

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS St. Louis District Gateway to Excellence Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-R 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

Public Notice

Permission No. OD-R 21-009 Public Notice Date July 21, 2021

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Expiration Date August 04, 2021

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO MODIFY A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army Section 408 permission for certain work near federally constructed flood protection projects of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permission number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above 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 Readiness Branch 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833 ATTN: Brenton C. Barkley, or <u>Brenton.C.Barkley@usace.army.mil</u>

REQUESTER: Illinois Department of Transportation, Attention: Mr. Keith Roberts, P.E.

LOCATION: The project is located in Calhoun County, Illinois and Greene County, Illinois at approximate levee station code 271+70 along the Eldred Drainage and Levee System. The federal civil works projects affected is the Eldred Drainage and Levee System, Eldred, Greene County, Illinois.

PROPOSED ACTION: Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is proposing the removal and replacement of the ferry boat ramp pavement along the same profile of the IL 108 ferry boat crossing of the Illinois River at Kampsville, IL. The project also includes paving the parking lot at the IDOT building on the Calhoun County side of the river and the placement of additional riprap along the ramps on both sides of the river.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Brenton C. Barkley, St. Louis District 408 Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8568. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8725 or by e-mail to Brenton.C.Barkley@usace.army.mil.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This proposal is a follow-up to a submittal received by the St. Louis Regulatory Branch in 2018. The original submittal was for a portion of this project and the review resulted in permits being issued under Section 10 (Rivers and Harbors Act) and Section 404 (Clean Water Act). The proposed wetland impacts at that time were avoided, minimized, and ultimately mitigated for at a 2:1 ratio. While the new submittal improves upon the project design and leads to impacts requiring a review under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, as amended, and codified in 33 USC 408 (Section 408), there are no new impacts under Section 10 or Section 404.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to grant the requested permission for project modification under Section 408 will be based on several factors. 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. Review of the requests for modification will be reviewed by a USACE review team considering the following factors:

- 1. <u>Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination</u>. The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. The decision whether to approve a request for modification would be based on a determination of no impairments.
- 2. <u>Injurious to the Public Interest Determination</u>. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. 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. 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. <u>Environmental Compliance</u>. A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. The USACE will review this information to ensure the Proposed Activity is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and ordinances. The scope of analysis for the NEPA and environmental compliance evaluations for the Section 408 review is limited to the area of alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration.

The Proposed Activity would be confined primarily to open, previously disturbed sites, and along currently traveled areas. Thus, the Proposed Activity is not expected to involve significant impacts to endangered species, important fish and wildlife resources, water quality, floodplains, or other natural and cultural resources. The environmental effects of this Proposed Activity are minor. Therefore, the St. Louis District has determined that the Proposed Activity would be categorically excluded from NEPA documentation according to ER 200-2-2 (9)(a), dated 4 March 1988. On 27 April 2021, USACE obtained an official list of threatened and endangered species which may occur in the proposed project vicinity from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. IDOT, under FHWA, conducted Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A determination was made that the Proposed Activity would have no effect on the endangered Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis) or the threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Additionally, USACE determined that the Proposed Activity would have no effect on the threatened Decurrent False Aster (Boltonia decurrens), or the candidate species, Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippus). Additionally, USACE obtained an Illinois Natural Heritage Database Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) report on 28 May 2021. The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location. No impacts to bald eagle nests are anticipated. The Proposed Activity, within a previously disturbed footprint, has been reviewed by internal archaeologists to evaluate the potential to affect Historic Properties protected under Section 106. Based on previous surveys and the nature of the construction disturbance required for the proposed project, the USACE – St. Louis District has determined that no historic properties will be affected by the Proposed Activity. Therefore, an archeological survey and consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office is not required for this activity. The Proposed Activity would have no significant effects upon tribal properties or resources. Accordingly, no tribal consultation is required. All actions taken would be in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

- 4. <u>Environmental Impact Statement</u>. A preliminary determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.
- 5. <u>Technical Analysis</u>. The St. Louis District is working closely with the requestor to ensure that all technical plans, maps, drawings, specifications are provided and complete. A District-led Technical Review is being conducted to determine any potential adverse impacts to the USACE flood protection system.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The USACE 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 USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permission 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 taken into consideration 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.

SUMMARY: It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the Section 408 request become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to obtain materials under FOIA or make an appointment to view the project file at the USACE--St. Louis District, Office of Counsel.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed activity must do so in writing no later than **August 04, 2021**. It is presumed that all parties receiving this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply USACE endorsement of the project as described.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

JOHN L. OSTERHAGE, P.E. Chief, Readiness Branch

Attachment

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 15 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

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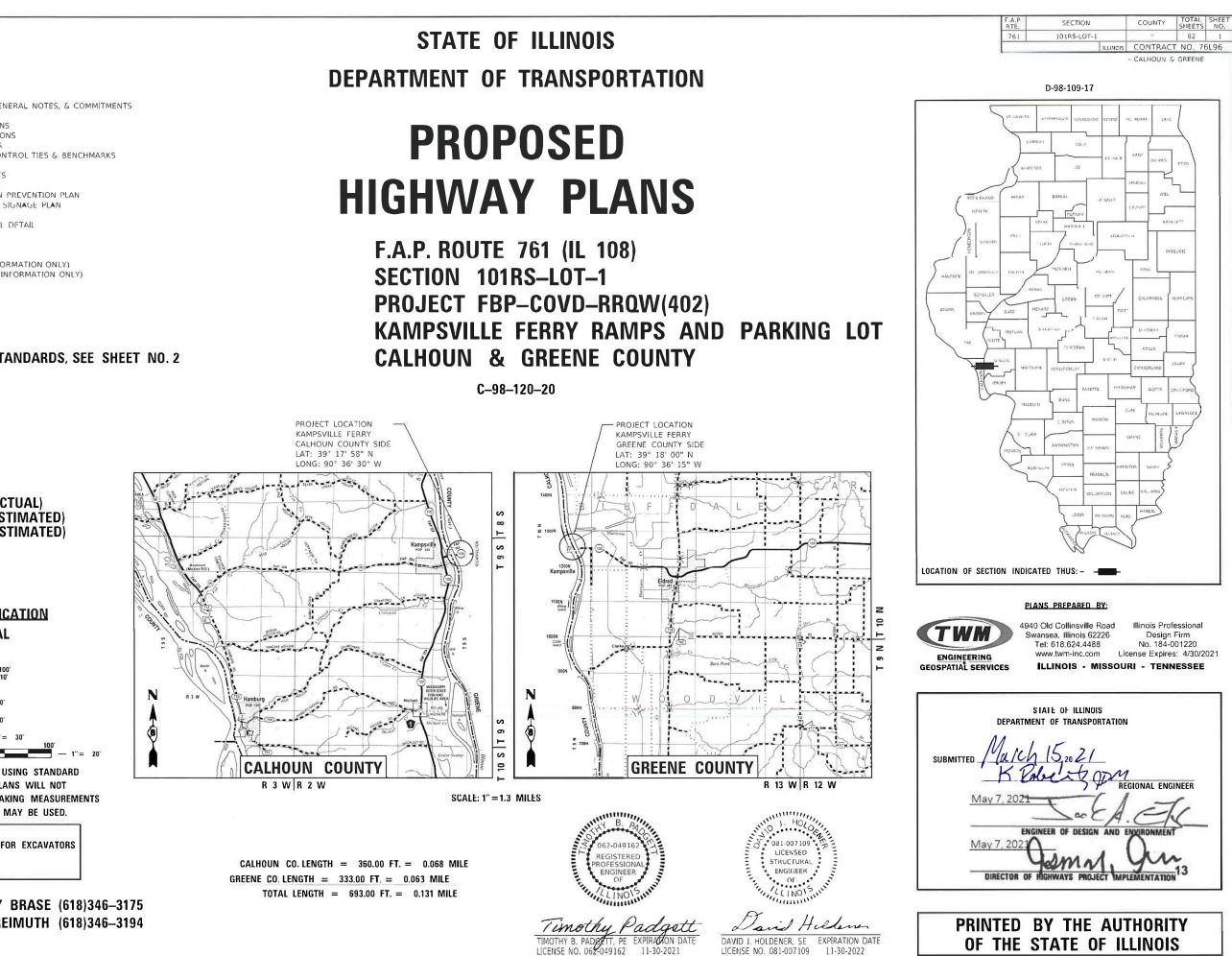
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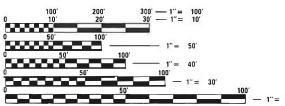
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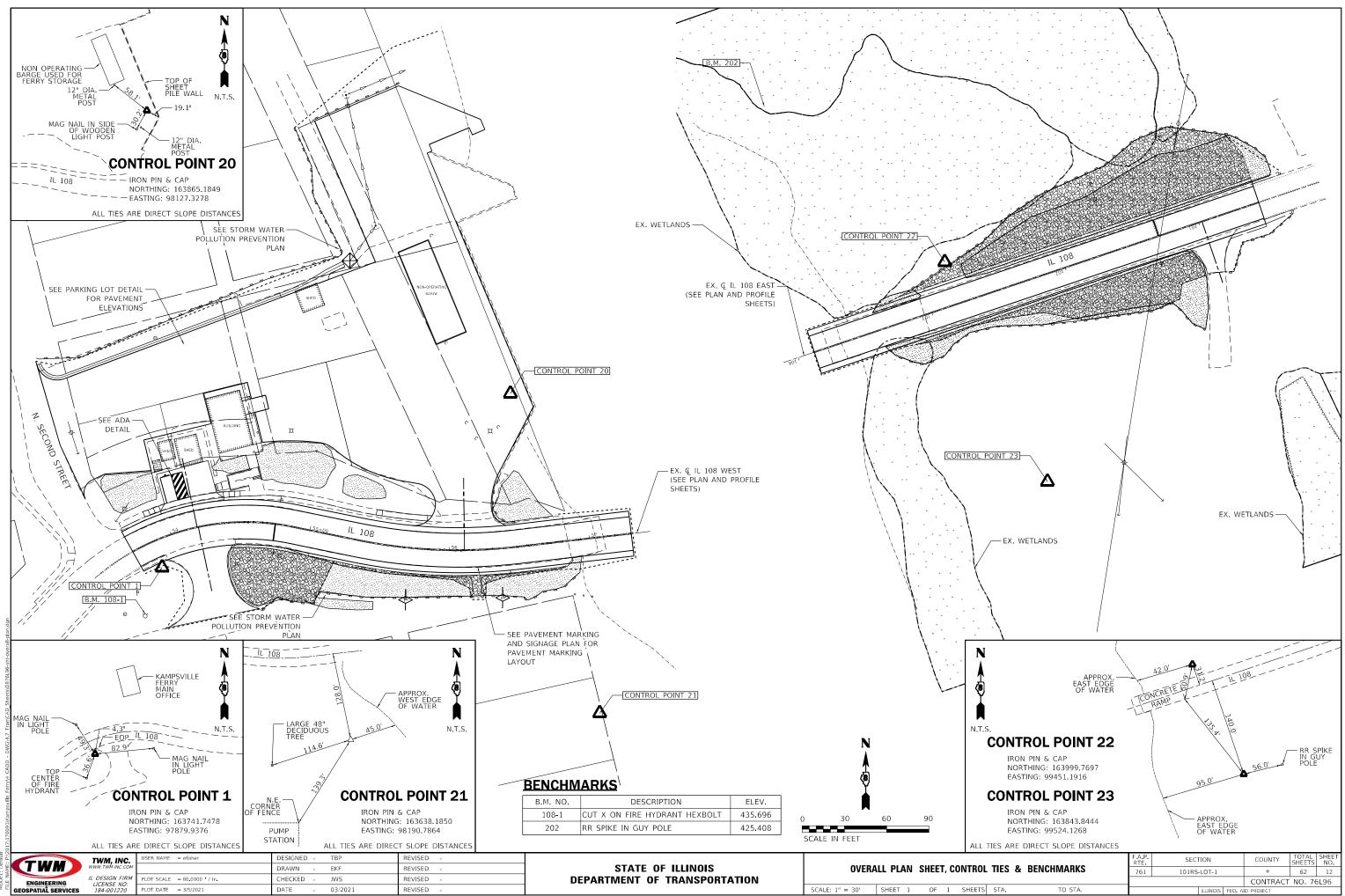
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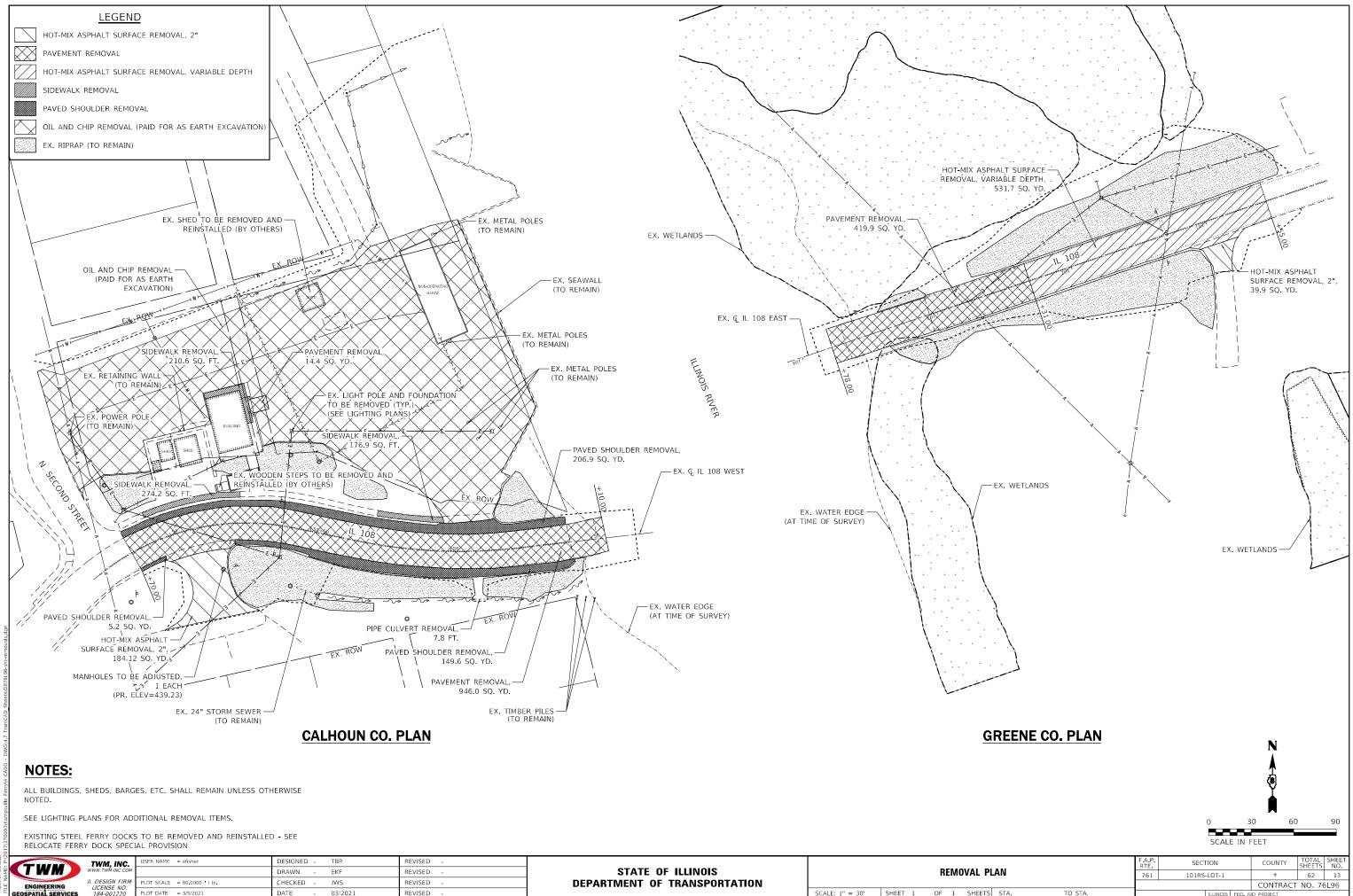
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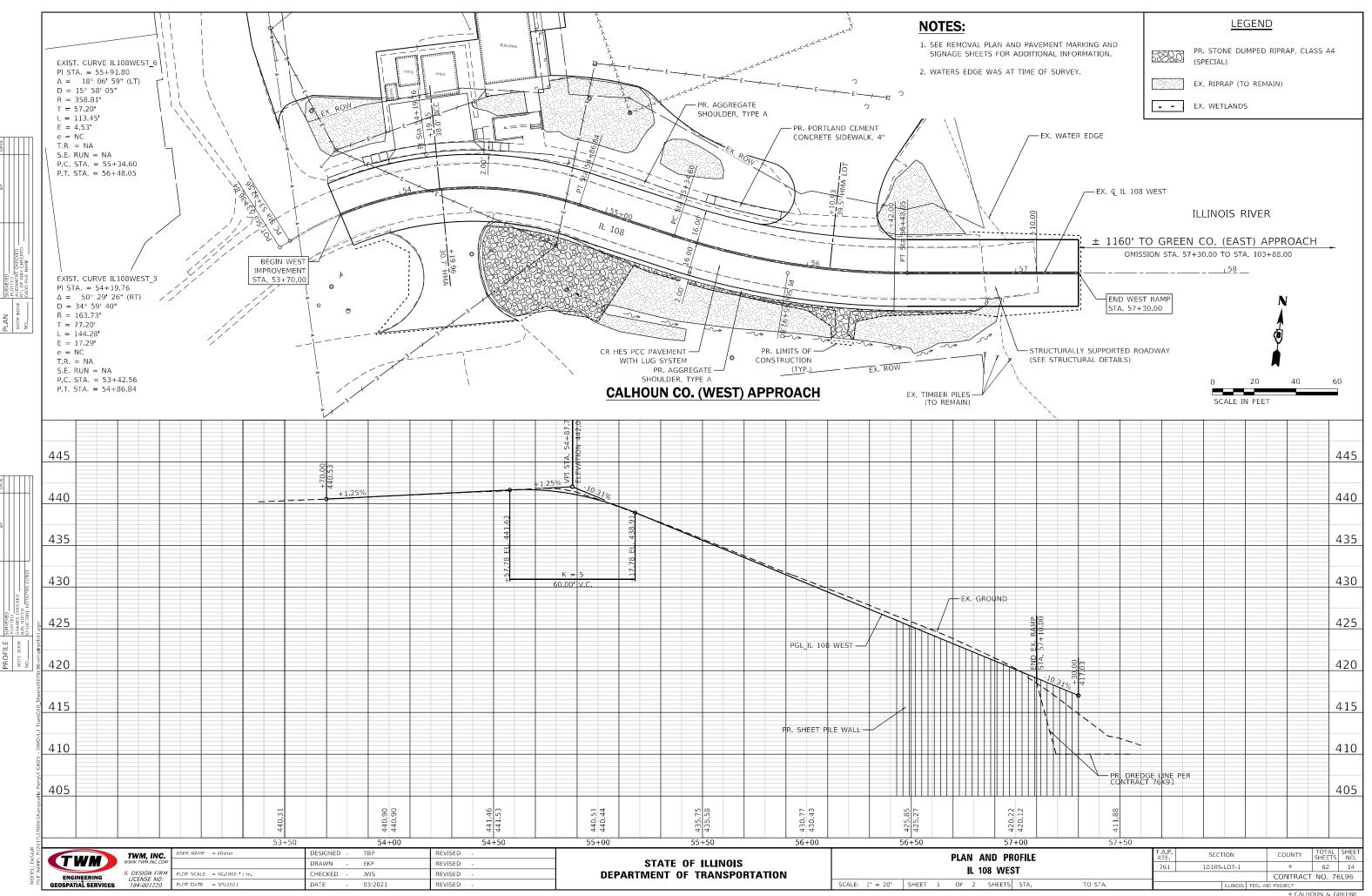


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