

Exception Request No.: 172

Section: WMNF

Town: Woodstock

Highway: NH 112, Lost River Road (Tier 3) and US 3, Main Street (Tier 2)

Station: 1445+50±, 1449+90± to 1467+10±

Drawing No.: WMNF C187-189

Survey Report Cross Reference No.: WMNF C187-189

**Exception Type: Alignment in Pavement
Splice Enclosures in Pavement
Road Crossings**

Traffic Information

NHS: No

ADT: 1900

Traffic Control Type: Traffic Control Type: Alt 1-Way

Traffic Control Duration: Traffic control duration is estimated to be 24 days for the proposed installation, during which one lane will be closed.

Summary of Justification for Exception

NPT is requesting an exception from the UAM guidelines for the location of the cable trench in the pavement on NH Highway 112, Lost River Road and US 3, Main Street from station 1449+90 to 1467+10 of the NPT WMNF Underground Alignment, sheet WMNF C187-189. Due to limited ROW space outside the pavement and beyond existing utilities, construction outside the paved area is not practicable because NPT does not have the necessary property rights to construct outside the NHDOT ROW on private property. The proposed alignment is located beneath the pavement at a 5-foot offset from the existing utilities to avoid future conflicts with repairs or replacement. The attached Exhibits A, B, and C have been provided to demonstrate that construction outside the pavement would require work beyond the NHDOT ROW.

In addition, our exception request in this area includes two splice enclosures in the pavement, one on NH Highway 112, Lost River Road at station 1445+50± and another on US 3, Main Street at station 1466+50± of the NPT WMNF underground alignment section. The proposed locations of the splice enclosures are set back from the edge of the ROW and from existing utilities. The splice enclosures cannot be moved closer to the ROW limits because of the need for construction workspace.

Technical Discussion of Justification of Exception

Alignment in Pavement/Road Crossings

The proposed alignment is within the roadway because of a combination of constraints including:

- Limited space between the edge of pavement and the edge of the ROW on both sides of the road on both NH 112 and US 3;
- Existing catch basins located at the edge of pavement;
- Sewer infrastructure including both gravity lines and force mains;
- Water mains and ancillary equipment (hydrants and valves).

Existing sewer infrastructure runs along the north side of ROW on NH112. The proposed alignment crosses the highway, north to south, at stations 1450+00± to 1451+00± to avoid conflicts with the sewer main.

An existing water main runs along the south side of NH 112 and along the east side of US 3. The alignment has been set back from the water main.

Where there are not utilities, there is limited space beyond the existing pavement. As the alignment turns south on US 3 there is an existing retaining wall on the west side of the road immediately behind the curb. The alignment has been located on the east side within the pavement to avoid conflicts with the water main and hydrants and catch basins.

Splice Enclosures in Pavement

To construct the splice enclosures, a minimum 5-foot work area is required on all sides. At the location of the splice enclosure at station 1445+50± the width of the ROW beyond the edge of pavement is not sufficient to locate the entire splice enclosure beyond the pavement. The splice enclosure at 1466+50± is set back from the existing water main. Locating the splice enclosure to the east of the water main would not provide sufficient space for construction between the water main and the edge of the ROW.

NPT evaluated options for moving the splice enclosures to the opposite side of the road and along the alignment, but similar space constraints exist on both sides of the road. In addition, moving the alignment to the opposite side of the road would require two additional highway crossings. These road crossings would involve disturbance to approximately 100 feet of paved roadway each. NPT submits that any benefits of moving to the opposite side of the road are negated by the additional traffic impacts and additional delays associated with the construction of the road crossings.

The location of each splice enclosure along the alignment is constrained by the maximum cable reel length of 2,100 feet. The limited ROW width constraining the enclosure's location extends over 1,000 feet in either direction along both sides of the alignment, prohibiting its relocation.

Impacts

Alignment in Pavement/Road Crossings

The design, as proposed, will not adversely affect the design, construction, stability, traffic, safety, environmental commitments, maintenance, or operation of the highway. The alignment has been located 5-feet off the edge of the existing utilities, to avoid future conflicts with repairs or replacement. The installation of the duct bank and pavement restoration will be designed and constructed in accordance with conditions outlined in the NHDOT's April 3, 2017 letter to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. The installation's proposed depth meets NHDOT's criteria relating to the structural box to minimize any potential conflicts with maintenance and future highway projects. A traffic control plan has been submitted to the NHDOT for this design and complies with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Splice Enclosures in Pavement

The design, as proposed, will not adversely affect the design, construction, stability, traffic, safety, environmental commitments, maintenance, or operation of the highway. The proposed splice enclosures and ancillary closures will be of a minimum rating of HS-20, in accordance with NHDOT

requirements. The installation of the enclosures and pavement restoration will be designed and constructed in accordance with conditions outlined in the NHDOT's April 3, 2017 letter to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. The installation's proposed depth meets NHDOT's criteria relating to the structural box to minimize any potential conflicts with maintenance and future highway projects.

Supporting Documentation

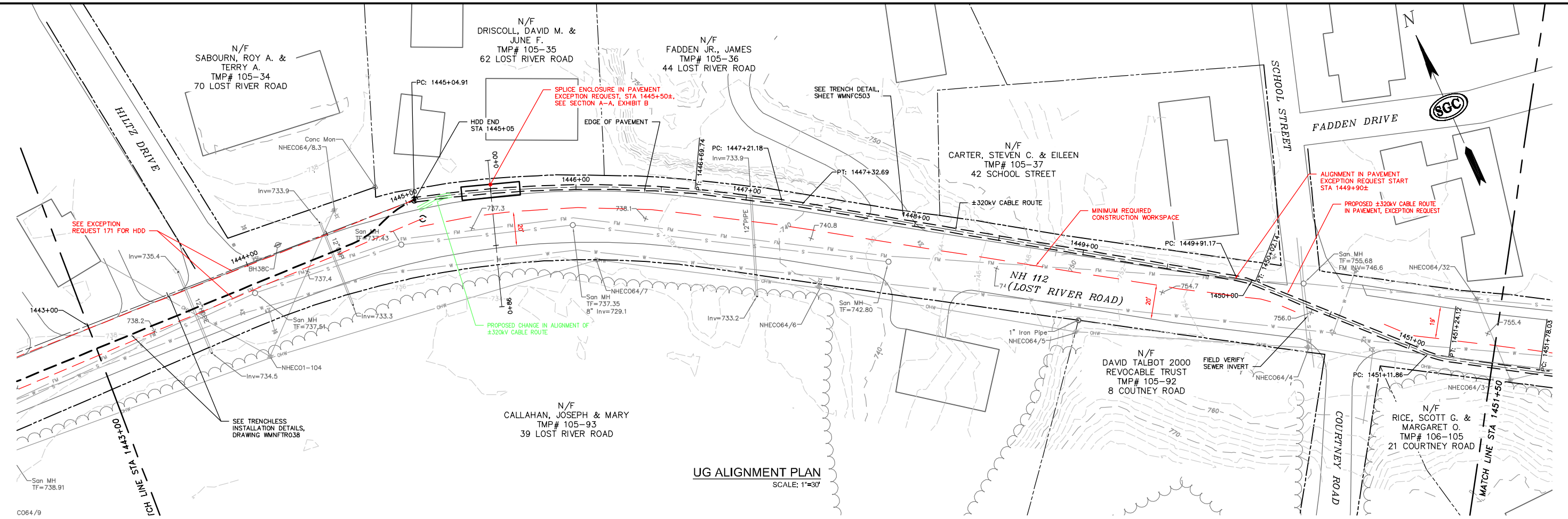
Alignment in Pavement/Road Crossings

See attached Exhibit A showing a plan and profile.

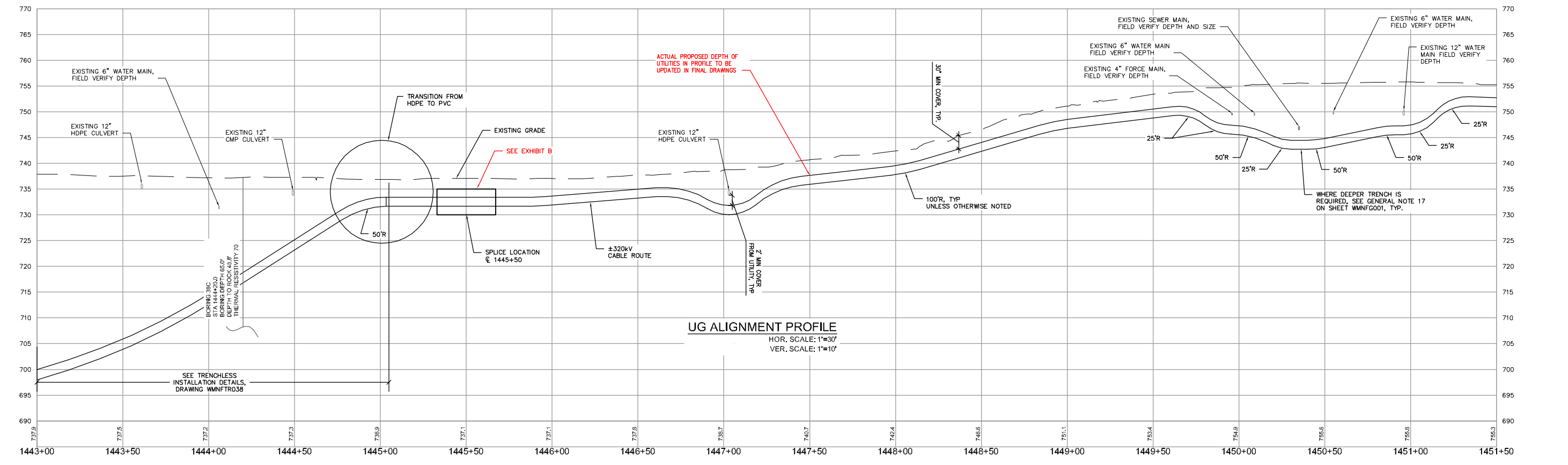
Splice Enclosures in Pavement

See attached Exhibits A through C showing a plan, profile, and section.

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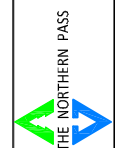
UG ALIGNMENT PLAN
SCALE: 1"=30'



UG ALIGNMENT PROFILE
HOR. SCALE: 1"=30'
VER. SCALE: 1"=10'



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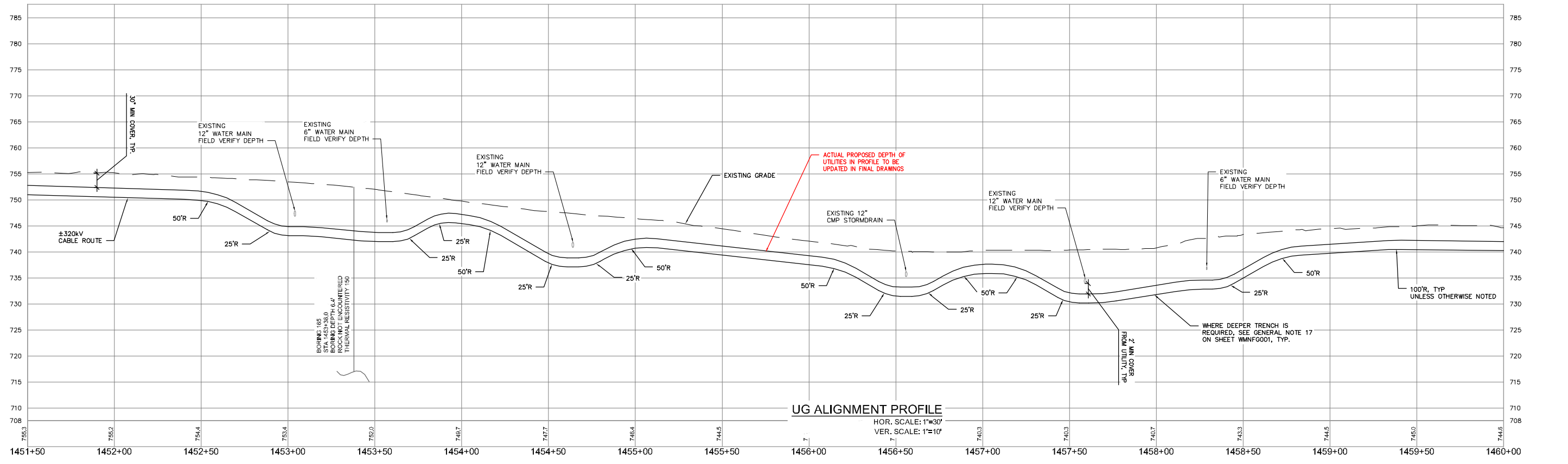
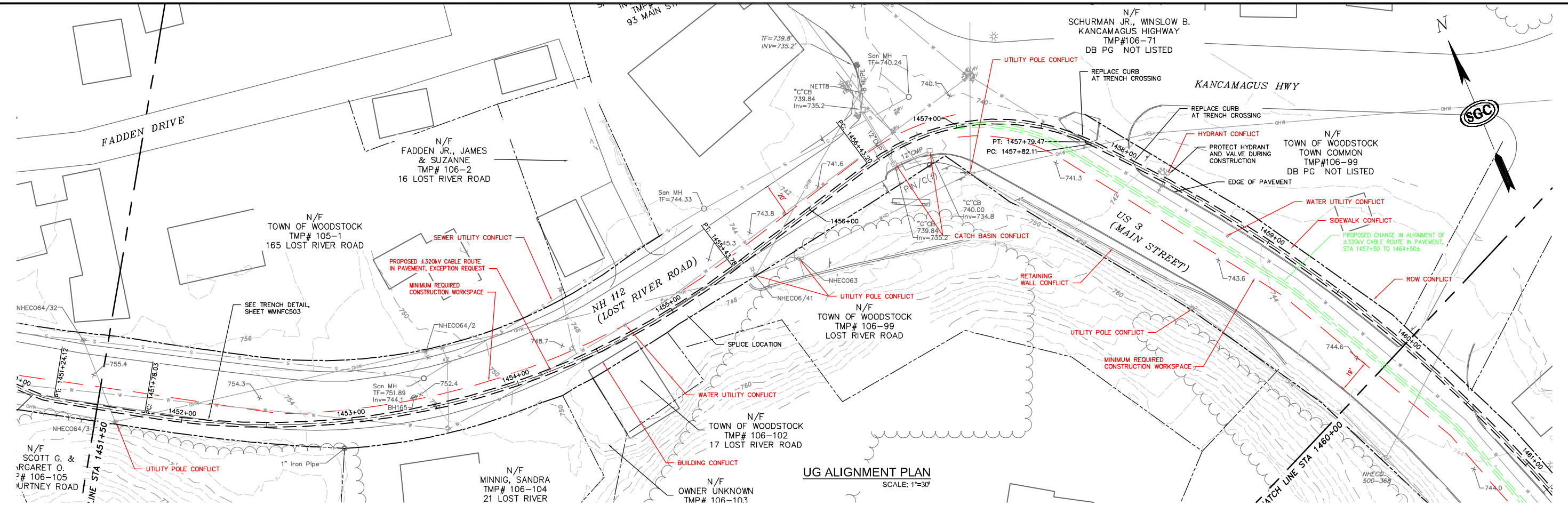


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EXCEPTION 172-ALIGNMENT/SPICE ENCLOSURE IN PAVEMENT
NPT WMNF-UNDERGROUND ALIGNMENT
WMNF SECTION- STA 1445+50 TO STA 1467+10+
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TRANSMISSION LINE:
WMNF
EXHIBIT A.1

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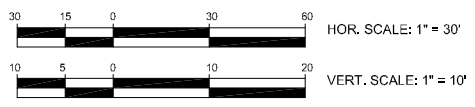
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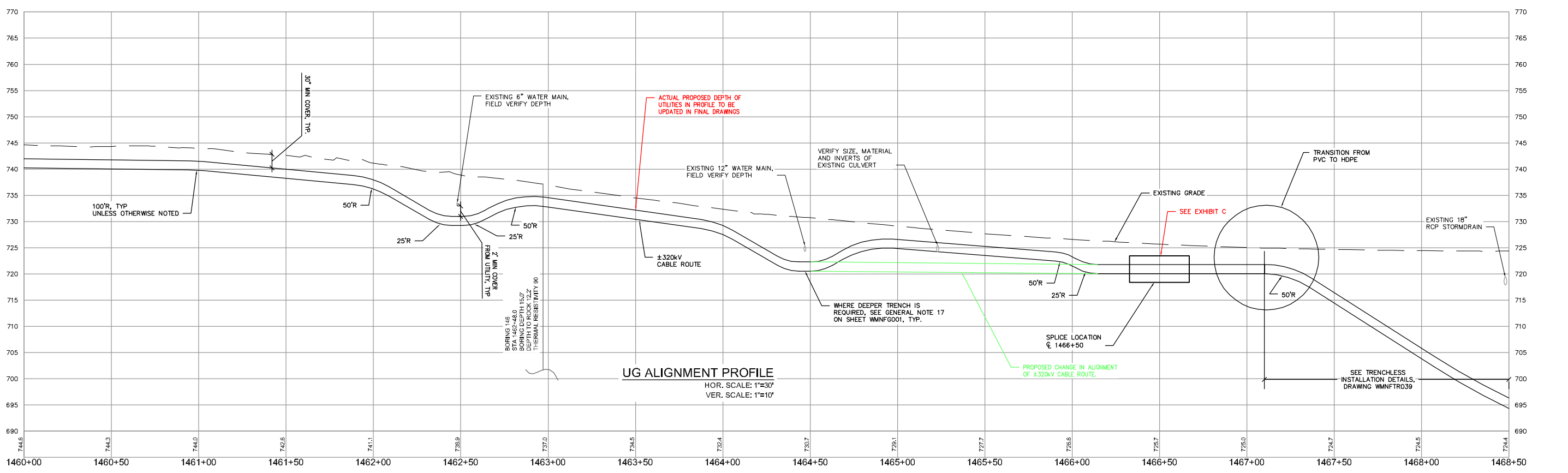
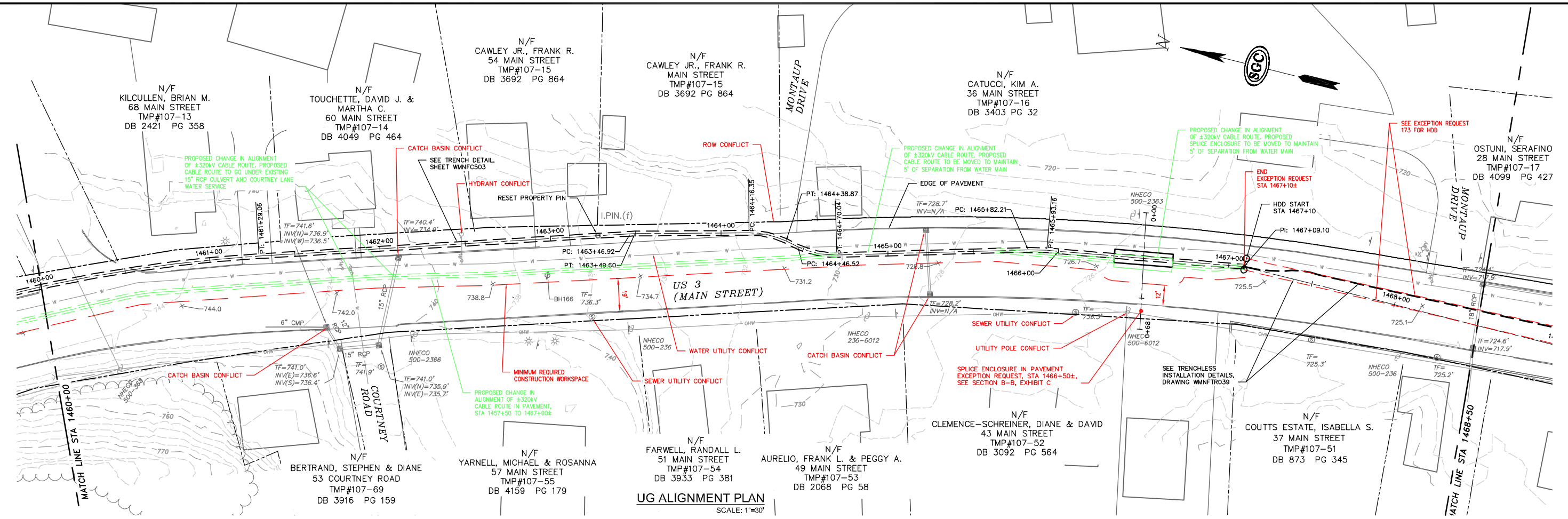
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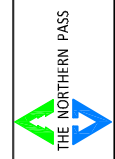
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DRW: MRR, APR: TMT
TOWN: WOODSTOCK
TRANSMISSION LINE: WMNF
EXHIBIT A.2



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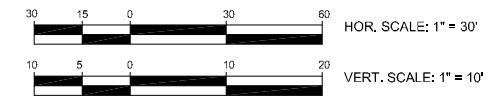
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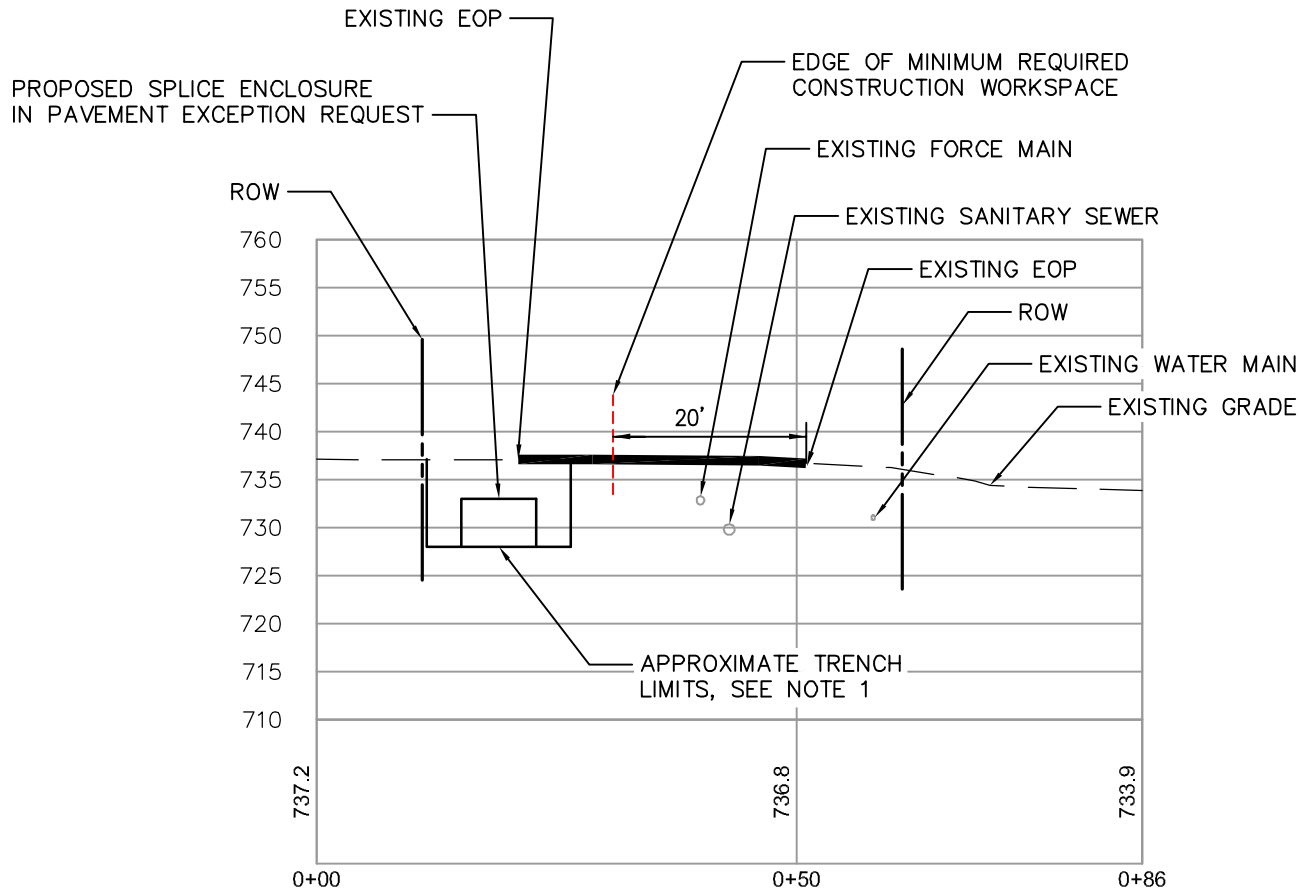
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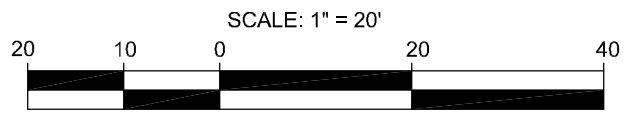
EXHIBIT A.3





SECTION A-A
SCALE: 1"=20'

- NOTES:
1. TRENCH WIDTH SHOWN TO BE MAINTAINED USING TRENCH BOXES



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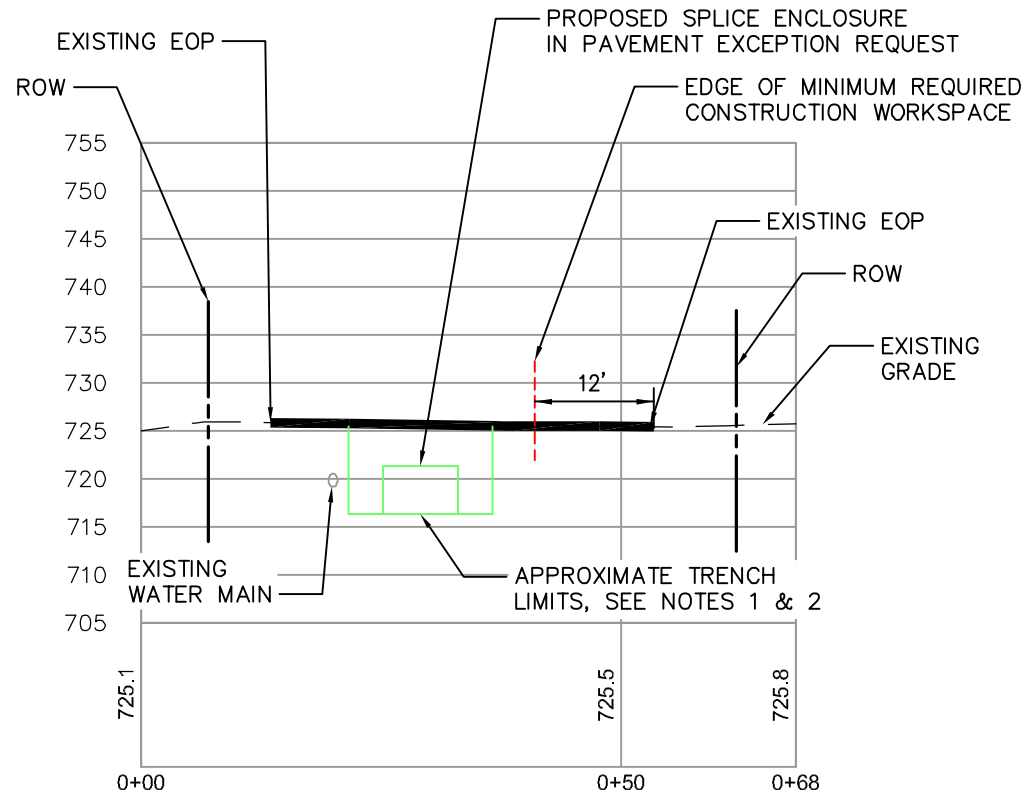
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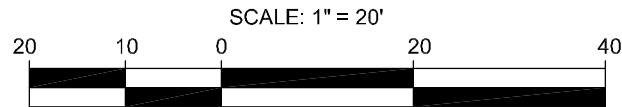
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SECTION B-B
SCALE: 1"=20'



NOTES:

1. TRENCH WIDTH AS SHOWN TO BE MAINTAINED USING TRENCH BOXES
2. PROPOSED CABLE ROUTE AND SPLICE ENCLOSURE TO BE MOVED TO MAINTAIN 5 FEET OF SEPARATION FROM WATER MAIN

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