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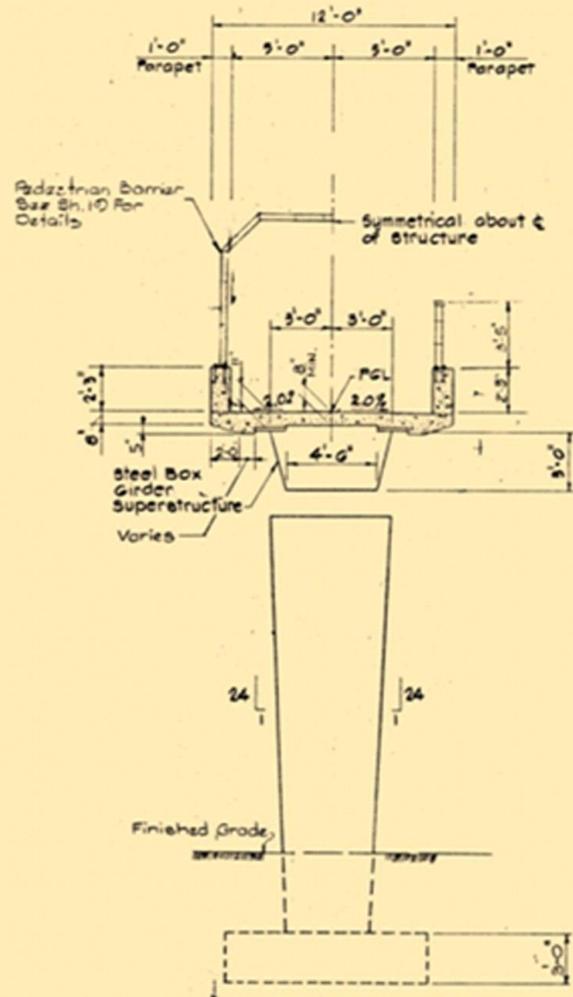


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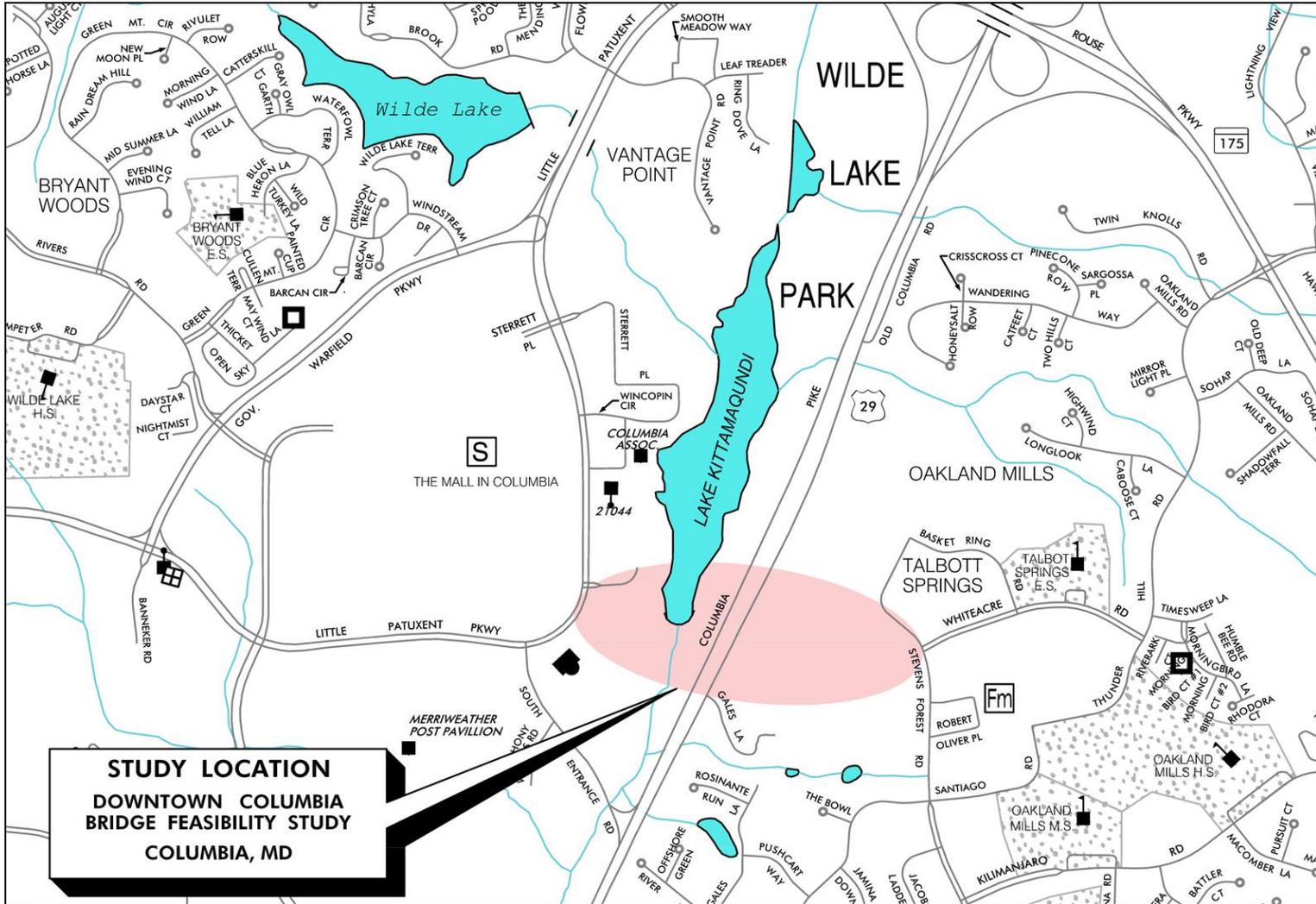
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DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY



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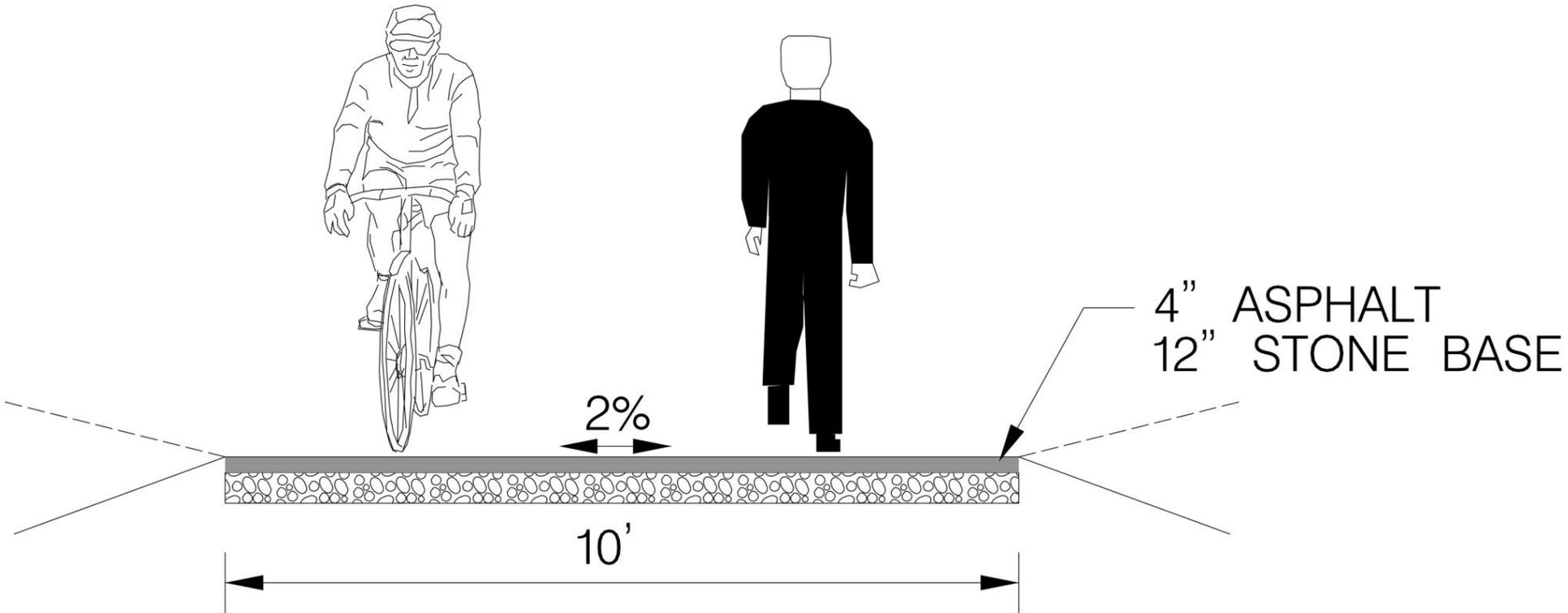
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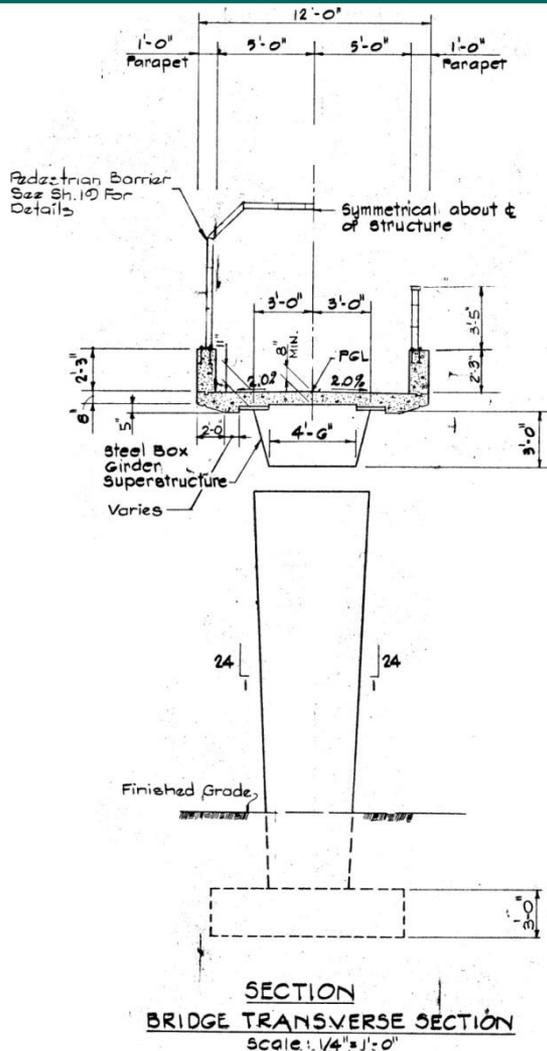
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TYPICAL 10' TRAIL SECTION (BIKE/PED ONLY)



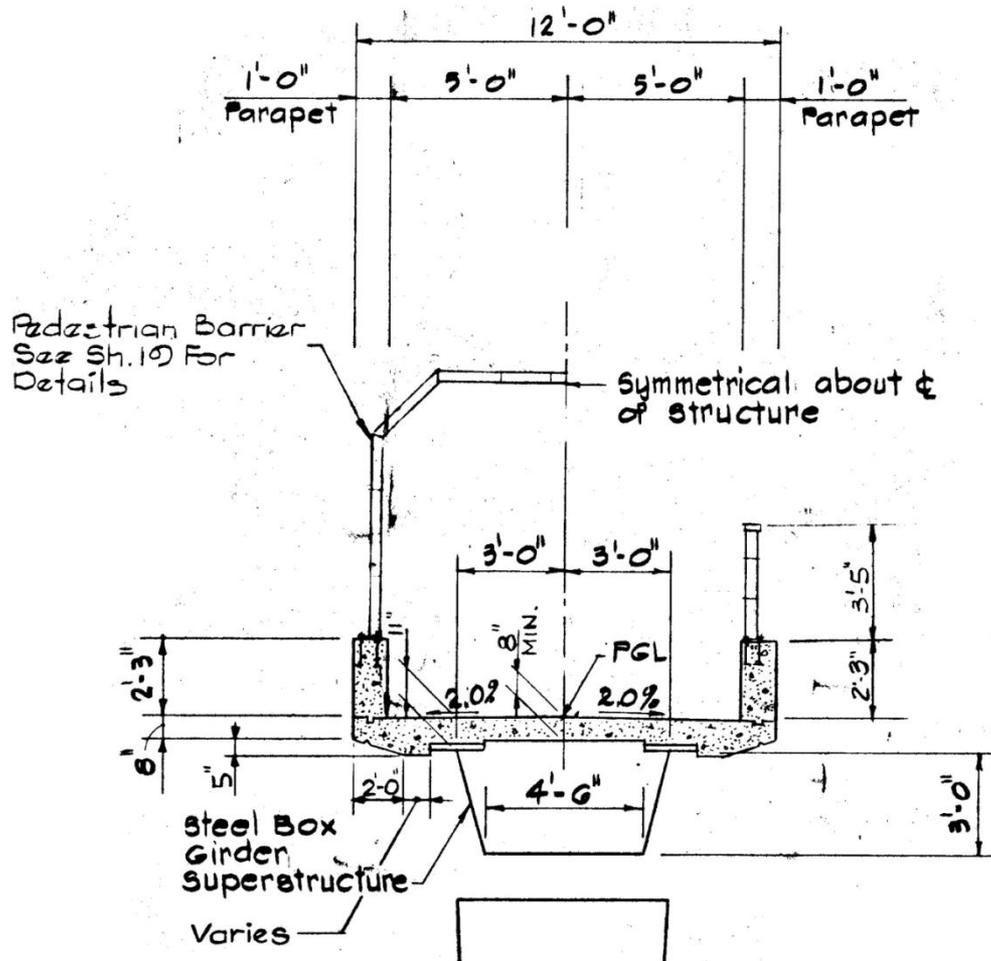
EXISTING CONDITIONS



Description

- Six span, single steel box girder system
- 679 feet length
- Design load specified in the bridge plans is an H10 vehicle or 85psf pedestrian loading, whichever governs.
(Pedestrian loading governs)
- H10 vehicle is 20,000lbs

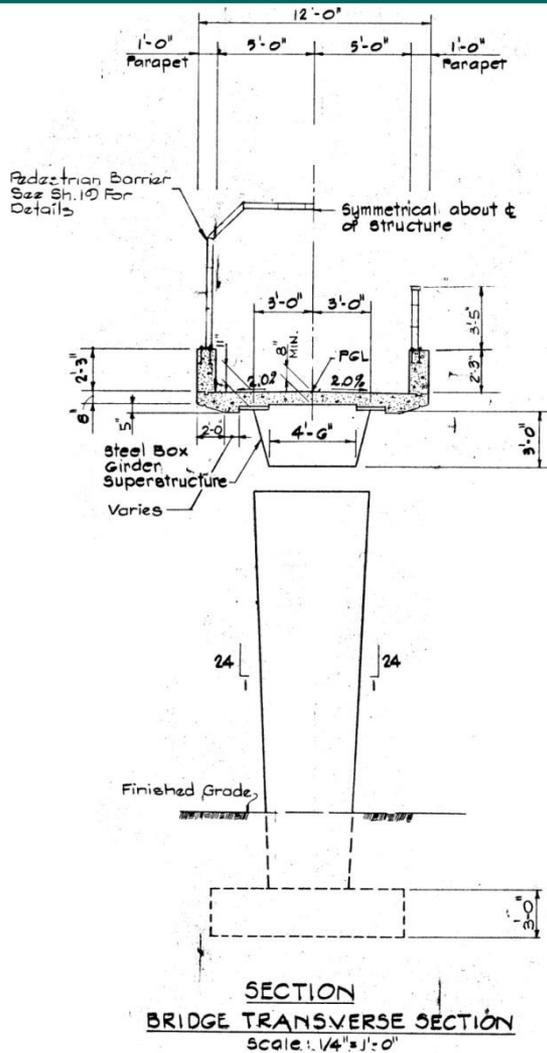
EXISTING CONDITIONS



Description

- 10 foot inside width
- Acceptable for bike/ped
- Usable for transit (up to 20,000 lbs)
- Insufficient width to accommodate bike, ped and transit together

EXISTING CONDITIONS



Condition

- The deck is in good condition.
- Coating on the parapet is peeling in spots.
- The girder is in very good condition.
- The substructure (abutments and wingwalls) is in very good condition.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Summary of Existing Conditions Analysis:

- 1. The existing bridge is in good condition and can support many more years of activity**
- 2. The existing bridge, however, cannot support bike, pedestrian and transit use at the same time**
- 3. Renovation, retrofit or replacement should be considered to achieve transit**



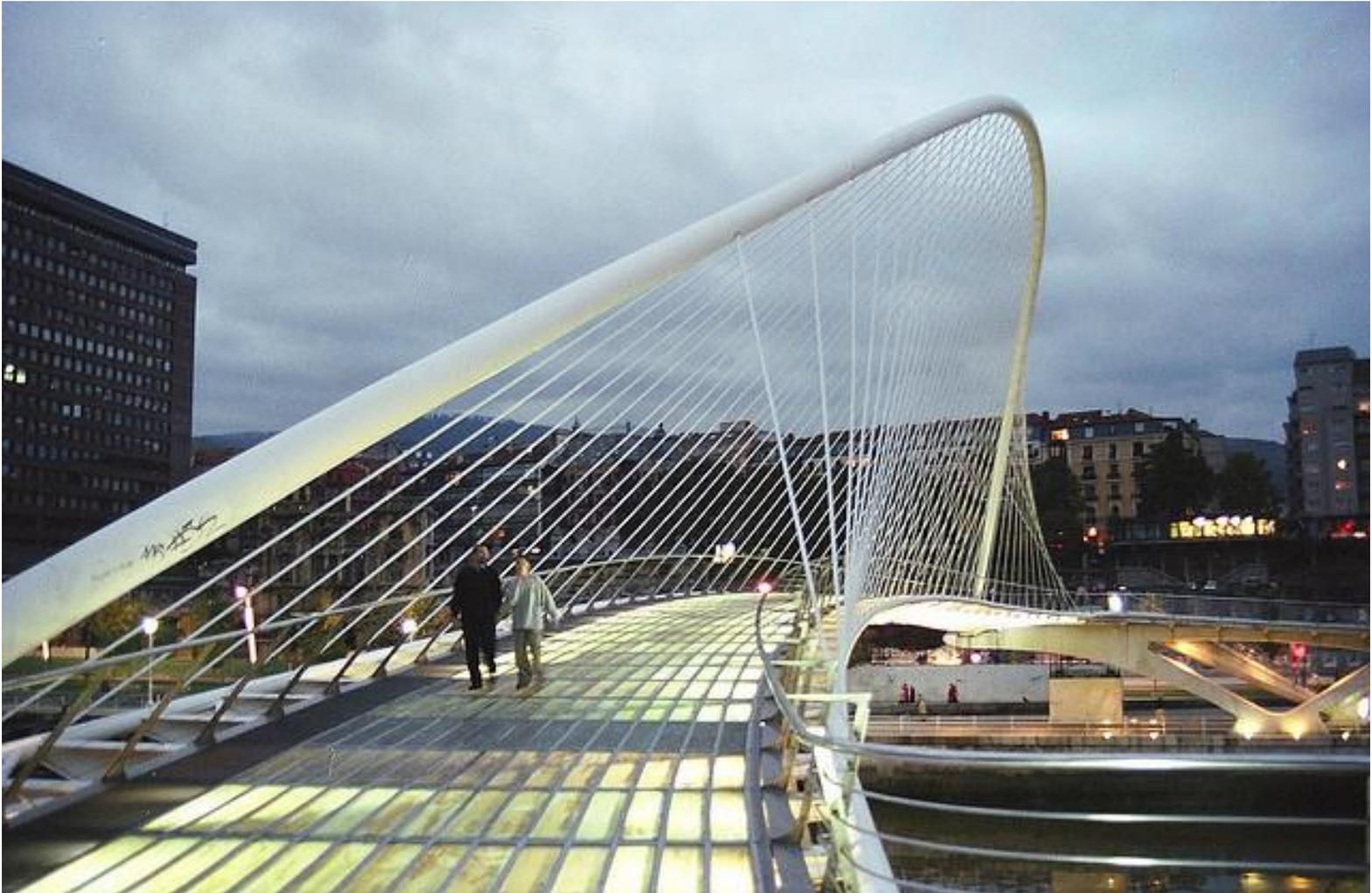
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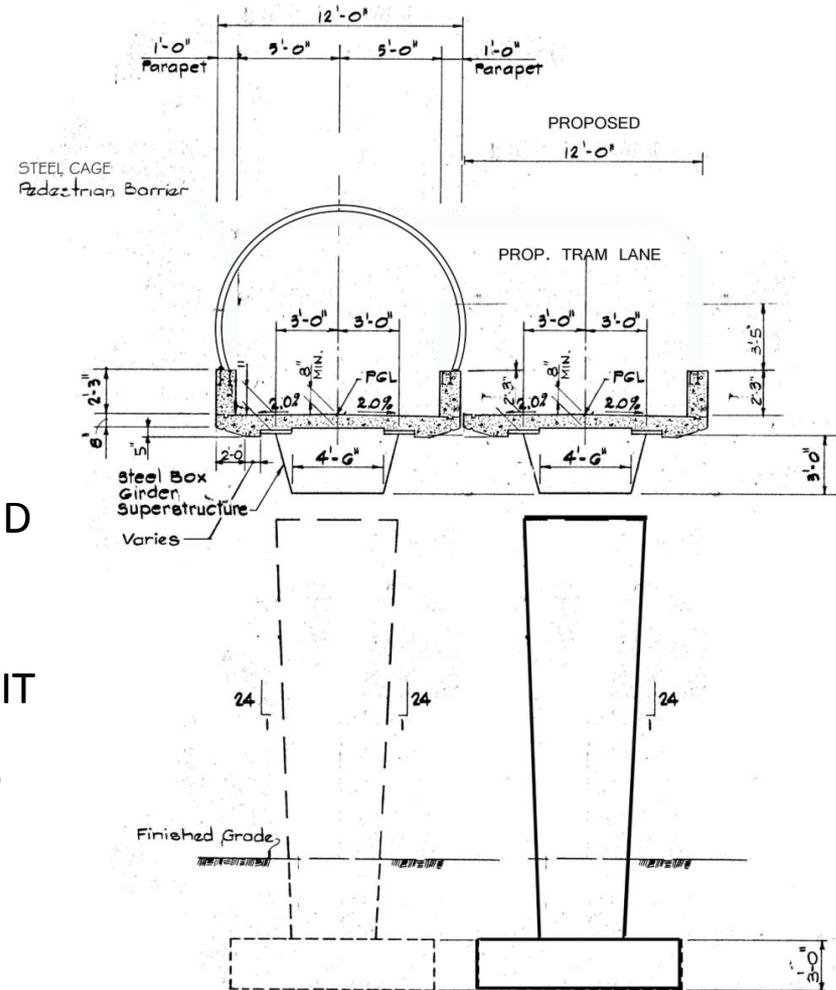
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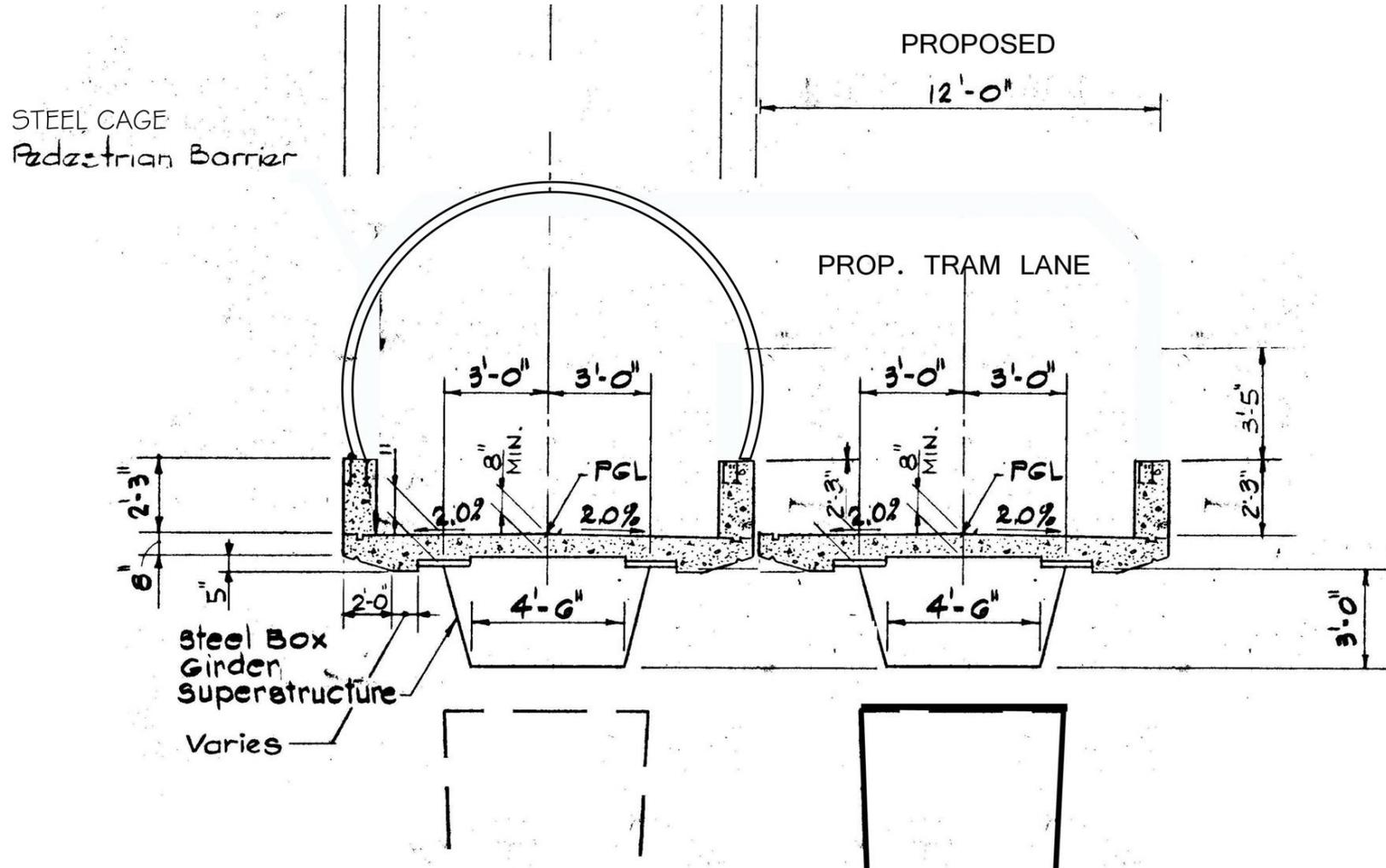
OPTION 2

COMPLIMENTARY BRIDGE WITH SINGLE LANE TRANSIT

- LOWEST COST AND SHORTEST COMPLETION TIME FOR TRANSIT
- TRANSIT LANE AND TRAIL APPROACHES NEED TO EAST AND WEST
- PULL OFF AREAS ALSO NEEDED FOR TRANSIT
- MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AS THIS OPTION TIES INTO EXISTING BRIDGE



OPTION 2



OPTION 3 (a)

CABLE STAYED BRIDGE

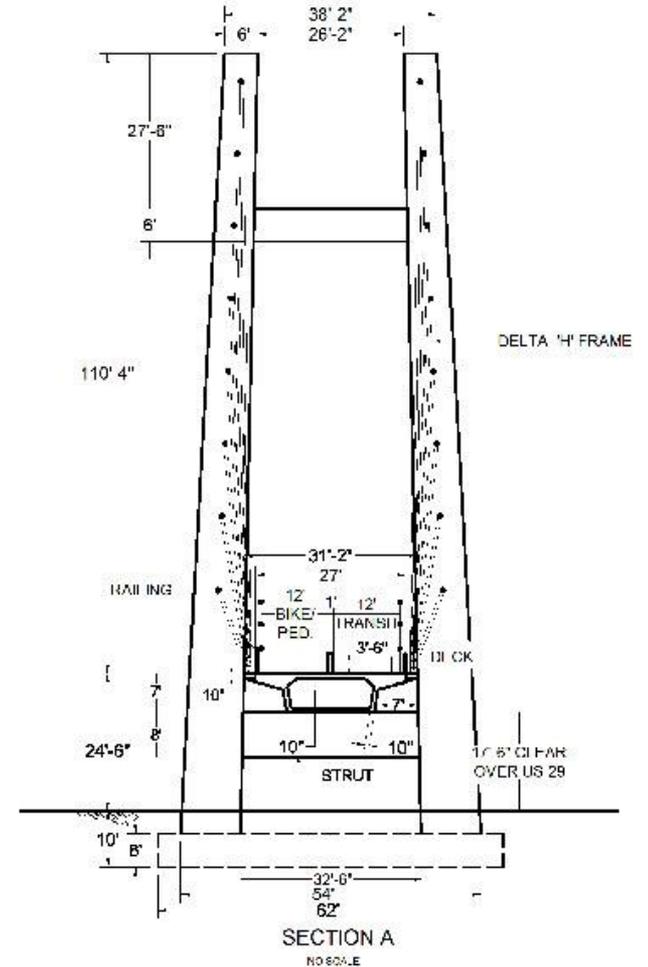


A bridge in which the weight of the deck is supported by a number of cables running directly to one or more towers.

OPTION 3 (a)

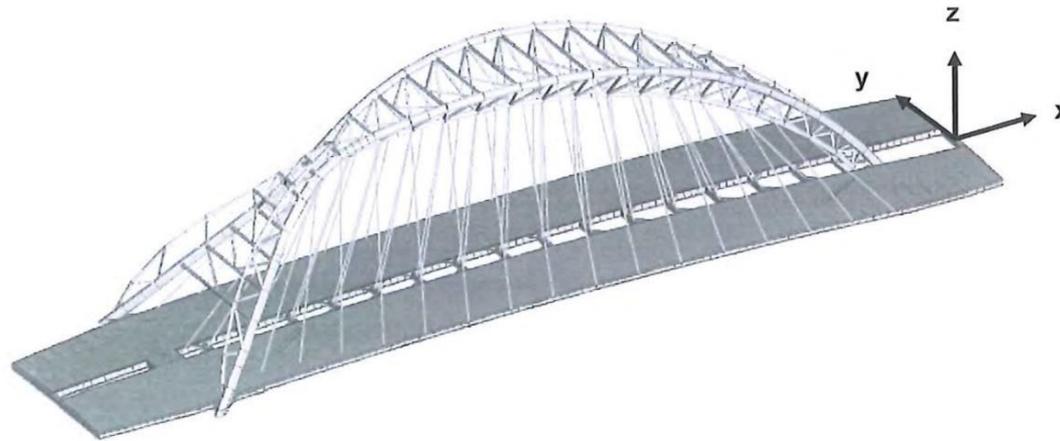
CABLE STAYED BRIDGE WITH SINGLE TRANSIT

- REQUIRES DEMO OF EXISTING BRIDGE
- PROVIDE A MAJOR LANDMARK FOR MOTORISTS
- TRANSIT AND TRAIL APPROACHES NEEDED TO EAST AND WEST
- PULL OFF AREAS ALSO NEEDED FOR TRANSIT
- HIGHER COST



OPTION 3 (b)

CABLE STAYED BRIDGE WITH DUAL LANE TRANSIT



- SAME AS 3a, EXCEPT WITH DUAL TRANSIT LANES
- APPROACHES TO EAST AND WEST INCUR ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH DUAL LANES
- HIGHER COST, SIMILAR TIMELINE TO SINGLE LANE TRANSIT

OPTION 4 (a)

Iconic Bridge

Unique gateway features



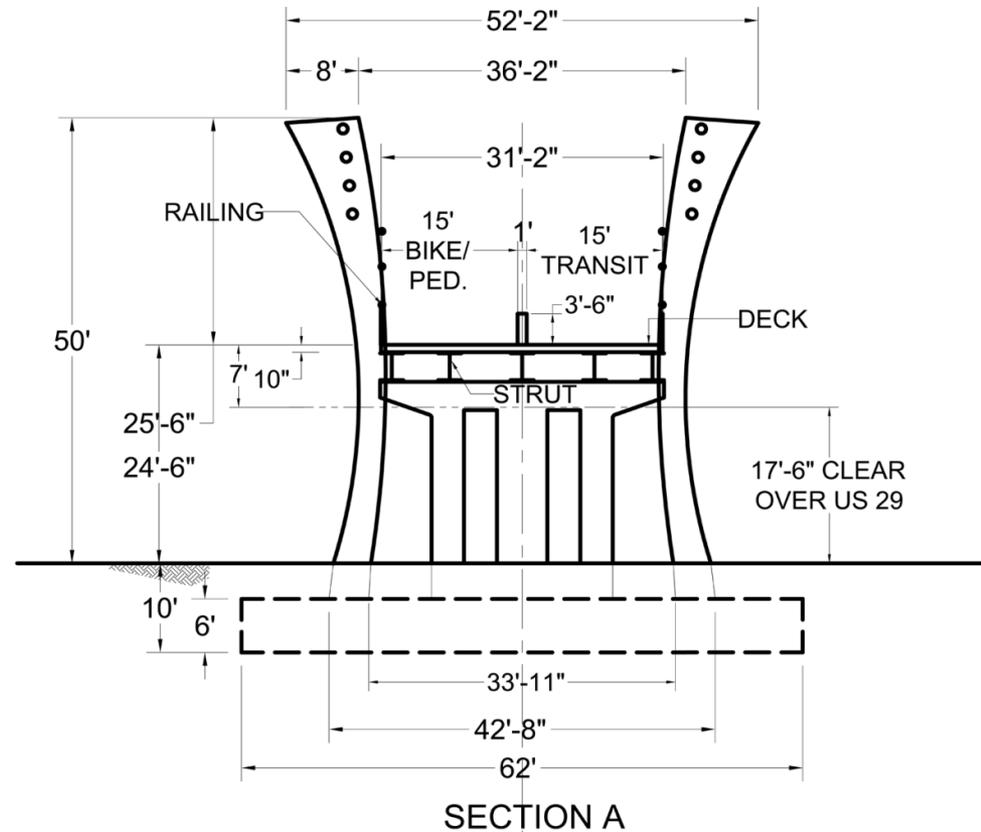
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OPTION 4 (a)

ICONIC BRIDGE WITH SINGLE LANE TRANSIT

- ICONIC LANDMARK
- LOWER HEIGHT TOWER
- TRANSIT LANE AND TRAIL APPROACHES
NEEDED TO EAST AND WEST
- PULL OFF AREAS NEEDED FOR TRANSIT



OPTION 4 (b)

ICONIC BRIDGE WITH DUAL LANE TRANSIT

- SAME AS 4a, EXCEPT WITH DUAL TRANSIT LANES
- APPROACHES TO EAST AND WEST WOULD INCUR ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH DUAL LANES
- HIGHER COST BUT SIMILAR TIMELINE TO ICONIC BRIDGE WITH SINGLE LANE TRANSIT



OPTION 5 (a)

LAKE BRIDGE WITH PED, BIKE, DUAL LANE TRANSIT

- INCLUDES DEDICATED LANES FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES AND DUAL TRANSIT LANES
- SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- COULD REQUIRE SUPPORT TOWER IN LAKE
- SIGNIFICANT COST
- IMPACT TO NEIGHBORHOOD
- POTENTIAL OPPOSITION



OPTION 5 (b)

LAKE BRIDGE WITH DUAL TRANSIT ONLY

- NEW BRIDGE OVER LAKE FOR TRANSIT ONLY
- CONTINUE USE OF EXISTING BRIDGE FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIANS
- SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- COULD REQUIRE SUPPORT TOWER IN LAKE
- SIGNIFICANT COST, ALTHOUGHLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN INCLUDING BIKE AND PED
- POTENTIAL OPPOSITION



OPTION 6

PERSONAL RAPID TRANSIT

- EXISTING BRIDGE WOULD BE USED FOR BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN
- LESS EXPENSIVE THAN BRIDGES OVER LAKE BUT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OTHER OPTIONS
- FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MARYLAND



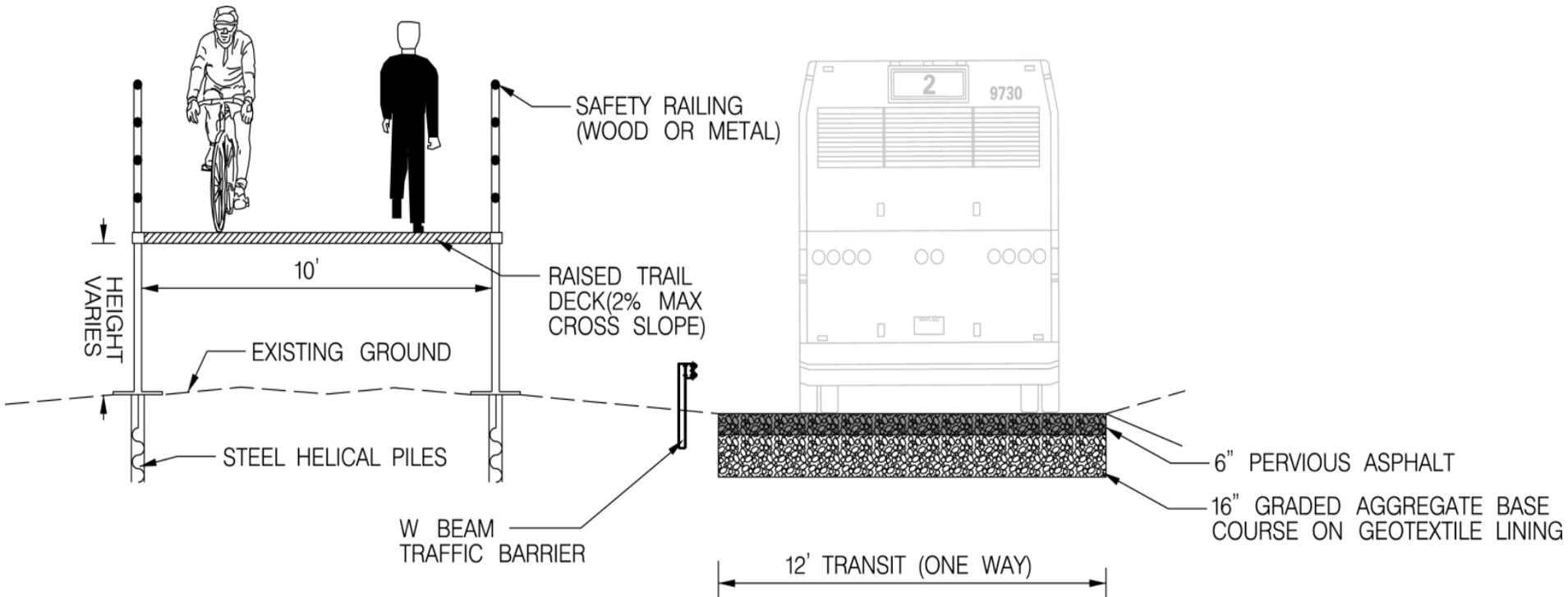
PATH OPTIONS, BOARDWALK

BOARDWALK (along existing path)

- PROVIDES PATHWAY SEPARATION FROM TRANSIT FOR THE OPTIONS WITH ADJACENT TRANSIT BRIDGE
- LIMITS ACCESS FROM ADJACENT COMMUNITIES



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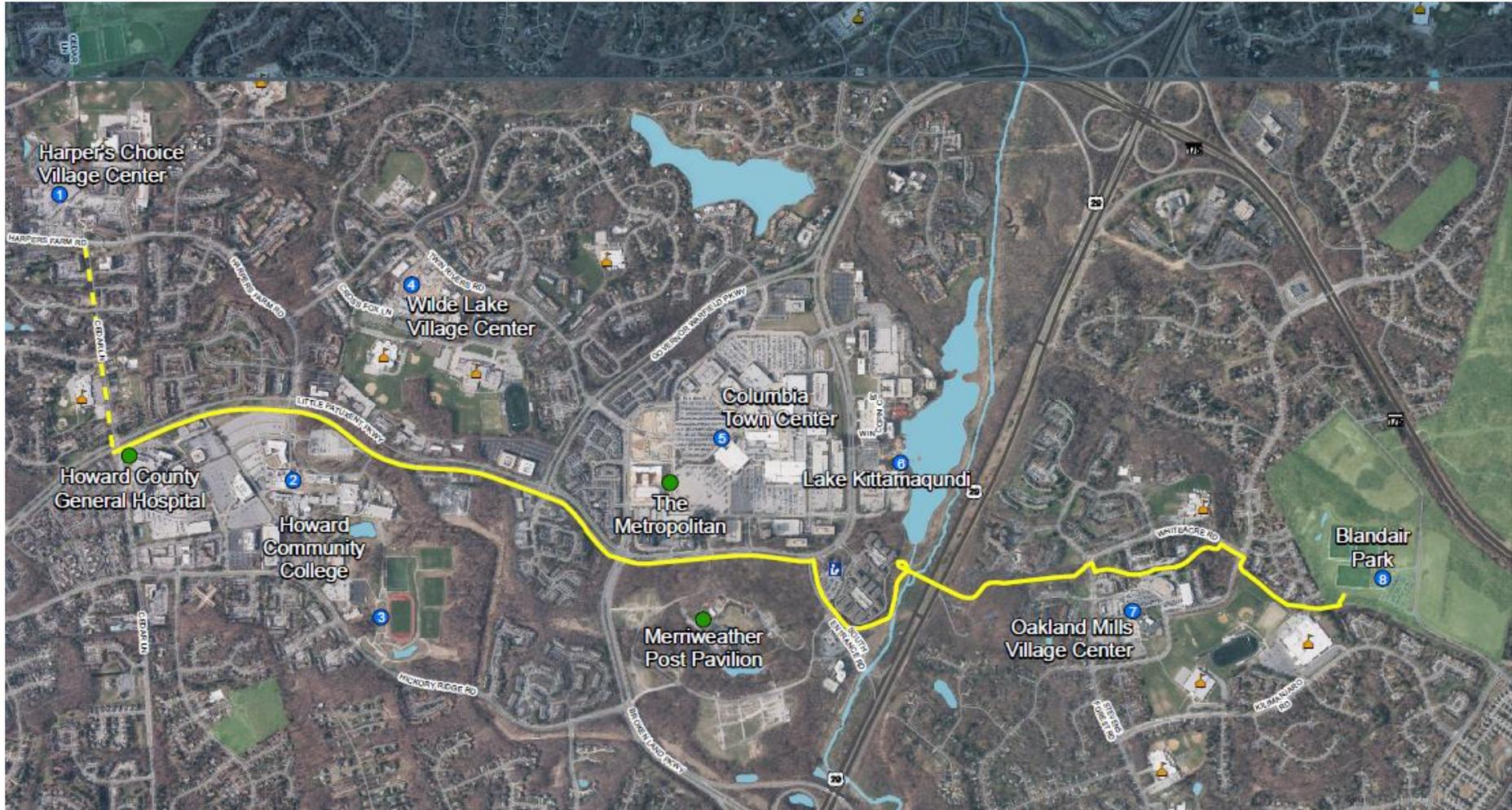
TRANSIT USING THE EXISTING BRIDGE?



- Bikeshare is a form of transit
- Would be available on demand, 24/7
- 6 minute ride from Oakland Mills Village Center to the Columbia Lakefront



PROPOSED COLUMBIA BIKESHARE PILOT



DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA PATHWAY



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SUMMARY OF OPTIONS

Option Number / Description	*NEAT Cost	Eng. / Admin.	15% Inflation / 40% Contingency	Total Cost	Time
1 - Retrofit Existing Bridge	\$914,692	\$365,877	\$781,147	\$2,061,716	2.5-years
2 - Complementary Bridge w/Single Transit	\$7,513,112	\$3,005,245	\$6,857,969	\$17,376,325	7.5-years
3a - Cable Stayed w/Single Transit	\$12,674,053	\$7,604,432	\$13,789,370	\$34,067,854	9.2-years
3b - Cable Stayed w/Dual Transit	\$14,274,559	\$8,564,735	\$15,530,720	\$38,370,014	9.2-years
4a - Iconic Bridge w/Single Transit	\$13,557,907	\$8,134,744	\$14,751,003	\$36,443,655	9.2-years
4b - Iconic Bridge w/Dual Transit	\$17,651,975	\$10,591,185	\$19,205,348	\$47,448,508	9.2-years
5a - Lake Bridge w/Ped-Bike-Dual Transit	\$60,097,978	\$36,058,787	\$65,386,600	\$161,543,366	9.2-years
5b - Lake Bridge with Dual Transit	\$45,439,822	\$27,263,893	\$49,438,527	\$122,142,243	9.2-years
6 - Personal Rapid Transit	\$37,332,723	\$20,532,997	\$39,348,690	\$97,214,409	9.2-years



CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement Option 1 as soon as possible, including
 - Cage replacement
 - Painting
 - Lighting
 - Call Boxes
 - Video Cameras
 - Benches
 - Trash Receptacles
2. Open up existing pathways on either side of the bridge (removing trees/bush)
3. Further evaluation of new bridge options to include transit, including
 - Community input
 - Extensive research into funding options





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THANK YOU

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