

# **RTC EXHIBIT 1-I**



**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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September 26, 2012

Ms. Kristine Hansen  
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Reference: **Permit Application Action ID: SPK-2010-01058**

Dear Ms. Hansen:

On May 31, 2011, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) submitted an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to discharge dredged and fill material into Waters of the U.S as part of the SouthEast Connector (SEC) project. Since the public notice of permit application, the Phase 1 project design has changed. Therefore, the RTC seeks to amend the permit application as submitted with a revised project area of potential effect, construction impact footprint and construction phasing plan. The project purpose is unchanged and this amendment to the application can allow the RTC to advance construction of Phase 1 with no impact to Waters of the U.S. or wetlands while additional design refinements are evaluated to further avoid and minimize impacts from Phase 2 of the project.

Description of Project Changes to Phase 1

Phase 1 of the SEC begins at the intersection of Sparks Boulevard and Greg Street and extends southerly to approximately 800 feet south of Clean Water Way. Phase 2 will be constructed from Clean Water Way to the intersection of South Meadows Parkway and Veterans Parkway. All impacts to Waters of the U.S. and to wetlands have been removed from the Phase 1 construction. As shown in the enclosed exhibit, Phase 1 contains no impacts to Waters of the U.S. and can be connected to the existing transportation network with no additional impacts to Waters of the U.S. if needed. Phase 2 does have impacts to Waters of the U.S.; however, the design team is looking at Phase 2 for opportunities to further reduce the 7.95 acres of impacts that were listed in the original permit application. Once further refinement of the roadway alignment and impacts to Waters of the U.S. is complete, an additional amendment to the current permit application will be submitted. This is anticipated to be complete within five months.

Phase 1 can be a single and complete project by connecting to Clean Water Way or Pembroke Drive or a Mill Street Extension which is in the current 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Either option would have no impacts to Water of the U.S.

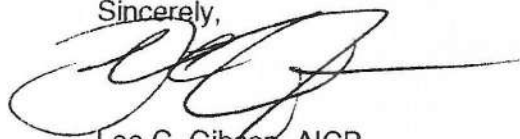
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The RTC recognizes the opportunity that Phase 1 will allow the RTC to begin a much needed community asset, employ hundreds of people, and secure future transportation funding. This is a wonderful opportunity that the RTC desires to implement this fall. Construction of Phase 1 is tentatively scheduled to begin in late October.

Should your office have any questions or concerns with the recent changes to the SEC 404 permit application package, please contact Garth Oksol, Project Manager, at (775) 332-2137 or [goksol@rtcwashoe.com](mailto:goksol@rtcwashoe.com).

The RTC appreciates the working relationship we have with the US Army Corps of Engineers and looks forward to continuing to work with the Corps as this project progresses.

Sincerely,



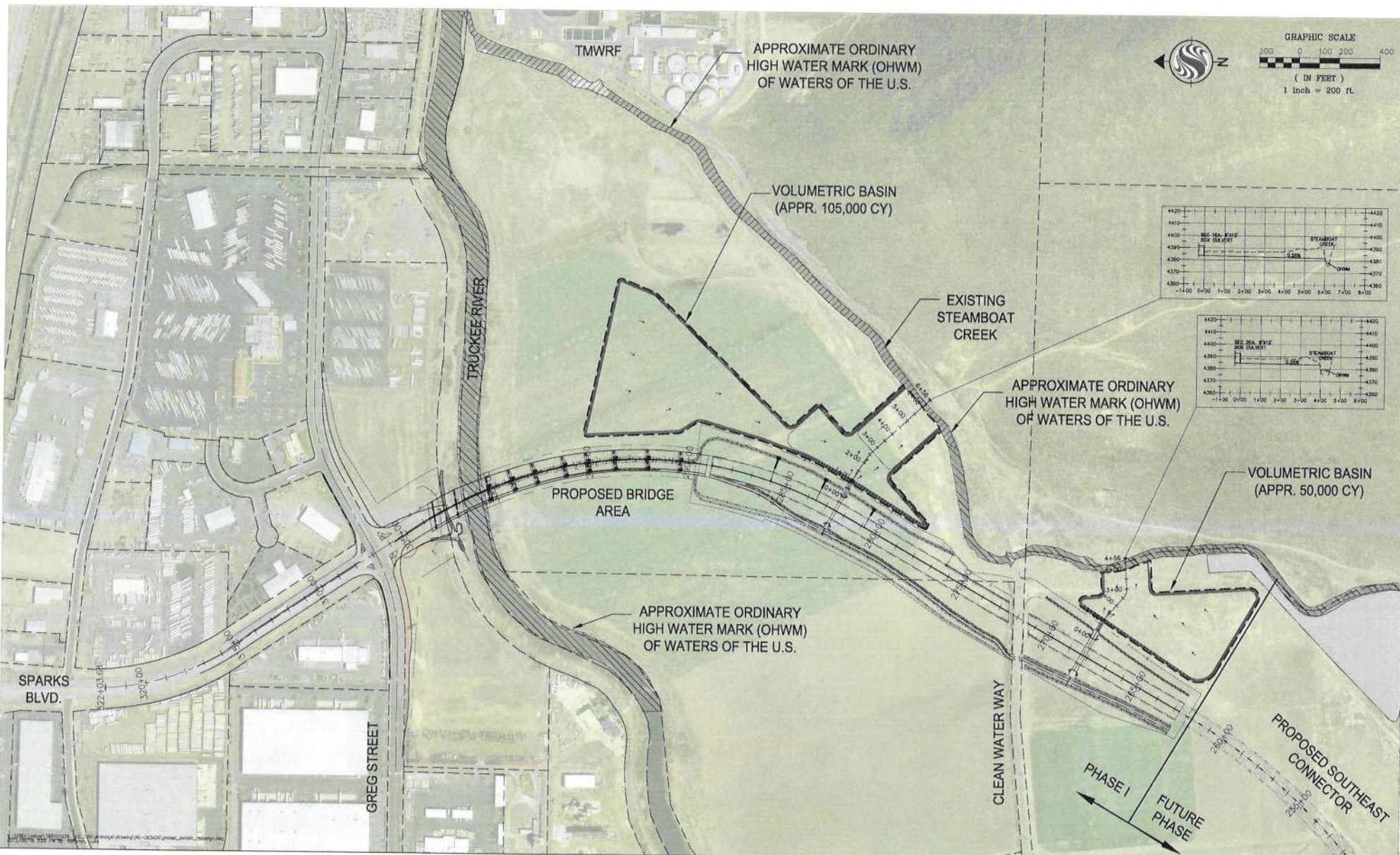
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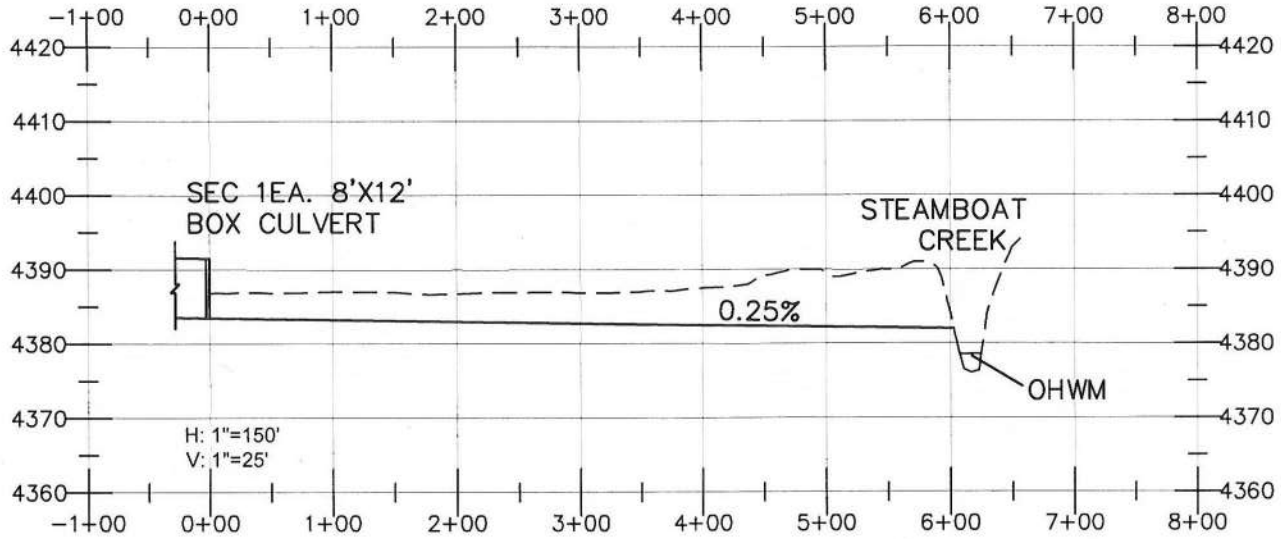




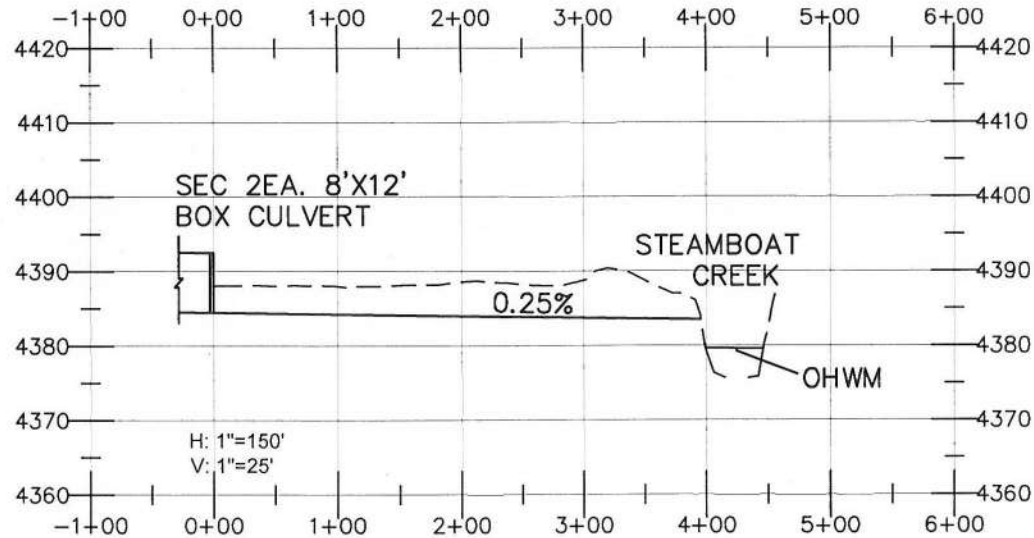
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