

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 1985

TO: Veral Pinkerton, Engineer of Bridge Division
FROM: Norman D. Pumphrey, State Construction Engineer
SUBJECT: Open Parapet Rails

There has been some confusion among field personnel as to when and when not to utilize closed parapet sections on end spans of bridges.

We understand that it is generally left to the discretion of the Engineer to construct the parapet as closed when it is above a bridge end slope which will have no rip rap and is susceptible to erosion.

The confusion would be alleviated or greatly reduced if a note were to be added to the plans near the parapet wall details calling attention to the fact that the parapet may be constructed closed when no rip rap is planned.

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cc: Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations