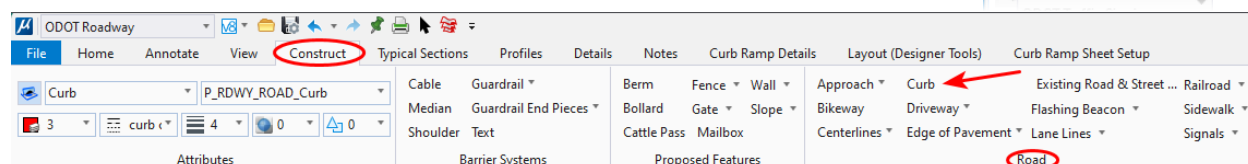# Line Styles

ODOT has many custom line styles for use in multiple discipline-specific products. The best way to access those line styles for use in any ODOT CAD file is to select the correct tool from an ODOT discipline ribbon workflow.

For example, if you want to draw a curb to be constructed, simply select **ODOT Roadway** from the Ribbon Workflow drop down, then select the **Construct** tab. In the **Road** group, select **Curb**.

Note that the active attributes in the above image, including the line style, are all set correctly for drawing a proposed curb line – just by selecting the item from an ODOT discipline ribbon workflow! Every tool on each ODOT discipline ribbon workflow has been created to optimize the ODOT user experience. Tools will select the correct element template that contains ODOT standard attributes including, but not limited to, line style, color, and level, as well as choosing the most appropriate action to perform, such as Place SmartLine.

You can see all the available custom line styles by expanding the line style attribute pick list in the Attributes group on nearly any ribbon tab. There are *many more* line styles available than just the ODOT custom line styles. Custom line styles come from different sources and not all are intended for use in ODOT plan sets; be careful in your choice. The first section in the line style pick list shows **Built-in Styles**, the line styles inside the Bentley product that you are using. The **Custom Styles** section contains ODOT-provided line styles and includes some 3D line styles for your use in learning about the new functionality of the software. **All the ODOT provided custom line styles used in plan sets end with "_V8"** (green rectangle in image to the right). That naming convention is due to the platform that they were created with, and it also serves as a nice indicator of which ones are used to provide ODOT standard symbology.

Remember that *selecting a line style from the attributes drop down does not set any of the other attributes* for you. **The best way to get all the standard attributes for use in ODOT plan sets is to choose the correct tool off the ODOT ribbon workflows.**