



August 14, 2025

Matthew Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to rehabilitate the existing bridges where State Route 0079 crosses above the track(s) of CSX at DOT Nos. 928 612N, 937 659H, 928 615J, 928 609F & Norfolk Southern at DOT Nos. 955 900E and 955 901L in the City of Erie, Erie County, and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Homsher,

Enclosed for filing, please find the Application of the Department of Transportation.

A copy of this Application and Exhibits has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service to the Application by email.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Arghoshi

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Engineering District 1-0
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Attachments

cc: Parties of Record
Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief Bureau of Design & Delivery, Utilities & Grade Crossing
Division Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel
William M. Sinick, P.E., Supervisor, Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC

**BEFORE THE
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APPLICATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Applicant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, files this Application pursuant to the provisions of 66 Pa.C.S § 2702 and 52 Pa. Code § 5.13 to rehabilitate the existing two bridges where on State Route 0079 crosses above the track(s) of CSX DOT Nos. 928 612N, 937 659H, 928 615J, 928 609F & NS Railroad Company DOT Nos. 955 900E and 955 901L in the City of Erie, Erie County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Thomas J. McClelland, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 1-0, 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301.

2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant are Caroline G. Robelen, Assistant Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, PO Box 8212, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212.

3. The Applicant is an agency of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 511, et seq. and generally 36 P.S. § 670 - 401 et seq.
4. The names and addresses of the persons, parties and entities concerned in, or affected by the proposed construction, to the best of the Applicant’s knowledge, are shown in the certificate of service. In addition to those served, the Applicant requests that the following also receive service of all documents in this matter:

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5. The Applicant is seeking approval to replace the two existing bridges where on State Route 0079 crosses above the track(s) of CSX & NS Railroad Company. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “A”. Also, the Type, Size and Location Plans are attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B”.
6. The Applicant is not aware of prior Public Utility Commission proceedings for this crossing.
7. The average daily traffic for State Route 0079, Section B09 at these crossings are.

No.	Highway	DOT No.	AADT	Percent of Trucks
1	I -79-B09	928 612N	2023	6
2	I -79-B09	937 659H	2023	6
3	I -79-B09	928 615J	2023	6
4	I -79-B09	928 609F	2023	6
4	I -79-B09	955 900E	2023	6
6	I -79-B09	955 901L	2023	6

8. The estimated cost of the project described above is \$53,000,000. It is anticipated that the funding for the project will be state funds.

9. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.

10. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed project.

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54, by electronic mail:

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VERIFICATION

I, Mohammad Arghoshi, Grade Crossing Engineer, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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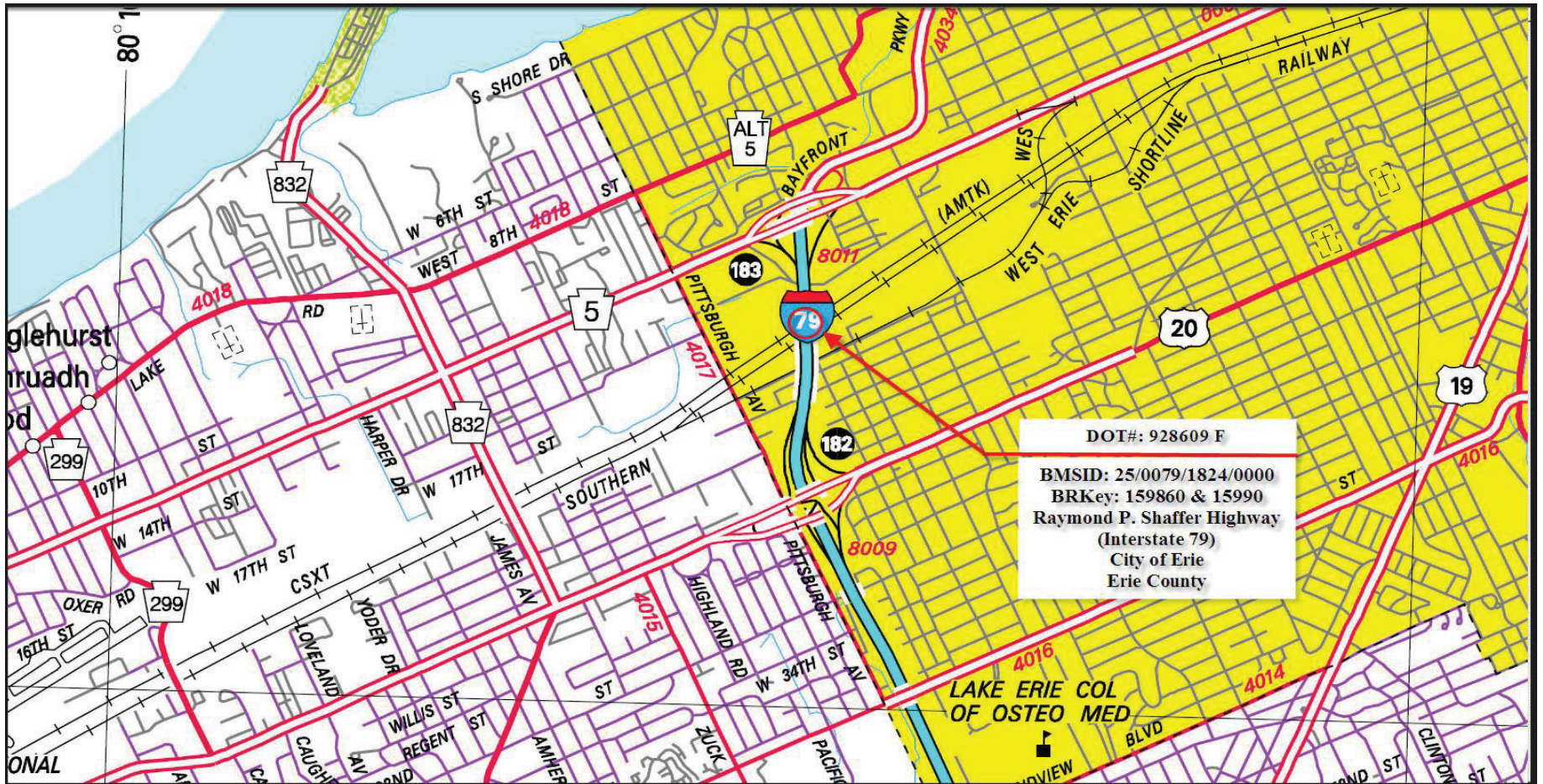
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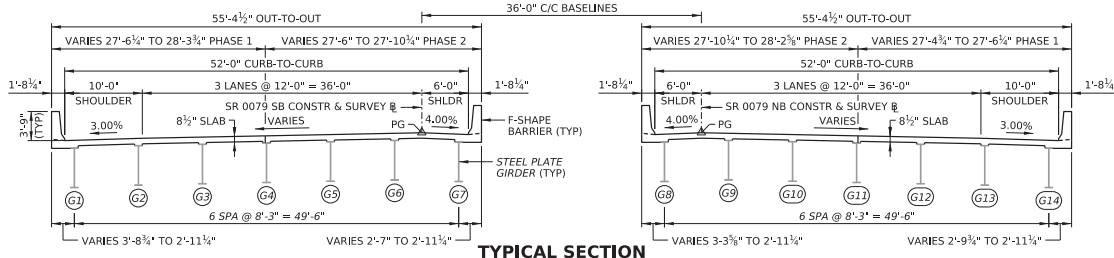
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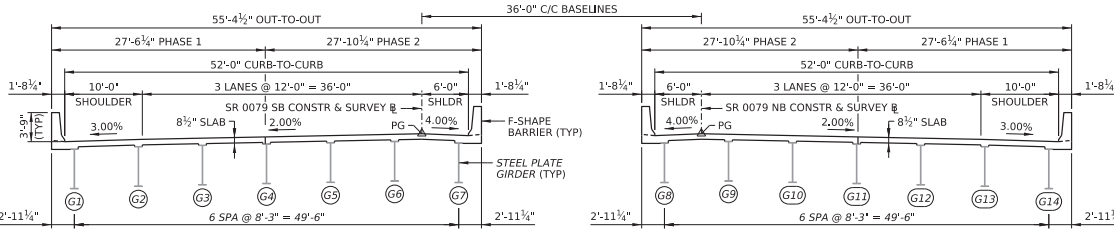
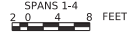
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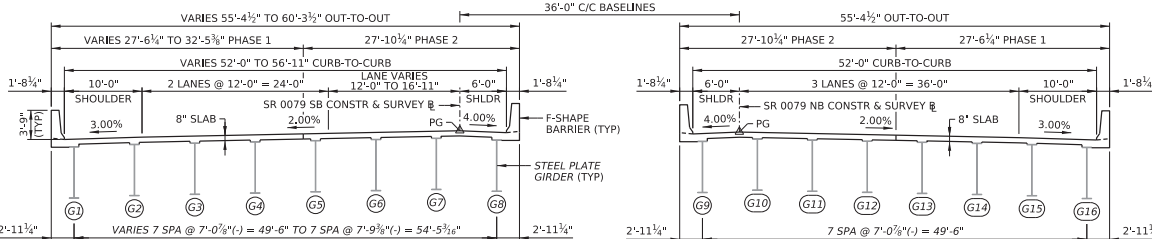
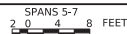




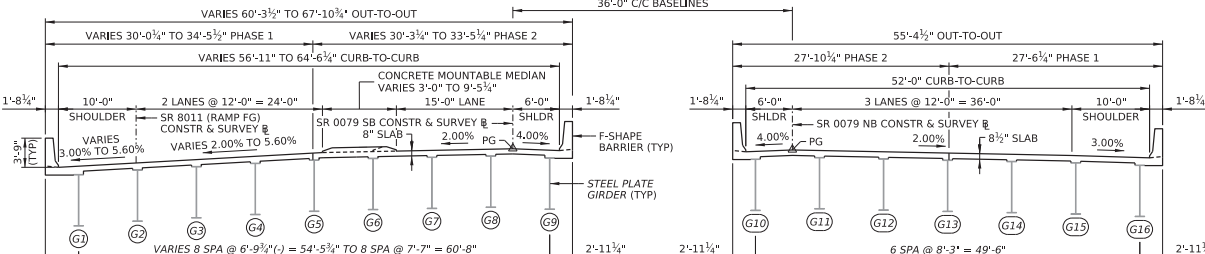
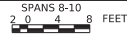
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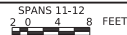
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- NOTES:**
1. FOR PROTECTIVE FENCING LIMITS, SEE SHEETS 1 & 2.
 2. FOR PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK, SEE SHEET 2.
 3. FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASING SECTIONS, SEE SHEETS 4-9.

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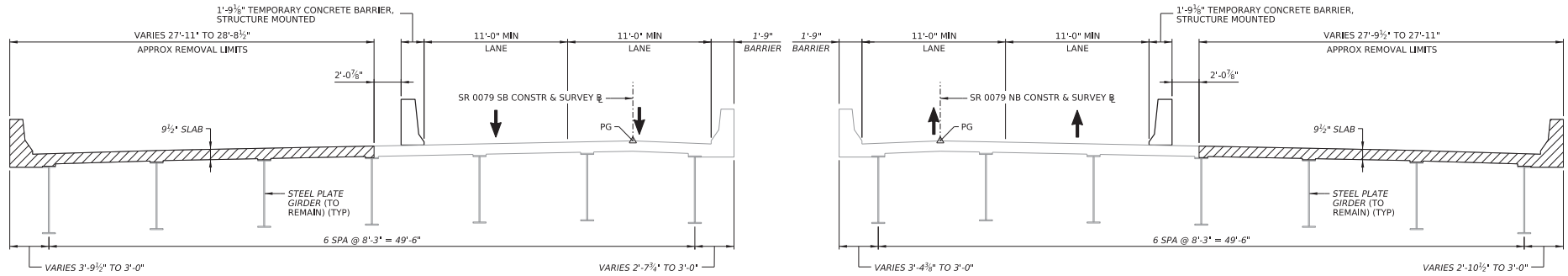
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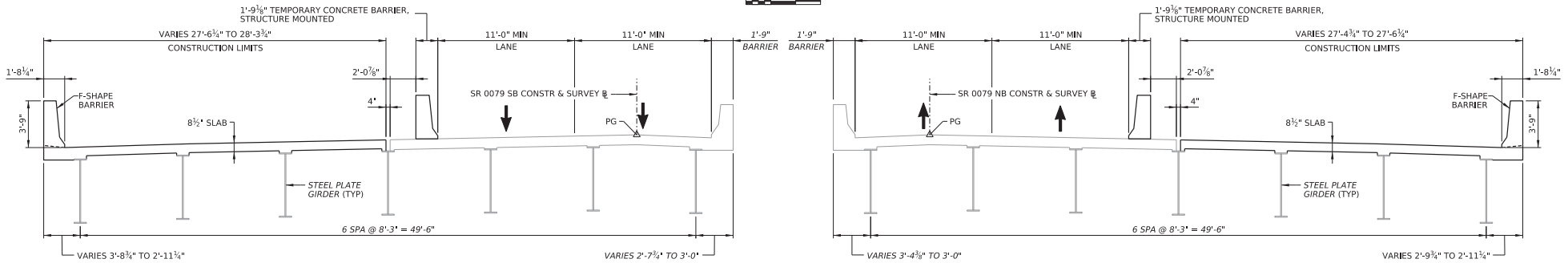
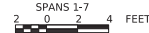
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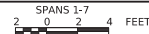
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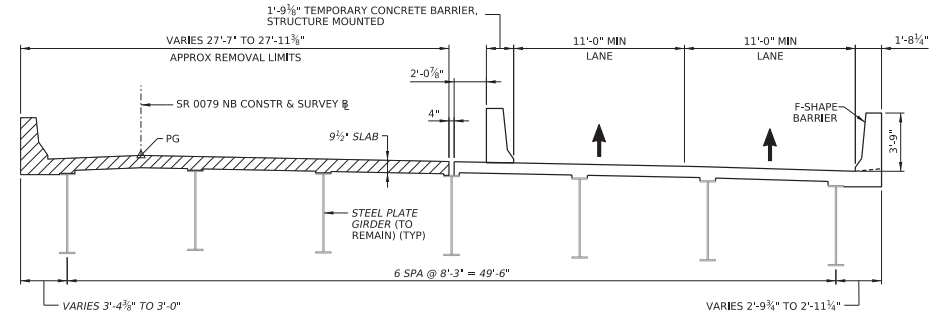
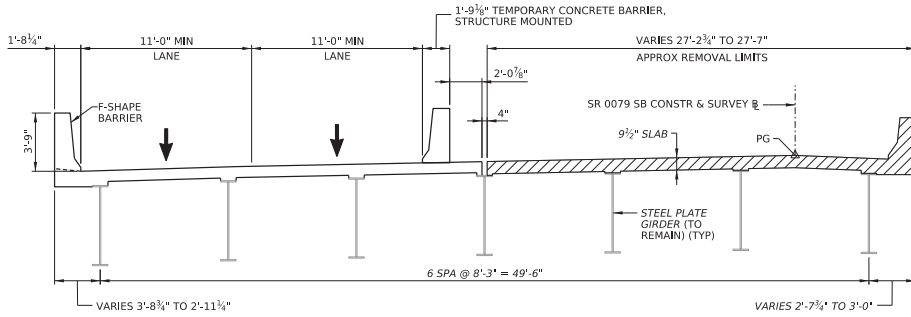
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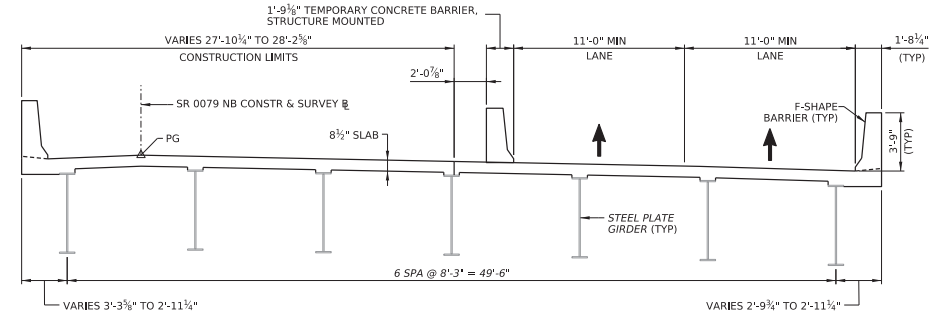
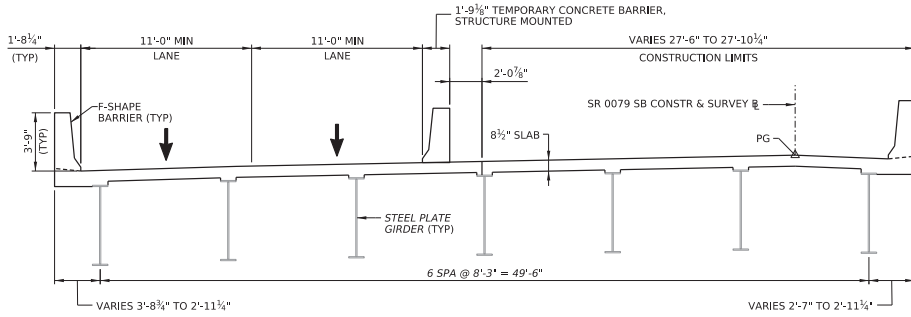
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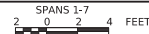
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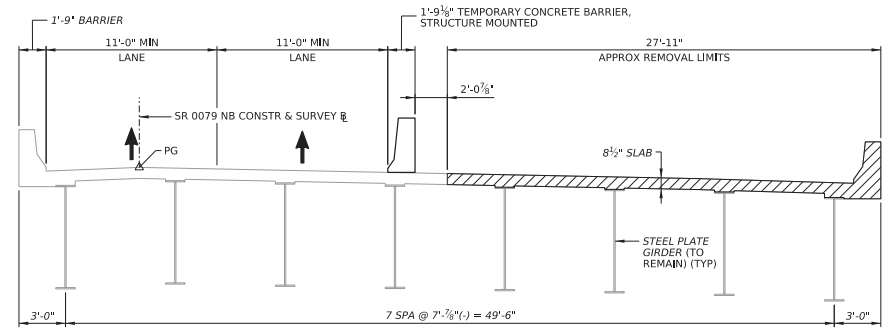
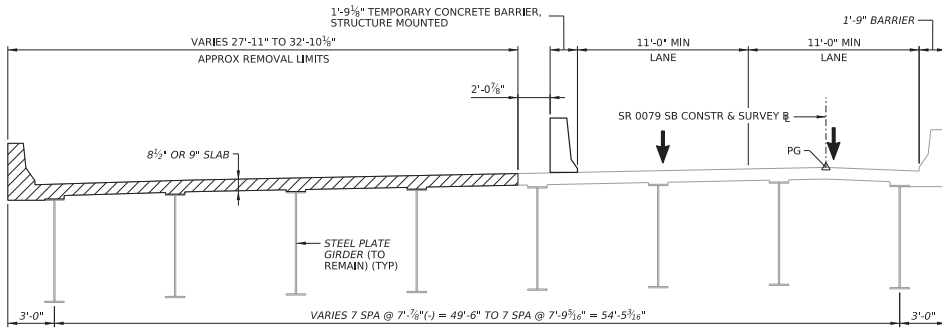
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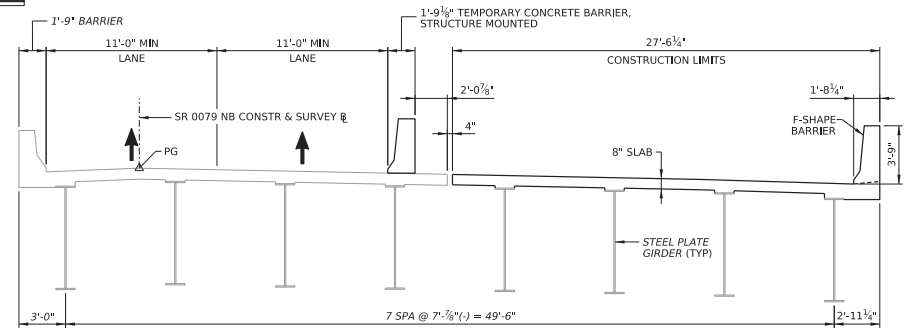
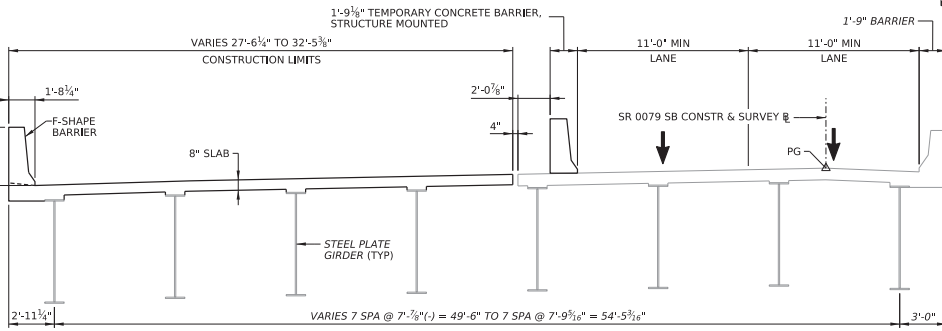
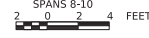
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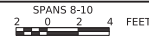
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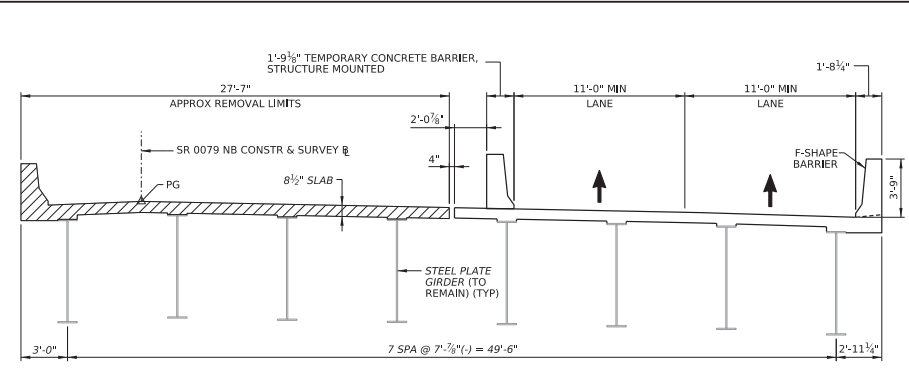
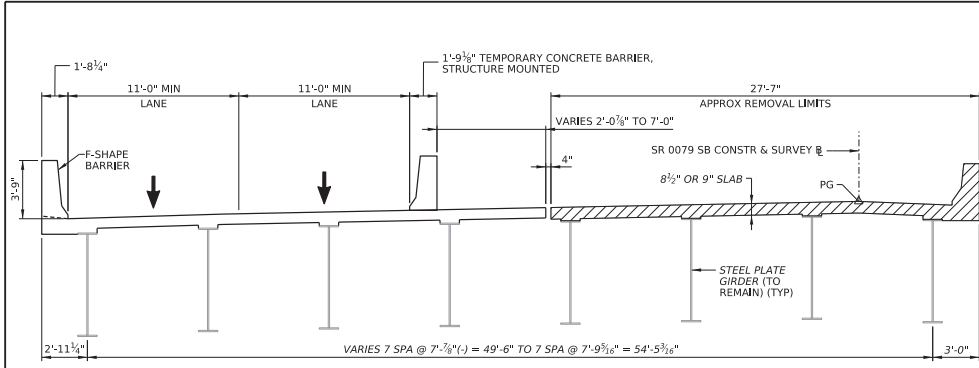
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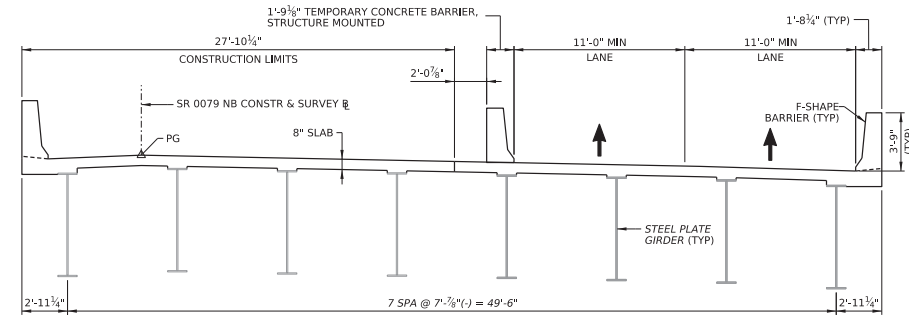
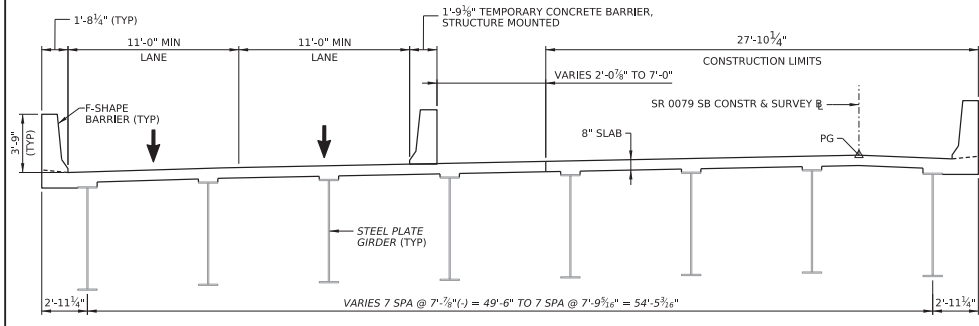
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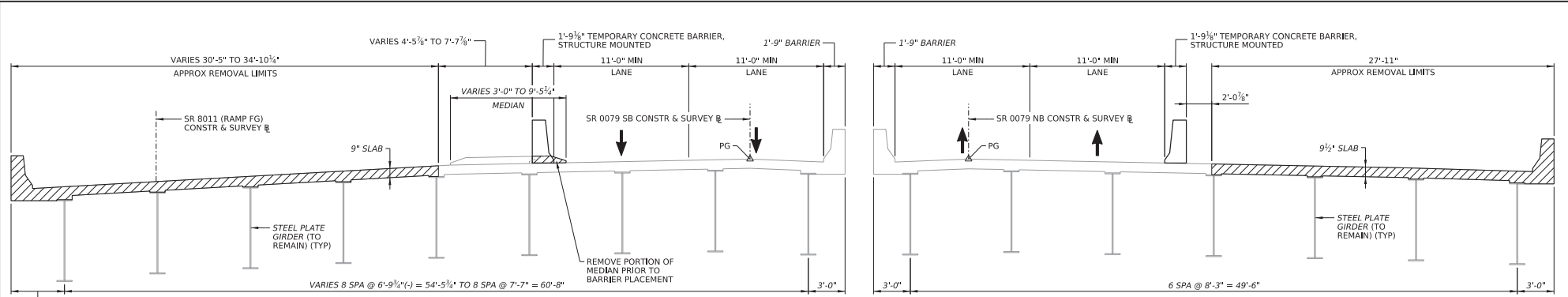
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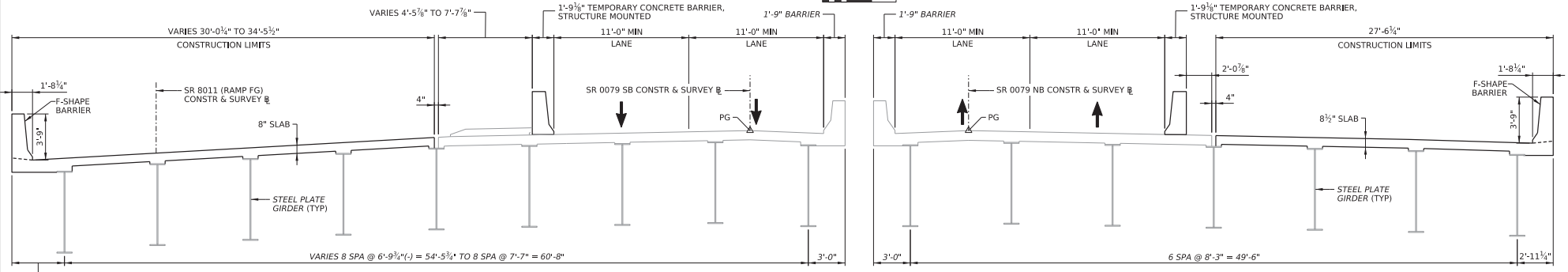
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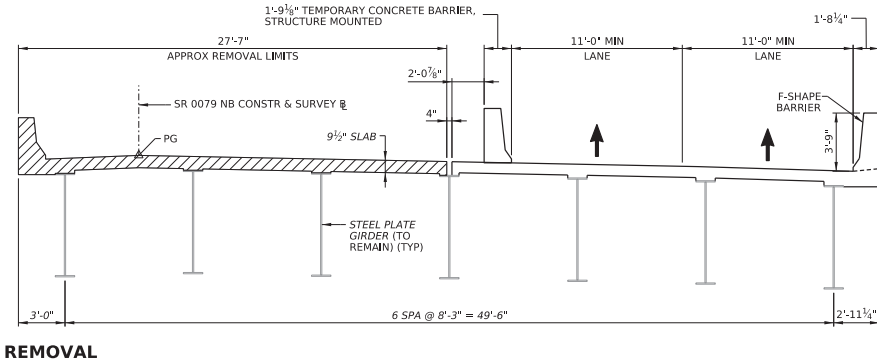
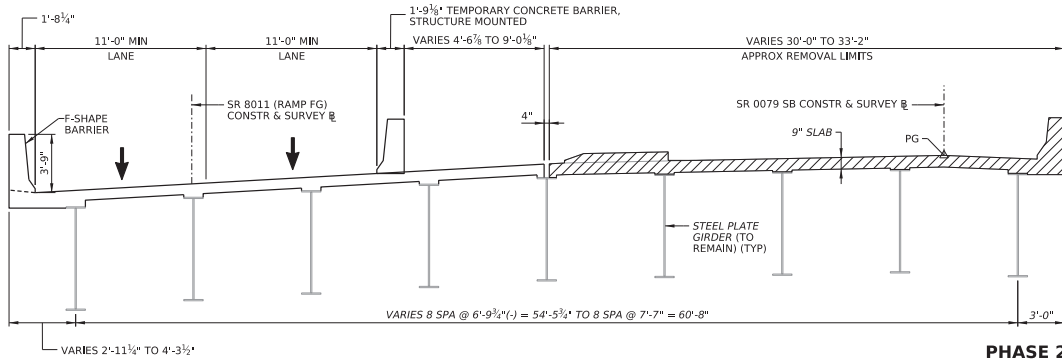
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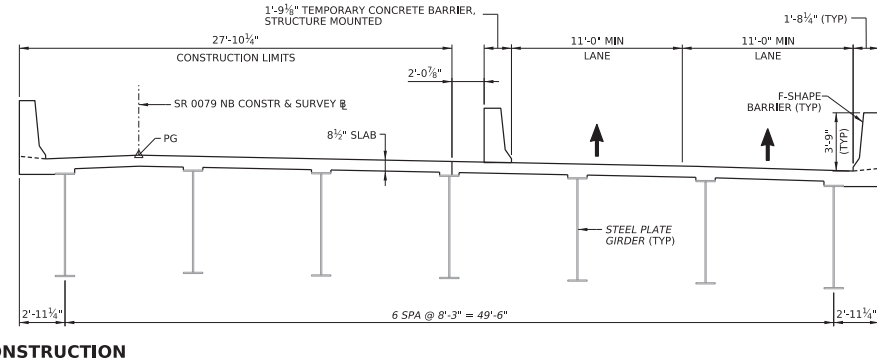
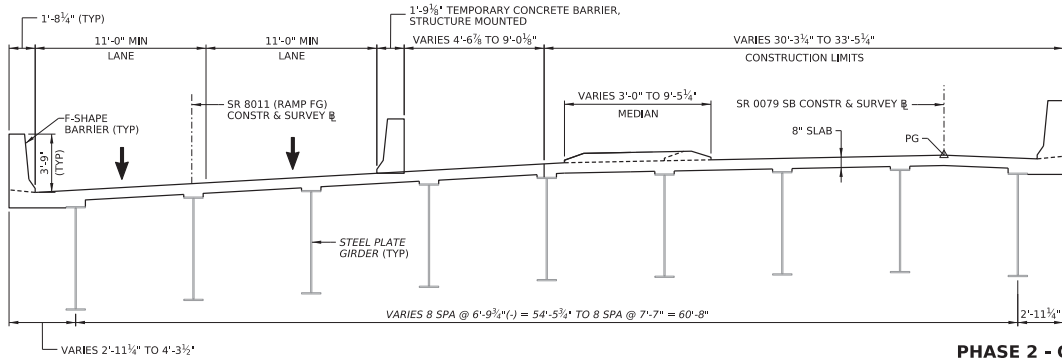
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PHASE 2 - REMOVAL

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PHASE 2 - CONSTRUCTION

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LEGEND:

- REMOVAL LIMITS FOR EXISTING STRUCTURE

NOTES:

1. PROVIDE TYPE 1 INSTALLATION AS PER BC-719M.

Mark	Description	By	Chk'd	Recm'd.	Date
REVISIONS					

S.R. 0079 PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS L.R. 1003
 BMS STR ID: 25-0079-1824-0000 (NB) MPMS/ECMS PROJ: 115467 BRKEY: 15986 (NB)
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ERIE COUNTY
S.R. 0079, SECTION B09
 SEGMENT 1824, OFFSET 0000, S.R. 0079 NB STA 369+35.00
 SEGMENT 1825, OFFSET 0042, S.R. 0079 SB STA 369+40.00
 OVER CSX & NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROADS, IRWIN DRIVE,
 RUDOLPH AVENUE, AND WEST 16TH STREET
 REHABILITATION OF DUAL 12-SPAN STEEL PLATE GIRDER BRIDGES

CONSTRUCTION PHASING SECTIONS - 6

RECOMMENDED _____	SHEET 9 OF 9
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