905 Cross Sections

905.1 General

Cross sections depict the existing ground and manmade features, and proposed roadway template as sections perpendicular to the respective stations along a centerline or baseline of construction.

Cross section sheets are used to provide supplemental information during the plans phase review process. These sheets may also be used for coordination purposes (e.g., permit or utility, local agency, public meetings). These sheets are not to be placed within the Contract Plans Set. Signing and sealing these sheets is not required.

Enter a PDF of these sheets into the Electronic Review Comments (ERC) system with the Phase II and Phase III plans submittals. Include these sheets with the Phase IV ERC submittal when there are Phase III comments related to the cross sections. Provide a PDF of the cross section sheets for coordination purposes as needed (e.g., permits, utilities, public meetings).

See Exhibit 905-1 for an example of a Cross Section Sheet.

905.2 Sheet Set Up

This sheet may be produced on a standard-format sheet (11”x17”) or a large-format sheet (36”x48” or 36”x72”). Use landscape orientation regardless of sheet size selected.

Place as many cross sections on a sheet as possible using multiple columns of sections when appropriate. Create cross sections using a scale of 1” = 20’ horizontal and 1” = 10’ vertical. The standard cross section interval is 50 feet. Another interval may be used when appropriate based on the type and complexity of the project.

Show cross sections with stations increasing from the bottom to the top of the sheet and multiple columns placed from the left to the right.

Cross sections for mainline, side streets, and ramps are typically shown on separate sheets within a single PDF. The order of cross sections contained in the PDF should be the mainline, side streets, then ramps.

Display the begin and end earthwork stations and include the name of the mainline (e.g., SR 22), side street (e.g., Easy Street), or ramp (e.g., Ramp A). Indicate exception limits (e.g., Bridge No. 770175 STA 105+20 to 109+60).
905.3 Required Information

As illustrated in Exhibit 905-1, each cross section must include a background grid at the appropriate scale. Display the station for each cross section must be shown in the lower right area of the grid. Display (in feet) the horizontal offset from centerline along the bottom of the grid. Display the vertical elevation along both sides of the grid.

Each cross section must provide the following:

1. Label the centerline or baseline of construction.
2. Show and label R/W limits.
3. Show existing ground lines.
4. Show below ground portions of existing features, e.g., pavement, curb, sidewalk.
5. Show and label parallel underground utilities.
6. Show the proposed roadway template and include:
   a. Profile grade elevation
   b. Special ditch elevation
   c. Pavement and sidewalk cross slope
   d. Median and outer slope ratio
7. Show, and label, the lower limits (undercut line) of the removal of organic or plastic material. See FDM 216 and Standard Plans, Index 120-002 for the requirements of subsoil excavation; i.e., removal of unsuitable organic or plastic soils.

Showing parallel drainage pipes or structures is not required.