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## **PUBLIC NOTICE 09-02-20**

### **BRIDGE PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A FIXED BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE CHICAGO RIVER, MILE 4.36, CITY OF CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, has received application material from the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) for approval of the location and plans for new construction over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Dominick Street Bridge, Mile 4.36 across the North Branch of the Chicago River, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** As proposed, the project consists of constructing a single-span fixed arch bridge that will connect an extended Dominick Street from Webster Avenue to North Avenue, connecting the north and south portions of a 53-acre development known as Lincoln Yards. The proposed structure will have a length of 322.00-feet, minimum vertical clearance of 18.50-feet, horizontal clearance of 150.00-feet, and out-to-out width of 80.00-feet. The structure will accommodate vehicular and pedestrian traffic. A final project schedule has not been confirmed.

#### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

Vertical Clearance: 22.33-feet at center, no less than 18.50-feet of vertical clearance at the navigation channel's limits.

Horizontal Clearance: 150.00-feet, normal to the axis of the channel.

(All Elevations are referenced to Low Water Datum, Lake Michigan, Elevation 745.80, International Great Lakes Datum of 1985 (IGLD 85))

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The U.S. Coast Guard, as Lead Federal Agency for the proposed project, has reviewed the environmental report prepared by the applicant. The Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) under the criteria given in the Coast Guard's NEPA implementation instruction. As a result, a Coast Guard Categorical Exclusion Determination (CED) will be prepared as the final environmental document unless significant impacts are

revealed by this public notification or through ongoing analysis of the potential impacts that warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

The project is not anticipated to require any temporary excavation or placement of clean fill into the North Branch of the Chicago River. Accordingly, no adverse impacts are expected to the canal's streamflow or cross-section. This application is being considered by the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, 33 USC 408, as implemented in accordance with Engineer Circular 1165-2-220. USACE must determine whether the proposal will impair the usefulness of the congressionally-authorized Chicago River Navigation Project, and whether the proposed alteration is in the public interest. Commenters are requested to provide a copy of any comments on the proposed activity covered by this notice to [Chicago408@usace.army.mil](mailto:Chicago408@usace.army.mil) or by U.S. Mail to: Section 408 Coordinator, 231 LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Attn: ORD-R, Chicago, IL 60604.

On May 19, 2020, consultants for the applicant submitted a joint application to USACE, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL-EPA), and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IL-DNR). The applicant requests that USACE provide a jurisdictional determination letter that neither a Section 10 nor Section 404 authorization would be required from USACE, a Section 402 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from IL-EPA, and a Part 3700 (Floodway Construction) and Part 3704 (Public Waters) authorizations from IL-DNR.

The proposed bridge is not located in a base floodplain.

No state-designated wetlands are present in the project area. A USCG review of wetland mapper found no state- or federally-designated wetlands within the proposed project's area of potential effect.

The proposed bridge falls within the State Illinois' Coast Zone Management Act (CZMA) Inland Waterway boundary. On June 11, 2020, the applicant requested a federal Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency Determination from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Coastal Management Program (IL-CMP).

The project is not expected to result in any direct or indirect effects on any know federally-listed endangered species. On February 17, 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) identified ten threatened, endangered, or candidate species to be considered in any adverse effect analysis for the project. However, it found that no critical habitat existed for those species in the project area. Similarly, on March 5, 2020, IL-DNR sent a letter and Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) report identifying the Banded Killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*) as the only state-identified protected resource in the project area. However, IDNR found that any adverse effects would be unlikely and terminated 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 consultation.

On May 19, 2020 the applicant initiated consultation with the IL-DNR State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding project effects on historic or cultural resources. On June 24, 2020, the SHPO found that no historic properties are affected by the proposed project.

The project is not expected to affect any known Essential Fish Habitats (EFH), as designated by

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Relocation of businesses and / or households are not expected to occur as a result of project implementation.

In reference to the provisions of Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, the Coast Guard is soliciting information concerning possible impacts of the proposed bridge project on minority and low-income populations.

Documents are available at the posted address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

This Public Notice request comments from waterway users, marine facilities, and other interested parties regarding the proposed navigation clearances, navigational lighting, and pier protection of the proposed new construction. Mariners are requested to comment on any navigational safety issues. This would include the extent of nighttime navigation past the bridge site, channel alignment through the navigational draw of the bridge, or any other navigation-related question.

This Public Notice also requests comments from Federal, State, and Local agencies to identify potential permit requirements or environmental impacts not identified in the body of this notice. Interested parties are also requested to express their views on the proposed bridge project's possible environmental impacts, including impacts on minority and / or low-income populations. Comments of an environmental nature will be considered in preparing the final environmental document.

It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of any person having interest in this who may not have received a copy of this public notice.

Interested parties are requested to comment in writing on the proposed bridge project. Sufficient detail should be provided to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed work. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander, (dpb), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44199. Mr. Michael Walker, (216) 902-6087, [michael.o.walker2@uscg.mil](mailto:michael.o.walker2@uscg.mil), is the Coast Guard's project manager for the proposed replacement bridge. Comments will be received through 30 days from the posted date of notice.

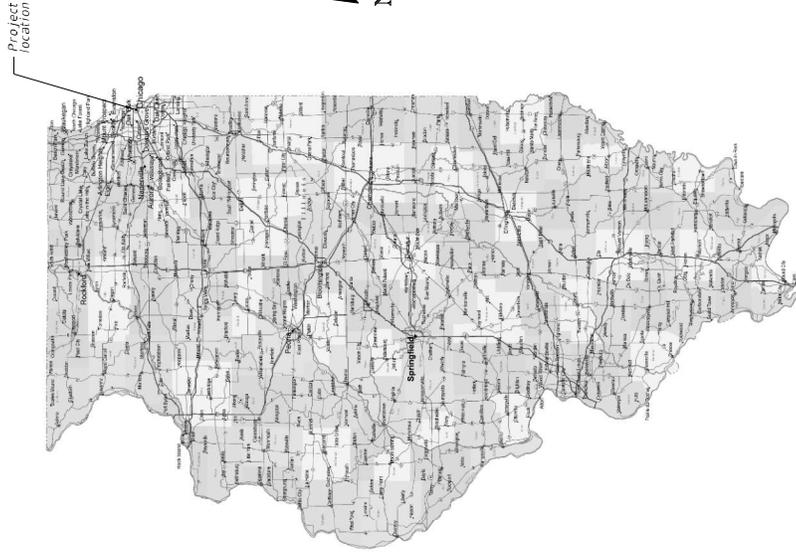
FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER



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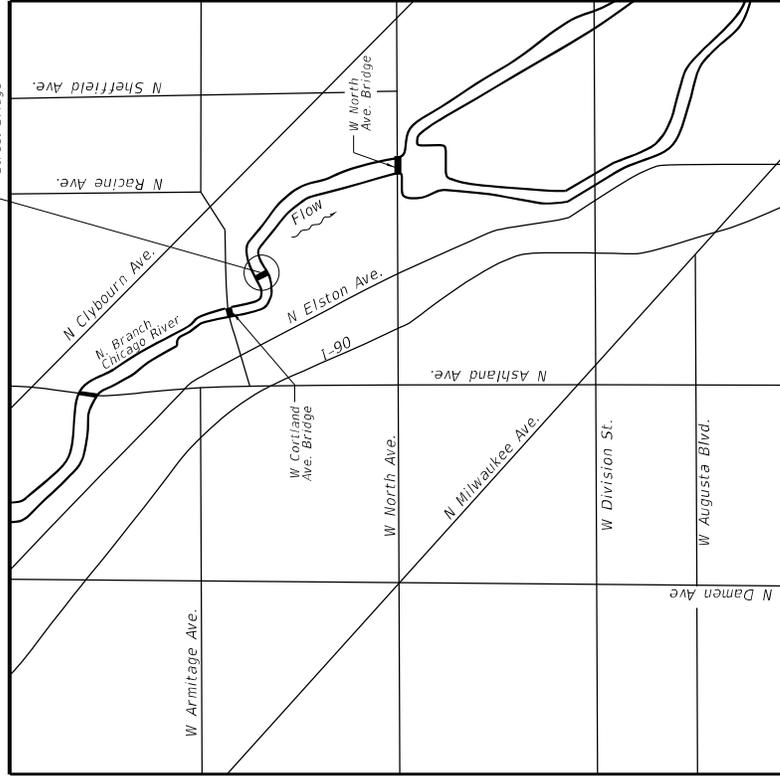
Map of location and plans attached.

**NOTICE TO POSTMASTER:** The U.S. Coast Guard requests the above notice be conspicuously and continually posted until September 14, 2020.



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VICINITY MAP



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LOCATION MAP

NOTES

1. There are no wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or historical and archaeological sites within the project limits.
2. Conceptual plans utilized to obtain bridge permit.



EXPIRATION DATE 11-30-2021  
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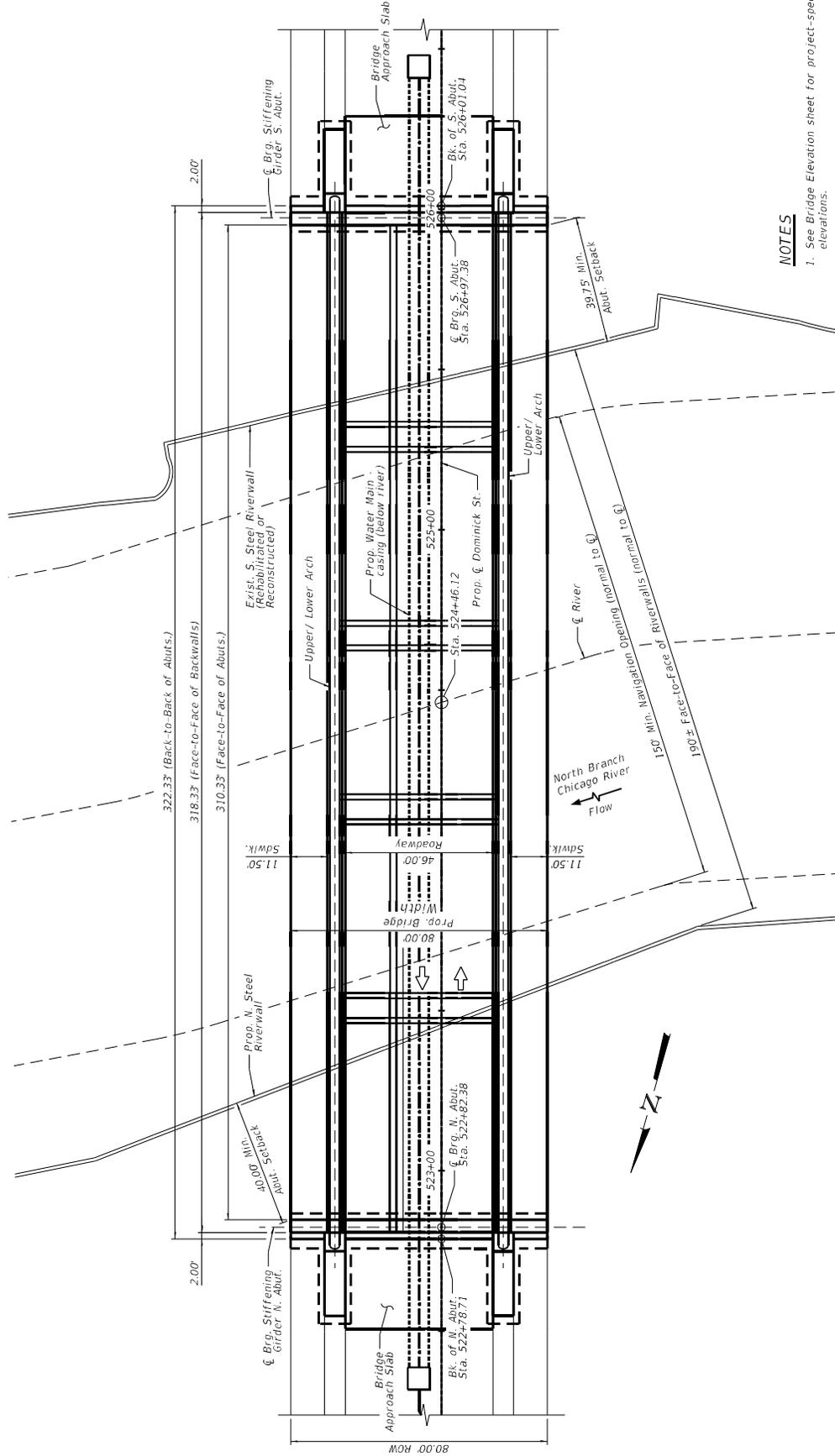
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VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP

DATE: 5/4/2020

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**NOTES**

1. See Bridge Elevation sheet for project-specific water elevations.
2. All properties adjacent to the proposed structure are owned by Sterling Bay, LLC.
3. Conceptual plans utilized to obtain bridge permit.

**PLAN**



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**GENERAL PLAN**

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Benchmark: Box cut in top of concrete shoring along west side of the North Branch of Chicago River, south of 90 degree bend. Elev. 4.98 CCD.

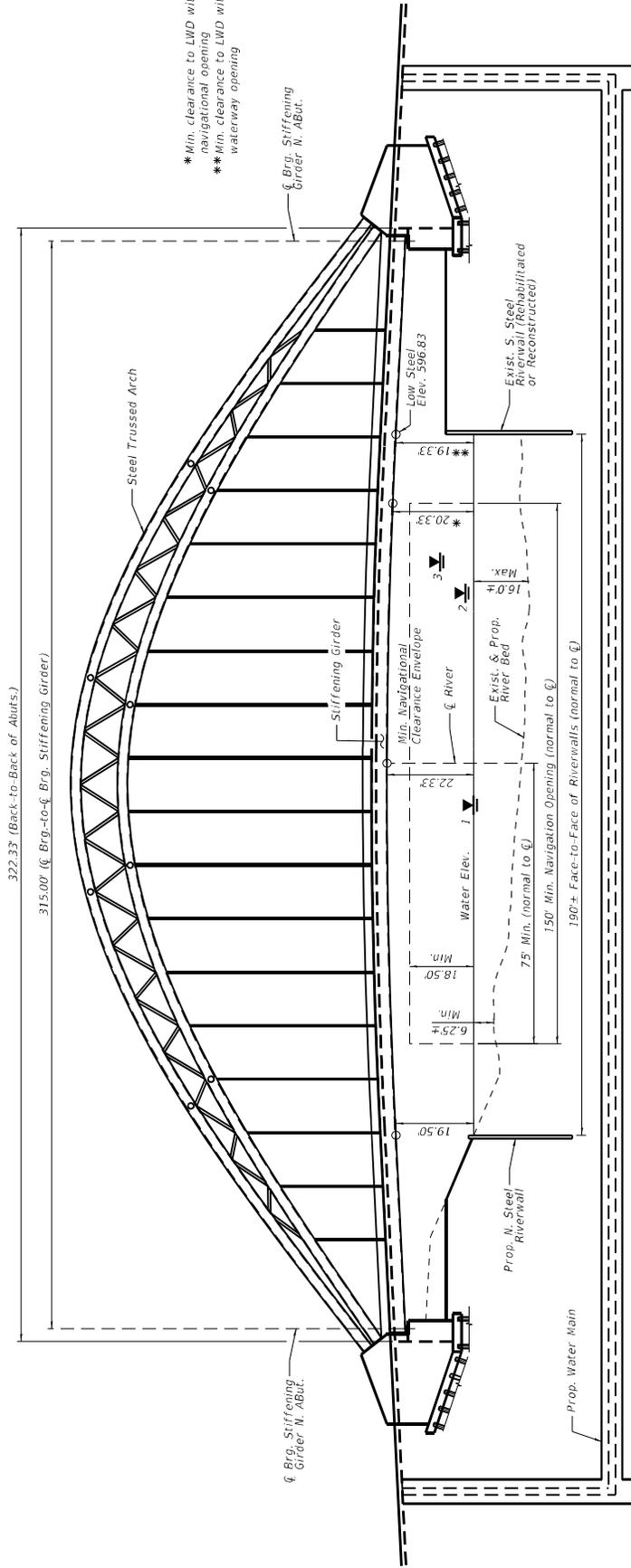
Existing Structure: None

**WATER ELEVATIONS**

Location	Elevation	Description
1	577.50	Low Water Datum (LWD)
2	578.14	High Water Datum (HWD)
3	586.69	100 Year Flood

IGLD85 Datum

Note: The LWD elevation tabulated above is applicable at locations upstream and downstream of the proposed Dominick bridge crossing within the limits of the Lincoln Yards development.



**ELEVATION**

**NOTES**

- IGLD 85 datum used for elevations within these plans. At this bridge location, 578.91 (IGLD 85) is equivalent to 579.20 (NAVD 88) or 0.00 (CCD).
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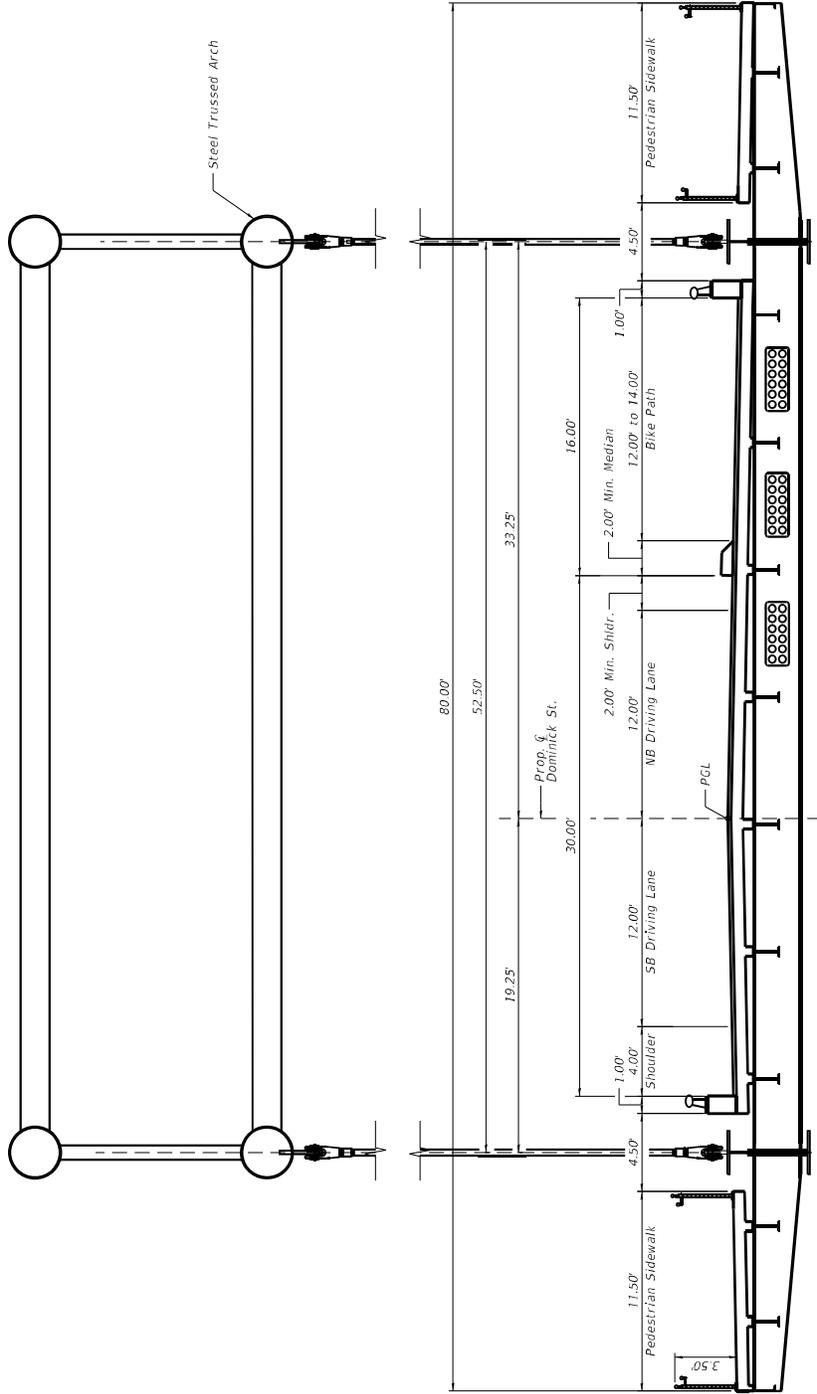
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TYPICAL SECTION

**NOTES**

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