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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2013-01015-JEB

May 30, 2014

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL 0.78 ACRE OF  
JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: **Mobile County Commission**  
**Attention: Ms. Connie Hudson**  
**205 Government Plaza**  
**Mobile, Alabama 36644**

AGENT: **Volkert, Inc.**  
**316 South McKenzie Street**  
**Foley, Alabama 36535**

WATERWAY/LOCATION: The proposed project is located on Padgett Switch Road immediately south of the existing bridge (to be replaced) spanning Carl's Creek, Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama. Specifically the project is located within Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 3 West (Latitude 30.4285, Longitude - 88.2298).

PROJECT PURPOSE: The "Basic Project Purpose" is to replace an existing bridge with a new, larger construction that will meet current design standards and traffic loading. For the purposes of the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, this basic project purpose does not define the project as a "water-dependent" activity. The "Overall Project Purpose" is new bridge construction/replacement.

WORK: The new bridge will be constructed immediately south of the existing bridge. The structure will be 420 feet long and 43 feet wide, pile-supported. Approximately 0.78 acre of wetland fill will be needed to construct a new bridge approach on the eastern end of the project.

**The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through purchase of the appropriate amount of in-kind mitigation credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) approved mitigation bank.**

The applicant has applied for State Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401 (a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and for Coastal Zone (CZ) Consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQC and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the

United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area.

By correspondence dated, August 8, 2013, the Alabama Historical Commission indicated that upon review of the cultural resource assessment conducted at the site, the proposed activities will have "no adverse effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places."

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity may affect listed species, or their critical habitat.

By correspondence date, January 9, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) determined that the following species are found in Mobile County and may be located within the watershed: West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), Alabama red-bellied (*Pseudemys alabamensis*), and the Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*). Although the species are not expected by the FWS to be within the immediate project area, the species have been identified downstream of its location. "No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources.

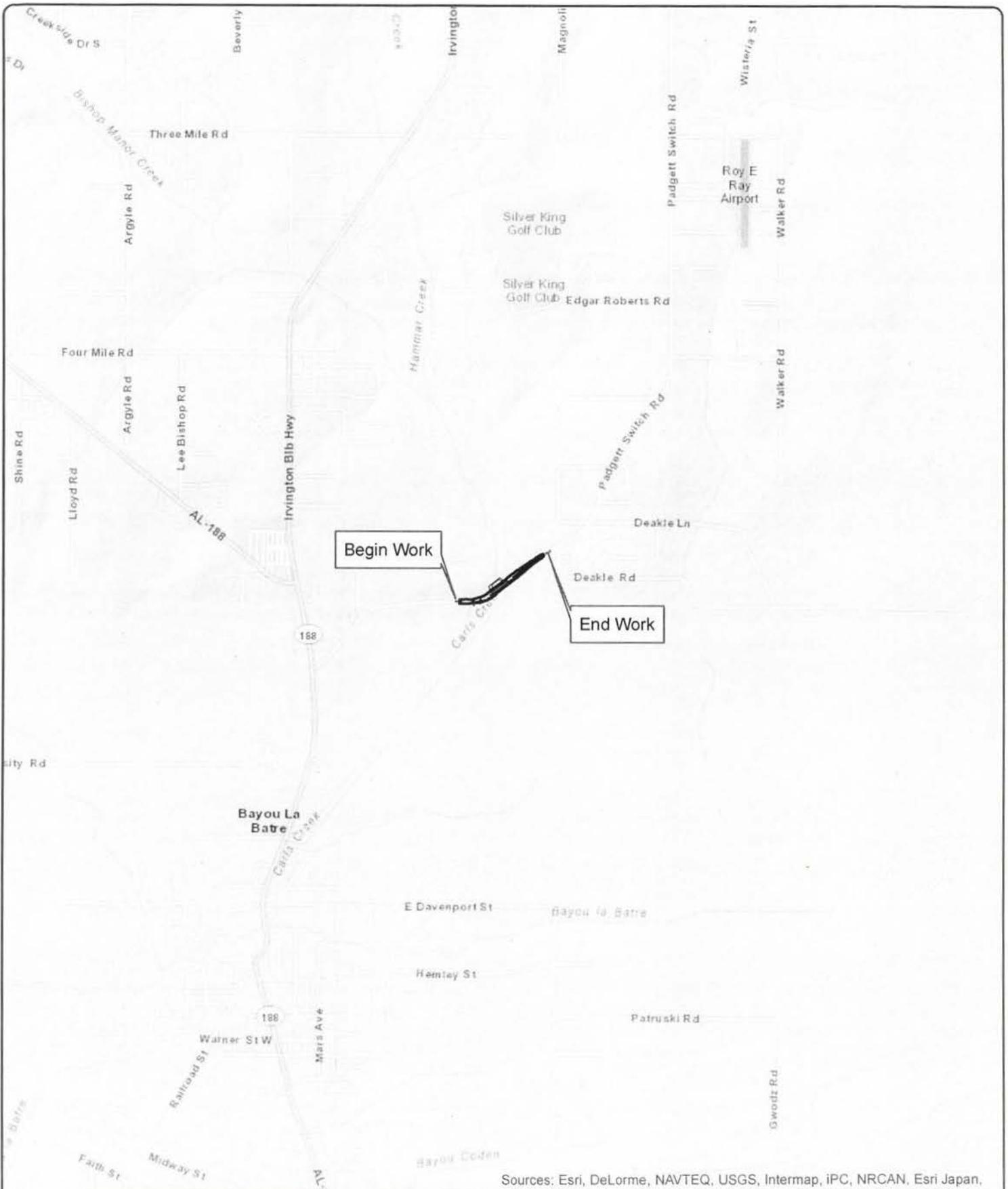
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Number **SAM-2013-01015-JEB** and should be mailed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, Attention: Ms. Sandy Gibson, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile Alabama 36608.

**All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice.** If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, Ms. Sandy P. Gibson at (251) 694-3772 or by email at [sandy.p.gibson@usace.army.mil](mailto:sandy.p.gibson@usace.army.mil). Please refer to the Public Notice Number **SAM-2013-01015-JEB**.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).

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Enclosures



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, Intermap, iPC, NRCAN, Esri Japan.

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Project Vicinity Map  
 Padgett Switch Road Bridge Replacement

1 inch = 3,000 feet





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# PADGETT SWITCH ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

BEGIN WORK  
STA 10+00.00 @ CONST  
PADGETT SWITCH RD

10+00

BEGIN PROJECT  
STA 11+00.00 @ CONST  
PADGETT SWITCH RD

PC STA 14+29.73  
15+00

@ CONST PADGETT SWITCH RD

PT STA 19+08.56

BEGIN BRIDGE  
STA 19+50.00

RECD BRIDGE 420'

CARLS CREEK

Z1F

Z2F

Z1Z

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Z3Z

Z4Z

END BRIDGE  
STA 20+00.00

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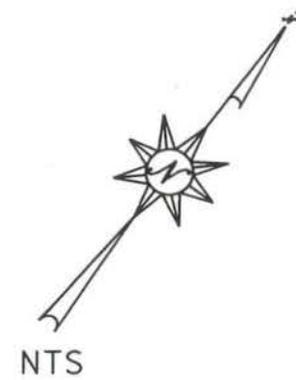


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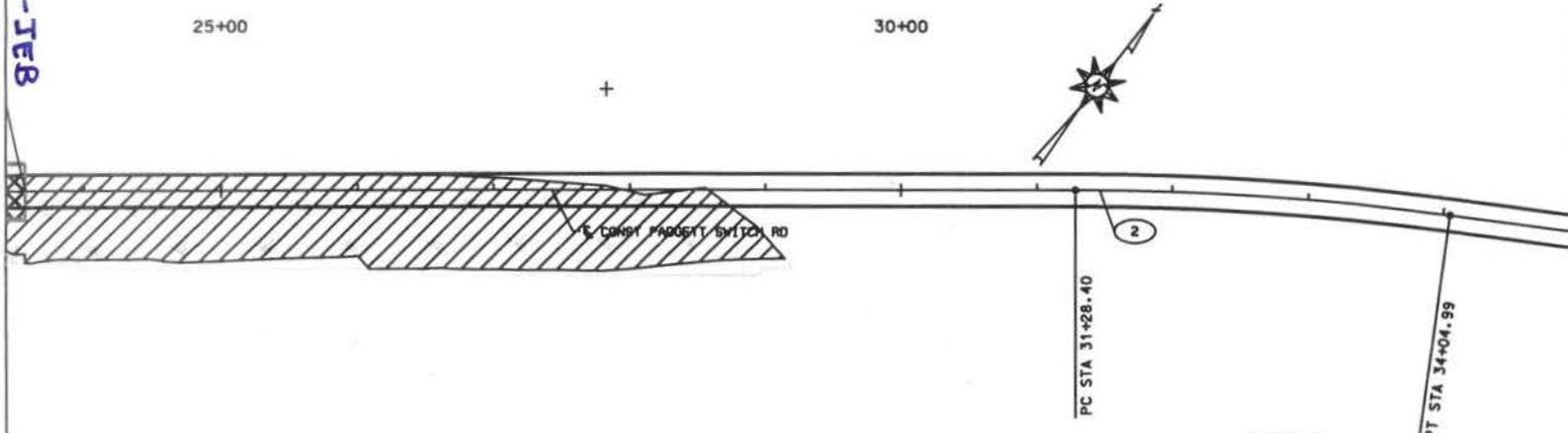
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30+00

END PROJECT/WORK  
STA 35+00.00 & CURST  
PADGETT SWITCH RD



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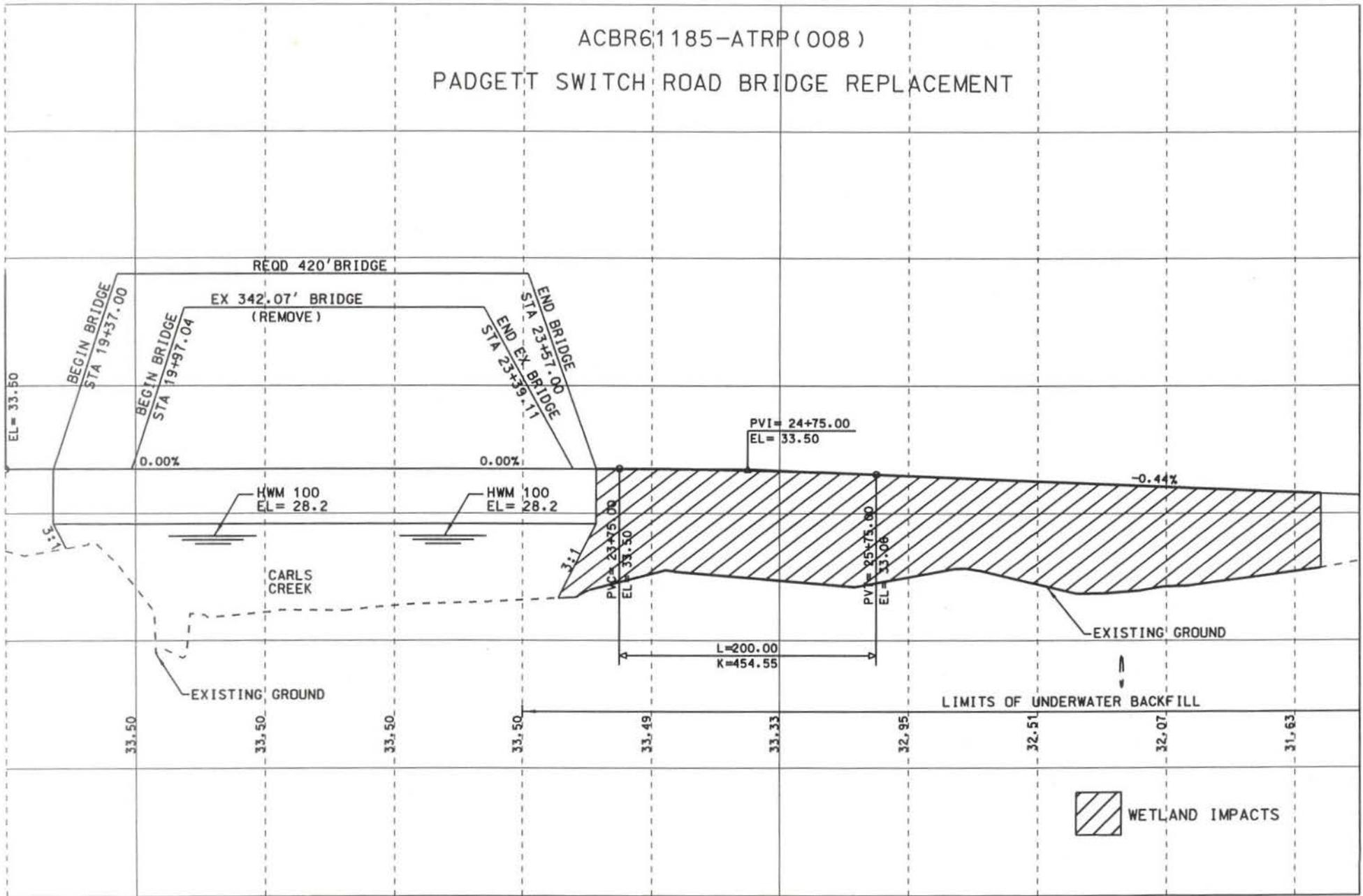


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