This video is the catastrophic failure of a culvert and then the roadway due excessive high headwater at the inlet. I think this is about an 8-foot diameter CSP, with over 8-feet of fill above it, and without edge protections and without cutoff walls. Due to the height of the water above the culvert the water is being sucked down into and through the culvert at high velocities. This causes a vacuum bubble to develop in the culvert top; and with that the culvert wants to violently float up to the surface. Please notice the debris coming in from the right side of the screen, then how it starts blocking the inlet.

The high headwater is also forcing the water through the subgrade; eroding it away from around the culvert. The culvert is still in place, but the material around it going fast. Soon the material around the culvert will all be gone and the culvert will eventually pop up like a beach ball. Watch for the sudden drop in the water surface elevation; the subgrade is going, going, and gone.

This illustrates what happens when something is missed or wrong in the
culvert design process. What was missed in the culvert design? To me the two main problems were the excessive high headwater (Allowable Headwater Elevation was exceeded) and there was no Concrete Edge Protection or Cut off wall included to prevent piping and erosion around the culvert? It’s our job is prevent this from happening through comprehensive design, plans, and construction.

My name is Dave Leitheiser; I’ve been with MDT for almost 25-years and the Billings District Hydraulic Engineer for about 18-years. This session is the ‘Culvert Design’ presentation. The intent of my short presentation is to provide you with a brief background in the culvert hydraulic design and recommendation process. Then Louise Stoner follows with a presentation on the very technical process getting those recommendations into the construction plans.

An important hydraulic design aspect at each drainage crossing is the Risk Assessments. This includes asking what the existing and post-construction risks are (such risks as loss of life, property damages, roadway overtopping or loss, interruption of emergency services, etc.), then the risks are compared to the economic costs of accepting or addressing those risks. The Hydraulics section’s responsibility is to weigh the risks and develop recommendations for the drainage crossings. But which culverts does Hydraulics design?
Hydraulics is involved with several different types of culvert crossings:

- **All drainage culverts larger than 24”** are hydraulically designed.
- The **Road Designer** is typically responsible for putting the **minimum size 24” cross drains** and smaller approach culverts in the plans package. However, in some cases it necessary for the 24” culverts and approach culverts be hydraulically designed. Such as if an existing minimum size cross culvert has had past performance issues, then Hydraulics section will typically be involved.
- **All irrigation structures and culverts** are hydraulically designed.
- **AOP = Aquatic Organism Passage (critter crossings)** are hydraulically designed in junction with Environmental Services consultation.
- **All Storm Drains** are hydraulically designed

My presentation is focused on hydraulically designed drainage culverts. So what are the typical steps in the design of a drainage culvert?
The typical Hydraulic Design of a highway drainage culvert involves many factors but there are a few key steps:

1. Determine the appropriate **Design Flood Event** for the crossing drainage per MDT criteria.
2. Determine the appropriate **Drainage Hydrology** to estimated the magnitude of the runoff for the Design Flood Event. Which of the many hydrologic method is the best predicts the volume of runoff actually making it to the crossing?
3. Then **Allowable Culvert Materials** are based on corrosivity results and/or available fill heights. Do we recommend culverts made of metal, concrete, or both?
4. The **Culvert Design and Layout** are the culmination of the design.
The Design Flood Event is the flood event that can be passed through the roadway without interruption of service, i.e. no overtopping of the roadway. Route Classifications: Interstate/Primary routes (50-yr), Secondary/certain urban routes (50 & 25-yr), and local/county routes (~10yr).

The ADT is provided by Traffic. Detour Length is the distance between two logical terminus on a similar or higher classified route.

The suggested Design Flood Event is found in the ADT & ADT X Detour Length Table provides. Hydraulics makes the determination which can be greater or less based on site and conditions. Such as a route with a 10-yr Design Flood can be raised to a 25-yr if emergency vehicles use the route.
The Drainage Hydrology is the estimated runoff flows at the individual culvert crossings determined with the selected Hydrologic Methods. The Hydrologic Methods are based on the varied Basin Characteristics, and in Montana the Basin Characteristics vary greatly from the western mountains to the eastern plains.

Some of the Drainage Basin Characteristics that are used in the Hydrologic Methods include: Basin Area, Average Elevation of the overall basin
% Area > 6000-ft in elevation, % Area covered by Forest, Mean Annual Precipitation, etc.

An excellent source of information in the development of the Drainage Hydrology are discussions with MDT Maintenance personnel and local residents. These discussions can reveal the past performance of existing pipes and historical flood event elevations to provide a calibration for estimated flows and culvert analysis results. The Hydrologic Method is usually applied to the entire project, but other methods may be used as needed to match conditions.
Geotechnical will take cores at major culvert crossings to determine if the in-situ soils are capable of supporting new pipes or if foundation treatment is needed.

Early in the project design process soil and water samples are taken by Materials to conduct the **corrosivity tests that are necessary for pipe material selections**. These soil and water samples are tested for their different characteristics such as pH/Marble pH, conductivity, and Sulfate content.

This is an important step in the culvert design for the determination of which culvert materials (metal and/or concrete) are acceptable and that will meet or exceed the Culvert Service Life. The Culvert Service Life for new mainline culverts is 75-years and varies for culverts being considered for remaining in place. There are several other factors in developing the Culvert Service Life; these include the thickness of the metal culverts, coating of the metal culvers, and concrete pipe cement type.
Now Photogrammetry and Survey has provided the necessary hydraulic survey, and Road Design provides the initial new roadway vertical/horizontal alignment and construction limits in their stripmap and cross-sections.

Now the back and forth process of culvert design and layout can begin. First some of the Culvert Design factors:

1. Site Specific Constraints – These factors site-by-site such as a history of flash floods, a home immediately upstream of the crossing, a delineated floodplain, etc.

2. Culvert Size Availability/Allowable Materials – Maximum sizes are 84” for RCP, 120” for CSP, 72” for CAP, SSPP over 120”, RCB sizes vary. Use the corrosive soil results to determine allowable materials.

3. Available Cover – Exceed the depth of cover from the top of the culvert to the bottom of flexible pavement or top of rigid pavement. CSP can be in a very deep fill where RCP cannot.

4. Sufficient Pipe Capacity – Can the pipe pass the design flows and still meet other design criteria and site specific constraints.
5. Allowable Headwater Criteria – A proposed size is analyzed based on the above information for the design flood and the 100-year flood. If the proposed culvert causes too high of a headwater then a larger culvert or other structures is likely needed to lower the headwater.
The next part of the back & forth is setting the proposed culvert in the channel with respect to the culvert design parameters and site conditions. For brevity what we see here is finished design with the existing channel, existing culvert, the proposed culvert, and channel changes.

You can see that due to our roadway widening and flatter roadway slopes we will have two separate channel changes for the drainage channel downstream of the new pipe. You’ll notice the channel changes are pretty much mirror images of the channels being obliterated with the construction limits. This is to keep the approximate pre and post-channel lengths equal. This good for the critters and stream stability by maintaining existing channel velocities.

How we got to this point was with the aid of the cross-section, stripmap, and a spreadsheet graph of the channel and the structures.
Here is the spreadsheet with
1. The surveyed channel in dark blue from upstream to downstream,
2. the existing culvert and road in yellow and red,
3. the new channel with channel changes in light blue from upstream to downstream,
4. the new culvert and road in green and orange,
5. and the approximate channel profile in black.

This allows us to estimate the average drainage slope, which in turn helps to design the appropriate pipe inverts (or flow lines). By placing the new pipe at the approximate slope of the existing drainage we greatly reduce the chance that the drainage needing to reestablish an equilibrium, i.e. forming a head-cut to adjust the channel slope after the new pipe is installed.
Here is a quick rundown of all the different types of information that you may find included in Hydraulics Drainage Recommendations and Reports:

1. Project Hydrology –
2. Project Hydraulic History –
3. Culvert Service Life –
4. Culvert Designs –
5. Channel Change Designs –
6. Design Details –
7. Design Special Provisions –
This is an example of what a typical drainage pipe recommendation may look like. You will see the station of the proposed pipe crossing as well as pipe invert (or flowline) elevations and a pipe skew, pipe sizes based on pipe material, pipe thickness or class, the appropriate corrugations for metal pipe, and the appropriate end-treatments.

At times not all pipe materials are allowable. If this is the case you will often find a brief explanation as to why certain materials were excluded.

In addition to the new pipe recommendation you may also encounter a brief discussion of any channel changes that involve the drainage crossing. The discussion will likely included what type of callouts need to be included in the plans as well as where to find necessary quantities to be included in the plan summaries. Another piece of information that is typically included in the pipe recommendation if applicable is the name of hydraulics details that involve the pipe and need to be included in the plan set.
The other major type of culverts that are often found along projects are Irrigation culverts. Irrigation culverts and ditches carry water that is dedicated for agricultural or livestock purposes. When discussing irrigation designs with landowners you may often hear the saying, “waters for fighting, whiskey’s for drinking”. That’s because the water is a lifeline for many ranchers and farmers.

There are some key differences in the culvert information that is placed in the plans for irrigation culverts vs. drainage culverts.

1. Typically the inlet and outlet of irrigation culverts are outside of the highway R/W. On larger culverts the ends may be inside the R/W with the fencing warped to put the ends outside the fence.
2. Typically flows for irrigation culverts are known or set by decree.
3. Irrigation culverts typically have fairly exact end locations and elevations; not only should a flow line elevation be given but a station and offset for the culvert end should also be included.
4. Irrigation culvert locations, ends, skew, end elevations, etc will not typically be adjusted in the field as drainage culverts may be.
CHANGES TO HYDRAULICS STANDARD PRACTICES & DETAILS

Summary quantities removed from Hydraulics details.

Concrete edge protection now used at both inlet and outlet.

Hydraulics has an updated riprap outlet basin detail.

Changes coming to Detail Drawing 603-19, Bedding for culverts 54” & larger:
The cut-off wall height based on Foundation Material needs.
The Compacted Bedding changed to Granular Bedding.
No longer includes 10-foot of undisturbed material at pipe ends.

There changes to Hydraulics callouts and details.
Now we will discuss how existing and proposed pipes are put into the plans package, as well as how roadside drainage should be assessed and designed.
MISSION
MDT’s mission is to serve the public by providing a transportation system and services that emphasize quality, safety, cost effectiveness, economic vitality, and sensitivity to the environment.

Cost effectiveness – providing complete and accurate plans to avoid confusion and costly change orders.

Safety - avoiding clear zone conflicts and providing end protection when needed.

Quality - providing smart roadside drainage and pipe design to meet service life.

Economic Vitality providing pipe material options for the contractor to bid.

Sensitivity to the environment – being pro-active in the design of Erosion and Sediment Control Features.
TOPICS - Part One

- Existing Pipes
- Roadside Drainage
- New Culverts
- Clear Zones
These are the common plan abbreviations for pipes. The most common are the C.S.P. Corrugated Steel Pipe and R.C.P. Reinforced Concrete Pipe.
After we’ve created our horizontal and vertical alignments,

and the cross sections are generated,

it’s time to start placing culverts.

The first culverts to be placed in the plans are the existing culverts.
If you don’t have a pickup survey available….

As – Built plans are a good source to look up existing culvert lengths.

The lengths are shown in the plan view as well as the culvert summary frames.
A better source to find out the existing pipe material and lengths is in the DiMap.

The location or pick-up surveys will locate the existing pipe culverts.

When you zoom into the end of the pipe, the pipe material is typically listed along with the top of culvert and invert elevations.

Subtract the elevations to get an estimate on the size of the pipe. This example is probably an 18” pipe.

These sizes and lengths should be checked against the As-Built plans. If they are different, further investigation is warranted.
You can find the existing pipe lengths by using the MicroStation tool... Element Dimensioning.

Select True

and measure existing pipe lengths in the DI Map.

This pipe is 44.9 ft.
Show existing pipes in the plan view by turning on the appropriate level in the Dimap.

Do not copy the elements in the Road map file.

They are already in the DIMap file and do not need to be added to the Road map file.

They will be referenced in. (A comment was made that the designer likes to copy the existing pipes into his RDMAP file so he can scale it down to true diameter size. The response is, as stated in the new Road Design Manual, Chapter 12, page 12-17, bullet 7;

“Culvert ends should accurately reflect their locations and direction of flow, though the culvert width may be exaggerated for clarity. Similarly, items such as manholes, telephone pedestals, signs, or other items represented by symbols should be located as accurately as possible but scaled such that the symbol can be clearly identified when the plans are printed.”)
**When showing Existing Pipes on the Plan Sheet**

Place notes vertically at the bottom of the plan view

- Station
- Size of pipe
- Pipe material
- In PL. (in place)
- Left or Right for approaches
- Remove, Use As Is, Plug & Abandon or Fill & Abandon

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After you place your pattern lines in your map file, you will need to go back and add additional pattern lines at the existing pipe locations.
Since we really don't have an automatic way of placing existing pipes in our cross sections...

....use the Plan View Labeler to get accurate stations and offsets for existing pipes.

Click on the center of the pipe to get the centerline station of the existing pipe. (A question came up on locating the existing pipe. Should it be where the existing pipe crosses the new centerline or the center of the existing pipe. My question back would be, how would you locate the existing pipe if it were not touching the new centerline? The answer is, at the centerline of the existing pipe, in all cases)

Click on the ends to get the offsets.

This will aid in placing the existing pipes accurately in your cross sections.
When placing existing pipes in the cross sections....

...draw the existing cross drains horizontal...

And existing approach pipes vertical
Label the size and length of the existing pipes inside the object lines
When labeling existing pipes in Cross Sections....

.....place notes on the right side of the cross section.
• Existing pipes need their own line if their station is 1 foot or more different than the new pipe station.

• Round the **Station** to nearest foot

• Round the **Remove pipe culvert** length to the nearest tenth

• **Culvert in PL.** (in. x ft.) rounded to nearest tenth

When the existing pipe has it’s own line, it will match in all 3 locations through the plan set. (Plan sheets, cross sections and summaries)

Existing pipes that require extending will need to be shown as well.
• Existing pipes to be USE AS IS will now be listed in the Culvert Summary Frame
• When the existing pipe has its own line, it will match in all 3 locations through the plan set. (Plan sheets, cross sections and summaries)
Roadside drainage
Roadside ditches generally utilize a 10' flat-bottom configuration and the grade of the roadside ditches typically matches the profile grade of the roadway.
However, more detailed ditch design needs to be considered when encountering the following situations:
Sustained grades
May carry high volumes of runoff………..
………which can result in erosion

Ditches on sustained grades may carry relatively high volumes of runoff, which can result in erosion to the ditch……..
Sustained Grades
When sustained grades are encountered the designer needs to consider the use of erosion control protection:

- cross drains
- ditch blocks
- check structures
- lined ditches
Another situation is the Cut to fill transitions.

Cut-to-fill transitions may carry high volumes of runoff.....(next slide) which can result in erosion to the ditch......
Cut-to-fill transitions

.....which can result in erosion to the ditch
The designer should use erosion protection such as riprap chutes and embankment protectors to protect the ditch.
The designer should also coordinate with....

..... the Hydraulics Section

.....and MDT’s Reclamation Specialist

......and refer to the Permanent Erosion and Sediment Control (PESC) design guidelines for current erosion control methods.
Another situation is Flat Ditches.

Extremely flat ditches may not drain properly.

Separate ditch grades need to be considered for 50’ on each side of the crest if the grades along the curve are 0.30% or less.
Separate ditch grades may also be necessary on the high side of a superelevated section where the profile grade is 0.5% or less. (next slide)
We are in the process of changing the way we do our superelevations. We have typically rotated about the low shoulder but soon we will designing to rotate about the centerline. This may cause ponding issues on the low side of the inside curve, especially on 8% superelevations and wide shoulders.

Rotation about the low shoulder will still be considered on a case by case basis.
Another situation is the Double Ditch.

Double ditch situations should also be avoided.

By modifying the backslope......

..... a double ditch can be eliminated.
Many older sections of roadway were constructed using side borrow ...

.....which resulted in substantial road-side ditches adjacent to the roadway embankment.

These borrow ditches would carry the runoff to natural drainage paths.

New wider templates often fill these ditches....

.....leaving no clear drainage path and often pushing runoff onto adjacent landowners.
Here’s an example of when a borrow ditch was eliminated.

The drainage now flows into the adjacent field.

Designers should review these areas to determine if additional cross drains will alleviate the problem.
Construct a drain ditch at the toe of fill ..... 

This may be needed to convey runoff to a natural drainage.  

Talk with the Hydraulics section too.
Drainage in the roadside ditch is sometimes complicated by landowners who use the roadside ditch to carry irrigation wastewater.

Although we prefer to have irrigation wastewater ditches, like all irrigation facilities, constructed outside of the highway right-of-way, perpetuation of irrigation wastewater in the roadside ditch should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Whenever the roadside ditch is used for any irrigation purpose the designer should coordinate with the Hydraulics Section.
In some cases, modify ditches for positive drainage by flattening or steepening with v-ditches.

Make sure to provide a traversable V-ditch.

See the Roadside Design Guide or the Road Design Manual for guidance.

Stay within design standards and make sure to avoid abrupt changes.
Modify Geopak generated ditches to shorten pipes if possible.
If the cross section at the pipe is a 4:1 but the cross sections before and after are flatter, steepen the adjacent cross sections to 4:1 for a smoother transition.
A design exception will be necessary in this case.
So now that we covered ditch drainage, let’s talk about new culvert placements.
Mainline drainage Culverts
At least 24” in diameter

All new mainline drainage culverts must be at least 24” in diameter.
All new irrigation pipe culverts and approach culverts must be at least 18” in diameter. Equivalent arch pipes may be used.
The Hydraulics Section will provide recommendations for all irrigation and drainage crossings requiring culverts greater than 24” in diameter.
The road designer will determine the location of all minimum size drainage crossings and will design all inlet, outlet, and roadside ditches for positive drainage.
When deciding where to put new culverts....

.... review as-built plans to determine the location of existing culverts.
Also, during on-site reviews (PFR & AGR) …

…..determine the location of minor natural drainages and areas that appear to be ponding.
When a project involves modification to the existing vertical alignment…..

…… the designer must also review the new profile grade to ensure that cross drains are provided in low spots.…

…… where water would otherwise be trapped.

……Also, mention any vertical profile adjustments to the Hydraulics Engineer to make sure any new pipes will fit within the new profile.

The key is to communicate with Hydraulics.
Refer to the Hydraulics Drainage or Irrigation Recommendations and Reports for:
First of all, we get our recommendations from the Hydraulics Engineer report. Place the pipes in the map file at the station and skew recommended in the report.

As stated in the new Road Design Manual, Chapter 12, page 12-17, bullet 7;

“Culvert ends should accurately reflect their locations and direction of flow, though the culvert width may be exaggerated for clarity. Similarly, items such as manholes, telephone pedestals, signs, or other items represented by symbols should be located as accurately as possible but scaled such that the symbol can be clearly identified when the plans are printed.”
Map File

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If the skews are greater than 5°, place pattern lines near ends to show on cross sections.

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After placing pattern lines at the culvert locations, generate the new cross sections. Use custom line styles when drawing culverts in the cross sections.
Select the Dimension Element tool, first icon, and place the dimension. Round the length up to the nearest 2 foot increment.
For culverts on a skew greater than 5 degrees, project lines from ends of culverts, upwards and.....
...and downwards. Extend the line in the plan view to touch the projected lines. Since large skews may require the use of two cross sections, one for the inlet and one for the outlet, you may need to go back to the map file and reposition the ends of the culvert in the plan view.
After extending the lines, the culvert length can be scaled from the skewed line. It is important that the line is drawn at the correct skew angle. Round up to the next 2' increment.
Once the ends of the skewed culvert have been determined, use the Cross Section labeler to find out the offsets of the culvert and modify the ends in the map file to the correct length.
You can copy parallel the alignment element the offset distances found in the cross section labeler. Extend the lines to the new offsets. Then find the end stations of the new pipe using Plan View Labeler.
Extend the lines to the new offsets.
Then find the end stations of the new pipe using Plan View Labeler.
Label the end stations at the culvert ends in the plan diagram of the culvert in the cross sections generated from the Plan View labeler.
Once you have the culvert stations, sizes and lengths figured out, you can now place that information in the plans. In the Plan/profile sheets, show the station to the nearest foot, new pipe diameter, the material type or Drain if it has Options, and skew angle to the nearest degree (Left or Right).
In profile view, show cross drainage pipes and structures as solid ovals and provide a plus station callout (e.g. for a pipe located at 20+75 show +75 at the pipe symbol in the profile view).
Avoid extending culverts in Surfacing Section

Pipes should not extend into the surfacing section.
Although not desirable, pipes may extend into the special borrow course.
When a larger pipe requires concrete edge protection, refer to the detailed drawings for the placement diagrams. Extend pipe enough so that with edge protection 1’ above pipe, it catches the fill slope.
Length of pipe with Concrete Edge Protection

Here’s an example illustrating that.
Make sure the edge protection is entirely out of the clear zone, especially on skewed culverts.
The new Road Design Manual has the calculation for **minimum culvert length** in Appendix K.
Openings larger than 36” are a hazard. Openings in the clear zone need to be protected.
If you can not locate the end of the culvert outside of the clear zone, end treatments wider than 36” can be made traversable. A special guard will need to be installed.
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TOPICS - Part Two

- Calculating Quantities
- Culvert Summary Frame
- Culvert Cover
- Approach Pipes
- Irrigation Pipes & Structures
- Hydraulic Details
The Hydraulics Section will provide recommendations for special protection such as cutoff walls at both ends and concrete edge protection. *Hydraulics will now be specifying Concrete on both inlet and outlet ends.
Bedding and Foundation material Quantities for 48” in diameter and less may need to be calculated if specified by Geotech or Hydraulics. If we have to calculate foundation material for 48” in diameter and less, then we need to calculate bedding material and include it in the culvert summary frame and marked “For information Only”. This quantity needs to be in a column by itself.
Calculate quantities for pipes 54” and greater. Calculate Foundation material if requested by Geotech.

The Compacted Bedding name has changed to Granular Bedding.

The cut-off wall height is based on Foundation Material needs.

No longer includes 10-foot of undisturbed material at pipe ends.

Hydraulics will no longer list quantities in their culvert details.
Now let’s talk about placing notes in the cross sections. Place the notes on the right side of the cross sections. Include the centerline station rounded to the nearest foot, the inside diameter of the culvert or the rise and span, the material type or whether is a DRAIN or not, length of pipe rounded up to the nearest 2 foot increment, left or right for approaches, end treatments, skew left or right to the nearest degree, height of cover, cubic yards of foundation and bedding material, concrete & riprap, square yards of geotextile.
Let’s break down the Culvert Summary Frame..... Station – nearest foot

- Culvert pipe size in inches
- Length of new pipe – 2 foot increments, except RCB come in 6 foot lengths
- Basic Bid items, such as Foundation, granular bedding, concrete, geotextile, etc.
- Round concrete to the nearest tenth of a foot.
- Pipe options with class, thickness and coating
- End Sections – included in length of new pipe for payment
- Height of Cover – minimum measured at shoulder
- Skew angle – round to nearest degree
- Remarks such as DRAIN, IRR., Siphon, Broken-back, etc.
- If precast bends are necessary, indicate in the remarks column as well.
- What does it mean by DRAIN or DR.?

NOTE: Environmental would like to see the name of the crossing also listed in the REMARKS. This will help them in their permitting process.
DRAIN means the pipe has options. In order to have options, the minimum cover requirements have to be met for all options.
As per the memo that came out on September 5, 2013, the Basic Bid for optional culverts changed from concrete to steel.
Pipe Options – Still ….. What does that mean?

the pipe size for the optional pipe (Drain) will be the size of the steel pipe

the quantities for the basic bid items will be for the steel pipe size

The size of pipes on the Plan/Profile & Cross Section sheets will be the size of the steel pipe.
The order of pipe options will be steel, concrete and aluminum. Include Class or Thickness, coating and End treatment, left and right. HDPE is allowable for use on a case by case basis.
Since the Basic bid item for optional pipe is steel, quantities are calculated based on the steel culvert size. Quantities for the Base Bid Culvert (steel) will be included in the left columns. When the pipe options are 54" & larger or an unique size, then calculate the foundation material, bedding, concrete & riprap quantities and include the quantities in the columns on the right side of the Pipe Options columns. In this example, the difference between the options was the end treatment which resulted in the bedding material to be different. They will be listed for the concrete option on the right.
If hydraulics specifies only one size or pipe material, then list only that size and material in the column. Include Class or Thickness, coating and End treatment, left and right.

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Total up the lengths for each Drain steel option and
In the Culvert Summary Recap, the optional pipe (Drain) will be the size of the steel pipe.

Adding the word “DRAIN” has been accepted by the checkers which makes it clearer for the contractor.
The optional pipe will also be shown in the cost estimate as Drainage Pipe.

| 003010030 | 15 | RELAY PIPE COUPLER |
| 603010040 | 52 | DRAINAGE PIPE 18 IN |
| 603010048 | 1690 | DRAINAGE PIPE 24 IN |
| 603010056 | 357 | DRAINAGE PIPE 30 IN |
| 603010066 | 78 | DRAINAGE PIPE 36 IN |
| 603010176 | 74 | DRAINAGE PIPE ARCH 51 IN |
| 603010522 | 764 | CSP 18 IN 0.064 |
| 603010532 | 50 | CSP 24 IN 0.064 |
| 603010730 | 16 | CSP 120 IN 0.138 |
| 603010955 | 42 | CSPA 21 IN 0.064 |
| 603011148 | 74 | CSPA 60 IN 0.079 |
| 603011720 | 16 | SSPP 120 IN 0.109 |
| 603012610 | 120 | RCP 30 IN CLASS 2 |

Use the bid number for Drainage Pipe
On the Plan & Profile sheets the pipe size for the optional pipe (Drain) will be the size of the steel pipe. It will be designated as DR. or DRAIN in the call out on the plan view.
In the cross sections, the steel pipe size and end treatment will be shown for the optional pipe (Drain). It will be designated as DR. or Drain in the notes.
Measure the cover at the lowest point of the finished grade, typically the shoulder. Measure from the top of the culvert to the top of the subgrade or to the bottom of the flexible (plant mix) pavement. If your roadway is on a superelevation, measure at the lowest point of the super.

Measure at lowest point of shoulder – top of subgrade (below PMS)
Superelevation – lowest point of super
Call out the minimum cover on the plans
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CSP Culverts have a minimum Fill Height of 18”

Height of Cover (minimum)
The minimum cover controls the material of the pipe

2 3/8” x 1/8” Corrugations (©, ©)
Welded or Lock-Seam Steel Pipe

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* Minimum fill height is measured from the top of the pipe to the top of the rigid pavement or to the bottom of the flexible (plant mix) pavement at the lowest point of the paved portion of the cross section.

** This class of pipe should not be used for the size noted for minimum cover designs.
So now let’s talk about Approach Culverts
• Approach pipes will not receive any coating unless specifically recommended.
• All new drainage approach culverts must be at least 18” in diameter. Equivalent arch pipes may be used.
• Approach pipes located outside of our R/W can be whatever the owner wishes
• Locate the entire road approach culvert including end treatment outside the clear zone where practical.
If you can locate the pipe out of the clear zone, then a RACET will need to be used. CMP RACETs are available for 15”, 18”, 24” and 30” diameters pipes. RCP RACETs are available for 15”, 18” and 24” diameters pipes.
Place culvert so it lines up with the ditch upstream and downstream for positive flow.

May have to modify ditch to line up.
Modifying the ditches to line up with the approach culvert

The next two stations ahead on line need to have their ditches modified so it lines up with the culvert and station back on line.
At approaches, measure the cover from the top of the pipe to the top of the subgrade or to the bottom of the flexible (plant mix) pavement. If you don’t have plant mix, than measure to the top of the subgrade.
The Road Designer is responsible for selecting the correct material based on cover.
For approach culverts only, CSP pipes have a minimum height of 12". Otherwise, a concrete pipe is the next option. Based on the cover for a concrete pipe, be sure to specify the Class of concrete in the summary table.
Approach pipes have options as well.

HDPE can be used but requires 24” minimum cover.

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Approach pipes have options as well.
Approach pipes can be listed with options as long as they meet cover requirements for all options.
HDPE pipe requires 24” cover.
There have been jobs when there has been a shortage of 18” culvert pipe, due to miscalculation of approach pipe lengths.

Lengths of the approach pipes are based on the fill slope and the amount of cover.
Example of Pipe Length Calculation

Given: Standard 24' approach
2.5 ft. of fill
0.60' CAC,
4:1 slopes at pipe
18" CSP
FETS on both ends
Find the drop from point of shoulder to edge of CAC

Since the cover is measured to the top of the subgrade at point of shoulder, we need to determine the drop from point of shoulder to edge of CAC at a 2% slope.
The first thing is to find the difference in width between the edge of the shoulder to the edge of the CAC.
Next we figure the drop from point of shoulder to edge of CAC.
0.60’ CAC plus the new found drop of 0.1 = 0.70’ total drop
Subtract from the cover

Subtract 0.70' from cover to get cover at bottom of subgrade.  
2.5' - 0.70' = 1.8' at a 4:1 slope
The approach pipe length includes the length of the end treatments (FETS).

For an 18” diameter CSP pipe, the FETS length is 31” = 2.58’
This is just one way to solve for the lengths of approach pipe. Although the contractor is supposed to measure before they order the pipes, it is helpful if we can them an accurate length to go from in the first place. Does anyone have questions on that calculation?
The previous calculation was based on a cover equivalent on both ends of the pipe. If the approach pipe is following a ditch with significant grade, which affects the cover on both ends, then the calculation will need to be done for each end.
Irrigation pipes and structures
Irrigation Pipe:

- Require water-tight pipe.

- Identified as IRR. or Siphon in the Culvert Summary Frame.

- Aluminum and steel are typically not options

- Plastic irrigation pipe may be recommended by Hydraulics in some cases

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What is the difference between Irrigation Pipe and standard culvert pipes?
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Irrigation Pipes in the Cross Sections will have:

- flowline and pipe invert elevations provided by the Hydraulics Section
- Irrigation pipe end stations and offsets

- All pipes larger than 54" should show the foundation and granular bedding material in the cross section
Irrigation Siphon Pipe

- call out on plan sheets
- Only show invert and outlet elevations in the cross sections.
- Include “See Detail” note.
Irrigation Siphon Pipe

Hydraulics will provide a detail sheet
Irrigation and drainage channel changes have their own summary frame. Pay attention to how items are being paid for.
……that may include unclassified excavation – channel, wetland soil-salvage and place, streambed material, native fill material, special embankment and erosion control quantities.

* SEE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND DETAILS

# INCLUDED IN THE COST PER CUBIC YARD OF STREAMBED MATERIAL. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

## INCLUDED IN THE COST PER CUBIC YARD OF UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION - CHANNEL. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
Include quantities for irrigation structures in a separate summary frame that may include class general concrete, riprap, rebar, irrigation structure, division boxes, steel flume and remove irrigation structure.

Reinforced Concrete Boxes are shown in the Culvert Summary frame. The Flat Bottom concrete transition structure is paid for in this box.
Now we will cover incorporating Hydraulic Details into our plan set.
Hydraulic Details

- Structural steel plate pipe culverts
- irrigation facilities
- reinforced concrete boxes
- other large culverts
- channel and canal changes
- and other special hydraulic features designed and detailed by the Hydraulics Section
- Hydraulic Data Summary Sheet

Some type of Hydraulic Details you may need to add to the plan set include:
Since the Hydraulics Section does not create their own CPB file for plotting the final plans, the Road Design section is responsible for including the Hydraulic details in the Road Design CPB file.

In order for Road Design to include the Hydraulic details in the Road Design CPB file, a copy of the Hydraulic Cadd files need to be included in the Road Design directory on DMS.
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3. SAVE AS and Rename the file to the Road Design area

Example:
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4889001RDDETHY1.DGN

Open the Hydraulic CADD file just VIEWED
Perform a SAVE AS and Rename the file to the Road Design area
To help keep hydraulic detail files separate from Road Design details, name the file with HY1 in the last 3 digits of the file name.
Hint: Before deleting all of the elements in the file, make a plot of the detail sheet to compare to when finished.
This example to the right shows a reference file from the Road map file is attached. Leave all reference files currently attached to the file.
*You may need to coincidentally reference the Hydraulic CADD detail file to include any notes or title call outs that are included in the sheet view. We encourage the Hydraulic Engineers to include all notes as part of their reference file instead of putting the notes in the detail sheet.

**Also, if the Hydraulic section modifies the locations of the reference files or adds new reference files to their sheets, please notify the Road Designer so they can update their detail file.
5. Rename the reference file to the original Hydraulics file name, using the MTHY: prefix path to obtain the file from DMS.

In this example an additional reference file was attached coincidentally to include the detail titles and notes.
Perform a Save Settings to retain the reference file name changes
The only active element in this file will be the sheet number. Everything else is referenced into the file.
Plot and compare to make sure all of the correct levels, notes and details are displaying.

8. Plot the newly created Road Design version of the detail

Compare with original
- Verify correct levels are turned on
- All of the notes and details are included
9. Finally - Place the newly created file on DMS using the Create Document tool.

This procedure should eliminate problems associated with referencing and retaining any level symbology & gray scaling included in the CADD file created by the Hydraulics Section.
Summary – Part One

Existing Pipes
• Determining lengths, locations and sizes and accurately placing them in plans

Drainage
• Sustained grades, cut to fill transitions and various ditches and how to modify the cross sections to maintain positive flow and provide erosion protection

New Pipes
• Hydraulic Recommendation Reports, placing in Plan/Profile sheets, Cross sections and summary frames
• Calculating lengths and using Geopak tools to determine stations and offsets

Clear Zones
• Concrete edge protection
• Special guards on pipes in the clear zone
• RACETs on approach pipes
Summary – Part Two

Culvert Summary Frame
- Rounding, pipe options and basic bid items
- Measuring cover and using that to determine pipe material

Approach Pipes
- Aligning ditches for better flow
- Calculating lengths based on cover

Irrigation Facilities
- Labeling as IRR. and Siphons
- Including elevations, stations and offsets provided by Hydraulics
- Unique summary frames
  - Irrigation & Drainage Channel Changes
  - Irrigation Structures

Hydraulic Details
- Incorporating them into our Contract Plans Book (CPB)
As Designers, we need to do our best when preparing designs and plans.

We need to design our drainage ditches and place culverts and erosion control devices in a safe, cost effective manner, while being sensitive to the environment.

Our plans need to be complete and accurate to avoid confusion and costly change orders.
Questions?
If you would like a copy of the power point and/or you have questions:
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