

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - 6:30pm
PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

**LATHROP RD. SIDEWALKS PROJECT
MINUTES**

The Public Informational Meeting for the Lathrop Rd. Sidewalks Project, funded through LoTCIP, was called to order by First Selectman Kevin Cunningham at 6:30PM.

Present, representing the Town, were: Kevin Cunningham, First Selectman, Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner and Chuck Eaton, CHA, Town Engineer. Members of the public were also present.

K. Cunningham thanked attendees for coming, gave a brief introduction to the project and then turned the meeting over to Chuck Eaton to provide a detailed description and answer any questions.

C. Eaton, referencing the prepared powerpoint (attached to and a part of these minutes), explained the project and outlined the proposed route and stated he welcomed questions during, as opposed to at the end of, the presentation. He continued, stating the route would begin where the existing sidewalk ends at the Eastern Connecticut Savings Bank property's easterly limit, extend east along the northerly side of Lathrop Rd. to the Central Ford site, then cross Lathrop Rd. at the Big Y entrance and continue easterly to ultimately link up to the Amazon site sidewalk.

C. Eaton noted that the majority of the project would be paid for with LoTCIP funds, which pays for the construction and construction inspection costs, and the Town would be responsible for design costs. Currently, the cost breakdown is as follows: Design - \$100,000; Construction - \$750,000; Construction Inspection - \$100,000. He continued, stating that the anticipated schedule is to have design plans completed April of this year, put the project out to bid in May and construct from July – October.

C. Eaton stated that 5' sidewalks would be installed throughout, and safety lighting will be installed under the I-395 bridge. He noted that the DOT commuter parking lot is not handicap accessible from the parking lot to any of the commercial areas, and that the crosswalks would have pedestrian crossing, push button, lights which would be linked to the traffic signals. He continued, stating that Pratt Rd., currently not signaled, would just have a typical pedestrian crosswalk with no light.

C. Eaton continued, stating that the work necessary in the area of the culvert/island, noting that the width of the island would be reduced slightly to allow installation of the 5' sidewalk on the eastern side of the culvert.

Resident and Selectman A. Gagne asked if the grade behind the bridge columns goes up to the top of the Jersey barriers, to which C. Eaton responded that it does. C. Eaton stated the barriers are approximately 2 ½' – 3' high. Brief discussion ensued regarding sidewalk construction beneath the bridge.

Resident Seann Peterson asked what entity would be responsible for electric bills for the lights, to which C. Eaton responded that is currently unknown, and stated that he and M. A. Chinatti discussed lighting earlier in the evening.

S. Peterson asked if they will be considered street lights/paid by the fire department, to which K. Cunningham responded that is not known yet.

Resident Steve Kieth noted that the sidewalk would benefit residents as well as businesses in the Industrial Park.

In response to a question raised by S. Peterson re how much of the project requires State approval, C. Eaton stated they have much more approval and say within the State right-of-way, and that the State does review the project throughout the LoTCIP process. He (Eaton) noted that there will be a lot of review going under the bridge, and that he's already spoken with DOT about that particular section of the project; he stated he does not believe there will be a problem with it, just that it will be scrutinized more than any other areas of the project.

C. Eaton stated that when Lathrop Rd. was constructed, the boundary at the west side of the right-of-way was constructed outside of the Town's right-of-way and on private property (currently the Big Y plaza) so the Town will need to obtain an easement for that section of sidewalk.

Regarding ADA compliance, A. Gagne asked if there is enough room under the bridge to meet that, to which C. Eaton stated the survey has just been completed and, when costs are put together those costs will include a small retaining wall on both sides of the bridge. He (Eaton) stated the goal is to grade the area out, thus eliminating the need for the retaining wall.

S. Peterson asked if an existing telephone pole would require relocation, to which C. Eaton responded that, if the pole has an existing guide wire what can be utilized relocation would not be necessary. He (Eaton) noted that, should relocation be required, that would be included as part of the construction cost.

K. Cunningham noted that, at the culvert side, there is just about room enough for four (4) lanes; he expressed concern with a 5' island reduction in that area and asked if dividers with reflectors could be utilized in that area. C. Eaton responded that he would look into the possibility.

C. Eaton stated that the Town's selected contractor will be required to coordinate sidewalk installation with Amazon.

K. Cunningham noted that, where the sidewalk would be installed in the area of Amazon/ Big Y, is where water and sewer connect, to which C. Eaton responded that there will be provisions to have those covers raised to grade so access to the utilities would not be impacted.

S. Keith asked who would be responsible for snow removal, to which K. Cunningham responded snow removal would be the State's responsibility.

Discussion ensued re snow removal/potential issues. K. Cunningham stated the Town has a Snow Removal Ordinance, to which S. Peterson responded that it is not enforced and that residents promptly remove snow in front of their properties; however, businesses do not. K. Cunningham stated that would be addressed during the Board of Selectmen's annual review of Town Ordinances.

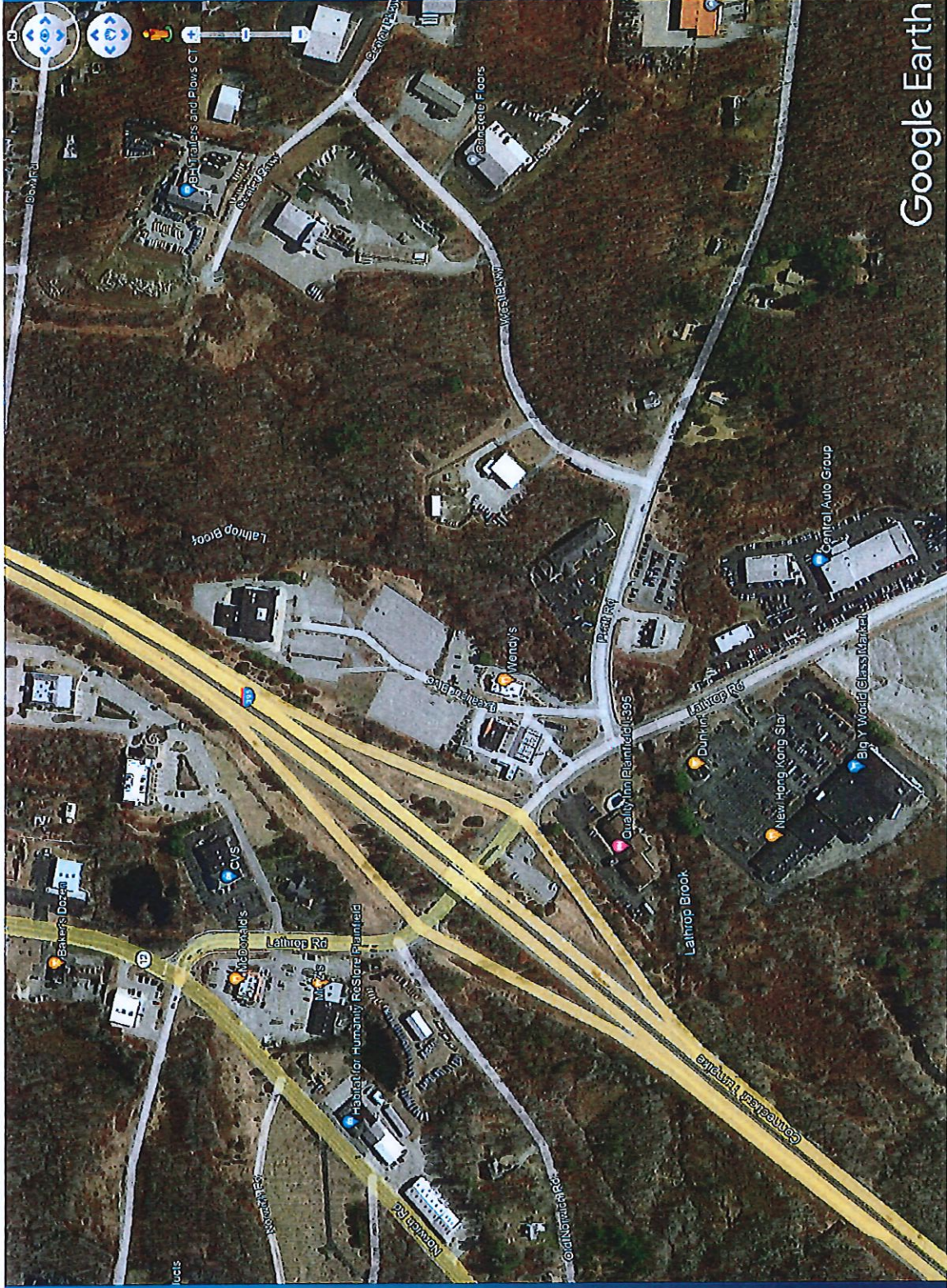
With no further comments/questions, K. Cunningham thanked attendees for coming and for their input and questions, and the meeting ended at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. Chinatti, Town Planner

Lathrop Road Sidewalks

Town of Plainfield
Public Information Meeting
February 9, 2022

Kevin Cunningham, First Selectman
Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner
Chuck Eaton, Town Engineer



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Funding

- LOTCIP Grant Funding
 - Design (Town)
 - Construction (LOTICIP)
 - Construction Inspection (LOTICIP)

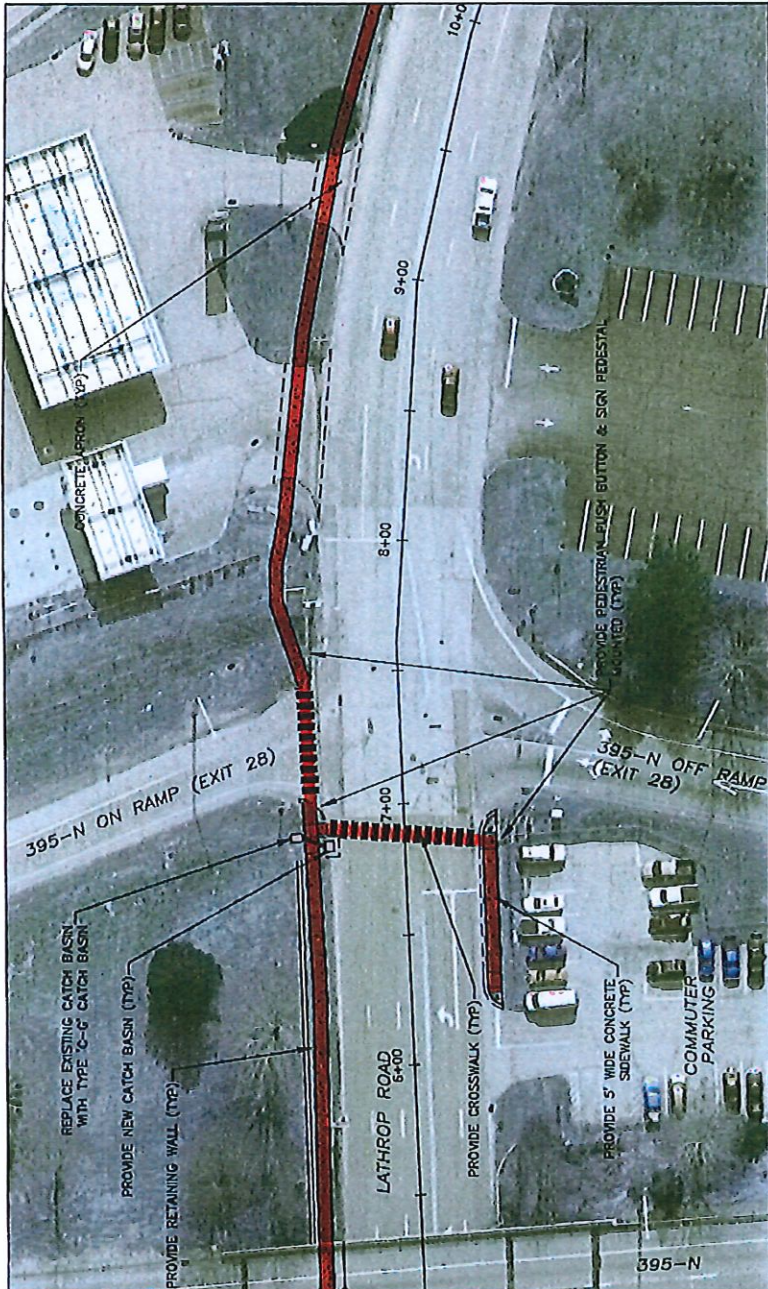
Anticipated Schedule

- Design – April 2022
- Bid – May 2022
- Construction – June to October 2022





MATCHLINE SHEET 3 OF 4



MATCHLINE SHEET 1 OF 4



CONCEPTUAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
LATHROP ROAD, PLAINFIELD, CT
STA 05+13 TO STA 10+04



MATCHLINE SHEET 4 OF 4



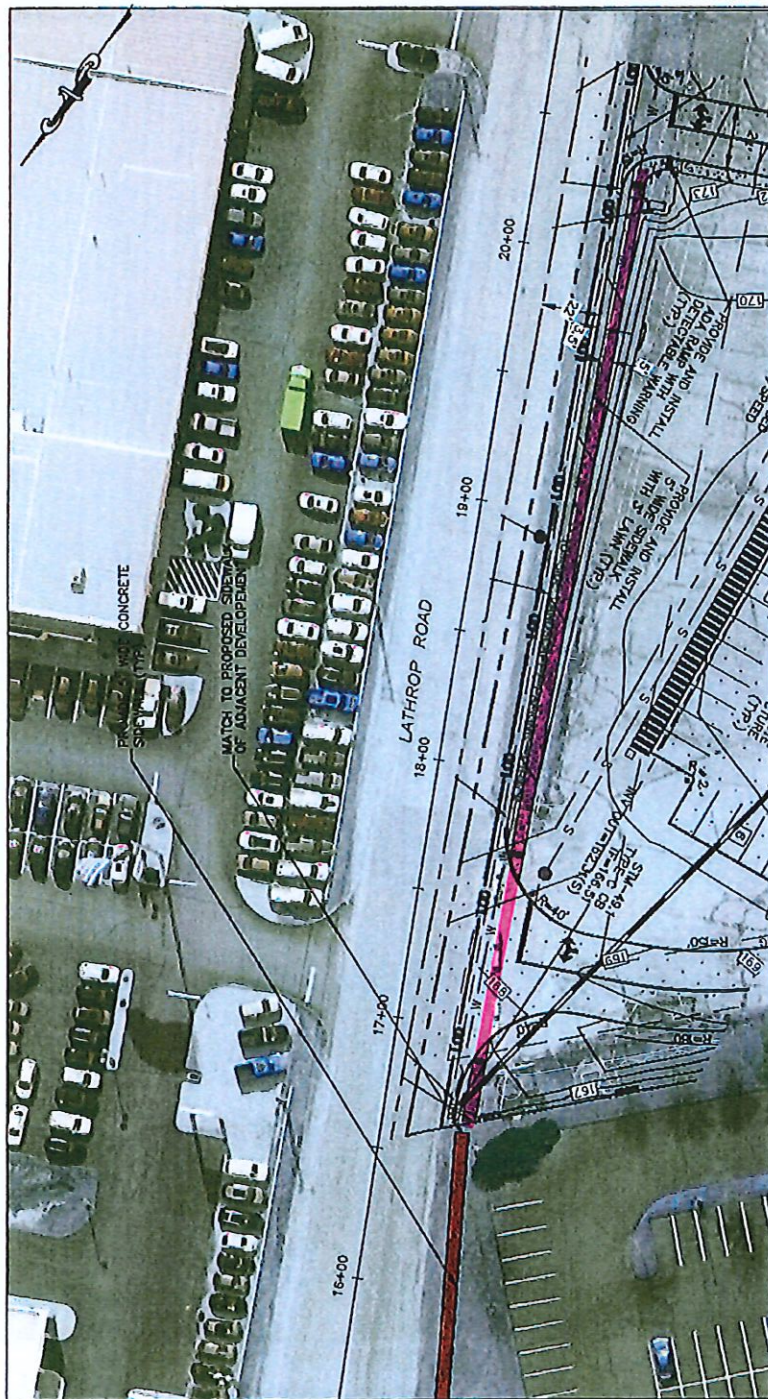
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CONCEPTUAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
LATHROP ROAD, PLAINFIELD, CT
STA 9+90 TO STA 15+60



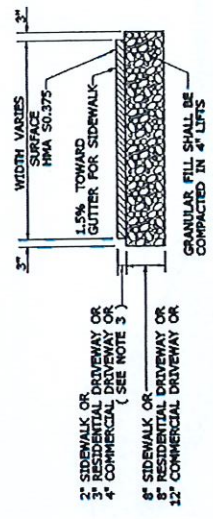
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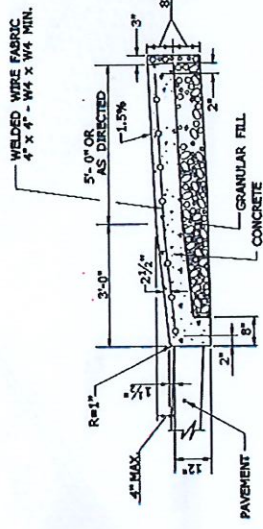
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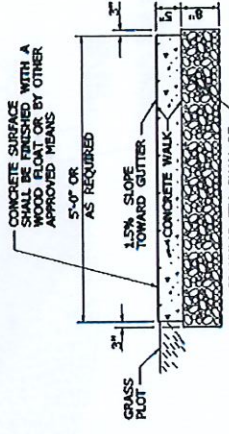




**TYPICAL SECTION
BITUMINOUS CONCRETE
SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY**

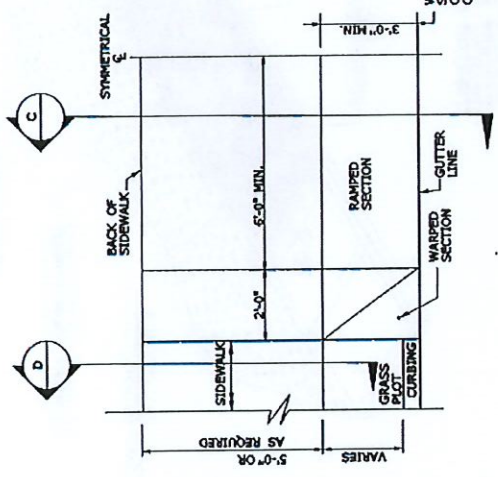


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SECTION D

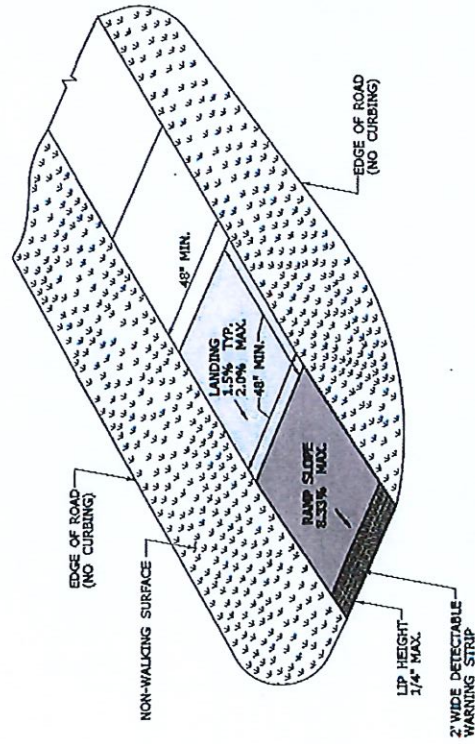
**5' WIDE CONCRETE
SIDEWALK WITH GRASS PLOT**



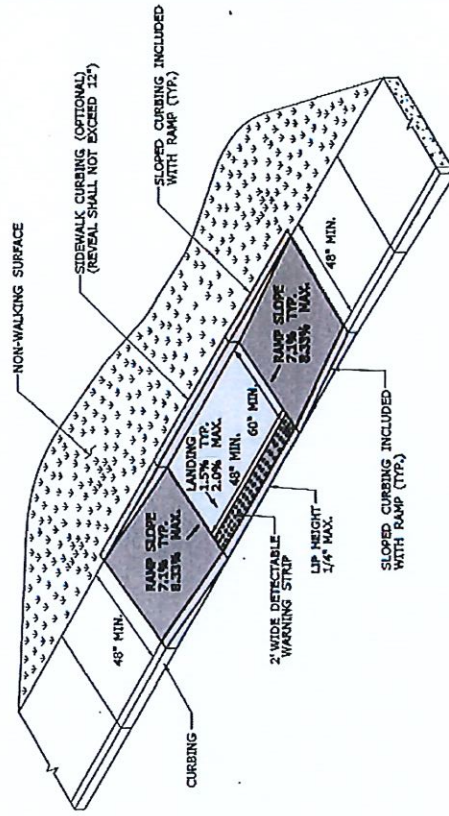
**HALF PLAN OF
CONCRETE DRIVEWAY RAMP WHERE
CURB IS SEPARATED FROM
SIDEWALK BY GRASS PLOT**

**CONCEPTUAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
LATHROP ROAD, PLAINFIELD, CT
TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS**





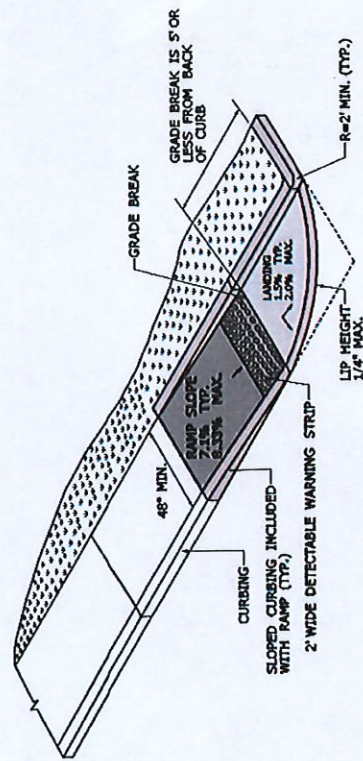
**SINGLE DIRECTION - NO CURB
WITH NON-WALKING SURFACE
(TYPE 17)**



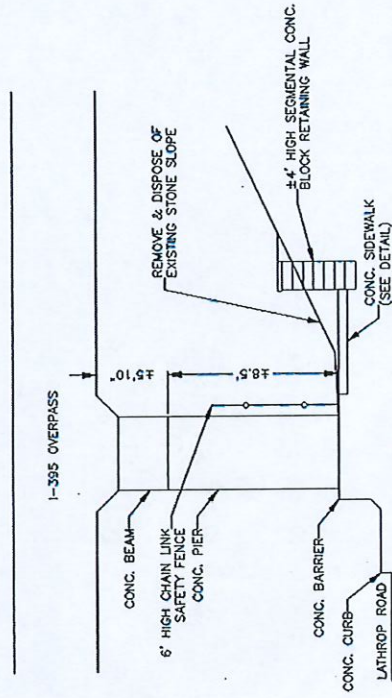
**PARALLEL RAMP WITHOUT
NON-WALKING SURFACE
(TYPE 9)**

CONCEPTUAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS LATHROP ROAD, PLAINFIELD, CT TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS





**SINGLE DIRECTION RAMP
WITHOUT NON-WALKING SURFACE
GRADE BREAK 5' OR LESS
(TYPE 15)**



**SECTION AT I-395 OVERPASS
NOT TO SCALE**

CONCEPTUAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS LATHROP ROAD, PLAINFIELD, CT TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS



Questions

