



April 1, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE D8 DWB-843

All interested parties are notified that an application dated November 7, 2012 has been received from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, for approval of location and plans for the construction of the proposed LA-8 Replacement Bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. The proposal calls for the removal of the existing bridge.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Ouachita River, Mile 57.49, near the City of Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construct a fixed highway bridge and associated approaches.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing Bridge</u>	<u>Proposed Bridge</u>
Horizontal: 140.0 feet measured normal to the axis of the channel.	Horizontal: 351.0 feet measured normal to the axis of the channel.
Vertical: 71.9 feet above normal pool	Vertical: 79.0 feet above normal pool

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead federal agency, approved on December 7, 2012, a reevaluation of the Final Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI), previously approved on January 23, 2004. The project will be located in the base floodplain. There will be approximately 19,000 cubic yards of material excavated and 9,630 cubic yards of fill will be placed below the 100-year flood elevation of 64.3 feet, m.s.l. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act certification for the project was issued March 11, 2013. The project is expected to impact approximately 7.24 acres of wetlands. It is not expected to significantly impact federally listed threatened or endangered species, minority and low-income populations or adversely impact Environmental Justice.

The existing LA-8 Bridge has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated November 25, 2003 was executed in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. In compliance with the MOA, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development marketed the bridge for retention by an outside entity. No entity responded with interest in keeping the bridge for an alternate use. As per the MOA guidance, bridge documentation in accordance with Historic American Engineering Record standards was completed on June 11, 2012, enabling removal of the bridge once a replacement is built.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge. Give sufficient details to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition to the proposal. Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander (dwb), Eighth Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, Room 2.107f, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832 through May 1, 2013. Any comments received will be made part of the project case record.

Location map and plans are attached.

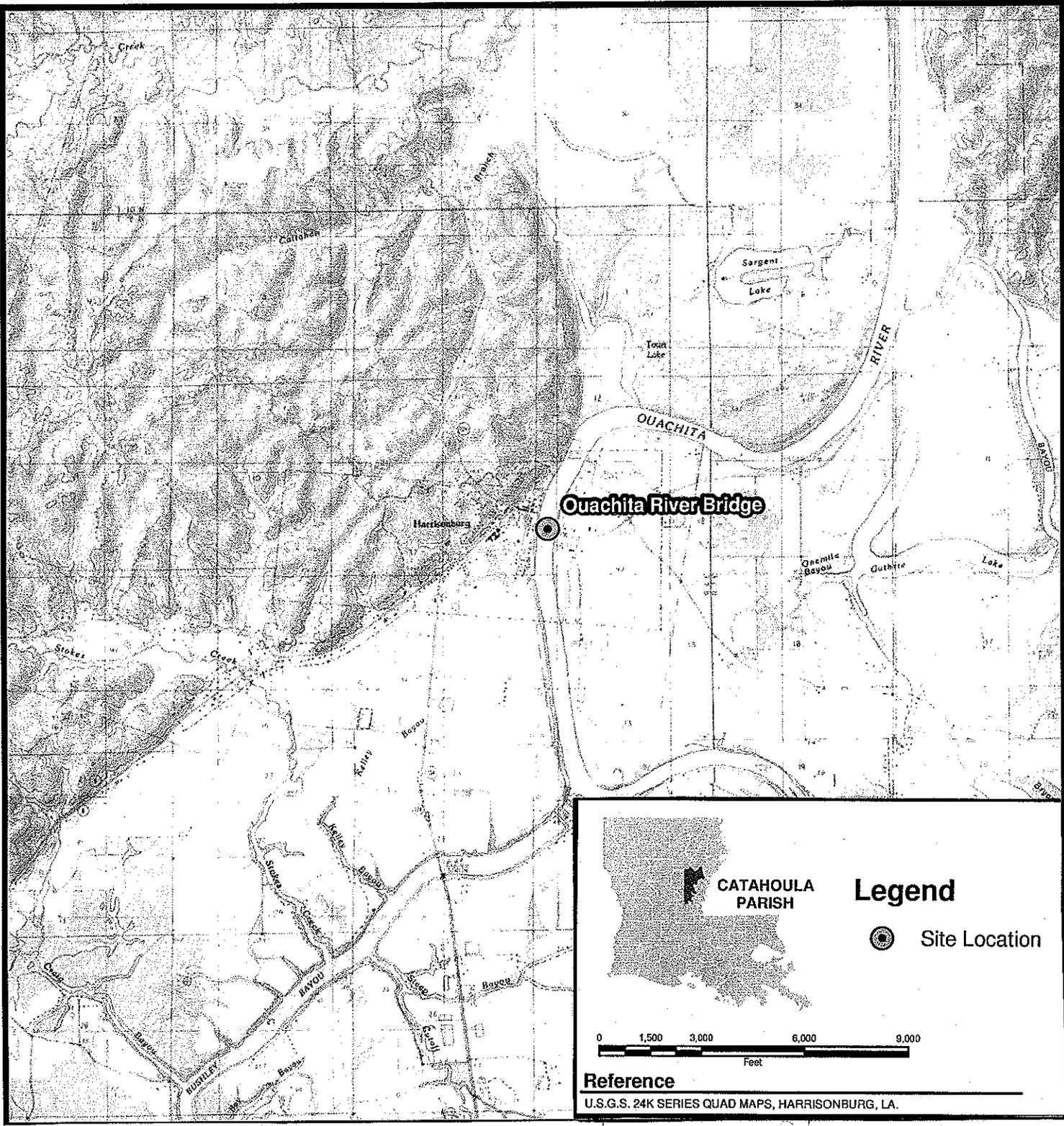
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Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers
By direction of the District Commander

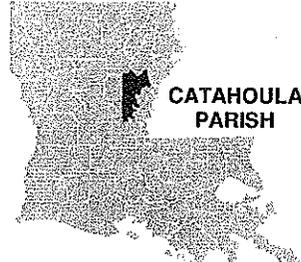
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Ouachita River Bridge



CATAHOULA PARISH

Legend

 Site Location

0 1,500 3,000 6,000 9,000

Feet

Reference

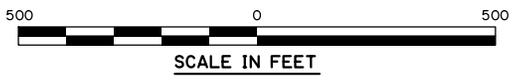
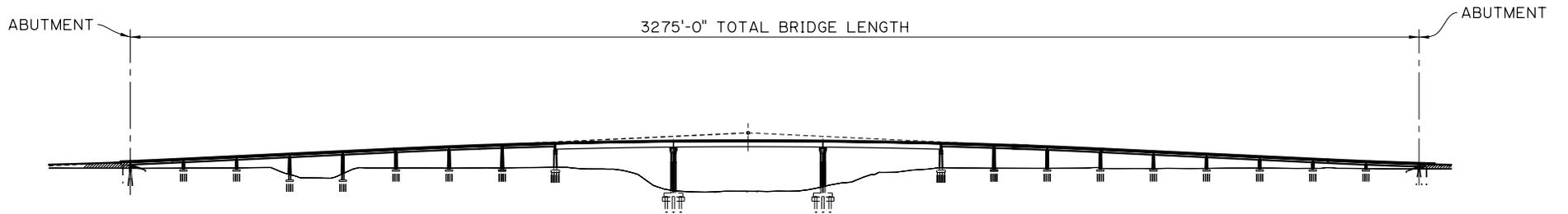
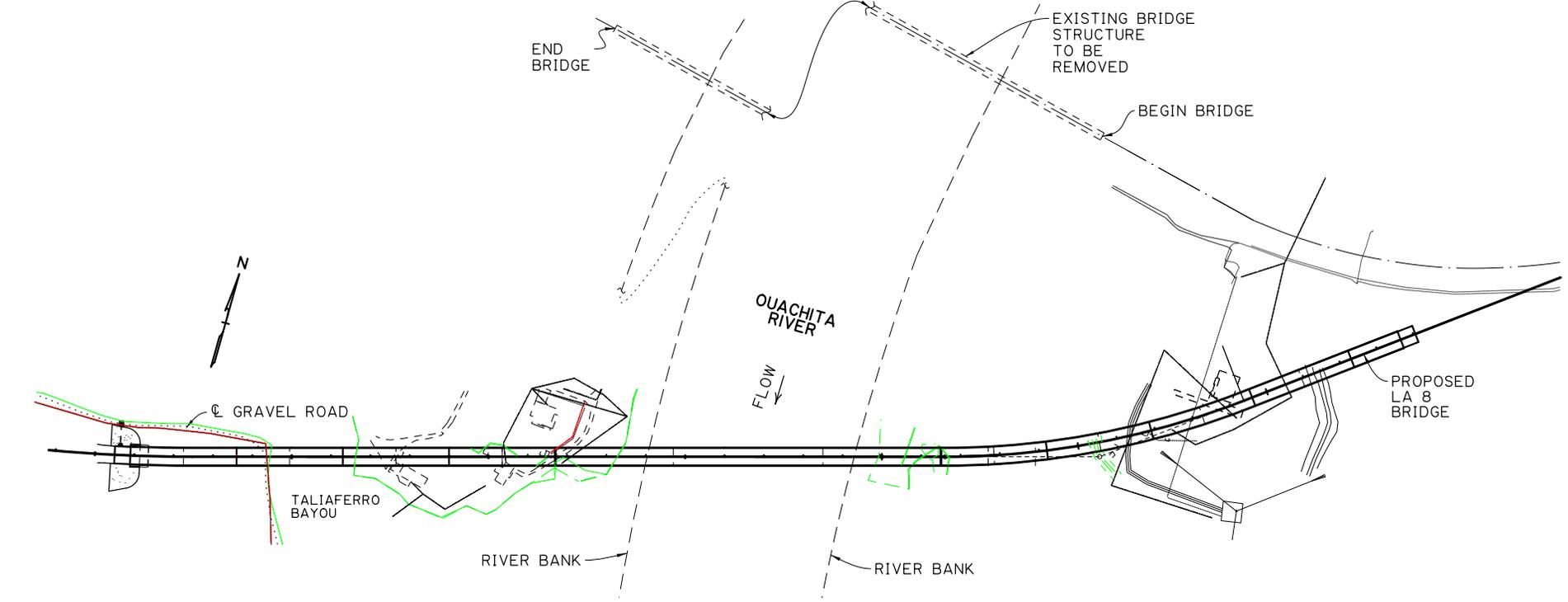
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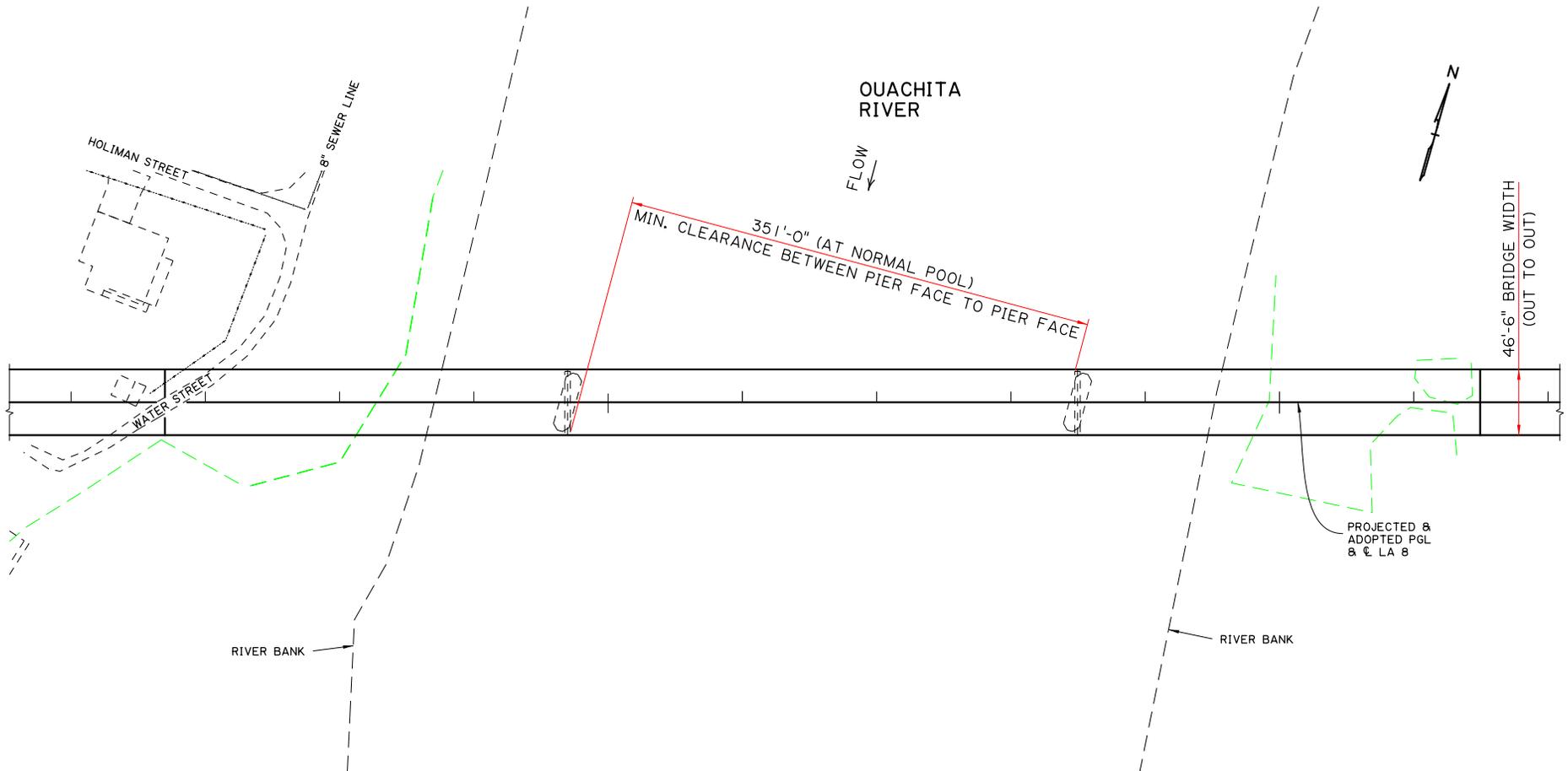


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PLAN VIEW



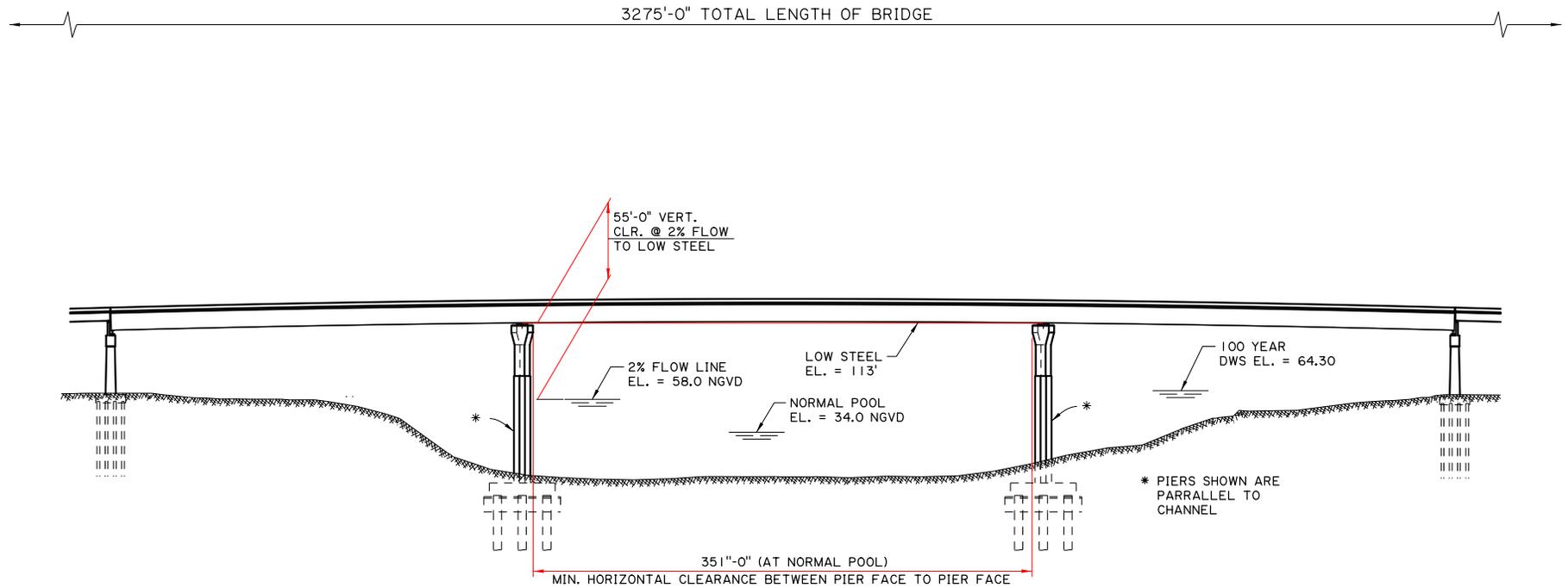
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