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Proposed Revisions to a Standard Plans Index

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Summary of the changes:

Sheet 1: Added a note explaining required rectangular washer usage to General Note 2.
Sheet 27: Changed guardrail's longitudinal alignment measurement from the end of concrete from 5 1/4" to 7 1/4" (+/- 2")
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Commentary/Background:

Sheet 1: Contractors questioned if the rectangular washer policy of the referenced Index 536-001 applies, so this added note provides that clarification.
Sheets 27 & 28: Changed longitudinal dimension to align with crash-tested systems and provide a broader tolerance for placement that follows successful practices in other states.

Other Affected Documents/Offices	Person Contacted	Affected (Yes/No)
Other Standard Plans		No
FDOT Design Manual		No
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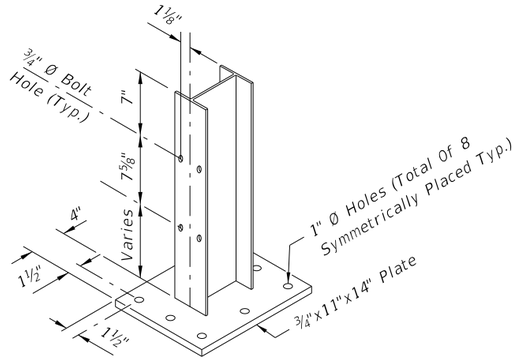

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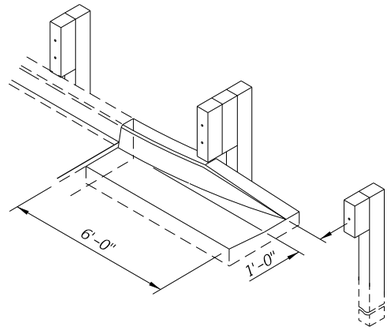

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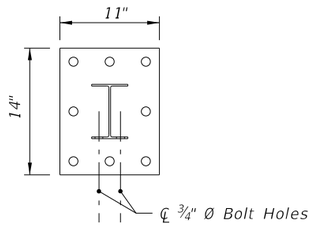

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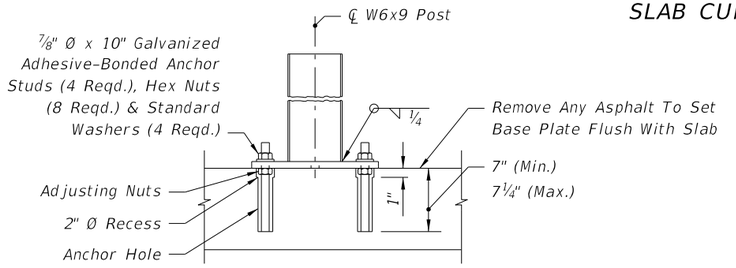

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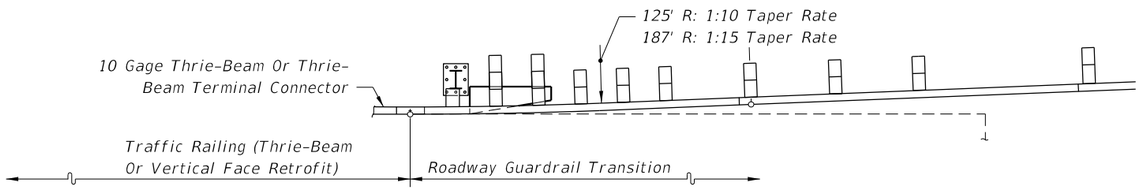

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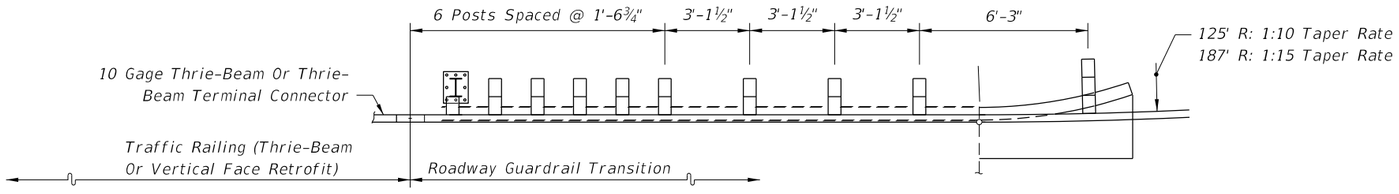

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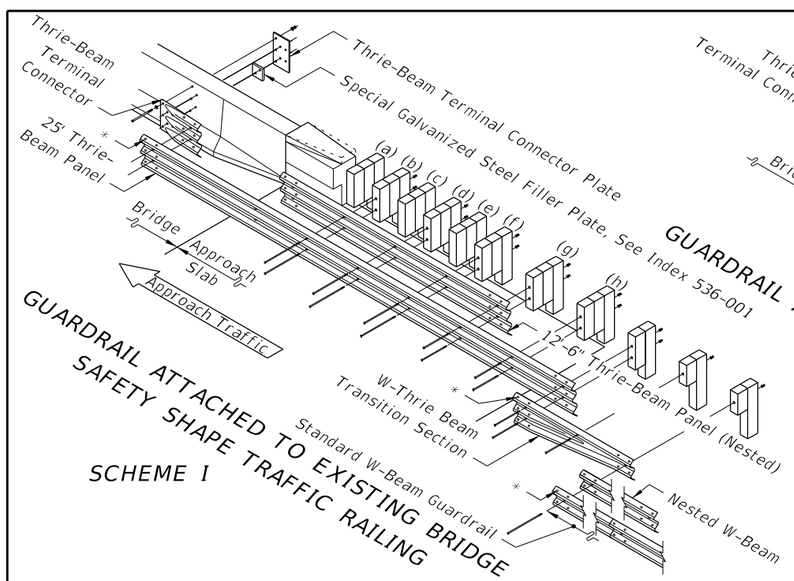

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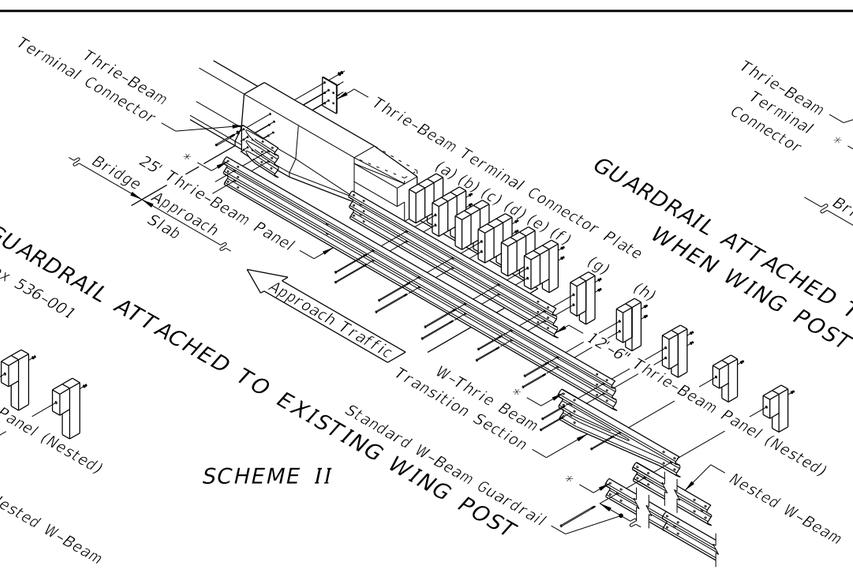

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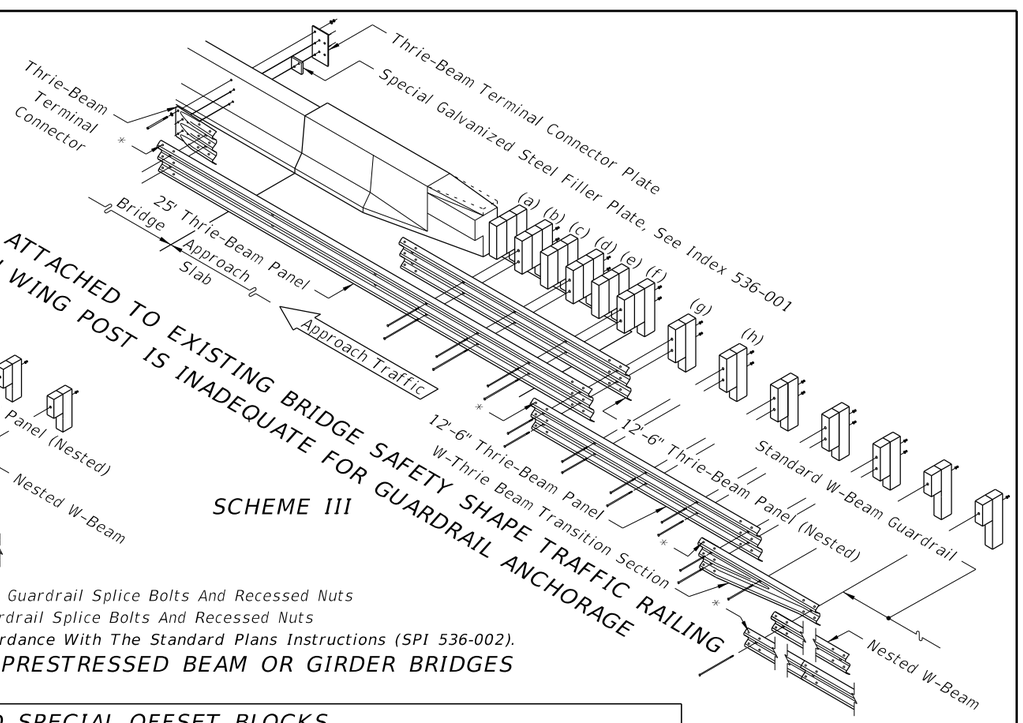

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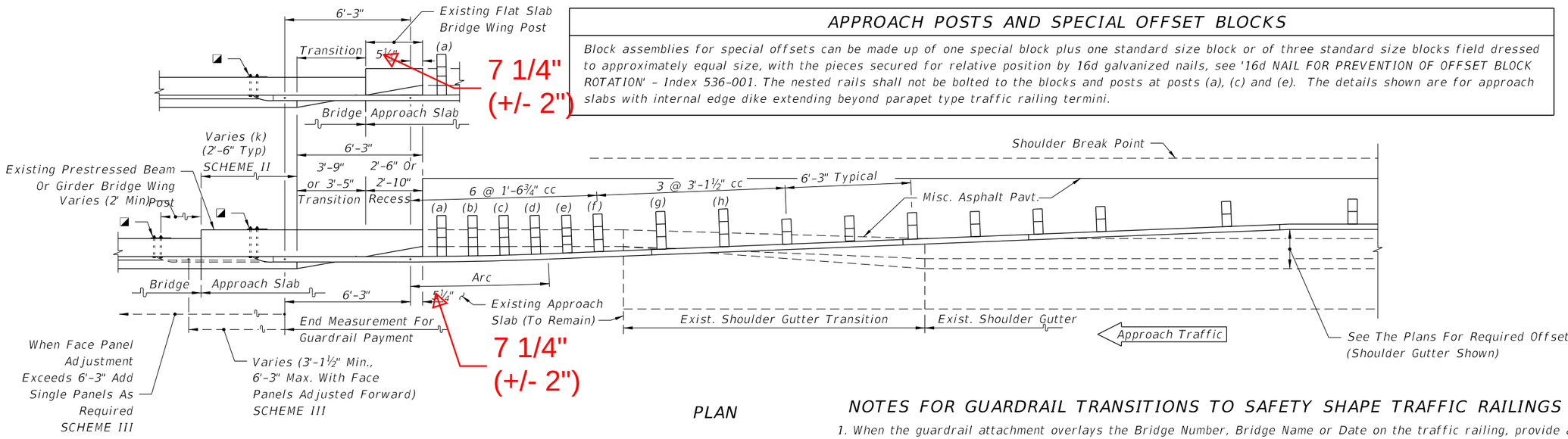

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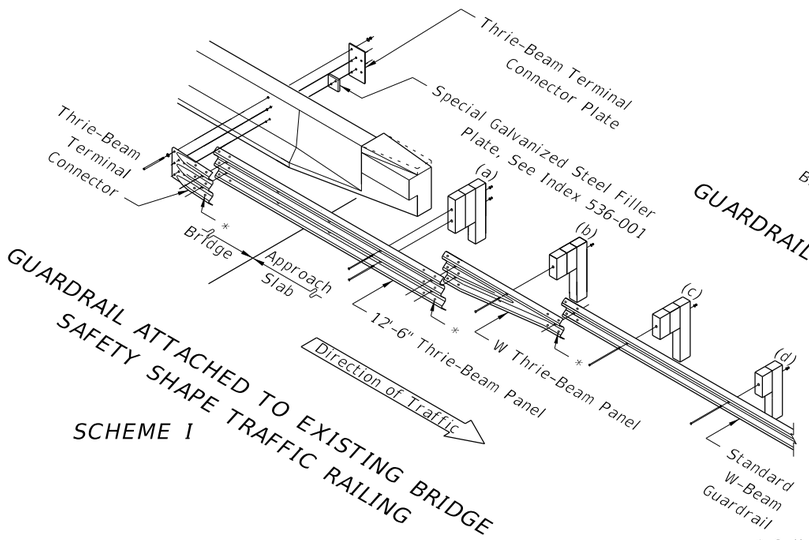

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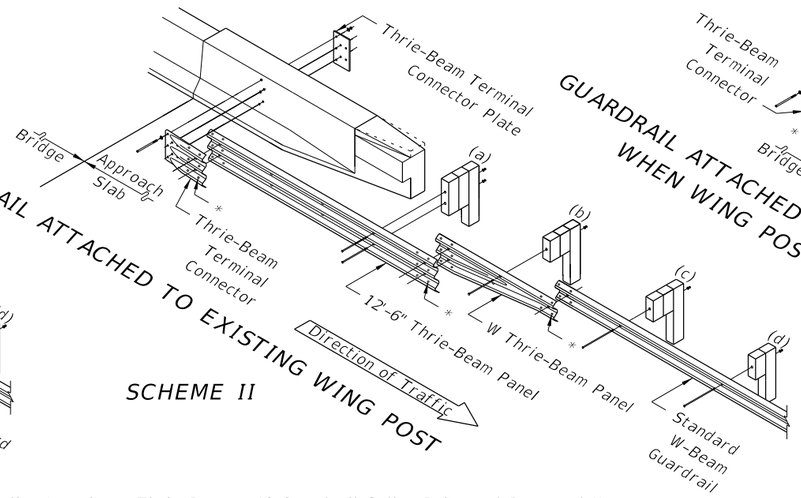

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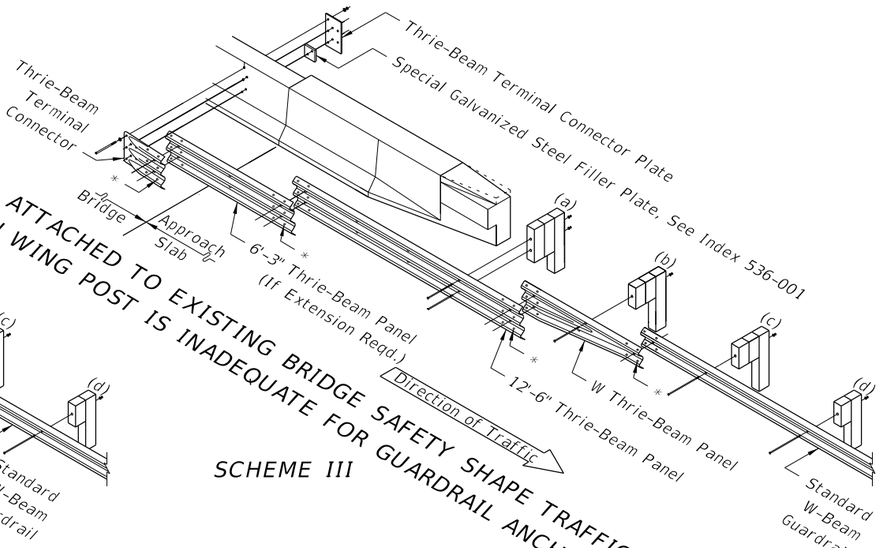

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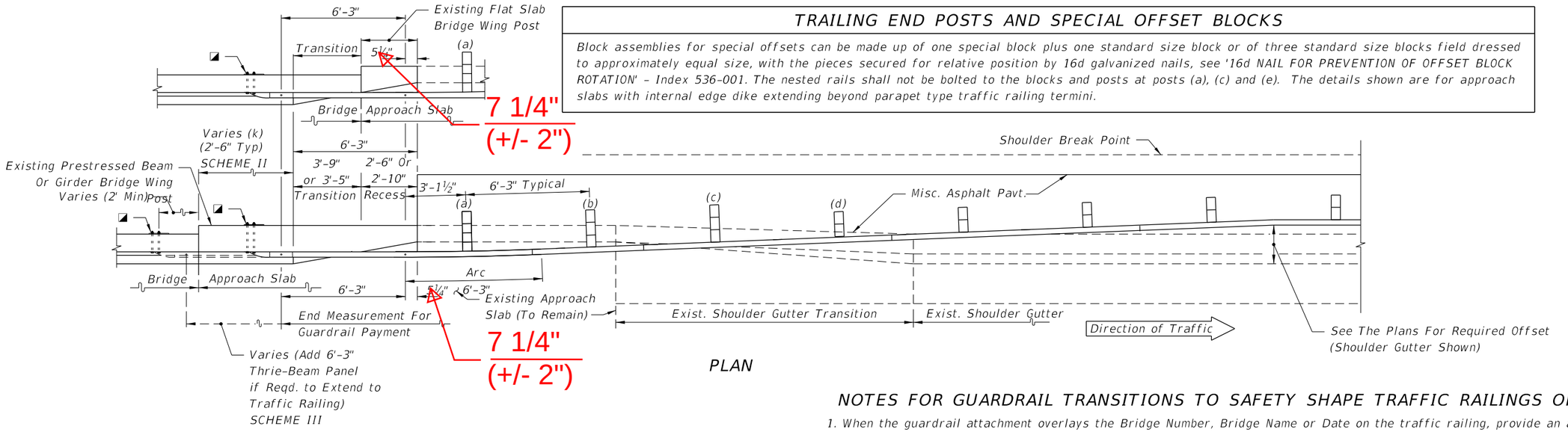

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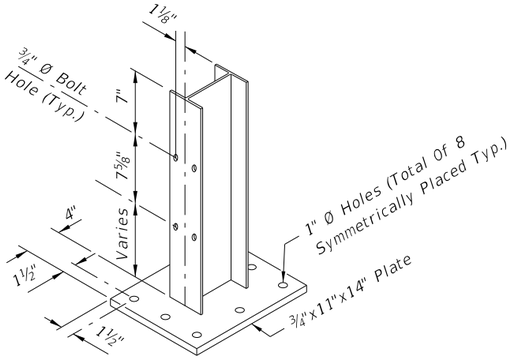

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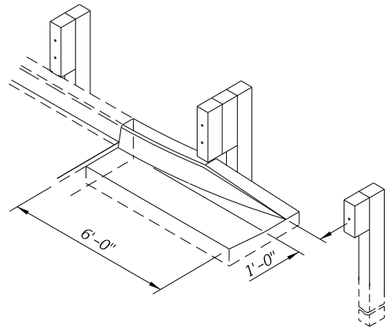

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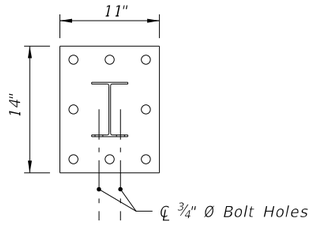

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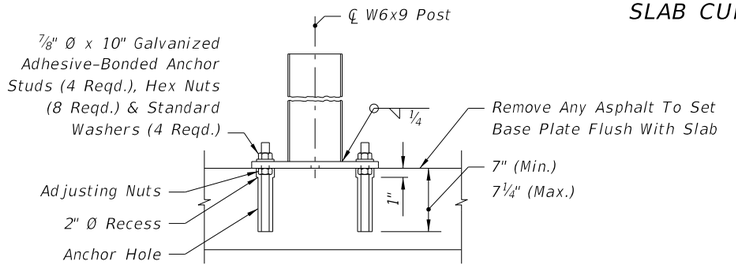

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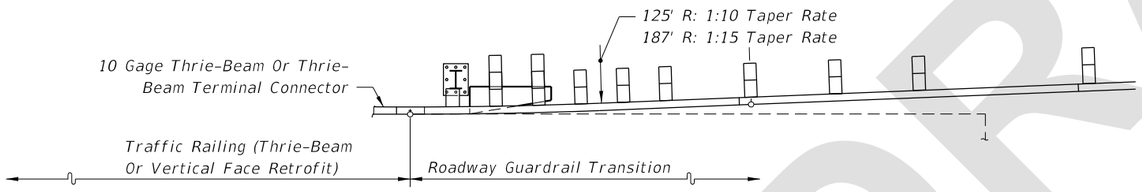

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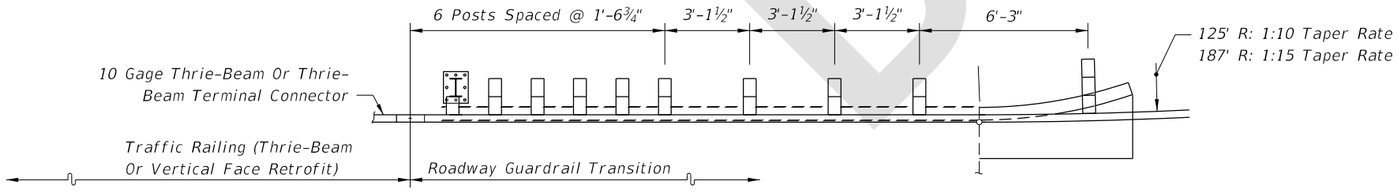

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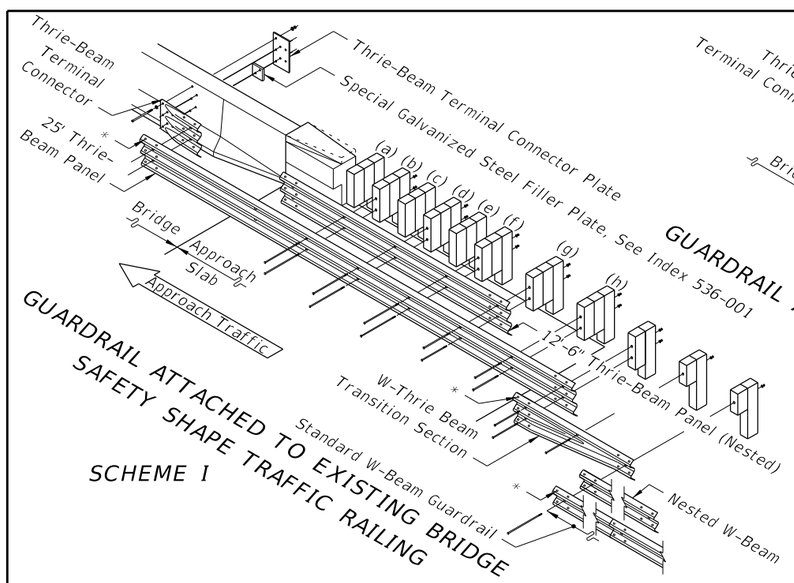

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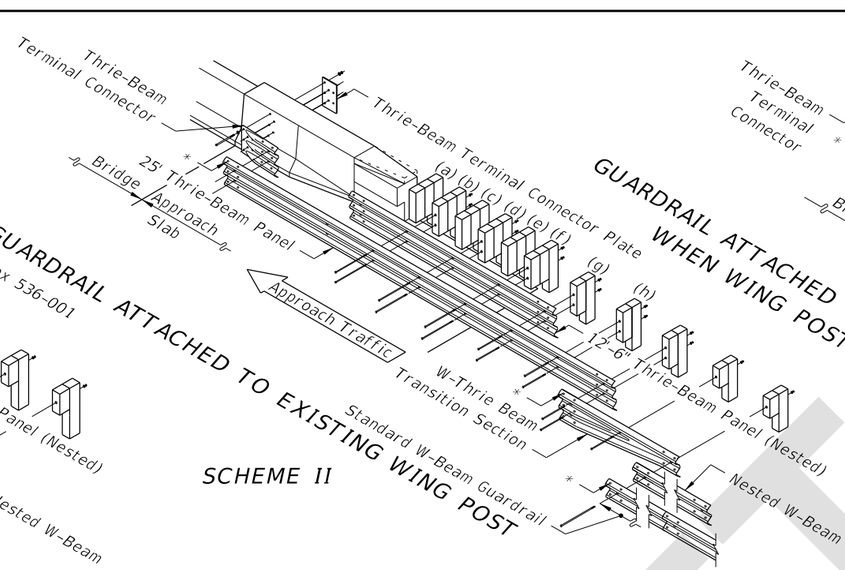

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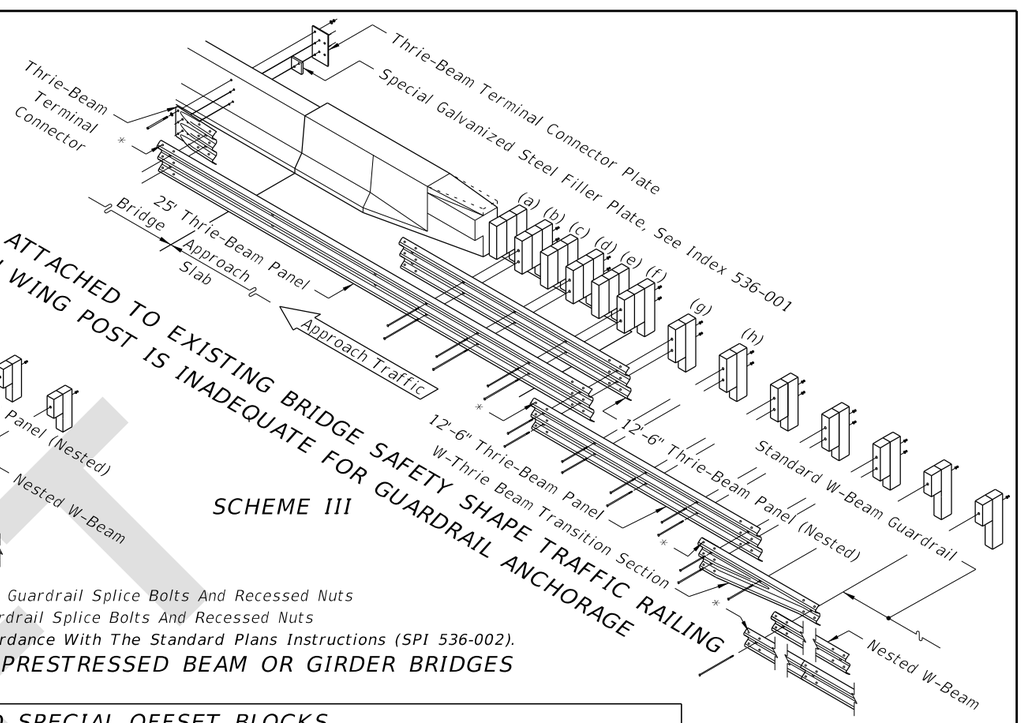

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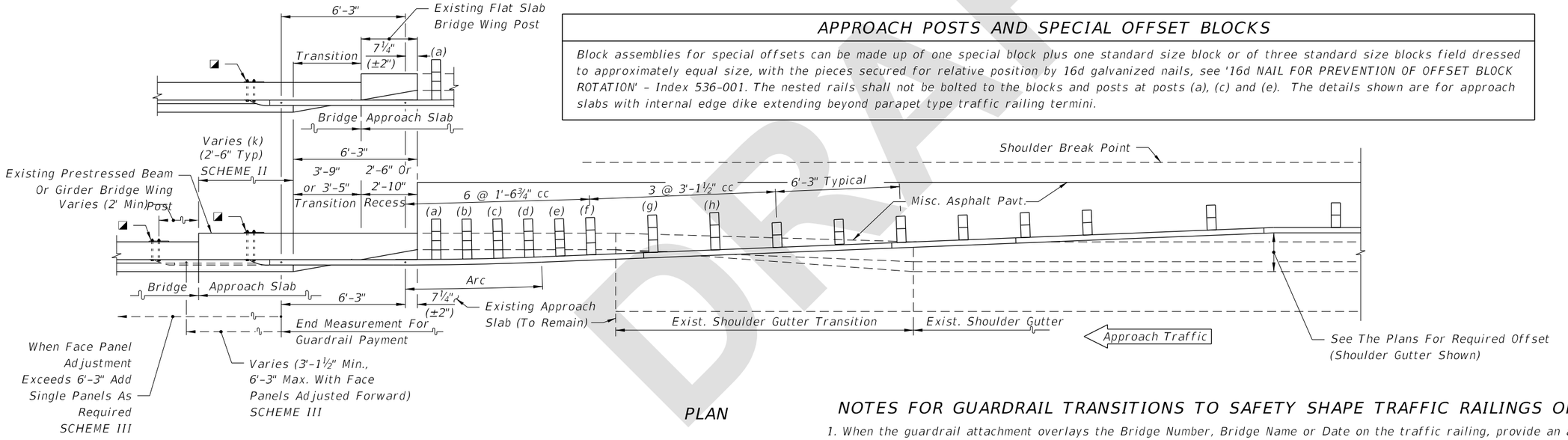

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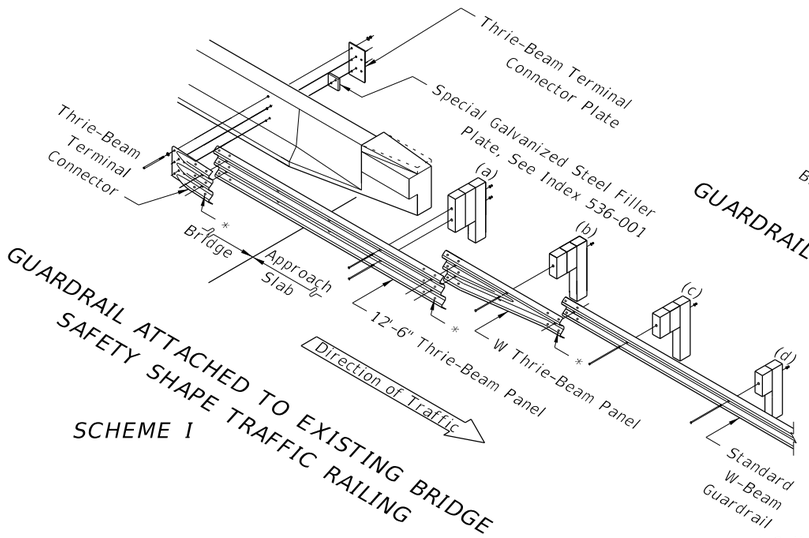

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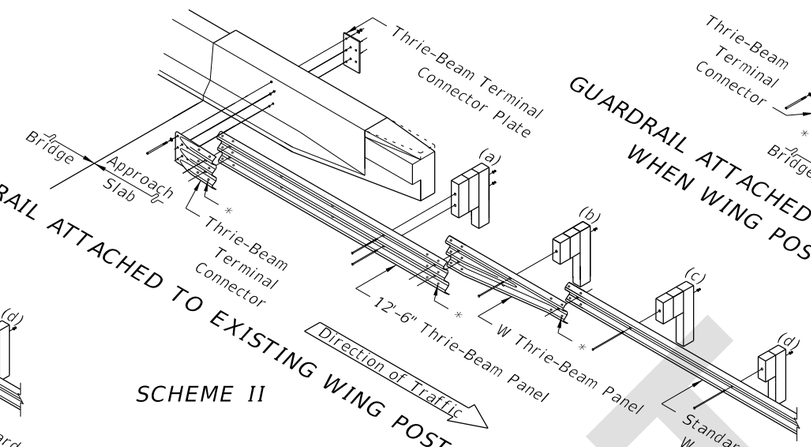
SCHEME I



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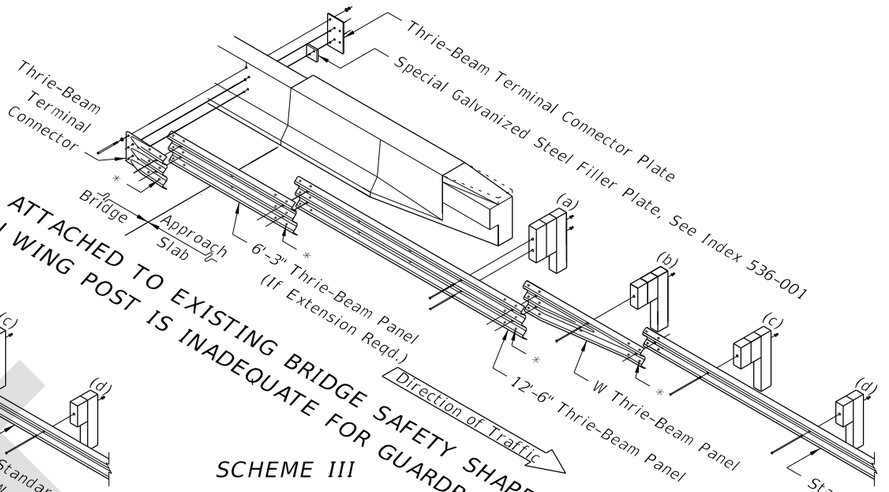
SCHEME II



GUARDRAIL ATTACHED TO EXISTING BRIDGE SAFETY SHAPE TRAFFIC RAILING WHEN WING POST IS INADEQUATE FOR GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE

SCHEME III

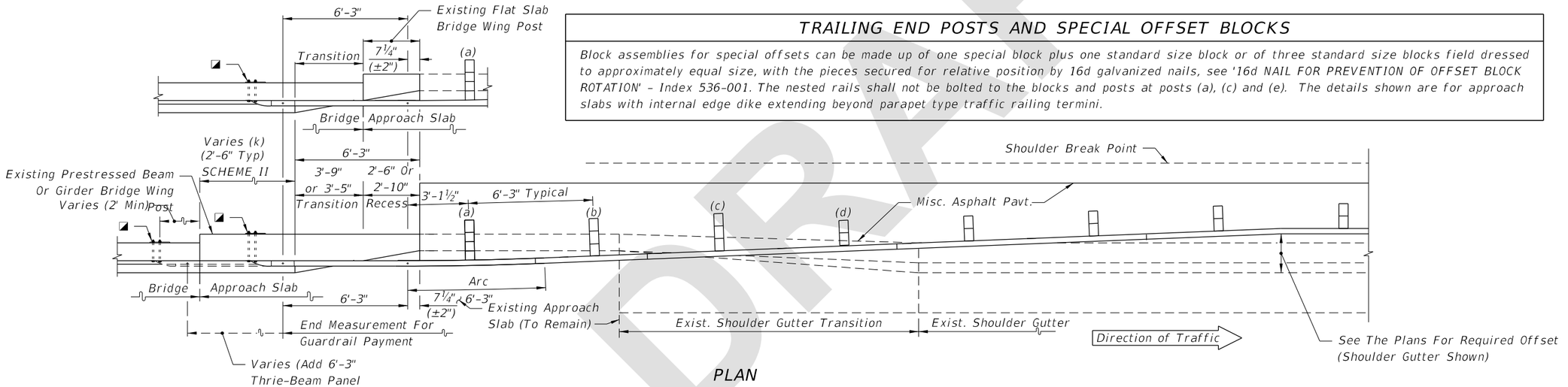
* Splice Locations: Thrie-Beam – 12 Guardrail Splice Bolts And Recessed Nuts
W-Beam – 8 Guardrail Splice Bolts And Recessed Nuts

Use Of Schemes II And III Shall Be Determined In Accordance With The Standard Plans Instructions (SPI 536-002).

GUARDRAIL TRANSITIONS TO EXISTING PRESTRESSED BEAM OR GIRDER BRIDGES

Use Of Scheme I Shall Be Determined In Accordance With The Standard Plans Instructions (SPI 536-002).

GUARDRAIL TRANSITION TO EXISTING FLAT SLAB BRIDGES



PLAN

TRAILING END POSTS AND SPECIAL OFFSET BLOCKS

Block assemblies for special offsets can be made up of one special block plus one standard size block or of three standard size blocks field dressed to approximately equal size, with the pieces secured for relative position by 16d galvanized nails, see '16d NAIL FOR PREVENTION OF OFFSET BLOCK ROTATION' – Index 536-001. The nested rails shall not be bolted to the blocks and posts at posts (a), (c) and (e). The details shown are for approach slabs with internal edge dike extending beyond parapet type traffic railing termini.

◪ 21"x12"x⅝" Thrie-Beam Terminal Connector Plate (Back-Up Plate), And ⅞"Ø x 18" Long [15" Long With 3½" Min. Thread Length For Bridge Safety Shape Railing] HS Hex Bolts And Nuts (5 Reqd.) With 2¼" OD Plain Round Washers Under Heads And Nuts. [When Attaching Guardrail To Existing Wing Posts Or Bridge Rails, Care Should Be Exercised To Avoid Damaging Conduits And Their Utilities That May Be Routed Through Wing Posts Or Bridge Rails. When Conduits And Their Utilities Are Encountered, At Least Five ⅞" HS Hex Bolts Shall Be Installed In Any Of The Seven Holes Provided In The Thrie-Beam Terminal Connector.]

NOTES FOR GUARDRAIL TRANSITIONS TO SAFETY SHAPE TRAFFIC RAILINGS ON EXISTING BRIDGES

1. When the guardrail attachment overlays the Bridge Number, Bridge Name or Date on the traffic railing, provide an aluminum sign panel with the obscured information. Attach the sign panel to the face of the traffic railing adjacent to the Thrie-Beam Terminal Connector with ¼"Ø x 1" long concrete screws or expansion anchors at each corner, as approved by the Engineer. The sign panel shall be a minimum 1/16" thick and meet the requirements of Specification 700 with a white background and 3" tall black letters and sized appropriately to contain the information required. The cost of the sign panel shall be included in the cost of the Guardrail Bridge Anchorage Assembly.

2. When retrofitting thrie-beam guardrail to existing wing posts or existing bridge safety shape traffic railing, attachment construction to be paid for under the contract unit price for Guardrail Bridge Anchorage Assembly, EA., and shall be full compensation for bolt hole construction, terminal connector, terminal connector plate(s) and bolts, nuts and washers.

GUARDRAIL TRAILING END TRANSITION CONNECTIONS FOR EXISTING FLAT SLAB, PRESTRESSED BEAM AND GIRDER BRIDGES WITH SAFETY SHAPE TRAFFIC RAILING EXTENDING LESS THAN FULL APPROACH SLAB LENGTH