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#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this conceptual study is to investigate and establish, in more detail, the requirements for aerial guideway construction. This includes determining structural feasibility, aesthetic appeal, economic viability, and constructibility of various aerial structure types.

A section of the proposed aerial structure along Vermont Avenue was evaluated. The study that follows describes the elements that were used to determine a conceptual per-foot cost for the typical aerial structure.

Sheet surface restoration and new construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks are based on minimum requirements in order to maintain existing traffic lanes while providing a 12-foot median strip for column support structures.

Relocation of utilities is based on minimum requirements for relocating those facilities which conflict with the structure footing.

We have reviewed the structural feasibility, aesthetic appeal, economic viability, and constructibility of various aerial structure types. The study considers alternative construction materials, including steel, precast concrete, poured-in-place oncrete, and combinations thereof.

To aid in this study, we have performed a preliminary investigation of heavy rail aerial structures constructed in other cities of the United States, e.g., Atlanta, Baltimore, Miami, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Structural concepts used at such transit properties are shown for comparison.

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2.0 SUMMARY OF TYPICAL PAVING REQUIREMENTS ALONG VERMONT AVENUE

#### 2.1 Purpose

The purpose of studying a proposed aerial structure which would accomodate existing traffic along a typical section of Vermont Avenue was to evaluate costs and arrive at a basis for construction estimates.

#### 2.2 Existing Conditions

Vermont is a paved street, 70 feet from curb to curb with a 15-foot sidewalk pattern on each side.

There are three 10-foot lanes in each direction. Each center 10-feet lane is used for left-turn lanes at intersections, as well as for "holding" left turns into driveways at midblock. (See typical Section, Figure 1.)

#### 2.3 Proposed Construction

The aerial structure would be built on the center line of the street within a 12-feet median, and would be supported by a column 7 feet in diameter.

To provide a left turn "pocket" at designated cross streets, the adjacent traffic would be directed to the right until a 9-foot offset was reached. The 9-foot offset would become the left-turn pocket.

Past the left-turn intersection, traffic is diverted back to the left. The length of diversion at 10:1 is  $\pm 90$  feet. Adding an average of 200 feet for length-of-turn pockets makes the entire diversion approximately 300 feet long.

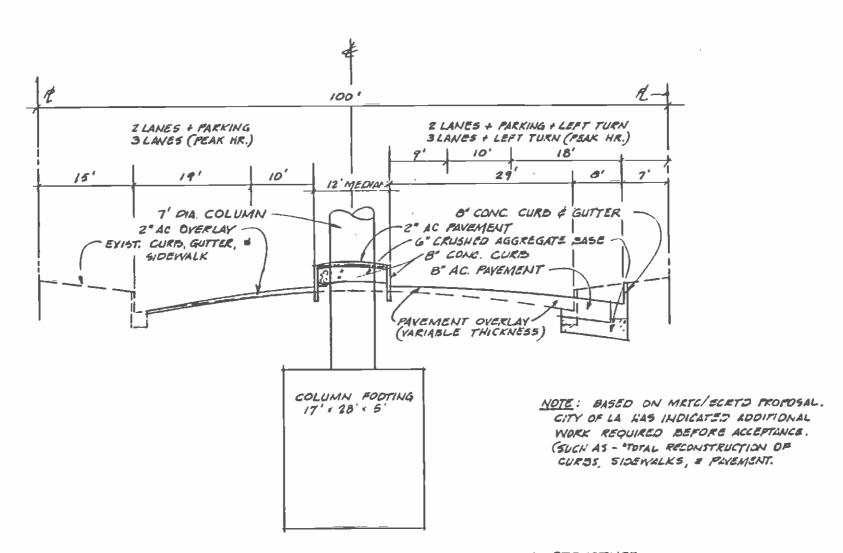
Where no diversion is required, the existing sidewalk, curb, and gutter could remain. On an average, 60 percent of the existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk would remain.

It is assumed that where possible existing pavement would be reused with a 2-inch overlay. Other new pavement would require 8-inch AC (including a 2-inch wearing surface) on a 6-inch crushed aggregate base.

The center median would be two rows of concrete curb separated by AC pavement (2 inches thick on a 6-inch crushed aggregate base).

### 2.4 Approximate Quantities to be Considered for Concept Estimates

- A. Total development per foot of length at left-turn lanes:
  - 1. Left side of existing curb and gutter to remain as is





- 2. Two-inch overlay of AC to median (29 feet)
- 3. Eight-inch curb (2 each)
- 4. Two-inch AC on 6-inch base (11 feet)
- 5. Two inches of AC to remain (29 feet)
- 6. New 8 inches of AC on 6-inch base (8 feet)
- 7. New 8-inch curb and gutter (1 each).

B. Where no left-turn lane exists:

- 1. Same as above
- 2. Same as above
- 3. Same as above
- 4. Same as above
- 5. Same as above
- 6. Right side curb and gutter to remain as is.

#### 2.5 Conclusion

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It is assumed that the construction at left turn lanes, as in A above, would comprise 40 percent of the linear construction. The remaining 60 percent would be as in B above. Therefore, the average quantity per linear foot of improvements would be as follows:

- A. Two inches of AC overlay (finish surface) = 69 sq. ft/ft: approximately 8 sq. yds/ft.
- B. Eight inches of concrete curb = 2.4 linear ft/ft: approximately 3 linear ft/ft.
- C. Six inches of crushed aggregate base = 10.2 sq. ft/ft: approximately 1 sq. yd/ft.
- D. Eight inches of AC (new paving) = 3.2 sq. ft/ft: approximately 1/3 sq. yd/ft.

3.0 SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL UTILITY CONFLICTS ALONG VERMONT AVENUE

#### 3.1 Purpose

The purpose of this study was to evaluate costs for an aerial structure along Vermont Avenue, in which, using city-supplied maps, existing utilities were considered and conflicts were identified.

#### 3.2 Transition Structure

Transition was from subway to aerial structure, with a 36-footwide U-wall section and a retaining wall of approximately the same width, including wall footings.

#### 3.3 Potential Conflicts with Existing Utilities

#### A. Third Street to Second Street

Tongth	Utility	Size	Distance From Street Center Line
Length	OCTITCY	0400	
235 feet 235 feet 235 feet 220 feet 235 feet	Water main (DWPWS) Sewer (abandoned) Water main (DWPWS) Sewer Telephone ductbank (	30 inches 8 inches 6 inches 8 inches (SCT) 5 PP	16 feet east 13 feet west 18 feet west 20 feet east 22 feet west

#### B. Second Street to First Street

Length	<u>Utility</u>	<u>si</u> :	ze		ance From eet Center Line
435 feet 120 feet 435 feet 20 feet 435 feet	Water main (DWPWS) Sewer (abandoned) Water main (DWPWS) Sewer Telephone ductbank (SCT) Elec. vault with ductbank	8 6 8 5	inches inches inches inches PP	13 20 20	feet east feet west feet west feet east feet west
	bypass (2-6 inches) Telephone manhole (SCT)				feet east feet west

- C. <u>Aerial Structure</u> Twenty-eight foot-wide aerial structure on a single pier supports footings that are 15 feet by 28 feet by 5 feet. The foot is supported by 26 to 30 piles that are 45 feet to 50 feet long. The supports are spaced from 80 to 120 feet apart. Footings at the aerial stations are 21 feet by 32 feet by 5 feet 6 inches and require from 34 to 38 piles. The span lengths are reduced to about 50 feet.
- 3.4 Potential Conflicts With Utilities

A. Thirty-Inch Water Main

Continuous conflict from 435 feet south of First Street to Rosewood Avenue south of the Hollywood Freeway (16 feet east of the street center line). The water main shifts away from the street center line across the freeway and back (14 feet east of street center line) immediately north of the freeway. The main continues all the way past Hollywood Boulevard, and records show it to be a 36-inch main north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

B. Four-Inch Gas Main

Conflicts with five piers north of First Street (13 feet east of street center line).

C. Eight-Inch Sanitary Sewer (Abandoned)

Conflicts with all piers from First Street to the Hollywood Freeway (on center line).

D. Six-Inch Water Main

Continuous conflict from First Street to the Hollywood Freeway (15 feet from the street center line).

E. Telephone Ductbank and Manholes - 4 MTD & 1 PP

Continuous conflict from First Street to Beverly Boulevard (15.5 feet from the center line of the street).

F. Telephone Ductbank and Manholes - 5 PP

Continuous conflict from Beverly Boulevard to Rosewood Avenue (south of freeway), 165 feet from the center line of the street. The ductbank starts again just north of the freeway and extends to Monroe Street with six ducts and to Willowbrook Avenue with seven ducts. It then decreases to six ducts (6 MTD) and continues northward.

G. Electrical Ductbank with Manholes

Starting at Lockwood and extending northward, this electrical ductbank is generally located five feet east of the street center line and directly conflicts with the proposed footings. It includes 4 five-inch ducts and 4 to 8 four-inch ducts. North of Vermont Place, the ductbank shifts 18.5 feet east of the street center line.

H. Fifty-Four-Inch Storm Drain

Starting at Monroe and extending northward to Willowbrook, there is a 54-inch storm drain 20 feet east of the street center line. It may conflict with the construction of the pier footings but not with their actual location. The storm drain reduces to a 48-inch pipe at Willowbrook and extends to Vermont Place, where it shifts to an alignment only seven feet east of the street center line and extends northward.

I. Individual Service Laterals

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The exact location of each building service is not known, but they are numerous, so there will be some in conflict with the final footing locations; however, they can be moved at relatively low cost.

#### 4.0 AERIAL STRUCTURE

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#### 4.1 Introduction

The objective of this aerial structural conceptual study is to determine structural feasibility, aesthetic appeal, economic viability, and constructability of various aerial structure types. This study considers alternative materials of construction, including steel, precast concrete, poured-in-place concrete and combinations thereof. We have performed a preliminary investigation of the heavy rail aerial structures constructed in other cities of the United States, e.g., Atlanta, Baltimore, Miami, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., to aid in this study.

This part of the study addresses candidate Alignment J, which consists of a combination of aerial, retained cut, retained fill (transition structure), and subway sections. Alignment J would include 13.4 miles of subway with 12 stations and 7.1 miles of aerial guideway (including transition structures) with 7 stations, for a total of 20.5 miles and 19 stations.

Alignment J branches to the North after the Wilshire/Vermont Station. It would include a transition from underground subway to an aerial alignment at Vermont Avenue from First Street, and then traverse north along Vermont Avenue and west on Hollywood Boulevard to Bronson Avenue, where it would make a transition back to underground subway and turn north into the San Fernando Valley. The proposed abutments would be located north of First Street and south of Bronson Avenue. The west portion of this alignment would include an underground subway along Wilshire Boulevard to the vicinity of Crenshaw Boulevard, where transition would be made to an aerial profile, and continue in an aerial configuration along Wilshire Boulevard to Fairfax Avenue.

#### 4.2 Criteria for Selection of an Aerial System

The following criteria are considered as basis for selection of an aerial structure.

- A. Aesthetics
- B. Constructibility
- C. Economics of the structure
- D. Maximization of competition for construction
- E. Single shape for full length of alignment
- F. Minimum transitions
- G. Ease of hauling material, precast girders, and/or girder segments

- H. Ease of maintenance
- I. Minimum distraction to highway traffic and the surrounding community
- J. Minimum construction easement requirement
- K. Local availability of material.

#### 4.3 Preliminary Studies

- A. We have considered several guideway girder configurations using different construction materials, which include steel, precast concrete, poured-in-place concrete, and combinations thereof. The typical sections of guideway girder and piers considered are enclosed as Appendix A, Figures 1 through 23. Feasibility of these sections for the candidate alignment is discussed in Paragraph 4.5 of this report.
- B. Appendix B includes typical sections of the guideways constructed in Atlanta, Baltimore, Miami, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. We have considered the merits of each system and tried to implement them for the proposed aerial structure. Feasibility of these systems to the candidate alignment is discussed in Paragraph 4.6 of this report.
- C. Appendix C includes a three-span continuous structure designed by the California State Department of Transportation for a light rail transit structure at the airport viaduct portion (part of Century Freeway project). This project is discussed in Paragraph 4.7 of this report.
- D. Appendix D includes a typical aerial guideway configuration, a typical support system at an aerial station, and a typical pier at an aerial station.
- E. Appendix E includes a plan and profile of candidate alignment J8 J/A3.

#### 4.4 Purpose of Preliminary Studies

- A. Determining an aesthetically-appealing aerial structure that will enhance the architecture of existing urban environments along Vermont Avenue
- B. Determining structure feasibility
- C. Constructibility: Selecting a structure that can be constructed by different construction techniques

- D. Economics
  - 1. Determining the most cost-effective guideway girders which can satisfy the above three requirements
  - 2. Determining an economical span length
  - 3. Determining a cost-effective substructure that is suitable for the proposed superstructure and subsurface geology of Vermont Avenue, and that can meet seismic requirements.

4.5 General Evaluation of the Aerial Guideway Configuration

Please refer to Appendix A, Figures 1 through 18.

- A. Figure 1: Typical box guideway box girders.
  - The rectangular form (a) is a precast post-tension girder measuring 5 feet, 0 inchs deep by 13 feet, 1 inch wide by 110 feet long. It was used in the Miami heavy rail system.
  - The same girder can be designed with sloping webs, using trapizoidal forms (b).
  - 3. The girder can also be designed using inside pipe arch forms (c).

Single-girder supporting single track is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- A. Aesthetic appeal is lacking.
- B. A cap beam over a single column will be required to support two girders.
- B. <u>Figure 2</u>: Precast prestressed concrete double-tee guideway girder-single girder supporting a single track.

The use of this type of guideway girder is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. It is not an asthetically appealing structure which blends with the existing urban environment.
- 2. A hammer head (T)-type pier will be required to support two girders, and this will consequently increase the height of the guideway.

- 3. If pier cap and girder are of the same depth (flush bottom) both ends of the girder will need to be dapped and supported on a corbal (ledge) of the pier cap. (See Figure 19, Appendix A, for the pier cap). Dapped-end girders and pier caps with ledges have a number of serious construction problems associated with them. These problems were experienced during construction of the Miami heavy rail system.
- 4. The interface detail design between the column and the pier cap is a serious design/construction problem.
- 5. Because of their limited width and depth, it is difficult to make proper connection of girder to pier cap ledge to meet seismic requirements.
- C. <u>Figure 3</u>: Two precast, prestressed concrete AASHTO girders supporting a single track with composite cast-in-place concrete deck and diaphragm.

The use of this type of construction is not proposed for the candidate alignment for essentially the same reasons as given for the Figure 2 configuration. In addition, these types of girders cannot be dapped at the ends.

D. <u>Figure 4</u>: Structural steel plate girders with composite cast-in-place concrete deck. There are plate girders for each track with a steel diaphram.

The use of this type of construction is not proposed for the candidate alignment for all the reasons given for the Figure 2 configuration. In addition, we consider maintenance of the steel structure could be a long-term, expensive commitment.

E. <u>Figure 5</u>: Structural steel box girder with composite cast-in-place concrete deck. A single box girder would support single track.

The use of this type of construction is not proposed for the candidate alignment for all the reasons given for the Figure 4 configuration:

F. <u>Figure 6</u>: Single-cell steel box girder supporting two tracks with composite cast-in-place deck.

The use of this type of guideway girder configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

1. Lack of aesthetic appeal.

- 2. The maintenance required for a steel structure.
- 3. Limitation of the competition to the steel industry.
- 4. Use of the single box girder shape will not be economical for the entire system length.
- 5. Creation of more transition in superstructure from one depth of structure to other.
- 6. No study has been made as to local availability of the material and fabrication facilities.
- G. <u>Figure 7</u>: Please refer to description of Figure 17, ahead.
- H. <u>Figure 8</u>: Multicell concrete box girder supporting a double track.

The use of this type of guideway girder configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. It does not have the aesthetic appeal to blend with the existing urban environments.
- 2. It would cost more than the proposed structure.
- 3. It will eliminate use of precast concrete, and therefore limit competition.
- 4. Construction will have a significant impact on traffic during installation of form work and pumping of concrete.
- I. <u>Figure 9</u>: Dual precast prestressed concrete box girders supporting two tracks with cast-in-place concrete composite deck and diaphrams.

The use of this type of guideway configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the same reasons as given for the Figure 2 configuration.

J. <u>Figure 10</u>: Four precast prestressed AASHTO girders supporting two tracks, with cast-in-place concrete composite deck and diaphram.

The use of this type of guideway configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the same reasons as given for the Figure 2 configuration. In addition, these types of girders cannot be dapped at the ends. K. <u>Figure 11</u>: Framing alternates. Techniques for framing are essentially dependent on the guideway configuration, type of material proposed for construction, and method of construction, such as precast concrete or cast-in-place concrete. Rigid frames with hinges are commonly used by California State Department of Transportation.

At this stage of our study, we have not investigated framing techniques. Further engineering studies are required to arrive at an acceptable technique.

L. <u>Figure 12</u>: Pier configuration a single rectangular column supporting a single girder for two tracks.

This type of pier configuration eliminates the use of a pier cap. It is economical compared to a single-column pier with a pier cap.

The use of this type of pier configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

1. Lack of aesthetic appeal.

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- 2. Elimination of use of single cast-in-drilled-hole concrete pile (CIDH) foundation.
- 3. Normal support for this type of pier would be on a minimum of two or four CIDH concrete pile foundations with a pile cap, or conventional driven piles and pile cap.
- M. <u>Figure 13</u>: Pier configuration: A single column with a cap beam supporting two guideway girders. One girder supports one track.

Please refer to the description of Figure 16, further on.

N. <u>Figure 14</u>: Pier configuration: Double column with cap beam supporting two-track structure. This type of substructure can be proposed for the guideway configuration defined in Figures 3, 4, and 10.

The use of this type of substructure is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. Lack of aesthetic appeal.
- 2. A two-column pier cannot be accommodated in the middle of Vermont Avenue.

- 3. Use of the pier cap will increase the height of the guideway profile.
- O. <u>Figure 15</u>: Pier configuration: A two-column pier with no cap beam, each column supporting a single guideway girder and one track.

The use of this type of substructure is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. Lack of aesthetic appeal.
- 2. A two-column pier cannot be accommodated in the middle of Vermont Avenue.
- P. Figure 16

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1. Superstructure (aerial guideway girder): A single girder supporting one track.

Girders are 5 feet, 0 inches deep by 13 feet, 0 inches wide with vertical webs, and 110 feet long, precast in the precasting yard and post-tensioned. Each girder is transported as one unit by trucks on site and installed on the cast-in-place concrete piers with the help of two cranes. It is estimated that a contractor can install from approximately 4 to 6 girders per day.

- 2. Substructure
  - a. Cap Beam: Cast-in-place concrete cap beam would have a blockout for the beam seat. Supported girder ends will not be dapped and there would be no ledges associated with the cap beam. The cap beam would be of conventional reinforced concrete.
  - b. Column: A cast-in-place concrete column is rectangular in section with ten inch chamffers on all four corners. Width of the column would be from approximately 4 feet, 6 inches to 5 feet, 0 inches.
  - c. Foundation: The foundation can be either conventional pile footing or CIDH hole concrete pile.

We have not proposed this guideway configuration for the candidate alignment for essentially aesthetic reasons. Also, we have not studied the availability in the close vicinity of the proposed site of precasting yards, hauling routes, and transportation facilities to transport 110-foot long girders in one piece. Further engineering studies are required to establish a clear cost for comparison with the proposed configuration to determine acceptability.

- Q. Figure 17
  - Superstructure (aerial guideway): A single girder supporting two tracks.

This structure can be constructed using several different construction techniques, all of which are discussed for the proposed aerial structure further on in Paragraph 4.7 of this study.

- 2. Substructure
  - a. Column: Guideway girder is directly supported on a single column with a column capital, which is rectangular in section. Width of the column would be 5 feet, 0 inches. Column up to 10 feet above the finished roadway would have constant section of 5 feet, 0 inches, 7 feet, 0 inches with 10-inch chamffers at all four corners. Column section would vary from 9'-0" x 5'-0" at top to 7'-0" x 5'-0" at 10 feet above finish roadway elevation.
- 3. Foundation: Can be either conventional pile footing or CIDH concrete pile.

We have not proposed this guideway configuration for the candidate alignment for essentially aesthetic reasons.

R. <u>Figure 18</u>: A single girder supporting two tracks, the girder supported on a single-column pier.

This structure is that proposed for the candidate alignment. It meets the description provided in the responses to comments and questions from the First Core Forum, published by the Southern California Rapid Transit District in November, 1986. A detailed description of this structure is provided in Paragraph 4.7 of this report, and drawings are attached as Appendix D.

#### 4.6 General Evaluation of the Aerial Guideways Constructed in Other Cities of the U.S.A.

Please refer to Appendix B, Figures 1 through 10.

A. <u>Figure 1</u>: MARTA Aerial Structure. Single precast segmental concrete girder and deck for two tracks,

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post-tensioned, supported on a single rectangular column.

Refer to the description of Figure 17, Appendix A, Paragraph 4.5-Q of this report.

B. <u>Figure 2</u>: MARTA Aerial Structure. Cast-in-place monolithic concrete single box girder and deck for two tracks, post-tensioned, supported on a single rectangular column.

The use of this guideway configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. The structures do not have the aesthetic appeal to blend with existing urban environments.
- 2. The structures would cost more than the proposed structure.
- 3. They will eliminate the use of precast concrete girders and therefore limit competition.
- 4. They will create significant impact to traffic during formwork installation and concrete pumping.
- C. <u>Figure 3</u>: MARTA Aerial Structure, Steel Girder Option. Precast concrete deck slab is approximately 28 feet wide with two tracks supported by a single steel box girder. The steel box girder is supported on a single rectangular cast-in-place concrete column.

The use of this type of aerial guideway configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for the following considerations:

- 1. Lack of aesthetic appeal.
- 2. Cost is more than the proposed structure.
- 3. Difficulty of designing adequate connection for the precast deck and steel box girder for seismic requirements.
- 4. Maintenance of steel structure is a long term expensive commitment.
- D. <u>Figure 4</u>: MARTA Aerial Structure. Single precast prestressed concrete box girder supporting single track on a single column.

This type of structure configuration is not suited for the candidate alignment. It is generally used for a guideway with a center platform station.

E. <u>Figure 5</u>: Baltimore Aerial Structure. Two precast prestressed concrete box girders are supported on cast-in-place concrete pier cap and single column. One box girder supports one track.

Refer to the description of Figure 16, in Appendix A, Paragraph 4.5 P of this report.

This structure is similar to the one proposed in Figure 16 except that the girders shown in Figure 16 rest on the pier cap in horizontal position. Superelevation is accounted in the adjustment of the rail pad height.

F. Figure 6: Miami Aerial Structure - Spans Over 80 Feet. Two precast prestressed (post-tensioned) concrete box girders 5 feet, 0 inches deep by from 12 feet, 0 inches to 13 feet, 1 inch wide with a maximum length of 110 feet with dapped ends, supported on the ledge of the cast-in-place concrete post-tensioned pier caps on a single column.

Refer to the description of Figures 2, 13, and 16, Appendix A in Paragraph 4.5 B, 4.5 M, and 4.5 P of this report.

G. <u>Figure 7</u>: Miami Aerial Structure - Spans up to 80 Feet. Two precast prestressed (pre-tensioned) concrete double tee girders 5 feet - 0 inches deep by from 12 feet - 0 inches to 13 feet - 1 inch wide with a span ranging from 40 to 80 feet with dapped ends, supported on the ledge of the cast-in-place concrete post-tensioned pier cap on a single column.

This aerial guideway configuration is not proposed for the candidate alignment for all the reasons described in Figure 2, Appendix A, Paragraph 4.5 B of this report.

H. <u>Figure 8</u>: Miami Aerial Structure Spans up to 80 Feet. Two precast prestressed (pre-tensioned) concrete double-tee girders of the same dimension defined for Figure 7, with a full-depth end diaphragm supported on an individual column with a common foundation.

This type of aerial guideway configuration is not feasible to locate in the middle of Vermont Avenue. Therefore it is not proposed for the candidate alignment.

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- I. <u>Figure 9</u>: BART Aerial Structure. Two precast prestressed concrete box girders supported on a cast-in-place concrete pier cap and single column.

This structure is similar to the one defined in Figure 16 Appendix A. For a description, refer to Paragraph 4.5.P of this report.

J. <u>Figure 10</u>: WAMATA Aerial Structure. Two twin-cell precast prestressed concrete box girders with a cast-in-place concrete composite deck with dapped ends, supported on the ledge of the cast-in-place concrete pier cap on a single column.

The very heavy appearance of this type of construction is not aesthetically appealing, and therefore it is not considered for the candidate alignment.

### 4.7 Salient Features of the Proposed Aerial Guideway Girder

The aerial alignment of the system will carry two tracks on a single concrete box girder, which will be erected on a single reinforced concrete column.

The box section with vertical and circular webs has an out-to-out width of 28 feet, 0 inches and a constant depth of 7 feet, 0 inches (see Figure 18). The use of a combination of vertical and circular webs will provide a reduction in both torsional stress and cantilever deflection. The girder spans would range from 75 to 130 feet, with a typical span of 110 feet along most of the alignment. The concrete box girder will be either of the following:

- A. Precast Concrete Segmental Construction
  - 1. Precast Concrete Segmental Construction (Span by Span)

yard location Although a study of and transportation of precast girders have not been made, it is feasible to precast and transport approximately 10- to 12-feet long sections of the precast box girder segments to the site, and erect the segments on reinforced concrete columns span by span. The span-by-span method can use two erection trusses, which will provide the flexibility required for varying span lengths. The two erection trusses can be supported on preliminary supports made up of steel pipe and wide flange sections. The preliminary supports would rest on the pier foundation or trusses could be placed directly on the framed piers. The segments of one span are positioned on the trusses by a crane located on the ground in front of the trusses.

After all segments for a span are in place, the longitudinal post-tensioning is stressed and grouted. The trusses are lowered, temporary supports are adjusted in the next span, and the trusses are then advanced and positioned in the next span. (See Figures 22 and 23).

2. Precast Concrete Segmental Construction (Segment By Segment, Successively Post-tensioned)

As an alternative to the span-by-span construction technique, precast segments could be erected by use of traveling gantry cranes placed over the pier segment. Gantry cranes would pick up the segment from the truck and hold it against either the pier segment or the last segment erected. Longitudinal prestressing cables would be spliced with the cables of the adjacent segment. After the alignment and shear keys are properly engaged, longitudinal post-tensioning would be stressed. Epoxy will be used to join the segments. Thus, each segment is be erected and successively post-tensioned. Temporary supports may be used to provide support for segments and to reduce cantilever moment. (See Figure 20, Appendix A). provide

- B. Cast-In-Place Concrete
  - 1. The proposed guideway box girder section, with vertical and circular webs of the same dimension used for pre-cast concrete segments, can be constructed using conventional techniques of cast-in-place concrete and false work. There are five different framing methods that can be utilized to accomplish this task. (See Figure 11).
    - a. A three-span continuous structure.
    - b. Simple spans, with full depth ends.
    - c. A three-span continuous structure with centersuspended span.
    - d. A three-span continuous structure with two interior supports made integral with the super structure.
    - e. A three-span continuous structure with all four supports integral with the superstructure; hinge supports would be located from about 15 to 20 feet away from the rigid frame structure. This type of framing technique is very commonly used by California State Department of Transportation. A similar

framing technique is proposed to support the light rail transit structure at the airport viaduct portion of Century Freeway Project. Plans for this project are attached to this report as Appendix C.

2. Cast-In-Place Construction, Span By Span

We propose to use a three-span continuous structure cast-in-place concrete continuous-span construction constuction. for would be Three-continuous-span achieved by using a minimum of two intermediate supporting towers between the abutment and the pier to support the false work. False work would be extended from approximately 15 to 20 feet from the pier. Reinforcement and prestressing cable would be laid, and concrete would be placed by pumping. After the concrete attains specified initial strength, longitudinal post-tensioning would be stressed and forms would be striped. Striped forms are then positioned in the next span by suspending them from the cantilever structure and using one supporting tower positioned from approximately 15 to 20 feet on each side of the next pier. Thus the concreting and post-tensioning procedure would be repeated. (See Figure 21, Appendix 'A').

3. Cast-In-Place Construction, Three Span Structure

Alternatively, falsework could be erected for the full three span lengths of structure. After the concrete attains specified initial strength, longitudinal post-tensioning would be stressed from both ends of the structure and grouted.

4. Cast-In-Place Concrete Segmental Construction

A box girder segment approximately 30 feet long segment is first constructed integral with the pier, using fixed forms. Two travelling forms (one on each side of the pier) are fastened to the pier segment. After the concrete attains specified initial strength, longitudinal post-tensioning would be stressed. Forms would advance over the constructed segment and be positioned for the next Thus, match castng and successive one. post-tensioning would complete the aerial structure. This technique of construction does not require temporary support and is the least disruptive to traffic.

C. Substructure

The reinforced concrete round column (pier) to support the box girder will be approximately 7 feet in diameter. (See drawing attached as Appendix D to this report.) The height of the pier will be set to provide a minimum vertical clearance of 16 feet, 6 inches to the underside of the girder at all locations.

D. Foundation

The pier foundation would consist of either piles or CIDH concrete piles. The type and number of piles and the size of the pile cap will depend on the span length, projected loads, and existing subsurface geological conditions of the site.

#### 4.8 Construction Sequence

The typical construction sequence for an aerial guideway system would normally involve the following phases:

- A. Clearing median and relocating existing utilities (if any)
- B. Pile driving/installation at pier location
- C. Installation of pile cap
- D. Column construction
- E. Guideway construction, including post-tensioning
- F. Restoration and/or relocation of street.

#### 4.9 Aerial Station Structure

The proposed alignment, coupled with existing structures and traffic patterns, dictated that all aerial stations be side platform stations. The station platform girder will be either single-unit, precast prestressed concrete box girders, or a double tee beam which will be supported by the cast-in-place reinforced concrete pier cap. These will be spaced approximately 75 feet part. Platform girders are 12 feet, 6 inches wide by 5 feet, 0 inches deep, with an additional 4 1/2 feet for finishes.

The height of the platform above the street level will vary, depending on the station location. The finished platform will be located 3 feet, 8 inches above the top of the rail elevation. The height of the finished station platform will be approximately 37 feet above street level.

Inbound and outbound platforms will be connected by a pedestrian bridge located at the center of the station. Clearance above the street at the pedestrian bridge location will be a minimum of 16 feet, 6 inches. Station entry concourse, at street level, will be equipped with fare vending machines (fare collection) for patron entry. Two elevators will provide access to both platforms for the handicapped. The vertical circulation will consist of escalators, stairs, and elevators provided for entering and exiting at each station. A separate set of escalators and stairs at each end of the bridge will be provided from the pedestrian bridge level to the platform level.

The platform length is partially covered by either lightweight precast concrete, glass, or acrylic canopy.

The traction power substation will be located beyond the street right-of-way. Special trackwork at the crossover location can be accommodated without making any visible change in guideway configuration.

#### 4.10 Summary

A summary of three important guideway configurations is provided in the following tabulation for all the criteria defined to select an aerial guideway in Paragraph 4.2 of this report. These three guideway configurations are represented in Figures 16, 17, and 18 of Appendix A, and fourteen drawings attached as Appendix D.

#### 4.11 Overall Evaluation

The aerial guideway configuration represented by Figure 18 is judged the best suited for the candidate alignment. Based on the Southern California Rapid Transit District committment to provide an acceptable aerial structure, consideration was given to structure aesthetics before any other criteria in our evaluation.

The figures used in the following tabulation denote:

1 = Excellent 2 = Best 3 = Good4 = Fair.

Item	Selection Criteria	Figure 18 Configuration	Figure 17 Configuration	Figure 16 Configuration
a.	Aesthetics	1	2	3
b.	Constructibility	3	2	1
с.	Economics of structure	Most expensive	Less expensive	Least expensive
d.	- Maximization of competition	1	1	1
e.	Single shape for full length of alignment	2	2	1
f.	Minimum transition	2	2	1
g.	Ease of transporting	1	1	1
h.	Ease of maintenance	1	l	l
i.	Minimum disruption to highway traffic	. 3	3	2
j.	Construction easement requirement	3	3	2
k.	Local availability of material	17	Not studied	13

#### TABLE 1. Evaluation of Aerial Guideway Configurations

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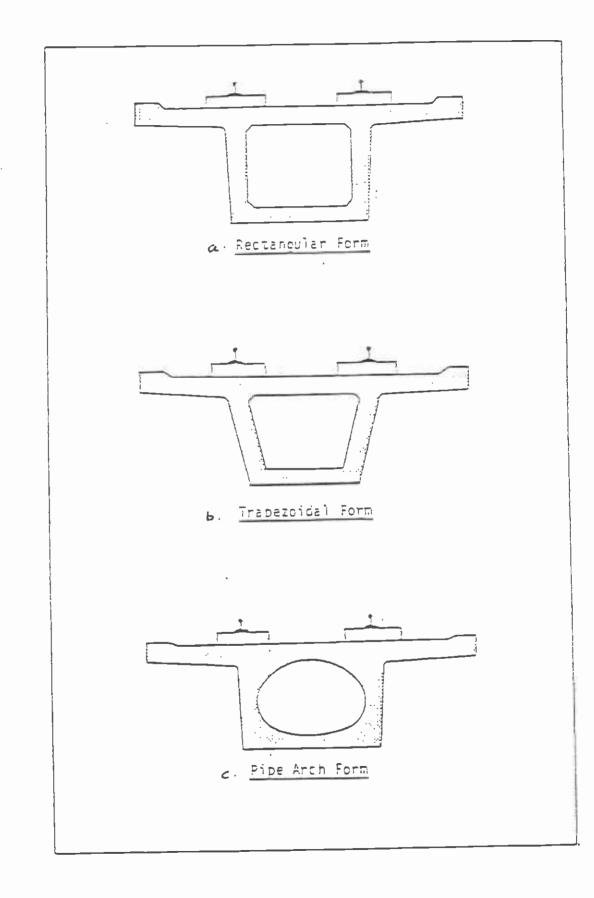
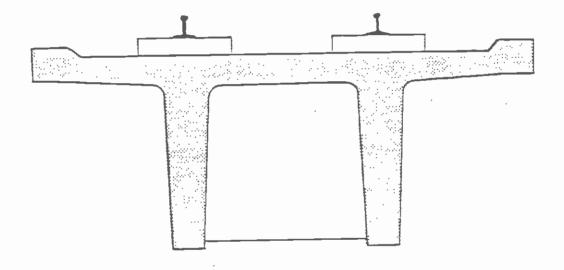


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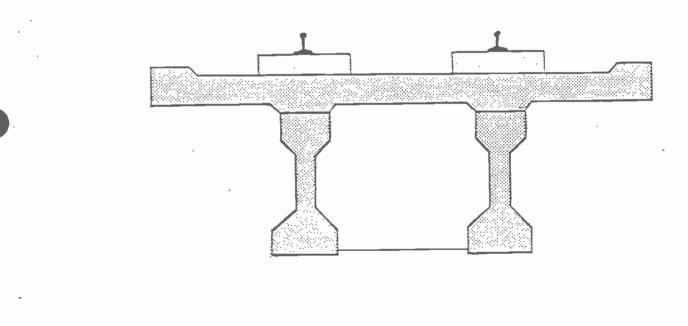
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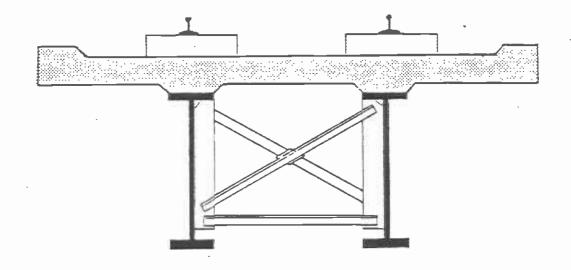






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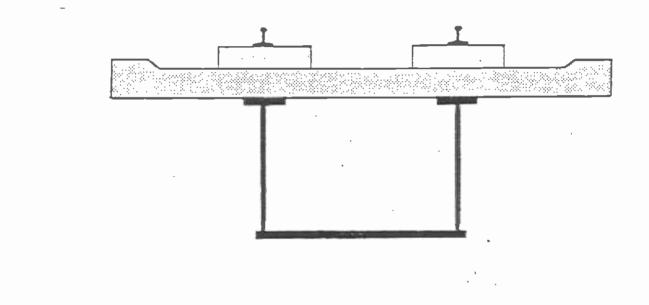
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STEEL BOX GIRDER, SINGLE-TRACK

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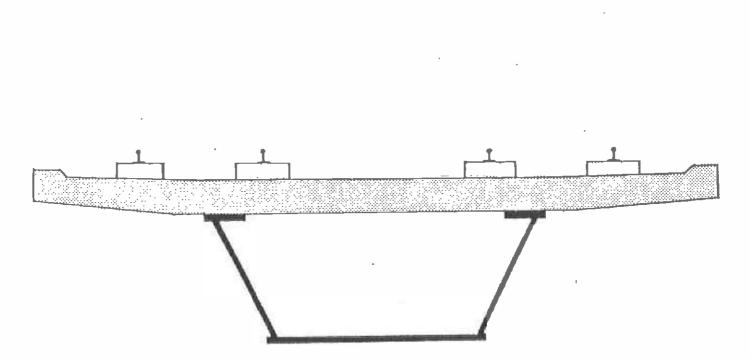


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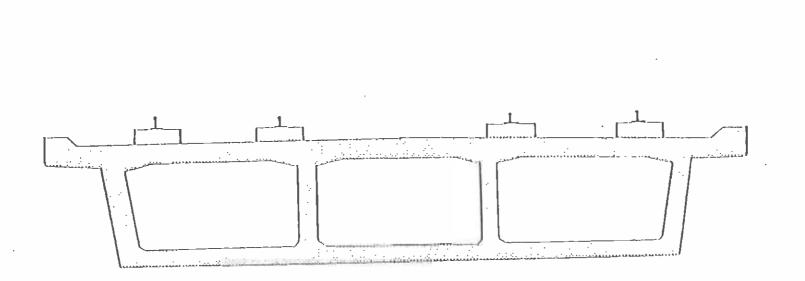
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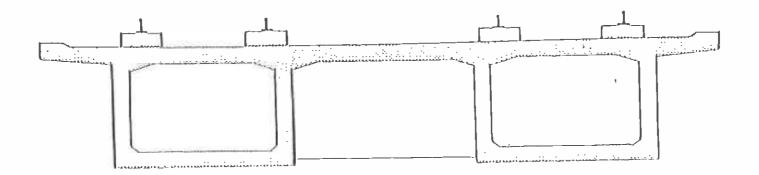


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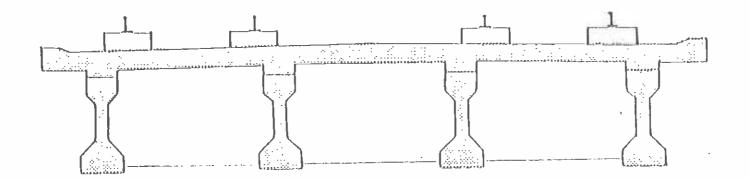
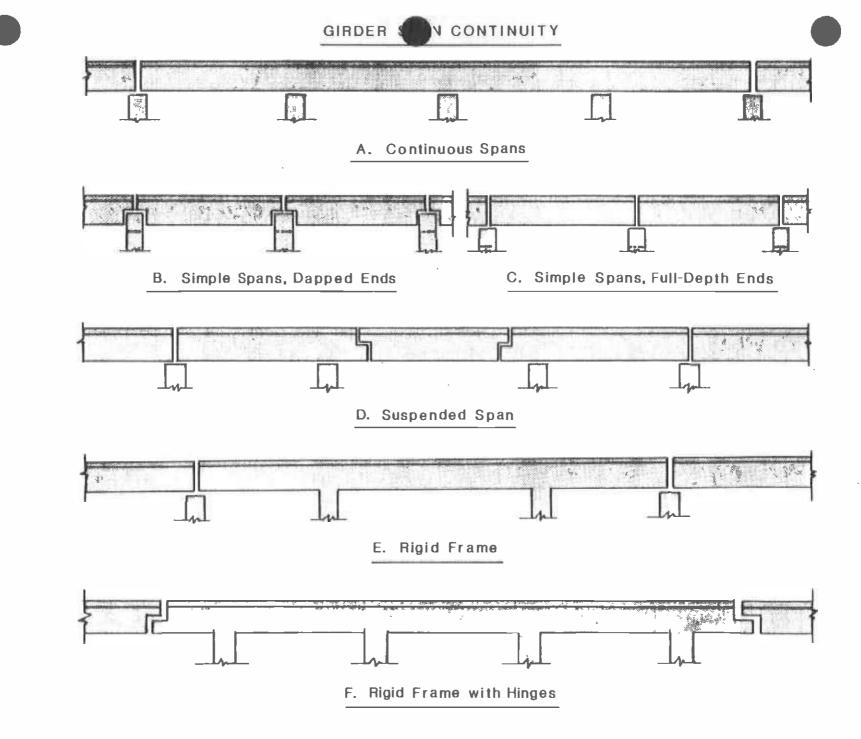


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DOUBLE-TRACK SUBSTRUCTURE WITH SINGLE COLUMN AND NO CAP BEAM

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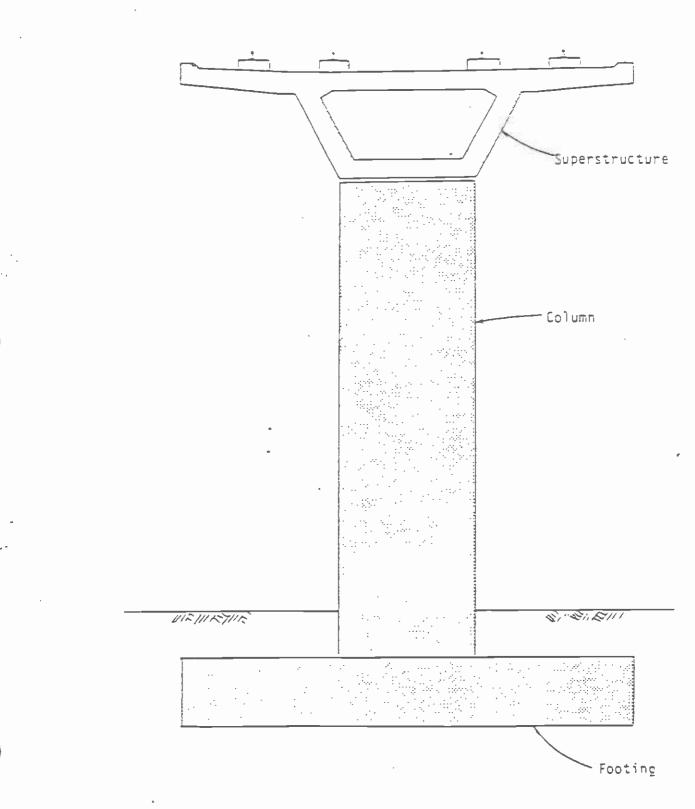


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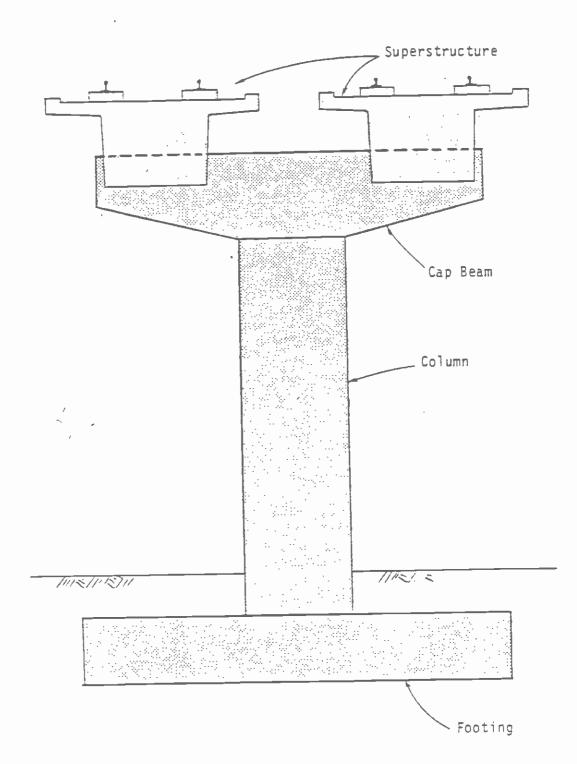


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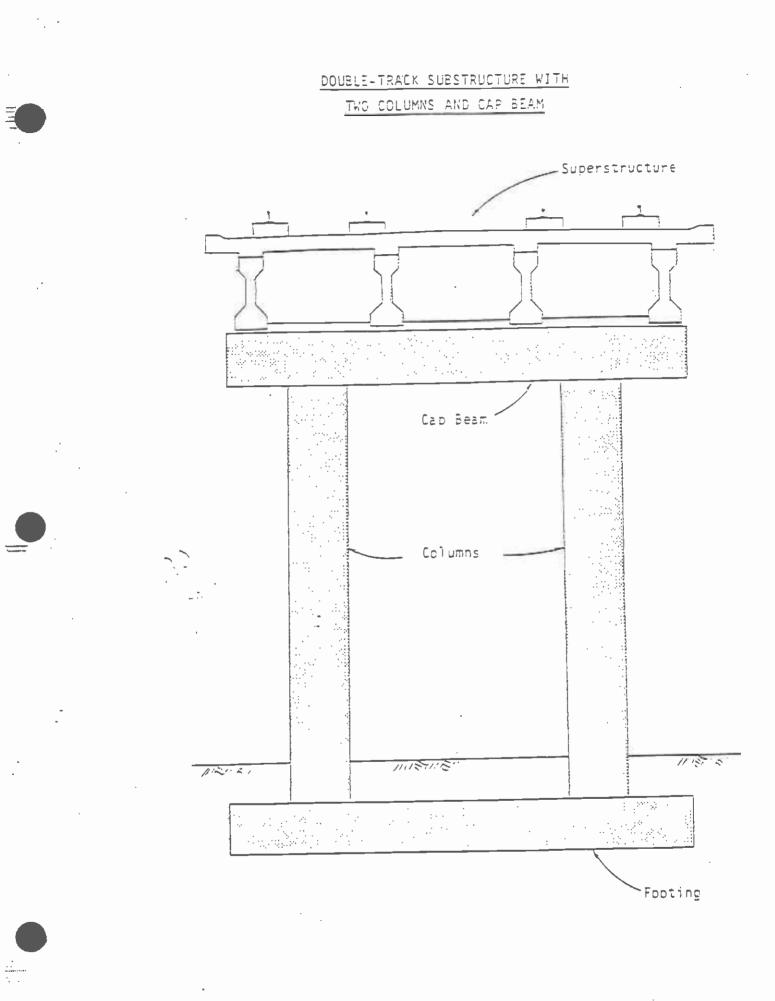
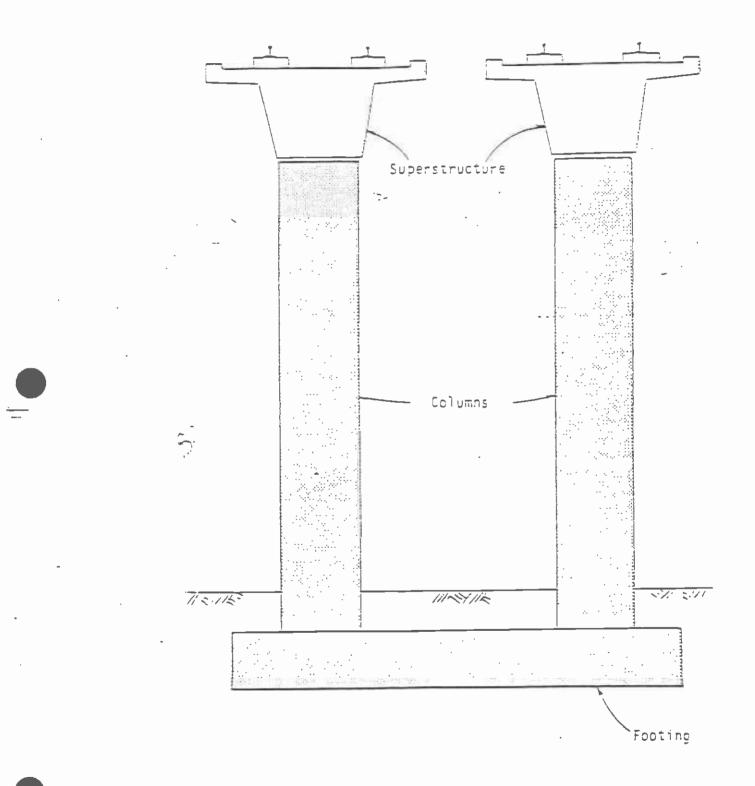
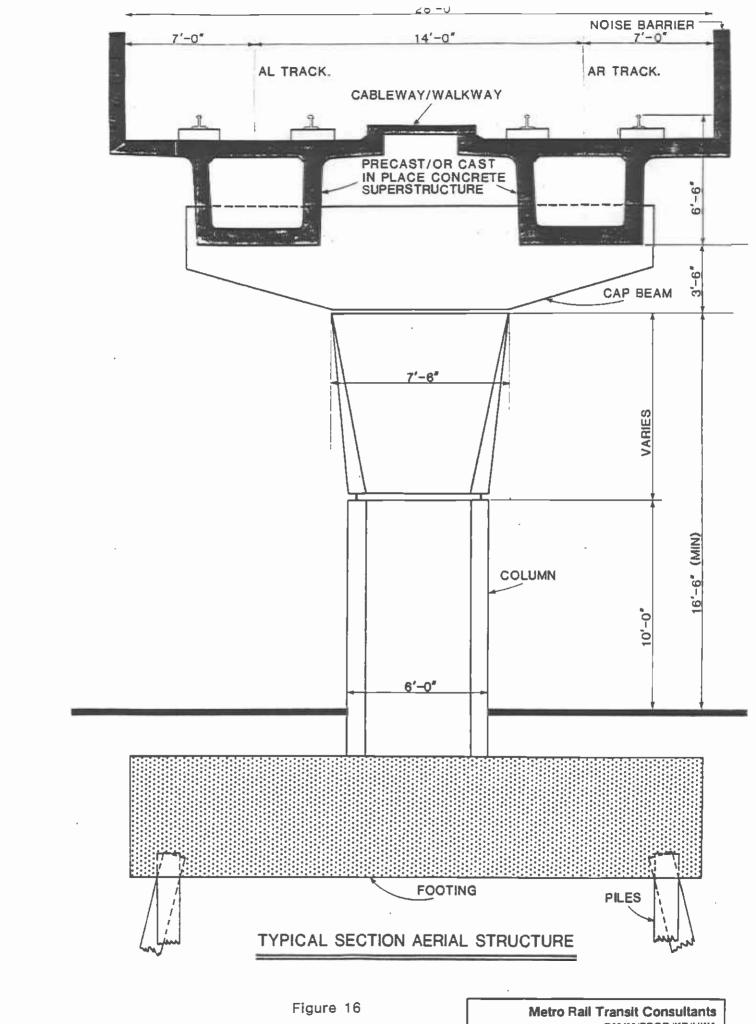


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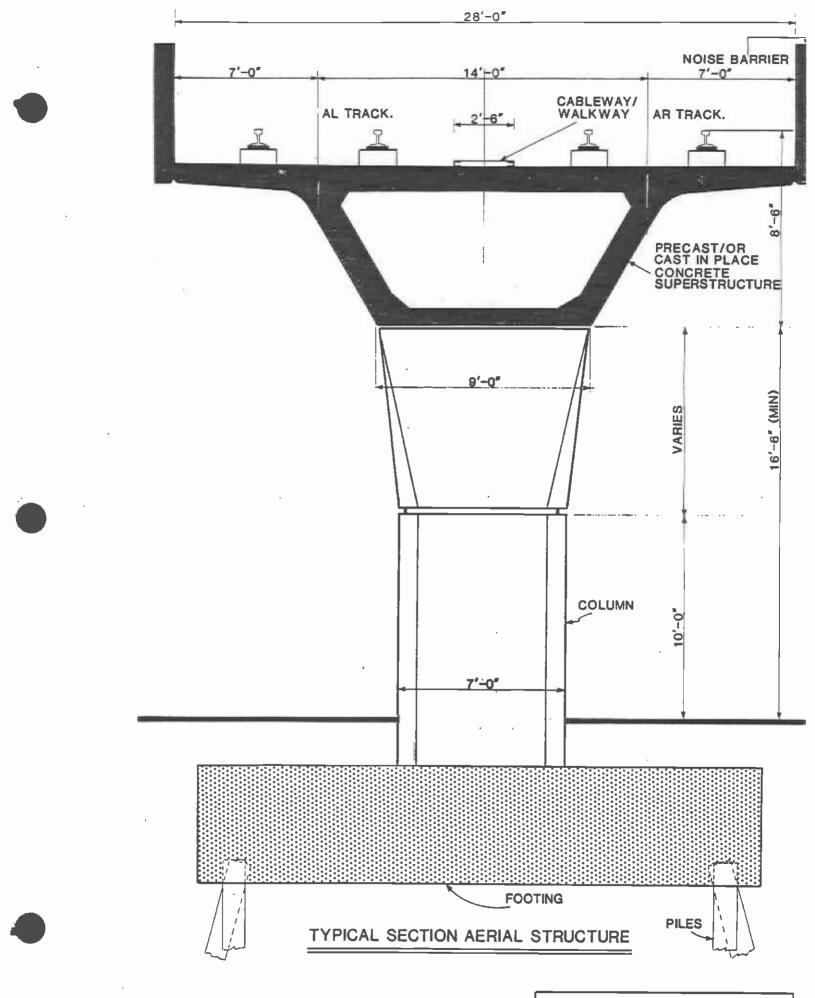
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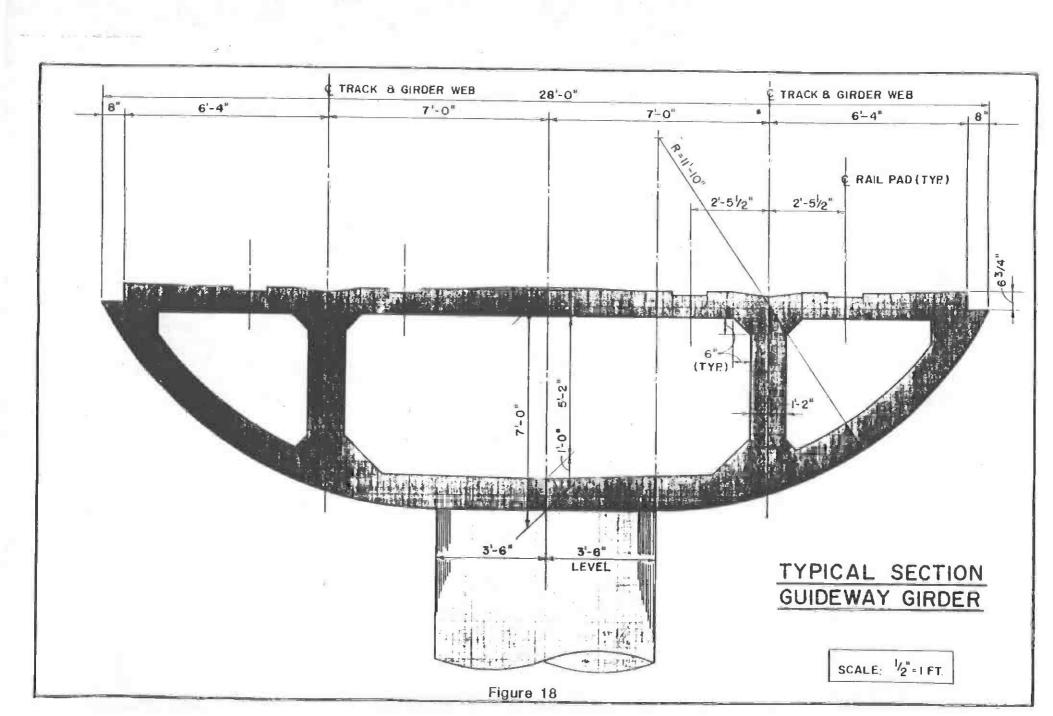


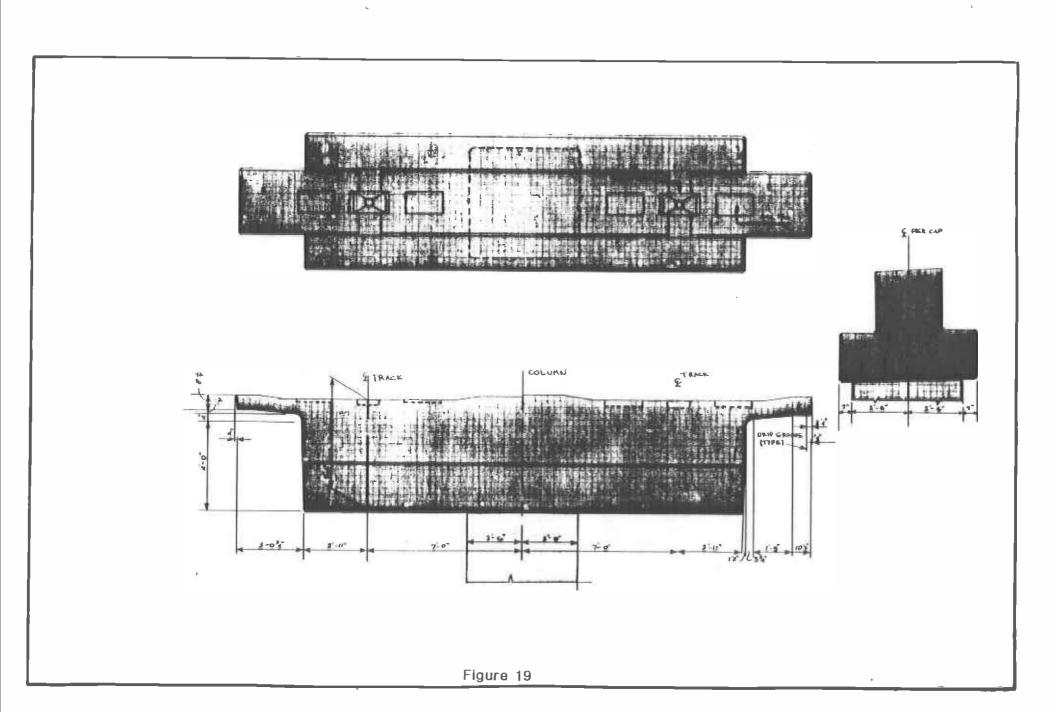
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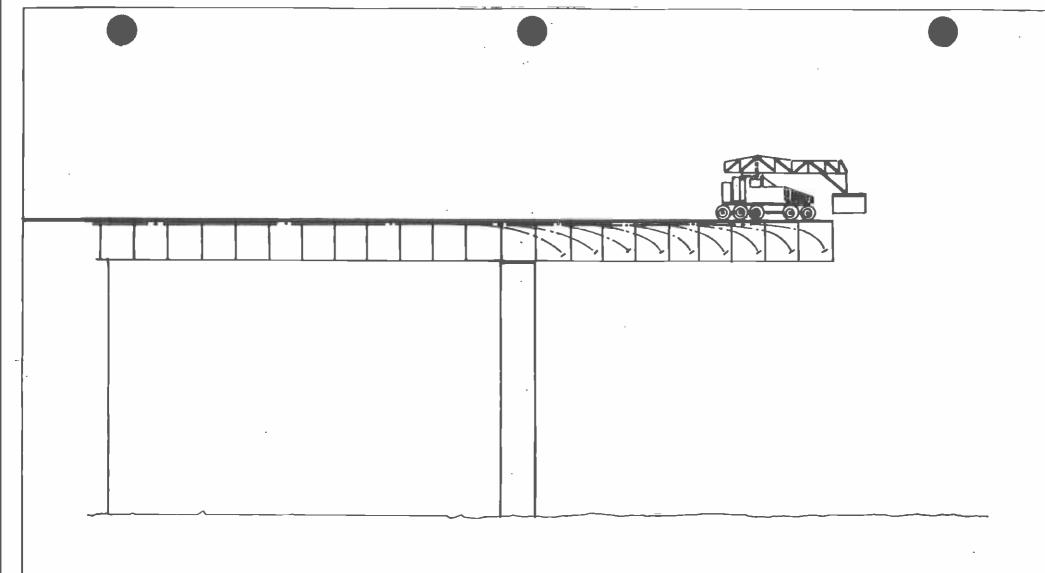


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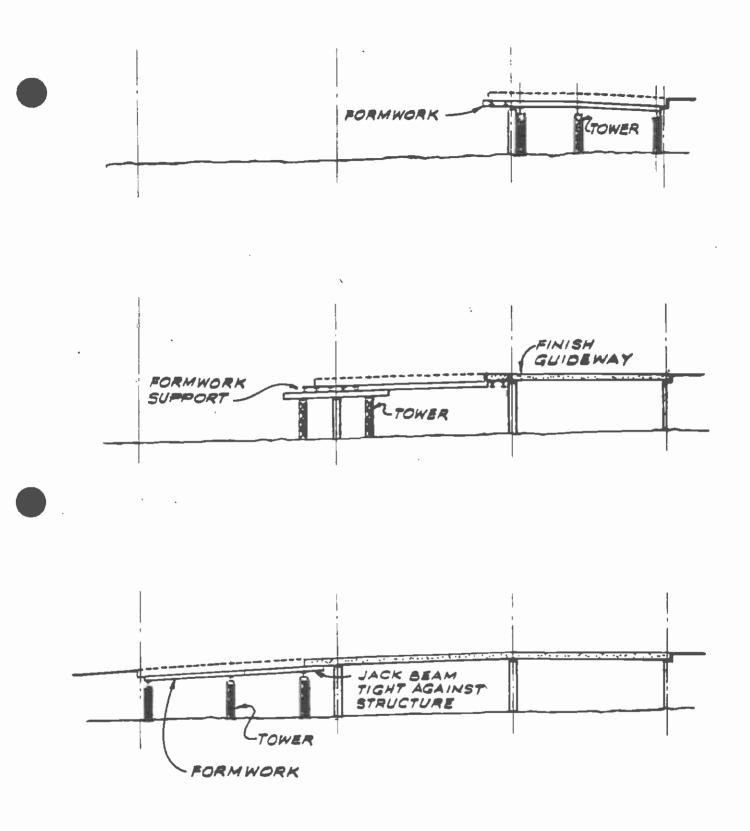






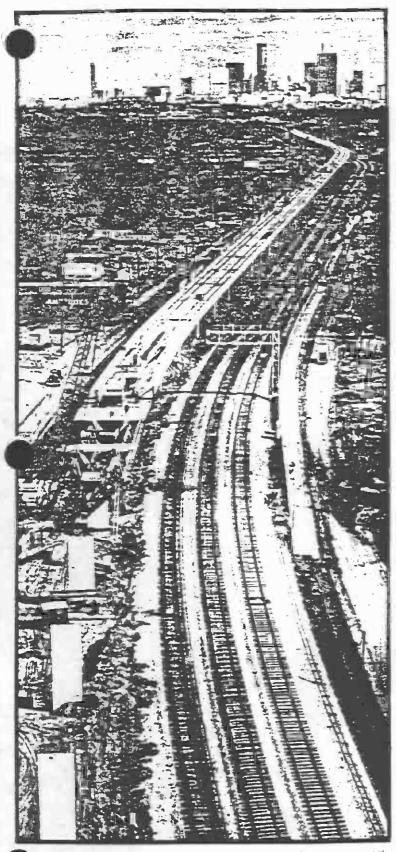
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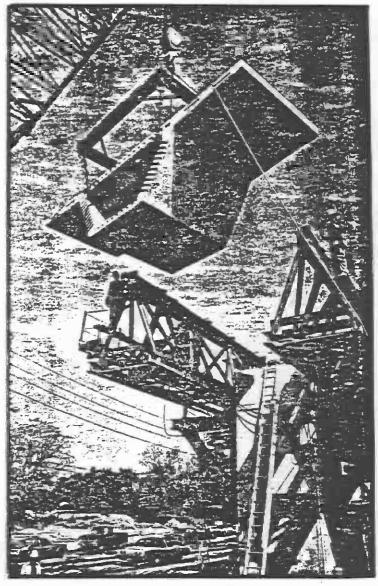


CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE FOR C.I.P. CONCRETE AERIAL GUIDEWAY SPAN BY SPAN CONSTRUCTION

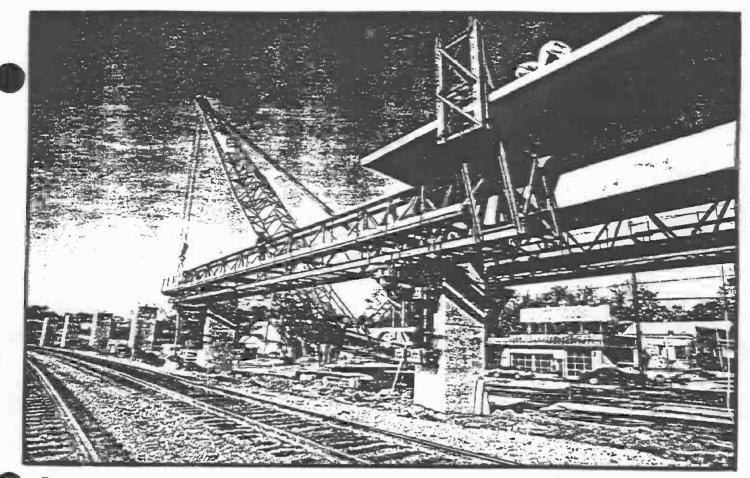
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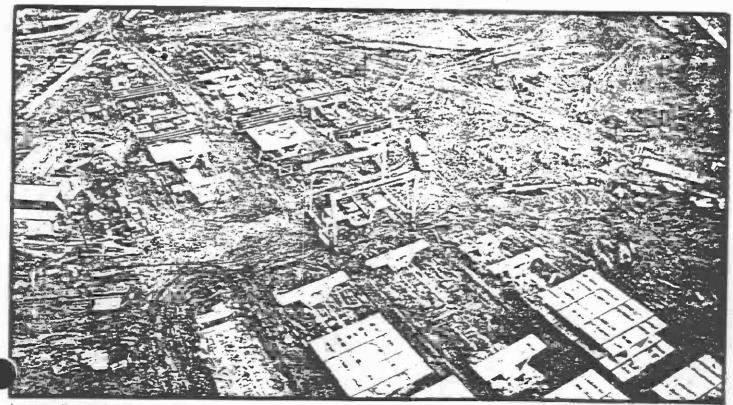
Elevated transit structure proceeds at rate of up to four spans a week



Concrete boxes are supported under their wings to avoid interference.



Trusses advanced by a crane in about an hour with rear wheels inding on the concrete boxes.



Large casting yard, produces match-cast segments for full spans, to be trucked to the erection sites.

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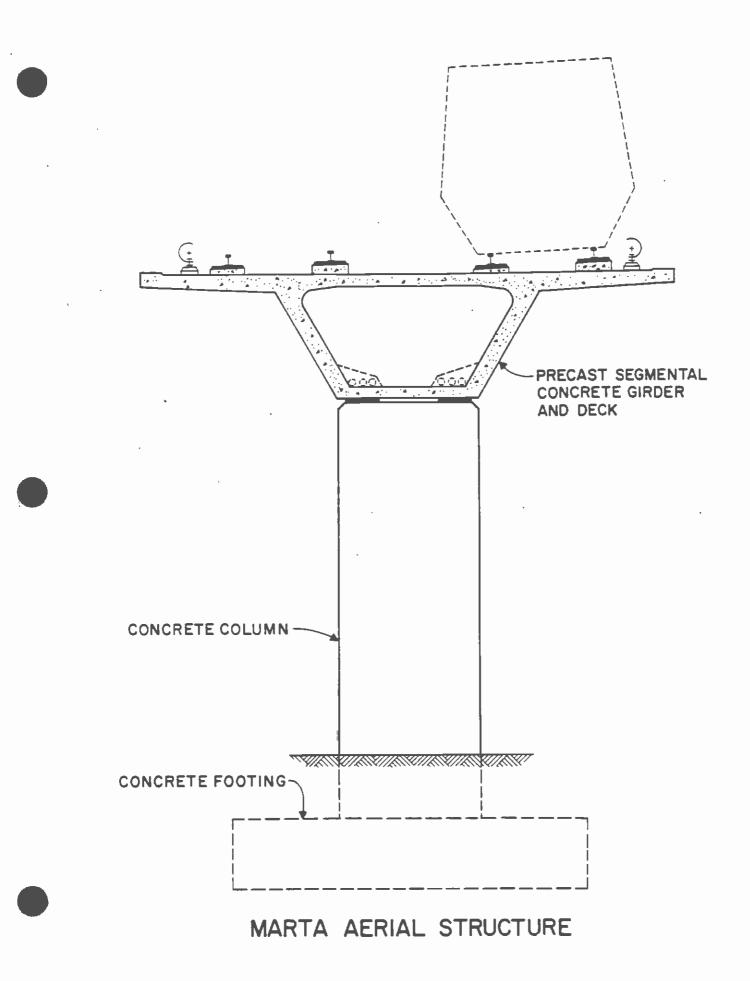


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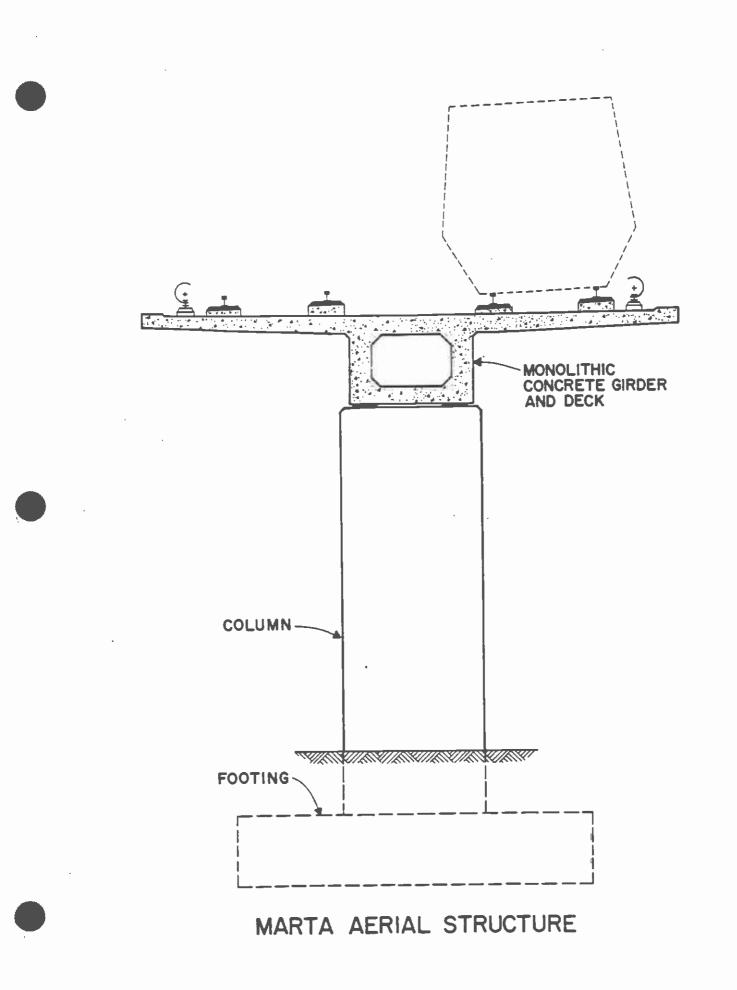
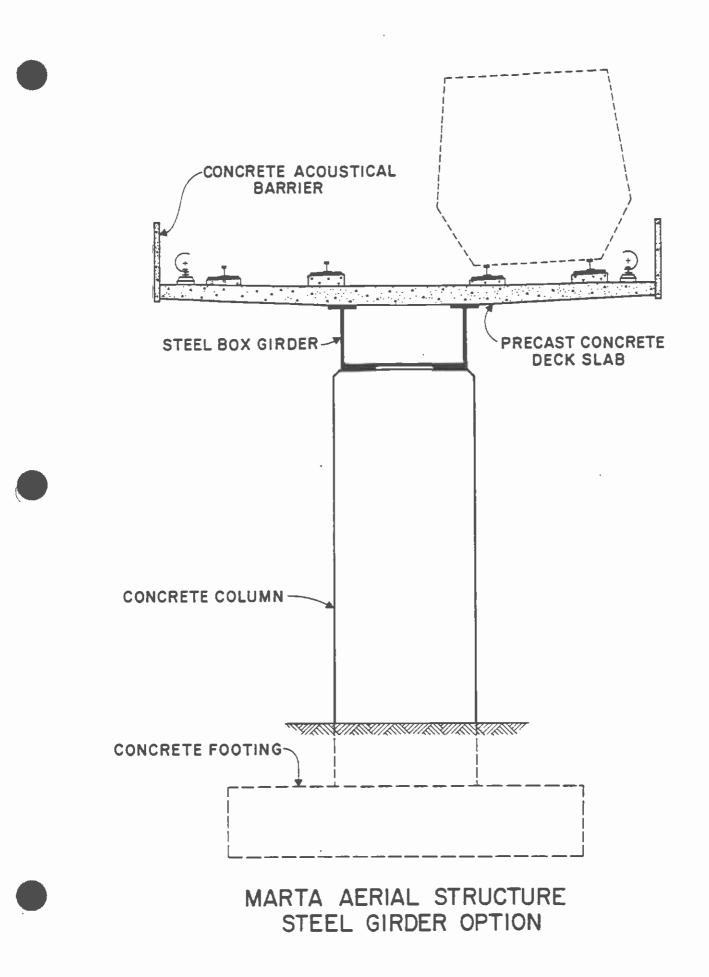


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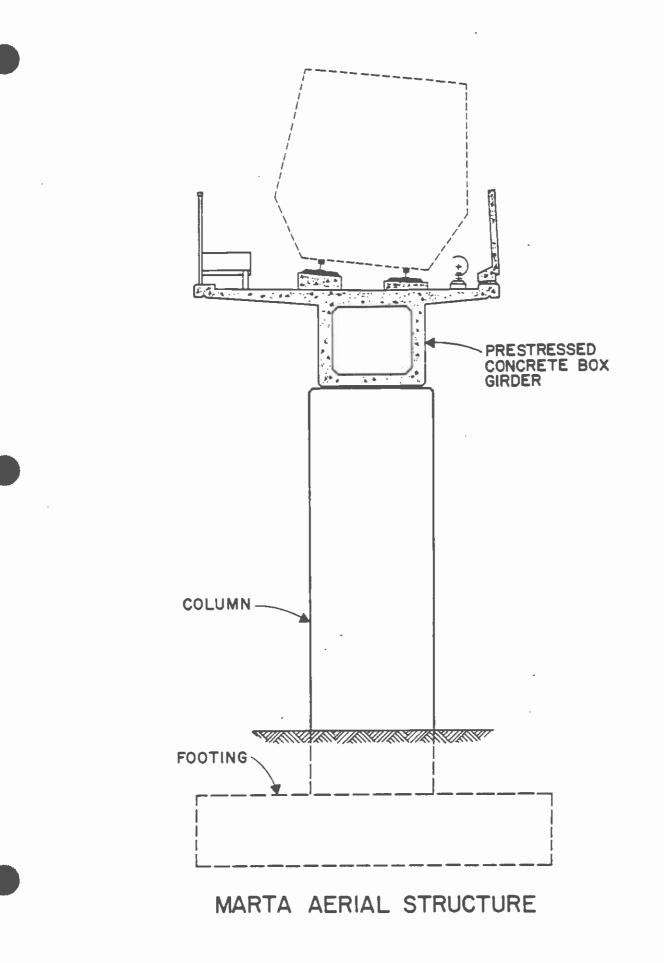
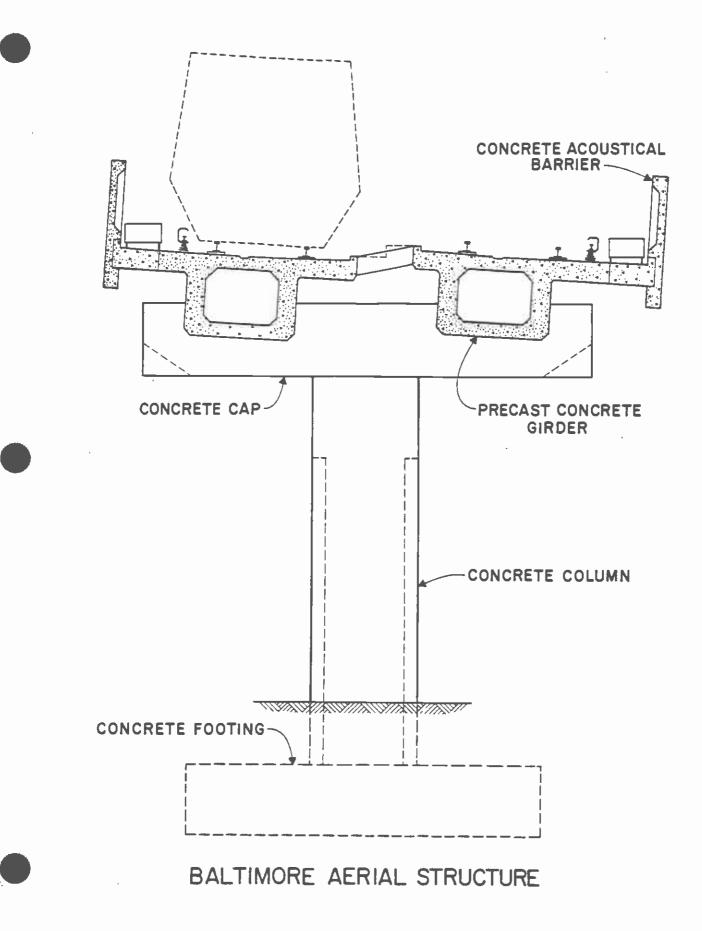
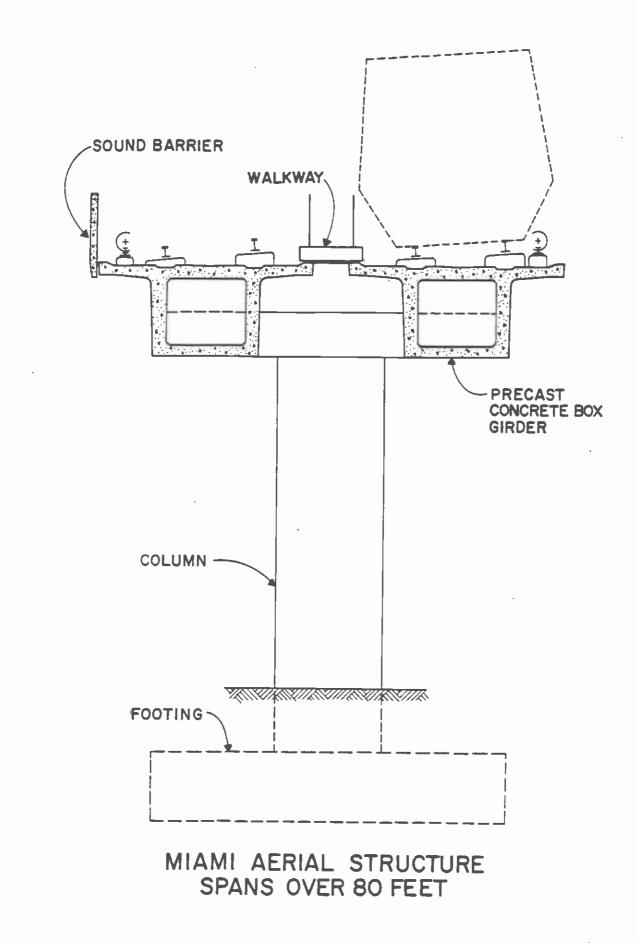


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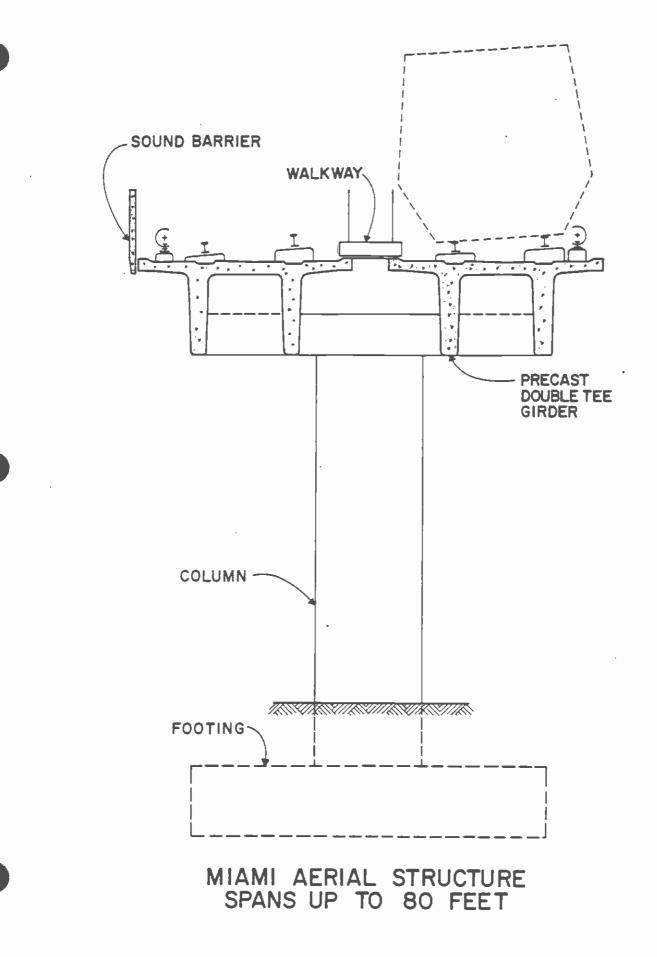
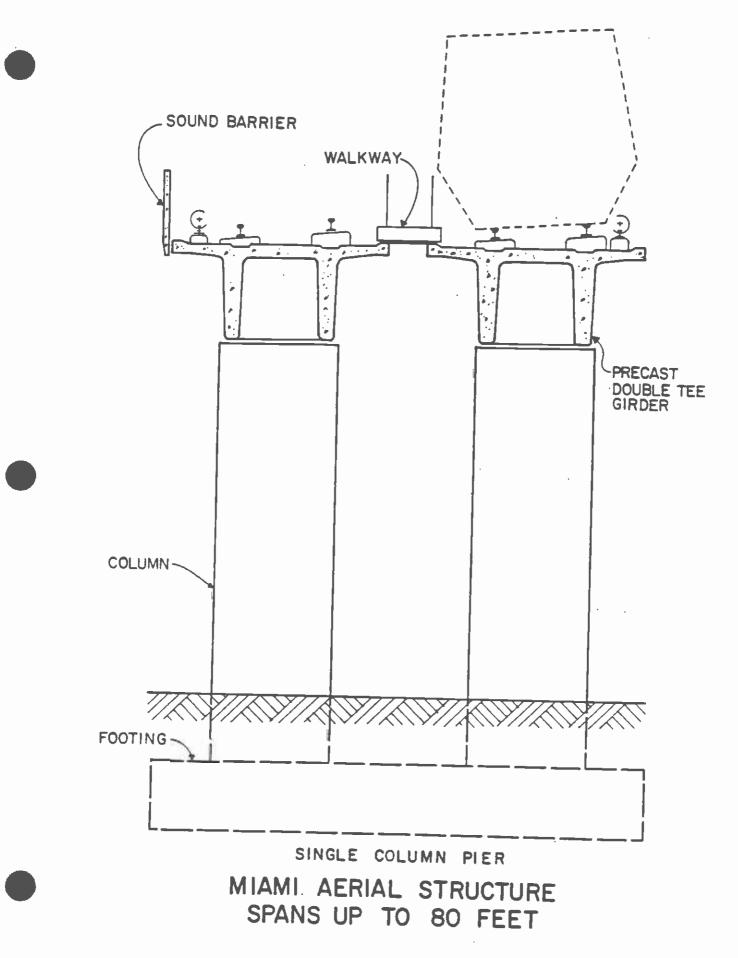
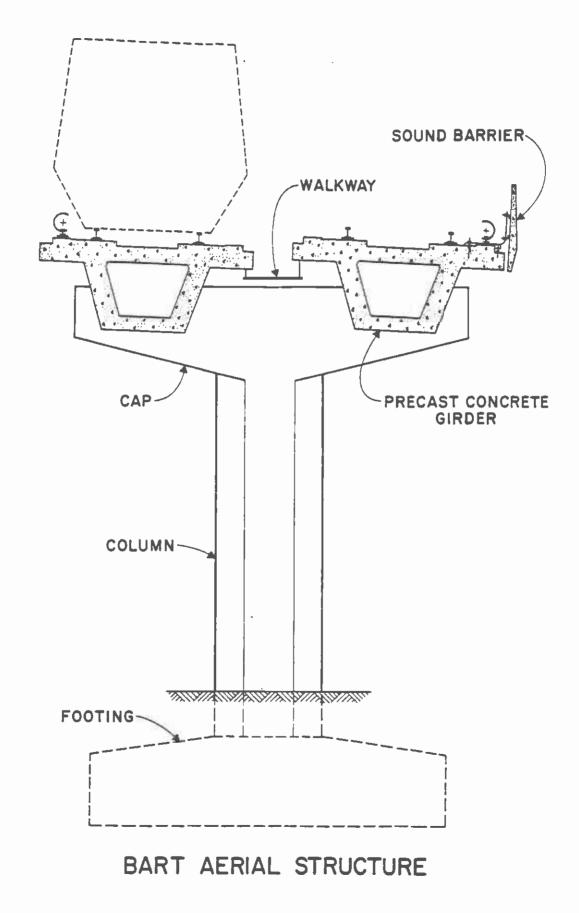
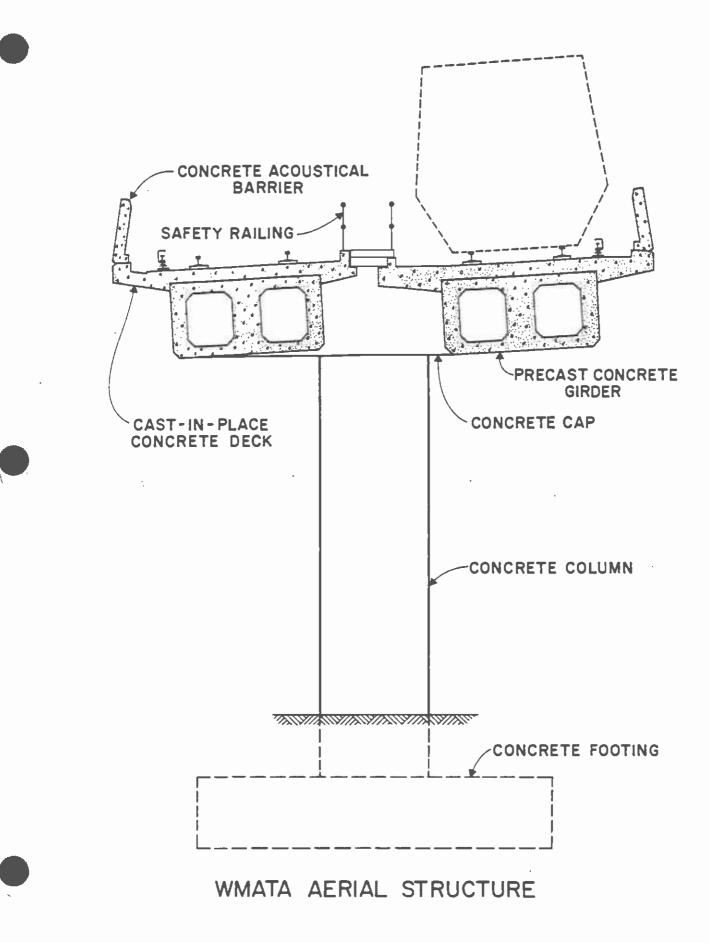


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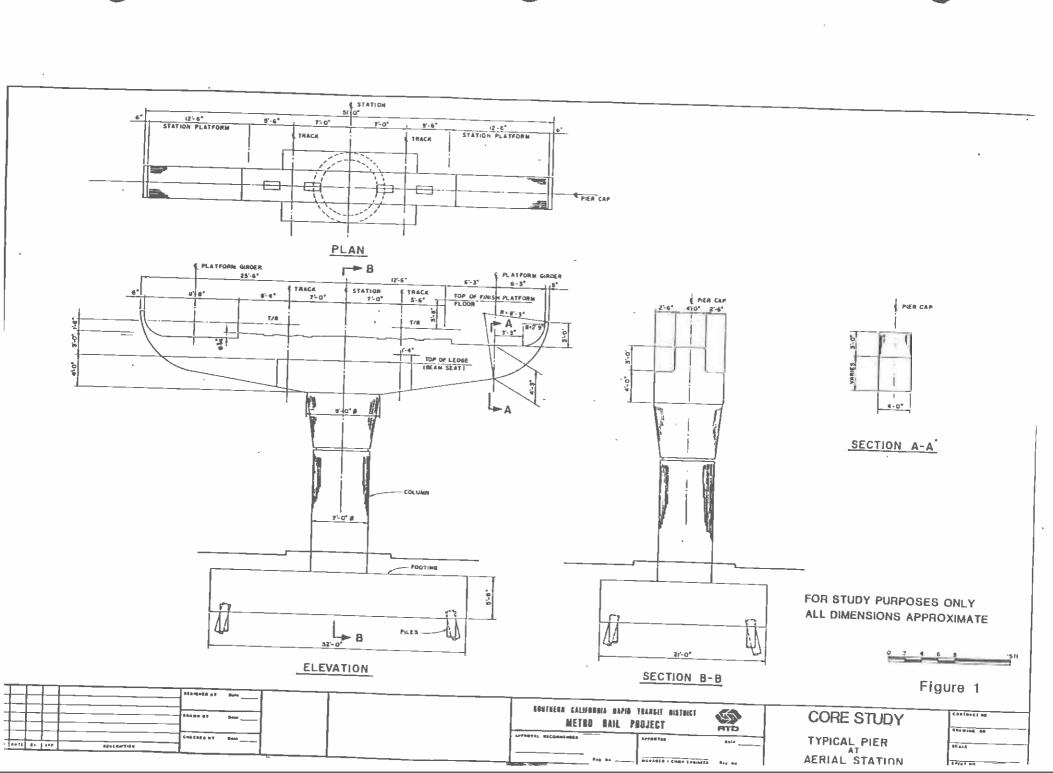


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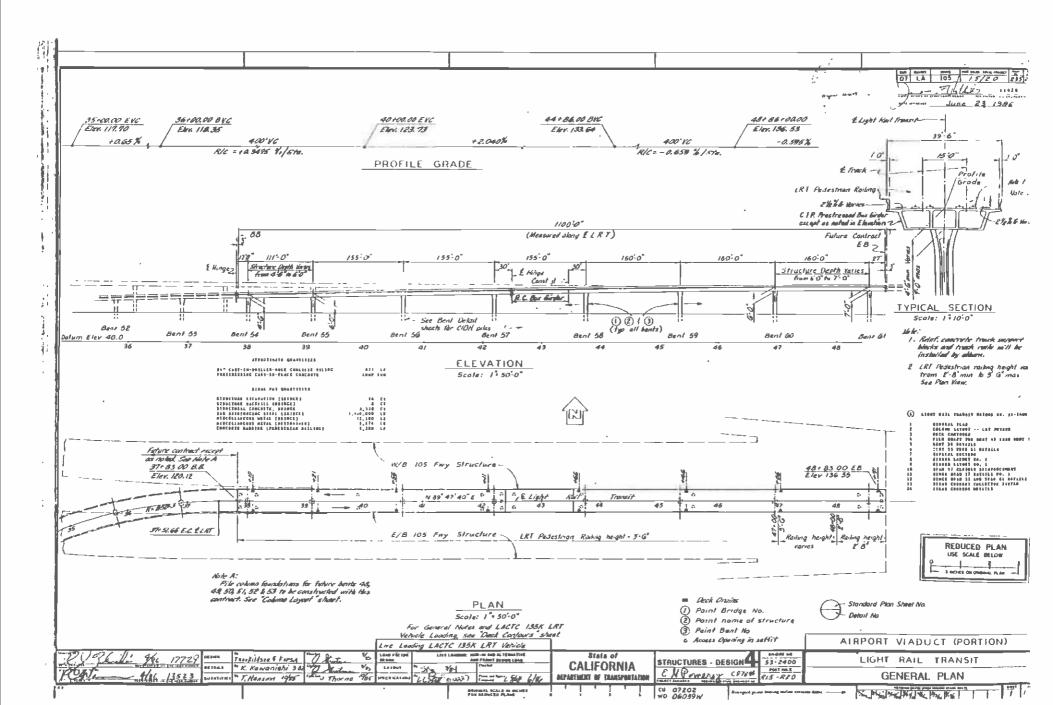
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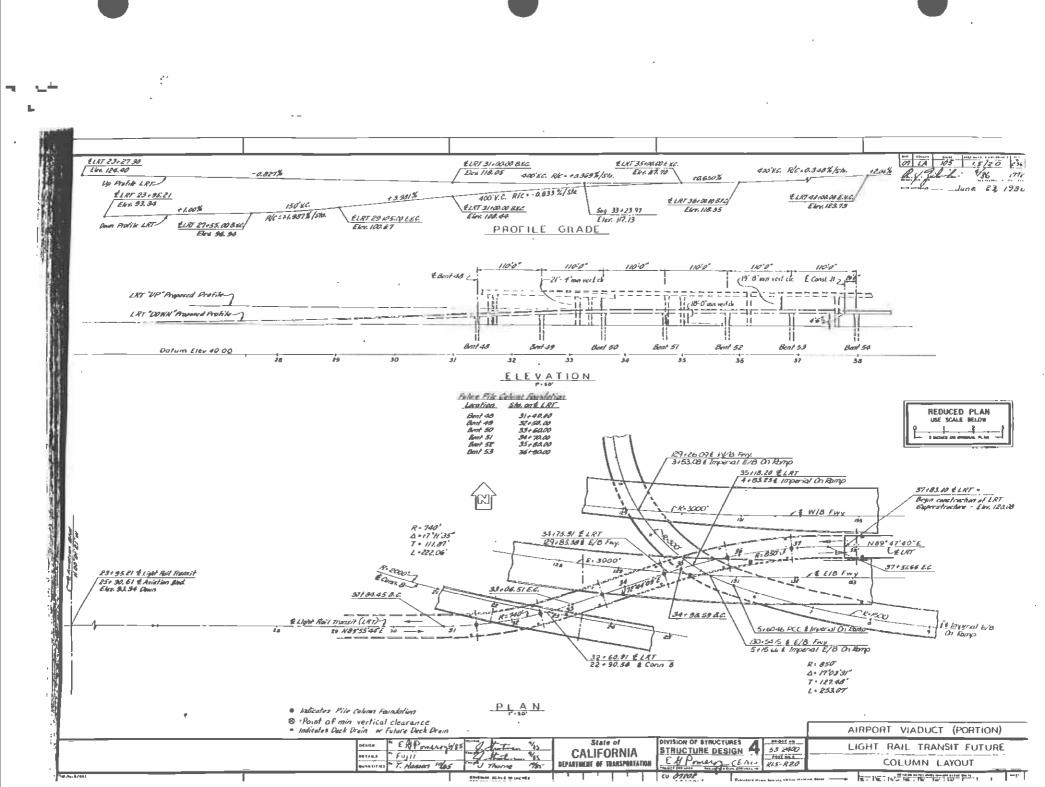
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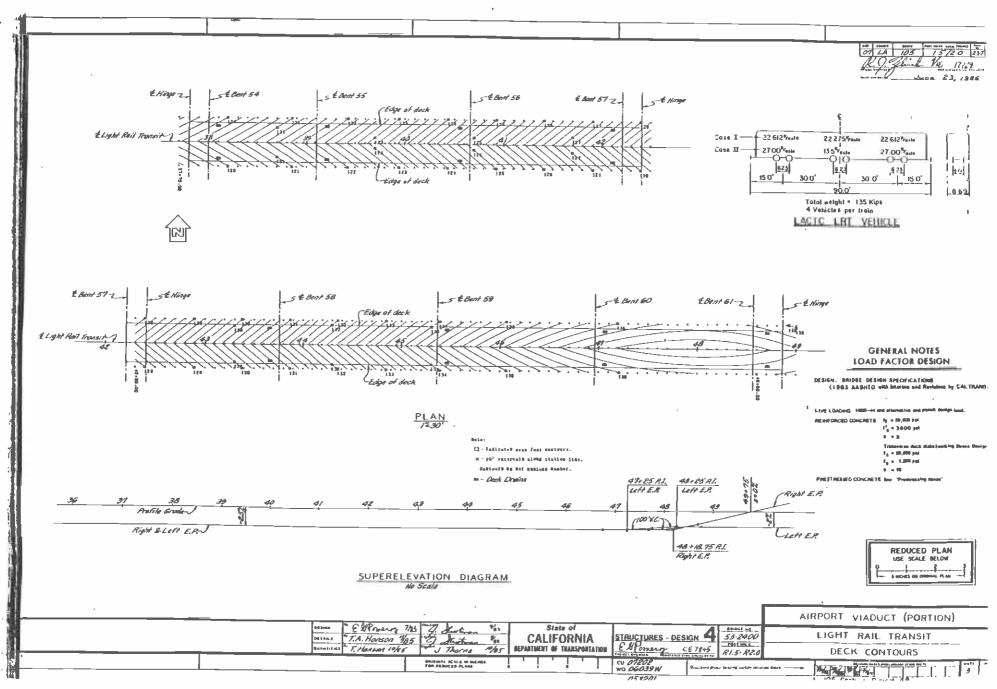


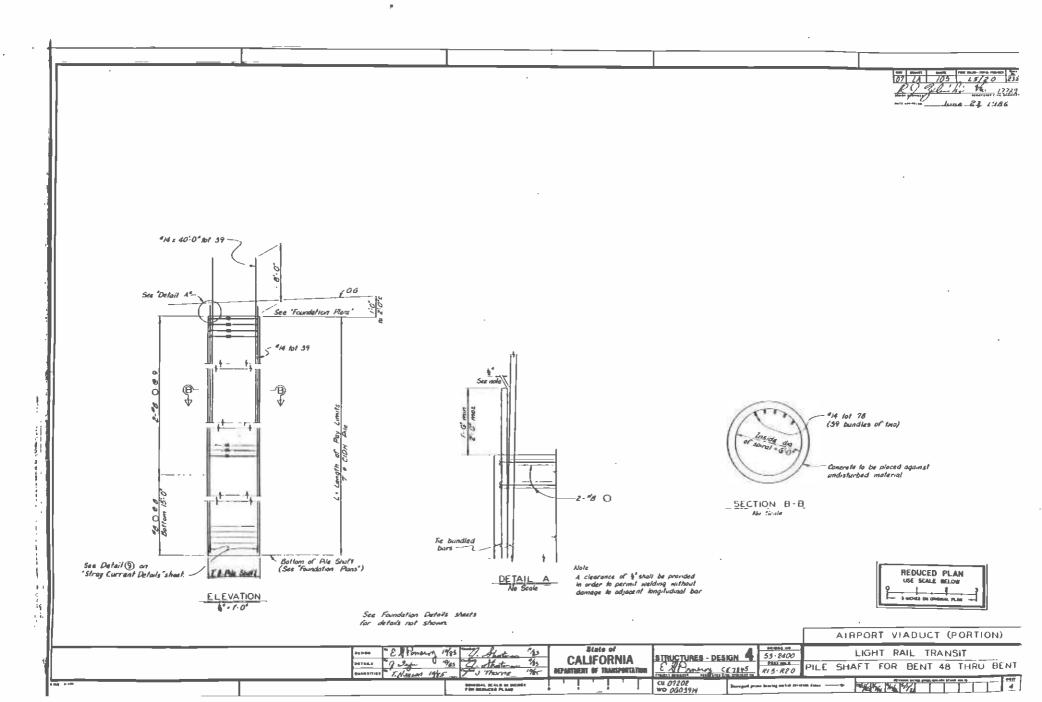


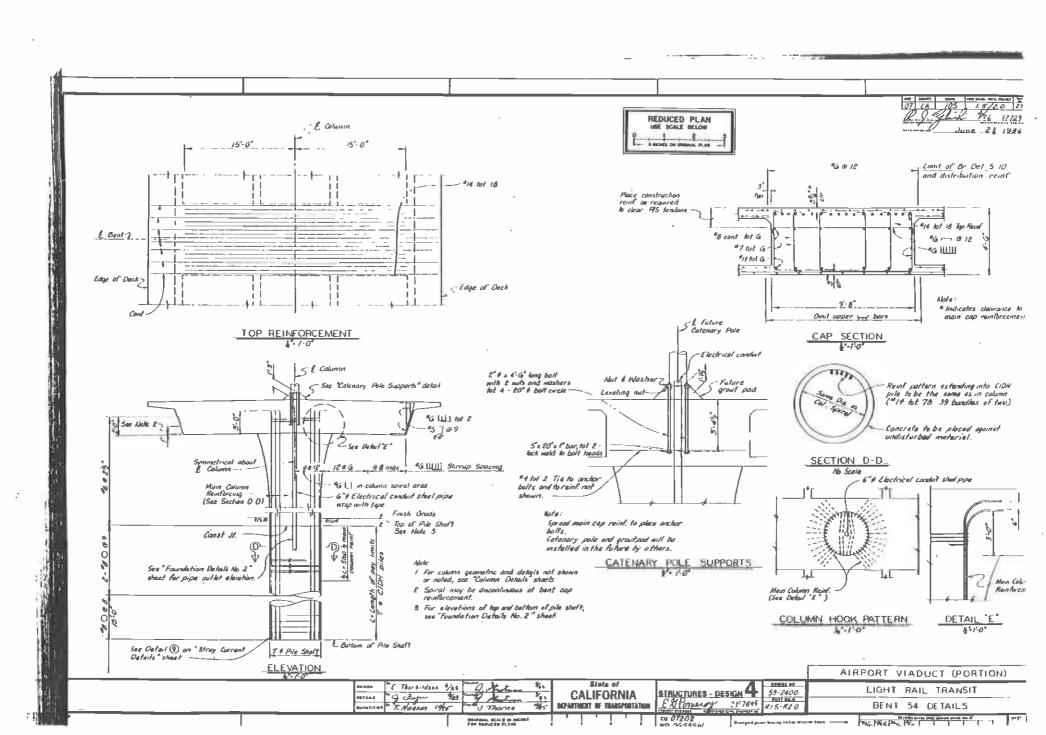


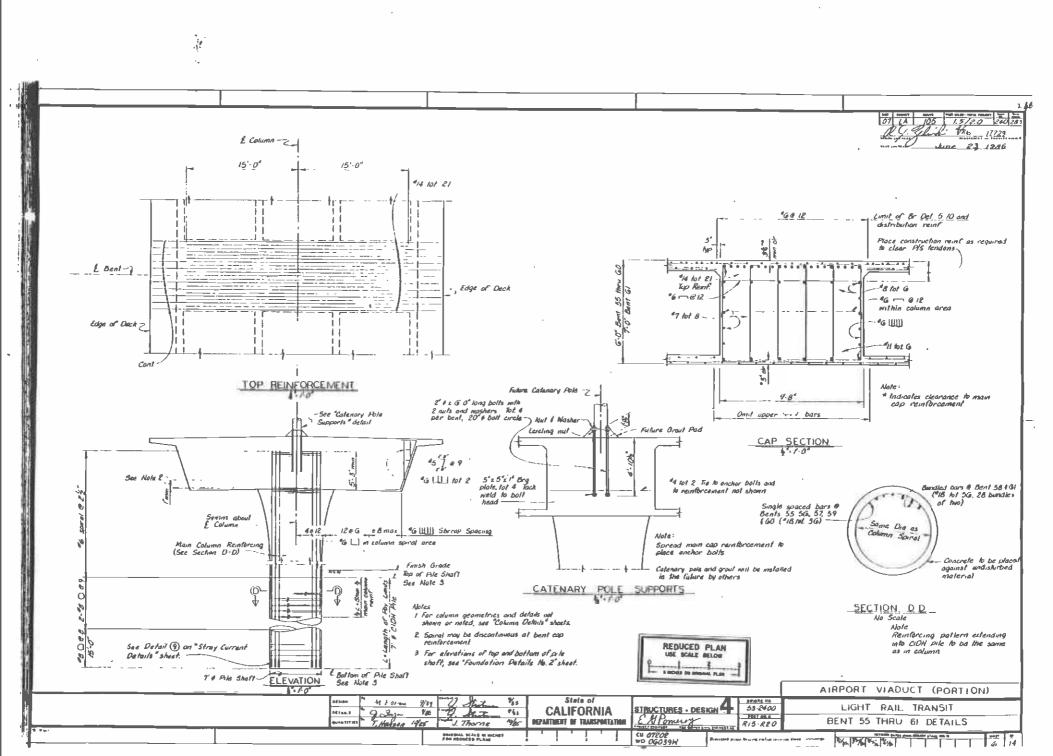


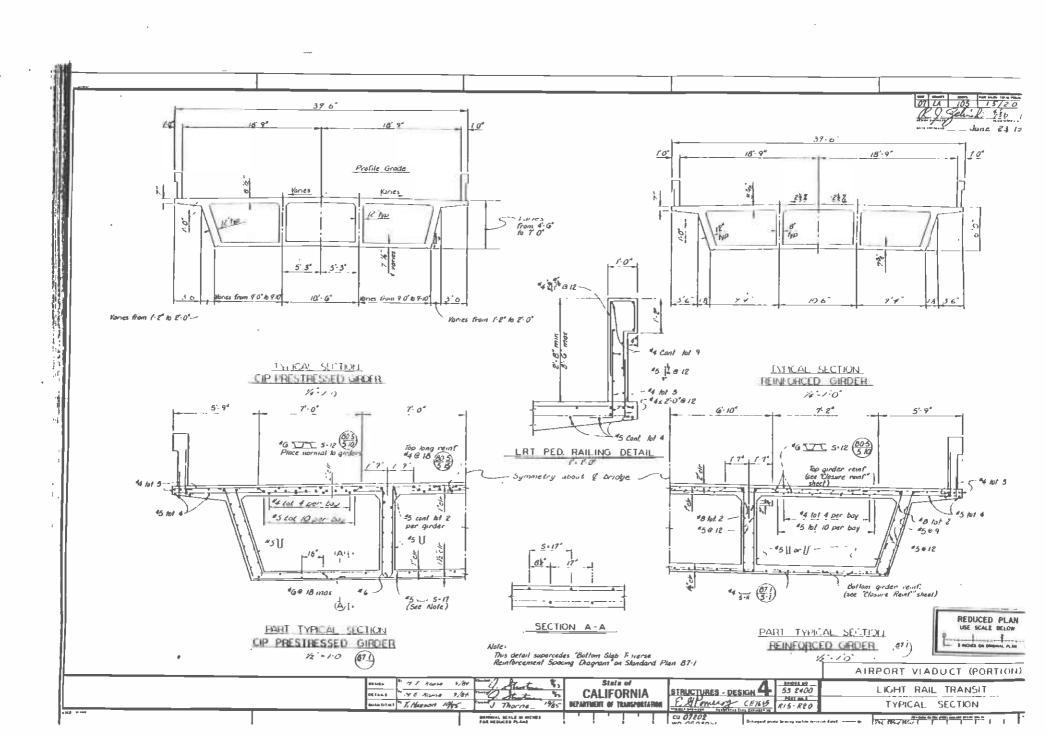
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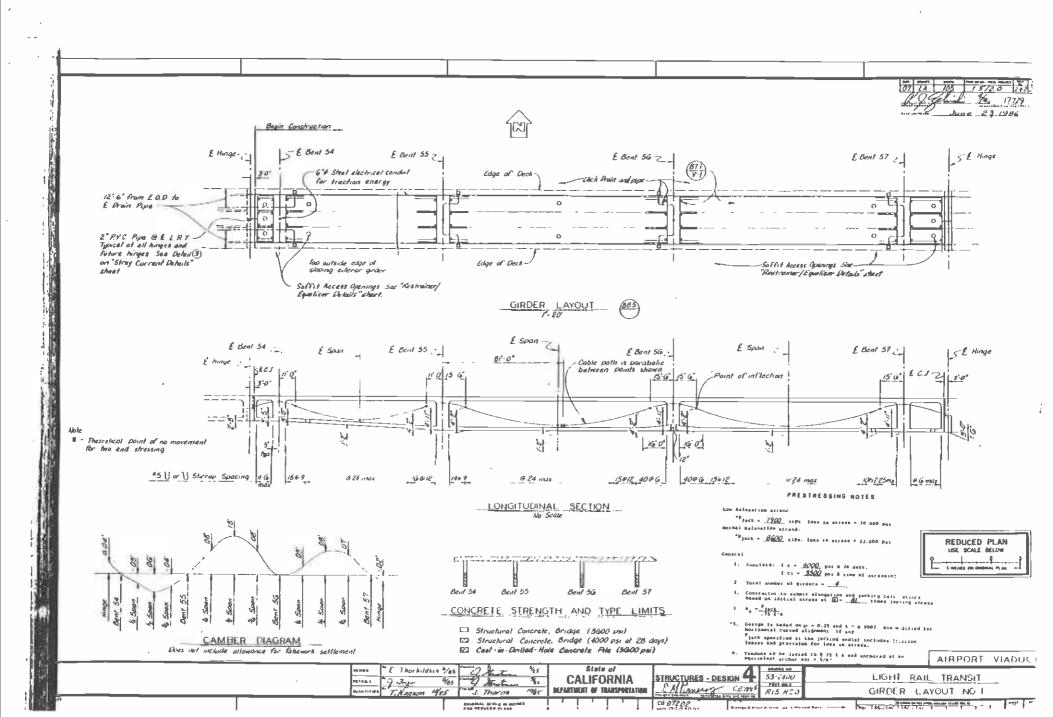




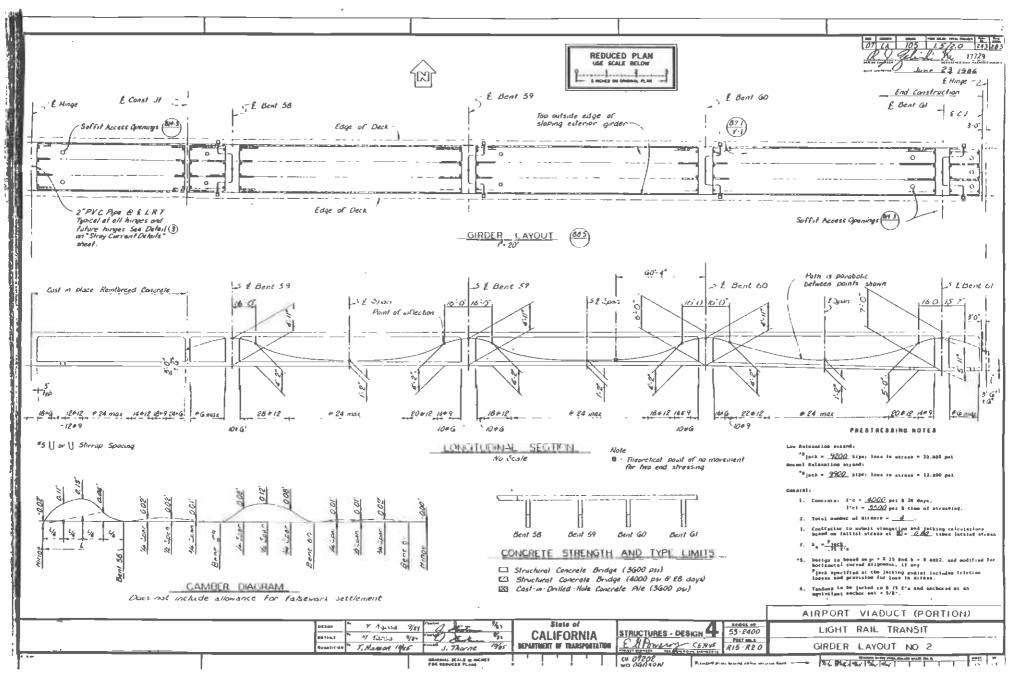


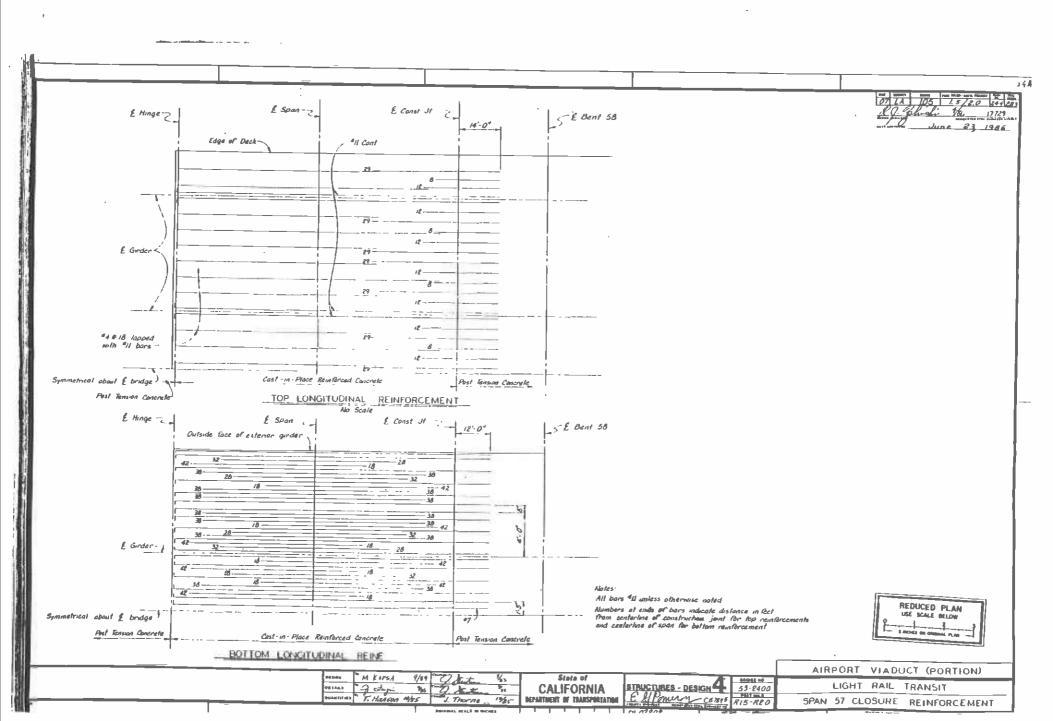


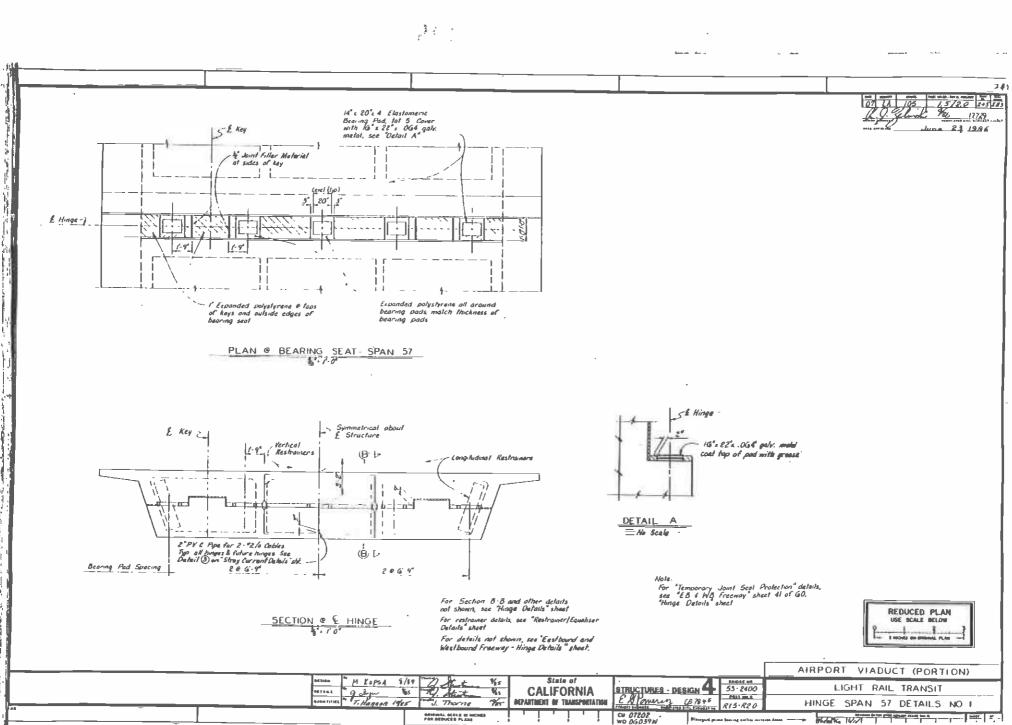


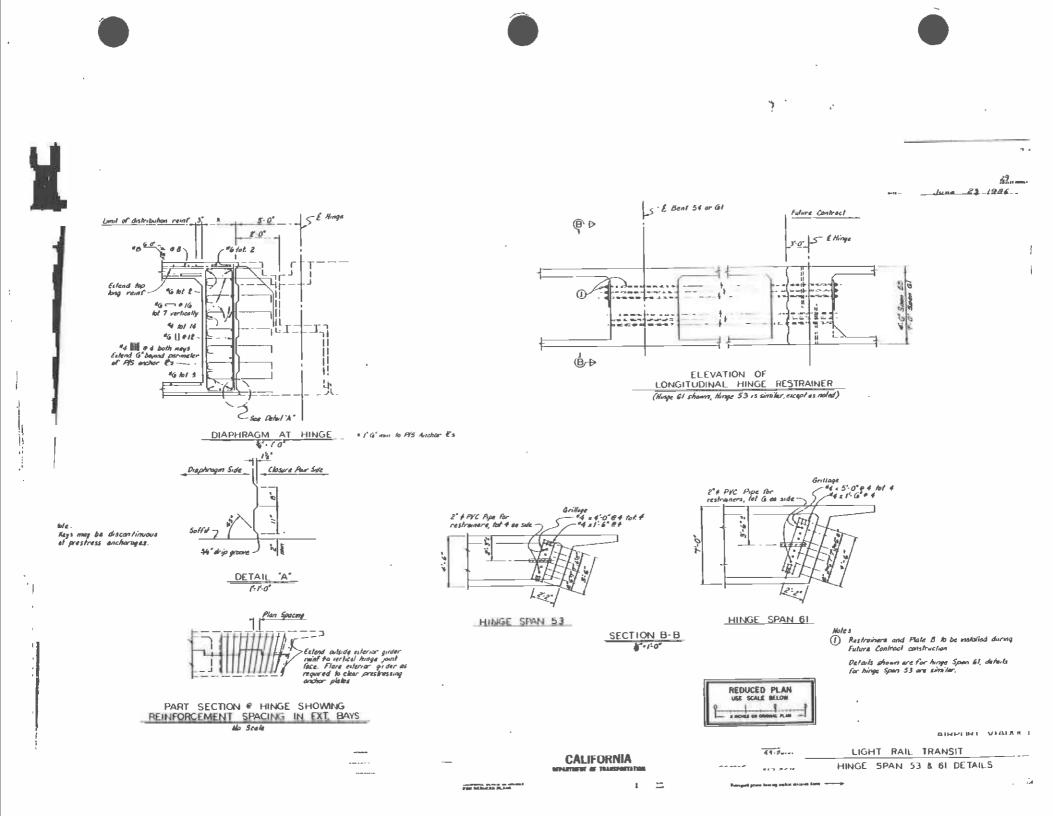


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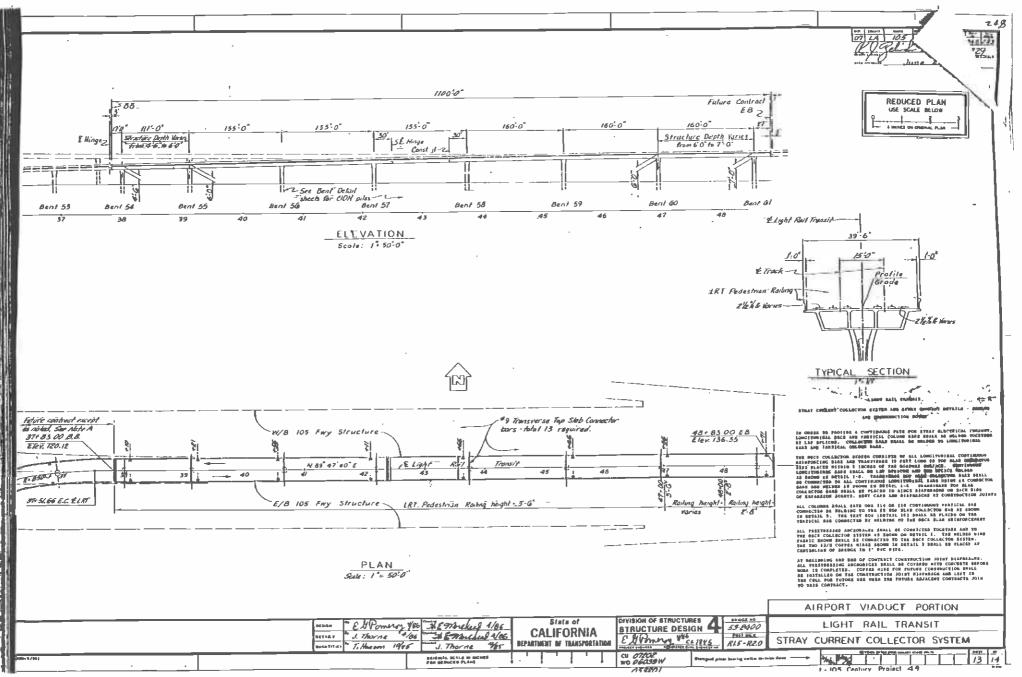


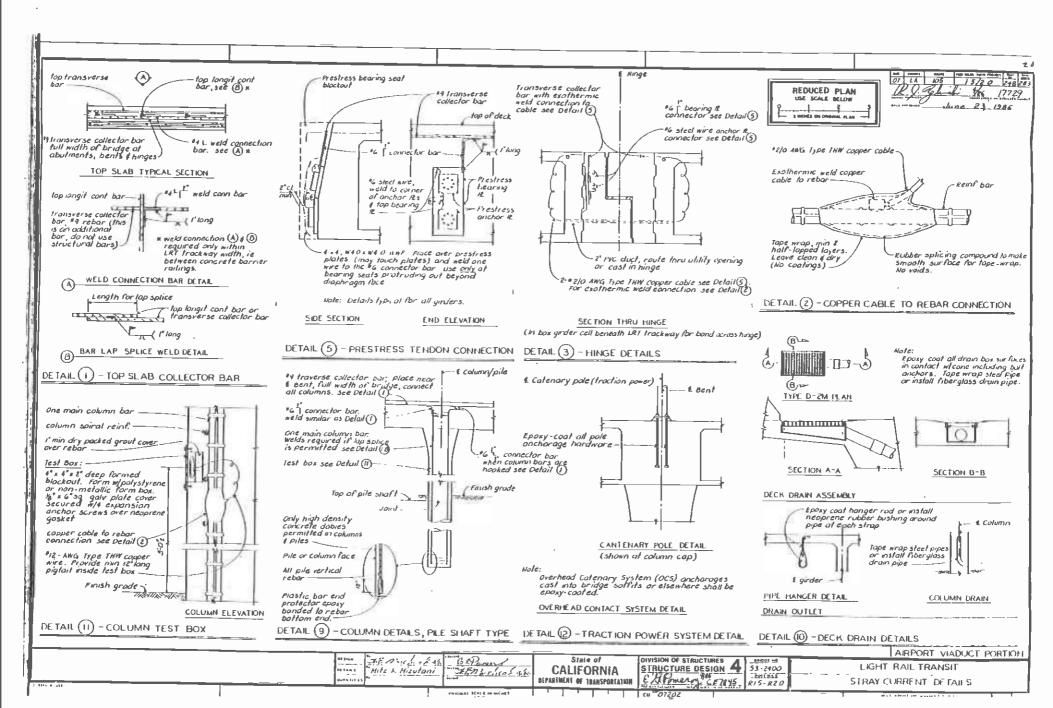












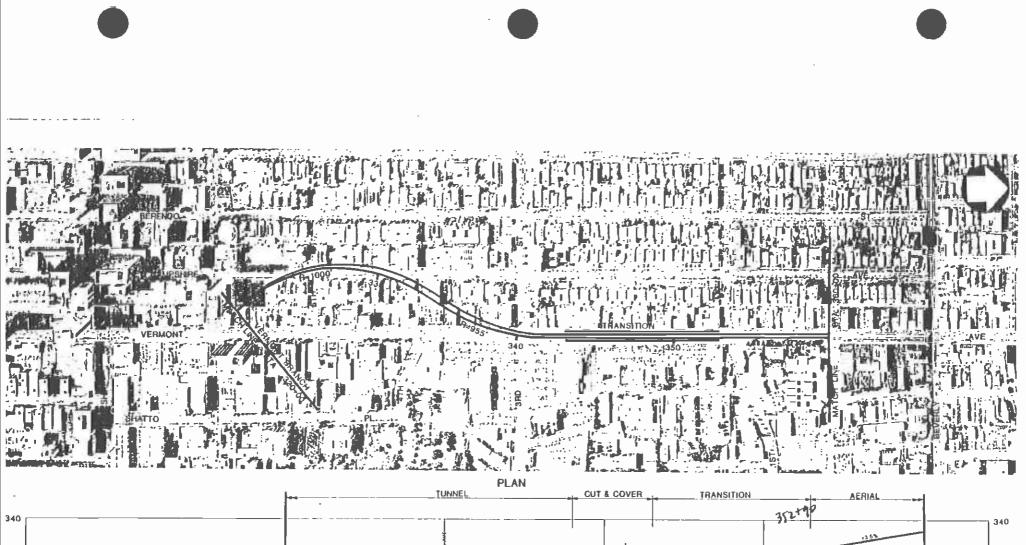
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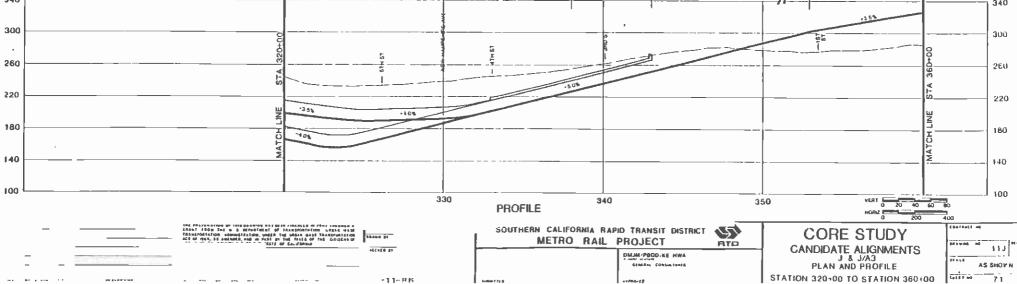
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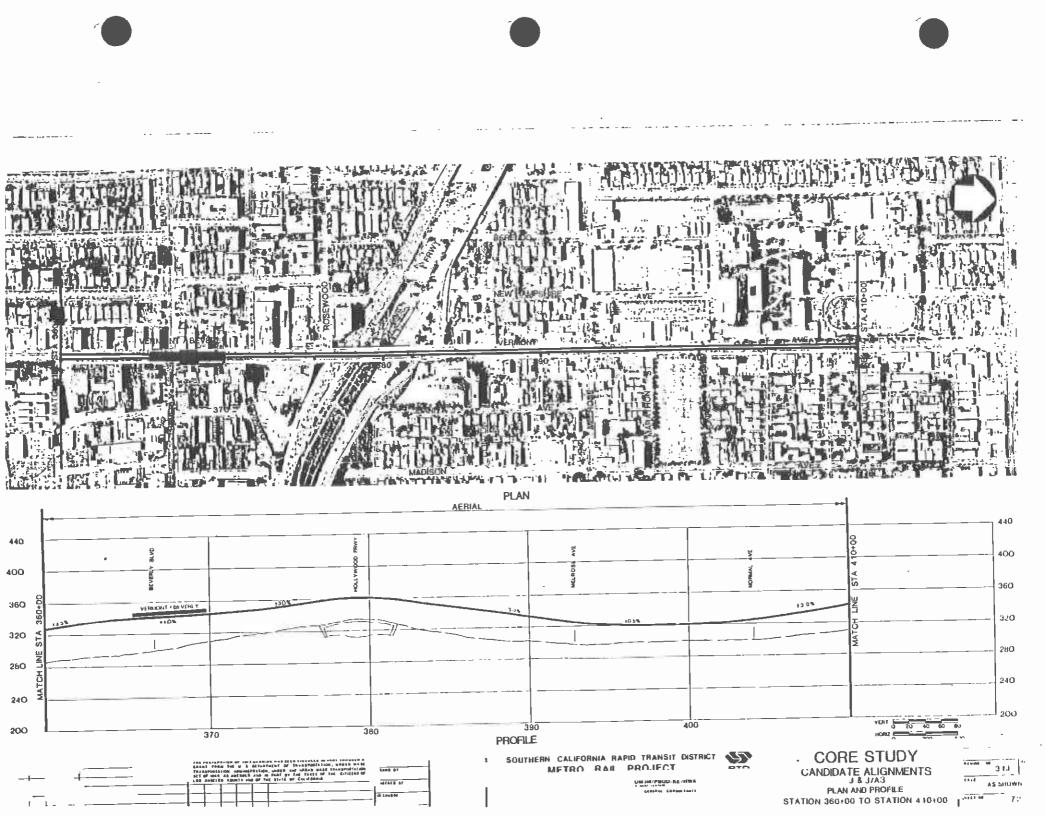
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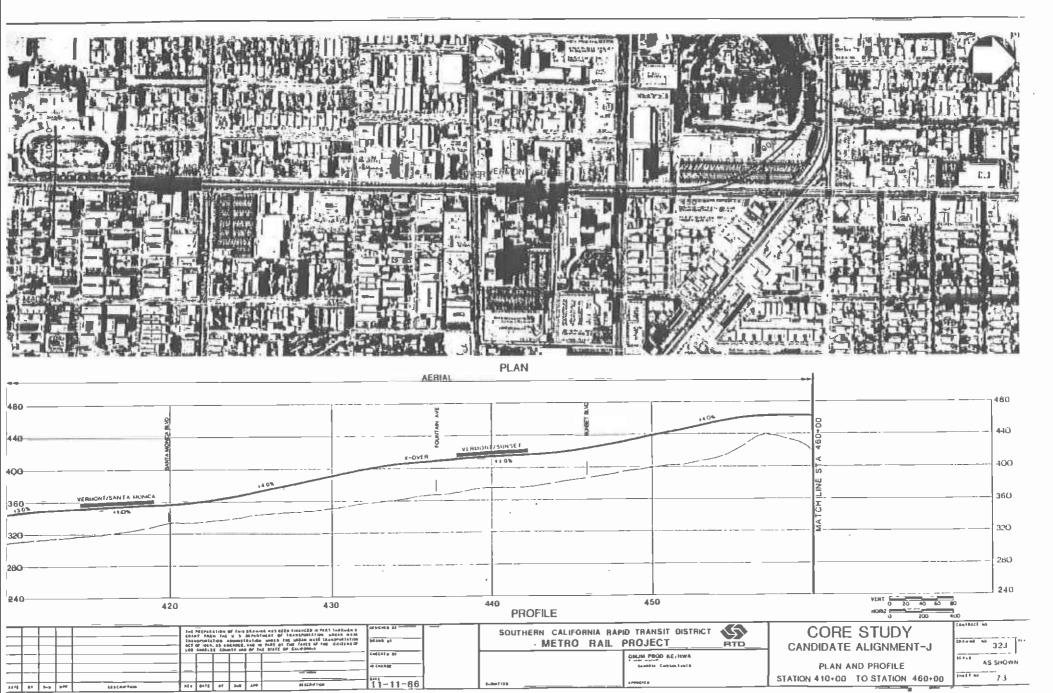
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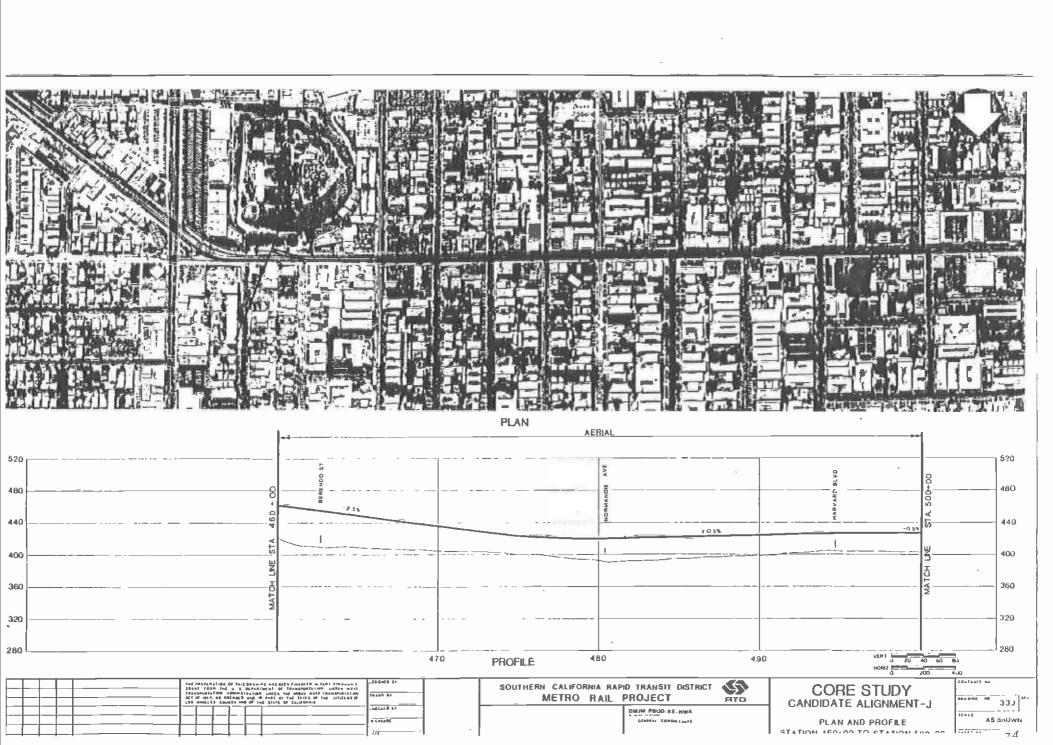
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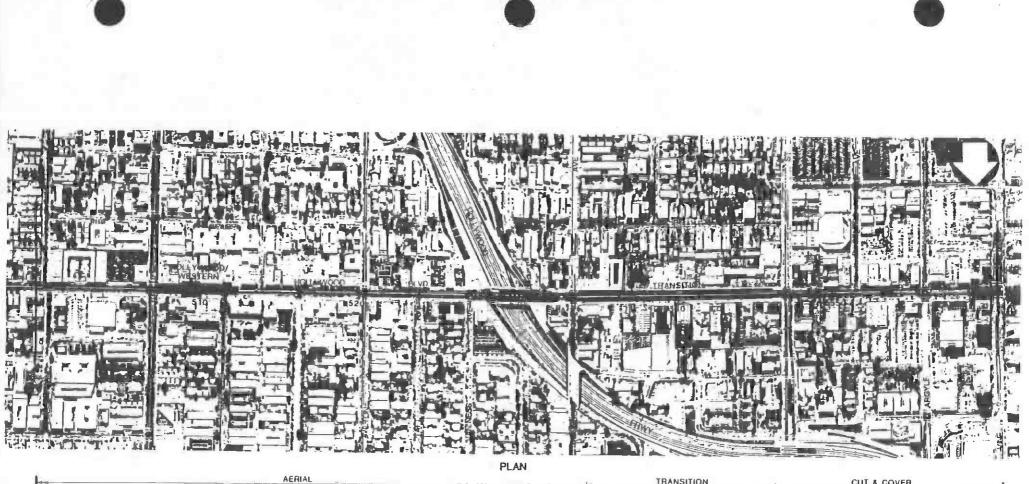


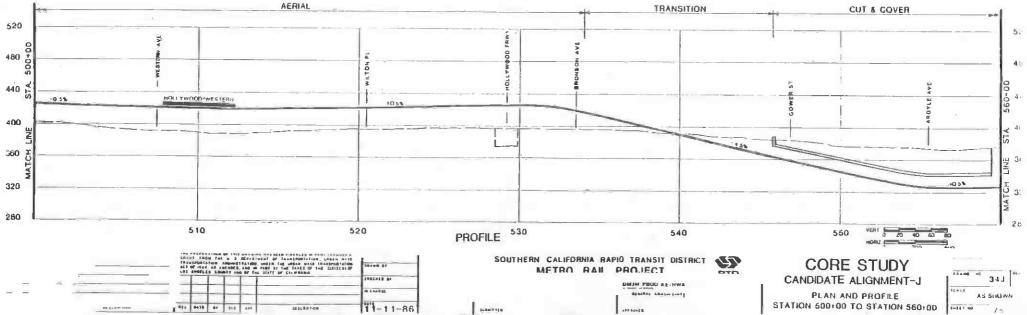


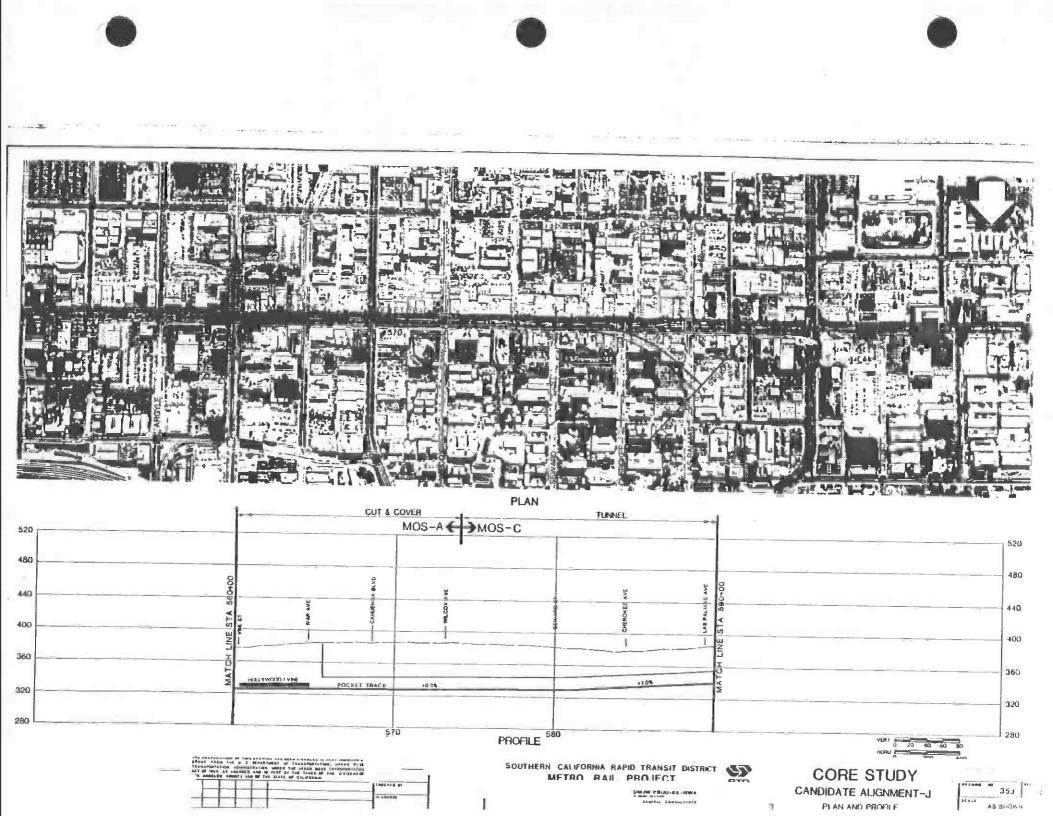


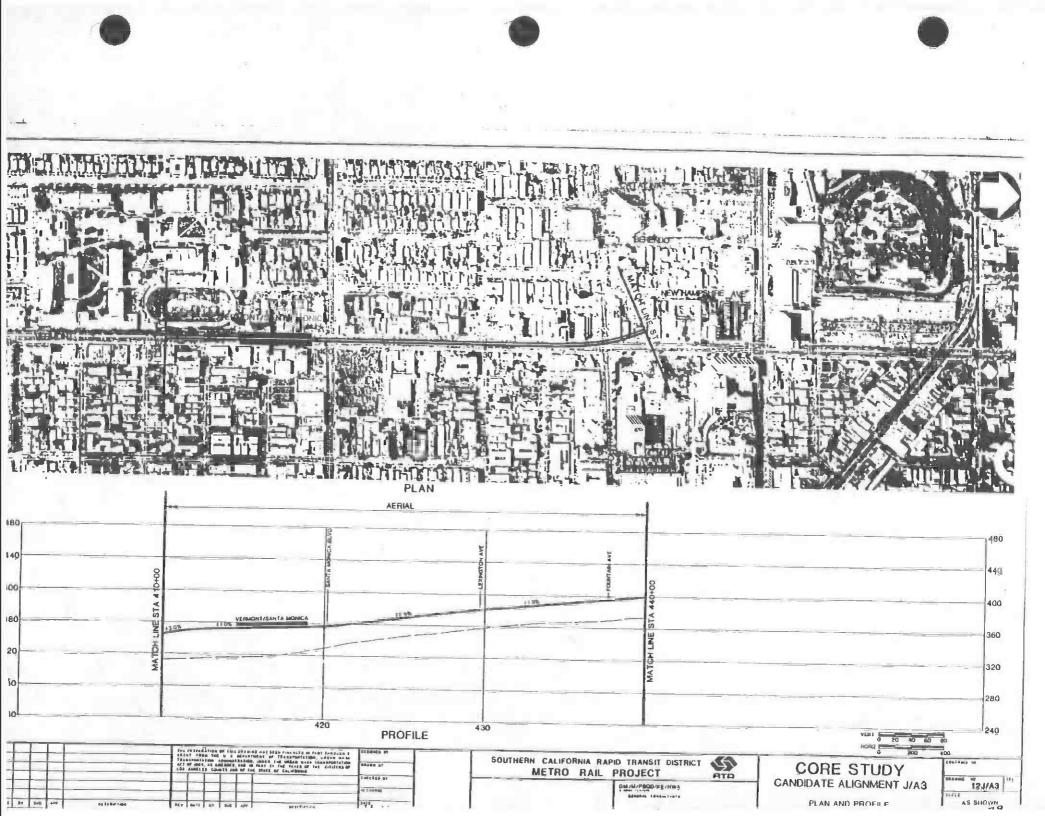


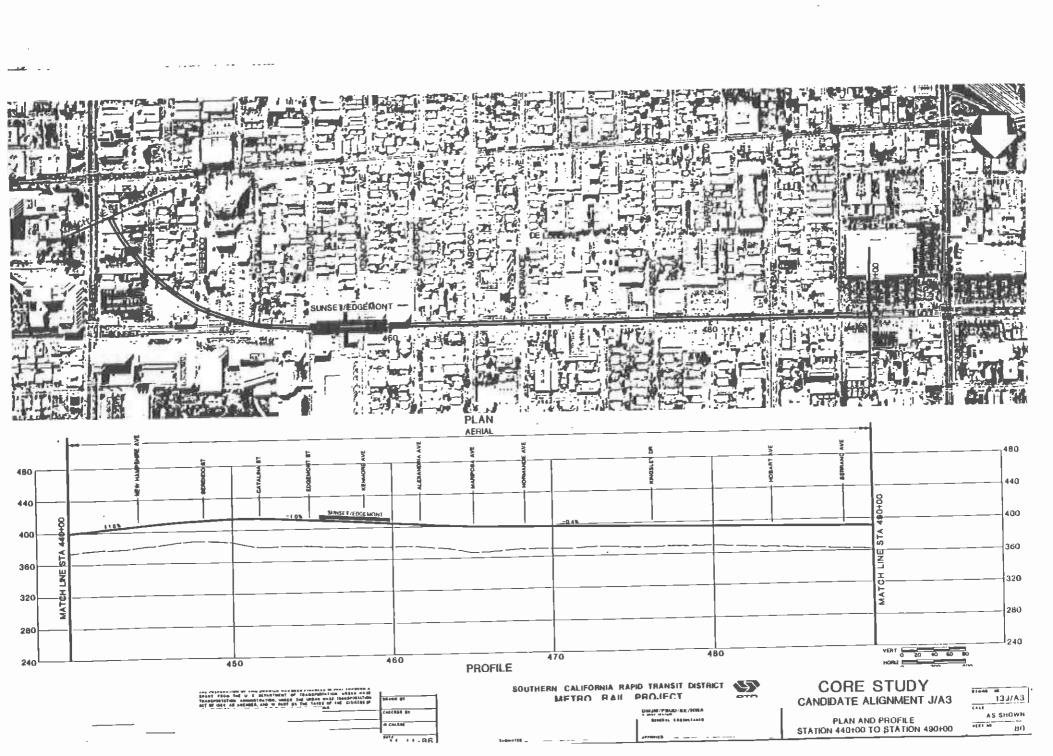












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