

Bridge Design Memorandum

To: Bridge Design
From: NJA/sww
Date: 2/21/2012
Re: Railroad Vertical & Horizontal Clearances

As per NJA and JMW,

To expedite railroad approval of construction plans, MDOT has adopted a policy of providing at least 25 ft. of vertical clearance over the entire railroad right-of-way. Also, MDOT prefers to not place any substructure on railroad right-of-way.

To prevent the use of crash walls, MDOT has adopted a policy of providing at least 33 ft. of horizontal clearance measured from the center of tracks to the face of column.

Bridge Division's Rails Contracts Engineer (Tim Rayborn and/or Kevin Champney) shall verify the horizontal and vertical clearances.