

# State Project 0107-0181

Replacement of Temporary Bridge No. 00944 Carrying Route 34 over Eight Mile Brook.

**In Person Event: Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**Located:** Oxford Town Hall Main Room, at 486 Oxford Road

Join us for a Question-and-Answer session following the formal presentation and send us a question or a comment during the session.

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**Comment Period Open through:** Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025





# State Project 0107-0181

## Replacement of Bridge No. 00944

### Meeting Overview

- Introduce the Project Team
- Formal Presentation of Design
  - Overview of Existing Bridge
  - Review the Purpose and Need of Project
  - Review the Proposed Design
  - Overview of Design Schedule
  - Construction Schedule & Impacts
- ROW Process
- Live Question and Answer (Q&A) Session



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# Question & Answer Session

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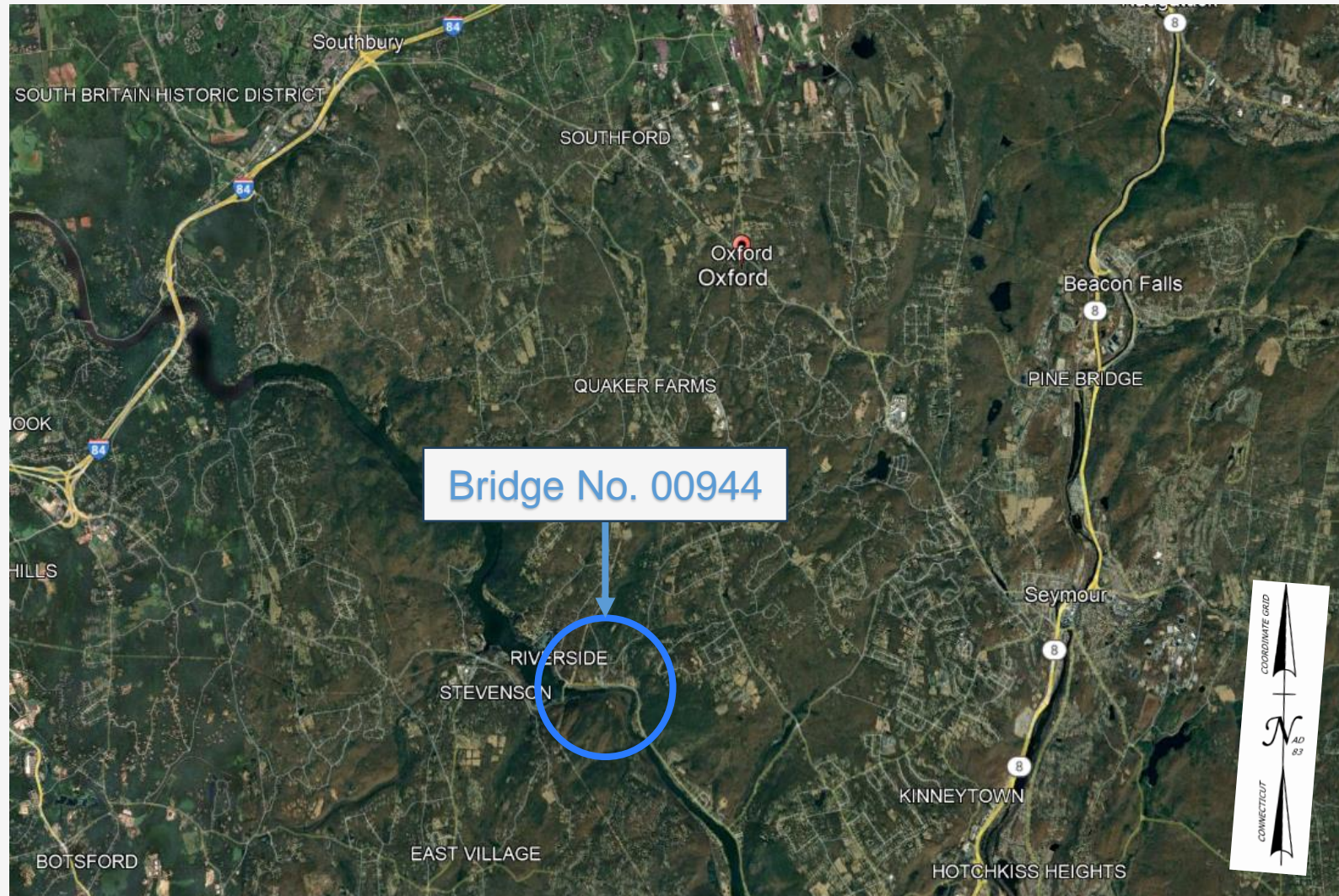
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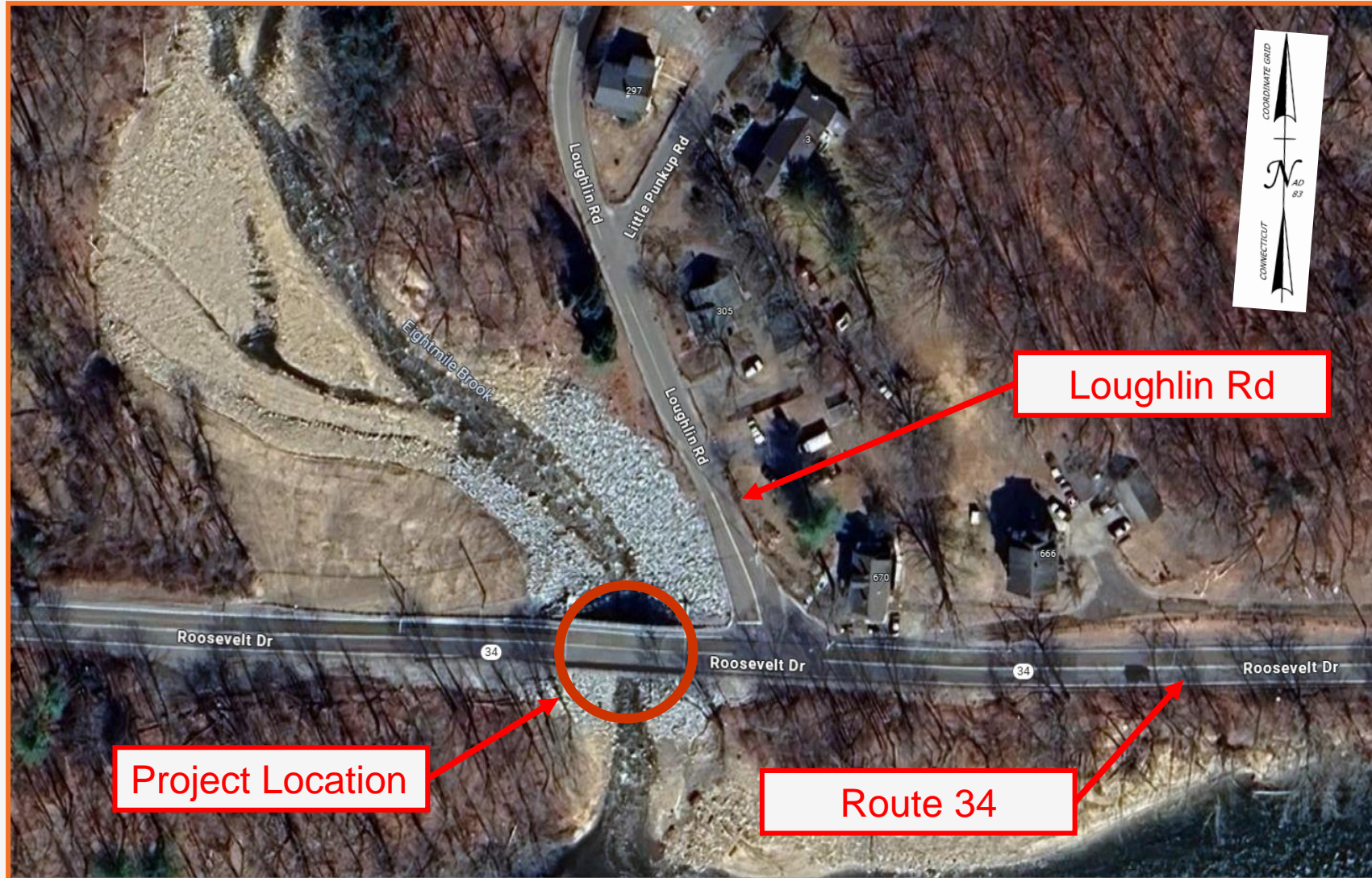
# Project Location



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# Project Location (Continued): Current Condition



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# Project Location (Continued): Before 2024 Flooding



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# Purpose and Need

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Replace the temporary panel truss bridge system with a permanent structure.

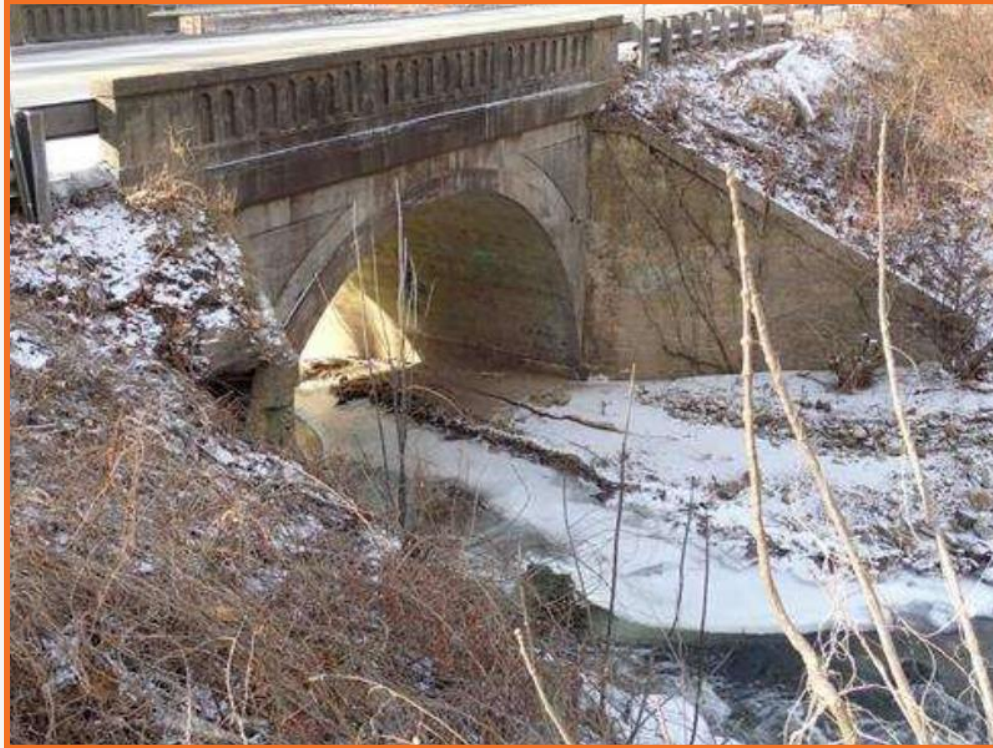
## Need:

Existing structure is temporarily constructed following Emergency Declaration (ED) due to August 2024 Severe Flooding Disaster which washed out the old concrete arch bridge.





# Purpose and Need (Continued)



Old Concrete Arch Bridge (before wash-out)



Old Concrete Arch Bridge (after wash-out)



# Purpose and Need (Continued)



Existing ED Temporary Bridge (ACROW)  
(From Loughlin Rd)

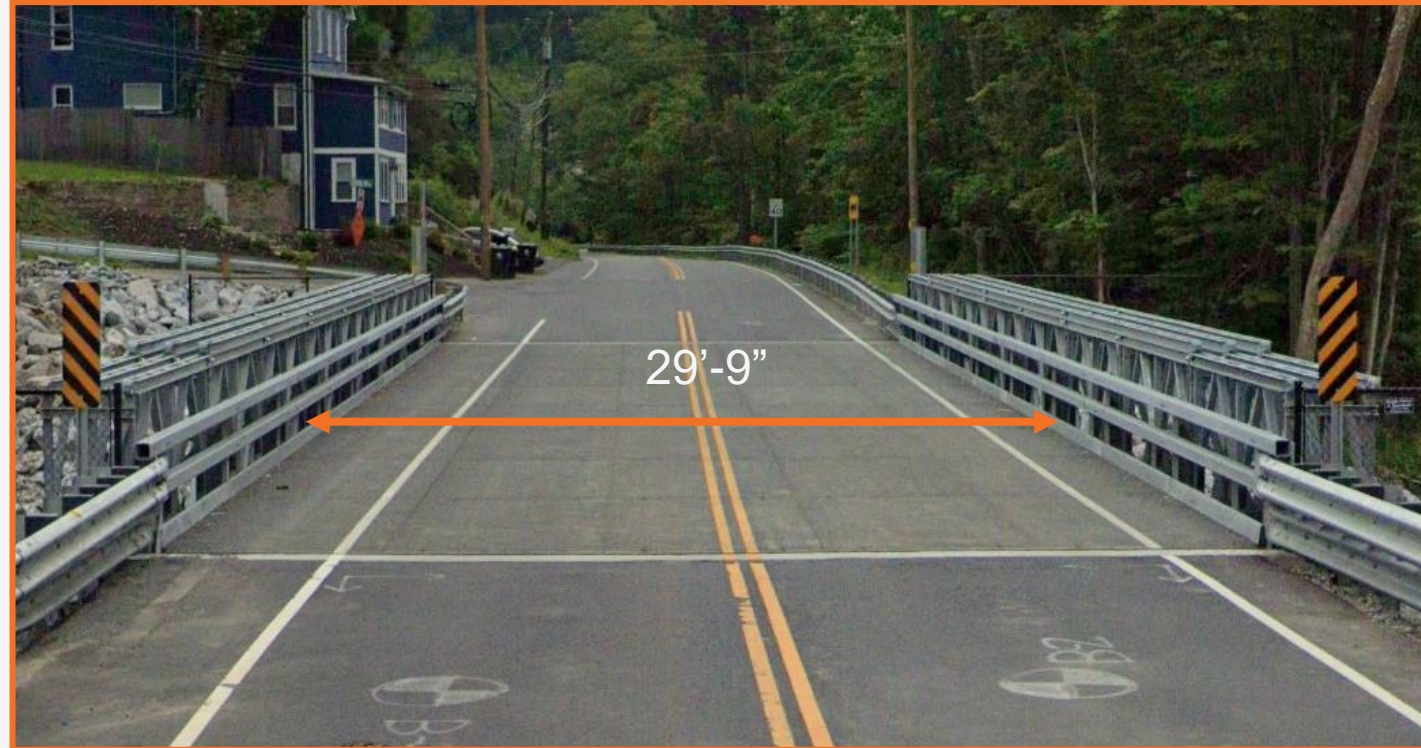


Existing ED Temporary Bridge (ACROW)  
(From Housatonic River)



# Existing Temporary Bridge Information

Year Built	2024 (Emergency Declaration)
Structure Type	Single span panel truss on concrete abutments
Curb-to-Curb	29'-9" with two 11' Lanes
Out-to-Out	37'-2"
Structure Length	80' with no skew
Clear Span	71'-2 ¾"
Service	Route 34 (Roosevelt Dr.) over Eight Mile Brook
Average Daily Traffic (2024)	9,200 vehicles 4.0% truck traffic





# Existing Roadway Approach



West Approach

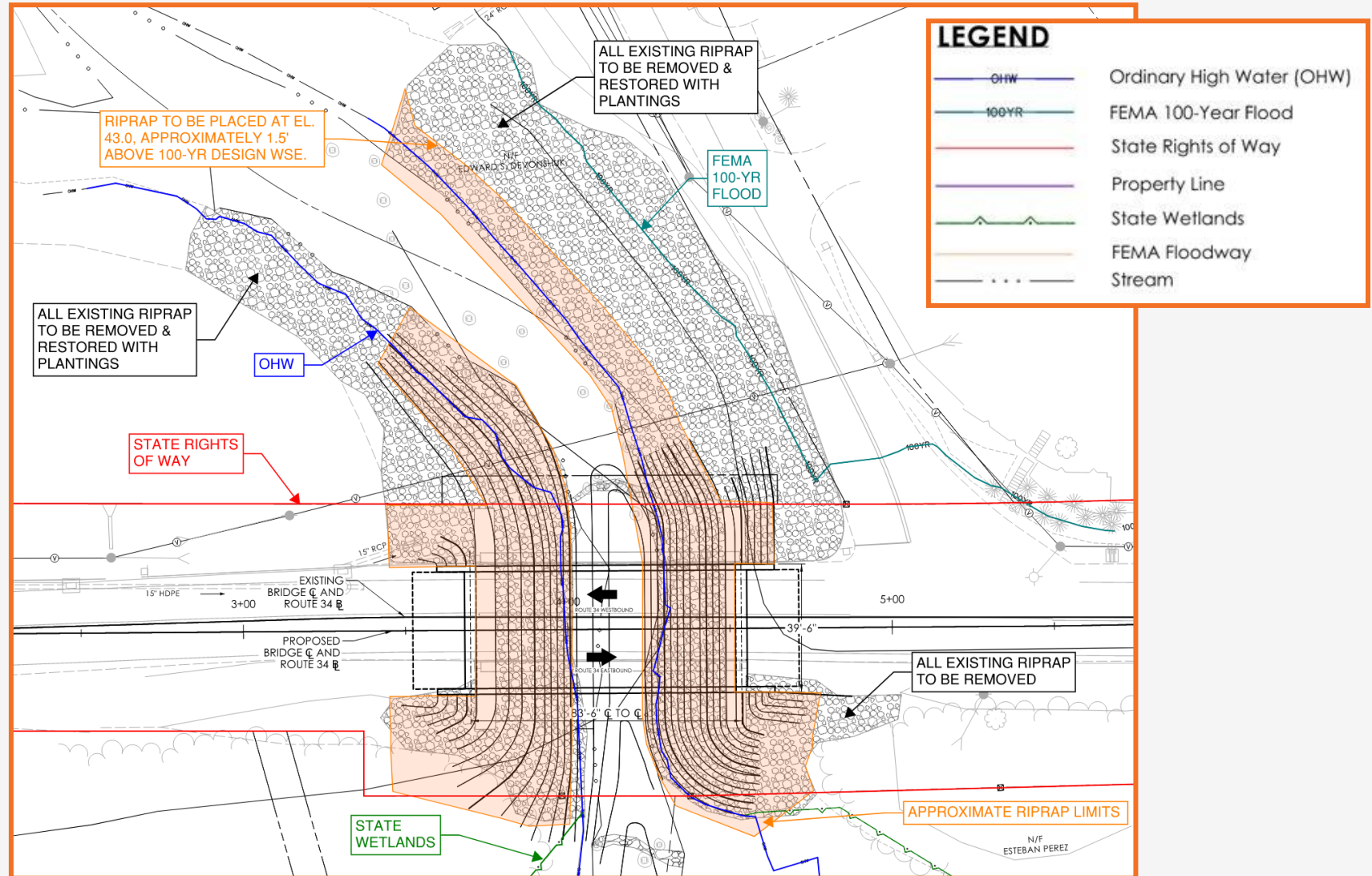


East Approach





# Proposed Bridge Plan View





# Proposed Project Scope

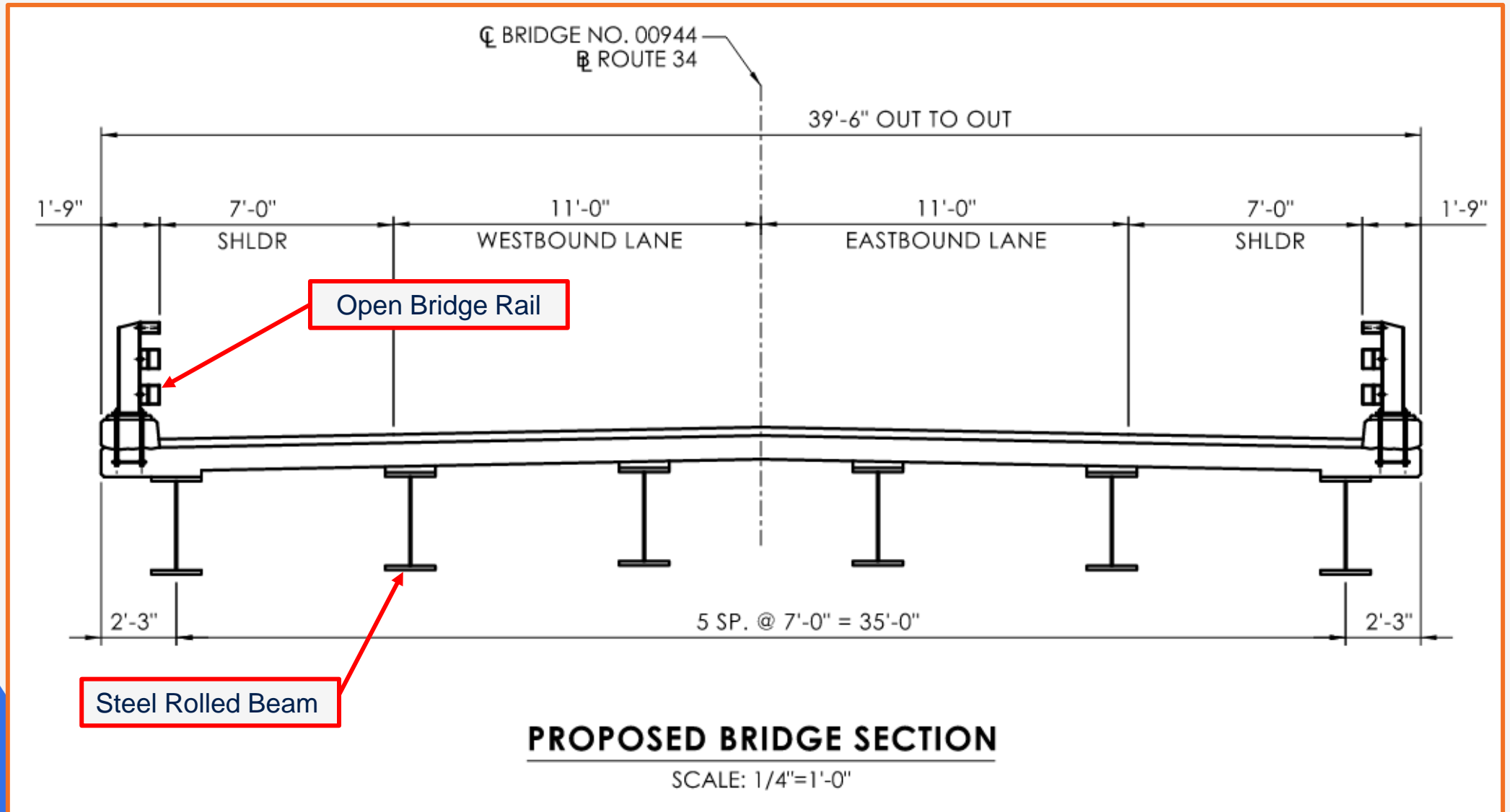
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- New Steel Beam Bridge with Concrete Deck & Open Rail
- Staged Construction to allow one lane open to traffic
- Roadway realignment
- Hydraulic & Environmental Improvements



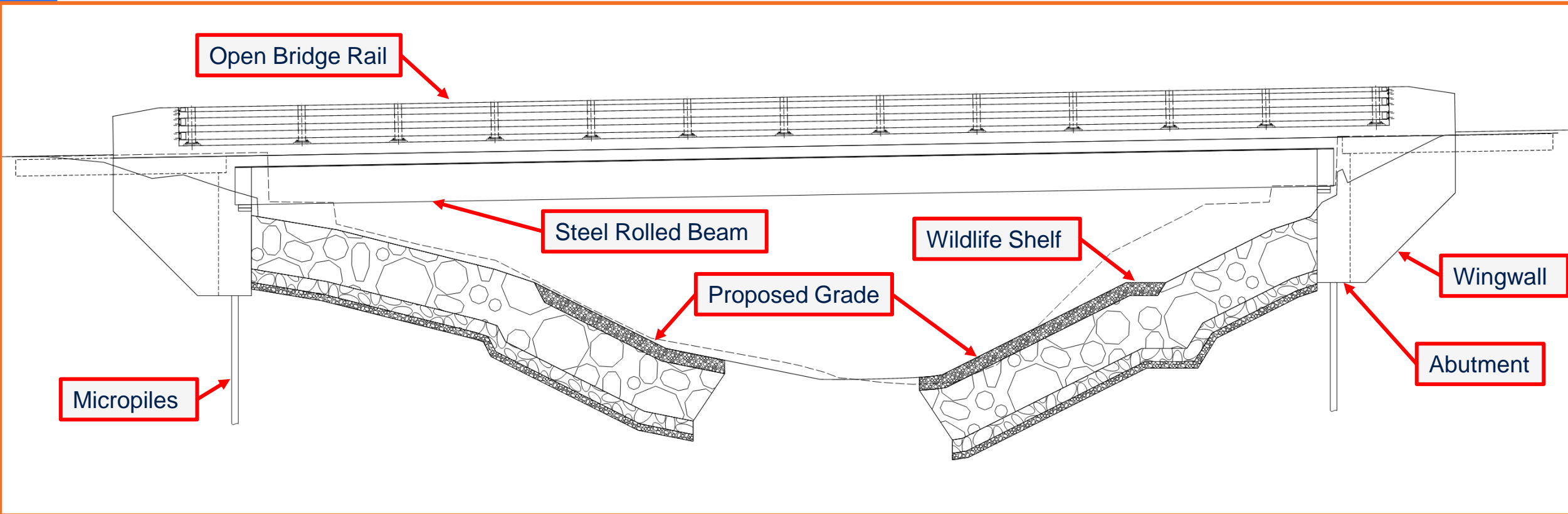


# Project Scope – New Permanent Structure





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- Bridge Span Length: 83.5 feet / Clear Span Length: 80.0 feet





## Example Bridge with 3-Tube Bridge Rail





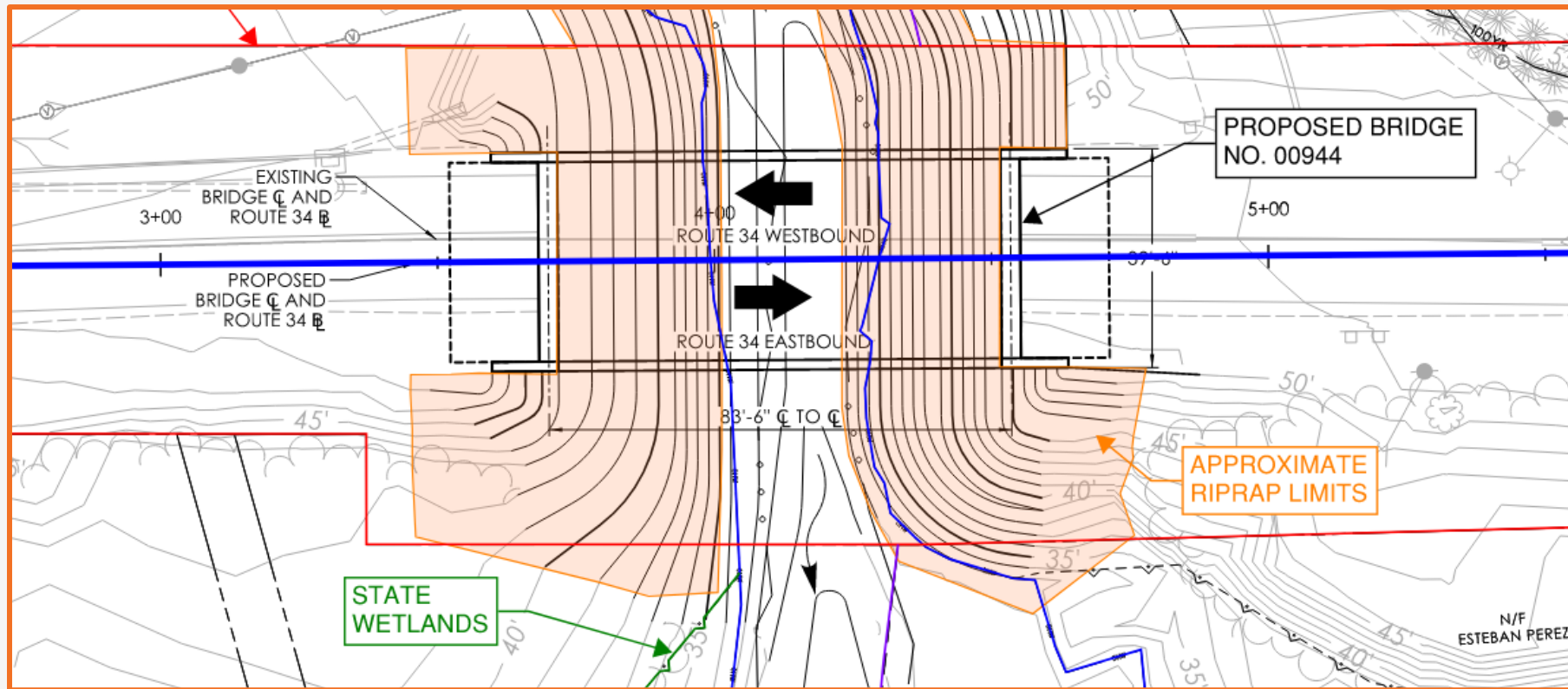
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# Project Scope – Roadway Realignment

Shift the highway alignment back to the pre-emergency one





# Project Scope – Hydraulic & Environmental Improvement

- Bankfull Width and Freeboard
- Remove and replace excessive riprap to prevent future scour and erosion and to restore native vegetation
- Regrading stream to return the stream to more natural condition.
- Wildlife Passage Shelf





# Project Scope – Parking for River Fishing Access

- Near the southwest corner of the bridge, parking and access for public recreational fishing were recommended by CTDEEP.
- On-going investigation on providing parking and foot access to the river





# Environmental Review

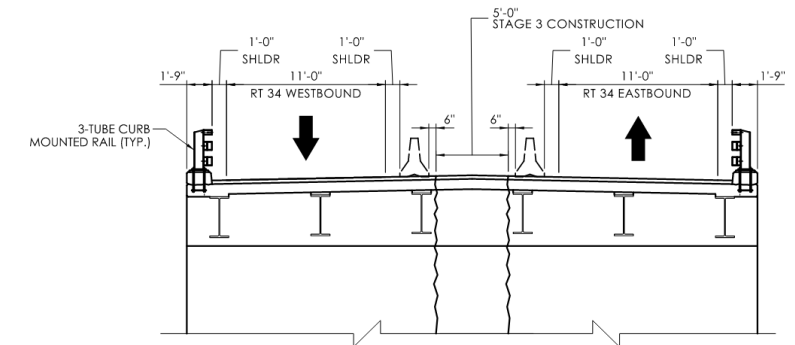
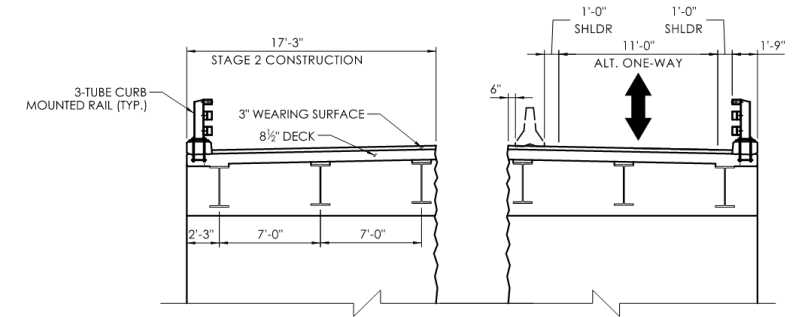
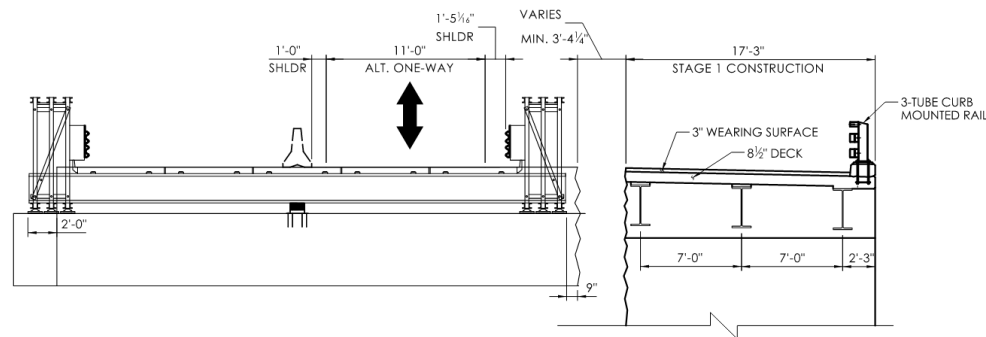
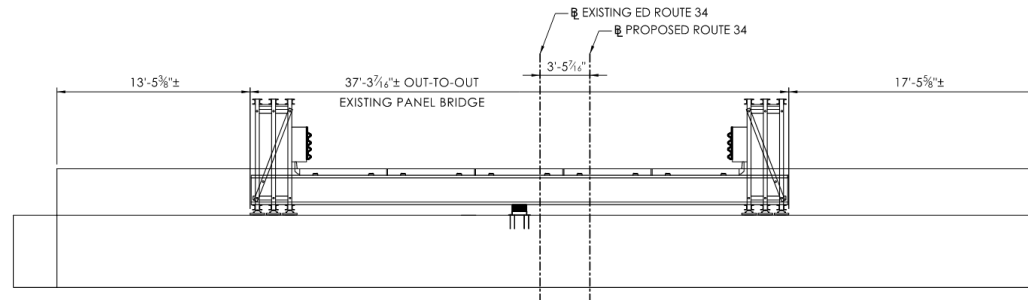
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- Wildlife Recommendations/Concerns: to be completed
  - State and Federal Listed Species by Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB)
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) - Tree cutting time of year restriction required (April 15 – October 31)
- Cultural Resources
  - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) coordination is ongoing.



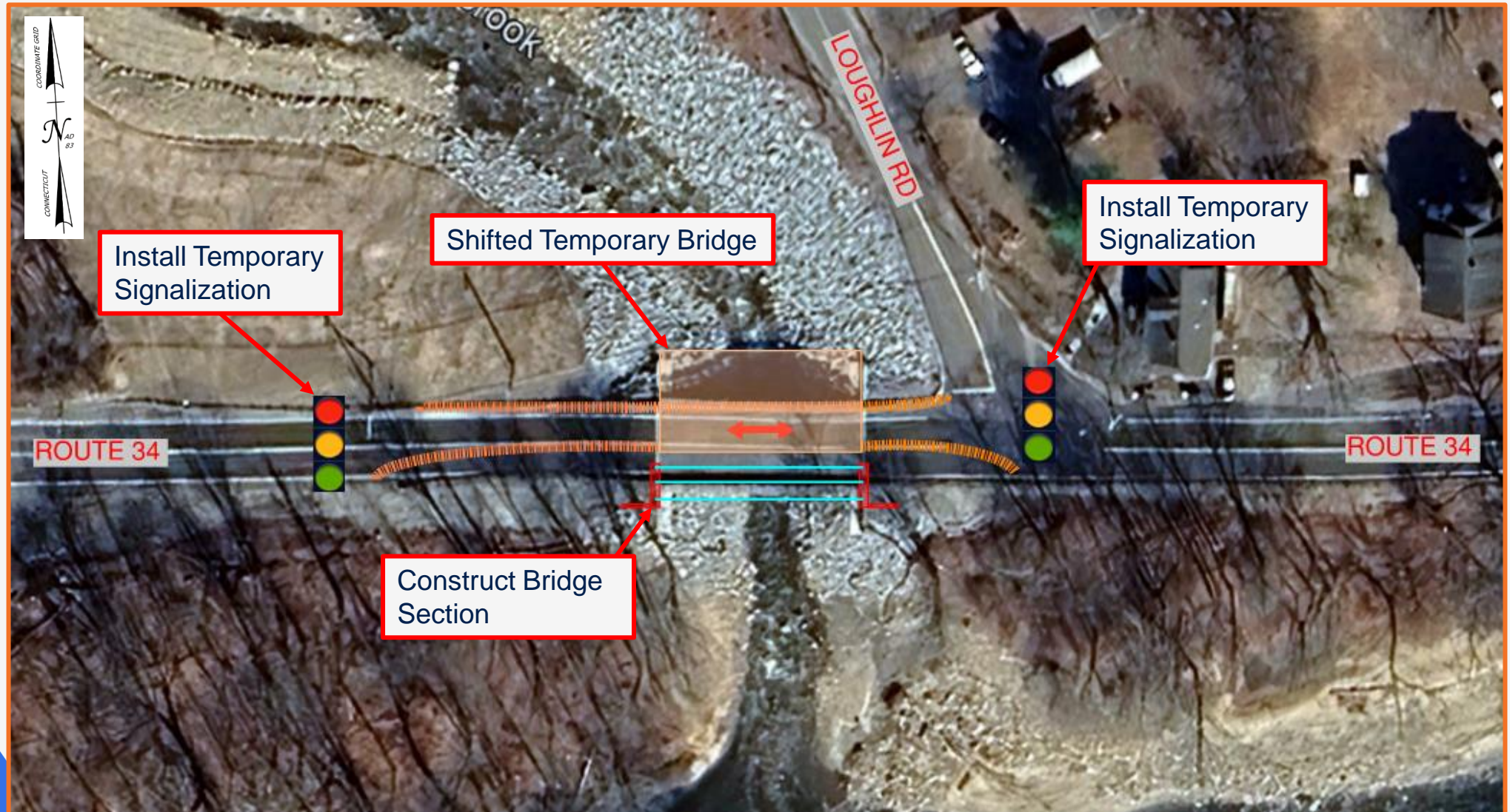


# Staged Construction





# Construction Stage 1 – Summer 2027



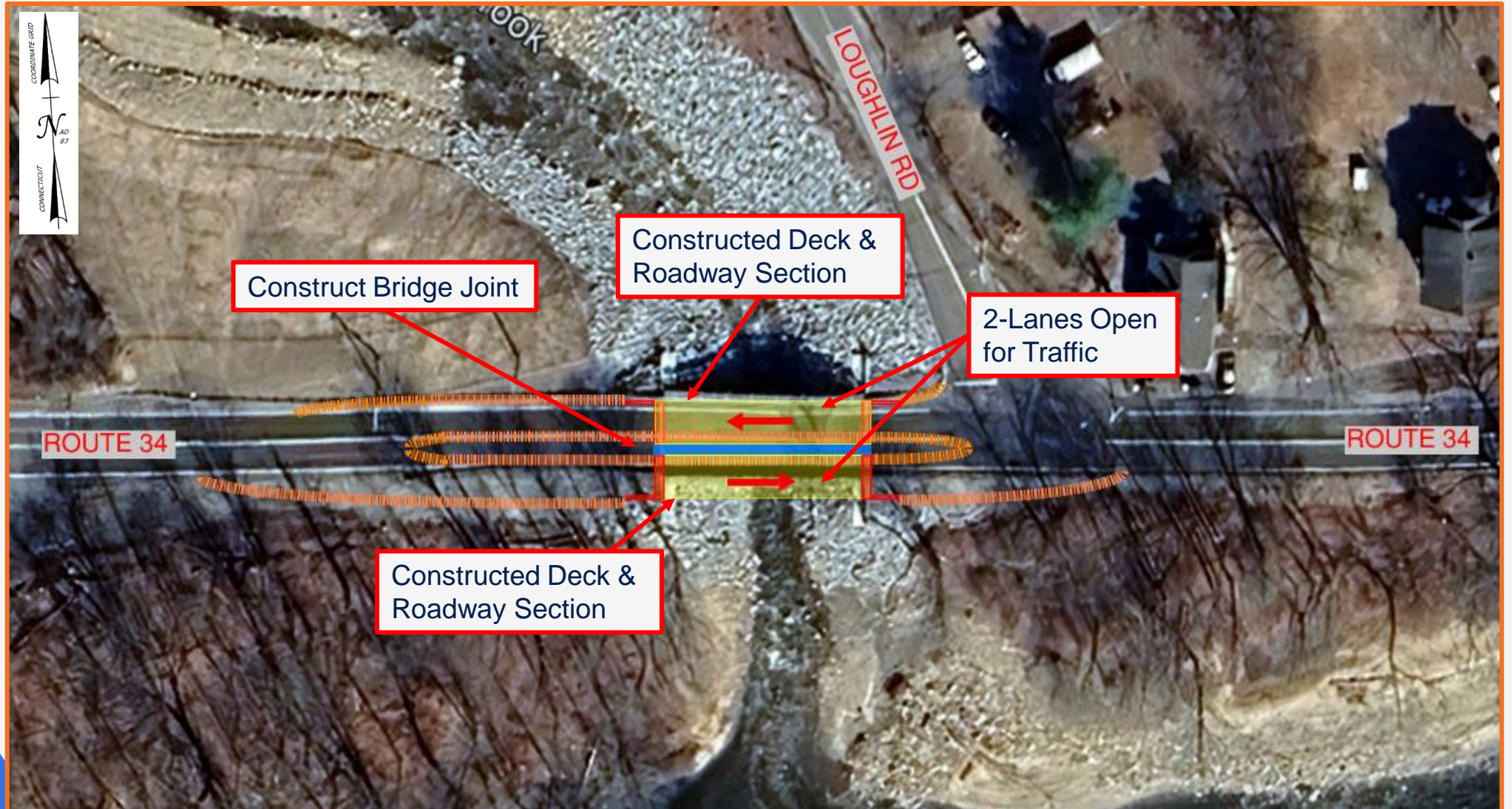


# Construction Stage 2 – Summer 2027





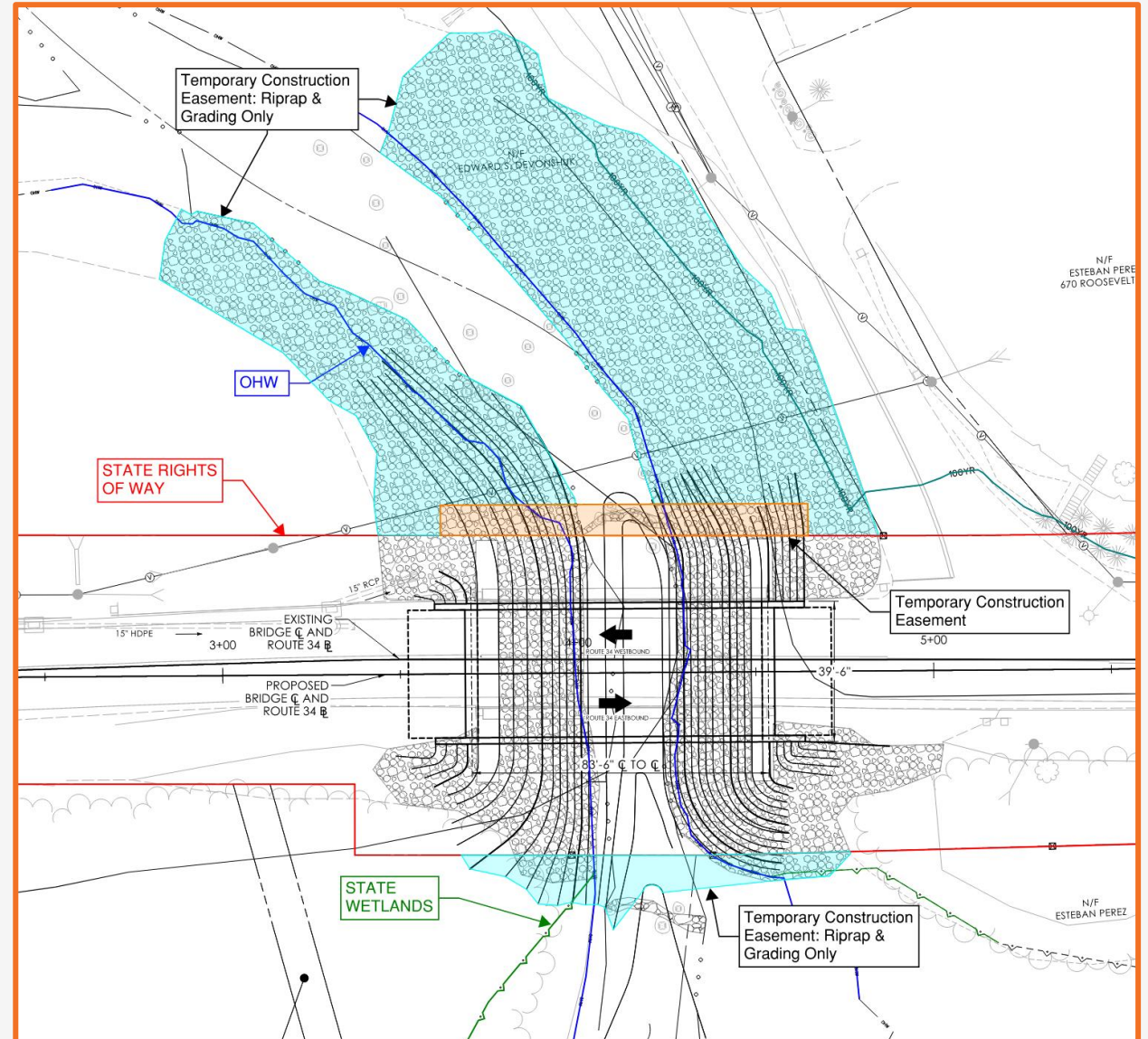
# Construction Stage 3 (Optional) – Summer 2027





# Rights of Way Impacts

- State ROW – about 20- to 28-ft off edge of road on Rt 34
- Construction easements
  - Temporary relocation of overhead utilities
  - Construction activities
  - Riprap modification
- Anticipated to be limited within the vicinity of the bridge only





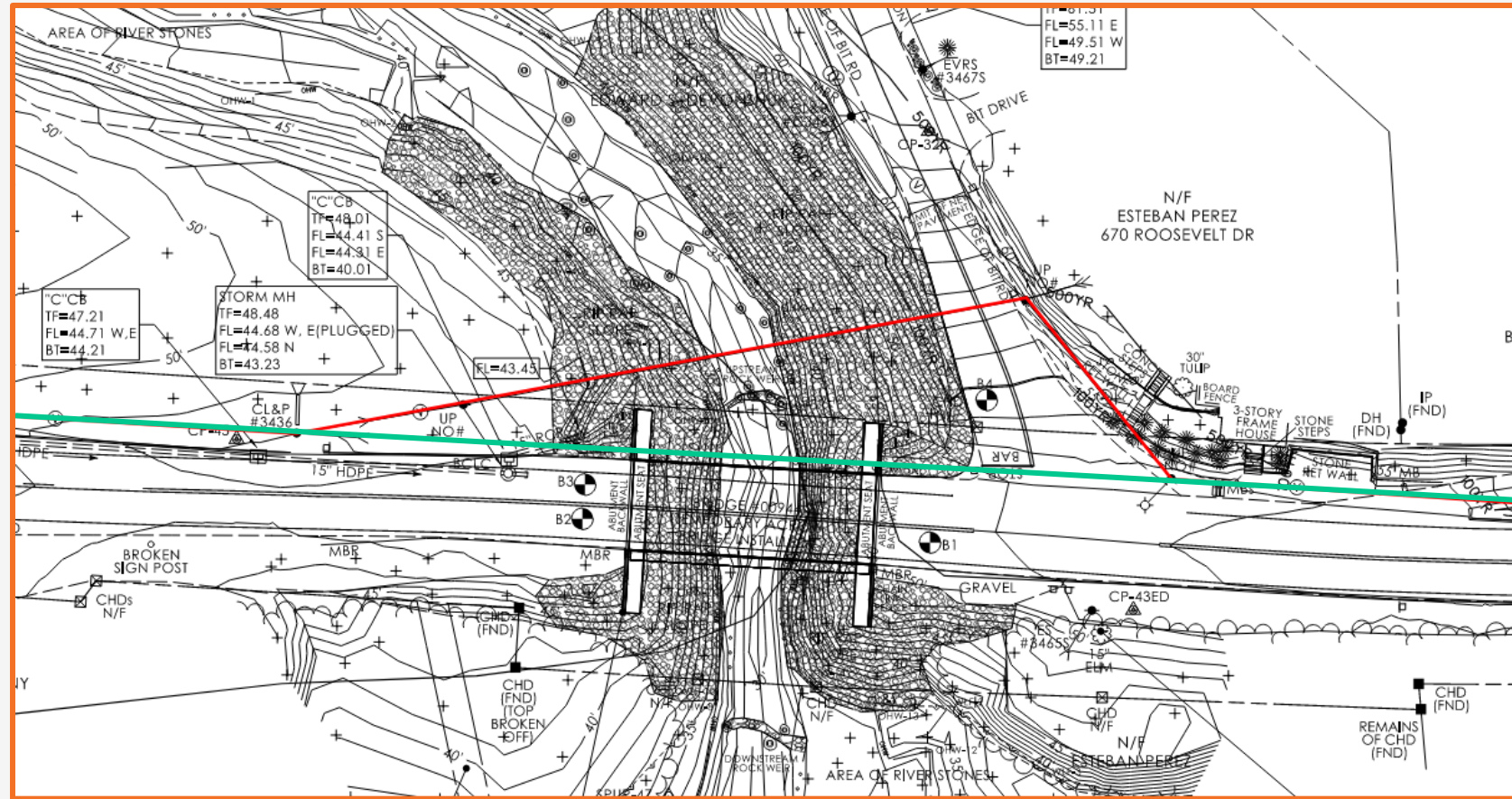
# Utility Coordination

Overhead power & communication utilities :

- May need a temporary relocation for staging and erection only.
- Anticipated back to the pre-emergency layout

Underground:

- N/A





# Traffic Considerations

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- Rt 34 has moderate traffic volume and limited detour options : ADT 9,200 (2024) with 4% Truck Traffic
- As the site constraints allow, staged construction will provide at least one lane open.
- Signalized alternating one-way pattern with occasional short-term closures as needed for critical tasks.
  - To minimize short-term closures and restrict closures to nighttime as much as possible





# Traffic Considerations – Temporary Signalization

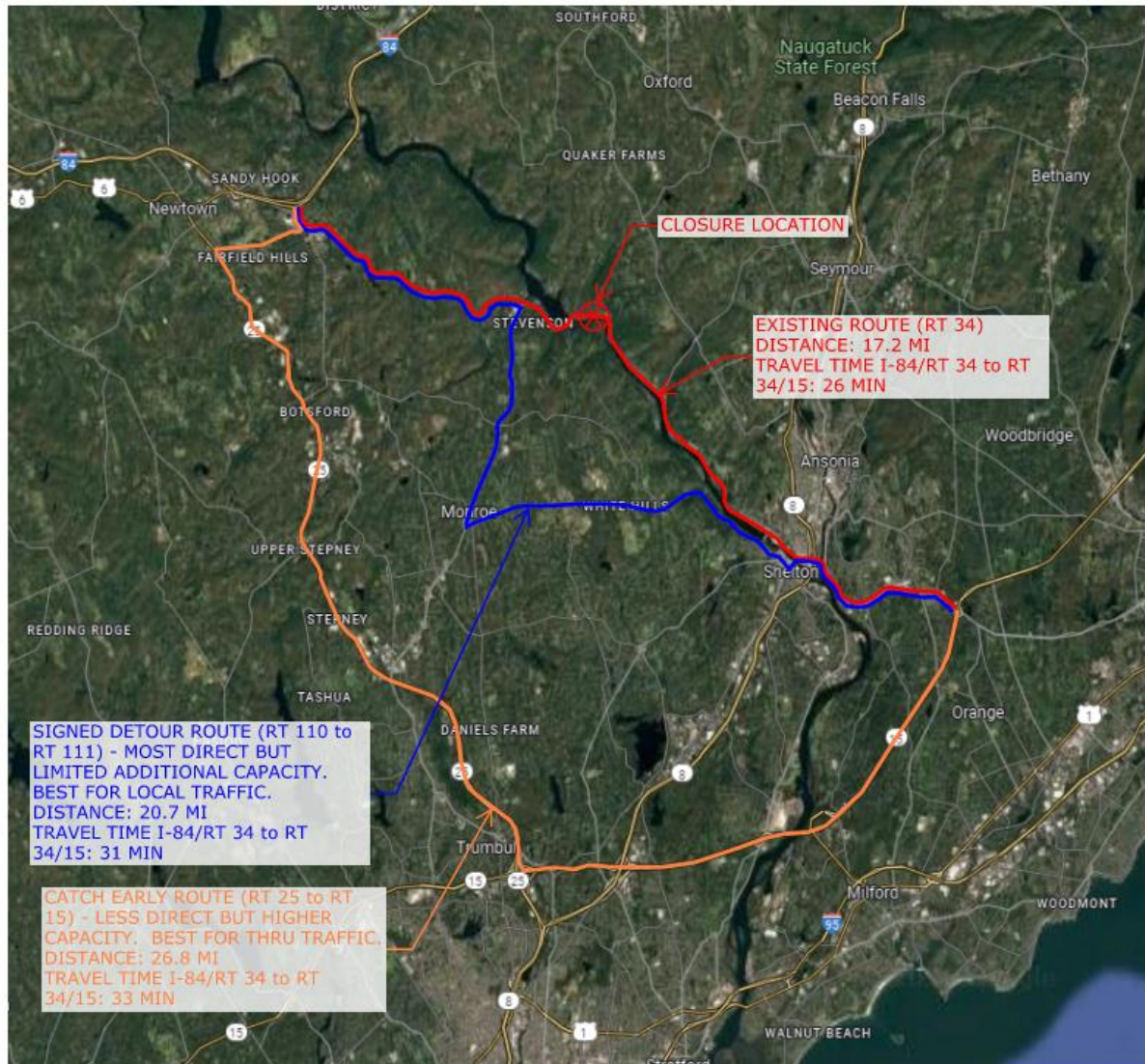
## Signalized alternating one-way pattern:

- Three-phased signal: 1-2 minutes delay at PM peak, less off-peak
- Expected to clear all queued vehicle in one cycle (except 5-6PM peak hour)
- Signal to have emergency vehicle pre-emption





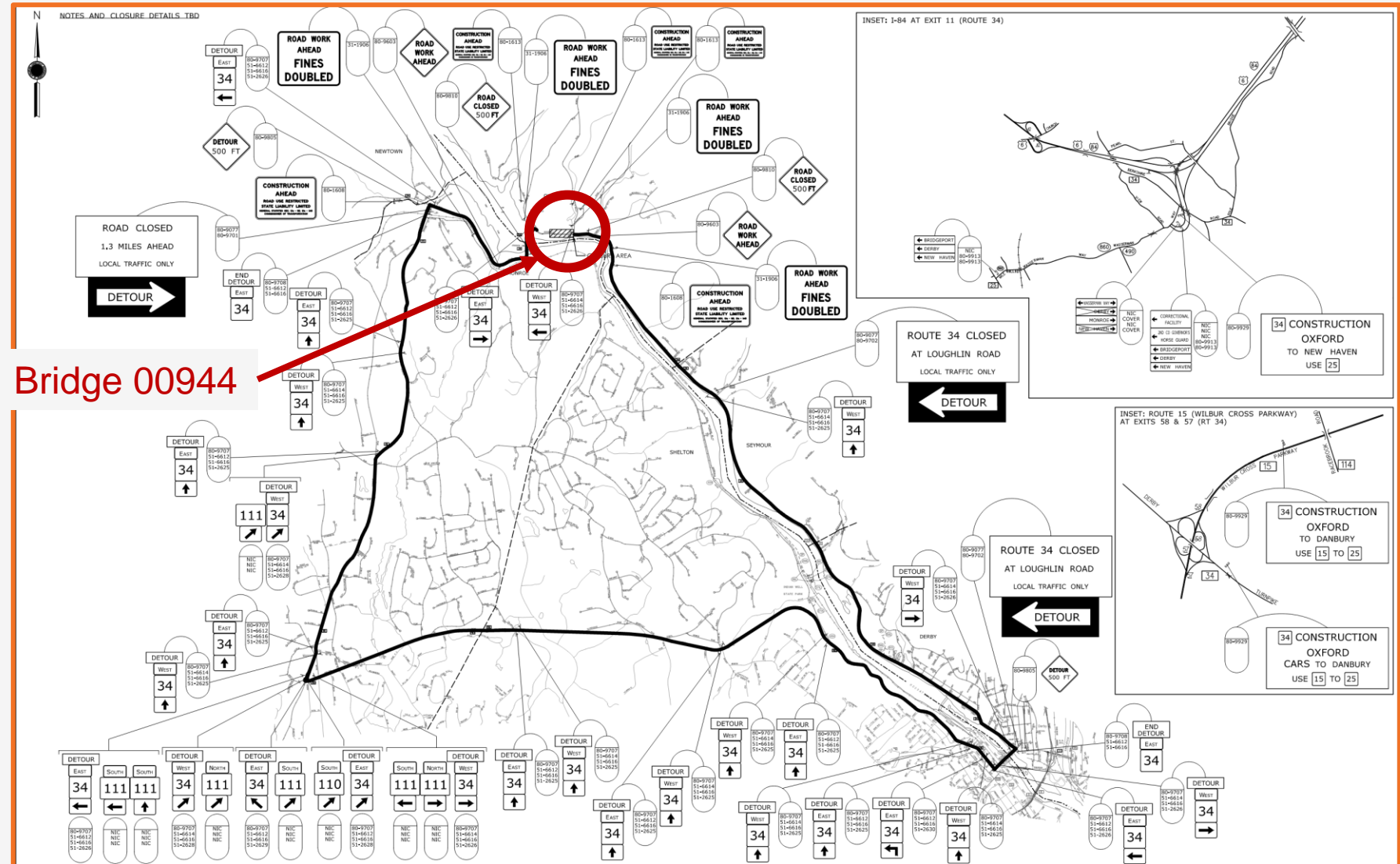
# Traffic Considerations – Potential Alternate Routes



- Route 110 to Route 111 detour adds ~5 minutes to travel time
- Route 25 to Route 8 detour adds ~8 minutes to travel time
  - Can be less for traffic heading directly between Danbury and New Haven
- Adjacent town roads (Loughlin, Coppermine, etc.) not viable due to steep grades, sharp curves and angled intersections



# Traffic Considerations – Signed Detour for Short-Term Closure





# Anticipated Permits

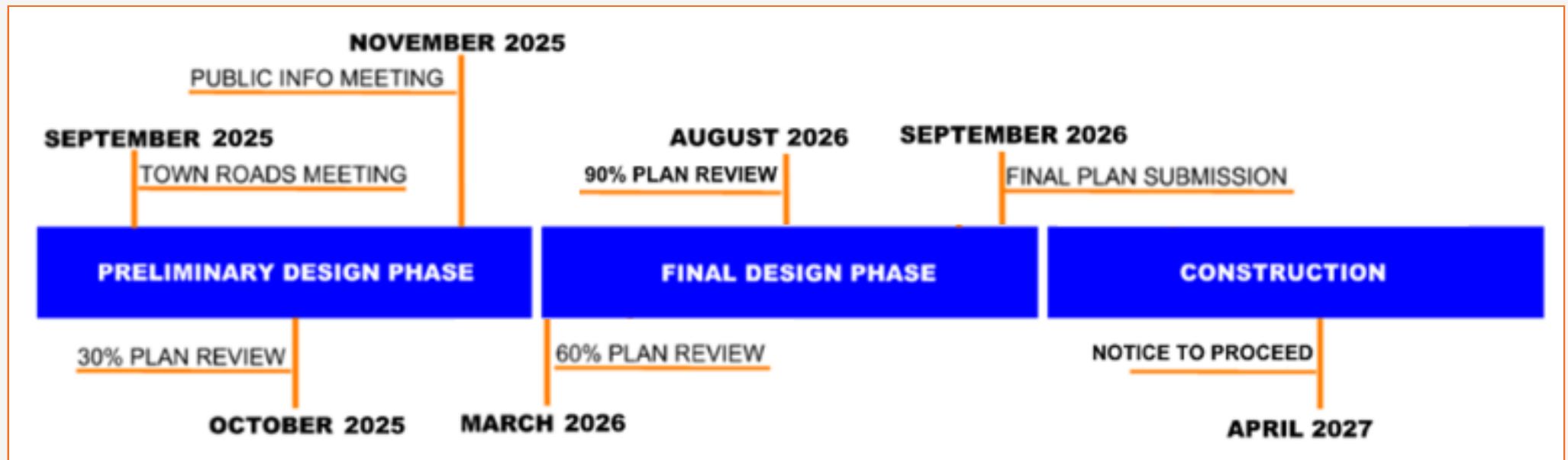
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- US Army Corps of Engineering - SV (GP-19)
- CTDEEP - Individual Flood Management Certification
- CTDEEP - Inland Wetland & Watercourse General, Activity 10 Form N





# Bridge Replacement Project Timeline





# Project Schedule & Funding

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## Schedule:

- Final Design Plans: 9/16/2026
- ADV: 1/7/2027
- Construction anticipated to start in April 2027

## Duration:

- One season job including highway, structure & traffic work - single lane open for traffic

## Funding:

- Preliminary estimate shows \$11 Million.
- 80% Federal FHWA and 20% State Funding – No Town Funds





# Right-of-Way Relevant Law

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## State of Connecticut

- C.G.S. Sections 13a-73 & 13a-98e



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## Federal

- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.





# Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

# Letter of Intent to Acquire

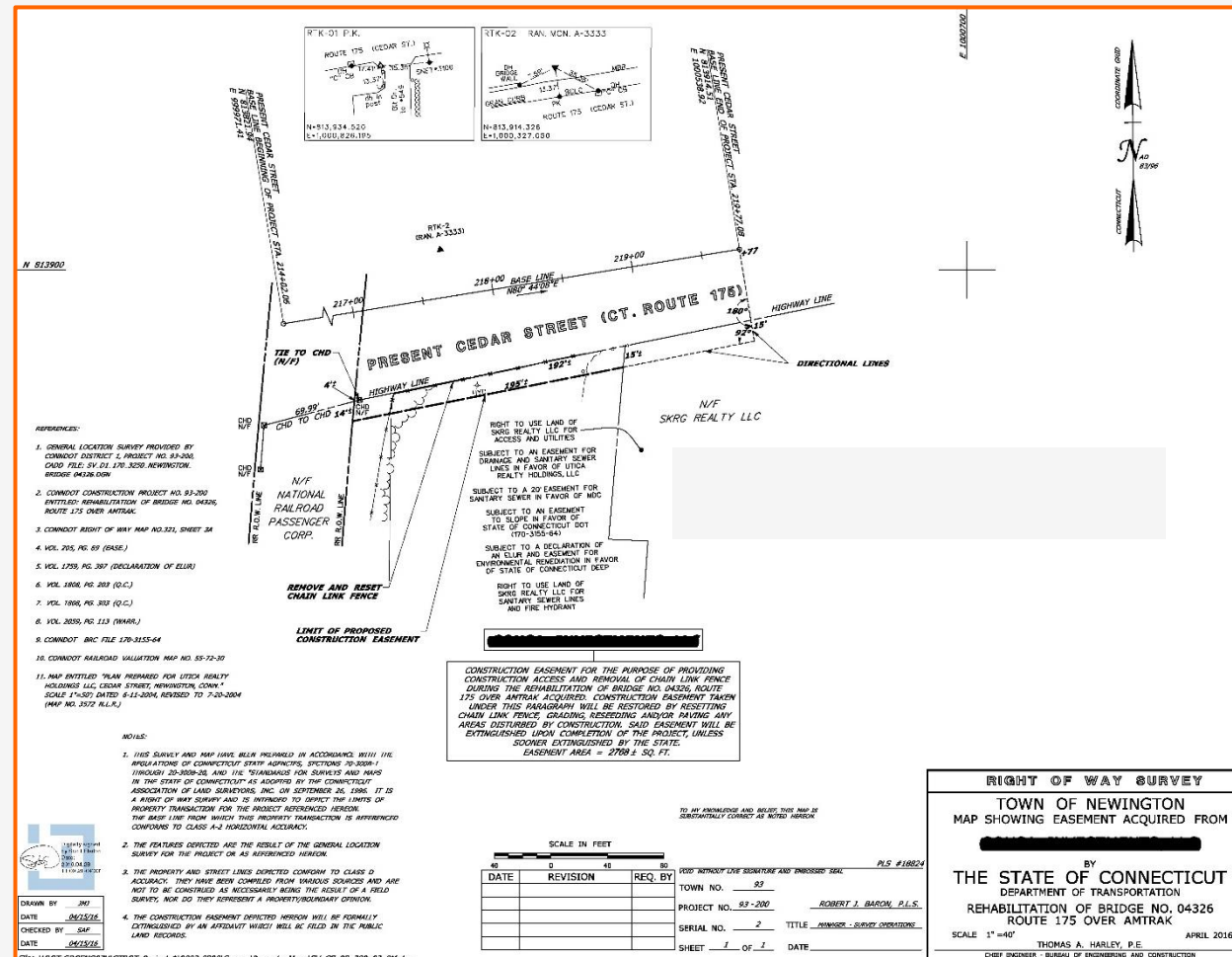
# Valuation

## Offer of Just Compensation

# Negotiation

# Acquisition

- Agreement
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- 6-month Appeal Period



## Sample Property Map

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