GENERAL NOTES

- SEE STANDARD DETAIL DRAWINGS 14B26-3a, 3b.
- FOR POSTS 1 THROUGH 5, IF POST CANNOT BE INSTALLED AT SPECIFIED LOCATION, EXTRA STANDARD WOOD BLOCK MAY BE ADDED.
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 1 (POST 1 TO POST 5)
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 2A, (POST 1 TO POST 5)
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 2B, (POST 1 TO POST 5)
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 3, (POST 5 TO POST 8)
- UNBENT STANDARD THRIE-BEAM RAIL NO. 4, (POST 8 TO POST 10 & POST 10 TO POST 12)
- BEYOND POST 10: CONSTRUCT STEEL THRIE BEAM - USE UNBENT STANDARD THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 5.
- DIMENSIONS ARE FROM BACK OF RAIL TO BACK OF RAIL WHERE RAIL IS BOLTED TO POST.
- FOR POSTS 2 THROUGH 14, IF POST CANNOT BE INSTALLED AT SPECIFIED LOCATION, 1 EXTRA POST SPACING (SEE SDD 14B26a-c).
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 1. (POST 1 TO POST 12)
- SLOTTED THRIE BEAM RAIL NO. 2B, (POST 1 TO POST 5)
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- FOR MEDIANS WIDER THAN 14'-2" MEASURED FROM BACK OF RAIL TO BACK OF RAIL WHERE RAIL IS BOLTED TO POST.

WIDENED BULLNOSE DESIGN

( INSTALLATION AT TWIN BRIDGES WITH BI-DIRECTIONAL TRAFFIC SHOWN )

STEEL THRIE BEAM BULLNOSE TERMINAL

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
References:

- Standard Spec 614
- FDM 11-45-1
- AASHTO Roadside Design Guide
- MwRSF Research Report No. TRP-03-95-00
- FHWA approval letter HSA-1\HSA-CC68, dated November 8, 2000

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Other SDDs associated with this drawing:

- SDD 14b15 Steel Plate Beam Guard, Class A, Installation and Elements*
- SDD 14b20 Thrie Beam Structure Approaches
- SDD 14b42 Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) Guardrail*

* If thrie beam bullnose is the only semi-rigid barrier system being installed, only one of the SDDs is required in the plan set to provide the guidance on rock excavation for posts. On plans with both the thrie beam transition, and beam guard, SDD 14B15 or SDD 14b42 will be included in the plan.

Design Notes:

Steel thrie beam bullnose (i.e. bullnose) is a non-gating system that has passed NCHRP 350 crash testing. The system can be used to protect hazards, such as bridge piers; overhead sign support structures, gaps between twin bridges and gore areas. It can be used to protect uni-directional (between a ramp and the mainline) or bi-directional (median application) traffic from impacting a fixed object.

The advantages of bullnose system are: it is typically farther from the roadway than a traditional beam guard installation (i.e. less likely to be hit), smaller amount of overall barrier required (i.e. less likely to be hit), and because the fixed object is surrounded, errant vehicles have difficulties getting to the fixed object. The disadvantages of the bullnose are: potential for more grading and drainage structures, and it may be more expensive to repair once impacted (i.e. nose impacts may require bent rail).

During a head-on impact, an errant vehicle will stop within the area hazard free area inside the bullnose. This area is to be free of fixed objects and traversable. During a side impact (e.g. between post 7 through 14), the bullnose acts like other semi-rigid barrier systems (i.e. post rotation is important).

If there are erosion or maintenance concern designer may use a mow strip design similar to SDD 14b15. However, early coordination with BPD will be required and construction details may be needed. Other methods to control erosion or maintenance concerns near a bullnose detail will require significant coordination with BPD and will only be granted on a limited case-by-case basis and requires documentation within the DSR.

Avoid placing curb and gutter near a bullnose. If curb and gutter is needed near a bullnose, document why curb and gutter is needed in the DSR. Curb and gutter may have a negative impact on barrier performance. If curb and gutter needed provide driveway curb & gutter on approaches to bullnose up to post 7.

Recommended layout procedure for the bi-directional variable width bullnose is:

1. Position post 5 of the approach side at the shy line offset value.
2. Use appropriate taper rates on the approach side of the bullnose.
3. Adjust opposing side’s taper rates per detail.

Use taper rates listed in Table 5.7 of the 2006 AASHTO Roadside Design Guide. Shy line offsets listed in Table 5.5 of the 2006 AASHTO Roads Design Guide. Use linear interpolation to get intermediate values.

If there are difficulties in placing the bullnose options are:

Adjust approach side post 5 position
- Desirable offset is shy line offset.
- Minimum offset would be edge of shoulder.
- Less than minimum would be inside the shoulder (requires design exception)

Lengthen installation
- Use flatter taper rates on the approach side (e.g. for a given speed taper rate is 21:1, use 24:1)
- Add more thrie beam sections between post 12 and hazards being protected.

Grading is critical for system to function correctly. Proper grading provides strength to the bullnose system and increase the probability that an errant vehicle will properly engage the bullnose.

Cut cross sections: at least 210’ prior to system, 60’ prior to system, post 1, post 5 and at fixed object being protected. More cross sections may be needed to show drainage, or how to blend slopes together.

Review drainage and subsurface conflicts (e.g. utilities, drainage structures, rock…) near installation early in the design process. Posts for the bullnose are embedded deeper in the ground than standard beam guard posts. This can cause underground conflicts. Drainage issues may require the installation or adjustment of drainage structures.

Provide SDD 14b15 or 14B42 to provide guidance on rock excavation for bullnose posts.

Provide individual construction details for each bullnose installation in the plan (i.e. construction details). At a minimum, show the following: slope intercepts, underground utilities, drainage structures, taper/flare rates, offset distance to post 5, distance from post 5 to hazard(s) being protected, and lateral offset from back of post to hazard.

More complicated installation (e.g. variable width bullnose, potential underground utility conflicts…), may require a more detailed layout. If there is a potential for a utility conflict, it is recommended that individual post location be detailed. If using the variable width bullnose, proper rail lengths are need (i.e. 12.5’ from center of post to center of post). Designing for proper rail length or match into a thrie beam structure approach may cause the bullnose to be longer than what is needed to protect the hazard or a rail will need to be cut in the field.

If an odd length of rail is needed indicate in plan that a field cut is needed. It is not desirable to cut rails between posts 1 through 7.

Thrie beam bullnose may use the Grading and Shaping and Finishing for Barrier Systems Item.

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