



Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

**Public Notice No.
P-2694
Public Notice Date
January 27, 2009**

**Expiration Date
February 17, 2009**

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File Number: 2009-26

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: All comments and/or requests for public hearing must reach this office no later than the expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Mr. Keith A. McMullen

APPLICANT: Missouri Department of Transportation, Design Division, Attn: Mr. Buck Brooks, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

LOCATION: The project is located in St. Louis County, Missouri and St. Clair County, Illinois, just north of the existing Martin Luther King Bridge. More specifically, the project is located over the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 181.2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposal involves the construction of a new four-lane traffic bridge over the Mississippi River in downtown St. Louis, connecting the city of St. Louis in St. Louis County, Missouri, to St. Clair County, Illinois. The project is a reduced version of the proposed Interstate 70 project submitted by the Illinois Department of Transportation several years ago. Permanent impacts associated with bridge pier placement within the Mississippi River will be 5800 square feet of fill. Temporary impacts to the Mississippi River associated with pier installation will be an estimated 28,000 square feet. The temporary impacts will largely result from the use of coffer dams for construction purposes. Wetland impacts will occur on the Illinois side and will be approximately 3.16 acres of fill at two emergent wetlands. The 3.16 acres are predicted to be a worst case scenario, therefore the applicant will submit as built plans which will depict the actual total wetland impacts, both temporary and permanent. Temporary impacts will be held to a minimum required to successfully complete construction. Pre-project grade will be restored in all wetland areas that are temporarily impacted.

The applicant has agreed to mitigate the 3.16 acres of emergent wetlands at a 1.5:1 replacement ratio at one of three approved, functioning wetland mitigation areas, purchased and protected by deed restriction, by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached maps.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Keith A. McMullen, Illinois Section Chief/Supervisory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8582. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Keith.A.McMullen@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

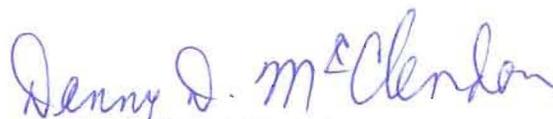
PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

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

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: 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 the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to approve, modify, or deny authorization 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 also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

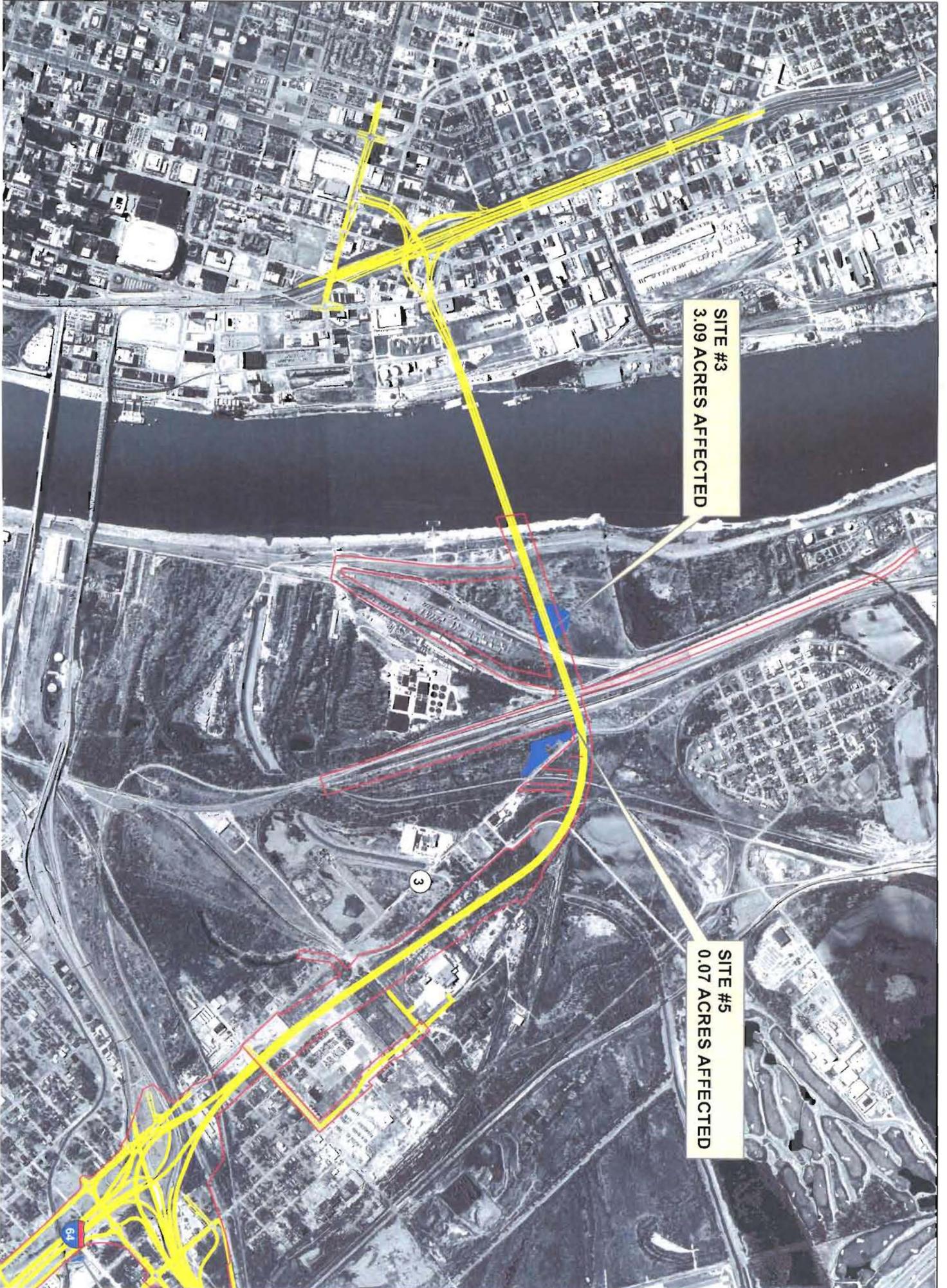

DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

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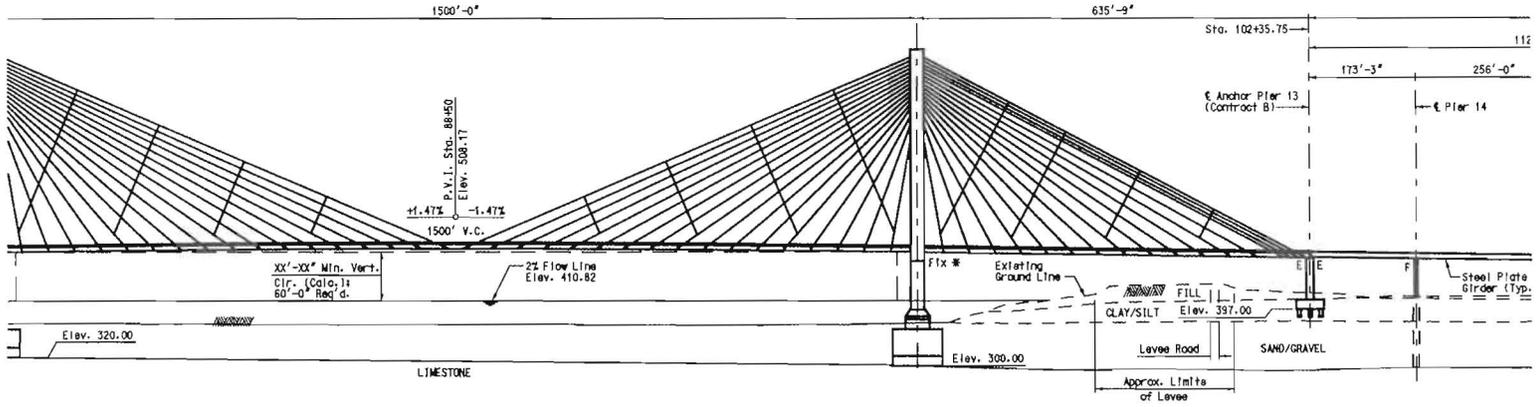


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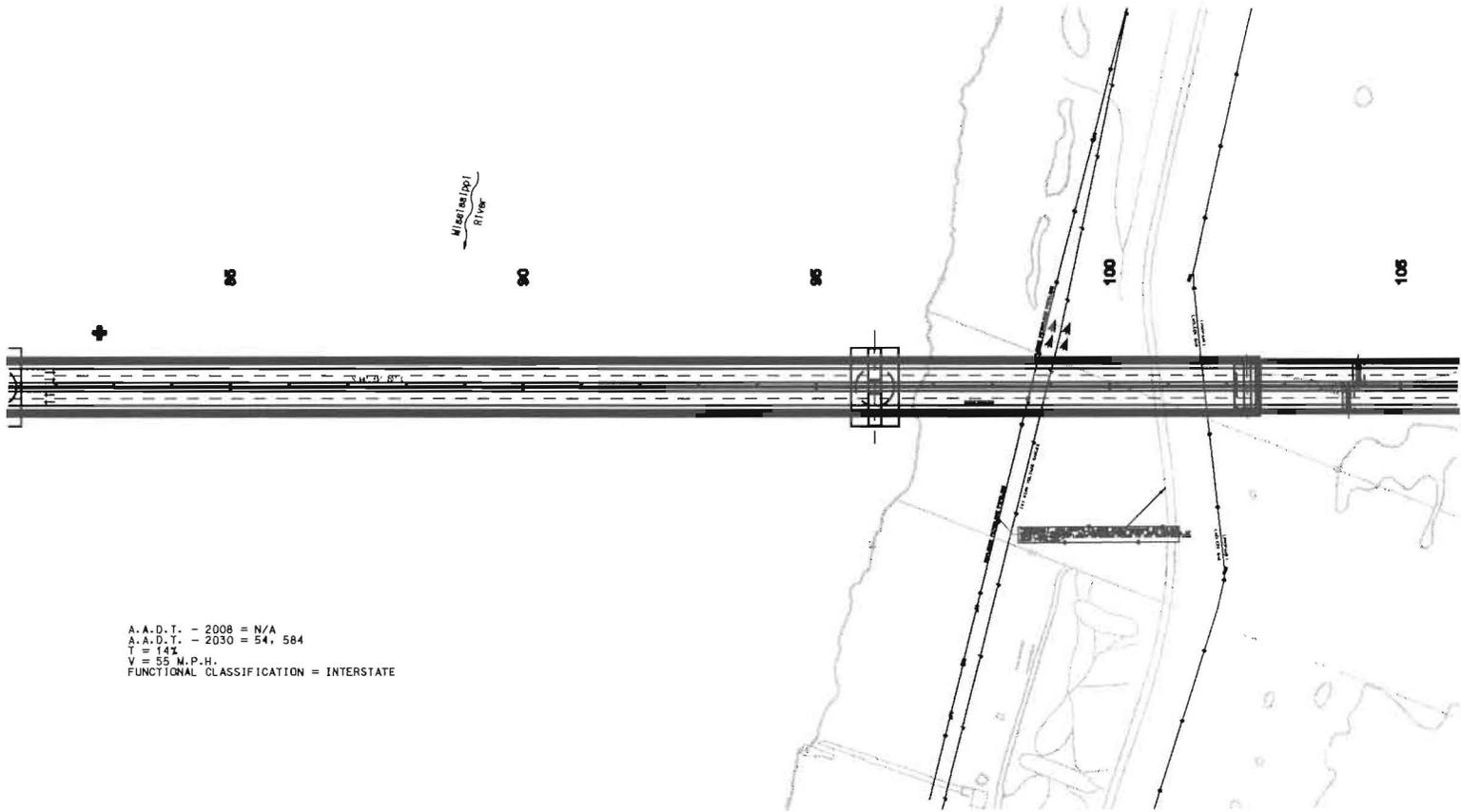
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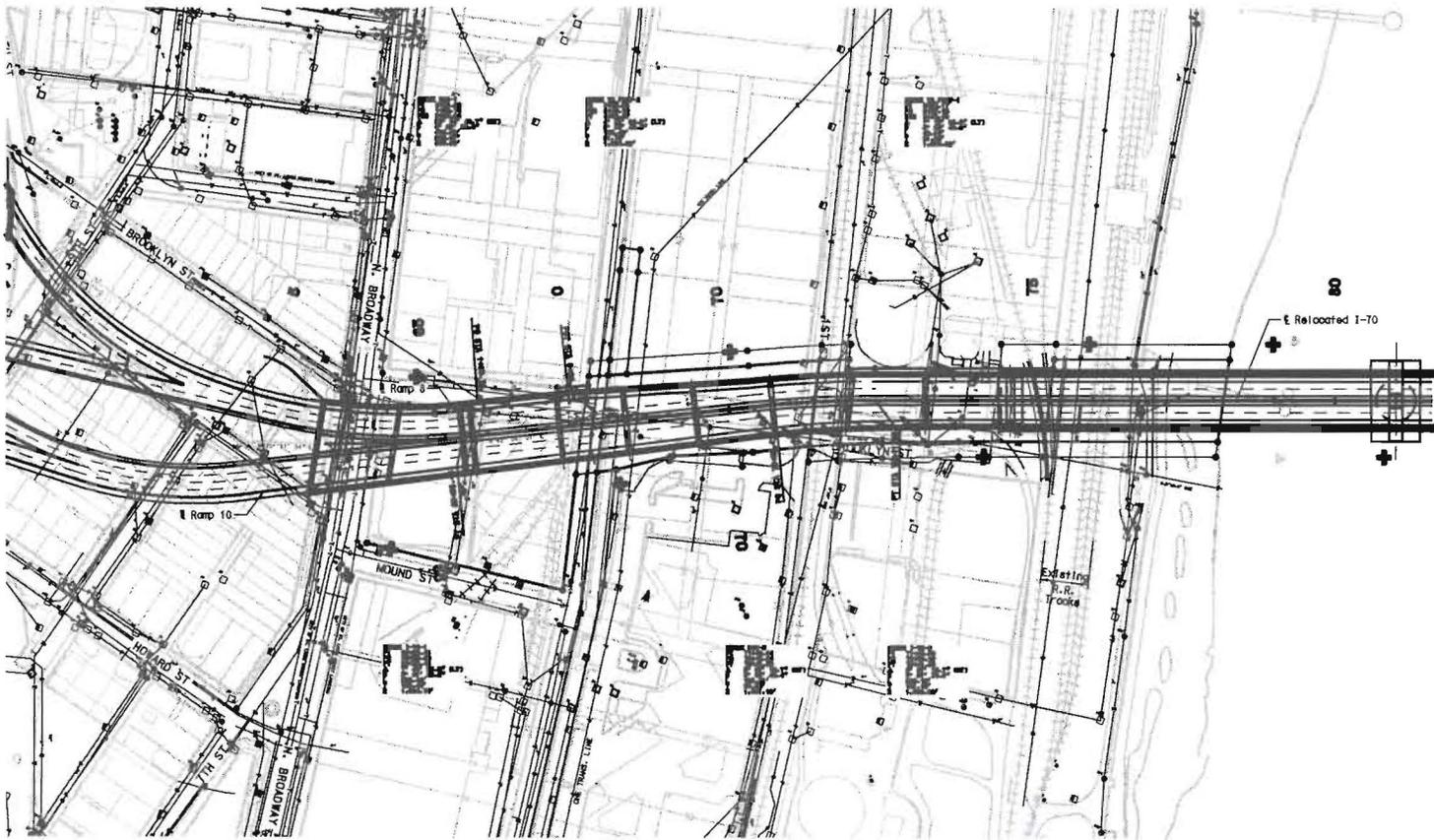
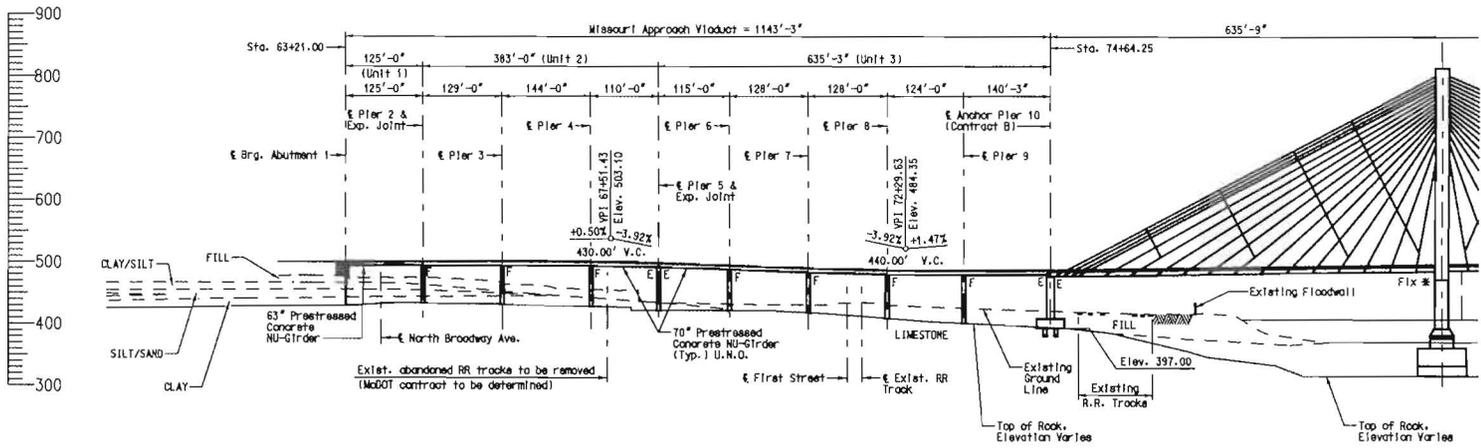
ELEVATION



A.A.D.T. - 2008 = N/A
 A.A.D.T. - 2030 = 54, 584
 T = 14%
 V = 55 M.P.H.
 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION = INTERSTATE

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