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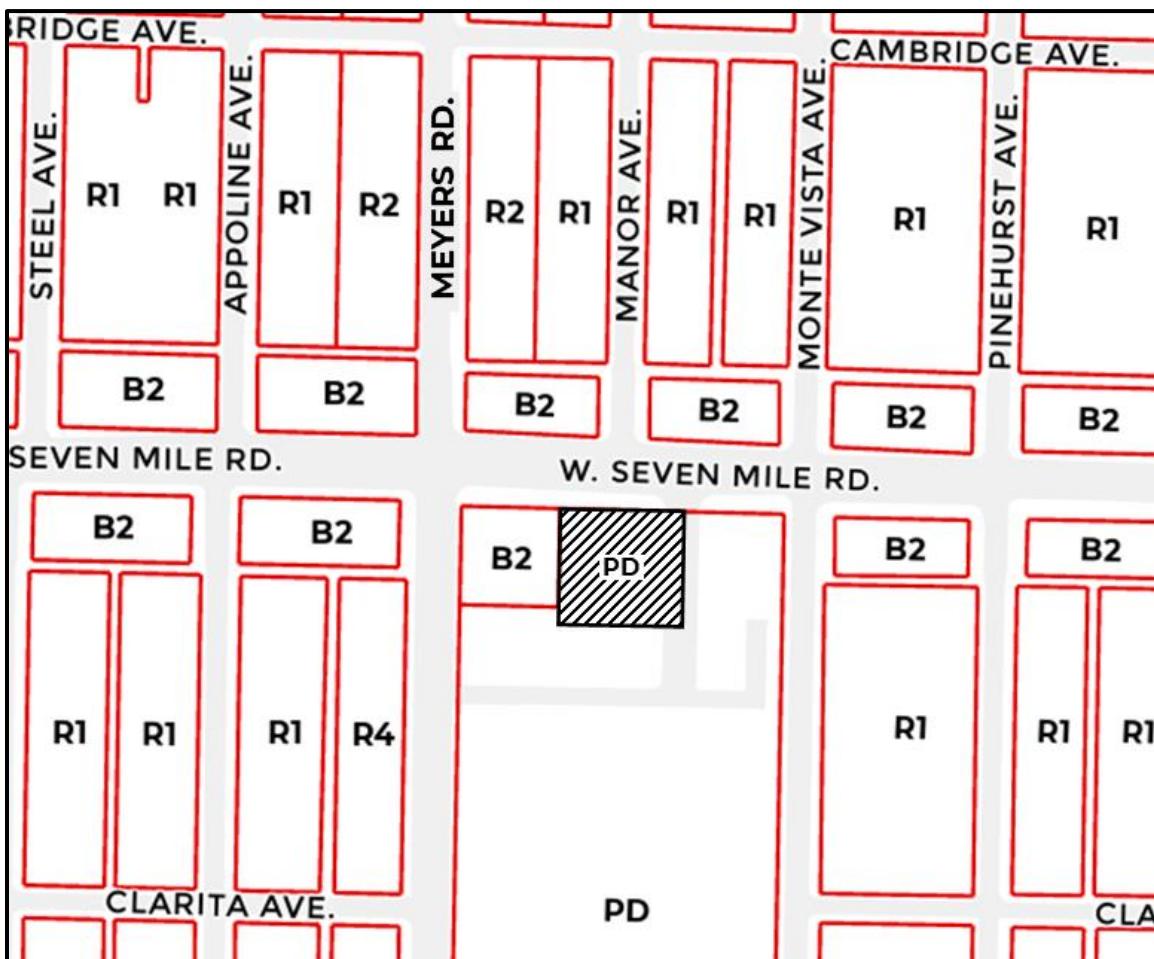
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February 2, 2024

## HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**RE:** Request of Bilal Jawad to modify the plans for an existing PD (Planned Development) zoning district at 10755 West Seven Mile Road between Meyers Road and Monte Vista Street. (**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**)



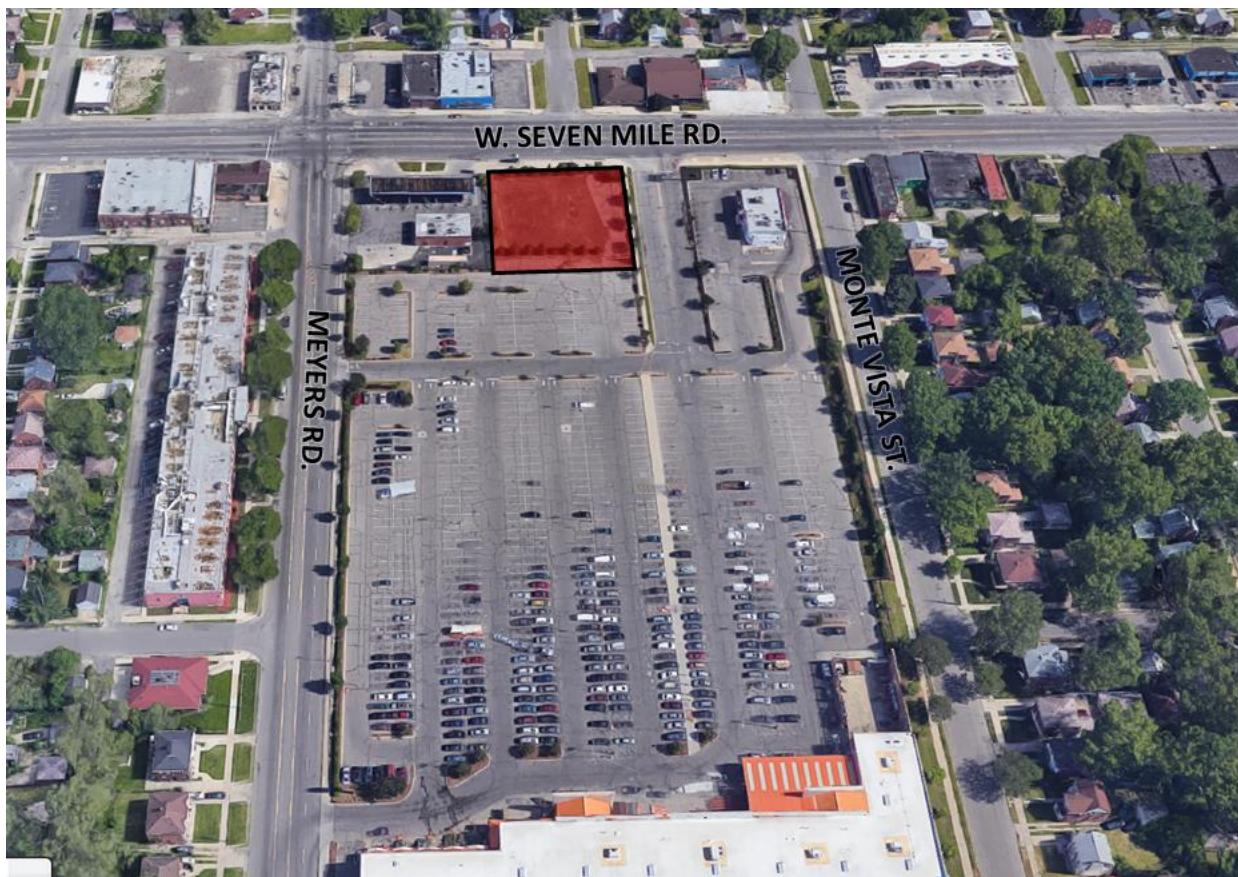
Existing Zoning Map showing subject site and surrounding area

## **BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL**

The City Planning Commission (CPC) has received a request from Bilal Jawad to amend District Map No. 61 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Chapter 50, Zoning, by modifying the plans of an existing PD (Planned Development) zoning district for one parcel at 10755 West Seven Mile Road. The property is located on the south side of Seven Mile between a Mobil gas station and a Checkers restaurant. Home Depot is located directly to the south of the site.

The site is located in City Council District 2 and measures slightly more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. Except for the northwest corner where the gas station is located, the block bounded by Seven Mile, Meyers, Margareta, and Monte Vista was rezoned from B2 (Local Business and Residential) and R6 (High Density Residential) to PD by Ordinance No. 15-97 in 1997 to allow for the development of a Kmart store which was later converted to a Home Depot. Prior to this development, Grace Hospital's northwestern branch was located on the block until it was demolished in the early 1990's.

The applicant owns the gas station next door to the site and it has been owned and operated by his family for decades. He bought the parcel under consideration in 2021 with the intention of building an automated, drive-through-style car wash. It would also offer a subscription service where a monthly fee would cover unlimited washes. Self-serve vacuums would be an additional service available onsite.



*Aerial view of property under consideration*

## CPC MEETINGS

### ***Public Hearing – February 16, 2023***

On February 16, 2023, the CPC held the statutorily mandated public hearing to consider the proposed amendment. Two members of the public spoke, neither was in support or opposition but asked questions and expressed concerns. One letter was received from the Monte Vista Block Club also with questions and concerns. A summary of these follows:

- Too many car washes already in the area
- May increase traffic both during construction and during operation of the business
- Traffic control for entering & exiting business?
- Signage location and size?
- Too much surface parking, why not share with Home Depot?
- Will there be enough room for drying without blocking traffic?

Commissioners also asked a number several questions including:

- Will the development include stormwater mitigation?
- What are similar car washes in the area (with gates)?
- Could the queue to enter the car wash come from Meyers or the gas station?
- Will the development have any sustainable features?

Additionally, two DDOT employees spoke about the existing bus stop in front of the proposed car wash and the infeasibility of moving it to another location.

### ***Response to Questions and Concerns***

While there are several car washes in this area, the proposed car wash would be a more modern type with better traffic flow. The two closest existing car washes are either the type where employees wash the cars by hand or self-serve where the customer washes their own vehicle. An example of the type of car wash that is proposed is the Tommy's Express car wash chain which has metro Detroit locations in Royal Oak (Woodward & Hunter Avenues) and Westland (Ford & Newburgh Roads).

Since the public hearing, the proposed site plan has changed to eliminate the curb cut from Seven Mile Road and instead to have all traffic enter and exit through the Home Depot site, similar to the way that the Checkers restaurant operates. The applicant entered into an agreement with the owners of Home Depot to permit this layout which is part of the reason for the delay in coming back to the City Planning Commission. This change solves the problem of the bus stop location—it does not need to be relocated as all traffic will be utilizing the existing curb cuts. It also simplifies traffic flow by not introducing another entrance/exit onto this block of Seven Mile.

The signage proposed at the site will conform to Chapter 4 of the City Code, Advertising and Signs (informally known as the sign ordinance). Currently, a twenty square foot monument sign is proposed along with several wall signs on the building. While most of the site is paved, much of the space is needed for line-up space for vehicles waiting to enter the car wash. Only three off-street parking spaces are proposed other than the spaces to access the vacuums, which seems adequate without being excessive. The parking requirement for car washes is 2 spaces per 3 employees.

The city's stormwater mitigation regulations are triggered when a proposed project creates or replaces  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre (21,780 square feet) or more of impervious surface. This project is slightly less than that threshold and therefore is not required to manage its stormwater runoff. The applicant is proposing a rain garden on the site where the parking lot will be drained to in order to reduce runoff and slow its entry to the sewer system. Details of the installation are shown on page SP-3 of the attached plans.

Although the proposed car wash will certainly increase traffic in the vicinity, any development at this site will increase traffic somewhat. By using the existing curb cuts instead of establishing new ones, traffic will be more organized and safer for both vehicles and pedestrians. The applicant has explored and considered countless layouts for the site, striving to find the best solution despite several constraints including an existing sewer main that cannot be built over. The fact that the site has remained undeveloped for many years is at least partially due to the difficulties with vehicular access and its small size. While this proposal may not be perfect, it is a workable solution that would bring a new business to the area and provide a service that is not currently offered.

#### ***CPC Recommendation & Action – July 20, 2023***

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning with the recommended conditions.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

#### ***Surrounding Zoning and Land Use***

The zoning classification and land uses surrounding the subject area are as follows:

North:	B2 (Local Business and Residential) – Businesses (dentist, office, dry cleaner)
East:	PD (Planned Development) – Home Depot driveway and Fast-Food Restaurant with drive-through
South:	PD – Home Depot
West:	B2 – Gas Station

#### ***Zoning Ordinance Approval Criteria***

Section 50-3-70 of the Detroit Zoning Ordinance lists eight approval criteria on which zoning map amendments must be based. Following are the relevant criteria with CPC staff's analysis in *italics*:

- Whether the proposed amendment corrects an error or meets the challenge of some changing condition, trend or fact. *The proposed amendment will correct the error of the existing PD site without approved plans associated with it.*
- Whether the proposed amendment will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. *The proposed car wash will provide a needed service to the surrounding community and develop a long-vacant site.*
- Whether the proposed amendment will have significant adverse impacts on other property that is in the vicinity of the subject tract. *Adverse impacts to surrounding properties are not*

*expected. Because the development will use existing curb cuts instead of adding new ones, traffic problems will be mitigated to the extent possible.*

### **PD District Design Criteria**

In addition to the approval criteria for map amendments, Section 50-11-15 of the Zoning Ordinance lists design criteria for the evaluation of Planned Developments. Following are the relevant criteria with CPC staff's analysis in italics:

- Scale, form, massing, and density. Scale, form, massing and density should be appropriate to the nature of the project and relate well to surrounding development. *The scale and massing of the proposed development is consistent with that of surrounding development.*
- Compatibility. The proposed development should be compatible with surrounding development in terms of land use, general appearance and function, and should not adversely affect the value of properties in the immediate vicinity. *The proposed development is compatible with surrounding development—the uses to both sides are also auto-oriented.*
- Circulation. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation facilities should be adequately designed to meet expected demands. Disruption of traffic flow in surrounding areas should be minimized, and truck traffic should be carefully planned and controlled, especially to avoid use of residential streets. *Extensive effort has been made to ensure that circulation for the site is not disruptive to the surrounding area.*

### **Master Plan Consistency**

The subject site is located within the Bagley area of Neighborhood Cluster 10 of the Detroit Master Plan of Policies. The Future Land Use map for this area shows “CRC – Retail Center” for the subject property. The Planning and Development Department (PDD) has reviewed this proposed rezoning and determined that it is generally consistent with the Master Plan. They also suggest that Seven Mile has adequate capacity to handle future development and that the proposed car wash fits with surrounding commercial development.

### **Community Input**

The applicant has consulted with several nearby business owners regarding the proposed development. The proposal was also presented at a District 2 Department of Neighborhoods meeting on February 7, 2023. There were many questions and comments from residents—most revolved around traffic/congestion, number of employees, panhandlers, how often the area would be cleaned, and safety. Kim Tandy, District 2 Manager, stated that the applicant is a good community partner. Also, the MacDowell Community Council has submitted a letter of support which is attached for reference.

## **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

On July 20, 2023, the City Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this PD modification request with the following conditions:

1. That all development must be in accordance with the site plans, elevations, landscape, lighting, and signage plans in the drawings dated 5/28/2023 and prepared by Ziad El-Baba Engineering.
2. That City Planning Commission staff are authorized to review and approve any decorative fence installed and ensure that such fence is similar to the existing fence around the Home Depot property.

3. That City Planning Commission staff are authorized to continue working with the applicant to refine the design of the building in conjunction with Planning & Development's Design Review team.
4. That final site plans, elevations, lighting, landscape, and signage plans be submitted by the developer to the staff of the City Planning Commission for review and approval prior to submitting applications for applicable permits.

Respectfully submitted,

LAUREN HOOD, CHAIRPERSON



Marcell R. Todd, Jr., Director  
Jamie J. Murphy, City Planner

Attachment: Rezoning Ordinance  
Community Support Letter  
PDD Master Plan Interpretation  
Proposed Plans  
Updated District Map 78

cc: Antoine Bryant, Director, PDD  
Karen Gage, PDD  
Greg Moots, PDD  
David Bell, Director, BSEED  
James Foster, BSEED  
Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel  
Bruce Goldman, Law Department  
Daniel Arking, Law Department



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TO: Mr. Marcell Todd, Legislative Policy Division  
FROM: Greg Moots, Planning and Development  
RE: Master Plan Interpretation for **Rezoning**  
DATE: February 8, 2023

**RE: Master Plan of Policies review of the request to modify the PD zoning classification of  
10755 West Seven Mile Road**

Dear Mr. Todd:

Pursuant to the City of Detroit's City Charter (Sections 6-202 and 6-204), the Planning and Development Department's (P&DD) Planning Division submits the following review of the proposed rezonings. The proposed map amendment is at the request of the CPC.

#### **Location**

The proposed site is bounded by 10755 West Seven Mile Road between Meyers Road and Monte Vista Street.

#### **Existing Site Information**

The area is approximately .56 acres in size, and is vacant. It is adjacent to the Home Depot, for which the PD was created.

#### **Surrounding Site Information**

North: B2 – commercial  
East: PD – commercial  
South: PD – commercial  
West: B2 – commercial

#### **Project Proposal**

The rezoning will address a PD rezoning that was never developed per the approved plans and will permit the site to be developed with a proposed car wash, with access from W. Seven Mile Road.

#### **Interpretation**

##### **Impact on Surrounding Land Use**

The development of site as a car wash will generally fit into the surrounding commercial developments, with another auto use adjacent. There is a large commercial development immediately adjacent.

### Impact on Transportation

West Seven Mile Road is designated as a Major Thoroughfare in the Master Plan. It contains adequate capacity to handle future developments. The driveway can also be accessed by heading south on Manor Street.

### **Master Plan Interpretation**

The site is designated Retail Center (CRC) in the Master Plan's Bagley neighborhood. These areas are "... auto-oriented ... commercial sites featuring a clustering of retail establishments adjacent to large parking areas. These centers are designed to be accessed primarily by automobiles. Provisions are to be made to accommodate access by pedestrians and transit such as walkways or bus bays. Auto-Oriented Retail Centers may include large retailers or supermarkets as anchor stores.". The proposed auto-wash use is generally **consistent** with this classification.

Respectfully Submitted,



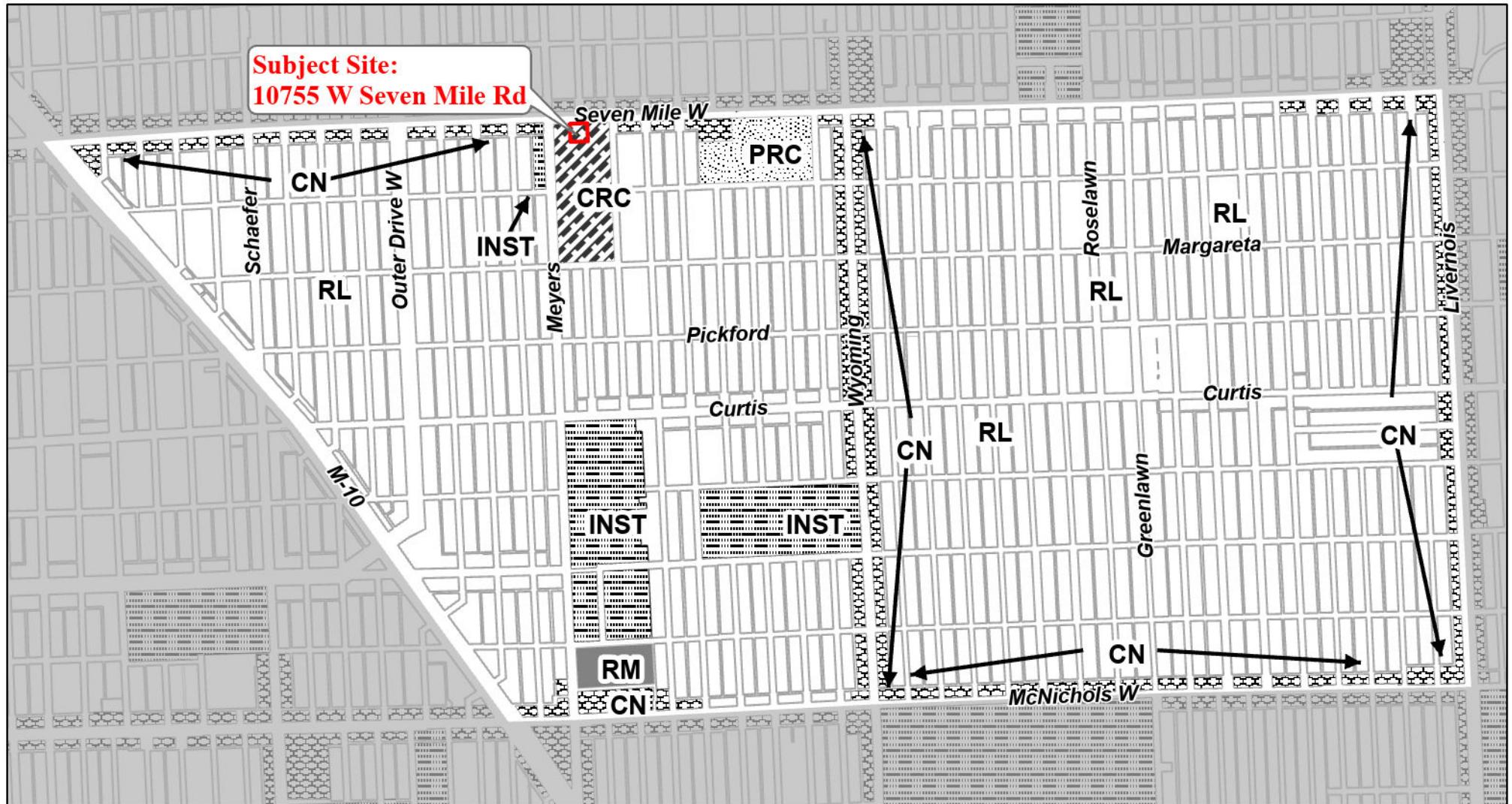
Gregory Moots

Planning and Development Department

### Attachments

**Future General Land Use Map:** Map 10-1B, Neighborhood Cluster 10, Bagley

CC: Karen Gage  
Antoine Bryant, Director



Map 10-1B

City of Detroit  
Master Plan of  
Policies

## Neighborhood Cluster 10 Bagley



### Future Land Use

Low Density Residential (RL)	Distribution / Port Industrial (IDP)
Low / Medium Density Residential (RLM)	Mixed - Residential / Commercial (MRC)
Medium Density Residential (RM)	Mixed - Residential / Industrial (MRI)
High Density Residential (RH)	Mixed - Town Center (MTC)
Major Commercial (CM)	Recreation (PRC)
Retail Center (CRC)	Regional Park (PR)
Neighborhood Commercial (CN)	Private Marina (PRM)
Thoroughfare Commercial (CT)	Airport (AP)
Special Commercial (CS)	Cemetery (CEM)
General Industrial (IG)	Institutional (INST)
Light Industrial (IL)	



## **SUMMARY**

This ordinance amends Chapter 50 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Zoning*, by amending Article XVII, *Zoning District Maps*, Section 50-17-63, *District Map No. 61*, to modify an existing PD Planned Development District established by Ordinance 15-97, but only for the property commonly known as 10755 West Seven Mile Road.

**1 BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

2           **AN ORDINANCE** to amend Chapter 50 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Zoning*, by  
3 amending Article XVII, *Zoning District Maps*, Section 50-17-63, *District Map No. 61*, to modify  
4 an existing PD Planned Development District established by Ordinance 15-97, but only for the  
5 property commonly known as 10755 West Seven Mile Road.

**6 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:**

**7           Section 1.** Chapter 50 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Zoning*, Article XVII, *Zoning District*

**8       Maps**, Section 50-17-63, *District Map No. 61*, is amended as follows:

## **CHAPTER 50. ZONING**

## **ARTICLE XVII. ZONING DISTRICT MAPS**

**11 Sec. 50-17-63. District Map No. 61.**

12 For the property commonly known as 10755 West Seven Mile Road, and identified more  
13 specifically as:

S SEVEN MILE W ALL OF 9 THRU 11; PT OF 8, 19, 20, 69 & 70 THAT PT OF VAC  
MANOR AVE (60 FT WD) & VAC ALLEY ADJ MARYGROVE MANOR SUB L61 P67  
PLATS, WCR 16/413 ALL DESC AS COMM AT INTSEC OF S LINE OF W SEVEN MILE  
RD (WIDTH VARIES) & W LINE MONTE VISTA (60 FT WD) TH S 89D 01M 30S W  
187.73 FT TO POB, TH S 01D 30M 07S E 160 FT; TH S 89D 01M 30S W 153 FT; TH N  
01D 30M 07S W 160 FT; TH N 89D 01M 30S E 153 FT TO POB 16/413 0.56 AC OR 24,479  
SQ FT

21 the existing PD Planned Development District established by Ordinance 15-97 is revised to replace  
22 the original development regulations with the conditions set forth herein:

- 1       (1) That all development must be in accordance with the site plans, elevations, landscape,  
2       lighting, and signage plans in the drawings dated 5/28/2023 and prepared by Ziad El-Baba  
3       Engineering.
- 4       (2) That City Planning Commission staff are authorized to review and approve any decorative  
5       fence installed and ensure that such fence is similar to the existing fence around the Home  
6       Depot property located in and subject to the existing PD Planning District established by  
7       Ordinance 15-97.
- 8       (3) That City Planning Commission staff are authorized to continue working with the applicant  
9       to refine the design of the building in conjunction with Planning & Development's Design  
10      Review team.
- 11      (4) That final site plans, elevations, lighting, landscape, and signage plans will be submitted  
12      by the developer to the staff of the City Planning Commission for review and approval  
13      prior to submitting applications for applicable permits.

14      **Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are  
15      repealed.

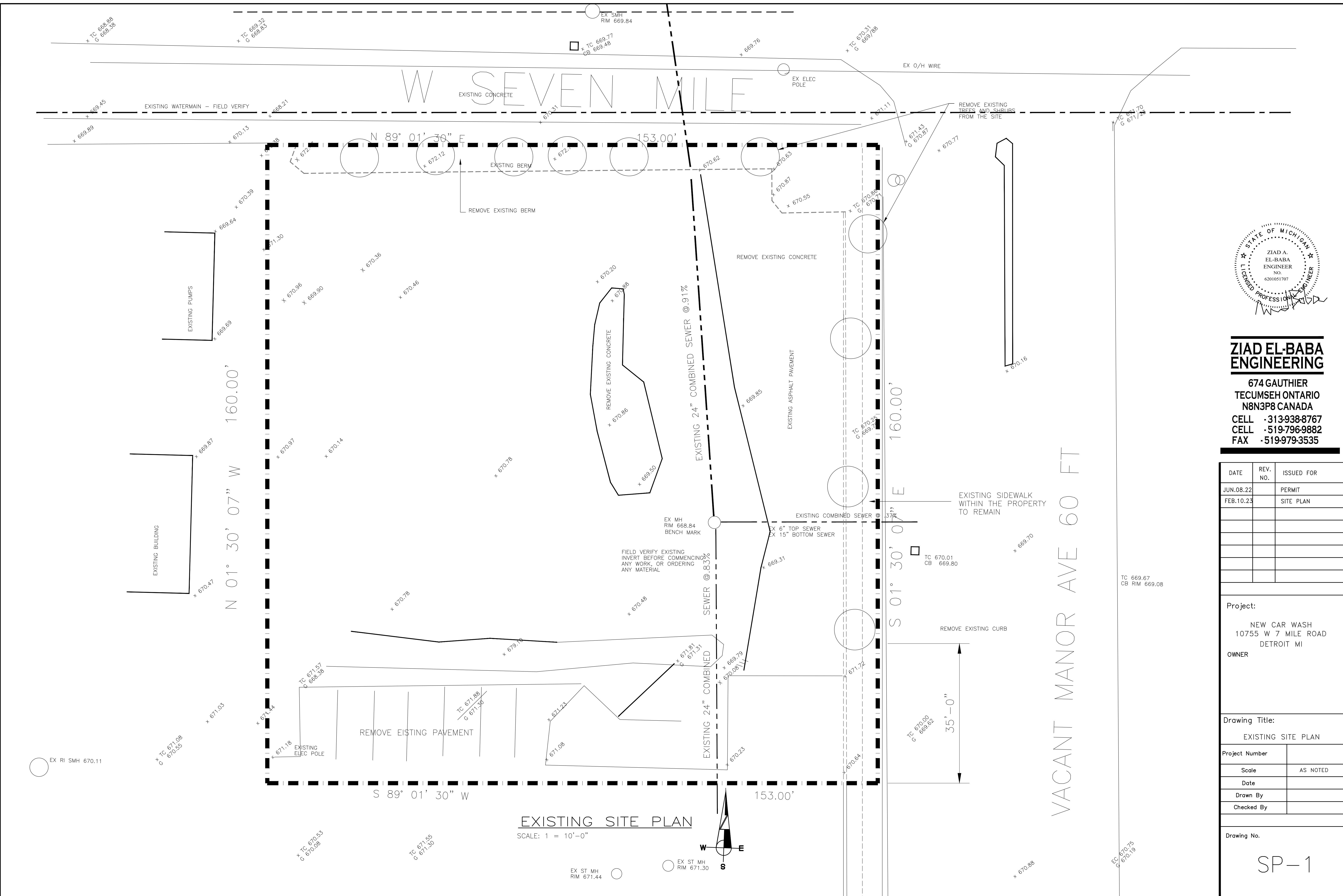
16      **Section 3.** This ordinance is declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
17      health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Detroit.

18      **Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective on the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day after publication  
19      in accordance with Section 401(6) of Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, M.C.L. 125.3401(6)  
20      and Section 4-118, paragraph 3 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

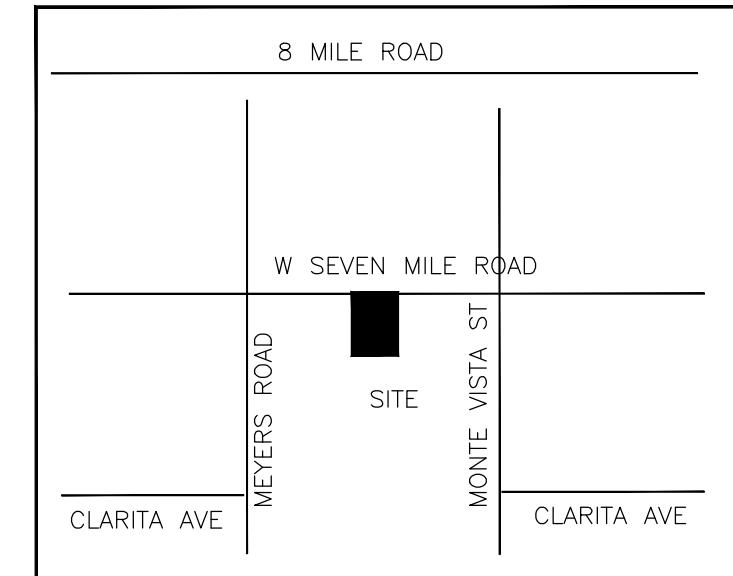
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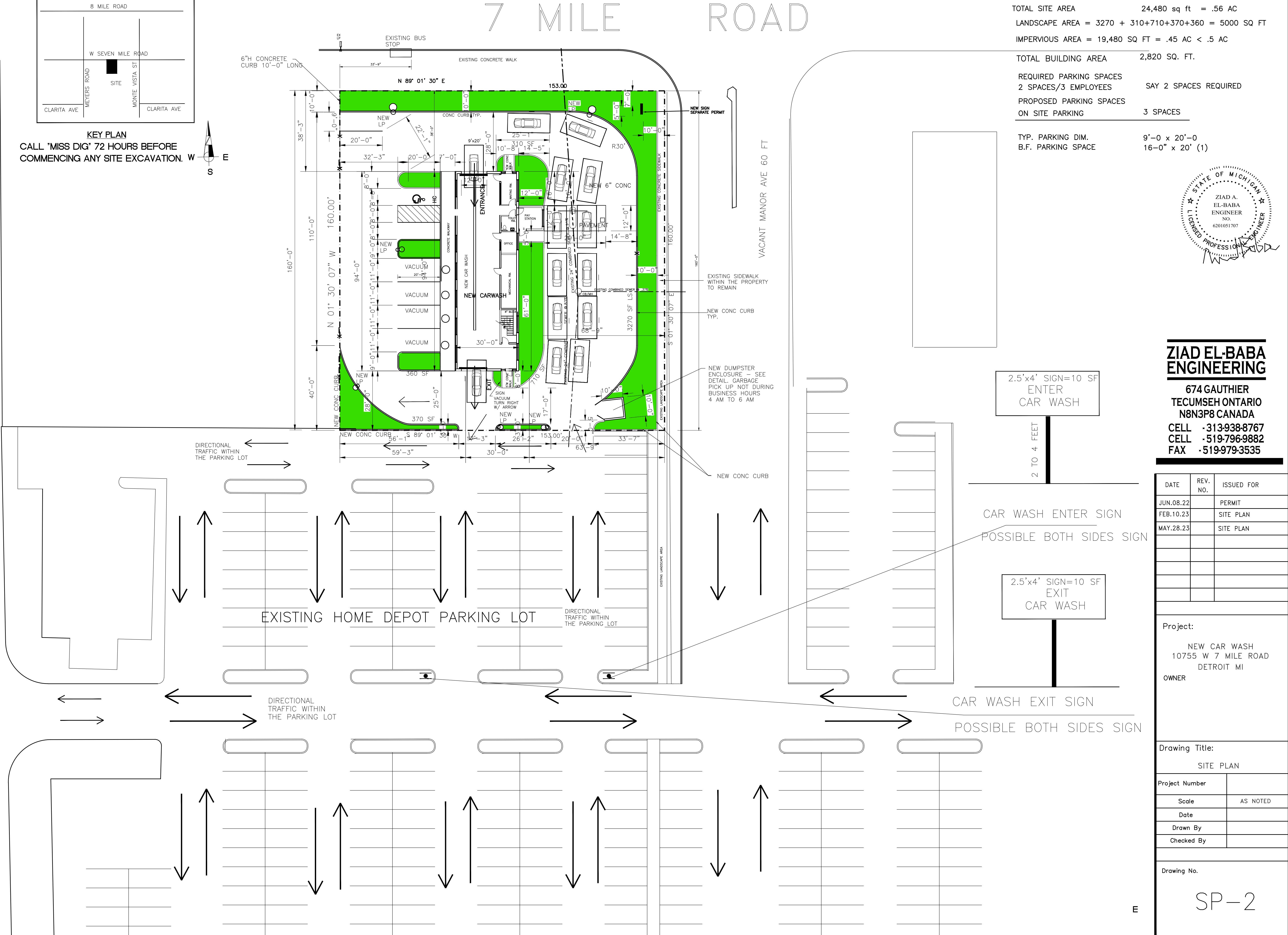
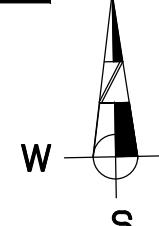
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Corporation Counsel

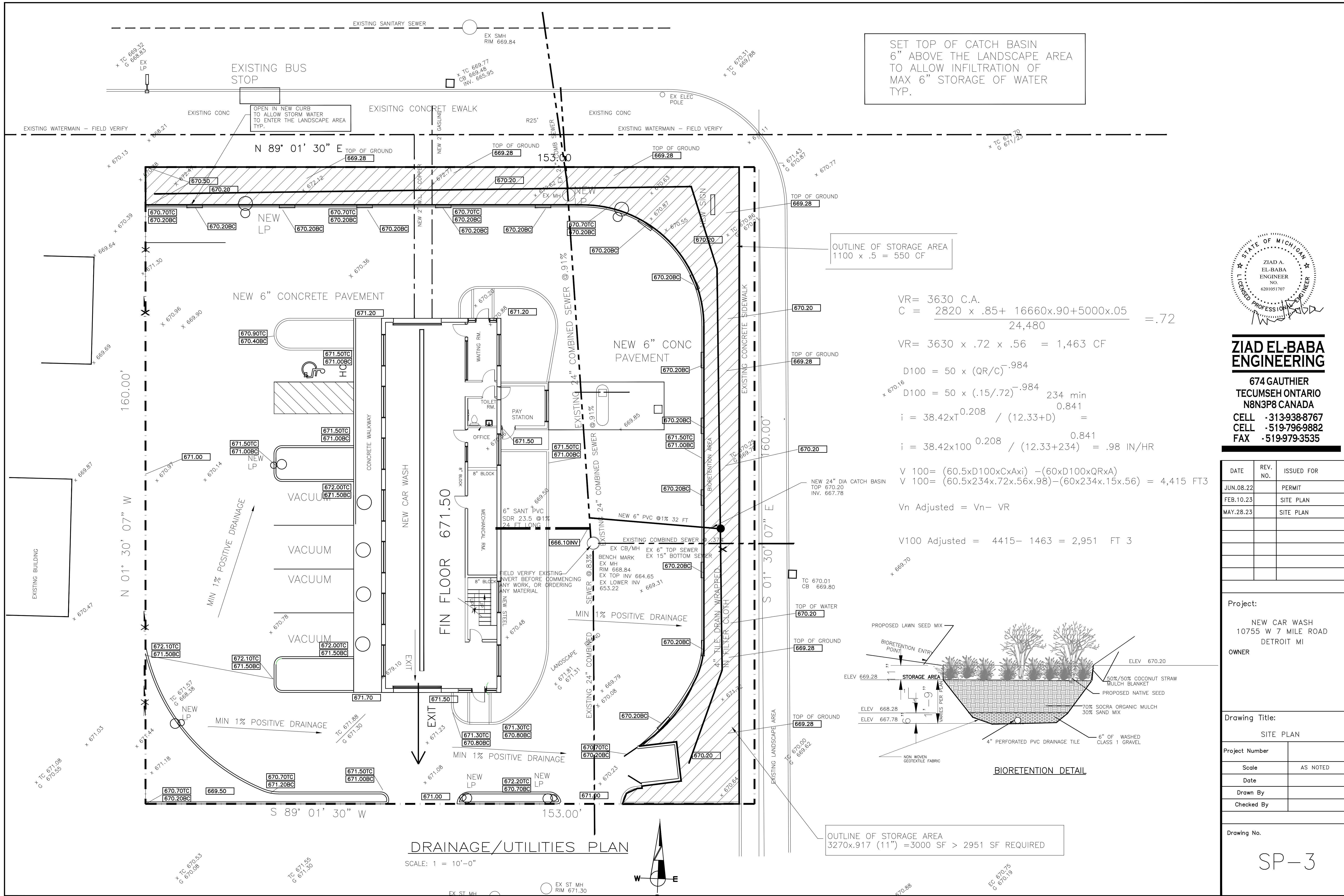


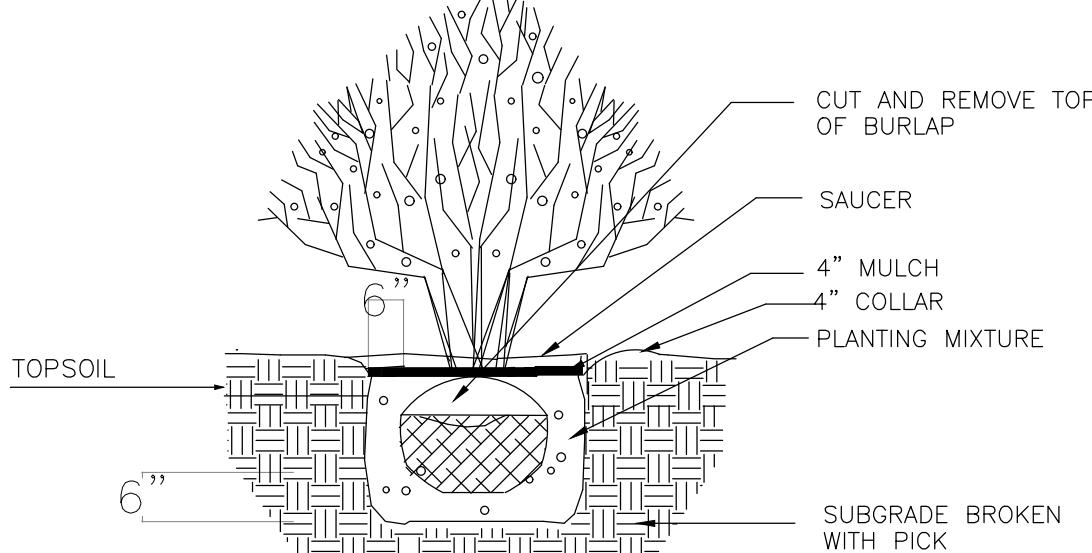
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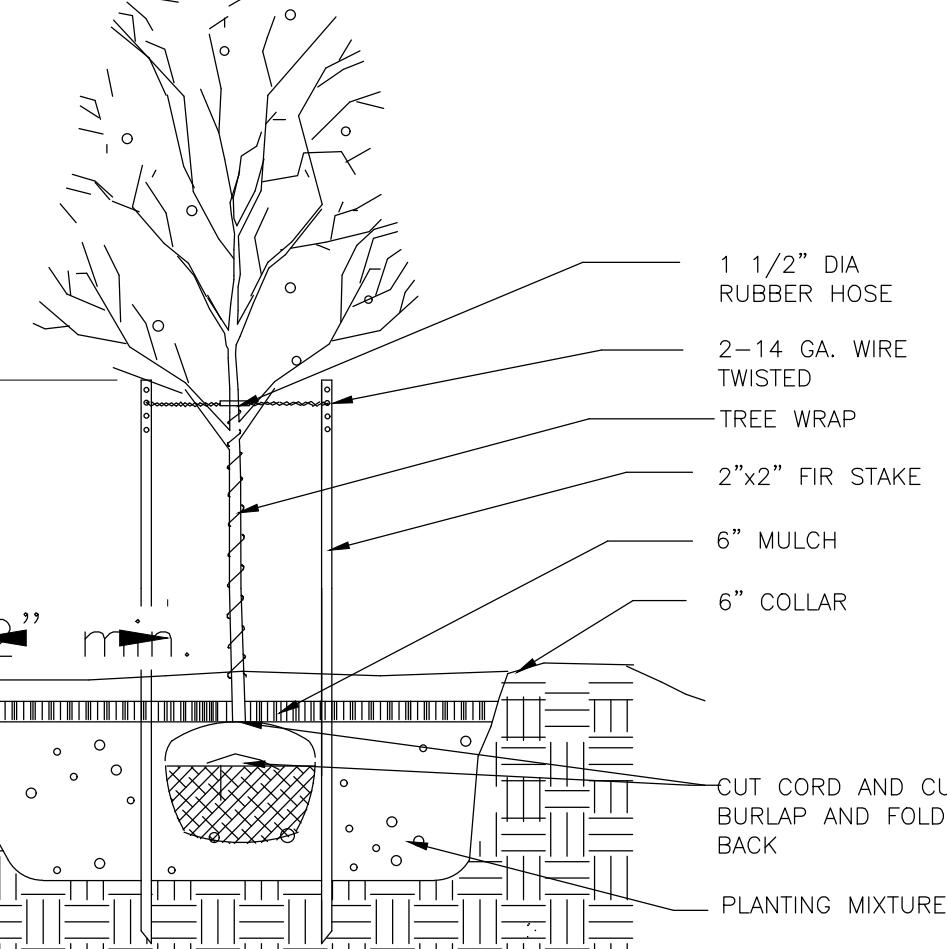
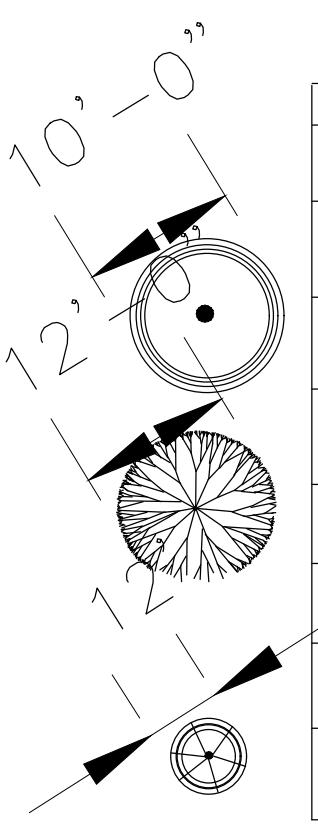


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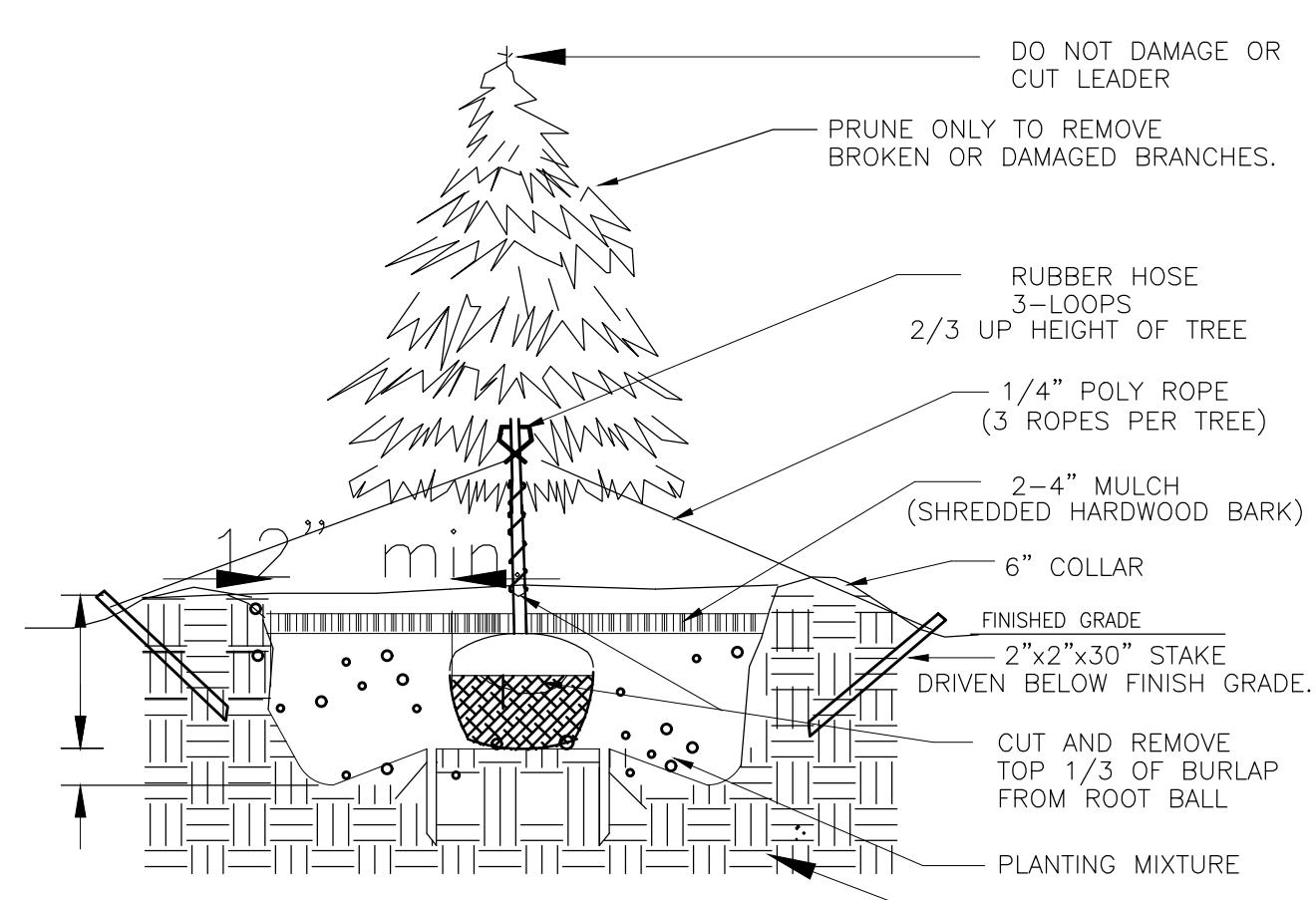
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SB	SERVICEBERRY	●	4" CAL. 7" CLEAR STEM MIN	AMELANCHIER ARBOREA	10
AR	DECIDUOUS ARMSTRONG MAPLE	●	B&B ROOT 3" CALIP. @ 25" C/C	ACER RUBRUM "ARMSTRONG"	1
VB	EASTERN SNOWBALL	●	36" b+b	VIBURNUM OPULUS STERILE	16
RW	EVERGREEN DAWN REDWOOD	●	B&B ROOTS HIGH 2 1/2" CALIP.	ABIES ALBA	8
BS	BLACK EYED SUZAN PERENNIALS	●	30	RUDBECKIA HIRTA	79
SK	SKYROCKET JUNIPER	◎	4.5" HT POT.	JUNIPEROUS V. "SKY ROCKET"	5



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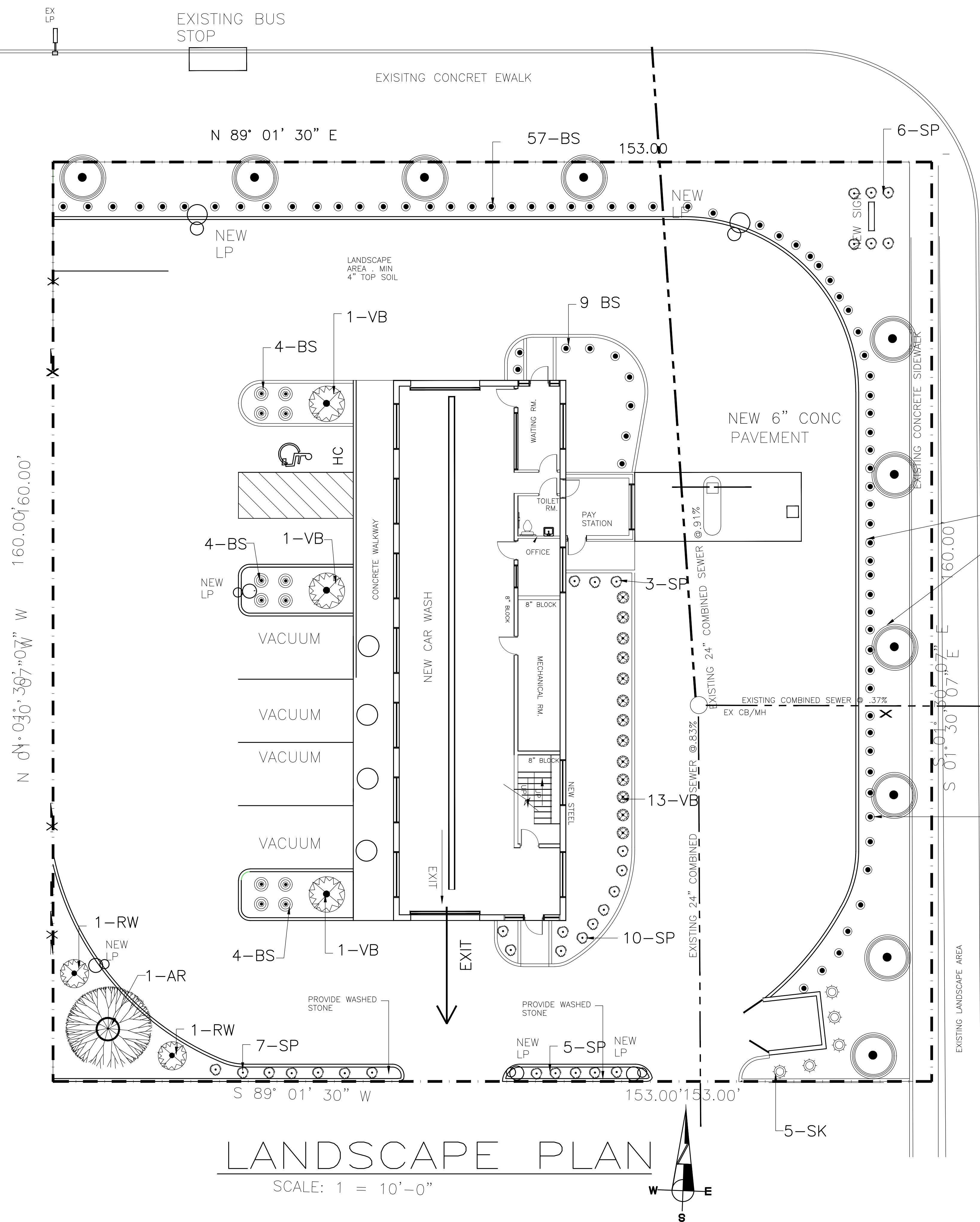
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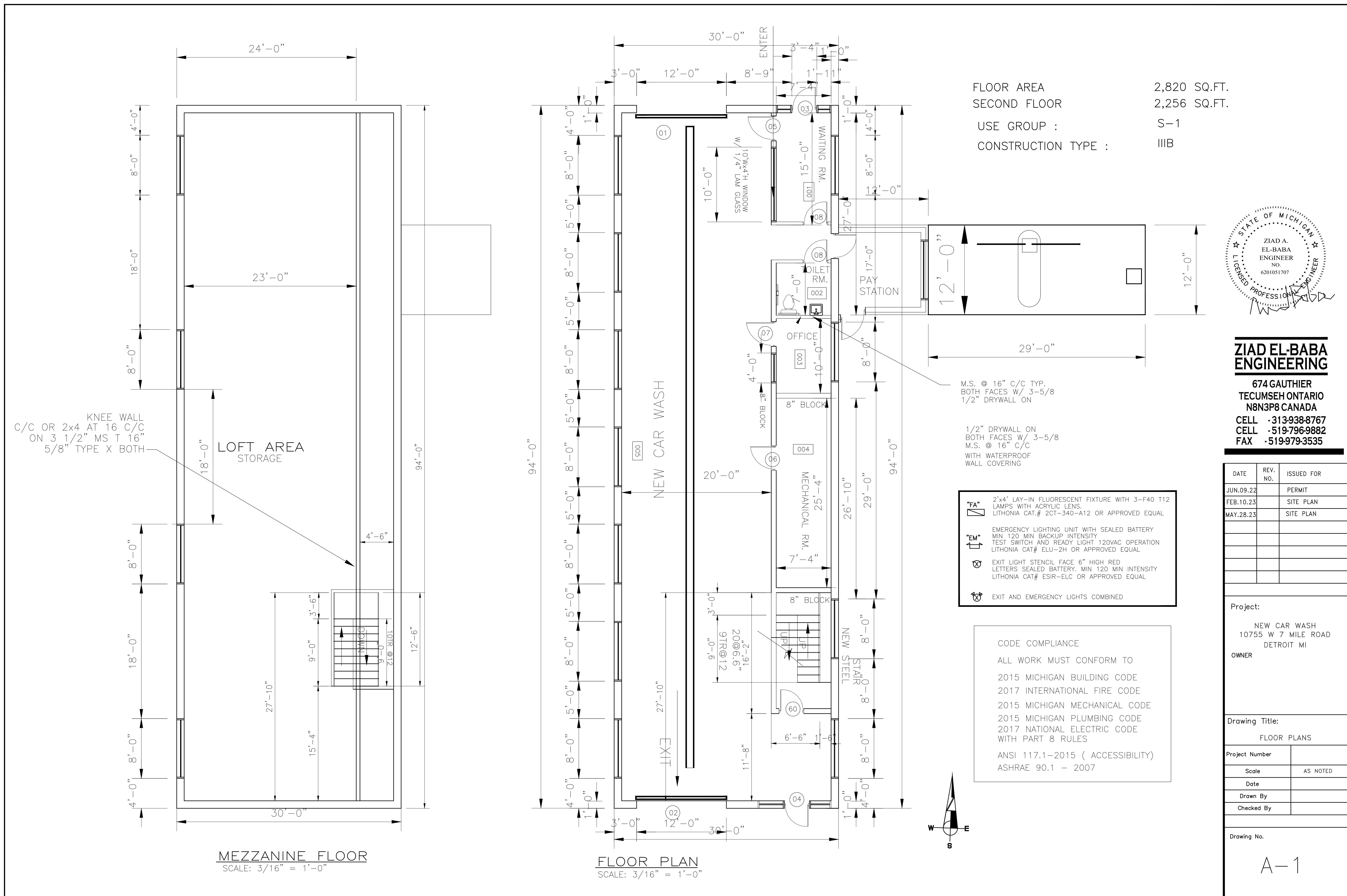


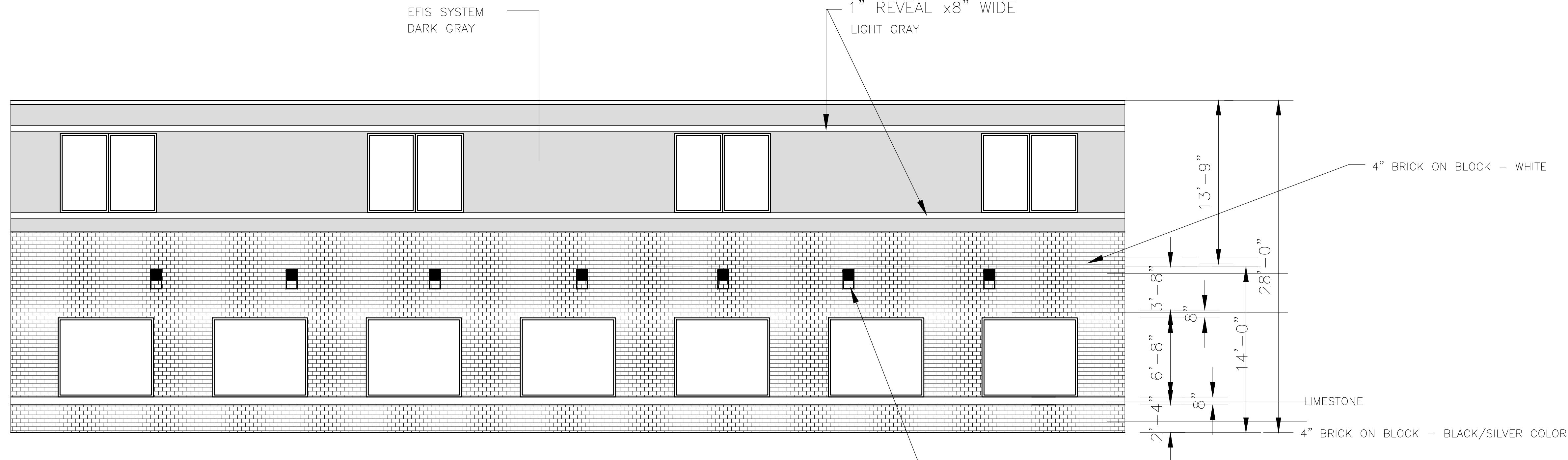
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NOTE: TREE SHALL BEAR SAME RELATION TO FINISH GRADE AS TO BORE TO PREVIOUSLY EXISTING GRADE.







**WEST ELEVATION**

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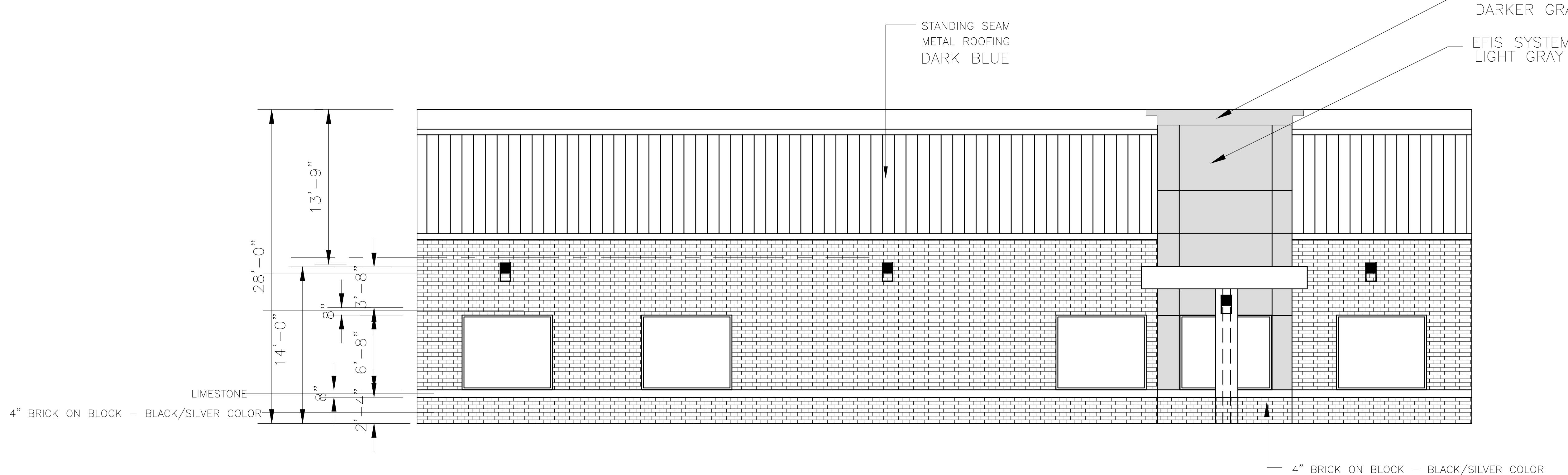
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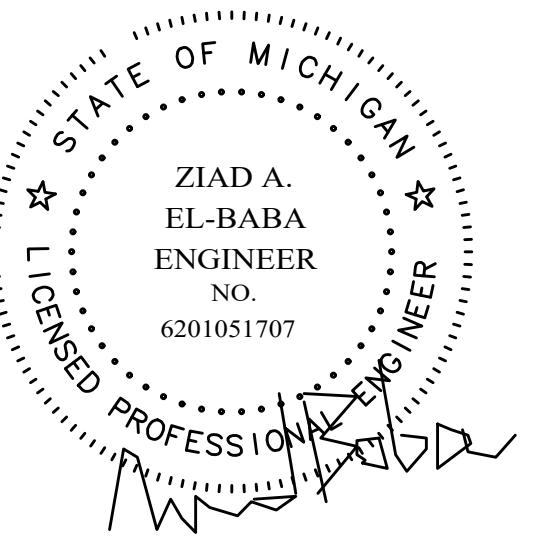
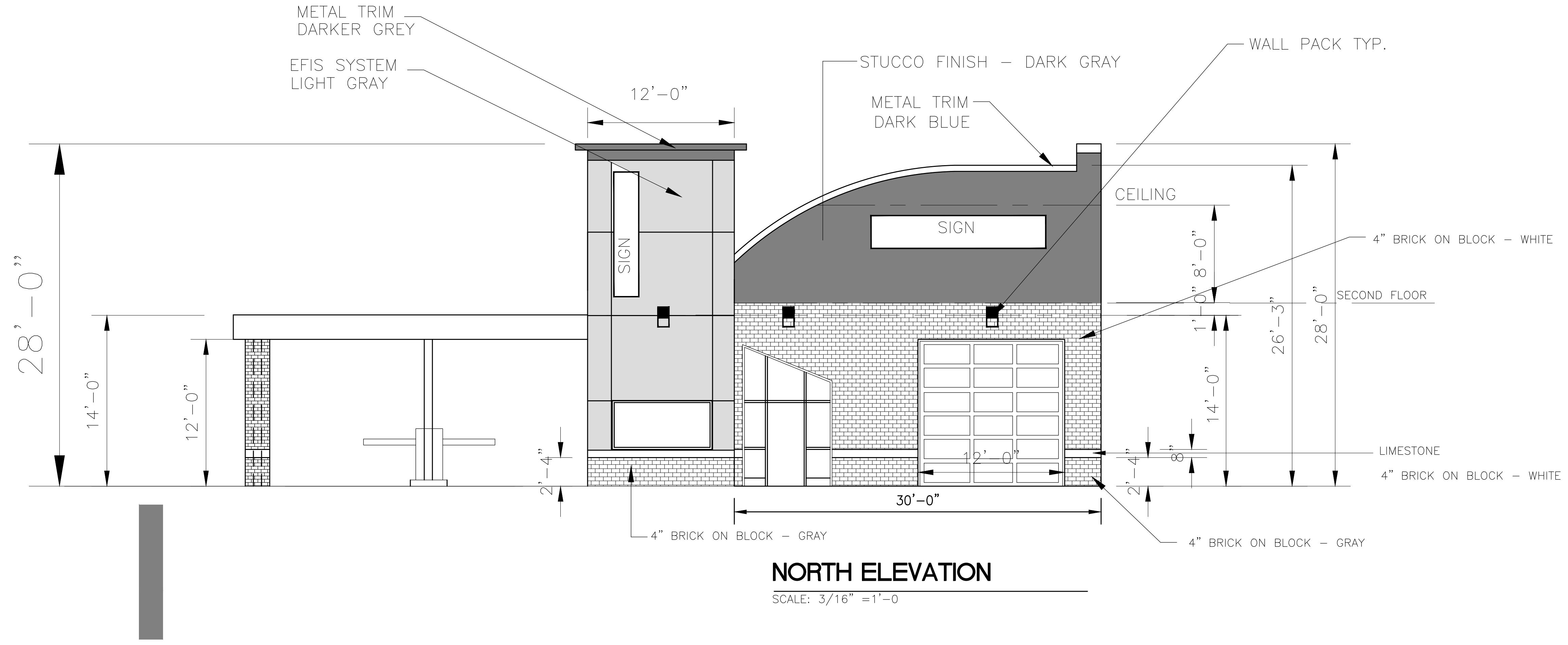
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**EAST ELEVATION**

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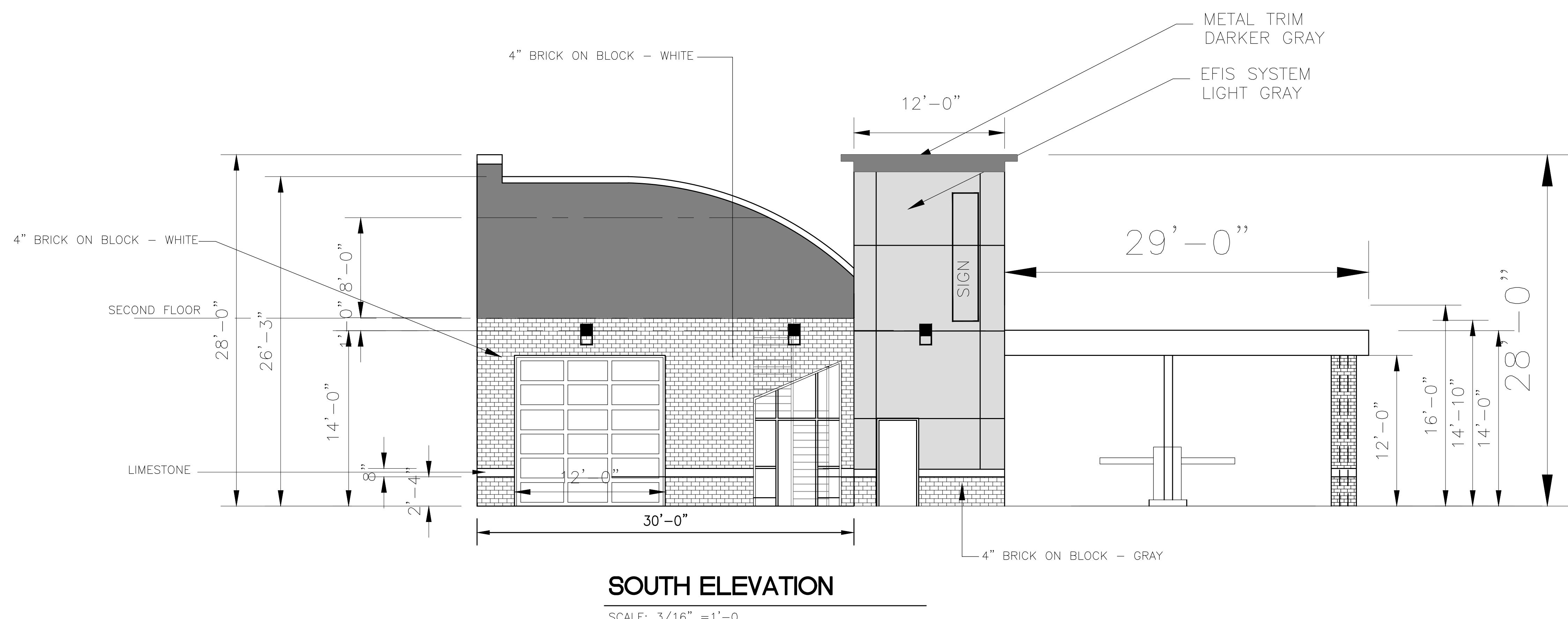
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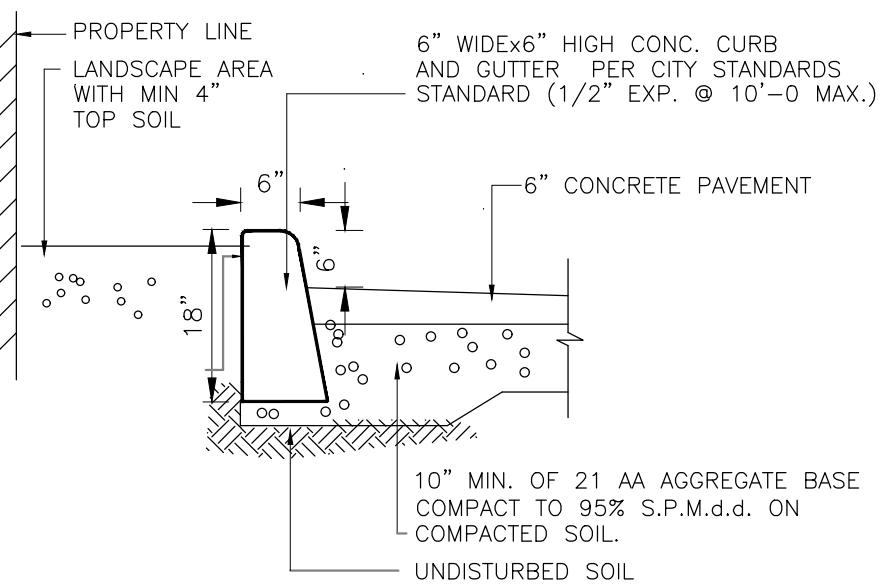
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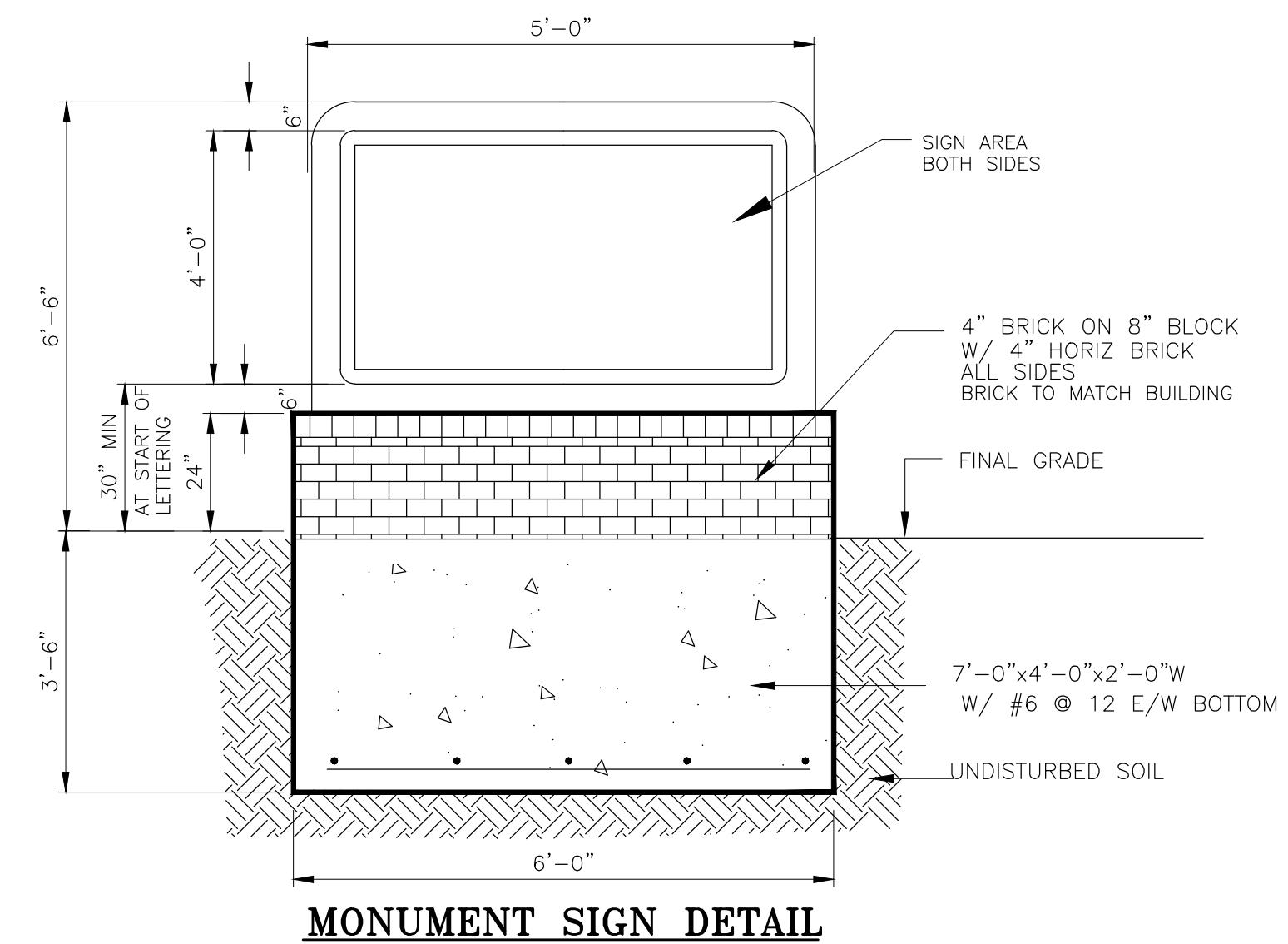
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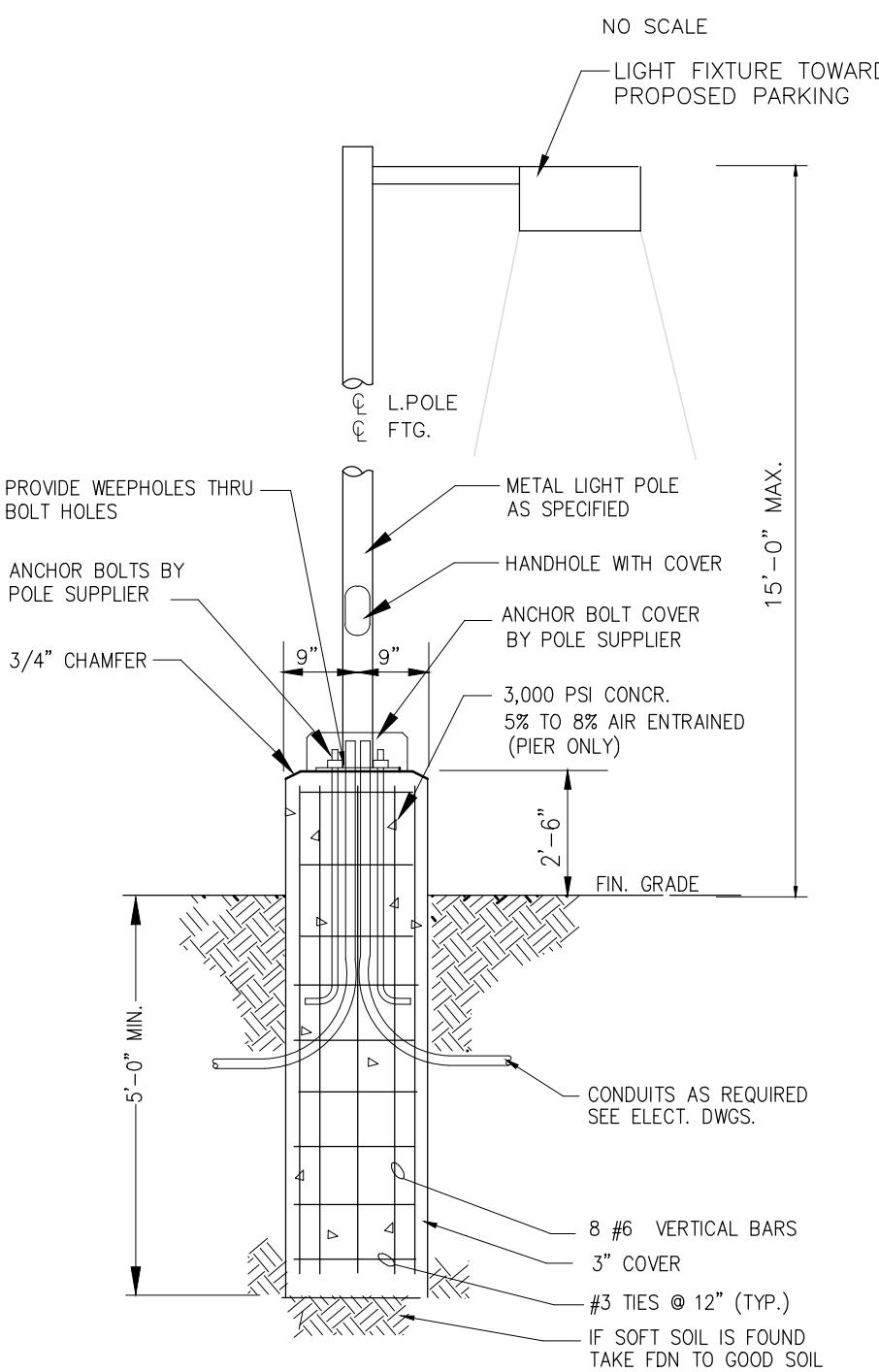




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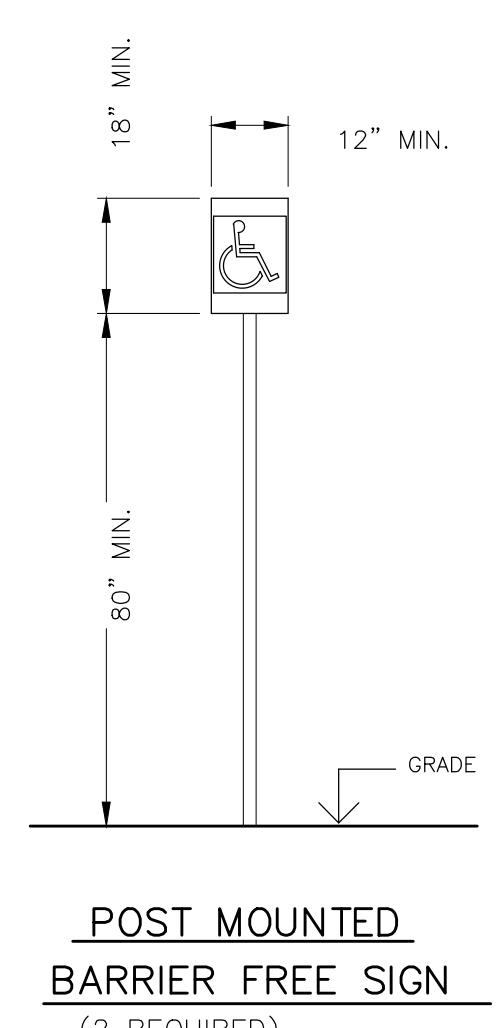
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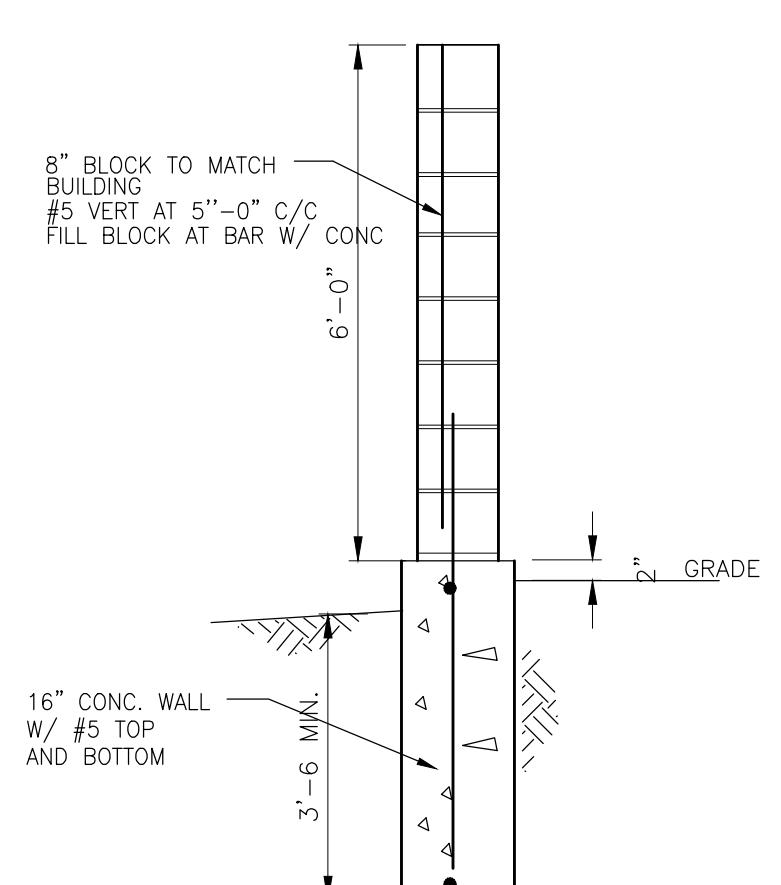
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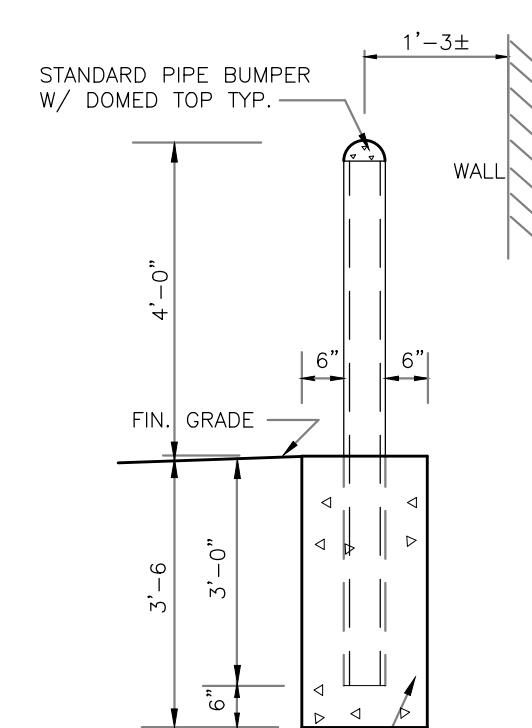
- 1— PARKING LOT LIGHTING POLE LENS  
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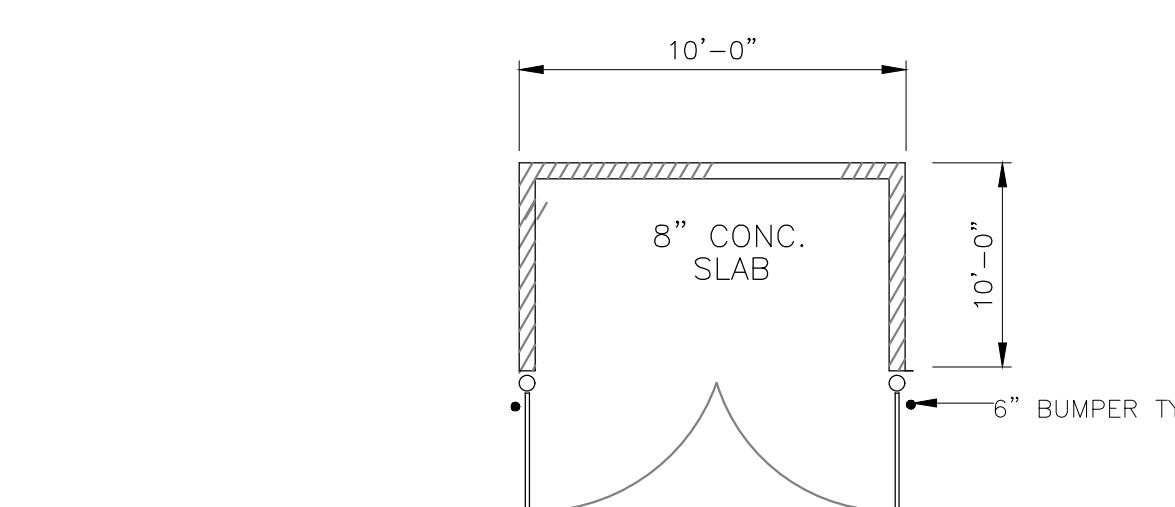
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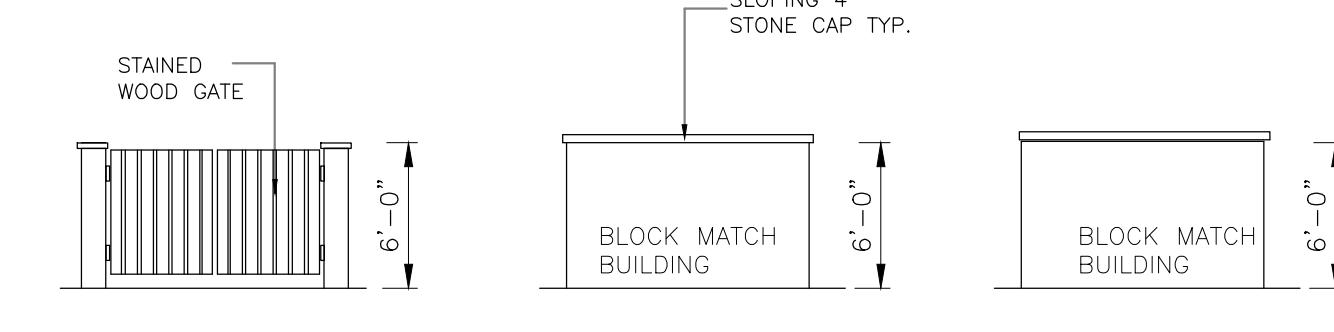


BUMPER POST DETAIL



DUMPSTER PLAN

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## DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE ELEVATIONS

DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE

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From The MacDowell Community Council Inc.

Wednesday June 21st 2023

**To Whom it may concern**

The Mobil Mart located at 10833 West 7 Mile Rd. Detroit MI 48221 is seeking to add a carwash adjacent to its gas station. After attending some of our Monthly Community Meetings and addressing the concerns of the community as well as our Board of Directors and Officer's concerns.

Mr. Bilal Jawad has acknowledged those concerns. The community, our Board and Officers support the construction of the car wash now that the plans have been "adjusted" to have traffic flow inbound and outbound through the south side of The Home Depot parking lot. One of the concerns was additional traffic to an already busy corner.

The new plan alleviates that concern and creates greater opportunities for patrons using the carwash such as pulling over and giving personal detail to our vehicles. The car wash expansion addition, Could potentially create more jobs for more Detroiter's. Mr. Jawad and his family has been a community partner for decades and supports the community and our community groups initiatives.

We the community and the **MacDowell community Council Inc.** Support the new plans for construction of the car wash.

Thank you

**MacDowell Community Council Inc.**

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