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Dear Dr. Sicking:

This is in response to your letter dated February 28, 2007, requesting Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acceptance of the Sequential Kinking Terminal (SKT) and the FLared Energy Absorbing Terminal (FLEAT) using wood posts when connecting to the Midwest Guardrail System (MGS). FHWA Acceptance Letter CC-88, dated March 8, 2005, accepted these combinations based on testing with steel posts. You requested that we find these modified devices acceptable for use on the National Highway System (NHS) under the provisions of National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350 "Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features." We provided an informal opinion accepting this device on March 15, 2007, and have been working with you to finalize the drawings for this final acceptance package.

Introduction

The FHWA guidance on crash testing of roadside safety hardware is contained in a memorandum dated July 25, 1997, titled "<u>INFORMATION</u>: Identifying Acceptable Highway Safety Features."

Two different anchor designs were used in the original MGS testing, a two post, ground line strut design and a large single post with a soil plate alternative. The upper parts of these designs were identical and Test 3-34 was conducted on the FLEAT with both anchor designs. Test FLEAT-5 used the two post and strut alternative while test FLEAT -7 used the single post anchor system. Videos, photos and reports on these tests were submitted with your original request for approval. At your request we only included the double post design in its approval letter.

Our original letter also indicated that both steel and wood post options were acceptable but you did not provide a drawing of the wood post option.



Findings

Based on prior testing discussed above we find the following terminal designs as shown in the enclosed drawings acceptable for use on the NHS under the range of conditions tested, when proposed by a State:

- 1) SKT terminal for the MGS, steel and wood post options.
- 2) FLEAT terminal for the MGS, steel and wood post options.
- 3) SKT with two post anchor with ground strut.
- 4) FLEAT with two post anchors with ground strut.

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

- Our acceptance is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the devices and does not cover their structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may adversely influence the crashworthiness of the device will require a new acceptance letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service
 performance reveals unacceptable safety problems, or that the device being marketed is
 significantly different from the version that was crash tested, it reserves the right to modify or
 revoke its acceptance.
- You will be expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design and installation requirements to ensure proper performance.
- You will be expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has essentially
 the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for acceptance,
 and that they will meet the crashworthiness requirements of FHWA and NCHRP Report 350.
- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of acceptance, designated as number CC-88A shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter, and the test documentation upon which this letter is based, is public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed at our office upon request.
- The SKT and FLEAT w-beam guardrail terminals are patented devices and considered "proprietary." The use of proprietary devices *specified by a highway agency* for use on Federal-aid projects must meet one of the following criteria: (a) it must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that it is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) it 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.

• This Acceptance Letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented device for which the applicant is not the patent holder. The Acceptance Letter is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the candidate device, and the FHWA is neither prepared nor required to become involved in issues concerning patent law. Patent issues, if any, are to be resolved by the applicant.

Sincerely yours,

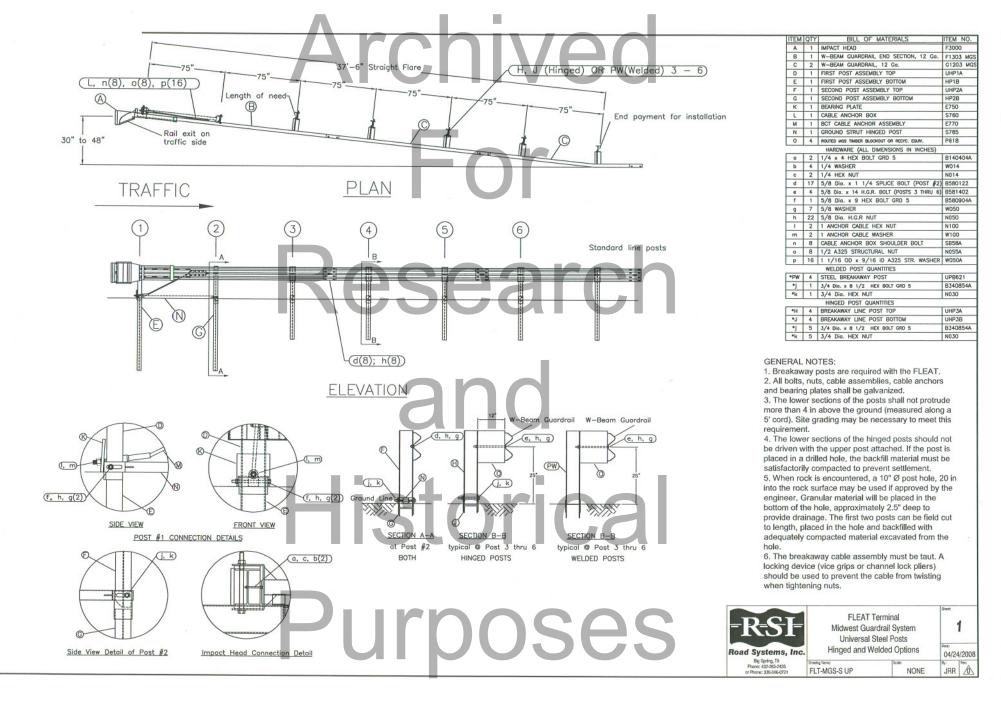
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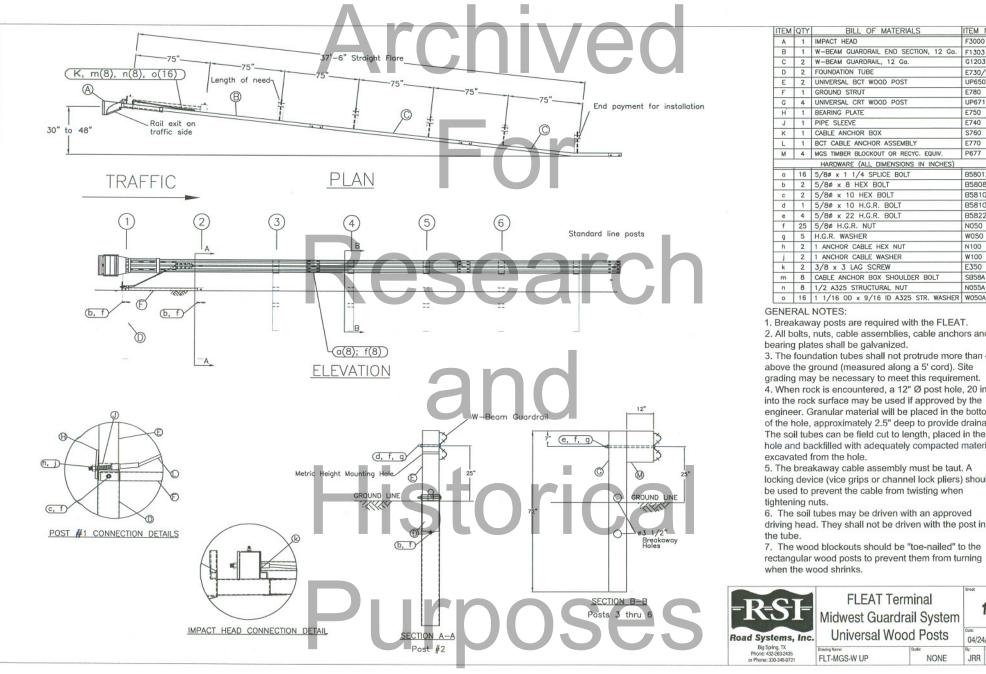
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Enclosures

Research and Historical Purposes Only





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	Α	1	IMPACT HEAD	F3000			
	В	1	W-BEAM GUARDRAIL END SECTION, 12 Ga.	F1303 MGS			
	C	2	W-BEAM GUARDRAIL, 12 Ga.	G1203 MGS			
	D	2	FOUNDATION TUBE	E730/S730			
	E	2	UNIVERSAL BCT WOOD POST	UP650			
	F	1	GROUND STRUT	E780			
	G	4	UNIVERSAL CRT WOOD POST	UP671			
	H	1	BEARING PLATE	E750			
	J	1	PIPE SLEEVE	E740			
Ì	K	1	CABLE ANCHOR BOX	S760			
1	L	1	BCT CABLE ANCHOR ASSEMBLY	E770			
1	М	4	MGS TIMBER BLOCKOUT OR RECYC. EQUIV.	P677			
1	HARDWARE (ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES)						
1	a	16	5/8ø x 1 1/4 SPLICE BOLT	B580122			
1	b	2	5/8ø x 8 HEX BOLT	B580804			
	С	2	5/8ø x 10 HEX BOLT	B581004			
1	d	1	5/8ø x 10 H.G.R. BOLT	B581002			
	e	4	5/8ø x 22 H.G.R. BOLT	B582202			
1	f	25	5/8ø H.G.R. NUT	N050			
1	9	5	H.G.R. WASHER	W050			
	h	2	1 ANCHOR CABLE HEX NUT	N100			
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	k	2	3/8 x 3 LAG SCREW	E350			
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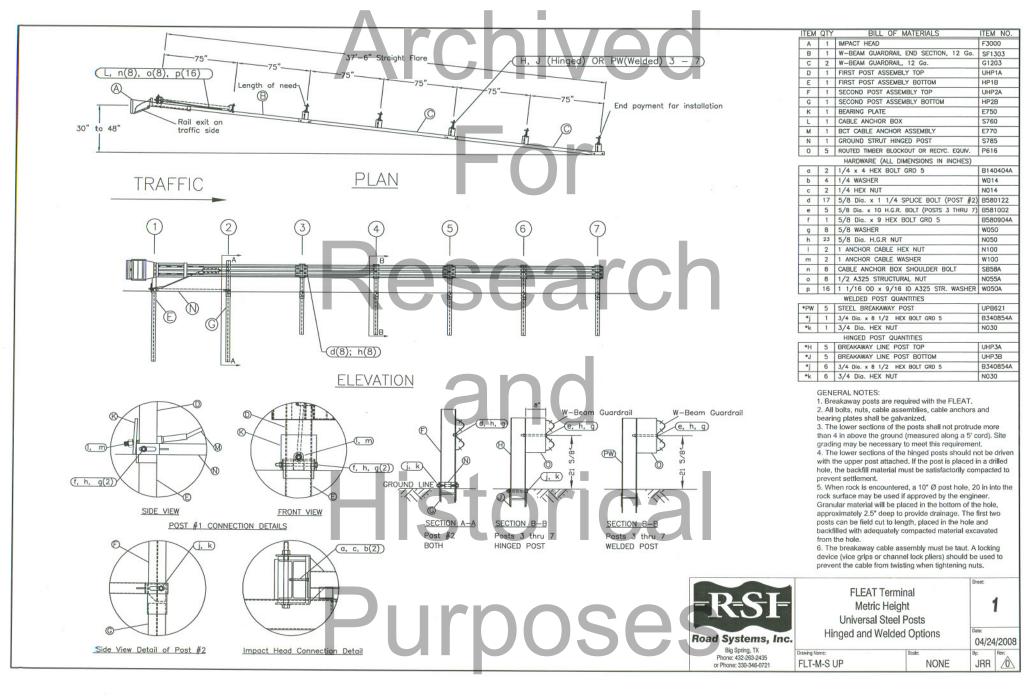
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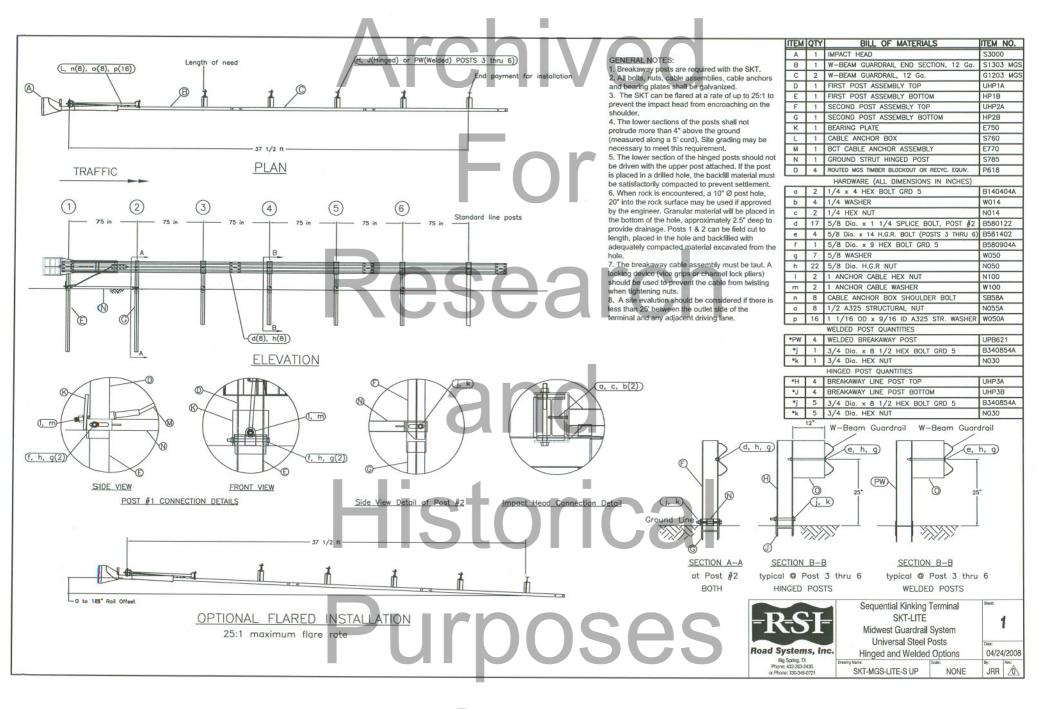
FLEAT Terminal Midwest Guardrail System **Universal Wood Posts**

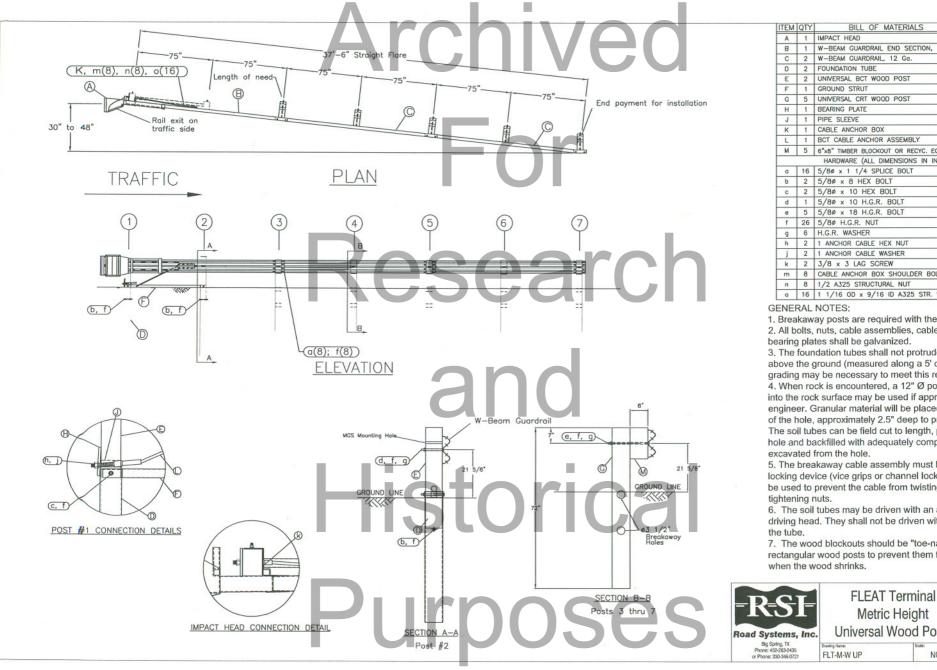
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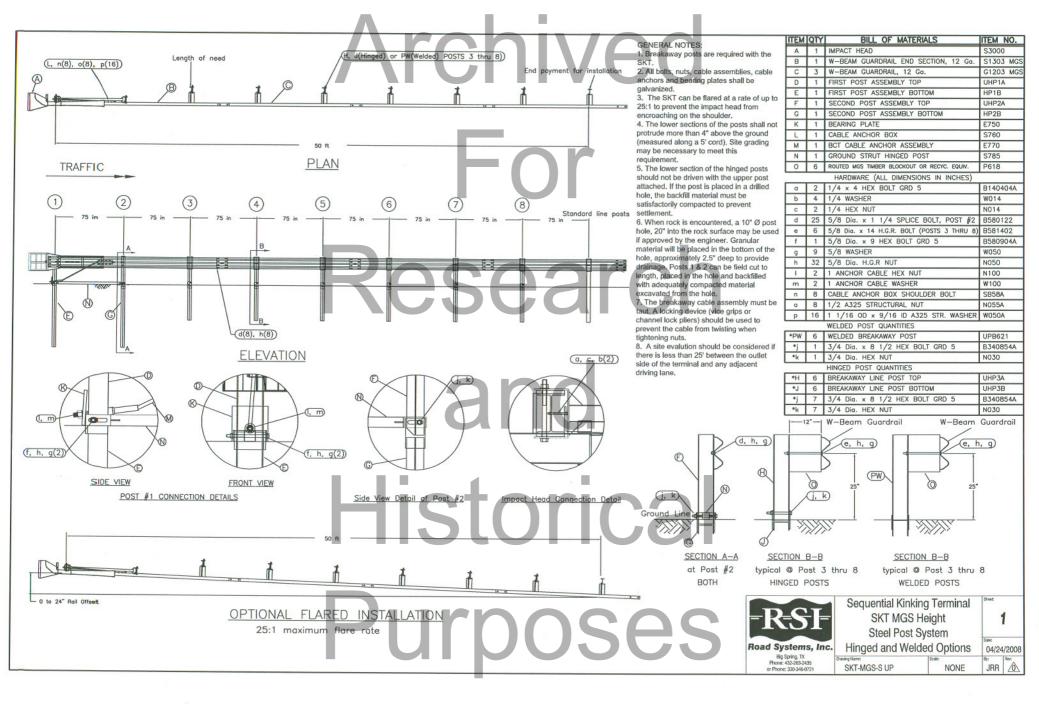
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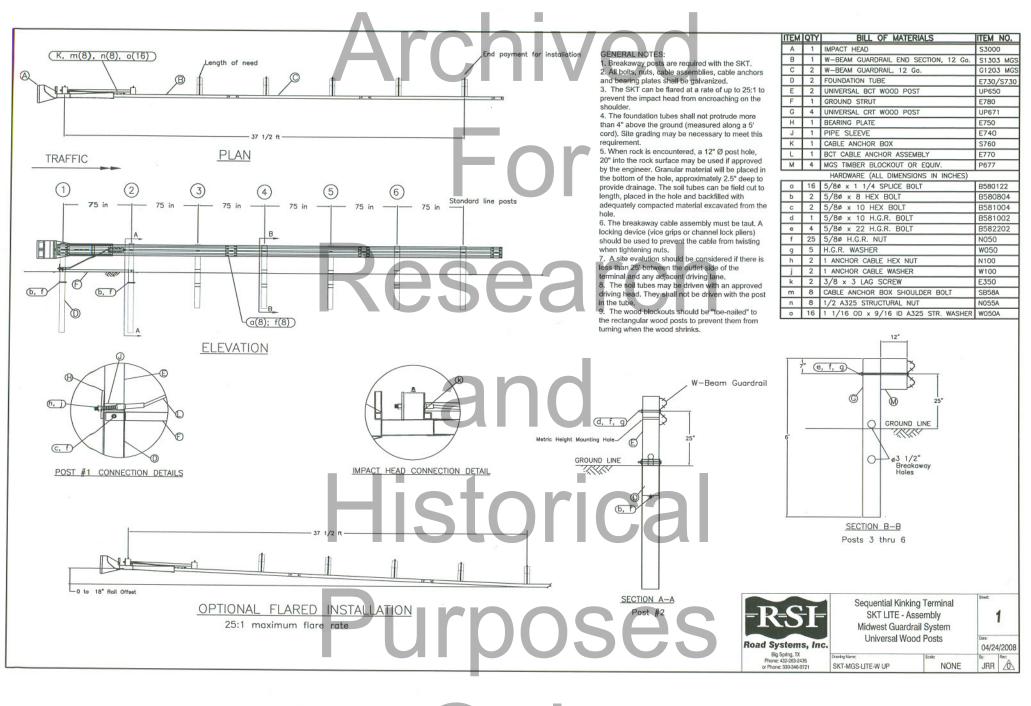
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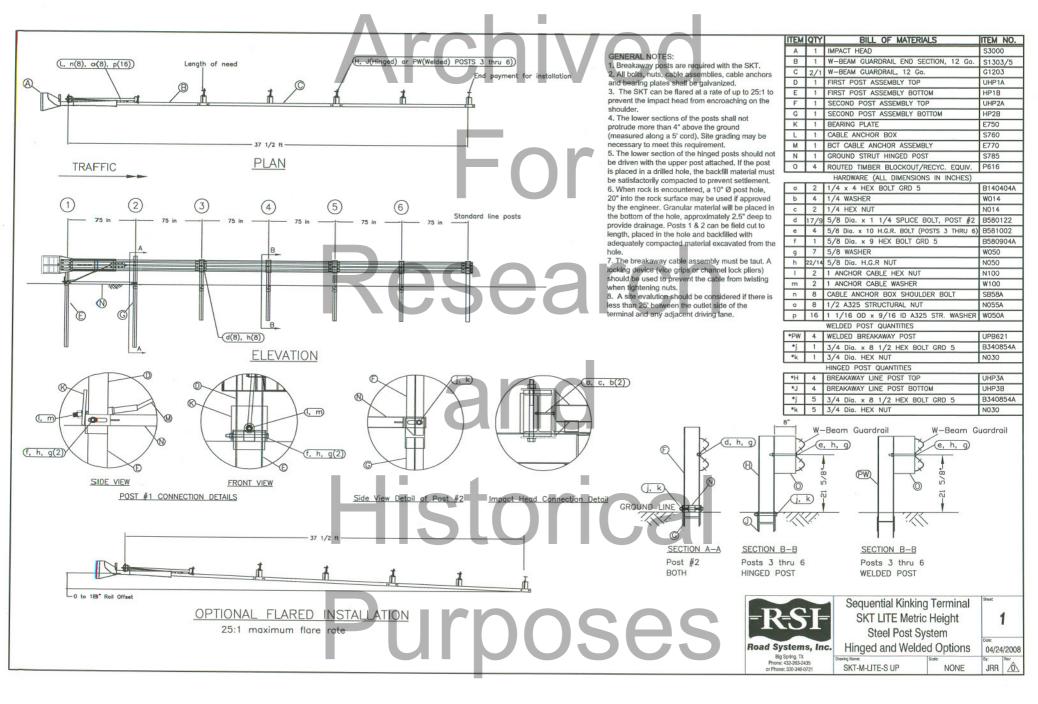
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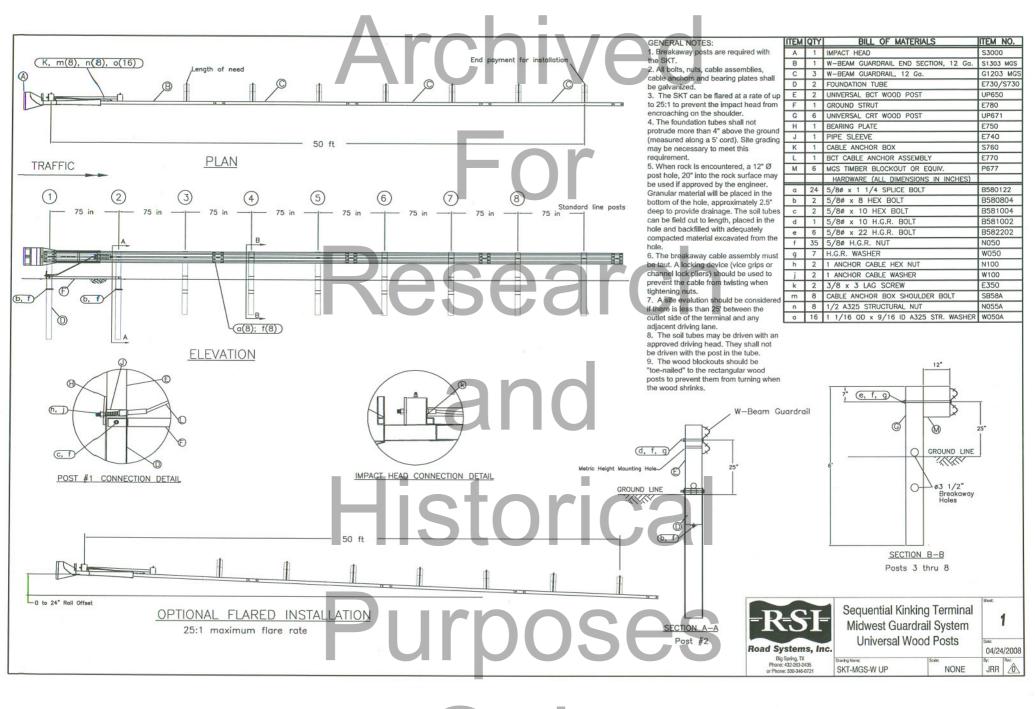
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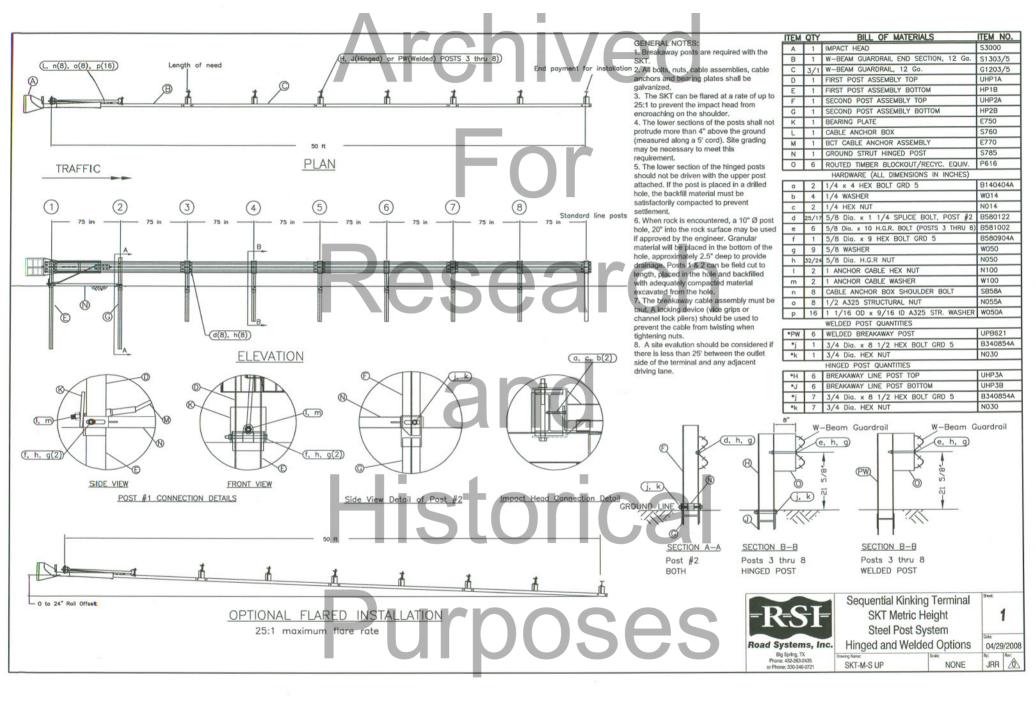
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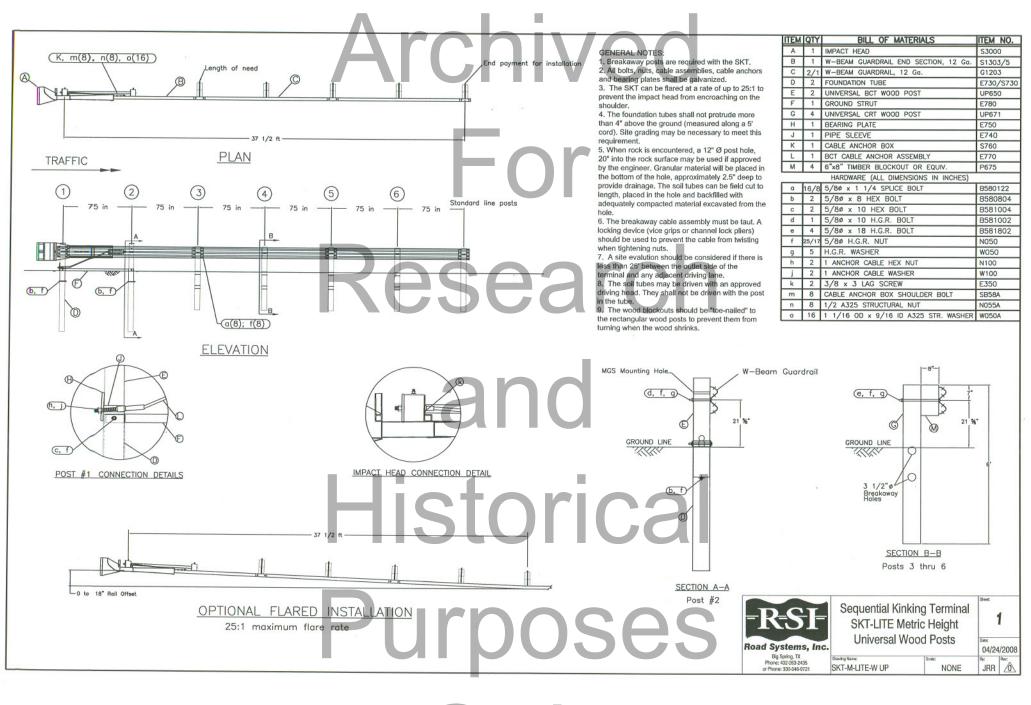












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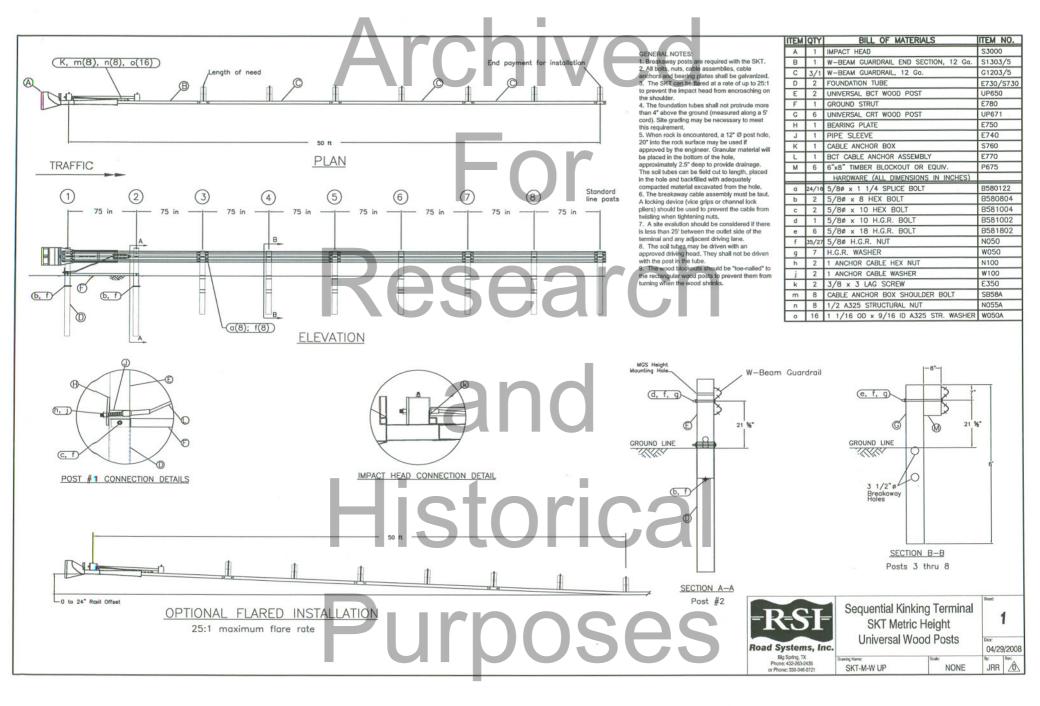


Universal Hinge Post Road Systems, Inc. Big Spring, TX Phone: 432-263-2435 or Phone: 330-346-0721

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NOTE: All holes locations should reference the bottom of the post.



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