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BA-2019-RO-006-IT Questions and Responses
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Below are the questions received and Authority responses:

1. Q: In reference to Section 2.1: System, can NYSBA provide examples of the types of exception handlings?

A: The Authority is unable to provide every instance or scenario that would encompass exception handling. The Authority anticipates transaction records or data elements will be rejected as part of the process between capture at roadside through to acceptance by the NY Customer Service Center (CSC) for processing. The Authority will require the proposer to provide the ability to resubmit, individually or as a group, transaction data for processing at the CSC. The proposer must provide the ability to edit all elements of the transaction record(s) to correct errors that prevent the CSC from processing and record those edits for audit purposes.

2. Q: In reference to Section 2.2: Services, does NYSBA prefer a specific cloud-based hosting company?

A: The Authority seeks a hosted solution and will evaluate specific cloud based providers when (and if) a technical proposal is requested from selected qualified firms.

3. Q: In reference to Section 4.5 Content c) Qualifications: Does the Authority expect detailed resumes to be presented in part g or as an additional attachment?

A: The Authority expects detailed resumes to be presented in part G.

4. Q: In reference to Section 4.5 Content c) Qualifications: If the detailed resumes are expected as an attachment, do they count towards the 50 page count?

A: All of the elements from Section 4.5 SOQ Content A through J are subject to the 50 page count limit.

5. Q: In reference to section 4.1; Due to the holiday season, we kindly ask the Authority to grant a 3-week extension of the SOQ submission date, in order to prepare a more powerful response.

A: The Authority will not grant extensions to the due date.

6. Q: In reference to section 4.5 (I) Forms: Due to time constraints, can forms B, C, and D be submitted without notarized signature for the SOQ phase?

A: No, all applicable forms must be notarized.

7. Q: In Reference to Form D: Is NYS Vendor ID mandatory for the SOQ phase: Can it be obtained prior to the submission of the response to RFQ instead?

A: Yes, if the vendor does not have a NYS Vendor ID the remainder of the questionnaire must be filled out and an ID can be obtained.

8. Q: In case respondent holding is not a US-resident, can equivalent documentation be submitted?

A: Yes, however the Contractor must be qualified to do business in the State of New York and in good standing as a foreign or domestic corporation under the laws of the State of New York. The Contractor must agree to comply with the Authority's standard clauses.

9. Q: Would the Authority accept paper form responses received after 01/14, if respondent can provide proof the documentation has been shipped prior to the deadline?

A: No

10. Q: Are bridges tolled in both directions? How many toll gantries will be installed? Will there be physical separation between lanes in different directions?

A: Tolls are in one direction. Five gantries of varying sizes are anticipated, one at each bridge. The Authority will develop final lane configurations with successful proposer. See included general plan diagrams included with this document.

11. Q: Are plans available?

A: Plans will be provided to selected providers in the next phase of the procurement. The Authority has included with this document several images of the proposed gantry locations.

12. Q: In reference to Form C Certificate of Non-Collusive Proposer: Is this Certificate needed in the SOQ phase?

A: Yes

13. Q: Is the project currently funded to complete all 5 bridges or will the funding be provided as individual actions?

A: The project is for all five bridges that will be awarded under one contract.

14. Q: When does NYSBA anticipate releasing an RFP to the qualified group of proposers?

A: Currently projected to be approximately one month from the due date for the SOQ's.

15.Q: During Installation of the System, who is responsible for the expenses associated with lane closures?

A: The Authority will work with the successful proposer to coordinate lane closures, but anticipates maintenance and protection of traffic will be the responsibility of the vendor for installation of equipment. The Authority plans to utilize fully serviceable gantries where access to the gantry and gantry mounted equipment will not require lane closures.

16.Q: Is any additional detail available regarding the Toll System Performance requirements outlined in section A.II.D?

A: Not at this time. The Authority will include performance requirements in the RFP.

17.Q: Is it possible for a vendor to be deemed qualified if a portion of their solution is still under development, such as which subcontractor may complete the touch labor during installation given the MWBE participation goals?

A: Yes, the Authority does not require a complete MWBE utilization plan in a Statement of Qualifications.

18.Q: Can NYSBA further define level 1, 2, and 3 support?

A: The Authority generally views support as follows:

1. Internal staff, on site, trained to swap out replaceable/maintainable components as needed
2. Application support staff for day to day operational issues the Authority may raise
3. Expert level development and technical staff necessary to resolve complex process and application issues

19.Q: Will there be a FAT and SAT requirement?

A: The Authority expects the provider to perform its own factory acceptance testing and will have its own site acceptance testing requirements outlined in the final contract.

20.Q: Can NYSBA outline any bonding requirements anticipated in the potential RFP?

A: The Authority anticipates performance bonding for both the implementation and operational phases of the project. Further details will be provided to selected qualified proposer(s)

21.Q: Form C Certificate of Non-Collusion is included in the RFQ on pages 34-35. This form contains RFP language, ie “BY SUBMISSION OF THIS RFP,” in addition to pricing language. As we are not submitting an RFP nor pricing, should this form be marked “N/A” at this point of the process?

A: The Authority requests the form be completed at this stage as a condition of qualification. The Authority acknowledges that pricing and a formal RFP response will be required in a future stage of the procurement and not at this time.

22.Q: Can the Authority confirm whether Form I-A is required to be completed and submitted with the RFQ or during the RFP phase?

A: Form I-A the NSYBA EEO staffing plan should be submitted as part of the RFP.

23.Q: In an effort to meet the EEO requirements, the proposer would like to confirm that good faith efforts to meet the MBE/WBE/SDVOB goals may continue through the submission of the final RFP.

A: Yes, the Authority will not require an MWBE or SDVOB utilization plans until the final contract is awarded.

24.Q: The proposer would like to request site drawing and copies of the proposed gantry locations at each facility.

A: A rough site plan is included with this document. Detailed site drawings and gantry plans will be provided to qualified proposers.

25.Q: Can the Authority describe the scope of maintenance required from the contractor during the O&M phase? Specifically, please describe the Authority personnel expected to provide technical support (level one) or service functions in conjunction with the Contractor/subcontractor personnel.

The Authority internal staff are intended to provide basic hardware support to swap out replaceable/maintainable components as needed. All other operational support to maintain the system and ensure transaction processing are to be supported by the vendor.

26.Q: In reference to Appendix A task 4: Can the Authority please confirm if the references provided in “4.5d References” may also be used to demonstrate “4.5e Relevant Project Experience”? Are detailed project descriptions also required for “4.5d references”?

A: Yes, 4.5d References may also be used to demonstrate 4.5e Relevant Project experiences, however this should be noted in the proposers Statement of Qualification. Project descriptions must provide a sufficient level of detail to demonstrate relevance.

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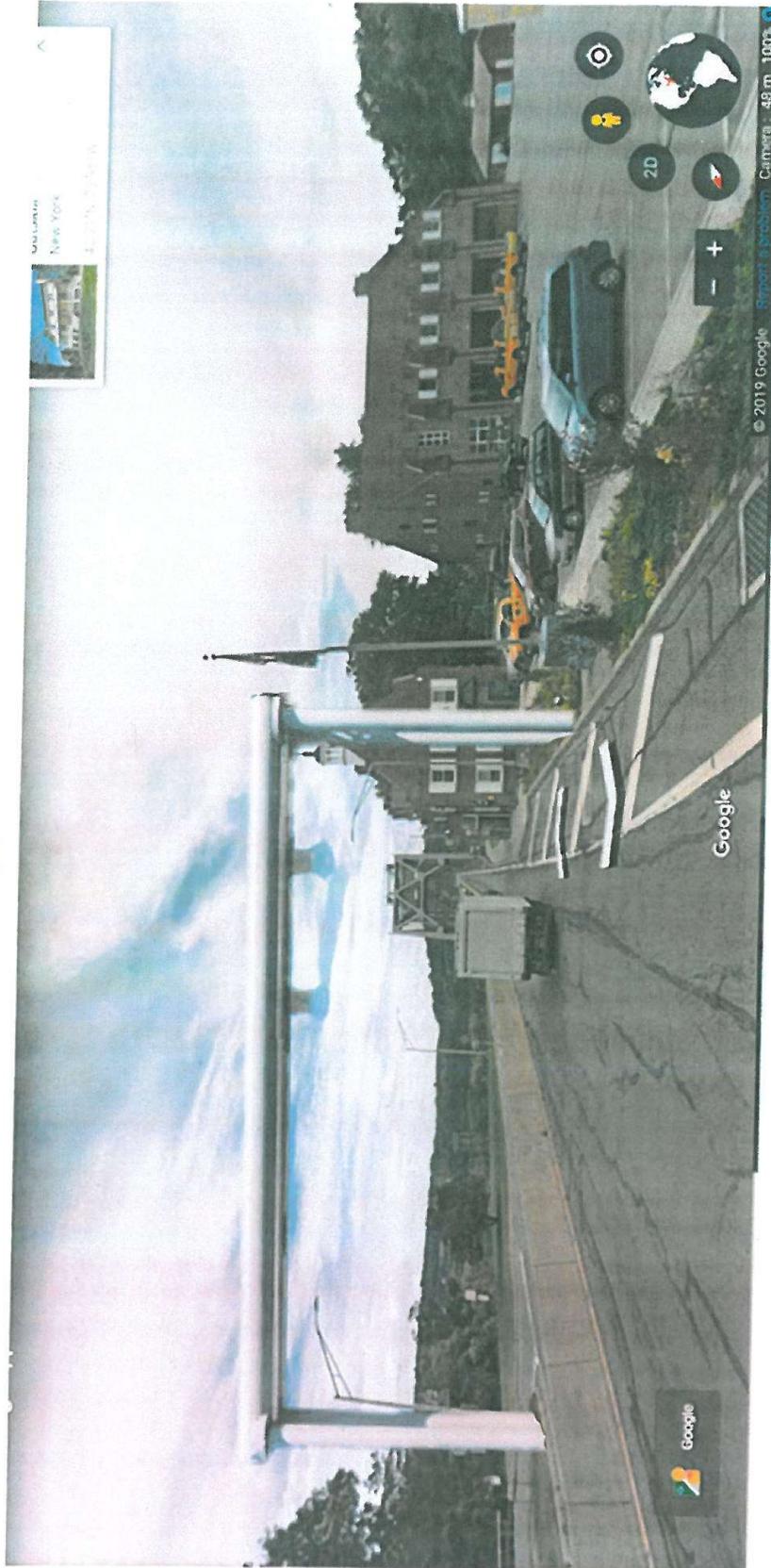
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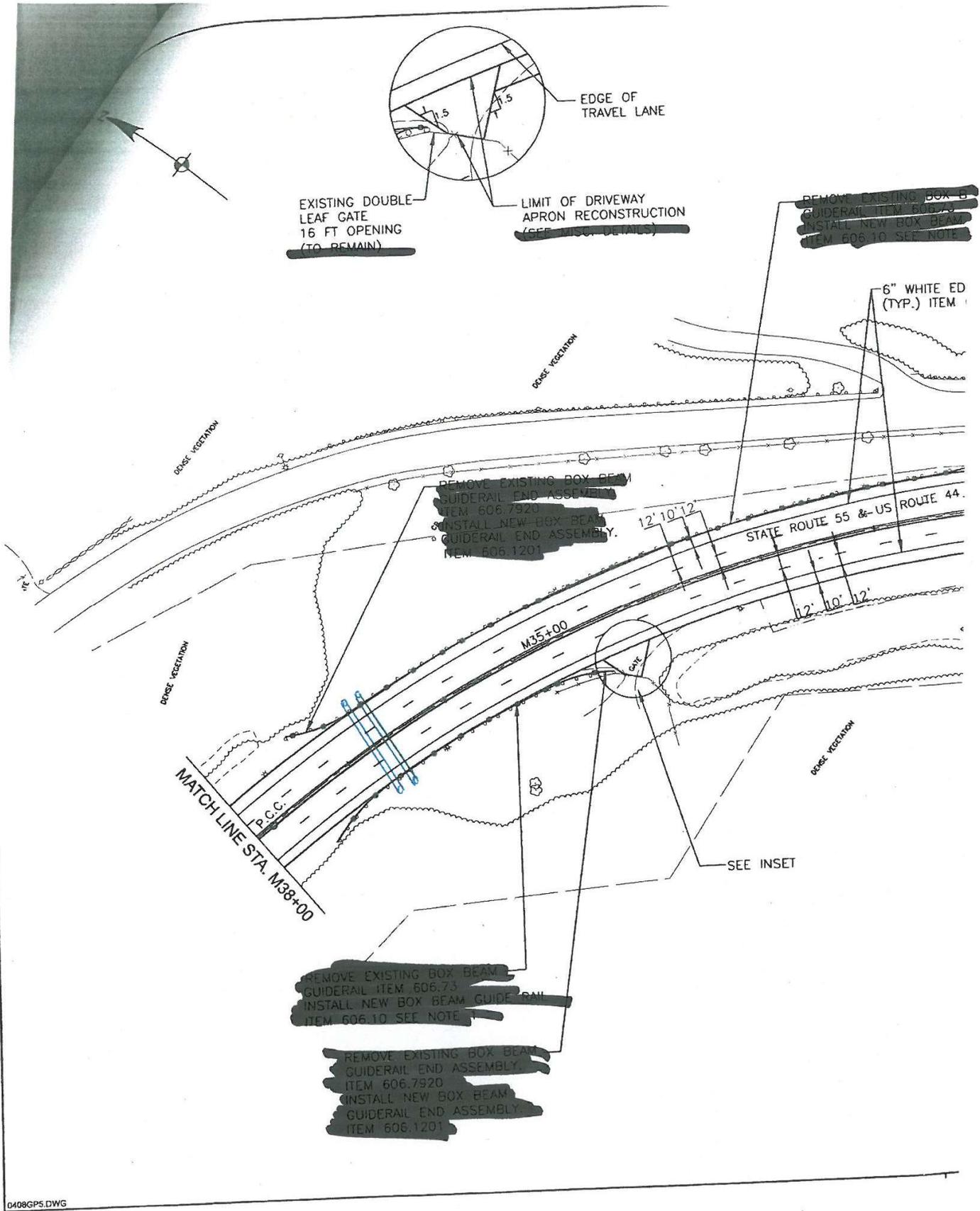
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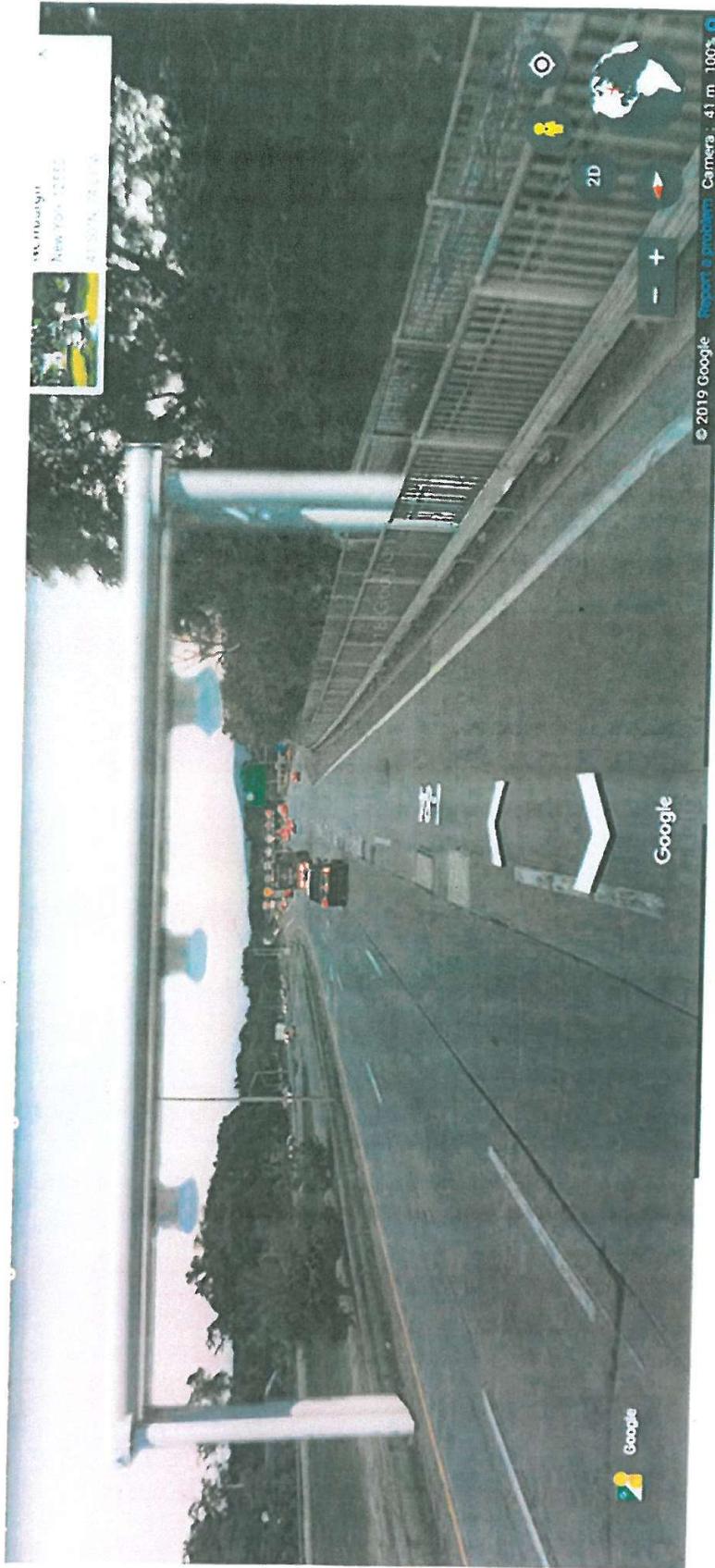
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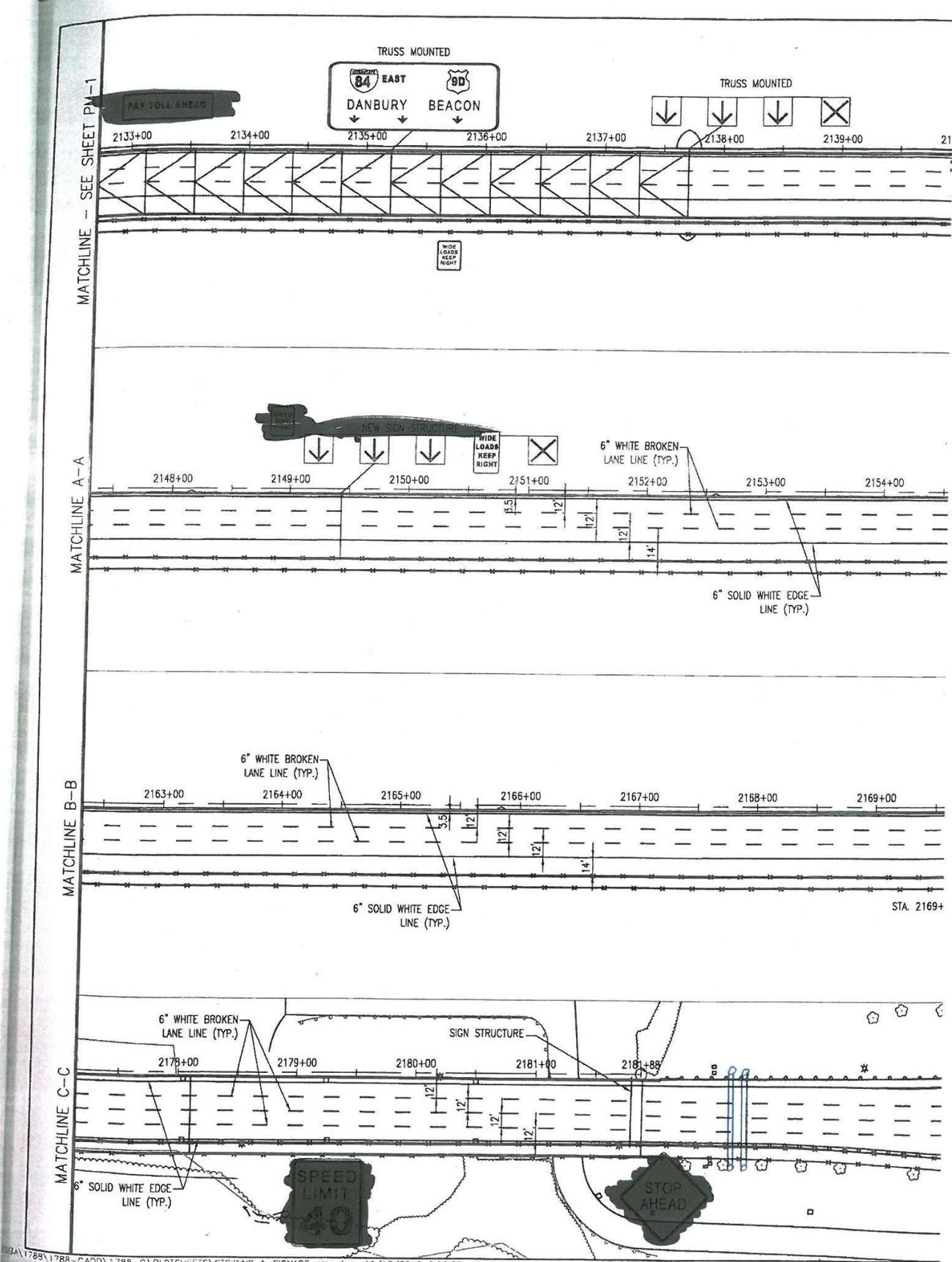
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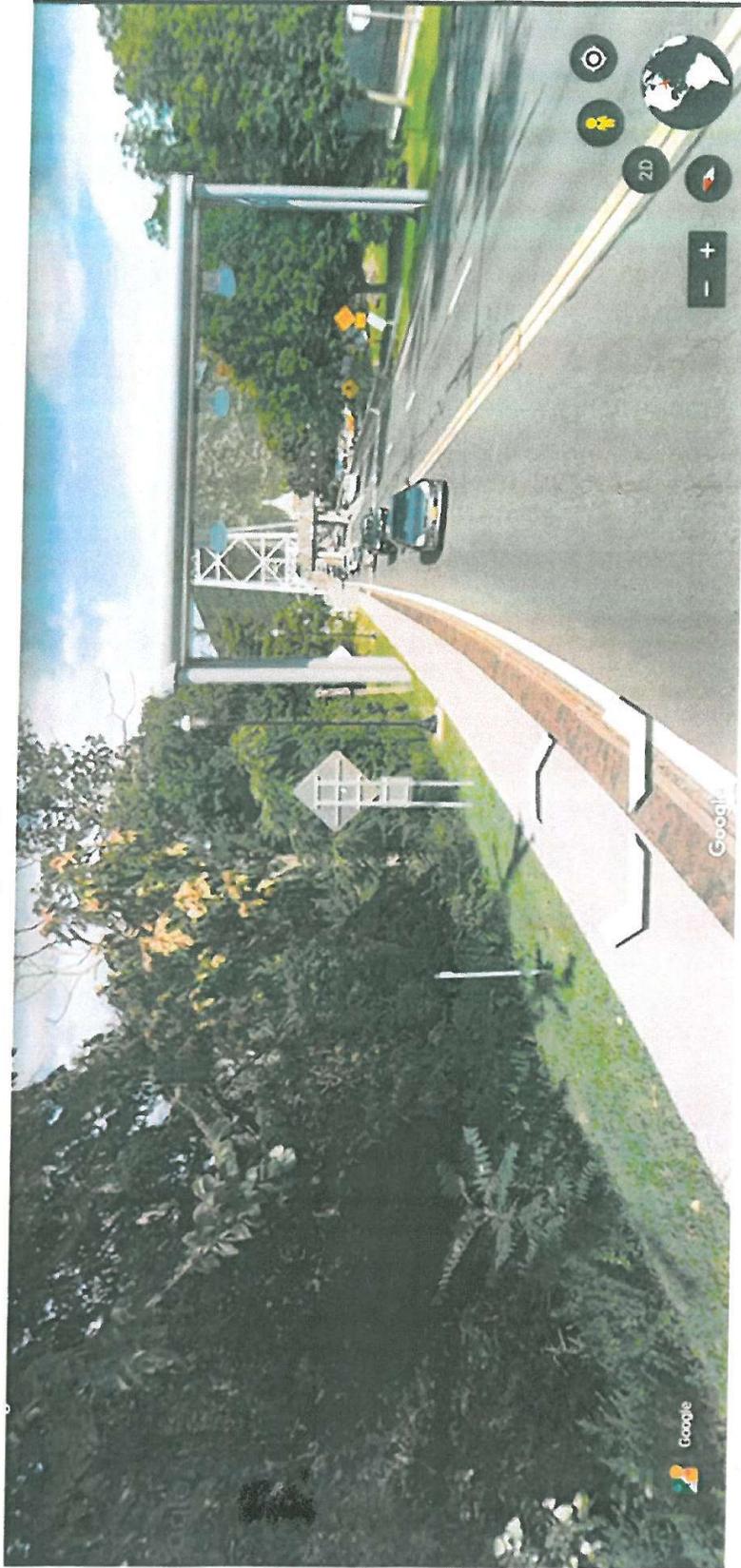
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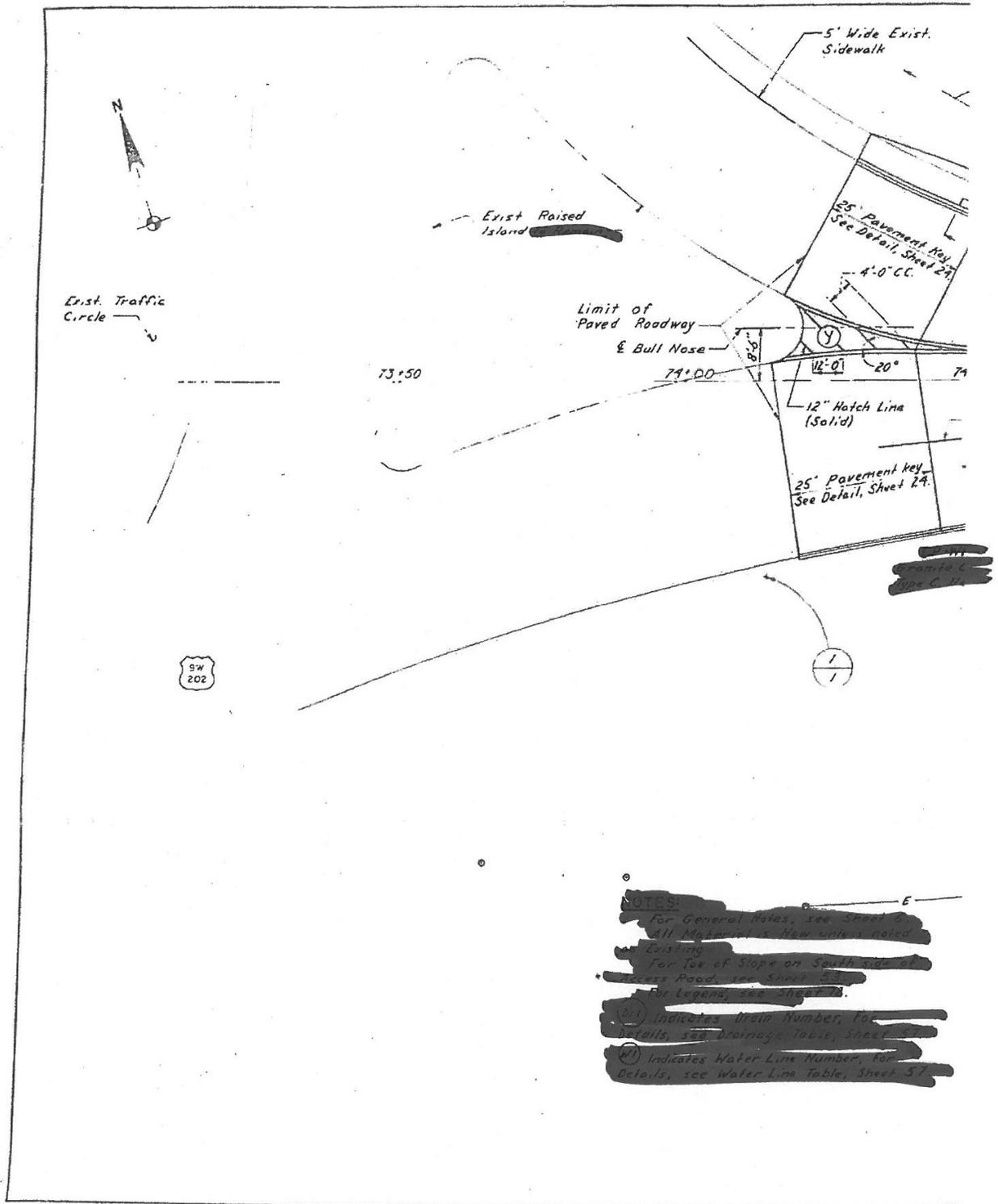
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NOTES
For General Notes, see Sheet 2
All Materials New unless noted
Exist
For Top of Slope on South side of
Road, see Sheet 27
For Legend, see Sheet 27
1/1 indicates Drain Number, for
Details, see Drainage Table, Sheet 27
1/1 indicates Water Line Number, for
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