

January 29, 2019

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Administration

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-314

Mr. Kinton Lawler Asset Integrity Management Solutions, LLC 1617 Peach Leaf Street Houston, TX. 77039

Dear Mr. Lawler:

This letter is in response to your November 12, 2018 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number B-314 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

Decision

The following device is eligible within the length-of-need, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• AIMS Liferail Retrofit Bridge Rail

Scope of this Letter

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Eligibility for Reimbursement

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: AIMS Liferail Retrofit Bridge Rail Type of system: Bridge Rail Test Level: MASH Test Level 4 (TL4) Testing conducted by: TamTI Date of request: November 14, 2018

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on the attached Form.

Full Description of the Eligible Device

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

Notice

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are 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 test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

Standard Provisions

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number B-314 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.
- If the subject device is a patented product it may be considered to be proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Juffith

Michael S. Griffith Director, Office of Safety Technologies Office of Safety

Enclosures

Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	November 12, 2018	New	C Resubmission	
	Name:	Kinton Lawler			
ter	Company:	Asset Integrity Management Solutions, LLC dba AIMS International			
Company: Asset Integrity Management Solutions, LLC of Address: Address: 1617 Peach Leaf Street, Houston, TX 77039 Country: USA		7039			
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	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies			

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)		AIMS Liferail Retrofit Bridge Rail	AASHTO MASH	TL4

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Kinton Lawler	Same as Submitter 🔀
Company Name:	Asset Integrity Management Solutions, LLC dba AIMS	Same as Submitter 🔀
Address:	1617 Peach Leaf Street, Houston, TX 77039	Same as Submitter 🔀
Country: USA Same as Submitter 🔀		Same as Submitter 🔀
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement		
Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.		

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was contracted by AIMS International to perform full-scale crash testing of the AIMS Liferail Retrofit Bridge Rail. There are no shared financial interests in the AIMS Liferail Retrofit Bridge Rail by TTI, or between AIMS International and TTI, other than costs involved in the actual crash tests and reports for this submission to FHWA.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or Significant Modification C Modification to Existing Hardware				
The AIMS Liferail retrofit bridge rail test article was comprised of four 40-ft long double fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) rail segments (with 2¼-inch long expansion gaps) for a total length of 160 ft-6¾ inches. Each hollow FRP rail element measured 40-ft long × 6½-inches wide × 4-inches tall.				
Each rail segment was supported by 6 fabricated stainless steel posts, each 21-½ inches tall, for a total of 24 posts. The posts were anchored to the top of a 25-inch tall concrete sectionalized curb and parapet that was a reproduction of the existing structure on the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge. The top of the parapet extended 15 inches above the top of the curb. The curb was 28 inches wide × 10 inches tall (nominal) with a 2-inch deep backwards sloping traffic side face (11.3 degrees) and a 2-inch radius shoulder.				
The double FRP bridge rail measured 46-3/16 inches in overall height (to the top of the upper rail) above the bridge deck. The top of the lower rail measured 33-5% inches above the bridge deck. The traffic-side face of the FRP rail elements were located approximately 1¼ inches out from and beyond the traffic-side face of the parapet, or 16¾ inches to the toe of the curb.				
CRASH TESTING				
By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.				
Engineer Name:	William F. Williams, P.E.			
Engineer Signature: William Williams Digitally signed by William Williams Date: 2018.11.13 12:02:11 -06'00'				
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135, College Station, TX 77	843-3135	Same as Submitter 🗌	
Country: USA Same as Submitter			Same as Submitter 🗌	
A brief description of each cra	sh test and its result:			

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Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
	Test 4-10 involves an 1100C vehicle	
	impacting the test article at a target impact	
	speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°.	
	The target CIP for the right corner of the	
	front bumper was 3.6 ft upstream of	
	centerline of the second joint in the	
	concrete parapet (between posts 11 & 12).	
	The results of the test conducted on	
	September 26, 2017 are found in TTI Test	
	Report No. 690900-AIM 1-3. The test vehicle	
	was traveling at an impact speed of 63.5 mi/	
	h as it made contact with AIMS Liferail	
	Retrofit Barrier 3.8 ft upstream of the second	
	parapet joint (between posts 11 and 12) and	
	at an impact angle of 24.6°. After loss of	
	contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to	
	rest 235 ft downstream of the impact point	
	and 33 ft toward the traffic lanes.	
	and 55 it toward the traincianes.	
	The bridge rail contained and redirected the	
	1100C vehicle. The vehicle did not	
	penetrate, underride, or override the	
	installation. Maximum dynamic deflection	
4-10 (1100C)	during the test was 1.0 inch at the top of the	PASS
	barrier. Maximum permanent deformation	
	was 0.62 inch. Working width was 7.5 inches.	
	No detached elements, fragments, or other	
	debris were present to penetrate or show	
	potential for penetrating the occupant	
	compartment, or present undue hazard to others in the area.	
	Maximum occupant compartment	
	deformation was 2.0 inches in the right front firewall area.	
	The 1100C vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll	
	a second	
	and pitch angles were 10° and 5°,	
	respectively.	
	Longitudinal OIV was 19.4 ft/s, and lateral	
	OIV was 27.9 ft/s.	
	Maximum longitudinal ridedown	
	acceleration was 5.4 g, and maximum lateral	
	ridedown acceleration was 9.0 g.	
	Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was	
	13.0 inches in the side plane at the right	
	front corner at bumper height.	
	The bridge rail performed acceptably for	
	MASH test 4-10.	

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Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number		Results
Required Test Number	Narrative DescriptionTest 4-11 involves an 2270P vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°. 	

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4-12 (10000S)	Test 4-12 involves a 10000S vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 56 mi/h and target angle of 15°. The target CIP for the right corner of the front bumper was 5.0 ft upstream of centerline of the first joint in the concrete parapet (between posts 5 & 6). The results of the test conducted on September 22, 2017 are found in TTI Test Report No. 690900-AIM 1-3. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 58.3 mi/ h as it made contact with AIMS Liferail Retrofit Barrier 4.6 ft upstream of the third parapet joint (between posts 5 and 6) and at an impact angle of 15.0°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 306 ft downstream of the impact point and 38 ft toward the field side. The bridge rail contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was not determinable due to obscured views. Maximum permanent deformation was 6.25 inches. Working width was 3.8 feet. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present undue hazard to	
	others in the area. No occupant compartment deformation was observed. The 10000S vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 29° and 13°, respectively. Longitudinal OIV was 6.6 ft/s, and lateral OIV was 11.5 ft/s. Maximum longitudinal ridedown acceleration was 4.3 g, and maximum lateral ridedown acceleration was 4.4 g. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 14.0 inches in the side plane at the right	
4.20 (11000)	front corner. The bridge rail performed acceptably for MASH test 4-12. This product is not a Transition System.	Non Polovant Tast, not conducted
4-20 (1100C)		Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-21 (2270P)	This product is not a Transition System.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name:	Texas AM Transportation Institute		
Laboratory Signature:	Darrell L. Kuhn		ed by Darrell L. Kuhn 1.13 15:16:14 -06'00'
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135, College Station, TX 77843-3135		Same as Submitter 🗌
Country:	USA		Same as Submitter 🗌
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	ISO 17025 Laboratory Certificate Number: 2821.01 Valid To: April 30, 2019		

Submitter Signature*: Kinton Lawler The Annual Submitter Signature Submitter Signature Submitter Signature Submitter Submitter

Date: 2010.11.14 07.54.50 0

Submit Form

ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

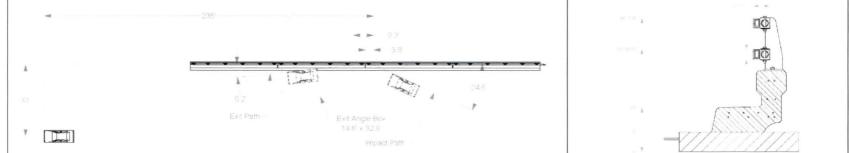
1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.

- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words





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General Information

Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-10
TTI Test No	690900-AIM3
Test Date	2017-09-26

Test Article

Туре	Bridge Rail Retrofit
Name	AIMS International Bridge Rail Retrofit
Installation Length	160 ft-6¾ inches
Material or Key Elements	Double fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP)
	rail with steel posts on a concrete parapet
Soil Type and Condition	Concrete Bridge Deck, Damp

Test Vehicle

Type/Designation	1100C
Make and Model	2011 Kia Rio
Curb	2469 lb
Test Inertial	2439 lb
Dummy	165 lb
Gross Static	2604 lb

Impact Conditions	
Speed	63.5 mi/h
Angle	24.6°
Location/Orientation	3.8 ft upstream of
	joint 11-12
Impact Severity	57 kip-ft
Exit Conditions	

Speed	. 49.2 mi/h
Angle	. 6.2°
Occupant Risk Values	
Longitudinal OIV	. 19.4 ft/s
Lateral OIV	. 27.9 ft/s
Longitudinal Ridedown	. 5.4 g
Lateral Ridedown	. 9.0 g
THIV	. 36.9 km/h
PHD	. 11.2 g
ASI	. 1.71
Max. 0.050-s Average	
Longitudinal	8.4 a
Lateral	
Vertical	0
	0

Post-Impact Trajectory

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Stopping Distance	235 ft downstream
11 5	33 ft twd traffic
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	30°
Maximum Pitch Angle	5°
Maximum Roll Angle	10°
Vehicle Snagging	No
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	1.0 inch
Permanent	0.62 inch
Working Width	7.5 inches
Height of Working Width	3.8 ft
Vehicle Damage	
VDS	01RFQ5
CDC	01FREW4
Max. Exterior Deformation	13.0 inches
OCDI	FR0010000
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	2.0 inches

Figure 7.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on AIMS International Retrofit Bridge Rail Option 1.





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General Information		Impact Conditions		Post-Impact Trajed
Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)	Speed	. 63.4 mi/h	Stopping Distance
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-11	Angle		
TTI Test No	690900-AIM2	Location/Orientation	4.5 ft upstream of	Vehicle Stability
Test Date	2017-09-25		joint 18-19	Maximum Yaw Ar
		Impact Severity	116 kip-ft	Maximum Pitch A
Test Article		Exit Conditions		Maximum Roll An
Туре	Bridge Rail Retrofit	Speed	. 40.4 mi/h	Vehicle Snagging
Name	AIMS International Bridge Rail Retrofit	Angle	. 5.2°	Vehicle Pocketing
Installation Length	160 ft-6¾ inches	Occupant Risk Values		Test Article Deflec
Material or Key Elements	Double fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP)	Longitudinal OIV	. 18.0 ft/s	Dynamic
	rail with steel posts on a concrete parapet	Lateral OIV	. 21.0 ft/s	Permanent
Soil Type and Condition	Concrete Bridge Deck, Damp	Longitudinal Ridedown	. 20.3 g	Working Width
		Lateral Ridedown	. 10.4 g	Height of Working
Test Vehicle		THIV	. 29.8 km/h	Vehicle Damage
Type/Designation	2270P	PHD	. 21.3 g	VDS
Make and Model	2012 Dodge RAM 1500 Pickup	ASI	1.46	CDC
Curb		Max. 0.050-s Average		Max. Exterior Def
Test Inertial	5034 lb	Longitudinal	9.0 g	OCDI
Dummy		Lateral	11.3 g	Max. Occupant C
Gross Static	5199 lb	Vertical	. 3.5 g	Deformation

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g Distance	190

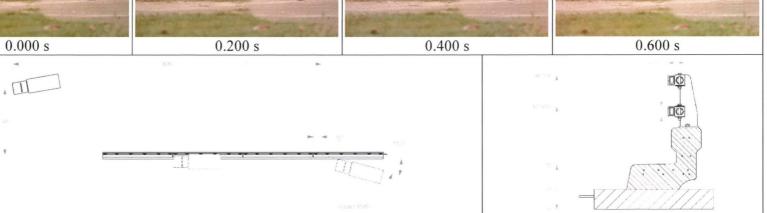
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14.0 ft twd field side

/ehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	29°
Maximum Pitch Angle	12°
Maximum Roll Angle	16°
Vehicle Snagging	No
Vehicle Pocketing	
est Article Deflections	
Dynamic	11.1 inches
Permanent	
Working Width	2.0 ft
Height of Working Width	5.1 ft
/ehicle Damage	
VDS	01RFQ5
CDC	01RFEW3
Max. Exterior Deformation	16.0 inches
OCDI	FR0002000
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	4.5 inches

Figure 6.9. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on AIMS International Retrofit Bridge Rail Option 1.

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General Information

Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-12
TTI Test No	690900-AIM1
Test Date	2017-09-22

Test Article

Туре	Bridge Rail Retrofit
Name	AIMS International Bridge Rail Retrofit
Installation Length	160 ft-6¾ inches
Material or Key Elements	Double fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP)
	rail with steel posts on a concrete parapet
Soil Type and Condition	Concrete Bridge Deck, Damp

Test Vehicle

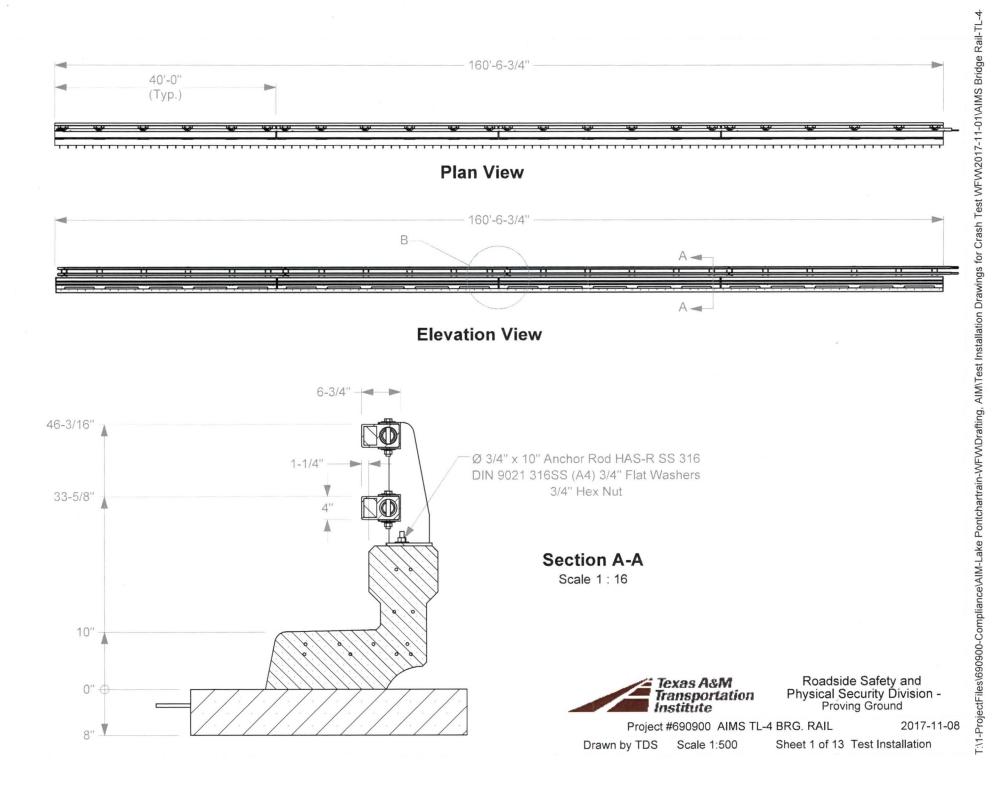
Type/Designation	10000S
Make and Model	2011 International 4300 Single-Unit Truck
Curb	13,750 lb
Test Inertial	22,130 lb
Dummy	No dummy
Gross Static	22,130 lb

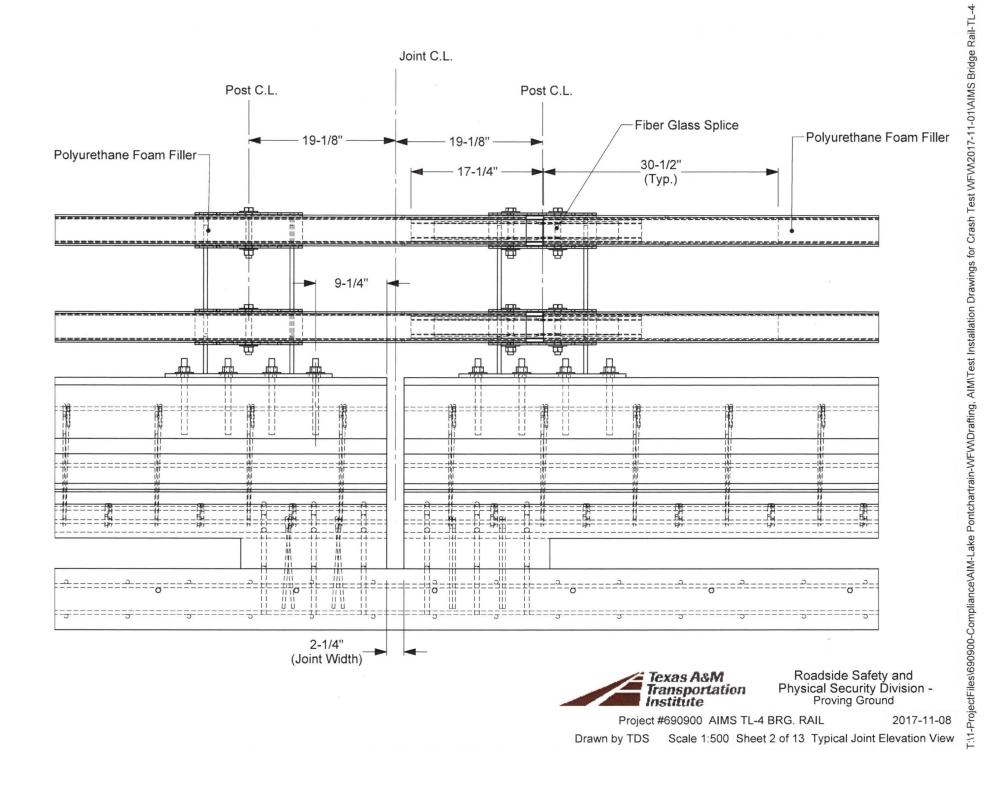
Impact Conditions Speed Angle Location/Orientation	15.0°
Impact Severity	
Exit Conditions	
Speed	56.6 mi/h
Angle	0°
Occupant Risk Values	
Longitudinal OIV	
Lateral OIV	
Longitudinal Ridedown	
Lateral Ridedown	
THIV	15.1 km/h
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ASI	0.39
Max. 0.050-s Average	
Longitudinal	-1.7 g
Lateral	-3.7 g
Vertical	-4.3 g

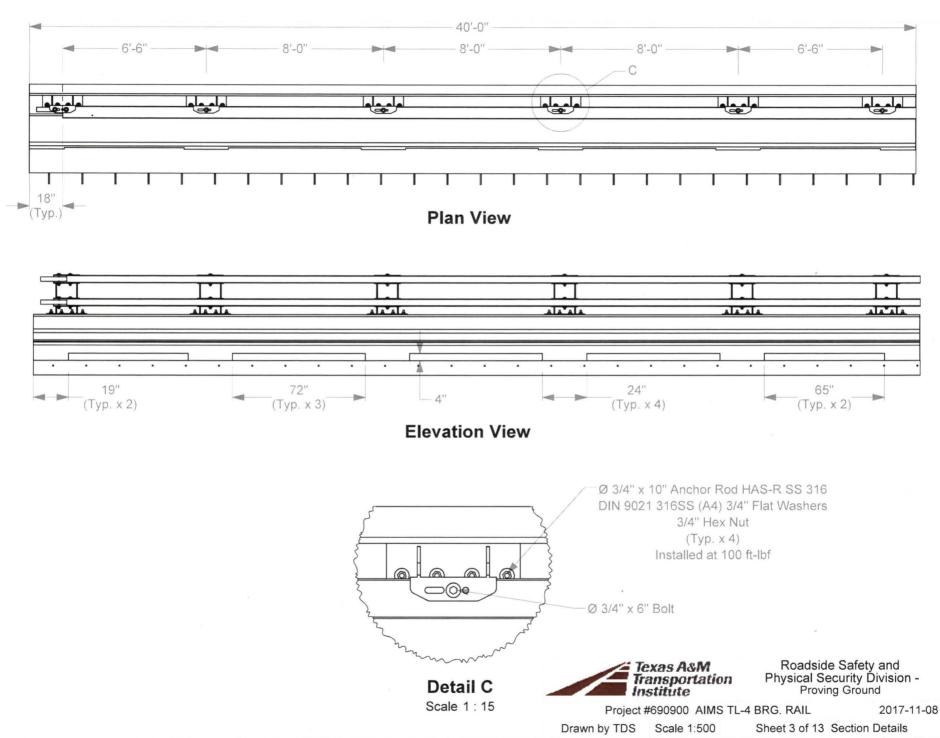
Post-Impact Trajectory

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Stopping Distance	306 ft downstream
	38 ft twd field side
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	16°
Maximum Pitch Angle	13°
Maximum Roll Angle	29°
Vehicle Snagging	Yes
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	Obscured
Permanent	6.25 inches
Working Width	3.8 ft
Height of Working Width	9.6 ft
Vehicle Damage	
VDS	NA
CDC	01FREW4
Max. Exterior Deformation	
OCDI	NA
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	None

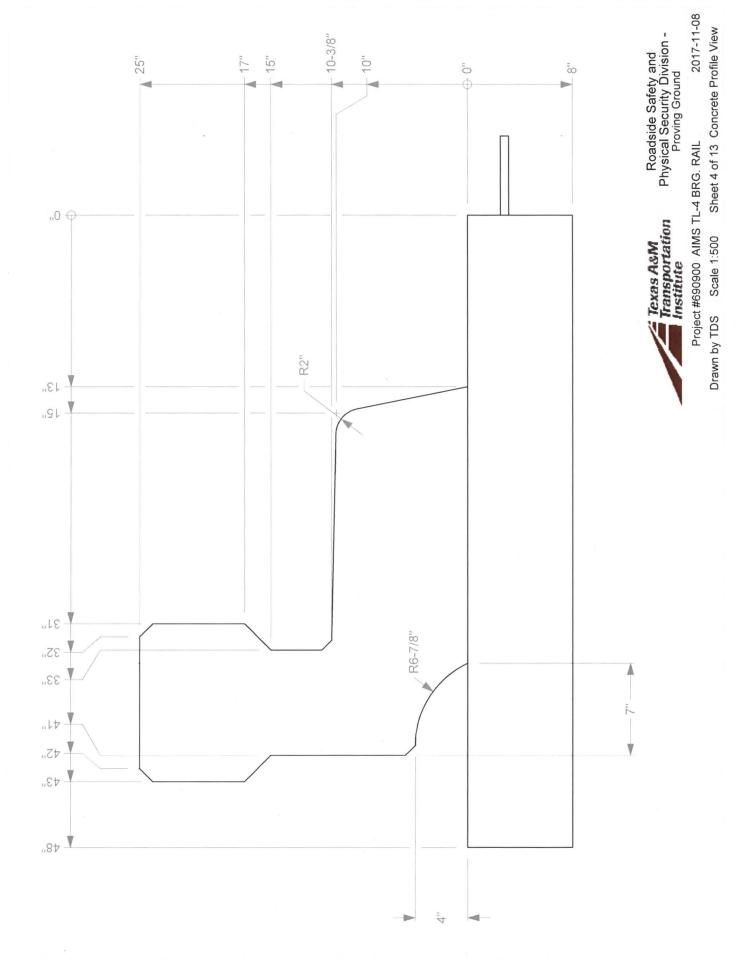
Figure 5.14. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on AIMS International Retrofit Bridge Rail Option 1.



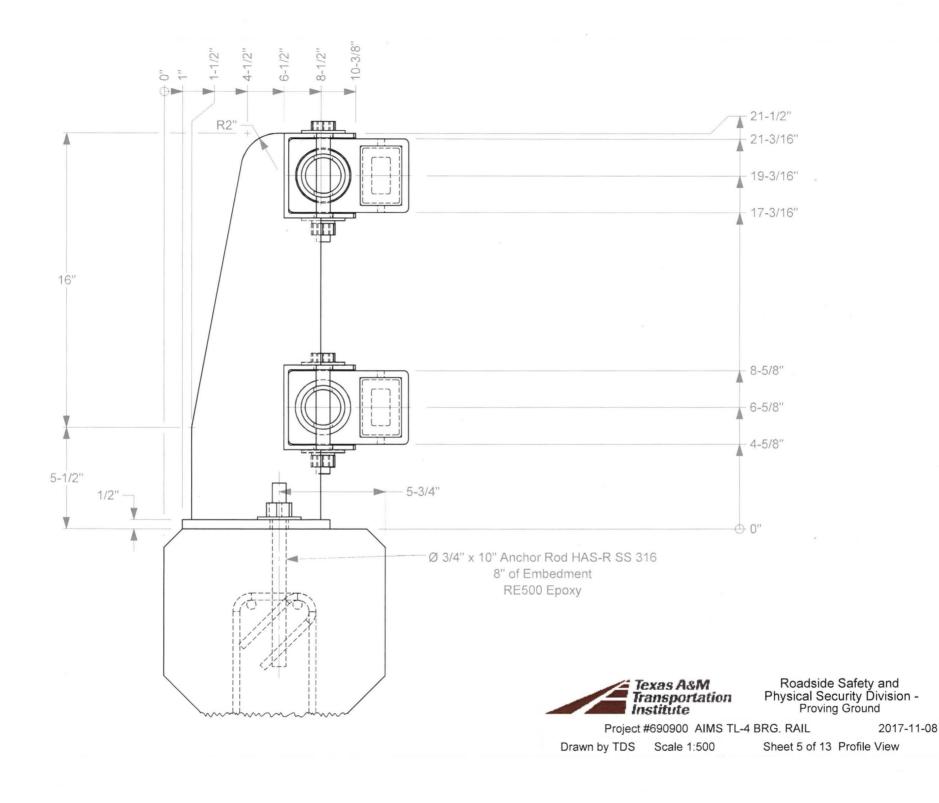


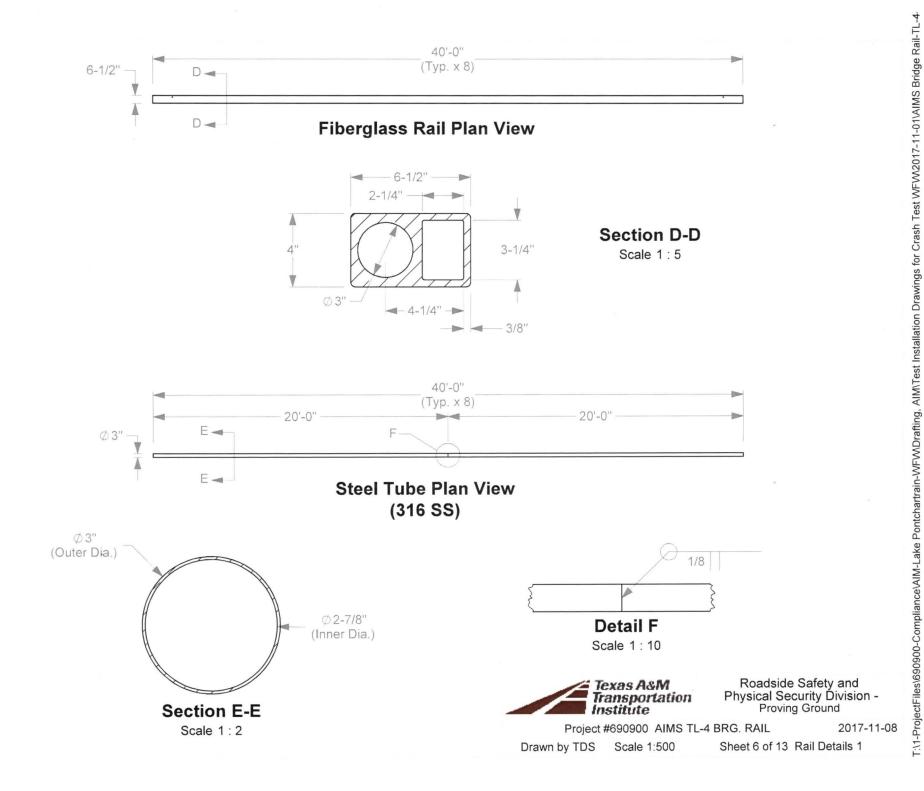


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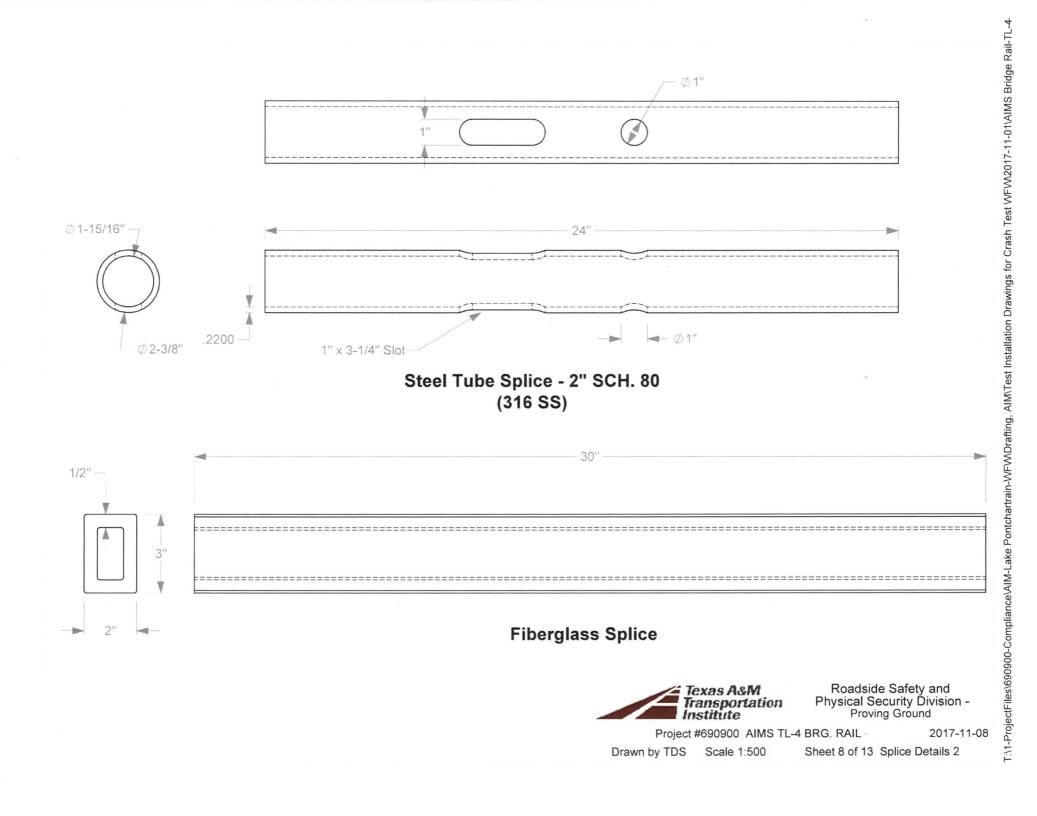
Ø 3/4" x 6" SS 316 Bolt Standard 3/4" Flat Washers F 3/4" Heavy Hex Nut Steel Tube Spice 3/4" Lock Washer ())))))))))) Fiberglass Splice Steel Tube Railing-F **Splice Plan View** 2-1/4" ПП 莳 Ŧ Fiberglass Railing ПТ **Section F-F** Ψ Ψ Scale 1:2 Roadside Safety and Physical Security Division -Proving Ground Texas A&M Transportation Institute **Splice Elevation View**

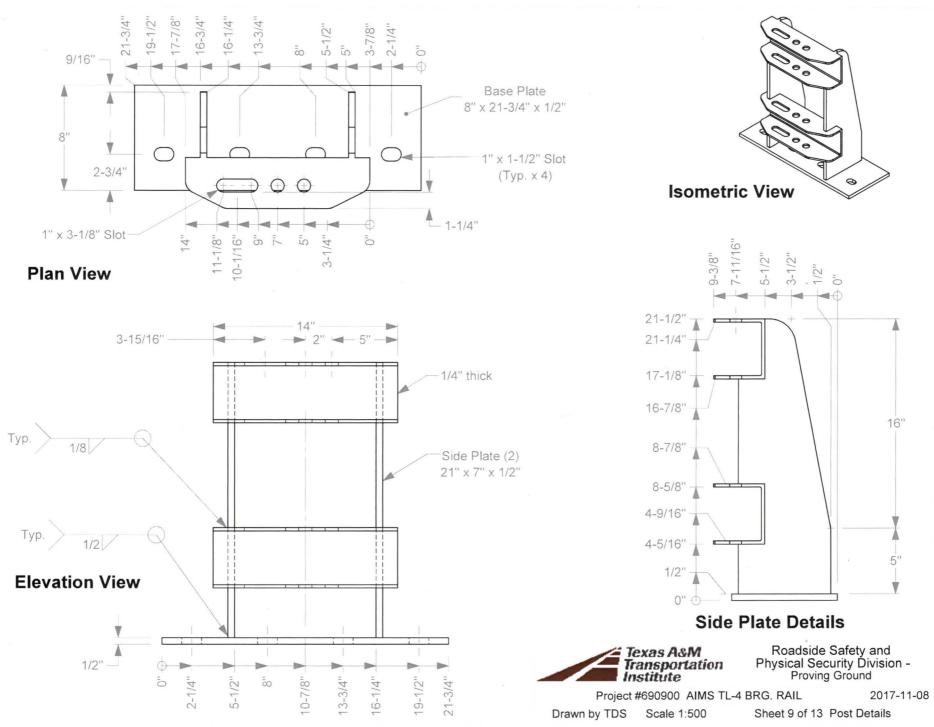
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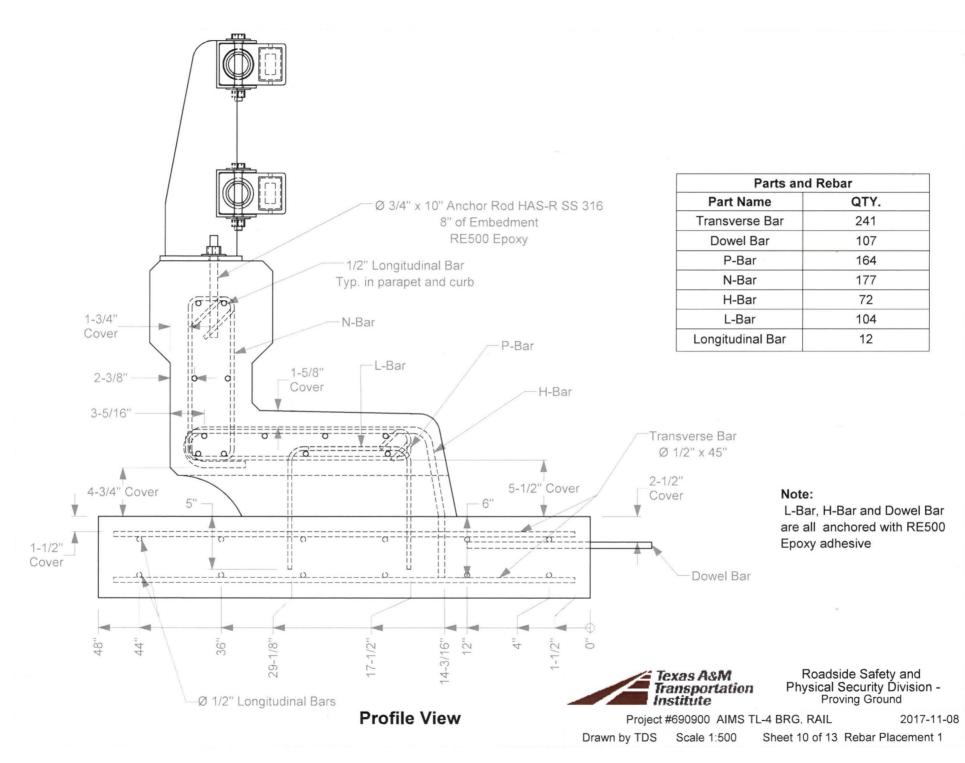
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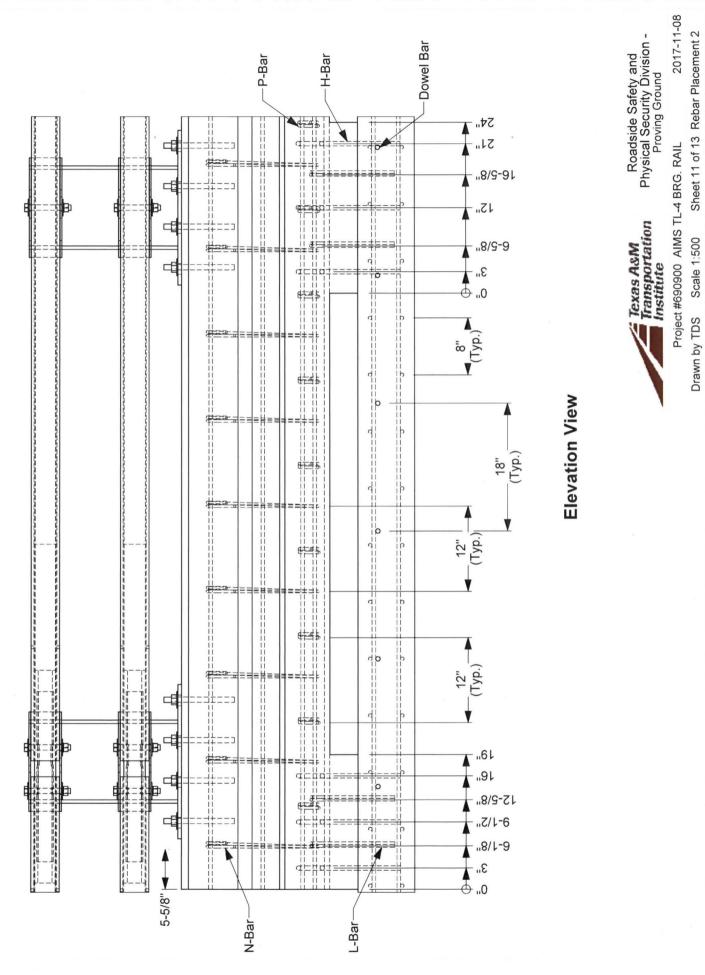


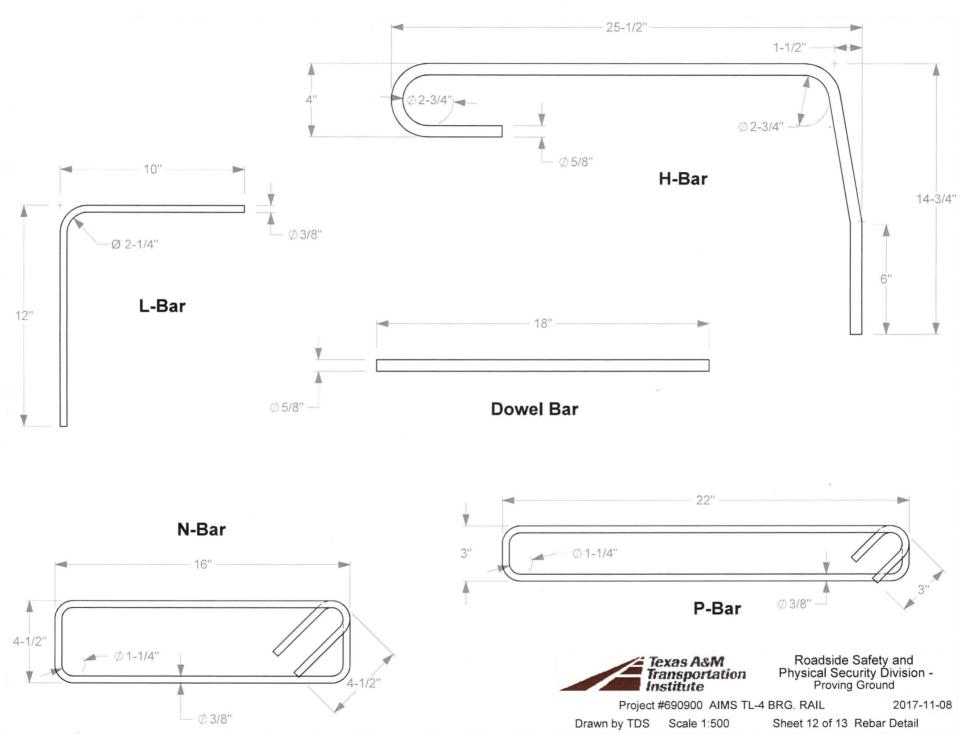


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