Supplemental Supporting Information for a Finding of Effect

Project: Lisbon 14862.00

Scope: Highway Reconstruction Finding of Effect: **No Adverse Effect**

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the action is to improve safety and functionality of Route 125 for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

The need for this project is to address poor roadway conditions, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and substandard side slopes and retaining walls.

Proposed Action

The proposed action (Alternative 1) includes roadway reconstruction for approximately 1 mile extending northerly along Route 125 (Main Street) from the intersection of Route 9/196 to the intersection of Huston Street in Lisbon Falls in the Town of Lisbon. The proposed action includes reconstruction of two 11' travel lanes with on-street parking and 5' sidewalks on both sides of the road for the southern 0.3 miles of the project area. The next 0.2 miles of the project area would include reconstruction of two 11' travel lanes with 5' shoulders or on-street parking on both sides and 5' sidewalks on both sides. The northern 0.3 miles of the project area would include reconstruction of two 11' travel lanes with 5' shoulders on both sides and a 5' sidewalk on one side. Closed drainage would be improved throughout the project area. All sidewalks would be upgraded for ADA compliance with landing pads. Concrete retaining walls found between Sta. 14+50R to 18+50R would be replaced with special height (18" maximum) back curb. Sidewalks at this location would be 4' to accommodate the back curb and slopes. Granite curbing would be used in the commercial downtown and Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District, while bituminous curbing would be used in the rest of the project area.

Route 125 is a Highway Priority Corridor 3 roadway, a major/urban collector. The posted speed limit increases from south to north, with the first section (0.6 miles) at 25 mph and the second section (0.4 miles) at 30 mph. Currently, Route 125 consists of two 11' travel lanes. The southern 0.3 miles of the project area has on-street parking and sidewalks, while the rest of the project area roadway has shoulders and sidewalks.

Federal Action

Federal funding

Definition of Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The proposed project is located in Lisbon. A map is attached below that shows the APE.

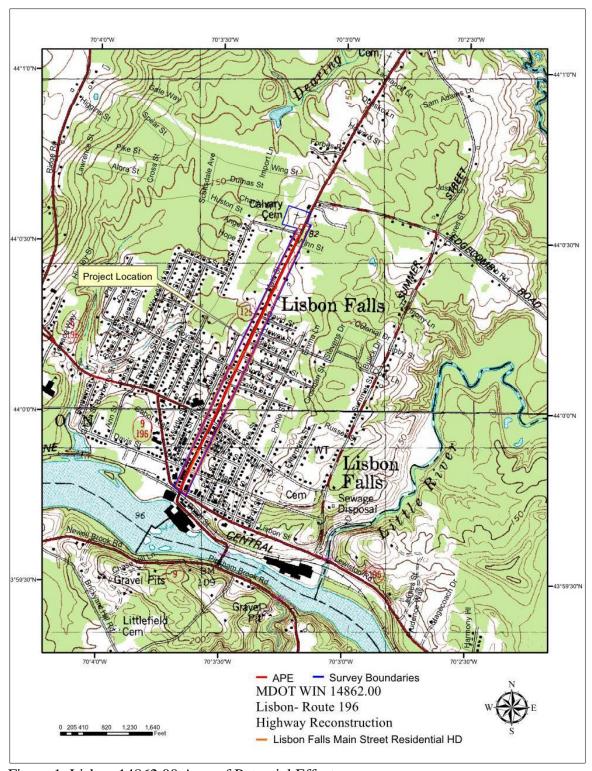


Figure 1. Lisbon 14862.00 Area of Potential Effect

Historic Properties

The proposed project is located in Lisbon. The following descriptions of historic properties found within the project area are based on Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) survey forms and the National Register of Historic Places.

Kennebec Fruit Company, 2 Main Street (Peter A. & Traci J. Austin, 10+34L to 10+40L; 508+10L to 508+85L)



National Register-eligible Criteria A & C Architecture Commerce

The c.1905 Kennebec Fruit Company Building is an excellent example of vernacular commercial architecture. It has a rectangular footprint and a flat bracketed roof. The building is clad in wood clapboard siding and retains two storefronts. The southeast elevation contains the primary storefront with two large display windows flanking three central entries. The entries retain wooden glazed doors. The south elevation contains one storefront at the west end with two display windows and a central entry. Each storefront features a cornice. Oriel windows are found above each storefront: two above the front storefront and one above the side storefront. The upper story retains one-over-one wood double-hung windows. The south elevation's windows have frames with decorative hoods, while the north elevation's windows are set in plain frames. The building sits on a brick foundation. Lamberto Anicetti (1885-1973) opened the company in this building in 1913. He emigrated from Italy in 1909 and married Irene Conti in 1912. The business has been a long standing fixture in Lisbon Falls and remained in the Anicetti family until recently. The store is the most intact commercial structure in the traditional downtown of Lisbon Falls and is an excellent representation of vernacular commercial architectural. Its period of significance is c.1905.

St. Cyril & St. Methodius Church, 51 Main Street (James & William Nutting, 21+90R to 23+25R)



National Register-listed Criterion A Ethnic History Religion

St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church is a brick and stone Gothic Revival-style building. It has two square corner towers flanking a central parapet. The central entry is accented with stone gothic arches and small grotesques/gargoyles perched on rounded pilasters. The building retains numerous gothic arched stained glass windows. A vinyl sided wing was added to the south elevation by 1977 when the resource was listed. It was designed by Addison D. Pulsifer. The period of significance is 1923-26.

<u>Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District (Various Owners, 14+35R to 37+55R; 17+75L to 33+60L)</u>



National Register-eligible Criteria A & C Architecture Ethnic Heritage Religion Social History

The Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District is comprised of mid to late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century high style and vernacular residences. The resources exhibit Greek Revival, Italianate, Stick, Shingle, Free Classic, and 20th Century Revival styles. Numerous vernacular resources also retain Italianate-style elements. The district has a high density of historic resources along Main Street with small lots and close set-backs from the roadway. Several residences were also the houses of some of Lisbon

Falls' most prominent families, including the Philbrooks, Plummers, Jacks, and Springers. The Plummer family in particular, beginning with Edward Plummer (1830-1900), held interest in the Worumbo Mill, Androscoggin Water Company, and Lisbon Falls Gas and Electric Company, and served several terms in the Maine Legislature. These families constructed and retained several high style structures within the district. The historic district also includes two churches, the 1886 Free Baptist Church and the National Register-listed St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church. The district encompasses steady residential construction in Lisbon Falls beginning in the 1830s and extending into the twentieth century. The district includes high style and vernacular resources constructed at the height of the town's booming textile industry. The period of significance is c.1835-c.1967.

House, 94 Main Street (Norman & Joyce Lamphere, 37+80L to 39+25L)



National Register-eligible Criterion C Architecture

This c.1960 house is an excellent example of the Ranch style. The house exemplifies the Ranch style with a low-pitched cross hipped roof, low massing, and varied wall cladding. The low-pitched roof also bears a broad rectangular chimney with faux stone cladding. The central portion of the house has a large five-light bay window and is flanked by the front entry. The entry is located under the roof eaves and is accented with a wrought iron support. The front door is wood with three square lights down the center. Other windows are placed high upon the wall and just under the roof eaves and are single-light vinyl windows. The house includes faux stone (likely concrete) cladding, stucco around the small windows, and aluminum siding on the attached garage and north, west, and south elevations. The building sits on a concrete foundation. Its period of significance is c.1960.

Archeological Resources

There are no archaeological resources in the project area.

Impacts to Property

The following addresses potential impacts to properties as a result of the proposed action.

Kennebec Fruit Company, 2 Main Street (Peter A. and Traci J. Austin, 10+34L to 10+40L; 508+10L to 508+85L)

National Register-eligible

Criteria A & C, Architecture, Commerce

The proposed action would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the Kennebec Fruit Company building. None of the proposed actions would diminish the building's aspects of integrity. All materials proposed are in-kind replacements of existing materials.

The proposed actions at this location include:

- Concrete sidewalk construction with ADA compliant landing pad
- Crosswalk relocated to bump-out on Main Street (existing bump-out)
- Granite curbing
- Minimal changes in grade as sidewalk abuts storefront access

St. Cyril & St. Methodius Church, 51 Main Street (James & William Nutting, 21+90R to 23+25R)

National Register-listed

Criterion A, Ethnic History, Religion

The proposed action would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church. None of the proposed actions would diminish the building's aspects of integrity. All materials proposed are in-kind replacements of existing materials. The proposed actions at this location include:

- Sidewalk construction with ADA compliant landing pads at the intersection of Main Street and High Street.
- Granite curbing
- Grading and clearing would remove existing shrubbery
- Retain four on-street parking spots at this location
- Driveway would be graded and repaved with in-kind materials
- Paved approach to front steps would be graded and repaved with in-kind materials

<u>Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District (Various Owners, 14+35R to 37+55R; 17+75L to 33+60L)</u>

National Register-eligible

Criteria A & C, Architecture, Ethnic Heritage, Religion, Social History

The proposed action would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District. None of the proposed actions would significantly diminish the district's aspects of integrity. Most materials proposed are in-kind replacements of existing materials. The proposed actions include:

- Concrete sidewalk construction with ADA compliant landing pads at the intersections of Main Street with Union, Maple, Goddard, High, Earle, South, North, and Douglas streets.
- Granite curbing.
- Remove existing concrete retaining wall located from Sta. 14+50R to 18+50R. Replace with special height (maximum 18") granite back curb. The existing concrete retaining wall is failing and deteriorated. The proposed height of the back curb is similar to that of the existing retaining wall. Granite is a material found

throughout the historic district and would complement the proposed granite curbing. Granite back curb would also replicate the existing configuration of the concrete retaining wall. The back curb would also allow lawn slopes to be maintained to the fullest extent.

- The granite back curb would match into existing concrete stairs located at Sta. 14+50R, 16+90R, and 18+05R. The stairs would be retained and not altered.
- Cuts, fill, and grading throughout the project area would require loam and seeding.
- All grading would match into existing stairs located at Sta. 25+00R, 26+25R, 34+50R, 31+10L, 32+40L, and 33+40L. The stairs would be retained and not altered.
- Grading would require resetting the existing granite stairs at Sta. 31+85R. The stairs would not be altered, but reset.
- Grading at Sta. 32+05R would require reconstructing a concrete walkway and resetting granite stairs. The walkway would be reconstructed in-kind and the stairs reset and not altered.
- Grading would require reconstructing concrete stairs at Sta. 32+95R. The stairs would be reconstructed in-kind.
- All driveways that require grading would be repaved with in-kind materials.
- Fencing (none of which contribute to the historic district) will be temporarily removed and reset.
- Trees would be removed at Sta. 28+15R, 31+95R, 33+10R, 33+45R, 19+25L, 26+90L, 27+50L, 27+75L, 32+05L due to grading and/or sidewalk construction. Trees that are within areas of grading that would be avoided are at 19+60R, 20+50R, 31+90R, 27+40L, 28+15R, 29+40L, 29+90L, 30+40L. Enough trees would be retained within the historic district that the integrity of feeling, setting, and association would not be diminished.

House, 94 Main Street (Norman & Joyce Lamphere, 37+80L to 39+25L)

National Register-eligible

Criterion C, Architecture

The proposed action would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the house. None of the proposed actions would diminish the building's aspects of integrity. All materials proposed are inkind replacements of existing materials. The proposed actions at this location include:

- Grading with loam and seeding
- Driveway would be graded and repaved with in-kind materials
- Bituminous curbing added, including a narrow island at Sta. 37+80L to 38+10L to provide increased separation of driveway from roadway
 - o Bituminous curbing would blend with the existing driveway and proposed paved shoulders.

Archaeological Resources

No archaeological properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The proposed action avoids tree removal at Sta. 19+60R, 20+50R, 31+90R, 27+40L, 28+15R, 29+40L, 29+90L, 30+40L, which maintains the Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District's integrity of setting, feeling, and association.

The use of special height granite back curbing at Sta. 14+50R to 18+50R minimizes effects on the Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District. Through project planning, the use of granite back curb was determined to minimize visual impacts within the historic district and allowed designers to maintain lawn slopes to the fullest extent possible. Project planning looked at using precast block walls, which would have introduced new visual elements into the historic district. Granite back curb instead retains materials and visual design that is similar to what already exists in the historic district.

Dismissed Alternatives

The following alternatives were evaluated for Lisbon 14862.00 downtown improvements project.

No Build

The No Build alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and was therefore removed from further consideration.

Proposed Materials

Hot-mix-asphalt, bituminous and granite curbing, concrete sidewalks.

Plans

Lisbon, Androscoggin County, State Route 125, STP-1486(200), Maine Department of Transportation, September 2019.

Attachments

Art Spiess, MHPC, to David Gardner, MaineDOT, March 8, 2017 Kirk F. Mohney, MHPC, to Megan Hopkin, MaineDOT, February 23, 2017 Kirk F. Mohney, MHPC, to Megan Hopkin, MaineDOT, May 17, 2018



MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 55 CAPITOL STREET 65 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

KIRK F. MOHNEY
DIRECTOR

March 8, 2017

To: David Gardner, MDOT/ESD

From: Arthur Spiess, Senior Archaeologist

Subject: WIN 14862.00, Lisbon, Route 125, highway reconstruction (MHPC # 0178-17)

After reviewing our archaeological survey records and maps, including historic maps and surficial geology maps, and comparing this information with a predictive model of archaeological site locations, we find that no archaeological fieldwork is necessary for this project, based on the project location and general project description information received February 24th (APE 50 feet from centerline). It is extremely unlikely that an archaeological site would be affected by this project, in our opinion.

In following the procedures specified in the Federal Highway/MHPC/MDOT programmatic agreement, we recommend a finding "that there will be no archaeological properties affected by the proposed undertaking."

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STATE OF MAINE

MEMORANDUM

February 23, 2017

To:

Megan M. Hopkin, ENV/Maine Department of Transportation

From: Kirk F. Mohney, State Historic Preservation Officer KFM

Subject: 14862; highway reconstruction, Lisbon; MHPC #0178-17

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received February 6, 2017 to initiate consultation on the above referenced undertaking pursuant to the Maine Programmatic Agreement and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

<u>Identification of Historic Properties</u>

Based on the information that was provided to us, the Commission agrees with the MDOT's conclusion that the following resources in the project's area of potential effect (APE) are either listed in or are eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NR):

- Kennebec Fruit Company Building, 2 Main Street (Survey Map # 1); previously determined NR eligible
- St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church, 51 Main Street (Survey Map # 25); NR listed
- Lisbon Falls Main Street Residential Historic District, Main Street (Survey Map #s 10-33, 64-97), NR eligible. The Commission believes that the boundary of the proposed district should be reduced to eliminate Survey Map #s 34-41, and 98-100. In our opinion, this area of Main Street and the properties within it lack the characteristics and significance that is evident in the balance of the district. However, the ranch house at 94 Main Street (Survey Map #37) may warrant further evaluation to assess its individual eligibility. The proposed district appears to be eligible under Criterion A in the areas of ethnic heritage, religion (an area of significance for the NR listed St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church) and social history, as well as Criterion C for architecture. The period of significance begins about 1835 and extends to 1967 (recognizing the significance of the St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church).

No other properties in the APE appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

STATE OF MAINE

MEMORANDUM

May 17, 2018

To:

Julie Senk, ENV/Maine Department of Transportation

From:

Kirk F. Mohney, State Historic Preservation Officer KFM

Subject:

WIN 14862.00, Lisbon, Route 125, Highway Reconstruction, MHPC # 0178-17

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received May 3, 2018 to continue consultation on the above referenced undertaking pursuant to the Maine Programmatic Agreement and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

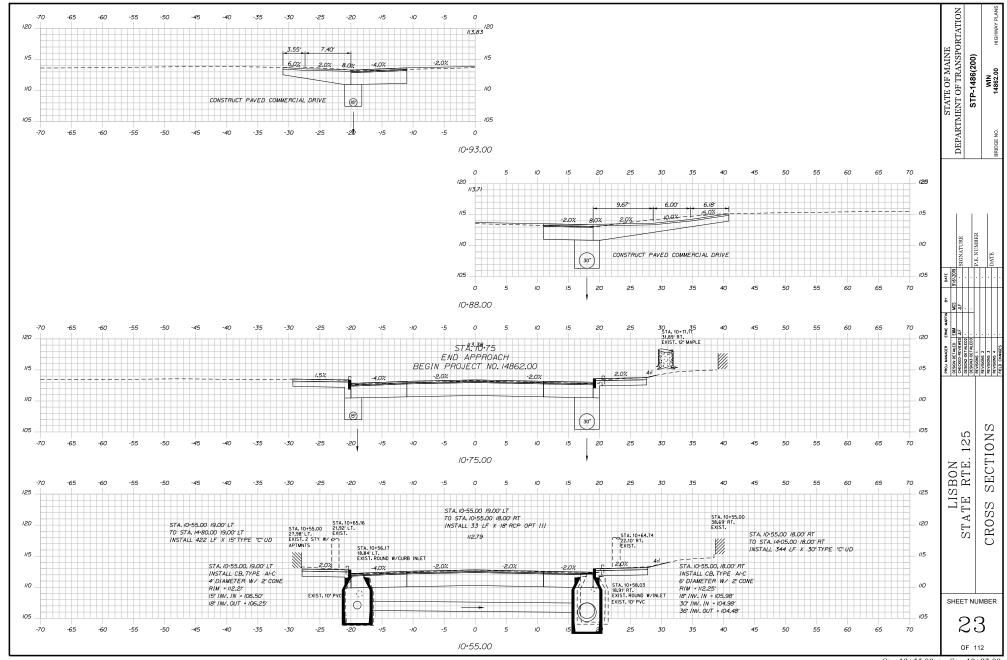
We concur with MaineDOT's determination that 94 Main Street (SM #37) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact Megan M. Hopkin of our office if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

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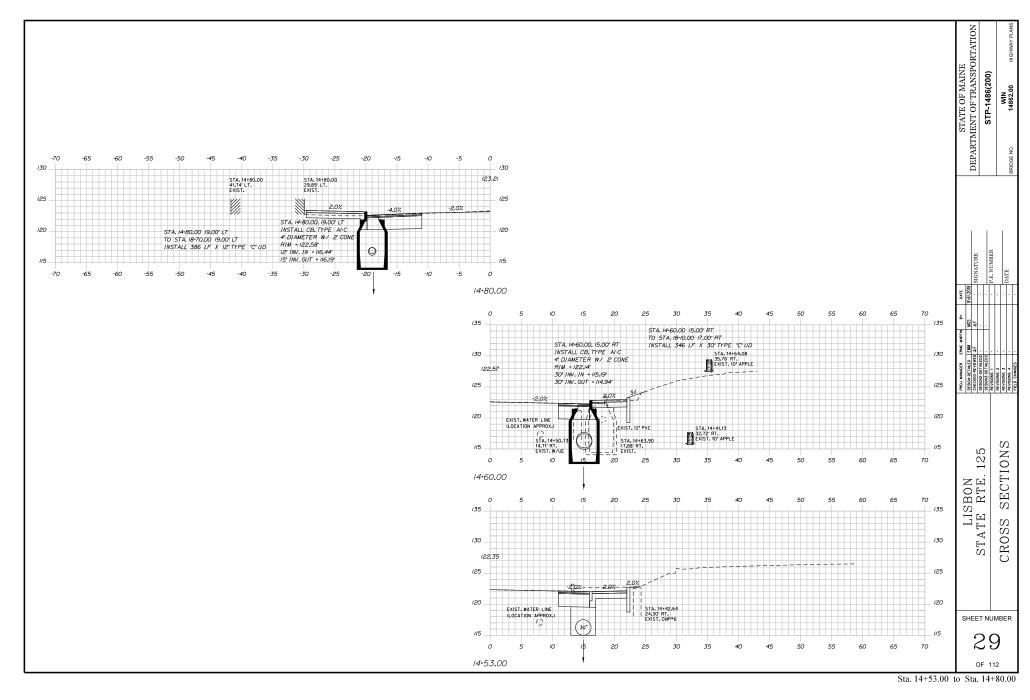
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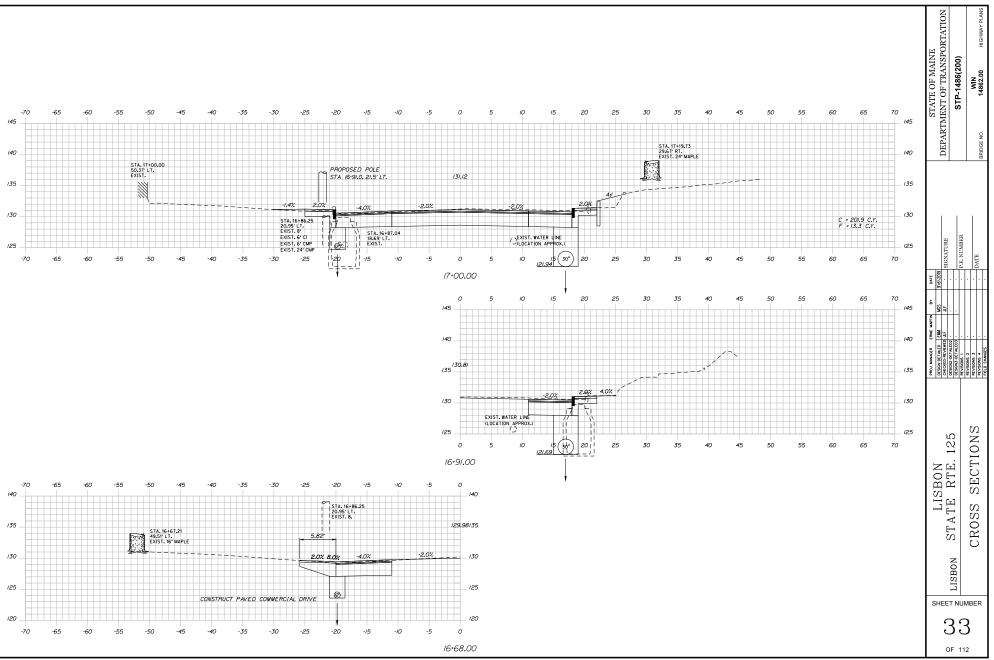
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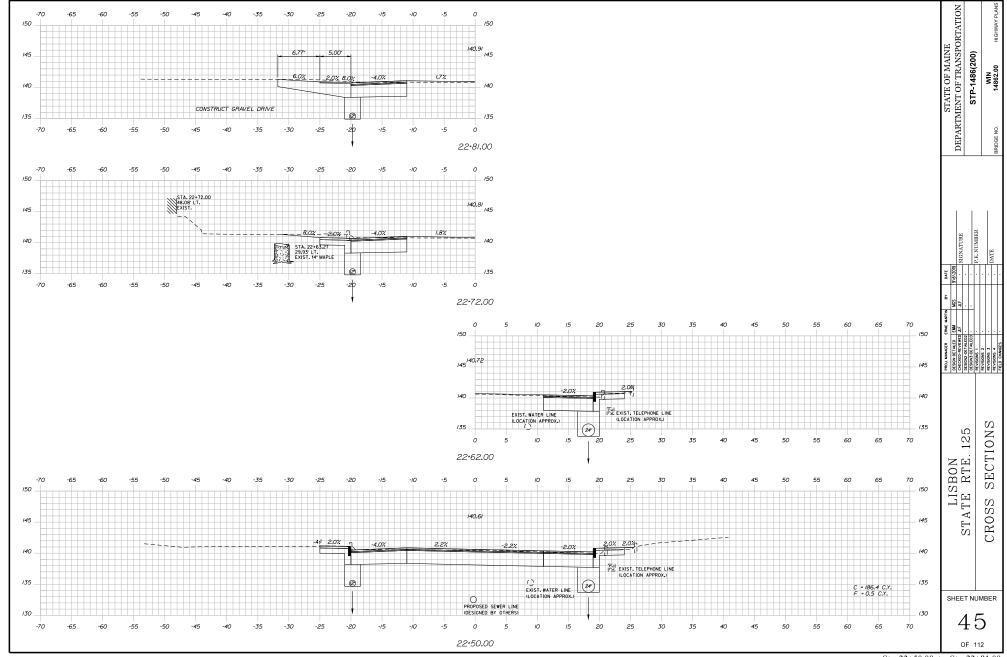
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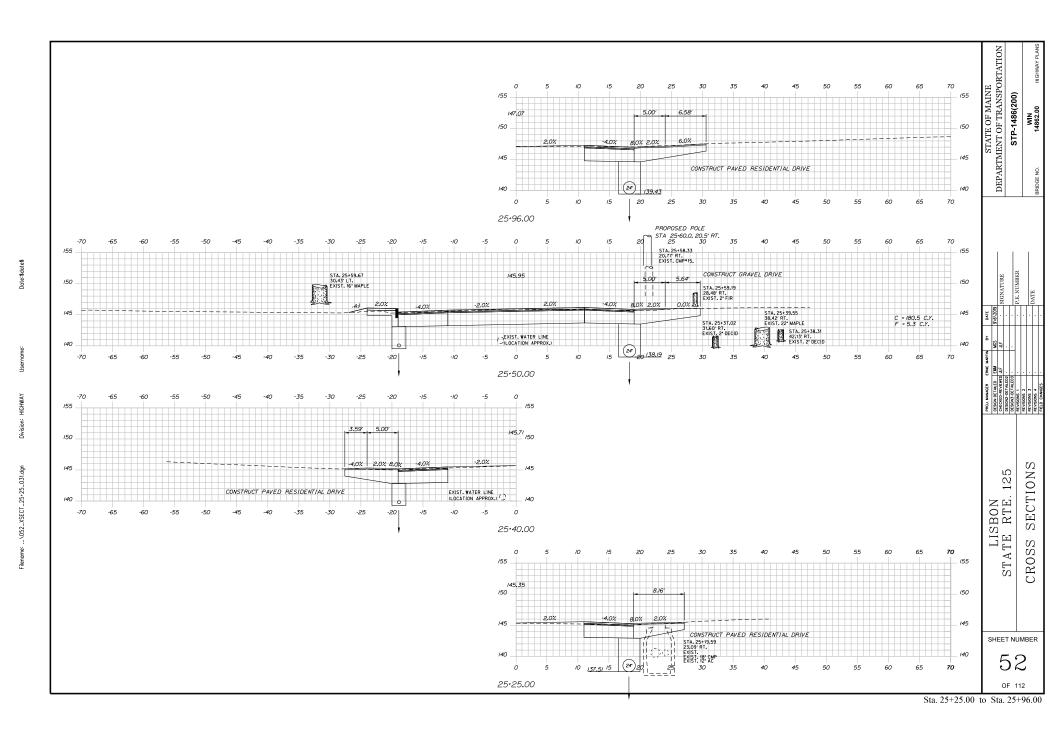
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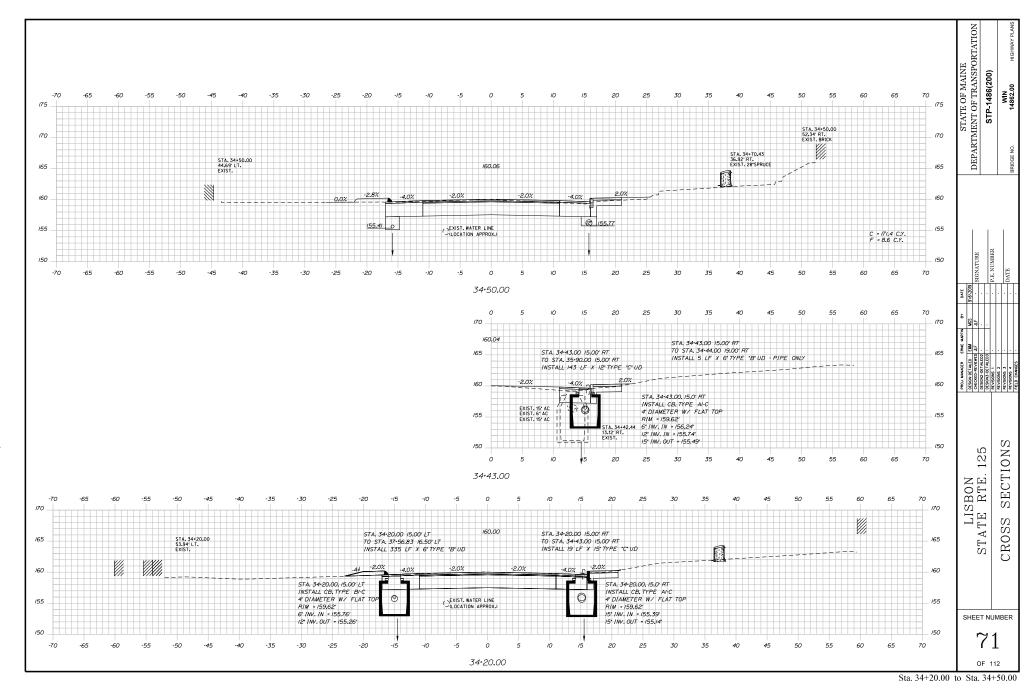
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