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# Technical Commentary for Standard Plan B-95.40 Inlet Placement at Bridge End

## General Information

### **Background**

Std Plan B-95.40 designates the general location of a Catch Basin Type 1 or Grate Inlet Type 2 used for the capture of bridge deck runoff. The catch basin or inlet is located approximately 2 to 3 feet downstream of the bridge approach slab, but the exact location may vary from site to site. In rural areas, an asphalt extruded curb is used to convey bridge deck runoff past the approach slab and into the catch basin. In urban areas with curb and gutters or median barrier, asphalt extruded curbing is not necessary.

The catch basin is generally not placed in either the bridge or the approach slab due to the presence of reinforcing steel in both of those structures. Also, it may be necessary to specify more than one catch basin at the end of the bridge. When this occurs, the additional catch basin(s) are generally placed at about 25 foot intervals moving downstream from the first catch basin. This allows flow that bypasses the first catch basin to move back against the extruded curbing, which in turn allows the next catch basin downstream to intercept the maximum amount of flow. A methodology for pavement drainage design is described in Chapter 5 of WSDOT's *Hydraulics Manual*.

A vaned grate is shown on the plan. The vaned grate configuration provides improved hydraulic capacity into the catch basin and also decreases clogging due to leaves and other debris.

## Updates / Comments

In August 2006, all the B series Standard Plans were renumbered and similar items were grouped. The numbering system changed from an alpha-numeric-alpha system to an alpha-numeric-decimal system. Standard Plan A-4 became B-95.40.

## Applicable Specifications

5-05.3(19)	Reinforced Concrete Bridge Approach Slabs
7-05	Manholes, Inlets, and Catch Basins
8-04	Curbs, Gutters, and Spillways
8-11	Guardrail

### **Referenced Standard Plans**

A-2	Bridge Approach Slab
B-5.20	Catch Basin Type 1
B-35.40	Grate Inlet Type 2
B-30.30	Rectangular Vaned Grate
C-1	Beam Guardrail (W Beam)
C-2a	Guardrail Placement (Case 5)
F-2b	Extruded Curb

### **Other Information**

Design Methodology:

WSDOT *Hydraulics Manual*, Chapter 5

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