



March 15, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE D8 DWB-915

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has received application materials dated November 18, 2022 from the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval of location and plans for the construction of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Illinois Waterway, Mile 87.91, between the City of Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois and Schuyler County, Illinois.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Replace a fixed steel-truss highway bridge with a fixed steel girder highway bridge. The new bridge replaces a structurally deficient bridge which will be removed.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Horizontal: Main channel span is 526.0 feet measured normal to axis of the channel.	Horizontal: Main channel span is 400.0 feet measured normal to axis of the channel.
Vertical: Main channel span low steel elevation is 497.13 feet. Normal pool elevation is 428.63 for a total of 68.5 feet vertical clearance.	Vertical: Main channel span low steel elevation is 497.63 feet. Normal pool elevation is 428.63 for a total of 69.0 feet vertical clearance at left and right descending piers, 69.4 feet vertical clearance at center of channel.

Datum: NAVD88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. An Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (EIS/ROD) was issued on December 15, 2021, pursuant to NEPA, as amended. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and plans to issue a Record of Decision for

the project. Documents are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project was issued from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on July 24, 2023. The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 450.4 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 697.63. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum. The total impacted acres of wetland is .50 acres.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the FHWA. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email eric.washburn@uscg.mil through **April 19, 2024**.

Map of location and plans attached.

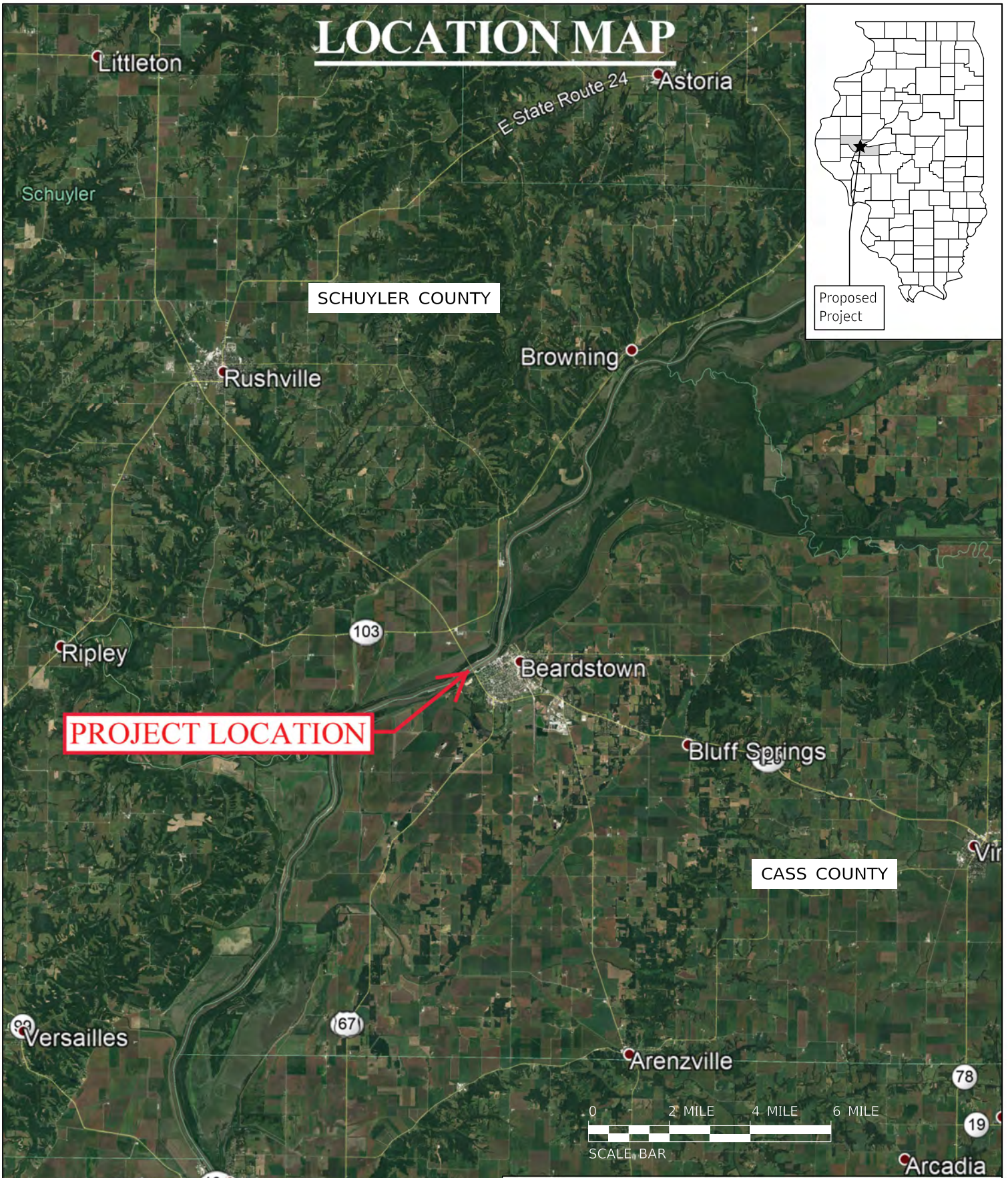


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By direction of the District Commander

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LOCATION MAP



Proposed Project

PROJECT LOCATION

CASS COUNTY



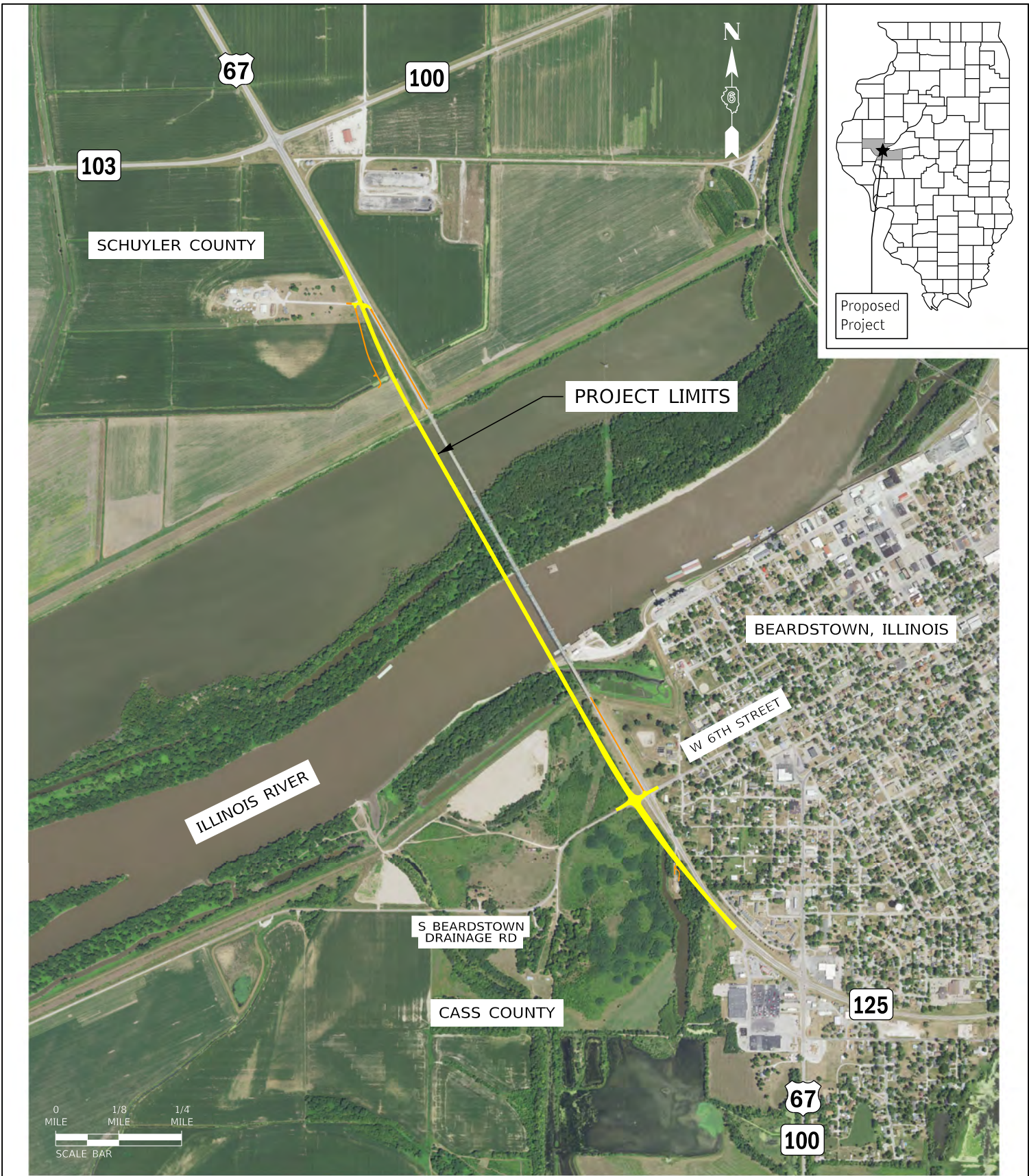
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Location Map

US Route 67 (Beardstown Bridge)
Illinois River - Mile 87.9 Between Beardstown, Cass County,
Illinois and Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois
Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation District 6

Conceptual plans utilized to obtain Coast Guard bridge permit.

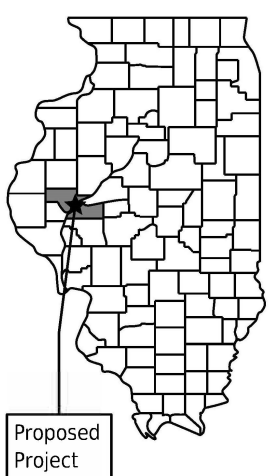
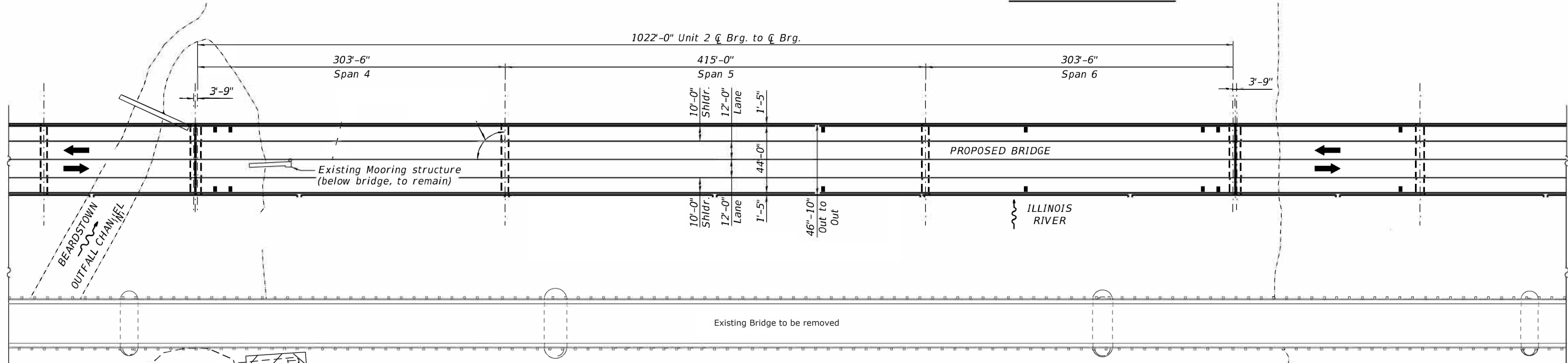
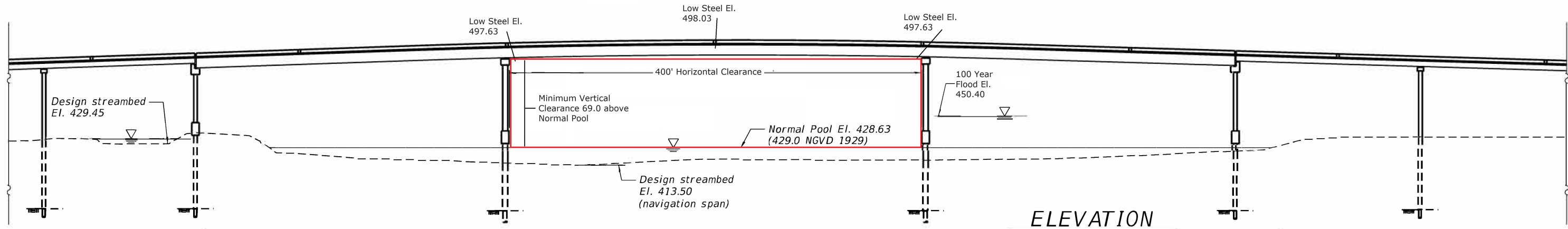
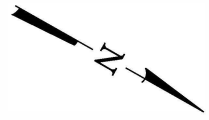


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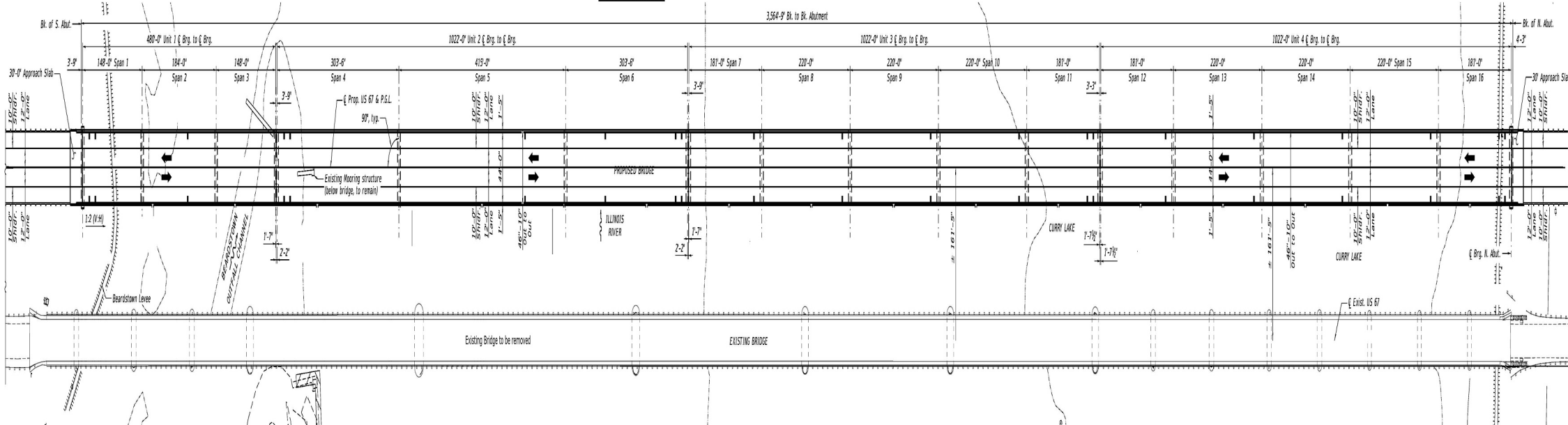
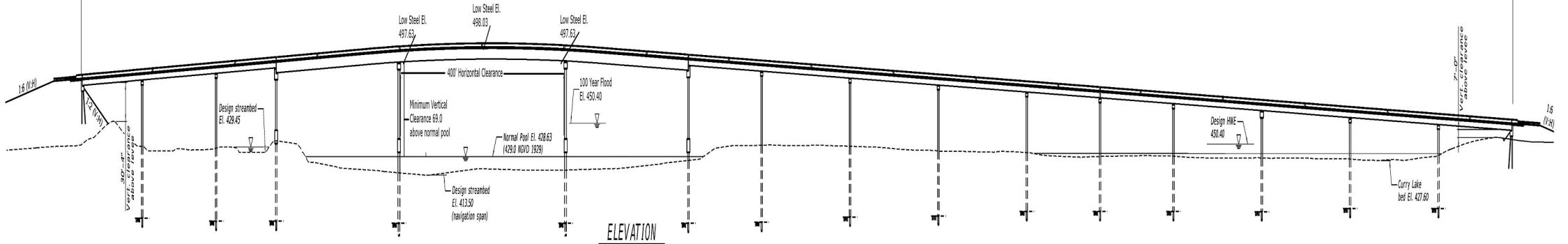
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Navigation Clearance Permit Sketch
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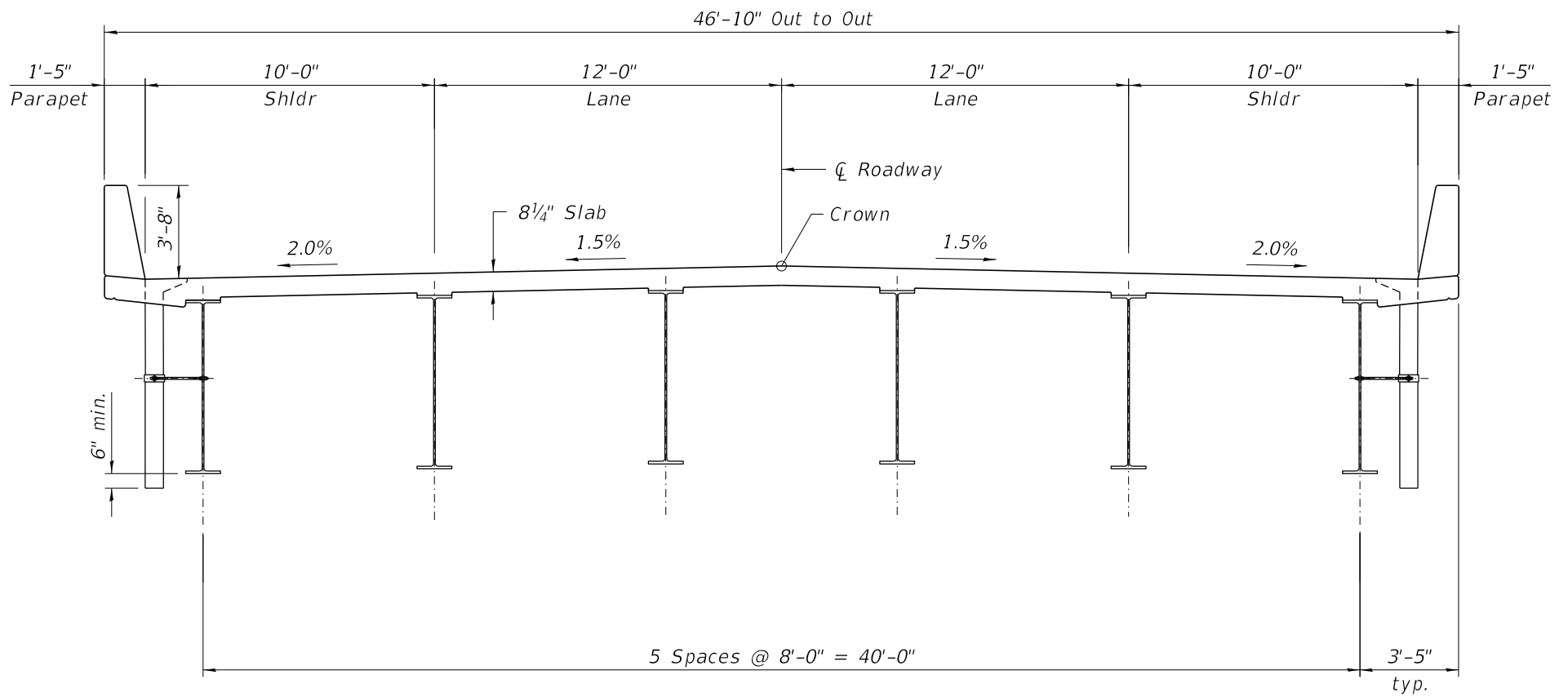


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Plan and Profile

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