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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2876
Public Notice Date
April 08, 2014

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Expiration Date
April 29, 2014

File Number: MVS-2013-683

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: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File 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
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Alan Edmondson)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANTS: City of East St. Louis, Attn: Deleta Hudson, City Manager, 301 River Park Dr., East St. Louis, IL 62201 and North Cahokia Real Estate, LLC, Attn: Glen Slay, 1441 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139

LOCATION: The project is located in the City of East St. Louis & Village of Sauget, St. Clair County, Illinois. Specifically, the project is found between IL Rte 3 and 8th St / Mississippi Avenue and the left descending bank of the Mississippi River between approximate river miles 178 and 179.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes construction of an entrance from IL Route 3 and an access road to serve the future Port of East St. Louis. The entrance and access road would provide the initial infrastructure needed for trucks and vehicular traffic. The current proposal offers to provide access to a site approximately 54 acres in size. The road would provide access to the site, and while not certain, future development is anticipated to follow.

Approximately 1.05 acres of low quality palustrine emergent wetlands will be impacted for the entrance and access roads. The applicant proposes compensatory mitigation for the impacts to jurisdictional features. Wetlands will be mitigated on or off-site through wetland banking.

The 54 acre site has approximately 40 acres of property that would not impact jurisdictional waters if developed. Proposals to develop the remaining portions of property that contain jurisdictional wetlands may be received, and would need to follow the permit application process for review.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachments 1 and 2.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Alan Edmondson, Illinois Section Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to alan.r.edmondson@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under 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, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public in response to this public notice.

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.

The St. Louis District Project Management Branch announces the availability of the Port of East St. Entrance and Access Road Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The purpose of the EA and FONSI is to present a detailed proposal for the restoration of fish and aquatic resources at the Angelo and Sister Chute project areas. These documents are available for electronic viewing on the St. Louis District's web page by following:

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProgramsProjectManagement/PlansReports.aspx>

A hard copy of the documents is also available for viewing at the St. Louis District Regulatory Branch in the Robert A. Young Federal Building, at 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

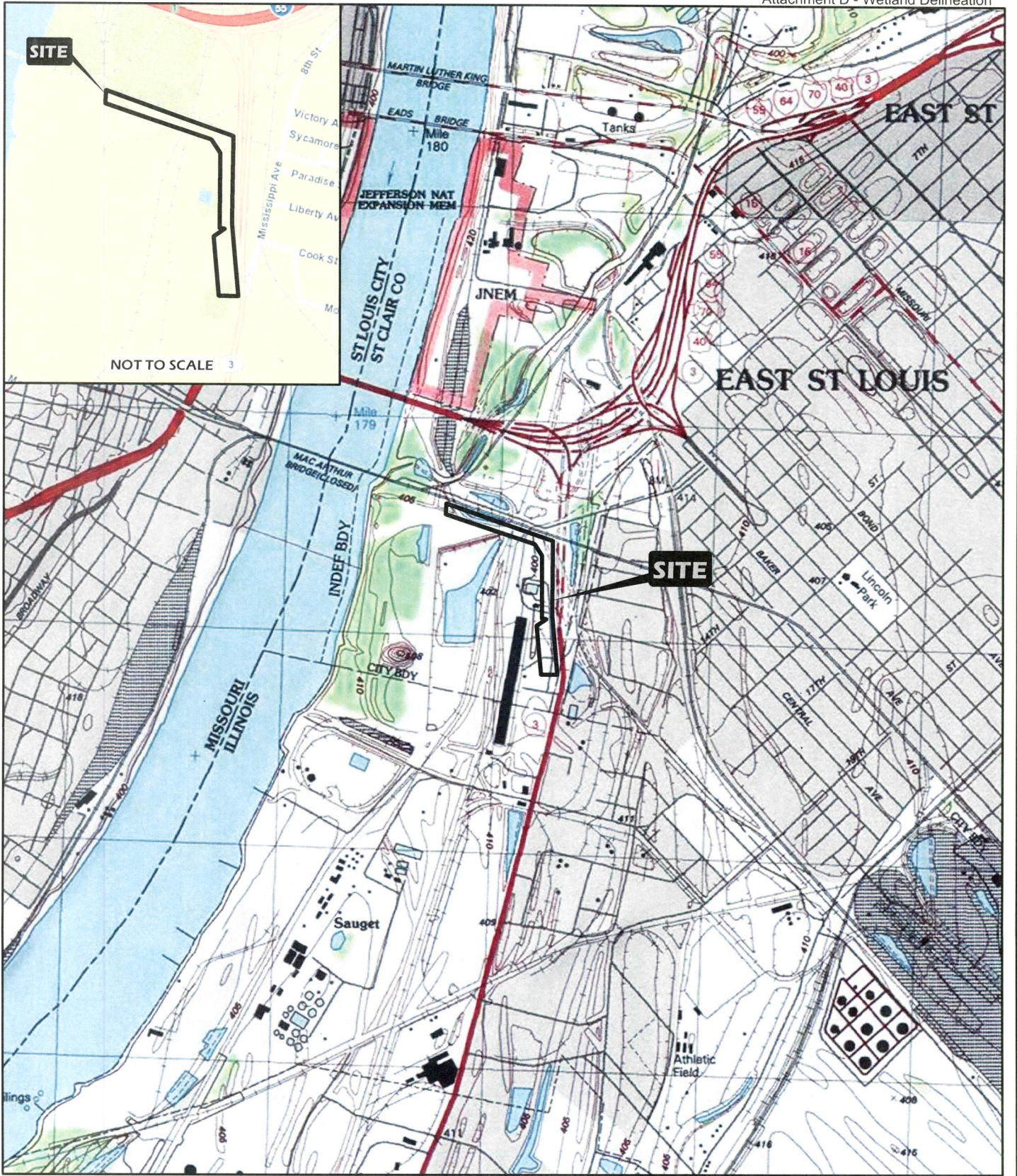
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.


DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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.



<p>PROJECT NAME PORT OF EAST SAINT LOUIS EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILLINOIS</p>			
<p>VICINITY AND TOPOGRAPHIC MAP</p>			
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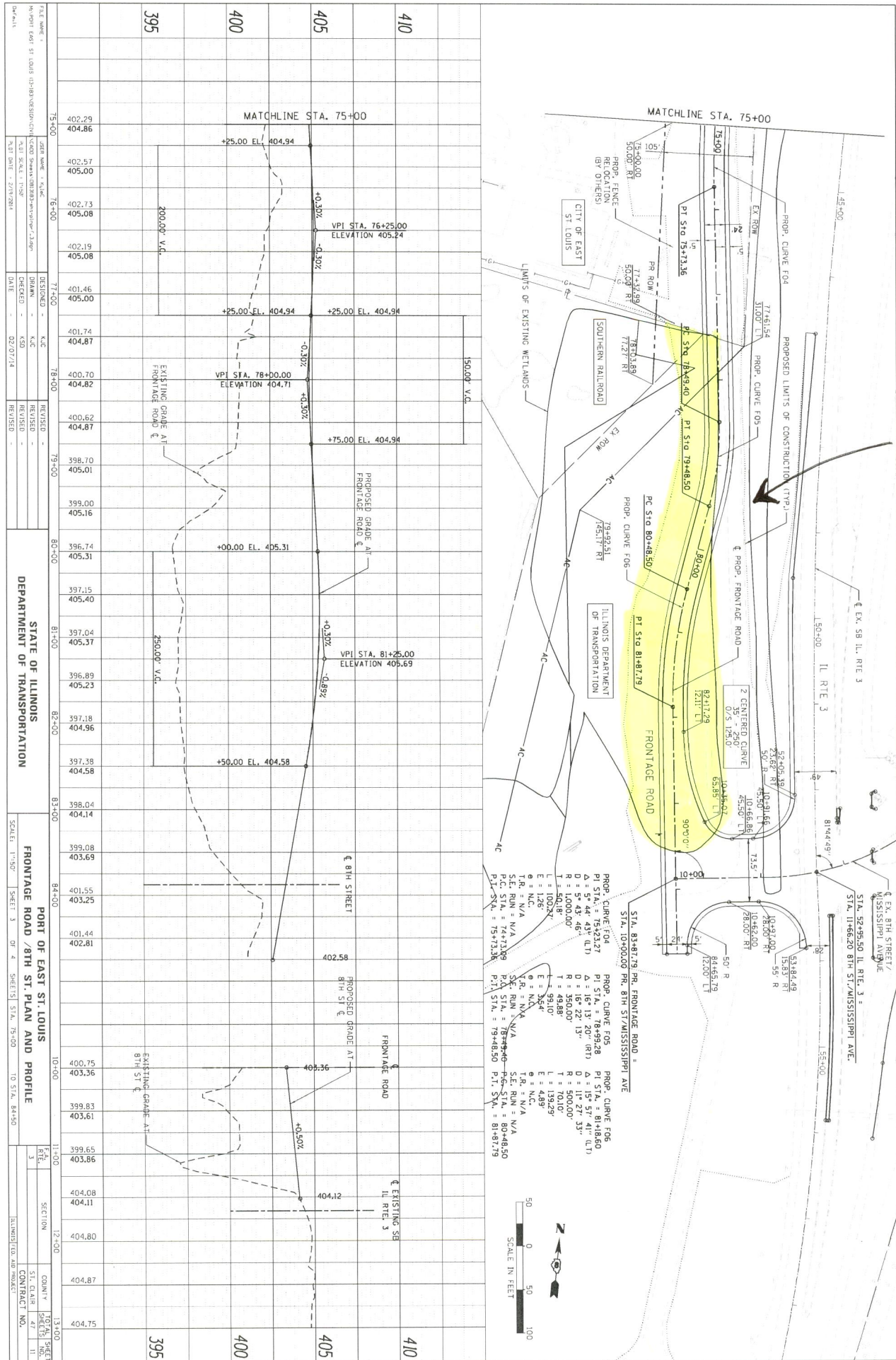
<p>GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE DATED 1998 10' CONTOURS</p>
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SCALE 1" = 2000'
FIGURE 1

PLAN	SHEET	DATE
NO.	NO.	NO.

PROFILE	SHEET	DATE
NO.	NO.	NO.

LIMITS of CURRENTLY PROPOSED IMPACTS = 1.05 ac.

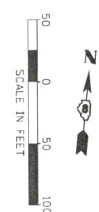


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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FRONTAGE ROAD / 8TH ST. PLAN AND PROFILE	SCALE: 1"=50'	SHEET 3	OF 4 SHEETS	STA. 75+00 TO STA. 84+50
PORT OF EAST ST. LOUIS				
COUNTY: ILLINOIS				

- PROPOSED CURVE F04: PI STA. = 75+23.27, PC STA. = 75+13.58, PT STA. = 75+48.50, P.C. STA. = 75+13.58, P.T. STA. = 75+48.50, R = 1000.00', T = 50.18'
- PROPOSED CURVE F05: PI STA. = 76+99.28, PC STA. = 76+89.40, PT STA. = 77+13.36, P.C. STA. = 76+89.40, P.T. STA. = 77+13.36, R = 1000.00', T = 50.18'
- PROPOSED CURVE F06: PI STA. = 78+99.28, PC STA. = 78+89.40, PT STA. = 79+13.36, P.C. STA. = 78+89.40, P.T. STA. = 79+13.36, R = 1000.00', T = 50.18'



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