



March 24, 2004

Mr. Ahmer Nizam
 Rail Safety Manager
 Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
 1300S Evergreen Drive, SW
 Olympia, WA 98504

**Re: Sound Transit Central Link Light Rail Project
 Request for Exemption from WAC 480-60-020 and WAC 480-60-040**

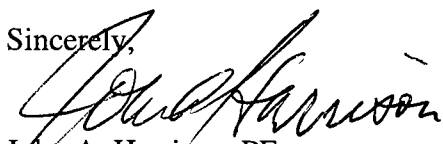
Dear Mr. Nizam:

The Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) is proposing to build the Initial Segment of the Central Link Light Rail System between Convention Place Station in Downtown Seattle and the S. 154th Street Station in Tukwila. There is one specific location at the S. 144th Street overpass in Tukwila where the vertical clearance from top of rail (TOR) to the underside of the overpass is less than twenty-two feet six inches above TOR as required by WAC 480-60-040(3). Please see the attached plan and sketch for dimensions and details of Sound Transit's current design. The proposed TOR elevation at this location is proposed to be a minimum of 15'-8" below the underside of the existing overpass. The 1.5 kV DC overhead contact wire will be at 14'-1" above TOR at this location.

We request the Commission grant a vertical clearance exemption for construction and operation of the Link Line at this location since the Link Light Rail tracks will be in a dedicated guideway, operated exclusively for light rail, and designed in accordance with established Link Design Criteria, which have been adhered to here, as well as throughout the system.

If you or the Commission should require any further information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (206) 398-5404.

Sincerely,


 John A. Harrison, PE
 Initial Segment Project Manager

Attachments

Cc: Ahmad Fazel, Ron Lewis
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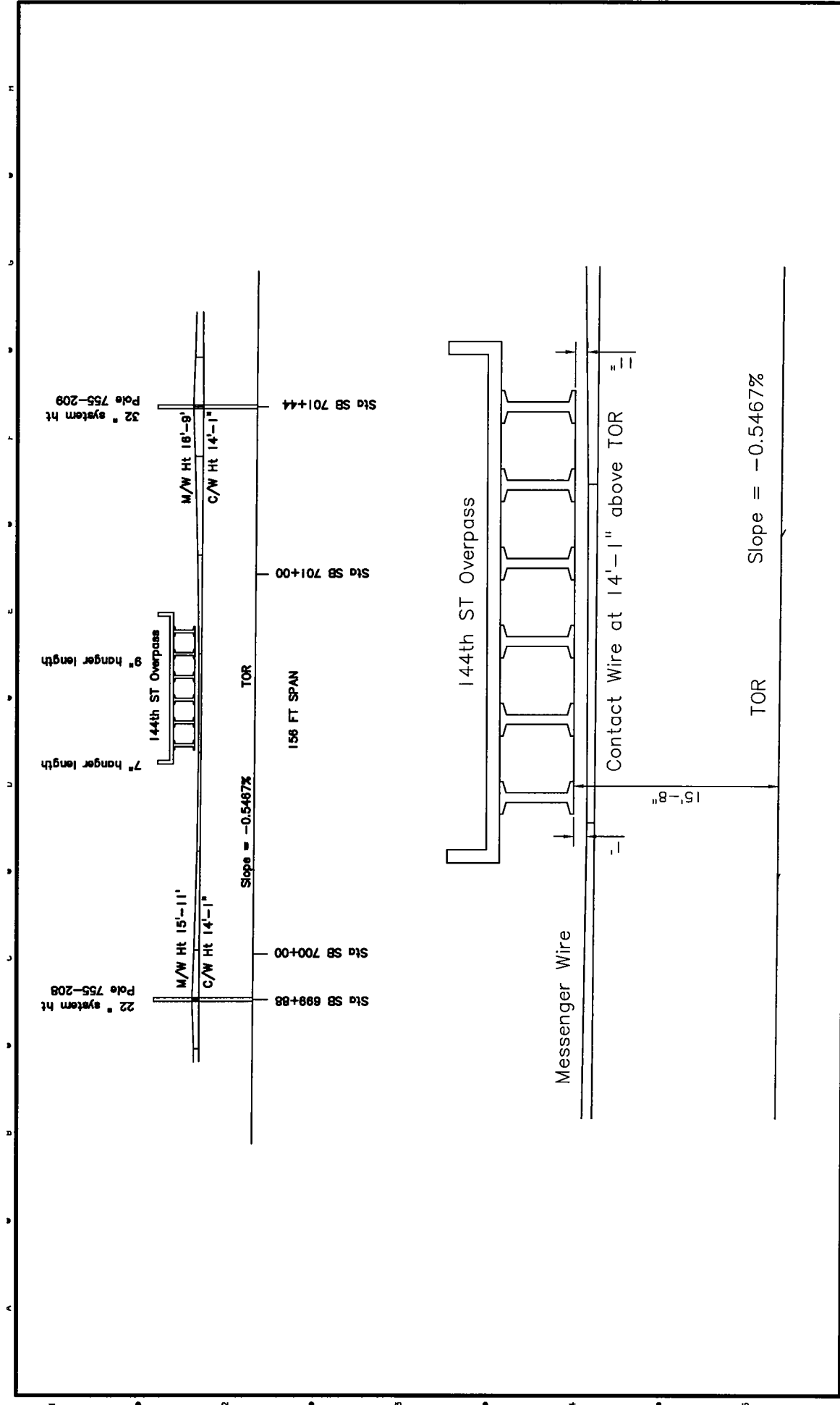
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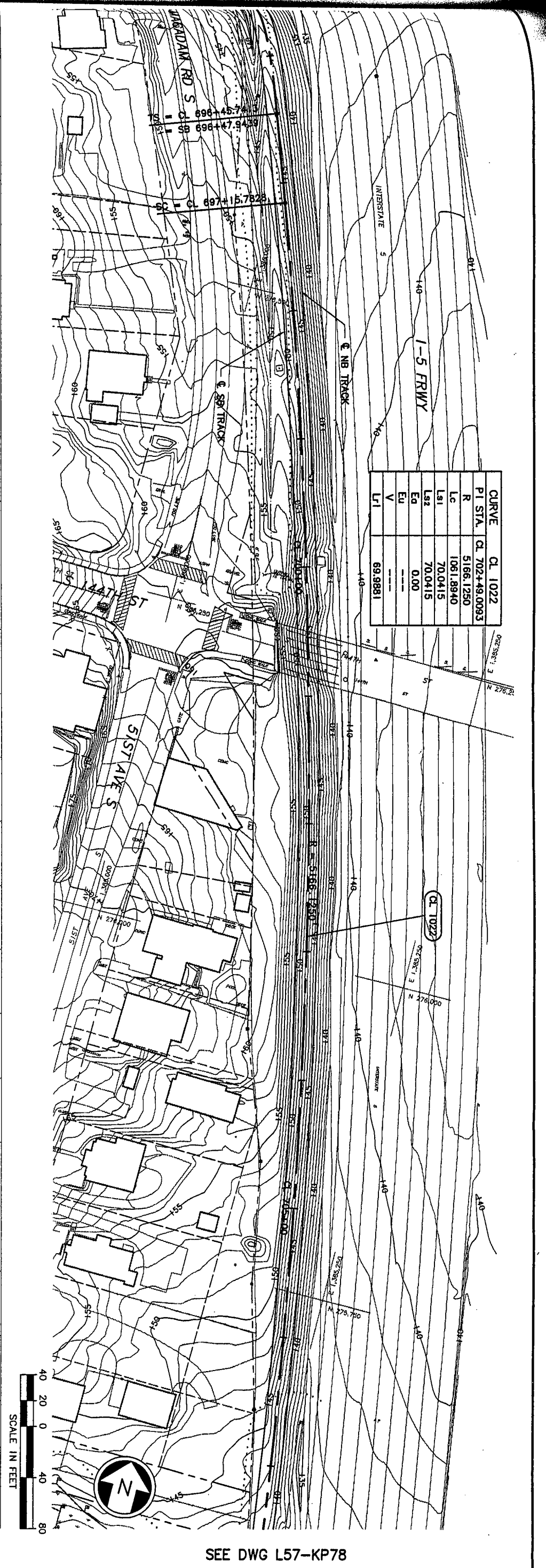
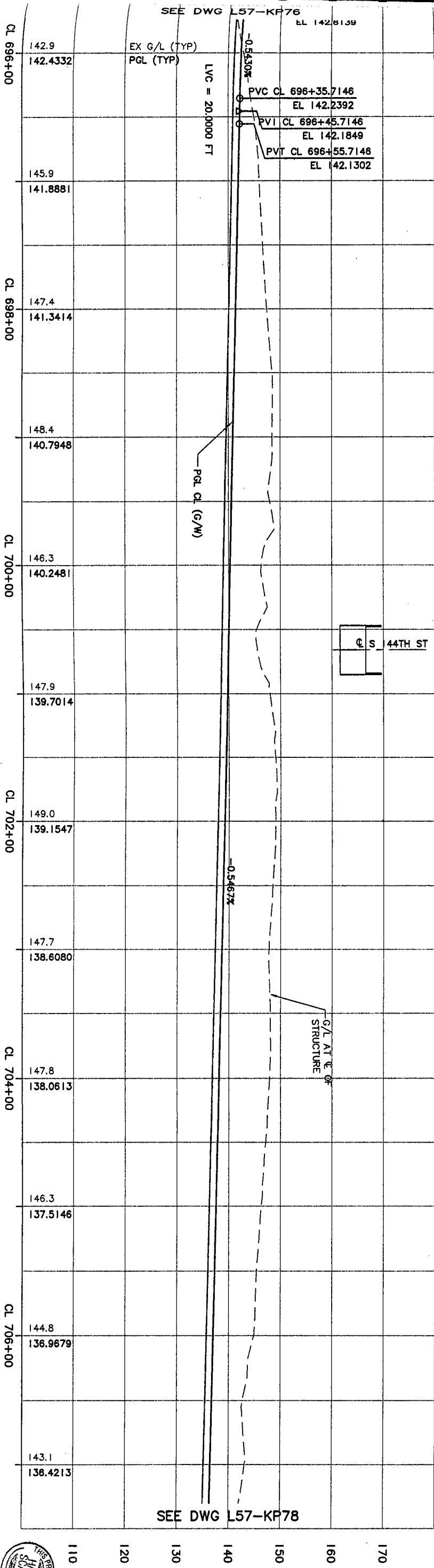
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