



May 26, 2004

**MEMORANDUM TO TEAM LEADERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**SUBJECT:** Concrete Bridge Barrier Parapet Transitions and Approach Slabs

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Effective with the November 2004 Letting, the Department will begin using a concrete bridge barrier parapet transition at all barrier ends where a three beam guardrail bridge connector is required. For bridges having parallel wing walls (wing walls that are parallel to the centerline of bridge), the transition shall be detailed as shown on the attached drawings. For bridges having straight wing walls (wing walls that are parallel to the centerline of bearing), the transition shall be placed on the end span, using details similar to the details shown on the attached drawing.

To accommodate the barrier parapet transition, approach slabs will be required for all bridges having parallel wing walls. For bridges with straight wing walls, approach slabs shall be detailed when any one of the following conditions exist:

1. The bridge is located on a primary route.
2. The bridge is located on a secondary or county road having a current ADT of 400 VPD or greater.
3. The bridge is located on a secondary or county road with a new approach fill height exceeding 10 feet.

For previously completed plans that do not conform to the requirements of this memorandum, the State Bridge Design Engineer will, on a case-by-case basis, assess the need for revisions.

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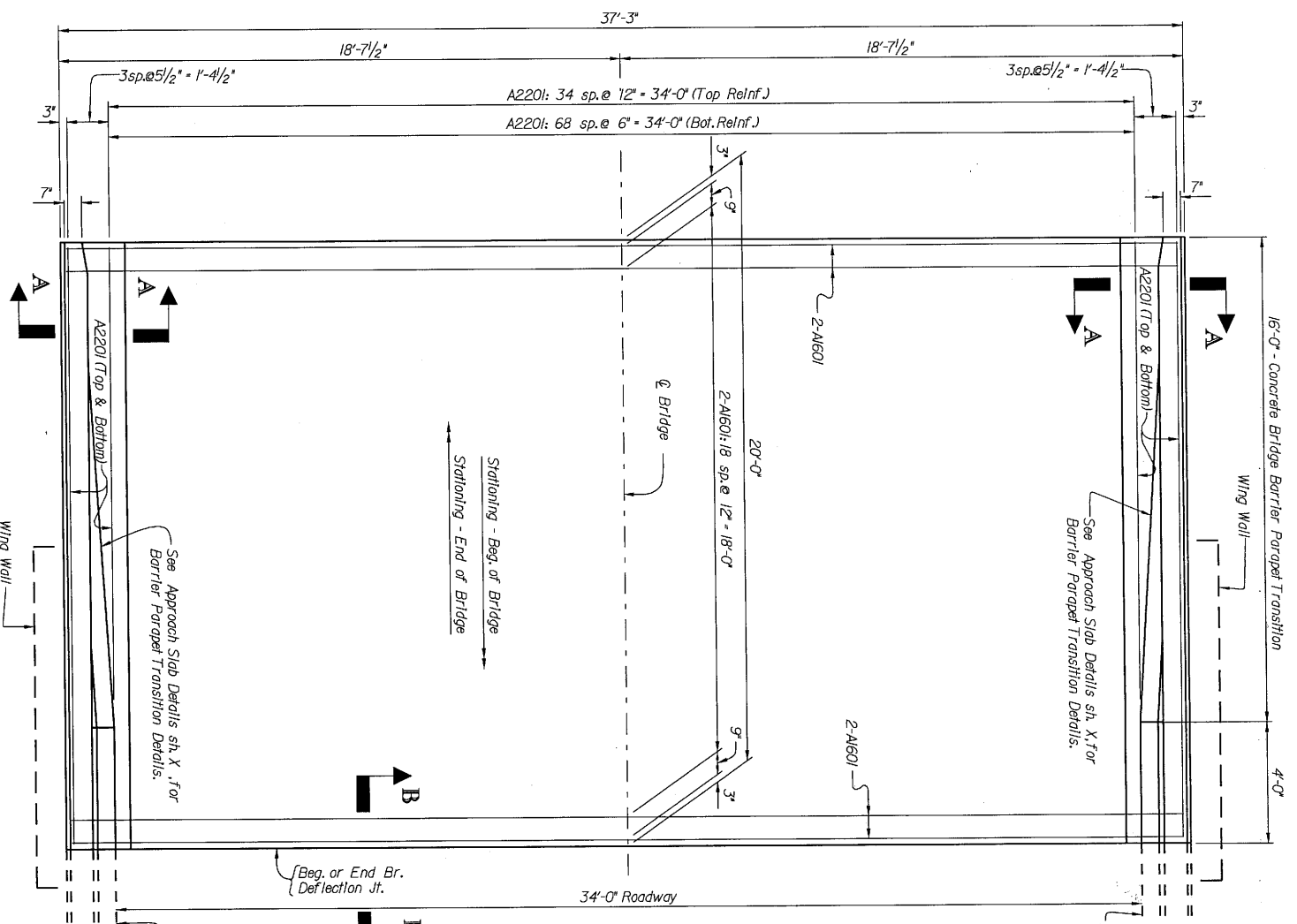
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cc: Assistant State Bridge Design Engineers  
Bridge Construction Engineer  
Road Design Engineer  
FHWA  
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CRM West

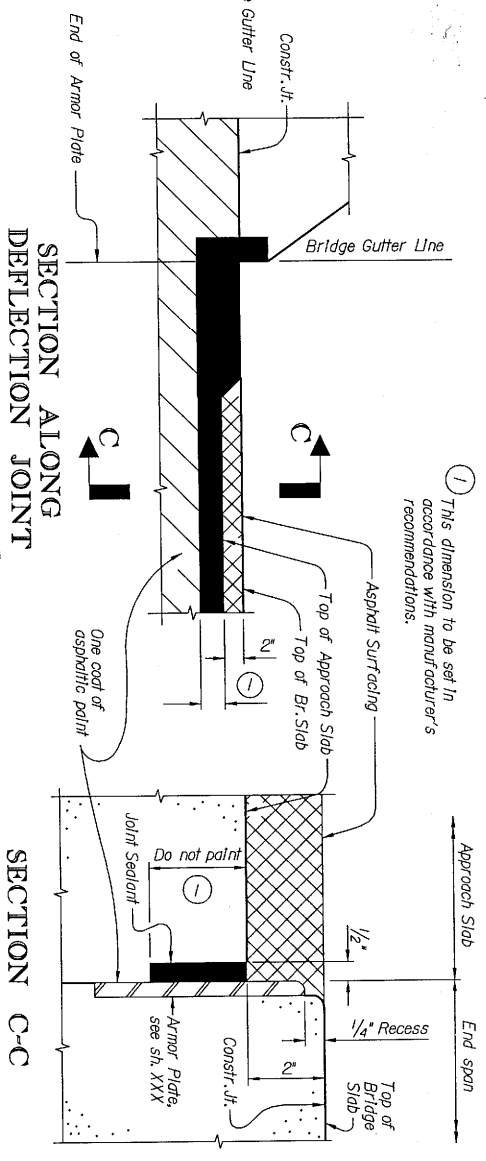
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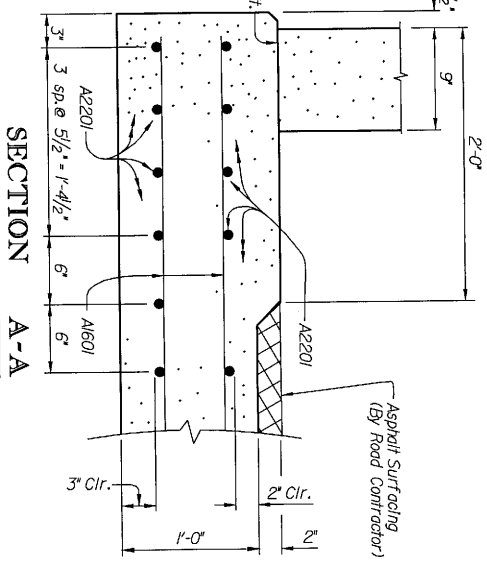


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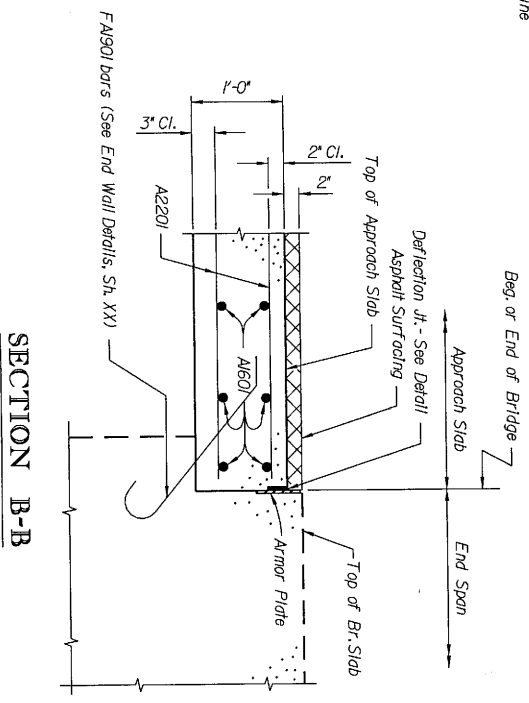


SECTION C-C  
DEFLECTION JOINT DETAIL

Deflection Joint may be formed or saw cut. One coat of asphaltic paint shall be applied to the joint to prevent bonding of end span and approach slab concrete. An alternate method of preventing bonding may be used if desired by the Contractor. Asphaltic paint or alternate method shall be approved by the Resident Construction Engineer. Joint sealant shall be a cold applied bridge joint sealant meeting the requirements of Subsection 702.03H of the Standard Specifications. All costs for furnishing and installing cold applied joint sealant shall be included in the unit price bid for Concrete Structures - Class 4000.



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B

| REINFORCING STEEL SCHEDULE |     | DIMENSION |       | LENGTH  |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------|-------|---------|
| MARK                       | NO. | " a "     | " b " | " d "   |
| A1601                      | 42  | 36'-11"   |       | 36'-11" |
| A1602                      | 12  | 19'-8"    |       | 19'-8"  |
| A1603                      | 2   | 16'-0"    |       | 16'-0"  |
| A2201                      | 116 | 19'-8"    |       | 19'-8"  |
| C1601                      | 42  | 2'-3"     | 10'   | 3'-1"   |
| L 1601                     | 88  | 10'       | 3'-4" | 7'-11"  |
| U1601                      | 2   | 2'-0"     | 5'    | 4'-3"   |

| ITEM                       | UNIT | ONE APPR. SLAB |
|----------------------------|------|----------------|
| Concrete, Class 4000       | CY.  | 281            |
| Reinforcing Steel          | LBS. | 7430           |
| Barrier Parapet Transition | EA   | 2              |

Notes:  
 Fill under approach slab shall be thoroughly compacted in accordance with paragraph 208.02 of the Standard Specifications and graded to a uniform surface 1/2" below finished surface of roadway. Bottom reinforcing steel shall be supported by concrete block or similar material, so as to provide a minimum concrete cover of 3" below bottom reinforcing steel.  
 Approach slab shall be constructed to the grades and elevations shown on the Bridge Plan & Profile Sheet, and approach slabs shall be constructed to the same crown and bridge roadway.  
 C.H.C.U. Bolsters shall be spaced so as to provide adequate support for top reinforcing steel and spaced approximately 2'-6" on center, parallel to center line of approach slab. Weights of bar supports are not included in the reinforcing steel quantities. Bar supports shall be considered incidental to the reinforcing steel and all costs for furnishing and placing bar supports shall be included in the unit price bid for Reinforcing Steel.  
 All costs of materials, equipment and labor necessary to compact the fill beneath the approach slab to not less than 95% of maximum density using suitable construction procedure shall be included in the unit price bid for Concrete Structures - Class 4000.

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**APPROACH SLABS  
(34'-0" ROADWAY)**

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| REV.     | JAR JP          | 4/84 |  |
| REV.     | Barrier Parapet |      |  |
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