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# **Chapter 1. INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

For this project, members of the Roadside Safety Pooled Fund prioritized the investigation of current practices for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. While high-speed roadways are often designed without curbs, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) are sometimes required to provide a curb on a high-speed roadway. Currently, there is little guidance on the effects on the impact performance of w-beam guardrail terminals caused by curbs. Therefore, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was tasked to review current literature and research on this topic and then collect information on how the DOTs are currently handling w-beam guardrail terminals when they are installed near curbs.

## **1.2 WORK PLAN**

The TTI research team first reviewed previous and on-going research regarding w-beam guardrail terminals installed near curbs. The TTI research team then developed a survey that investigated current state practices for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. This survey was distributed to state DOT representatives. The survey was approved by the technical representative of the Roadside Safety Pooled Fund prior to distribution.

The TTI research team compiled the results of the survey and prepared visual documentation of these results. Lastly, the TTI research team prepared a final research report documenting the work completed in this project, including the results of the state survey.

## **1.3 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this project was to compile current practices on installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs.



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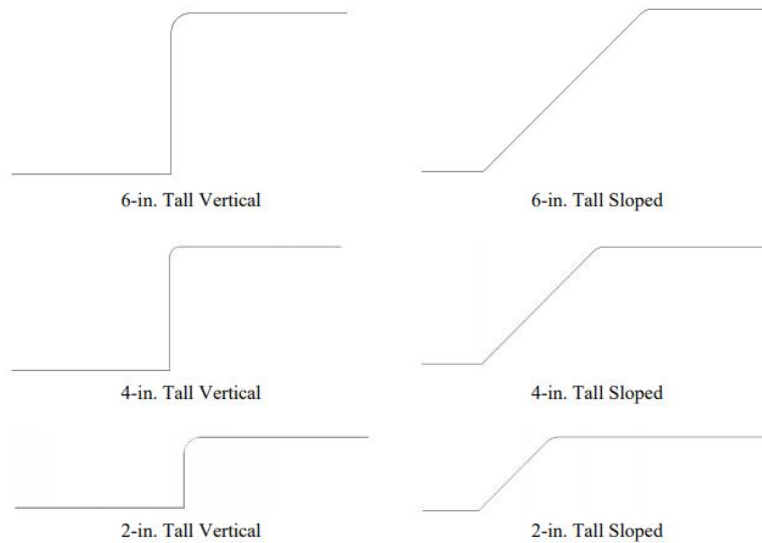
### **2.1 LITERATURE REVIEW**

The research team first reviewed previous and on-going research projects which were relevant to installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. The Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) completed two projects in 2000 and 2001 which evaluated w-beam guardrail systems installed near curbs. In these projects, the researchers identified that no crash testing on w-beam guardrail terminals installed near curbs had been completed at that point in time. They went further to state “all guardrails and guardrail terminals installed over curbs must be crash tested and shown to meet current impact safety standards in order for its use to be continued on federal-aid highways” (1,2).

In 2017, researchers at MwRSF further investigated w-beam guardrail terminals installed near curbs. The objective of this project was to investigate whether curb placement in advance of guardrail end terminals degrades barrier performance on high-speed roadways. In this project, the researchers sent a survey to the members of the Midwest States Pooled Fund Program to investigate their typical practices regarding w-beam guardrail terminals installed near curbs on high-speed roadways. This survey provided valuable information for researchers to progress in the next tasks of the project, such as common w-beam terminals, curb shapes, etc. (3).

MwRSF researchers continued their investigation through computer simulations and evaluated the results to MASH 2009 evaluation criteria. MwRSF used a previously developed Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) finite element analysis (FEA) model that was modified to include a non-proprietary end terminal that was representative of several compression-based end terminal systems. Two variations of the model were used. Option one consisted of a 27 ¾ in. tall guardrail with 8 in. blockouts, and option two consisted of a 31 in. tall rail with 12 in. blockouts. Both variations were 175 ft. long and used the same representative end terminal system (3).

Baseline conditions were established by simulating end terminal impacts on both model variations without curbs. NCHRP Report 350 and MASH 2009 small car and pickup truck end terminal tests were simulated, and the results were compared to previous full-scale crash tests to ensure the end terminal model reasonably represented actual systems. Once the end terminal model was reasonably validated, the two model variations were simulated with various curb configurations. The curb configurations consisted of 2-inch, 4-inch, and 6-inch tall vertical and sloped wedge-shaped curbs in combination with 0-inch, 6-inch, and 6-inch. lateral offsets from the front face of the guardrail. The curb heights and shapes are shown in Figure 1 (3).



**Figure 1. Curb Heights and Shapes used for Guardrail End Terminal Simulation (3)**

The end terminal model was also evaluated when flared at a 1:25 flare rate with a 2-foot lateral offset. The flared end terminal was evaluated with no curb and with 2-inch., 4-inch, and 6-inch sloped wedge-shaped curbs with a 0-inch lateral offset from the front face of the guardrail (3).

Overall the researchers found that the presence of curbs had a greater impact on the small car than the pickup truck. It was found that the pickup truck is minimally affected by the presence of curbs, while the small car was most affected by the 4 in. and 6 in. tall vertical curbs. The taller vertical curbs affected small car vehicle yaw, and sloped curbs had minimal effect on vehicle yaw. The larger, 6-foot. lateral offset between the curb and the face of the guardrail was found to affect vehicle trajectory and interaction with the impact head. The smaller offsets were found to have minimal impacts on vehicle trajectory and interaction with the impact head. End terminal flaring was found to have the most effect on tests with angled impacts (3).

Some computer simulation limitations were recognized and recommended for improvement in future simulation efforts. Vehicle models used for simulations conducted with curbs and angled impact trajectories on both flared and tangent end terminal systems were found to have steering and suspension behavior that was unrealistic. A curb traversal study was recommended to calibrate steering and suspension of vehicle models. The use of one specific end terminal model and validation of that model was recommended for future studies. Full-scale crash tests were also recommended to be part of future research efforts (3).

MwRSF researchers are currently planning the continuation of this research project, which includes survey, simulation, and full-scale crash testing efforts. The results of the survey will serve as the basis for computer simulation parameters. LS-DYNA computer simulations will be conducted to determine performance of energy-absorbing terminals adjacent to curbs with head-on and angled impacts near end terminals. The simulation effort will also determine critical tests and impact points for full-scale crash testing. The testing effort will be comprised of both a small

car and a pickup truck full-scale crash test. These tests will serve to validate the computer simulation effort and provide guidance for future curb and terminal studies.

## **2.2 STATE SURVEY**

The TTI research team created a state survey which investigated current state practices for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. The survey was focused on identifying specific curb configurations used when installing w-beam guardrail terminals nearby. The survey was built around a series of core questions that asked respondents about the specific curb details their respective states use for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. For example, the respondent was asked to provide specific curb types and heights that were used near w-beam guardrail terminals. Additionally, the survey also investigated the prevalence of installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways vs. on high-speed roadways. Because curbs are installed more frequently on low-speed roadways than on high-speed roadways, researchers initially believed the w-beam guardrail terminals would be installed near curbs more frequently on the low-speed roadways. Additionally, different curb details may be used by designers on low-speed roadways than on high-speed roadways. Therefore, the TTI research team included appropriate questions to ensure the difference between low-speed roadway configurations and high-speed roadway configurations was captured properly in the survey.

The survey was built upon a series of core questions which repeated themselves based upon respondent input. One trigger for this loop mechanism was classifying the adjacent roadway as low-speed, high-speed, or both. If the user selected both low-speed and high-speed adjacent roadways, the respondent was prompted to answer the core questions with respect to low-speed roadways, and the questions were repeated for the high-speed condition. The other trigger for engaging the loop mechanism was the respondent's input of an additional curb configuration to their responses. For example, the user could answer the core questions with respect to a 6-inch sloped curb configuration and then repeat the core question series with respect to an additional 4-inch vertical curb configuration. This allowed readers to review specific curb configuration details in the responses to the survey. The list of all responses to the individual survey questions is listed in Appendix A.

In order to simplify review of the results, the researchers also aggregated the responses into single data sets corresponding to repeated questions. This will allow readers to review the data from a much larger scale and gain an understanding of current trends in practice. For example, a reader may view that 6-inch curbs represented 36% of all low-speed curb configurations submitted to the survey. The list of these aggregated results can be found in Appendix B.



## **Chapter 3. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

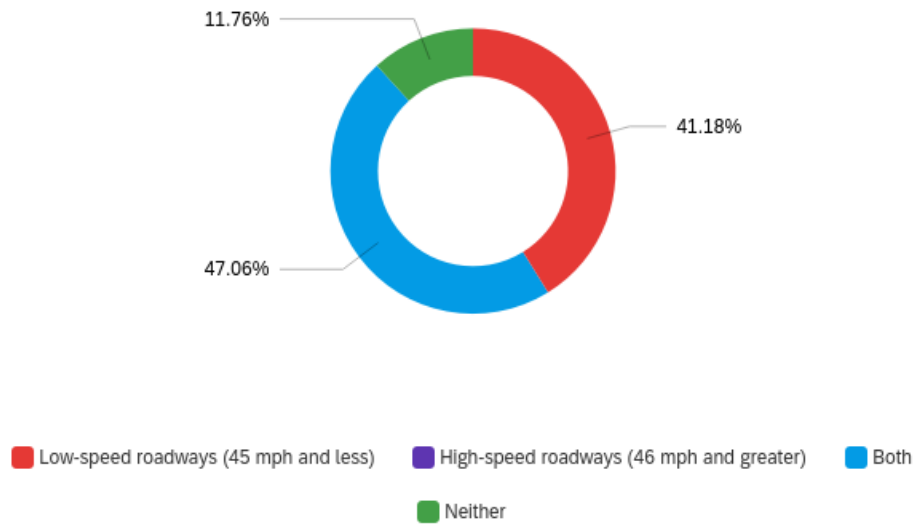
### **3.1 SUMMARY**

The Roadside Safety Pooled Fund members prioritized the investigation of current practices for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. Currently, there is little guidance on the effects on the impact performance of w-beam guardrail terminals caused by curbs. Therefore, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was tasked to review previous and on-going research on this topic and then collect information on current state of practice for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. Consequently, the objective of this project was to compile current literature and practices on w-beam guardrail terminals when located near a curb. This was achieved through a review of previous and on-going research projects and a state survey. The results of the survey were compiled and documented in this report. Appendix A shows the results of the survey in a raw format to provide information on specific design configurations. Appendix B shows the results of the survey in an aggregated format to provide information on current trends in the practice.

### **3.2 CONCLUSIONS**

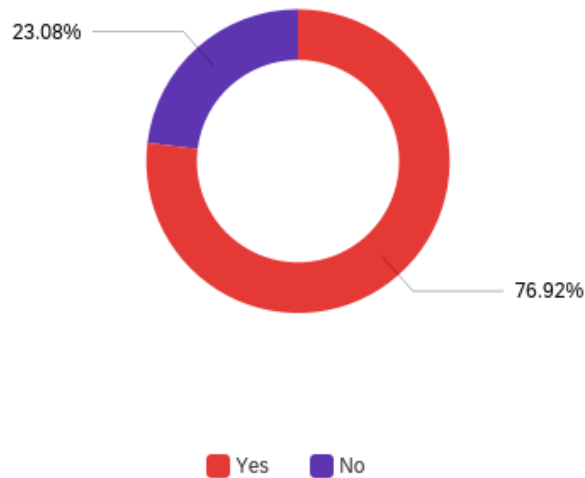
Appendix A lists the results of the survey in their raw non-aggregated format in order to provide readers information on specific design details. Appendix B lists the aggregated results of the survey to provide readers with current trends in the practice. A few survey results are highlighted below.

When asked if the respondent's state installs w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways, low-speed roadways, both, or neither, there was a relatively even split between low-speed roadways or both. Furthermore, the vast majority of the respondents did install w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs despite the lack of formal guidance; only approximately 12% of respondents did not install w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. Therefore, this is a prevalent situation that state DOTs are encountering. This prevalence combined with the lack of guidance in the industry warrants further research on this topic. Figure 1 below shows the results of this question on prevalence in the survey.



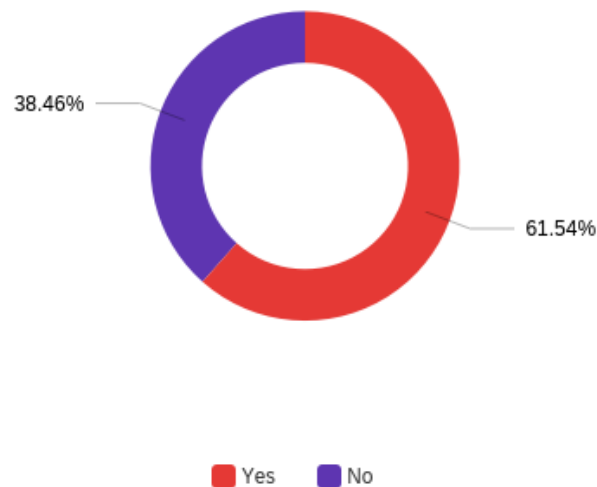
**Figure 1. State Usage of W-beam Guardrail Terminals near Curbs by Roadway Speed**

This need is further reinforced when states responded to questions regarding their desires for a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal with curb applications. Approximately 77% of respondents desired a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal with a curb application for low-speed roadways. Furthermore, approximately 61% of respondents desired a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal with a curb application for high-speed roadways. Figures 2 and 3 show the results of these questions in the survey.



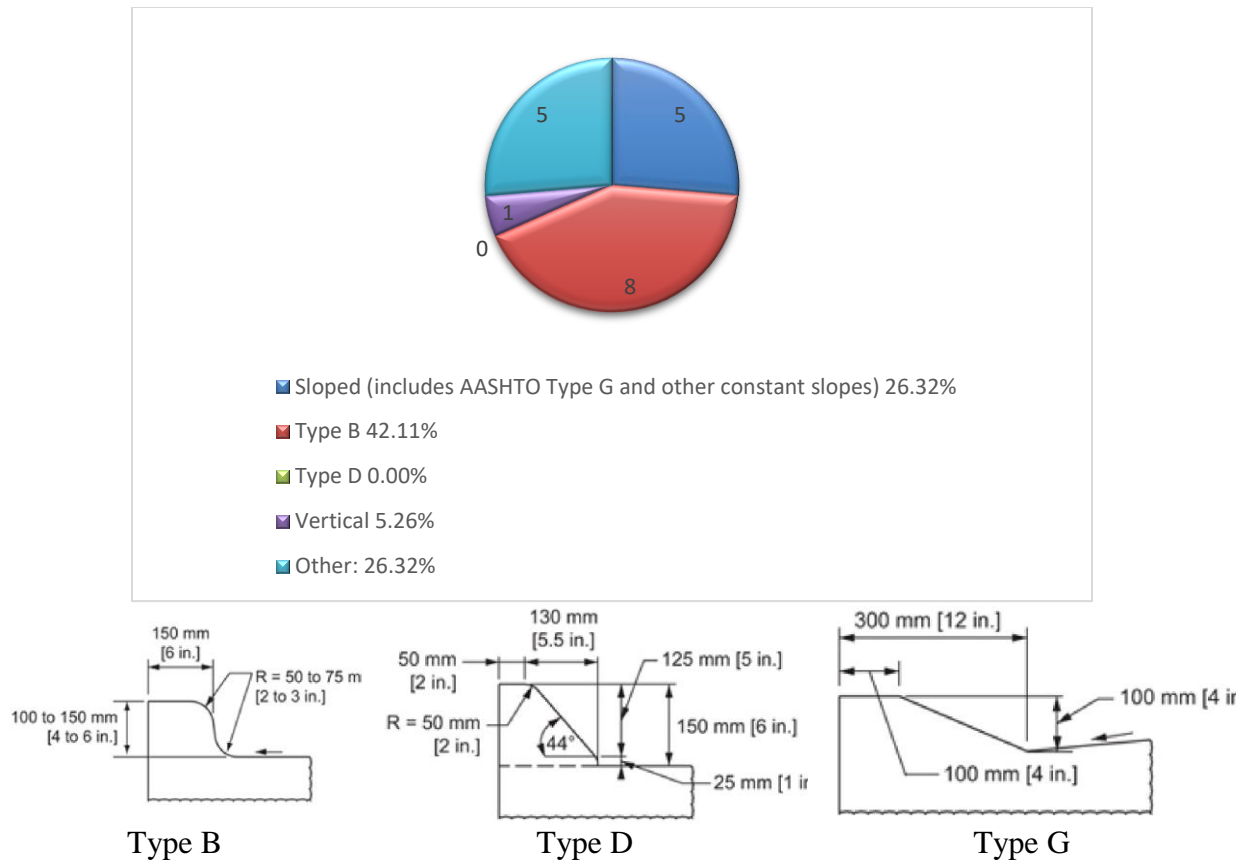
**Figure 2. Respondents' Desire of a Crashworthy W-beam Guardrail Terminal near Curbs on Low-speed Roadways**



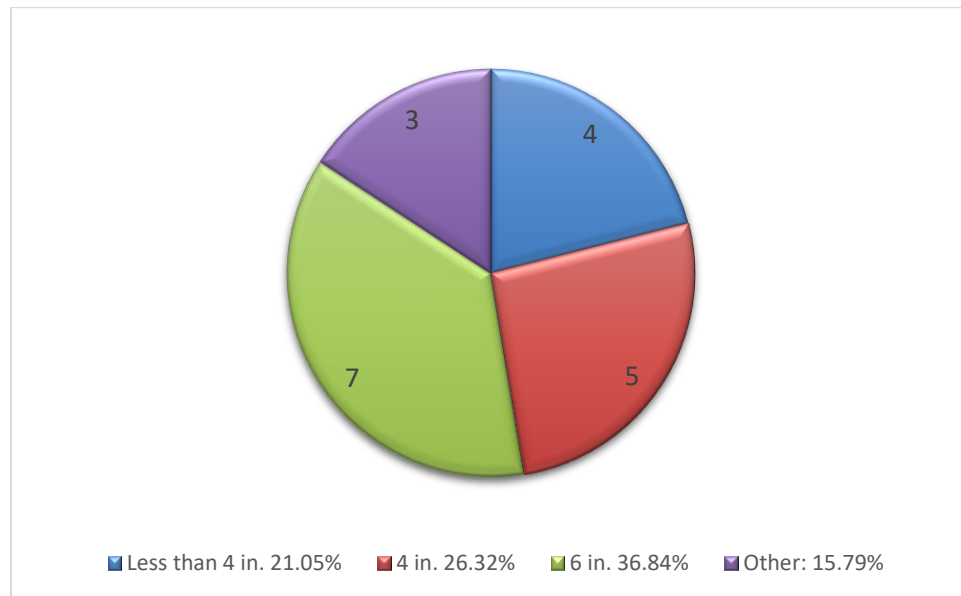


**Figure 3. Respondents' Desire of a Crashworthy W-beam Guardrail Terminal near Curbs on High-speed Roadways.**

Out of the configurations submitted to this survey regarding low-speed roadways, Type B curbs were used most often, followed by constant sloped curbs. Figure 4 below shows the breakdown of survey responses for curb type on low-speed roadways. While curb type prevalence was clear, the design configurations submitted showed a more even split between curb heights. Curbs with a 6-inch height were most common with approximately 36% of the responses, followed by 4-inch height with 26% of the responses. Figure 5 below shows the breakdown of survey responses for curb height on low-speed roadways.

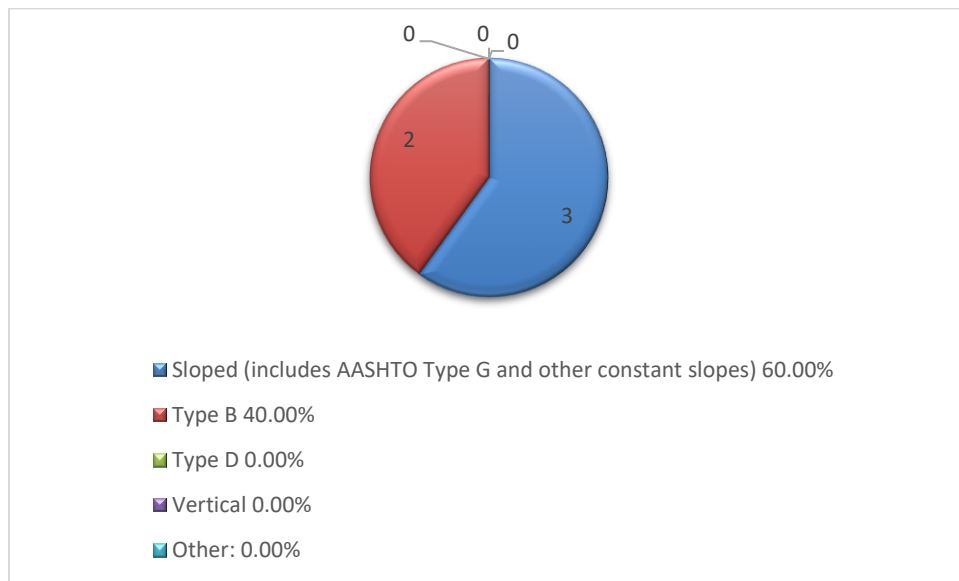


**Figure 4. Curb Type Prevalence in Submitted Configurations for Low-Speed Roadways**

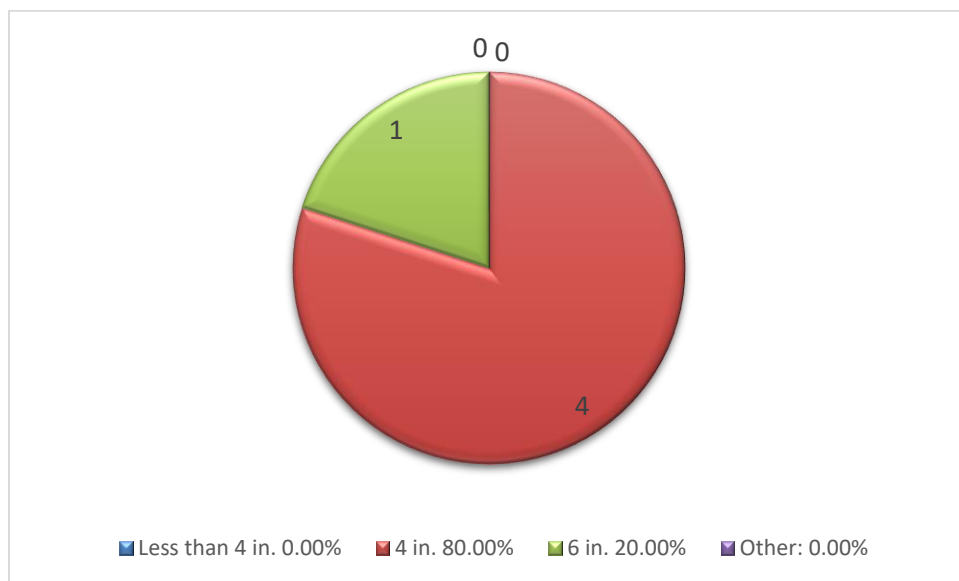


**Figure 5. Curb Height Prevalence in Submitted Configurations for Low-Speed Roadways**

Out of the configurations submitted to this survey regarding high-speed roadways, constant slope curbs were used most often, followed by Type B curbs. Figure 6 below shows the breakdown of survey responses for curb type on high-speed roadways. Unlike the low-speed case, curb height prevalence was clear in the high-speed case. Curbs with a 4-inch height were most common with 80% of the responses, followed by 6-inch height with 20% of the responses. Figure 7 below shows the breakdown of survey responses for curb height on high-speed roadways.



**Figure 6. Curb Type Prevalence in Submitted Configurations for High-Speed Roadways**



**Figure 7. Curb Height Prevalence in Submitted Configurations for High-Speed Roadways**

The results of the survey show a need for research and guidance on installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. Therefore, the research team recommends further computer simulation, analysis, and full-scale crash testing in order to provide the state DOTs with appropriate guidance for implementation.

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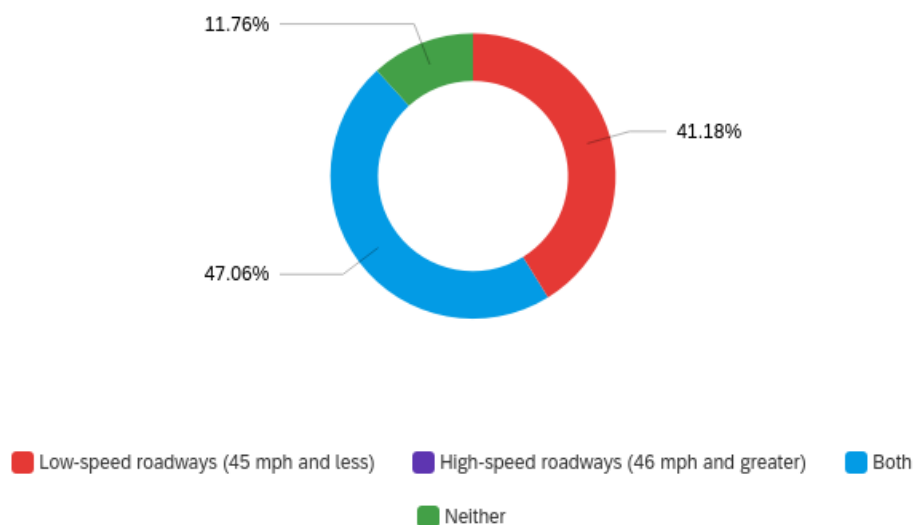
## APPENDIX A. STATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

This Appendix is comprised of the results from the state survey distributed during this project. Individual responses are alphanumerically numbered, so the first respondent to the survey was numbered “R1,” the second “R2,” and so on. If a question did not receive any responses, the question was noted as “No response provided” in this report. As discussed in Chapter 2, the layout of the survey included a list of several core questions that were repeated depending upon user input. This loop mechanism was engaged when users inputted curb configurations for both low-speed and high-speed roadways or when inputting multiple curb configurations. This Appendix shows the survey questions and responses in their raw format, or in other words, prior to aggregation. This will allow users to identify detailed curb configurations used when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby. For example, users can find which curb height is used with a specific type of curb. Alternatively, Appendix B shows the aggregated list of survey questions and answers, which can provide a larger perspective on general trends and practices.

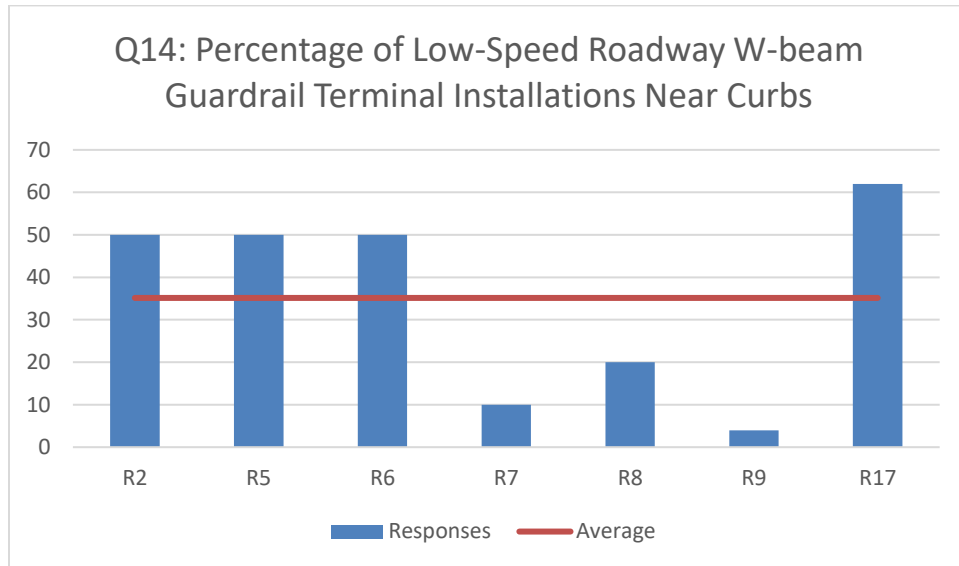
### A.1 INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

The first section of the survey introduced the topic and investigated basic trends of installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. The following questions were included in this first introductory section.

**Q4 - Does your transportation agency install w-beam guardrail terminals in close proximity to curbs on low-speed or high-speed roadways? If your agency does not install w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs, please select neither.**



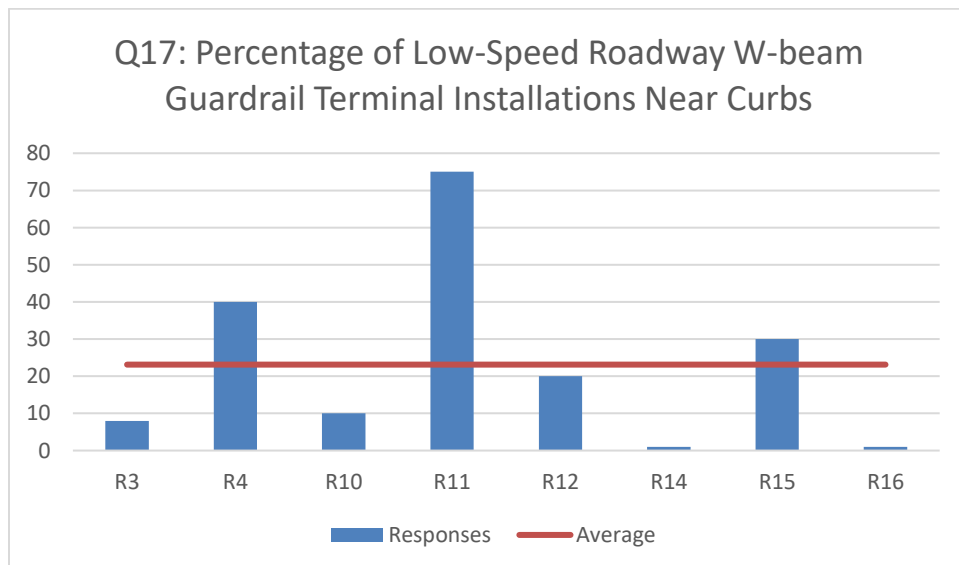
**Q14 - What percentage of low-speed roadway w-beam guardrail terminal installations are located near curbs?**



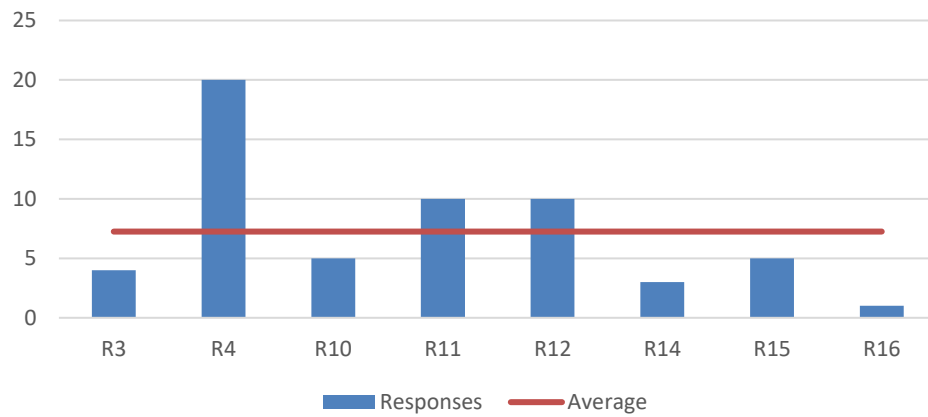
**Q16 - What percentage of high-speed roadway w-beam guardrail terminal installations are located near curbs?**

No responses provided.

**Q17 - What percentage of w-beam guardrail terminal installations are located near curbs?**  
(When both low-speed and high-speed roadways are selected in Q4)

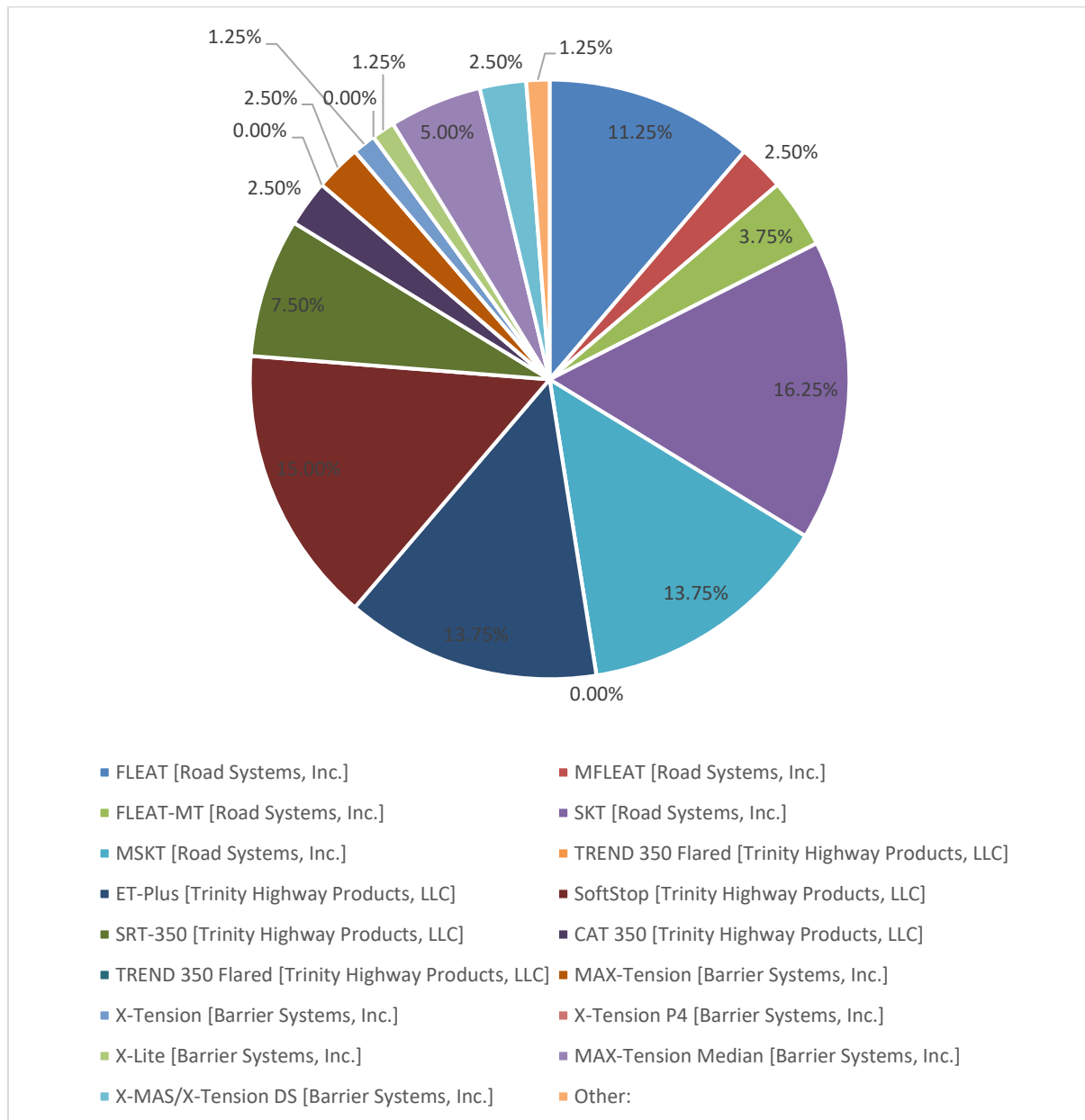


Q17: Percentage of High-Speed Roadway W-beam  
Guardrail Terminal Installations Near Curbs





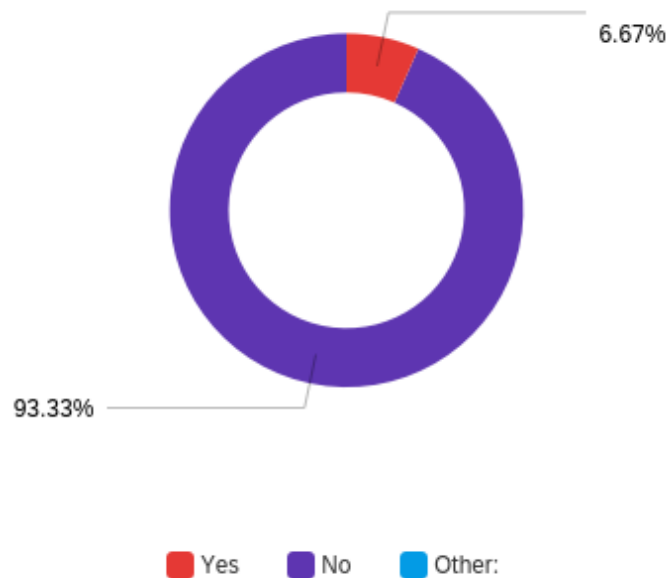
**Q312 - Which of the following roadside/median terminals have you installed near curbs in the past or are currently installing? Please select all that apply.**



<b>Terminal</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Count</b>
FLEAT [Road Systems, Inc.]	11.25%	9
MFLEAT [Road Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
FLEAT-MT [Road Systems, Inc.]	3.75%	3
SKT [Road Systems, Inc.]	16.25%	13
MSKT [Road Systems, Inc.]	13.75%	11
TREND 350 Flared [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	0.00%	0
ET-Plus [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	13.75%	11
SoftStop [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	15.00%	12
SRT-350 [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	7.50%	6
CAT 350 [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	2.50%	2
TREND 350 Flared [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	0.00%	0
MAX-Tension [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
X-Tension [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	1.25%	1
X-Tension P4 [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	0.00%	0
X-Lite [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	1.25%	1
MAX-Tension Median [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	5.00%	4
X-MAS/X-Tension DS [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
Other:	1.25%	1

Other Response: Breakmaster 350

**Q7 - Does your agency differentiate between which terminals are installed near curbs and those which are not installed near curbs?**

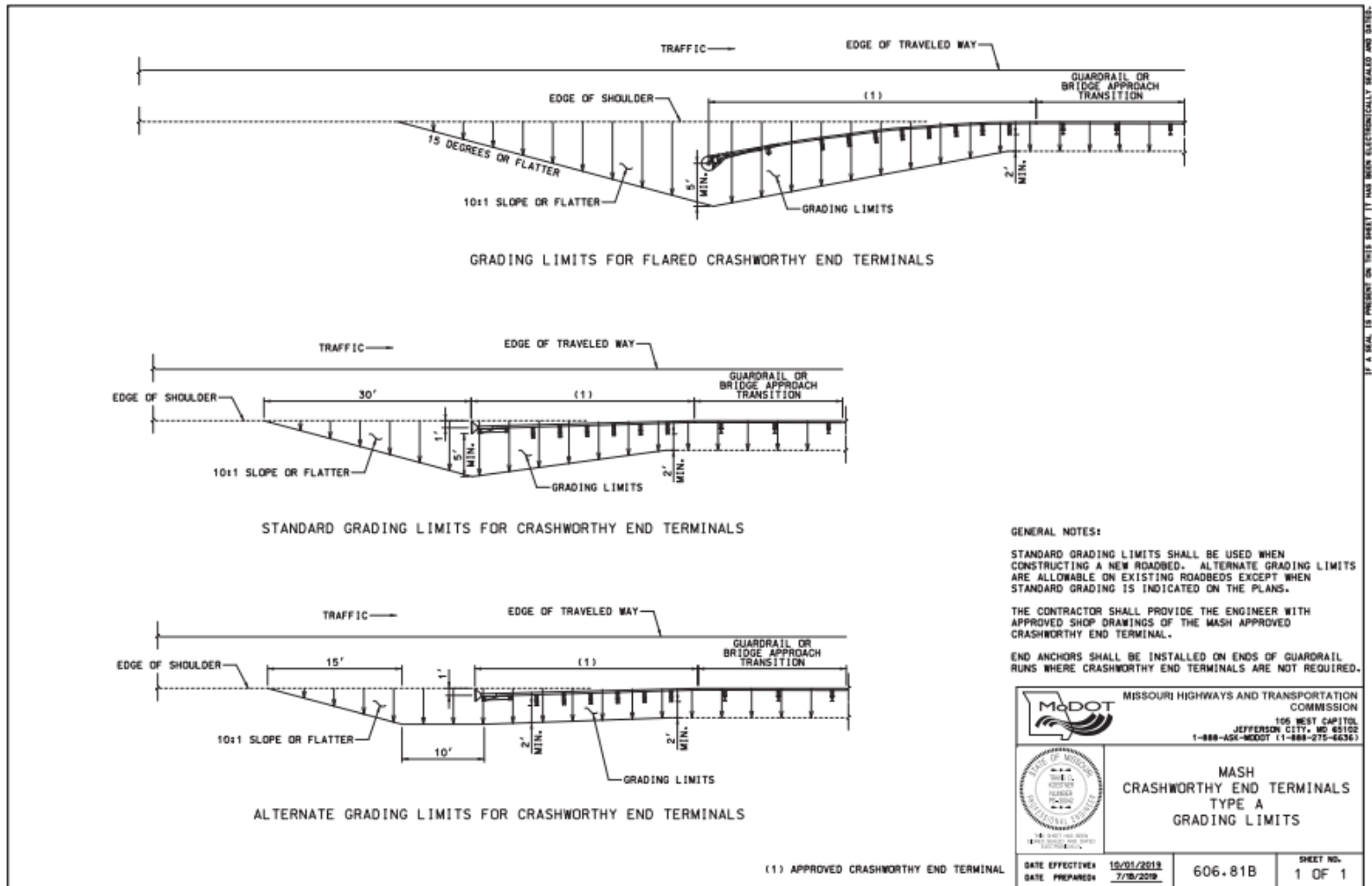


Answer	%	Count
Yes	6.67%	1
No	93.33%	14
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	15

## A.2 LOW-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 1

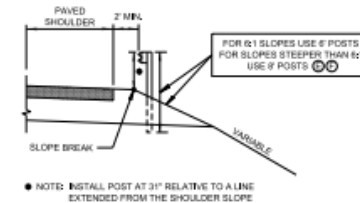
The second section of this survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. This section was the first iteration of the questions based on a low-speed roadway configuration. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on low-speed roadway configurations of w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. The user was also directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on both low-speed and high-speed roadway configurations of w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q18 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

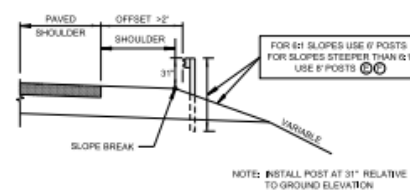


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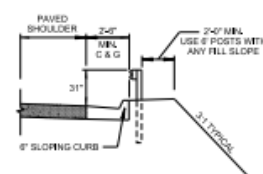


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GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT AT SLOPE BREAK

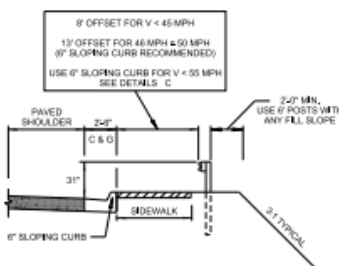


**DETAIL B**  
OFFSET GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT

**TYPICAL SECTIONS  
(NON CURB & GUTTER)**



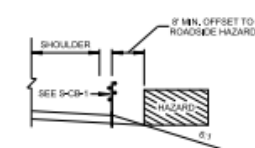
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ON CURB AND GUTTER SECTION



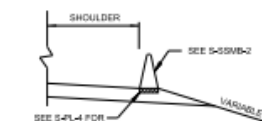
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OFFSET GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT  
ON CURB AND GUTTER SECTION

**TYPICAL SECTIONS WITH CURB AND GUTTER**

USE 6' SLOPING CURB AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE POSTED SPEED IS BETWEEN 45 - 55 M.P.H.  
DO NOT USE CURB AND GUTTER AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE POSTED SPEEDS ARE ABOVE 55 M.P.H.

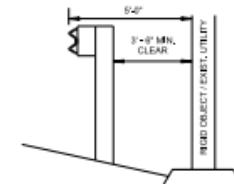


**DETAIL E**  
HIGH TENSION 4 STRAND CABLE BARRIER  
(TL-4) OR TL-4



**DETAIL F**  
FREE STANDING CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL  
(TL-3, TL-4 OR TL-5)

**ALTERNATE TO W-BEAM GUARDRAIL  
WHERE HIGHER PERFORMANCE IS NEEDED**



**TYPICAL MIN. CLEAR TO  
A RIGID OBJECT**  
(SEE TABLE BELOW IF LESS DEFLECTION IS DESIRED)  
(REFER TO MASHF REPORT TRP-93-171-06)

GUARDRAIL POST REDUCTION IN DEFLECTION FOR SINGLE W-BEAM			
POST SPACING	6' - 3"	3' - 1 1/2"	1' - 6 3/4"
DEFLECTION	3' - 6"	3' - 0"	2' - 6"

- GENERAL NOTES FOR GUARDRAIL**
- THIS DRAWING PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR FACILITIES WITH POSTED SPEED LIMIT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 60 MPH. SOME GUIDANCE FOR FACILITIES WITH POSTED SPEED LIMITS LESS THAN 60 MPH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS DRAWING AND ARE LESS STRINGENT. REFER TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICY OFFICE IN THE ROADWAY DESIGN DIVISION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.
  - IF GUARDRAIL IS IN A CURB AND GUTTER SECTION, IT SHALL BE PLACED SUCH THAT THE GUARDRAIL FACE IS EVEN WITH THE CURB (DETAIL C) OR A MINIMUM OF 8' FROM THE CURB (DETAIL D).
  - ON 4:1 OR FLATTER SLOPE, GUARDRAIL MAY BE PLACED AT THE SLOPE BREAK.
  - REFER TO RD11-TS SERIES OF STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR TYPICAL SECTION INFORMATION.
  - REFER TO TEXAS A & M REPORT NUMBER 405190-20, FOR GUARDRAIL PLACED ON 3:1 SLOPE.
  - PAY ITEMS:  
705-00.01, W-BEAM GR (TYPE 2) MASH TL3, L.F. (6' POST)  
705-00.02, W-BEAM GR (TYPE 2) MASH TL3 (LONG POST), L.F. (8' POST)

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#### GENERAL NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct guardrail in accordance with Specification 536.

This Index, along with the plans and the manufacturers' drawings on the Approved Products List (APL), is sufficiently detailed for installation of General Guardrail, Low-Speed Guardrail, End Treatment assemblies, and their connecting options shown herein. This precludes requirements for shop drawing submittals unless otherwise specified in the plans.

2. **COMPATIBILITY:** The General Guardrail in this Index is based on the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) design, with an approximate height of 31" at the top of the Panel (2'-1" mounting height at vertical  $\bar{q}$  of Panel) and a midspan panel splice as shown on Sheet 2. Guardrail components included on the APL, which are compatible with this Index, may also be identified as 31" or MGS Guardrail.

3. **STANDARD COMPONENTS:** Standard guardrail components, including posts, panels, and bolt systems, are based on the Task Force 13 Publication: Guide to Roadside Hardware Components (<http://tf13.org/Guides/componentGuide/>).

4. **BUTTON-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Button-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers as defined on Sheet 24. Place washers under nuts. Do not place washers between bolt heads and panels, except where otherwise shown in this Index.

5. **HEX-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Hex-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers in accordance with material properties of Specification 967. Place washers under nuts.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** Install Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement where indicated with a tolerance of  $\pm 1/2$ " depth and in accordance with Specification 339.

7. **ADJACENT SIDEWALKS & SHARED USE PATHS:** When guardrail posts are placed within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, use timber posts, or use steel posts only if treated with Pipe Rail as shown on Sheet 22.

When timber posts are used, one of the following safety treatments is required for the bolt(s) protruding from the back face of the posts:

- After tightening the nut, trim the protruding post bolt flush with the nut and galvanize per Specification 562.
- Use post bolts 15" in length and countersink the washer and nut between 1" and 1½" deep into the back face of the post.
- Use 15" post bolts with sleeve nuts and washers.

When End Treatment posts are within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, steel posts are not permitted within the End Treatment segment. Terminate the Pipe Rail outside of End Treatment segments, as noted per Sheet 22.

8. **NESTED W-BEAM:** Where called for in the plans, install two W-Beam Panels mounted flush per location, securing all panels with Button-Head Bolts threaded through aligned slots and holes. 2" Button-Head Bolts are permitted for panel splice locations.

9. **CONNECTION TO RIGID BARRIER:** The connections to Rigid Barrier in this Index only apply to newly constructed bridge Traffic Railing and Concrete Barrier or where the complete Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier shown herein can be installed without conflicting with existing Traffic Railings, structures, or approach slabs.

For connecting guardrail to existing bridge Traffic Railings, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.

10. **CONNECTION TO EXISTING GUARDRAIL:** Where a transition to existing guardrail at 27" height is required, linearly transition the new guardrail height over a distance ranging from 25'-0" to 31'-3". Height transitions must occur outside of End Treatment and Approach Transition segments.

Provide an immediate transition to the required midspan panel splice using the available panel options on Sheet 4 (9'-4½" or 15'-7½" panel). Alternatively, this transition to midspan panel splice may be achieved by installing a single reduced post spacing of 3'-1½" within the new guardrail, immediately adjacent to the connection location.

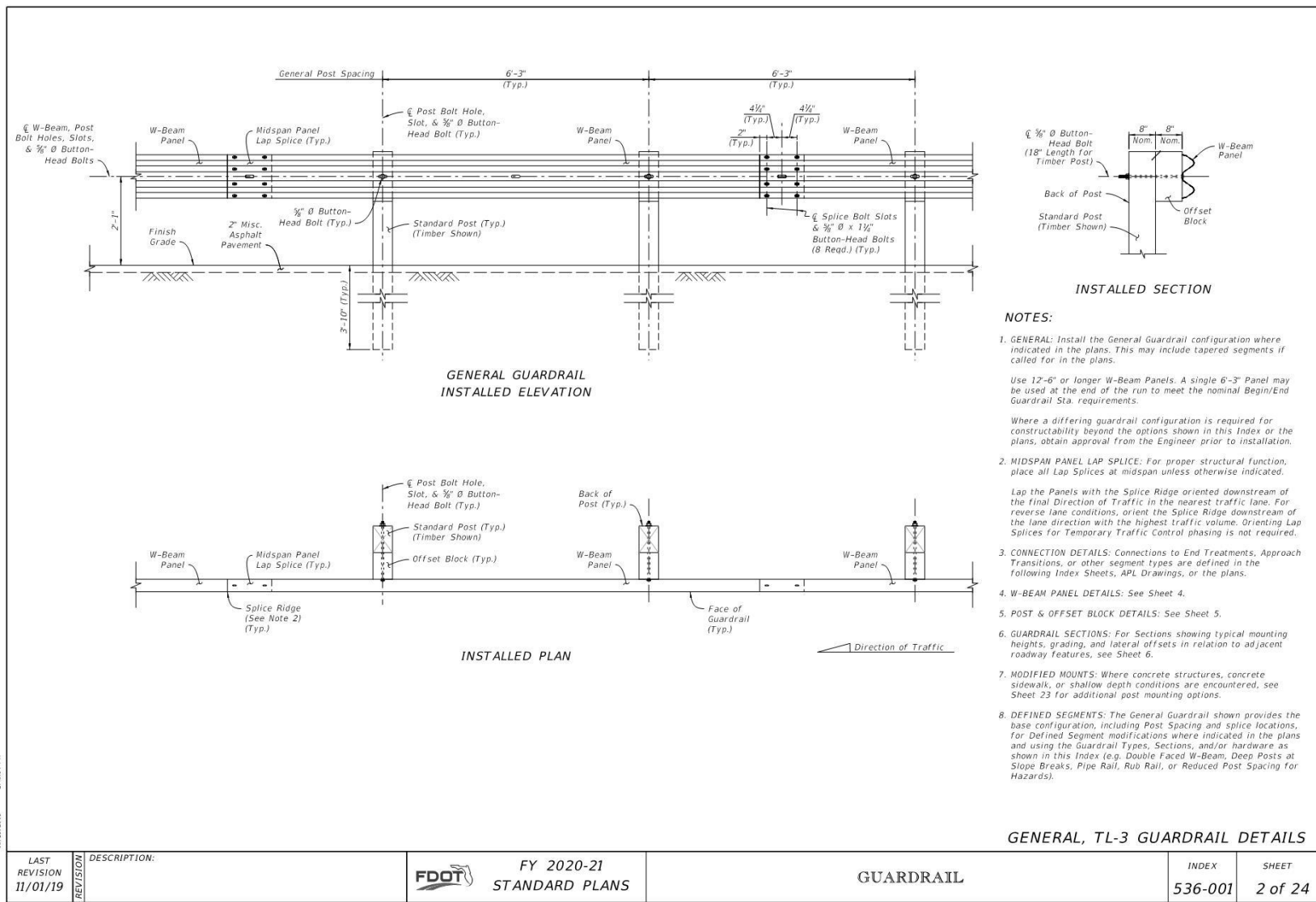
11. **PLANS CALLOUTS:** Begin/End Station labels are shown throughout this Index as they correspond to the station and offset callouts specified in the plans.

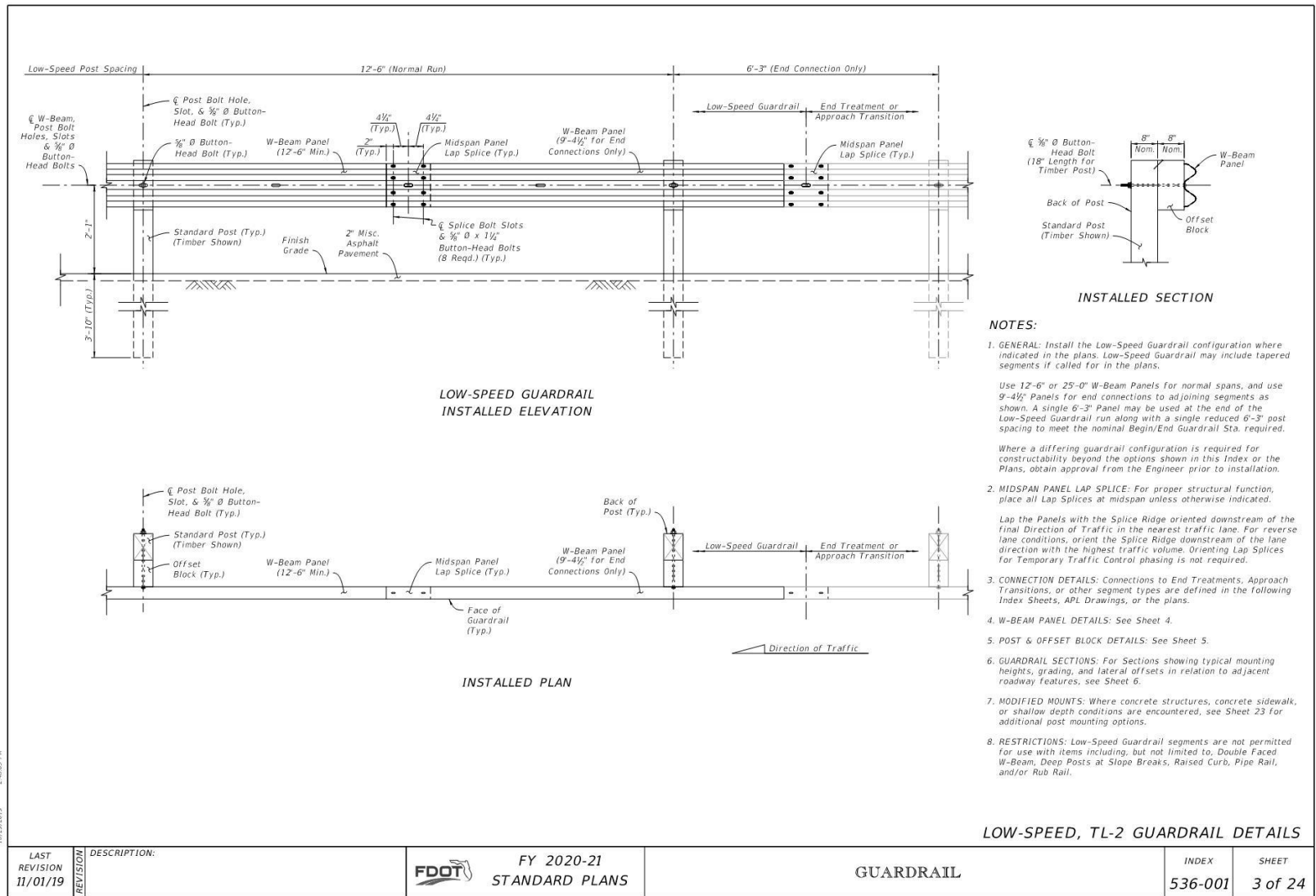
In the plans, Begin/End Guardrail Station refers to the General TL-3 Guardrail Pay Item, and it may be abbreviated as Begin/End GR. Station. Where the Low-Speed TL-2 Guardrail Pay Item is specifically required, the callout in the plans will then specify Begin/End TL-2 GR. Station.

12. **QUANTITY MEASUREMENT:** Measure guardrail and corresponding components as defined in Specification 536. The Guardrail length is measured along the centerline of installed Panels, between the points labeled Begin/End Guardrail Station shown on the following Index Sheets and defined in the plans (typically measured from the  $\bar{q}$  of the panel's post bolt slots at the approach/trailing ends).

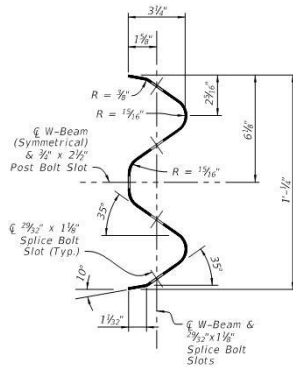
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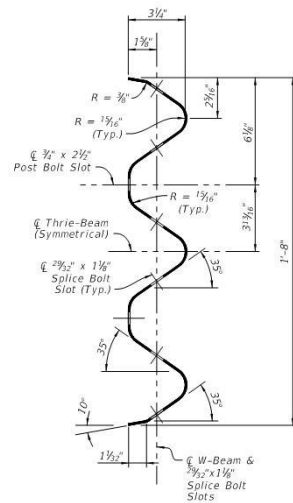




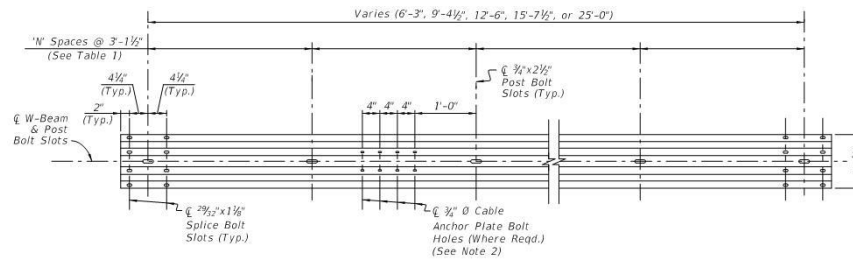




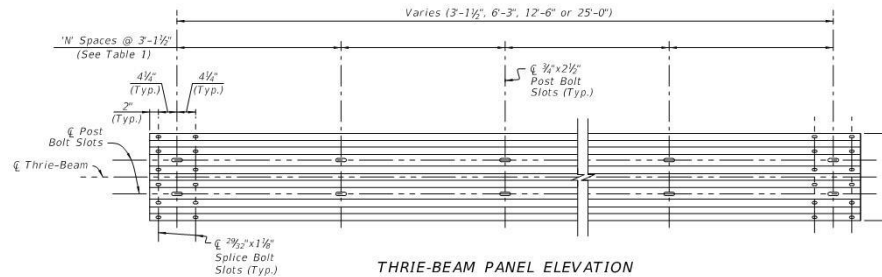
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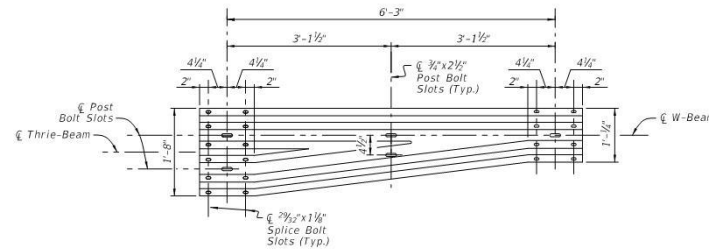
THRIE-BEAM PANEL SECTION



W-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM TRANSITION PANEL ELEVATION  
(Reverse Direction Similar by Opposite Hand)

PANEL SUMMARY TABLE:

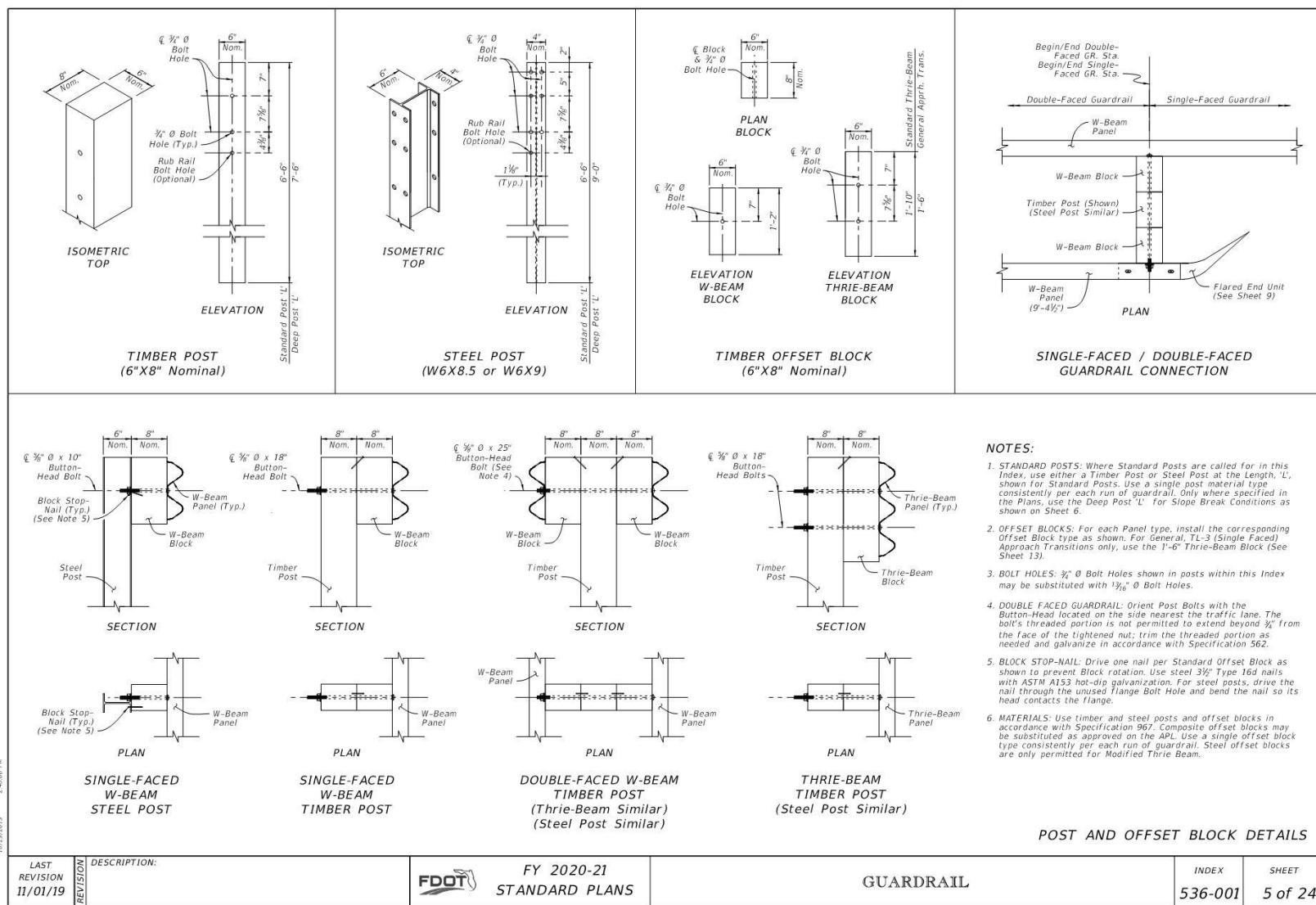
Panel Type	Number of Spaces 'N'	Gauge
6'-3" W-Beam	2	12
9'-4 1/2" W-Beam	3	12
12'-6" W-Beam	4	12
15'-7 1/2" W-Beam	5	12
25'-0" W-Beam	8	12
3'-1 1/2" Thrie-Beam	1	10
6'-3" Thrie-Beam	2	12
12'-6" Thrie-Beam	4	12
25'-0" Thrie-Beam	8	12
Thrie-Beam Trans.	2	10

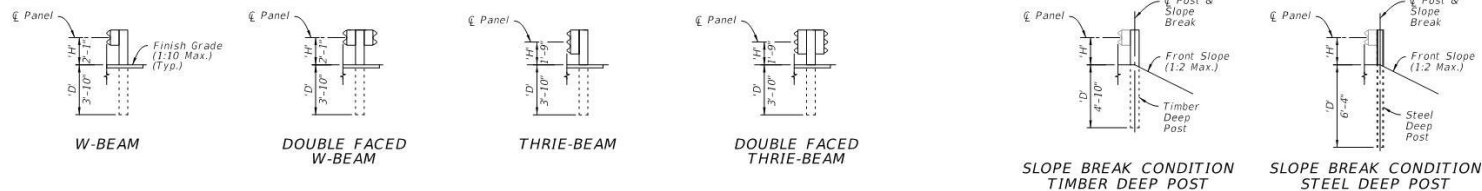
NOTES:

- MATERIALS:**  
Use corrugated steel panels in accordance with Specification 967 and made from either Class A, 12 gauge steel or Class B, 10 gauge steel as specified in the 'Panel Summary Table' above.
- CABLE ANCHOR PLATE BOLT HOLES:**  
Include 3/4" Ø Cable Anchor Plate Bolt Holes only where required for installation of the Cable Anchor Plate shown on Sheet 9, 10, & 11.  
2 1/2" x 1 1/8" slots may substitute for the 3/4" Ø holes shown.

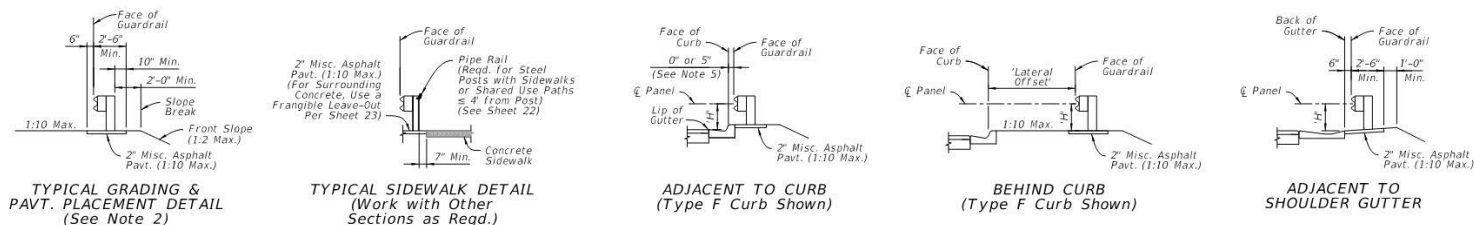
W-BEAM AND THRIE-BEAM  
PANEL DETAILS

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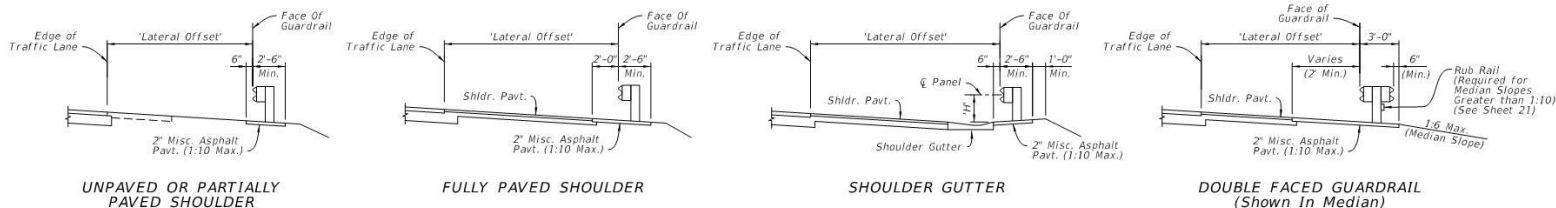


GUARDRAIL TYPES - MOUNTING HEIGHTS & POST DEPTHS



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - TYPICAL

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - CURB & GUTTER



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - SHOULDERS

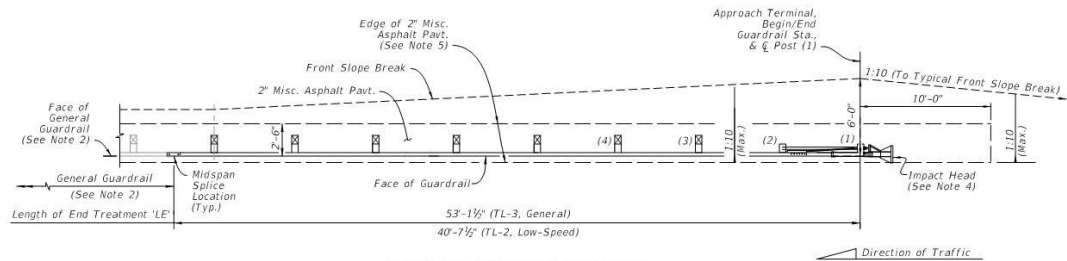
GUARDRAIL HEIGHT SUMMARY TABLE:			
Type:	Min. Depth 'D':	Mounting Height 'H':	Post Length 'L':
W-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	2'-1"	6'-6"
Thrie-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	1'-9"	6'-6"
Timber Deep Post	4'-10"	See Above	7'-6"
Steel Deep Post	6'-4"	See Above	9'-0"

NOTES:

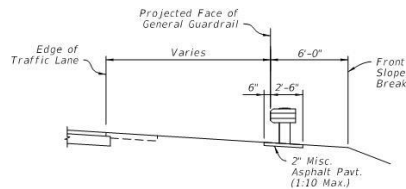
1. GUARDRAIL SECTIONS: Construct Sections as indicated in the plans. The details shown herein depict W-Beam Guardrail, but are applicable to the other defined Guardrail Types placed at the corresponding height, 'H'. Use components per Sheets 4 & 5. Steel and timber post types are interchangeable unless otherwise defined. The 1:10 Max. cross slope shown is the maximum slope permitted for proper guardrail function, but project-specific cross slope requirements are governed per the plans.
2. TYPICAL GRADING & PAVEMENT PLACEMENT DETAIL: Construct features as depicted except where superseded by specific Guardrail Sections or the plans. Place the Slope Break a Minimum of 2' behind the post. For Deep Posts, the slope break may be placed at the  $\nabla$  Post with the 2" Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement omitted.
3. SLOPE BREAK CONDITION: Install Deep Posts only where called for in the plans. Deep Posts are only permitted where post spacing is 6'-2" or less.
4. LATERAL OFFSETS: The Lateral Offsets shown are governed by the station and offset call outs for Face of Guardrail, as shown in the plans.
5. ADJACENT TO CURB: Place the Face of Guardrail consistently offset either flush with the Face of Curb or 5' behind the Face of Curb, as indicated by the plans station and offset callout. For offset changes, transition the Face of Guardrail as shown in the plans.

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS

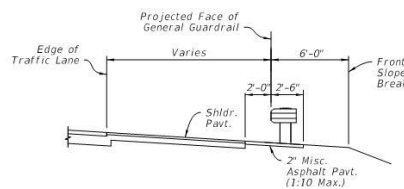
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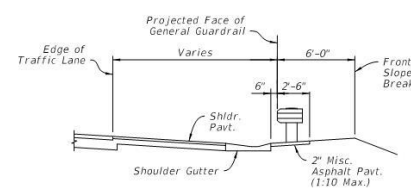
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'PARALLEL' TYPE - PLAN VIEW



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH UNPAVED SHOULDER



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH FULLY PAVED SHOULDER



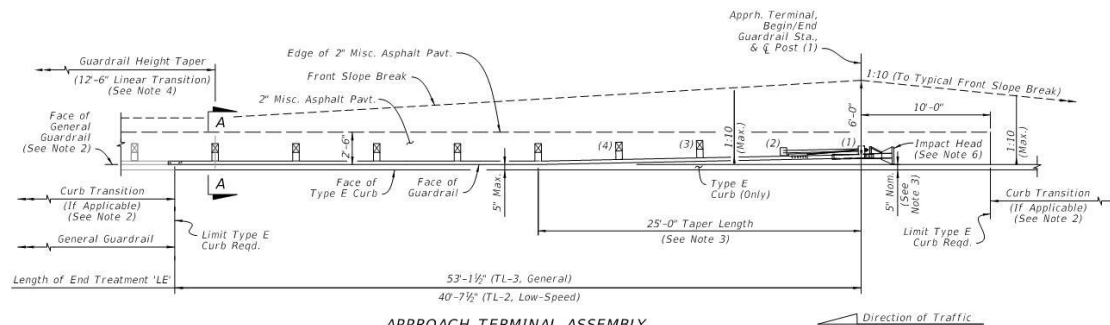
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END TREATMENT -  
APPROACH TERMINAL  
GEOMETRY - PARALLEL

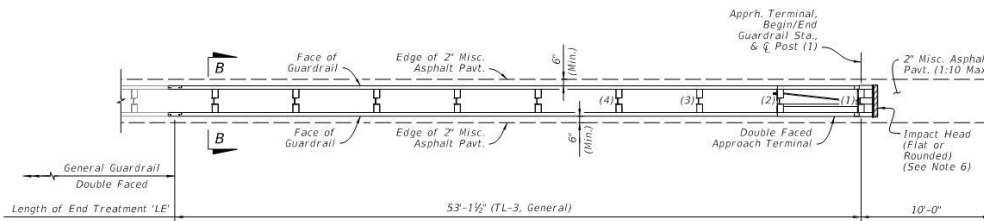
#### NOTES:

- 1. INSTALLATION:** Locate Approach Terminals where called for in the plans, with the Post (1) & placed at the Begin/End Guardrail Station indicated in the plans.  
  
The Plan Views shown herein are schematic only, showing basic geometry for Approach Terminals listed on the APL. The predefined Length of End Treatment, 'LE', includes the proprietary portion of various Approach Terminals and provides for more consistent planning of assembly installations across the differing Approach Terminal types. Forward-anchoring style Approach Terminals may vary from the planned lengths shown by up to 3'-0".  
  
Construct Approach Terminals as shown in the APL and in accordance with the manufacturer's unique drawing details, procedures, and specifications.  
  
Install posts in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings. The Special Posts on Sheet 23, including Special Steel Posts, Encased Posts, and Frangible Leave-Outs, are not permitted within the Approach Terminal segment unless otherwise called for in the plans.  
  
Align panel lap splices in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings, regardless of the direction of traffic.  
  
Install adjacent grading, gutters, and/or curbing as shown herein.
- 2. GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and lapped segments.  
  
Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.
- 3. APPROACH TERMINAL TEST LEVEL:** Install either a Test Level 3 (TL-3) or Test Level 2 (TL-2) Approach Terminal as specified in the plans. TL-3 Approach Terminals may substitute for TL-2 Approach Terminals unless the substitution is specifically prohibited in the plans. TL-2 Approach Terminals may not substitute for TL-3 installations.
- 4. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR:** Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
- 5. 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** The Plan View depicts the Unpaved Shoulder condition. For Fully Paved Shoulder and Shoulder Gutter conditions, extend the 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement as shown in the corresponding 'Section at Post (1)' details below.  
  
The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
- 6. CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT:** Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
- 7. 'CURBED' AND 'DOUBLE FACED' GUARDRAIL SEGMENTS:** See Sheet 8.

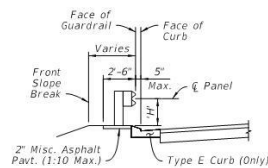
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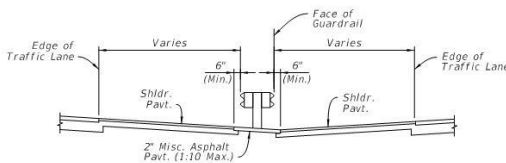
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'CURBED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'CURBED' SECTION A-A  
(Height, 'H', Measured from  
Misc. Asphalt Pavt.)



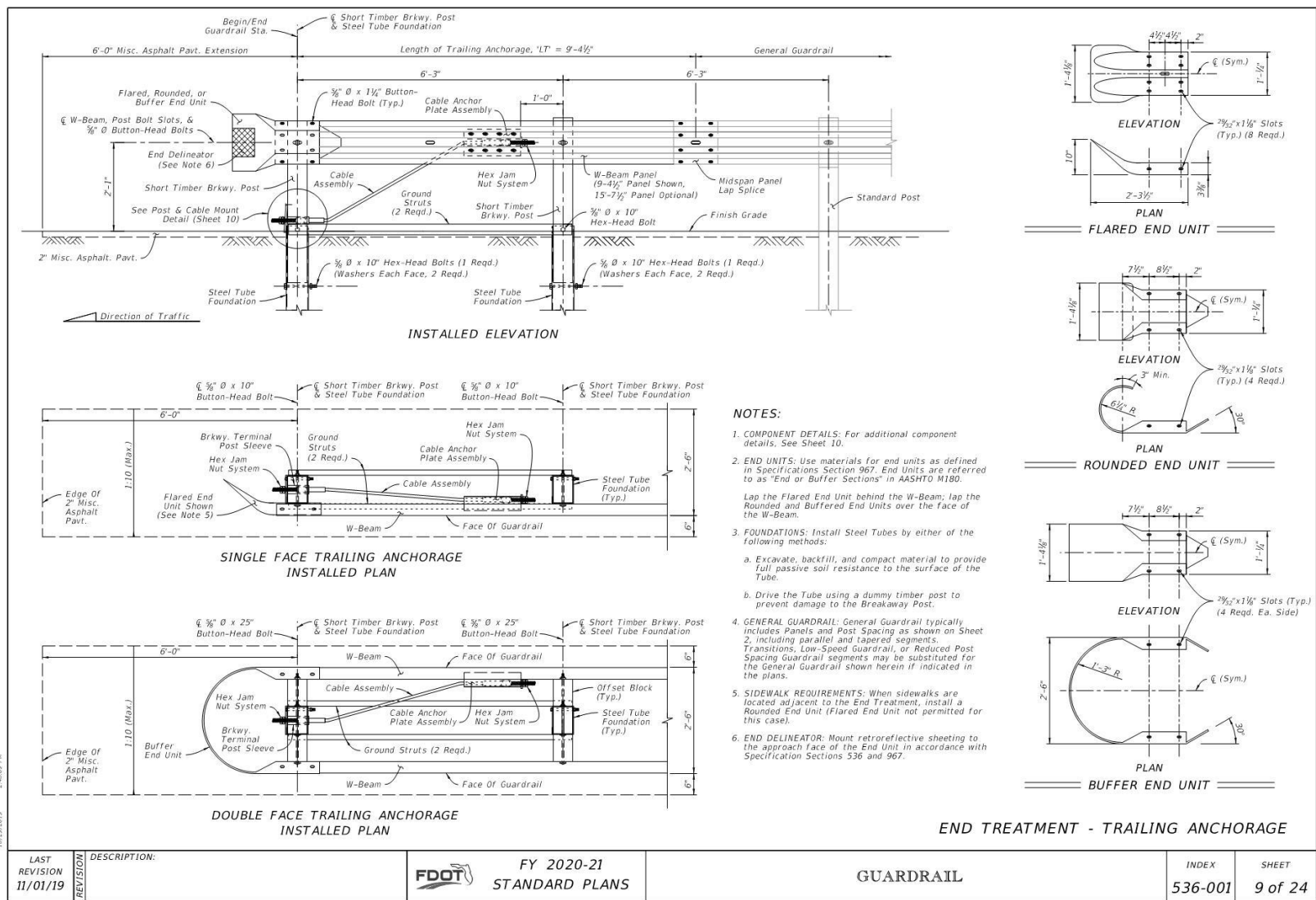
'DOUBLE FACED' SECTION B-B  
(1:10 Slope or Flatter Req'd.)

#### NOTES:

1. GENERAL: See Notes 1 through 3 on Sheet 7.
2. CURBED SEGMENTS: Type E curb is required within the limits shown. When a different curb type is called for outside of the Type E curb limits, transition the curb shape linearly, over a nominal distance ranging 5'-0" to 10'-0".
3. TAPER LENGTH: For Curbed Segments, taper the guardrail away from the roadway where shown to place the inside edge of the Impact Head at 5' behind the face of the curb. Where additional lateral offset is required to fit the Approach Terminal Assembly hardware, such as a soil plate, place the Impact Head as close to the curb as the hardware allows, not to exceed 2'-0" from the face of curb.
4. GUARDRAIL HEIGHT TAPER: For Curbed Segments, the connecting General Guardrail Mounting Height, 'H', is typically measured from the Lip of gutter (See Sheet 6 Guardrail Sections, 'Adjacent to Curb'), while the End Terminal Assembly 'H' is measured from the Misc. Asphalt Pavt. (See Section A-A). Linearly taper the difference in Mounting Height over a minimum length of 12'-6", starting where indicated herein.
5. DOUBLE FACED SEGMENT: Connect to Double Faced General Guardrail. Use consistent Posts and Offset Block types as specified in the APL drawings over the entire Length of End Treatment, 'LE'. Posts and Offset Blocks in the adjoining General Guardrail segment may be different from those inside of the 'LE'. A change in post type between timber and steel is permitted, immediately outside of the 'LE' segment.
6. MAINTAIN THE 1:10 maximum grading as shown in Section B-B throughout segment 'LE'. Where required, transition to differing adjacent slopes linearly, over a minimum longitudinal length of 25'-0".
7. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR: Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
8. CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT: Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
9. 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT: The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
10. SINGLE FACED 'PARALLEL' SEGMENTS: See Sheet 7.

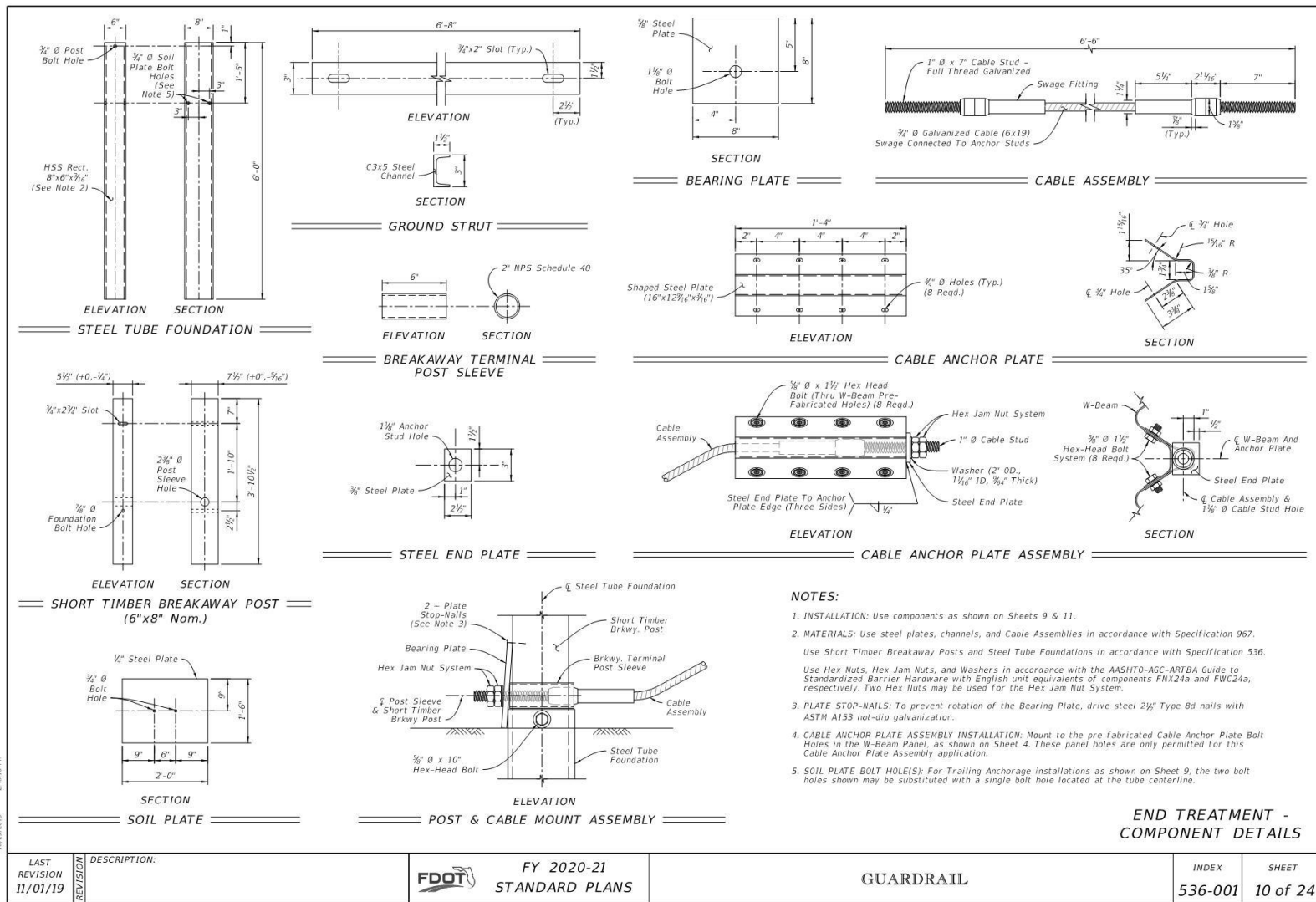
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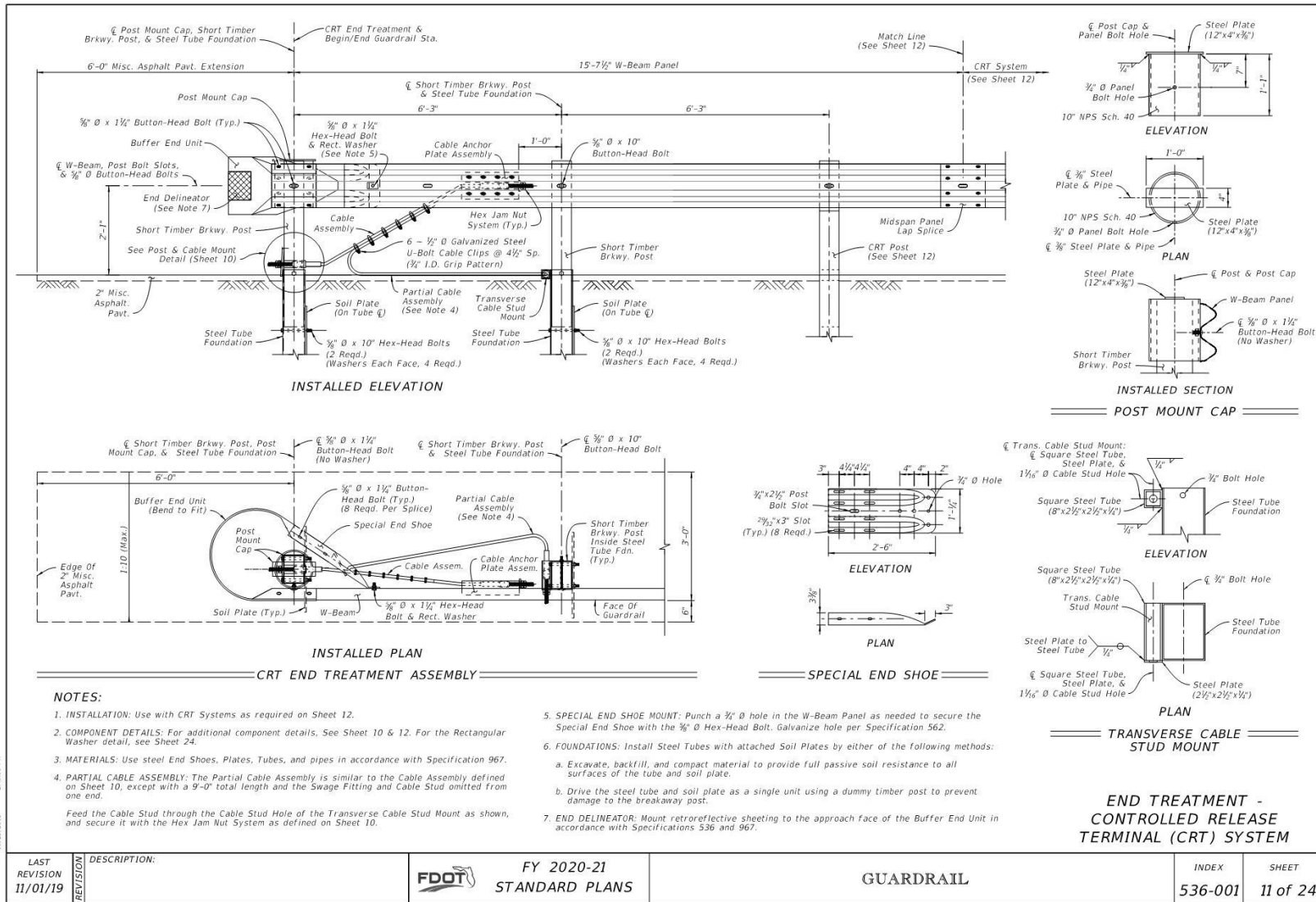
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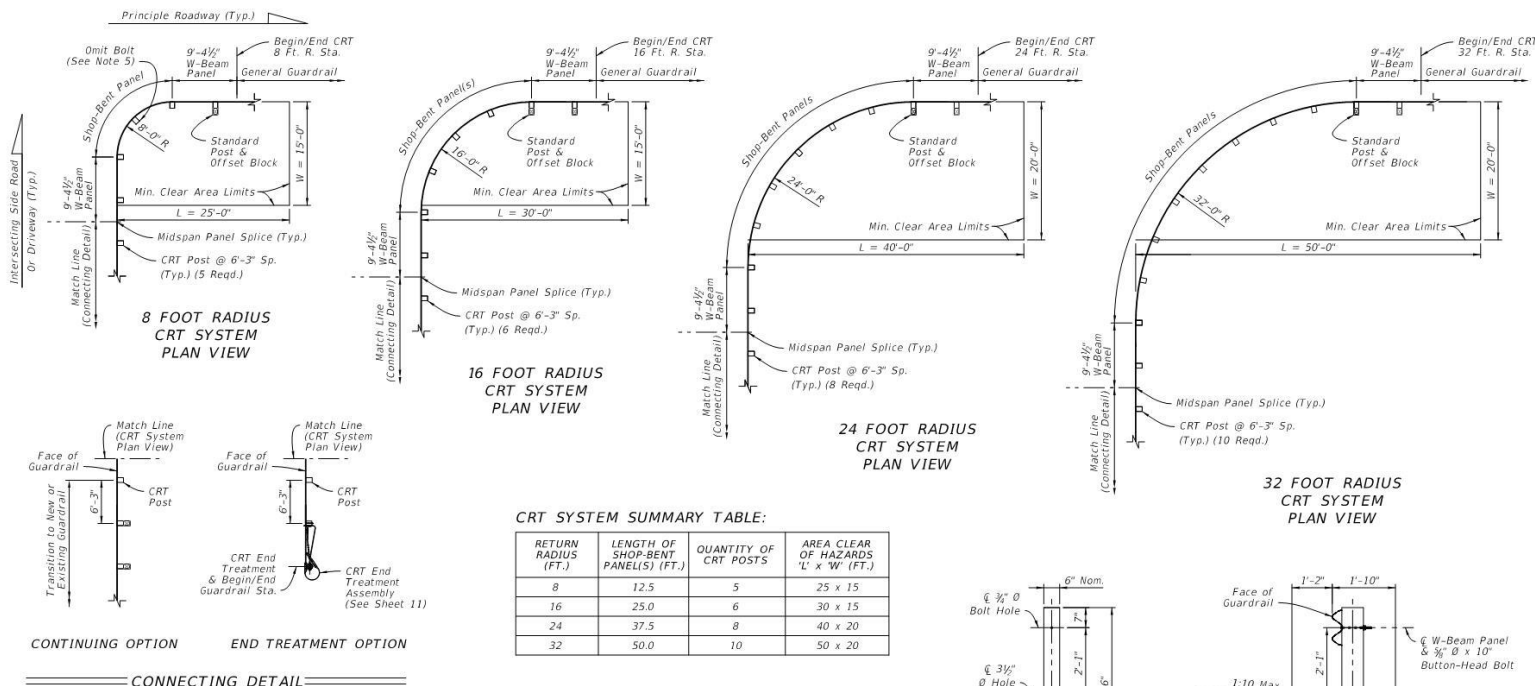
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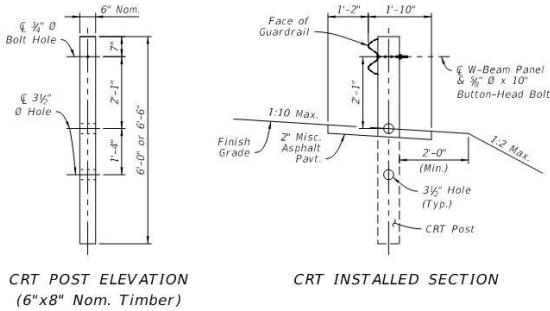




**CRT SYSTEM SUMMARY TABLE:**

RETURN RADIUS (FT.)	LENGTH OF SHOP-BENT PANEL(S) (FT.)	QUANTITY OF CRT POSTS	AREA CLEAR OF HAZARDS 'L' x 'W' (FT.)
8	12.5	5	25 x 15
16	25.0	6	30 x 15
24	37.5	8	40 x 20
32	50.0	10	50 x 20

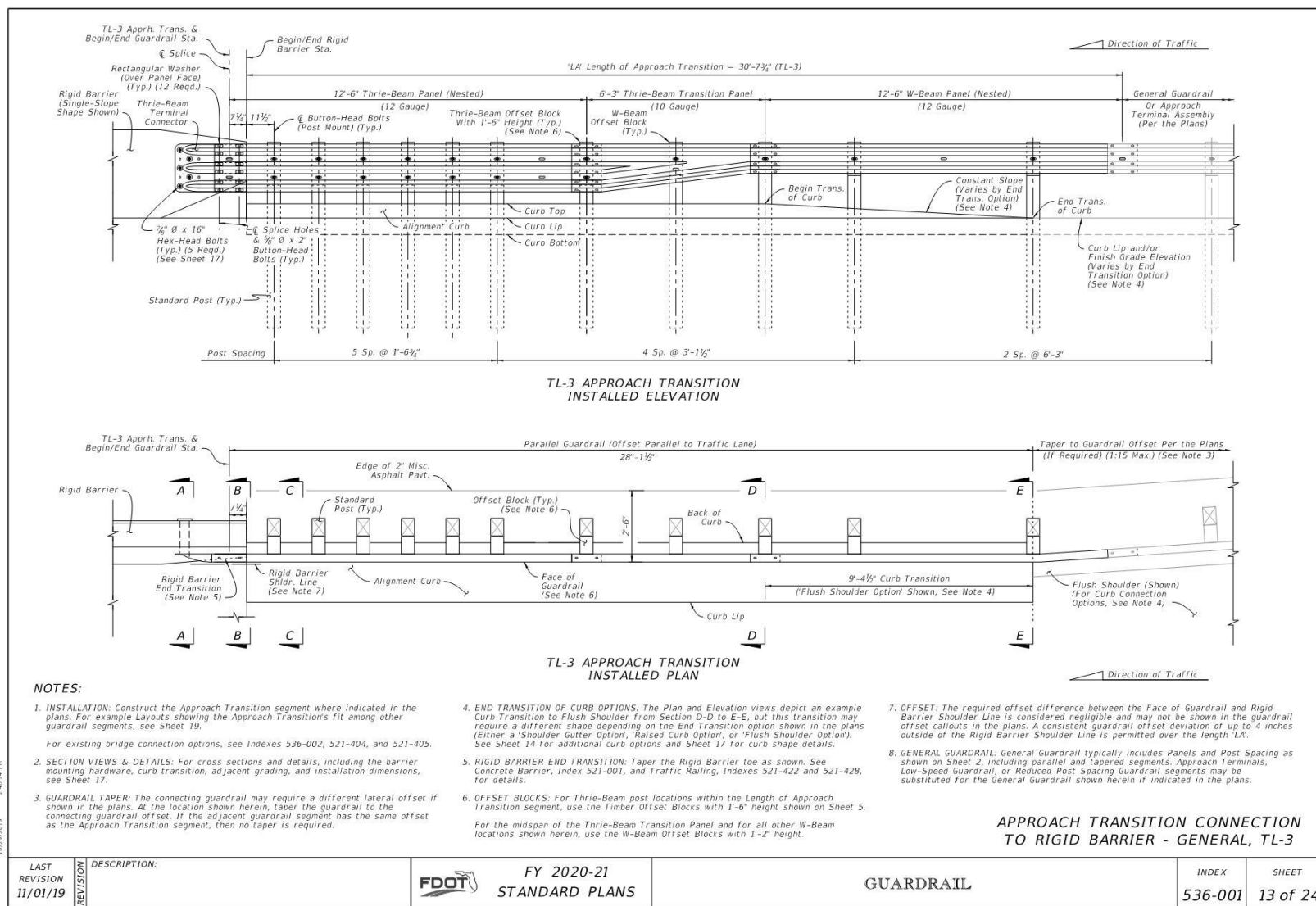
- NOTES:**
1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the specified radius layout and Connecting Detail option as shown in the plans.
  2. **MIN. CLEAR AREA:** Keep the area behind the CRT free of fixed objects and aboveground hazards within the Min. Clear Area limits shown. Maintain a slope not steeper than 1:10 for a minimum 2' behind the posts, and maintain a slope not steeper than 1:2 beyond 2' from the posts.
  3. **APPROACH GRADING:** Maintain grading on the roadway side of the guardrail face at a maximum slope of 1:10.
  4. **MATERIALS:** For CRT Posts, use Timber Post material in accordance with Specification 967. Use steel panels and hardware in accordance with Specification 967.
  5. **BOLT OMISSION:** For the 8 Foot Radius CRT System only, do not place a panel-to-post mount bolt at the center CRT Post (omit the 3/8" Button-Head Bolt only at the location shown).
  6. **SHOP-BENT PANELS:** Install Shop-Bent panel(s) where indicated using 12'-0" or 25'-0" W-Beam Panels. Splice at post locations within the CRT radius using the General configuration of 3/8" Ø Button-Head Bolts (8 reqd. per splice).
  7. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

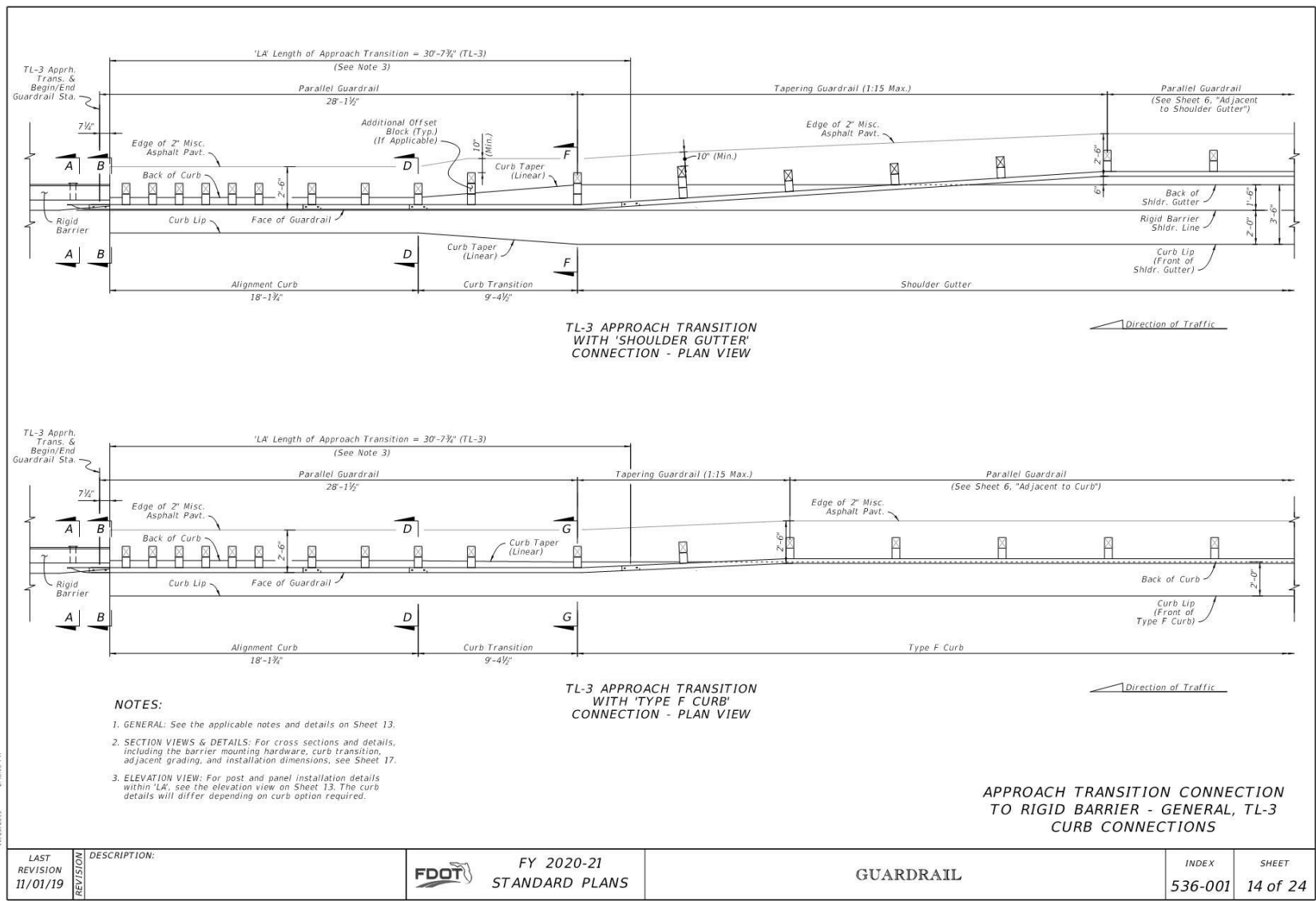


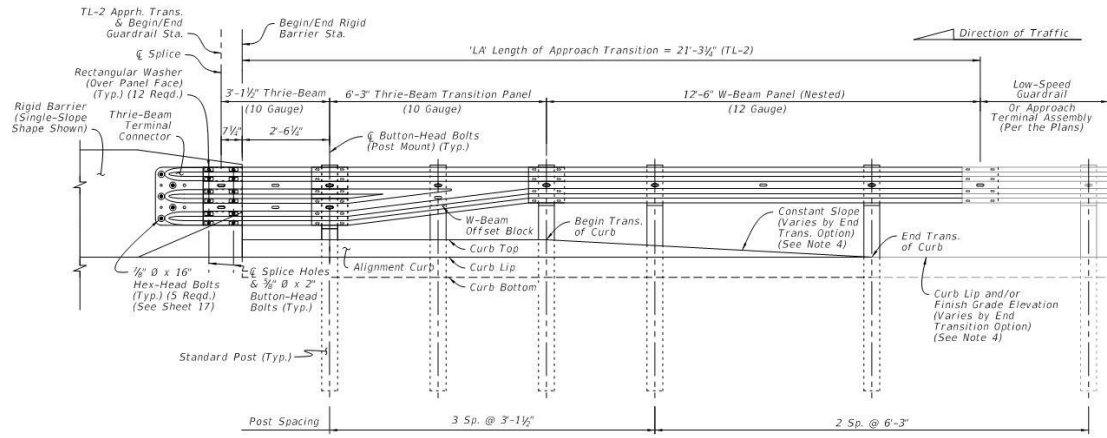
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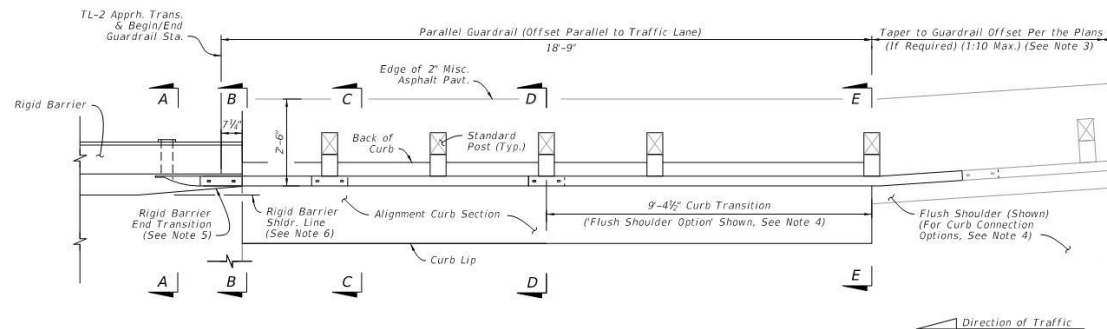
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TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
INSTALLED ELEVATION



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
INSTALLED PLAN

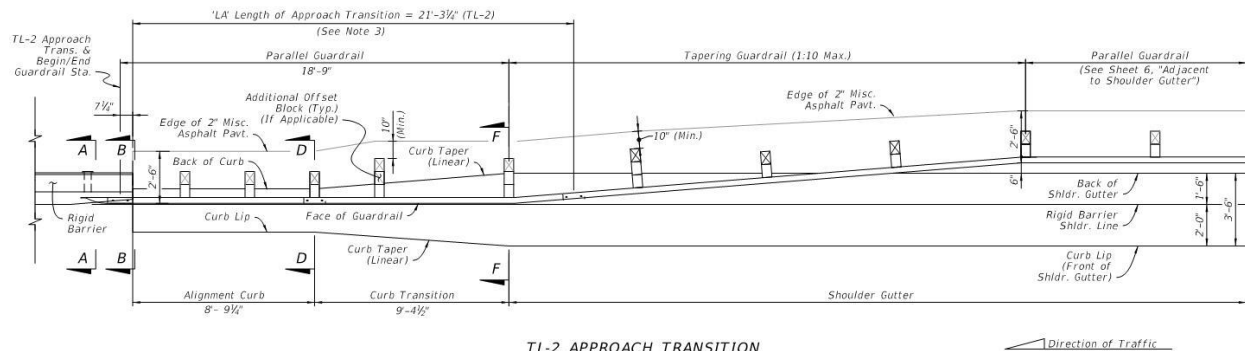
**NOTES:**

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the Approach Transition segment where indicated in the plans. For example Layouts showing the Approach Transition's fit among other guardrail segments, see Sheet 19.  
For existing bridge connection options, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.
2. **SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS:** For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. **GUARDRAIL TAPER:** The connecting guardrail may require a different lateral offset if shown in the plans. At the location indicated herein, taper the guardrail to the connecting guardrail offset. If the adjacent guardrail segment has the same offset as the Approach Transition segment, then no taper is required.
4. **END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTIONS:** The Plan and Elevation views depict an example Curb Transition to Flush Shoulder from Section D-D to E-E, but this transition may require a different shape depending on the End Transition option shown in the plans (Either a 'Shoulder Gutter Option', 'Raised Curb Option', or 'Flush Shoulder Option'). See Sheet 16 for additional curb options and Sheet 17 for curb shape details.
5. **RIGID BARRIER END TRANSITION:** Taper the Rigid Barrier toe as shown. See Concrete Barrier, Index 521-001, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 521-422 and 521-428, for details.
6. **OFFSET:** The required offset difference between the Face of Guardrail and Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is considered negligible and may not be shown in the guardrail offset callouts in the plans. A consistent guardrail offset deviation of up to 4 inches outside of the Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is permitted over the length 'LA'.
7. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Terminals, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

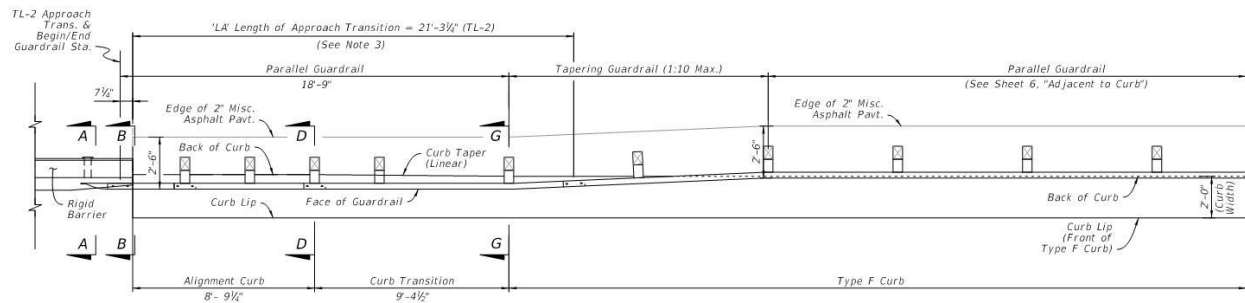
**APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION  
TO RIGID BARRIER - LOW-SPEED, TL-2**

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TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'SHOULDER GUTTER'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'TYPE F CURB'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW

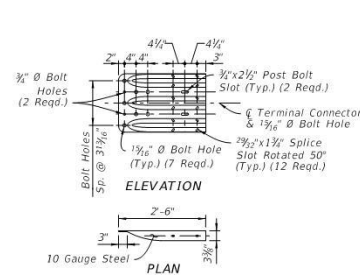
**NOTES:**

1. GENERAL: See the applicable notes and details on Sheet 15.
2. SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS: For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. ELEVATION VIEW: For post and panel installation details within 'LA', see the elevation view on Sheet 15. The curb details will differ depending on curb option required.

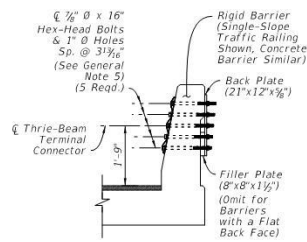
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CURB CONNECTIONS**

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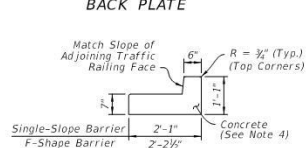
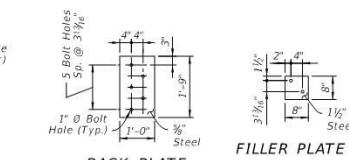
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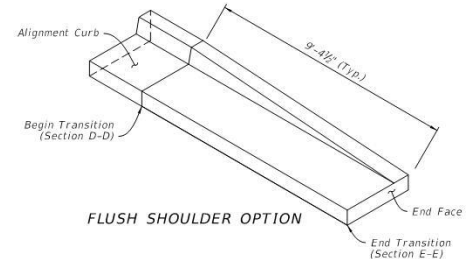
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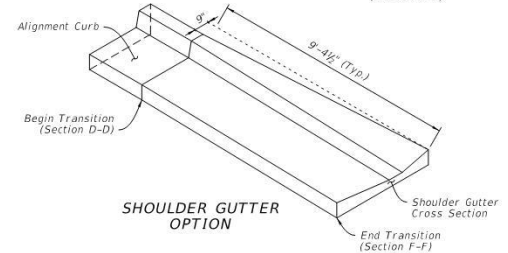
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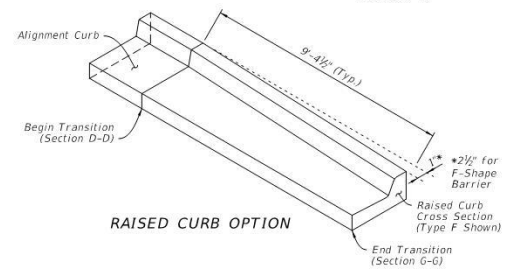
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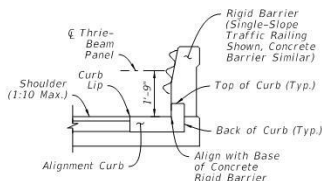
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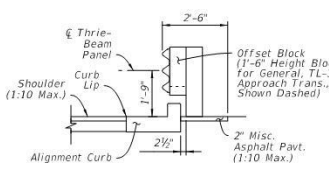
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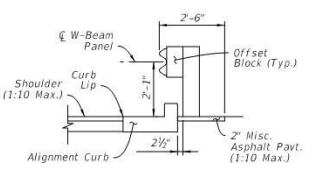
RAISED CURB OPTION



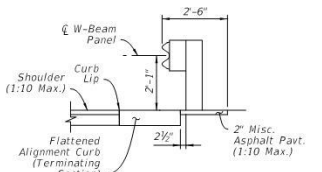
SECTION B-B BEGIN ALIGNMENT CURB (Mate to Rigid Barrier)



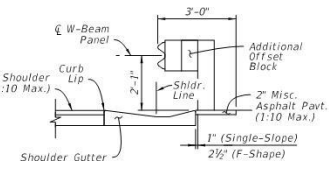
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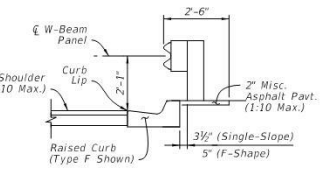
SECTION D-D BEGIN TRANSITION (End Alignment Curb)



SECTION E-E END TRANSITION FLUSH SHOULDER OPTION



SECTION F-F END TRANSITION SHOULDER GUTTER OPTION



SECTION G-G END TRANSITION RAISED CURB OPTION

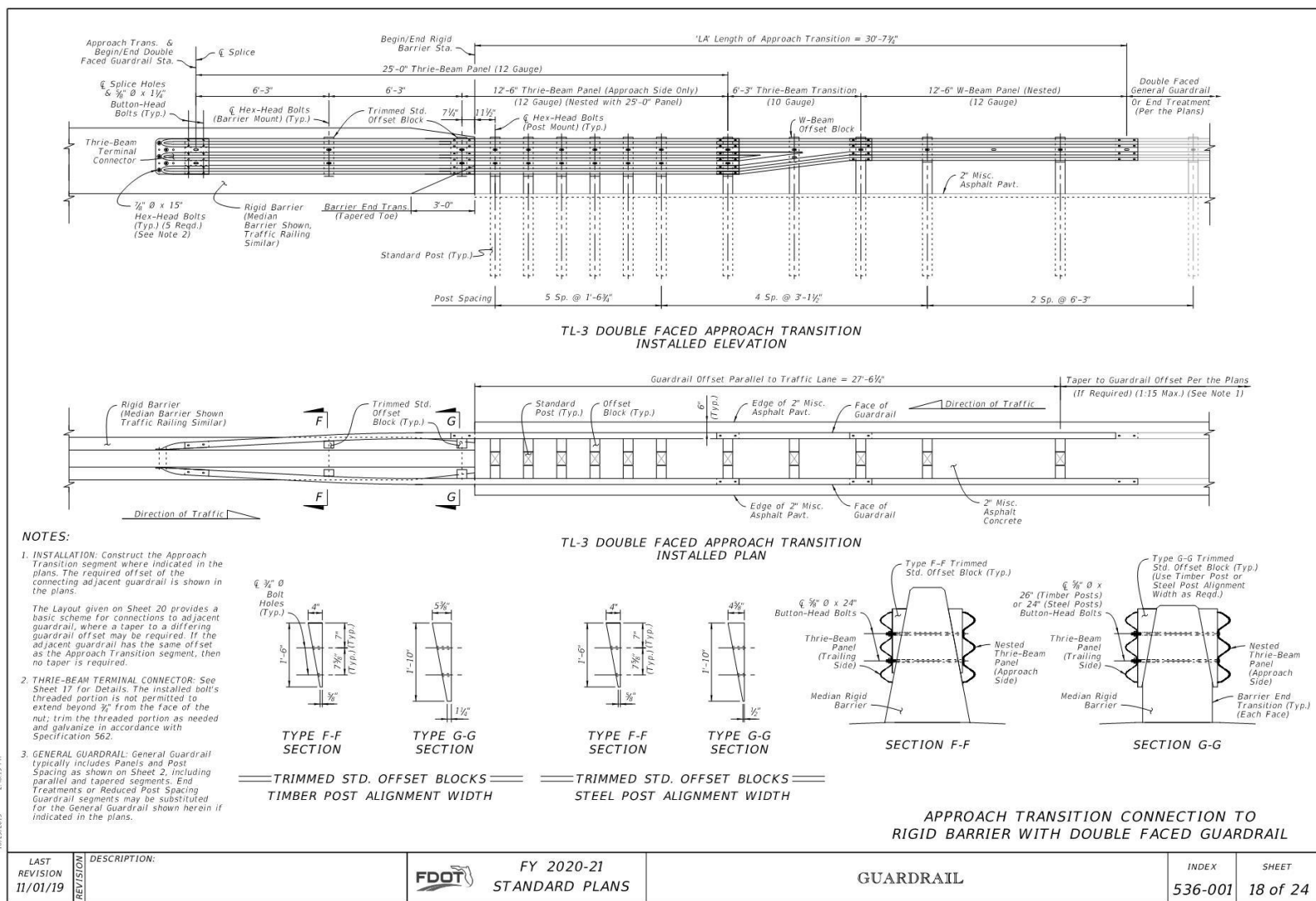
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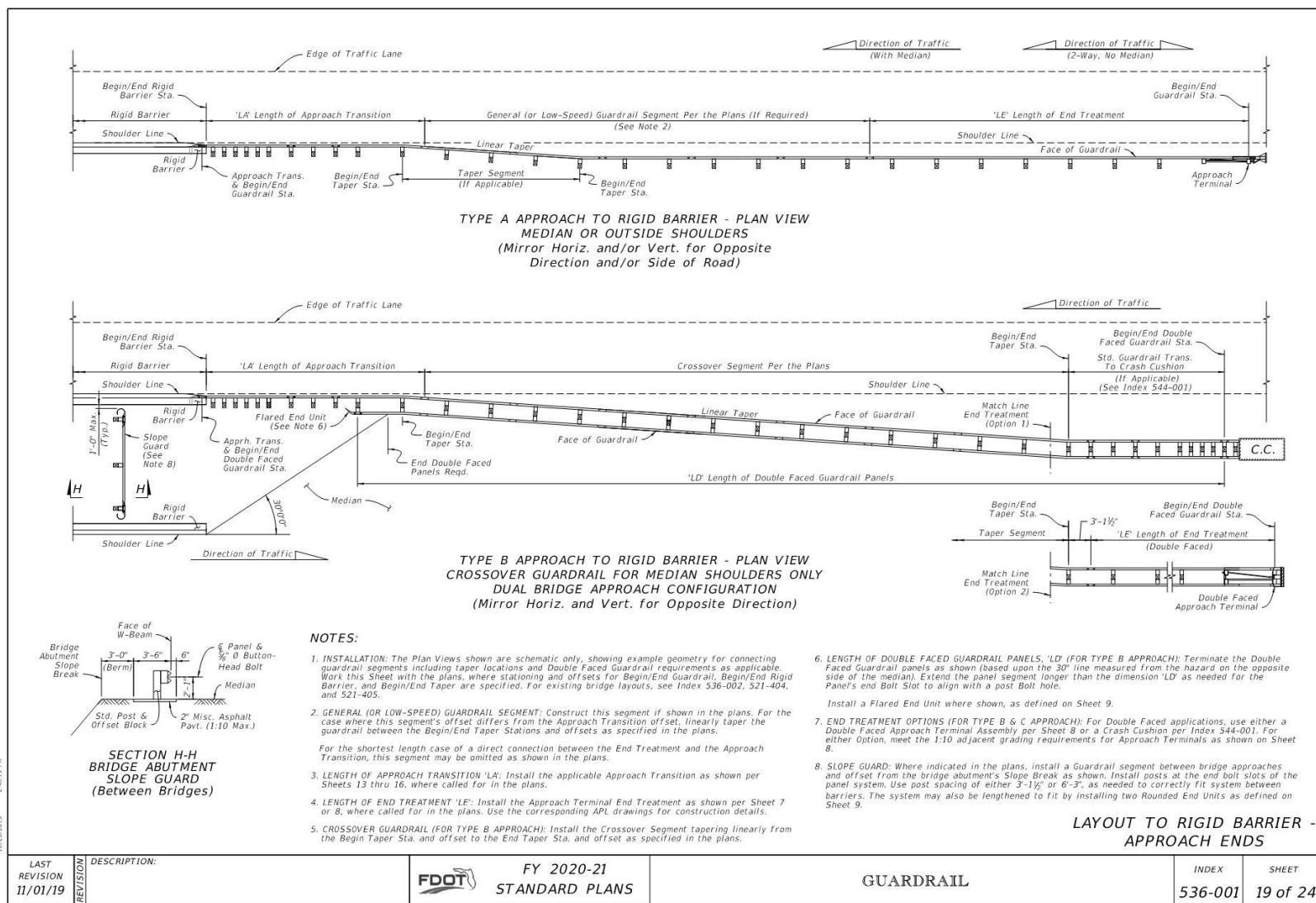
CURB TRANSITION ISOMETRIC VIEWS

- NOTES:
1. PLAN AND ELEVATION VIEWS: Work with Sheets 13 thru 16.
  2. END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTION: Install one of the three End Transition types shown per Section E-E as indicated by the plans.
  3. GRADING BEHIND POSTS: Place Slope Break a Min. 2'-0" behind the post, per Sheet 6.
  4. MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION: Construct the concrete Aligning Curb and Curb transition in accordance with Specification 520. Use steel Plates and Thrie-Beam Terminal Connectors in accordance with Specification 967.

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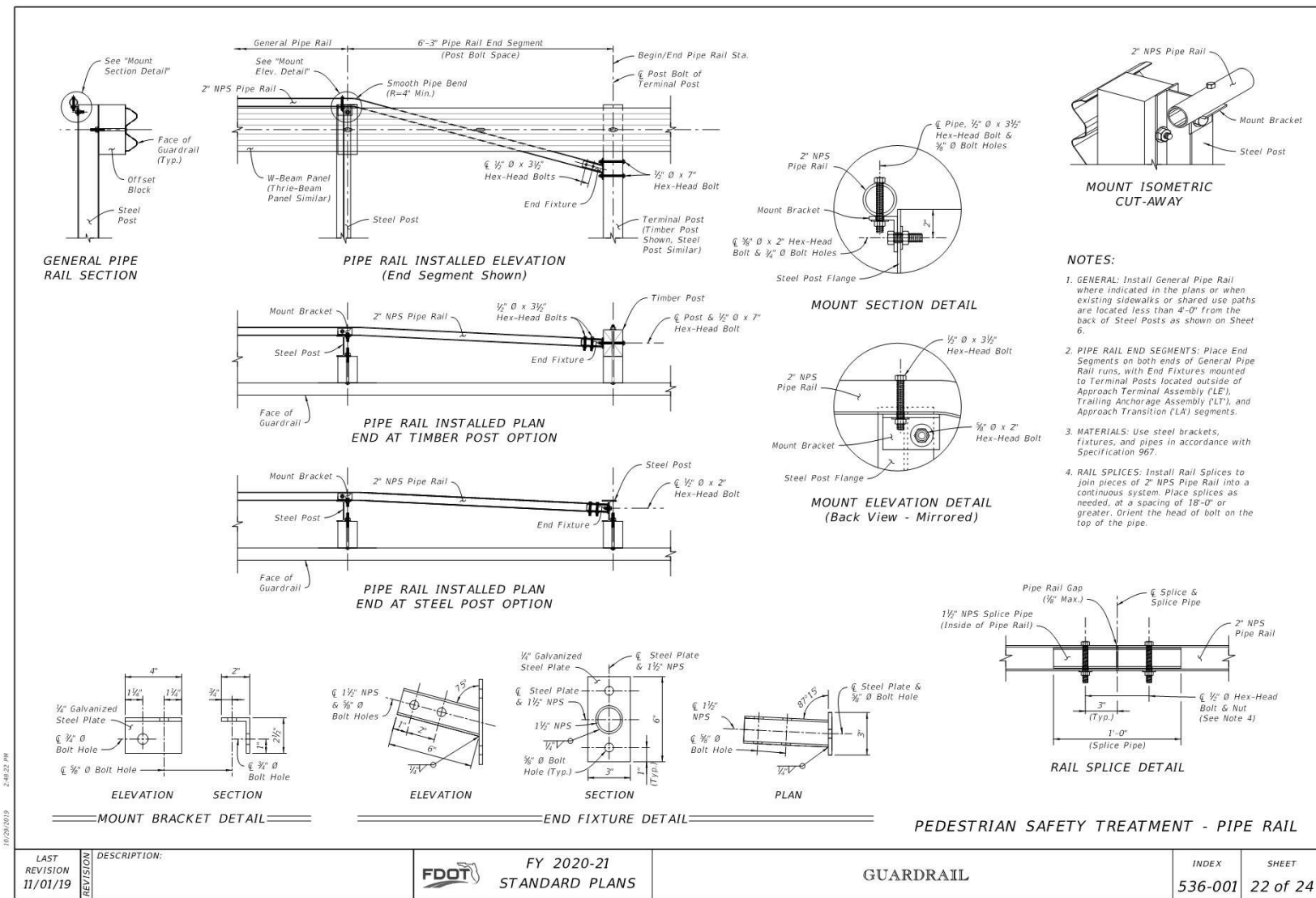
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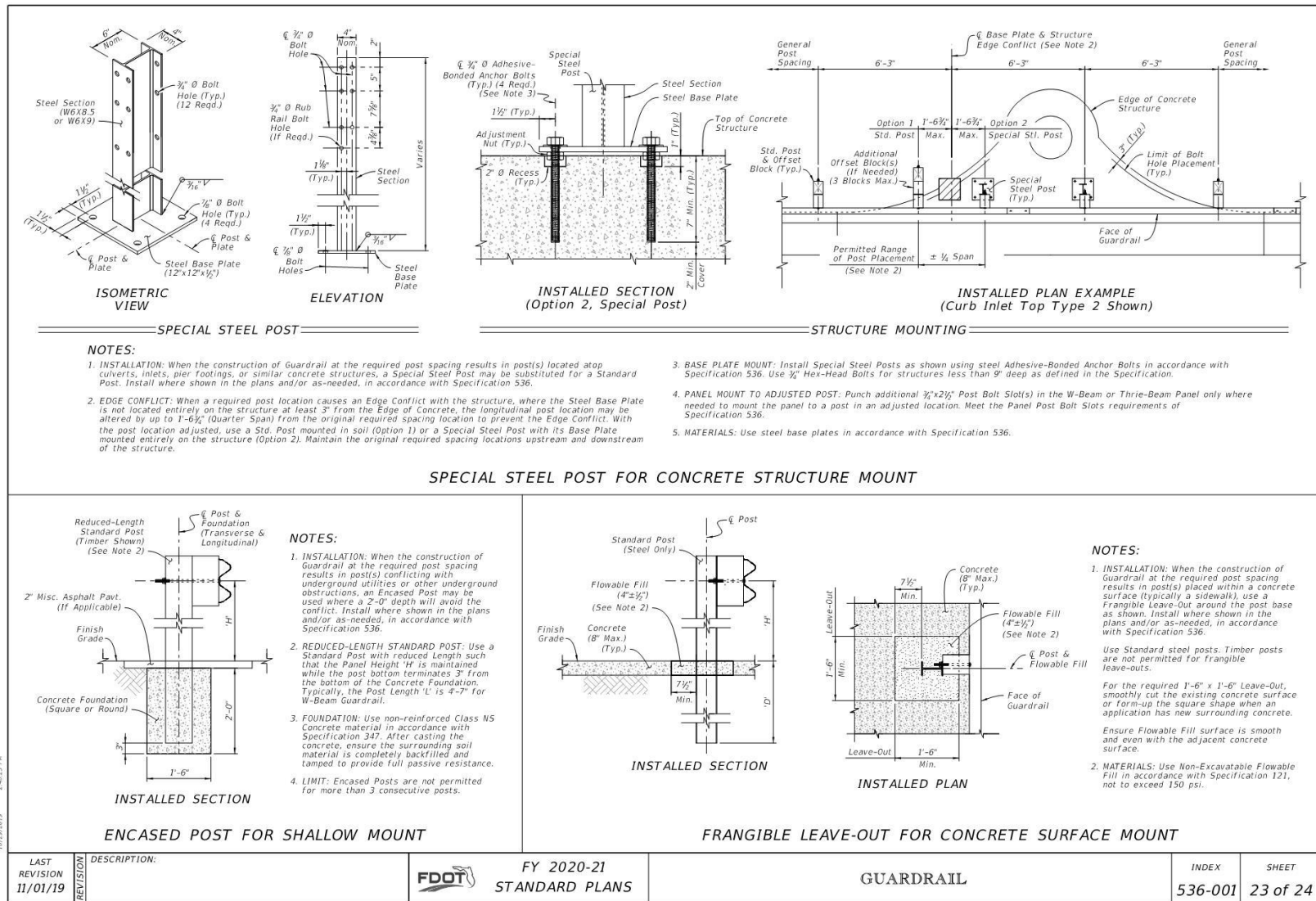
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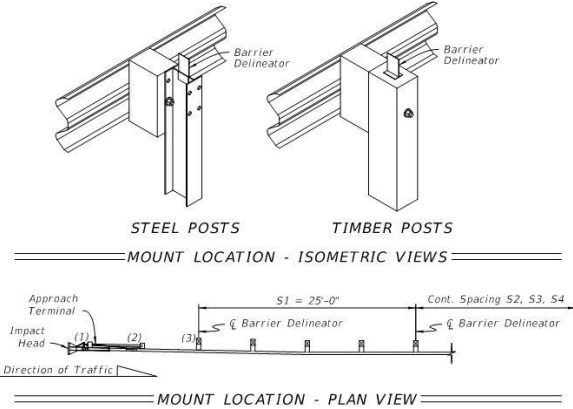


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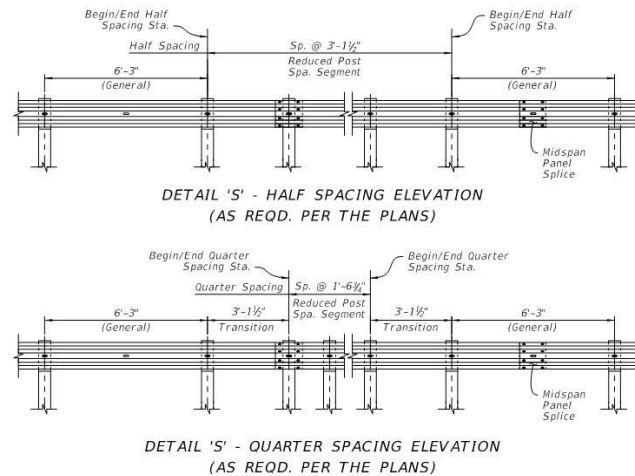
1. **INSTALLATION:** Install Barrier Delineators as shown in accordance with the plans, with Specifications 536 and 705, and with the manufacturer's design as approved on the APL.
2. **MATERIALS:** Use materials of the size and type defined for Barrier Delineators in Specification 993.
3. **COLOR:** Use either white or yellow retroreflective sheeting to match the color of the nearest lane's edgeline.
4. **MOUNT LOCATIONS:** Mount Barrier Delineators atop posts as shown, starting with Post (3) of Approach Terminals and incrementally increasing spacing towards the downstream direction. Install the Barrier Delineators at the following spacing:  
 $S1 = 25' \times 1$  Space  
 $S2 = 50' \times 1$  Space  
 $S3 = 75' \times 1$  Space  
 $S4 = 100' \times$  for the Remaining Run  
 Additionally, place a Barrier Delineator on Post (2) of the Trailing Anchorage or on the post nearest the Rigid Barrier.
5. **MEDIAN GUARDRAIL:** Install retroreflective sheeting on both sides of the barrier delineator for Guardrail on medians.



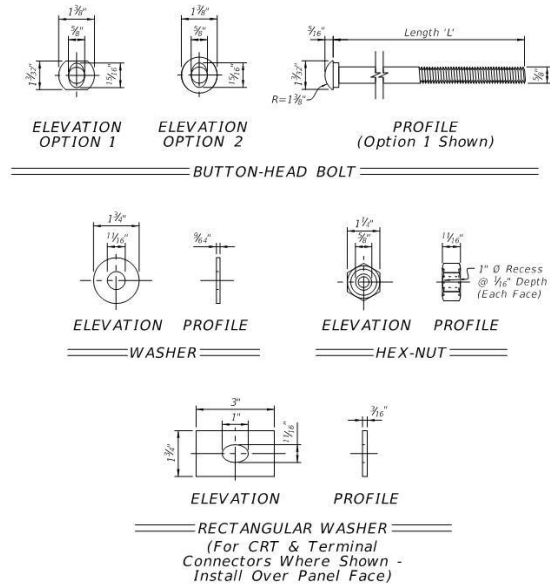
BARRIER DELINEATORS

# NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Work these details with the plans, where Stationing for Begin/End Half Spacing and Begin/End Quarter Spacing are indicated if required.  
 Where the Begin/End Stations indicated in the plans do not correspond exactly to post locations in construction, extend the Reduced Post Spacing segment to the nearest post(s) before the Begin Station and/or after the End Station called for.
2. **PANEL SPLICES:** Midspan Panel Splices are not required in Transition and Reduced Post Spacing segments, however they are required for General segments. To place midspan splices in General segments, use one Non-General panel length (8'-0" or 15'-0") or add an additional Transition spaced post where required.
3. **LOW-SPEED GUARDRAIL:** For Reduced Post Spacing with Low-Speed Guardrail (12'-6" post spacing), the Reduced Spacing pattern requires a 6'-3" space between the 12'-6" and 3'-1 1/2" spaces.
4. **PANEL POST BOLT SLOTS:** For Quarter Spacing configurations, punch additional 3/4"x2 1/2" Post Bolt Slots in the panels only where required for mounting and in accordance with Specification 536.



REDUCED POST SPACING FOR HAZARDS



## BUTTON-HEAD BOLT LENGTHS:

Application(s):	Length 'L':	Min. Thread Length:
Panel Splice	1 1/2"	Full Length
Steel Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	10"	4"
Timber Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	18"	4"
Steel or Timber Post Mount - Double Faced Guardrail	25"	4"

## NOTES:

1. Use nuts, bolts, and washers in accordance with Specification 967.
2. For Steel Posts with Double Faced Guardrail, the single 25" Length bolt (one bolt thru both post flanges) may be replaced with two 10" Length bolts (one bolt per post flange).
3. Use bolts listed in Table 2 in corresponding locations shown in this Index.

## 5/8" BUTTON-HEAD BOLT SYSTEM

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## **6. ROADSIDE DESIGN Practices and Procedures**

### **6-1 ROADSIDE CLEAR ZONES**

See [EI C2 – Clear Zone](#), [Design Guidance – Clear Zone Relative to Right of Way](#) and Chapter 3 Roadside Topography and Drainage Features of the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-2 ROADSIDE BARRIER WARRANTS**

#### **6-2.01 Embankments**

See [Design Guidance – Sideslopes and Backslopes](#)

#### **6-2.02 Roadside Obstacles**

See Section 5.2.2 Roadside Obstacles in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-3 ROADSIDE BARRIER TYPES**

See the [MaineDOT Guardrail and Guardrail Terminal Policy](#) and Section 5.4 Structural and Safety Characteristics of Roadside Barriers in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-4 ROADSIDE BARRIER LAYOUT**

#### **6-4.01 Length of Need**

See [Design Guidance – Barrier Layout - Length of Need](#)

#### **6-4.02 Lateral Placement**

The following will apply to the lateral placement of a roadside barrier:

1. **Relative to Shoulder.** In restricted locations, it is acceptable to place the barrier at the normal shoulder edge, but only if the following conditions can be met: Guardrail should not be placed closer than 4 feet from the edge of travel lane or 16 feet from the centerline. The greater distance will control. The 16 feet minimum is critical to accommodate snowplow widths without excessive encroachment on the opposing lane.
2. **Deflection Distance.** The dynamic deflection of the barrier cannot be violated. Double-nesting the rails or decreasing the post spacing to 3 feet 1.5 inches will decrease the

deflection distance by 50%. Either method must extend at least 25 feet in advance of and beyond the trailing end of the obstacle being shielded.

3. **Relative to Embankments.** A minimum of 3 feet should be provided between the face of the barrier and the break in a fill embankment. When minimal impacts are an issue, a 2 foot space may be used, but 8 foot guardrail posts are required.
4. **Bridge Approaches.** Short runs of barrier at less than the desirable lateral offset are acceptable at bridges where the bridge width is narrower than the normal face-of-barrier-to-face-of-barrier width.
5. **Shy Line Offset.** See Section 5.6.1 Barrier Offset in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.
6. **Flare Rate.** See Section 5.6.3 Flare Rate in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

#### **6-4.03 Barrier Gap**

Barrier gaps of less than 200 feet should be connected, unless the gap is needed for access (e.g., driveways, maintenance operations).

#### **6-4.04 Placement on Slopes**

Roadside barriers should not be placed on roadside slopes steeper than 10:1. This also applies to the area approaching the beginning of the barrier installation.

#### **6-4.05 Placement Behind Curbs**

##### **Barrier/Curb Orientation**

The face of the barrier should be flush with the face of the curb (i.e., at the gutter line). The height of the barrier is measured from the pavement surface. Curb height shall not exceed 4 inches.

##### **Sidewalks**

See Section 5.6.2.1 Curbs in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

##### **Sidewalks and Bridge Rails**

See Section 5.6.2.1 Curbs in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

##### **Guardrail Terminal/Curb Orientation**

Guardrail terminals should not be placed behind curb. Where there is no alternative, curb height should be reduced to 2 inches approximately 50 feet in advance of the terminal. For flared terminals, the 2 inch height should be carried an additional 37 feet beyond the upstream end. For

tangent terminals, the 2 inch height should be carried 12 feet beyond the upstream end and the terminal should be offset 1 foot to keep the impact head behind the face of curb.

#### **6-4.06 Rub Rail**

See Section 5.6.2 Terrain Effects in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

A rub rail should be considered where a potential snagging problem may exist.

#### **6-4.07 Guardrail Terminals**

See the [MaineDOT Guardrail and Guardrail Terminal Policy](#) and [Design Guidance – Guardrail Height Adjustment Considerations](#).

### **6-5 MEDIAN BARRIERS**

See Chapter 6 Median Barriers in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

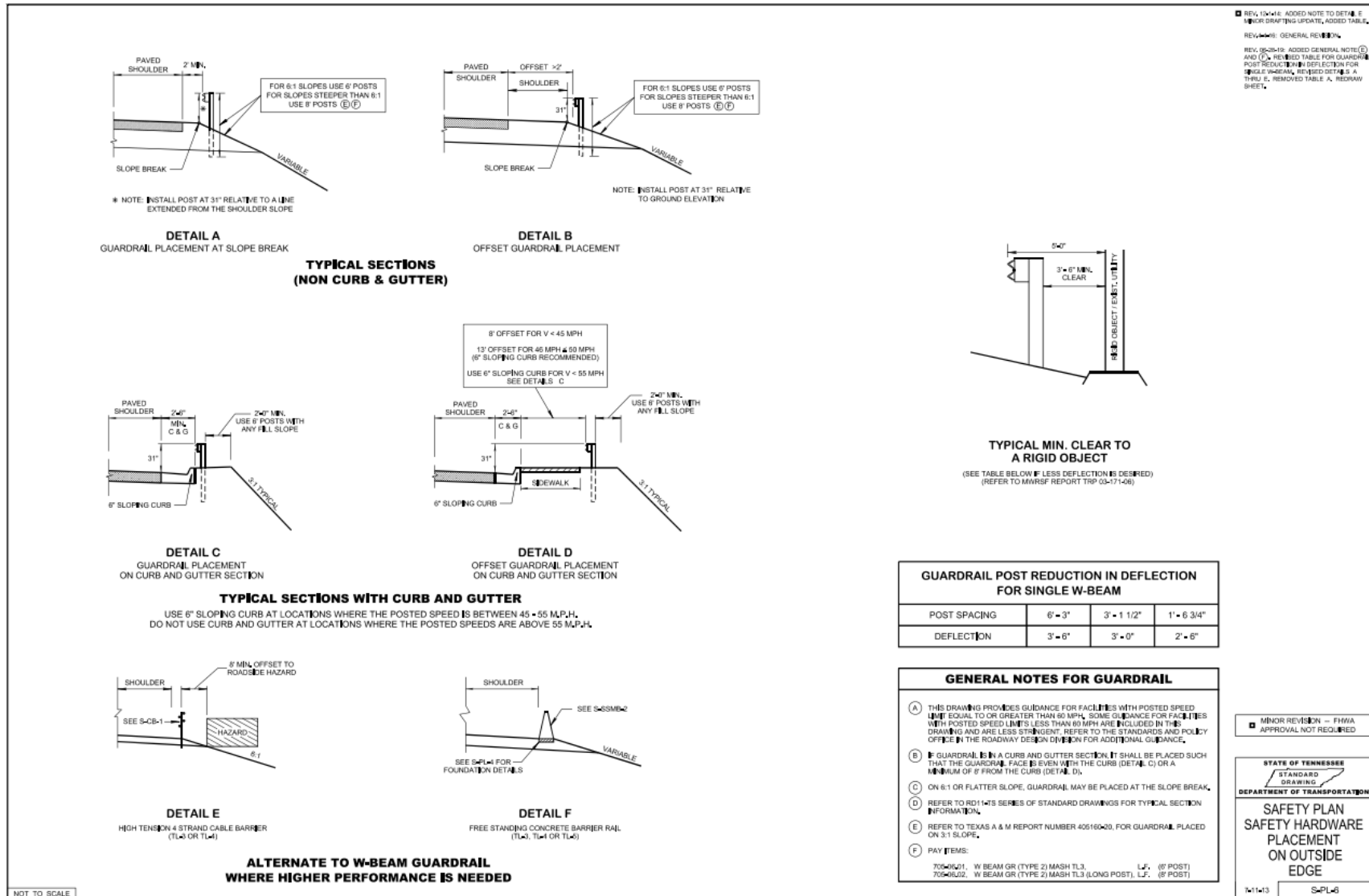
### **6-6 IMPACT ATTENUATORS**

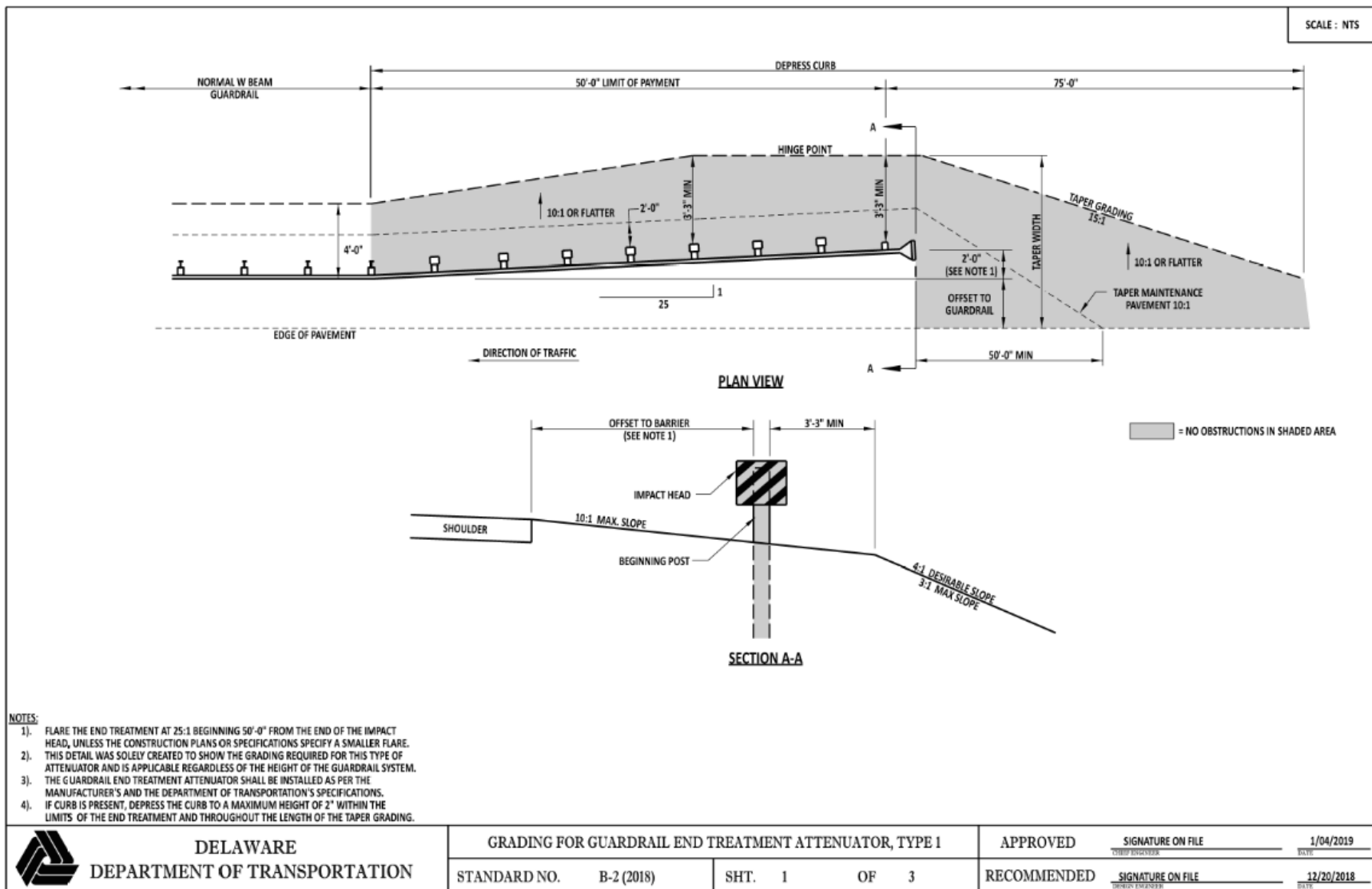
See Section 8.4 Crash Cushion Design Concepts and 9.3 Crash Cushions (for work zones) in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*. Also see [Design Guidance – Crash Cushions](#).

Other Response: If curb is necessary for drainage, we use a maximum 2" height.



**Q17 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**



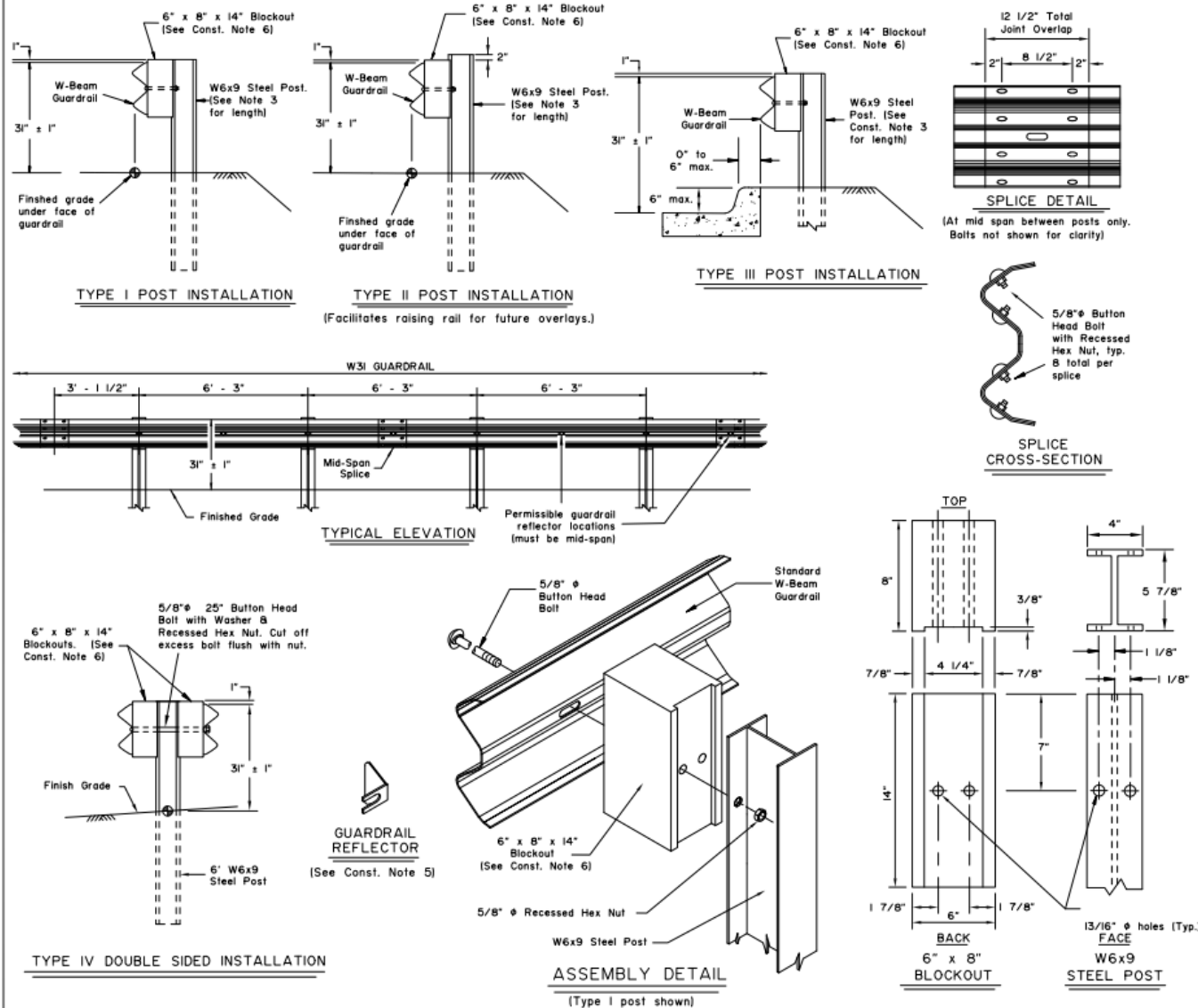




**Respondent – Picture 1(Mountable Curb)**

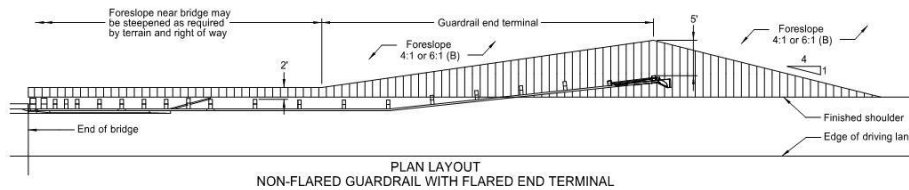
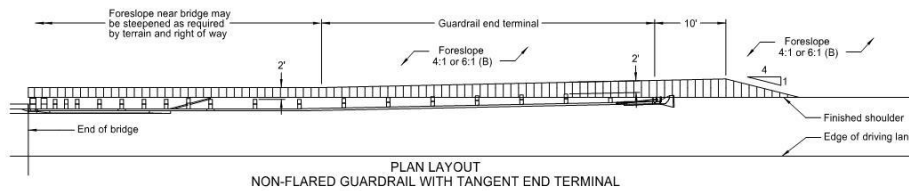
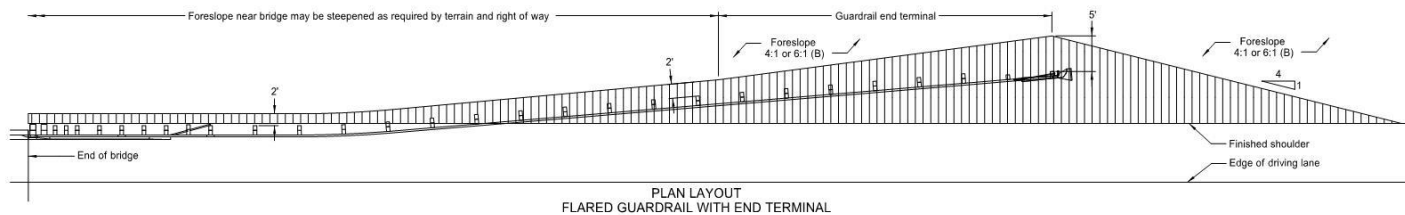
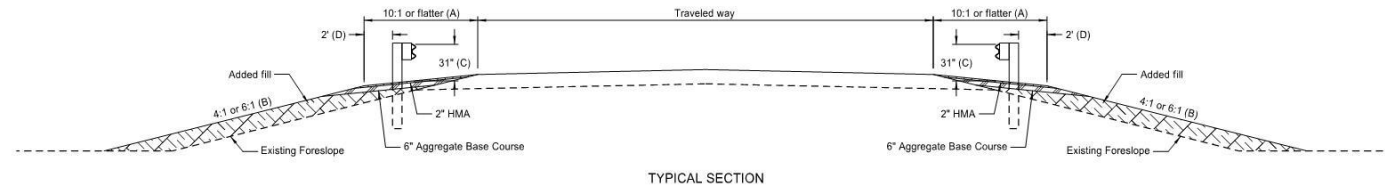


**Respondent- Picture 2(Barrier Curb)**



# TYPICAL GRADING AT BRIDGE ENDS WITH MGS W-BEAM GUARDRAIL

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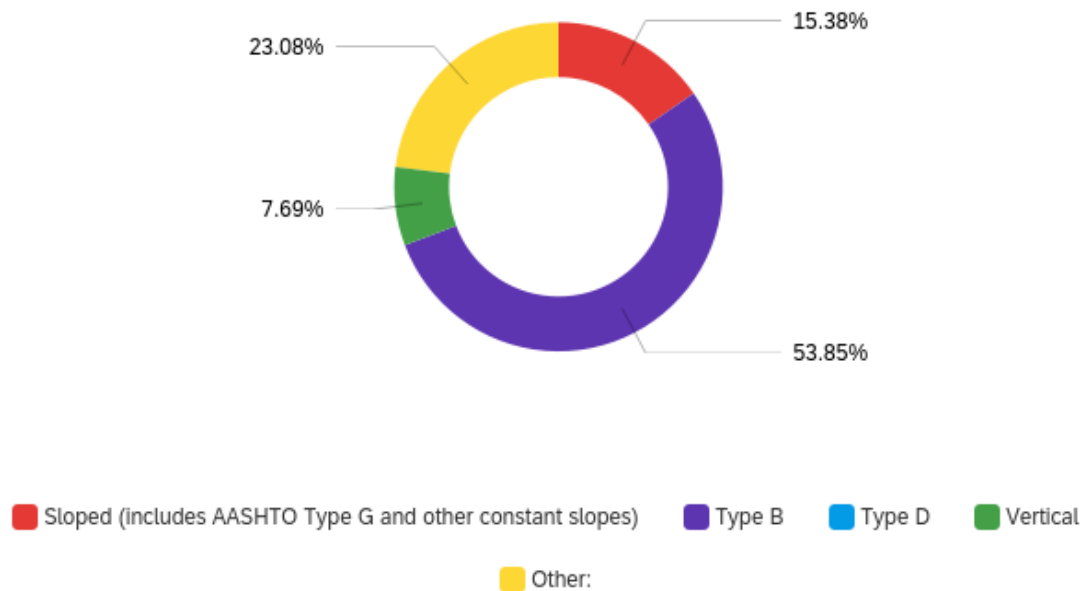
## NOTES:

- (A) Slope flatter than 10:1 may be required to provide proper guardrail height.
- (B) Where normal foreslope is 4:1 the added fill shall be 4:1. Where normal foreslope is 6:1 the added fill shall be 6:1.
- (C) Measured from top of guardrail to top of surfacing at front face of guardrail.
- (D) Dimension at end terminals may vary per Plan Layouts shown on this sheet.

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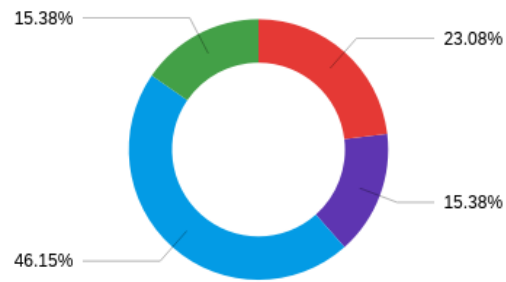
**Q26 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**



Answer	%	Count
Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)	15.38%	2
Type B	53.85%	7
Type D	0.00%	0
Vertical	7.69%	1
Other:	23.08%	3
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Both Type B and Vertical but with a max 2" height.
R3	Sloped
R4	Type B
R5	Type B
R6	Current State_X Type E but historically a AASHTO Type B
R7	Vertical
R8	Type B
R9	Type B
R10	Type B
R12	Type B
R14	Sloped
R15	Type B
R17	3" height

**Q27 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

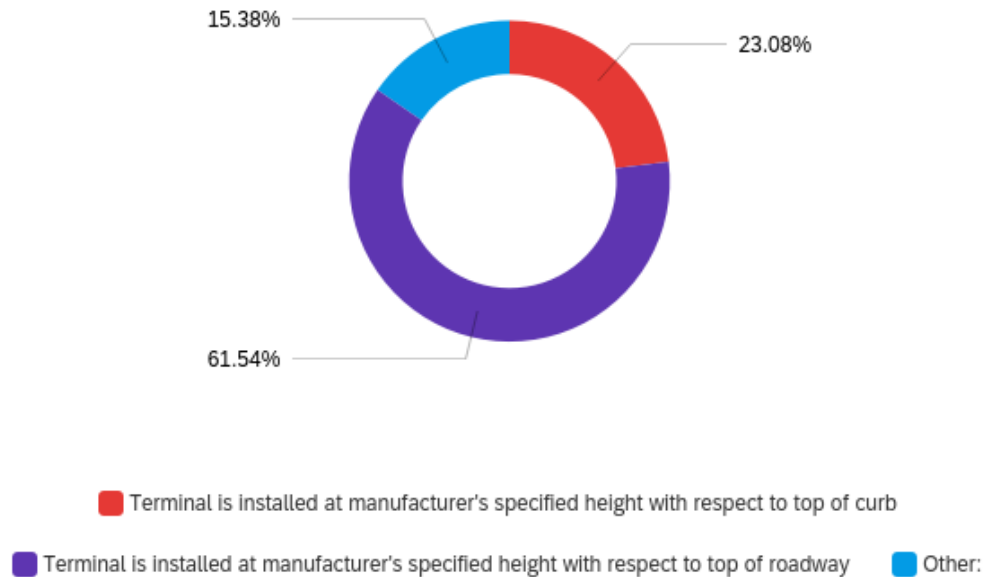


■ Less than 4 in. 
 ■ 4 in. 
 ■ 6 in. 
 ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Less than 4 in.	23.08%	3
4 in.	15.38%	2
6 in.	46.15%	6
Other:	15.38%	2
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	2"
R3	4 in.
R4	6 in.
R5	6 in.
R6	Currently 4", but many installations have 6"
R7	Less than 4 in.
R8	6 in.
R9	6 in.
R10	6 in.
R12	4 in.
R14	Less than 4 in.
R15	6 in.
R17	Less than 4 in.

**Q8 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

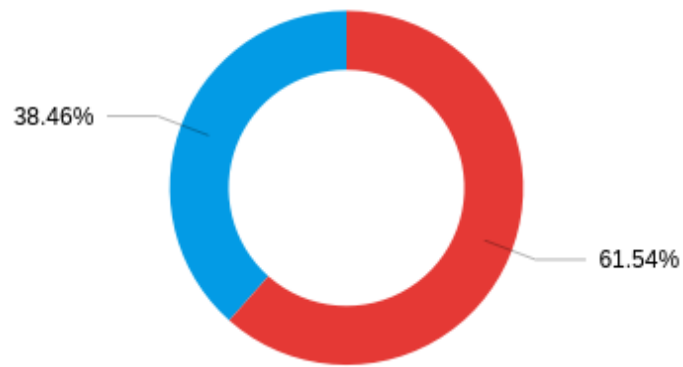


Answer	%	Count
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb	23.08%	3
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway	61.54%	8
Other:	15.38%	2
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb
R3	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R4	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R5	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R6	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb
R7	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R8	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R9	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R10	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R12	With respect to the gutter line.
R14	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R15	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb
R17	Referenced state design sheet included above



**Q9 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

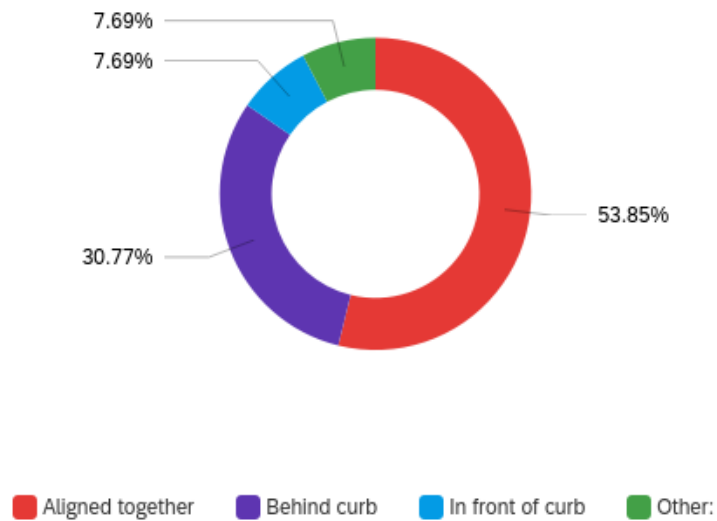


■ Tangent 
 ■ Flared 
 ■ Both 
 ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Tangent	61.54%	8
Flared	0.00%	0
Both	38.46%	5
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Tangent
R3	Both
R4	Both
R5	Tangent
R6	Tangent
R7	Both
R8	Tangent
R9	Tangent
R10	Tangent
R12	Both
R14	Tangent
R15	Tangent
R17	Both

**Q10 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**



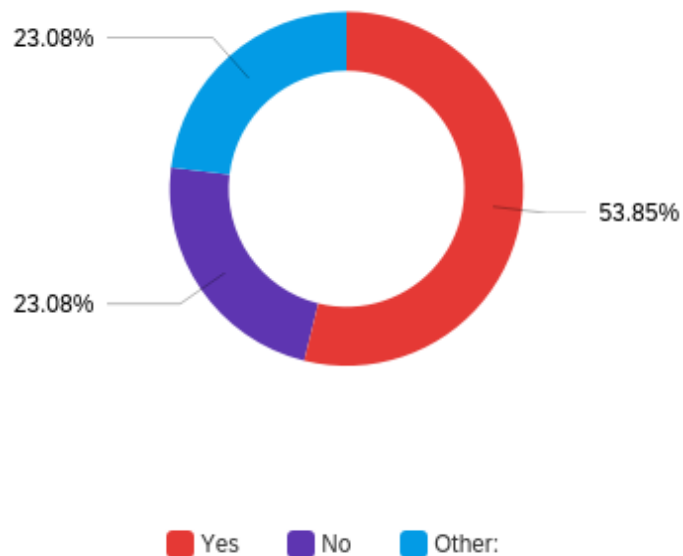
Answer	%	Count
Aligned together	53.85%	7
Behind curb	30.77%	4
In front of curb	7.69%	1
Other:	7.69%	1
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Behind curb
R3	Aligned together
R4	Aligned together
R5	Behind curb
R6	Behind, but typically still in very close proximity (i.e., enough to allow for installation of hardware)
R7	Aligned together
R8	Aligned together
R9	Aligned together
R10	Behind curb
R12	Aligned together
R14	In front of curb
R15	Aligned together
R17	Behind curb

**Q11 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

Respondent	Response
R2	Typically face of guardrail matches face of rail so the end treatment follows that alignment.
R5	1 foot
R10	6"
R14	6 ft
R17	It is variable

**Q12 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**



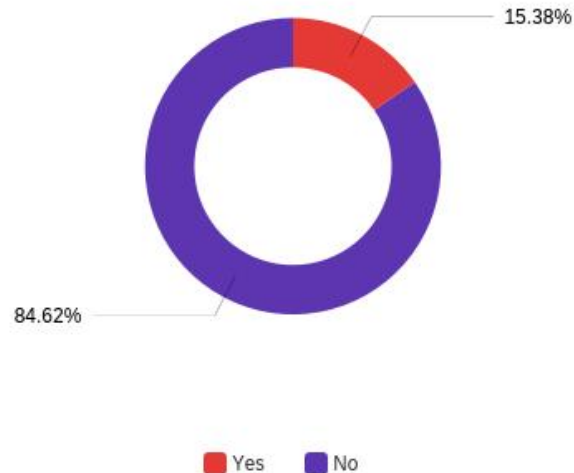
Answer	%	Count
Yes	53.85%	7
No	23.08%	3
Other:	23.08%	3
Total	100%	13

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
R2	won't that defeat the purpose of a 50' tangent length for the impact head?
R3	Yes
R4	Yes and no. It depends on site conditions, prevailing speeds, etc.
R6	Yes
R7	Yes
R8	No
R9	Yes
R10	No
R12	Yes
R14	No
R15	Yes
R17	It is inline with the taper of the end terminal

**Q13 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
R3	One foot
R5	1 foot
R6	6" typ.
R7	2-4 feet
R9	24" max offset
R12	1-2 feet
R15	Enough to get the head completely outside of the shoulder or travel lane.

**Q313 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**



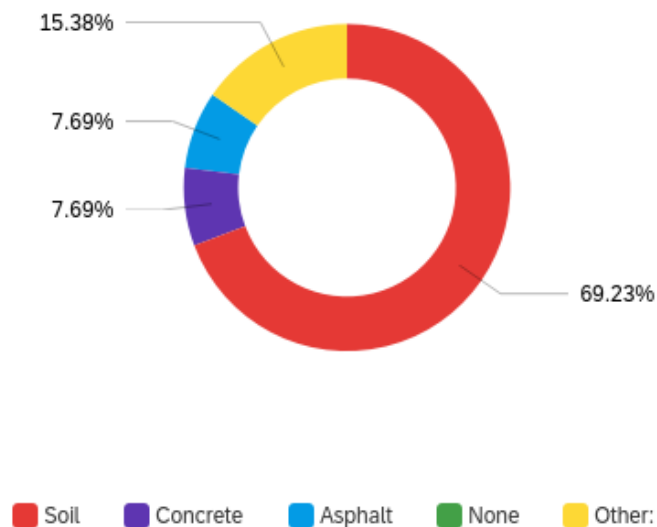
Answer	%	Count
Yes	15.38%	2
No	84.62%	11
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	No
R3	No
R4	No
R5	No
R6	No
R7	No
R8	No
R9	Yes
R10	Yes
R12	No
R14	No
R15	No
R17	No

**Q314 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

Respondent	Response
R9	24" max offset
R10	6" min.

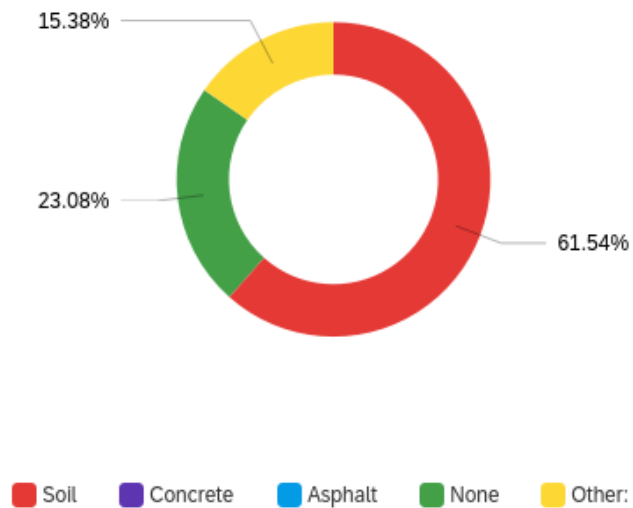
**Q22 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	69.23%	9
Concrete	7.69%	1
Asphalt	7.69%	1
None	0.00%	0
Other:	15.38%	2
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Asphalt
R3	Concrete
R4	Soil
R5	Soil
R6	Soil
R7	Soil
R8	Soil
R9	Soil
R10	Soil
R12	Soil
R14	Typically AB
R15	Soil
R17	Soil, base, asphalt

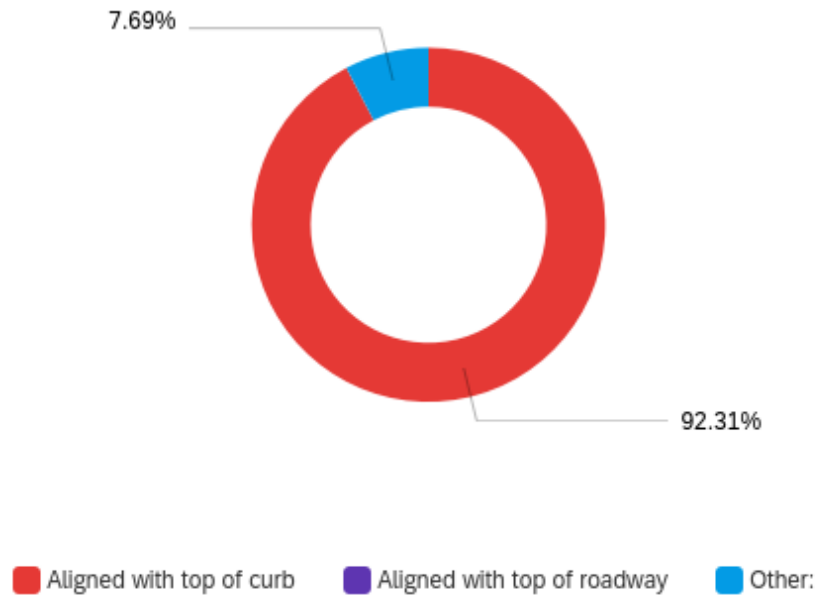
**Q69 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	61.54%	8
Concrete	0.00%	0
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	23.08%	3
Other:	15.38%	2
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Soil
R3	Soil
R4	Soil
R5	Soil
R6	Soil
R7	Gravel
R8	Soil
R9	None
R10	Soil
R12	Soil
R14	None
R15	None
R17	Soil, base, asphalt

**Q23 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

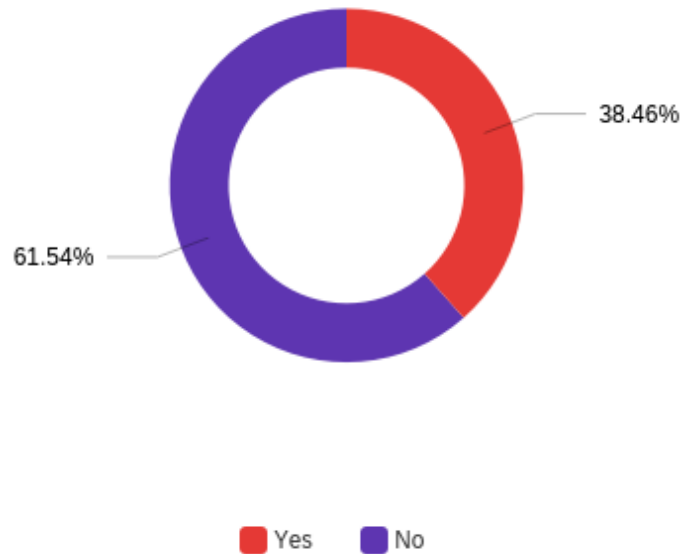


Answer	%	Count
Aligned with top of curb	92.31%	12
Aligned with top of roadway	0.00%	0
Other:	7.69%	1
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	Aligned with top of curb
R3	Aligned with top of curb
R4	Aligned with top of curb
R5	Aligned with top of curb
R6	Aligned with top of curb
R7	Aligned with top of curb
R8	Aligned with top of curb
R9	Aligned with top of curb
R10	Aligned with top of curb
R12	Aligned with top of curb
R14	Aligned with top of curb
R15	Aligned with top of curb
R17	It isn't clear



**Q75 - Does your agency use another curb configuration for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering low-speed applications)? For example, a variation in curb height or curb type?**



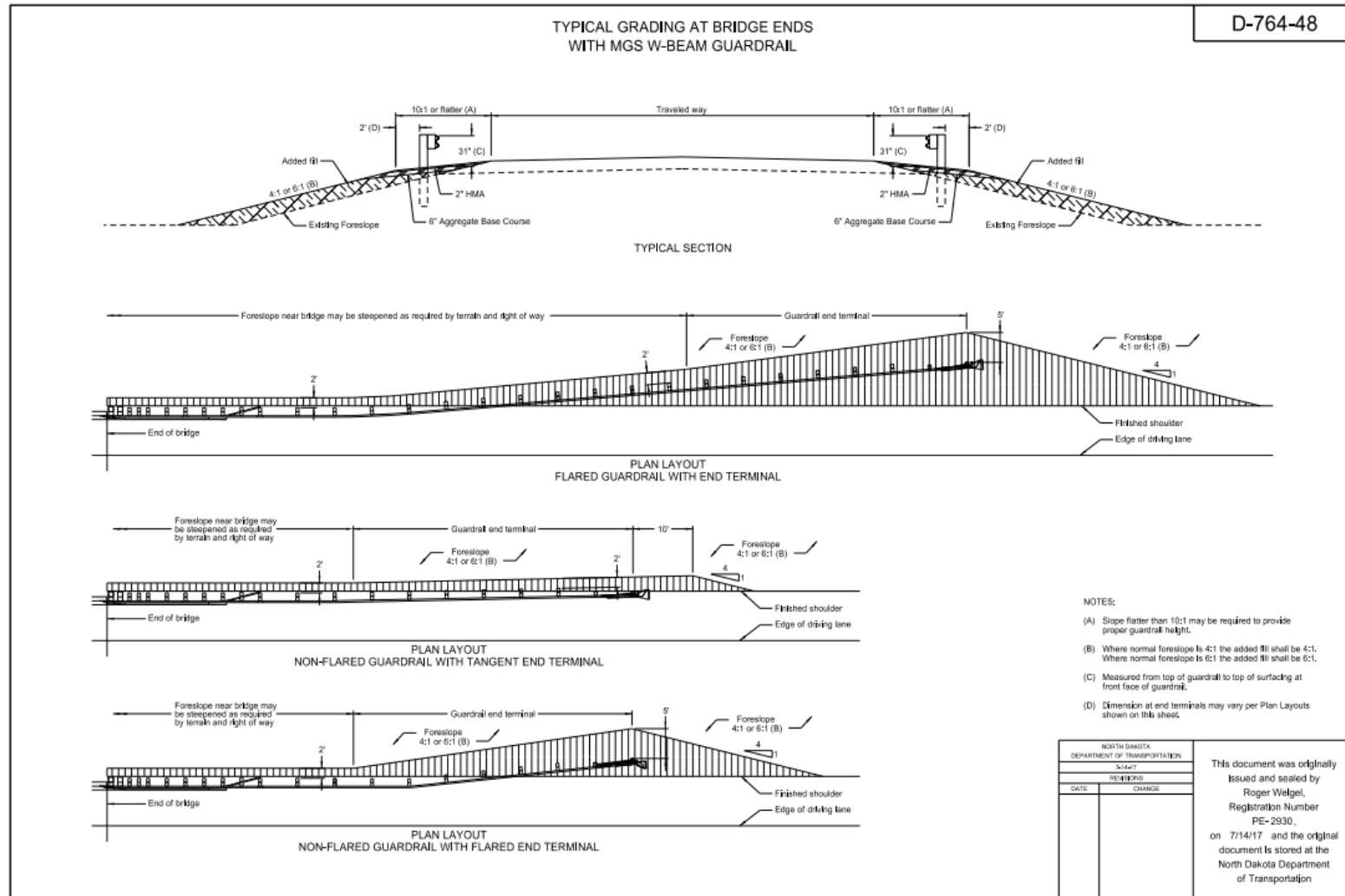
Answer	%	Count
Yes	38.46%	5
No	61.54%	8
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R2	No
R3	No
R4	Yes
R5	No
R6	Yes
R7	No
R8	No
R9	No
R10	No
R11	
R12	No
R13	
R14	Yes
R15	Yes
R16	
R17	Yes

### **A.3 LOW-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 2**

The third section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q79 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**



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#### GENERAL NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct guardrail in accordance with Specification 536.

This Index, along with the plans and the manufacturers' drawings on the Approved Products List (APL), is sufficiently detailed for installation of General Guardrail, Low-Speed Guardrail, End Treatment assemblies, and their connecting options shown herein. This precludes requirements for shop drawing submittals unless otherwise specified in the plans.

2. **COMPATIBILITY:** The General Guardrail in this Index is based on the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) design, with an approximate height of 31" at the top of the Panel (2'-1" mounting height at vertical  $\bar{q}$  of Panel) and a midspan panel splice as shown on Sheet 2. Guardrail components included on the APL, which are compatible with this Index, may also be identified as 31" or MGS Guardrail.

3. **STANDARD COMPONENTS:** Standard guardrail components, including posts, panels, and bolt systems, are based on the Task Force 13 Publication: Guide to Roadside Hardware Components (<http://tf13.org/Guides/componentGuide/>).

4. **BUTTON-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Button-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers as defined on Sheet 24. Place washers under nuts. Do not place washers between bolt heads and panels, except where otherwise shown in this Index.

5. **HEX-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Hex-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers in accordance with material properties of Specification 967. Place washers under nuts.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** Install Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement where indicated with a tolerance of  $\pm 1/2$ " depth and in accordance with Specification 339.

7. **ADJACENT SIDEWALKS & SHARED USE PATHS:** When guardrail posts are placed within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, use timber posts, or use steel posts only if treated with Pipe Rail as shown on Sheet 22.

When timber posts are used, one of the following safety treatments is required for the bolt(s) protruding from the back face of the posts:

- After tightening the nut, trim the protruding post bolt flush with the nut and galvanize per Specification 562.
- Use post bolts 15" in length and countersink the washer and nut between 1" and 1½" deep into the back face of the post.
- Use 15" post bolts with sleeve nuts and washers.

When End Treatment posts are within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, steel posts are not permitted within the End Treatment segment. Terminate the Pipe Rail outside of End Treatment segments, as noted per Sheet 22.

8. **NESTED W-BEAM:** Where called for in the plans, install two W-Beam Panels mounted flush per location, securing all panels with Button-Head Bolts threaded through aligned slots and holes. 2" Button-Head Bolts are permitted for panel splice locations.

9. **CONNECTION TO RIGID BARRIER:** The connections to Rigid Barrier in this Index only apply to newly constructed bridge Traffic Railing and Concrete Barrier or where the complete Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier shown herein can be installed without conflicting with existing Traffic Railings, structures, or approach slabs.

For connecting guardrail to existing bridge Traffic Railings, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.

10. **CONNECTION TO EXISTING GUARDRAIL:** Where a transition to existing guardrail at 27" height is required, linearly transition the new guardrail height over a distance ranging from 25'-0" to 31'-3". Height transitions must occur outside of End Treatment and Approach Transition segments.

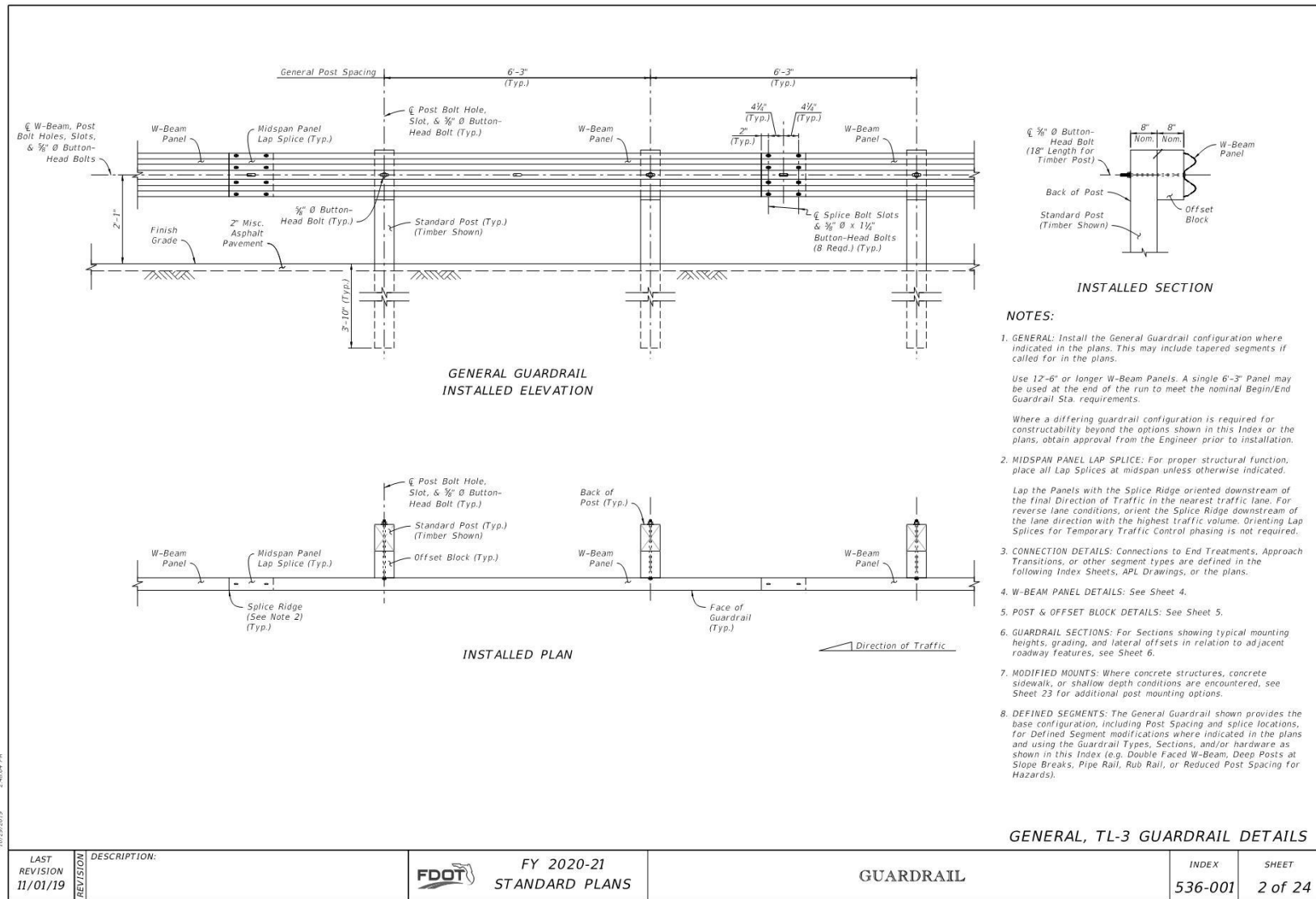
Provide an immediate transition to the required midspan panel splice using the available panel options on Sheet 4 (9'-4½" or 15'-7½" panel). Alternatively, this transition to midspan panel splice may be achieved by installing a single reduced post spacing of 3'-1½" within the new guardrail, immediately adjacent to the connection location.

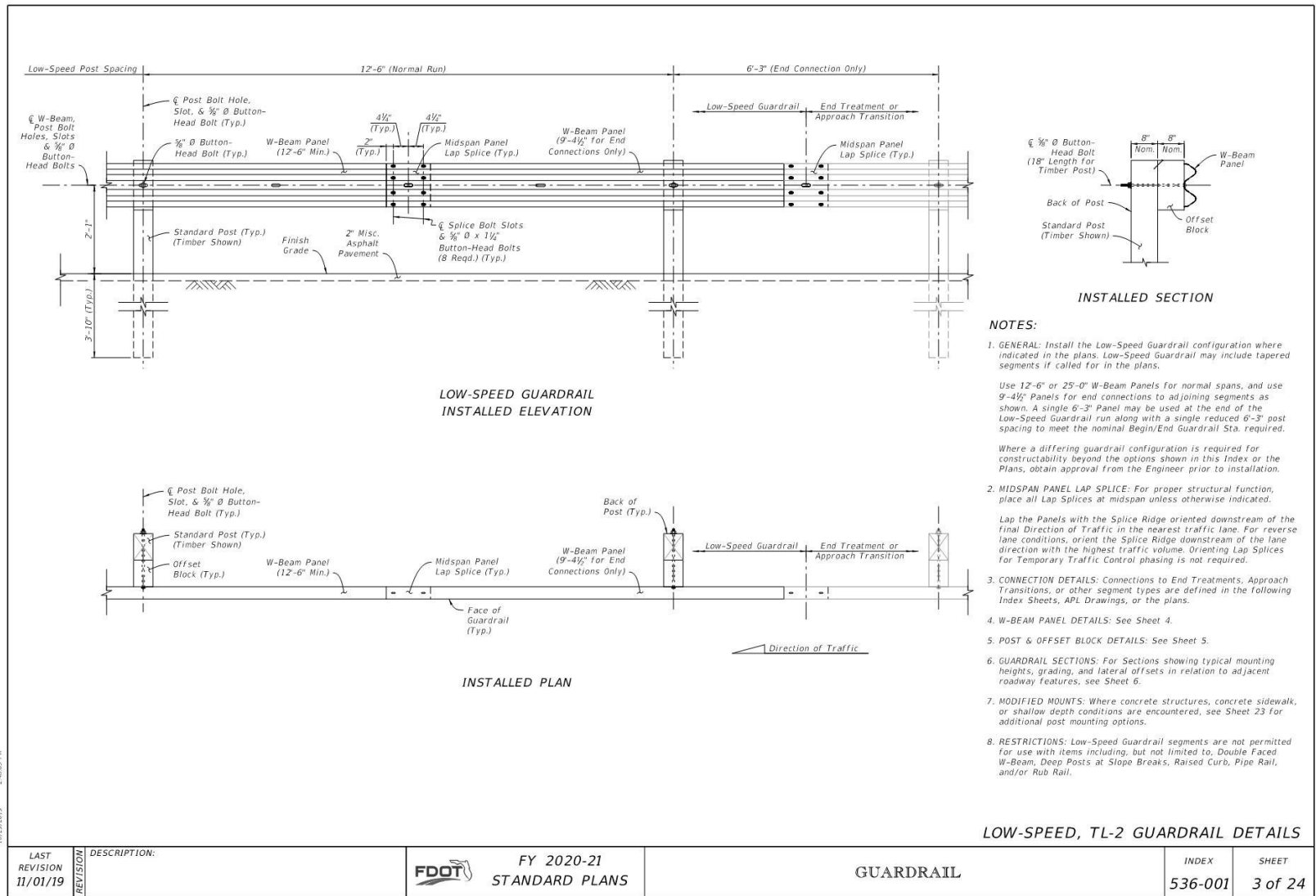
11. **PLANS CALLOUTS:** Begin/End Station labels are shown throughout this Index as they correspond to the station and offset callouts specified in the plans.

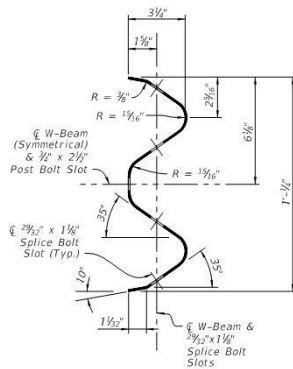
In the plans, Begin/End Guardrail Station refers to the General TL-3 Guardrail Pay Item, and it may be abbreviated as Begin/End GR. Station. Where the Low-Speed TL-2 Guardrail Pay Item is specifically required, the callout in the plans will then specify Begin/End TL-2 GR. Station.

12. **QUANTITY MEASUREMENT:** Measure guardrail and corresponding components as defined in Specification 536. The Guardrail length is measured along the centerline of installed Panels, between the points labeled Begin/End Guardrail Station shown on the following Index Sheets and defined in the plans (typically measured from the  $\bar{q}$  of the panel's post bolt slots at the approach/trailing ends).

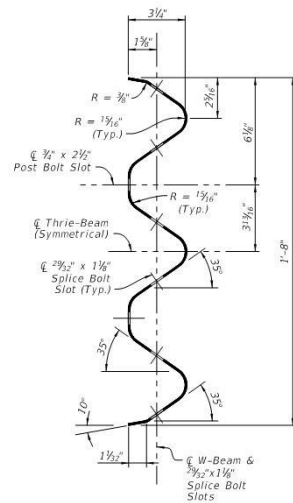
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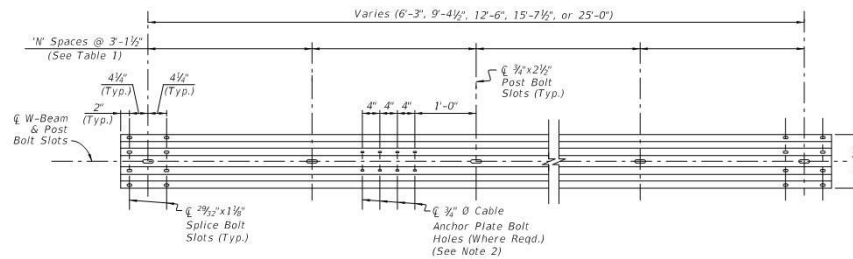




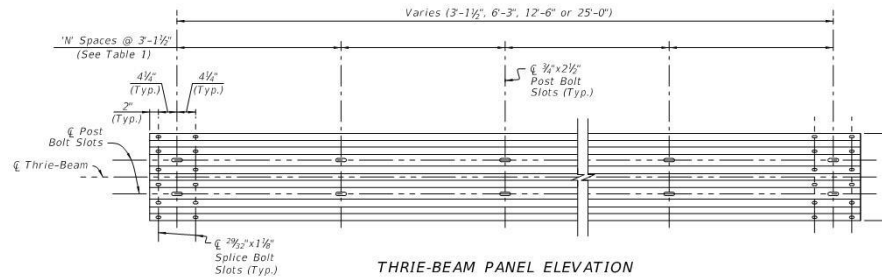
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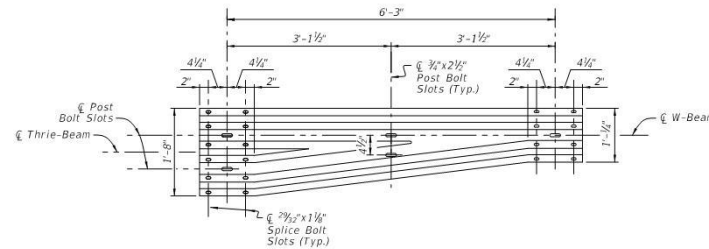
THRIE-BEAM PANEL SECTION



W-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM TRANSITION PANEL ELEVATION  
(Reverse Direction Similar by Opposite Hand)

PANEL SUMMARY TABLE:

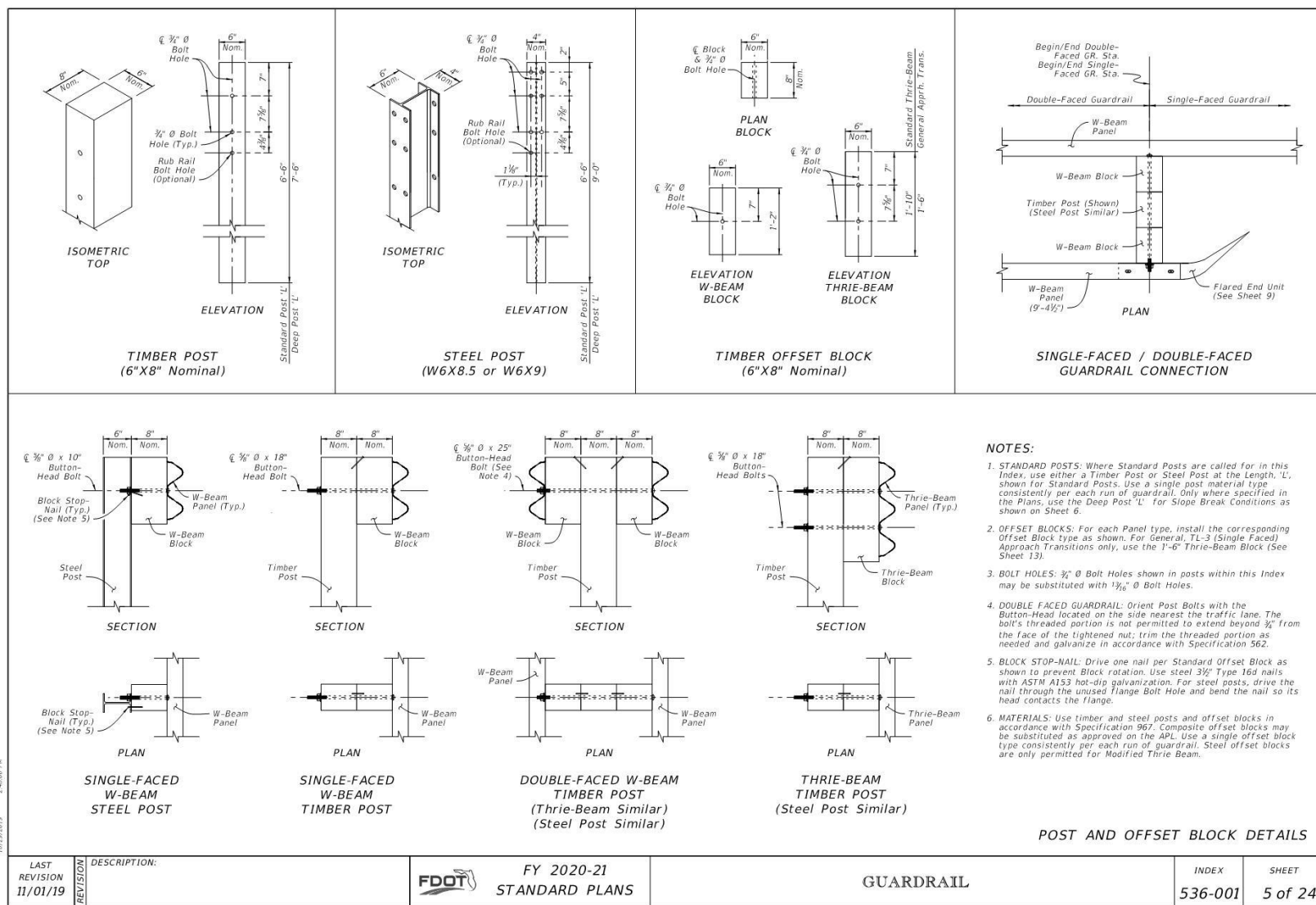
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6'-3" W-Beam	2	12
9'-4 1/2" W-Beam	3	12
12'-6" W-Beam	4	12
15'-7 1/2" W-Beam	5	12
25'-0" W-Beam	8	12
3'-1 1/2" Thrie-Beam	1	10
6'-3" Thrie-Beam	2	12
12'-6" Thrie-Beam	4	12
25'-0" Thrie-Beam	8	12
Thrie-Beam Trans.	2	10

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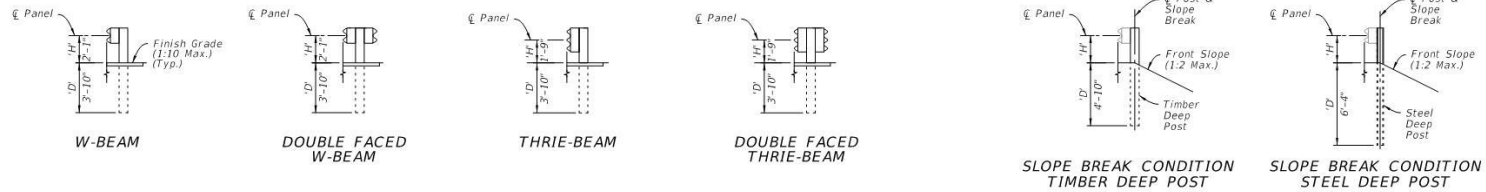
- MATERIALS:**  
Use corrugated steel panels in accordance with Specification 967 and made from either Class A, 12 gauge steel or Class B, 10 gauge steel as specified in the 'Panel Summary Table' above.
- CABLE ANCHOR PLATE BOLT HOLES:**  
Include 3/4" Ø Cable Anchor Plate Bolt Holes only where required for installation of the Cable Anchor Plate shown on Sheet 9, 10, & 11.  
2 1/2" x 1 1/8" slots may substitute for the 3/4" Ø holes shown.

W-BEAM AND THRIE-BEAM  
PANEL DETAILS

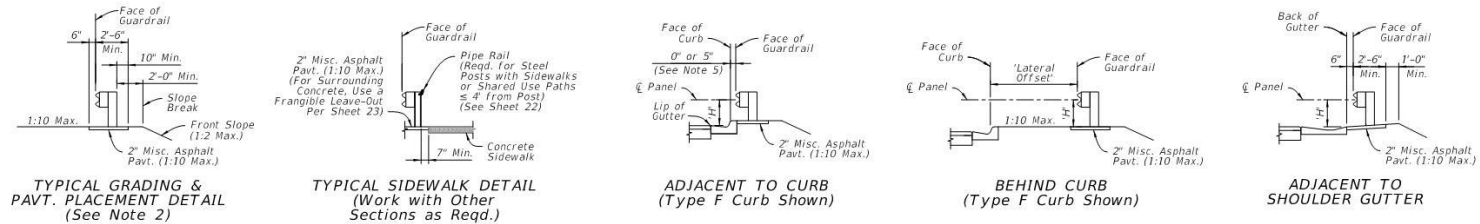
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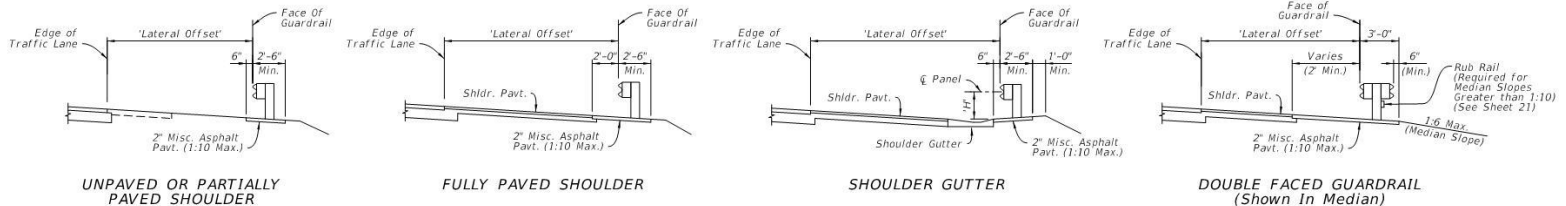


GUARDRAIL TYPES - MOUNTING HEIGHTS & POST DEPTHS



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - TYPICAL

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - CURB & GUTTER



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - SHOULDERS

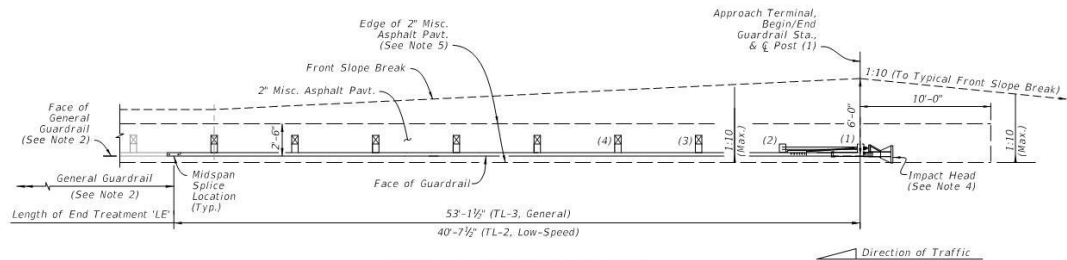
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W-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	2'-1"	6'-6"
Thrie-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	1'-9"	6'-6"
Timber Deep Post	4'-10"	See Above	7'-6"
Steel Deep Post	6'-4"	See Above	9'-0"

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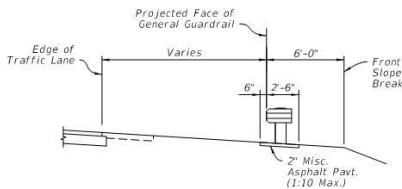
1. GUARDRAIL SECTIONS: Construct Sections as indicated in the plans. The details shown herein depict W-Beam Guardrail, but are applicable to the other defined Guardrail Types placed at the corresponding height, 'H'. Use components per Sheets 4 & 5. Steel and timber post types are interchangeable unless otherwise defined. The 1:10 Max. cross slope shown is the maximum slope permitted for proper guardrail function, but project-specific cross slope requirements are governed per the plans.
2. TYPICAL GRADING & PAVEMENT PLACEMENT DETAIL: Construct features as depicted except where superseded by specific Guardrail Sections or the plans. Place the Slope Break a Minimum of 2' behind the post. For Deep Posts, the slope break may be placed at the  $\epsilon$  Post with the 2" Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement omitted.
3. SLOPE BREAK CONDITION: Install Deep Posts only where called for in the plans. Deep Posts are only permitted where post spacing is 6'-2" or less.
4. LATERAL OFFSETS: The Lateral Offsets shown are governed by the station and offset call outs for Face of Guardrail, as shown in the plans.
5. ADJACENT TO CURB: Place the Face of Guardrail consistently offset either flush with the Face of Curb or 5' behind the Face of Curb, as indicated by the plans station and offset callout. For offset changes, transition the Face of Guardrail as shown in the plans.

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS

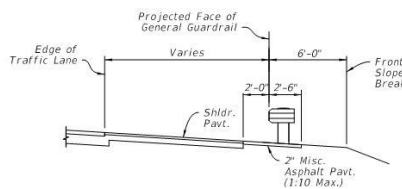
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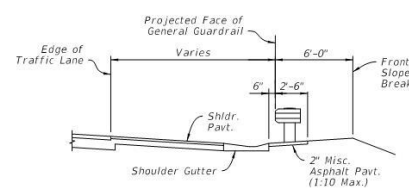
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'PARALLEL' TYPE - PLAN VIEW



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH UNPAVED SHOULDER



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH FULLY PAVED SHOULDER



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH SHOULDER GUTTER

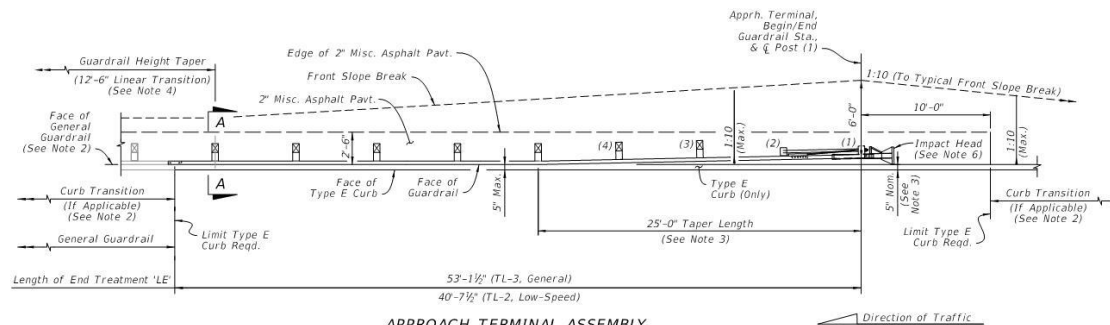
END TREATMENT -  
APPROACH TERMINAL  
GEOMETRY - PARALLEL

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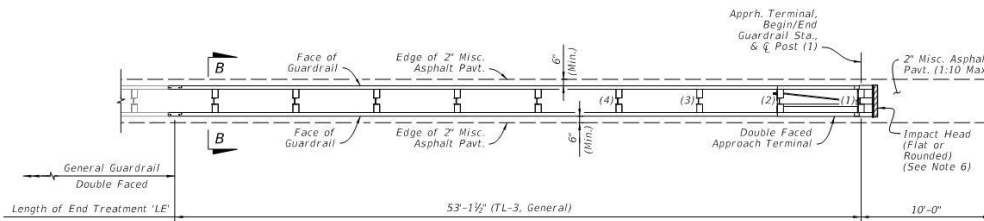
- 1. INSTALLATION:** Locate Approach Terminals where called for in the plans, with the Post (1) & placed at the Begin/End Guardrail Station indicated in the plans.  
  
The Plan Views shown herein are schematic only, showing basic geometry for Approach Terminals listed on the APL. The predefined Length of End Treatment, 'LE', includes the proprietary portion of various Approach Terminals and provides for more consistent planning of assembly installations across the differing Approach Terminal types. Forward-anchoring style Approach Terminals may vary from the planned lengths shown by up to 3'-0".  
  
Construct Approach Terminals as shown in the APL and in accordance with the manufacturer's unique drawing details, procedures, and specifications.  
  
Install posts in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings. The Special Posts on Sheet 23, including Special Steel Posts, Encased Posts, and Frangible Leave-Outs, are not permitted within the Approach Terminal segment unless otherwise called for in the plans.  
  
Align panel lap splices in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings, regardless of the direction of traffic.  
  
Install adjacent grading, gutters, and/or curbing as shown herein.
- 2. GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and lapped segments.  
  
Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.
- 3. APPROACH TERMINAL TEST LEVEL:** Install either a Test Level 3 (TL-3) or Test Level 2 (TL-2) Approach Terminal as specified in the plans. TL-3 Approach Terminals may substitute for TL-2 Approach Terminals unless the substitution is specifically prohibited in the plans. TL-2 Approach Terminals may not substitute for TL-3 installations.
- 4. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR:** Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
- 5. 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** The Plan View depicts the Unpaved Shoulder condition. For Fully Paved Shoulder and Shoulder Gutter conditions, extend the 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement as shown in the corresponding 'Section at Post (1)' details below.  
  
The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
- 6. CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT:** Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
- 7. 'CURBED' AND 'DOUBLE FACED' GUARDRAIL SEGMENTS:** See Sheet 8.

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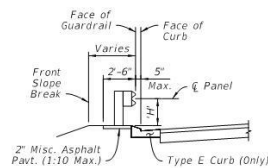
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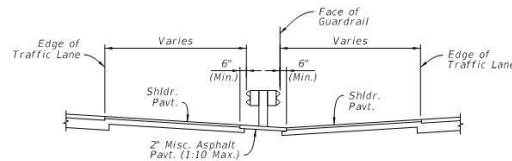
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'CURBED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'CURBED' SECTION A-A  
(Height, 'H', Measured from  
Misc. Asphalt Pavt.)



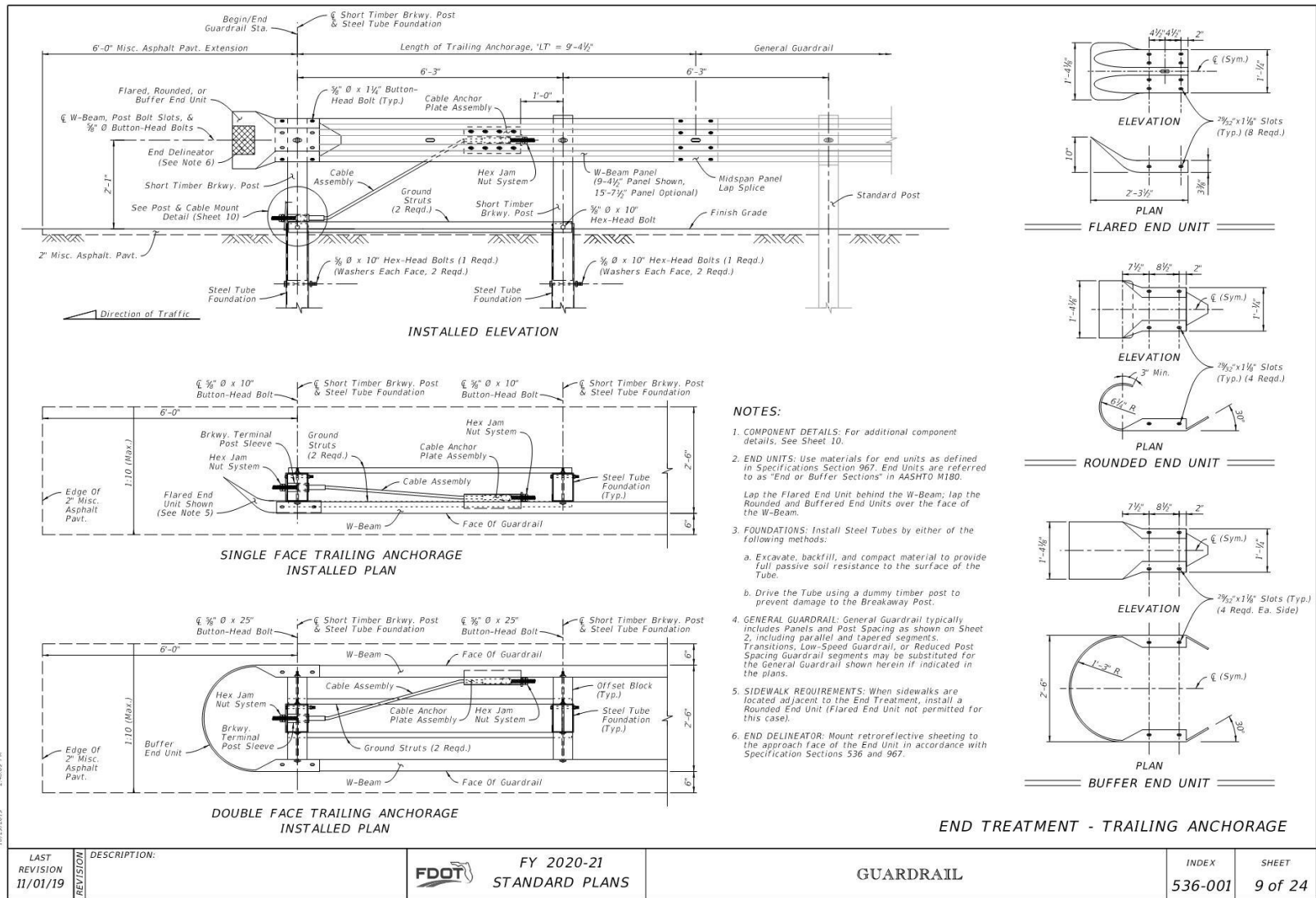
'DOUBLE FACED' SECTION B-B  
(1:10 Slope or Flatter Req'd.)

#### NOTES:

1. GENERAL: See Notes 1 through 3 on Sheet 7.
2. CURBED SEGMENTS: Type E curb is required within the limits shown. When a different curb type is called for outside of the Type E curb limits, transition the curb shape linearly, over a nominal distance ranging 5'-0" to 10'-0".
3. TAPER LENGTH: For Curbed Segments, taper the guardrail away from the roadway where shown to place the inside edge of the Impact Head at 5' behind the face of the curb. Where additional lateral offset is required to fit the Approach Terminal Assembly hardware, such as a soil plate, place the Impact Head as close to the curb as the hardware allows, not to exceed 2'-0" from the face of curb.
4. GUARDRAIL HEIGHT TAPER: For Curbed Segments, the connecting General Guardrail Mounting Height, 'H', is typically measured from the lip of gutter (See Sheet 6 Guardrail Sections, 'Adjacent to Curb'), while the End Terminal Assembly 'H' is measured from the Misc. Asphalt Pavt. (See Section A-A). Linearly taper the difference in Mounting Height over a minimum length of 12'-6", starting where indicated herein.
5. DOUBLE FACED SEGMENT: Connect to Double Faced General Guardrail. Use consistent Posts and Offset Block types as specified in the APD drawings over the entire Length of End Treatment, 'LE'. Posts and Offset Blocks in the adjoining General Guardrail segment may be different from those inside of the 'LE'. A change in post type between timber and steel is permitted, immediately outside of the 'LE' segment.
6. MAINTAIN THE 1:10 MAXIMUM GRADING AS SHOWN IN SECTION B-B THROUGHOUT SEGMENT 'LE'. Where required, transition to differing adjacent slopes linearly, over a minimum longitudinal length of 25'-0".
7. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR: Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
8. CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT: Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
9. 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT: The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
10. SINGLE FACED 'PARALLEL' SEGMENTS: See Sheet 7.

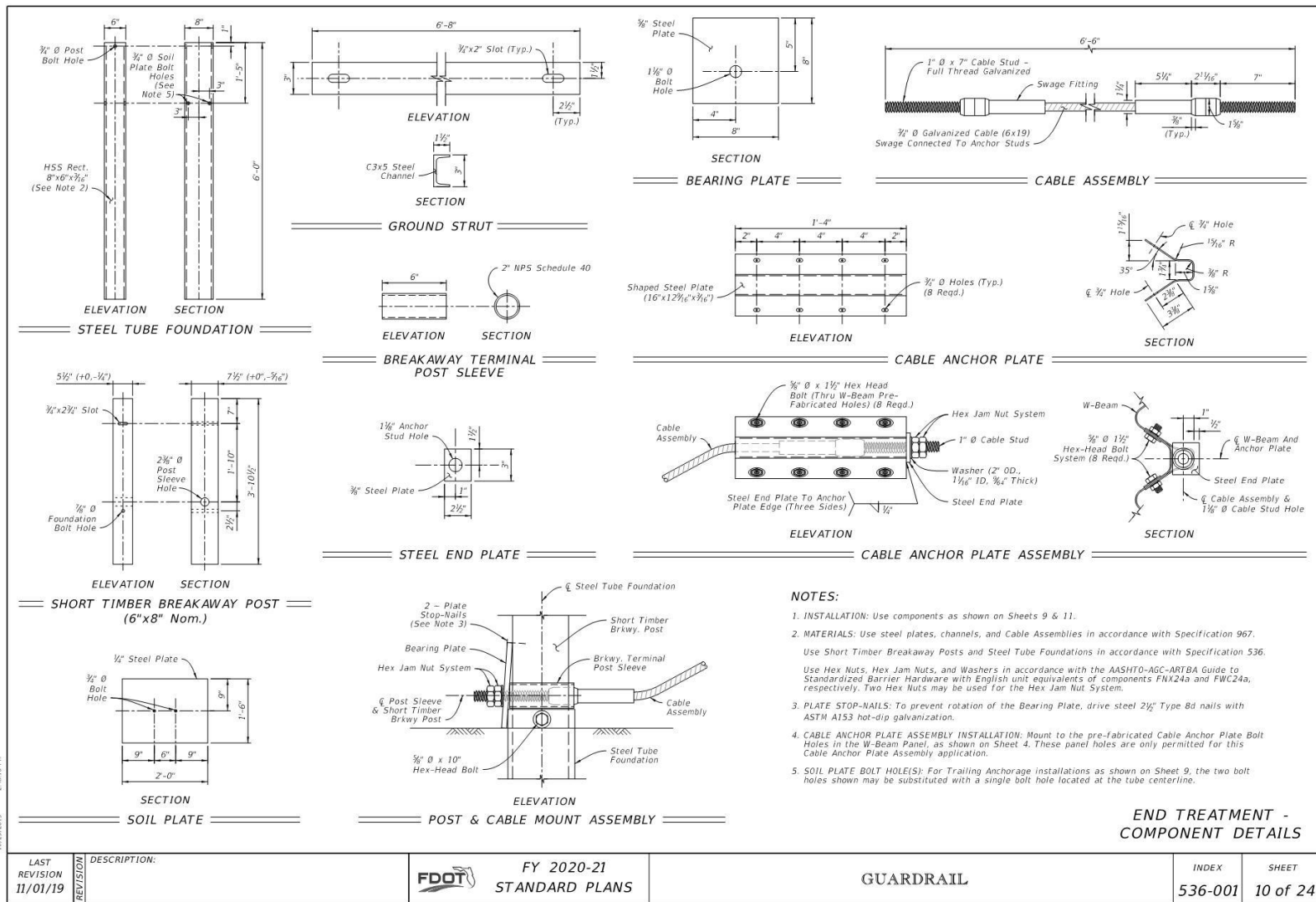
#### END TREATMENT - APPROACH TERMINAL GEOMETRY CURBED AND DOUBLE FACED

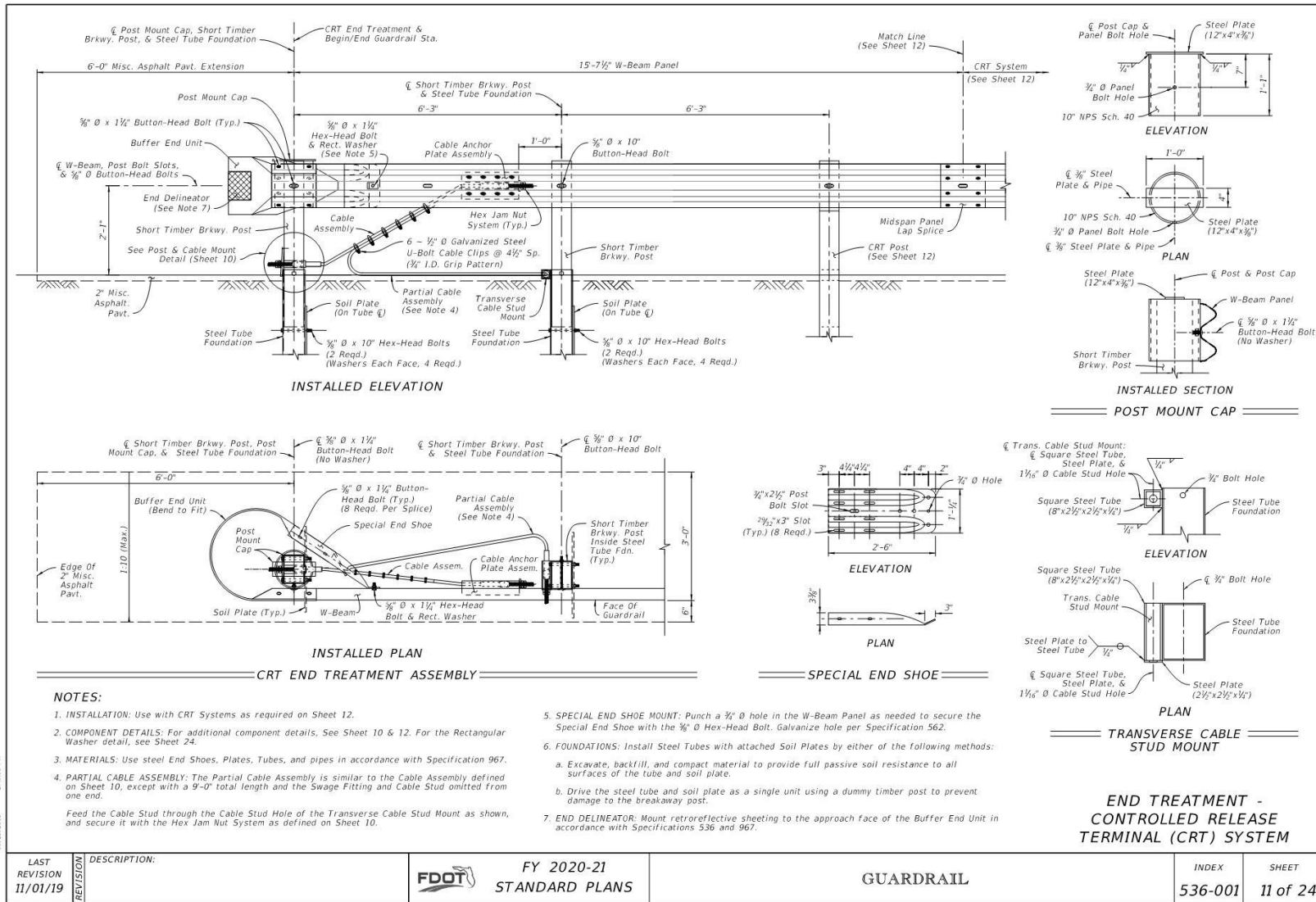
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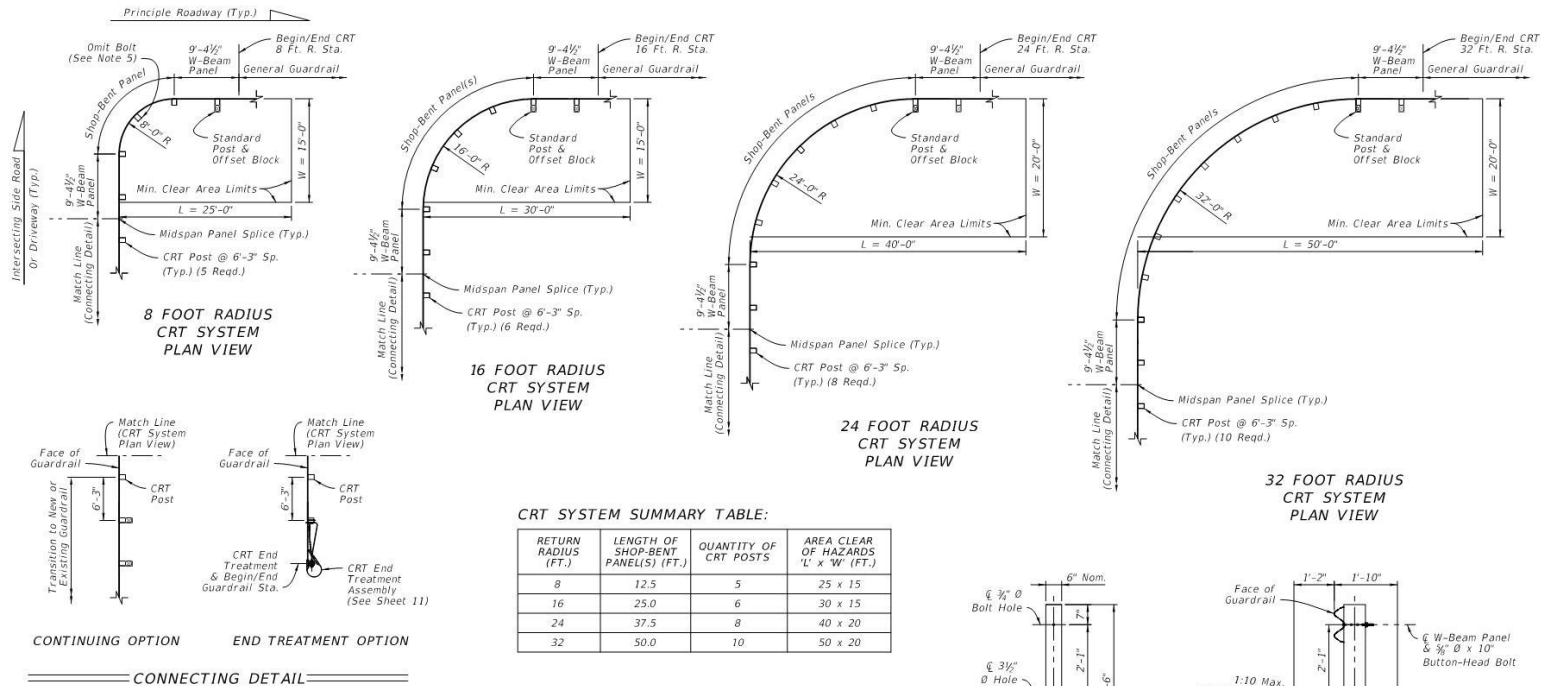


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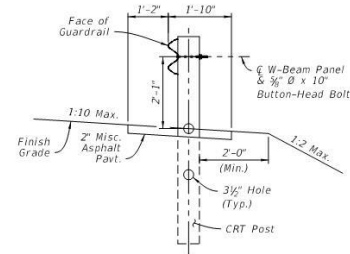
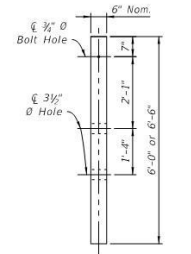
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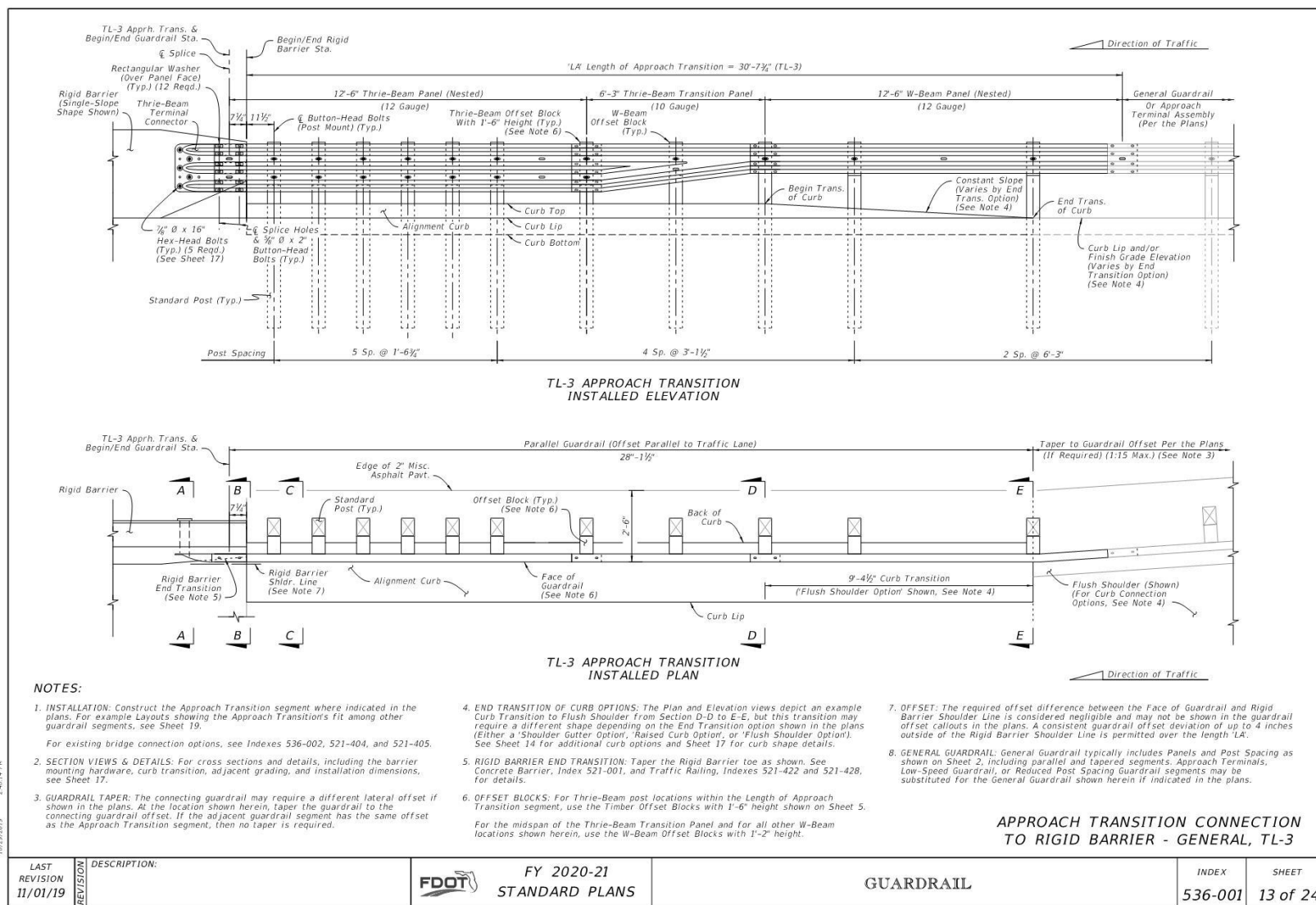


- NOTES:**
- INSTALLATION:** Construct the specified radius layout and Connecting Detail option as shown in the plans.
  - MIN. CLEAR AREA:** Keep the area behind the CRT free of fixed objects and aboveground hazards within the Min. Clear Area limits shown. Maintain a slope not steeper than 1:10 for a minimum 2' behind the posts, and maintain a slope not steeper than 1:2 beyond 2' from the posts.
  - APPROACH GRADING:** Maintain grading on the roadway side of the guardrail face at a maximum slope of 1:10.
  - MATERIALS:** For CRT Posts, use Timber Post material in accordance with Specification 967. Use steel panels and hardware in accordance with Specification 967.
  - BOLT OMISSION:** For the 8 Foot Radius CRT System only, do not place a panel-to-post mount bolt at the center CRT Post (omit the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Button-Head Bolt only at the location shown).
  - SHOP-BENT PANELS:** Install Shop-Bent panel(s) where indicated using 12'-0" or 25'-0" W-Beam Panels. Splice at post locations within the CRT radius using the General configuration of  $\frac{3}{8}$ "  $\emptyset$  Button-Head Bolts (8 reqd. per splice).
  - GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

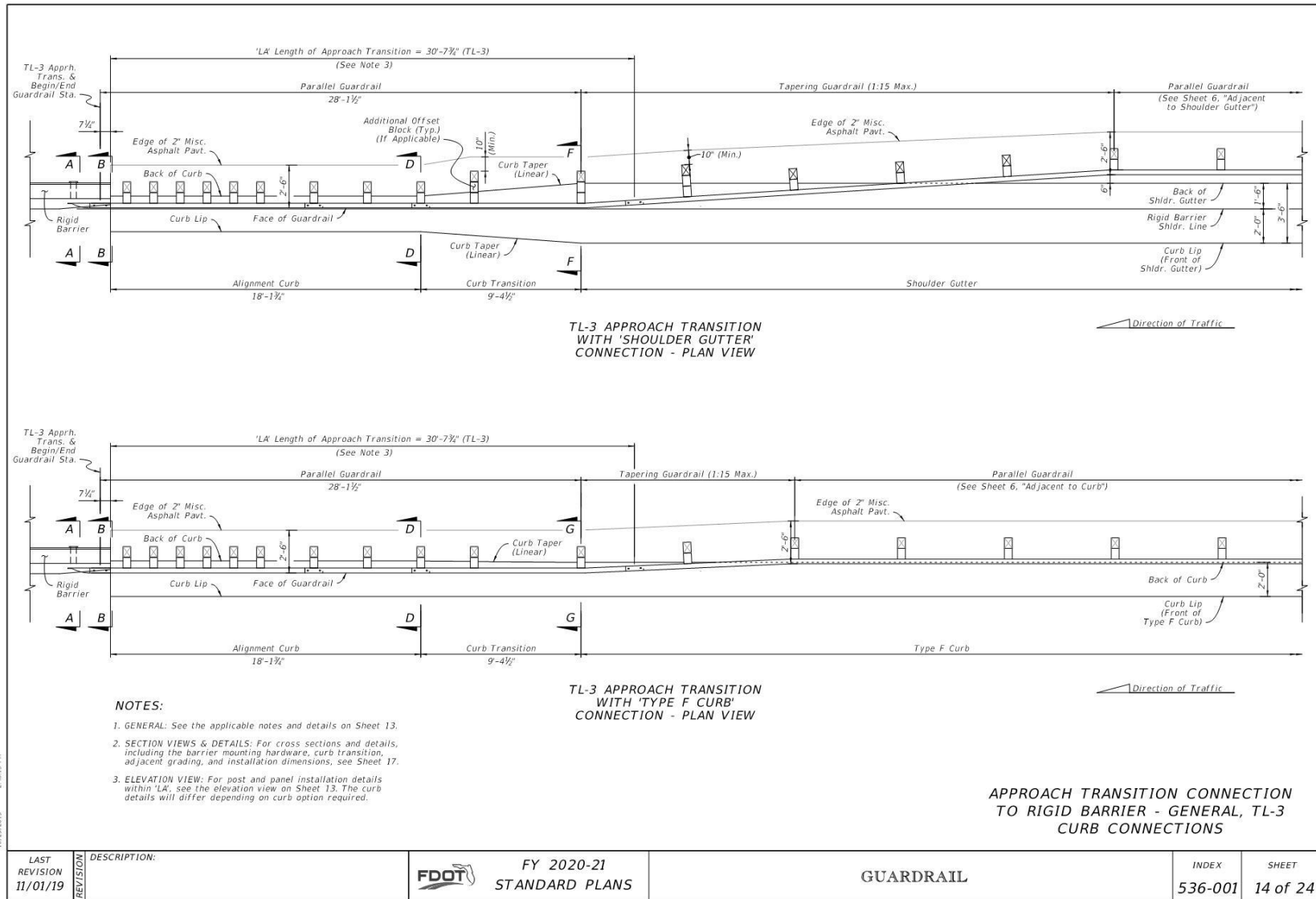


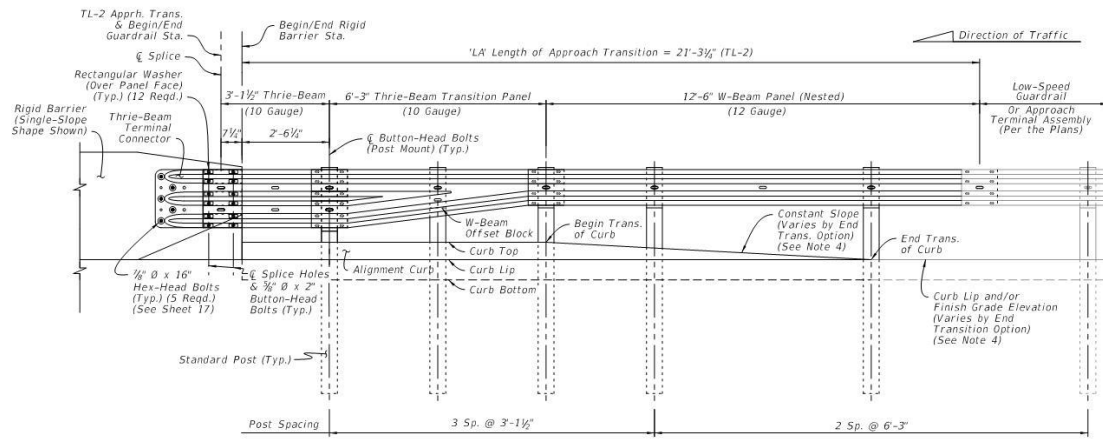
**LAYOUT FOR CONTROLLED  
RELEASE TERMINAL (CRT) SYSTEMS -  
SIDE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS**

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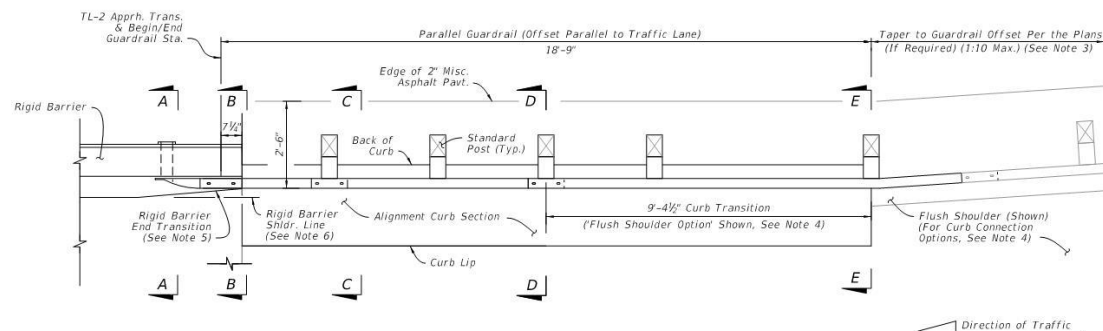








TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
INSTALLED ELEVATION



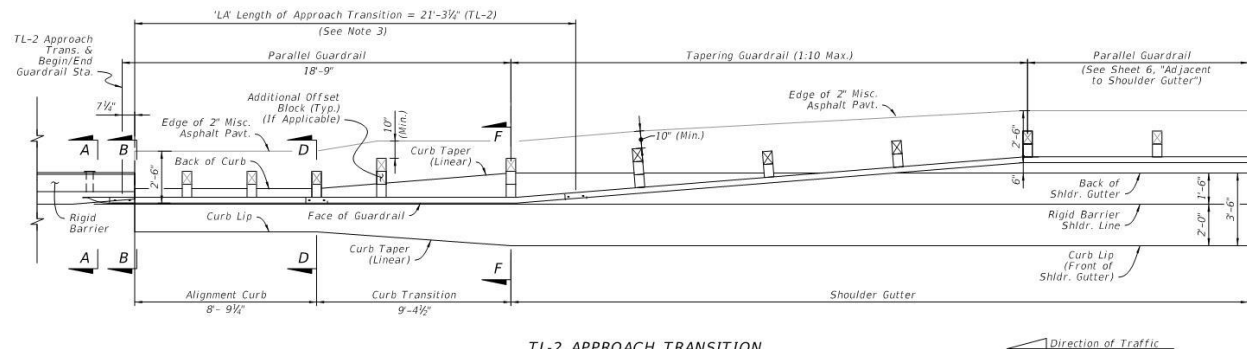
TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
INSTALLED PLAN

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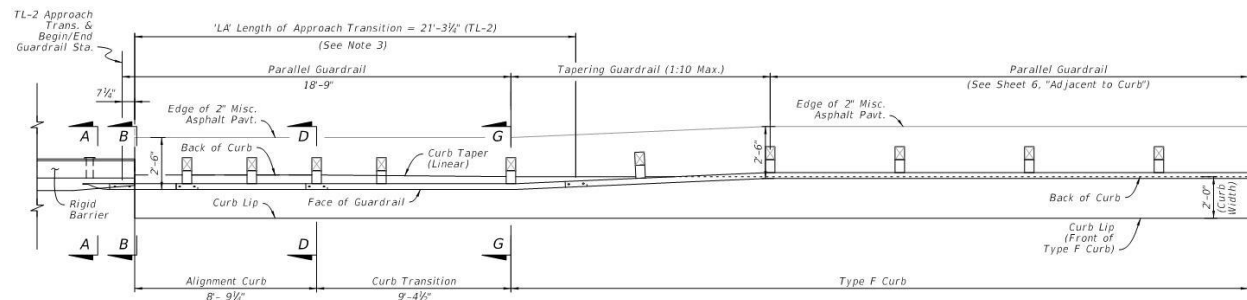
1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the Approach Transition segment where indicated in the plans. For example Layouts showing the Approach Transition's fit among other guardrail segments, see Sheet 19.  
For existing bridge connection options, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.
2. **SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS:** For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. **GUARDRAIL TAPER:** The connecting guardrail may require a different lateral offset if shown in the plans. At the location indicated herein, taper the guardrail to the connecting guardrail offset. If the adjacent guardrail segment has the same offset as the Approach Transition segment, then no taper is required.
4. **END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTIONS:** The Plan and Elevation views depict an example Curb Transition to Flush Shoulder from Section D-D to E-E, but this transition may require a different shape depending on the End Transition option shown in the plans (Either a 'Shoulder Gutter Option', 'Raised Curb Option', or 'Flush Shoulder Option'). See Sheet 16 for additional curb options and Sheet 17 for curb shape details.
5. **RIGID BARRIER END TRANSITION:** Taper the Rigid Barrier toe as shown. See Concrete Barrier, Index 521-001, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 521-422 and 521-428, for details.
6. **OFFSET:** The required offset difference between the Face of Guardrail and Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is considered negligible and may not be shown in the guardrail offset callouts in the plans. A consistent guardrail offset deviation of up to 4 inches outside of the Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is permitted over the length 'LA'.
7. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Terminals, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION  
TO RIGID BARRIER - LOW-SPEED, TL-2

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TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'SHOULDER GUTTER'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'TYPE F CURB'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW

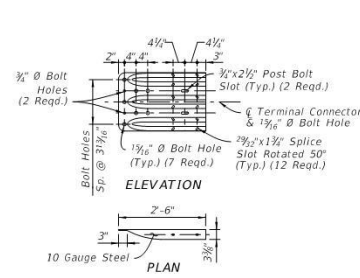
**NOTES:**

1. GENERAL: See the applicable notes and details on Sheet 15.
2. SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS: For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. ELEVATION VIEW: For post and panel installation details within 'LA', see the elevation view on Sheet 15. The curb details will differ depending on curb option required.

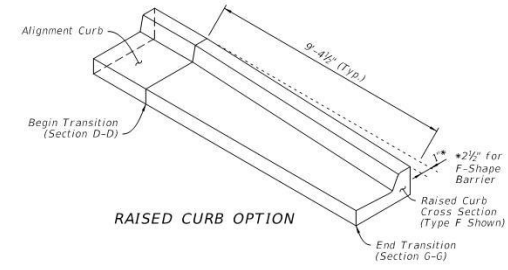
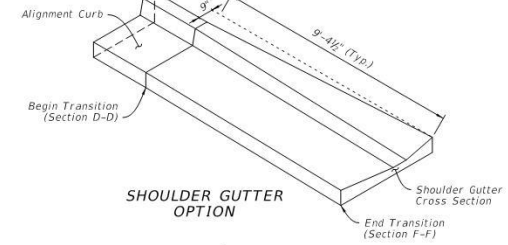
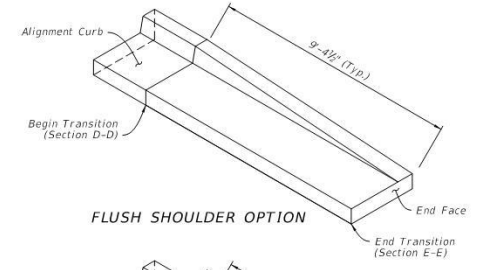
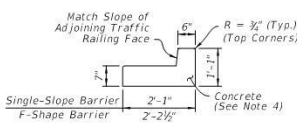
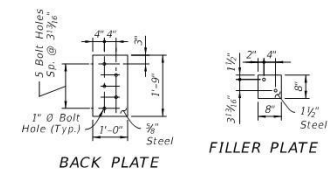
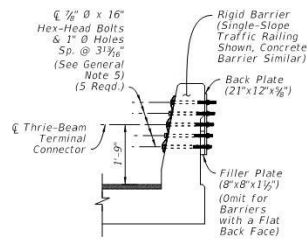
**APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION  
TO RIGID BARRIER - LOW-SPEED, TL-2  
CURB CONNECTIONS**

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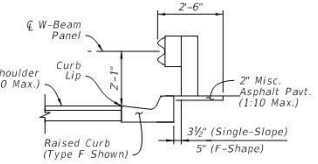
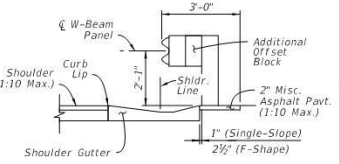
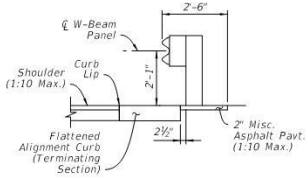
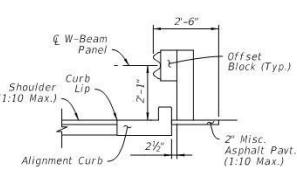
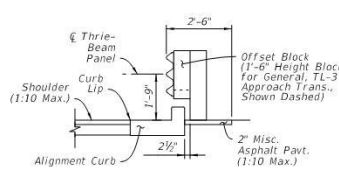
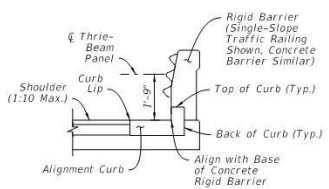
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**THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR DETAIL**



**CURB TRANSITION ISOMETRIC VIEWS**

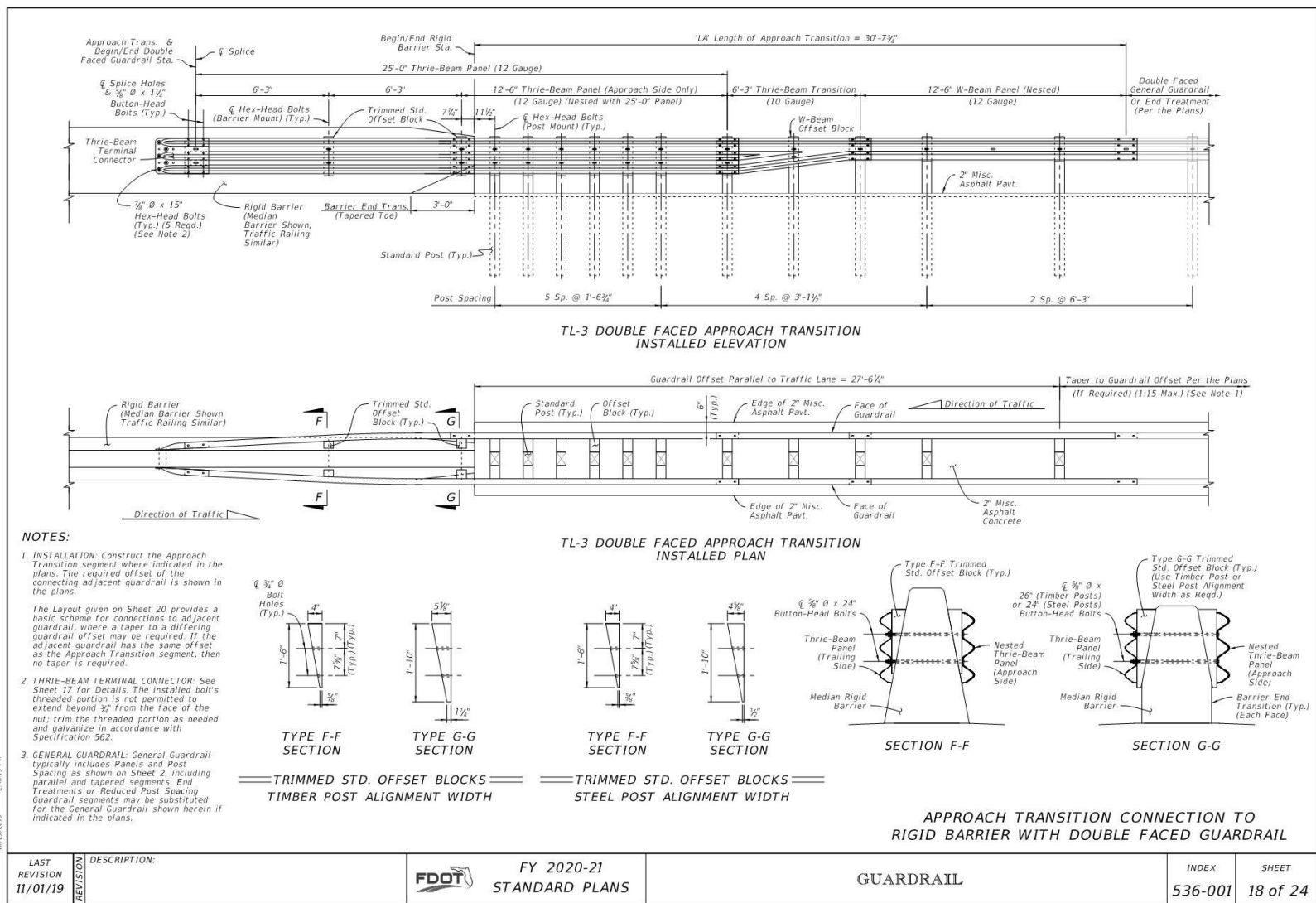


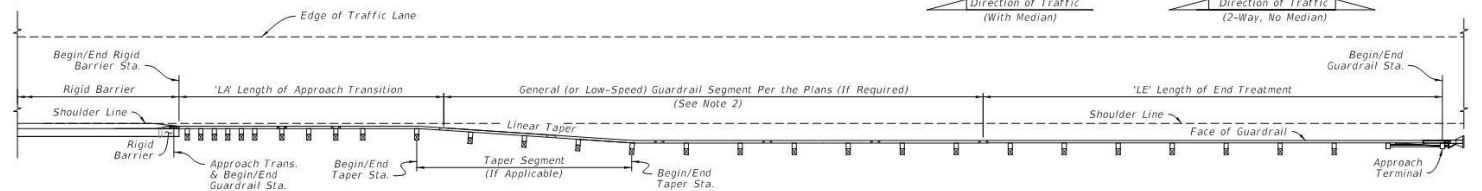
**CURB TYPICAL SECTIONS**

- NOTES:**
1. PLAN AND ELEVATION VIEWS: Work with Sheets 13 thru 16.
  2. END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTION: Install one of the three End Transition types shown per Section E-E as indicated by the plans.
  3. GRADING BEHIND POSTS: Place Slope Break a Min. 2'-0" behind the post, per Sheet 6.
  4. MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION: Construct the concrete Aligning Curb and Curb transition in accordance with Specification 520. Use steel Plates and Thrie-Beam Terminal Connectors in accordance with Specification 967.

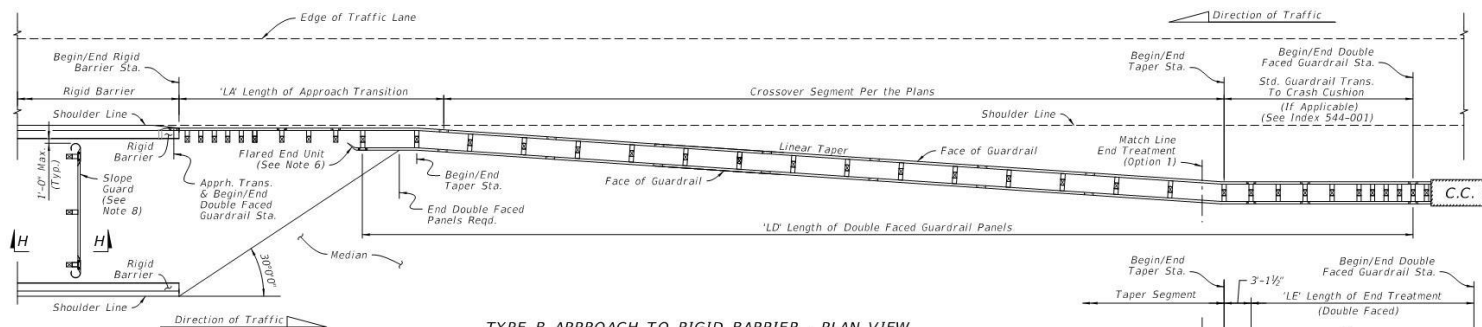
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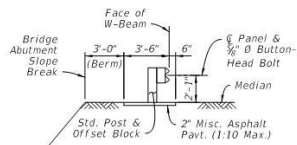




**TYPE A APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW**  
**MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDERS**  
 (Mirror Horiz. and/or Vert. for Opposite Direction and/or Side of Road)



**TYPE B APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW**  
**CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL FOR MEDIAN SHOULDERS ONLY**  
**DUAL BRIDGE APPROACH CONFIGURATION**  
 (Mirror Horiz. and Vert. for Opposite Direction)



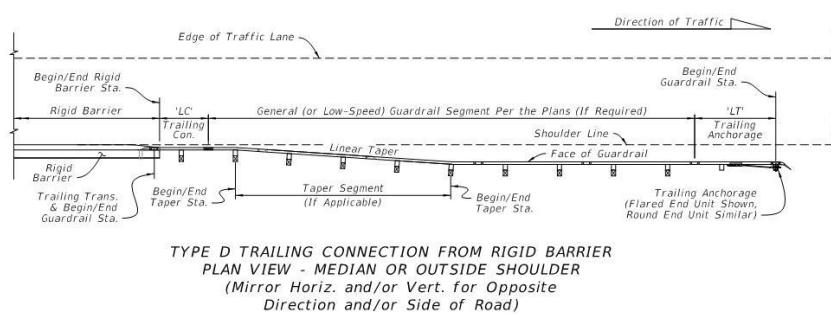
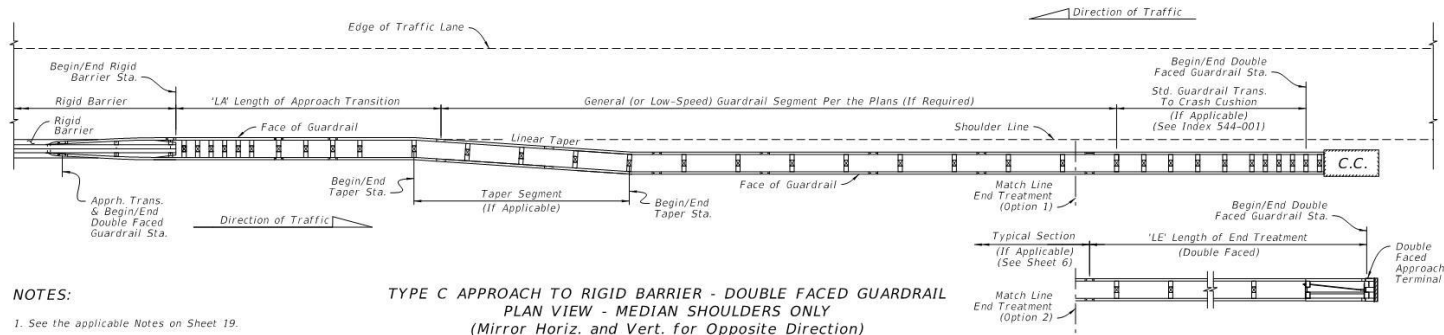
**SECTION H-H**  
**BRIDGE ABUTMENT**  
**SLOPE GUARD**  
 (Between Bridges)

**NOTES:**

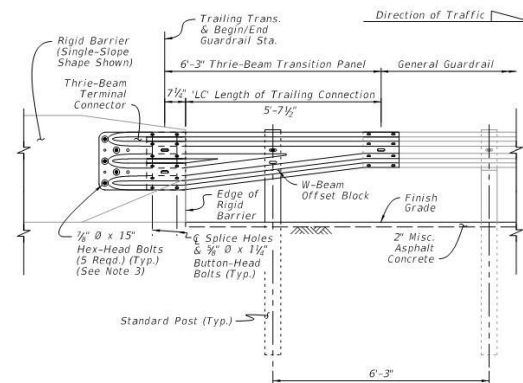
- INSTALLATION:** The Plan Views shown are schematic only, showing example geometry for connecting guardrail segments including taper locations and Double Faced Guardrail requirements as applicable. Work this Sheet with the plans, where stationing and offsets for Begin/End Guardrail, Begin/End Rigid Barrier, and Begin/End Taper are specified. For existing bridge layouts, see Index 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.
- GENERAL (OR LOW-SPEED) GUARDRAIL SEGMENT:** Construct this segment if shown in the plans. For the case where this segment's offset differs from the Approach Transition offset, linearly taper the guardrail between the Begin/End Taper Stations and offsets as specified in the plans.  
For the shortest length case of a direct connection between the End Treatment and the Approach Transition, this segment may be omitted as shown in the plans.
- LENGTH OF APPROACH TRANSITION 'LA':** Install the applicable Approach Transition as shown per Sheets 13 thru 16, where called for in the plans.
- LENGTH OF END TREATMENT 'LE':** Install the Approach Terminal End Treatment as shown per Sheet 7 or 8, where called for in the plans. Use the corresponding APL drawings for construction details.
- CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Install the Crossover Segment tapering linearly from the Begin Taper Sta. and offset to the End Taper Sta. and offset as specified in the plans.
- LENGTH OF DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL PANELS, 'LD' (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Terminate the Double Faced Guardrail panels as shown (based upon the 30' line measured from the hazard on the opposite side of the median). Extend the panel segment longer than the dimension 'LD' as needed for the Panel's end Bolt Slot to align with a post Bolt hole.  
Install a Flared End Unit where shown, as defined on Sheet 9.
- END TREATMENT OPTIONS (FOR TYPE B & C APPROACH):** For Double Faced applications, use either a Double Faced Approach Terminal Assembly per Sheet 8 or a Crash Cushion per Index 544-001. For either Option, meet the 1:10 adjacent grading requirements for Approach Terminals as shown on Sheet 8.
- SLOPE GUARD:** Where indicated in the plans, install a Guardrail segment between bridge approaches and offset from the bridge abutment's Slope Break as shown. Install posts at the end bolt slots of the panel system. Use post spacing of either 3'-1 1/2' or 6'-3', as needed to correctly fit system between barriers. The system may also be lengthened to fit by installing two Rounded End Units as defined on Sheet 9.

**LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -**  
**APPROACH ENDS**

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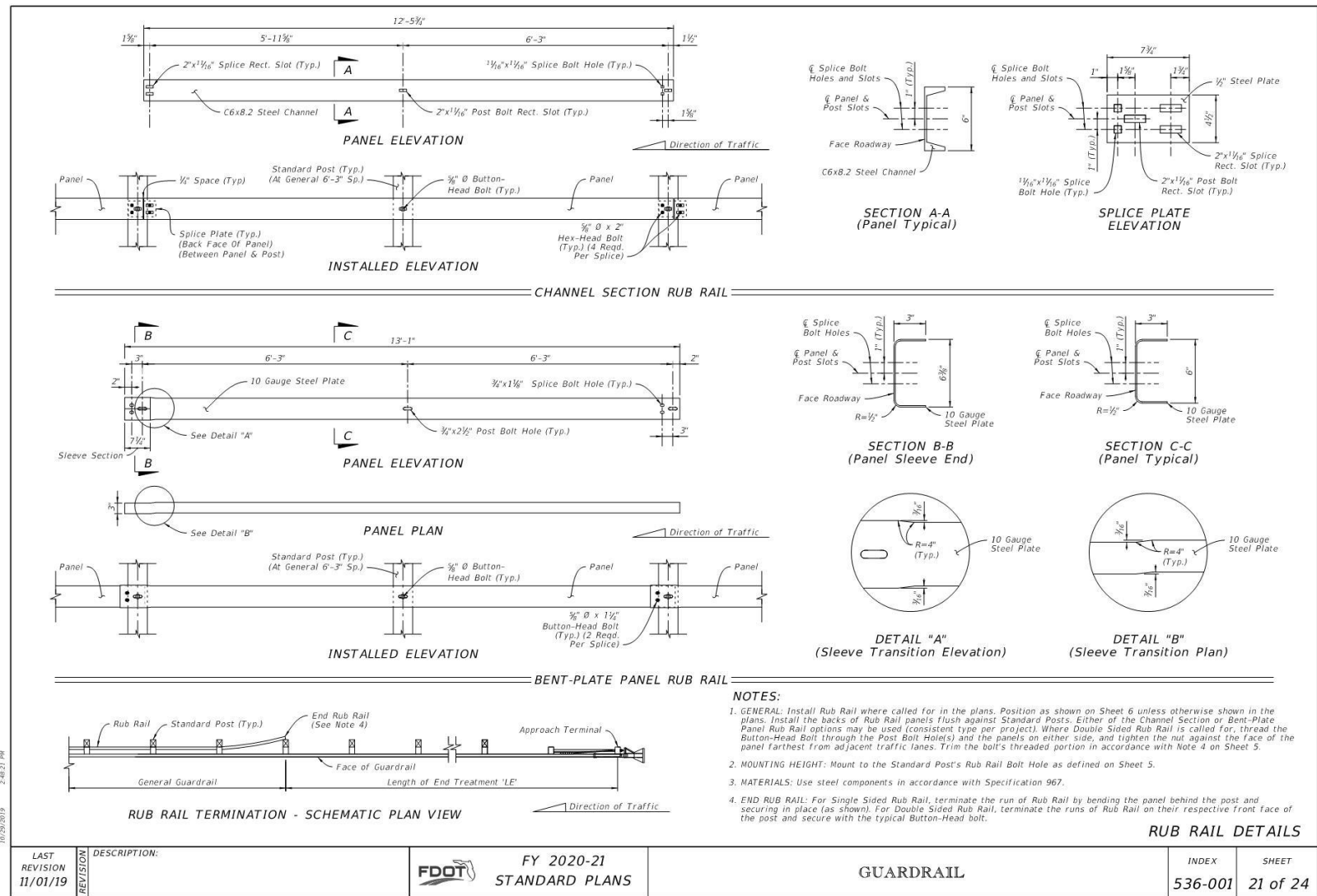


- NOTES:**
1. See the applicable Notes on Sheet 19.
  2. LENGTH OF TRAILING ANCHORAGE, 'LT': Install the Trailing Anchorage as shown on Sheet 9, where called for in the plans.
  3. THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR: Install connector and bolts as shown on Sheet 17.
  4. RIGID BARRIER SINGLE SLOPE END FACE: See Concrete Barrier Wall, Index 521-001, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 521-422 and 521-423, for details.



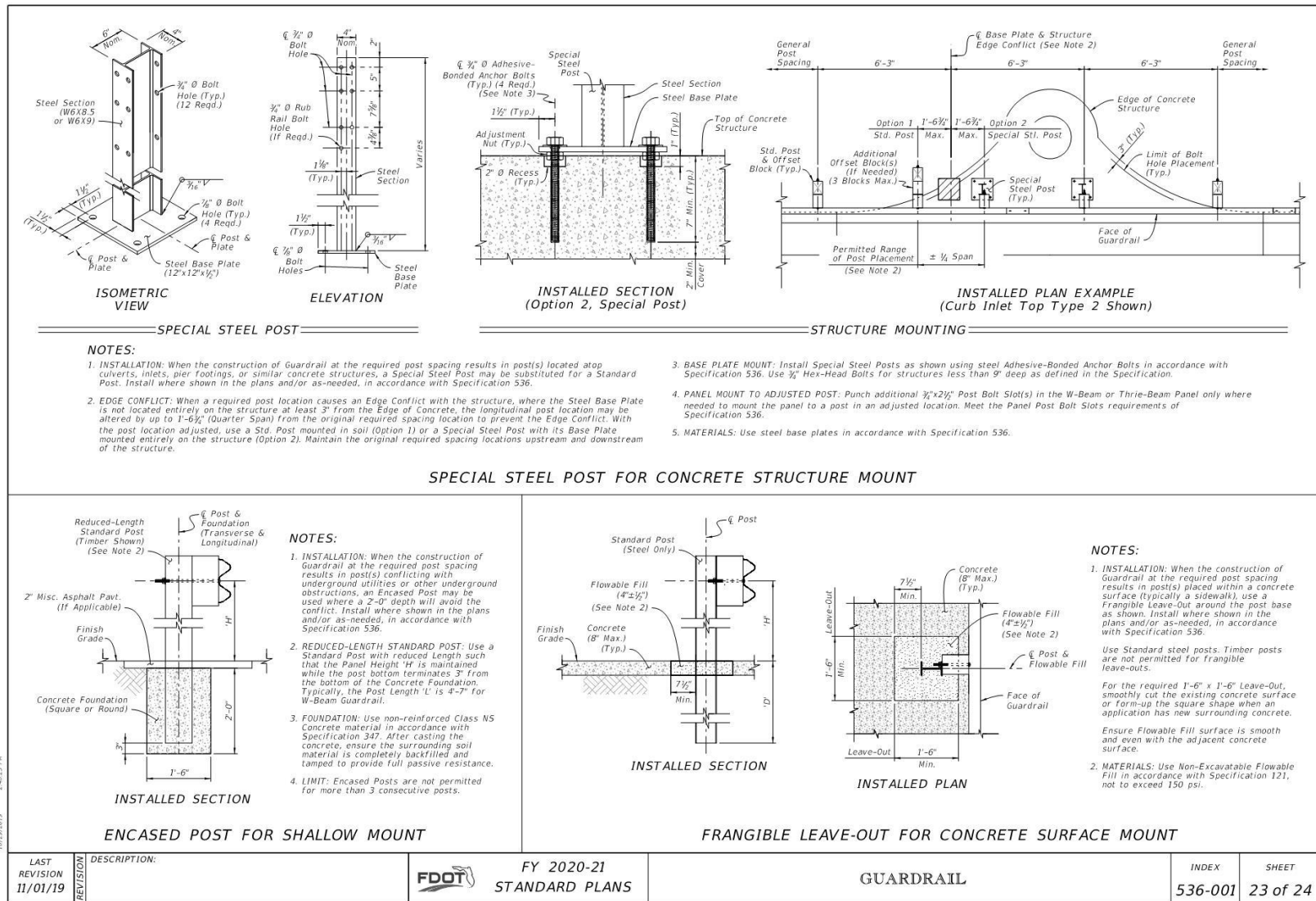
**LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -  
TRAILING ENDS**

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**Q83 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**



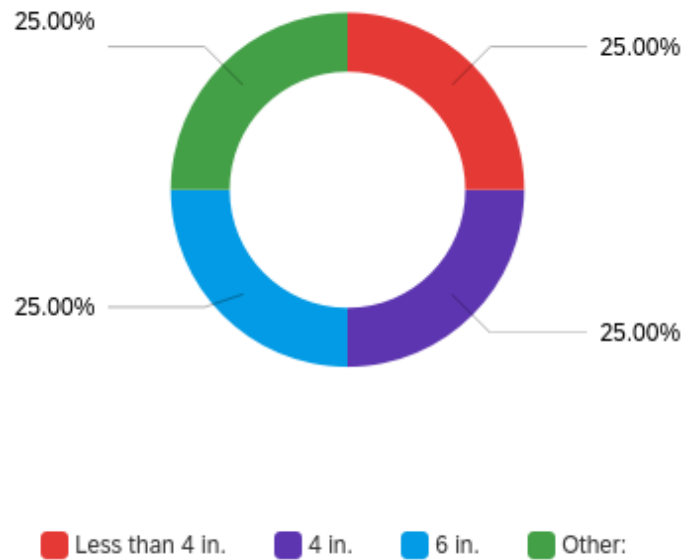
■ Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)
 ■ Type B
 ■ Type D
 ■ Vertical

■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)	25.00%	1
Type B	25.00%	1
Type D	0.00%	0
Vertical	0.00%	0
Other:	50.00%	2
Total	100%	4

Respondent	Response
R4	Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)
R6	See previous answer
R15	Type B
R17	3"

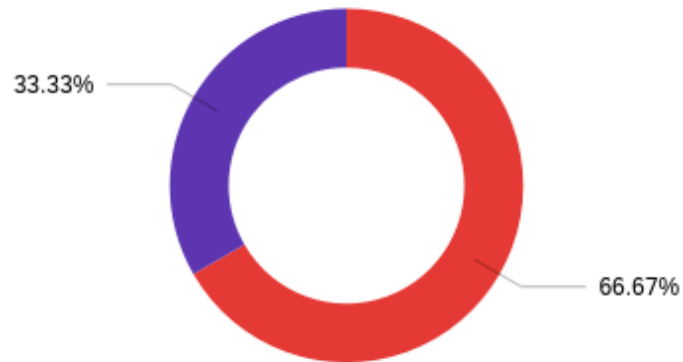
**Q84 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**



Answer	%	Count
Less than 4 in.	25.00%	1
4 in.	25.00%	1
6 in.	25.00%	1
Other:	25.00%	1
Total	100%	4

Respondent	Response
R4	4 in.
R6	See previous answer
R15	6 in.
R17	Less than 4 in.

**Q85 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**



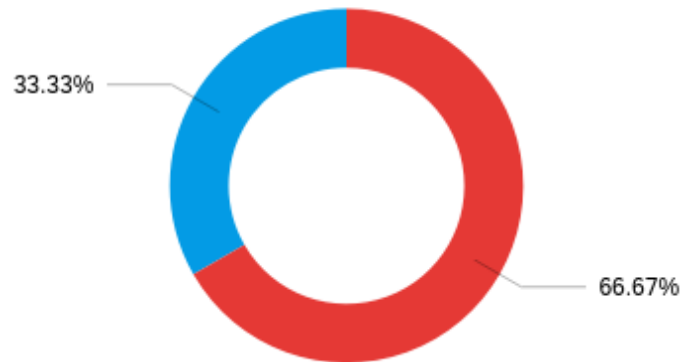
■ Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

■ Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb	66.67%	2
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway	33.33%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R6	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb
R15	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

**Q86 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**



■ Tangent 
 ■ Flared 
 ■ Both 
 ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Tangent	66.67%	2
Flared	0.00%	0
Both	33.33%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	Both
R6	Tangent
R15	Tangent

**Q87 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**



■ Aligned together
 ■ Behind curb
 ■ In front of curb
 ■ Other:

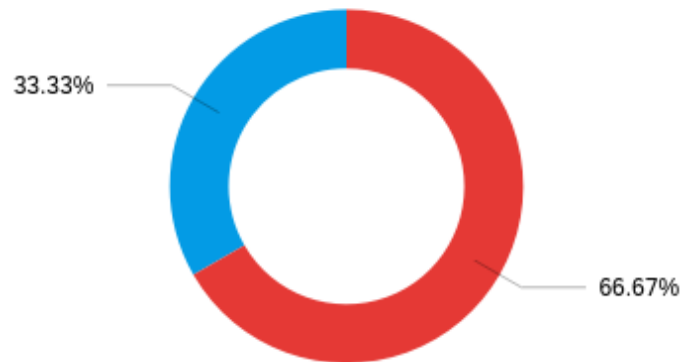
Answer	%	Count
Aligned together	33.33%	1
Behind curb	0.00%	0
In front of curb	0.00%	0
Other:	66.67%	2
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	It depends on site conditions, prevailing speeds, etc.
R6	See previous answer
R15	Aligned together

**Q88 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**  
No response provided.



**Q89 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**



Yes No Other:

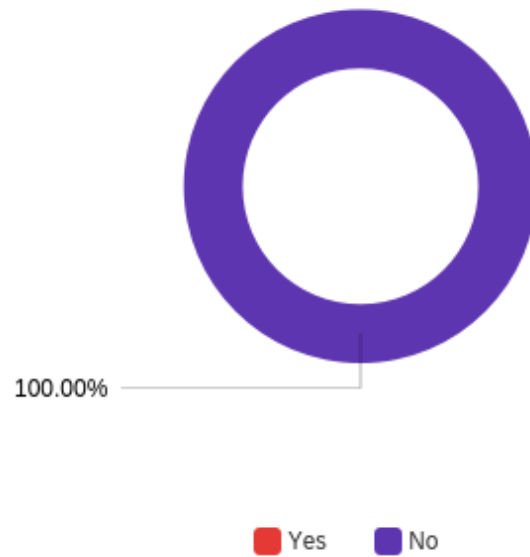
Answer	%	Count
Yes	66.67%	2
No	0.00%	0
Other:	33.33%	1
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	It varies depending on site conditions, prevailing speeds, etc.
R6	Yes
R15	Yes

**Q90 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

Respondent	Response
R6	See previous answer
R15	Enough so that the head is clear of the shoulder or travel lane.

**Q315 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**



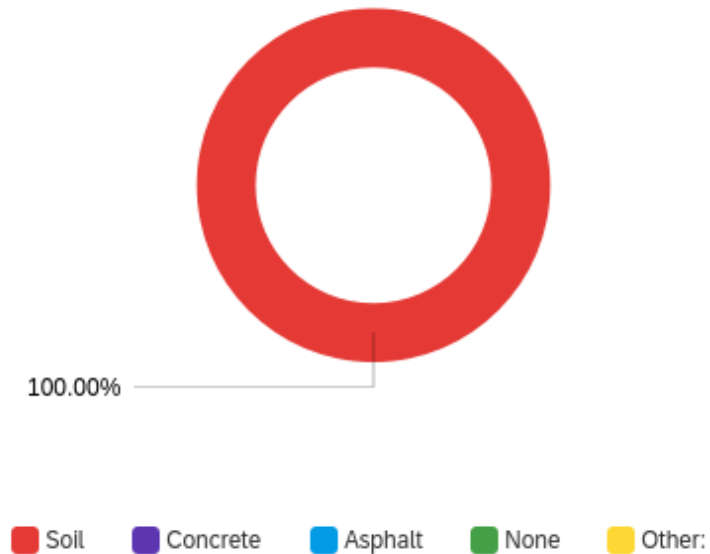
Answer	%	Count
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	3
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	No
R6	No
R15	No

**Q330 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

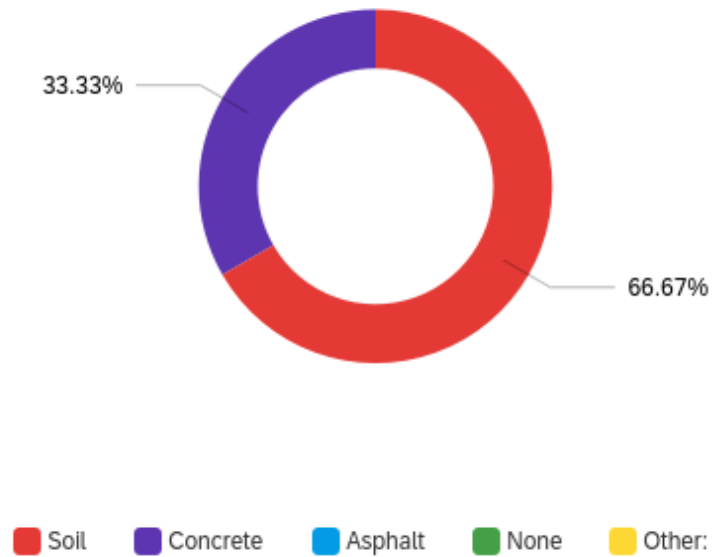
**Q91 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	100.00%	3
Concrete	0.00%	0
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	Soil
R6	Soil
R15	Soil

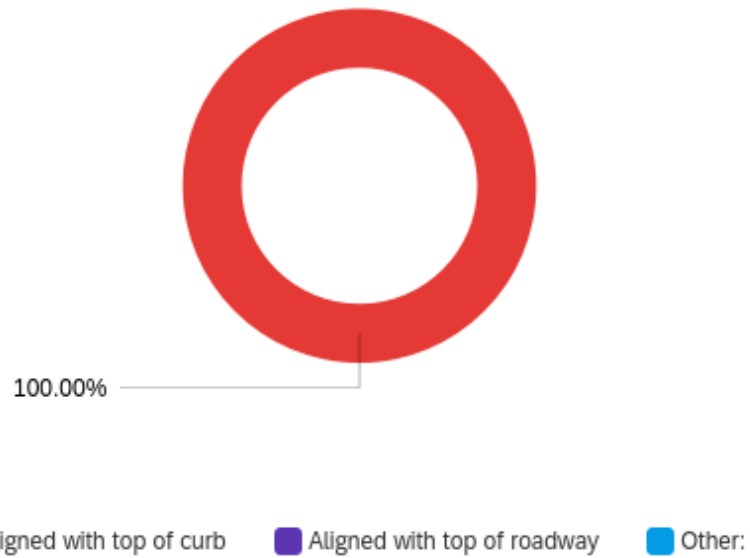
**Q92 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	66.67%	2
Concrete	33.33%	1
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	Soil
R6	Soil
R15	Concrete

**Q93 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**



Answer	%	Count
Aligned with top of curb	100.00%	3
Aligned with top of roadway	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	Aligned with top of curb
R6	Aligned with top of curb
R15	Aligned with top of curb

**Q96 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering low-speed applications)?**



■ Yes
 ■ No

Answer	%	Count
Yes	33.33%	1
No	66.67%	2
Total	100%	3

Respondent	Response
R4	No
R6	No
R15	Yes

#### A.4 LOW-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 3

The fourth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q98 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q99- Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q102 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)

**Q103 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

Respondent	Response
R15	4 in.

**Q104 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

**Q105 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Tangent

**Q106 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Aligned together

**Q107 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q108 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Yes

**Q109 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Enough so that the head is clear of the roadway

**Q317 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

Respondent	Response
R15	No

**Q331 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q110 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

Respondent	Response
R15	Soil



**Q111 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

Respondent	Response
R15	None

**Q112 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Aligned with top of curb

**Q115 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering low-speed applications)?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Yes

#### **A.5 LOW-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 4**

The fifth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was directed to the conclusion questions.

**Q117 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q118 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q121 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)

**Q122 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

Respondent	Response
R15	4 in.

**Q123 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

**Q124 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Tangent

**Q125 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Aligned together

**Q126 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided

**Q127 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Yes

**Q128 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Enough so that the head is clear of the roadway.

**Q318 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

Respondent	Response
R15	No

**Q332 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q129 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

Respondent	Response
R15	Concrete

**Q130 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

Respondent	Response
R15	Soil

**Q131 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

Respondent	Response
R15	Aligned with top of curb

**Q134 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering low-speed applications)?**

Respondent	Response
R15	No

**Q136 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q137 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q140 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q141 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q142 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q143 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q144 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q145 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q146 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q147 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q319 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q333 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q148 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q149 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q150 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

## **A.6 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 1**

The sixth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. This section was the first iteration of the questions based on a high-speed roadway configuration. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to only input details on high-speed roadway configurations of w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q32 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q33 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q67 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q37 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q38 - How does your agency accommodate height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q39 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q40 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q41 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q42 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q43 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q320 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q334 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q44 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q71 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q45 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q76 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs?**

No response provided.

## **A.7 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 2**

The seventh section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q155 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q156 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q159 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q160 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q161 - How does your agency accommodate height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q162 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q163 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q164 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q165 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q166 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q321 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q335 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q167 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.



**Q168 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q169 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q172 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

### **A.8 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 3**

The eighth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q174 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q175 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q178 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q179 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q180 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q181 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q182 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q183 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q184 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q185 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q322 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q336 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q186 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q187 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q188 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q191 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

#### **A.9 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 4**

The ninth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q193 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q194 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q197 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q198 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q199 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q200 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q201 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q202 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q203 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q204 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q323 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q337 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q205 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q206 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q207 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q210 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

#### **A.10 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 5**

The tenth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was directed to the conclusion questions.

**Q212 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q213 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q216 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q217 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q218 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q219 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q220 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q221 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q222 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q223 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q324 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q338 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q224 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q225 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

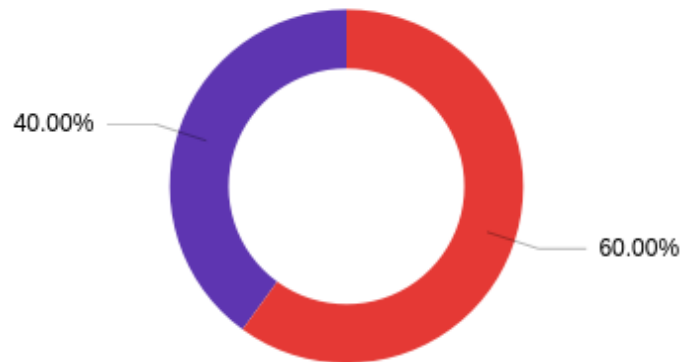
**Q226 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**A.11 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 1 (SUBSEQUENT TO LOW-SPEED ROADWAY CONDITIONS)**

The eleventh section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on both low-speed and high-speed roadway configurations of w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs. The user answered the questions regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on low-speed roadways in earlier sections and was then directed here to answer questions regarding high-speed roadway configurations. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q66 - Are all of your answers to the questions regarding high-speed roadways the same as what you entered for low-speed roadways?**



■ Yes
 ■ No

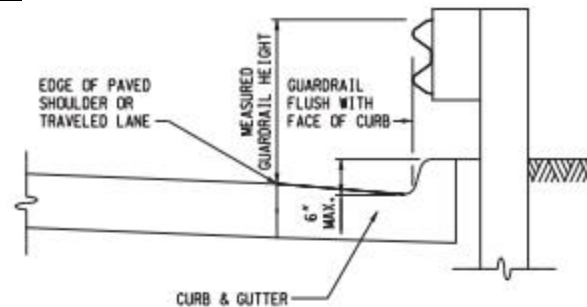
Answer	%	Count
Yes	60.00%	3
No	40.00%	2
Total	100%	5

Respondent	Response
R3	Yes
R4	No
R10	Yes
R12	Yes
R15	No

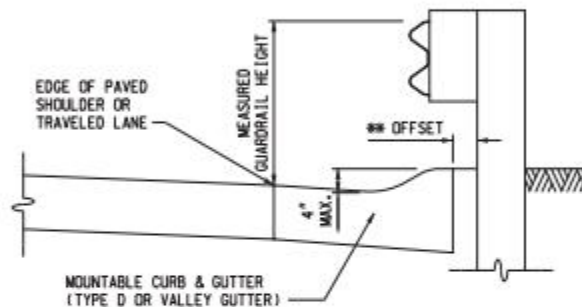


**Q50 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

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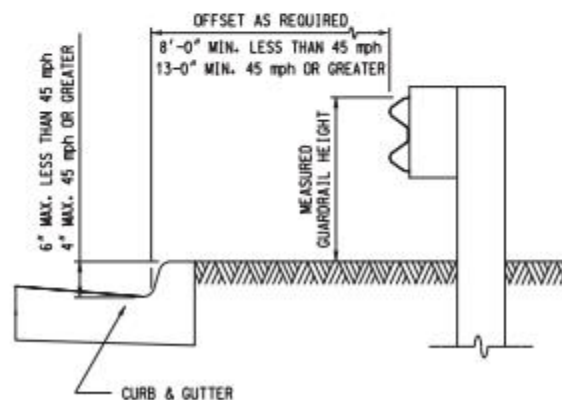


**GUARDRAIL WHEN CURB IS ADJACENT TO  
EDGE OF PAVED SHOULDER OR TRAVELED LANE  
(DESIGN SPEED 50 mph OR LESS)**



**\*\* 2" WHEN CURB IS PLACED NEXT TO SHOULDER  
10" WHEN CURB IS PLACED NEXT TO TRAVELED LANE**

**GUARDRAIL WHEN CURB IS ADJACENT TO  
EDGE OF PAVED SHOULDER OR TRAVELED LANE  
(DESIGN SPEED GREATER THAN 50 mph)**

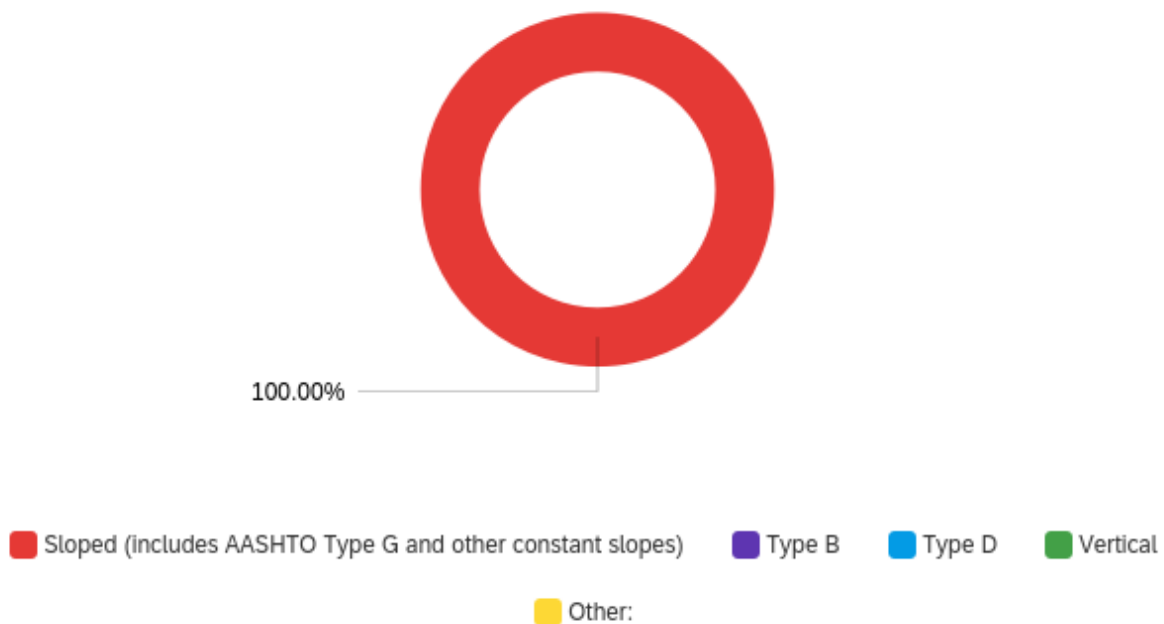


**GUARDRAIL - CURB OFFSET  
WHEN GUARDRAIL IS PLACED AWAY FROM CURB**

**Q51 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

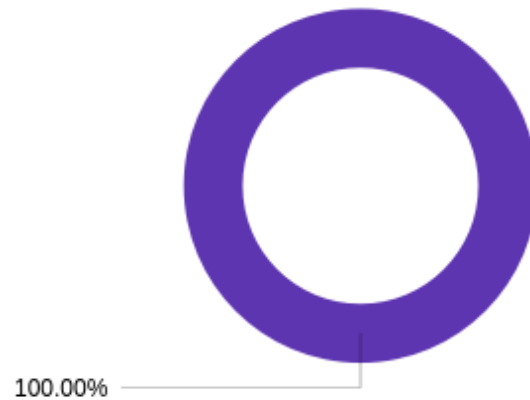
**Q68 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**



Answer	%	Count
Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)	100.00%	2
Type B	0.00%	0
Type D	0.00%	0
Vertical	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)
R15	Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)

**Q55 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

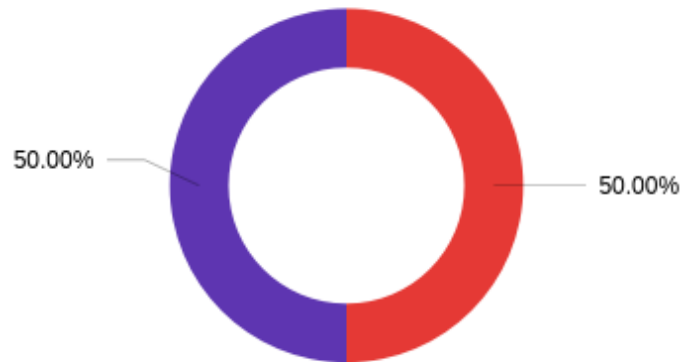


■ Less than 4 in. 
 ■ 4 in. 
 ■ 6 in. 
 ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Less than 4 in.	0.00%	0
4 in.	100.00%	2
6 in.	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	4 in.
R15	4 in.

**Q56 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**



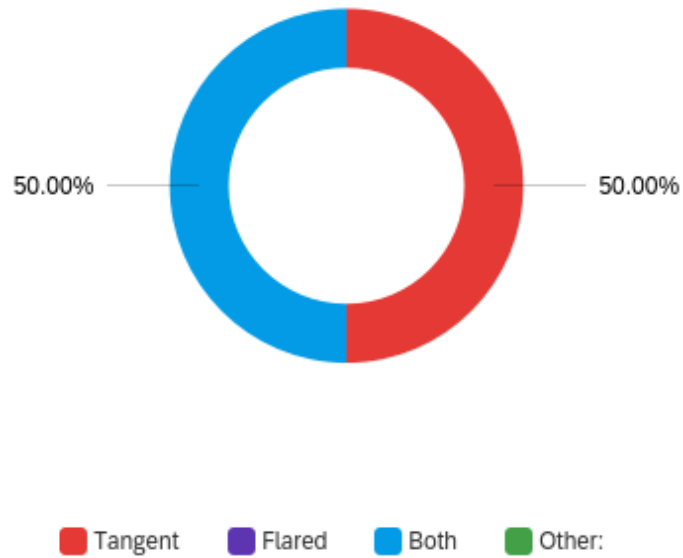
■ Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

■ Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway ■ Other:

Answer	%	Count
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb	50.00%	1
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway	50.00%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway
R15	Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb

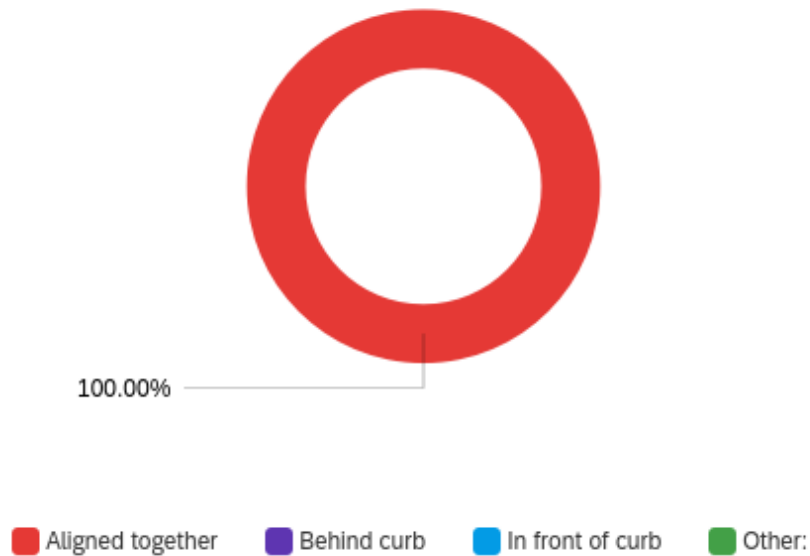
**Q57 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**



Answer	%	Count
Tangent	50.00%	1
Flared	0.00%	0
Both	50.00%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Both
R15	Tangent

**Q58 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**



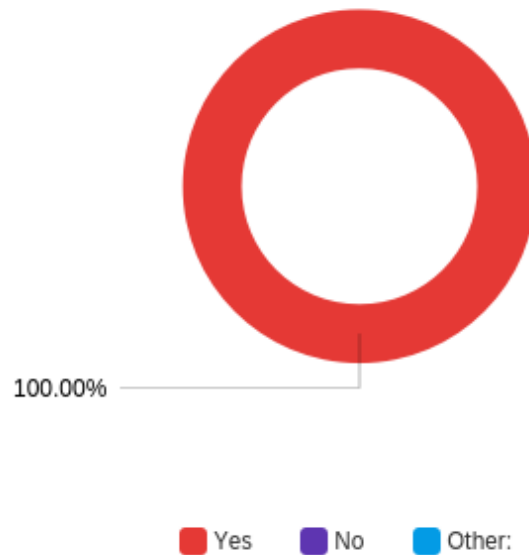
Answer	%	Count
Aligned together	100.00%	2
Behind curb	0.00%	0
In front of curb	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Aligned together
R15	Aligned together

**Q59 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q60 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**



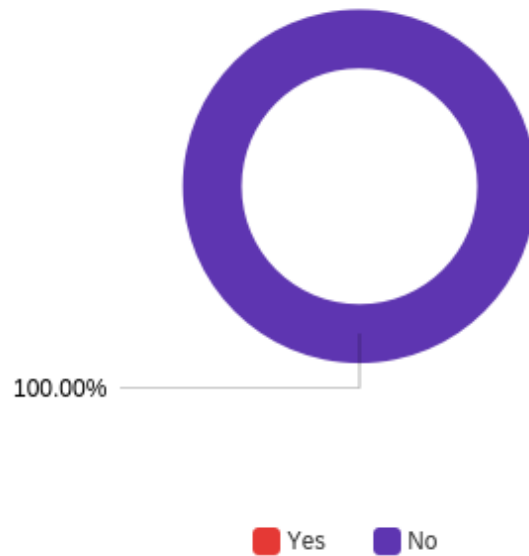
Answer	%	Count
Yes	100.00%	2
No	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Yes
R15	Yes

**Q61 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

Respondent	Response
R4	Typically 1 foot
R15	Enough so that the head is clear of the roadway.

**Q325 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	2
Total	100%	2

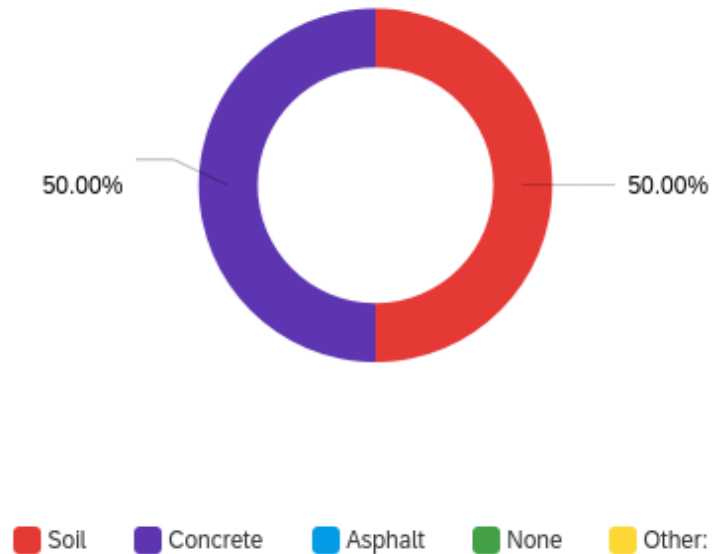
Respondent	Response
R4	No
R15	No

**Q339 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.



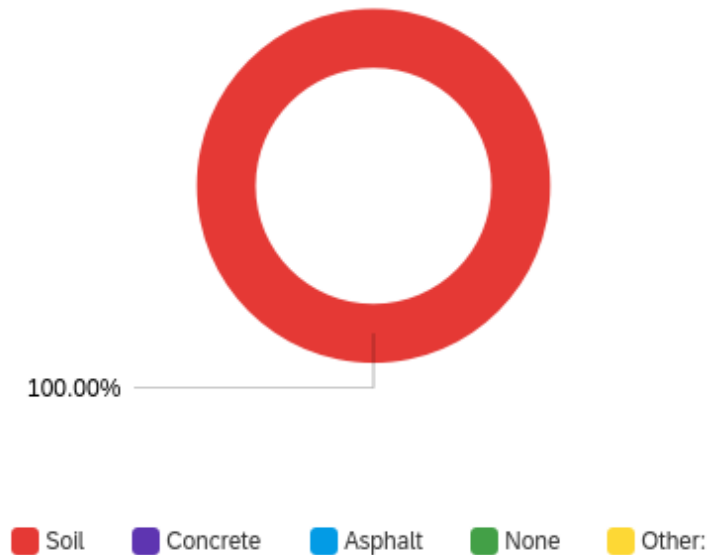
**Q62 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	50.00%	1
Concrete	50.00%	1
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Soil
R15	Concrete

**Q72 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	100.00%	2
Concrete	0.00%	0
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

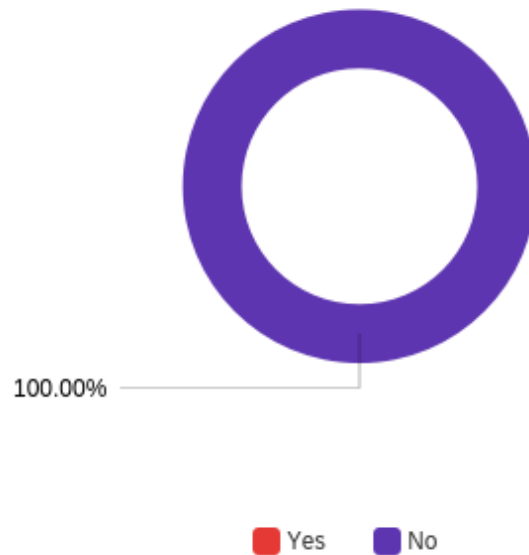
Respondent	Response
R4	Soil
R15	Soil

**Q63 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

Answer	%	Count
Aligned with top of curb	100.00%	2
Aligned with top of roadway	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	Aligned with top of curb
R15	Aligned with top of curb

**Q306 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	2
Total	100%	2

Respondent	Response
R4	No
R15	No

## **A.12 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 2 (SUBSEQUENT TO LOW-SPEED ROADWAY CONDITIONS)**

The twelfth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q232 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q233 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q236 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q237 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q238 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q239 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q240 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q241 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q242 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q243 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q326 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q340 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q244 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q245 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q246 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q307 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

### **A.13 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 3 (SUBSEQUENT TO LOW-SPEED ROADWAY CONDITIONS)**

The thirteenth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q251 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q252 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q255 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q256 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q257 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q258 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q259 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q260 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q261 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q262 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q327 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q341 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q263 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q264 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q265 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q308 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

#### **A.14 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 4 (SUBSEQUENT TO LOW-SPEED ROADWAY CONDITIONS)**

The fourteenth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was prompted to repeat the questions if he or she had another design configuration to input or to proceed to the conclusion questions.

**Q289 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q290 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q293 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q294 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q295 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q296 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q297 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q298 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q299 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q300 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.



**Q328 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q342 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q301 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q302 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

**Q303 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

**Q309 - Does your agency have another design for installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs (only considering high-speed applications)?**

No response provided.

## **A.15 HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY QUESTIONS- REPETITION 5 (SUBSEQUENT TO LOW-SPEED ROADWAY CONDITIONS)**

The fifteenth section of the survey investigated specific practices when installing w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways. As discussed in Chapter 2, the questions included in this section were considered the core questions that were repeated for different roadway or curb configurations. The user was directed to this section if he or she selected to input details on an additional design configuration regarding w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs on high-speed roadways in the previous section. At the end of this section, the user was directed to the conclusion questions.

**Q270 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q271 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

No response provided.

**Q274 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**

No response provided.

**Q275 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**

No response provided.

**Q276 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**

No response provided.

**Q277 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**

No response provided.

**Q278 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q279 - What is the offset between the face of rail and face of curb?**

No response provided.

**Q280 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**

No response provided.

**Q281 - What is the offset between the w-beam guardrail terminal head and face of rail?**

No response provided.

**Q329 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**

No response provided.

**Q343 - What was the offset between the back of curb and the head of the w-beam guardrail terminal?**

No response provided.

**Q282 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**

No response provided.

**Q283 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**

No response provided.

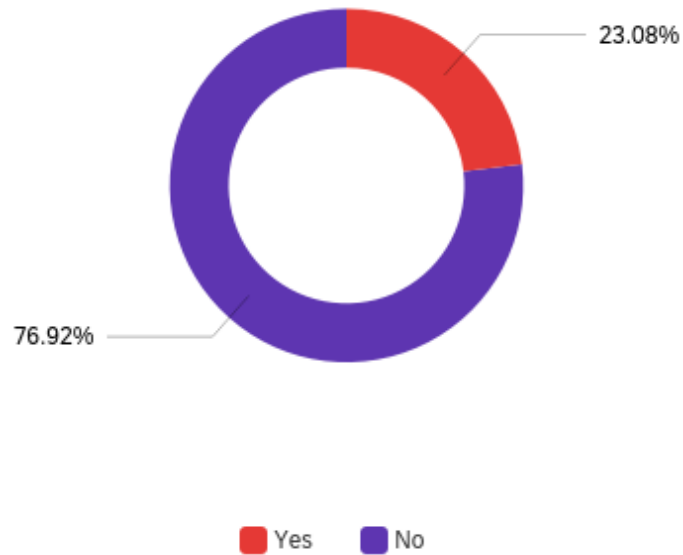
**Q284 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

No response provided.

## A.16 CONCLUDING QUESTIONS

The last section of the survey asked several questions that focused on broad trends in state design practices and identifying new research needs. The following questions were included in this last concluding section.

**Q344 - Do you differ your configuration for curbs near w-beam guardrail terminals when they are used with an approach terminal vs a trailing end/downstream terminal?**



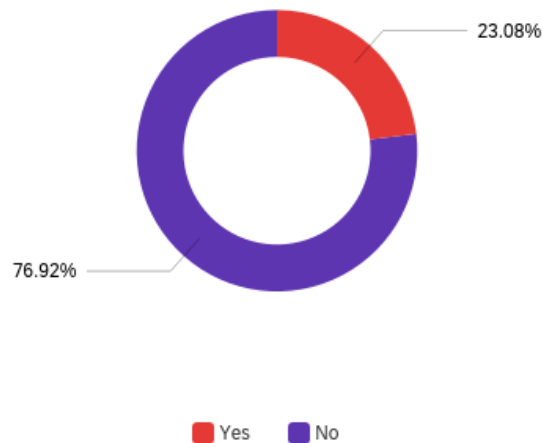
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Yes	23.08%	3
No	76.92%	10
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R1	Yes
R2	Yes
R3	No
R4	No
R5	No
R6	No
R7	No
R8	No
R9	Yes
R10	No
R12	No
R13	No
R15	No

**Q345 - Please describe the differences.**

Respondent	Response
R1	Use roll away curb instead.
R2	2" height for the approach (likely to be struck) Typical curb height on downstream end if it is outside of the clearzone.
R9	Downstream terminals may be more likely to flair away from the face of curb. It still is project dependent, so difficult to make a blanket statement.

**Q29 - Has your agency received any guidance from w-beam guardrail terminal manufacturers with regards to installing their product near curbs?**



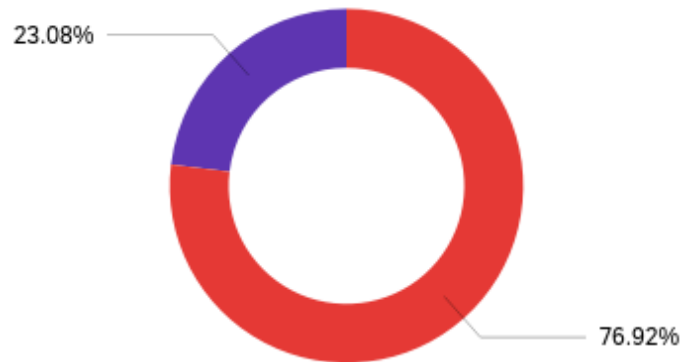
Answer	%	Count
Yes	23.08%	3
No	76.92%	10
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R1	No
R2	No
R3	No
R4	No
R5	Yes
R6	Yes
R7	No
R8	No
R9	No
R10	No
R12	Yes
R13	No
R15	No

**Q30 - Please provide that guidance, if possible.**

Respondent	Response
R6	Install as crash tested...
R12	SoftStop Installation Manual

**Q19 - Do you have a desire for a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal for low-speed roadway applications near curbs?**

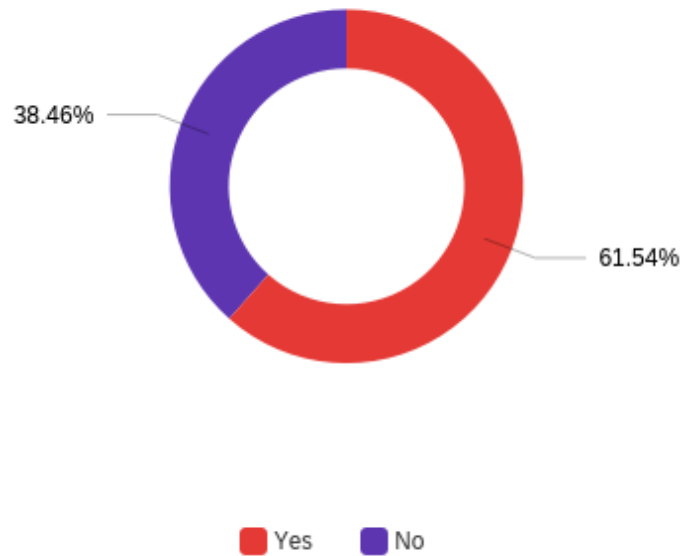


■ Yes
 ■ No

Answer	%	Count
Yes	76.92%	10
No	23.08%	3
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R1	Yes
R2	Yes
R3	No
R4	Yes
R5	Yes
R6	Yes
R7	Yes
R8	Yes
R9	No
R10	Yes
R12	Yes
R13	No
R15	Yes

**Q20 - Do you have a desire for a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal for high-speed roadway applications near curbs?**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	61.54%	8
No	38.46%	5
Total	100%	13

Respondent	Response
R1	Yes
R2	Yes
R3	No
R4	Yes
R5	Yes
R6	No
R7	No
R8	Yes
R9	No
R10	Yes
R12	Yes
R13	No
R15	Yes

**Q21 - Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have any additional comments, please use the text box below.**

Response: Louisiana does not have any policy or guidance related to guard rail end terminals installed near curbs and there is little official guidance available from AASHTO or FHWA on this subject. However, our needs require that we install end terminals behind curbs while trying to follow the manufacturer's original recommendations as best we can. This usually results in installing a tangent end aligned with the face of the curb with the head offset enough to stay clear of the roadway. The end terminal is also installed with respect to the top of the curb so that the ground strut is clear and not buried. This results in the end terminal being slightly higher than the rest of the rail. Again, given the site conditions along curbed roadways and the lack of any guidance, we feel this type of installation is the best of the available alternatives.

Response: MoDOT is currently reviewing policy changes to terminate curbs prior to CET's.

Response: Current best practices would be helpful until a tested system is available!

Response: Please refer to Section 7.01.34 of the Michigan Road Design Manual (MiRDM) for MDOT's guidelines pertaining to guardrail in conjunction in curb. Please note that MDOT does not have specific guidelines for guardrail terminals. Currently, the guidelines from 7.01.34 - MiRDM apply to all guardrail installations, including guardrail terminals. <https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/stdplan/englishroadmanual.htm>



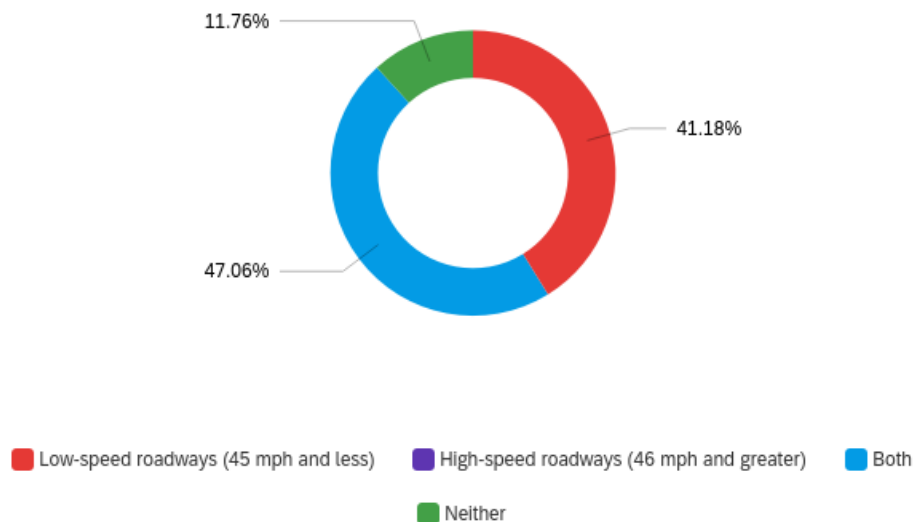
## APPENDIX B. STATE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND AGGREGATED RESULTS

The results presented in this section of the report represent the aggregated responses collected from the survey. If a question did not receive any responses, the question was noted as “No response provided” in this report. As discussed in Chapter 2, the layout of the survey included a list of several core questions that were repeated depending upon user input. This loop mechanism was engaged when users inputted curb configurations for both low-speed and high-speed roadways or when inputting multiple curb configurations. Because of this loop mechanism, the TTI research team aggregated the results of the survey to provide readers a perspective on the trends in current design practice regarding w-beam guardrail terminals installed near curbs. This Appendix lists these aggregated results in the following sections.

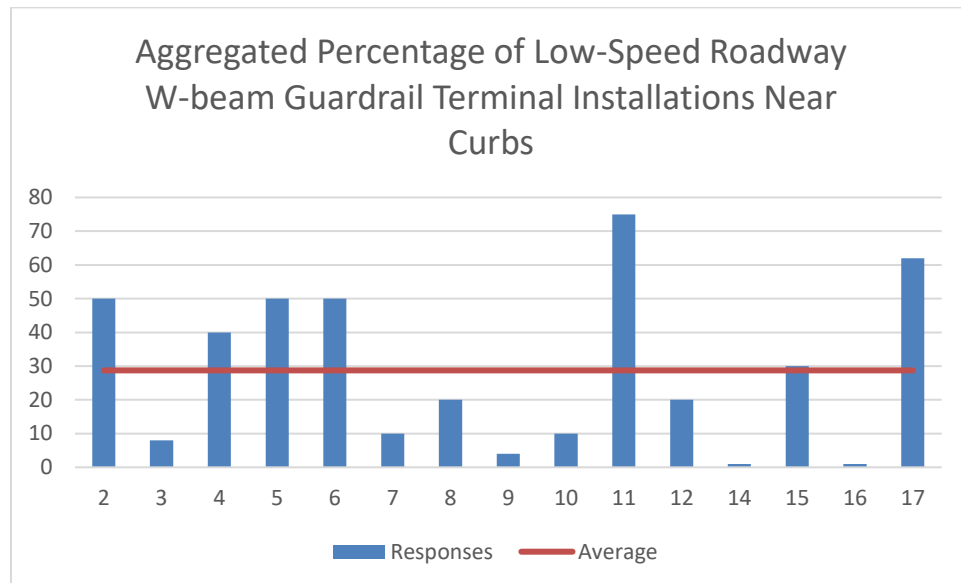
### B.1 AGGREGATED INTRODUCTORY RESULTS

This first section of this Appendix shows the aggregated results from the introductory section in the survey.

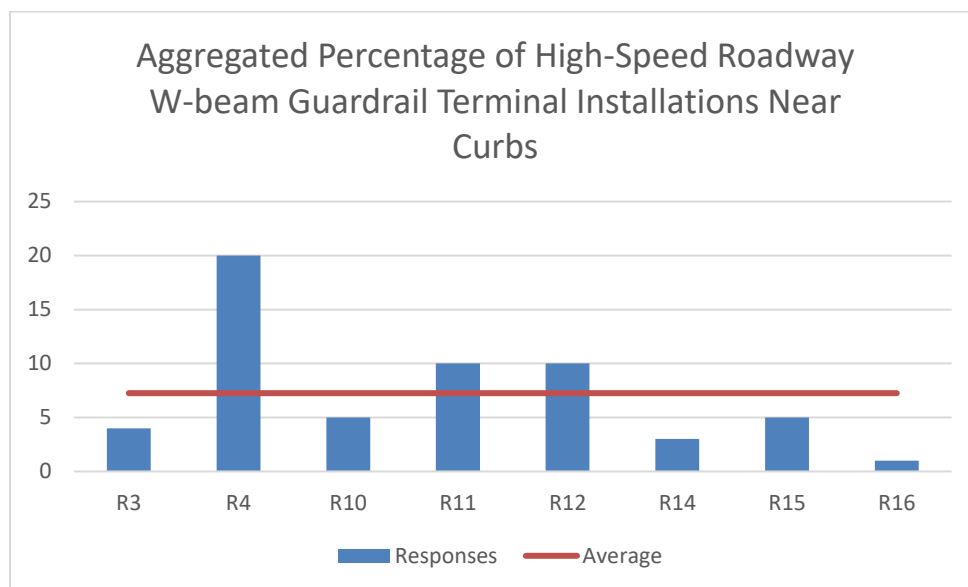
**Q4 - Does your transportation agency install w-beam guardrail terminals in close proximity to curbs on low-speed or high-speed roadways? If your agency does not install w-beam guardrail terminals near curbs, please select neither.**



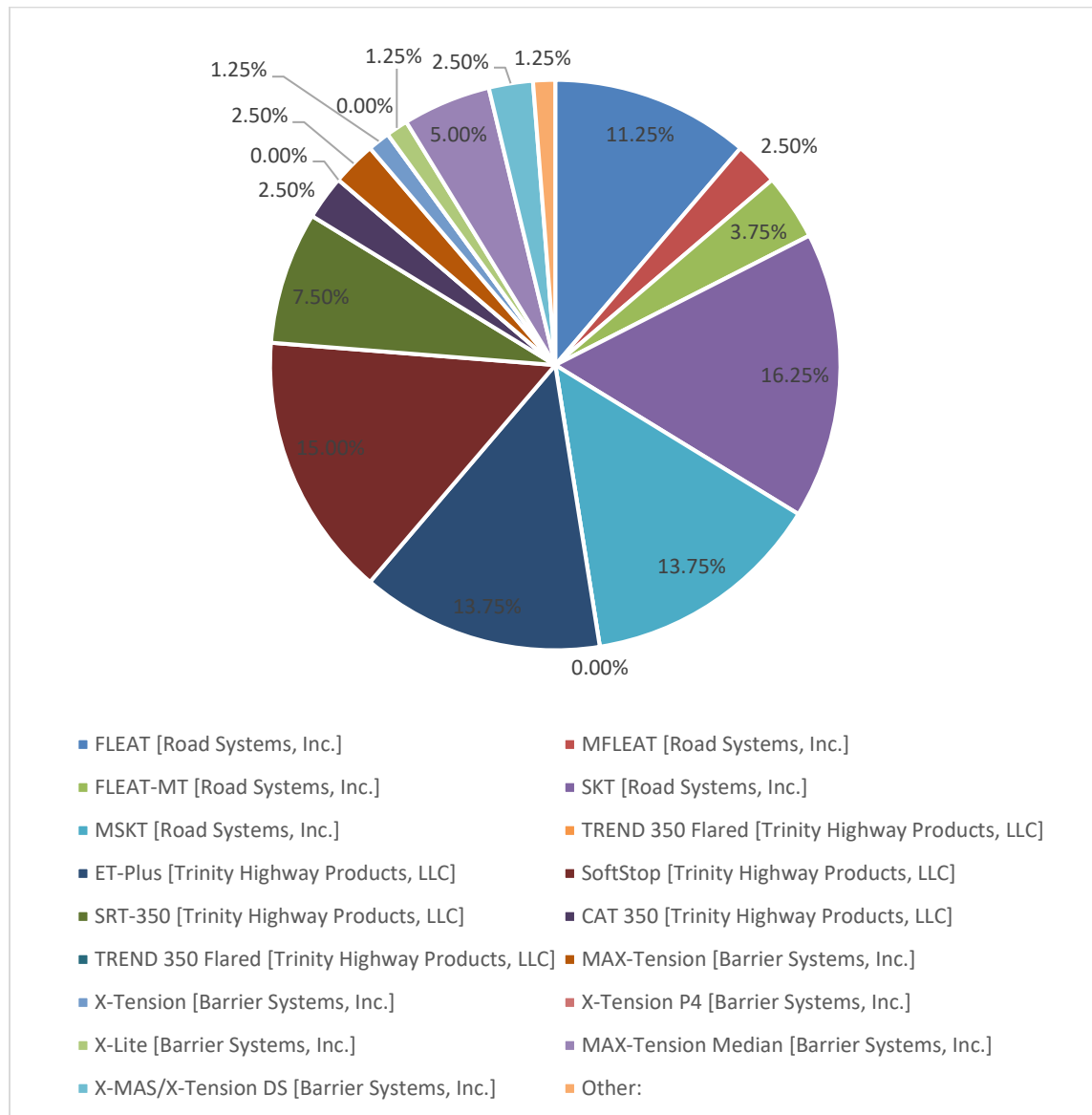
**Q14 & Q17 - What percentage of low-speed roadway w-beam guardrail terminal installations are located near curbs?**



**Q16 & Q17 What percentage of high-speed roadway w-beam guardrail terminal installations are located near curbs?**



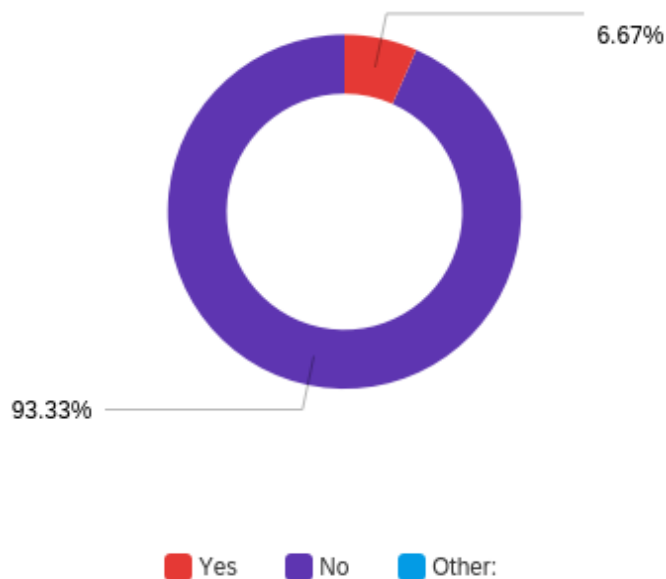
**Q312 - Which of the following roadside/median terminals have you installed near curbs in the past or are currently installing? Please select all that apply.**



Terminal	Percentage	Count
FLEAT [Road Systems, Inc.]	11.25%	9
MFLEAT [Road Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
FLEAT-MT [Road Systems, Inc.]	3.75%	3
SKT [Road Systems, Inc.]	16.25%	13
MSKT [Road Systems, Inc.]	13.75%	11
TREND 350 Flared [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	0.00%	0
ET-Plus [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	13.75%	11
SoftStop [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	15.00%	12
SRT-350 [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	7.50%	6
CAT 350 [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	2.50%	2
TREND 350 Flared [Trinity Highway Products, LLC]	0.00%	0
MAX-Tension [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
X-Tension [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	1.25%	1
X-Tension P4 [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	0.00%	0
X-Lite [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	1.25%	1
MAX-Tension Median [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	5.00%	4
X-MAS/X-Tension DS [Barrier Systems, Inc.]	2.50%	2
Other:	1.25%	1

Other Response: Breakmaster 350

**Q7 - Does your agency differentiate between which terminals are installed near curbs and those which are not installed near curbs?**

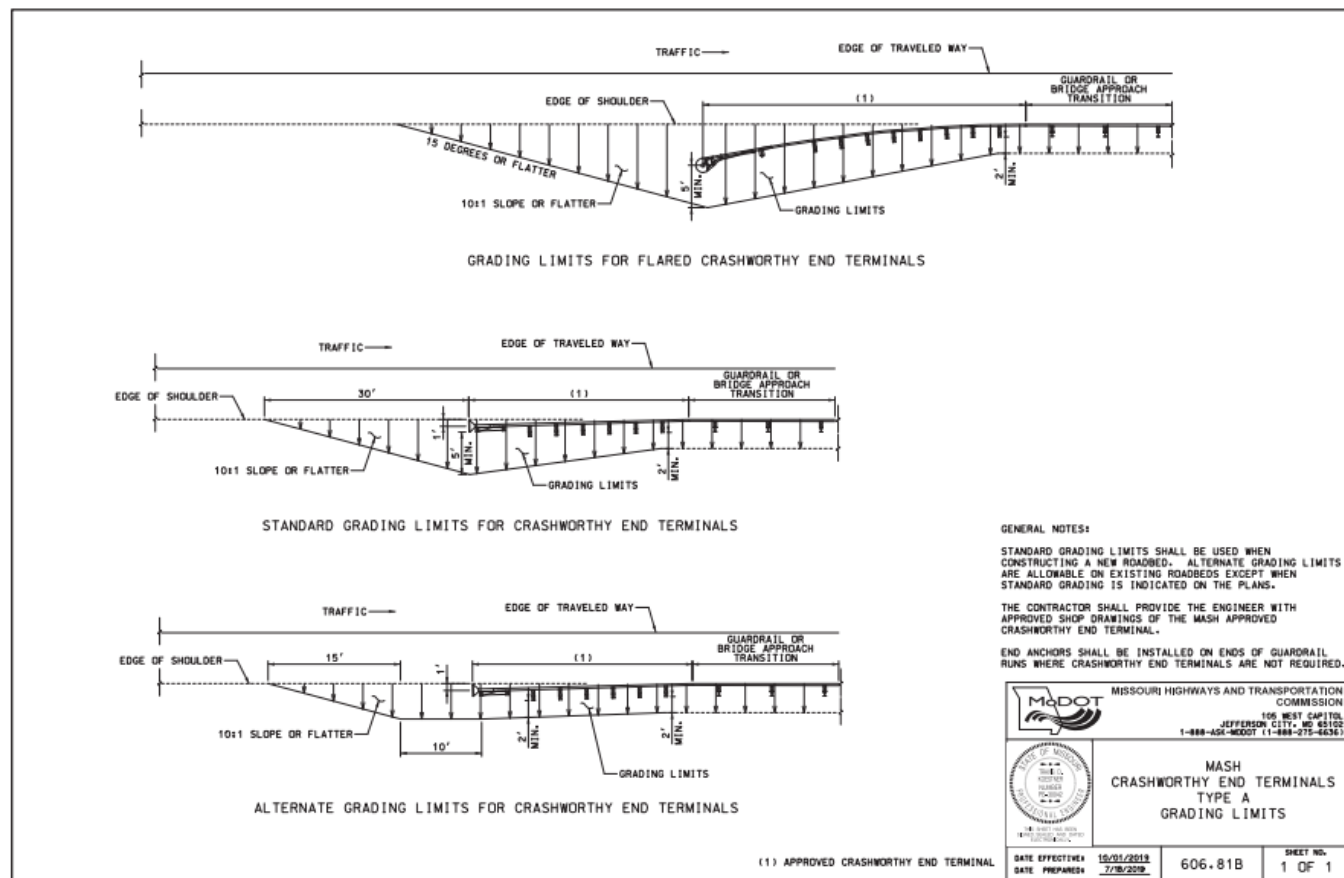


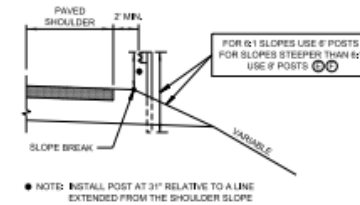
Answer	%	Count
Yes	6.67%	1
No	93.33%	14
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	15

## B.2 AGGREGATED LOW-SPEED ROADWAY RESULTS

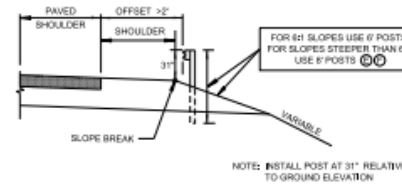
This section of the Appendix shows the aggregated results of the survey questions regarding low-speed roadways.

**Q18, Q79 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**



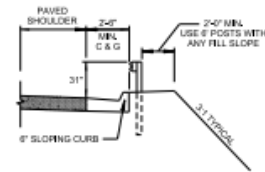


**DETAIL A**  
GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT AT SLOPE BREAK

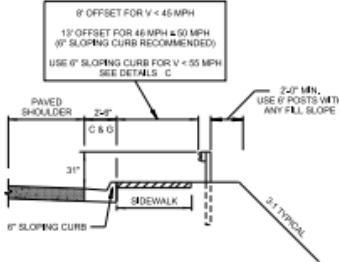


**DETAIL B**  
OFFSET GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT

**TYPICAL SECTIONS  
(NON CURB & GUTTER)**



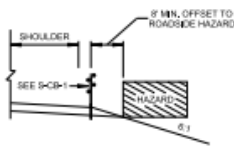
**DETAIL C**  
GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT  
ON CURB AND GUTTER SECTION



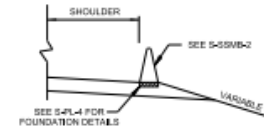
**DETAIL D**  
OFFSET GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT  
ON CURB AND GUTTER SECTION

**TYPICAL SECTIONS WITH CURB AND GUTTER**

USE 6' SLOPING CURB AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE POSTED SPEED IS BETWEEN 45 - 55 M.P.H.  
DO NOT USE CURB AND GUTTER AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE POSTED SPEEDS ARE ABOVE 55 M.P.H.

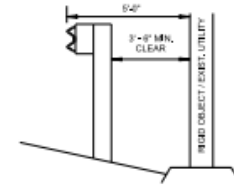


**DETAIL E**  
HIGH TENSION 4 STRAND CABLE BARRIER  
(TL-3 OR TL-4)



**DETAIL F**  
FREE STANDING CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL  
(TL-3, TL-4 OR TL-5)

**ALTERNATE TO W-BEAM GUARDRAIL  
WHERE HIGHER PERFORMANCE IS NEEDED**



**TYPICAL MIN. CLEAR TO  
A RIGID OBJECT**  
(SEE TABLE BELOW IF LESS DEFLECTION IS DESIRED)  
(REFER TO MMSF REPORT TRP 93-171-06)

GUARDRAIL POST REDUCTION IN DEFLECTION FOR SINGLE W-BEAM			
POST SPACING	6' - 3"	3' - 1 1/2"	1' - 6 3/4"
DEFLECTION	3' - 6"	3' - 0"	2' - 6"

GENERAL NOTES FOR GUARDRAIL	
(A)	THIS DRAWING PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR FACILITIES WITH POSTED SPEED LIMIT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 60 MPH. SOME GUIDANCE FOR FACILITIES WITH POSTED SPEED LIMITS LESS THAN 60 MPH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS DRAWING AND ARE LESS STRINGENT. REFER TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICY OFFICE IN THE ROADWAY DESIGN DIVISION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.
(B)	IF GUARDRAIL IS IN A CURB AND GUTTER SECTION, IT SHALL BE PLACED SUCH THAT THE GUARDRAIL FACE IS EVEN WITH THE CURB (DETAIL C) OR A MINIMUM OF 5' FROM THE CURB (DETAIL D).
(C)	ON G1 OR FLATTER SLOPE, GUARDRAIL MAY BE PLACED AT THE SLOPE BREAK.
(D)	REFER TO RD11-TS SERIES OF STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR TYPICAL SECTION INFORMATION.
(E)	REFER TO TEXAS A & M REPORT NUMBER 405190-20, FOR GUARDRAIL PLACED ON 3:1 SLOPE.
(F)	PAY ITEMS:
705-00.01	W BEAM GR (TYPE 2) MASH TL3, L.F. (6' POST)
705-00.02	W BEAM GR (TYPE 2) MASH TL3 (LONG POST), L.F. (8' POST)

REV. 10-14-12 ADDED NOTE TO DETAIL B  
MINOR DRAFTING UPDATE, ADDED TABLE  
REV. 11-14-12 GENERAL REVISIONS

REV. 05-16-15 ADDED GENERAL NOTE  
AND (D), REVISED TABLE FOR GUARDRAIL  
POST REDUCTION IN DEFLECTION FOR  
SINGLE W-BEAM, REVISED DETAIL B A  
THRU F, REVISION TABLE A, REVISION  
SHEET.

MINOR REVISION - FYHA  
APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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SAFETY HARDWARE  
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#### GENERAL NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct guardrail in accordance with Specification 536.

This Index, along with the plans and the manufacturers' drawings on the Approved Products List (APL), is sufficiently detailed for installation of General Guardrail, Low-Speed Guardrail, End Treatment assemblies, and their connecting options shown herein. This precludes requirements for shop drawing submittals unless otherwise specified in the plans.

2. **COMPATIBILITY:** The General Guardrail in this Index is based on the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) design, with an approximate height of 31" at the top of the Panel (2'-1" mounting height at vertical  $\bar{q}$  of Panel) and a midspan panel splice as shown on Sheet 2. Guardrail components included on the APL, which are compatible with this Index, may also be identified as 31" or MGS Guardrail.

3. **STANDARD COMPONENTS:** Standard guardrail components, including posts, panels, and bolt systems, are based on the Task Force 13 Publication: Guide to Roadside Hardware Components (<http://tf13.org/Guides/componentGuide/>).

4. **BUTTON-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Button-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers as defined on Sheet 24. Place washers under nuts. Do not place washers between bolt heads and panels, except where otherwise shown in this Index.

5. **HEX-HEAD BOLTS:** Install Hex-Head Bolts where indicated using bolts, nuts, and washers in accordance with material properties of Specification 967. Place washers under nuts.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** Install Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement where indicated with a tolerance of  $\pm 1/2$ " depth and in accordance with Specification 339.

7. **ADJACENT SIDEWALKS & SHARED USE PATHS:** When guardrail posts are placed within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, use timber posts, or use steel posts only if treated with Pipe Rail as shown on Sheet 22.

When timber posts are used, one of the following safety treatments is required for the bolt(s) protruding from the back face of the posts:

- After tightening the nut, trim the protruding post bolt flush with the nut and galvanize per Specification 562.
- Use post bolts 15" in length and countersink the washer and nut between 1" and 1½" deep into the back face of the post.
- Use 15" post bolts with sleeve nuts and washers.

When End Treatment posts are within 4'-0" of a sidewalk or shared use path, steel posts are not permitted within the End Treatment segment. Terminate the Pipe Rail outside of End Treatment segments, as noted per Sheet 22.

8. **NESTED W-BEAM:** Where called for in the plans, install two W-Beam Panels mounted flush per location, securing all panels with Button-Head Bolts threaded through aligned slots and holes. 2" Button-Head Bolts are permitted for panel splice locations.

9. **CONNECTION TO RIGID BARRIER:** The connections to Rigid Barrier in this Index only apply to newly constructed bridge Traffic Railing and Concrete Barrier or where the complete Approach Transition Connection to Rigid Barrier shown herein can be installed without conflicting with existing Traffic Railings, structures, or approach slabs.

For connecting guardrail to existing bridge Traffic Railings, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.


10. **CONNECTION TO EXISTING GUARDRAIL:** Where a transition to existing guardrail at 27" height is required, linearly transition the new guardrail height over a distance ranging from 25'-0" to 31'-3". Height transitions must occur outside of End Treatment and Approach Transition segments.

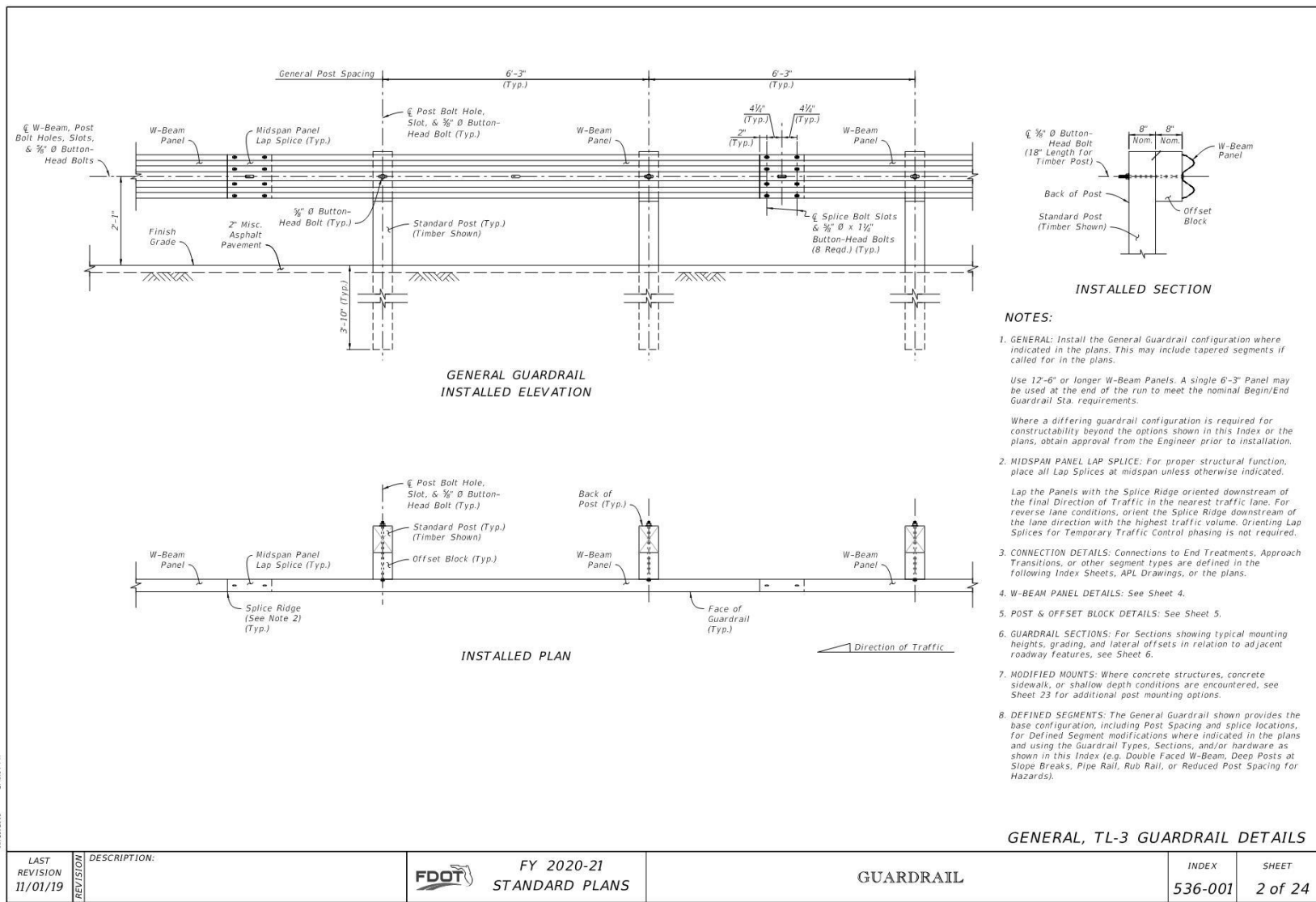
Provide an immediate transition to the required midspan panel splice using the available panel options on Sheet 4 (9'-4½" or 15'-7½" panel). Alternatively, this transition to midspan panel splice may be achieved by installing a single reduced post spacing of 3'-1½" within the new guardrail, immediately adjacent to the connection location.

11. **PLANS CALLOUTS:** Begin/End Station labels are shown throughout this Index as they correspond to the station and offset callouts specified in the plans.

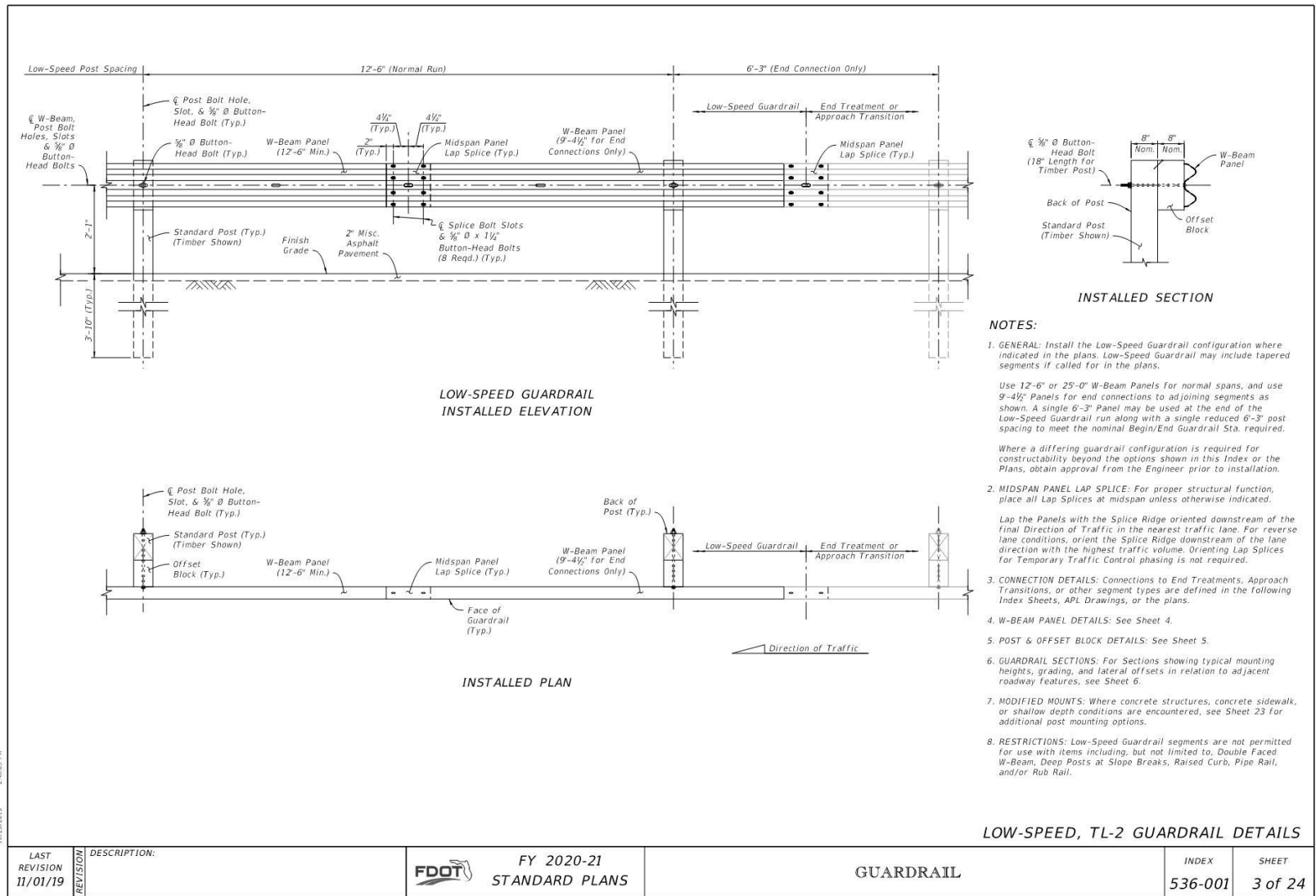
In the plans, Begin/End Guardrail Station refers to the General TL-3 Guardrail Pay Item, and it may be abbreviated as Begin/End GR. Station. Where the Low-Speed TL-2 Guardrail Pay Item is specifically required, the callout in the plans will then specify Begin/End TL-2 GR. Station.

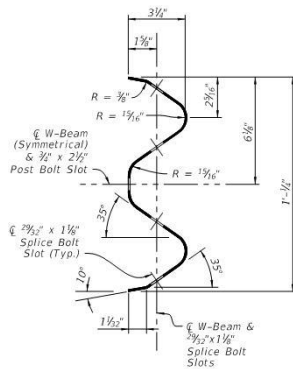
12. **QUANTITY MEASUREMENT:** Measure guardrail and corresponding components as defined in Specification 536. The Guardrail length is measured along the centerline of installed Panels, between the points labeled Begin/End Guardrail Station shown on the following Index Sheets and defined in the plans (typically measured from the  $\bar{q}$  of the panel's post bolt slots at the approach/trailing ends).

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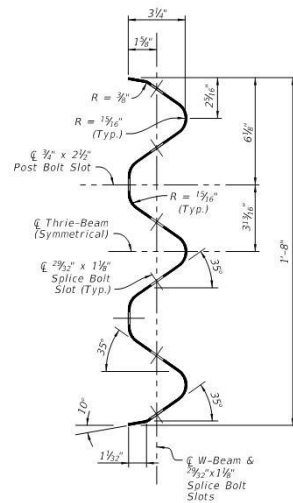




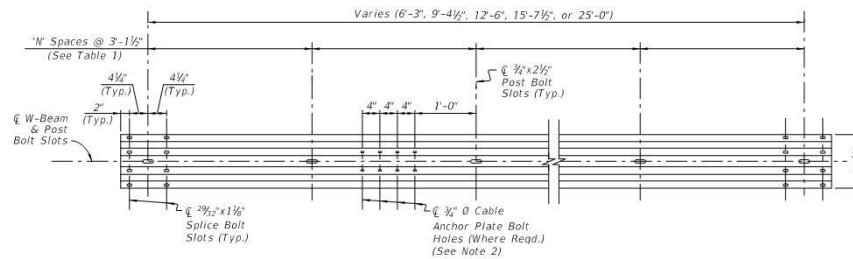




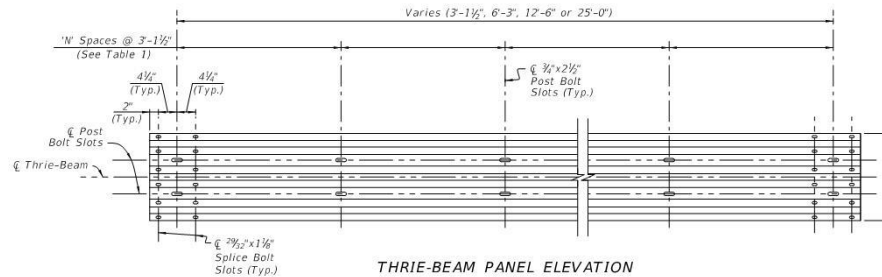
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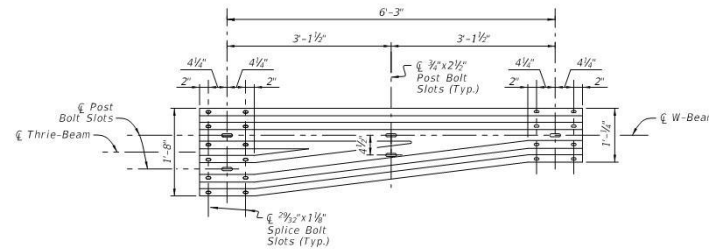
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W-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM PANEL ELEVATION



THRIE-BEAM TRANSITION PANEL ELEVATION  
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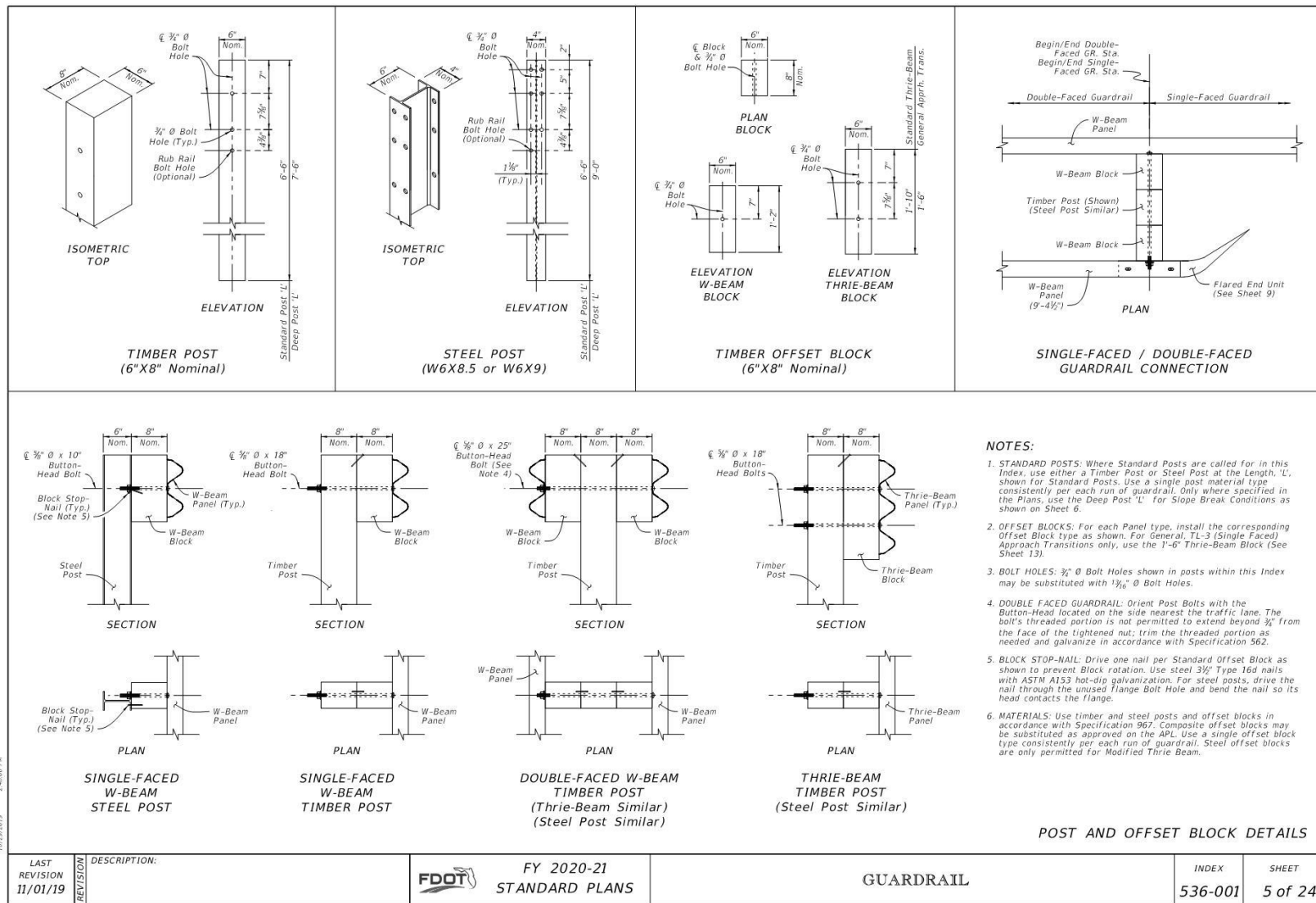
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6'-3" W-Beam	2	12
9'-4 1/2" W-Beam	3	12
12'-6" W-Beam	4	12
15'-7 1/2" W-Beam	5	12
25'-0" W-Beam	8	12
3'-1 1/2" Thrie-Beam	1	10
6'-3" Thrie-Beam	2	12
12'-6" Thrie-Beam	4	12
25'-0" Thrie-Beam	8	12
Thrie-Beam Trans.	2	10

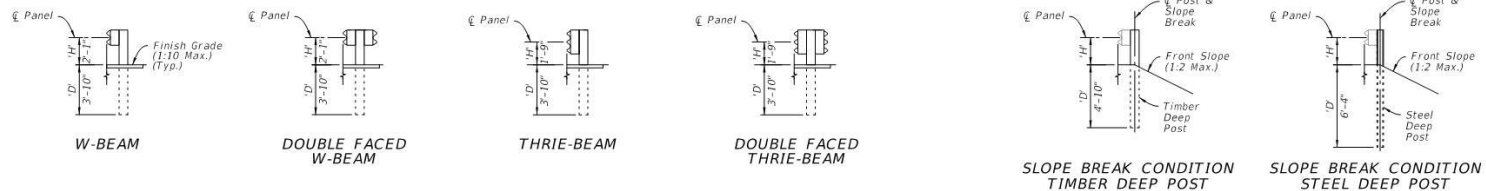
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- MATERIALS:**  
Use corrugated steel panels in accordance with Specification 967 and made from either Class A, 12 gauge steel or Class B, 10 gauge steel as specified in the 'Panel Summary Table' above.
- CABLE ANCHOR PLATE BOLT HOLES:**  
Include 3/4" Ø Cable Anchor Plate Bolt Holes only where required for installation of the Cable Anchor Plate shown on Sheet 9, 10, & 11.  
2 1/2" x 1 1/4" slots may substitute for the 3/4" Ø holes shown.

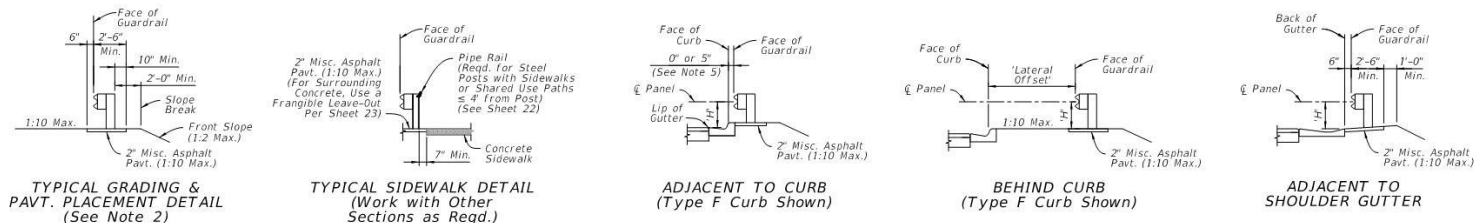
W-BEAM AND THRIE-BEAM  
PANEL DETAILS

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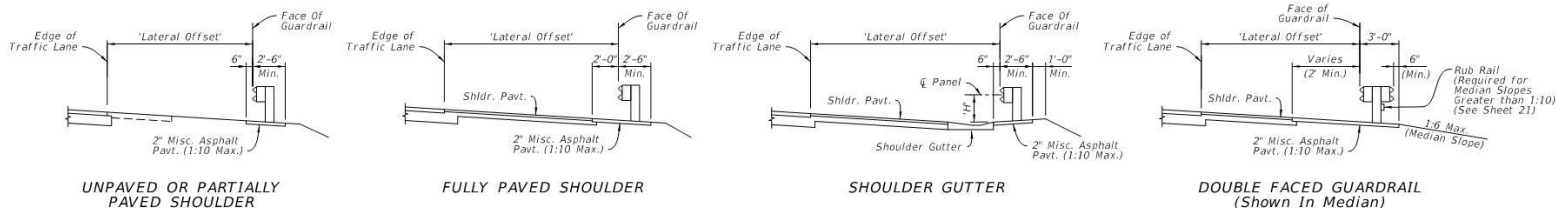


GUARDRAIL TYPES - MOUNTING HEIGHTS & POST DEPTHS



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - TYPICAL

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - CURB & GUTTER



GUARDRAIL SECTIONS - SHOULDERS

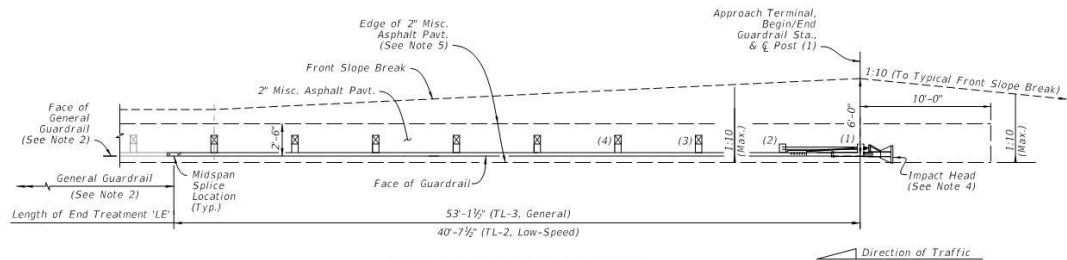
GUARDRAIL HEIGHT SUMMARY TABLE:			
Type:	Min. Depth 'D':	Mounting Height 'H':	Post Length 'L':
W-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	2'-1"	6'-6"
Thrie-Beam (Single and Double Faced)	3'-10"	1'-9"	6'-6"
Timber Deep Post	4'-10"	See Above	7'-6"
Steel Deep Post	6'-4"	See Above	9'-0"

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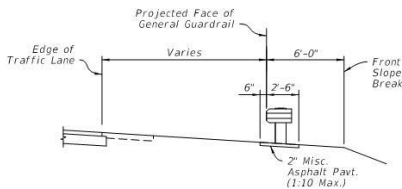
1. GUARDRAIL SECTIONS: Construct Sections as indicated in the plans. The details shown herein depict W-Beam Guardrail, but are applicable to the other defined Guardrail Types placed at the corresponding height, 'H'. Use components per Sheets 4 & 5. Steel and timber post types are interchangeable unless otherwise defined. The 1:10 Max. cross slope shown is the maximum slope permitted for proper guardrail function, but project-specific cross slope requirements are governed per the plans.
2. TYPICAL GRADING & PAVEMENT PLACEMENT DETAIL: Construct features as depicted except where superseded by specific Guardrail Sections or the plans. Place the Slope Break a Minimum of 2' behind the post. For Deep Posts, the slope break may be placed at the  $\nabla$  Post with the 2" Miscellaneous Asphalt Pavement omitted.
3. SLOPE BREAK CONDITION: Install Deep Posts only where called for in the plans. Deep Posts are only permitted where post spacing is 6'-3" or less.
4. LATERAL OFFSETS: The Lateral Offsets shown are governed by the station and offset call outs for Face of Guardrail, as shown in the plans.
5. ADJACENT TO CURB: Place the Face of Guardrail consistently offset either flush with the Face of Curb or 5' behind the Face of Curb, as indicated by the plans station and offset callout. For offset changes, transition the Face of Guardrail as shown in the plans.

GUARDRAIL SECTIONS

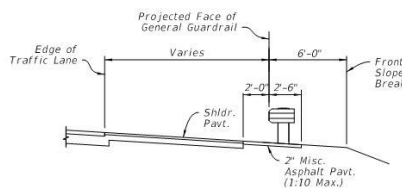
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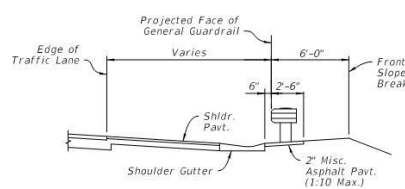
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'PARALLEL' TYPE - PLAN VIEW



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH UNPAVED SHOULDER



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH FULLY PAVED SHOULDER



SECTION AT POST (1)  
WITH SHOULDER GUTTER

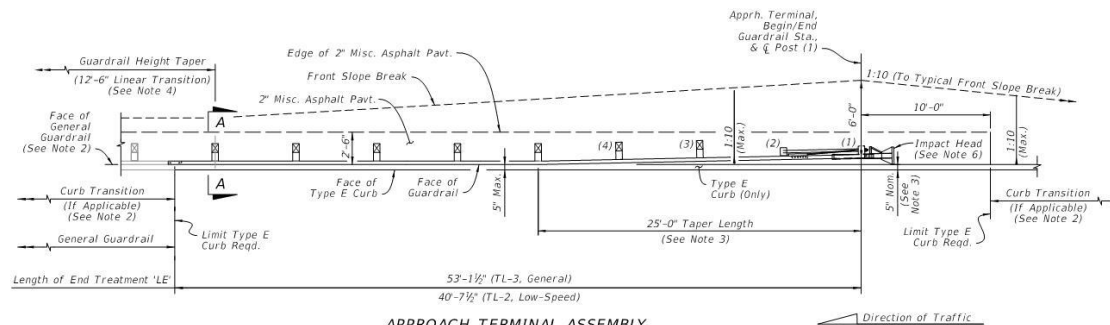
END TREATMENT -  
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#### NOTES:

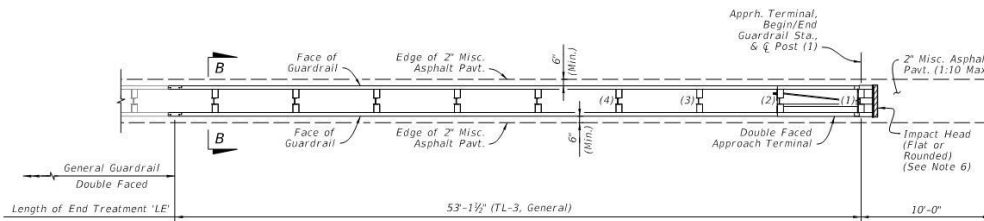
- INSTALLATION:** Locate Approach Terminals where called for in the plans, with the Post (1) & placed at the Begin/End Guardrail Station indicated in the plans.  
  
The Plan Views shown herein are schematic only, showing basic geometry for Approach Terminals listed on the APL. The predefined Length of End Treatment, 'LE', includes the proprietary portion of various Approach Terminals and provides for more consistent planning of assembly installations across the differing Approach Terminal types. Forward-anchoring style Approach Terminals may vary from the planned lengths shown by up to 3'-0".  
  
Construct Approach Terminals as shown in the APL and in accordance with the manufacturer's unique drawing details, procedures, and specifications.  
  
Install posts in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings. The Special Posts on Sheet 23, including Special Steel Posts, Encased Posts, and Frangible Leave-Outs, are not permitted within the Approach Terminal segment unless otherwise called for in the plans.  
  
Align panel lap splices in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings, regardless of the direction of traffic.  
  
Install adjacent grading, gutters, and/or curbing as shown herein.
- GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments.  
  
Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.
- APPROACH TERMINAL TEST LEVEL:** Install either a Test Level 3 (TL-3) or Test Level 2 (TL-2) Approach Terminal as specified in the plans. TL-3 Approach Terminals may substitute for TL-2 Approach Terminals unless the substitution is specifically prohibited in the plans. TL-2 Approach Terminals may not substitute for TL-3 installations.
- IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR:** Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
- 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT:** The Plan View depicts the Unpaved Shoulder condition. For Fully Paved Shoulder and Shoulder Gutter conditions, extend the 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement as shown in the corresponding 'Section at Post (1)' details below.  
  
The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
- CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT:** Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
- 'CURBED' AND 'DOUBLE FACED' GUARDRAIL SEGMENTS:** See Sheet 8.

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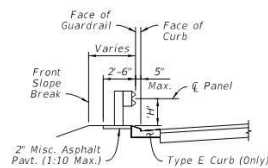
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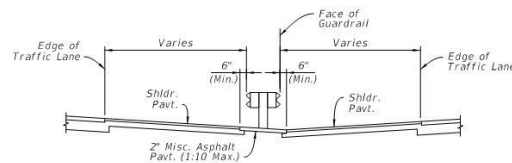
APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'CURBED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



APPROACH TERMINAL ASSEMBLY  
'DOUBLE FACED' SEGMENT - PLAN VIEW



'CURBED' SECTION A-A  
(Height, 'H', Measured from  
Misc. Asphalt Pavt.)



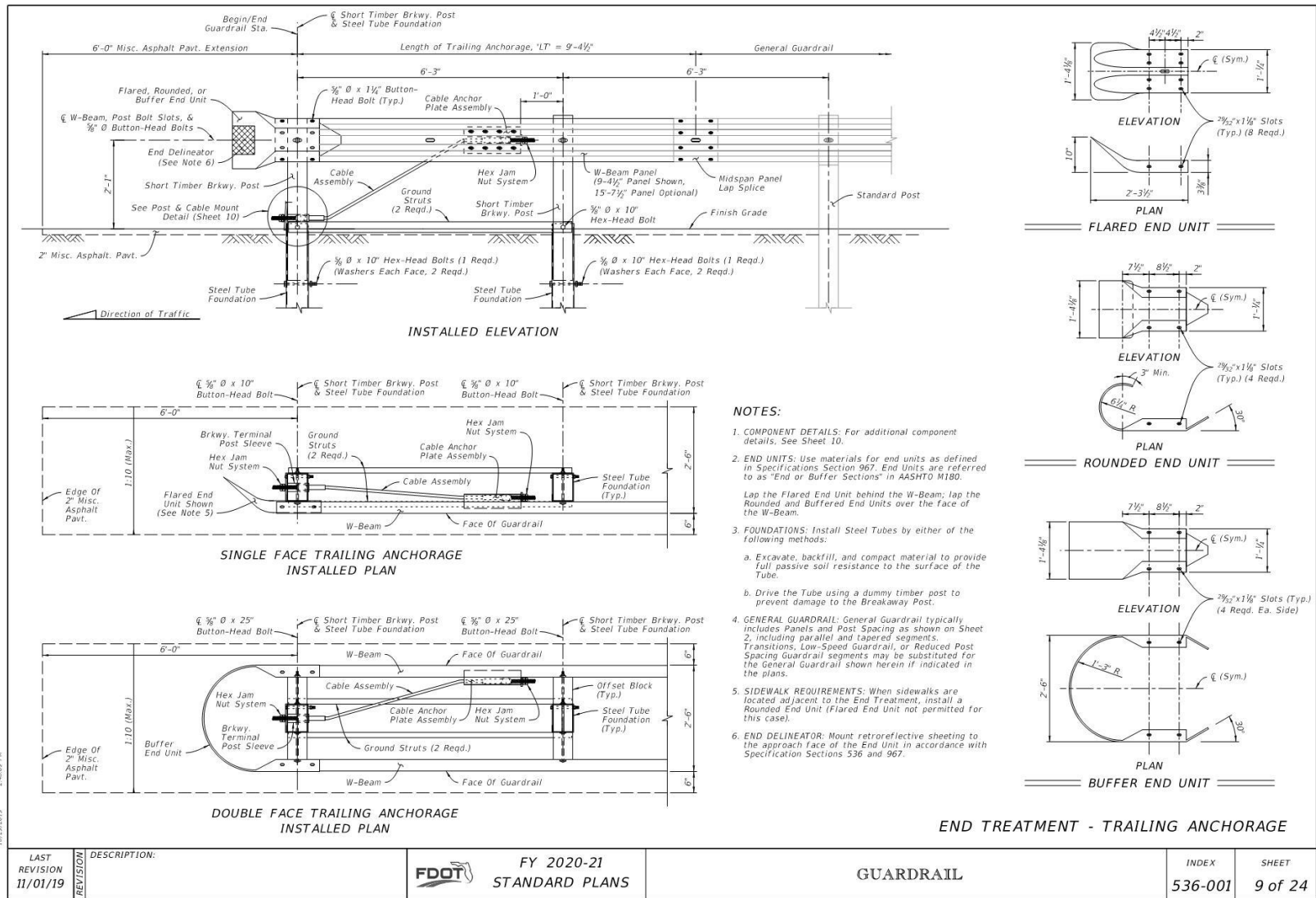
'DOUBLE FACED' SECTION B-B  
(1:10 Slope or Flatter Req'd.)

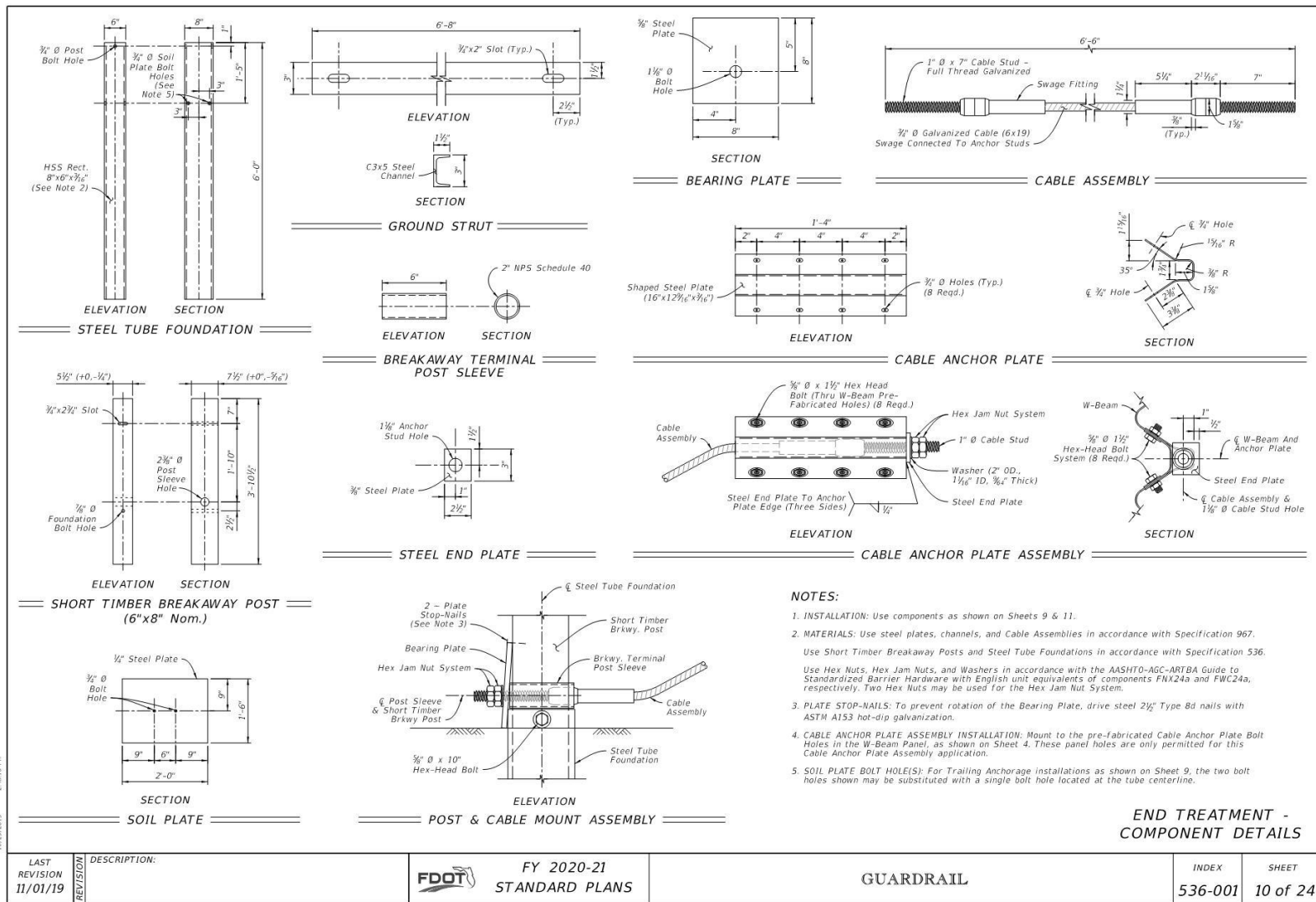
#### NOTES:

1. GENERAL: See Notes 1 through 3 on Sheet 7.
2. CURBED SEGMENTS: Type E curb is required within the limits shown. When a different curb type is called for outside of the Type E curb limits, transition the curb shape linearly, over a nominal distance ranging 5'-0" to 10'-0".
3. TAPER LENGTH: For Curbed Segments, taper the guardrail away from the roadway where shown to place the inside edge of the Impact Head at 5' behind the face of the curb. Where additional lateral offset is required to fit the Approach Terminal Assembly hardware, such as a soil plate, place the Impact Head as close to the curb as the hardware allows, not to exceed 2'-0" from the face of curb.
4. GUARDRAIL HEIGHT TAPER: For Curbed Segments, the connecting General Guardrail Mounting Height, 'H', is typically measured from the lip of gutter (See Sheet 6 Guardrail Sections, 'Adjacent to Curb'), while the End Terminal Assembly 'H' is measured from the Misc. Asphalt Pavt. (See Section A-A). Linearly taper the difference in Mounting Height over a minimum length of 12'-6", starting where indicated herein.
5. DOUBLE FACED SEGMENT: Connect to Double Faced General Guardrail. Use consistent Posts and Offset Block types as specified in the APD drawings over the entire Length of End Treatment, 'LE'. Posts and Offset Blocks in the adjoining General Guardrail segment may be different from those inside of the 'LE'. A change in post type between timber and steel is permitted, immediately outside of the 'LE' segment.
6. MAINTAIN THE 1:10 maximum grading as shown in Section B-B throughout segment 'LE'. Where required, transition to differing adjacent slopes linearly, over a minimum longitudinal length of 25'-0".
7. IMPACT HEAD END DELINEATOR: Apply Yellow Retroreflective Sheeting to the nose of the End Terminal in accordance with Specification 536.
8. CLEAR AREA REQUIREMENT: Do not place any permanent aboveground installations within the areas shown with 1:10 maximum grading. For the finished condition, keep this area free of all aboveground obstructions, including dense vegetation and trees.
9. 2" MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT PAVEMENT: The 2" Misc. Asphalt Pavement shown upstream of Post (1) may be substituted with a different pavement type where called for in the Plans.
10. SINGLE FACED 'PARALLEL' SEGMENTS: See Sheet 7.

#### END TREATMENT - APPROACH TERMINAL GEOMETRY CURBED AND DOUBLE FACED

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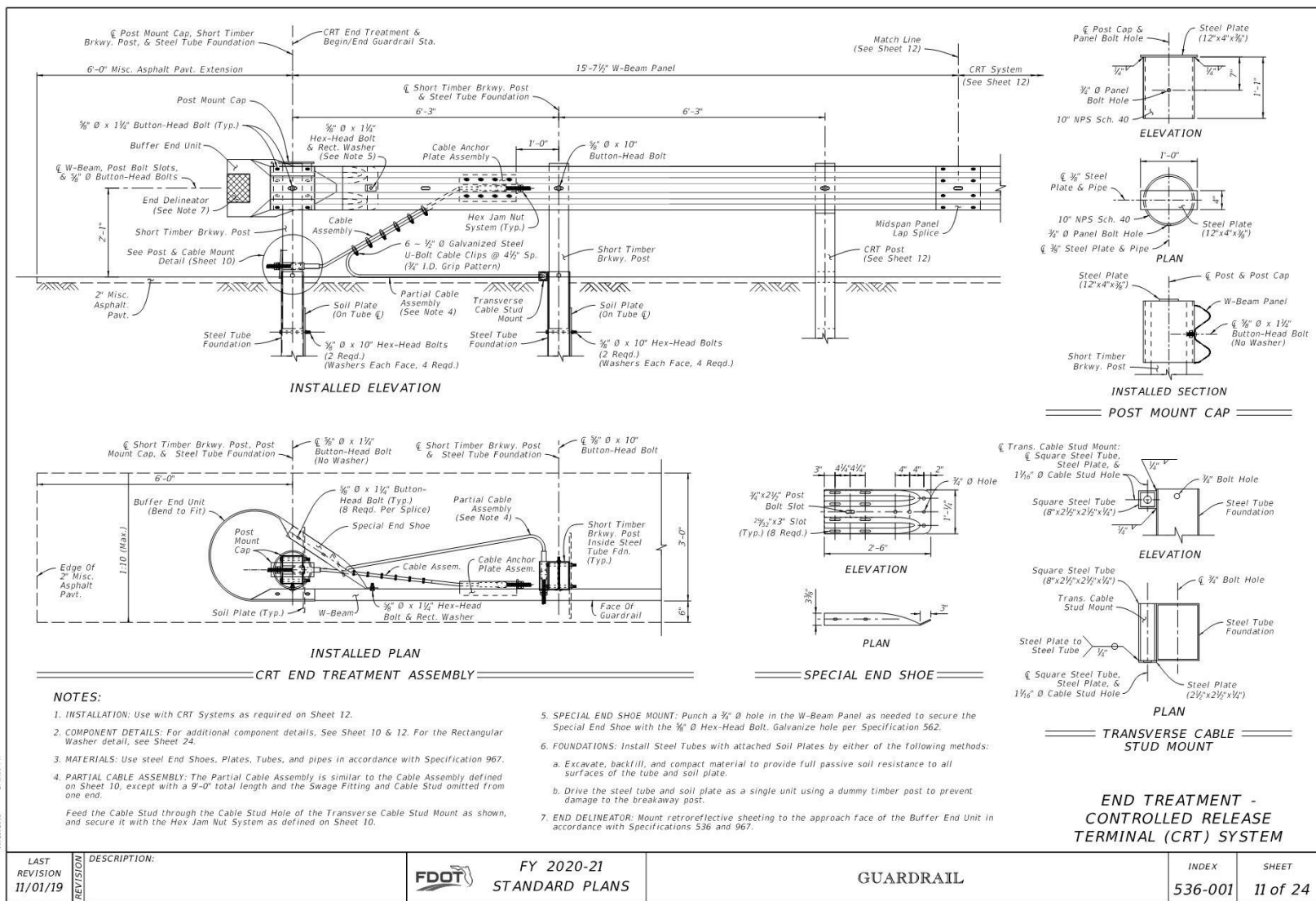
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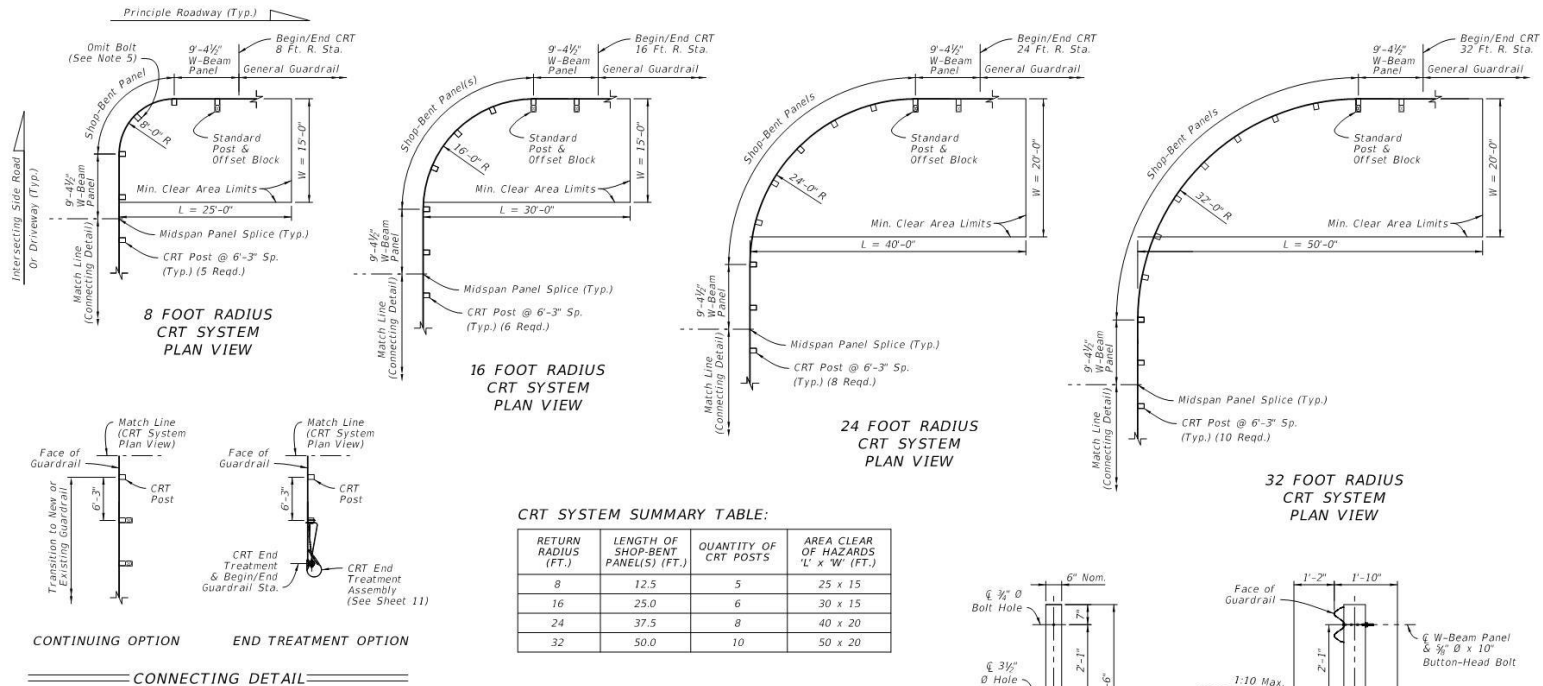
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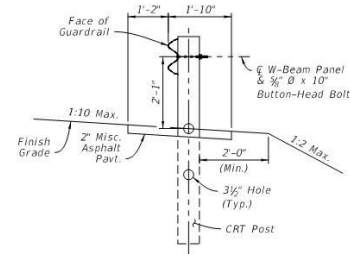
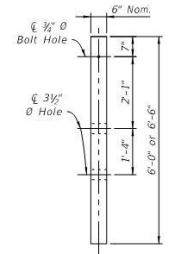
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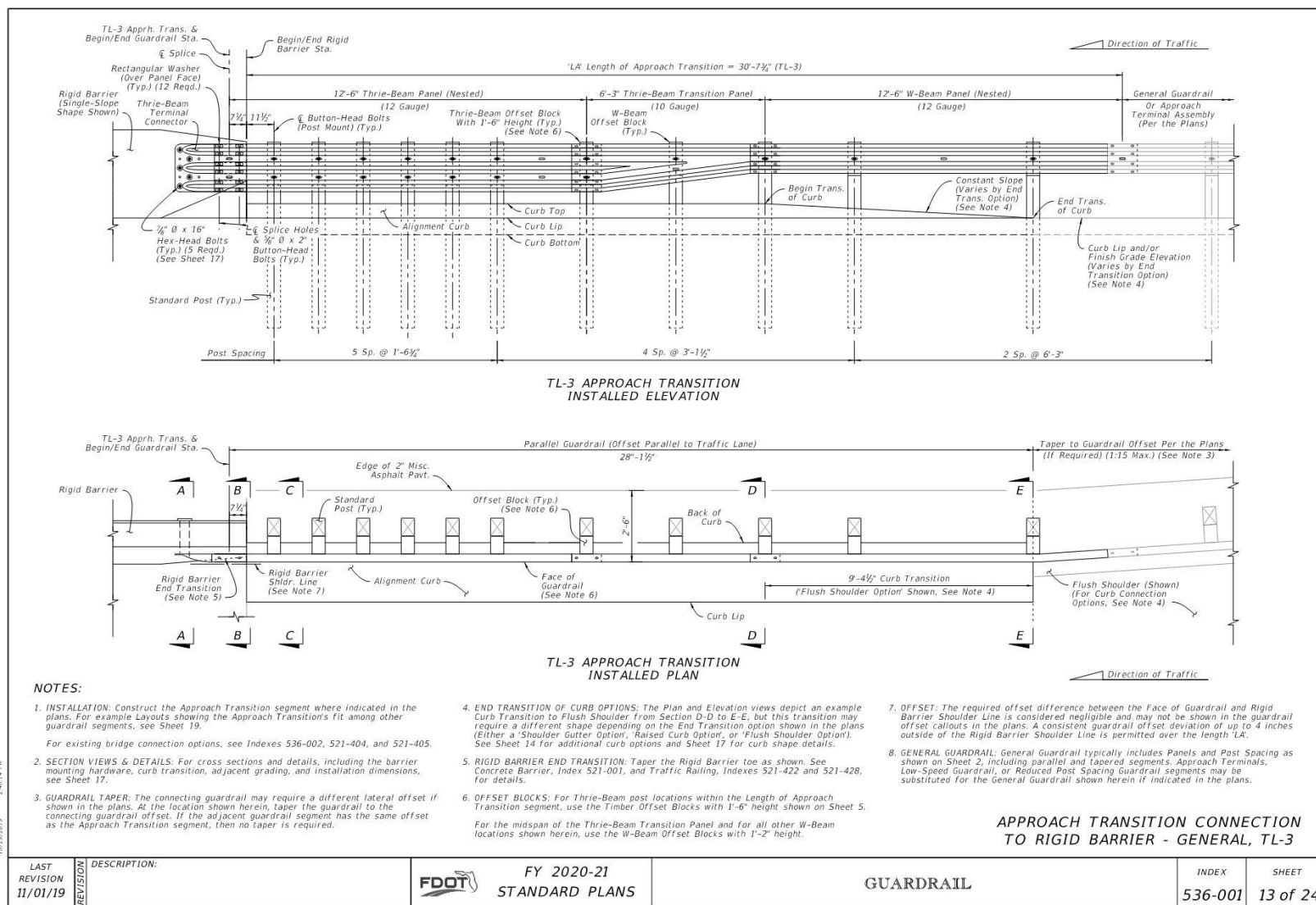


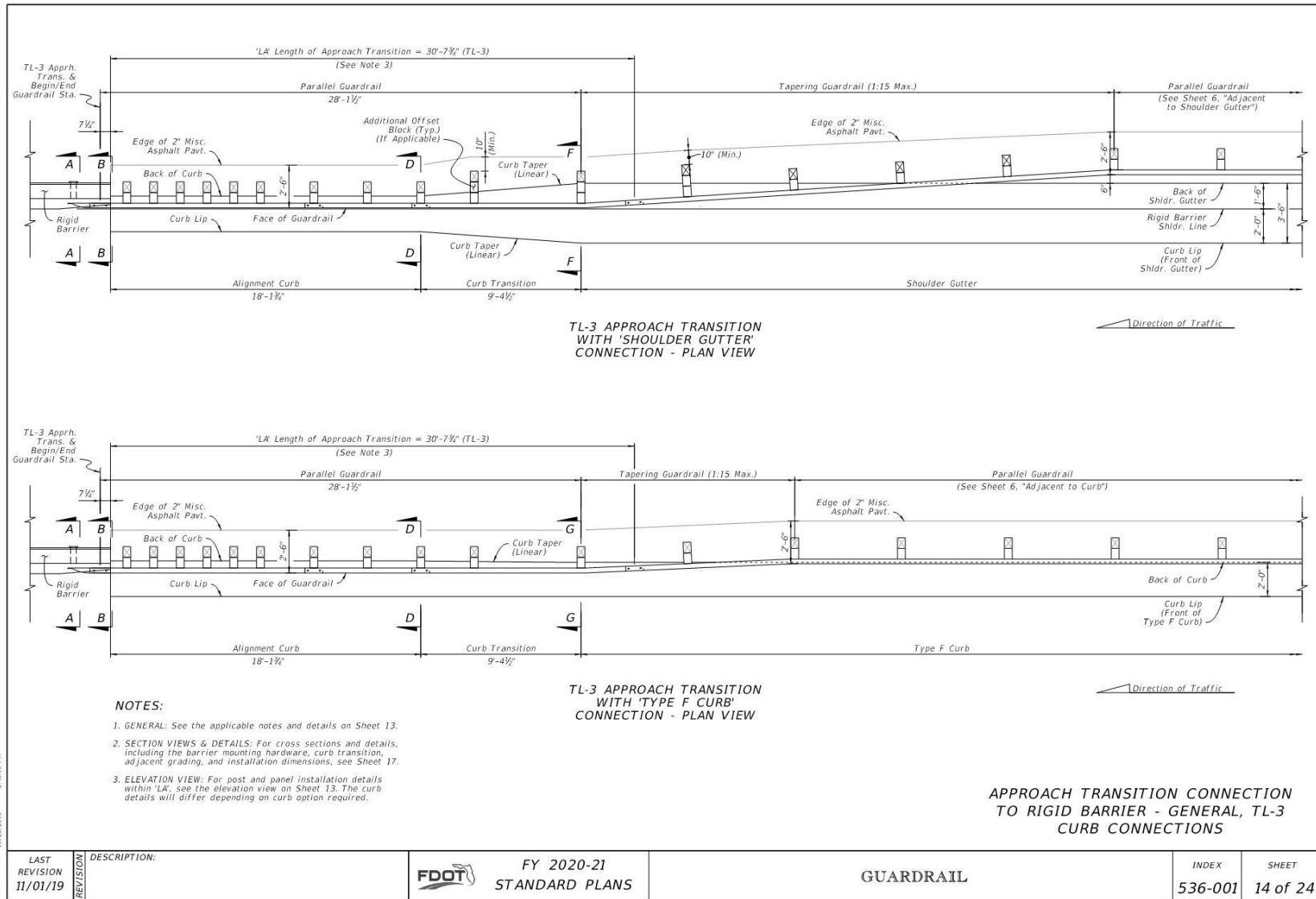
- NOTES:**
1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the specified radius layout and Connecting Detail option as shown in the plans.
  2. **MIN. CLEAR AREA:** Keep the area behind the CRT free of fixed objects and aboveground hazards within the Min. Clear Area limits shown. Maintain a slope not steeper than 1:10 for a minimum 2' behind the posts, and maintain a slope not steeper than 1:2 beyond 2' from the posts.
  3. **APPROACH GRADING:** Maintain grading on the roadway side of the guardrail face at a maximum slope of 1:10.
  4. **MATERIALS:** For CRT Posts, use Timber Post material in accordance with Specification 967. Use steel panels and hardware in accordance with Specification 967.
  5. **BOLT OMISSION:** For the 8 Foot Radius CRT System only, do not place a panel-to-post mount bolt at the center CRT Post (omit the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Button-Head Bolt only at the location shown).
  6. **SHOP-BENT PANELS:** Install Shop-Bent panel(s) where indicated using 12'-0" or 25'-0" W-Beam Panels. Splice at post locations within the CRT radius using the General configuration of  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Button-Head Bolts (8 reqd. per splice).
  7. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Transitions, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

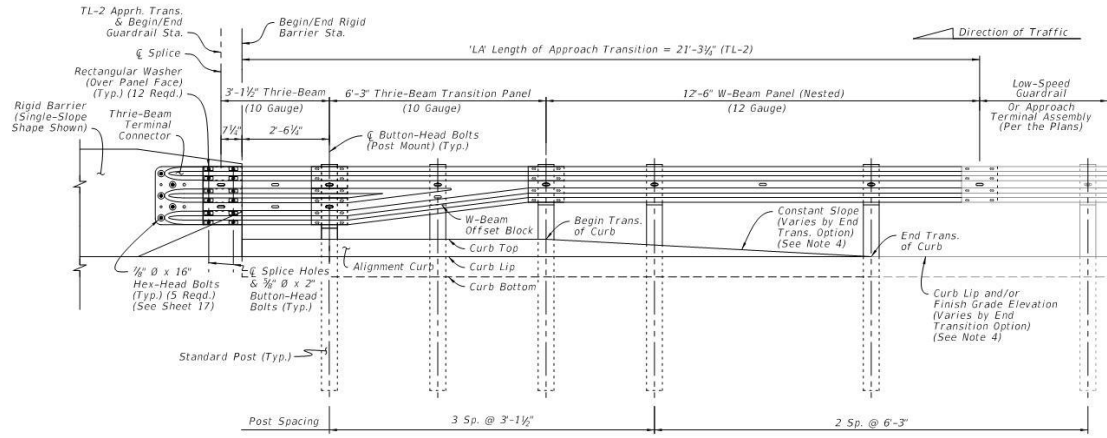


**LAYOUT FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE TERMINAL (CRT) SYSTEMS - SIDE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS**

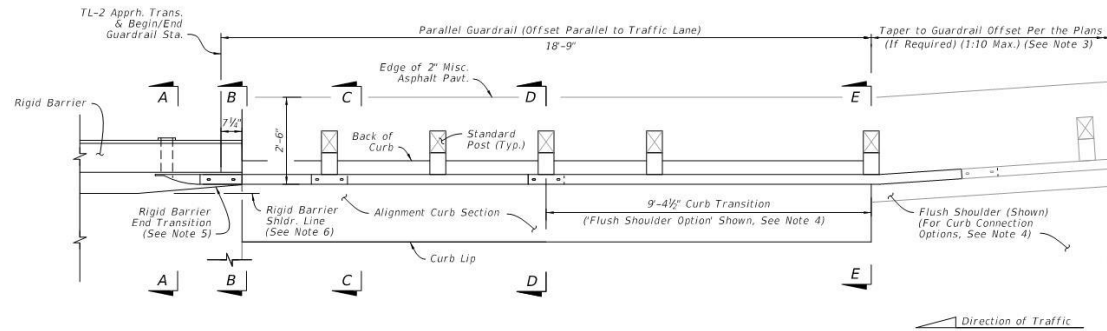
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TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
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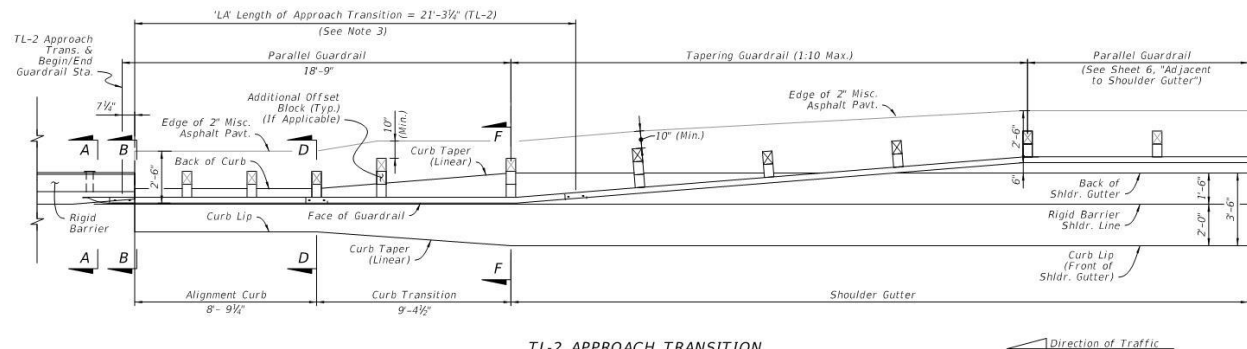
TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
INSTALLED PLAN

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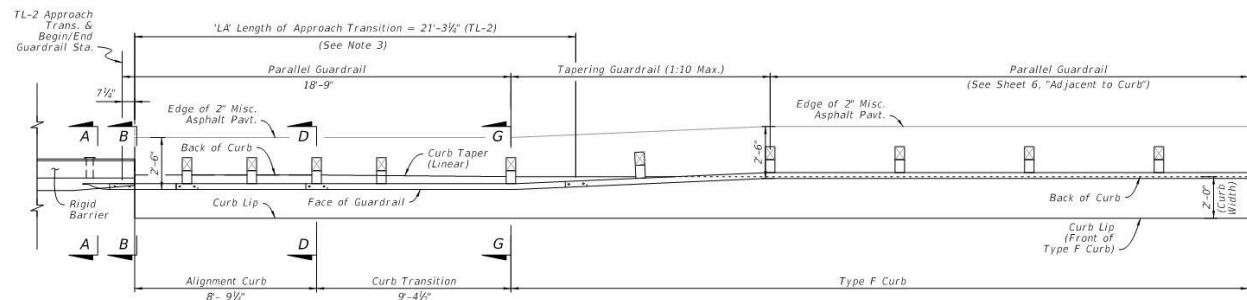
1. **INSTALLATION:** Construct the Approach Transition segment where indicated in the plans. For example Layouts showing the Approach Transition's fit among other guardrail segments, see Sheet 19.  
For existing bridge connection options, see Indexes 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.
2. **SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS:** For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. **GUARDRAIL TAPER:** The connecting guardrail may require a different lateral offset if shown in the plans. At the location indicated herein, taper the guardrail to the connecting guardrail offset. If the adjacent guardrail segment has the same offset as the Approach Transition segment, then no taper is required.
4. **END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTIONS:** The Plan and Elevation views depict an example Curb Transition to Flush Shoulder from Section D-D to E-E, but this transition may require a different shape depending on the End Transition option shown in the plans (Either a 'Shoulder Gutter Option', 'Raised Curb Option', or 'Flush Shoulder Option'). See Sheet 16 for additional curb options and Sheet 17 for curb shape details.
5. **RIGID BARRIER END TRANSITION:** Taper the Rigid Barrier toe as shown. See Concrete Barrier, Index 521-001, and Traffic Railing, Indexes 521-422 and 521-428, for details.
6. **OFFSET:** The required offset difference between the Face of Guardrail and Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is considered negligible and may not be shown in the guardrail offset callouts in the plans. A consistent guardrail offset deviation of up to 4 inches outside of the Rigid Barrier Shoulder Line is permitted over the length 'LA'.
7. **GENERAL GUARDRAIL:** General Guardrail typically includes Panels and Post Spacing as shown on Sheet 2, including parallel and tapered segments. Approach Terminals, Low-Speed Guardrail, or Reduced Post Spacing Guardrail segments may be substituted for the General Guardrail shown herein if indicated in the plans.

APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION  
TO RIGID BARRIER - LOW-SPEED, TL-2

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TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'SHOULDER GUTTER'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW



TL-2 APPROACH TRANSITION  
WITH 'TYPE F CURB'  
CONNECTION - PLAN VIEW

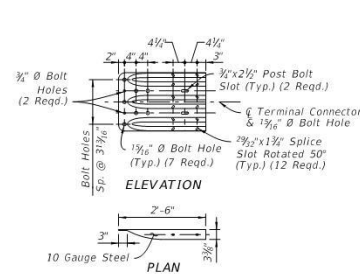
**NOTES:**

1. GENERAL: See the applicable notes and details on Sheet 15.
2. SECTION VIEWS & DETAILS: For cross sections and details, including the barrier mounting hardware, curb transition, adjacent grading, and installation dimensions, see Sheet 17.
3. ELEVATION VIEW: For post and panel installation details within 'LA', see the elevation view on Sheet 15. The curb details will differ depending on curb option required.

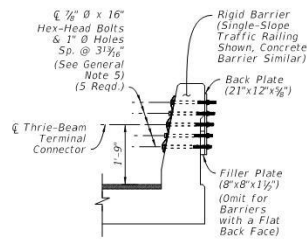
APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION  
TO RIGID BARRIER - LOW-SPEED, TL-2  
CURB CONNECTIONS

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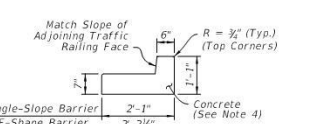
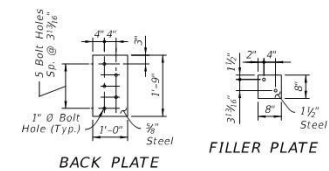
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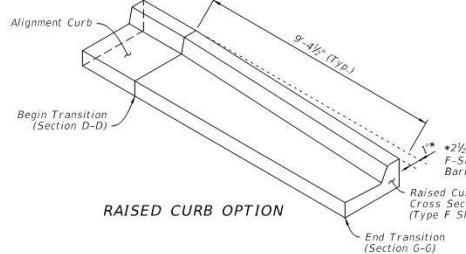
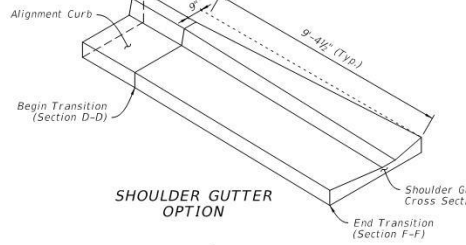
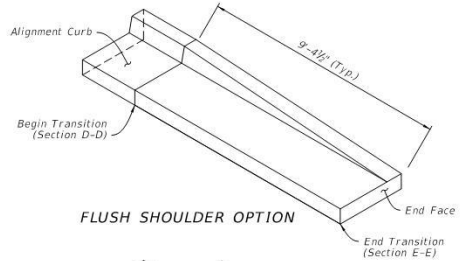
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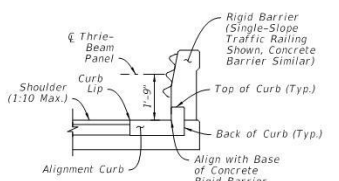
SECTION A-A RIGID BARRIER TERMINAL CONNECTOR MOUNT



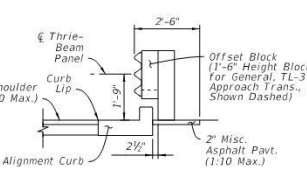
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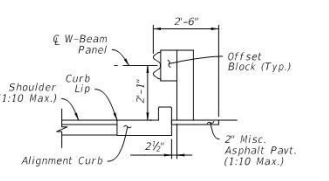
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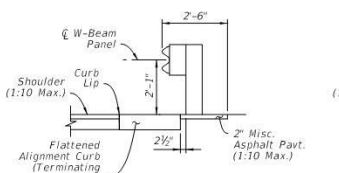
SECTION B-B BEGIN ALIGNMENT CURB (Mate to Rigid Barrier)



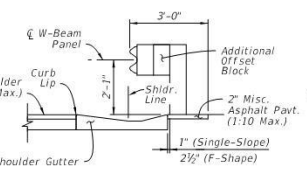
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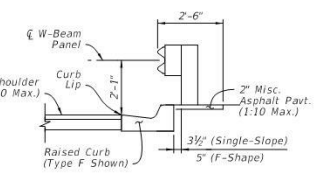
SECTION D-D BEGIN TRANSITION (End Alignment Curb)



SECTION E-E END TRANSITION FLUSH SHOULDER OPTION



SECTION F-F END TRANSITION SHOULDER GUTTER OPTION



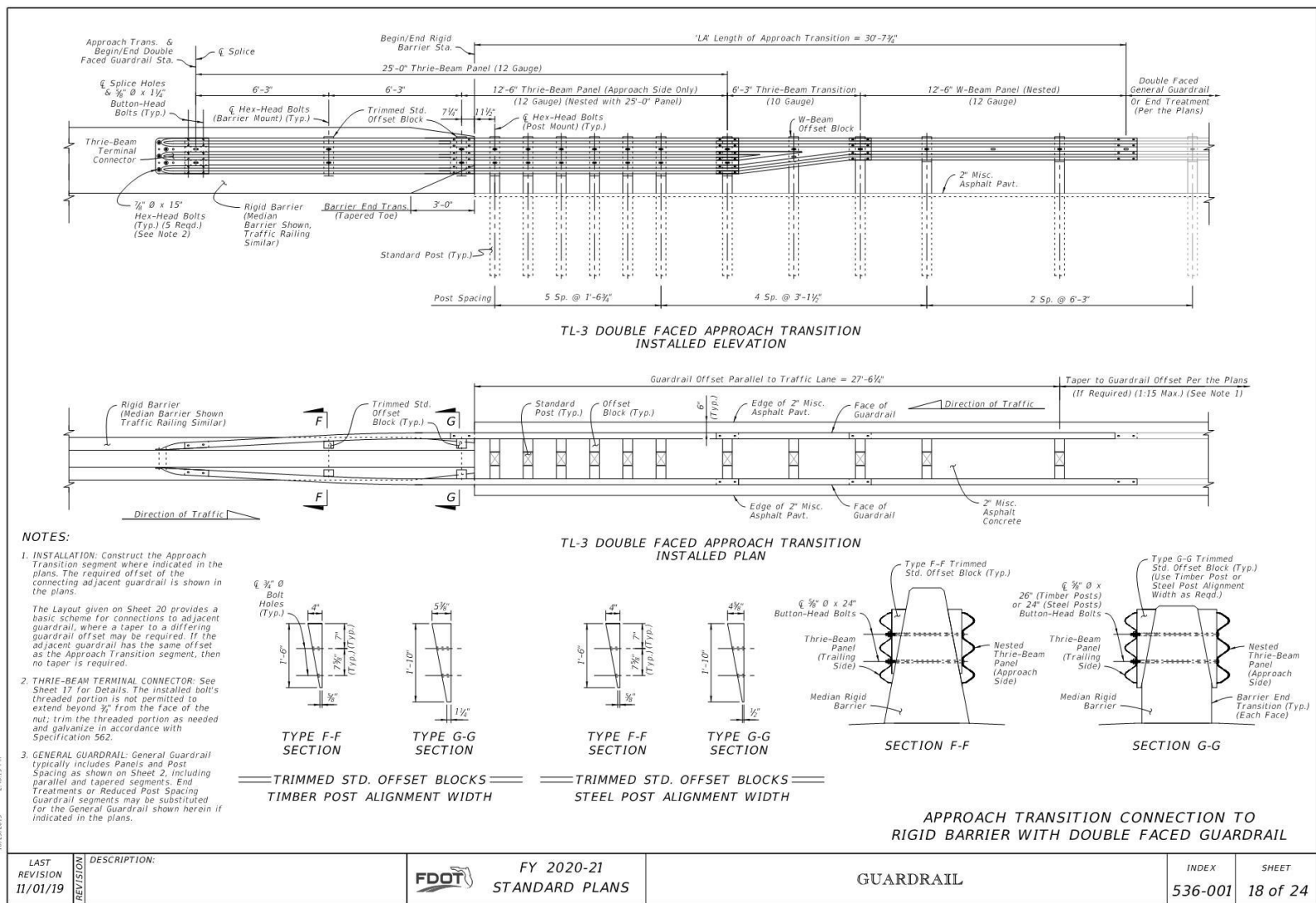
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CURB TYPICAL SECTIONS

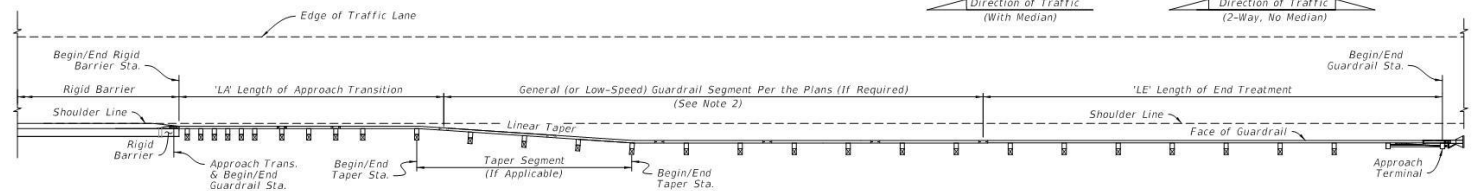
- NOTES:**
1. PLAN AND ELEVATION VIEWS: Work with Sheets 13 thru 16.
  2. END TRANSITION OF CURB OPTION: Install one of the three End Transition types shown per Section E-E as indicated by the plans.
  3. GRADING BEHIND POSTS: Place Slope Break a Min. 2'-0" behind the post, per Sheet 6.
  4. MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION: Construct the concrete Aligning Curb and Curb transition in accordance with Specification 520. Use steel Plates and Thrie-Beam Terminal Connectors in accordance with Specification 967.

APPROACH TRANSITION CONNECTION - DETAILS

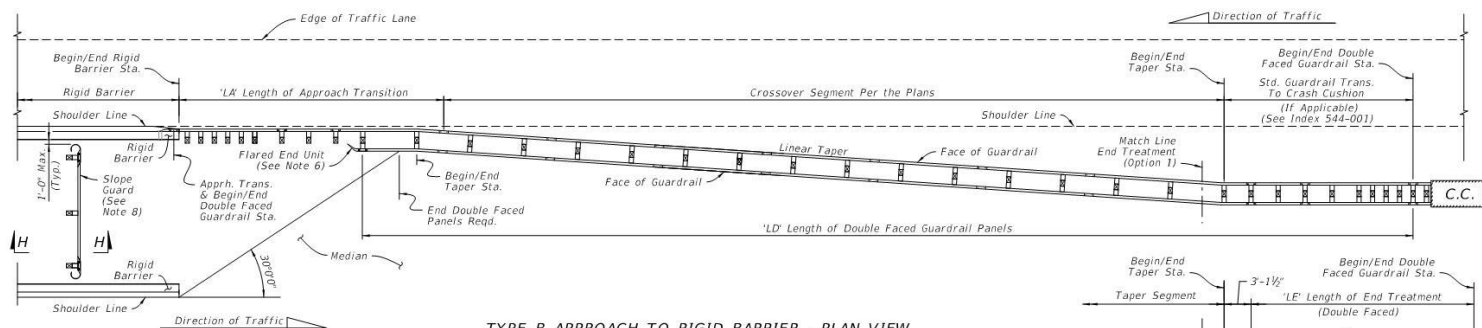
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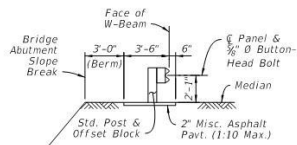




**TYPE A APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW**  
**MEDIAN OR OUTSIDE SHOULDERS**  
 (Mirror Horiz. and/or Vert. for Opposite Direction and/or Side of Road)



**TYPE B APPROACH TO RIGID BARRIER - PLAN VIEW**  
**CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL FOR MEDIAN SHOULDERS ONLY**  
**DUAL BRIDGE APPROACH CONFIGURATION**  
 (Mirror Horiz. and Vert. for Opposite Direction)



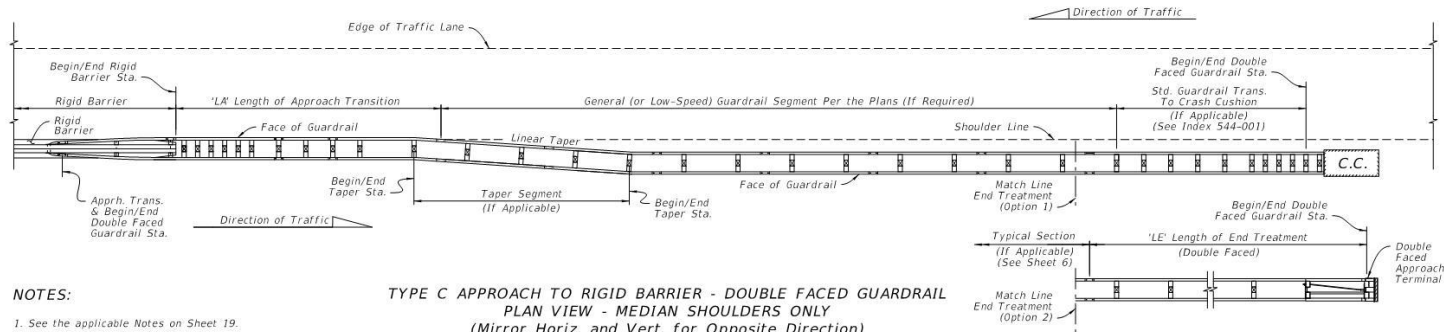
**SECTION H-H**  
**BRIDGE ABUTMENT**  
**SLOPE GUARD**  
**(Between Bridges)**

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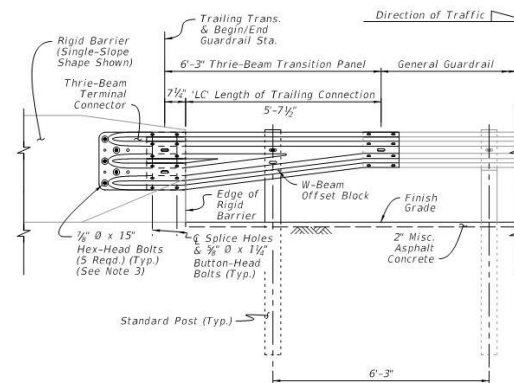
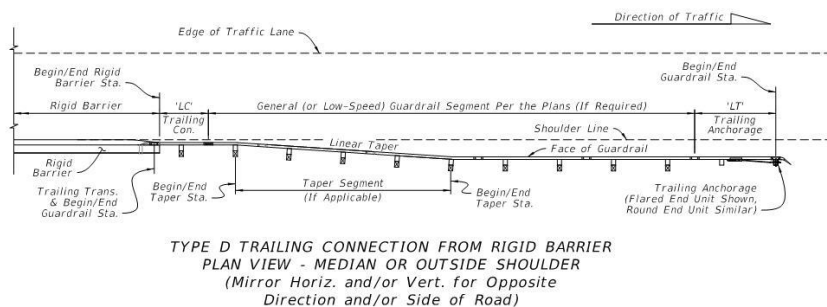
- 1. INSTALLATION:** The Plan Views shown are schematic only, showing example geometry for connecting guardrail segments including taper locations and Double Faced Guardrail requirements as applicable. Work this Sheet with the plans, where stationing and offsets for Begin/End Guardrail, Begin/End Rigid Barrier, and Begin/End Taper are specified. For existing bridge layouts, see Index 536-002, 521-404, and 521-405.
- 2. GENERAL (OR LOW-SPEED) GUARDRAIL SEGMENT:** Construct this segment if shown in the plans. For the case where this segment's offset differs from the Approach Transition offset, linearly taper the guardrail between the Begin/End Taper Stations and offsets as specified in the plans.  
For the shortest length case of a direct connection between the End Treatment and the Approach Transition, this segment may be omitted as shown in the plans.
- 3. LENGTH OF APPROACH TRANSITION 'LA':** Install the applicable Approach Transition as shown per Sheets 13 thru 16, where called for in the plans.
- 4. LENGTH OF END TREATMENT 'LE':** Install the Approach Terminal End Treatment as shown per Sheet 7 or 8, where called for in the plans. Use the corresponding APL drawings for construction details.
- 5. CROSSOVER GUARDRAIL (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Install the Crossover Segment tapering linearly from the Begin Taper Sta. and offset to the End Taper Sta. and offset as specified in the plans.
- 6. LENGTH OF DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL PANELS, 'LD' (FOR TYPE B APPROACH):** Terminate the Double Faced Guardrail panels as shown (based upon the 30' line measured from the hazard on the opposite side of the median). Extend the panel segment longer than the dimension 'LD' as needed for the Panel's end Bolt Slot to align with a post Bolt hole.  
Install a Flared End Unit where shown, as defined on Sheet 9.
- 7. END TREATMENT OPTIONS (FOR TYPE B & C APPROACH):** For Double Faced applications, use either a Double Faced Approach Terminal Assembly per Sheet 8 or a Crash Cushion per Index 544-001. For either Option, meet the 1:10 adjacent grading requirements for Approach Terminals as shown on Sheet 8.
- 8. SLOPE GUARD:** Where indicated in the plans, install a Guardrail segment between bridge approaches and offset from the bridge abutment's Slope Break as shown. Install posts at the end bolt slots of the panel system. Use post spacing of either 3'-1 1/2' or 6'-3', as needed to correctly fit system between barriers. The system may also be lengthened to fit by installing two Rounded End Units as defined on Sheet 9.

**LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -**  
**APPROACH ENDS**

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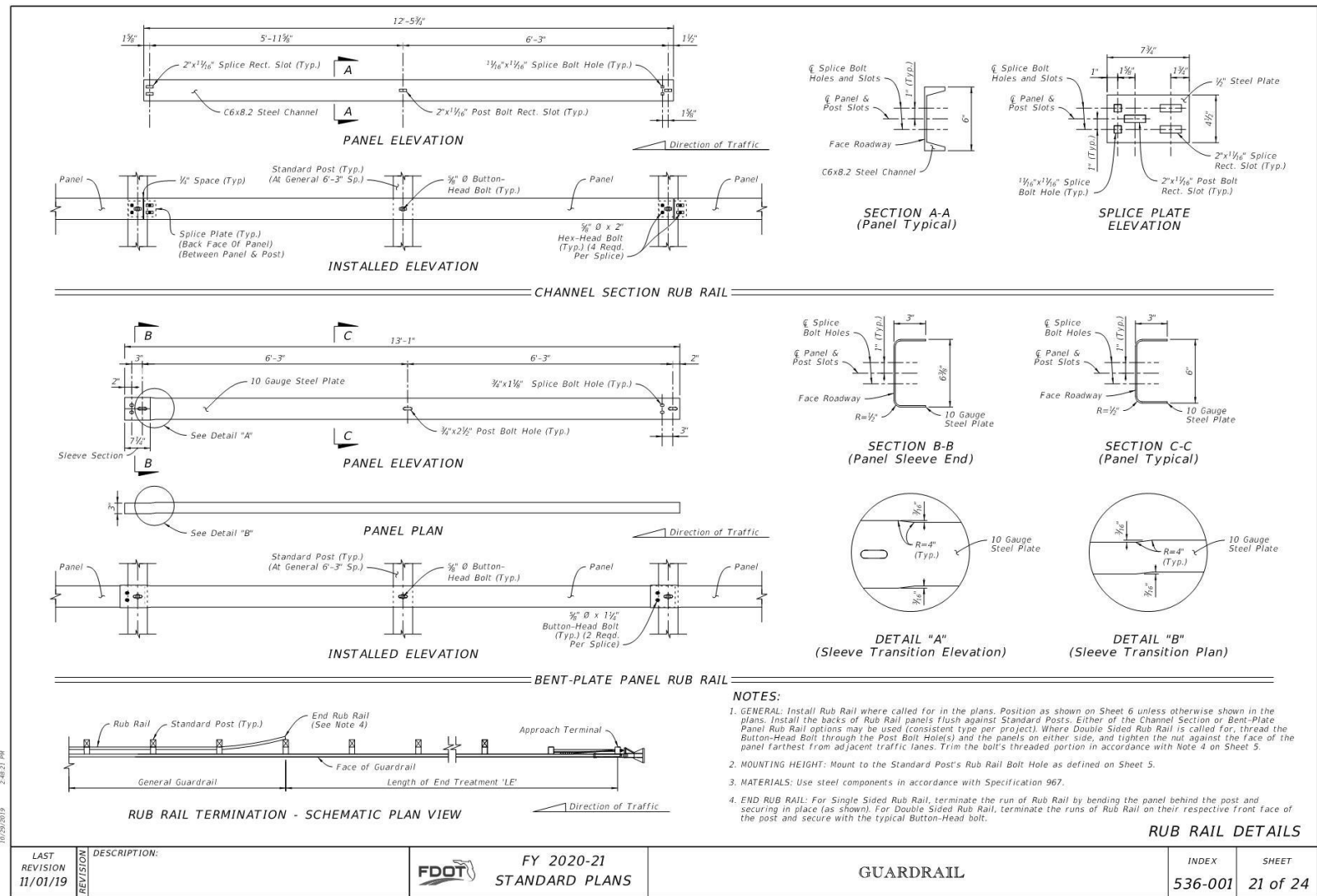


LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -  
 APPROACH ENDS WITH  
 DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL

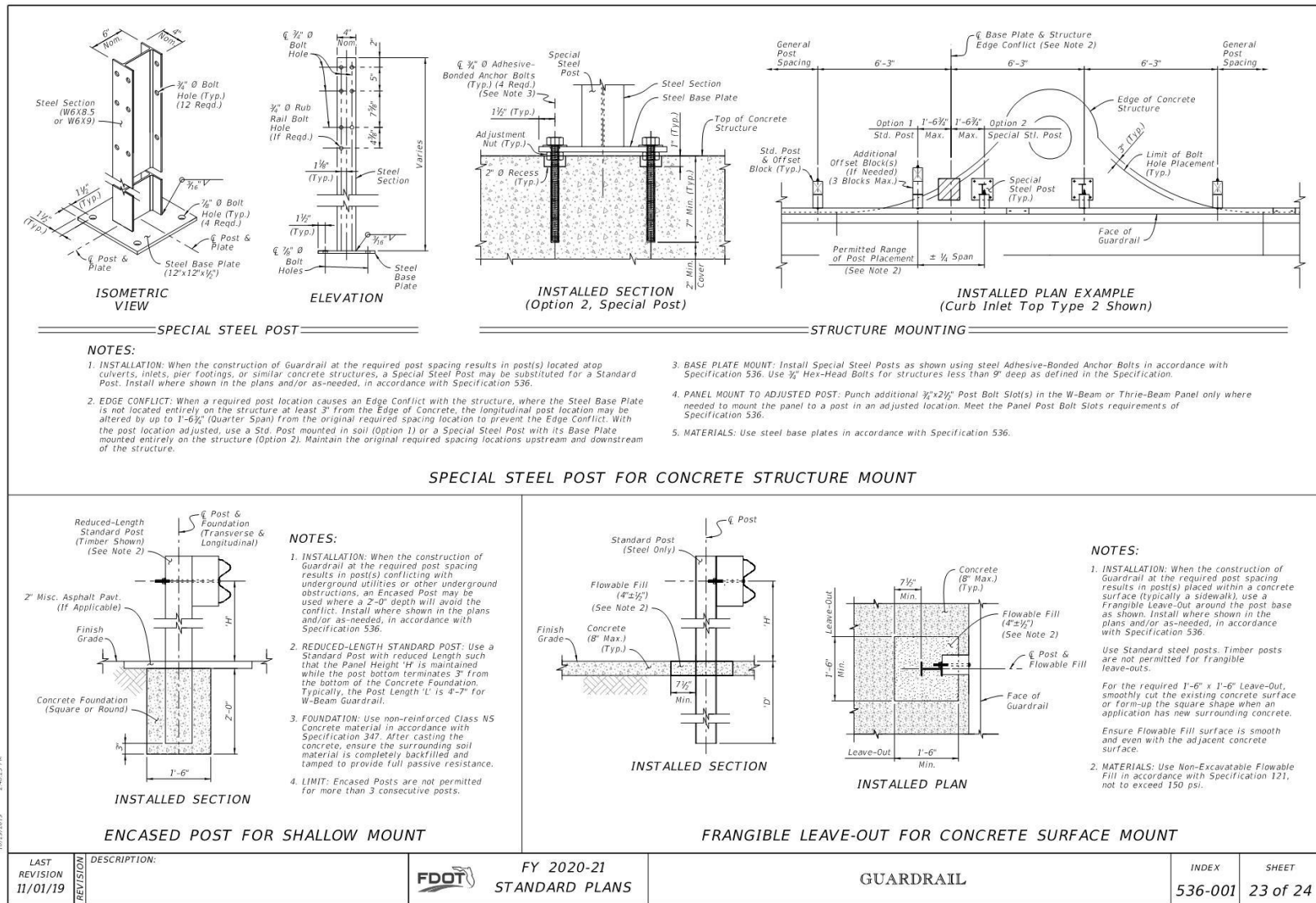


LAYOUT TO RIGID BARRIER -  
 TRAILING ENDS

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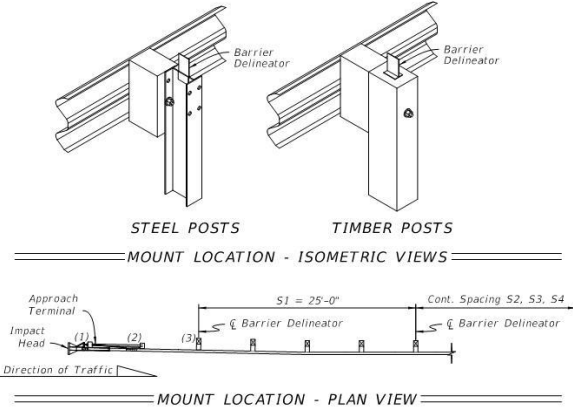


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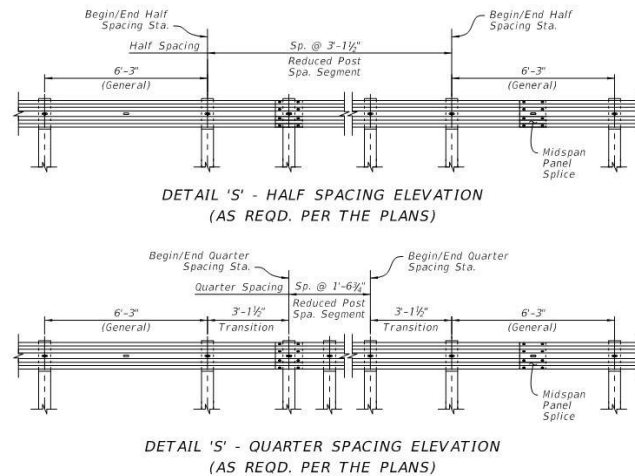
1. **INSTALLATION:** Install Barrier Delineators as shown in accordance with the plans, with Specifications 536 and 705, and with the manufacturer's design as approved on the APL.
2. **MATERIALS:** Use materials of the size and type defined for Barrier Delineators in Specification 993.
3. **COLOR:** Use either white or yellow retroreflective sheeting to match the color of the nearest lane's edgeline.
4. **MOUNT LOCATIONS:** Mount Barrier Delineators atop posts as shown, starting with Post (3) of Approach Terminals and incrementally increasing spacing towards the downstream direction. Install the Barrier Delineators at the following spacing:  
 $S1 = 25' \times 1$  Space  
 $S2 = 50' \times 1$  Space  
 $S3 = 75' \times 1$  Space  
 $S4 = 100' \times$  for the Remaining Run  
 Additionally, place a Barrier Delineator on Post (2) of the Trailing Anchorage or on the post nearest the Rigid Barrier.
5. **MEDIAN GUARDRAIL:** Install retroreflective sheeting on both sides of the barrier delineator for Guardrail on medians.



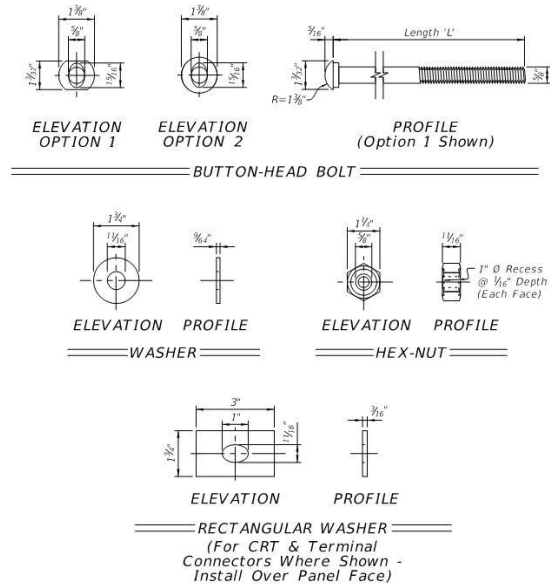
## BARRIER DELINEATORS

# NOTES:

1. **INSTALLATION:** Work these details with the plans, where Stationing for Begin/End Half Spacing and Begin/End Quarter Spacing are indicated if required.  
 Where the Begin/End Stations indicated in the plans do not correspond exactly to post locations in construction, extend the Reduced Post Spacing segment to the nearest post(s) before the Begin Station and/or after the End Station called for.
2. **PANEL SPLICES:** Midspan Panel Splices are not required in Transition and Reduced Post Spacing segments, however they are required for General segments. To place midspan splices in General segments, use one Non-General panel length (8'-0 1/2" or 15'-7 1/2") or add an additional Transition spaced post where required.
3. **LOW-SPEED GUARDRAIL:** For Reduced Post Spacing with Low-Speed Guardrail (12'-6" post spacing), the Reduced Spacing pattern requires a 6'-3" space between the 12'-6" and 3'-1 1/2" spaces.
4. **PANEL POST BOLT SLOTS:** For Quarter Spacing configurations, punch additional 3/4"x2 1/2" Post Bolt Slots in the panels only where required for mounting and in accordance with Specification 536.



## REDUCED POST SPACING FOR HAZARDS



## BUTTON-HEAD BOLT LENGTHS:

Application(s):	Length 'L':	Min. Thread Length:
Panel Splice	1 1/2"	Full Length
Steel Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	10"	4"
Timber Post Mount - Single Faced Guardrail	18"	4"
Steel or Timber Post Mount - Double Faced Guardrail	25"	4"

# NOTES:

1. Use nuts, bolts, and washers in accordance with Specification 967.
2. For Steel Posts with Double Faced Guardrail, the single 25" Length bolt (one bolt thru both post flanges) may be replaced with two 10" Length bolts (one bolt per post flange).
3. Use bolts listed in Table 2 in corresponding locations shown in this Index.

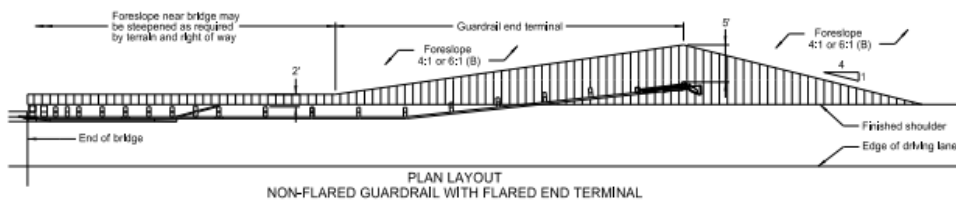
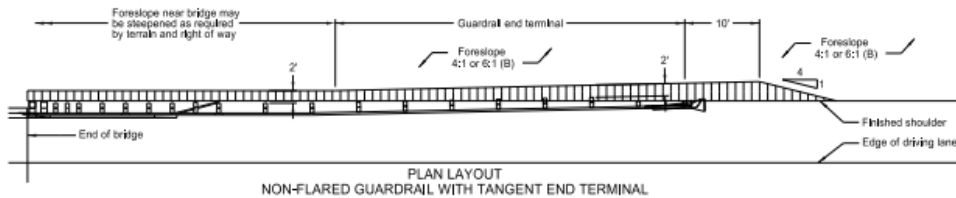
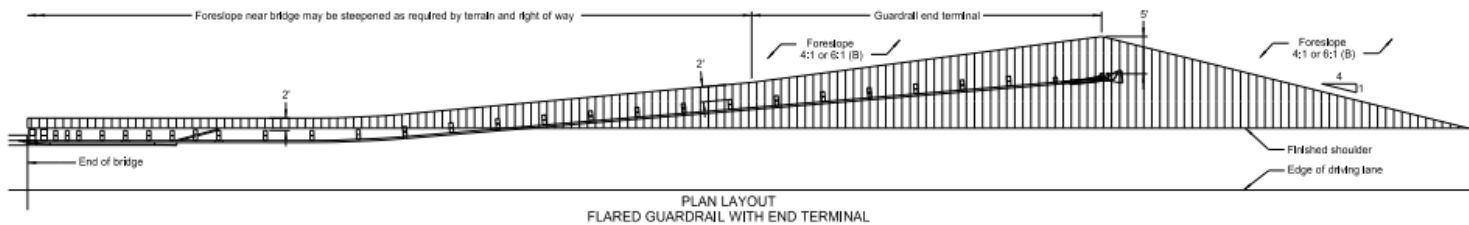
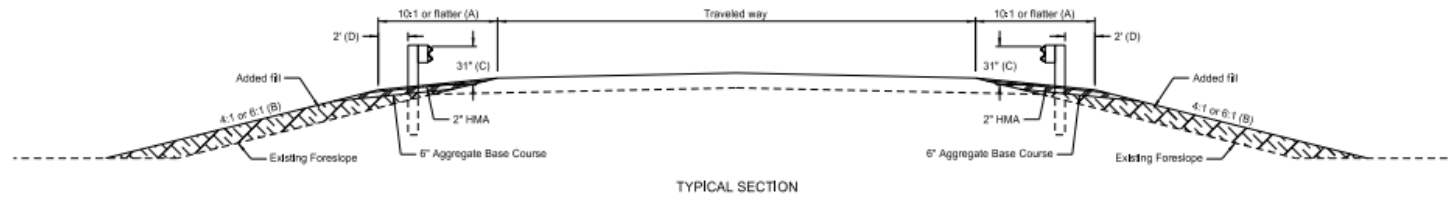
## 5/8" BUTTON-HEAD BOLT SYSTEM

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TYPICAL GRADING AT BRIDGE ENDS  
WITH MGS W-BEAM GUARDRAIL

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NOTES:

- (A) Slope flatter than 10:1 may be required to provide proper guardrail height.
- (B) Where normal foreslope is 4:1 the added fill shall be 4:1. Where normal foreslope is 6:1 the added fill shall be 6:1.
- (C) Measured from top of guardrail to top of surfacing at front face of guardrail.
- (D) Dimension at end terminals may vary per Plan Layouts shown on this sheet.

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## **6. ROADSIDE DESIGN Practices and Procedures**

### **6-1 ROADSIDE CLEAR ZONES**

See [EI C2 – Clear Zone](#), [Design Guidance – Clear Zone Relative to Right of Way](#) and Chapter 3 Roadside Topography and Drainage Features of the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-2 ROADSIDE BARRIER WARRANTS**

#### **6-2.01 Embankments**

See [Design Guidance – Sideslopes and Backslopes](#)

#### **6-2.02 Roadside Obstacles**

See Section 5.2.2 Roadside Obstacles in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-3 ROADSIDE BARRIER TYPES**

See the [MaineDOT Guardrail and Guardrail Terminal Policy](#) and Section 5.4 Structural and Safety Characteristics of Roadside Barriers in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

### **6-4 ROADSIDE BARRIER LAYOUT**

#### **6-4.01 Length of Need**

See [Design Guidance – Barrier Layout - Length of Need](#)

#### **6-4.02 Lateral Placement**

The following will apply to the lateral placement of a roadside barrier:

1. **Relative to Shoulder.** In restricted locations, it is acceptable to place the barrier at the normal shoulder edge, but only if the following conditions can be met: Guardrail should not be placed closer than 4 feet from the edge of travel lane or 16 feet from the centerline. The greater distance will control. The 16 feet minimum is critical to accommodate snowplow widths without excessive encroachment on the opposing lane.
2. **Deflection Distance.** The dynamic deflection of the barrier cannot be violated. Double-nesting the rails or decreasing the post spacing to 3 feet 1.5 inches will decrease the



deflection distance by 50%. Either method must extend at least 25 feet in advance of and beyond the trailing end of the obstacle being shielded.

3. **Relative to Embankments.** A minimum of 3 feet should be provided between the face of the barrier and the break in a fill embankment. When minimal impacts are an issue, a 2 foot space may be used, but 8 foot guardrail posts are required.
4. **Bridge Approaches.** Short runs of barrier at less than the desirable lateral offset are acceptable at bridges where the bridge width is narrower than the normal face-of-barrier-to-face-of-barrier width.
5. **Shy Line Offset.** See Section 5.6.1 Barrier Offset in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.
6. **Flare Rate.** See Section 5.6.3 Flare Rate in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

#### **6-4.03 Barrier Gap**

Barrier gaps of less than 200 feet should be connected, unless the gap is needed for access (e.g., driveways, maintenance operations).

#### **6-4.04 Placement on Slopes**

Roadside barriers should not be placed on roadside slopes steeper than 10:1. This also applies to the area approaching the beginning of the barrier installation.

#### **6-4.05 Placement Behind Curbs**

##### **Barrier/Curb Orientation**

The face of the barrier should be flush with the face of the curb (i.e., at the gutter line). The height of the barrier is measured from the pavement surface. Curb height shall not exceed 4 inches.

##### **Sidewalks**

See Section 5.6.2.1 Curbs in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

##### **Sidewalks and Bridge Rails**

See Section 5.6.2.1 Curbs in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

##### **Guardrail Terminal/Curb Orientation**

Guardrail terminals should not be placed behind curb. Where there is no alternative, curb height should be reduced to 2 inches approximately 50 feet in advance of the terminal. For flared terminals, the 2 inch height should be carried an additional 37 feet beyond the upstream end. For

tangent terminals, the 2 inch height should be carried 12 feet beyond the upstream end and the terminal should be offset 1 foot to keep the impact head behind the face of curb.

#### **6-4.06 Rub Rail**

See Section 5.6.2 Terrain Effects in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

A rub rail should be considered where a potential snagging problem may exist.

#### **6-4.07 Guardrail Terminals**

See the [MaineDOT Guardrail and Guardrail Terminal Policy](#) and [Design Guidance – Guardrail Height Adjustment Considerations](#).

### **6-5 MEDIAN BARRIERS**

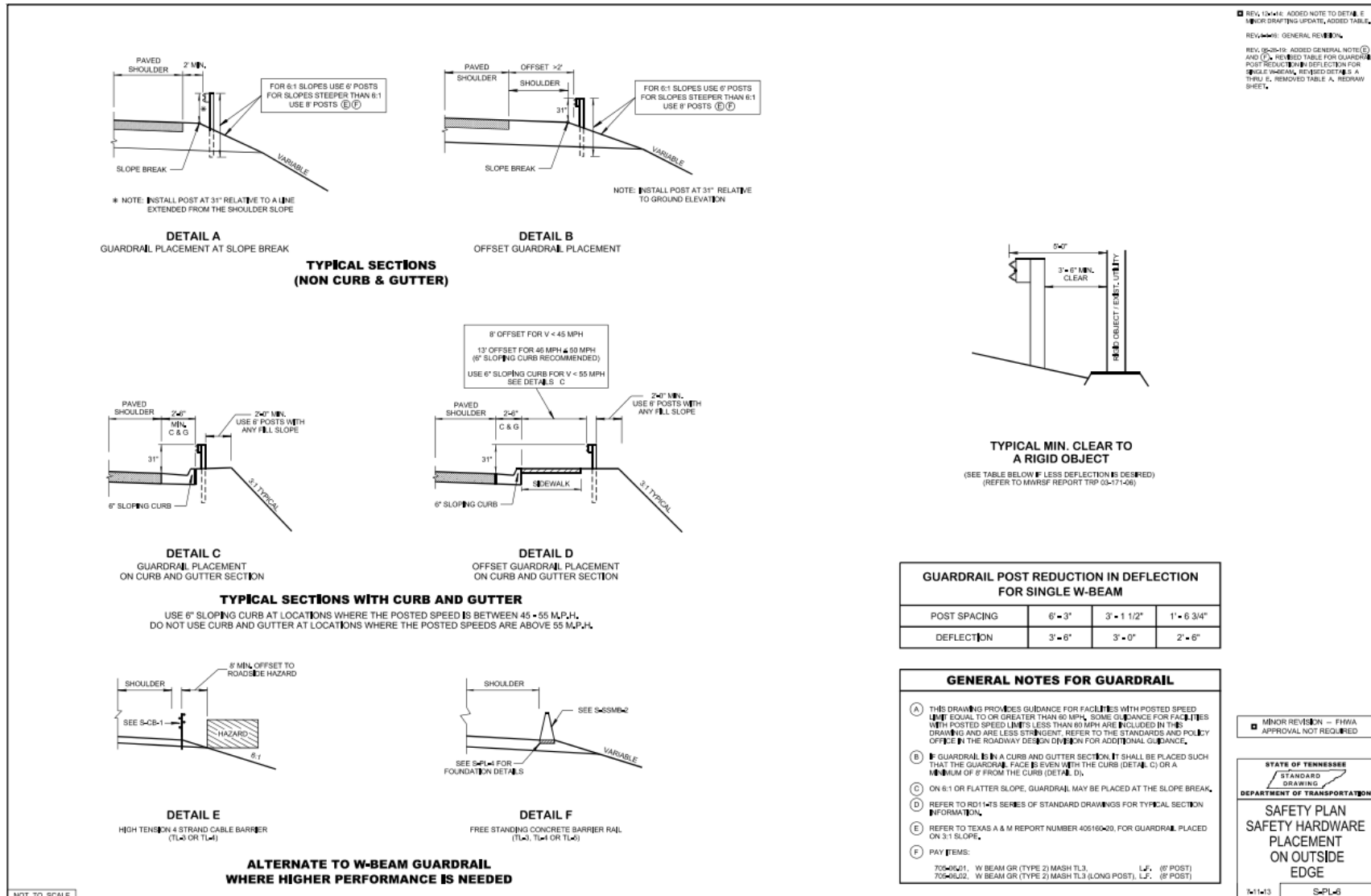
See Chapter 6 Median Barriers in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*.

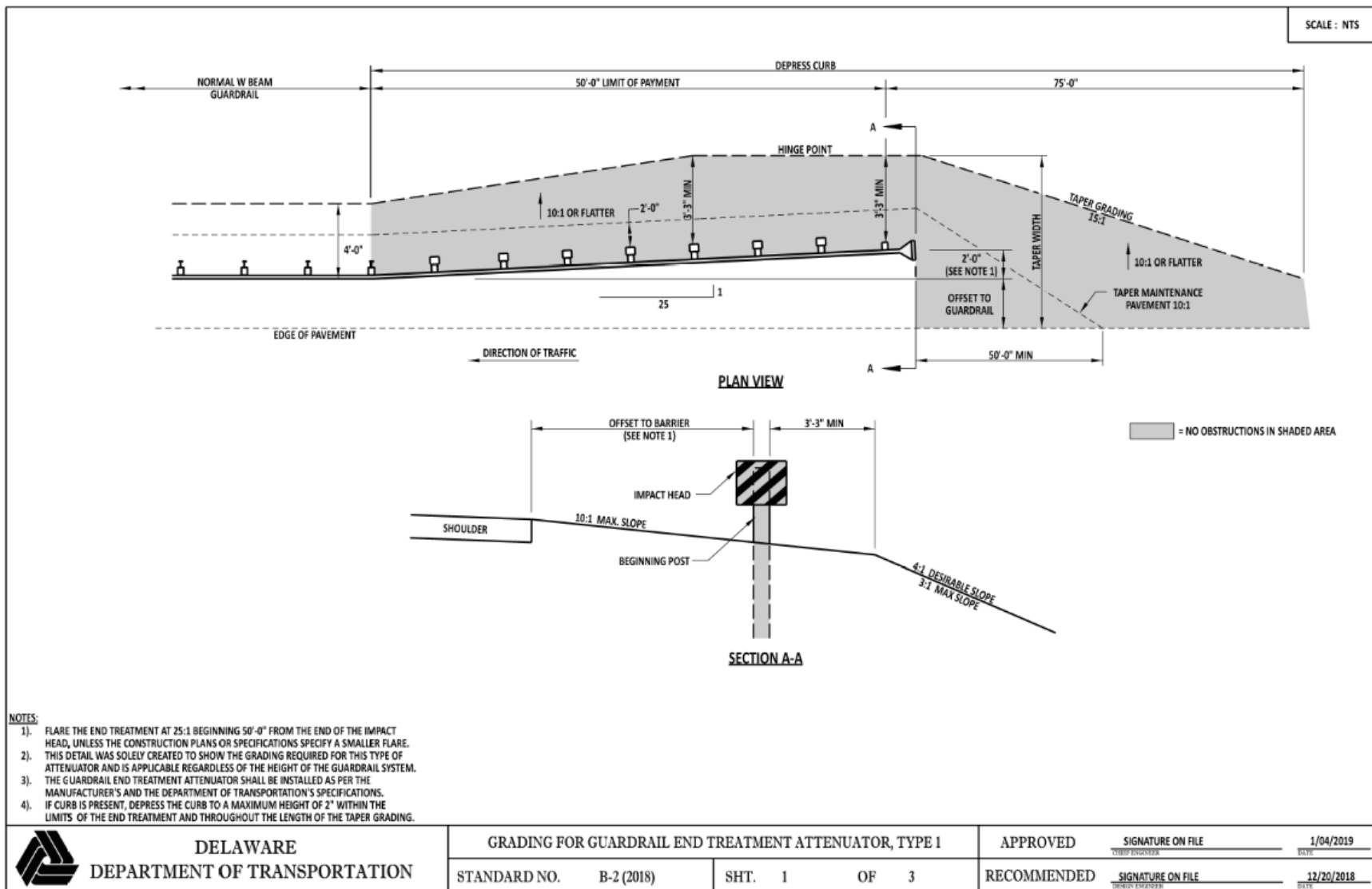
### **6-6 IMPACT ATTENUATORS**

See Section 8.4 Crash Cushion Design Concepts and 9.3 Crash Cushions (for work zones) in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*. Also see [Design Guidance – Crash Cushions](#).

Other Response: If curb is necessary for drainage, we use a maximum 2" height.

**Q17 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**



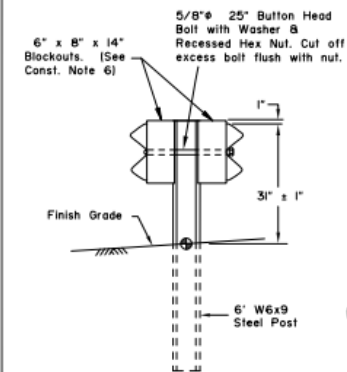
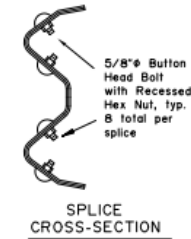
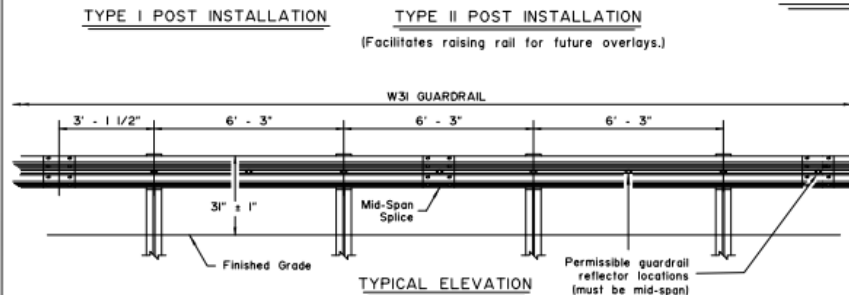
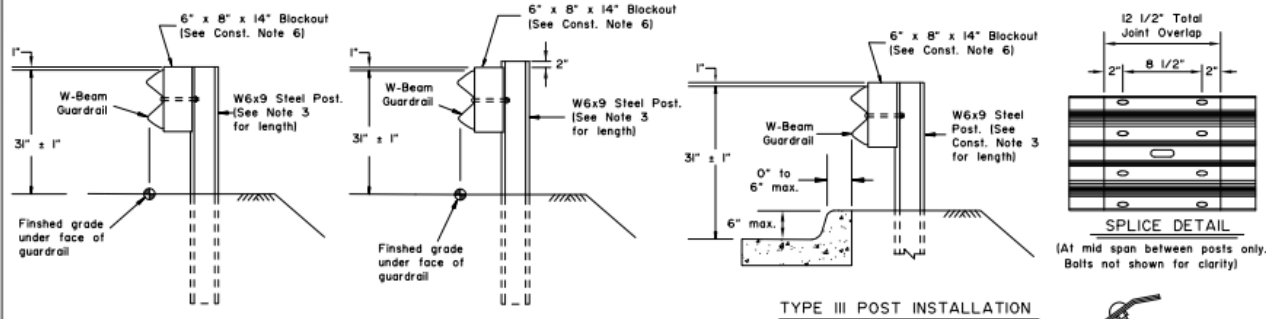




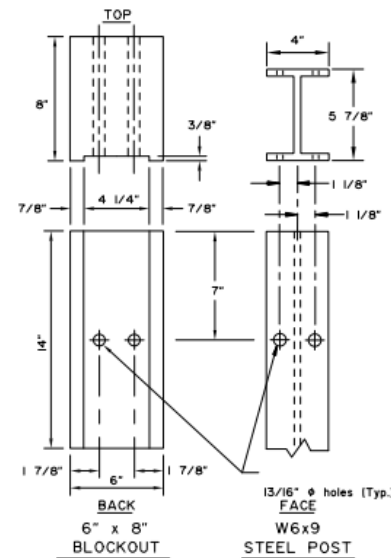
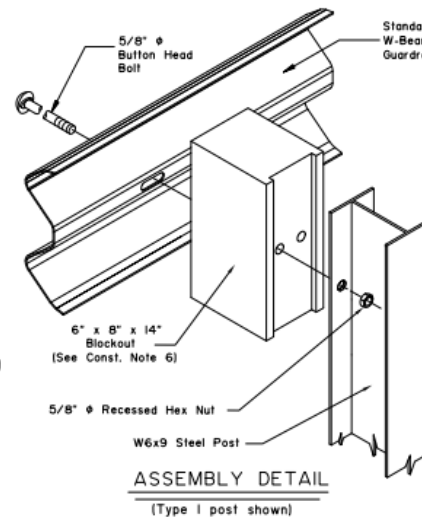
**Respondent – Picture 1(Mountable Curb)**



**Respondent- Picture 2(Barrier Curb)**



GUARDRAIL REFLECTOR  
(See Const. Note 5)



## CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. Provide hardware compliant with the Task Force 13 (TF13) Guide to Standardized Roadside Safety Hardware.
2. See Standard Plan G-00 for hardware details not shown on this drawing.
3. See Standard Plan G-10 for post lengths corresponding to different combinations of slope and behind-post embankment width.
4. Typical post spacing is 6'-3" center to center.
5. Attach guardrail reflector to guardrail using a 5/8" button head bolt with 5/8" recessed head hex nut and steel washer at location shown in the Typical Elevation. Install reflectors every 25' on tangents and every 12.5' on curves starting 100' before the P.C. and ending 100' after the P.T.
6. Use wood or synthetic blockouts designed, tested, and passed per MASH for use with steel posts. Either bolt hole on the blockout may be used for attachment.
7. Use a 25 linear foot transition to match differing height of existing or new rail elements and end treatments - see Standard Plan G-11.
8. W6x8.5 steel post may be substituted for W6x9 steel post.
9. Install flexible delineators on guardrail posts when called for in the contract. See Standard Plan G-00 for guardrail flexible delineator details.

## DESIGN NOTES:

1. No fixed objects allowed within 36" of the back side of guardrail post.
2. This barrier is acceptable under MASH Tests 3-10 and 3-11.

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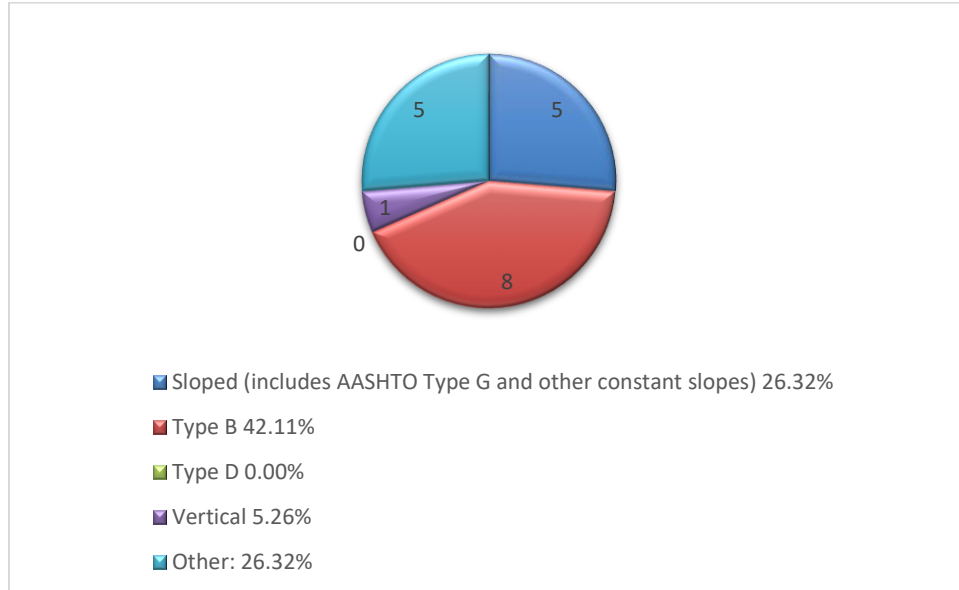
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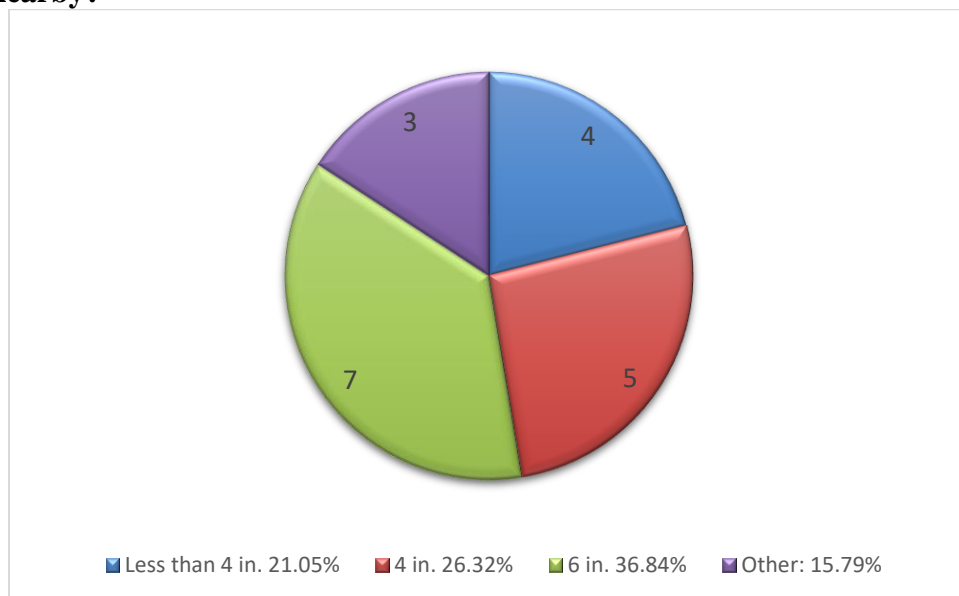
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**Q26, Q83, Q102, Q121 - What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**



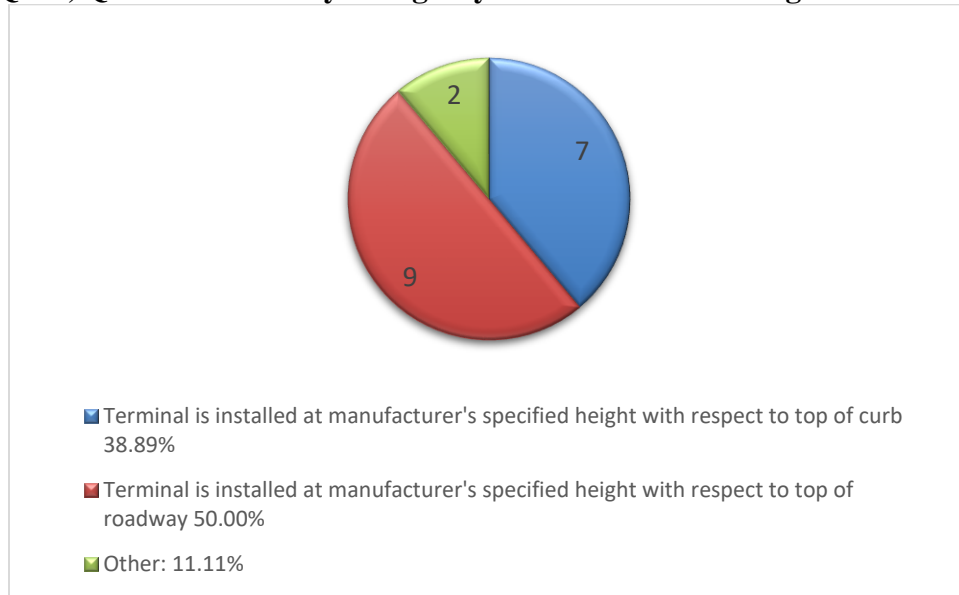
Answer	%	Count
Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)	26.32%	5
Type B	42.11%	8
Type D	0.00%	0
Vertical	5.26%	1
Other:	26.32%	5
Total	100.00%	19

**Q27, Q84, Q103, Q122 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**



Answer	%	Count
Less than 4 in.	21.05%	4
4 in.	26.32%	5
6 in.	36.84%	7
Other:	15.79%	3
Total	100%	19

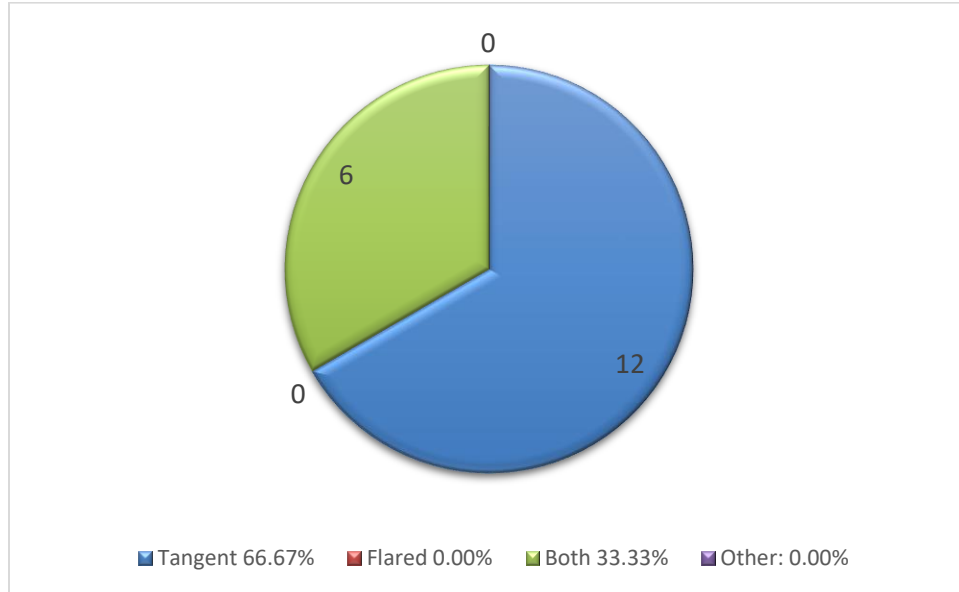
**Q8, Q85, Q104, Q123 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**



Answer	%	Count
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb	38.89%	7
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway	50.00%	9
Other:	11.11%	2
Total	100%	18

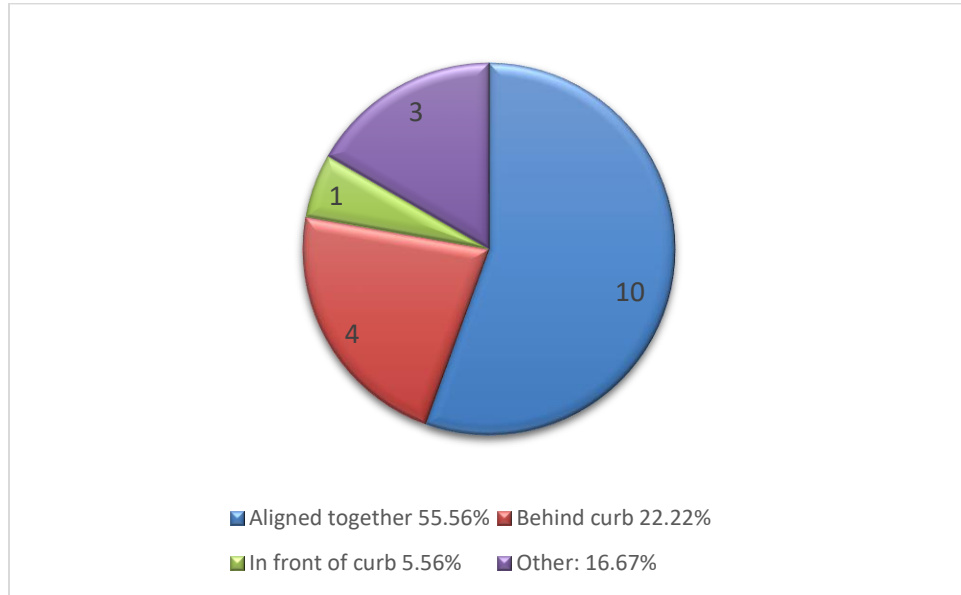


**Q9, Q86, Q105, Q124 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**



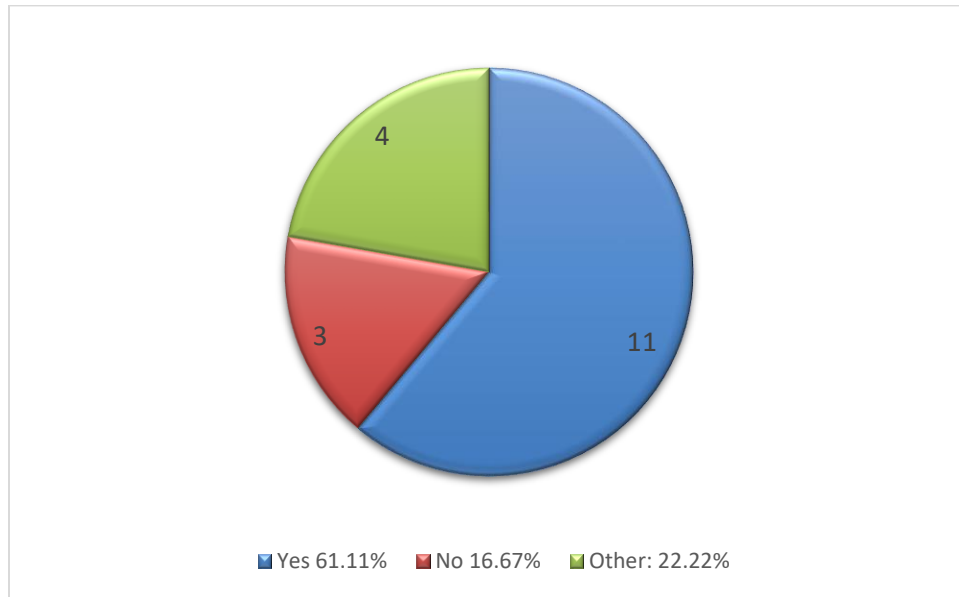
Answer	%	Count
Tangent	66.67%	12
Flared	0.00%	0
Both	33.33%	6
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	18

**Q10, Q87, Q106, Q125 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**



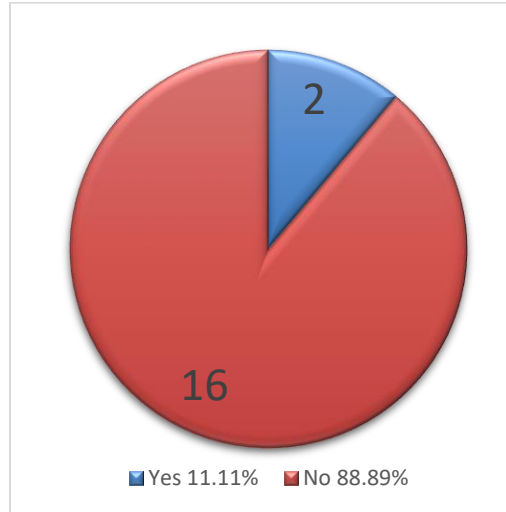
Answer	%	Count
Aligned together	55.56%	10
Behind curb	22.22%	4
In front of curb	5.56%	1
Other:	16.67%	3
Total	100%	18

**Q12, Q89, Q108, Q127 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**



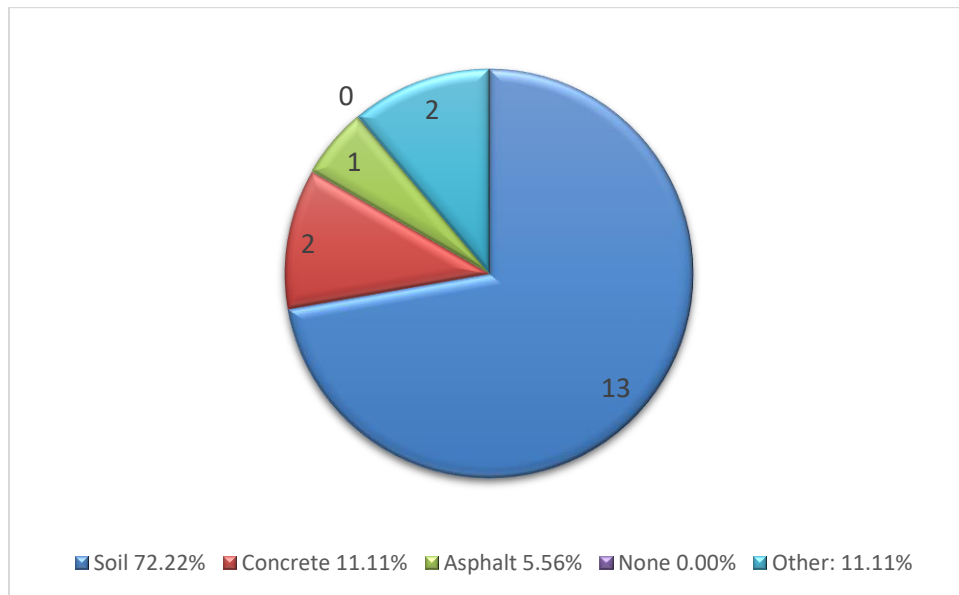
Answer	%	Count
Yes	61.11%	11
No	16.67%	3
Other:	22.22%	4
Total	100%	18

**Q313, Q315, Q317, Q318 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation?  
For example, at an intersection.**



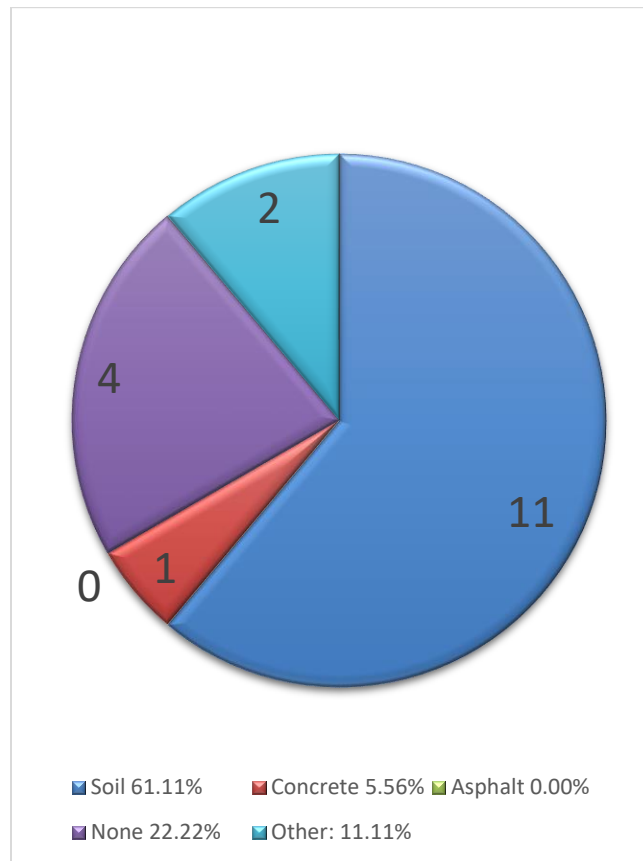
Answer	%	Count
Yes	11.11%	2
No	88.89%	16
Total	100%	18

**Q22, Q91, Q110, Q129 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**



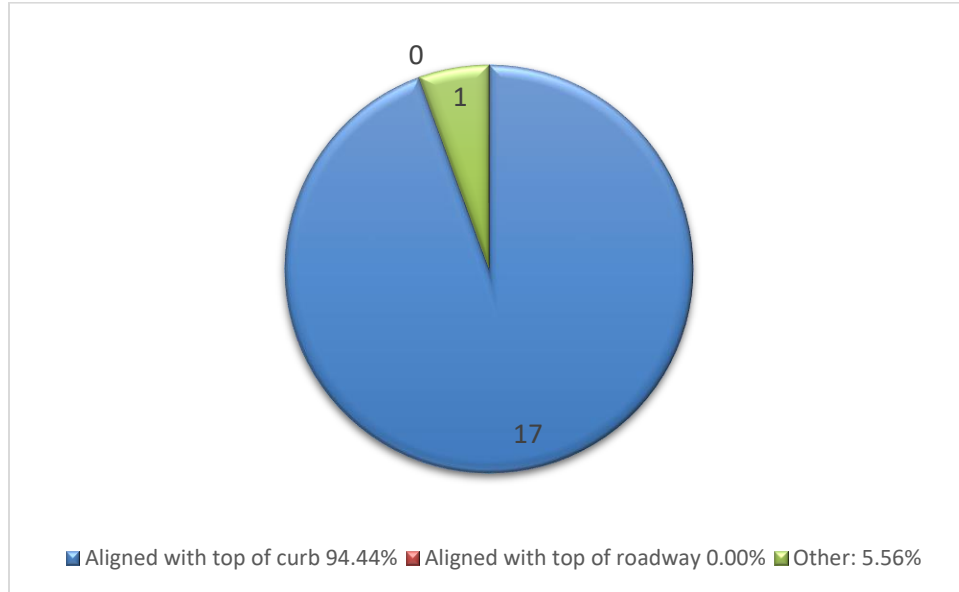
Answer	%	Count
Soil	72.22%	13
Concrete	11.11%	2
Asphalt	5.56%	1
None	0.00%	0
Other:	11.11%	2
Total	100%	18

**Q69, Q92, Q111, Q130 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	61.11%	11
Concrete	5.56%	1
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	22.22%	4
Other:	11.11%	2
Total	100%	18

**Q23, Q93, Q112, Q131 - What is the height of the top level of backfill material?**

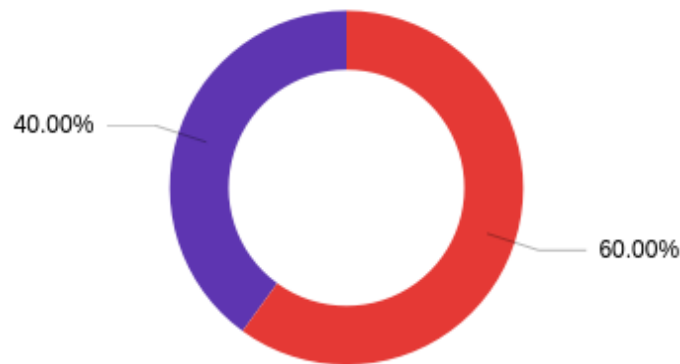


Answer	%	Count
Aligned with top of curb	94.44%	17
Aligned with top of roadway	0.00%	0
Other:	5.56%	1
Total	100%	18

### B.3 AGGREGATED HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY RESULTS

This section of the Appendix shows the aggregated results of the survey questions regarding high-speed roadways. These results were compiled from respondents who selected to input design configurations regarding high-speed roadways or both low-speed and high-speed roadways. This section also included the responses derived from selecting that their state's design configuration for high-speed roadways was the same as their design for low-speed roadways.

**Q66 - Are all of your answers to the questions regarding high-speed roadways the same as what you entered for low-speed roadways?**



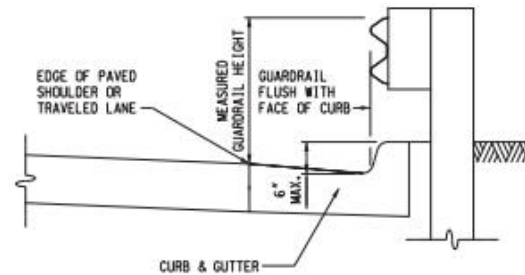
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Answer	%	Count
Yes	60.00%	3
No	40.00%	2
Total	100%	5

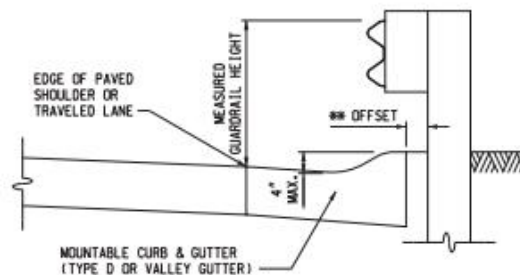


**Q50 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include a link in this question or upload a file in the next question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

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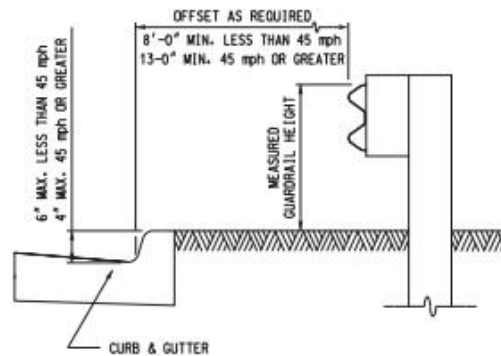


**GUARDRAIL WHEN CURB IS ADJACENT TO  
EDGE OF PAVED SHOULDER OR TRAVELED LANE**  
(DESIGN SPEED 50 mph OR LESS)



\*\* 2" WHEN CURB IS PLACED NEXT TO SHOULDER  
10" WHEN CURB IS PLACED NEXT TO TRAVELED LANE

**GUARDRAIL WHEN CURB IS ADJACENT TO  
EDGE OF PAVED SHOULDER OR TRAVELED LANE**  
(DESIGN SPEED GREATER THAN 50 mph)

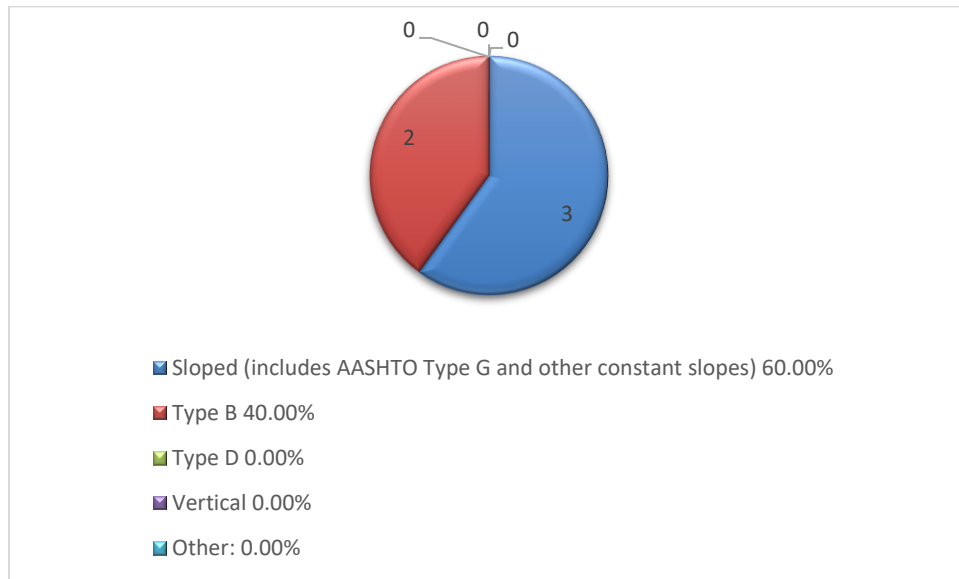


**GUARDRAIL - CURB OFFSET  
WHEN GUARDRAIL IS PLACED AWAY FROM CURB**

**Q51 - Please provide drawings, documentation, policies, or photos of w-beam guardrail terminal installations near curb. You may include upload a file in this question. If you have multiple files to upload, please upload a zipped folder.**

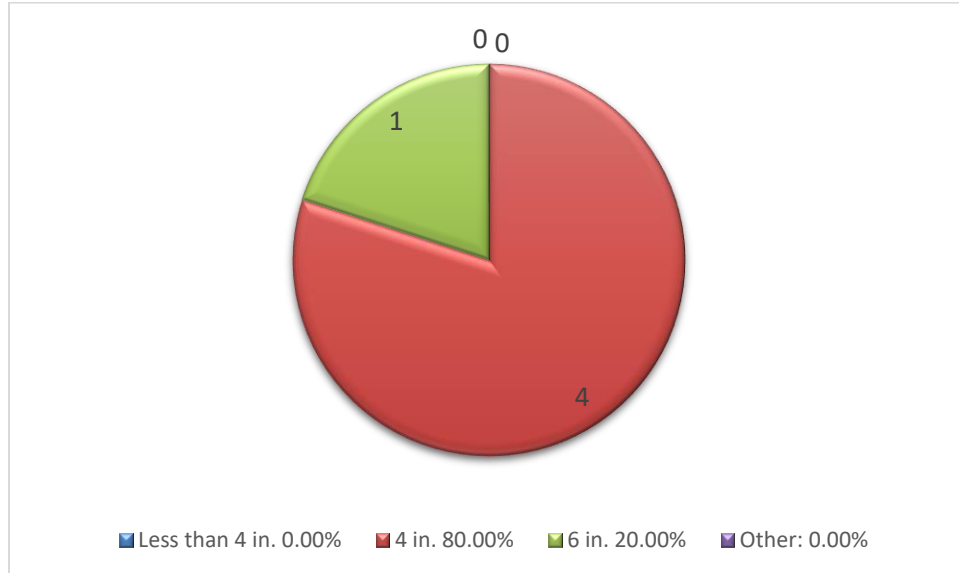
No response provided.

**Q68 & Q26- What curb shape does your agency use at sites with w-beam guardrail terminals?**



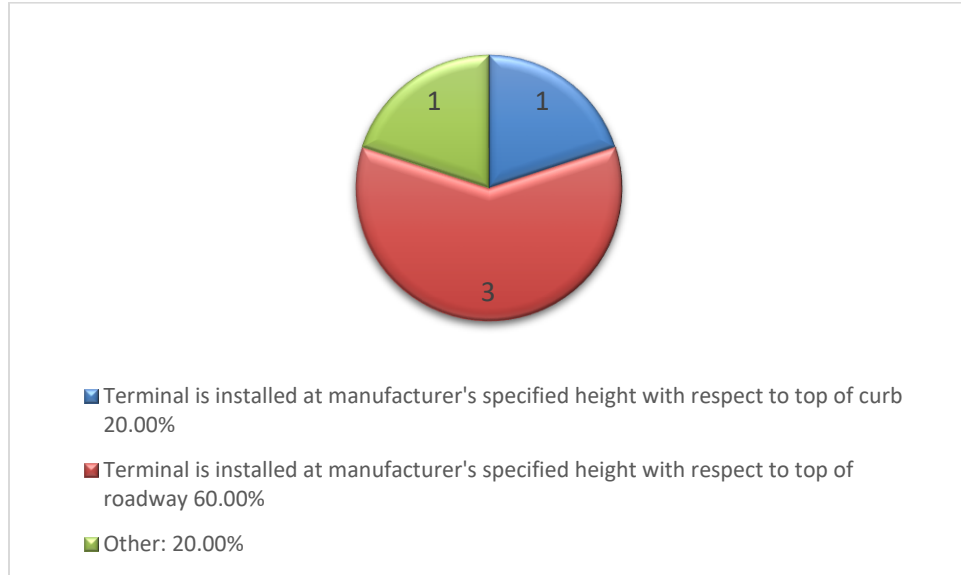
Answer	%	Count
Sloped (includes AASHTO Type G and other constant slopes)	60.00%	3
Type B	40.00%	2
Type D	0.00%	0
Vertical	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q55 - What is the curb height when w-beam guardrail terminals are installed nearby?**



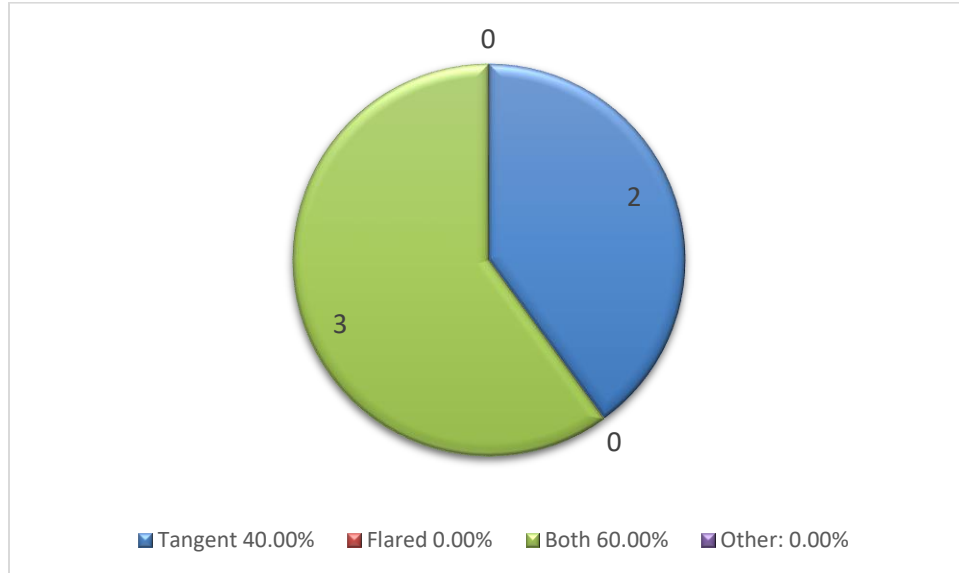
Answer	%	Count
Less than 4 in.	0.00%	0
4 in.	80.00%	4
6 in.	20.00%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q56 - How does your agency accommodate the height of the curb?**



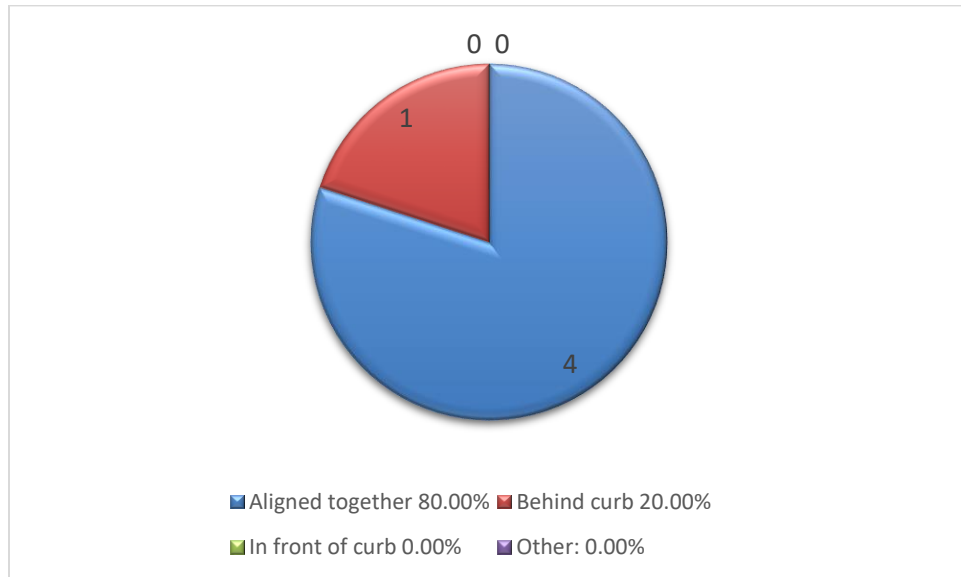
Answer	%	Count
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of curb	20.00%	1
Terminal is installed at manufacturer's specified height with respect to top of roadway	60.00%	3
Other:	20.00%	1
Total	100%	2

**Q57 - What kind of w-beam guardrail terminals do you install on curbs?**



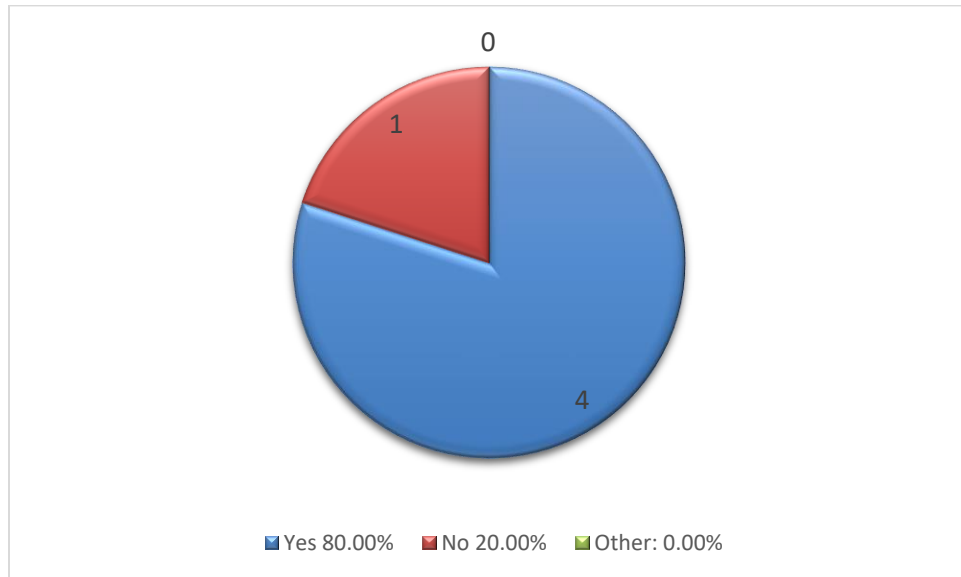
Answer	%	Count
Tangent	40.00%	2
Flared	0.00%	0
Both	60.00%	3
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q58 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, what is the alignment of the face of guardrail in relation to the face of curb?**



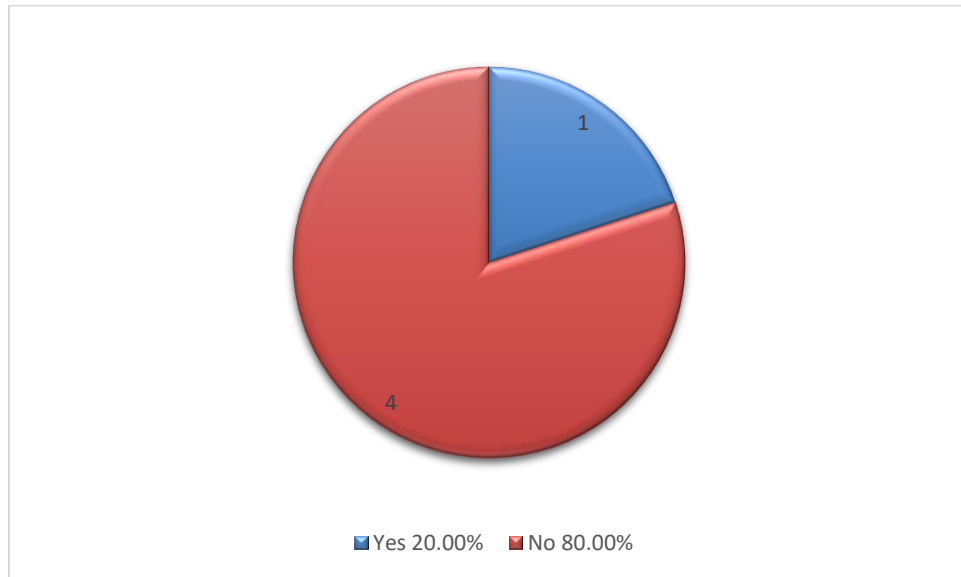
Answer	%	Count
Aligned together	80.00%	4
Behind curb	20.00%	1
In front of curb	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q60 - At sites where w-beam guardrail terminals are installed near curbs, do you offset your w-beam guardrail terminal head from alignment with the rail?**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	80.00%	4
No	20.00%	1
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100.00%	5

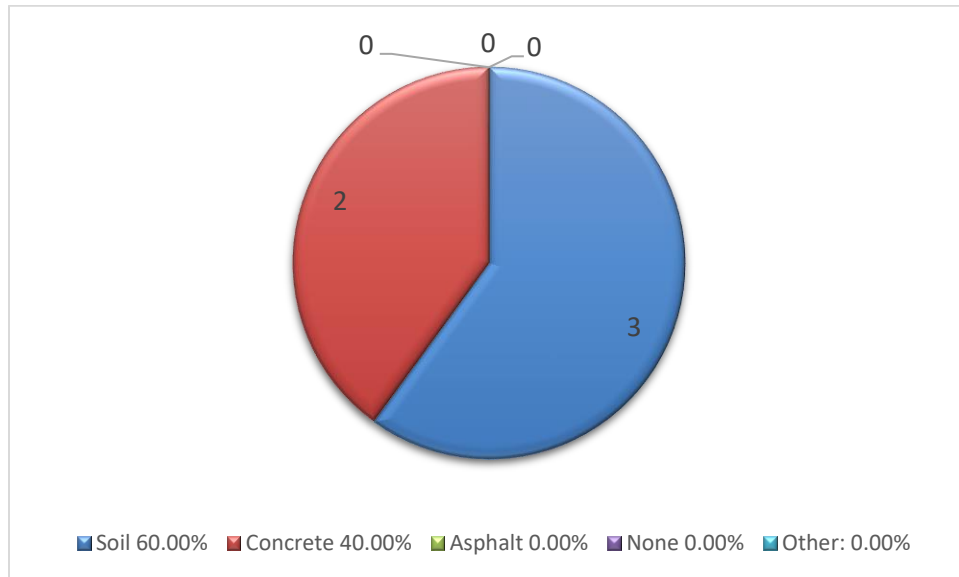
**Q325 - Is the curb perpendicular to the w-beam guardrail installation? For example, at an intersection.**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	20.00%	1
No	80.00%	4
Total	100%	5

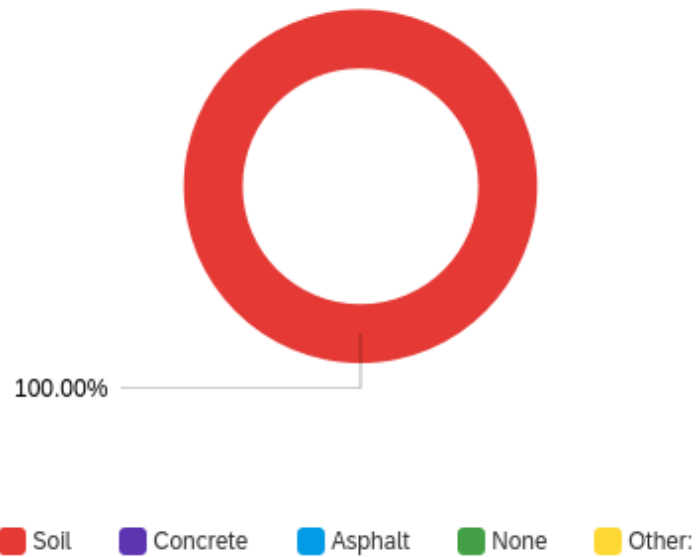


**Q62 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the top level of backfill material. If you use multiple levels of backfill material (concrete over soil, for example), please select the lower level in the next question.**



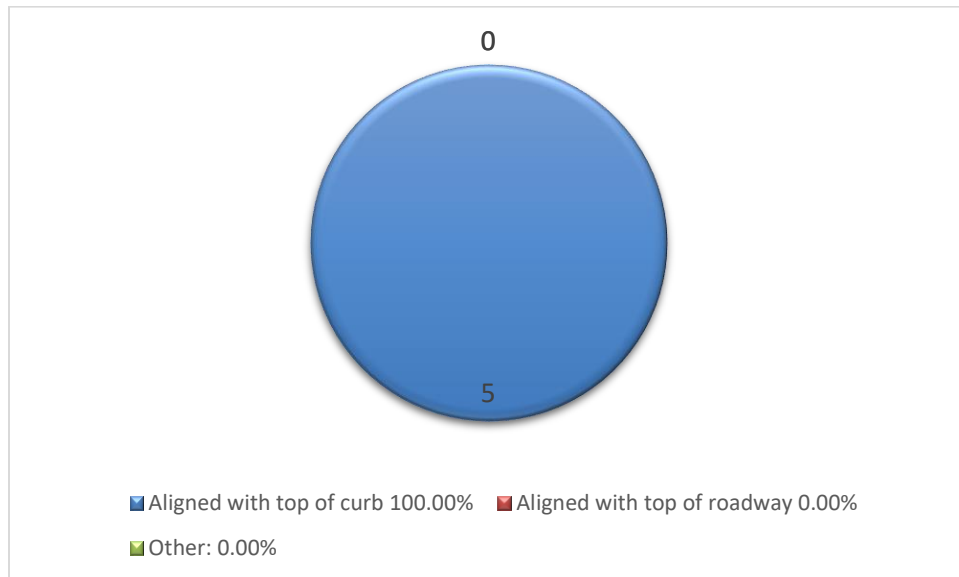
Answer	%	Count
Soil	60.00%	3
Concrete	40.00%	2
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q72 - What backfill material is used behind the curb? This is concerning the bottom level of backfill material. If you only have one layer, please choose that material in the previous question and select "None" in this question.**



Answer	%	Count
Soil	100.00%	5
Concrete	0.00%	0
Asphalt	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**Q63 - What is the height of top level of backfill material?**

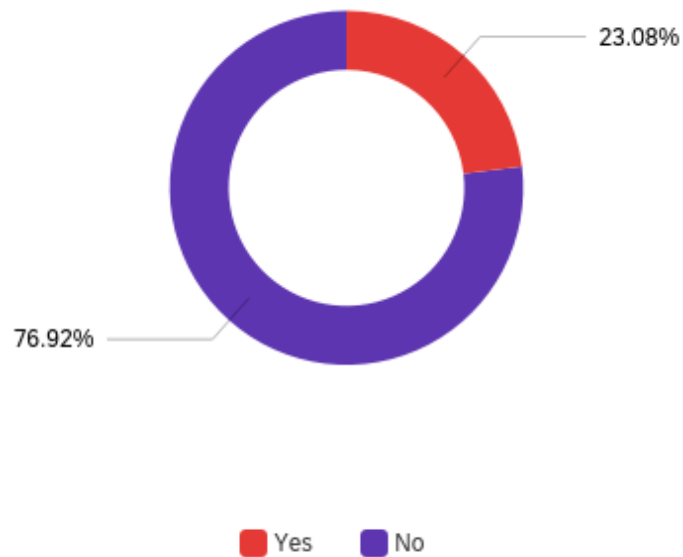


Answer	%	Count
Aligned with top of curb	100.00%	5
Aligned with top of roadway	0.00%	0
Other:	0.00%	0
Total	100%	5

**B.4 AGGREGATED CONCLUSION QUESTIONS**

This last section of Appendix B shows the aggregated results from the concluding section in the survey.

**Q344 - Do you differ your configuration for curbs near w-beam guardrail terminals when they are used with an approach terminal vs a trailing end/downstream terminal?**

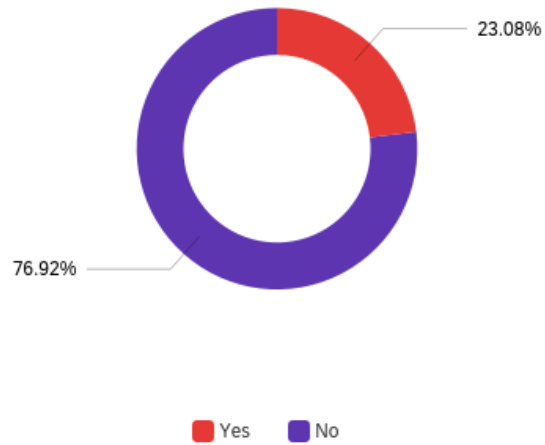


Answer	%	Count
Yes	23.08%	3
No	76.92%	10
Total	100%	13

**Q345 - Please describe the differences.**

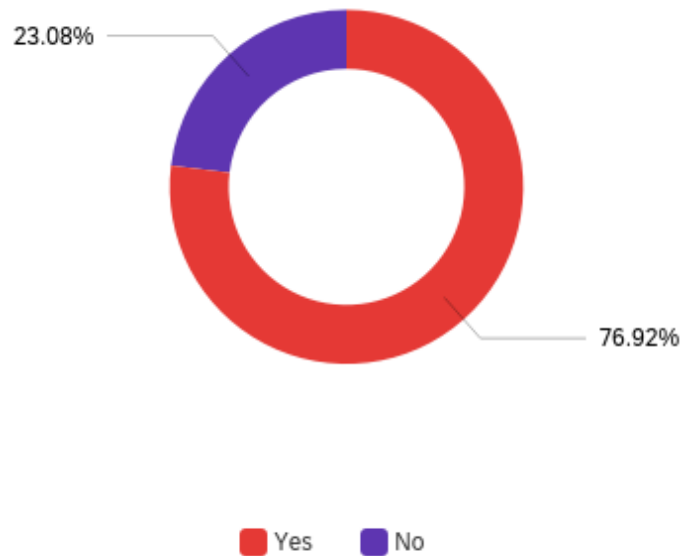
Respondent	Response
R1	Use roll away curb instead.
R2	2" height for the approach (likely to be struck) Typical curb height on downstream end if it is outside of the clearzone.
R9	Downstream terminals may be more likely to flair away from the face of curb. It still is project dependent, so difficult to make a blanket statement.

**Q29 - Has your agency received any guidance from w-beam guardrail terminal manufacturers with regards to installing their product near curbs?**



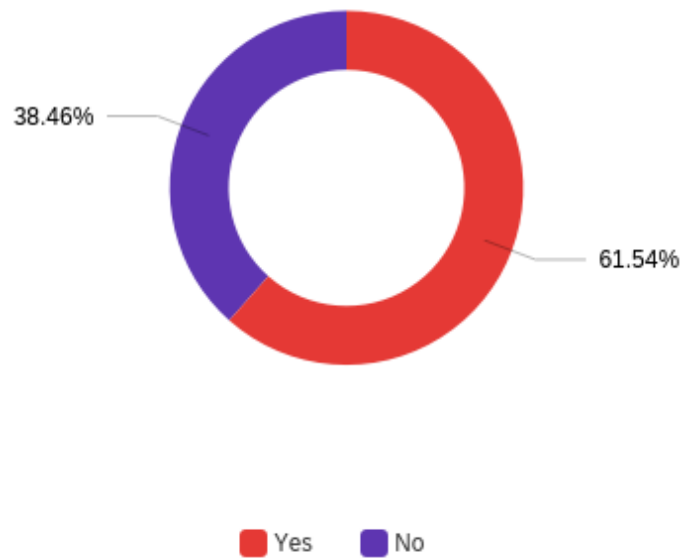
Answer	%	Count
Yes	23.08%	3
No	76.92%	10
Total	100%	13

**Q19 - Do you have a desire for a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal for low-speed roadway applications near curbs?**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	76.92%	10
No	23.08%	3
Total	100%	13

**Q20 - Do you have a desire for a crashworthy w-beam guardrail terminal for high-speed roadway applications near curbs?**



Answer	%	Count
Yes	61.54%	8
No	38.46%	5
Total	100%	13

**Q21 - Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have any additional comments, please use the text box below.**

Response: Louisiana does not have any policy or guidance related to guard rail end terminals installed near curbs and there is little official guidance available from AASHTO or FHWA on this subject. However, our needs require that we install end terminals behind curbs while trying to follow the manufacturer's original recommendations as best we can. This usually results in installing a tangent end aligned with the face of the curb with the head offset enough to stay clear of the roadway. The end terminal is also installed with respect to the top of the curb so that the ground strut is clear and not buried. This results in the end terminal being slightly higher than the rest of the rail. Again, given the site conditions along curbed roadways and the lack of any guidance, we feel this type of installation is the best of the available alternatives.

Response: MoDOT is currently reviewing policy changes to terminate curbs prior to CET's.

Response: Current best practices would be helpful until a tested system is available!

Response: Please refer to Section 7.01.34 of the Michigan Road Design Manual (MiRDM) for MDOT's guidelines pertaining to guardrail in conjunction in curb. Please note that MDOT does not have specific guidelines for guardrail terminals. Currently, the guidelines from 7.01.34 - MiRDM apply to all guardrail installations, including guardrail terminals.  
<https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/stdplan/englishroadmanual.htm>