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Introduction

The Structure Manual reads "Q and General Layout Sheets have the same drawing number. However, the Q sheet number has a - Q suffix".

Bridge rehabilitation and large or complicated bridge replacement projects often contain a substantial number of drawings. The List of Drawings often requires a sheet by itself. Numbering the bridge plan set with sequential numbers will eliminate confusion when sheets are combined and when there are multiple Q-sheets or no General Lay-Out sheet.

Policy / Guidelines

To eliminate confusion and add clarity in assembling bridge plans, the first drawing in the bridge plans will be the first sequential drawing number for that bridge plan set. We will no longer use the Q suffix.

Closing

This drawing number change should help promote consistency and eliminate drawing number ambiguity.

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