



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
7400 LEAKE AVENUE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118

Regional Planning and  
Environmental Division South  
Environmental Compliance Branch

December 9, 2016

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 U.S.C. SECTION 408**

**PUBLIC NOTICE/FILE NUMBER:** 16-274, the Plaquemines Parish Government, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission propose to construct and expand Peters Road over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and the Algiers Canal levees at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, in Plaquemines Parish.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request for permission to alter a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project pursuant to Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408) has been received and will be evaluated by the New Orleans District. Written comments, including any objections to the proposed alteration, stating reasons therefor, are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments must be mailed or emailed by or before the last day of the comment period and must reference the file number of this public notice. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the decision on the request. See below for contact information and address. The proposed action could alter the following federal projects: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway/Algiers Canal levees.

**COMMENT PERIOD EXPIRES: December 26, 2016**

**REQUESTED ALTERATION:** The Plaquemines Parish Government, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission propose to construct and expand Peters Road over the GIWW and the East and West Algiers Canal levees. The bridge span connects the previous USACE-approved roadways on either side of the GIWW via a 100-foot vertical clearance fixed bridge span. The proposed bridge is approximately 5,400 feet long with a minimum of 100 feet vertical clearance at the centerline of the GIWW. The project will also allow for approximately 90 feet of vertical clearance over the Algiers Canal levees.

The Peters Road Bridge over the GIWW will cross the north side of the Algiers Canal Levee near 29°49'56.18"N, 90°03'08.37"W and will cross the south side of the Algiers Canal Levee near 29°49'50.17"N, 90°03'06.05" W.

**REQUESTER:** Plaquemines Parish Government, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Building 100, Suite 225, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

**PERMISSION AUTHORITY:** The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** An application for a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10/404 permit to the USACE Regulatory Branch for the proposed action will be submitted by the Plaquemines Parish Government. That evaluation will be a separate process from the evaluation of the request for permission to alter a USACE project. This Public Notice solicits comments only on the proposed alteration of the USACE project.

The purpose of the project is to provide improved access and connection between Peters Road and LA Hwy. 23 and enhance general traffic flow into and out of Plaquemines Parish.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The project is located in Plaquemines Parish. The following are locations where the project intersects federal projects:

1. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway north side: 29°49'56.18"N, 90°03'08.37"W
2. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway south side: 29°49'50.17"N, 90°03'06.05" W

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO:**

Department of the Army  
Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District  
CEMVN-PDC  
ATTN: Joseph Musso  
7400 Leake Ave.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE EMAILED TO:** [joseph.r.musso@usace.army.mil](mailto:joseph.r.musso@usace.army.mil)

ALL comments must contain the full name and address of the individual commenting and must be received by the USACE by the expiration of the public notice period.

**EVALUATION:** This request will be reviewed pursuant to Section 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, which provides policy and procedural guidance for processing requests to alter USACE civil works projects.

The decision whether to grant permission for the requested alteration will be based on several factors. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of the requests for modification will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

- 1) Potential to Impair the Usefulness of the Project. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine whether the alteration would limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. If USACE determines that the usefulness of the authorized project would be impaired, the request will be denied.
- 2) Potential to be Injurious to the Public Interest. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.
- 3) Environmental Compliance. A decision on a Section 408 request is a Federal action and is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. USACE is preparing an Environmental Assessment to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed alteration on important resources. Comments received on this public notice will be used in the evaluation. The EA will not be published for public comment as this notice fulfills NEPA requirements for public participation. Any comments regarding the proposed alteration should be submitted during the current public comment period.

While ensuring environmental compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is responsible for providing all information that USACE identifies as necessary. Environmental compliance factors that will be considered in this evaluation include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Pursuant to the Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES) entered between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (USACE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Ecological Field Services Office (USFW) on October 22,

2014, which were extended to USACE review of Section 408 permission requests by letter from USFWS dated June 13, 2016, a finding of "not likely to adversely affect" is appropriate for the West Indian. The Requester will be required to follow the SLOPES conditions for the West Indian manatee.

- b. The requester will be required to provide proof of compliance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Department of Environmental Quality.
- c. Compliance with Clean Water Act, Section 404(b)(1) guidelines, as well as Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act will be evaluated through a separate USACE permit review process. EC 1165-2-216 specifies that the Section 408 request must be evaluated independent of the above referenced USACE permit evaluations.
- d. The requester must provide proof the proposed action is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act to the maximum extent practicable prior to issuance of the Section 408.
- e. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would have no effect on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as per the Magnuson - Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico
- f. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the USACE is required to take into account the effects of any permitted action to historic properties, which includes both archaeological resources on the surface or below ground, as well as historic buildings and structures that are listed in or are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If determined necessary, the USACE will also consult with Indian Tribes in accordance with Section 101(d)(6)(B) of the NHPA, the USACE Tribal Consultation Policy, and Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments."

All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project. The review will consider the potential impact to the usefulness of the Federal project and whether the proposed alteration would be injurious to the public interest. Policy and legal compliance will also be considered.

USACE is soliciting comments from interested parties to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed alteration. Comments will be considered to assess impacts on the public interest factors listed above, as well as endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and general environmental effects. Comments will be used for environmental compliance coordination as required by NEPA.

**COORDINATION:** This public notice will be coordinated with the relevant State,

Federal, and Tribal entities as appropriate.

Issuance of this notice does not imply Corps of Engineers endorsement of the project as described.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Musso, Project Manager, by telephone at 504-862-2280 or via email at [joseph.r.musso@usace.army.mil](mailto:joseph.r.musso@usace.army.mil).

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Enclosures

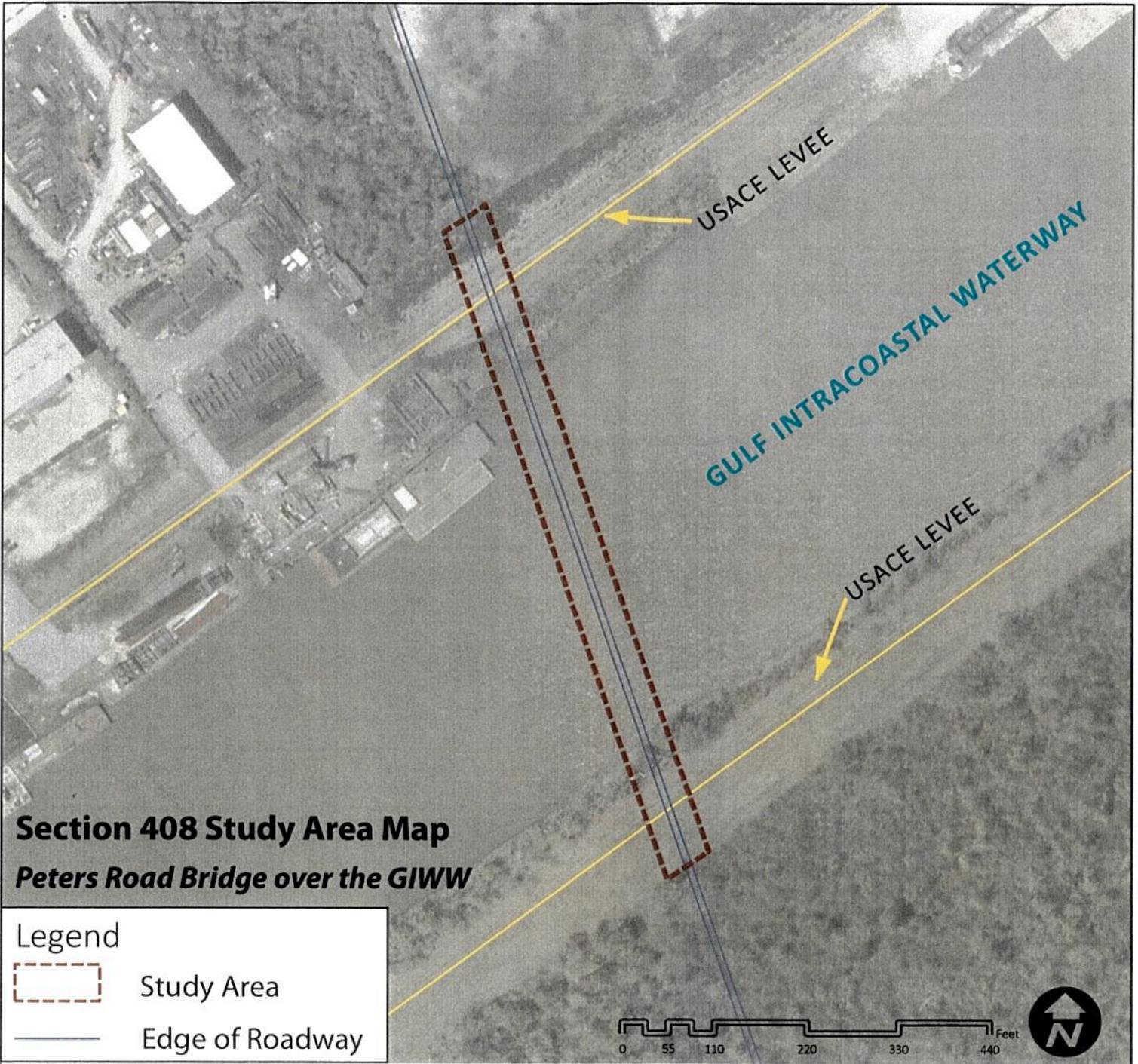
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Acting Chief, Environmental Planning Branch

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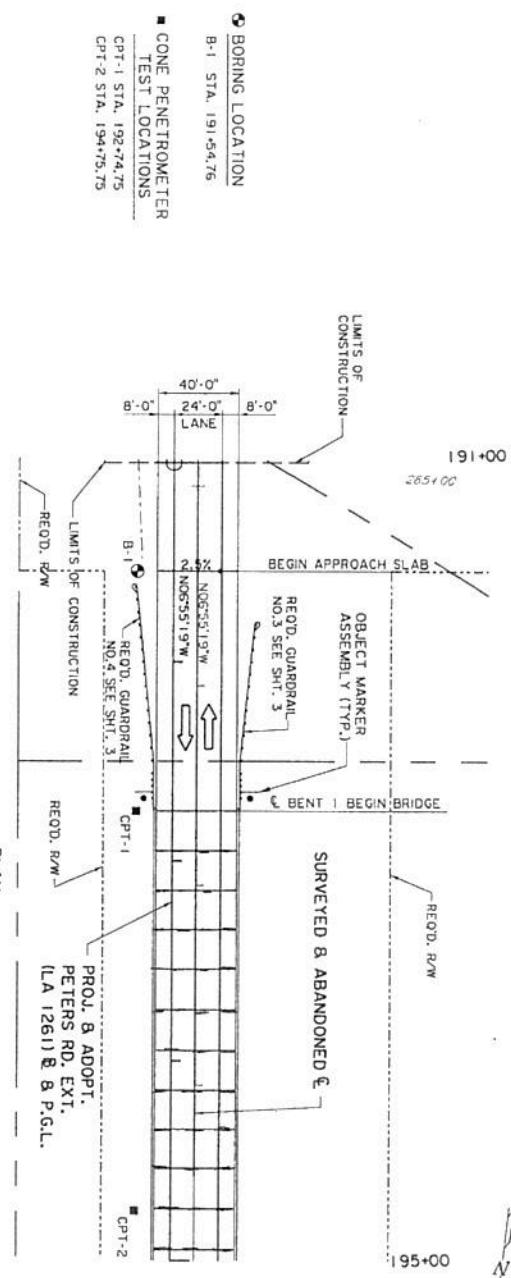
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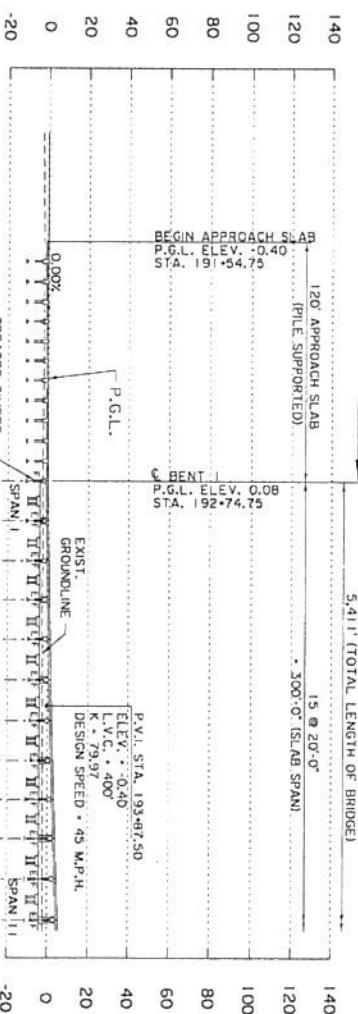
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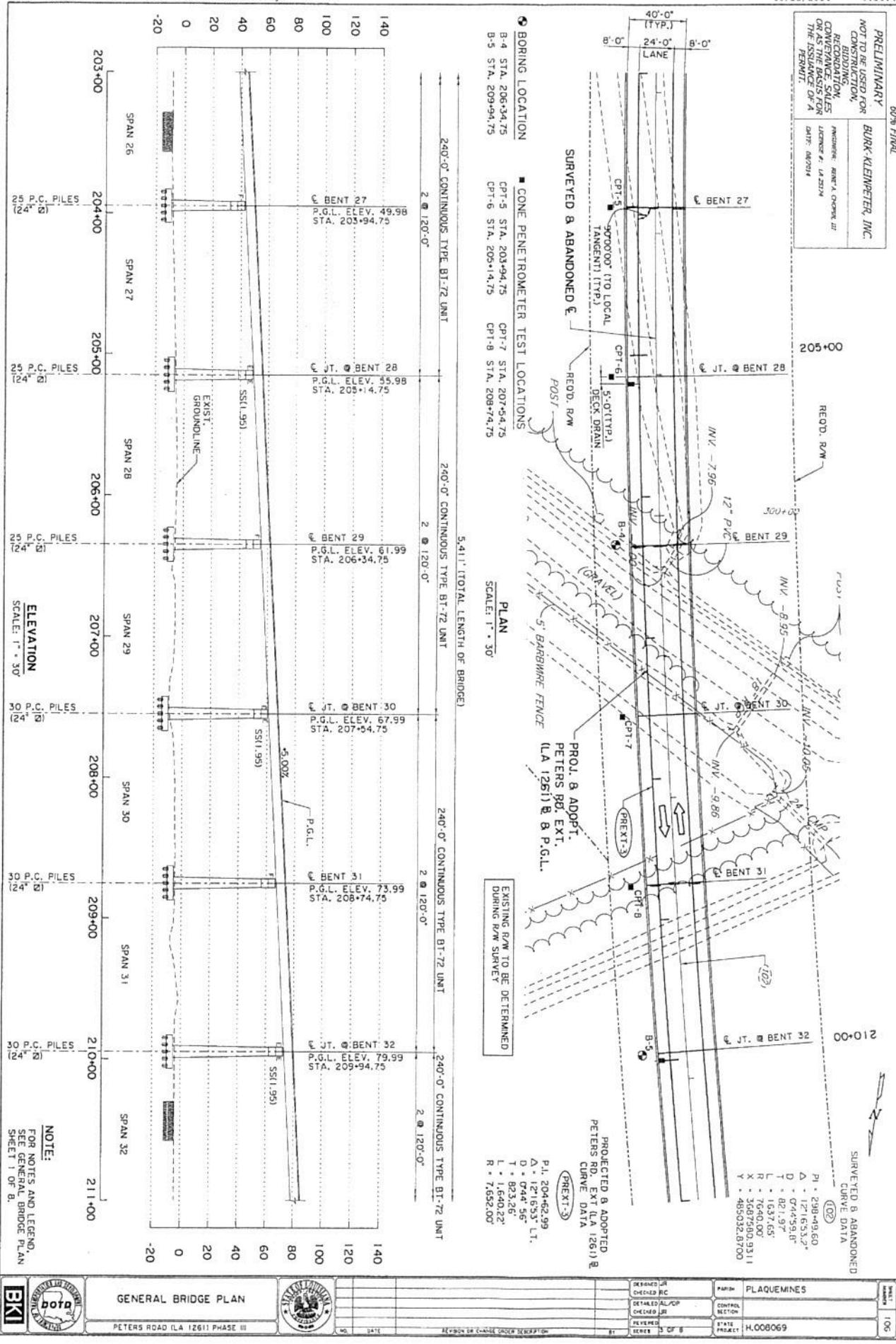
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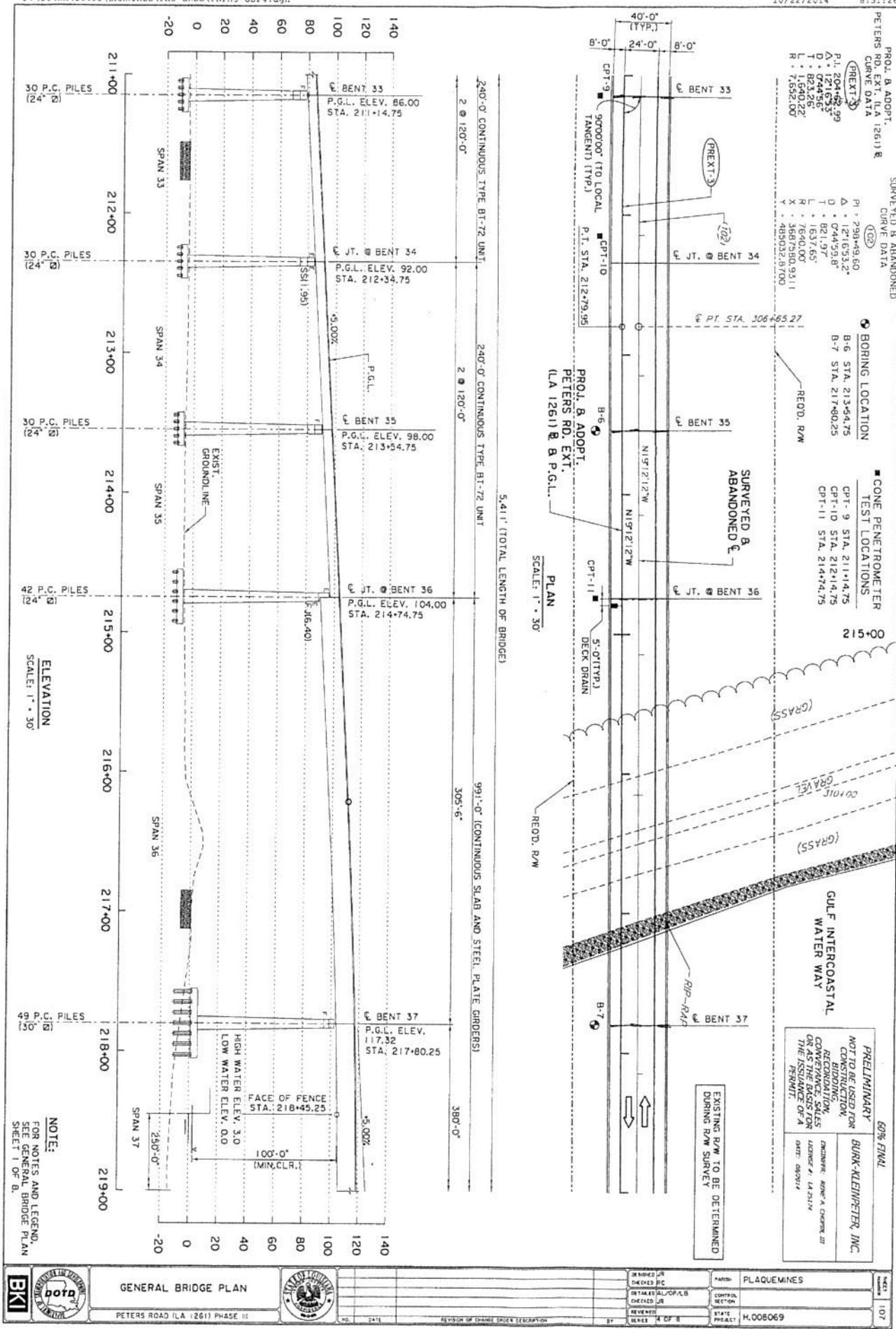
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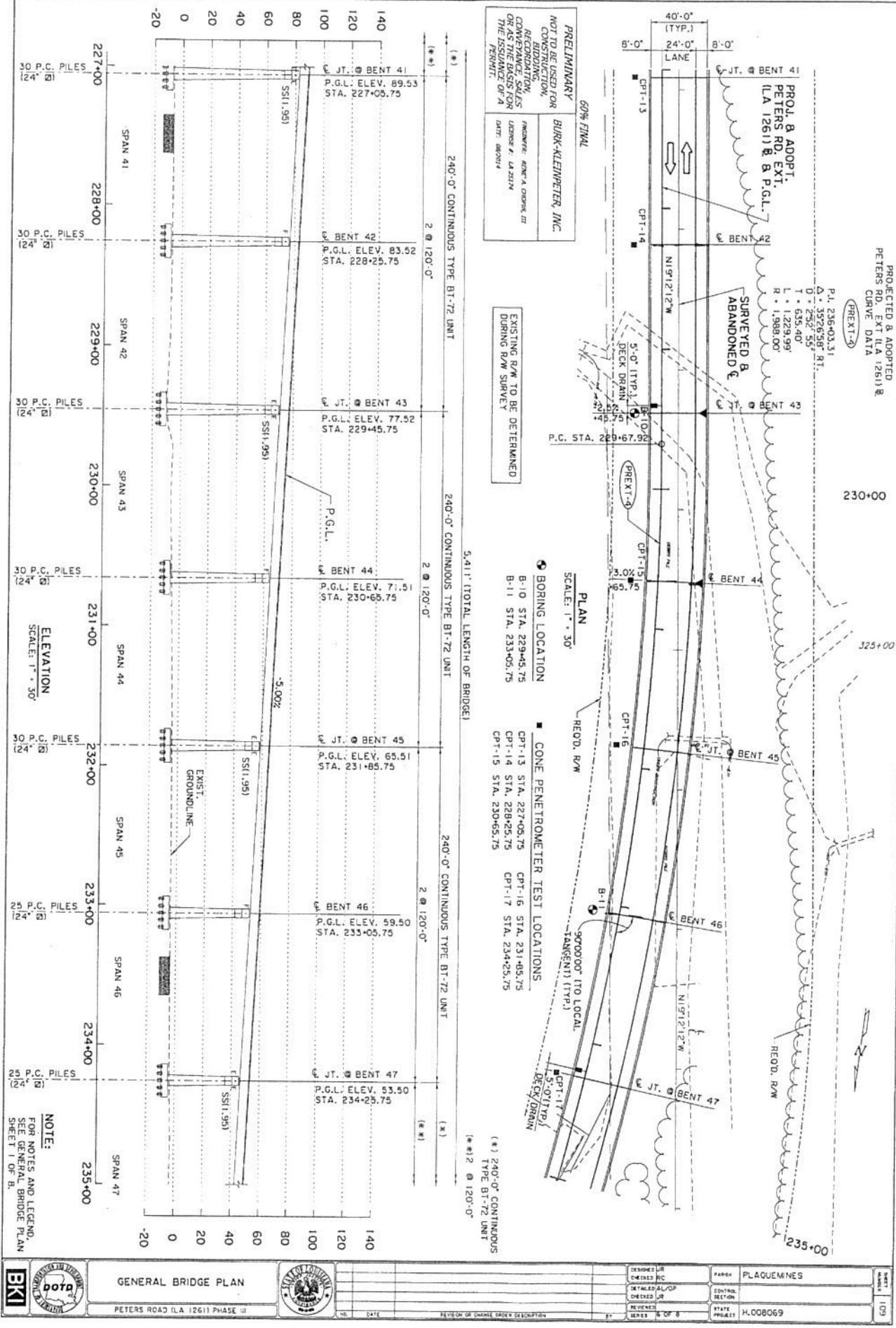
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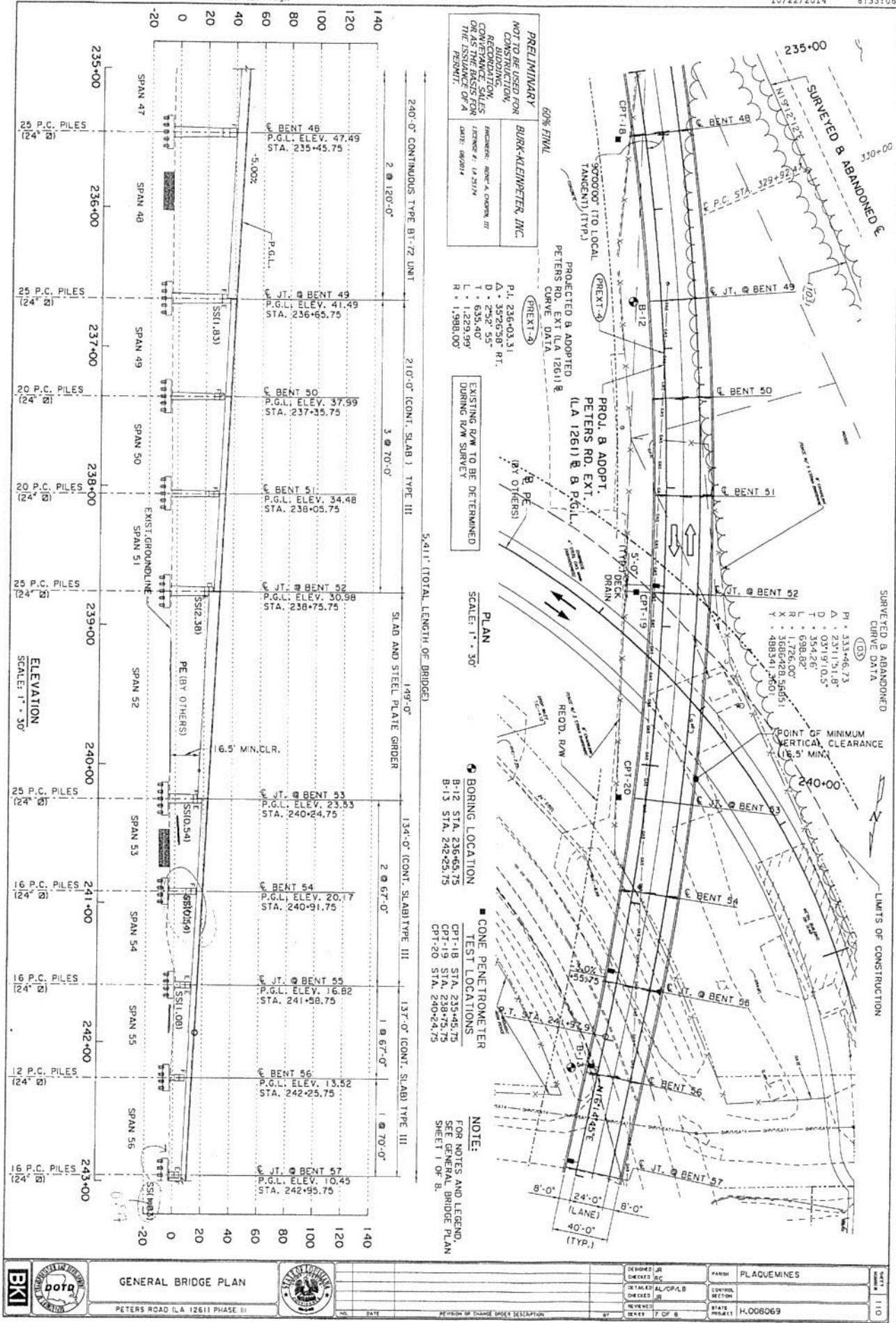
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