



January 27, 2012

In Reply Refer To: HSST/B-231

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Name of system: Transition from steel post MGS to thrie-beam approach

Type of system: W-beam to thrie-beam stiffness transition

Test Level: MASH Test Level 3

Testing conducted by: Midwest Roadside Safety Facility

Task Force 13 Designator: STG03a
Date of request: June 28, 2011
Date initially acknowledged: July 17, 2011
Date of completed package: June 28, 2011

Decision:

The following device is eligible, with details provided in your letter of June 28, 2011, which is enclosed as an integral part of this finding:

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Based on a review of crash test results submitted by the manufacturer certifying the device described herein meets the crashworthiness criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

FHWA: HSST: Artimovich: sf: x61331:1/25/12

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Transition Letter.dotx

cc: HSST (NArtimovich; JDewar)

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Requirements

Roadside safety devices should meet the guidelines contained in the MASH.

Description and Crash Testing

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Also enclosed are the test data summary sheets and drawings of the transitions.

Findings

Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached letter, including the various attachment alternatives, is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

Please note the following standard provisions that apply to FHWA eligibility letters:

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- This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the systems and does not cover their structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may influence the crashworthiness of the system will require a new reimbursement eligibility letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service performance reveals safety problems, or that the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, we reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter.
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- You will be expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the crashworthiness requirements of the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware.

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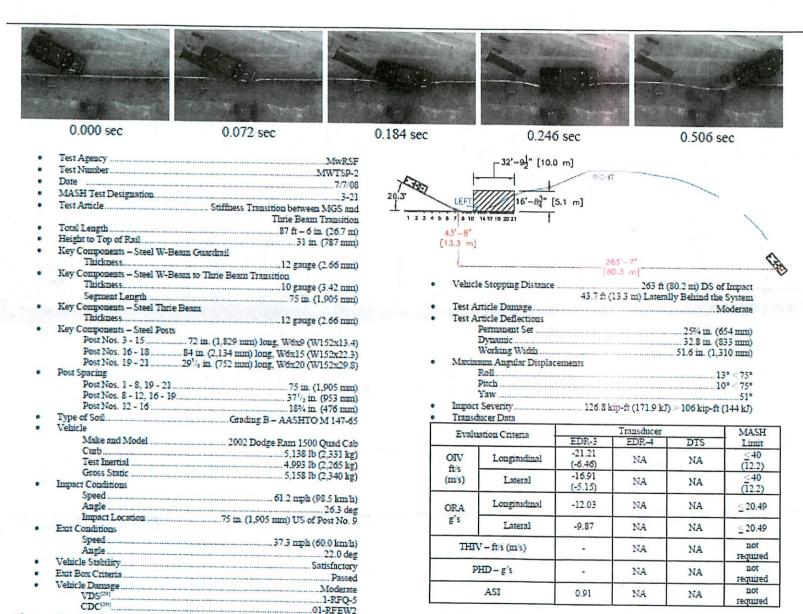
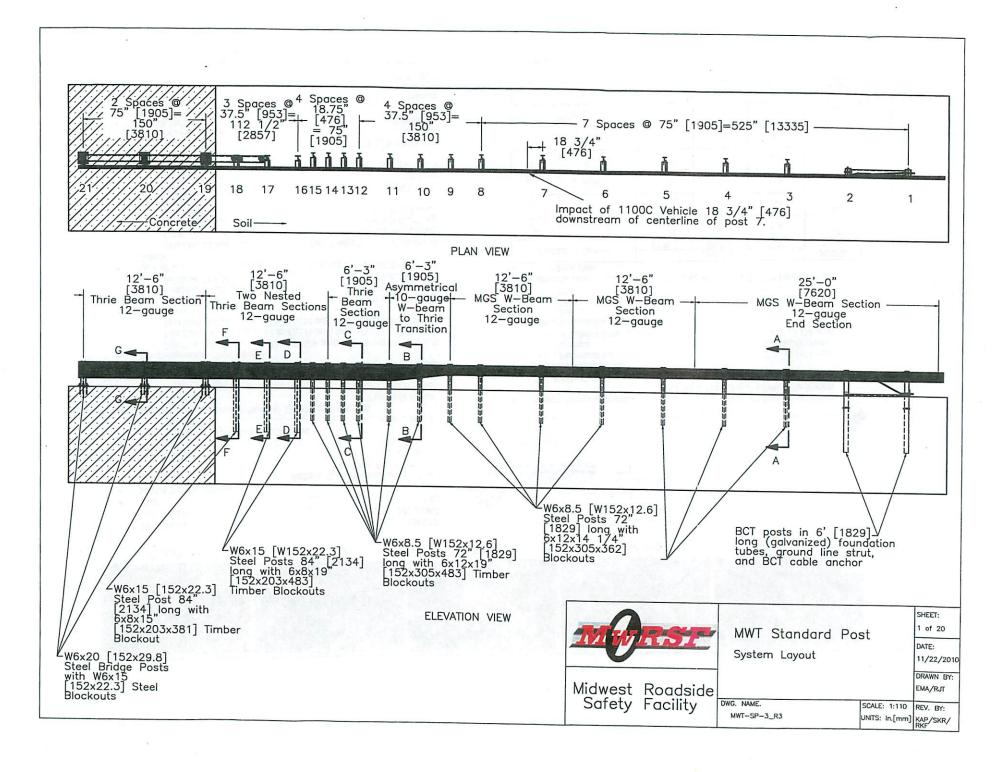
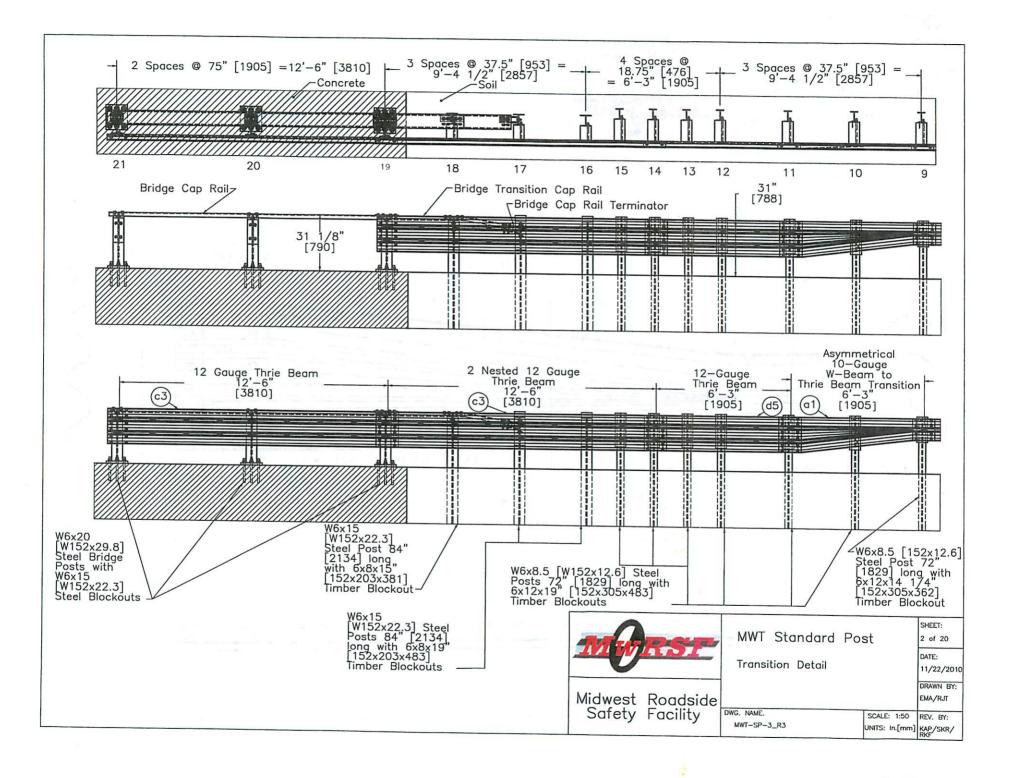
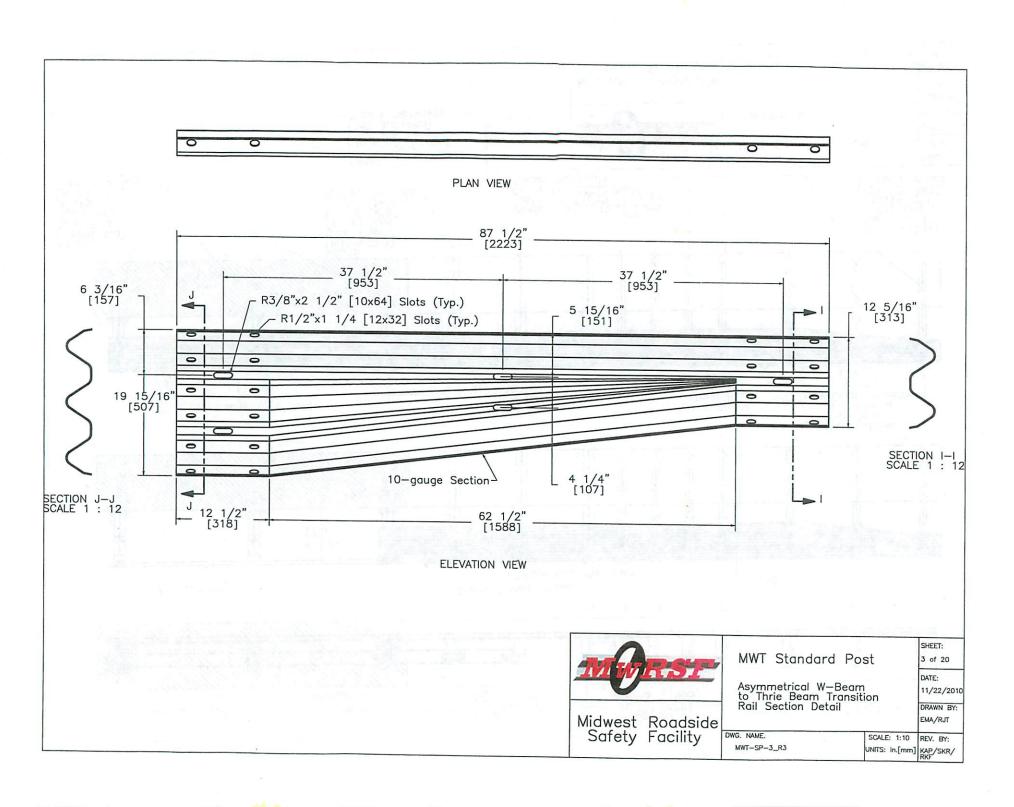
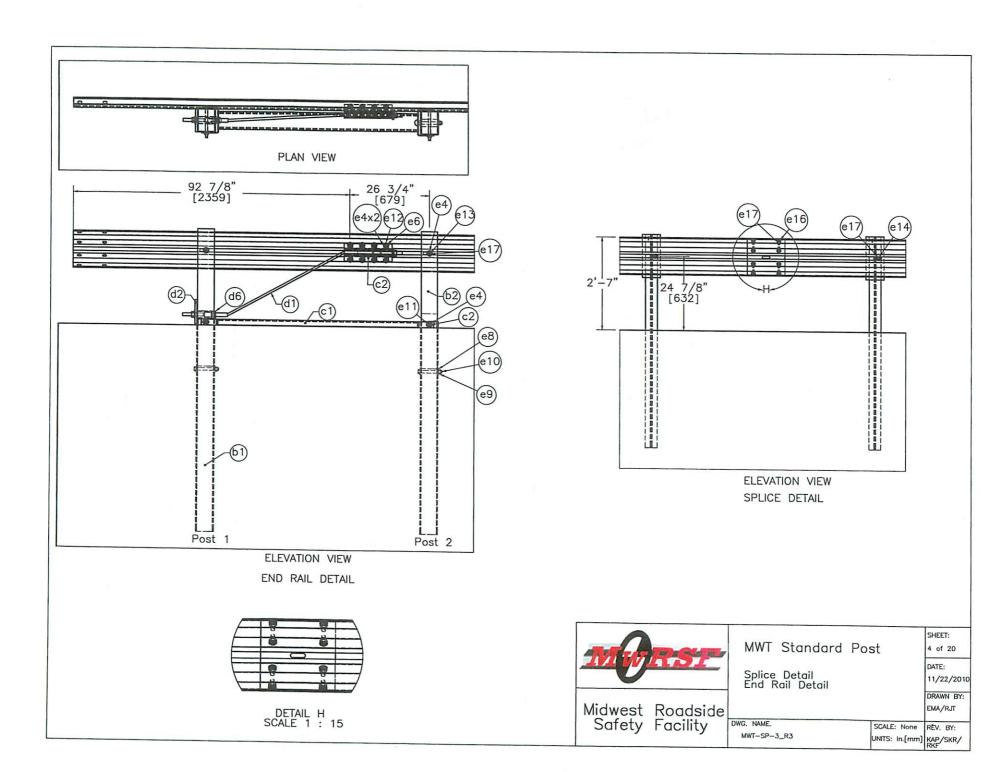


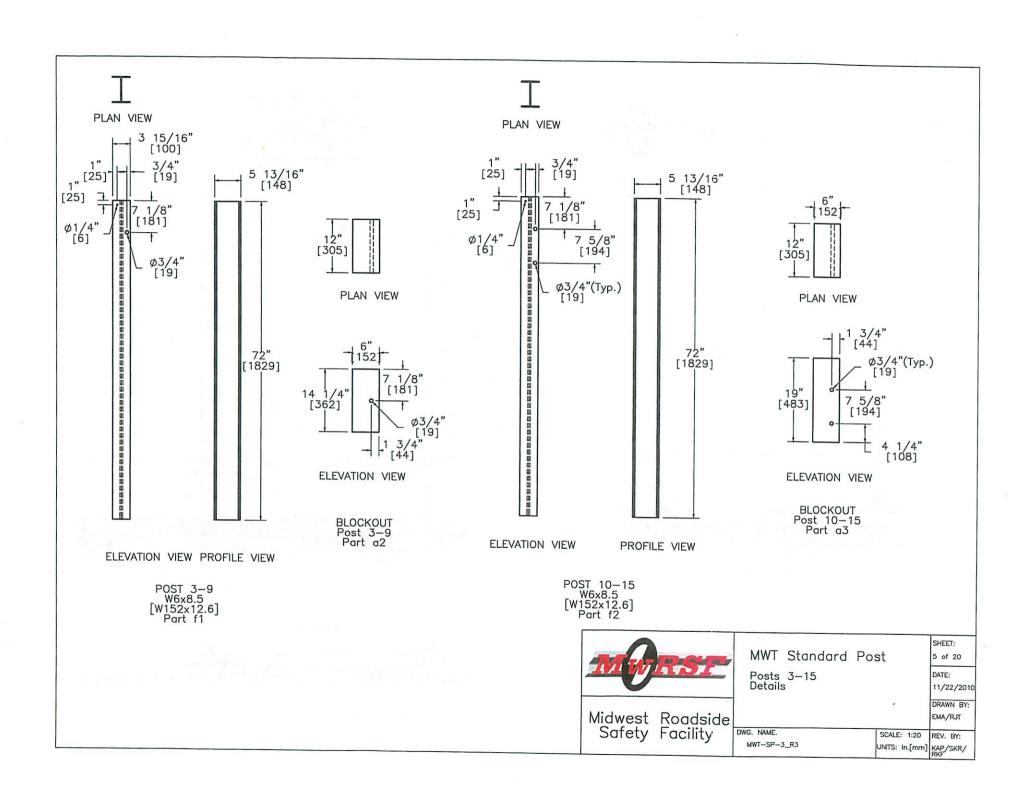
Figure 64. Summary of Test Results and Sequential Photographs, Test No. MWTSP-2

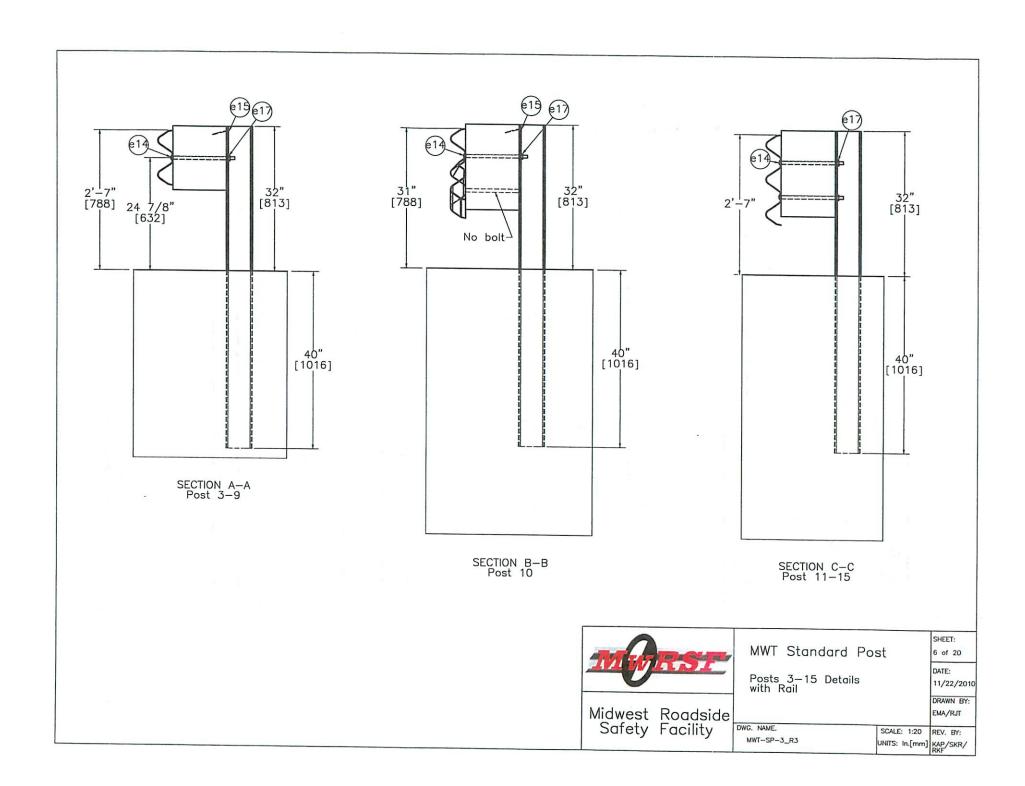


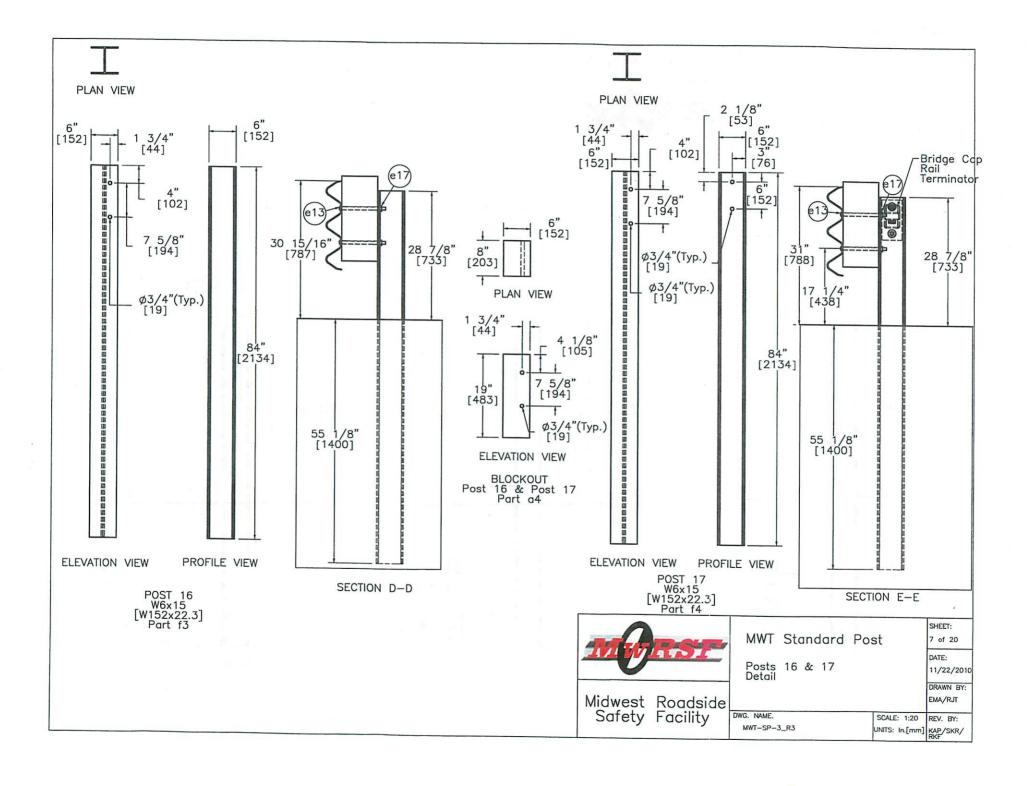


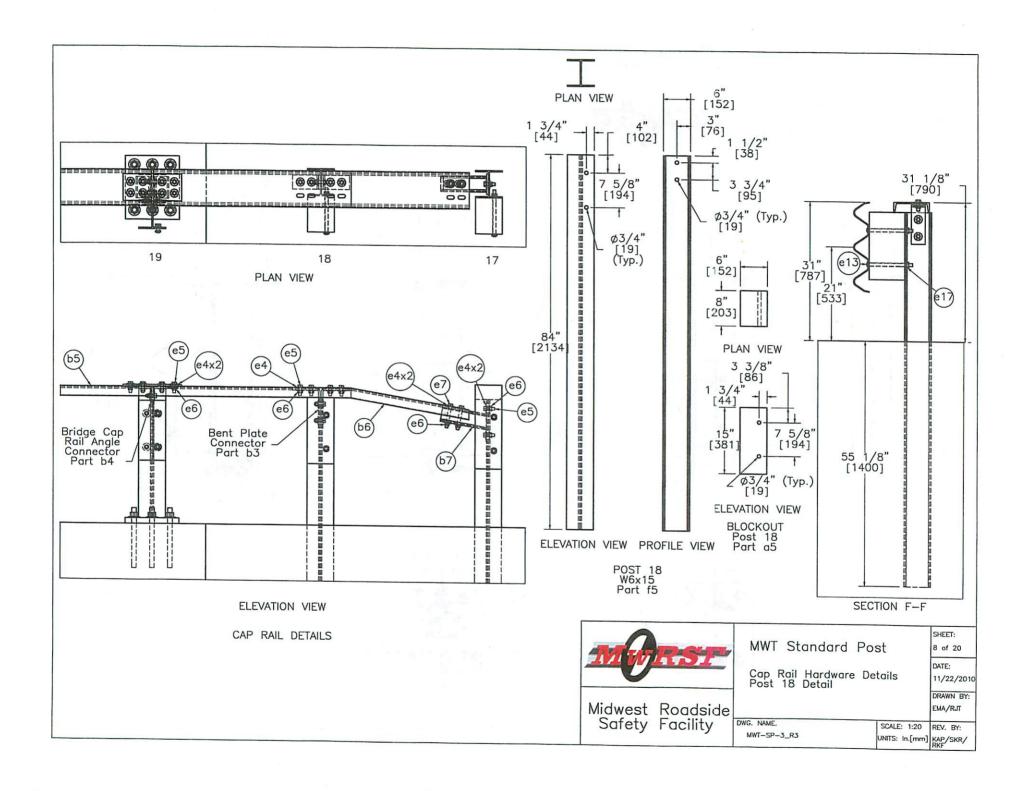


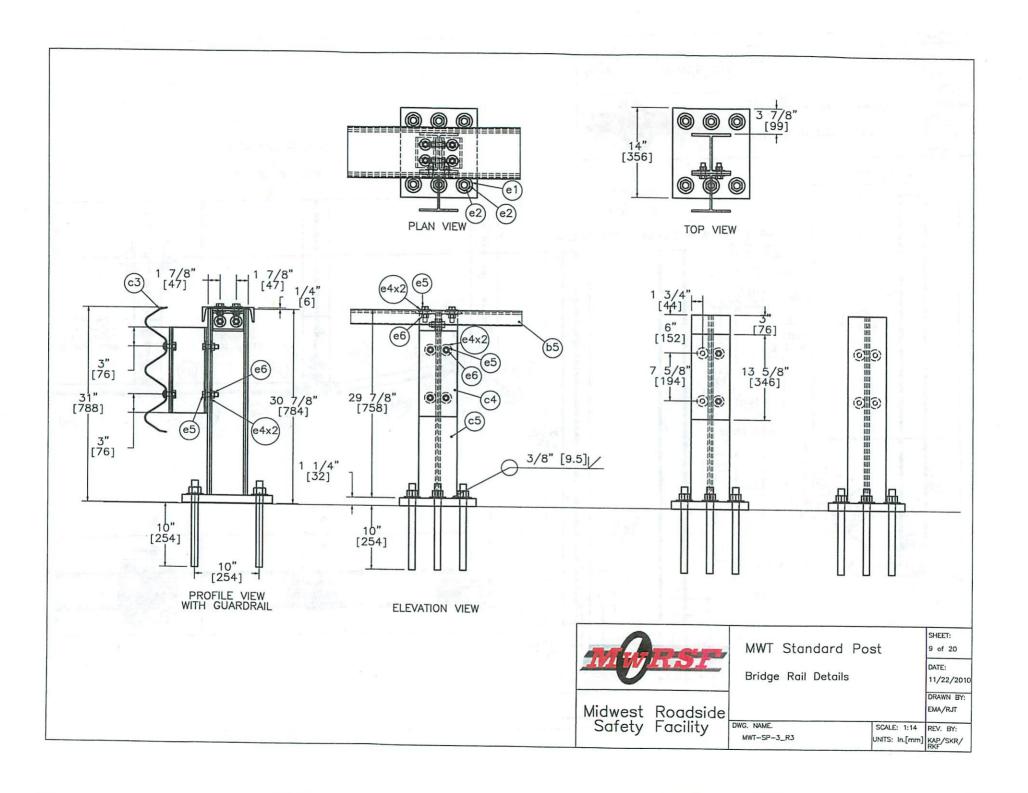


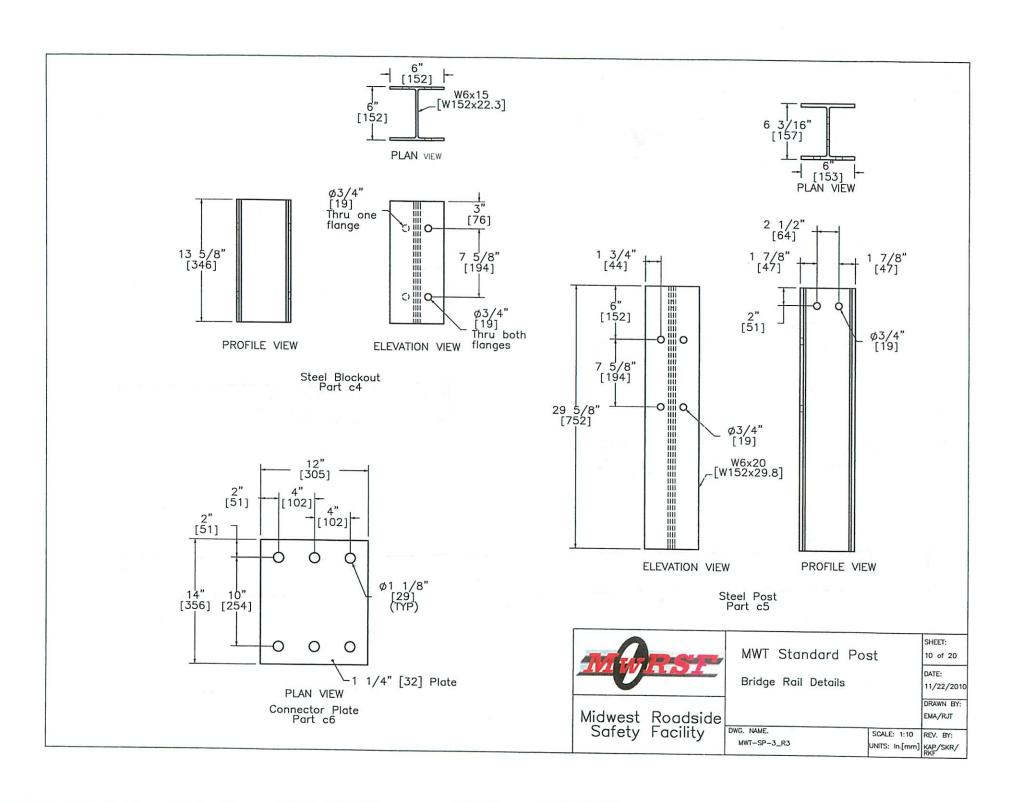


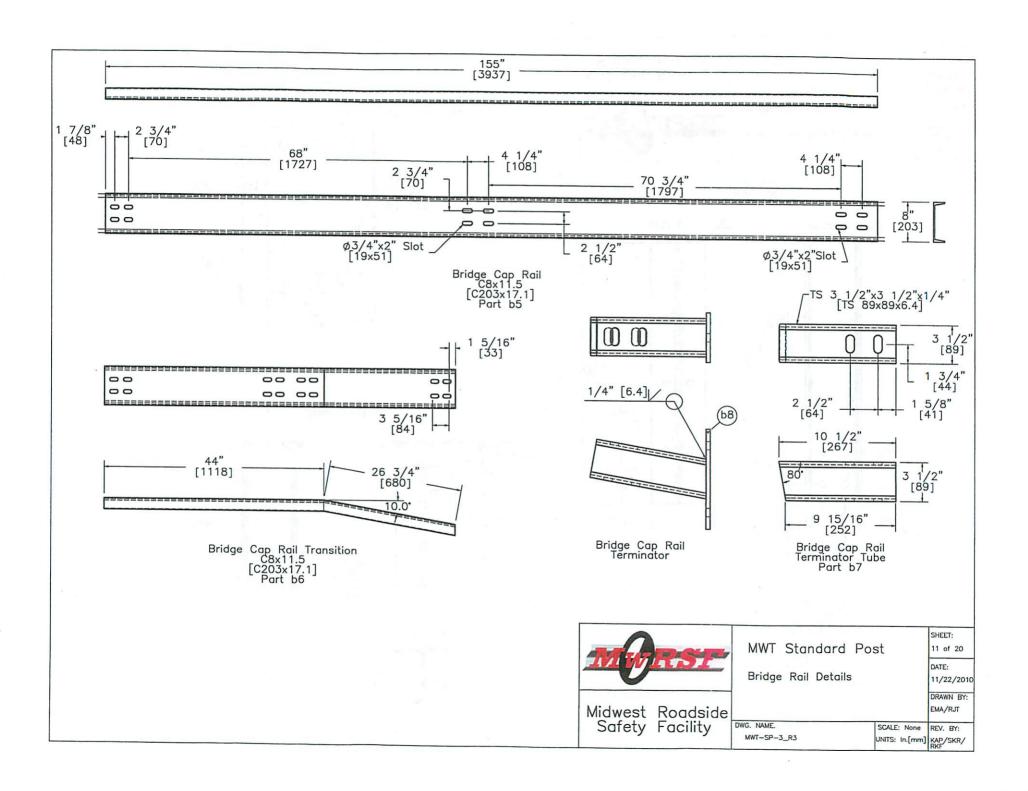


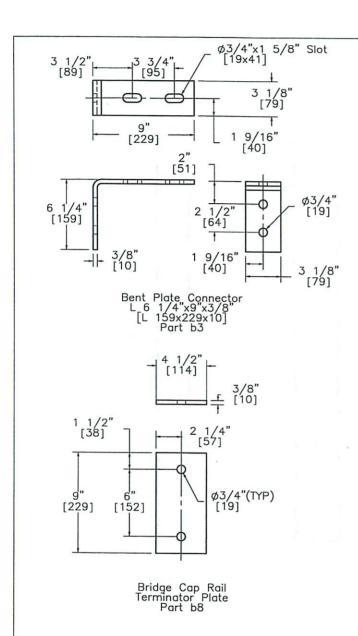


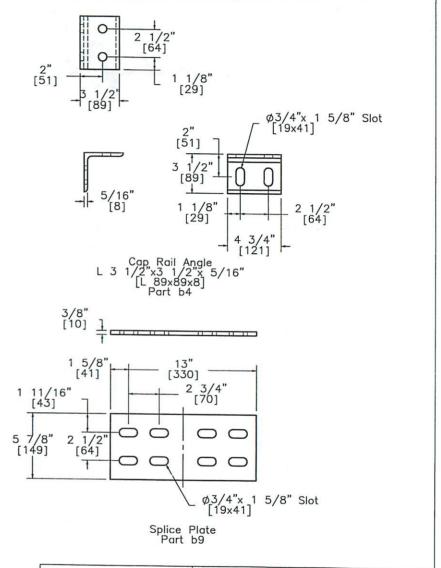


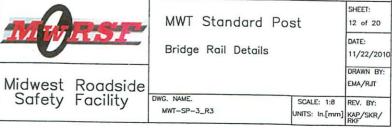


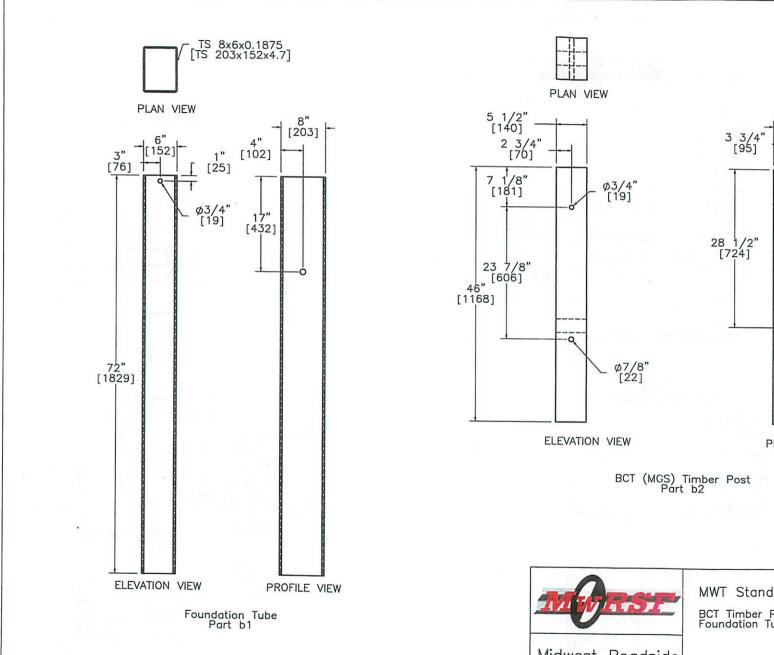


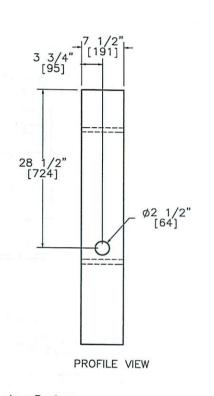


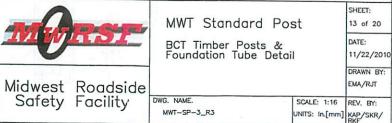


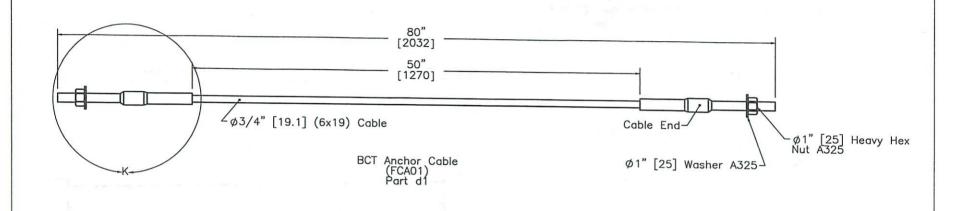


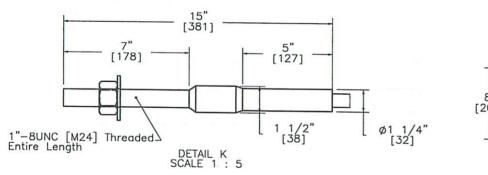


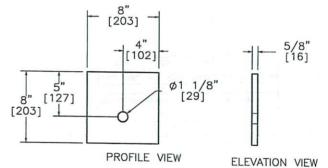












Anchor Cable Bearing Plate (FPB01) Part d2



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BCT Anchor Cable Detail

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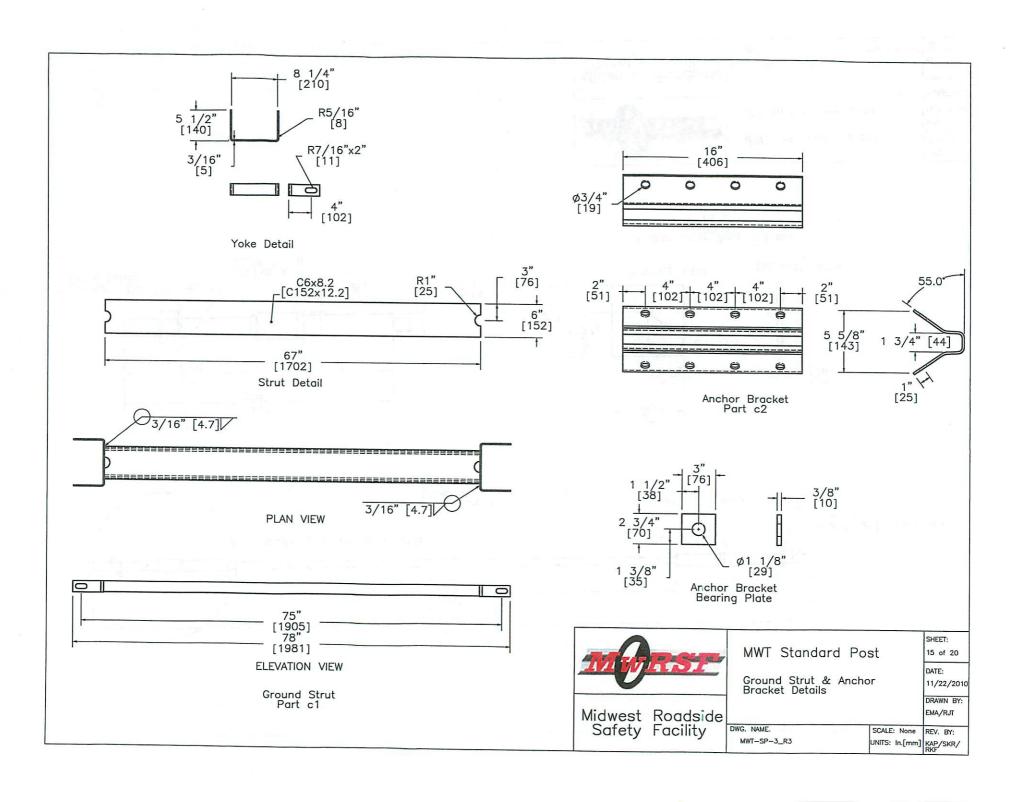
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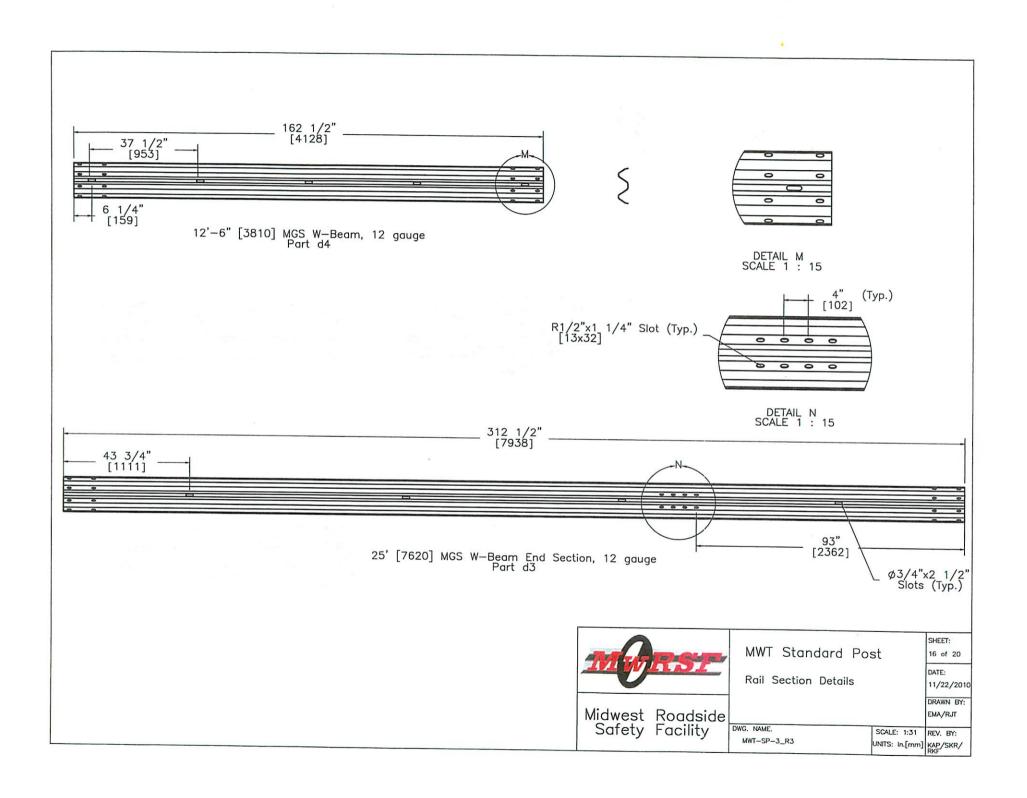
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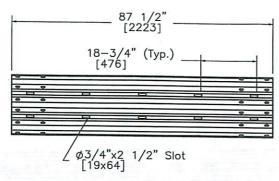
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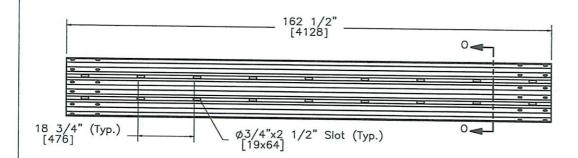
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6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section, 12 gauge, 1/4 Post Spacing Part d5



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12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section, 12 gauge, 1/4 Post Spacing Part c3



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Rail Section Details

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a 1	1	6'-3" [1905] W-Beam to Thrie-Beam Transition Section	10 gauge AASHTO M180	_
a2	7	6x12x14 1/4" [152x305x362] Blockout	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a3	6	6x12x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a4	2	10-15 6x8x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post 16-17	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a5	1	6x8x15" [152x305x381] Blockout - Post	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
b1	2	72" [1829] Foundation Tube	A500 Grade B	PTE05
b2	2	BCT Timber Post -MGS Height	SYP Grade No. 1 or better	PDF01
b3	2	Bridge Cap Rail Bent Plate Connector 6 1/4x9x3/8" [159x229x9.5]	A36 Steel	_
b4	6	Bridge Cap Rail Angle 3 1/2x3 1/2x5/16" [89x89x7.9]	A36 Steel	
b5	1	Bridge Cap Rail C8x11.5 [C203x17.1]	A36 Steel	_
b6	1	Bridge Cap Rail C8x11.5 [C203x17.1]	A36 Steel	_
b7	1	Bridge Cap Rail Terminator Tube 3 1/2x3 1/2x1/4" [89x89x6.4]	A36 Steel	_
b8	1	Terminator Plate 9x4 1/2x3/8" [229x114x9.5]	A36 Steel	_
b9	1	Bridge Cap Rail Splice Plate 5 7/8x13x3/8" [149x330x9.5]	A36 Steel	-
c1	1	Strut and Yoke Assembly	A36 Steel	PFP01
c2	1	Anchor Bracket	A36 Steel	FPA01
c3	3	12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section — 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
c4	3	W6x15 [W152x22.3] Steel Bridge Blockout	A36 Steel	_
c5	3	W6x20 [W152x29.8] Steel Bridge Post	A36 Steel	
c6	3	12x14x1 1/4" [305x356x32] Bridge Cap Connector Plate	A36 Steel	
d1	1	BCT Anchor Cable 6' [1829] Long	6x19 Cable	FCA01
d2	1	8x8x5/8" [203x203x15.9] Anchor Bearing	A36 Steel	FPB01
d3	1	25' [7620] W-Beam MGS End Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
d4	2	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	_
d5	1	6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section — 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
d6	1	2 3/8" [60] O.D.x 6" [152] long BCT Hole insert	ASTM A53 Grade B Schedule 40	FMM02



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Bill of Materials

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e2	20	1"Dia. [25] Heavy Hex Nut	Grade 5	A325 or A449 Substitute
е3	18	1"Dia. [25] Threaded Rod	Grade A307	Substitute
e4	116	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Flat Washer	Grade 5	_
e5	42	5/8"Dia. x 2" [M16x51] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX16a
e6	54	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Hex Nut	Grade 5	A325 or A449 Substitute
e7	2	5/8"Dia. x 5" [M16x127] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX16a
e8	4	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Flat Washer	Grade 5	FWC22a
e9	2	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Hex Nut	Grade 5	FBX22a
e10	2	7/8"Dia. x 7 1/2" [M22x191] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX22a
e11	2	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX16a
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e13	8	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	FBB03
e14	18	5/8"Dia. x 14" [M16x356] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	FBB06
e15	8	16D Double Head Nail	_	_
e16	66	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38] Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	FBB01
e17	92	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Guardrail Nut	Grade 5	-
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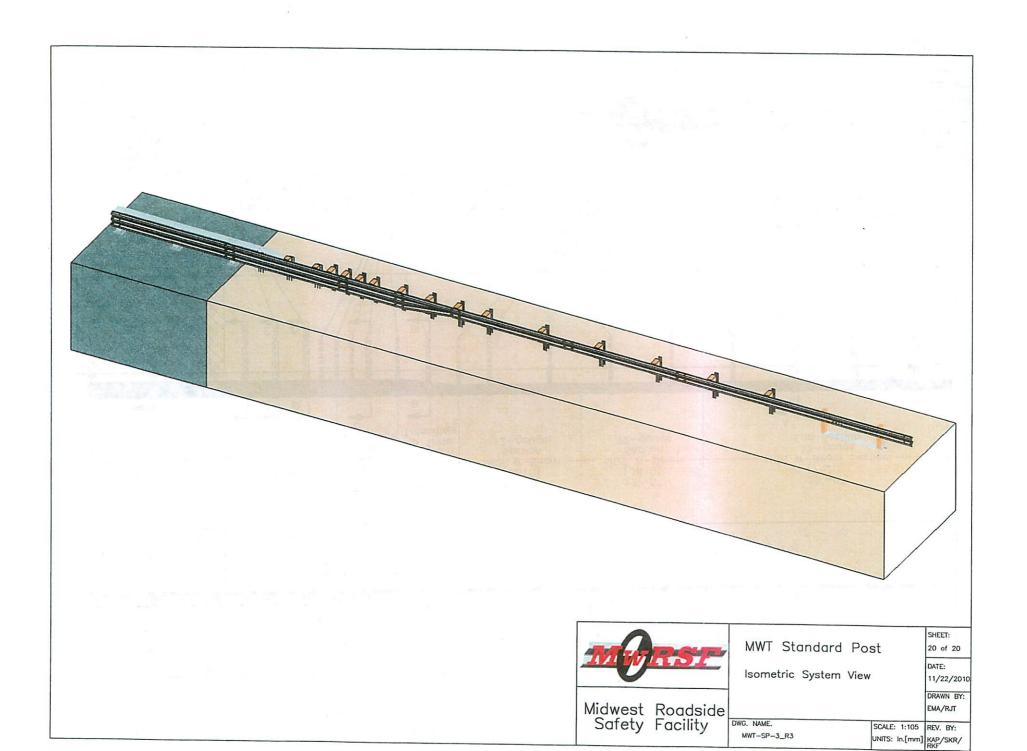
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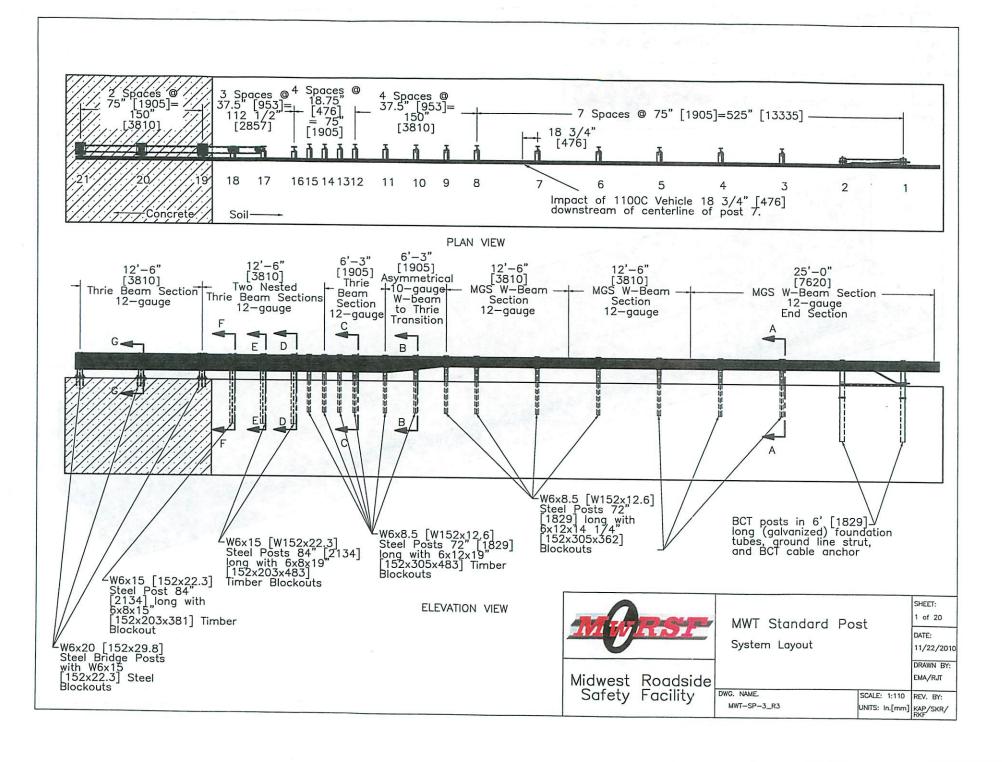
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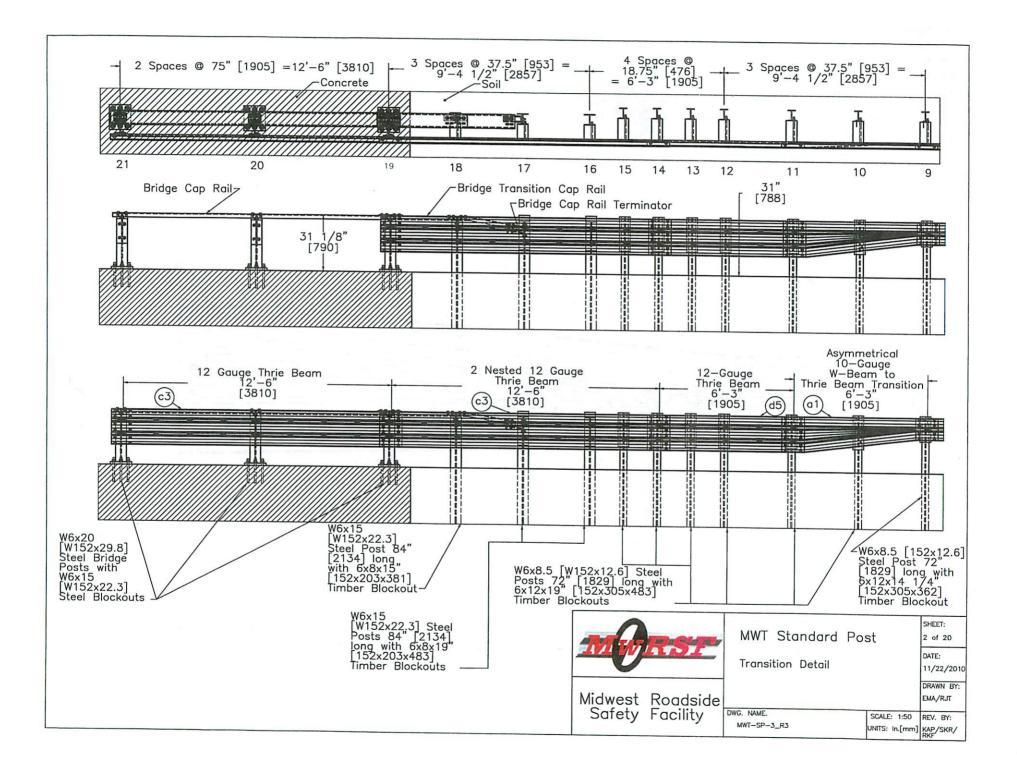
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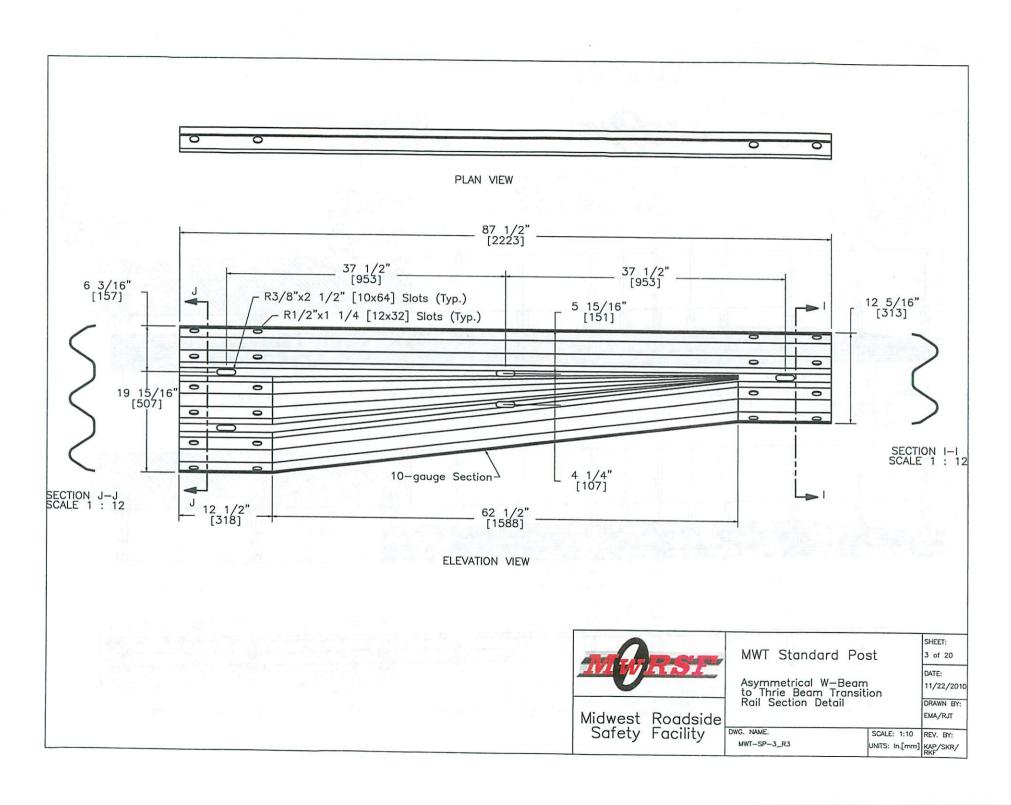
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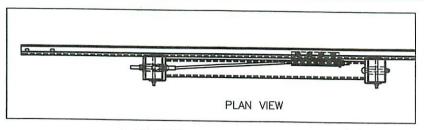
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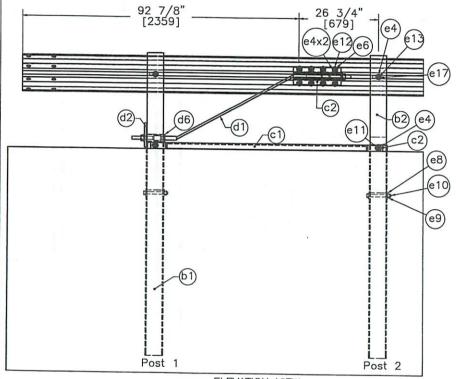




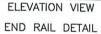








2'-7" 24 7/8" H. ELEVATION VIEW





DETAIL H SCALE 1 : 15



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Splice Detail End Rail Detail

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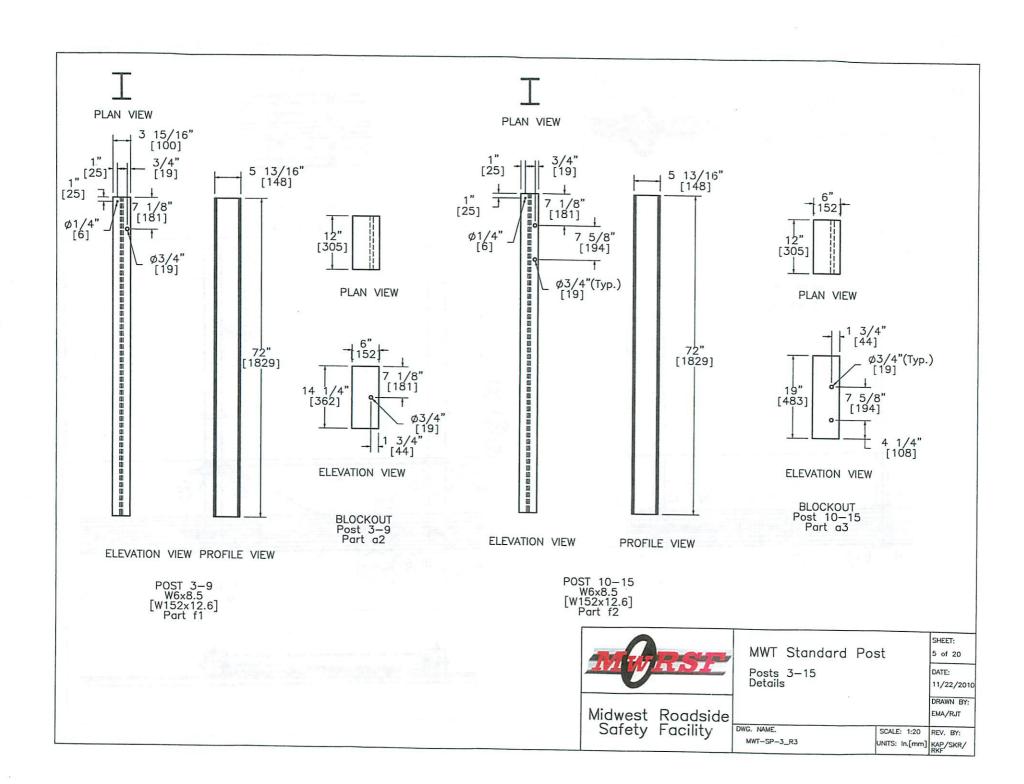
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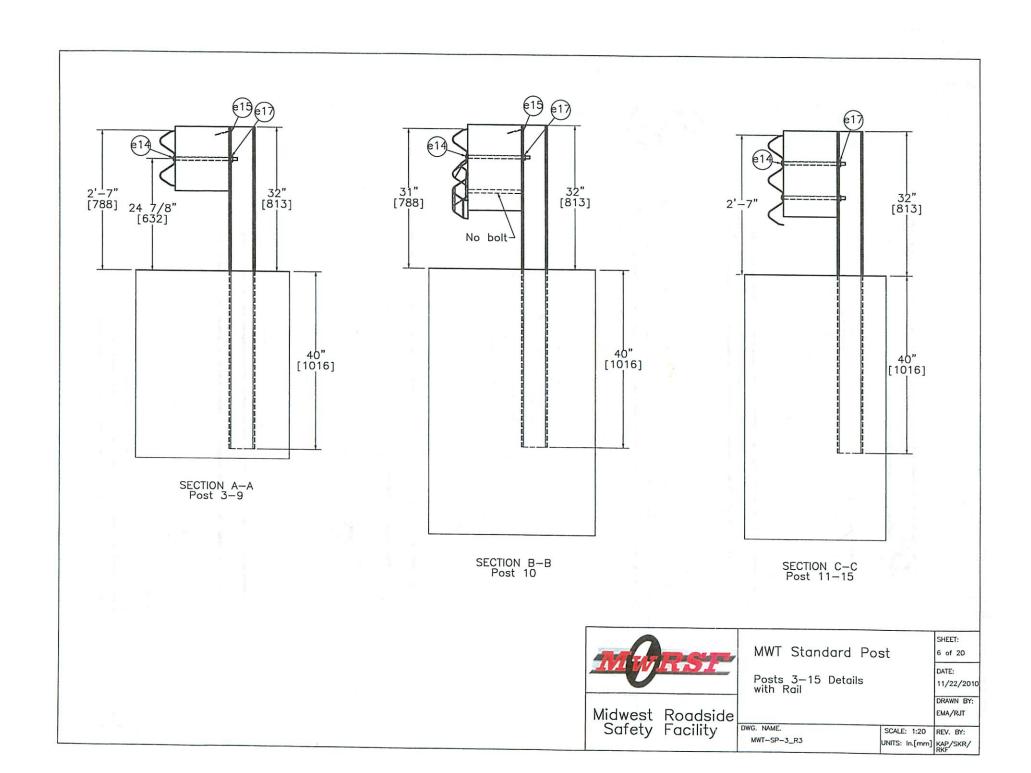
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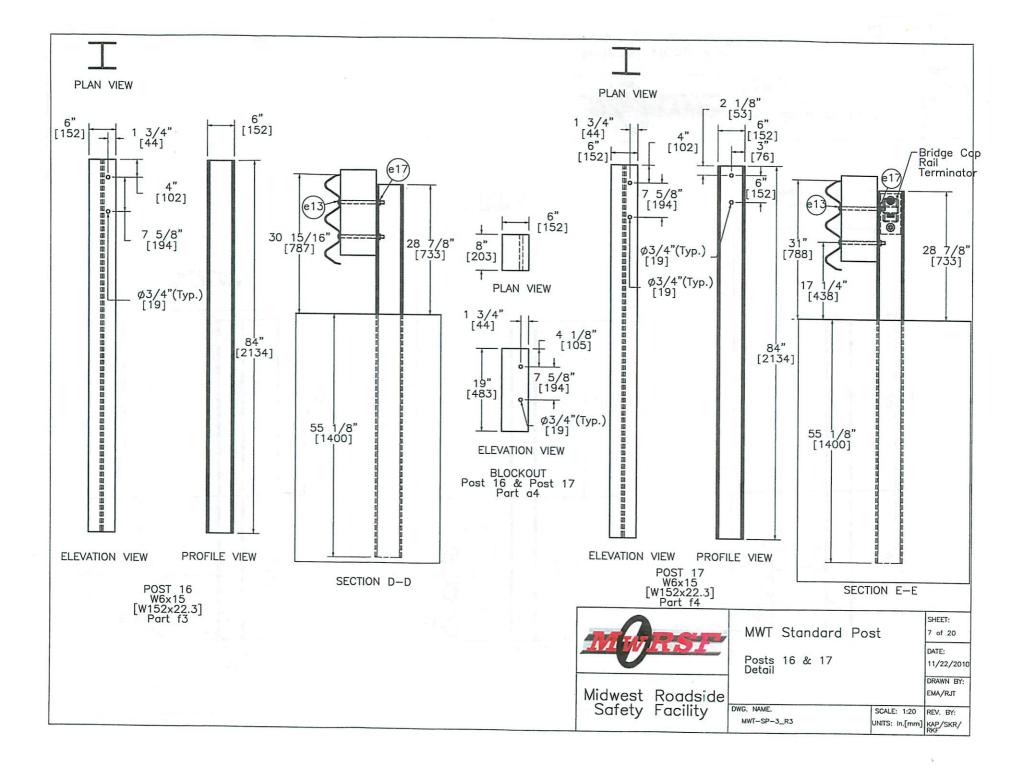
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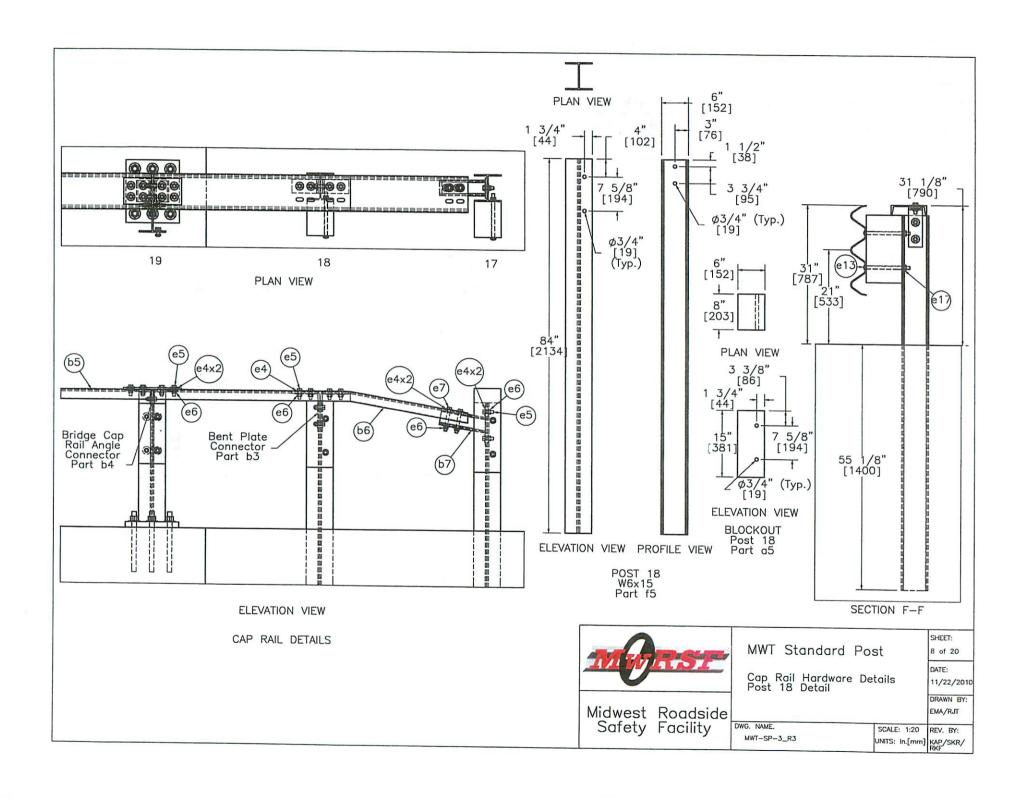
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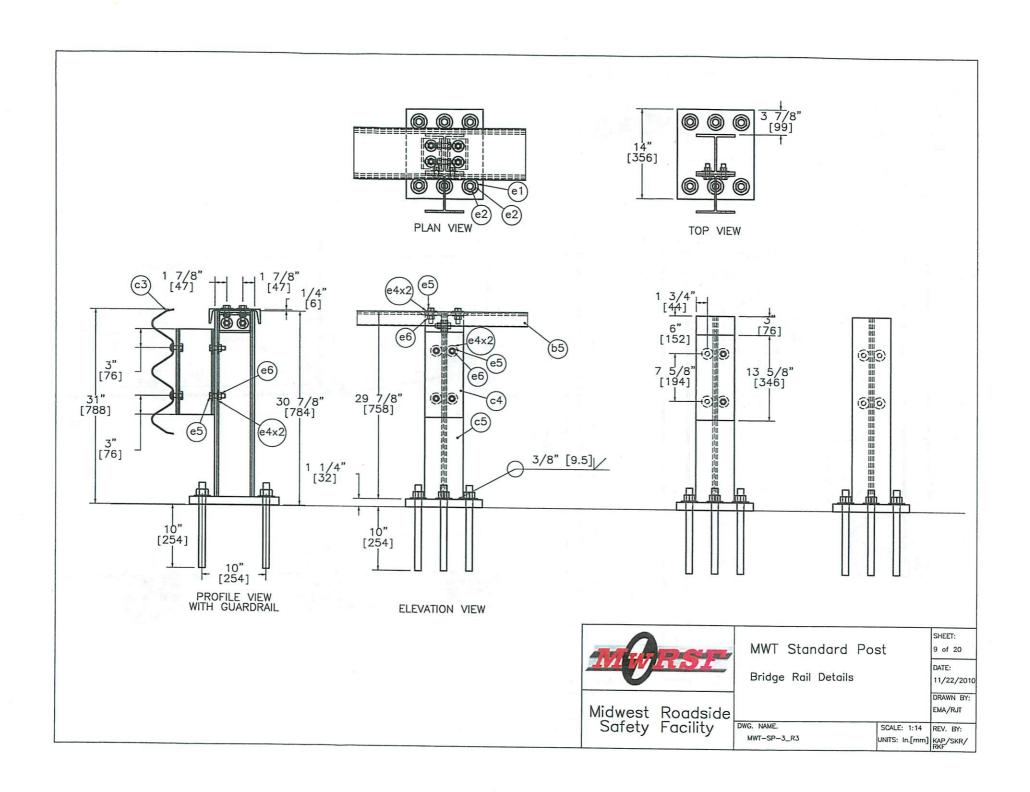
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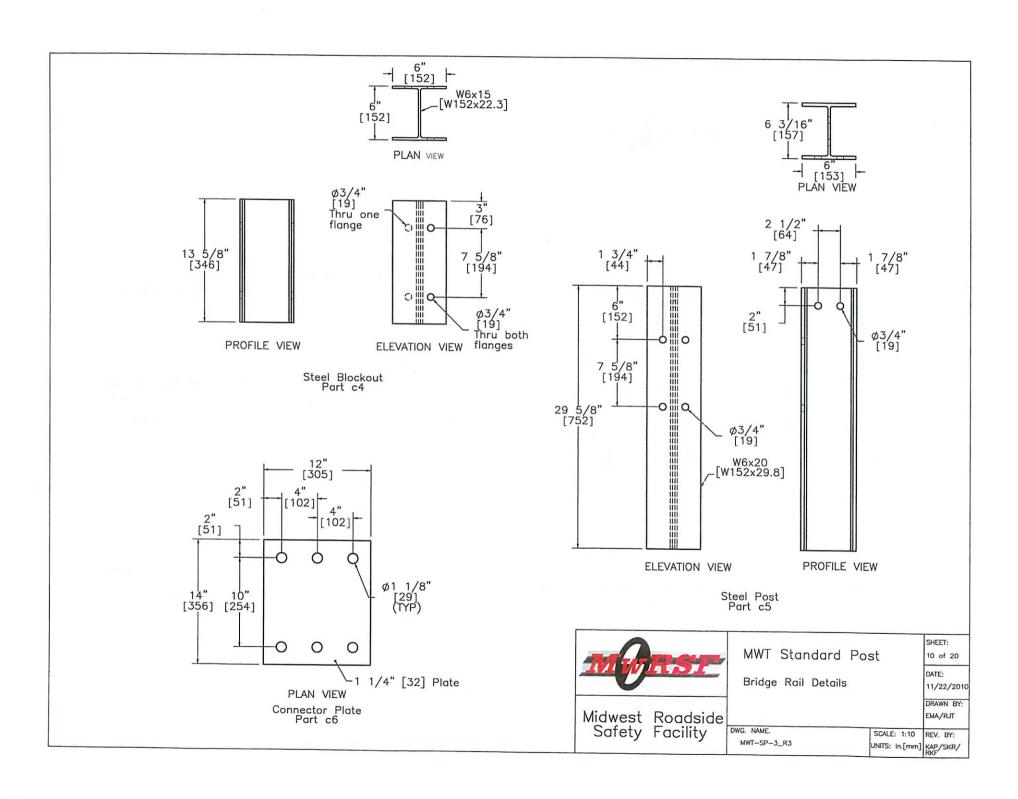


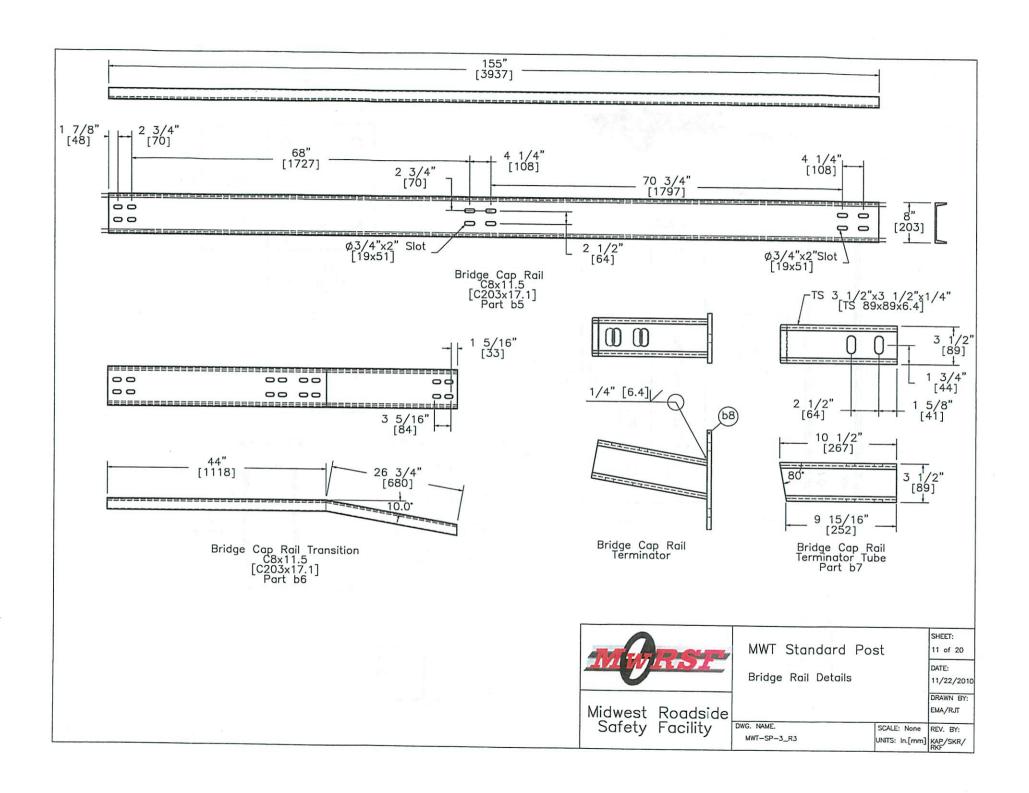


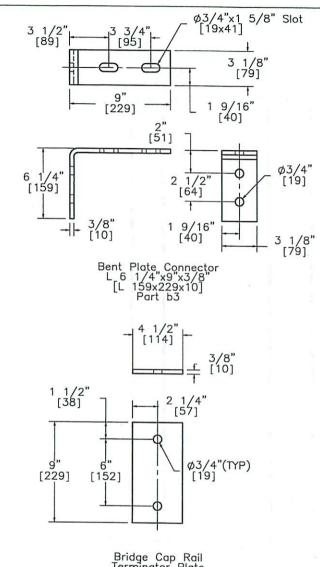




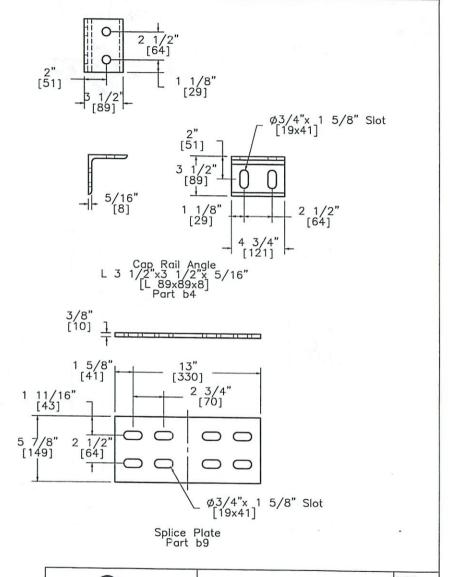


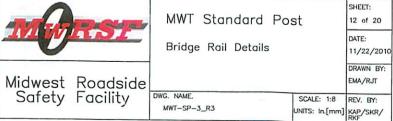


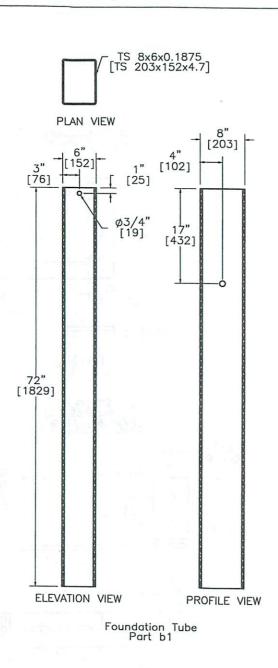


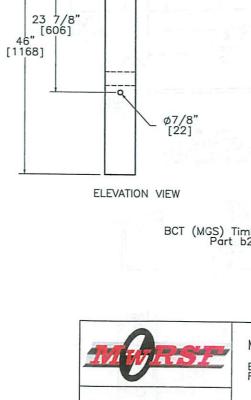


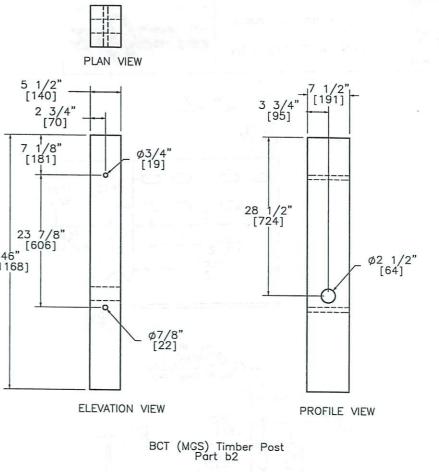


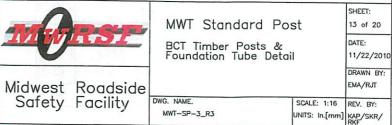


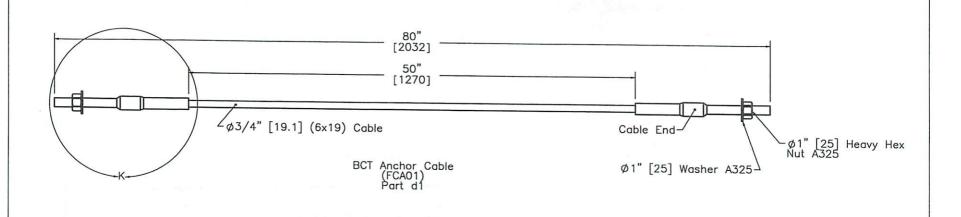


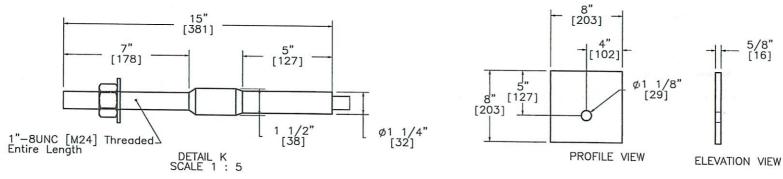




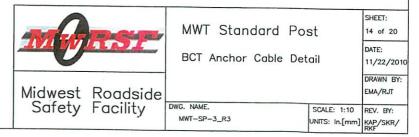


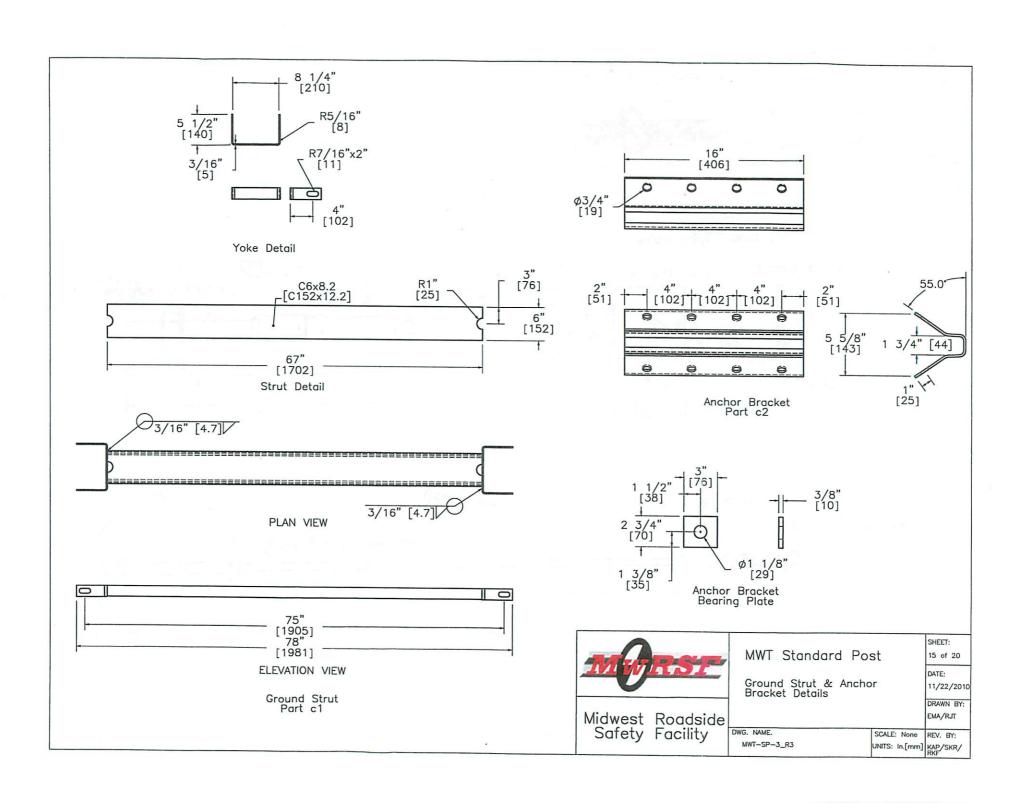


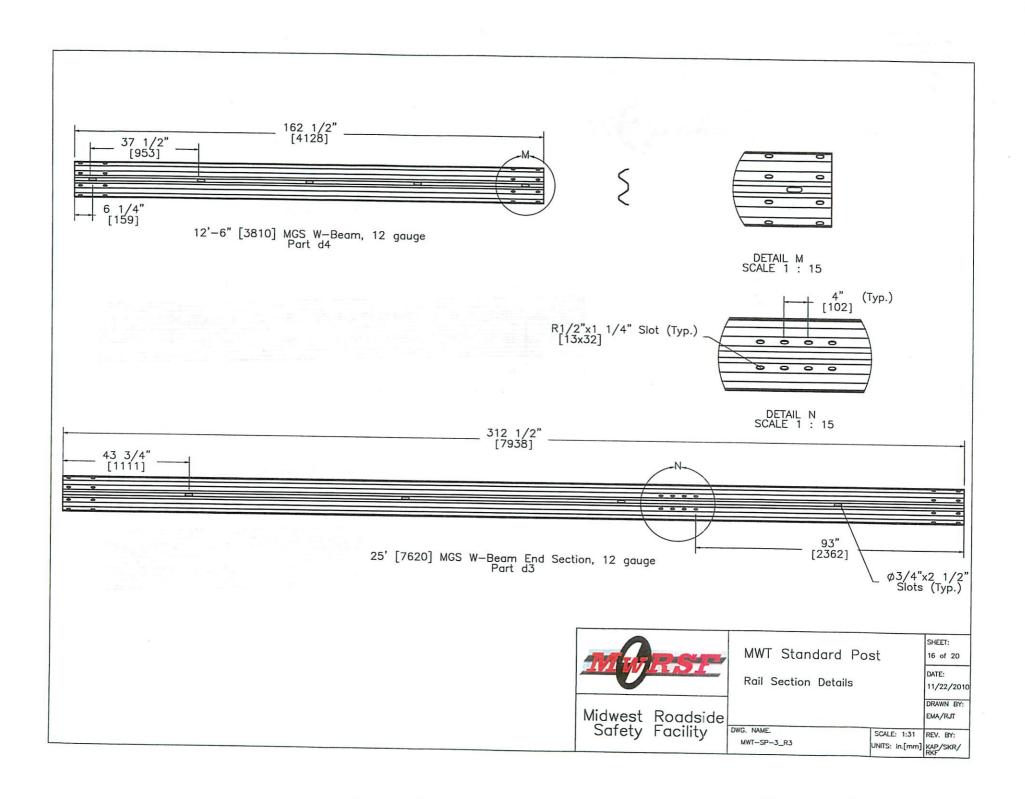


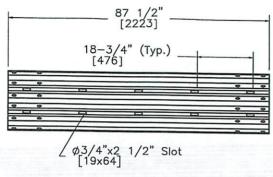




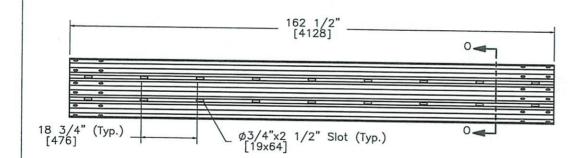








6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section, 12 gauge, 1/4 Post Spacing Part d5



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12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section, 12 gauge, 1/4 Post Spacing Part c3



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Item No.	QTY.	Description	Material Spec	Hardware Guide
a1	1	6'-3" [1905] W-Beam to Thrie-Beam Transition Section	10 gauge AASHTO M180	_
a2	7	6x12x14 1/4" [152x305x362] Blockout	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a3	6	6x12x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
a4	2	10-15 6x8x19" [152x305x483] Blockout - Post 16-17	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
α5	1	6x8x15" [152x305x381] Blockout - Post	SYP Grade No.1 or better	
b1	2	72" [1829] Foundation Tube	A500 Grade B	
b2	2	BCT Timber Post -MGS Height	SYP Grade No. 1 or better	PTE05
b3	2	Bridge Cap Rail Bent Plate Connector 6 1/4x9x3/8" [159x229x9.5]	A36 Steel	-
b4	6	Bridge Cap Rail Angle 3 1/2x3 1/2x5/16" [89x89x7.9]	A36 Steel	_
b5	1	Bridge Cap Rail C8x11.5 [C203x17.1]	A36 Steel	
ь6	1	Bridge Cap Rail C8x11.5 [C203x17.1]	A36 Steel	
b7	1	Bridge Cap Rail Terminator Tube 3 1/2x3 1/2x1/4" [89x89x6.4]	A36 Steel	-
ь8	1	Terminator Plate 9x4 1/2x3/8" [229x114x9.5]	A36 Steel	
ь9	1.	Bridge Cap Rail Splice Plate 5 7/8x13x3/8" [149x330x9.5]	A36 Steel	_
c1	1	Strut and Yoke Assembly	A36 Steel	PFP01
c2	1	Anchor Bracket	A36 Steel	FPA01
с3	3	12'-6" [3810] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2 Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	
c4	3	W6x15 [W152x22.3] Steel Bridge Blockout	A36 Steel	_
c5	3	W6x20 [W152x29.8] Steel Bridge Post	A36 Steel	
c6	3	12x14x1 1/4" [305x356x32] Bridge Cap Connector Plate	A36 Steel	
d1	1	BCT Anchor Cable 6' [1829] Long	6x19 Cable	
d2	1	8x8x5/8" [203x203x15.9] Anchor Bearing	A36 Steel	FCA01
d3	1	25' [7620] W—Beam MGS End Section	The second secon	FPB01
d4	2	12'-6" [3810] W-Beam MGS Section	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
d5	1	6'-3" [1905] Thrie Beam Section - 1/2	12 gauge AASHTO M180	-
d6	1	Post Spacing	12 gauge AASHTO M180	- -
		Hole insert	ASTM A53 Grade B Schedule 40	FMM02

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Item No.	OTV	Midwest Guardrail System with Stando	- pasing	
item No.	QTY.	Description	Material Spec	Hardware Guide
e1	20	1"Dia. [25] Flat Washer	Grade 5	FWC24a
e2	20	1"Dia. [25] Heavy Hex Nut	Grade 5	A325 or A449
e3	18	1"Dia. [25] Threaded Rod	Grade A307	Substitute
e4	116	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Flat Washer		
e5	42	5/8"Dia. x 2" [M16x51] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX16a
e6	54	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Hex Nut	Grade 5	A325 or A449
e7	2	5/8"Dia. x 5" [M16x127] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	Substitute
e8	4	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Flat Washer	Grade 5	FBX16a
e9	2	7/8"Dia. [22.2] Hex Nut	Grade 5	FWC22a
e10	2	7/8"Dia. x 7 1/2" [M22x191] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX22a
e11	2	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX22a
e12	8	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38.1] long Hex Head Bolt	Grade 5	FBX16a
e13	8	5/8"Dia. x 10" [M16x254] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	FBX16a FBB03
e14	18	5/8"Dia. x 14" [M16x356] long Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	FBB05
e15	8	16D Double Head Nail		FBBU6
e16	66	5/8"Dia. x 1 1/2" [M16x38] Guardrail Bolt	Grade A307	
e17	92	5/8"Dia. [15.9] Guardrail Nut	Grade 5	FBB01
f1	7	W6x8.5 [W152x12.6] 72" [1829] long — Post Nos. 3—	A36 Steel	
f2	6	W6x8.5 [W152x12.6] 72" [1829] long — Post Nos.	A36 Steel	
f3	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 16	A36 Steel	
f4	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 17	A36 Steel	- JE11
f5	1	W6x15 [W152x22.3] 84" [2134] long - Post No. 18	A36 Steel	_



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