



April 30, 2026

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

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public above grade crossing by placement of new ITS conduit line on existing structure where State Route 0070 crosses the track(s) of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, DOT Number 508 129 K in the Borough of Speers, Washington County and CSX Transportation, Inc., DOT 584 810 E in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas A. Ryczek Jr." in a cursive script.

Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.  
District Grade Crossing Administrator  
Engineering District 12-0  
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record  
M. J. Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Grade Crossing Division  
R. J. Kopacz, Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel  
W. M. Sinick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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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 for the alteration of the public above grade crossing where State Route 0070 crosses tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, DOT Number 508 129 K in the Borough of Speers, Washington County and CSX Transportation, Inc., DOT 584 810 E in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Jeremy M. Hughes, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 12-0, PO Box 459, 825 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.
2. The name and address of the attorney for the Applicant is Elizabeth K. Rall, 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 place a new ITS Conduit line on the existing structure over Norfolk Southern Railway Company at LAT 40.12, LONG -79.88 and CSX Transportation, Inc. at LAT 40.13, LONG -79.88. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" and the Conceptual ITS Conduit Plan marked as Exhibit "B".

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for this crossing/these crossings at Docket Number(s): *A-00109513*

7. The average daily traffic for State Route 0070 at this crossing is Eastbound 16,091 and Westbound 16,387 vehicles with 25% trucks.

8. The estimated total cost for the project subject to the application and described above is \$200,000.00. The Applicant anticipates that the funding for the project will be 100% federal 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy M. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Dated: April 30, 2026

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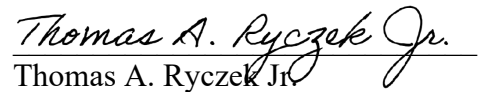
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VERIFICATION

I, Thomas A. Ryczek Jr., 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).

Date: April 30, 2026

  
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Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.  
District Grade Crossing Administrator

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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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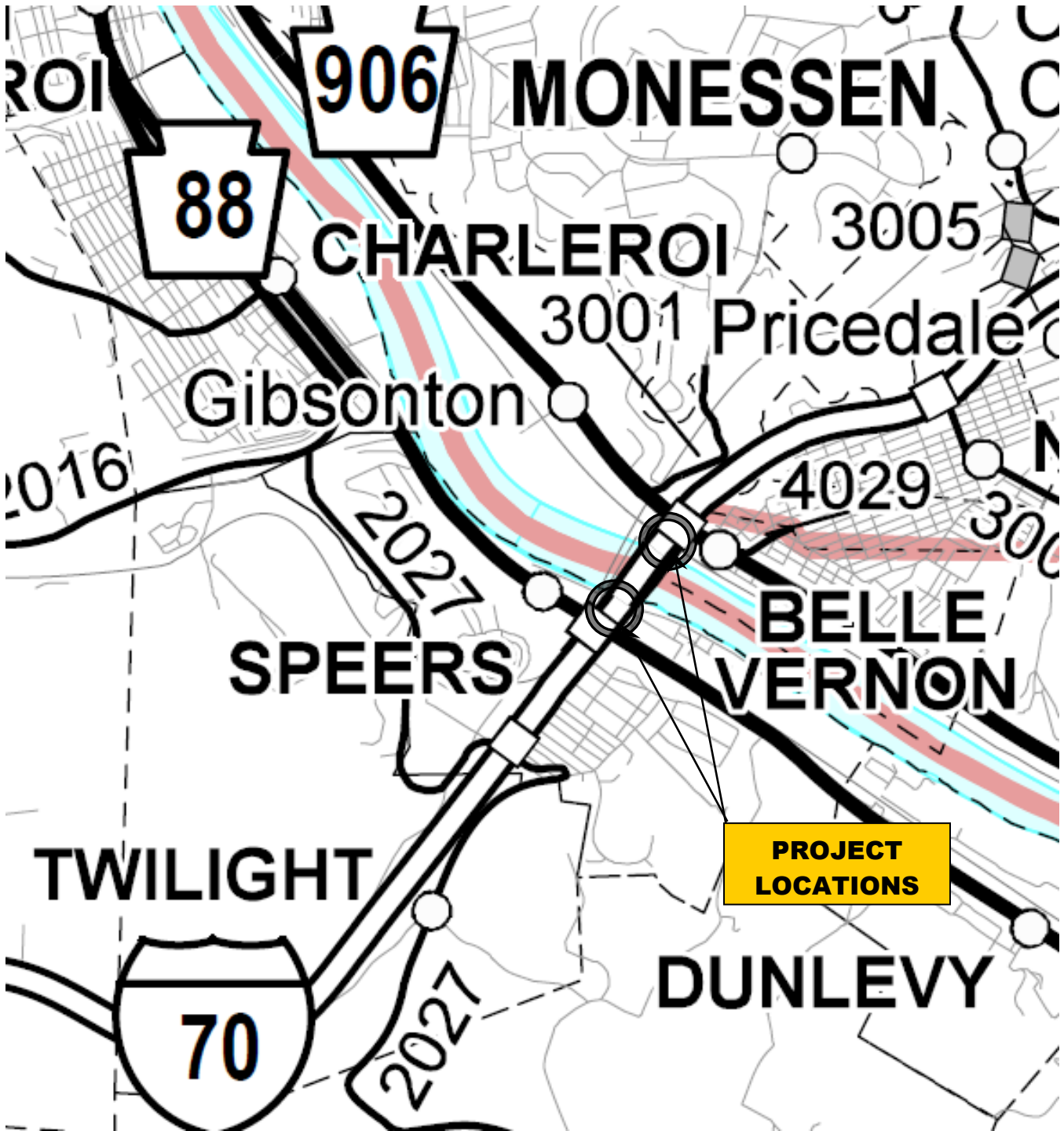
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Dated this 30 Day of April, 2026

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WASHINGTON AND WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
SPEERS BOROUGH AND ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP  
STATE ROUTE 70, SECTION 10K  
DOT # 508 129 K and 584 810 E



LOCATION MAP - EXHIBIT "A"  
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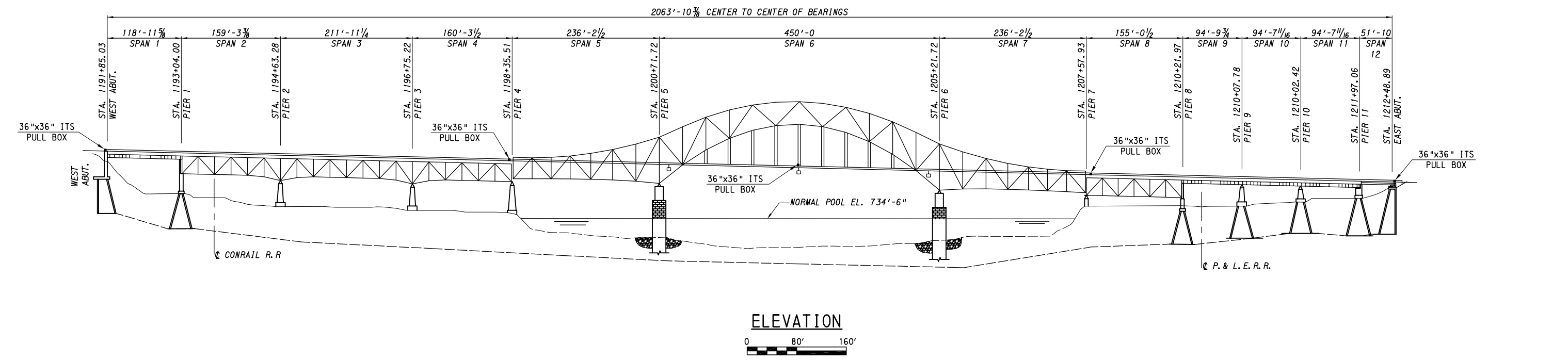
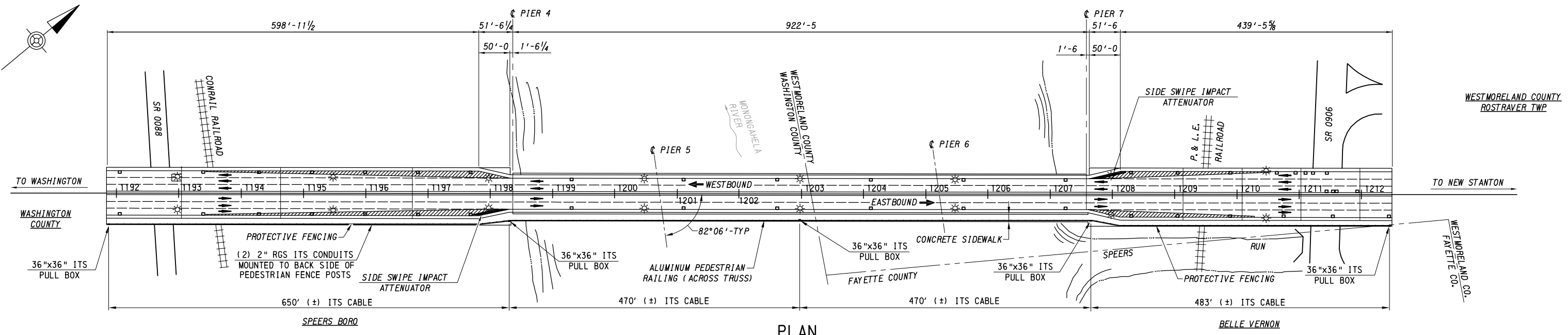


Exhibit "B"  
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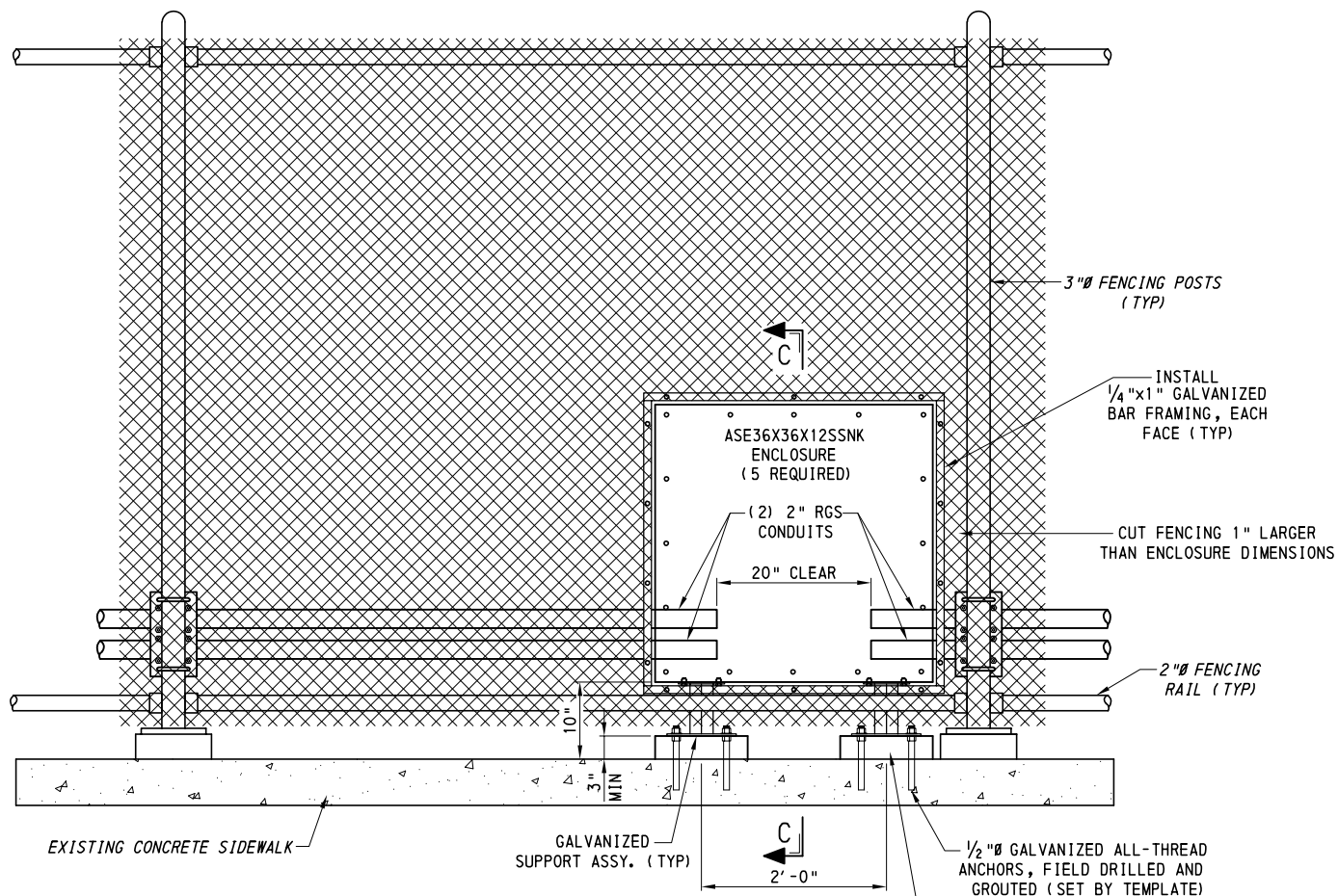
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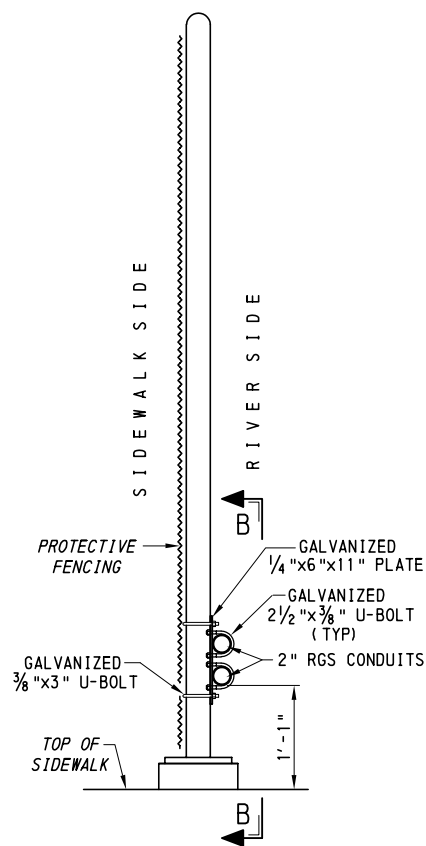
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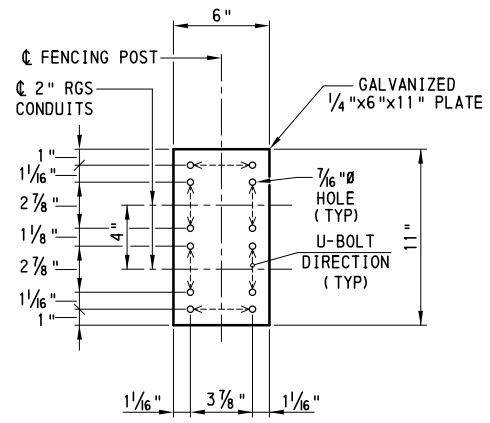
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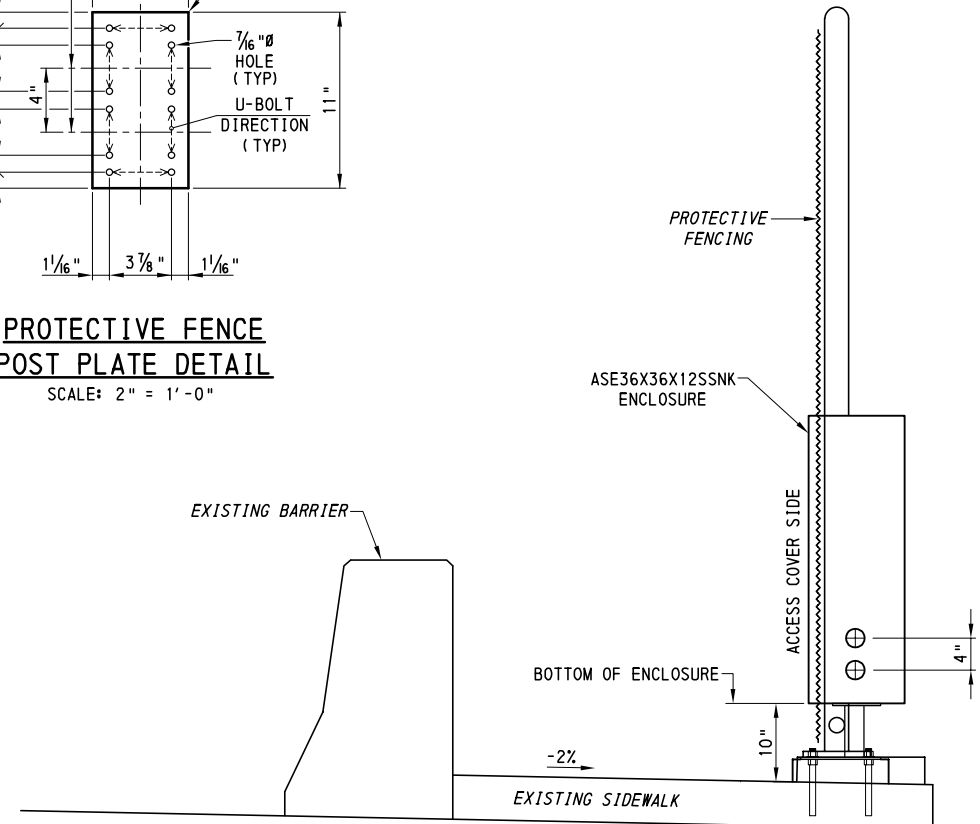
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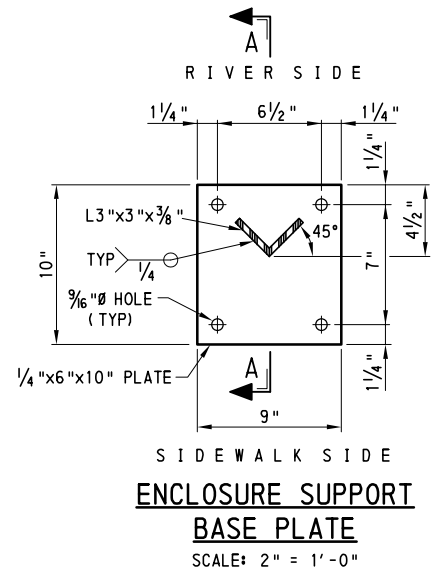
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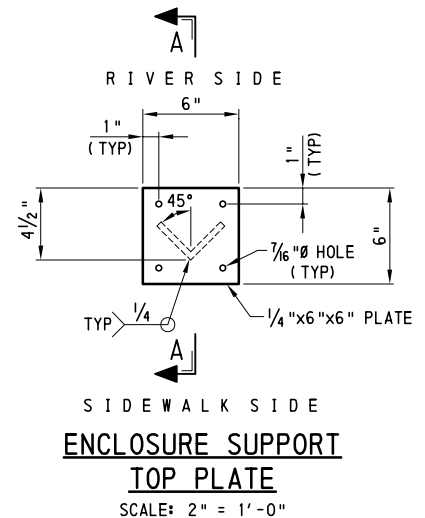
**PROTECTIVE FENCE POST PLATE DETAIL**  
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**TYPICAL SECTION - ENCLOSURE BOX MOUNTING DETAIL**  
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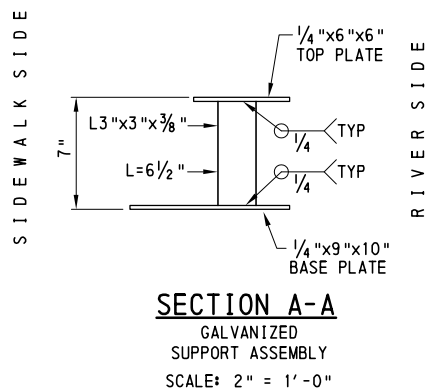


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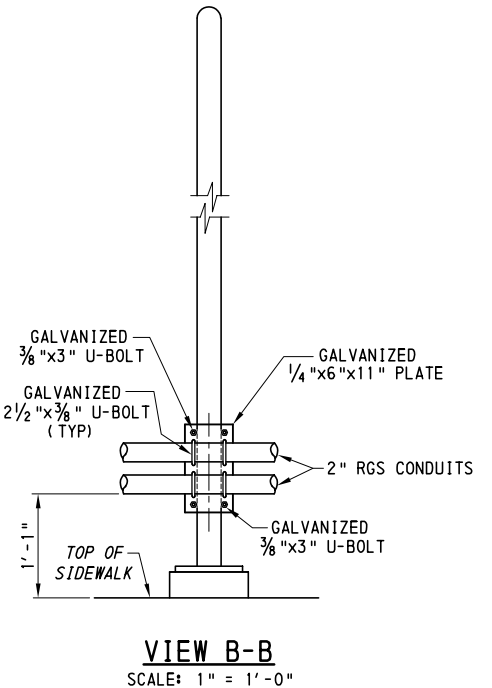


**ENCLOSURE SUPPORT TOP PLATE**  
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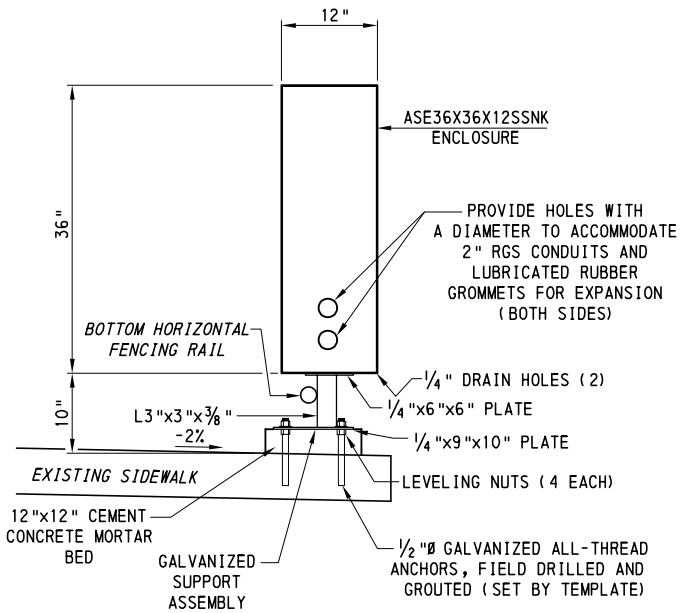
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**SECTION A-A GALVANIZED SUPPORT ASSEMBLY**  
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**VIEW B-B**  
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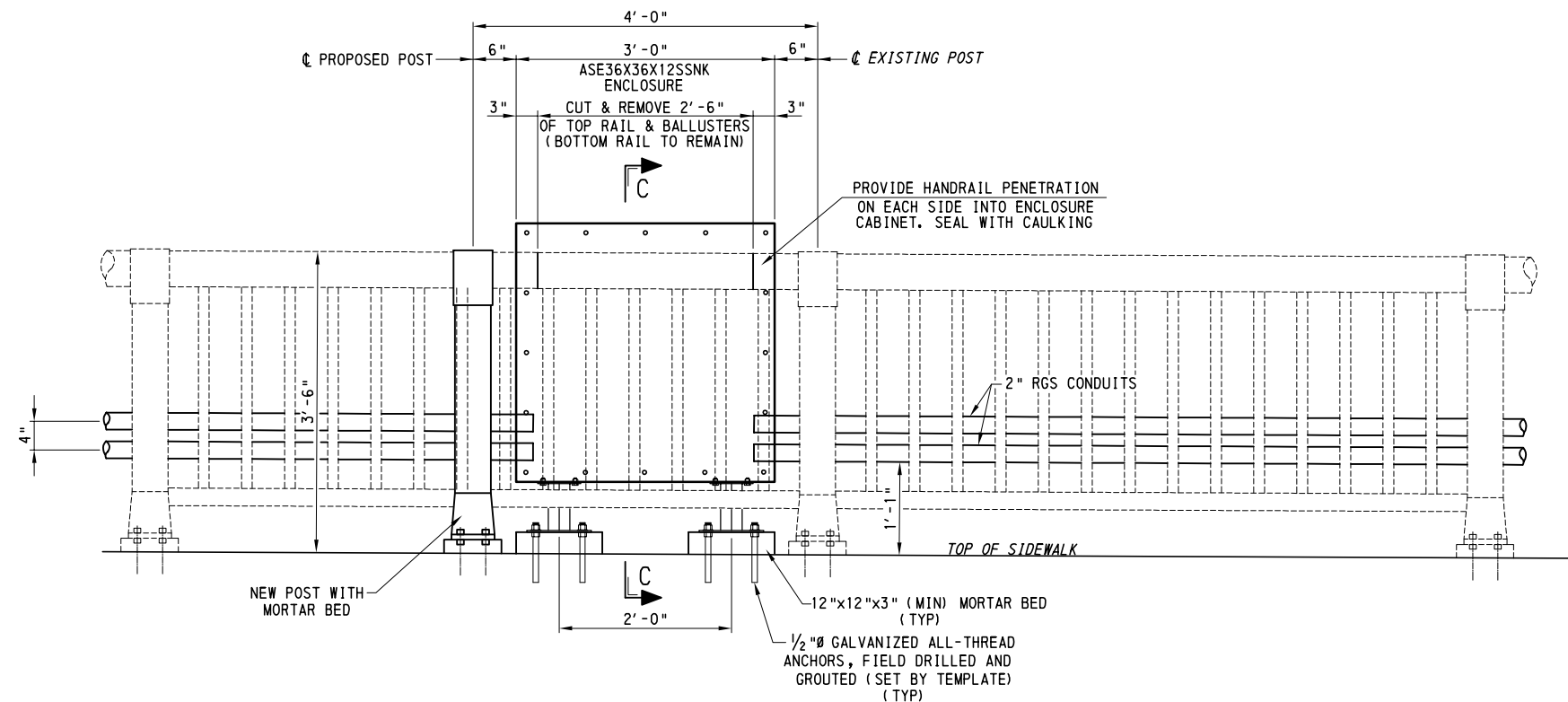
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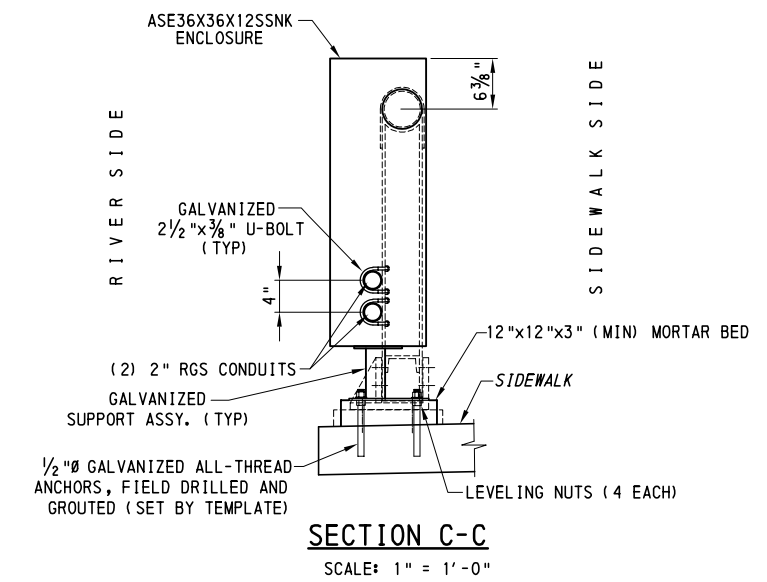
- ENCLOSURE BOXES ARE TO BE SET LEVEL AND PLUMB IN ALL DIRECTIONS. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE GROUTED 1/2" ALL-THREAD ANCHORS WITH LEVELING NUTS FOR EACH BASE PLATE. PROVIDE A 3" MORTAR BED BELOW SUPPORT ASSEMBLY LEGS. COAT ALL SURFACES OF THE BASE PLATES IN CONTACT WITH CONCRETE WITH CAULKING COMPOUND PRIOR TO ERECTION AND ALIGNMENT. AFTER ERECTION AND ALIGNMENT, SEAL OPENINGS BETWEEN THE METAL SURFACES AND THE CONCRETE WITH CAULKING COMPOUND CONFORMING TO PUB. 408, SECTION 705.7(b).

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**ENCLOSURE PLACEMENT AT PEDESTRIAN RAILING (MIDSPAN OF TRUSS)**  
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



**SECTION C-C**  
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