WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Project title: Pooled Fund for the Development of Approach Guardrail Transitions for Box

Beam and MGS

Project Number: TPF-5(393)

Progress period: 11/1/2020 - 01/31/2021

Principal Investigator and all others who have worked on the project (provide name and **ORCID number**): Roger Bligh (#0000-0001-5699-070X), Nauman Sheikh (#0000-0003-1718-4881), Nathan Schulz (#0000-0002-7527-9419), James Kovar (#0000-0002-1542-7010)

1. Please state whether the project is ahead of schedule, on time, or behind schedule:

A 10 month no-cost time extension was executed in December to permit completion of the programmed research tasks. Based on progress in January and the projected test schedule, the project is on schedule based on the modified time line.

2. Percentage of overall work completed.

50%

3. Activities and Accomplishments:

a. What are the major goals and objectives of the project?

The research objective is to develop two non-proprietary approach guardrail transition systems from box beam and MGS guardrail that are MASH Test Level 3 (TL-3) compliant. The transitions are being designed to connect the guardrail systems to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Type C2P TL-4 bridge rail system. Direct connection between the transition section and bridge rail is desired to avoid use of a solid concrete parapet end that could hinder snow clearing operations. The work plan for the project is divided into seven tasks. These include:

- Task 1: Engineering Design and Drawing Development
- Task 2: Finite Element Modeling & Simulation
- Task 3: Test Installation Construction
- Task 4: Crash Testing of the Box Beam Transition
- Task 5: Crash Testing of the MGS Transition
- Task 6: Final Report
- Task 7: FHWA Eligibility Letter

b. Describe what was accomplished under these goals.

Task 1: Engineering Design and Drawing Development (previously completed)

Task 2: Finite Element Modeling & Simulation (previously completed)

Task 3: Test Installation Construction (ongoing)

Work on Task 3 continued during the reporting period. The test installation drawings for the box beam transition were approved last quarter. The test installation drawings for the MGS transition system were updated and sent to WYDOT for review and approval on October 23. WyDOT approval of the drawings, including approval to proceed with construction and full-scale crash testing, was received on November 5, 2020. The approved test installation drawings are included in Attachment A and Attachment B, respectively. The test installation will include 20 ft of C2P bridge rail anchored to a moment slab. A transition, approach guardrail, and terminal will be attached to each end of the bridge rail section. The box beam transition will be attached to one side of the C2P bridge rail section and the MGS transition will be attached to the other side of the C2P bridge rail system.

Upon receipt of approval to proceed, the test installation construction process was initiated at the TTI Proving Ground. Parts lists were created from the approved test installation drawings for construction of the C2P bridge rail section, box beam transition, and MGS transition systems. The parts lists include items required for both initial construction and repair between tests.

Task 4: Crash Testing of the Box Beam Transition (ongoing)

TTI researchers have developed a test plan for both the box beam and MGS transition systems. The *MASH* test matrix for transitions consists of two tests: Test 3-20 with a passenger car, and Test 3-21 with a pickup truck. In both tests, the vehicle impacts the more flexible of the two barrier systems being connected at a nominal speed and angle of 62 mi/h and 25 degrees.

For the box beam transition, *MASH* Test 3-20 and Test 3-21 will be performed on both the downstream and upstream ends of the transition system. The downstream end is where the transition attaches to the C2P bridge rail. The upstream end is where the box beam approach guardrail attaches to the transition. Finite element impact simulations were used to determine the critical impact point for each test.

On the downstream end of the box beam transition, the CIPs for *MASH* Test 3-20 and Test 3-21 were determined to be 36 inches and 60 inches upstream from the end of the bridge rail curb, respectively. On the upstream end of the box beam transition, the CIPs for *MASH* Test 3-20 and Test 3-21 were determined to be 8 ft and 12.25 ft upstream of the end of the lower rubrail element, respectively.

The tentative tests dates selected for evaluation of the box beam transition system are as follows:

- April 13 Test 3-20 on downstream end of box beam transition
- April 19 Test 3-21 on downstream end of box beam transition
- April 30 Test 3-20 on upstream end of box beam transition

• May 4 – Test 3-21 on upstream end of box beam transition

Time is included between tests to permit for repair of both the C2P bridge rail, box beam transition system, and box beam guardrail as needed.

Task 5: Crash Testing of the MGS Transition (ongoing)

After completion of the testing for the box beam guardrail transition, the MGS transition system will be installed. The test plan for the MGS transition includes *MASH* Test 3-20 and Test 3-21 on the downstream end of the transition system where it attaches to the C2P bridge rail. Based on the Task 2 simulation analyses, the CIPs for *MASH* Test 3-20 and Test 3-21 were determined to be 76 inches and 84 inches upstream from the upstream flange of the first C2P bridge rail post.

The upstream end of the MGS transition will not be evaluated because it is similar in design to a system that was already crash tested and determined to be *MASH* compliant. The tentative tests dates selected for evaluation of the box beam transition system are as follows:

- May 11 Test 3-20 on downstream end of MGS transition
- May 25 Test 3-21 on downstream end of MGS transition

Time is included between tests to permit for repair of both the C2P bridge rail and MGS transition system as needed.

c. What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided? If the research is not intended to provide training and professional development, state "Nothing to Report". Otherwise, describe opportunities for training and professional development, training activities, and professional development.

Nothing to report.

d. How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest? Describe what results have been disseminated and in what manner, including publications, conference papers, and presentation. Please list ALL derivative reports/publications which were generated from this project, and provide an electronic copy of the report/publication.

Nothing to report.

e. What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives? Describe briefly what you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives.

Work on Task 3 will be completed. Materials required for construction of both the C2P bridge rail and transition systems will be acquired. Construction of the simulated bridge rail system and attached box beam transition will be completed. Crash testing of the box beam transition will be initiated.

f. List any products resulting from the project during the reporting period. Include in this list:

- 1. Publications, conference papers, and presentations.
- 2. Website(s) or other internet sites (List the URL).
- 3. Technologies or techniques.
- 4. Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses.
- 5. Other products, such as data or databases, physical collections, audio or video products, software or NetWare, models, educational aids or curricula, instruments or equipment.

Nothing to report.

g. Impact:

- 1. How will this project impact WYDOT?
- 2. How will this project impact other agencies?

WYDOT's Mission Statement is to "provide a safe, high quality and efficient transportation system." One of the goals within the mission statement is to "improve safety on the state transportation system." Successful implementation of the transitions developed under this project into WYDOT's standard plans will provide an improved level of safety. The transitions will provide continuity of motorist safety from MASH guardrail systems to MASH bridge rail systems. Full implementation of MASH compliant roadside safety devices, including transition systems, will provide an enhanced level of safety that will help reduce the severity of lane departure crashes that represent over 75% of highway fatalities in Wyoming. Additionally, the AASHTO/FHWA MASH Implementation Agreement requires state DOTs to provide MASH compliant roadside safety features to obtain federal funding reimbursement on projects. The results of this research will be useful to other agencies. This project is being funded as a pooled fund effort between WYDOT and Montana DOT. It will provide transition details that will be immediately implementable by both of these agencies as well as other agencies that use similar guardrail and bridge rail systems.

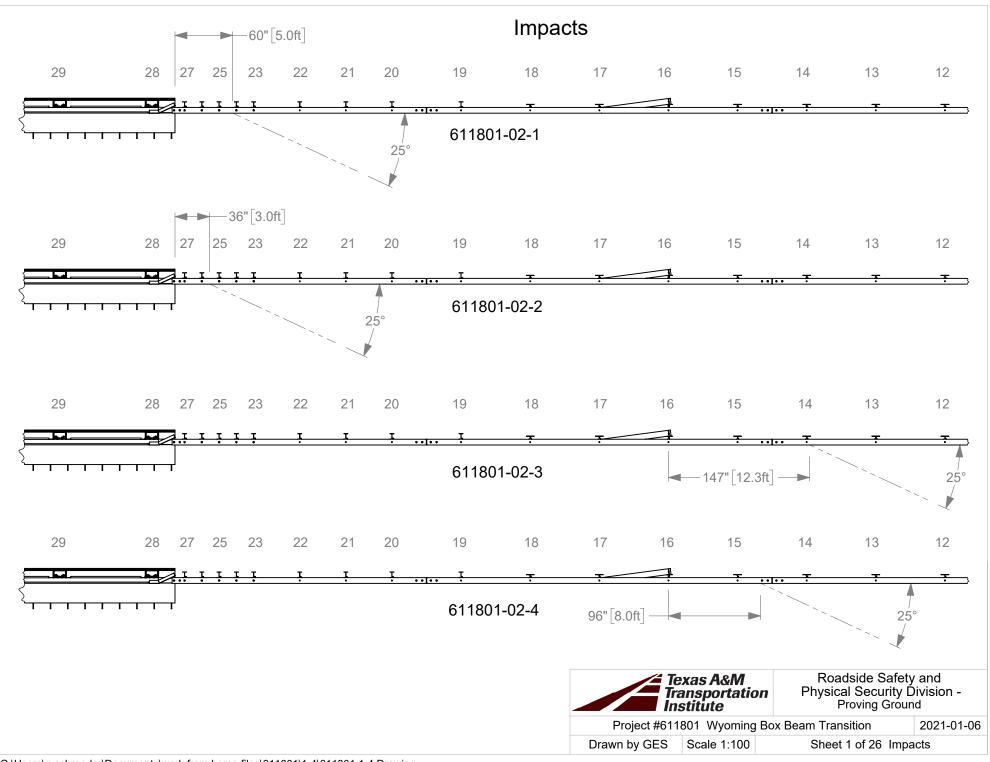
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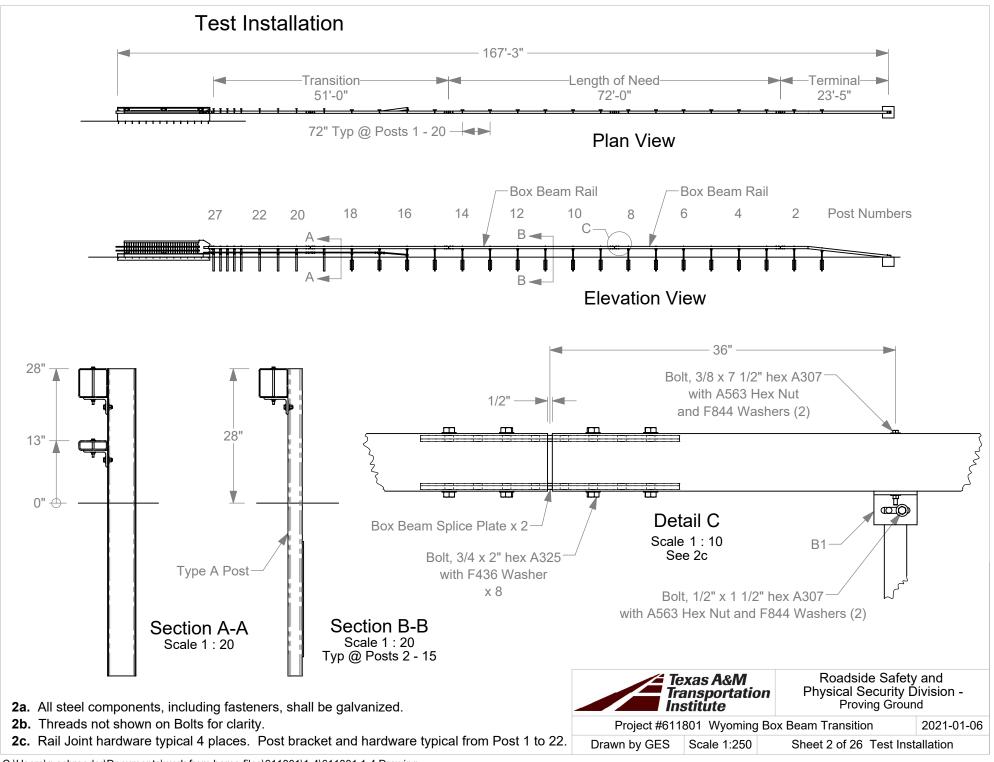
- 1. Scope of work or objectives of the project.
- 2. Changes in key persons.
- 3. Disengagement from the project for more than three (3) months, or a twenty five (25) percent reduction in time devoted to the project.
- 4. The inclusion of costs that require prior approval.
- 5. The transfer of funds between line items in the budget.
- 6. The subawarding, transferring or contracting of work.
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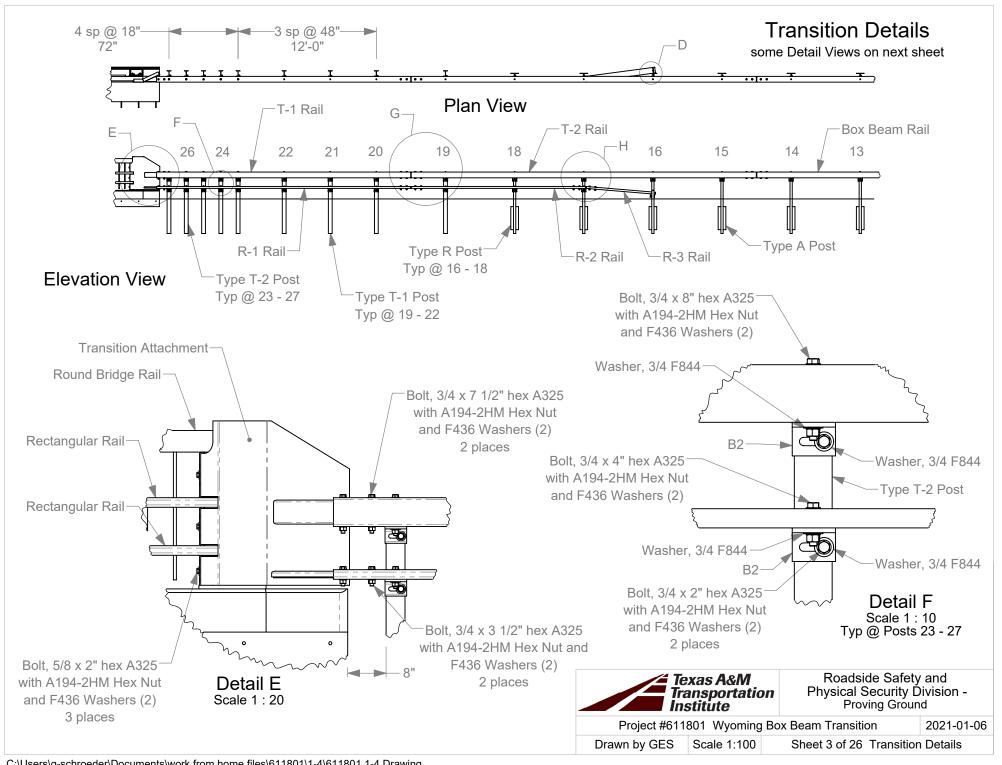
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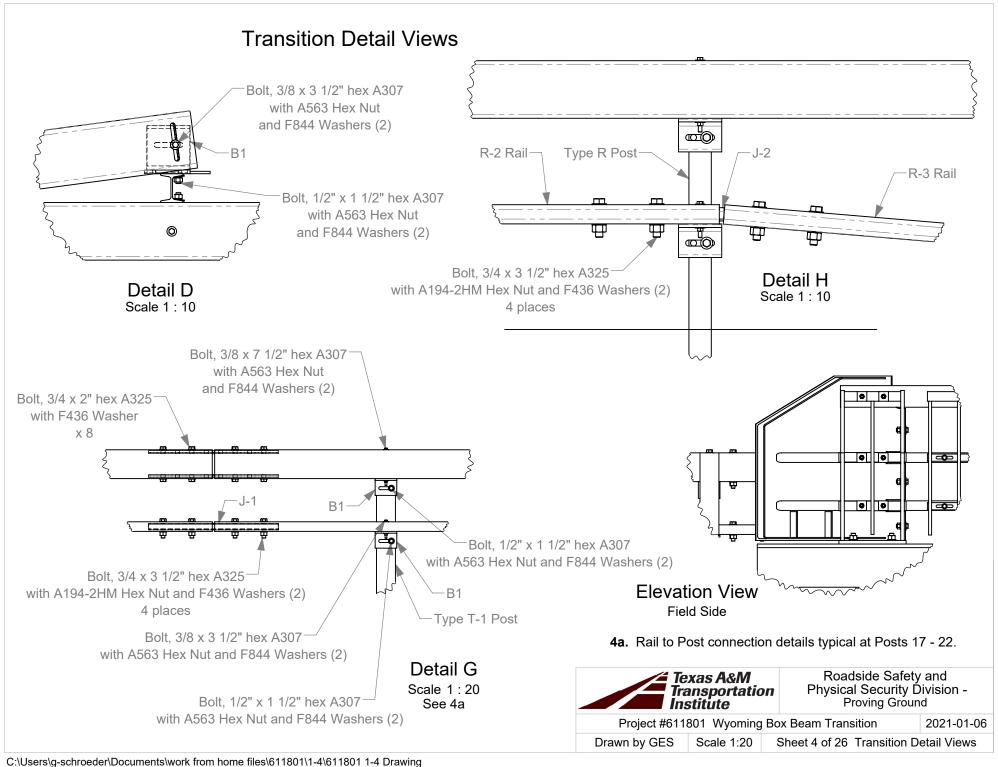
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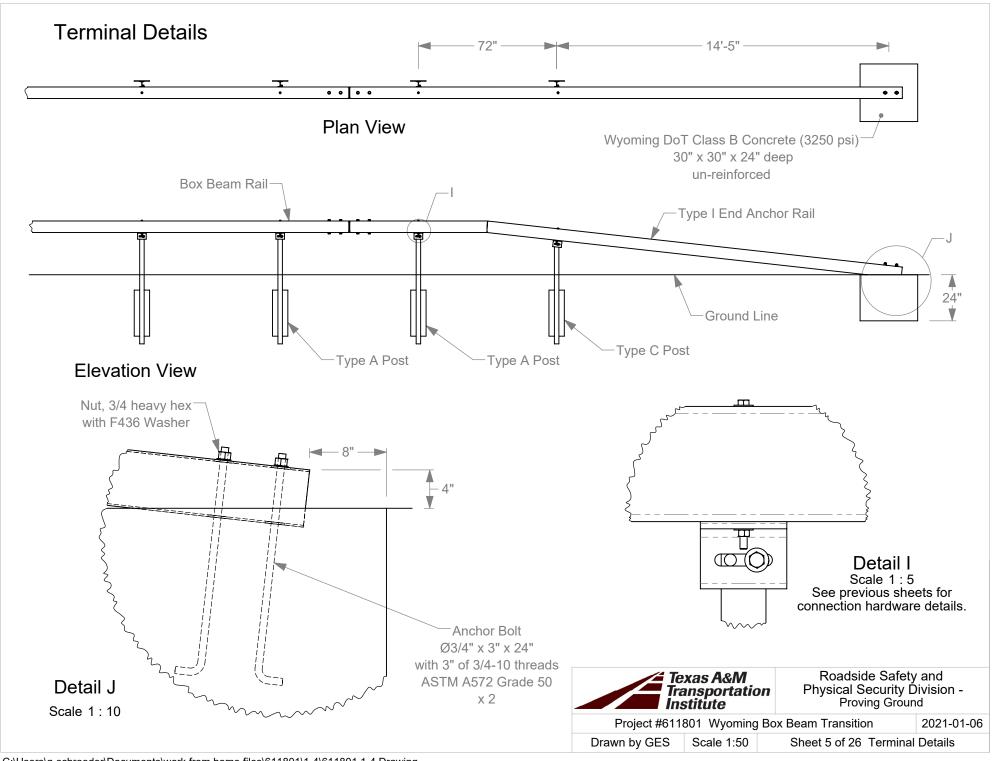
Box Beam Guardrail Transition Test Installation Details



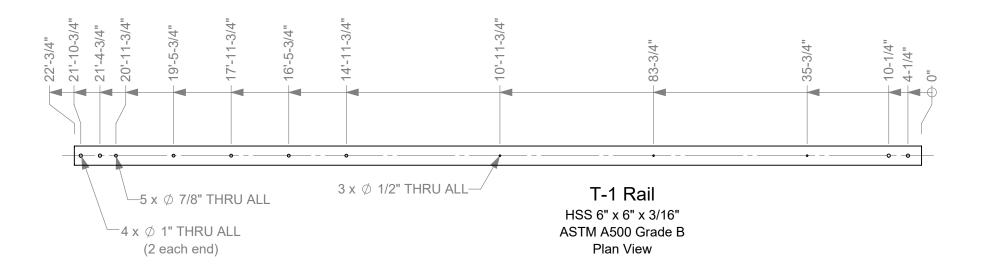


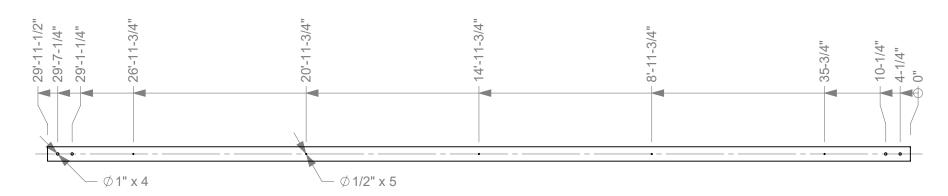






Transition Rails





T-2 Rail
HSS 6" x 6" x 3/16"
ASTM A500 Grade B
Plan View - Scale 1:40

6a. Galvanize all components after fabrication is complete.



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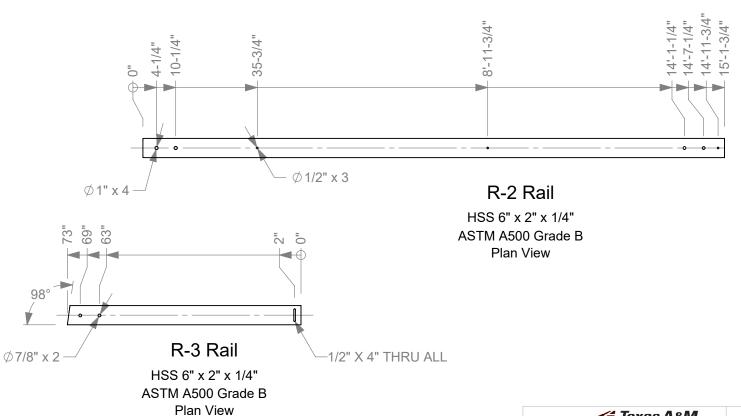
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Sheet 6 of 26 Transition Rails

Rub Rails

R-1 Rail

HSS 6" x 2" x 1/4"
ASTM A500 Grade B
See T-1 Rail on previous sheet for all other details.
Plan and Elevation Views



7a. Galvanize all components after fabrication is complete.



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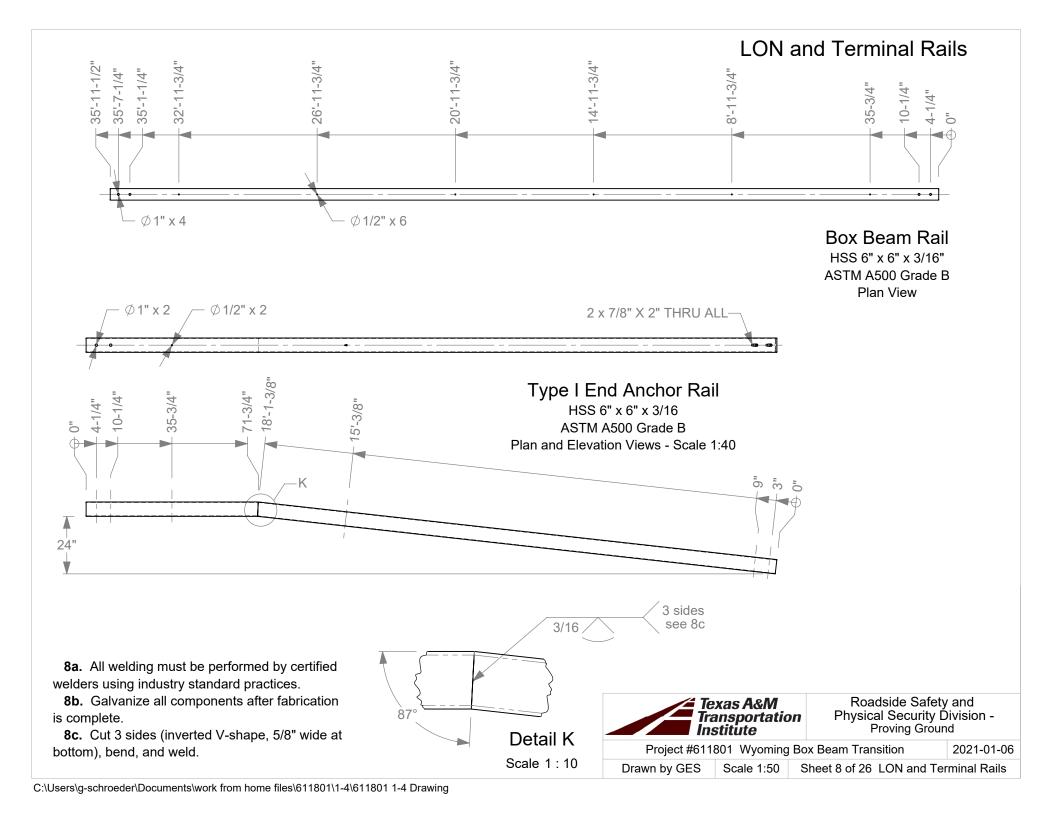
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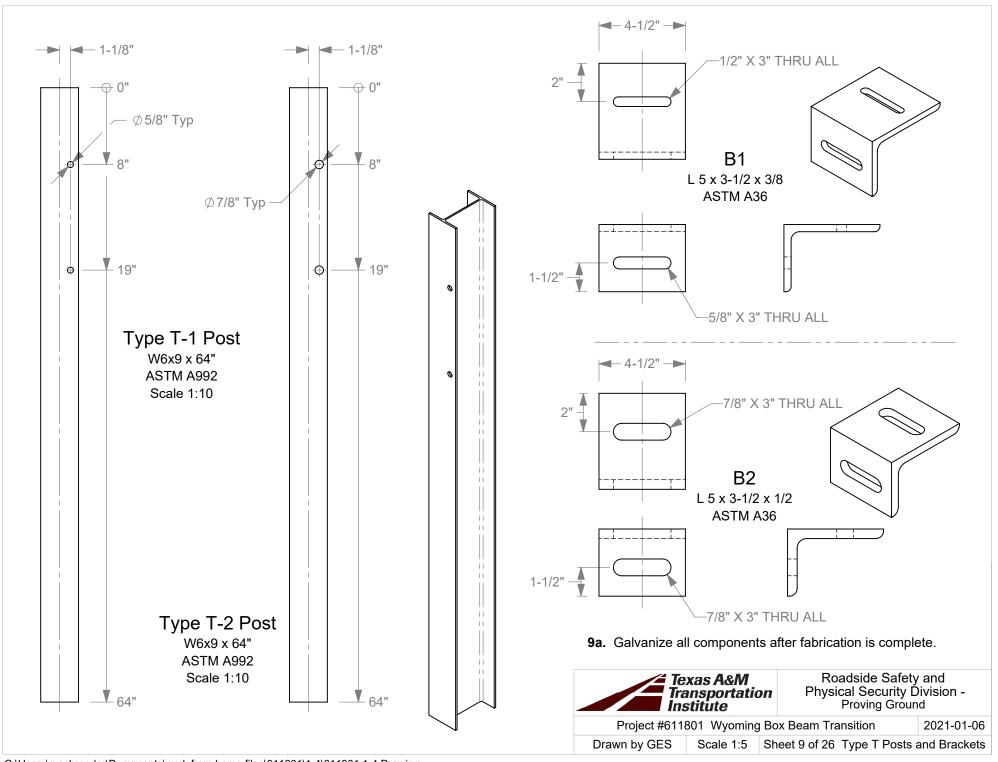
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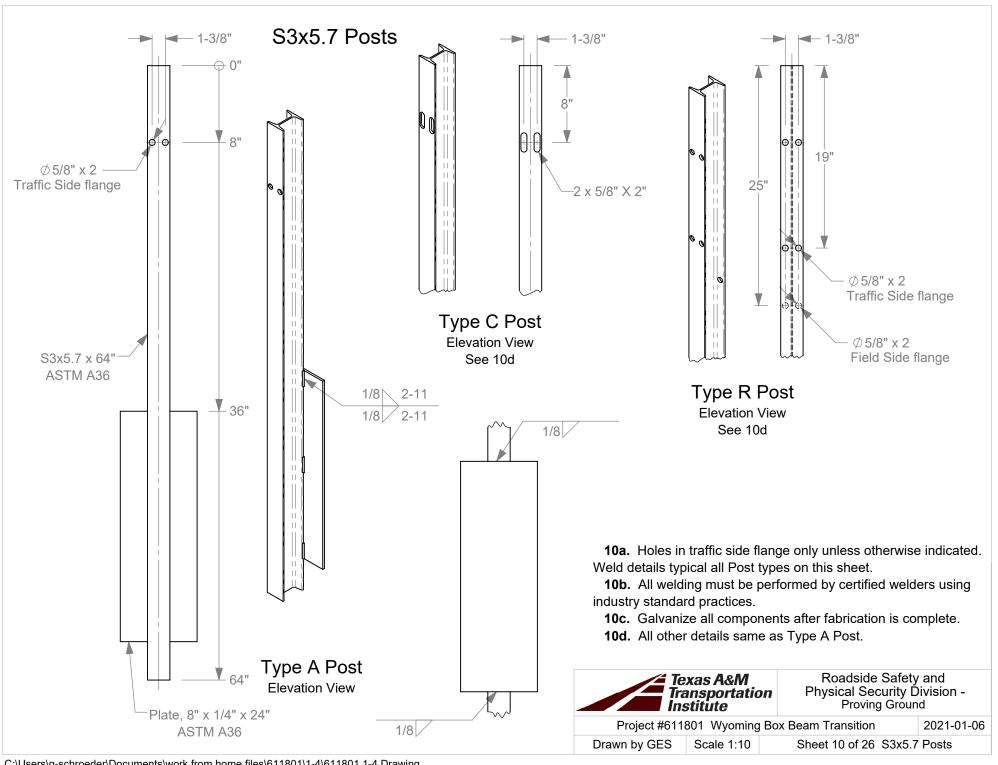
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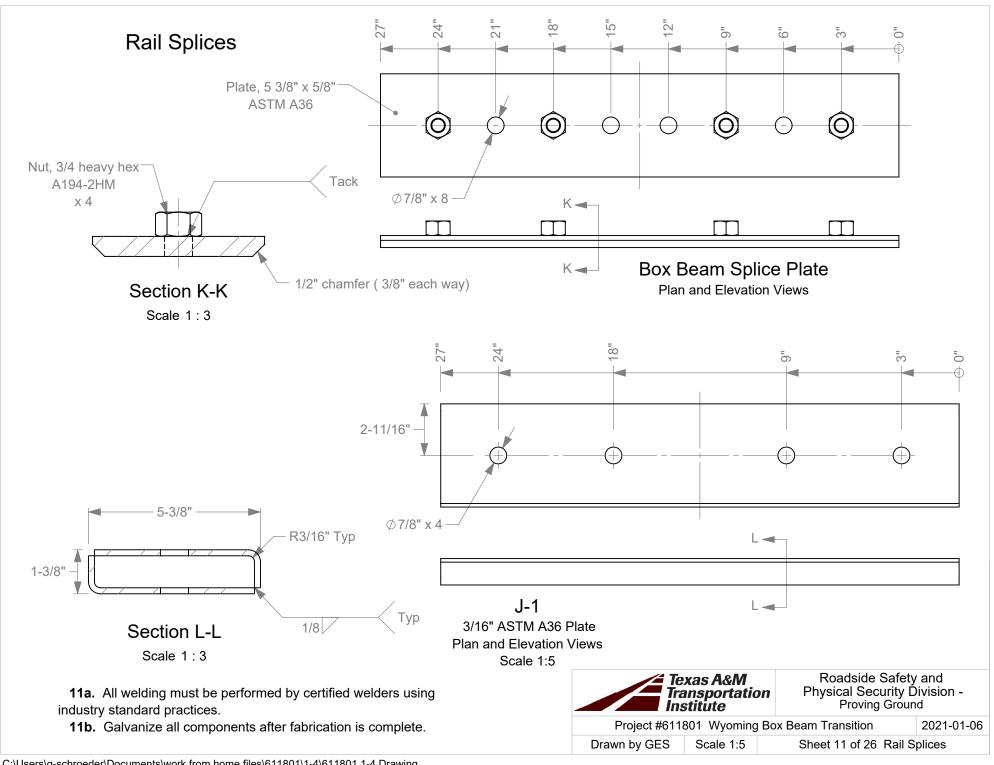
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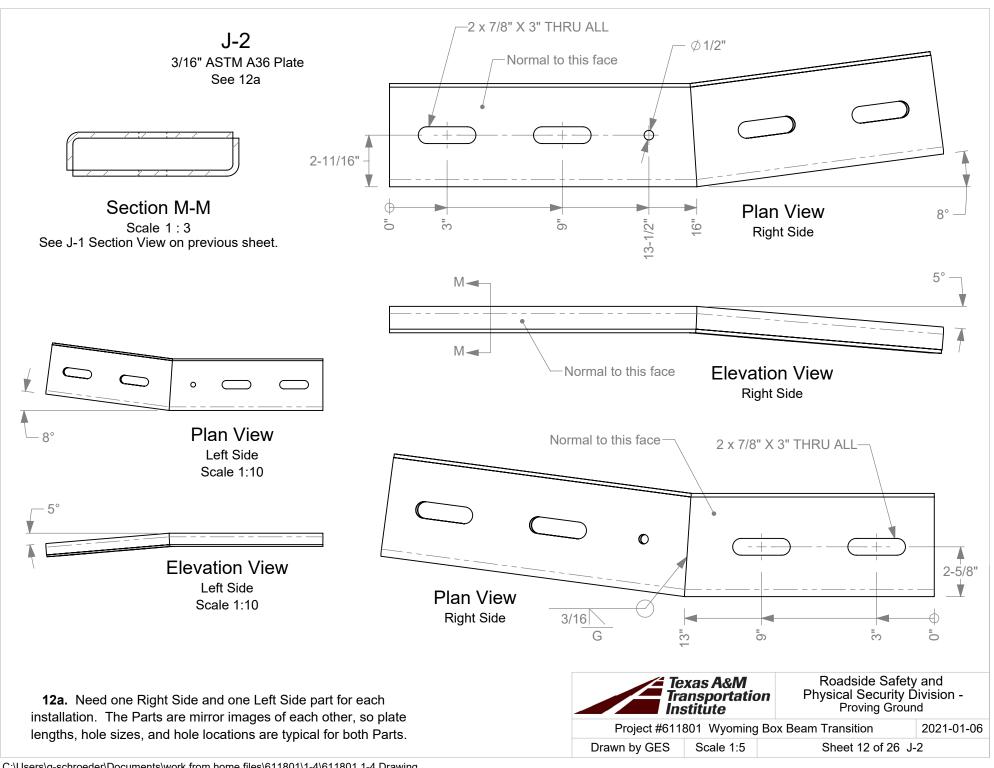
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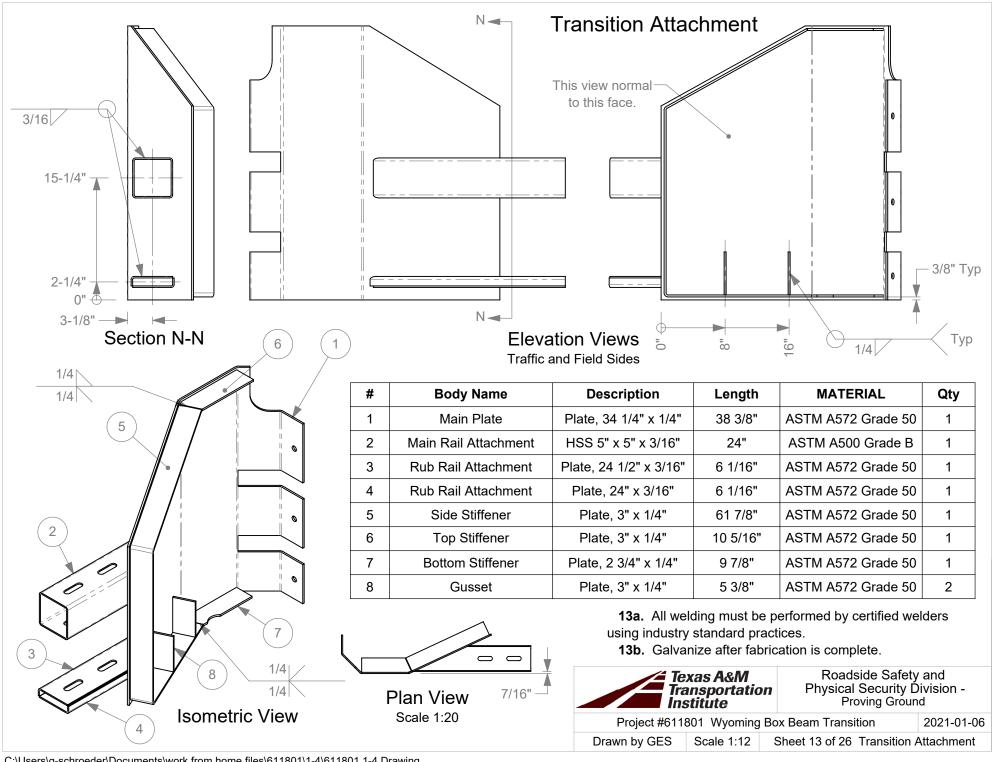


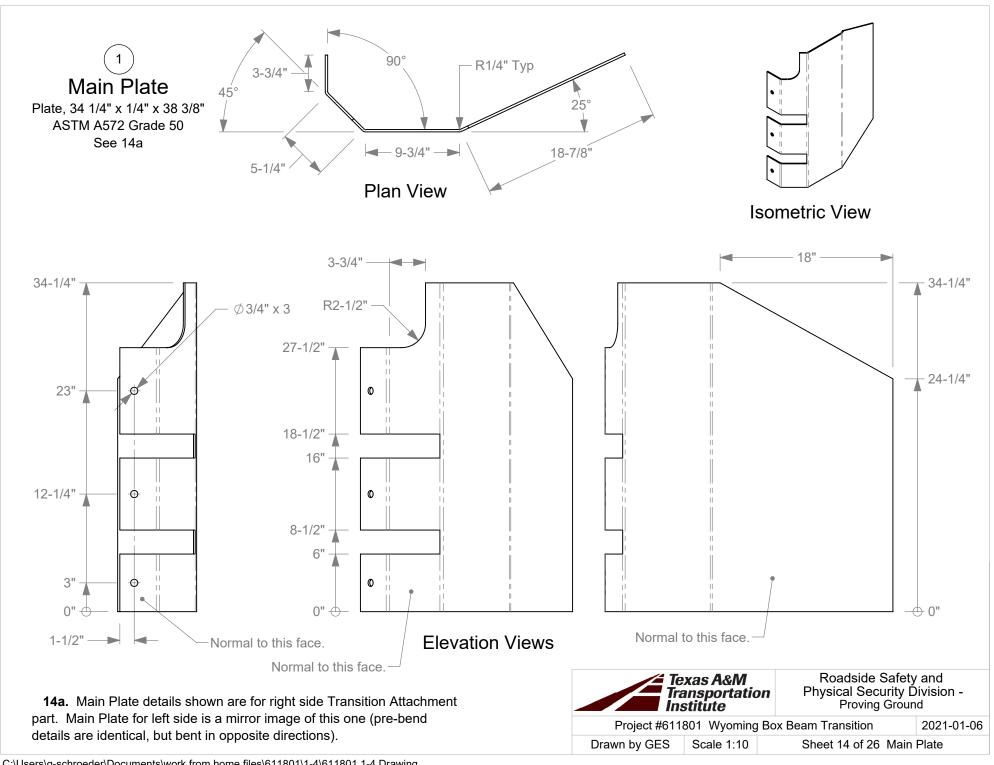


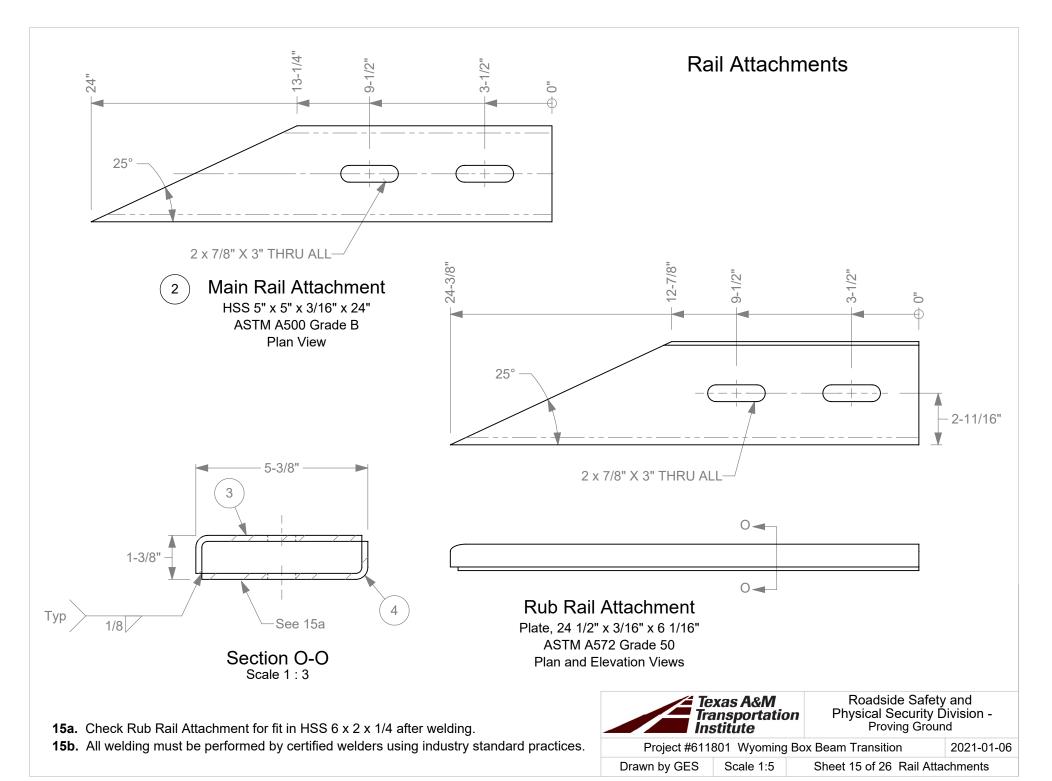


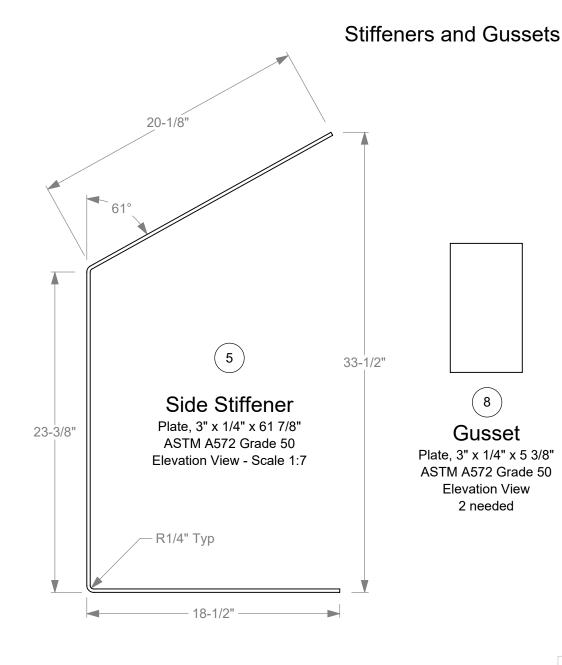






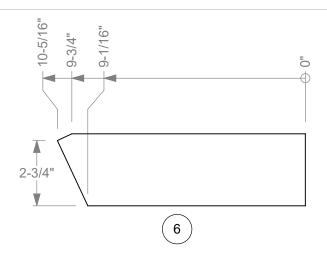






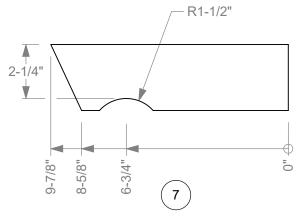


Gusset Plate, 3" x 1/4" x 5 3/8" ASTM A572 Grade 50 **Elevation View** 2 needed



Top Stiffener

Plate, 3" x 1/4" x 10 5/16" ASTM A572 Grade 50 Plan View



Bottom Stiffener

Plate, 2 3/4" x 1/4" x 9 7/8" ASTM A572 Grade 50 Plan View



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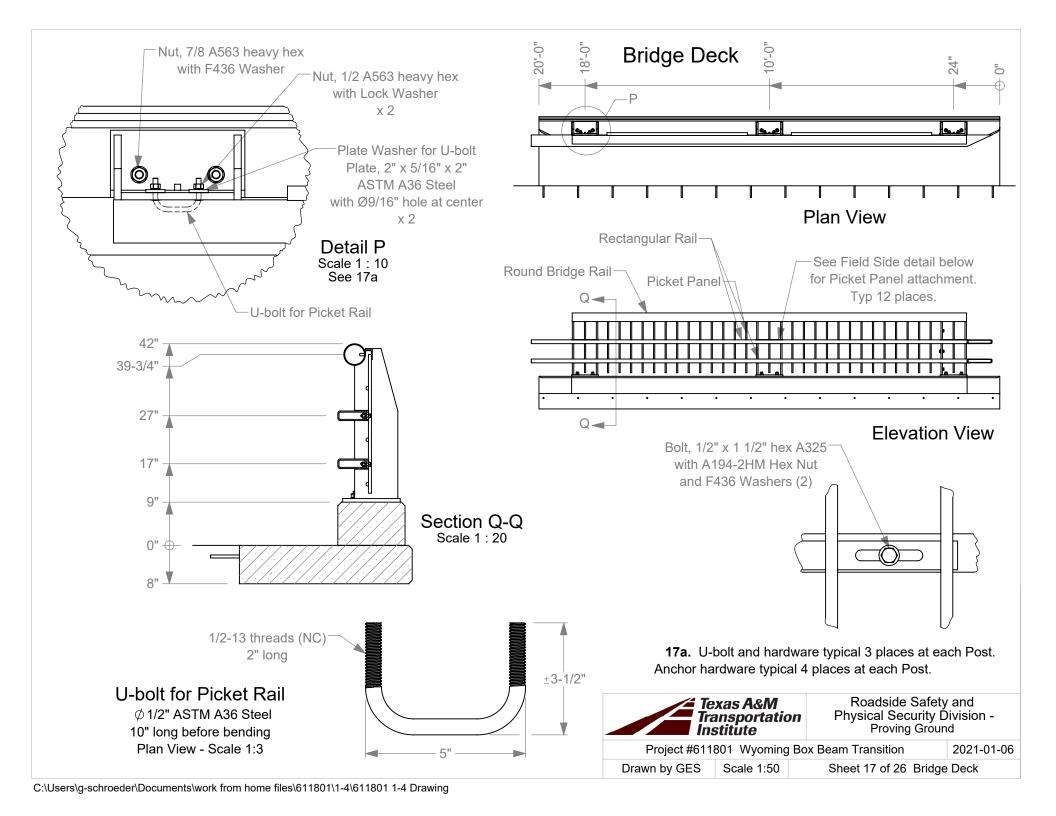
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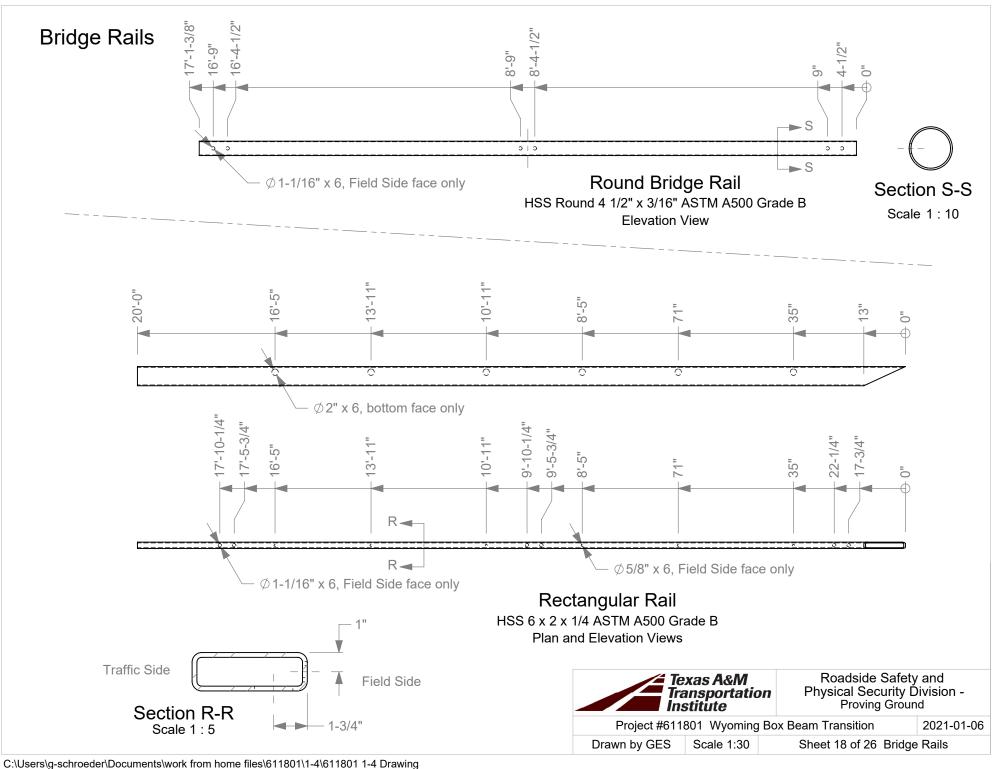
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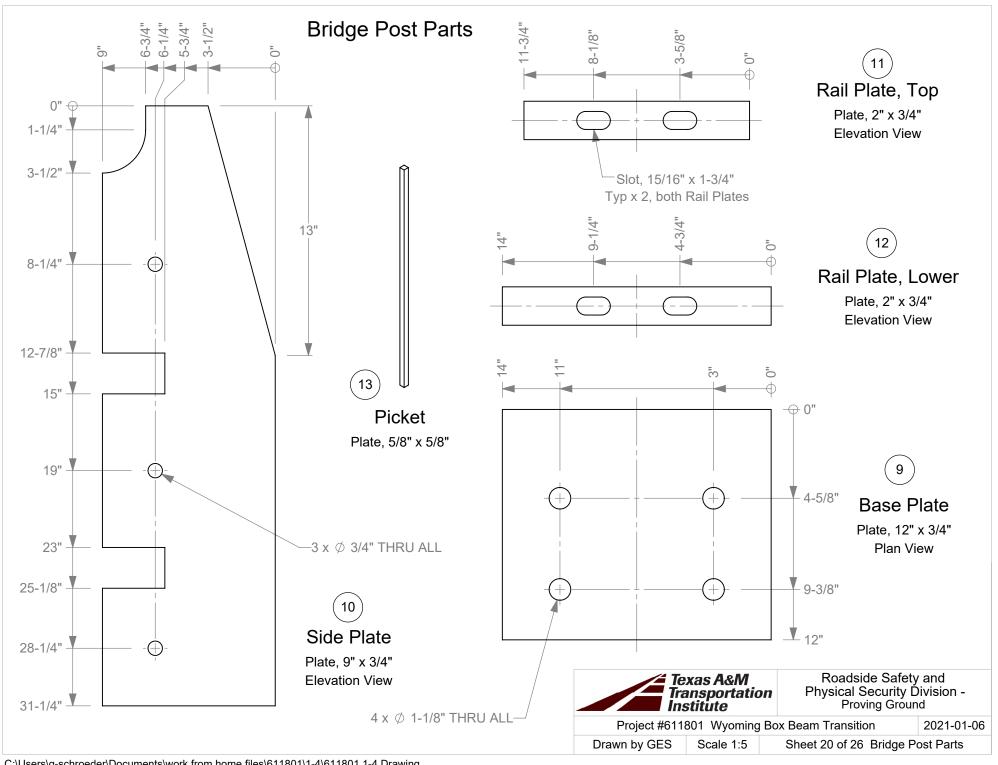
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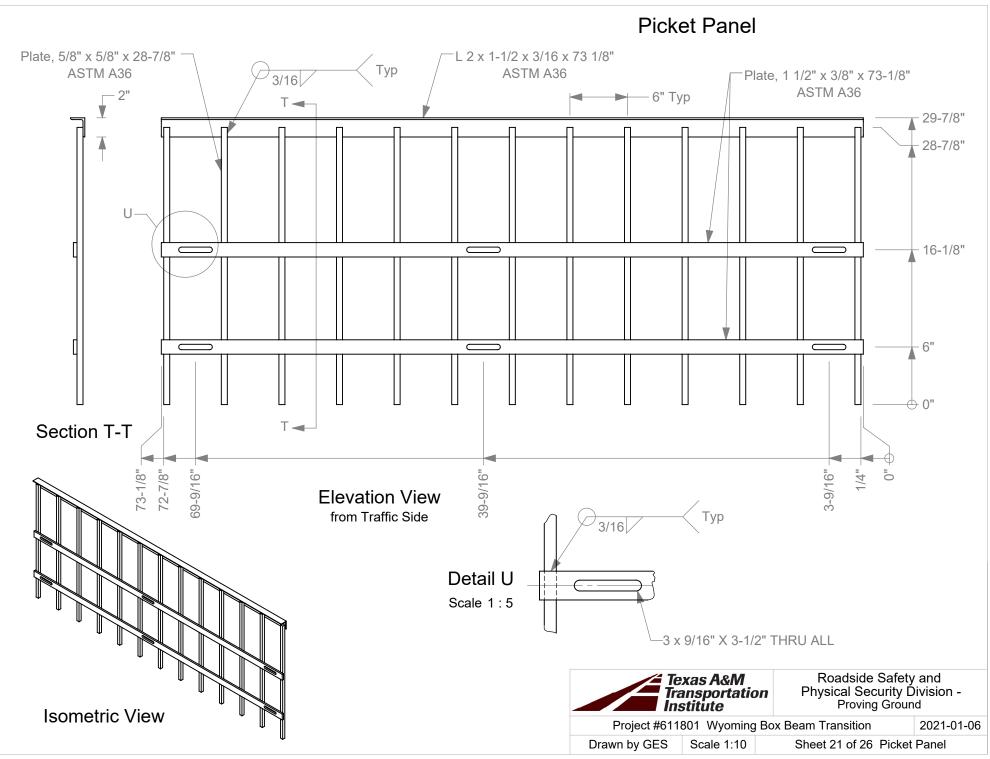
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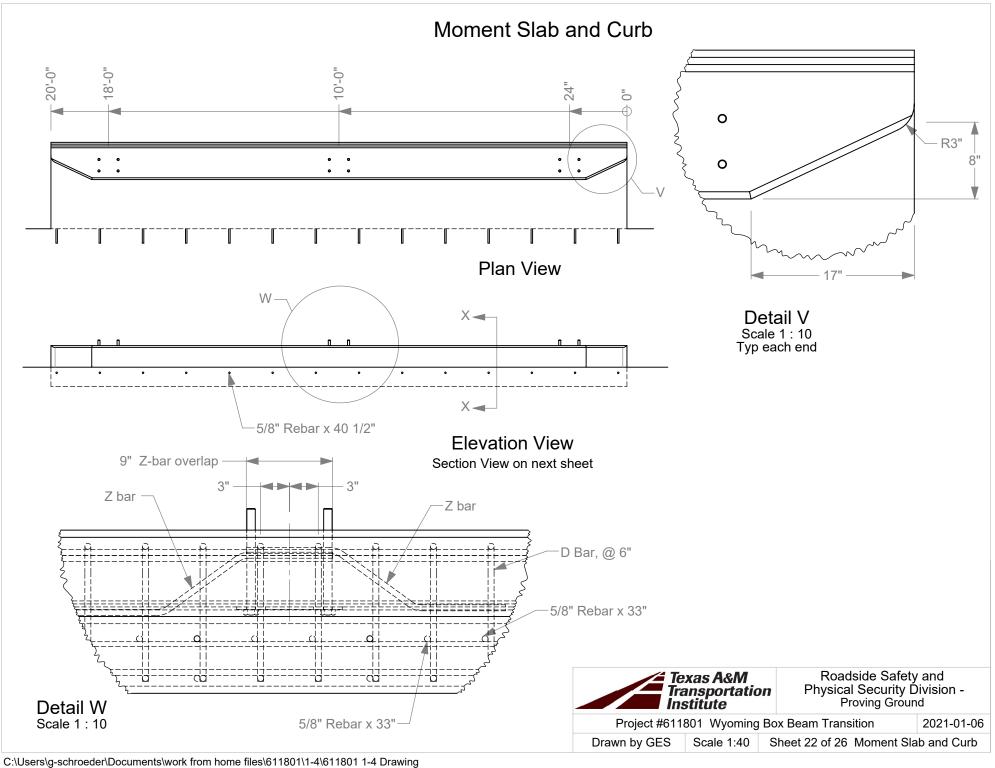


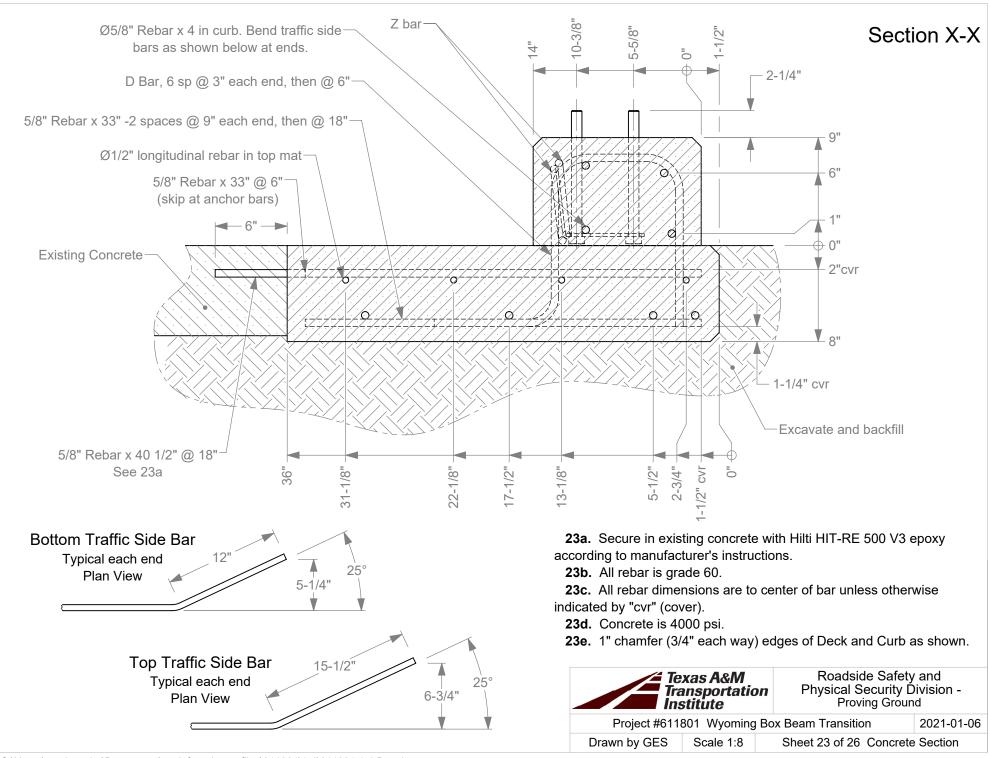


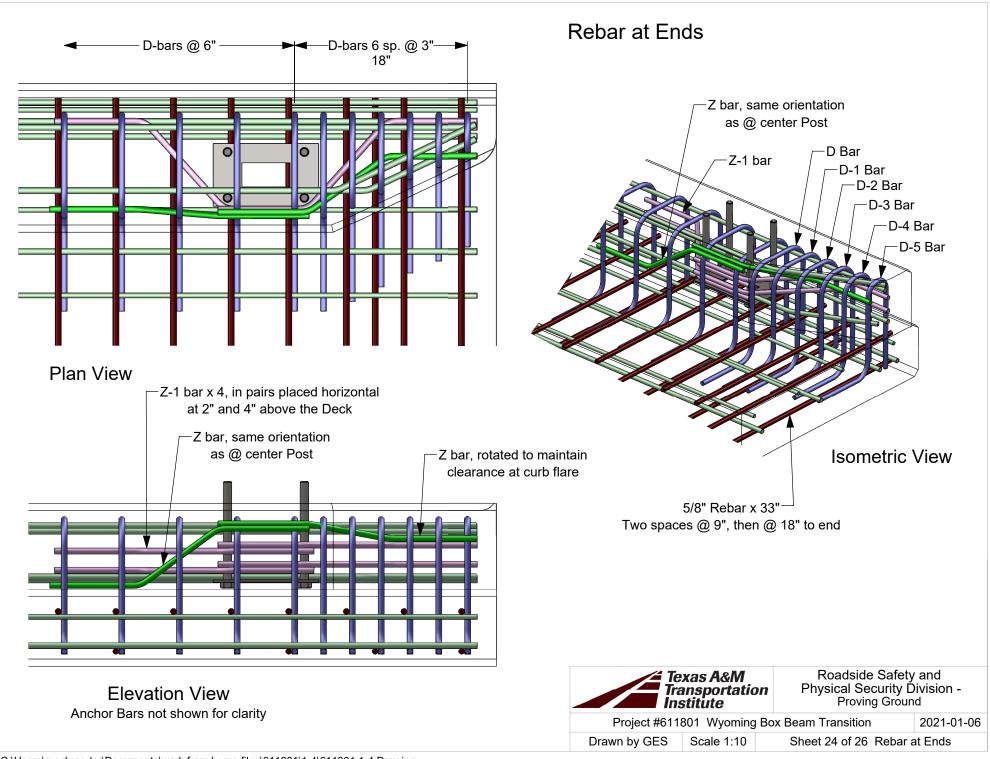
Body Name Description Length Material Qty Bridge Post 9 Base Plate 14" ASTM A572 Grade 50 Plate, 12" x 3/4" 1 Side Plate ASTM A572 Grade 50 2 10 Plate, 9" x 3/4" 31-1/4" - 11-3/4" -11 Rail Plate, Top Plate, 2" x 3/4" 11-3/4" ASTM A36 1 12 Rail Plate, Lower Plate, 2" x 3/4" 14" 2 ASTM A36 13 **Picket** Plate, 5/8" x 5/8" 27-3/4" ASTM A36 1 0 0 3 sides 0 0 13 Тур 3/8 10 Plan View 1/4 **Detail S** 12 Scale 1:5 12 Oi Тур Isometric View Oİ Тур 19a. All welding must be performed by certified welders using industry standard practices. 19b. Galvanize after fabrication is complete. **Elevation Views** Roadside Safety and Texas A&M Physical Security Division -Transportation Institute Proving Ground Project #611801 Wyoming Box Beam Transition 2021-01-06 Drawn by GES Sheet 19 of 26 Bridge Post Scale 1:10

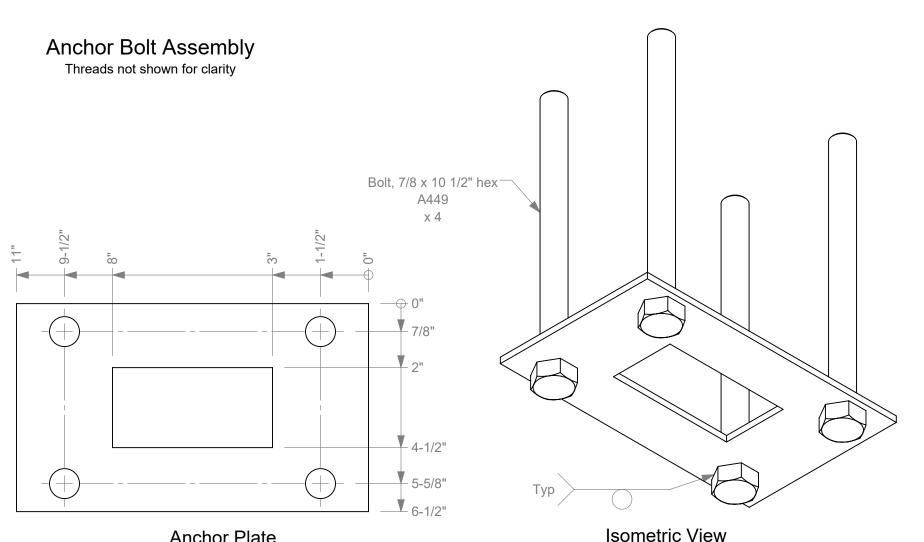












Anchor Plate Plate, 6 1/2" x 1/4" ASTM A36 Steel Plan View



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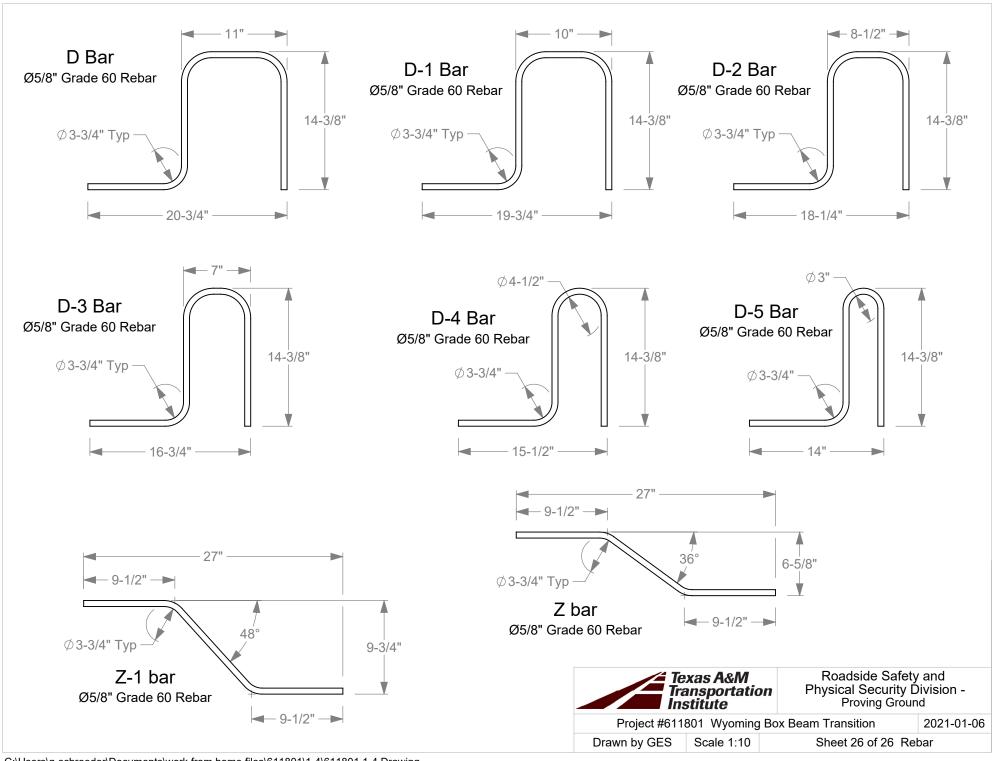
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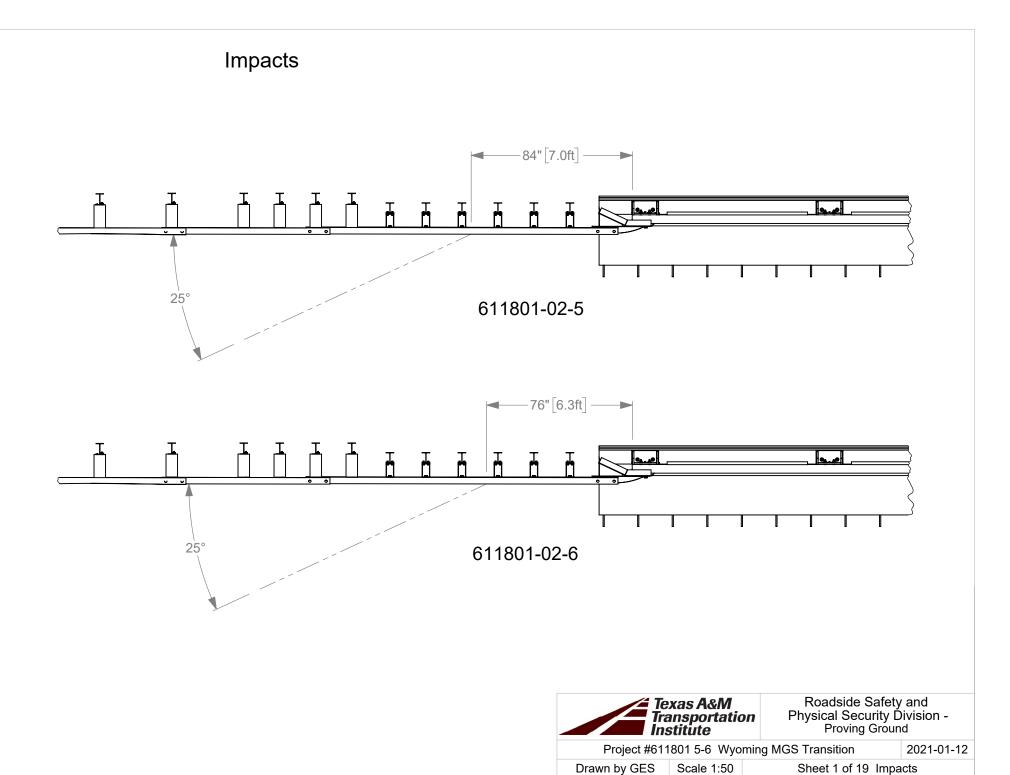
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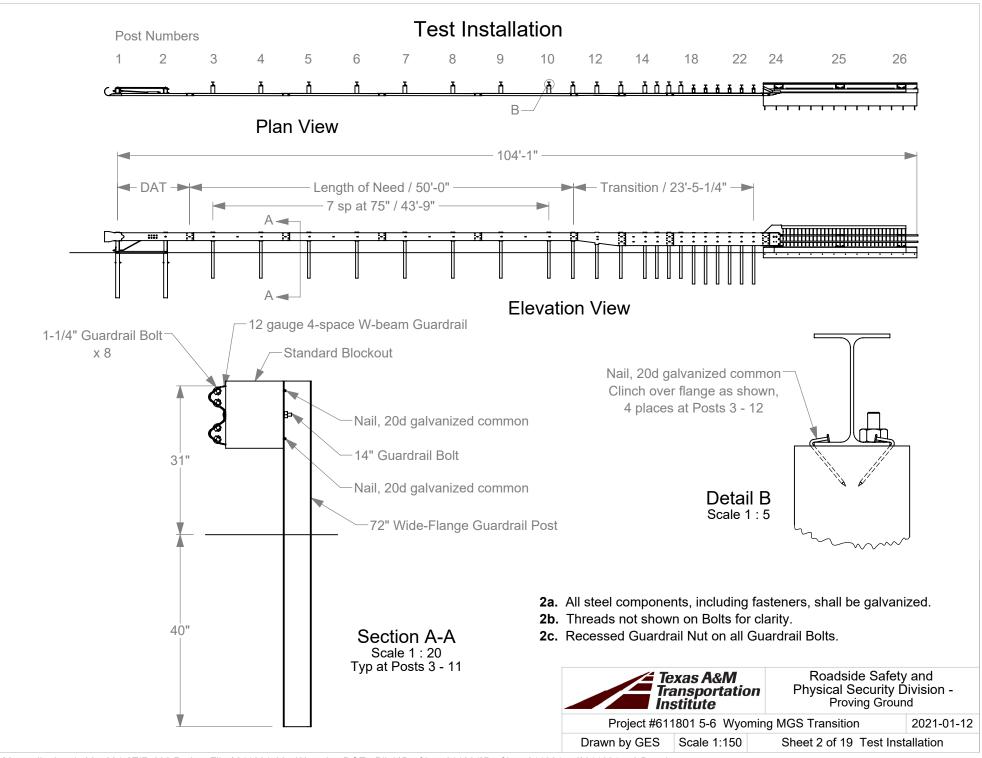
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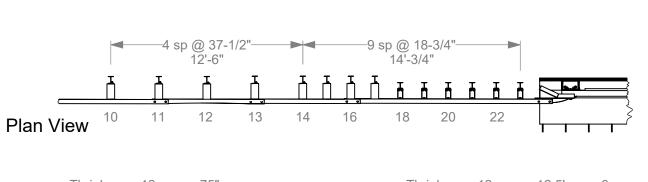


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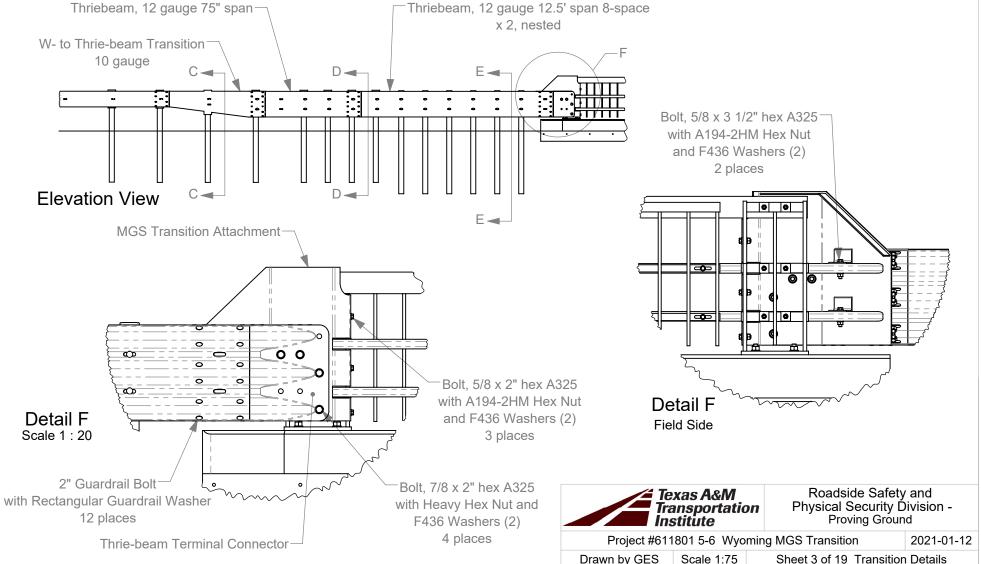




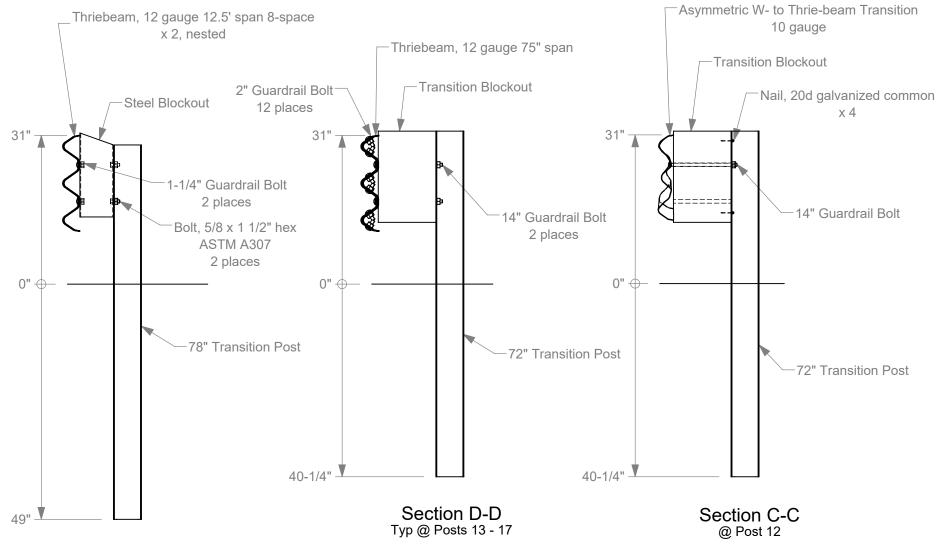


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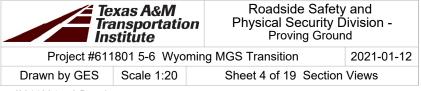
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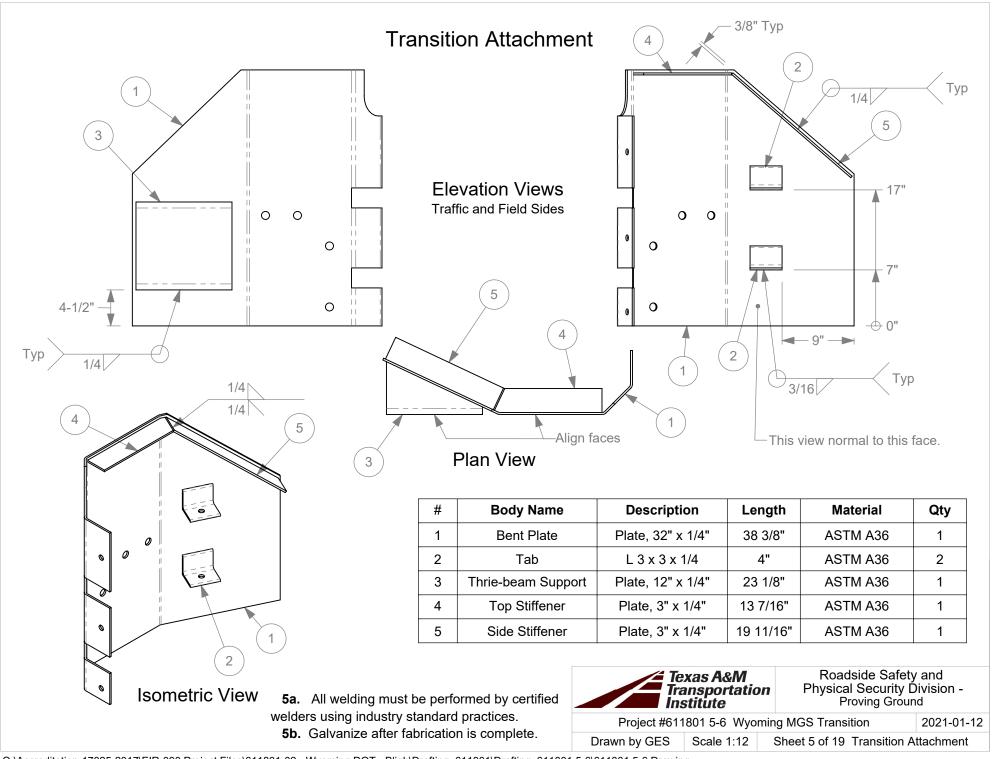


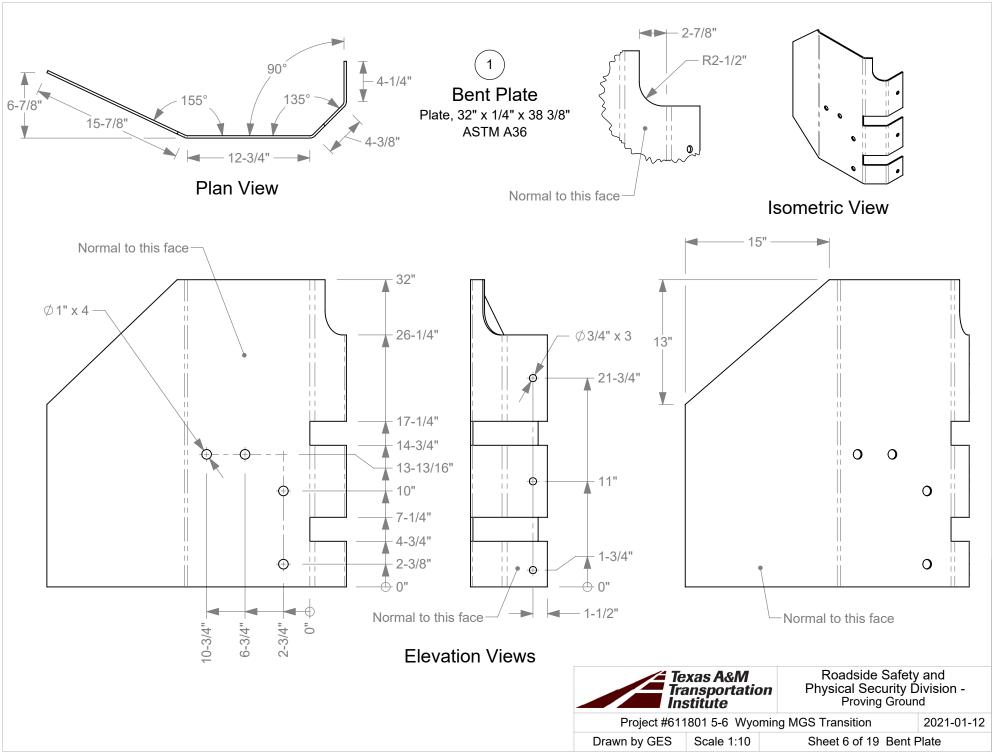
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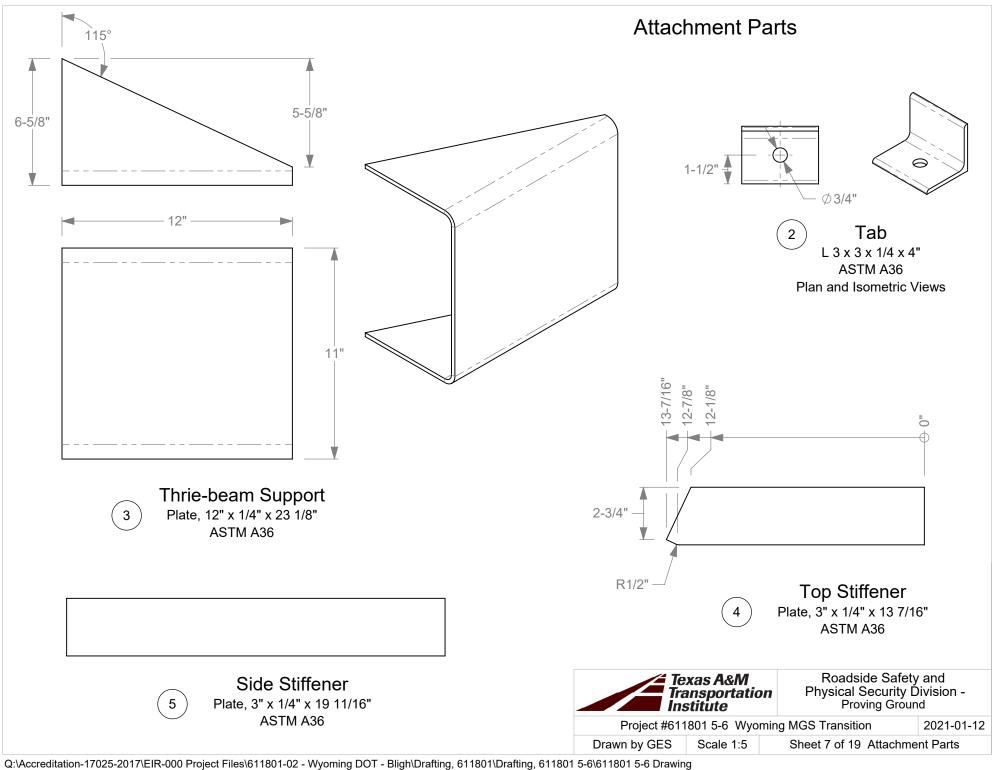


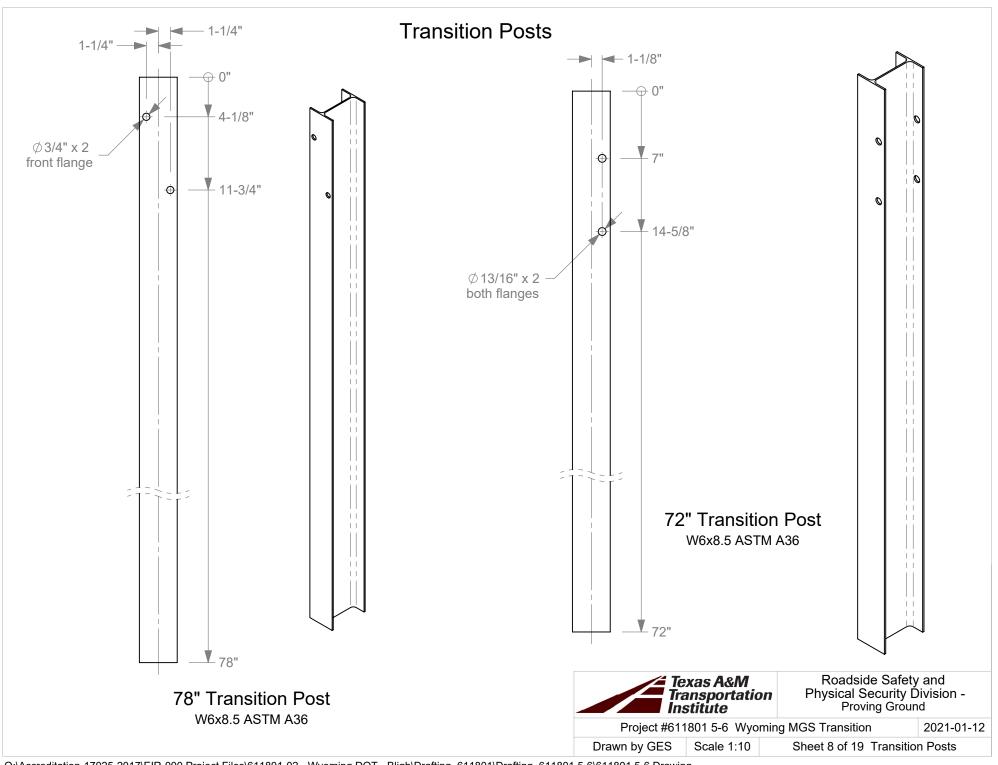
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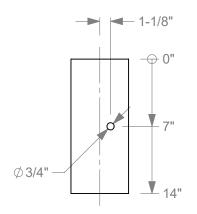


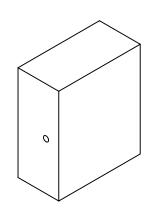
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Transition Blockout

Pressure-treated Yellow Pine Timber 6" x 12" x 19"



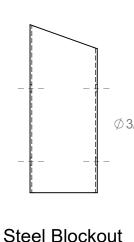


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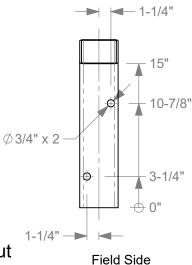
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HSS 7" x 4" x 3/16" ASTM A500 Grade B



Standard Blockout

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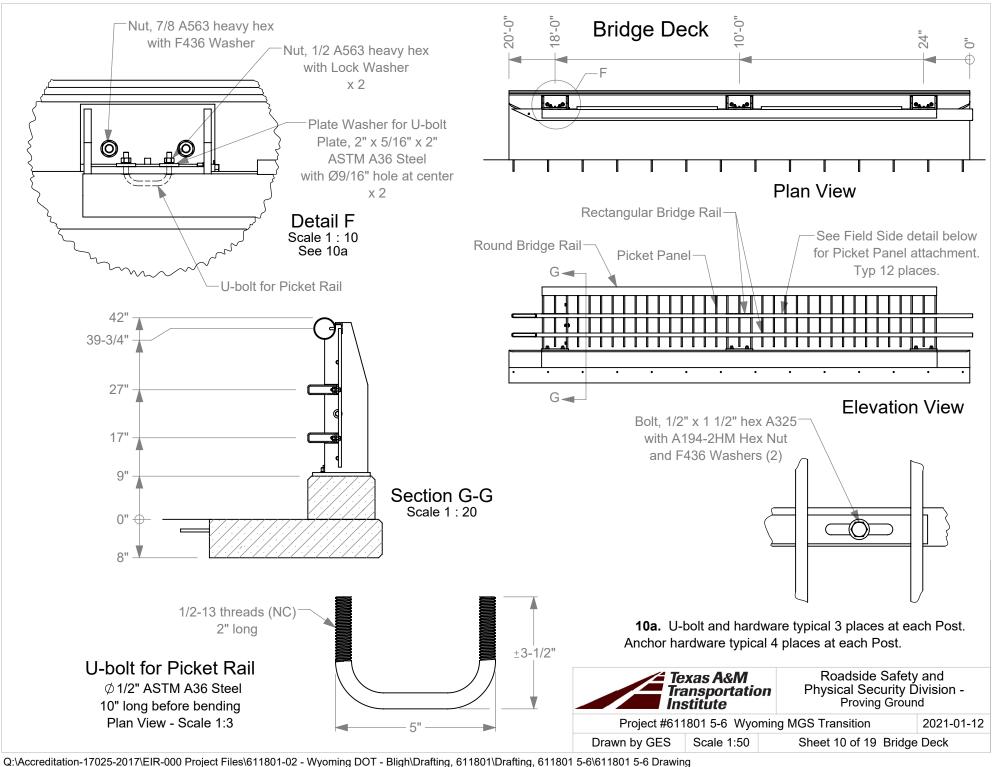
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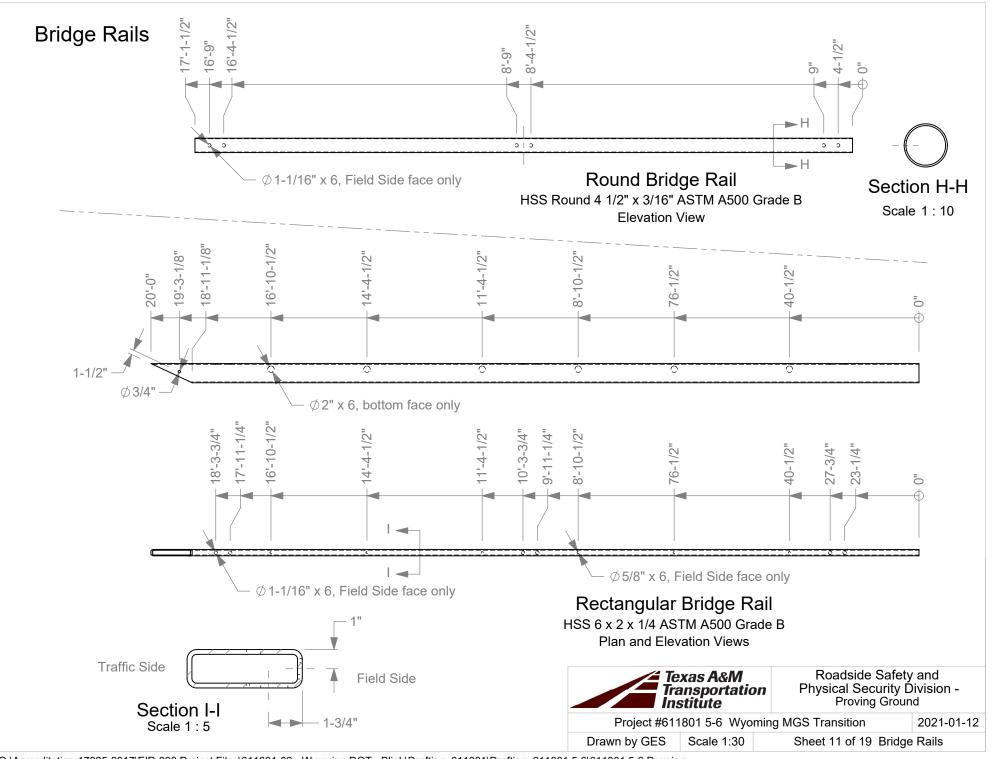
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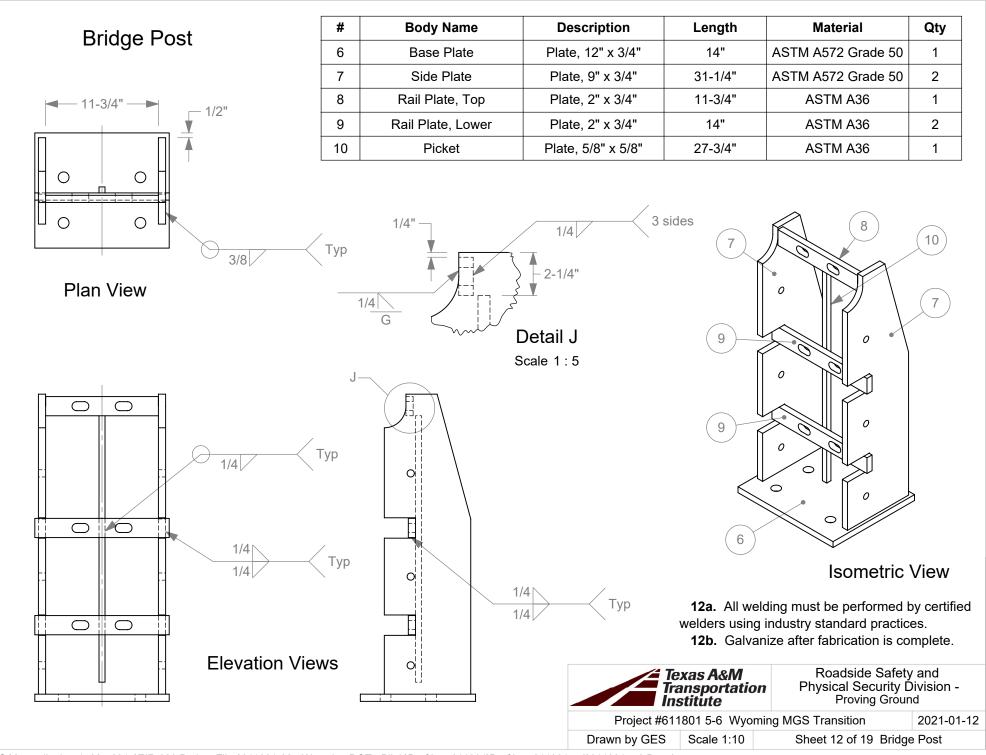
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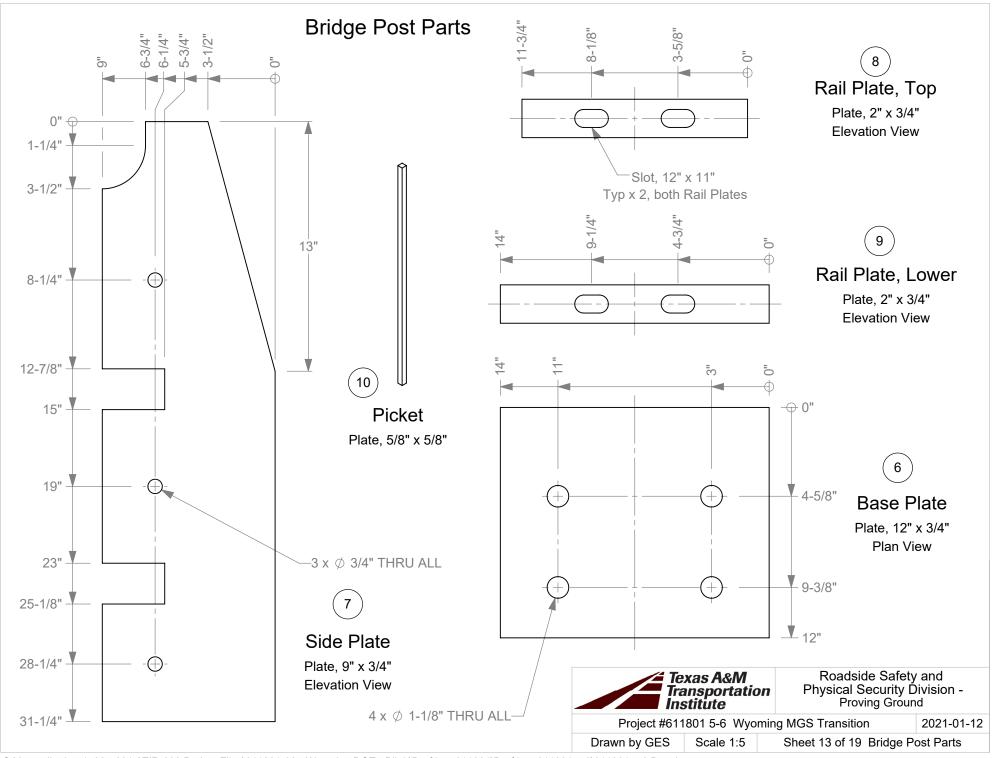
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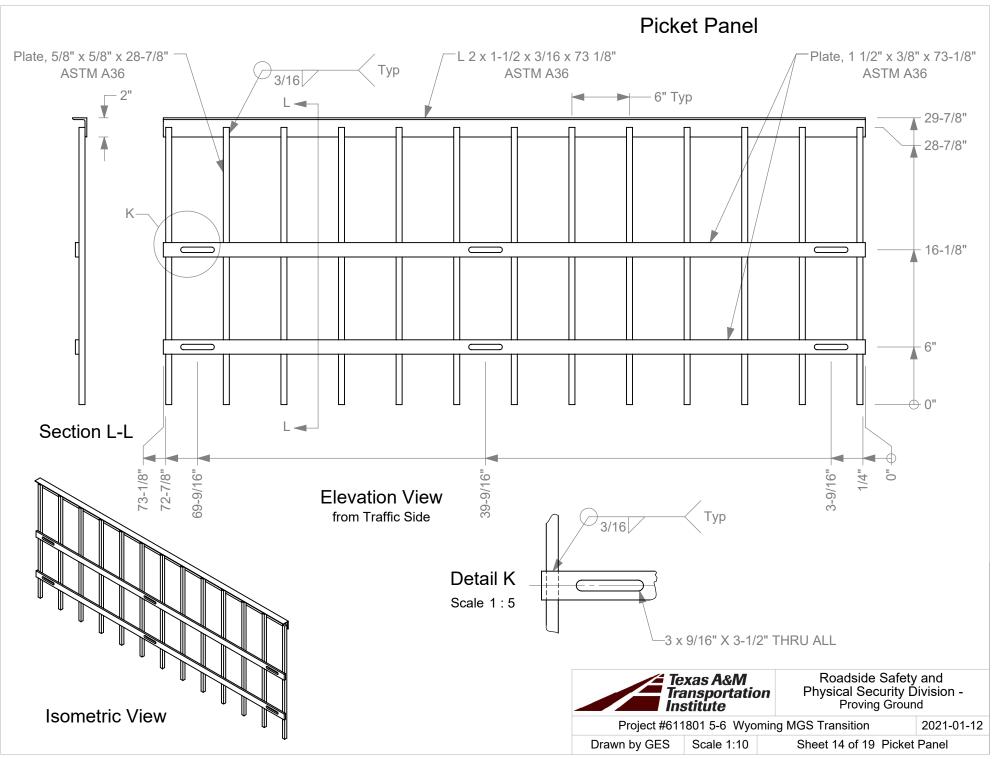
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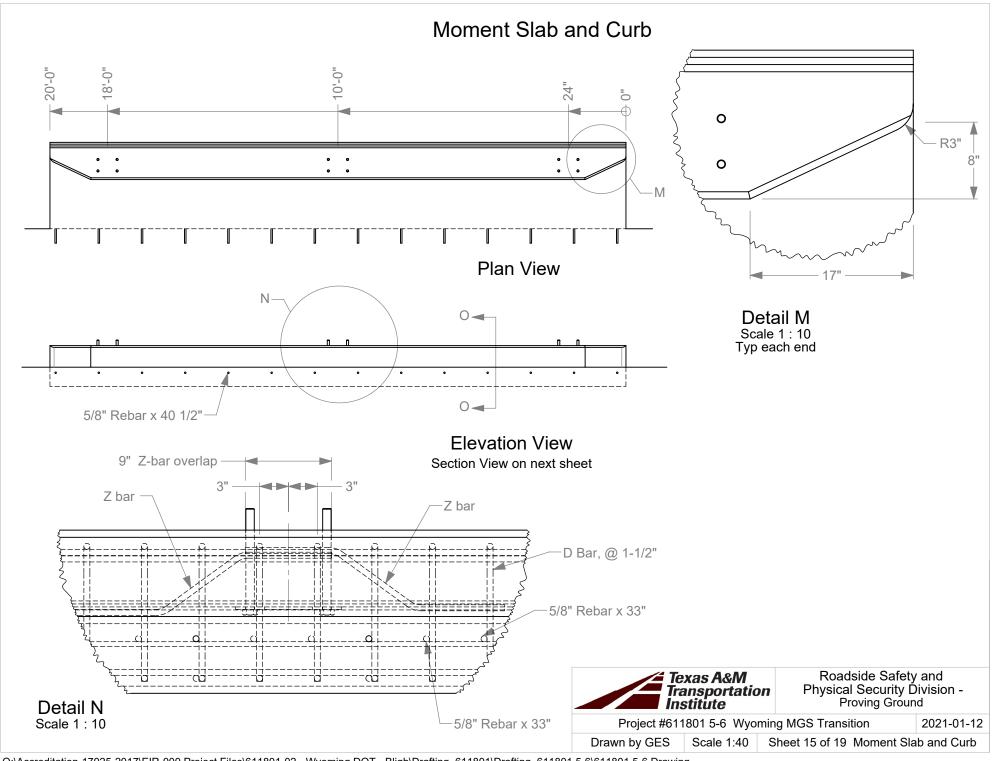


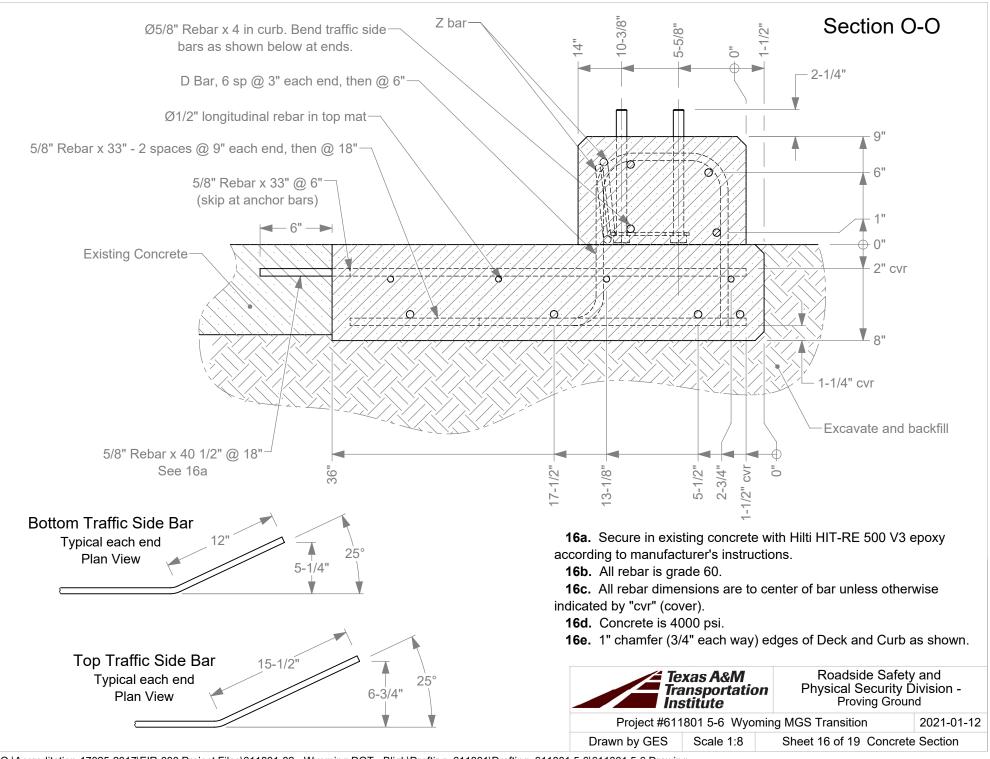


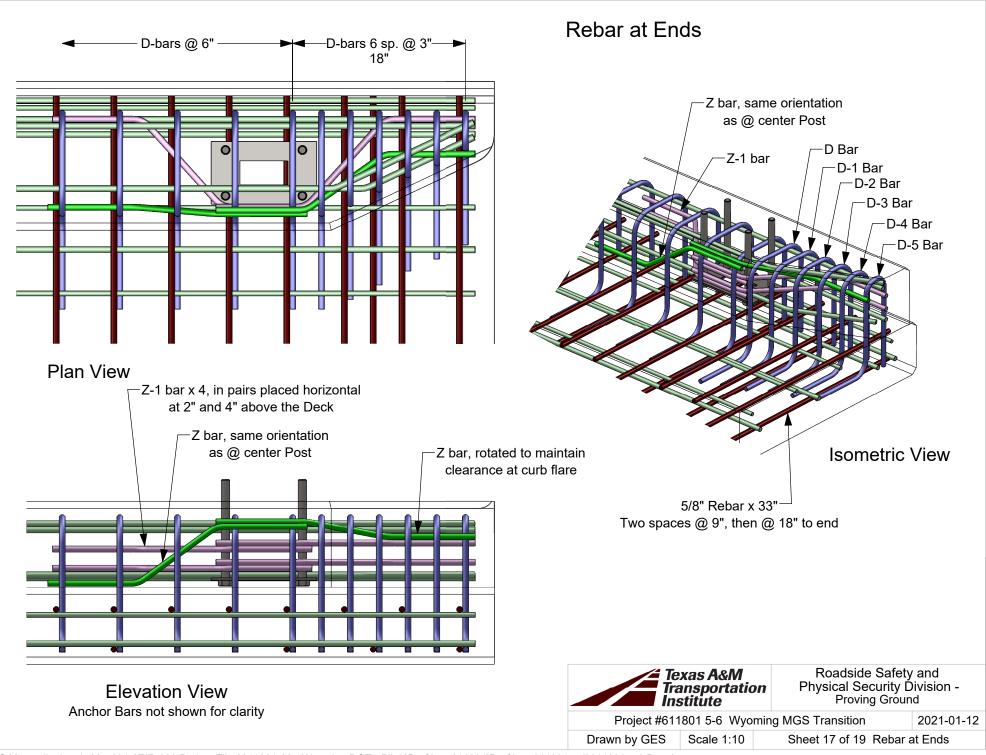


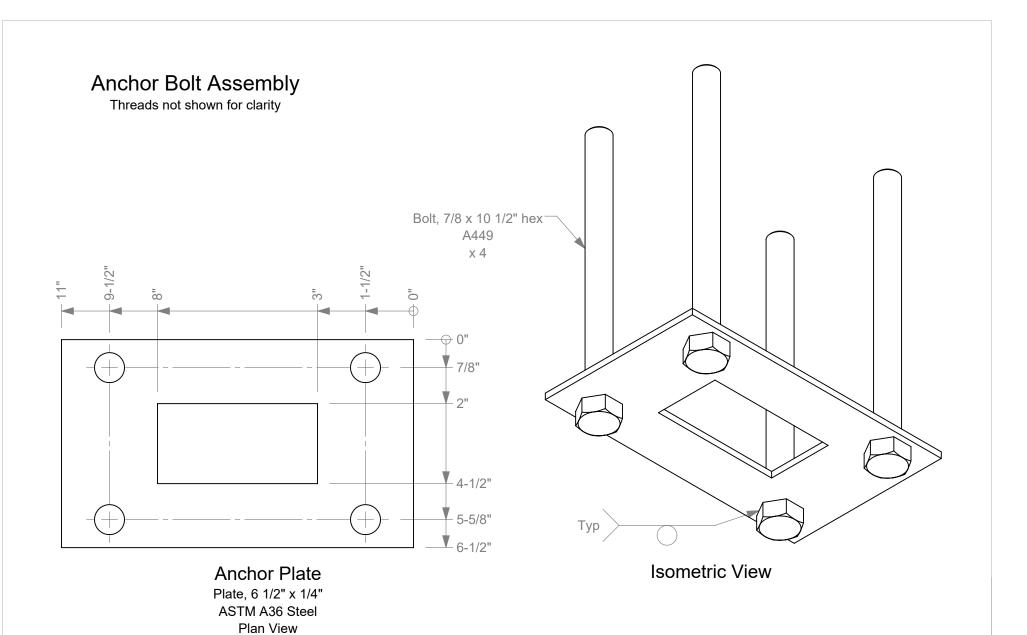














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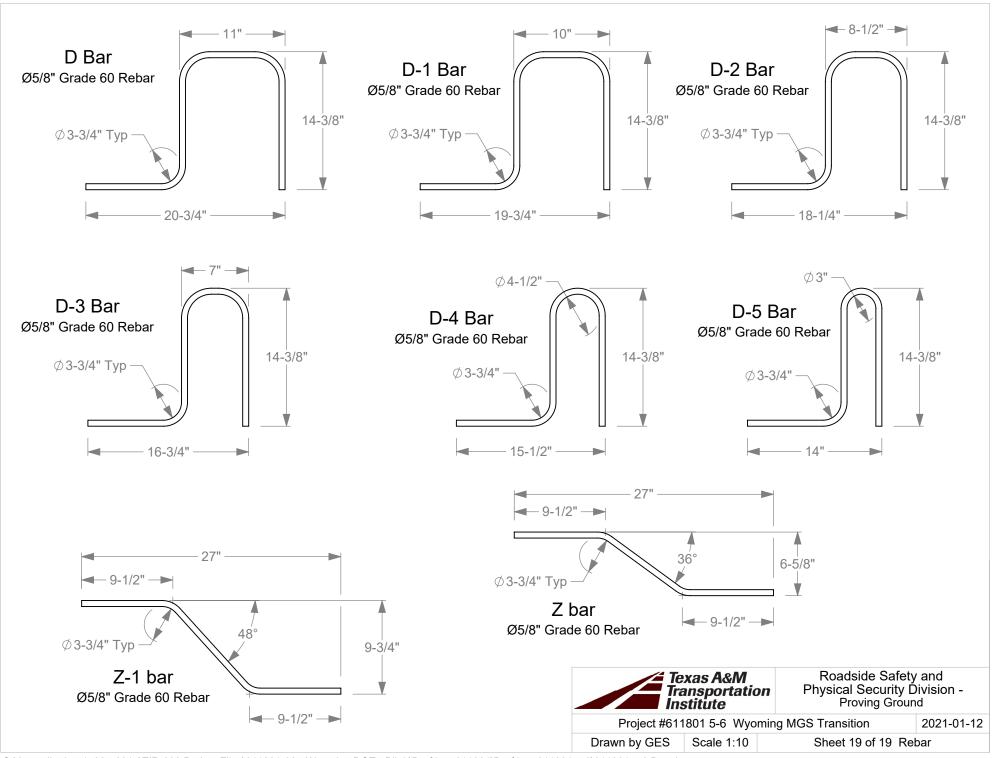
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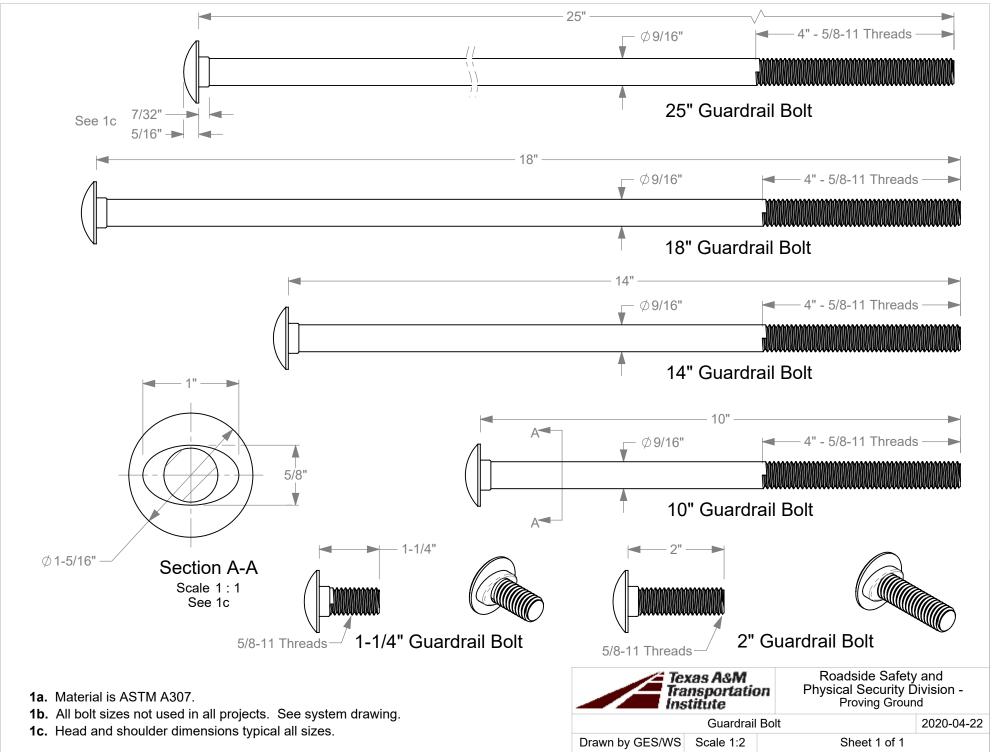
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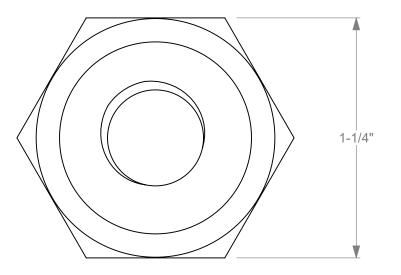
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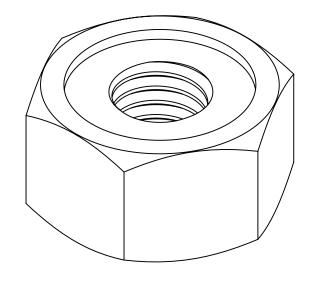
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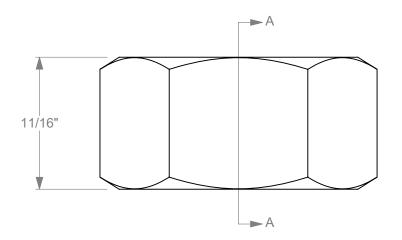


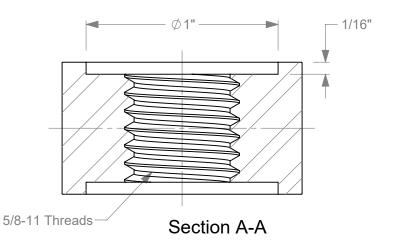


Recessed Guardrail Nut











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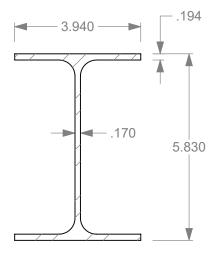
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— 1-1/8" \emptyset 13/16" Typ, both flanges 72" Isometric View W6x8.5 ASTM A992 **Elevation View**

72" Wide-Flange Guardrail Post



Section A-A

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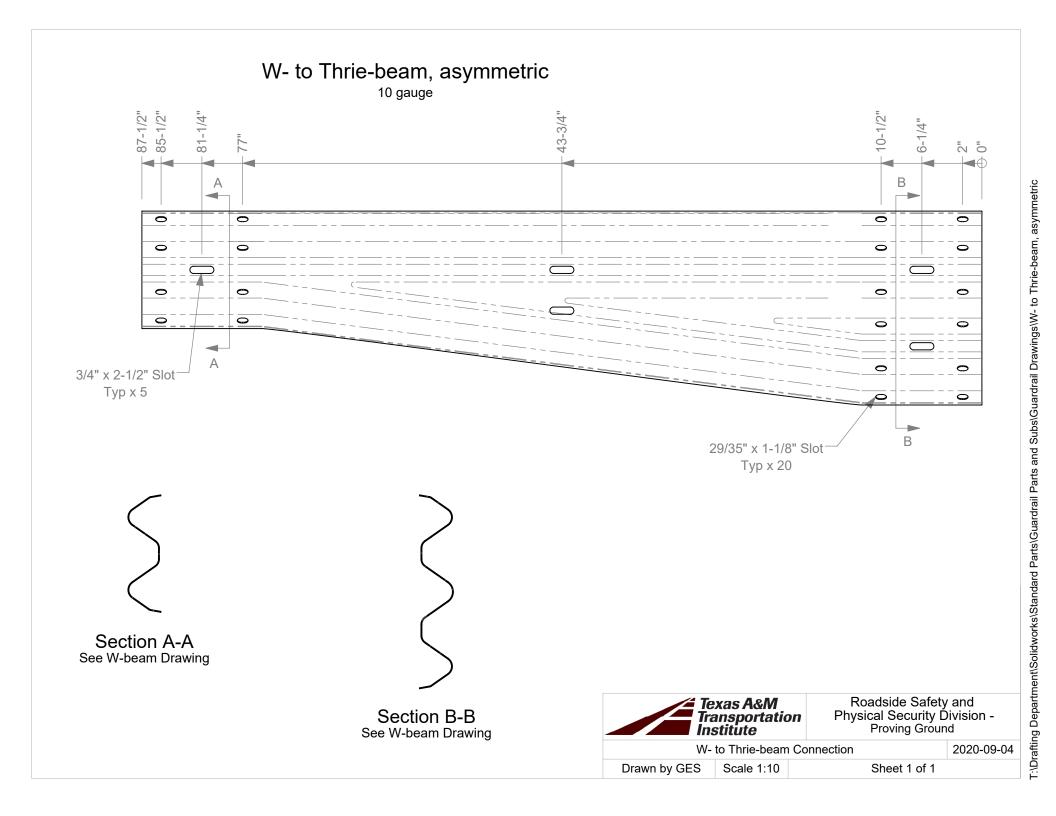
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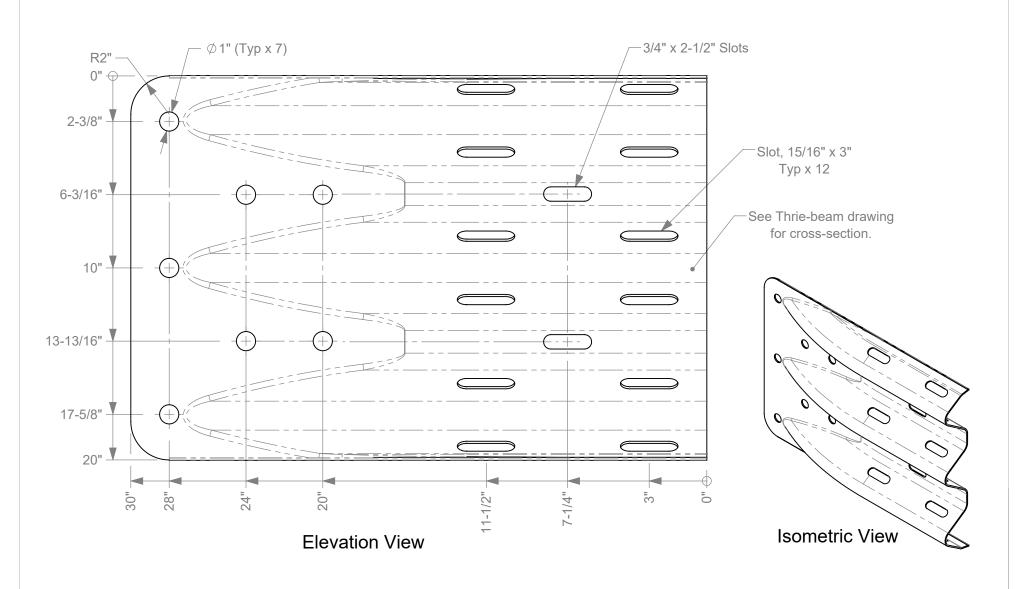
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Thrie-beam End Shoe

10 gauge (0.1345" before galvanizing)





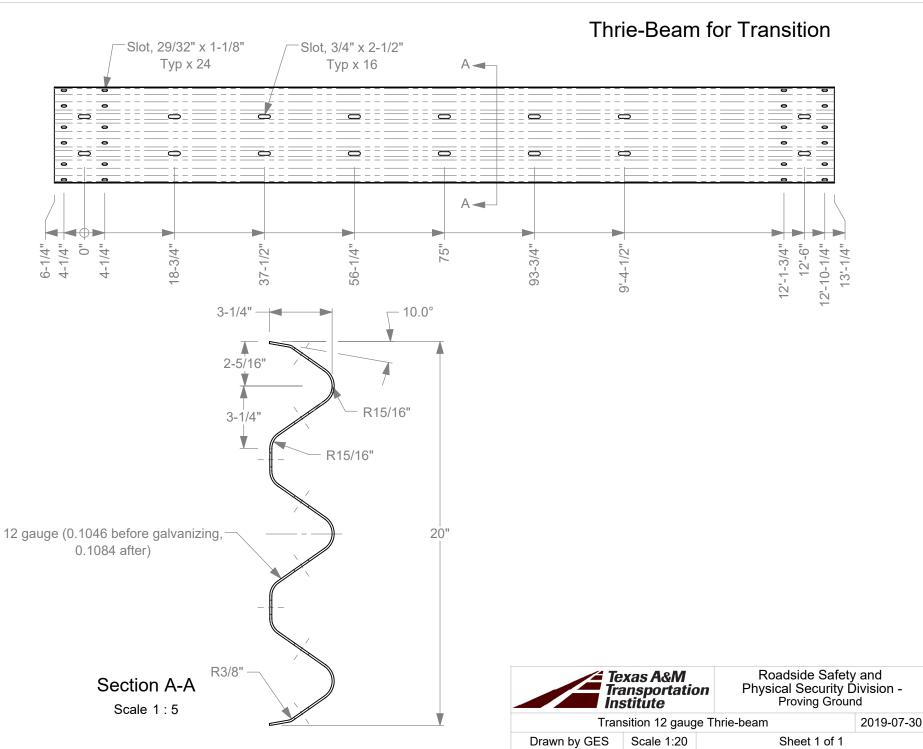
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Thrie-beam Terminal Connector

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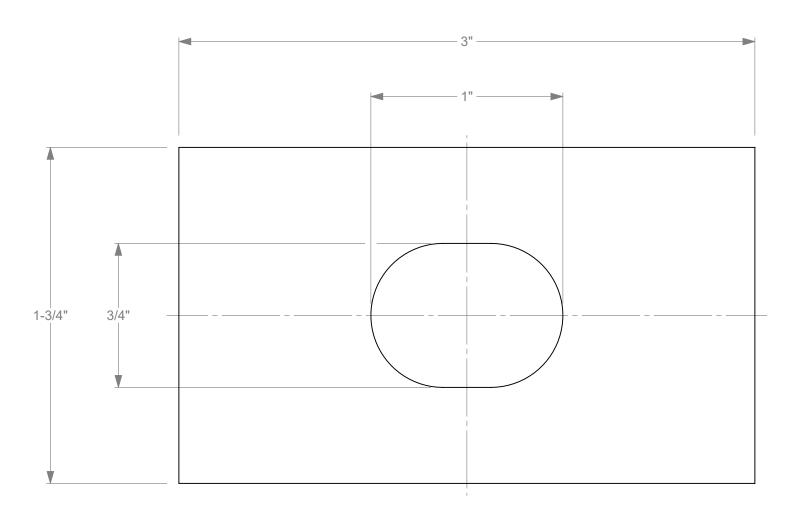
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Rectangular Guardrail Washer

0.20" thick



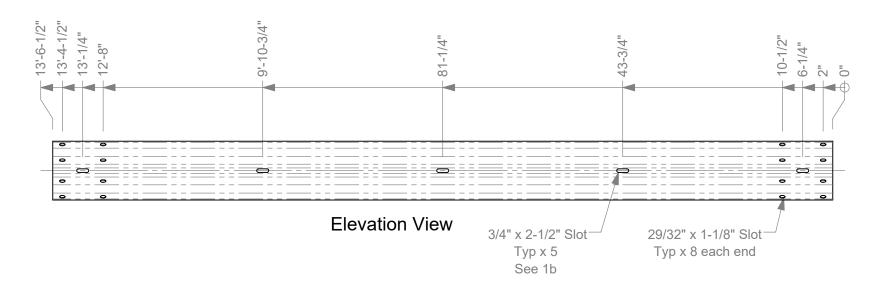
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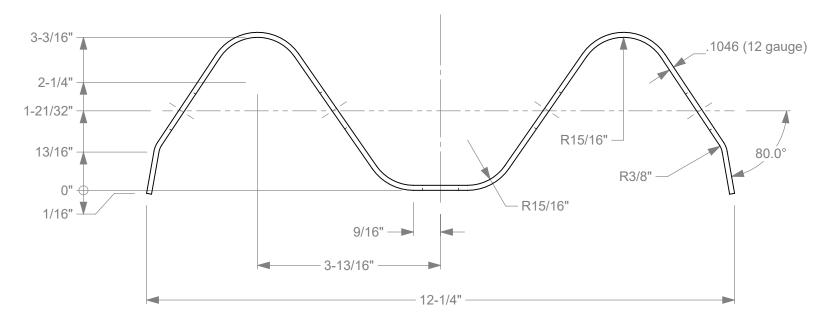
Rectangular Guardrail Washer

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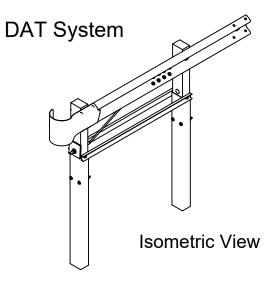


Section View

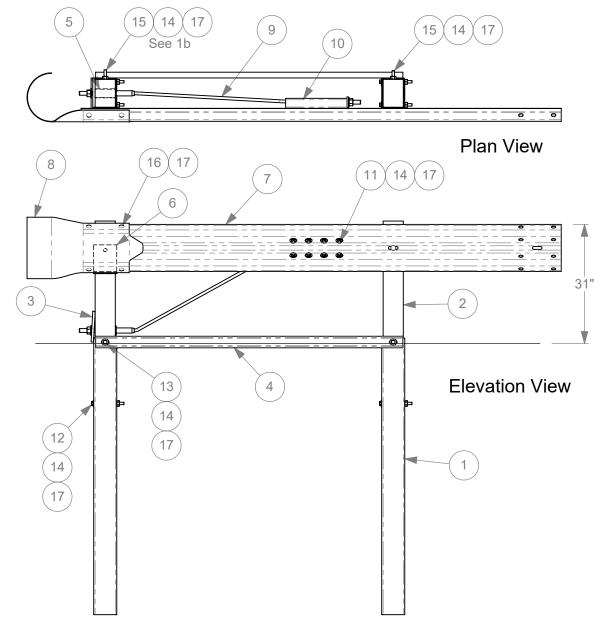
1a. Manufacture per AASHTO M180 specifications.

1b. 4-space Guardrail is shown. Slots typical x 3 for 2-space W-beam spaced at 75", and typical x 9 for 8-space W-beam spaced at 18-3/4". Slots are typical x 4 at 37-1/2" for 9'-4-1/2" span W-beam.

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#	Part Name	Qty.
1	Foundation Tube	2
2	Terminal Timber Post	2
3	BCT Bearing Plate	1
4	DAT Strut	2
5	BCT Post Sleeve	1
6	Shelf Angle Bracket	1
7	DAT Terminal Rail	1
8	W-beam End Section	1
9	Anchor Cable Assembly	1
10	Guardrail Anchor Bracket	1
11	Bolt, 5/8 x 2" hex	8
12	Bolt, 5/8 x 8" hex	4
13	Bolt, 5/8 x 10" hex	2
14	Washer, 5/8 F844	16
15	10" Guardrail Bolt	2
16	1-1/4" Guardrail Bolt	4
17	Recessed Guardrail Nut	20



1a. All bolts are ASTM A307.

1b. Hardware secures Shelf Angle Bracket to Post. Rail is supported by Shelf Angle Bracket and does not attach directly to Post.



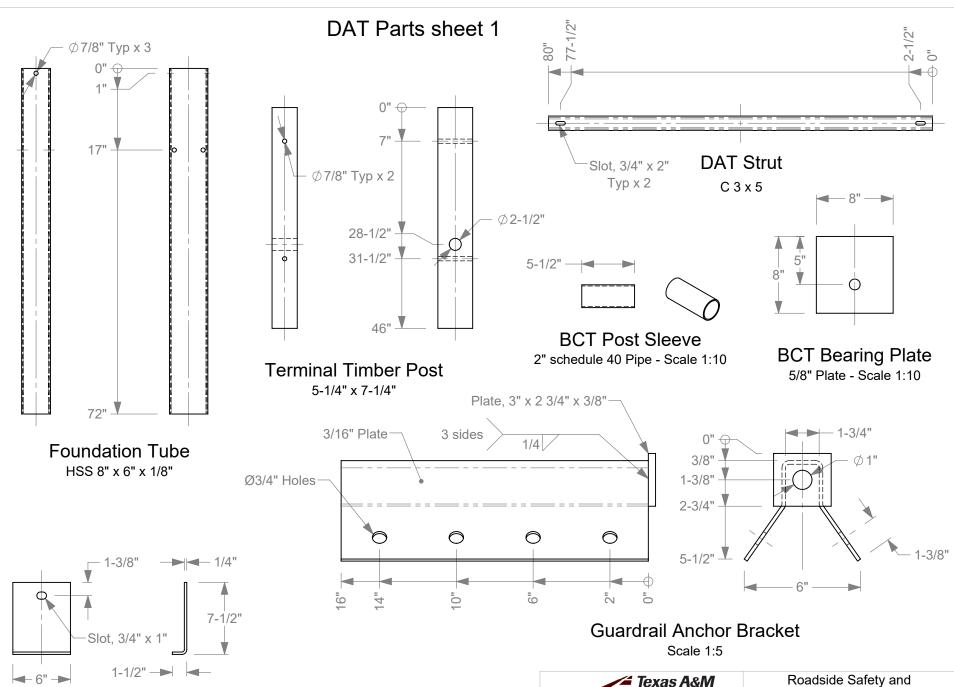
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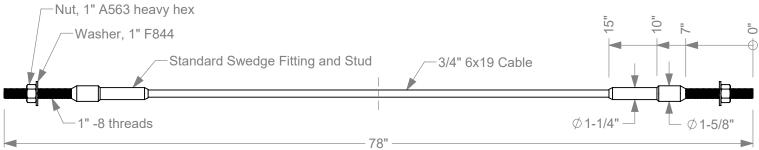
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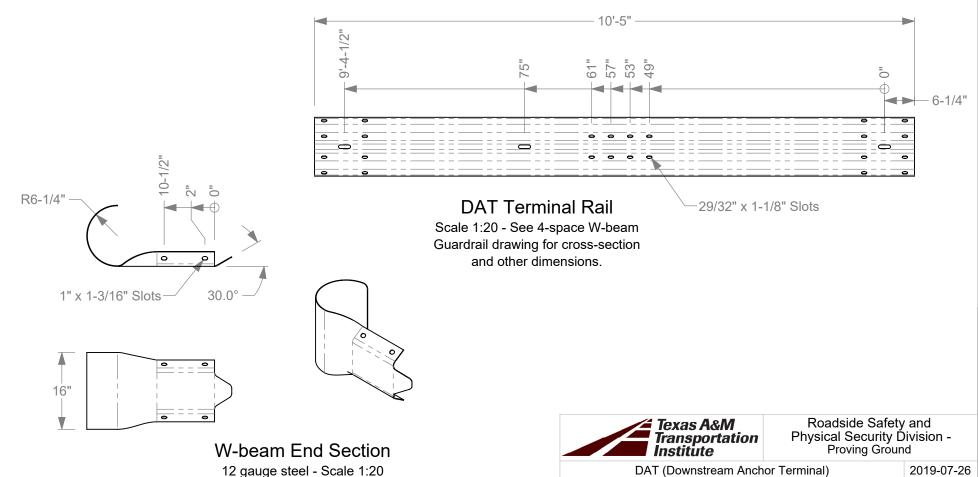
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Anchor Cable Assembly



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