

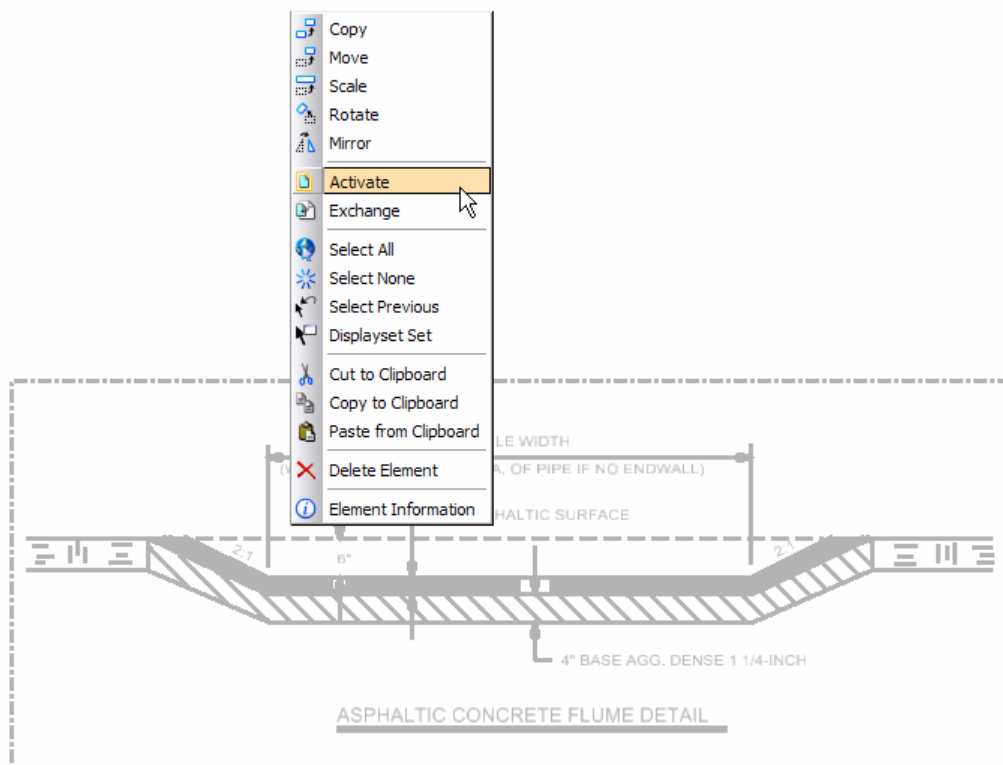


## Activate Reference for Editing

A new powerful enhancement to V8i MicroStation is the ability to edit reference files within the active design file. By simply right clicking a reference element the option will appear to **Activate** the reference which will allow for editing the reference file directly without switching files. Then once the edits are completed the reference can be **Deactivated** from the right click pop up menu.

### Activate Reference for editing

1. Move your cursor to the Reference File Detail and hover over an element.
2. **<R> + hold** to show the pop up menu and select **Activate**.



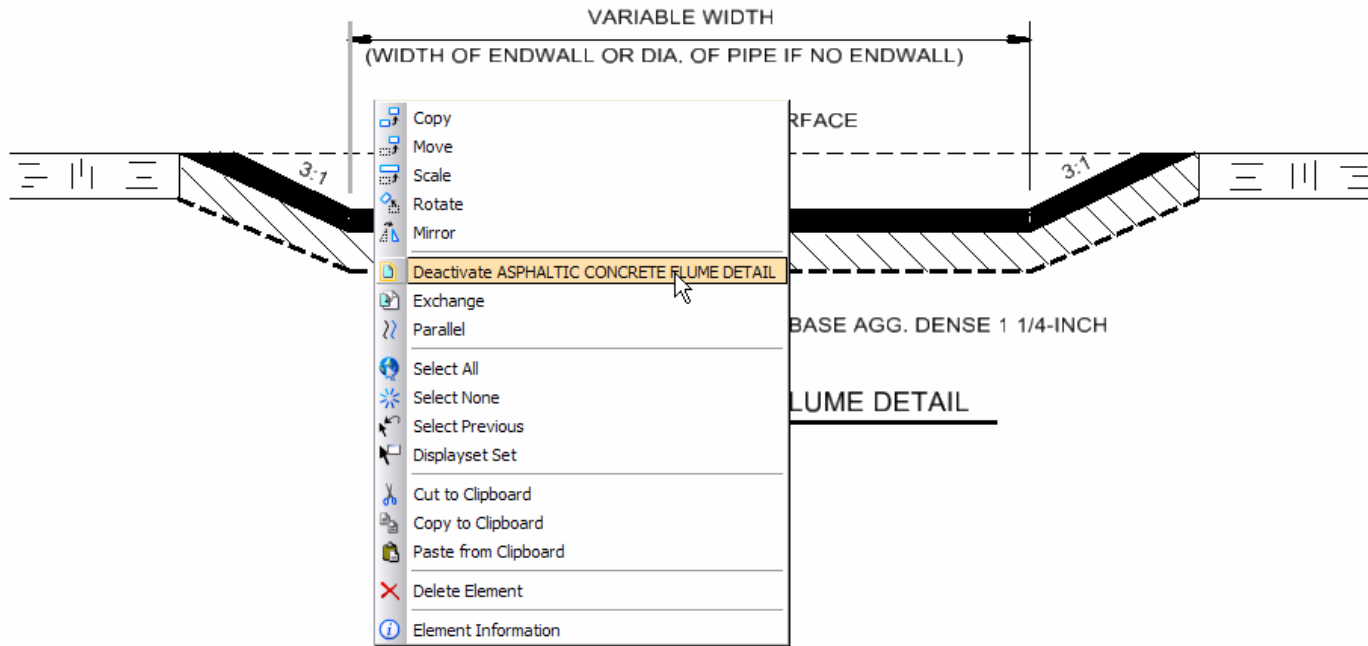
**Note:** Notice how the other reference files are grayed out and not activated and the Reference File Detail is.

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3. Make edits and additions to the Reference File Detail just as you would if it were open as a separate drawing.
4. Move your cursor to the Reference File Detail and hover over an element.
5. **<R> + hold** to show the pop up menu and select **Deactivate**.



**Note:** Notice how the other reference files are black again indicating you can work back in the sheet view.

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