



**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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April 13, 2009

Tri-City Regional Port District, a Municipal Corporation,  
Petitioner,

v.

Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis,  
Respondent.

Petition for an Order authorizing the construction of two new at grade  
railroad crossings of Bissell Street with track belonging to the Tri-City  
Regional Port District near Madison, Madison County, Illinois and  
directing the installation of passive protection.

Mr. William S. Stahlman, III  
Tri-City Regional Port District  
1635 West First Street  
Granite City, IL 62040

Dear Mr. Stahlman:

Receipt is acknowledged of the original and one (1) copy of the Petition filed April 13, 2009 in the above matter.

**All future correspondence/pleadings should be filed and addressed to: Mr. Dave Lazarides, Director of Processing, Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701 or you may file the original electronically through E-docket if you have an account. To apply for an account, please log on to [www.icc.illinois.gov](http://www.icc.illinois.gov) and apply for an E-docket account.**

Processing and Information Section

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Cc: Staff: Mr. John Saladino  
Mr. Ted Ingram, TRRA  
Mr. Gary Stahlhut, Madison County



**Tri-City Regional  
Port District**

1635 West First Street  
Granite City, Illinois  
62040

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April 1, 2009

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**Illinois Commerce Commission  
RAIL SAFETY SECTION**

**Dave Lazardes  
Director of Information and Processing  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capital Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701**

Dear Mr. Lazardes,

Enclosed you will find the Petition and Application Form for a public grade crossing within Tri-City Regional Port District. This grade crossing is for two tracks that cross Bissell Street located in the City of Madison, Madison County, Illinois. One track is for the Ports North Loop rail spur and the second is a lead to an ethanol plant currently under construction.

It is our anticipation to have these tracks in operation within the next few months. Should you have any questions about the material submitted, please contact me at 618.452.8450. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

**Bill Stahlman, Project Engineer  
Tri-City Regional Port District**

**Commissioners  
Andy Economy  
Mayor Ed Hagnauer  
Mayor John Hamm, III  
Dr. Charles King, Jr.  
Joe Schuler  
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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

TRI-CITY REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT )

A Municipal Corporation )

) No. TO9-0042

Petition for an Order authorizing the construction of two )  
new at grade railroad crossings of Bissell Street with track )  
belonging to the Tri-City Regional Port District near )  
Madison, Madison County, Illinois and directing the )  
installation of passive protection. )

**PETITION**

NOW COMES, the Tri-City Regional Port District (TCRPD), Madison County, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation, who respectfully requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission enter an Order authorizing two new at grade railroad crossings of Bissell Street. The crossings proposed are to be placed approximately 380 feet south of E Street located in TCRPD's River's Edge development in Madison County, Illinois.

1. Petitioner has offices at 1635 West First Street, Granite City, IL 62040.
2. The roadway is maintained by the Petitioner, TCRPD.
3. TCRPD controls the property on both sides of Bissell Street and is expanding the rail network within the development necessitating the two new at grade railroad crossings as shown on Exhibit "1" that is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of this Petition.

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4. Petitioner proposes to construct two tracks through Bissell Street, the northern track will create a loop track and the southern track will be a lead track that serves a new ethanol plant.

5. The loop track and lead track are proposed to cross the two lane roadway approximately 380 feet south of E Street as indicated on Exhibit "2" that is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of this Petition.

6. The track and grade crossings will be constructed and maintained by and at the expense of Petitioner.

7. The grade crossing surfaces will be an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approved high type concrete surface. The grade crossing surface shall extend through the existing pavement surface, both of the shoulders and extend a minimum of three (3) feet beyond the shoulder limits as indicated on the aforementioned Exhibit "2".

8. Anticipated rail traffic on the proposed loop and lead track shall consist of approximately four (4) freight train moves per day with up to one hundred and ten (110) rail cars, operating at speeds up to ten (10) miles per hour, said movements being made during daylight and night time hours.

9. Bissell Street is part of the local highway network that is maintained by the Petitioner. The posted speed limit on Bissell Street at the proposed grade crossing is 25 miles per hour.

10. By reason of the volume and speed of the railroad traffic and the highway traffic over the proposed crossing, and according to the Expected Crash Frequency procedure as outlined within Chapter 40 of the Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual, said crossing warrants the installation of crossbucks, as indicated on Exhibit "2."

11. Petitioner will construct and bear the costs of restoring the existing highway approaches.

12. Completion of the grade crossing is anticipated within six months of the entry of an Order in this proceeding granting this requested effort.

13. A pre-hearing conference, with all parties meeting at the site, may provide a worthwhile opportunity to discuss the details of the proposed grade crossing.

WHEREFORE, the Tri-City Regional Port District requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission schedule a pre-hearing conference at the site of the proposed grade crossing and after hearings hereon, enter an Order: (a) authorizing construction of the grade crossings through the highway of the Petitioner at the location shown in Exhibit "2", (b) directing Petitioner, Tri-City Regional Port District to bear the cost of maintaining the grade crossing surface and protection system, and (c) granting such other and further relief as the Commission may deem appropriate.

TRI-CITY REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT

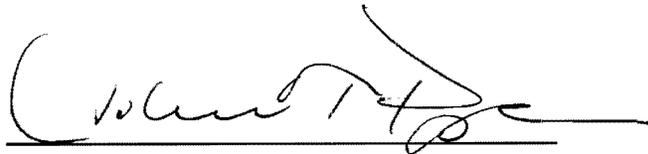
By:



William S. Stahlman III, Project Engineer

Attorney for Tri-City Regional Port District

By:



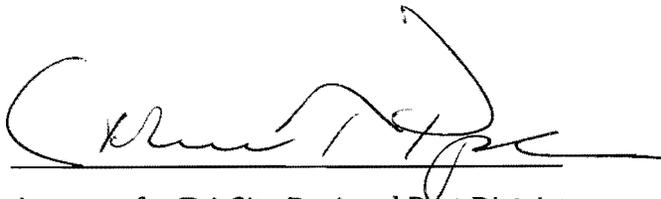
John T. Papa

General Counsel

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, John T. Papa hereby certifies that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, he served a copy of the foregoing instrument by depositing the copies in the United States Mail, certified - return receipt requested, postage prepaid, at Granite City, Illinois, to the individuals named on the attached Service List in enveloped plainly addressed to each of the following:

Tri-City Regional Port District  
Mr. William S. Stahlman III, Project Engineer  
1635 West First Street  
Granite City, IL 62040

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Papa", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Attorney for Tri-City Regional Port District

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Form 3

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Illinois Commerce Commission  
RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Petition for permission to make a major change in crossing protection, or to install new protection under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400 (d)

Date: April 1, 2009

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

The petitioner **Tri-City Regional Port District (TCRPD)** shows

- (1) That it is a railroad company operating a line of railroad in the State of Illinois.
- (2) That petitioner proposes and hereby makes application for authority to make a major change in crossing protection, or to install new protection, under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400 (d) adopted by this Commission.
- (3) That the location of the crossing, the nature of protection now established and proposed to be established, and other pertinent facts in connection therewith, are set forth in the statement attached to and forming part of this petition.
- (4) That petitioner's reasons and purpose, with reference to its said proposal are

**To provide rail service to a new ethanol processing facility from existing rail facilities located in the Port. The operator of the rail facilities is a third party carrier. Rail cars are interchanged to the facility by the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis. The third party carrier will operate over Bissell Street located in Tri-City Regional Port District's River Edge Facility.**

- (5) That the facts set forth in this petition and in the statement and plans or plats attached thereto, are, all of them, true and correct to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that the Commission will, if deemed desirable by the Commission, set the aforesaid matter for hearing, and that the Commission enter an order or adopt a resolution consenting to and granting authority for the making of the said proposed changes in or additions to crossing protection.

Tri-City Regional Port District

By



**William S. Stahlman III  
Project Engineer  
1635 West First Street  
Granite City, IL 62040  
618 452-8450**

**John T. Papa**  
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(Attorney for Petitioner)

**General Counsel  
1635 West First Street  
Granite City, IL 62040**  
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(Attorney's Address)

Statement, attached to and part of an application for permission to make a major change in crossing protection or to install new protection, under 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.400(d).

1. Name of Railroad Company Tri-City Regional Port District
2. Crossing Number Pending application
3. Village or City Madison
4. Name of Street or Highway Bissell Street
5. Public Agency Maintaining Highway Madison
6. Protection now established: (Give full description. Indicate the hours of any manual protection.)  
Not Applicable
7. Protection desired: (Give details)  
Crossbucks with yield signs
8. Number of main tracks 0 Other tracks North Loop and Ethanol Plant Lead
9. Number of passenger train movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 0 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 0
10. Number of freight train movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 0 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 0
11. Approximate number of switch movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 2
12. Maximum speed of trains at crossing on each track in each direction  
Track 1 N/E Bound 10 mph SW Bound 10 mph  
Track 2 N/E Bound 10 mph SW Bound 10 mph  
Track 3 N/E Bound N/A mph SW Bound N/A mph
13. Passenger platforms served by tracks within the limits of track circuits, if any N/A
14. Where automatic signals or gates are proposed, approximately number of train or engine movements daily which would cause false indications or operation N/A

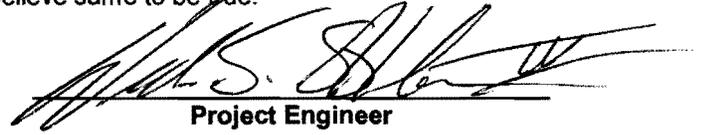
15. Nature and approximate amount of street or highway traffic over crossing  
**Mixed truck and car, roadway has no traffic today, once plant opens then traffic will increase**
16. In addition to the information listed hereinbefore in Form 3, attach a track plan or plat of the proposed crossing. This plan should show:
- (a) Width and surface of highway.
  - (b) Highway intersections (including private driveways to be so indicated) and location of established highway signs or signals within 100 feet of crossing.
  - (c) Location of tracks, switches and other railroad facilities such as block signals, etc. within limits of track circuits, present and/or proposed.
  - (d) Where automatic protection is proposed, show proposed location of signals (sidelights, cantilevers, etc., if any).
  - (e) Show the length of each operation track section within the control limits of the crossing protection and its function.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

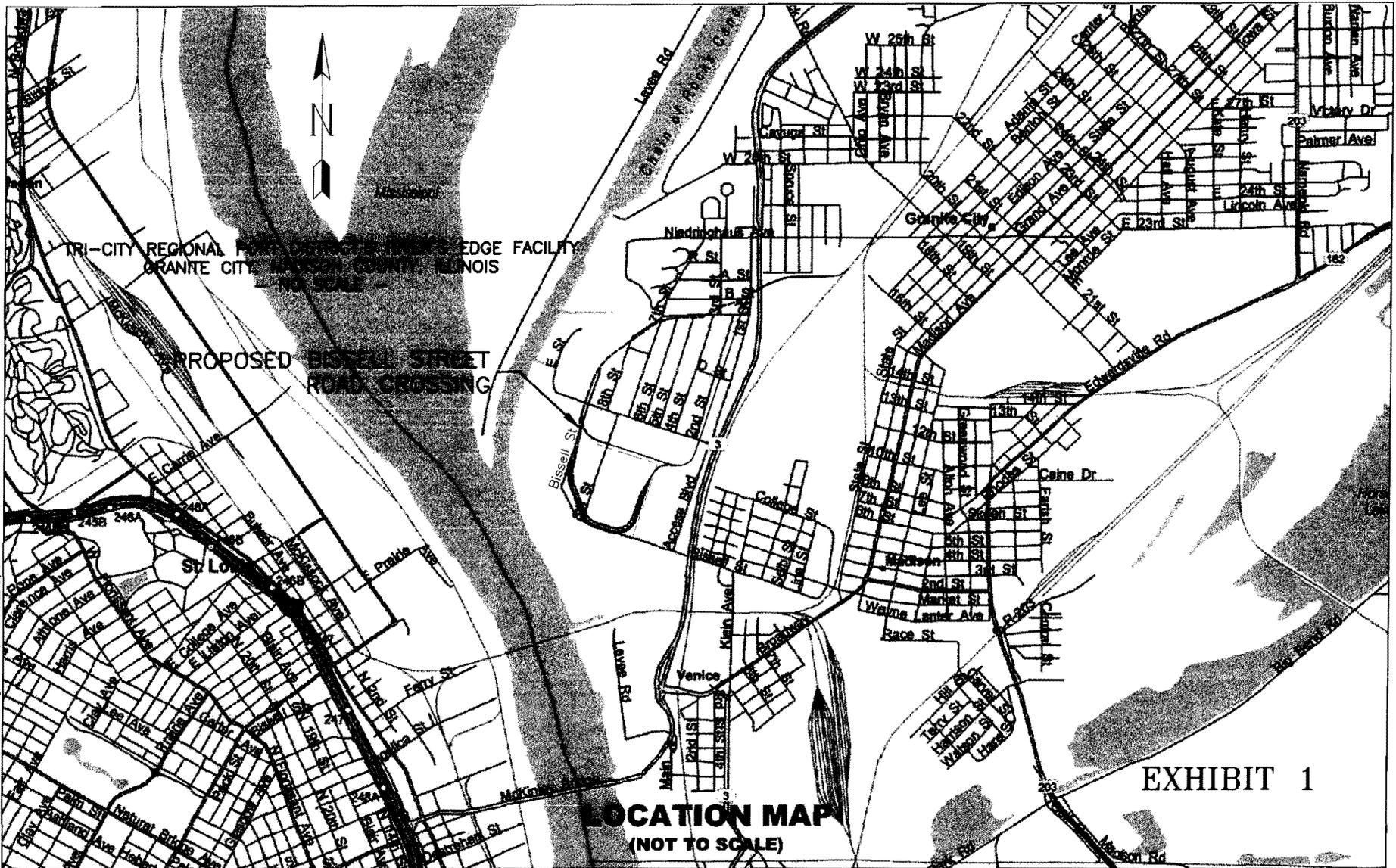
**1 sheet 11"x17" plan/profile by Design Nine, Inc.**

VERIFICATION

I, **William S. Stahlman III**, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am **Project Engineer** of **Tri-City Regional Port District**, an **Illinois** corporation; that I have read the above and foregoing petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true.



**Project Engineer**



TRI-CITY REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT'S RIVER'S EDGE FACILITY  
GRANITE CITY, WARREN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROPOSED BISWELL STREET  
ROAD CROSSING

**LOCATION MAP**  
(NOT TO SCALE)

**EXHIBIT 1**

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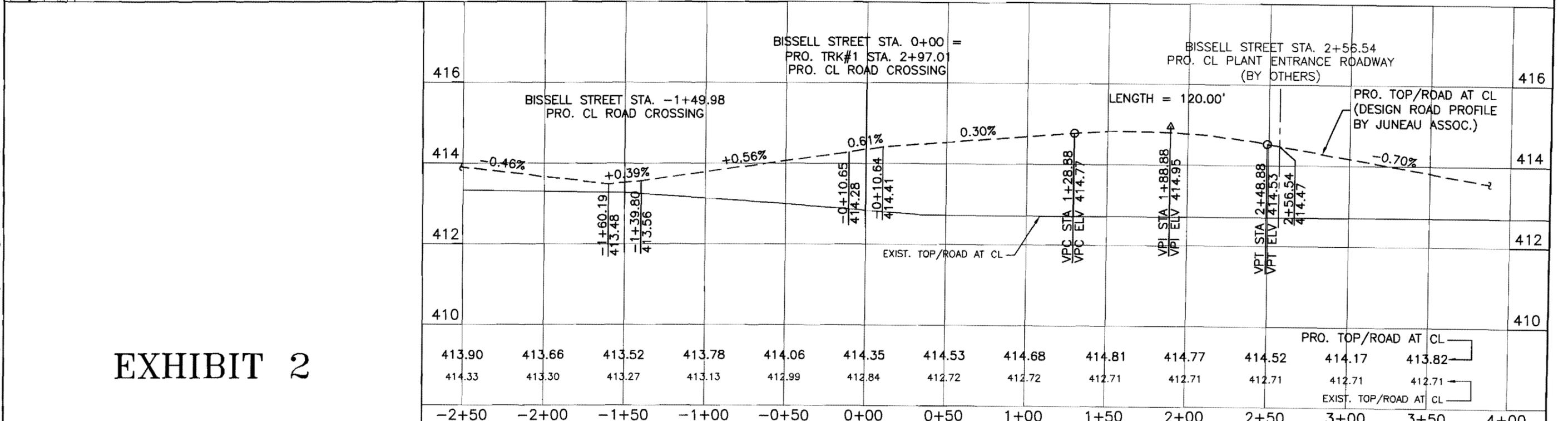
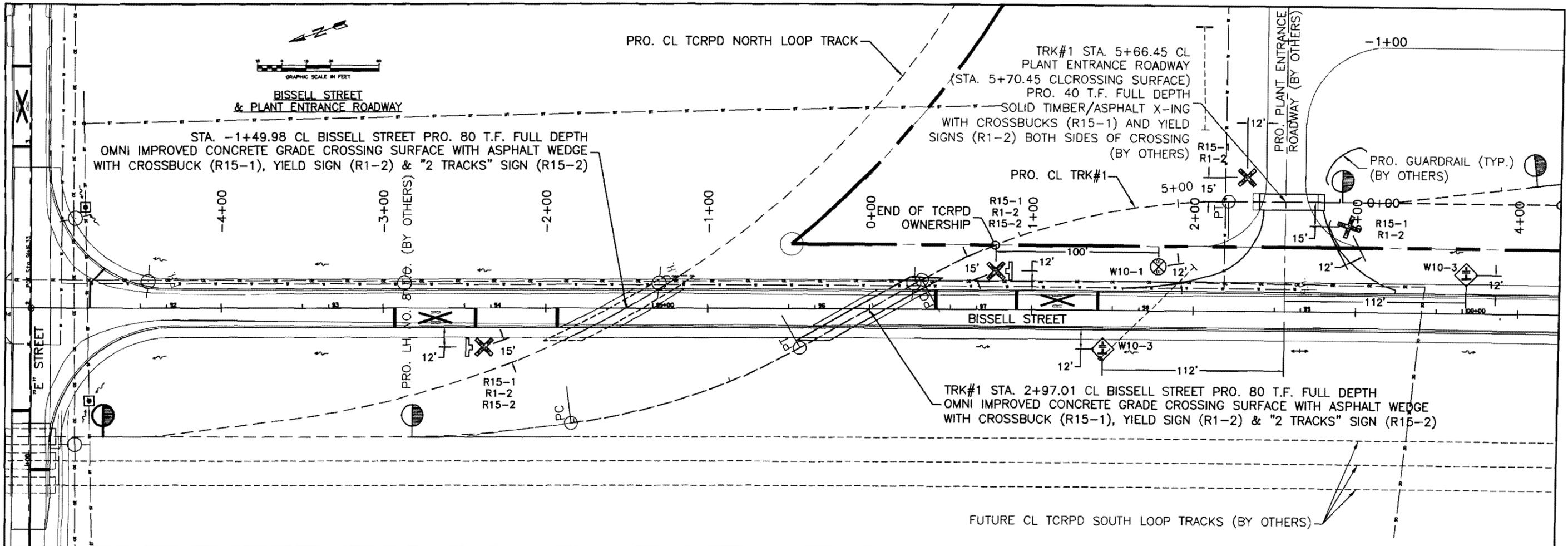
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**RIVER'S EDGE**  
TRI-CITY REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT  
1635 WEST FIRST STREET  
GRANITE CITY, IL 62040

NO.	DATE	REVISION	BY
1	10/08/08	WHARF RD TO BISSELL ST ROAD NAME CHANGE	

**RIVER'S EDGE**  
NORTH LOOP TRACK

**BISSELL STREET CROSSING**  
LOCATION MAP EXHIBIT



# EXHIBIT 2

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