GENERAL NOTES

- I. The illustrations for guardrail applications are standard configurations; adjustments are to be made as required by site specific conditions to attain optimum design for function, economy and serviceability.
- 2. The beginning of quardrail need shall be at the greatest of the upstream distances from the hazard, as determined from Figures I and 2, and other application details of this Index.
- 3. One Panel (i.e., panel length) equals 12'-6". Guardrail shall be constructed with rail elements 12'-6" in length except where 25'-0" elements are called for by this and other standards (indexes) or specifically called for in the plans.

Post spacings shall be 6'-3'' except that reduced spacings shall be used for (a) transitions to anchorages at rigid structures such as bridges (See Detail J and Index No. 402) and transitions to redirective crash cushions, (b) the conditions in Note No. 7 below, (c) special post applications, (d) reduced post spacing required for specific end anchorage assemblies, and, (e) specific spacings called for in the plans.

- 4. Guardrail mounting height for the W-beam without rubrail and for thrie-beam is I'-9" to the center of beam, and for W-beam with rubrail $2'-0^{ii}$ to center of beam. Modified thrie-beam shall be mounted at a height of 2'-0'' to center of beam. The height is critical and shall be attained in all cases; a tolerance of 3" above and I" below the standard mounting heights is permissible over necessary surface irregularities (e.g., across shoulder gutters, inlets and roadway surface break lines).
- 5. All auardrail panels, end sections and special end shoes shall be lapped in the direction of adjacent traffic.
- 6. Flared end anchorage assemblies providing 4' offset are the standard end treatments for single face free standing guardrail approach ends. Parallel end anchorage assemblies for guardrail approach end treatments will be constructed only when restraints prevent construction of flared end anchorages.

Guardrail end anchorage assemblies shall be of the type called for in the plans. If the plans call for end anchorage assembly "flared" and does not identify the specific system(s) to be used, the contractor has the option to construct any FDOT approved flared assembly provided in this Index or identified on the Qualified Products List (QPL), subject to the conditions identified in the approved Index drawings, or QPL drawings if applicable.

If the plans call for end anchorage assembly "parallel" and does not identify the specific system(s) to be used, the contractor has the option to construct any FDOT approved parallel assembly provided in this Index or identified on the QPL, subject to the conditions identified in the approved Index drawings, or QPL drawings if applicable.

If the plans call for a specific end anchorage assembly, substitutions with other end anchorage assemblies will not be permitted unless approved by the Engineer. Approved substitutions will not be eligible for VECP consideration.

When an end treatment is attached to quardrail with Pedestrian Safety Treatment, only end treatment systems with timber posts are to be used.

Proprietary end anchorage systems must be identified on the QPL. Manufacturers seeking approval of proprietary end anchorage systems for inclusion on the QPL must submit application along with design documentation showing the end anchorage system is crash tested to NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 3 criteria, is accepted by FHWA for use as a guardrail end anchorage system, and is compatible with FDOT guardrail systems. System approvals will be contingent on FDOT's evaluation of crash test performance results for consistency with FDOT guardrail application and use. If approved, installation drawings signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Florida will be required.

- 7. At above ground rigid hazards where the face of quardrail is offset from the hazard less than the 4' minimum for standard W-beam, other guardrail configurations may be applicable; see General Note No. II and the minimum offset table on Sheet I7. For guardrail with post spacing less than 6'-3" the reduced spacing should extend a minimum of one panel in advance of the hazard. When minimum offset cannot be attained safety shape concrete barrier shall be used unless other shielding is approved by the Engineer of Record. See Index No. 410 for safety shape concrete barriers and typical applications, and the plans for special barrier shapes and applications.
- 8. In addition to use at roadside hazards or other areas where the Engineer has deemed guardrail necessary, guardrail should be considered on flush shoulder sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 within the clear zone and fill heights are 6' or areater. Curbed sections where fill slopes are steeper than 1:3 and fill heights are 6' or areater within 22' of the traveled way should be evaluated for installation of guardrail. Additional guidance for evaluating the need for guardrail can be found in the Plans Preparation Manual.
- 9. The auardrail to bridge connections contained in this Index are for bridges with Test Level 4 traffic railing barriers. For guardrail to concrete barrier wall connections see Index No. 410. For existing bridges receiving retrofit traffic railing barriers see Index No. 402.
- 10. The W-beam auardrail system in this index is the standard system to be used on the State Hiahway System where a Test Level 3 semi-rigid barrier is required.
- II. Thrie-beam guardrail panels shall be used in guardrail transitions to bridge traffic railing barriers, to concrete and certain water filled safety shaped barriers, certain crash cushions and as a continuous barrier when called for in the plans. For additional information on rail attachment, post spacings, nested rails, location of thrie-beam transition panels and offset block configurations see details elsewhere in this Index, and Index Nos. 402, 410 and 414. The use of thrie-beam guardrail with standard offset blocks (Test Level 3 semi-rigid system) may be considered where one or more of the conditions listed below or similar conditions are anticipated or exist:

a. W-beam deflection is marginal,

b. W-beam with rubrail considered functionally deficient, continued ...

continued ...

- (c) Vehicle overriding W-beam is probable,
- (e) High frequency of repairs to W-beam.
- (f) Spandrel beam with low deflection needed around unrelocatable structure,
- (g) Accommodating passenger vehicles heavier or larger than the standard passenger car (e.g., passenger vans and small buses).

The modified thrie-beam guardrail is a Test Level 4 semi-rigid system and may be used where a Test Level 4 guardrail is required.

- 12. Single face median guardrail for bridges located on divided roadways shall be constructed the same as outer roadway guardrail under the following conditions:
 - (a) Wide medians where approach end anchor is located outside of opposing roadway clear zone,
 - (b) Medians of uniform width that are occupied by other transportation and joint use facilities,
 - installations,
 - (d) Medians of bifurcated roadways.
- (shop-bent) to fit.
- 14. Crash cushions may be required in lieu of or in conjunction with guardrail at locations where space does not permit development of sufficient quardrail length, offset or crashworthiness at terminals. Crash cushions shall be constructed at or in lieu of Type II assemblies located in the approach clear zones.
- 15. Corrugated sheet steel beams, end shoes, end sections and back-up plates shall conform to the current requirements of AASHTO MI80, Class A, Type II (zinc) coating. All other metallic components, hardware and accessories shall be in conformance with the appropriate current AASHTO requirements.

Recycled beams: Used Class A guardrail beams that have been refurbished to condition new (AASHTO MI80) may be used for both construction of new quardrail and maintenance of existing quardrail. Refurbishing shall include stripping of the existing galvanizing, restoration of the base metal in section and straightness free of warp and deformation, and, regalvanizing to AASHTO Type II specifications. Refurbished beams that retain ruptured holes, gashes or tears will not be accepted.

- 16. Steel offset blocks other than modified thrie-beam offset blocks are not permitted for new guardrail construction. Existing steel offset blocks may remain throughout the service life of the existing guardrail. Permissible post and offset block combinations are tabulated on Sheet 15.
- 17. Where necessary to enlarge or add holes to galvanized guardrail, the work will be done by drilling or reamina. Damaaed galvanized guardrail will be metalized in accordance with Sections 562 and 971 of the Standard Specifications. No burning of holes will be permitted.
- 18. For guardrail reflector details see Sheet 15.
- 19. Any run of guardrail with existing concrete posts that is being reset under a construction or maintenance contract shall be reset using timber or steel posts. Repair within a run of guardrail with existing concrete posts can be made with either steel, timber, sound salvaged concrete posts; replacement in kind of damaged posts is to be made when like posts are on hand at time of repair.

20. Substitutions between thrie-beam guardrail and concrete barrier wall are not eligible for VECP consideration.

21. On roadways designated for reverse laning, all downstream ends of guardrail that are not shielded or that are not designed as approach end terminals shall be marked with post-mounted Type 3 Object Markers. Trailing bridge ends and trailing shoulder concrete barrier wall ends shall be marked with Type 3 Object Markers except where there is trailing end auardrail. Object markers to be installed facing reverse laning traffic. The cost of the object marker shall be included in the cost of the guardrail.

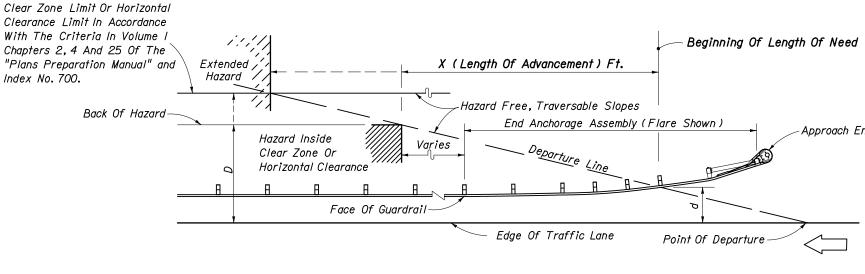


(d) Drainage will be impeded or blocked by the use of concrete barrier wall (subject to deflection space requirements),

(c) Medians of uniform or variable widths with independent vertical alianments not suited to normal median auardrail

13. Straight rail sections may be used to construct radii of 125' or greater. For radii less than 125' the rail must be fabricated

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| Design Speed mph | X (Length Of Advancement) Ft. \checkmark |
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| ≤ 45 | = 16 (D-d) |
| ≥ 50 | = 13 (D-d) |

Length of advancement determined from the diagram and equations above establishes the location of the upstream beginning length of need for guardrail, however, the length of advancement can be no less than that required by other details of this index.

The flared end anchorage with 4' nose offset is shown in the diagram above, however, the diagram applies to other configurations that may occur at the beginning of length of need, such as, other flare designs; upstream returns; and, other upstream deflected, tangent and curvilinear conditions.

Equation Variables:

D=Distance in feet from near edge of the near approach traffic lane to either (a) the back of hazard, when the hazard is located inside the clear zone or horizontal clearance or (b) the clear zone or horizontal clearance outer limit, when the hazard extends to or goes beyond the clear zone or horizontal clearance limit. For left side hazards on two-way undivided facilities, D is measured from the inside edge of the near approach traffic lane (see Figure 2).

d = Distance in feet from the near edge of the near approach traffic lane to the face of guardrail at its intersection with the departure line. For left side hazards on two-way undivided facilities, d is measured from the inside edge of the near approach traffic lane (see Figure 2).

For flared and parallel end anchorage assemblies the beginning length of need is to be set at the center of post #3. That is, the departure line must intersect the face of the rail at post #3.

For flared end anchorage assemblies the offset distance "d" will equal the normal gurardrail offset measured from the face of the guardrail to the edge of the near approach travel lane plus l'-2" for 45 mph or less and $l'-9\frac{1}{4}"$ for greater than 45 mph.

LENGTH OF ADVANCEMENT - FIGURE I

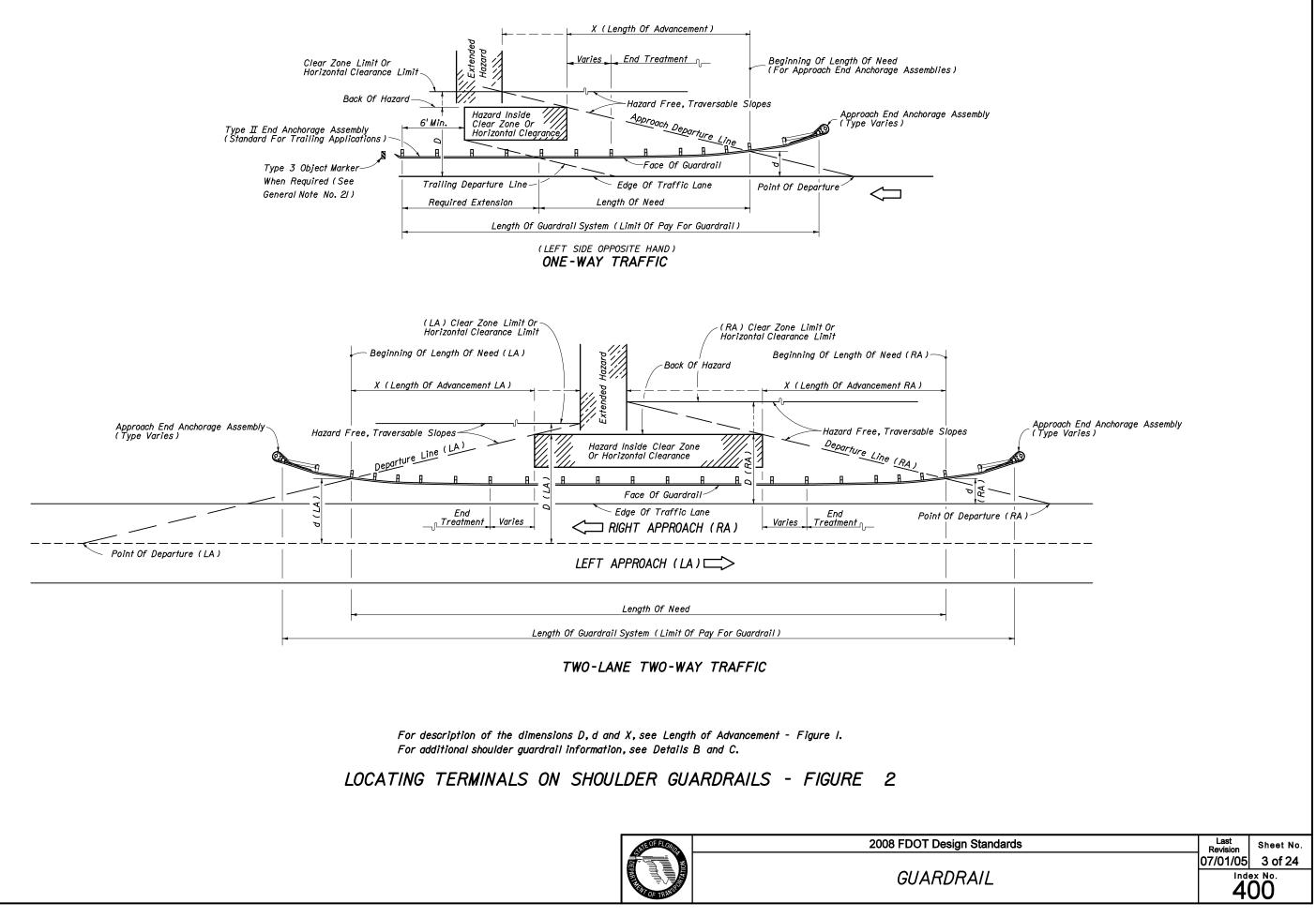


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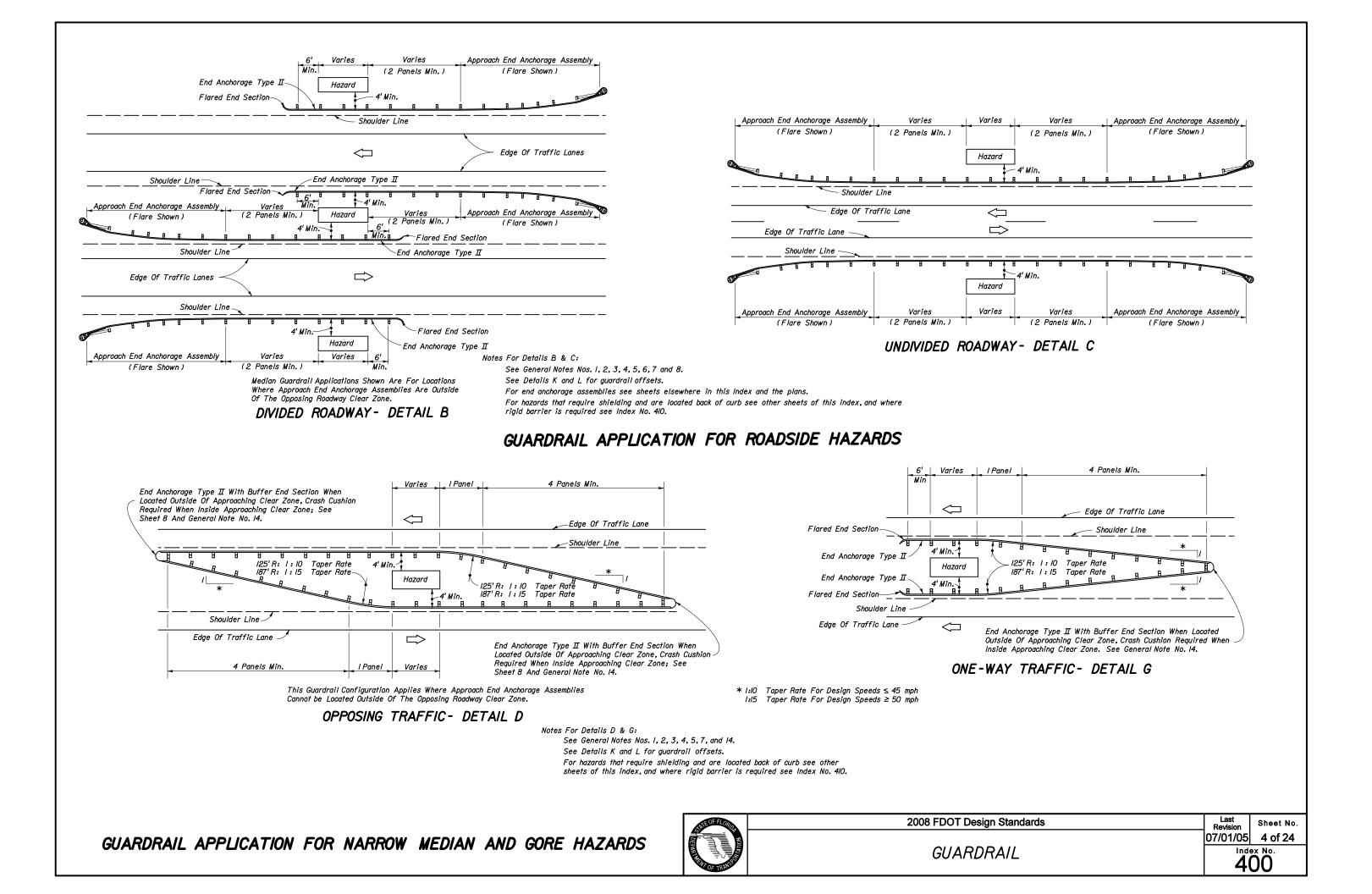
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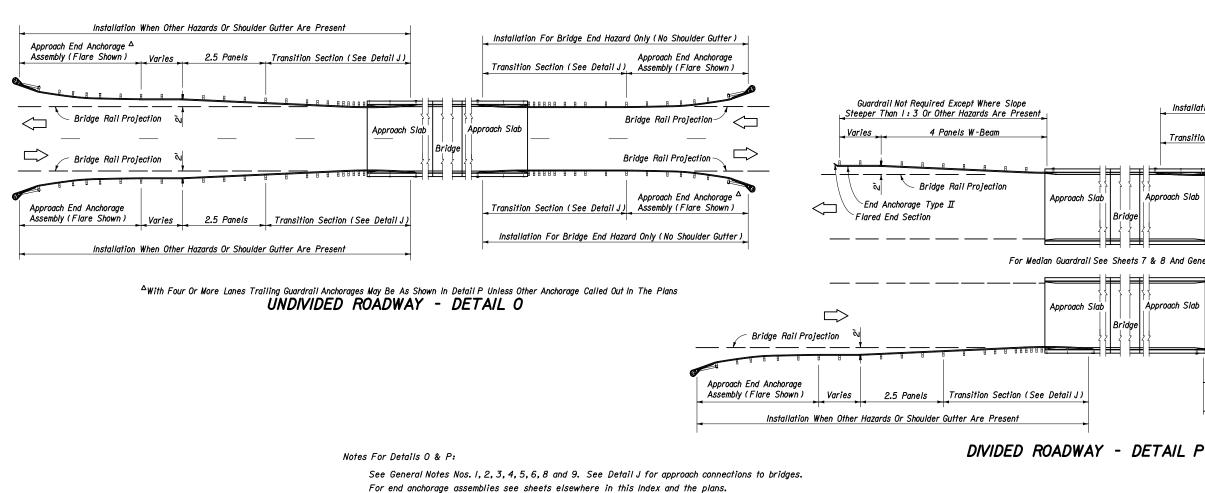
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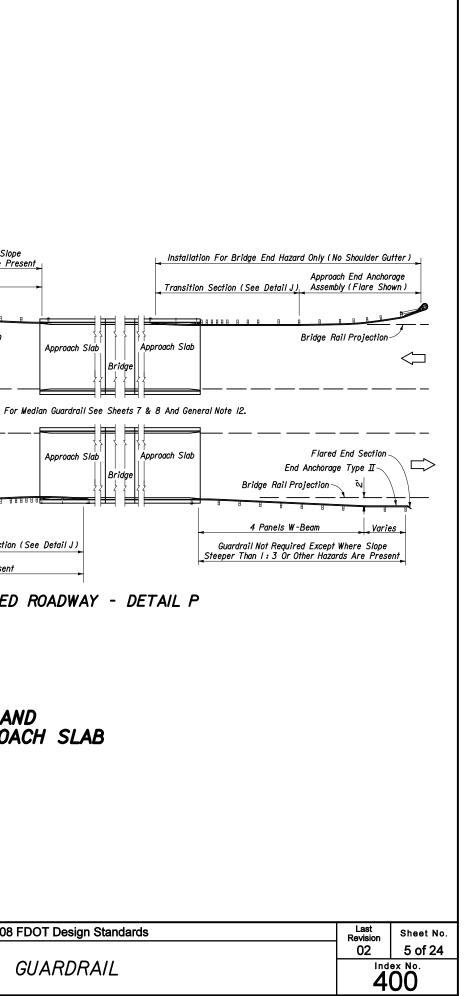
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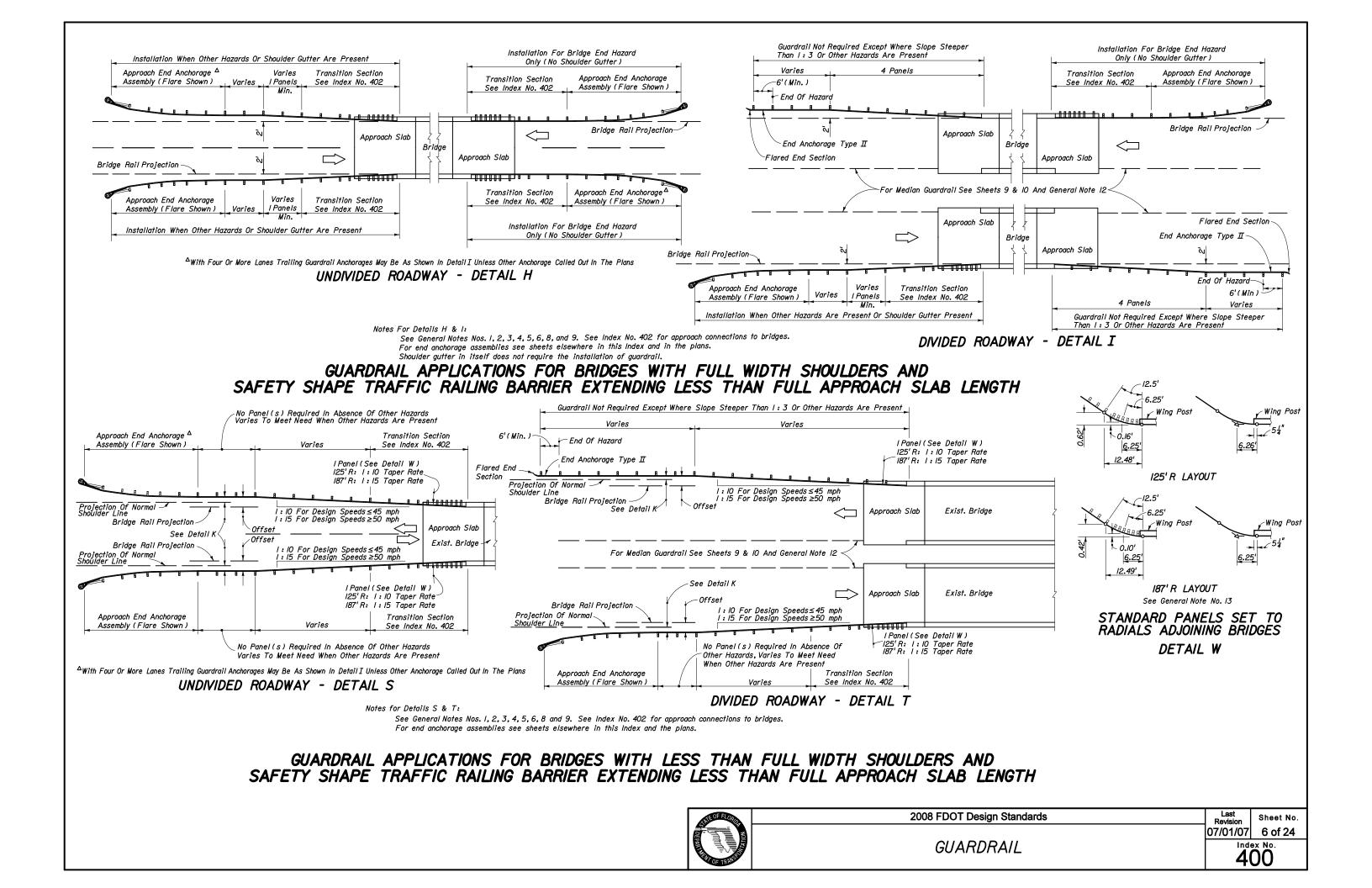


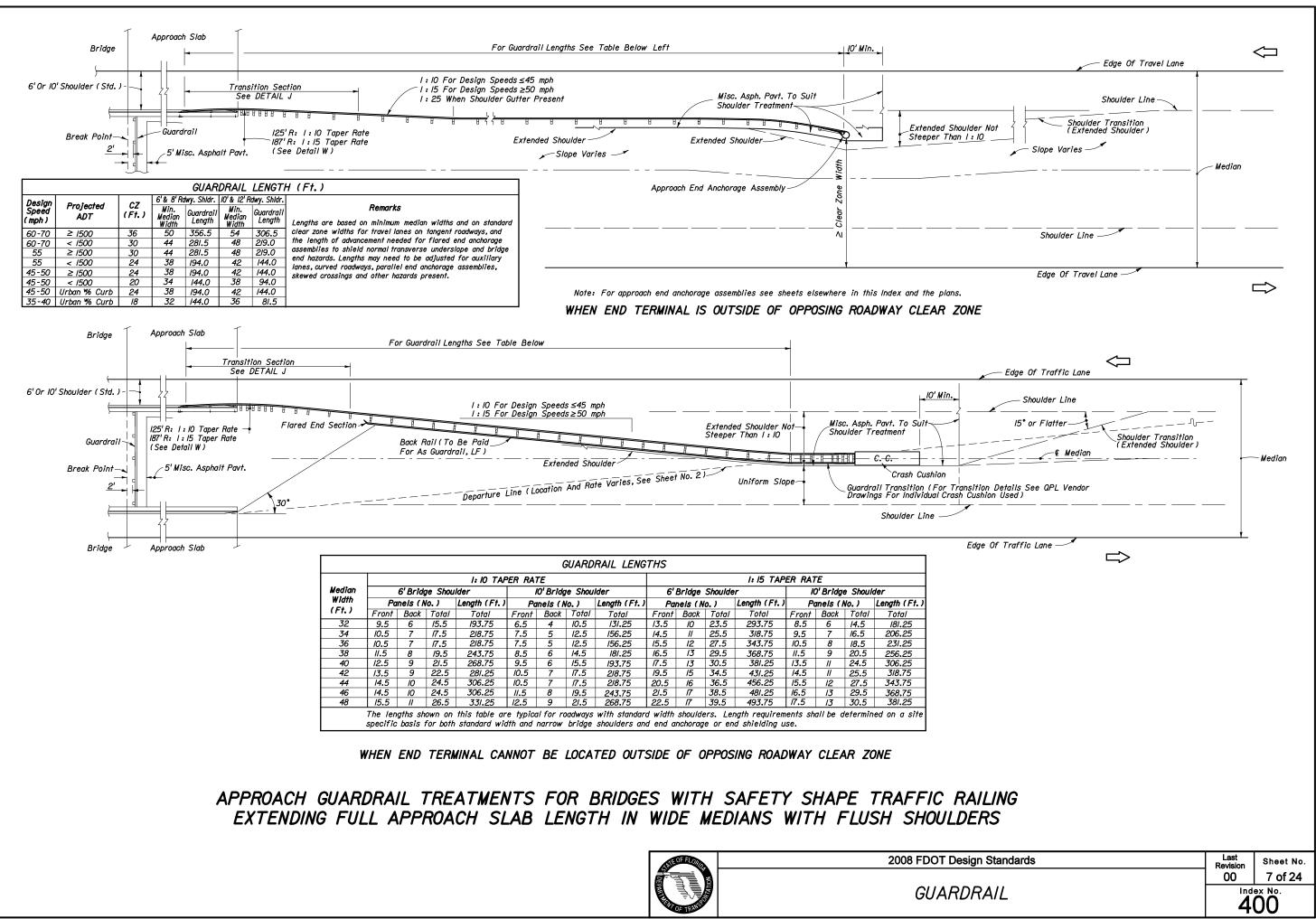


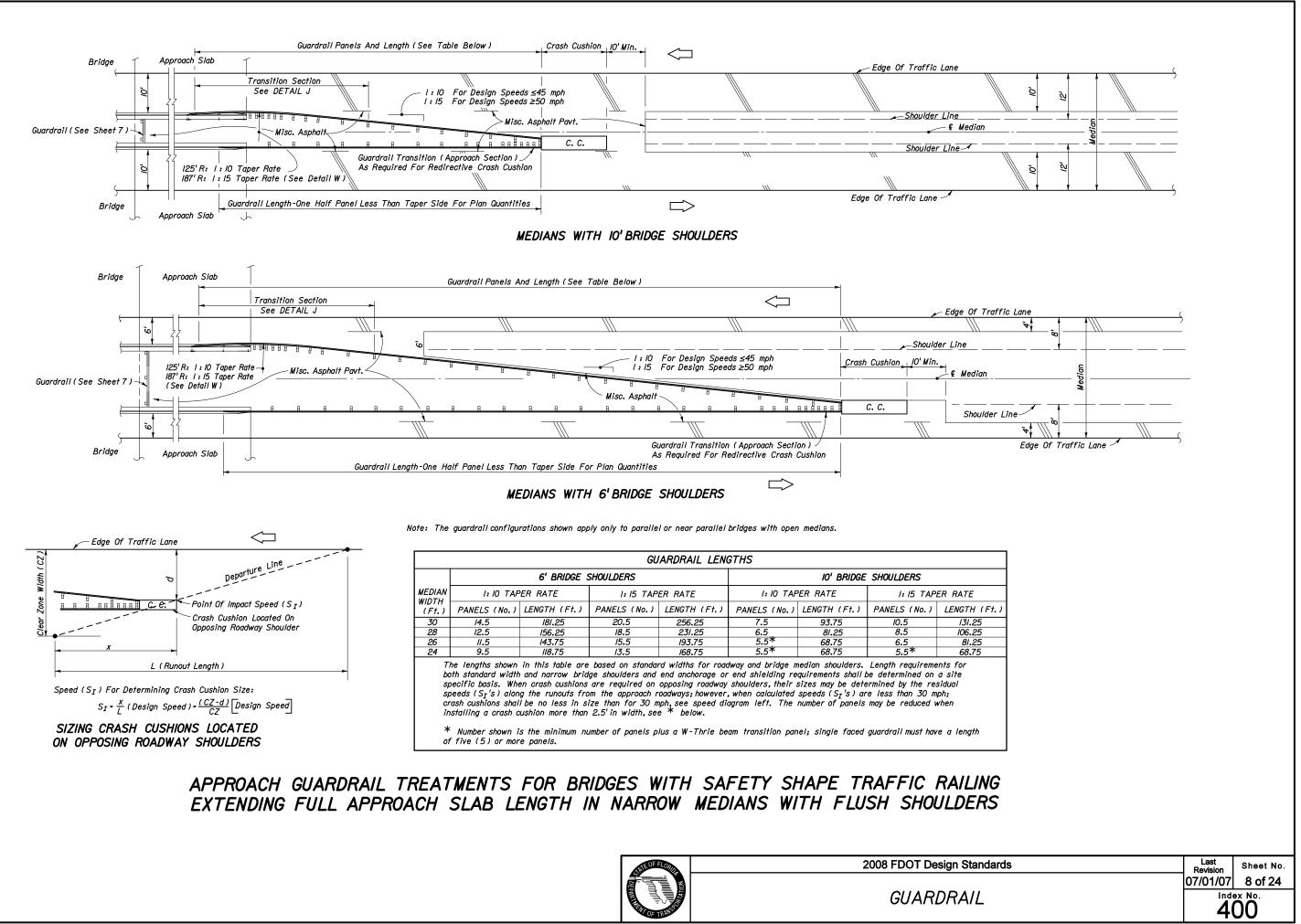
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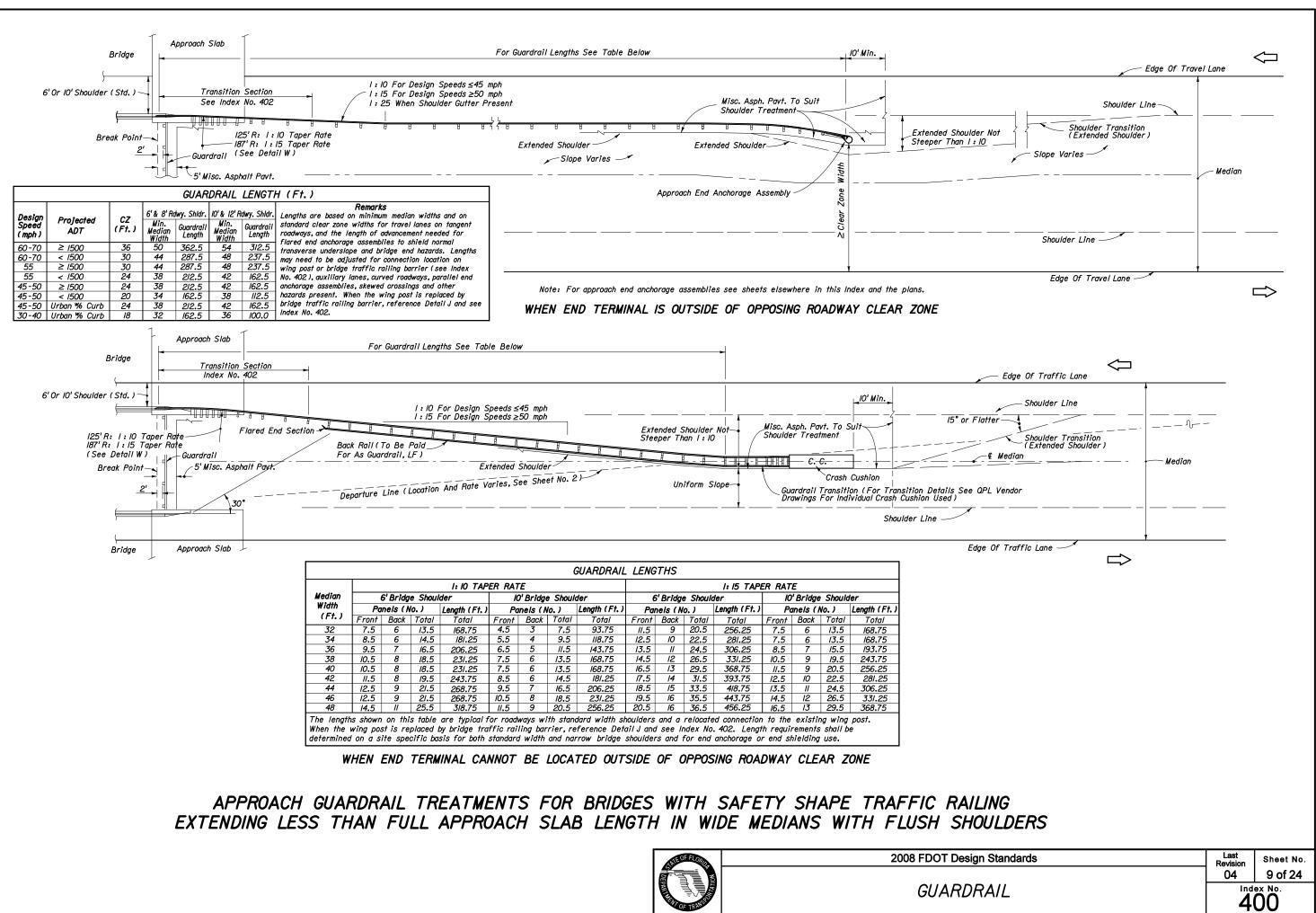




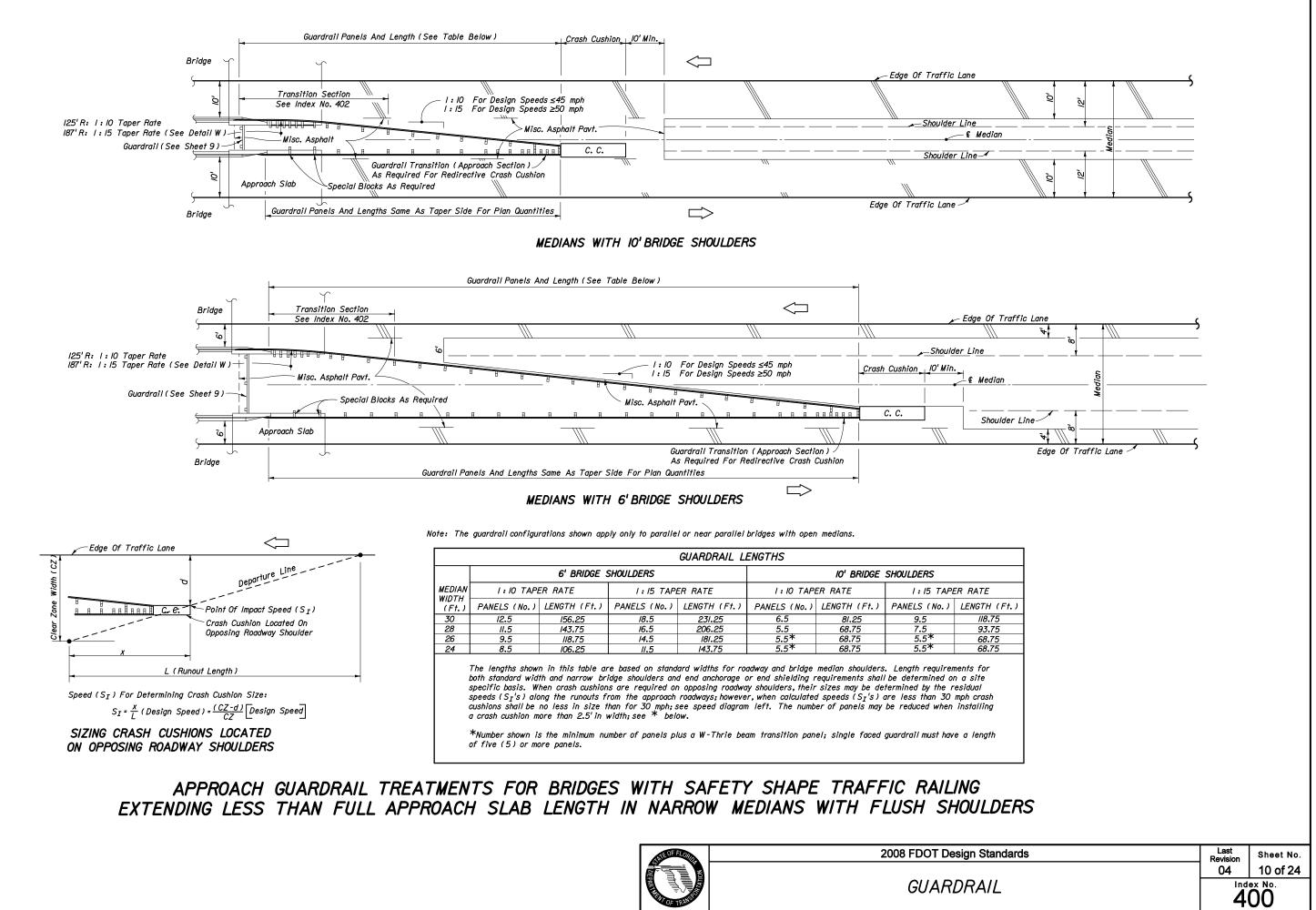




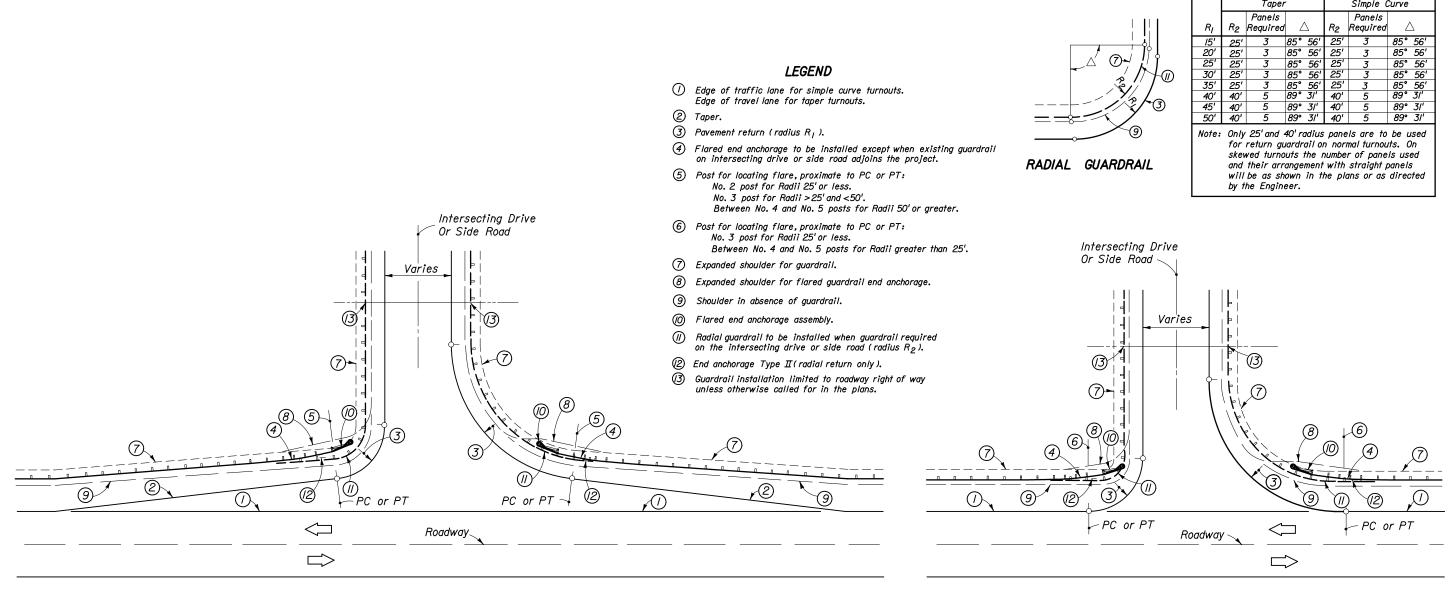












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Note: The guardrail application shown on this sheet are for highways with flush shoulders and no restraints for constructing flared end anchorages and minimum lengths of guardrail. For highways with flush shoulders and restraints to constructing flared anchorages, see General Note No. 6.

Where openings in guardrail are required in close proximity to bridge traffic rails or ends of concrete barrier walls, and minimum length guardrail with flared end anchorages can not be applied, either controlled release returns or energy absorbing terminals are to be applied.

GUARDRAIL APPLICATIONS FOR INTERSECTING DRIVES AND SIDE ROADS ON RURAL FACILITIES



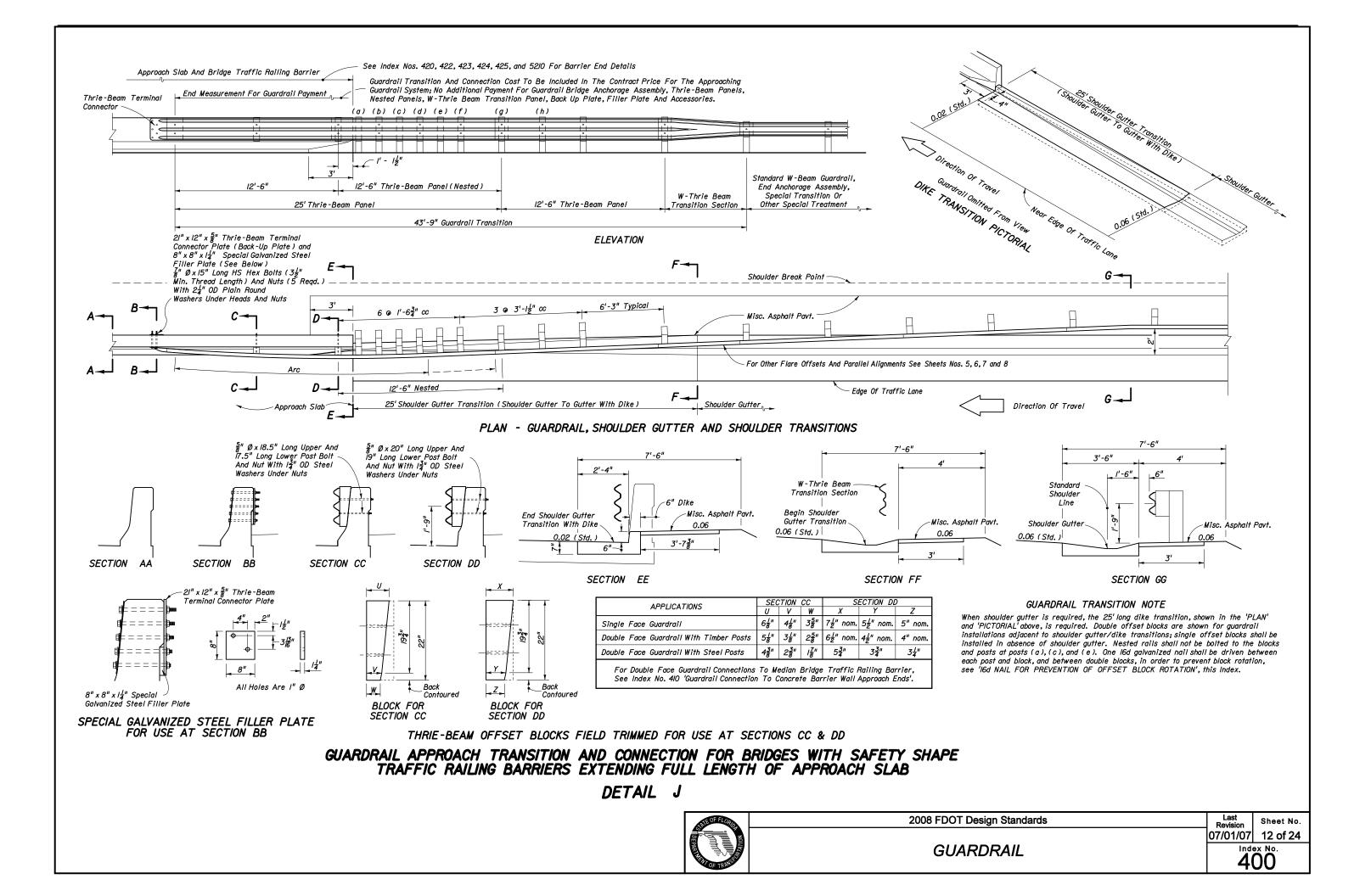
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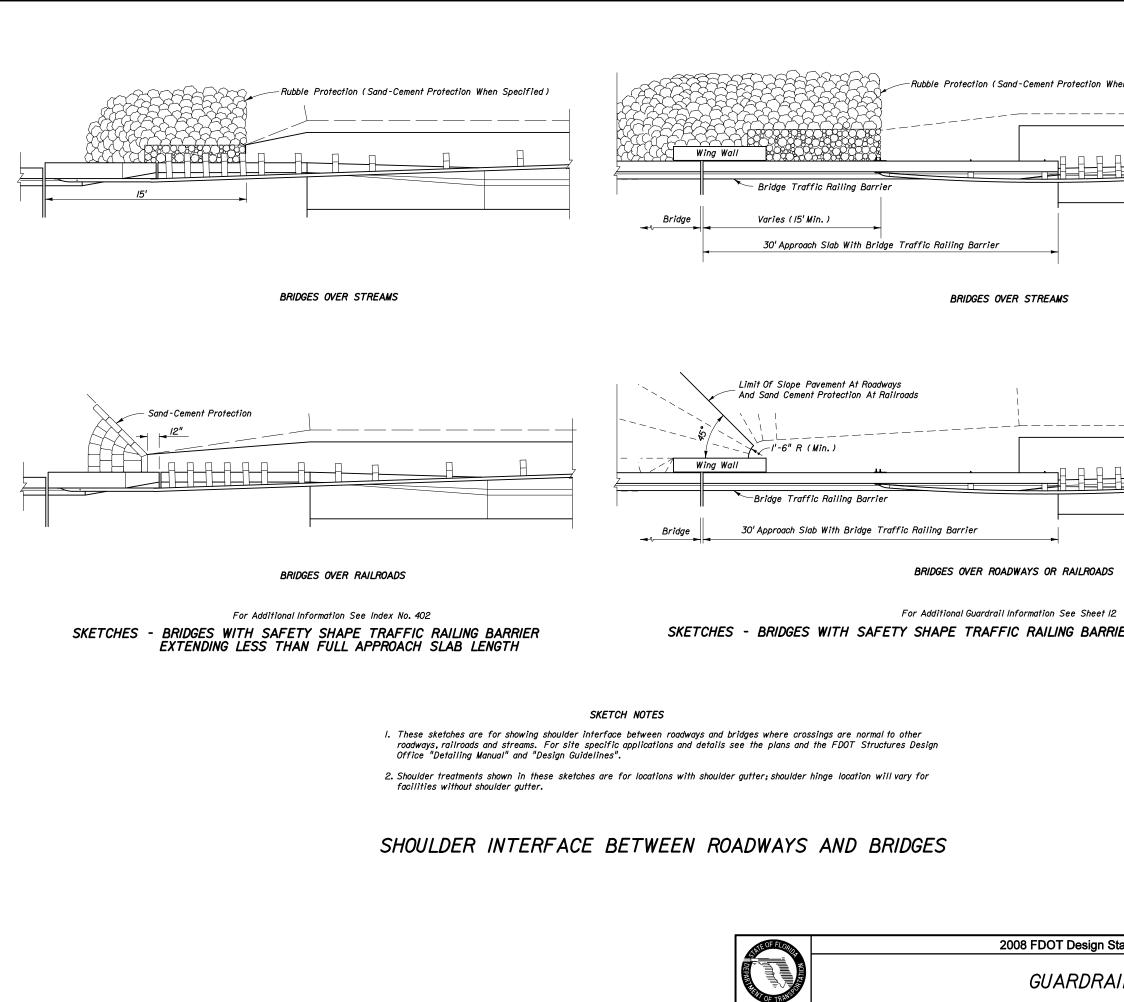
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| RADIAL GUARDRAIL | | | | | | | | |
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| | Normal Turnouts | | | | | | | |
| | | Taper | | | | Simple (| Curve | |
| R _I | R ₂ | Panels Required | | 7 | R ₂ | Panels Required | \bigtriangleup | |
| 15' | 25' | 3 | 85° | 56' | 25' | 3 | 85°56′ | |
| 20' | 25' | 3 | 85° | 56' | 25' | 3 | 85° 56' | |
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| 35' | 25' | 3 | 85° | 56' | 25' | 3 | 85° 56' | |
| 40' | 40' | 5 | 89° | 3/' | 40' | 5 | 89° 31' | |
| 45' | 40' | 5 | <i>8</i> 9° | 3/' | 40' | 5 | 89° 31' | |
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| ote: Only 25' and 40' radius panels are to be used | | | | | | | | |

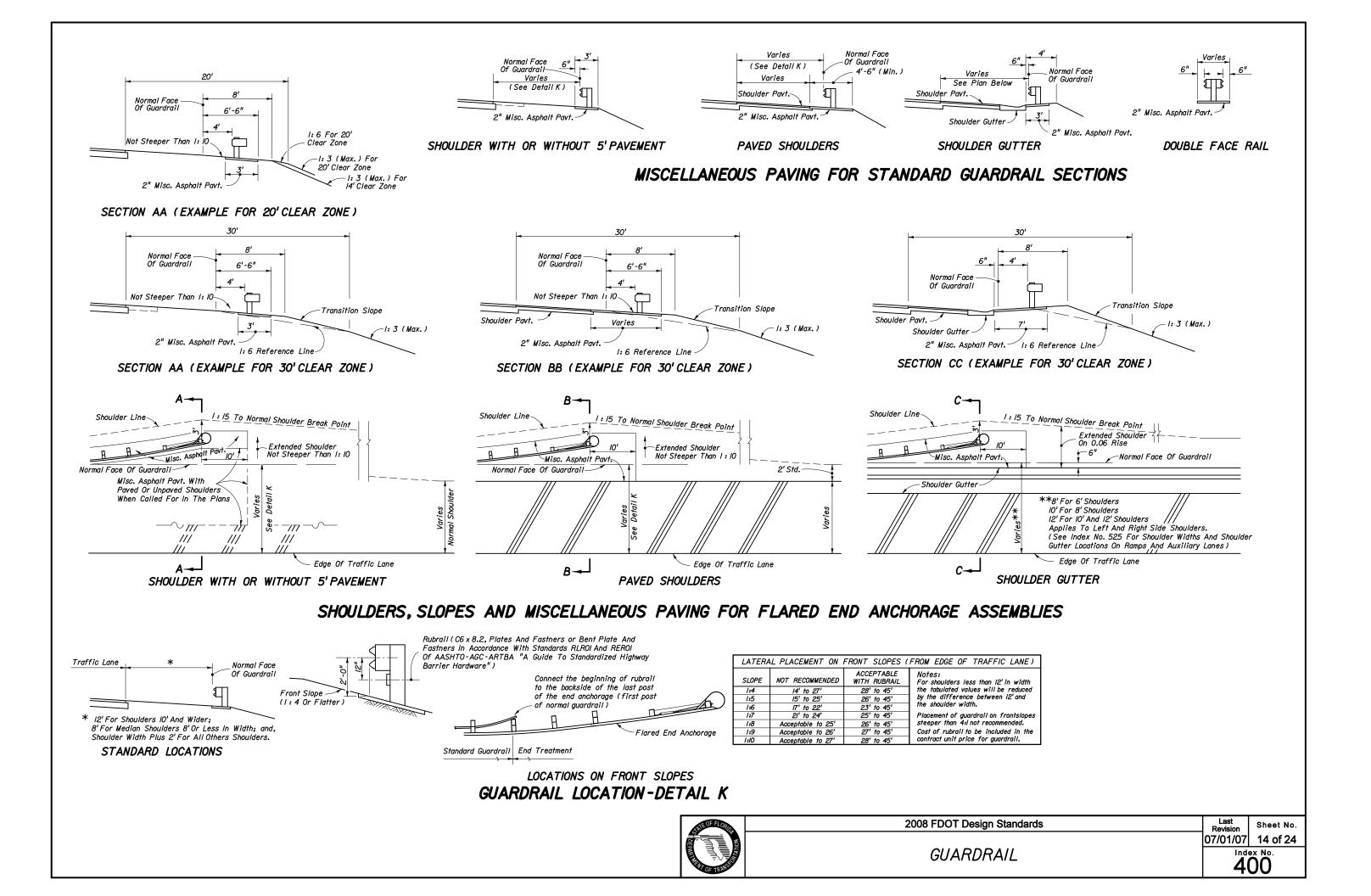
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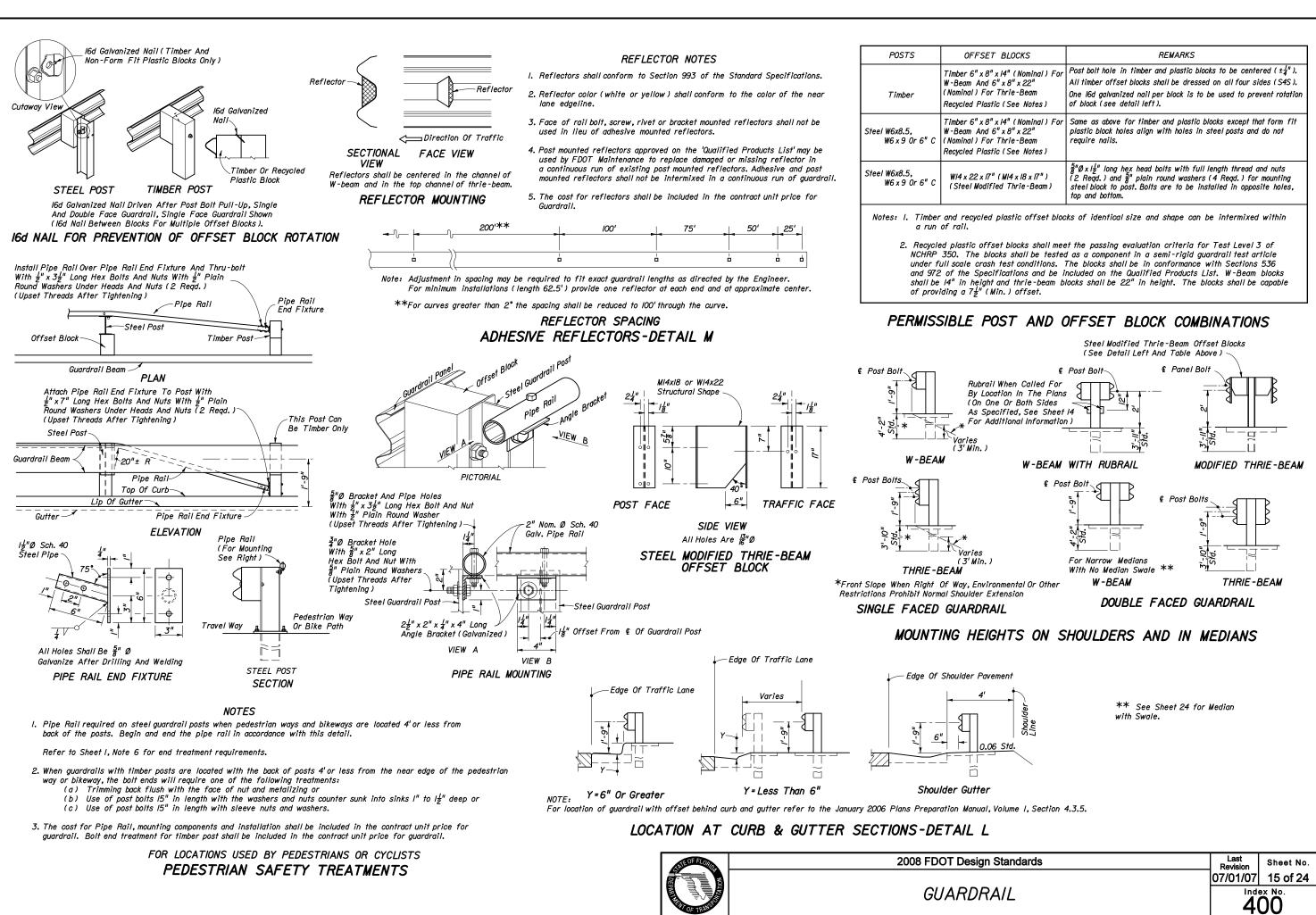
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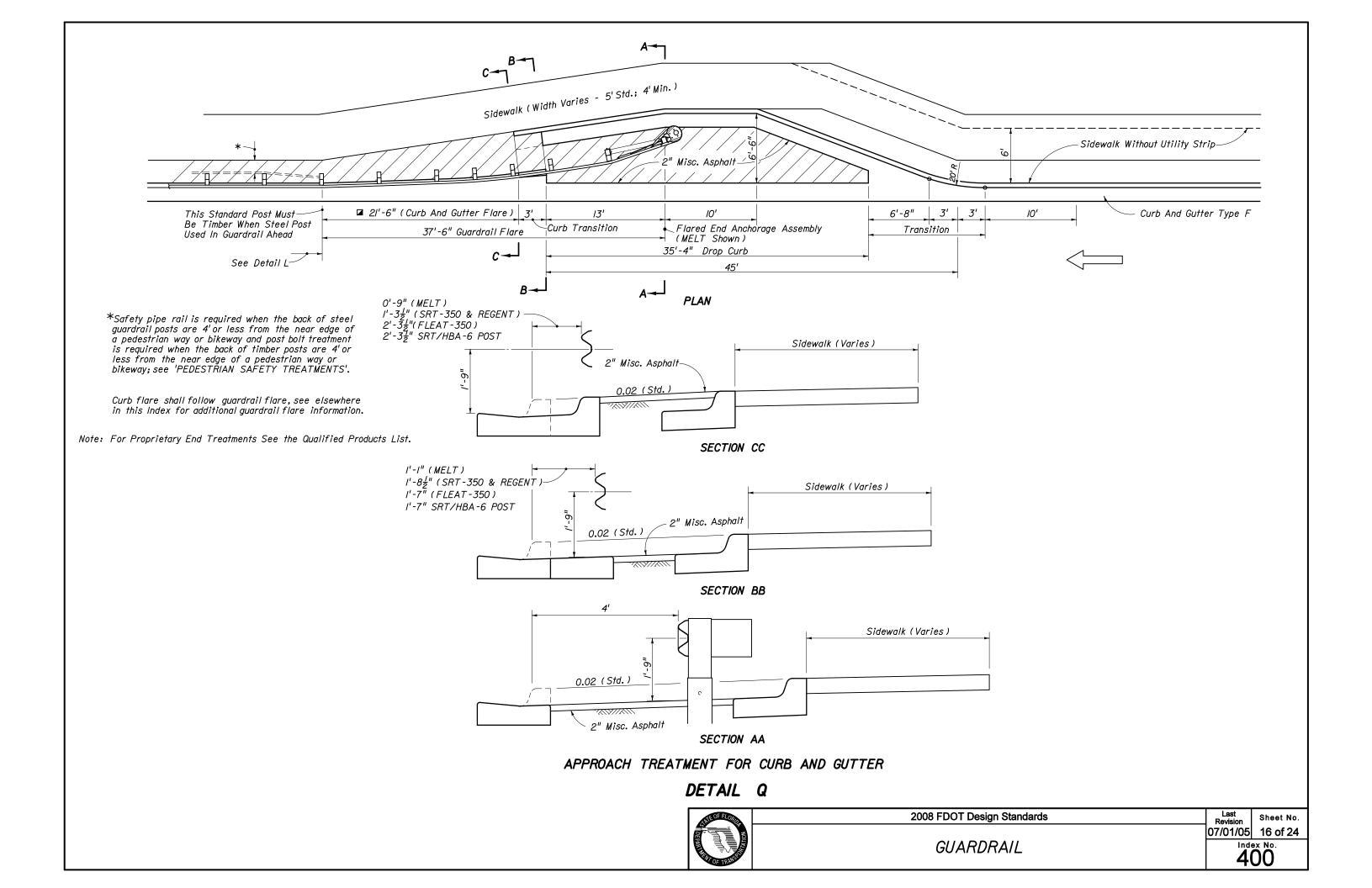


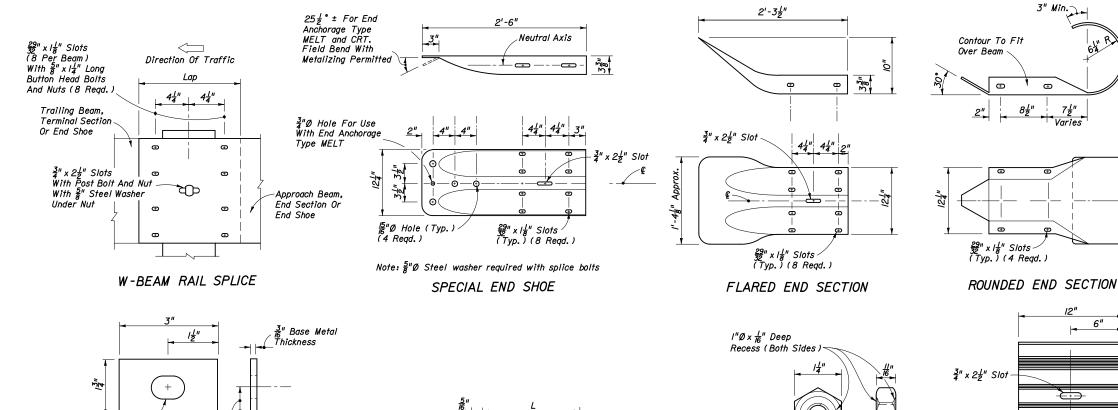
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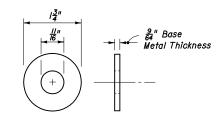


Note: For beam washer requirements on end terminals, see individual end anchorage assembly details. Washers are to be used where necessary to accomplish alignment or where the posts bolt head shows tendency to pull through the rail slot. Washers installed on guardrail, between end anchorages, prior to July I, 1990 may remain in place until the guardrail is relocated or until repairs require removal and reinstallment of a post bolt.

#" x I" Slot

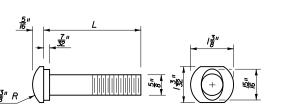
(RECTANGULAR PLATE WASHER) BEAM WASHER





Note: The round washer is not intended for use under the recess nut for the beam to beam rail splice. The washer is required under the recess nut for connecting the beam to the special end shoe; under the post bolt nut for connecting the beam to the timber post and offset blocks; for connecting the beam to steel posts with timber offset blocks; under the hex bolt head for securing the beam anchor plate to the beam; and, for general guardrail connections by $\frac{5}{5}" \mathcal{O}$ hex bolts and nuts and under hex nut for connecting rubrail to wood and steel posts. For supplemental information see BEAM ANCHOR PLATE, PERMISSIBLE POST AND OFFSET BLOCK COMBINATIONS, individual end anchorage assembly details, SPECIAL STEEL GUARDRAIL POSTS, SPECIAL END SHOE, W-BEAM RAIL SPLICE, THRIE-BEAM RAIL SPLICE, and THRIE-BEAM TERMINAL CONNECTOR details.

훑" STEEL WASHER



| L (In.) | THREAD LENGTH (Min.)(ln.) | APPLICATION |
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| / <u>/</u> " | Full Length | Rail Splice Bolt |
| 10" | 4" | Single Or Double Faced Guardrail Post Bolt - Timber Or Recycled Plastic Offset Block(s) On Steel Post As An Option, A Single 25"* Long Post Bolt May Be Used |
| 18" | 4" | Post Bolt - Single Faced Guardrail Timber Posts |
| 25"* | 4" | Post Bolt - Double Faced Guardrail Timber Posts Double Faced Guardrail Steel Posts |

Special bolts having lengths of 10" or greater shall have a thread length of not less than 4".

For applications where special bolts having lengths greater than 25" are required, the Contractor may use a $\frac{5}{8}$ " \emptyset threaded red (field cut to length). A hex nut and beam washer shall be used at the guardrail face with no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the threaded rod projecting beyond the top of the nut. The projecting thread on both ends shall be distorted to secure the nuts, and both ends of the threaded rod metalized with organic zinc-rich coating.

Use of the 25" AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA standard length post bolt on double faced guardrail that results in the bolt projecting more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " beyond the face of the nut after pull-up shall be trimmed to $\frac{3}{4}$ reveal and metalized with organic zinc-rich coating.

툴" OVAL SHOULDER BUTTON HEAD BOLT

nuts used for jam nuts. HEX BOLTS AND NUTS

MODIFIED HEAVY

HEX NUT (RECESSED NUT)

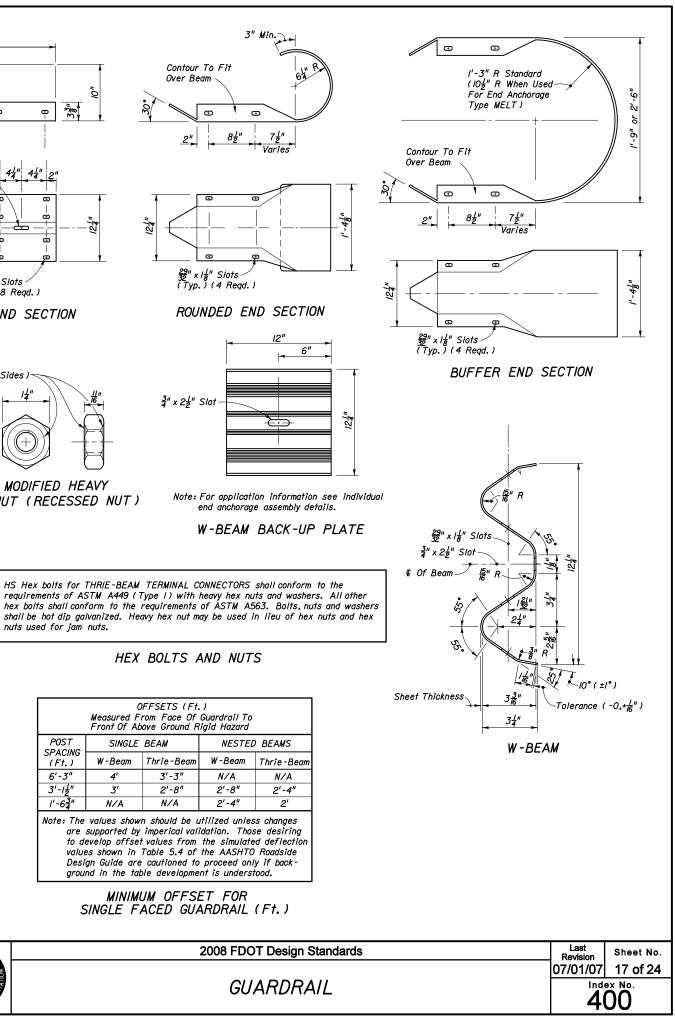
| OFFSETS (Ft.) Measured From Face Of Guardrail To Front Of Above Ground Rigid Hazard | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------|--------|------------|--|
| POST SPACING | SINGLE | BEAM | NESTEL | BEAMS | |
| (Ft.) | W-Beam | Thrie-Beam | W-Beam | Thrie-Beam | |
| 6'-3" | 4' | 3'-3" | N/A | N/A | |
| 3'-/ <u>/</u> " | 3' | 2'-8" | 2'-8" | 2'-4" | |
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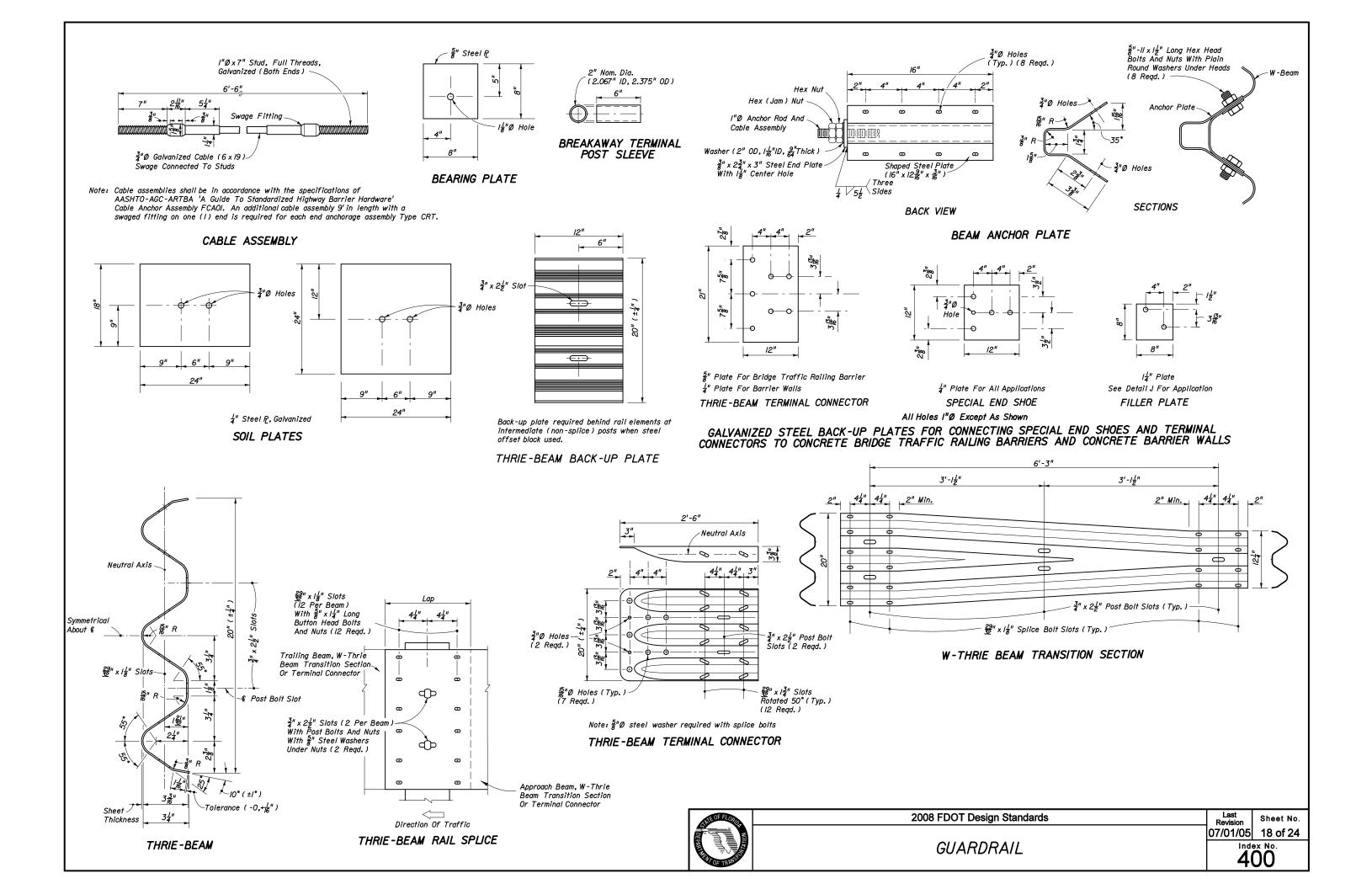
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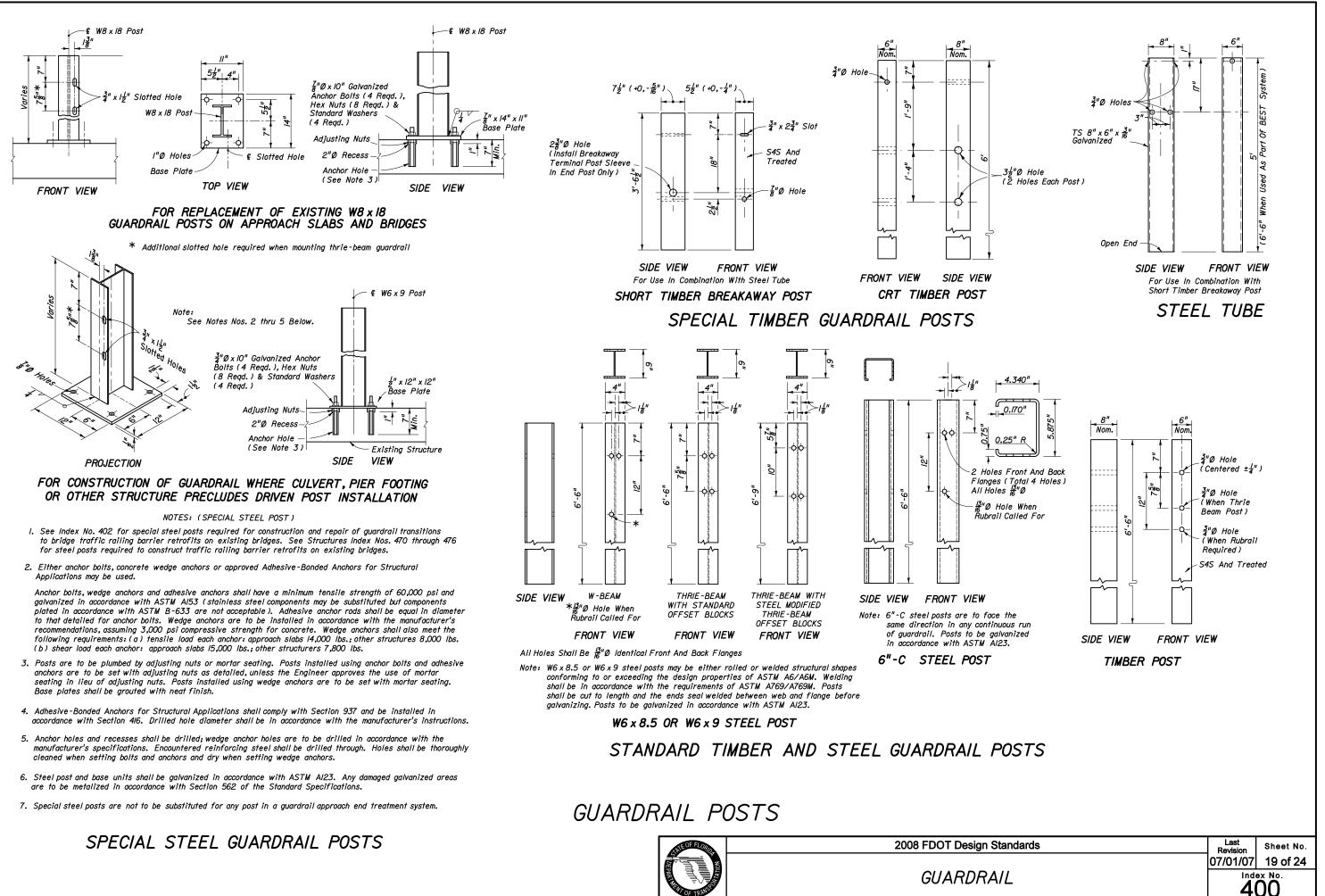
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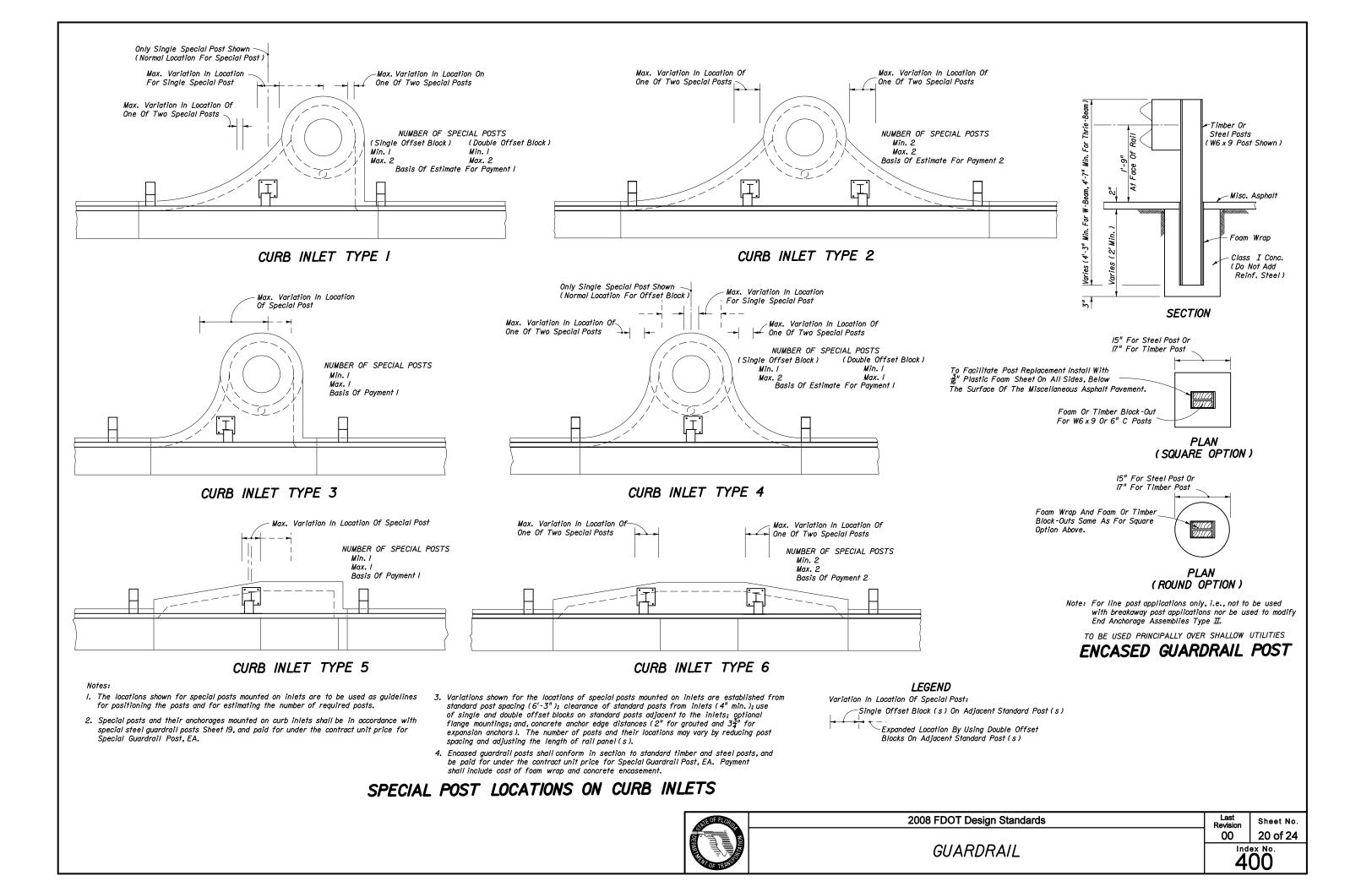


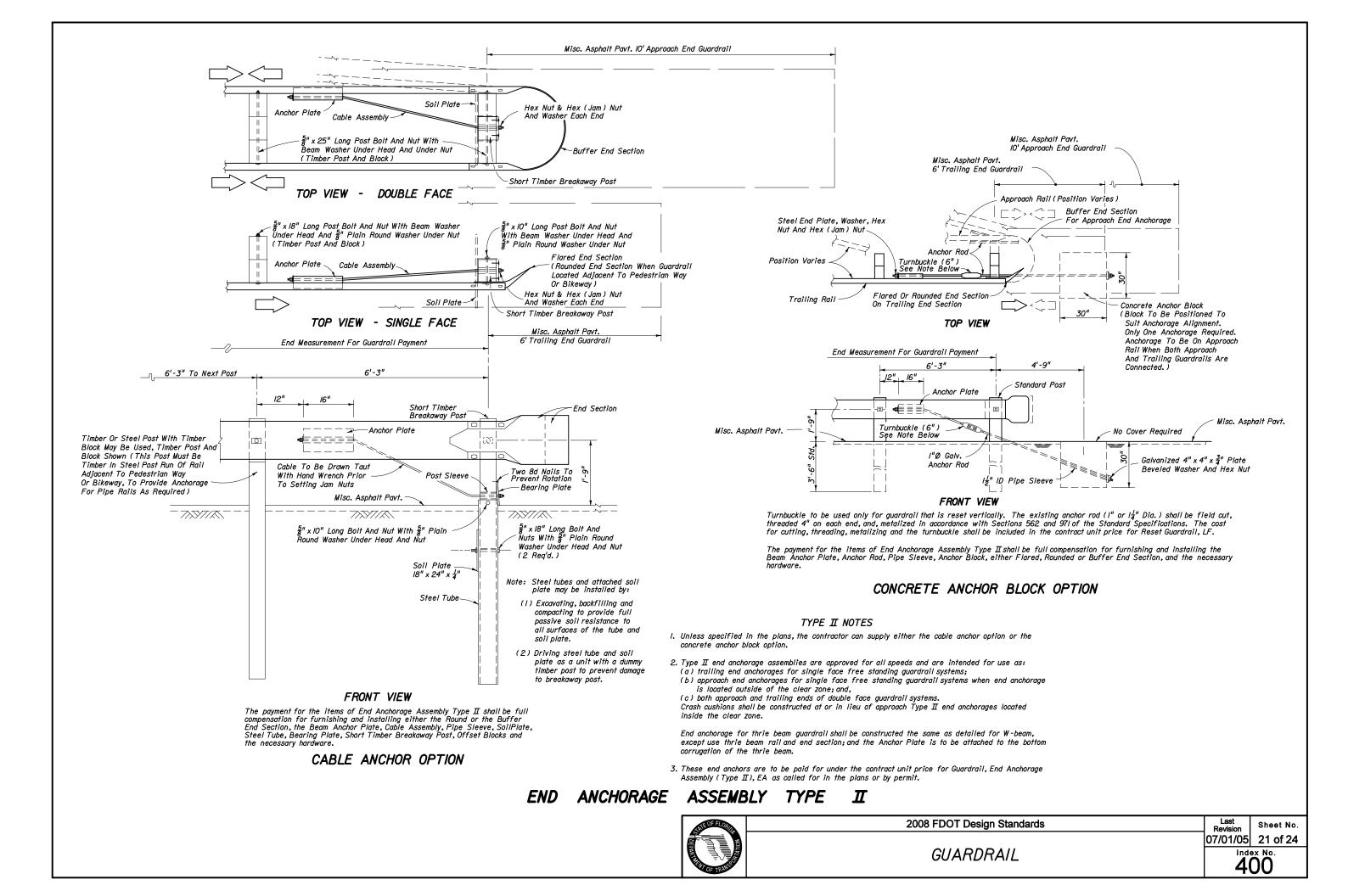
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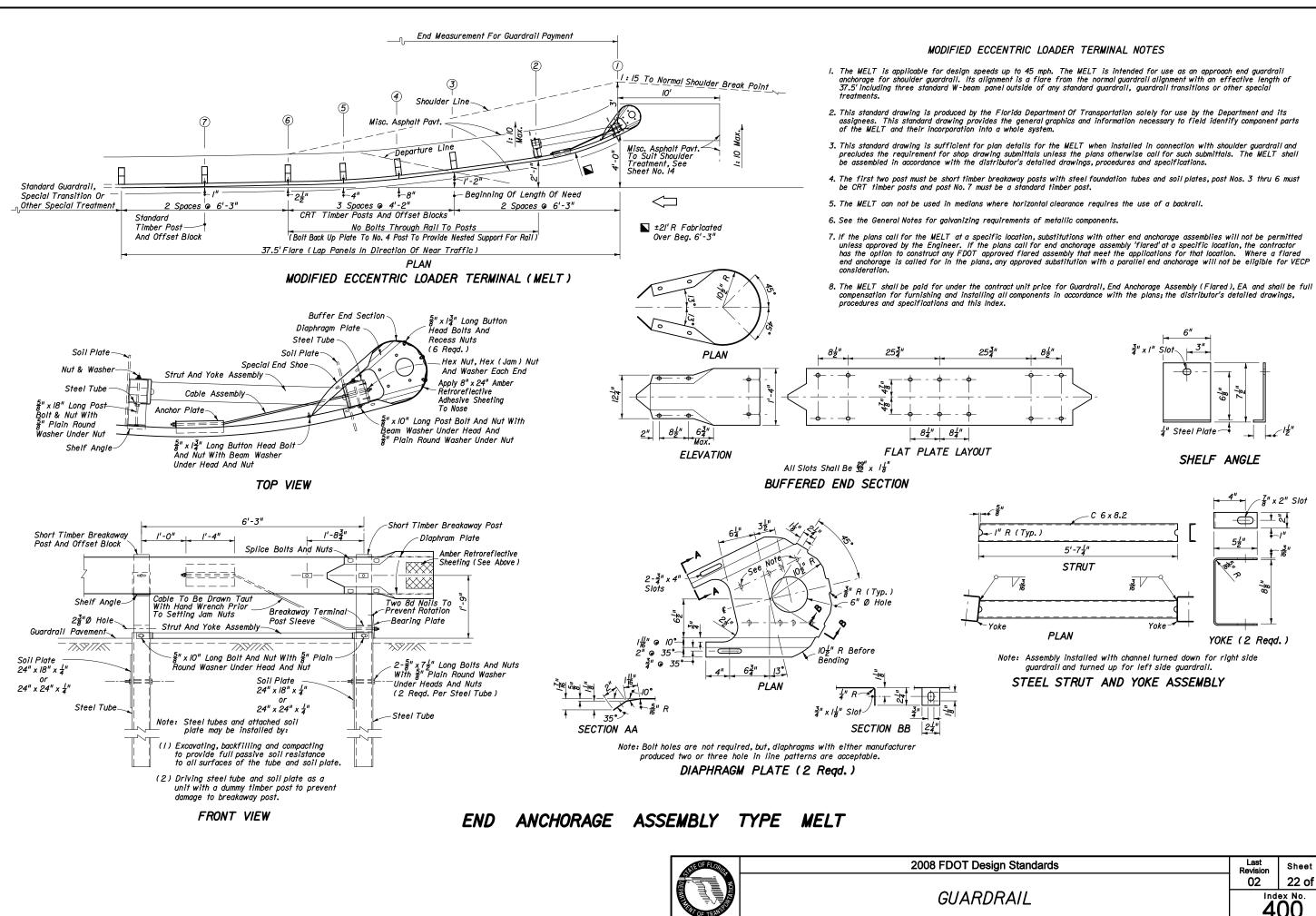




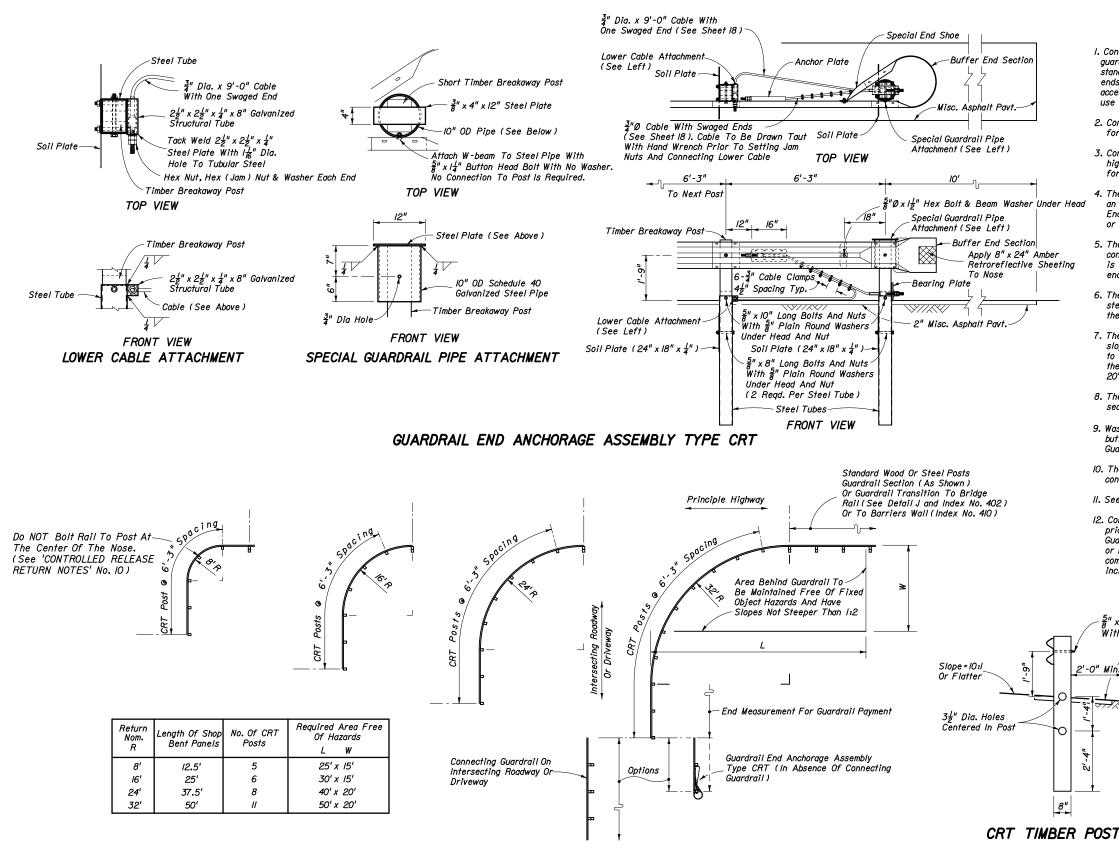








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CONTROLLED RELEASE RETURN NOTES

I. Controlled release returns are intended for use (a) in openings in continuous guardrail for driveway and side road access when flares and transitions or standard radial returns can not be applied (Sheet II); and, (b) for shielding the ends of bridge traffic rails and barrier walls where the driveway and side road access is in close proximity to the structure and space does not permit the proper use of approved flared and parallel types of Guardrail End Anchorage Assemblies.

2. Controlled release returns are not intended as a substitute or replacement for the appropriate use of approved vehicle impact attenuators.

3. Controlled release returns with either 8', 16' or 24' radii are designed for highway speeds of 60 mph or less; the 32' radius return is to be used only for highway speeds of 45 mph or less.

4. The controlled release returns shown are designed as full returns based on an intersection angle of 90°. The return can be terminated with the Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT or connected to standard guardrail as shown or as otherwise detailed in the plans.

5. The Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT is to be used only for the controlled release returns with 8', 16', 24' and 32' radii as shown; the assembly is not to be used in any tangent rail or flared rail applications. Other types of end anchorage assemblies are not to be used in the controlled release returns.

6. The area immediately behind the control release return shall have slopes not steeper than I: 2 and be maintained free of fixed objects in accordance with the area limits tabulated in the plan below.

7. The surface approaching the controlled release return shall have a transverse slope not exceeding l : 10. The effective width of the transverse surface is to be based on standard vehicle departure, return radii and preceding shielding; the width (beyond shoulder) shall be not greater than the corresponding I5' and 20' W' values tabulated below.

8. The curved guardrail portion of the controlled release return shall be full section shop bent panels (12.5' or 25' panels).

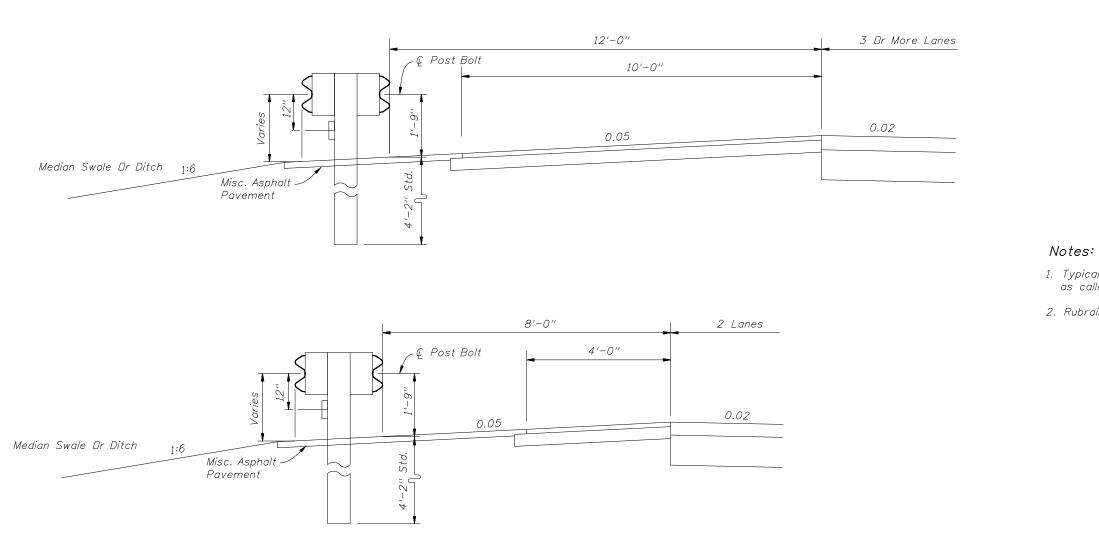
9. Washers are not to be used between the guardrail beam and the head of the button head post bolts at any controlled release terminal (CRT) post or at any Guardrail End Anchorage Assembly Type CRT breakaway timber post.

10. The guardrail beam of the 8' radius return is not bolted to the center control release post.

II. See the General Notes for galvanizing requirements of metallic components.

12. Controlled release return systems shall be paid for under the contract unit prices for Guardrail (Roadway), LF, Guardrail (Shop-bent Panels), LF, and Guardrail, End Anchorage Assembly (Type CRT), EA as called for in the plans or by permit and shall be full compensation for furnishing and installing all components in accordance with the plans and with this index. CRT posts are included in the cost for guardrail.

| 10" Long Post Bolt And Nut h $\frac{5}{8}$ " Plain Round Washer Under Nut Misc. Asphalt Pavt. See Sheet 14 1:2 Max. | | |
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| Note: To be constructed when flares and radial returns can not be applied. | | |
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MOUNTING HEIGHT FOR DOUBLE FACED GUARDRAIL ON MEDIAN SHOULDERS (FREEWAYS)



1. Typical placement shown. May be constructed at other locations as called for in the plans.

2. Rubrail required on median side or ditch side of barrier.

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