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WQC Application Number
WQC#-190611-02

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, Water Permits Division, 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).

PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF PLANK ROAD IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, c/o Volkert, Inc., 7967 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

LOCATION OF WORK: In Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Latitude: 30.526793, Longitude: -91.143936) in East Baton Rouge Parish, within the Bayou Sara-Thompson in hydrological unit (HUC 08070201), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to relocate Plank Road at Hooper Road as part of the Baton Rouge Airport improvement plan. The proposed roadway will be approximately half a mile long and contain four 12-foot wide travel lanes, turn lanes, median, shoulders, sidewalks and drainage ditches on either side of the roadway. The total right-of-way will be between 160-200 feet wide. The proposed project will include the filling of 2.02 acres of forested wetlands with 37 cubic yards of earthen fill, 536 cubic yards of a stone base, 668 cubic yards of concrete and 126 cubic yards of asphalt.

The applicant has stated that the project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. As

compensation for the unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit modification 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 modification 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. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

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. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior. Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed species.

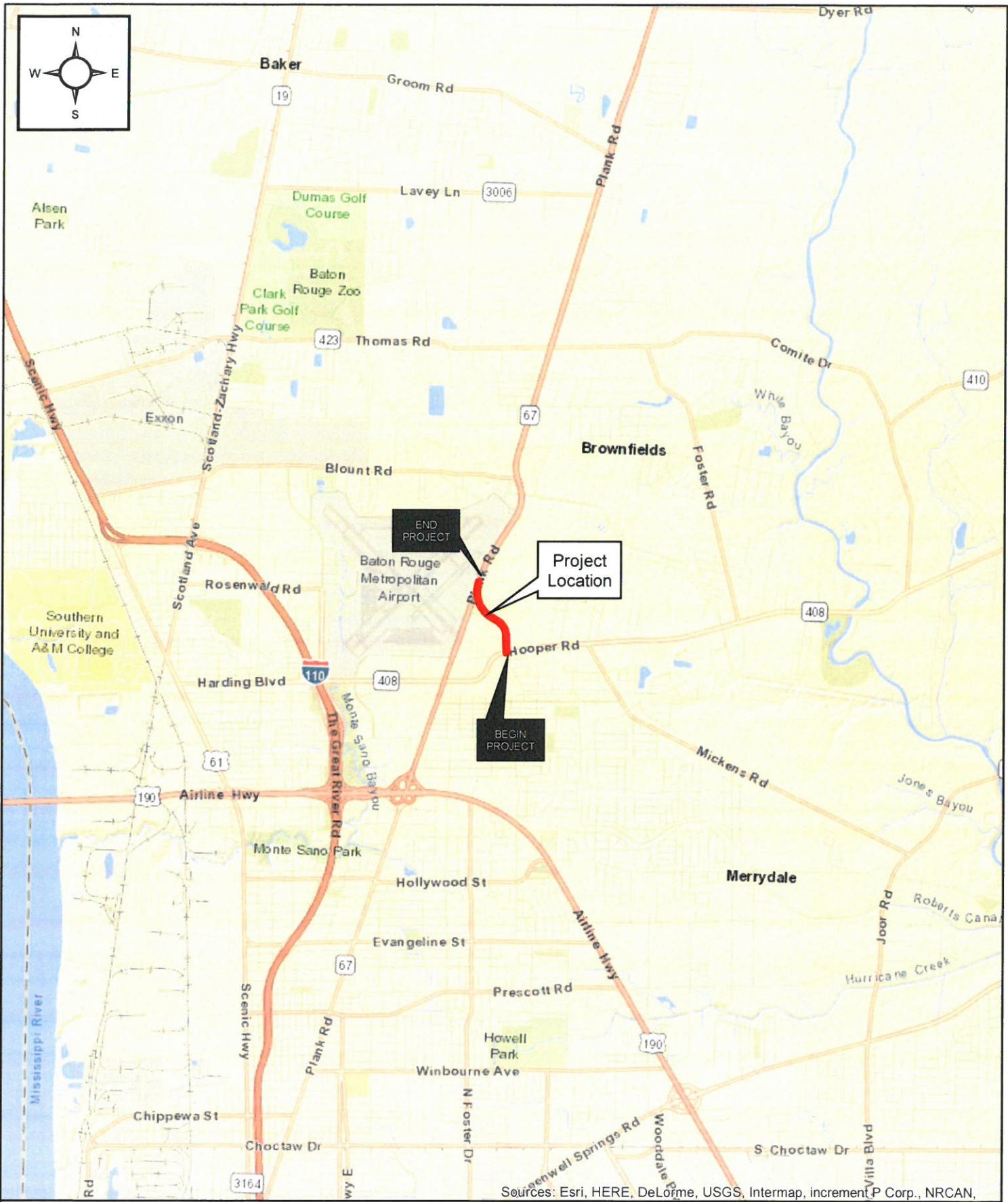
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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, Water Permits Division under permit number WQC-190611-02.

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.

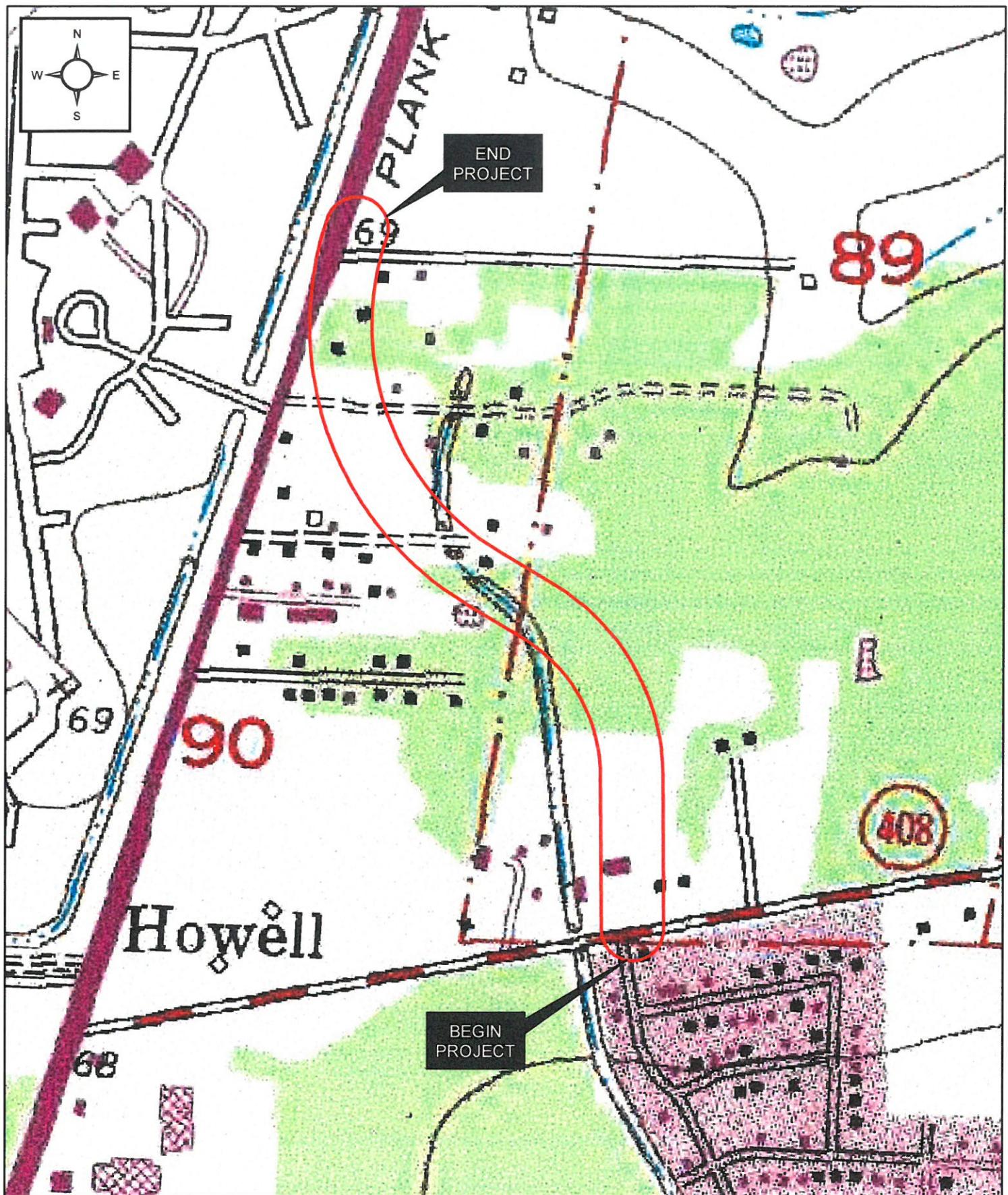
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Enclosure



Vicinity Map
Runway 13-31 RSA, RPZ Improvement Project
Township 5 South, Range 1 East, Section 32
30.526793N / -91.143936W

1 inch = 5,000 feet



USGS Topographical Map
Runway 13-31 RSA, RPZ Improvement Project
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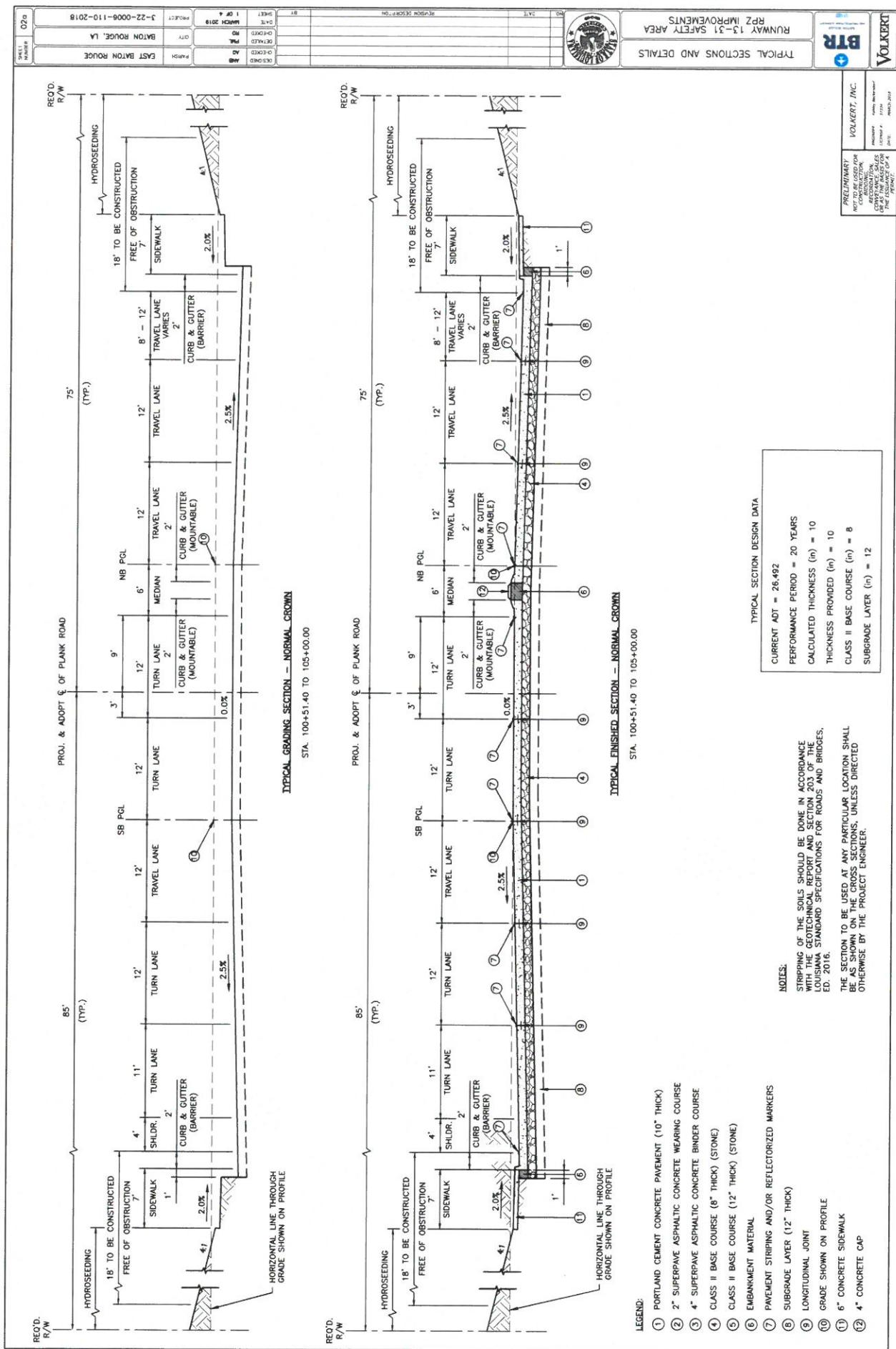
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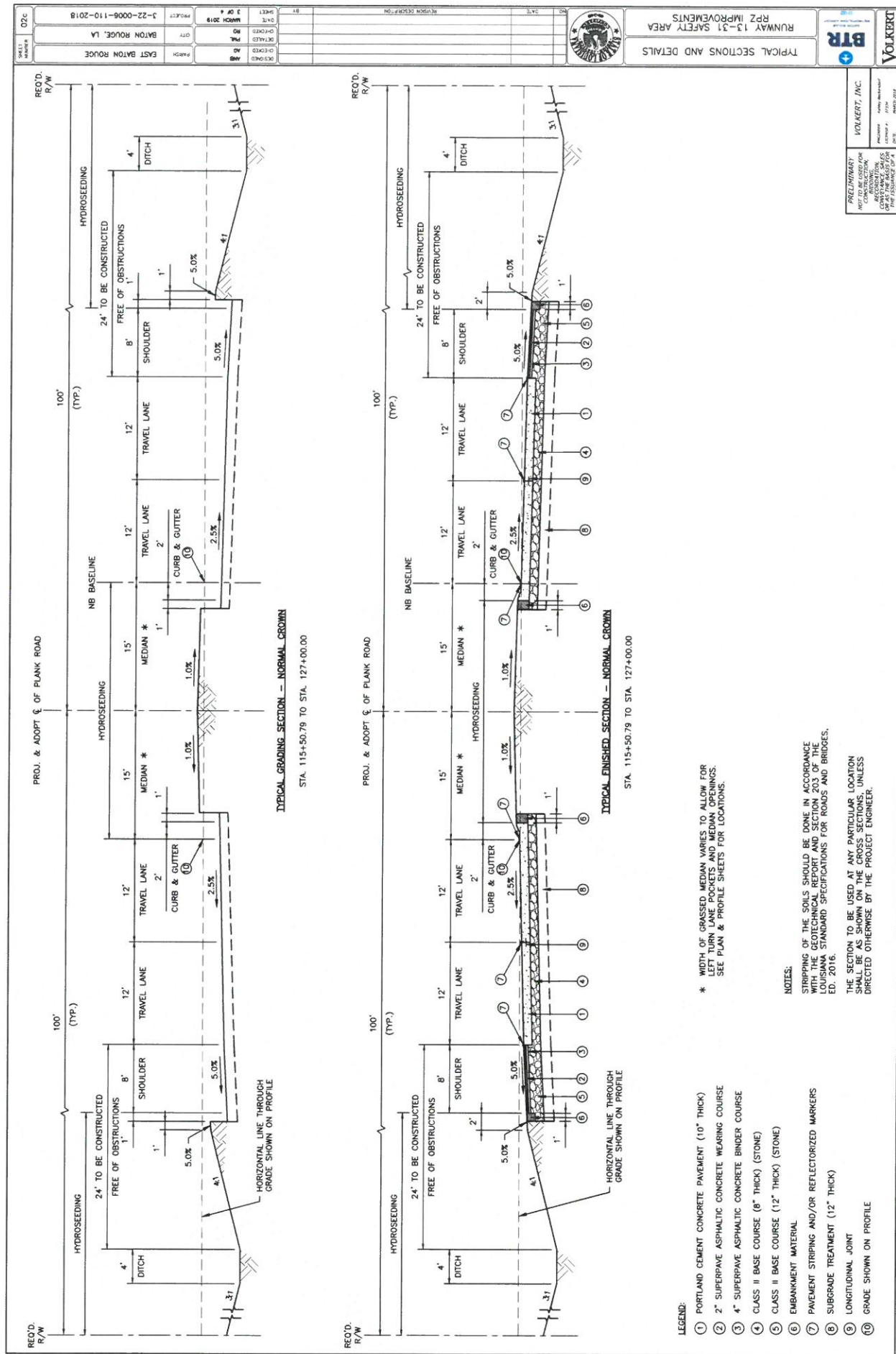
Project Limits

Aerial Map
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Township 5 South, Range 1 East, Section 32
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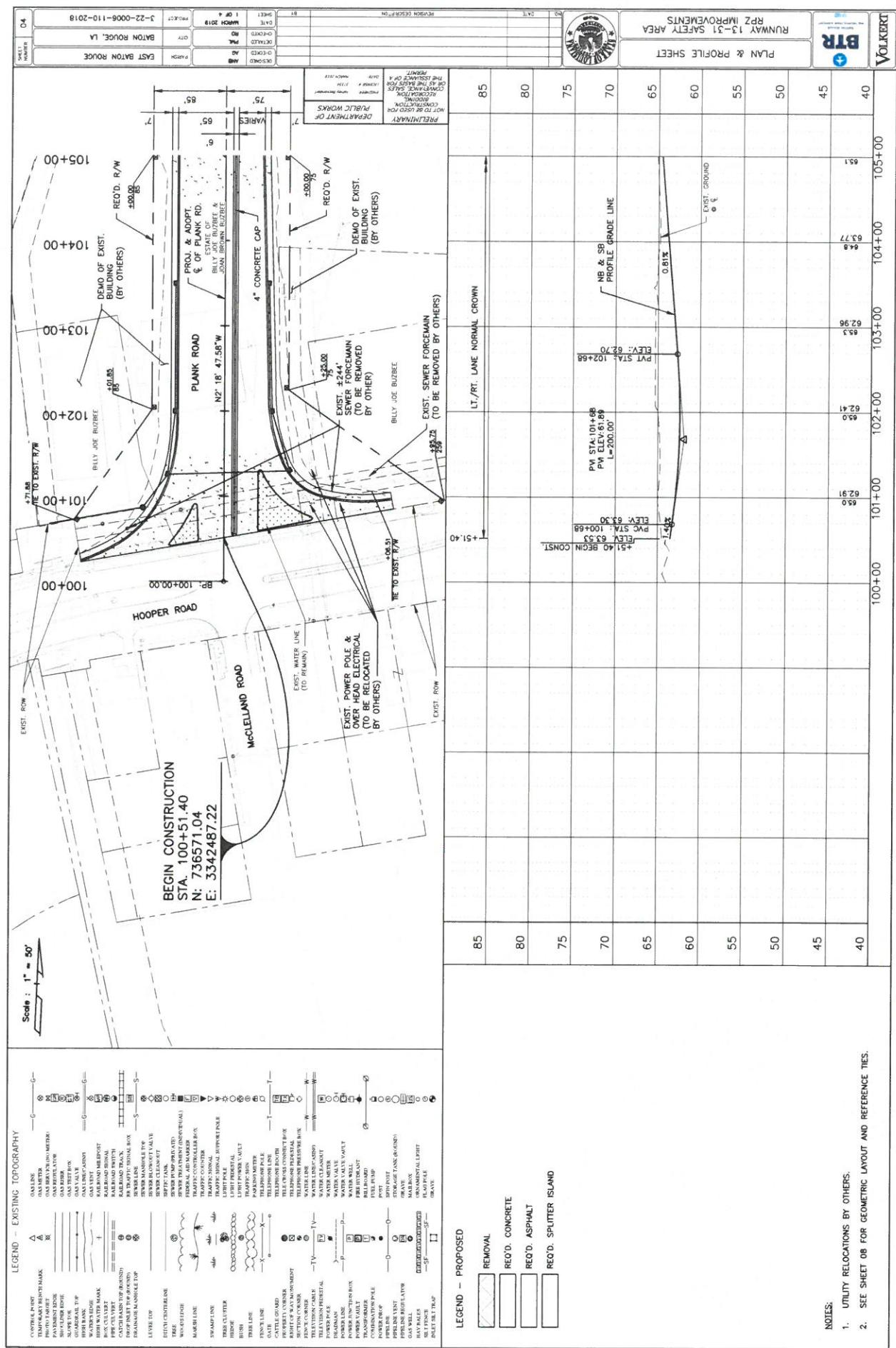
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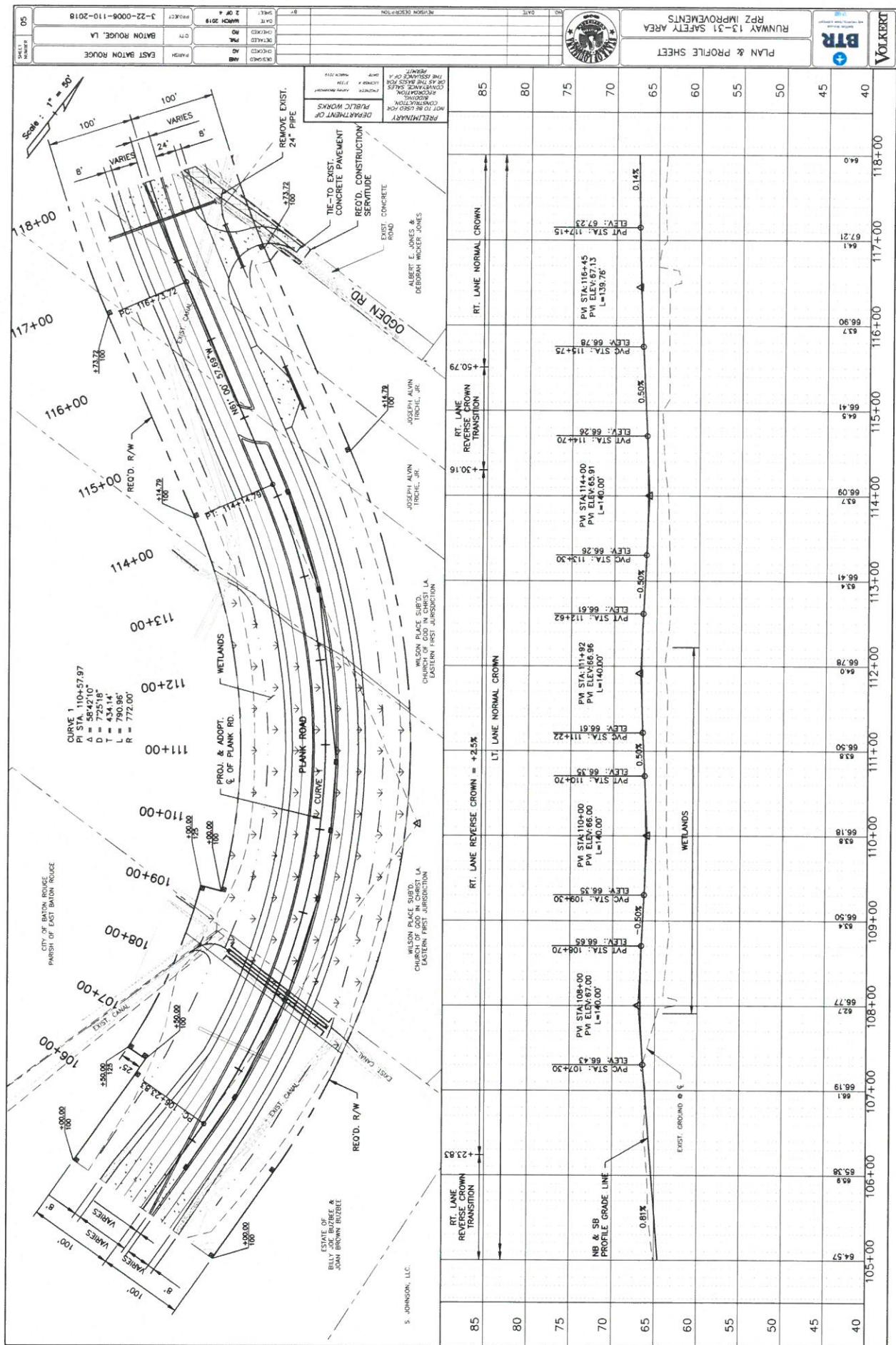
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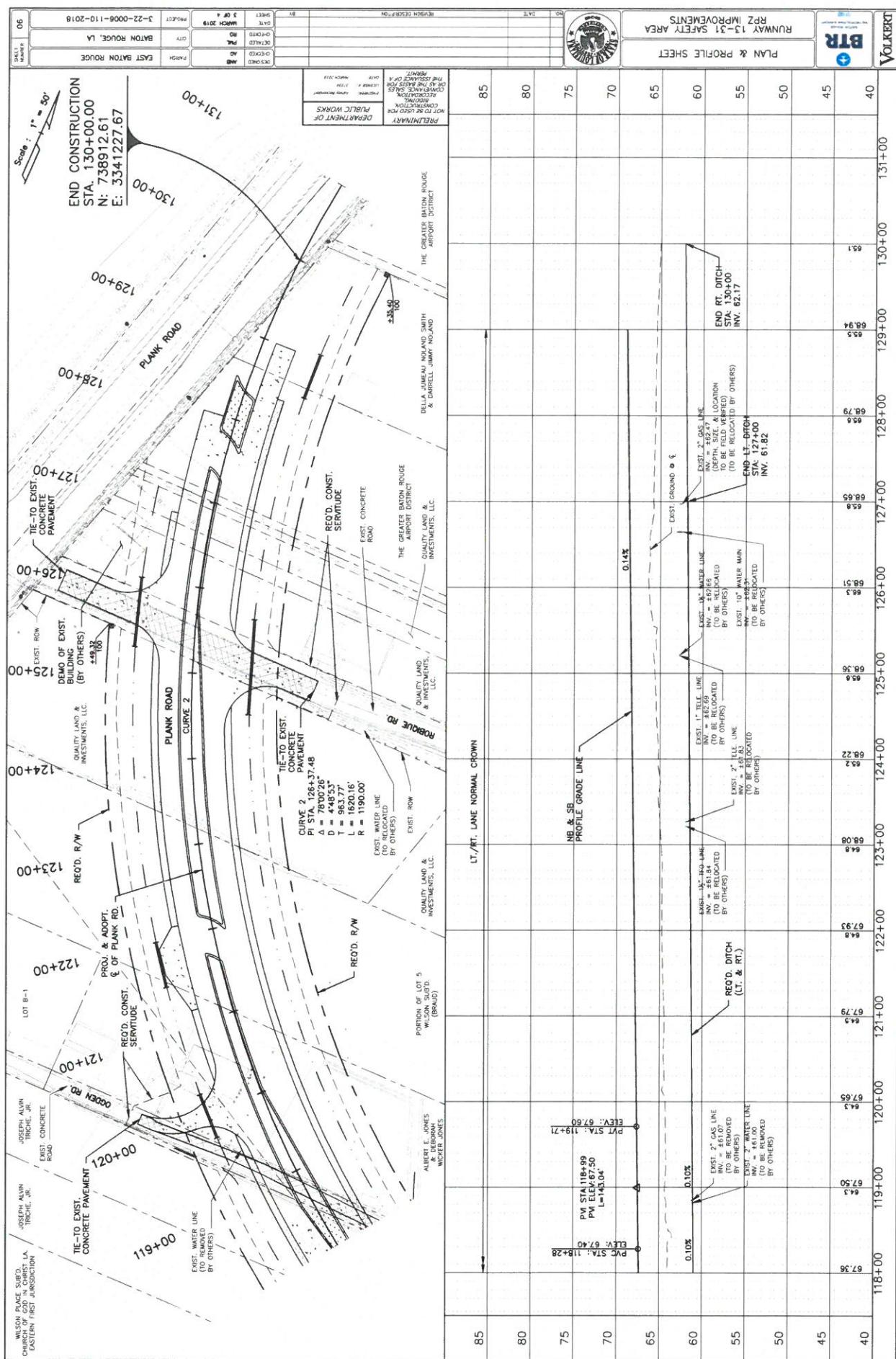


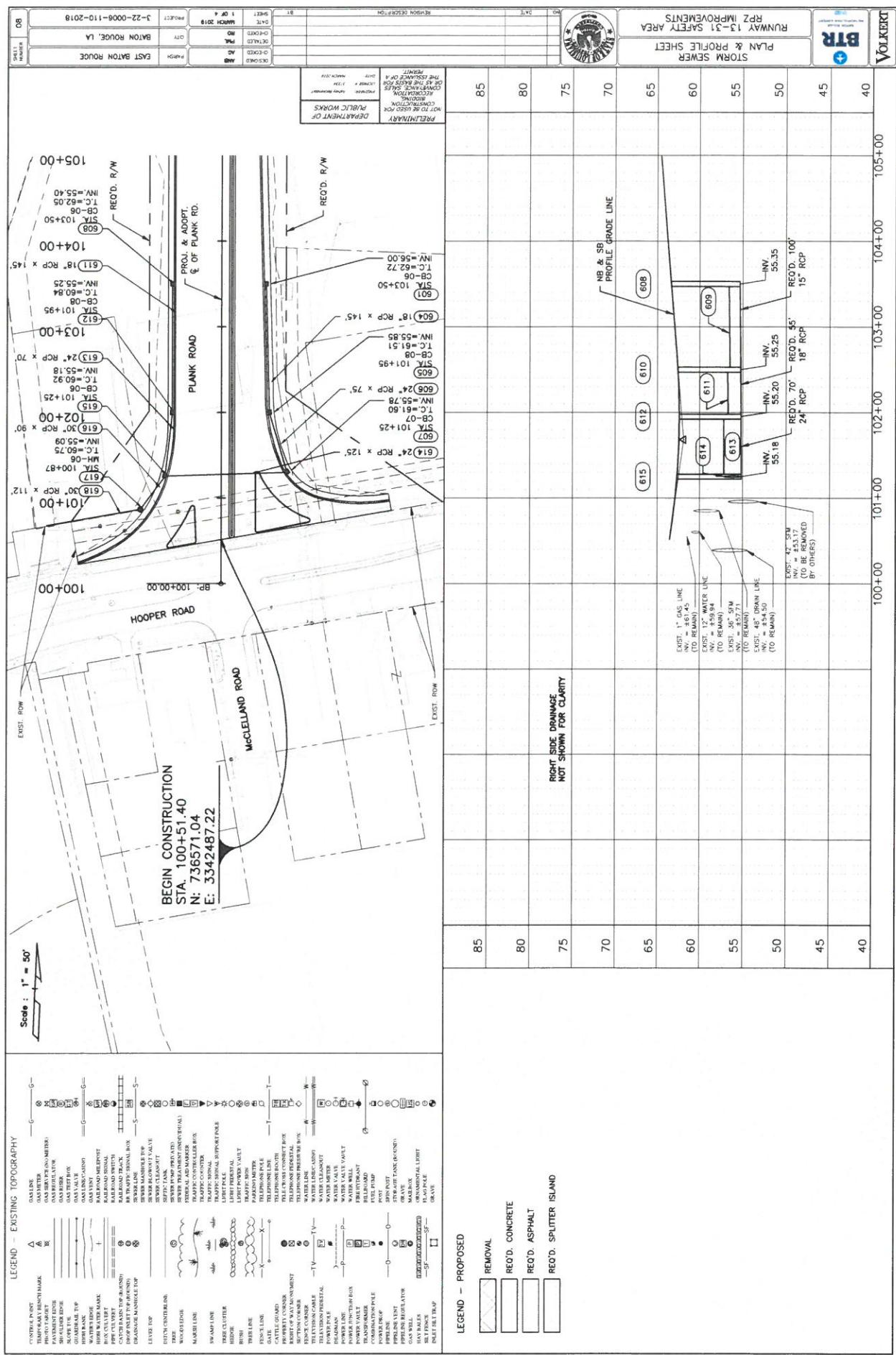


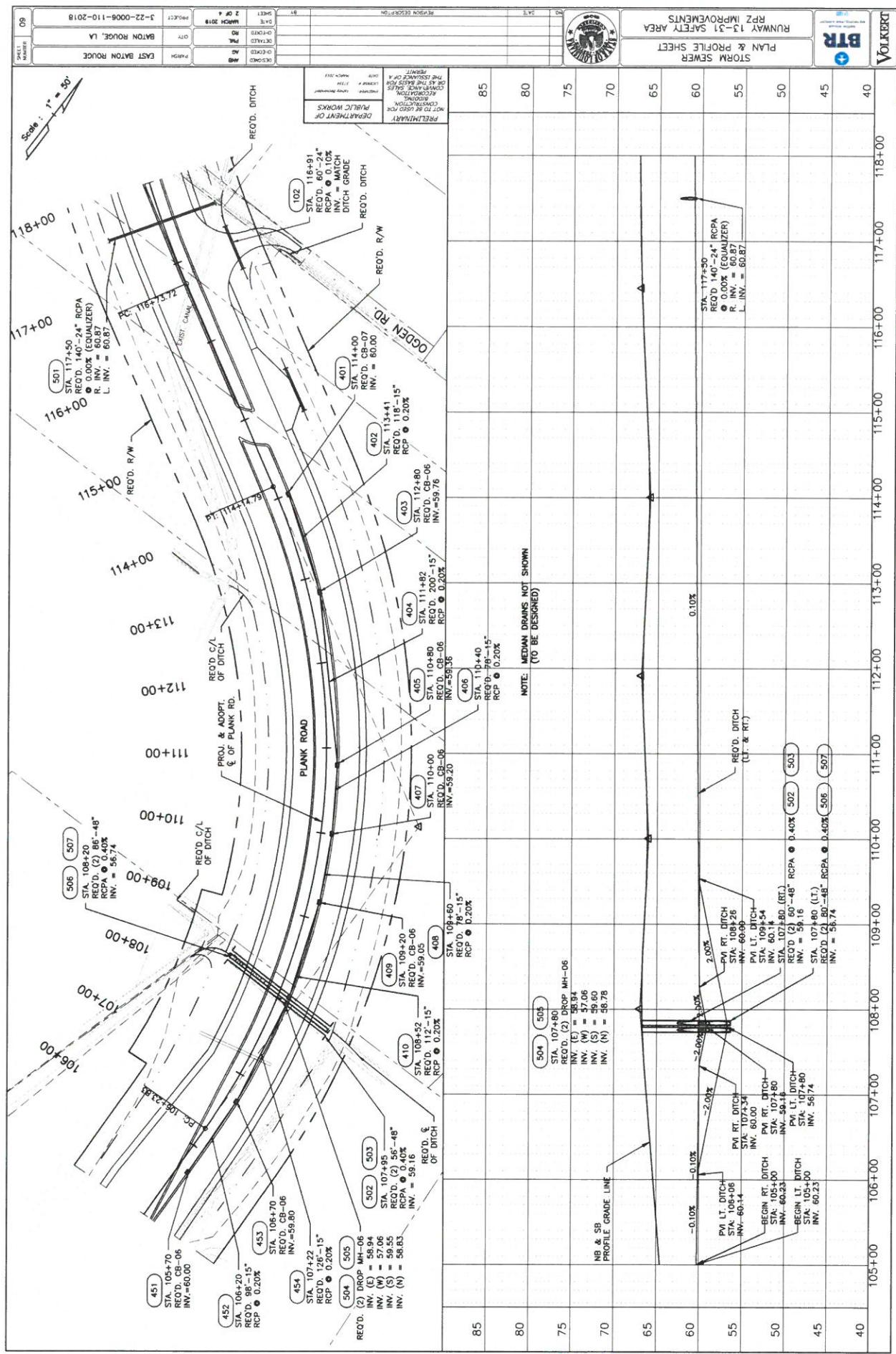
SUMMARY SHEET							RUNWAY 13-31 SAFETY AREA		BTR	
ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	
201-01-00200	CLEARING & GRUBBING	707-02-00100	COMBINATION CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER (BARRELED)	707-03-00100	COMBINATION CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER (MOUNTABLE)	708-01-00100	RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENTS	711-03-00200	RIFRAP (10 LB)	
202-02-00100	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE WALKS AND DRIVES	ACRE	AS-BUILT	ACRE	AS-BUILT	CU YD.	UN. FT.	TON	UN. FT.	
202-02-00100	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE WALKS AND DRIVES	SQ. YD.	12.9	SQ. YD.	15.5	CU YD.	1035	TON	1035	
203-01-00100	GENERAL EXCAVATION	CU YD.		CU YD.		CU YD.		TON		
203-03-00100	EMANKNEEN	CU YD.	39749	CU YD.	36933	CU YD.	5427	TON		
204-02-00100	TEMPORARY HAY OR STRAW BALES	EACH		EACH		EACH		EACH		
204-05-00100	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		TON		
204-07-00100	TEMPORARY STONE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	EACH	1	EACH	1	EACH	12	EACH		
302-01-00200	CLASS II BASE COURSE (CRUSHED STONE)	CU YD.		CU YD.		CU YD.		TON		
305-01-00200	SUBGRADE LAYER (12" THICK) (TREATED)	SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		TON		
402-03-00100	NON-MANHOLE MAINTENANCE SURFACING (AGGREGATE) (VFMICULAR)	CU YD.	65	CU YD.	65	CU YD.	1	LUMP SUM	1	
502-01-00100	SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE	TON	1637.13	TON	1637.13	TON	56	SO. FT.	56	
601-01-00500	PORLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT (10" THICK)	SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		EACH	74	
712-01-00200	PLASTIC PAVEMENT STRIPE (24" WIDTH) (THERMOPLASTIC 125 MIL)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.	34	
732-02-00200	PLASTIC PAVEMENT STRIPE (SOLID LINE) (4" WIDTH) (THERMOPLASTIC 90 MIL)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		MILE	2.13	
732-02-02001	PLASTIC PAVEMENT STRIPE (SOLID LINE) (8" WIDTH) (THERMOPLASTIC 90 MIL)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		MILE	7.74	
732-03-02001	PLASTIC PAVE STRIPING (BROKEN LINE) (4" W) (THERMOPLASTIC 90 MIL) (BLK CONT)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		MILE	1.08	
732-03-02020	PLASTIC PAVEMENT STRIPE (DOOTED LINE) (8" W) (2" L) (THERMOPLASTIC 90 MIL)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		MILE	0.3	
732-04-01080	PLASTIC PAVEMENT LEGENDS AND SYMBOLS (ARROW - LEFT TURN)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		EACH	4	
732-04-01080	PLASTIC PAVEMENT LEGENDS AND SYMBOLS (ARROW - RIGHT TURN)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		EACH	6	
732-04-01121	PLASTIC PAVEMENT LEGENDS AND SYMBOLS (ARROW - U-TURN)	LN. FT.		LN. FT.		LN. FT.		EACH	3	
739-01-00100	HYDRO-SEEDING	ACRE		ACRE		ACRE		ACRE	7.5	
740-01-00100	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	1	
822-05-02100	LIGHT POLE	EACH		EACH		EACH		EACH	5	
NS-600-00220	SAW CUTTING PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT	IN. FT.		IN. FT.		IN. FT.		IN. FT.	145	
706-01-00100	CONCRETE WALK (4" THICK)	SQ. YD.	792	SQ. YD.	1484.3	SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		
706-02-00200	CONCRETE DRIVE (6" THICK)	SQ. YD.	898	SQ. YD.	2	SQ. YD.		SQ. YD.		
706-03-00100	INCIDENTAL CONCRETE PAVING (4" THICK)	EACH		EACH		EACH		EACH		
706-04-00100	HANDICAPPED CURB RAMPS	EACH		EACH		EACH		EACH		

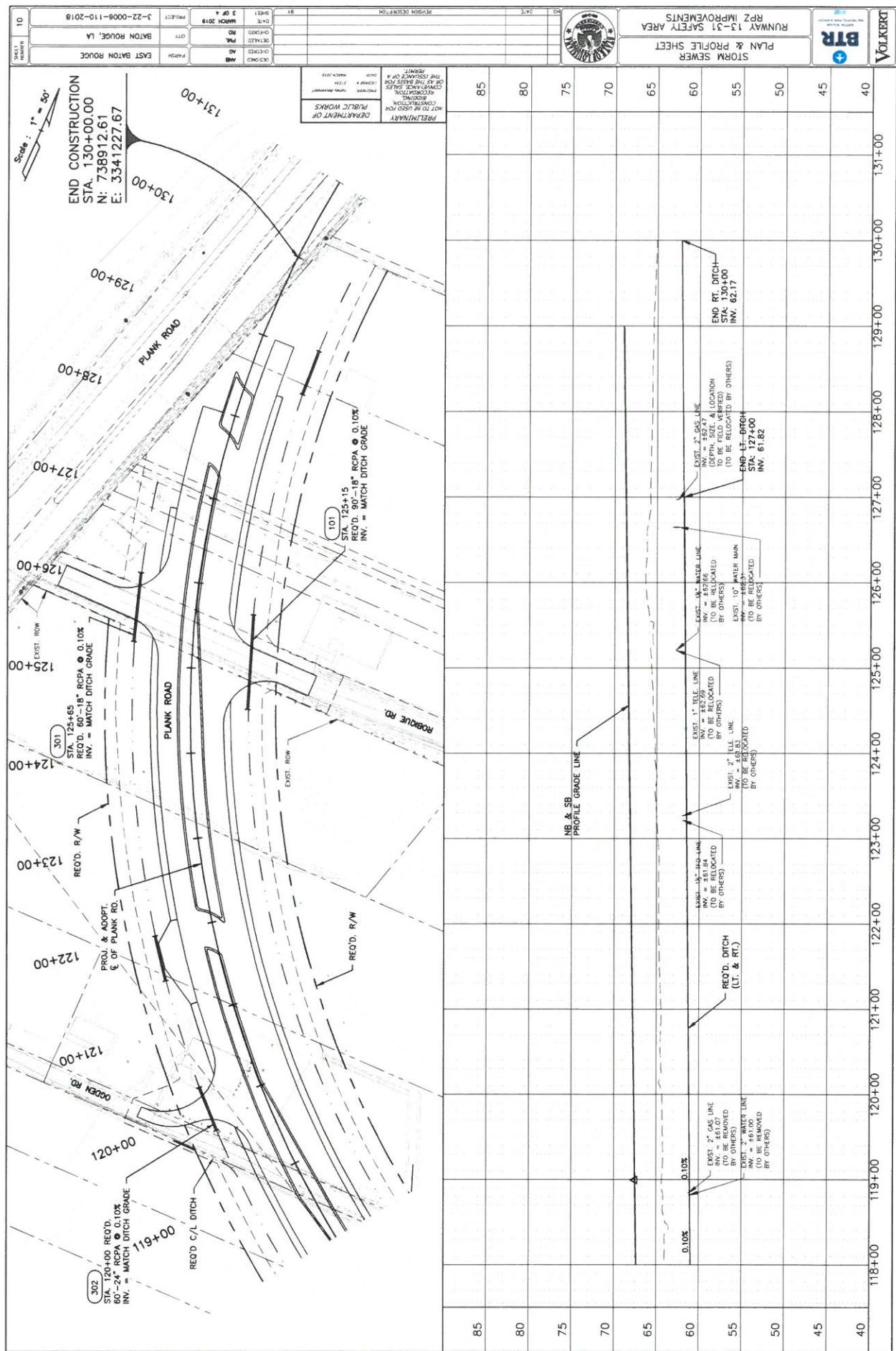


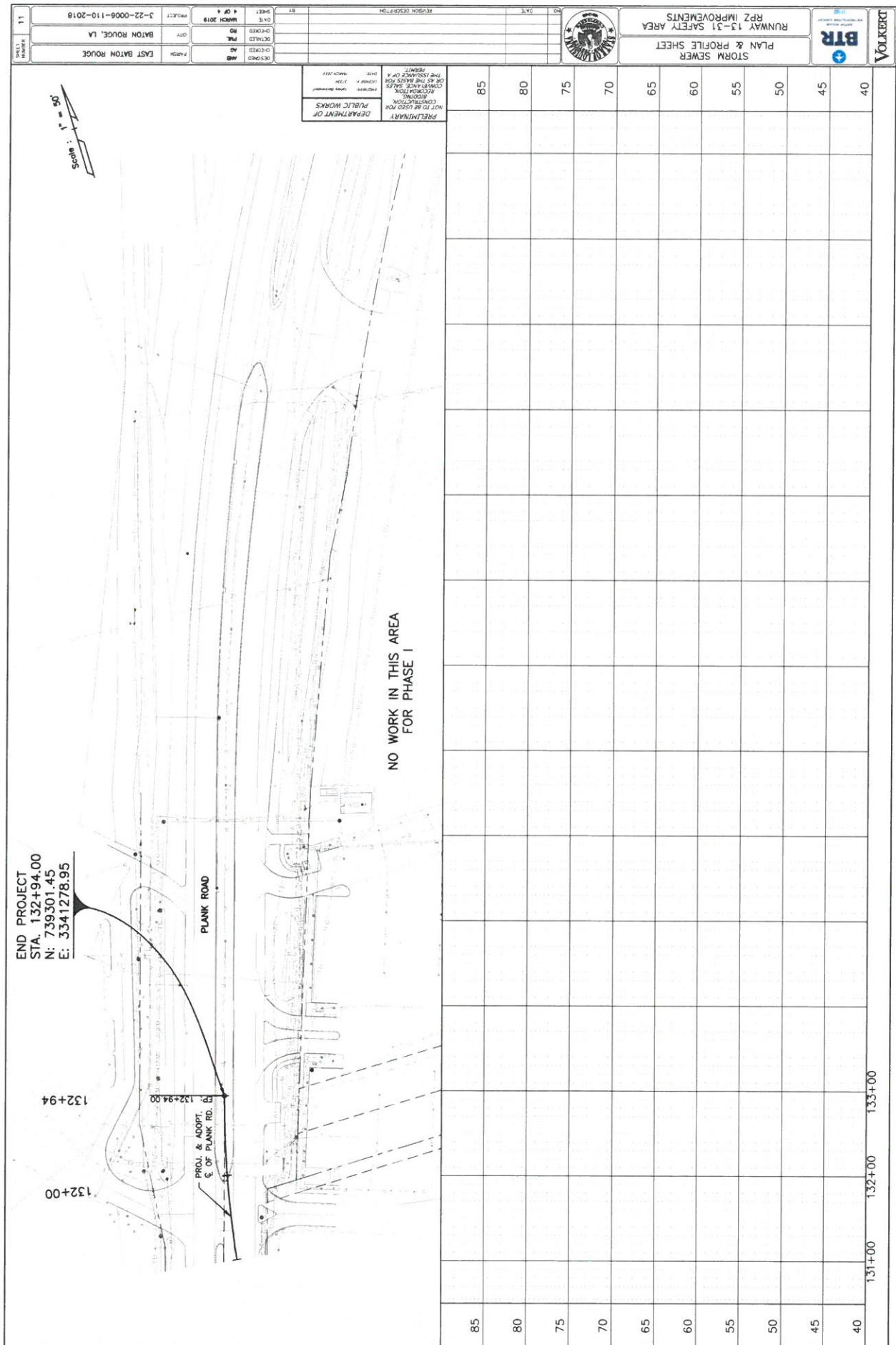


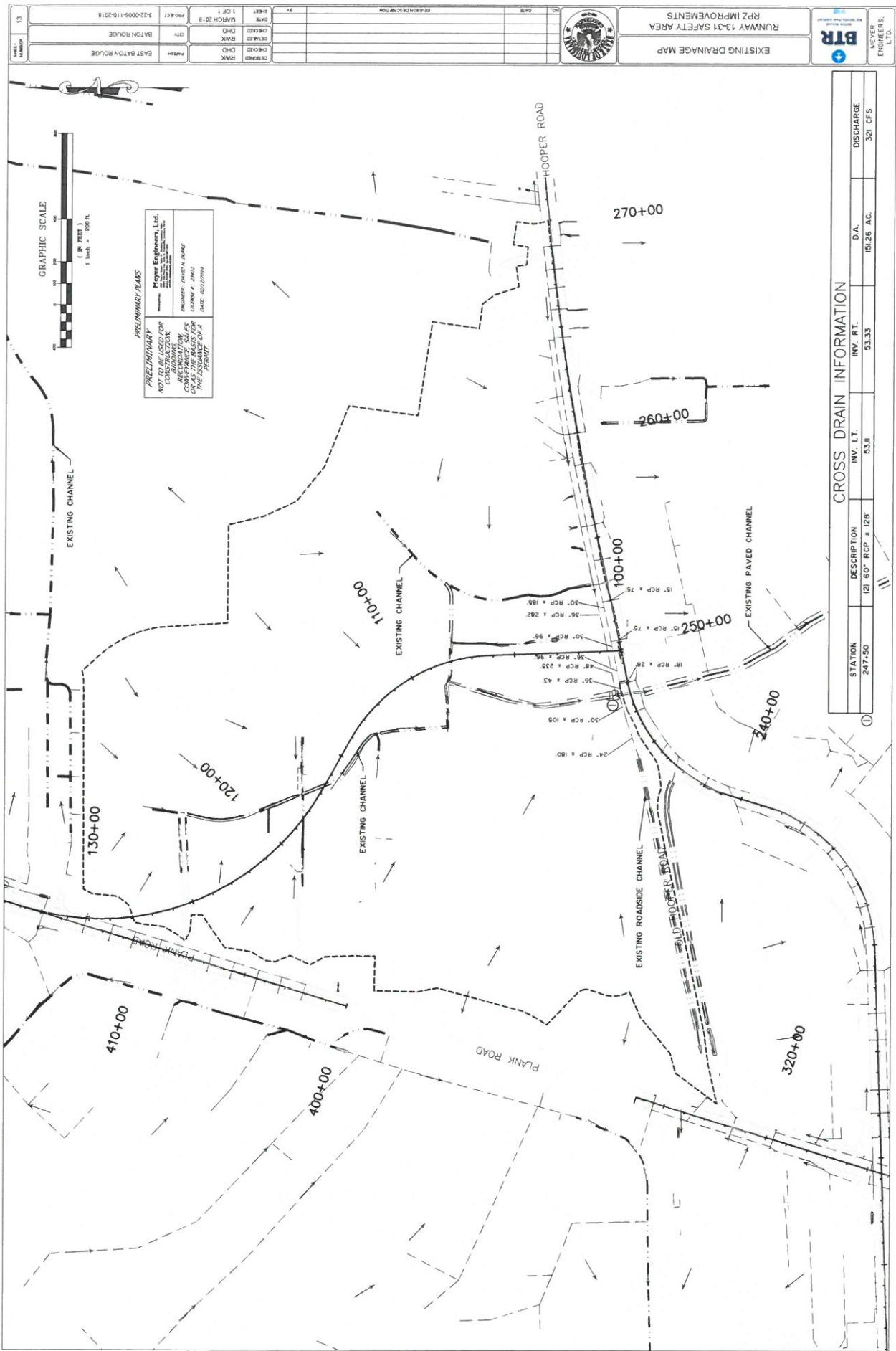


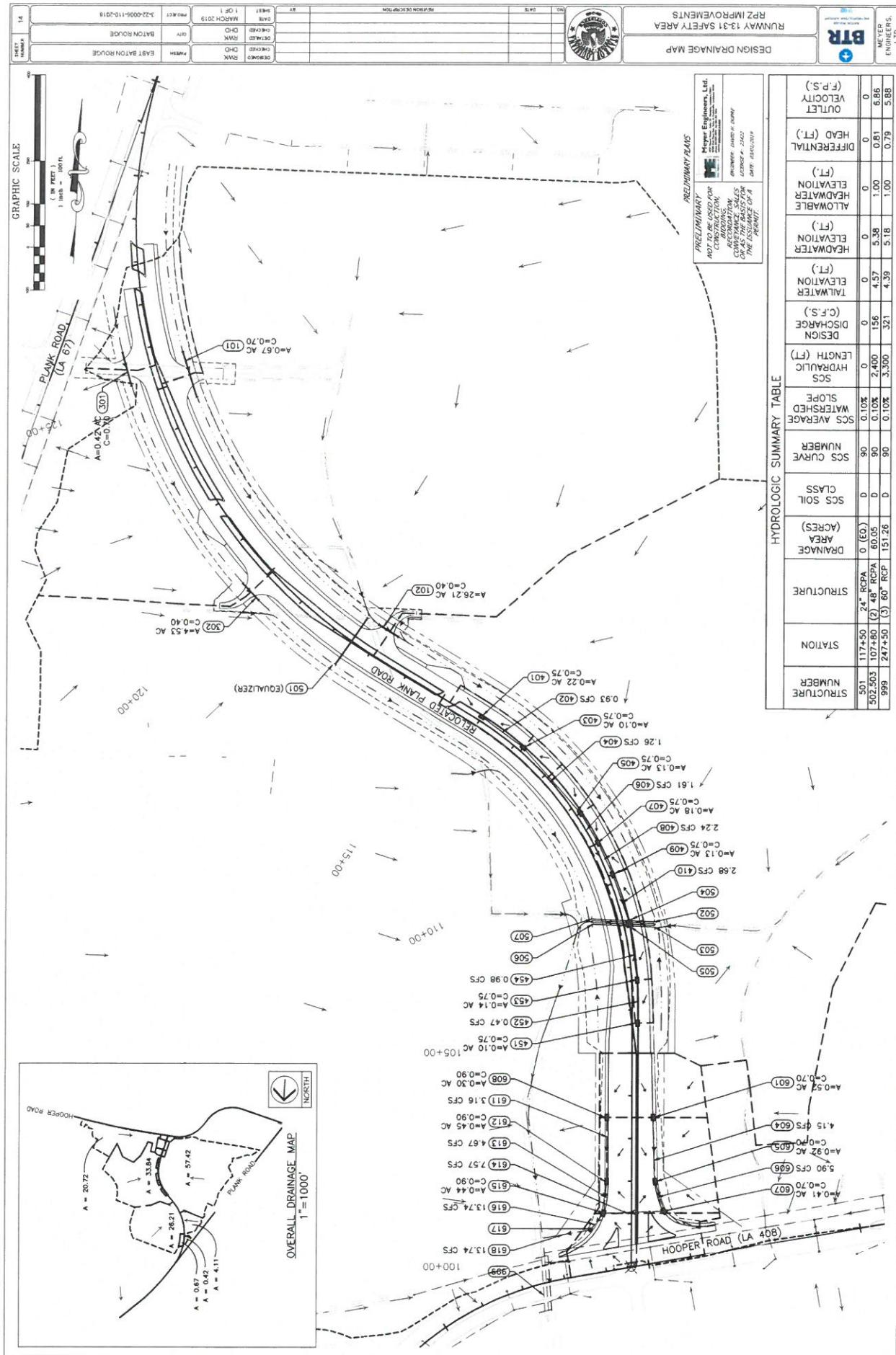


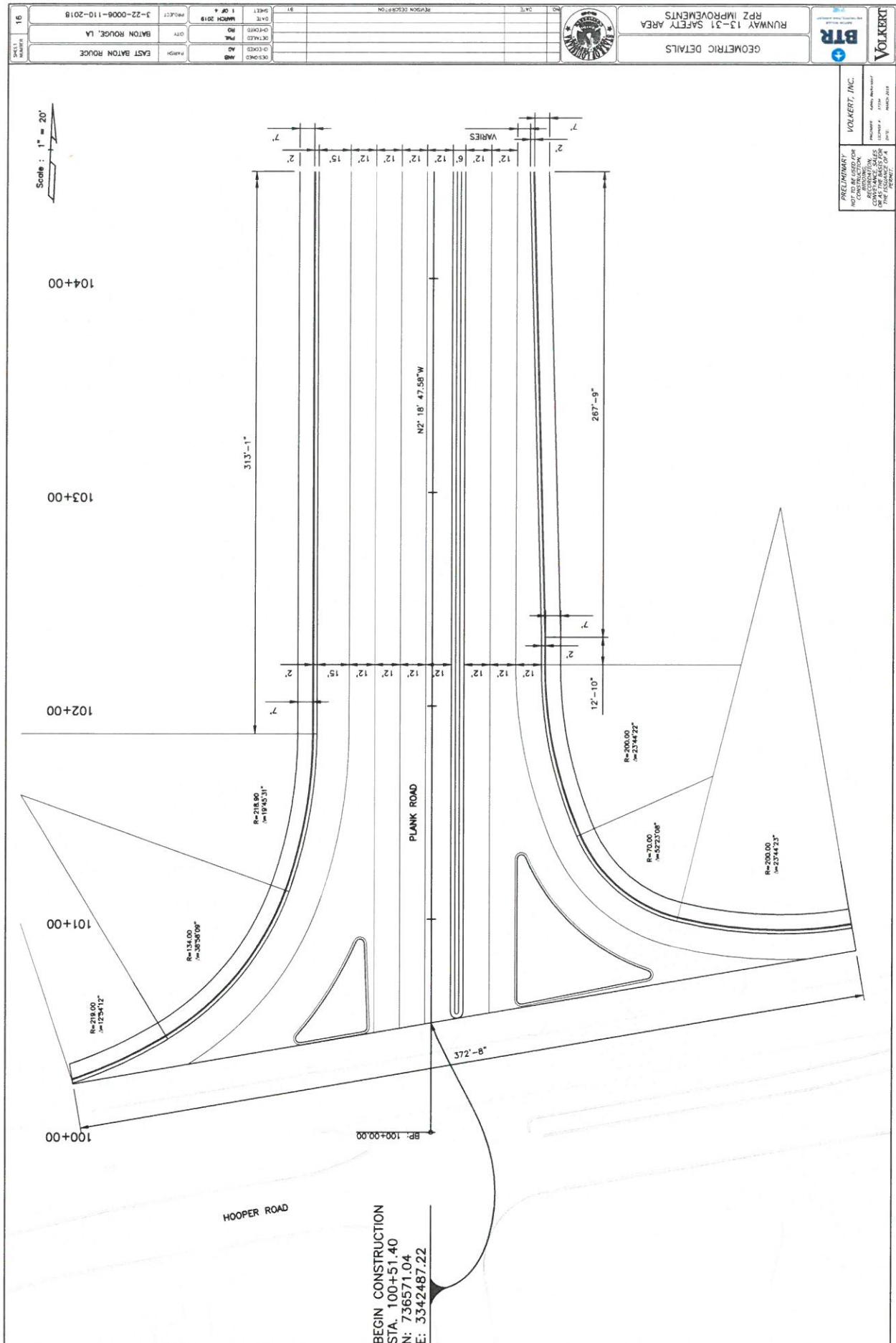


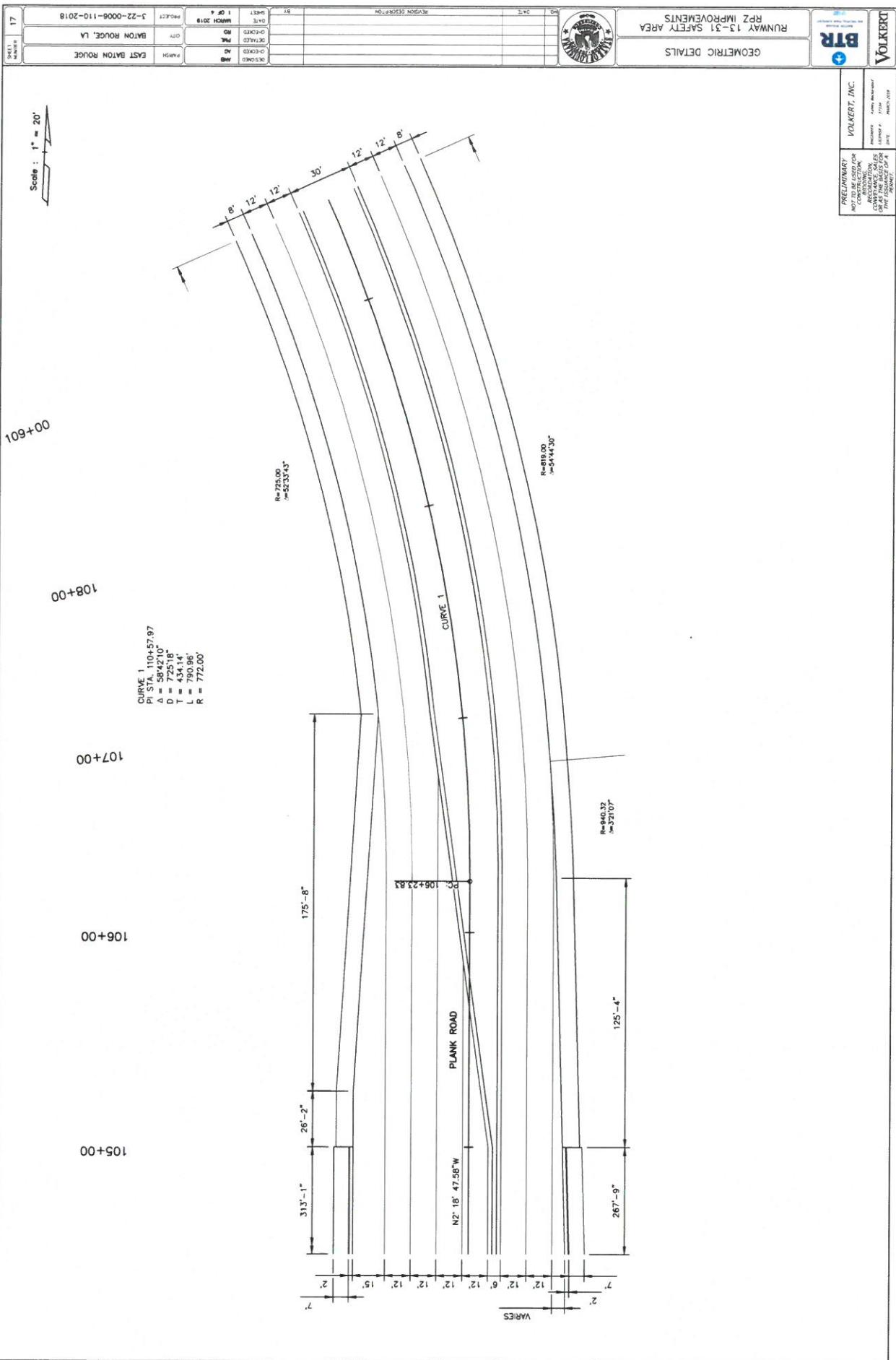


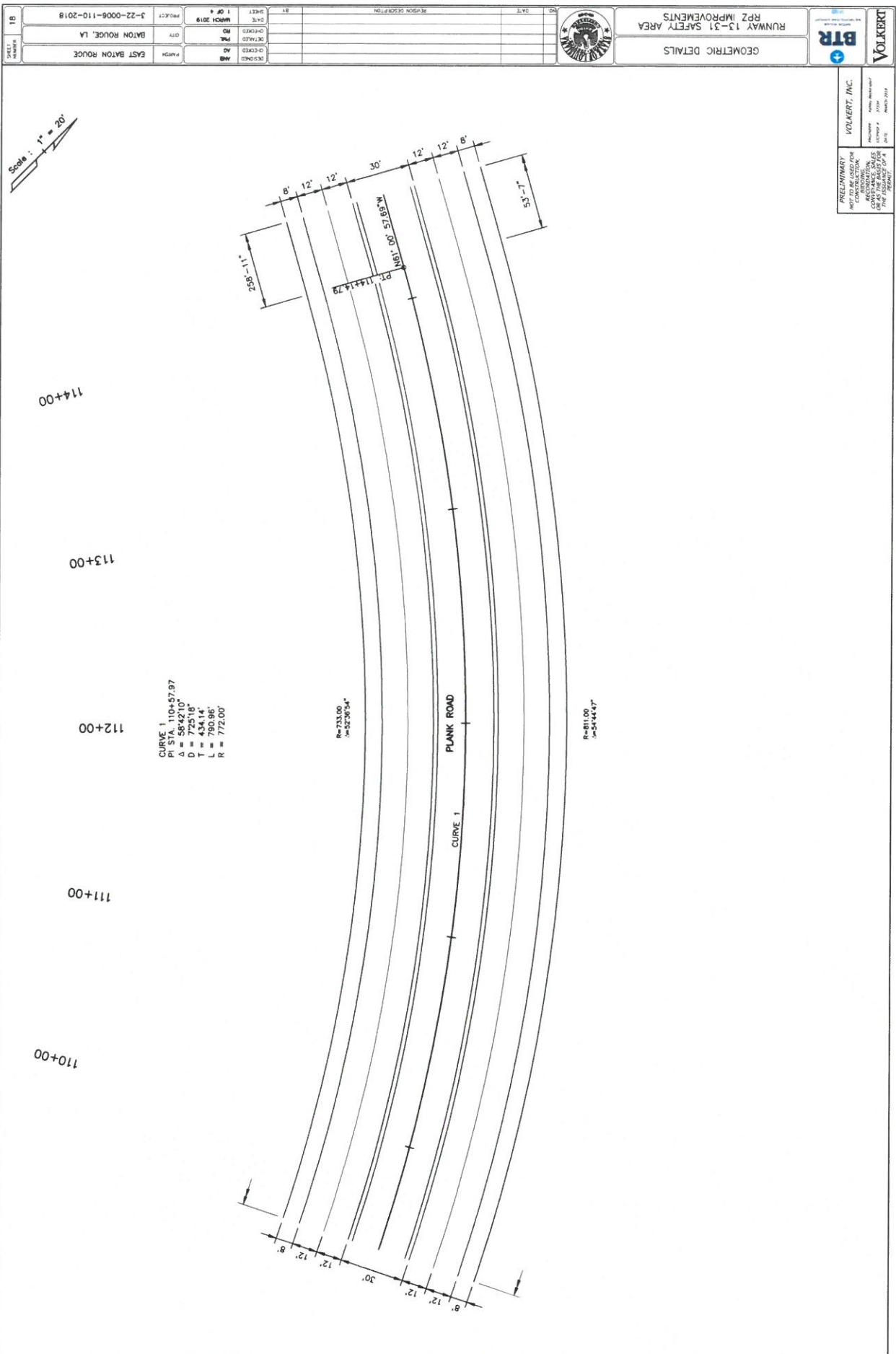


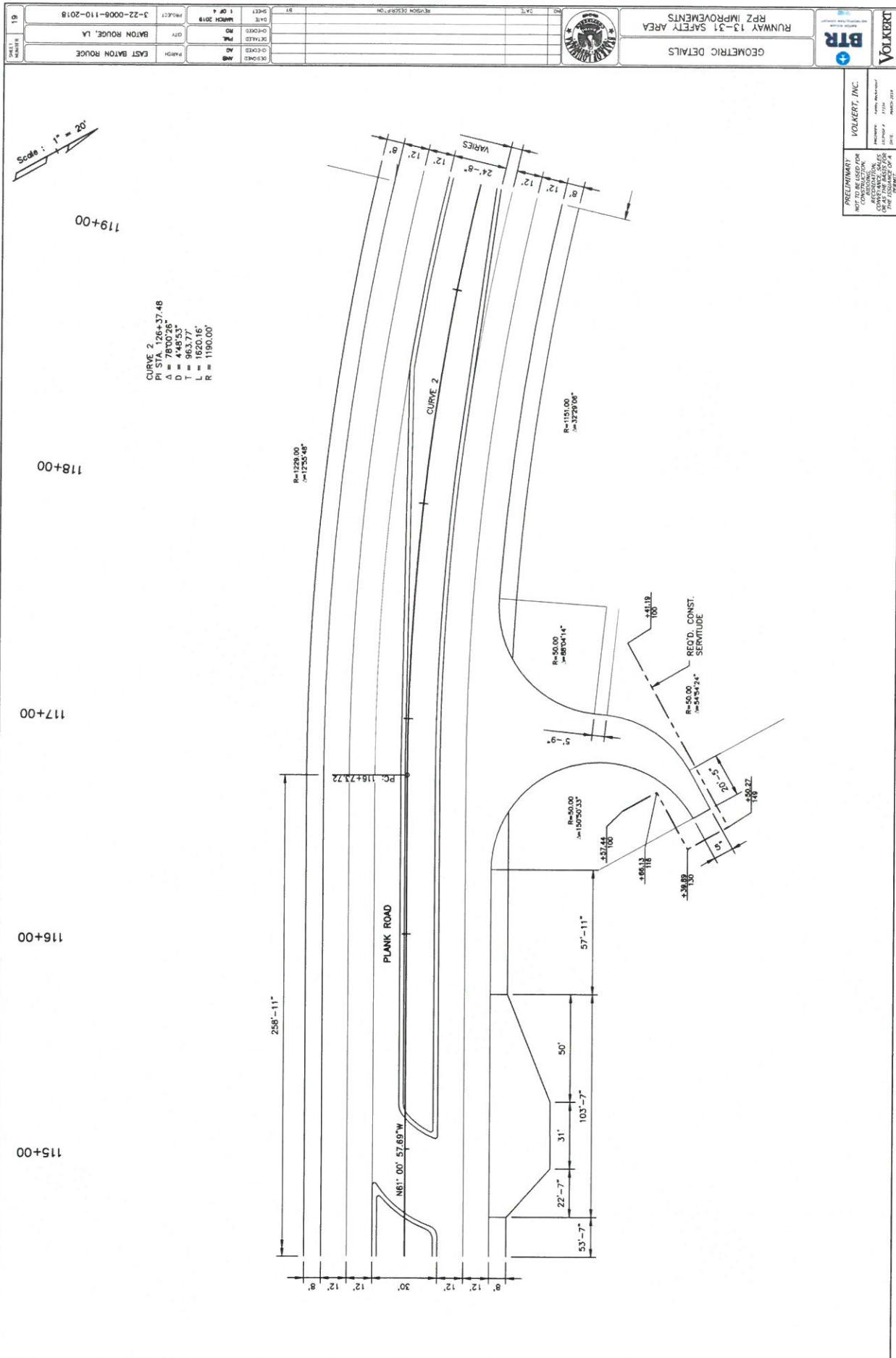


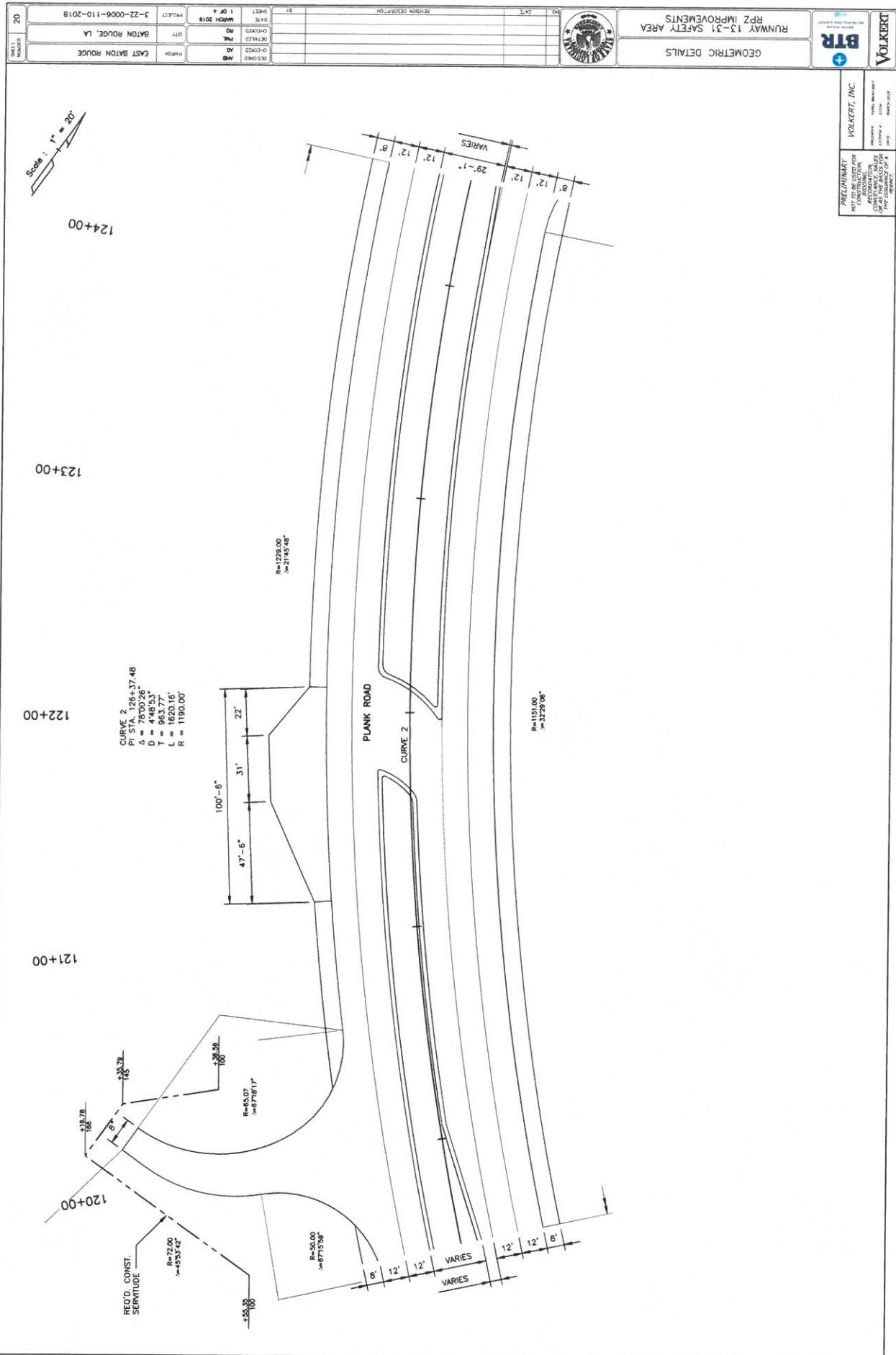


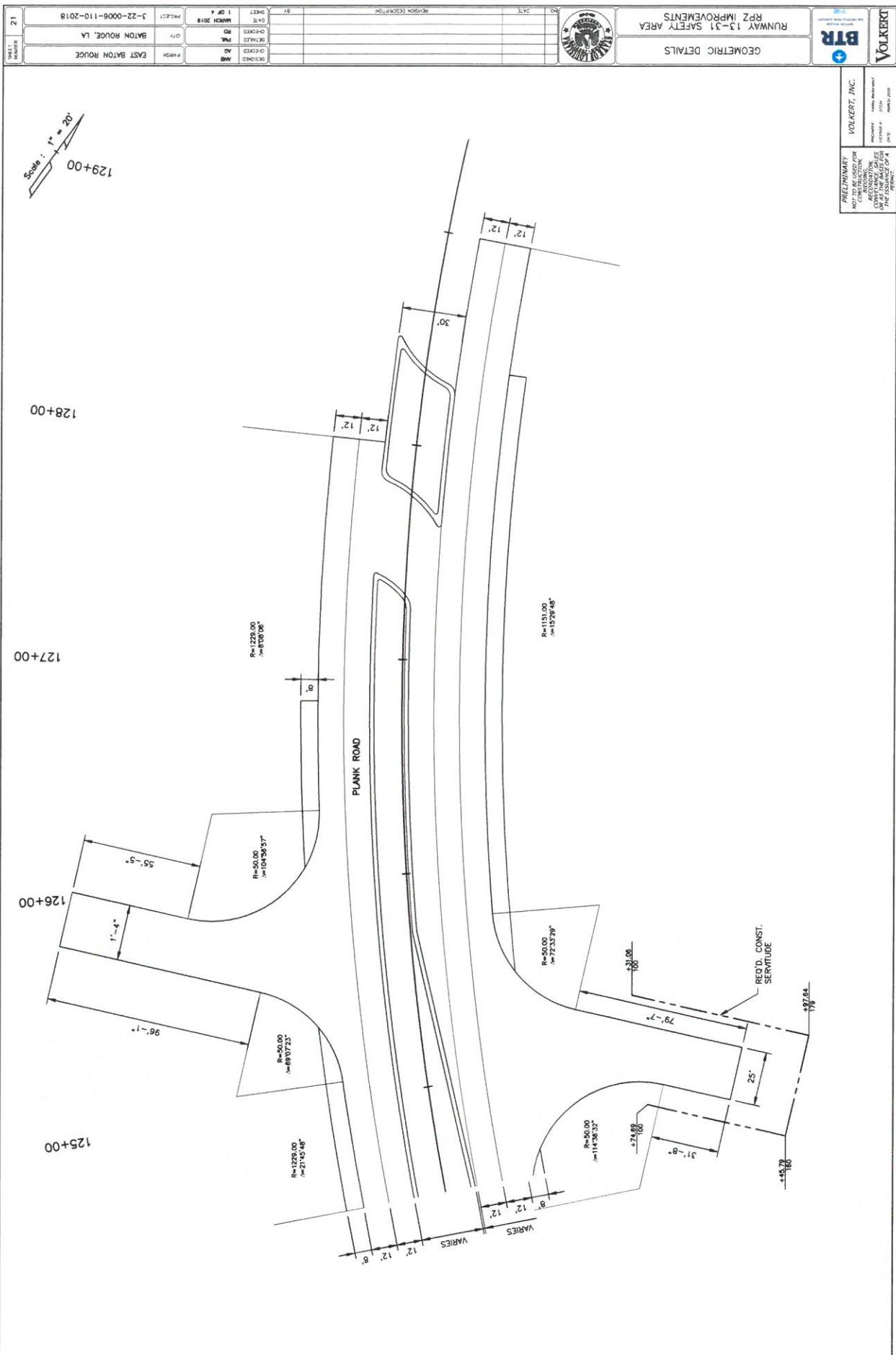


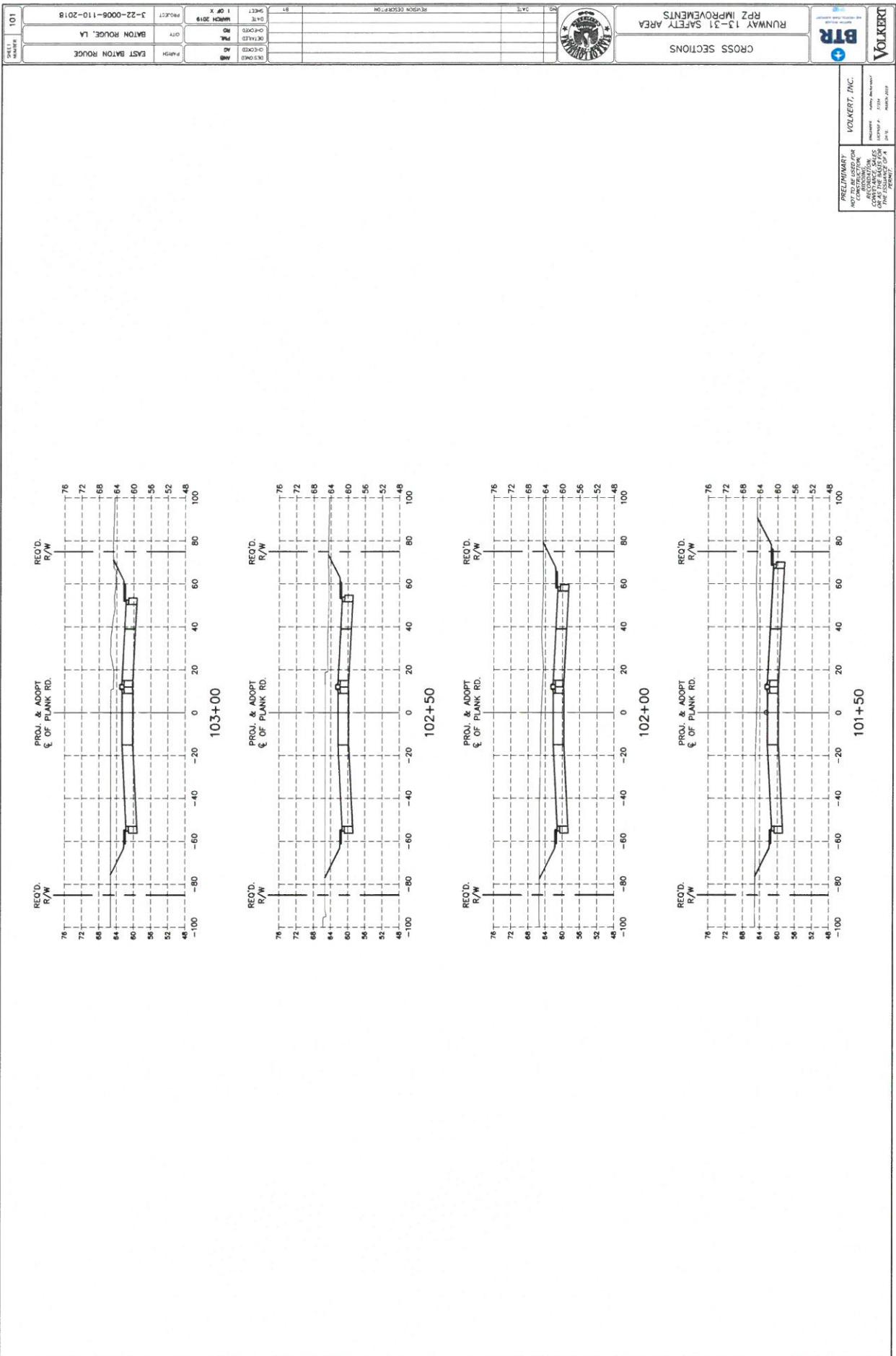


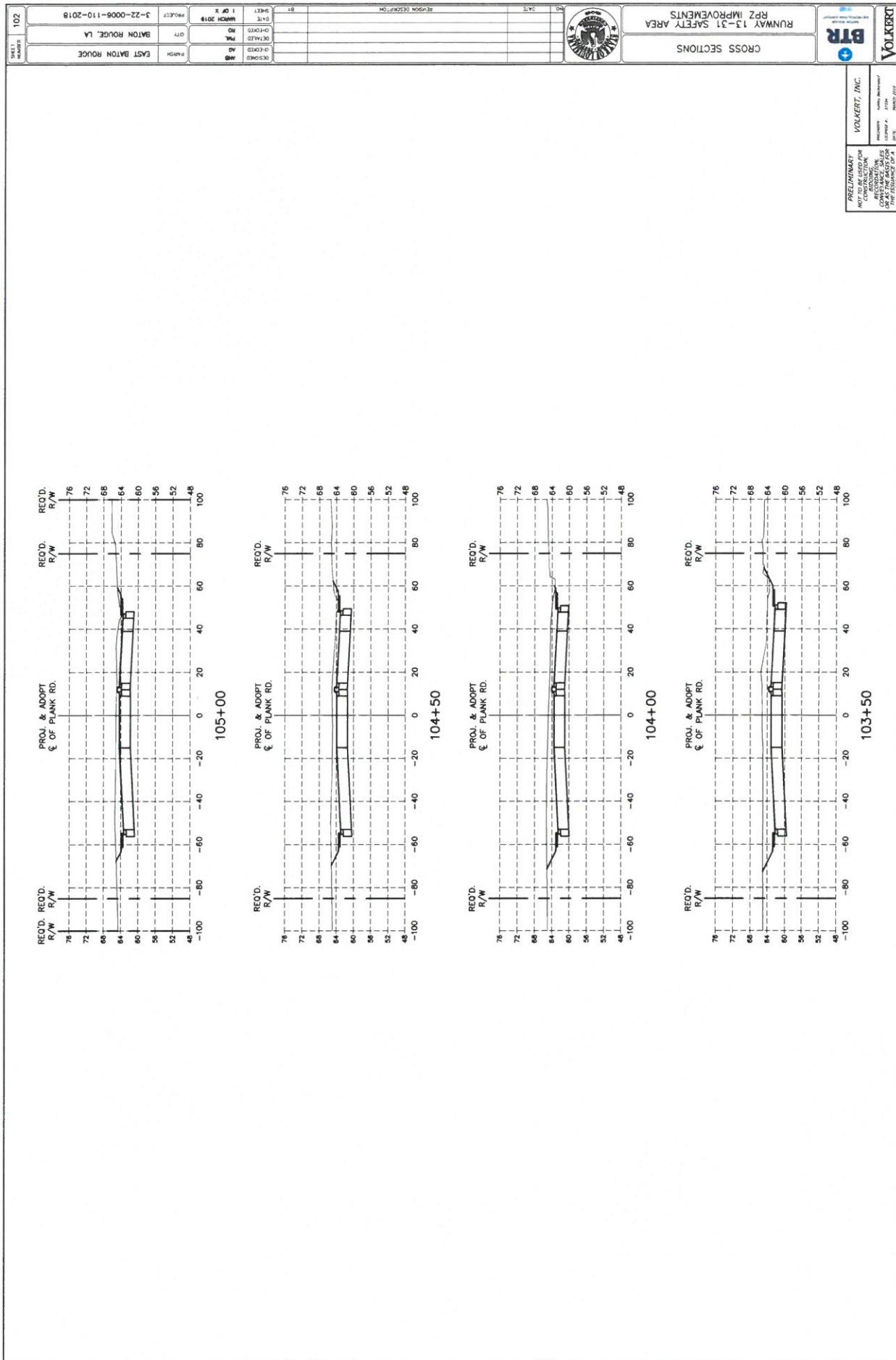


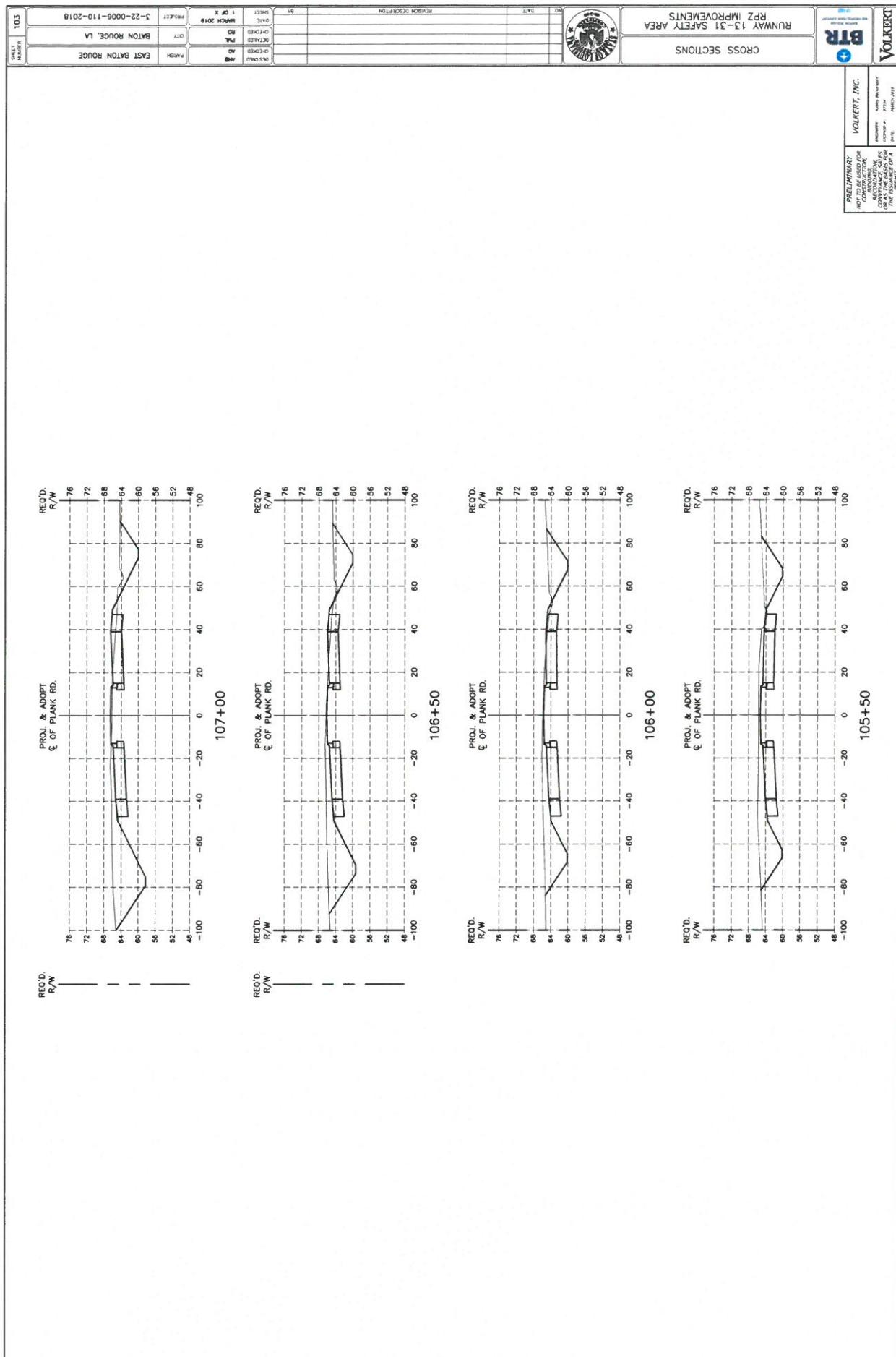


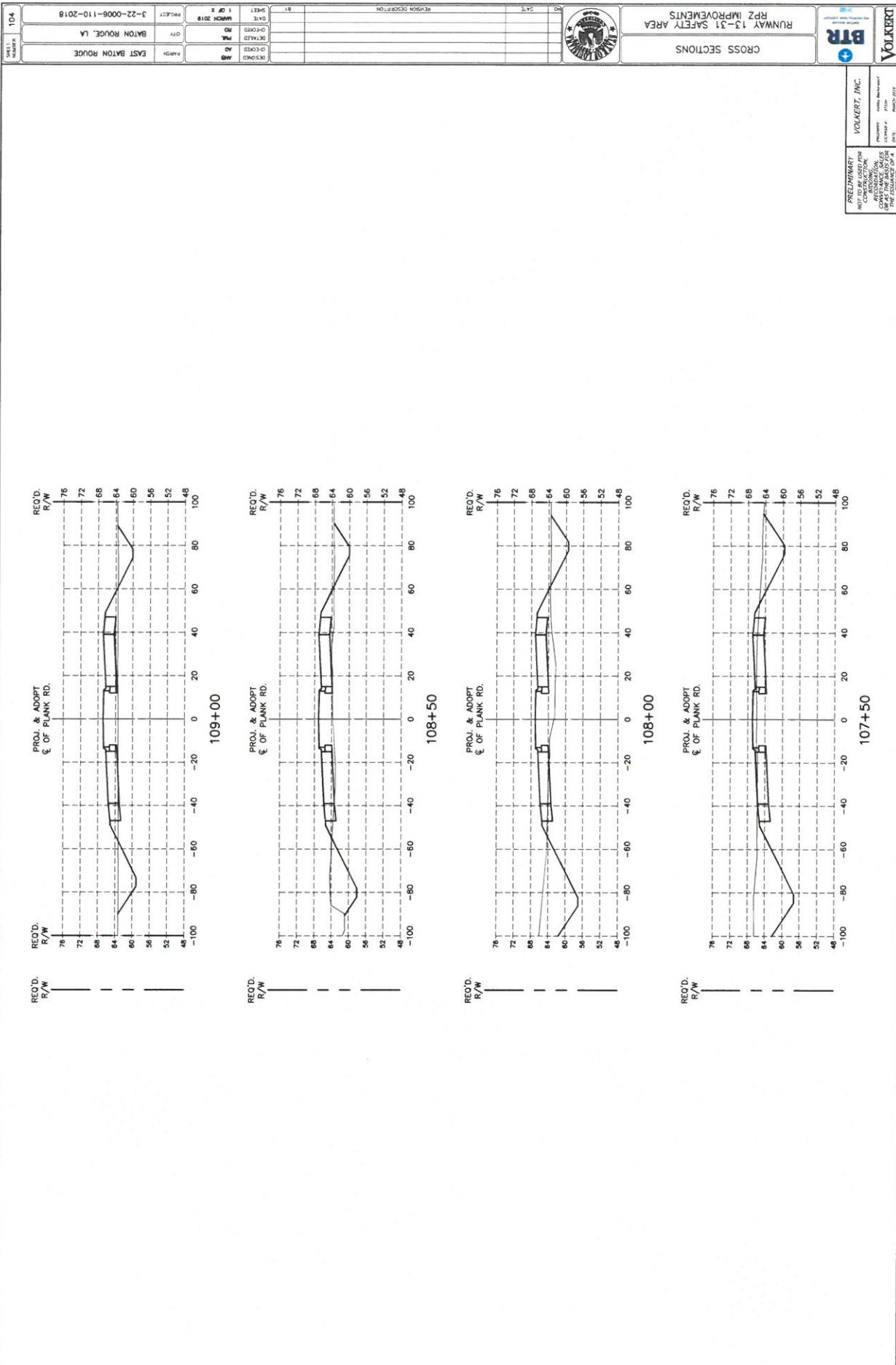


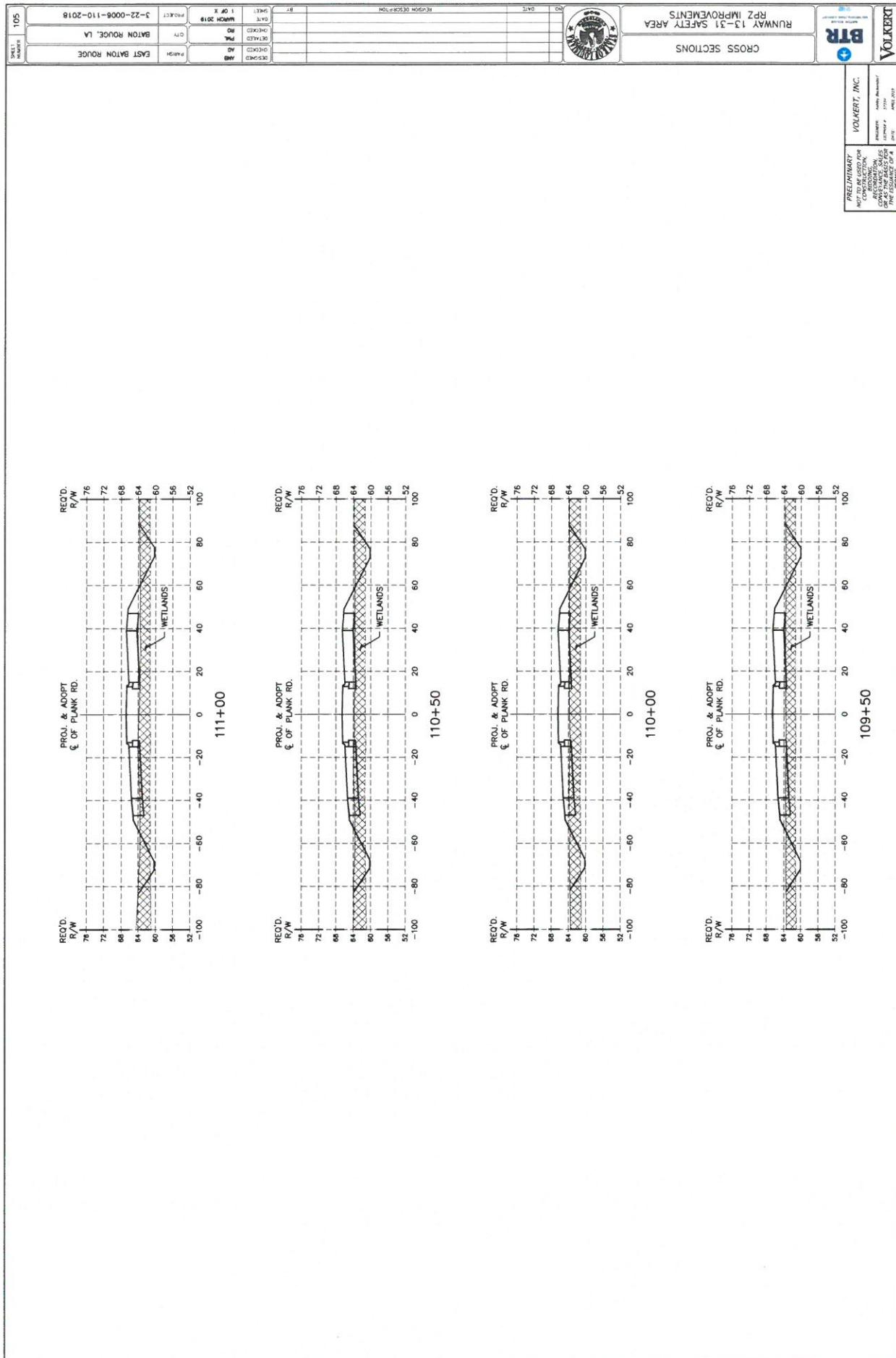


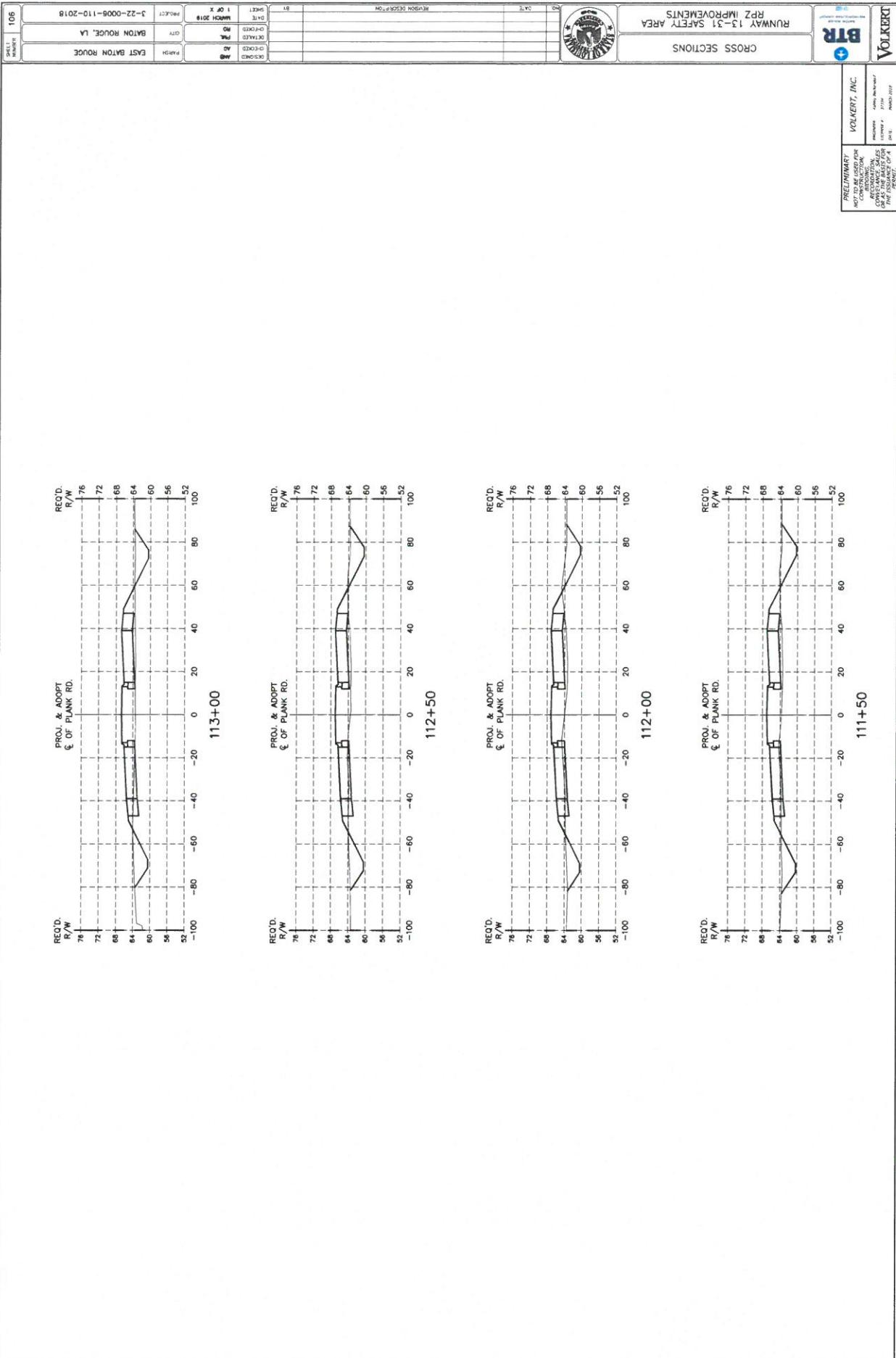


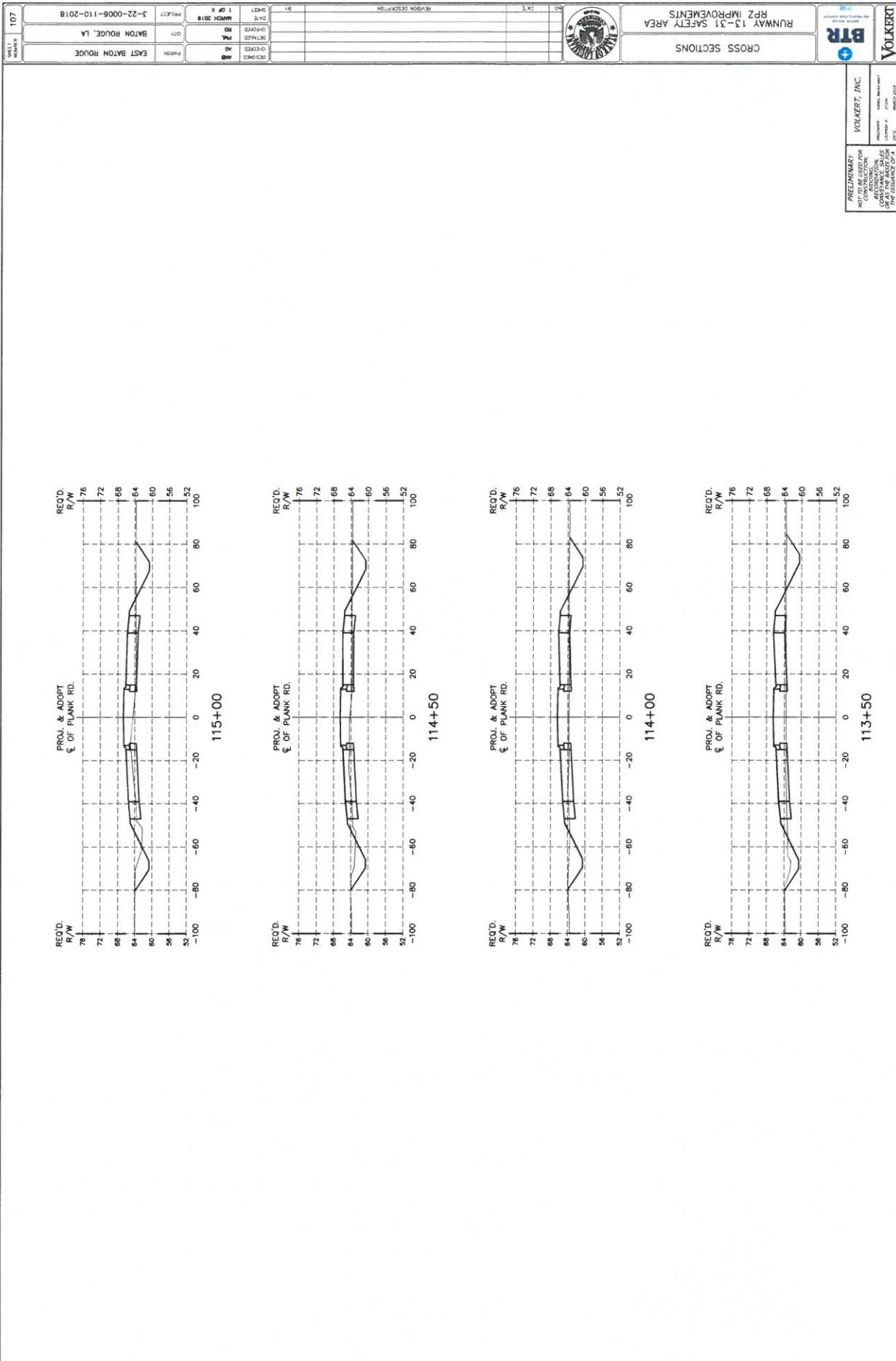


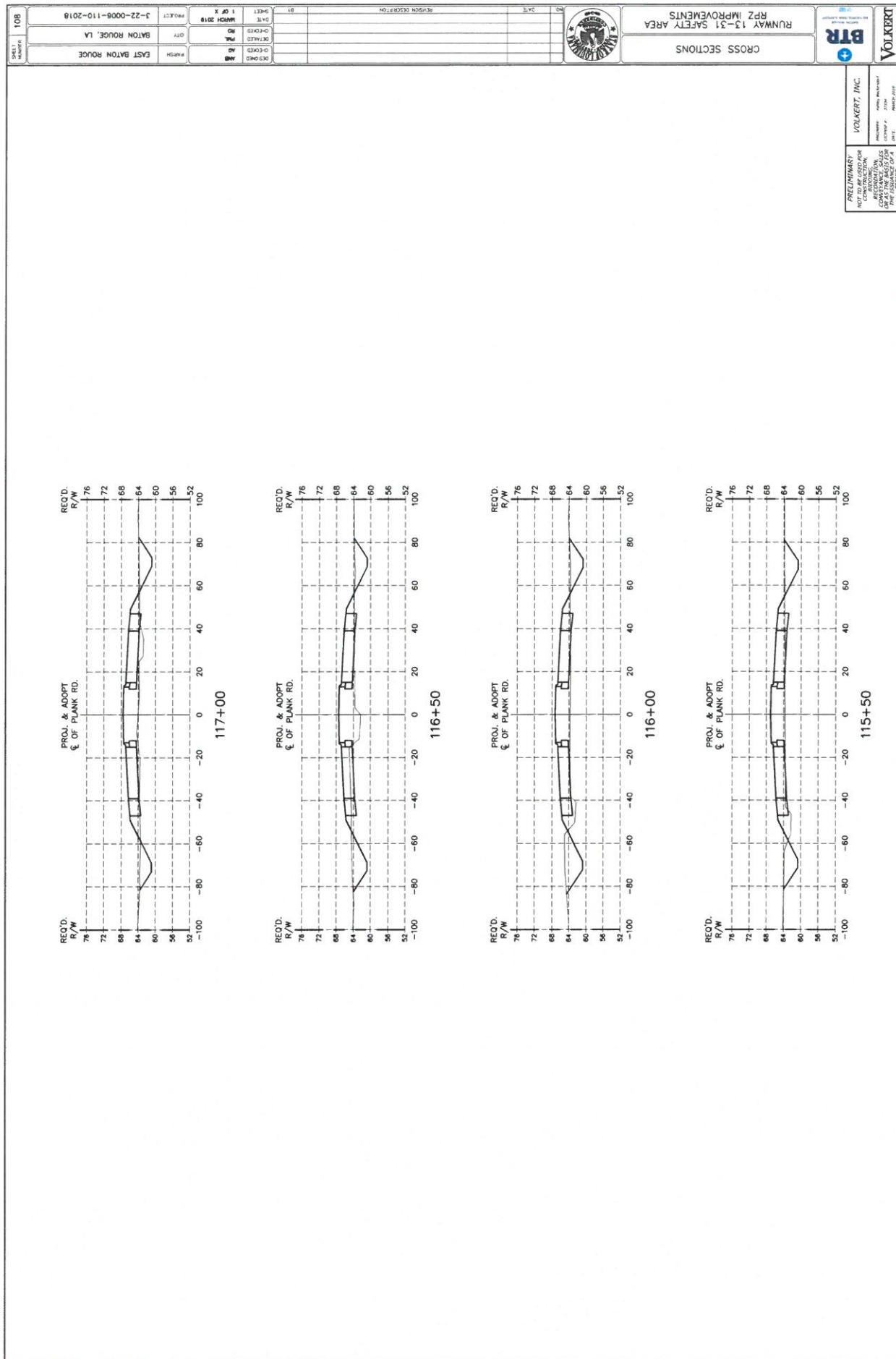


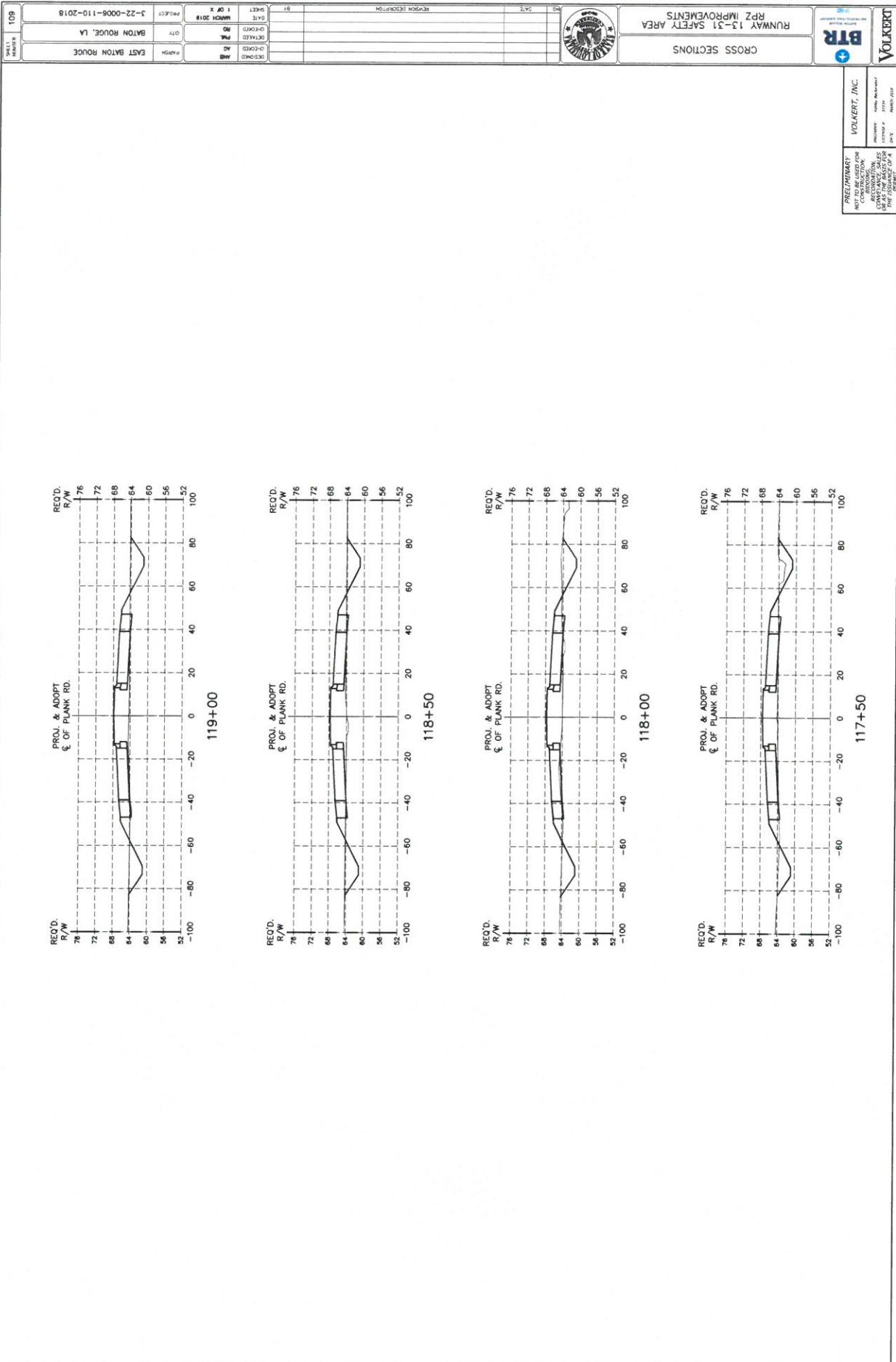


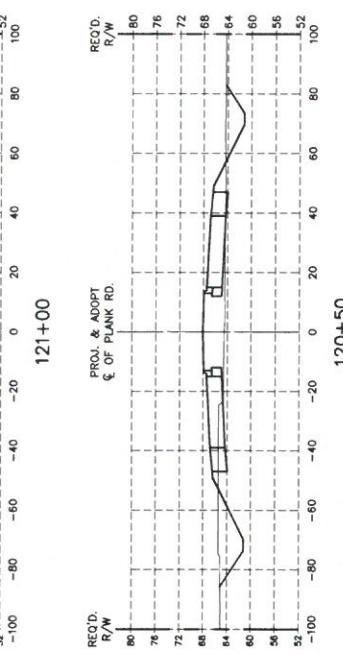
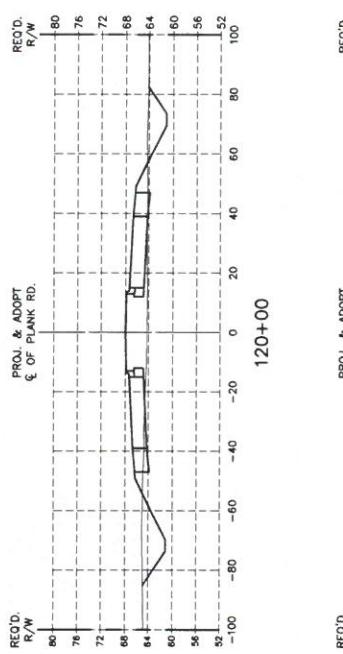
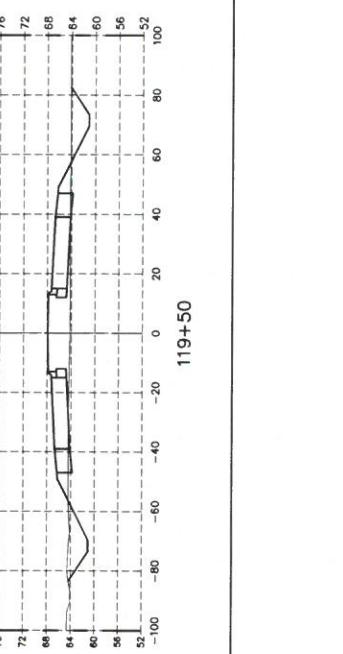










											
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