

## Public Involvement Invitation

### County S over Branch of Big Rib River Bridge | Marathon County

We're writing to invite you to participate in public involvement for an upcoming project on the County S over a Branch of the Big Rib River Bridge in the town of Rib Falls in Marathon County. The purpose and need, potential improvements, probable impacts, and anticipated traffic control are included in this invitation.

**PURPOSE AND NEED:** The purpose of the project is to address the County S Bridge over Branch of Big Rib River. The project is needed because the bridge is deteriorating.

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:** The preferred alternative consists of removing the existing single-span steel girder (that has been widened with concrete box girders on each side) bridge and approaches over a Branch of the Big Rib River and constructing a new single-span concrete slab bridge on the existing alignment. Approximately 100 feet of approach work on each end of the bridge is also planned. Right of way acquisition may be required. If a build alternative is selected, construction is currently scheduled for 2027.

**PROBABLE IMPACTS:**

- Wetlands: Wetland impacts are anticipated. They will be avoided and/or minimized to the greatest extent practicable. Unavoidable wetland impacts will be compensated for.
- Floodplain: The bridge is not in a mapped floodplain.
- River: In-stream timeout dates will be followed.
- Agriculture: Temporary or permanent right of way acquisition may be required.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL:** County S will be closed to through traffic and detoured during construction in the summer for approximately 3 months. The detour will direct traffic to County A, WIS 107 and County U. Access to residents, businesses, and emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction.

Project information is available on the Marathon County website: <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/projects-planning/highway-projects-public-involvement>

If you are unable to access the internet and would like the materials mailed to you, please contact James Rhoad-Drogalis (contact info below).

Individuals are encouraged to contribute comments about the bridge project by January 9, 2026 by contacting the following individuals:

Kevin Lang at Marathon County at 1430 West Street, Wausau, WI 54401; (715) 261-1801 or by email at [kevin.lang@marathoncounty.gov](mailto:kevin.lang@marathoncounty.gov)

James Rhoad-Drogalis at AECOM at 1350 Deming Way, Suite 100, Middleton, WI 53562; (608) 828-8166 or by email at [james.drogalis@aecom.com](mailto:james.drogalis@aecom.com)

# **PROJECT FACT SHEET**

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

<p><b>Project ID 6665-05-00</b> <b>WIS 29 – County A</b> <b>Branch of Big Rib River Bridge</b> <b>County S</b> <b>Marathon County</b></p>
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<b>Sponsor Agencies:</b>	Marathon County WisDOT North Central Region AECOM – Middleton
<b>Program:</b>	Federal/State Local Bridge Replacement Program
<b>Funding:</b>	Design and Construction – 100% State Funds
<b>Project Limits:</b>	Bridge & Approaches (236 feet +/-)
<b>Existing Structure:</b>	Bridge P-37-0915, Single Span Concrete Steel Girder Bridge Built in 1938, Widened with Concrete Box Girders in 1975 Load Posted for 20 Tons 30.0' Clear Roadway Width on Bridge 33.2' Overall Structure Length
<b>Existing Roadway:</b>	22' Wide Asphalt Driving Surface
<b>Traffic Data:</b>	2027 Average Daily Traffic – 645 Vehicles 2047 Average Daily Traffic – 685 Vehicles
<b>Proposed Improvement:</b>	Bridge Replacement
<b>Proposed Structure:</b>	Single Span Concrete Slab Bridge 30' Clear Roadway Width on Bridge (33' Overall Width) 38.5' Overall Structure Length

- Proposed Roadway:** 24' Wide Traveled Way (Two 12-foot lanes)  
3' Asphalt/Gravel Shoulders
- Right of Way:** Temporary limited easements including placing of fill material for grading may be necessary for the proposed improvements. Permanent right of way acquisition may be necessary for the placement of short radius terminals for guardrail around field entrances.
- Preliminary Estimated Construction Cost:** \$750,000 to \$1,000,000
- Project Schedule:** Final PS&E Documents – August 1, 2026  
Bid Letting – November 10, 2026  
Construction Start – Summer 2027  
Construction Duration – approximately 3 months
- Safety Improvements:** The proposed bridge will not have a load posting and will have crash worthy concrete parapet.
- Traffic Handling Alternatives:** County S will be closed to traffic and detoured during construction in the summer for approximately 3 months. The detour will direct traffic to County A, WIS 107 and County U. Access to residents, businesses, and emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction.

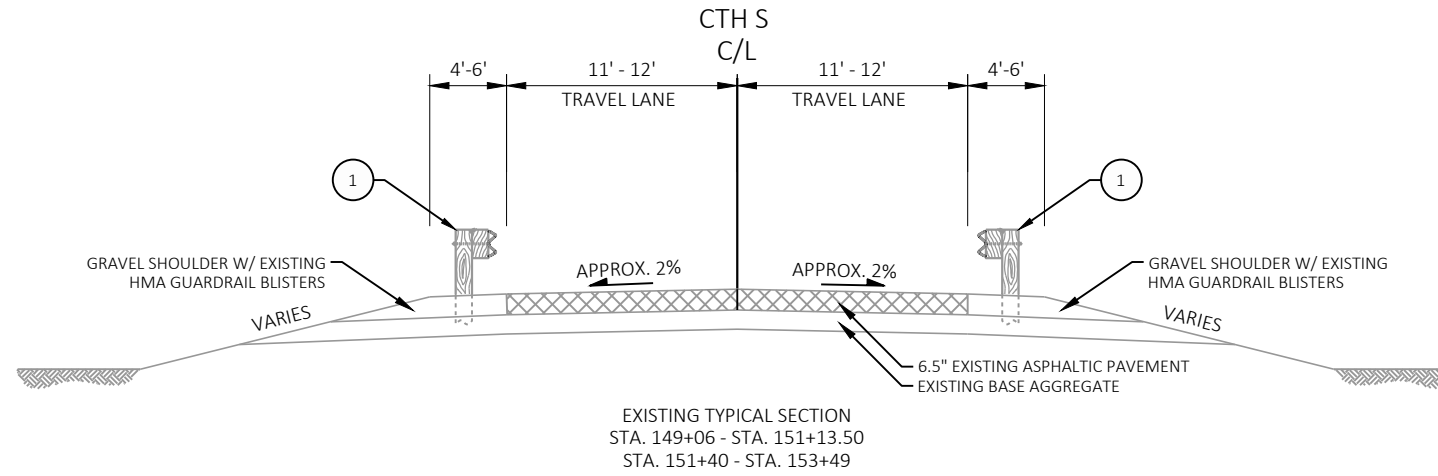
The purpose of this Public Involvement is to provide the adjacent property owners, interested citizens, and public officials with an opportunity to comment on the bridge and roadway design or this improvement and address traffic handling alternatives. Representatives of Marathon County and the design consultant (AECOM) are available to answer specific questions and concerns.

Public input is valuable, and we encourage you to ask questions or complete the attached Comment Sheet.

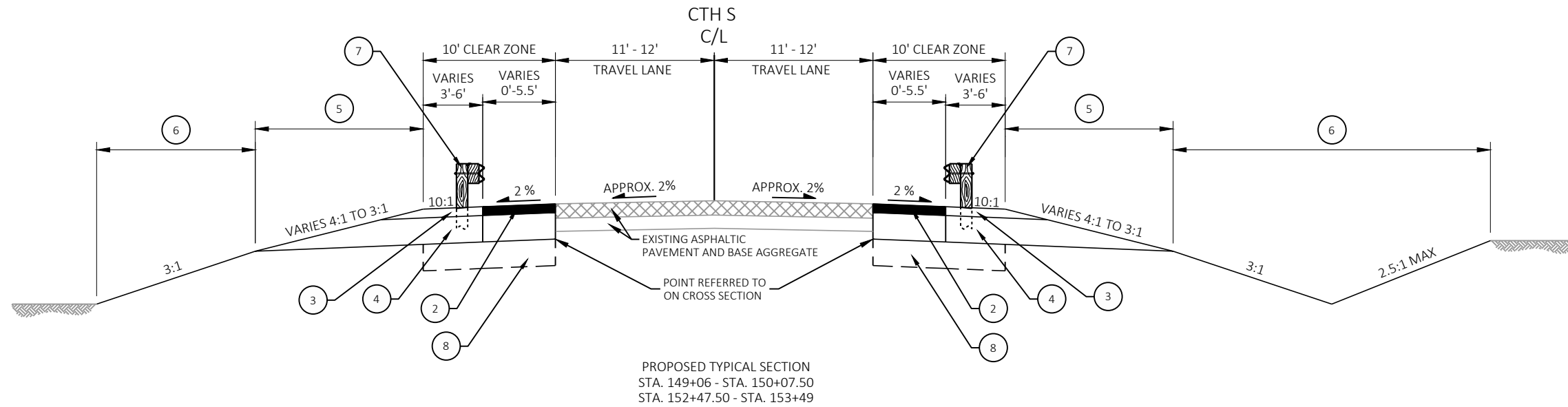
Thank you for your participation.

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- 2 4" ASPHALTIC SURFACE
- 3 4" BASE AGGREGATE DENSE 3/4-INCH
- 4 12" BASE AGGREGATE DENSE 1 1/4-INCH
- 5 FERTILIZE AND SEED
- 6 TOPSOIL, FERTILIZE, SEED & EROSION MAT
- 7 PROPOSED GUARDRAIL  
STA 150+05.90 TO STA 151+09.50 LT/RT  
STA 151+45.50 TO STA 152+49.10 LT/RT
- 8 12" BREAKER RUN LAYER OR SUBGRADE IMPROVEMENT

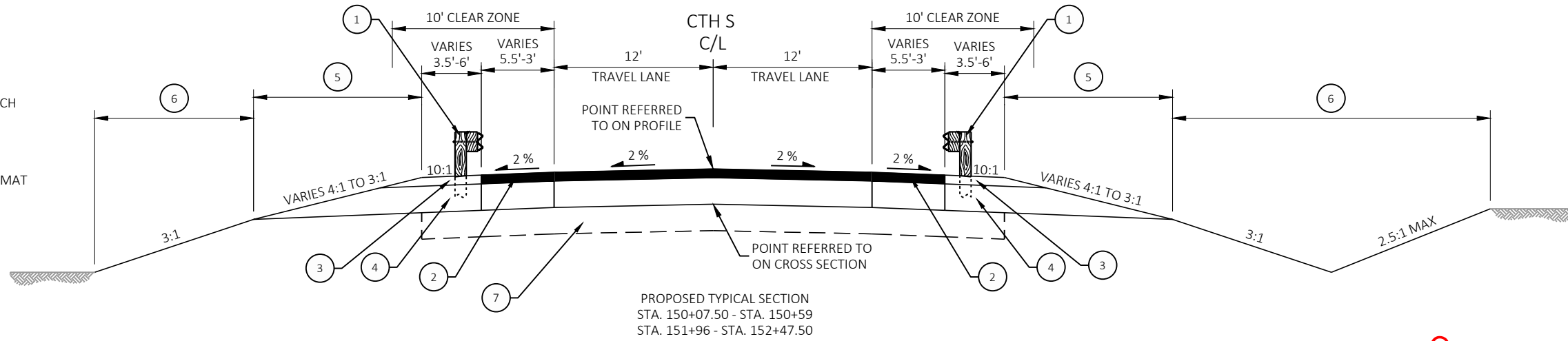


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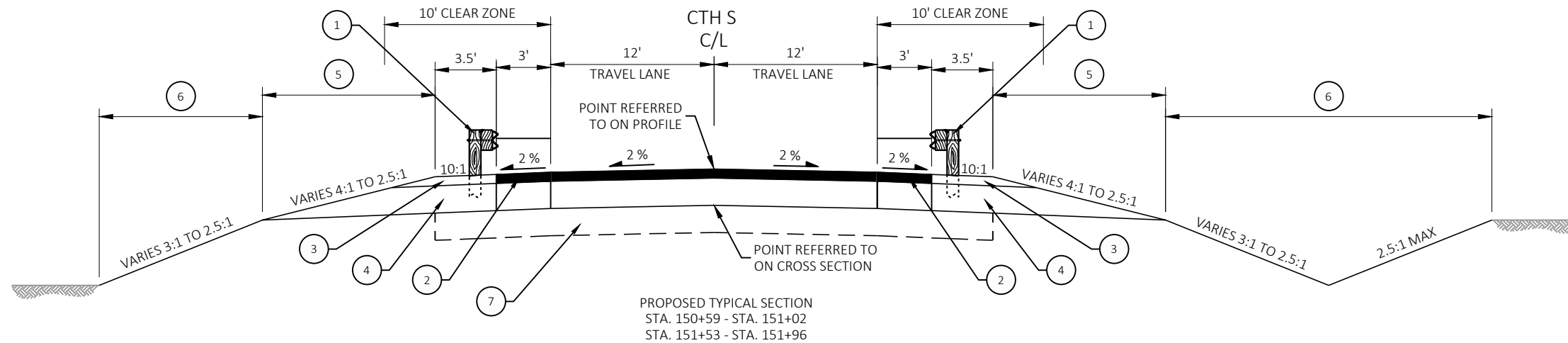


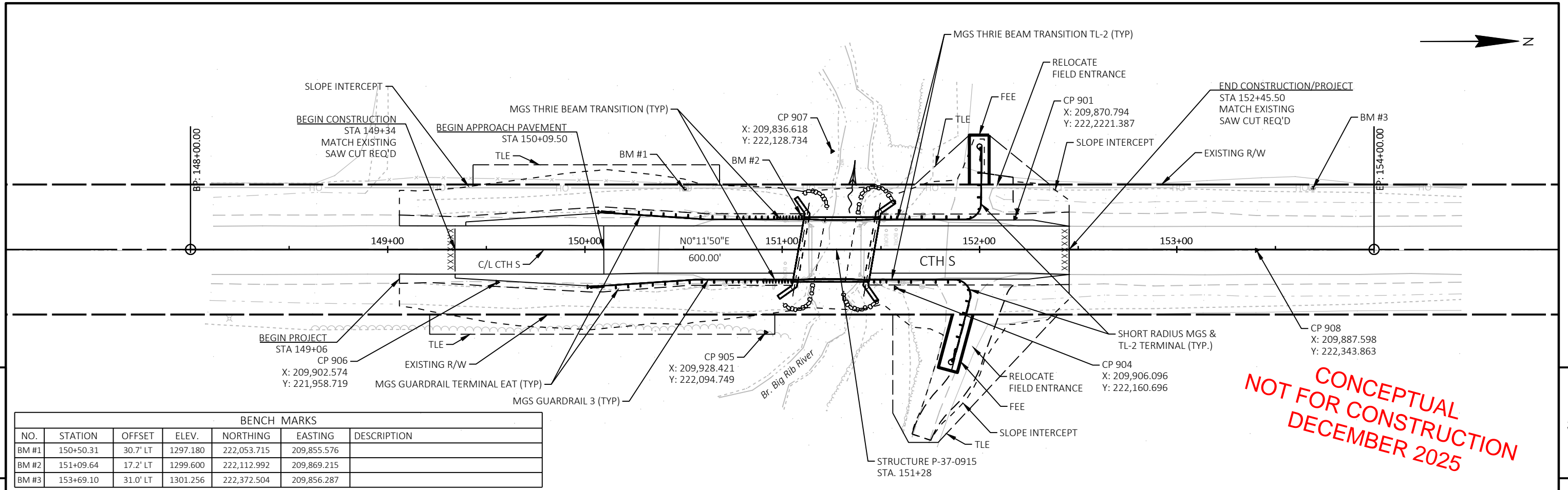
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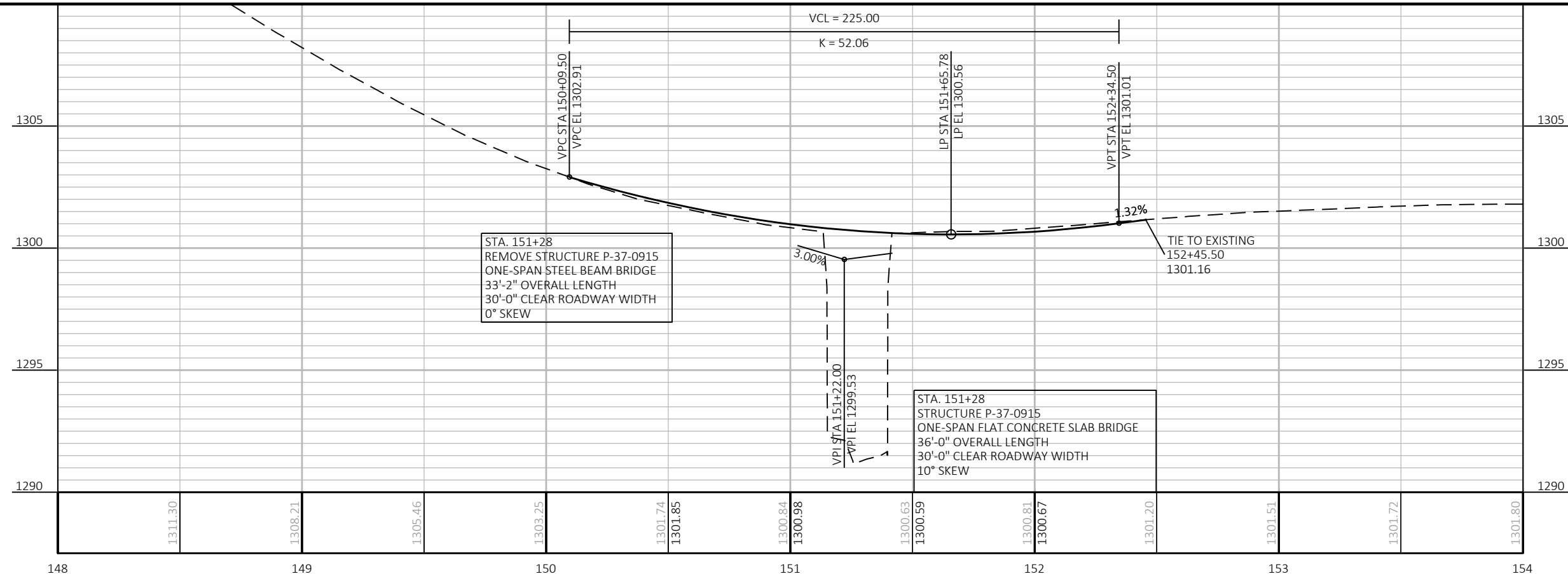




BENCH MARKS

NO.	STATION	OFFSET	ELEV.	NORTHING	EASTING	DESCRIPTION
BM #1	150+50.31	30.7' LT	1297.180	222,053.715	209,855.576	
BM #2	151+09.64	17.2' LT	1299.600	222,112.992	209,869.215	
BM #3	153+69.10	31.0' LT	1301.256	222,372.504	209,856.287	

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COUNTY: MARATHON

PLAN AND PROFILE: CTH S

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