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July 28, 2026

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D01-220-2026 HALL-WHITAKER BRIDGE

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Northeast Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) with plans for replacement of a drawbridge with a permanent fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

BRIDGE NAME, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Hall-Whitaker Bridge (Bridge Street Bridge) over the Bass River, mile 0.6, at the City of Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts.

CHARACTER OF WORK: On May 29, 2025, the Coast Guard issued a bridge permit to the MassDOT to construct a temporary fixed roadway bridge with a vertical clearance of 6 feet above mean high water (MHW) and a horizontal clearance of 40 feet. This bridge was intended to restore vehicular traffic to the Hall-Whitaker Bridge until a new permanent bridge was constructed. At the time this permit was issued, MassDOT intended to construct a drawbridge as permanent replacement for the existing drawbridge. After further review, MassDOT now proposes to construct a fixed roadway bridge with the following navigational clearances as a permanent structure to carry vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic over the Bass River in Beverly, MA.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	Vertical	Horizontal
Existing Bridge (Movable)	Open- unlimited Closed- 5 feet above MHW	40 feet
Proposed Bridge (Fixed)	17.4 feet above MHW	40 feet

Datum: NAVD88

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 SMB-D1Boston-Bridges-PublicNotices@uscg.mil through August 28, 2026.

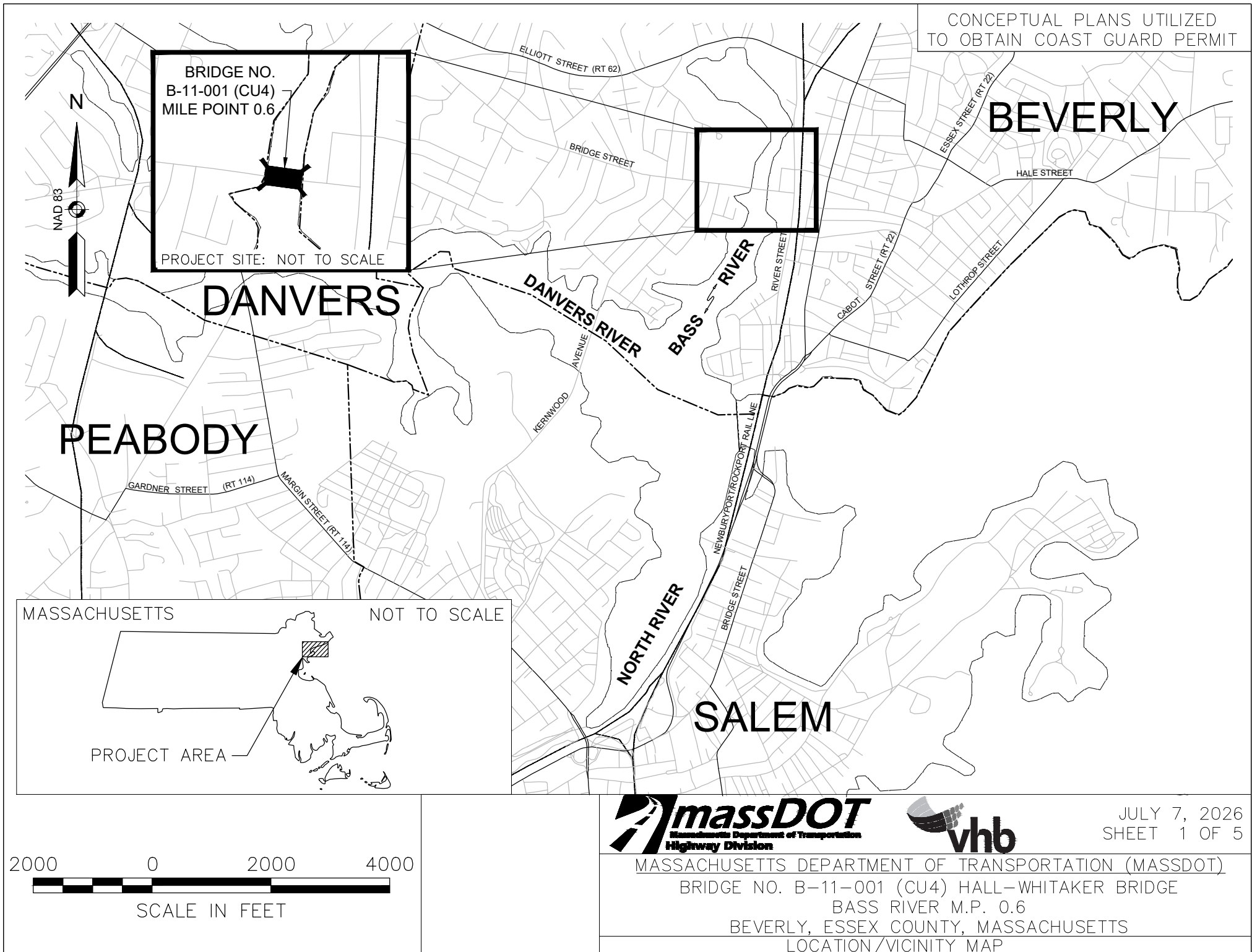
Map of location and plans attached.

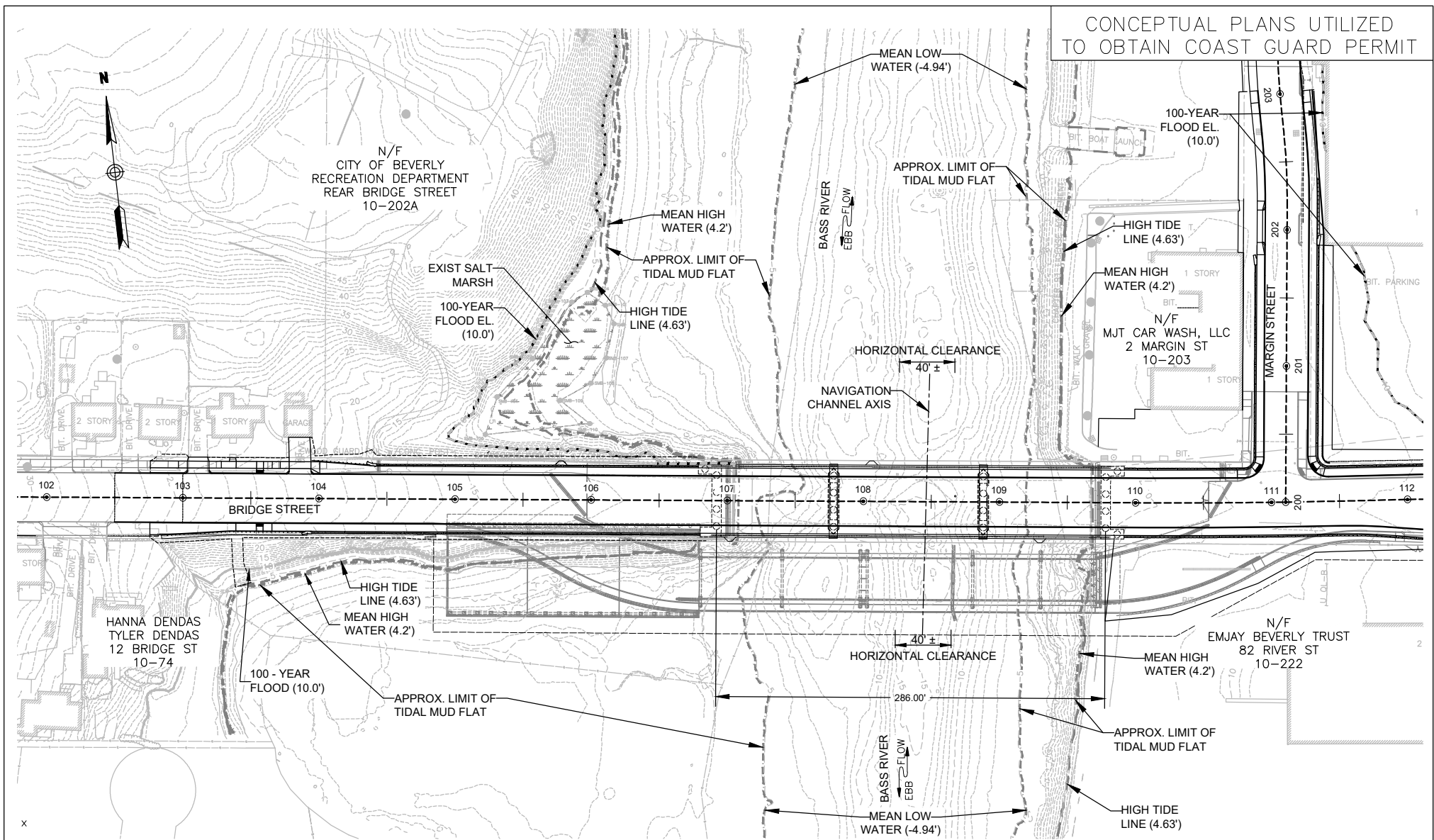
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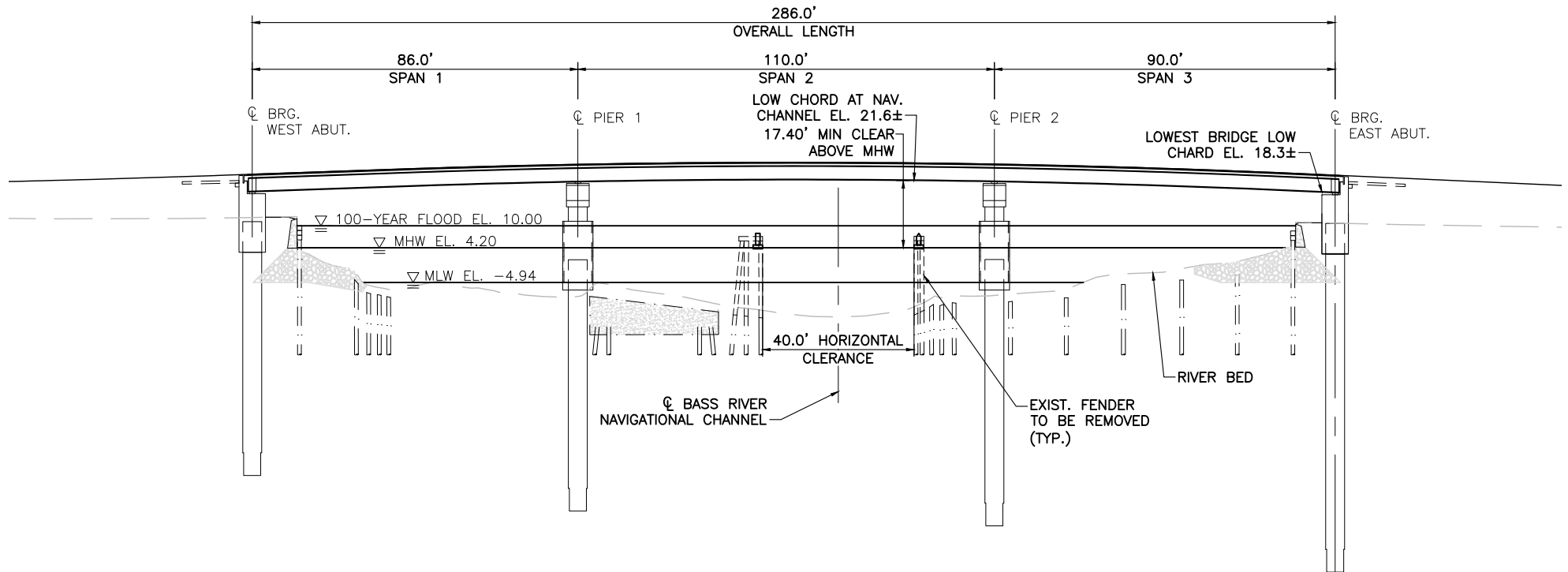
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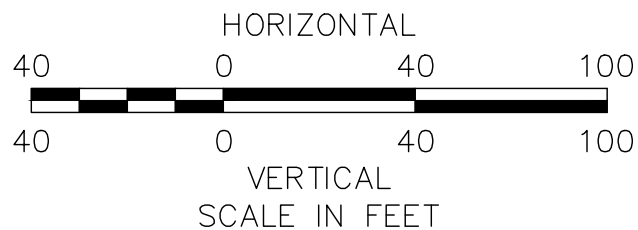
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BRIDGE NO. B-11-001 (CU4) HALL-WHITAKER BRIDGE
BASS RIVER M.P. 0.6
BEVERLY, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
PLAN VIEW



SOUTH ELEVATION
SCALE 1"=40'

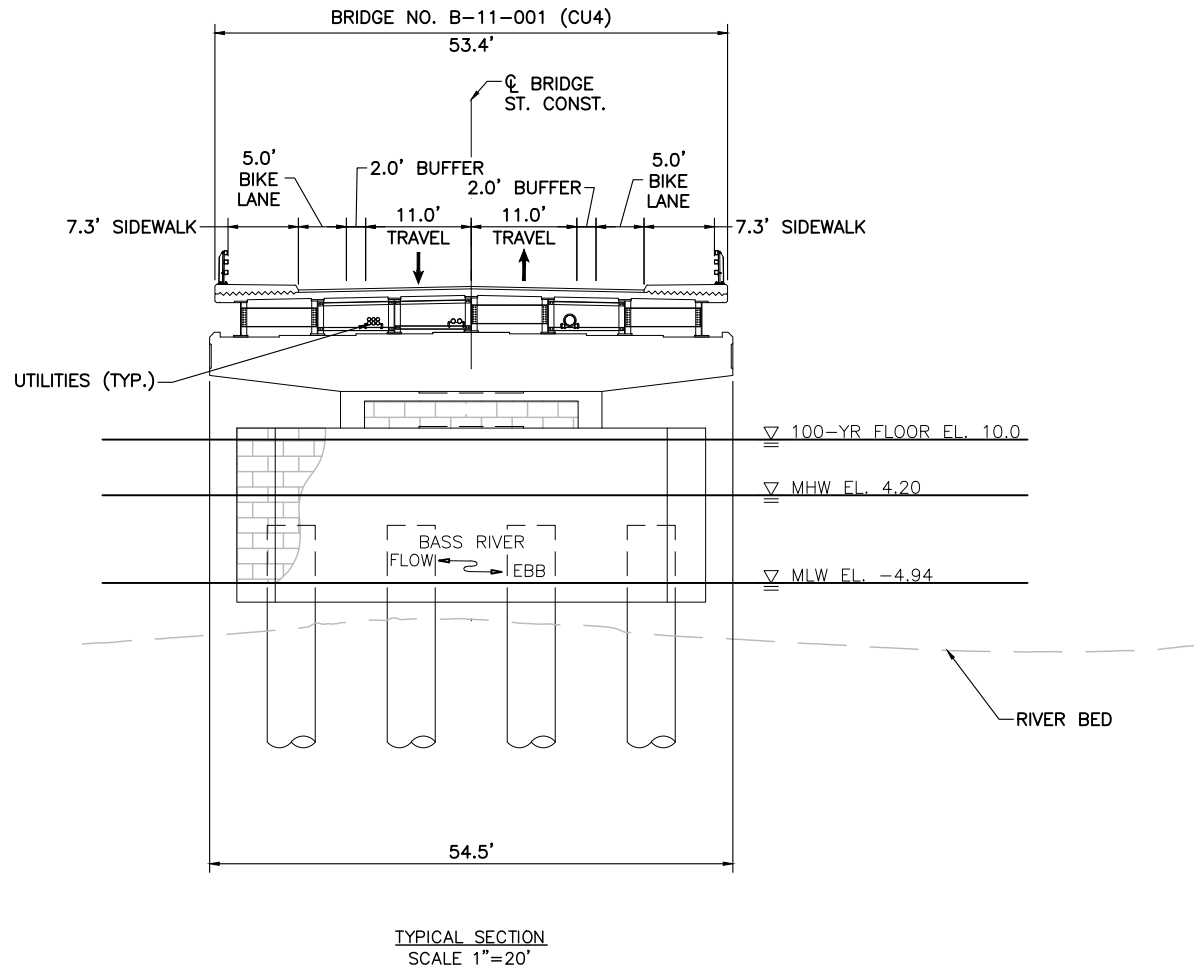
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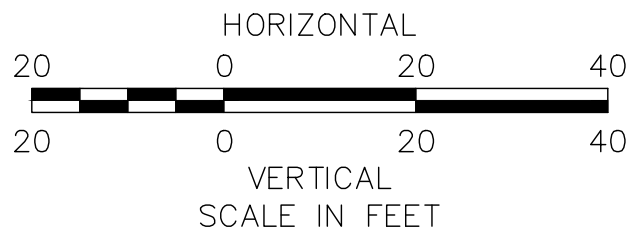
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ELEVATION VIEW



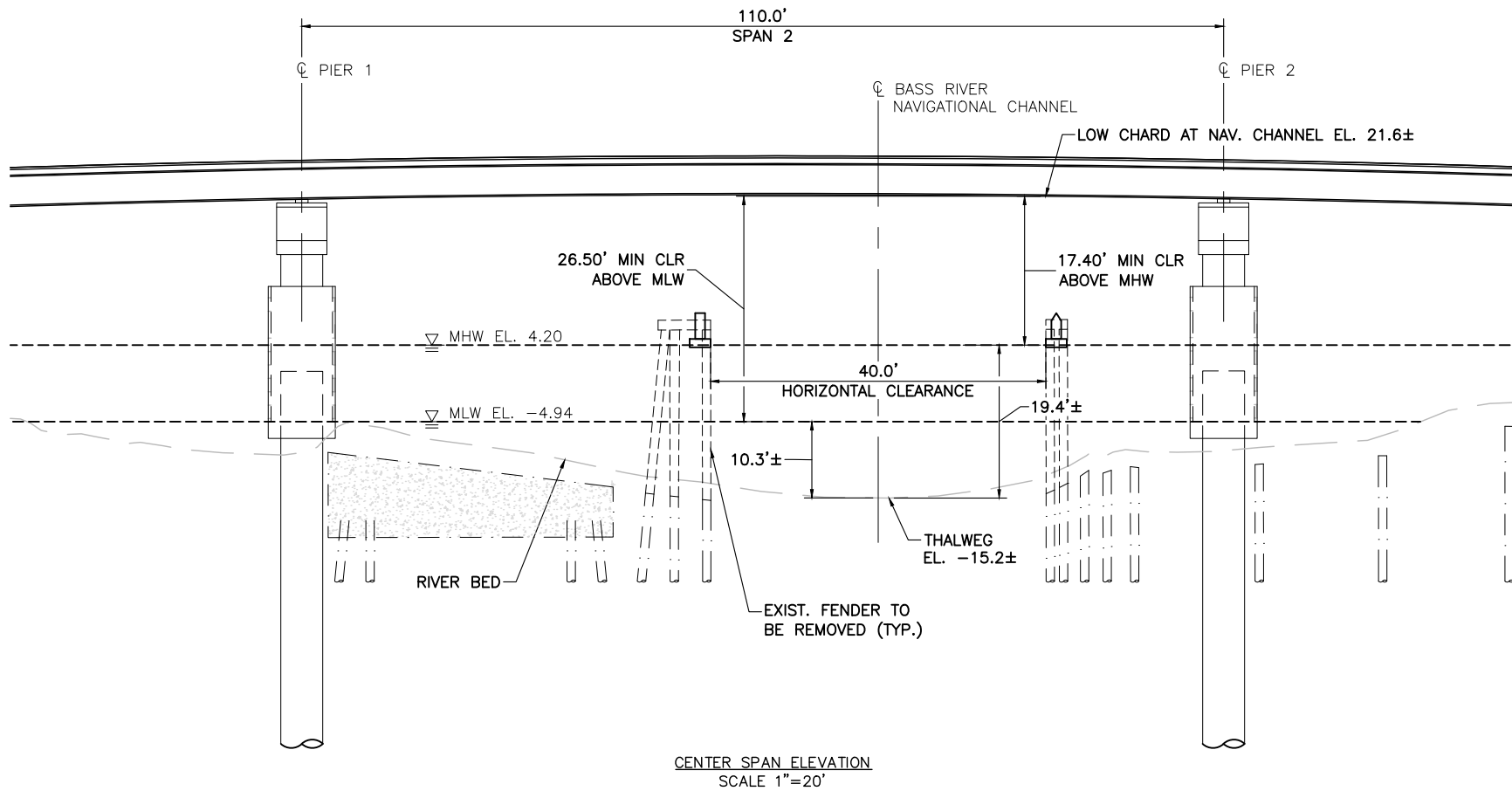
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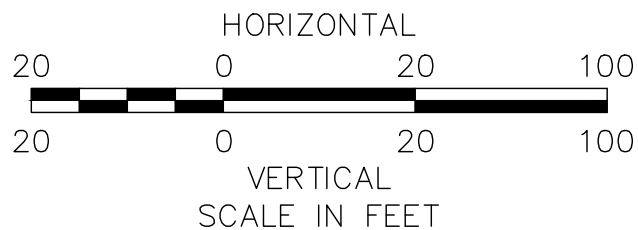
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TYPICAL SECTION VIEW



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CENTER SPAN ELEVATION VIEW