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All interested parties are notified that an application was received on June 26, 2026, from the North Carolina Department of Transportation by the Commander, Coast Guard East District, for approval of the location and plans for construction of a new highway fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Currituck Sound, mile 19.1, between Coinjock and Corolla, in Currituck County, North Carolina.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to construct a new bridge across Currituck Sound from the mainland to the Outer Banks. The proposed two-lane, fixed span bridge is approximately 4.7 miles long and will have a minimum vertical clearance of 20 feet above mean high water and 40 feet of horizontal clearance between piers. The navigation span will be placed over deepest water. The proposed bridge will extend from a point on the mainland just north of Aydlett to the Outer Banks near the Corolla Bay community just south of Great Beach Pond and Whale Head Bay. The purpose of the project is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares (US 158 and NC 12), reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and reduce hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during a coastal evacuation.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	Existing	Proposed
Vertical	N/A	21.57 feet above OHW
Horizontal	N/A	40 feet

Datum: North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) used for proposed bridge

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) for all applicable environmental control laws and Executive Orders. The FHWA approved an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on January 12, 2012, and a reevaluation March 6, 2019, and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) dated March 7, 2019. The USCG has tentatively determined that the environmental documentation approved and issued by the FHWA is adequate for USCG bridge permitting purposes and intends to adopt the bridge-related portions of the EIS and issue a USCG ROD. Environmental documents are available for review at the address in the letterhead above, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation level is + 3.9 feet from datum and low steel of the bridge in the navigation span is elevation +22.07 feet from datum.

A water quality certificate was issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality via Certification No. WQC008093 dated September 18, 2025. This project is estimated to permanently impact 1.21 acres of wetlands and temporary impact 17.29 acres of wetlands.

The bridge construction site lies inside of a designated Coastal Zone Management area. The applicant provided the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and Coastal Resources Commission Permit 105-25 (CAMA) with project location information and a certificate of consistency. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality issued a finding on September 19, 2025, that the project is consistent with the state's Coastal Zone Management Plan provided all required permits and/or authorizations are obtained prior to implementation.

Comments received in response to this notice concerning environmental control laws and Executive Orders will be forwarded to FHWA as lead Federal agency.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

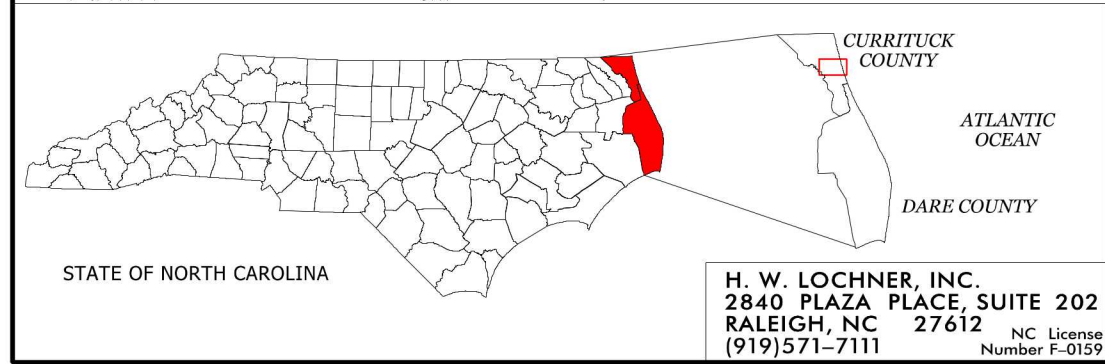
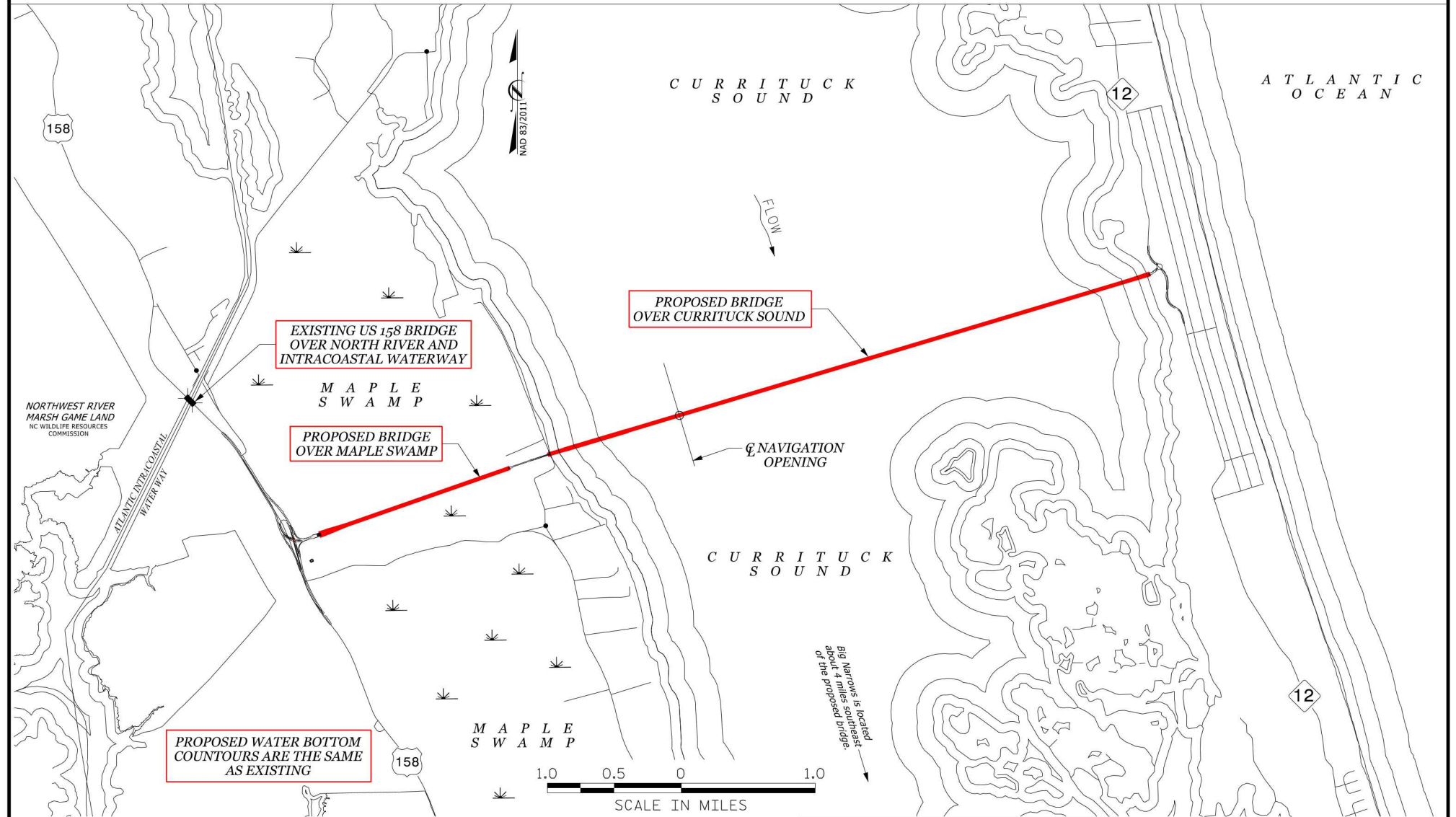
Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge.

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Commander (dpb), Coast Guard East District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 at D5Portsmouth-BridgesPublicNotice@uscg.mil through **September 21, 2026**.

HAL R. PITTS
Bridge Program Manager
By direction

Attachments: (1) Location/Vicinity Maps and Plan Sheets

VICINITY MAP



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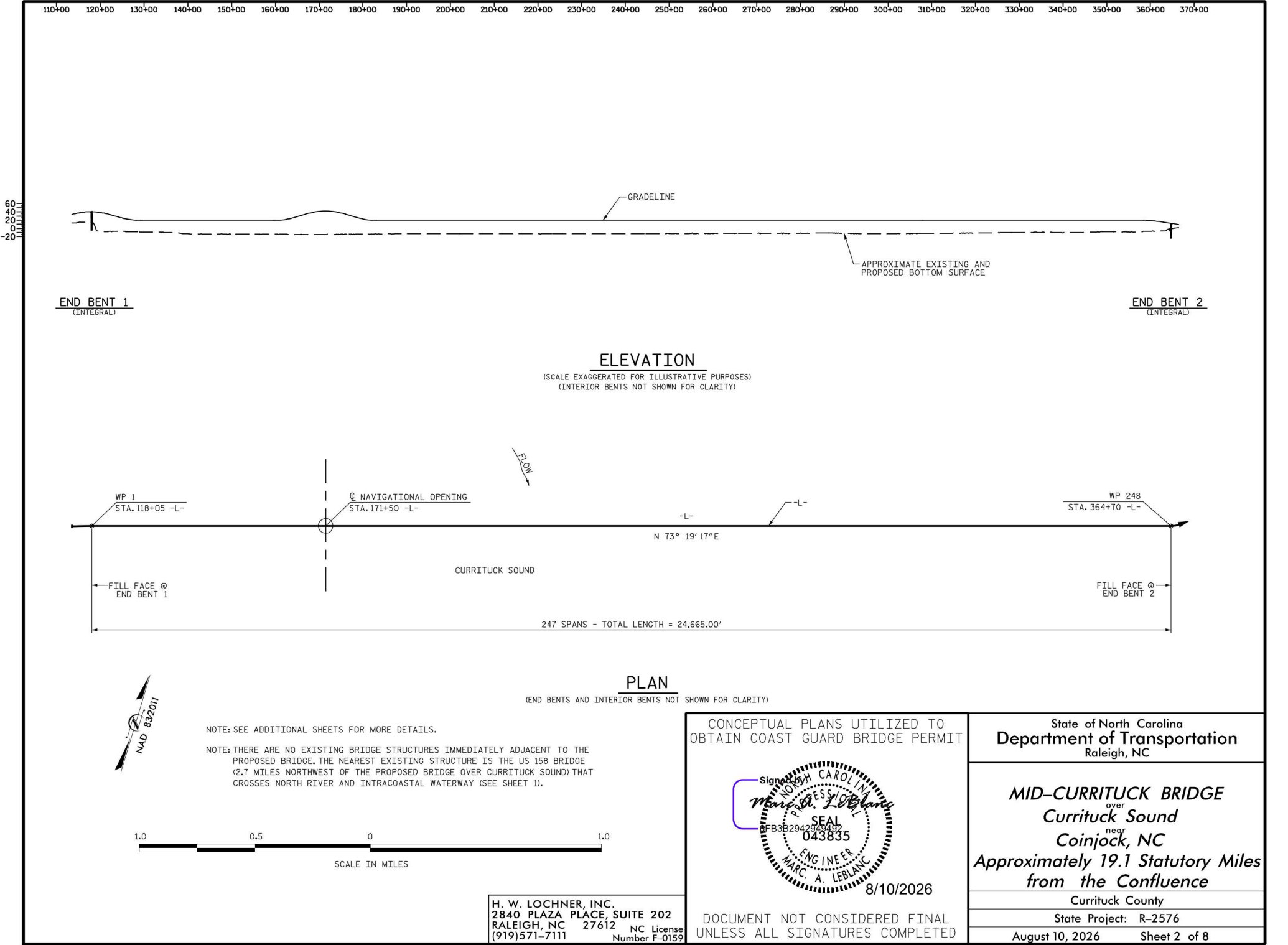
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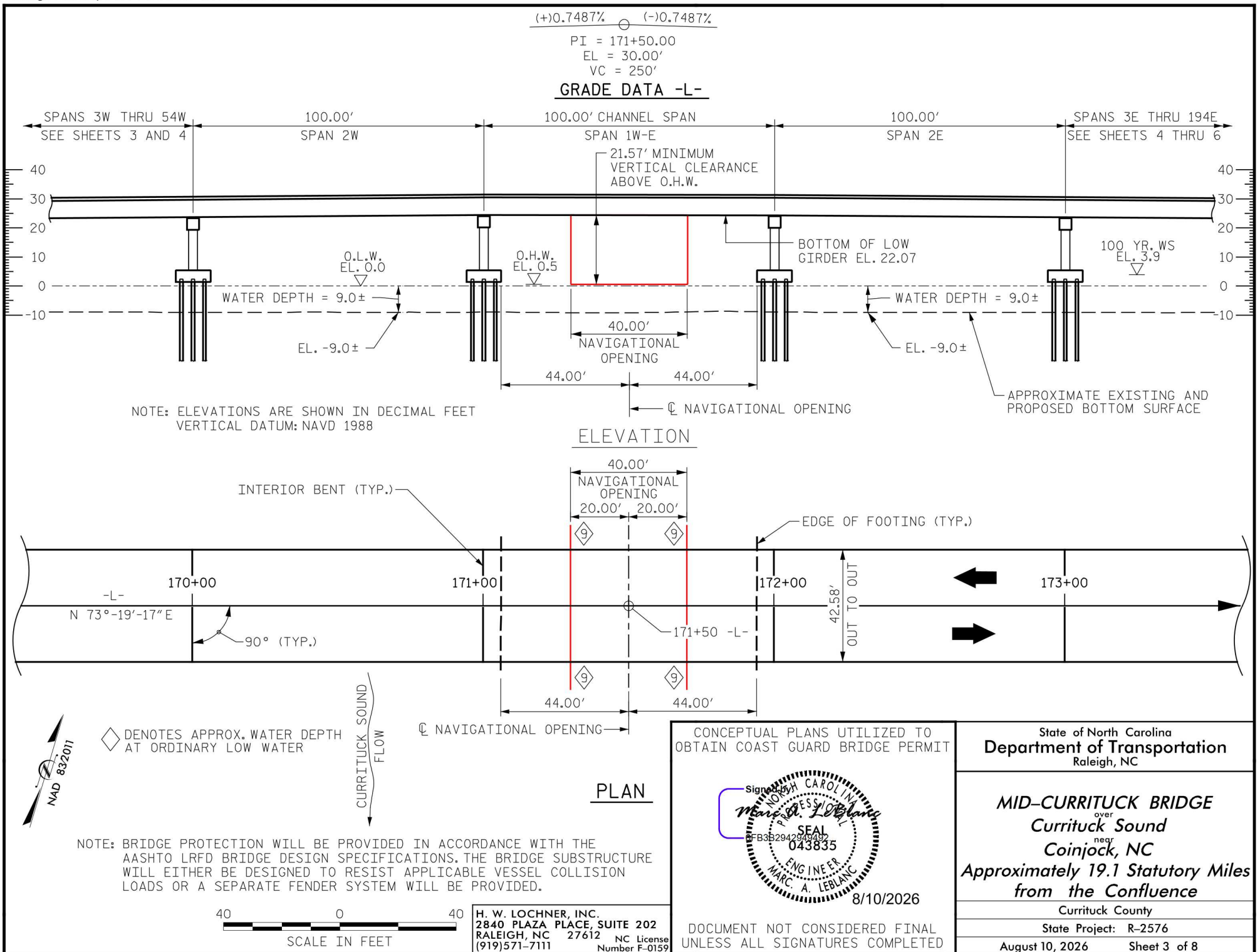
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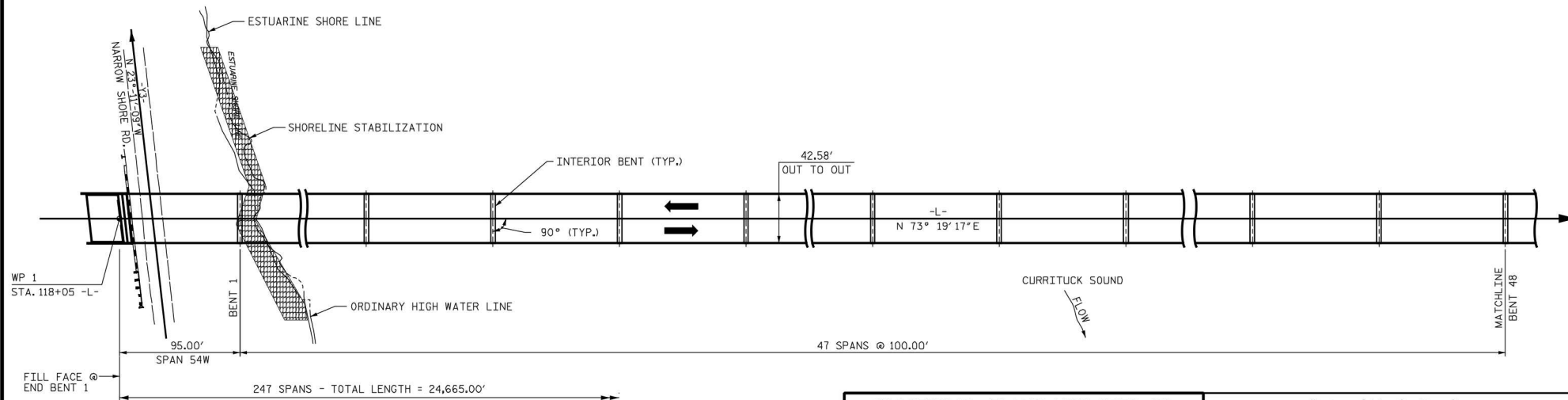
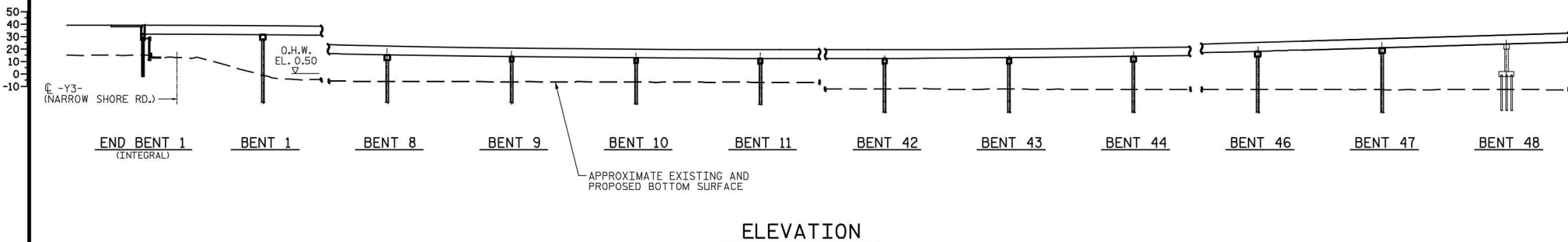
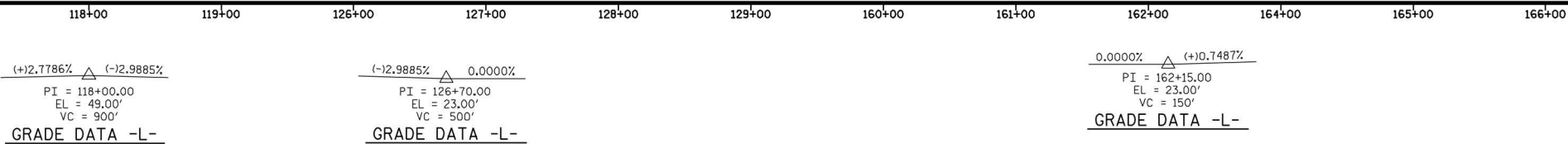
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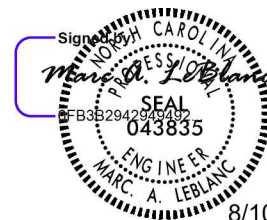


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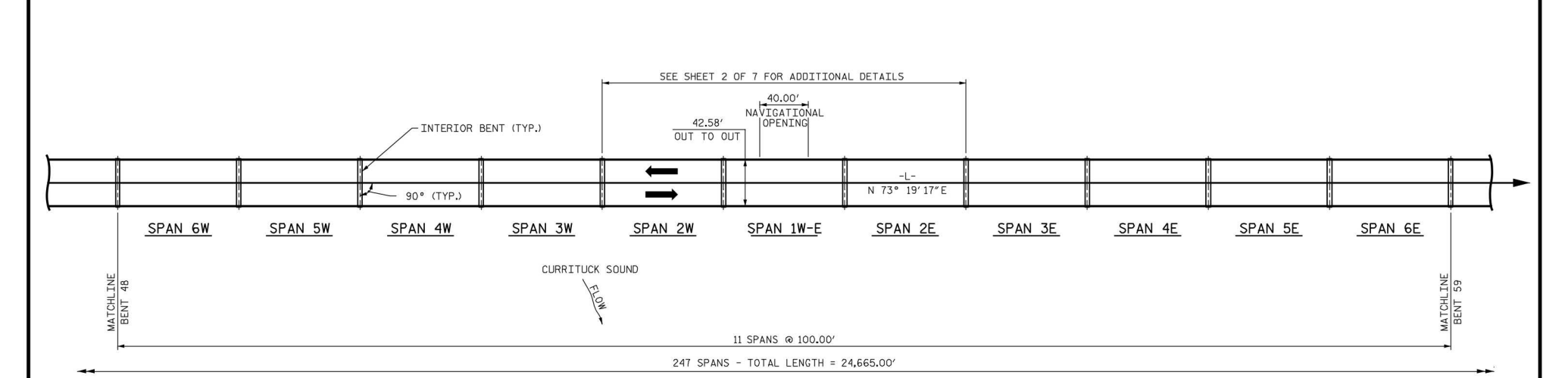
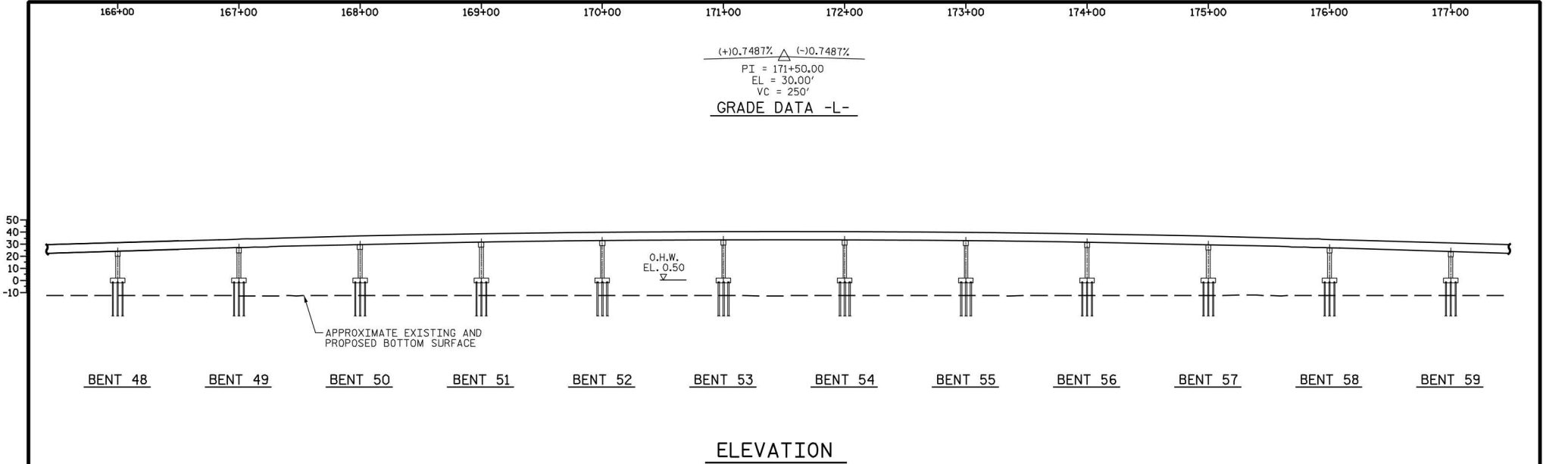
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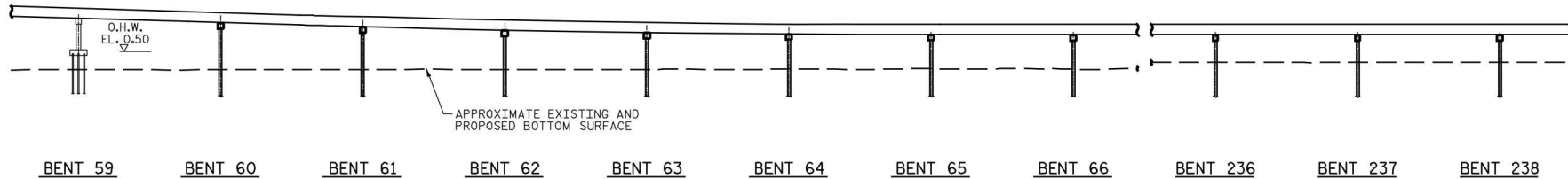
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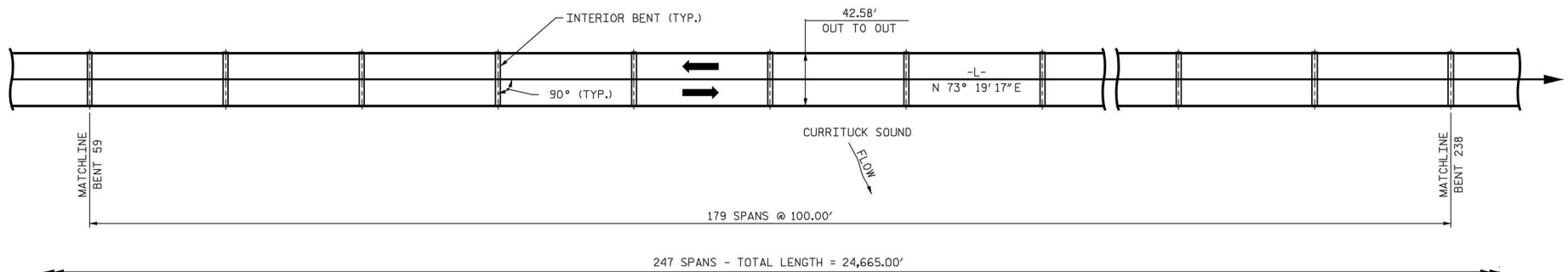
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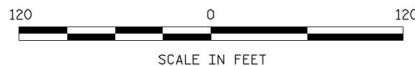
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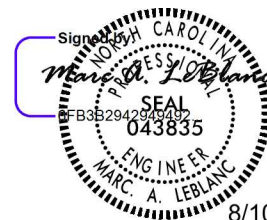


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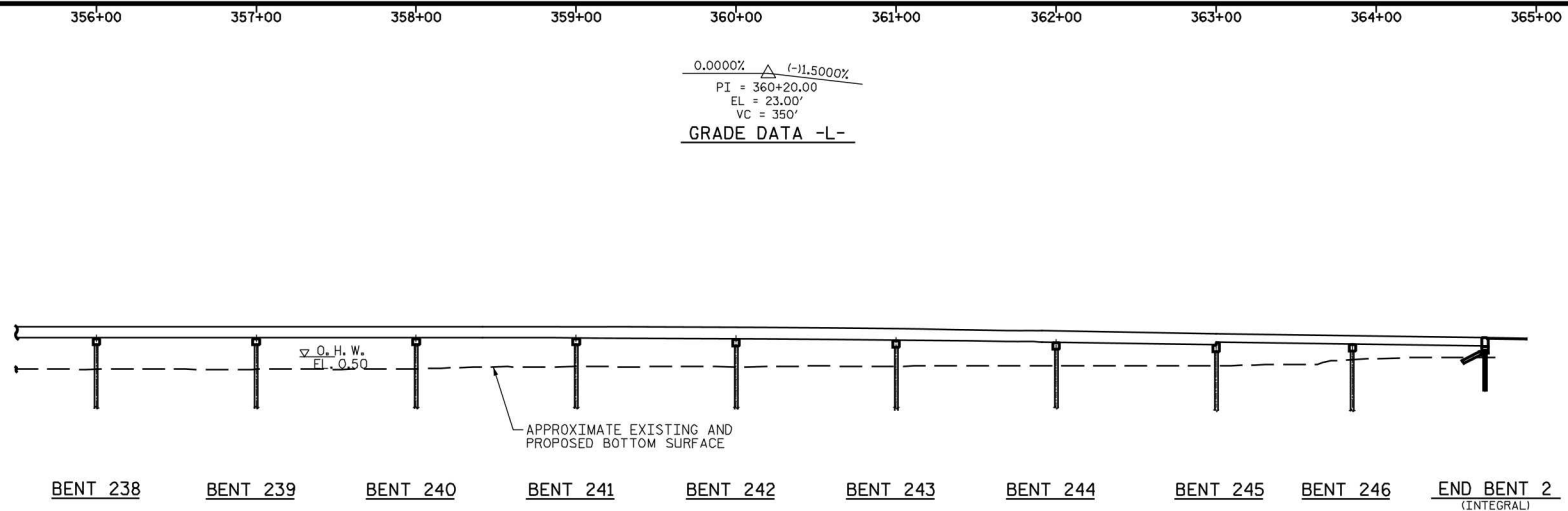
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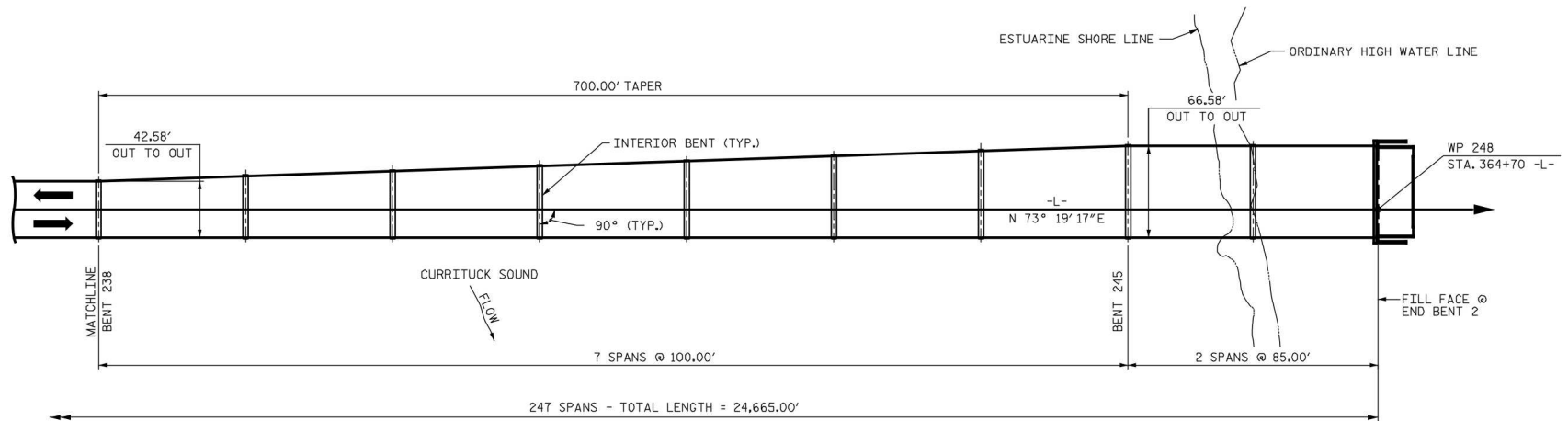
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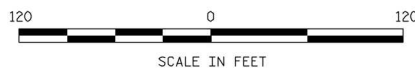
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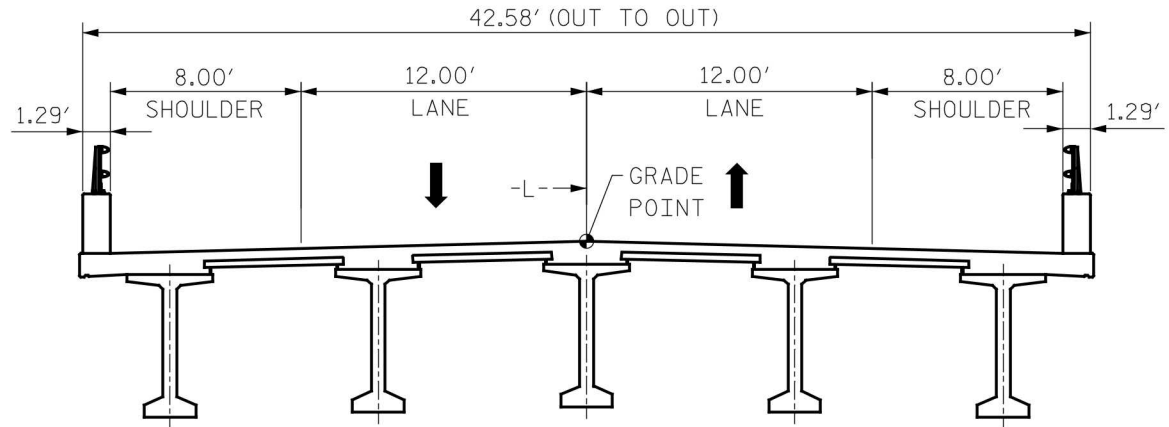


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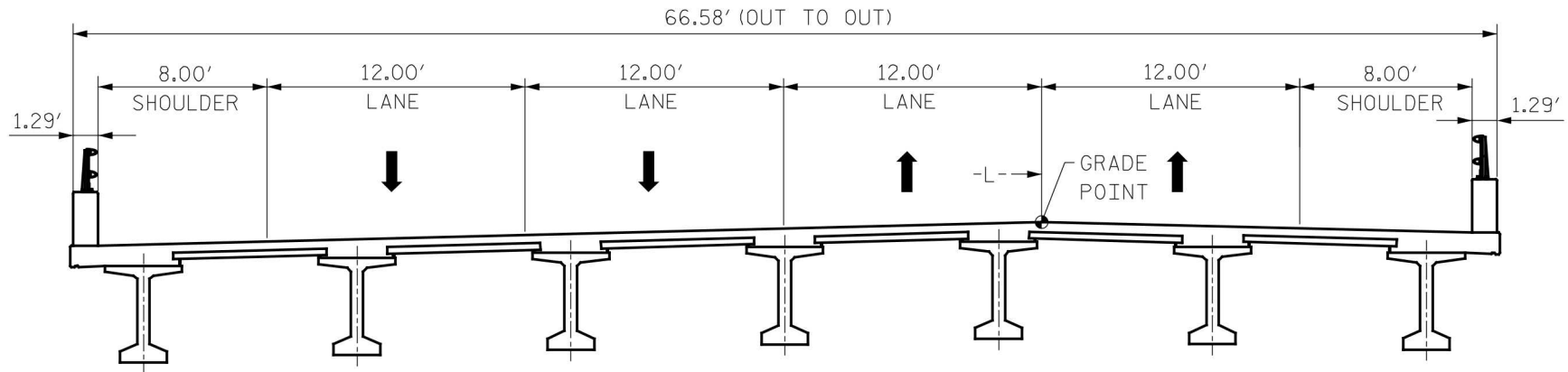
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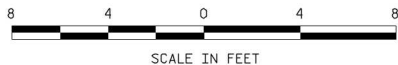
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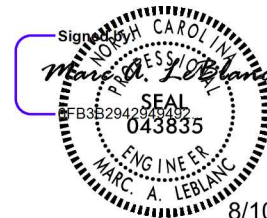


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