

Call 11 Safety Rail Improvements on Chucky Mullins Drive over US 278, known as Federal Aid Project No. STP-9419-00(001) / 108149301 in Lafayette County.

Q1. Will the Contractor be required/expected to close lanes on US-278 when installing the new pedestrian rail directly over the travel lanes? The TCP for this type of closure has not been included in the plans.

A1. No.

Q2. Can the Department provide more detail on post and picket spacing?

A2. The center to center picket spacing shall be no greater than 6" as per AASHTO 2002 2.7.3.2. For the post spacing, the Contractor should refer to the note on Sheet 8003 which states: "Steel Railing Section Lengths To Be Determined By Steel Railing Fabricator".

Q3. **1.)** Details of rail base plates show a 1-1/8" plate milled to have a curve to mimic the rail cap and a center thickness of 3/4". Can we use a 3/4" plate and bend it to the correct radius instead of milling the thicker plate? **2.)** Due to the lack of availability of domestic steel for the 1/2" x 3/4" can we provide a stronger 3/4" x 3/4" picket? It will be similar in size to the existing pickets on the Lamar Street Bridge.

A3. **1.)** Yes. **2.)** Yes.