# Colorado Department of Transportation Staff Bridge Bridge Detail Manual

Chapter: 11

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#### **Abutment Details**

## 11.1 Purpose

These drawings are to present graphically all pertinent information necessary in the field construction of this segment of the structure.

## 11.2 Responsibility

These drawings shall be prepared and checked in the design unit. The graphic presentation of information on these drawings shall be the responsibility of the individual preparing the drawings.

#### 11.3 Scales

Scales shall be used that are suitable to make the details legible when the drawing is reduced. Suggested scales for presenting the details of the abutment are as follows:

- A) Plan and Elevations 1"=10', 1"=20', 1"=30'.
- B) Sections and details 1/8"=1'-0", 1/4" = 1'-0", 1/2"=1'-0", 3/4"=1'-0", etc.
- C) The Elevation of an opposite hand detail may be drawn to a smaller scale.

#### 11.4 Orientation of Details

The PLAN of the abutment shall be placed, if possible, at upper left of the drawing, with the back face of the abutment toward the top of the sheet.

The ELEVATION of the abutment shall be projected below the PLAN. The ELEVATION view of Abutment 1 shall be shown as looking back station. When possible, the abutment TYPICAL SECTION shall be placed to the right of the abutment PLAN and ELEVATION. If space is limited, sections or auxiliary views may be shown on another sheet. Wingwall details shall be shown on another sheet.

# 11.5 Opposite Hand Details

The reference to "opposite hand" or reverse details shall be avoided. Two preferred methods are as follows:

- A) Redetail opposite hand abutment.
- B) Detail the ELEVATION of the opposite hand abutment to a smaller scale.

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# 11.6 Wingwall Length (U-Type)

The detailer shall check the elevation at the bottom of the footing and the wingwall length to ensure that it meets the criteria outlined in the ELEVATION view of Figure 11.6-1.

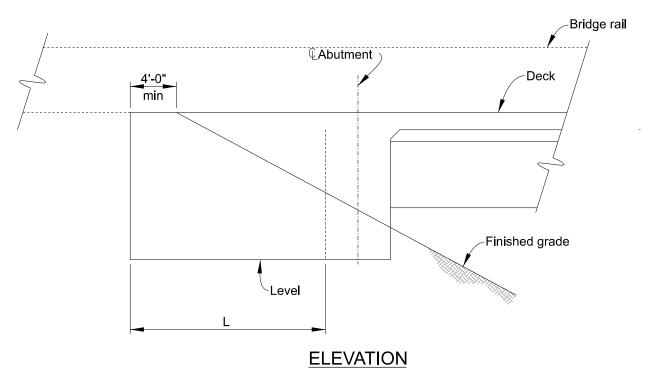


Fig. 11.6-1 Wingwall Elevation

If the standard wingwall length becomes too long to match grading requirements, separate retaining walls can be used to increase the overall length. The wingwall to retaining wall interface should be detailed appropriately to account for wingwall movement and soil retention. Shiplaps as shown in Fig. 11.6-2 are not required.

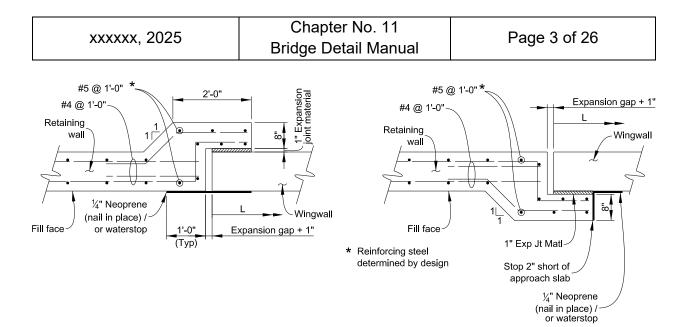


Fig. 11.6-2 Wingwall to Retaining Wall Connection Shiplap Examples

# 11.7 Wingwall Designation

Wingwalls shall be designated with abutment number and as right and left, ie.e.g. Wingwall A1 right, Wingwall A17 left, etc. Right and left sides are determined by looking in the direction of increasing milepost from the centerline of bearing on Abutment 1. See figures 1.13-1 and 11.7-1 for more information.

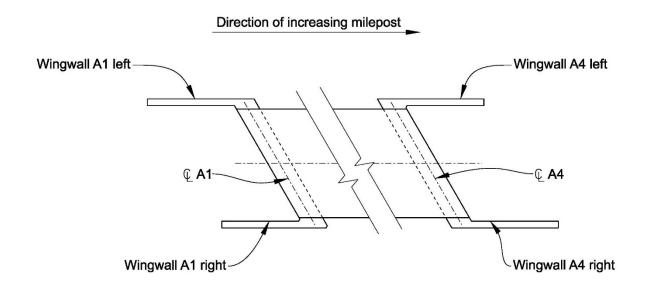


Fig. 11.7-1 Wingwall Designation Example

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## 11.8 Size of Bearing Seat

The bearing seat is the shelf on the face of a bridge abutment that supports the end of the span. To avoid spalling of the concrete surface from heavy loads, the edge of the masonry plate or bearing/leveling pad shall be no closer than 3 inches to the a vertical face of the concrete bearing seat.

Because it is important to maintain, as nearly as possible, 2 inches clear from the bearing seat to the reinforcing steel, the cap between bearing seats should be sloped rather than stepped.

For CBT and steel girders (narrower girders), the leveling pad / bearing is typically perpendicular to the centerline of the girder. For box, slab and tub girders (wider girders), the leveling pad is typically parallel to the centerline of the abutment / pier. This is to reduce skew effects.

Figure 11.8-1 shows the sloped cap and minimum clearances around bearing plates for skewed bridges.

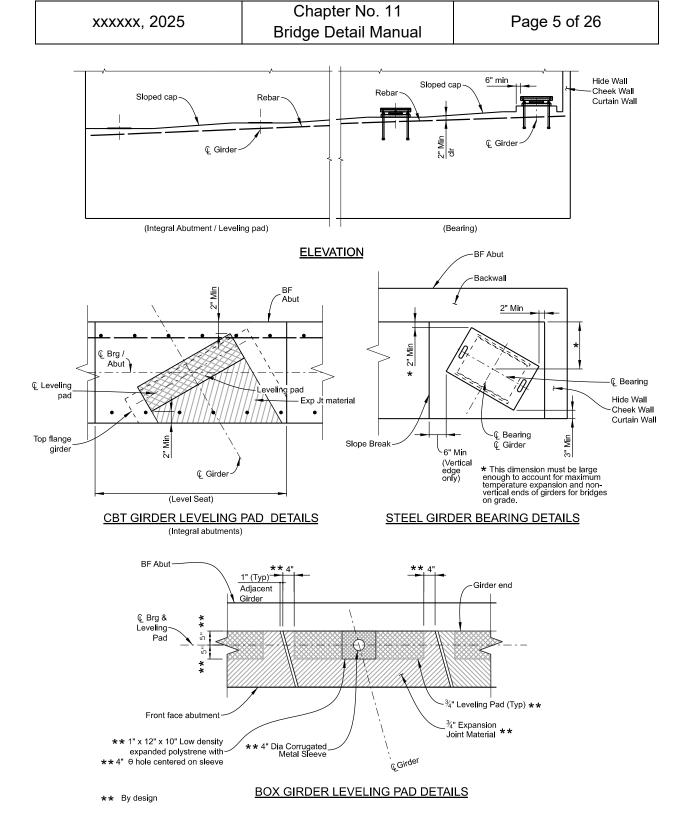


Fig. 11.8-1 Bearing Seat Details

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#### 11.9 Horizontal Control Line

The horizontal control line shall be shown on the PLAN and labeled consistently with the plans. Example: "HCL", "Survey Line," "Project Line," etc.

## 11.10 Layout Line

For structures on tangent, the layout line and the horizontal control line will coincide.

For structures located on a curve, the layout line shall be shown on the PLAN and labeled consistently with the plans. Example: "Tangent from TS Sta 31+41.08," "Chord from POC Sta 38+41.00 to PT Sta 39+78.00," "Tangent from POC Sta 382+10.00," etc.

## 11.11 Stationing

A station shall be placed at the intersection of the horizontal control line with the centerline of bearings.

All stations on the "Abutment Details" shall be given to two decimal places.

The direction of stationing shall be indicated on the plan view as "Station Ahead."

#### 11.12 Centerlines

Centerlines shall be identified and shown as discussed in the following sections:

- A) Location Centerlines shall be shown at the following locations, when applicable:
  - 1) Plan View
    - a) Centerline of all girders
    - b) Centerline of bearings
    - c) Centerline of roadway
    - d) Typical centerline of anchor bolts or bearing pads.
  - 2) Section through Abutment
    - a) Centerline of bearings
    - b) Identification The centerlines shown on the abutment details shall be identified in the following ways:
      - i) Centerline of Girder A circle containing the girder letter is placed at the end of each outside girder centerline, as shown in the PLAN views of the abutments in the graphic examples. If the bridge is a simple multi-span bridge, a circle containing the span number and girder letter is preferred, ie. 1A, 2D, 3C, etc. For continuous or single span bridges, a circle

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- containing only the girder letter shall be used. These girder letters shall correspond to those shown on the "Construction Layout."
- ii) Other Centerlines When it is applicable to identify some of the other centerlines, it should be done by using their particular names. Example: Centerline Bearings, Centerline Anchor Bolts, etc.

#### 11.13 Elevations

All elevations shown on the "Abutment Details" shall be to two decimal places. Example: Elev 47.25, except bottom of footings, which shall be to one decimal place. Example: Elev 4647.3.

- A) Location Elevations shall be shown on the ELEVATION view of the abutment at the following locations, when applicable:
  - 1) Top of bearing seats, except cast-in-place girder.
  - 2) Bottom of abutment footing, bottom of wingwalls, and bottom of retaining wall footings, note if level. Except in extreme situations, the height of abutments and wingwalls shall be constant.

#### 11.14 Dimensions

A sufficient number of dimensions shall be shown on the details to provide adequate information necessary in the checking of the plans and the construction of the abutment.

For clarification a work point may be accentuated by a small circle with a line extended through the work point or points.

All dimensions shall be given in feet and inches (to the nearest 1/8 inch) except as noted.

#### A) Plan of Abutment

- 1) For structures on a curve, a reference shall be made to the intersection of the Layout Line and the centerline of abutment bearings. Example: "538.12' back on tangent from TS Sta 31+41.08," "143.69' ahead on tangent from POC Sta 382+10.00," etc.
- Outside of deck to outside of deck, along centerline of bearings.
- 3) Horizontal Control Line to outside of deck, along centerline of bearings, for structures on tangent alignment.
- 4) Layout Line to outside of deck, along centerline of bearings, for structures located on a curve.

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- 5) Horizontal Control Line to centerline of the adjacent nearest girders, along centerline of bearings for structures on tangent alignment (nearest thousandth of a footfeet and inches.)
- 6) Layout Line to centerline of adjacent nearest girders, along centerline of bearings, for structures located on a curve (nearest thousandth of a footfeet and inches).
- 7) Centerline of girder to centerline of girder, along centerline of bearings (nearest thousandth of a foot for steel girders and nearest hundredth of a foot for concrete girdersfeet and inches).
- 8) Layout Line to Horizontal Control Line, along centerline of bearings, for structures located on a curve (nearest hundredth of a foot).
- 9) Structures which are skewed or structures located on a curve, show the wingwall offset from outside of bridge deck at centerline of bearings to outside of bridge deck at the end of wingwalls, parallel to centerline of bearings.
- 10) Locate abutment stirrups and give the spacing, along the centerline of bearings.
- 11) Centerline of girder to centerline of anchor bolts, measured normal to the centerline of girder.
- 12) Typical bearing seat width.
- 13) Centerline of utility blockout to centerline of nearest girder and width of blockout, measured normal to the centerline of blockout. (Note: Utility blockouts are not used for future utilities)
- 14) Length of wingwalls from centerline of bearing to end of wingwall, along outside of deck.
- 15) Hidewall width.
- B) Elevation of Abutment
  - 1) Bearing seat to centerline of utility blockout.
- C) Typical Section Through Abutment
  - 1) Projection of piling into the concrete.
  - 2) The vertical distance, from the top of concrete deck to the bearing seat measured at the centerline of girder and centerline of bearings (to the nearest 1/16 inch).

Slab, haunch, bearing device, and cast-in-place girders shall be measured vertically.

Welded plate girders, wide flange girders, and precast girders, shall be measured normal to the girder.

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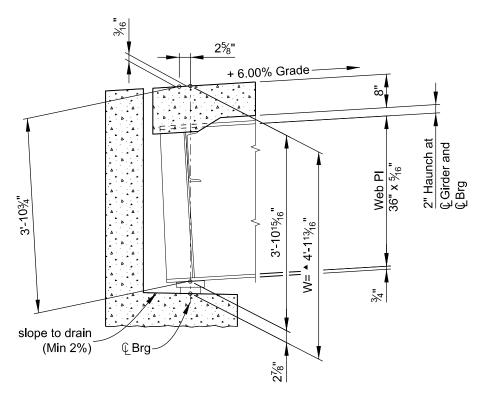
In some instances, the roadway grade may be severe enough to make a difference in the vertical dimension. If this difference is equal to or greater than 1/16 inch, it shall be included in the dimension.

An example of the preceding statements is shown in Figure 11.14-1.

When using elastomeric bearing pads which are greater than 1-1/2 inch, the designer shall calculate the vertical adjustment for dead load, which shall be reflected in the dimension W.

The following note is required if the compression of the pad is 1/8 inch or larger:

▲ "Dimension reflects 1/8 inch compression of the elastomeric bearing pad due to dead load deflection."



▲ Dimension reflects ½ inch compression of the elastomeric bearing pad due to dead load deflection

(other required details not shown for clarity)

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Fig. 11.14-1 Dimensions with Bridge On Severe Grade

- 3) Width and depth of notch for approach slab
- 4) Abutment with constant width
  - a) Back face of abutment to centerline of bearing
  - b) Centerline of bearing to front face of abutment
  - c) Back face of abutment to front face of abutment
- 5) Abutment with spread footing
  - a) Back of footing to back face of abutment
  - b) Back face of abutment to front face of parapet
  - c) Front face of parapet to centerline of bearing
  - d) Centerline of bearing to front face of abutment
  - e) Front face of abutment to front face of footing
  - f) Footing width
  - g) Footing thickness
- 6) Minimum footing cover
- 7) Minimum berm width
- 8) Clearance to bottom reinforcing steel
- D) Wingwall Details
  - 1) End of wingwall to centerline of abutment bearings along outside edge of deck
  - 2) Width of curb or concrete bridge rail
  - 3) Width of wingwall
  - 4) Width of deck cantilever
  - 5) Thickness of slab at outside of deck
  - 6) Fillet dimension at the acute wingwall of abutments where the skew angle is less than 70°
  - Dimension from the end of wingwall to the intersection of slope; "4'-0" (Min)" generally
  - 8) Clearance to bottom reinforcing steel

# **11.15 Angles**

The following angles shall be shown to the nearest second in the PLAN view of the abutment, when applicable:

- A) Skew angle (nearest second)
- B) Angles that the girders generate with the centerline for abutment bearings, if they are different than the skew angle (nearest minute)

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C) Angles that the wingwalls generates with the centerline of abutment bearings, if they are different than the skew angle (nearest minute)

#### 11.16 Anchor Bolts

When applicable, anchor bolts shall be shown in the PLAN of the abutment or in a separate detail. The skew angle shall be shown to the nearest minute. See anchor bolt note.

## 11.17 Leveling Pads

Leveling pads are plain elastomeric pads used for locked-in-girder at integral substructures and will require an additional, enlarged detail showing the location of the leveling pad and the limits of the expansion joint material around it. The skew angle shall be shown to the nearest minute. For additional information, see the CDOT Bridge Design Manual Section 14.5.7.

## **11.18 Piling**

When applicable, piling shall be shown, but not dimensioned, in the PLAN, ELEVATION, and SECTION of the abutment.

### 11.19 Reinforced Concrete Details

The reinforced concrete details shall be made in accordance with the design notes and current standard practice. Wingwalls will generally be designed in accordance with the CDOT Bridge Design Manual Section 11.3.6.

As much of the reinforcing as possible should be called out in section and details shown to clearly indicate the location of the individual bars as required in the other views. It should be clear where the first bar starts and the last bar ends. The length of embedment or projection for dowels, and rebar splice lengths shall be determined by the designer and shown on the plans. All stirrups should be made the same length, making splices in legs over length.

All reinforcing steel in the abutment and wingwalls shall be epoxy coated, with the exception of reinforcing steel which is entirely within a spread footing. This steel may be non epoxy-coated and so indicated with the symbol (N).

The statements listed below are to be followed when applicable:

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A) Fit and clearance of reinforcing shall be carefully checked by calculations, large scale drawings, or other accurate means. Allowance should be made for the deformations (ridges) on the reinforcing steel.

Some of the common areas of interference are:

- 1) Slab reinforcing and abutment reinforcing
- 2) Wingwall reinforcing and abutment reinforcing
- 3) Wingwall reinforcing and girders, for structures with skews less than 70°

Skews will tend to aggravate problems of reinforcing fitting.

- B) Utility blockouts shall be shown and located in the PLAN and ELEVATION views of the abutment. An additional detail, showing the #5 stirrups spaced 6 inches clear of the back face and 4 inches clear of the front face will be required. For additional information, see the CDOT Bridge Design Manual Section 2.8.
- C) On wingwall details "inside face" and "outside face" are preferred over "NF", "FF" when calling out reinforcing.

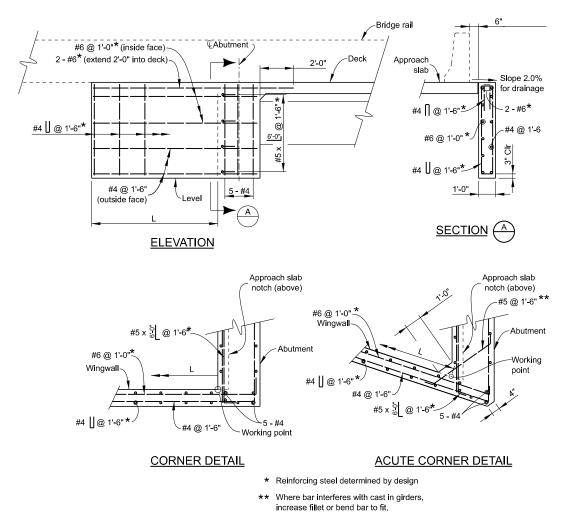


Fig. 11.19-1 Wingwall Reinforcing Example

Refer to the appropriate section of Chapter 4 for additional information concerning bar clearances, spacing, splicing, embedment, projections, etc.

#### 11.20 Miscellaneous Concrete Details

The following details shall be shown on the drawing when applicable:

- A) The footings shall be shown in the PLAN, ELEVATION, and SECTION views of the abutment.
- B) Approach slabs will be required on all vehicular bridges, except bridges with GRS abutments that do not have an expansion device. The approach slab shall be anchored to the abutment and details shown accordingly. Approach slab notches shall be provided on all abutments, even if an approach slab will not be placed

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with the original construction. Check to see that there is adequate (2" Min) concrete cover between the notch for the approach slab and the end of girders, this problem is aggravated by the skew and the roadway grade. If a problem does occur, it can usually be solved by adding a corbel to the back face of the abutment.

- C) Sidewalks shall be continued beyond the abutments to the ends of wingwalls.
- A Barrier should be used between wingwalls and retaining walls to retain soil or water per project requirements.
- E) Avoid expansion devices when possible. If an expansion device is required it shall be designed between the end of the approach slab and the roadway approach, not at the abutment. For additional information, see Staff Bridge Structural Worksheet set B-518.
- F) The division of concrete classes shall be shown on the TYPICAL SECTION and on the wingwall retaining wall ELEVATION. If the division is shown on the wingwall section a note will be required to better define where this change occurs. "Construction joint is at the exterior bearing seat elevation."

#### 11.21 Check Items

Listed below is a summary of items that shall be checked and appear on the drawing, when applicable. Additional information shall appear, as required.

- A) Project number in proper location
- B) Horizontal Control Line, in the PLAN view
- C) Layout Line, in the PLAN view
- D) Stationing
- E) Location and identification of centerlines
- F) Elevations
- G) All necessary dimensions
- H) Skew angle of bridge and other pertinent angles
- Anchor Bolts or Leveling Pads
- J) Show footings in the PLAN view as well as in the ELEVATION and SECTION
- K) Check all intersecting planes of reinforcing steel for the proper clearances
- L) Check expansion device to insure that it fits properly at the abutment
- M) Check bearing plates, anchor bolts, and girders to insure that they fit properly at the abutment (See Figures 11.8-1 and 11.14-1)
- N) Title PLAN, ELEVATION, and SECTIONS in accordance with their particular conditions

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- O) Label back face abutments in the PLAN and TYPICAL SECTION
- P) Label centerline of bearings
- Q) Check for typical notes
- R) Check title block for information
- S) Splice Lengths
- T) Lighting (as applicable)
- U) 3/4" Chamfers
- V) Show the substructure / superstructure quantity delineation (one time minimum)
- W) Notch for approach slab

#### 11.22 Title Block

This drawing is titled "ABUTMENT DETAILS" and shall be so indicated in the title block. The abutment numbers shall be included in the title, such as "ABUTMENT 1 AND 3 DETAILS."

If other details are combined on this drawing, they shall be indicated in the title. Example: If the "Pier Details" are placed on this drawing with the "Abutment Details," the title shall be "ABUTMENT 1 AND 3 DETAILS - PIER 2 DETAIL."

The structure numbers and the first initial and last name of the designer and detailer shall be filled in on each sheet.

The following notes shall appear on the drawing when applicable:

# 11.23 Typical Notes

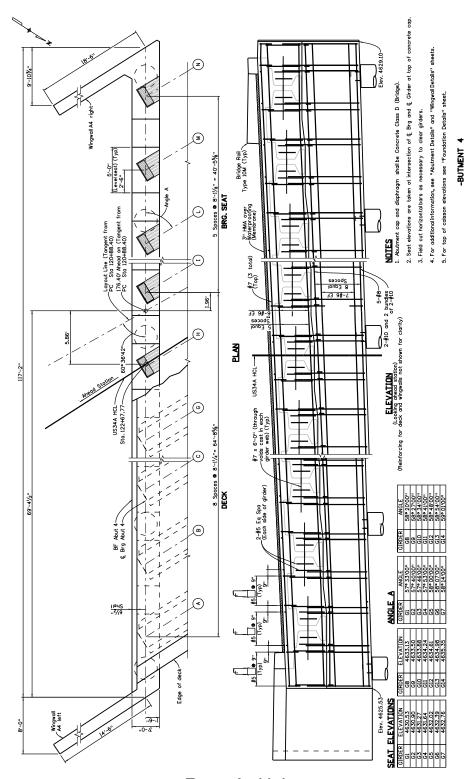
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A)	Utility Blockout Note - "CenterlineXBlockout. Cut
	longitudinal reinforcing and move stirrups to clear."
B)	Anchor Bolt Note - "Anchor Bolt" Ø X Long
	(Project")"
C)	Abutments with expansion devices - "Concrete above the construction joint shall
	be placed after the slab has been poured. Top of abutment backwall to match
	slope and grade of the roadway.
	For details of expansion device, see Dwg No B"
D)	Abutment with elastomeric bearing pads greater than 1 1/2" - "Dimension reflects
	, compression of the elastomeric bearing pad due to dead load deflection."
E)	Cast-in-place Post Tensioned Bridges "Slope paving in front of abutments to be

F) Precast girders

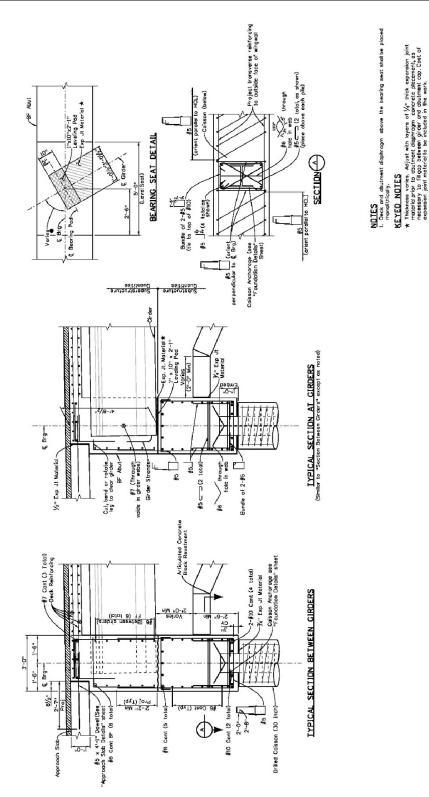
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	1) "4" Fillet (Typ betwee	"4" Fillet (Typ between girders)"			
	2) "Field bend or cut reinforcing to provide 2" Clr at bearing seats"				
	3) "Slab and portion of abutment above bearing seat to be poured monolithically"				
G) Wingwall Details					
	1) "For details and reinfo	) "For details and reinforcing of Bridge Rail Type , see Dwg No B "			
	2) "Match cantilever"	) "Match cantilever"			
	3) "Construction joint is at the exterior bearing seat elevation"				
H) When a detail is shown on another sheet a note referencing to the sheet should be					
given					
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	2) "For bearing details,	•			
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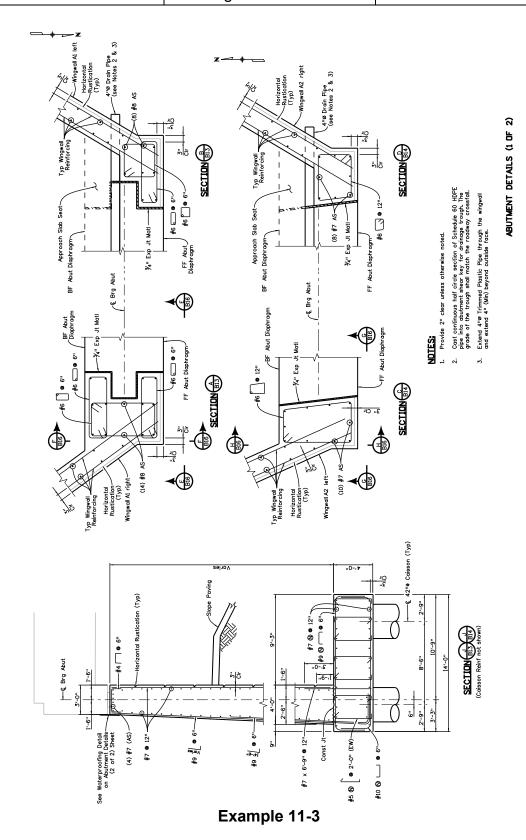
I) Splice Lengths (Designer to show splice lengths per specification requirements)



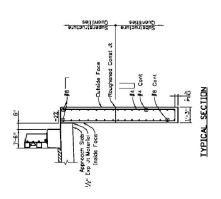
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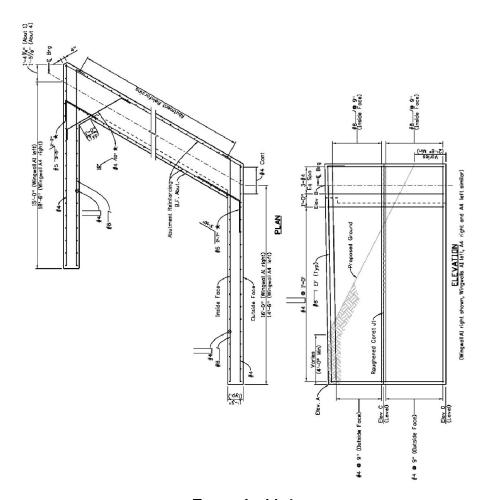
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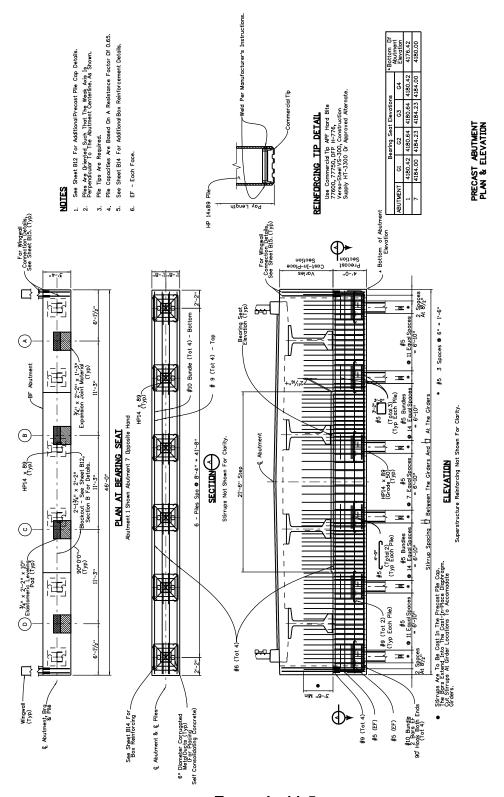
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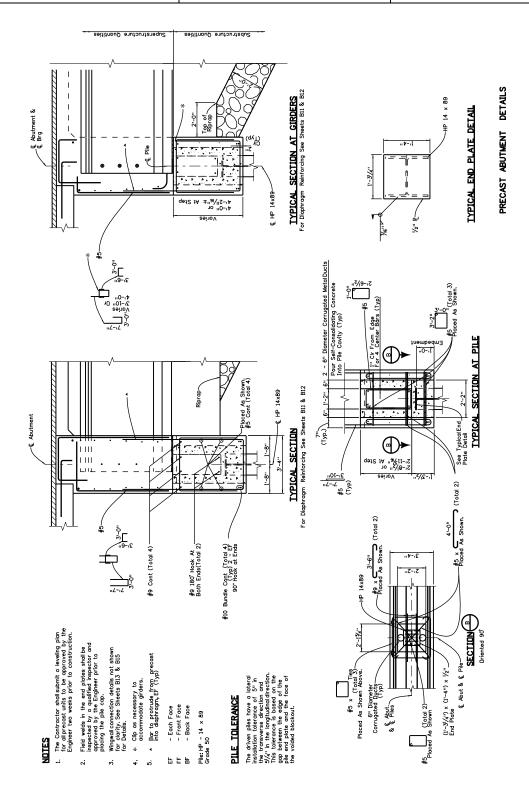




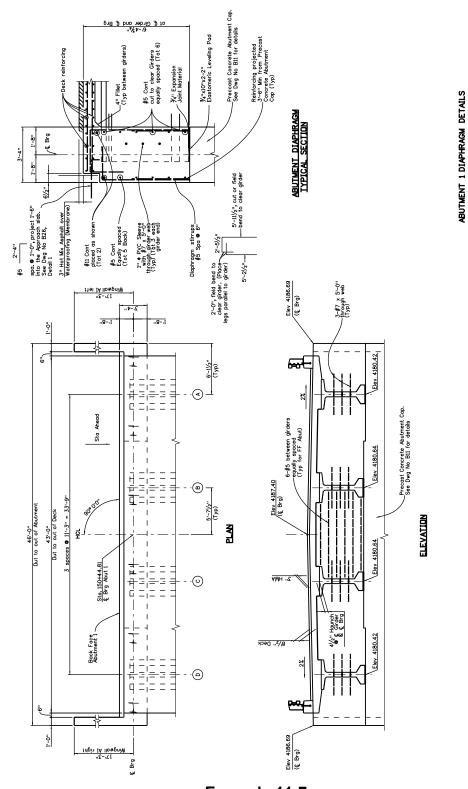
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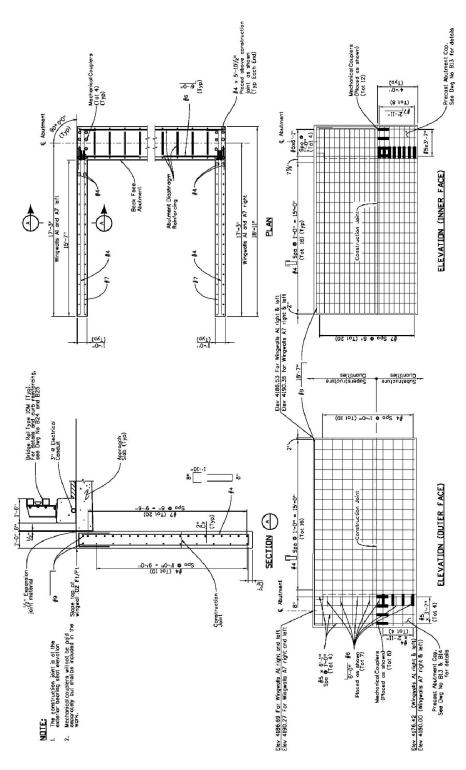
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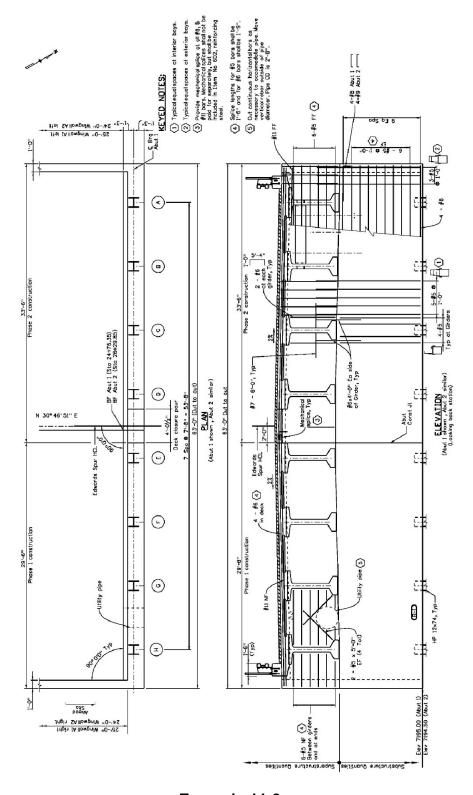
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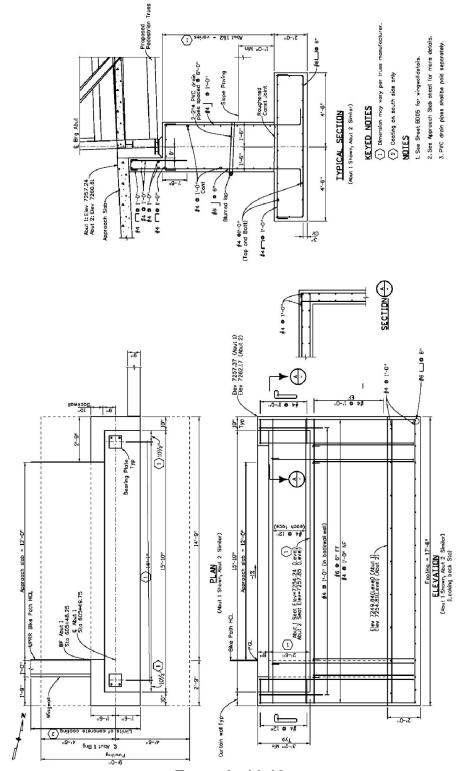
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