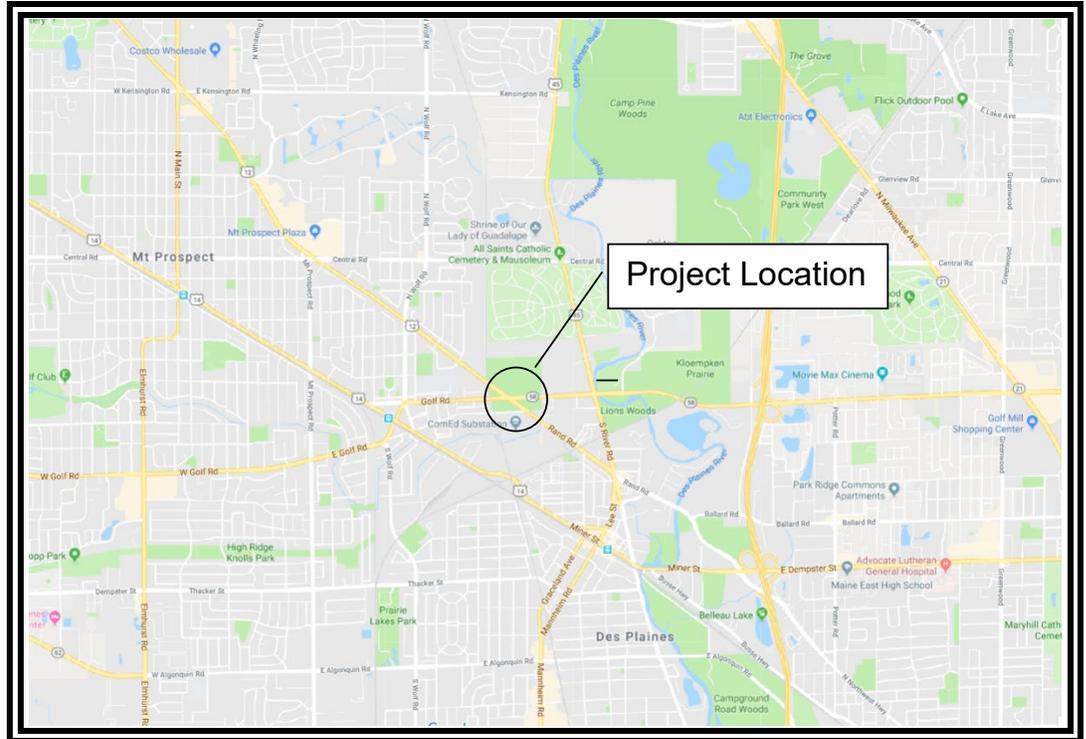




# *Section 4(f) De Minimis Documentation*

## **US 12 (RAND ROAD) AT IL 58 (GOLF ROAD)**



**City of Des Plaines  
Cook County, Illinois**

***Illinois Department of Transportation  
Office of Highways, Project Implementation  
District 1/Region 1***

***March 2024***

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## **1. Project Description**

- a. **Project Number:** P-91-026-19
- b. **Project Name:** US 12 at IL 58
- c. **Location:** City of Des Plaines (City), Cook County
- d. **Project Type:** Intersection Improvement
- e. **Project Length:** 0.63 miles (3,332 feet)
- f. **NEPA Class of Action:** State Approved Categorical Exclusion
- g. **Purpose and Need of the Project:** The purpose of this project is to provide intersection improvements consisting of providing dual left turn lanes along US 12 and traffic signal modernization at the US 12 at IL 58 intersection. This will address safety deficiencies and high crash occurrences at the subject intersection.
- h. **Project Status:** The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is nearing completion of a preliminary engineering and environmental study (Phase I). This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region.

## **2. Section 4(f) Resources**

- a. **Name of Resource:** Unnamed Green Space adjacent to the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range.
- b. **Type of Resource:** Undeveloped forested green space
- c. **Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ):** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)
- d. **Description of role/significance in the community:** The Harry H. Semrow Driving Range is located at the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58. The driving range offers 73 stalls, a grass tee practice area, and a mini golf course. The other 3 corners of the intersection are undeveloped forested green space. On the southeast and southwest corners, the undeveloped greenspace is mainly composed of trees and a dense shrub line. The northwest corner is mainly open green space with a small shrub line along US 12.

## **3. Description of Intended Section 4(f) Resource Use**

- a. **Acres to be taken:** The proposed improvements will impact the unnamed green spaces along the west side of US 12 on both north and south legs, both sides of the west leg of IL 58, and the northwest and southeast corners of US 12 at IL 58. The Department will require approximately 0.082 acres of right-of-way in permanent easements and 0.163 acres of temporary easements from the FPDCC parcels with the Property Identification Number (PIN) 09-08-302-002. The permanent and temporary easements are needed for the proposed shared-use path, grading work, and to provide access for construction equipment.

- b. There will be no negative impact to the FPDCC property. The areas where the easements are required are undeveloped green space with no recreational use.
- c. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-foot-wide shared use path installed by the City of Des Plaines (City) needs to be replaced 7-foot from the edge of the traveled way which falls outside the existing permanent easement held by IDOT. An additional 5-foot of permanent easement will be required from the FPDCC for the proposed shared-use path along the west side of US 12. The temporary easement is required for grading work adjacent to the shared-use path and sidewalks along the west side of US 12, southeast corner of the intersection, and along both sides of IL 58 on the west leg.
- d. According to a tree survey conducted by IDOT, approximately 4 trees (4" dbh or greater) exist on the FPDCC property within the proposed permanent and temporary easements. It is anticipated that all 4 trees will be impacted for the proposed improvement and construction access.

**4. Description of Efforts to Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate or Enhance the Resource**

- a. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-foot shared use path installed by the City along the west side of US 12 needs to be replaced 7-foot from the edge of the traveled way which falls outside the existing permanent easement. As such, there is no way to avoid impacts or acquisition of FPDCC property.
- b. In order to minimize impacts, IDOT's improvement proposes several substandard design elements. The proposed shared-use path along the west side of US 12 will be 8-foot wide instead of the 10-foot-wide policy value in order to minimize right-of-way impacts.
- c. IDOT has minimized additional impacts by providing substandard roadway design components: a narrower than standard median width on all approaches, roadway capacity level of service (LOS) for both southbound and northbound left turn lanes, dual left turn taper length, and sidewalk/shared-use path width.
- d. The project will benefit the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range, FPDCC, and surrounding residents and businesses by providing a safer intersection and improving bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations within the project limits.
- e. **List of Commitments for Mitigation or Enhancement:**
  - None

**5. Evidence of Opportunity for Public Review and Comment:**

- a. A newspaper ad was posted in the XX and XX on XX and XX to encourage the public to review the Section 4(f) documents. Copies of the documents were posted on the IDOT website and hard copies were made available at the IDOT and FPDCC regional offices to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Section 4(f) impacts (see Attachment A-5).

**6. Evidence of Coordination with Official(s) with Jurisdiction (OWJ)**

Correspondence

- a. Copy of FPDCC letter to IDOT dated March 29, 2019. (See Attachment A-6)
- b. Copy of FPDCC response letter to IDOT dated March 8, 2019. (See Attachment A-6)
- c. Copy of IDOT letter to FPDCC Requesting Review of the Section 4(f) De Minimis dated XX. (See Attachment A-X)

Meetings:

- d. Meeting Minutes from IDOT/FPDCC Coordination Meeting on September 14, 2023.

**7. Supporting Documentation**

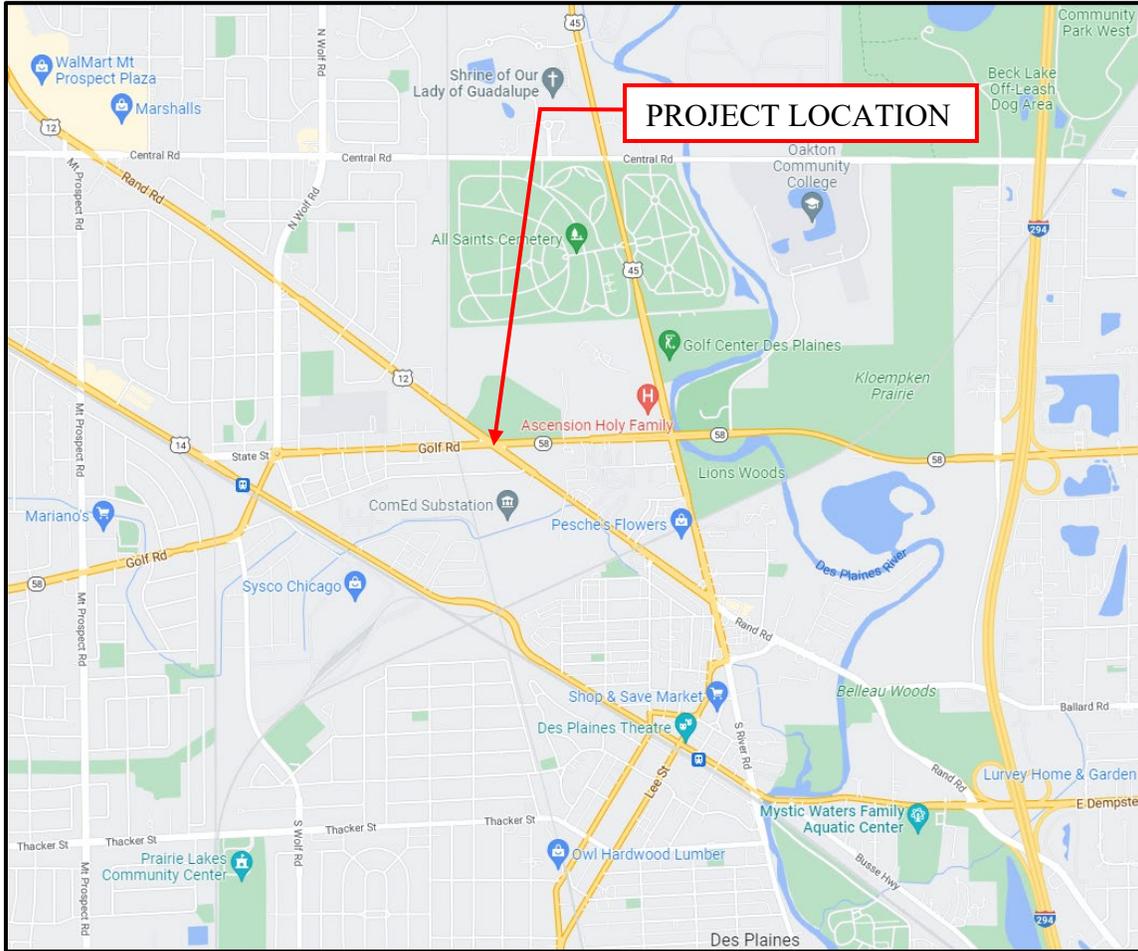
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US 12 at IL 58  
City of Des Plaines  
Cook County, IL

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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# LOCATION MAP



**Route:** US 12/Rand Road (FAU 3523/FAP 334) At IL  
**Limits:** 58 (Golf Road)  
**County:** Cook

**City of Des Plaines**  
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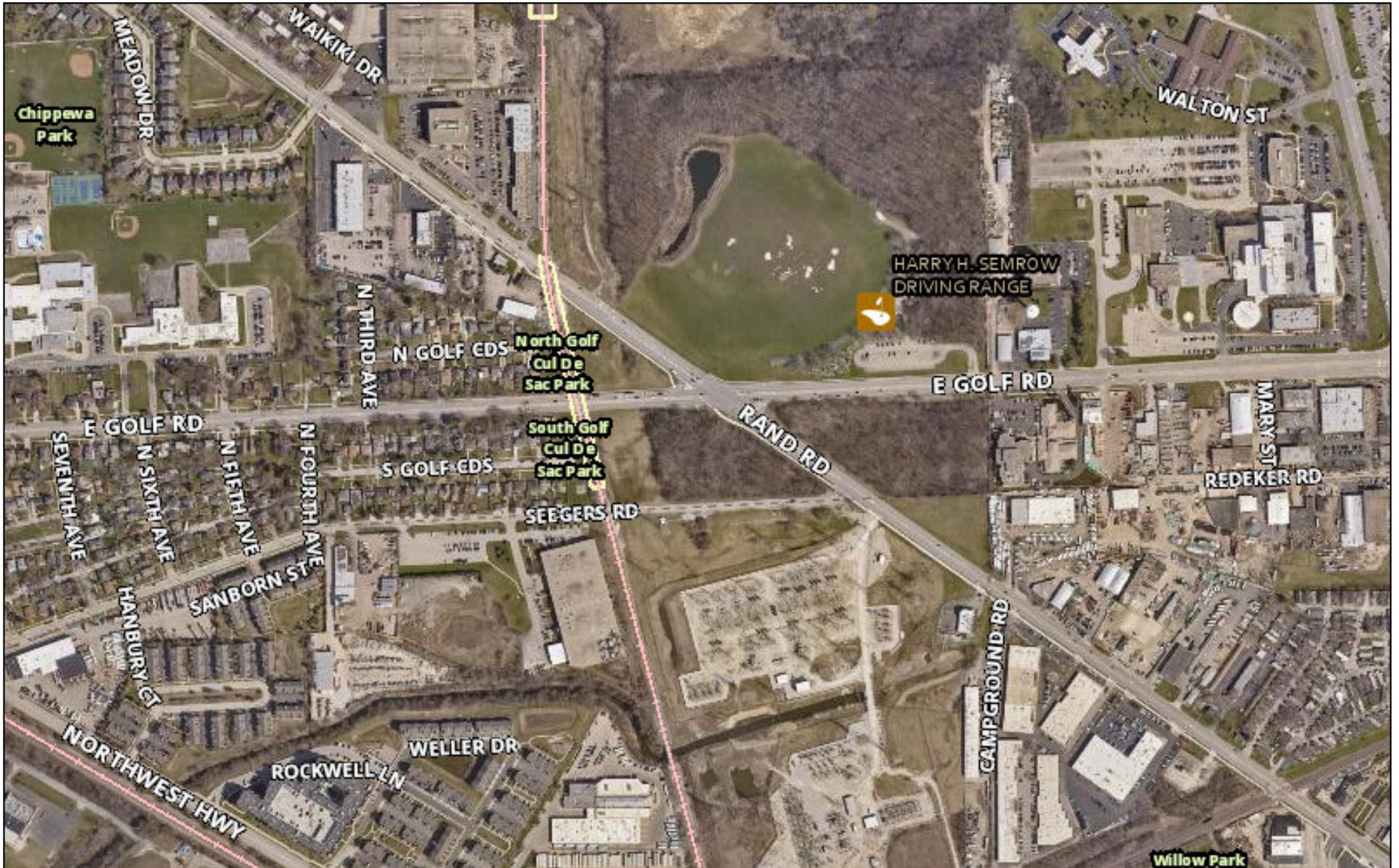


US 12 at IL 58  
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EXISTING AERIAL

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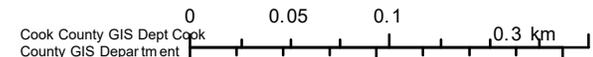


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US 12 at IL 58  
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PRELIMINARY PLAN & PROFILE AND CROSS  
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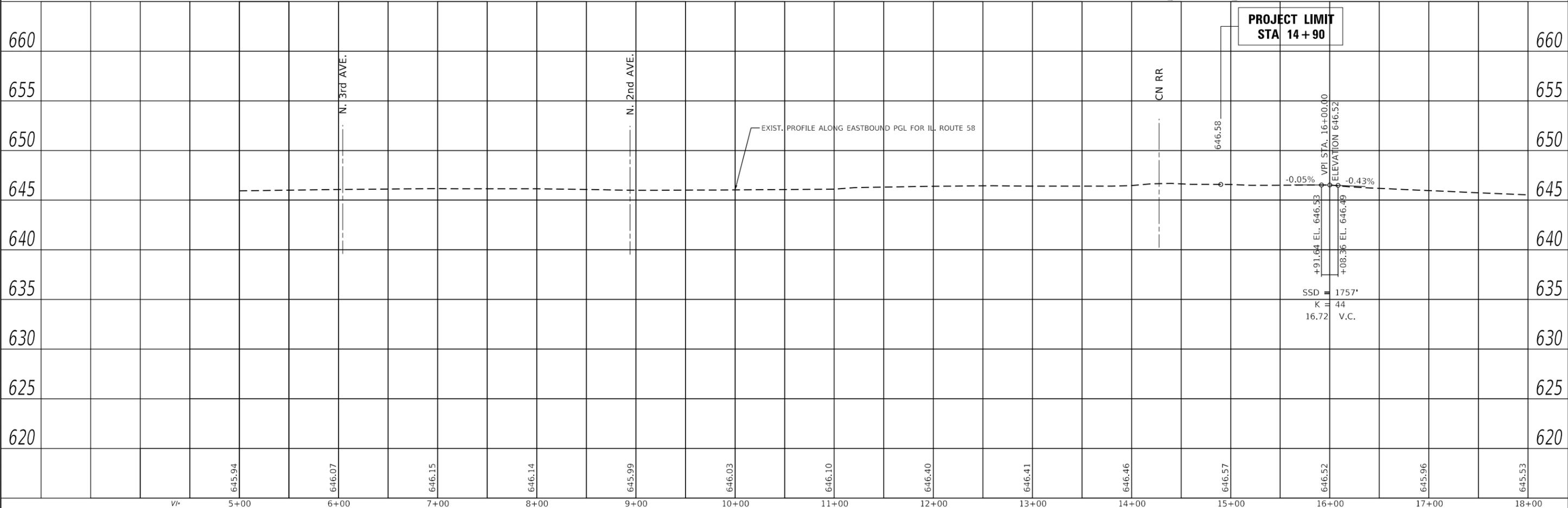
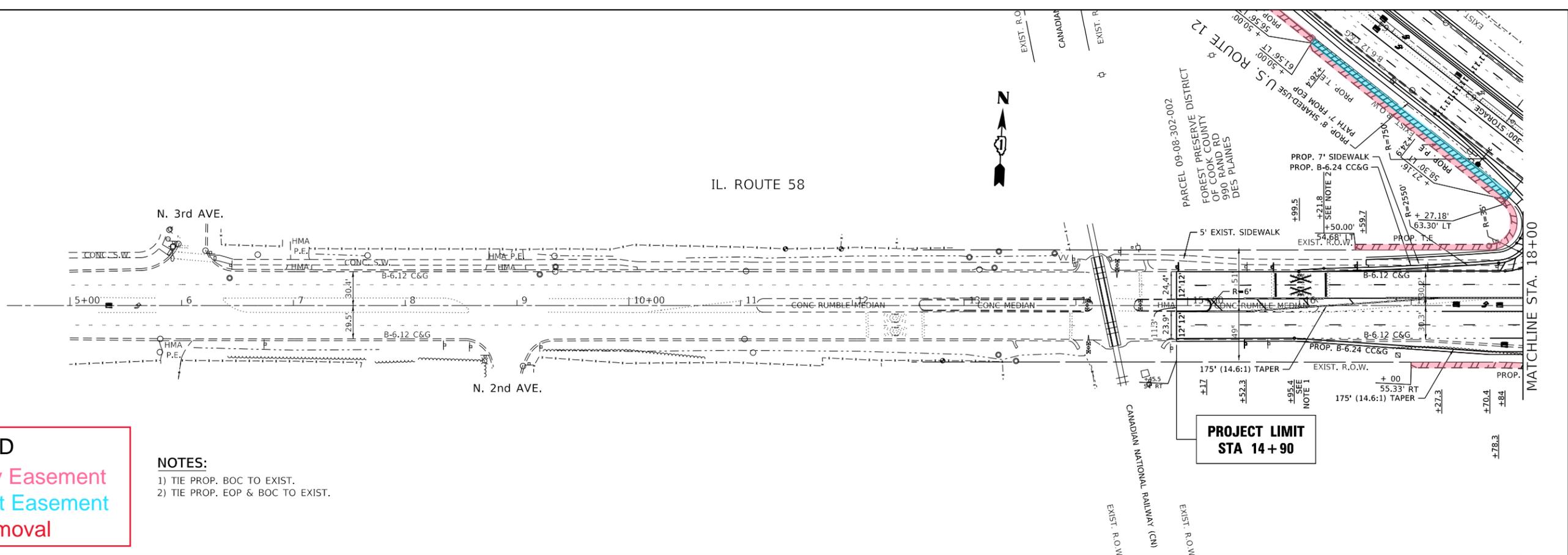




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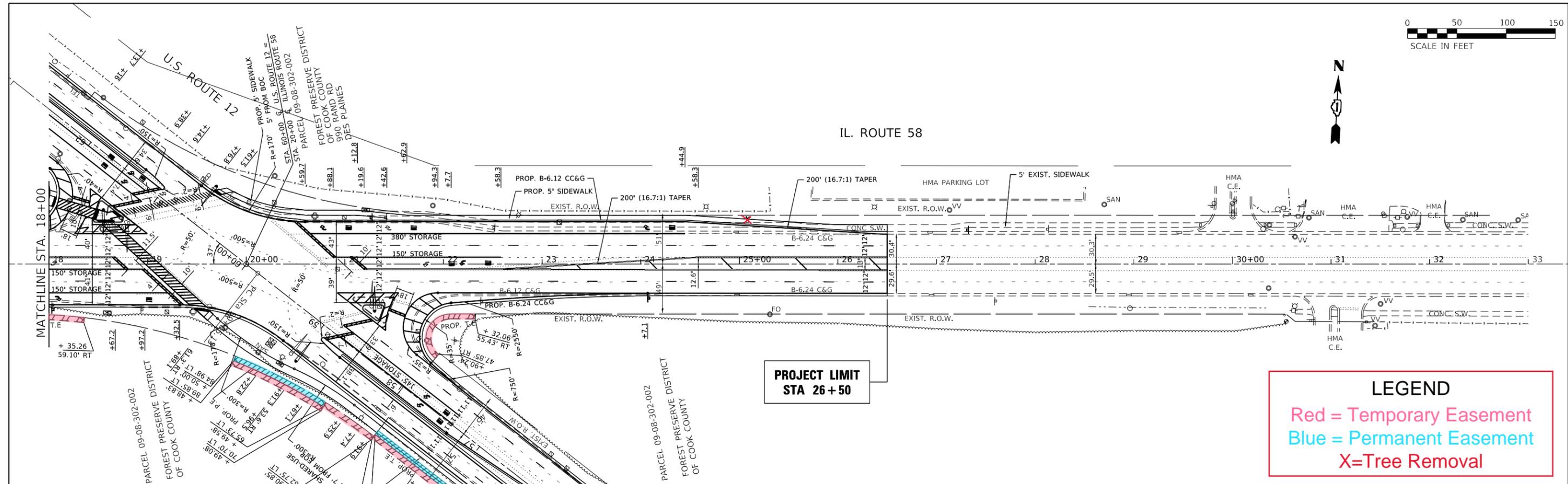
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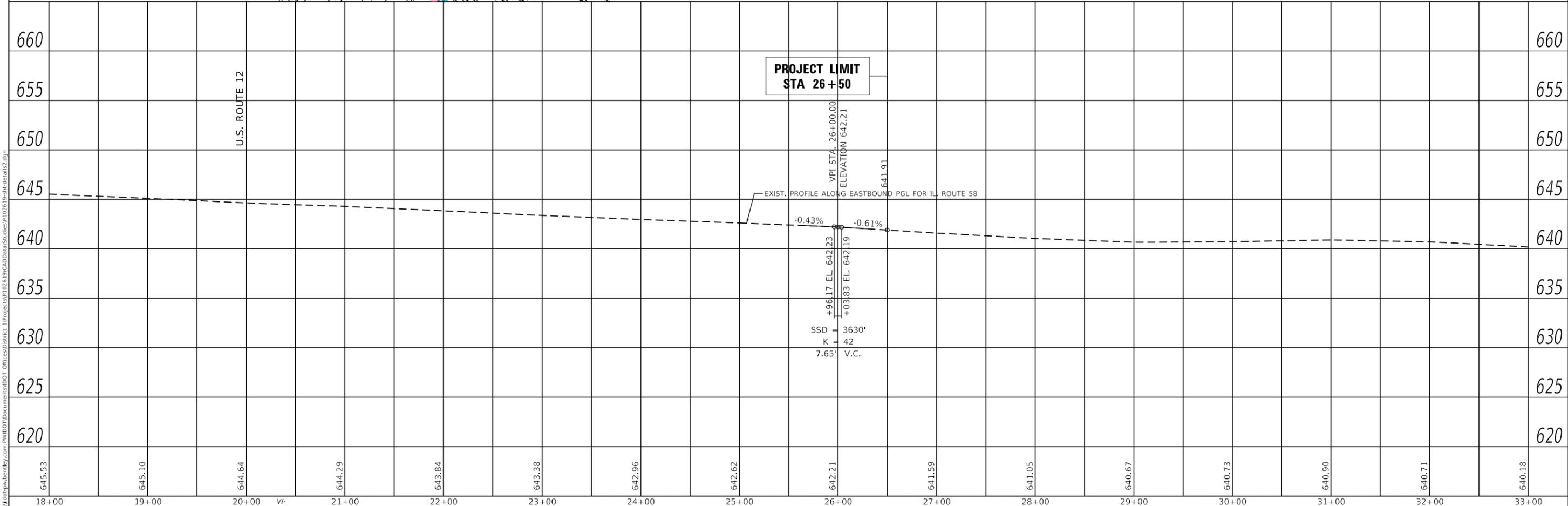


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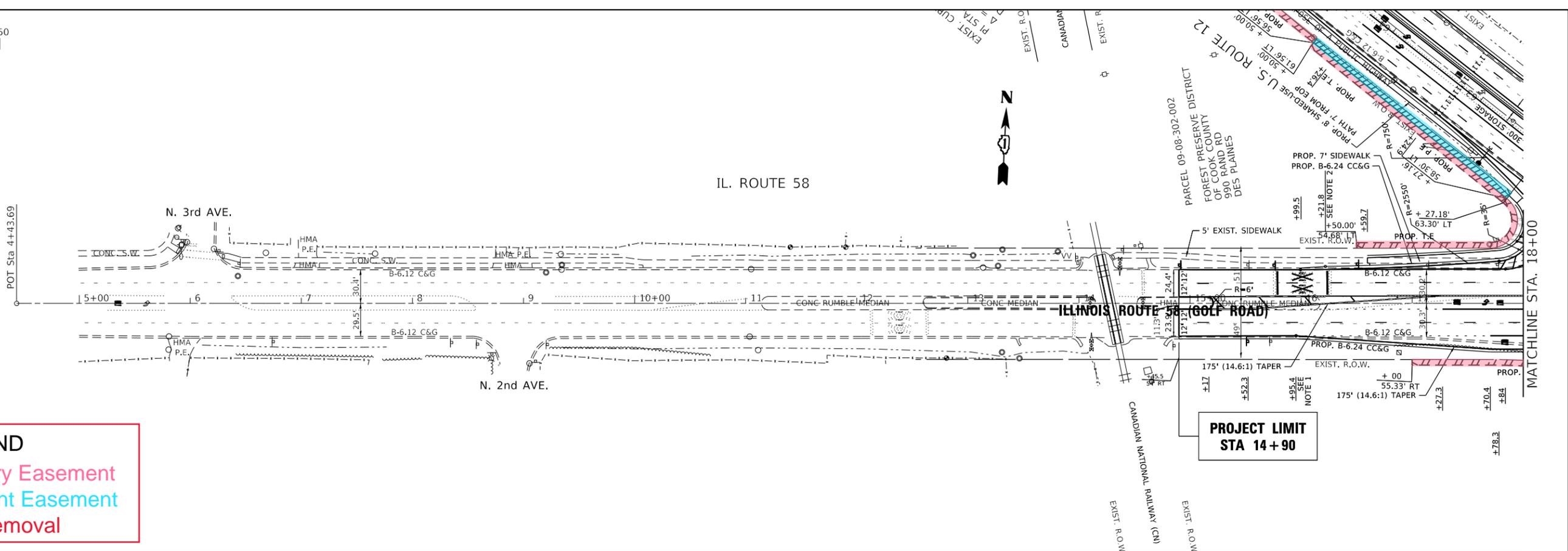
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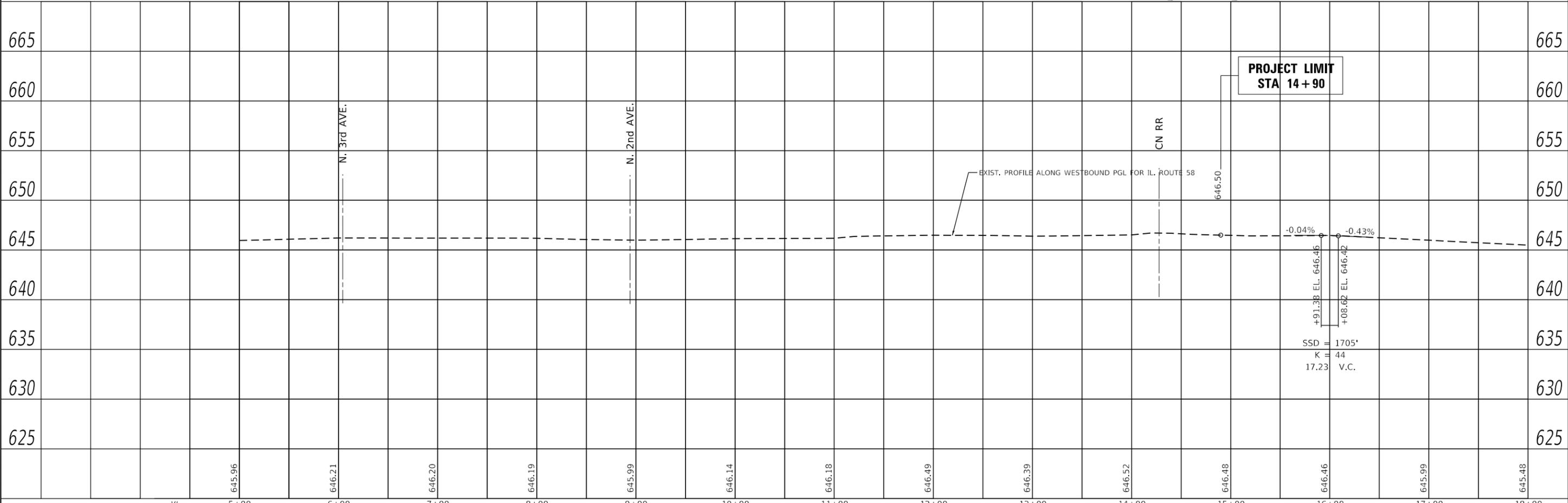
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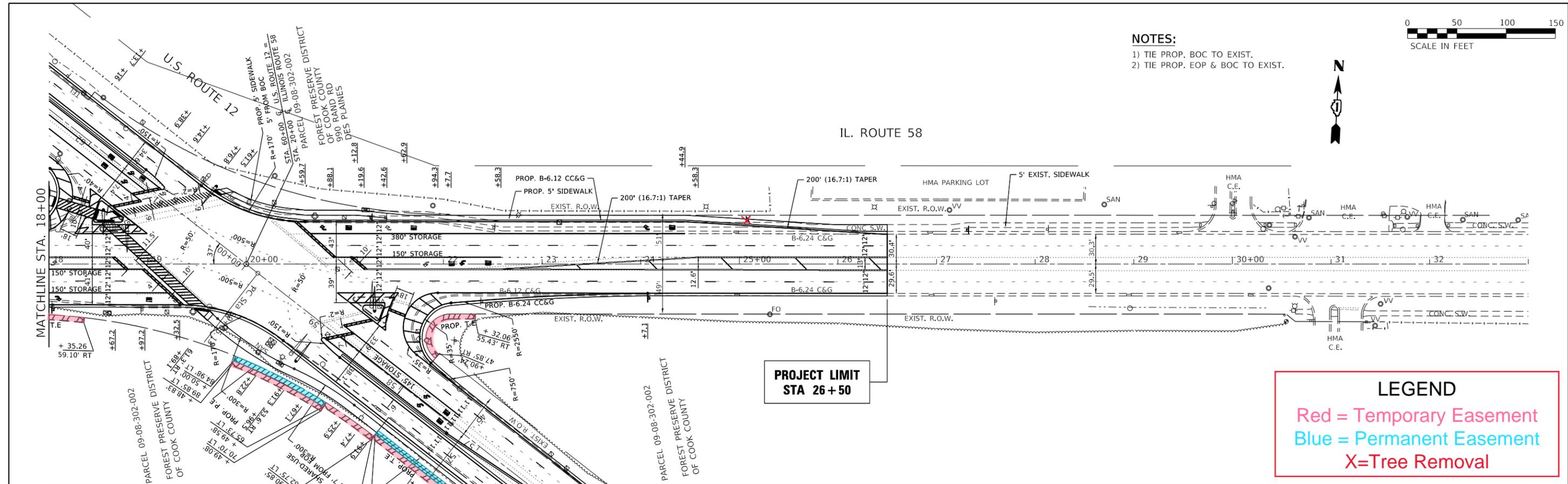


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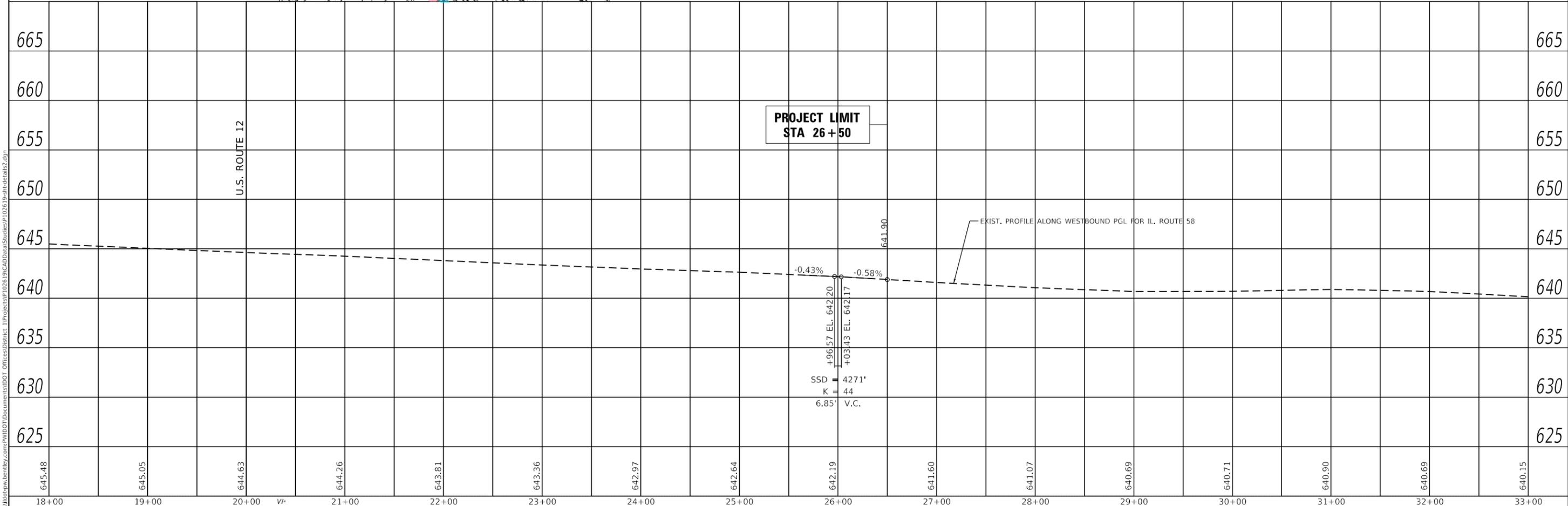


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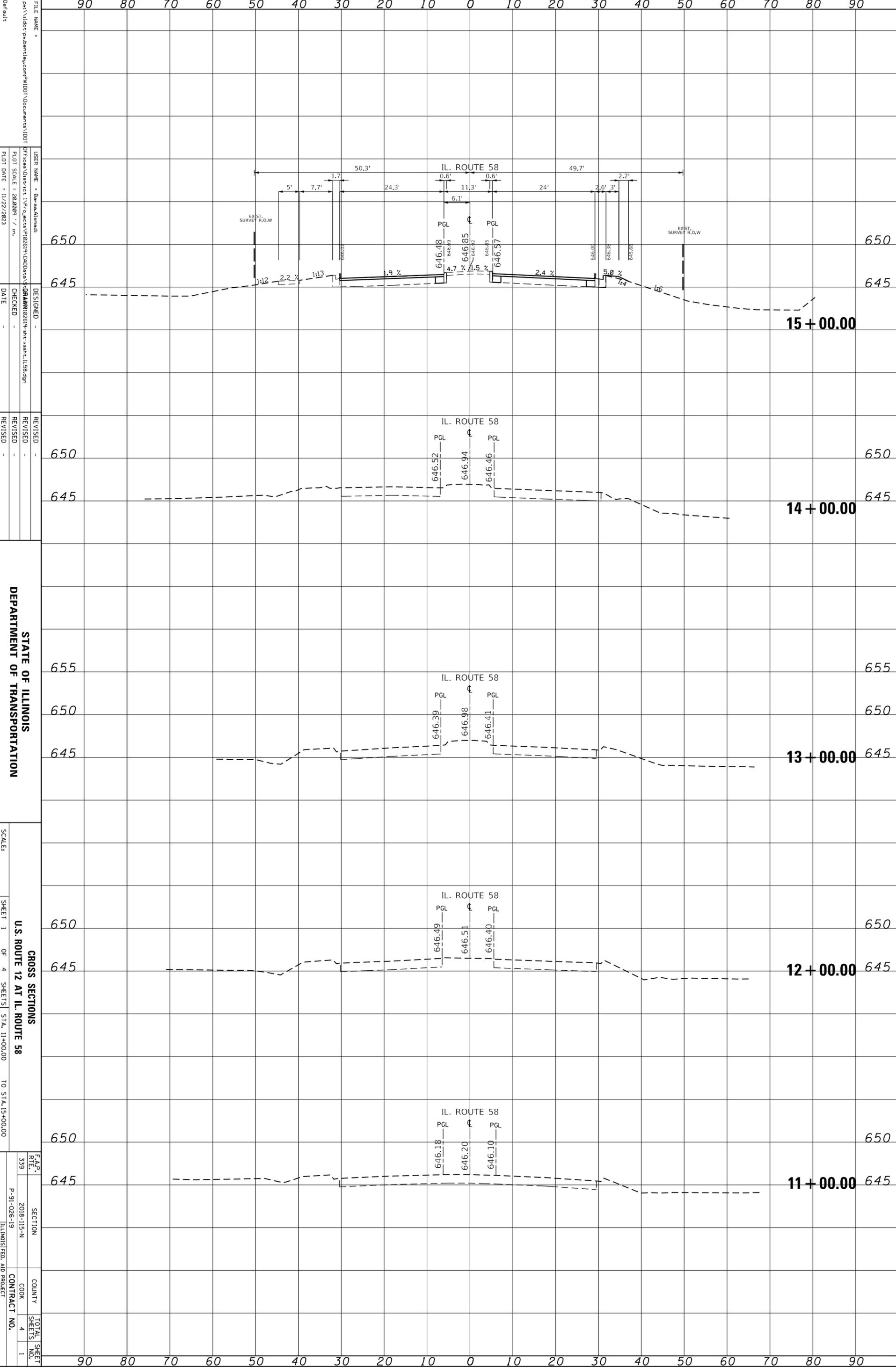
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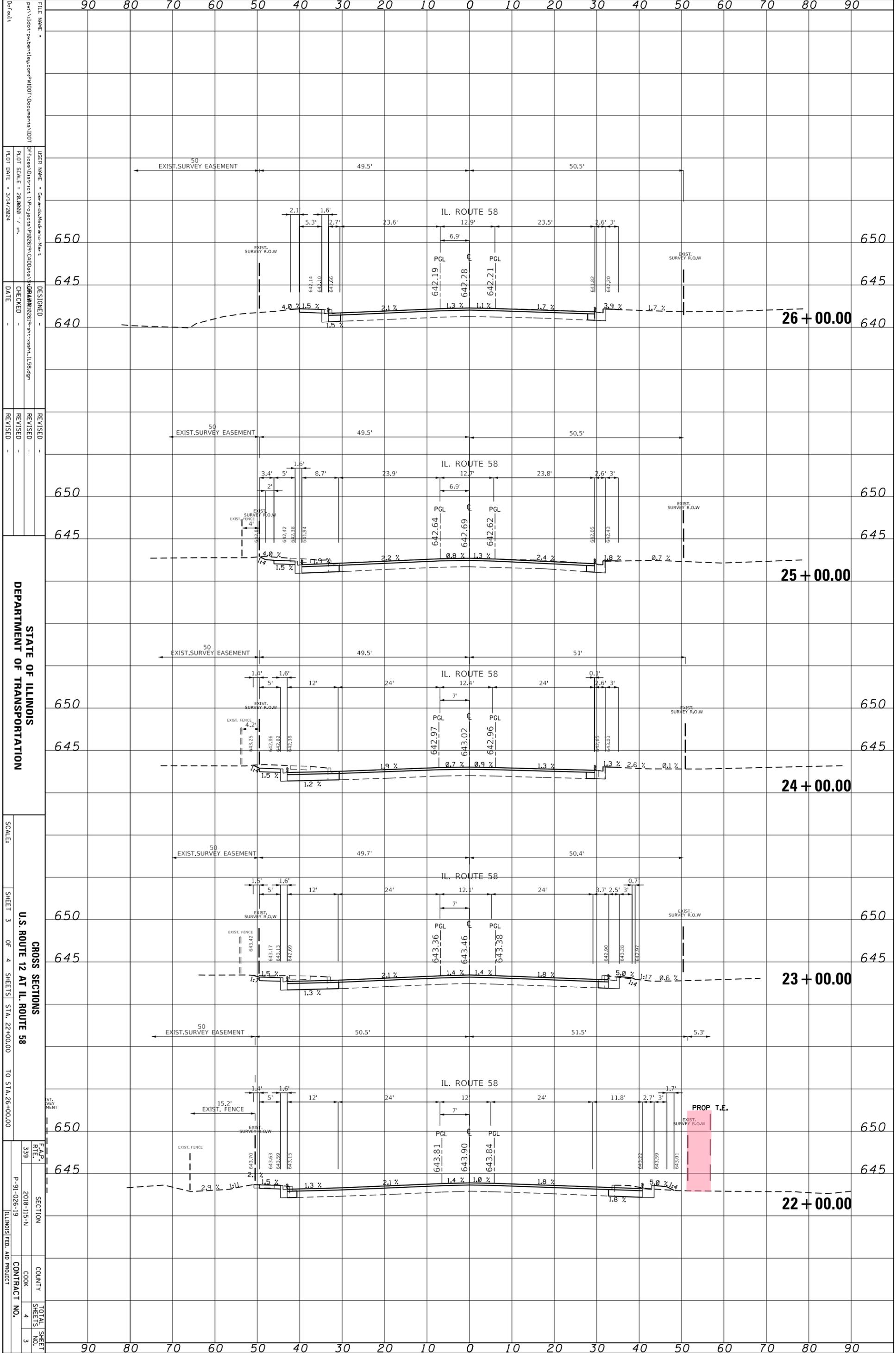
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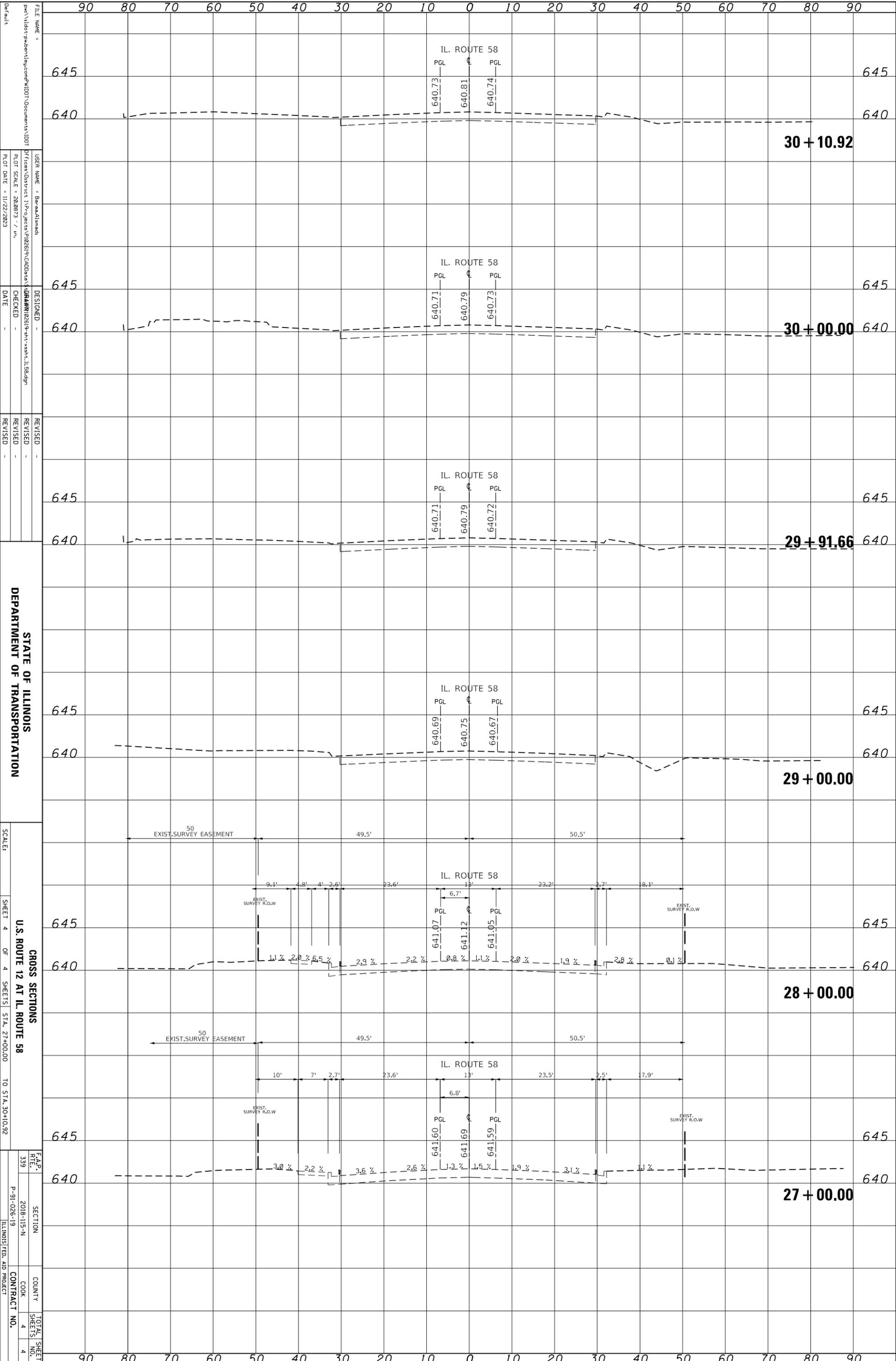
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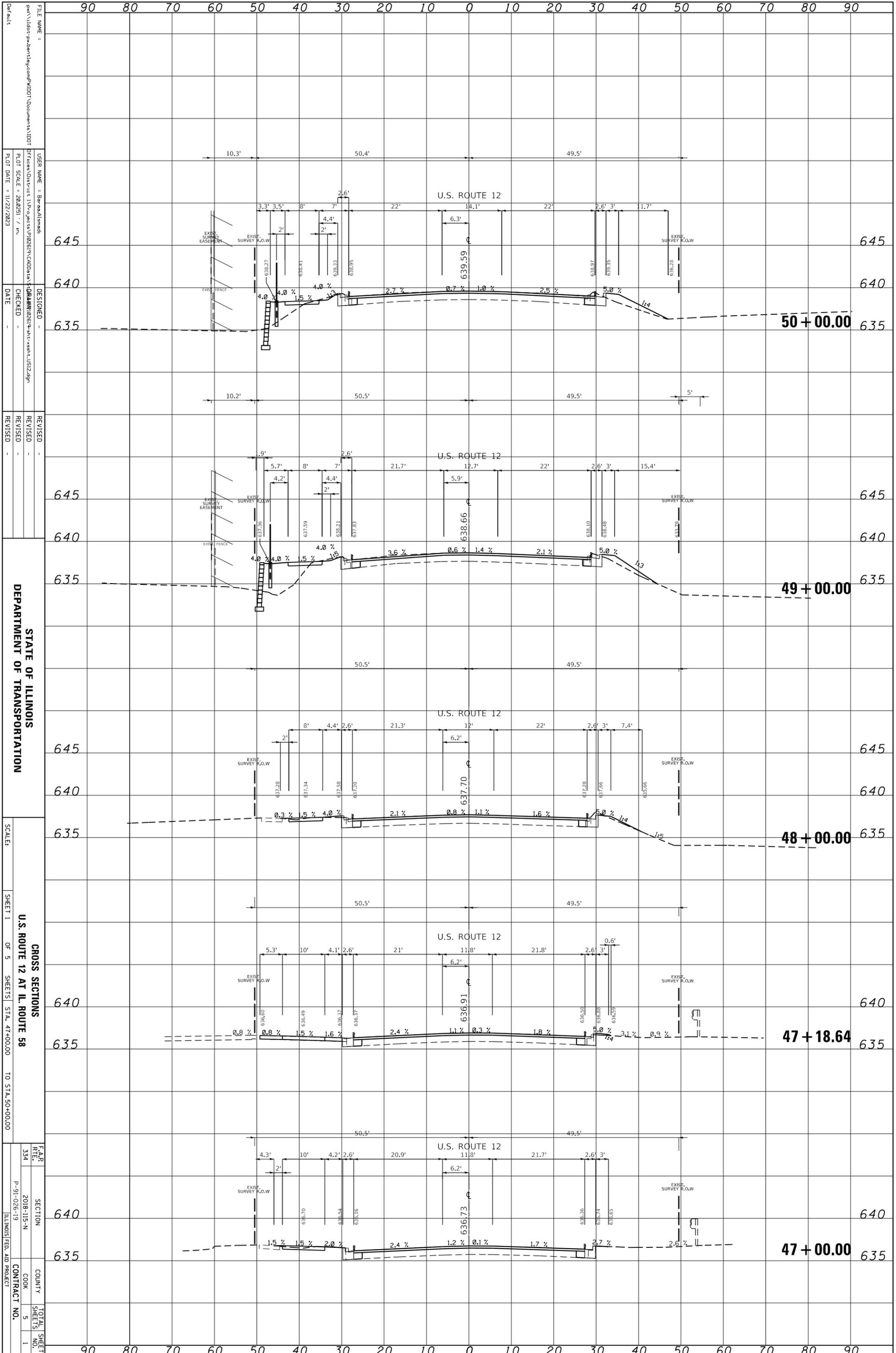
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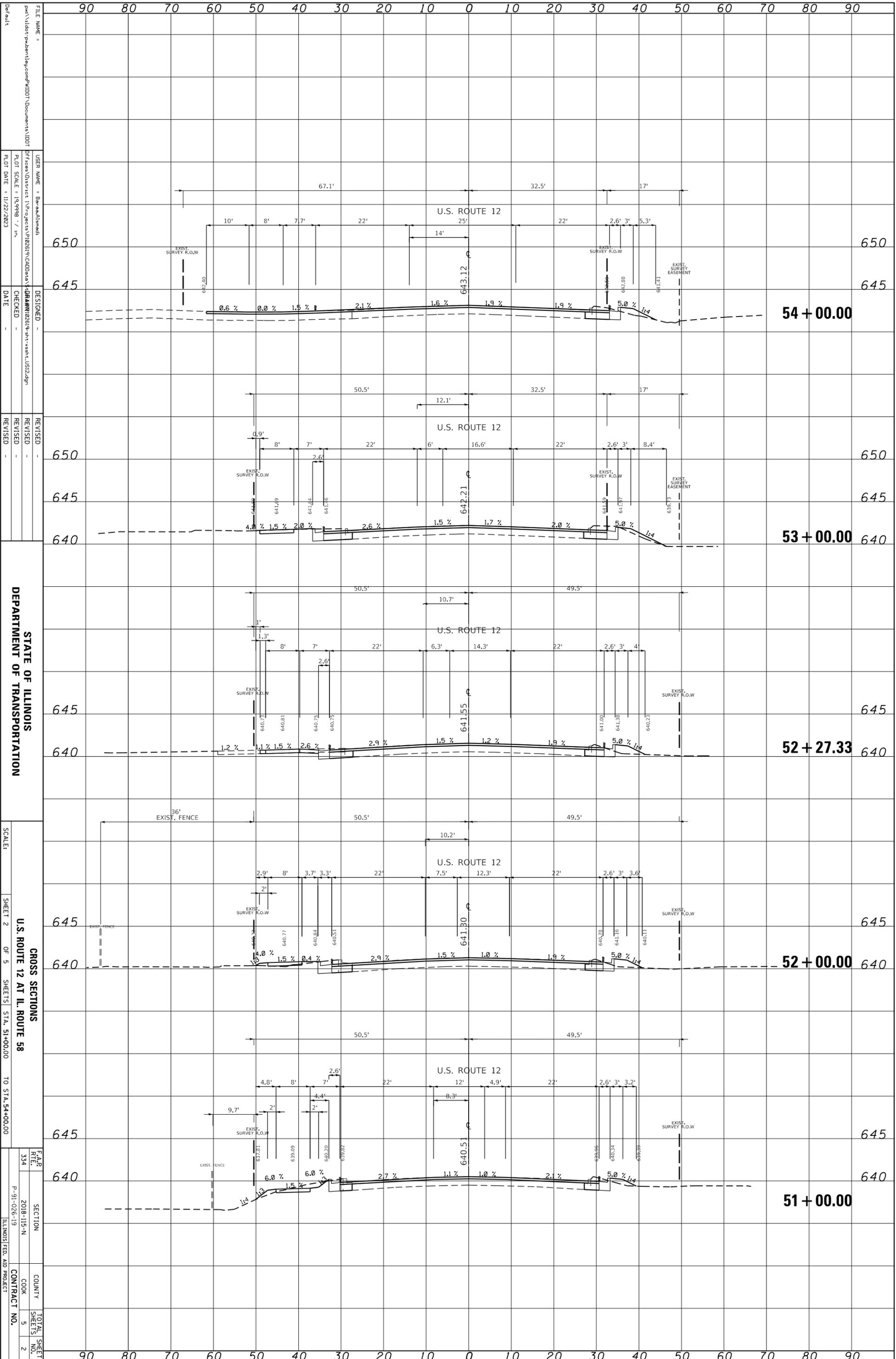
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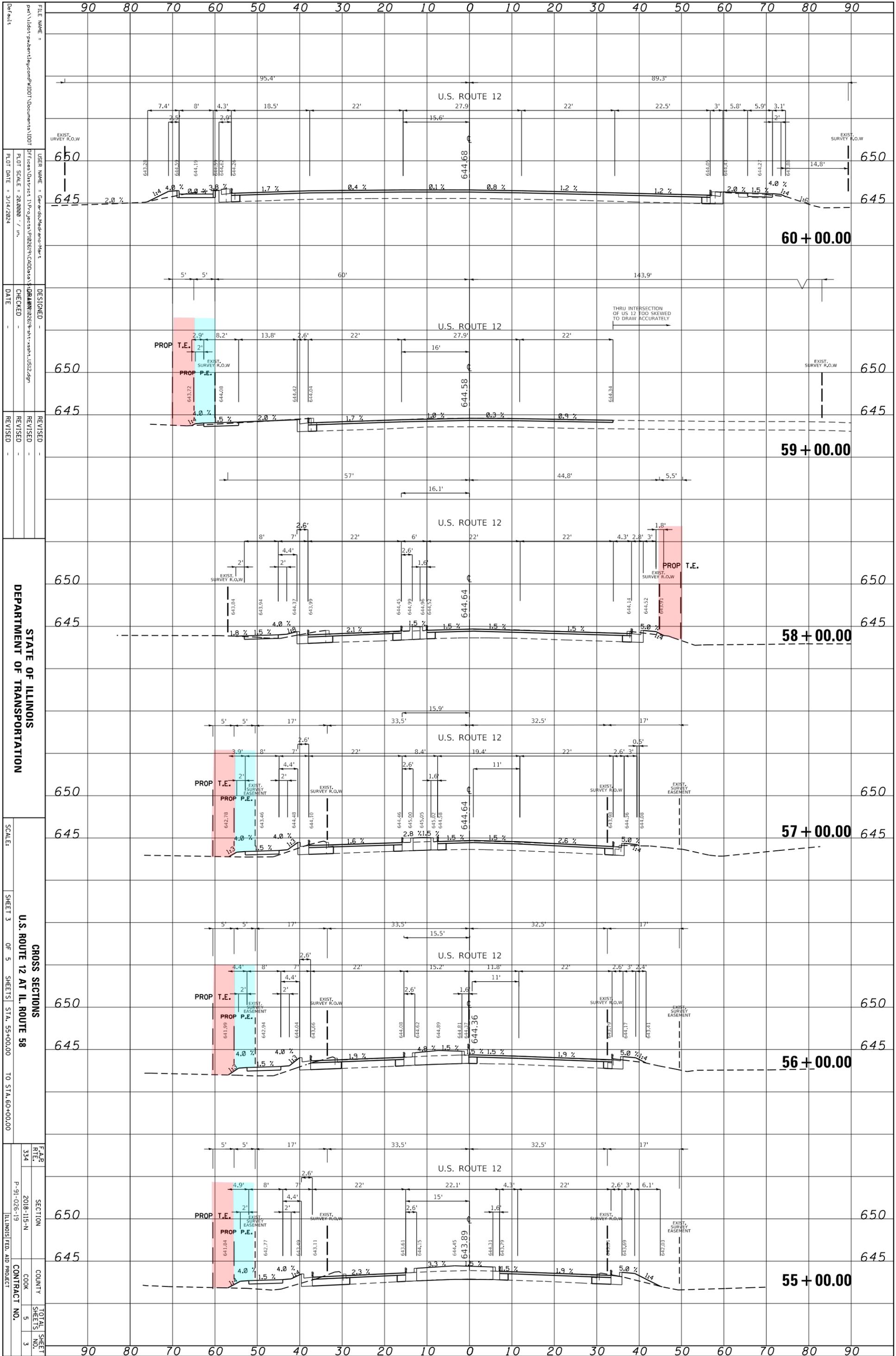
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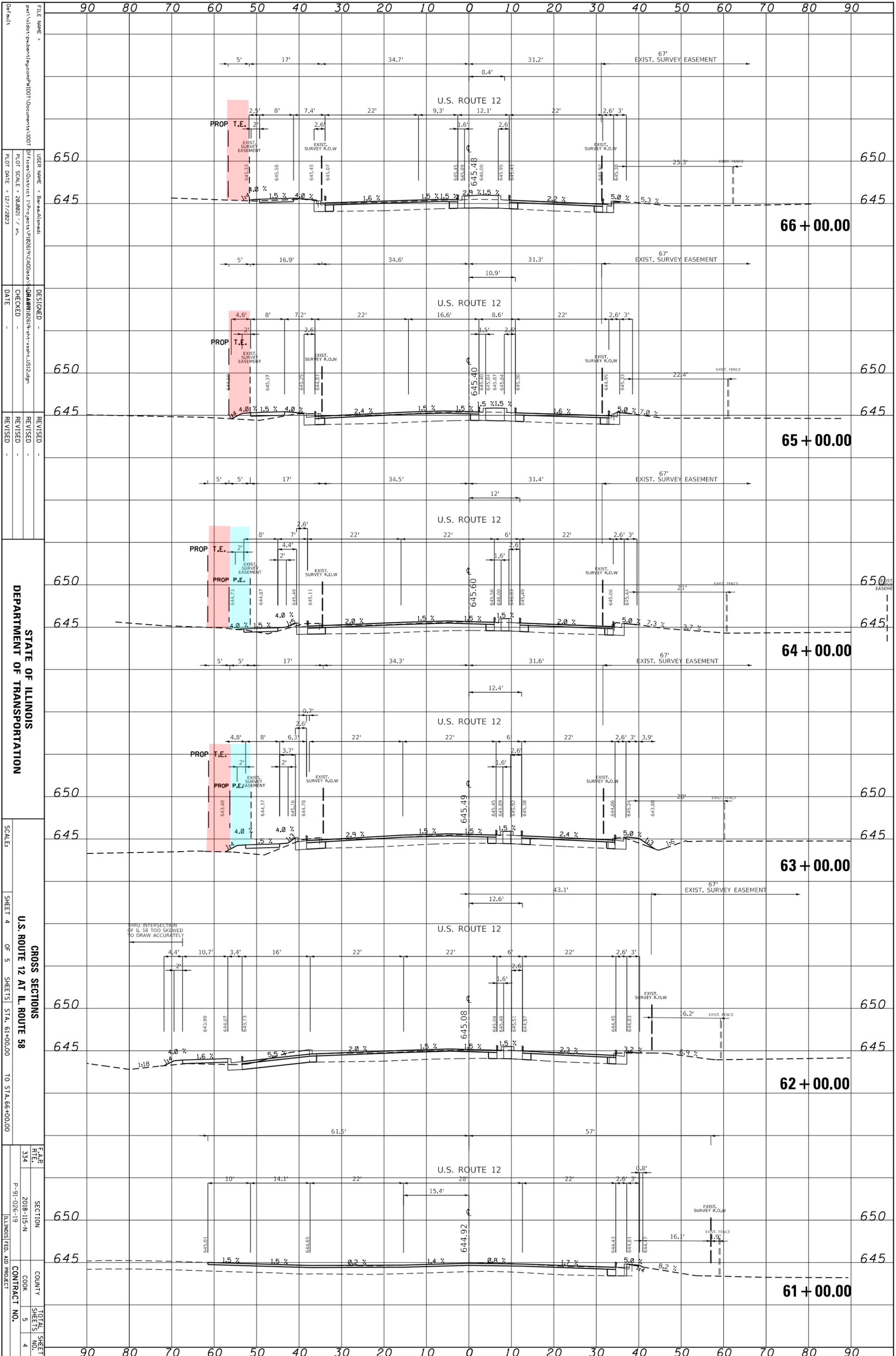
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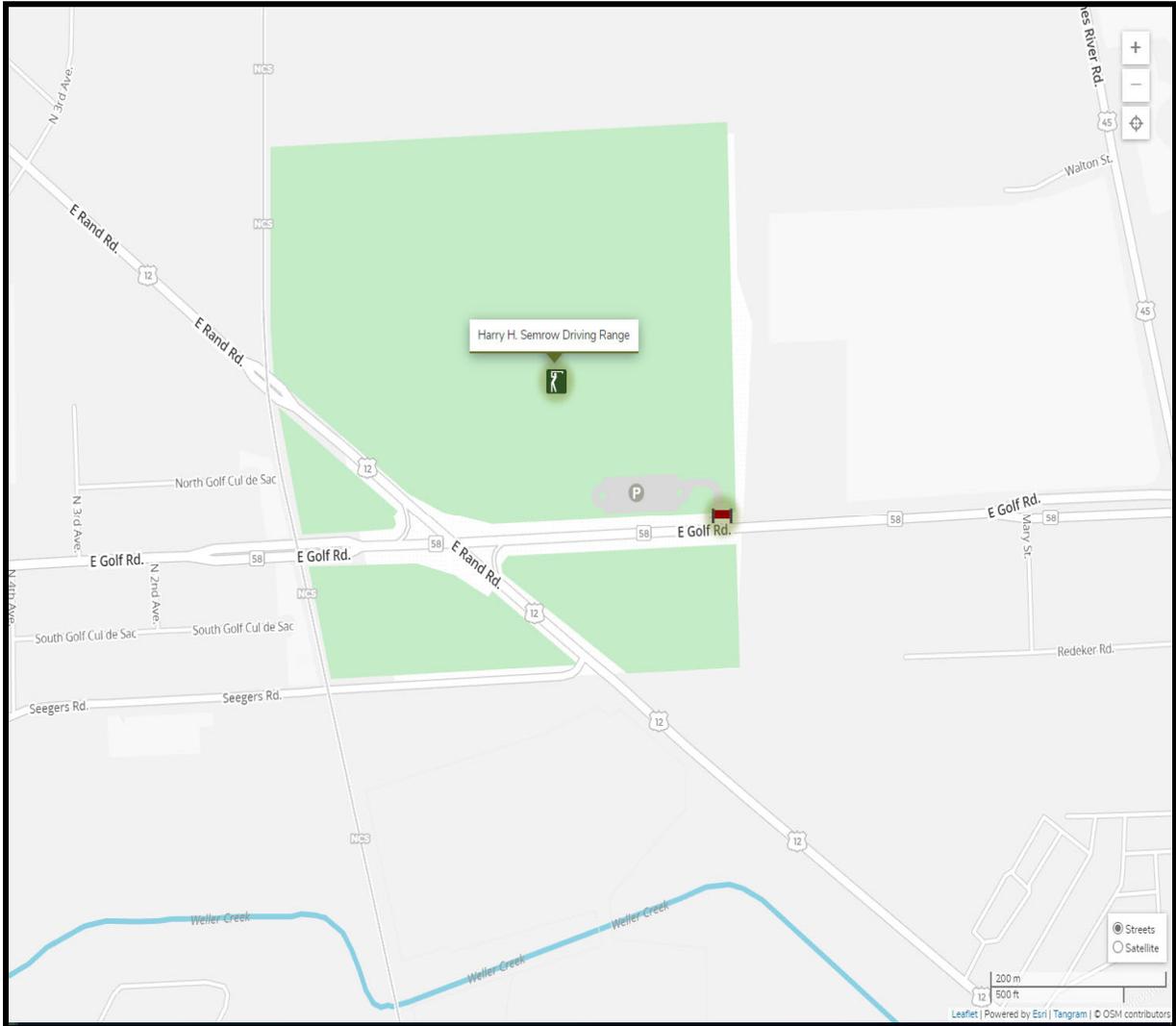


US 12 at IL 58  
City of Des Plaines  
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PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESOURCE

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## Forest Preserves of Cook County Map



US 12 at IL 58, City of Des Plaines, IL

US 12 at IL 58, City of Des Plaines, IL





**IL 58 facing the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58**



**IL 58 facing the northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58**



**IL 58 (Golf Road) west of US 12 (Rand Road) facing west**



**IL 58 (Golf Road) west of US 12 (Rand Road) facing east**



**US 12 (Rand Road) north of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing northwest**



**US 12 (Rand Road) north of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing southeast**



**US 12 (Rand Road) south of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing northwest**



**US 12 (Rand Road) south of IL 58 (Golf Road) facing southeast**



**Northeast corner of US 12 at IL 58**



**Northwest corner of US 12 at IL 58**



**Southeast corner of US 12 at IL 58**



**Southwest corner of US 12 at IL 58**

US 12 at IL 58  
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Illinois Department of Transportation

Public Comment



IDOT is seeking public comments on impacts that the US 12 (Rand Road) at IL 58 (Golf Road) project will have on the Unnamed Green Space adjacent to the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range. The green spaces are owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

IDOT requires the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements on the west side of US 12 south of IL 58, both sides of the west leg of IL 58, and the southeast corner of US 12 at IL 58 in order to replace the existing shared-use path along the west side of US 12, for grading purposes, and to provide access for construction equipment.

Hard copies of the Section 4 (f) de minimis documentation will be provided at the following locations during normal business hours.

**DATE: Date X, 20223**  
**TIME: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday**  
**PLACE: Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Bureau of Programming**  
**201 West Center Court**  
**Schaumburg, IL 60196**  
**OR**  
**Forest Preserve District of Cook County**  
**536 North Harlem Avenue River Forest, IL 60305**

The Section 4 (f) De Minimis Documentation is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/section-4f-documents.html>(Click on Section 4(f) tab)

Electronic copies can be provided by emailing a request to [melissa.au@illinois.gov](mailto:melissa.au@illinois.gov)

Written comments can be submitted at the IDOT office, mailed to the IDOT office, or submitted electronically to [melissa.au@illinois.gov](mailto:melissa.au@illinois.gov). Comments must be received by Date X, 2023, to be considered part of the public record.

This documentation will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Melissa Au at (847)705-4074. Persons planning to visit either site to review the documents and who need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TDD number (847)705-4710 at least five days prior to their visit.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Bureau of Programming**  
**Attn: Melissa Au**  
**201 West Center Court**  
**Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096**

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**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK  
COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE**

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# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Region 1 / District 1  
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Project and Environmental Studies  
US Route 12 at Illinois Route 58  
Cook County

March 29, 2019

Ms. Chris Slattery  
Director of Planning & Development  
Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
536 North Harlem Avenue  
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Ms. Slattery:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has recently initiated preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of US Route 12 (Rand Road) at Illinois Route 58 in the City of Des Plaines in Cook County. A location map is enclosed for your reference. This improvement is not currently included in the Department's FY 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, this project will be included in the Department's priorities for future funding consideration among similar improvement needs throughout the region. The proposed improvement consists of an intersection safety improvement to provide dual left turn lanes along US Route 12.

The subject improvement is in the vicinity of the Harry H. Semrow Driving Range of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. At this early stage in project development, the Department requests that you provide some background information concerning these holdings. The following information would be of particular interest to the Department:

1. Is this property publicly owned?
2. Is it publicly used as a park, recreational area, wildlife and/or waterfowl refuge?
3. Is it on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)?
4. Size in acres, as well as a right-of-way plat and/or site plan
5. Common name and type of facility (recreation, historic, etc.)
6. Available recreational activities (fishing, swimming, bike trails, etc.)
7. Facilities, existing and planned (description and location)
8. Usage (approximate number of users for each activity)
9. Relationship to other similarly used lands in the vicinity
10. Access (pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian, and vehicular)
11. Ownership and applicable clauses affecting title, such as covenants, restrictions or conditions including forfeiture or federal encumbrances (i.e., LAWCON funds)

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12. Unusual characteristics of the property (flooding, vegetation, terrain conditions, or any other future plans)
13. A map identifying the extent of your holdings in the area of the proposed improvement

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Au, Project Manager, at (847) 705-4074.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Quigley, P.E.  
Region One Engineer

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County Board Commissioner, 17 District  
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**Subject:** [External] RE: U.S. Route 12 at Illinois Route 58 | P-91-026-19 | Bicycle Facilities

Melissa,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this upcoming road project.

- Even though Forest Preserve property occurs on all four corners of this intersection, existing or anticipated future bicycle usage within the Forest Preserve does not occur within or adjacent to the U.S. Route 12 corridor.
- Forest Preserve does not collect user counts for on-road bicycle usage.
- The existing Des Plaines Trail signed is approximately 1.3 miles east of the project. <http://fpdcc.com/downloads/maps/trails/english/FPCC-Des-Plaines-Trail-Map-10-15.pdf>
- Phase I Engineering is underway to study a crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad Road between Golf & Central. Funding applications have been submitted for future engineering and construction phases. Pending funding approvals, this project could occur within 5 years.
- Consult with the City of Des Plaines regarding additional bicycle programs which may affect the U.S. Route 12.

Please let us know if you need any additional information from the Forest Preserves.

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At this early stage of Phase I project development, the Department requests that you provide any information relevant to defining an appropriate roadway configuration which can include bicycle accommodations where needs exist. Specific information the Department is requesting includes the following:

- Existing or anticipated future bicycle usage along or crossing the U.S. Route 12 corridor
- Existing or planned facilities generating bicycle travel in the project area
- Extent of on-road bicycle usage
- Existing or planned separate bicycle trails or signed bike routes in the vicinity (1.2 miles) of the project
- Planned and programmed local bikeway construction projects within a 5-year period
- Any additional bicycle programs which may affect the U.S. Route 12

The Department appreciates any input you could provide in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Au, Project Manager.

Thank you,  
Melissa Au, P.E.  
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IDOT District 1 | Bureau of Programming  
In-House Studies  
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# IDOT and FPDCC Coordination Meetings

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## MEETING MINUTES

Subject: US 12 (Rand Road) at IL58 (Golf Road)

Date: September 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Place: Virtual WebEx Meeting

Attendees:

Melissa Au	IDOT Bureau of Programming – P&ES
Baraa Alsmadi	IDOT Bureau of Programming – P&ES
Michael Murnane	Cook County Forest Preserve
Chris Adas	Cook County Forest Preserve
Chris Slattery	Cook County Forest Preserve
Mike Schechtman	Cook County Forest Preserve
Adnan Nammari	Cook County Forest Preserve

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### 1. General Discussion

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the project and discuss the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) property that is anticipated to be impacted by our proposed improvements due to existing ROW discrepancies.

### 2. Discussed Items

i. Project Overview & Scope of Work:

The Department introduced the project and discussed the general scope of work which consists of intersection safety improvements. The proposed improvements consist of traffic signal replacement, the addition of dual left-turn lanes along US 12, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and ADA improvements.

The surrounding land use is primarily residential and businesses. There is FPDCC property on four corners of the US 12 at IL 58 intersection. The Harry H. Semrow Driving Range is located at the northeast corner of the intersection and the other corners are undeveloped FPDCC green space.

There were no existing sidewalks along US 12 within the project limits; however, the City of Des Plaines (City) recently installed an 8-ft shared-use path on the west side of US 12 through the project limits. The Department's proposed improvements will include replacing the 8-foot shared-use path along the west side of US 12. A design exception was approved on August 3, 2022 for the substandard shared-use path width.

There are existing sidewalks along IL 58 at the northwest and northeast corners within the project limits. The proposed improvements will also provide a 7-foot sidewalk on the northwest corner of US 12 at IL 58 as well as a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of IL 58 east of US 12.

ii. Need for Proposed Improvement:

The purpose of this improvement is to enhance safety and reduce crashes at the intersection of US 12 and IL 58.

iii. Section 4(f):

As part of an existing ROW confirmation request to IDOT's Bureau of Land Acquisition, we received documentation stating the existing ROW was less than was initially identified as part of the project's data collection. The EX. ROW along the south side of US 12/Rand Rd south of IL 58 was originally noted as 57-ft from the EX. Centerline which meant that there was no ROW acquisition required from the FPDCC properties adjacent to US 12; however, upon a ROW Verification Request, it was noted that the EX. ROW was 33-ft from centerline with an additional Permanent Easement of 17-ft which altogether puts the existing ROW at 50-ft instead of 57-ft. In order to provide the proper separation from traffic, the existing 8-ft wide shared use path installed by the City needs to be replaced 7-ft from the edge of traveled way which falls outside the existing Permanent Easement. An additional 5-ft to 6-ft of Permanent Easement and 5-ft of Temporary Easements will be required from the FPDCC. The area where the additional easement is required is undeveloped green space. The Department expects this additional permanent easement where the proposed shared-use path will be located in can be processed as a Section 4f De Minimis as it will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f).

We anticipate requiring approximately 0.151 acres of Temporary Easement and 0.074 acres of Permanent Easement from the FPDCC. We also anticipate impacting four trees (three on the east leg on the north side of IL 58 and one tree on the south leg on the east side of US 12) and any brush/shrubs within the proposed grading boundary will also need removal as well.

iv. Items Discussed

The FPDCC inquired whether any of the existing utility poles along the south leg of US 12 would be impacted by the proposed improvements since the shared-use path is adjacent to it. The Department said they did not anticipate any impacts. The FPDCC also inquired whether there would be coordination ahead of the proposed improvements to remove any hazardous trees that would be impacted. The Department stated that coordination would take place. The FPDCC also asked who the existing easement was held by and whether it was the City's or some other entity's.

v. Next Steps

The Department will prepare and send the draft Section 4(f) Report and initial Section 4(f) transmittal letter to the FPDCC and Mike Schechtman so he can present the project at the FPDCC's next monthly committee meeting.

Post Meeting Note: The existing permanent easement on the west side of US 12 is held by IDOT.

Prepared By:  
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