

Greater Dalton

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022

I. Call to order

Kent Benson called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:01 A.M. on August 4, 2022.

II. Introductions

Chad Townsend introduced Jorge Campos with the City of Dalton Public Works. Jared Lombard was introduced as the new FHWA Planner for the Greater Dalton MPO. Samantha Henry was introduced as the new GDOT District 6 Planning Engineer.

III. Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2022

Mayor Ken Gowin made the motion to approve the June 21st minutes, and Bob Sivick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote.

IV. Presentations

a) **Local Project Updates** –

Samantha Henry presented the following updates for GDOT:

Transportation Alternative Funds – Phase II Call for Projects is open. These funds are made available for towns or cities with populations of 5,000 or less. Applications will be due by August 19th. These funds are specifically for preliminary engineering.

SR 201 @ Tanyard Creek – Footings did not align correctly, so the contractor had to get a supplemental agreement and allotment request from GDOT. Completion date was August 30th, but moved to September 30th. Mayor Ken Gowin requested GDOT project staff contact his office with a more in-depth update. Samantha Henry stated that she will put the local government in contact with the Project Manager.

SR 52 Bridge Rehabilitation – Project was LET in July. The work will include an overlay of the bridge decking, joint replacement, painting of steel beams, repair of super and sub structures, armoring the footings for scour, and epoxy injections.

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Bridge Preservation on SR 2 – Project will LET in August. Project is over Norfolk Southern Railroad 719700X and another bridge over Coahulla Creek. Project will LET in FY 2023.

Roundabout SR 225 @ SR 52 Alt & @ CR 48/Spring Place Smyrna Rd – Project will LET FY 2023. Right of way plans have been submitted for approval.

Bridge Replacement on SR 61 @ Perry Creek – Project is north of Crandall and no detour will be utilized.

SR 52 @ Market Street – Andrew Parker requested an update on the project and Samantha Henry later followed up with the quick response plans (Appendix I).

Chad Townsend presented the following updates for the City of Dalton:

Underwood Street Bridge – Pond & Company recommended that the bridge be replaced. The City of Dalton will seek grant funds to help alleviate the local costs.

East Morris Street Corridor Improvements – Curb and gutter is being installed and contractors are working on pavement improvements. The project is anticipated to be completed in a couple of months.

Market Street Phase I and II – The City of Dalton is still working to acquire easements for the work. The LET date for Phase I is expected to occur in 2023. Phase II is still under design phase.

Kent Benson presented the following updates for Whitfield County:

5 Bridges to be Rehabilitated – The work is ongoing and on schedule. Most of the work is currently focused on the bridge decks.

Signalized Intersections – The intersection of Mt. Vernon Road and Houston Valley Road is under design for a signal to replace a stop sign.

Intersection Improvements – Design work is underway to improve the intersection of Beaverdale Road, Boyles Mill Road, Good Hope Road, and Dawnville Beaverdale Road.

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- b) **Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden discussed the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant. Whitfield County is pursuing a grant on behalf of the Town of Cohutta. If successful, the grant will help fund the design for sidewalks/streetscaping along Wolfe Street. The presentation is included in Appendix II.

V. Open Discussion

VI. Adjournment

Kent Benson adjourned the meeting at 10:46 A.M.

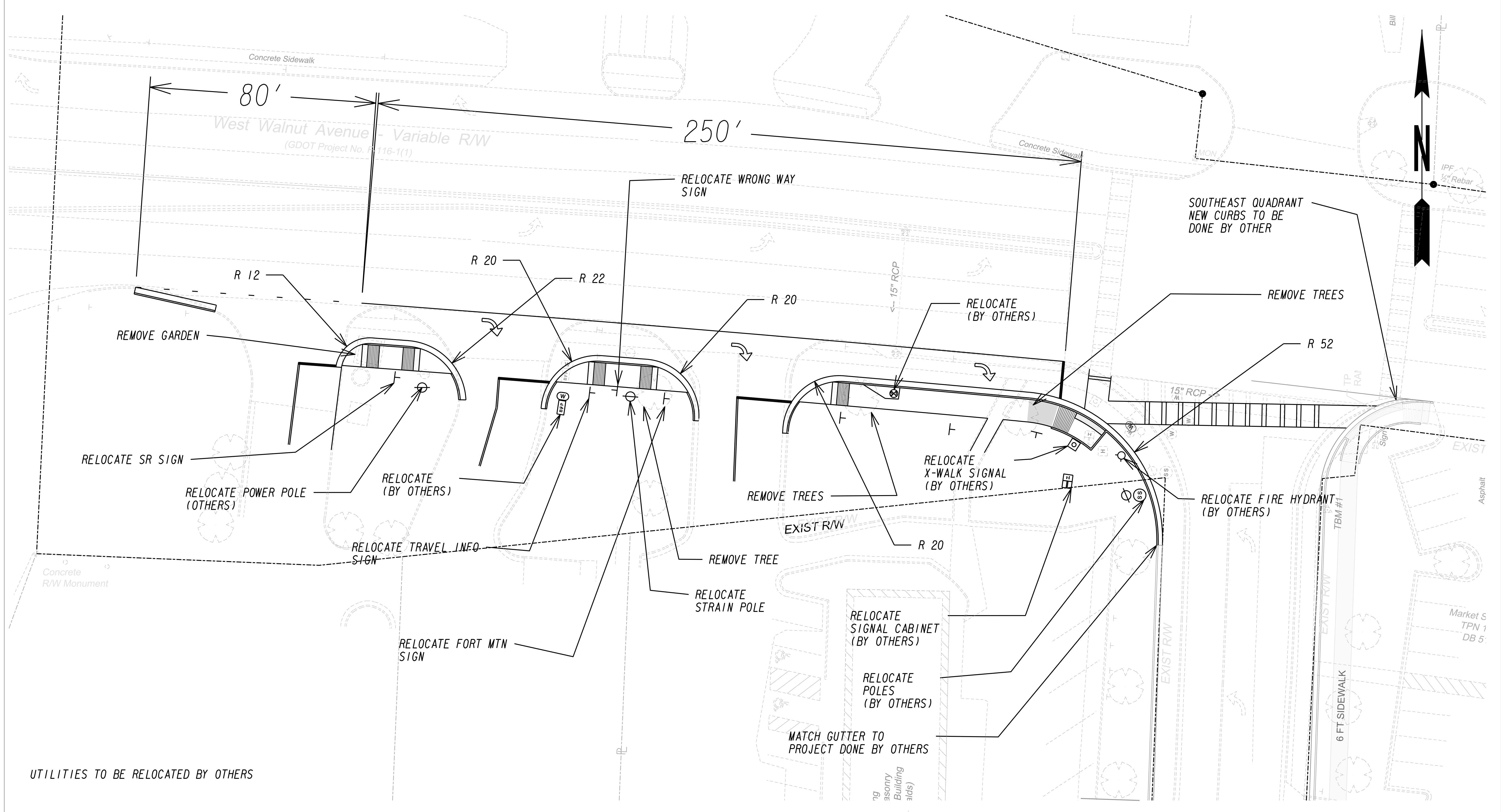
Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

Kent Benson, Policy Committee Chairman

Appendix I

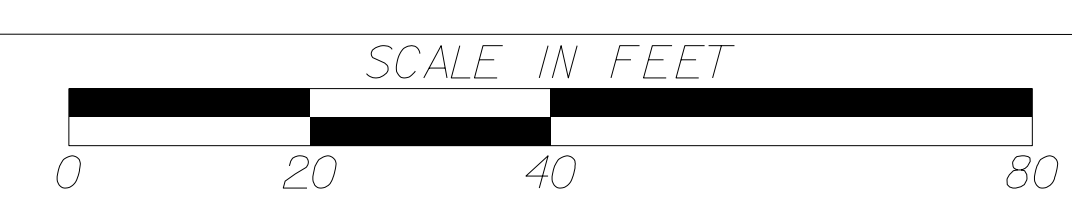
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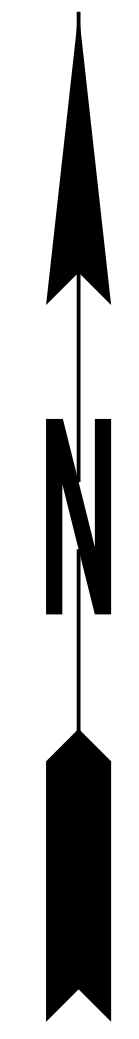
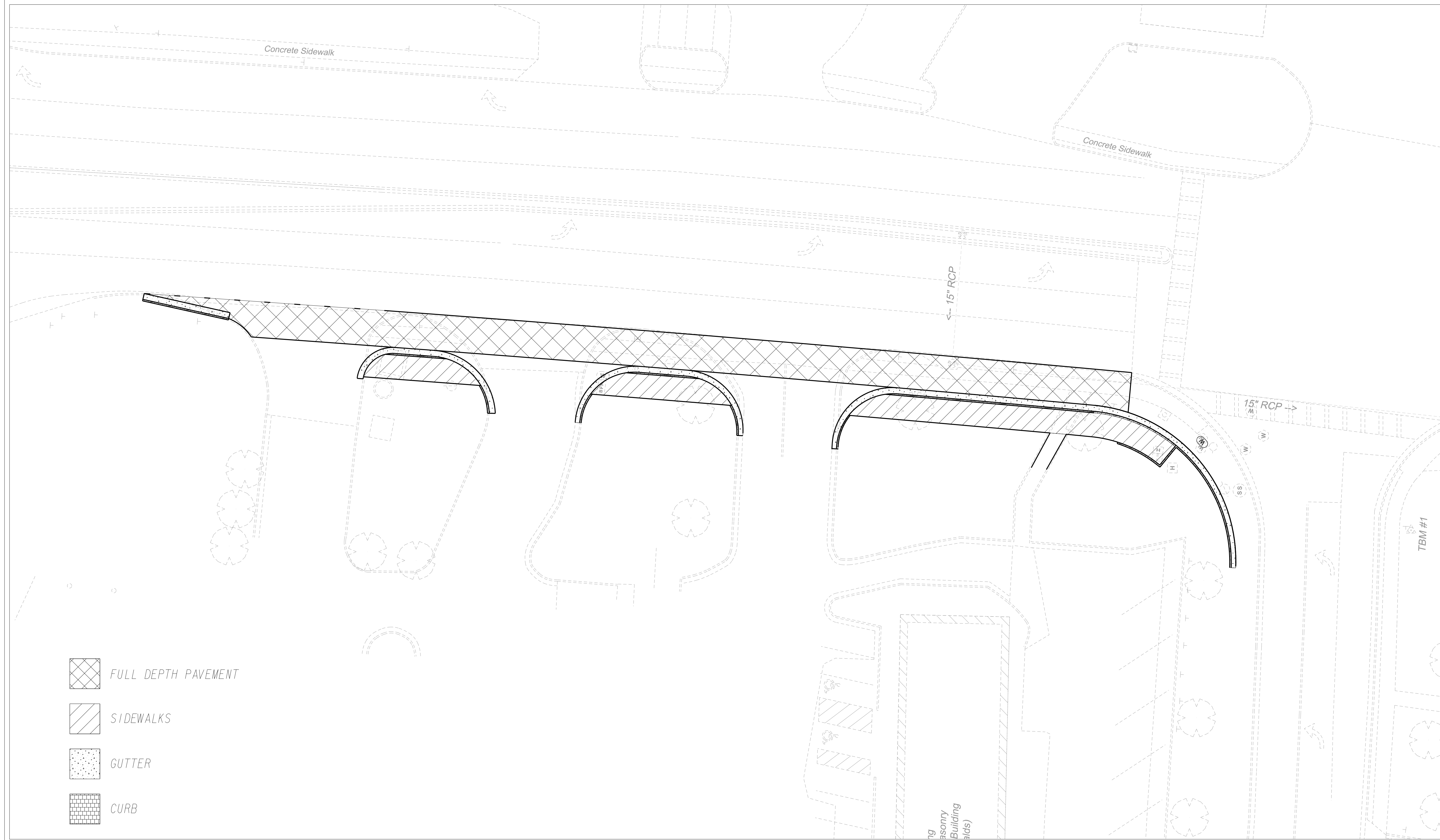


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- FULL DEPTH PAVEMENT
- SIDEWALKS
- GUTTER
- CURB



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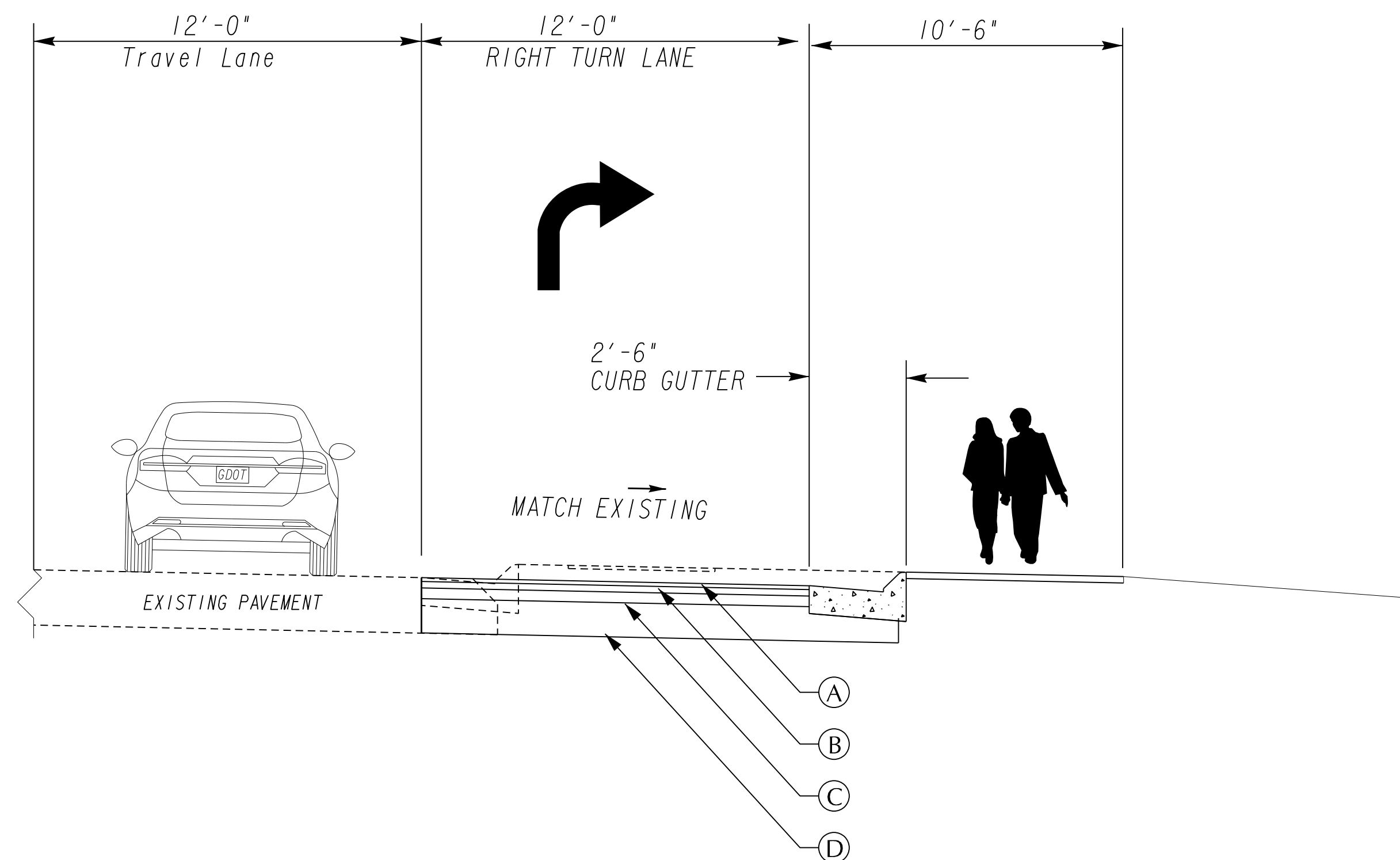
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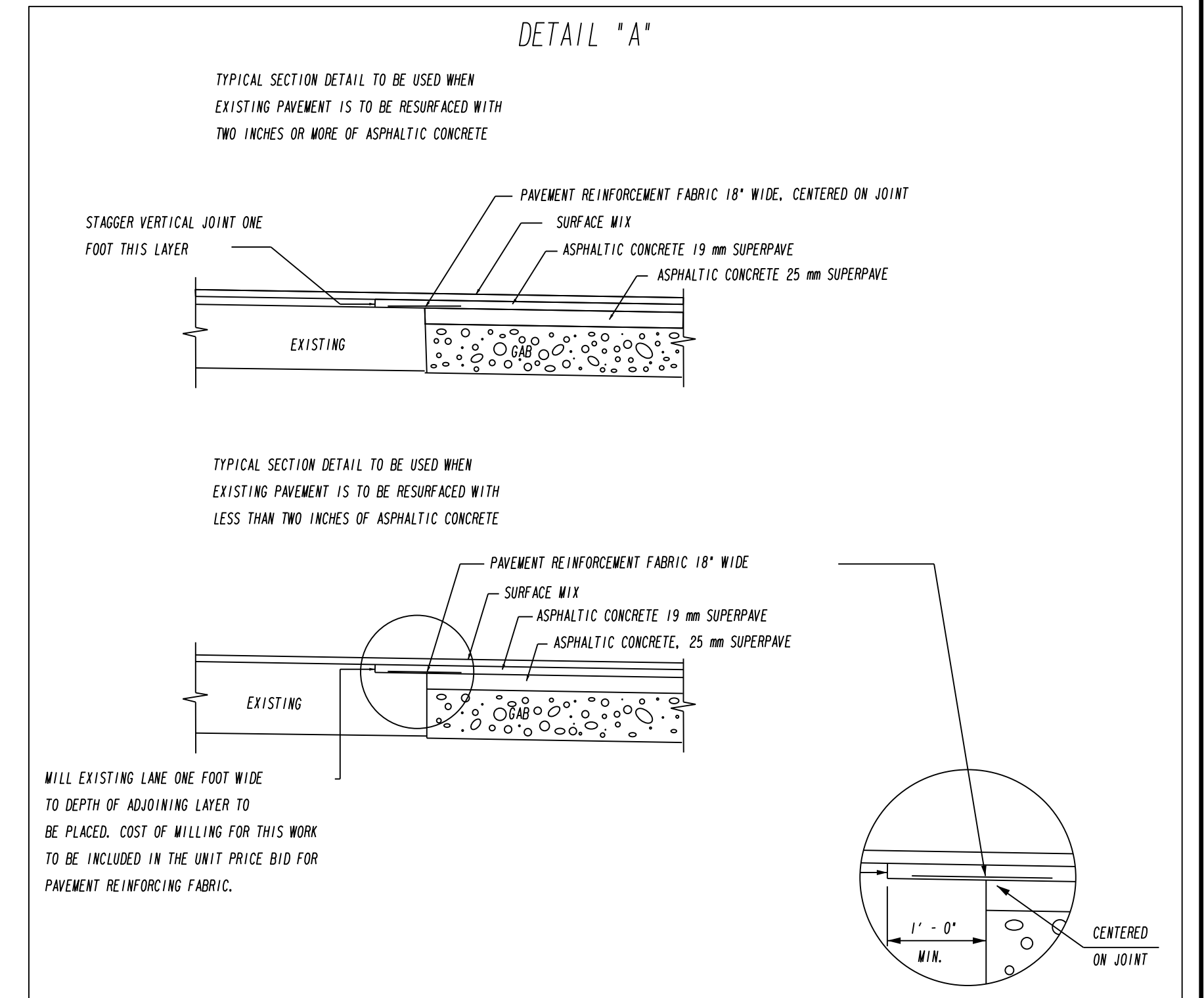
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NOTE:
PAVED SHOULDERS SHALL BE REMOVED WHERE WIDENING IS OCCURRING. SAW CUT EXISTING PAVEMENT, COST TO BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL BID FOR GRADING COMPLETE. NO SEPARATE PAY ITEM WILL BE MADE.

TYPICAL SECTION SR 52 @ MARKET STREET



- Ⓐ RECYCLED ASPH CONC 12.5 mm SUPERPAVE, GP 2 ONLY, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME, (165 LB/SY)
- Ⓑ RECYCLED ASPH CONC 19 mm SUPERPAVE, GP 1 OR 2, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME, (220 LB/SY)
- Ⓒ RECYCLED ASPH CONC 25 mm SUPERPAVE, GP 1 OR 2, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME, (440 LB/SY)
- Ⓓ GR AGGR BASE CRS, INCL MATL (12 INCH)



ALLOWABLE RANGES TABLE

FOR THIS PROJECT, CROSS SLOPES THAT ARE ADJUSTED TO "BEST FIT" EXISTING PAVEMENT SLOPES ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITS:

A. NORMAL CROWN

SECTION WITH GRADES 0.5% OR GREATER	SECTION WITH GRADES LESS THAN 0.5%
0.0150 FT/FT - MINIMUM	0.0156 FT/FT - MINIMUM
0.0208 FT/FT - DESIRABLE	0.0208 FT/FT - DESIRABLE
0.0250 FT/FT - MAXIMUM	0.0300 FT/FT - MAXIMUM

B. SUPERELEVATION RATE

S.E. RATE SHOWN ON PLANS OR SE RATE EXISTING IN FIELD, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

C. SUPERELEVATION TRANSITION LENGTH (LENGTH FROM FLAT POINT TO FULL SE)

RATE OF CHANGE	CORRESPONDING DIFFERENCE IN GRADE BETWEEN PIVOT POINT AND EDGE OF PAVEMENT
MINIMUM 1:150	0.67%
DESIRABLE 1:200	0.50%
MAXIMUM 1:300	0.33%

LENGTH SHALL BE SET TO AVOID CREATING A FLAT GUTTER GRADE ON LOW SIDE AND TO AVOID FLAT CROSS SLOPES AT OR NEAR THE LOW POINT OF VERTICAL CURVES.

D. POSITIONING OF SUPERELEVATION TRANSITION LENGTH ON SIMPLE CURVES

50% OF TRANSITION INSIDE CURVE - MAXIMUM
33% OF TRANSITION INSIDE CURVE - DESIRABLE
20% OF TRANSITION INSIDE CURVE - MINIMUM

NOTE: CROWN WIPE-OUT SHALL BE AT THE SAME RATE AS THE SE TRANSITION.

E. SMOOTHING OF BREAKS IN EDGE PROFILE AT BEGIN AND END OF TRANSITION SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY VERTICAL CURVE WITH A MINIMUM LENGTH (1 IN FEET) EQUAL TO THE SPEED DESIGN (1 IN MPH).

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Appendix II

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What is the Reconnecting Communities Grant?

A grant program that helps to **eliminate barriers** to community connectivity and emphasize the **unique identity**.

Assessment & Alignment of -

 Transportation & Infrastructure

 Land Use

 Location Initiatives

 Economic Considerations

Reconnecting Communities Planning Process



Listen



Assess



Envision



Synthesize



Celebrate

Key Takeaways

Strengths

- Strong Community Identity/Character
- Proximity to Consumer/Tourist Hubs
- Safe Community
- Abundant Cultural and Natural Resources
- "Local" Ownership

Key Takeaways

Weaknesses

- "Pass-Through" Traffic
- Not a Walkable Environment
- Traffic/Pedestrian Safety
- "Hidden" from Out-of-Town Travelers

Key Takeaways

Opportunities

- Emphasize Community Identity
- Availability of Land/Space
- Connection to State Parks/Trails and Surrounding Communities
- Increased Development Intensity
- Entertainment Opportunities

Key Takeaways

Threats

- Uncertain Economic Forecasts
- Commercialization of Area
- Non-Conforming Developments

The Grant Application Is...



A framework to help the community procure a design consultant to conceptualize/engineer the vision.



A unified representation of the community's vision for Cohutta moving forward.



A catalyst for future project discussions that will continue to distinguish the town on a regional level.

The Grant Application Is Not...

A detailed site design for the project scope/idea.



A singular vision for the Town of Cohutta. It must be flexible to account for all recommendations.



A guarantee for funding. Grant programs are highly competitive. However, we will put our best foot forward.



What tonight is all about...

Getting excited about
Cohutta's future.

Strategizing on **BIG**
themes.

Thinking
outside the
box.

Being **loose and not rigid**,
so all ideas/thoughts are
explored.

Survey Time!