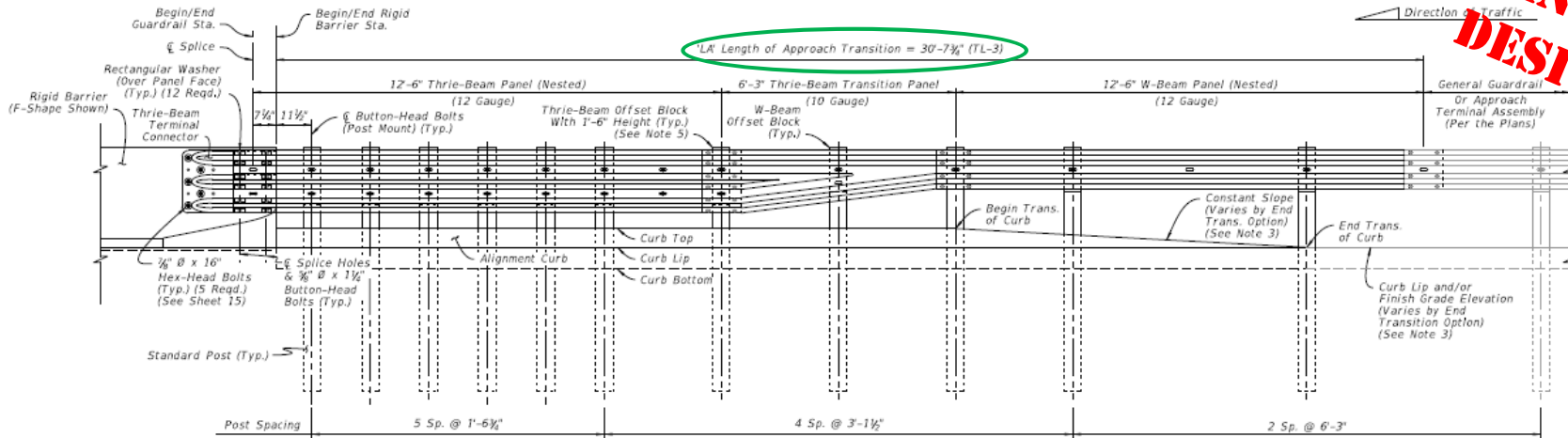
From the IDS:

“Where applicable, use a Crash Cushion on the approach ends of double faced guardrail as a substitute for Double Faced Approach Terminals. Crash Cushion use should be considered for locations with an expected high frequency of severe impacts, such as within the gore area of a high speed facility. Additionally, some Crash Cushions may offer reduced length and maintenance cost advantages.”

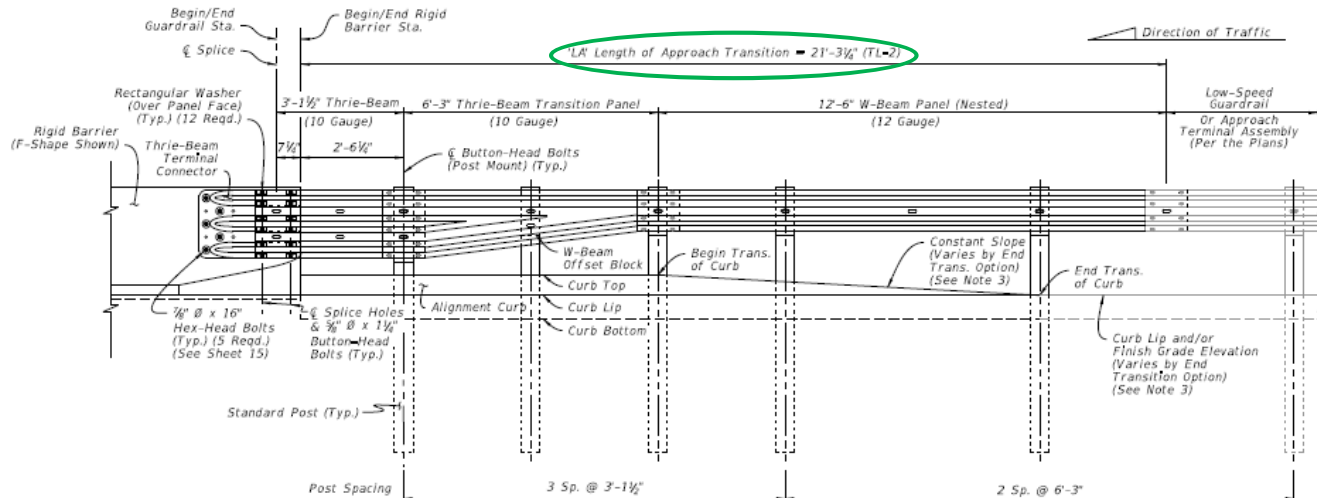
**So, use engineering judgement...
or ask Derwood!**

Approach Transition Connections to Rigid Barrier:

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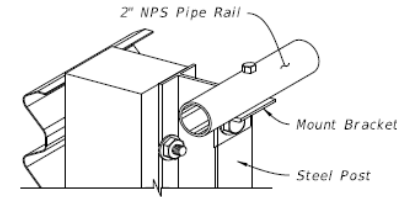
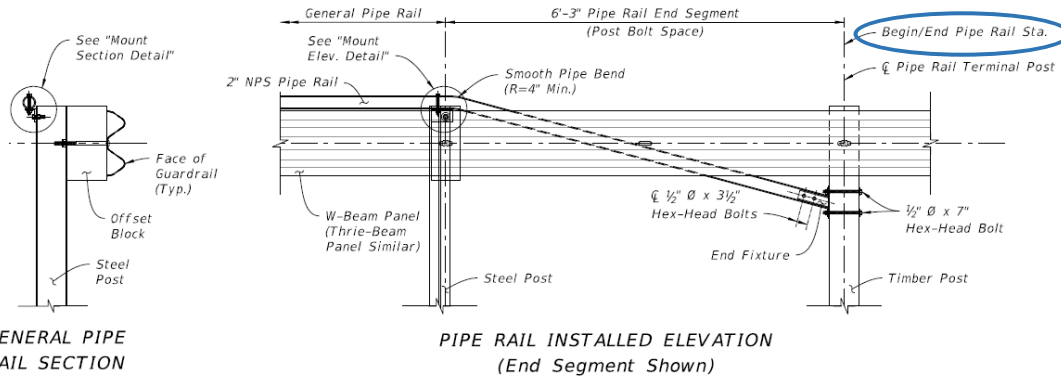
TL-3 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION

- Use to connect guardrail to Rigid Barriers (Concrete Barriers and Traffic Railings)
- In the Plans, provide for at least the lengths, 'LA', shown per Test Level (value shown from Rigid Barrier, for value from Begin Guardrail, add 7¼")

Pipe Rail:



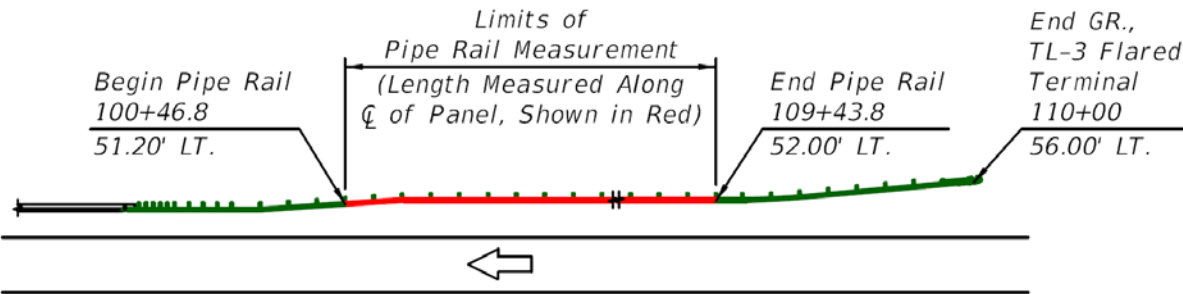
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Remember:

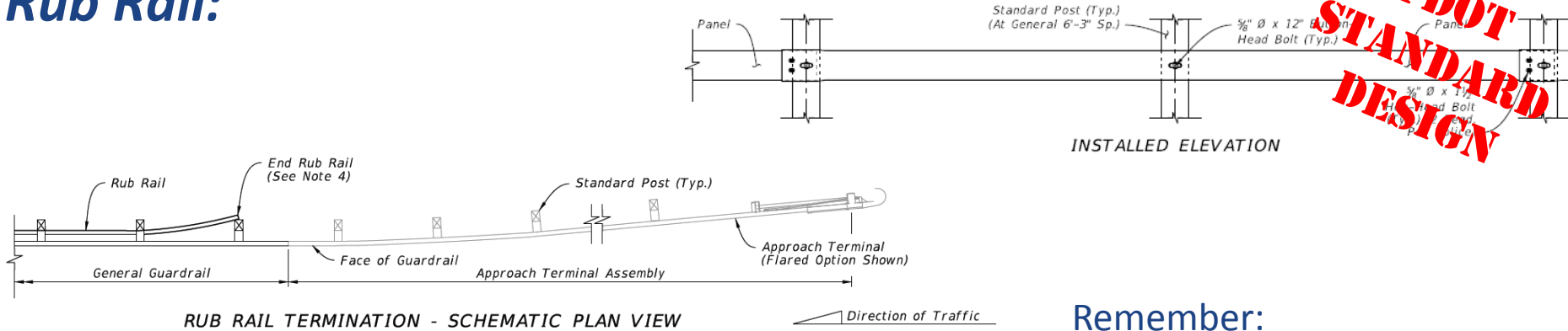
- Pipe Rail segments are required where Steel Posts will be located within 4' of sidewalks or shared use paths
- Designers should generally assume steel posts are used and include pipe rail callouts and quantities in the Plans (to give contractor steel or timber post option)
- Pipe Rail must terminate outside of End Treatment segments (At least 3'-1½" outside of 'LE', 'LT', and/or Crash Cushion segments).
- **Begin/End** Pipe Rail Station corresponds to the Plans callouts

Pipe Rail Callouts and Length Example:



Measure length along the centerline, including curvature effects. Include in the Summary of Guardrail Box (See the BOE Manual, CH 8)

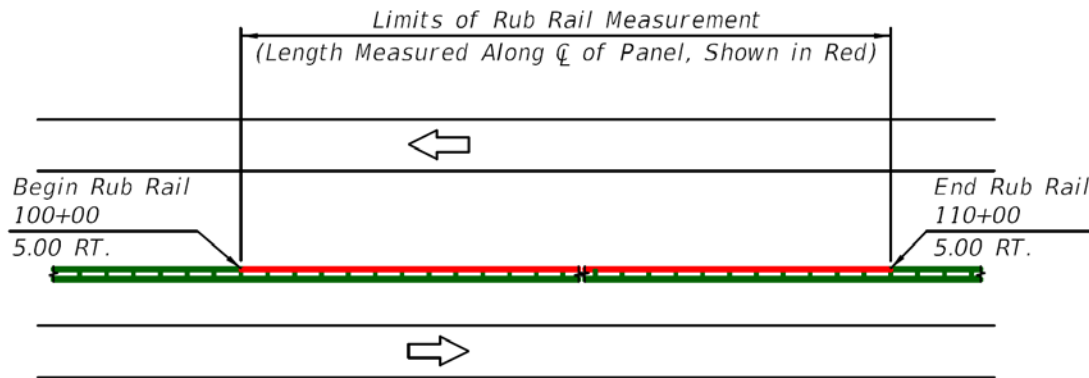
Rub Rail:



Remember:

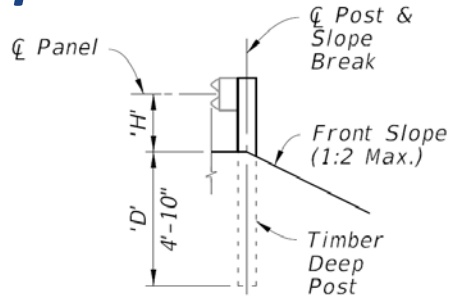
- Use Rub rail only for median slopes greater than 1:10
- Place Rub Rail outside of End Treatment Segments (Approach Terminal 'LE', Trailing Anchorage 'LT') and Crash Cushion Transition segments.

Rub Rail Callouts and Length Example:

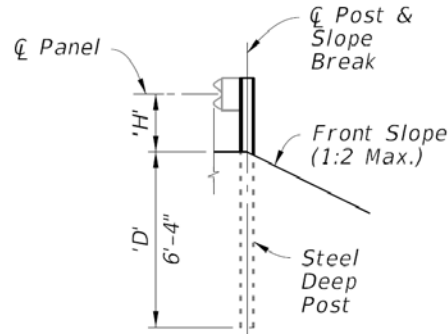


Measure length along the centerline, including curvature effects. Include in the Summary of Guardrail Box (See the BOE Manual, CH 8)

Deep Posts:



SLOPE BREAK CONDITION
TIMBER DEEP POST



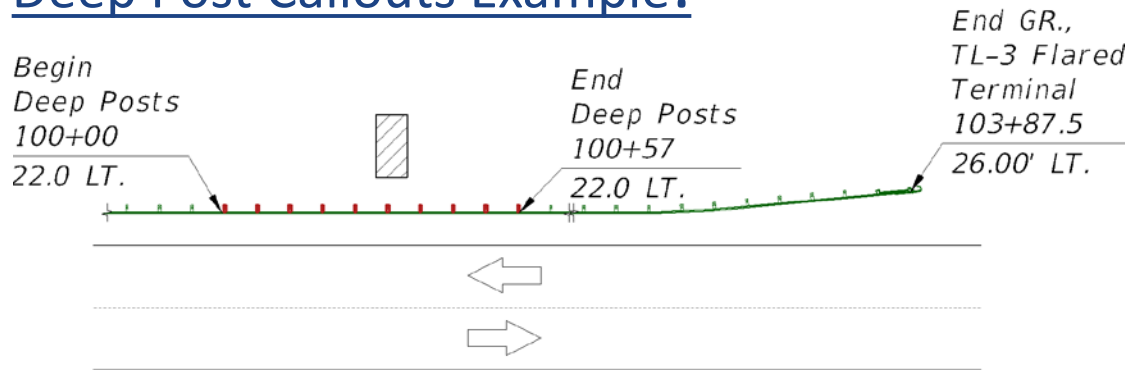
SLOPE BREAK CONDITION
STEEL DEEP POST

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Remember:

- “With approval of the District Design Engineer and where right-of-way is restricted (i.e. constrained condition), Deep Posts may be used with the slope break located at the post centerline as defined per the Slope Break Condition in the Index.”
- Deep Posts are only permitted for segments with a post spacing of 6'-3" or less.

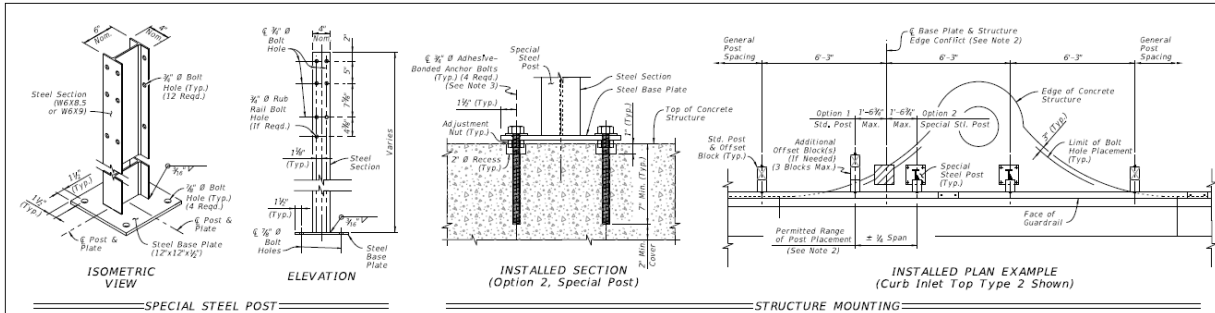
Deep Post Callouts Example:



To determine the quantity (EA.) of Deep Posts, divide the length needed by the post spacing (6.25 Ft.) and add one. Place quantity in the Summary of Guardrail Box under Special Guardrail Posts (Deep Posts) See the BOE Manual, CH 8 for details.

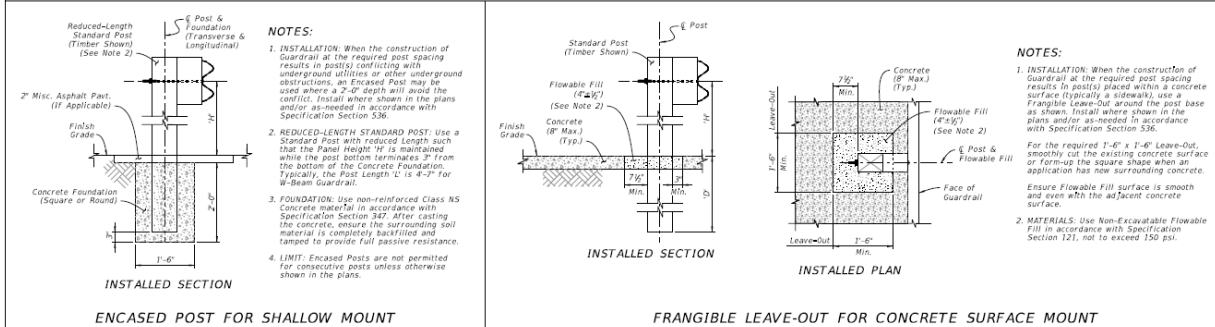
Modified Mounts – Special Posts:

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- NOTES:**
- INSTALLATION:** When the construction of Guardrail at the required post spacing results in post(s) located atop subverts, inlets, pipe footings or similar concrete structures, a Special Steel Post may be substituted for a Standard Post. Special Steel Posts are not permitted within an Approach Terminal's Design Length as specified on the APD drawing. Install where shown in the plans and/or as-needed in accordance with Specification Section 536.
 - EDGE CONFLICT:** When a required post location causes an Edge Conflict with the structure, where the Steel Base Plate is not located entirely on the structure at least 3" from the Edge of Concrete, the longitudinal post location may be altered by up to 1'-4" (Quarter Span) from the original required spacing location to prevent the Edge Conflict. With the post location adjusted, use a Std. Post mounted in soil (Option 1) or a Special Steel Post with its Base Plate mounted entirely on the structure (Option 2). Maintain the original required spacing locations upstream and downstream of the structure.
 - BASE PLATE MOUNT:** Install Special Steel Posts as shown using steel Adhesive-Bonded Anchor Bolts in accordance with Specifications Section 536. Use 1/2" Hex-Head Bolts for structures less than 7" deep as defined in the Specification.
 - PANEL MOUNT TO ADJUSTED POST:** Punch additional 1/4" x 2 1/2" Post Bolt Slots in the W-Beam or Thrie-Beam Panel only where needed to mount the panel to a post in an adjusted location. Meet the Panel Bolt Slot requirements of Specification Section 536.
 - MATERIALS:** Use steel base plates in accordance with Specification Section 536.

SPECIAL STEEL POST FOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE MOUNT



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Remember:

1. Special Steel Post (with Base Plate) for Concrete Structure Mount

2. Encased Post for Shallow Mount (over underground utilities)

3. Frangible Leave-Out for Concrete Surface (sidewalks)

The designer can estimate where these posts will be in the Plans to include in the Summary of Guardrail Box and Summary of Pay Items **And/Or...**

The contractor will use unforeseen items as-needed (billed beyond Plans quantity)

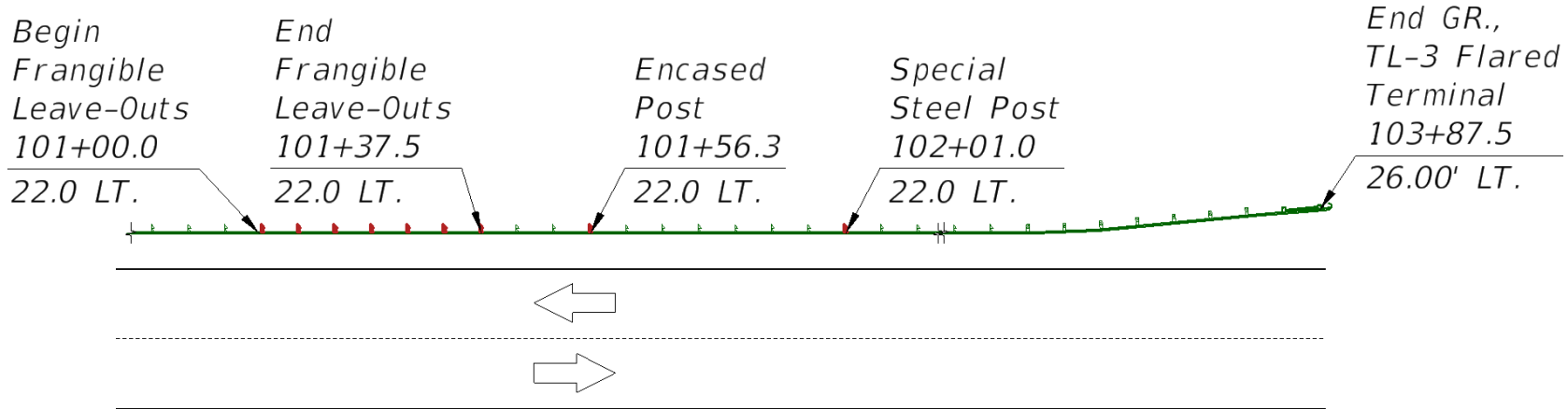


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Special Posts:

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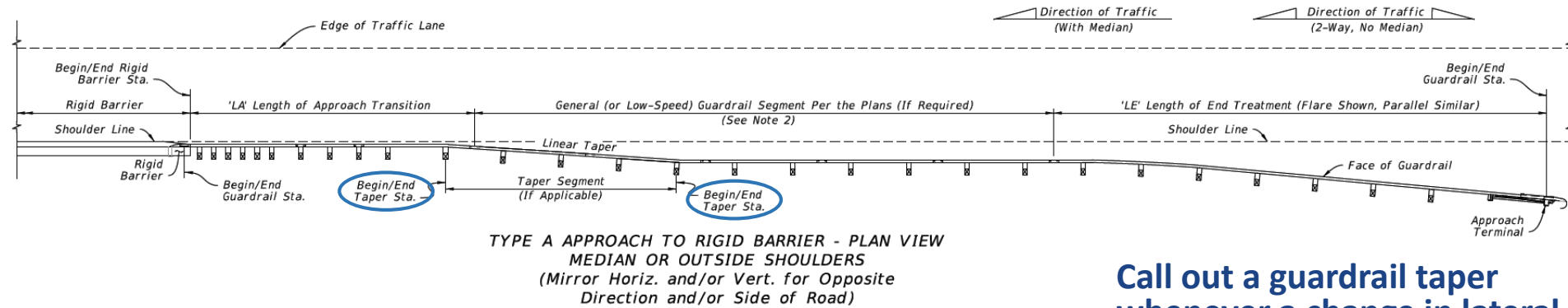
Special Post Callouts and Length Example:



Summary Box Example:

SUMMARY OF GUARDRAIL														
LOCATION		SIDE	SPECIAL GUARDRAIL POST (DEEP POST)		SPECIAL GUARDRAIL POST (SPECIAL STEEL POST)		SPECIAL GUARDRAIL POST (ENCASED POST)		SPECIAL GUARDRAIL POST (FRANGIBLE LEAVE-OUT)		END TREATMENT (FLARED)		DESIGN NOTES	CONSTRUCTION REMARKS
STA. TO STA.			0536 7 1		0536 7 2		0536 7 3		0536 7 4		0536 85 22			
			EA		EA		EA		EA		EA			
			P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F		
100+00.0	100+57.0	LT	10											
101+00.0	101+37.5	LT							7					
101+56.3		LT					1							
102+01.0		LT			1									
103+87.5		LT									1		4' Flare	

Guardrail Taper Rate:



Call out a guardrail taper whenever a change in lateral offset from the CL is warranted

Taper Rates are:

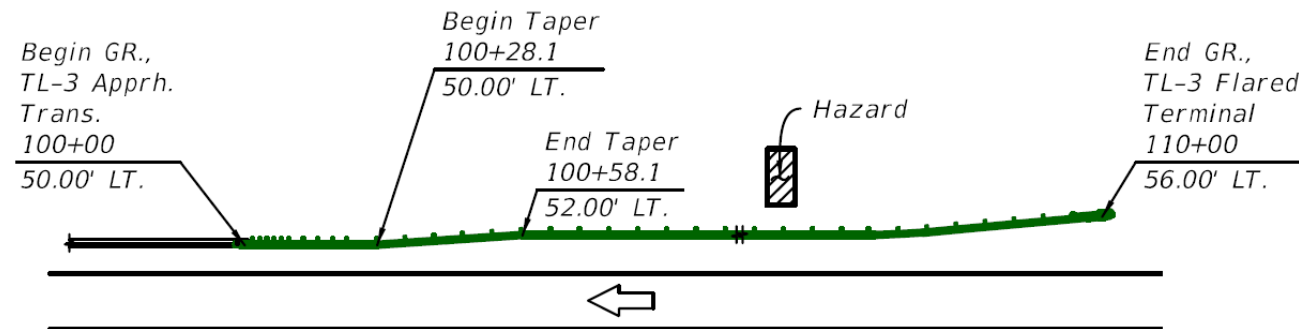
Design Speed \leq 45 MPH = Max. 1:10

Design Speed $>$ 45 MPH = Max. 1:15

Taper Rates may be refined further per AASHTO RDG

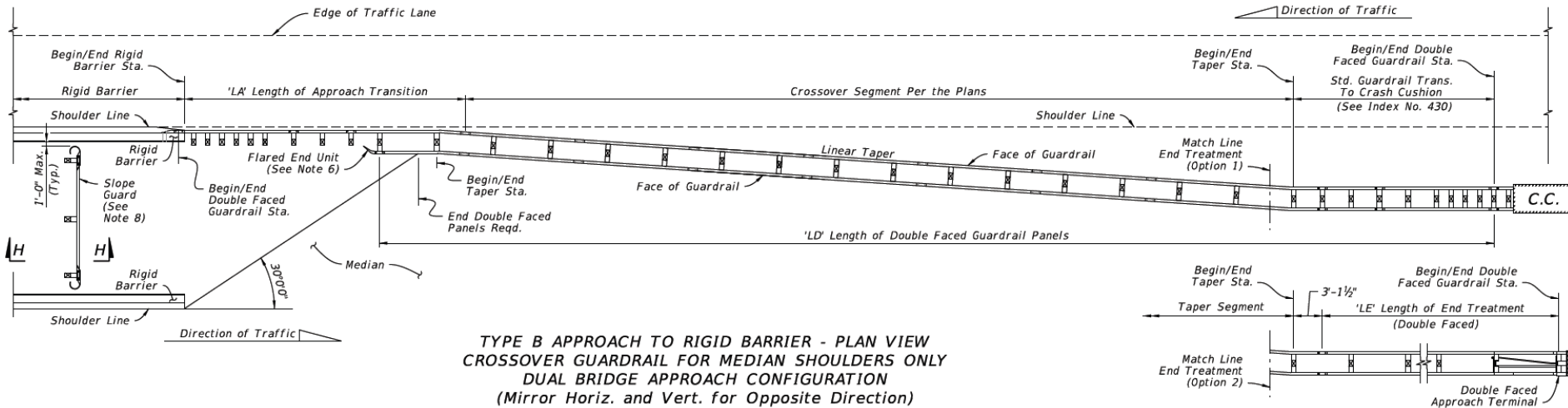
The Station and Offset at the Begin and End of Taper define the linear taper rate for the contractor.

Guardrail Taper Callout Example:



TAPER TO DIFFERING GUARDRAIL OFFSET EXAMPLE:
 (Where General or Low-Speed guardrail run has a different offset from the Approach Transition Connection)

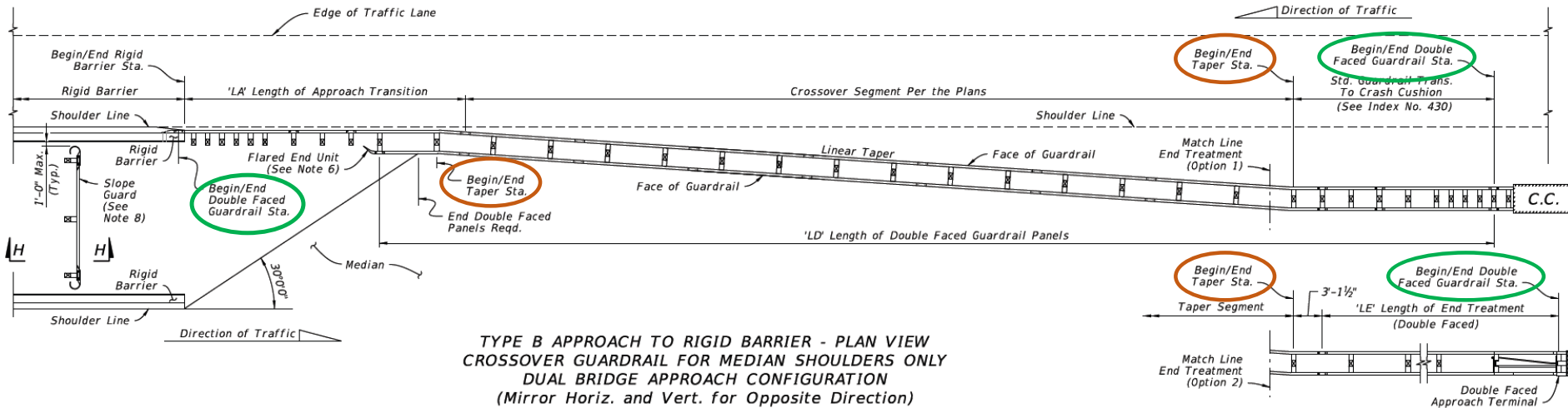
Median Crossover Guardrail (Double Faced):



Use when all of the following conditions are met:

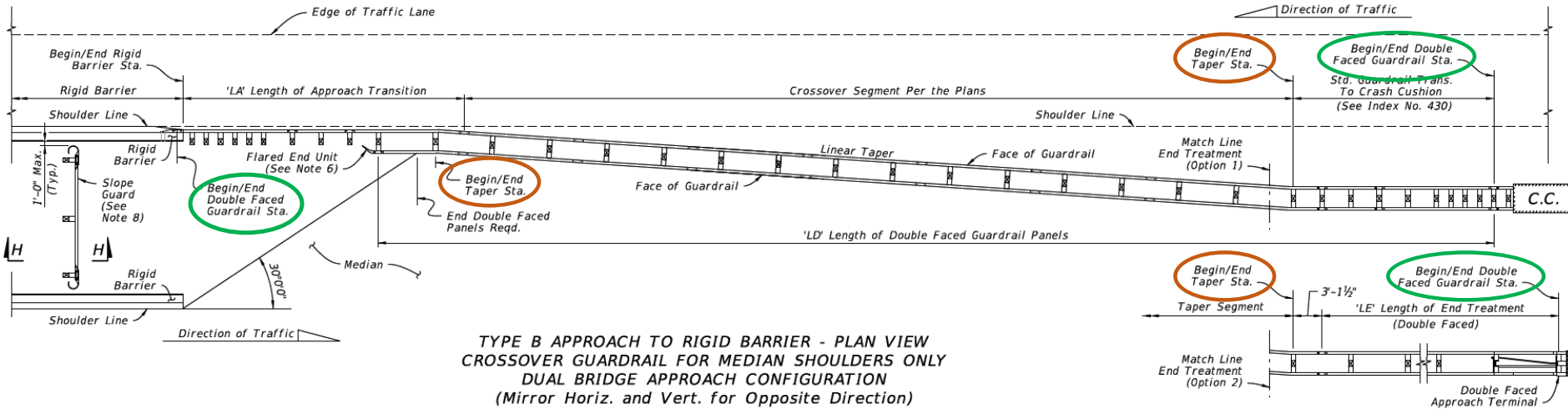
1. The end of an opposing lane's concrete Rigid Barrier is within the Clear Zone, aligned laterally across the median (typical with a bridge configuration).
2. The guardrail system is within the Clear Zone of the opposing lane's traffic
3. The guardrail system, including the End Treatment, will be designed for the minimum length.

Median Crossover Guardrail (Double Faced):

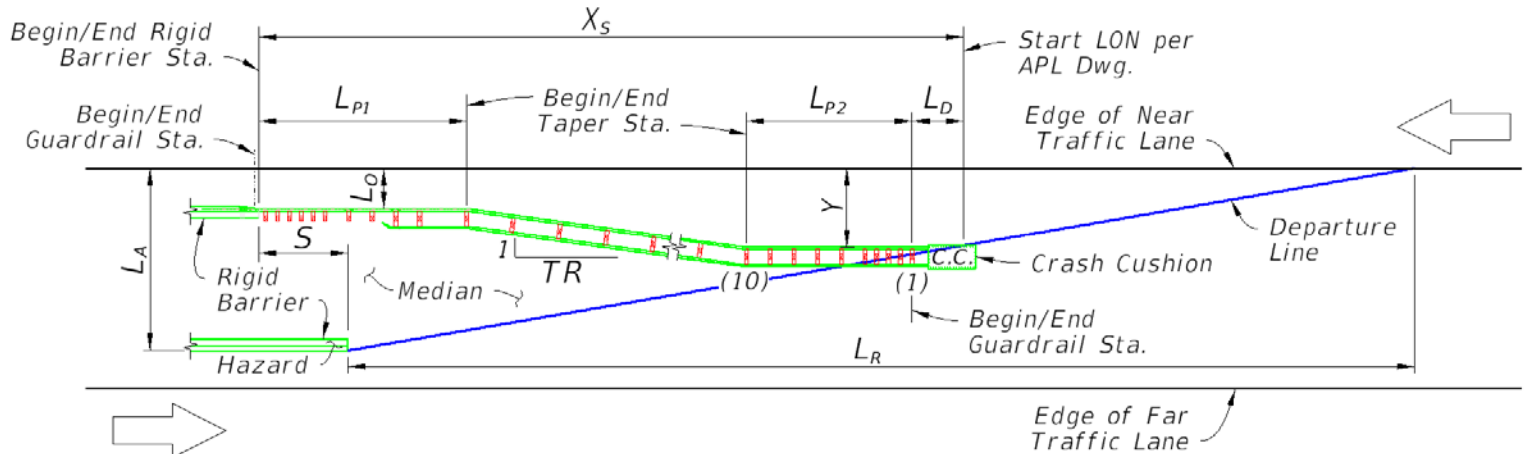


- “This Crossover Guardrail layout includes a taper segment, which reduces the Length of Need required for shielding the opposing lane's concrete railing while also using Double Faced Guardrail to shield the opposing lane's traffic.”
- In the Plans, call out the **Begin/End Double Faced Guardrail Stations and Offsets** as well as the **Begin/End Taper Station and Offsets** where shown above.
- For quantities, the entire length of guardrail shown above is considered “Double-Faced”
- In the Plans, graphically show the double faced guardrail panels as well extending to the point shown above.

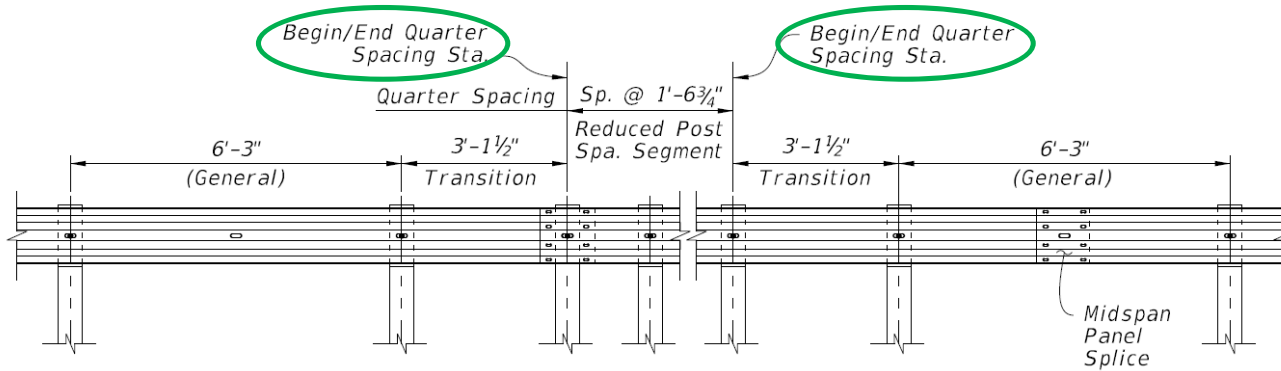
Median Crossover Guardrail (Double Faced):



- The FDOT 'Guardrail Length of Need' Excel Program will assist with providing these Station and Offsets above. We will use in the next session...



Reduced Post Spacing Segments

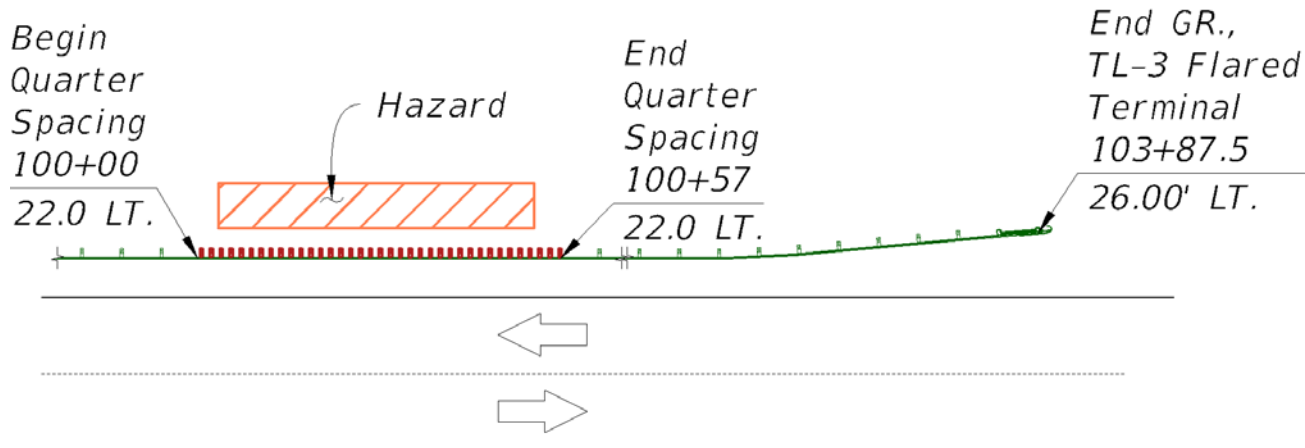


DETAIL 'S' - QUARTER SPACING ELEVATION
(AS REQ'D. PER THE PLANS)

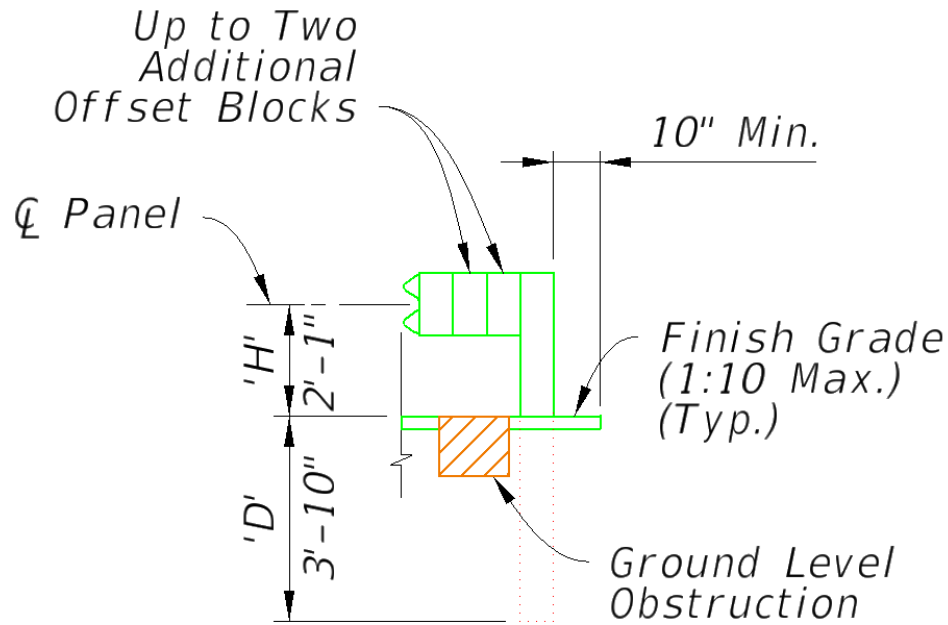
Remember:

- When a rigid hazard is within 5'-0" of the face of guardrail, reduced post spacing may be used to reduce the "Setback" requirement to the hazard (see PPM Table 4.4.2)
- In the Plans, the designer should call out the reduced post spacing as required
- This is included in the price of Guardrail, so there is no need to place in Summary Boxes

Reduced Post Spacing Callout Example:



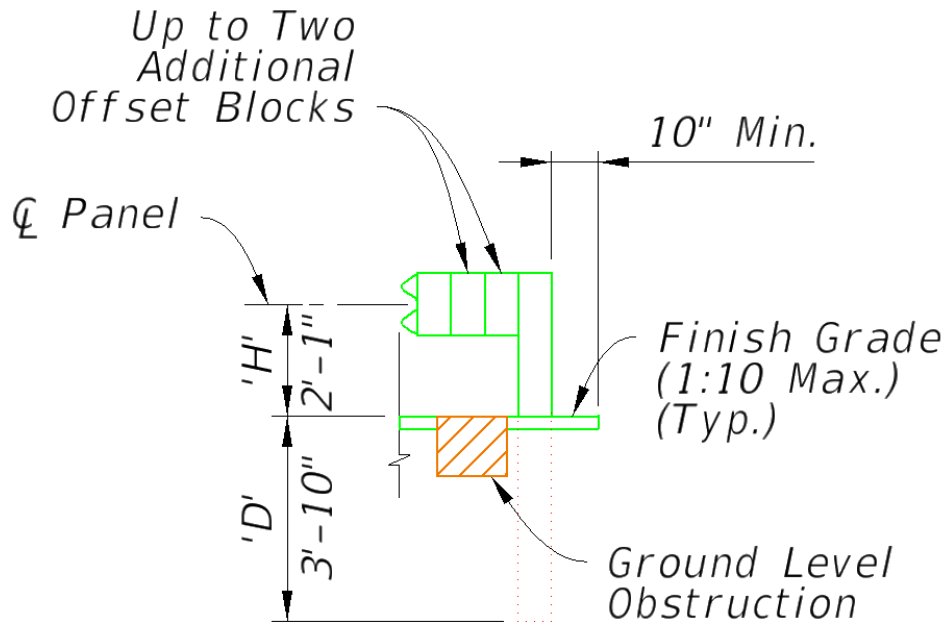
Additional Offset Blocks



W-BEAM

- The designer may call out up to two additional offset blocks where needed to avoid a ground level obstruction (non-consecutive preferred)
- The contractor may also use additional offset blocks as-needed (billed beyond the Plans quantity)
- The Standard handles adjusting the miscellaneous asphalt concrete to keep it at 10" behind the post (slope break point is measured from back of post as well)

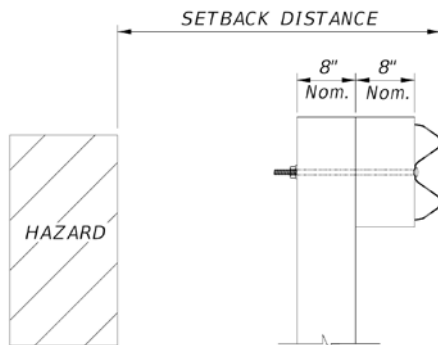
Additional Offset Blocks



- **IMPORTANT:** When adding additional offset blocks, the required “Setback” to a Hazard per PPM Table 4.4.2 must be increased by 7.5” per added Offset Block.

- For Example, if **two Offset Blocks are added to W-Beam Guardrail @ 1'-6¾"** Post Spacing, then the required “Setback” (measured from the Face of Guardrail) is...

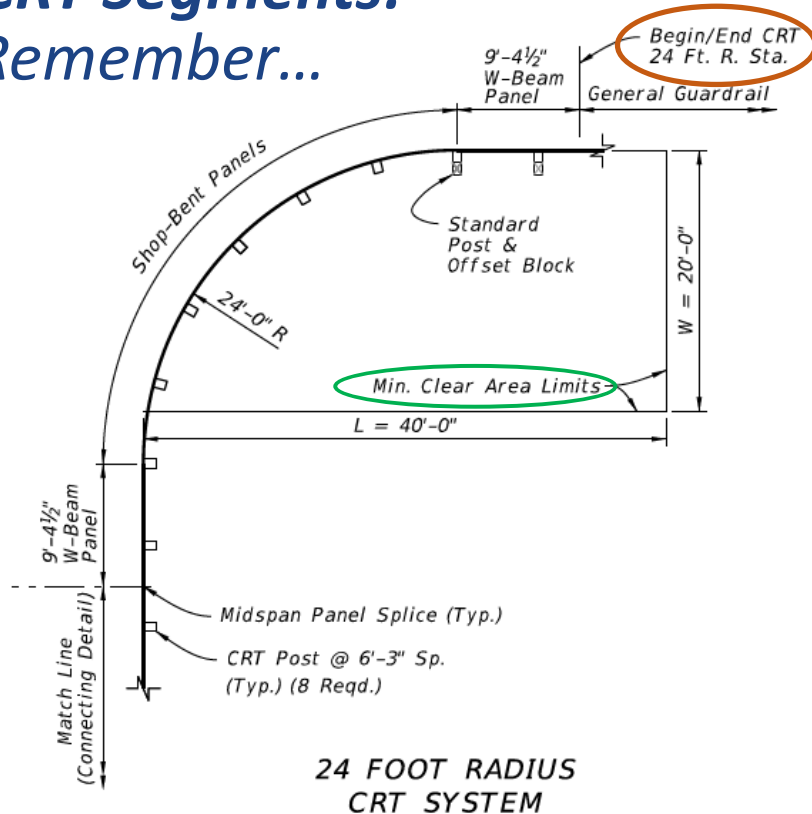
- Adjusted Setback =
 $(3'-2'') + (7.5'' + 7.5'') =$
4'-5''



From PPM: Table 4.4.2 Minimum Barrier Setback:

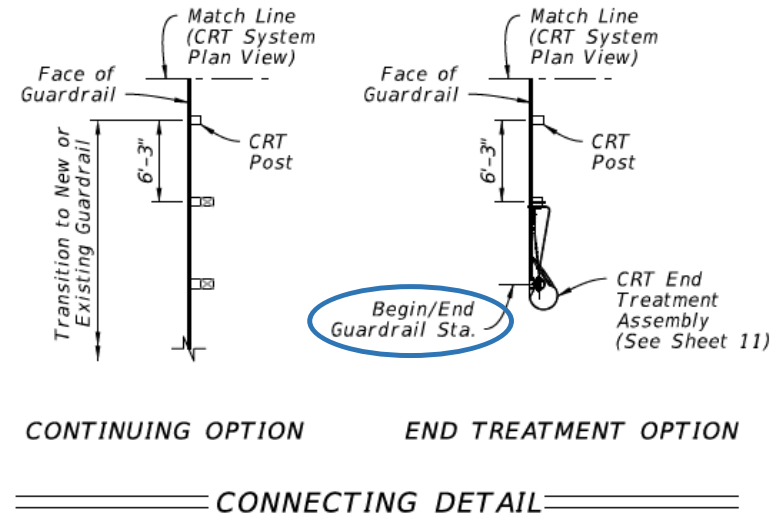
Semi-Rigid Barrier	
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 6'-3" (TL-3)	5'-0"
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 3'-1½" (½ Spacing)	3'-10"
W-Beam with Post Spacing @ 1'-6¾" (¼ Spacing)	3'-2"
Nested W-Beams with Post Spacing @ 3'-1½" (½ Spacing)	3'-0"
Nested W-Beams with Post Spacing @ 1'-6¾" (¼ Spacing)	2'-8"
Modified Thrie-Beam with Post Spacing @ 6'-3"	3'-0"

CRT Segments: Remember...



**24 FOOT RADIUS
CRT SYSTEM**

SUMMARY OF GUARDRAIL					
LOCATION	SIDE	END TREATMENT (CRT)		DESIGN NOTES	CONSTRUCTION REMARKS
STA. TO STA.		0536 85 26			
		EA			
	P	F			
100+00	LT	1			

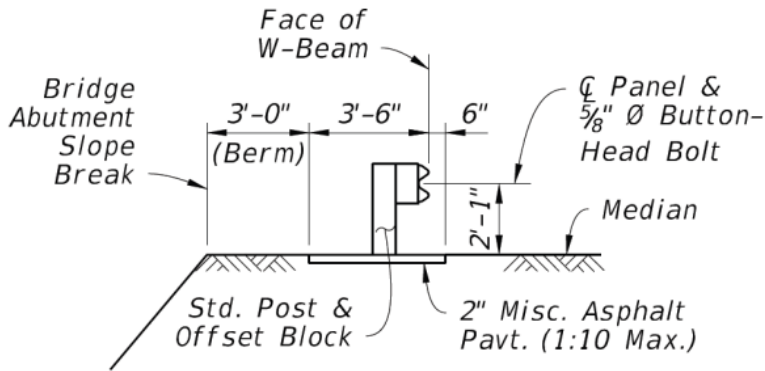


CONTINUING OPTION END TREATMENT OPTION

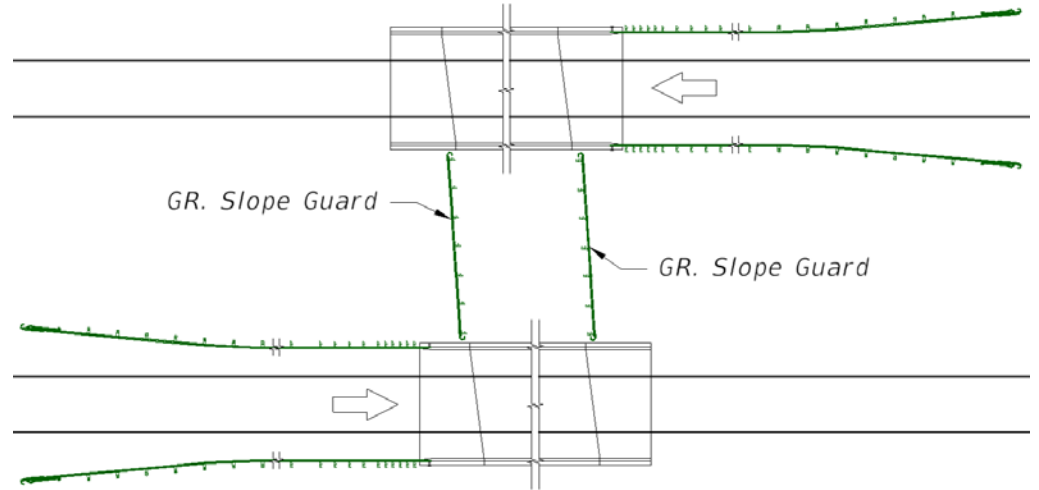
==== CONNECTING DETAIL =====

- In the Plan view, call out the CRT segment station and offset (corresponding to Index callout). No need to place in summary box.
- In the Plan view, call out the Guardrail Begin/End Station at Post (1) of the CRT End Treatment (unless there's a transition to existing guardrail). *The callout for CRT End Treatment would be included here too.*
- *Min. Clear Area - Maintain 1:10 Slope to 2' behind the posts. Beyond that, maintain an area clear of hazards with a 1:2 or flatter slope.*

Slope Guards:



**SECTION H-H
BRIDGE ABUTMENT
SLOPE GUARD
(Between Bridges)**



SUMMARY OF GUARDRAIL

LOCATION	SIDE	GUARDRAIL (W-BEAM, GENERAL, TL-3)		DESIGN NOTES	CONSTRUCTION REMARKS
STA. TO STA.		0536 1 1			
		LF			
		P	F		
100+00.0	LT	38		Slope Guard	
100+80.0	RT	38		Slope Guard	

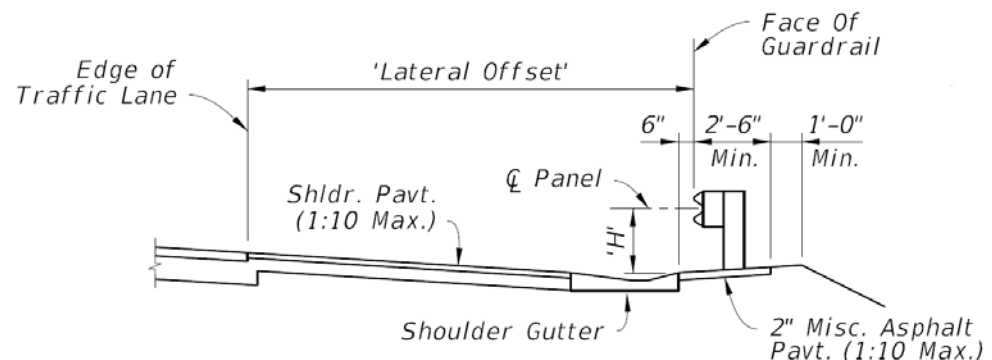
- Call out in Plan view
- Add to Summary of Guardrail Box as an entry to Guardrail W-Beam, General, TL-3 (Or Low-Speed, TL-2 if you happen to be using that instead nearby).

General: “same ‘ole same ‘ole”: Show the guardrail system to scale, including the depiction of the post, offset block, and panel type in its design location.

Typical Sections: Design and label the 'Lateral Offset' from the Face of Curb or Edge of Traffic Lane as it corresponds to the Guardrail Sections sheet in the Index.
(PPM CH2.3 “Shoulders” & 4.4.6.1 “Barrier Offset”)

Cross Sections &

Typical Sections: Meet the offset requirements of the **PPM** and the adjacent grading requirements as shown in the Index.



Roadway Plan: Label the Station and Offset (From the Station Reference, Centerline or Baseline) for the Face of Guardrail at the locations with corresponding Begin/End Stations shown in the Index, including the following:

Lots of text! We've seen all these!

1. Begin/End GR. Stations label the limits of the guardrail length measurement, generally located at centerline of Post (1) in End Treatments and/or at the Terminal Connector splice of an Approach Transition Connection segment. See the Index layouts for details.

If Low-Speed (TL-2) guardrail is required, change this label to "Begin/End TL-2 GR." Instructions for Design Standards Topic No. 625-010-003 Index 400 Guardrail February 2016 6

2. Begin/End Taper Stations label the offset Face of Guardrail locations for the start and end of linear tapers (e.g. for a change in typical section or for a Crossover Taper segment). The Guardrail Taper Rate requirements above will govern these transitions.

3. Begin/End CRT(8, 16, 24, or 32) Ft. R. Station labels the starting point for the Controlled Release Terminal (CRT) System and the radius, 'R'.

4. Begin/End Pipe Rail Stations label the limits of Pipe Rail length measurement, generally located at centerline of the Terminal Posts.

5. Begin/End Rub Rail Stations label the limits of Rub Rail length measurement, generally located at centerline of the Terminal Posts. NOTE: This is not depicted in the Index.

For Double Face Guardrail, place labels pointing to Face of Guardrail on the side requiring the Rub Rail. If Rub Rail is required on both sides, use a different label on each side or add "(Both Sides)" to the callout.

6. Begin/End Half Sp. Stations label the limits of Reduced Post Spacing at 3'-1½". The overall length of this segment must be a multiple of 6'-3".

7. Begin/End Quarter Sp. Stations label the limits of Reduced Post Spacing at 1'-6¾". The overall length of this segment must be a multiple of 6'-3".

Roadway Plan:

Label the Station and Offset at the Face of Guardrail for the following guardrail end features:

1. TL-2 Flared Terminal
2. TL-2 Parallel Terminal
3. TL-2 Dbl. Faced Terminal
4. TL-3 Flared Terminal
5. TL-3 Parallel Terminal
6. TL-3 Dbl. Faced Terminal
7. TL-3 C.C.
8. TL-4 C.C.
9. Type II Anchorage
10. CRT End Treatment
11. TL-2 Apprh. Trans.
12. TL-3 Apprh. Trans.

*...Label conventions straight from IDS
...We've seen these
...More examples to come...*

NOTE: The above labels may be included with the Begin/End Guardrail Station callouts.

Roadway Plan:

Label the Station and Offset at the Face of Guardrail for the following miscellaneous guardrail features:

1. Encased Post
2. Special Steel Post
3. Frangible Leave-Out
4. Deep Post
5. Two Offset Blocks
6. Three Offset Blocks
7. GR. Slope Guard.

*...Label conventions straight from IDS
...We've seen these
...More examples to come...*

Summary of Guardrail Table:

Include Pay Items from the FDOT Design Quantities and Estimates System (DQE), the Basis of Estimates Manual (BOE), and Specifications Section 536.

FDOT MicroStation

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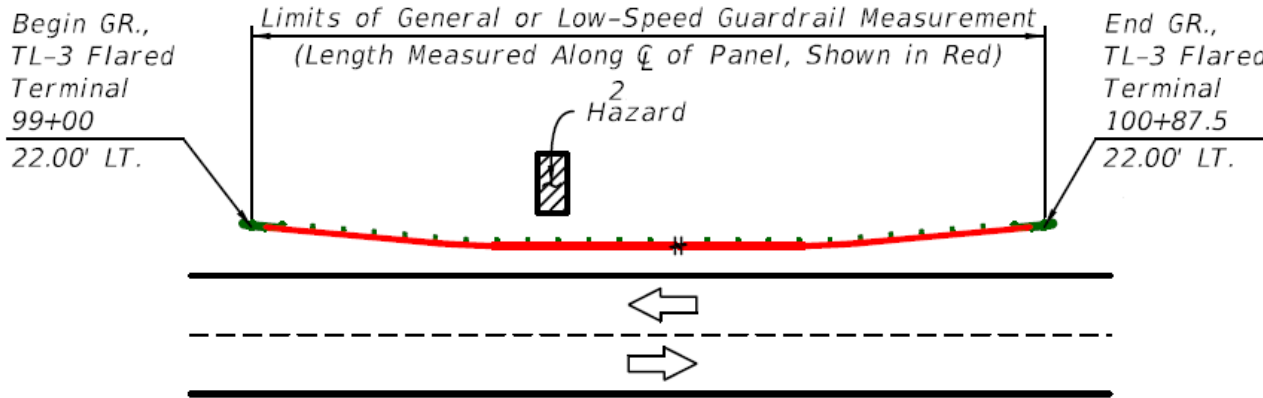
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Showing 1 to 211 of 211 entries

- See the BOE, Chapter 8, for more information on Summary Boxes
- The Department's CADD tools, including the Design and Computation Manager and Data Link Manager, may be used to assist in populating the table...

← See the Engineering / CADD Systems Office website for training in the use of Summary Boxes (at left)
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/easo/downloads/webinars/Posted.shtm#loadSection>

Guardrail Length Measurement Example:

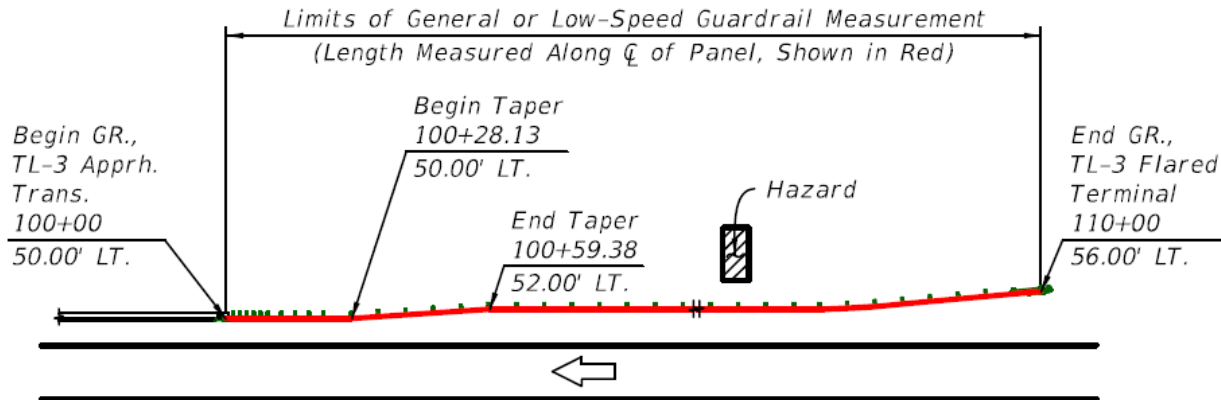


- Include End Treatment lengths added as the basic connecting guardrail type, such as General or Low-Speed Guardrail
- End Treatment Pay Items consider costs as over-and-above basic guardrail

SUMMARY OF GUARDRAIL

LOCATION		SIDE	GUARDRAIL (W-BEAM, GENERAL, TL-3)		END TREATMENT (FLARED)		DESIGN NOTES	CONSTRUCTION REMARKS
STA. TO STA.			0536 1 1		0536 85 22			
			LF		EA			
			P	F	P	F		
99+00.0	100+87.5	LT.	187.5					
99+00.0		LT.			1		4' Flare	
100+87.5		LT.			1		4' Flare	

Guardrail Length Measurement Examples:



- Include End Treatment and Approach Transition lengths added as the basic connecting guardrail type, such as General or Low-Speed Guardrail
- End Treatment and Approach Transition Pay Items consider costs as over-and-above basic guardrail

- What's the length of Guardrail? (approx., assuming linear)

1000 Ft.

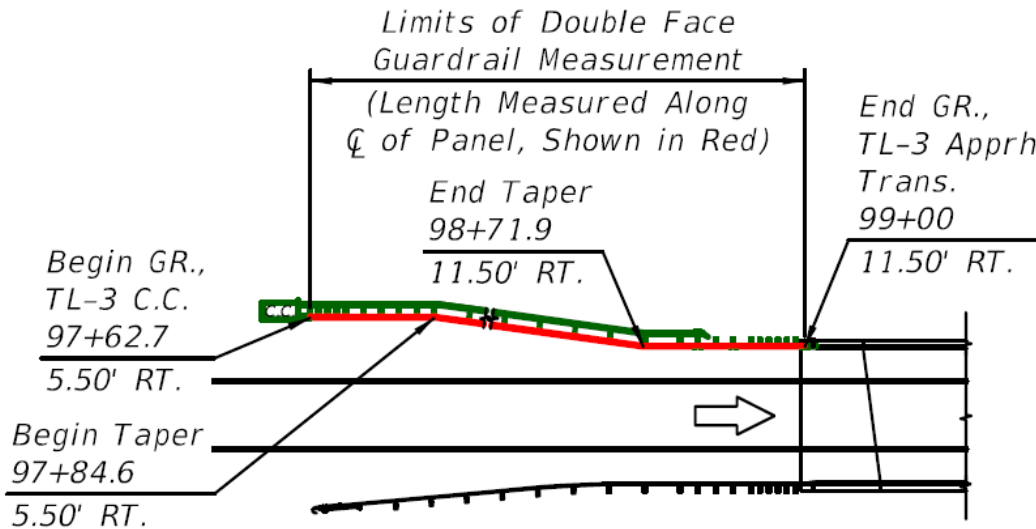
- What's the Station for the Approach Transition?

100+00

- What's the Station and Flare of the End Treatment?

110+00, 4 foot flare

Guardrail Length Measurement Examples:



- Include C.C. “Guardrail Transition” length per Index 430 (to Post 1) and Approach Transition length added as the basic connecting guardrail type, such as General or Low-Speed Guardrail
- Approach Transitions consider costs as over-and-above basic guardrail
- The reduced post spacing for the C.C. “Guardrail Transition” segment is included in the cost of Guardrail.

- What’s the linear feet of Guardrail?
 (Pythagorean theorem, anyone?)

$$21.9 + \text{sqrt}(6^2 + 87.3^2) + 28.1 = \underline{137.5}$$

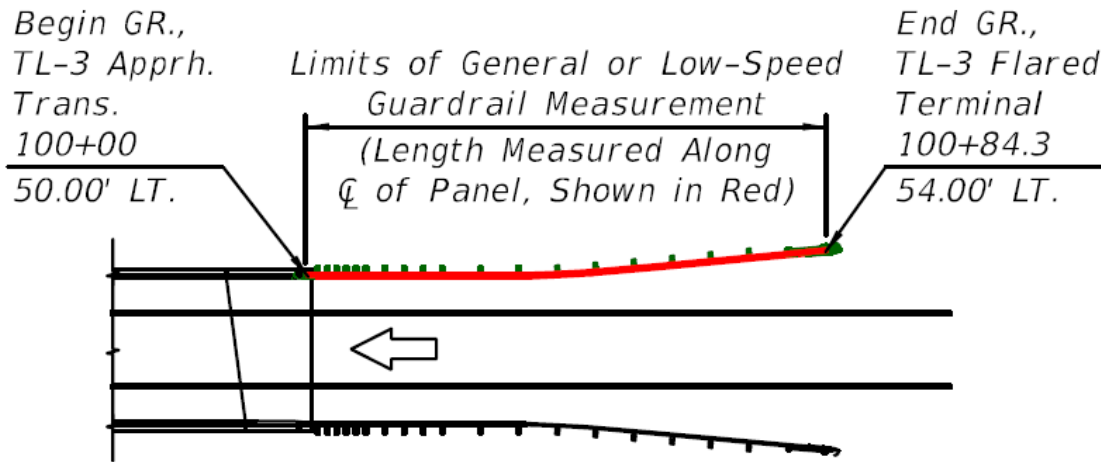
- What type of guardrail is this measured length?

Double Faced

- What Station is the Approach Transition called out at?

99+00

Guardrail Length Measurement Examples:



This is the shortest possible guardrail length per the Design Standard (without using APL Design Lengths)

- This is an Approach Transition plus an Approach Terminal Only...

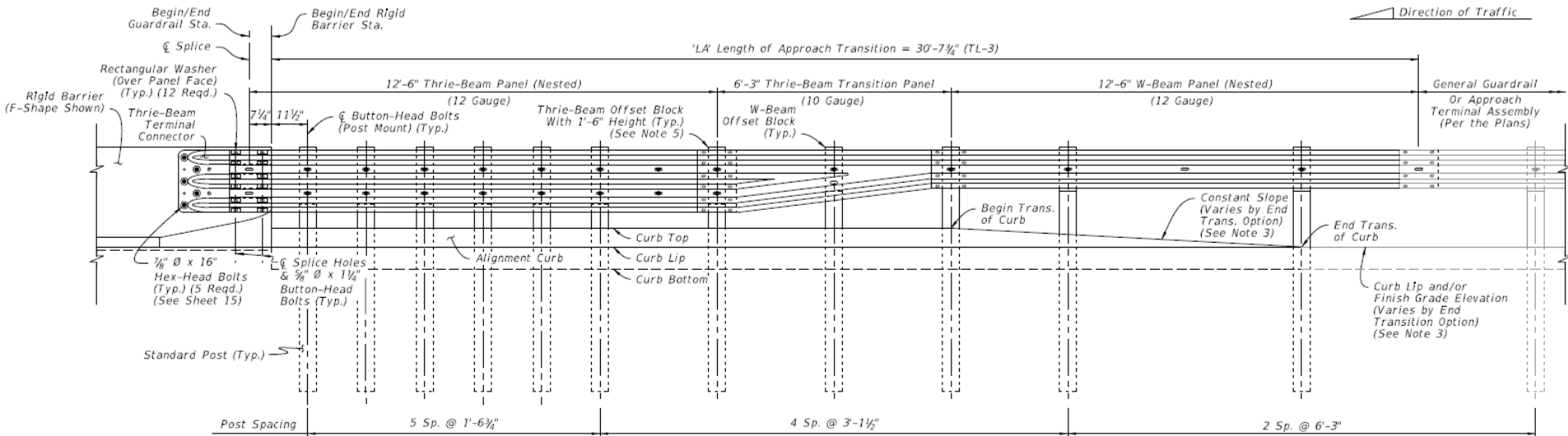
- What type of guardrail is this measured length?

Single Faced – W-Beam

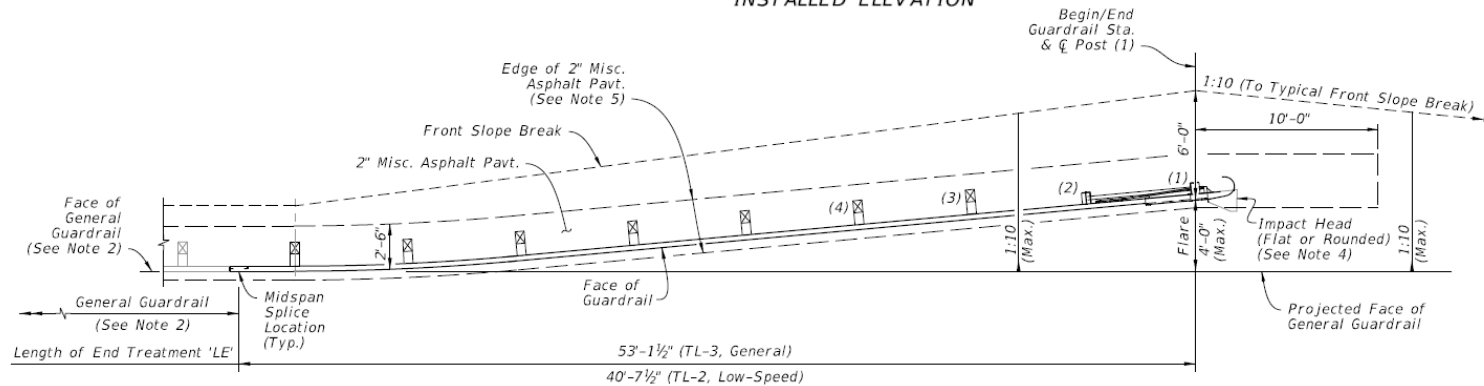
- How did we come up with this guardrail length?...
(Next Page)

Guardrail Length Measurement Examples:

- What's the shortest length of TL-3 Guardrail needed to shield a Rigid Barrier End?...

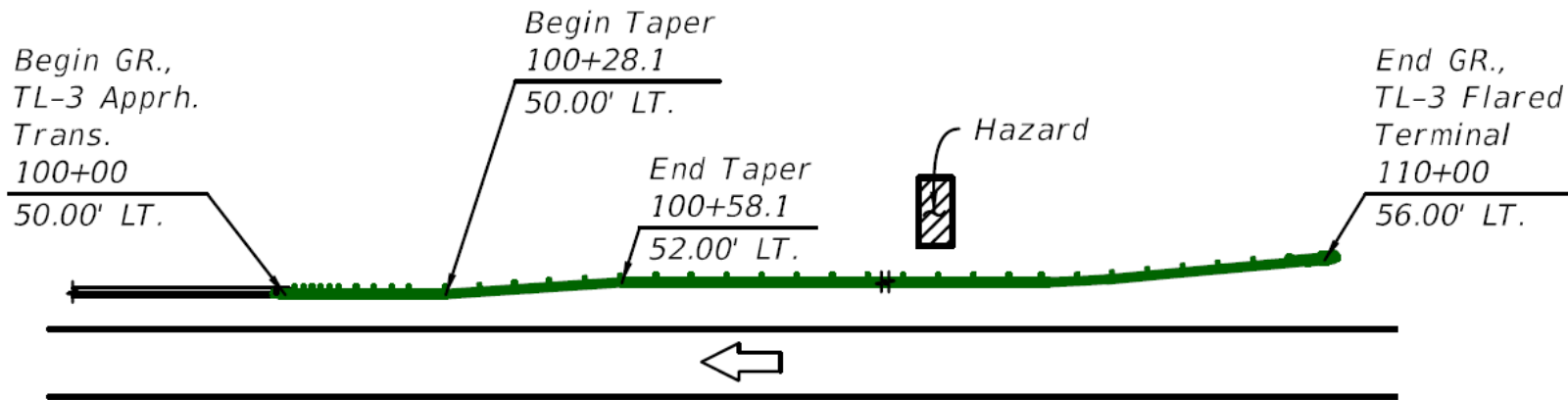


TL-3 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION



'LA' + 7 1/4"
+ 'LE' =
84.3'

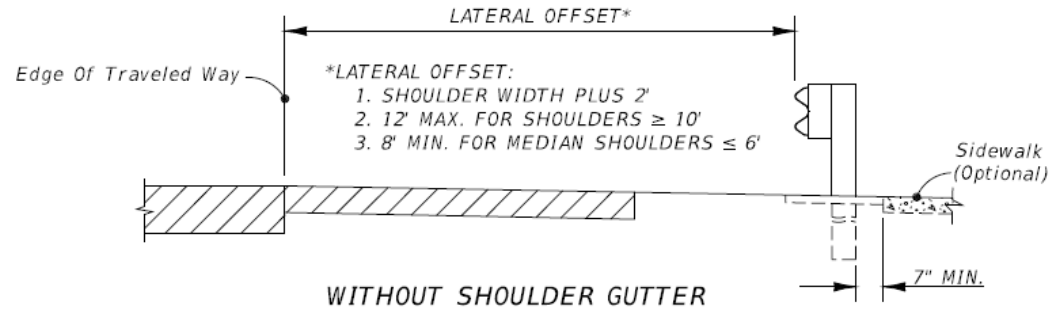
Taper to Different Guardrail Offset Example:



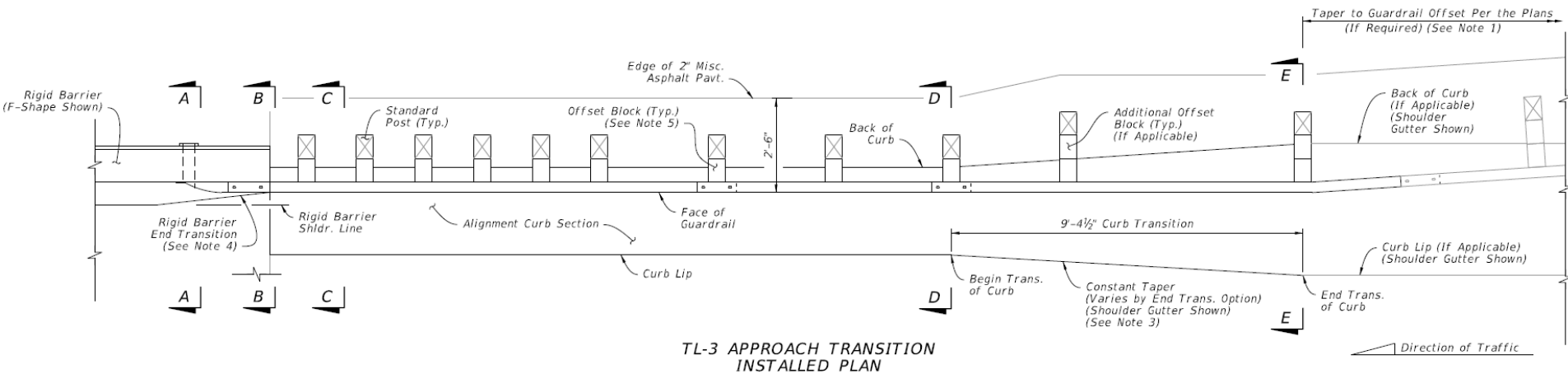
- What is the likely offset difference between the shoulder line and the Face of Guardrail?
2 feet per PPM
- What is the approximate Taper Rate shown here?
1:15
- Using the Design Standard drawing for approach transitions, where did this Taper shown begin? (See Next Page)...

Taper to Different Guardrail Offset Example:

PPM Figure 4.4.12:
Guardrail Face in relation to
Shoulder Line....

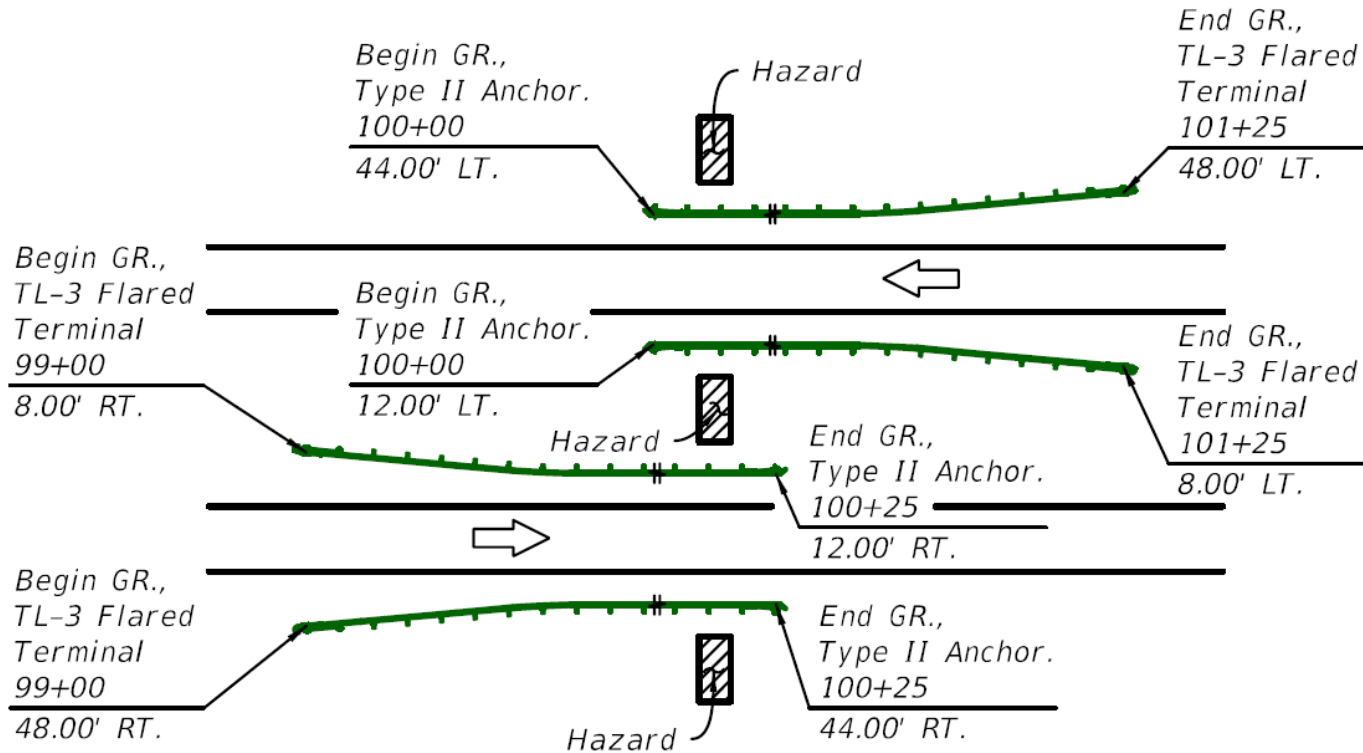


Where does Taper to Guardrail Offset above begin?



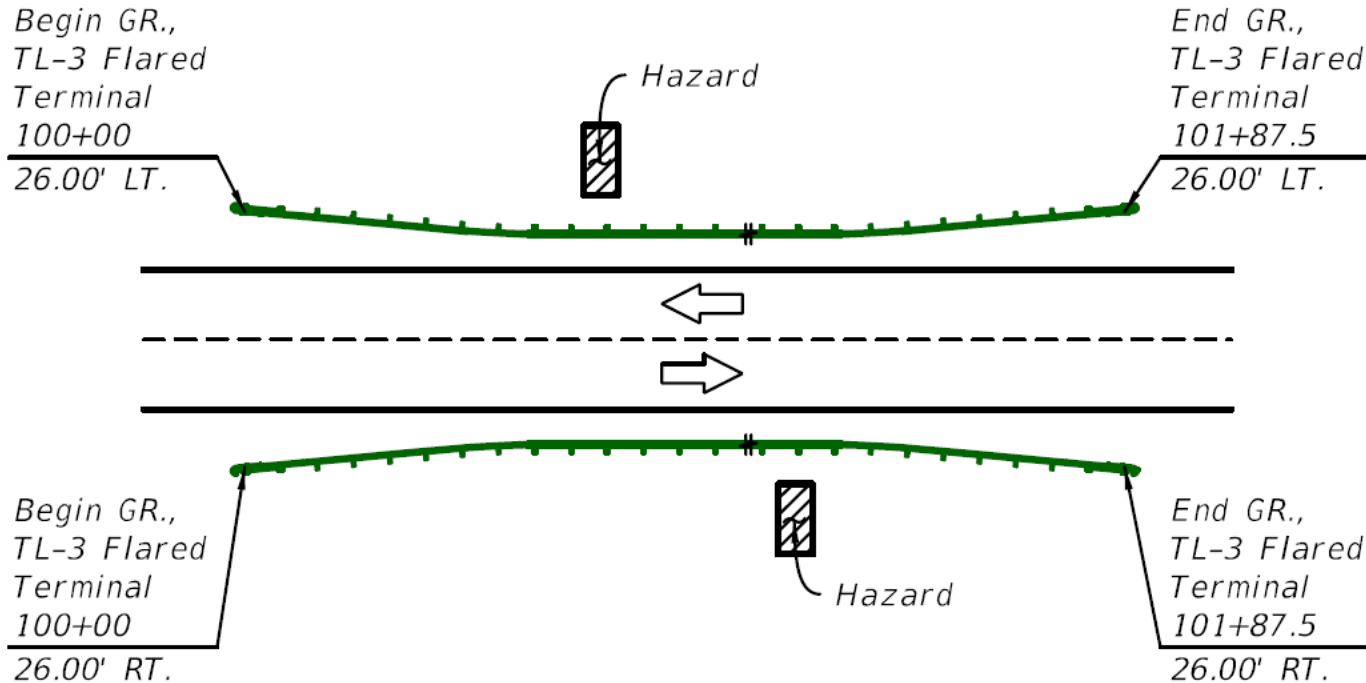
(about 28.1 feet from Begin/End Guardrail Sta. using
Elevation View... or just add standard panel lengths)

Miscellaneous Guardrail Layout Examples (from IDS):



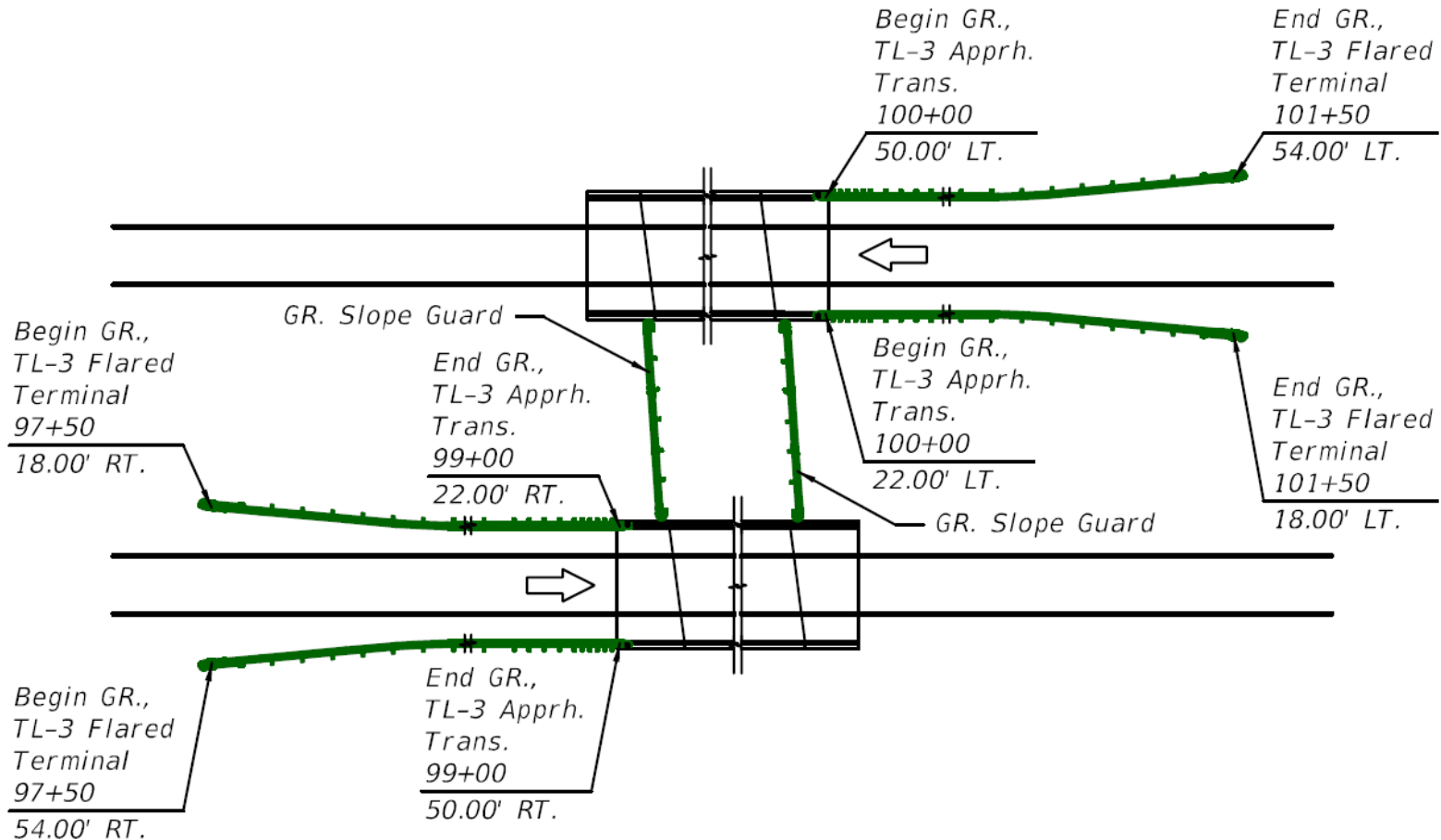
TYPICAL HAZARD SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
ROADSIDE AND MEDIAN
(‘LON’ Program Part ‘A’)

Miscellaneous Guardrail Layout Examples (from IDS):



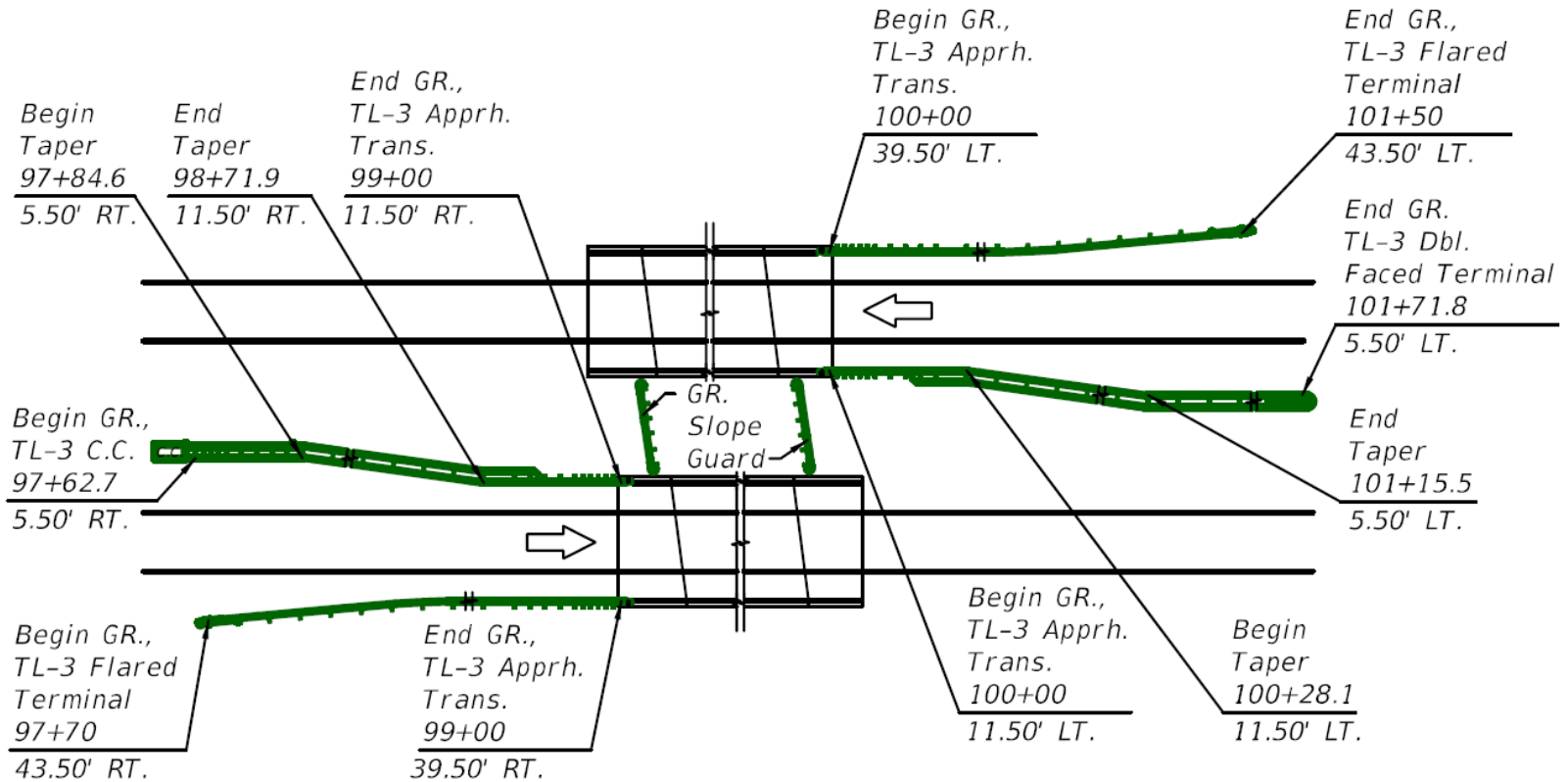
**TYPICAL HAZARD SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
2-LANE, 2-WAY ROAD; HAZARD WITHIN
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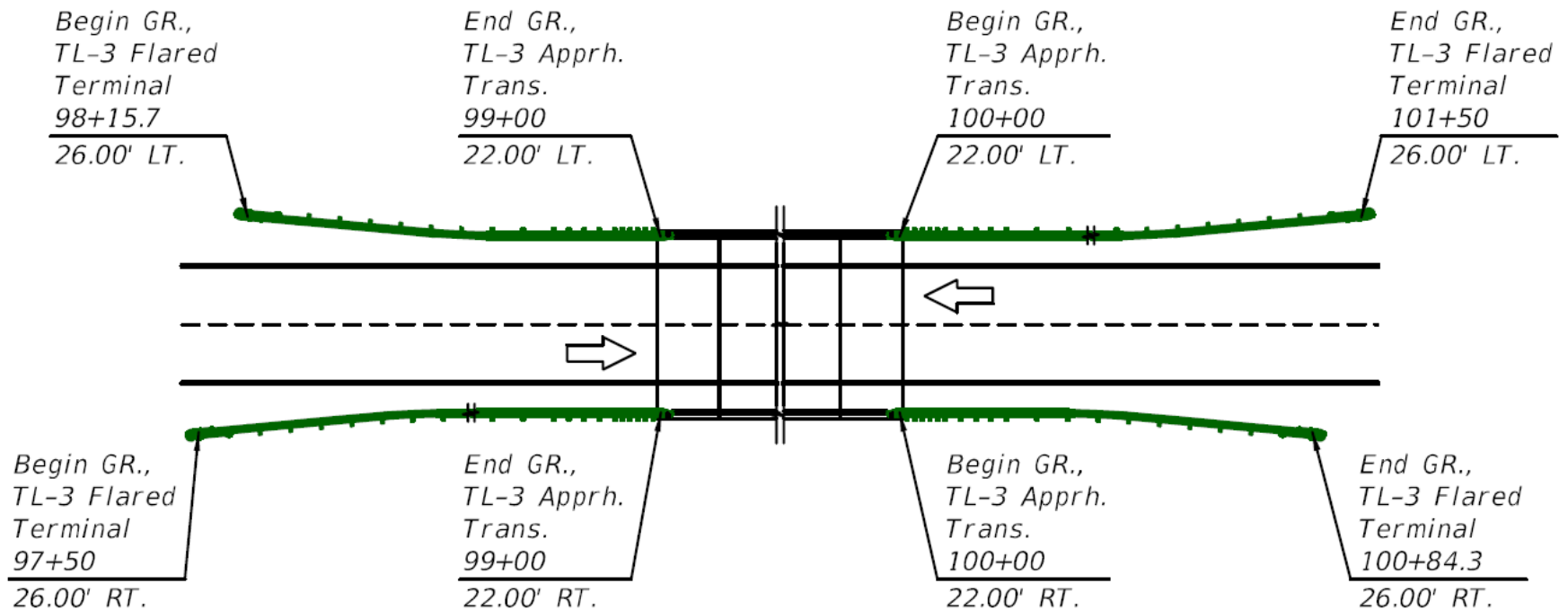
**BRIDGE RAILING SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
OPPOSING LANE'S CONCRETE RAILING
OUTSIDE OF CLEAR ZONE**

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'CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL'; OPPOSING LANE'S
CONCRETE RAILING WITHIN CLEAR ZONE
(*'LON'* Program Part *'C'* or *'D'*)**

Miscellaneous Guardrail Layout Examples (from IDS):



**BRIDGE RAILING SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
2-WAY, 2-LANE ROAD; CONCRETE RAILING
WITHIN OPPOSING LANES' CLEAR ZONE
(Min. Length Guardrail Shown)**

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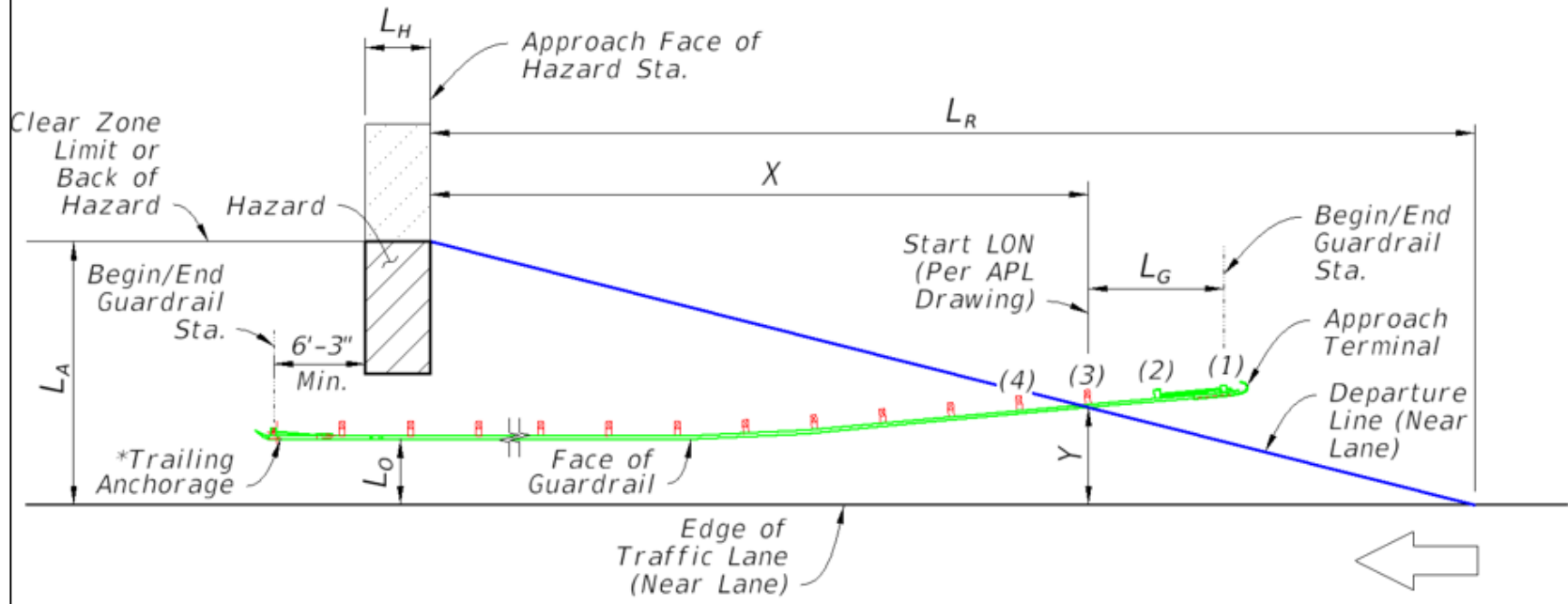
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PART A: LENGTH OF NEED FOR NEAR LANE



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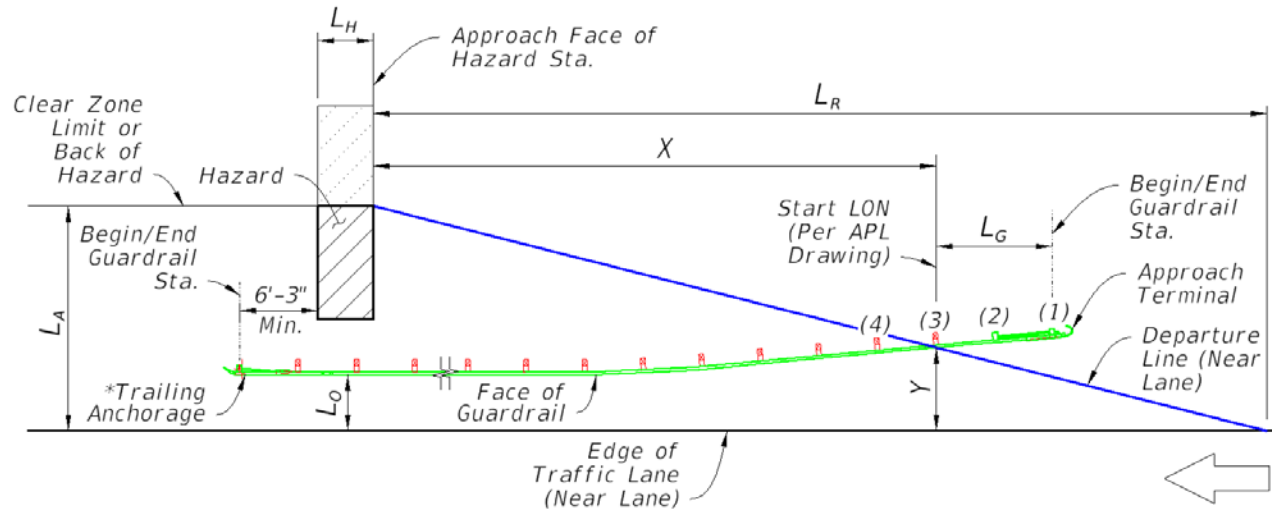
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“Part A” Drawing:

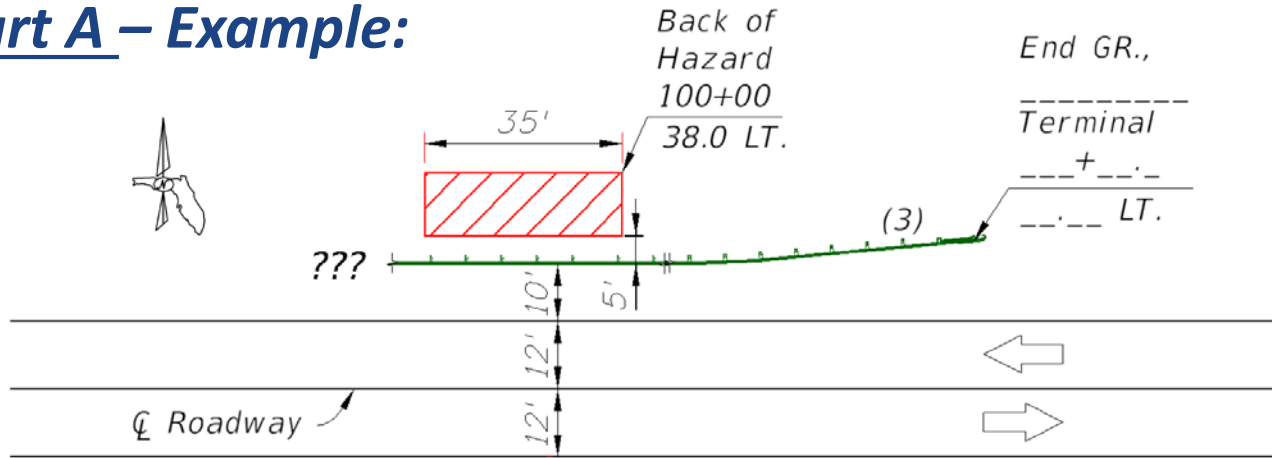


Input:

Comment:

Input:	Comment:
Direction of Near Lane Traffic	<i>for relative stationing calculations</i>
AADT (Vehicles Per Day)	
Design Speed (MPH)	
Approach Face of Hazard Station	<i>enter as total feet (do not input a plus sign)</i>
Length of Hazard, L_H (Ft.)	
Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)	<i>the lesser distance from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' to the 'Clear Zone Limit' or 'Back of Hazard'</i>
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_0 (Ft.)	<i>the typical guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane,' near the 'Hazard' location (outside of flare)</i>
Length of Gating, L_G (Ft.)	<i>"Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4, per the APL Drawings. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the 'Start LON' is at 'Post 1' ($L_G = 0$). NOTE: The flare rate effect on L_G, assumed parallel to the roadway, is negligible and may be omitted.</i>
Terminal Flare @ Post(1) (Ft.)	<i>4 Ft. Max. per Index 400 detail, measured offset at Post(1); enter zero for "Parallel" Terminals</i>
Flare Taper Length (Ft.)	<i>default value is acceptable at 35'-0", but this may be refined per specific APL drawing (Input used to calculate 'Y')</i>

Part A – Example:



TYPICAL HAZARD SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
2-LANE, 2-WAY ROAD;
(‘LON’ Program Part ‘A’)

Given:

- Design Speed = 55 mph
- AADT = 5000 veh/day
- Clear Zone = 30 feet (PPM Table 4.2.1)
- Flare = 4 feet
- Terminal Type = Gating

Program Inputs:

Direction Traffic = WB

Length of Hazard, L_H = 35

Lateral Area of Concern, L_A = 26

Approach Face of Hazard Sta. = 100+00

Original Guardrail Offset, L_0 = 10

Length of Gating, L_G = 12.5

Flare@Post 1 = 4

Program Outputs:

Y = 12.6

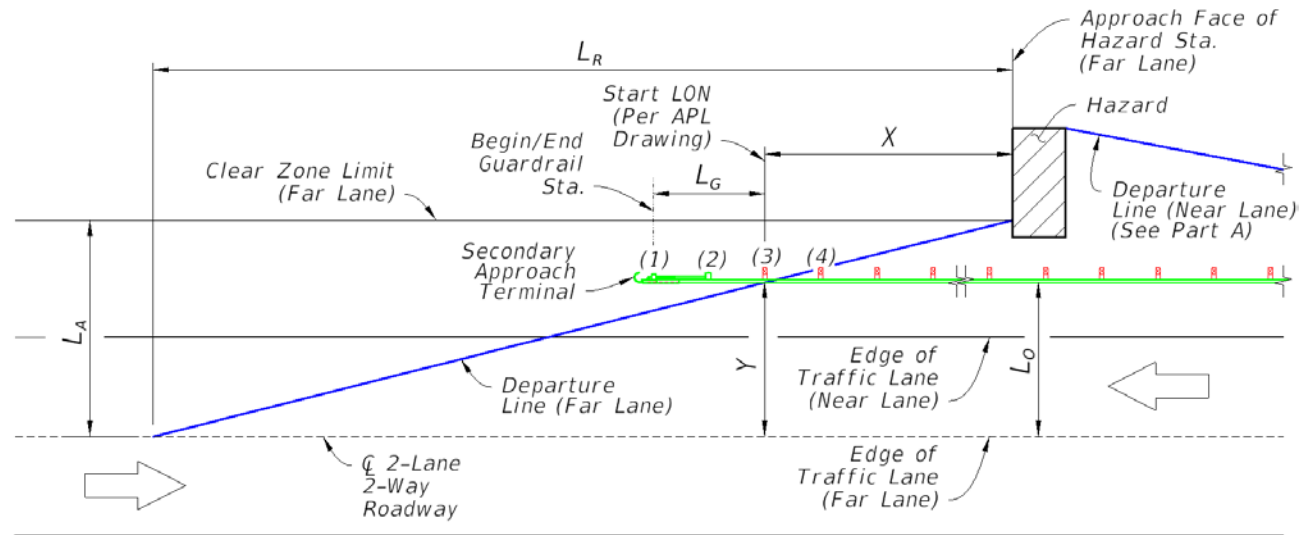
Runout Length, L_R = 220

Length of Need, X = 113.6

Unadjusted Begin/End GR. Sta. = 101+26.1

Type II Trailing Anchorage Applicable? Why?

“Part B” Drawing:

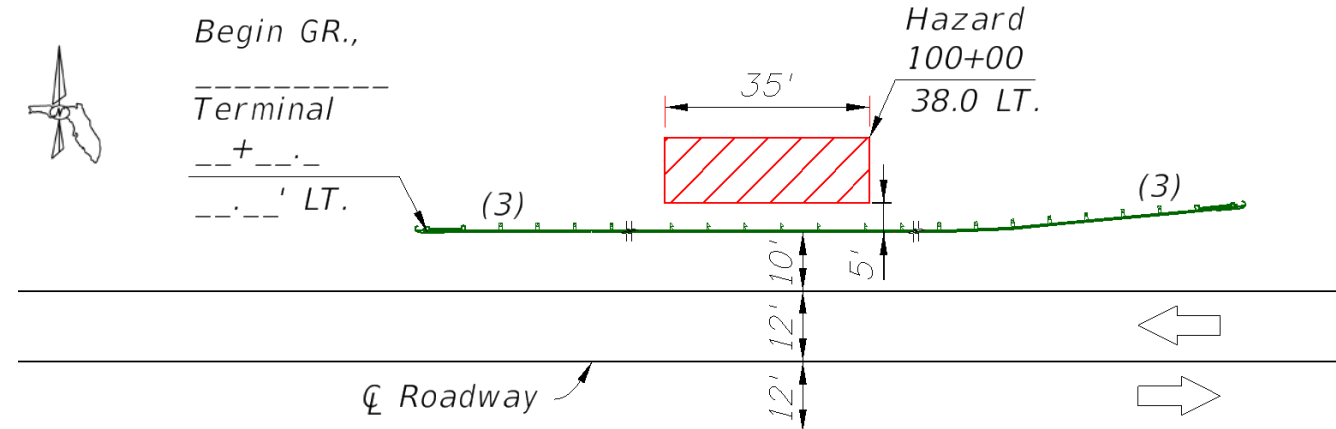


Input:

Comment:

Input:	Comment:
PART B Required? (User Input Needed)	Y/N (Toggle) <i>Is this a 2-lane, 2-way road with the Hazard in the Far Lane's Clear Zone limit? If "No" Part B will be excluded from the placement calculation output below.</i>
Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)	<i>the lesser distance from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' (Far Lane) to the 'Clear Zone Limit' or 'Back of Hazard'</i>
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_0 (Ft.)	<i>the typical guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' (Far Lane), near the 'Hazard' location (outside of flare)</i>
Length of Gating, L_G (Ft.)	<i>per the APL Drawings, "Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the Start LON is at 'Post 1' ($L_G = 0$). NOTE: The flare rate effect on L_G, assumed parallel to the roadway, is negligible and may be omitted.</i>
Terminal Flare @ Post(1) (Ft.)	<i>4 Ft. Max. per Index 400 detail; measured to Post(1); enter zero for 'Parallel' Terminals</i>
Flare Taper Length (Ft.)	<i>default value is acceptable at 35'-0", but this may be refined per specific APL drawing (Input used to calculate 'Y')</i>

Part B – Example (Far Lane):



Given:

Design Speed = 55 mph

AADT = 5000 veh/day

Clear Zone = 30 feet

(PPM Table 4.2.1)

Flare = 0 feet (for example)

Terminal Type = Gating

**TYPICAL HAZARD SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
2-LANE, 2-WAY ROAD; HAZARD WITHIN
OPPOSING LANE CLEAR ZONE
(‘LON’ Program Parts ‘A’ & ‘B’)**

Program Inputs:

Part B Required? = (Y / N) Toggle

Lateral Area of Concern, L_A = 30

Original Guardrail Offset, L_0 = 22

Length of Gating, L_G = 12.5

Flare@Post 1 0

Program Outputs:

Y = 22

Face of Hazard (Far Lane) Sta. = 99+65

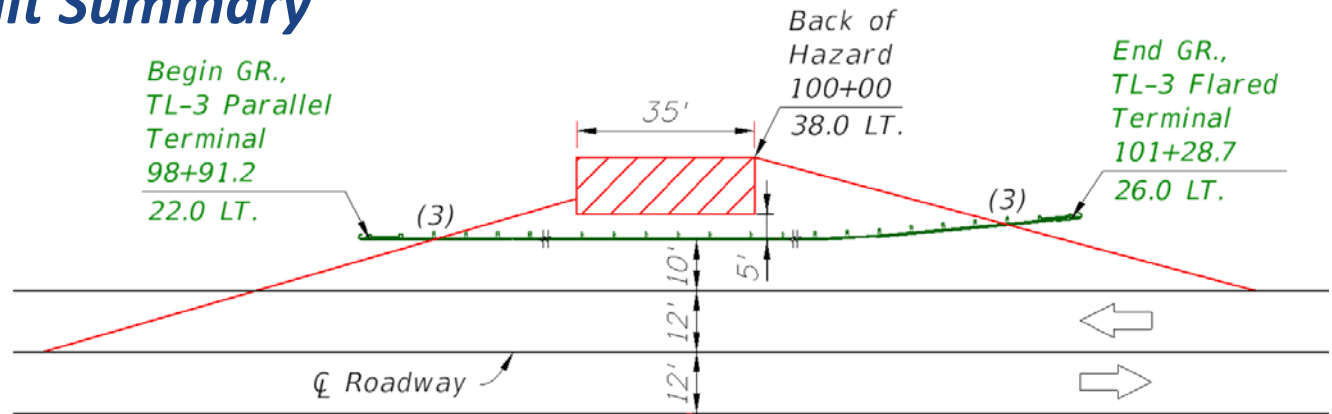
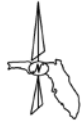
Runout Length, L_R = 220

Length of Need, X = 58.7

Unadjusted Begin/End GR. Stat. =

98+93.8

Part A & B – Result Summary

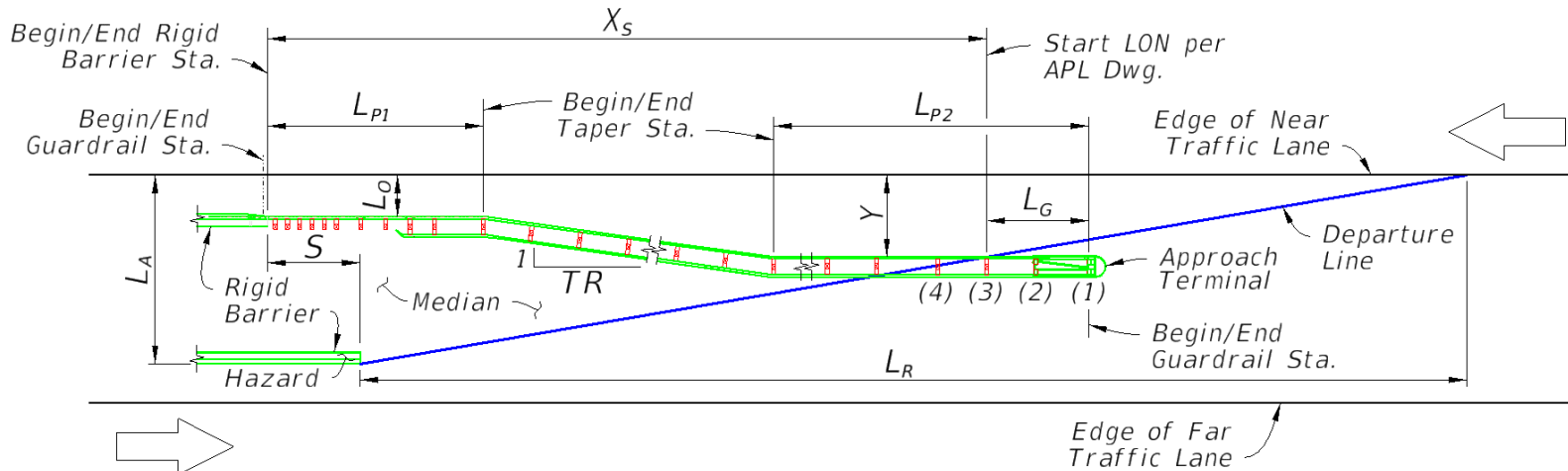


Adjusted to
Nearest 6'-3"...

TYPICAL HAZARD SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
2-LANE, 2-WAY ROAD; HAZARD WITHIN
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(‘LON’ Program Parts ‘A’ & ‘B’)

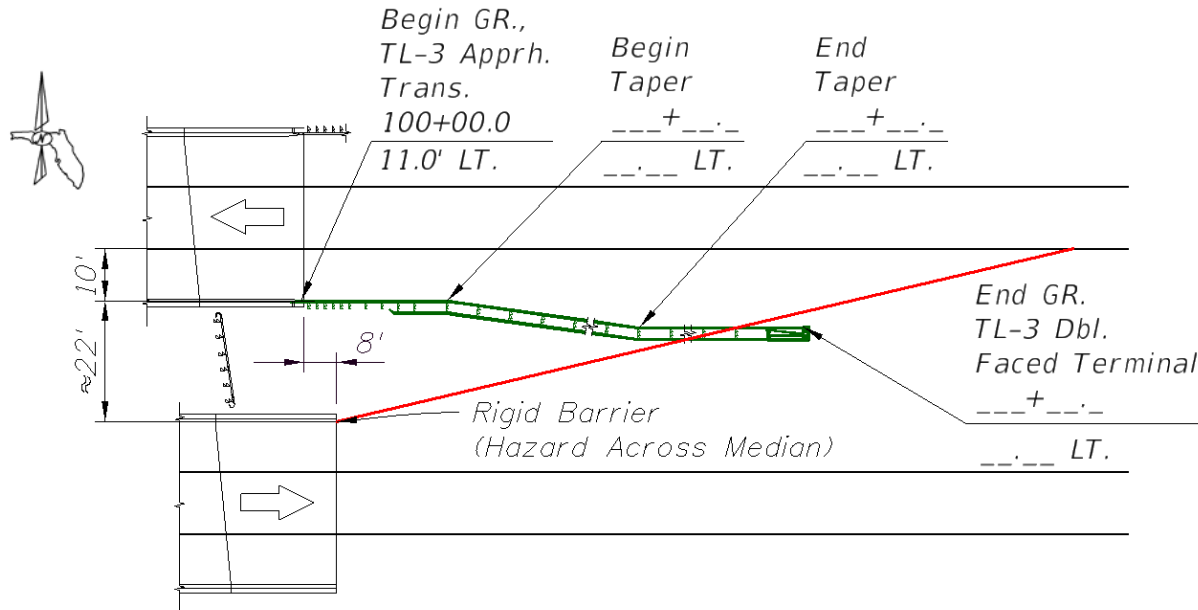
DESIGN OUTPUT SUMMARY: GUARDRAIL ROADSIDE HAZARD SHIELDING			
	Limit:	Output:	
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ PRIMARY Approach Terminal (From Part A)	\geq	101+28.7	<i>Outputs assume linear stationing: To adjust for curvature, lengthen the guardrail with the Begin/End Guardrail stations placed outside of the stationing limits shown here. Use CADD measurement to bring the final guardrail length to a multiple of 6'-3" panels.</i>
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :		14.0	
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Trailing Anchorage (Type II) (From Part A, If Applicable)	-	N.A.	
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :		N.A.	
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ SECONDARY Approach Terminal (From Part B, If Applicable)	\leq	98+91.2	
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :		10.0	

“Part D” Drawing:



	Input:	Comment:
Direction of Near Lane Traffic		<i>for relative stationing calculations</i>
AADT (Vehicles Per Day)		
Design Speed (MPH)		
Begin/End Rigid Barrier Sta. (@ guardrail connecting location)		<i>enter as total feet (do not input a plus sign); located at the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the Begin/End Guardrail Sta.)</i>
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_o (Ft.)		<i>the starting guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' at the location where the guardrail connects to the 'Rigid Barrier' (determined by the designer)</i>
Lateral Area Concern, L_a (Ft.)		<i>the lateral distance from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' to the far edge of the opposing 'Rigid Barrier' (i.e. Concrete Traffic Railing) across the median</i>
Parallel Approach Trans. Length, L_{p1} (Ft.)		<i>the length of the guardrail Approach Transition Connection prior to the start of the taper; per Index 400 options, TL-3=27.5 Ft. and TL-2=18.2 Ft. Note: This is measured from the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the 'Begin/End Guardrail Sta.')</i>
Parallel Approach Terminal Length, L_{p2} (Ft.)		<i>the length of the parallel segment required for the Approach Terminal, just beyond the taper; Per Index 400, TL-3 = 56.3 Ft.</i>
Length of Gating, L_g (Ft.)		<i>"Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4, per the APL Drawings. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the 'Start LON' is at 'Post 1' ($L_g=0$).</i>
Taper Rate of Crossover, 1:TR (Ft.)		<i>the linear taper rate for the Median Crossover Segment; 1:10 for Design Speeds \leq 45 MPH and 1:15 for Design Speeds $>$ 45 MPH.</i>
Rigid Barrier Skew, S (Ft.)		<i>the longitudinal "skew" distance between the guardrail's connecting Rigid Barrier end and the "Hazard" Rigid Barrier end (across the median). For the direction opposite the drawing dimension, use a negative value.</i>

Part D – Example - Median Crossover with Terminal:



Given:

Design Speed = 65 mph
 AADT = 10,000 veh/day
 Clear Zone = 36 feet
 (PPM Table 4.2.1)
 Terminal Type = Gating

*BRIDGE RAILING SHIELDING EXAMPLE:
 'CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL'; OPPOSING LANE'S
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 ('LON' Program Part 'D')*

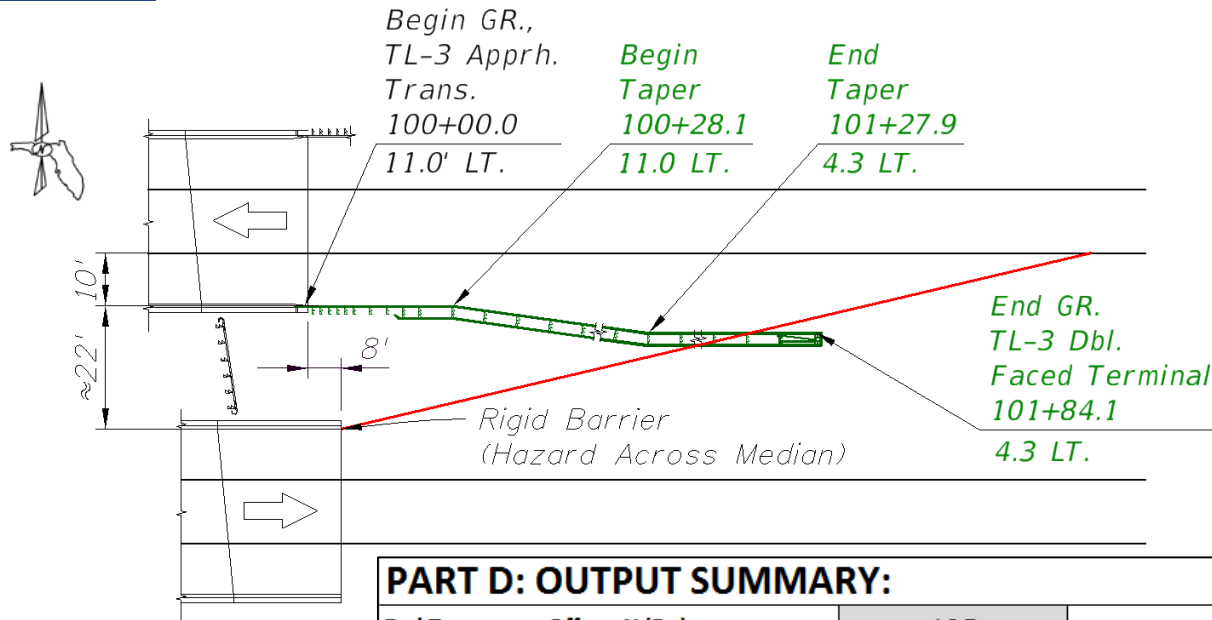
Program Inputs:

Direction Traffic = WB
 AADT = 10,000
 Rigid Barrier Sta.= 100+00.6
 Original Offset, L_0 = 10

Program Inputs (Cont'd):

Lateral Area of Concern, L_A = 32
 Parallel Length 1, L_{P1} = 27.5
 Parallel Length 2, L_{P2} = 56.3
 Length of Gating, L_G = 12.5
 Taper Rate, 1:TR = 15
 Bridge Skew, S = 8

Part D – Example - Median Crossover with Terminal:



Given:

- Design Speed = 65 mph
- AADT = 10,000 veh/day
- Clear Zone = 36 feet (PPM Table 4.2.1)
- Terminal Type = Gating

PART D: OUTPUT SUMMARY:

End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)	16.7	<p><i>The outputs assume stationing is linear and are adjusted to bring tapered segment panel lengths to a multiple of 6'-3".</i></p> <p><i>The stations provided here may be used directly in the Plans, assuming that roadway curvature does not cause a discrepancy of more than 3'-0" between the these output stations and the actual guardrail panel slot/post locations (Tolerance per Specification Section 536).</i></p> <p><i>If adjustments for curvature are required to bring the stationing closer to the actual panel slot and post locations, use L_{P1} and L_{P2}, adjusted for curvature, and add additional length to the taper segment as needed.</i></p>
Runout Length, L_R (Ft.)	330	
Length of Need, X_S (Ft.)	171.0	
Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Connection to Rigid Barrier	100+00.	
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)	10.0	
Begin/End Taper Sta.	100+28.1	
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)	10.0	
Begin/End Taper Sta.	101+27.9	
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)	16.7	
Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Post (1)	101+84.1	
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)	16.7	

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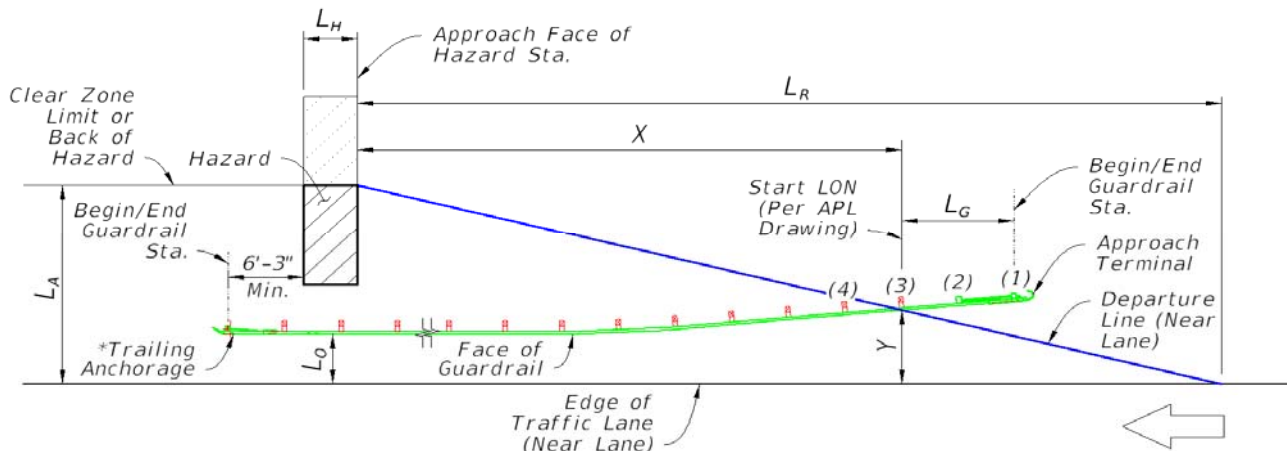
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Roadway Name / Feature:

FPID:

Designer:

PART A: LENGTH OF NEED FOR NEAR LANE



Input: Comment:

Input:	Value	Comment:
Direction of Near Lane Traffic	Westbound	for relative stationing calculations
AADT (Vehicles Per Day)		
Design Speed (MPH)		
Approach Face of Hazard Station		enter as total feet (do not input a plus sign)
Length of Hazard, L_H (Ft.)		
Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)		the lesser distance from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' to the 'Clear Zone Limit' or 'Back of Hazard'
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_0 (Ft.)		the typical guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane,' near the 'Hazard' location (outside of flare)
Length of Gating, L_G (Ft.)	12.5	"Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4, per the APL Drawings. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the 'Start LON' is at 'Post 1' ($L_G = 0$). NOTE: The flare rate effect on L_G , assumed parallel to the roadway, is negligible and may be omitted.
Terminal Flare @ Post(1) (Ft.)	4	4 Ft. Max. per Index 400 detail, measured offset at Post(1); enter zero for "Parallel" Terminals
Flare's Taper Length (Ft.)	35	default value is acceptable at 35'-0", but this may be refined per specific APL drawing (Input used to calculate 'Y')

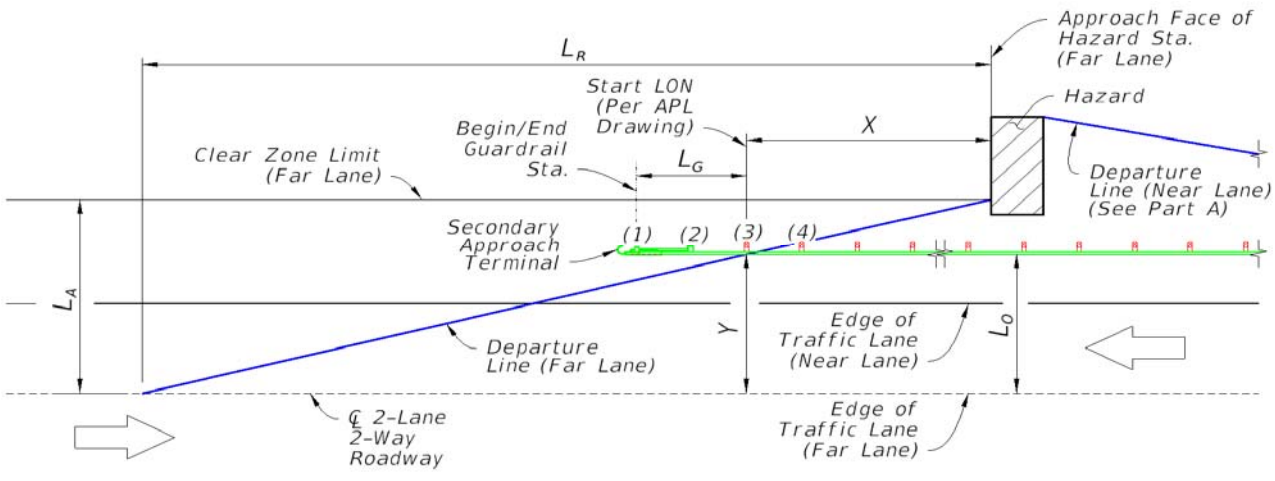
Output:

End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)	
Runout Length, L_R (Ft.)	
Length of Need, X (Ft.)	
Unadjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Primary Approach Terminal	
Unadjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Trailing Anchorage (If Applicable)	

$$X = \frac{L_A - Y}{L_A / L_R} \quad \text{AASHTO RDG (5-3)}$$

* NOTE: If the Trailing Anchorage shown herein is in the Clear Zone of an opposing Traffic Lane, use an Approach Terminal in its place.

PART B: LENGTH OF NEED FOR FAR LANE - OPPOSING DIRECTION (IF APPLICABLE)
 ('Part A' Extension, If Required For 2-Lane, 2-Way Road with Hazard in Far Lane's Clear Zone)



Input:		Comment:
PART B Required? (User Input Needed)	No	Is this a 2-lane, 2-way road with the Hazard in the Far Lane's Clear Zone limit? If "No" Part B will be excluded from the placement calculation output below.
Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)		the lesser distance from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' (Far Lane) to the 'Clear Zone Limit' or 'Back of Hazard'
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_O (Ft.)		the typical guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Traffic Lane' (Far Lane), near the 'Hazard' location (outside of flare)
Length of Gating, L_G (Ft.)	12.5	per the APL Drawings, "Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the Start LON is at 'Post 1' ($L_G = 0$). NOTE: The flare rate effect on L_G , assumed parallel to the roadway, is negligible and may be omitted.
Terminal Flare @ Post(1) (Ft.)	0	4 Ft. Max. per Index 400 detail; measured to Post(1); enter zero for 'Parallel' Terminals
Flare's Taper Length (Ft.)	0	default value is acceptable at 35'-0", but this may be refined per specific APL drawing (Input used to calculate 'Y')

Output:	
End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)	N.A.
Direction of Far Lane Traffic	N.A.
Approach Face of Hazard Station (Far Lane)	N.A.
Runout Length, L_R (Ft.)	N.A.
Length of Need, X (Ft.)	N.A.
Unadjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Secondary Approach Terminal	N.A.

$$X = \frac{L_A - Y}{L_A / L_R} \quad \text{AASHTO RDG (5-3)}$$

DESIGN OUTPUT SUMMARY: GUARDRAIL ROADSIDE HAZARD SHIELDING

Limit:	Output:
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ PRIMARY Approach Terminal (From Part A)	\geq
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :	
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Trailing Anchorage (Type II) (From Part A, If Applicable)	\leq
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :	
Adjusted Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ SECONDARY Approach Terminal (From Part B, If Applicable)	-
Guardrail Offset from Nearest Edge of Traffic Lane (Ft.) :	

Outputs assume linear stationing: To adjust for curvature, lengthen the guardrail with the Begin/End Guardrail stations placed outside of the stationing limits shown here. Use CADD measurement to bring the final guardrail length to a multiple of 6'-3" panels.

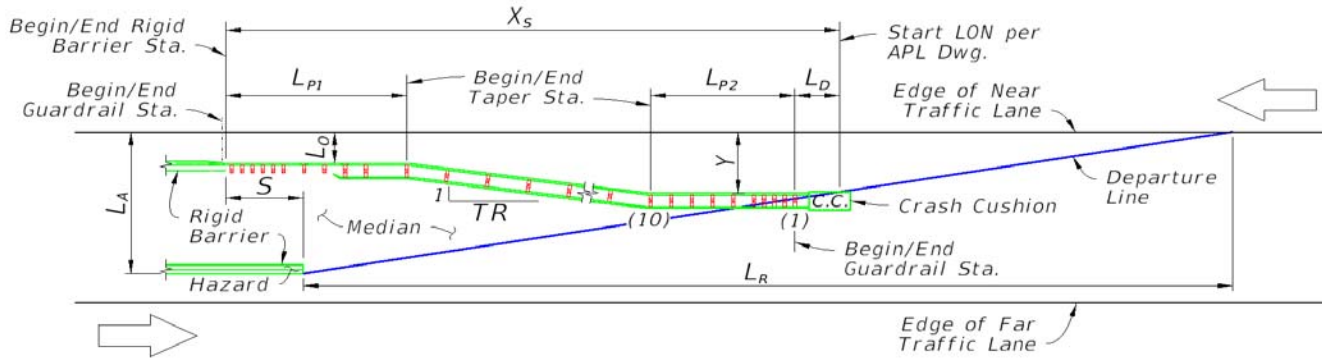
GUARDRAIL LENGTH OF NEED v1.0 - BRIDGE CONCRETE RAILING SHIELDING

Roadway Name / Feature:

FPID:

Designer:

PART C: CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL WITH 'CRASH CUSHION' - SHIELDING CONCRETE RAILING ACROSS MEDIAN (WITHIN CLEAR ZONE)



	Input:	Comment:
Direction of Near Lane Traffic	Westbound	for relative stationing calculations
AADT (Vehicles Per Day)		
Design Speed (MPH)		
Begin/End Rigid Barrier Sta. (@ guardrail connecting location)		enter as total feet (do not input a plus sign); located at the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the Begin/End Guardrail Sta.)
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L_0 (Ft.)		the starting guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' at the location where the guardrail connects to the 'Rigid Barrier' (determined by the designer)
Lateral Area Concern, L_A (Ft.)		the lateral distance from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' to the far edge of the opposing 'Rigid Barrier' (i.e. Concrete Traffic Railing) across the median
Parallel Approach Trans. Length, L_{P1} (Ft.)	27.5	the length of the guardrail Approach Transition Connection prior to the start of the taper; per Index 400 options, TL-3=27.5 Ft. and TL-2=18.2 Ft. Note: This is measured from the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the 'Begin/End Guardrail Sta.')
Parallel C.C. Segment Length, L_{P2} (Ft.)	21.9	the length of the parallel segment required for Guardrail Transition, just beyond the taper. This is the length between Post (1) and Post (10) per Index 430, 21.9 Ft.
Design Length of Crash Cushion, L_D (Ft.)		the length between Post (1) and the 'Start LON' (or Departure Line intersection) per the manufacturer's APL Drawing
Taper Rate of Crossover, 1:TR (Ft.)	15	the linear taper rate for the Median Crossover Segment; 1:10 for Design Speeds ≤ 45 MPH and 1:15 for Design Speeds > 45 MPH.
Rigid Barrier Skew, S (Ft.)		the longitudinal "skew" distance between the guardrail's connecting Rigid Barrier end and the 'Hazard' Rigid Barrier end (across the median). For the direction opposite the drawing dimension, use a negative value.

PART C: OUTPUT SUMMARY:

End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)		<p>The outputs assume stationing is linear and are adjusted to bring tapered segment panel lengths to a multiple of 6'-3".</p> <p>The output stations may be used directly in the Plans, assuming that roadway curvature does not cause a discrepancy of more than 3'-0" between these output stations and the actual guardrail panel slot & post locations (Tolerance per Specification Section 536).</p> <p>If adjustments for curvature are required to bring the stationing closer to the actual panel slot & post locations, use L_{P1}, L_{P2}, and L_D, adjusted for curvature, and add additional length to the taper segment as needed.</p>
Runout Length, L_R (Ft.)		
Length of Need, X_S (Ft.)		
Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Connection to Rigid Barrier		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		
Begin/End Taper Sta.		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		
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Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Connection Post (1)		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		

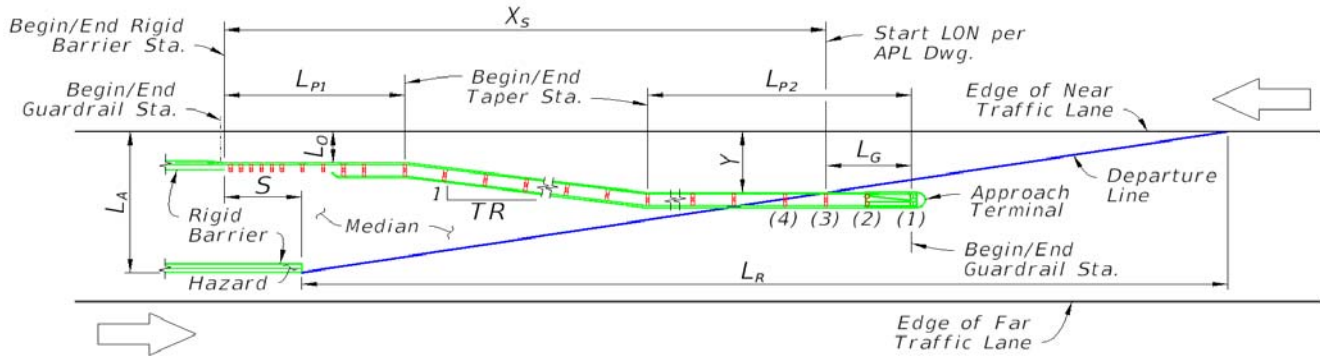
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Roadway Name / Feature:

FPID:

Designer:

PART D: CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL WITH 'APPROACH TERMINAL' - SHIELDING CONCRETE RAILING ACROSS MEDIAN (WITHIN CLEAR ZONE)



	Input:	Comment:
Direction of Near Lane Traffic	Westbound	for relative stationing calculations
AADT (Vehicles Per Day)		
Design Speed (MPH)		
Begin/End Rigid Barrier Sta. (@ guardrail connecting location)		enter as total feet (do not input a plus sign); located at the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the Begin/End Guardrail Sta.)
Lateral Offset of Guardrail, L ₀ (Ft.)		the starting guardrail offset from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' at the location where the guardrail connects to the 'Rigid Barrier' (determined by the designer)
Lateral Area Concern, L _A (Ft.)		the lateral distance from the 'Edge of Near Traffic Lane' to the far edge of the opposing 'Rigid Barrier' (i.e. Concrete Traffic Railing) across the median
Parallel Approach Trans. Length, L _{p1} (Ft.)	27.5	the length of the guardrail Approach Transition Connection prior to the start of the taper; per Index 400 options, TL-3=27.5 Ft. and TL-2=18.2 Ft. Note: This is measured from the end of the 'Rigid Barrier' (not the 'Begin/End Guardrail Sta.')
Parallel Approach Terminal Length, L _{p2} (Ft.)	56.3	the length of the parallel segment required for the Approach Terminal, just beyond the taper; Per Index 400, TL-3 = 56.3 Ft.
Length of Gating, L _G (Ft.)	12.5	"Gating" Terminals typically have a 'Start LON' at Post 3 or Post 4, per the APL Drawings. For "Non-Gating" Terminals, the 'Start LON' is at 'Post 1' (L _G = 0).
Taper Rate of Crossover, 1:TR (Ft.)	15	the linear taper rate for the Median Crossover Segment; 1:10 for Design Speeds ≤ 45 MPH and 1:15 for Design Speeds > 45 MPH.
Rigid Barrier Skew, S (Ft.)		the longitudinal "skew" distance between the guardrail's connecting Rigid Barrier end and the "Hazard" Rigid Barrier end (across the median). For the direction opposite the drawing dimension, use a negative value.

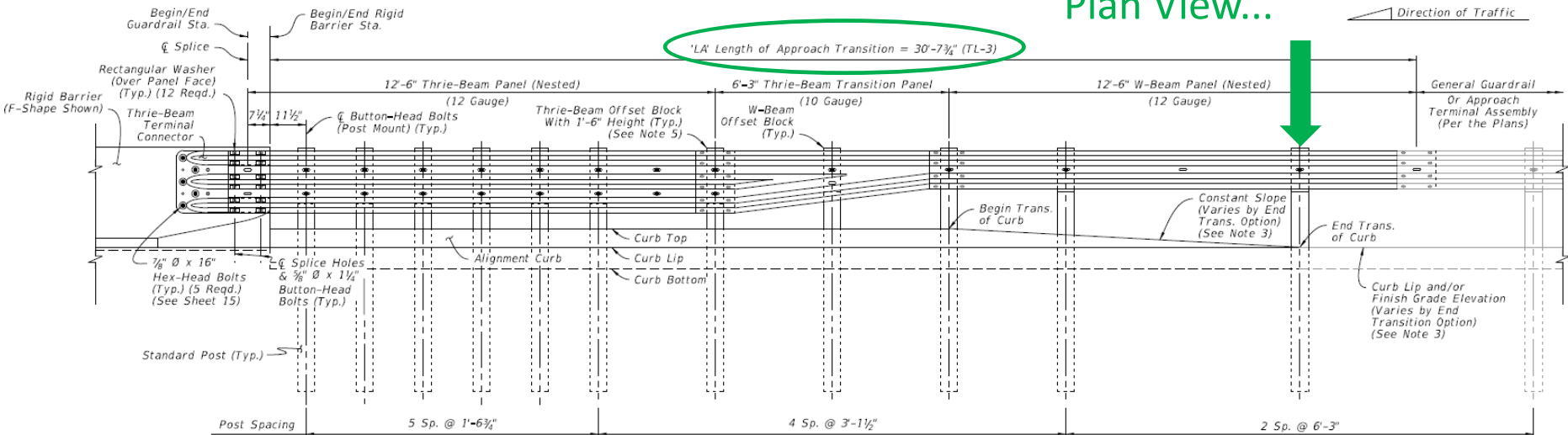
PART D: OUTPUT SUMMARY:

End Treatment Offset, Y (Ft.)		<p>The outputs assume stationing is linear and are adjusted to bring tapered segment panel lengths to a multiple of 6'-3".</p> <p>The stations provided here may be used directly in the Plans, assuming that roadway curvature does not cause a discrepancy of more than 3'-0" between these output stations and the actual guardrail panel slot/post locations (Tolerance per Specification Section 536).</p> <p>If adjustments for curvature are required to bring the stationing closer to the actual panel slot and post locations, use L_{p1} and L_{p2}, adjusted for curvature, and add additional length to the taper segment as needed.</p>
Runout Length, L _R (Ft.)		
Length of Need, X _S (Ft.)		
Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Connection to Rigid Barrier		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		
Begin/End Taper Sta.		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		
Begin/End Taper Sta.		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		
Begin/End Guardrail Sta. @ Post (1)		
Offset from Edge of Near Traffic Lane (Ft.)		

DESIGN TOOL PARTS C or D – How to find variable L_{P1} :

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Taper Begins
Here per
Plan View...



TL-3 APPROACH TRANSITION
INSTALLED ELEVATION

TL-3: 'LA' = 30'-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

$L_{P1} = \text{'LA'} - \frac{1}{4} \text{ Panel} =$

$L_{P1} = (30'-7\frac{3}{4}") - (\frac{1}{4})(12'-6") =$

$L_{P1} = 27.5'$

TL-2: 'LA' = 21'-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

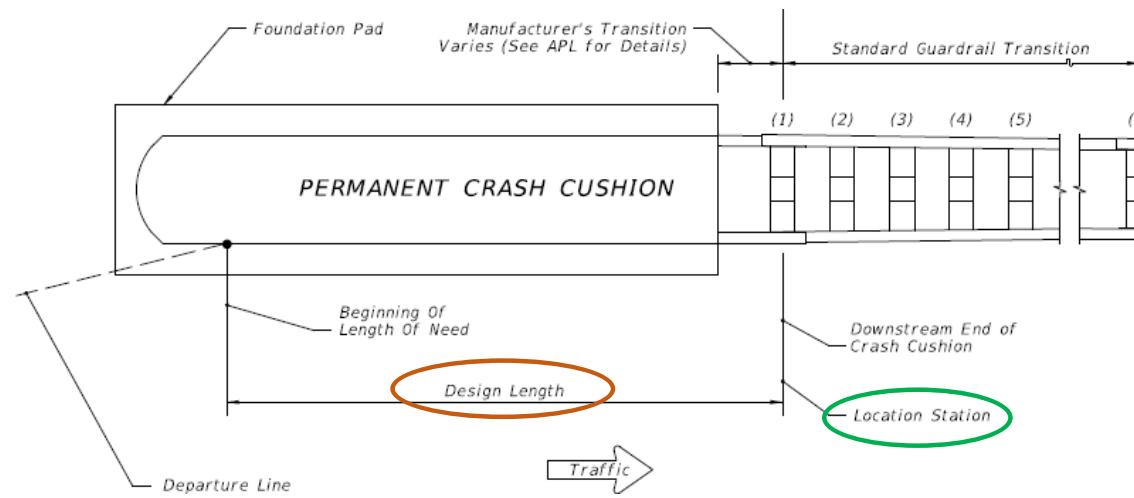
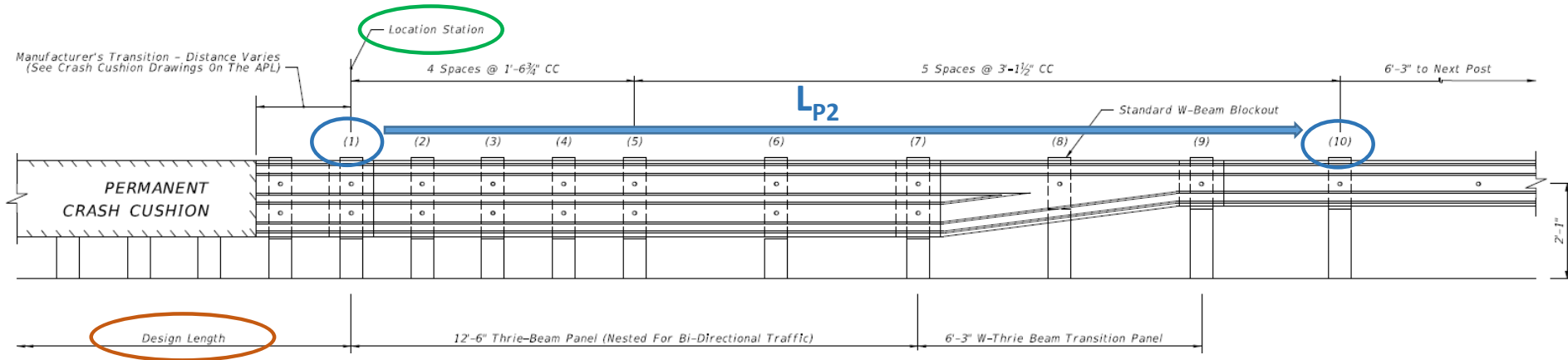
$L_{P1} = \text{'LA'} - \frac{1}{4} \text{ Panel} =$

$L_{P1} = (21'-3\frac{1}{4}") - (\frac{1}{4})(12'-6") =$

$L_{P1} = 18.2'$

DESIGN TOOL PART C, CRASH CUSHIONS – *From Index 430...*

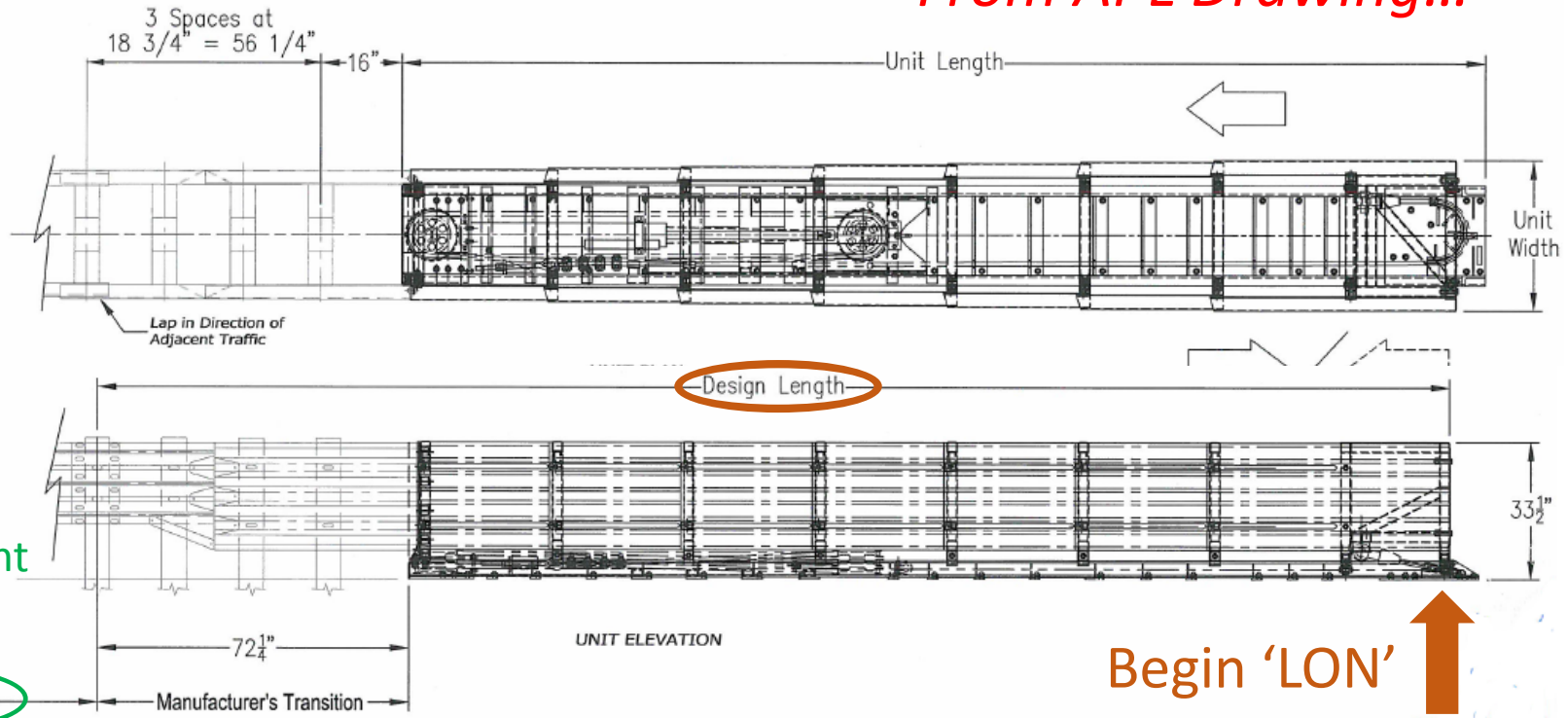
How to find variables L_{P2} and L_D :



- “Location Station” is Begin/End Guardrail length measurement point
- L_{P2} is the distance between Post(1) and Post(10).
The “Taper” Begins at Post (10).
 $L_{P2} = 21'-10\frac{1}{2}''$
- L_D is the Crash Cushion’s Design Length per the chosen APL Drawing. This is the distance from Post(1) to manufacturer’s Begin Length of Need point (outside of the Guardrail length measurement).

DESIGN TOOL PART C, CRASH CUSHIONS – How to find L_D :

From APL Drawing...



Specifications							
Model Number	Unit Width	Unit Length	Foundation Width	Foundation Length	Design Length	Workzone Speeds	Test Level Designation
SCI70GM	36"	164"	48"	180"	236"	≤ 45 mph	TEST LEVEL 2
SCI100GM	37"	260"	48"	276"	332"	≥ 50 mph	TEST LEVEL 3

$L_D = \text{Design Length}$

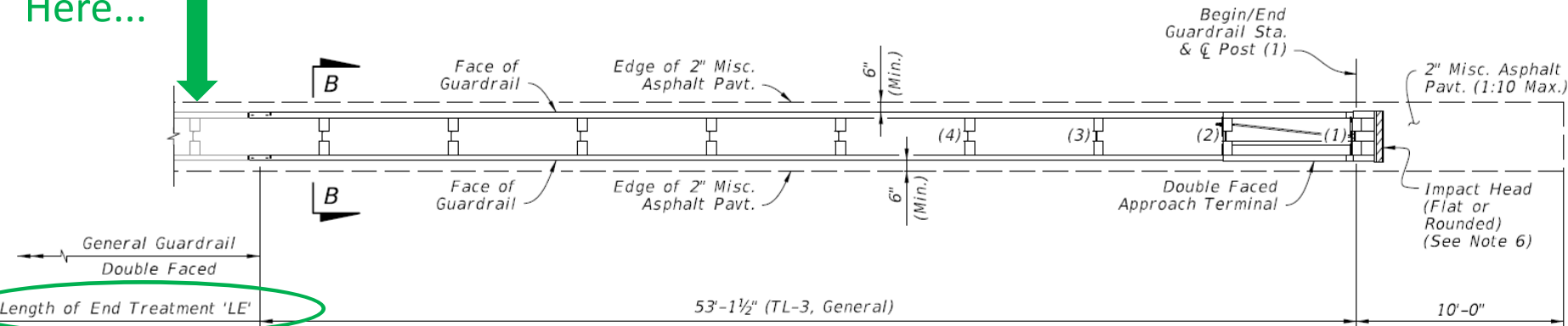
Note: For Low Speed Facilities with Workzone Speed of ≤ 45 mph Use a TL-2 System
 For High Speed Facilities with Workzone Speed of ≥ 50 mph Use a TL-3 System

DESIGN TOOL PART D, APPROACH TERMINAL

How to find variable L_{P2} :

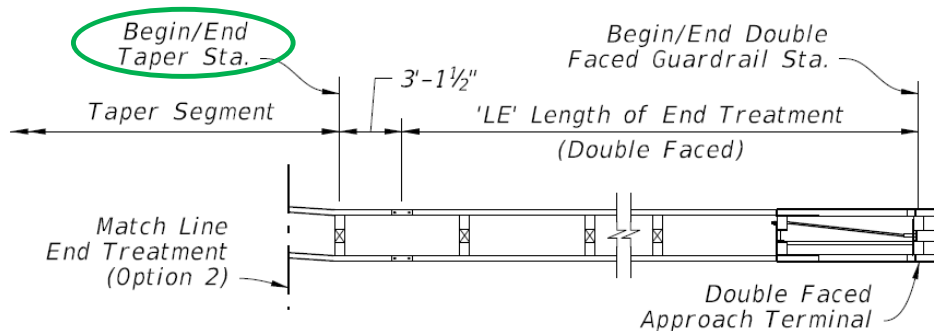
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Taper Begins
Here...



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW

Sheet 17...



$$\text{'LE'} = 53' - 1\frac{1}{2}''$$

$$L_{P2} = \text{'LE'} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ Span} =$$

$$L_{P2} = (53' - 1\frac{1}{2}'') + (3' - 1\frac{1}{2}'') =$$

$$L_{P2} = 56' - 3''$$