

## Newburyport

- Donna D. Holaday – Mayor
- Jon-Eric White P.E. – City Engineer
- Matthew Coogan – Chief of Staff

## West Newbury

- Selectmen – David Archibald, Chairman;  
Glenn Kemper; Richard Parker
- Angus Jennings – Town Manager
- Wayne Amaral – DPW Director

## BSC Group

- Peter Reed P.E. – Director of Transportation
- Micah Morrison P.E., S.E. – Manager of Structural Engineering



# Plummer Spring Road / Middle Street Bridge Replacement

September 23, 2019





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# Plummer Spring Rd./Middle St. Bridge Replacement Project

**Owner** – Newburyport / West Newbury

**Design Consultant** – BSC Group

**Anticipated Schedule** – Subject to funding appropriation, goal is to start construction 2021. Estimated one year construction duration.





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# Collaboration & Project Complexity

## Collaborative Effort -

- Bridge straddles Town/City line
- Provided mutual assistance on grant applications
- Joint meetings between communities

## Project Complexity -

- Project located within drinking water reservoir – permitting and construction implications
- Depth of water – requires extensive cofferdams
- Poor soil condition – requires pile support
- Minimal existing roadway width



# Project History

**June 2016**

MassDOT routine bridge inspection listed as "severe-priority"

**September 2016**

City and BSC Group met to discuss options & possible grant funding

**May 2017**

Updated MassDOT bridge inspection

**May 2018**

Bridge closed due to a partial collapse of the southern bridge retaining wall

**September 2018**

BSC selected as design consultant

**January 2019**

Coordination meeting with MassDOT Bridge Section

**August 2019**

MassWorks Grant application submitted

**2016**

**2017**

**2018**

**2019**

**Summer 2016**

City began monitoring settlement and leaning block wall

**June 2017**

MassDOT Small Bridge Grant Application submitted

**July 2018**

Small Bridge Grant executed, work began

**Fall 2018**

Bi-weekly coordination meetings with both communities and BSC

**Winter/Spring 2019**

BSC prepared conceptual layouts and budget cost estimates



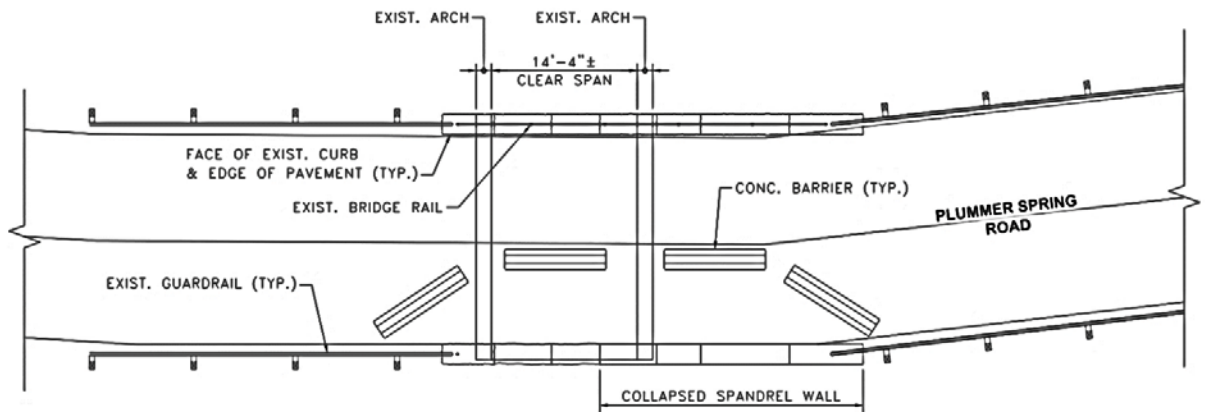
# Existing Bridge

- Existing structure built in 1891
- Due to partial collapse bridge is closed to vehicular traffic and needs to be replaced
- Overall width is 24 feet
- Bridge roadway width is 20 feet
- Existing span length is 14 feet

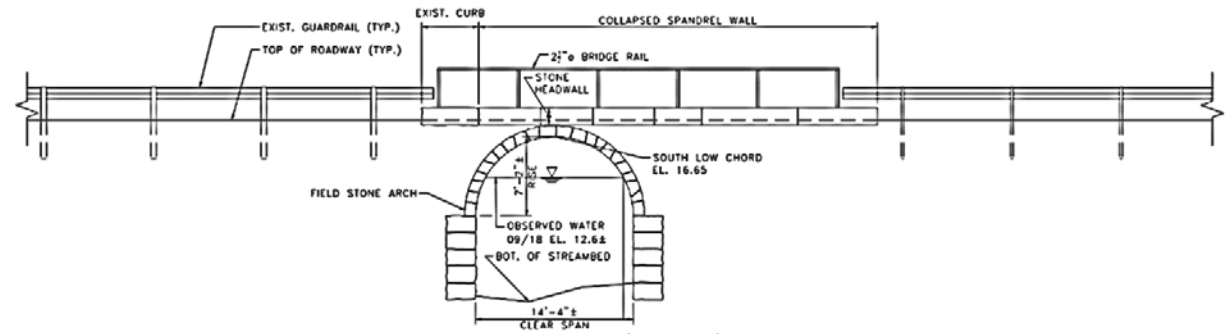


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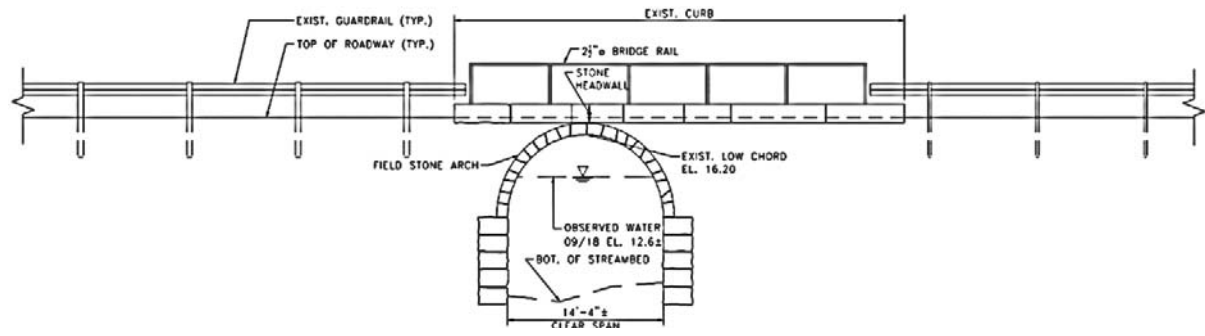
Existing Plan



Existing South Elevation (Upstream)

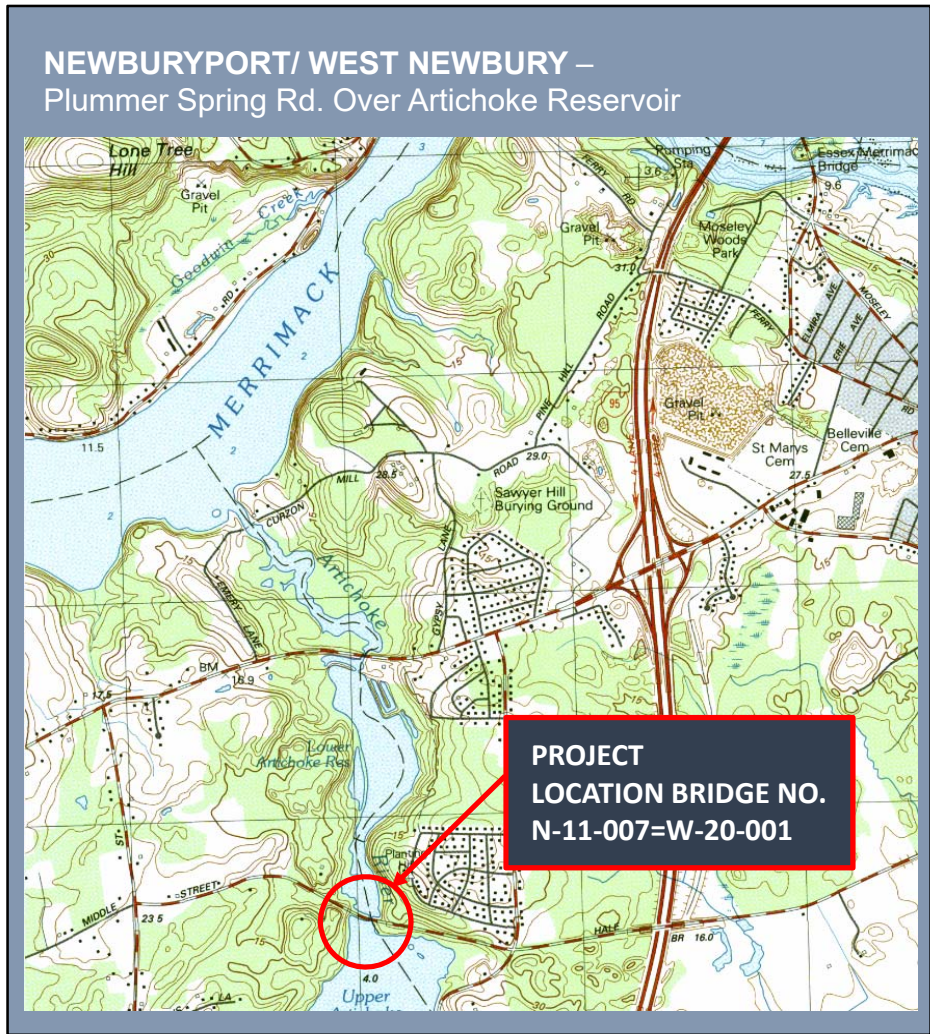


Existing North Elevation (Downstream)





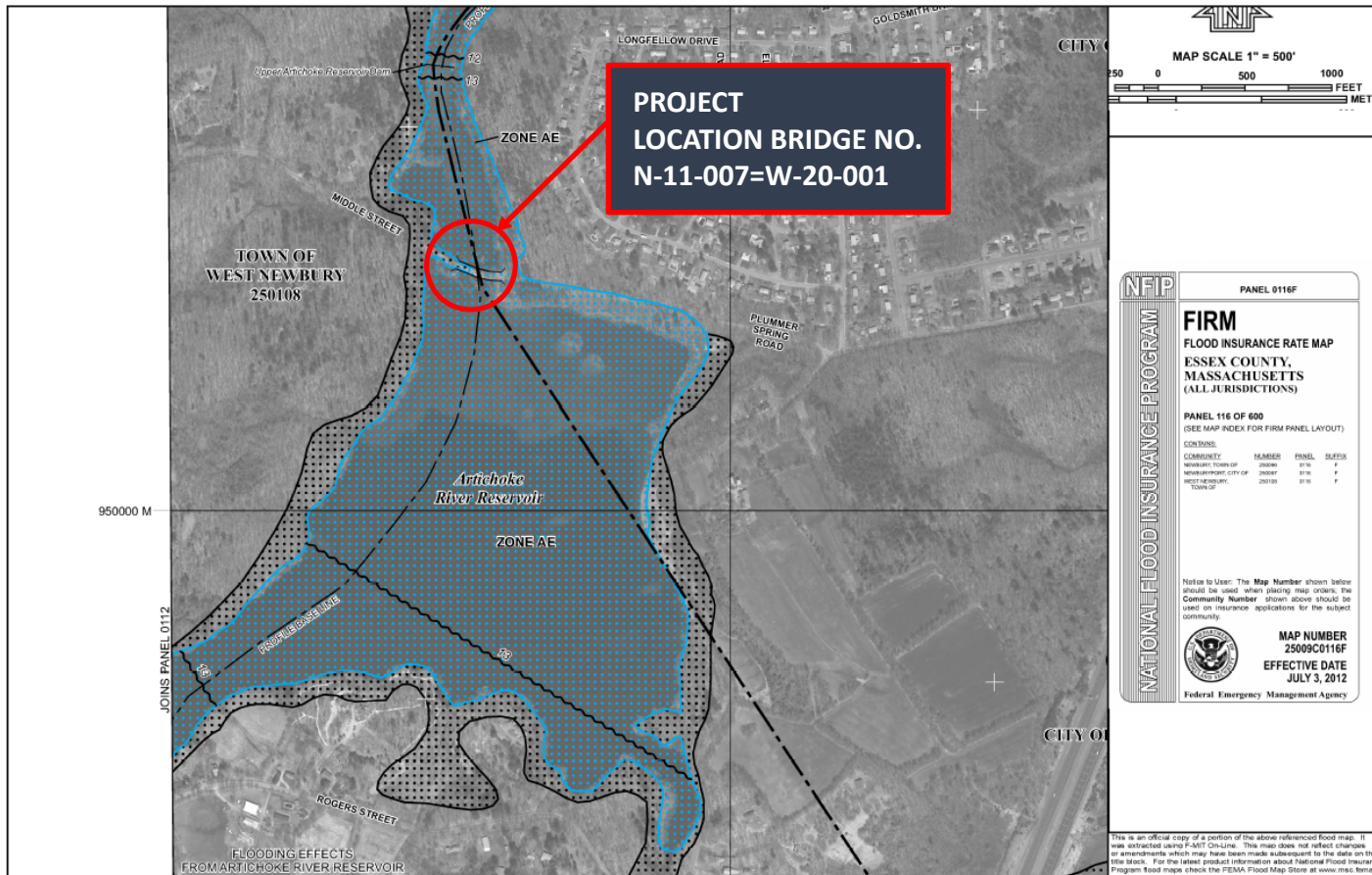
# Project Location



PROJECT LOCATION MAP



# Floodplain Area







# Bridge Alternatives

## Preliminary Bridge Construction Cost Estimate

Alternative	Design Features	Cost
<b>Alternative 1</b>	45'-0" Span Spread Box Beams 24'-0" Roadway	\$2,100,000
<b>Alternative 2</b>	45'-0" Span Spread Box Beams 24'-0" Roadway with one 5'-6" sidewalks	\$2,600,000
<b>Alternative 3</b>	45'-0' Span Spread Box Beams 24'-0" Roadway with two 5'-6" sidewalk	\$3,000,000
<b>Alternative 4</b>	45'-0" Span Spread Box Beams 22'-0" Roadway	\$2,100,000
<b>Alternative 5</b>	30'-8" Span Arch 24'-0" Roadway	\$2,300,000
<b>Alternative 6</b>	24'-8" Span Arch 24'-0" Roadway	\$2,300,000
<b>Alternative 7</b>	22'-0" Clear Span Rigid Frame 24'-0" Roadway	\$2,400,000



# Alternative 1

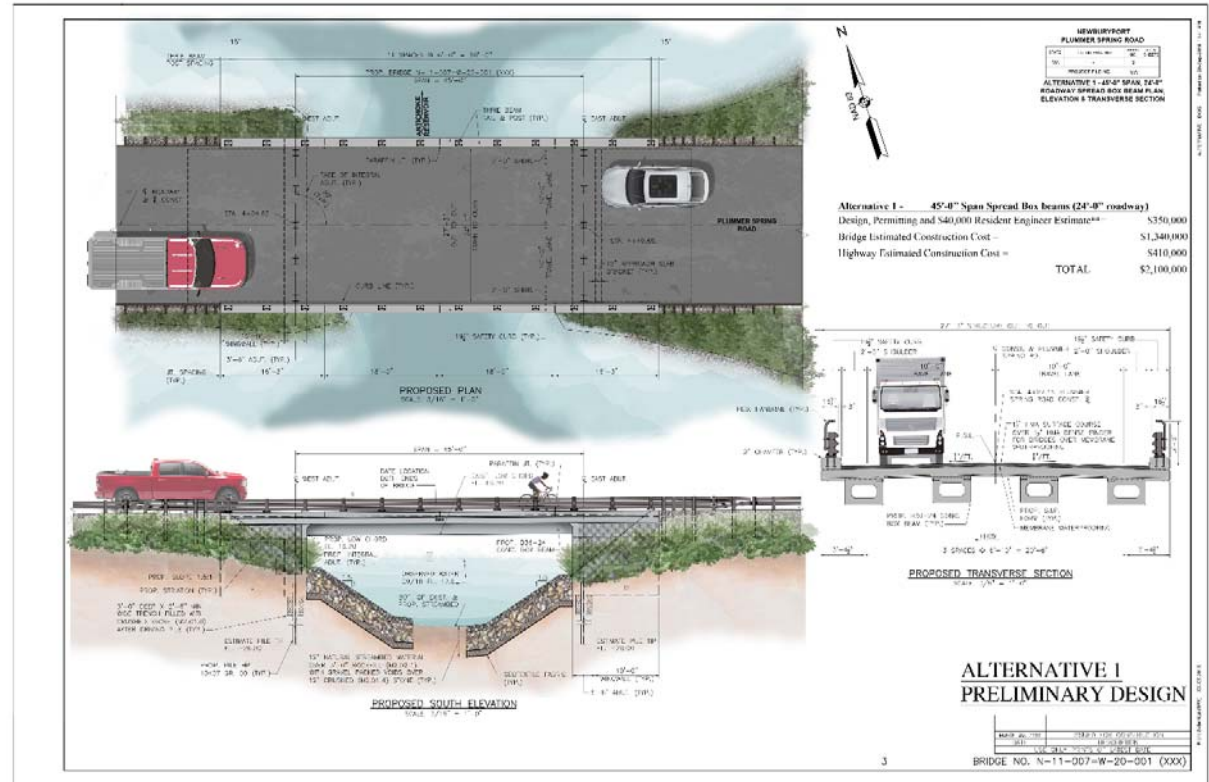
- 45'-0" span spread box beam
- 24'-0" roadway width with no sidewalk and continuous guardrail
- Overall width 27'-3"
- Integral abutment on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.1 M

## PROs

- Low cost
- Reduced wetland impacts
- Low maint. Cost

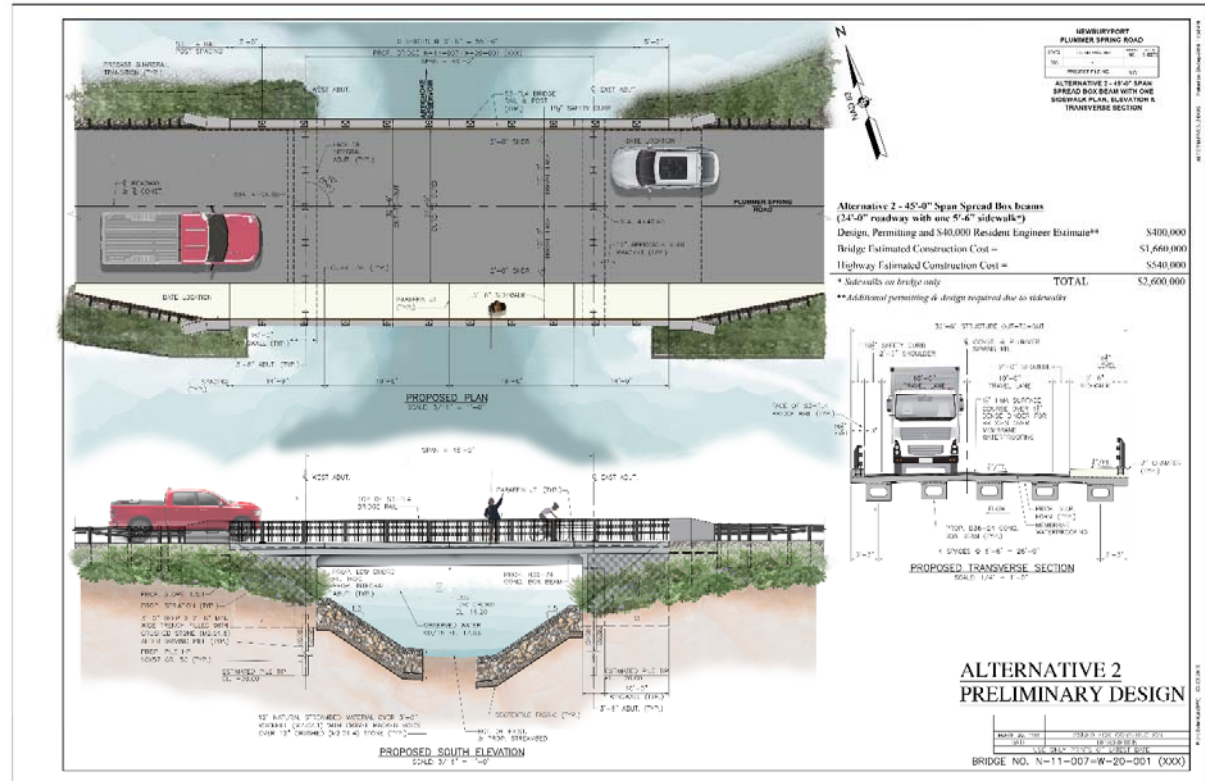
## CONs

- No ped. Access



# Alternative 2

- 45'-0" span spread box beam
- 24'-0" roadway width with 1 sidewalks and S3-TL4 bridge rail
- Overall width 32'-6"
- Integral abutment on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.6 M



## PROs

- Ped. Access/ safety
- Low maint. Cost

## CONs

- Greater wetland impact
- Higher cost
- Const. Duration
- Increased permitting



# Alternative 3

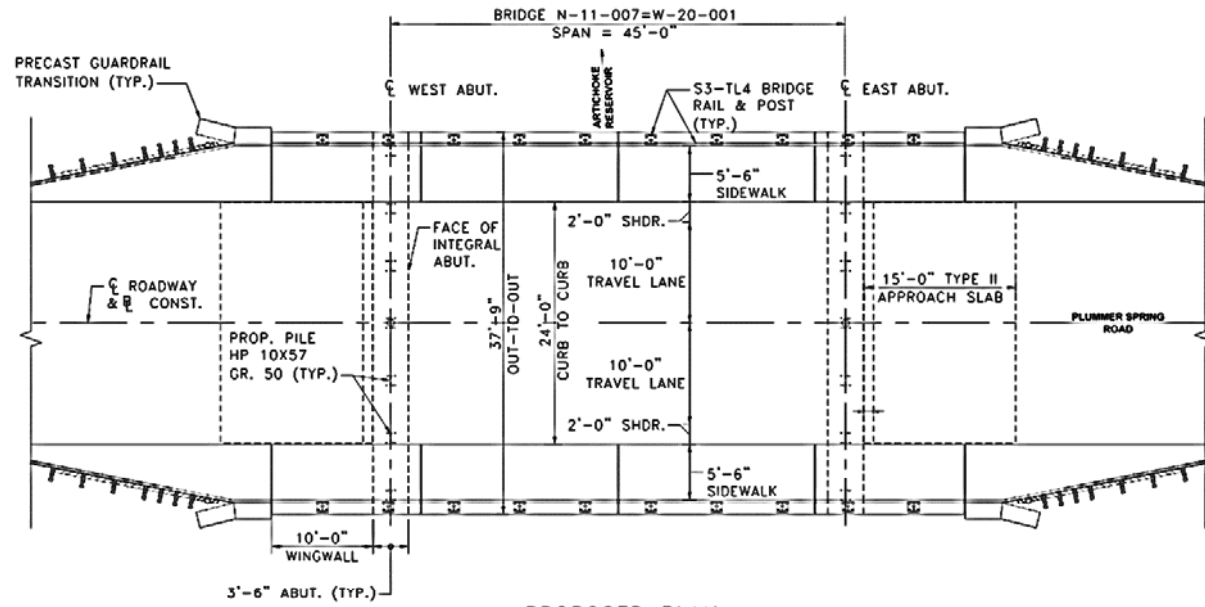
- 45'-0" span spread box beam
- 24'-0" roadway width with 2 sidewalks and S3-TL4 bridge rail
- Overall width 37'-9"
- Integral abutment on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$3.0 M

## PROs

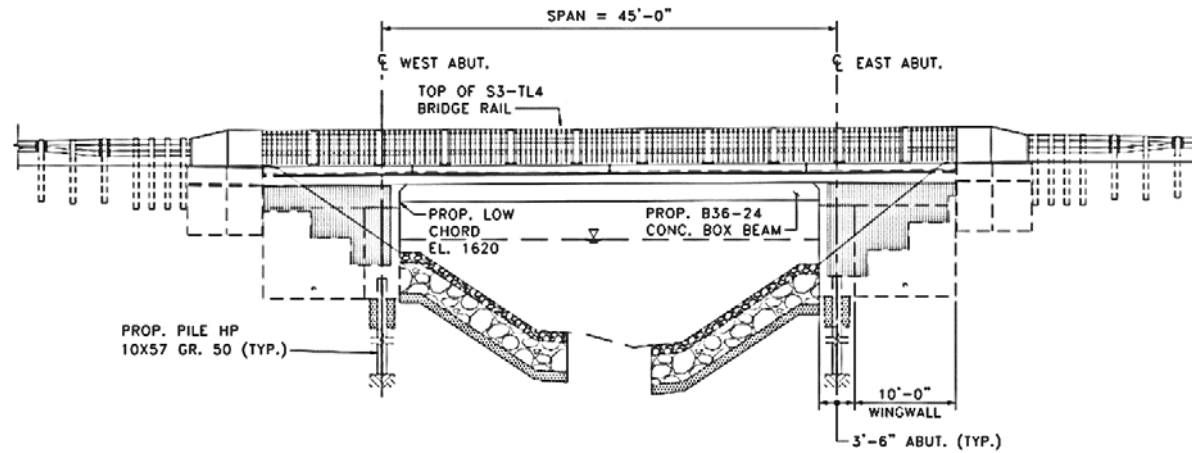
- Ped. access
- Low maintenance Cost

## CONs

- Greatest wetland impact
- High cost
- Const. duration
- Increased permitting



PROPOSED PLAN  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



# Alternative 4

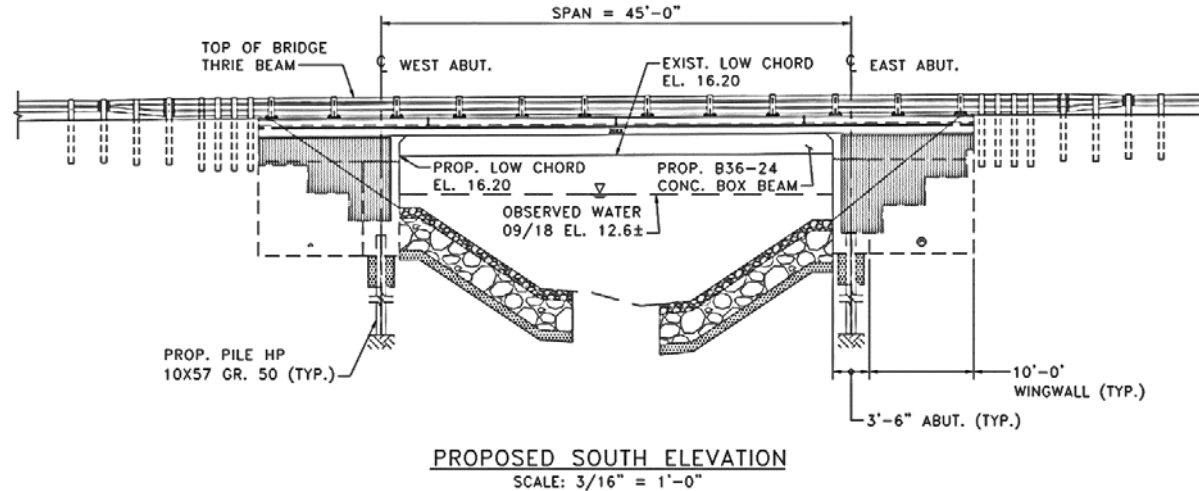
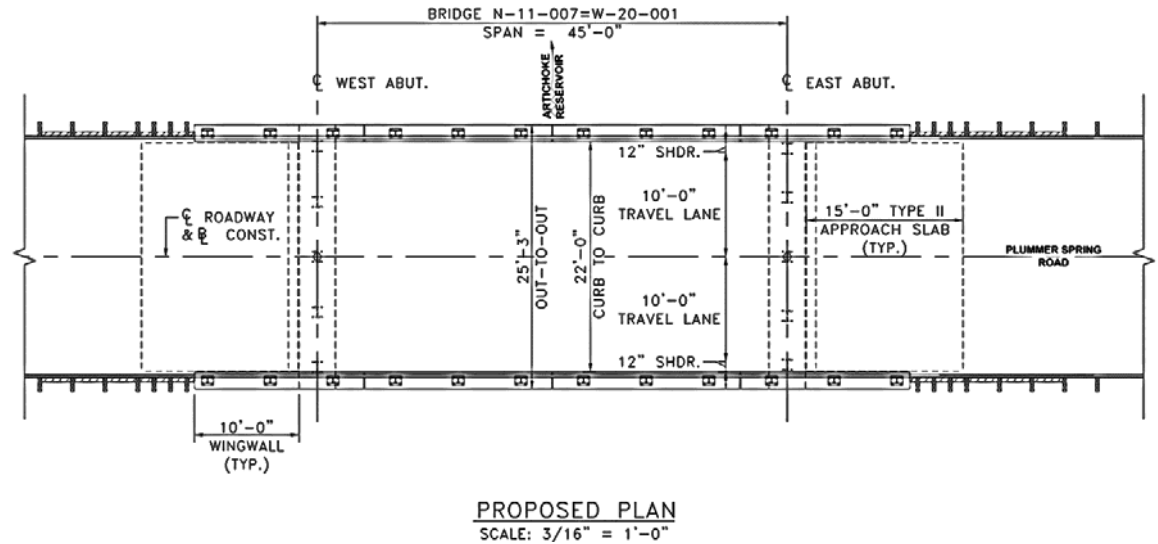
- 45'-0" span spread box beam
- 22'-0" roadway width with no sidewalks and continuous guardrail
- Overall width 25'-3"
- Integral abutment on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.1 M

## PROs

- Lower cost
- Low maint. cost
- Lowest wetland impact

## CONs

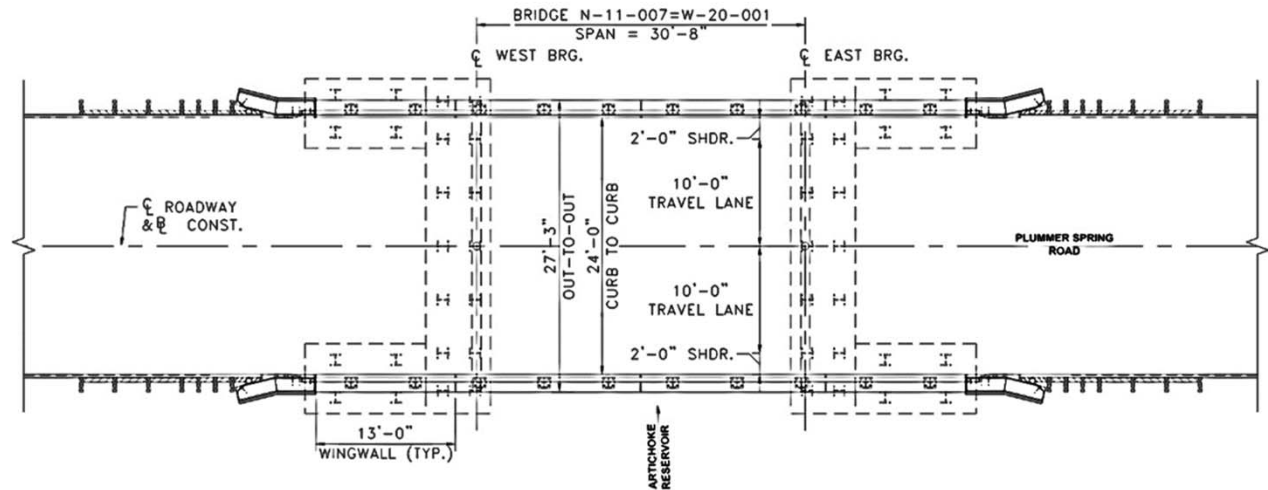
- No ped. Access
- Reduced roadway width/ safety
- Non-standard



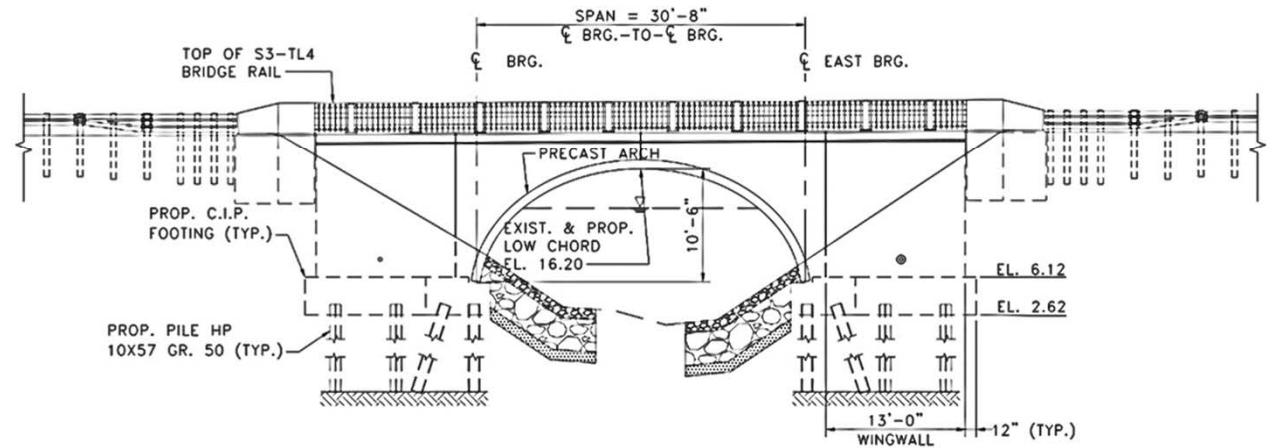


# Alternative 5

- 30'-8" span arch bridge
- 24'-0" roadway width with no sidewalks and S3-TL4 bridge rail
- Overall width 27'-3"
- Footing on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.3 M



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PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

## PROs

- Prefab.
- Arch style

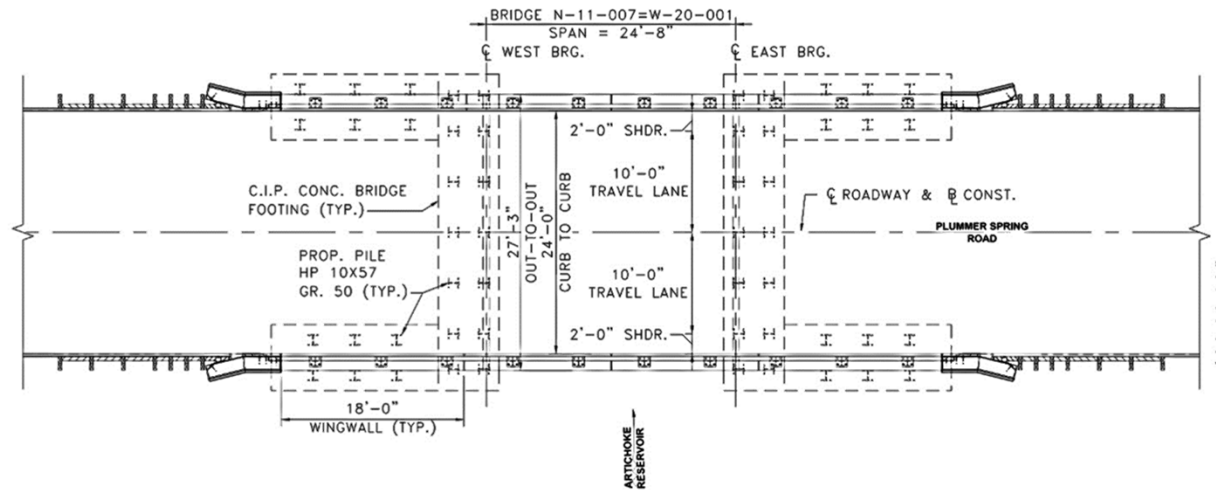
## CONS

- Higher cost
- High const. Duration
- High wetland impacts

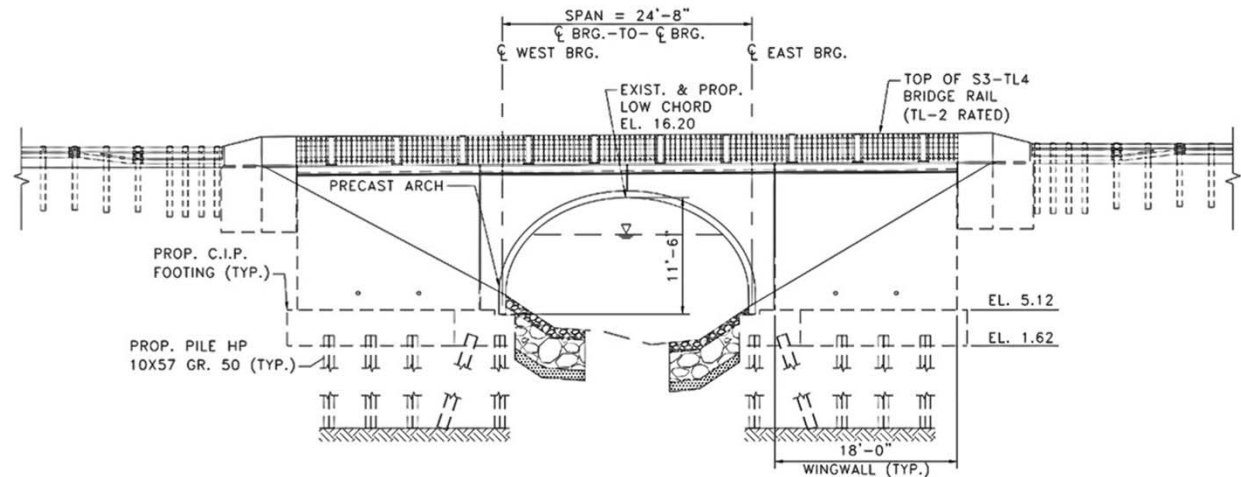


# Alternative 6

- 24'-8" span arch bridge
- 24'-0" roadway width with no sidewalks and S3-TL4 bridge rail
- Overall width 27'-3"
- Footing on piles
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.3 M



PROPOSED PLAN  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION  
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## PROs

- Prefab.
- Arch style

## CONS

- Higher cost
- No ped. access
- Reduced hydraulic opening



# Alternative 7

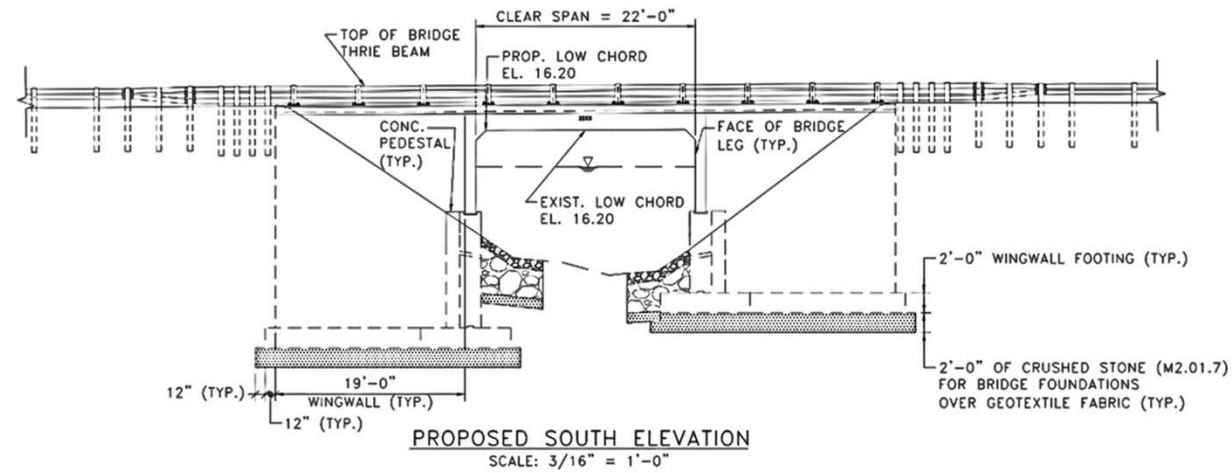
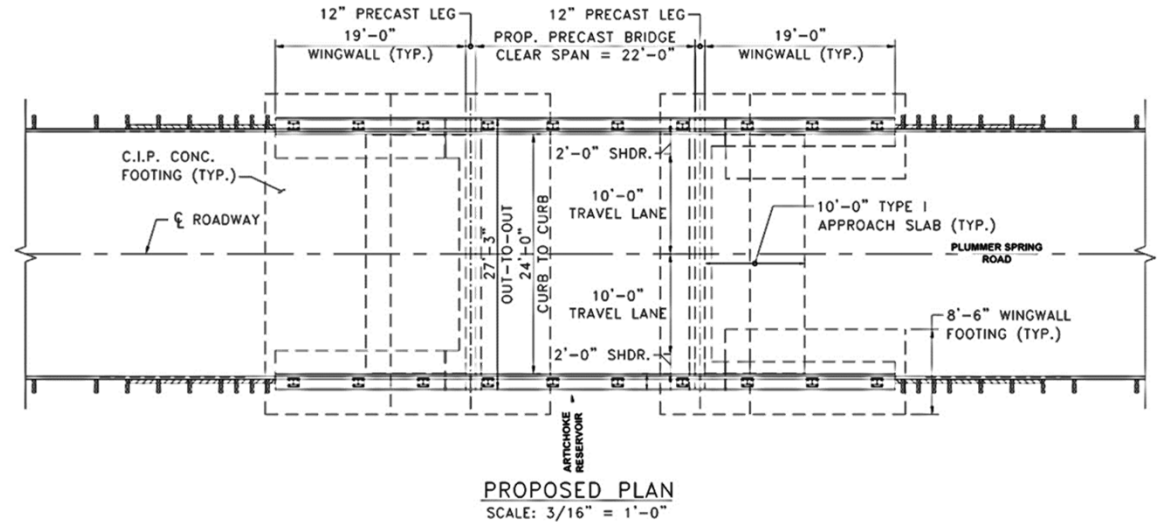
- 22'-0" clear span rigid frame
- 24'-0" roadway width with no sidewalks and continuous guardrail
- Overall width 27'-3"
- Spread footing
- Preliminary Cost Estimate = \$2.4 M

## PROs

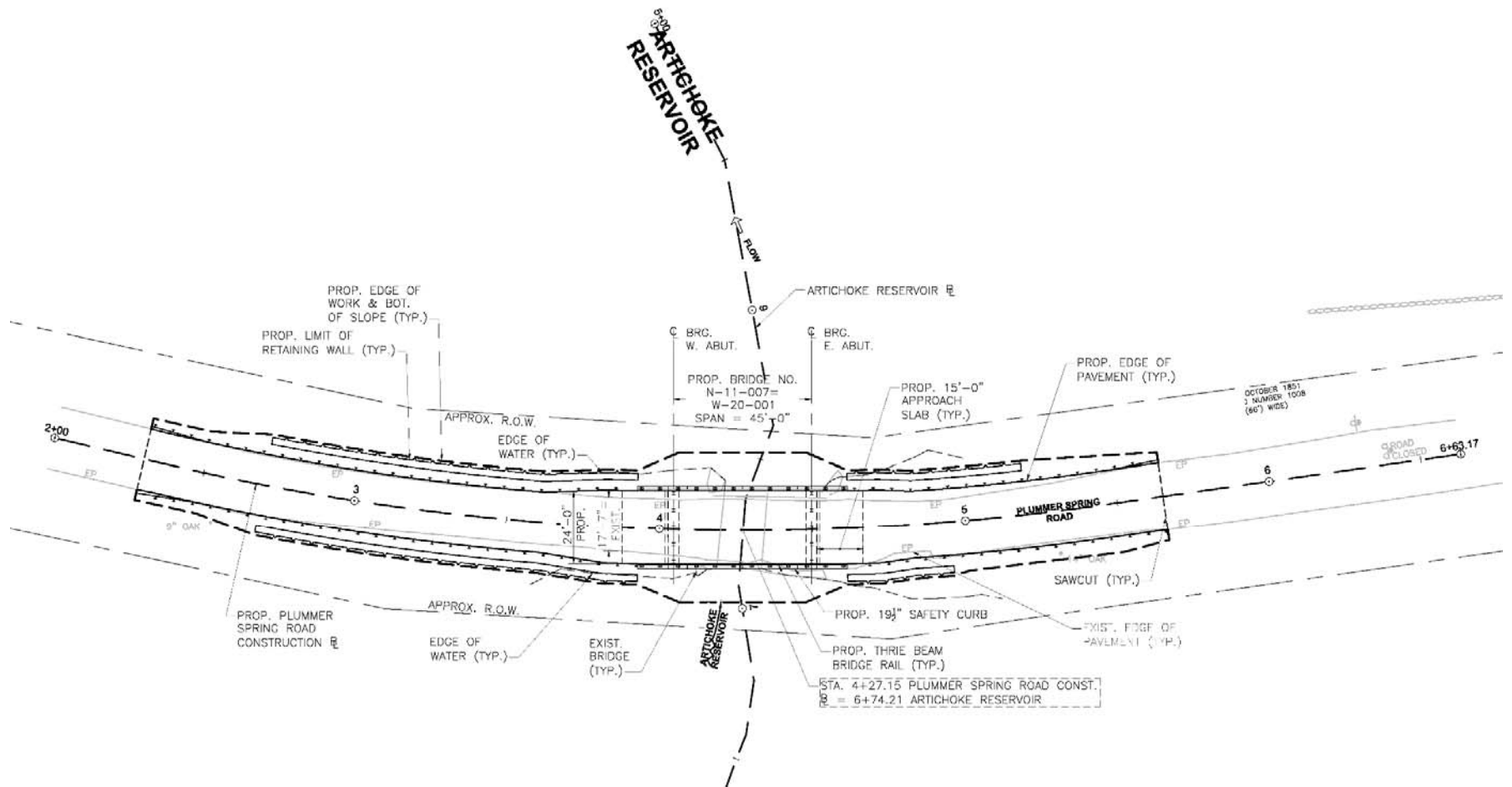
- Prefab.
- Low maintenance cost

## CONs

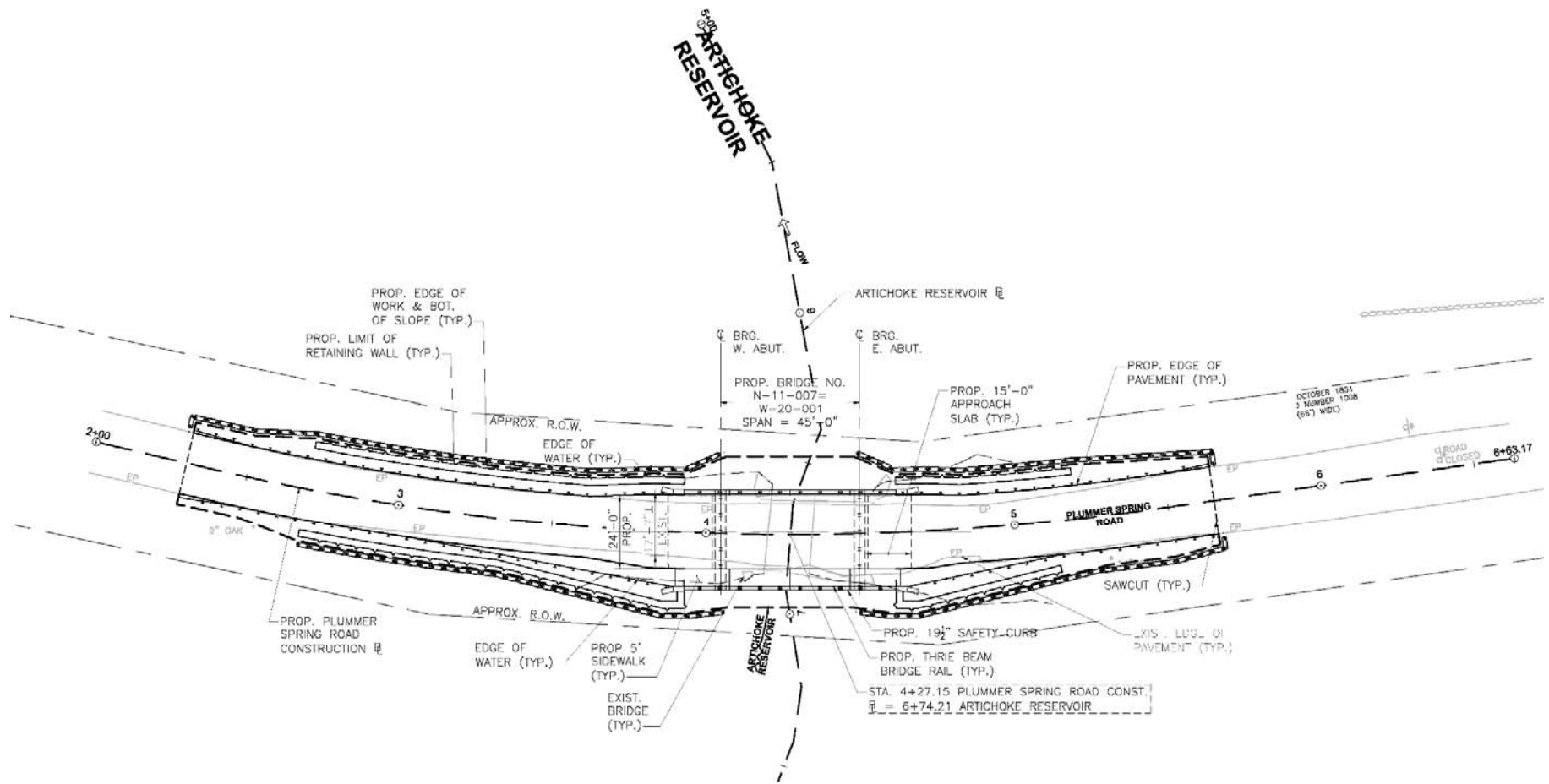
- Higher cost
- No pedestrian access
- Deep excavation
- Wetland impact



# Roadway Plan



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## NEXT STEPS

- **Select Preferred Bridge Type** – Newburyport / West Newbury
- **Fall 2019** – MassWorks Grant award notification
- **Design/Permitting** – BSC Group
- **Anticipated Schedule** – Start construction 2021, one year construction duration, subject to funding appropriation





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# Questions & Discussion

