

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

April 27, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

(504) 862-2099
Project Manager
Stephen Pfeffer
Permit Application Number
MVN 2015-00562-MS

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Water Quality Certifications
Post Office Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

Project Manager
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(225) 219-3225 / fax: (225) 219-3156
WQC Application Number
WQC 150422-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROAD OFF I-20 NEAR CHOUDRANT IN LINCOLN PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 01 West beginning on Pipes Road heading due east to LA 820 north of I-20 near in Choudrant, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08040206 as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project includes clearing, grubbing, and deposition of fill material all for the addition of approximately 0.9 mile of new roadway from Pipes Road to LA 820. Project components will include the installation of new road base, construction of a new roundabout interchange and installation of a drainage structure. Approximately 2.2 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.2 acre of jurisdictional waters of the U.S. will be affected by this project. The applicant's mitigation plan proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation credits from an appropriate mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 0.0 acre of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

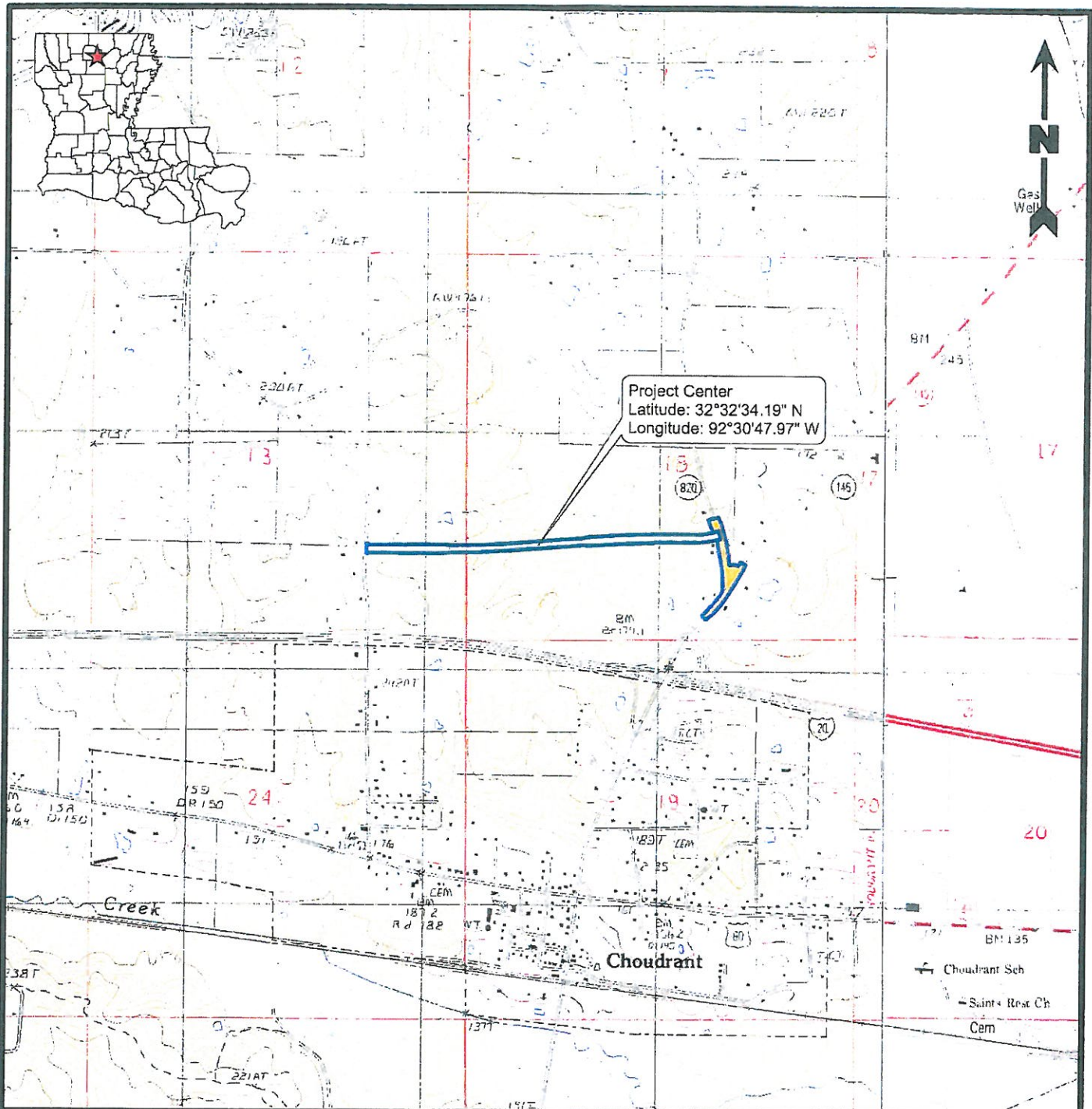
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

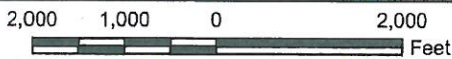
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



Project Center
 Latitude: 32°32'34.19" N
 Longitude: 92°30'47.97" W



Legend

- Limits of Delineation (17.06 Acres)
- Build Alternative 1
- Phase III Right of Way increases – to be separately funded

Reference

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Ruston East, LA" provisional edition 1985 and "Downsville, LA" dated 1982.

Site Location Map

Choudrant I-20 Service Road
 Wetland Findings Report/Stage 1 Environmental Assessment
 Choudrant, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Louisiana

Department of Transportation and Development

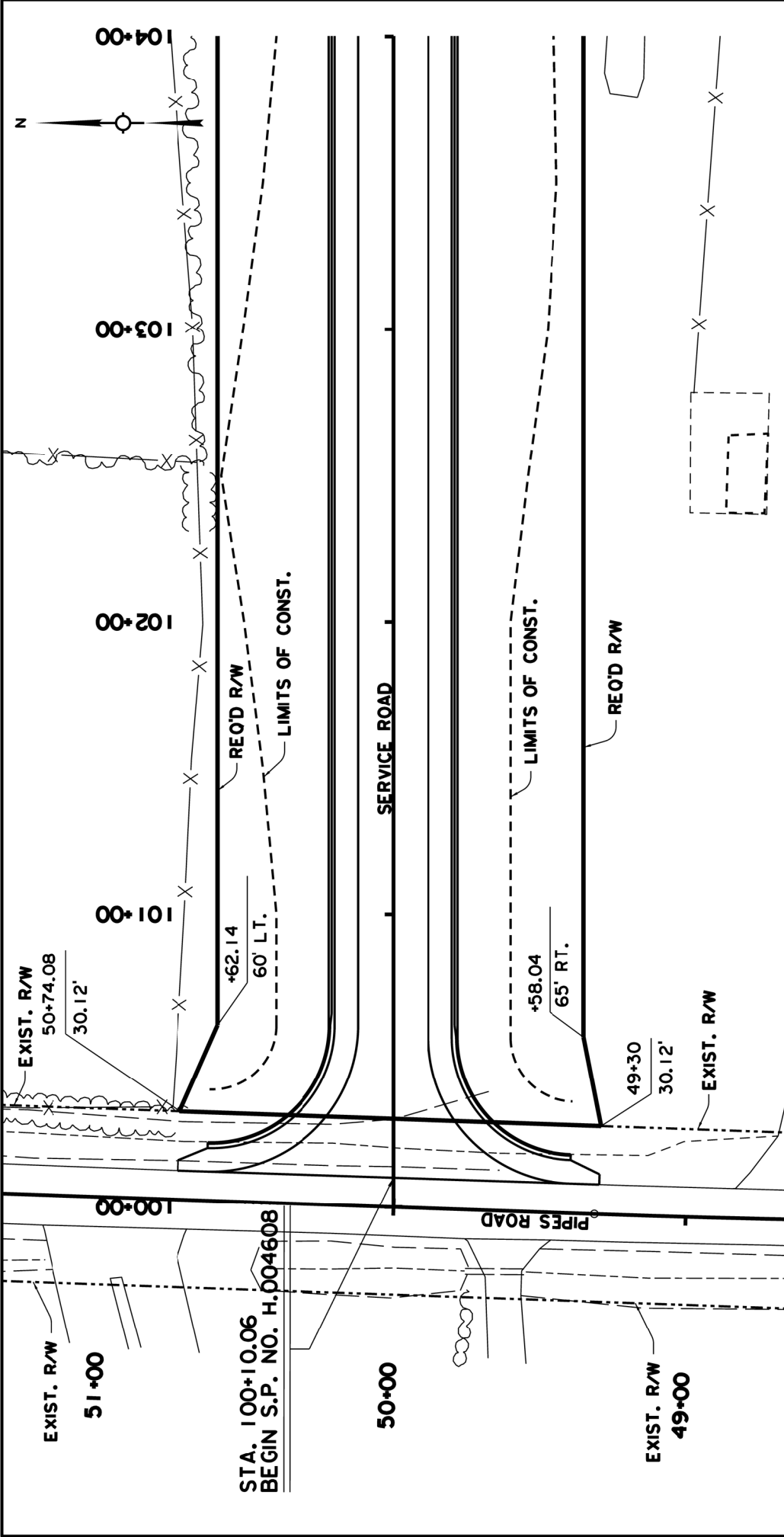


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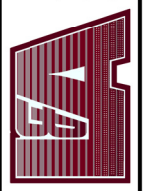
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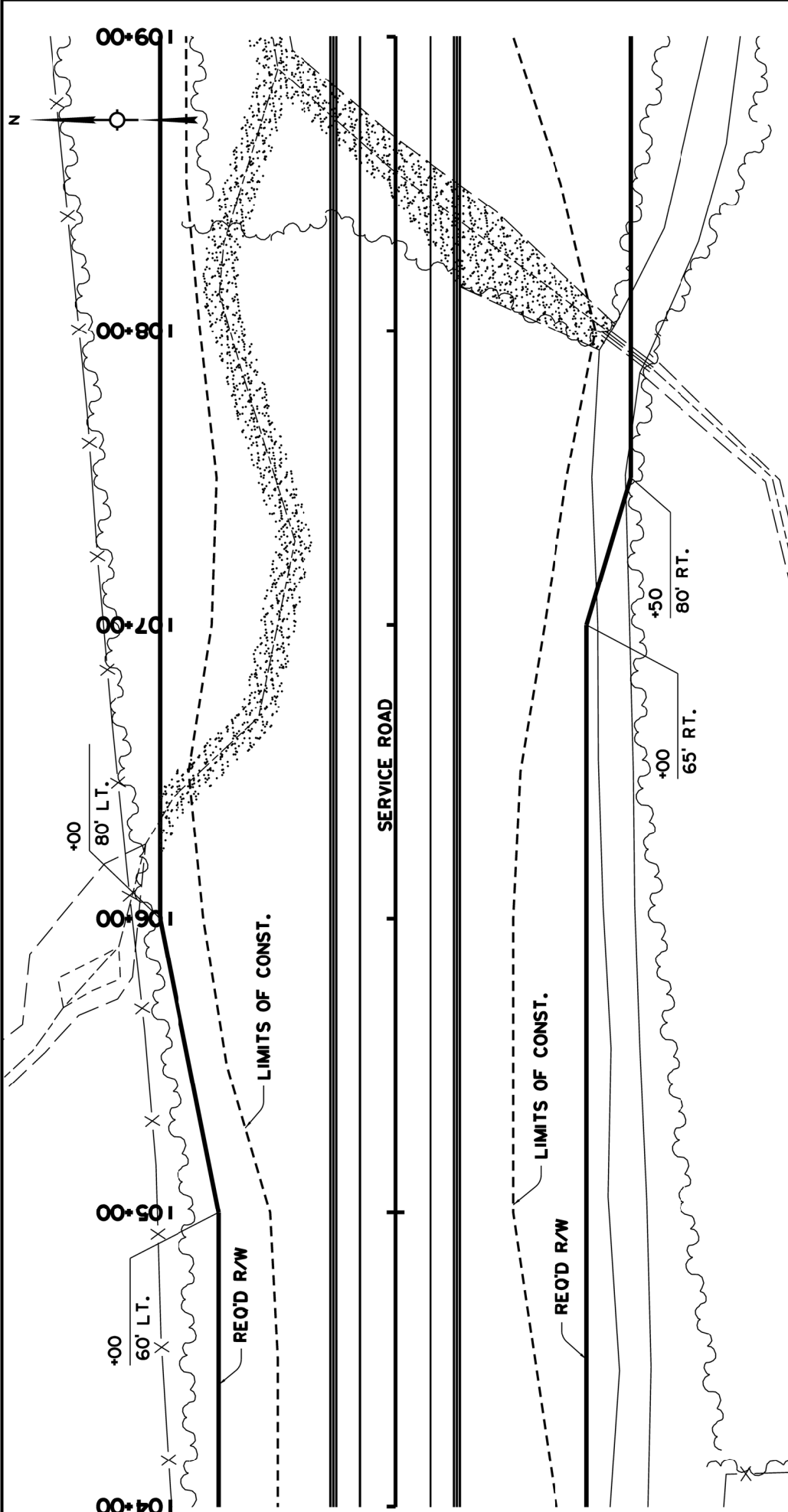
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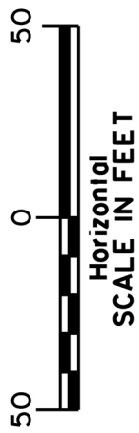



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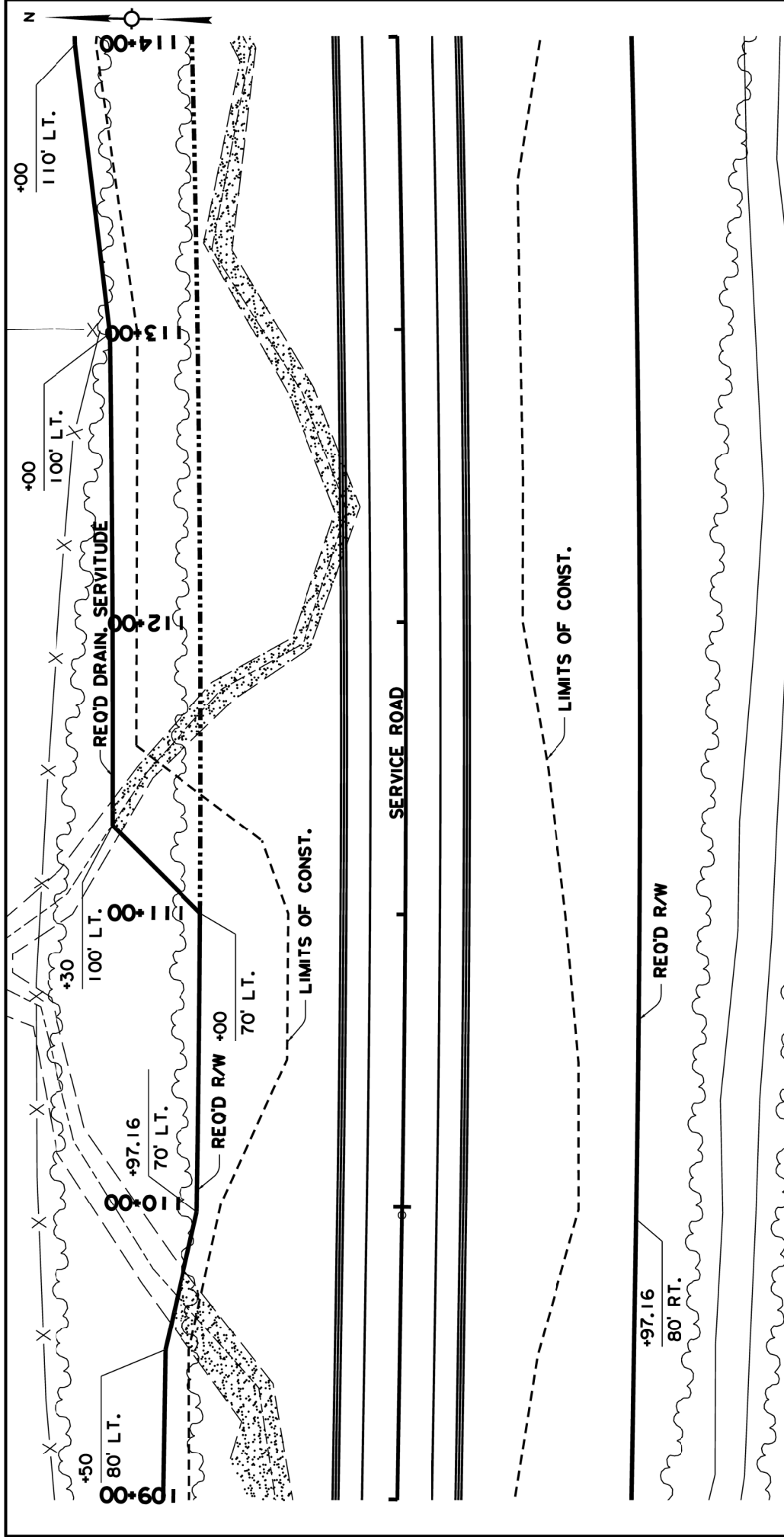


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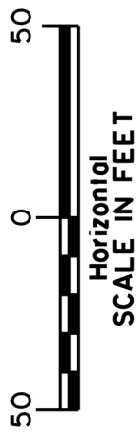


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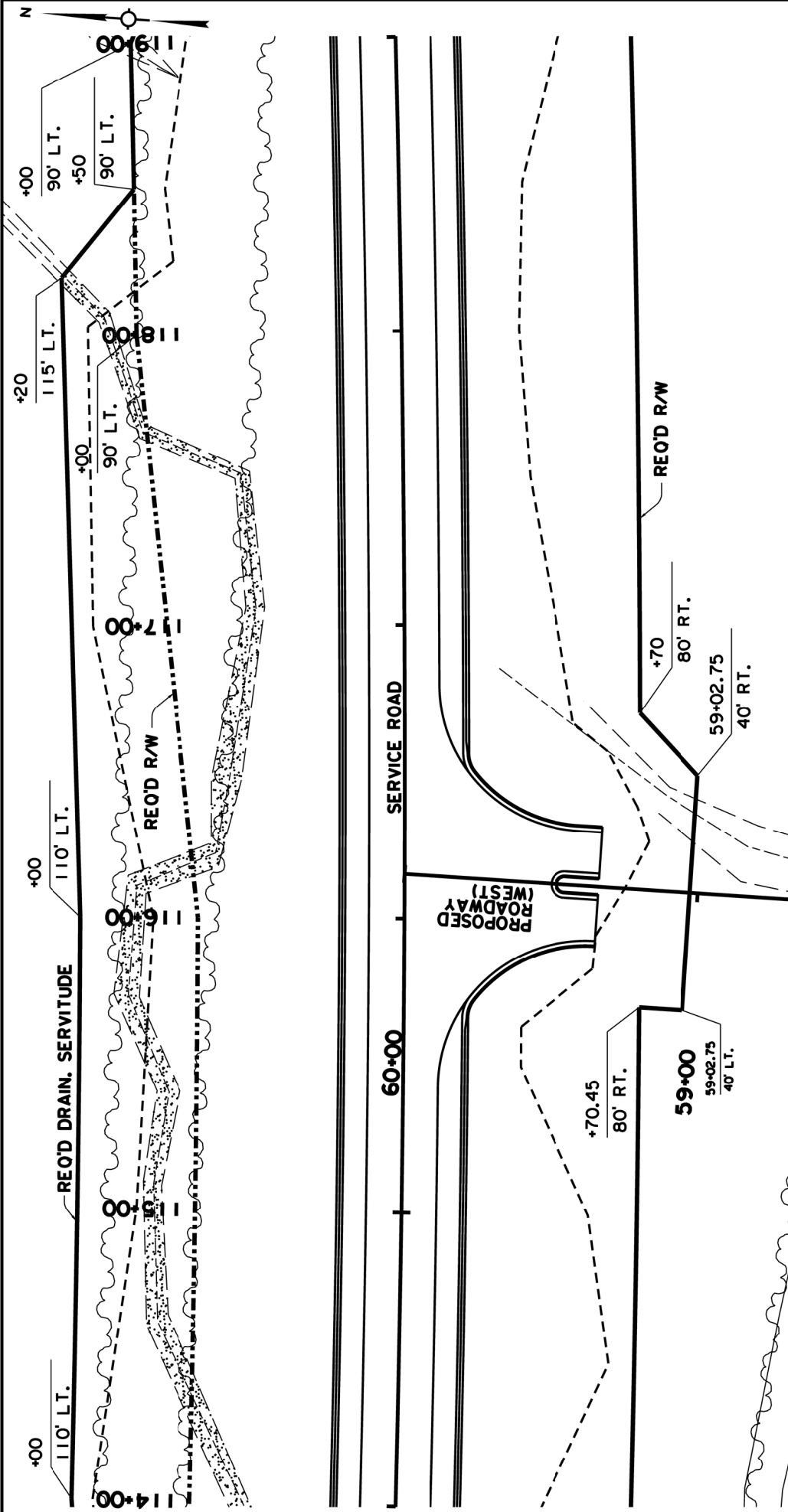


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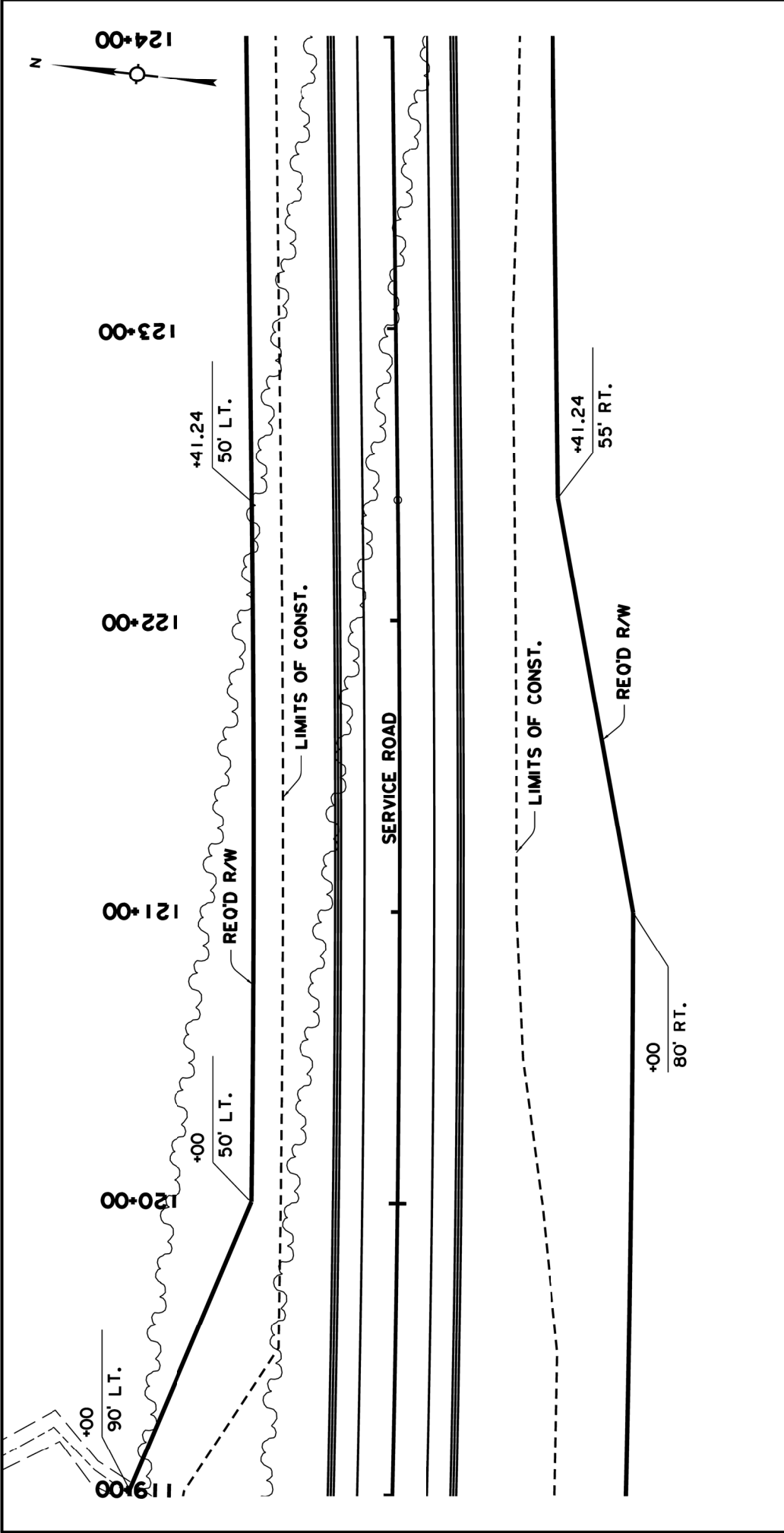


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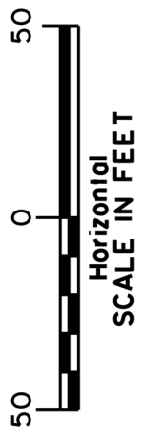
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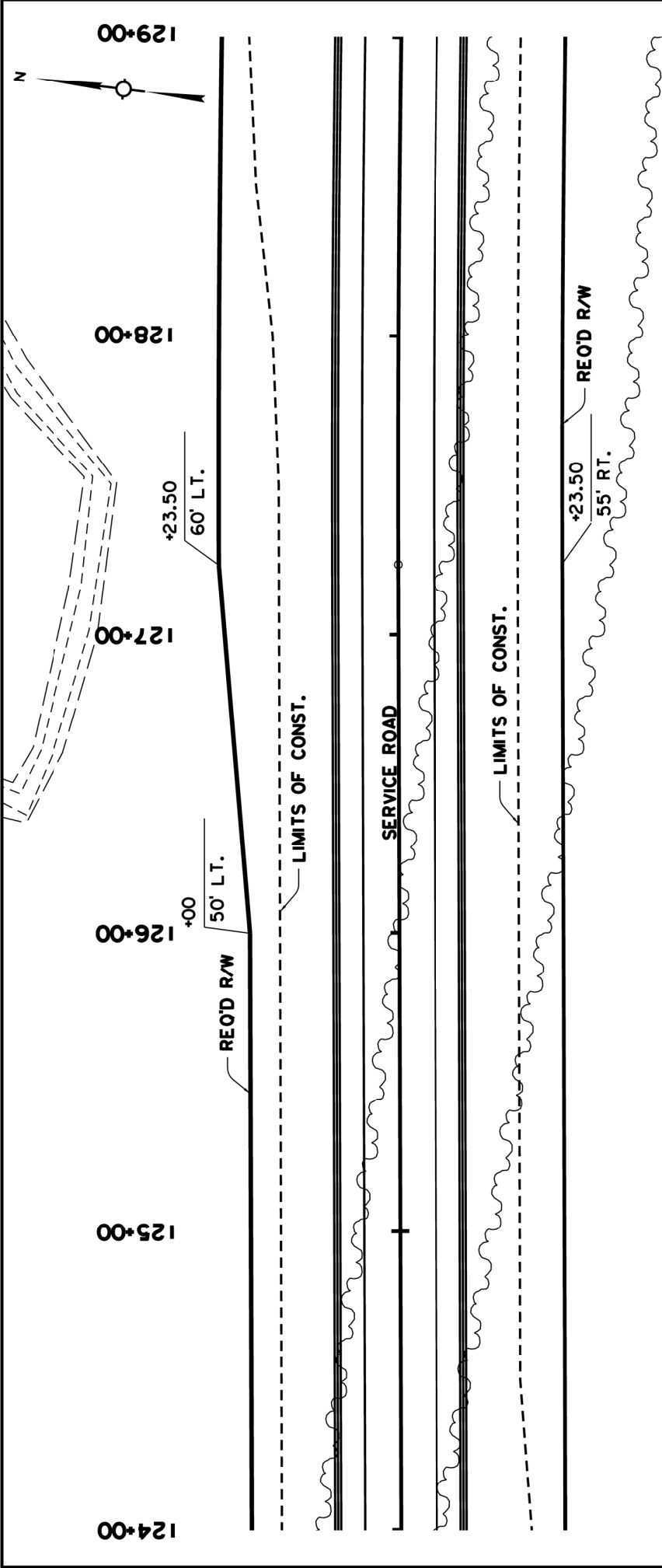


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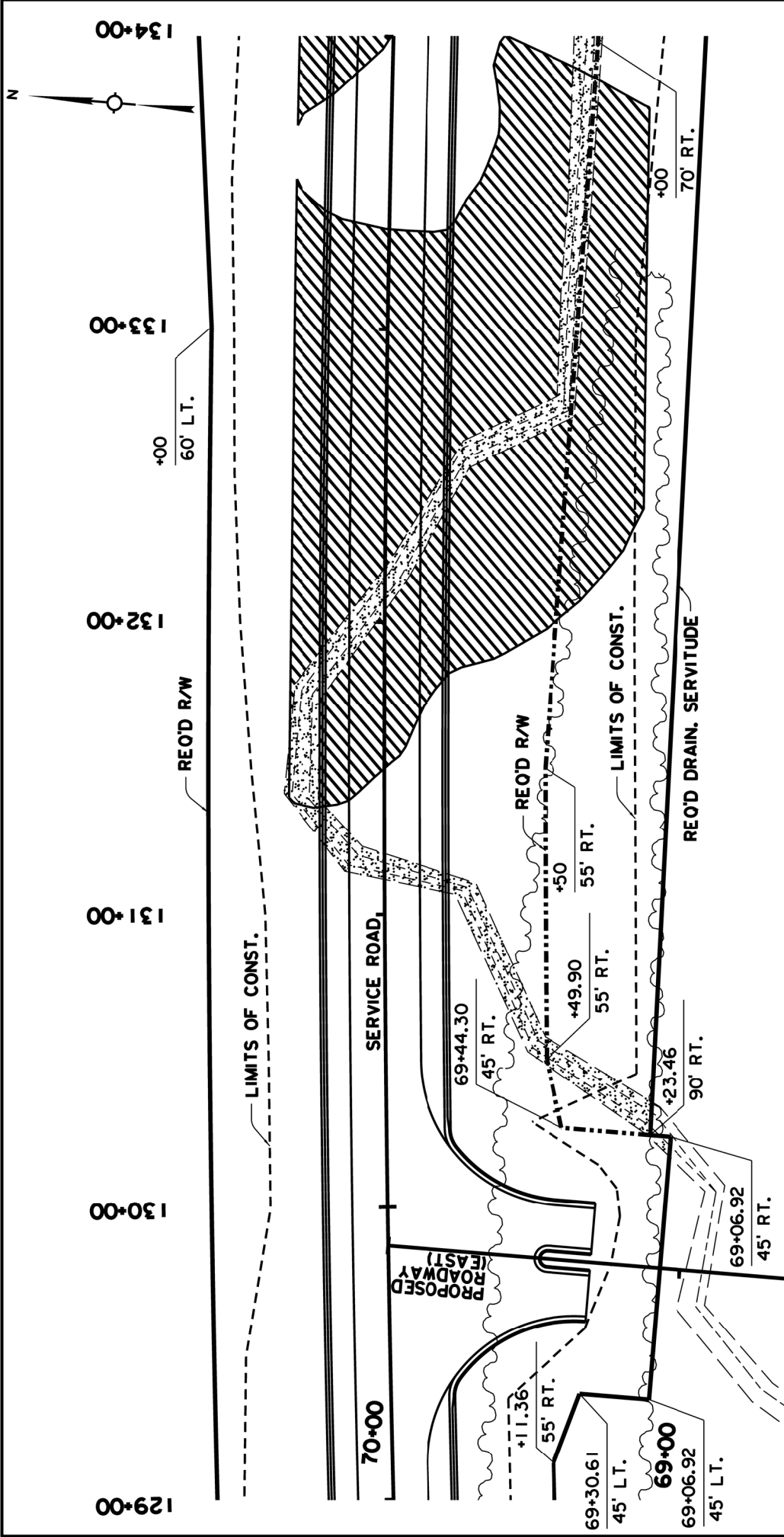
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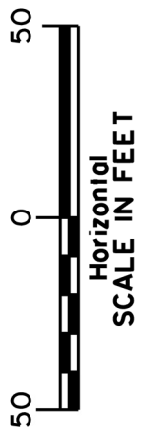
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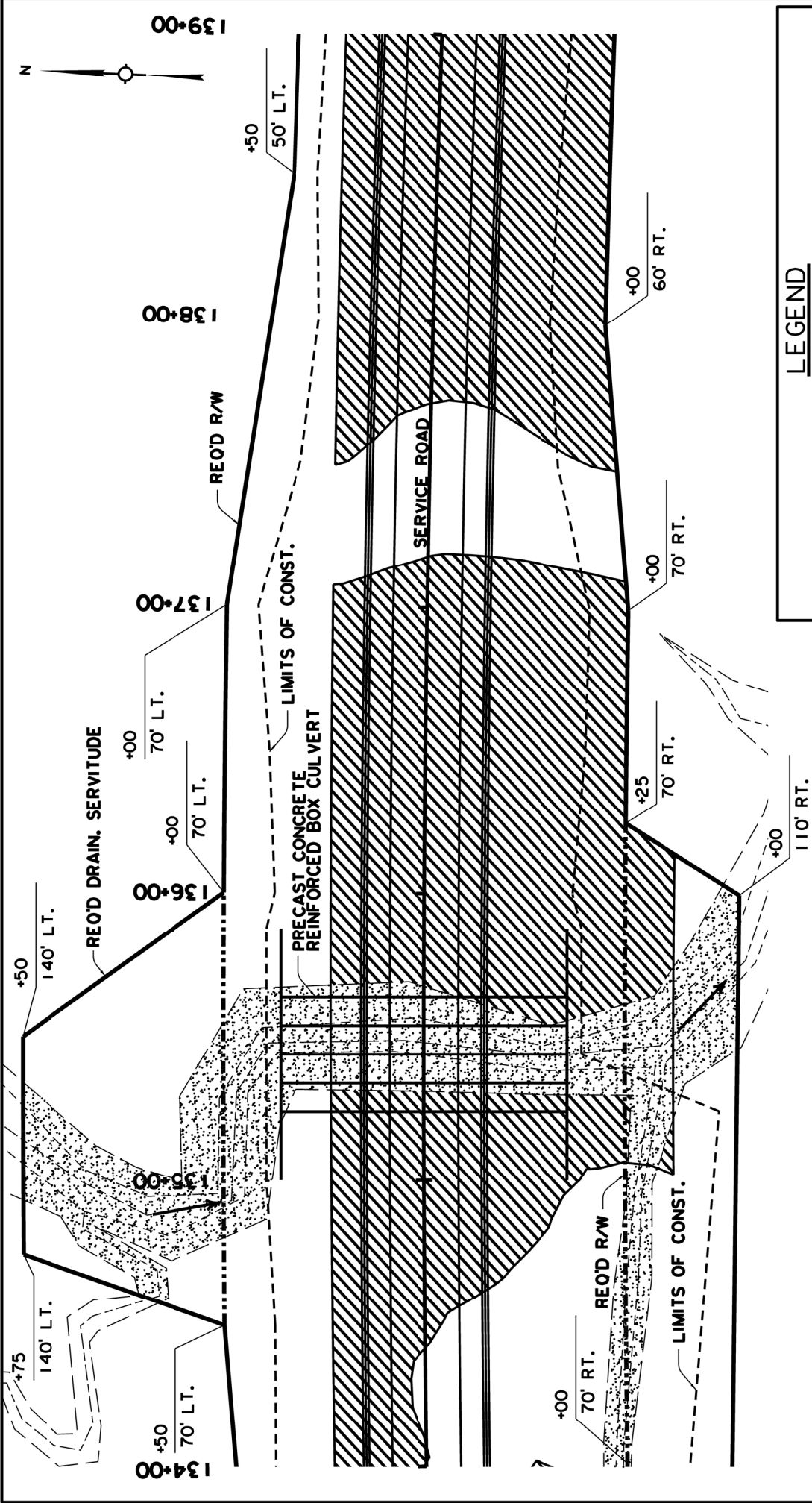


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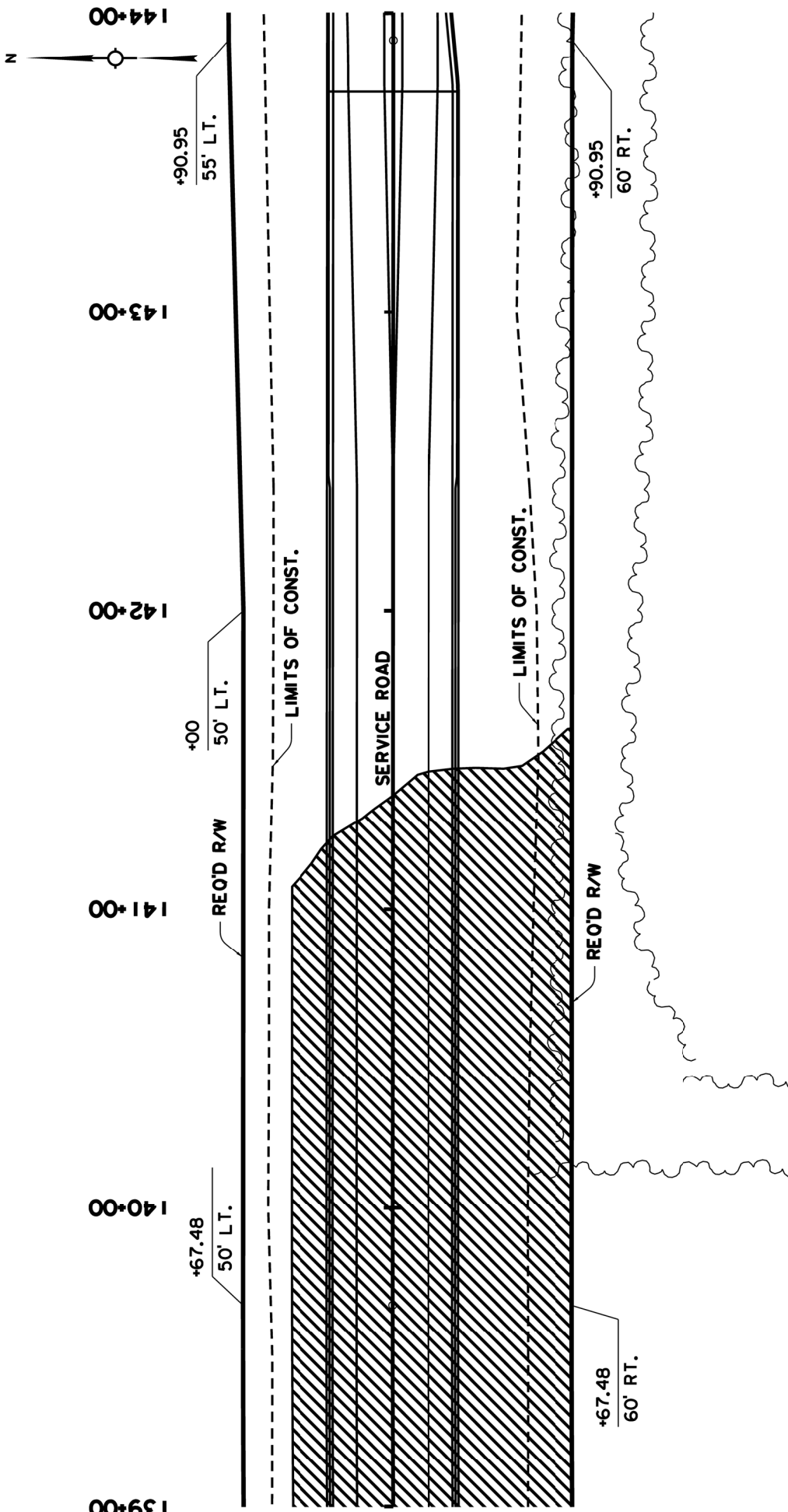
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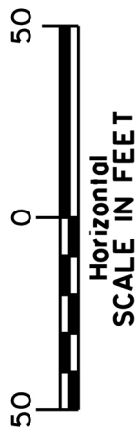
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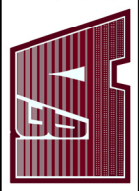
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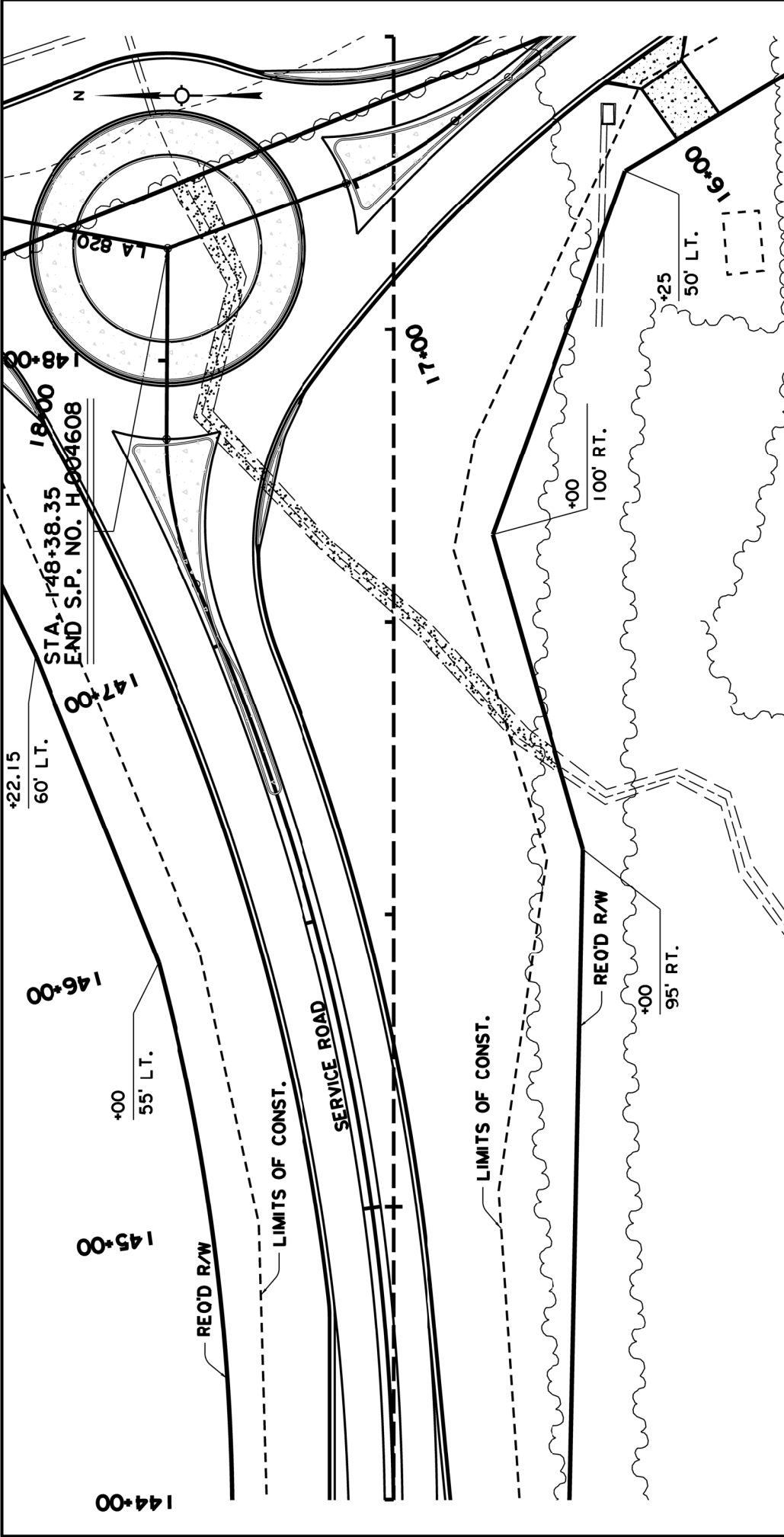
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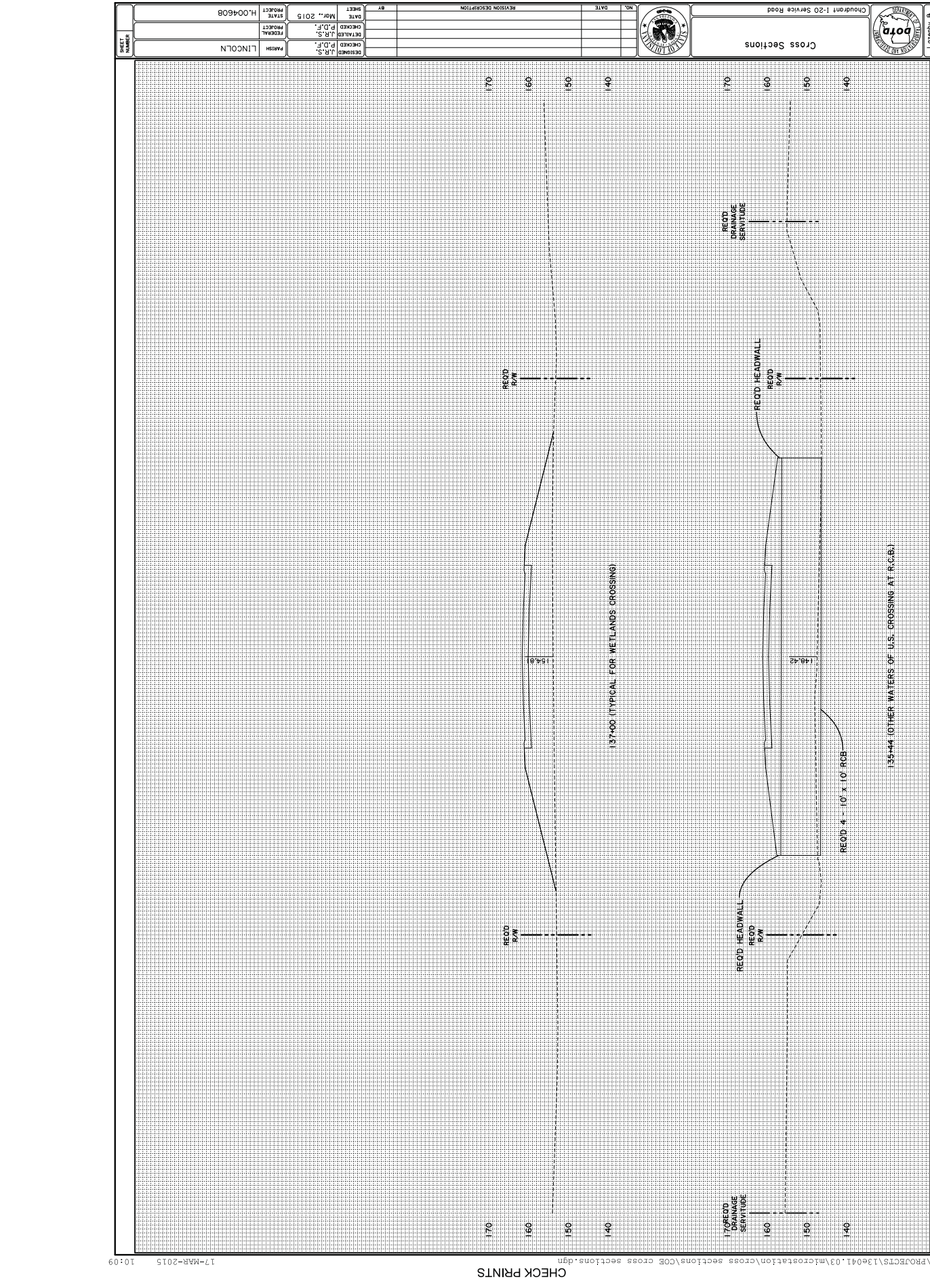
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P.V.C. Sta. 134+83.02
ELEV. 162.26

P.V.T. Sta. 136+13.02
ELEV. 162.26

130' V.C.

PROPOSED P.G.L.

VARIES (16' MIN. - 38' MAX.)
LIMITS
"OTHER WATERS OF THE U.S."

P.V.I. Sta. 135+48.02
ELEV. 162.00

PROPOSED
FILL MATERIAL

EXIST. GROUND

PROPOSED
4-10' x 10' R.C.B.

F. L. 147.55 LT.

F. L. 147.35 RT.

TYPICAL SECTION A-A
CHOUDRANT I-20 SERVICE ROAD
NOT TO SCALE

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EXHIBIT



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