

ABCD Central Ohio Virtual Luncheon Series

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**City of Columbus**

**Lazelle Road Project**

**NSRR & CSXT Bridge Replacement**

**Eric Dues, PE, SE (Gannett Fleming)**

Bridge & Railroad Project Manager

**Chris Bettinger, PE (American Structurepoint)**

Engineer of Record: Final Superstructures

AMERICAN  
**STRUCTUREPOINT**  
INC

12/16/2020

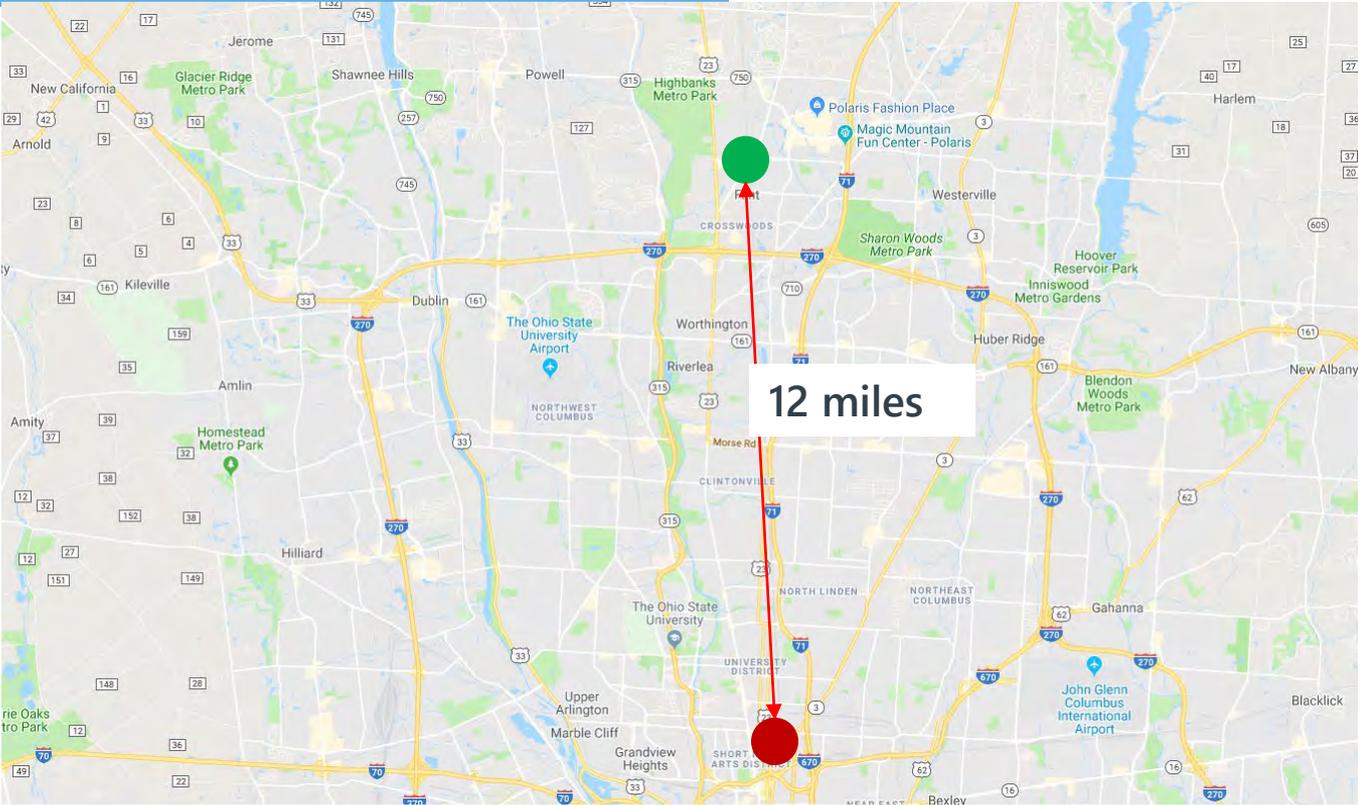
 **Gannett Fleming**

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# Where Are We?



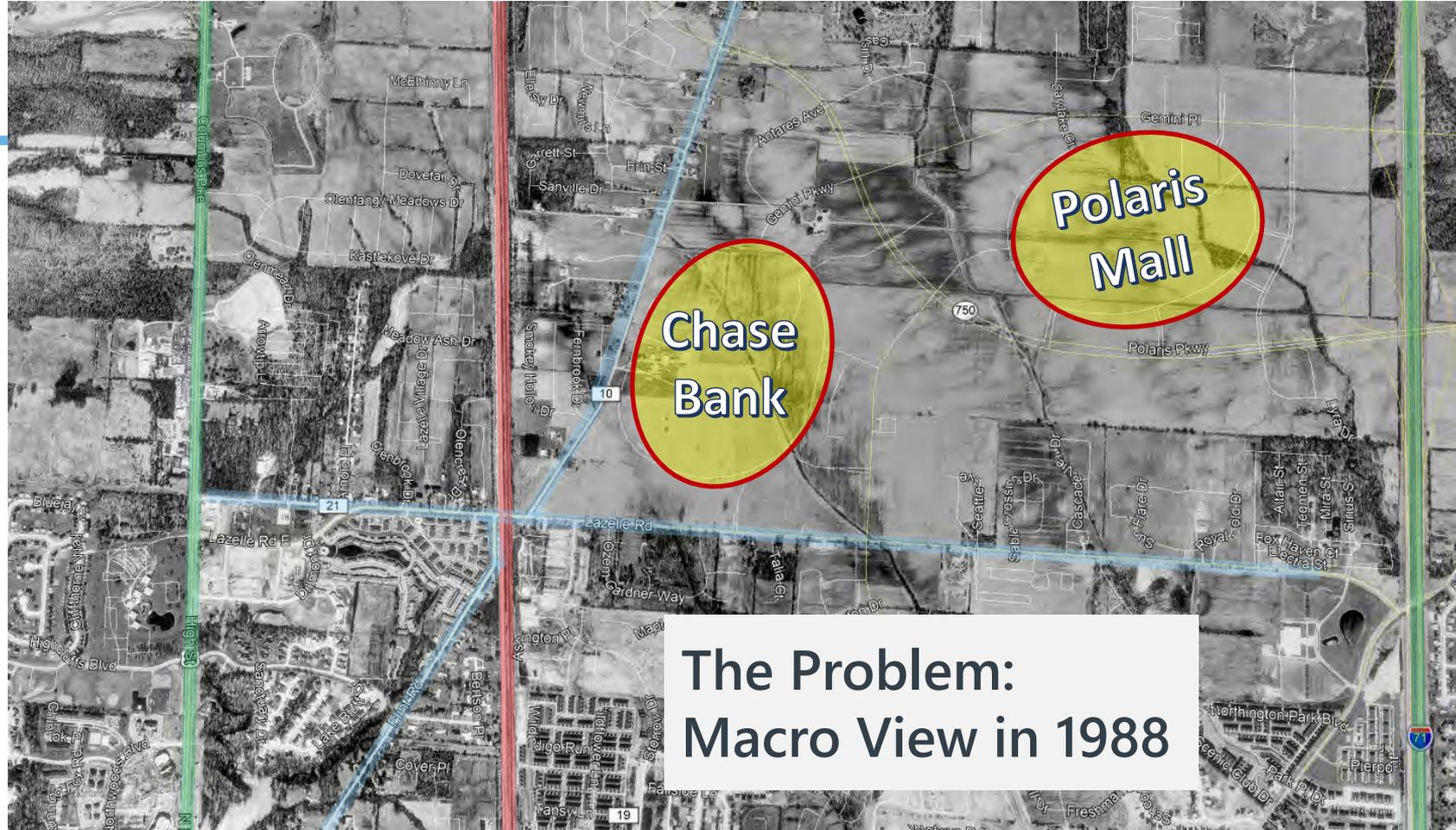
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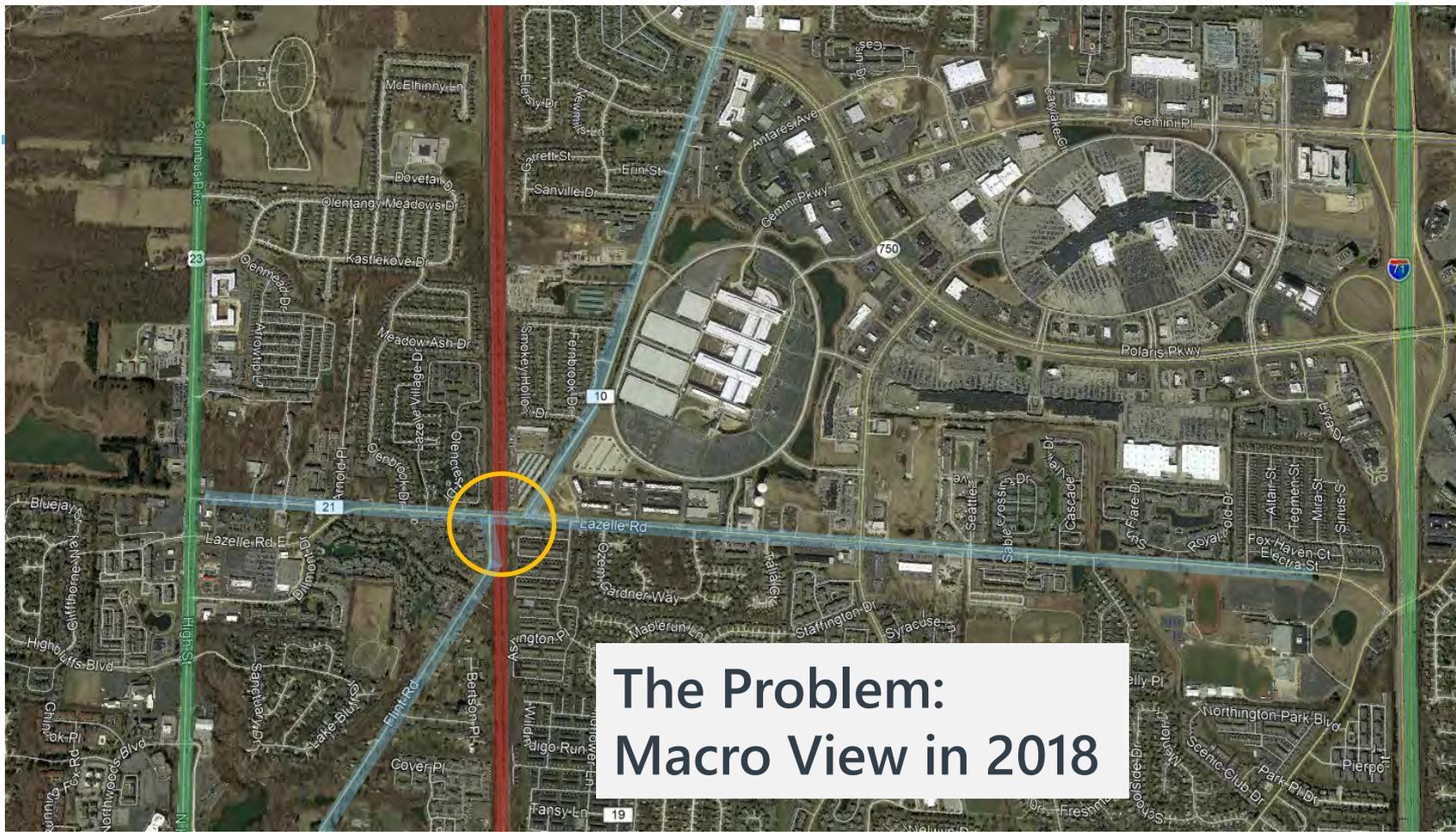
ABCD Central Ohio, 12/16/2020: City of Columbus, NSRR & CSXT over Lazelle Road



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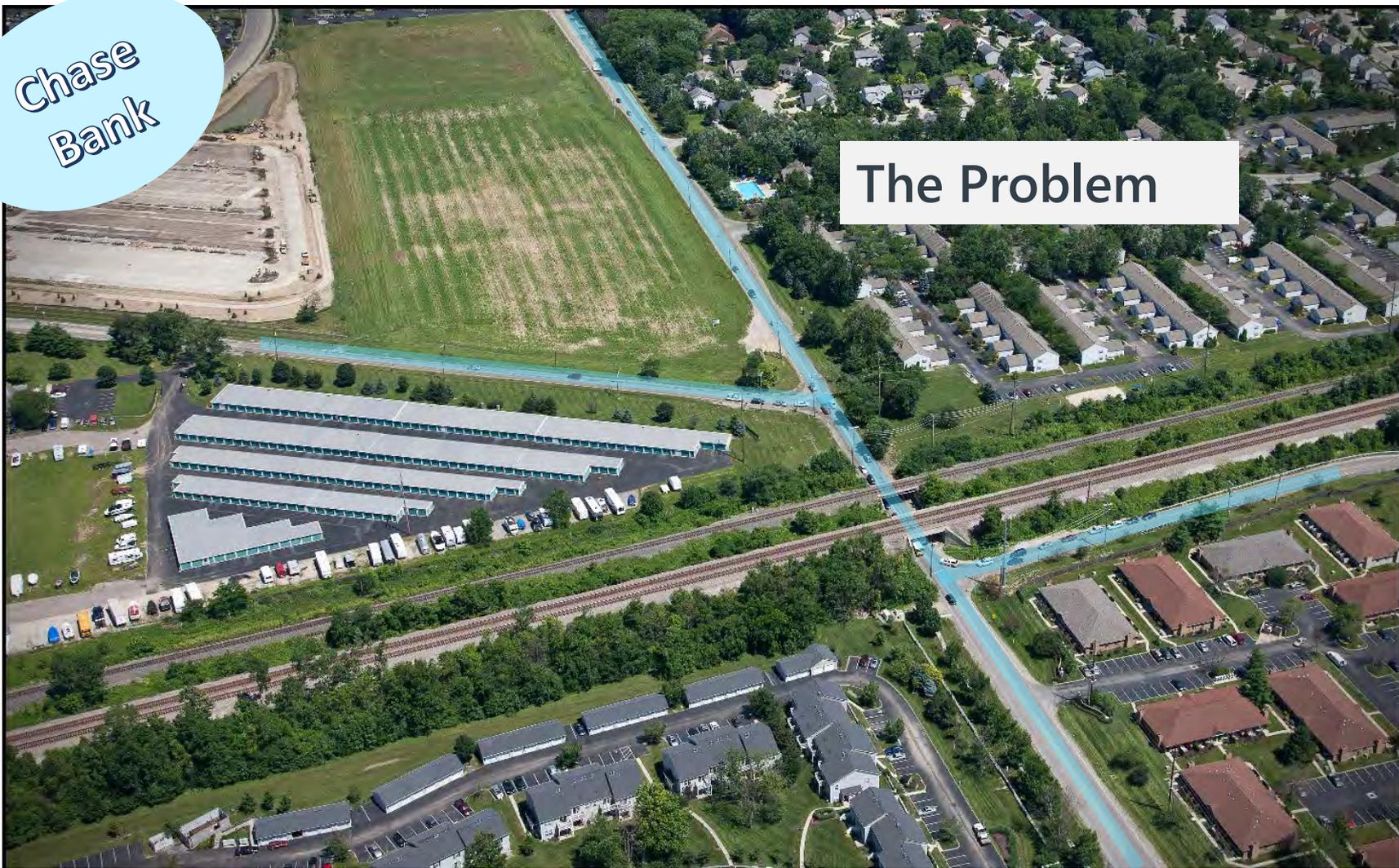
The Problem:  
Macro View in 1988



# The Problem: Macro View in 2018

Chase  
Bank

## The Problem





The Problem

**arranged**

Getting a public  
project done...

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**marriage**





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- **City of Columbus:**  
Project Sponsor  
Funding, and Construction Oversight  
ODOT State Rail Coordinator facilitated coordination
- **CSX (6 trains daily):**  
Owner of single mainline track over Lazelle Road
- **Norfolk Southern (60 trains daily):**  
Owner of dual mainline track over Lazelle Road
- **Gannett Fleming:**  
Prime Consultant (January 2012)
- **American Structurepoint:**  
Primary Subconsultant
- **Shelly & Sands:**  
Prime Contractor (June 2018)

# The Roadway Project: (The Railroad is in the way)

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- Widening of the entire Lazelle Road Corridor
  - 3 Phases of Design (A/B/C)
  - Two construction contracts (B/C & A)
- Shared use paths and improved roadway geometrics
- Improved drainage
  - Shale cuts for all lowering and trunk lines
- Significant utility coordination
  - Profile decisions were sometimes driven by utilities (Chase)
- Maintenance of Traffic
  - Nearby fire station

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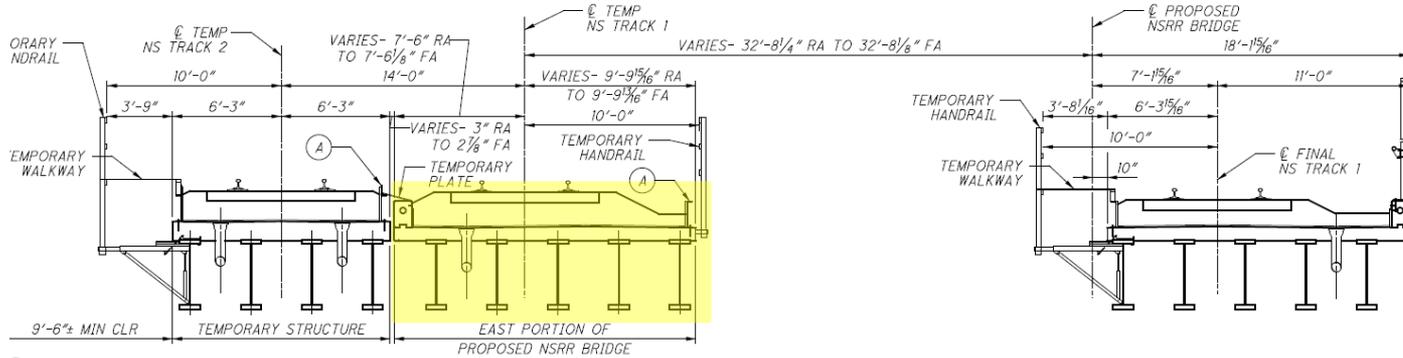


# The Rail Projects not constructed

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- 50% Plans, No Waste: Slide bridges into place during closures
  - 24 hour closure of both tracks on Christmas or New Years
- Stage 2 Plans, Partial Waste: Slide NSRR halves during closures
  - 24 hour closure of one track on Christmas or New Years

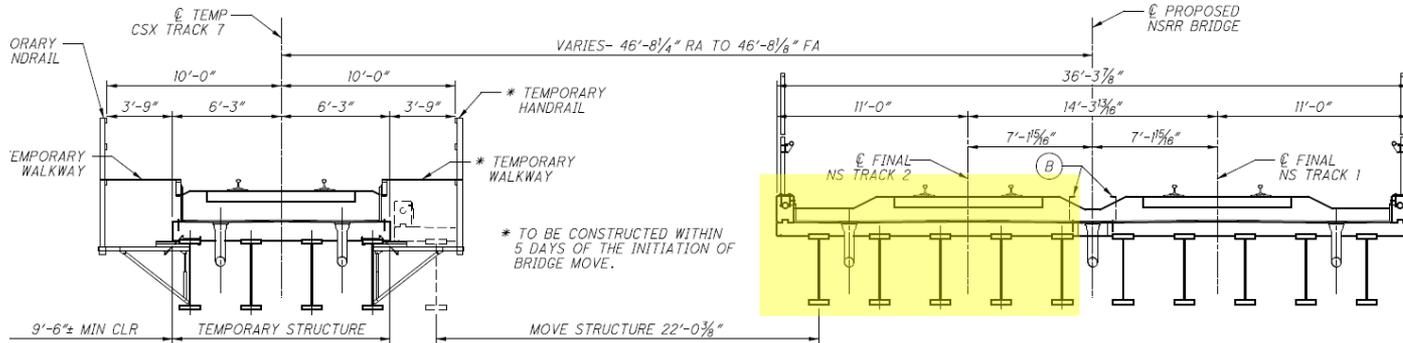
# The Rail Projects not constructed (Stage 2 Plans)



A) TEMPORARY BALLAST RETAINER

## PHASE B - STEPS 4 AND 5

- STEP 4: CONSTRUCT WEST HALF OF FINAL BRIDGE FOR NORFOLK SOUTHERN BRIDGE ON FINAL ALIGNMENT I, TEMPORARY HANDRAIL AND WALKWAY.  
 STEP 5: CONSTRUCT FINAL NS TRACK 1, SHIFT NS TRACK 1 RAIL TRAFFIC FROM TEMPORARY ALIGNMENT TO PREPARE EAST HALF OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN BRIDGE FOR LATERAL MOVE TO FINAL ALIGNMENT.



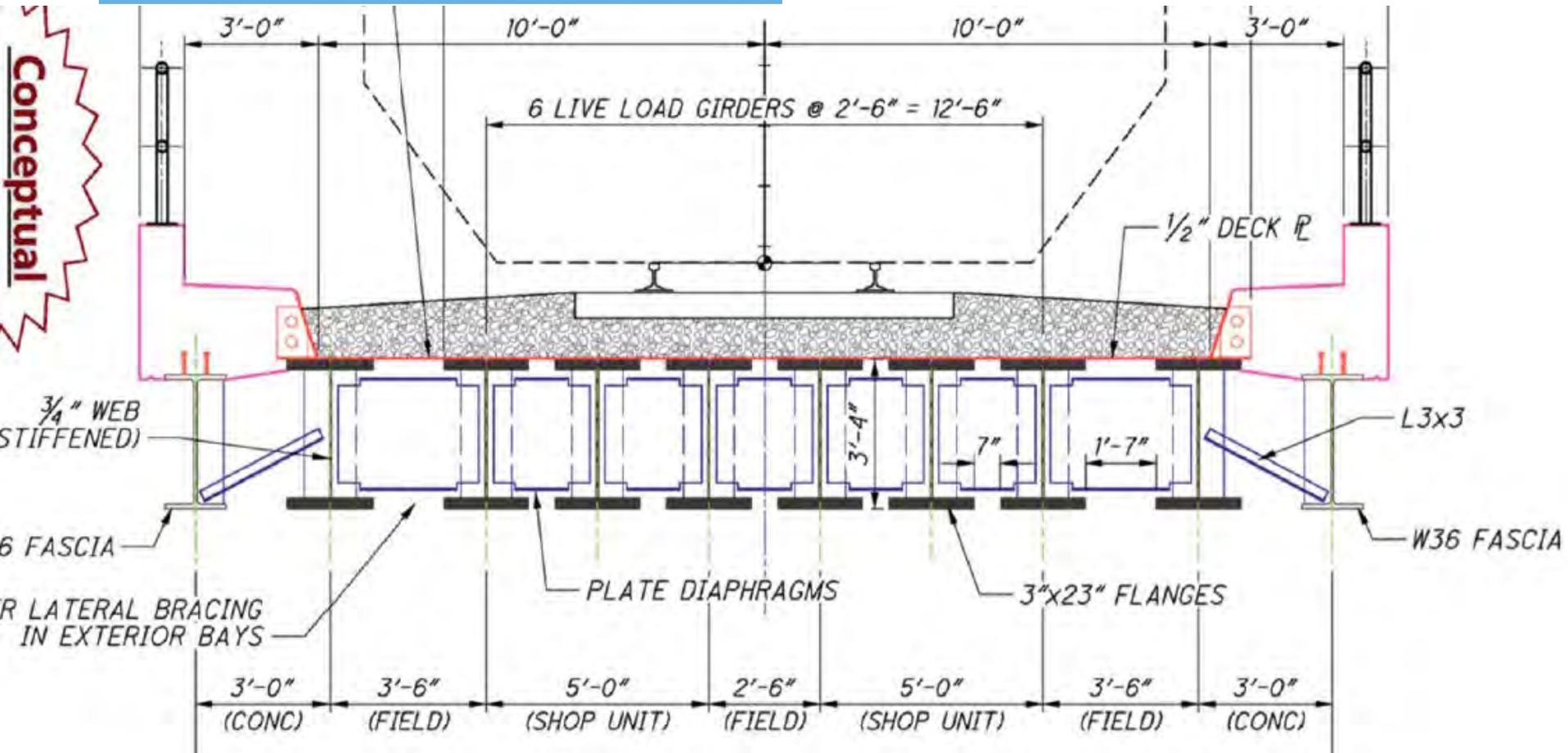
\* TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE INITIATION OF BRIDGE MOVE.

# The Rail Projects not constructed

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- 50% Plans, CSX Raising: Eliminate through girder
  - At CSX request
  - Squatty 5 Girder and 6 Girder Sections designed
  - Embankment raise was ultimately deemed not acceptable by CSX

# The Rail Projects not constructed



# The Rail Project being constructed

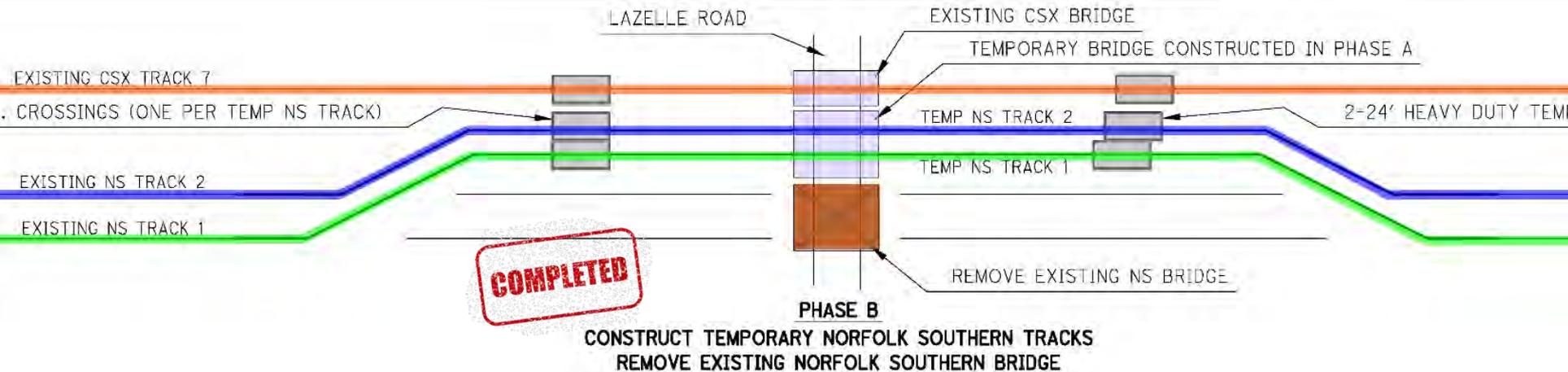
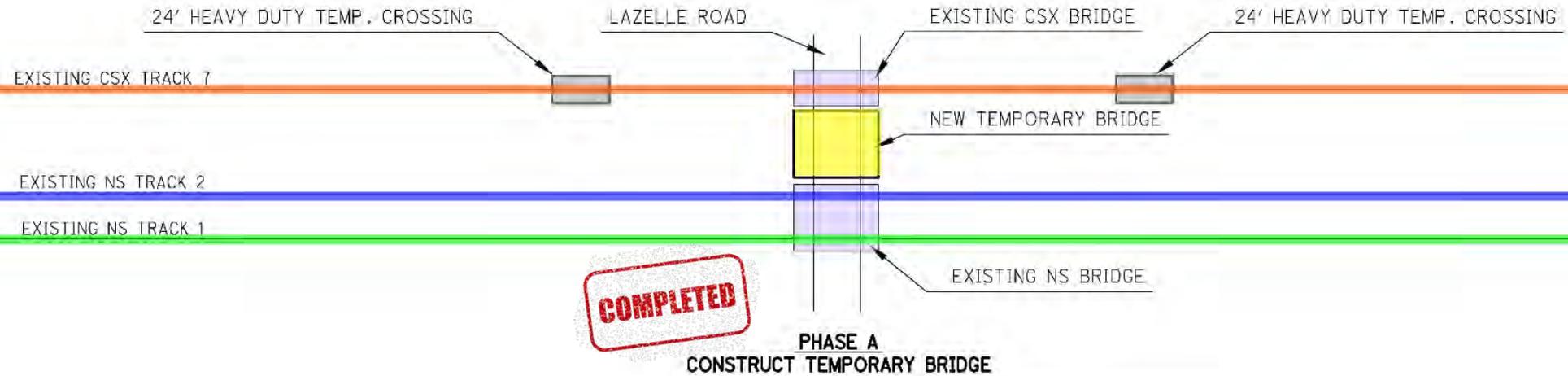
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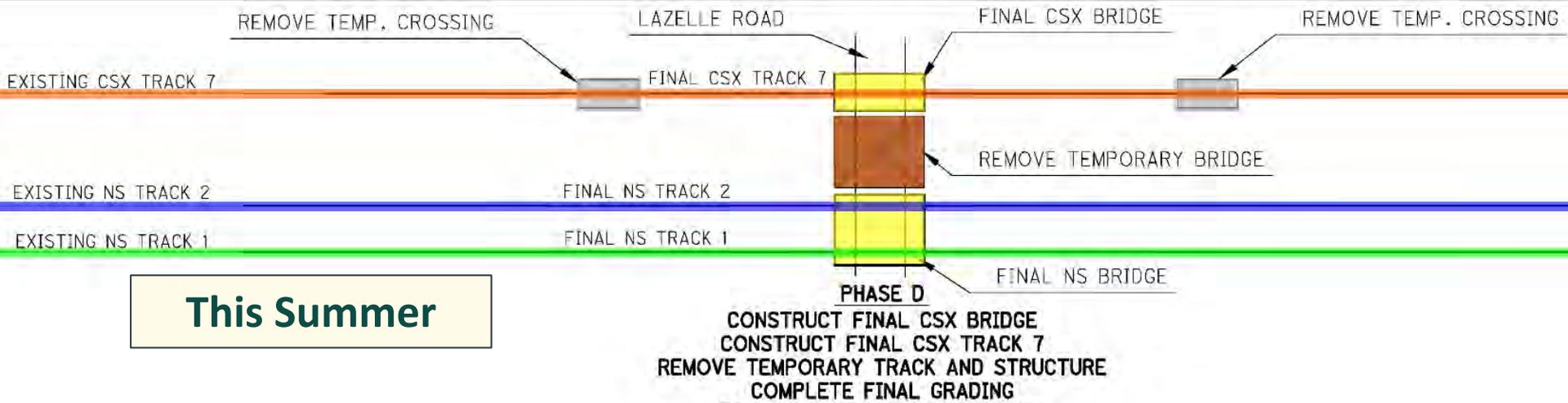
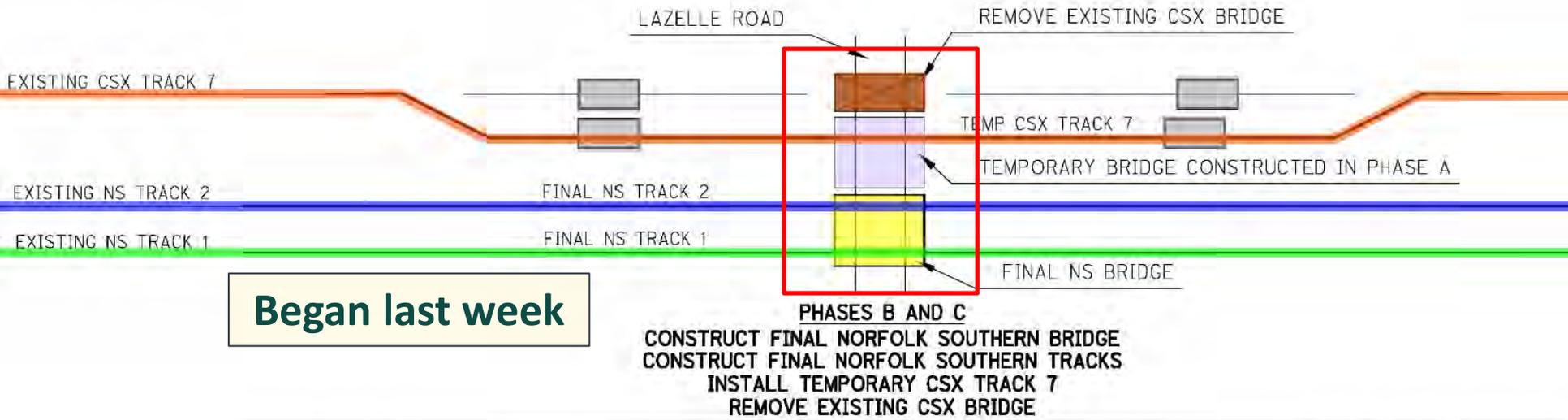
- 4 Phases of top-down construction
  - Tangent Drilled Shafts
- Full Temporary Bridge: Built in Median
  - Acceptable to all
  - Most costly temporary works
- Shoofly tracks in the median ( $\approx$  2500' long)
  - CSX Property
- Shoring detailed for phased removals and force reversal
  - Support existing tracks to construct median
  - Support median shoofly tracks in later stages

# The Rail Project being constructed

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- Temporary at-grade crossings for construction
  - CSX track, and all temporary tracks
  - Access ramps to cross CSX single track
- Temporary Drainage
  - Jack and Bore pipes with catch basin







**Lazelle is NOT  
THIS impressive!**

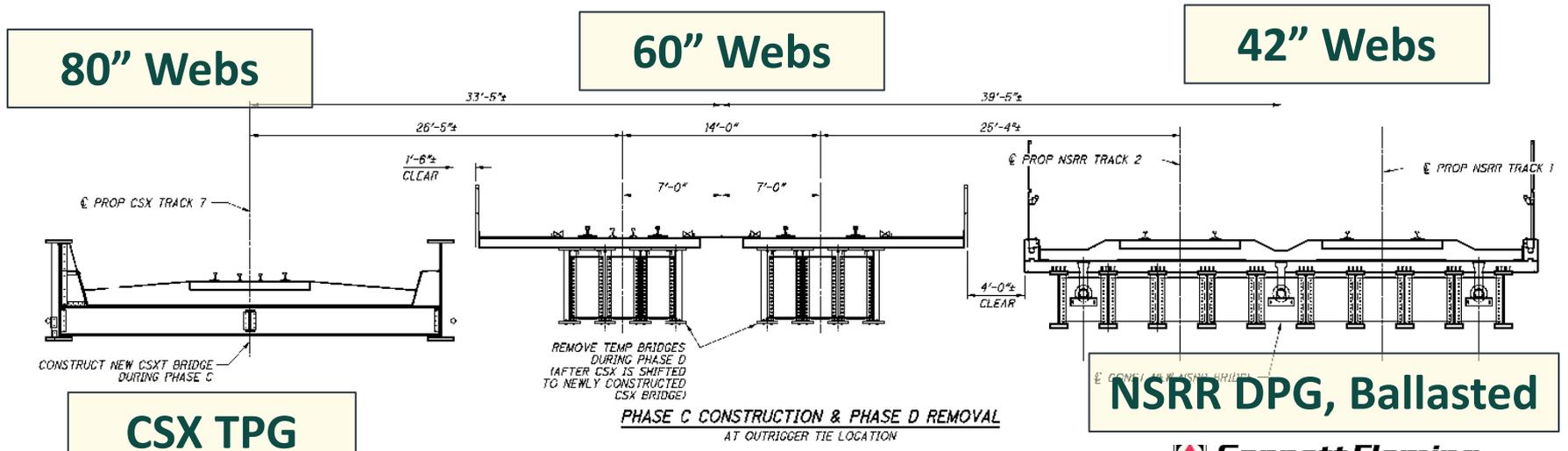
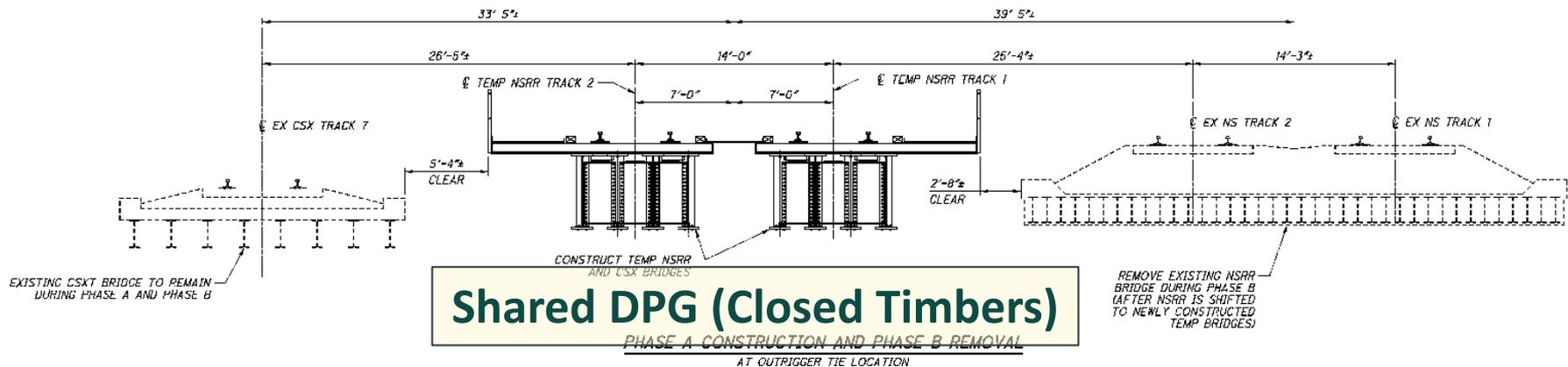
*Genesee Arch Bridge by John Kucko Digital*  
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# The Bridge Project

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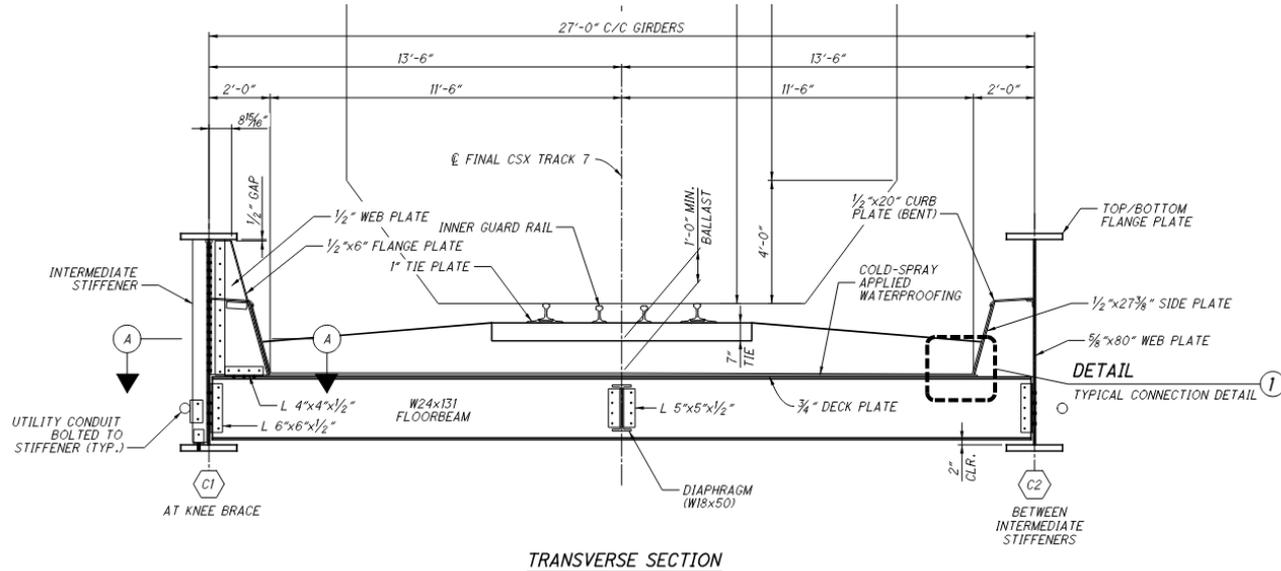


All proposed bridges 79'-0" single span with  $\approx 6^{\circ}25'$  skew

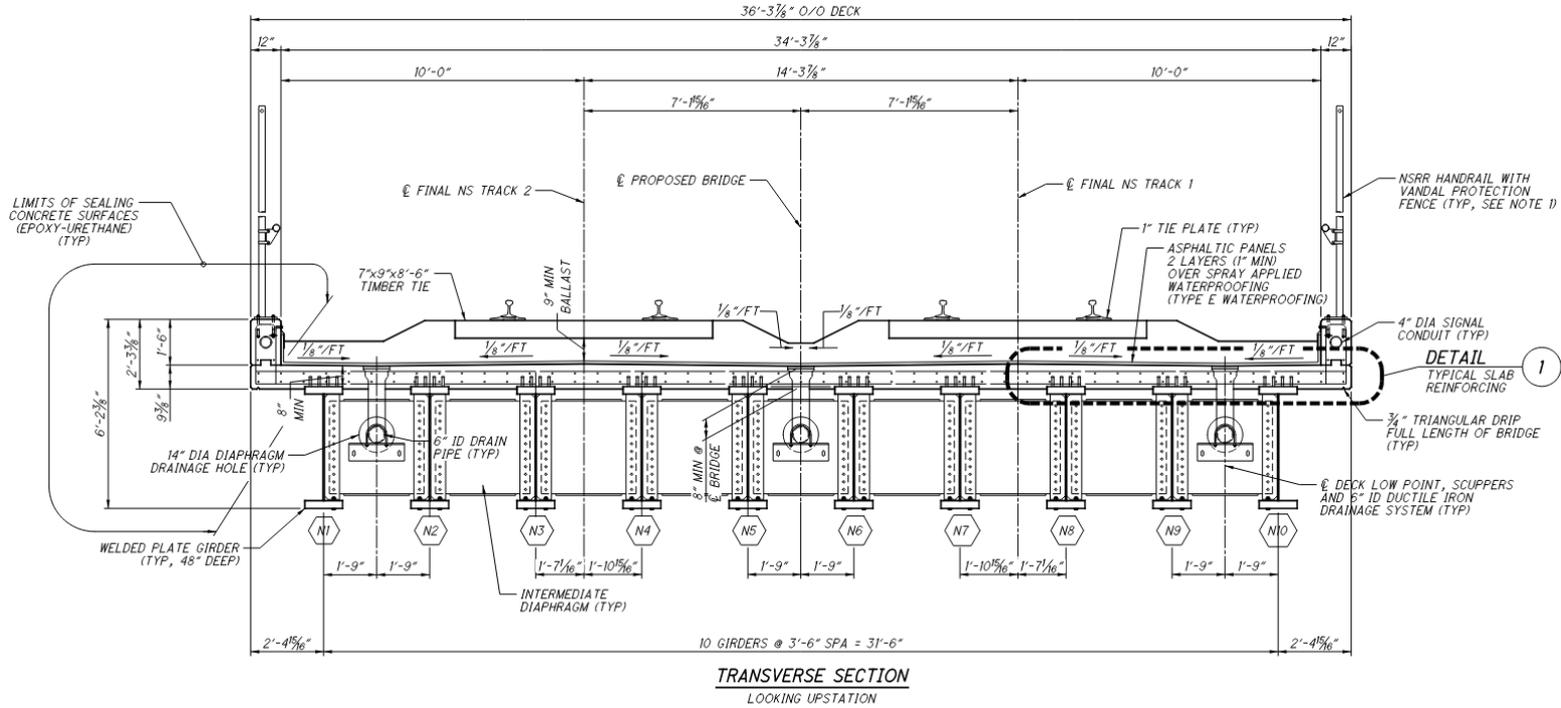


# Superstructure Design

Superstructure designed in ASD as opposed to AASHTO - LRFD



# Superstructure Design



# Design Criteria

- AREMA is “Recommended Practice”
- Various design loadings dependent on owner
  - Notional E-80 loading typical LL, however CSX now requires E-90

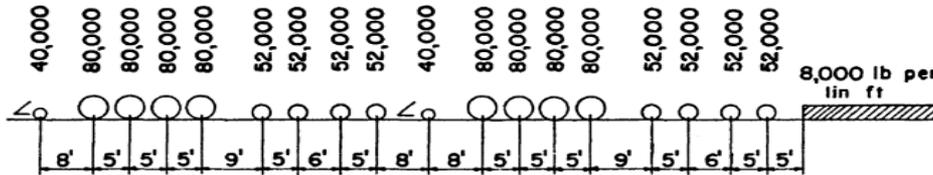


Figure 15-1-2. Cooper E 80 Load

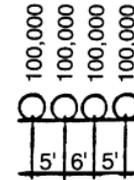


Figure 15-1-3. Alternate Live Load on 4 Axles

- Ballast loading, permanent and future varies by owner
- NS requires a derailment loading to be evaluated as well

# Deflection Limits

- Deflection limits generally control over stress

AREMA -  $L/640 = 1.5''$  limit for these structures

Actual deflection of the structures approximately  $1.2''$

- NS allows composite design when looking at deflection but not stresses



# Impact Calculation

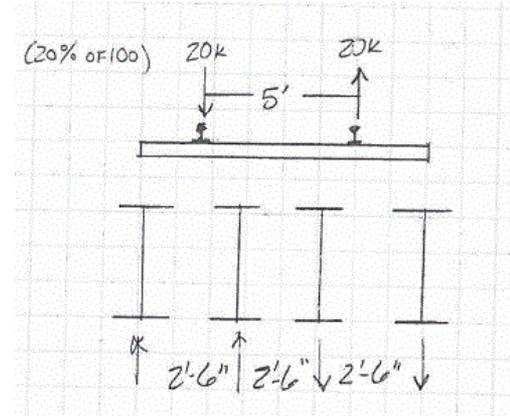
- Impact (%)

$$\text{Span} < 80' = 40 - (3L^2/1600)$$

$$\text{Span} \geq 80' = 16 + [600/(L-30)]$$

- Rocking effect

20% wheel load force couple

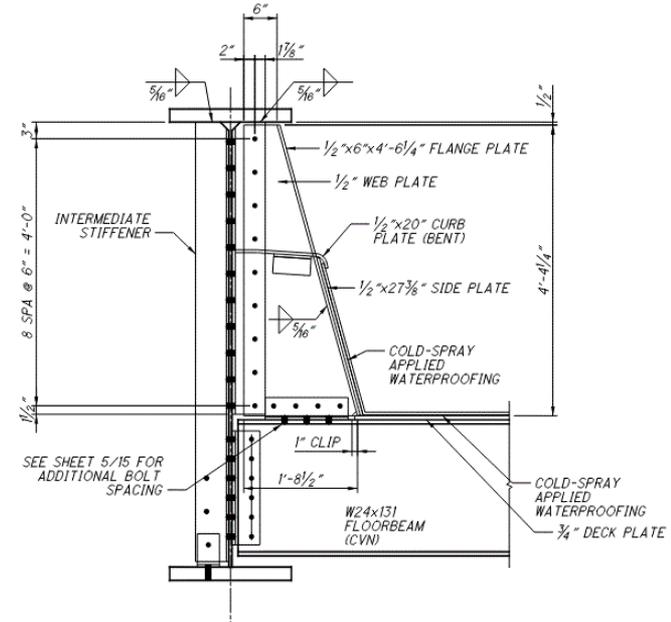


Rocking Effect



# Knee Brace

- Knee brace design forces
  - Wind
  - 2.5% axial force in compression flange
- Geometry
  - As wide as clearance allows
  - Approximately 3:1



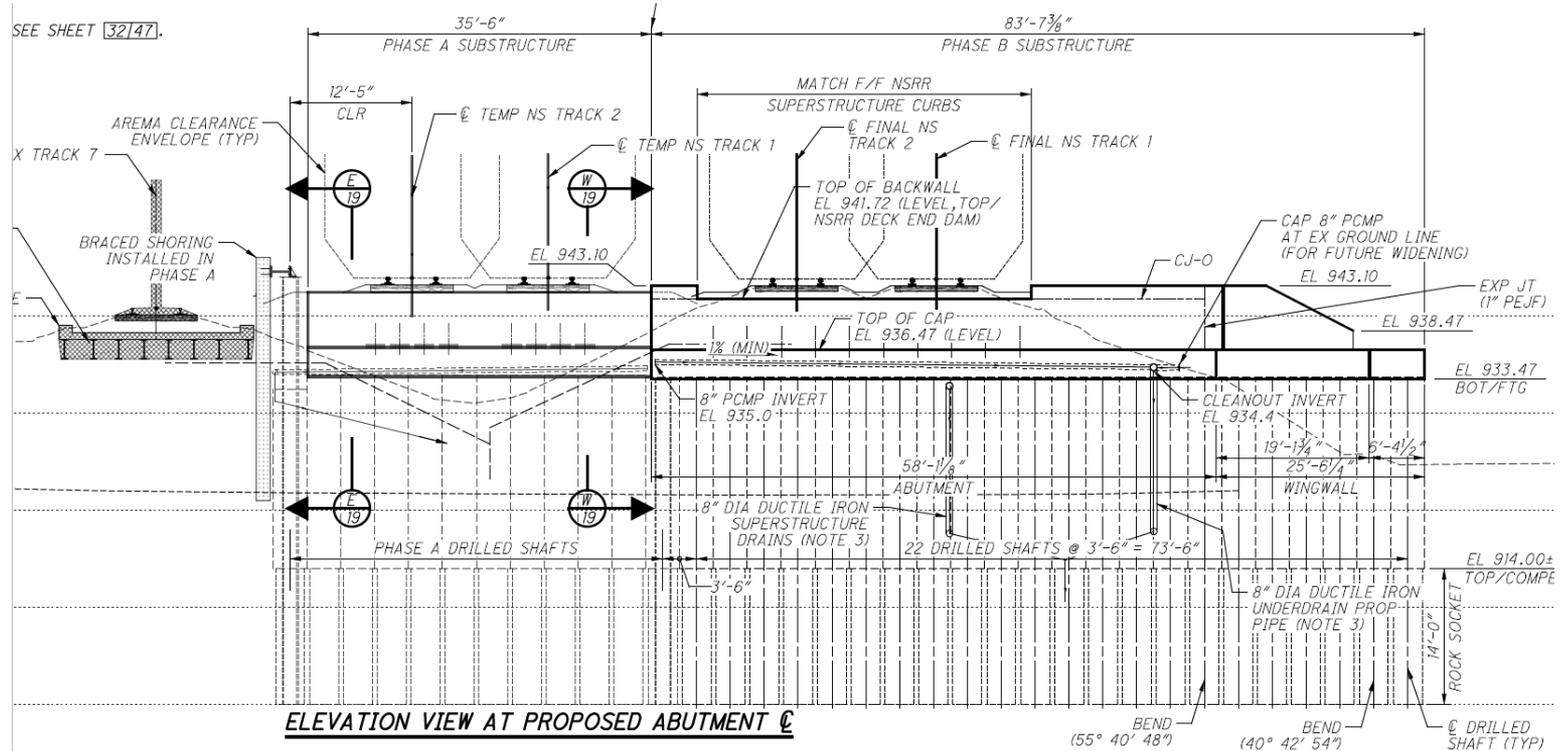
TYPICAL KNEE BRACE DETAIL

# Shared Substructures

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- Top-Down Tangent Shafts in Shale
- Differing Elevations per Phase
  - Median: Accommodate DPG with timber deck
  - NSRR: Accommodate DPG with ballasted deck
  - CSX: Accommodate TPG with ballasted deck

# Shared Substructures

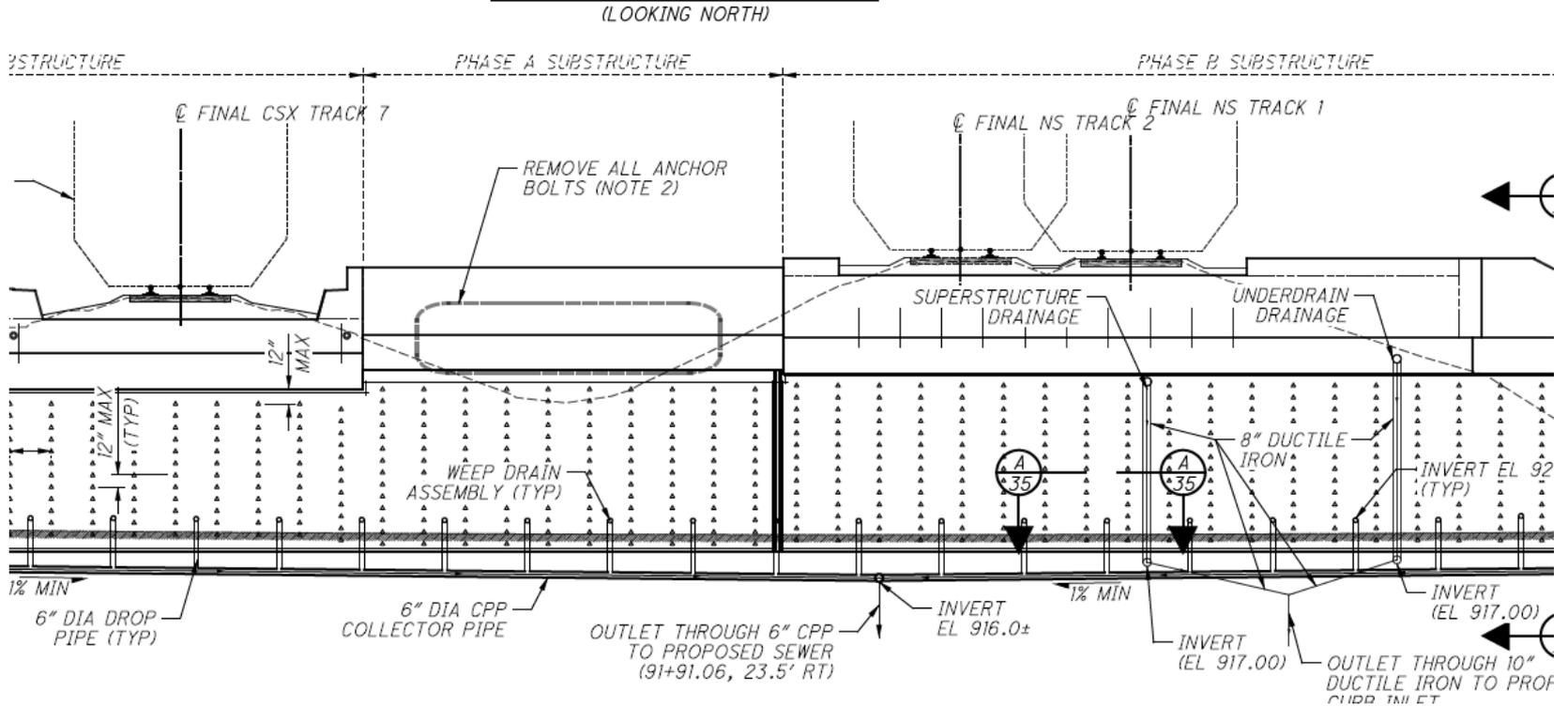


# Shared Substructures

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- Final walls faced with CIP concrete (Final Phase)
  - Weep drainage buried in CIP facing
  - Superstructure drainage piped through facing
  - Formliner with Keyway at NSRR/CSX property line
  - **SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER**

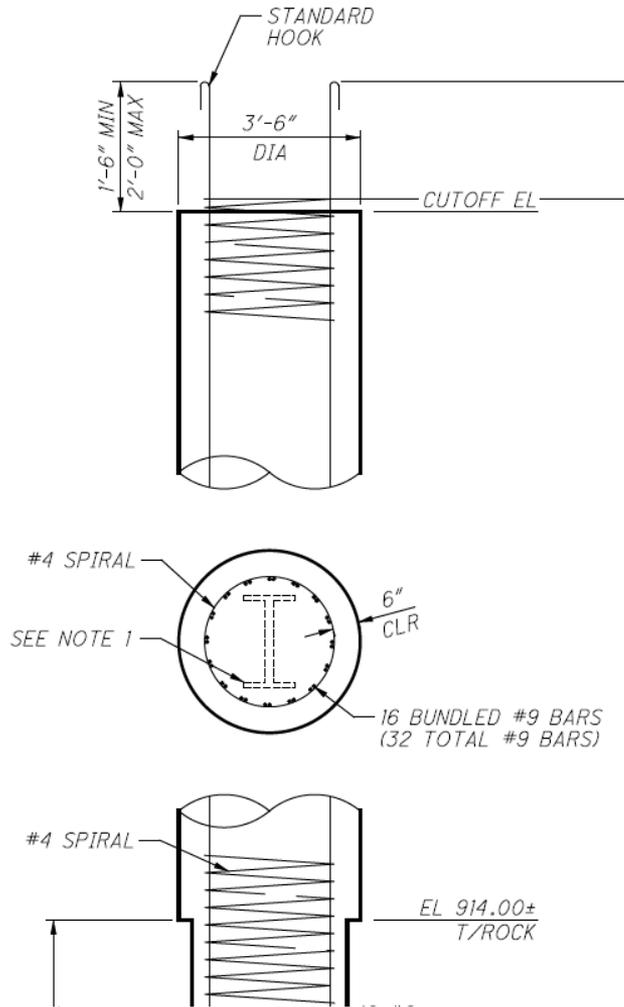
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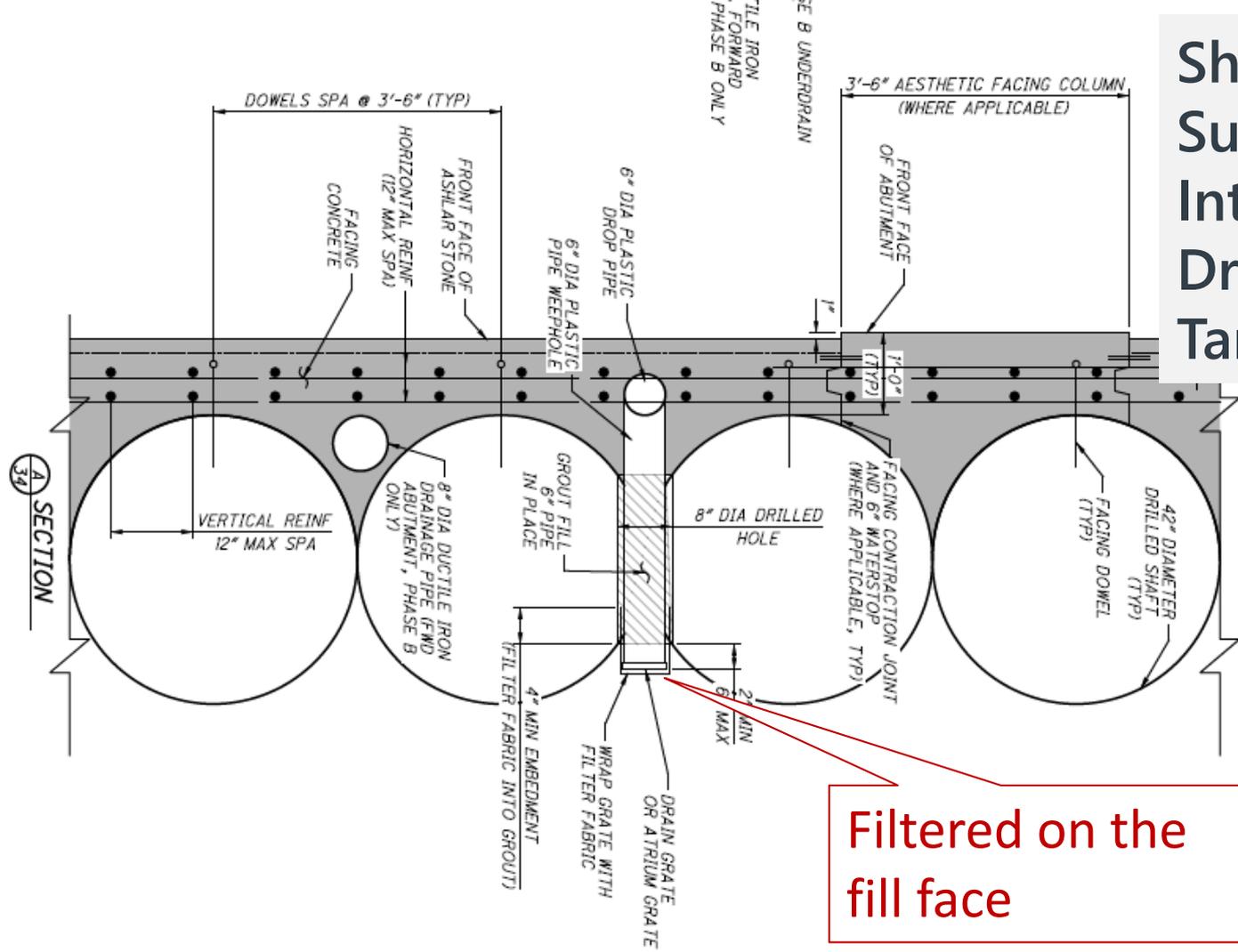
# Shared Substructures

- LFD Concrete Design (ASD also allowed)
- Factored Live Load Surcharge (Increased at top)
- Freight rail horizontal live loads are an order of magnitude larger
  - ~450 kips (2 E-80 Tracks)
  - ~45 kips (2 HL-93 Lanes)



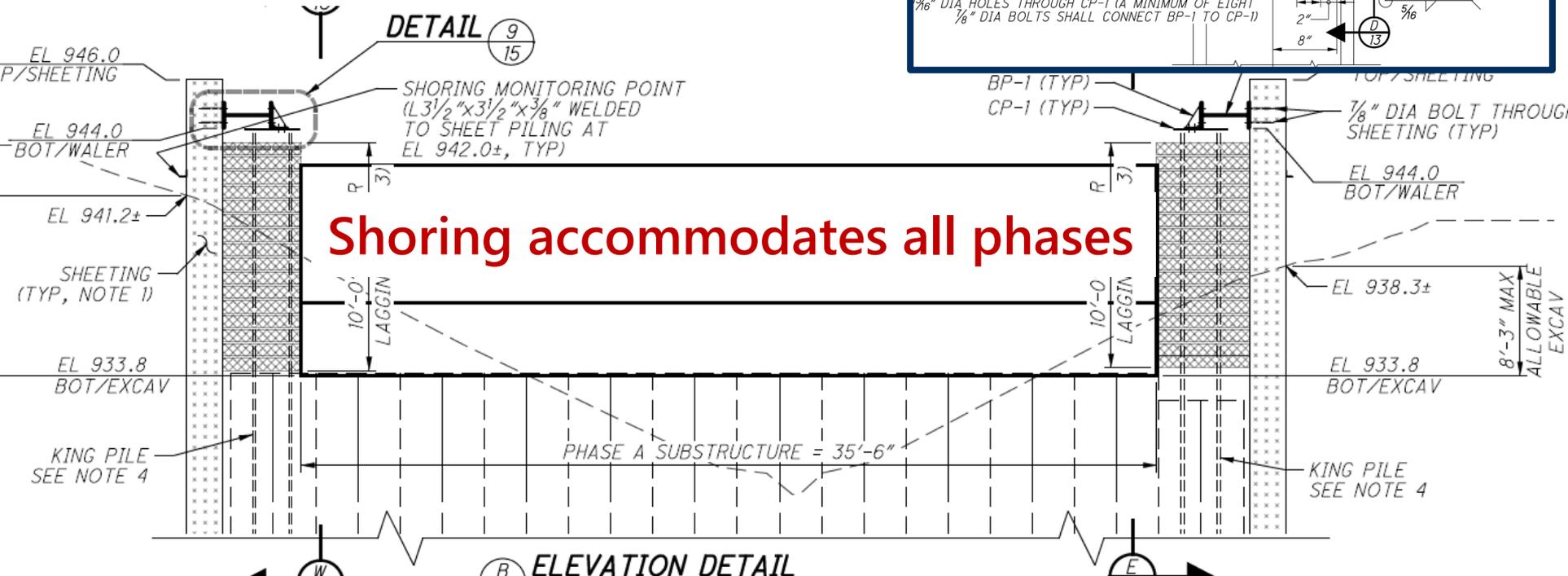
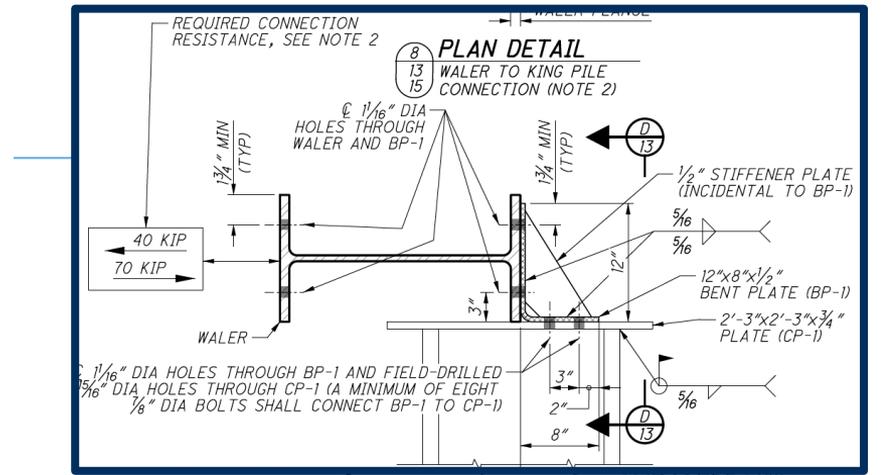
over Lazelle Road

# Shared Substructures – Internal Weep Drainage for Tangent Shafts



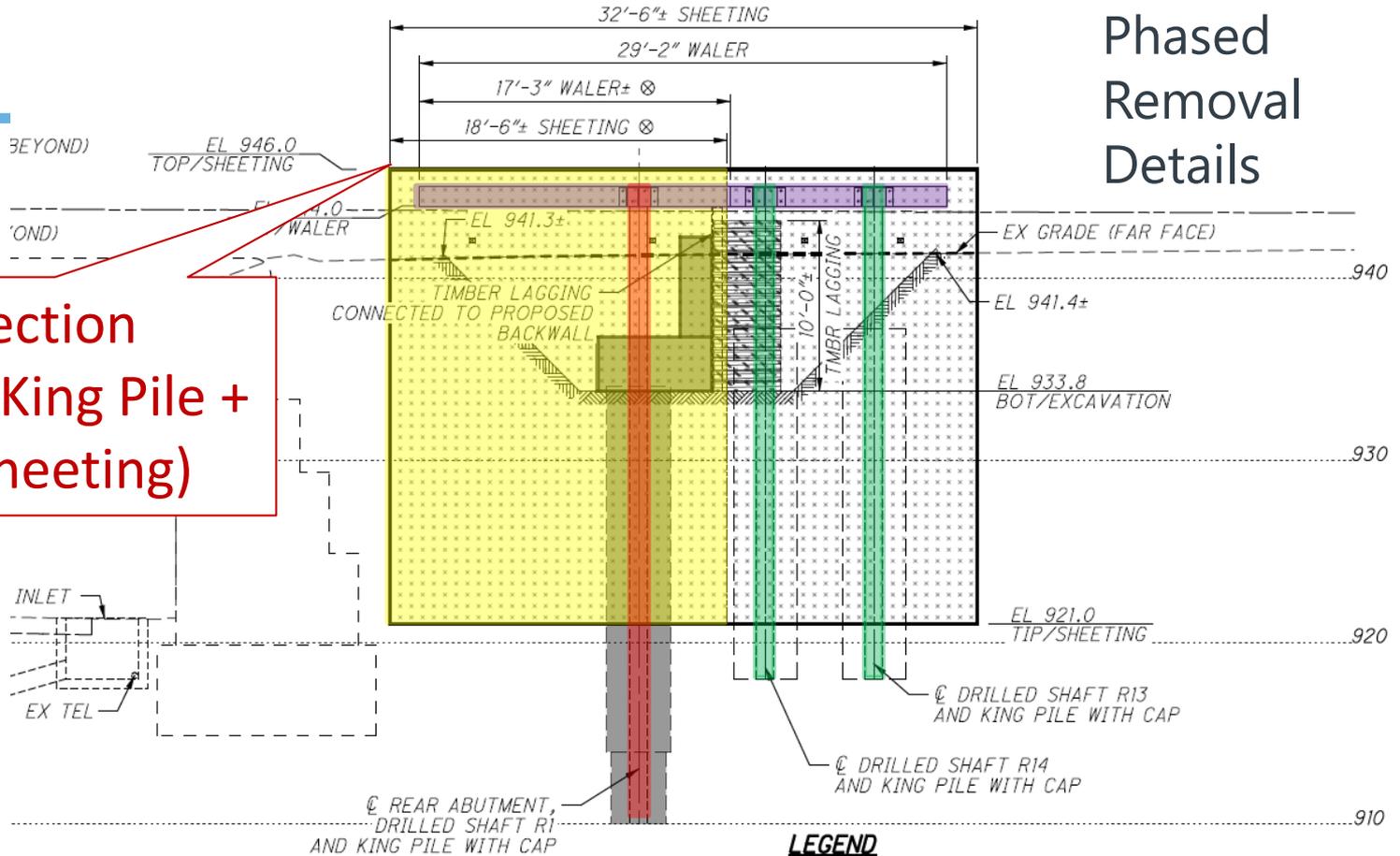
Filtered on the fill face

- King pile, walers, and sheeting
- Several king piles incorporated into final tangent wall
- Two concurrent cantilevers with total deflection less than 3/8"



# Phased Removal Details

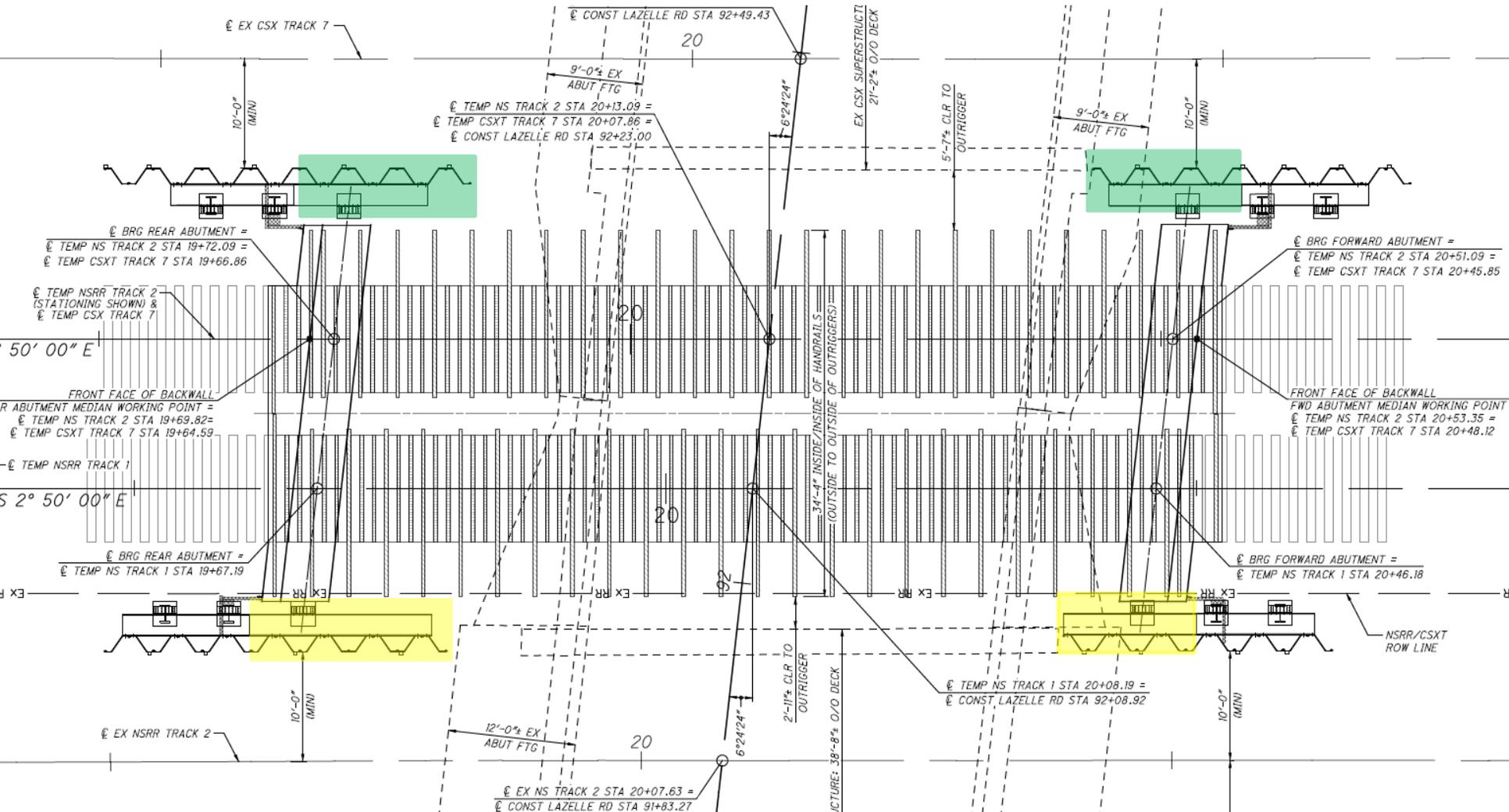
**3/8" Deflection Controls (King Pile + Waler + sheeting)**



## LEGEND

- = SHEETING AREA
- = PERMANENT STRUCTURE
- = TEMP. GRADE IN FRONT OF SHORING
- ⊗ = REMOVED IN PHASE B
- ☆ = REMOVED IN PHASE C





EX CSX TRACK 7

CONST LAZELLE RD STA 92+49.43

TEMP NS TRACK 2 STA 20+13.09 =  
 TEMP CSXT TRACK 7 STA 20+07.86 =  
 CONST LAZELLE RD STA 92+23.00

EX CSX SUPERSTRUCTURE  
 21'-2" O/O DECK

5'-7" CLR TO  
 OUTRIGGER

9'-0" EX  
 ABUT FTG

10'-0" (MIN)

BRG REAR ABUTMENT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 2 STA 19+72.09 =  
 TEMP CSXT TRACK 7 STA 19+66.86

TEMP NSRR TRACK 2  
 (STATIONING SHOWN) &  
 TEMP CSX TRACK 7

50' 00" E

FRONT FACE OF BACKWALL  
 REAR ABUTMENT MEDIAN WORKING POINT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 2 STA 19+69.82 =  
 TEMP CSXT TRACK 7 STA 19+64.59

TEMP NSRR TRACK 1

S 2° 50' 00" E

BRG REAR ABUTMENT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 1 STA 19+67.19

BRG FORWARD ABUTMENT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 2 STA 20+51.09 =  
 TEMP CSXT TRACK 7 STA 20+45.85

FRONT FACE OF BACKWALL  
 FWD ABUTMENT MEDIAN WORKING POINT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 2 STA 20+53.35 =  
 TEMP CSXT TRACK 7 STA 20+48.12

BRG FORWARD ABUTMENT =  
 TEMP NS TRACK 1 STA 20+46.18

NSRR/CSXT  
 ROW LINE

EX NSRR TRACK 2

10'-0" (MIN)

12'-0" EX  
 ABUT FTG

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EX NS TRACK 2 STA 20+07.63 =  
 CONST LAZELLE RD STA 91+83.27

6'24"24"

2'-11" CLR TO  
 OUTRIGGER

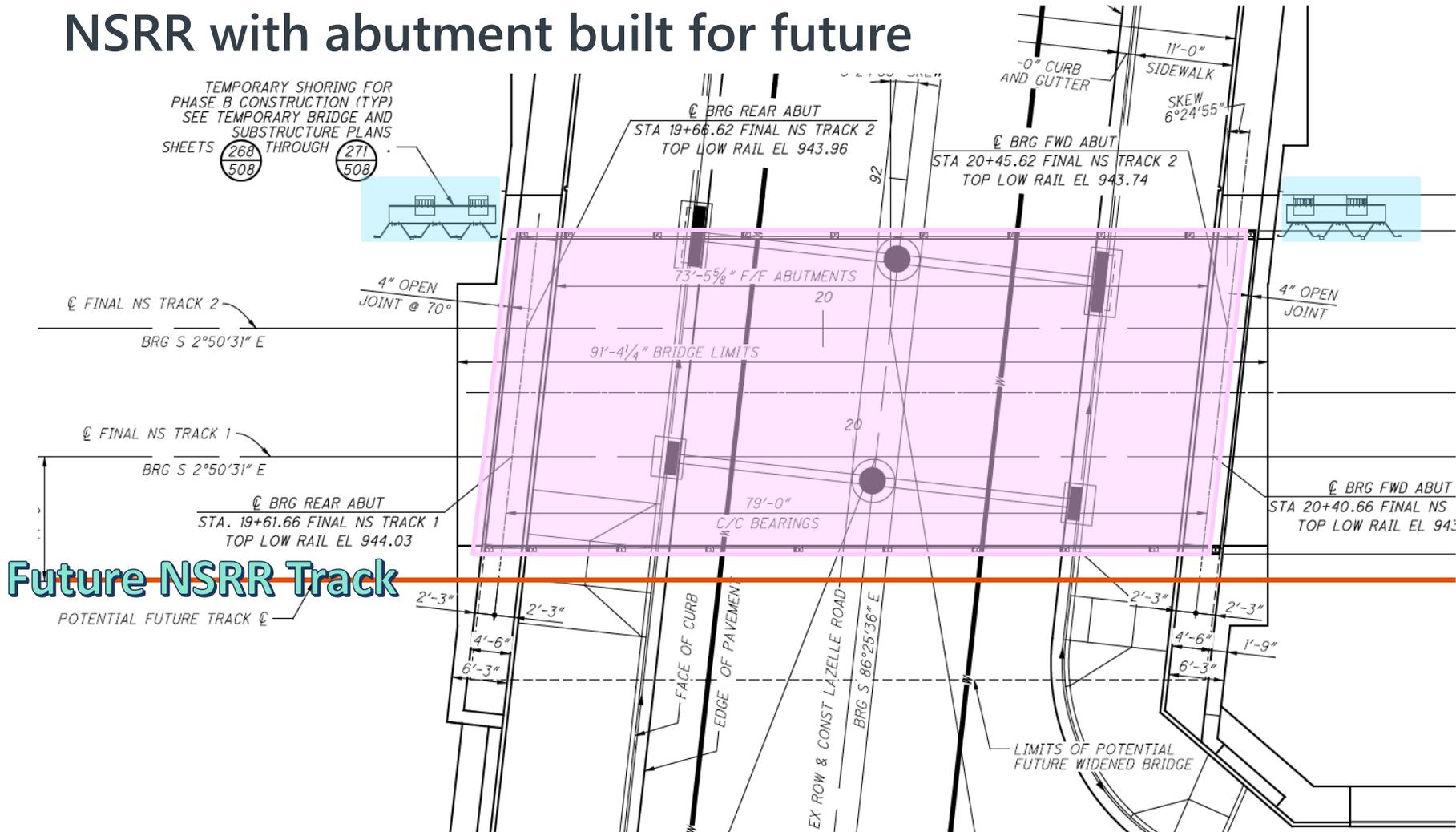
PICTURE: 38'-8" O/O DECK

TEMP NS TRACK 1 STA 20+08.19 =  
 CONST LAZELLE RD STA 92+08.92

10'-0" (MIN)

# NSRR with abutment built for future

TEMPORARY SHORING FOR  
PHASE B CONSTRUCTION (TYP)  
SEE TEMPORARY BRIDGE AND  
SUBSTRUCTURE PLANS  
SHEETS 268 THROUGH 271  
508 508



**Future NSRR Track**

POTENTIAL FUTURE TRACK @



Progress: 5/7/2019



Project Startup

Progress: 5/7/2019



Crossings In, Clearing Done

Progress: 5/22/2019

Median fill at bridge



Progress: 6/07/2019



Shoring Plan Delay (Extra design reviews)

Progress: 6/27/2019



Sheeting and Piles; Drainage Issues

Progress: 7/12/2019



Sheeting Done; cap layout

Progress: 7/12/2019

Sheeting Done; cap layout



Progress: 7/12/2019



Cap Layout – Ready to Drill

**Progress: 8/2/2019**



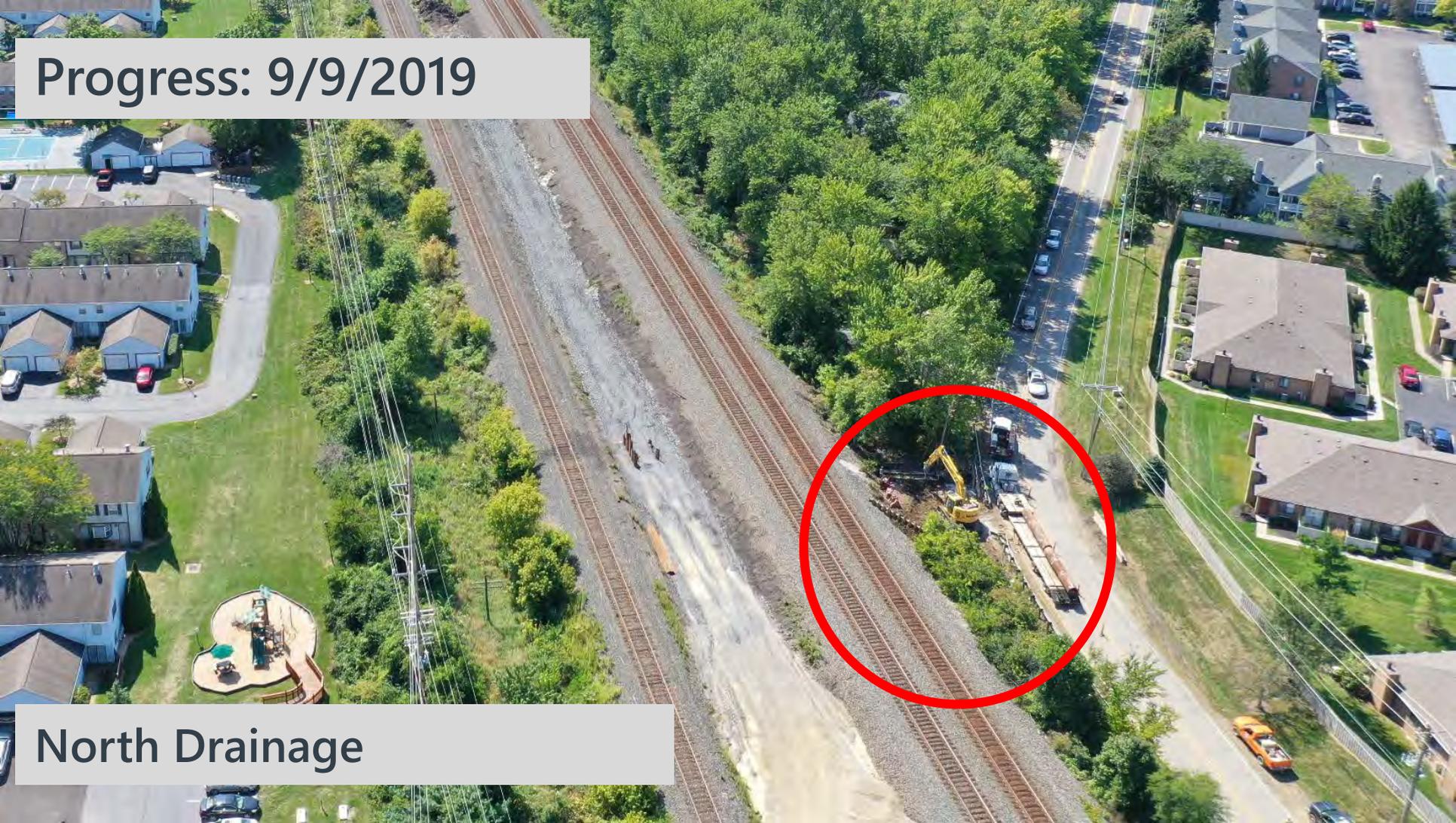
**Phase A: Abutment Shafts Completed**

Progress: 8/2/2019



Phase A: Abutment Shafts Completed

Progress: 9/9/2019



North Drainage

Progress: 9/9/2019



South Drainage

Progress: 9/9/2019

550t & 300t Cranes  
9/10 & 9/11 Girder Placement



Progress: 9/9/2019

Girder Delivery Area

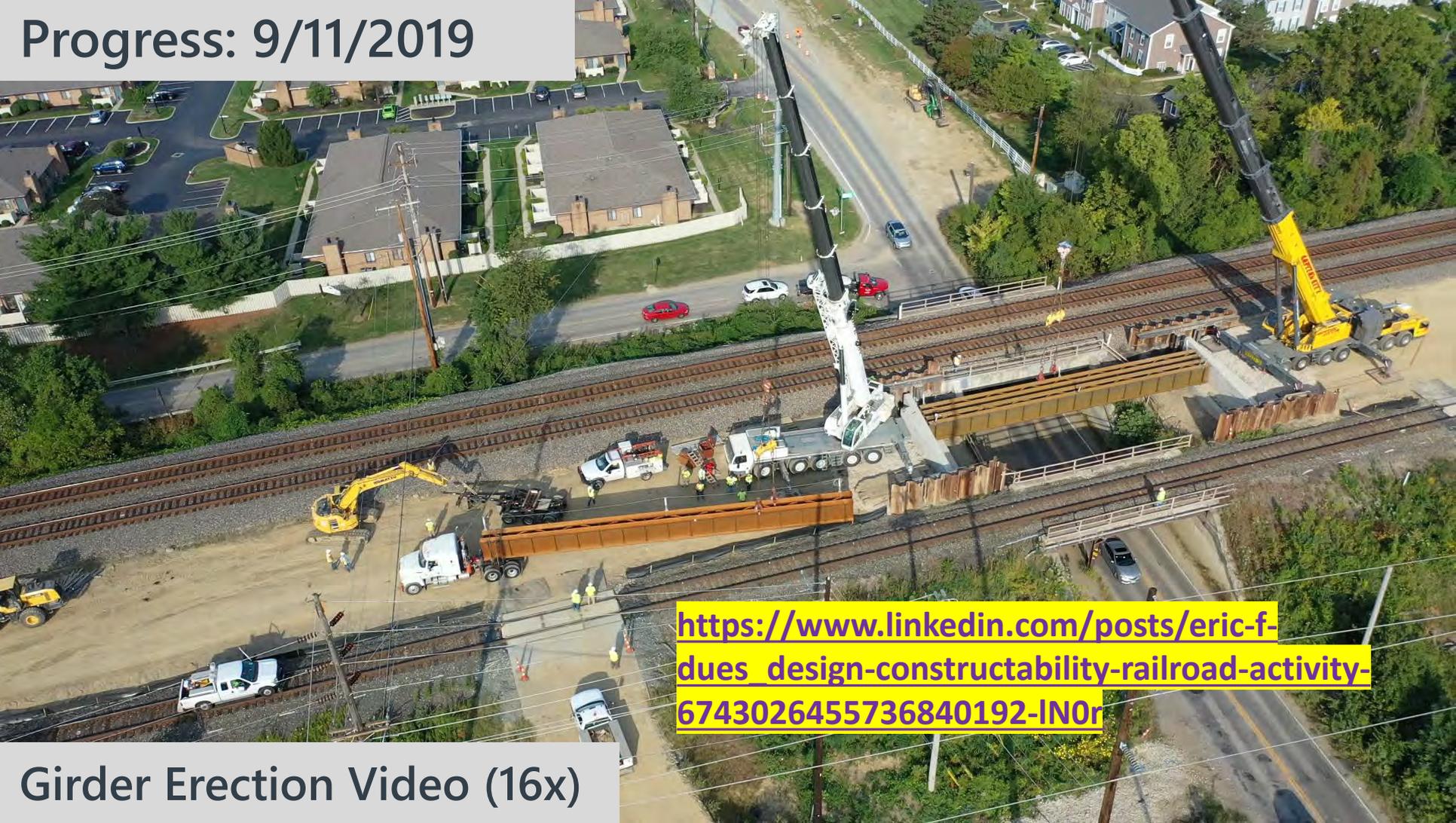


Progress: 9/9/2019



Crane setup in progress

Progress: 9/11/2019



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Girder Erection Video (16x)

Progress: 9/11/2019

Girder Erection Procedure



Progress: 9/11/2019



Girder Erection Procedure

Progress: 9/11/2019



Girder Erection Procedure



**Girder Erection Procedure**

Progress: 10/24/2019



Tracks almost in service

**Progress: 12/13/2019**



**Temp bridge in service: Begin Phase B**

Progress: 12/13/2019



Temp bridge in service - Prep for NSRR Demo

Progress: 4/6/2020



NSRR Superstructure gone

Progress: 4/6/2020



NSRR Superstructure gone

Progress: 4/6/2020



Temp Shoring Phase B Removal (And Force Reversal)

# Progress: 5/7/2020 – Driving Under

What all bridge engineers make their family do when they are “in the area”



Progress: 6/23/2020



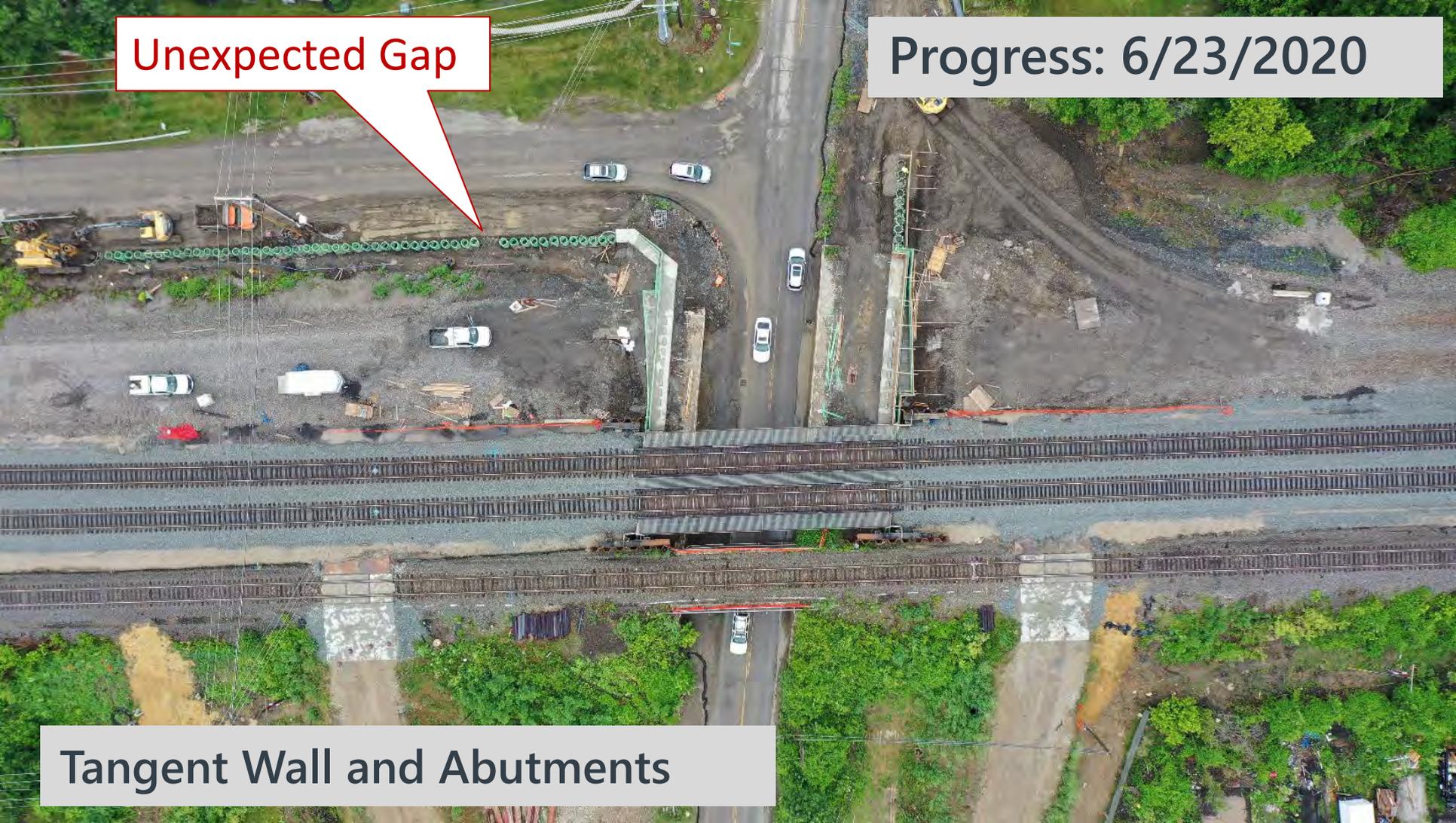
Flint Road  
Wall under  
Construction

Tangent Wall and Abutments

Unexpected Gap

Progress: 6/23/2020

Tangent Wall and Abutments



Progress: 8/20/2020

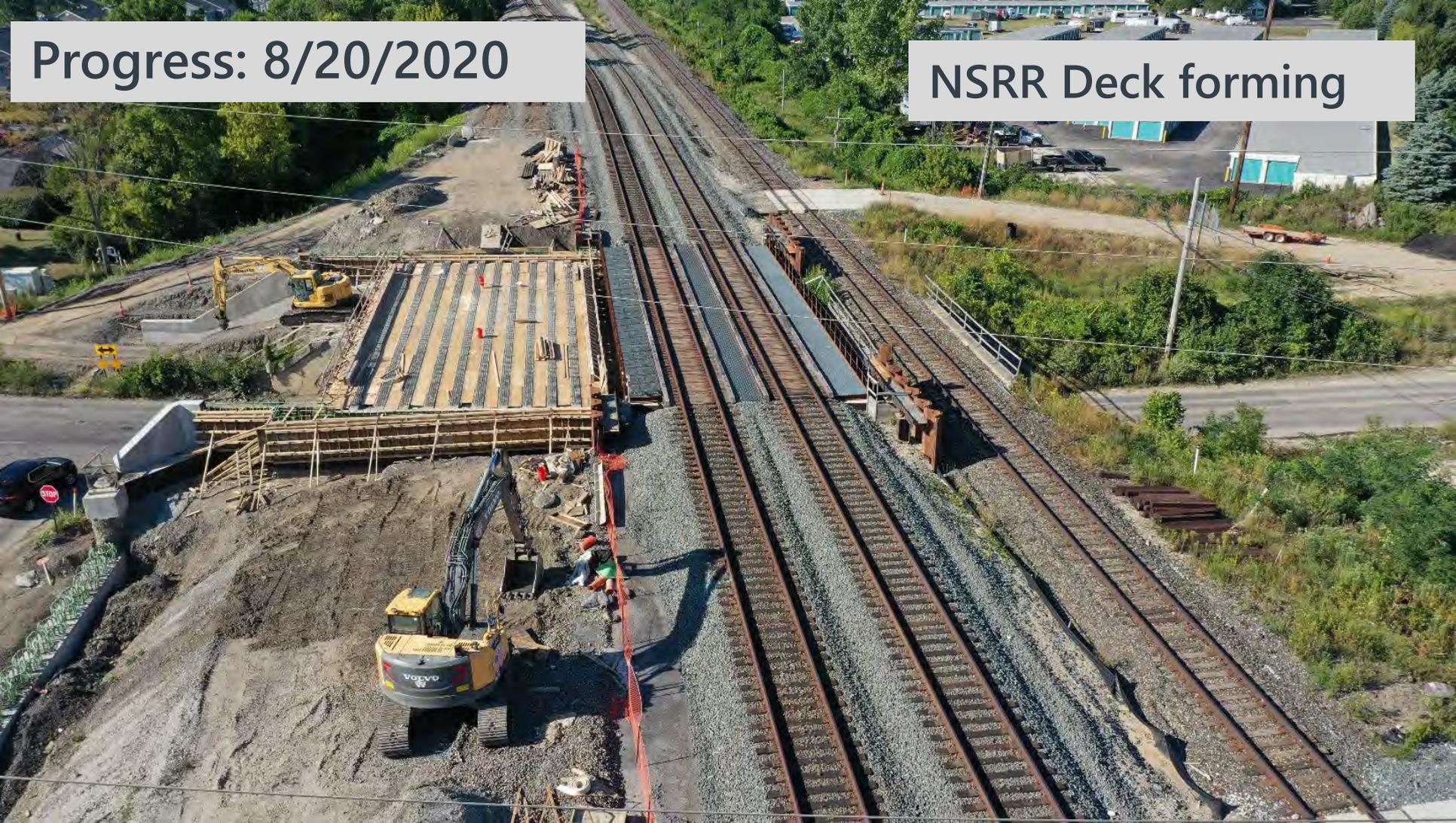
NSRR Deck forming

Closed the Gap!



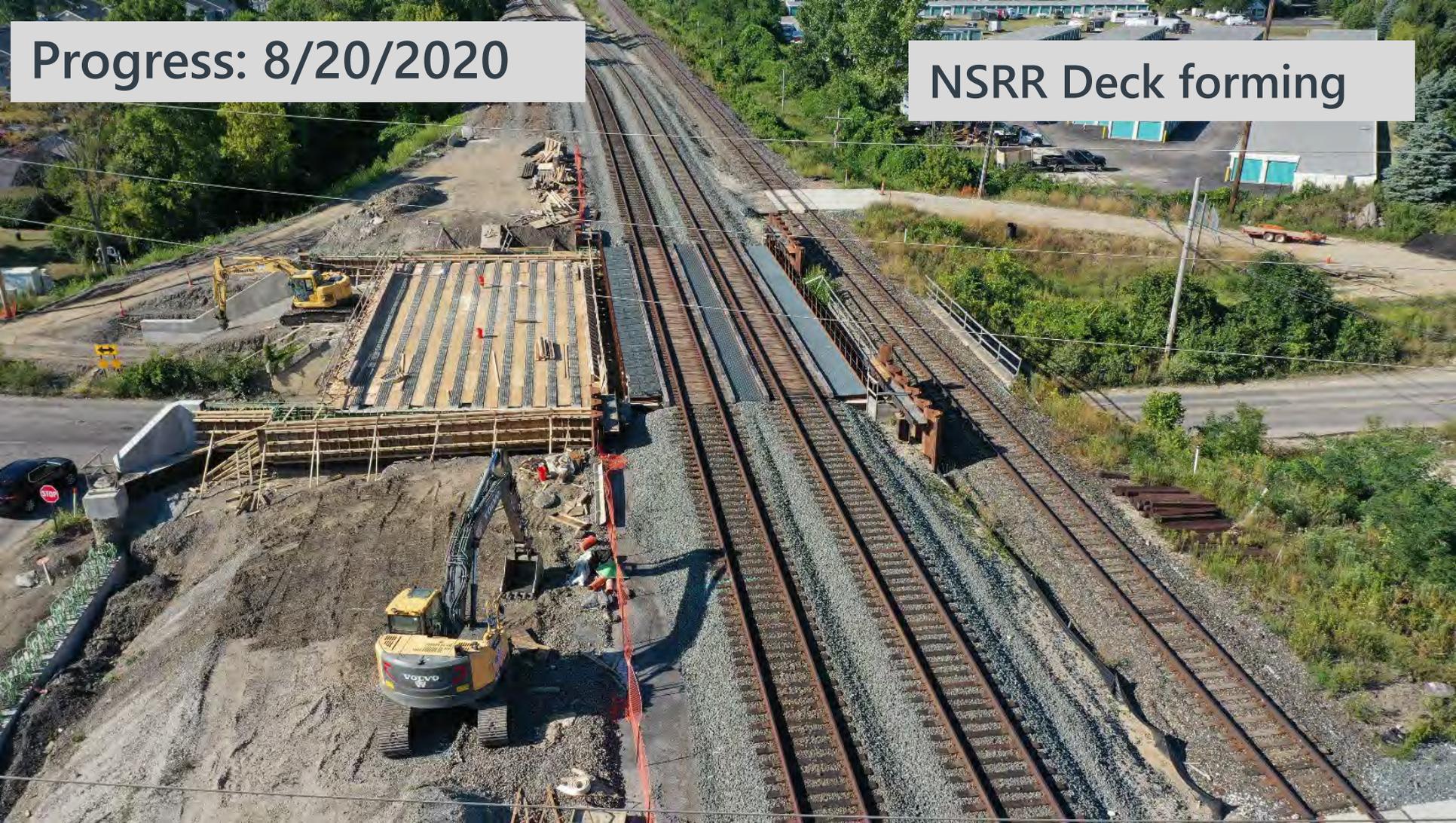
Progress: 8/20/2020

NSRR Deck forming



Progress: 8/20/2020

NSRR Deck forming



Progress: 8/20/2020

NSRR Deck forming



Progress: 10/02/2020

NSRR Deck Before Waterproofing



Progress: 10/02/2020



The wall gap and "square" shafts

Progress: 10/02/2020



Temp Shoring and timber closures still going strong

Progress: 10/12/2020



NSRR Deck Spray Applied Waterproofing

**Progress: 12/9/2020**



**Phase C: Officially Abandoned the original bridges (105 years)**

**Progress: 12/9/2020**

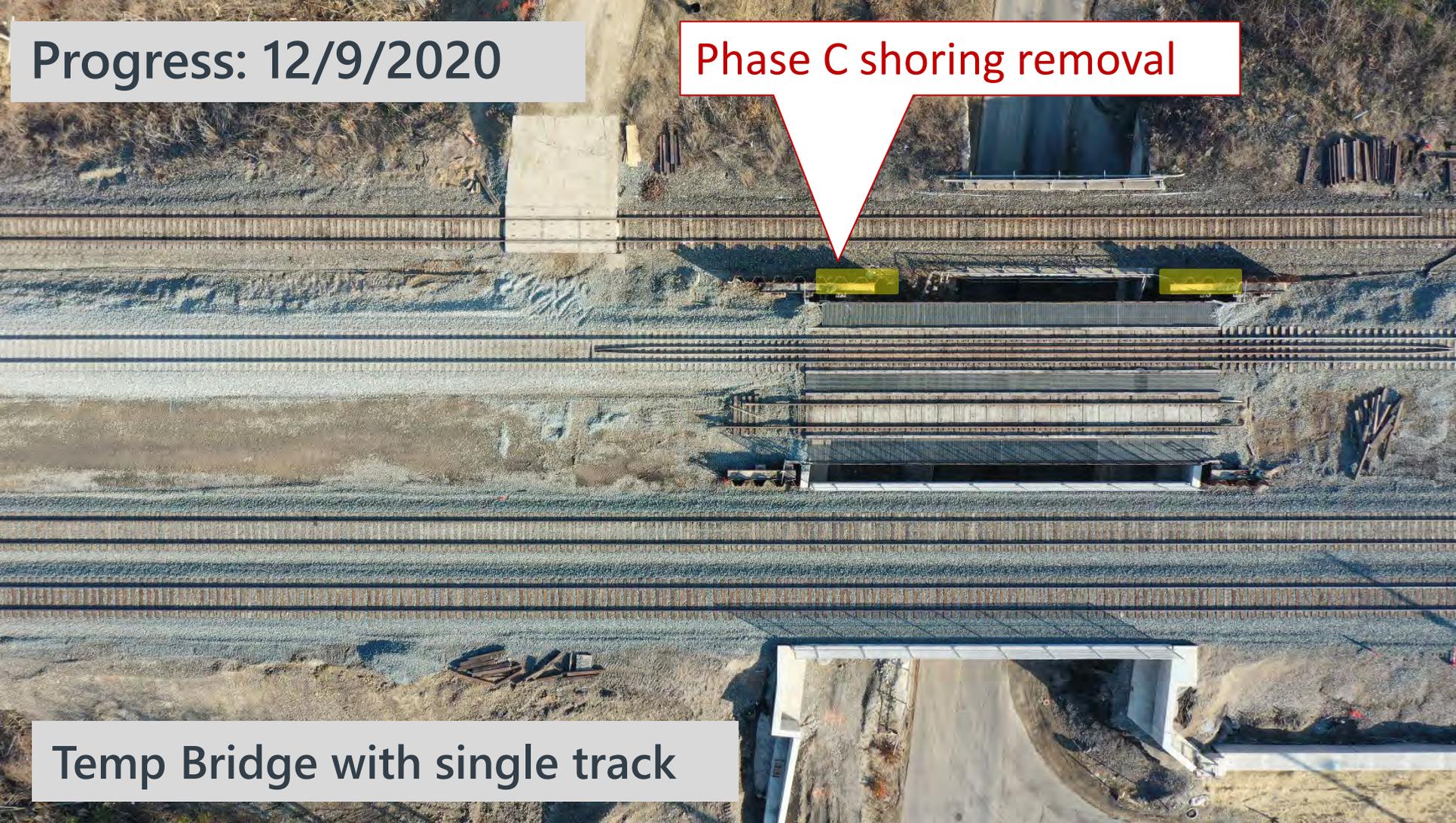
An aerial photograph showing a railway construction project in a residential neighborhood. The image is split vertically by a railway track. On the left side, there are several rows of white, single-story houses with dark roofs, arranged in a neat pattern. A road with parked cars runs alongside the houses. On the right side, there are larger, more modern houses with gabled roofs and multiple windows, also arranged in rows. A road with cars is visible here as well. In the center, a railway track runs north-south. The track is flanked by yellow safety lines and gravel. There are construction materials and equipment visible along the track. The overall scene is a mix of residential development and infrastructure construction.

**Phase C: Officially Abandoned the original bridges (105 years)**

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Phase C shoring removal

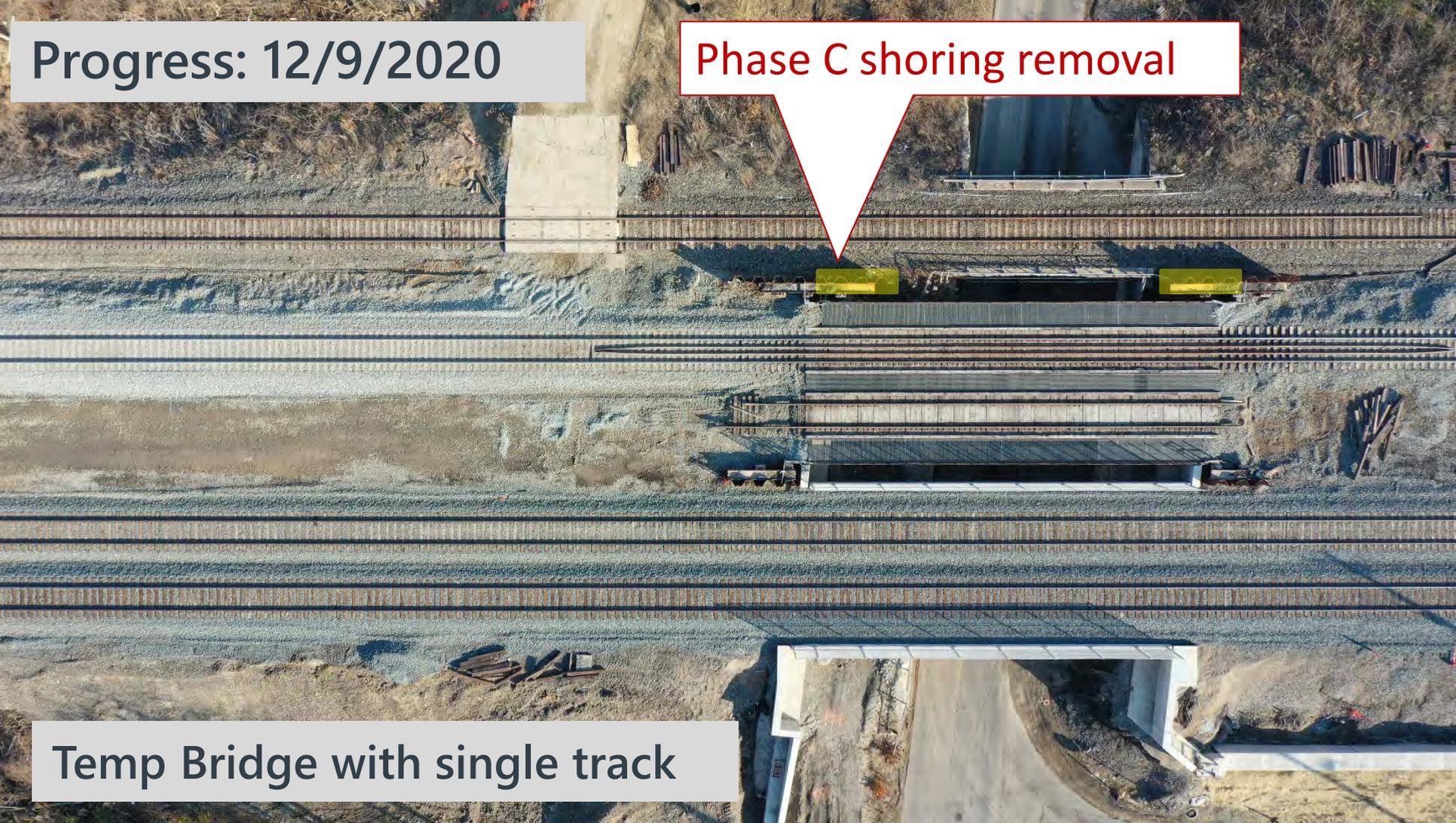
Temp Bridge with single track



Progress: 12/9/2020

Phase C shoring removal

Temp Bridge with single track



**Progress: 12/9/2020**

**Demo Existing**

**Remove  
Temp  
Bridge**

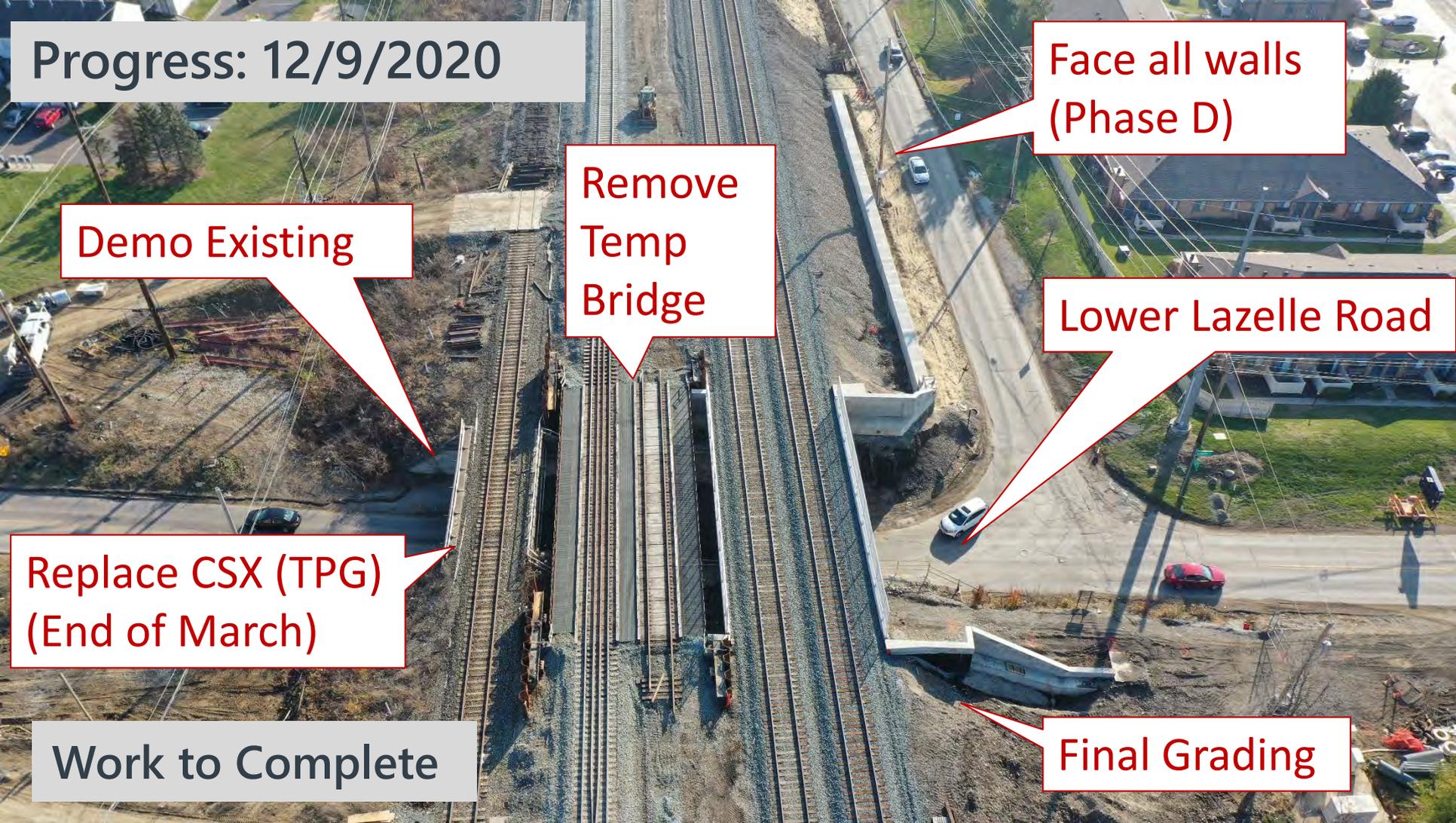
**Face all walls  
(Phase D)**

**Lower Lazelle Road**

**Replace CSX (TPG)  
(End of March)**

**Work to Complete**

**Final Grading**



# A few Lessons (of many)

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- Dual Coordination requires Clear Communications
  - Structures: Public Projects Manuals and Communications
  - Shared Right of Way = Lawyers!
  - Temporary Crossings = Time
  - Multi-Party Right-Of-Way Transactions = Time & Lawyers!
- Rocking Effect
  - Added nominal steel at the end of the plan process
  - Letter Ballot 15-18-27 (Rejected)
  - New (and less extreme) language proposed and ongoing
- Bronze Bearing “Net Area”
  - Nominal dimensional change to bearings at the end of the plan process
  - Letter Ballot No. 15-18-30 (Approved for publication)

# Questions / Comments / Complaints ?

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Progress: 12/9/2020



Current Status