

Welcome

Public Hearing

Re-Evaluation of

US Route 24/IL Route 9 Expansion Project



Project Location



Project Information

- Initial Project Planning (Phase I) completed in the 1990s
- CEI Categorical Exclusion from NEPA was granted by FHWA August 25, 1998
- Design approval received March 1, 2001
- Project Scope: Expansion of US 24/IL 9
- Includes the addition of new westbound lanes separated from existing lanes by a 50-foot median to create a 4-lane divided highway from Banner to Kingston Mines
- Includes the addition of 2 additional thru-lanes and a bi-directional left turn lane to create a 5-lane roadway in Banner
- Turn lanes are proposed at intersections
- Frontage roads will be constructed in areas to provide access to properties
- Improvement length: 8.6 miles
- Average Daily Traffic
 - 8450 vehicles per day (2025)
 - 9400 vehicles per day (Design)
- Current posted Speed:
 - West of Roskamp Road 45 mph
 - East of Roskamp Road 55 mph
- Proposed Posted Speed:
 - West of Roskamp Road 45 mph
 - East of Roskamp Road 65 mph
- Proposed closure of TR 134 (Levee Road) across from Glasford Road
- \$121.6 million is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2031 Multi-Year Program for the project
- A Freeway Order will be recorded to establish Partial Access Control for the expressway section between Banner and Kingston Mines

Project Purpose and Need

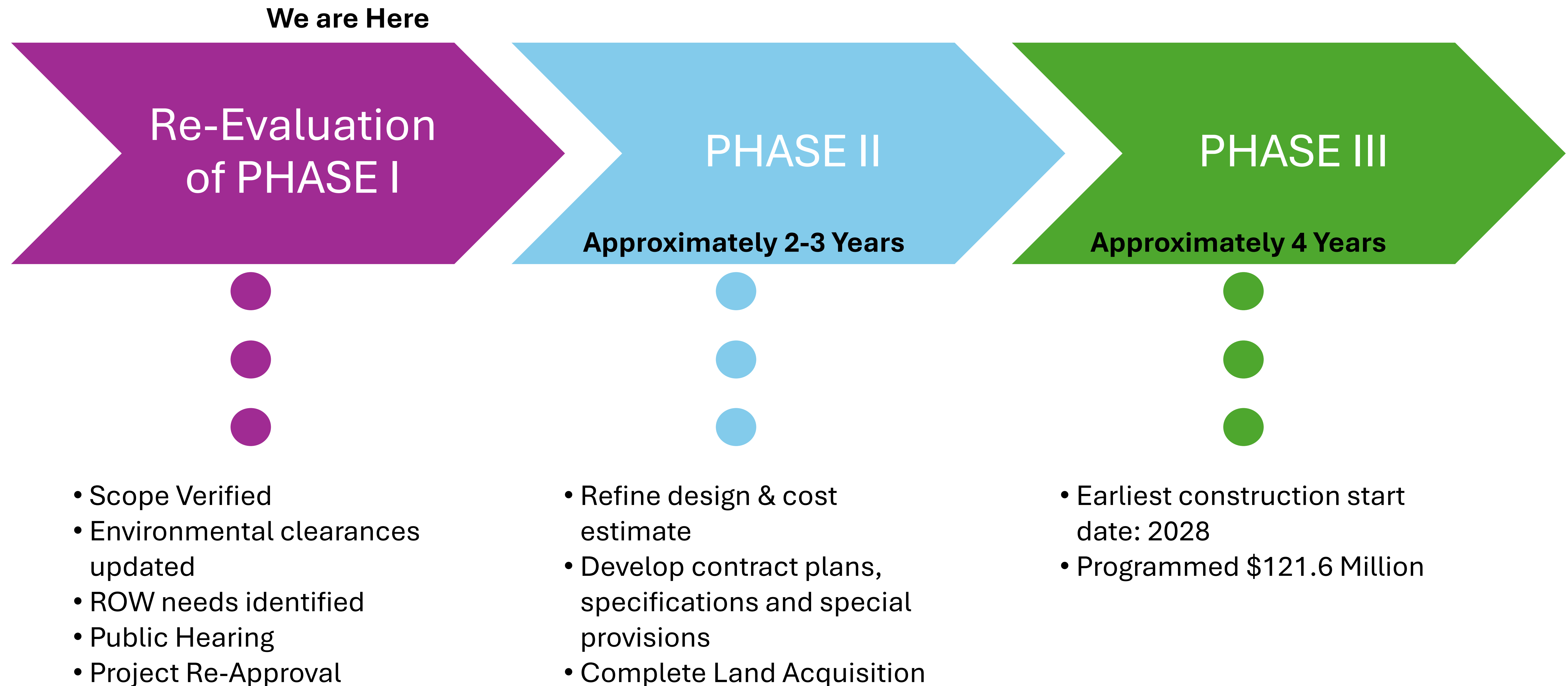
Purpose

- Improve operational characteristics and safety of the existing highway facility

Needed Improvements

- Existing 2-lane highway has a significant number of crashes
- Existing 2-lane highway lacks left or right turn lanes at sideroads/entrances

Project Timeline



Land Acquisition



Phase I Study identifies project location, construction limits, and right-of-way needs



Land acquisition cannot begin until Phase I study approval



Land acquisition follows federal regulations and offers are based on fair market value

Land Acquisition needs:

- 78.7 acres of right-of-way, 1.11 acres of permanent easement, 8.03 acres of temporary easement
- Relocations: 4 residents, 1 business
- 59.6 acres of farmland conversion required for the project

Section 106 and Section 4(f)

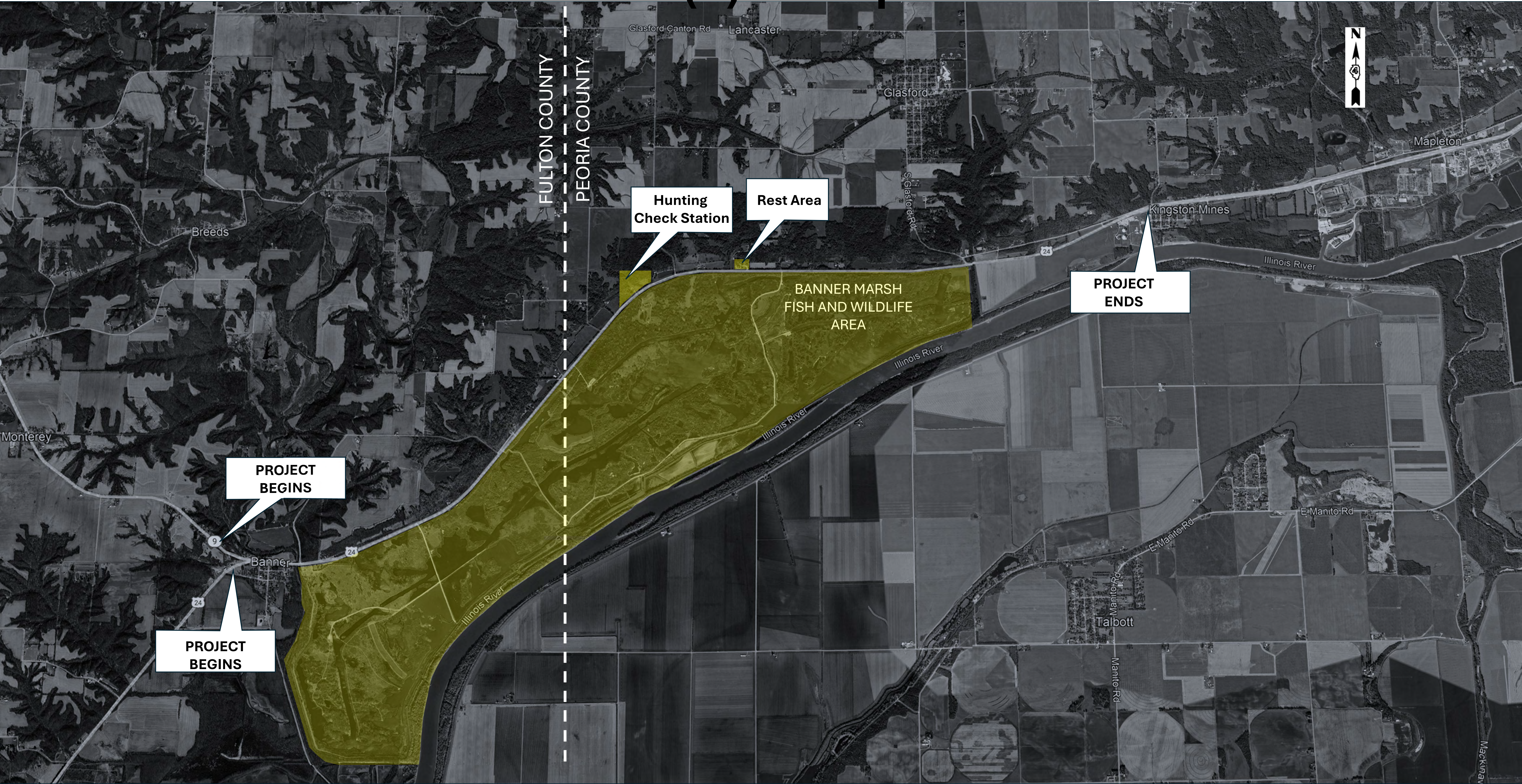
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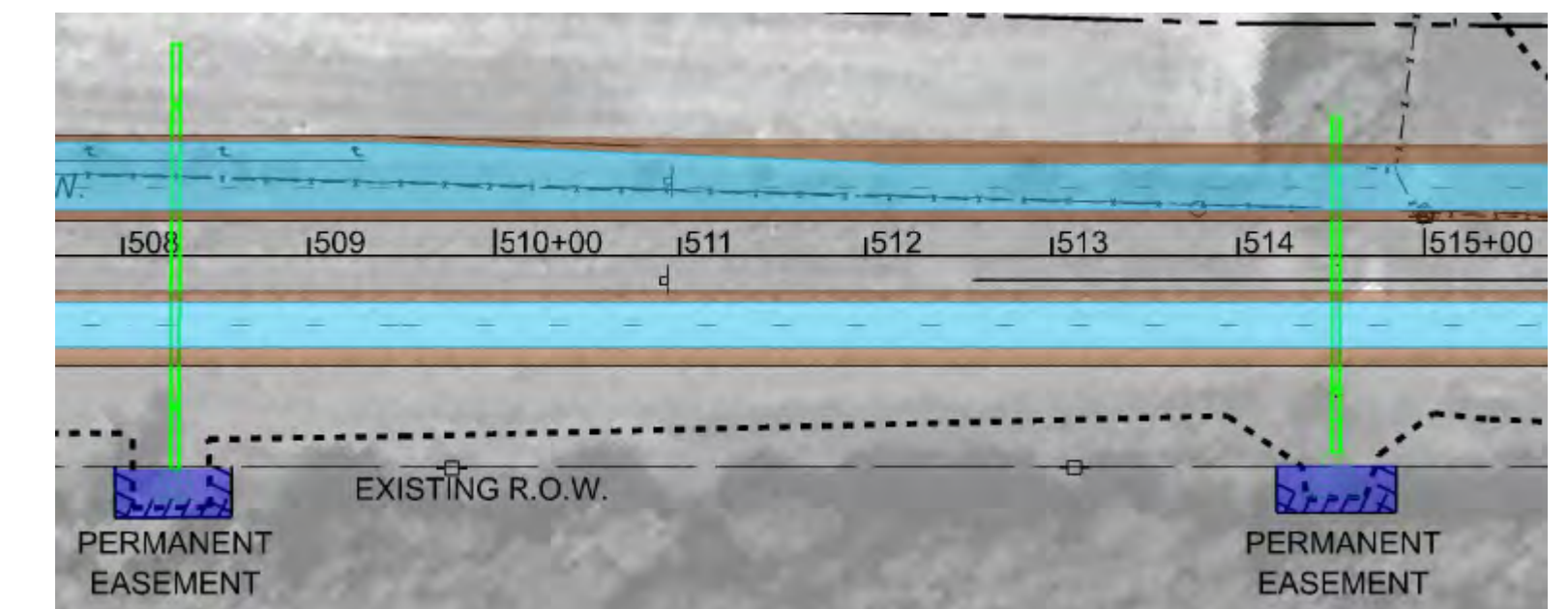
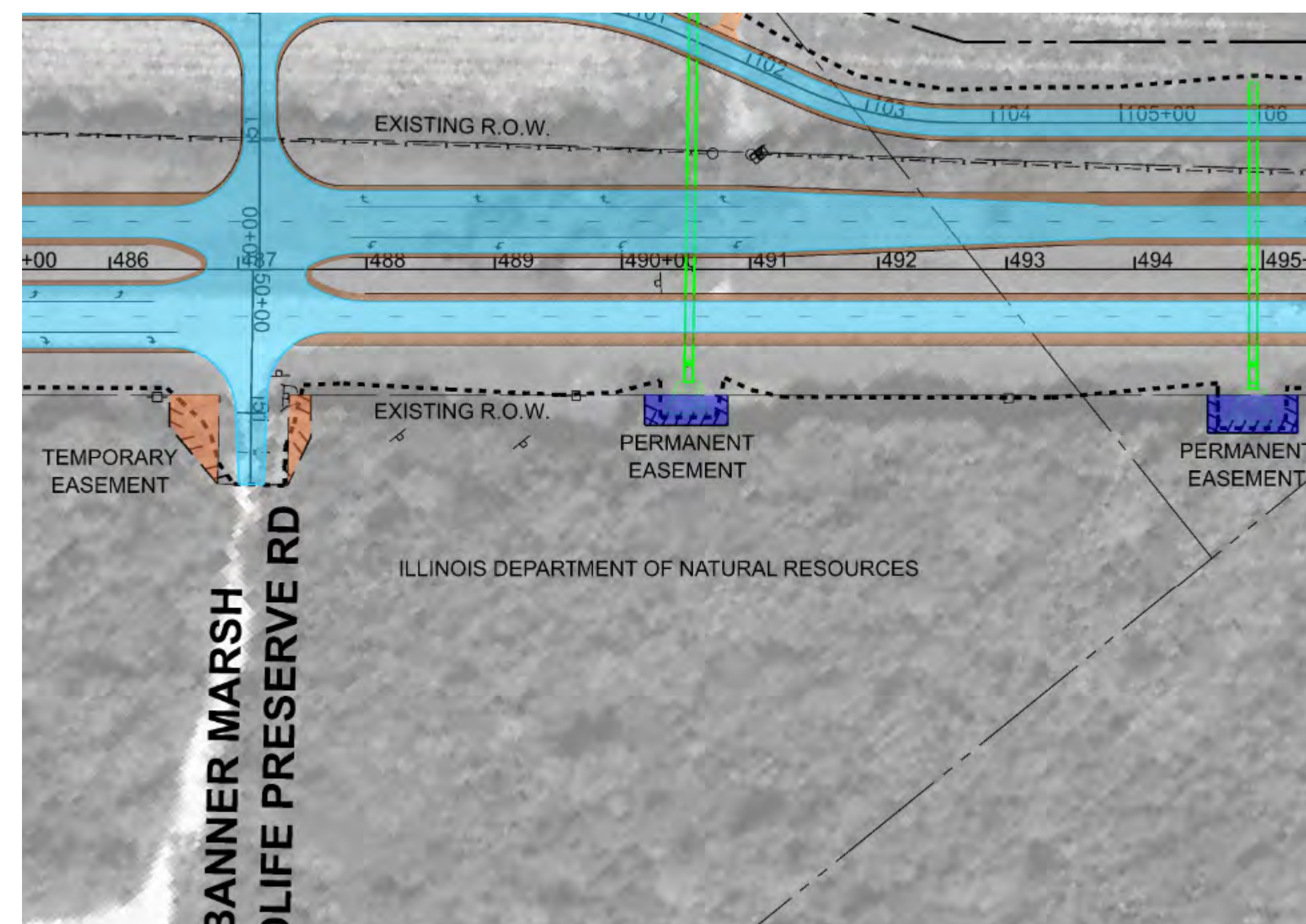
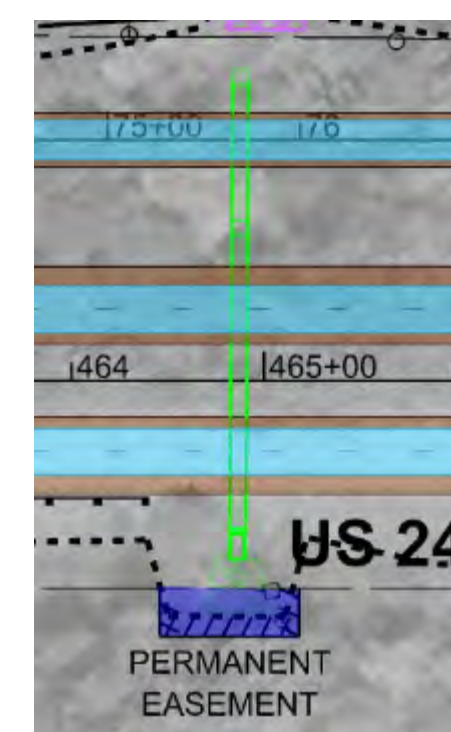
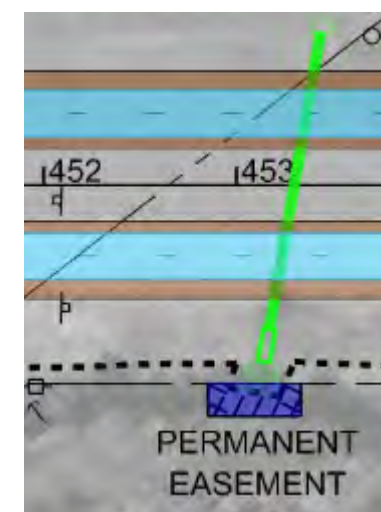
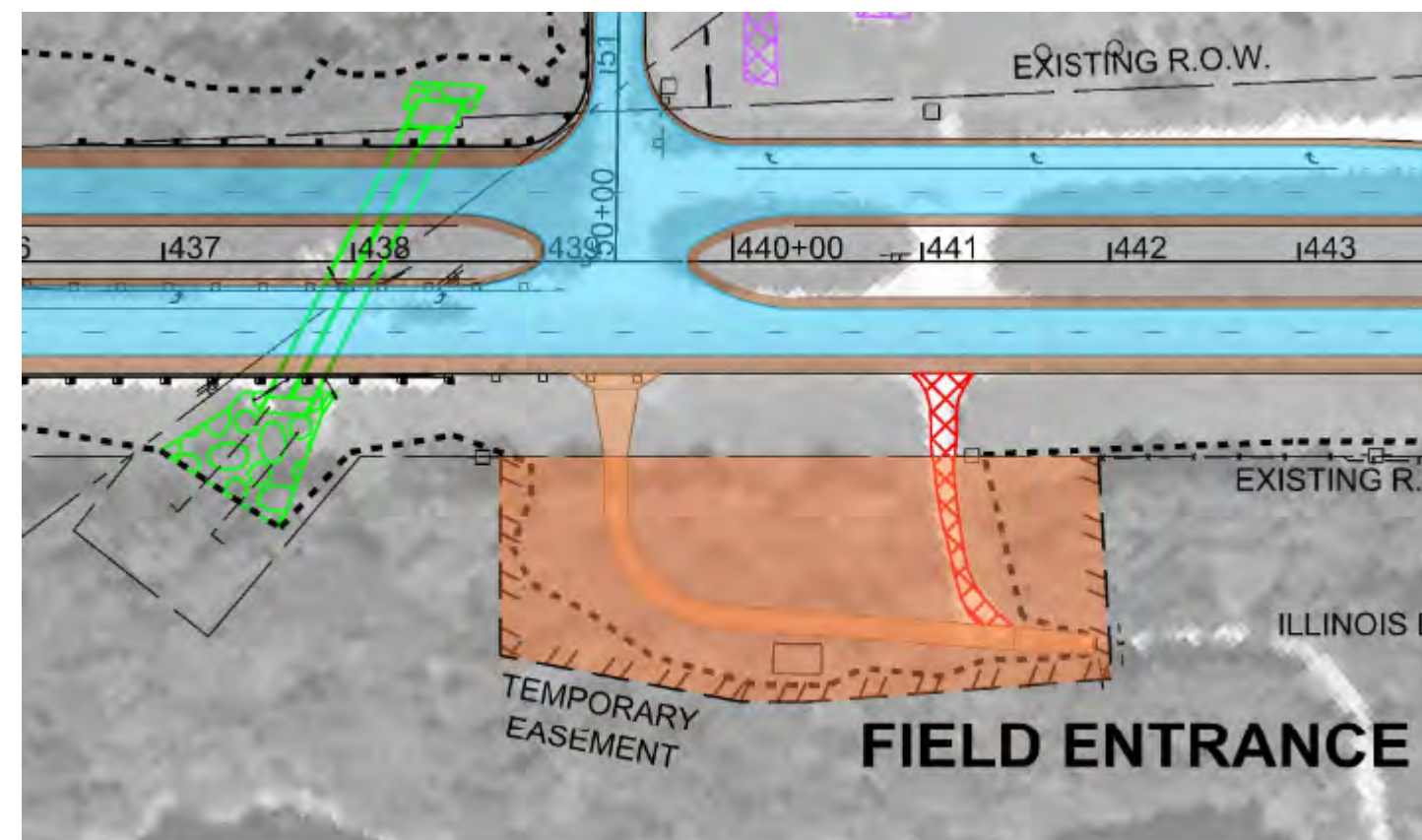
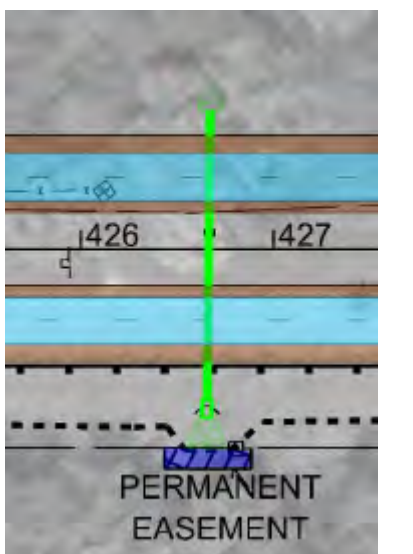
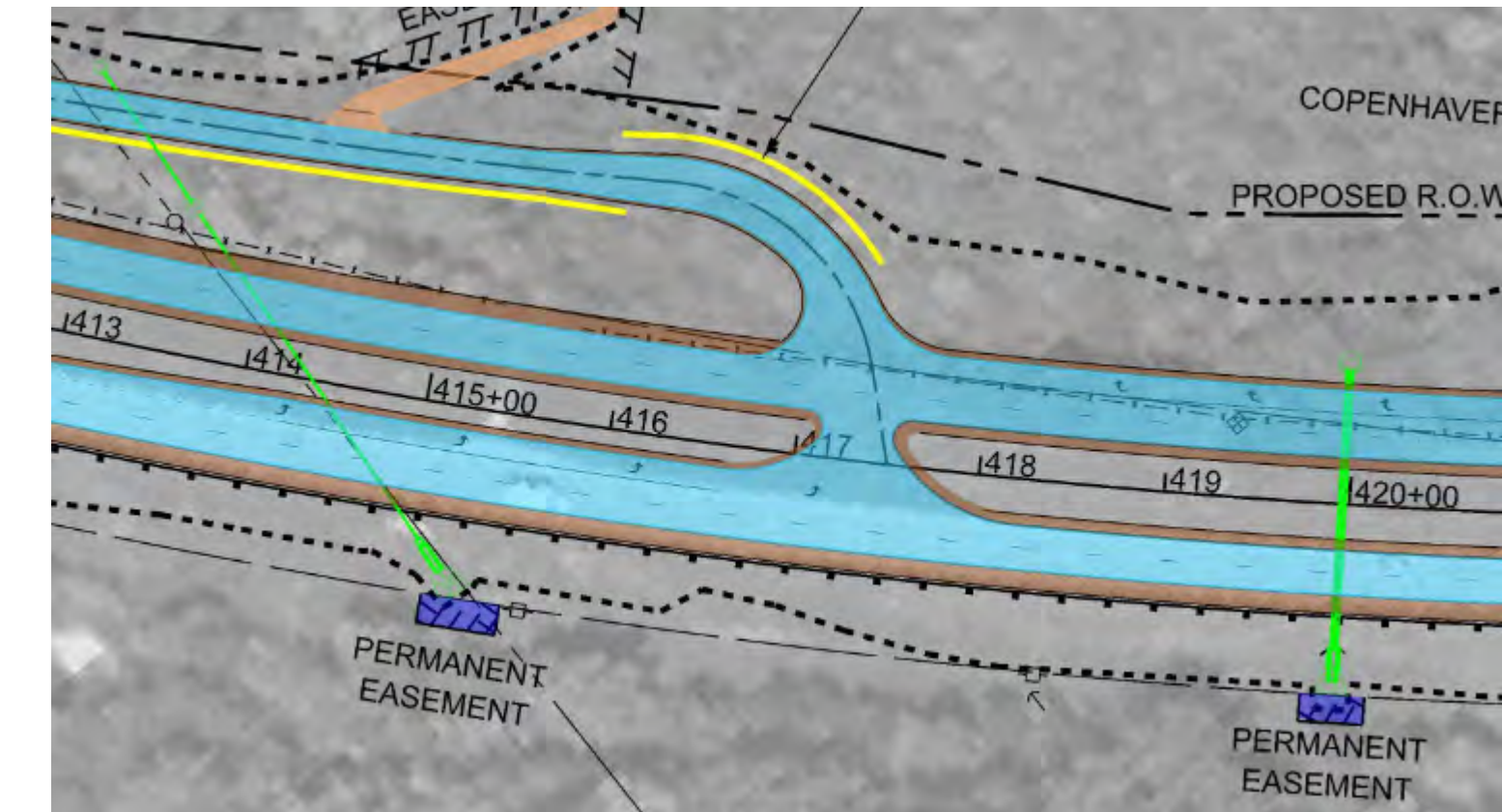
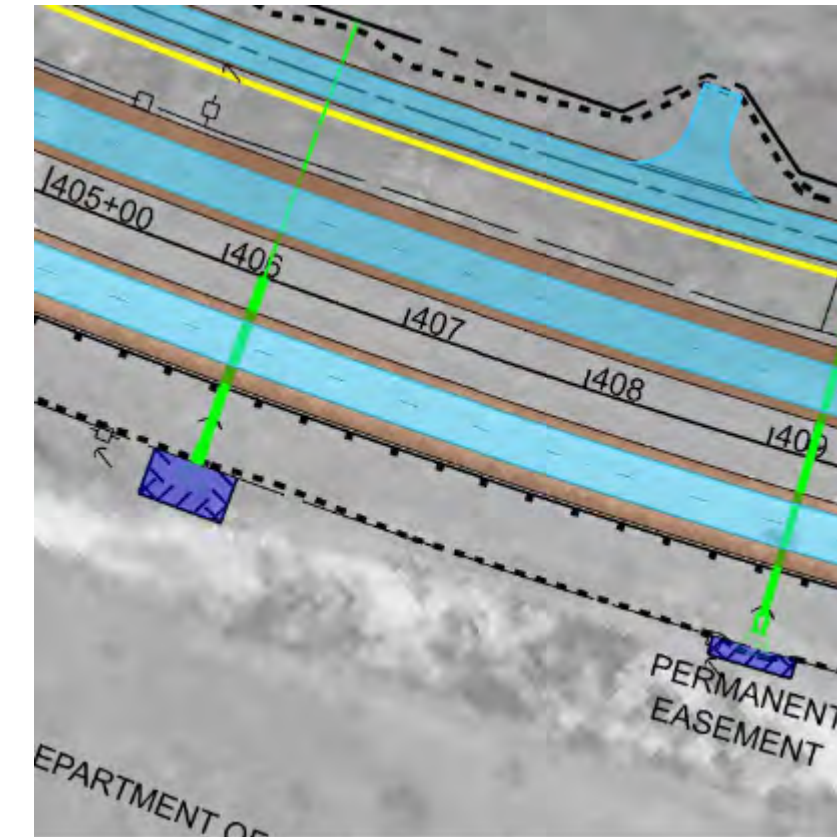
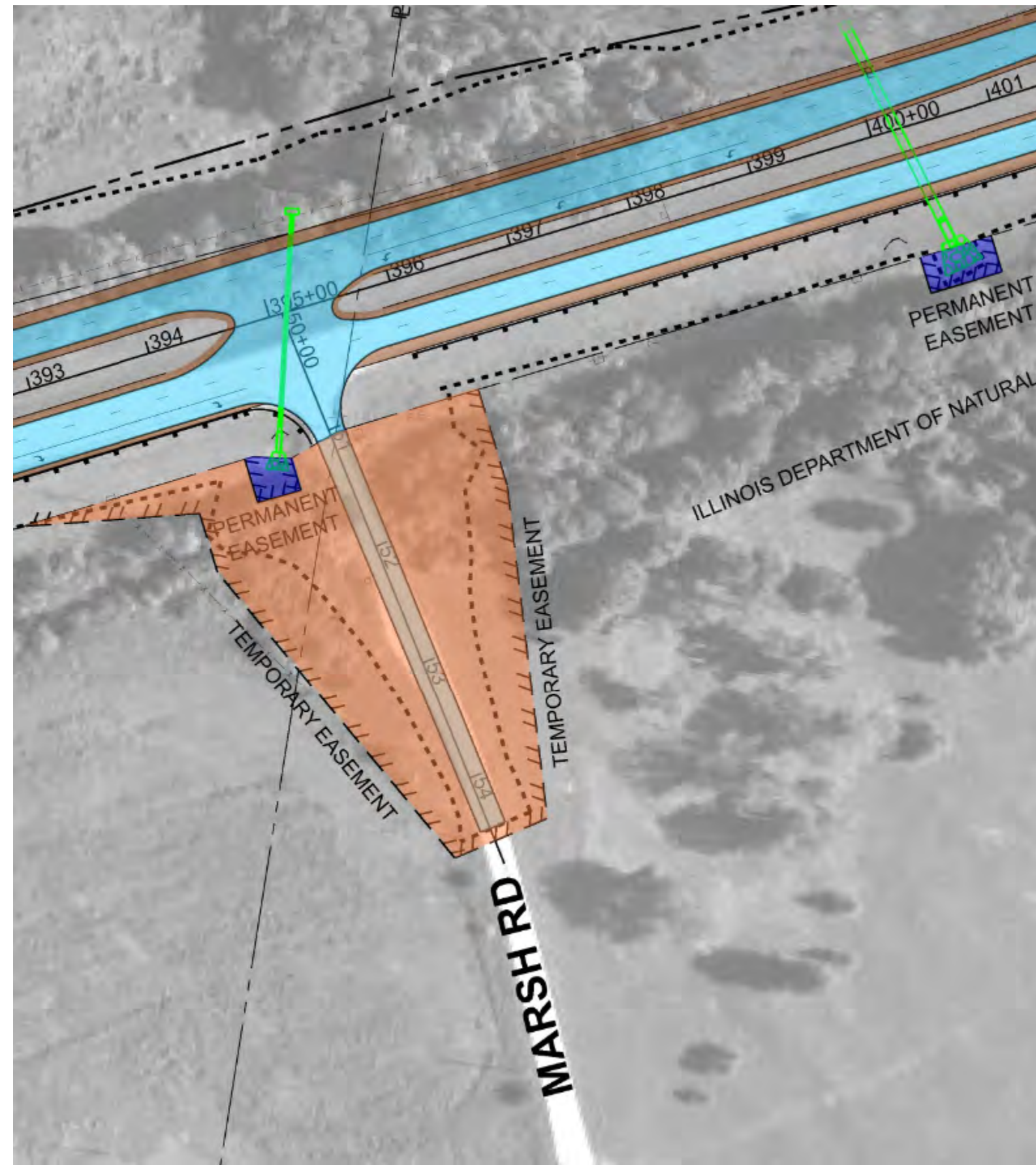
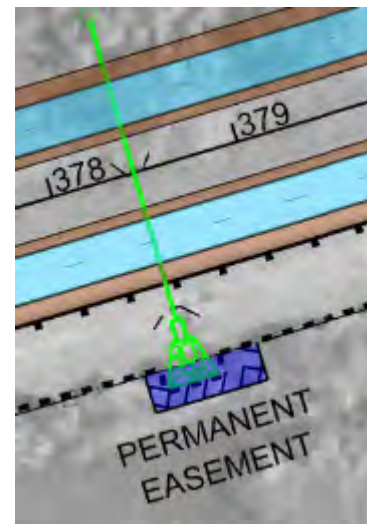
- Consider the effects of federally funded projects on historic properties
- Identify historic properties, assess the effects and explore alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects
- Project Information
 - No significant historical or architectural sites will be impacted by the project.
 - Potential to impact archaeological sites

Section 4(f) Properties

- Publicly-owned public parks, recreational areas of national, state, or local significance, wildlife or waterfowl refuges; or lands from a historic site of national, state, or local significance
- Determine that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to avoid the Section 4(f) properties
- Includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the Section 4(f) properties
- Current Re-Evaluation Project Information
 - 1.11 acres of permanent easement and 3.04 acres of temporary easement from IDNR Banner Marsh.
 - 2.9 acres of proposed ROW from IDNR Hunting Check Station
 - 4.2 acres of disturbed area at IDOT Rest's Area

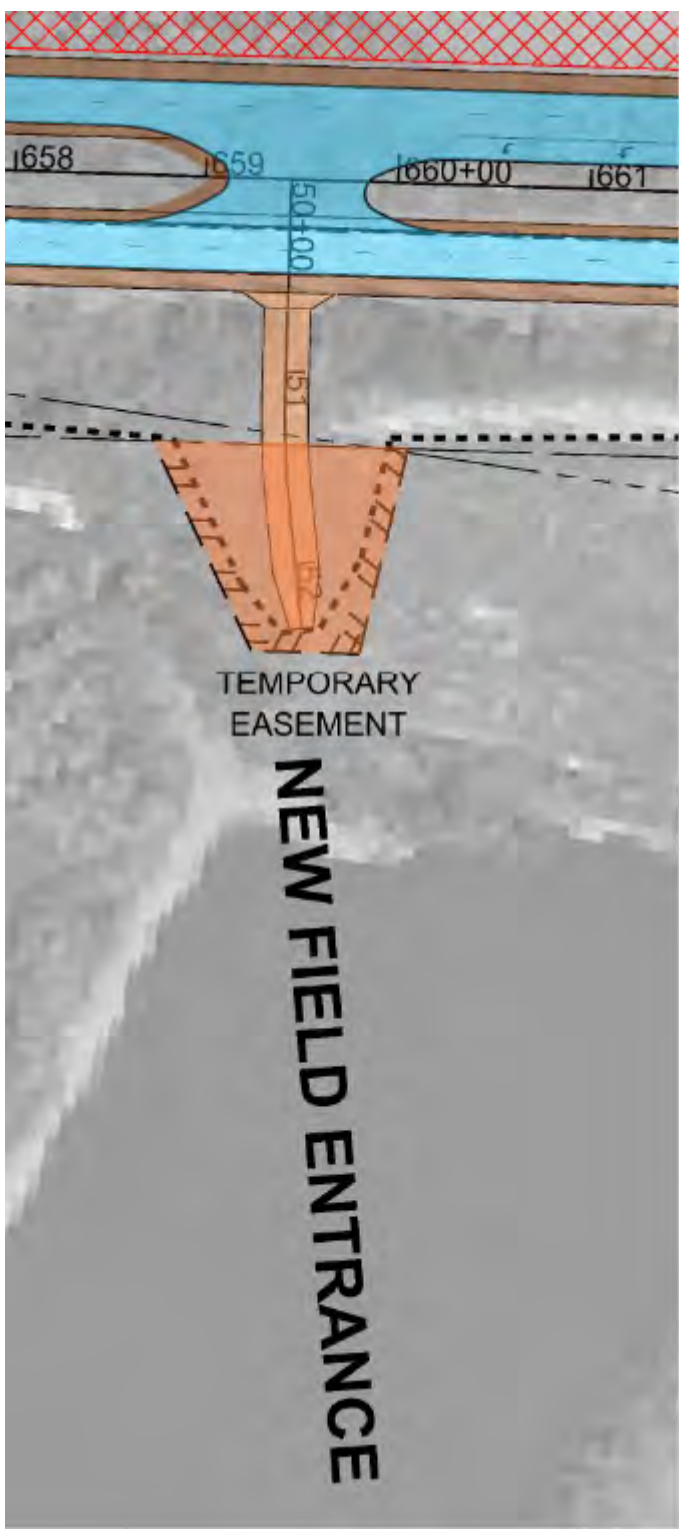
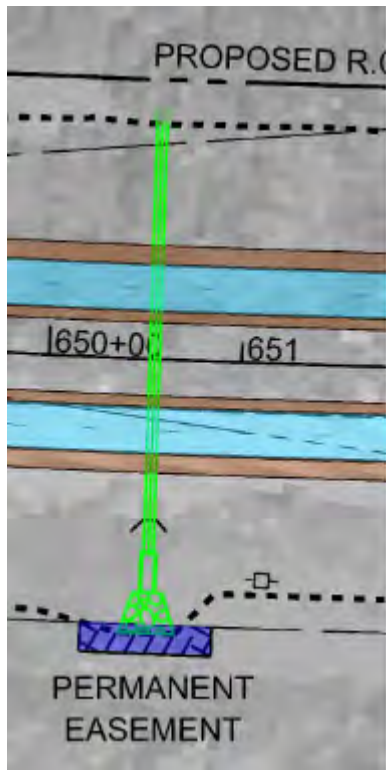
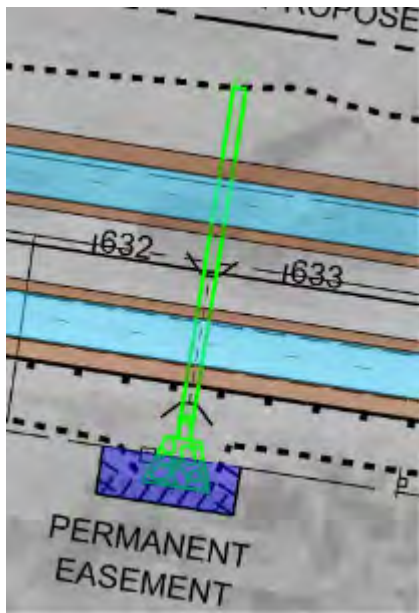
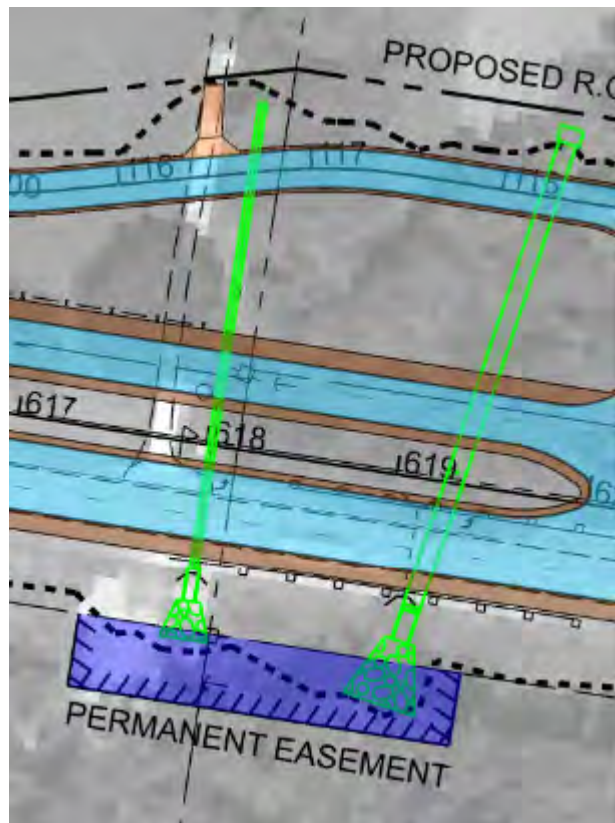
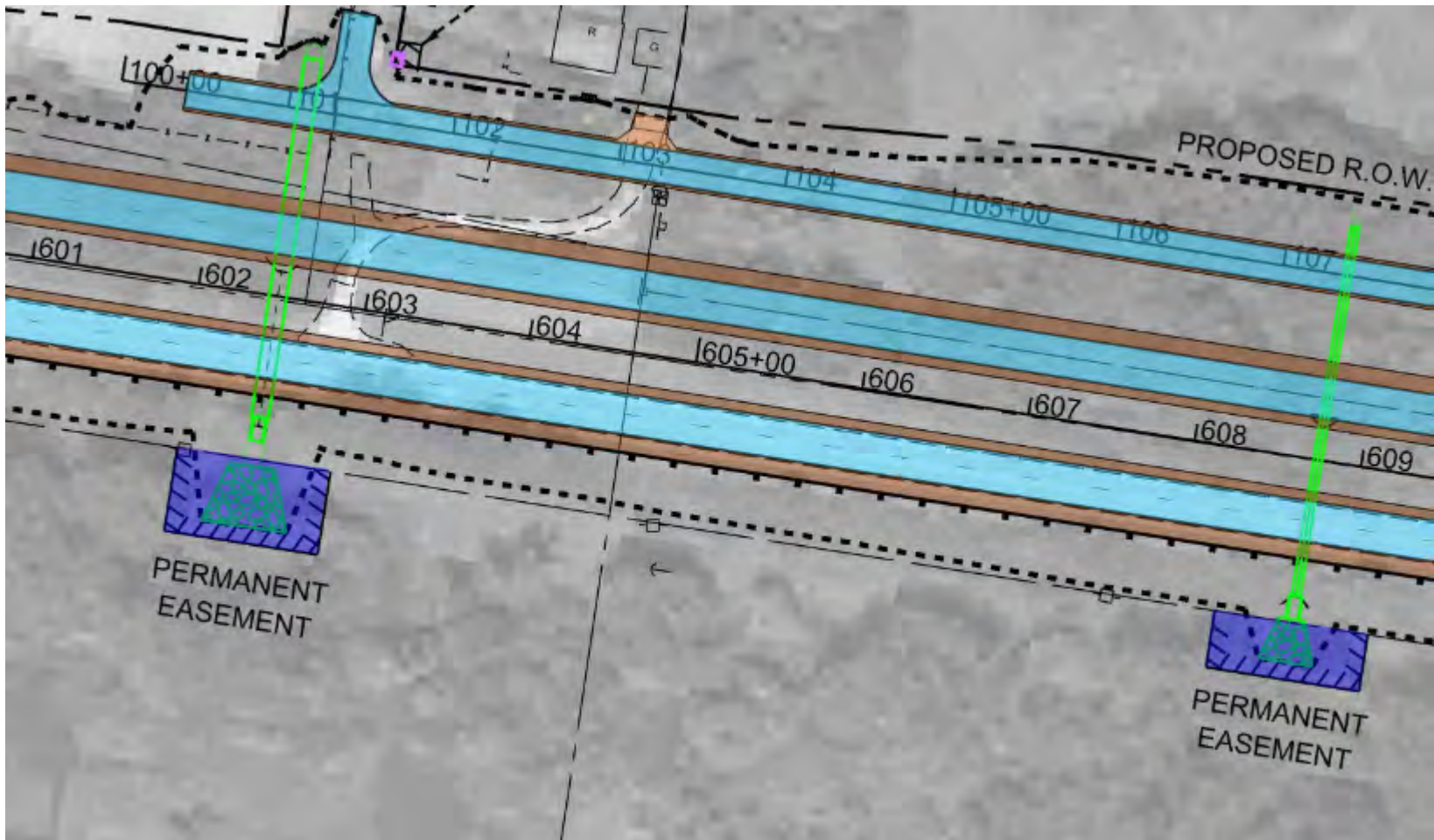
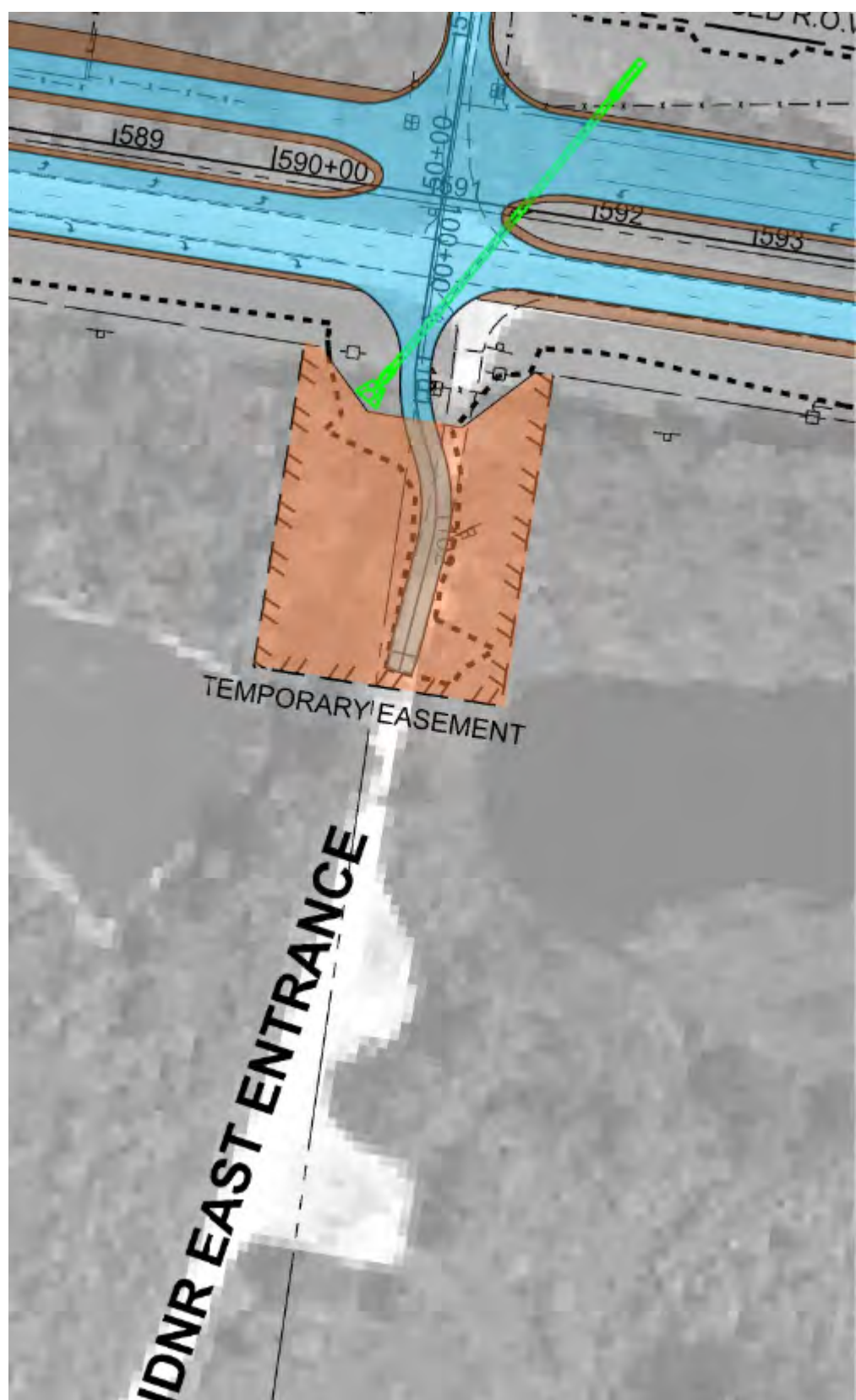
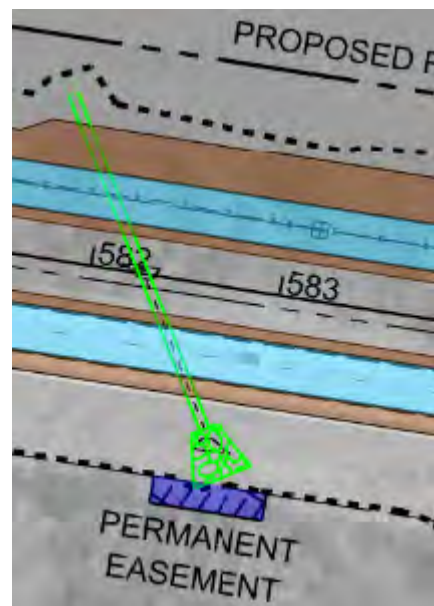
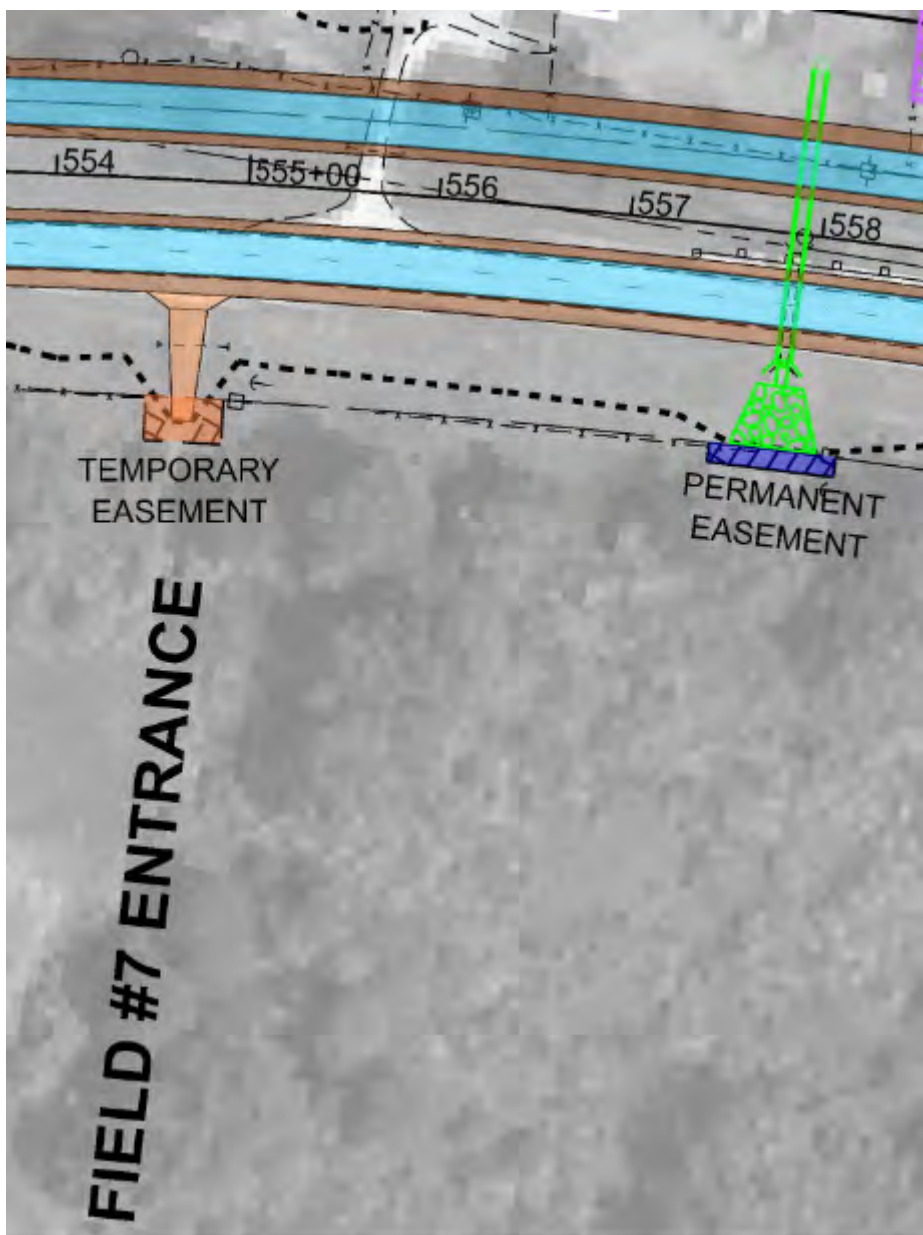
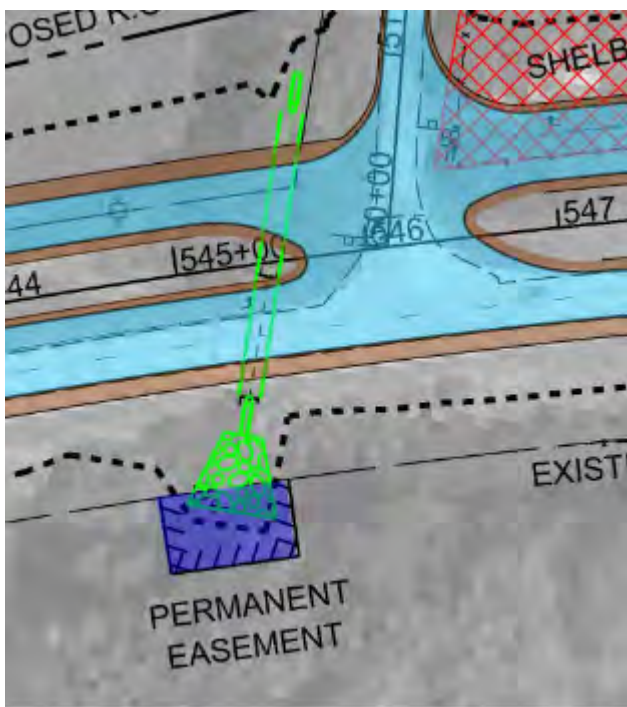
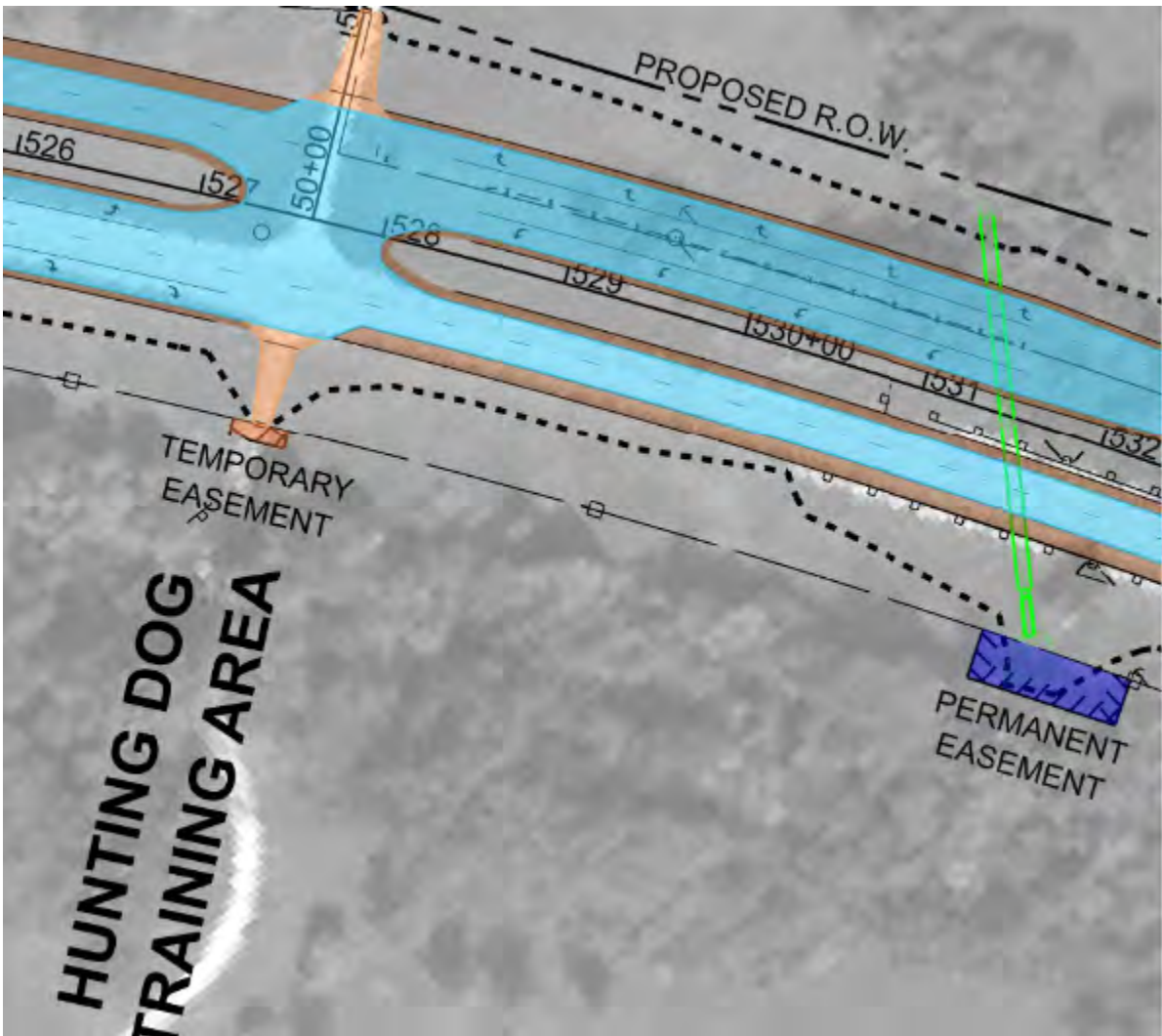
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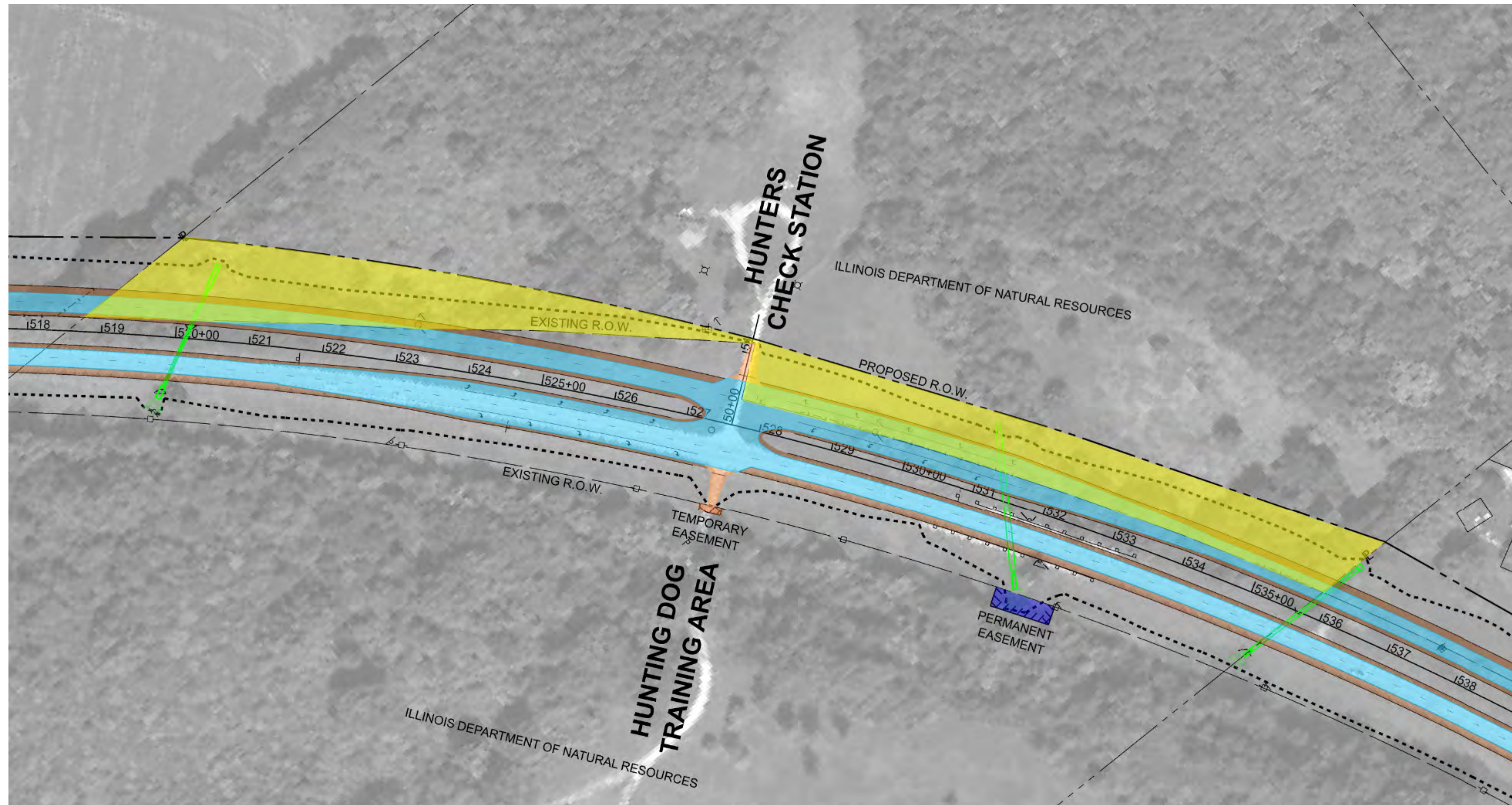


Proposed 1.11 Acres of Permanent Easement
3.04 acres of Temporary Easement

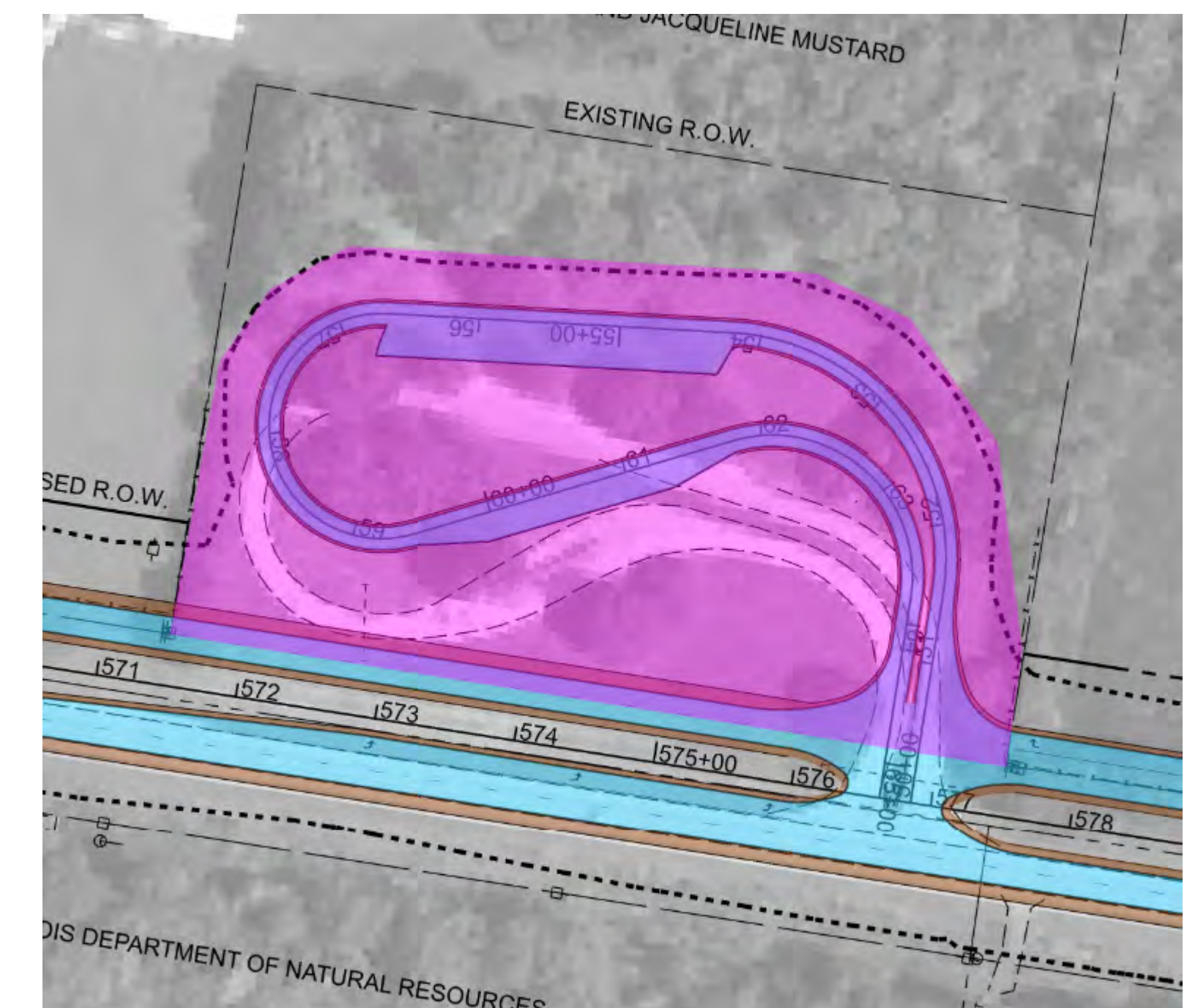
Potential 4(f) Impacts to Banner Marsh



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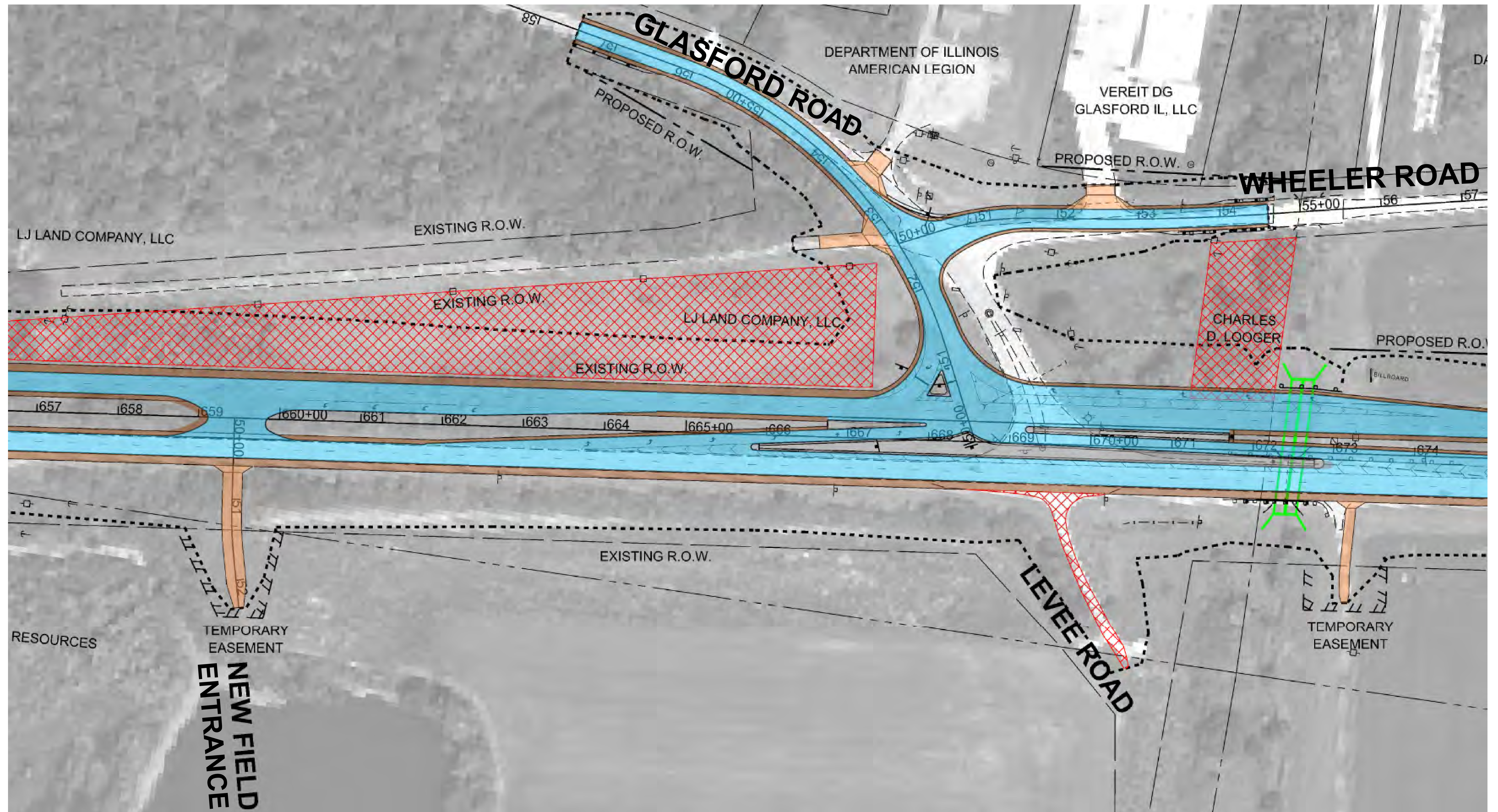


2.9 Acres Proposed ROW at
IDNR Hunting Check Station



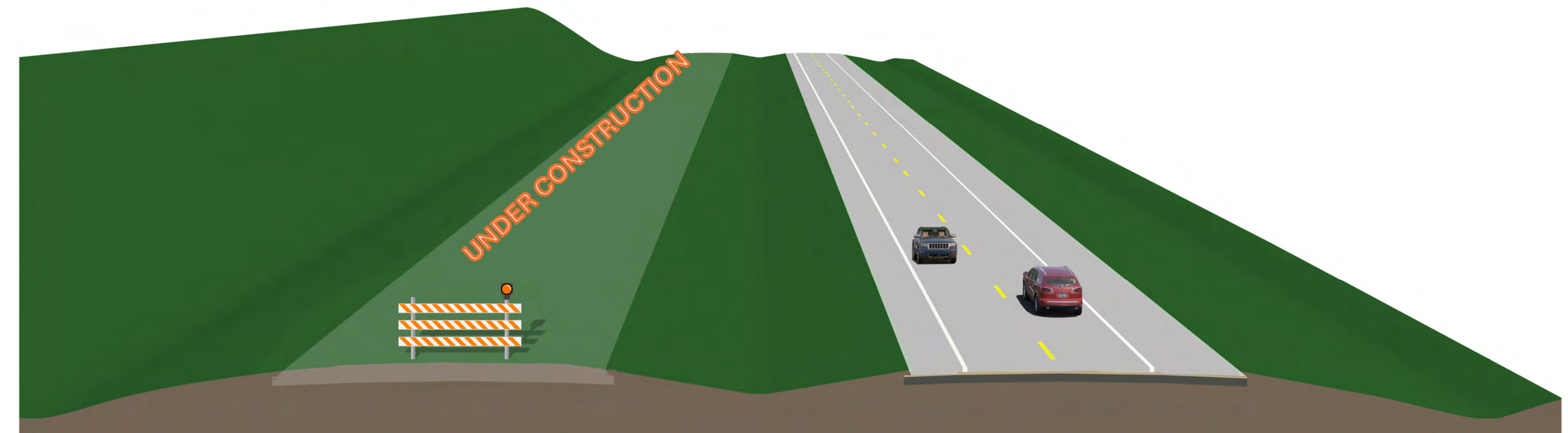
4.2 Acres Disturbed at
IDOT Rest Area

US 24/IL 9 at Glasford Road Intersection

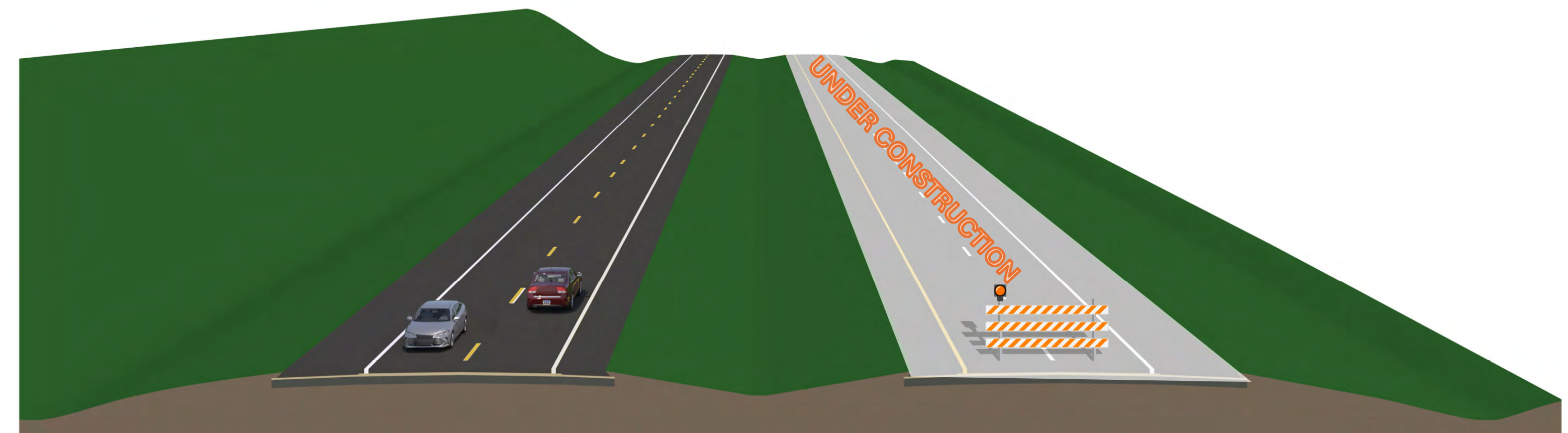


Construction Staging

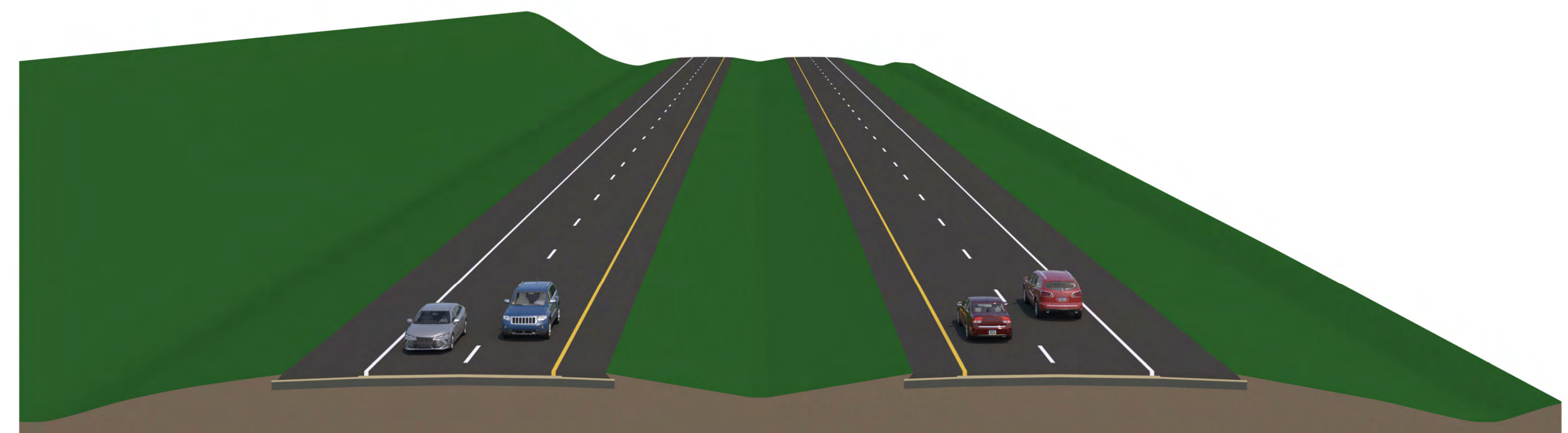
- Maintain two-way traffic at all times
- Maintain traffic on existing lanes while constructing new westbound lanes
- Move traffic on new lanes while reconstructing existing lanes
- Maintain access to businesses and residences with short-term closures only



Construct new westbound lanes while maintaining two-way traffic on existing lanes



Reconstruct eastbound lanes while maintaining two-way traffic on new pavement



Construction complete. New expressway open

Agency & Public Involvement Activities

- Original Phase I

- o Coordination

- Property owners
 - Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
 - Illinois Department of Agriculture
 - Illinois Historic Preservation
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - Local Highway Authorities
 - Local Communities

- o Public Hearing – December 12, 1996

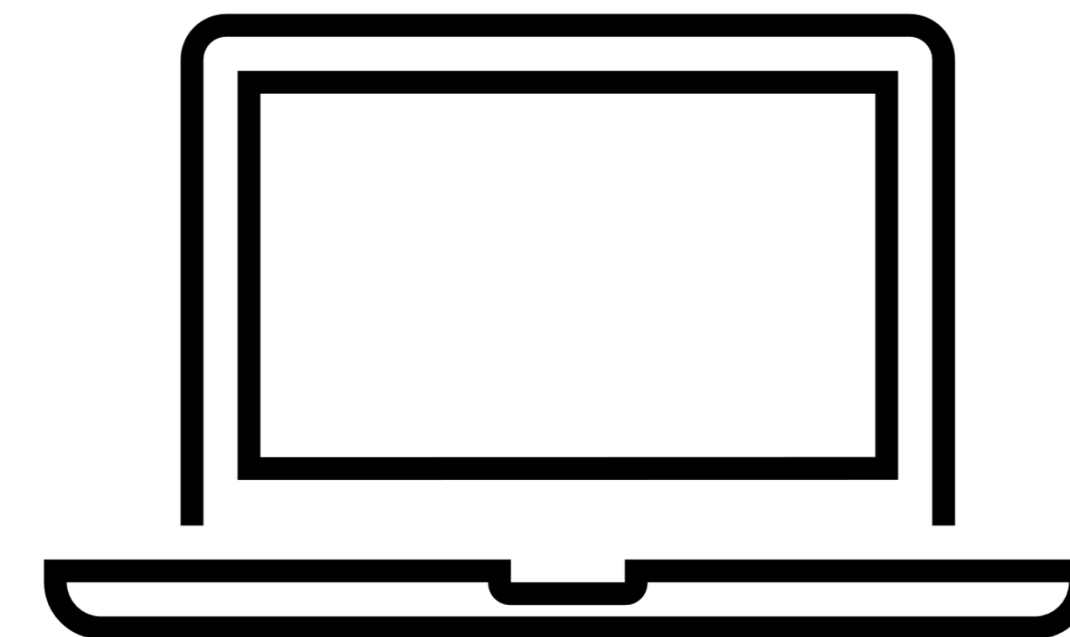
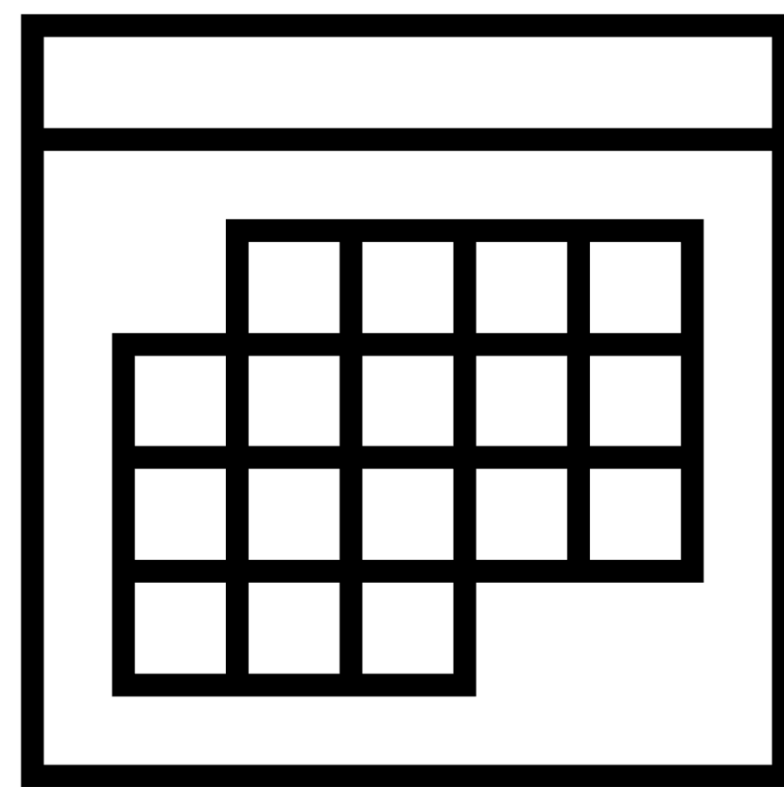
- Current Re-Evaluation

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 - Illini Bluffs School District
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- o Public Hearing – February 11, 2026

Opportunities for Participation



Public Hearing – February 11, 2026

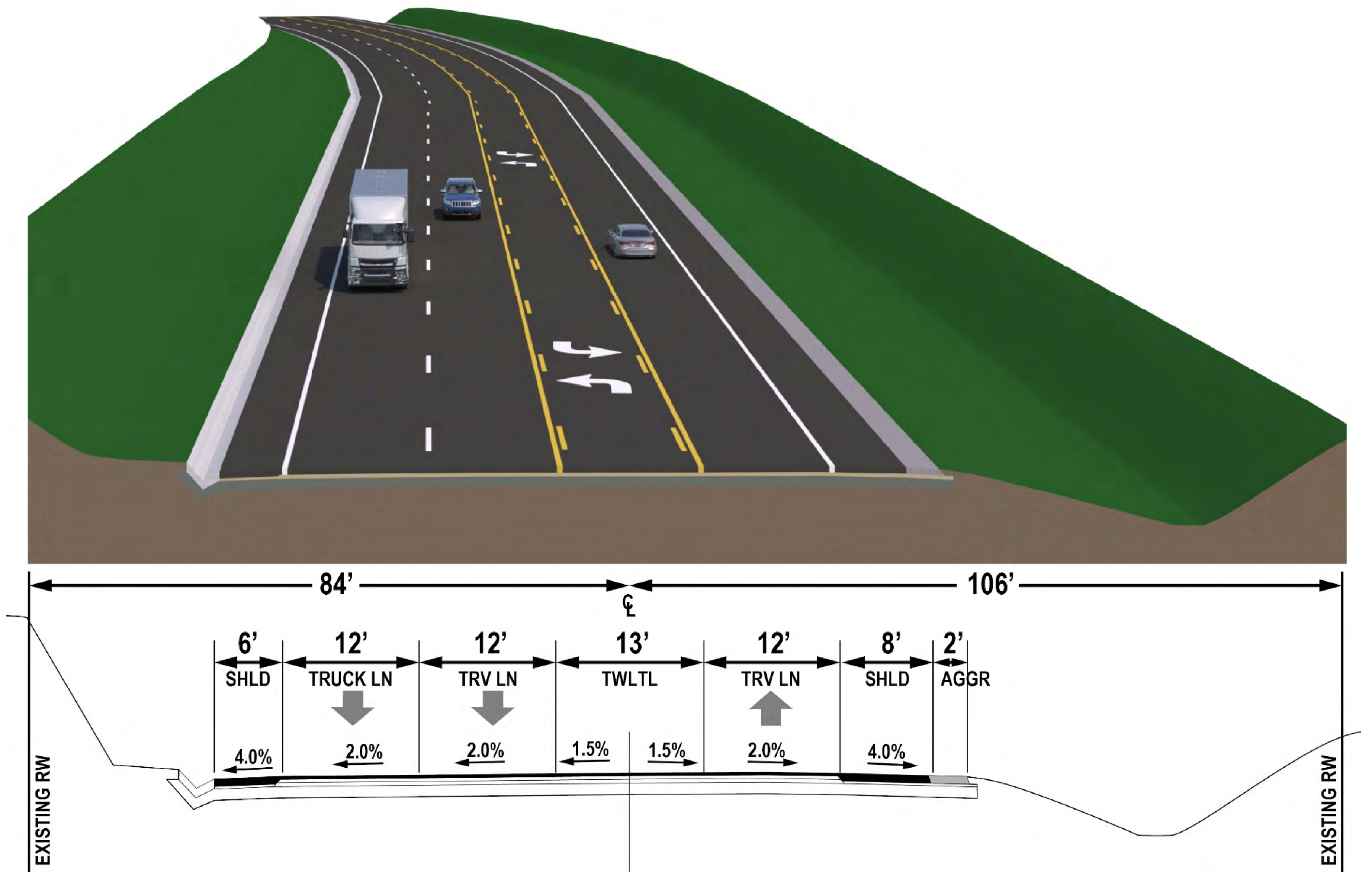
- Submit written comments
- Comments received through February 27 become part of the public hearing record

E-mail

- E-mail comments to
IDOT.D4.SandPEngineer@illinois.gov

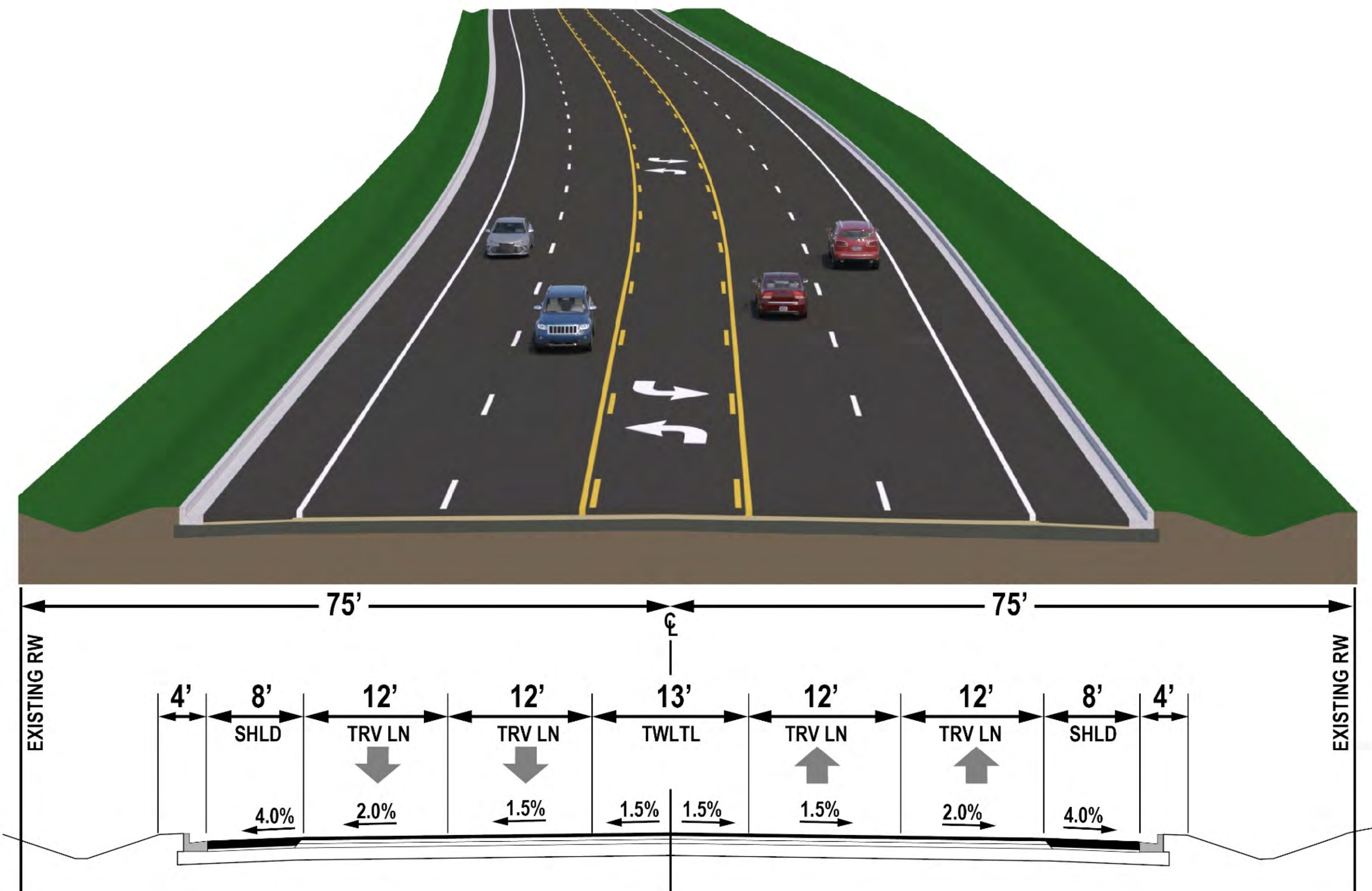
Thank you for your Participation!

Typical Sections



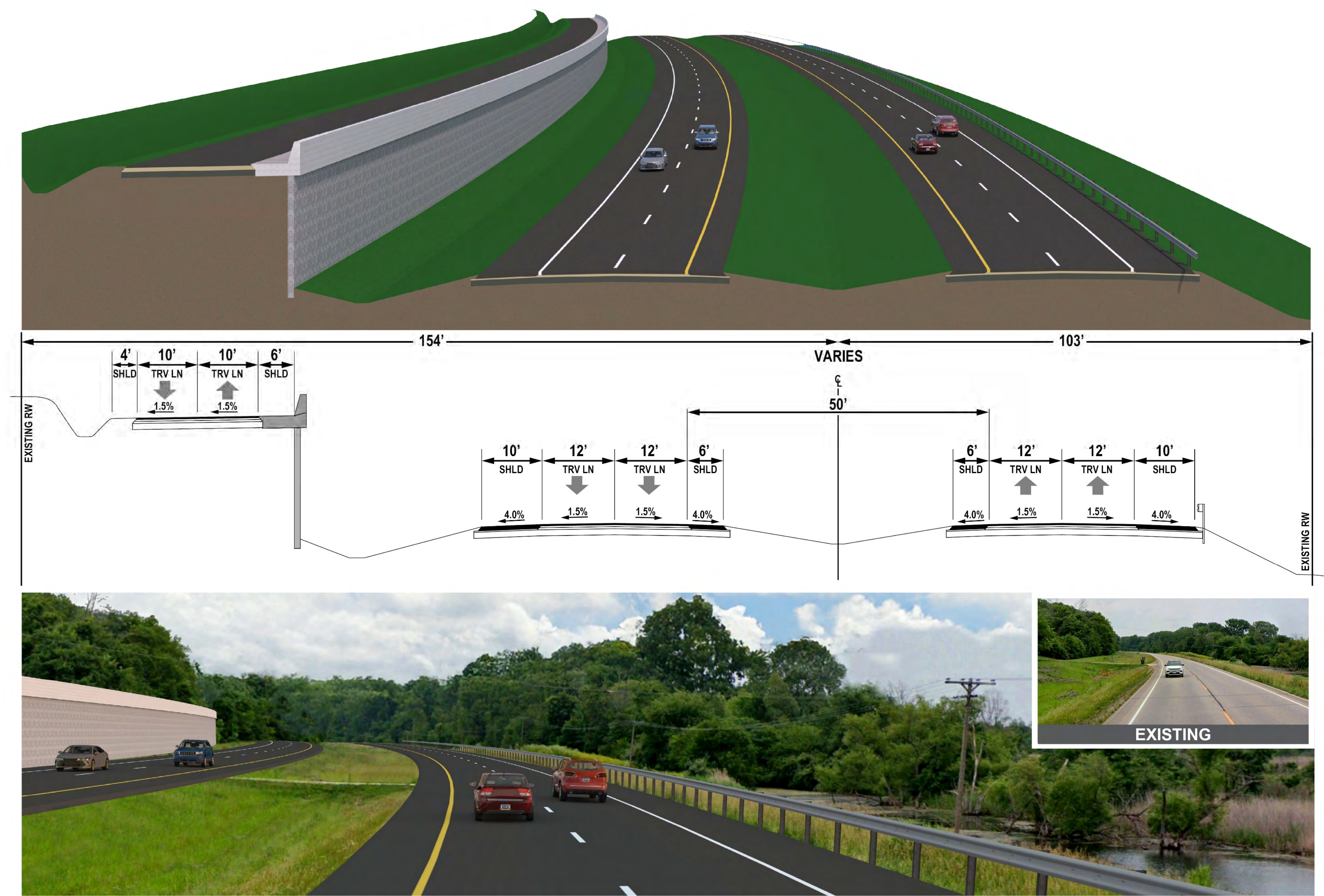
IL 9: 3-Lane Suburban Section with Truck Climbing Lane
From beginning of project to Banner
looking east

Typical Section



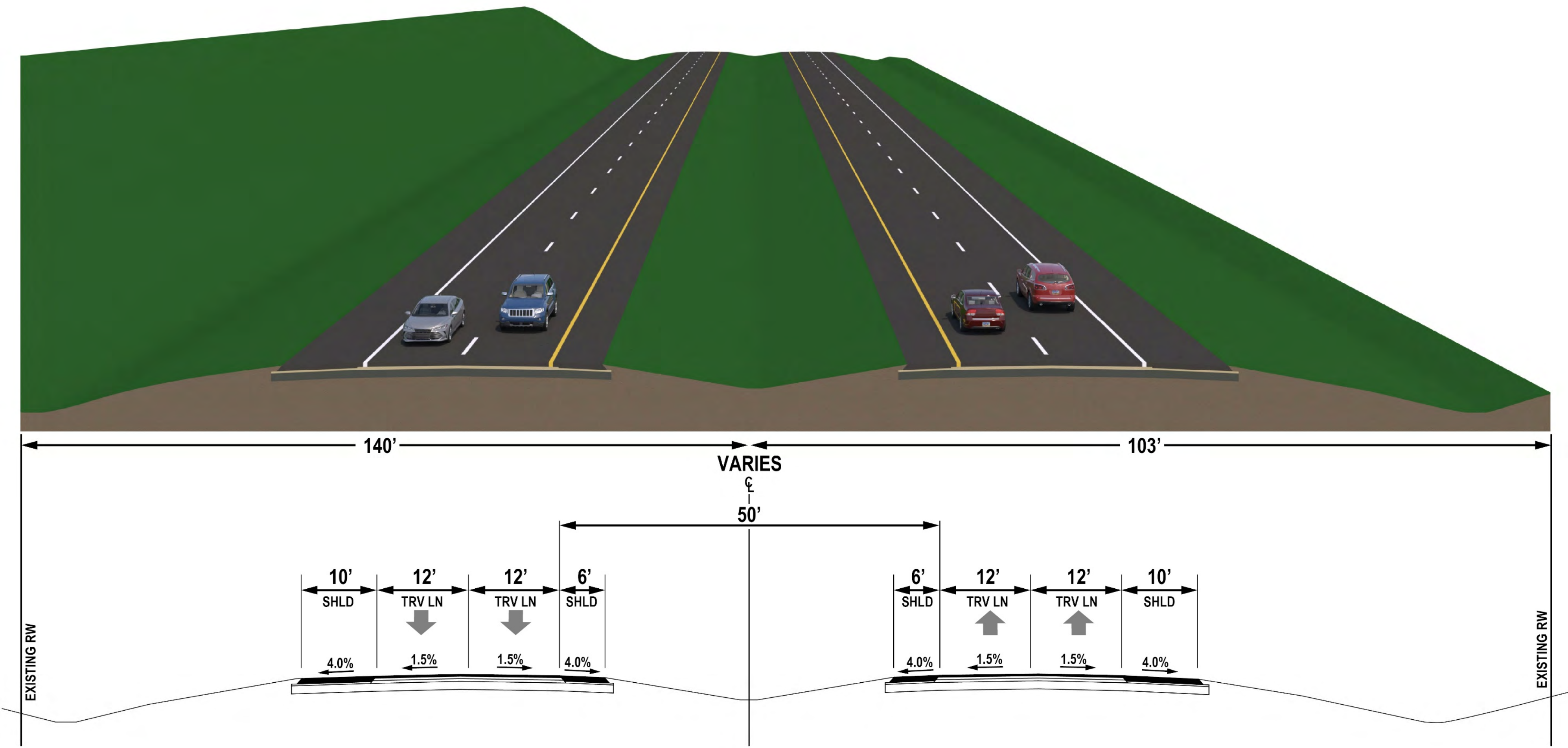
US 24/IL 9: 5-Lane Suburban Section through Banner
looking east

Typical Section



US 24/IL 9: 4-Lane Rural Expressway Section
From Banner to Kingston Mines
(showing frontage road, retaining wall and guardrail, where needed)
looking east from the existing lanes

Typical Section



US 24/IL 9: 4-Lane Rural Expressway Section
From Banner to Kingston Mines
looking east from the existing lanes