



April 10, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE (01-17)

BRIDGE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO REPLACE THE STATE ROAD 397 (ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN SIMS PARKWAY) NORTHBOUND AND MODIFY THE SOUTHBOUND BRIDGE ACROSS TOMS BAYOU, MILE 0.5, AT VALPARAISO, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

All interested parties are notified that an application dated September 16, 2016, has been received from FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, for approval of the location and plans for the replacement of the northbound and modification of southbound bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. The proposed project calls for the existing northbound bridge to be removed.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Toms Bayou, Mile 0.5, on State Road 397 (SR 397) (also known as John Sims Parkway) at Valparaiso, Okaloosa County, Florida

CHARACTER OF WORK: Replace and construct a new northbound fixed highway bridge and associated approaches. The proposed bridge will consist of a larger navigation channel which will be obstructed by a center pier of the southbound bridge. The widening of the southbound bridge is to add a pedestrian/bicycle path.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing:

Horizontal: 32.33 feet between piers

Vertical: 12.42 feet above Mean High
Water (MHW) National American Vertical
Datum (NAVD) 88

Proposed:

Horizontal: 32.33 feet clear channel

Vertical: 12.42 feet above MHW (NAVD 88)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the lead federal agency, approval of this determination is evidenced by a signature of October 24, 2016, by an FHWA representative on an FDOT Type 2 Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This satisfies the criteria for such action listed in the Coast Guard's implementation instructions. Provided that no environmental issues are disclosed by this Public Notice, the Coast Guard will issue a CE as the final environmental documentation for this project, which satisfies the criteria for such action listed in the Coast Guard's implementation instructions. The Coast Guard's permitting action will be limited to the bridge and its approaches.

The project will be located in the base floodplain. The low steel elevation is 13.08 feet above MHW (NAVD 88) and the 100-year flood elevation is 7.60 feet above MHW (NAVD 88). The applicant received approval by letter dated October 13, 2016 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for a General Permit (GP), pursuant to Rule 62-330.443, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Any activities performed under a general permit are subject to general conditions required in Rule 62-300.405 (F.A.C.) concerning state water quality standards and the specific conditions of Rule 62-330.433, F.A.C. The project is not expected to impact wetlands, threatened or endangered species, or to have adverse environmental justice impacts upon minority or low-income populations. The Coast Guard's permitting action will be limited to the bridge and its approaches.

The applicant should contact Okaloosa County Floodplain Administrator to assure compliance with county requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program.

On January 18, 2017, the Department of the Army issued a permit, file number SAJ-2016-02799 (NW-MAO) for review of the project resulting in 0.071 acres of permanent impacts and 0.070 acres of temporary impacts from the bridge replacement and shoreline stabilization issued under a new Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number 14 on a re-authorization and in addition FDOT is requesting a crane access area for this bridge project.

The Coastal Zone Consistency Per 62-330-062(2)(a) Qualification for a general permit shall constitute the state's concurrence that the activity is consistent with the enforceable policies included in the Florida Coast Management Program. The project received a GP pursuant to 62-330-443 (GP to the FDOT, Counties, and Municipalities for Minor Bridge Alteration, Placement, Replacement, Removal, Maintenance, and Operation) on October 13, 2016 assigned file No. 46-0345283-001-EG. The applicant has furnished verification of Water Quality Certification (WQC) granted by on September 15, 2015.

By letter dated October 21, 2014, National Marine Fisheries Service was in concurrence with FDOT project-effect determinations under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act on this project.

No additional right-of-way will need to be acquired for the bridge project and no relocations of residences or business will be required. No prime and unique farmland will be impacted by the proposed project and no significant effects on public utilities, fire protection, or other emergency services are anticipated. No wild and scenic rivers or wildlife management areas exist at the proposed project site. No other cultural resources listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are known to exist within the project limits. State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the findings by letter dated February 2, 2016. No parkland, recreational areas, or wildlife refuges are affected. The project does not have any effects on environmental justice and the invasive species.

The information represented on the project drawings is subject to change before permit issuance.

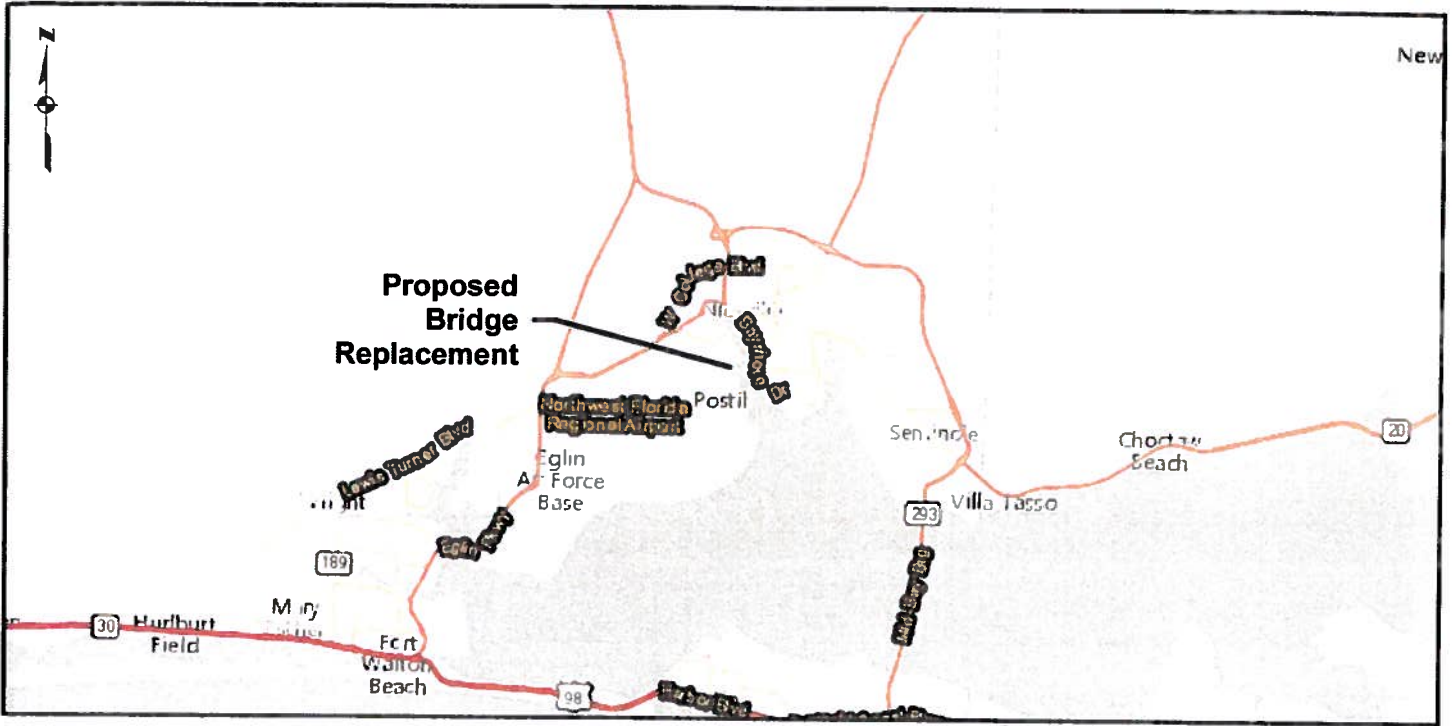
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge. Give sufficient details to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition to the proposal. Comments are solicited on the possible need for a fendering system for the bridge. Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander (dpb), Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, 500 Poydras Street, Room 1313, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3310 through May 10, 2017. Any comments received will be made part of the project case record.

Location map and plans are attached.

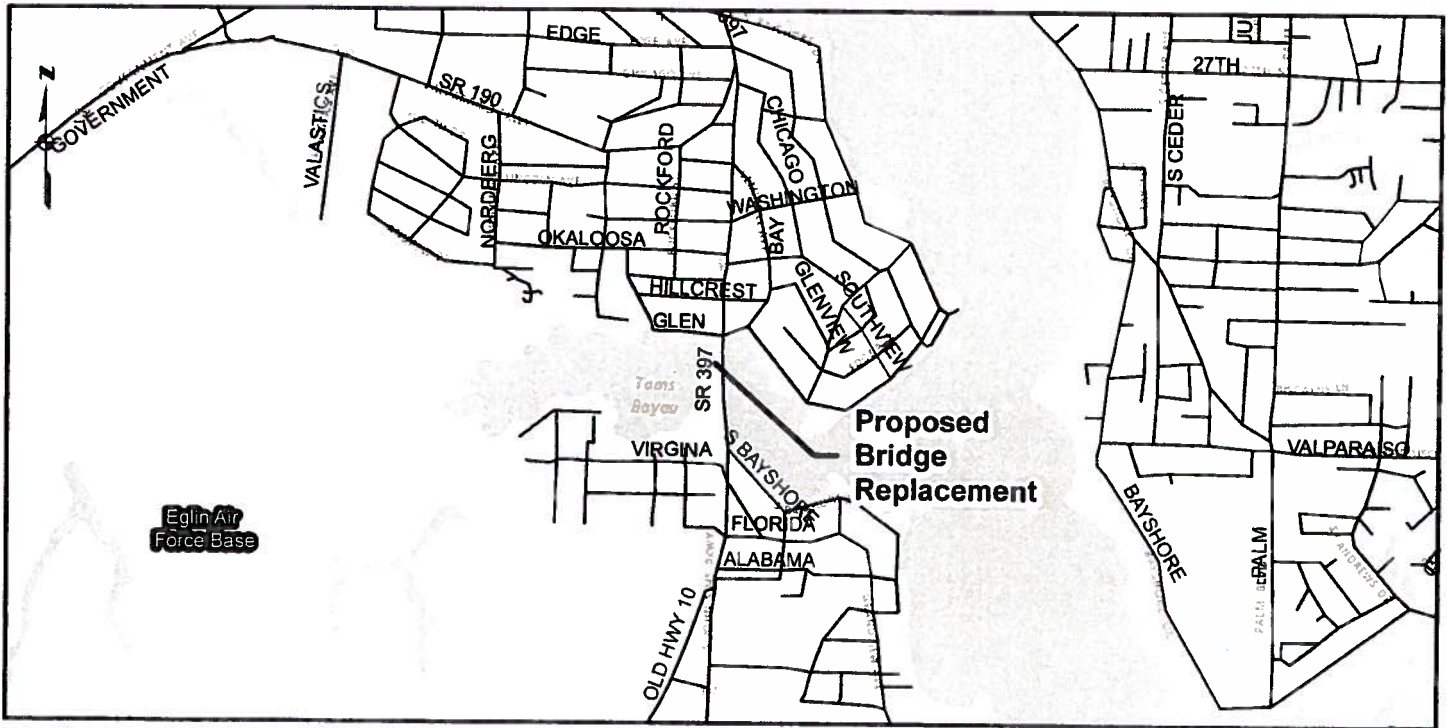
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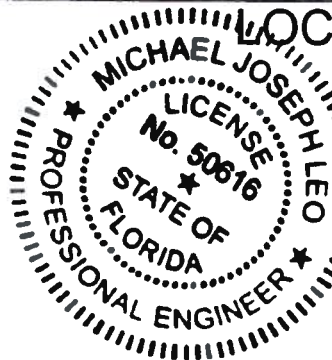
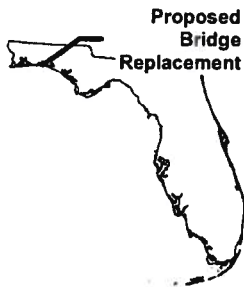
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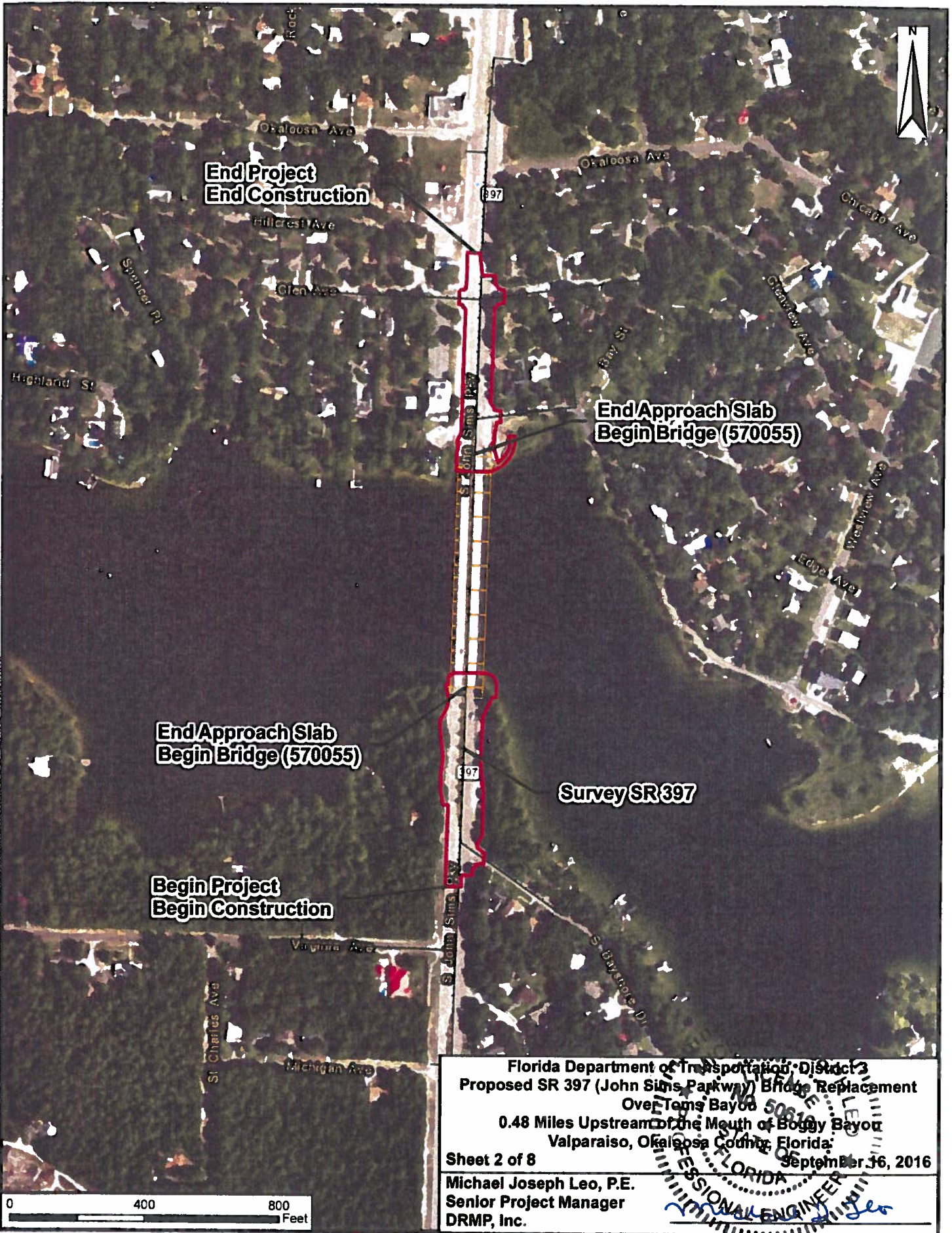
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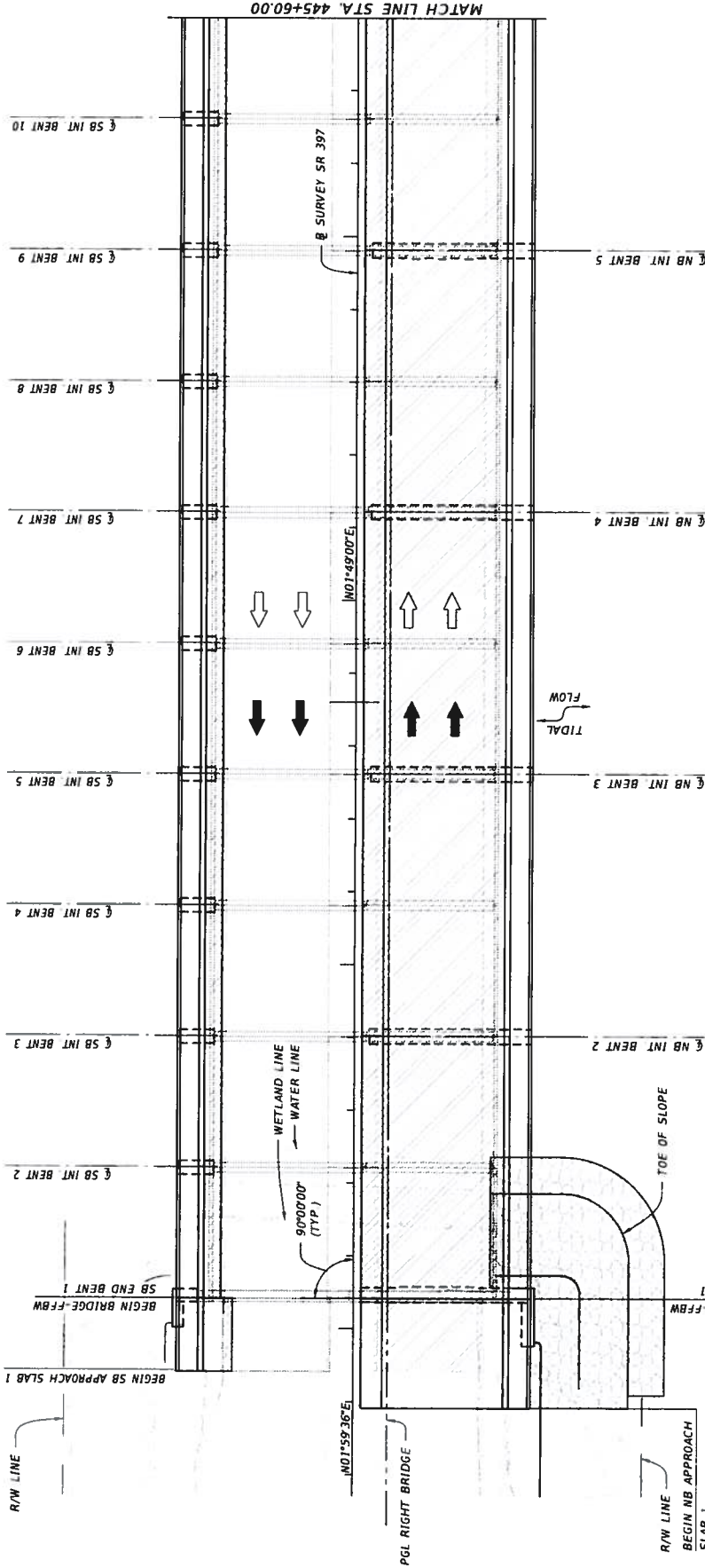
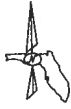


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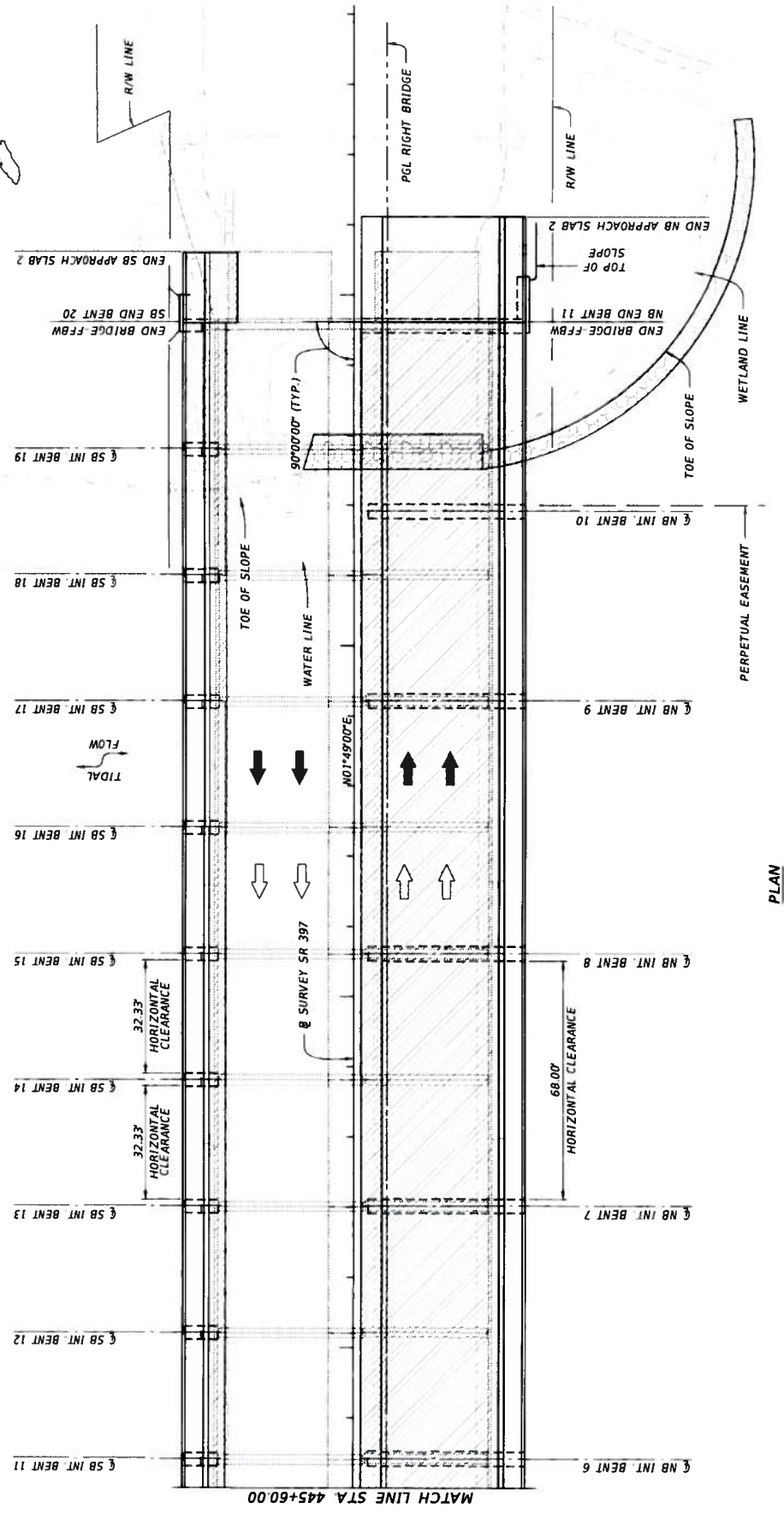
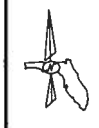
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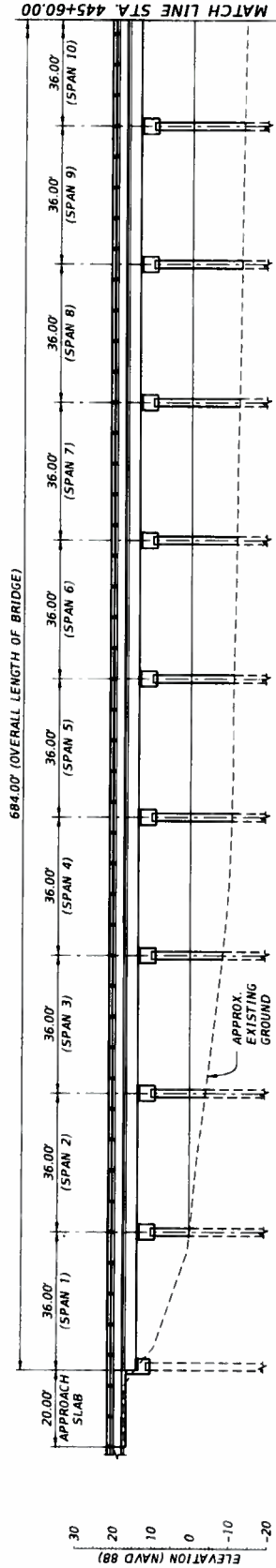
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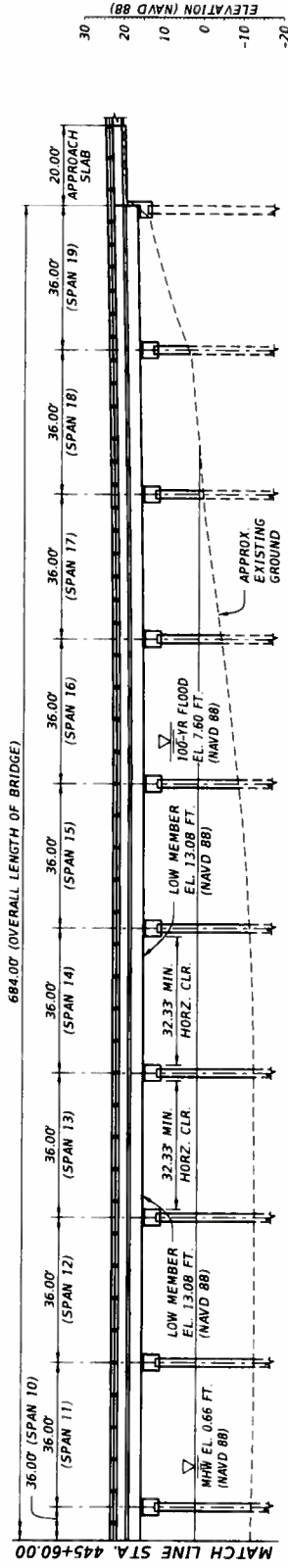
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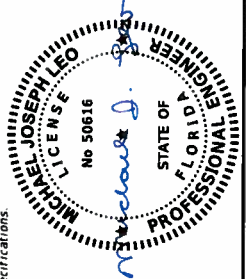


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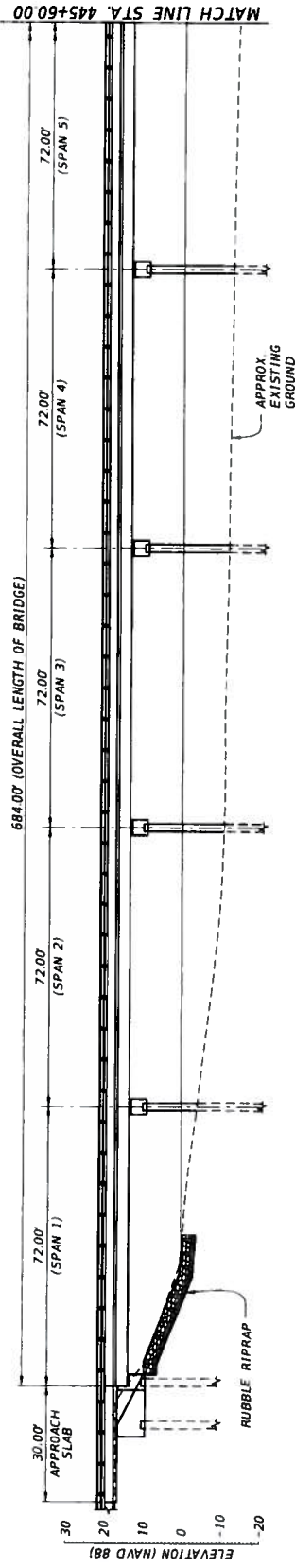


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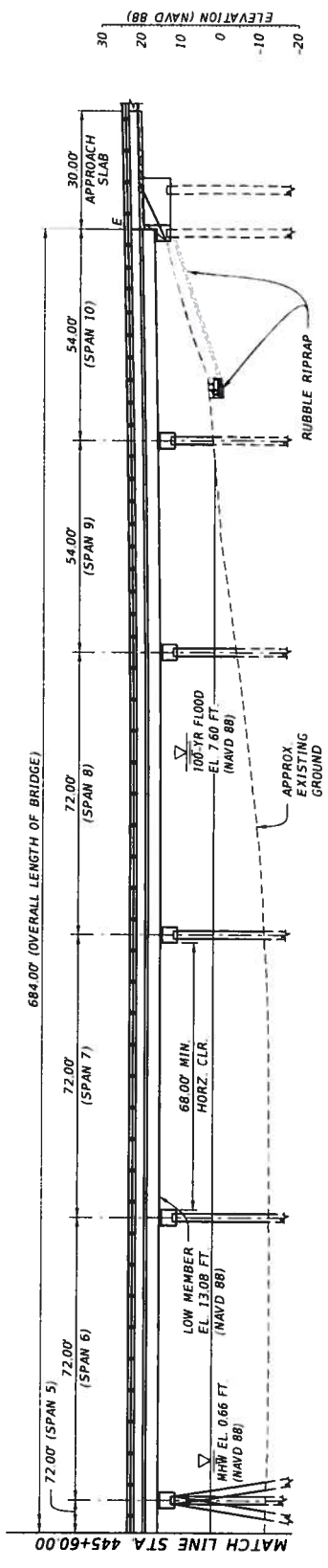
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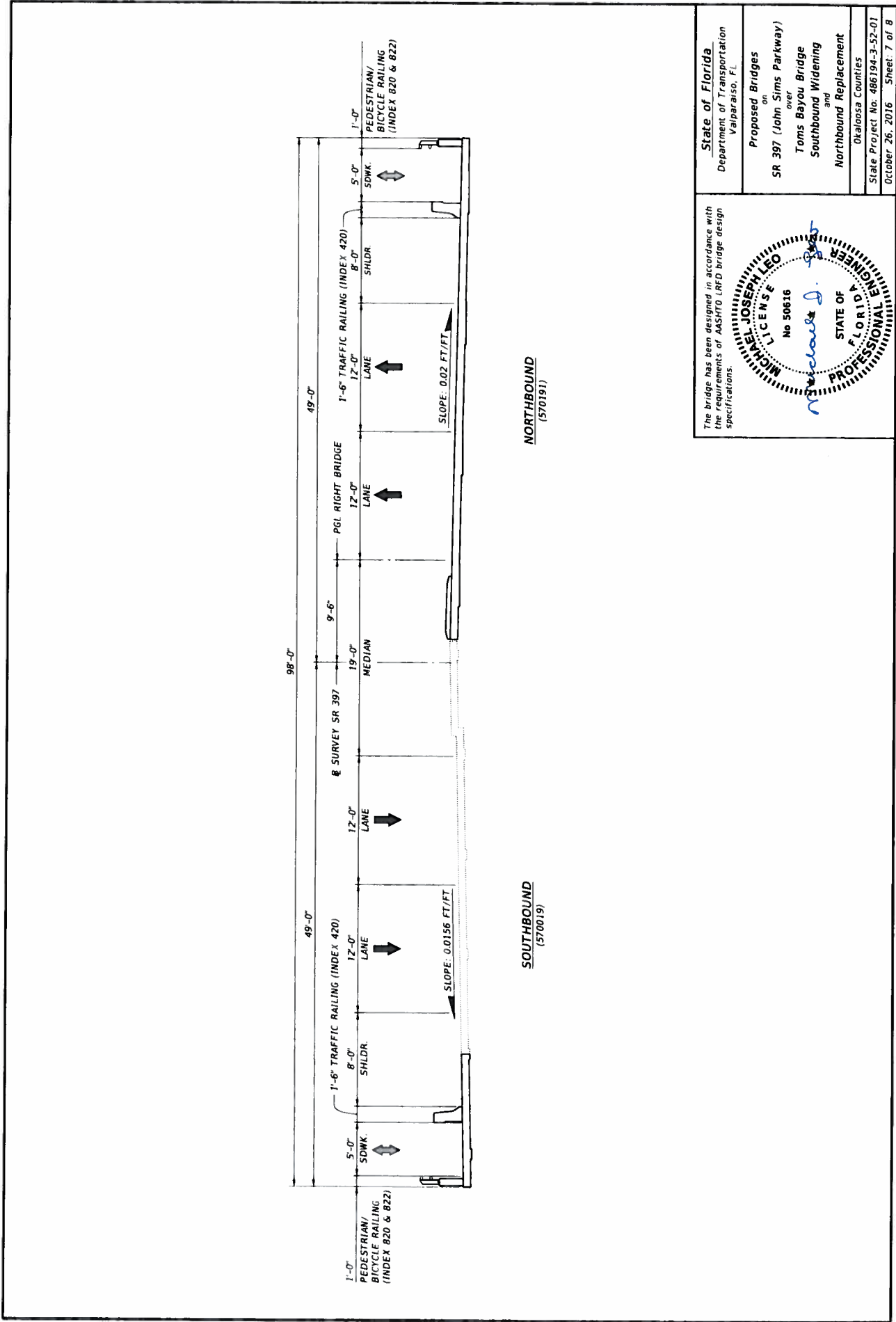
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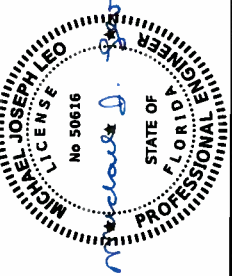
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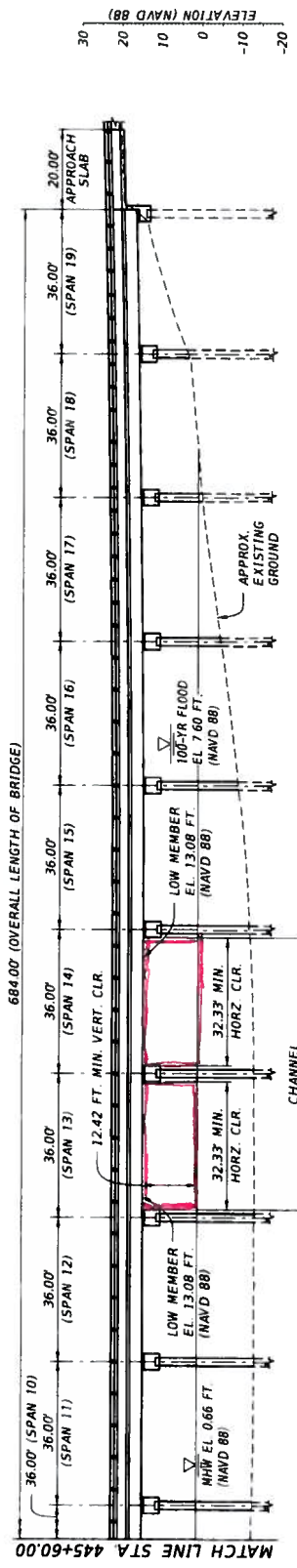
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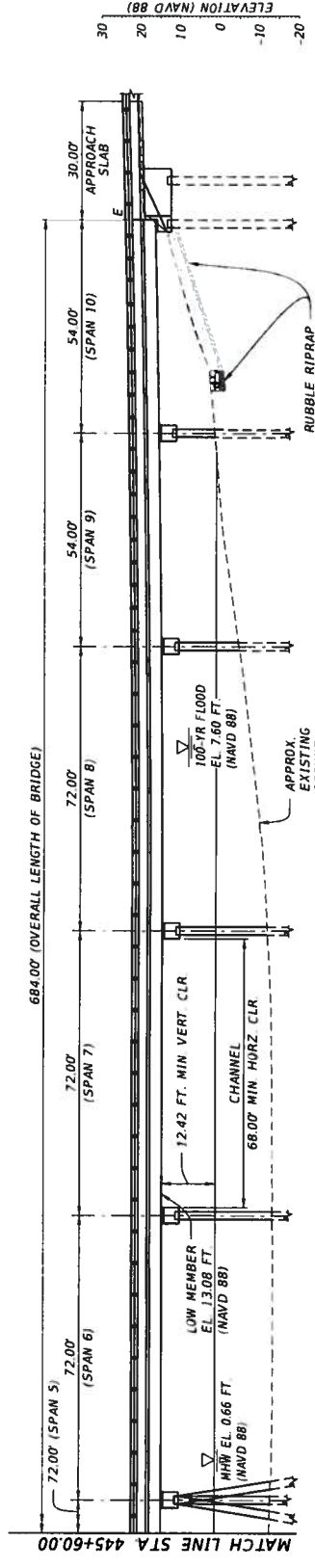
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