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Effectively immediately, Standard Sheet 606-5R1 "Concrete Median Barrier" is rescinded. A new standard sheet will be issued soon. In the meantime, the attached details shall be used in plans currently being designed. This change does not affect ongoing construction projects.

The Type "A" section is to be used on all roadways where lamp post accommodations on top of the median barrier are not required. The Type "B" section is to be used on all roadways where lamp post accommodations on top of the median barrier are required.

We are changing the shape of our concrete median barrier to the N.J. (MB5) from the modified G.M. (MB6) for the following reasons:

1. Extensive research has been made on both the N.J. (MB5) and the G.M. (MB6) and it has been determined that the slope of the upper surface of the G.M. (MB6) is more conducive to vehicle climb.

2. Observation of vehicles impacting the concrete median barrier showed the redirection of the vehicle occurred sooner with the NJ (MB5) shape.

3. Based on baseline crash test results of the research program, the NJ (MB5) shape appeared to be the most desirable of the two standard shapes due to its superior performance in subcompact vehicle tests.

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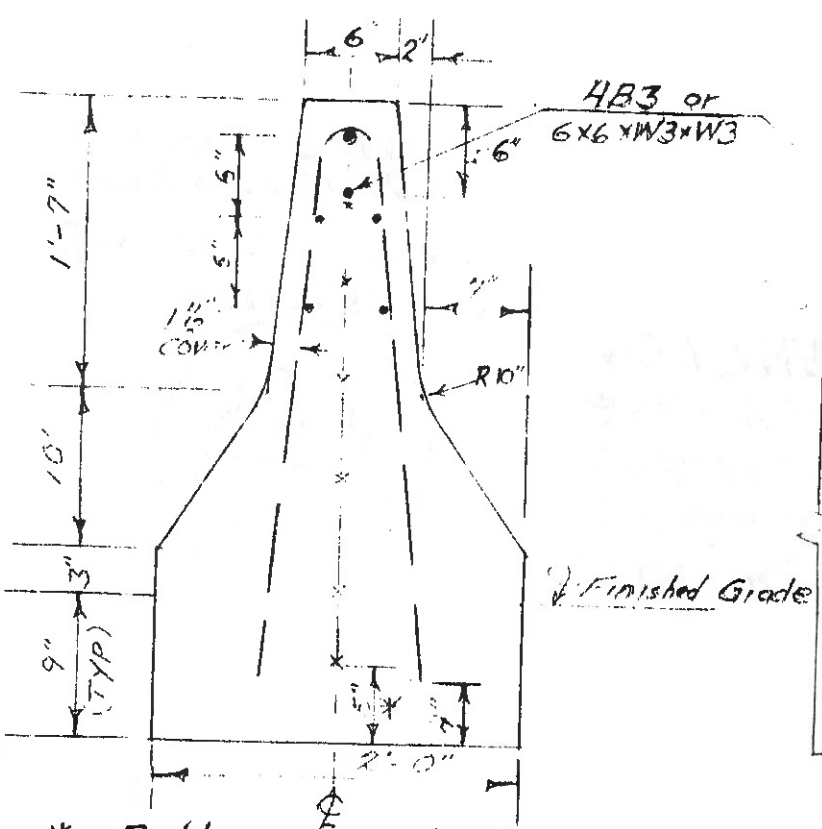
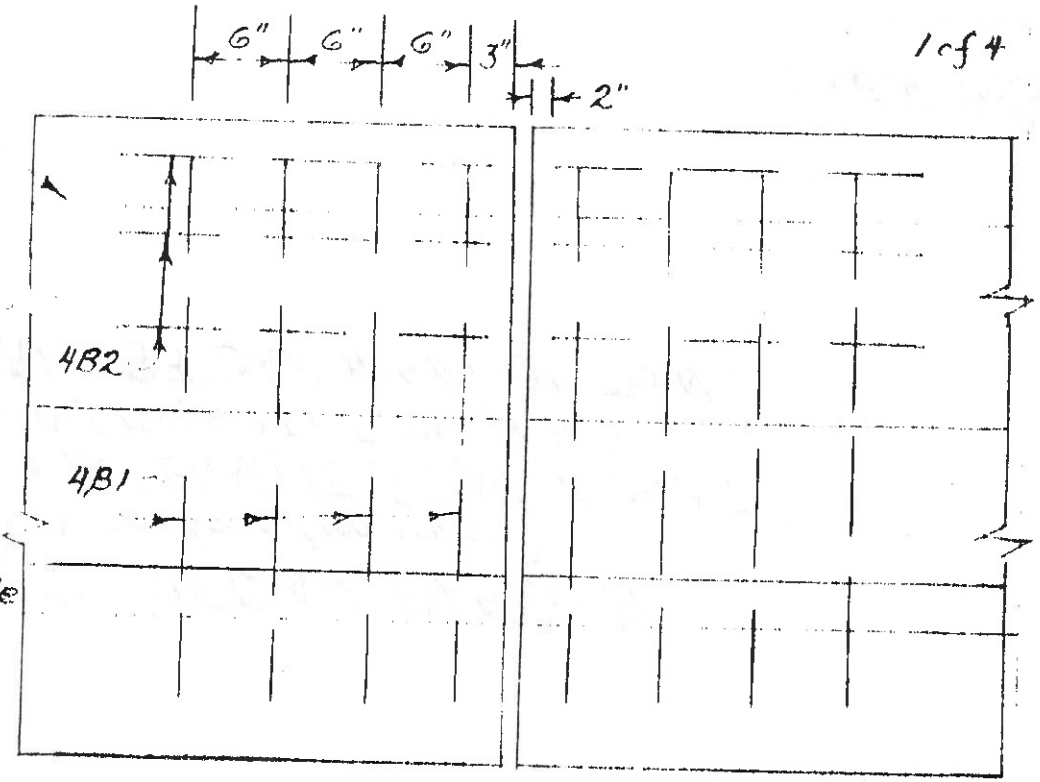
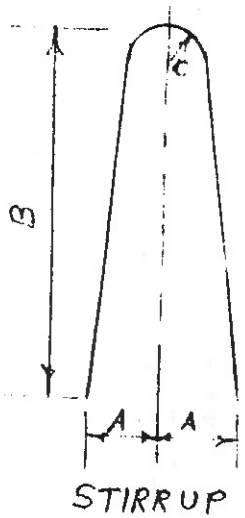




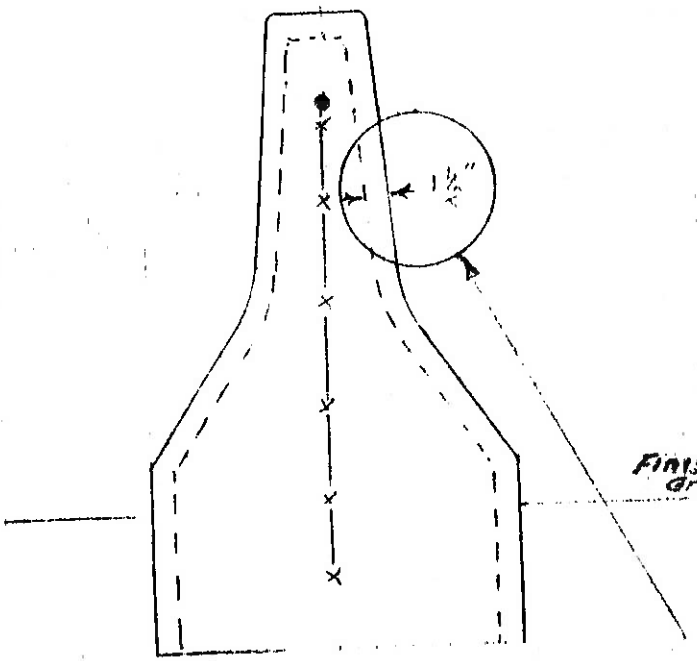


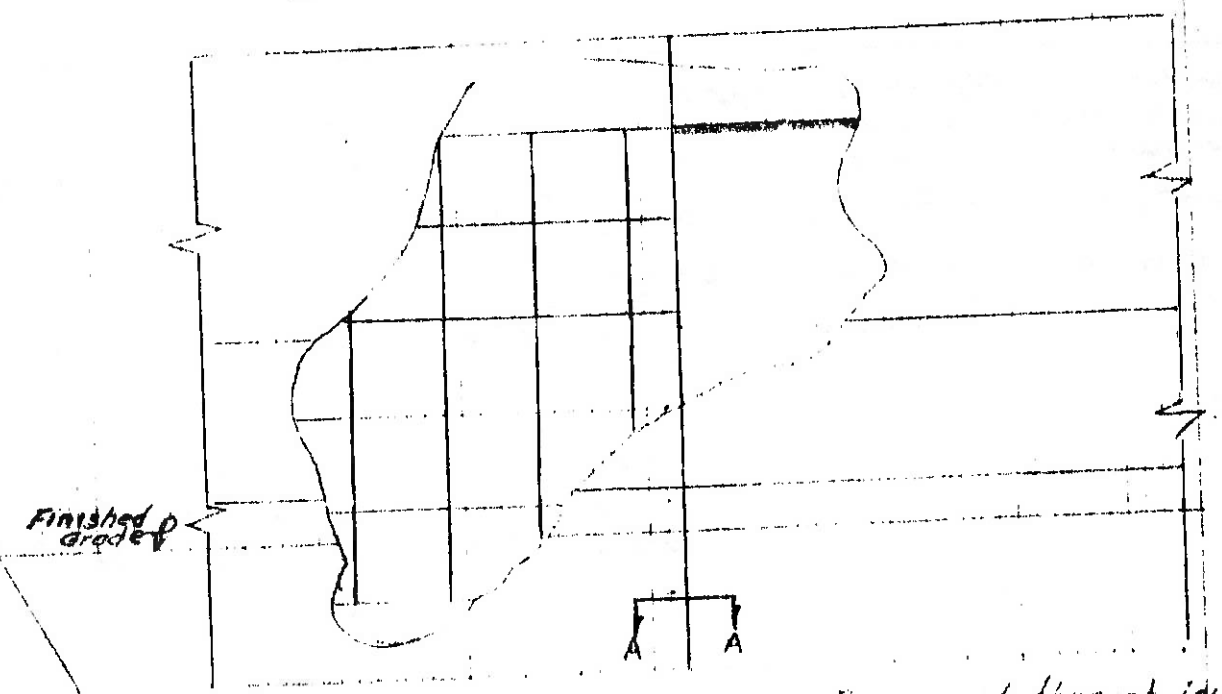
STIRRUP

TYPE "A"
CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER
(shown with open or expansion joint)
CAST-IN-PLACE OR SLIPFORM

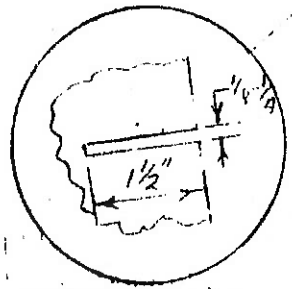
BAR LIST

MARK	SIZE	NO.	LENGTH	TYPE	A	B	C	LOCATION
4B1	4	8	5'-11"	Stirrup	5⅛	34	1½	4 on each side of open or expansion joint
4B2	4	10	2'-0"	Straight				5 on each side of open or expansion joint
4B3 or 6x6x W3xW3	4	1		Stringer or Mesh				Continuous from open or expansion joint to open or expansion joint and through contraction joints.





Carry reinforcment through joint.



SECTION A A
CONTRACTION JOINT
SHOWING DEPTH AND
WIDTH OF KERF

CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER

(shown with contraction joint)
SHOWING ALTERNATE REINFORCMENT
6 × 6 × W3 × W3 MESH LEFT OF JOINT
NO 4 "MARK 483" BAR RIGHT OF JOINT

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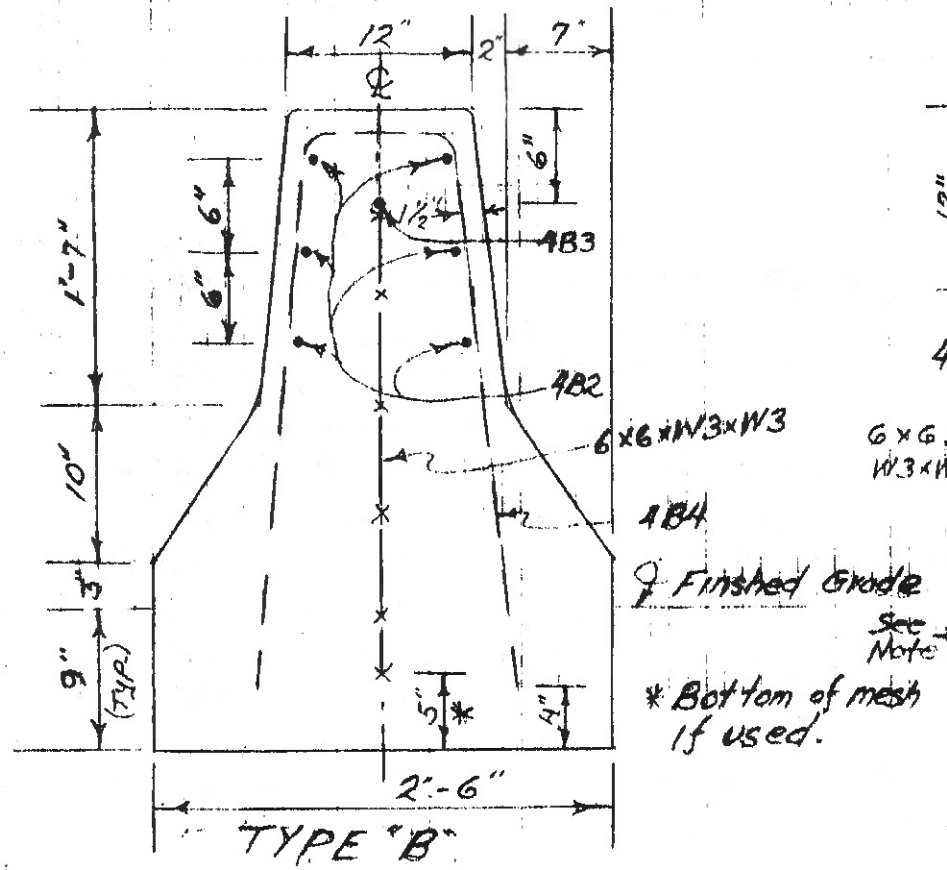

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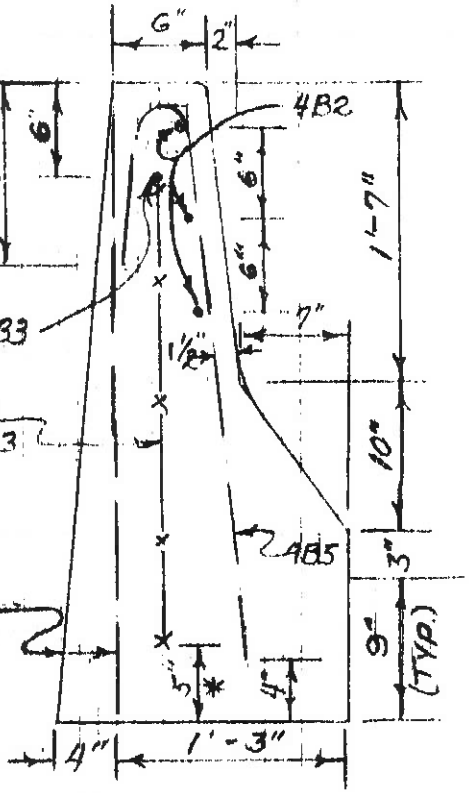
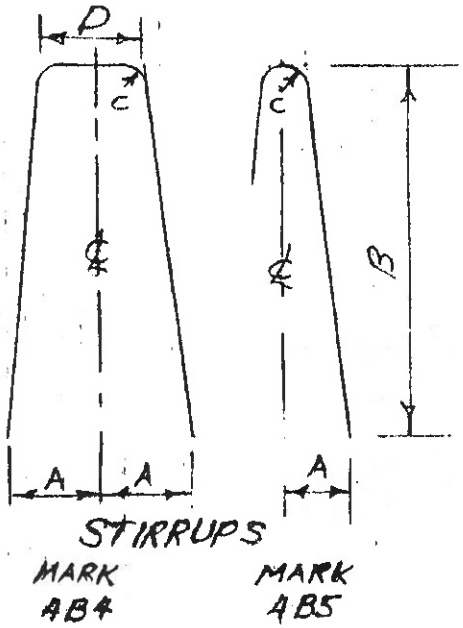


HALF SECTION

Note. Use vertical back face when two separate half sections are used back to back and on the same foundation. Use battered back face when half sections are used back to back but not on a common foundation.

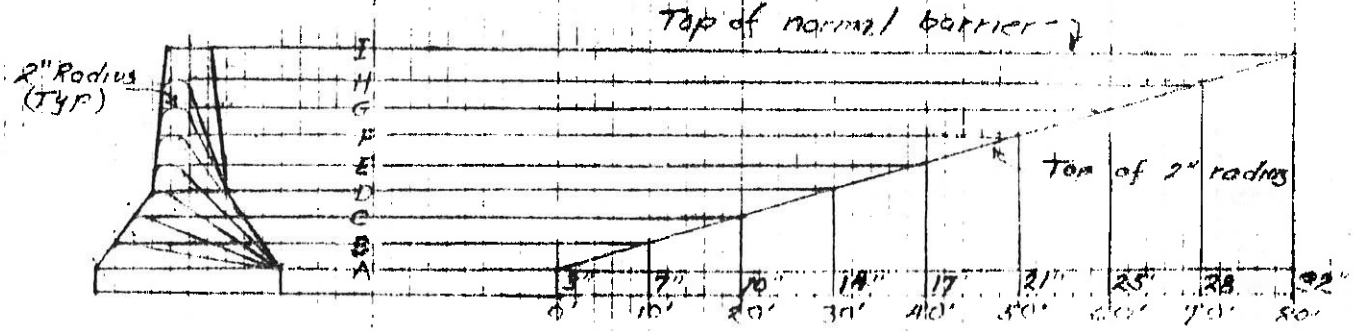


STIRRUPS

MARK 4B4 MARK 4B5

BAR LIST

MARK	SIZE	NO	LENGTH	TYPE	A	B	C	D	LOCATION
4B2	4	**	2'-0"	Straight					** 12 in Type B 6 in Half Section. Half on each side of open or expansion joint. See Typical Detail
4B3 or 6x6x W3xW3	4	1		Stringer or Mesh					See Type A Details
4B4	4	8	6'-5"	Stirrup	8⅛	34	1½	9	4 on each side of open or expansion joint. See Type A Details
4B5	4	8	3'-10"	Stirrup	5½	34	1½		



TRANSITION END DETAILS

Notes.

1. The 9" embedment is typical for new and reconstructed medians
2. Free standing half sections, barriers on structures and special sections will be detailed on the plans.
3. Any variation of the 9" (typ.) embedment will be detailed on the plans.
4. Back up systems for half sections will be detailed on the plans
5. End treatments for half sections will be detailed on the plans.
6. Reinforcement shown is for slipformed or cast in place barriers.

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