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December 12, 2012

Mr. Kelly Blackburn  
Bowie County Commissioner Precinct 3  
850 Front Street  
DeKalb, TX 75559

**SUBJECT: Department of the Army Permit Application**  
U.S. Route 82 Reconstruction Project  
Bowie County, Texas  
USACE Identification No. SWT-2012-292; TxDOT CSJ 0046-04-057

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

Enclosed, please find the Department of the Army, Section 404 permit application packet for the U.S. Route 82 Reconstruction Project. This permit is required for the installation of structures on the future roadway crossings of Red Bayou, Austin Chapel Branch, and Peters Branch. Please note that the following items require your signature:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army Permit Application Form 4345**

- Page 1, Block 11
- Page 3, Block 27

Once you have signed where indicated, please forward the packet to Mr. Jamie Hyslop at the address found on the application cover letter. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 748-8276 or via email at [abartlett@hwlochner.com](mailto:abartlett@hwlochner.com).

Sincerely,

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Alex Bartlett  
Environmental Scientist

*Enclosures:*

*Department of the Army Permit Application and Supporting Documentation*

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December 12, 2012

Mr. Jamie R. Hyslop  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District  
Regulatory Office – CESWT-RO  
1645 South 101<sup>st</sup> East Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74128

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U.S. Route 82 Reconstruction Project  
Bowie County, Texas  
USACE Identification No. SWT-2012-292; TxDOT CSJ 0046-04-057

Dear Mr. Hyslop:

Enclosed, please find the Application for a Department of the Army Permit and supporting documentation for the proposed improvements to U.S. Route 82 in Bowie County, Texas. The project consists of the construction of new concrete pavement from FM 1840 in De Kalb to SH 98 near New Boston, all within Bowie County, Texas. The future typical width of pavement will be 50 feet to allow for a passing lane section comprised of two twelve-foot lanes in the passing lane direction, and one ten-foot shoulder in the opposite direction. An existing 3-8'x7' reinforced concrete box culvert (RCB) at the US-82 crossing of Red Bayou will be extended and the future roadway embankment at this location will impact a forested wetland known as Wetland Complex 3 (WC 3).

As requested in your letter dated May 16, 2012 and subsequent correspondence, we have completed functional assessments of the affected waterbodies using the Texas Rapid Assessment Method (TxRAM). In addition, a Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan has been developed to address how the applicant proposes to offset project-related impacts to jurisdictional waters. For your review and consideration, we have enclosed the TxRAM scoring sheets and the Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan in this submittal.

We are requesting your review of the furnished materials and Department of the Army authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If you have questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (816) 363-2696.

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Environmental Scientist

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*Department of the Army Permit Application - ENG Form 4345*  
*TxRAM Data and Scoring Sheets*  
*Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan*

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17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

Travel west on U.S. Route 82 from New Boston approximately three miles to SH-98. Project area begins at SH-98 and extends approximately 8.4 miles west-northwest to SH-1840.

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

Construction of new concrete pavement from FM 1840 in De Kalb to SH 98 near New Boston. The typical width of pavement will be 50 feet to allow for a passing lane section comprised of two twelve-foot lanes in the passing lane direction, and one ten-foot shoulder in the opposite direction. An existing 3-8'x7' reinforced concrete box culvert (RCB) at the US-82 crossing of Red Bayou will be extended.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

The project's purpose and need is to improve the safety of US-82 by constructing a passing lane in various locations along the 8.4-mile project area corridor.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

Roadway and culvert improvements necessitate discharge of fill material to Red Bayou and an abutting wetland (WC 3).

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards
RCB totalling 82CY	Soil fill totalling 148CY	

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres 0.09 acre of wetlands and 0.03 acre (50 linear feet) of perennial stream impacted  
or  
Linear Feet

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

The culvert extension and associated embankment at the US-82 crossing of Red Bayou is governed by clear zone requirements for safety. The proposed structure cannot be made any shorter; doing so would violate safety needs and would not be a viable option. Impacts to the abutting wetland (WC 3) have also been minimized to the extent practicable. The applicant proposes compensatory mitigation through the purchase of credits from the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank, located in Bowie County, Texas. Refer to attached mitigation plan.

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete?  Yes  No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).

a. Address-

City - State - Zip -

b. Address-

City - State - Zip -

c. Address-

City - State - Zip -

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED
TxDOT	PCE	0046-04-057	August 2012	September 2012	

\* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

*Original Signed by Kelly Blackburn  
On December 13, 2012*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *JOG* DATE

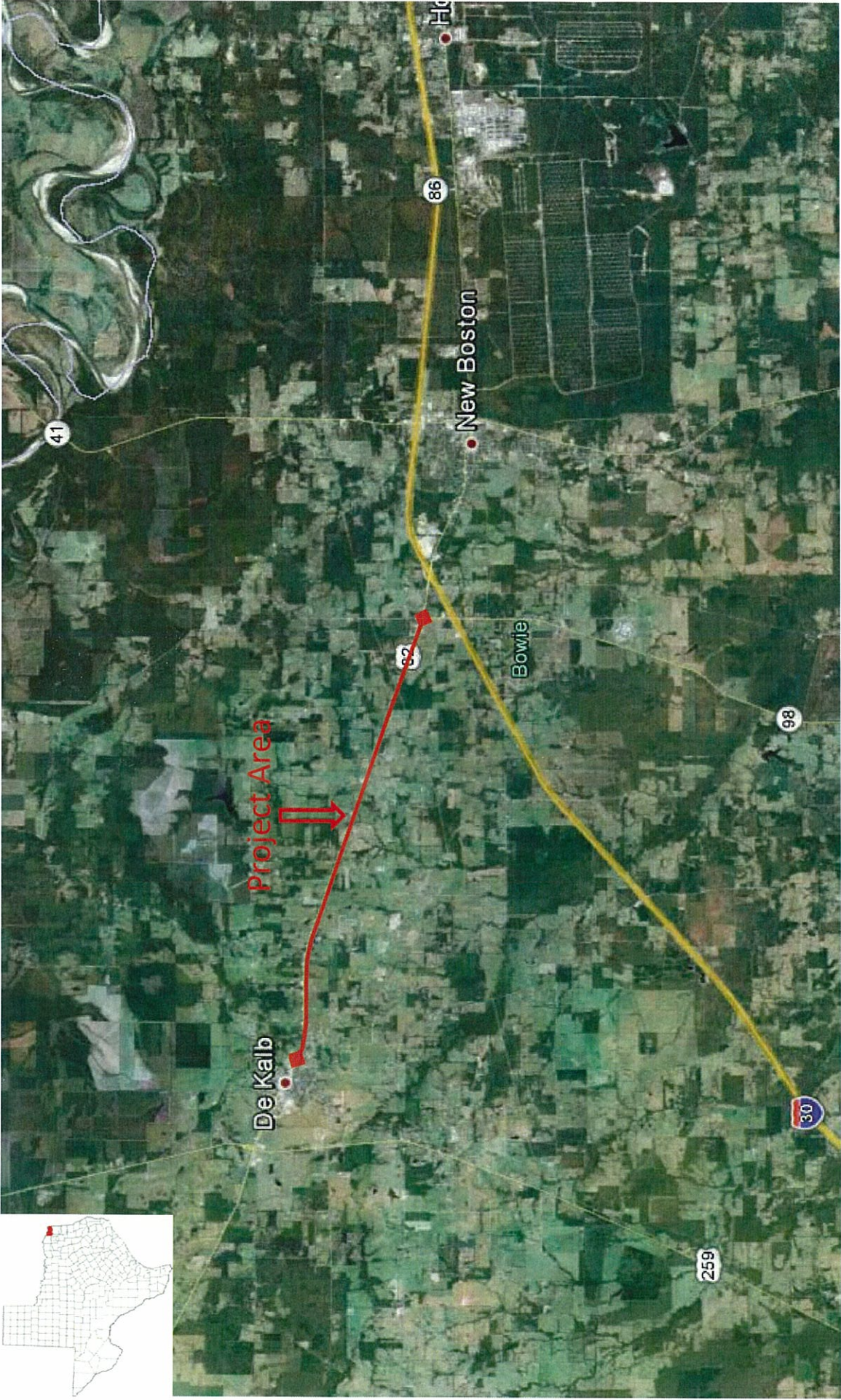


SIGNATURE OF AGENT

*12/12/12*  
DATE

The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

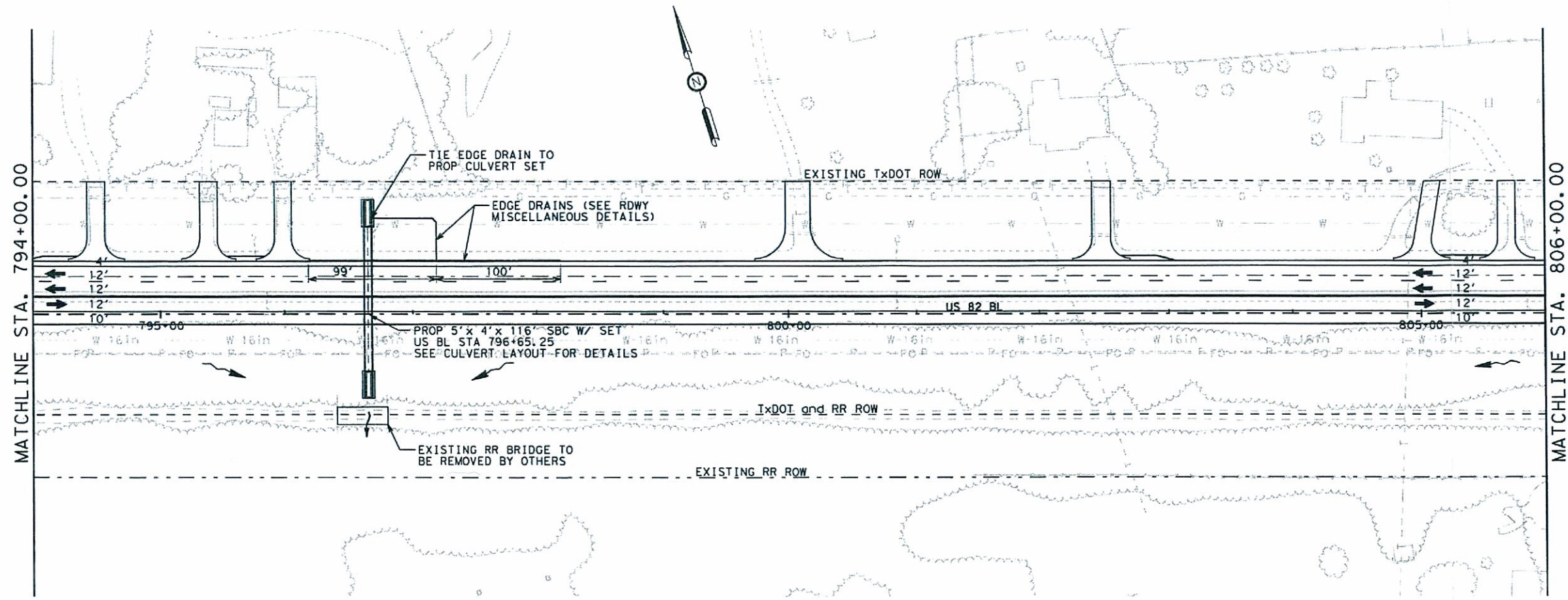
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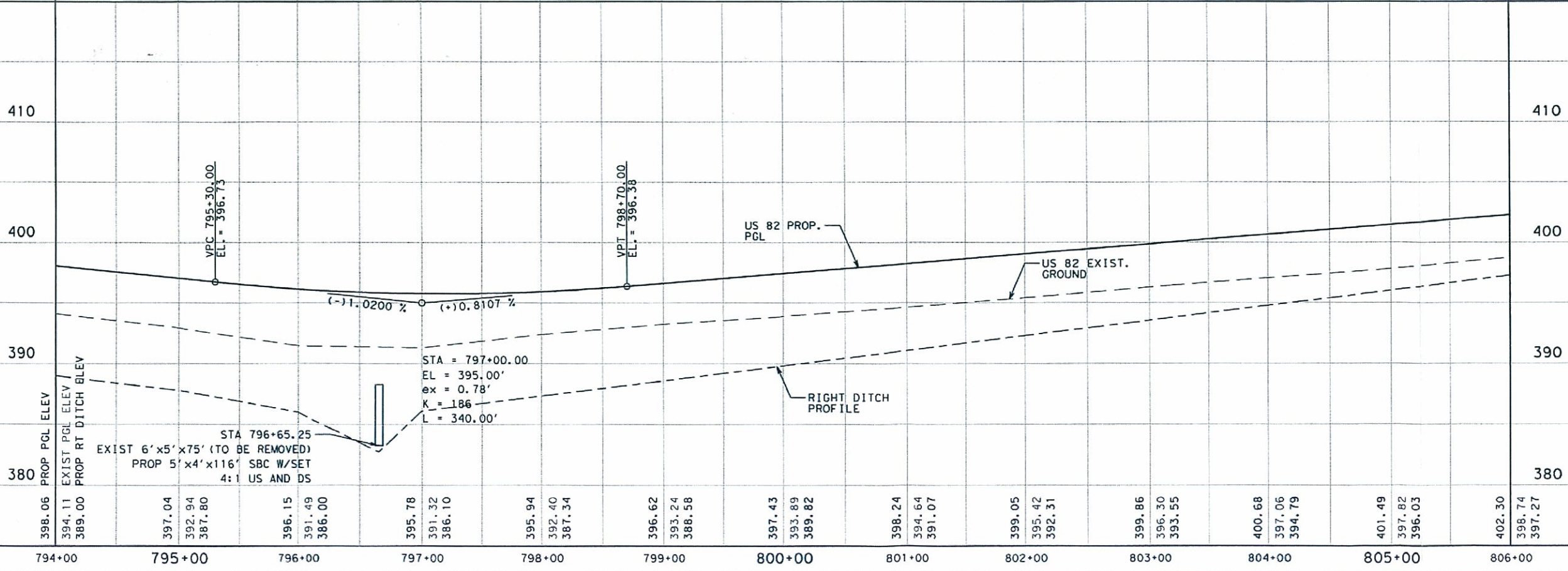
**Vicinity Map**

U.S. Route 82 Reconstruction Project  
FM 1840 to SH 98 – Bowie County, TX  
Source: Google Earth Date: October 2011

NOTES:  
1) SEE INTERSECTION LAYOUT SHEETS FOR ADDITIONAL INTERSECTION DETAILS.



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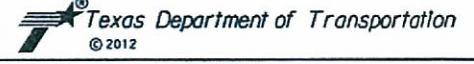


**PLAN PROFILE  
US 82**

STA 794+00 to STA 806+00

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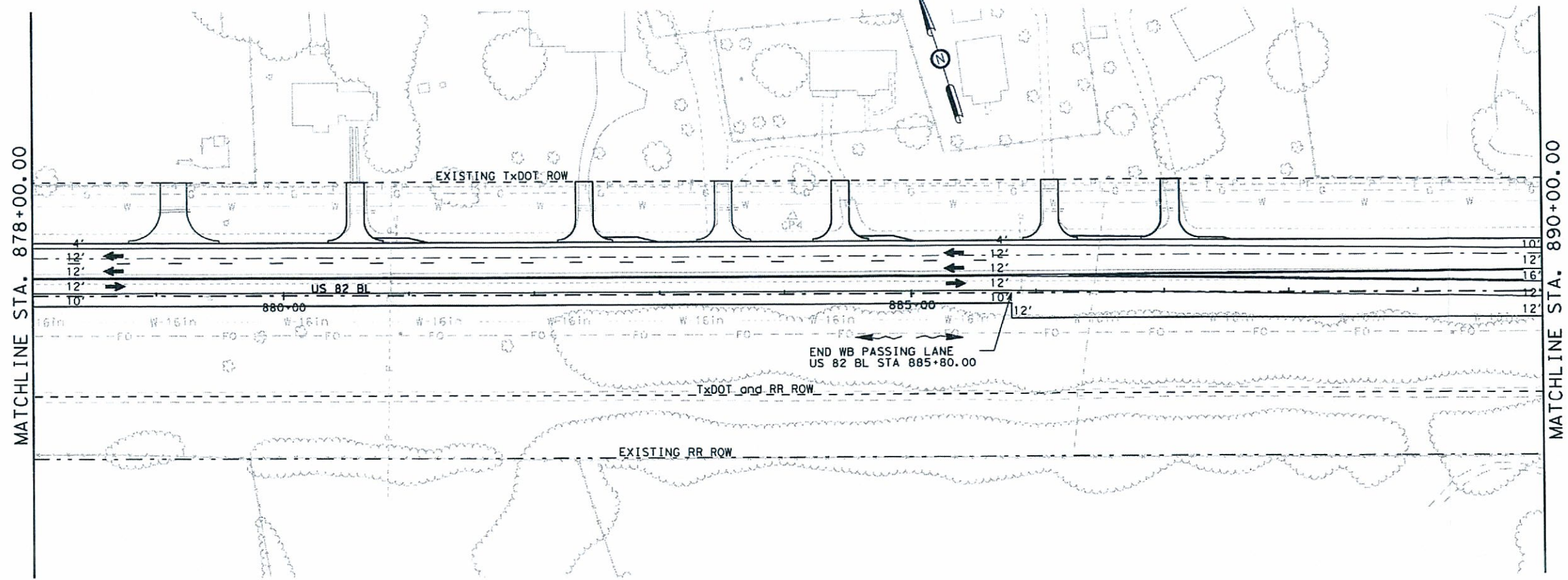
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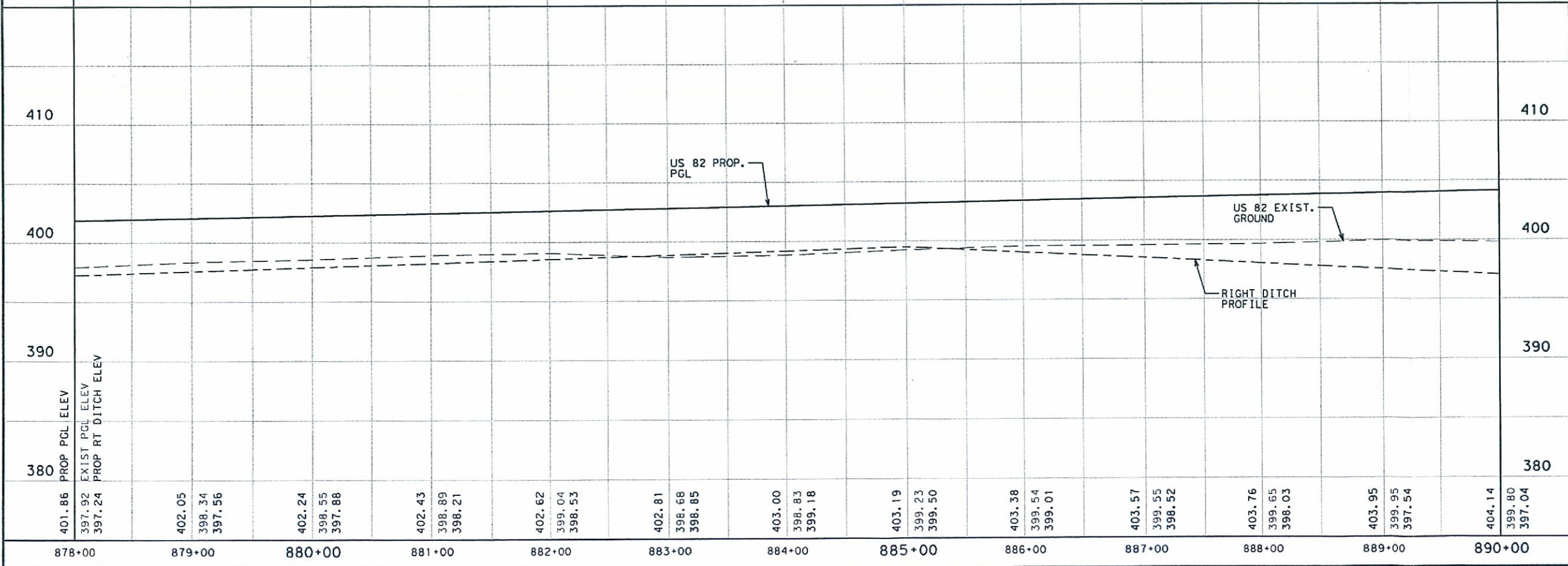
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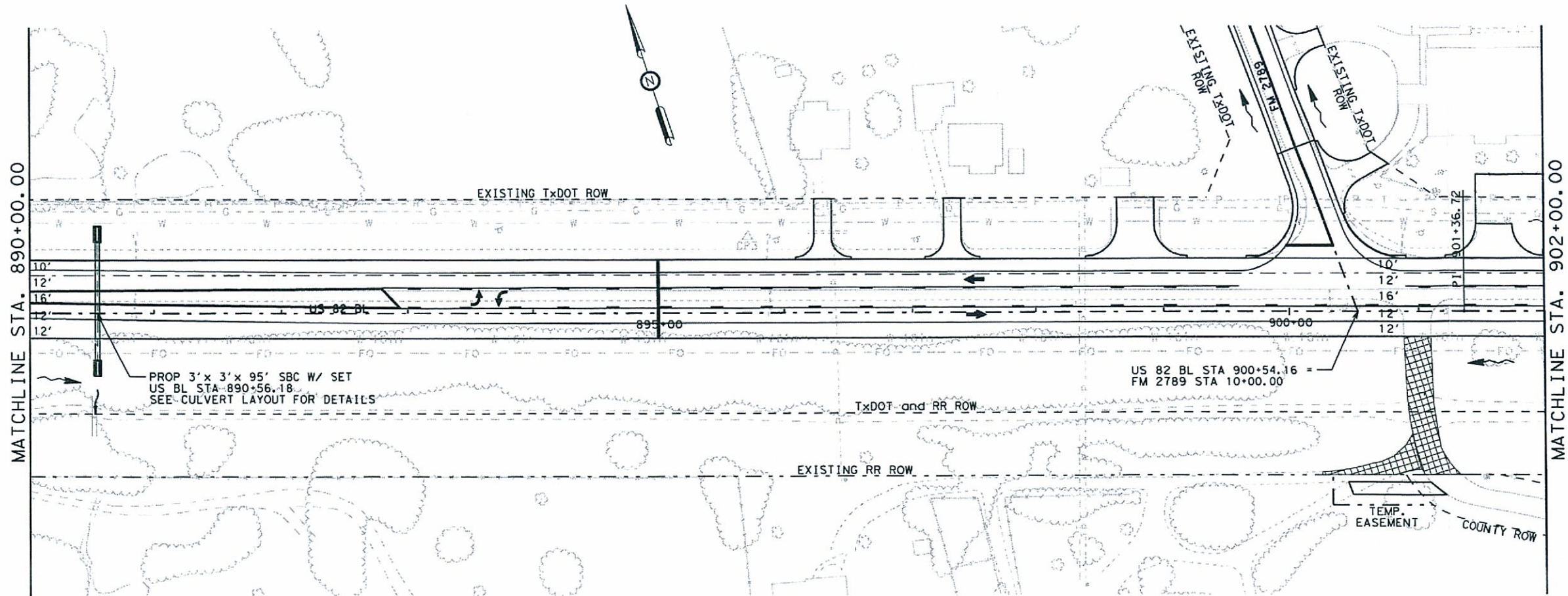
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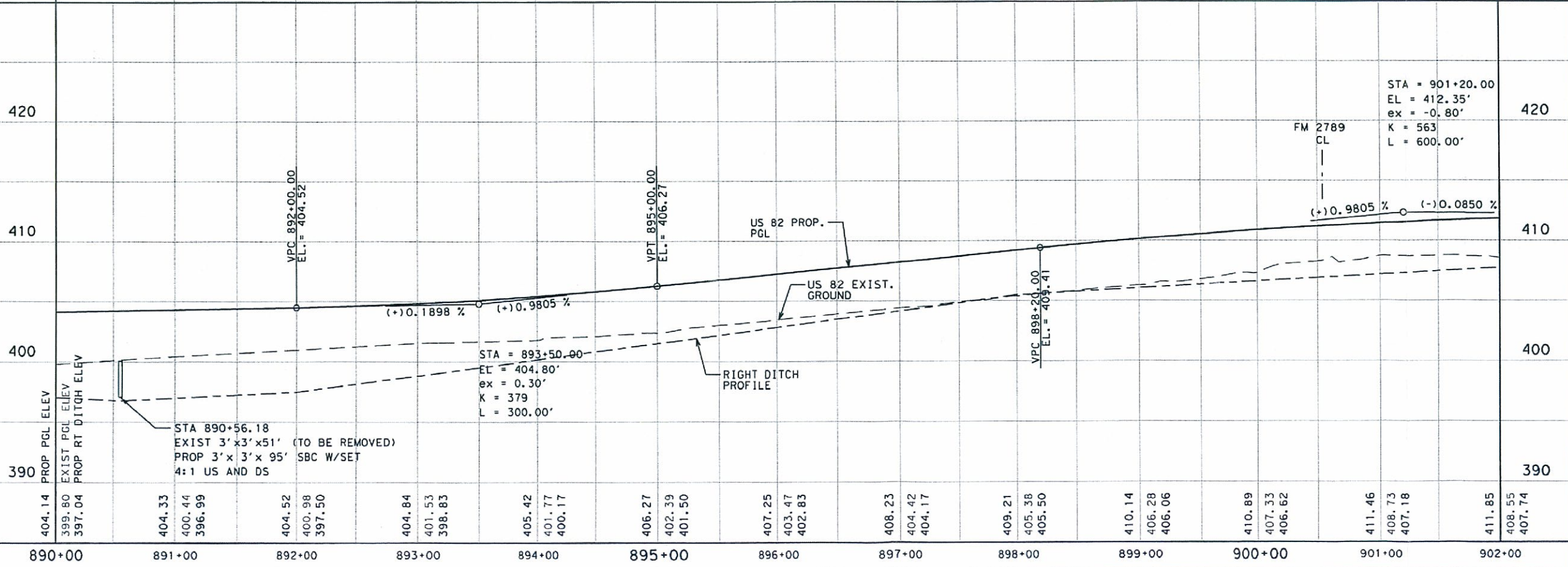
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**PLAN PROFILE  
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STA 890+00 to STA 902+00

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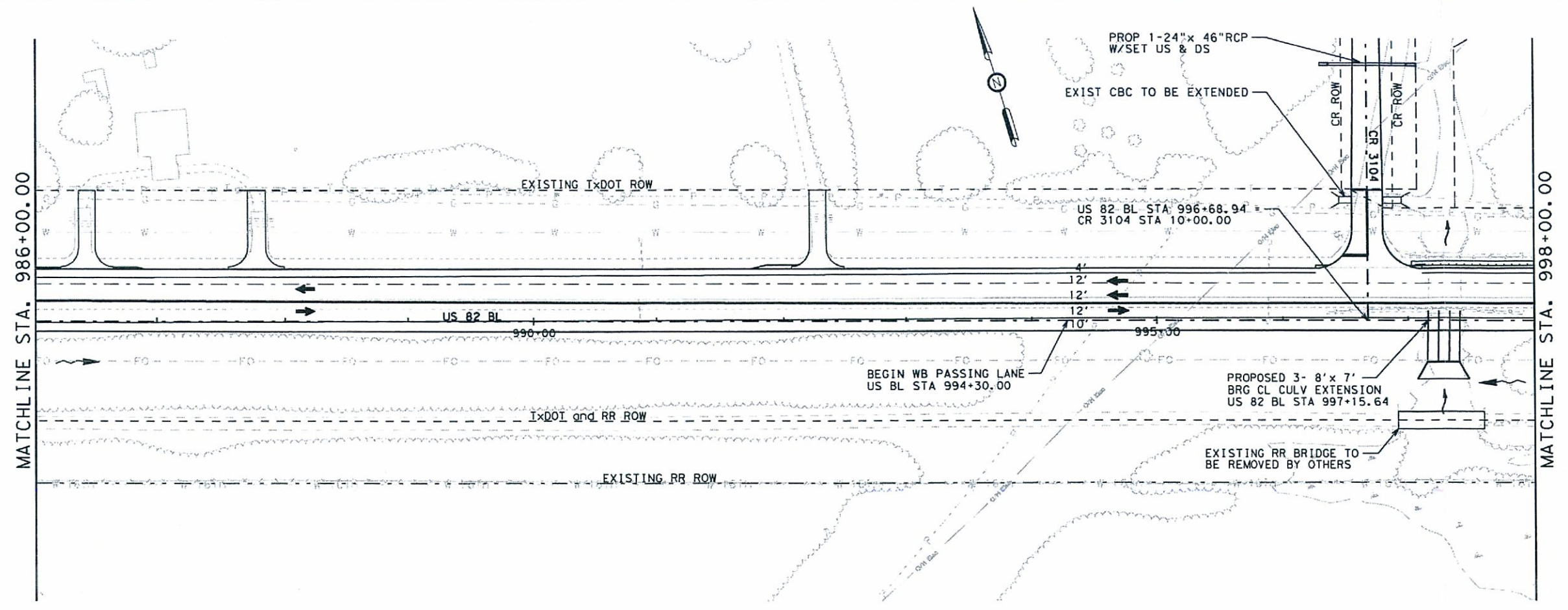


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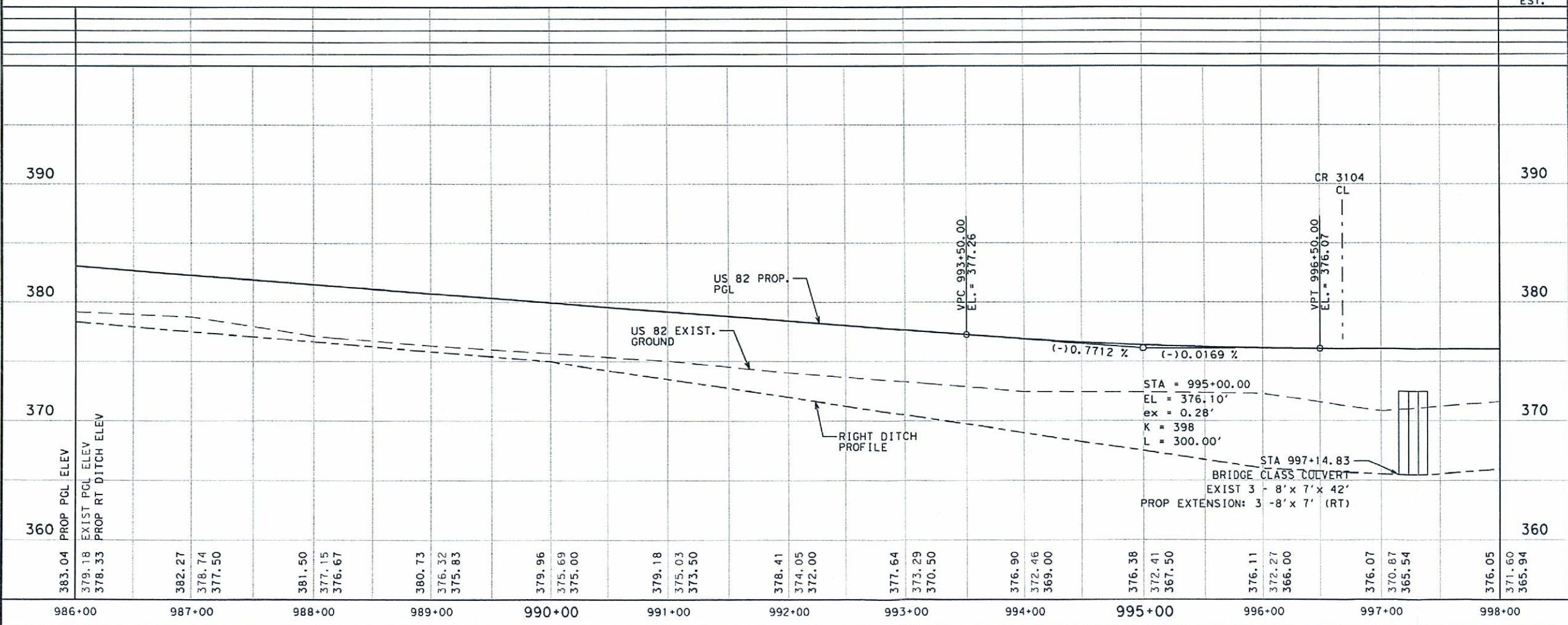
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**PLAN PROFILE  
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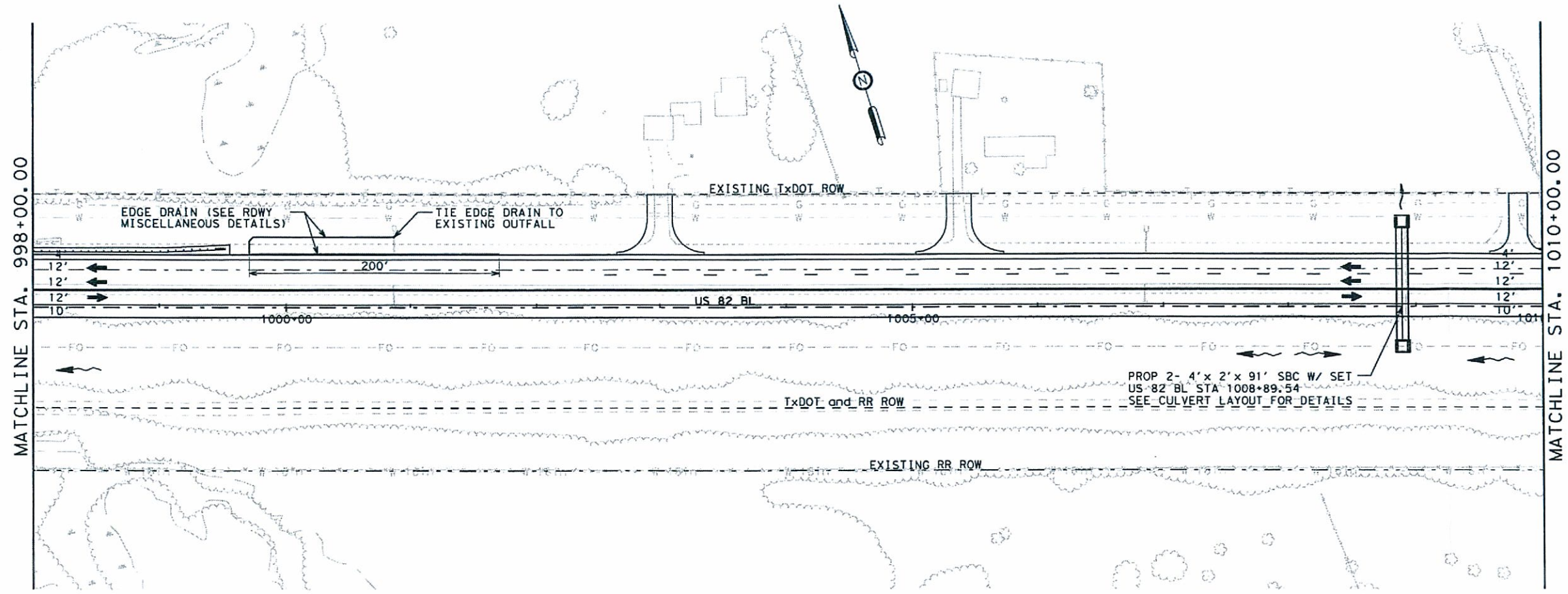
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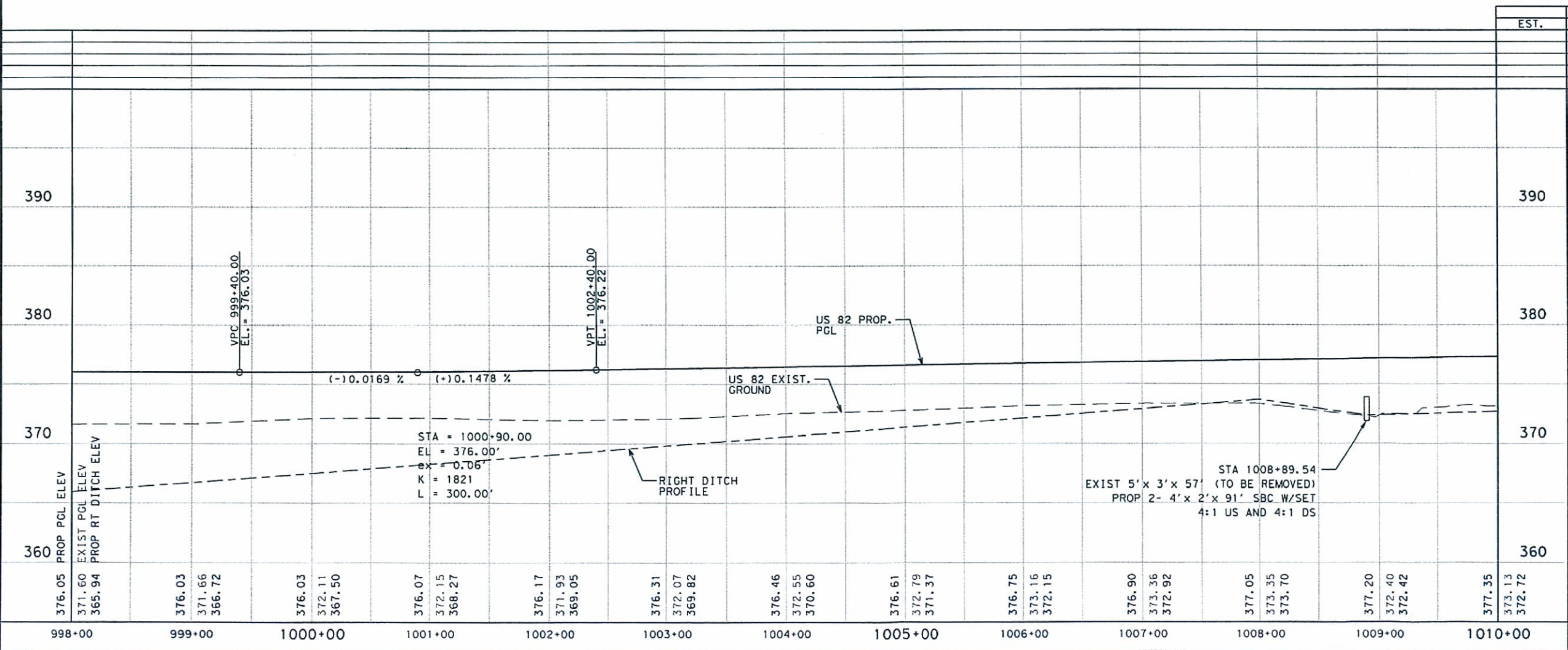
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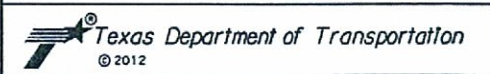


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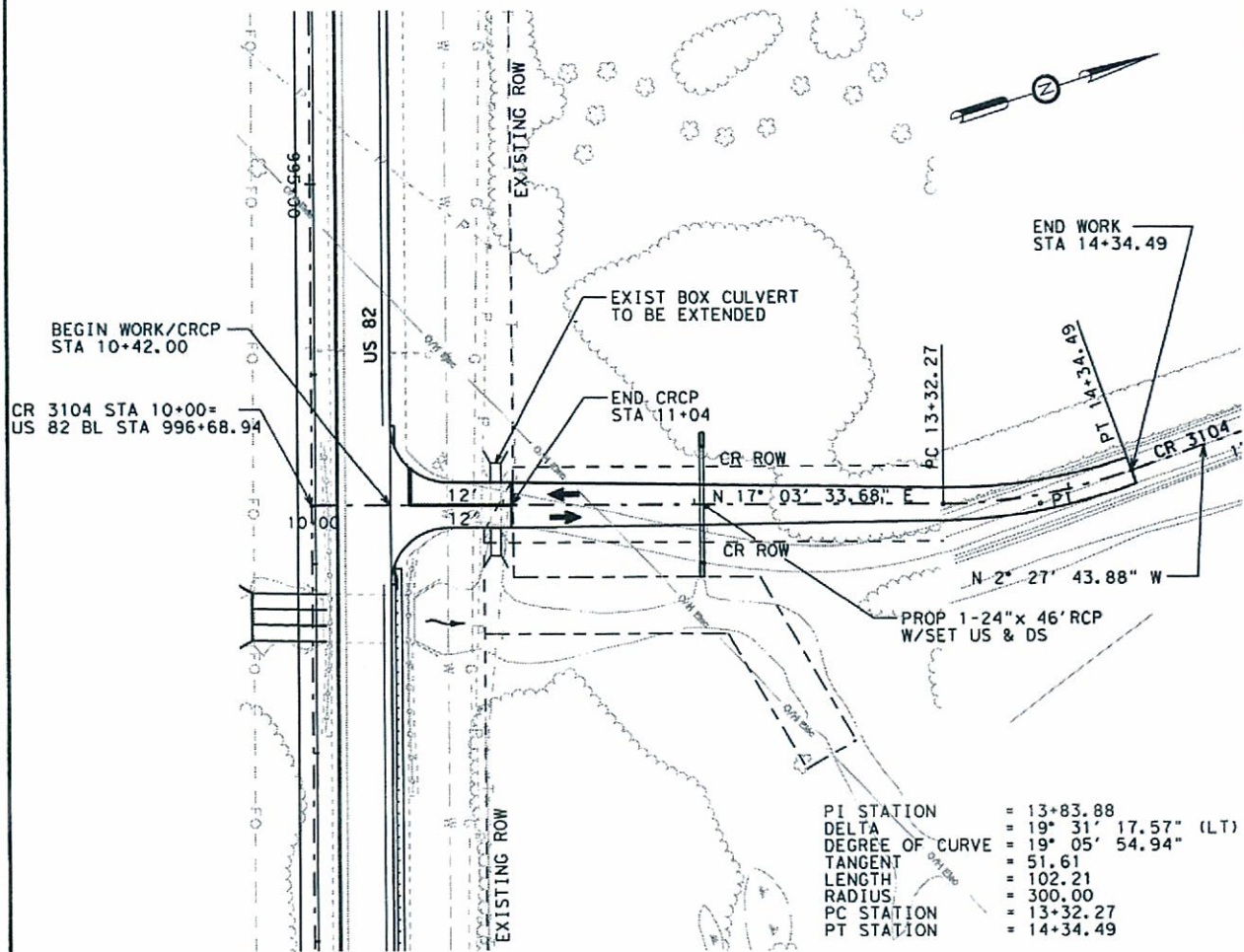
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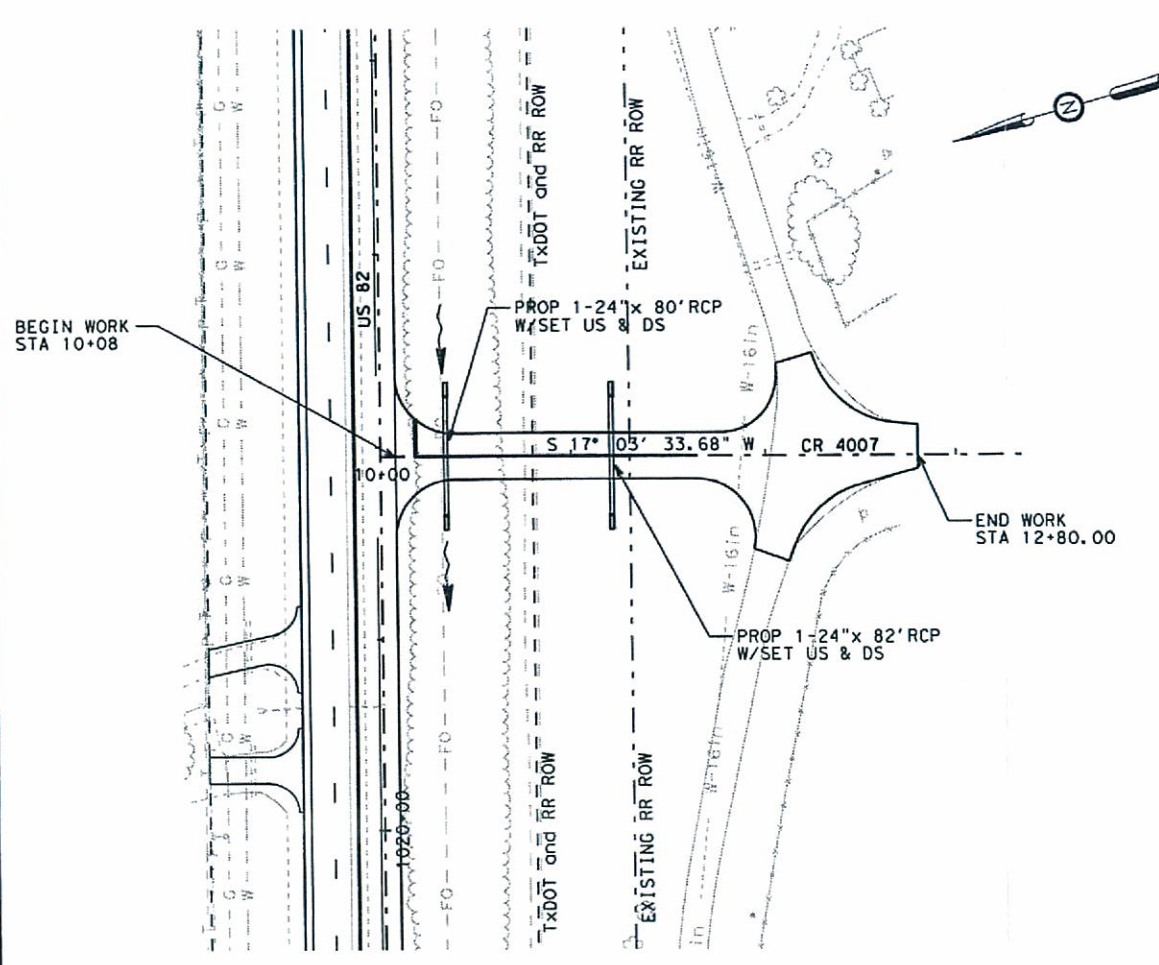
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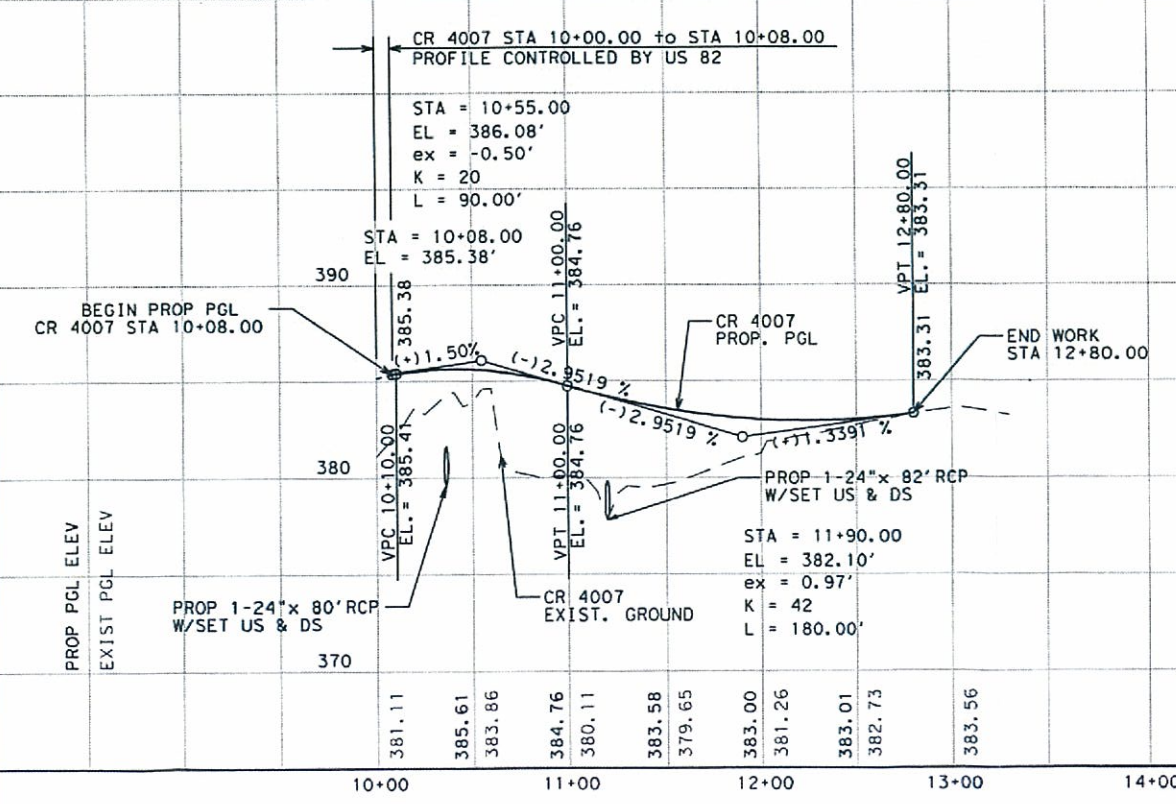
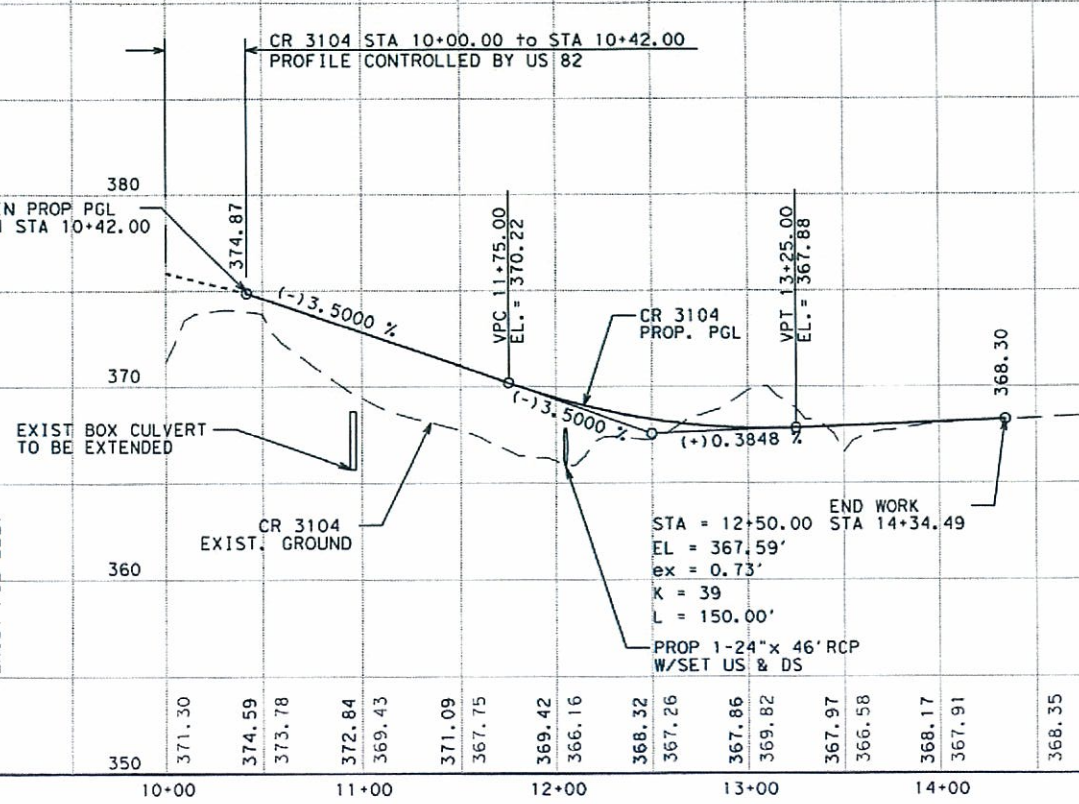


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PLAN PROFILE  
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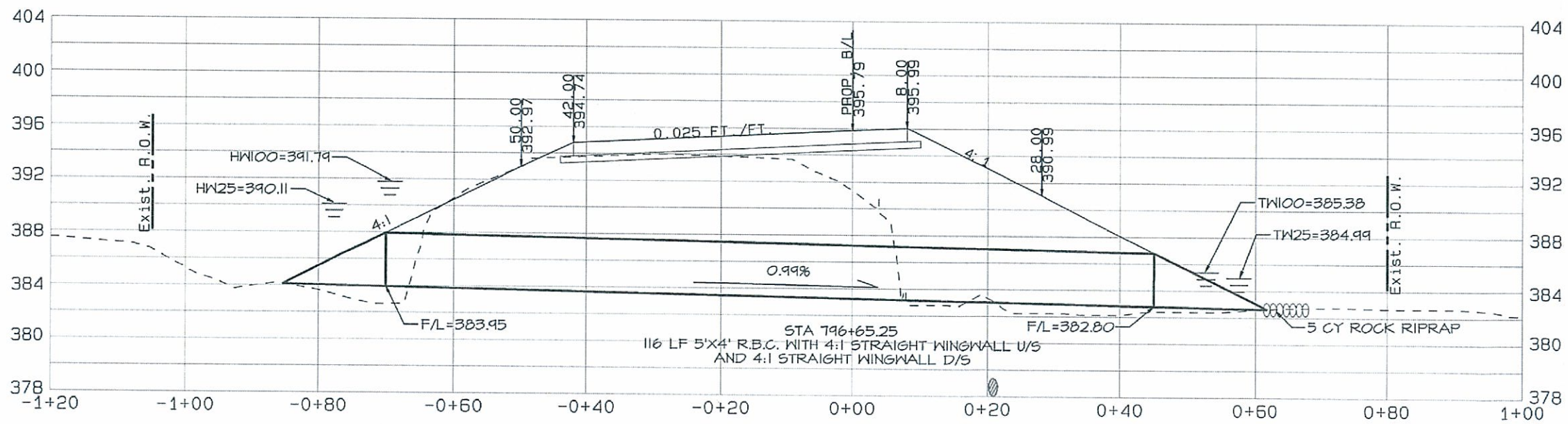
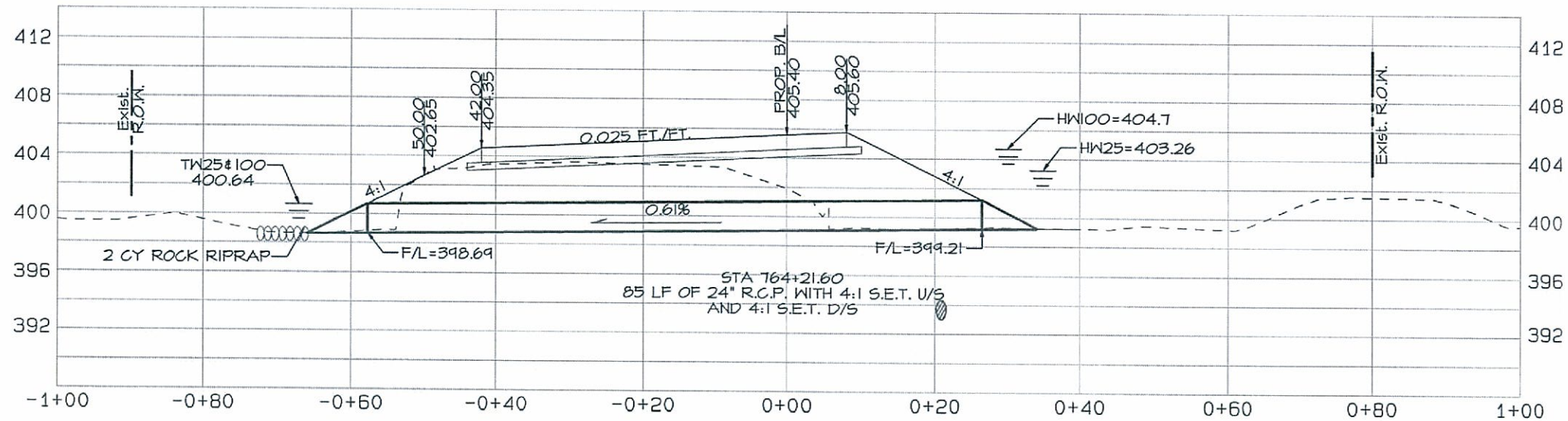
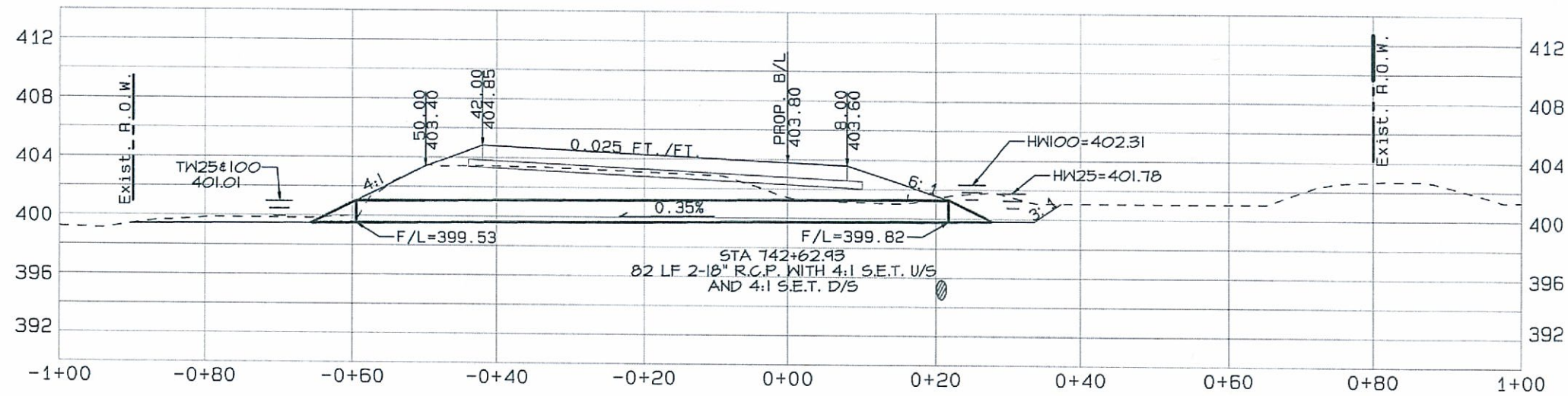
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SH 98 - 11+17.75	PC#20	1.02	0.35	39.16	3.99	25	1.55	5.34	100	1.906	1-18"x94' R.C.P.	0.0051	0.70	395.52	394.76	3.29	395.61	394.81	3.50	



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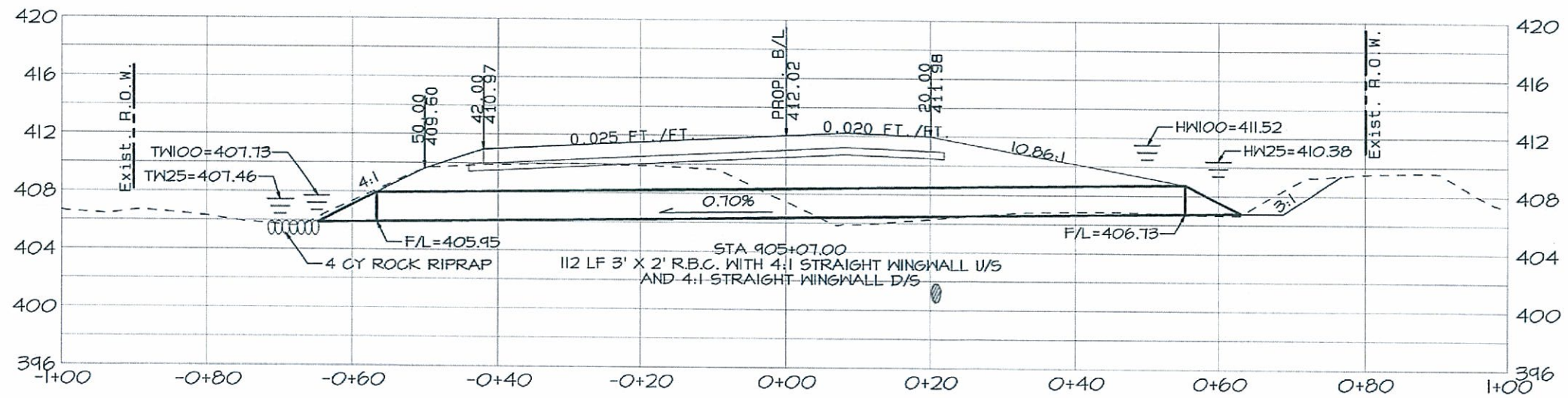
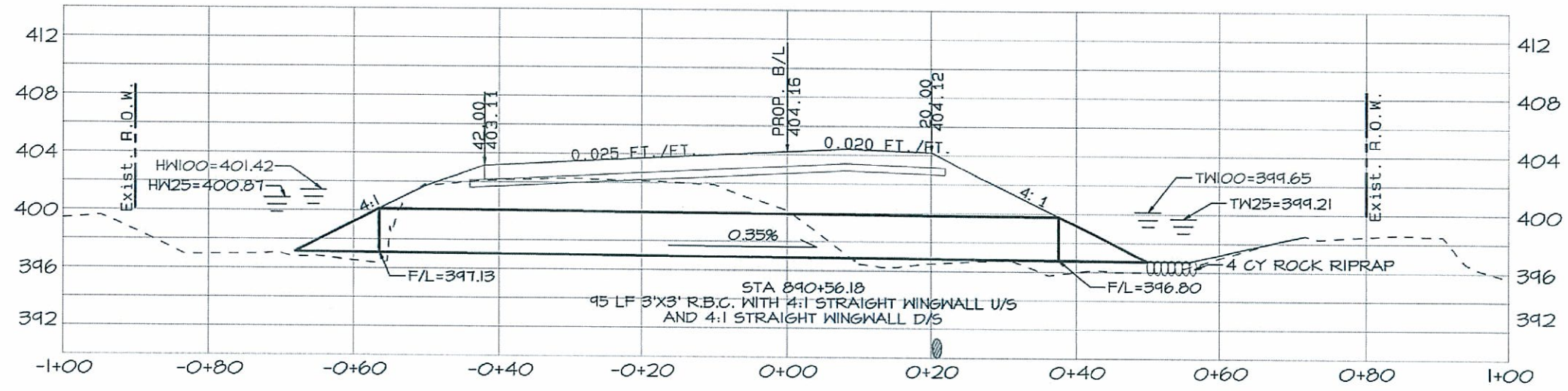
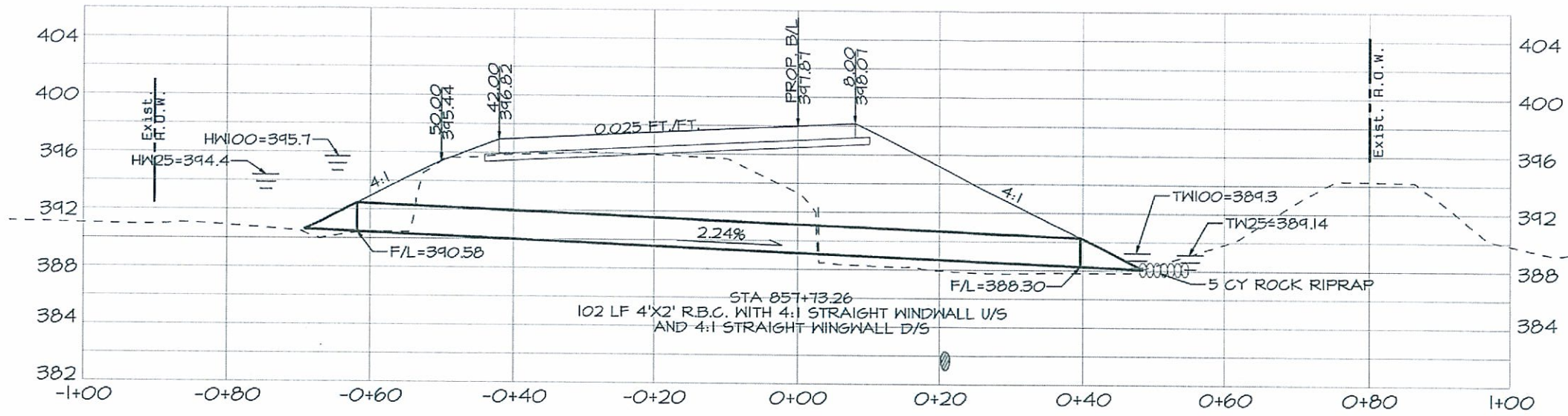
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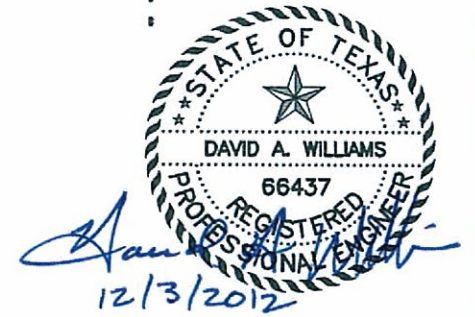
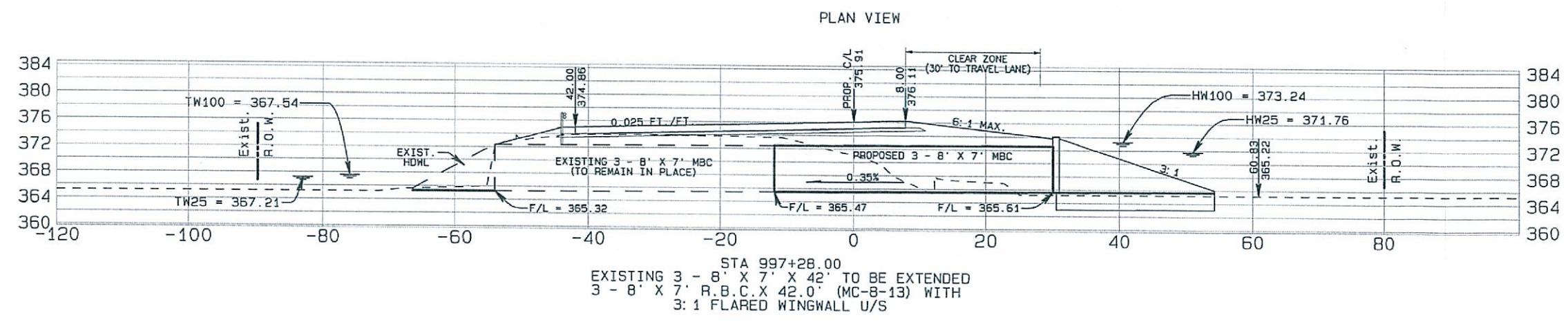
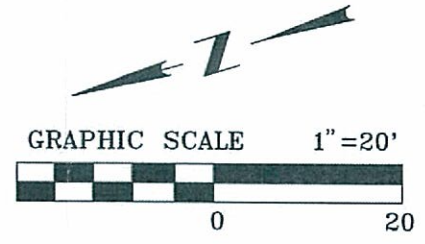
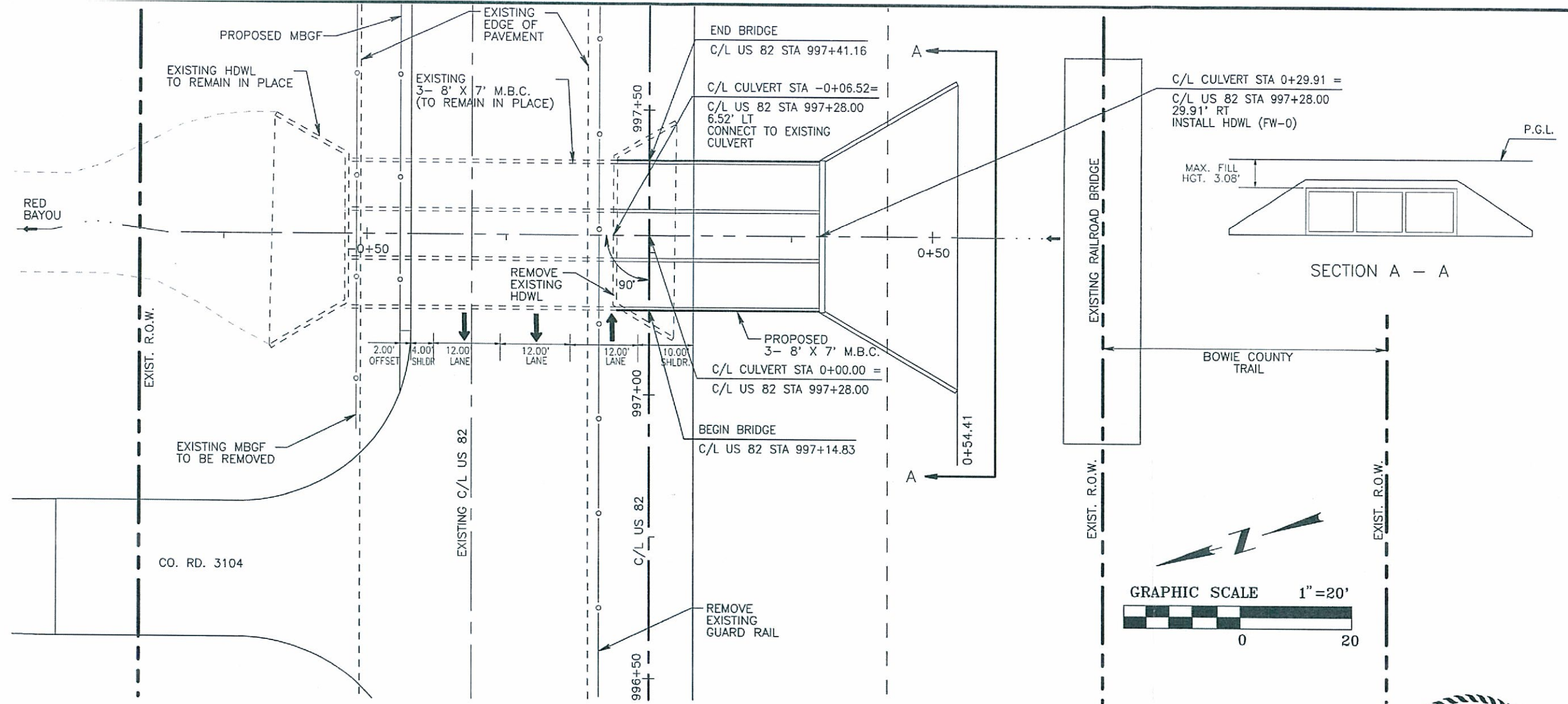


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## TxRAM Data and Scoring Sheets

## TXRAM STREAM DATA SHEET

Project/Site Name/No.: US-82 Reconstruction Project Type:  Fill/Impact  Linear  Non-linear  Mitigation/Conservation  
 Stream ID/Name: Red Bayou SAR No.: 1 Size (LF): 170 Date: 11/26/12 Evaluator(s): A.L.Bartlett  
 Stream Type: Intermittent Ecoregion: 1: South Central Plains Delineation Performed:  Previously  Currently  
 8-Digit HUC: 11140106 Watershed Condition (developed, pasture, etc.): Forested Watershed Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aerial Photo Date and Source: TX Orthoimagery Program/Google Earth 2008 Site Photos: 02/23/12 Representative:  Yes  No  
 Stressor(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Are normal climatic/hydrologic conditions present?  Yes  No (If no, explain in Notes)

## Stream Characteristics

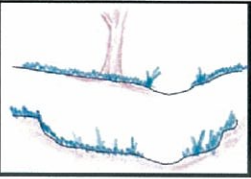
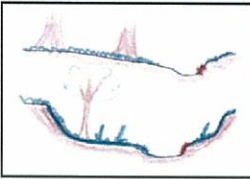
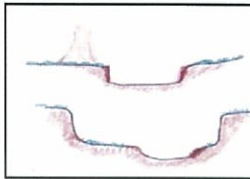
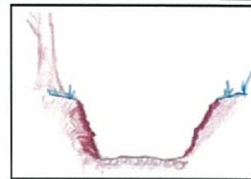
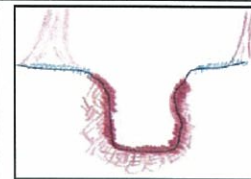
Stream Width (Feet)		Stream Height/Depth (Feet)	
Avg. Bank to Bank:	35	Avg. Banks:	3
Avg. Waters Edge:	15	Avg. Water:	1
Avg. OHWM:	30	Avg. OHWM:	2

## Notes:

2.5" rainfall within past 5 days

## CHANNEL CONDITION

## Floodplain Connectivity

				
Very little incision and access to the original floodplain or fully developed wide bankfull benches.	Slight incision and likely having regular (i.e., at least once a year) access to bankfull benches or newly developed floodplains along majority of the reach.	Moderate incision and presence of near vertical/undercut banks; irregular (i.e., greater than 2 year return interval) access to floodplain or possible access to floodplain or bankfull benches at isolated areas.	Overwidened or incised channel and likely to widen further; majority of both banks near vertical/undercut; unlikely/rarely having access to floodplain or bankfull benches.	Deeply incised channel or channelized flow; severe incision with flow contained within the banks; majority of banks vertical/undercut.
5	4	3	2	1

Score: 4

## Bank Condition

Left Bank Active Erosion: 10 % Right Bank Active Erosion: 10 % Average: 10  
 Bank Protection/Stabilization:  Natural  Artificial: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: 4

## Sediment Deposition

- Less than 20% of the bottom covered by excessive sediment deposition; bars with established vegetation (5)  
 20–40% of the bottom covered by excessive sediment deposition; some established bars with indicators of recently deposited sediments (4)  
 40–60% of the bottom covered by excessive sediment deposition; moderate deposition on old bars and creating new bars; moderate sediment deposits at in-stream structures; OR obstructed view of the channel bottom and a lack of other depositional features (3)  
 60–80% of the bottom covered by excessive sediment deposition; newly created bars prevalent; heavy sediment deposits at in-stream structures (2)  
 Greater than 80% of the bottom covered by excessive sediment deposition resulting in aggrading channel (1)

Score: 4

**RIPARIAN BUFFER CONDITION**

*Riparian Buffer - See Table 22 to determine appropriate buffer distance. Confirm in office review.*

*Identify each buffer type and score according to canopy cover, vegetation community, and land use (see section 3.3.2.1.3).*

Left Bank

Buffer Distance: 185'

Buffer Type	Canopy Cover	Vegetation Community	Land Use	Score	Percentage of Area	Subtotal
1. Forest	75	Native	Low	5	25	1.25
2. Maintained ROW	0	Mix	High	1	20	0.20
3. Lawn	0	Mix	Inten	0	25	0
4. Highway/Road	0	None	Inten	0	30	0
5.						

Score: 1.45

Right Bank

Buffer Type	Canopy Cover	Vegetation Community	Land Use	Score	Percentage of Area	Subtotal
1. Forest	75	Native	Low	5	25	1.25
2. Maintained ROW	0	Mix	High	1	25	0.25
3. Lawn	0	Mix	Inten	0	25	0
4. Highway	0	None	Inten	0	25	0
5.						

Score: 1.50

**IN-STREAM CONDITION**

*Substrate Composition (estimate percentages)*

Boulder:	Gravel: 25	Fines (silt, clay, muck): 60	Artificial:
Cobble:	Sand: 15	Bedrock:	Other:

Score: 3

*In-stream Habitat (check all habitat types that are present)*

Habitat Type	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	T11	T12	T13
Undercut Banks													
Overhanging Vegetation	✓												
Rootmats													
Rootwads	✓												
Woody/Leafy Debris	✓	✓	✓										
Boulders/Cobbles													
Aquatic Macrophytes			✓										
Riffle/Pool Sequence													
Artificial Habitat Enhancement													
Other													
Total No. Present	3	1	2										

Average: 2 Score: 2

**HYDROLOGIC CONDITION**

*Flow Regime*

<input type="checkbox"/> Noticeable surface flow present (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Isolated pools and no evidence of surface or interstitial flow (1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continual pool of water but lacking noticeable flow (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry channel and no observable pools or interstitial flow (0)
<input type="checkbox"/> Isolated pools and interstitial (subsurface) flow (2)	

Score: 3

*Channel Flow Status*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water covering greater than 75% of the channel bottom width; less than 25% of channel substrate is exposed (4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water covering 50–75% of the channel bottom width; 25–50% of channel substrate is exposed (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water covering 25–50% of the channel bottom width; 50–75% of channel substrate is exposed (2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water present but covering less than 25% of the channel bottom width; greater than 75% of channel substrate is exposed (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> No water present in the channel; 100% of channel substrate exposed (0)

Score: 4

**TXRAM STREAM FINAL SCORING SHEET**

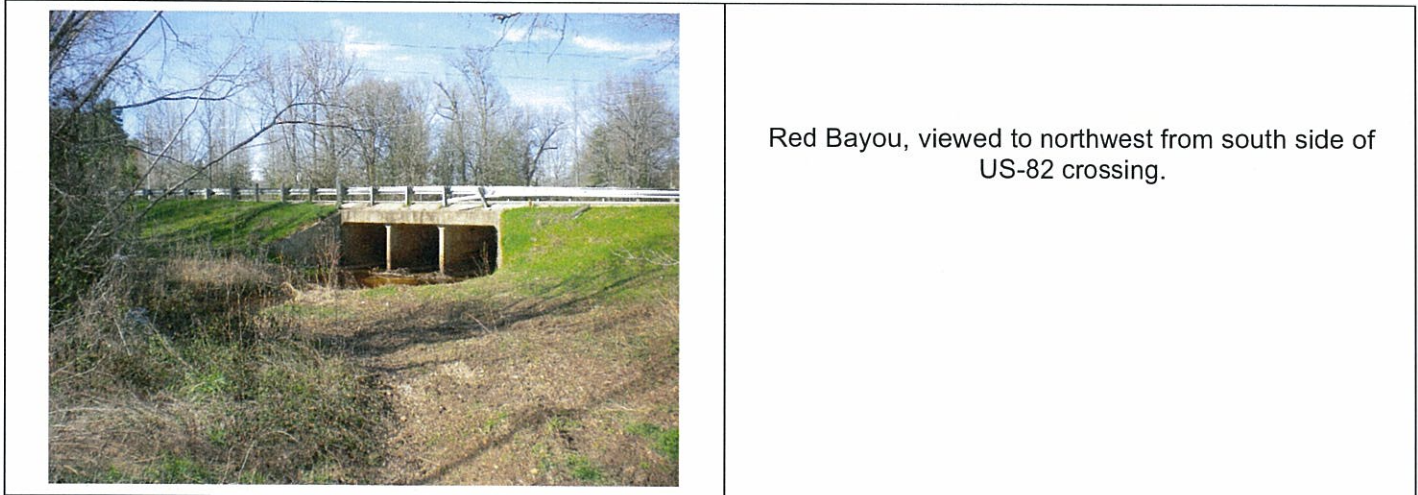
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 Notes: 2.5" rainfall within past 5 days

**Stream Characteristics**

<i>Stream Width (Feet)</i>		<i>Stream Height/Depth (Feet)</i>	
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**Scoring Table**

<i>Core Element</i>	<i>Metric</i>	<i>Metric Score</i>	<i>Core Element Score Calculation</i>	<i>Core Element Score</i>
Channel condition	Floodplain connectivity	4	Sum of metric scores / 15 x 25	20
	Bank condition	4		
	Sediment deposition	4		
Riparian buffer condition	Riparian buffer (left bank)	1.45	Sum of bank scores / 10 x 25	7.4
	Riparian buffer (right bank)	1.50		
In-stream condition	Substrate composition	3	Sum of metric scores / 10 x 25	12.5
	In-stream habitat	2		
Hydrologic condition	Flow regime	3	Sum of metric scores / 8 x 25	21.9
	Channel flow status	4		
Sum of core element scores = overall TXRAM stream score				61.8
Additional points for limited habitats = overall TXRAM stream score x 0.025 for each bank (right/left) if: L R <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by native trees greater than 24-inch diameter at breast height <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by hard mast (i.e., acorns and nuts) producing native species in the tree strata				
Sum of overall TXRAM stream score and additional points = <b>total overall TXRAM stream score</b>				61.8

**Representative Site Photograph:**

## TXRAM WETLAND DATA SHEET

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 Aerial Photo Date and Source: TX Orthoimagery Program/Google Earth 2008 Site Photos: 02/23/12 Representative:  Yes  No

Notes:  
2.5" rainfall within past 5 days

## LANDSCAPE

**Connectivity – Confirm in office review. See figures in section 2.3.1.1 for examples.**

Notes on any barriers or alterations that prevent connectivity: \_\_\_\_\_

Aquatic resources within 1,000 feet of WAA to which wetland connects (including number for other considerations): \_\_\_\_\_ Score: 4

**Buffer – Evaluate to 500 feet from WAA boundary. Confirm in office review. See figures in section 2.3.1.2 for examples.**

Buffer Type/Description	Score (See Narratives)	Percentage	Subtotal
1. Forest	4	50%	1.25
2. Non-native grass/maintained ROW	1	50%	0.20
3.			0
4.			0
5.			

Score: 4

## HYDROLOGY

**Water Source – Degree of natural or unnatural/artificial influence. Confirm in office review for watershed.**

Natural:  Precipitation  Groundwater  Overbank flow/stream discharge  Overland flow  Beaver activity  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Unnatural/Manipulated:  Impoundment  Outfall  Irrigation/pumping  Other artificial influence or control: Roadway drainage

Watershed:  Development  Irrigated agriculture  Wastewater treatment plant  Impoundment  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of artificial influence/control:  Complete  High  Low  None

Wetland created/restored/enhanced:  Sustainable/replicates natural  Controlled Score: 4

**Hydroperiod – Variability and recent alteration of the duration, frequency, and magnitude of inundation/saturation.**

Evaluate the hydroperiod including natural variation: Low variability

Direct evidence of alteration: Natural:  Log-jam  Channel migration  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Human:  Diversions  Ditches  Levees  Impoundments  Other: Poor cross drainage from US-82 & Railway

Riverine only:  Recent channel in-stability/dis-equilibrium ( Degradation or  Aggradation)

Indirect evidence of alteration:  Wetland plant stress: \_\_\_\_\_  Plant morphology: \_\_\_\_\_

Upland species encroachment: \_\_\_\_\_  Plant Community: \_\_\_\_\_  Soil: \_\_\_\_\_

Change/Alteration of hydroperiod:  None  Due to natural events  Human influences ( Slight or  High)

Degree hydroperiod of wetland created/restored/enhanced replicates natural patterns: \_\_\_\_\_

Lacustrine fringe on human impoundment:  High variability  Low variability  Recent changes to hydroperiod Score: 1.45

**Hydrologic Flow – Movement of water to or from surrounding area and openness to water moving through the WAA.**

Flow:  Inlets: \_\_\_\_\_  Outlets: \_\_\_\_\_  Signs of water movement to or from WAA: Red Bayou

Restrictions:  Levee  Berm/dam  Diversion  Other: Abandoned railway to south, US-82 to north

High flowthrough:  Floodplain  Drift deposits  Drainage patterns  Sediment deposits  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Low flowthrough:  High landscape position  Stagnant water  Closed contours  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: 1.50

## SOILS

**Organic Matter – Use data and indicators from wetland determination data form(s) based on applicable regional supplement.**

High (organic soil or indicator A1, A2, A3)

Moderate (indicator A9, S1, F1 in AW or A9, S1, S2, F1 in GP or A6, A7, A9, S7, F13 in AGCP)

Low (indicated by thin organic or organic-mineral layer)  None observable in surface layer as described herein Score: 3

**Sedimentation – Deposition of excess sediment due to human actions. Confirm in office review for landscape.**

Landscape with stress that could lead to excess sedimentation?  Yes  No Landscape position:  High  Low  
 Magnitude of recent runoff/flooding events:  High  Low Percent of WAA with excess sediment deposition: 0  
 Sand deposits: \_\_\_\_\_% of area, \_\_\_\_\_ average thickness  Silt/Clay deposits: \_\_\_\_\_% of area, \_\_\_\_\_ average thickness  
 Lacustrine fringe only:  Upper end of impoundment  Degrades wetland  Contributes to wetland processes Score: 2

**Soil Modification – Physical changes by human activities. Confirm in office review for past.**

Type (Check those applicable and circle R for recent or P for past):  Farming R/P  Logging R/P  Mining R/P  Filling R/P  
 Grading R/P  Dredging R/P  Off-road vehicles R/P  Other R/P: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Percent of WAA with recent soil modification: 0% Degree of modification:  High  Low  
 Indicators of past modification:  High bulk density  Low organic matter  Lack of soil structure  Lack of horizons  Hardpan  
 Dramatic change in texture/color  Heterogeneous mixture  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indicators of recovery:  Organic matter  Structure  Horizons  Mottling  Hydric soil  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Percent of WAA with past modification: 0% Recovery:  Complete  High  Moderate  Low  None Score: 3

**PHYSICAL STRUCTURE****Topographic Complexity – See figures in section 2.3.4.1. Record % micro-topography and % WAA for each elevation gradient.**

Elevation gradients (EG): 0 Evidence:  Plant assemblages  Level of saturation/inundation  Path of water flow  Slope  
 Micro-topography: 0% of WAA (By EG: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Types:  Depressions  Pools  Burrows  Swales  Wind-thrown tree holes  Mounds  Gilgai  Islands  
 Variable shorelines  Partially buried debris  Debris jams  Plant hummocks/roots  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: 4

**Edge Complexity – Confirm in office review. See figure in section 2.3.4.2 to evaluate wetland-to-upland boundary.**

Variability:  High  Moderate  Low  None Edge (feet) to Area (square feet) ratio: .04 Score: 1

**Physical Habitat Richness – See definitions and table in section 2.3.4.3 for habitat types applicable to each wetland type.**

Label of habitat types qualifying as present in WAA: C, K, M Total: 3 Score: 1

**BIOTIC STRUCTURE****Plant Strata – Use applicable wetland delineation regional supplement and data from determination data form(s).**

Number of plant strata:  ≥ 4  3  2  1  0 Score: 2

**Species Richness – Use data from determination data form(s) to count species with 5% or more relative cover in a stratum.**

Number of species across all strata and determination data forms (not counting a species more than once): 5 Score: 1

**Non-Native/Invasive Infestation – Use data from determination data form(s). See tables in section 2.3.5.3 for examples.**

Average total relative cover of non-native/invasive species across all strata and determination data forms: 0% Score: 4

**Interspersion – Confirm in office review. Use figure in section 2.3.5.4 to determine the degree of interspersion of plant zones.**

Degree of horizontal/plan view interspersion:  High  Moderate  Low  None Score: 1

**Strata Overlap – Use strata defined in plant strata metric using applicable regional supplement. See figures in section 2.3.5.5.**

High overlap (≥ 3 strata overlapping): \_\_\_\_\_% of WAA Moderate overlap (2 strata overlapping): 100% of WAA  
 Herbaceous species/dense litter overlap (only in portion where there are no other strata overlapping): 0% of WAA  
 Total percentage of WAA with some form of overlap (if more than one present): 100% of WAA Score: 3

**Herbaceous Cover – Estimate for entire WAA.**

Total cover of emergent and submergent plants:  > 75%  51–75%  26–50%  ≤ 25% Score: 1

**Vegetation Alterations – Unnatural (human-caused) stressors. Confirm in office review for past.**

Type (Check those applicable and circle R for recent or P for past):  Disking R/P  Mowing/shredding R/P  Logging R/P  
 Cutting R/P  Trampling R/P  Herbicide treatment R/P  Herbivory R/P  Disease R/P  Chemical spill R/P  
 Pollution R/P  Feral hog rooting R/P  Woody debris removal R/P  Other R/P: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Percent of WAA with recent vegetation alteration: 0% Severity of alteration:  High  Low  
 Percent of WAA with past vegetation alteration: 0% Degree of recovery:  Complete  High  Moderate  Low  
 Alteration to improve wetland (degree of natural community recovery): \_\_\_\_\_ Score: 4

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Core Element	Metric	Metric Score	Core Element Score Calculation	Core Element Score
Landscape	Connectivity	1	Sum of metric scores / 8 x 20	8.8
	Buffer	2.5		
Hydrology	Water source	2	Sum of metric scores / 12 x 20	11.7
	Hydroperiod	2		
	Hydrologic flow	3		
Soils	Organic matter	2	Sum of metric scores / 12 x 20	16.7
	Sedimentation	4		
	Soil modification	4		
Physical Structure	Topographic complexity	1	Sum of metric scores / 12 x 20	5
	Edge complexity	1		
	Physical habitat richness	1		
Biotic Structure	Plant strata	2	Sum of metric scores / 28 x 20	16
	Species richness	1		
	Non-native/invasive infestation	4		
	Interspersion	1		
	Strata overlap	3		
	Herbaceous cover	1		
	Vegetation alterations	4		
Sum of core element scores = overall TXRAM wetland score				61.8
Additional points for unique resources = overall TXRAM wetland score x 0.10 if: <input type="checkbox"/> Area of Caddo Lake designated a "Wetland of International Importance" under the Ramsar Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Bald cypress – water tupelo swamp <input type="checkbox"/> Pitcher plant bog <input type="checkbox"/> Spring				
Additional points for limited habitats = overall TXRAM wetland score x 0.05 if: <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by native trees greater than 24-inch diameter at breast height <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by hard mast (i.e., acorns and nuts) producing native species in the tree strata				
Sum of overall TXRAM wetland score and additional points = <b>total overall TXRAM wetland score</b>				58.2

## Representative Site Photograph:



Red Bayou, viewed to northwest from south side of US-82 crossing.



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### ***Avoidance and Minimization***

Through design of the proposed project, TxDOT and Bowie County have avoided and minimized impacts to waters of the U.S. to the extent practicable. Unavoidable and permanent impacts will occur to the following waterbodies:

#### Red Bayou

Fill impacts resulting from culvert extension at Red Bayou were minimized by designing the structure to the minimum lengths necessary to support the required structural roadway fill for the new road. The structure extension is governed by clear zone requirements for safety and shortening the structure any further would violate safety needs. Alternative headwall designs for the structure would require additional work within the channel to accommodate channel transitions and scour protection; alternate headwall designs were deemed undesirable. Total impacts to Red Bayou resulting from the proposed project will be 50 linear feet (0.03 acre).

#### Wetland Complex 3 (WC 3)

Fill impacts to WC 3 are proposed to provide an acceptable side slope on US-82 to avoid overturning of vehicles inadvertently leaving the pavement. The roadway embankment must also be constructed in a manner allowing recoverable areas for vehicles to come to a rest. The proposed roadway embankment on a 4:1 slope, which is the steepest slope allowed for the conditions of the US-82 roadway. Impacts to WC 3 have been minimized to the extent practicable while also maintaining side slope and roadside safety design. Total impacts to WC 3 resulting from the project will be 0.09 acre.

Potential water quality impacts as a result of construction will be minimized with the implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, as required under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program.

Table 1 summarizes impacts to the waters of the U.S. within the project area.

**Table 1: Stream and Wetland Impact Summary for NW Loop 363**

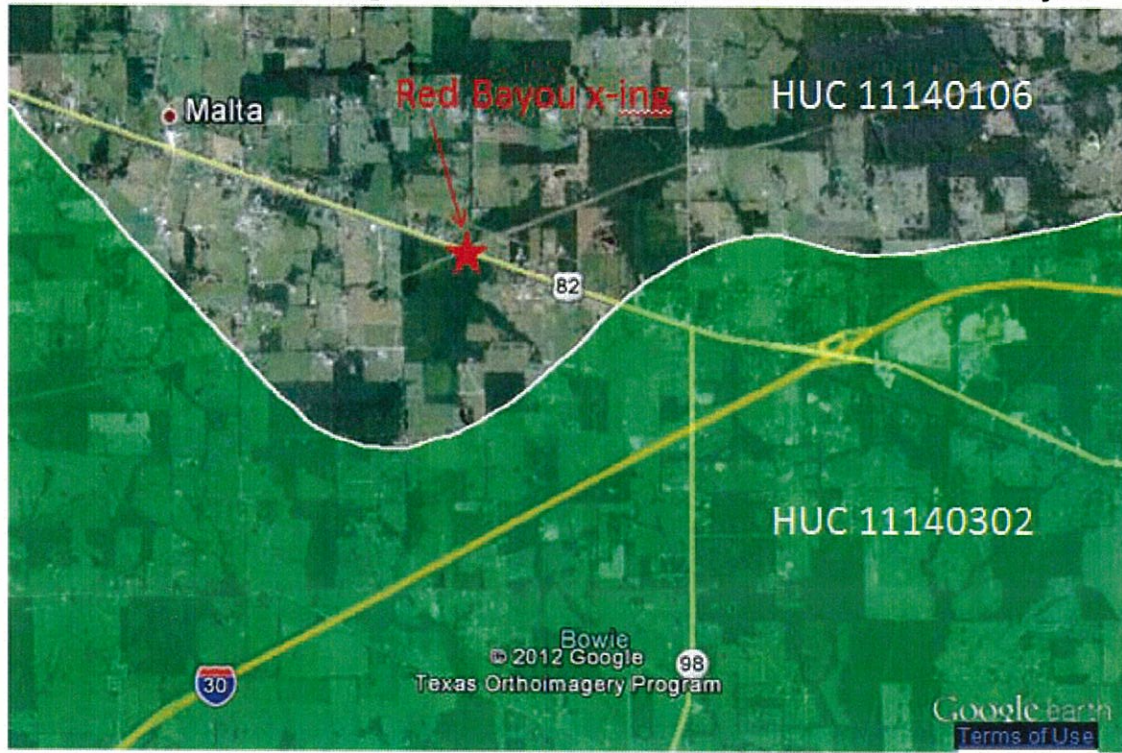
<b>Waterbody ID</b>	<b>Aquatic Classification</b>	<b>Proposed Structure</b>	<b>Linear Feet of Impact</b>	<b>Acres of Impact</b>
Red Bayou	Perennial Stream	3-8'x7'x110' RCB <sup>1</sup>	50	0.03
WC 3	PFO1A Wetland	Roadway Embankment	N/A	0.09
<b>Totals</b>	--	--	<b>50</b>	<b>0.12 (0.09 wetlands)</b>

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (RCB)

**Compensatory Mitigation for Waters of the U.S.**

Portions of the US-82 Reconstruction corridor fall within the primary service area (HUC 11140302) of the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank (also located in Bowie County). Although the headwaters of Red Bayou originate within HUC 11140302, project-related impacts to Red Bayou and WC3 occur within the neighboring HUC to the north (11140106), which is not included in the geographic service area of the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank. **Figure 1** illustrates the Brooks Creek service area, HUCs 11140302 and 11140106, and the location of the US-82 crossing of Red Bayou and WC 3.

**Figure 1: Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank Service Area and Location of Red Bayou**



**Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank Primary Service Area Shaded in Green**

Review of the Brooks Creek Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) indicates that the use of the bank to compensate for impacts beyond its service area will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) after coordination with the Interagency Review Team (IRT), or other permitting agency, and on a case-by-case basis. In addition, while the USACE indicates that the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank provides only wetland credits, review of the MBI suggests that out-of-kind mitigation is also allowed on a case-by-case basis.

No other mitigation banks are located within the vicinity of the US-82 Reconstruction project area. To compensate for unavoidable impacts to 0.09 acre of wetlands and 0.03 acre (50 linear feet) of stream channel, Bowie County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are proposing the following mitigation (Table 2) based on the

ratios and calculations provided in the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank *Final Mitigation Banking Instrument's* alternative assessment procedure. A surrogate Functional Capacity Unit (FCU) of 0.7 for medium quality wetlands was applied based on the findings of the Texas Rapid Assessment Method (TxRAM) functional assessment completed for Red Bayou and WC 3. Furthermore, a 1.0 multiplier was applied due to the close proximity of the project area to the Bank's primary service area.

**Table 2: Proposed Compensation**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Proposed Impact</b>	<b>Proposed Compensation Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank</b>
Red Bayou	0.03 acre (50 linear feet), permanent impact	0.12 acre X 0.7 FCU X 1.0 <sup>a</sup> = 0.084 Physical FCU 0.12 acre X 0.7 FCU X 1.0 = 0.084 Biological FCU 0.12 acre X 0.7 FCU X 1.0 = 0.084 Chemical FCU
Wetland Complex 3 (WC 3)	0.09 acre, permanent impact	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.12 acre</b>	<b>0.3<sup>b</sup> FCU</b>

Notes: <sup>a</sup> Primary Service Area multiplier of 1.0; <sup>b</sup>Total FCU of 0.252 rounded to nearest tenth.

In summary, the applicant proposes the purchase of 0.3 FCU from the Brooks Creek Mitigation Bank to offset unavoidable impacts to Red Bayou and WC 3.