# WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS DESIGN DIRECTIVE

## DD-665 CABLE BARRIER March 23, 2017

Attached is the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways' (WVDOH) policy for cable barrier on existing and proposed highways.

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#### CABLE BARRIER DESIGN POLICY

#### **DESIGN CRITERIA:**

Cable barrier design shall be in accordance with NCHRP Report 711, "Guidance for the Selection, Use, and Maintenance of Cable Barrier Systems", with reference to the currently adopted AASHTO Roadside Design Guide and A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. The criteria below both clarifies and highlights WVDOH requirements.

#### LOCATION:

The WVDOH uses cable barrier to help reduce or lessen the severity of crossover crashes on divided highways. The State Highway Engineer shall make the final determination on locations to install cable barrier based on the following criteria.

- On roadways with higher than normal crossover accident rates.
- On divided highways with 40' or greater median widths (measured from edge of travel way to edge of travel way).
- Cost estimates with applicable alternates considered.
- Engineering judgment based on criteria in NCHRP Report 711.

#### **DESIGN:**

The Division's requirements for cable barrier are listed below:

- Be four strand high tension type
- Meet at a minimum, Test Level 3 per NCHRP 350 or MASH (latest edition) criteria @ 4:1 slopes and Test Level 4 @ 6:1 slopes (Note all cable barrier shall conform to the latest edition of MASH beginning with projects let after December 31, 2018.)
- Have a maximum test deflection of 8'
- Have at a maximum 12' post spacing
- Have socketed posts set in concrete footings
- Have concrete mow strips with safety edge
- Have line post and end terminal foundations designed per site soil conditions
- Limited or known soil condition information is to be provided by the WVDOH. The contractor may obtain additional geotechnical information at their discretion. End terminal and line post foundations are to be designed by the cable barrier manufacturer.
- Specifications shall require "swedge (swaged)" connections. "Swedge (swaged)" connections are methods of securing wire rope with a permanently applied fitting or sleeve. Open wedge connections will not be allowed.

#### **SLOPES:**

Per NCHRP Report 711 cable barrier on slopes as steep as 4:1 is allowable, but not preferable. Better performance is achieved on slopes of 6:1 or flatter. Therefore, the WVDOH strongly prefers cable barrier be placed on slopes no steeper than 6:1. At a minimum, existing slopes should be spot checked in the field to verify they comply. Generally, medians where cable barrier would be installed are steeper than 6:1.

When cable barrier is the preferred installation, pay items for raising inlets and embankment to meet a 6:1 slope are necessary in the contracts, along with appropriate Temporary Pollution Control items and Seeding and Mulching items. The design and specifications need to include proper drainage and fill compaction. Saturated or poorly compacted material negatively affects the installation and performance of cable barrier post foundations.

#### Clear Zone

The roadside recovery area is commonly referred to as the clear zone and is defined as that area available for use by errant vehicles, starting at the edge of the traveled way and terminating at the closest obstruction. The primary purpose of a clear zone is the safety of the traveling public. The maximum width of any clear zone which the Division of Highways can control is limited by its right of way; however, moving all existing obstacles from the right of way may not be necessitated by the clear zone policy.

While it may be ideal to remove all obstacles, in many cases such removals may be impractical and ineffective. For example, it is less effective to move those obstacles near the outer limits of the clear zone than those near the traveled way. Moving a pole one foot so that it lies on the right of way line or off the right of way is not always prudent nor cost-effective and adds little to the safety intent of the zone. Once a decision is made to move an obstruction from the clear zone, it should be moved as far from the traveled way as practical.

Although the basic concept seems simple, there are a number of factors which make for the development and implementation of an effective clear zone difficult. One of the biggest factors influencing the establishment of a clear zone in West Virginia is terrain. Many of our roadways are constructed along hillsides with steep slopes, which may have natural obstacles (such as rock cliffs, streams, hillsides, etc.) within the desirable clear zone width. Development of a policy which requires a statewide uniform clear zone distance within such areas would be neither practical nor effective.

It will be the responsibility of the Engineering, Traffic (along with the District traffic Engineer), and Right of Way Divisions to work together, to establish a consistent clear zone for each project. The width of this zone should be based on the type of highway, operating speed and accident history of the highway section with consideration given to existing features within the highway right of way. Obstacles within the established zone shall either be removed, given adequate protection, or identified by proper warning devices. All obstacles outside the consistent clear zone should be evaluated on an individual basis to determine whether greater distances could be attainted for short distances.

The design speed is one of the primary controls for establishing a consistent clear zone, since it generally correlates with the severity of the accident and the distance an errant vehicle is likely to stray from the traveled way.

Design speeds can be divided into two classes:

40 MPH or Less: This design speed is typical for rural local service routes, collector routes, and urban roads and streets. Collisions with fixed objects at these speeds are less likely to be severe. In most cases within this class, it will be of little benefit to move obstructions unless there is a documented accident history.

Greater than 40 MPH: This design speed is found on many rural arterial and collector highways and is common on urban arterials. These highways are generally

characterized by the absence of parking or other impediments to smooth traffic flows. High speed operations characterize most rural arterials and a few urban arterials. In these situations, a collision with a fixed object will almost certainly result in major property damage and/or medical trauma. Given these operating speeds, the keys to establishing a consistent clear zone are the features of the roadside and the potential for accidents. When the Division of Highways determines that existing objects are likely to be involved in accidents and/or cause injuries to the highway user, corrective measures will be initiated to provide a safer environment via an appropriate clear zone. Decisions on each project should be made based on documented accident history and existing obstacles along the road or street.

While this policy has not set a defined clear zone width, it has established some very fundamental guidelines. These guidelines are to be used by those individuals responsible for determining how much clear zone can be reasonably obtained in any given highway section. This clear zone should never be less than the designated shoulder width. The ultimate goal is to provide the maximum usable clear zone available in any given section of highway.

#### **EXISTING GUARDRAIL**

See DD-662 Guardrail for more information on the treatment of existing guardrail and end treatments on 3R Projects.

#### ENCROACHMENTS AND UTILITIES (GUARDRAIL ONLY PROJECTS)

Projects for replacement guardrail to be placed at designated locations and which are not continuous shall have the non-work areas identified on the plans by the words "Project Omission." Encroachments existing within the non-work areas will not be shown on the Encroachment Report. All other Encroachments will be shown by Station and Offset on the straight line plan and listed in the Encroachment Report.

The designer will list utilities that are in conflict and/or may be involved in the limits of work. This determination shall be made by contacting the affected utilities. A "Plan Note" will be included in the plans stating that the Contractor will be responsible for contacting the utility companies before entering the area of potential conflict. The note shall include the names of utilities and the location by station or mile post as determined. The note shall also include the name and telephone number for the contact person for each utility company involved.

#### SIGNING, SIGNALS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

All traffic control signs, pavement markings and traffic signals will be in conformance with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices." Traffic control during construction shall be maintained in accordance with a traffic control plan included in the plans. The traffic control plan shall be as specified in the latest edition of the Division's "Manual on Temporary Traffic Control for Streets and Highways".

# WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS DESIGN DIRECTIVE

#### DD-662 GUARDRAIL April 8, 2013

Attached is the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways' policy for the type, location, and termination of guardrail on highway projects. Designers shall incorporate these requirements in all contract plans.

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#### **GUARDRAIL DESIGN POLICY**

#### TYPE AND CLASS OF GUARDRAIL:

Type 1 Guardrail (Galvanized Steel Deep Beam) shall be specified on all new projects except Type 5 (Double-Faced Type 1) will be specified when double-faced guardrail is required.

The "Classes" of guardrail are as follows:

Class I: 6' 3" post spacing with blocks

Class II: 12' 6" post spacing with blocks

Class III: 12' 6" post spacing without blocks

Class IV: 3' 1-1/2" post spacing without blocks

Class V: 3' 1-1/2" post spacing with blocks

On National Highway System (NHS) projects, all guardrail specified shall be Class I.

For projects not on the NHS, the class shall be in accordance with the following table, unless otherwise directed.

DESIGN YEAR ADT	Low Volume Road 399 or less	400 or Greater o	r Multi-Lane
DESIGN/OPERATING SPEED*	25 MPH	Less than 40 MPH	40 MPH or Greater
CLASS	III, IV**	II, V**	I, V**

<sup>\*</sup>Design speed shall be used when specifying guardrail for a new highway. The higher of Operating speed or Speed Limit shall be used when specifying guardrail for an existing highway. The operating speed shall be obtained from the Traffic Engineering Division.

#### APPROACH END TERMINALS:

Under ideal circumstances, all guardrail should be terminated outside the clear zone. In most cases, this cannot be accomplished requiring the installation of an approach end terminal.

The design of approach end terminals must be done on a case-by-case basis. When specifying an approach end terminal, the designer must insure that the location at which the approach end terminal is specified provides the proper width, run out area, and cross slopes to allow proper installation of the approach end terminal.

<sup>\*\* 3&#</sup>x27; 1-1/2" post spacing provides lower guardrail deflection for locations with obstacles 4' or less behind the guardrail. A minimum 25' length of Class V should be used for obstacles. Other means of reducing deflection should also be considered.

When Class I Guardrail must be terminated within the clear zone, an NCHRP 350 or MASH approved approach end terminal as discussed below shall be specified. When Class II or Class III Guardrail must be terminated in the clear zone, an approved approach end terminal need not be specified; however, the guardrail shall be flared away from traffic. The minimum width of flare should be 4'-0". This information will be shown on the plan sheet.

The clear zone can be defined as the area available for use by errant vehicles starting at the edge of the traveled way and terminating at the closest obstruction. The width of the clear zone must be established for each project based on the type of highway, operating speed, traffic volume and roadside geometry. Refer to DD-606, Non-NHS 3R Policy and Chapter 3 of the AASHTO "Roadside Design Guide" current approved edition, (RDG), for more information on determination of the clear zone.

#### **NHS PROJECTS:**

The standard approach end terminal is the Cut Slope Terminal (CST) as detailed on Standard Sheet GR4. If the use of a CST is not possible then the designer should use, in order of preference, a Flared End Terminal (FET) or Tangent End Terminal (TET) as detailed on Standard Sheets GR5 or GR6 respectively.

Both the CST and the FET require flared installation, as well as modifications to the normal shoulder slope in the area of the flare. The FET also requires grading behind the guardrail. In order to accommodate these installations, consideration must be given to drainage. When the treatments, especially the CST, are placed on the downstream end of a cut, an inlet and carrier pipe may be necessary to drain the cut ditch.

The TET, which does not require a flare, is currently available. Its use should be limited to cases where high traffic volumes and high speeds exist and the above treatments are impractical or not feasible.

The TET shall have a 4'-0" minimum offset from the inside edge of the extruder terminal to the outside edge of the traveled way. For narrow existing shoulders that have an offset of 5'-0" or less from the face of rail to the edge of the traveled way, the rail and terminal may be flared from the normal face of rail. The flared offset distance shall be 1'-0" at a taper rate of 25:1 or 50:1, which yields flare lengths of 25'-0" or 50'-0" respectively.

#### **NON-NHS PROJECTS:**

The NHS criteria will be used when Class I Guardrail is specified. As previously stated when Class II or Class III Guardrail is used, an approved approach end terminal need not be specified; however, the guardrail shall be flared away from traffic. The minimum width of flare should be 4'-0". This information will be shown on the plan sheet.

#### **3R PROJECTS:**

Guardrail design for resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation projects shall conform to the criteria previously established for NHS projects or Non-NHS projects, whichever is applicable. The following information is intended to supplement these criteria.

Guardrail design for 3R projects presents unique challenges to the designer such as limited shoulder width and limited run out area at approach end terminals. The designer should not accept the location of the existing guardrail and end terminals as being correct and simply replace them with new material. The designer's goal should be improved safety.

The approach end terminals, as described above, shall be specified on 3R projects, if applicable, based on the class of guardrail being installed. On all NHS 3R projects, the approach end terminals in the project area shall be upgraded to a CST, FET, or TET as previously described. On all Non-NHS 3R projects requiring Class I Guardrail, NHS criteria will be used. This may require that additional work be specified such as site grading, which may require a quantity of borrow excavation, or raising the elevation of the adjacent ditch line. It may be necessary to extend the guardrail beyond the point of theoretical need in order to place the approach end terminal in a location where it can be installed in accordance with the appropriate Standard or Special Detail. The designer is encouraged to eliminate short gaps between runs of guardrail especially when the approach end terminal cannot be installed in accordance with the appropriate Standard or Special Detail. This decision would be influenced by the cost of the end terminals versus the cost of the guardrail.

In situations where the CST is the desired end terminal but it cannot be installed in accordance with Standard Detail Sheet GR4 due to excessive depth of the existing ditch, a Modified Cut Slope Terminal (MCST) should be specified. A Special Provision and a Special Detail, which can be obtained from the Engineering Division, will be required when the MCST is specified. The MCST shall not be used on new construction projects.

On Non-NHS 3R projects where the FET or the TET is the desired end terminal, but cannot be installed in accordance with Standard Detail Sheet due to lack of run out area behind the end terminal, the following guidance shall apply:

The area immediately behind and beyond the approach end terminal should be reasonably traversable and free from fixed-object hazards to the extent practicable. If a clear run out path is not attainable, this area should at least be similar in character to upstream unshielded roadside areas.

Ownership and storage location of any guardrail removed and stored (Item 607010) will be indicated in the plans by a General Note.

#### SPECIAL TRAILING END TERMINALS:

The Special Trailing End Terminal (STET) shall be specified when Class I Guardrail is specified and the guardrail is outside the clear zone of the opposing traffic. Generally, this will be on divided highways.

When the guardrail is not located outside the clear zone of the opposing traffic, it shall be designed as an approach end. The guidelines as mentioned in the Approach End Terminals Section are to be followed.

#### **BRIDGE TRANSITIONS:**

When the bridge shoulder width is less than the roadway shoulder width, a transition in the guardrail on the approach end and trailing end of the bridge is required. These transitions should occur on 15:1 straight tapers. There shall be a minimum of 12'-6" of standard guardrail between the bridge transition guardrail and the tapered guardrail.

#### BRIDGE TRANSITIONS – CONNECTIONS:

The Bridge Transition-Connection Detail, as shown on Standard Sheet GR11, is to be used on all new projects when transitioning approach end guardrail to a concrete shape. New bridges will have a vertical concrete face as detailed in the plans.

Existing bridges that do not have the proper vertical concrete endpost, as shown on Standard Detail Sheet GR11, will require the installation of the Modified Concrete Endpost. Special Detail Sheets for the Modified Concrete Endpost can be obtained from the Engineering Division.

Guardrail that must tie to new or existing bridges that have steel guardrail parapets rather than concrete parapets shall tie directly to the steel guardrail parapet.

The post spacing of the approach guardrail shall be equal to or less than the post spacing of the guardrail on the bridge. If the post spacing of the approach guardrail is greater than the post spacing of the bridge guardrail, the post spacing of the approach guardrail shall be decreased by one-half every twenty-five feet until the post spacing of the approach guardrail and the bridge guardrail are equal.

#### THEORETICAL POINT OF NEED, WARRANTS, AND LENGTH OF NEED:

The best available guide for guardrail theoretical point of need determination and warrants is the RDG. It shall be used on all projects.

An assumed encroachment angle for a vehicle leaving the highway will be used for length of need determination in lieu of the run out lengths as shown in the RDG. When a vehicle is approaching the obstacle, this angle will be 8 degrees for NHS projects and 15 degrees for Non NHS projects. When the trailing end is being considered, this angle will be 15 degrees for all projects. The use of these angles should be limited to tangent or near tangent sections of roadway. Scaling as demonstrated in Section 5.6.4 and Figure 5-48 of the RDG should be used in other cases. Results shall be documented in the project files.

The designer is cautioned to fully investigate each guardrail/end treatment installation to assure that the runout area is free of obstacles, including cut or fill slopes, and is traversable. The guardrail/end treatment installation may have to be lengthened to protect secondary obstacles behind the installation See Section 8.3.3.3 of the RDG for more information.

On new designs where Class I or Class II Guardrail is specified, the P.I. shall be offset 1'-0" from the back of the guardrail post. The post will be between the P.I. and the edge of pavement.

On new designs where the typical has not been set and Class III Guardrail is specified, the P.I. shall be offset 2'-0" from the face of the guardrail. The guardrail will be between the P.I. and the edge of pavement.

#### **GUARDRAIL LOCATION - 3R PROJECTS:**

On Interstate and APD 3R projects, the guardrail offset from edge of pavement shall be as originally constructed.

On all other 3R projects, the back of the guardrail post shall preferably be set at 1'-0" from the P.I. If this results in restricting the usable shoulder width, 8'-0" long posts shall be specified and the guardrail shall be placed at its prior location.

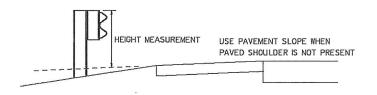
#### **GUARDRAIL HEIGHT:**

In accordance with the attached FHWA policy memo dated May 17, 2010 and the revised standard details regarding guardrail height, all new guardrail in projects let on or after July 9, 2013 shall be 2'-1" to center of the W-beam section (31" to top of rail), per the following guidelines:

- Existing guardrail and end treatments with no other deficiencies are acceptable at current height.
- New installations, replacement sections, or remove and reset sections that do not tie to existing guardrail shall be 31" height.
- New installations, replacement sections, or remove and reset sections that tie to existing guardrail will generally be "in kind" with regard to height. Guardrail height will taper as necessary to existing elements per standard details.
- After assessment of the guardrail system as a whole, in regard to various factors such as length of guardrail run, condition, length of need, end treatments, existing height, terrain, and materials, the designer may use engineering judgment to determine height.
   With a preference to 31" height, consideration to keep a consistent height in any project or area is appropriate.
- The Roadside Design Guide, currently adopted edition, shall be used to determine disposition of existing guardrail with regard to height for remove and reset sections on overlay and 3R projects. For these projects, guardrail having a top-of-rail height of 26 ½" or higher (AFTER the overlay is placed) may remain as is.
- The above guidelines generally apply to end treatments, with the following notes:

Special Trailing End Terminal is acceptable at both 28-1/2" and 31" height. Approach Terminals – Use Approved Product List for each height. Separate lists will be maintained for both 28-1/2" and 31" height.

Cut Slope Terminal – Transition guardrail down to 28-1/2" height before terminal.



GUARDRAIL HEIGHT DETERMINATION



#### Memorandum

#### SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject:

ACTION: Roadside Design: Steel Strong Post W-beam

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Date: May 17, 2010

From:

David A. Nicol, P.E. Director, Office of Safety Design

In Reply Refer To: HSSD

To: Division Administrators

This memorandum provides guidance to all State DOTs and FHWA Division Offices on the height of guardrail for new installations on the National Highway System (NHS). It details the minimum mounting heights of systems successfully crash tested per the NCHRP Report 350 "Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features" and the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH).

#### NCHRP Report 350 Accepted Systems:

Recent research on standard 27-inch guardrail shows that it does not meet NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 3 (TL-3) criteria. This requires a revision of current policy with regard to new G4(1S) guardrail installation height.

Transportation agencies should ensure the minimum height of newly-installed G4(1S) W-beam guardrail is at least 27½ inches (minimum) to the top of the rail, including construction tolerance. A nominal installation height of 29 inches, plus or minus one inch, may be specified and is acceptable for use on the NHS. For your reference, a sampling of States that currently specify G4(1S) W-beam guardrail at 27½ inches or higher is included in Appendix A. A summary of standard height guardrail testing is included as Appendix B.

#### MASH Accepted Systems:

Recent research on metric height G4(1S) guardrail (27% inches to the top) to meet AASHTO MASH TL-3 criteria has revealed performance issues that require the following recommendation with regard to modified G4(1S) guardrail installation height. Transportation agencies should consider adopting generic or proprietary 31-inch high guardrail designs (instead of the G4(1S) system) as standard for all new installations. The



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installation height of 31 inches to the top of the rail is the nominal height and a construction tolerance of plus or minus one inch applies. These systems meet MASH test and evaluation criteria and have improved crash-test performance and increased capacity to safely contain and redirect higher center-of-gravity vehicles such as pickup trucks and SUVs. Existing crash testing of 27% inch high guardrail per MASH criteria can be found in Appendix B. Examples of 31-inch guardrail and end terminals are included in Appendix C. Experience in several States that have used the generic Midwest Guardrail System has shown that there is little or no increase in cost. Numerous guardrail terminals successfully tested under NCHRP Report 350 that are compatible with 31-inch high W-beam systems are also referenced in Appendix B.

#### Action Needed

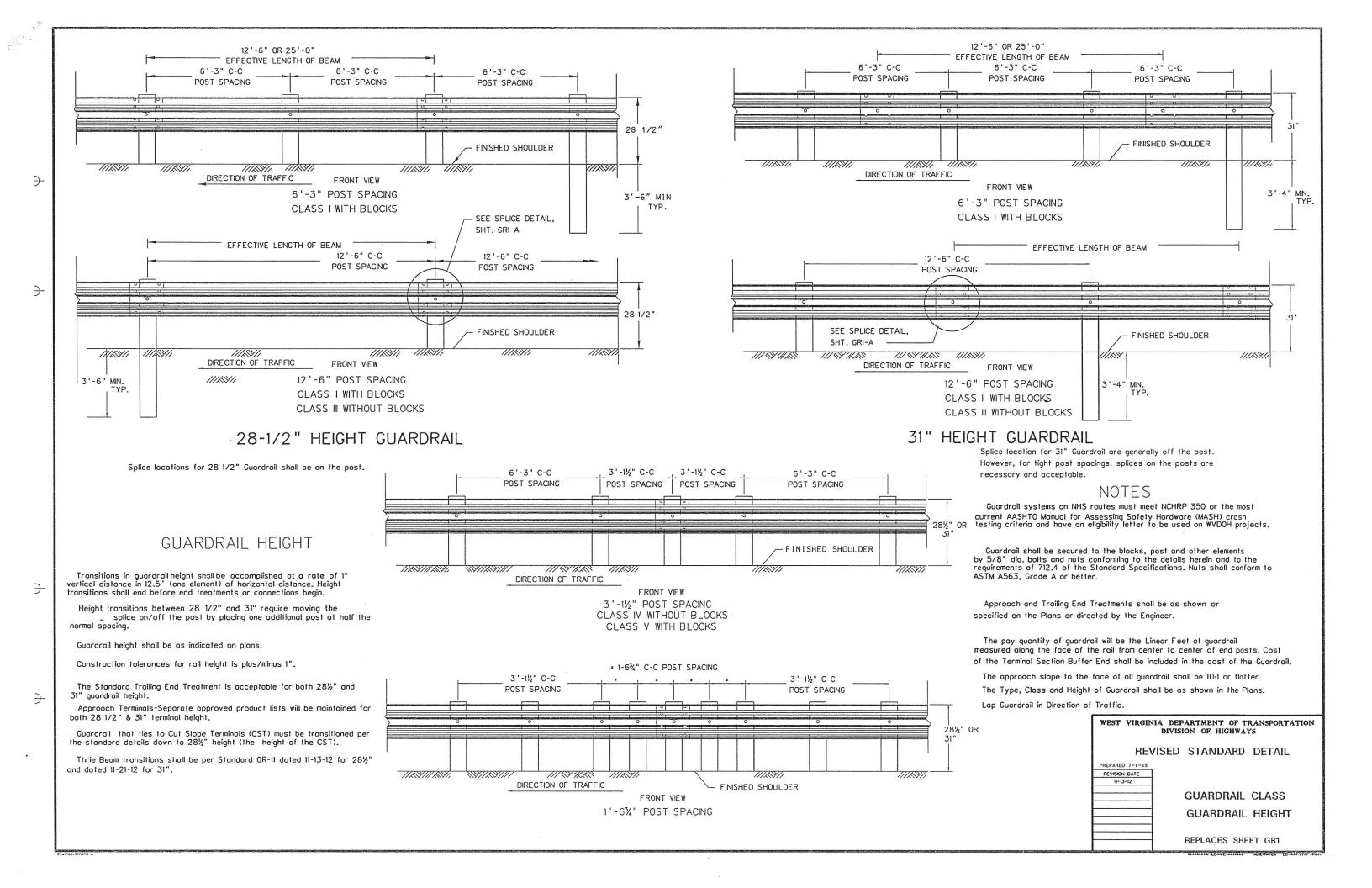
Division Offices should work closely with their State transportation agencies to implement the revised minimum installation height for G4(1S) guardrail of 27¼ inches, and also request that States consider adopting the 31-inch high guardrail designs.

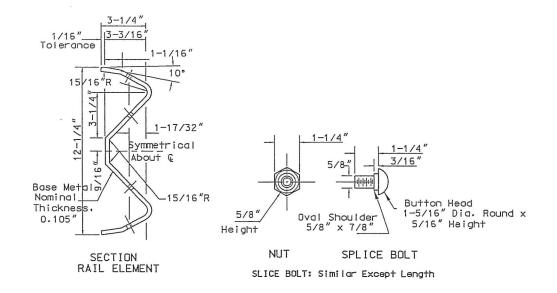
In my November 20, 2009, memorandum, "Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware," I noted the AASHTO/FHWA Implementation Plan provided that all highway safety hardware accepted prior to the adoption of MASH using criteria contained in NCHRP Report 350 may remain in place and continue to be manufactured and installed. The G4(1S) strong steel post W-beam guardrail system installed at a minimum of 27½ inches is consistent with this statement and may, indeed, be used on the NHS for the foreseeable future. However, we believe that States should consider adopting 31-inch guardrail as their standard because these systems exhibit superior performance at little or no additional cost.

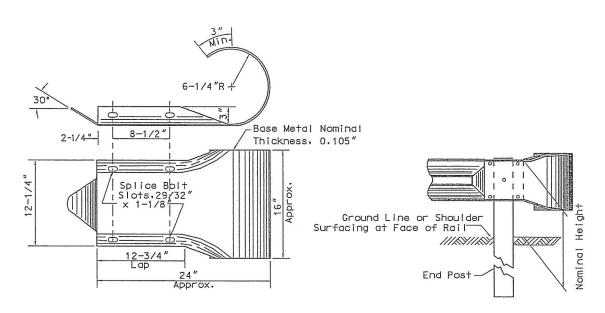
Attached to this memorandum as Appendix D is a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding guardrail, guardrail terminals, transitions, and bridge rails. A future memorandum, which will be coordinated with the AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety, will provide guidance on addressing the height of existing guardrail. If you have any questions or comments on this guidance, please contact Mr. Nicholas Artimovich at <a href="mailto:nick.artimovich@dot.gov">nick.artimovich@dot.gov</a> or Mr. William Longstreet at <a href="mailto:will.longstreet@dot.gov">will.longstreet@dot.gov</a>, Office of Safety Design.

#### 5 Attachments

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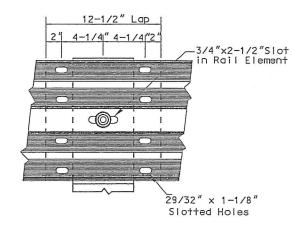






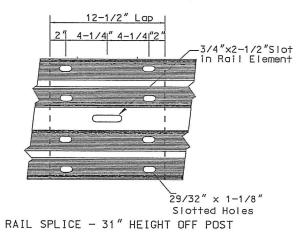
TERMINAL SECTION BUFFER END

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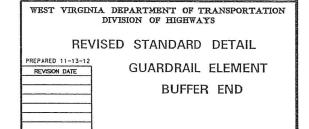


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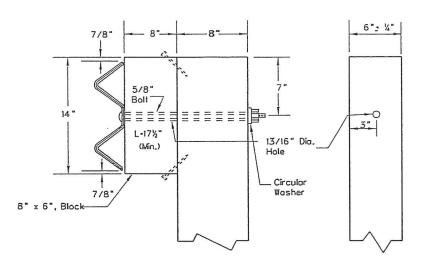
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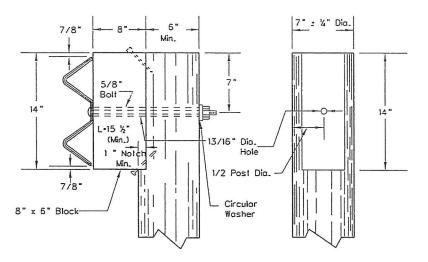


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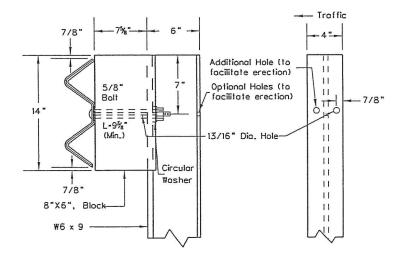


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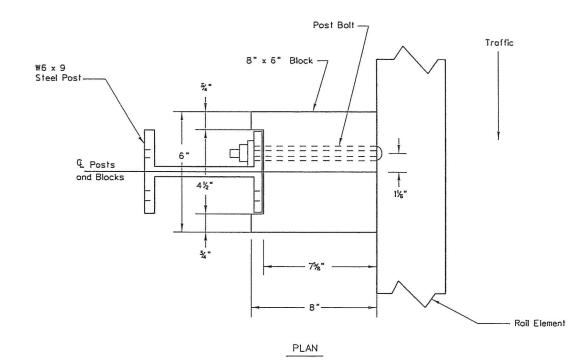
WOOD GUARDRAIL POST (RECTANGULAR)

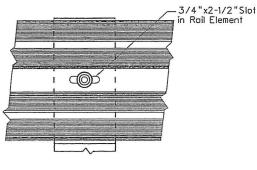


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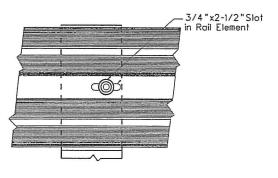


STEEL GUARDRAIL POST
(WOOD BLOCK)





WOOD POST DETAIL



STEEL POST DETAIL

#### NOTES

#### GENERAL:

Guardrail systems on NHS routes must meet current NCHRP 350 or the most current AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) crash testing criteria and have an FHWA eligibility letter to be used on WVDOH projects.

Only FHWA approved guardrail systems utilizing wood or approved alternate block-outs shown on the Division's "Approved Source/Product Listing" shall be used. Steel "W" shapes shall not be used for block-outs. Only one type of block shall be used for block-outs throughout any project, unless otherwise specified.

"Blocks for block-outs" shall be used on all posts except when otherwise noted on plans. When blocks are not provided, the post details will be as shown herein, except the ½" bolt minimum length will be reduced as required, the 1" minimum notch for the wood guardrail post (round) will not be used, and nails for block stability will not be needed. For steel posts without blocks, details of the posts shall conform to the "Steel Guardrail Post (Wood Block)" details herein, with the additional holes (to facilitate erection) being potional

The circular washers shall be made of steel and galvanized in accordance with the requirements of AASHTO M232.

#### WOOD POSTS:

Posts and blocks shall be the same type of wood.

Wood posts shall be pressure-treated after notching, in accordance —with Section 710.5 of the specifications.

The 1" (minimum) notch dimension as shown for round wooden posts shall be located along the vertical centerline for the entire upper 14" of the post and shall apply regardless of whether the post is notched (as shown) or otherwise cut or sawed to form a vertical flat plane and then, at some location below the top 14", is angularly sliced out to the surface of the post.

Post length will be 5'\_+ %" unless otherwise noted.

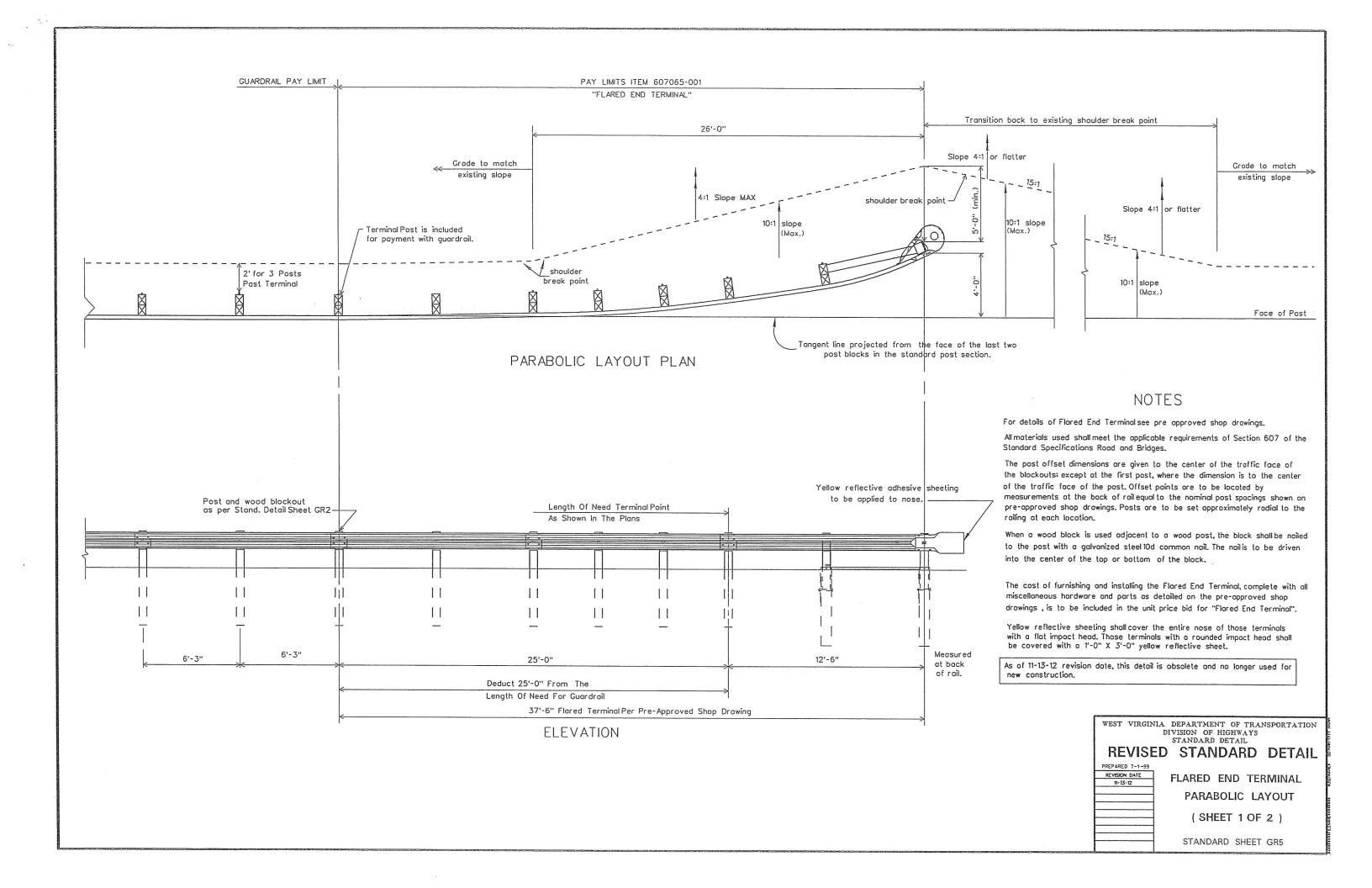
#### STEEL POSTS:

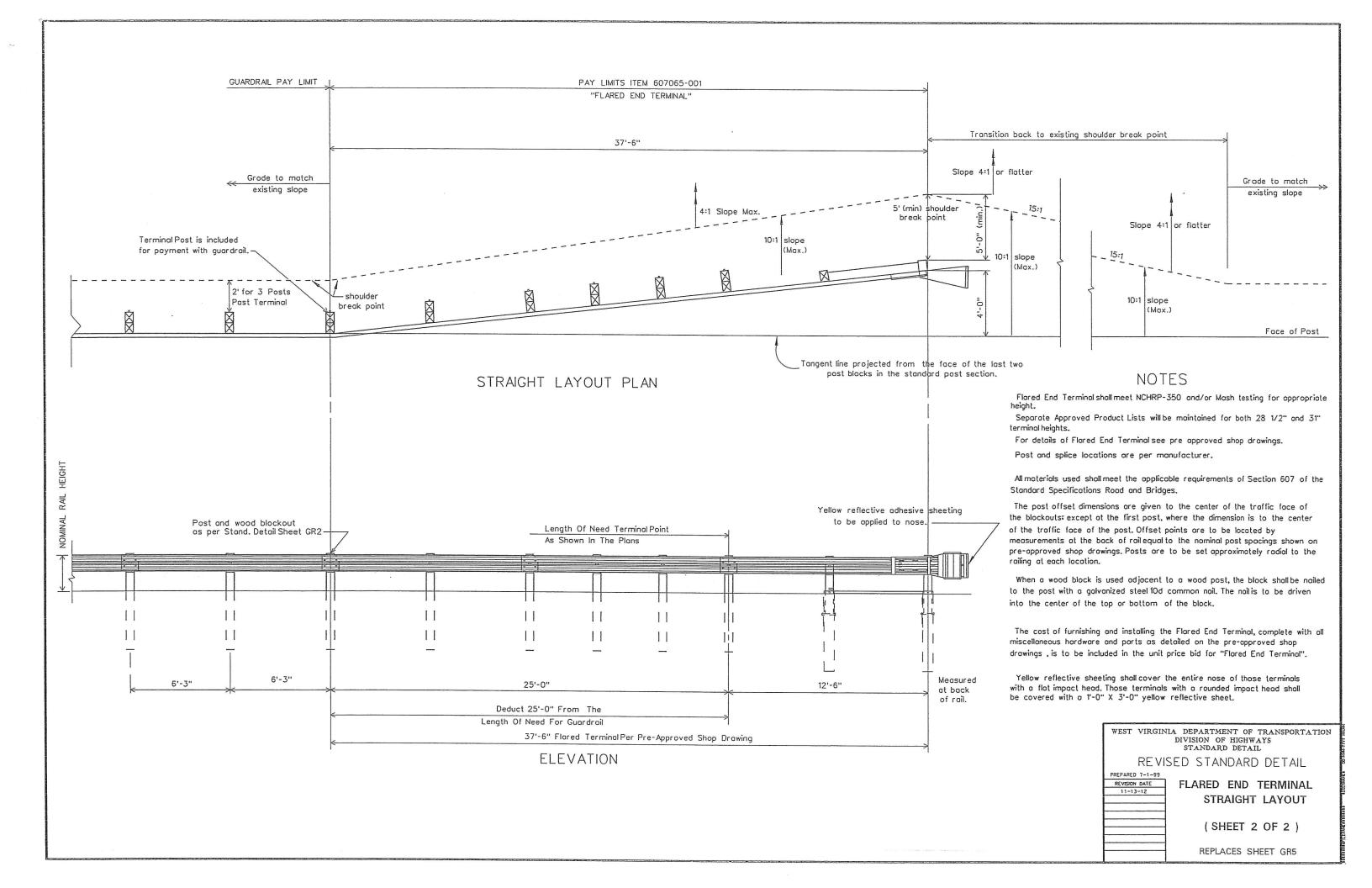
Blocks shall be centered on their posts and the center of the block holes, for bolts connecting rails to blocks, shall be horizontally offset 1-1/8" from the center of the steel posts toward the post edge facing approaching traffic for both polimer and wood blocks, as shown for wood blocks on the Plan view of the Block Stop Detail. Post length will be 6' -+  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise noted.

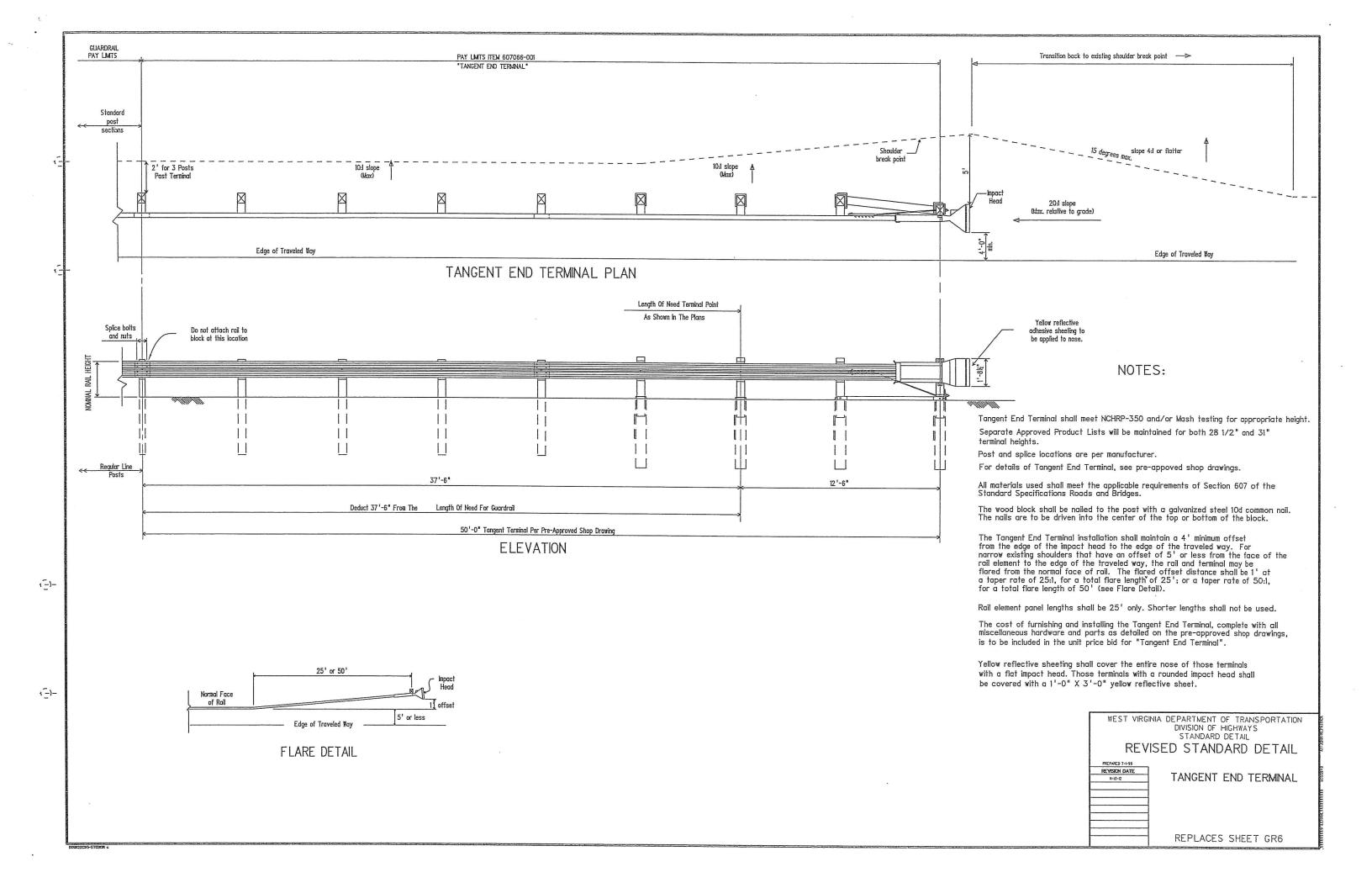
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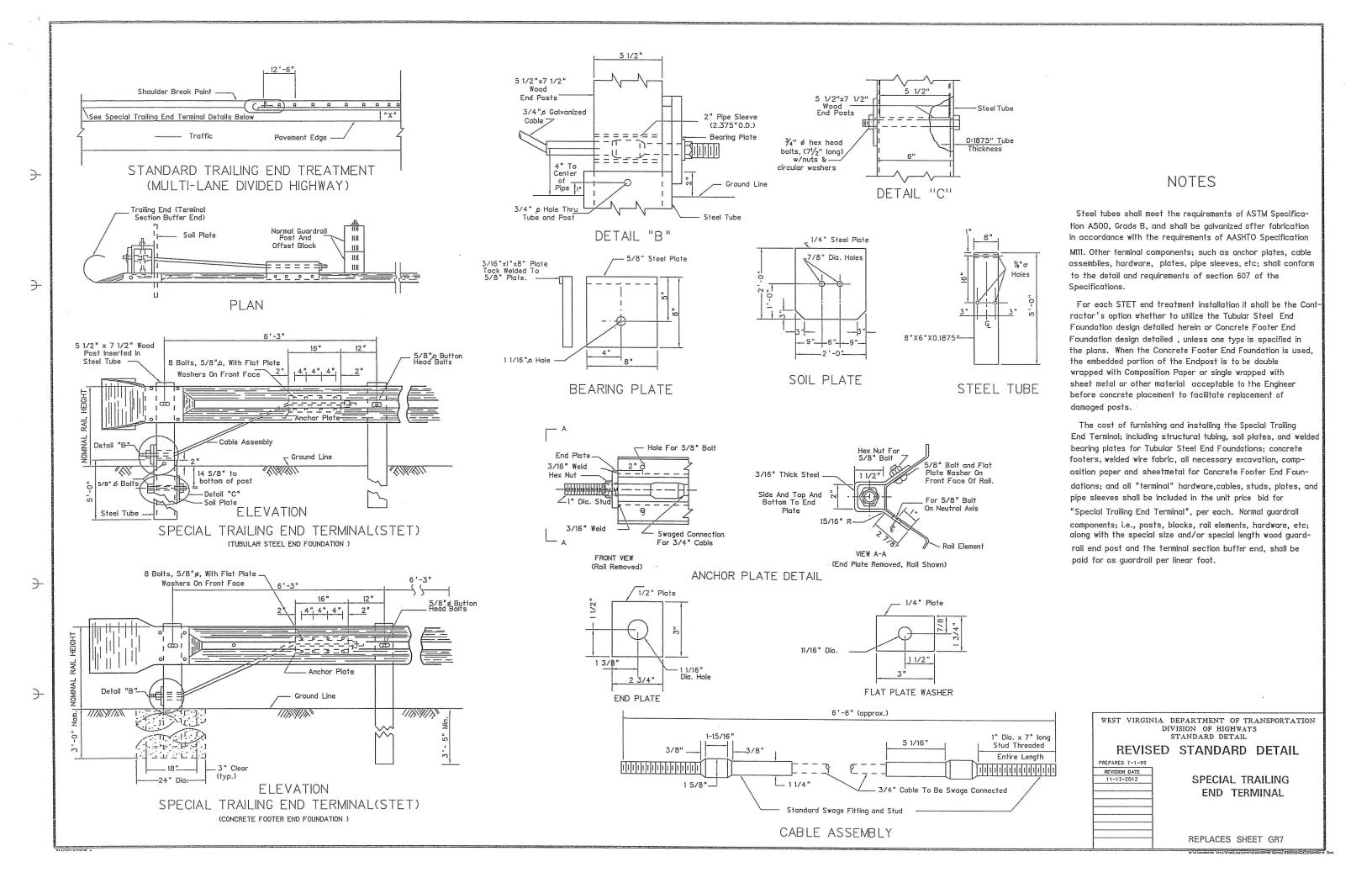
The type (species) of wood for blocks is to be one of the types (species) permitted by specifications for wood posts. Wood blocks shall be pressure-treated in conformance with the requirements for wood posts. However, creosate oil is not permitted as a preservative in the pressure treatment of wood blocks to be erected on steel posts. 8" x 6" wood blocks shall be positioned so that the 6" x 14" faces of the blocks are the contact faces for the rail elements and the posts in order to achieve the blockout dimension shown. When wood block is used adjacent to a wood post, the block shall be nailed to the post with a galvanized steel 10d common nail. The nail is to be driven into the center of the top or bottom of the block.

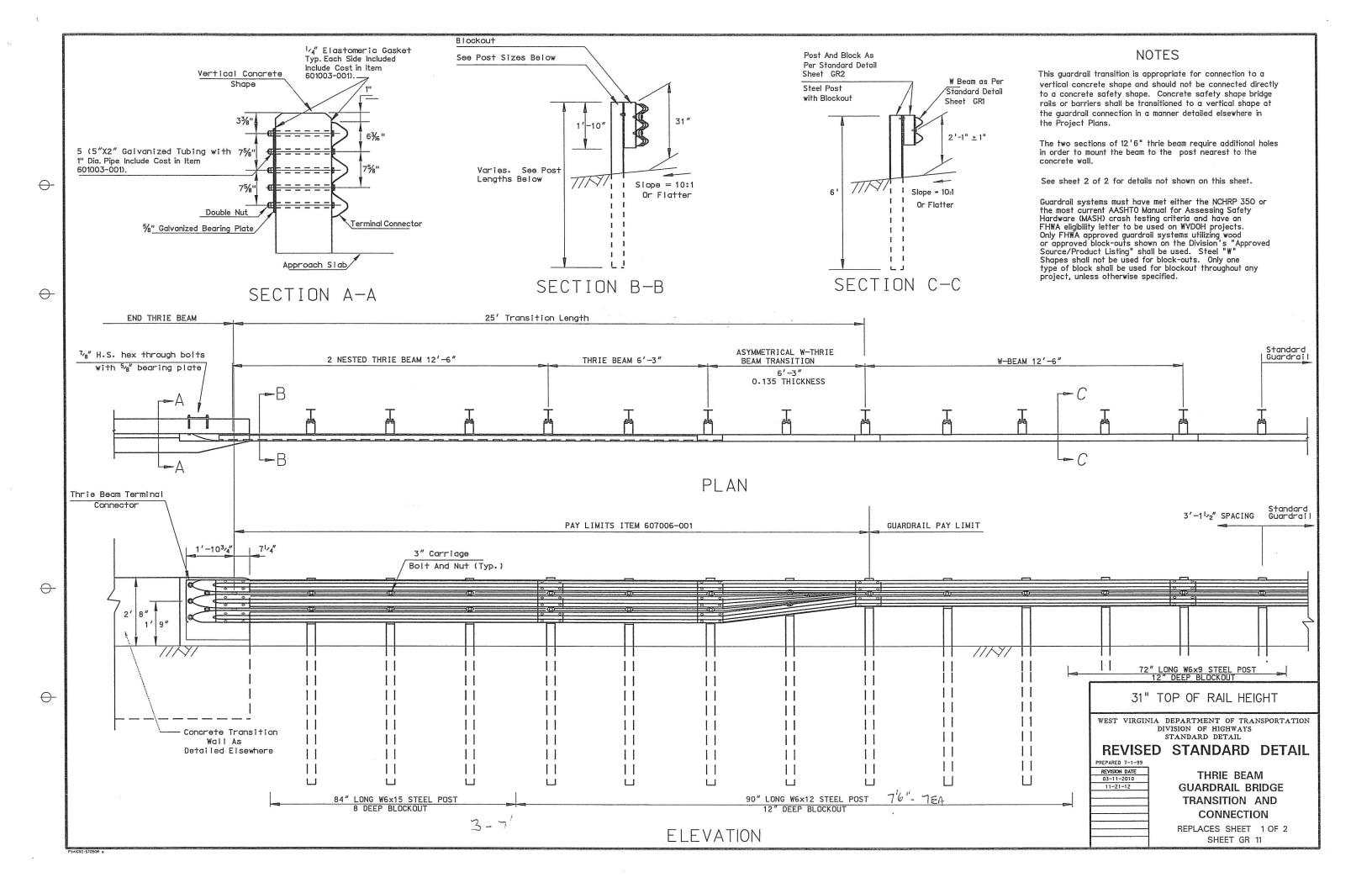
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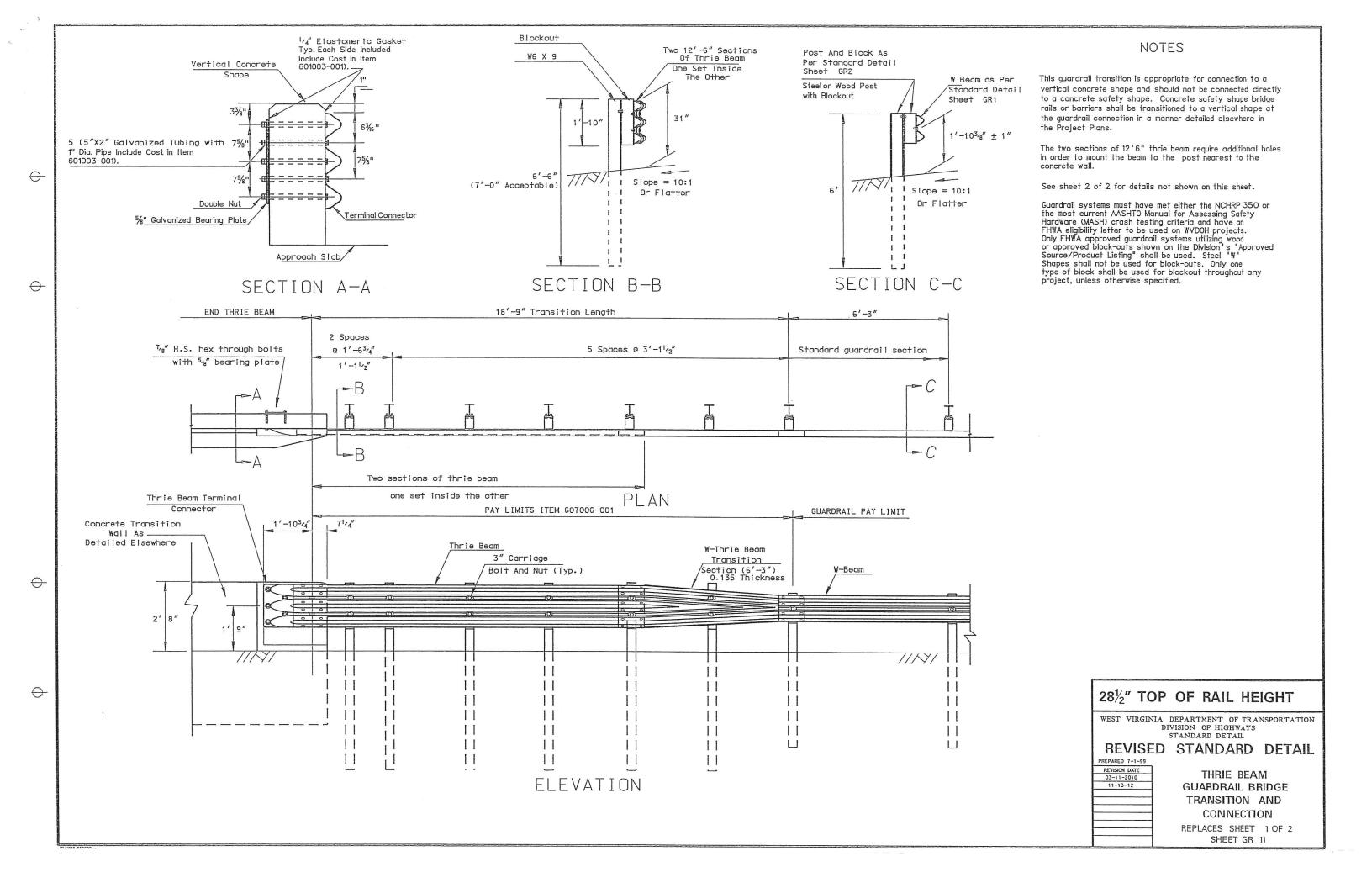


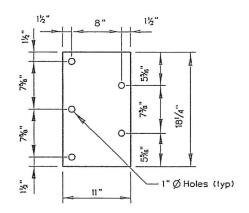




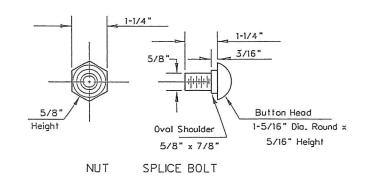








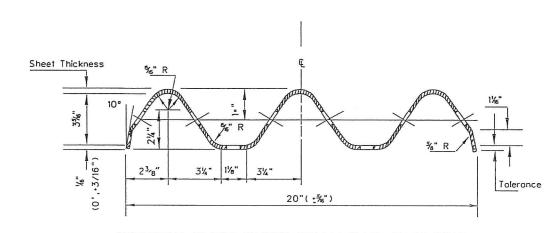
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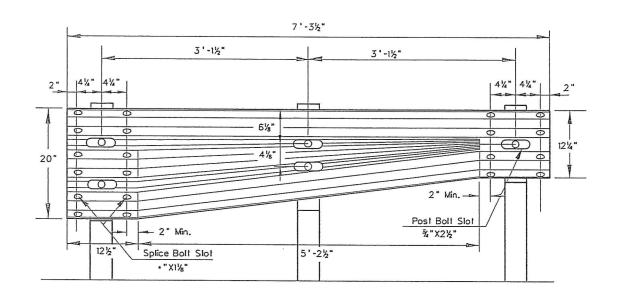
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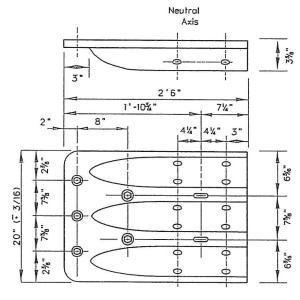
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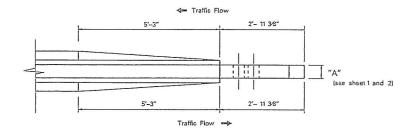
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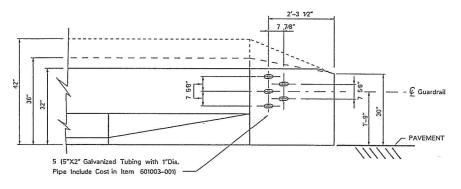
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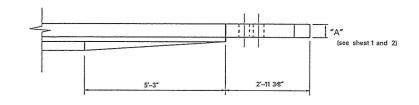
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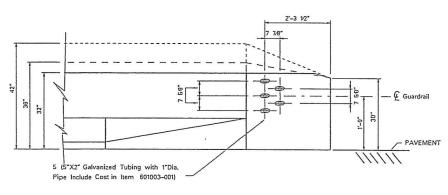


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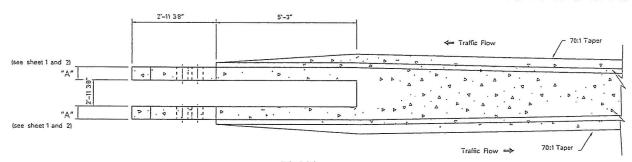


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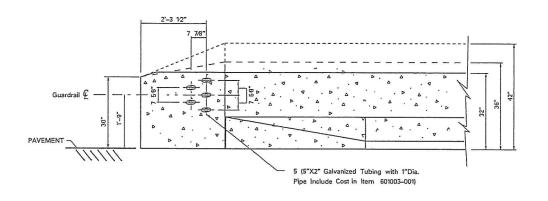


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SINGLE FACE TRANSITION



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DOUBLE MEDIAN TRANSITION

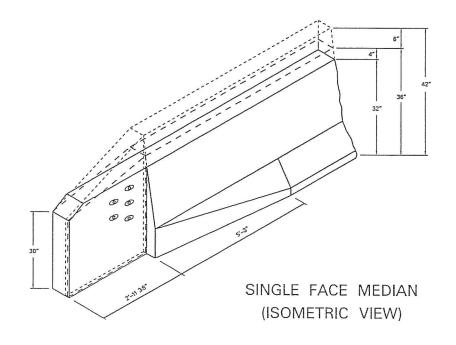
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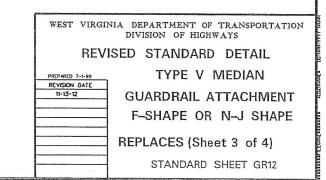
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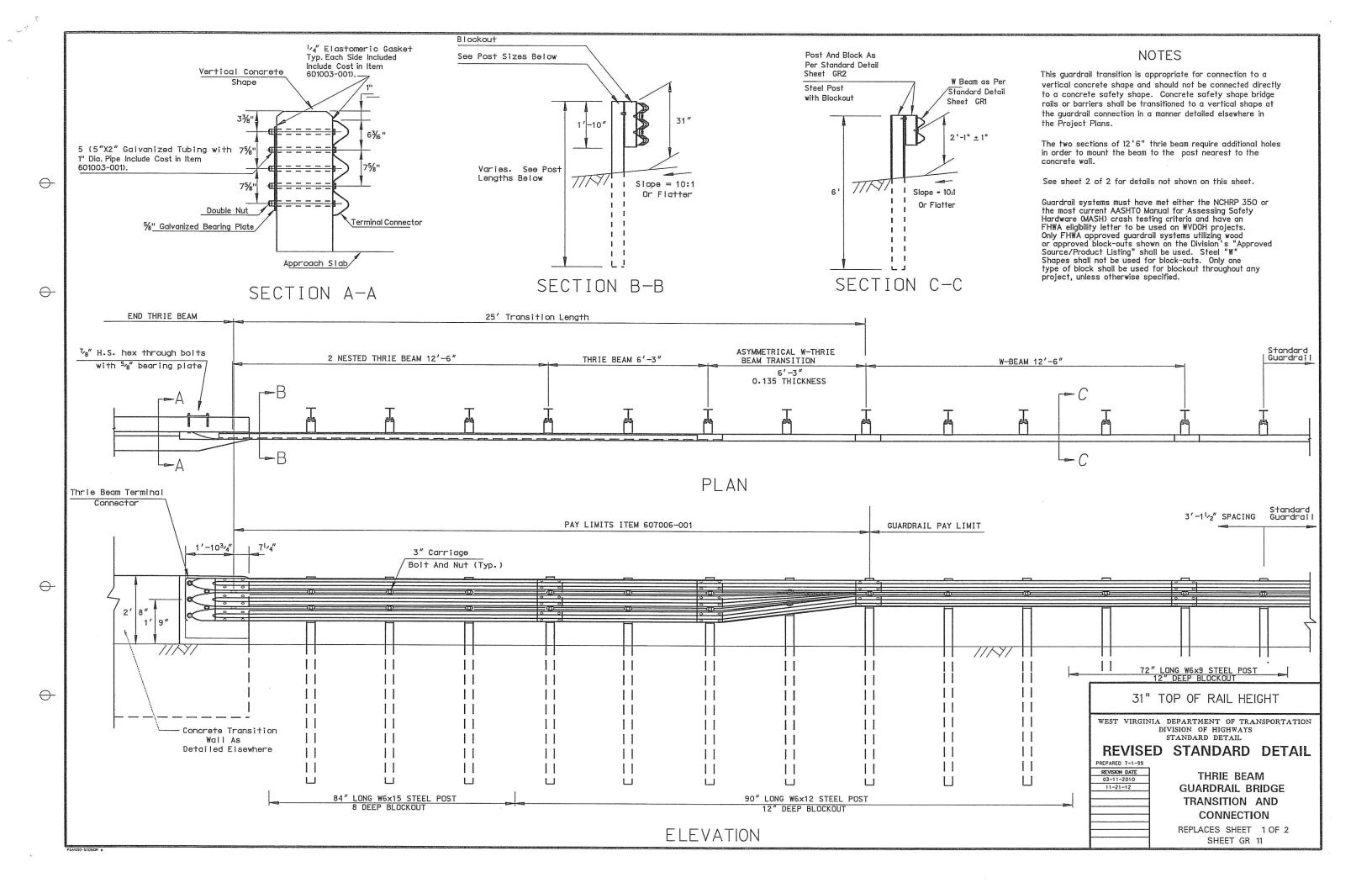
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For additional notes and details of the guardrail bolt pattern, see Standard Detail Sheet GR10.

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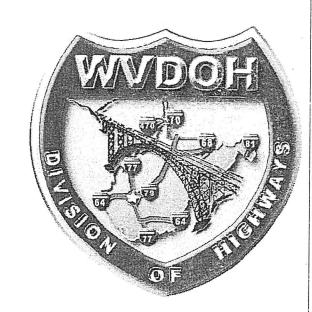








# WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS STANDARD DETAILS BOOK VOLUME I DRAINAGE, GUARDRAIL, PAVEMENT, FENCE, MARKERS AND MAILBOX



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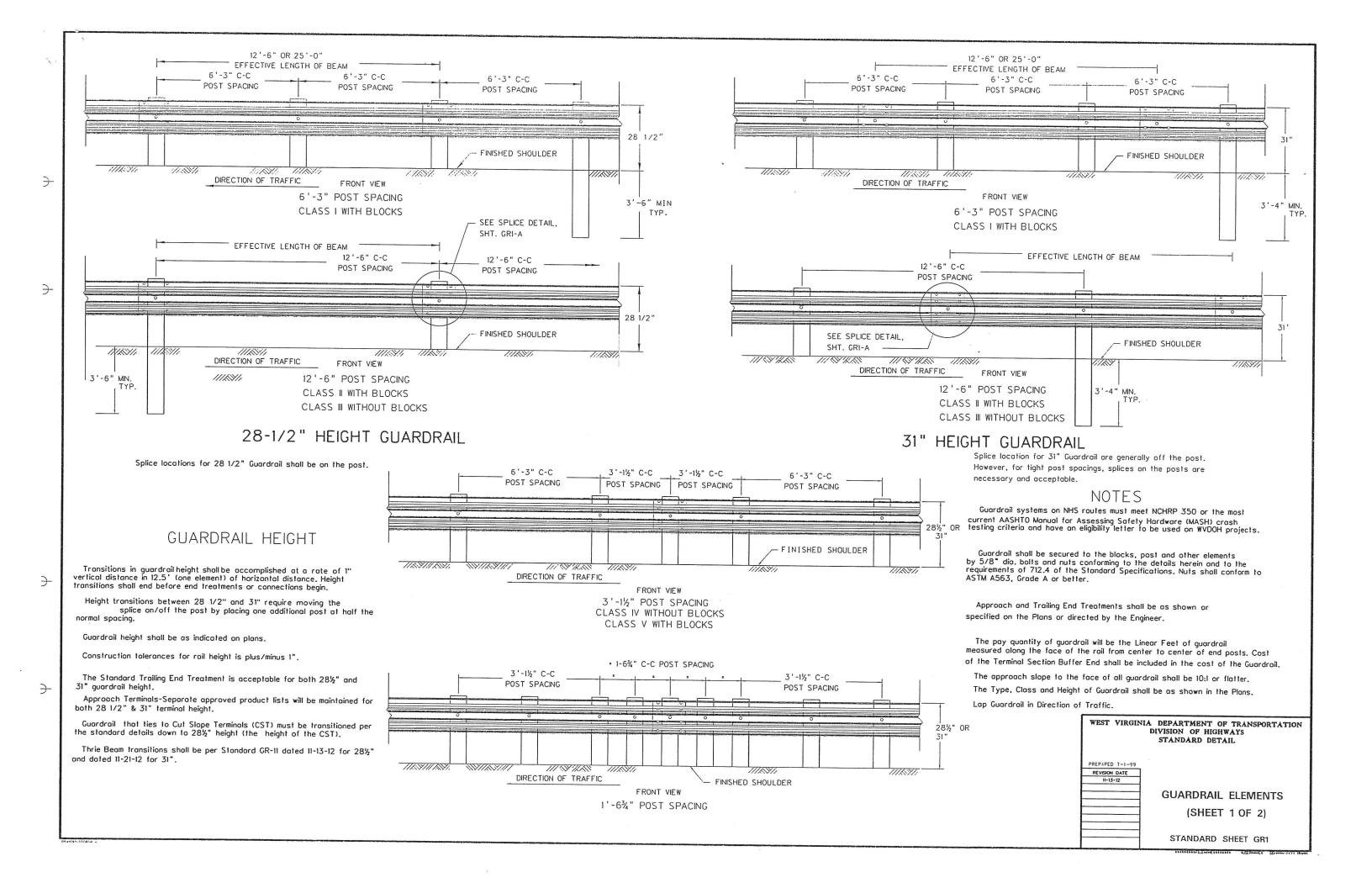
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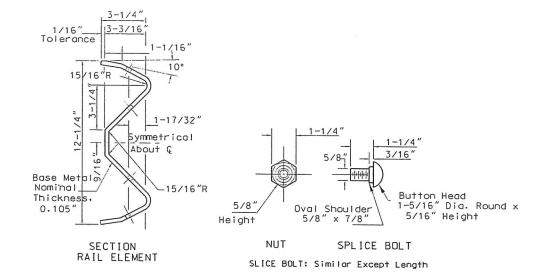
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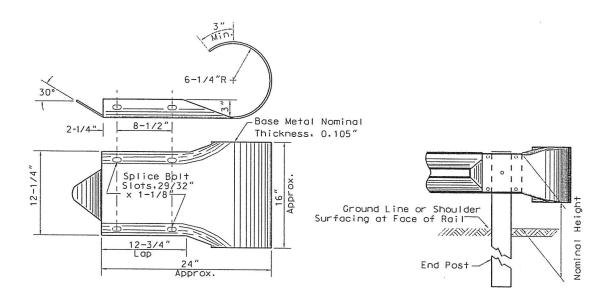
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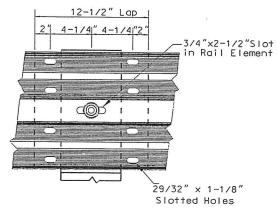
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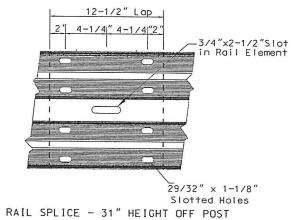


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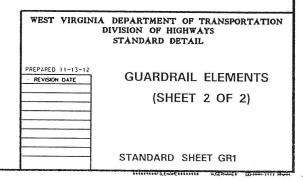
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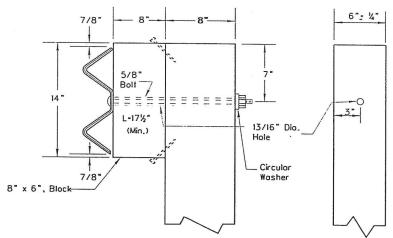
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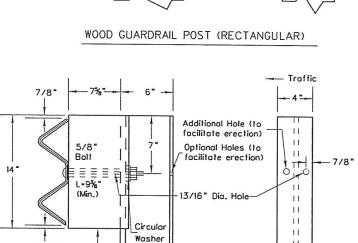


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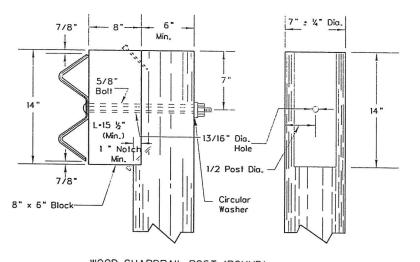
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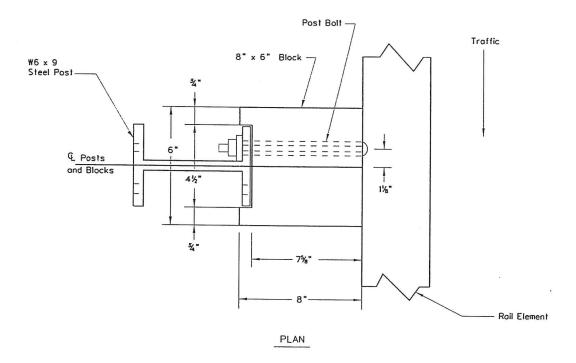
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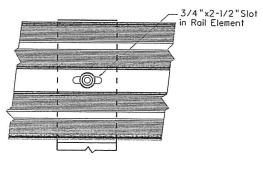
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8"X6", Block



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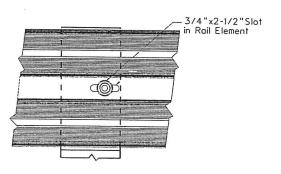


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WOOD POST DETAIL



STEEL POST DETAIL

#### NOTES

#### GENERAL:

Guardrail systems on NHS routes must meet current MCHRP 350 or the most current AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) crash testing criteria and have an FHWA eligibility letter to be used on WVDOH projects.

Only FHWA approved guardrail systems utilizing wood or approved alternate block-outs shown on the Division's "Approved Source/Product Listing" shall be used. Steel "W" shapes shall not be used for block-outs. Only one type of block shall be used for block-outs throughout any project, unless otherwise specified.

" Blocks for block-outs" shall be used on all posts except when otherwise noted on plans. When blocks are not provided, the post details will be as shown herein, except the  $\frac{4}{3}$ " bolt minimum length will be reduced as required, the I" minimum notch for the wood guardrail post (round) will not be used, and nails for block stability will not be needed. For steel postswithout blocks, details of the posts shall conform to the "Steel Guardrail Post (Wood Block)" details herein, with the additional holes (to facilitate erection) being

The circular washers shall be made of steel and galvanized in accordance with the requirements of AASHTO M232.

#### WOOD POSTS:

Posts and blocks shall be the same type of wood.

Wood posts shall be pressure-treated after notching, in accordance with Section 710.5 of the specifications

The I" (minimum) notch dimension as shown for round wooder posts shall be located along the vertical centerline for the entire upper 14" of the post and shall apply regardless of whether the post is notched (as shown) or otherwise cut or sawed to form a vertical flat plane and then, at some location below the top 14", is angularly sliced out to the surface of the post. Post length will be 6' -+ 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

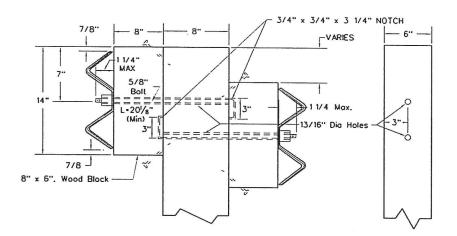
#### STEEL POSTS:

Blocks shall be centered on their posts and the center of the block holes, for bolts connecting rails to blocks, shall be horizontally offset 1-1/8" from the center of the steel posts toward the post edge facing approaching traffic for both polimer and wood blocks, as shown for wood blocks on the Plan view of the Block Stop Detail. Post length will be 6' -+ 1/2" unless otherwise noted

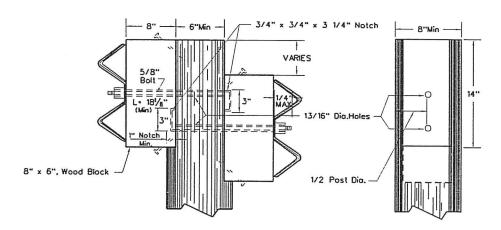
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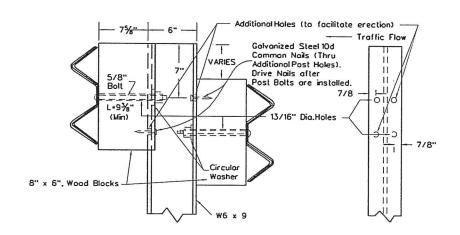
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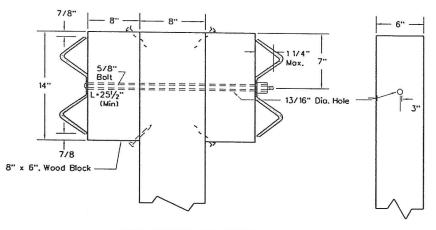
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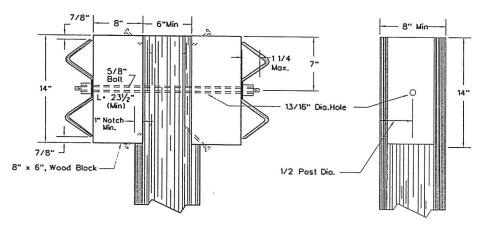
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STEEL GUARDRAIL POST (WOOD BLOCK)
(BEAMS AT DIFFERENT ELEVATIONS)



WOOD GUARDRAIL POST (RECTANGULAR)
(BEAMS AT SAME ELEVATION)



WOOD GUARDRAIL POST (ROUND) (BEAMS AT SAME ELEVATION)

#### NOTES

The blocks shall be bolted to the steel posts in the same manner when the beams are at the same elevation as they would when the beams are at different elevations.

The standard bolt shall be used for wood guardrail post when possible.

The applicable details and notes of Standard Sheet GR2 shall apply to this sheet.

The 1" (minimum) notch dimension as shown for round Wooden Posts shall be located along the vertical centerline for the entire upper 14" of the post and shall apply regardless of whether the Post is notched (as shown) or otherwise cut or sawed to farm a vertical flat plane and then, at some location below the top 14", is angularly sliced out to the surface of the post.

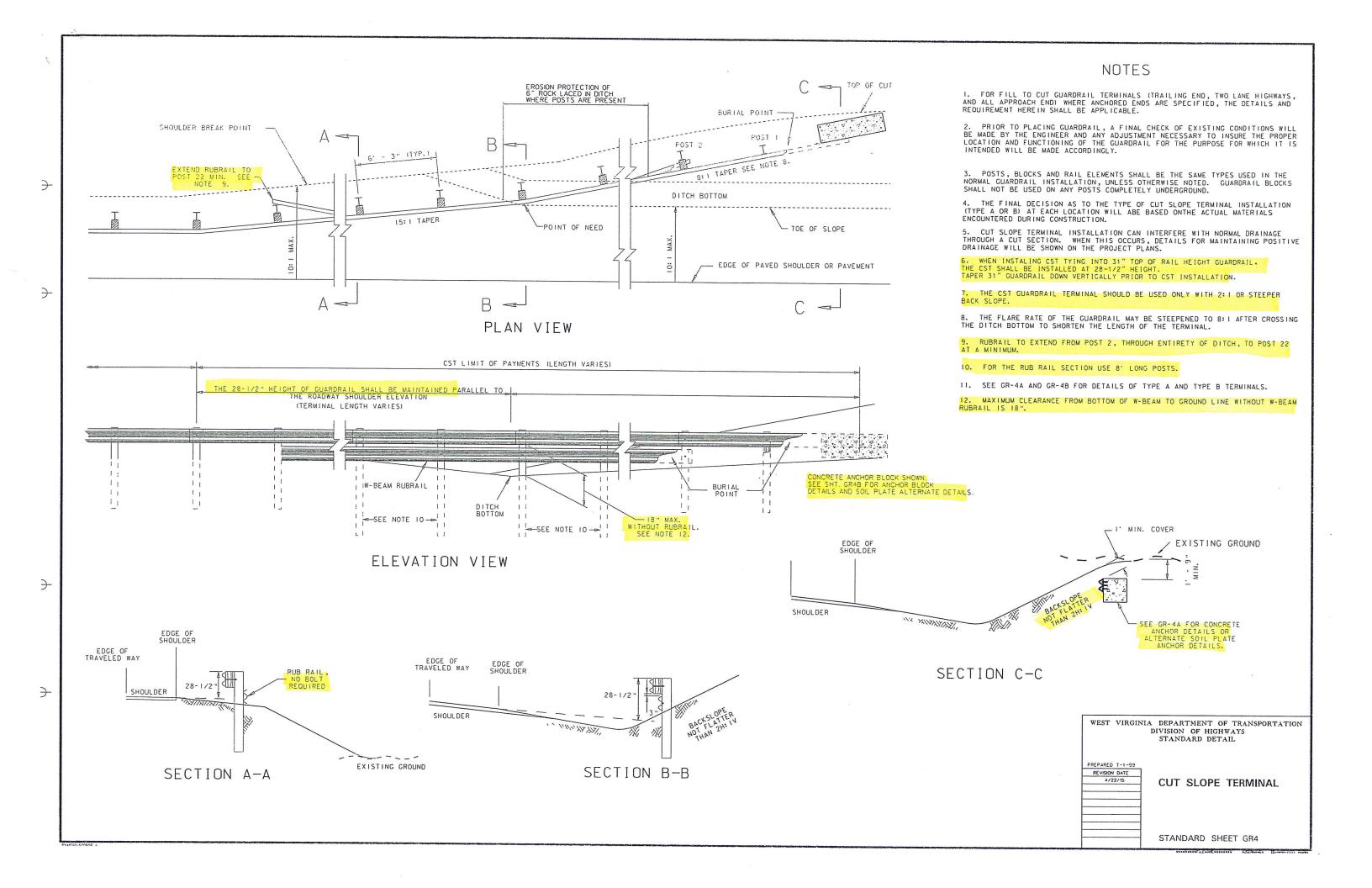
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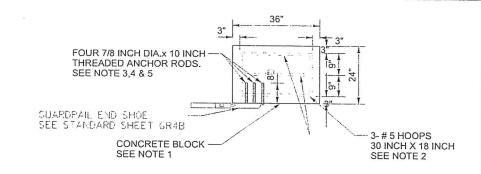
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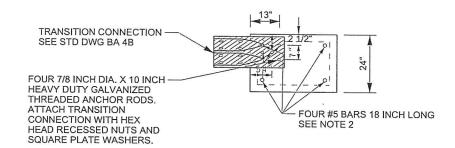
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DOUBLE-FACED
GUARDRAIL POSTS

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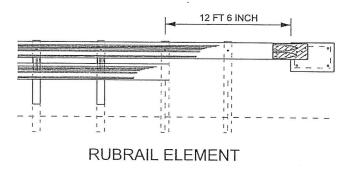




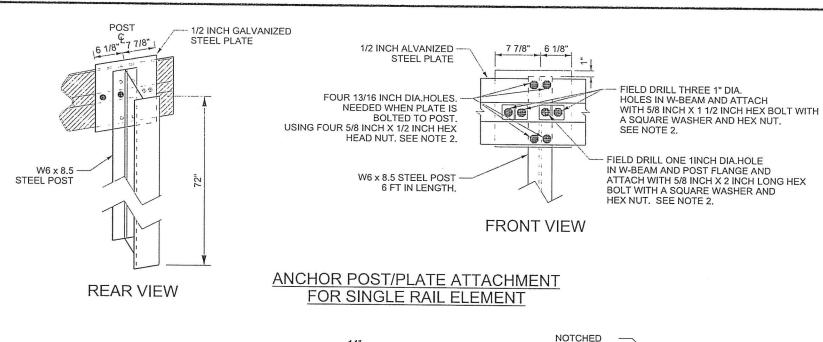
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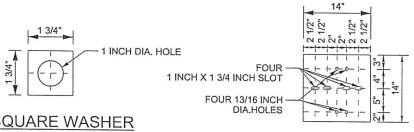
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- USE CLASS B CONCRETE.
- 2. USE EPOXY COATED REINFORCING STEEL, PER SECTION 602 OF THE SPECIFICATIONS.
- 3. USE GALVANIZED THREADED ROD.
- 4. THREADED RODS CAN BE CAST INTO CONCRETE BLOCK OR HOLES CAN BE DRILLED INTO BLOCK AND RODS ANCHORED WITH EPOXY.
- 5. DRILL HOLES A MINIMUM 9 INCH DEEP. CLEAN DRILLED HOLES PRIOR TO INSERTING THREADED ROD.



OPTION I CONCRETE BLOCK





<u>SQUARE WASHER</u> (3/16 INCH THICK,GALVANIZED)

1/2 INCH STEEL PLATE (GALVANIZED)

# ALL REQUIREMENTS AS PER TOP PLATE APPLY TO LOWER PLATE W6 x 8.5 STEEL POST W6 x 8.5 STEEL POST

#### NOTES:

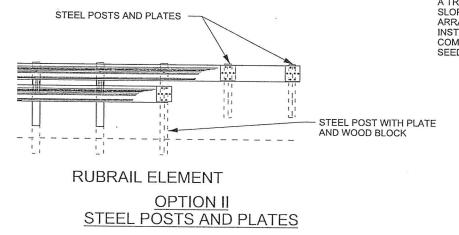
- 1. USE 1/2 INCH STEEL PLATE MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM A 36.
- 2. GALVANIZING REQUIRED FOR PLATE AND HARDWARE.
- 3. USE ZINC RICH PAINT TO COAT FIELD DRILLED HOLES.

### ANCHOR POST/PLATE ATTACHMENT FOR RUB RAIL ELEMENT

#### GENERAL NOTES:

TYPE A (SOFT SHALE OR SOIL) CUT SLOPE TERMINAL GUARDRAIL SHALL BE THAT GUARDRAIL WHICH IS TO EXTEND A MINIMUM OF TWO 6-3" SPANS INTO THE CUT SLOPE, FROM THE FIRST POST BEYOND THE TOE OF THE CUT SLOPE AND IS TO TERMINATE A MINIMUM OF 1'-0" BELOW THE GROUND ELEVATION OF THE BACK SLOPE, EXCEPT IN AREAS OF HEAVY ROCK OUTCROPPING WHERE THE MINIMUM DEPTH MAY BE 6 INCHES.

A TRENCH NO GREATER THAN 18" IN WIDTH SHALL BE EXCAVATED INTO THE CUT SLOPE TO ACCOMMODATE THE TYPE A TERMINAL INSTALLATION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ARRANGE HIS WORK, SEQUENCE SUCH THAT EACH TYPE A CUT SLOPE TERMINAL INSTALLATION BE EXCAVATED, POSTS DRIVEN, RAIL ELEMENTS AND GUARDRAIL COMPONENTS ASSEMBLED, TRENCH BACKFILLED, AND DISTURBED SLOPE SHAPED SEEDED AND MULCHED ALL IN A CONTINUOUS OPERATION.



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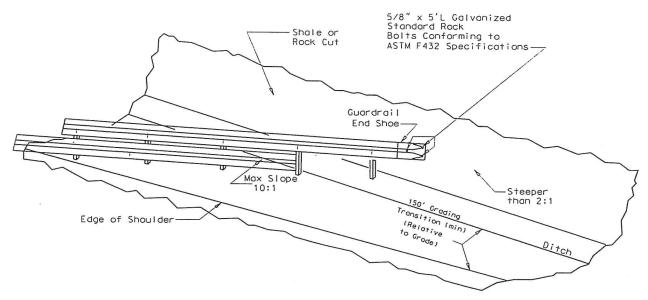
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CUT SLOPE TERMINAL
TYPE A INSTALLATION
SOFT SHALE OR SOIL

STANDARD SHEET GR4A

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Type B (Shale or Rock) Cut Slope Terminal installation shall consist of anchoring the guardrail against the face of the cut slope utilizing guardrail end shoes and rock bolts, as detailed herein.

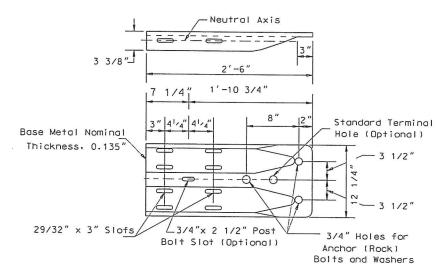


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TYPE B (SHALE OR ROCK) CUT SLOPE TERMINAL INSTALLATION



GUARDRAIL END SHOE DETAIL

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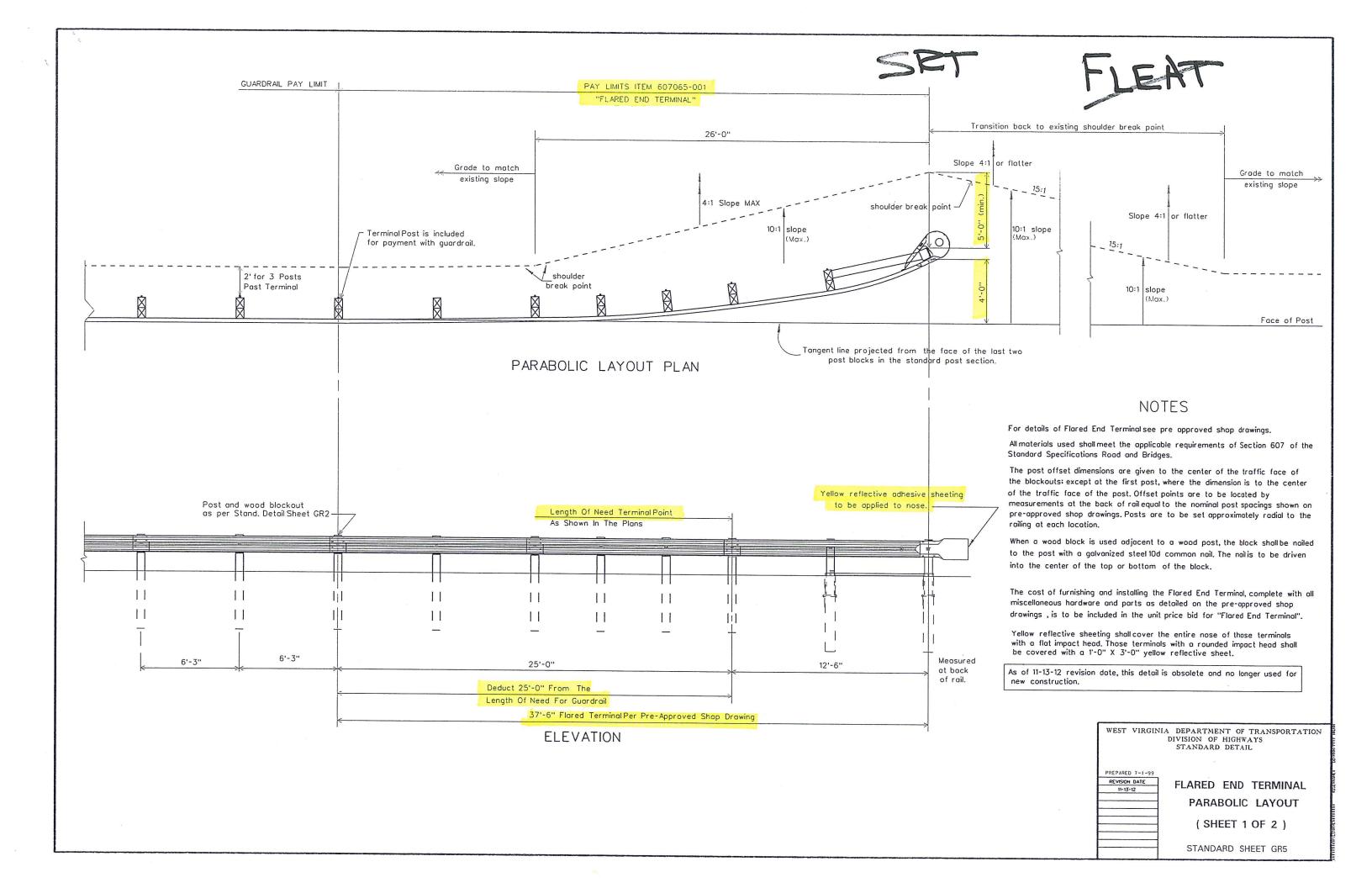
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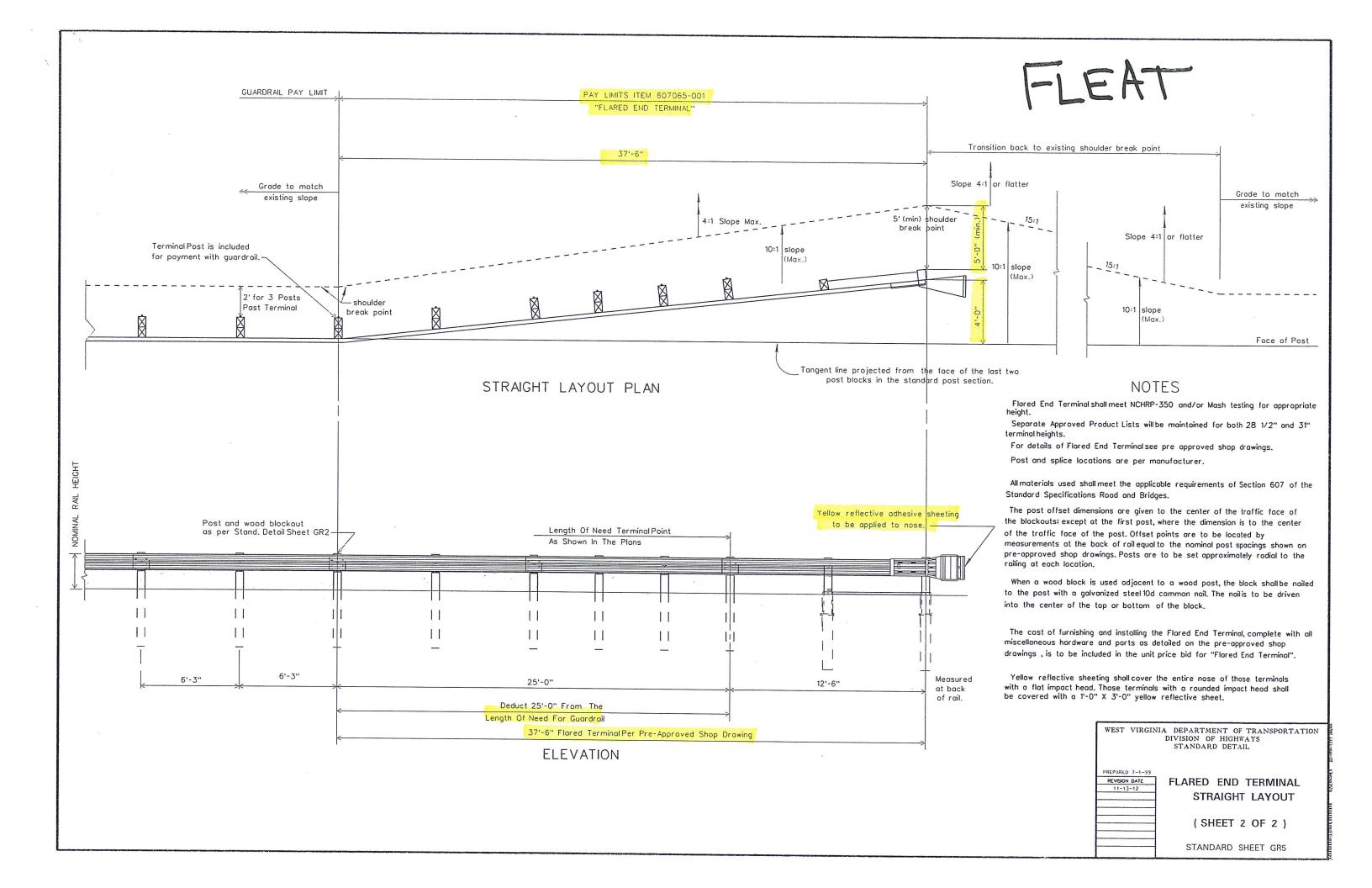
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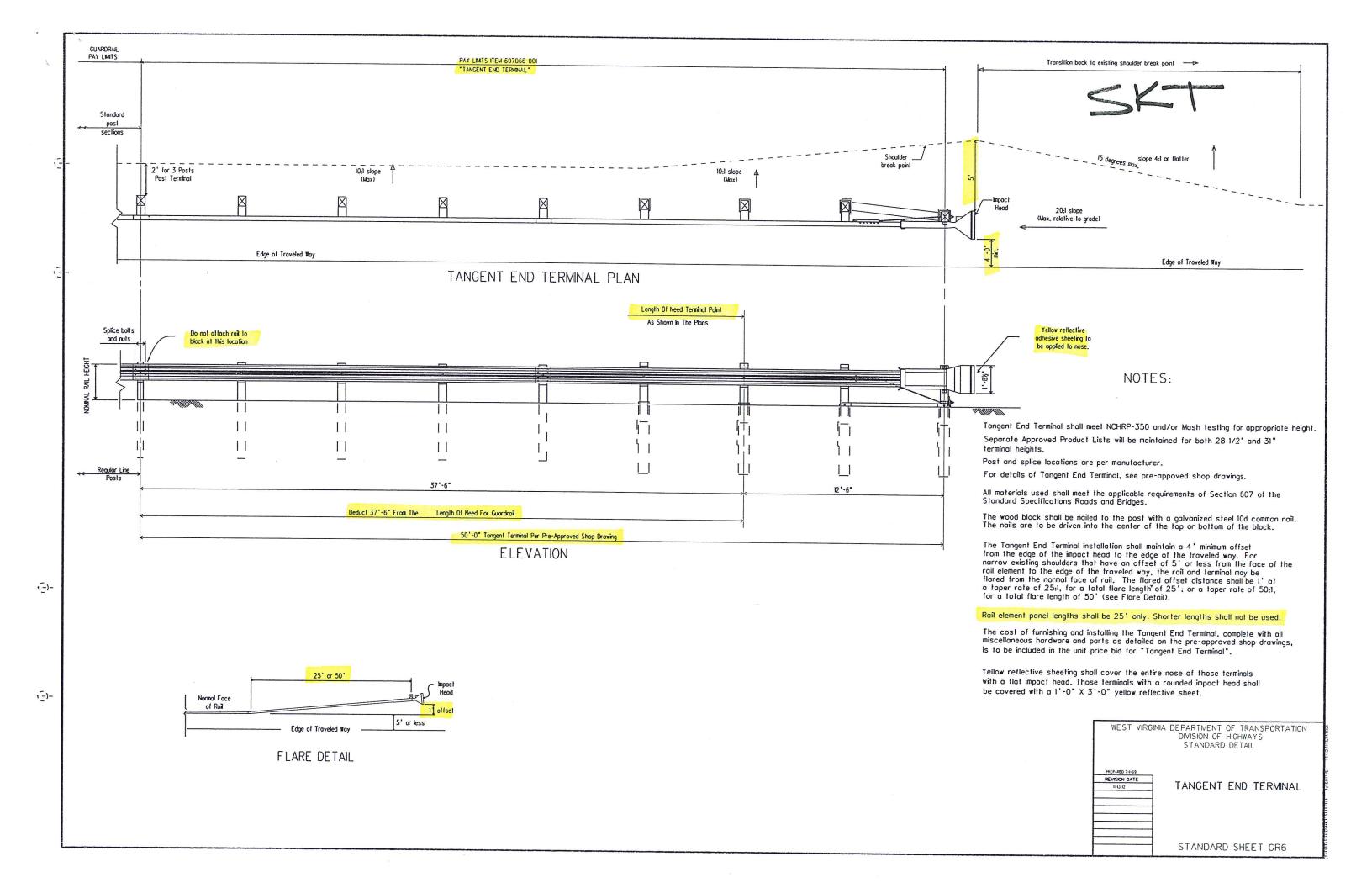
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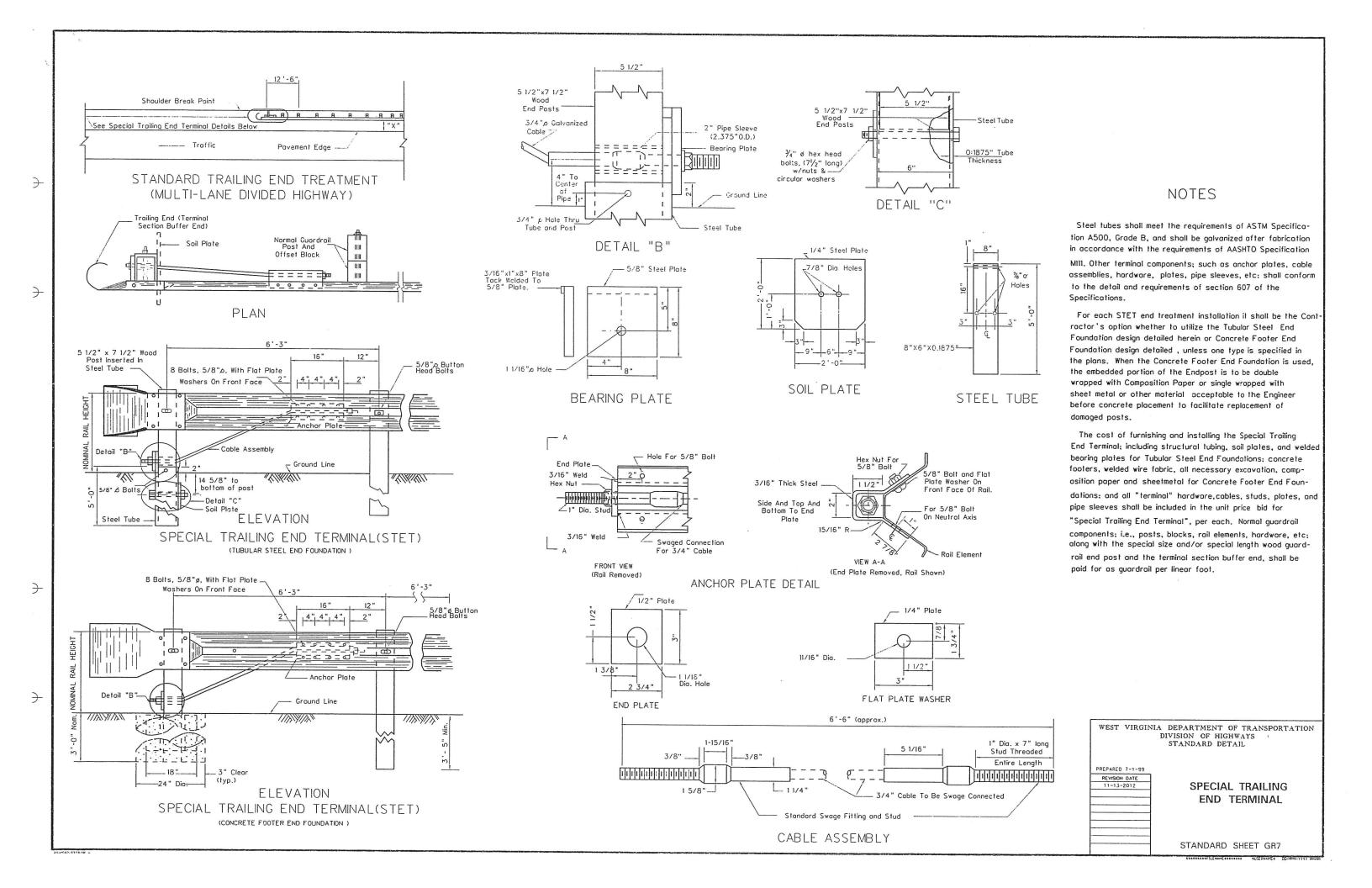
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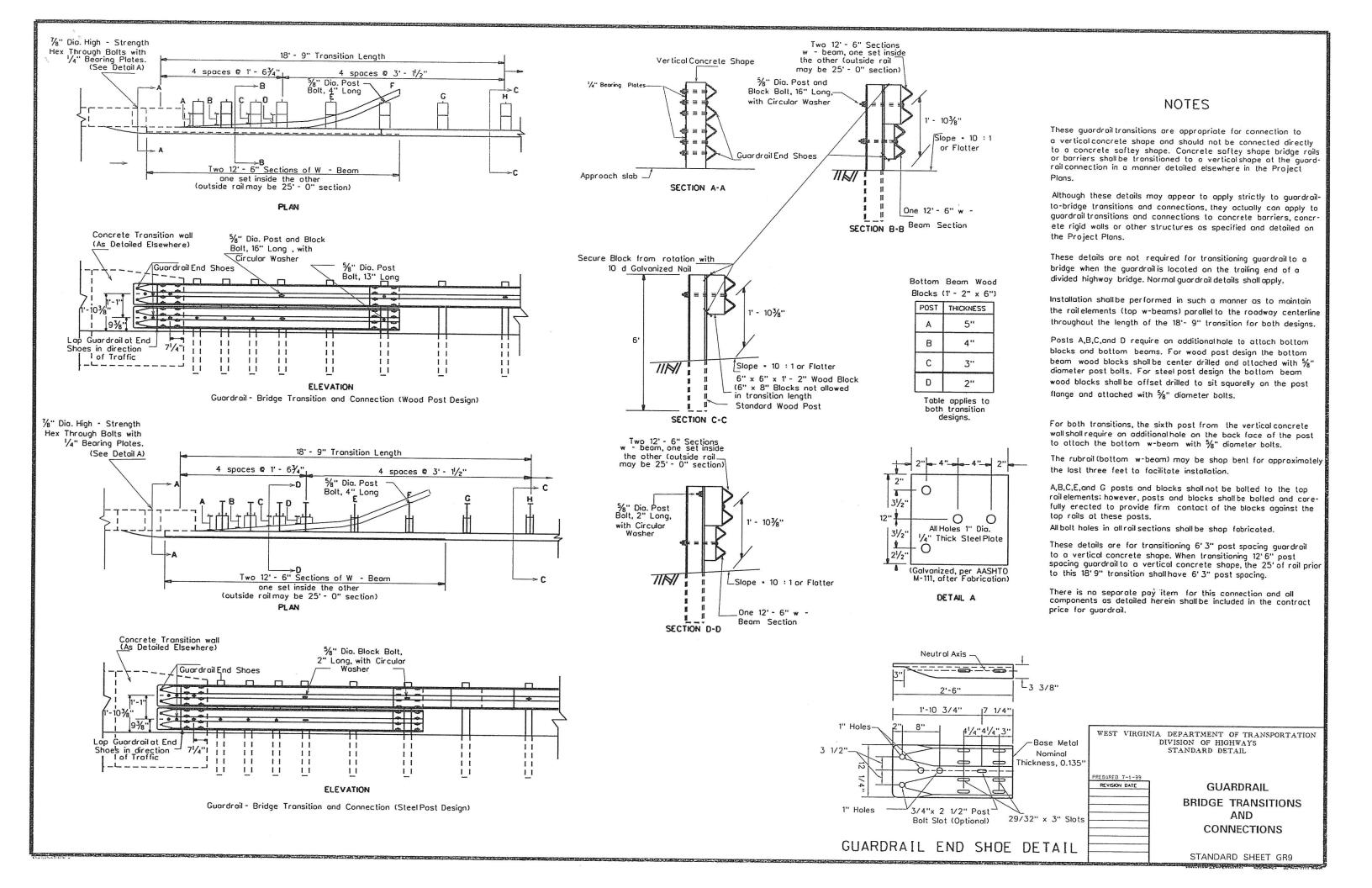
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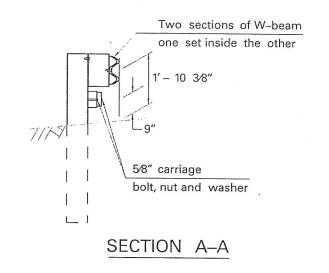


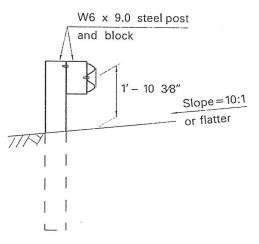








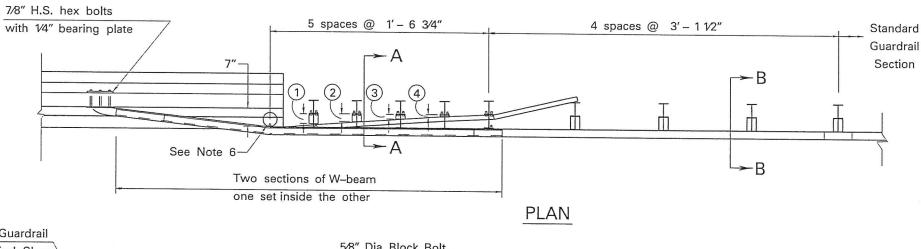


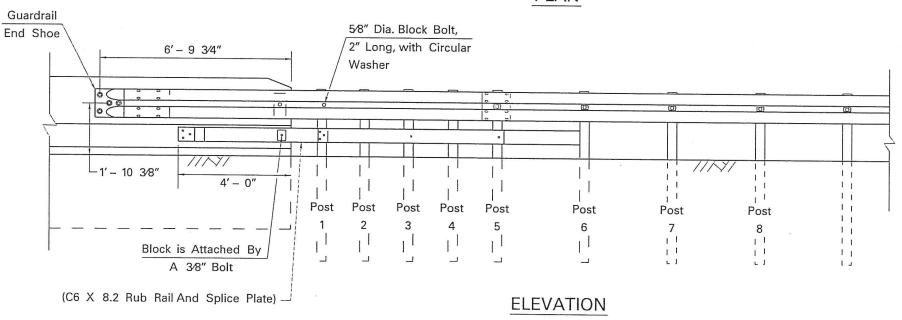


RUBRAIL
WOOD BLOCKS
7" X 4"
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POST	THICKNESS	
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2	3 1/2"	
3	2".	
4	1"	

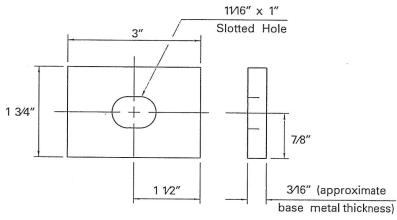
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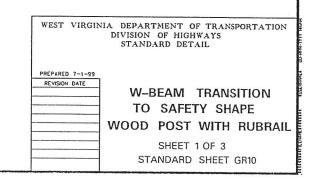


### NOTES

- This guardrail transition is appropriate for connection to a concrete safety shape.
- Bridge rail ends and bridge parapets must be of adequate strength to accept full impact loading.
- Posts 1–6 require an additional hole to attach lower blocks and/or rubrail.
- Rubrail wood blocks located on posts 1 through 4 are offset drilled and secured with 58" carriage bolts to posts 2 and 4.: rubrail and posts of posts 1, 3 and 5.
- 5. W-beam is not bolted to posts at posts 2 through 4 and posts 6 and 8.
- Steel spacer tube, schedule 40 galvanized pipe, 6" (I.D.) x 9", and attached by a 5/8" carriage bolt and rectangular plate washer.
- 7. See sheet 3 of 3 for detail. Block is attached by 3/8" X 3" bolt.
- There is no separate pay item for this connection and all components as detailed herein shall be included in the contract price for guardrail.



### RECTANGULAR PLATE WASHER DETAIL

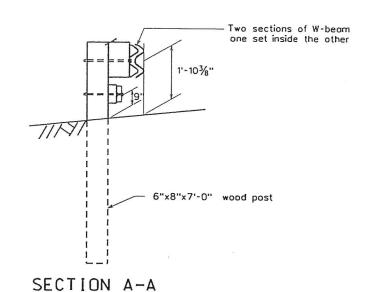


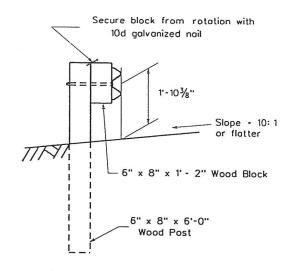
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Rubroil

Wood Blocks 7" x 6"

POST THICKNESS

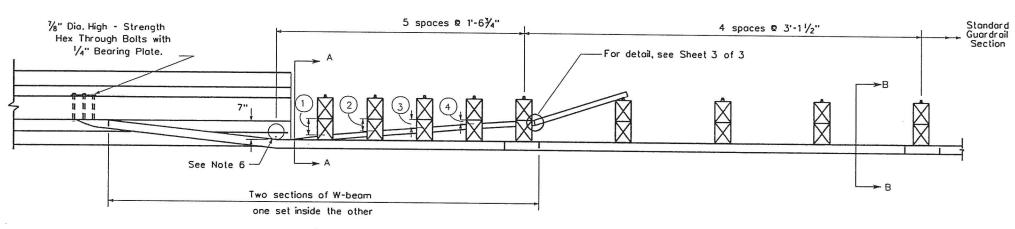
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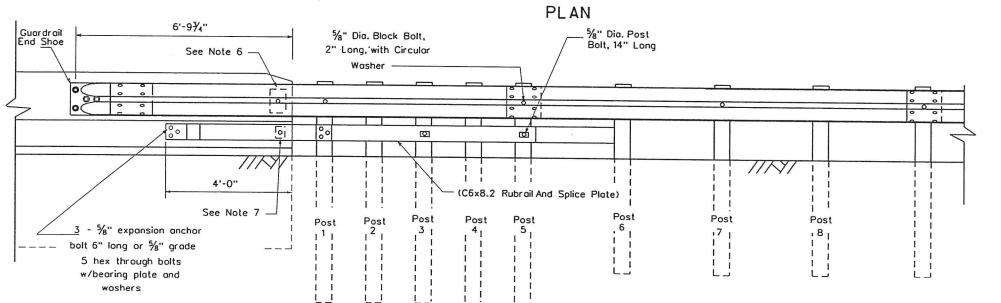
2 45/8"

3 31/8"

4 11/2"

SECTION B-B

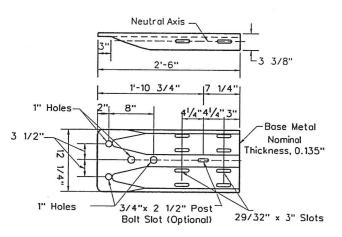




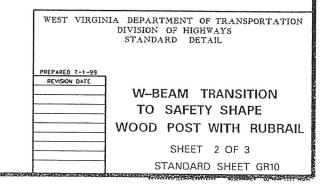
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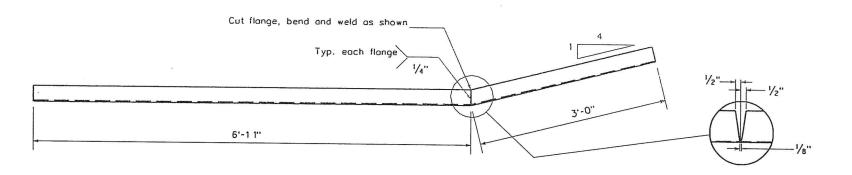
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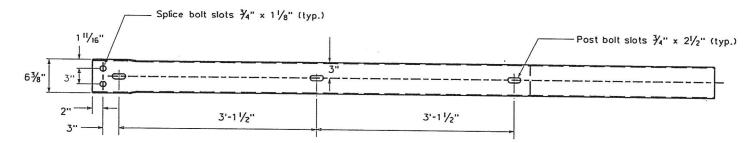
- This guardrail transition is appropriate for connection to a concrete safety shape.
- Bridge rail ends and bridge parapets must be of adequate strength to accept full impact loading.
- 3. Rubrail wood bocks, located on posts 1 through 4 are center drilled and secured with  $\frac{1}{8}$ " carriage bolts.
- Posts 1 through 5 require an additional hole to attach lower blocks and/or lower rubrail.
- W-beam is not bolted to posts and blocks at posts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8. Blocks are bolted directly to posts.
- 6. Steel spacer tube, schedule 40 galvanized pipe, 6" (1.D.) x 9", attached by a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " carriage bolt, and rectangular plate washer.
- 7. See Sheet 3 of 3 for detail. Block is attached by a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 3" bolt.
- There is no separate pay item for this connection and all components as detailed herein shall be included in the contract price for guardrail.



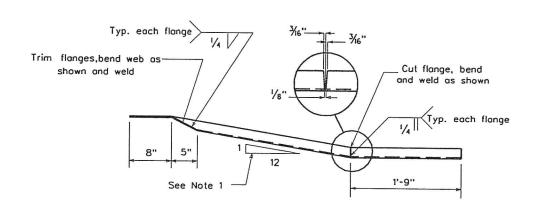
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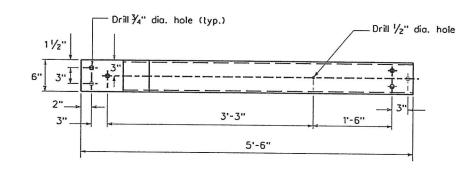




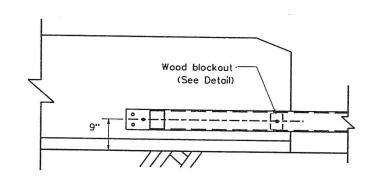


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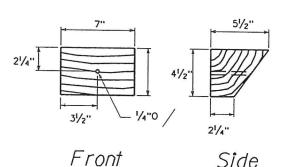




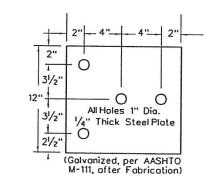
C6X8.2 RUBRAIL
DETAIL



RUBRAIL ATTACHMENT TO SAFETY SHAPE



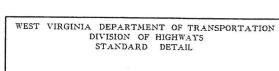
Front Side
WOOD BLOCKOUT FOR RUBRAIL
DETAIL



BEARING PLATE
DETAIL

# NOTES

- Rubrail end must be attached flush with sloped toe of safety shape. Installation can be greatly simplified by fabricating or shop twisting the rubrail end to be consistent with the the slope of safety shape. Rubrail ends twisted both clockwise and counterclockwise may be required in most situations.
- The rubrail end attachment to the concrete safety shope requires three closely drilled holes, approprite epoxy bolt anchors should be used to reduce the risk of splitting the concrete.
- There is no separate pay item for this connection and all components as detailed herein shall be included in the contract price for guardrail.



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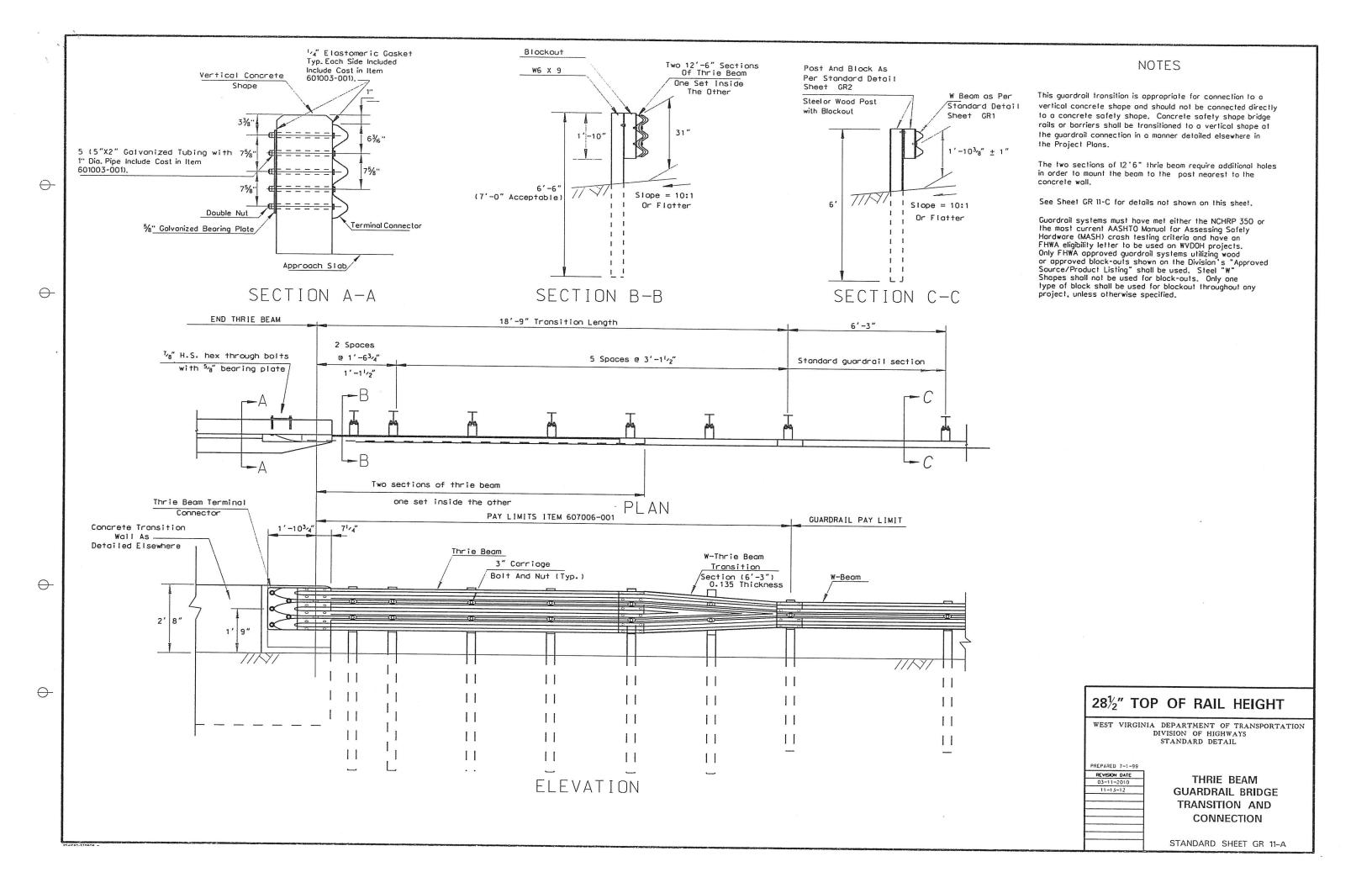
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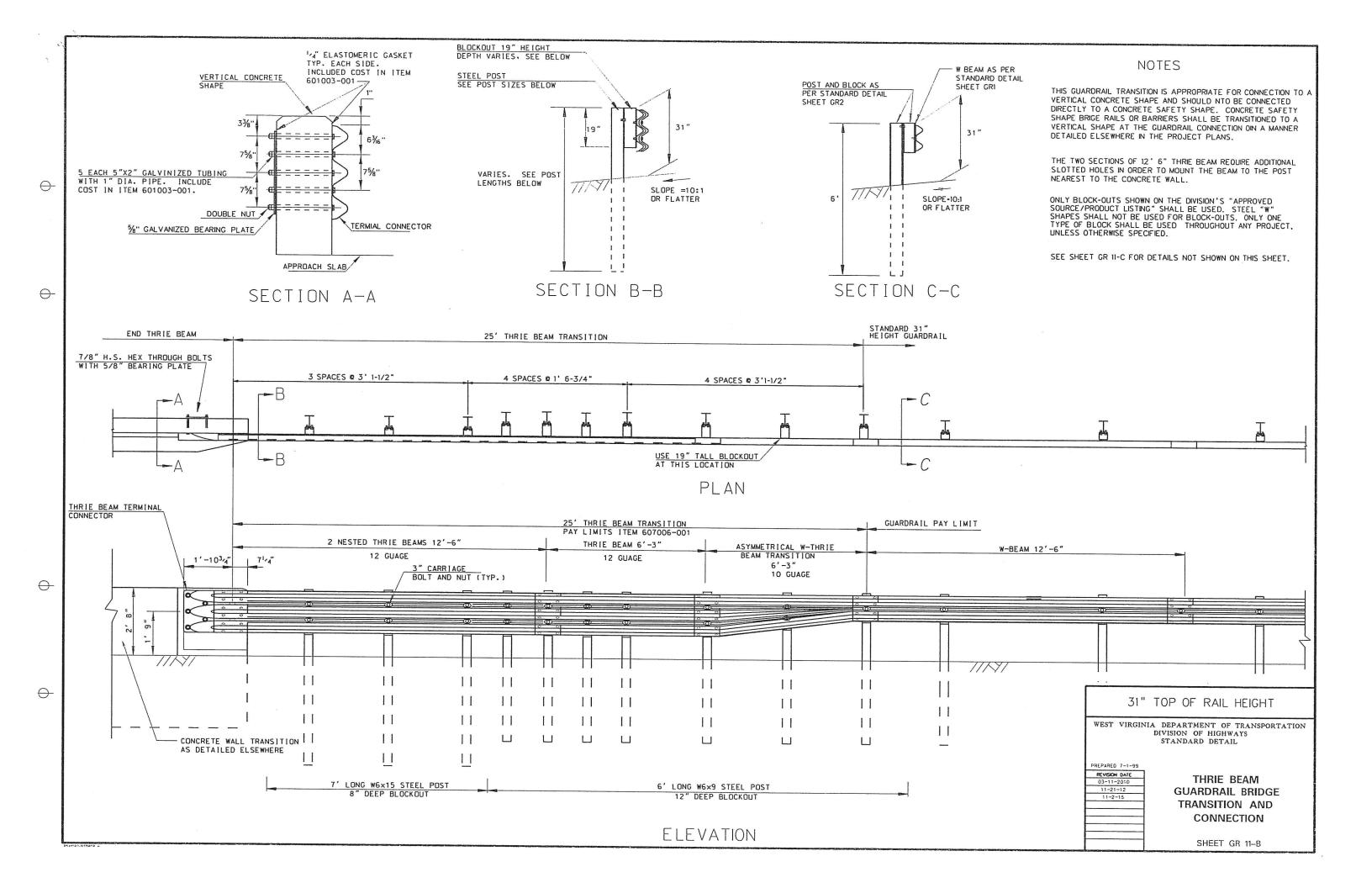
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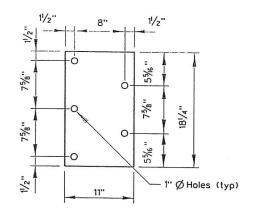
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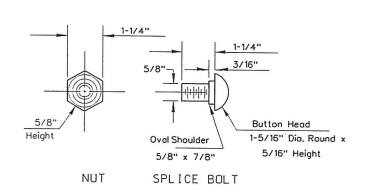
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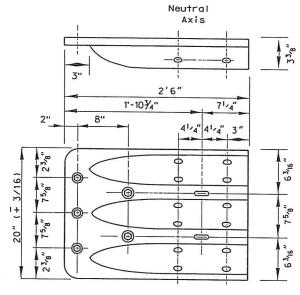
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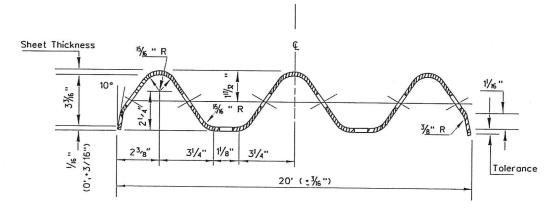
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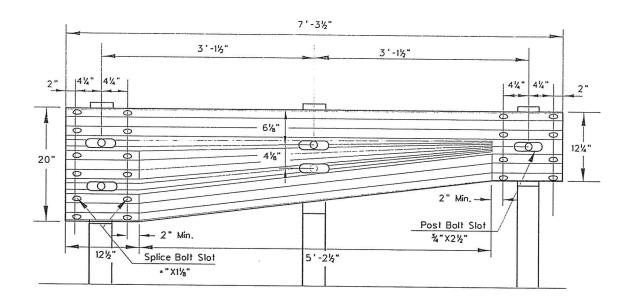
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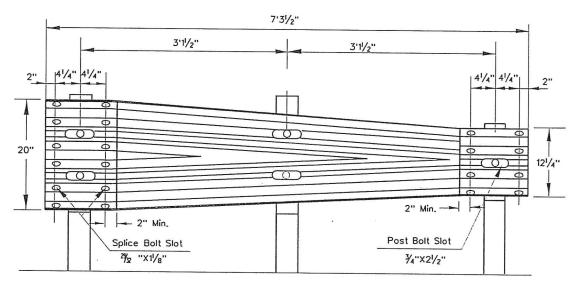
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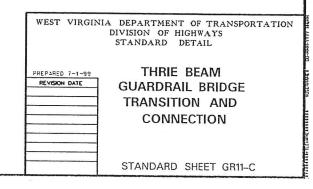
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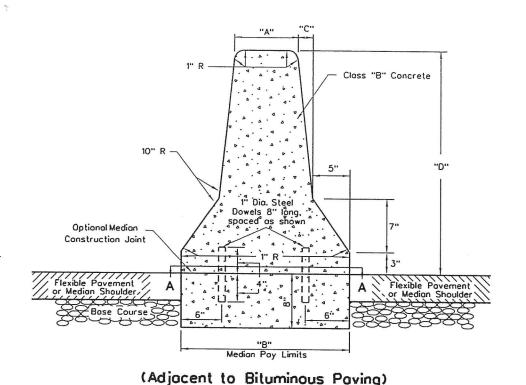


# ASYMMETRICAL TRANSITION SECTION DETAIL (THRIE BEAM TO 31" HEIGHT W-BEAM)



TRANSITION SECTION DETAIL
(THRIE BEAM TO 28-1/2" W-BEAM)

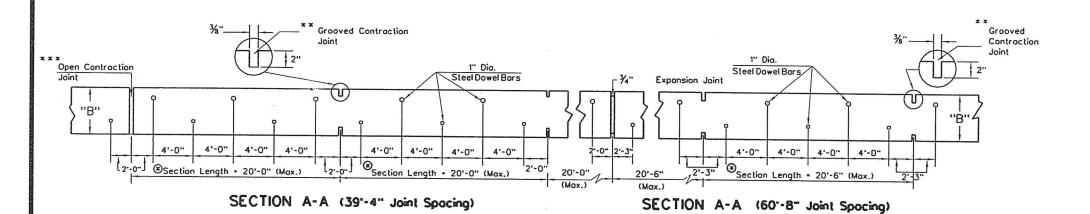


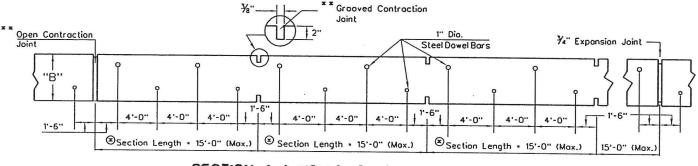


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(Adjacent to Concrete Paving)

## F-SHAPE





SECTION A-A (15' Joint Specing)

© center-to-center of Contraction Joints, except where Expansion Joints are Specified.

formed full-depth butt joint.

open (separated) joint over existing ridged pavement contraction joint. Median joint width equal to pavement joint width.

### NOTES

The median and footer can be poured monolithically. When the median is poured on existing concrete pavement, the median shall be secured with dowelbars drilled and grouted in the existing concrete pavement, as shown.

When the median and footer are to be poured separately, a median construction joint shall be used.

Where the median is placed over existing povement contraction joints, median sections shall be separated by open joints having the same width as the povement joints for the full median height. At all other median contraction joints, a 3/6" wide and 2" deep groove shall be sawed or formed across the top and along the sides for the entire height (including footer depth) of the median, or a full depth butt joint shall be formed at approximately 15' - 20' intervals along the length of the median. In addition these grooved or butt joints shall transversely align within a plus or minus one-foot tolerance with the contraction joints in abutting concrete povement.

Expansion joints shall be placed in the median at structures when so indicated, opposite expansion joints in abulting concrete povement, over existing expansion joints in underlying concrete povement, and at other locations as shown on the Plans or directed by the Engineer. At expansion joints, median sections shall be ¾" apart and the opening filled for the entire depth of the median with ¾" preformed joint filler which complies with the requirements of section 610 of the Standard Specifications Roadways and Bridges. The filler shall be recessed ¼" in from the sides and the top of the median and the completed joint shall recieve no further treatment: e.g., sealing with a waterproof sealer is prohibited. The median shall be adequately terminated at each end of median installations as shown or specified elsewhere in the Plans.

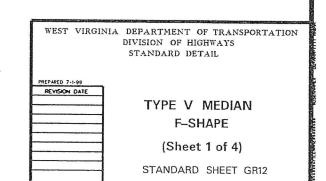
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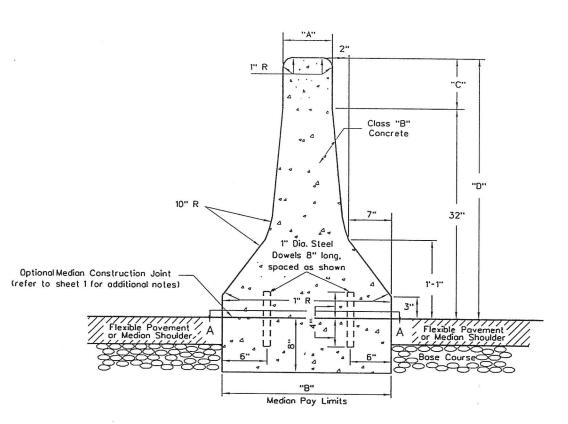
Unless otherwise specified, bi-directional delineators meeting the requirements of Section 661 of the Standard Specifications Roads and Bridges and mounted on suitable supports, shall be secured to, and spaced along the length of the median as shown and specified on Standard Sheet TE 11-5 of the Standard Details Book, Volume II. The cost of concrete, steel dowel bars, preformed joint filler, delineators and delineator mountings shall be included in the cost of the median.

Type of surface adjacent to the median, whether normal width or widened pavement, offset lane, median shoulder, etc., shall be specified in the Plans and shall not be included in the cost of the median but shall be paid for separately.

The contractor shall have the option to install either the N-J Shape or the F-Shape median unless otherwise specified in the Plans.

For additional dimensions, notes and details see sheet 2 and 3.





(Adjacent to Bituminous Paving)

N-J SHAPE MEDIAN DIMENSIONS

-0-

32"

-A-

..C-

70"

Type V Medion

6" 24"

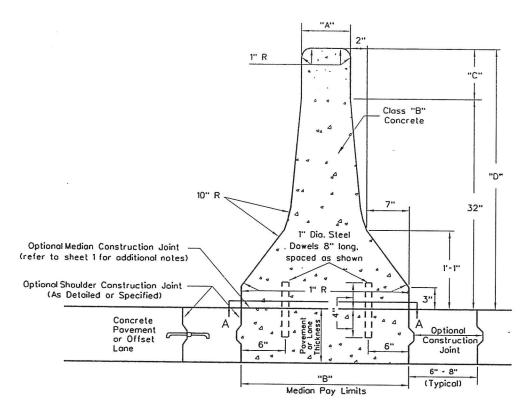
36"

6"

24"

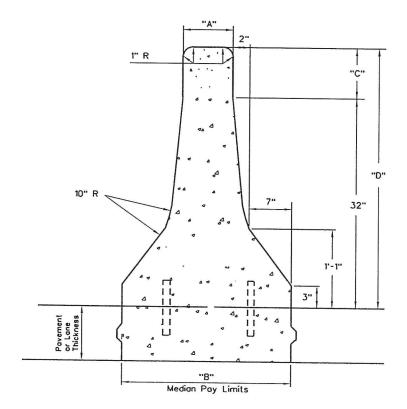
10"

42"



(Adjacent to Concrete Paving)

### N-J SHAPE



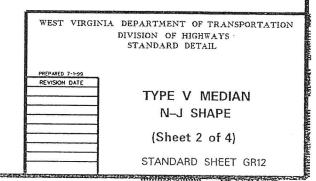
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Height of the median, dimension "D", shall be included in the Plans.

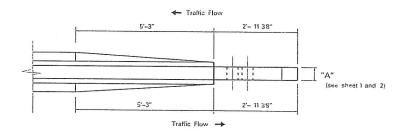
Additional height of median, dimension "C" shall be vertical.

The contractor shall have the option to install either the N-J Shape or the F-Shape median unless otherwise specified in the Plans.

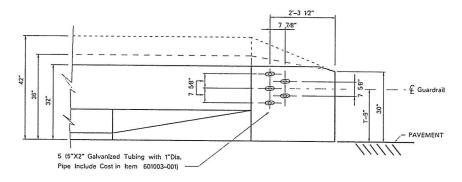
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### Raised Median

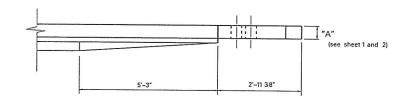


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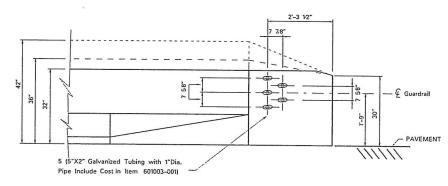
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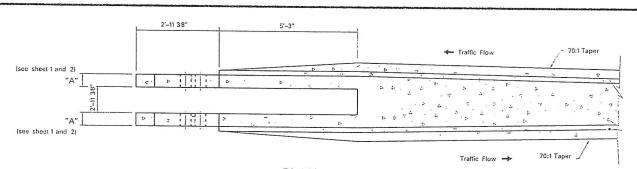
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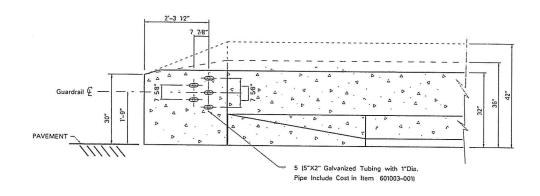


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SINGLE FACE TRANSITION



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ELEVATION

DOUBLE MEDIAN TRANSITION

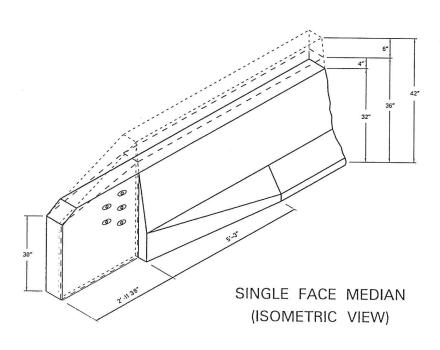
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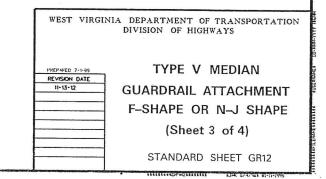
The contractor shall have the option to install either the N-J Shape or the F-Shape median unless otherwise specified on the Plans.

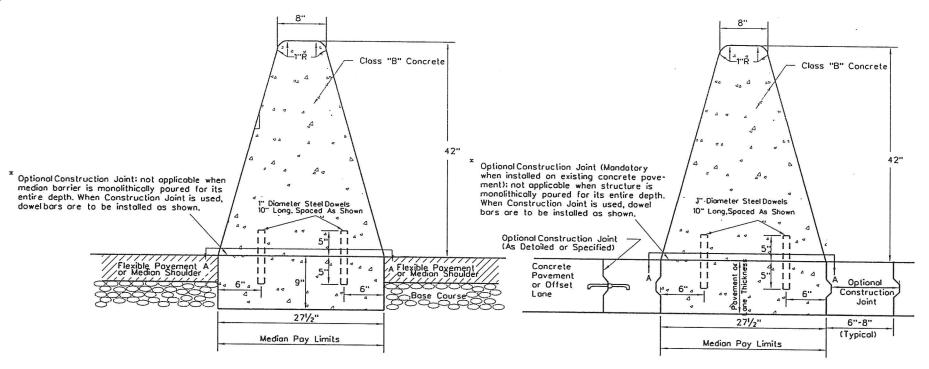
For additional dimensions, notes and details see Sheet 1 and 2.

For additional notes and details of the guardrail bolt pattern, see Standard Detail Sheet GR10.

Elongated bolt holes do not apply to existing end posts that are not being reconstructed.

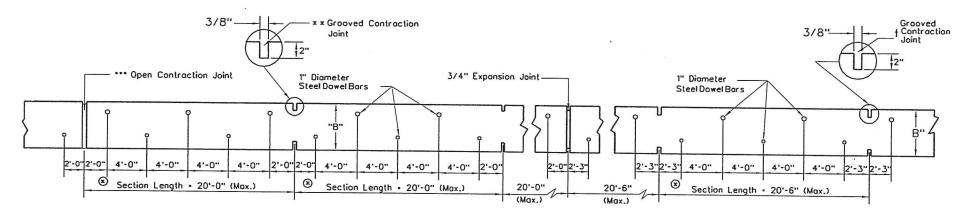






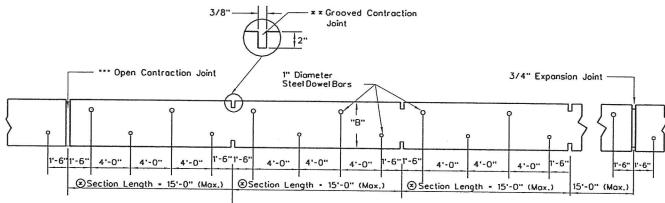
# TYPE VII MEDIAN SINGLE SLOPE CONCRETE BARRIER (Adjacent to Bituminous Paving)

# TYPE VII MEDIAN SINGLE SLOPE CONCRETE BARRIER (Adjacent to Concrete Paving)



### SECTION A-A (40' Joint Spacing )

SECTION A-A (61'-6" Joint Spacing )



SECTION A-A (15' Joint Spacing )

- (2) Center to Center of Contraction Joints, except where Expansion Joints are Specified.
  - or a formed full-depth butt joint. Also, 1/4" open (separated) joint over existing pavement contraction joint.
  - \*\* or a formed full-depth butt joint.
  - \*\*\* open (separated) joint over existing rigid povement contraction joint, with median joint width equal to povement joint width,

#### NOTES

Cast-in-place concrete barrier medians shall be constructed in sections as shown herein and shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 610 of the Specifications.

At barrier median contraction joints over existing pavement contraction joints, median sections shall be separated by open joints, having the same width as the pavement joints, for the full exposed depth of the median. At all other barrier median contraction joints, a groove, 3/8" wide and 2" deep, shall be sawed or formed across the top and along the sides for the entire depth of the median or a full depth butt joint shall be formed, at approximately 15'-20'. intervals along the length of the median. In addition, these grooved or butt joints shall transversely align, within a plus or minus one-foot tolerance, with the contraction joints in abutting concrete povement.

Expansion joints shall be placed in the barrier median at structures when so indicated, apposite expansion joints in abutting concrete pavement, over existing expansion joints in underlying concrete pavement, and at atter locations as shown on the Plans or directed by the Engineer. At expansion joints, barrier median sections shall be 3/4" apart and the apening filled, for the entire depth of the median, with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " preformed joint filler which complies with the requirements of section 610 of the Specifications. The filler shall be recessed  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the sides and the top of the median and the completed joint shall receive no further treatment; e.g., sealing with a waterproof sealer is prohibited.

The finished surface of the barrier median shall be smooth, dense, unpitted and free from air bubble pockets, depressions, and honeycomb. If deemed necessary by the Engineer, the above mentioned finished surface will be obtained by the use of water and a wood block or Carborundum brick.

At each end of barrier median installations, the median shall be adequately terminated as shown or specified elsewhere in the Project Plans.

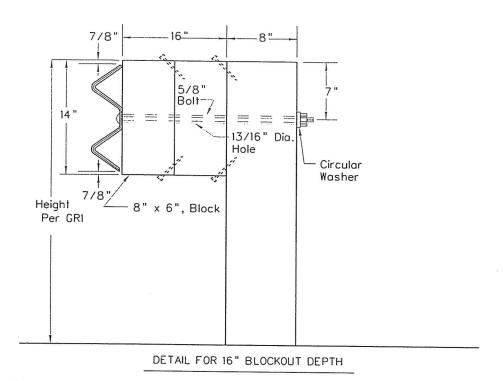
Drainage openings shall be provided in the barrier medians where indicated on the Plans or directed by the Engineer.

Unless otherwise specified, bi-directional delineators, meeting the requirements of 661 of the Specifications and mounted on suitable supports, shall be secured to, and spaced along the length of, the barrier median as shown and specified on Standard Sheet TE 11-5 of the Standard Details Book, Volume II,

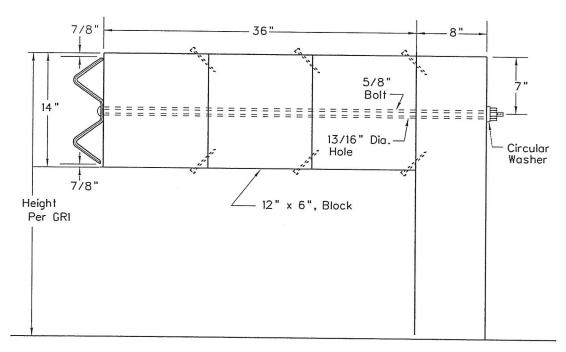
The cost of median concrete, steel dowel bars, preformed joint filler, delineators and delineator mountings shall be included in the cost of the median.

Type of surface adjacent to the barrier median, whether normal width or widened pavement, offset lane, median shoulder, etc., shall be specified in the Plans and shall not be included in the cost of barrier median but shall be paid for separately.

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	STANDARD SHEET GR12



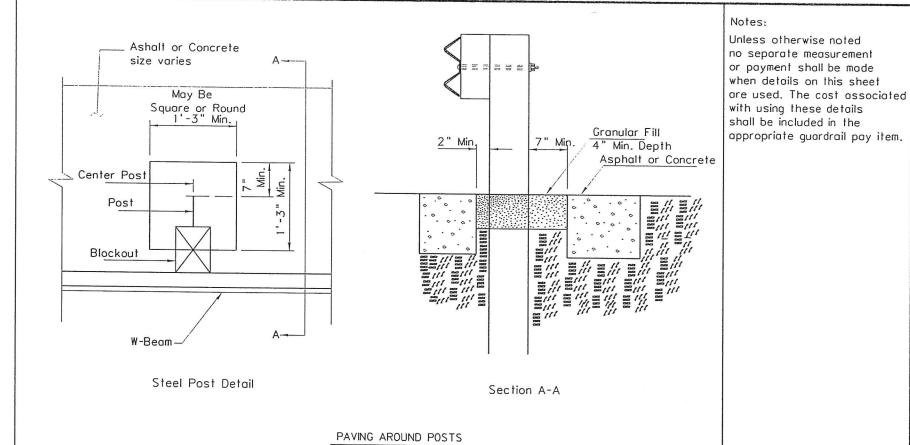
It is acceptable to use blockouts up to 16"deep to increase the post offset to avoid underground obstacles. There is no limit to the number of posts that can have additional blockouts up to 16" deep.



### DETAIL FOR 36" BLOCKOUT DEPTH

Under special circumstances, such as avoiding obstacles that are not relocated, it is acceptable to install additional blockouts to obtain up to 36" depth for one or two consecutive posts in a section of guardrail.

Do not use 16" or 36" blockouts if it causes the post to be driven beyond shoulder hinge point or causes a fixed object to be within the deflection distance of the barrier.



Reduce post spacing to 3'-1 1/2".

Reduce post spacing to 1'-6 3/4".

Double nest rail element.

Any one stiffening method shall not exceed 25' in length.

Any combination of stiffening methods shall not exceed 50'in length.

METHODS OF REDUCING W-BEAM DEFLECTION

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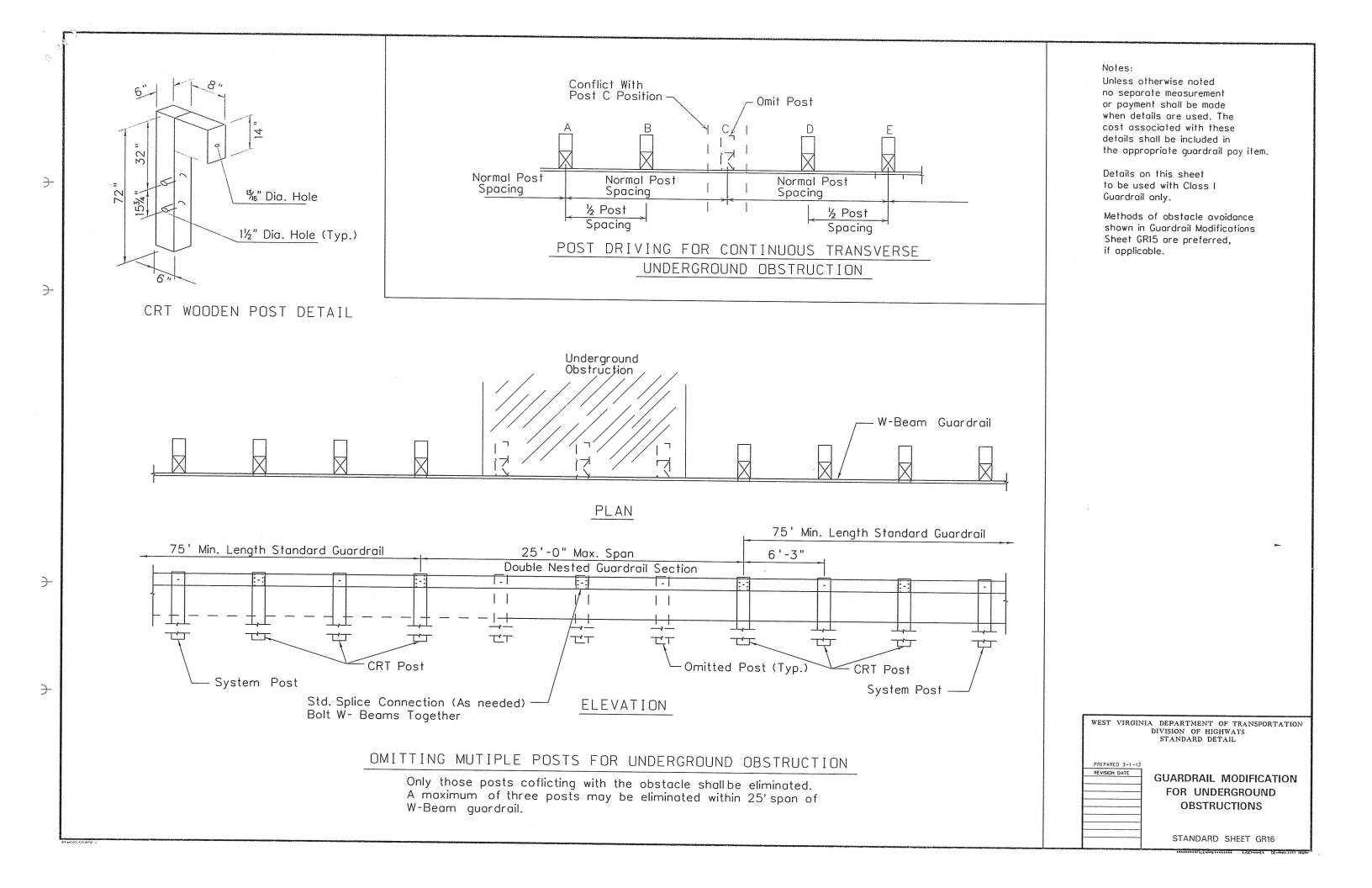
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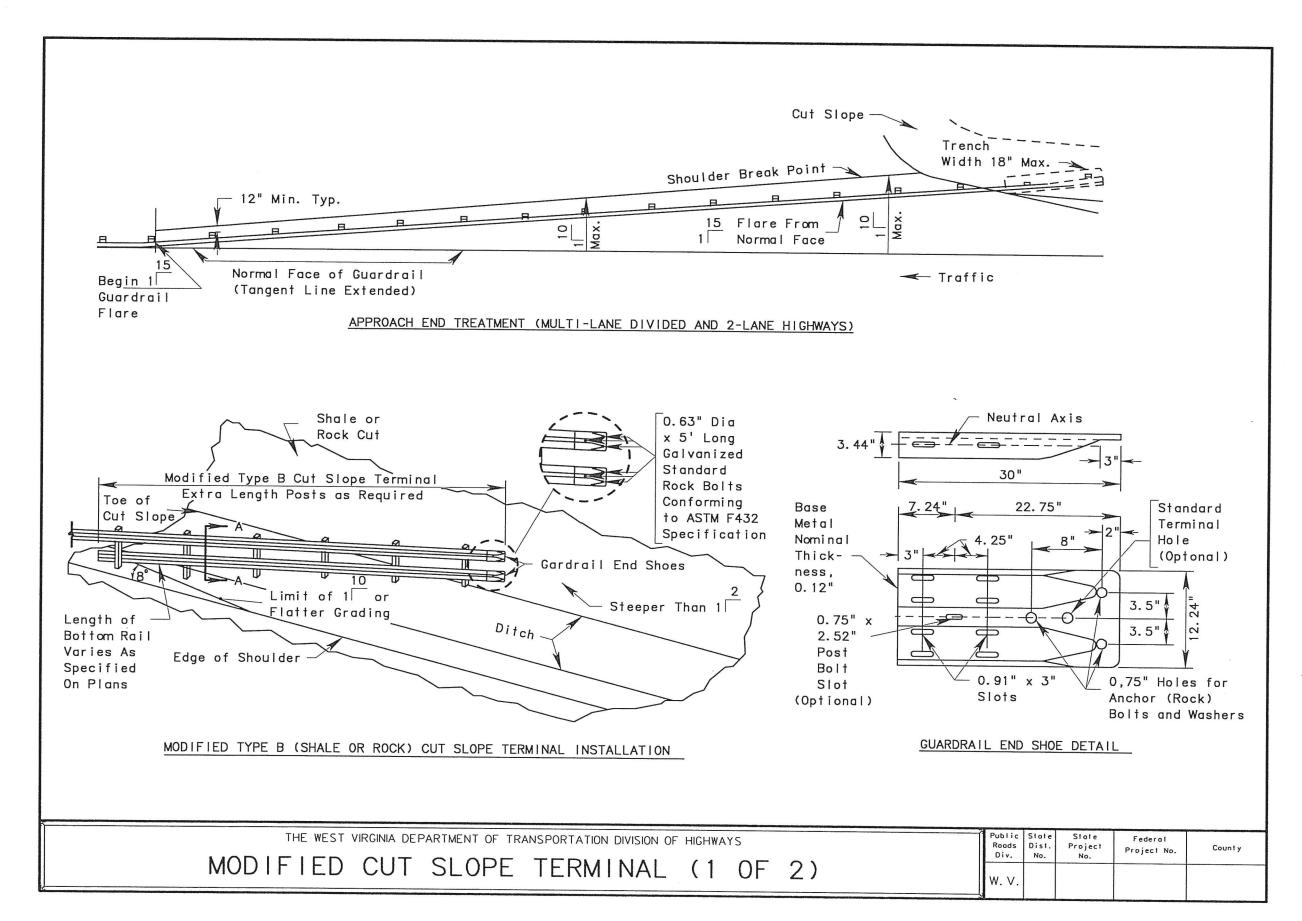
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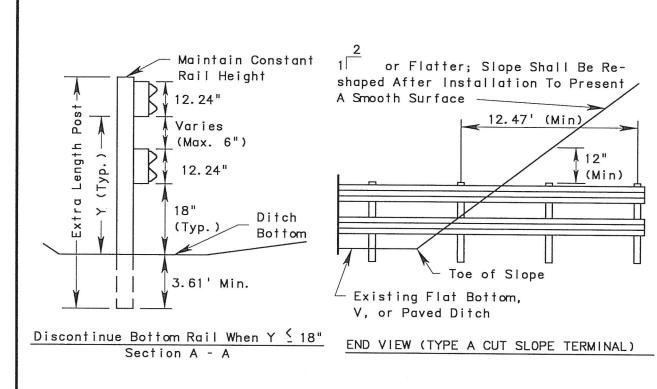
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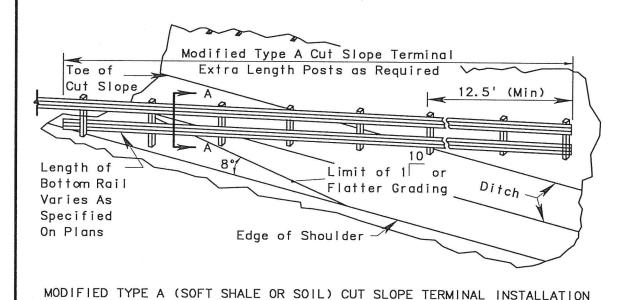
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#### NOTES

THIS DETAIL IS APPLICABLE WHERE A CUT SLOPE TERMINAL IS DESIRED, BUT ADDITIONAL GRADING OR PLACEMENT OF MATERIAL INTO THE ROADWAY DITCH IS NOT DESIRED. THE TOP OF THE GUARDRAIL RELATIVE TO THE ELEVATION OF THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT MUST REMAIN CONSTANT.

MODIFIED TYPE A (SOFT SHALE OR SOIL) CUT SLOPE TERMINAL GUARDRAIL SHALL BE THAT GUARDRAIL WHICH (1) IS TO EXTEND A MINIMUM OF TWO 75" SPANS INTO THE CUT SLOPE, FROM THE FIRST POST BEYOND THE TOE OF THE CUT SLOPE, AS DETAILED HEREIN, AND (2) IS TO TERMINATE A MINIMUM OF 12" BELOW THE GROUND ELEVATION OF THE BACK SLOPE, AS DETAILED HEREIN, EXCEPT IN AREAS OF HEAVY ROCK OUTCROPPING WHERE THE MINIMUM DEPTH MAY BE 6".

MODIFIED TYPE B (SHALE OR ROCK) CUT SLOPE TERMINAL INSTALLATION SHALL CONSIST OF ANCHORING THE GUARDRAIL AGAINST THE FACE OF THE CUT SLOPE UTILIZING GUARDRAIL END SHOES AND ROCK BOLTS, AS DETAILED HEREIN.

POSTS, BLOCKS, AND RAIL ELEMENTS SHALL BE THE SAME TYPES USED IN THE NORMAL GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION, EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITIONAL LENGTH POSTS WHOSE LENGTH WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD. THESE POSTS ARE TO BE MODIFIED TO ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL GUARDRAIL SECTION. UNDERGROUND POSTS MAY BE W6" x 8.5" IN LENGTH, IN AREAS OF HEAVY ROCK OUTCROPPING. GUARDRAIL BLOCKS SHALL NOT BE USED ON ANY POSTS COMPLETLY UNDERGROUND.

A TRENCH NO GREATER THAN 17.22" IN WIDTH SHALL BE EXCAVATED INTO THE CUT SLOPE TO ACCOMMODATE THE MODIFIED TYPE A TERMINAL INSTALLATION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SO ARRANGE HIS WORK SEQUENCE TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MODIFIED TYPE A CUT SLOPE TERMINAL INSTALLATION SHALL BE EXCAVATED, POSTS DRIVEN, RAIL ELEMENTS AND GUARDRAIL COMPONENTS ASSEMBLED, THE TRENCH BACKFILLED, AND DISTURBED SLOPE SHAPED, SEEDED AND MULCHED, ALL IN ONE CONTINUOUS OPERATION.

THE COST OF FURNISHING AND INSTALLING MODIFIED CUT SLOPE TERMINAL (A OR B) SHALL INCLUDE EXCAVATING, BACKFILLING, RESHAPING, SEEDING AND MULCHING THE TRENCH, ADDITIONAL LENGTH GUARDRAIL POSTS AS REQUIRED, DRILLING HOLES INTO THE CUT SLOPE, FURNISHING AND INSTALLING ROCK BOLTS, END SHOES AND HARDWARE FOR BOTH THE UPPER AND LOWER GUARDRAIL SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT PRICE BID FOR ITEM 607025-001, "CUT SLOPE TERMINAL, TYPE A OR B MODIFIED" PER EACH.

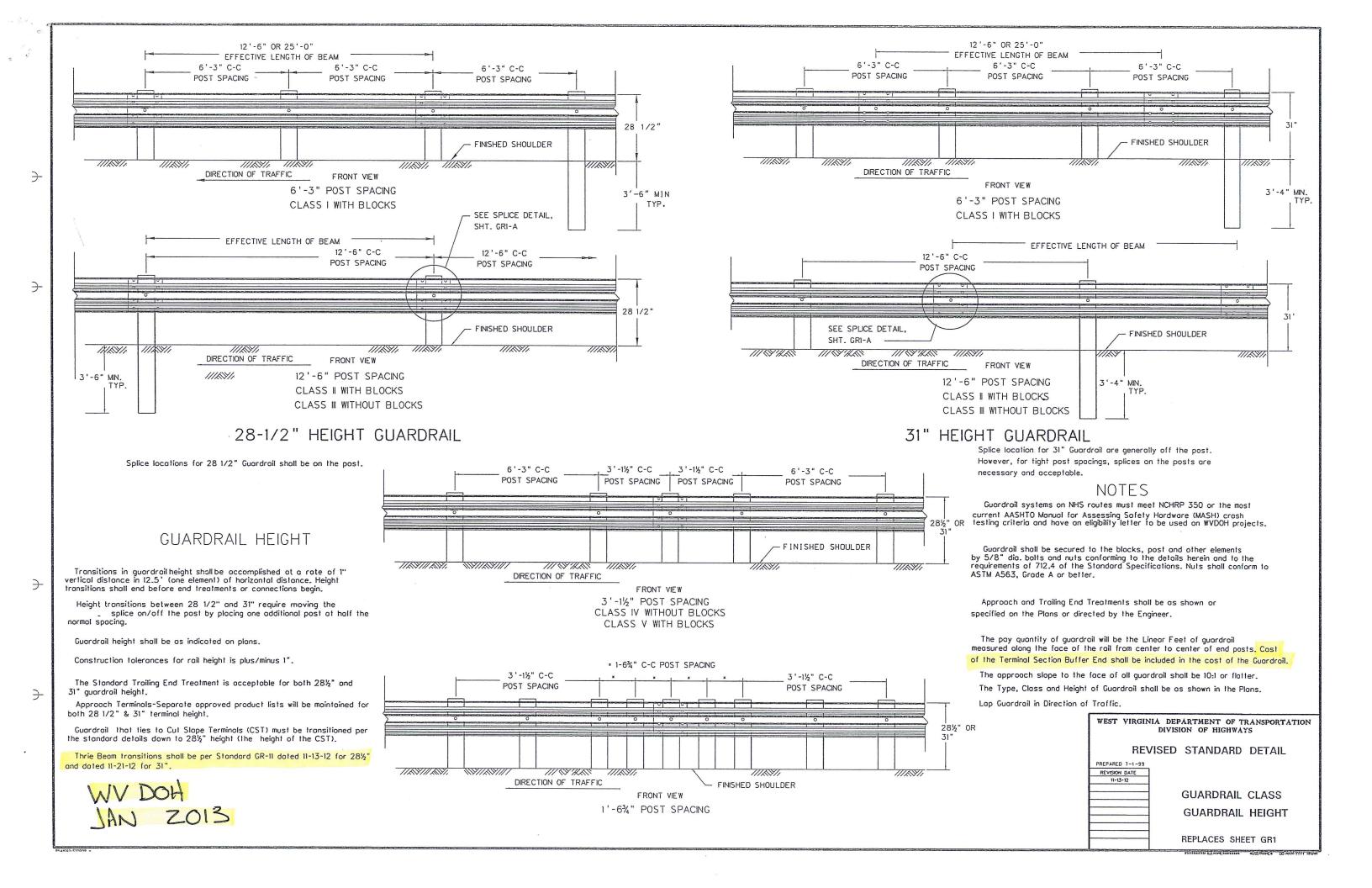
NORMAL GUARDRAIL COMPONENTS: I.E. POSTS, BLOCKS, RAIL ELEMENTS, HARD-WARE, ECT. SHALL BE PAID FOR AS GUARDRAIL PER FOOT.

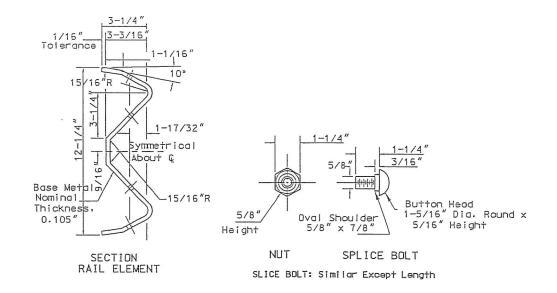
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MODIFIED CUT SLOPE TERMINAL (2 OF 2)

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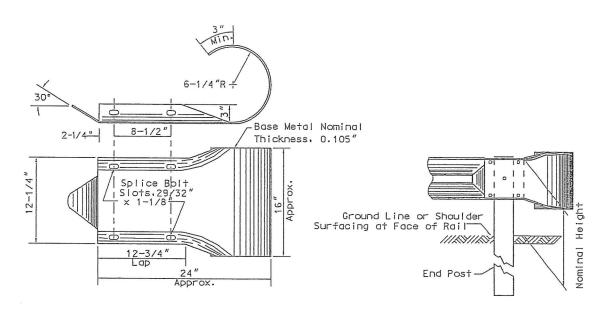
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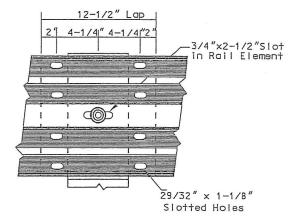
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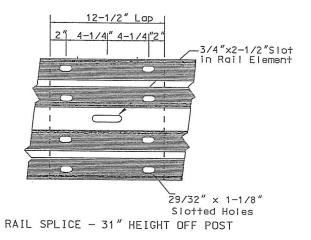
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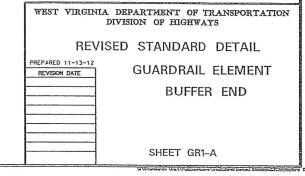


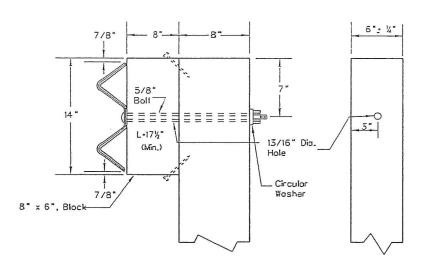
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Eight (8) Splice Bolts are to be used at all Rail Splices

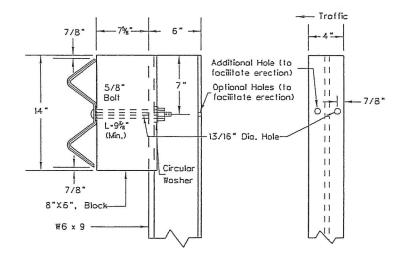


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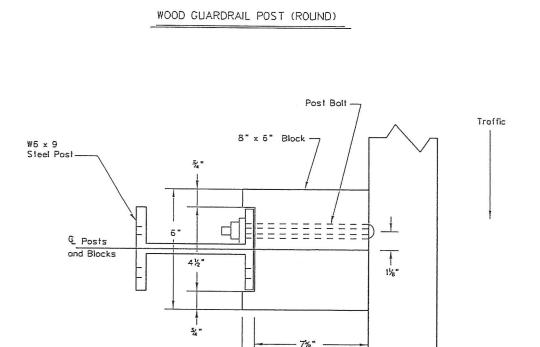




### WOOD GUARDRAIL POST (RECTANGULAR)



STEEL GUARDRAIL POST
(WOOD BLOCK)



13/15" Dia.

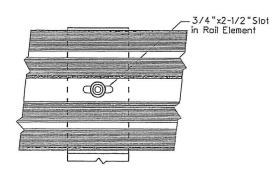
1/2 Post Dia.

Circular

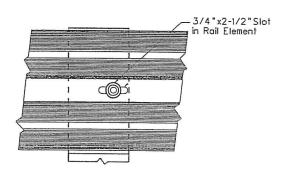
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7" : 4" Dia.

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WOOD POST DETAIL



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8" x 6" Block-

(Min.)

1 " Noich

Min.

STEEL POST DETAIL

### NOTES

### GENERAL:

Guardrail systems on NHS routes must meet current NCHRP 350 or the most current AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) crosh testing criteria and have an FHWA eligibility letter to be used on WVDOH projects.

Only FHWA approved guardrail systems utilizing wood or approved alternate block-outs shown on the Division's "Approved Source/Product Listing" shall be used. Steel "W" shapes shall not be used for block-outs. Only one type of block shall be used for block-outs throughout any project, unless otherwise specified.

"Blocks for block-outs" shall be used on all posts except when otherwise noted on plans. When blocks are not provided, the post details will be as shown herein, except the %" bolt minimum length will be reduced as required, the 1" minimum notch for the wood guardrail post (round) will not be used, and nails for block stability will not be needed. For steel posts without blocks, details of the posts shall conform to the "Steel Guardrail Post (Wood Block)" details herein, with the additional holes (to facilitate erection) being optional.

The circular washers shall be made of steel and galvanized in accordance with the requirements of AASHTO M232.

### WOOD POSTS:

Posts and blocks shall be the same type of wood.

Wood pasts shall be pressure-treated after notching, in accordance with Section 710.5 of the specifications.

The 1" (minimum) notch dimension as shown for round wooden posts shall be located along the vertical centerline for the entire upper 14" of the post and shall apply regardless of whether the post is notched (as shown) or otherwise cut or sawed to form a vertical flat plane and then, at some location below the top 14", is angularly sliced out to the surface of the post. Post length will be  $6' \pm \frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise noted.

### STEEL POSTS.

Blocks shall be centered on their posts and the center of the block holes, for bolts connecting rails to blocks, shall be horizontally offset 1-1/8" from the center of the steel posts toward the post edge facing approaching traffic for both polimer and wood blocks, as shown for wood blocks on the Plan view of the Block Stop Detail. Post length will be  $6' - \frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise noted.

### WOOD BLOCKS:

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The type (species) of wood for blocks is to be one of the types (species) permitted by specifications for wood posts. Wood blocks shall be pressure-treated in conformance with the requirements for wood posts. However, creosote oil is not permitted as a preservative in the pressure treatment of wood blocks to be erected on steel posts. 8" x 6" wood blocks shall be positioned so that the 6" x 14" faces of the blocks are the contact faces for the rail elements and the posts in order to achieve the blockout dimension shown. When wood block is used adjacent to a wood post, the block shall be nailed to the post with a galvanized steel 10d common nail. The nail is to be driven into the center of the top or bottom of the block.

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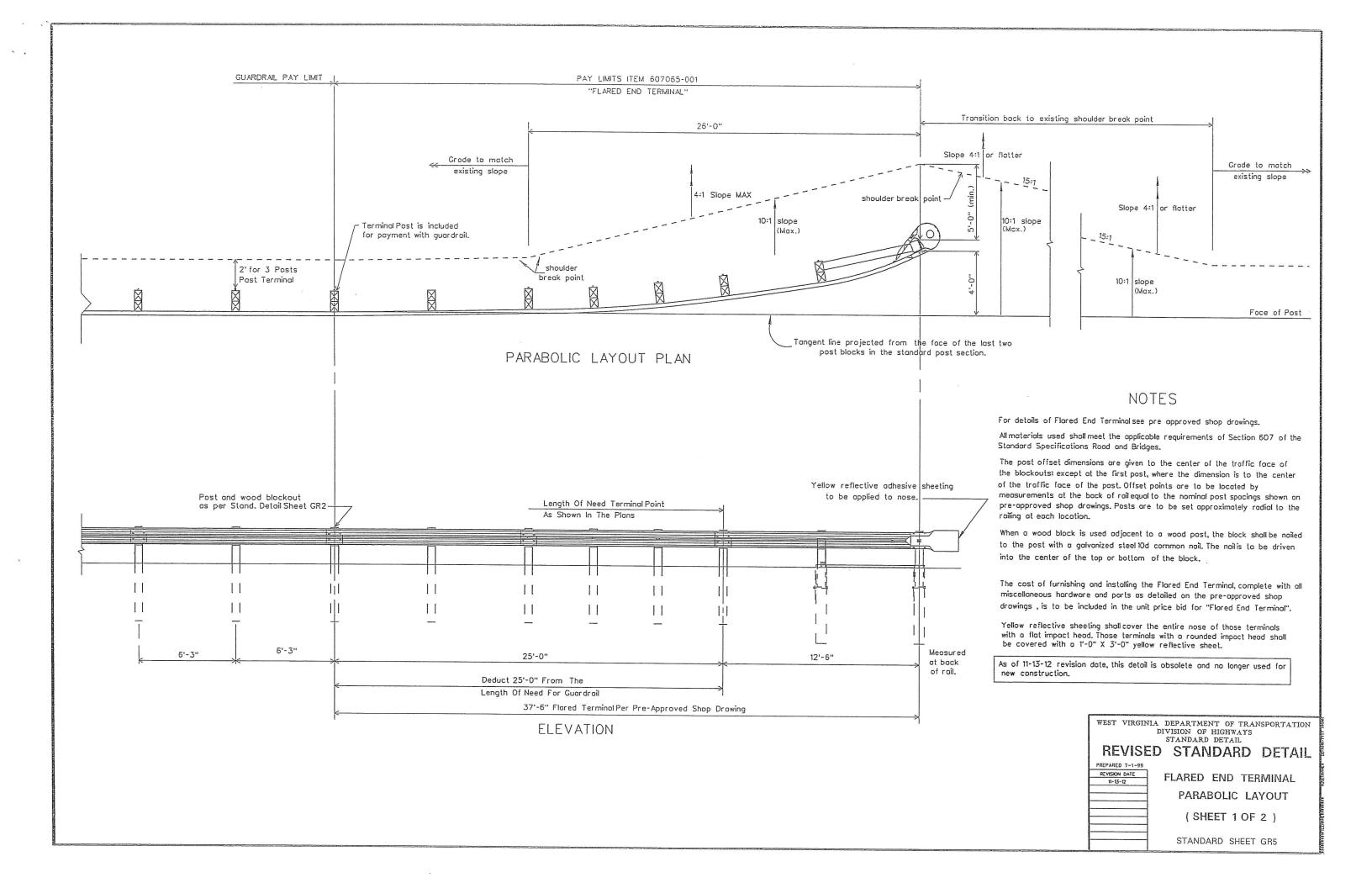
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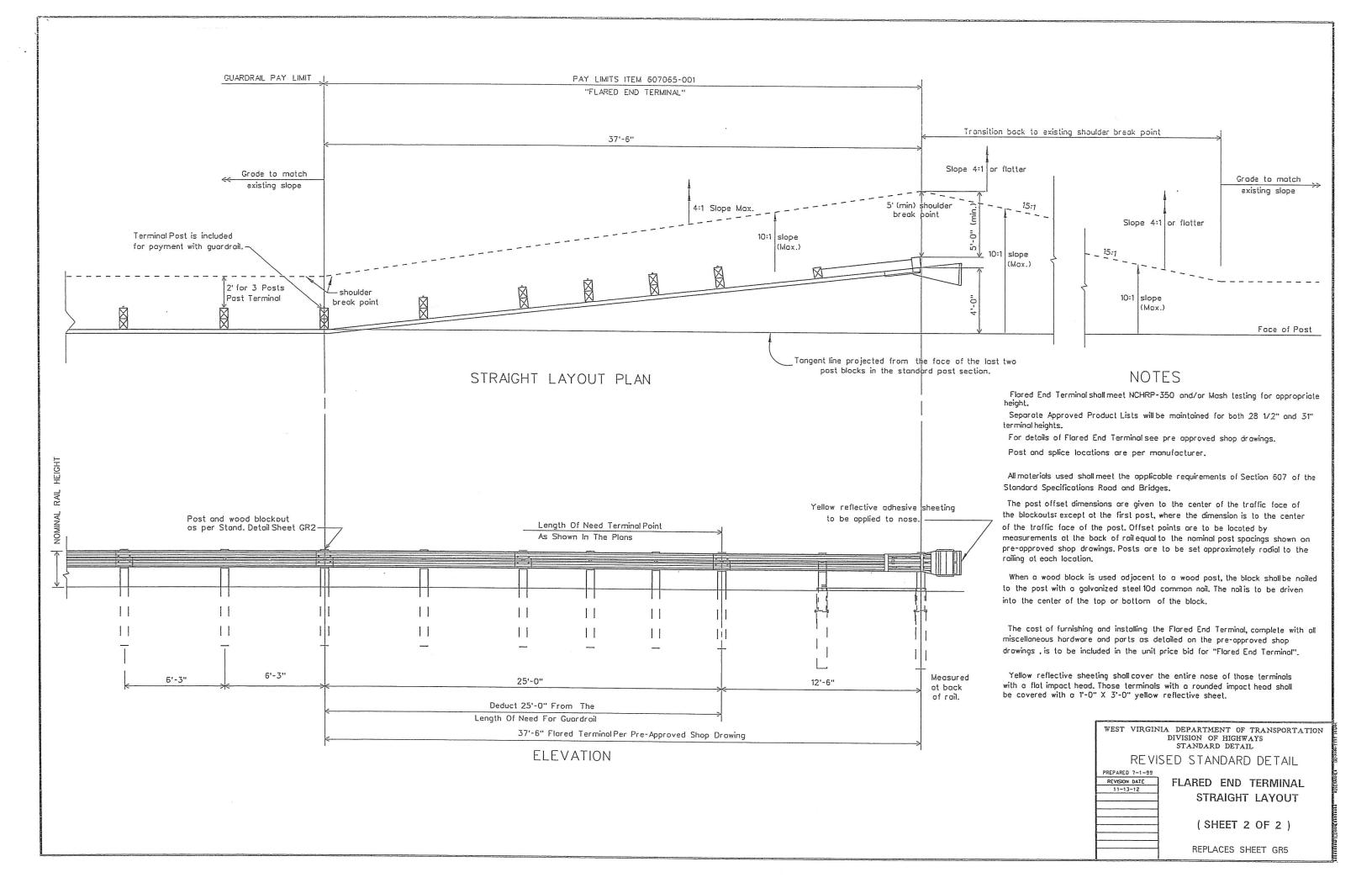
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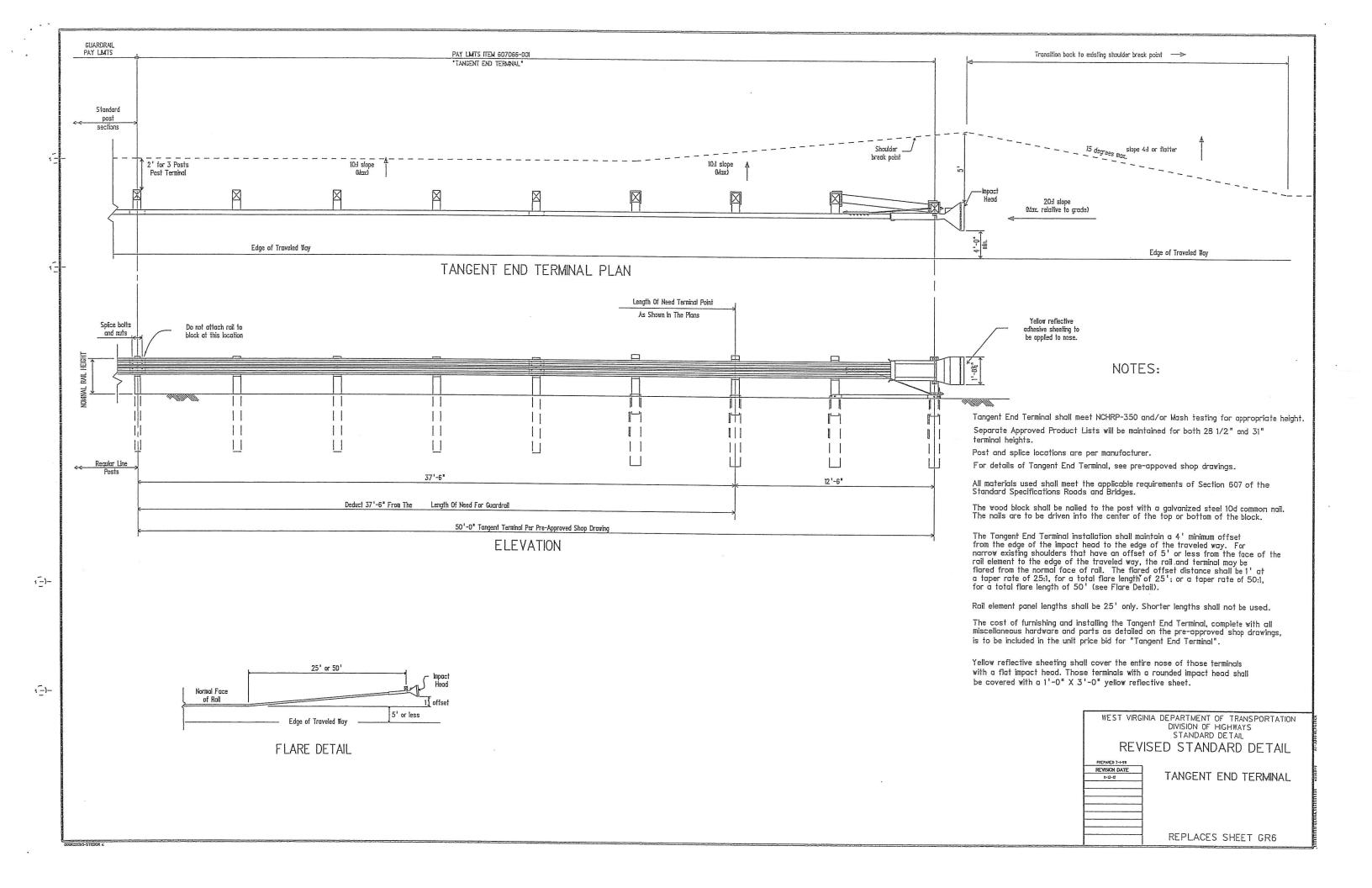
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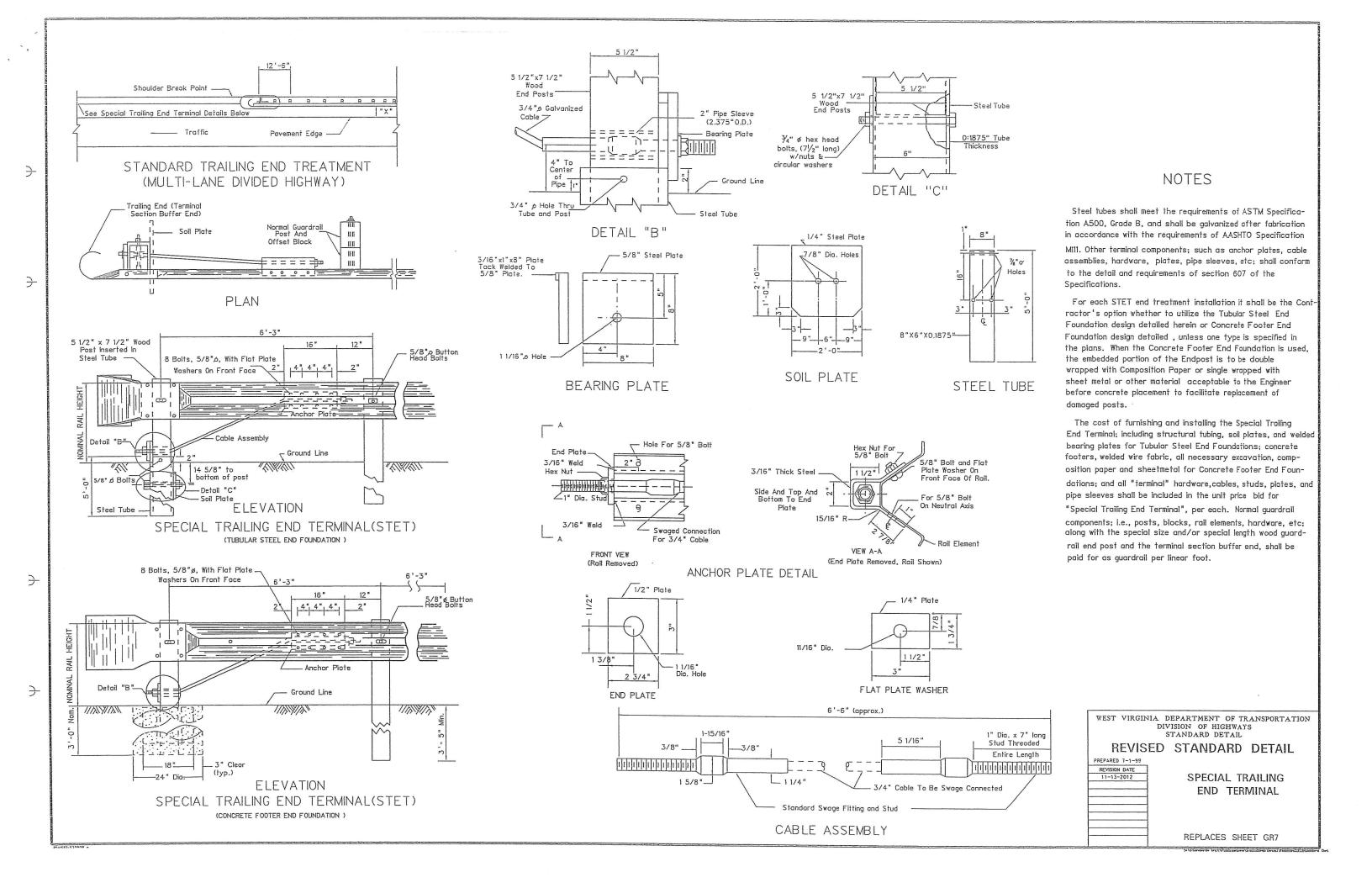
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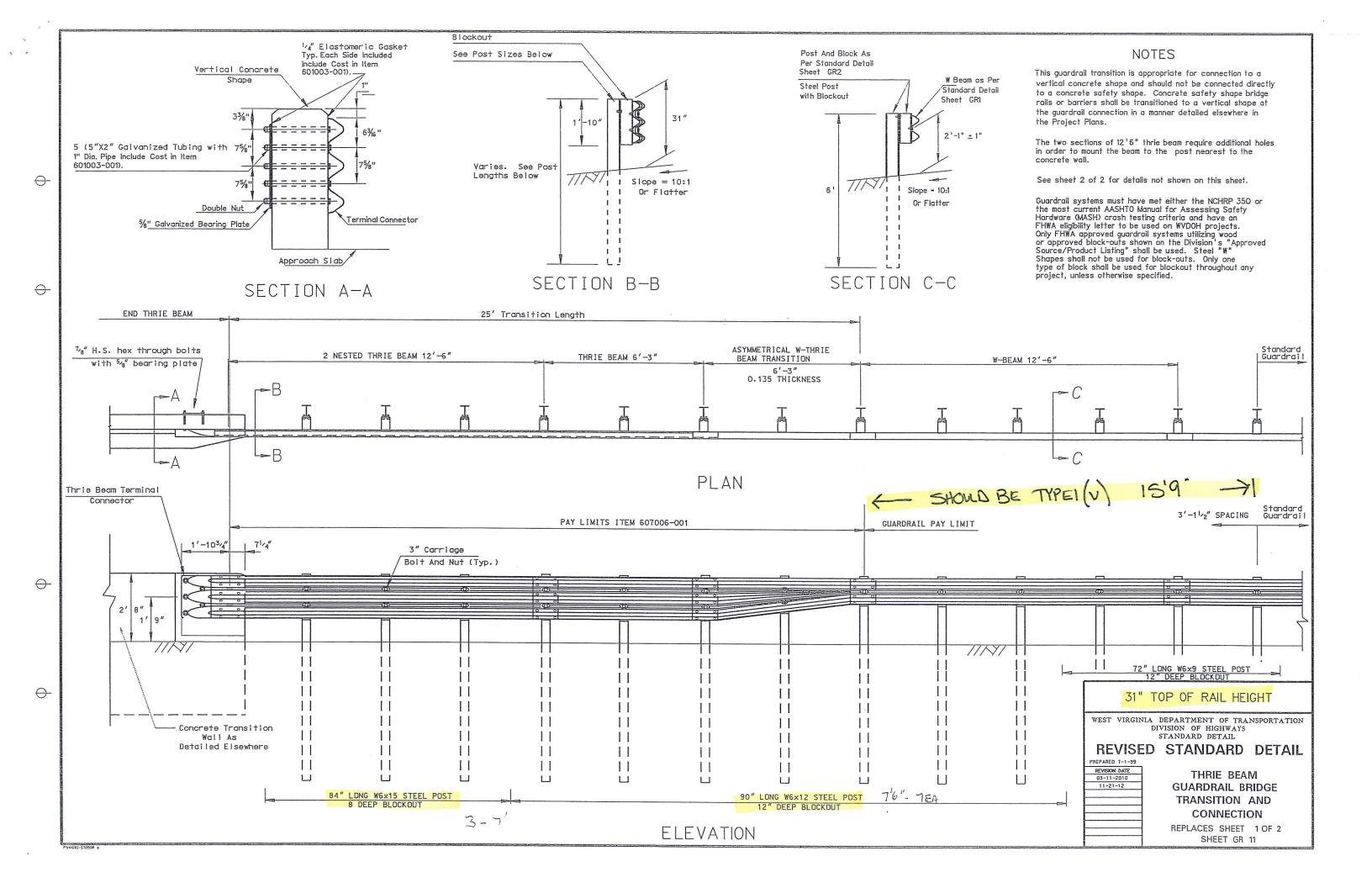
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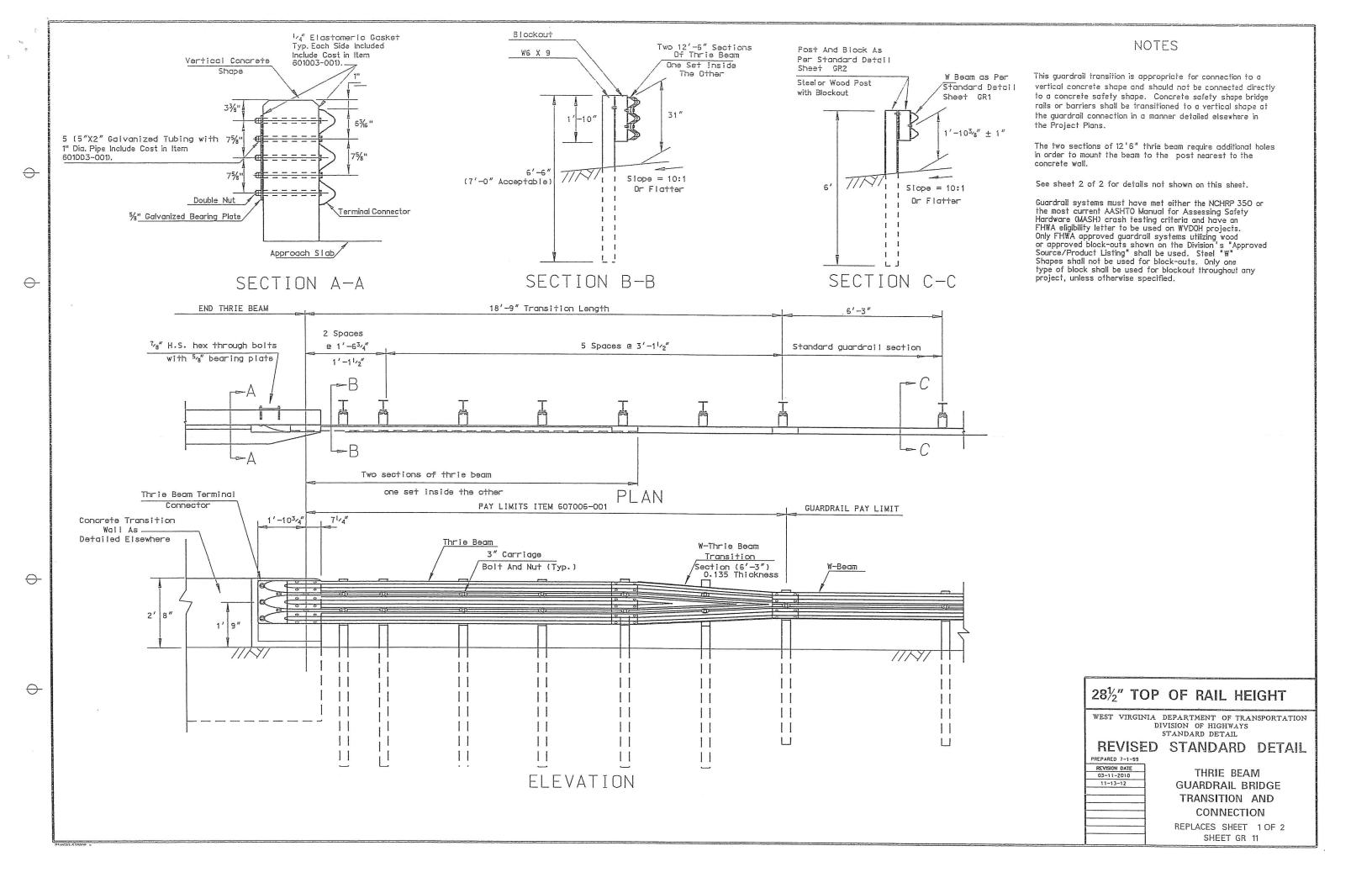


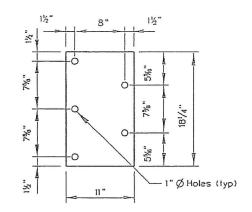




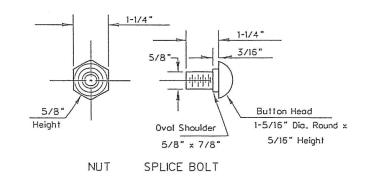








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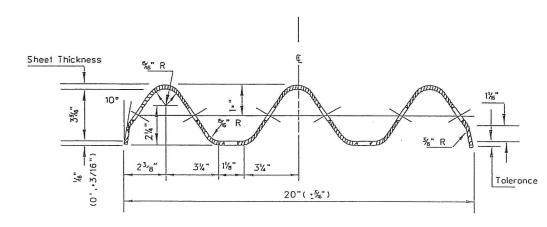


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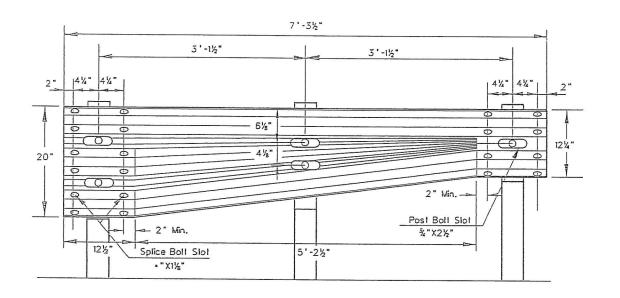
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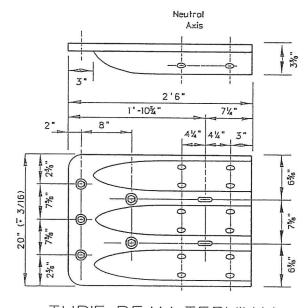
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SECTION THRU THRIE BEAM RAIL ELEMENT



ASYMMETRICAL TRANSITION SECTION DETAIL
(W- THRIE BEAM )



THRIE BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR DETAIL

31" TOP OF RAIL HEIGHT

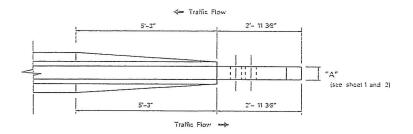
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GUARDRAIL BRIDGE
TRANSITION AND
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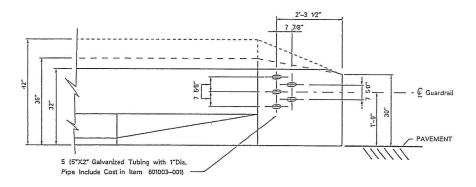


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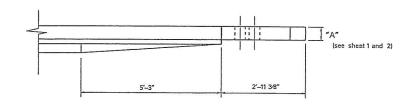
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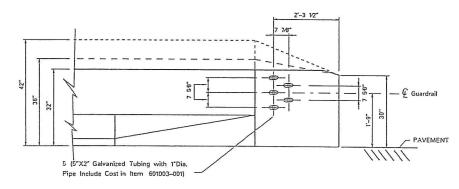


ELEVATION

DOUBLE FACE TRANSITION

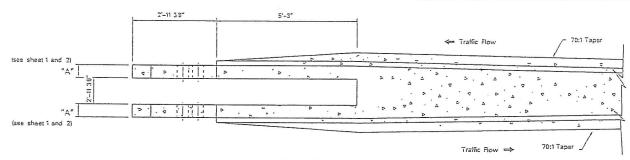


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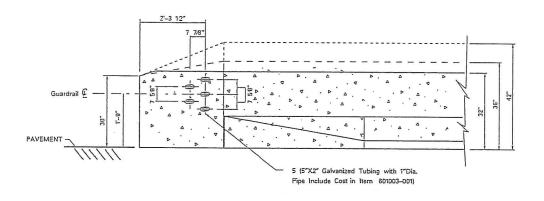


ELEVATION

SINGLE FACE TRANSITION



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DOUBLE MEDIAN TRANSITION

### NOTES

The contractor shall have the option to install either the N-J Shape or the F-Shape median unless otherwise specified on the Plans.

For additional dimensions, notes and details see Sheet 1 and 2.

For additional notes and details of the guardrail bolt pattern, see Standard Detail Sheet GR10.

Elongated bolt holes do not apply to existing end posts that are not being reconstructed.

