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In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-351

Shawn Yu, Standards Engineer Colorado Department of Transportation 2829 W. Howard Place, Room 309p Denver, CO 80204

Dear Mr. Yu:

This letter is in response to your October 12, 2020 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-351 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:

• Colorado Type 10 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: Colorado Type 10 Bridge Rail

Type of system: Longitudinal Barrier

Test Level: TL4

Testing conducted by: Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Date of request: October 12, 2020

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-351 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.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosures

# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	October 12, 2020		○ Resubmission
	Name:	Roger Bligh		
ter	Company:	Texas A&M Transporatation Institu	te	
Submitter	Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807		
Sul	Country:	U.S.A.		
	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 L | | - | - |

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Var		ū	Tes Leve	- 1
'B':Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers		Colorado Type 10 Bri Rail	idge <sup>/</sup>	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:	Shawn Yu,StandardsEngineer	Same asSubmitter			
Company Name:	Company Name: Colorado Department of Transportation				
Address:	2829 W. Howard Pl.,Room 309p, Denver, CO 80204	Same asSubmitter			
Country:	U.S.A.	Same asSubmitter			
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.					
Texas A&MTransportation Institute (TTI) was contracted by Colorado Department of Transportation to perform full-scale crash testing of the Colorado Type 10 Bridge Rail. There are no shared financial interests in the Colorado Type 10 Bridge Rail by TTI, or between Colorado Department of Transportation and TTI, other than costs involved in the actual crash testsand reports for this submission to FHWA.					
609761-01-3.4.5					

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or	_ Modification to
Significant Modification	Existing Hardware

The Type 10 Bridge Rail installation consists of two tubular steel rails attached to steel posts mounted on a concrete parapet. The concrete parapet is 18 inches wide at the bottom, tapering up on the traffic side to a top width of 16¾ inches. In the tested configurations, a 3-inch thick lift of asphalt covered the bottom 3 inches of the concrete parapet, which extends 10 inchesabove grade. W6x20 steel postsare mounted on top of the concrete parapet at a 10 ft spacing. Two HSS6x6x¼ steel rails are attached to the postsat heights of 25 inches and 40 inchesabove the road surface. The rails are spliced using 5¼-inch square, 5/16-inch thick, 36-inch long fabricated steel tubular sections with a 6 inch distance between the adjacent rail sections.

#### **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 testsare necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.

Engineer Name:	RogerBligh		
Engineer Signature:	Roger Bligh		signed by Roger Bligh 0.10.09 13:43:03 -05'00'
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg 7091, Brya	an,Texas77807	Same as Submitter 🖂
Country:	U.S.A.		Same as Submitter 🔀

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
4-11 (2270P)	The results of test 609761-01-4 conducted on May 13, 2020 are found in TTIReport No. 609761-01-3-5. The Type 10 bridge rail successfully contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard to others in the area. Maximum dynamic lateral deflection of the rail during the test was 6.0 inches. The vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 50° and 15°, respectively. Occupant risk indices (occupant impact velocity and ridedown accelerations) were below the preferred values of MASH. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 3.0 inches in the firewall area. The test satisfied all relevant MASH criteria.	PASS
4-12 (10000S)	The results of test 609761-01-3 conducted on May 11, 2020 are found in TTIReport No. 609761-01-3-5. The Type 10 bridge rail successfully contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard to others in the area. Maximum dynamic lateral deflection of the rail during the test was 2.9 inches. The vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 5.75 inches in the floor pan. The test satisfied all relevant MASHcriteria.	PASS
4-20 (1100C)	MASH2016 Test Designation 4-20 evaluates transitions. The Colorado DOTType 10 bridge rail is not a transition; therefore, this test is not relevant.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-21 (2270P)	MASH2016 Test Designation 4-21 evaluates transitions. The Colorado DOTType 10 bridge rail is not a transition; therefore, this test is not relevant.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-22 (10000S)	MASH2016 Test Designation 4-22 evaluates transitions. The Colorado DOTType 10 bridge rail is not a transition; therefore, this test is not relevant.	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 A&M Transportation Insitute		
Laboratory Signature:	Digitally signed by Darrell L. Kuhn 'Date: 2020.10.09 17:33:30-05'00		
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807	Same asSubmitter	
Country:	U.S.A.	Same asSubmitter	
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	ISO 17025-2017 Laboratory A2LA Certificate Number: 2821.01 Valid To: April 30, 2021		

Submitter Signature\*: Roger Bligh Date: 2020.10.09 13:43:28 -05'00'

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

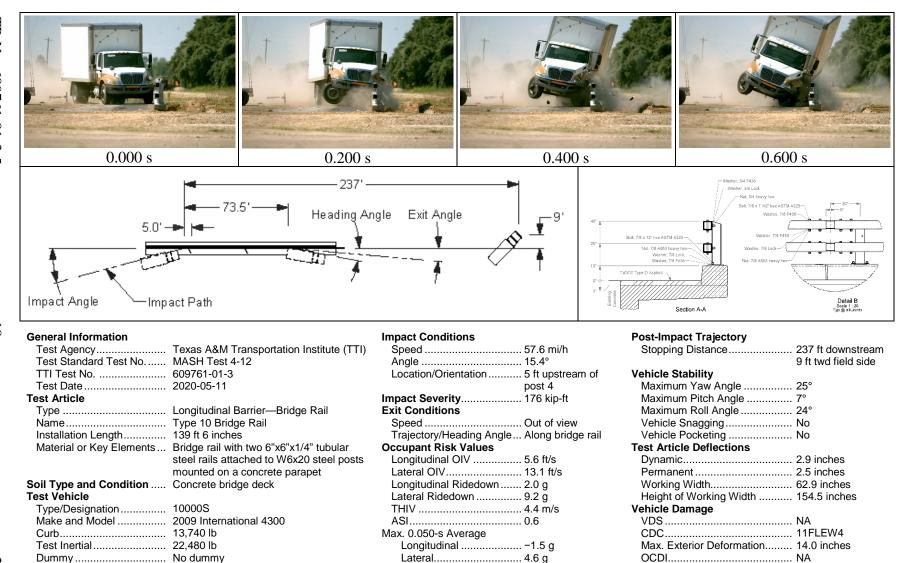
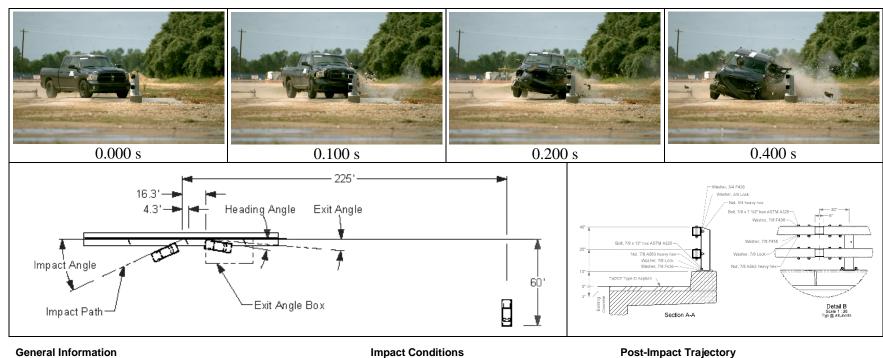


Figure 5.7. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on Type 10 Bridge Rail.

Vertical..... −2.8 g

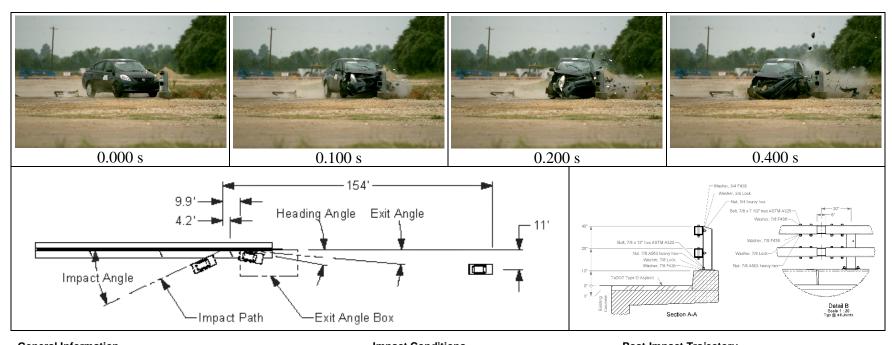
Max. Occupant Compartment

Deformation ...... 5.75 inches



Test Standard Test No TTI Test No Test Date  Test Article Type Name Installation Length Material or Key Elements	609761-01-4 2020-05-13  Longitudinal Barrier—Bridge Rail Type 10 Bridge Rail 139 ft 6 inches Bridge rail with two 6"x6"x1/4" tubular steel rails attached to W6x20 steel posts mounted on a concrete parapet	Impact Conditions   Speed	Post-Impact Trajectory Stopping Distance	60 ft twd traffic  113° 15° 50° No No 6.0 inches 0.5 inch
Soil Type and Condition Test Vehicle Type/Designation Make and Model Curb Test Inertial Dummy Gross Static	2270P 2014 RAM 1500 Pickup 4941 lb 5061 lb 165 lb	Longitudinal Ridedown	Working Width  Height of Working Width  Vehicle Damage  VDS  CDC  Max. Exterior Deformation  OCDI  Max. Occupant Compartment  Deformation	37.8 inches 11LFQ6 11FLEW5 14.0 inches LF0010000

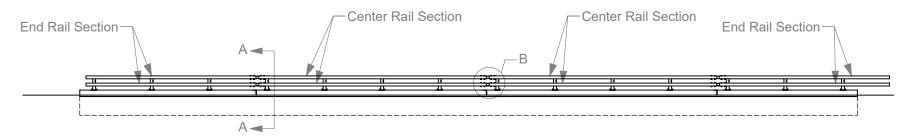
Figure 6.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-11 on Type 10 Bridge Rail.

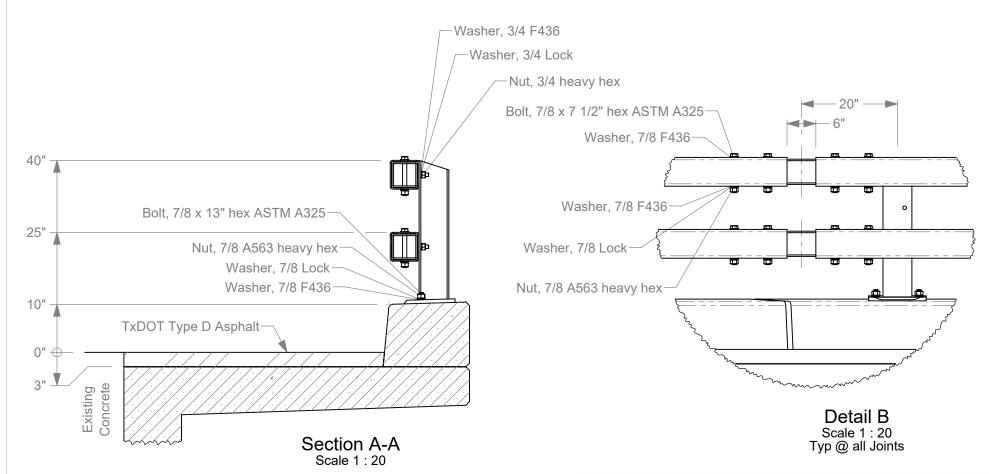


General Information		Impact Conditions	Post-Impact Trajectory
Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)	Speed 62.9 mi/h	Stopping Distance 154 ft downstream
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-10	Angle 25.2°	11 ft twd traffic
TTI Test No	609761-01-5	Location/Orientation 3.2 ft upstream of	Vehicle Stability
Test Date	2020-05-15	rail joint between	Maximum Yaw Angle 36
Test Article		posts 11 and 12	Maximum Pitch Angle 4
Type	Longitudinal Barrier—Bridge Rail	Impact Severity 58 kip-ft	Maximum Roll Angle 5
Name		Exit Conditions	Vehicle Snagging No
Installation Length	139 ft 6 inches	Speed 46.8 mi/h	Vehicle Pocketing No
Material or Key Elements	Bridge rail with two 6"x6"x1/4" tubular	Trajectory/Heading Angle 5.9°/3.5°	Test Article Deflections
	steel rails attached to W6x20 steel posts	Occupant Risk Values	Dynamic 2.2 inches
	mounted on a concrete parapet	Longitudinal OIV 26.6 ft/s	Permanent None measurable
Soil Type and Condition	Concrete bridge deck, dry	Lateral OIV 29.9 ft/s	Working Width 18.0 inches
Test Vehicle		Longitudinal Ridedown 3.6 g	Height of Working Width 10 inches
Type/Designation	1100C	Lateral Ridedown 6.9 g	Vehicle Damage
Make and Model	2014 Nissan Versa	THIV 12.3 m/s	VDS 11LFQ6
Curb	2413 lb	ASI 2.6	CDC 11FLEW5
Test Inertial	2431 lb	Max. 0.050-s Average	Max. Exterior Deformation 9.0 inches
Dummy	165 lb	Longitudinal −15.3 g	OCDI LF0010000
Gross Static	2596 lb	Lateral 19.2 g	Max. Occupant Compartment
		Vertical 3.3 g	Deformation 4.0 inches

Figure 7.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on Type 10 Bridge Rail.

## **Elevation View**





**1a.** All rail components, including Rails, Posts, and Hardware, shall be galvanized.

**1b.** Bolts with Lock Washers shall be tightened to snug only.



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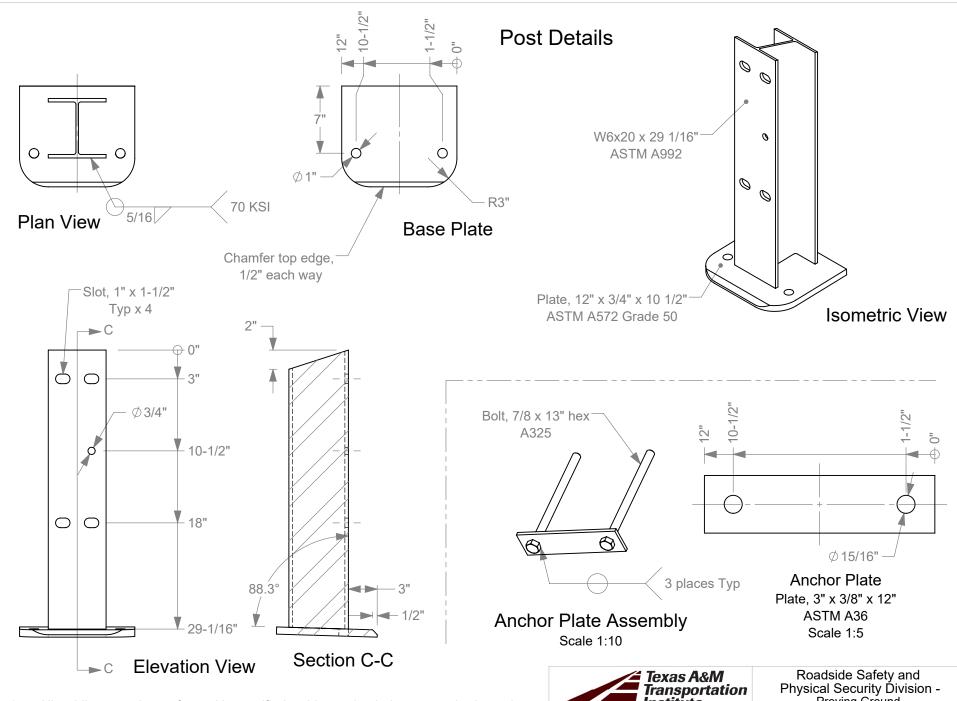
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Sheet 1 of 8 Elevation View

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**3a.** All welding must be performed by certified welders using industry standard practices.

**3b.** Galvanize all components after fabrication is complete.

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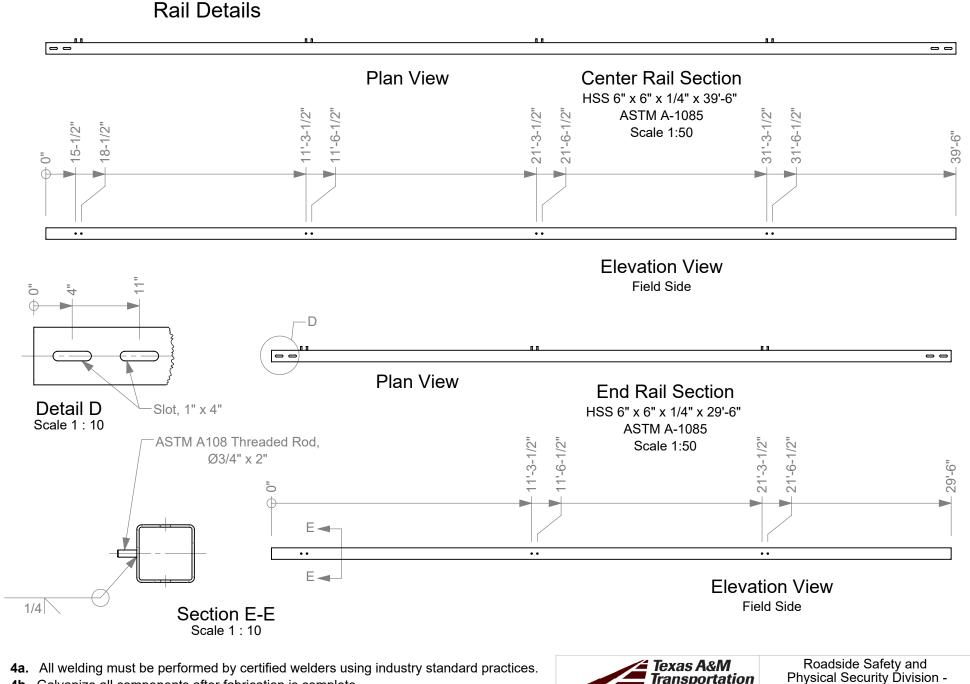
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4b. Galvanize all components after fabrication is complete.

4c. Detail D is typical both Rail Sections, both ends. Section E-E is typical both Rail Sections.



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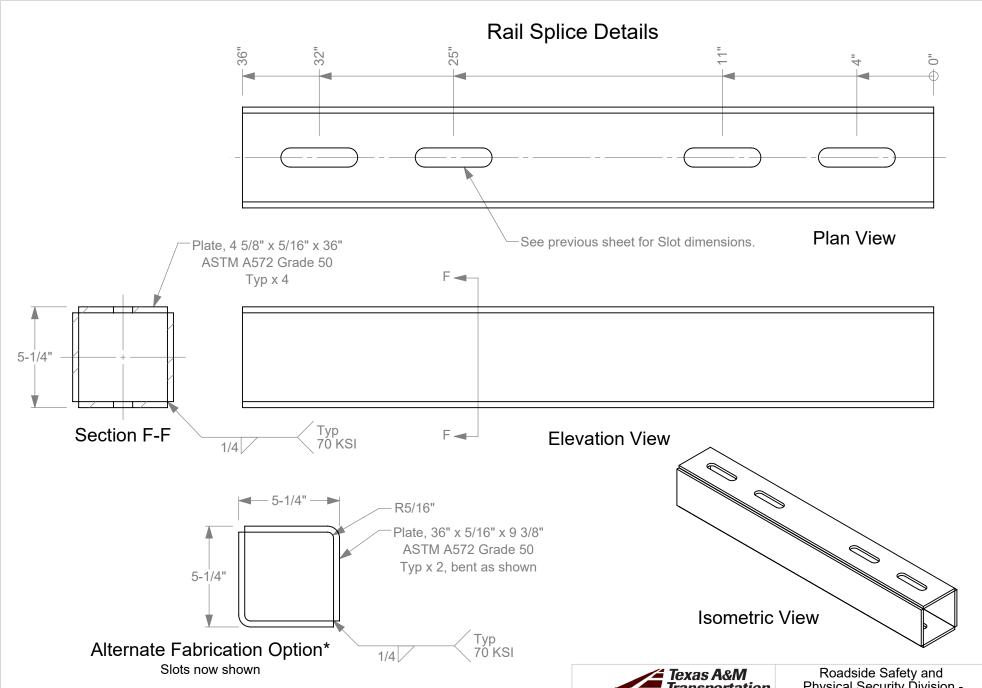
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\*After fabrication this sheet will be edited to show only the fabrication method used.



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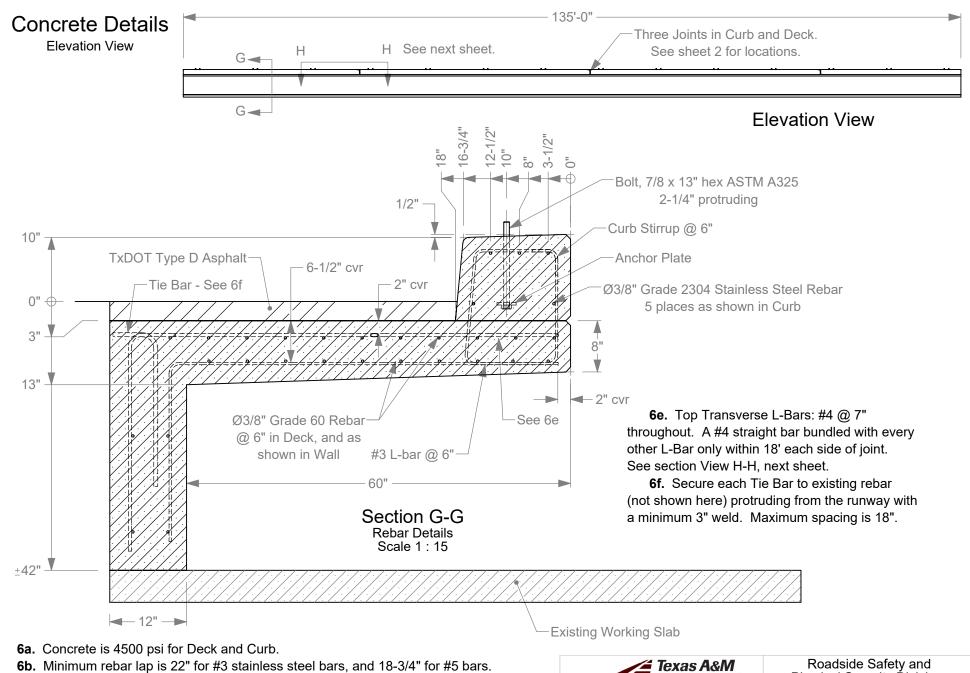
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**6c.** All rebar dimensions are to center of bar unless otherwise indicated by "cvr" (cover).

6d. R1" fillet traffic side top edge of Curb. Chamfer 3/4" field side edges of Deck and Curb as shown.



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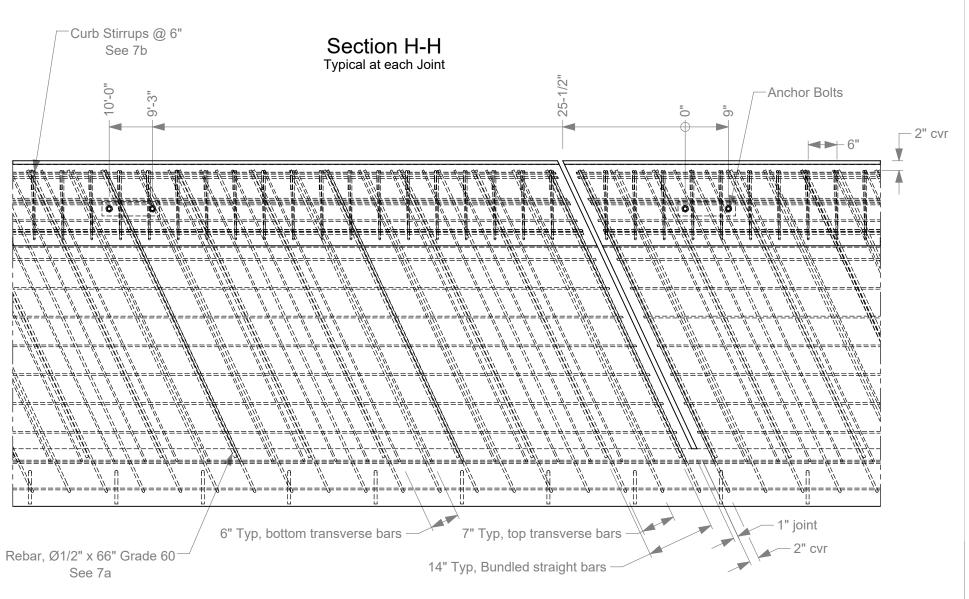
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Sheet 6 of 8 Concrete Details



**7a.**  $\emptyset$ 1/2" straight bars bundled with every other top transverse L-bar for 18' each side of each joint.

**7b.** Adjust spacing of Stirrups as needed to avoid interference with Anchor Bolts.

