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PUBLIC NOTICE D05PN-09-2026

All interested parties are notified that an application was received on January 15, 2026, from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority by the Commander, Coast Guard East District, for approval of the location and plans for construction of a new bicycle pedestrian fixed bridge across a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Potomac River, mile 109.82, over George Washington Memorial Parkway, Mount Vernon Trail, and Ohio Drive SW, between Arlington County, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed Long Bridge (LB) project, South Package (SP), includes the construction of two bridges (Potomac River Passenger Rail Bridge and Potomac River Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge). This notice covers the construction of the bicycle pedestrian bridge. The Potomac River Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge is being constructed as mitigation for the Potomac River Passenger Rail Bridge impacts to Section 4f properties. The purpose of the overall LB project is to increase rail traffic capacity, create a four-track corridor, and construct approximately 1.8 miles of improvements. These improvements include a total of seven rail bridges and pedestrian bridges over land, the Potomac River, and the Washington Channel, and related railroad infrastructure between Arlington, VA, and Washington, D.C.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	Existing	Proposed
Vertical	N/A	20.0 feet above mean high water
Horizontal	N/A	100.0 feet between the bridge protective system

Datum: North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) used for existing and proposed bridges.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead Federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FRA is acting on behalf of the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) for all applicable environmental control laws and Executive Orders. The FRA approved a Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on August 12, 2020, and issued a Combined Record of Decision (ROD) dated August 12, 2020. The USCG has tentatively determined that the environmental documentation approved and issued by the FRA is adequate for USCG bridge permitting purposes and intends to adopt the bridge-related portions of the FEIS and issue a USCG ROD. Environmental documents are available for review at the address on the letterhead above, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bridge is not located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation level is +11.5 feet from datum and low steel of the bridge in the navigation span is elevation +22.19 feet from datum. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum.

A water quality certificate was issued by the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Energy and Environment, via letter dated December 19, 2025, and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Individual Permit NAB-2024-00158-TREC dated February 27, 2026.

The bridge construction site lies inside of a designated Coastal Zone Management area. The applicant provided the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) with the project location information and a certification of consistency via letter dated July 7, 2019. The VDEQ issued a finding on September 30, 2019, that the project is consistent with the state's Coastal Zone Management Plan to the maximum extent practical provided all applicable permits and approvals are obtained.

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

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

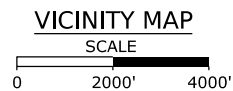
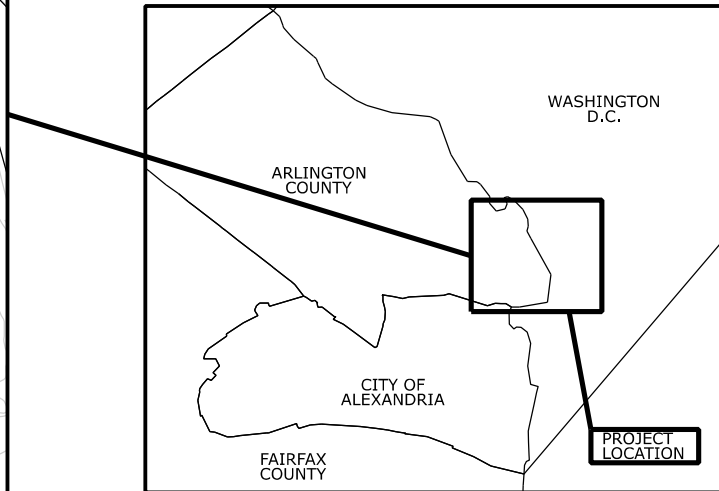
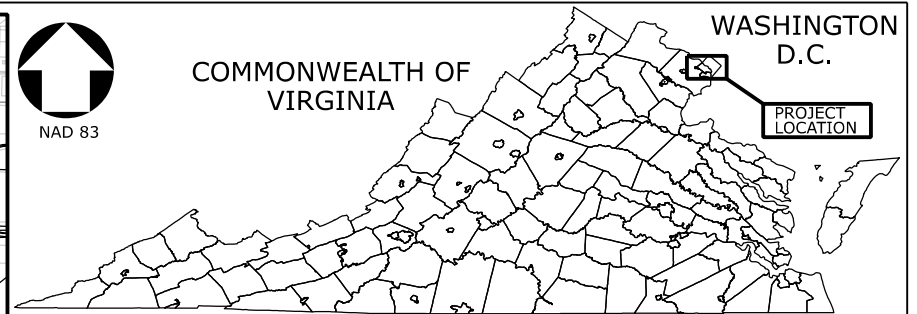
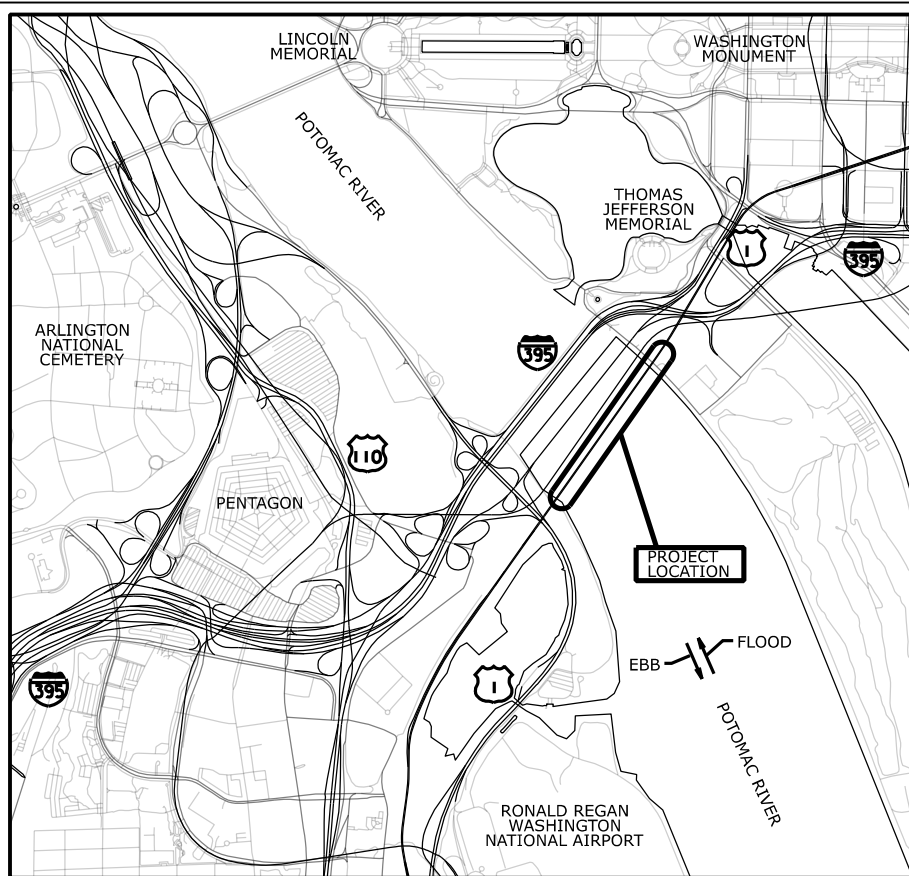
Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Helpful vessel information includes the following: commercial or recreational, length, width or beam, draft, height or air draft, tonnage, normal transit area, and mooring location. 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. Comments will be received for the record at the address in the header or via email at D5Portsmouth-BridgesPublicNotice@uscg.mil through **October 1, 2026**.

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Bridge Program Manager
By direction

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



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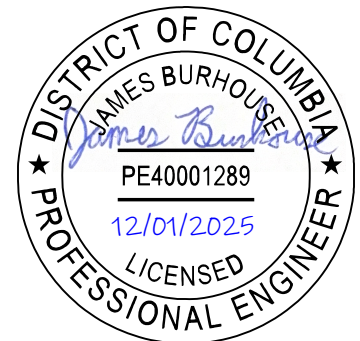
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LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

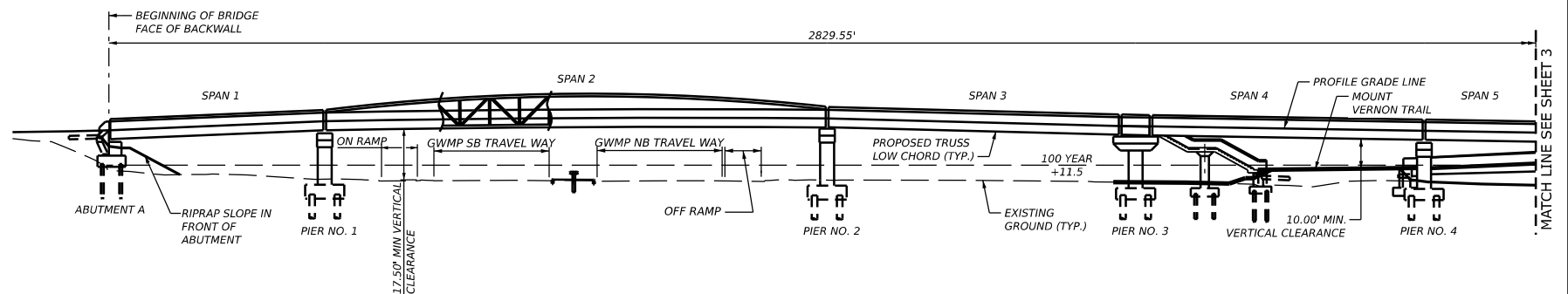
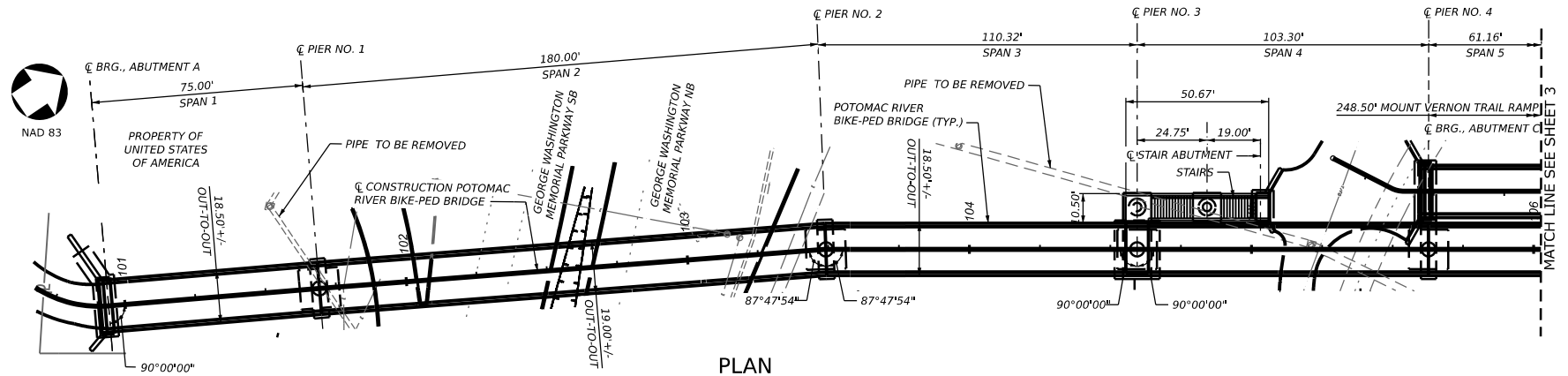
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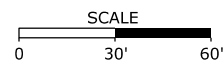
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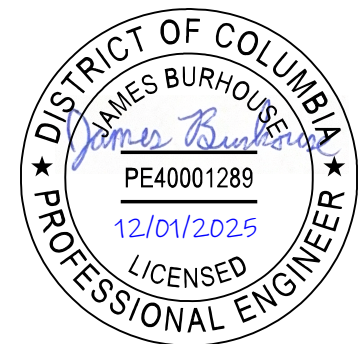
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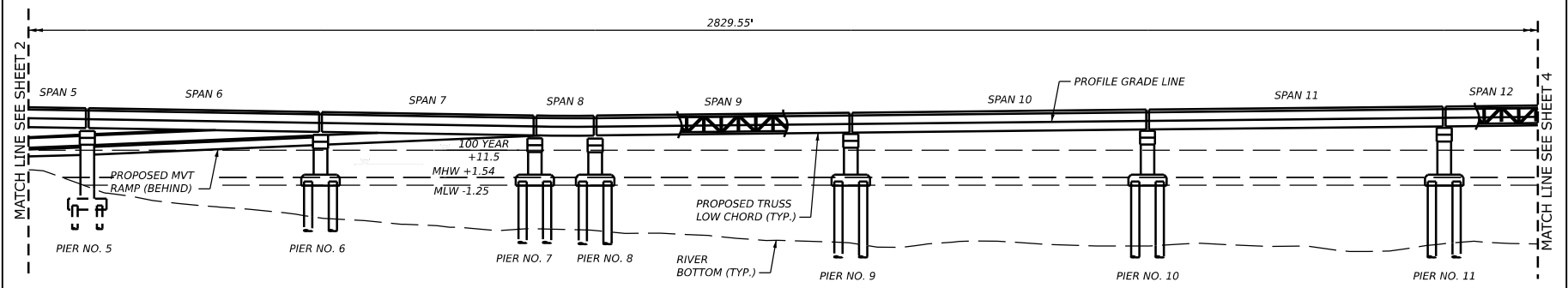
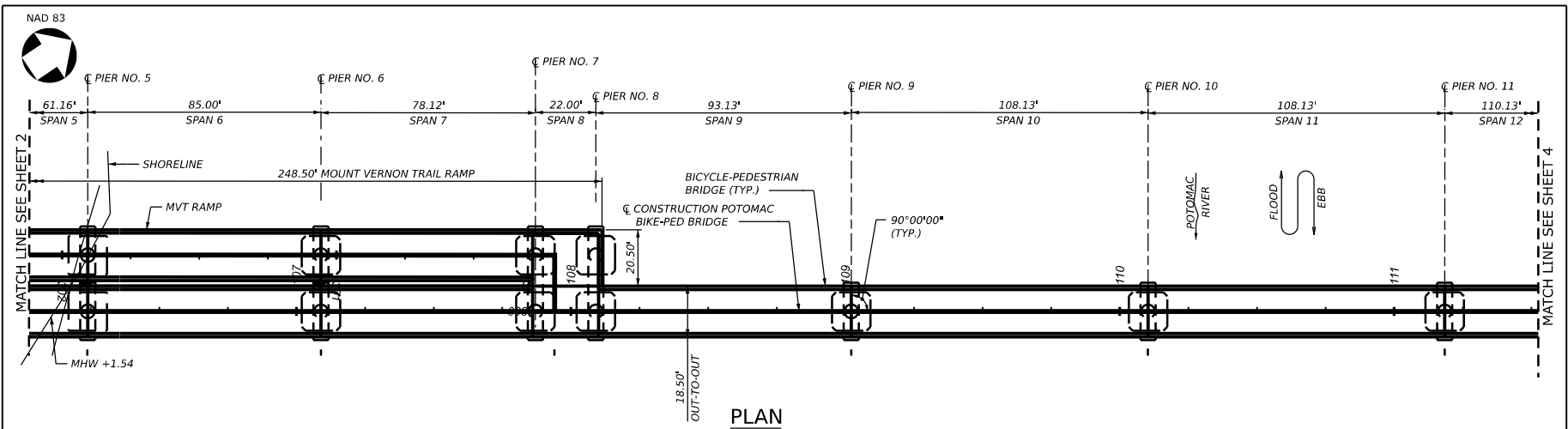


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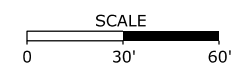
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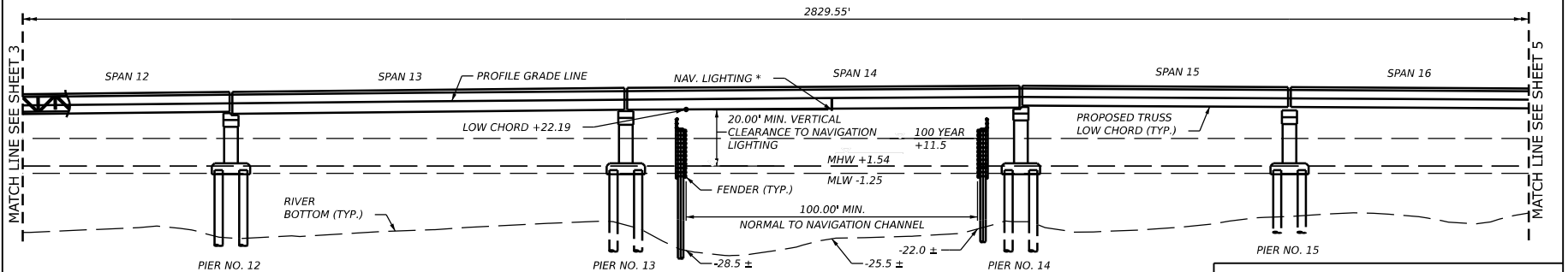
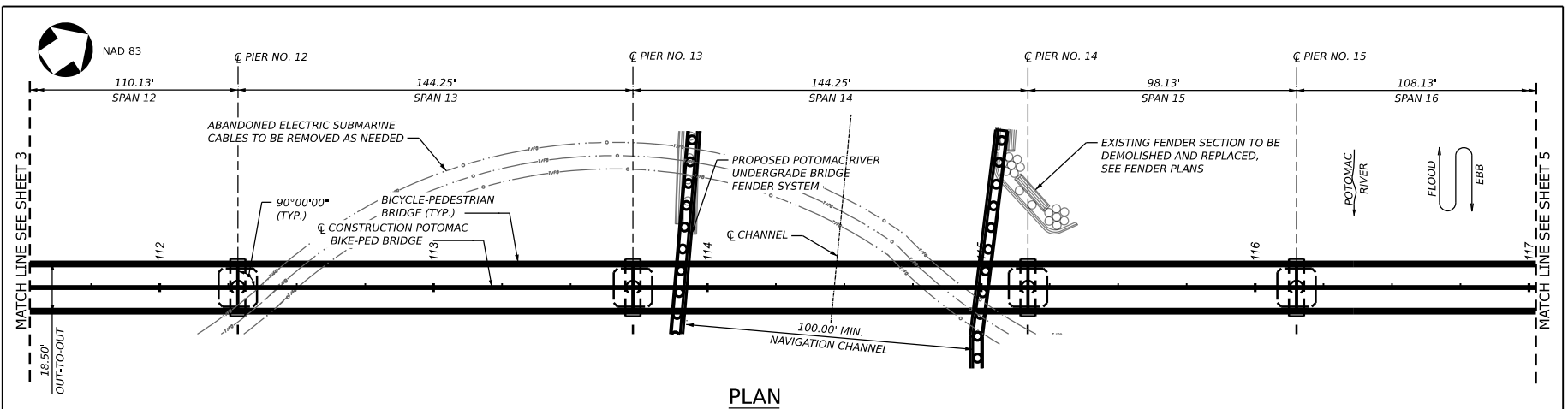
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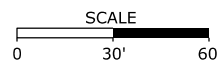
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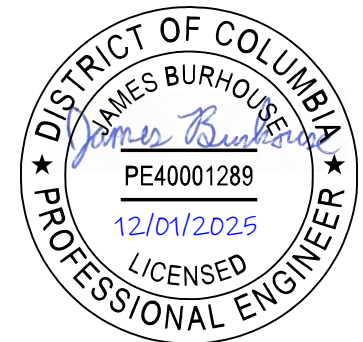
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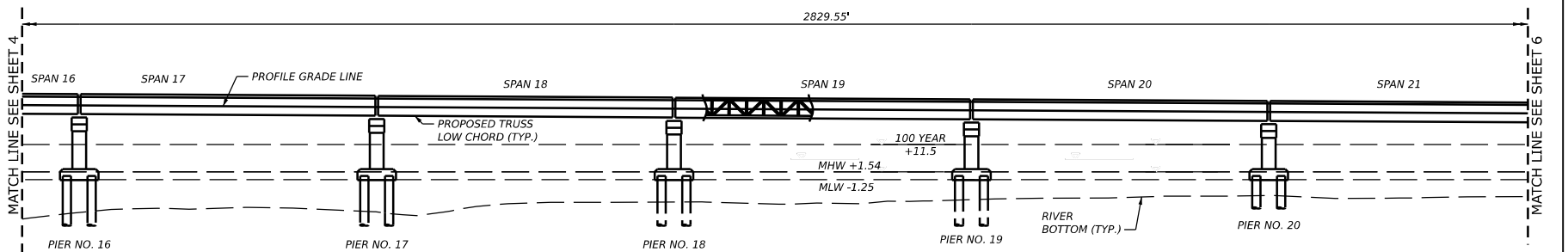
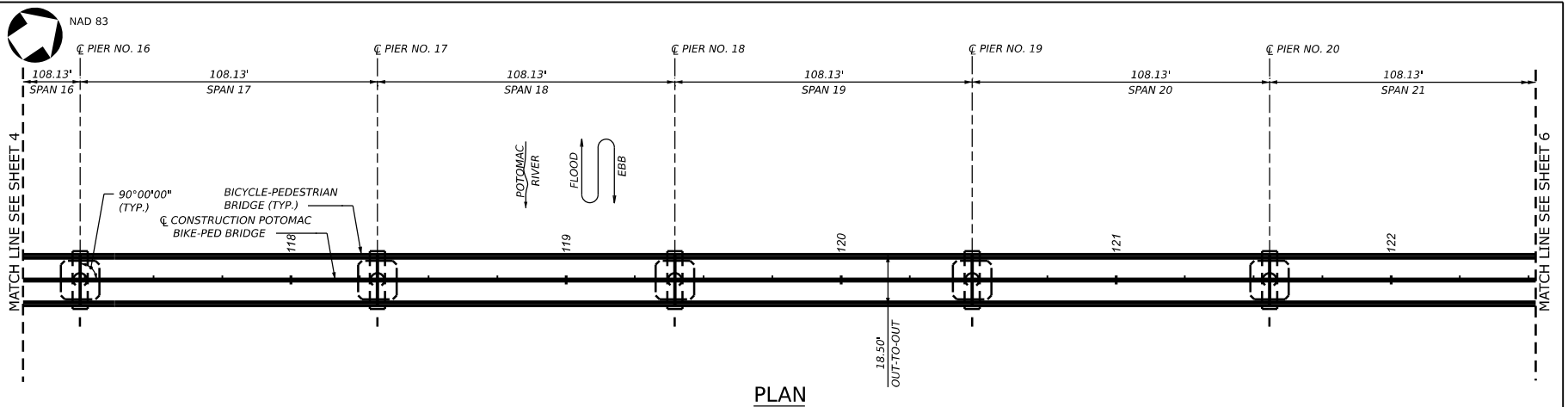


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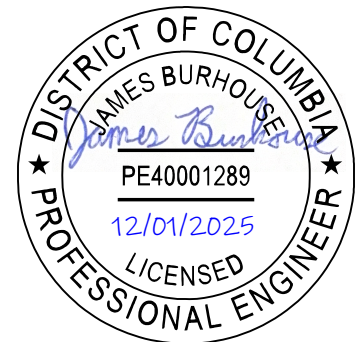
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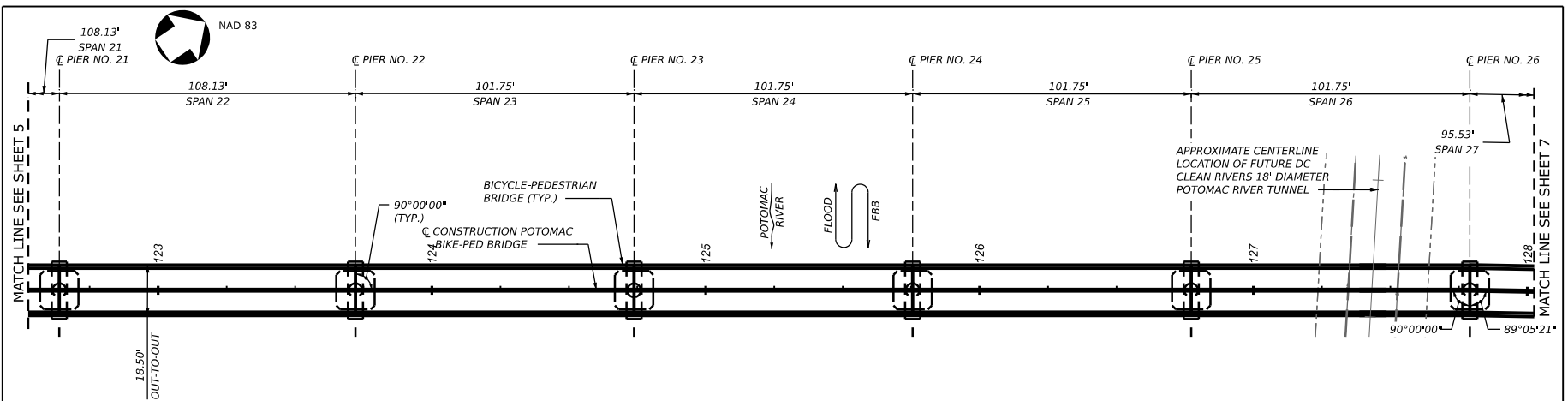


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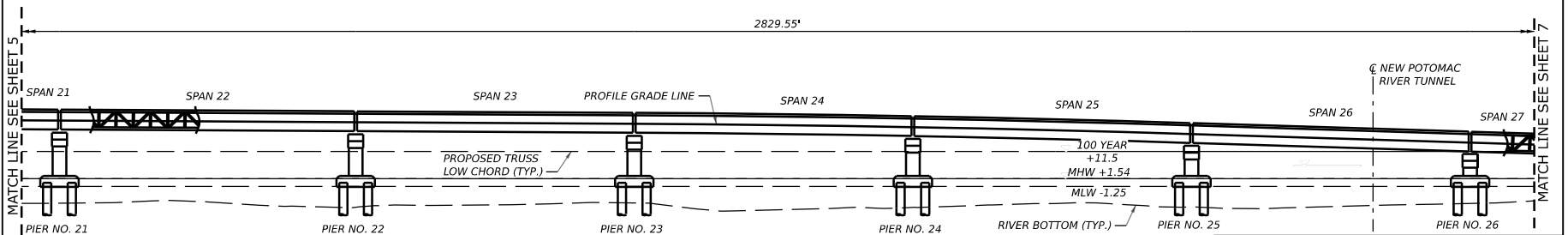


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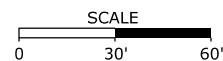
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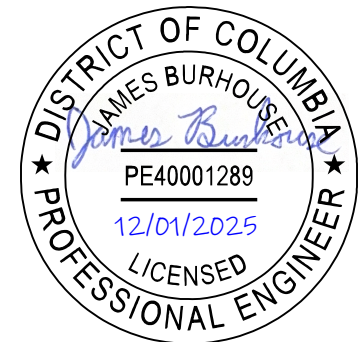
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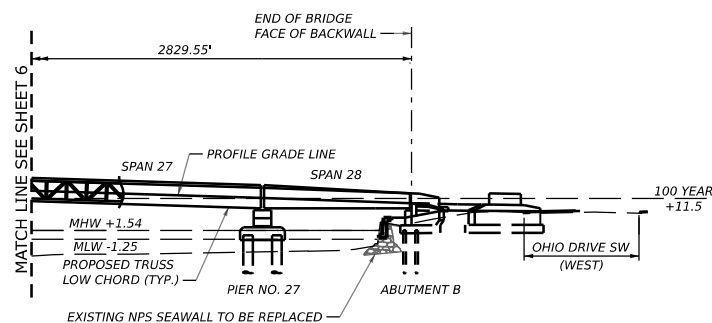
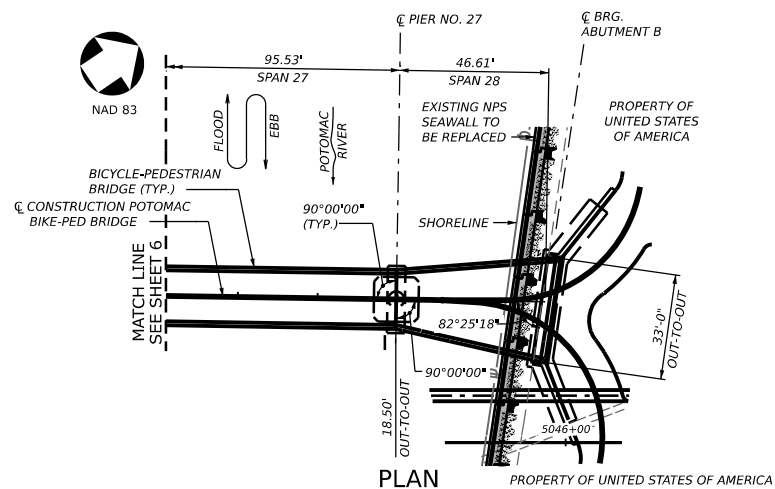


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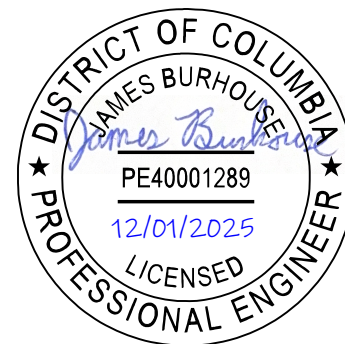
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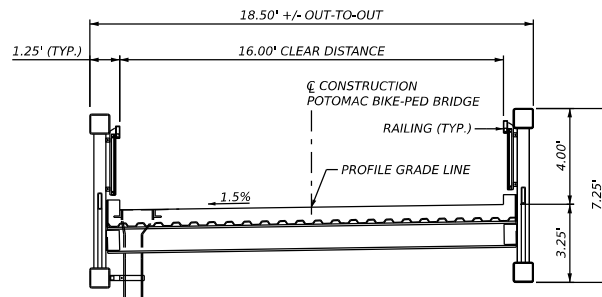


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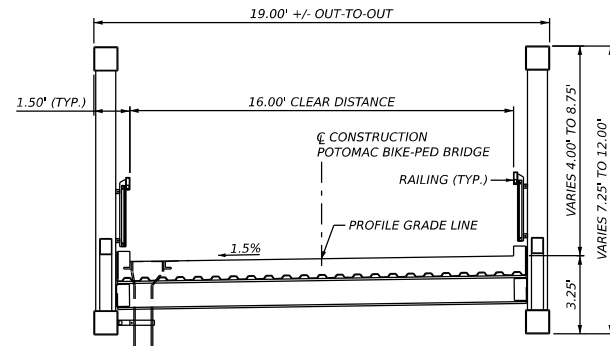


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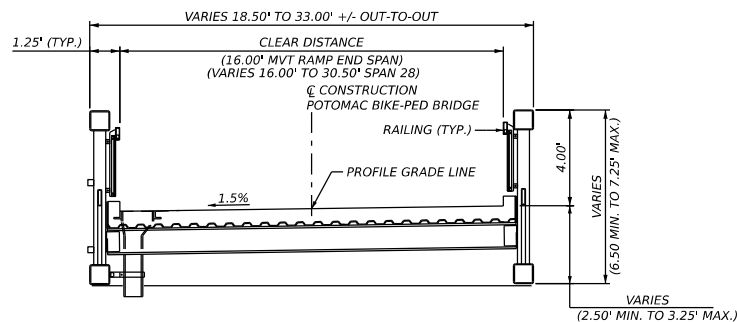
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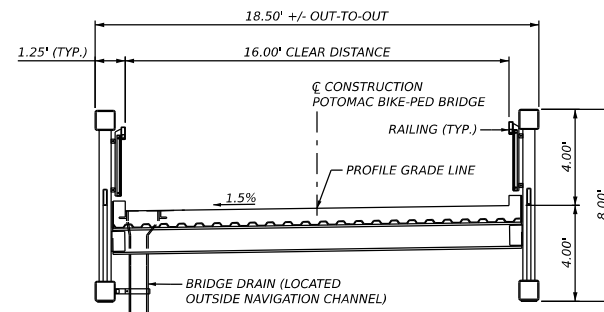
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(SPANS 13 AND 14)



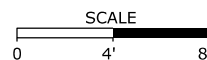
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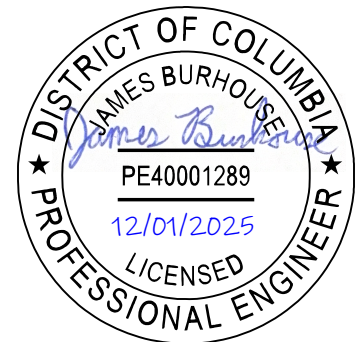
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