



# Popple Dungeon Road Culvert Replacement Alternatives Presentation Meeting



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**Town of Chester, VT**

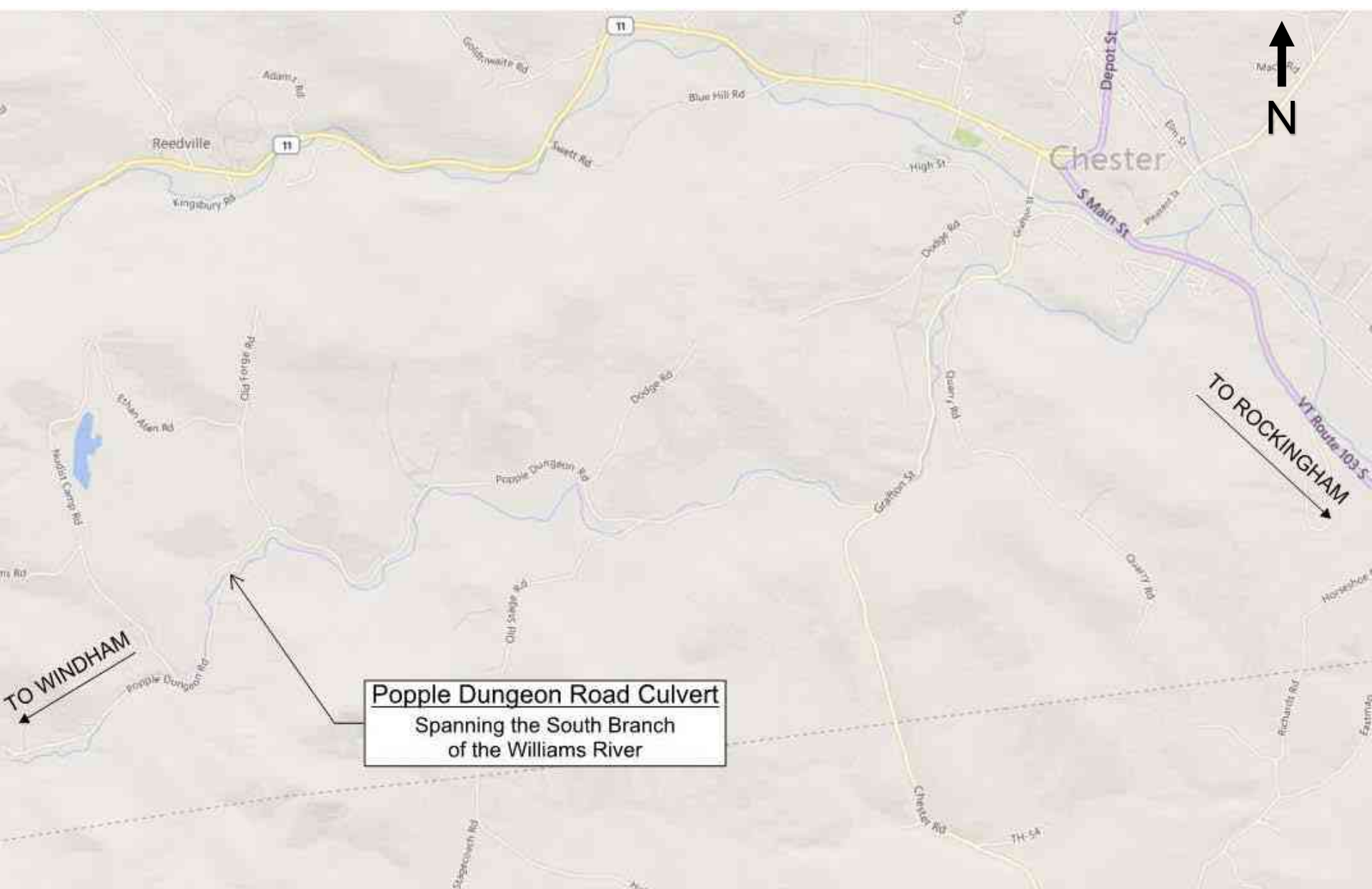
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**VHB**

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# Meeting with you today

- **Julie Hance**, Local Project Manager
- **Derek Kenison**, VTrans Project Supervisor
- **Aaron Guyette**, PE, VHB Project Manager
- **Jason Keener**, PE, VHB Project Engineer





Popple Dungeon Road Culvert Location

VTrans  
Municipal Assistance Bureau  
Project Development Process



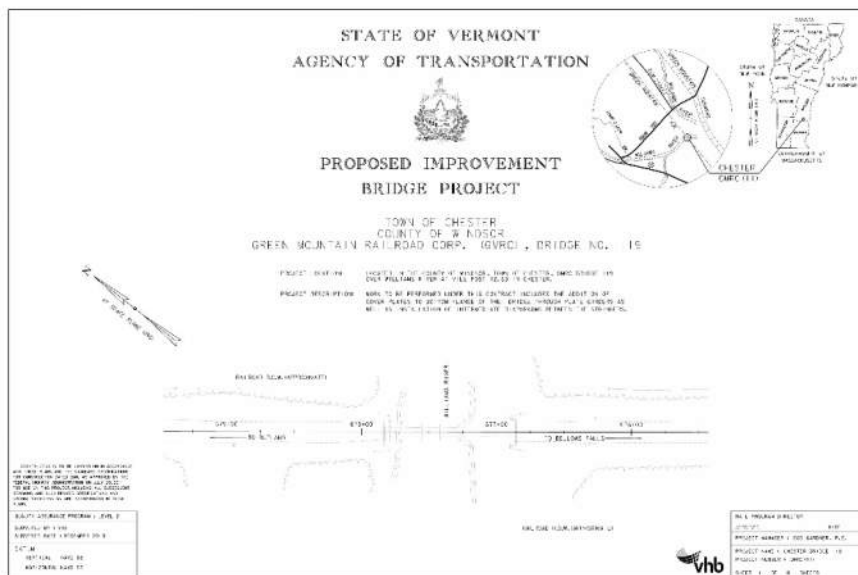
# Phase A - Project Definition

- Data Collection
- Local Concerns Meeting
- Purpose & Need Statement
- Alternatives Investigation
- ***Alternatives Presentation***
- Preferred Alternative Selection
- Conceptual Plans (25%)
- NEPA Documentation



# Phase B – Project Design

- Preliminary Plans
- Environmental Permitting
- Right-Of-Way Process
- Final Plans (85%)
- Contract Plans (100%)



# Phase C – Construction

- Bid Phase
- Field Construction
- Project Closeout



# Existing conditions & Project concerns

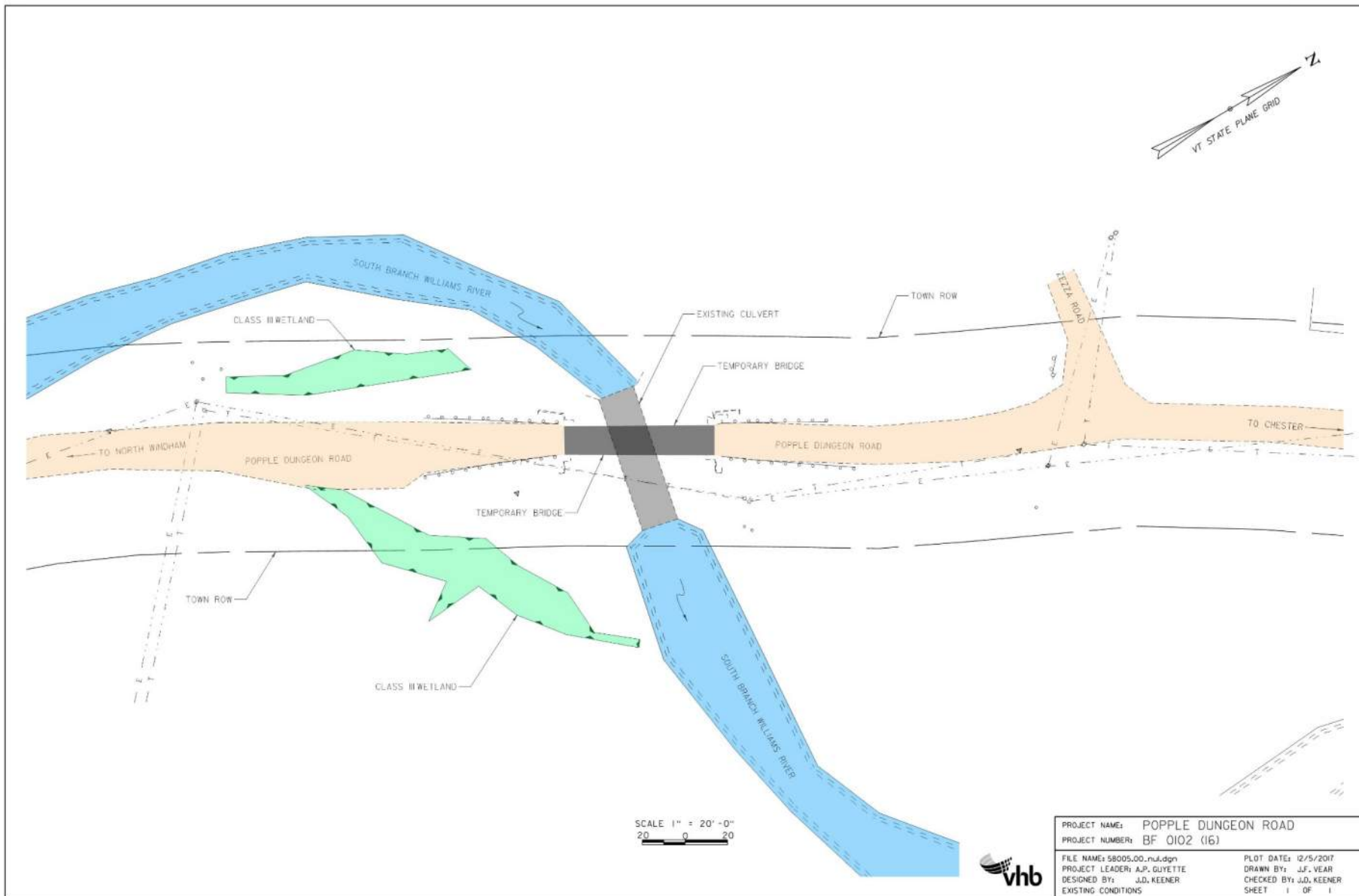




# Culvert Deficiencies

- Structural Deterioration
  - Undermining of Bottom and Sides
- Insufficient Hydraulic Capacity
  - Flooding of Popple Dungeon Road
- Aquatic Organism Passage
  - Perched Outlet
  - Non-Native Bottom
- Insufficient Width





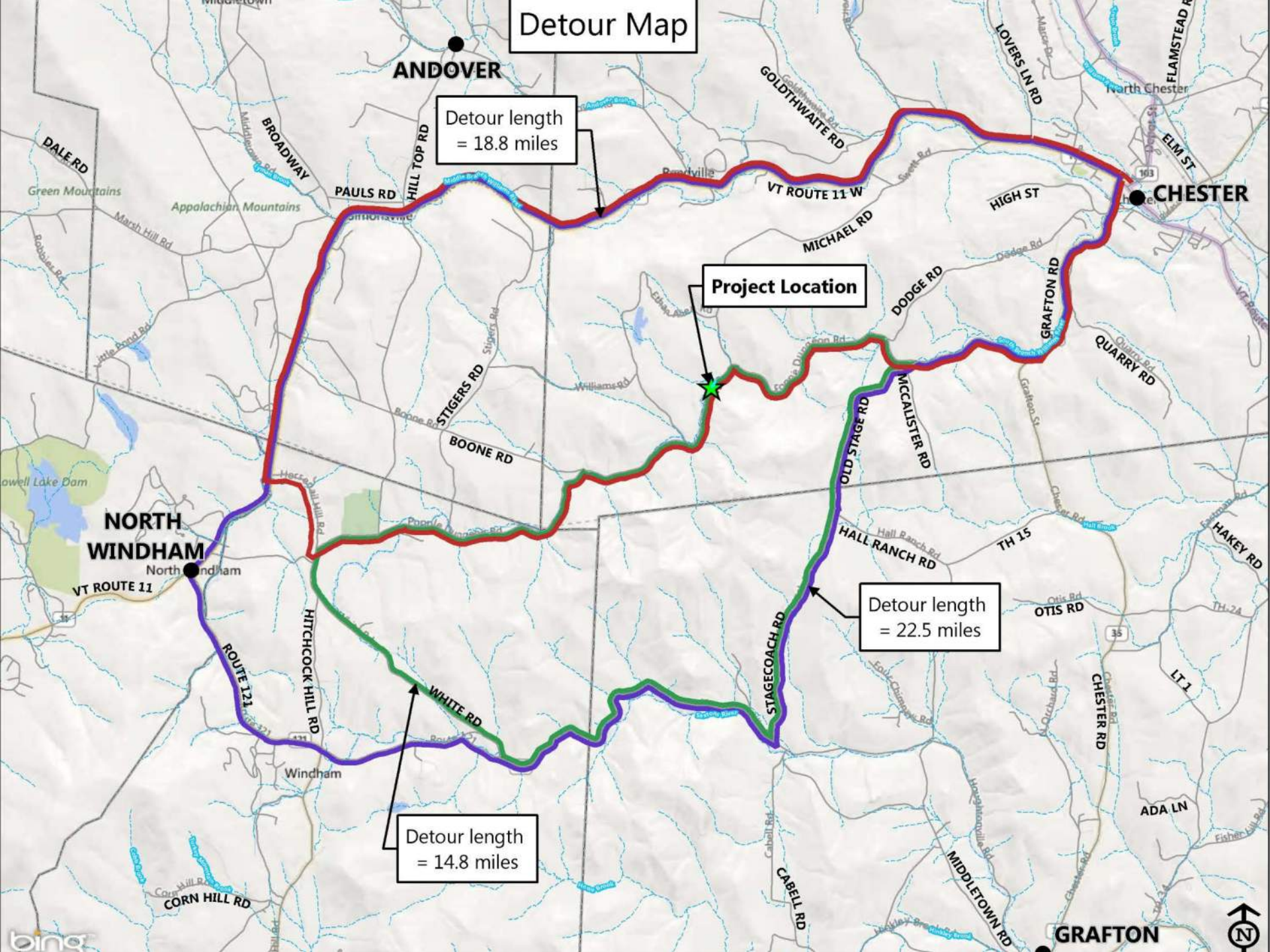
Popple Dungeon Road Culvert Base Map



# Project Concerns & Constraints

- Traffic Control
  - 15 Mile, 20-30 Minute Detour
- Permitting Requirements
  - Regulated Wetlands
  - Time of Year Restrictions (Fish & Bats)
- Rights-Of-Way
- Utilities
- Others

# Detour Map



Detour length  
= 14.8 miles

Detour length  
= 22.5 miles

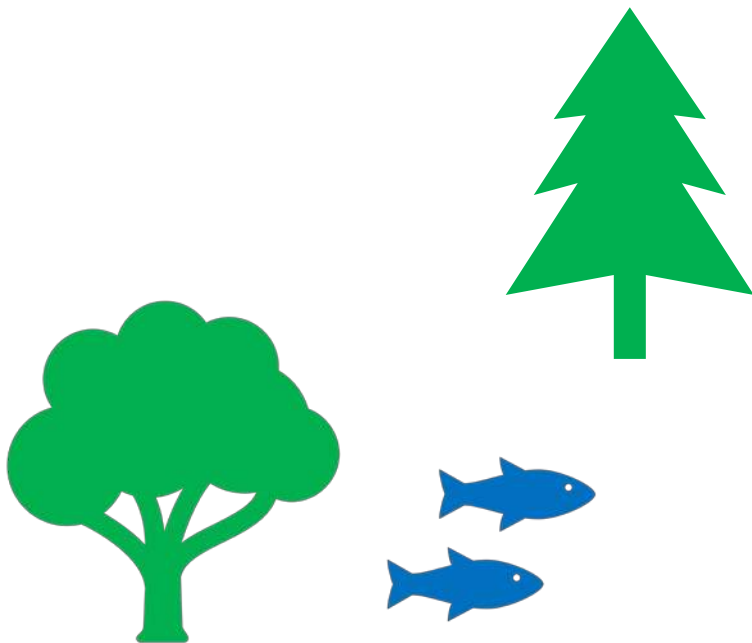
Detour length  
= 18.8 miles

Project Location



# Anticipated Permitting Constraints

- In-Stream work windows
- Minimize and avoid disturbance to wetlands
- Tree cutting time of year restrictions



# Previous Public Input

- Detour Concerns
- Emergency Response Time
- Noise Levels
- Funding & Cost

# Project goals, objectives & alternatives



# Purpose and Need

*"The purpose of the Popple Dungeon Road Culvert Replacement Project is to enhance mobility for all modes of transportation, improve safety and reliability of the structure, and ensure appropriate balance between transportation infrastructure and the natural environment."*



# Project Goals & Objectives

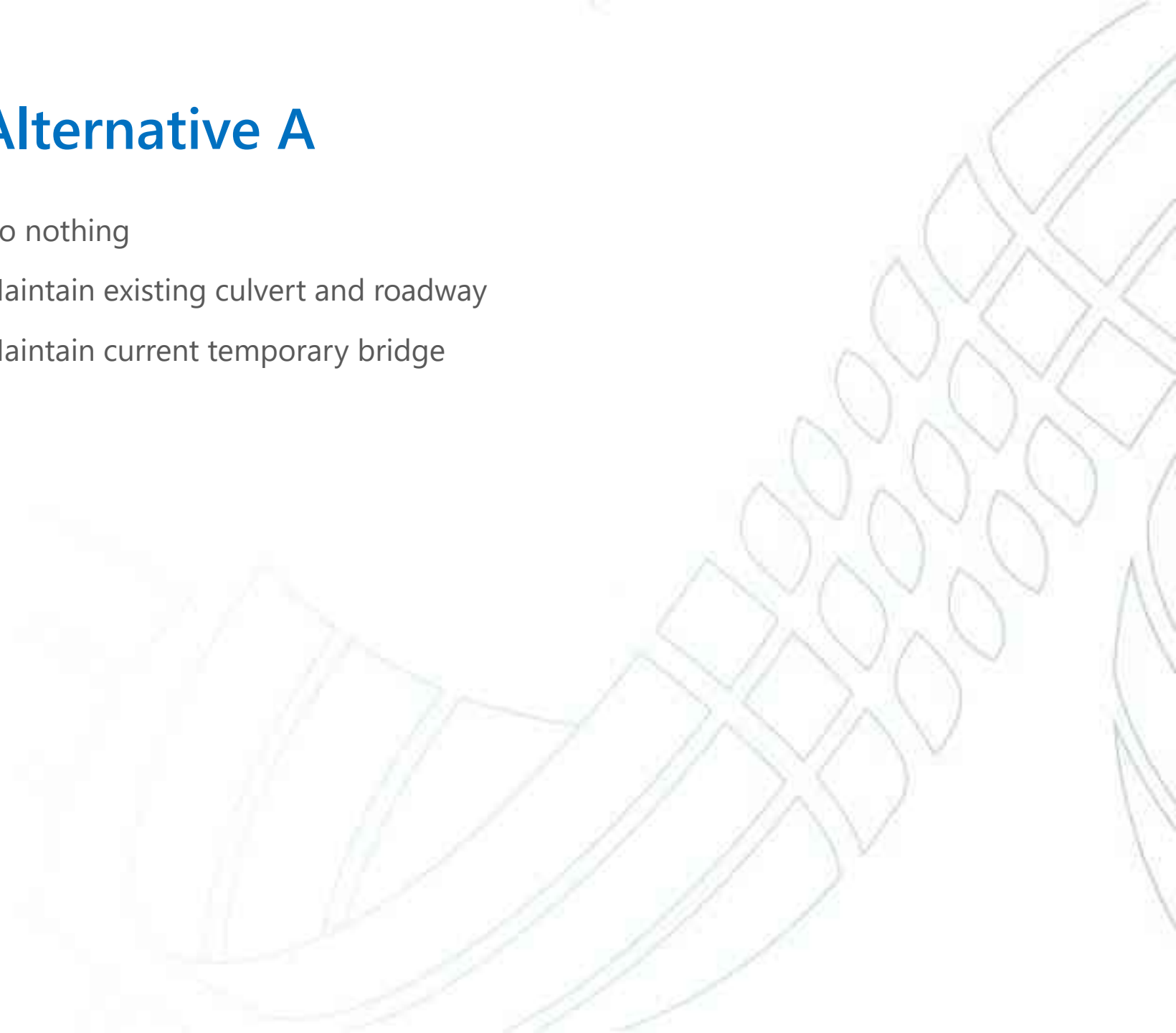
- Replace the existing culvert with a structure that meets current design standards
  - 22ft wide roadway
- Pass flows during major storm events
  - 140sf minimum waterway opening
- Allow for passage of aquatic organisms
  - 24ft bankfull width
- Minimize traffic control impacts

# Project Alternatives

- Alternative A - “Do Nothing” alternative
- Alternative B - Structural plate arch culvert with onsite temporary bridge
- Alternative C - Cast-in-place concrete slab superstructure with onsite temporary bridge
- Alternative D - Precast/prestressed concrete slab superstructure with accelerated bridge construction

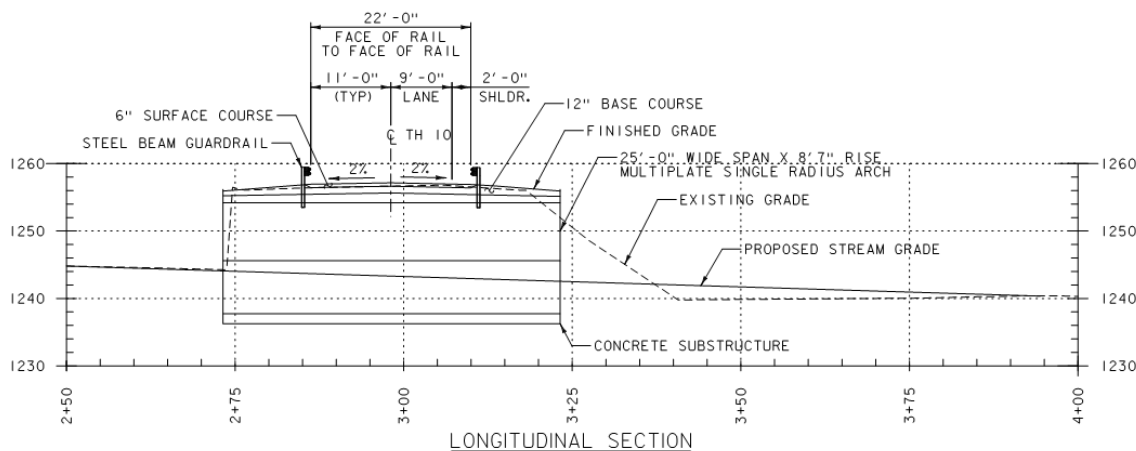
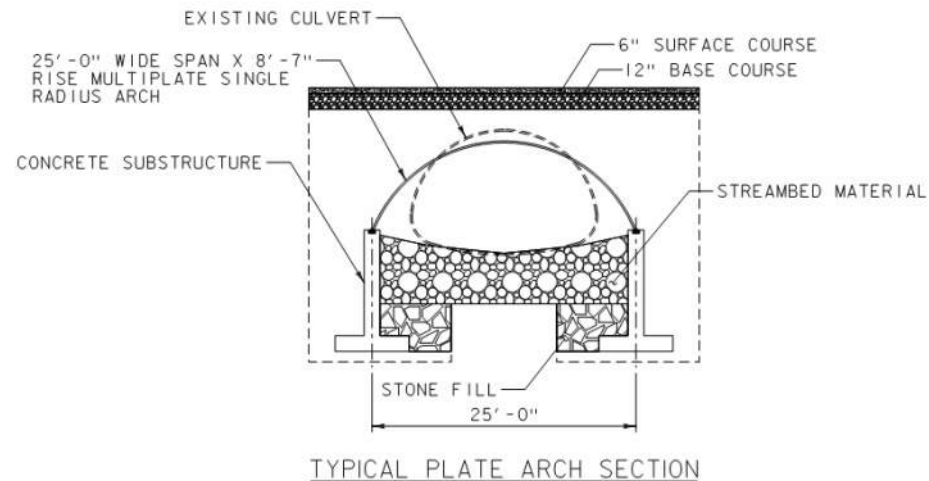
# Alternative A

- Do nothing
- Maintain existing culvert and roadway
- Maintain current temporary bridge

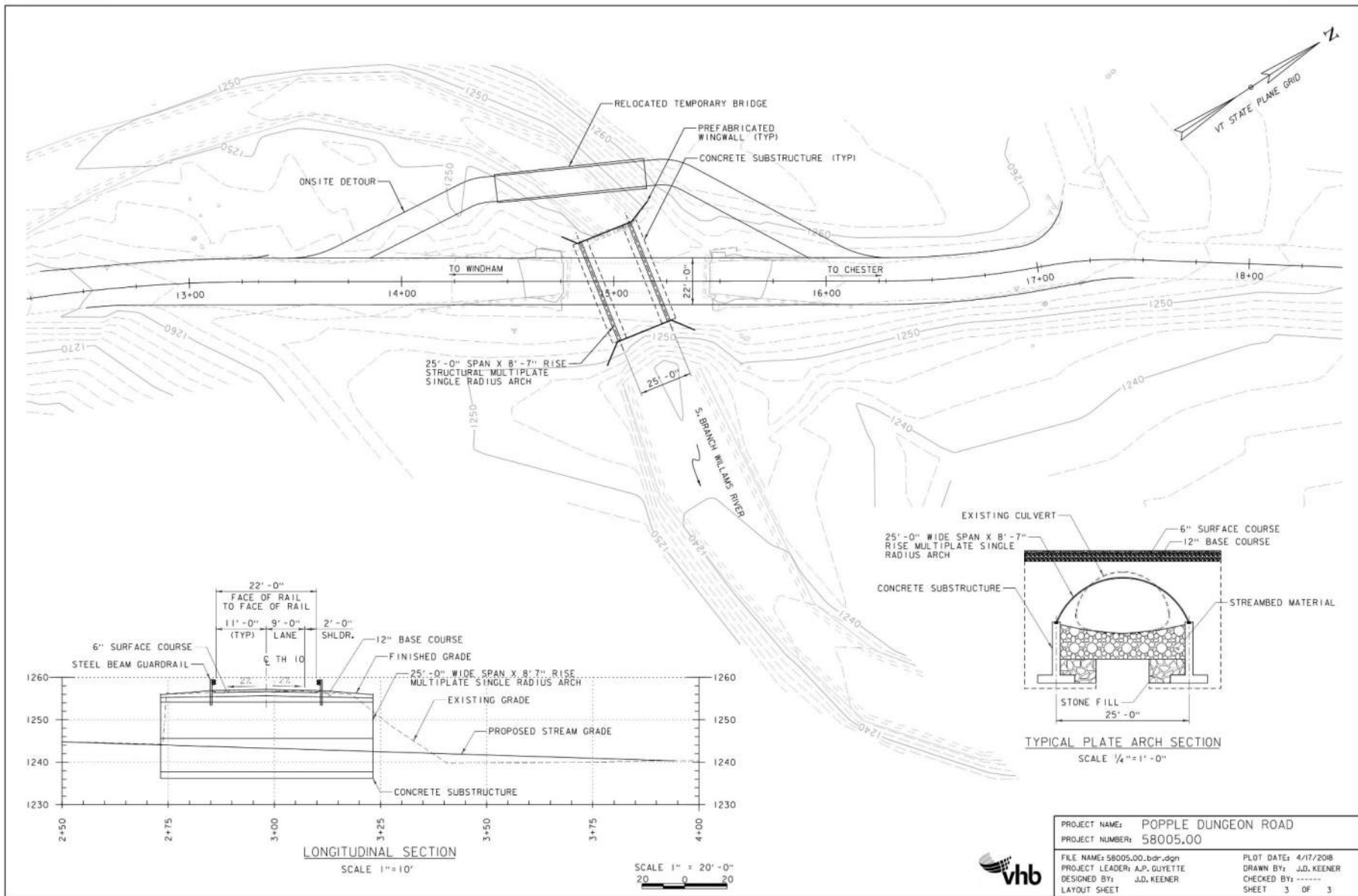


# Alternative B

- Steel or aluminum structural plate arch culvert
- Cast-in-place concrete substructure
- On-site detour using temporary bridge



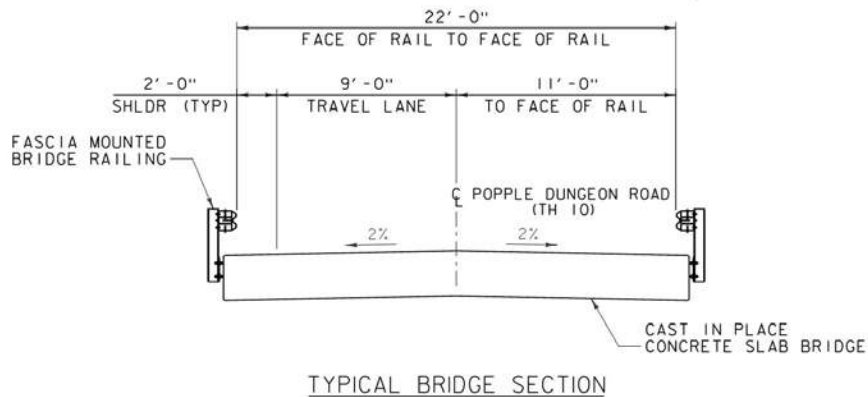


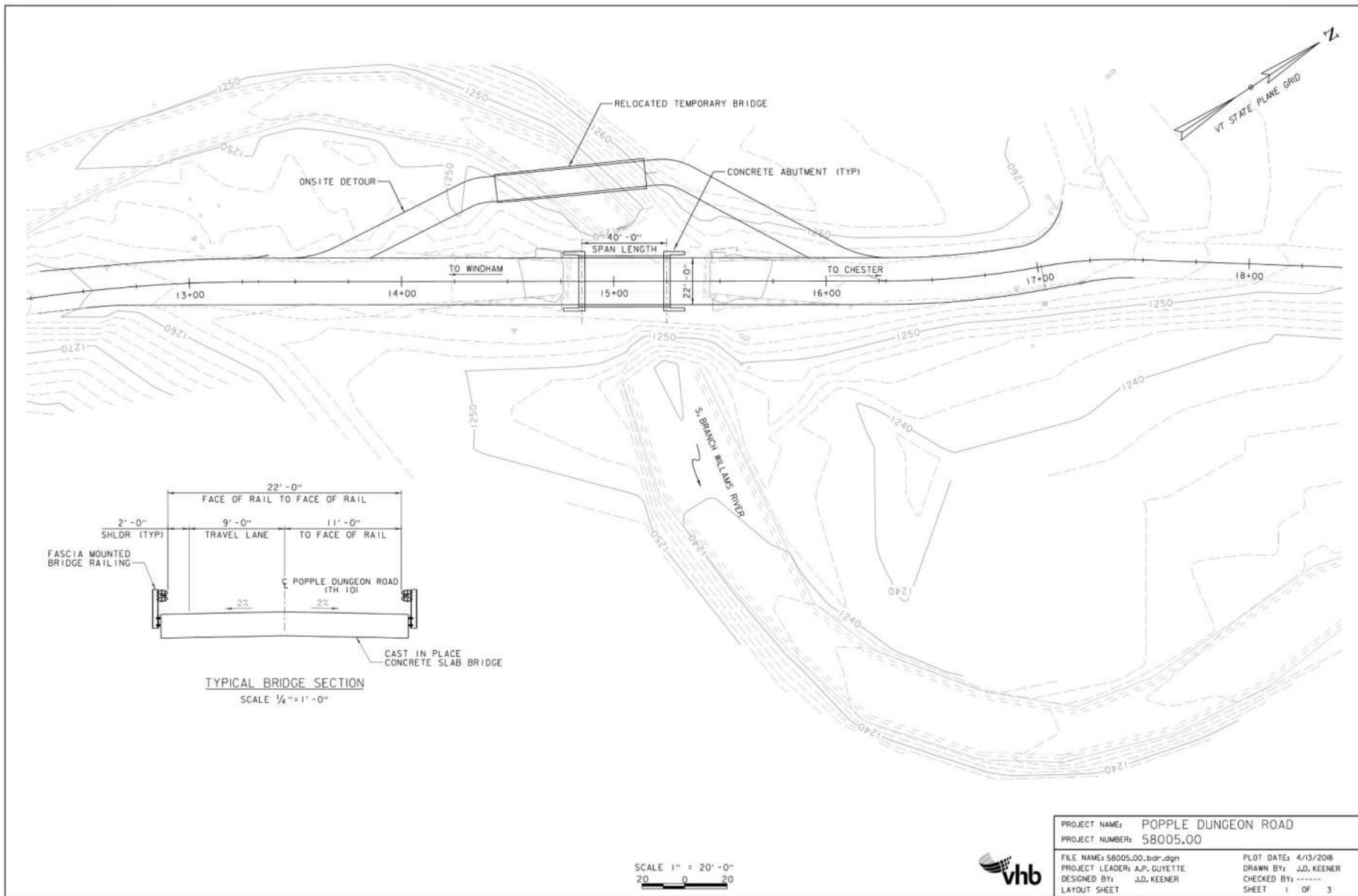


Alternative B - structural plate arch culvert alternative

# Alternative C

- Cast-in-place concrete slab superstructure
- Cast-in-place concrete substructure on driven piles
- On-site detour using temporary bridge

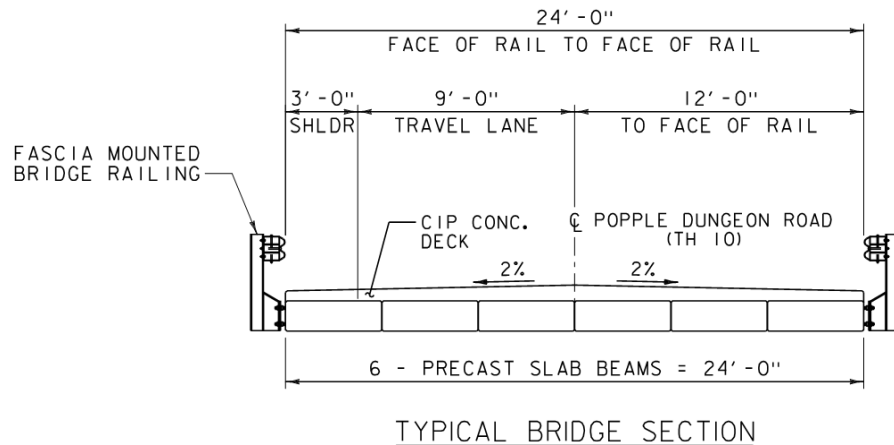




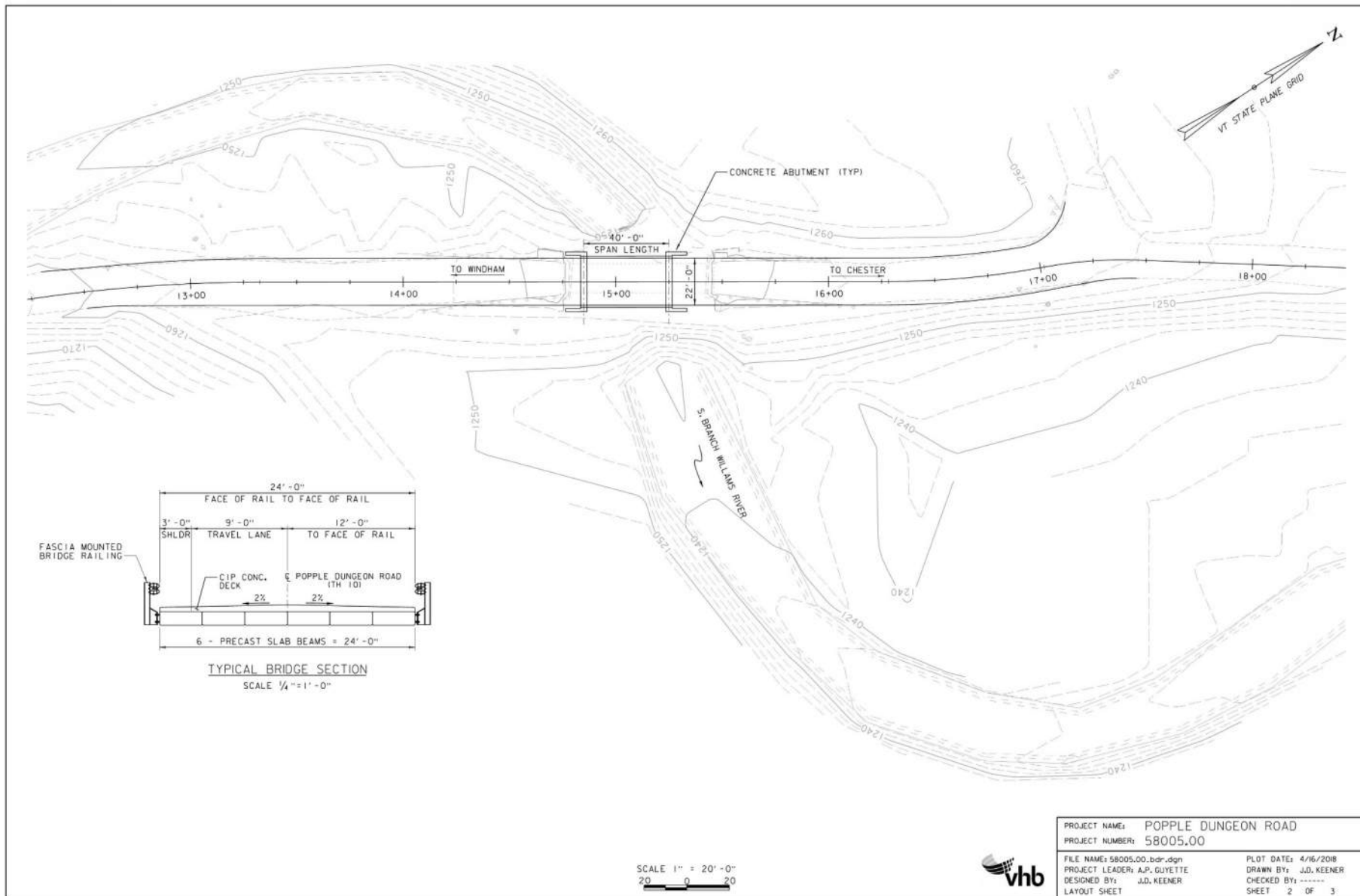
Alternative C - cast-in-place concrete slab alternative

# Alternative D

- Precast/prestressed concrete slab superstructure
- Precast concrete substructure on driven piles
- Off-site detour using w/ short duration road closure (21 days maximum)



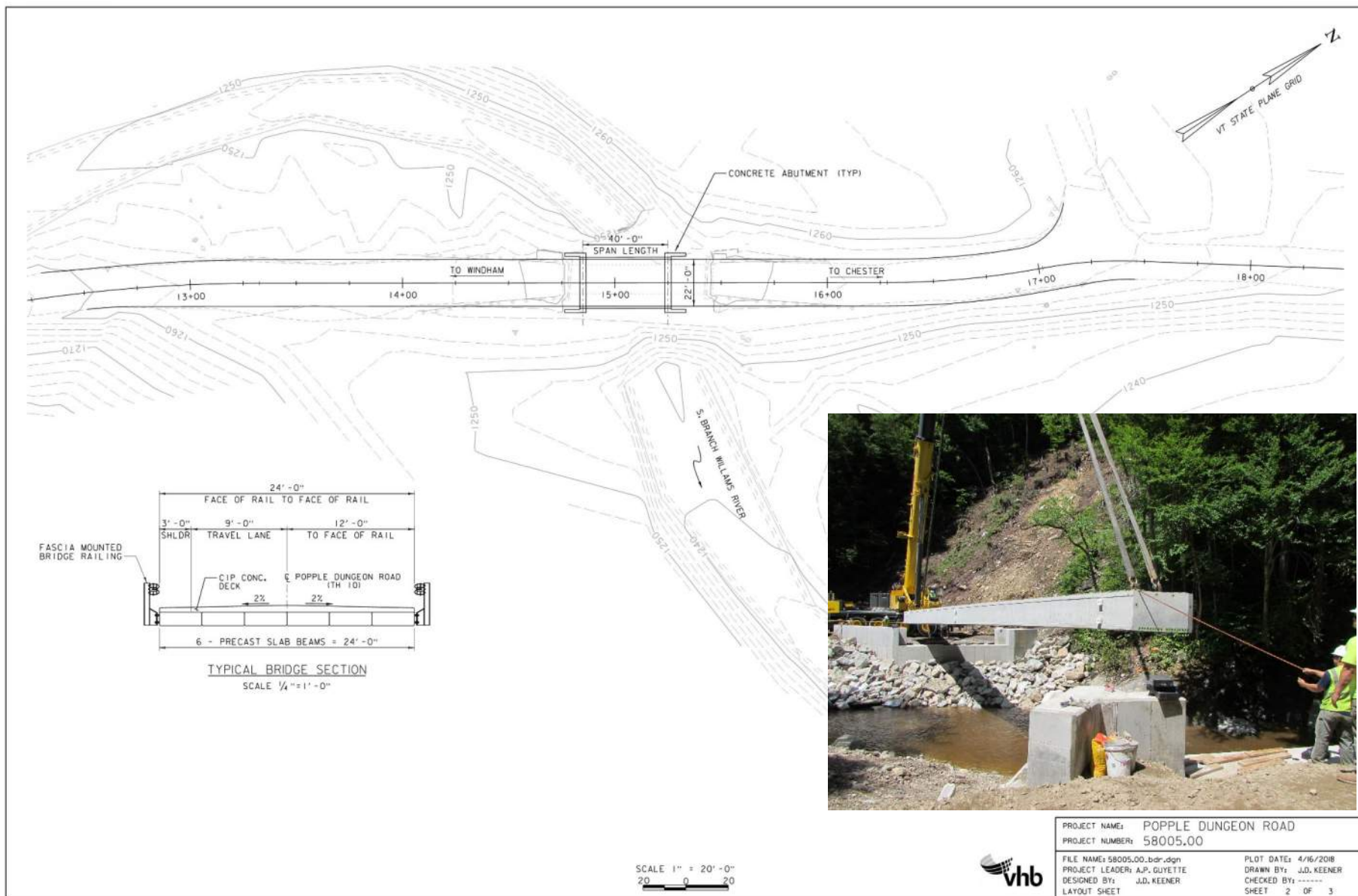




Alternative D - precast/prestressed concrete slab alternative

# Alternatives comparison

	Plate Arch	CIP Slab	Precast Slab
Cost	\$678,000	\$700,000	\$692,000
Advantages	Lowest Cost	AOP improvements	Shortest construction schedule
	Familiar construction	Familiar construction	Most environmental benefits
	No specialized equipment	Low maintenance structure	Low maintenance structure
			Smallest impact area
Disadvantages	Shortest design life	Highest cost	Mid-Range Cost
	Mid-range construction duration	Longest construction duration	Requires crane for pile installation
	Least environmental benefits	Requires crane for pile installation	Off-Site Detour
	Large impact area	Large impact area	



Recommended Alternative - Precast/prestressed concrete slab

# Next Steps

- Finalize Alternatives Report
- Submit Alternatives Report with Recommended Alternative
- Town provides written response with Preferred Alternative
- Conceptual Design



# Project Milestones

- Conceptual Plans – April/May 2018
- Preliminary Plans – Spring 2018
- Right-Of-Way/Permitting – Spring/Summer 2018
- Final Design – Summer 2018
- Bid Phase – Fall 2018
- Construction – 2019

# Questions

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