Using the Railroad Requirements Sheets for Construction Projects Impacting Railroad Right of Way

TxDOT’s Traffic Operations, Bridge, and Construction Divisions, along with the Class 1 railroad companies, have developed Railroad Requirements General Note sheets (Exhibit A & B) that are now required by the railroad companies to be included as part of both:

- Exhibit A and Construction & Maintenance agreements
- PS&E/Exhibit B package

These sheets assist in ensuring that all bidding contractors will be made aware of UPRR, BNSF, & KCS requirements. Although these sheets were developed with the Class 1 railroads, they are also required on projects with shortline railroads due to the generic requirements shown when working on railroad rights-of-way.

There are 2 versions:
- Bridge Related Projects
- Non-Bridge Related Projects

Both versions contain generic, non-project specific information such as Right of Entry, insurance, safety certification requirements, etc. For Bridge Related Projects, demolition guidelines, construction window constraints, and railroad submittal requirements information is also included.

Sheet 1 of the Bridge Related Projects sheets is to be modified by the designer for project specific details (rail survey and fencing) and signed, sealed, and dated by a P.E. All other sheets (Bridge Related and Non-Bridge Related Projects) do not require a P.E. seal.

Completing Sheet 1 of the Railroad Requirements For Bridge Construction:

1. The Table of Top of Rail Profile (top center of sheet) should be filled out completely if rail plan and profile sheets are not included in the Ex A/PS&E. The table may also supplement the data on the rail plan and profile sheets.
2. The Typical Fence on Barrier Detail (top right of sheet) should be modified to show the type of barrier, type of fence, and associated dimensions used on the specific project in question. If a fence is not provided, do not include it in the details.
3. No changes should be made to the rest of the sheet.