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January 27, 2012

In Reply Refer To: HSST/B-231

Scott Rosenbaugh Research Associate Engineer Midwest Roadside Safety Facility UNL 2200 Vine Street 130 Whittier Building Lincoln NE, 68583-0853

Dear Mr. Rosenbaugh:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system:	Transition from steel post MGS to thrie-beam approach
Type of system:	W-beam to thrie-beam stiffness transition
Test Level:	MASH Test Level 3
Testing conducted by:	Midwest Roadside Safety Facility
Task Force 13 Designator:	STG03a
Date of request:	June 28, 2011
Date initially acknowledged:	July 17, 2011
Date of completed package:	June 28, 2011

Decision:

The following device is eligible, with details provided in your letter of June 28, 2011, which is enclosed as an integral part of this finding:

• Stiffness Transition from steel post MGS with 12-inch deep blockouts to thrie-beam approach using asymmetrical "Y."

Based on a review of crash test results submitted by the manufacturer certifying the device described herein meets the crashworthiness criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

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Requirements

Roadside safety devices should meet the guidelines contained in the MASH.

Description and Crash Testing

Guardrail to bridgerail transitions are designed to gradually increase the stiffness of the semirigid w-beam barrier until connected to the rigid bridge railing. Typically, a single critical impact point (CIP) has been evaluated with full-scale crash testing. That CIP is usually located at the point where we anticipate the greatest likelihood of vehicle snagging or pocketing near the beginning of the rigid bridge railing. Because the stiffness of the barrier transition hardware needed to adequately shield the end of the rigid bridge railing is substantial, there is also reason to determine if the change in stiffness between the w-beam guardrail and the transition design itself is safe. A transition from the MGS with 12-inch deep blockout to a stiffened thrie-beam rail using an asymmetrical "Y" transition piece was evaluated in your crash testing. The enclosed letter describes the transition design and the two crash tests conducted.

Also enclosed are the test data summary sheets and drawings of the transitions.

Findings

Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached letter, including the various attachment alternatives, is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

Please note the following standard provisions that apply to FHWA eligibility letters:

- This letter provides a AASHTO/ARTBA/AGC Task Force 13 designator that should be used for the purpose of the creation of a new and/or the update of existing Task Force 13 drawing for posting on the on-line 'Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware' currently referenced in AASHTO Roadside Design Guide.
- This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the systems and does not cover their structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may influence the crashworthiness of the system will require a new reimbursement eligibility letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service performance reveals safety problems, or that the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, we reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter.
- You will be expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design and installation requirements to ensure proper performance.
- You will be expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the crashworthiness requirements of the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware.

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility is designated as number B-231 and shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed at our office upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder. The finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the candidate system, and the FHWA is neither prepared nor required to become involved in issues concerning patent law. Patent issues, if any, are to be resolved by the applicant.

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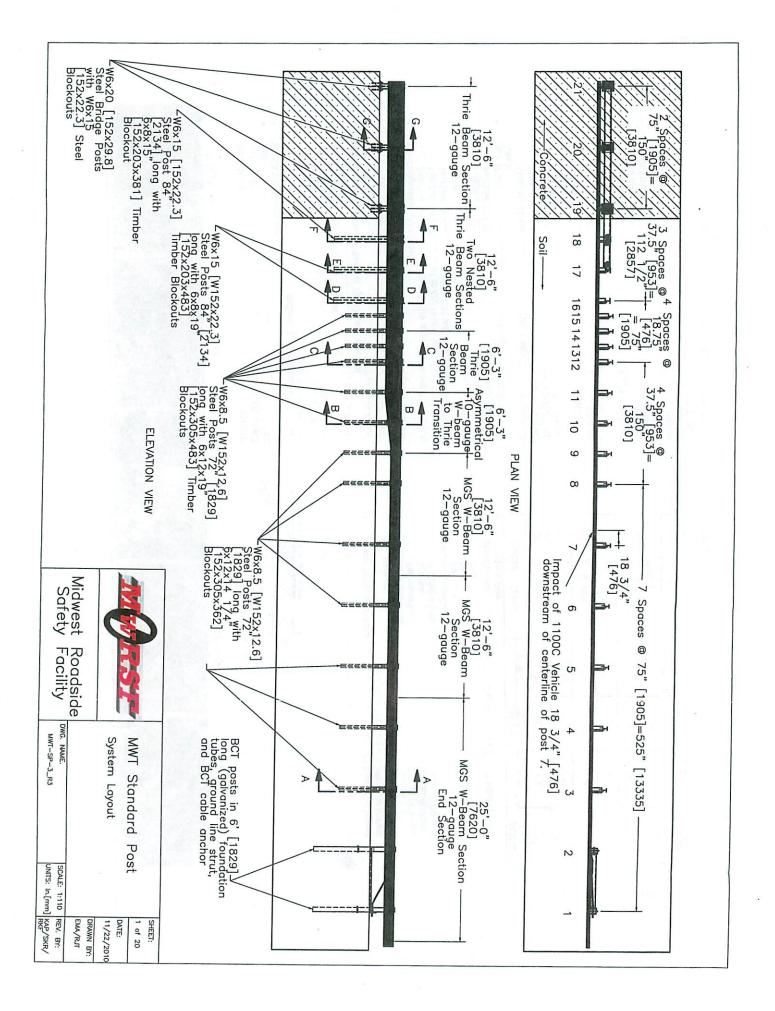
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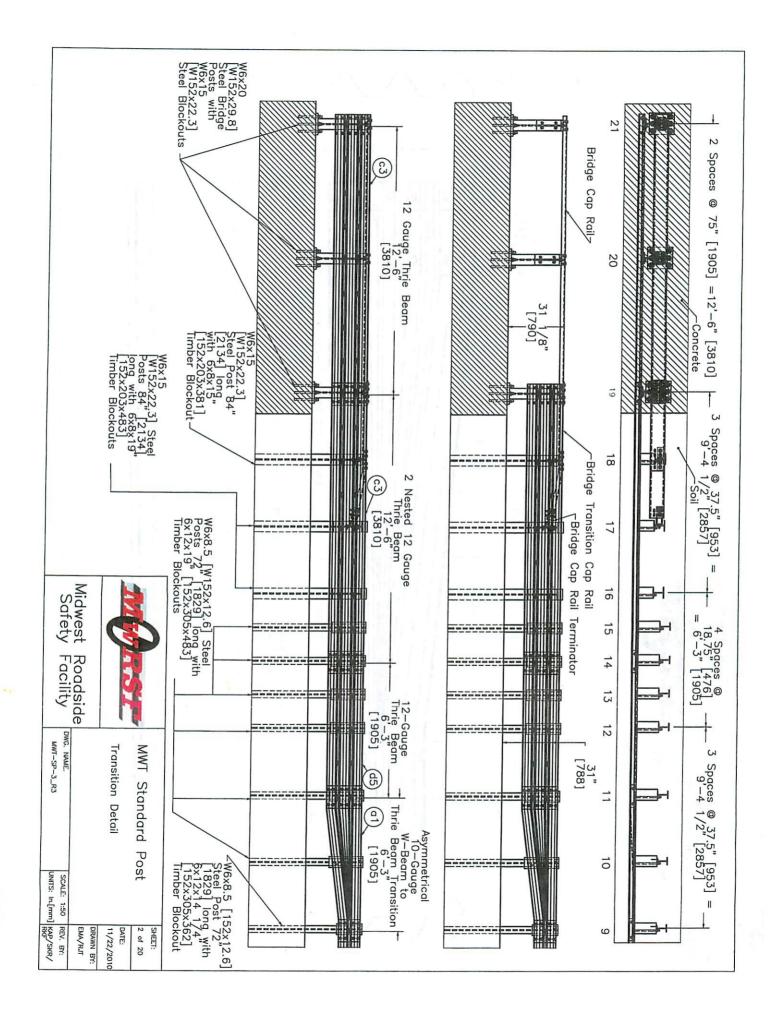
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	Test Number	
	Date	7/7/08
	MASH Test Designation	
	Test Article	Stiffness Transition between MGS and
		Thrie Beam Transition
	Total Length	
	Height to Top of Bail	
	Key Components - Steel W-Beam	Guardenil
	Thickness	
	Key Components - Steel W-Beam	to Thrie Been Transition
2.00	Thickness	
	Composit I anoth	
	Thirkness	
	Key Components - Steel Posts	
	Bert Mar 3 15	
	Post Nos. 3 - 13	72 in. (1,829 mm) long, W6x9 (W152x13.4)
	Post Nos. 10 - 18	im. (2,134 mm) long, W6x15 (W152x22.3)
	Post Spacing	% in. (752 mm) long, W6x20 (W152x29.8)
•	Post Sparing	
	POST NOS. 1 - 8, 19 - 21	
	POSLINOS, 8 - 12, 10 - 19	37% in (053 mm)
	POST NOS. 12 - 10	
•	Type of Soul	Grading B - AASHTO M 147-65
•	Velzicle	
	Make and Model	
	Cup.	5 138 lb (? 331 kg)
	lest mercial	4 993 lb (2 265 kg)
	Gross State	5,158 lb (2,340 kg)
•	Impact Conditions	
	Speed	
	Alge	762 dem
	Impact Location	
•	Exit Conditions	
	Speed	
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•	Exit Box Criteria	
	Vehicle Damage	Moderate
	VDS ^[24]	1-RFQ-5
	CDC ^[29]	

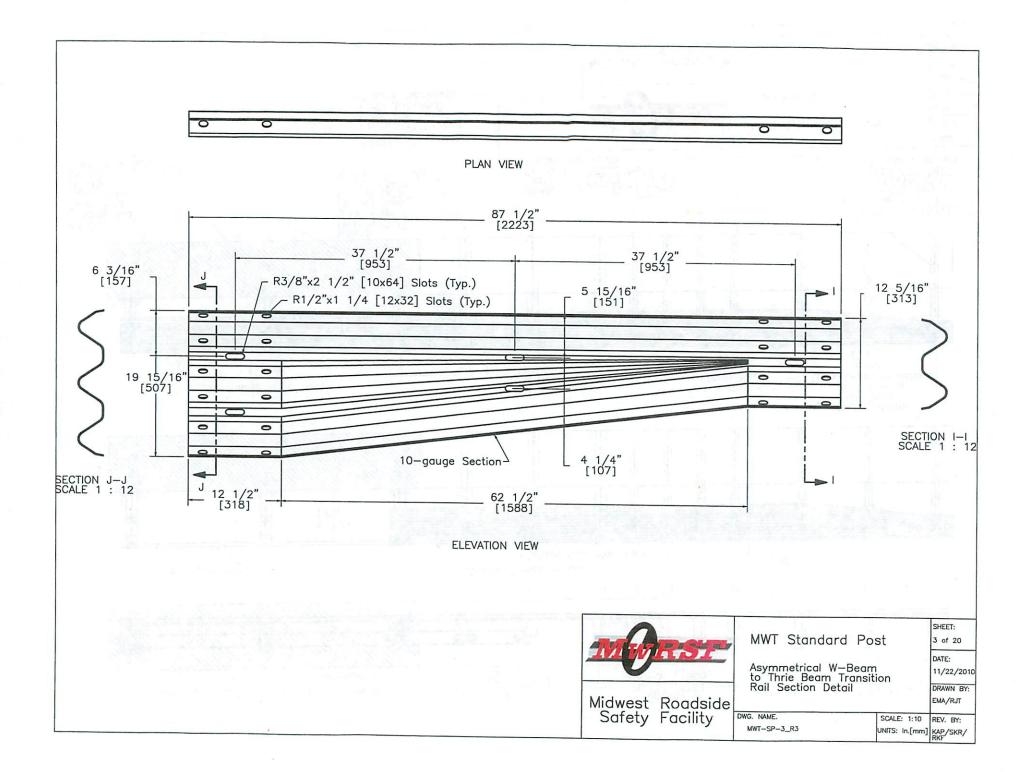
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	1		2	6.3"-7"		
				0.3 m]		
	 Vehicl 	e Stopping Distance			80.2 m) DS c	of Inspact
	. Tort A	miclo Demons	43.7 ft (13.3 m) Lateral	lly Behind the	e System
	 Test A 	rticle Damage rticle Deflections				Moderate
	• Maxim	Permanent Set Dynamic Working Width nun Angular Displac Roll	ements			833 mm) 310 mm) (3° < 75°
		Pitch Yaw				.0° < 75° 51°
	• Impact	Severity		tip-ft (171.9 kJ)) > 106 kip-ft	(144 kJ)
	Evalu	uation Criteria		Transducer		MASH
		and a conterna	EDR-3	EDR-4	DTS	Limit
	OIV ft/s	Longitudinal	-21.21 (-6.46)	NA	NA	≤40 (12.2)
	(m/s)	Lateral	-16.91 (-5.15)	NA	NA	≤40 (12.2)
	ORA	Longitudinal	-12.03	NA	NA	<u>≤</u> 20.49
	g's	Lateral	-9.87	NA	NA	≤ 20.49
	THIN	V – ft/s (m/s)	-	NA	NA	not required
	P	HD – g's	-	NA	NA	not required
		ASI	0.91	NA	NA	not required

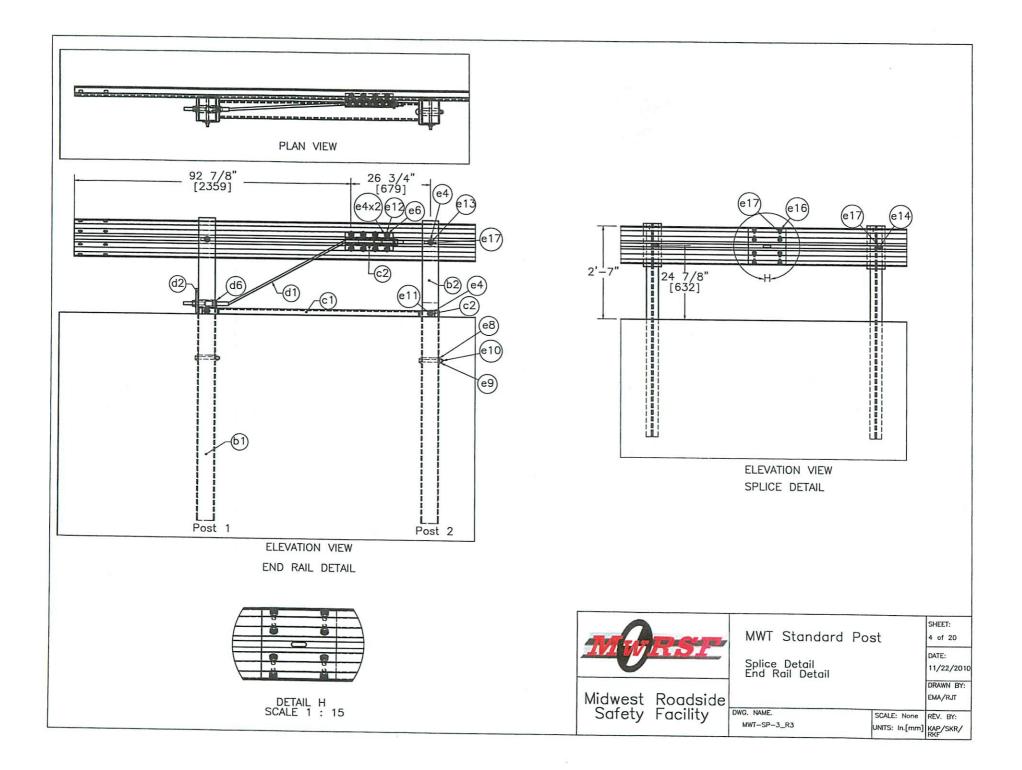
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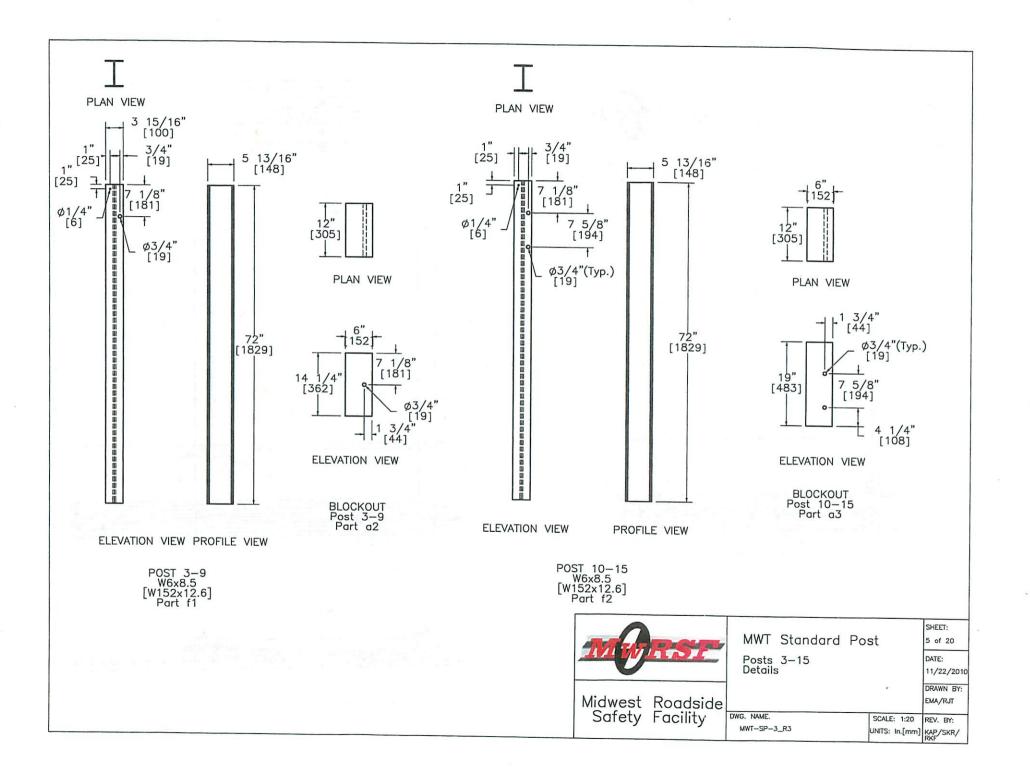
Figure 64. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs, Test No. MWTSP-2

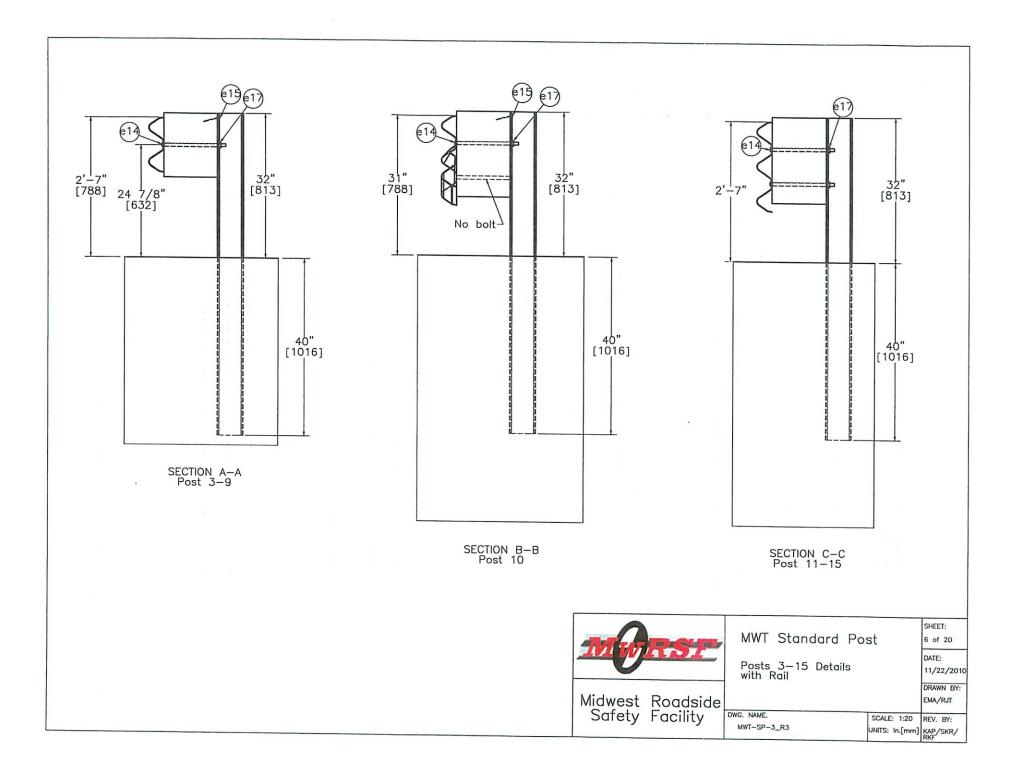


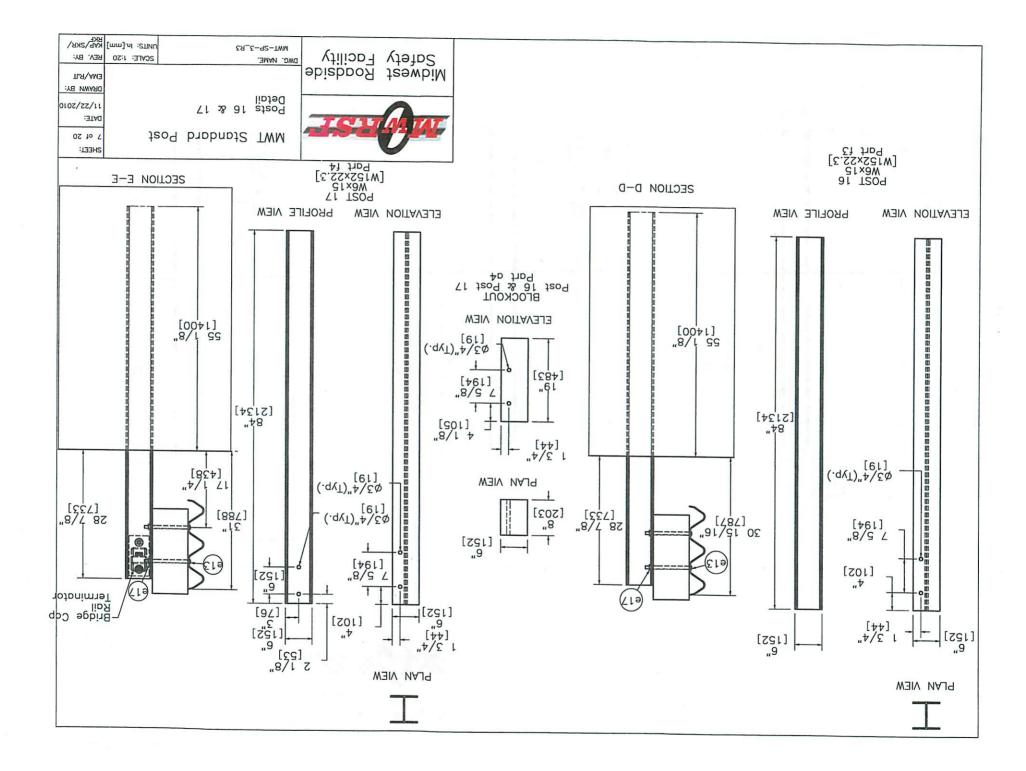


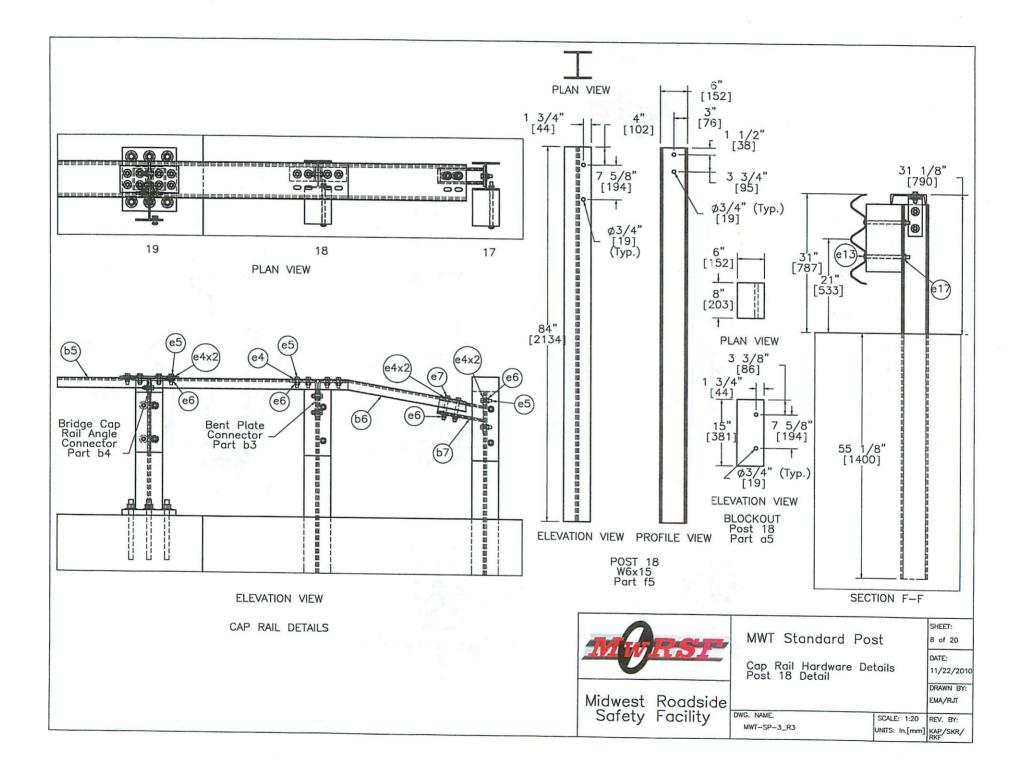


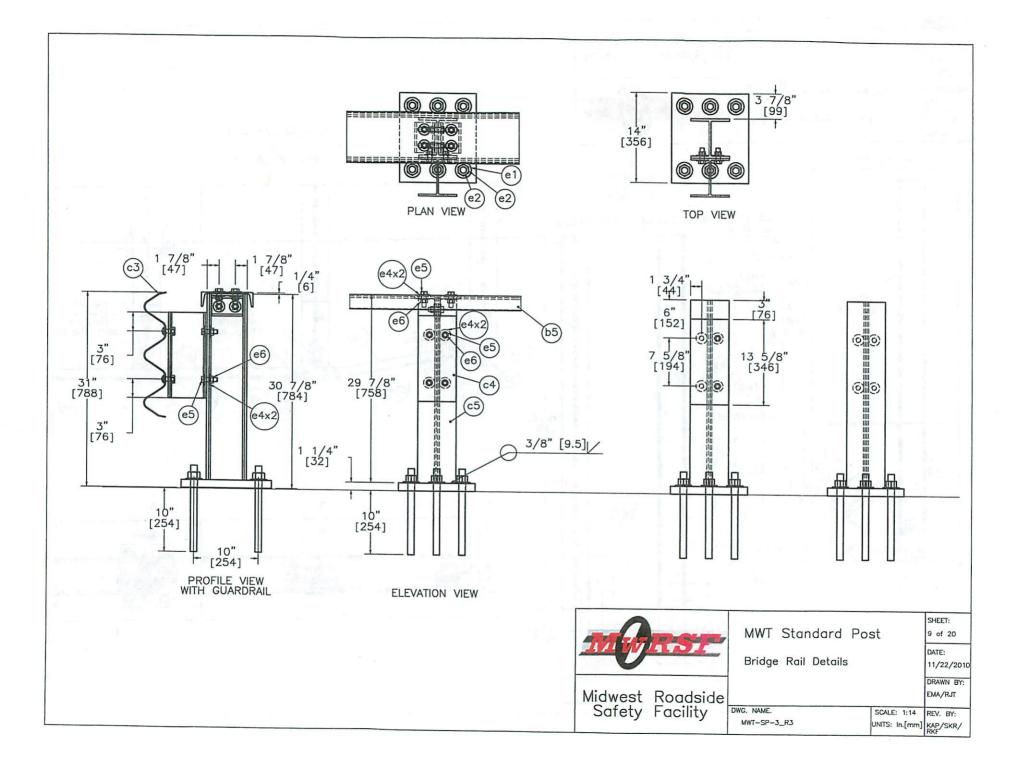


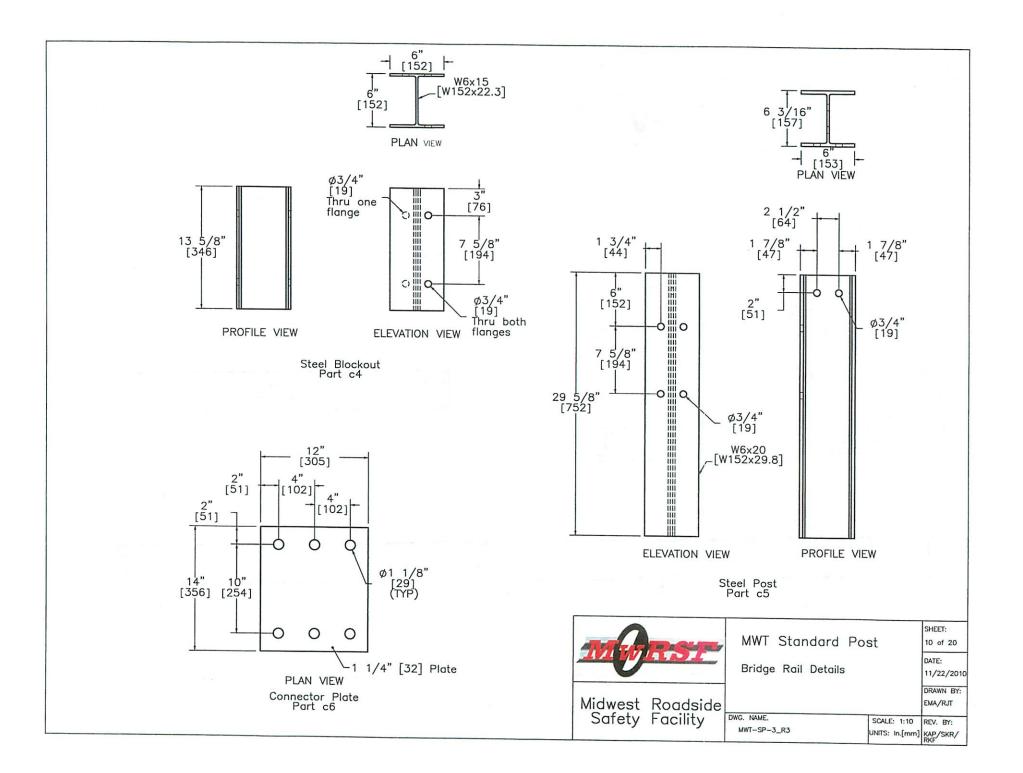


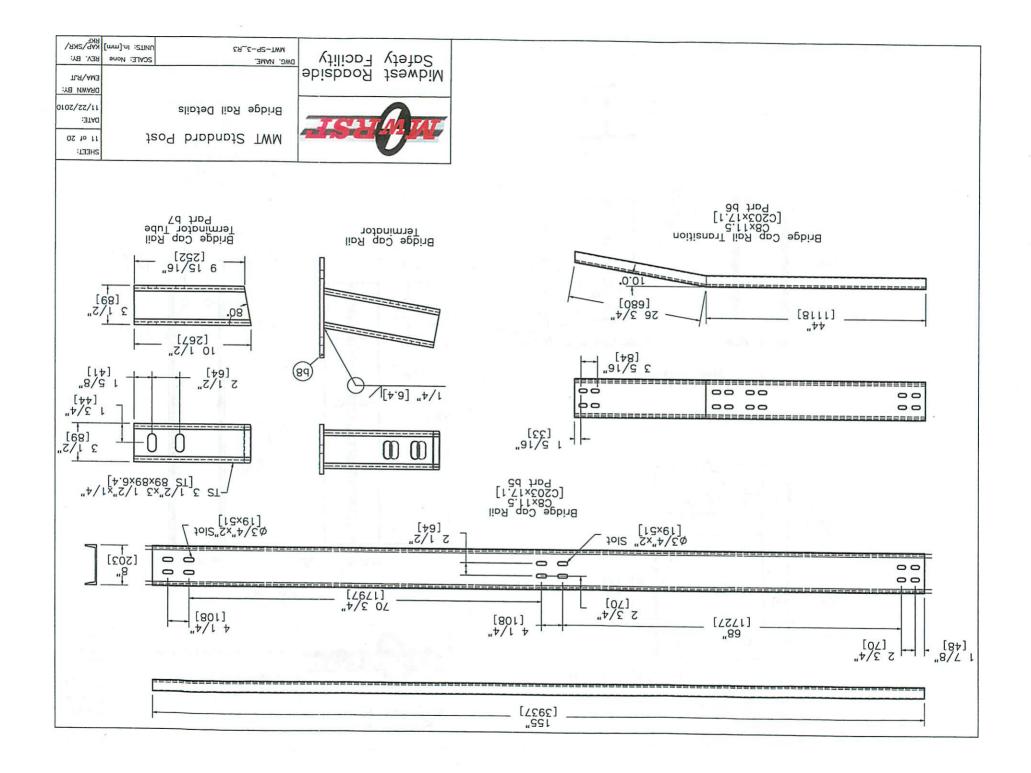


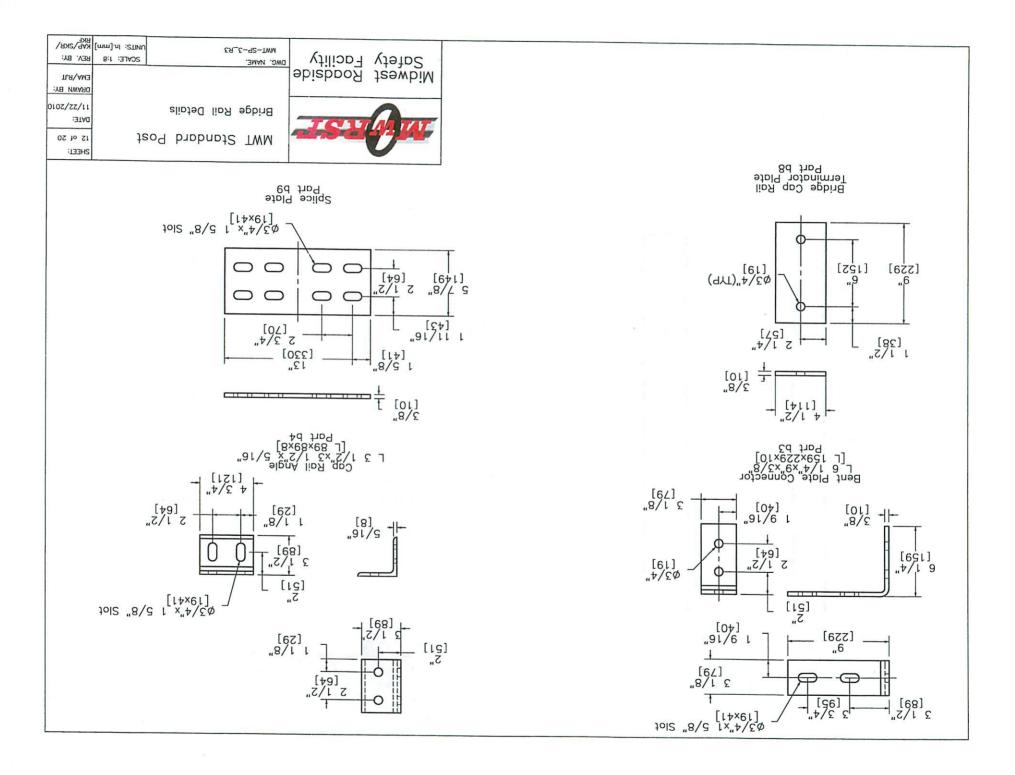


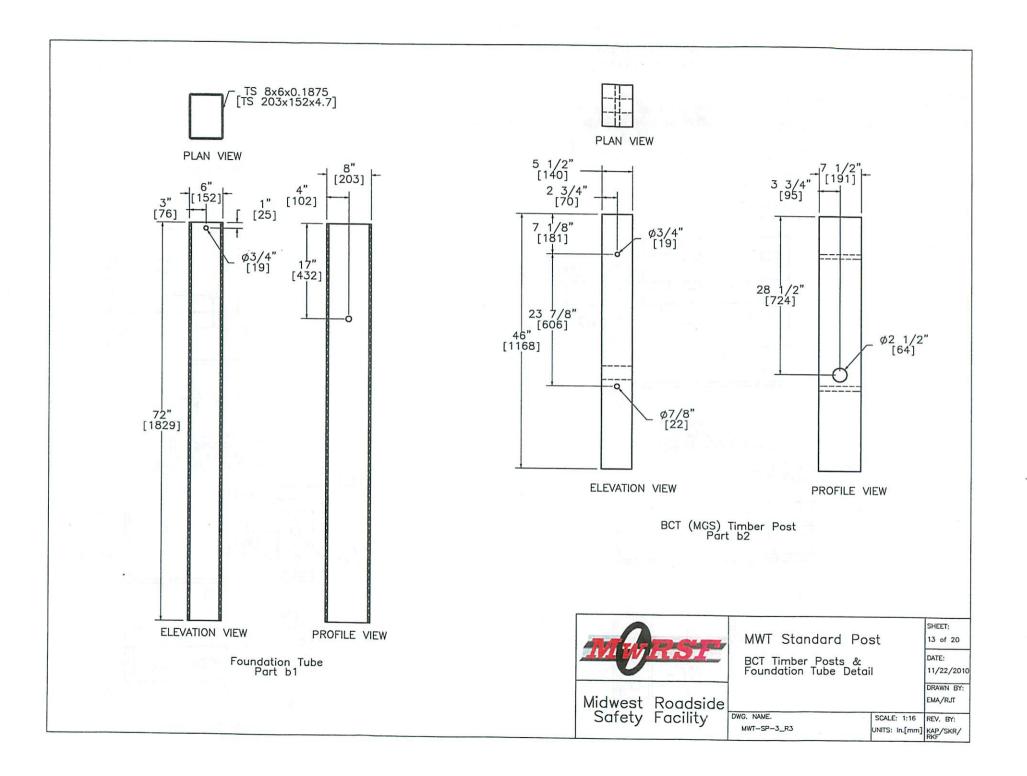


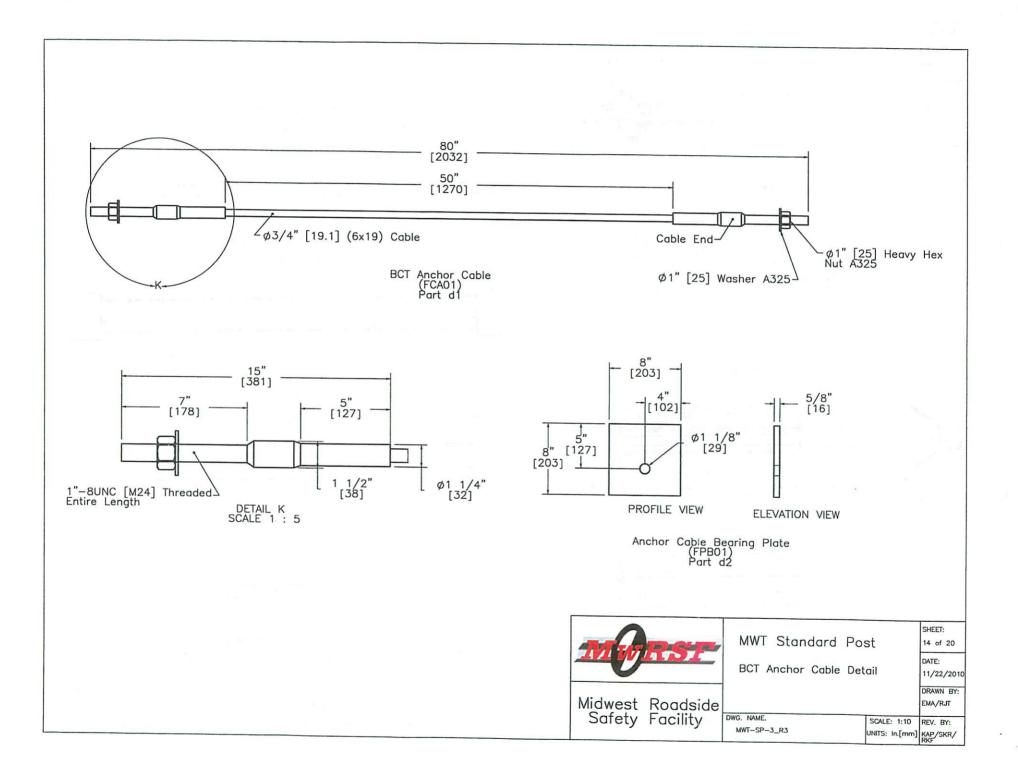


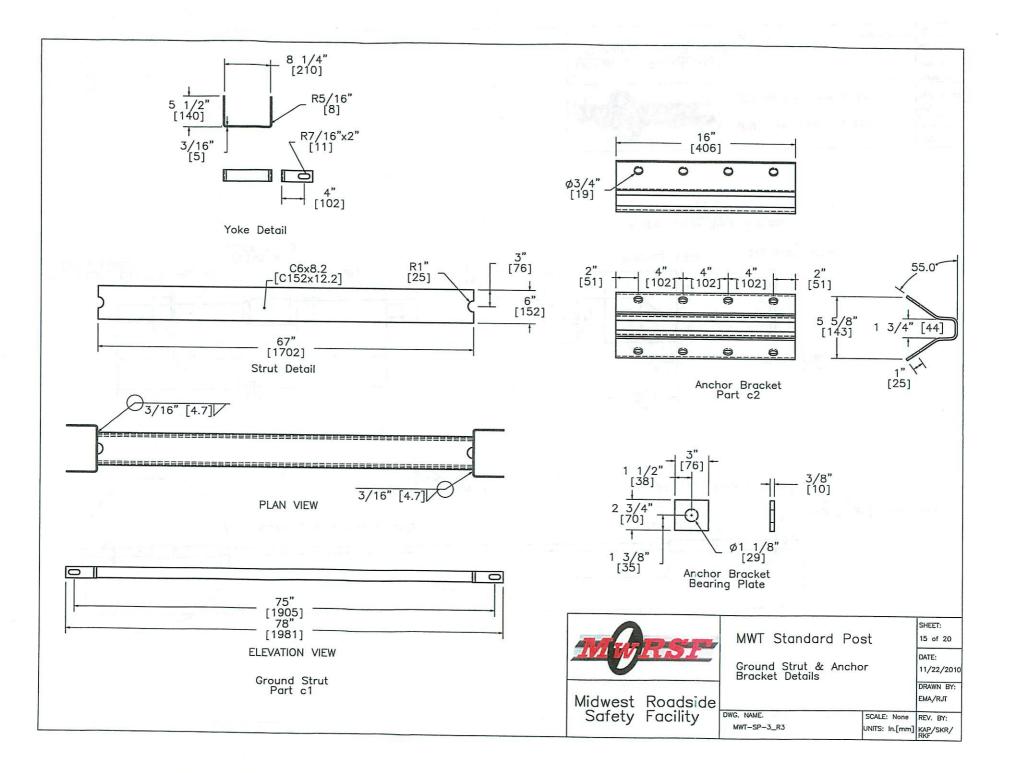


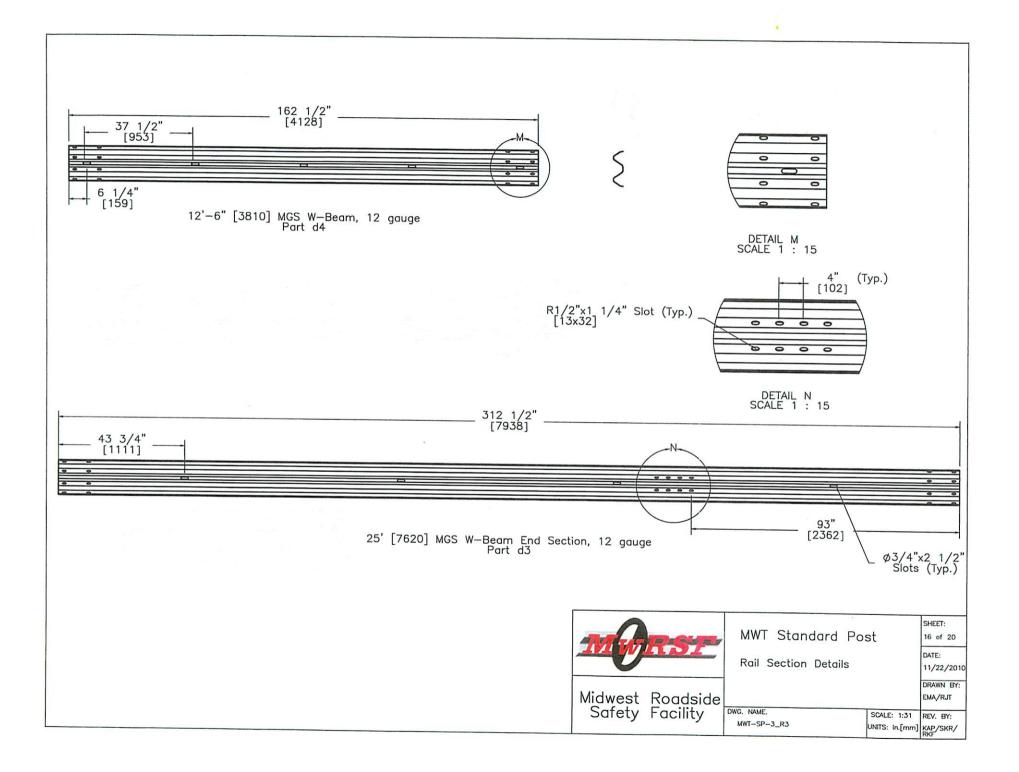


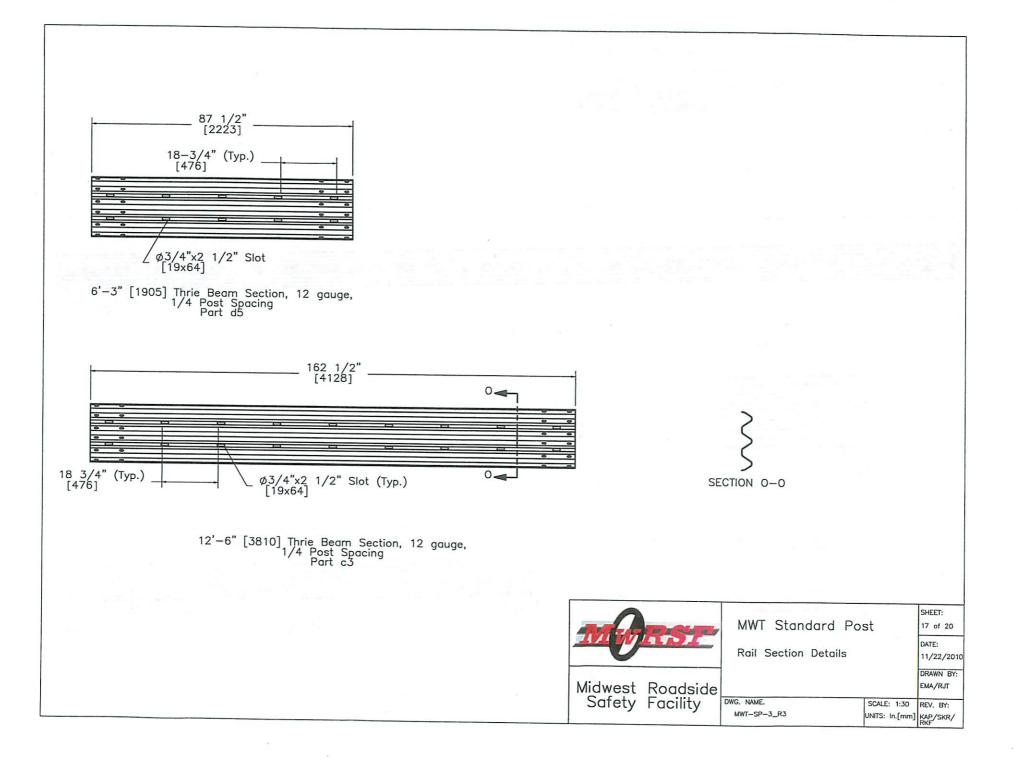






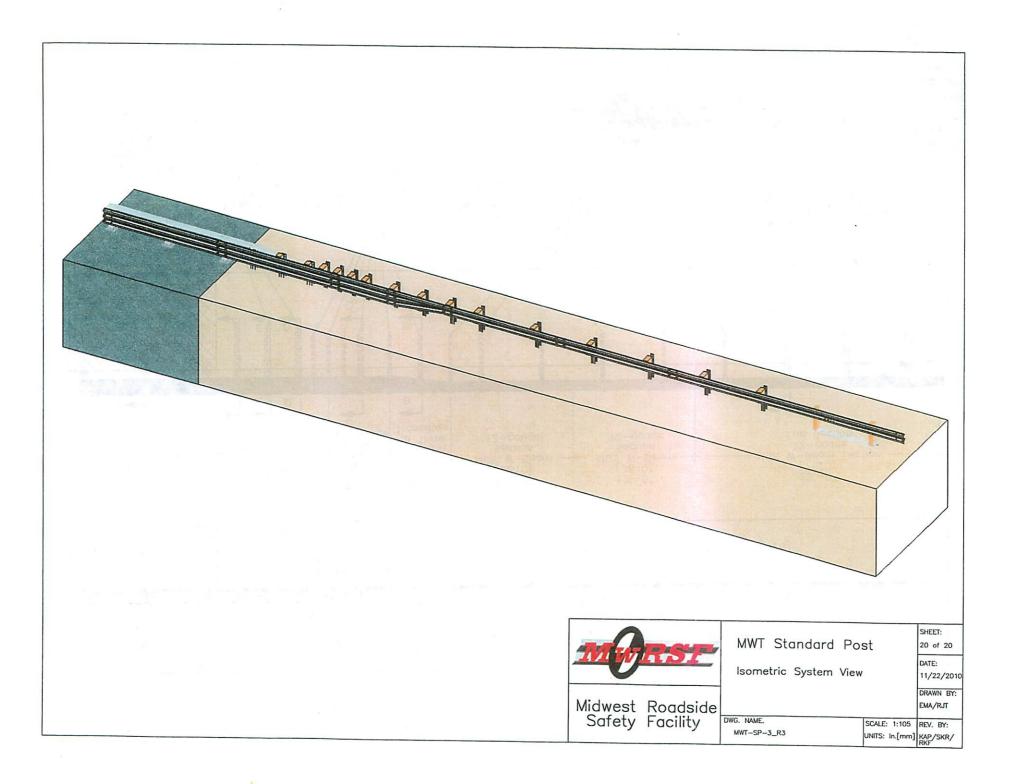


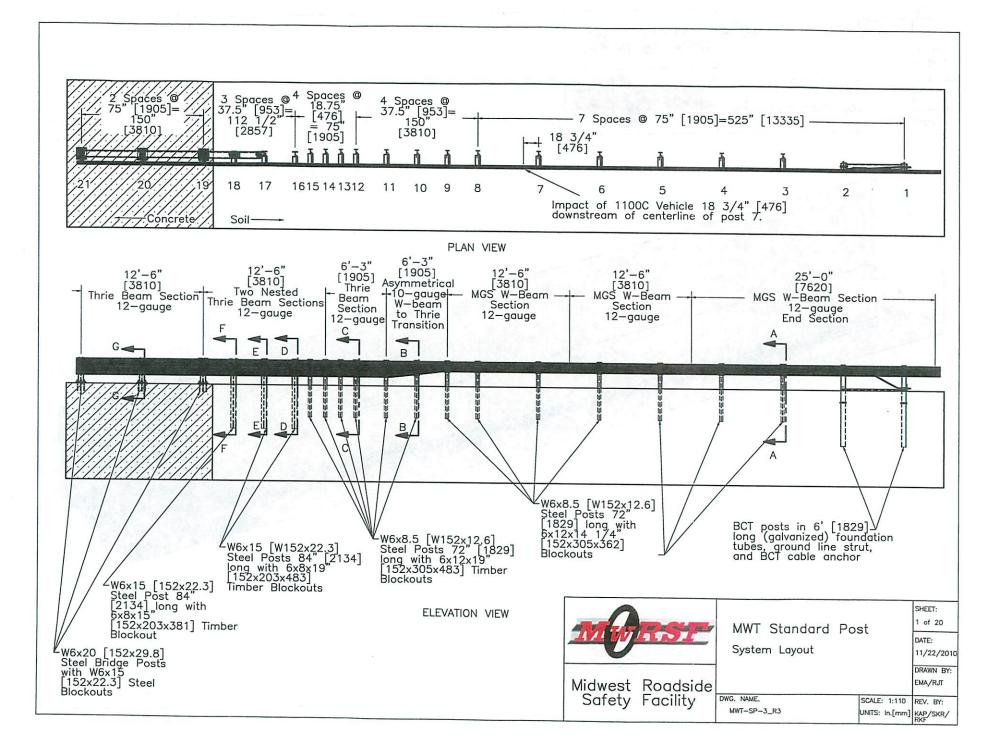


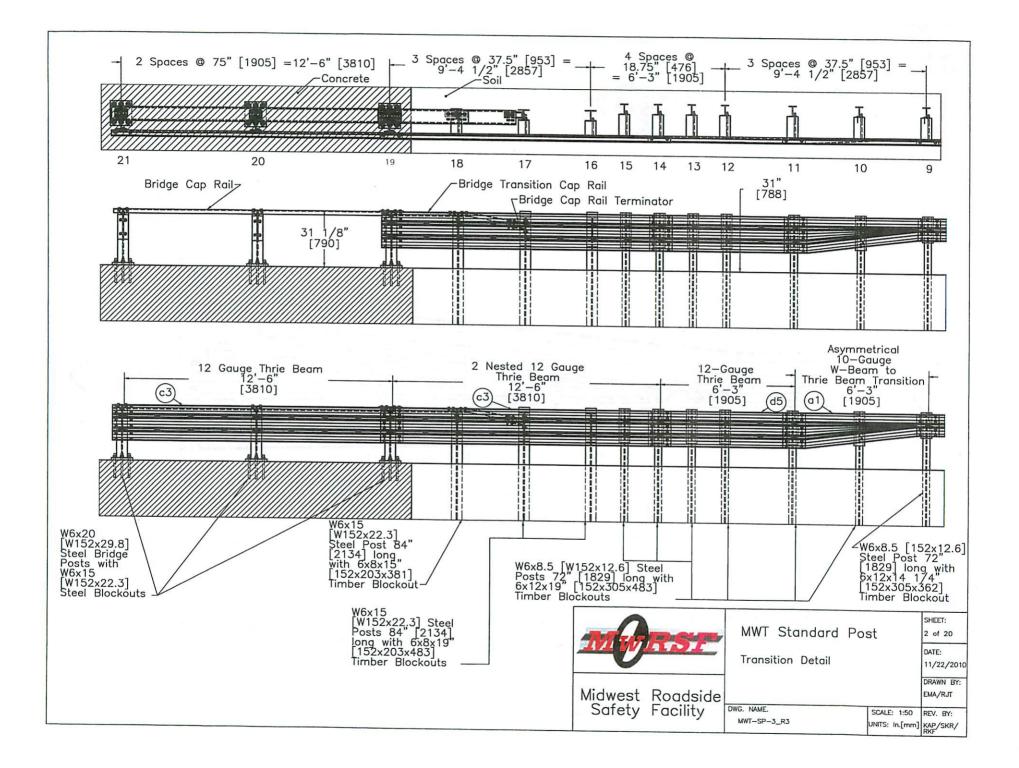


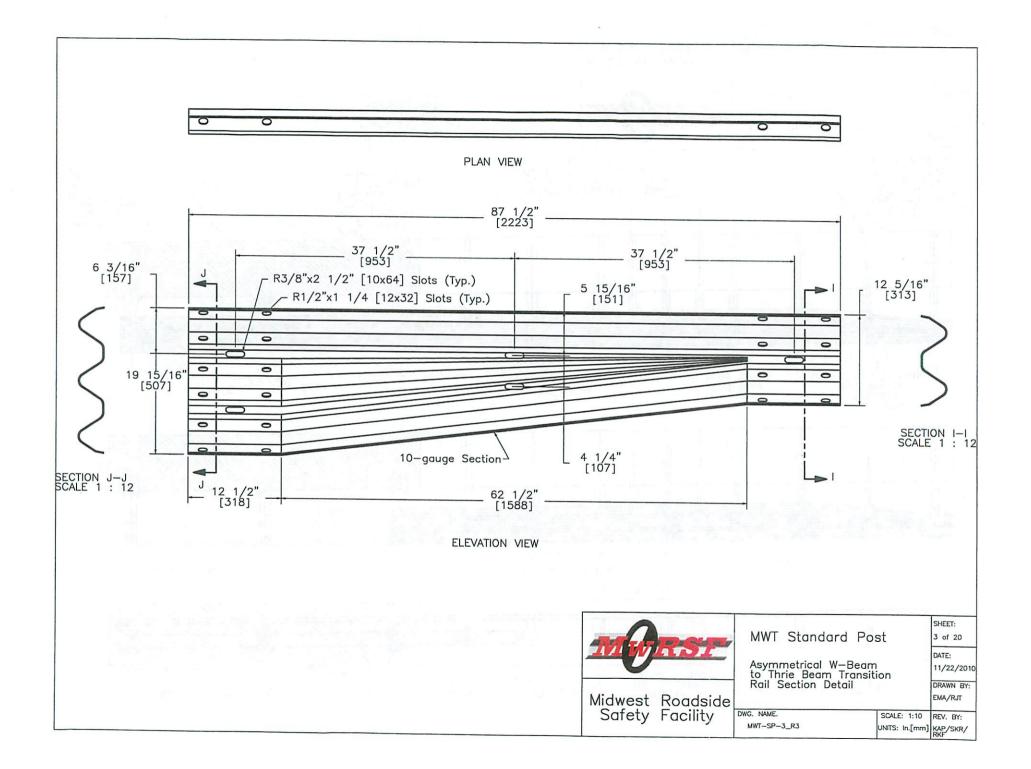
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a2	7	6x12x14 1/4" [152x305x362] Blockout	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a3	6	6x12x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post	SYP Grade No.1 or better	_
a4	2	10-15 6x8x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post 16-17	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a5	1	6x8x15" [152x305x381] Blockout – Post 18	SYP Grade No.1 or better	_
b1	2	72" [1829] Foundation Tube	A500 Grade B	PTE05
b2	2	BCT Timber Post -MGS Height	SYP Grade No. 1 or better	PDF01
b3	2	Bridge Cap Rail Bent Plate Connector 6 1/4x9x3/8" [159x229x9.5]	A36 Steel	-
b4	6	Bridge Cap Rail Angle 3 1/2x3 1/2x5/16" [89x89x7.9]	A36 Steel	
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c1	1	Strut and Yoke Assembly	A36 Steel	PFP01
c2	1	Anchor Bracket	A36 Steel	FPA01
c3	3	12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
c4	3	W6x15 [W152x22.3] Steel Bridge Blockout	A36 Steel	
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c6	3	12x14x1 1/4" [305x356x32] Bridge Cap Connector Plate	A36 Steel	_
d1	1	BCT Anchor Cable 6' [1829] Long	6x19 Cable	FCA01
d2	1	8x8x5/8" [203x203x15.9] Anchor Bearing Plate	A36 Steel	FPB01
d3	1	25' [7620] W-Beam MGS End Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
d4	2	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
d5	1	6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	_
d6	1	2 3/8" [60] O.D.x 6" [152] long BCT Hole insert	ASTM A53 Grade B Schedule 40	FMM02
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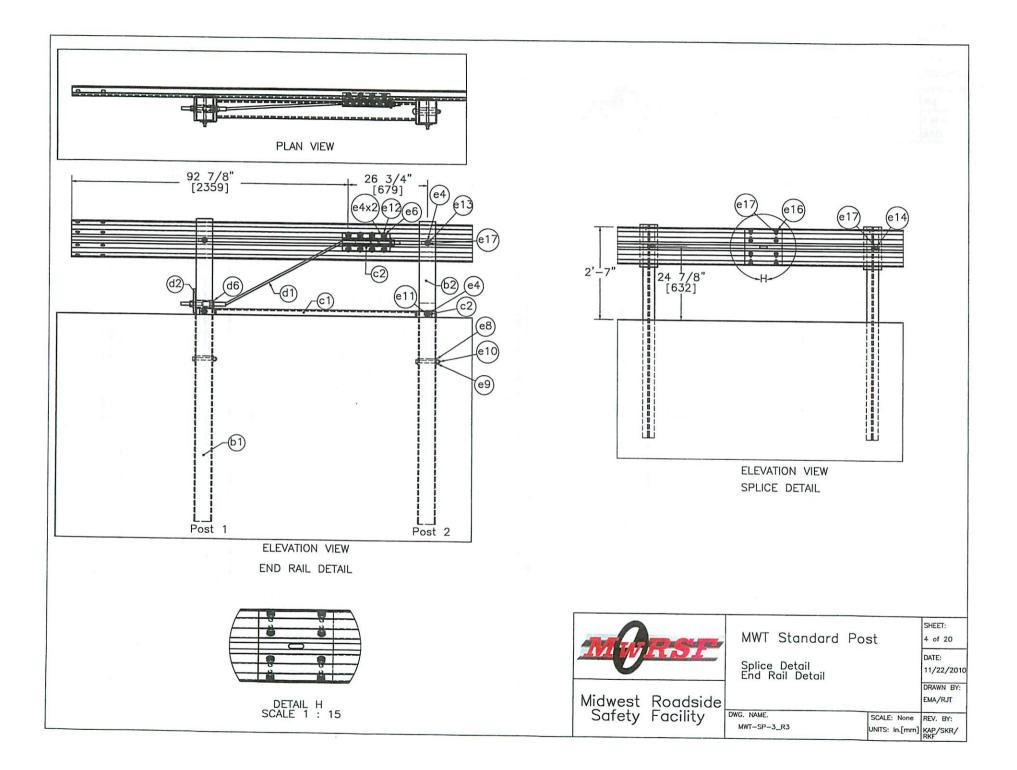
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eЗ	18	1"Dia. [25] Threaded Rod	Grade A307		-	-
e4	116	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Flat Washer	Grade 5		_	
e5	42	5/8"Dia. x 2" [M16x51] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5		FBX16a	
e6	54	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Hex Nut	Grade 5	g	A325 or A4 Substitute	49
e7	2	5/8"Dia. x 5" [M16x127] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5		FBX16a	
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e12	8	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38.1] long Hex Head Bolt	Bolt Grade 5		FBX16a	
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e14	18	5/8"Dia. x 14" [M16x356] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307		FBB06	
e15	8	16D Double Head Nail				
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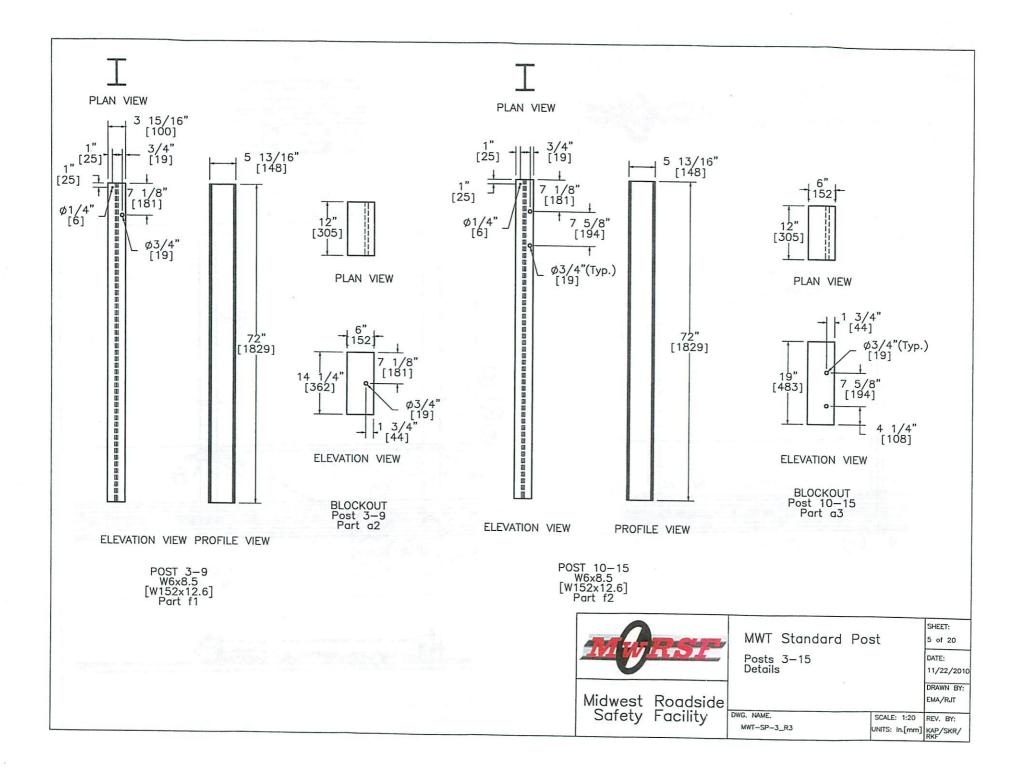


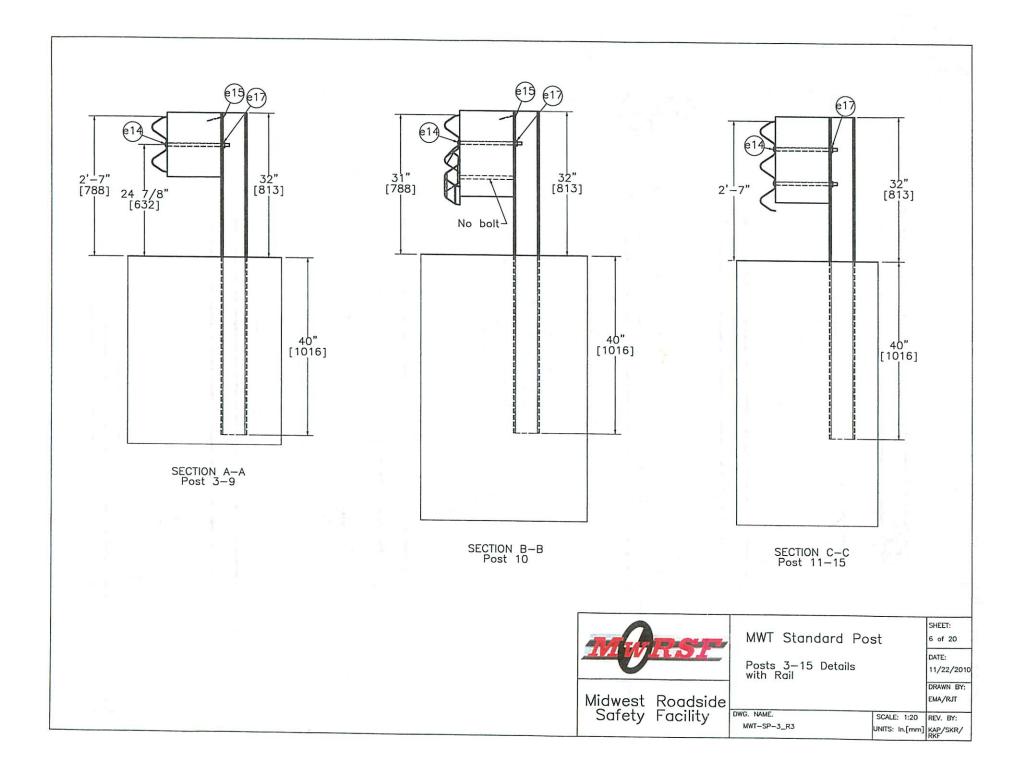


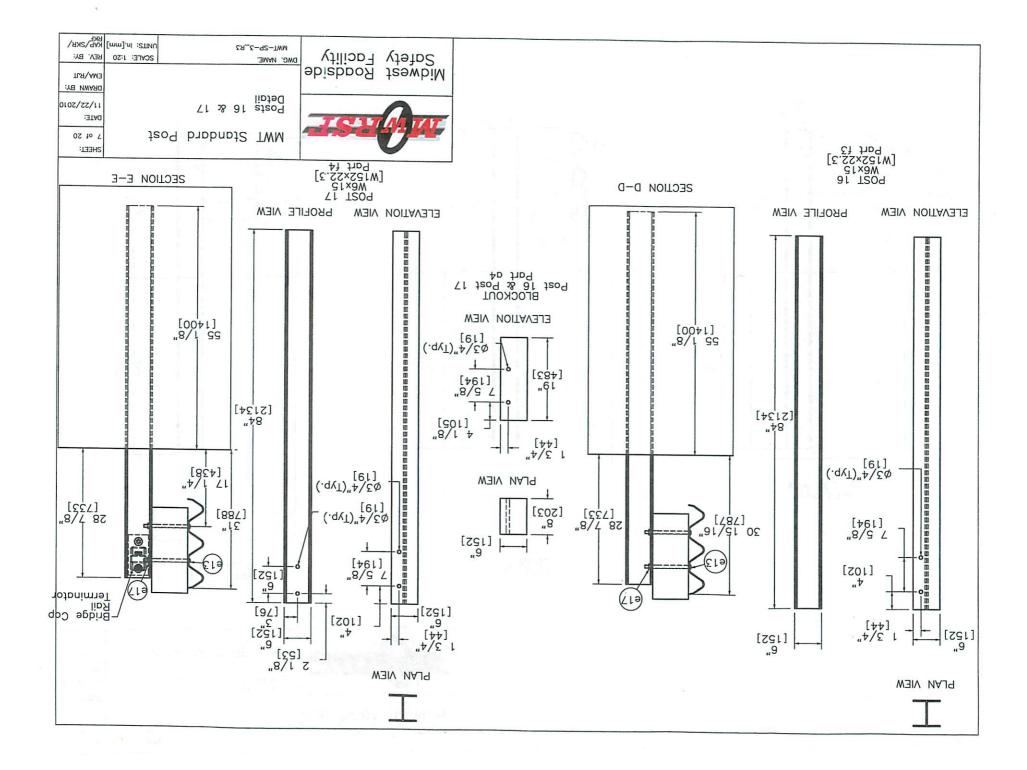


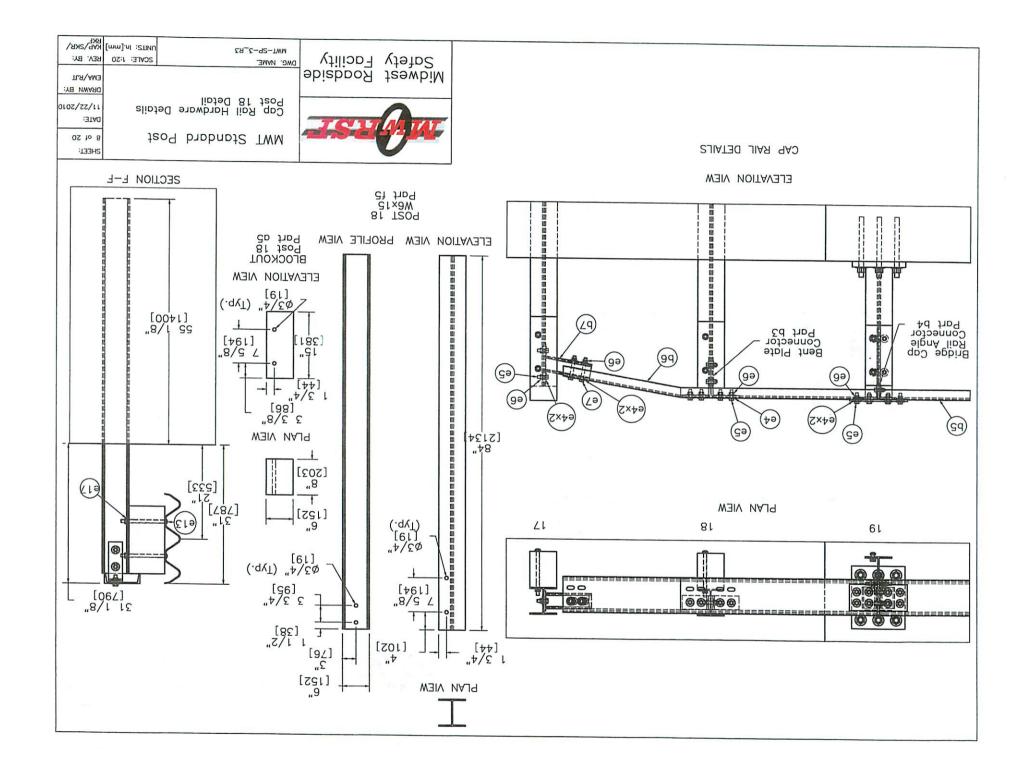


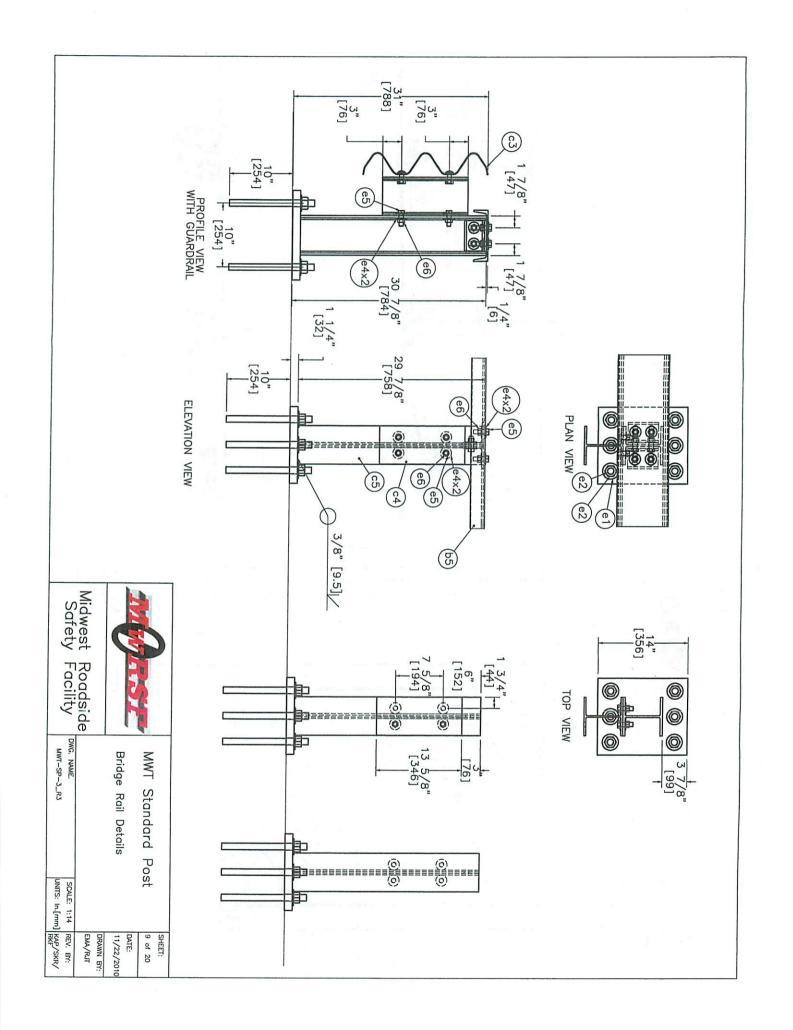


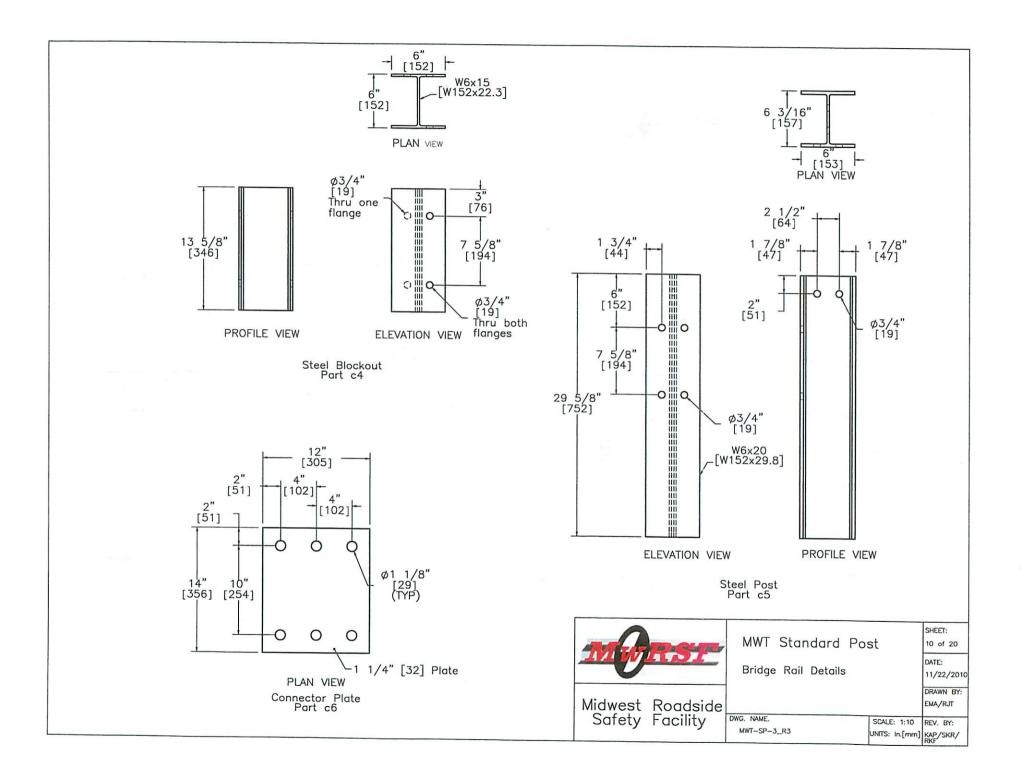


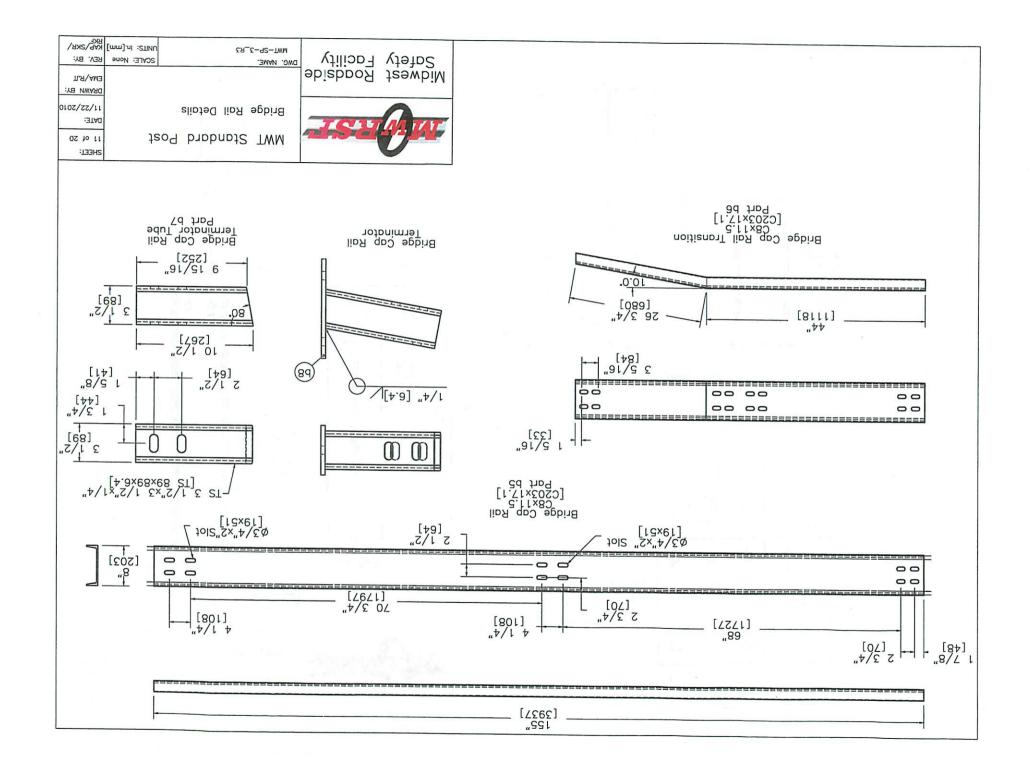


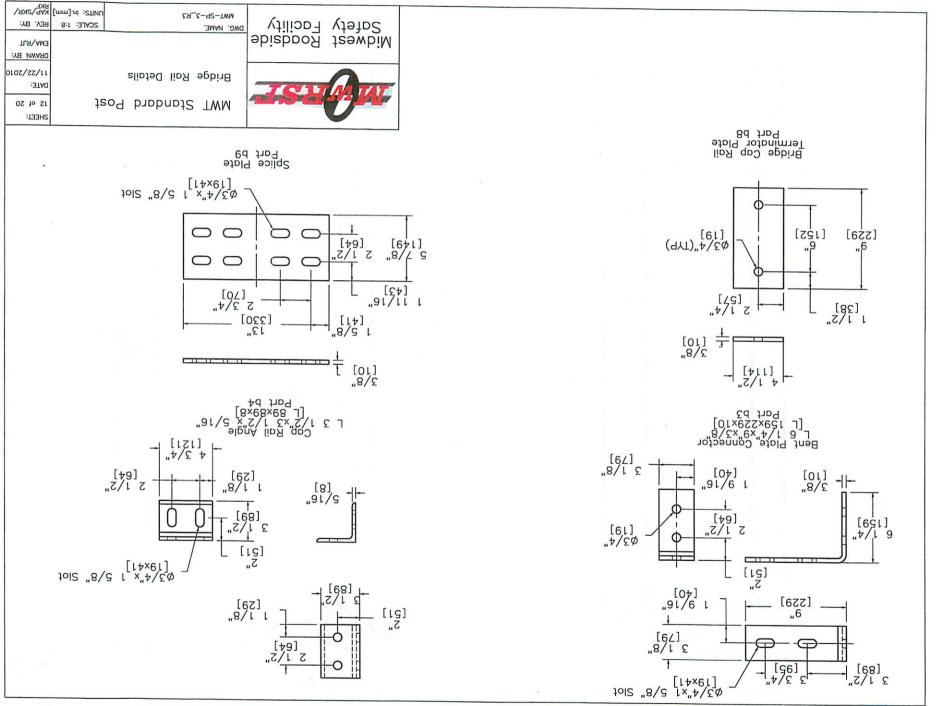


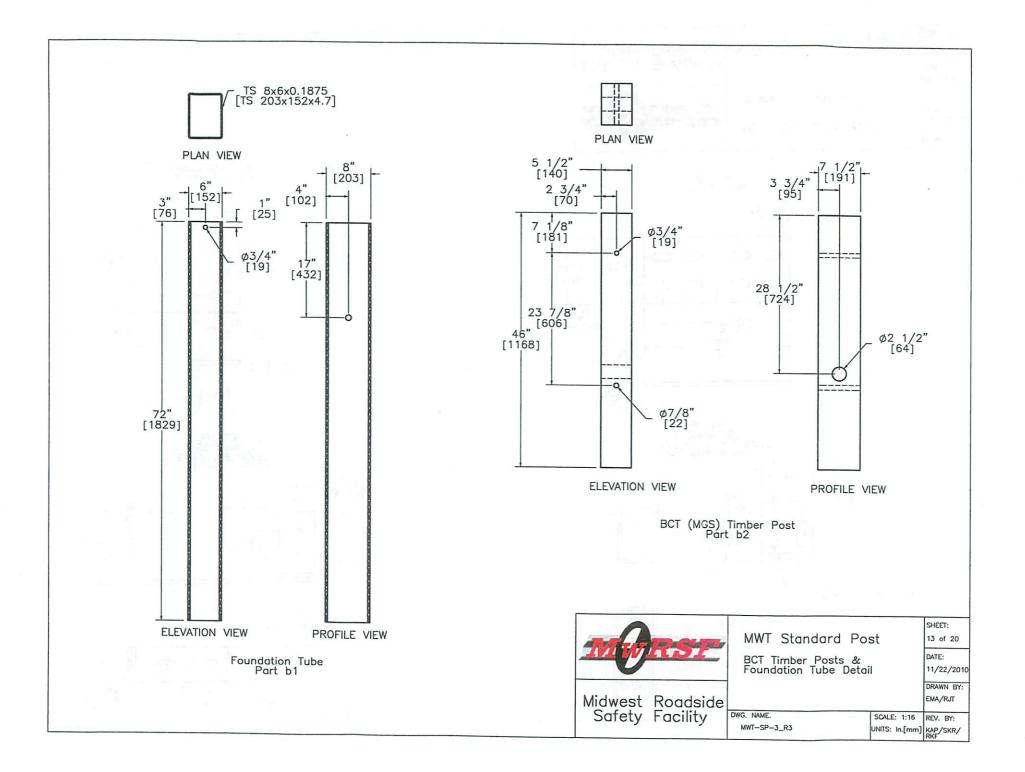


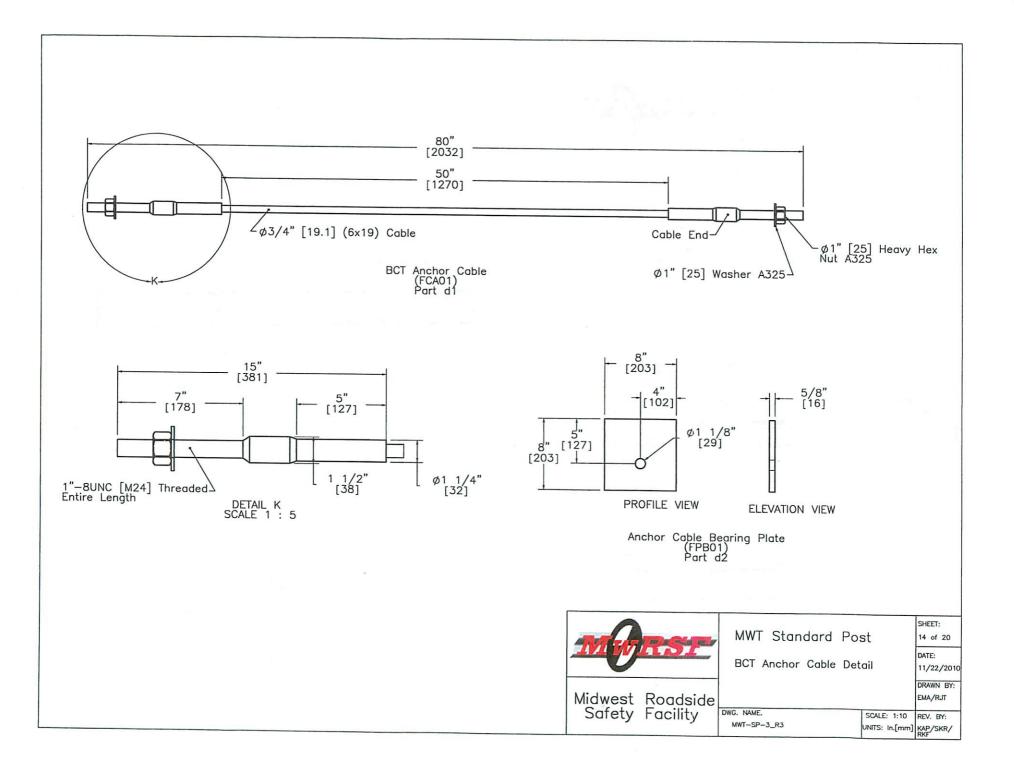


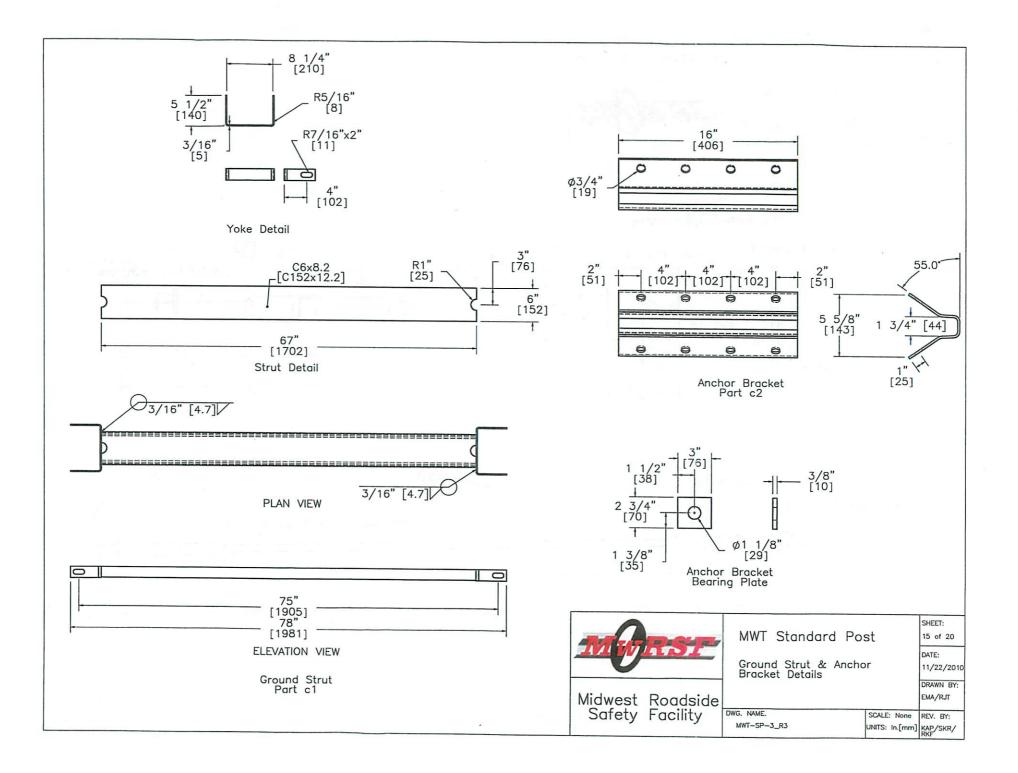


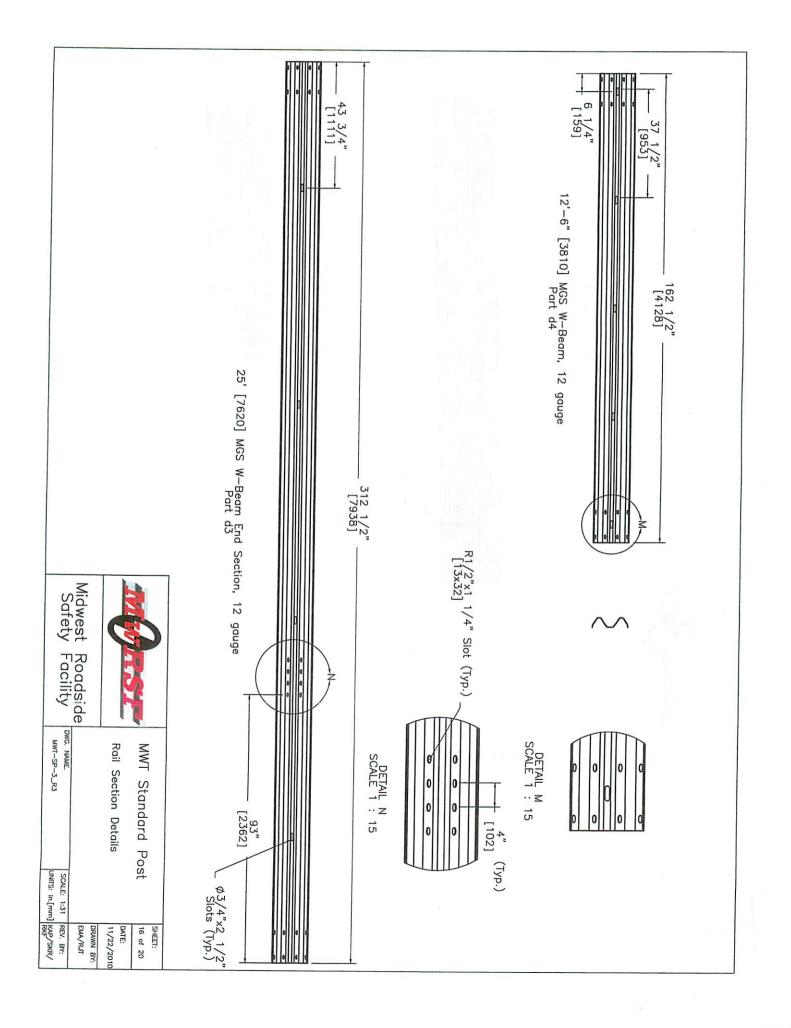


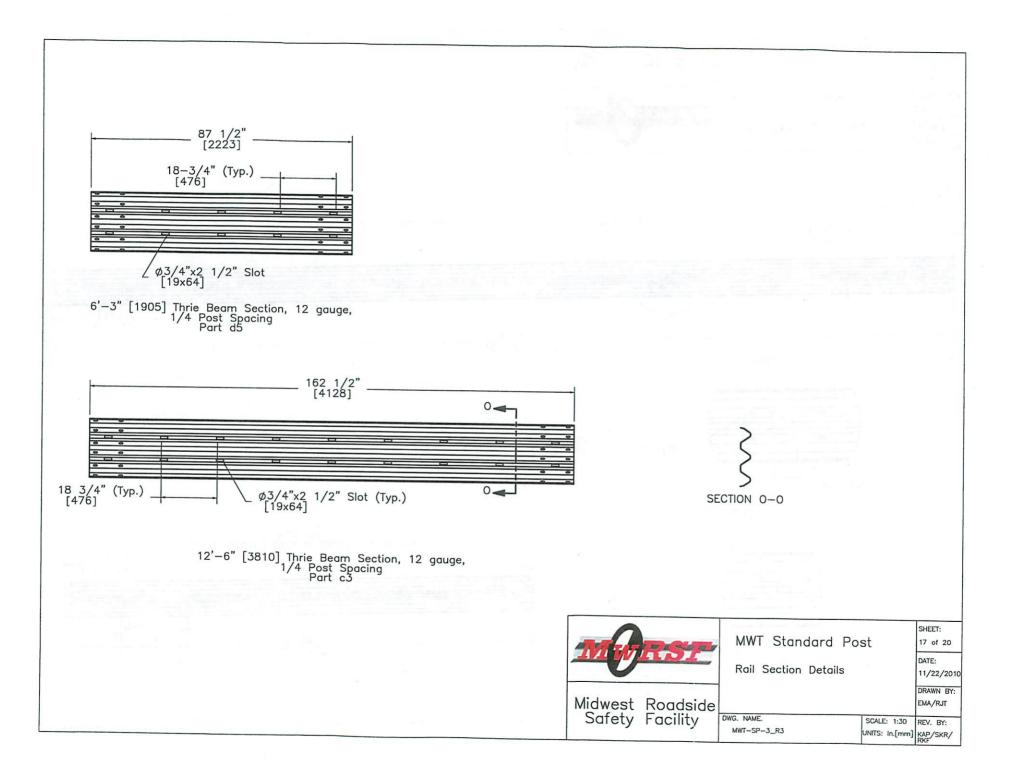












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c2	1	Anchor Bracket	A36 Steel	FPA01
c3	3	12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
c4	3	W6x15 [W152x22.3] Steel Bridge Blockout	A36 Steel	
c5	3	W6x20 [W152x29.8] Steel Bridge Post	A36 Steel	
c6	3	12x14x1 1/4" [305x356x32] Bridge Cap Connector Plate	A36 Steel	-
d1	1	BCT Anchor Cable 6' [1829] Long	6x19 Cable	-
d2	1	8x8x5/8" 203x203x15.9 Anchor Begring		FCA01
d3	1	Plate 25' [7620] W-Beam MGS End Section	A36 Steel	FPB01
d4	2	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
d5	1	6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
d6	1	Post Spacing 2 3/8" [60] O.D.x 6" [152] long BCT	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
		Hole insert		FMM02 SHEET:
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tem No.	QTY.	Description	Material Spec		Hardware Guide
e1	20	1"Dia. [25] Flat Washer	Grade 5		
e2	20	1"Dia. [25] Heavy Hex Nut	Grade 5	7976	FWC24a A325 or A449 Substitute
eЗ	18	1"Dia. [25] Threaded Rod	Grade A307		Substitute
e4	116	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Flat Washer	Grade 5		_
e5	42	5/8"Dia. x 2" [M16x51] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	419	
e6	54	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Hex Nut	Grade 5		FBX16a
e7	2	5/8"Dia. x 5" [M16x127] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5		A325 or A449 Substitute
e8	4	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Flat Washer	Grade 5	L. PODIS	FBX16a
e9	2	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Hex Nut	1996 and 1	101	FWC22a
e10	2	7/8"Dia. x 7 1/2" [M22x191] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5 Grade 5	18 200	FBX22a
e11	2	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Hex Head Bolt			FBX22a
e12	8	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38.1] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5		FBX16a
e13	8	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade 5		FBX16a
e14	18	5/8"Dia. x 14" [M16x356] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307 Grade A307		FBB03
e15	8	16D Double Head Nail	Grade ASU/		FBB06
e16	66	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38] Guardrail Bolt			
e17	92	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Guardrail Nut	Grade A307		FBB01
f1	7	W6x8.5 [W152x12.6] 72" [1829] long - Post Nos. 3-	Grade 5		
f2	6	W6x8.5 [W152x12.6] 72" [1829] long - Post Nos.	A36 Steel		
f3	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 16	A36 Steel		
f4	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 17	A36 Steel		
f5	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 18	A36 Steel		-
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