Agenda
City of Laurel
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Welcome. . . By your presence in the City Council Chambers, you are participating in the process of representative government. To encourage that participation, the City Council has specified times for citizen comments on its agenda -- once following the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council concerning any brief community announcement not to exceed one minute in duration for any speaker; and again following Items Removed from the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council on any matter of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Citizens may also comment on any item removed from the consent agenda prior to council action, with each speaker limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. If a citizen would like to comment on an agenda item, we ask that you wait until the agenda item is presented to the Council by the Mayor and the public is asked to comment by the Mayor.

Any person who has any question concerning any agenda item may call the City Clerk-Treasurer's office to make an inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Your City government welcomes your interest and hopes you will attend the Laurel City Council meetings often.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Revised Minutes from August 11, 2026.
2. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2026.
3. Approval of Minutes of September 1, 2026.

Correspondence

4. Public Correspondence – Motorized Scooters and Bicycle Safety – Sandi Whitman
5. Fire Monthly Report - August 2026

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

6. Ordinance O26-04

Consent Items

Notice to the Public

The Consent Calendar adopting the printed Recommended Council Action will be enacted with one vote. The Mayor will first ask the Council members if any Council member wishes to remove any item from the Consent Calendar for discussion and consideration. The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually at the end of this Agenda under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar." (See Section 12.) The entire Consent Calendar, with the exception of items removed to be discussed under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar," is then voted upon by roll call under one motion.

7. Approval of Claims entered through September 4, 2026.
8. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/30/2026 totaling $288,085.08.
9. Council Workshop Minutes of February 3, 2026.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

10. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of August 25, 2026.
11. City/County Planning Board Minutes of August 19, 2026.
12. Library Board Minutes of April 14, 2026
13. Library Board Minutes of May 12, 2026
14. Library Board Minutes of June 16, 2026
15. Library Board Minutes of July 7, 2026
16. Laurel Urban Renewal Agency Minutes of August 24, 2026.

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Citizens may address the Council regarding any item of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Comments regarding tonight's agenda items will be accepted under Scheduled Matters. The duration for an individual speaking under Audience Participation is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Scheduled Matters

17. Approval of Micah Lowe, Nicholas Blair, Kevin Geriak, Tristen Barry, Kourtny Rathburn
18. Resolution No. R26-72: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Sub Task Order And All Related Documents For The RRGL Planning Grant Application By And Between The City Of Laurel And Triple Tree Engineering
19. Resolution No. R26-73: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The LURA SE 4th Lighting District Survey & Design By And Between The City Of Laurel And Triple Tree Engineering

20. Resolution No. R26-74: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order With Knife River For The Project Known As The LURA Sidewalks And Lighting Improvements.

21. Resolution No. R26-75: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Water Supply Agreement With CHS Inc.

22. Resolution No. R26-76: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Stormwater Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) With CHS Inc.

23. Resolution No. R26-78: A Resolution Establishing And Increasing Monthly Compensation For Designated Laurel Fire Department Officer Positions

24. Resolution No. R26-79: A Resolution Approving An Increase In Firefighter Call-Out Pay For The City Of Laurel Fire Department.

25. Resolution No. R26-80: A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. R21-57, Terminating Fire Department Drill Pay, And Establishing A Training Pay Rate For Active Volunteer Firefighters

26. Ordinance No. 26-4: An Ordinance Of The City Of Laurel Imposing A Moratorium On Annexation Applications In Order To Evaluate Municipal Infrastructure Capacity, Water System Demands, The Impacts Of Recent Changes In State Law, And The Proper Future Growth Plans For The City Of Laurel.

27. Resolution No. R26-70: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Systems Technology Consultants For Managed Network Services.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

This portion of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Council regarding community announcements. The duration for an individual speaking under Community Announcements is limited to one minute. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.

Council Discussion

Council members may give the City Council a brief report regarding committees or groups in which they are involved.

Mayor Updates

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

The City makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this meeting. Persons needing accommodation must notify the City Clerk's Office to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, please call 406-628-7431, Ext. 2, or write to City Clerk, PO Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044, or present your request at City Hall, 115 West First Street, Laurel, Montana.

Minutes
City of Laurel
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Kris R. Vogele at 06:30 PM on August 11, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Present:Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape
Absent:Sara Naylor
Excused:
Others Present:Brittney Harakal, Kelly Strecker, Kris Vogele

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2026.

Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the City Council Minutes of April 28, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. 7 Council Members voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

2. Fire Monthly Report - July 2026

3. Public Correspondence received before 8.7.2026

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

Consent Items

4. Claims entered through August 7, 2026.

5. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/2/2026 totaling $285,037.14.

Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. 7 Council Members voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

6. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 28, 2026.

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Barb Emineth, 501 Alder Ave, read the attached statement.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel – Expressed appreciation for the recent City Council workshop, committee updates presented to Council, and public budget information provided by the Mayor. She reported on the Laurel CARED court hearing held the previous day, stating that the State indicated it did not intend to seek annexation and intended to pursue eminent domain related to municipal services. She also reported that the State discussed beginning construction in September 2026. She raised questions regarding the State's reliance on the Love's latecomers agreement and whether the existence of utility infrastructure demonstrates sufficient water supply, pressure, or capacity to serve the proposed development.

Jeremy Lovold, 1035 9th Avenue – Requested consideration of an additional camera in the Council Chambers so online viewers could see the full Council and Mayor. He also asked whether the State could use eminent domain to access the City's water system and suggested placing the forensic facility matter on the Council agenda regularly so Council could provide updates and respond to public questions.

Shelly White, 512 Wyoming Avenue – Questioned whether eminent domain could compel the City to provide water capacity if sufficient water is not available. She also raised concerns regarding contracting and procurement associated with the State project and stated that she intended to research how contracts were awarded, whether competitive bidding occurred, and whether relationships existed between decision-makers and contractors.

Janine Coolel, 302 Forest Avenue – Commented regarding the contractor associated with the proposed State facility. She stated that the same contractor appeared to have been identified earlier in the process and expressed concern regarding the contractor-selection process.

Scheduled Matters

7. Motion to allow Council Member Banks to be Absent From the City of Laurel For More Than 10 Days.

Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Council Member Banks to be absent from the City of Laurel for more than 10 days, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. 6 Council Members voted aye. Council Member Banks abstained from the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

8. A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Reschedule City Council Meeting Set On Election Day.

Motion by Council Member Edgmond to approve Resolution No. R26-49, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment or Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. 7 Council Members voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

9. A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Susan B. Swimley And Tara Depuy, Attorneys And Counselors At Law For The Provision Of Legal Services For The City Of Laurel.

Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. Resolution No. R26-50, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no public comment.

It was questioned how the services of Susan B. Swimley and Tara DuPuy would be utilized, how their responsibilities would differ from those of City Attorney Ryan Addis, and which City funds would be used to pay for the additional legal services.

It was clarified that Swimley and DuPuy would work with Attorney Addis and provide specialized land-use expertise related to the proposed State facility, municipal utilities, potential eminent domain, and the City's legal options, including possible participation in litigation. It was further clarified that the need for specialized counsel had become more significant following statements made at the recent court hearing regarding possible eminent domain of City services.

Regarding funding, it was clarified that legal expenses could be paid from the General Fund and, where appropriate, allocated to water or sewer enterprise funds depending upon the nature of the legal work. It was also clarified that MMIA would likely not participate while the City was proactively evaluating its legal options, but coverage could be sought if the State initiated eminent-domain or other legal action involving the City.

A vote was taken on the motion. 7 Council Members voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel – Announced the upcoming farmers market and advised that Laurel CARED was selling raffle tickets to support legal representation and other organizational projects.

Council Discussion

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor Updates

Work on the upcoming City budget is continuing, and the intent was to present the budget during a regular Council meeting rather than hold a special meeting. He stated that final mill figures were being completed and would then be allocated among City cost centers.

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Banks to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 06:55 PM.

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Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

Attest:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Print Name	Adress
Jaime Coole	302 Forrest Ave
Elizabeth Gilg	LAUREL
Shelley White	512 Wyoming Ave
Byrne Manley	1018 7th Ave Laurel
Jeremy Lavold	1035 9th Ave.

Brittney Harakal

From: City Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 10:02 AM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: Fw: Legal Intervention on behalf of Laurel

Public correspondence on agenda item

Kris R. Vogele
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
(406) 628-8456 extension 5501

From: Jennifer Lorenz <jennifer@laurelcared.com>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 7:05 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; cityattorney@laurel.mt.gov <cityattorney@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4B <ward4b@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Legal Intervention on behalf of Laurel

Dear Mayor Vogele and Members of the Laurel City Council,

Over the past several months, I have spent hundreds of hours researching the proposed Montana Forensic Mental Health Facility and the process that brought it to Laurel. Like many others, I attended meetings, reviewed thousands of pages of public records, studied Montana law, asked questions, and listened to the concerns of our community.

Through all of that work, one thing became increasingly clear to me: this lawsuit has never been about whether someone supports or opposes a forensic mental health facility.

It is about whether the State of Montana followed the law.

As Vice President of Laurel CARED, I joined this lawsuit because I believe every Montanan deserves a government that follows the same laws it expects its citizens to follow. When legitimate questions arise about compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the constitutional rights of the public to know and participate, or whether local governments and residents were given meaningful opportunities to be heard, those questions deserve to be answered—not through political debate, but through the judicial system.

That is exactly what this lawsuit seeks to accomplish.

I respectfully ask the City of Laurel to become involved in this action—not because I expect every member of this Council to agree with me about the project itself, but because I hope we can all agree that due process matters.

Throughout this process, I have watched our community become divided over a project that will undoubtedly affect Laurel. Regardless of where someone stands on the facility, every resident deserves confidence that the process was transparent, thorough, and consistent with Montana law. When that

confidence is called into question, seeking judicial review is not an act of obstruction—it is an act of accountability.

I understand there are concerns about the financial cost of litigation, and I respect the Council's responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. However, joining this case does not have to mean making an unlimited financial commitment. The City has legal options that would allow it to protect its interests while carefully managing costs, including seeking a limited intervention to represent the City's unique governmental interests. By intervening, the City can preserve its ability to participate and advocate for Laurel without necessarily assuming the same role or financial obligations as the existing parties. I encourage the Council to discuss those options with the City Attorney before deciding that cost alone should prevent the City from having a voice.

The City has responsibilities that extend beyond its corporate boundaries. Laurel's emergency services, infrastructure, transportation network, businesses, schools, future development, and residents all have the potential to be affected by decisions surrounding this project. Those are municipal interests that no private citizen or organization can fully represent.

By participating in this lawsuit, the City would not be taking a position against the State or even against the proposed facility. Rather, it would be affirming that transparency, meaningful public participation, and lawful governmental processes matter. It would ensure that Laurel's unique interests are represented as these important legal questions are resolved.

This case is bigger than one project.

The court's decision may influence how state agencies engage with local governments and communities across Montana for years to come. It may shape expectations for environmental review, public participation, transparency, and communication on future state projects. Those issues affect every Montana community—not just Laurel.

I have never expected everyone to agree with Laurel CARED. Healthy disagreement is part of democracy. What I do hope we can all agree on is that government functions best when it is transparent, accountable, and willing to have its actions reviewed when legitimate legal questions arise.

I have invested countless hours in this effort because I care deeply about Laurel. I know each of you accepted public office because you care deeply about Laurel as well.

Today, I ask you to authorize the City Attorney to evaluate and pursue the most appropriate form of intervention in this lawsuit. Whether that involves a limited intervention or a broader level of participation, I believe the City should preserve its ability to represent Laurel's interests before the court and ensure its voice is heard.

The rule of law is strongest when it applies equally to everyone.

Thank you for your service, your dedication to our community, and your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Lorenz

Vice President, Laurel CARED



Brittney Harakal

From: Ward 4A
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: FW: Lawsuit

From: Laura Kirschenmann <laurakirschenmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 10:03 AM
To: Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4B <ward4b@laurel.mt.gov>; City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; Civil Attorney <civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Lawsuit

Dear Mayor Vogele and Members of the Laurel City Council,

I respectfully urge you to join the Laurel CARED lawsuit against the State of Montana. I am in no way asking anyone to take a position for or against the proposed forensic mental health facility. Rather, I am asking you to stand up for the rule of law, protect Laurel's interests, and ensure the voices and rights of your residents are represented.

The decision before you is not whether the facility should ultimately be built. The question is whether the City believes that when a project has the potential to significantly affect Laurel, the legal process should be reviewed to ensure it complied with Montana law.

The Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) exists to ensure that state agencies evaluate the environmental, economic, and social impacts of major state actions before making decisions. It also requires meaningful opportunities for public participation so affected communities have a chance to be informed and heard before important decisions are made. The Laurel CARED lawsuit raises questions about whether those requirements were fully met. Those are questions for the courts to decide, but they deserve a full and fair review.

The Montana Constitution reinforces these protections. Article II, Section 8 guarantees the public's right to participate in governmental operations, and Article II, Section 9 guarantees the public's right to know. These are not simply guiding principles—they are constitutional rights intended to ensure transparency, accountability, and public confidence in government.

Some have questioned whether the City should become involved because the proposed facility is located just outside the Laurel city limits. However, the City's interests are not defined solely by its boundaries. If the project has the potential to affect Laurel's residents, emergency services, infrastructure, schools, future planning, businesses, or economic development, then the City has a legitimate interest in ensuring those impacts were properly considered. Community impacts do not stop at the city limits.

Joining this lawsuit is also about ensuring Laurel has a voice. If the City chooses not to participate, it gives up the opportunity to directly advocate for its interests in a case that could influence how state agencies engage with local communities in the future. Regardless of the outcome, this case may help shape how environmental review, public participation, and communication with local governments are handled on future state projects. Laurel deserves a seat at the table.

I also recognize that some may be concerned about the cost of litigation. Fiscal responsibility is important, and every taxpayer dollar should be spent wisely. But fiscal responsibility also means protecting the City's long-term interests.

The question is not simply whether joining the lawsuit has a cost. The question is whether the City can afford not to participate when decisions with potentially lasting impacts on Laurel are being reviewed. The financial cost of participating can be measured. The cost of losing the opportunity to protect Laurel's interests, defend the public's right to participate, and ensure government accountability may be far greater.

Joining this lawsuit does not mean the City is opposing the facility, nor does it mean the City is asking the court to stop the project. It means the City is asking for something much more fundamental: that the State of Montana be held to the same laws, constitutional protections, and public participation requirements that every Montanan is expected to follow.

The City has a responsibility to protect the interests of the people it serves. That responsibility includes standing up for transparency, accountability, and lawful decision-making whenever those principles are called into question.

Laurel is a community that values integrity, civic engagement, and looking out for one another. This is an opportunity to demonstrate those values by ensuring our community has a voice in a legal process that could have lasting effects on our future.

I respectfully ask you to join the Laurel CARED lawsuit—not as a statement for or against the proposed facility, but as a statement that the rule of law matters, constitutional rights matter, and the people of Laurel deserve a government that follows the same laws it asks its citizens to follow.

Please stand up for Laurel. Stand up for transparency. Stand up for public participation. And stand up for the principle that no one—including the State of Montana—is above the law.

Thank you for your service to our community and for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,
Laura Kirschenmann

8/11/2026
Council copy

Barb Emineth 501 Alder Ave.

I am what's called a straight shooter I say what I mean and I mean what I say. It's been said by some that they're scared to criticize the state's behavior regarding the FMHF they plan on building just outside our city limits for fear of retaliation. I feel this way of thinking is unproductive and can result in accepting wrong actions by others. The state in their MEPA analysis seems to have pulled numbers out of a hat with no explanation of how they came to their conclusions, some of which are laughable like the projected money they say will be pumped into our local economy. This is the very behavior which needs to be called out because it can lead to bullying, manipulation, and even blackmail. The first step to combat this is to recognize it. The state also has made a lot of assumptions about laurel's ability to provide the facilities water needs, and I am glad we'll be getting our own assessment of that, something that I believe is needed moving forward anyway. What has happened is not responsible governing. We must not be intimidated by the state or anyone else if we are to remain a sovereign city. As for public input goes anyone following this process so far knows full well we've been expected to do our own research and the state has refused to answer any specific questions about what their plans are despite their claim of transparency when a phone call came into our council meeting early on. If we go along to get along on these issues I think it will send a message that MEPA doesn't matter and our voices are easily silenced! I know Laurel C.A.R.E.D. has very good legal representation because I attended the injunction hearing .If and when the city of Laurel decides to have their own legal representation I hope that decision is made not from a place of fear but a place of strength and recognition of when action is taken that is simply wrong. Our state agency's behavior stinks to high heaven and in my opinion needs to be challenged. I've been standing up to bullies since I was a little girl and I learned that if you don't they will run you over without even looking back. If and when the opportunity presents itself I hope you all vote yes to joining this fight. I feel our local government has done a 180 in a short period of time, I am seeing glimpses of true transparency and I thank you for that. Change can be scary but it is sometimes necessary. May you all be courageous in your decisions. Keep up the good work! Thanks for listening yet again!

Barbara A. S. Emineth

Minutes
City of Laurel
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Kris R. Vogele at 06:30 PM on August 25, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Present:Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape
Absent:
Excused:
Others Present:Kris Vogele, Kelly Gauslow, Kelly Strecker, Brittney Harakal, Nancy Schmidt, Matt Wheeler, Jarred Anglin

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2026.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Canape to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Correspondence

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

2. FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Mayor Vogele opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item.

Mayor Vogele opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the Council Chambers.

The Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the attached budget amendments.

Mayor Vogele asked three (3) times if there were any proponents. There were none.

Mayor Vogele asked three (3) times if there were any opponents. There were none.

Mayor Vogele stated that he would not have Staff respond to questions, as there were none.

3. Budget and Tax Resolutions Fiscal Year 26-27

Mayor Vogele opened the public hearing and asked Staff to present the item.

Mayor Vogele opened the floor for public comment and stated that copies of the rules governing the public hearing were posted in the Council Chambers.

The Clerk/Treasurer briefly explained the tax resolutions.

Mayor Vogele briefly explained the attached budget memo.

Mayor Vogele asked if there were any proponents.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, spoke in support of the City assuming responsibility for the Laurel transportation program. He stated that he frequently uses the service, expressed support for the change, and requested that the City consider expanding transportation services. He also expressed interest in serving on or participating with any committee formed to assist with the program.

Mayor Vogele asked again if there were any proponents.

Laura Kirschman, 939 West 4th Street, spoke in support of several items included in the proposed budget. She specifically supported funding for improvements at the fire, ambulance, and police complex, including the ambulance exhaust system and epoxy floor coating, citing safety concerns she observed during a recent tour of the facility. She also expressed support for the proposed floating island project at South Pond.

Mayor Vogele asked a third and final time if there were any proponents. There were no additional proponents.

Mayor Vogele asked if there were any opponents.

Shelly White, 512 Wyoming Avenue, stated that she generally supported the proposed increase in compensation for Fire Department personnel, including the increase in hourly compensation for emergency response and training. She requested that the City also consider compensating firefighters for time spent maintaining fire apparatus and equipment.

Mayor Vogele asked two (2) more times if there were any opponents. There were no additional opponents.

Mayor Vogele stated that he would have Staff respond to questions.

In response to the comments, staff clarified that the ambulance exhaust system and epoxy

coating were included in the capital-project budget and confirmed that the floating island project was also budgeted.

There being no further public comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Consent Items

4. Claims entered through August 21, 2026.

5. Approval of Payroll Register for PPE 8/16/2026 totaling $284,692.19.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. There was no separation of the consent agenda. Motion by Council Member Klose to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

6. Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of August 11, 2026.

7. Laurel Airport Authority Minutes of 7.28.2026.

8. Tree/Park Board Minutes of August 6, 2026.

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Kate Manley, 1018 7th Avenue, Chair of the Laurel Public Library Board, provided an update regarding the Library's participation in the Farmers Market. She stated that the Library had been giving away donated mass-market paperback and children's books and had distributed approximately 760 books. She described the outreach as a positive opportunity to promote Library services and engage with children and families in the community.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, raised concerns regarding ADA accessibility associated with recently constructed sidewalk ramps and detectable warning surfaces. He stated that certain ramp alignments were difficult for him to navigate as a blind pedestrian and requested that the City review the design and ADA compliance of the improvements. The Mayor advised Mr. Mooney that he would work with Public Works and the City's engineers to review the improvements and applicable specifications.

Laura Kirschman, 939 West 4th Street, discussed conditions at the City's fire, ambulance, and police complex following a recent tour of the facility. She encouraged the City to begin long-range planning for a new public safety complex, including evaluation of facility needs, costs, grants and other funding sources, community involvement, and the potential development of a public safety mill levy.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel, provided an update regarding Laurel CARED and pending court proceedings related to the proposed State facility. She discussed concerns regarding documents she believed were omitted from the State's administrative record and advised that a State board meeting was scheduled for the following day. She also requested that the proposed STEAM Park matter be placed on a future City Council agenda to assist with potential grant opportunities.

Scheduled Matters

9. Appointment of Easton McKenzie to the Laurel Emergency Medical Services

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Naylor to approve the Mayor's appointment of Easton McKenzie to the Laurel Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

10. Ordinance No. 26-4: An Ordinance Of The City Of Laurel Imposing A Moratorium On Annexation Applications In Order To Evaluate Municipal Infrastructure Capacity, Water System Demands, The Impacts Of Recent Changes In State Law, And The Proper Future Growth Plans For The City Of Laurel.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Edgmond to adopt Ordinance No. 26-4, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey

Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

11. Resolution No. R26-51: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Amendments To Appropriations And Revenues For The City Of Laurel's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R26-51, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

12. Resolution No. R26-52: A Resolution Approving And Adopting The Final Budget For The City Of Laurel For The Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict.

Council Member McKay disclosed that she had communicated with the Mayor regarding the proposed non-bargaining employee compensation and had also been contacted by a staff member with questions regarding the compensation calculations. Council President Canape disclosed that he had discussed the budget with the Mayor and Council Member Naylor and stated that the additional information provided regarding PERS and the proposed compensation had helped clarify his questions. Council Member Naylor disclosed that she had discussed the budget with Council President Canape and stated that information subsequently provided by the Mayor had addressed the questions she had regarding the calculations.

Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R26-52, seconded by Council Member Wilke.

During Council discussion, Council questioned whether department heads or employees had been consulted regarding the proposed $3,000 lump-sum compensation for non-bargaining employees and how the proposal might affect individual employees. The Mayor stated that department heads and staff had not been consulted specifically regarding the final compensation proposal. He explained that the timing of receipt of the final mill information, staff availability, and the limited time available to complete the budget contributed to the decision-making process. He further explained that the $3,000 lump-sum proposal was developed after reviewing available revenues, departmental requests, capital needs, and other anticipated expenditures.

The Mayor clarified that the comparison between the $3,000 lump-sum payment and a 3% wage increase did not include all employer-related costs associated with a permanent wage increase, including certain benefit, unemployment, workers' compensation, and overtime-related impacts. He stated that a permanent percentage increase would increase the City's recurring wage base, while the proposed lump-sum payment would provide compensation to employees without creating the same ongoing financial obligation. He further stated that the majority of affected employees would receive a greater immediate dollar benefit from the $3,000 payment than from a 3% increase, while acknowledging that some higher-paid employees would receive less than

they would under a percentage-based increase.

Council noted the need for a more comprehensive compensation structure and discussed wage comparisons with similarly situated communities, internal wage relationships, benefits, paid time off, recruitment and retention, and the City's overall compensation package. The Mayor stated that the City does not currently have a formal salary structure and that a wage and compensation review is anticipated during the fiscal year. He also discussed the need to balance employee compensation with capital expenditures, emergency needs, infrastructure, public safety staffing, and long-term financial planning. The Mayor stated that the City's goal is to move toward three-, five-, and ten-year financial and capital planning rather than relying solely on annual budgeting.

Council questioned whether the technology and software improvements identified in the budget could include improvements to Council Chamber cameras and audio equipment. The Mayor stated that staff had already begun reviewing the addition of another camera and the capabilities of the City's existing meeting system. He also discussed the City's broader review of technology needs, including potential use of TDS fiber connections between City facilities and improvements to monitoring, communications, and operational systems. He stated that Council Chamber technology was among the areas being evaluated.

Council also questioned the proposed City Court security improvements, including a panic button and double doors for the courtroom. Staff explained that the proposed doors were intended to provide additional security during court proceedings and could be locked against entry while still allowing individuals inside the courtroom to exit. Police Chief Anglin explained that the proposed panic button would provide the court with a direct means of notifying dispatch of a security concern and that law enforcement personnel would retain access to the courtroom. Council questioned how access would be managed for individuals arriving for court after the doors were secured. Chief Anglin stated that the doors would restrict entry during court proceedings while allowing exit and noted that court clerks would also be present to assist with access.

There was no further Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

13. Resolution No. R26-53: A Resolution Levying Taxes For General And Specific Purposes For The City Of Laurel, Montana, For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R26-53, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

14. Resolution No. R26-54: A Resolution Levying And Assessing All Of The Property Embraced Within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 2 Of The City Of Laurel, Montana, For The Entire Cost Of Maintenance And Electrical Current For The Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R26-54, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

15. Resolution No. R26-55: A Resolution Levying And Assessing All Of The Property Embraced Within Special Improvement Lighting District No. 3 Of The City Of Laurel, Montana, For The Entire Cost Of Maintenance And Electrical Current For The Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R26-55, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

16. Resolution No. R26-56: A Resolution Levying And Assessing All Of The Property Embraced Within Street Sweeping District No. 1 Of The City Of Laurel, Montana, For The Purpose Of The Sweeping Of Streets In The Downtown Or Business District For The Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, asked what area is included within the downtown street-sweeping district. He noted that an area near the Police Department appeared not to have been swept regularly and stated that water tends to accumulate there. The Mayor advised Mr. Mooney that the City would provide information from the Public Works Department identifying the streets and areas included within the district.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R26-56, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

17. Resolution No. R26-57: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Street Maintenance And/Or Improvements For Street Maintenance District No. 1 That Constitutes All Streets And Alleys Embraced Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R26-57, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey

Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

18. Resolution No. R26-58: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Street Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 113 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, requested that ADA accessibility requirements be considered as part of the sidewalk and street improvements associated with the resolution. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R26-58, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

19. Resolution No. R26-59: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Sidewalk Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 115 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, reiterated his request that ADA accessibility requirements be considered in connection with sidewalk improvements associated with the resolution.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Naylor to approve Resolution No. R26-59, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

20. Resolution No. R26-60: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Sidewalk Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 116 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, reiterated his request that ADA accessibility requirements be considered in connection with sidewalk improvements associated with the resolution.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Edgmond to approve Resolution No. R26-60, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

21. Resolution No. R26-61: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Sidewalk Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 117 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, reiterated his request that ADA accessibility requirements be considered in connection with sidewalk improvements associated with the resolution.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R26-61, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

22. Resolution No. R26-62: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Sidewalk Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 118 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, reiterated his request that ADA accessibility requirements be considered in connection with sidewalk improvements associated with the resolution.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Klose to approve Resolution No. R26-62, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

23. Resolution No. R26-63: A Resolution Levying And Assessing The Cost Of Sidewalk Improvements For Special Improvement District No. 119 Within The City Of Laurel, Montana, For Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, reiterated his request that ADA accessibility requirements be considered in connection with sidewalk improvements associated with the resolution.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R26-63, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

24. Resolution No. R26-64: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Special Tax Against Certain Property In The City Of Laurel For Delinquent Water Charges.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel, asked for clarification regarding the reference to “certain property” in the resolution. Staff clarified that the resolution applies to properties with delinquent water charges that are being assessed against the applicable property.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Canape to approve Resolution No. R26-64, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

25. Resolution No. R26-65: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Special Tax Against Certain Property In The City Of Laurel For Delinquent Sewer Charges.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Banks to approve Resolution No. R26-65, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

26. Resolution No. R26-66: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Special Tax Against Certain Property Designated As Garbage Districts In The City Of Laurel, Montana, For The Removal Of Garbage And Refuse.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by None to approve Resolution No. R26-66, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

27. Resolution No. R26-67: A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Agreement Regarding School Resource Officer Program By And Between The City Of Laurel And Laurel Public Schools, District 7 & 7-70.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Naylor to approve Resolution No. R26-67, seconded by Council Member Canape. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

28. Resolution No. R26-68: Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Allies In Aging For Operation And Cost Sharing For Public Transportation

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, spoke in support of the public transportation service and stated that it is used by members of the community beyond only elderly residents. He requested that the City consider expanding the service beyond its current daily rider capacity and raised concerns regarding the advance-reservation and cancellation process. Mr. Mooney also expressed interest in serving on or participating with any committee formed to assist with the transportation program.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Edgmond to approve Resolution No. R26-68, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

29. Resolution No. R26-69: Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Creation Of Two Temporary Driver Positions Not To Exceed 12 Months For Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Michael Mooney, 1011 First Avenue, Unit 5, asked whether the two temporary driver positions

were for the Laurel Transit program. After clarification that the positions would replace drivers currently employed through another entity, Mr. Mooney expressed support for the service and requested that the City consider expanding its operating hours and transportation availability.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel, expressed support for expanding transportation services for elderly residents and individuals with disabilities. She also stated that she would be willing to serve on a committee with Mr. Mooney to assist with consideration of expanded services.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wheeler to approve Resolution No. R26-69, seconded by Council Member Klose. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

30. Resolution No. R26-70: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Systems Technology Consultants For Managed Network Services.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. R26-70 and raised concerns regarding Systems Technology Consultants' handling of a prior public records request. She requested that the Council table the matter and consider whether other technology service providers could provide the services currently performed by the company.

Laura Kirschman, 939 West 4th Street, also expressed opposition to continuing the agreement. She raised concerns regarding public statements made by an employee of the company and stated that she believed those statements reflected poorly on the City.

There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Wilke to approve Resolution No. R26-70, seconded by Klose.

During Council discussion, Council questioned whether additional information regarding the concerns raised during public comment should be reviewed before acting on the agreement and whether other technology service providers had been considered. The Mayor stated that his experience with the City's account manager during his time in office had been professional and responsive but noted that the City had not recently conducted a comprehensive review of the company's services or compared the company with other providers. Staff explained that Systems Technology Consultants manages the City's servers, email, network services, and routine technology support and reported that more than 100 service tickets had been handled during the prior year, generally with timely resolution. Staff also described positive experiences working with the company, including after-hours support.

Council questioned the status of the public records request referenced during public comment. Staff stated that, to their knowledge, the applicable records requests had been completed. At Council's request, Ms. Gilg clarified that her concern was not that a request remained entirely unanswered, but rather that she believed the search methodology used to retrieve responsive electronic records was inadequate and may not have identified all responsive records.

Council Member Banks made a substitute motion to table Resolution No. R26-70 for two weeks

to allow additional information to be obtained and reviewed, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was additional Council discussion. A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond. Voting no: Richard Klose, Tom Canape. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 6-2.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

Laura Kirschman, 939 West 4th Street, commented on the City's discussion of operational efficiencies, employee productivity, and compensation. She encouraged the City to continue evaluating employee productivity and the use of staff time, including at the administrative level.

Elizabeth Gilg, Laurel, announced that the Farmers Market would be held Saturday.

Council Member Wilke announced that the Laurel Hunter Education fall session had been scheduled. Orientation will be held September 8, 2026; classes will be held September 14 through September 18, 2026; and the field course will be held September 19, 2026. He advised interested participants to register through Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Council Discussion

Council President Canape announced that the next Tree/Park Board meeting would be held on September 3, 2026. He advised that he would be unable to attend and that Council Vice President Klose would attend in his place. He stated that the meeting agenda would be provided to Council Vice President Klose.

Mayor Updates

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Mackay to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Sara Naylor, Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 08:06 PM.

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Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

Attest:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Print Name	Address
Elizabeth Gilg !	Laurel Montana
Cheryl Hill	109 W. 1st Street.
Shelley White	512 Wyoming Ave
Laura Kirschenmann	939 W. 4th St.

Fire, Ambulance, and Police (FAP) Complex

Tour and Discussion Summary

Purpose

A tour and discussion were held with the chiefs and staff of Laurel's fire, ambulance, and police departments to evaluate current facility conditions, staffing, operational challenges, and future space and equipment needs.

The discussions made clear that Laurel has outgrown the current facility. A new and expanded Fire, Ambulance, and Police (FAP) complex should be included as a priority in the City's land-use and long-range capital planning.

Executive Summary

The current FAP complex presents significant challenges related to:

- Insufficient staffing and office space
- Inadequate security and surveillance
- Insufficient dispatch and communications capacity
- Congested storage and server areas
- Deteriorating flooring and water intrusion
- Roof leaks and damaged walls
- Inadequate ventilation and exhaust systems
- Lack of breakroom, kitchen, fitness, and locker facilities
- Insufficient vehicle and equipment storage
- Insufficient room for future staffing and service growth

Each department identified immediate concerns as well as longer-term needs. These include additional personnel, updated vehicles and equipment, better building systems, expanded storage, improved safety features, and a facility designed to support all three departments.

All three department heads agreed that a dedicated grant writer would be a valuable asset to Laurel's emergency services. Ongoing needs include equipment replacement, information technology upgrades, vehicles, ambulances, fire apparatus, protective gear, and other capital improvements. A grant writer could help reduce the City's costs and improve access to outside funding.

Police Department

Discussion with Chief Jarred Anglin

Chief Anglin discussed current staffing, facility limitations, and projected needs for future planning.

Current Staffing and Operations

- The department currently has **14 officers**.
- Four officers are in command positions:
  - Police chief
  - Assistant police chief
  - Two sergeants
- One sergeant will need to be replaced or reassigned as Officer Booth has a new DEA role.
- Only two officer positions have been added in the past 20 years.
- Since 2019, officers have worked 12-hour shifts in an effort to reduce solo patrols.
- Shifts are staggered.
- During the school year, two officers serve as school resource officers, reducing regular day-shift coverage.
- Chief Anglin would like to see the department to eventually have at least **18 full-time officers**.
- While national staffing comparisons could suggest a significantly larger force based on population, Chief Anglin indicated that Laurel's activity level does not currently justify staffing at that scale.
- The department has **six dispatchers**, two of whom also serve as evidence technicians.

Police Facility Concerns and Future Needs

Security and Surveillance

There are currently no cameras around the FAP complex or in key interior areas. A camera system is needed to improve safety and security for first responders, staff, and the public.

Potential camera locations include:

- The exterior perimeter
- Public entrances
- Interview rooms
- Ambulance areas where medications and supplies are stored
- Other sensitive or high-traffic locations

Dispatch Window

The dispatch window at the public entrance is made of plastic or plexiglass. This creates a significant safety concern for dispatchers. The window should be replaced with an appropriately rated bullet-resistant window.

Private Offices

Chief Anglin is currently the only police department employee with a private office. The assistant chief and police detective handle sensitive and confidential information but share office space with other officers.

A future facility should include private offices for personnel responsible for:

- Investigations
- Administrative duties
- Personnel matters
- Confidential interviews
- Sensitive records and case information

Code Enforcement and DUI Processing

The Code Enforcement office also serves as the DUI processing room. This dual use creates space, privacy, and operational concerns. Separate spaces should be considered in a new facility.

Evidence Storage

The hallway leading to the evidence lock boxes is extremely narrow. Officers must nearly shuffle through the area to secure evidence. A new evidence-storage area should provide:

- Adequate hallway width
- Secure access control
- Efficient evidence intake and storage
- Appropriate ventilation and environmental controls
- Room for future expansion

Server Room

The server room is highly congested and may not meet current code or operational standards. A new facility should include a properly designed technology and server room with:

- Adequate space
- Cooling and ventilation
- Organized cabling
- Backup power
- Fire protection
- Controlled access
- Room for future technology needs

Dispatch Capacity

The department currently has:

- Two 911 call lines
- One non-emergency line

When all lines are occupied, additional calls are routed to the Billings call center. However, once Laurel's three lines are occupied, the Billings center cannot reach Laurel dispatchers.

The ability to add additional lines is limited by the current building. Expanded dispatch and communications capacity should be a key component of a new complex.

Breakroom and Kitchen

The police department does not have a breakroom. Future planning should include a shared breakroom and kitchen similar to the space available to the ambulance department.

Covered Vehicle Parking

A carport or other covered vehicle-storage area is needed to:

- Protect police vehicles from inclement weather
- Improve vehicle longevity
- Support vehicle readiness
- Free existing parking areas for other uses

Ambulance Department

Discussion with EMS Chief Lyndy Gurchiek

Chief Gurchiek discussed current staffing, the department's staffing model, facility conditions, and projected operational needs.

Current Staffing and Operations

- The department has **10 full-time crew members**:
  - Seven paramedics
  - Three EMTs
- Crew members work two 24-hour shifts per week.
- The EMS chief also assists with operational coverage.
- Volunteers intermittently supplement staffing.

Ambulance Facility Concerns and Future Needs

Future Ambulance and QRU Capacity

Future planning should account for:

- Three to four ambulances
- A Quick Response Unit (QRU)
- Adequate indoor vehicle bays
- Expanded equipment and supply storage
- Room for staffing growth

The two primary ambulances and the QRU are kept inside the bay. Due to current space limitations, one ambulance remains outside.

Shared Fitness and Locker Facilities

All three departments identified the value of a shared:

- Multipurpose gym
- Locker room
- Fitness and wellness area

Physical fitness is an important part of emergency response work. A gym would allow first responders to maintain fitness between calls and support employee health and readiness.

Heating and Cooling

The ambulance side of the complex has only two wall-mounted air-conditioning units. These units do not adequately cool the space, which becomes very hot during warm weather.

This is a concern because the area contains temperature-sensitive:

- Medications
- Intravenous fluids
- Medical supplies
- Other emergency equipment

A new facility should include a properly designed heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system with environmental controls appropriate for medical storage.

Deteriorating Flooring and Water Intrusion

The flooring in the ambulance bay area is deteriorating. The floor slopes downward, causing snowmelt and water to enter the bay during winter.

Although efforts have been made to mitigate the problem, there is noticeable damage to:

- Walls
- Cement flooring
- Areas potentially vulnerable to mold

Potential repair options discussed included sanding and applying an epoxy coating. However, the extent of the water intrusion suggests that drainage, grading, flooring, and wall conditions should be professionally evaluated.

Roof Leaks

Water leaks have been observed in multiple areas of the building. These leaks require assessment and repair and should be considered in determining whether continued investment in the current facility is practical.

Insufficient Wall Construction and Privacy

The walls are constructed with sheetrock and lack insulation. Conversations in the chief's office can easily be overheard, creating concerns when confidential matters are discussed.

A new complex should provide:

- Properly insulated walls
- Sound control
- Private offices
- Confidential meeting areas
- Appropriate separation between operational and administrative spaces

Damaged Exhaust System

The exhaust piping has been damaged for an extended period. As a result, when fire trucks or ambulances leave the building, exhaust fumes enter and remain in the bay area for hours.

This creates a significant health and safety concern. A future facility should include a properly designed vehicle-exhaust extraction system.

Fire Department

Discussion with Fire Chief JW Hopper

Chief Hopper discussed current staffing, compensation, volunteer coverage, equipment needs, and long-term replacement planning.

Current Staffing and Compensation

- The department has approximately **35 volunteer firefighters**.
- Most volunteers have full-time employment elsewhere.
- Daytime emergency response is especially difficult because many volunteers are unavailable during working hours.
- Chief Hopper requested the addition of **six fully paid, full-time firefighters** working 12-hour day shifts.
- Current firefighter compensation is approximately **$10.50 per hour** in stipend pay.
- An increase to approximately **$12.50 per hour** was requested.
- Firefighters are paid for calls to which they respond.
- They are not currently paid for:
    - Maintenance-related work
        - This work is currently being handled by our volunteer firefighters which is saving the City a lot of money
    - Training hours

The current compensation structure makes it difficult to recruit and retain firefighters, particularly because the effective rate is below minimum wage.

Future Apparatus Needs

Future planning should include the eventual acquisition of:

- An additional tactical water tender
- A brush truck, Type 4 or Type 5
- An additional fire engine

Chief Hopper emphasized the importance of developing a scheduled replacement plan for fire apparatus. Planned replacement cycles would help prevent equipment from failing unexpectedly and becoming an emergency financial obligation.

Apparatus and Equipment Replacement Planning

The City should consider establishing a long-term replacement schedule based on:

- Vehicle age
- Mileage and operating hours
- Maintenance history
- Reliability
- Safety standards
- Availability of replacement parts
- Changing operational requirements
- Estimated replacement costs

Shared and Department-Wide Needs

The discussions identified several needs that affect all three emergency-service departments.

Grant-Writing Capacity

All three chiefs agreed that a dedicated grant writer would be an exceptional asset to Laurel's emergency services.

Potential grant-funded needs include:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire engines and specialty apparatus
- Protective equipment
- Information technology systems
- Communications equipment
- Facility improvements
- Training
- Medical supplies
- Emergency preparedness projects

A grant writer could:

- Identify applicable funding programs
- Prepare thorough and competitive applications

- Coordinate supporting documentation
- Track deadlines and compliance requirements
- Follow up with funding agencies
- Manage reporting obligations

This position could potentially save the City substantial money while helping departments maintain current equipment and meet industry standards.

Multipurpose Training and Fitness Space

A new complex should include shared space for:

- Physical fitness
- Department training
- Emergency exercises
- Community education
- Meetings
- Incident planning
- Interdepartmental coordination

Shared Breakroom and Kitchen

A shared breakroom and kitchen would improve staff working conditions, support personnel working extended shifts, and provide a practical space for employees between calls.

Vehicle and Equipment Storage

The new complex should provide secure, weather-protected storage for:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire apparatus
- Emergency response equipment
- Medical supplies
- Protective gear
- Seasonal equipment

Technology and Communications

The facility should be designed to accommodate modern communications and information technology, including:

- Expanded 911 capacity
- Dispatch workstations
- Secure networking
- Server and telecommunications rooms
- Backup power
- Cybersecurity infrastructure
- Video surveillance

- Access control
- Future technology upgrades

Key Findings

The tour and discussions support the following conclusions:

1. **The current FAP complex is undersized for present operations.**
2. **The facility lacks sufficient room for staffing growth and future service demands.**
3. **Several existing conditions create safety, health, security, and operational concerns.**
4. **Police dispatch capacity is limited by the current facility.**
5. **Evidence, records, private offices, and technology areas are inadequate.**
6. **The ambulance bay has serious cooling, drainage, flooring, roof, privacy, and exhaust concerns.**
7. **Fire department daytime staffing is insufficient for reliable coverage.**
8. **Compensation may hinder firefighter recruitment and retention.**
9. **Emergency vehicles and equipment require a structured long-term replacement plan.**
10. **A dedicated grant writer could help address ongoing capital and equipment needs.**
11. **A shared gym, locker room, breakroom, and training space would benefit all three departments.**
12. **A new, purpose-built complex would provide the most comprehensive long-term solution.**

Recommended Planning Priorities

Immediate Priorities

- Evaluate and address the most serious health and safety concerns.
- Assess the damaged exhaust system.
- Review roof leaks and water intrusion.
- Evaluate ambulance-bay flooring and drainage.
- Replace the dispatch window with a bullet-resistant system.
- Review server-room conditions and code compliance.
- Install priority security cameras.
- Review staffing and compensation needs.
- Begin formal grant-writer feasibility analysis.

Near-Term Planning Priorities

- Conduct a comprehensive space and operational needs assessment.
- Develop preliminary designs for a new FAP complex.
- Determine land requirements and potential locations.
- Prepare construction and lifecycle cost estimates.
- Evaluate shared spaces and interdepartmental efficiencies.
- Develop a staffing plan for police, ambulance, and fire services.
- Create apparatus and vehicle replacement schedules.
- Identify potential grants, state funds, federal funds, and other financing sources.
- Include the project in the City's land-use and capital-improvement planning.

Long-Term Priorities

- Construct a new and expanded FAP complex.
- Provide adequate space for current and projected staffing.
- Expand dispatch and emergency communications capacity.
- Include secure, code-compliant technology infrastructure.
- Provide weather-protected vehicle and equipment storage.
- Establish sustainable maintenance and replacement programs.
- Continue pursuing grants and outside funding for emergency-service needs.

Conclusion

The tour of Laurel's Fire, Ambulance, and Police complex and discussions with the department chiefs demonstrated a clear and urgent need for a new facility. The current complex has been outgrown and presents significant limitations related to space, safety, security, staffing, communications, equipment storage, privacy, and long-term operational capacity.

To address these needs, the City of Laurel should begin developing a **public safety mill levy** to provide dedicated funding for the construction of a new Fire, Ambulance, and Police (FAP) complex. A mill levy would help establish a reliable funding source for the planning, design, construction, equipment, and long-term maintenance of a modern facility.

As the City develops its land-use and capital-improvement plans, pursuing a public safety mill levy should be a priority. Constructing a new FAP complex would strengthen emergency response, improve working conditions for public safety personnel, support future community growth, and help ensure that Laurel has the facilities necessary to protect and serve its residents.

EXHIBIT A

Budget Amendment
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Fund 2952 – Federal Equitable Sharing

Original Revenues		$	0.00
Amended Revenues			10,974.00
	Increase in Revenue:	$	10,974.00

Per the Department of Justice Standard Operating Procedures, appropriations and revenues for the Federal Equitable Sharing Fund may not be budgeted using the fiscal year budgeting process. All appropriations and revenues must be budgeted after the end of the fiscal year, using the budget amendment process.

Fund 1000 – General Fund- Fire Department

Original Appropriation		$	38,000.00
Amended Appropriation		$	51,000.00
	Increase in Appropriation:	$	22,321.05
Original Revenues		$	3,000.00
Amended Revenues		$	13,000.00
	Increase in Revenue:	$	10,000.00

Increase Appropriations and Revenues, due to receiving a DNRC grant for the 2026 Volunteer Fire capacity for wildland clothing. This was a reimbursable grant. Increase Appropriations for donations received to the Fire Department.

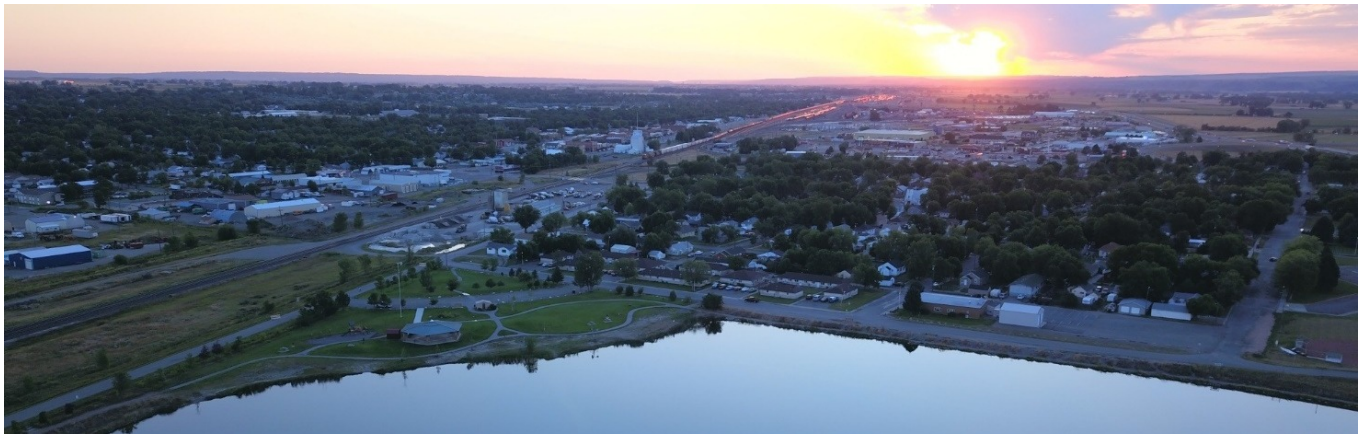
Fund 7850 – Airport Authority

Original Appropriation		$	27,145.00
Amended Appropriation		$	27,259.00
	Increase in Appropriation:	$	114.00

Revenues for this fund were greater than anticipated so there were more transfers to the Airport Authority than budgeted.

CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Message



Members of the Laurel City Council:

We are pleased to present the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for the City of Laurel.

An annual municipal budget is more than an authorization to collect revenue and expend public funds. It is an operating plan for the coming year, a reflection of the priorities of the City, and an important opportunity to evaluate how Laurel manages its financial resources, infrastructure, employees, equipment, and services.

The FY 2026-2027 budget has been developed with an increased emphasis on fiscal stewardship, transparency, capital planning, departmental accountability, operational efficiency, and long-term infrastructure planning.

This year's budget also begins several changes in how the City approaches financial management. These include increased review of capital expenditures, closer monitoring of departmental budgets during the year, a more deliberate effort to secure outside infrastructure funding, evaluation of operational efficiencies and technology, and a clearer distinction between projects that are funded now and projects that are simply being identified for future consideration.

Throughout this budget message, it is important to distinguish between three categories:

FY27 Funded or Proposed Expenditures — Items included within the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget.
Items Requiring Additional Review or Approval — Department requests or anticipated expenditures that may be included within an appropriation but will require additional administrative or Council review before funds are committed.
Future Planning Items — Projects and initiatives the City intends to study or develop but which should not be interpreted as approved or funded projects.

Fiscal Stewardship and Budget Management

Department Budget Management

Department Heads will be expected to take an active role in managing their respective budgets throughout Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

An adopted appropriation establishes spending authority; it should not automatically be interpreted as an expectation that every appropriated dollar must be spent.

Departments will be encouraged to continually distinguish between expenditures that are necessary to provide essential municipal services and expenditures that are discretionary or may reasonably be delayed.

Particular attention will be given to:

- Discretionary operating expenditures
- Unplanned departmental purchases
- Travel and training
- Overtime
- Vehicle and equipment expenses
- Professional and contracted services
- Supplies and materials
- Technology expenditures
- Capital purchases

Department Heads will be expected to work within their approved budgets while remaining aware of the City's overall financial condition and changing priorities throughout the fiscal year.

Budget Monitoring and Council Reporting

The administration intends to place an emphasis on budget-to-actual monitoring throughout the fiscal year.

Throughout the course of the year we will monitor for significant variances and periodically review revenues, expenditures, capital spending, and fund performance during FY27.

The City administration will work with the Budget Finance Committee in evaluating the development of quarterly financial reports that would provide the administration, City Council and community with information regarding:

- Budgeted expenditures compared with actual expenditures
- Revenue performance
- Significant departmental variances
- Overtime and personnel costs
- Capital expenditures
- Enterprise fund activity
- Interfund transfers
- Cash and reserve levels
- Financial issues requiring corrective action or additional Council consideration

The purpose of increased monitoring is not to interfere with normal departmental operations. It is to identify financial issues while sufficient time remains during the fiscal year to address them.

Capital Projects and Department Requests

Capital Approval and Management

One of the more significant financial-management changes being considered for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 involves the City's approach to capital expenditures.

The inclusion of a capital item within an adopted budget provides appropriation authority, but significant purchases and projects should also be evaluated when the City is actually prepared to commit the funds.

The City intends to develop a more deliberate capital review process under which significant expenditures may receive additional review prior to purchase or commencement. In addition, capital items submitted by department heads or out of committee throughout the year will receive review by a team consisting of the CAO, City Clerk and Council President (or appointee) who will make a recommendation to the Mayor for approval.

That review may consider:

- Whether the project or purchase remains necessary
- Current cash and reserve levels
- Updated cost estimates
- Whether circumstances have changed since adoption of the budget
- Availability of grants or other outside funding
- Whether another capital need has become a higher priority
- Operating and maintenance costs associated with the purchase
- Whether the expenditure can reasonably be delayed
- Whether additional Council authorization is appropriate

The objective is to ensure that an appropriation made at the beginning of the fiscal year does not prevent the City from exercising sound financial judgment later in the year and that all capital purchase decisions align with city goals and objectives moving forward.

Department Capital Requests

As part of the FY27 budget process, Department Heads identified a number of equipment, vehicle, facility, infrastructure, and technology needs.

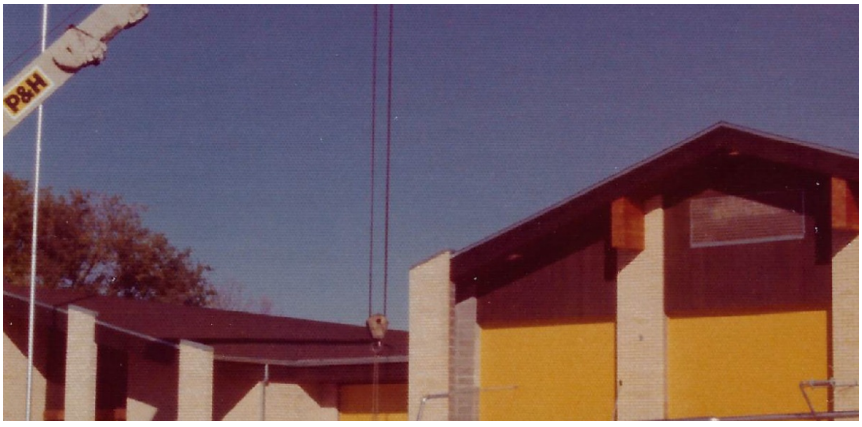
Some immediate capital requests have been reviewed and placed into the current budget on a very limited basis. Those capital requests that were not placed into the budget will be reviewed by a team consisting of the CAO, City Clerk and Council President (or appointee) who will make a recommendation to the Mayor for approval.

Long-Term Infrastructure and Capital Planning

Many of Laurel's most significant infrastructure needs extend beyond a single fiscal year.

During FY27, the City intends to continue evaluating current and future needs involving water, wastewater, streets, public safety, municipal buildings, parks, vehicles and heavy equipment, technology, and transportation.

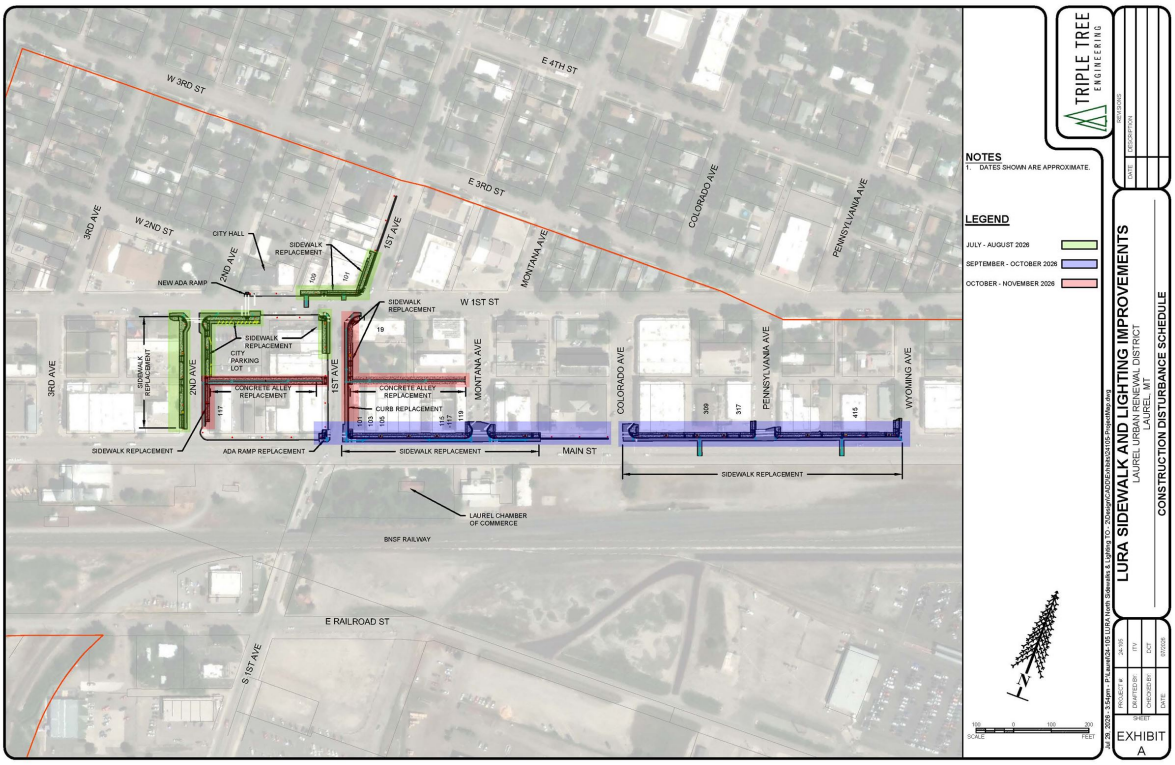
Some future projects may require substantial local investment. Others may only be financially practical if the City is successful in obtaining grants, state or federal appropriations, low-interest financing, or other outside assistance. The City will continue to utilize staff, committees and boards to identify needs but the use of planning and engineering firms, advocates to secure funding and grants, and partnerships will be paramount in securing adequate design, funding and construction.



The City intends to move toward a longer-range capital planning process that identifies:

- Anticipated capital projects
- Preliminary cost estimates
- Expected timing
- Useful life of existing assets
- Available funding sources
- Potential grant opportunities
- Debt implications
- Future operating costs
- Consequences associated with delaying necessary work

The City has been fortunate to have the partnership and work of Laurel Urban Renewal Agency and some of the projects they have completed or are about to complete in reducing blight in our city and enhancing public spaces.



Government Affairs and Outside Infrastructure Funding

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 will include a more deliberate effort to pursue funding opportunities beyond Laurel's traditional local revenue sources.

The City anticipates engaging a government affairs or government relations firm to assist Laurel in identifying and pursuing opportunities such as:

- Federal appropriations
- State appropriations
- Congressionally directed funding
- Competitive federal and state grants
- Infrastructure programs
- Agency partnerships
- Other sources of outside financial assistance

Laurel has infrastructure needs that cannot reasonably be addressed exclusively through property taxes, assessments, utility rates, and other local revenues.

A coordinated government-relations effort is intended to improve the City's ability to communicate its needs to state and federal decision-makers and compete more effectively for outside resources.

The City should ultimately evaluate this initiative based upon measurable results, including funding opportunities pursued, grants or appropriations obtained, and the value returned to the community.

Employees, Compensation, and Labor Relations

Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

The proposed FY27 budget includes compensation considerations for City employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit.

For planning purposes, the City evaluated two Year 1 compensation approaches for the corrected 23-employee non-bargaining roster: a 4% permanent wage increase versus a $3,000 one-time payment that does not increase base salary. The analysis below is included to show the immediate and longer-term cost differences between those approaches. The $3,000 payment is treated as non-PERS compensation based on the City's MPERA confirmation.

The City's objective is to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to recruit and retain qualified employees.

The City also recognizes the importance of evaluating compensation in a broader context. Future analysis may include employee responsibilities, internal wage relationships, market comparisons, recruitment difficulties, employee retention, and the City's ability to sustain compensation changes over time.

Any compensation structure adopted for FY27 should not automatically be interpreted as establishing compensation commitments for future fiscal years.

FY27 Non-Bargaining Compensation Scenario Review

IMPORTANT - YEARS 2 AND 3 ARE HYPOTHETICAL ONLY. The 3% increases shown for Years 2 and 3 are used only to illustrate how a permanent salary increase compounds compared with a one-time $3,000 payment. They are not an adopted, promised, or proposed compensation plan and should not be read as a commitment by the City.

Scenarios Used for Comparison

Scenario A - Permanent Wage Increase Year 1: 4% permanent increase. Years 2-3: hypothetical 3% increases for comparison only.	Scenario B - $3,000 One-Time Payment Year 1: $3,000 lump sum, not added to base salary. Years 2-3: hypothetical 3% increases for comparison only.

At-a-Glance Effect

17 of 23 employees receive more Year 1 gross cash under the $3,000 payment	**+$5,370.93 Year 1 City cost difference - lump-sum path is higher**	**-$127,671.13 three-year City cost difference in the hypothetical scenario - lump-sum path is lower**
+$10,624.72 additional Year 1 gross cash paid to employees under the lump-sum path	**-$111,432.20 three-year employee gross-pay difference in the hypothetical scenario - lump-sum path is lower**	**-$61,930.37 Year 3 payroll-base difference in the hypothetical scenario - lump-sum path is lower**

Year-by-Year Cost Comparison

Period	Scenario A Added Employee Pay	Scenario A City Cost*	Scenario B Added Employee Pay	Scenario B City Cost*	City Cost Difference (B minus A)
Year 1	$58,375.28	$63,629.07	$69,000.00	$69,000.00	+$5,370.93
Year 2 - hypothetical 3%	$103,917.13	$113,269.68	$43,790.58	$47,731.73	-$65,537.95
Year 3 - hypothetical 3%	$150,825.25	$164,399.53	$88,894.88	$96,895.42	-$67,504.11
3-YEAR HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL	**$313,117.66**	**$341,298.28**	**$201,685.46**	**$213,627.15**	**-$127,671.13**

How the $3,000 First-Year Payment Affects the Comparison

- Year 1. The one-time payment puts $10,624.72 more gross cash in employees' hands than the permanent 4% path. The City's estimated Year 1 cost is $5,370.93 higher under the lump-sum path.
- Base salary. Because the $3,000 payment does not become salary, it does not compound into later percentage increases. A permanent 4% raise does.
- Hypothetical three-year illustration. If 3% increases were used solely as an illustration in Years 2 and 3, estimated City cost is $127,671.13 lower under the lump-sum path, while employees collectively receive $111,432.20 less cumulative gross compensation than under the permanent-raise path.

** City cost is incremental cost above the current wage base. A 9% employer retirement planning factor is applied to permanent added wages. The $3,000 Year 1 payment is treated as non-PERS compensation based on the City's MPERA confirmation.*

Employee-by-Employee Compensation Scenario Detail

YEARS 2 AND 3 ARE HYPOTHETICAL ONLY - the 3% assumptions below are for illustration, not a City commitment, recommendation, or adopted plan.

DETAIL TABLE - 23 EMPLOYEES (NAMES REDACTED)

Year 1 cash difference = $3,000 payment minus 4% increase. Three-year columns include the hypothetical 3% assumptions in Years 2 and 3.

Employee	Current Annual	Year 1 4% Increase	Year 1 Cash Diff. ($3k - 4%)	3-Year Added Pay Scenario A*	3-Year Added Pay Scenario B*	3-Year Employee Diff. (B minus A)*
[redacted]	$48,131.20	$1,934.40	+$1,065.60	$10,354.17	$7,375.13	-$2,979.04
[redacted]	$53,518.40	$2,142.40	+$857.60	$11,486.76	$7,864.82	-$3,621.94
[redacted]	$60,964.80	$2,433.60	+$566.40	$13,063.71	$8,541.69	-$4,522.02
[redacted]	$62,732.80	$2,516.80	+$483.20	$13,481.59	$8,702.40	-$4,779.19
[redacted]	$58,406.40	$2,329.60	+$670.40	$12,509.70	$8,309.14	-$4,200.56
[redacted]	$56,160.00	$2,246.40	+$753.60	$12,048.34	$8,104.94	-$3,943.40
[redacted]	$54,080.00	$2,163.20	+$836.80	$11,602.12	$7,915.87	-$3,686.25
[redacted]	$60,320.00	$2,412.80	+$587.20	$12,940.80	$8,483.09	-$4,457.71
[redacted]	$52,000.00	$2,080.00	+$920.00	$11,155.87	$7,726.80	-$3,429.07
[redacted]	$46,508.80	$1,851.20	+$1,148.80	$9,949.52	$7,227.64	-$2,721.88
[redacted]	$44,720.00	$1,788.80	+$1,211.20	$9,594.04	$7,065.05	-$2,528.99
[redacted]	$54,080.00	$2,163.20	+$836.80	$11,602.12	$7,915.87	-$3,686.25
[redacted]	$41,600.00	$1,664.00	+$1,336.00	$8,924.70	$6,781.44	-$2,143.26
[redacted]	$56,700.80	$2,267.20	+$732.80	$12,161.79	$8,154.09	-$4,007.70
[redacted]	$78,499.20	$3,140.80	-$140.80	$16,843.48	$10,135.59	-$6,707.89
[redacted]	$47,049.60	$1,872.00	+$1,128.00	$10,062.98	$7,276.81	-$2,786.17
[redacted]	$83,200.00	$3,328.00	-$328.00	$17,849.40	$10,562.88	-$7,286.52
[redacted]	$91,946.40	$3,677.96	-$677.96	$19,726.13	$11,357.92	-$8,368.21
[redacted]	$52,000.00	$2,080.00	+$920.00	$11,155.87	$7,726.80	-$3,429.07
[redacted]	$66,921.66	$2,676.96	+$323.04	$14,357.40	$9,083.18	-$5,274.22
[redacted]	$86,975.98	$3,479.06	-$479.06	$18,659.54	$10,906.12	-$7,753.42
[redacted]	$88,170.42	$3,526.90	-$526.90	$18,915.99	$11,014.69	-$7,901.30
[redacted]	$115,000.00	$4,600.00	-$1,600.00	$24,671.64	$13,453.50	-$11,218.14
TOTAL / 23	**$1,459,686.46**	**$58,375.28**	**+$10,624.72**	**$313,117.66**	**$201,685.46**	**-$111,432.20**

*** Three-year figures use the hypothetical 3% assumptions in Years 2 and 3 solely to demonstrate compounding. They do not indicate that 3% increases are planned, recommended, budgeted, promised, or adopted for either year.**

Reading the table: a positive Year 1 cash difference means the employee receives more first-year gross cash under the $3,000 payment. The three-year difference is lower under Scenario B for every employee because the one-time payment does not increase the salary base before the hypothetical later-year percentages are applied.

Collective Bargaining Agreements and Upcoming Negotiations

Several collective bargaining agreements will require continued attention during the coming fiscal year.

In some instances, wage provisions have not been established for the full remaining term of an agreement. For example, where a bargaining unit has negotiated only one year of wage adjustments, subsequent years will require additional collective bargaining.

The FY27 budget should therefore not be interpreted as committing the City to compensation increases in future fiscal years unless those increases have been formally negotiated and approved.

Future negotiations will require consideration of:

- Recruitment and retention
- Market wages
- Internal compensation relationships
- Employee benefits
- Staffing requirements
- Inflation and cost pressures
- Departmental needs
- The City's long-term financial ability to sustain compensation adjustments

Employee Insurance Costs

Employee health insurance and related benefits represent a significant recurring cost to the City.

The City contributes substantial resources toward employee insurance and will continue monitoring changes in:

- Premiums
- City contributions
- Employee contributions
- Participation
- Plan design
- Deductibles
- Claims experience
- Revenue generated through applicable health-related mill levies

Insurance costs should be considered as part of the City's total employee compensation expense rather than viewing wages in isolation.

Land Use, Development, and Legal Expenses

The City continues to address significant matters involving land use, development, growth, infrastructure, annexation, zoning, and related municipal issues.

Some of these matters may require specialized legal knowledge beyond routine municipal legal services.

The FY27 budget may therefore include funding for outside legal counsel, land-use attorneys, or other specialized professional services associated with development, growth, infrastructure, land-use matters, or related litigation.

Where practical, these expenses should be separately identifiable so that Council can distinguish ordinary municipal legal costs from extraordinary or specialized legal expenses associated with significant development and land-use matters.

Operational Improvements and Cost-Saving Measures

The City intends to continue looking for practical ways to improve day-to-day operations without reducing essential services.

Potential improvements include:

- Reducing duplication between departments
- Coordinating purchasing
- Consolidating routine trips
- Improving scheduling

- Better coordination of equipment and vehicles
- Streamlining administrative processes
- Improving communication between departments
- Automating repetitive processes
- Making better use of employee time

One operational concept being considered is the coordination of a dedicated runner or delivery function for routine trips between Laurel and Billings.

At present, employees from multiple departments may make individual trips to Billings for parts, supplies, documents, equipment, or other City business.

Where practical, consolidating those trips could reduce:

- Fuel consumption
- Vehicle mileage
- Vehicle maintenance
- Employee travel time
- Lost productive work hours
- Duplication between departments

Not every efficiency will result in a large individual budget reduction. However, numerous smaller improvements can collectively reduce operating costs and improve productivity.

Technology and Software Improvements

The City currently relies upon a number of processes that are manual, fragmented, or dependent upon older technology.

During FY27, Laurel intends to investigate technology solutions that could improve efficiency, internal controls, employee productivity, and public service.

Areas that may be evaluated include:

- Financial management
- Utility billing
- Electronic billing and payments
- Permitting
- Licensing
- Accounts receivable
- Records management
- Document management
- Workflow approvals
- Purchasing
- Asset management
- Employee processes
- Timekeeping
- Reporting
- Public-facing services
- Interdepartmental information sharing

The objective is not simply to purchase additional software.

Any proposed technology investment should demonstrate that it can reasonably improve service, reduce staff time, eliminate duplication, strengthen financial or administrative controls, or generate long-term operational savings.

Significant software acquisitions will be subject to appropriate review before the City commits funds.

Transportation Program

The City anticipates changes to the organization and administration of its transportation program during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Laurel will be fully responsible for the Laurel Public Transportation program and will hire two part-time drivers to begin transportation duties in September. Allies in Aging has agreed to provide $50,000 for this fiscal year to assist in the transportation of our senior citizen riders in Laurel.

Increases in the costs associated with this program are due to Laurel's acquisition and responsibility to employ transportation drivers. There will be increased expenses for FY27 in the following areas:

- Personnel
- Vehicles and equipment
- Administrative responsibilities

Because the transportation program relies in part upon outside funding, the City will also evaluate the long-term sustainability of the program and the City's financial responsibilities associated with its operation.

Property Tax Mill Allocation

The City's property tax levy supports a number of municipal services and financial obligations.

The FY27 budget message will provide both the prior-year mill allocation and the proposed FY27 allocation so that Council and the public can readily see where property-tax resources are being directed.

Several FY27 mill figures remain under development. For that reason, a graphic representation will be added after the final levy amounts are determined.

City Primary Operating and Levied Funds

City Purpose / Fund	FY26 Mills	FY27 Proposed Mills	Change
General Fund	100.00	84.31	-15.69
Library	25.00	28.50	+3.50
Comprehensive Liability	14.70	16.06	+1.36
PERS	25.00	16.00	-9.00
Group Health	27.00	23.00	-4.00
Fire Disability	4.00	4.00	0.00
Other Applicable City Levies	0.00		
TOTAL CITY MILLS	**195.70** $1,568,482.66	**171.87** $1,623,135.12	-23.83 + $54,652.46
	1 Mill = $8,014.73	**1 Mill = $9,443.97**	

The FY26 total of 195.70 mills and FY27 total of 171.87 mills shown above includes only the City primary operating and levied funds. The Permissive Levy for Health Insurance and the Airport Authority levy are presented separately below. Ambulance support is also presented separately in dollars rather than mills.

The FY27 total and year-to-year change for the City primary operating and levied funds will be calculated once the remaining proposed levy amounts are finalized.

Permissive Levy for Health Insurance — Presented Separately

The Permissive Levy for Health Insurance is presented separately from the City's primary operating and levied funds so Council and the public can clearly identify this dedicated health-insurance levy.

Separate Levy	FY26 Mills	FY27 Proposed Mills	Change
Permissive Levy for Health Insurance	25.42	25.13	-0.29

Ambulance Funding — Presented Separately

Ambulance support is presented separately from the City's mill-allocation table and is reported in dollars rather than mills. This presentation shows the amount provided for ambulance services in each fiscal year.

Separate Funding	FY26 Amount	FY27 Proposed Amount	Change
Ambulance	$459,585.00	$473,237.34	+$13,652.34

The proposed FY27 ambulance amount is $13,652.34 higher than FY26. These figures are intentionally reported as dollar amounts rather than as a mill levy.

Airport Authority Levy — Presented Separately

The Airport Authority levy is presented separately from the City's primary operating and levied funds so readers can clearly distinguish it from the City's own mill allocation.

Separate Levy	FY26 Mills	FY27 Proposed Mills	Change
Airport Authority	3.37	2.69	-0.68

Future Projects and Planning

Not every issue facing Laurel can or should be resolved within a single annual budget.

During Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the City expects to research, plan, or further develop a number of initiatives that may eventually require Council consideration.

These projects include major infrastructure modeling, planning, and design to include a parallel effort to acquire funding through appropriations, grants and low interest financing.

Laurel is in need of a second water tower to serve the community and allow an aging solitary water storage tank to receive necessary repairs in order to continue serving the community for decades more. In addition to water storage, Laurel is in need of water delivery systems that are looped to allow for greater capacity and pressure in order to serve a growing community.

Our roads need repair and new surfaces and the water and sewer plants need to plan for growth and increased demand.

However great our infrastructure needs are, we cannot forget our citizen’s quality of life. We need to ensure that our emergency services are prepared and ready to meet the demands a growing city will place on them. We need to pay attention to our parks and public spaces to ensure our residents have access to enjoyable spaces.

And we cannot forget that we are a partner to so many businesses and organizations as we serve those who ultimately pay for the many services and conveniences that we provide.

Looking Ahead

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget is both an operating plan for the coming year and an opportunity to strengthen how the City manages public resources over the long term.

Fiscal Stewardship Managing appropriations carefully and ensuring public funds are used for legitimate and necessary municipal purposes.	**Budget Accountability** Monitoring revenues and expenditures throughout the year and providing Council with better information regarding significant financial variances.
Capital Discipline Separating the authority to budget for a capital item from the decision regarding when it is financially appropriate to proceed with the expenditure.	**Infrastructure Planning** Looking beyond a single fiscal year and preparing for major water, wastewater, street, facility, equipment, and other infrastructure needs.
Outside Funding Pursuing grants, appropriations, partnerships, and other resources that can reduce pressure on Laurel property taxpayers and utility ratepayers.	**Workforce Sustainability** Addressing compensation, insurance, collective bargaining, recruitment, retention, and staffing issues while considering the City's long-term ability to support recurring personnel costs.
Operational Efficiency Identifying practical opportunities to reduce duplication, improve processes, modernize technology, and make better use of City staff and equipment.	**Transparency** Providing the City Council and the public with a clearer understanding of major budget changes, capital requests, financial priorities, and future needs.

Conclusion

The City of Laurel continues to face the fundamental challenge of providing reliable municipal services today while preparing for increasingly significant infrastructure, workforce, and financial needs in the years ahead.

The FY 2026-2027 budget is intended to meet the City's immediate operational responsibilities while also beginning to strengthen the processes used to evaluate spending, manage capital, pursue outside funding, monitor departmental performance, and plan for Laurel's future.

As the City Council reviews the individual departmental and fund budgets contained within this budget book, the administration will provide additional information, respond to questions, and recommend adjustments where appropriate prior to final adoption.

Our objective is to provide Council with a budget that is understandable, financially responsible, and sufficiently flexible to respond to changing conditions during the fiscal year.

Most importantly, the budget should provide the resources necessary to deliver dependable municipal services while recognizing that every dollar entrusted to the City ultimately belongs to the citizens and taxpayers of Laurel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris R. Vogele, Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana

Kelly Strecker, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Laurel, Montana

Minutes
City of Laurel
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Kris R. Vogele at 07:55 PM on September 1, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Council

Present:Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape
Absent:Sara Naylor, Richard Klose
Excused:
Others Present:Kris Vogele, Kurt Markegard, Brittney Harakal, Kelly Strecker

Approval of Minutes

Correspondence

Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Public Hearing

Consent Items

Ceremonial Calendar

Reports of Boards and Commissions

Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)

Scheduled Matters

1. Resolution No. R26-71: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Montana Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Laurel And The State Of Montana Department Of Transportation Relating To Utilities.

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Mackay to approve Resolution No. R26-71, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)

Council Discussion

Mayor Updates

Unscheduled Matters

Adjournment

There was no public comment. There were no disclosures of conflict. There were no ex parte communications. Motion by Council Member Banks to adjourn the Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilke. There was no Council discussion. A vote was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Jessica Banks, Irv Wilke, Jodi Mackay, Casey Wheeler, Brent Edgmond, Tom Canape. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 08:06 PM.

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Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Mayor and passed by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

Attest:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

From: City Mayor
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: Fw: Motorized skooters with children driving
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2026 11:07:10 AM

Communication sent to mayor and full council.

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From: Sandi Whitman <wingwen10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 30 August 2026 09:38:17
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4B <ward4b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>
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Dear Mayor Chris Vogele and council members Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Jessica Banks, Brent Edgmond, Sara Naylor, Tom Canape, Irv Wilde and Casey Wheeler

I am writing this in regard to the children riding motorized scooters and cycles around Laurel. There is much discussion in the community about the safety concerns that come with riding them and the lack of knowledge on the children's part for rules of the road for their own safety. I found that Worland Wyoming has put in an ordinance to try to make it safer for all including the people driving vehicles and having near accidents with the children on these things. I would love for the City Council to consider putting in some rules as Worland did. It would not only make it safer for children but also for the unsuspecting drivers of cars that suddenly have one of these run out in the road in front of them. Helmets are NEVER a bad idea with something that goes anywhere from 10 to 50 miles a hour..... I remember when I was growing up in Glenwood Springs Colorado we even had to put little licenses on our bicycles. Please consider some kind of ordinance if possible, to make it safer for all. We actually witnessed three boys racing down 1st street right in the middle of the street and one boy wrecked. We stopped to make sure he was ok and he said yes but it could have been totally different. The children need to be aware of

road
rules for their own safety and wear safety gear such as a helmet.

Thank You
Sandi Whitman
Laurel, Montana resident.



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City begins process to regulate electric scooters, bicycles

KARLA POMEROY, Editor | Jul 09, 2026

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The Worland City Council approved on first reading Ordinance 888, “pertaining to the regulation of various devices operated upon public streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, parking lots, parks and any path set aside for the purpose of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, within the City of Worland.”

Devices included in the ordinance are bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility device, pedestrian vehicle, electric scooter, electric assisted bicycle, motorized assisted bicycle, skateboards, roller skates, scooters (non electric, non motorized), toy vehicles and disabled pedestrian vehicle (wheelchair).

The ordinance defines each device. It also requires lights and reflectors if the devices are used between half-hour after sunset to half-hour before sunrise.

Police Chief Gabe Elliott said education rather than punishment will be the focus. “Safety is our No. 1 concern.”

Initially the proposed ordinance required helmets for anyone under the age of 18.

Councilor William Worley said, “We are not the city’s parents. I don’t believe, motorized or not, it’s the city’s position to say you have to wear a helmet ... or it’s not our position to tell parents your kids have to wear a helmet.”

Mayor Rebecca George said she agreed with Worley noting, “regulating safety is still a parent decision.”

Elliott added if the clause was removed “there is nothing wrong with us encouraging kids to wear a helmet.”

The clause was removed for first reading.

The ordinance also outlines riding behavior and notes that pedestrians are to be given the right-of-way on trails and sidewalks and “Special care shall be given while operating on public sidewalks to pedestrians emerging from adjacent doorways onto such sidewalk or pathway.”

Wheelchairs and similar devices must be equipped with a five-foot caution flag when operating on any street, highway or alley.

The ordinance also prohibits the use of any handheld electronic “wireless communication device to write, send or read text-based communications” when riding one of the devices as defined in the ordinance.

Persons must also have at least one hand on the wheel or handlebars at all times.

There is also a clause regarding parents or guardians who “knowingly” permit a child to ride in violation any of the regulations.

Three misdemeanor penalties are outlined: equipment violation, careless operation and reckless operation.

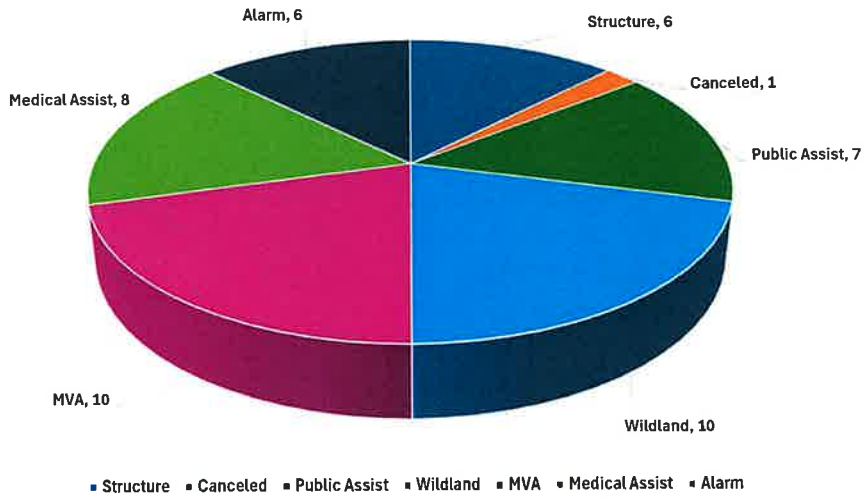
The council will continue discussion at Monday’s work session with second reading set for July 13.

SANDBAR REMOVAL

Laurel Fire Rescue

For the Month of: Aug-26

Call Type Breakdown



	CALLS *	MAN HOURS **
Total	48	525
Other Activities	Training	160
Total Hours for the Month		685

Announcements:
New garage door openers installed.
Reponed to river rescue near duck creek bridge, rescued 5 rafters

Calls * The total number of fire calls we received and responded to for the month

Man Hours ** The total number of man hours put in by the personnel for the number of calls responded to for the month

Definitions

Structure	Fire calls relating to structures (civil or otherwise)
MVA	Fire calls relating to Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), and other calls that relate to modes of transportation (extrications, rescues, traffic control, etc..)
Medical Assist	Calls for Lift Assist and any assitance provided to EMS
Wildland	Fire calls relating to grass, brush, crops, or vegetation. Also include outdoor trash fire
Public Assist	Calls relating to any public safety (power lines, downed trees, hazmat, gas/water/oil line breaks, etc..
Canceled	Calls that got canceled while enroute to the scene of call
Alarm	Calls in response to fire alarms, whether false or real

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2026

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:31 p.m. on February 3, 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

_x_ Tom Canape
_x_ Brent Edgmond
_x_ Casey Wheeler
_x_ Richard Klose
_x_ Sara Naylor
_x_ Jessica Banks
_x_ Irv Wilke
_x_ Jodi Mackay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, CAO
Michele Braukmann, Civil Attorney
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
JW Hopper, Fire Chief

Public Input:

Mayor Waggoner announced the Closed Executive Session regarding litigation would be removed from the agenda. With no objection from the Council, the agenda was amended to move Other Items before Public Input.

Prior to public input, City Administrator Kurt Markegard informed the Council that the Montana Board of Investments had recently purchased property near Laurel and indicated its intent to pursue annexation into the City. He acknowledged the community's concerns regarding the proposed Montana State Forensic Hospital and explained that staff had limited information at this time because no formal application had been submitted. Mr. Markegard introduced Forrest Sanderson, the City's recently contracted planner, to explain the City's land use review process.

Mr. Sanderson advised that no application for annexation or development had been submitted to the City. He explained that if an application is received, the proposal must proceed through the City's established review process, beginning with a Growth Policy amendment, followed by Planning Board review and recommendation, consideration of annexation by the City Council, and, if applicable, zoning review. He emphasized that each step requires public participation and that the Council's responsibility is to evaluate any application in accordance with the Montana Constitution, Montana law, and the Laurel Municipal Code.

Mr. Sanderson stated the City is committed to conducting an open, fair, and transparent process and encouraged residents to remain engaged, rely on factual information, and participate throughout the public review process should an application be submitted. He advised that copies

of the City's Growth Policy maps were made available for public review and stated future meetings would be publicly noticed as the process moves forward.

The City Attorney proceeded to read into the record written correspondence received regarding the proposed Montana State Forensic Hospital. See Attached Correspondence.

Council Member Mackay stated she appreciated the public's engagement and the written correspondence received regarding the proposed Montana State Forensic Hospital. She also welcomed Forrest Sanderson as the City's contract planner and expressed confidence that he would provide transparency throughout the planning process. Council Member Mackay stated that many of the community's concerns centered on how the City became involved in the process. She questioned Mayor Waggoner regarding his direction to City Administrator Kurt Markegard to send correspondence to the State concerning the proposed project. Mayor Waggoner confirmed he directed Mr. Markegard to send the letters.

Council Member Mackay asked City Attorney Michele Braukmann whether she had reviewed the correspondence before it was sent. Ms. Braukmann stated she had not. Council Member Mackay also inquired about the status of public records requests related to the project.

City Administrator Kurt Markegard explained that City staff had been working to compile responsive records and had coordinated with the City's information technology provider to conduct email searches using terms provided by the City Attorney. He stated he had printed and organized his responsive records and made them available for release once the search process was completed. Mr. Markegard also described efforts he had made to meet with members of the public and answer questions regarding the proposed project.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Strecker confirmed that the request to the City's information technology provider had been submitted, but as of the beginning of the meeting, a response had not yet been received.

City Attorney Michele Braukmann explained that Montana law does not establish a specific deadline for responding to public records requests, although legal guidance generally considers five business days to be a reasonable timeframe. She acknowledged that the City was beyond that timeframe on several requests and stated that responding to public records requests is a responsibility she routinely performs for the City.

During discussion regarding public records requests, comments were made regarding the City Attorney's resignation, which prompted discussion concerning transparency, public trust, and leadership. Members of the public also commented on the exchange and expressed concerns regarding trust and confidence in City leadership.

Council Member Naylor read a prepared statement emphasizing the importance of ethical governance, transparency, accountability, and maintaining the public's trust. She asked Mayor Waggoner what steps the City intended to take to improve transparency moving forward.

Mayor Waggoner responded that no formal application had been submitted to the City and that the City would follow the required public process should an annexation application be received.

City Administrator Kurt Markegard provided a detailed overview of the City's involvement with the State regarding the proposed Montana State Forensic Hospital. He described initial contacts from the Montana Board of Investments, participation in site tours, subsequent requests for information regarding infrastructure and annexation procedures, and correspondence sent to the State regarding the City's annexation process and legal requirements. Mr. Markegard stated that his intent throughout the process had been to ensure the State followed Montana law, including the City's required public review, Growth Policy amendment, annexation, and zoning processes. He reiterated that no annexation application had been submitted to the City and emphasized his commitment to transparency, public involvement, and providing the Council with the information necessary to make informed decisions if an application is received.

Council Member Klose stated that the lack of information being provided by the State had created confusion within the community and strained relationships among elected officials, City staff, and residents. He encouraged the State to meet directly with the Laurel community to answer questions and provide additional information regarding the proposed project.

Council Member Canape referenced previous Council discussions involving state legislators regarding the proposed facility and encouraged residents to allow the Council to complete its review process if an application is submitted. He stated the Council's responsibility is to represent the community and evaluate any proposal through the established public process.

Mayor Waggoner then opened the floor for public comment.

Shawna Hopper, 504 Roundhouse Drive, Laurel, expressed concerns regarding the lack of communication and transparency surrounding the proposed Montana State Forensic Hospital. She stated the community should have been informed when the State began considering locations in the Laurel area, regardless of whether the property was within the city limits. Ms. Hopper questioned the delay in responding to public records requests and suggested regular communication from the City could have reduced public frustration. She also expressed concerns regarding public safety, emergency services, impacts on children, and the possibility of future state facilities locating in the area. She encouraged the City to carefully review applicable laws and protect the community's interests.

Renee Roth, 1649 U.S. Highway 212 South, Laurel, thanked the Council for their service and stated she was speaking as a private citizen. Ms. Roth expressed concern regarding the proximity of the proposed facility to local schools and the lack of communication with the school district. She stated elected officials and the community should have been informed earlier in the process and encouraged City leadership to acknowledge mistakes and improve transparency moving forward.

Brian Lubinsky, Laurel, stated City leadership should have been more forthcoming with the community regarding the proposed project. He encouraged City officials to acknowledge any mistakes, communicate openly with residents, and work collaboratively with the community moving forward.

Amber Zahn, 1224 West 4th Street, Laurel, stated the proposed facility would directly impact her family and property. She asked what options the City and residents have to oppose the project if the community does not support it and encouraged City officials to continue operating in an open and transparent manner.

Elizabeth Gilg, 1200 Cedar Crest Circle, Laurel, questioned the City's handling of public records requests and asked when the request to the City's information technology provider had been submitted. She also expressed concerns regarding comments made during the meeting and stated she believed information requested by the public should have been distributed more efficiently.

Steve Krum, 249 24th Avenue West, Laurel, stated he believed the State should not determine the future of the community without local support. He encouraged the Council to rely on the City's ordinances, resolutions, and state law to protect property owners and formally oppose annexation of the proposed project.

Monna Rae Adickes , 102 8th Avenue Unit B, Laurel, asked the Council to explain the next steps if an annexation application is submitted and requested Council Members share their positions regarding the proposed project. She stated the uncertainty surrounding the proposal has created significant anxiety within the community.

Ms. Hopper asked what actions the City could take if the Council denied annexation and whether the State could still obtain City services. City Administrator Kurt Markegard explained the City's Annexation Policy (Resolution R08-22) generally prohibits extending new City services outside the city limits and stated only the City Council has the authority to approve such services. He advised he could not predict how the State would proceed if annexation were denied. Additional discussion occurred regarding previous correspondence between the City and the State concerning the proposed project.

Pauline Hammer, 1111 Yellowstone Avenue, Laurel, stated she shared many of the concerns expressed by previous speakers regarding the proposed facility. She thanked the City Attorney for reading the written correspondence into the record and expressed appreciation for the respectful discussion during the meeting. Ms. Hammer also expressed concern regarding interactions between the Mayor and the City Attorney and stated it affected her confidence in the City's leadership.

General Items

Executive Review

1. **Finance:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Montana Amending Resolution No. 25-75 And Affirming Continuation Of Services Under The Managed Service Agreement For Renamed Systems Technology Consultants.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a resolution amending Resolution No. 25-75 to reflect the name change of Morrison-Maierle Systems to Systems Technology Consultants. She explained that the managed service agreement itself remained unchanged and that the resolution simply updated the contractor's legal name.

2. **Finance:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Approving A Transportation Coordination Plan For The City Of Laurel Transit.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a resolution approving the updated Transportation Coordination Plan for Laurel Transit. She explained that the plan is required for the City to remain eligible for transit grant funding and reflects updates including the correct partner organization, Allies in Aging, replacing an outdated reference, and the addition of the City's new transit bus obtained through grant funding. The updated plan ensures continued operation and funding of the Laurel transit system.

Council Issues

3. Discussion - BNSF Communications Tower

The Public Works Director explained that BNSF had provided the City with a courtesy notice that it intends to construct a communications tower, approximately 120 feet in height, within the railroad yard. Because the project falls under federal jurisdiction, no City approval is required. The item was placed on the agenda to ensure Council members were aware of the project.

Council Member Mackay asked whether the new tower would replace the existing communications tower located nearby. The Public Works Director stated that he was unsure but reiterated that the notification was informational only.

4. Closed Executive Session – Litigation

Item was removed from the agenda by Mayor Dave Waggoner.

Other Items

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

Announcements

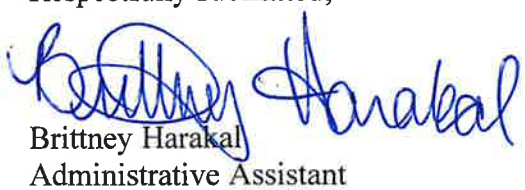
Council Member Mackay reminded everyone that the next Public Works Committee meeting would be held on Monday, February 9, one week earlier than usual due to the Presidents' Day holiday. The meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Canape announced that the Tree Board/Park Board meeting would be held on February 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Riverside Park, and noted that board members had been notified.

Council Member Klose invited any interested Council Members or members of the public to attend the Tree Board/Park Board meeting to view the work that had been completed at the American Legion building.

The council workshop adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Harakal
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.

Print Name	Adress
Brian Lubinski	320 7th Ave
AMBER ZAHN	1224 W 4th St
BRYAN LEICHER	1224 W 4th St
Shawna Tippa	504 Roundhouse

February 3, 2026

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Brittney Harakal

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Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:43 PM
To: Brittney Harakal
Cc: Civil Attorney
Subject: FW: Proposed Mental Health Facility and City Council Considerations
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Sara B. Naylor

Council Member- City of Laurel- Ward 1

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From: Tricia Tatman <ptatman27@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:13 PM
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Subject: Proposed Mental Health Facility and City Council Considerations

Please see the attached letter concerning the proposed Mental Health Facility

Sincerely,
Patricia Tatman
Yellowstone County resident of the Laurel Community

February 3rd, 2026

To: Laurel City Council Members and Mayor

From: Patricia Tatman

Subject: Proposed Mental Health Facility in or near Laurel, MT

Dear Valued City Council Members and Mayor Waggoner,

As I assume much of your correspondence is these days, I am writing to address the proposed Mental Health Facility in the area. While I am a county resident, and none of you directly represent me, it is the county residents that will likely feel the brunt of the decisions that are on your shoulders. I appreciate the time it will take you to review this letter, as well as the correspondence of others.

In short, my household is opposed to the proposed Mental Health Facility being at either identified location in Laurel (the property of Hwy 10 that has a buy/sell agreement, and the State -owned property off of Buffalo Trail and Laurel Airport Rd). We do recognize and appreciate that there is an extreme need in Montana for more access to mental health facilities, the problems with existing forensic mental health facilities, and the shortage of space in both our county jails and our State penitentiaries. That said a band-aide solution to a large problem generally leads to larger problems, instead of solving the recognized problem. I will bring up the ones that are on my mind and hope you will consider them when making your decisions.

#1. This has been shrouded in secrecy from the very beginning. While I am not naïve enough to believe that all decisions are made fully in the public light, this decision has huge implications for the community and public support should have been considered and gauged before any employee or elected official ever entered into discussion or agreements on this topic. Moving forward at all at this point will leave a huge distrust with the community consisting of your constituents and your county neighbors.

2. The Hwy 10 location is just so close to town. This has been a main talking point among community members. I realize the State's desire for cost savings based on existing water and sewer, the location to the West End interchange and its benefits for getting both users

of the facility, and employees of the facility to and from there. However, conveniences and cost savings are not the only factors that should be considered. The proximity to an elementary school, the interstate and highway in general, established homes, and businesses should all be considered security risks. Considerable consideration should also be given to reduction in property values, the overall strange aesthetic of putting a facility of this kind near a golf course and school and what this means as Laurel's growth continues to be planned for.

3. The Laurel Airport Location- I realize this is state owned land and while I don't know all that would go into putting the proposed facility here, I am sure it would be less restrictive than having to be annexed by the city. My understanding of the situation was that this was deemed less feasible due to available water and sewer, and the extreme cost that would be needed to develop those utilities. The city should NEVER be responsible for upgrading these utilities solely for a State facility that will provide no tax revenue. Additionally, other considerations should be discussed. This is right next to an increasingly busy airport, which seems to also be a security risk. Laurel Airport is in no condition to facilitate more traffic. This highway is quite narrow and has wrecks on a regular basis that would be exacerbated by both the building of and running of this facility. It is my view as well that it would be in incredibly poor taste to put this facility right next to our city cemetery and our increasingly used State Veteran's Cemetery. While a school is a bit further away than the Hwy 10 location, it is essentially a straight shot right to our high school, our health clinic and a nursing home.

4. If this facility is built at either location it will be the first thing visitors see when coming from either the west or the north. What will that do to the health of our community. Even the fact that our school mascot is the Laurel Locomotives, often shortened to Locos, seems that this facility will do nothing but bring a certain negative perception to our town.

5. This is just Phase 1 of a project. This is probably my area of greatest concern. What will come of subsequent phases. It is known we have a severe shortage of mental health facilities both forensic and otherwise. Will this grow to include more patients/prisoners? We know we lack county jail space. Is this a plan for getting more? We know we have a shortage of incarceration space in our State run prisons. Are these sites being looked at to help solve those problems? To my knowledge these questions haven't been answered or even addressed, and they certainly haven't been addressed with any kind of legally binding assurances of what will or won't happen in the future. Will patients ever be released into

the community? Will this bring in other state or privately run group homes or prerelease centers? What will be the city council's stance on them? Where will those be located? What will the security concerns be for those?

In closing, I want to fully disclose that I have previously worked in a group home facility and that I also live on Laurel Airport Rd. I come viewing this situation both with the recognition of the extreme need we have in this state, but with also the deeply held belief that these are both wrong locations for any such proposed facility or this type of development. Not from a "not in my backyard" mentality, but because they are categorically the wrong kind of locations for such facilities for so many serious reasons.

Thank you for your time and service and I wish you great calm and wisdom as you make further decisions!

Patricia Tatman

Yellowstone County based Laurel Resident

Brittney Harakal

From: Ward 1B
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:18 PM
To: Brittney Harakal
Cc: Civil Attorney; Kurt Markegard
Subject: Fw: Annexation of property for Forensic Mental Hospital

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From: Gloria Allwin <gallwin@msn.com>
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Subject: Annexation of property for Forensic Mental Hospital

To the Laurel City Council Members:

While we are not Laurel City residents, we are long term Laurel residents living just outside the city. We live at 185 Golf Course Rd, bordering the property being discussed about the Forensic Criminal Mental Hospital.

We appreciate your willingness to serve our community. We respectfully ask that you do not approve the annexation of the property into the city. The city has talked about growth and wanting to improve the city, however we do not see putting a facility like this being an improvement and not paying taxes to the county or the city. The idea it is so close to our K-2 elementary school is very concerning for our children's safety. This property could be used for taxable homes and with that, the city could grow helping with the tax base and supporting our schools, streets, water system, etc. With this type of facility being so close in the city limits, it will impede proper growth for the city and most likely cause the homes in the area to devalue as well.

The lack of Transparency by the city officials has been very concerning. Even though we don't have a vote in the city, the annexation of this "prison" does affect us as does your votes. Please do not vote for the annexation of this property.

Thank you.
Gloria and Dennis Allwin

Brittney Harakal

From: Ward 1B
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 12:20 PM
To: Civil Attorney
Cc: Kurt Markegard
Subject: Fw: Frustrations and Disappointment

From: SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM <SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM>
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From: SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM <SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:06 PM
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Subject: Frustrations and Disappointment

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your time and dedication to our community. We all have lives, businesses, jobs, families, groups, and organizations, so the time we all put forth for our community is admirable. I know you are unable to respond but please take our emails, conversations and facts into considers when making this massive decision that will forever impact our community.

I would like to state I am not against this facility or any other facility helping those with severe or mild mental illness, special needs and addiction. These are very real lives for more people than we know, and all these people deserve help. However, I am against the current proposed location for many reasons.

But Today I am writing to you all, about my heart. My family ancestors settled here in 1883 and have been here ever since. I have lived in Laurel for 49 years, raised children here, this is MY HOME, this is MY COMMUNITY. I also opened my business to give this community something it so desperately needed; more places to eat. In addition, I have spent the last 3 years trying to BETTER our community. Joining forces on the Splash Park, working with the Laurel Community Foundation on creating a family friendly space for live music and fellowship at Rock the Block Events. I have had numerous fundraisers for the Laurel Softball Complex, Chamber of Commerce, Laurel Fire Association, as well as all the Laurel City Emergency Services that are so underfunded. Lastly, my non-profit the WHITE BUFFALO FOUNDATION has held numerous events to raise funds for an addition to one of the parks for physically and mentally disabled individuals; including those with all sorts of special needs.

It saddens me, breaks my heart, and makes me ill to see something like the Montana State Forensic Hospital being so close to our recently updated elementary school, softball complexes, residents and the community we claim we love.

This is my plea to vote NO to the annexation of the proposed Forensic Mental Hospital/Facility in its proposed location.

Sincerely,
Shawna Hopper
Concerned Citizen, Lifelong Resident, Business Owner
406.794.7222

Brittney Harakal

From: Ward 4A
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 4:07 PM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: FW: Concerns

From: SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM <SHAWNA@CARLTONDEPOT.COM>
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Subject: Concerns

Good Morning Council,

As you are well aware, I oppose the Montana State Forensic Hospital/Prison at the proposed location in Laurel, for many reasons.

The city of Laurel struggles with finances; we have fundraisers for an ambulance, the City of Laurel's ambulance, protective vests for the police force, bunker gear, new safety equipment and PPE for the Fire Department. Why? Because the city does not have the funds. This property could have provided commercial and residential income for the city but know it will not bring income and will become a financial burden in one way or another.

Another great option would have been a new Emergency Services Facility as the current facility is in shambles, leaking roofs causing the potential for electrical issues, the heat and air duct is constantly going out, there are many safety issues in the dispatch and police area (which I will not speak publicly about as I do not want to endanger them in any way). Red Lodge Fire was just awarded 2 million dollars from the state for a new station as bunker gear should not be in the same bays as the trucks for exhaust and potential risks for cancer; guess where Laurel's gear is, yep in the same bay. The list could go on.

We operate on a very minimally paid fire department, who risk their lives, sacrifice time away from family on holidays for our community and its citizens. This stipend paid department covers one of the largest areas in the state will now have to have special training and additional risks on calls that will likely occur at the facility. When there are calls at this facility, it will pull from all Emergency Services, leaving the residents and community with less resources. This will directly impact our community.

The safety of our community, emergency services, and our children should be on the front of everyone's mind. At the school board meeting (please watch the video play to get exact quotes and names of individuals) a few comments struck a chord with me. Board Member, Kayla Gray made a comment in regards to her student teaching time; "children would be scared to go to the bathroom alone; this will add another level of fear, resulting in less productivity in the classroom", one of the student board appointee made a comment about the youth softball training facility directly bordering the proposed location; stating the safety of all Laurel students should be of upmost importance. Two ladies during public

comment stated a few facts about escapees from warm springs over the last several years. However, Amber Zahn's comments stuck with me the most; she stated, "it doesn't matter how frequent the escapes are it just takes ONE, one escapee to hurt one of our children or citizens."

During the September 30th, "Candidate Meet and Greet" meeting at the Front Porch with the Small Business Alliance Group, questions were asked of Mayor Waggoner about the proposed Facility. Mayor Waggoner stated the state of Montana had asked what the city of Laurel would do to bring the facility to Laurel, and he said absolutely NOTHING, the city will not give them anything. Well, it appears from the communication released by the State of Montana on August 22, 2025. The Mayor and CAO had been offering advice and working with them anyways; even if it was just a location, they were encouraging them to look in our community. As a business owner, my main question was about how this would affect the business community in Laurel, i.e.. pulling jobs from local businesses that already struggle to find help. He acknowledged this as a real risk that could directly affect my business. Why would it be good for the community to take away jobs from one place to add to another? Is the state hospital more important to the city than mine? As of now the fear has grown, as it is not just losing employees but customers as well. People will sell and although someone else may move in, I now have to figure out how capture them as a new customer; less people eat out in fear their property values will decrease. We have a desolate main street already, and this will continue to discourage people from coming to our community. Laurel will continue to struggle instead of encouraging real businesses to come to Laurel that would bring real money to the community and city.

I could go on but Ill save the rest for next week as this is truly exhausting, physically, mentally and emotionally as this affects me to my core. This affects me personally on so many levels as our property the borders this facility, my business will be affected and my husband and son's safety as well as many other first responders I care about will be directly impacted.

Please oppose this location and stand up for OUR community.

Thank you for your time,
Shawna Hopper
Concerned Citizen and Business Owner

Brittney Harakal

From:	Ward 1B
Sent:	Thursday, January 29, 2026 8:53 PM
To:	Civil Attorney
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Subject:	Fw: Forensic Mental Health Facility
Attachments:	GovLetter_BOI.pdf

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Subject: Forensic Mental Health Facility

Good evening,

I am writing to you all to express my opposition to the currently proposed location for the forensic mental health facility. My family lives at 939 W 4th St. I have lived in Laurel for roughly 13 years, however my husband and his family have been in Laurel and heavily involved in the community for decades. I love Laurel and am grateful to be raising my son in this town. It is hard to find a gem to call home that we have here, with that small town vibe where you really feel safe and surrounded by a supportive community. I am deeply concerned with what the consequences may be by bringing this facility to Laurel. First and foremost, the currently proposed location is far too close to Laurel Elementary School. My next largest concern is the strain this would put on our emergency services. I am sure you all are aware of our thinly stretched volunteer ambulance and fire departments. I have heard countless calls on the scanner where our ambulance was either already out on a call, or no one was available to answer the call. This type of facility will undoubtedly have plenty of instances where calls will be placed needing the assistance of emergency personnel. I fear bringing this type of facility that will need support from our strained emergency services could endanger the citizens of Laurel at their most desperate times of need. Without having a 24/7 fully staffed fire and ambulance department, I feel this is putting all the citizens of Laurel at great risk. I beg you all to please do everything within your power to keep this facility out of Laurel.

Governor Gianforte was clear in his letter dated 9/10/2025, that due to the impact this facility will have on whichever community it is built in, it is imperative that there be public ***participation and engagement.*** I kindly ask that the public is included/invited into the decision making and discussions, as much as possibly allowed, of this project before moving forward as our Governor strongly encouraged.

Over the course of the last few months, this project has gained the attention of many in the public, both because of the great need for the proposed facility and because its location impacts their communities. In proceeding with this project, public participation should play a critical role as it moves forward. Engaging the public and stakeholders will ensure that these decisions are made in the open, allowing Montanans to have a voice in how their hard-earned tax dollars are spent.

As the Board moves expeditiously to resume implementation of House Bill 5, I encourage BOI to work closely with DPHHS during the development of the behavioral health facility plan to specify services to be provided at the facility and ensure that the public has an opportunity to be heard. While the building is to be constructed by BOI, it is important that DPHHS work closely alongside the Board so that the facility meets the behavioral health needs of Montanans. To ensure that all interested communities have the opportunity to provide feedback, I also encourage the Board to work with DPHHS to consider additional locations beyond the previously reviewed sites.

I appreciate each and every one of you and the hard work you put in every day for our community. I would be happy to speak further with anyone if you so wish.

Take care,

Laura Kirschenmann
281-813-9679

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September 10, 2025

Montana Board of Investments
PO Box 200126
Helena, MT 59620-0126

Dear Members of the Montana Board of Investments,

Thank you for the brief pause you have placed on developing and constructing the behavioral health facility contemplated by House Bill 5, which the Legislature passed and I signed into law. At the most recent meeting of the Board of Investments (BOI), the Board requested written guidance from my office about how to best proceed with implementing House Bill 5 so that we can continue addressing the behavioral health challenges across our state.

As you know, House Bill 5 provided $26.5 million to BOI to prepare and build a behavioral health facility in Eastern Montana in coordination with the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) as an investment for the State. Under the law, the Legislature directed BOI and DPHHS to prepare a plan for facility type and location subject to approval by the Director of the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning.

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This project is of great importance to the State of Montana, as DPHHS must continue to build out capacity to take care of Montanans in need of behavioral health services. I share the goals of

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the Legislature to complete this project quickly while also ensuring transparency, fairness, and public involvement.

Thank you to each member of the Board for their work on this important project. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte
Governor

Brittney Harakal

From: Civil Attorney
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:56 PM
To: Brittney Harakal; Kurt Markegard; City Mayor
Subject: Fw:

Best Regards,

Michele L. B

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Subject: FW:

Text messages I received Wednesday, January 28, 2026 and my response to them.



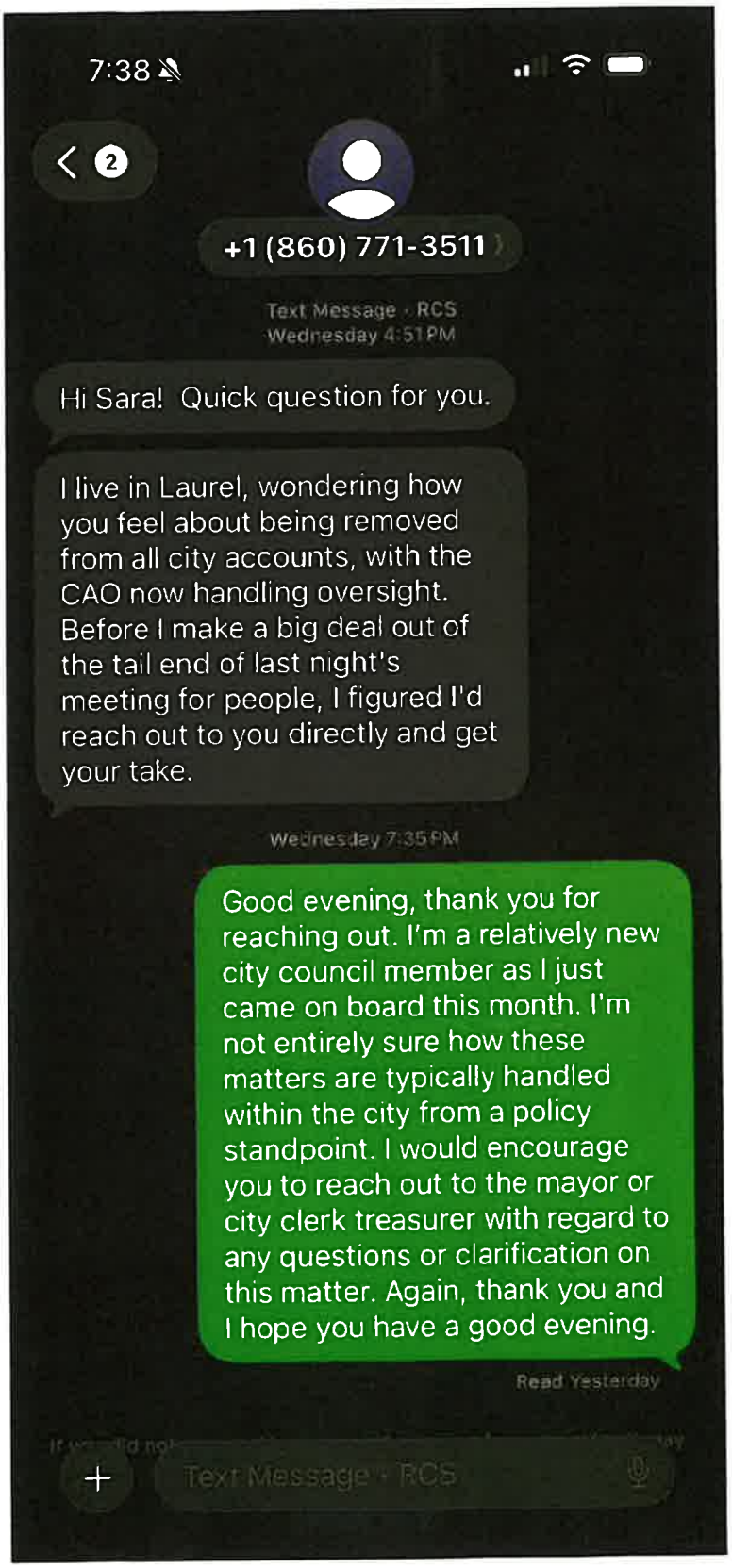
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Council Member - City of Laurel - Ward 1

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Subject:


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Text Message · RCS
Wednesday 4:51 PM
Hi Sara! Quick question for you.
I live in Laurel, wondering how you feel about being removed from all city accounts, with the CAO now handling oversight. Before I make a big deal out of the tail end of last night's meeting for people, I figured I'd reach out to you directly and get your take.
Wednesday 7:35 PM
Good evening, thank you for reaching out. I'm a relatively new city council member as I just came on board this month. I'm not entirely sure how these matters are typically handled within the city from a policy standpoint. I would encourage you to reach out to the mayor or city clerk treasurer with regard to any questions or clarification on this matter. Again, thank you and I hope you have a good evening.
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Sara B. Naylor

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Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:12 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Concerns regarding the Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility Location in Laurel

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
(406) 628-8456 extension 5501

From: Bethany Haan <bethany_haan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 11:34 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Concerns regarding the Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility Location in Laurel

Dear Mayor Waggoner,

I am writing to you as a deeply concerned resident of Laurel and an active member of our community regarding the recent site selection for the new state behavioral health facility. While I recognize and support the commitment to addressing Montana's critical need for mental health infrastructure, I am writing to formally express my opposition to the specific location currently under consideration.

My concerns are centered on the facility's proximity to established residential neighborhoods and educational institutions. My family resides off Laurel Golf Course Road, placing this planned site a mere 1.6 miles from our front door. Even more concerning is the fact that this facility—intended to house individuals requiring forensic mental health assessments, fitness-to-stand-trial evaluations, and those found guilty but mentally ill—would be located just one mile from Laurel Elementary School.

As a mother of four, with two children currently attending that elementary school, the safety and security of our students and neighborhoods are my highest priorities. Placing a high-security forensic population in such close proximity to school-aged children and densely populated residential areas presents risks that I believe have not been fully mitigated or addressed in the current planning phase.

I understand that the state is fulfilling a vital mandate to improve our mental health system. However, for a project of this sensitivity, the choice of location is as important as the services provided. I respectfully ask that you exercise your oversight to pause this selection and re-evaluate alternative sites that do not infringe upon the immediate safety zones of our schools and local families.

Our community is supportive of progress, but we ask that this progress does not come at the expense of the peace of mind and safety of Laurel's residents. Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your consideration of this urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Bethany Haan
Laurel, Montana

Brittney Harakal

From:	Ward 1B
Sent:	Thursday, January 29, 2026 12:20 PM
To:	Civil Attorney
Cc:	Kurt Markegard
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Attachments:	mental health facility - jan 2026.pdf

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Thank you for your time.

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Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:17 PM
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Attachments: mental health facility - jan 2026.pdf

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From: Don Smarsh <don@dynamicpromoproducts.com>
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Subject: mental hospital letter attached

Thank you for your time.

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January 29, 2026

To: Laurel Mayor and City Council

From: Don Smarsh

Re: State Mental Health Facility

My wife and I live at 1940 Ranch Trail Road in Yellowstone County just outside of Laurel. We have operated a business in downtown Laurel for 33 years. We have been fortunate to raise our kids here in Laurel and have always felt like Laurel is a relatively safe community to do so.

I am not against a much needed State Mental Hospital. I am against the location chosen for the new facility. There has been a lot of valid concerns brought up like; it will be too close to schools and residential housing, property values, no tax benefits to Laurel and the stigma it brings for future growth.

Some of my concerns are with the current Mental Hospital in Warm Springs. The hospital has been under scrutiny for patient deaths and assaults. This has led to safety concerns for both the staff and community. They have struggled with staffing the facility which leads to insufficient patient care and safety concerns. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services took away their certification in 2023 due to the facility's failure to meet basic health and safety requirements. The loss of federal funding has put a strain on how the hospital is staffed and operated. There is 60-70 consistently on the waiting list for a bed which puts a strain on the local detention facilities until room becomes available.

The Mental Hospital in Warm Springs has been so insufficiently managed by the state that I am concerned about it being the same situation here in Laurel. I am concerned that our local law enforcement and fire department aren't equipped or staffed for this type of facility. I am concerned that staffing the facility may be difficult. The Yellowstone County Jail advertises on the local radio to find qualified employees. It takes a lot of employees to run a mental hospital and even though we are the most populated county in Montana those will be tough positions to fill and turnover is high. I think this could put more financial strain on the city of Laurel and Yellowstone county in the future.

Concerned citizen.

Don Smarsh

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:10 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Concerns Regarding Proposed State Mental Hospital

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
(406) 628-8456 extension 5501

From: April Rosekelly <april_rosekelly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:01 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed State Mental Hospital

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing as a Laurel resident to formally express my opposition to the proposed location of the new state mental health facility within city limits, particularly given its proximity to Laurel Elementary School and established residential neighborhoods.

While I fully support the need for accessible mental health services in Montana, I strongly believe this specific site is not an appropriate or responsible placement. Locating a large state-run facility within walking distance of an elementary school raises serious safety, planning, and long-term community impact concerns that deserve deeper consideration.

In addition, the proposed site removes approximately 115 acres from the local tax base due to its tax-exempt status. This directly impacts city services and school funding while placing additional strain on local infrastructure—without corresponding financial benefit to the community. The potential negative effects on nearby property values and key community assets, including the golf course that brings significant revenue into Laurel, should not be dismissed.

Residents deserve transparency, meaningful public input, and thoughtful planning—especially for a project of this scale and permanence. I urge the Council to pause,

reconsider this location, and explore alternative sites outside of residential neighborhoods and school zones that would better serve both the facility's mission and the long-term wellbeing of Laurel.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of the community you represent.

Sincerely,

April Myers

Laurel, Montana

Sent from my iPhone

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:13 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Formal Request for Community Safety Review – Proposed Psychiatric Facility Location

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
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From: Amber Zahn <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 1:41 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Cc: Kyle Smith <kyle.smith@hepi.com>; My E-mail <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com>
Subject: Formal Request for Community Safety Review – Proposed Psychiatric Facility Location

Dear City of Laurel Officials,

I am writing as a parent and homeowner regarding the proposed forensic psychiatric facility adjacent to our residential neighborhood and within close proximity to an elementary school.

Our community supports access to mental health treatment. However, the proposed location raises serious unresolved concerns related to public safety, emergency response preparedness, long-term oversight, and zoning suitability — particularly given the state's recent history of documented safety failures at Montana State Hospital.

We are formally requesting:
- An independent, publicly released community safety and risk assessment
- Clear disclosure of security, staffing, and emergency response protocols
- A public forum allowing residents, school representatives, and first responders to ask questions on the record
- Consideration of alternative locations that do not place children and residential neighborhoods at heightened risk

Proceeding without transparency and documented safety analysis would be deeply concerning.

We respectfully request a written response.

Sincerely,
Amber Zahn

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Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:13 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Adjacent Property Impacts and Mitigation – Laurel Forensic Facility

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
(406) 628-8456 extension 5501

From: Amber Zahn <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 10:59 PM
To: charles.brereton@mt.gov
Cc: citycouncil@laurel.mt.gov; commissioners@yellowstonecountymt.gov; City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; My E-mail <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com>
Subject: Adjacent Property Impacts and Mitigation – Laurel Forensic Facility

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a property owner whose land directly shares a boundary with the proposed forensic psychiatric facility near Laurel, Montana. I am writing to formally request detailed information and written clarification regarding anticipated impacts to my property and potential mitigation measures.

Because my property is immediately adjacent to the proposed site, I will be uniquely affected by decisions related to facility design, security features, access routes, lighting, and future expansion. These impacts differ materially from those experienced by the broader community and raise legitimate concerns regarding property value, use, and long-term marketability.

Specifically, I respectfully request written responses to the following:

1. Security and Design

- The planned type, height, and visibility of perimeter fencing.
- Whether any anti-climb, razor wire, or hardened security features are proposed.
- The placement, intensity, and shielding of exterior lighting and surveillance systems.

2. Setbacks and Buffers

- The planned setback distance from my shared property line.
- Whether the state is willing to implement permanent buffer measures, including berms, landscaping, tree lines, or no-build easements along the shared boundary.

3. Access and Operations

- The location of access roads, staff entrances, and patient transport routes.
- Expected traffic volume and any anticipated use of sirens or emergency transport protocols.
- Hours of operation most likely to affect adjacent landowners.

4. Zoning and Future Expansion

- The zoning designation governing the site.
- Whether current approvals allow for future expansion, additional beds, or enhanced security features without further public process.

5. Property Value Impacts and Mitigation

- Whether the state has conducted or plans to conduct a property value impact or diminution study for adjacent landowners.
- Whether mitigation measures or compensation are available for directly affected properties, including landscaping, easements, or other forms of relief.

I appreciate the importance of expanding forensic mental health services in Montana. At the same time, I believe it is reasonable and necessary for the state to address the disproportionate impacts borne by adjacent property owners through transparency, mitigation, and good-faith engagement.

I respectfully request that responses be provided in writing and included in the official project record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Amber Zahn

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Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:16 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: A Mothers View

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
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From: Ariel Ronan <ariellynnronan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:39 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: A Mothers View

Hi Mayor,

Ariel Ronan here - Resident at 614 E 1st ST

I know you likely won't reply, and that's ok. I would just like to send you a piece I wrote this morning. I hope that it might provide some insight into how it feels to be a mother to small children in the city of Laurel at this present time.

" Sitting in the drop off line at Laurel Elementary, waiting for my own 8 year old to exit my car. I'm watching other small children hop out of cars with backpacks half zipped and hair still messy, and I can't stop wondering: what's this view going to be like if there's a forensic mental health facility just on the other side of those trees?

This is where we wave goodbye to our smallest school goers. Where we tell them to be brave, to be kind, to have a good day. It's where we trust that this space is safe, familiar, and meant for growing. And yet my eyes keep drifting past the playground, past the fence line, imagining something entirely different looming there... something heavy, something that doesn't belong in the quiet rhythm of a school morning.

I'm trying to be present in this moment, to soak in the normalcy of it all, but it's hard not to feel a knot in my chest. It's hard not to think about what it means to change the landscape around our kids. Not just physically, but emotionally. This isn't about fear-mongering or ignoring the need for mental health care. But the reality is; this facility isn't about community mental health access. It's about criminals. Mentally unstable criminals.
It's about the dissonance of placing something so complex, so serious, next to a place that's supposed to feel light and safe.

As my child exits the car and I pull away, I keep thinking: our kids deserve spaces that let them be kids. It's unsettling to wonder how much that view, and that feeling, might change

Build the facility, Montana; on another piece of land, much further away from our school. "

Thank you for your dedication to this town,



ARIEL RONAN

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Brittney Harakal

From: Ward 1A
Sent: Sunday, February 1, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Brittney Harakal
Cc: Civil Attorney
Subject: FW: Forensic Mental Correctional Facility



Sara B. Naylor

Council Member | City of Laurel – Ward 1

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Ward1a@laurel.mt.gov

From: Monna Rae Adickes <monnarae@cbthebrokers.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 10:57 PM
To: Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Forensic Mental Correctional Facility

Dear Laurel City Council Members,

What tangible benefit does this proposed mental health correctional facility bring to the City of Laurel?

What do the Laurel property owners receive in exchange for the inevitable decline in real estate values? Has the State committed to rebuilding *all* of Laurel's city streets? Upgrading our water and sewer plants? Purchasing a new ambulance for our community?

We do not want this facility in its proposed location. It is too close to our elementary school.

We have been told this project means "jobs and growth." Please—laugh out loud.

Employees of this facility will not buy homes in Laurel. They will commute from neighboring communities. Meanwhile, our residents will shoulder the risk.

Why the secrecy? According to Kurt's letter, Mayor Wagoneer was involved early in this plan. The City Attorney was later informed and warned Council members to remain silent. That should concern every resident.

This feels disturbingly familiar, just like how the NWE gas plant was ramrodded through with little regard for citizen concerns.

We urge you to vote NO to the annexation of the approximately 114 acres owned by Miller Trois LLC / Norman Miller. Vote NO to the zoning change that would allow a forensic mental correctional facility to be built on the Miller property north of Old Highway 10.

Laurel residents acknowledge that Eastern Montana needs a facility to care for the mentally ill. However, we strongly oppose placing it less than 500 yards from Laurel (West) Elementary School.

Please move this project back to the state-owned land, north of town as originally selected. By doing so you will provide the City of Laurel with more growth opportunities and provide a level of safety to the heart of our residential neighborhoods and schools.

For the sake of our children please Vote NO to annexation and the proposed zoning change.

Respectfully,
Monna Rae Adickes
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Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:18 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Letter of opposition to proposed state hospital

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
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From: colleen maurer <colmaurer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 11:54 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; michele@meridianlawmt.com; Kurt Markegard <kmarkegard@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; city.planner@laurel.mt.gov; Lee.Deming@legmt.gov; Vince.Ricci@legmt.gov; governor@mt.gov
Subject: Letter of opposition to proposed state hospital

Colleen Maurer
1416 W Maryland Lane
Laurel, MT 59044
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406-530-4166

January 30, 2026

Dear City of Laurel and State of Montana Representatives,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Laurel to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a state mental hospital intended to house the worst violent offenders. While I understand the importance of providing mental health services and rehabilitation, the placement of such a facility in the proposed location for individuals with a history of severe violence presents significant risks and concerns for our city, its residents and our outlying county residents.

Placing this facility on the proposed property will be the biggest detriment to the City of Laurel. The 114-acre parcel in question will not provide any tax benefit to our city and will kill the potential of any future commercial or residential development- these businesses and residences would generate tax income that would pay for water, roads, emergency services, and schools. The State of Montana will not pay any taxes on this property, therefore leaving the city's current residences and business owners to foot the bill. If you are a current resident of Laurel, you already know that these services need tax dollars for ongoing improvement.

The primary responsibility of local and state government is to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens. The proximity of this facility to Laurel Elementary School is troubling. Establishing a facility for violent offenders—regardless of mental health status—poses a direct threat to public safety. The potential for escape, inadequate security measures, and unintended interactions with the community cannot be underestimated. Our residents, businesses, and schools could be put at risk should any security breaches occur.

The presence of such a hospital is likely to have a detrimental effect on property values in the surrounding area, discourage new investment, and create a lasting stigma for our community. Families may feel less inclined to settle here, and current residents may consider relocating, undermining the fabric of our neighborhoods and the economic vitality of our city.

I, along with many community members, feel that there has not been adequate transparency from state and local officials regarding the selection of the proposed site. Decisions of this magnitude must involve open dialogue with affected communities, thorough impact assessments, and consideration of alternative locations better suited for such specialized facilities. Our Mayor and CAO have been in discussion with the State long before letting the city council or the city's residents know of their two-person plan. It's quite back-handed and has created serious mistrust in the two individuals involved. What gives two people the authority to go behind the backs of a whole community and force this through in such a hush-hush manner?

I urge the city and state government to reconsider this proposal and instead explore locations that are more remote and specifically designed for the secure treatment of high-risk individuals. Additionally, investment in community-based mental health services and preventive programs can yield positive outcomes without placing undue burden on our neighborhoods.

In closing, I respectfully request that you take these concerns seriously and prioritize the safety, well-being, and future of Laurel. Looking at the overall picture.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Colleen Maurer

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:12 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Forensic Mental Healthcare Project

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
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From: Laura Nelson <lauranelson4444@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 1:33 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Forensic Mental Healthcare Project

Good afternoon, Mayor,

Allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Laura Nelson and I have been in the healthcare development industry for more than 30 years. I am a Montana native born and raised.

My specialty has been in rural America. I'm writing to you to give you some positive feedback that I hope you will consider. My corporation PPI has been acquiring funding for building new and renovating old healthcare facilities and working with States, Senators and Congressmen from all over the US. I do live in Billings. However, I come to you as my Son and his Wife live in Laurel along with many friends.

When building a hospital, clinic, nursing home, jail, whatever project you have and the State is involved, please maximize your potential by building out in a large area, a vacant field, between Billings and Laurel off of the highway and having the State pay for infrastructure, etc... Always build with the future in mind. This way you can grow, expand or add on services that may be needed in the future for these patients, etc...

The land in my projects has always been donated. I have worked with major donors all over the US as well. Once the land is agreed upon, then you will invite blueprints, architectural drawings.

You may or may not welcome this information. However, building in any neighborhoods or next to schools does not allow you to expand, grow to maximize your future funding potential. For example, the Red Lodge Hospital was first built up against a mountain with neighbors all around. There was nowhere to make improvements, so you probably noticed that they and the Columbus Hospital are now built on the outside of these towns. So vital.

I am currently caring for an elderly parent but am available for questions if you would like to visit. I have assisted the Columbus Hospital, Big Timber, and the like, but am currently slowing down to assist with family affairs.

I wish you nothing but the best and do thank you for stepping up to tackle this project. It is needed for Yellowstone Country's ability overall to stay in front of the population's increase in crime. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Laura Nelson

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Laura Nelson
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Billings, MT 59103
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(Leave a message or feel free to text)

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:16 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Proposed Laurel Forensic Mental Hospital

Dave Waggoner
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From: Kristi Hansen <kristi606@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:25 AM
To: governor@mt.gov
Cc: vince.ricci@legmt.gov; lee.deming@legmt.gov; City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4B <ward4b@laurel.mt.gov>; Laurel City Planner <cityplanner@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Proposed Laurel Forensic Mental Hospital

Greetings from Laurel,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed location of the Forensic Mental Hospital in Laurel and to relocate it to a more appropriate site. Laurel is a small, close-knit community that takes great pride in being a safe, family-oriented town with strong local values, growing businesses, and a positive future ahead.

The placement of a forensic mental health facility in our community raises serious concerns regarding public safety, long-term economic impact, property values, and the overall well-being of residents. These concerns extend to the surrounding subdivisions, nearby neighborhoods, and the elementary school—all of which would become immediate neighbors to the proposed facility.

How can this possibly be considered an acceptable option? I ask you to reflect on whether you would be comfortable with this in your own backyard or near your children, and if not, to consider why that answer matters for the families of Laurel.

Laurel has worked hard to build momentum for growth and development, and this decision has the potential to halt that progress, deter new investment, and undermine years of effort by local families, business owners, and community leaders.

We fully recognize the importance of mental health services and the critical role they play in our state. However, we strongly believe that this type of facility should be placed in a location that is better suited from both an infrastructure and community-impact perspective—one that ensures patient care, staff safety, and public confidence without placing an undue burden on a small town like ours.

Laurel residents deserve a voice in decisions that will permanently shape the future of our community. We are not asking that these services be eliminated—only that they be thoughtfully and strategically located in a place that better aligns with public safety, community development, and long-term planning goals for Montana.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider this decision and explore alternative locations that will serve both the needs of the state and the well-being of local communities.

Respectfully,

Kristi Hansen

Laurel, Montana

Brittney Harakal

From: Civil Attorney
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:08 AM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: FW: Community Impact and Professional Concern Regarding Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility

Please include in the public record to be read at the next meeting. Thanks!

Best Regards,

Michele L. B

Michele L. Braukmann
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From: Civil Attorney
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:07 AM
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Subject: RE: Community Impact and Professional Concern Regarding Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility

Dear Ms. Gotschall:

I want to first state, as an attorney, that deals with many issues that are both legal and otherwise in nature, including many that involve mental health issues, I thank you for your perspective and consideration on this issue. As the City Attorney for the City of Laurel, I don't ordinarily individually respond to these matters, because it's just not productive, nor is it often legal. So, I don't want you to take my lack of response on this to be a lack of understanding about the importance of what you are conveying. I also hope that you don't find any lack of CC response to be the same. I have advised CC that they simply cannot respond on these matters, right now, based upon the legal stage of things, and they simply need to hear your comment and process it, as they determine appropriate, and at the necessary time that a formal annexation/zoning matter is in front of them.

But, your words struck me deeply tonight, and I want you to know that. It was a long and hard meeting tonight, and it was hard for both constituents, our public, and our City Staff. But, it was incredibly important, because this is exactly how City governance is intended to work.

Thank you for your public feedback, and it will be read into the record the next meeting. Please know that you can appear at any upcoming meetings and speak in person. I personally appreciate you. I appreciate your Clinical Work. I appreciate the work that your Husband provides to our Volunteer Fire Department. I hope that you know that you are seen, we hear you, and I have full faith and confidence that our City Council, who are wise and informed individuals, will evaluate all matters that are presented to them in an informed manner with the full record that is presented to them.

Best Regards,

Michele L. B

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From: Katlyn Gotschall <katlyngotschall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:50 PM
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Subject: Community Impact and Professional Concern Regarding Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility

Dear Mayor and Members of the Laurel City Council,

My name is Katlyn Gotschall, and I am a resident of Laurel, Montana.

I am writing this letter following the City Council meeting held this evening (1-27-2026) to formally share my concerns, perspective, and professional opinion regarding the proposed annexation of a forensic mental health facility into the City of Laurel.

When I met my husband, I knew Laurel would become our forever home. We have built our life here with intention and commitment, purchasing our home, raising our child, establishing our careers, and investing deeply in this community and its people.

I am a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. While this facility is sometimes framed as an opportunity for mental health employment, the reality is that forensic state facilities primarily employ psychiatrists, psychologists, correctional staff, and nursing professionals. Roles for counselors are limited and highly custodial in nature, and they are rarely filled by local outpatient clinicians. This facility would not meaningfully strengthen Laurel's mental health workforce, increase access to care, or support community based therapy services.

My clinical work centers around trauma, safety, and trust. What I have observed through this process is

that the City has unintentionally activated a collective trauma response within the community. Fight, flight, freeze, and fawn are predictable reactions when people feel unsafe or excluded from decision making. Laurel is responding with fight.

When questions are asked with urgency and emotion, it is not hostility. It is fear. Fear emerges when trust has been disrupted. Many residents feel blindsided and unheard. Rather than prioritizing sustainable growth such as affordable housing for healthcare professionals, investment in local services, and workforce retention, the City is considering annexing a state run forensic facility that offers little direct benefit to Laurel while introducing long term risk.

Once annexed, the City of Laurel would assume ongoing responsibility for municipal services tied to this facility. This includes emergency response, fire protection, medical coordination, infrastructure support, and mutual aid response. These responsibilities carry staffing, training, liability, and financial implications that remain even if state priorities or funding structures change.

Community members are not passive observers or social media acquaintances. We are residents who have entrusted our elected officials with transparency, accountability, and honest communication. When information is shared unevenly or appears selectively endorsed through informal platforms, it further erodes trust and deepens community concern.

As the spouse of a volunteer firefighter, my concerns deepen further. My home is structured around other people's worst days. I fear that our already stretched first responders may be expected to manage incidents involving a forensic population without specialized, ongoing, and fully funded training. Forensic psychiatric response differs significantly from standard crisis intervention. Without guaranteed preparation and resources, local responders are placed at risk alongside the community they serve.

I also feel anxiety knowing my husband may be asked to give more time, energy, and emotional labor to support a decision that does not clearly support him or his fellow responders in return. I feel shock that those entrusted with safeguarding this community would consider introducing a high acuity facility without a clearly defined and publicly presented plan for emergency readiness, responder protection, and long term sustainability.

Montana already faces critical shortages in healthcare and emergency personnel. Adding a high demand facility without parallel investment in workforce retention increases burnout risk, turnover, and strain on systems that are already operating at capacity.

As a mother, I am left asking how we teach our children to trust leadership when transparency feels absent. The individuals housed in a forensic mental health prison are not there voluntarily, nor are they stabilized for community integration. As a parent, I cannot support a decision that compromises my child's sense of safety.

For clarity:

A forensic mental health hospital is a secure psychiatric facility that evaluates and treats individuals involved in the criminal justice system, often those deemed incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. These facilities operate with correctional level security and house individuals who have committed serious offenses.

Trust is built through consistency, transparency, and mutual respect.

Safety is the reasonable assurance that individuals and communities are protected from harm and that adequate systems are in place to respond effectively when risk arises.

Communication is the clear, timely, and honest exchange of information that allows informed decision making.

To date, there has been no publicly presented community benefit agreement outlining guaranteed funding, staffing ratios, emergency response support, infrastructure investment, or long term oversight mechanisms that would directly benefit Laurel residents.

You have already heard concerns regarding the lack of economic benefit, tax revenue, or expanded services this facility would bring. Other communities have expressed willingness to accept this facility where infrastructure and resources may better support it. This proposal is not comparable to the Billings Clinic Psychiatric Center, which stabilizes individuals in crisis. It is not Warm Springs. It is not Passages. This is a prison for mentally ill offenders.

Opposition to this annexation is not opposition to mental health treatment. It is opposition to placing a secure forensic facility in a community without demonstrated benefit, adequate preparation, or transparent collaboration.

Tonight, you have heard from many voices. This letter adds the perspective of a mental health professional, a first responder's spouse, a mother, and a committed community member.

I respectfully urge you not to annex this facility into Laurel.

Sincerely,
Katlyn Gotschall, MS, LCPC
Resident of Laurel, Montana
406-697-9487

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:15 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Community Impact and Professional Concern Regarding Proposed Forensic Mental Health Facility

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Laurel City Council,

My name is Katlyn Gotschall, and I am a resident of Laurel, Montana.

I am writing this letter following the City Council meeting held this evening (1-27-2026) to formally share my concerns, perspective, and professional opinion regarding the proposed annexation of a forensic mental health facility into the City of Laurel.

When I met my husband, I knew Laurel would become our forever home. We have built our life here with intention and commitment, purchasing our home, raising our child, establishing our careers, and investing deeply in this community and its people.

I am a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. While this facility is sometimes framed as an opportunity for mental health employment, the reality is that forensic state facilities primarily employ psychiatrists, psychologists, correctional staff, and nursing professionals. Roles for counselors are limited and highly custodial in nature, and they are rarely filled by local outpatient clinicians. This facility would not meaningfully strengthen Laurel's mental health workforce, increase access to care, or support community based therapy services.

My clinical work centers around trauma, safety, and trust. What I have observed through this process is that the City has unintentionally activated a collective trauma response within the community. Fight, flight, freeze, and fawn are predictable reactions when people feel unsafe or excluded from decision making. Laurel is responding with fight.

When questions are asked with urgency and emotion, it is not hostility. It is fear. Fear emerges when trust has been disrupted. Many residents feel blindsided and unheard. Rather than prioritizing sustainable growth such as affordable housing for healthcare professionals, investment in local services, and workforce retention, the City is considering annexing a state run forensic facility that offers little direct benefit to Laurel while introducing long term risk.

Once annexed, the City of Laurel would assume ongoing responsibility for municipal services tied to this facility. This includes emergency response, fire protection, medical coordination, infrastructure support, and mutual aid response. These responsibilities carry staffing, training, liability, and financial implications that remain even if state priorities or funding structures change.

Community members are not passive observers or social media acquaintances. We are residents who have entrusted our elected officials with transparency, accountability, and honest communication. When information is shared unevenly or appears selectively endorsed through informal platforms, it further erodes trust and deepens community concern.

As the spouse of a volunteer firefighter, my concerns deepen further. My home is structured around other people's worst days. I fear that our already stretched first responders may be expected to manage incidents involving a forensic population without specialized, ongoing, and fully funded training. Forensic psychiatric response differs significantly from standard crisis intervention. Without guaranteed preparation and resources, local responders are placed at risk alongside the community they serve.

I also feel anxiety knowing my husband may be asked to give more time, energy, and emotional labor to support a decision that does not clearly support him or his fellow responders in return. I feel shock that those entrusted with safeguarding this community would consider introducing a high acuity facility without a clearly defined and publicly presented plan for emergency readiness, responder protection, and long term sustainability.

Montana already faces critical shortages in healthcare and emergency personnel. Adding a high demand facility without parallel investment in workforce retention increases burnout risk, turnover, and strain on systems that are already operating at capacity.

As a mother, I am left asking how we teach our children to trust leadership when transparency feels absent. The individuals housed in a forensic mental health prison are not there voluntarily, nor are they stabilized for community integration. As a parent, I cannot support a decision that compromises my child's sense of safety.

For clarity:

A forensic mental health hospital is a secure psychiatric facility that evaluates and treats individuals involved in the criminal justice system, often those deemed incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. These facilities operate with correctional level security and house individuals who have committed serious offenses.

Trust is built through consistency, transparency, and mutual respect.

Safety is the reasonable assurance that individuals and communities are protected from harm and that

adequate systems are in place to respond effectively when risk arises.

Communication is the clear, timely, and honest exchange of information that allows informed decision making.

To date, there has been no publicly presented community benefit agreement outlining guaranteed funding, staffing ratios, emergency response support, infrastructure investment, or long term oversight mechanisms that would directly benefit Laurel residents.

You have already heard concerns regarding the lack of economic benefit, tax revenue, or expanded services this facility would bring. Other communities have expressed willingness to accept this facility where infrastructure and resources may better support it. This proposal is not comparable to the Billings Clinic Psychiatric Center, which stabilizes individuals in crisis. It is not Warm Springs. It is not Passages. This is a prison for mentally ill offenders.

Opposition to this annexation is not opposition to mental health treatment. It is opposition to placing a secure forensic facility in a community without demonstrated benefit, adequate preparation, or transparent collaboration.

Tonight, you have heard from many voices. This letter adds the perspective of a mental health professional, a first responder's spouse, a mother, and a committed community member.

I respectfully urge you not to annex this facility into Laurel.

Sincerely,
Katlyn Gotschall, MS, LCPC
Resident of Laurel, Montana
406-697-9487

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:18 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Letter of Gratitude from NAMI Montana
Attachments: Matt Kuntz Letter to Laurel City Council 30JAN26.pdf

Dave Waggoner
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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:37 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>
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From:	Ward 1B
Sent:	Friday, January 30, 2026 12:44 PM
To:	Civil Attorney
Cc:	Kurt Markegard; Brittney Harakal
Subject:	Fw: Letter of Gratitude from NAMI Montana
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NAMI Montana

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Laurel City Council
115 West 1st Street
Laurel, MT 59044

January 30, 2026

Subject: New Forensic Mental Health Facility

Dear Laurel City Council,

NAMI Montana works to improve the lives of Montanans with mental health conditions and their families through support, education, and advocacy. On behalf of NAMI Montana, I want to thank you for your support in building a forensic facility in your community.

As part of our work for Montana families, NAMI Montana tries to improve the interface between mental health conditions and the criminal justice system. It is hard, slow work with progress measured over the course of years.

In 2015, we supported building the forensic facility in Galen. This was in response to the state locking offenders with severe mental health conditions in solitary confinement in Montana State Prison because they couldn't manage their medication needs and the behaviors related to their untreated mental health conditions. It was horrible for everyone involved. There was also a massive lawsuit with the ACLU and Disability Rights Montana. The forensic facility at Galen that came out of that nightmare has been a success for the State of Montana, people served by Galen, and the community that supports it.

NAMI Montana and our allies in the Legislature worked to improve the laws around mental health and the criminal justice system in the last decade. I think we have made some slow progress in that, but Montana's population of people needing forensic mental health services continues to grow. Ten years ago, the issue of a dangerous lack of forensic capacity showed up in the Montana State Prison. This time the issue is starkest in county jails across Montana.

The reality of the dangerous lack of forensic capacity in Montana came to a head for us and members of the Montana Legislature during the hearing on Representative James Reavis's bill to make it possible for mental health evaluations to be offered in jails and prisons. This bill was well thought out, but desperate move to try to do something to address the massive backlog of people in jail in need of psychological evaluations. The testimony from

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jail staff, law enforcement, and county attorneys was incredibly powerful. The message was that Montana's county jails were overwhelmed with people with complex mental health needs who are waiting for some kind of forensic services.

The testimony was excruciating. Jail staff desperately trying to serve prisoners that were well outside their facility's ability to safely serve. County Attorney searching for answers to move cases forward that were bogged down with either evaluations or treatment requirements to ensure they met their burden for "Fitness to Proceed." Everyone knowing that it is just a matter of time before the state and the counties are hit with a massive lawsuit.

No testimony was more powerful than those given by people in the legal system in Yellowstone County. Based upon the magnitude of the issue in Yellowstone County alone, it was clear that the State of Montana needed a new forensic facility. It was also clear that it needed to be able to easily serve Yellowstone County and the counties in Eastern Montana.

While there were a few turns or two in the hallways of the Capital, that was the genesis of the bill that passed the Legislature. NAMI Montana is grateful to the City of Laurel for hosting this facility that is critical to Montana and specifically Yellowstone County.

While I understand that there are always concerns about the placement of public health and justice facilities, NAMI Montana expects that this facility will operate similarly to the successful forensic unit at Galen. The 32-bed patient population will be a relatively small facility, in a well-designed building, with good staffing ratios. Most of the patient stays will be a jsrelatively short duration - for either psychological evaluations or restoration of competency. Patients in need of long-term stays will eventually be transitioned to the group homes on the Montana State Hospital campus in Warm Springs.

As described by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, most of the jobs in this facility will be for nursing staff and psychiatric assistants. These positions will offer great opportunities for the citizens of Laurel and also help bring in additional healthcare practitioners to Laurel who begin by working at the facility and then later transition to healthcare roles in the community.

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Thank you for supporting this facility that is so essential for Montana families that have been impacted by mental health conditions and the criminal justice system. We really appreciate any help you can provide in moving it forward.

Sincerely,



Matthew Kuntz JD, MHA
Executive Director

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1/29/2026

RE: Formal Opposition to Annexation and Development of the Forensic Mental Health Facility

To the Members of the Laurel City Council,

I am writing to you today not just as a neighbor to the proposed site, but as a taxpayer who is deeply concerned by the lack of transparency and the disregard for public safety inherent in the State's plan to build a 32-bed Forensic Mental Health Facility in our backyard.

I urge this Council to formally oppose the placement of this facility and to commit to denying any future petition for annexation of the land in question.

Opposition is based on three undeniable facts:

1. The Violation of the "Safe Zone" for our Children The proposed site is 451 yards from West Elementary School. This is not a standard medical clinic; it is a forensic facility housing individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The Laurel School District has already issued a public statement opposing this location. I ask you: if the school district responsible for our children's safety says this is a bad idea, why would the City Council even consider facilitating it?

2. Administrative Overreach and Lack of Transparency It is alarming that while the Council was reportedly kept in the dark, the City Planning Director and Mayor were actively courting this project. In a November letter, the Planning Director admitted the City had no suitable land, yet he personally steered the State toward this specific plot because the infrastructure was "remarkably successful" for their needs. This project was fast-tracked behind closed doors, bypassing the public's right to be heard before a buy-sell agreement was ever signed.

3. The Council Holds the Power of Annexation the State of Montana cannot operate this facility without the City of Laurel's water and sewer. Per MCA 7-2-44 and Resolution R08-22, the City Council has the ultimate authority to grant or deny annexation. The State may own the land, but they do not own our community's future. You are the final line of defense for the residents of Laurel.

Annexing this land would be a choice to prioritize state infrastructure convenience over the expressed safety concerns of the Laurel Schools and the residents you represent.

I respectfully request that the Council adds a formal discussion of this facility to the next agenda and goes on the record in support of our schools and neighborhoods by opposing this location.

Sincerely,

Julie Jones

Julie Jones
1201 West 4th Street
406-671-2120

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:18 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Urgent Safety Concerns Regarding Proposed Mental Health Facility Near West Elementary

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
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From: Jeanette Miner <minerfamilynov10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 9:25 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Urgent Safety Concerns Regarding Proposed Mental Health Facility Near West Elementary

Dear Mayor and Members of the Laurel City Council, My name is Jeanette Miner, and I am a resident of Laurel, Montana and a parent of three children currently enrolled in the Laurel School District, including one child attending West Elementary. I am writing to formally and strongly express my opposition to the proposed mental health hospital being built near West Elementary and surrounding residential neighborhoods. The placement of a secured mental health facility near a school where young children attend daily is a serious safety concern. Schools should be areas of protection, stability, and peace not locations where families are left worrying about potential risks or emergency situations outside their children's classrooms. This decision directly affects the safety of students, school staff, and the entire Laurel community. Parents should not have to question whether their children are safe at school due to the location of a nearby institutional facility. We already ask our children to live with lockdown drills and constant safety awareness. Adding this facility only increases fear, anxiety, and risk. Those who approve this project must understand the responsibility that comes with such a decision. If incidents occur that impact our schools, neighborhoods, or community, the accountability lies with those who chose to move forward despite clear public concern. Families should not be placed in a position where they feel forced to sell their homes in order to protect their children. We should not have to leave the community we love because of a decision that prioritizes facility placement over resident safety. This hospital, in this location, will not bring peace or security to our neighborhoods. Instead, it will create long term concern, increased emergency response activity, and lasting worry for parents and residents. While mental health services are important, their placement must be appropriate and must not compromise school safety or community well being. I respectfully and earnestly pray that you reconsider this decision. Please protect the residents of Laurel. Please protect our children. Our schools should remain places of learning, not areas of fear or uncertainty.

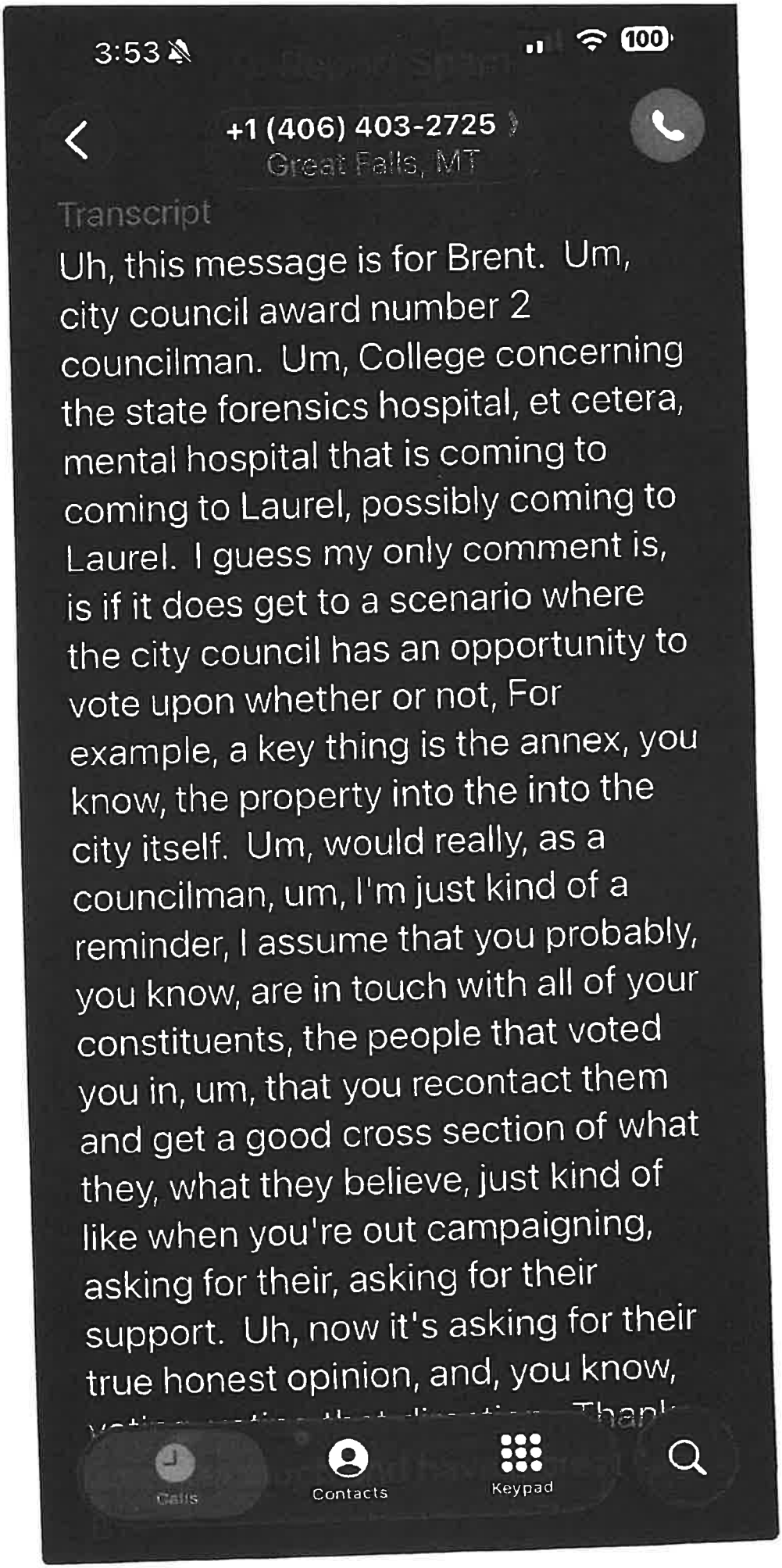
I strongly urge the City Council to pause and reevaluate the location of this facility and to place the safety of our children and families first!!!

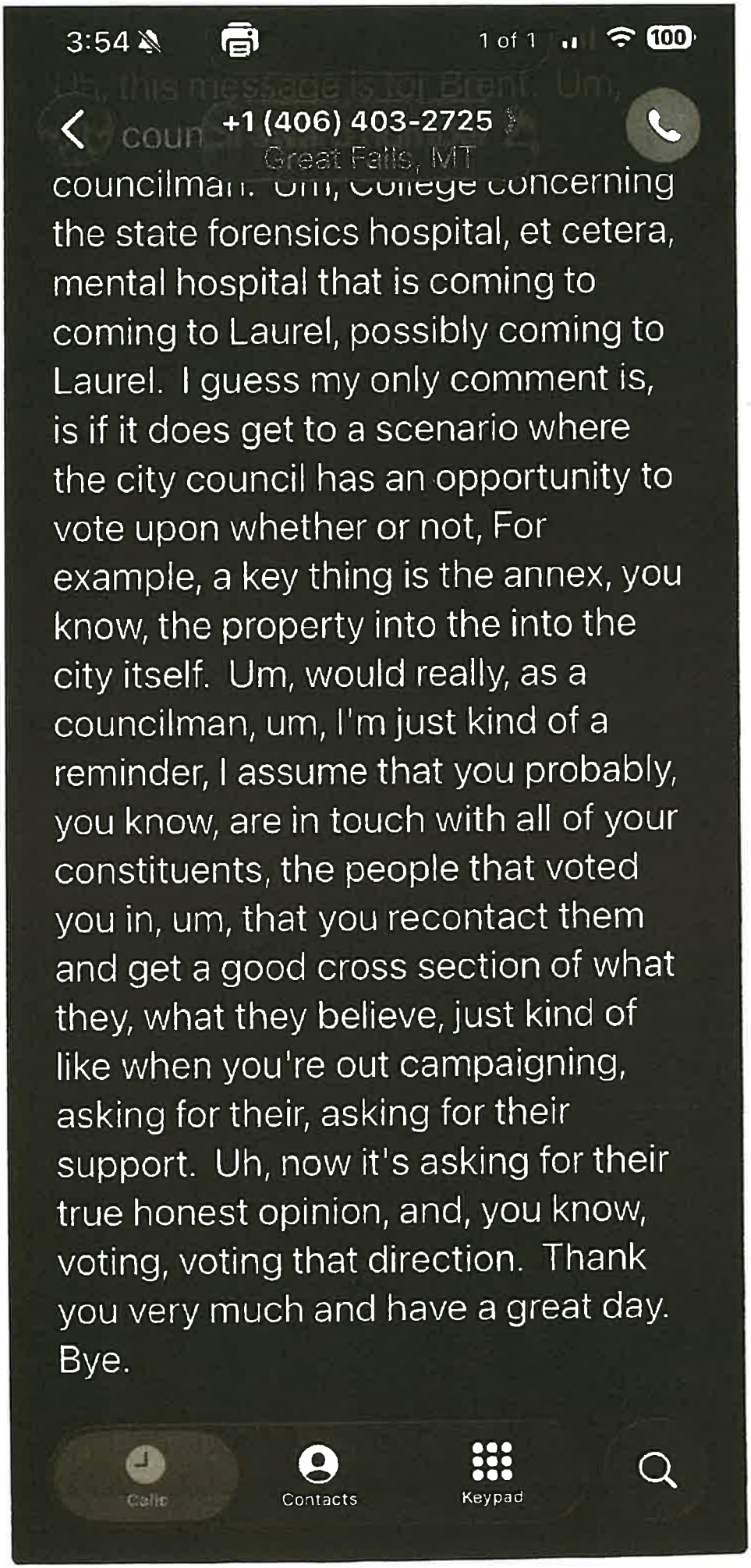
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Miner

Laurel, Montana


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Brittney Harakal

From: Laurel MT <laurel-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:26 AM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: Matt & Elizabeth Gilg

Submitted on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 9:26am

Submitted by anonymous user: 65.124.101.42

Submitted values are:

Name Matt & Elizabeth Gilg
Address 1200 Cedar Crest Circle
Public Comment The state's decision to place a 32-bed forensic mental health facility 459 yards from West Elementary raises serious concerns that this council needs to address. Safety. West Elementary experienced a student safety incident this year driven in part by funding and resource gaps. The school has taken this seriously and is working to improve—but those improvements require resources Laurel simply doesn't have. The Laurel School Board opposes this facility. Adding a forensic facility housing justice-involved individuals within 459 yards compounds risk at a school actively working to close safety gaps. Extraction without compensation. This facility follows a pattern this community knows well. NorthWestern Energy built a methane plant here without proper zoning approval—asking forgiveness rather than permission—while providing $1.9M in tax revenue that does little to offset the impacts on our infrastructure and services. CHS Refinery has repeatedly protested their taxes, costing Laurel Public Schools as much as $13 million over four years while schools borrowed against escrowed funds just to operate. Now the state places a forensic facility just outside city limits—zero tax revenue to Laurel, all of the risk. Transparency. Miller Trois LLC, connected to Billings attorney Malcolm Goodrich, has held the selected 114-acre property since 2008. Laurel officials said no suitable city land existed, yet the state selected this specific parcel outside city limits. Local officials learned of the plans from media, not the state. Our newly appointed CAO Kurt Markegard was Planning Director during the NorthWestern zoning controversy—the same pattern of opacity is repeating. If Mr. Markegard has nothing to hide, voluntary release of his past 7 years of tax documentation and business interests would go a long way toward rebuilding public trust. Liability. The state is aware of our school's safety challenges, aware of the facility's proximity, and aware of community opposition. Should any incident occur, this documented awareness establishes foreseeable risk. This council has a responsibility to Laurel's residents and our children. I urge you to formally oppose this facility location and demand full transparency from the state regarding the property selection process.
Email gilgm12@gmail.com

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

https://cityoflaurelmontana.com/node/16092/submission/3255

Brittney Harakal

From:	Ward 1B
Sent:	Tuesday, February 3, 2026 12:13 PM
To:	Brittney Harakal
Cc:	Civil Attorney; Kurt Markegard
Subject:	Fw: Vote NO on Annexation - Forensic Mental Health Facility

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From: Matt <gilgm12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 11:16 AM
To: Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Vote NO on Annexation - Forensic Mental Health Facility

Dear Tom Canape,

I am a resident of Laurel at 1200 Cedar Crest Circle, and I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the proposed annexation for the forensic mental health facility.

This 32-bed facility would house justice-system involved individuals just 459 yards from West Elementary School. Our community deserves transparency about how this location was selected and what security measures will protect our children and neighborhoods.

Key concerns:
- No tax revenue to Laurel despite increased burden on emergency services
- Proximity to schools and residential areas
- Lack of public input in the decision-making process
- Inadequate information about security and safety protocols

The state cannot proceed without City Council approval of annexation. I urge you to vote NO and demand full transparency from city leadership about this process.

Sincerely,
Matt Gilg
1200 Cedar Crest Circle
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Cell: 860.771.3511

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:12 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Psychiatric prison

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From: Amber Zahn <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:37 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Psychiatric prison

Hello sir, I write to you with a heavy heart but as a supporter of you. I live quite literally next door to the site in Laurel, Mt of the psychiatric prison. I have to tell you, there has been literally zero transparency about this. So many people have been blind sided by this facility and what it really is. And now it's being built quite literally in my backyard where I raise my babies. This is absolutely terrifying. It's completely taking away any sense of security we have worked so hard to build. Now there is a plan to house criminally insane people where I raise my kids. Sir, it is literally in my back yard. It's less than five blocks away from where they go to school. Everything we have worked so hard to secure for them is being ripped away. Please sir, see it from my prospective, a terrified mother who has done everything to ensure the safety of my children, who has done everything to raise them in a safe home, this is not ok. Please do not let them build this facility here.

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On Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 1:42 PM, Amber Zahn <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com> wrote:

The property circled in blue is where we live. What would you do if it were you? How would you feel? We have two small children here. Their school is approximately four blocks away. This is absolutely terrifying.

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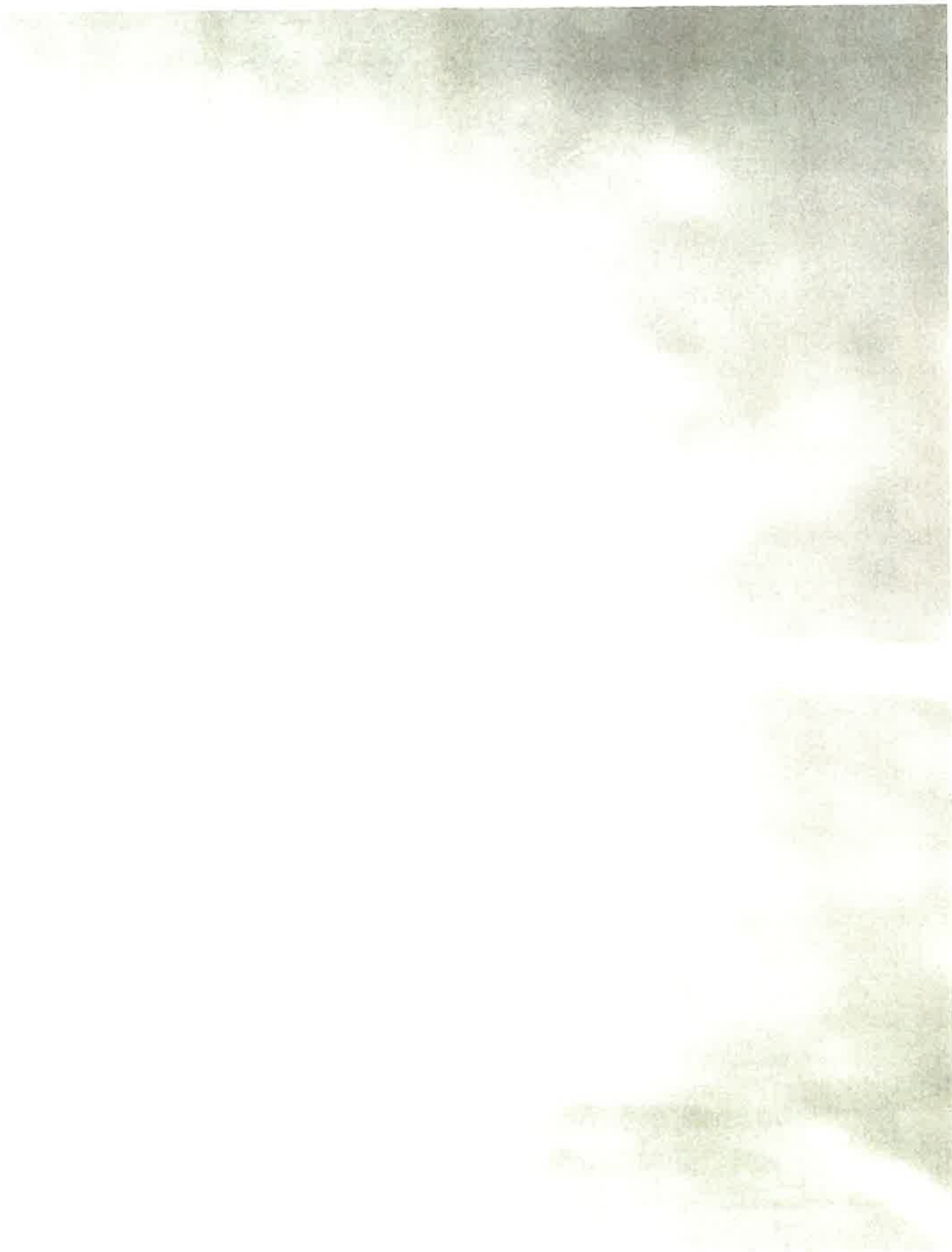


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On Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 1:31 PM, Amber Zahn <blondie_locks09@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor,
My name is Amber Zahn.
This is the view from my living room. The living room in the house where I raise my kids. Approximately four blocks east of here is their elementary school. Their dad was raised here. His mother was raised here. But the view that I show you in these pictures is a farmers field. The same farmers field in process of a buy/sell agreement for a psychiatric prison. I do not oppose the prison, what I oppose is the location. Developing a prison here will drive down our property values. Our neighbor's property values. Even with all of the security, it puts our family at risk. It puts the kids in the school at risk. It puts Laurel at risk. We don't even have the infrastructure to sustain such a facility. We don't have the emergency services. This was a poorly thought out plan only reaching for gain at the cost of the residents. We cannot afford to lose the value we have in our home, both monetary and memory.









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City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:14 PM
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FW: Laurel Facility Plan Follow Up

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From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 8:16 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Laurel Facility Plan Follow Up

Good morning,

I am writing again to follow up on my previous email regarding the proposed facility in Laurel. To date, I have not received a response, which is deeply concerning given the scale and impact of this project and the level of opposition and confusion within our community. I am concerned and bothered that I have yet to hear back from any part of the state government involved in this matter.

As I outlined previously, after speaking with Lee Deming, Vince Ricci, and our County Commissioners, it appears that no local representatives were consulted or gave approval for this plan. What role did you and Kurt Markeegard play in bringing this to Laurel? You have been effusive, at best, when it comes to answering this question, and as your constituent, it is deeply troubling.

There are also serious concerns about the proposed site itself. The location is in a residential area, adjacent to a school, youth softball fields, a golf course, and a public library. It is also within a mile of the CHS refinery. Given current land values, this raises legitimate questions about whether the state may be overpaying for property that appears poorly suited for this purpose.

In addition, I am requesting clarification regarding the site's proximity to nearby oil refineries or related industrial facilities. Specifically, I would appreciate information on:

- Whether the proximity to schools, an oil refinery, and public facilities was considered during site selection.
- Why did you not loop Rep. Deming and Sen. Ricci into the decision-making process on this plan? Why not listen to our County Commissioners?
- Do you have an evacuation plan in place if something were to happen at the refinery? How will you safely remove 32 criminally insane people from the facility without posing a danger to the community? Have you even spoken to CHS about this?

- Have you been in contact with our school board or superintendent about the placement so close to the school? If not, why? Wouldn't protecting our children be the primary question to be asked here?
- Whether any environmental, air quality, or health impact assessments have been conducted in relation to this site. Have you studied water tables? Have you reviewed safety concerns related to the proximity of the refinery? Have you done traffic studies?
- Have you done tax studies? Exactly how many dollars will this pull from our already struggling schools? What will happen to the real estate values in the area?
- Have you done economic studies? What will this do to expansion in our city? We are limited geographically on where we, as a town, can expand- residentially or commercially. Have you researched whether this will impact future expansion?

Most troubling is the apparent breakdown of the local governmental process. The majority of residents oppose this plan, and our city does not have the tax base to absorb the infrastructure demands this facility would create. Backdoor deals have been made without consulting the Laurel community. We deserve answers.

I am again requesting clarification on your role in this decision, how Laurel was selected over other willing communities, and—most importantly—how the voices of residents and elected officials are intended to be heard. The continued lack of response only reinforces the perception that this process has excluded the community most directly affected.

I respectfully request a response addressing these concerns.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Samantha Mayes

On Fri, Jan 23, 2026 at 9:45 AM Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com> wrote:

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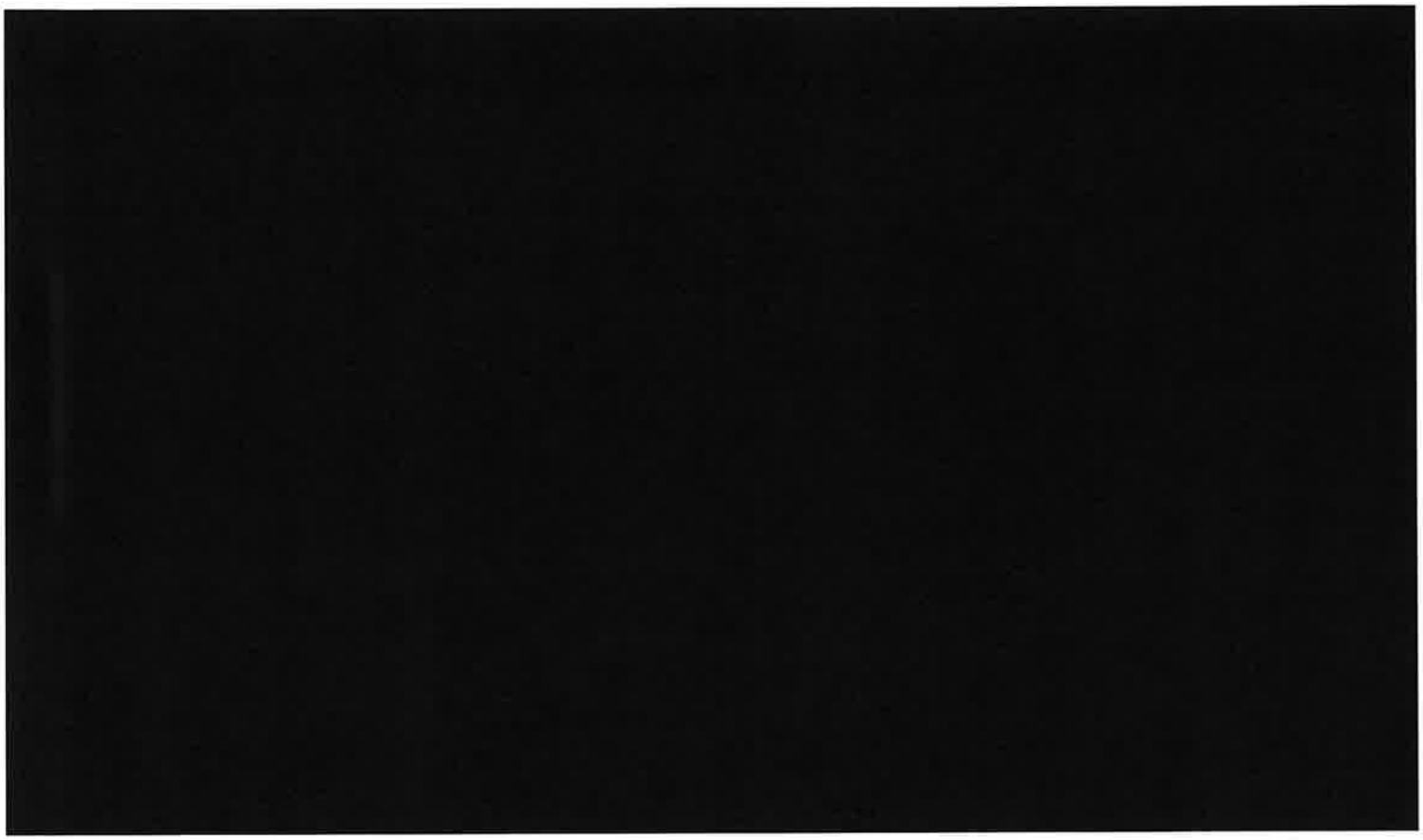
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Brittney Harakal

From: Civil Attorney
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 4:50 PM
To: Kurt Markegard; Kelly Strecker; Brittney Harakal; City Mayor
Subject: FW: Public Records Request



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From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 4:19 PM
To: Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov>; Civil Attorney <civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Good afternoon-

Since the CAO is out sick I want to reiterate the importance of preserving communications. In addition, I wanted to clarify the request.

All email, and texts between any of the combination Dave Waggoner, the BOI, Dan VIlla, Charlie Bererton, and Kurt Markegard. From 5/1/25-present

All social media posts, messages and texts between Dave Waggoner and Kurt markegard regarding the mental health facility from 6/1/25-present

I would also like to request phone call logs and text messages between Dave Waggoner and Kurt Markegard between 6/25/25 and 1/27/25. If you could plea

Please be advised that as of this request, deletion or editing of comments and messages would be spoliation of communication protected by MCA 2-2-1003.

On Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 11:02 AM Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I have passed your information along.

Kelly Strecker

Clerk/Treasurer

City of Laurel, Montana

(406) 628-7431 extension 5100

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 6:39 AM
To: Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Good Morning!

I would like this to be added to the public records request- any social media messages or comments in connection with the facility proposal post by Dave Waggoner and Kurt Markegard or between Dave

Waggoner and Kurt Markegard. Please be advised that as of this request, deletion or editing of comments and messages would be spoliation of communication protected by MCA 2-2-1003.

Thank you,

Samantha

Please confirm receipt of this email.

On Wed, Jan 28, 2026 at 12:07 PM Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon,
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> I will pass this information along.
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> Kelly Strecker
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> Clerk/Treasurer
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> City of Laurel, Montana
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> (406) 628-7431 extension 5100

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:36 AM
To: Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Good Morning!

I would like to amend that public records request. I would like to remove the requests for the emails, as I believe those have already been made public. I would also like to request phone call logs and text messages between Dave Waggoner and Kurt Markegard between 6/25/25 and 1/27/25. If you could please pass this on to the appropriate personnel I would appreciate it.

On Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 10:07 AM Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I do not have access to get you the information you have requested. I have forwarded your request to the appropriate personnel. I hope you hear something soon.

Kelly Strecker

Clerk/Treasurer

City of Laurel, Montana

(406) 628-7431 extension 5100

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:42 AM
To: Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Good Morning- not to bother you again but with the time crunch of the speed of all of this, do you have a time frame on when that record request will be reviewed? The state generally gives a response within 2 business days.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 8:37 AM Kelly Strecker <kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I have forwarded your message to the appropriate personal.

Thanks

Kelly Strecker

Clerk/Treasurer

City of Laurel, Montana

(406) 628-7431 extension 5100

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 8:26 AM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@laurel.mt.gov>; Civil Attorney <civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Good Morning!

I would like to confirm receipt of this public records request.

Thank you!

Samantha Mayes

On Fri, Jan 23, 2026 at 1:43 PM Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com> wrote:

> I am writing in accordance with MCA 2-2-1003 to request all copies of any emails and communications between Mayor Dave Waggoner, City Administrator Kurt Markegard, the city council, or Michelle Baukman regarding the planning and proposal of the new mental health inpatient facility in Laurel. Including proposals, emails, discussions with the state, and memos.

Thank you,

Samantha Mayes

Laurel Resident

Brittney Harakal

City Mayor
Monday, February 2, 2026 1:13 PM
Brittney Harakal
FW: Laurel Facility Plan Follow Up

Dave Waggoner
Mayor
City of Laurel, Montana
(406) 628-8456 extension 5501

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 1:46 PM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Re: Laurel Facility Plan Follow Up

Thank you for the statement. However, it failed to answer any of my questions. I am requesting clarification on your personal support for this project. Publicly, the majority of Laurel residents and our elected representatives have expressed opposition (including Rep. Deming), citing infrastructure limitations, tax base concerns, and the proposed site's proximity to a school, youth sports facilities, a golf course, and a public library. Given these concerns, I would like to understand what factors led you to support this plan and how you believe it serves the best interests of Laurel. Do you support this plan? **What was your involvement in this decision?** What was your role in this project? Has your office completed traffic studies? Environmental impact surveys? Neighborhood compatibility studies? What research was done to choose this spot, when in Laurel, right now, there are plenty of other plots of land available for sale that would be much more suitable?

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On Fri, Jan 23, 2026 at 9:48 AM City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov> wrote:

A statement is being prepared

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:45:27 AM
To: City Mayor <citymayor@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: Laurel Facility Plan Follow Up

Mayor Waggoner,

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Sincerely,

Brittney Harakal

From: Civil Attorney
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:13 AM
To: Brittney Harakal
Subject: FW: City administrator emails

Best Regards,

Michele L. B

Michele L. Braukmann
Civil City Attorney
City of Laurel
Cell Phone: 406.671.4333
civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov

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From: Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 5:42 PM
To: Civil Attorney <civilattorney@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: FW: City administrator emails

I just received this (as did other council members). I can't quite follow what she means so I'm not sure how this would be disclosed.

From: Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Ward 2B <ward2b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 4A <ward4a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1A <ward1a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 1B <ward1b@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 2A <ward2a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3A <ward3a@laurel.mt.gov>; Ward 3B <ward3b@laurel.mt.gov>
Subject: City administrator emails

On Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 3:15 PM Samantha Mayes <brown.samantham@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon-

I thought you all might find this public record email helpful in understanding what happened with the land proposal. Here you gave the city administrator, on behalf of land, offering up the woods land to the state. Despite claiming to the press that he had no idea why the state was looking at Laurel during the December 4th meeting.

Tuesday, Chief Administrative Officer Kurt Markegard said the city learned of the decision only after the public announcement was made.

"The state did not send me information on it. I had to go seek it once it went to the press," Markegard said during the meeting.

Minutes of City of Laurel
Budget/Finance Committee
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Members' Present: Tom Canape, Richard Klose, Casey Wheeler, Jessica Banks

Others Present: Kelly Gauslow, Kelly Strecker, Matt Wheeler, Kris Vogele, Laura Kirschenman, Elizabeth Gilg

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair at 5:30 pm.

Public Input: There was no public comment.

General Items –

1. Review and approve August 25, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Tom Canape moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2026. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes of August 25, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment or committee discussion.
2. Review and approve purchase requisitions. Matt presented a purchase requisition for reprogramming the existing Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) to In Control's programming standard at the New Intake building for the Water Treatment Plant. The existing Allen Bradley MicroLogix 1400 PLC at the New Intake will be reused as it is still supported by Rockwell Automation and is currently listed as "Active Mature". The new programming standards will improve communication and functionality for the controls at the New Intake building with the recently installed WTP Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. These programming standards will also allow In Control's to quickly and efficiently troubleshoot issues and make modifications or improvements to the system in the future without time consuming and costly reverse engineering. Matt stated the proposal also includes programming and replacement of the existing Operator Interface Terminal (OIT) at the New Intake. Setpoint validation logic will be incorporated so that changes made at the local OIT or remotely by SCADA will change the effected setpoints. In Control's will also incorporate our UPS-fail circuit in the existing panel. The cost of the reprogramming is $21.253.00. Tom Canape moved to approve the purchase requisition. Jessica Banks seconded the motion. With no objection, the purchase requisition was approved.
3. Review and recommend approval to Council; claims entered through August 21, 2026. Jessica Banks moved to approve the claims and check register for claims entered through August 21, 2026. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the claims and check register of August 21, 2026, were approved. There was no public comment.
4. Review and approve Payroll Register for the pay period ending August 16, 2026, totaling $284,692.19. Jessica Banks motioned to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending August 16, 2026, totaling $284,692.19. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the payroll register was approved.
5. Review and approve July 2026 Monthly Financial Statement. Richard Klose moved to approve July 2026 Monthly Financial Statement. Tom Canape seconded the motion. With no objection, the July 2026 Monthly Financial Statement was approved. There was no public comment.

New Business - None

Old Business – Richard asked about the Accounts Receivable's for the Laurel City Court. Kelly stated that she would bring the most recent report to the next meeting.

Other Items –

1. Review Comp/OT reports for the pay period ending August 16, 2026.
2. Mayor Update – The mayor stated that he did not have any updates at this time. He handed out an employee compensation explanation to each of the committee members. He said that he has answered a few questions this week regarding the proposed budget.
3. Clerk/Treasurer Financial Update-Kelly did not have any financial updates at this time.

Announcements –

1. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
2. Richard Klose is scheduled to review the claims for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Strecker

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

A City/County Planning board meeting was held in Council Chambers and called to order by County chair Jonathan Klasna at 6:00 pm on August 19, 2026.

Board Members Present:

_X_ Tom Canape	_x_ Richard Herr	_X_ Paul Thomae
_x_ Ron Benner	_X_ Laura Kirschenmann	_X_ Mike Waters
_x_ Judy Goldsby	_X_ Jonathan Klasna	

Others Present:

Amber Hatton – Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Forrest Sanderson – Contract Planner
Kris Vogele – City Mayor
Megan Bixler – Interstate Engineering
Tom Llewellyn – Steven Glantz LLC

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

None

Disclosure of Ex Parte Communication - None

General Items

1. **Minutes from July 15, 2026**
   Motion made by Judy Goldsby to approve minutes from July 15, 2026, seconded by Mike Waters. There was no public comment. Motion passed 8-0.

New Business

2. **Appointing New Vice Chair:**
   With the vacant President position, Vice Chair-Jonathan Klasna shall fill that position until the term is expired according to the City County Bylaws Article VII, SECTION 5. Forrest Sanderson suggested to the now Chair Klasna to appoint a 3-person nominating committee to recommend to the full board at the next meeting their selection to fill that position until the End of December. Tom Canape, Paul Thomae, and Judy Goldsby were selected as committee members responsible for selecting the Vice Chair.

Old Business

3. **Glantz PUB – Geotechnical Investigating Report**

Chair Klasna reminded the board that the Glantz PUB was tabled on the July 15th board meeting and there needed to be a motion to pull it off the table. Judy Goldsby made a motion to pull Glantz PUB off the table and bring it back to the board. Tom Canape seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Motion passed 8-0.

Forrest Sanderson stated at the Public Hearing on July 15th, the board had several questions pertaining to the site, primarily about the water. The developer's agent, Tom Llewellyn had submitted a Geotechnical investigation report. Forrest had read through it, and he personally felt it had addressed some of the questions he had. Forrest referred to Tom Llewellyn to address the hi-lights of the report. Tom stated that the engineering firm hired the specialist that created the report and the engineers were very happy with the report and it would be easy to handle for developing the housing. Board member reminded Mr. Llewellyn that there were several issues with the water level, and the disbursement of the water runoff, and they were wanting answers on how the water run-off would be dealt with. There's no storm drains, so there's no catch pit for the water. The board would like to know what the plan is before they approve this subdivision. Mr. Llewellyn said there would be a plan made once this is approved. He can't spend the extra money on the engineering if this subdivision isn't approved.

A board member raised concerns about the LMC having old zoning codes on the website and asked the mayor if he could get the new zoning code updated.

Mr. Llewellyn looked at our zoning regulations and stated that he worked with the public works director, the police department, and fire department and the school superintendent of maintenance to make sure he could fit this subdivision in with the zoning laws.

Board member asked again about the concerns about the width of the driveway and roadway in the subdivision. Mr. Llewellyn stated that the roadway is 32 feet set by the fire department and garbage department so they can get their trucks through without having to back out. They can go around, even with the parking place. Mr. Llewellyn confirmed this was a loop road and that there were 2 access into the subdivision so the trucks could go around.

Board member noted that he addressed the water concerns but asked if he made any modifications to the concerns over the size of the garages or traffic concerns that were mentioned in the July 15th meeting. Mr. Llewellyn said that it's a cost issue, and not everyone has a garage. Board is having an issue with a larger vehicle just being able to park in the 16-foot driveway when LMC says 20 FT, anybody with anything larger than a midsize car, would have to park in the street. They asked if the garage was mainly going to be a storage shed. Board member asked if they would modify the plans. At this time, there were no modifications with a functional garage.

Board asked Forrest, contracted planner, what is the standard street width. Forrest answered depending on where it's at, the standard street width is 40 ft with parking on both sides. Board is concerned with the 32 ft width and parking on one side, if that would be wide enough. Forrest said 32 ft is adequate for parking on one side. Board asked who would be

monitoring the parking on 1 side. Forrest said that would be the Laurel PD to monitor the 1 side parking.

Chair Klansa asked if there were any other comments. Forrest reminded the board they are required to adopt the findings as is the city council, there are 4 of them.

1- Is it consistent with the growth policy
2- Is it consistent with the purpose and intent of the PUD section
3- Complies with the standard of the PUD section
4- No adverse impact or impact that that could not be mitigated on neighboring properties and natural resources.

Forrest explained to the board; you need finding before you would make a motion to either approve or recommend denial. Board members are still not satisfied with the mitigation of the water runoff. Board members stated there are still concerns that did not get address regarding the garage issue and the potential traffic issues. Board member asked if it would be better for the developer to withdraw rather than be denied. The board is not satisfied with the answers from Mr. Llewellyn about where to the water is going to go and doesn't want to accept the answer of "don't worry about, it will get done." The board is asking for more in-depth engineering answers.

Chair asked the board to make a motion to either table or deny the Glantz PUB. Mike Waters made a motion to table the Glantz PUB, Paul Thomae seconded the motion. Richard Klose, 511 Cottonwood Ave, has concerns about the water issue and the traffic issue. He's worried about the traffic creating a bottleneck with the school traffic. There was no other comment, motion to table Glantz PUB passed 8-0.

4. **Interstate Engineering MLUPA Update**

Megan Bixler, with Interstate Engineering, updated the board on Chapter 3. See attached. They are planning some workshops and committee engagement projects. They are still working on collecting surveys. They were at the farmers markets and had good communication. They have received 270 surveys back.

Forrest asked if the City of Laurel hit the population threshold in the next 5 to 10 years with our growth factor, where they had to take un upgrade in class requirements. Will this be addressed where it pertains to fire and DEQ storm water. She said it would.
Board member was concerned about this plan missing Business development, and entities to move into Laurel.

Board member asked if MLUPA is only addressing City of Laurel, in the municipality or also looking at the boarding Laurel residence. MLUPA is mainly looking at in City limits, but as they are looking at growth, the outside limits will also be considered.

Elizabeth Gilg, of Laurel, asked about the shift in demographics of Laurel, because there are students and Laurel residents that live outside City limits that are using the schools and going to the business, she feels the growth plan should reflect that demographic outside limits. Board member also mentioned that the drop of students in the school has more to do with students going to homeschooling rather than leaving Laurel.

Board member asked if he could make comments on the side and make comments that they would like to change or address.

Board member asked what Interstate Engineering responsibilities are. Forrest explained that their task order for them was to bring us into compliance with MLUPA as quickly as possible because we were supposed to be done May 16th, 2026. Forrest suggests continuing to drive toward MLUP compliance. State requires the City to because MLUPA compliant.

They are planning community workshops. Board member also asked that they involve the youth.

Richard Klose, mentioned with the growth in Laurel, at some point, Laurel will need to put in another water reservoir, and it will care of some of the growth managements.

Mayor asked that with MLUPA already being late, let's not do this fast, we need to do it right. The population around us may not be annexed right now, they are still part of our community with the potential of growth. He is hoping to work with a firm that can assist us with finding funding.

Chair Klasna asked if there was any other correspondence. There was none.

Other Items

5. None

Announcements

6. Date for next meeting will be September 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Plan on another MLUPA update.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy Goldsby to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Waters. There was no public comment. Motion passed 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Amber Hatton
Deputy Clerk Treasurer



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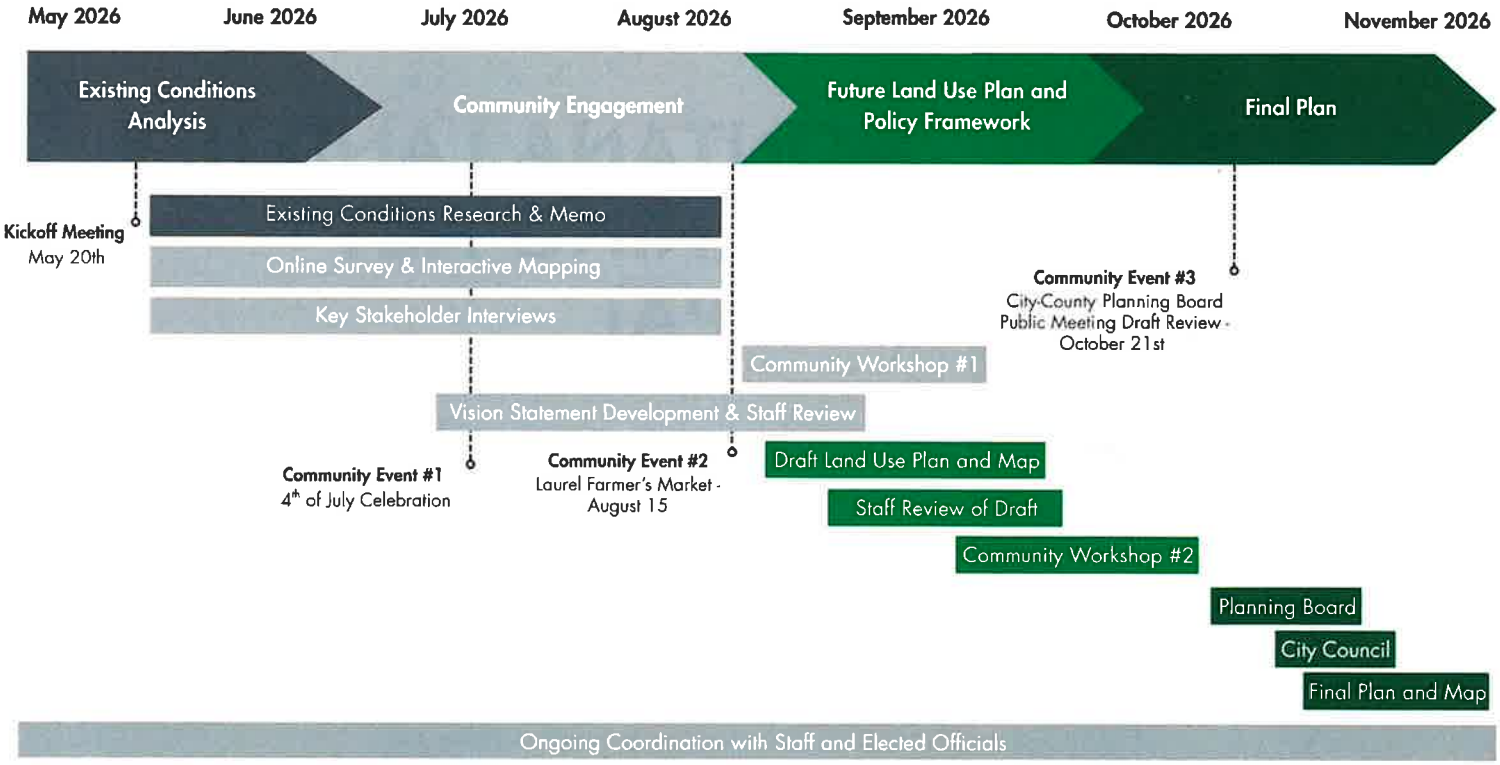
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LAUREL LAND USE PLANNING PROCESS



WHAT WE'VE DONE

- **Stakeholder Meetings**
  - Superintendent Matt Torix, Laurel Public Schools (June 25th)
  - Angela Klein-Hughes, A Haus of Realty (June 8)
  - Laurel Chamber of Commerce (July 13)
  - Laurel Rotary Club (July 21)
  - Mayor Kris Vogele (July 30)
- **Community Engagement**
  - 4th of July Celebration (July 4)
  - Laurel Farmer's Market (August 15)
  - Community Survey – **Open Until August 22**
    - 146 responses as of August 12
    - Printed surveys available at City Hall
  - Email Blasts
  - Project Website: www.LaurelForward.com
- **Draft Vision Statement**



Laurel Chamber of Commerce, July 13



Postcard Promoting Community Survey

WHAT WE'VE DONE

- **Existing Conditions**
  - Windshield Tour (June 8)
  - Public Works Discussion (June 8)
  - Initial Mapping
    - Existing Land Use
    - Future Growth Areas
  - Existing Conditions Review















SURVEY RESULTS *(As of August 12)*

- 146 responses
- Survey Themes:
  - Preserve small-town feel and sense of community
  - Maintain family-friendly qualities – parks, schools
  - Plan for growth thoughtfully – supportive of growth but alongside infrastructure and managed to protect community character
  - Expand housing opportunities – affordable housing remains the most frequently cited challenge for residents
  - Invest in infrastructure – roads, sidewalks, drainage, and utilities
  - Strengthen downtown and support local businesses
  - Provide more recreation for all ages – trails, pools, community centers, activities for teenagers
  - Retain Laurel's identity while remaining connected to the region

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

Laurel is a proud and resilient community that embraces its small-town culture, strong sense of community, and pioneering past.

As Laurel grows, it will preserve its unique character while thoughtfully accommodating growth that enhances residents' quality of life. Laurel will foster diverse and affordable housing options, a vibrant local economy, high-quality public services, well-maintained infrastructure, and recreation opportunities for all ages.

Through transparent leadership, meaningful community engagement, and thoughtful stewardship, Laurel will remain Montana's hometown: a safe, welcoming, and connected place where future generations choose to live, work, raise families, and invest in the community's future.

POPULATION

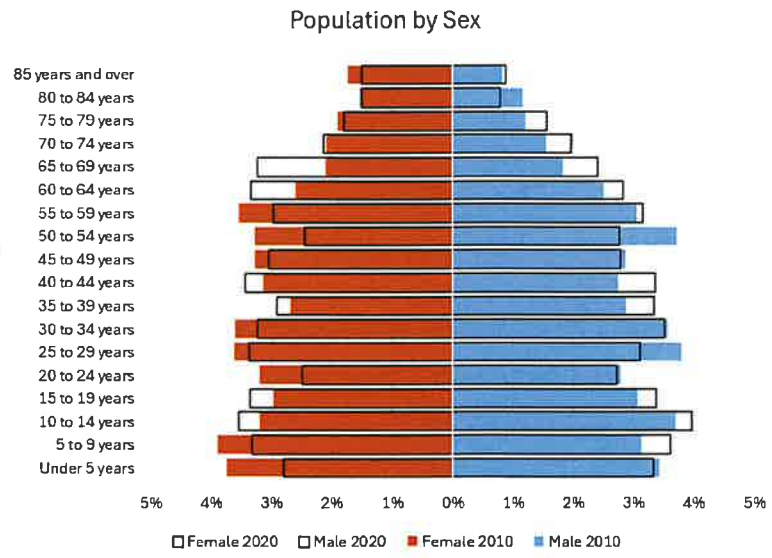
- **Relatively Stable**
  - Growth has been more gradual than in Billings, Yellowstone County, or Montana.

	Laurel	Billings	Yellowstone County	Montana
Compound Annual Growth Rate (2010 – 2025)	0.40%	1.11%	1.01%	0.97%

  - Laurel's population is projected to reach **7,810 in 2045**. This is an increase of just over 600 residents over the next 20 years.

POPULATION

- **Shifting demographics**
  - Fewer children and more retirees than in 2010
  - Median age of 37.1



HOUSING

- About 60% of Laurel households own their homes and 40% rent, a higher rental share than Yellowstone County, Montana, or Billings.
- Survey results show the rental market is difficult for many to navigate, but still less expensive than trying to buy a home. **A household needs to earn nearly $96,000 a year to afford a median-priced home ($365,000 in 2025).**
  - **Only 27%** of Laurel households earn enough to afford a home at that price.

ECONOMY

- None of Laurel's five largest industries pay enough, on their own, to afford the median-priced home.
- **Laurel's median home price has increased 59% since 2019, and wages have only increased 23%**
- Nearly half of Laurel residents commute to Billings each day and fewer than 20% live and work in Laurel.

OTHER TOPICS COVERED

- Existing Land Use
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Conditions
- Parks and Recreation
- Infrastructure Systems

WHERE WE'RE GOING

- Community Workshops
- Draft Plan
- October Community Event



DISCUSSION

- Any comments or questions?

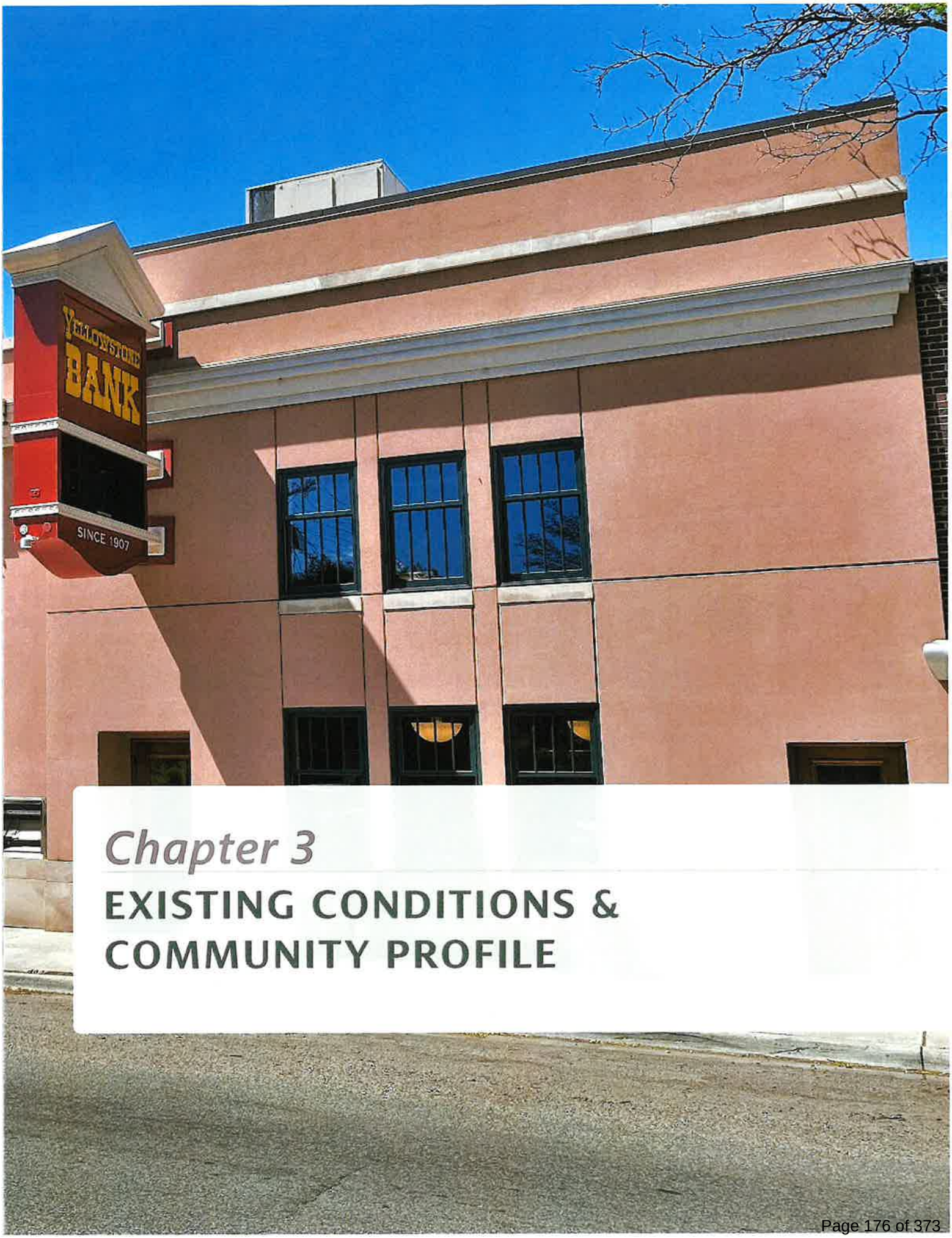


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Chapter 3

EXISTING CONDITIONS & COMMUNITY PROFILE

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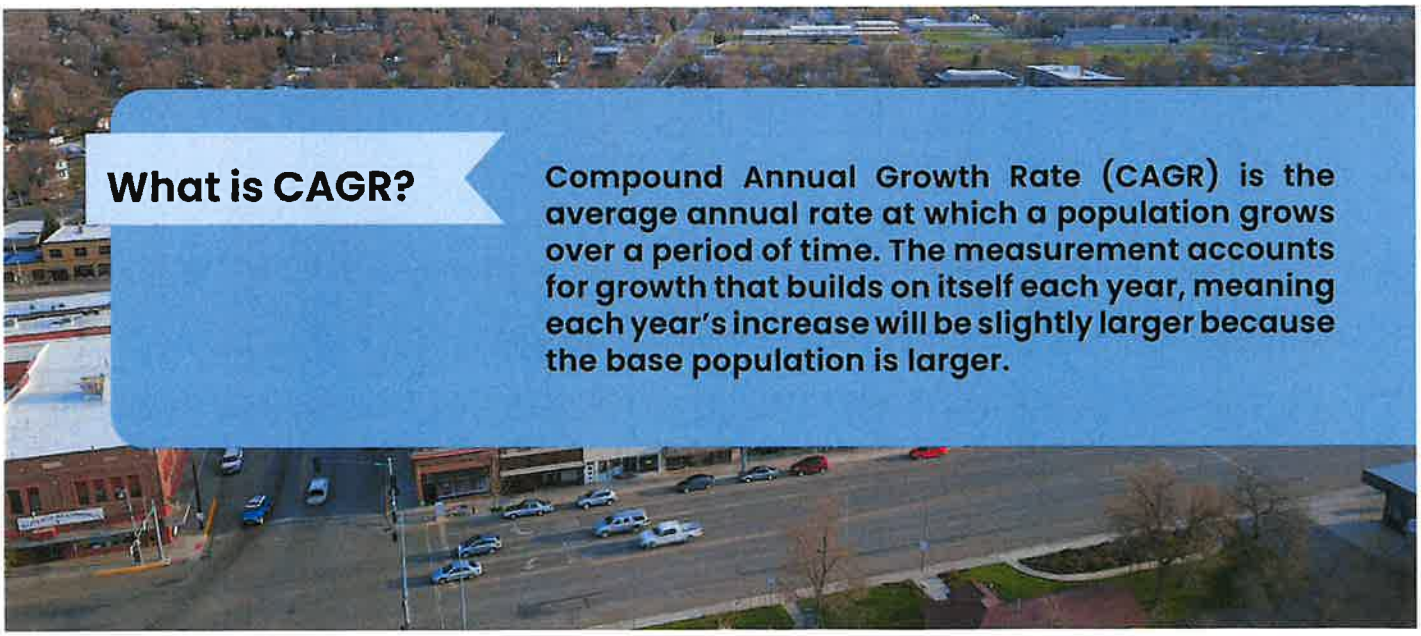
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POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Laurel's population has been relatively stable over the last 15 years, with the exception of a spike in residents between 2010 and 2013. Even with that increase, Laurel has experienced modest and stable population growth over the past 15 years, increasing from 6,782 residents in 2010 to 7,205 residents in 2025. This is much more gradual than the growth rates experienced in Billings, Yellowstone County, or Montana over the same period of time.

Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) & Population Projection

	Laurel	Yellowstone County	Montana	Billings
Compound Annual Growth Rate (2010-2024)	0.4%	1.01%	0.97%	1.11%
CAGR Population Projection (2045)	7,810	211,264	1,387,826	153,800



Data suggests that Laurel's steady growth since 2013 can be primarily attributed to natural population shifts (i.e. births and deaths). When people do move to Laurel, they often already have a connection here. Responses from the community survey found that the most common reason people live in Laurel is because they were born and/or raised in Laurel, moved back to be near aging parents or grandchildren, or have other family ties to the City.

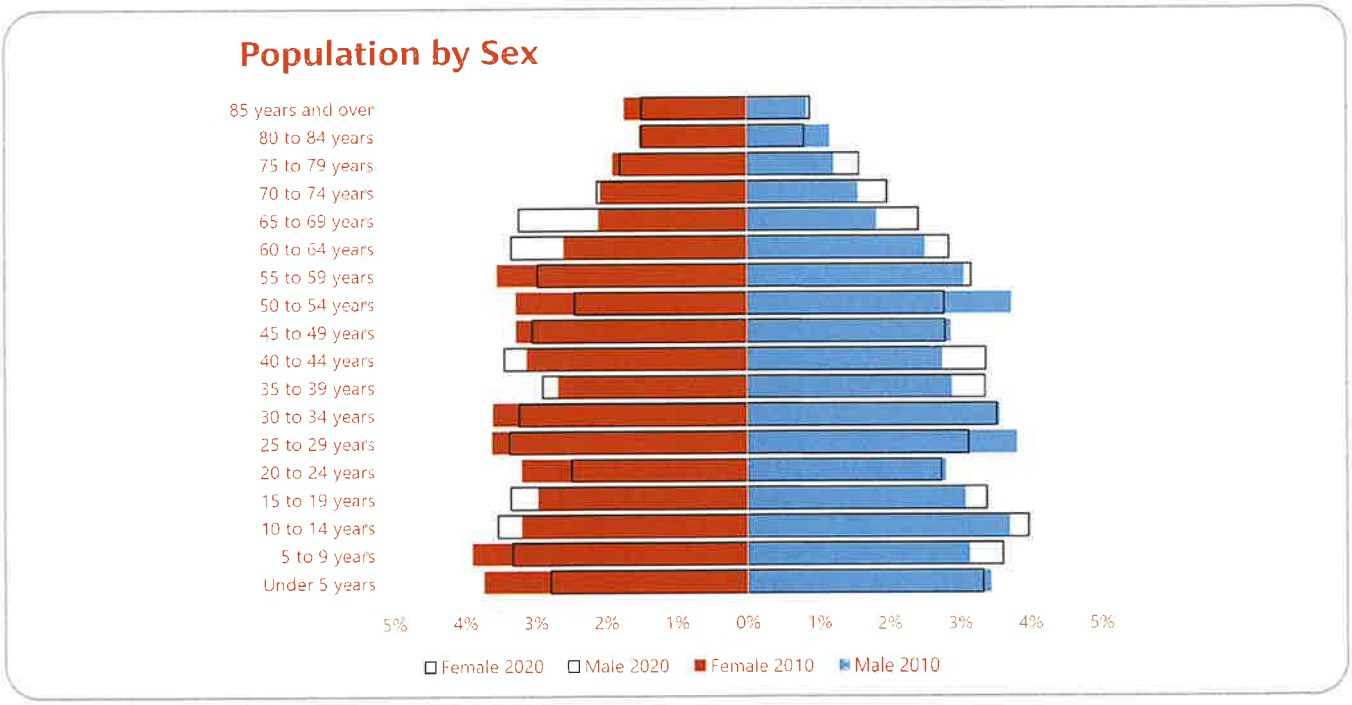


Because Laurel has not historically experienced large population shifts, it is likely to continue growing steadily into the future. Using the same CAGR of 0.40% that Laurel experienced between 2010 and 2025, Laurel's population is projected to reach 7,810 in 2045. This is an increase of just over 600 residents over the next 20 years.

However, this projection is dependent on several factors, including how much Laurel invests in infrastructure improvements and the availability of land. In April 2026, Laurel adopted an emergency moratorium on annexation applications to allow the City to evaluate infrastructure capacity, water system demands, changes to state law, and long-term growth and development needs in coordination with this planning effort. The cumulative result of these efforts and studies will allow Laurel to more effectively plan for future development.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Laurel's median age of 37.1 years is younger than Yellowstone County (40.2), the State of Montana (41.3), and slightly younger than Billings (38.8). This suggests Laurel is an attractive place to live for younger workers and families. Geographic data shows the median age of people moving to Laurel is 37.8, but 19% of new residents are(were?) between the ages of 5 and 17. The median income of the householder is $41,017 before moving, and they are most likely to have a high school degree or college degree, or their respective equivalents. This data suggests people are moving to Laurel with their families in search of better-paying jobs available to their level of education.



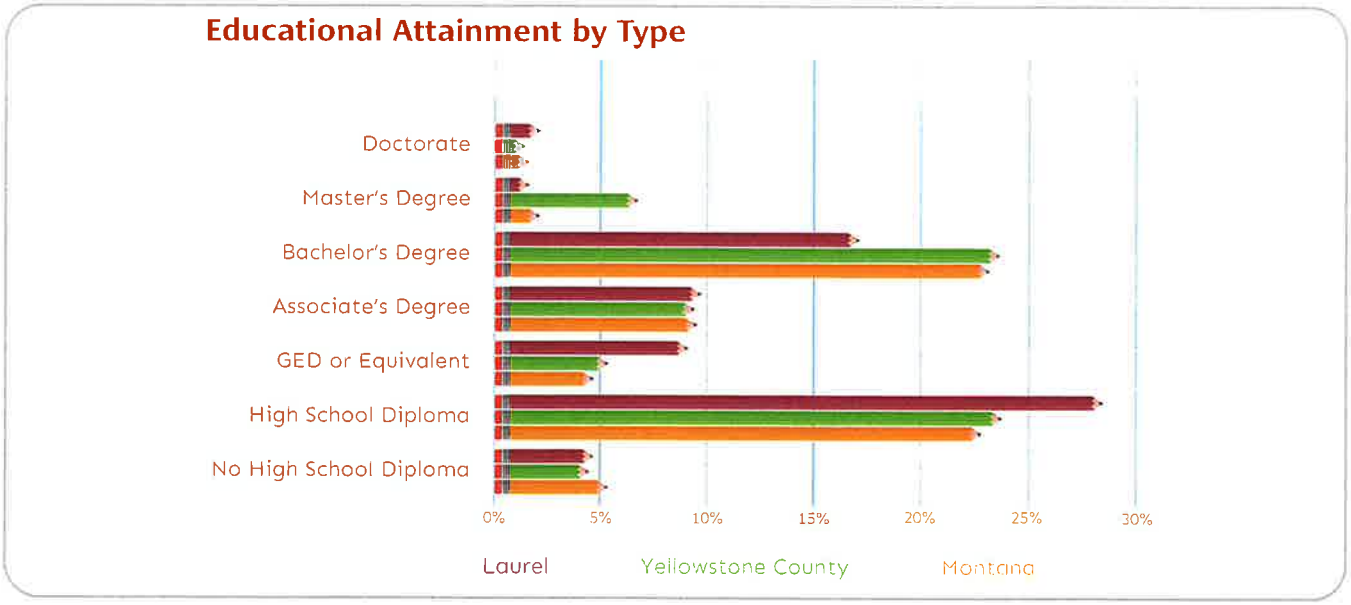


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While the share of Laurel residents who identify as White is similar to those in Yellowstone County and Montana, Laurel has larger populations of Asian residents and people who identify as two or more races than the county or state. The City also has more Hispanic and Latino residents than other communities. This diversity could be attributed to Laurel's job opportunities and affordability.



Laurel's educational attainment likely reflects the city's community-centric nature of Laurel and job availability. Laurel's high school graduation rate of nearly 95% is higher than the county and state, and the city's dropout rate is also lower than both. However, Laurel residents are less likely to finish any form of higher education, with the exception of doctorate/PhD. This indicates that students are well-supported through secondary school, and local jobs may not require higher education.

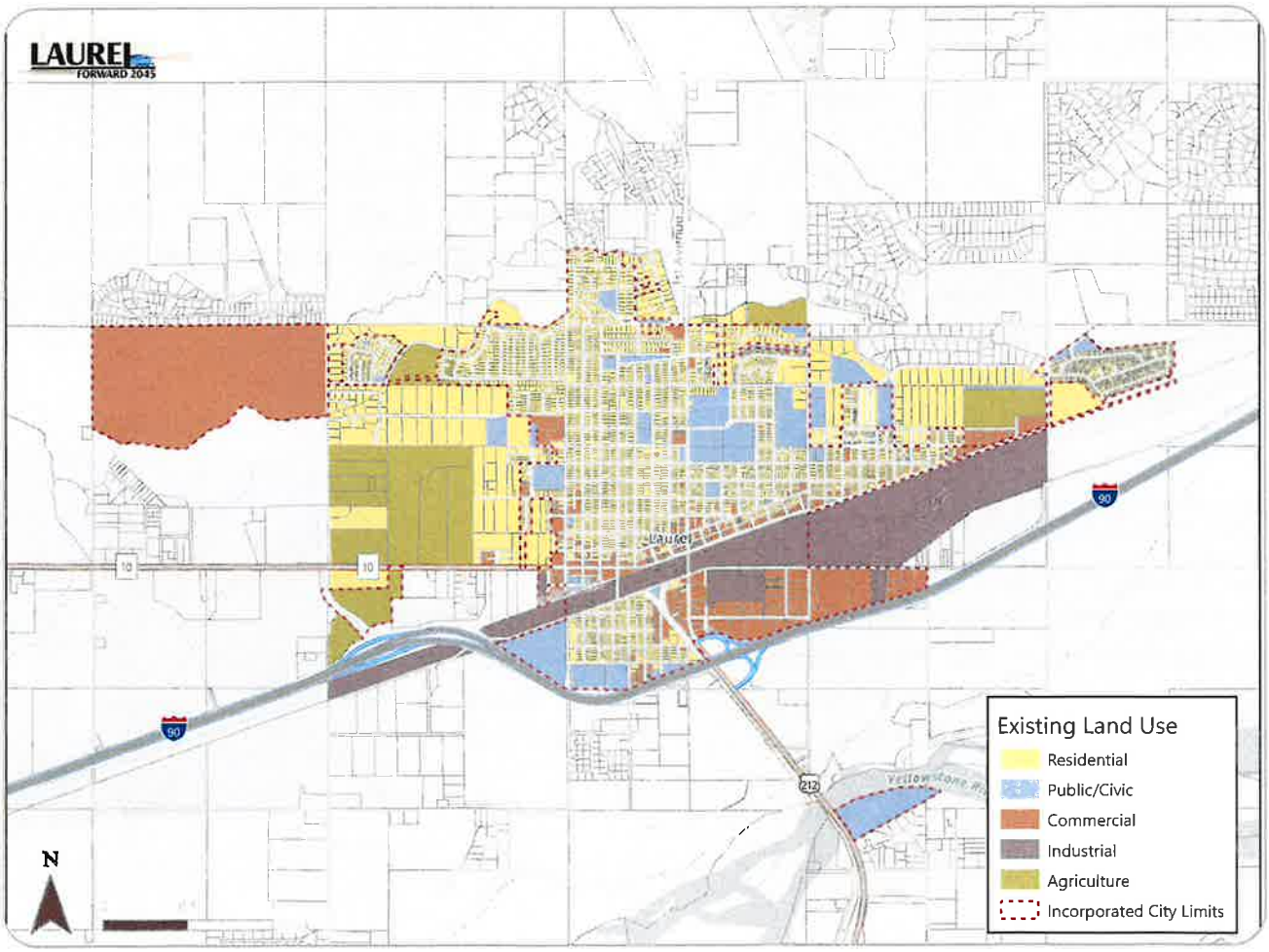


EXISTING LAND USE

Laurel is in South Central Montana, 15 miles west of Billings, the largest city in Montana. The City sits along major transportation routes, including I-90, Route 212, and Old Route 10. Laurel is 223 miles east of Helena, the state capital, 70 miles from the northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park, 80 miles from the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument, and 137 miles from Bozeman.

Laurel is located on the western boundary of Yellowstone County. This area has seen significant development with the City of Billings' continued growth, but the area surrounding Laurel's city limits remain sparsely populated and made up of irrigated farmland, grazing land, and riverine areas associated with the Yellowstone River Valley. These ecosystems support agricultural production, wildlife habitat, and open space that contribute to the community's economy and rural character.

Laurel has developed slowly in the past few decades. The development has focused itself north and west of the city. There are also many vacant and underused parcels within the City itself. The area adjacent to Interstate I-90 is mostly commercial and industrial. This similar land use is seen along Old Route 10 to the west of Laurel.



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RESIDENTIAL

Laurel's many residential districts provide a variety of housing densities, volumes, and types. Laurel's joint city-county planning board enforces regulations to accommodate these different houses and lifestyles. The older areas of the city, such as the south side and neighborhoods adjacent to downtown, have maintained their original platted parcels and allow for smaller-scale residential buildings and higher densities.

Newer developments and additions to Laurel have generally had lower density zoning than the original Laurel townsite and are more suburban. It is important to provide a mix of residential styles and sizes to provide current and future residents with the housing that best fits their needs.

AGRICULTURAL

The Yellowstone River valley contains productive soils, established irrigation infrastructure, and favorable growing conditions to support agricultural operations. According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, approximately 17% of Laurel contains soil classified as "prime farmland" – land with the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops. However, only about 1.5% of land within Laurel's incorporated city limits is classified as agricultural land.

INDUSTRIAL

Laurel has a substantial industrial land base. The City developed around the commercial railyard, now operated by Montana Rail Link. This remains the largest railyard between Minneapolis and Seattle. Other major industrial properties include the refinery operated by Cenex Harvest States, Inc. (CHS) and Fox Lumber.



COMMERCIAL



Laurel is a full-service community with supermarkets, gas stations, bars, and restaurants accessible to the public, and commercial areas can be found in different parts of the city. The traditional central business district remains heavily commercial, with some buildings containing apartments on the upper floors. The area adjacent to I-90 contains commercial and industrial properties that serve residents and highway travelers. The parcels along Old Rt. 10 contain a mix of uses, including highway-focused commercial properties, and the properties located along E. Main Street contain a variety of establishments.

The Laurel Golf Club on the west side of town is a private, 18-hole course for club members and their guests. The 270-acre course is not publicly accessible and is therefore classified as a commercial use on the Existing Land Use map (Figure XX).

PUBLIC/CIVIC

Laurel maintains a full range of public facilities for residents, businesses, and institutions. The City operates City Hall, the public library, a public works shop, a water treatment plant, and a sewer treatment plant. The Laurel School District operates Laurel Elementary, Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools.

Laurel also has parks of varying sizes. Thompson Park and Riverside Park are the most significant. Thompson Park is centrally located and includes athletic fields, a public pool, and public facilities. Riverside Park is a historic park that has served residents and travelers since before Laurel was incorporated. Many smaller parks have also been established as the City has grown.

URBAN RENEWAL

Laurel established a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District in 2007 that encompasses the traditional downtown and SE 4th Street commercial area. The district has funded infrastructure projects and grants for façade, structural, signage, and technical assistance improvements. The grant program is managed by the volunteer Laurel Urban Renewal Agency board.

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HOUSING CONDITIONS

The housing stock in Laurel is diverse and generally more affordable than in surrounding jurisdictions. About 96% of homes are occupied, and most vacant homes appear to be rentals. This suggests a tight, high-demand market for buyers, though survey responses also highlight limited availability and high costs as challenges for renting households.

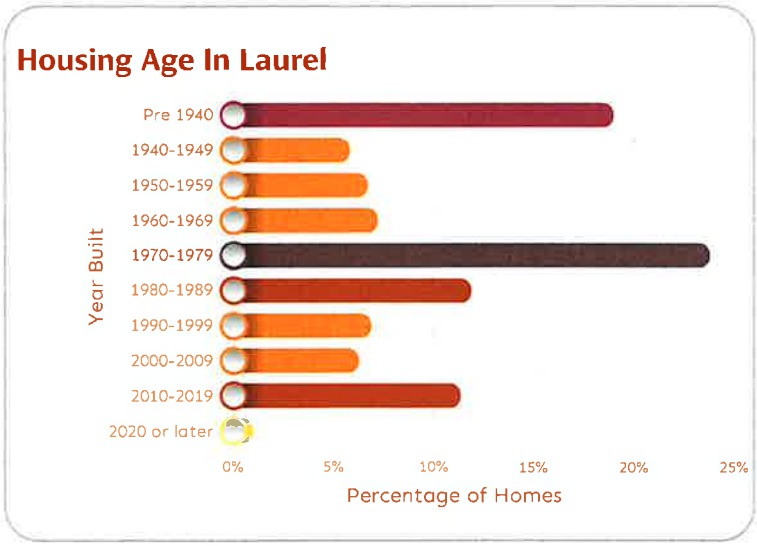
Most Laurel homes are occupied by families. Nearly 30% of households include a child under 18, and nearly 23% include a resident age 65 or older, reflecting a mix of young families and older residents.

About 60% of Laurel households own their homes and 40% rent, a higher rental share than Yellowstone County, Montana, or Billings. Rental housing has likely helped keep Laurel affordable, but renters generally have less housing stability than homeowners.

Most homeowners in Laurel live in single-family homes or manufactured homes (also referred to as mobile homes), while renters live in more diverse homes, including single-family homes, infill housing, and multi-family homes. Despite the differences in living arrangements, the majority of the homes that both owners and renters live in were built before 1980. While there are many benefits to having a stock of older homes in a community, Laurel must also make sure new homes are being built to meet residents' needs.

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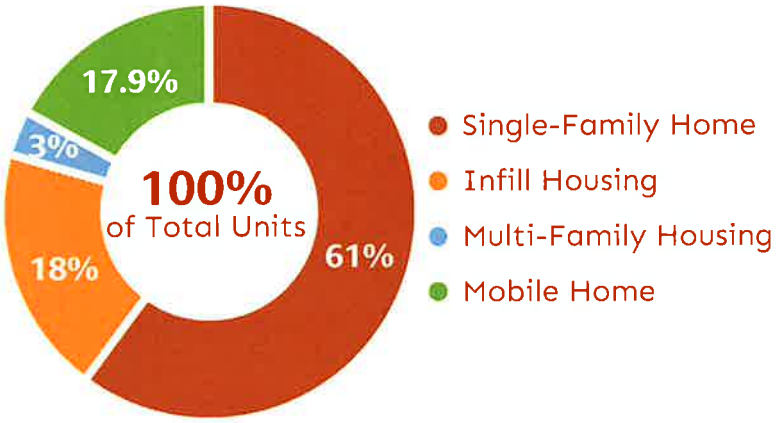
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Housing Breakdown

- Total Units by Structure



- Units by Tenure

Owner-Occupied Housing Units

58.7% of Total Units	
Single-Family Home	75.1%
Infill Housing	1.2%
Multi-Family Housing	1.2%
Mobile Home	23.7%

Renter-Occupied Housing Units

41.3% of Total Units	
Single-Family Home	38.3%
Infill Housing	44.0%
Multi-Family Housing	7.7%
Mobile Home	9.1%

NEARLY HALF of survey respondents say it is difficult to find a place to live in Laurel. Respondents say that young adults, working families, and first-time homebuyers face the greatest barriers to finding a home, and that adequate housing is too expensive.

Renting is currently more affordable than buying in Laurel, likely due to the age of the housing and the kinds of homes that renters are more likely to live in. According to Zillow, the average monthly rent in Laurel is $1,250. For a household earning Laurel's median income of $68,474, this is considered affordable since it makes up less than 30% of gross income.

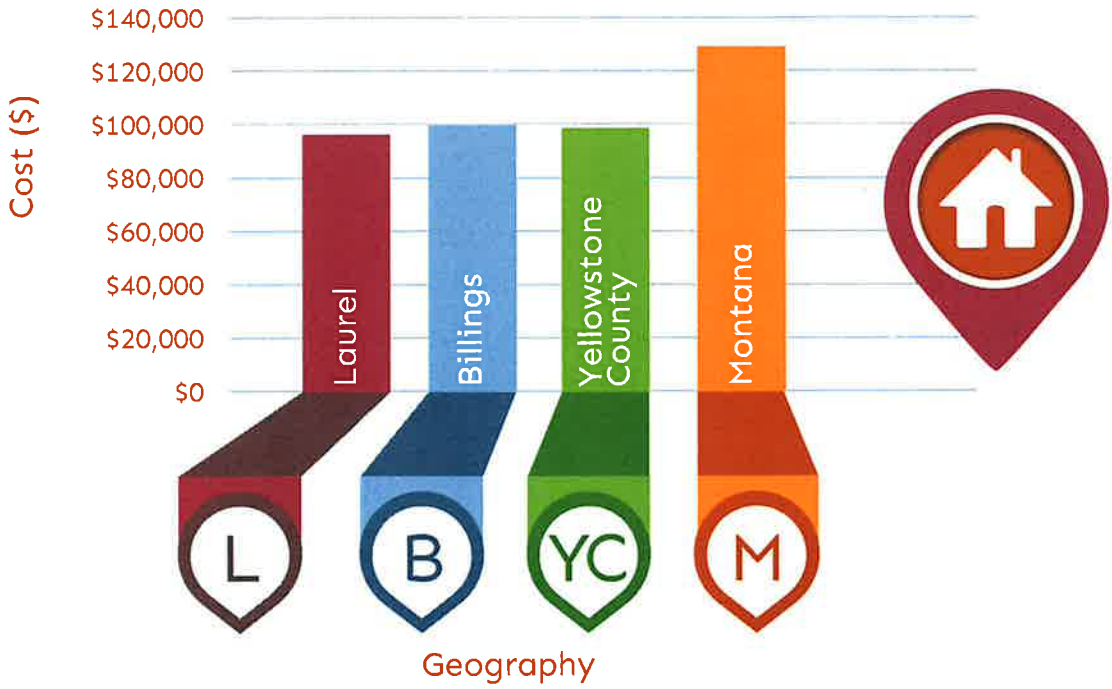
Buying a home in Laurel, however, is much harder to afford. The median sales price in 2025 was $365,000, an increase of roughly 59% since 2019. Assuming standard mortgage lending terms*, a household needs to earn about $95,874 a year to afford a home at that price. As described in more detail in the Economic Conditions section, only 27% of Laurel households earn enough to afford the median-priced home.



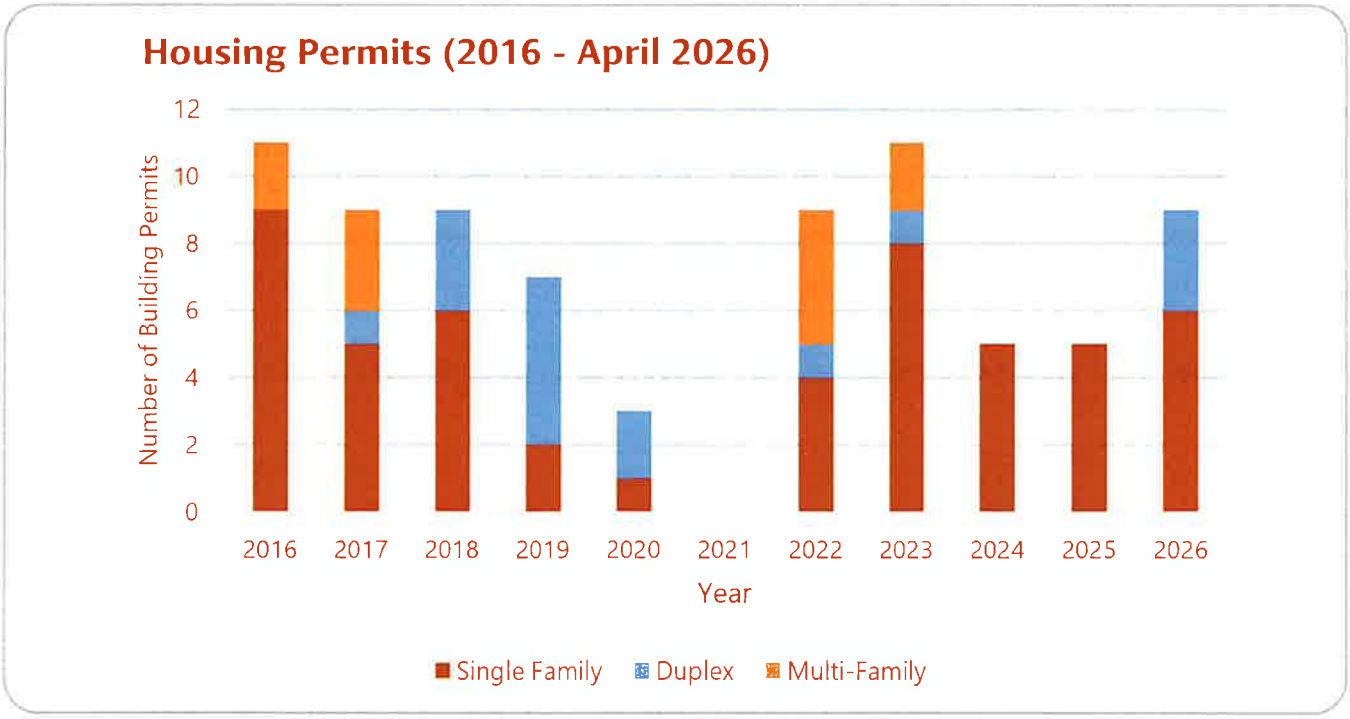
The number of building permits that have been issued for smaller, infill homes has fluctuated over the last 15 years, but data shows single-family home permits continuing to outpace all other types of housing. Since 2020, the City has issued 29 permits for single-family homes and only 13 permits for multi-unit homes.

In one interview with Superintendent Matt Torix, housing affordability and availability were mentioned as constraints on Laurel Public Schools' ability to recruit and retain staff. Low entry-level teacher salaries and tight rental and ownership markets in the area make it difficult for staff to find a place to live nearby.

Annual Income Needed to Afford a Median Priced Home







To help ease affordability challenges, Laurel should consider strategies that encourage more diverse housing types. This may be especially helpful for households who would like to buy a home. Expanding housing options will be key to meeting the community's long-term housing needs and ensuring Laurel remains affordable into the future.

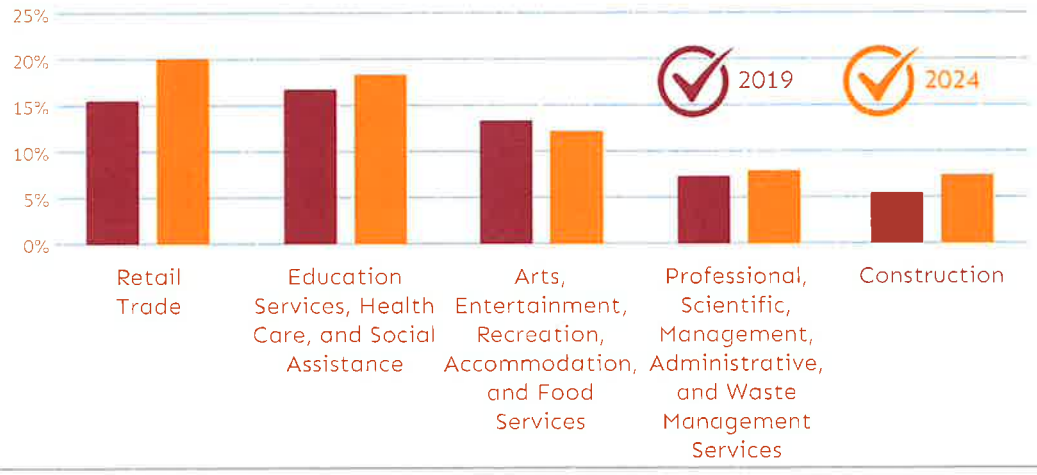


ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Laurel has a strong labor force, mostly made up of private sector employees. About 70% of residents participate in the workforce, and 68% are employed, resulting in a 1.7% unemployment rate. This is lower than both the county and state. Laurel's poverty rate is 10% and is roughly in line with Montana.

Laurel's five largest industries have not changed since the last growth policy update, though each now makes up a different share of the local economy. Retail trade is the largest industry today, accounting for 20% of Laurel's economy, followed by education services, health care, and social assistance at 18%.

Largest Industries in Laurel









None of Laurel's five largest industries pay enough, on their own, to afford the median-priced home. Only the city's highest-paying industry—mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction—exceeds that threshold, with an average annual income of $113,750.

Since 2019, Laurel's median home price has increased 59%, while median household income has increased only 23%. This disconnect is likely making it more difficult for some residents to keep up with the cost of living, as housing costs take up more of their budget.

Nearly half of employed Laurel residents commute to Billings each day, while fewer than 20% both live and work in Laurel. This underscores Laurel's connection to the Billings economy and its role as a more affordable home base for many regional workers.



TRANSPORTATION

Laurel's downtown and original neighborhoods were developed on a traditional gridded street network that provides multiple route options and good connectivity. As the City has grown, subdivisions have not maintained that pattern, resulting in disconnected streets, dead ends, and limited east-west travel options, particularly west of 8th Avenue (2020 Growth Policy). The city's transportation is further constrained by the Montana Rail Link railyard, which bisects the community and leaves only two primary north-south crossings: the 1st Avenue underpass and 5th Avenue railroad crossing, in addition to the I-90 interchanges at East and West Laurel.



Two major highway corridors, 1st Avenue and Old Route 10/Main Street, serve as the primary north-south and east-west routes through the community. These corridors accommodate significant commercial, industrial, and commuter traffic and become congested during peak travel times.

Laurel has approximately 47 miles of roadway within city limits. Excluding alleys, nearly 96% of the city's roadway network is paved. The City of Laurel Public Works maintains local streets, while Yellowstone County Public Works is responsible for county roads in the surrounding area. Several roadway improvements have been identified in the City's CIP, including reconstruction of approximately one-half mile of West Railroad Street.

Laurel's transportation network serves residents as well as regional commuter, freight, and industrial traffic. The city's location along Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 212 provides direct access to Billings and surrounding destinations, making Laurel an important transportation hub within south-central Montana. The transportation system also supports movement of goods and materials associated with the area's industrial facilities, rail operations, and agricultural economy. As Laurel continues to grow, it will be critical for Laurel to maintain its roadway infrastructure and consider connections between neighborhoods.

Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is limited throughout the community, although the City has identified trail and active transportation plans as future projects. These endeavors are intended to enhance connectivity, expand transportation options, and improve access to destinations around Laurel.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Laurel Transit was established in 2010 with state funding and provides on-demand service within Laurel and limited service to Billings. It operates Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm within the City, and transportation to and from Billings is available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Transportation within Laurel costs $4 roundtrip with up to 2 stops, while trips to Billings cost $10 round trip. Riders must schedule trips at least one business day in advance.

With nearly half of Laurel residents commuting to Billings each day, the City should evaluate opportunities to expand regional transit options. While Laurel Transit provides an important option for limited mobility seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents without access to a personal vehicle, limited operating hours, advanced scheduling, and infrequent trips to Billings may reduce the effectiveness of Laurel Transit for commuting, employment, education, and medical appointments. As Laurel ages and attracts more families, alternative transportation options that improve access to child care, health care, and regional services may become more important.



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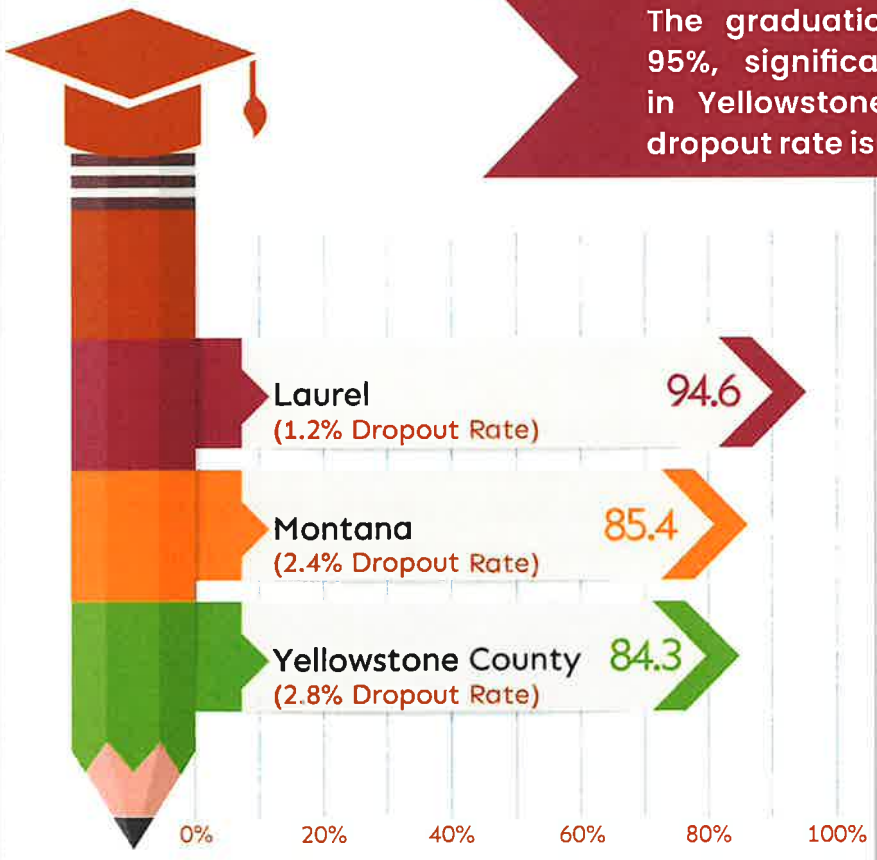
EDUCATION

There are two school districts in Laurel: Laurel Elementary School District and Laurel High School District. Within the districts there are four schools to serve preschool through 12th grade.



Graduation Rate

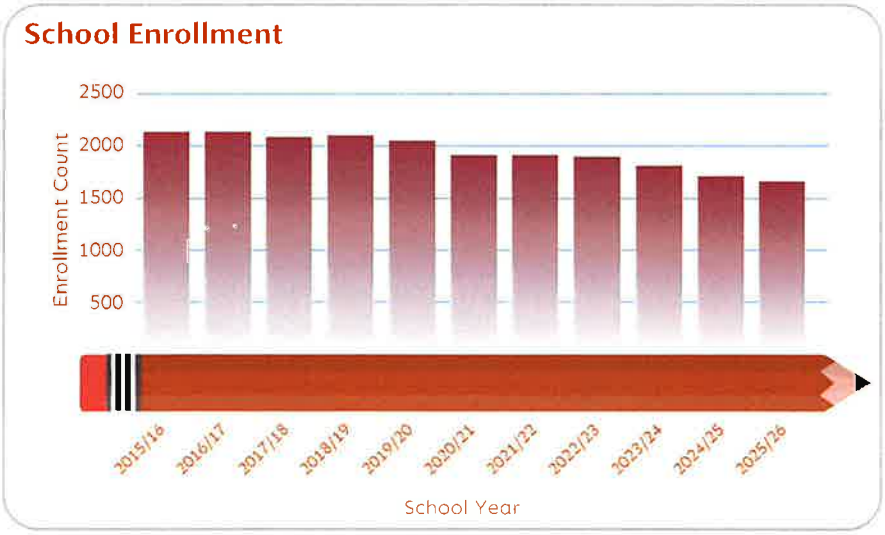
The graduation rate in Laurel is nearly 95%, significantly higher than the rate in Yellowstone County or Montana. The dropout rate is also much lower than at 1.2%.



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Enrollment has slowly decreased since 2015 while the number of homeschooled students is reportedly increasing. This trend is unlikely to change in the near future and will have an impact on future staffing and facility needs.

Until 2025, Laurel Public Schools had three elementary schools. The District's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), adopted in 2022, documented critical issues across all facilities. In 2023, Laurel Public Schools successfully passed an $88 million bond in 2023 to demolish one of their Elementary Schools, build a new intermediate school, and upgrade two others to meet student and administrative needs.



In May 2026 the school district put forward a bond for $62.8 million for high school repairs and other upgrades, but it was not successful.

Bus service is provided to students living more than three miles from school. Students living closer must arrange other means of transportation, which may be creating traffic challenges across the City for Laurel residents.

The District's total landholding is approximately 82 acres, including a 21-acre undeveloped parcel north of the Big Ditch near 8th Avenue and W. 12th Street. The original Laurel High School, built in 1910, sold to a developer for $150,300 in July 2026. The property is zoned Residential-6000, which is intended to promote "high, urban-density, duplex residential environment on lots that are usually served by a public water and sewer system" (Laurel Code of Ordinances, 17.12).

Strategically utilizing these properties will help Laurel Public Schools remain resilient and provide a path to address several issues outlined in its Strategic Plan, including continuing long-range infrastructure planning to meet changing demographics and working more closely with the Laurel City Council to address the city's housing needs.





PUBLIC AMENITIES

The Laurel Public Library is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am until 7:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The library hosts events and activities for the community as well as resources and information about voting, taxes, technology, and more. Laurel's CIP includes $825,000 in upgrades to the library. Top priorities include replacing the computers, roof, and fascia. Lower priorities identified in the CIP include new air conditioning units and building additions to create a larger space to meet the community's needs.

The Laurel Municipal Airport is a public-use, non-towered general aviation facility located two miles north of the city. It is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the state, with two paved and one grass runway. Aviation activities from the airport include recreational flying, agricultural spraying, corporate and business aviation, and aerial wildland firefighting. Rocky Mountain College Aviation Program is also based at the airport and offers collegiate flight training.

Laurel Senior Center is open Monday through Friday and provides one hot meal per day, five days a week. The center also offers Meals on Wheels for residents who need food delivered to their home.

Other facilities include Riverside Community Hall, managed by the Laurel Lions Club, and the Hub, an event space and community center. The Hub is owned by Front Porch, the organization responsible for the annual Fall Festival in Laurel.







EMERGENCY SERVICES

Laurel's emergency services all operate out of the Fire-Ambulance-Police (FAP) Building. It was built in 1976 and has long been identified as inadequate. It lacks sufficient office space, a breakroom, separate locker rooms for male and female officers, secure evidence and vehicle storage, and adequate radio room fire control. The 2020 Growth Policy recommended constructing a new police station on Laurel's west side to meet anticipated growth patterns and be in proximity to the rail line and refinery.

Emergency services facility planning should be a coordinated land use priority and include an evaluation of an updated or new facility to support Laurel's future growth areas.



POLICE

The Laurel Police Department provides law enforcement services within Laurel's city limits, operating out of the Fire-Ambulance-Police (FAP) Building. The department has grown from 14 sworn officers in 2020 to 15 sworn officers today, and also handles animal control, code enforcement, and dispatch. The department coordinates with the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force, the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, and the Montana Highway Patrol.

FIRE

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD), established in 1909, provides fire and rescue service to the City of Laurel, the Laurel Airport Authority, the Yellowstone Treatment Center, the Laurel Urban Fire Service Area, and Fire Districts 5, 7, and 8. The LVFD also operates from the aging FAP Building, and uses other City sites to store equipment. Services include structure and wildland fires, vehicle fires, industrial hazards, water/ice rescue, vehicle extrication, hazmat response, and rope rescue. The LVFD maintains a mutual aid agreement with Yellowstone County Fire Services.

Department capacity has shifted since 2020: total membership remains at 45, but the volunteer component has declined to 29, with the remaining roster made up of members required to be available to respond. Meanwhile, call volume is rising. There was 413 calls in 2023, a 38% increase since 2014. This shrinking volunteer base against growing call volume is a will likely intensify as Laurel's population grows and climate conditions intensify.

AMBULANCE

Laurel Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) and American Medical Response (AMR) provides 24/7 pre-hospital care to the City, portions of Yellowstone County, and nearby Joliet under a mutual aid agreement. LEMS is staffed by volunteer EMRs, EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics. The service handles more than 1,300 calls annually, a figure expected to rise as the City grows. Because Laurel does not have a hospital, LEMS transports patients to medical facilities in Billings when higher-level or specialized care is needed.

The ambulance fleet has grown from three ambulance bays in 2020 to four ambulances in 2026, and in 2023, voters approved a $450,000 annual mill levy to fund operational and staffing needs for LEMS. However, this did not include facilities funding. As the third occupant of the FAP Building, LEMS may need more space to accommodate the fourth ambulance and any additional equipment that may be needed to ensure community health and safety as discussions continue about a new facility.



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NATURAL RESOURCES

Laurel sits in the Yellowstone River Valley, where relatively flat terrain, agricultural plains, open views, and distant mountain ranges shape the community's rural setting and sense of place. At about 3,300 feet above sea level, the city's location between the high plains and Beartooth foothills has influenced its development pattern and community character.



Laurel's natural resources are closely tied to agriculture and the Yellowstone River. Surrounding farmland, grazing land, wetlands, and riparian corridors support the area's rural character, water movement, floodplain functions, habitat connectivity, recreation, and regional development patterns.

These resources also support Laurel's economy. Agriculture remains an important surrounding land use, while CHS, Inc.'s fuel and asphalt production anchors the industrial economy. Together, they continue to shape Laurel's identity and future growth, conservation, and land use decisions.



SAND AND GRAVEL

The Laurel area is generally characterized by silty clay loam soil and few sand and gravel resources. The area contains a mix of fair to poor sand and gravel deposits, with some locations classified as poor sand and fair gravel. 11 open-cut mines are in the area and the average size of gravel pits is 25 acres. As Laurel grows, these resource areas should be considered alongside surrounding land uses, transportation access, reclamation needs, and potential conflicts with development.

ENERGY

Oil and gas resources have shaped Laurel's economy and industrial character for decades. Although there are no producing wells within the city, Laurel's energy infrastructure is an important part of the community's industrial base and regional economy.

The refinery, currently owned by CHS, Inc., has a significant economic impact on Laurel, both in terms of job creation and its role within the region's energy infrastructure. The facility relies on crude oil from Canada and distributes products, including gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and asphalt, throughout the northern United States. CHS, Inc. Processes approximately 60,000 barrels of crude oil per day and more than 700 million gallons of fuel annually.

As one of the region's largest industrial facilities, the Laurel refinery continues to influence local employment, transportation networks, and land use patterns. Its location along major rail, highway, and pipeline corridors allow crude oil and refined products to move efficiently throughout the region, helping establish Laurel as a regional center for energy processing and distribution.

In addition to CHS, Inc., Northwestern Energy operates the Yellowstone County Generating Station, a 175-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, just outside the city. While there are currently no utility scale wind or solar projects in the Laurel area, the region has favorable wind and solar conditions, and the city's existing energy infrastructure may support future renewable energy opportunities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

CLIMATE

Laurel experiences warm, dry summers and cool winters typical of south-central Montana. Average temperatures range from approximately 20 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter months to 89 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. The area receives relatively low annual precipitation, resulting in a semi-arid climate that influences local vegetation, agricultural practices, water resources, and wildfire conditions.

WILDLIFE

The Yellowstone River and its associated riparian corridors provide important wildlife habitat throughout the Laurel area. Mammal species observed within these habitats include black-tailed prairie dogs, common muskrats, Eastern fox squirrels, and North American beavers. The river and drainage features, such as the Nutting Drain Ditch, Big Ditch, and High Ditch, also serve as a corridor for a variety of bird species, including American robins, black-billed magpies, European starlings, and other migratory and resident birds. Wildlife nesting areas have been identified along the Yellowstone River and within the Sundance Lodge Recreation Area, highlighting the ecological importance of these interconnected riverine and wetland environments.

WILDFIRE

Laurel is in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), the area defined by where developed lands meet natural vegetation. WUI boundaries in Montana are established through county-level Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). Yellowstone County revised its CWPP and WUI boundaries in 2025 to include Laurel and surrounding areas.

Although the entirety of Laurel is in the WUI, most of the City is indirectly exposed to fire, meaning there is a lower risk to structures than in the direct exposure areas surrounding Laurel. Outside city limits, dry grass and grass-shrub fuels are abundant, which can rapidly spread fire during periods of drought, low humidity, or high winds.

Laurel follows the strategies identified in Yellowstone County's CWPP, which provides guidance for wildfire preparedness, fuels management, emergency response, public education, and land use planning. As part of the development process, subdivisions proposed within or adjacent to the WUI may be required to submit a fire mitigation plan that evaluates wildfire hazards and identifies steps to reduce the risk to people, property, and critical infrastructure.

WETLANDS

The Laurel area contains several important wetland resources, including the Charles M. Russell Wetland Management District and the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site. These systems provide wildlife habitat, support water quality, store floodwater, and contribute to the ecological function of the Yellowstone River corridor.

FLOODING

Although the City of Laurel faces a relatively low overall flood risk, flooding remains a concern due to the community's proximity to the Yellowstone River. Historical flood events such as the 2022 Yellowstone River flood have had significant impacts on infrastructure, property, and transportation networks.

To reduce flood hazards and protect public safety, Laurel adopted floodplain regulations in 2013 to guide development within flood-prone areas. Laurel's floodplain regulations are administered in coordination with state requirements and are intended to be consistent with broader floodplain management efforts in Yellowstone County. New development within the 100-year floodplain is subject to state, local, and federal requirements to minimize risk to people, property, and infrastructure. Laurel also participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides access to federally backed flood insurance and supports local floodplain management efforts through floodplain mapping, regulatory standards, and education.

OTHER HAZARDS

In addition to flooding and wildfire, Laurel has experienced other natural hazards including severe winter weather, high winds, hail, drought, earthquakes, and occasional tornado activity. For example, a tornado was reported in the Laurel area in 2023, and severe thunderstorms have produced large hail measuring up to 2.75 inches in diameter (the size of a baseball). While these events generally occur less frequently than flooding or wildfire, they can disrupt transportation systems, damage public infrastructure and property, affect agricultural operations, and place additional demands on emergency services. Continued hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness efforts can reduce risks to residents and property. Yellowstone County is also a participating jurisdiction in the Eastern Montana Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies hazards affecting the regional hazards and outlines strategies to improve community resilience and reduce future risk.



PARKS & RECREATION

There are 17 parks in Laurel, totaling approximately 107 acres. This acreage surpasses general guidance to provide 10 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents in a community (National Recreation and Park Association).

A survey conducted in October 2013 found that the most frequently visited parks in Laurel were Kiwanis, Lions, and Thomson parks, and a significant number of respondents rarely or never visit the city's undeveloped parks.

One of the most significant parks in Laurel is Riverside Park. Located on the south side of the Yellowstone River, the park dates back to the early 1900s. The park features an historic levee and buildings that were built to house displaced men during the Great Depression and then to house German prisoners of war during World War II. In the decades following the end of the war, many of the historic buildings were used by local organizations such as the Laurel Rod and Gun Club, Laurel Rifle Club, American Legion and Laurel Jaycees. Today, the park is used for recreation and picnicking, and a concrete boat ramp provides access to the Yellowstone River. The Riverside Park Master Plan was developed in 2018 to provide a blueprint for improvements and the park's use.

Laurel's CIP identifies various park improvements and planning efforts to help the City effectively manage and maintain a cohesive park system into the future (see Table/ Figure XX).





LAURAL PARKS & CIP

Several parks projects are listed in the Laurel's CIP. Each project in the table below is slated to be paid for out of the City's General Fund and are ranked from 1 to 5 according to the following key:

① NEED

② COULD REALLY USE

③ WANT

④ WOULD BE NICE

⑤ IF WE HAVE THE FUNDING

PROJECT NAME	YEAR	PRIORITY	COST ESTIMATE	DESCRIPTION
BMX Bike Track at Fir Field	2026	①	$250,000	BMX track for all ages
Cemetery Expansion and Road Replacement	2026	①	$750,000	Expansion, roads, signage, kiosk
Riverside Park Water and Irrigation System	2025	①	$360,000	Water line and irrigation for Riverside Park
Thompson Park Facility Update	2024	②	$500,000	Tennis court demolition/ replacement
Stormwater Outfall Structure at Russell Park	2027	③	$960,000	Stormwater outfall replacement
Underground Sprinkler Systems at Kiwanis and Nutting Parks	2025	④	$250,000-$325,000	Irrigation
Park Master Plan	2026	④	$30,000	Parkland utilization recommendations
Trails Plans	2026	④	$40,000	Trails system planning
Parks and Cemetery Equipment Replacement	2025	⑤	$72,000	Truck, lawnmowers, crack-sealer
Trail Master Plan	2024	--	$40,000	Integrated trails and parks planning as a part of the Active Transportation Master Plan

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INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS

The Public Works Department administers Laurel's infrastructure and operates the municipal water treatment and distribution system, the wastewater collection and treatment system, and stormwater, and street maintenance services.

WATER

The Laurel Water Treatment Plant draws 12.6 million gallons of raw water per day from the Yellowstone River under a 1908 water right. The plant serves more than 6,700 people through 2,858 metered connections, including 82 residential connections and one industrial outside city limits. The plant has a treatment capacity of 5 million gallons per day and operates 24 hours a day.

The distribution system, originally installed in 1908, includes one 4-million-gallon ground storage tank, two booster pump stations, pipes ranging from 2 to 18 inches in diameter, and 301 fire hydrants. A new water treatment plant was built in 2019, and a new river intake was built in 2017.

The City's CIP identifies several projects for the City to complete to continue providing water to residents. The CIP identifies a new water tank, booster station, and piping redundancy to address water pressure concerns as high priority projects. This follows a recommendation in Laurel's 2020 Growth Policy that identifies a need for additional water storage capacity.

As Laurel grows, the City will also want to consider extending water service to the West Laurel Interchange area and to county residents in areas where future growth is anticipated to occur. More about future growth areas can be found in Chapter XX.





WASTEWATER

The Wastewater Treatment Plant was originally built in 1908 but has undergone major upgrades over its life, the most recent being sedimentation basin improvements in 2019. The plant has a treatment capacity of 1.12 million gallons per day and is staffed by three operators and one relief position. As Laurel grows, the system's capacity should be monitored closely, and a Wastewater System Master Plan is recommended to support long-range capacity planning.

Laurel's CIP identifies several projects to improve the system, including replacing a deteriorating sewer line in the alley between Main and 1st Streets, from 5th to 7th Avenue and recoating the plant's primary clarifiers. Other recommended projects include replacing the plant's boilers and embarking on a multi-year manhole lining program.

STORMWATER SYSTEM

Stormwater infrastructure is limited and concentrated primarily in the central business district and the SE 4th Street area. Laurel's history of downtown flooding caused by heavy rain runoff makes stormwater system improvements a priority for the city. Drinking water and stormwater needs are currently funded through the same water enterprise fund.



The City's CIP identifies a need for stormwater improvements on the south side of town. 1st Avenue storm water replacement, a stormwater outfall structure from Russell Park to the Yellowstone River, and a south side stormwater management plan are also identified. Laurel's 2020 Growth Policy recommended a citywide Stormwater Management Plan, incorporating stormwater planning into all roadway improvement projects, and separating the drinking water and stormwater enterprise funds.

DRAFT



SOLID WASTE

The City of Laurel provides solid waste services through a combination of local and regional facilities. Republic Services provides curbside garbage collection, while residents may dispose of bulky items and other non-commercial waste at the Laurel City Container Site located at 175 Buffalo Trail. Final disposal is provided by the Billings Regional Landfill.

Laurel's CIP identifies several projects to support the long-term operation and maintenance of the solid waste system. Planned improvements include constructing an indoor storage building for reserve vehicles, five new trucks, replacing containers, and expanding the transfer station.

STREETS AND ROADS

Many of Laurel's roads are in need of repair, particularly older local roads. These were built with deficiencies and antiquated design methods and now compound annual maintenance problems. Results from a community survey found that respondents gave Laurel's streets an average rating of 1.55 out of 5.



The City completed a study of its municipal road network that included an inventory and provided solutions to the system's infrastructure deficits. The CIP specifically recommends reconstruction West 12th Street (Valley Drive to 1st Avenue), completing a Road Network Master Plan, creating a road maintenance and repair program, and studying additional north-south crossing points across the train tracks.

SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Dedicated pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is limited in Laurel, and most responses to the community survey show people rely heavily on personal vehicles for travel. Further, survey respondents gave sidewalks an average rating of 2.01 out of 5.

The City has identified a need for a Trail Master Plan and Transportation Action Plan to guide thoughtful investments in other forms of transportation. Laurel's 2020 Growth Policy also sets goals for downtown bicycle and pedestrian improvements and a looping bicycle/pedestrian trail system to connect different areas of the community.

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
04/14/2026 06:05 PM
Laurel Public Library

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Fjelstad
X Kate Manley – Board Chair
X Nancy Schmidt, Secretary
X Clair Killebrew – Foundation Liaison
X Kay Wilcox
X Paige Farmer
X Mary Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Public Comment
   Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of city business not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Comment is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.
   a. None

2. General Items
   a. The Minutes for March 2026 were presented for approval. Paige motioned that the minutes be approved, Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed.
   b. A donation was made to the Foundation by Kathleen Lombardozzi. Nancy will send a letter to Kathy thanking her for the donation toward library programming.
   c. Circulation Report – (compared to the same time period as last year) *Traffic*: down 11.4%; *circulation*: all items circulated totaled 4,800 (including 556 eBooks), book circulation was down 1.5%, media circulation was down 89.4%, eBook checkouts for this month was 12.44% of total book circulation, we circulated 1,324 items to partners and 356 items from other libraries; *computers*: internet use was up 5.12%, children's use was up 54.2%, wi-fi use was down 7.9%; *patron cards*: city patrons make up 62.2% of our registered users, county is 27.7%, and state/out of county has 9.88% of our registered patrons. There were 48 tech assists in March.

3. Old Business
   a. The library foundation purchased a shed from S Bar S for storage of sale and library materials. It is a 10x12 ft shed with a 40 sq ft loft. It has a ramp-style door for easy access with book carts. The shed is currently on the northeast side of the library but may be moved later.
   b. Board members discussed whether to move forward with a mill levy this year. The discussion centered around the current 'climate' concerning the mental health facility proposal and the school board once again asking for mill levy bonds to be approved for $62.8 million. Kay motioned that we table the mill levy discussions at this time, Mary seconded the motion; motion passed. Board members have decided that we will continue to promote the library during the next year to help create awareness of our facility and future needs.
   c. Nancy and Kate attended the South Central Federation meeting on Saturday, April 11th in Forsyth. SCF members voted to suspend the 10 term-limit for the coordinator and voted that

Nancy would continue in that position for the next two years. During that time, she would start training Anika Risener – Big Horn County Library Director, to take over as federation coordinator. The federation members also reauthorized a stipend for Laurel library personnel to manage/process book kits for the federation. Shelby Rogala from the Montana Nonprofit Association presented training on board member responsibilities. The next federation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th in Winifred.

4. New Business
    a. Both Mike Furman and Eli Ritterpusch went to MLA in Great Falls this year. They left on Tuesday and will return on Saturday. They will give a quick report on their sessions at the next meeting.
    b. The Summer Reading Program kicks off with the theme "Unearthing a Story" during our Book Buzz on Wednesday, June 17th. Once again, the public school librarians and teachers will be doing our programming each week. Library staff will present programming on June 10th & July 29th. There will be a Kora Harp presentation on June 3rd by Sean Gaskell. The previously planned musical story time will not be presented because of scheduling conflicts with the Billings Symphony.
    c. The spring book sale is scheduled for April 27th – May 9th, 2026. Sales will run during regular business hours except for Fridays. The library will be open just for the book sale on those days. Volunteer help is needed if anyone is available.

5. Other Items
    a. None

6. Announcements
    a. The next regular meeting would normally be scheduled for May 12th, 2026, at 6:00 pm except two members are going to be on vacation. It was decided that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L Schmidt

Nancy L Schmidt
Library Director
Secretary for the Board

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MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
05/12/2026 06:0 PM
Laurel Public Library

Meeting Cancelled – No Quorum

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Fjelstad
Kate Manley – Board Chair
Nancy Schmidt, Secretary
Clair Killebrew – Foundation Liaison
Kay Wilcox
Paige Farmer
Mary Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Public Comment
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   a. None

2. General Items
   a. Circulation Report – (compared to the same time period as last year) *Traffic*: up 18.4%; *circulation*: all items circulated totaled 5,130 (including 578 eBooks), book circulation was down 2%, media circulation was down 29%, eBook checkouts for this month was 12.1% of total book circulation, we circulated 1,101 items to partners and 309 items from other libraries; *computers*: internet use was down 50.7%, children's use was even; wi-fi use was down 23.8%; *patron cards*: city patrons make up 61.1% of our registered users, county is 27.9%, and state/out of county has 10% of our registered patrons. There were 48 tech assists in April.

3. Old Business
   a. None

4. New Business
   a. None

5. Other Items
   a. None

6. Announcements
    a. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 9th, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L Schmidt

Nancy L Schmidt
Library Director
Secretary for the Board

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MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
06/16/2026 06:06 PM
Laurel Public Library

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

X Katie Fjelstad
X Kate Manley – Board Chair
X Nancy Schmidt, Secretary
X Clair Killebrew – Foundation Liaison
X Kay Wilcox
X Paige Farmer – via Zoom
Mary Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Public Comment
   Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of city business not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Comment is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.
   a. None

2. General Items
   a. The Minutes for April and May 2026 were presented for approval. Katie motioned that the minutes be approved, Kay seconded the motion. Motion passed.
   b. The foundation received a $1,000 grant from Town Pump Charities. It is to be used for the Summer Reading Program to help with the cost of supplies and activities.
   c. Circulation Report – (compared to the same time period as last year) *Traffic*: up 15.9%; *circulation*: all items circulated totaled 4,964 (including 646 eBooks), book circulation was up 23.9%, media circulation was down 51.1%, eBook checkouts for this month was 12.44% of total book circulation, we circulated 1,075 items to partners and 323 items from other libraries; *computers*: internet use was down 33.3%, children's use was down 9.1%, wi-fi use was down 19.6%; *patron cards*: city patrons make up 61% of our registered users, county is 27.8%, and state/out of county has 10.3% of our registered patrons. There were 21 tech assists in May.

3. Old Business
   a. Mike and Eli shared their experiences participating in Montana Library Association. They both attended sessions for doing book repairs, cataloging, AI, and They want to set aside one day a month to repair our library books. Both felt the networking was worth their attendance. Eli stated that it was very informational. We may want to consider participating in the OverDrive Advantage program (Libby app) for our patrons to help

with long wait lists. They both stated that they would be likely to attend future conferences.

b. The book sale made $2,130.58 this time around. We had noticed that the attendance was down from the last two sales, but we were pleased that we made over $2,000. More advertising next time to increase awareness of our upcoming sale. Library staff have suggested that we do 'mini sale' displays each month.
c. Sean Gaskell performed for the library on his Kora Harp. He was very personable and shared some significant information about the harp is made. We had 12 attendees for his performance. It was stated that he should author a book on how he came to be a harp player and where he learned to play.
d. Nancy attended the Coordinator/Commission meeting in Helena on June 9th & 10th. The certification requirements are changing again. Training will need to be completed through the State Library. Any training received through Montana Library Association will not count for hours needed to complete certification. The videos provided by state library consultants will still count toward our certification hours. We just need to make sure we get the time credited to us through the ASPeN platform. The consultants are always looking for new training topics. Each trustee is still being required to put in 3 hours of training per year. At one time the Commissioners felt that everyone should be required to attend a full-day training course one Saturday per year. Coordinators emphasized that we can't REQUIRE volunteers to attend training, we can only ask and encourage.

4. New Business
    a. The library staff have asked for monthly staff meetings. We are going to have a quick ½ hour meeting about issues that have come up recently for workers. If you have any ideas that we need to talk about at our meetings, please let us know so we can add them to our agenda.
    b. The budget has been turned into the clerk/treasurer's office. Nancy shared the projected budget with board members. She explained that increases are in red, decreases are listed in blue, and those line items without changes are in black. When asked if wages would be changed this year, it was stated that eh union contract was signed for 3 years but wage portion was only a one year 7% increase. The questions were about what the director gets paid this year. In previous years, the director would receive whatever amount the Mayor stated non-union employees should get. Katie stated that the director should an increase equal to union wages plus 1% in the next year. All other trustees agreed with her. There were no other questions about the proposed budget.
    c. The Book Buzz Summer Reading Program begins tomorrow. School librarians and teachers will be presenting a program each week in July except for July 29th. The foundation has allowed us to purchase a new 3-D printer to use for various activities.

The theme this year is "Unearth A Story". Mike wants to 'print' dinosaur bones for our last summer activity for the kids to "dig".

d. We are planning to have The Lego Guy – Curtis Mork - come to the library for a presentation. He is going to be here Monday, July 13th to demonstrate some of his Lego crafts. It is an all-age presentation at 1:00 pm in the Community Room.
e. We have two new shelving units coming on Wednesday, June 24th and put together on Thursday, June 25th. We would appreciate any help to move books and dismantle old shelves. We must remove all the books first before we can take apart the old shelves, then replace all the books once the new shelves are in place and put together. The next section we will be replacing is the non-fiction section.

5. Other Items
    a. Nancy is going to call the Western Heritage Center to see if they would be interested in taking the Outlook Archives. We really don't have a lot of space for the papers and negatives.
    b. Katie wants us to think about how we use AI in the library and how we may be using it in the future. This is a discussion we will have at a later meeting.

6. Announcements
    a. The next regular meeting would normally be scheduled for July 7th, 2026, at 6:00.

Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L Schmidt

Nancy L Schmidt
Library Director
Secretary for the Board

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MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
07/07/2026 06:01 PM
Laurel Public Library

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

X Katie Fjelstad
X Kate Manley – Board Chair
X Nancy Schmidt, Secretary
X Clair Killebrew – Foundation Liaison
X Kay Wilcox
X Paige Farmer
X Mary Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Public Comment
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   a. None

2. General Items
   a. The Minutes for June 2026 were presented for approval. Paige motioned that the minutes be corrected and approved, Kay seconded the motion. Motion passed.
   b. No correspondence received this month.
   c. Circulation Report – (compared to the same time period as last year) *Traffic*: up 27.6%; *circulation*: all items circulated totaled 5,736 (including 665 eBooks), book circulation was up 20%, media circulation was down 23.49%, eBook checkouts for this month was 12.57% of total book circulation, we circulated 1,219 items to partners and 334 items from other libraries; *computers*: internet use was down 57.1%, children's use was up 65%, wi-fi use was down 2.28%; *patron cards*: city patrons make up 61.9% of our registered users, county is 28.14%, and state/out of county has 9.97% of our registered patrons. There were 34 tech assists in June.

3. Old Business
   a. The budget has been turned into the Clerk/Treasurer's office. As soon as the budget meeting is scheduled, Nancy will let board members know so she can pass along any questions they may have about the information in the budget. By the union contract employees get an 8% raise. Non-union employees' wages haven't been determined yet.
   b. Our visit from The Lego Guy has been canceled because of a family emergency. We will try to reschedule his visit later.

c. We had our first staff meeting a couple of weeks ago. We covered multiple topics during the meeting including "locker litter," wage increases, book repairs, computer information at the circulation desk, and protecting patron identities during transactions. Staff asked that the meeting be held quarterly to start but increased if we have problems to discuss more frequently.
d. Summer Reading Program has kicked off very well. We have had 219 attendees from 2 events in June. There were 132 children, 76 adults, and 11 presenters/helpers at the Book Buzz programs. Mike and Eli are currently putting together the new 3-D printer for the final program. We are planning to "dig up dinosaur bones" during the final week so Mike is looking for 'bones' he can print for the kids to keep.
e. We have had 2 new shelving units delivered and put into place. We realize that we need a couple single sections to complete the amount of needed shelving in the fiction section. Total cost of the last 3 units was over $17,000, paid for by the Foundation. We plan on ordering shelving for the non-fiction/young adult section of the library next. Since it would be best to order and install shelves all at once, we are planning to close the library for a couple of days for patron safety.

4. New Business
   a. We will be updating the Community Room Rules Policy and Application at the next meeting. Nancy sent out copies of the current policy and application for review and preparation. The last update was in 2013. One issue is that there isn't an email included with the application.
   b. Copies of the current library by-laws have been given to trustees for review. Discussion and changes will be at the August meeting. Any input will be discussed by trustees at our next meeting.
   c. Library staff have asked if we include age levels on our card applications. After discussion, it was decided that we would give three age levels on the card application for demographics. We will list them as the following: under 13, 13-17, over 18. We are also removing the ability of children getting their own card without parental/guardian signature. Without parental signature, the library has no ability to ask for recompence if items are lost or damaged.

5. Other Items
   a. Upcoming Items:
      Board Concerns – Kate wants to get a banner made for the Farmer's Market booth. We decided that it just needed our library logo. The Foundation should invest in a basic awning for the booth and our summer programming when it's held outdoors.
   b. We currently have a practicum student interning at the library for part of the summer. Shelby will give us 60 hours of volunteer training throughout June and July as part of her practicum requirements. We look forward to teaching her about the library!

c. Nancy reminded library trustees that we have access to the MSLlearn from the State Library for training. Nancy will send out the latest trustee newsletter from MSL, so everyone has access to the learning videos.

6. Announcements
   a. Nancy will be taking vacation time off July 20th – 24th, 2026. It will be a staycation if anyone needs to contact her.
   b. The next regular meeting would normally be scheduled for August 11th, 2026, at 6:00.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L Schmidt

Nancy L Schmidt
Library Director
Secretary for the Board

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Minutes
City of Laurel
Laurel Urban Renewal Agency
Monday, August 24, 2026

Public Input

Roll Call:
Cheryl, Forrest, Judy, Derek, Daniel, Dean, Cami, Mike L, Mike Mores, Jen L,
Doug (Triple Tree), Jason (Lighting), Matt W., Grant(Knife River), Trent (Triple Tree)

General Items

1. Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2026 and August 10, 2026

This was Tables - we are still having issues with the new minuets system.

New Business

2. LURA Information

We are having all the LURA information updated and corrected on the city website. Cami has sent over changes to Brittney.

3. Grants:

Cheryl made the motion to approve Triple Tree to write the MMR grant, Judy made a 2nd and all was in favor. The Mayor said he would sign it to begin the process.
This is a grant that would help mitigate the flood plain on Main St.

4. Project Update: Downtown Improvements

The downtown project is moving forward. They have a 9/11 deadline — the bases for the lights will be installed but there will not be enough time to finalize the poles.
It was brought up to make sure the gazebo lot owned by Yellowstone bank had water. The Mayor approved and that section will have the water fixed and updated for future use.
MDT updated the maintenance agreement with the city.

5. Project Update: Lighting on SE 4th St

Task order #7 was created and will cover the surveying and design.
Judy made a motion and Dean 2nd the motion to approve to finalize this task order.

6. Project Update: Landscaping by Underpass

The park board wants to partner with this project. LURA will fund the project. Dean will get a quote from Sam Robertus, who did the landscaping on the Southside.

7. Project Update: Crosswalks/Approaches on Bernhardt

We are waiting for a task order

8. Project Update: Ditch Covering on Bernhardt

Waiting for the ditches to be shut off for the year. Once that happens the contract will fix the pipes as well as remove and put rock where the weeds are currently taking over on the backside.

Old Business

9. Communication of Projects

Nothing to report at this time

Other Items

10. Update from Big Sky EDA:

NA

11. Update from Beartooth RC&D:

NA

Announcements

12. Next Meeting: September 14, 2026

Cheryl made amotion to adjourn, Judy 2nd and all was in favor

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From:
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Fire Department
Item Name: Approval of Micah Lowe, Nicholas Blair, Kevin Geriak, Tristen Barry, Kourtny Rathburn

Summary:
Please see the attached letter requesting permission to hire the following Firefighters.

- Micah Lowe
- Nicholas Blair
- Kevin Geriak
- Tristen Barry
- Kourtny Rathburn

Recommended Action:

Budget:

Attachments:
1. Signed Lowe-Blair-Geriak-Barry-Rathburn

LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

215 West 1st Street • Laurel, Mt •59044•Office 406.628.4911 • Fax 406.628.2185

8/26/2026

Brittney,

Please move forward with putting the following elected fire fighters in front of the Mayor and City Council.

- **Micah Lowe**
- **Nicholas Blair**
- **Kevin Geriak**
- **Tristen Barry**
- **Kourtny Rathburn**

Thanks,

JW Hopper
Fire Chief
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department
(O) 406-628-4911
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jwhopper@laurel.mt.gov

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Forrest Sanderson, Contract Planner
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Clerks
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-72: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Sub Task Order And All Related Documents For The RRGL Planning Grant Application By And Between The City Of Laurel And Triple Tree Engineering

Summary:
Pursue grant funding to prepare a preliminary engineering report to determine if the flooding impacts on the TIF District can be mitigated.

Recommended Action:
Approve expenditure of TIF District Funds to apply for an RRGL Planning Grant and authorize $5,000 of local match from TIF District Funds.

Budget:

Name	Impact Date	Fund(s)	Account(s)	Project #(s)	Amount Budgeted
RRGL Grant Match					$7,500

Attachments:
1. R26-72 Approve Task Order No. 1 Sub Task 4 RRGL Grant Application
2. Task Order 1 Sub Task Order 4

RESOLUTION NO. R26-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SUB TASK ORDER AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE RRGL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUREL AND TRIPLE TREE ENGINEERING

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Triple Tree Engineering., for the RRGL Planning Grant Application, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Triple Tree Engineering.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of September 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 8th day of September 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

This is Sub Task No. 4 under Task Order No. 1, consisting of 3 pages.

Sub-Task Order #4 – RRGL Planning Grant Application

In accordance with Paragraph 1.01 of the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated January 14, 2025 ("Agreement"), Owner and Engineer agree as follows:

1. Background Data

a.	Effective Date of Task Order:	July 31, 2026
b.	Owner:	City of Laurel
c.	Engineer:	Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.
d.	Specific Project (title):	RRGL Planning Grant Application
e.	Specific Project (description):	This sub-task is for preparation and submission of a Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant application on behalf of the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency.

2. Services of Engineer

A. The specific services to be provided or furnished by the Engineer under this Sub-Task Order are as follows:

The purpose of this sub-task order is to prepare an RRGL Planning Grant application for the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency. Engineer will coordinate with LURA and City staff, prepare the application materials, and assemble the required supporting documents.

Engineer will also assist with preparation of required certifications, resolutions, and other application attachments; coordinate with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, as necessary; and incorporate comments provided by LURA, City staff, and the funding agency. Engineer will prepare the final application package for authorization and submission by the Owner.

Services are limited to preparation of the planning grant application. Completion of the planning project, preliminary engineering report, environmental review, survey, design, permitting, bidding, or construction-related services is not included in this sub-task.

B. All of the services included above comprise Basic Services for purposes of Engineer's compensation under this Task Order.

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3. Owner's Responsibilities

Owner shall have those responsibilities set forth in Article 2 of the Agreement and in Exhibit B.

4. Task Order Schedule

A. Following is the estimated schedule of the project.

a. Complete and submit RRGL planning grant application. – August 21, 2026.

5. Payments to Engineer

A. Owner shall pay Engineer for services rendered under this Task Order as follows:

Task	Costs
RRGL Planning Grant Application	$ 2,500
Total	**$ 2,500**

B. The terms of payment are set forth in Article 4 of the Agreement and in the applicable governing provisions of Exhibit C.

6. **Consultants retained as of the Effective Date of the Task Order:** None

7. **Other Modifications to Agreement and Exhibits:** None

8. **Attachments: None**

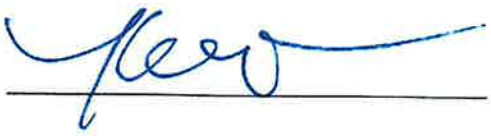
9. **Other Documents Incorporated by Reference:** Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated January 14, 2025 ("Agreement").

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10. Terms and Conditions

Execution of this Task Order by Owner and Engineer shall make it subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement (as modified above), which Agreement is incorporated by this reference. Engineer is authorized to begin performance upon its receipt of a copy of this Task Order signed by Owner.

The Effective Date of this Task Order is July 31, 2026.

OWNER:	ENGINEER:
By: 	By: _____
Print Name: Kris Vogele	Print Name: Bradley Koon
Title: Mayor	Title: President
	Engineer License or Firm's Certificate No. (if required): 14124
	State of: Montana

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July 31, 2026

RE: Commitment of Local Match Funds – 2026 Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Laurel hereby commits to providing the local match of $5,000 for the proposed 2026 Preliminary Engineering Report

The City has reviewed the projects financial needs and has determined that $5,000 is available to support the planning effort. These funds will be provided as the Town's local contribution and will be available for expenditure in conjunction with the grant funds.

The City of Laurel is committed to completing the planning effort and looks forward to developing a comprehensive Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report that will guide future infrastructure improvements and position the Town to pursue funding for priority wastewater projects.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Town.

Sincerely,

Kris Vogele
Mayor, City of Laurel

DNRC Grant Authorizing Statement

A. Grant Authorization

I certify that the information and the statements in this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the project or activity as described in this application complies with all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations. By my signature below, I certify that I have knowledge of and understand the content of this application and that I am fully authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for the grant specified in the submitted materials.

I further declare that, for City of Laurel (Entity Name), I am legally authorized to enter into a binding contract with the DNRC to obtain funding if this application, Laurel Main Street Floodplain PER (Title), is approved. I understand that all funds must be both authorized by the Montana Legislature and available in the natural resources project account before grants are available.

A facsimile, photocopy or electronic copy of the signature below shall have the same force and effect as an original signature and an electronic signature shall be regarded as an original signature. 30-18-102, MCA.

/s/
Signature and Title of Authorized Representative

8/12/26
Date

Kris Vogele , Mayor
Printed Name and Title of Representative Entity Name

8/12/26
Date

B. Loan Authorization

I certify that the information and the statements in this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the project or activity as described in this application complies with all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations. By my signature below, I certify that I have knowledge of and understand the content of this application and that I am fully authorized to apply to DNRC for the loan specified in the submitted materials.

I understand that all funds must be authorized by the Montana Legislature, that loan funds will become available after the sale of state bonds, and that I will be expected to enter into a loan agreement when funding is available and according to my construction schedule.

I further declare that, for _____(Entity Name), I am legally authorized to enter into a binding contract with the DNRC to obtain loan financing if this application is approved.

A facsimile, photocopy or electronic copy of the signature below shall have the same force and effect as an original signature and an electronic signature shall be regarded as an original signature. 30-18-102, MCA.

/s/
Signature and Title of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name and Title of Representative

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Forrest Sanderson, Contract Planner
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: LURA
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-73: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Task Order And All Related Documents For The LURA SE 4th Lighting District Survey & Design By And Between The City Of Laurel And Triple Tree Engineering

Summary:
LURA SE 4th Street Lighting District Survey and Design. Authorizing Triple Tree Engineering to conduct surveys to determine easement locations for the new lights proposed on SE 4th Street. Design of the lighting system.

Recommended Action:
Approval of Task Order No. 7.

Budget:

Name	Impact Date	Fund(s)	Account(s)	Project #(s)	Amount Budgeted
SE 4th Street Lighting Survey and Design					$94,100

Attachments:
1. R26-73 Approve Task Order No. 7 LURA Lighting District Survey and Design
2. Task Order 7

RESOLUTION NO. R26-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TASK ORDER AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE LURA SE 4TH LIGHTING DISTRICT SURVEY & DESIGN BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUREL AND TRIPLE TREE ENGINEERING

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Triple Tree Engineering., for the LURA SE 4th Lighting District Survey & Design, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Task Order and all related documents, by and between the City of Laurel and Triple Tree Engineering.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of September 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel on the 8th day of September 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor on the 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

This is Task Order No. 7, consisting of 4 pages.

Task Order #7 – LURA SE 4th Lighting District Survey & Design

In accordance with Paragraph 1.01 of the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated January 14, 2025 ("Agreement"), Owner and Engineer agree as follows:

1. Background Data

a. Effective Date of Task Order: July 24, 2026

b. Owner: City of Laurel

c. Engineer: Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.

d. Specific Project (title): LURA SE 4th Lighting District Survey & Design

e. Specific Project (description): Survey, design, and bidding of proposed lighting for new SE 4th SID Lighting District

2. Services of Engineer

A. The specific services to be provided or furnish by Engineer under this Task Order are as follows:

SE 4th Survey & Design:

1. Perform the following surveying, design, and easement exhibit preparation services for the **SE 4th Lighting Project** as shown in ***Exhibit A***.

    a. Survey & Design

        1) Coordinate utility locates and collect visible surface evidence of existing public and private utilities.

            (i) Private utilities may not be located and are not guaranteed located as part of this survey

        2) Perform records research for existing plats, certificates of survey, deeds, easements, rights-of-way, and other available survey information affecting the project corridor.

        3) Perform full topographic and boundary survey of the project corridor including:

            (i) Perform a full topographic survey of the SE 4th Street corridor and adjoining areas necessary for design, including roadway and surface improvements, drainage features and accessible inverts, visible and marked utilities, buildings,

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fences, landscaping, retaining walls, parking areas, and other features that may affect light-pole placement or construction.

(ii) Locate existing property corners and survey monuments; establish and resolve the right-of-way, adjoining property lines, and easement limits based on available records and recovered monumentation; and identify apparent encroachments, gaps, overlaps, or other boundary discrepancies that may affect design or construction.

4) Develop an existing-conditions base map in AutoCAD Civil 3D showing topographic features, property boundaries, rights-of-way, easements, utilities, and survey control.

b. Preliminary Design

1) Complete 30% Civil Design & 95% Electrical Design of the proposed project.

2) The preliminary design will be used to identify required permanent and temporary easements.

c. Provide Easement "Exhibit A" documents to the City for negotiations with landowners.

1) Assumes that the City Attorney will draft easement language.

d. Final Design

1) Update the proposed design plans, as reasonably necessary, to address landowner comments resulting from easement negotiations.

2) Return final plans to City and Landowners for final approval.

3) Payment of permit and review fees is excluded.

2. Perform the following bidding services for **SE 4th Lighting**.

a. Bidding

1) The Bidding Phase is dependent upon the City of Laurel obtaining the easements and other property rights necessary for construction.

2) Administer the Bidding phase of the project following completion of the design. The bidding task includes assistance with advertising project for bid, administration of the pre-bid conference, addressing contractor questions, preparation of addendums as needed, assisting owner with the bid opening, preparing bid tabulations, and preparing recommendations to the Board on contractor selection.

3. Construction engineering services are excluded. If the project is successfully awarded, Engineer will provide an amendment to this agreement with a cost for construction engineering services.

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3. Owner's Responsibilities

Owner shall have those responsibilities set forth in Article 2 of the Agreement and in Exhibit B, with the following additions:

- Include Section B2.01.A.8.a as follows: Review Preliminary and Final design documents and provide comments to engineer within 14 days of receipt of the documents.

- Provide final easement documents, prepared by the City Attorney, based on the provided Exhibit A documents.

4. Task Order Schedule

A. Following is the Estimated Schedule of Project above described:

a. Complete Topographic and Boundary Survey – August 28, 2026

b. Complete Preliminary Design Plans for Review – September 28, 2026

c. Provide Exhibit A Documents to LURA Board - October 9, 2026

d. LURA Board Negotiations w/ Landowners – October 2026

e. Finalize Plans & Easement Documents – November 20, 2026

f. LURA Committee Finalizes Easements (City Attorney) – January 11, 2027

g. Project Bids Advertised – February 11, 2027

h. Begin Construction of Project – April 2027

i. This schedule assumes timely review by the Owner, timely negotiations with affected landowners, and availability of the City Attorney to finalize easements.

5. Payments to Engineer

A. Owner shall pay Engineer for services rendered under this Task Order as follows:

Task	Costs
SE 4th Lighting Survey, Design, & Bidding	
Surveying Services (Topographic & Boundary)	*$ 38,500*
Design & Plans	*$ 45,300*
Bidding	*$ 10,300*
Total	**$ 94,100**

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6. **Consultants retained as of the Effective Date of the Task Order:** None

7. **Other Modifications to Agreement and Exhibits:** None

8. **Attachments:** Exhibit A (Proposed Project)

9. **Other Documents Incorporated by Reference:** Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated January 14, 2025 ("Agreement")

10. Terms and Conditions

Execution of this Task Order by Owner and Engineer shall make it subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement (as modified above), which Agreement is incorporated by this reference. Engineer is authorized to begin performance upon its receipt of a copy of this Task Order signed by Owner.

The Effective Date of this Task Order is July 24, 2026.

OWNER:	ENGINEER:
By: _____	By: _____
Print Name: _____	Print Name: Bradley Koon
Title: Mayor	Title: President
	Engineer License or Firm's Certificate No. (if required): 14124
	State of: Montana

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PRELIMINARY LIGHTING LAYOUT

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING FOR SE 4th STREET



POLE LOCATION DETAIL



- *POLES LOCATED IN BOULEVARD BEHIND SIDEWALK.*
- *IN LOCATIONS WHERE SIDEWALK IS NOT PRESENT, POLES WILL BE PLACED TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE SIDEWALK WHERE FEASIBLE.*
- *POLES WILL BE STAGGERED ACROSS STREET TO PROVIDE UNIFORM LIGHTING COVERAGE.*

LIGHTING LAYOUT SUMMARY

- *APPROXIMATE CORRIDOR LENGTH: ~2,500 LF*
- *TOTAL PROPOSED POLES: 62*
- *SPACING RANGE: 61' - 98'*
- *FIXTURE TYPE: DECORATIVE LED*
- *LAYOUT SUBJECT TO FINAL ENGINEERING AND UTILITY COORDINATION*

DESIGN APPROACH

- *SPACING BASED ON PEDESTRIAN-SCALE LIGHTING STANDARDS*
- *DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT SIDEWALK ILLUMINATION*
- *LAYOUT COORDINATED WITH EXISTING ACCESS, DRIVEWAYS, AND UTILITIES*
- *LIGHTING CALCULATION ASSUME 18' LIGHT POLE HEIGHT*

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Forrest Sanderson, Contract Planner
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: LURA
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-74: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Approve A Change Order With Knife River For The Project Known As The LURA Sidewalks And Lighting Improvements.

Summary:
Change Order No. 1 is a project modification required by MDOT.

Recommended Action:
Approval of Change Order No. 1 Downtwon Improvement Project.

Budget:
No overall increase to the project budget. The change order is within the budgeted contingency.

Name	Impact Date	Fund(s)	Account(s)	Project #(s)	Amount Budgeted
Downtown Improvement Project				Increase - Contingency Budget	$94,100

Attachments:
1. R26-74 Approve Change Order LURA Downtown Improvement Project
2. LURA-Sidewalks-CO#1

RESOLUTION NO. R26-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH KNIFE RIVER FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE LURA SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Change Order for the Project known as the LURA Sidewalks and Lighting Improvements, which Change Order is contained in the Triple Tree Engineering, Inc. Change Order No. 1, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein (hereinafter "the Change Order"), is hereby approved. The Change Order authorizes additional charges for the increased costs of a revised side mount gate design to accommodate certain height restrictions, additional overflow pipe material and construction changes necessary to avoid telecommunication line, and landscape edging between proposed crushed limestone and backfill slope not originally included in the project design, all of which result in an increase to the original contract price in the amount of Ninety-four Thousand One-Hundred Dollars and No Cents ($94,100.00).

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Change Order (Triple Tree Engineering Change Order No. 1) on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a special meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of September, 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel the 8th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor the 8th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Ryan C. Addis, City Attorney

TRIPLE TREE ENGINEERING

August 20, 2026

City of Laurel
115 W 1st Street
Laurel, MT 59044

RE: LURA Sidewalks and Lighting Improvements
Change Order No. 1

To whom it may concern:

Please reference attached Change Order No. 1 for the LURA Sidewalks and Lighting Improvements Project. The change order addresses the following changes in the Work:

1. Increases and decreases in project Bid Item No.'s 306, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, & 408 per MDT requirements and design comments.
2. Increase in alley concrete thickness to 8" to match MDT design standards.
3. Additional 48" manholes now required for tying in on Main Street per MDT requirements and design comments.

Please see attached Change Order No. 1 Memo and documentation. The proposed change order amount is $94,100.00. The contract price will be **$2,314,006.50** after incorporating this change order.

Please call me anytime at (406) 461-7856 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.

Douglas C. Tamcke, P.E.

Encl: Change Order No. 1
Change Order No. 1 Memo

Change Order No.: 1

Owner:	City of Laurel	**Owners Project No.:**	N/A
Engineer:	TRIPLE TREE ENGINEERING	**Engineer's Project No.:**	24-105
Contractor:	Knife River-Billings	**Contractor's Project No.:**	28261012
Project:	LURA Sidewalks and Lighting Improvements		
Contract Name:	N/A		
Date Issued:	8/4/2026	**Effective Date of Change Order:**	8/11/2026

This Contract is modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

Description: **The purpose of this Change Order is to modify the Contract Price for changes in the Work as described in the attached memorandum and Change Order Schedule.**

Attachments Change Order 1 Schedule

Change in Contract Price	**Change in Contract Times** [State contract times as specific dates or a number of days]	
Original Contract Price	Original Contract Times	
	Substantial Completion	December 1, 2026
$ 2,219,906.50	Ready For Final Payment	January 1, 2027
[Increase] [Decrease] from previously approved Change Orders No. 1 to No. 1:	[Increase] [Decrease] from previously approved Change Orders No. 1 to No. 1:	
	Substantial Completion	-
$ -	Ready For Final Payment	-
Contract Price prior to this Change Order:	Contract Times Prior to this Change Order:	
	Substantial Completion	December 1, 2026
$ 2,219,906.50	Ready For Final Payment	January 1, 2027
Increase this Change Order:	[Increase] [Decrease] this Change Order:	
	Substantial Completion	-
$ 94,100.00	Ready For Final Payment	-
Contract Price Incorporating this Change Order:	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders	
	Substantial Completion	December 1, 2026
$ 2,314,006.50	Ready For Final Payment	January 1, 2027

Recommended by Engineer (if required)	Accepted by Contractor
By: [signature]	By: Grant Clingingsmith
Title: Engineer	Title:
Date: 08/26/26	Date: Digitally signed by Grant Clingingsmith Date: 2026.08.24 17:24:42 -06'00'

Authorized By Owner	Approved By Funding Agency
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

CHANGE ORDER 1 SCHEDULE

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	CONTRACT UNIT PRICE	CHANGE ORDER UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	NOTES
306	FLOWABLE FILL - (INCREASE)	CY	85	$ 283.50	$ 283.50	$ 24,097.50	
403	48" STORM MANHOLE - (INCREASE)	EA	6	$ 4,230.00	$ 4,230.00	$ 25,380.00	
404	10" PVC SDR-35 - (DECREASE)	LF	-78	$ 70.50	$ 70.50	$ (5,499.00)	
405	10" C900 PVC - (INCREASE)	LF	83	$ 123.00	$ 123.00	$ 10,209.00	
406	10" PVC SDR-35 45 DEGREE BEND - (DECREASE)	EA	-6	$ 642.00	$ 642.00	$ (3,852.00)	
407	10" PVC SDR-35 WYE - (DECREASE)	EA	-1	$ 802.50	$ 802.50	$ (802.50)	
408	CONNECTION TO EXISTING STORM MAIN - (DECREASE)	EA	-2	$ 2,996.00	$ 2,996.00	$ (5,992.00)	
CO1-304	ALLEY CONCRETE DEPTH INCREASE - (ADDITION)	LS	1	$ -	$ 35,859.00	$ 35,859.00	
CO1-410	48" MANHOLE, CONNECTION TO 24" MAIN - (ADDITION)	EA	2	$ -	$ 7,350.00	$ 14,700.00	
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TOTAL CHANGE ORDER PRICE **$94,100.00**

LURA Sidewalks & Lighting Improvements Project Change Order #1 Breakdown
August 11th, 2026

The following changes have been made to the original contract documents for the LURA Sidewalks & Lighting Project.

Bid Item No.306 Flowable Fill Cost Increase:
The flowable fill depth was increased per MDT comments post bidding. The updated quantity makes up for the increased depth. See attached detail updates.

Bid Item No.403 48" Storm Manhole Cost Increase:
MDT denied the use of bends in the proposed storm inlets. The proposed bends were replaced with manholes at MDT's request. The updated quantity reflects the additional manholes. See attached updated plans for manhole placements.

Bid Item No.404 10" PVC SDR-35 Decrease:
MDT has required C900 PVC wherever pipe depths are less than 2'. In those locations, the proposed 10" PVC SDR-35 was replaced with 10" C900 PVC. See attached updated plans for pipe material updates.

Bid Item No.405 10" C900 PVC Increase:
MDT has required C900 PVC wherever pipe depths are less than 2'. In those locations, the proposed 10" PVC SDR-35 was replaced with 10" C900 PVC. See attached updated plans for pipe material updates.

Bid Item No.406 10" PVC SDR-35 45 Degree Bend Decrease:
MDT denied the use of bends in the proposed storm inlets. The proposed bends were replaced with manholes at MDT's request. The updated quantity reflects the additional manholes. See attached updated plans for manhole placements.

Bid Item No.407 10" PVC SDR-35 WYE Decrease:
MDT denied the use of wyes in the proposed storm mains. The proposed wyes within MDT R/W were replaced with manholes at MDT's request. The updated quantity reflects the additional manholes. See attached updated plans for manhole placements.

Bid Item No.408 Connection to Existing Storm Main:
MDT has denied tying into the existing storm main on Main Street with inserta tees and has requested 48" manholes be used. The "Connection to Existing Storm Main" bid item will be replaced with a new bid item that includes a 48" manhole connection as part of this change order.

Bid Item No. CO1-304_Alley Concrete Depth Increase:
The original alley concrete design was based on MDT PCCP design details. After bidding, it was pointed out that the slab thickness does not work with the current dowel sizing. The slab thickness was increased from 6 inches to 8 inches to accommodate the revised dowel design and provide a pavement section consistent with the MDT-based PCCP details used for the project. The increased cost was quoted from the contractor to include 2" of additional concrete and excavation. The increased cost will be covered in Bid Item No. CO1-304 as part of this change order.

Bid Item No. CO1-410_48" Manhole, Connection to 24" Main:
MDT has denied tying into the existing storm main on Main Street with inserta tees and has requested 48" manholes be used. The "Connection to Existing Storm Main" bid item will be replaced by Bid Item No. CO1-410 as part of this change order.

The total project contract cost increase has been calculated to be $94,100.00.

Sincerely,
Triple Tree Engineering, Inc.

Douglas C. Tamcke, P.E., Project Engineer

Encl:
Appendix A – Updated Project Plans
Appendix B – Contractor Quotes

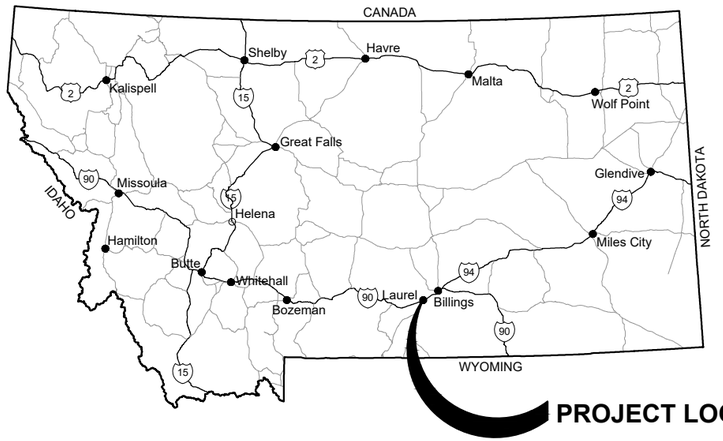
APPENDIX A

PROJECT PLANS

LURA SIDEWALK AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

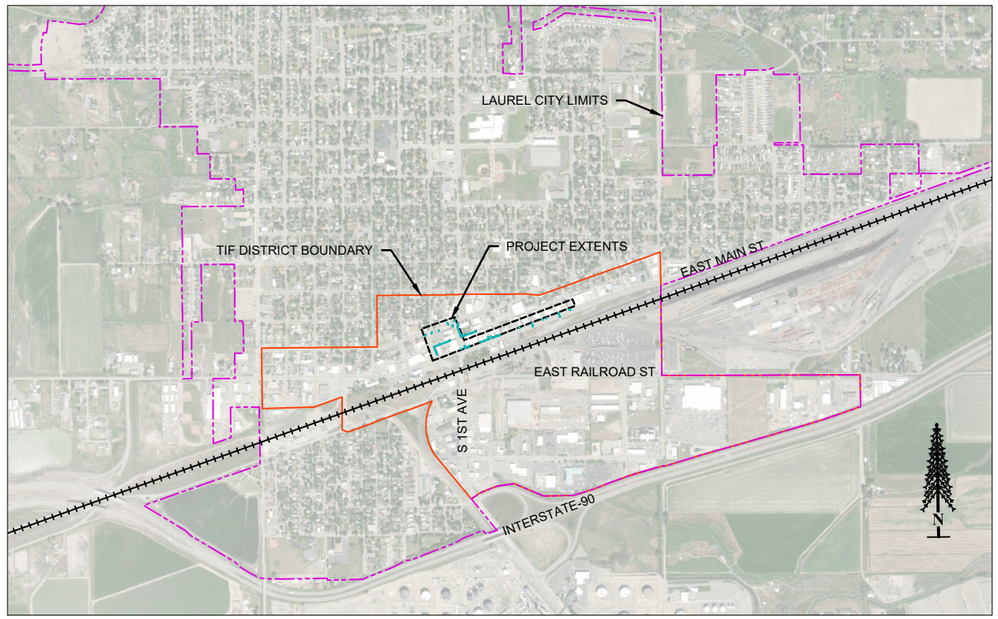
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LAUREL, MT
07/2026

CHANGE ORDER #1



PROJECT LOCATION

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY



SHEET LIST TABLE	
Sheet Title	Sheet Number
COVER	1
GENERAL NOTES	2
DETAILS - 1	3
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DETAILS - 4	6
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GENERAL NOTES

1. THESE NOTES ARE FOR GENERAL REFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, AND AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE WRITTEN NOTES AND DETAILS INCLUDED ON INDIVIDUAL DRAWINGS. ALL WORK FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MONTANA PUBLIC WORKS STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS (MPWSS 7TH EDITION) AND MDT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION (JANUARY 15, 2026).

2. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL REQUIRED PERMITS AND PAYING ASSOCIATED FEES.

3. THE LOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES ARE SHOWN IN AN APPROXIMATE WAY ONLY AND HAVE NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED BY THE OWNER OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES BEFORE COMMENCING WORK. UNDERGROUND LOCATES SHALL BE MADE USING THE "ONE CALL" NUMBER 1-800-424-5555. ALL EXISTING UTILITIES WHICH NEED TO BE REMOVED, RELOCATED AND/OR ADJUSTED SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.

4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. IF THE SITE IS FOUND TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE ENGINEER OF THE DISCREPANCY.

5. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL REPAIRS TO SURFACING (ASPHALT, CONCRETE, GRAVEL, LANDSCAPING, ETC.) BEYOND THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES; THIS INCLUDES SURFACING REPAIR ON HAUL ROUTES. ANY DAMAGE SUSTAINED TO HAUL ROADS AND PROPERTY SHALL BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION OR BETTER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR. REMEDIATION OF THE DAMAGE WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE MAJORITY OF HAULING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE OWNER, ENGINEER OR GOVERNING AUTHORITY. IF THE DAMAGE POSES A SAFETY RISK, IT SHALL BE REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY.

6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR QUALITY CONTROL TO ASSURE THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT ARE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ALL ASPHALT, CONCRETE, GRAVEL AND REFUSE MATERIAL OFFSITE.

8. SIGN MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTCD MANUAL AND MDT DETAILED DRAWINGS 619-00, 619-02, 619-16, 619-20, AND 619-21. SIGNS SHALL BE MOUNTED ON STEEL POSTS.

9. ALL EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT ON THIS PROJECT SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF MPWSS SPECIFICATION 02230 STREET EXCAVATION, BACKFILL AND COMPACTION.

10. CONCRETE SHALL BE M-4500 AS DEFINED BY MPWSS SPECIFICATION 03310 STRUCTURAL CONCRETE. REINFORCING STEEL SHALL BE ASTM 615, GRADE 60.

11. CONCRETE SLABS AND SIDEWALKS SHALL BE CROSS SLOPED AT A MAXIMUM OF 2% OR AS INDICATED ON THE PLANS. CONCRETE SLABS AND SIDEWALKS SHALL BE BROOM FINISH.

12. IMPORT MATERIAL REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EARTHWORK SHALL BE IMPORTED FROM OFF-SITE. IMPORT SHALL BE CLEAN MATERIAL, WITH OUT EXCESSIVE CLAY OR FINES, SUITABLE FOR STRUCTURAL FILL MATERIAL AND FREE OF DELETERIOUS MATERIALS.

13. TREES AND BRUSH IN CONFLICT WITH IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO THE EDGE OF EARTHWORK SHALL BE COMPLETELY REMOVED INCLUDE ROOT SYSTEMS. MATERIAL CREATED BY TREE AND SHRUB REMOVAL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND DISPOSED OF AT AN ENGINEER APPROVED LANDFILL.

14. ALL GRASS LANDSCAPED AREAS DISTURBED SHALL BE REPLACED WITH SOD AND INSTALLED PER THE SPECIFICATIONS.

15. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PREPARE, SUBMIT AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FROM BOTH THE CITY OF LAUREL AND THE MDT BILLINGS DISTRICT OFFICE PRIOR TO ENTERING MDT RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION.

16. ALL SIDEWALKS, CURB RAMPS, DETECTABLE WARNING DEVICES, AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROUTES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO MEET OR EXCEED ALL APPLICABLE ADA REQUIREMENTS.

17. BOUNDARY LINES SHOWN ON THE PLANS ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

QUALITY CONTROL TESTING REQUIREMENTS

18. ALL TESTING OF ASPHALT AND CONCRETE REQUIRED BY MPWSS AND MDT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY AN INDEPENDENT TESTING FIRM AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR. A MINIMUM OF TWO SETS OF ASPHALT AND CONCRETE TESTS SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH BLOCK, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

19. ALL REQUIRED COMPACTION TESTING SHALL BE PROVIDED BY AN INDEPENDENT TESTING FIRM AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR. COMPACTION TESTING FREQUENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LOCATION/ MATERIAL	# OF TESTS
SUBGRADE/BASE COURSE	2/BLOCK
TRENCH	2/BLOCK/LIFT
ASPHALT	2/BLOCK
CONCRETE SIDEWALK	1/SOURCE/MIX DESIGN
CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	1/SOURCE/MIX DESIGN

GRADING & EROSION CONTROL

20. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP), AS WELL AS SUBMITTING THE NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) AND SWPPP TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ). ASSOCIATED FEES WILL BE PAID FOR AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

19.1 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ALL EROSION CONTROL ELEMENTS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED SWPPP.

19.2 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSPECT EROSION CONTROL ELEMENTS AT THE TIME INTERVAL SPECIFIED IN THE SWPPP AND DOCUMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOTICE OF INTENT AND THE SWPPP.

21. ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A LOGICAL SEQUENCE SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF BARE SOIL EXPOSED AT ANY ONE TIME. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS OR GROUND COVER TO THE EXTENT AND LONGEST TIME POSSIBLE.

22. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MINIMIZING TRACKING OF SOIL AND DEBRIS ONTO ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND ROADWAYS. TRACKING MUST BE RESTORED BY THE END OF EACH DAY.

23. ALL WASTE AND UNUSED MATERIALS SHALL BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF AND NOT ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED OFF SITE BY RUNOFF OR WIND.

24. ALL DISTURBED AREAS AND AREAS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS FOR SOD SHALL BE TOPSOILED, AND FERTILIZED (SEE SPECIFICATIONS. SALVAGED TOPSOIL SHALL BE SPREAD EVENLY OVER DISTURBED AREAS.)

ABBREVIATIONS

25. THE FOLLOWING WORDS MAY BE ABBREVIATED THROUGHOUT THE PLAN SET:

- ASP = ASPHALT
- ℄ = CENTERLINE
- CONC = CONCRETE
- CY = CUBIC YARD
- EA = EACH
- EG = EXISTING GROUND
- EX = EXISTING
- FG = FINISH GRADE
- FL = FLOW LINE
- LF = LINEAL FOOT
- LT = LEFT
- MPWSS = MONTANA PUBLIC WORKS STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
- PROP = PROPOSED
- RT = RIGHT
- SF = SQUARE FOOT
- SY = SQUARE YARD
- TBC = TOP BACK OF CURB
- TYP = TYPICAL
- WWF = WELDED WIRE FABRIC

SURVEY INFORMATION

26. ALL CONTOURS, ELEVATIONS, AND COORDINATES FOR THE PROJECT ARE BASED ON MONTANA STATE PLANE.

27. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION STAKING.

28. THE OWNER AND ENGINEER ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STAKES THAT ARE DISTURBED OR DESTROYED. MARK AND PROTECT EXISTING PROPERTY PINS AND/OR STREET MONUMENTS. HIRE A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR TO REPLACE ALL PROPERTY CORNERS OR OTHER MONUMENTS THAT ARE DESTROYED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

LEGEND

	EXISTING SYMBOL	PROPOSED SYMBOL
SEWER MAIN	S	
WATER MAIN	W	
STORM MAIN	ST	
OVERHEAD POWER	E(O)	
CABLE	TV	
FIBER OPTIC	FO	
GAS	G	
EASEMENT		
PROPERTY BOUNDARY		
CONCRETE		
ASPHALT		

BLOCKS

	EXISTING SYMBOL	PROPOSED SYMBOL
SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE	S	
STORM TYPE II INLET		
STORM TYPE IV INLET		
STORM TYPE B INLET		
STORM MANHOLE	ST	ST
TREES		
POWER POLE		
LIGHT POLE		
FIRE HYDRANT		
SIGN		
GATE VALVE		
CURB STOP		
BOLLARD		

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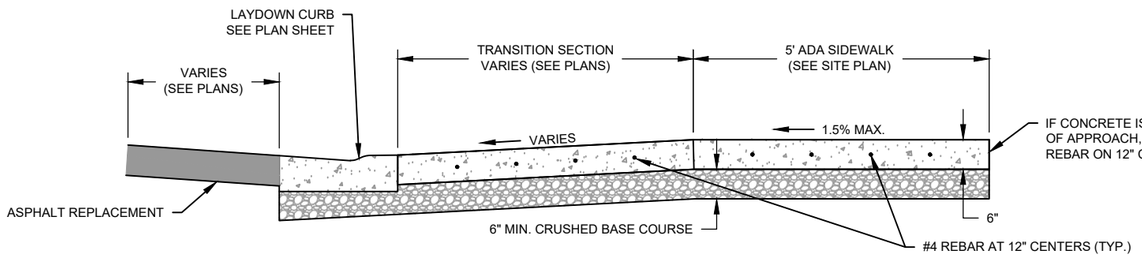
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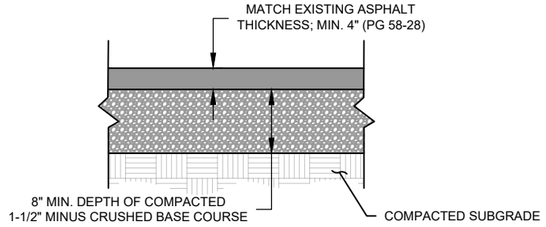
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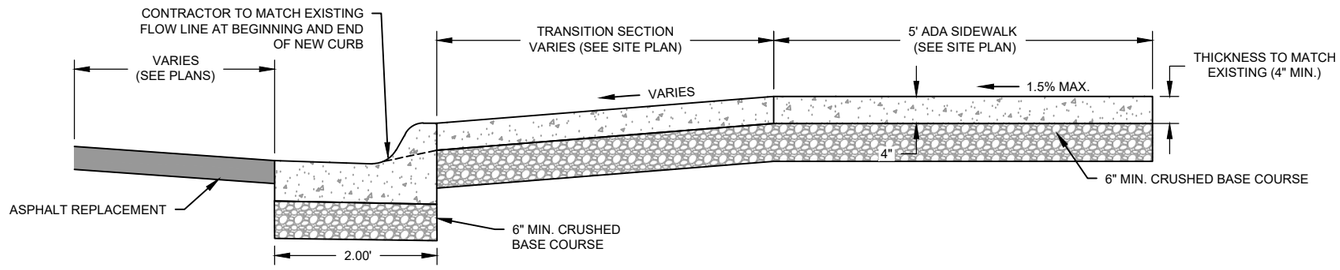
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2. ALL SIDEWALKS, RAMPS, AND LANDINGS SHALL BE INSTALLED TO MEET ALL APPLICABLE ADA & PROWAG STANDARDS.
3. APPROACH WILL BE PLACED MONOLITHICALLY EXCEPT WHEN CURB MACHINE IS ALLOWED BY THE ENGINEER WITH DOWELING 2' ON CENTER, #4 REBAR 2' IN LENGTH.



ASPHALT PATCH

ASPHALT NOTES

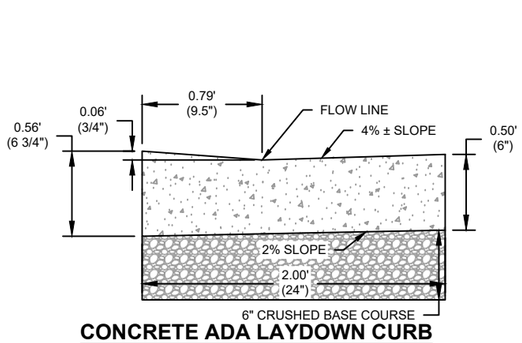
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2. UNSUITABLE OR UNSTABLE SUBGRADE ENCOUNTERED DURING EXCAVATION SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH APPROVED GRANULAR MATERIAL AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
3. CRUSHED BASE COURSE SHALL MEET MPWSS SECTION 02235.
4. ASPHALT TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF MPWSS SECTION 02510.
5. ALL PAVEMENT JOINTS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE A SMOOTH RIDING SURFACE. LONGITUDINAL JOINTS SHALL BE OFFSET FROM WHEEL PATH WHERE POSSIBLE.
6. EXISTING PAVEMENT EDGES SHALL BE SAW CUT TO PROVIDE CLEAN VERTICAL JOINT PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF NEW PAVEMENT.



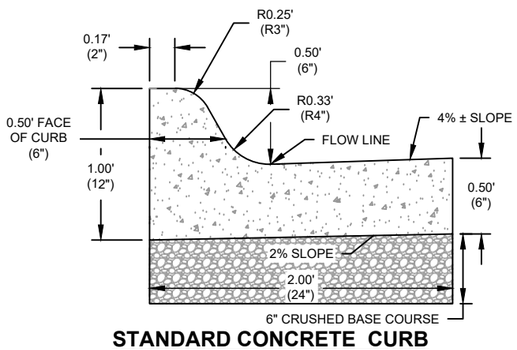
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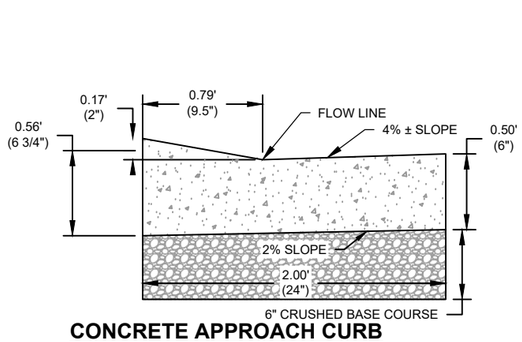
1. TRANSITION SECTION SLOPE BETWEEN TBC AND ADA SIDEWALK VARIES; AND IN SOME CASES MAY BE GREATER THAN 2%.
2. TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MPWSS AND MDT STANDARDS.
3. ALL SIDEWALK SHALL BE GRADED TO DRAIN AWAY FROM BUILDINGS UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.
4. ALL SIDEWALKS, RAMPS, AND LANDINGS SHALL BE INSTALLED TO MEET ALL APPLICABLE ADA & PROWAG STANDARDS.



CONCRETE ADA LAYDOWN CURB



STANDARD CONCRETE CURB



CONCRETE APPROACH CURB

CURB & GUTTER NOTES

1. CURB & GUTTER SHALL HAVE A TOOLED CONTRACTION JOINT EVERY 10' AND BE SCORED A MIN. DEPTH OF $\frac{3}{4}$".
2. CURB AND GUTTER SHALL HAVE $\frac{1}{2}$" EXPANSION JOINTS AT P.C.'s, P.T.'s, CURB RETURNS, VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL POINTS OF CURVATURE AND AT MAXIMUM OF 300' INTERVALS.
3. PLACE GRAVEL BASE COURSE AS REQUIRED IN MPWSS SECTION 02235.

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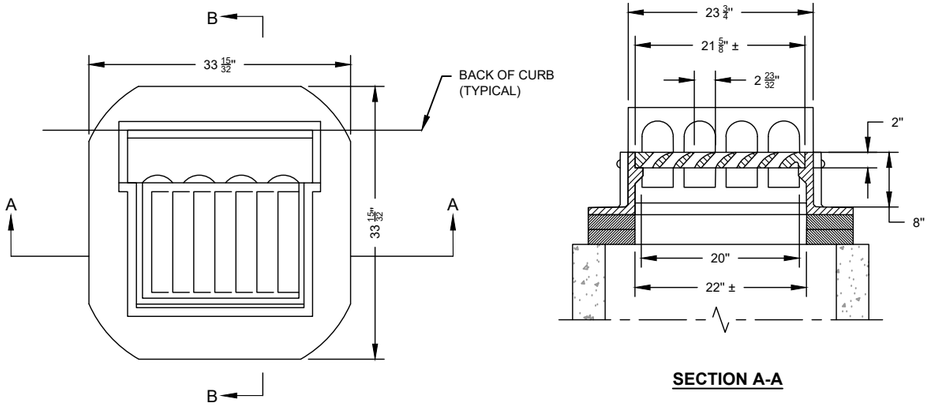
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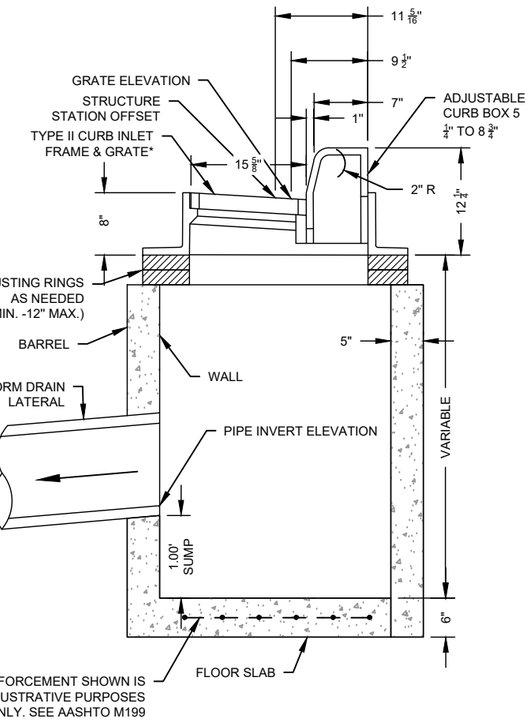
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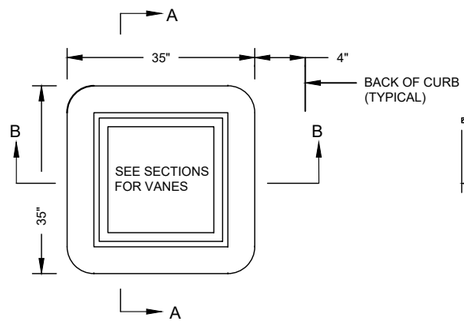
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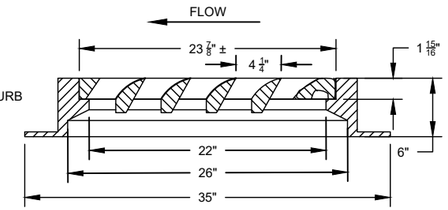


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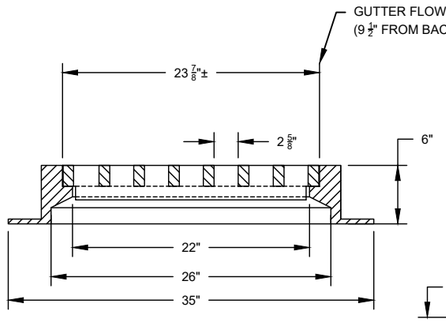
TYPE II NOTES:
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2. TOP OF GRATE OR "RIM" ELEVATIONS IN THE PLANS ARE TO THE CURB FLOW LINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTES
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST INLET ELEVATIONS AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE GUTTER FLOW AND PREVENT PONDING.
4. STORM DRAIN PIPE CONNECTIONS SHALL BE WATERTIGHT AND CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MDT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
5. STRUCTURE GRATE TO BE NEENAH R-3286-8V OR APPROVED EQUAL.

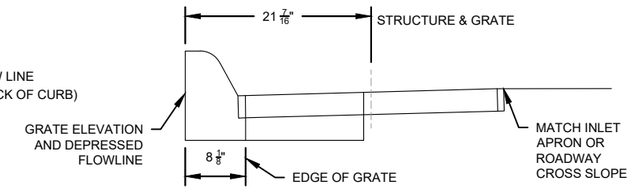


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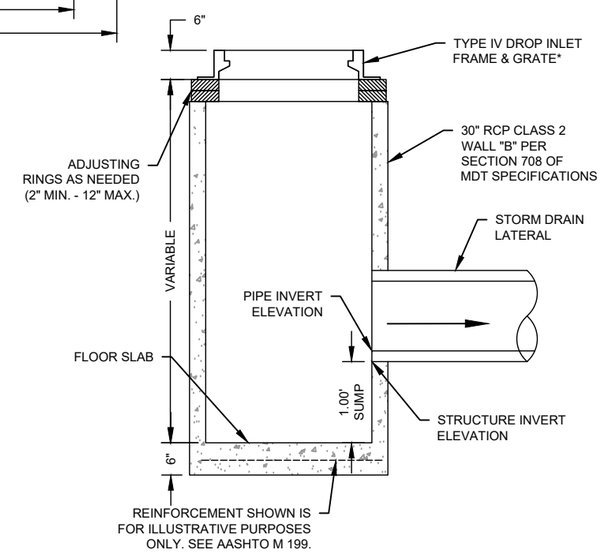




CURB TO GRATE

CURB TO GRATE NOTES:
1. SEE PLANS FOR LOCATIONS AND QUANTITIES
2. SET ALL FINAL INLET GRATE ELEVATIONS TO ENSURE THAT POSITIVE DRAINAGE IS PROVIDED FROM THE FLOWLINE OF THE CURB AND GUTTER SECTION INTO THE INLET

SECTION B-B



SINGLE DROP INLET
TYPE IV

CURB INLET TYPE IV DETAILS

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1. INLET STRUCTURE TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MDT REQUIREMENTS FOR TYPE IV INLETS
2. TOP OF GRATE OR "RIM" ELEVATIONS IN THE PLANS ARE TO THE CURB FLOW LINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST INLET ELEVATIONS AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE GUTTER FLOW AND PREVENT PONDING.
4. STORM DRAIN PIPE CONNECTIONS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT AND CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MDT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
5. STRUCTURE GRATE TO BE NEENAH R-3210-L OR APPROVED EQUAL.

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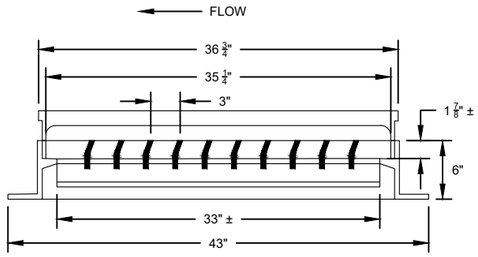
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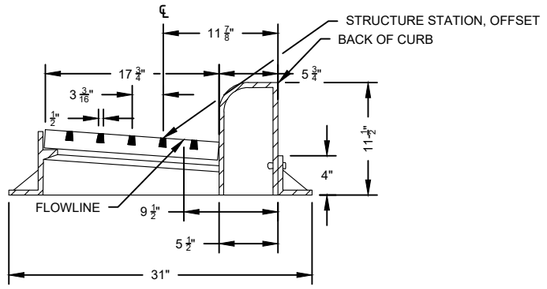
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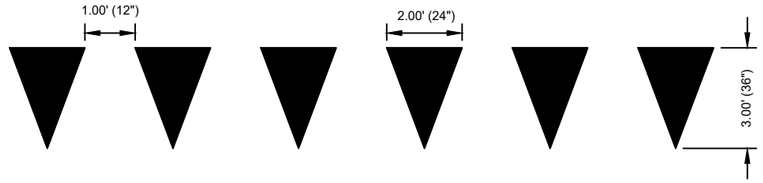
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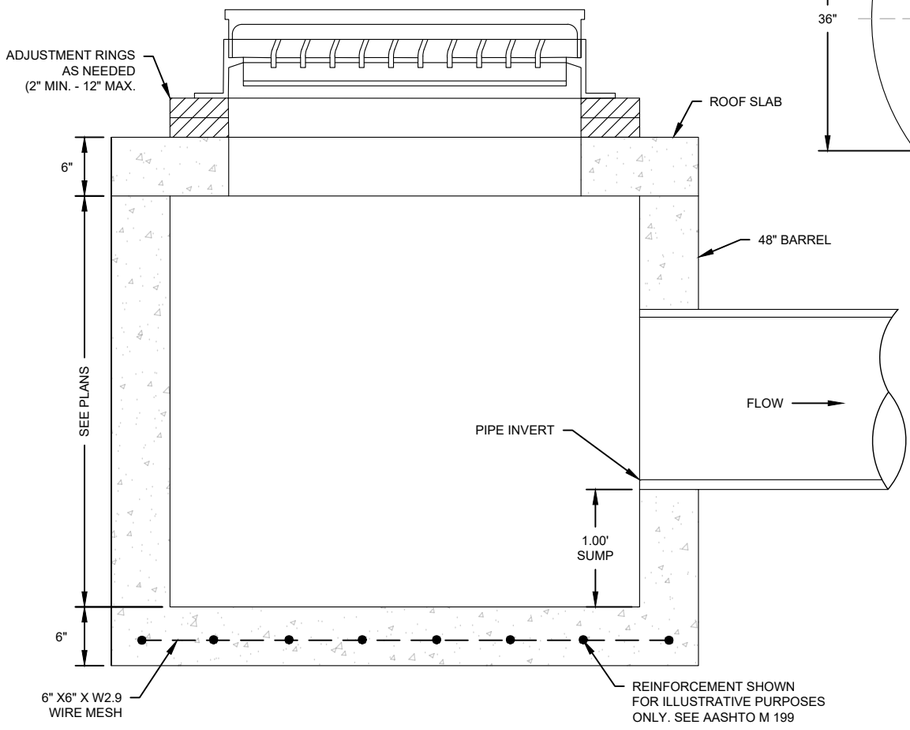


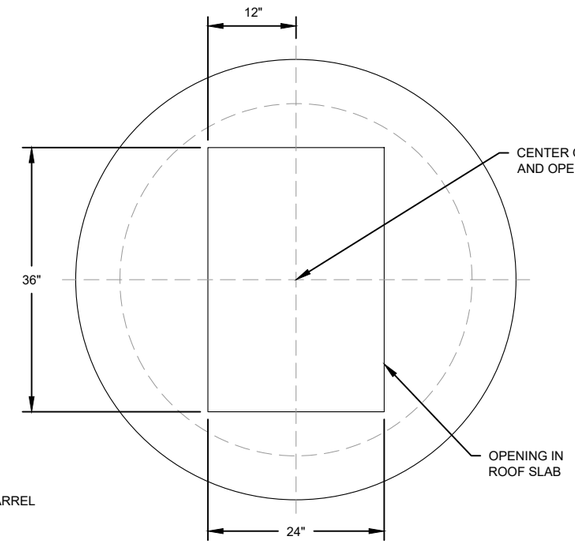
TYPE B CURVED VANE STYLE GRATE



YIELD LINE LAYOUT DETAIL (NOT TO SCALE)

YIELD LINE NOTES:
1. ALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS ARE TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES" AND "STANDARD HIGHWAY SIGNS" PUBLICATIONS THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.
2. PAINT VOLUMES ASSUME A 17 MIL THICKNESS
3. EPOXY VOLUMES ASSUME A 22 MIL THICKNESS

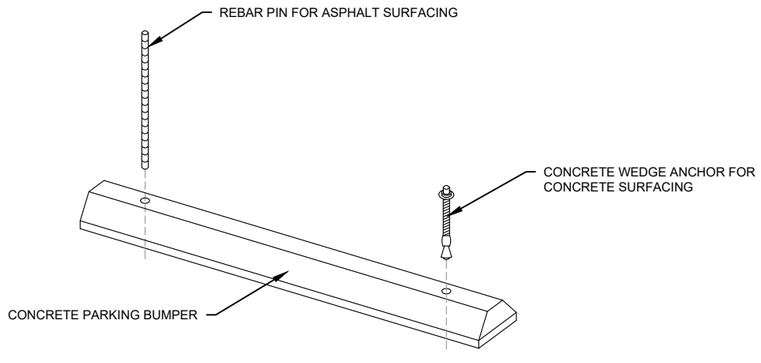




ROOF SLAB

TYPE B CURB INLET (NOT TO SCALE)

TYPE B INLET NOTES:
1. SET ALL FINAL INLET GRATE ELEVATIONS TO ENSURE THAT POSITIVE DRAINAGE IS PROVIDED FROM THE FLOWLINE OF THE CURB AND GUTTER SECTION INTO THE INLET.
2. ALL CONCRETE IS CLASS GENERAL OR APPROVED EQUAL.
3. SEE MDT QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST FOR APPROVED GRATES. DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE BASED ON NEEHAN R-3067-L.



CONCRETE PARKING BUMPER DETAIL (NOT TO SCALE)

PARKING STOP NOTES:
1. NEW PARKING BUMPERS SHALL BE REBAR REINFORCED.
2. UTILIZE EXISTING PRE-DRILLED HOLES IN PARKING BLOCK FOR PINNING.
3. FOR ASPHALT SURFACES;
   - 3.1. CONTRACTOR TO USE NEW PARKING BLOCK PINS.
   - 3.2. PINS TO BE DRIVEN TO AT LEAST FLUSH WITH TOP OF PARKING BLOCK.

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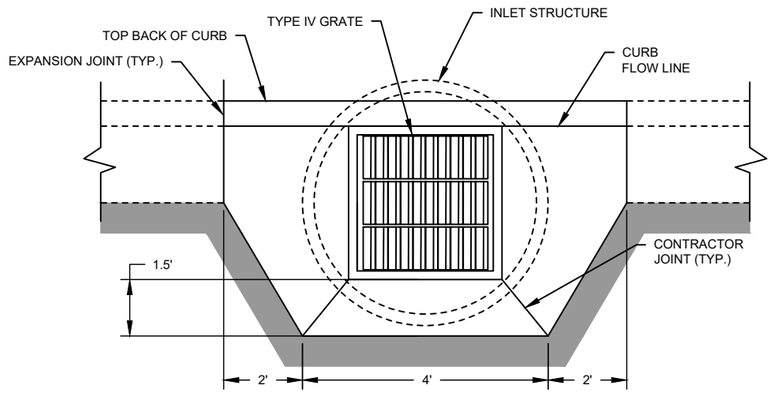
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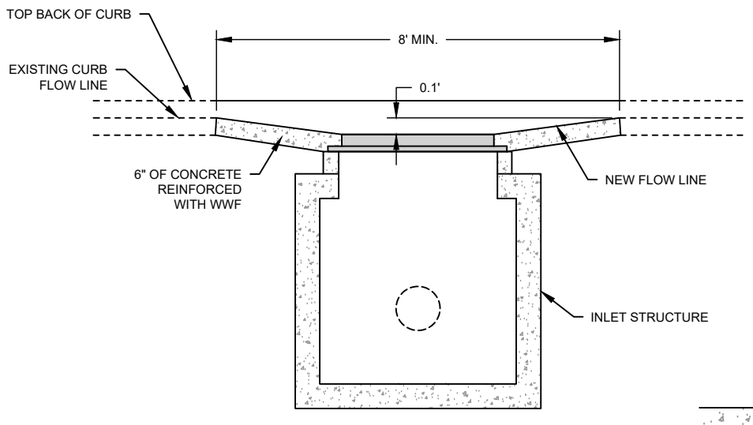
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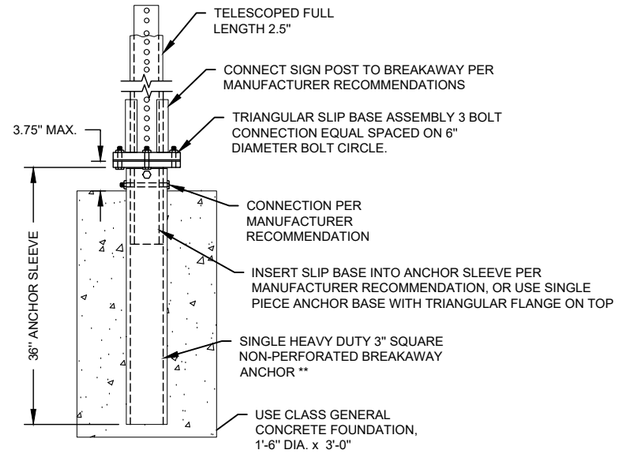


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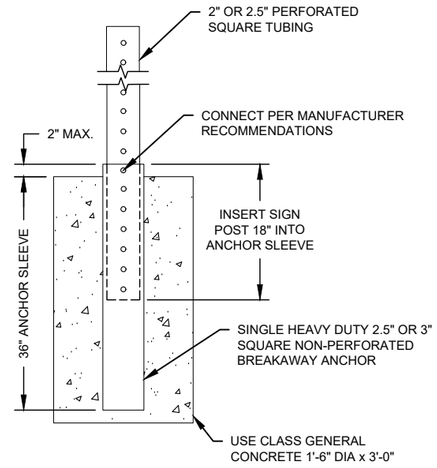
INLET APRON NOTES

1. ALL CONCRETE SHALL MEET MPWSS SECTION 03310.
2. SEE PLANS FOR LOCATIONS.
3. SET ALL FINAL INLET GRATE ELEVATIONS TO ENSURE THAT POSITIVE DRAINAGE IS PROVIDED FROM THE FLOW LINE OF THE CURB AND GUTTER SECTION INTO THE INLET.
4. PROVIDE INLET APRONS AT ALL CURB INLET LOCATIONS SHOWN ON PLANS.
5. AS DESIGNED AND LAID OUT, GRATES ARE TO BE CENTERED ON MANHOLE BARREL.
6. ALL MANHOLES AND GRATES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO HANDLE HS-20 LOADING.
7. ALL INLET BEDDING SHALL MEET MPWSS SECTION 02230 AND SECTION 02221.



TELESCOPED SQUARE TUBES SIGN POST INSTALLATION ON SLIP BASE

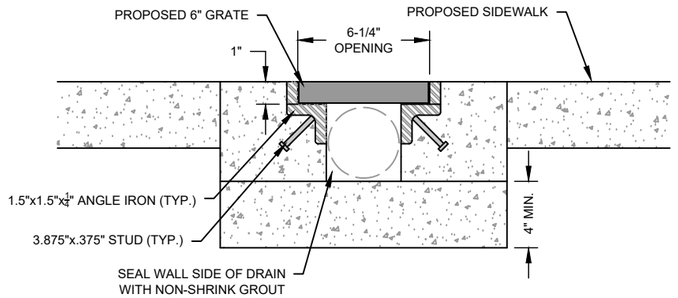
SUPPORT AND ANCHOR COMPONENT UNIT WEIGHT					
SUPPORT			ANCHOR		
TUBE SIZE	WIEGHT	WALL THICKNESS	TUBE SIZE	WIEGHT	WALL THICKNESS
2"	2.42 LB/FT	0.105" (12 GAUGE	2.5"	18.36 LB. EA	0.135" (7 GAUGE
2.5"	3.14 LB/FT	0.105" (12 GAUGE	3"	22.98 LB. EA	0.188" (7 GAUGE



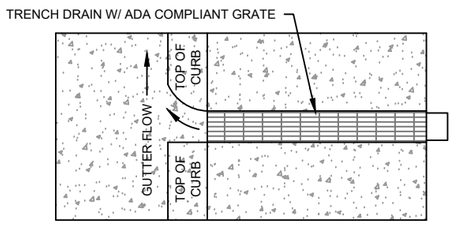
SINGLE SQUARE TUBE SIGN POST INSTALLATION DETAIL

SIGN POST NOTES:

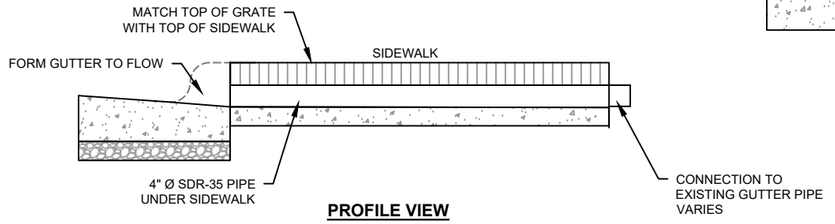
1. BREAKAWAY DEVICES MUST BE LISTED ON THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST.
2. FORM 6" OF FOUNDATION.
3. GALVANIZE PIPE PER AASHTO M 111.
4. PAINT PIPE WITH ONE SHOP COAT AND ONE FIELD COAT OF ZINC RICH BASED PAINT AND ONE FIELD COAT OF ALUMINUM PAINT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE MDT STANDARD SPECIFICATION SECTION 710, ON ALL SURFACES NOT IN CONTACT WITH THE CONCRETE.
5. CONFORM STEEL PIPE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM A 53 TYPE E OR S, GRADE B.
6. SUBMIT SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE APPROVED BY THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE FABRICATION HAS BEGUN.
7. STEEL POSTS AND FOOTINGS IN PLACE, INCLUDING ALL CONCRETE, WELDING, EXCAVATION AND ALL INCIDENTALS ARE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT PRICE BID PER POUND FOR TUBULAR STEEL POSTS.
8. USE HARDWARE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 704.
9. POST AND ANCHOR COMPONENTS MEASURED BY WEIGHT ACCORDING TO "SUPPORT AND ANCHOR COMPONENTS UNIT WEIGHT" TABLE.



TRENCH DRAIN SECTION VIEW



PLAN VIEW



PROFILE VIEW

TRENCH DRAIN DETAILS

DRAIN NOTES:

1. GRATE TO BE EVERGRATE T-06 A DIAMOND OR APPROVED EQUAL.
2. CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT MANUFACTURER SHOP DRAWINGS.
3. GRATE TO BE FASHIONED WITH LOCKABLE ANTI-THEFT DEVICE.
4. INSTALL PER MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

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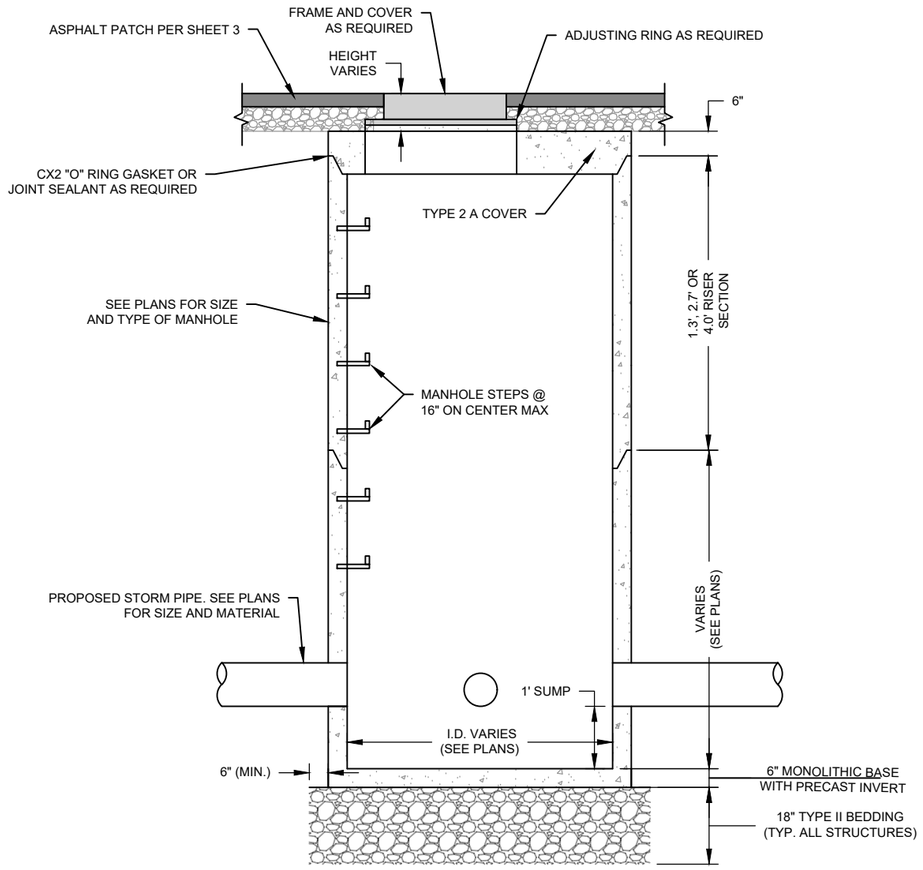
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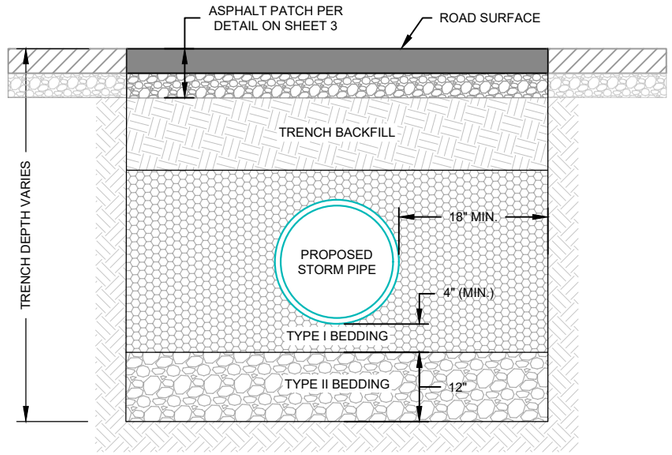


STORM STRAIGHT MANHOLE DETAIL

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STORM MANHOLE NOTES:

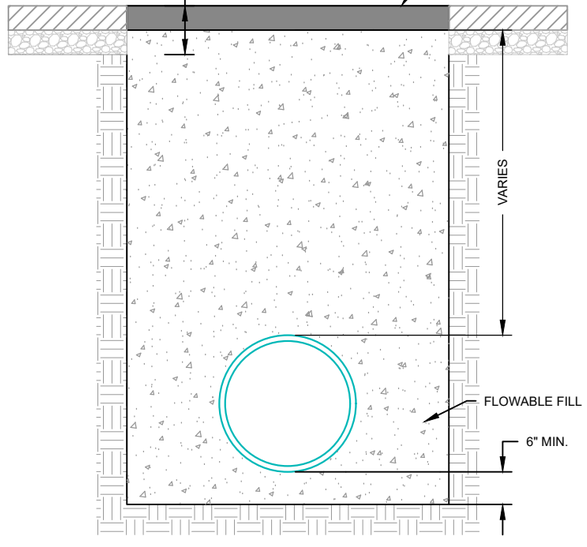
1. MANHOLE TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MPWSS STANDARD DRAWING NO. 02720-3 AND 02720-4 WITH THE ADDITION OF A 12" SUMP.
2. ANY MANHOLES IN MDT R/W MUST MEET DETAILED DWG 604-02.
3. JOINTING MATERIAL SHALL BE "RAM-NEK" OR EQUAL FOR ALL JOINTS EXCEPT FOR BETWEEN PIPE AND MANHOLE WALL. FLEXIBLE GASKETED JOINTS SHALL BE USED BETWEEN STORM PIPE AND MANHOLE WALL.
4. CONCRETE BASE SHALL BE PRECAST OR POURED-IN-PLACE. MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR PRECAST BASE IS 6". MINIMUM THICKNESS FOR POURED-IN-PLACE IS 8".
5. CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE A WATERTIGHT SEAL ON ALL PIPE CONNECTIONS.
6. MANHOLE CASTING TO HAVE "STORM" CAST INTO THE LID.



TRENCH/BEDDING DETAIL(NOT TO SCALE)

TRENCH/BACKFILL NOTES:

1. TRENCH TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MPWSS STANDARD DRAWING 02221-1 AND THIS DETAIL. WITHIN MDT R/W WHERE BURY DEPTH IS GREATER THAN 2 FEET, CONTRACTOR SHALL UTILIZE MDT DETAIL DWG 603-20.
2. COMPACTED NATIVE BACKFILL TO BE FREE OF ORGANICS AND TOPSOIL.
3. TYPE I BEDDING DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH THE PIPE SHOULD BE LEFT UNCOMPACTED TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE PIPE.
4. COMPACT TYPE I BEDDING BY PROOF ROLLING WITH VIBRATORY COMPACTOR IN 8 INCH LIFTS OR BY USING A METHOD APPROVED BY ENGINEER.



FLOW FILL PIPE DETAIL

NOT TO SCALE

FLOWABLE FILL NOTES:

1. INSTALL FLOWABLE FILL AT LOCATIONS WHERE VERTICAL SEPARATION WITH WATER MAIN IS LESS THAN 18" AT PIPE CROSSINGS AND AND WITHIN 10' HORIZONTALLY OR AS INDICATED IN THESE PLANS.
2. ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE MADE FROM OUTSIDE OF PIPE.
3. PROPOSED STORM PIPE SHALL BE ENCASED IN A MINIMUM OF 6" OF FLOWABLE FILL IN ALL DIRECTIONS FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET FROM THE CROSSING.
4. FLOWABLE FILL SHALL MEET MPWSS STANDARDS SECTION 02225 AND MDT SPECIFICATIONS FOR EXCAVATABLE CLSM IN MDT R/W. EXCAVATABLE CLSM SHALL BE MINIMUM 100 PSI.
5. CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT PIPE FLOTATION, MOVEMENT, OR DISPLACEMENT DURING PLACEMENT OF FLOWABLE FILL

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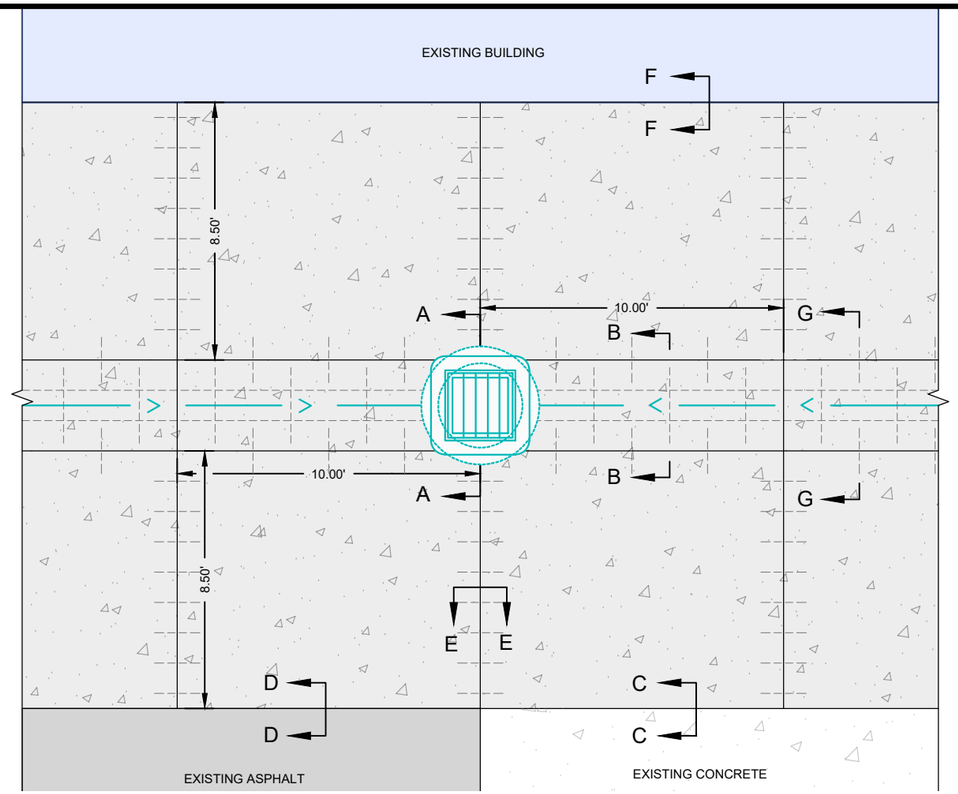
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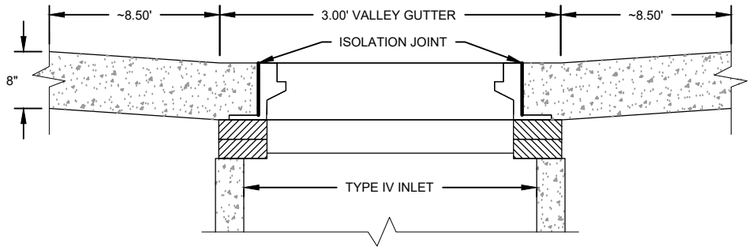
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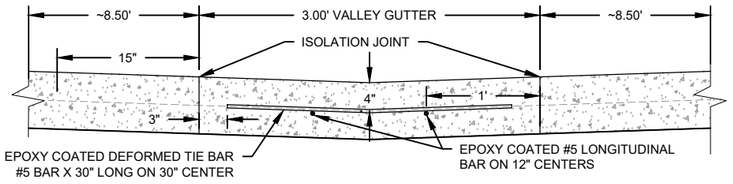
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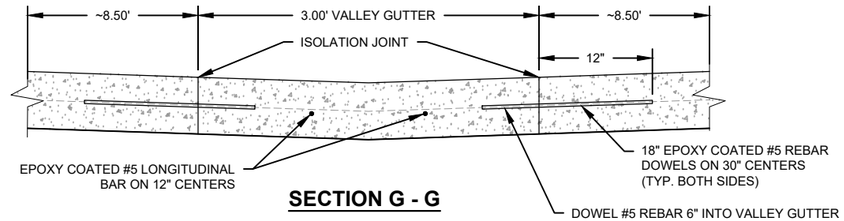




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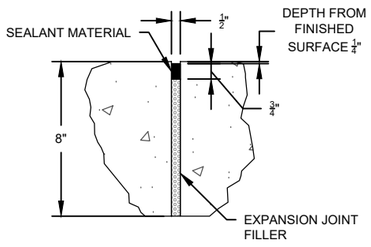
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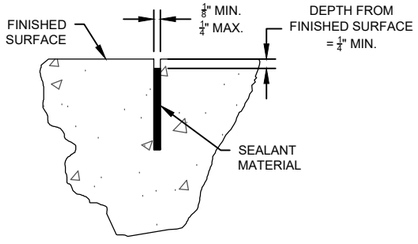
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ALLEY CONCRETE NOTES:

1. ALL PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT (PCCP) SHALL CONFORM TO MPWSS SECTION 02515.
2. CONCRETE MIX DESIGN, MATERIALS, BATCHING AND PLACEMENT SHALL MEET MPWSS SECTION 02515.
3. SUBGRADE AND BASE PREPARATION SHALL CONFORM TO MPWSS SECTION 02230.
4. CONCRETE PAVEMENT THICKNESS SHALL BE AS SHOWN IN THE DETAILS ON THIS SHEET.
5. PROVIDE DOWEL BARS AT ALL TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION AND CONSTRUCTION JOINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPWSS SECTION 02515 AND PER THE DETAILS OF THIS SHEET. DOWELS SHALL BE EPOXY-COATED.
6. PROVIDE TIE BARS AT ALL LONGITUDINAL JOINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPWSS SECTION 02515 AND THE DETAILS OF THIS SHEET.
7. ALL JOINTS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED, SPACED, AND SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPWSS SECTION 02515. JOINT SEALANT SHALL CONFORM TO MPWSS SECTION 02515.
8. TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION JOINTS SHALL BE SAW CUT TO THE REQUIRED DEPTH WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED BY MPWSS SECTION 02515 TO PREVENT UNCONTROLLED CRACKING.
9. CURING OF CONCRETE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPWSS SECTION 02515. APPLY CURING COMPOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINISHING OPERATIONS.
10. FINISH SURFACE SHALL MEET MPWSS SMOOTHNESS REQUIREMENT. SURFACE SHALL BE TEXTURED, BROOM FINISH, AS SPECIFIED OR DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
11. CONCRETE SHALL NOT BE PLACED ON FROZEN SUBGRADE OR WHEN AMBIENT TEMPERATURES DO NOT MEET MPWSS REQUIREMENTS. PROVIDE COLD AND HOT WEATHER PROTECTION PER MPWSS SPECIFICATIONS.
12. EDGE FORMS SHALL BE STRAIGHT, TRUE TO LINE AND GRADE, AND ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT DURING PLACEMENT.
13. ALL REINFORCEMENT, DOWELS, AND TIE BARS SHALL BE SECURED IN PLACE PRIOR TO CONCRETE PLACEMENT.
14. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT ALL ADJACENT STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS DURING CONSTRUCTION. ANY DAMAGE SHALL BE REPAIRED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.
15. ALL TESTING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPWSS SECTION 02515.
16. SAW CUTTING SHALL RESULT IN SMOOTH, STRAIGHT JOINT. SPALLING OR RAVELING OF EDGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
17. ANY PANELS EXHIBITING UNCONTROLLED CRACKING, SCALING, OR FAILURE SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED AT THE CONTRACTORS EXPENSE.
18. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL JOINT LOCATIONS WITH THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO PLACEMENT.
19. ALL ALLEY CONCRETE TO BE PLACED ON 6" OF CRUSHED BASE COURSE COMPACTED TO 95% STANDARD PROCTOR.
20. BEFORE PLACING CRUSHED BASE, PROOF-ROLL ALL SUBGRADE AREAS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ENGINEER USING A FULLY LOADED TANDEM OR TRI-AXLE DUMP TRUCK. AREAS EXHIBITING PUMPING, RUTTING GREATER THAN 1/2 INCH, CRACKING, OR EXCESSIVE DEFLECTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER, SHALL BE EXCAVATED AND REPLACED WITH SUITABLE MATERIAL.
21. ALL MATERIALS USED FOR PCCP PAVING TO MEET MDT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 501 UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.
22. ALL CONCRETE USED IN ALLEYWAYS SHALL FEATURE FIBER REINFORCEMENT. PROVIDE SYNTHETIC MACROFIBER REINFORCEMENT CONFORMING TO ASTM C1116/C1116M, TYPE III. FIBERS SHALL BE ADDED AT THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED DOSAGE FOR CONCRETE PAVEMENT APPLICATIONS, BUT NOT LESS THAN 3.0 LB/CY, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. FIBERS SHALL BE UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED IN THE MIX AND SHALL NOT REDUCE WORKABILITY, AIR CONTENT, STRENGTH, FINISHABILITY, OR DURABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIFIED PCCP MIX. SUBMIT PRODUCT DATA, DOSAGE, AND MIX DESIGN FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO PLACEMENT.



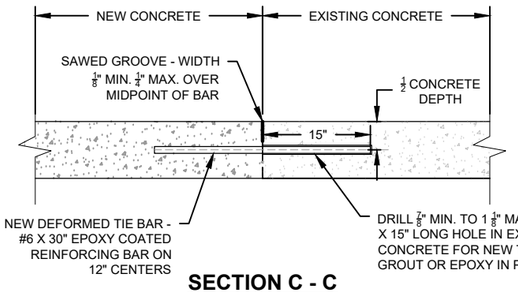
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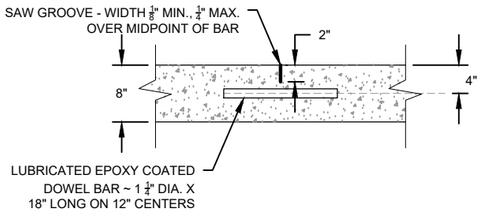
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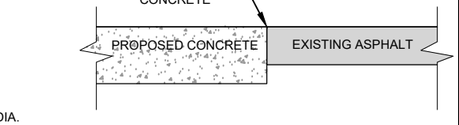
1. CONTRACTION JOINTS EVERY 10 FEET.



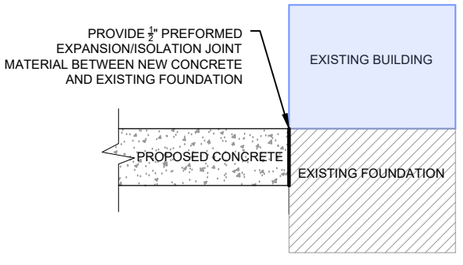
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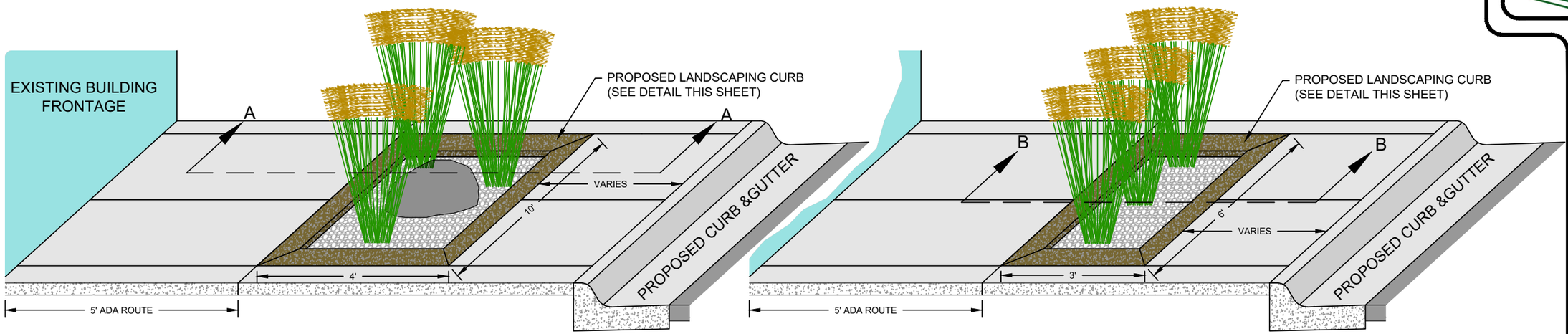
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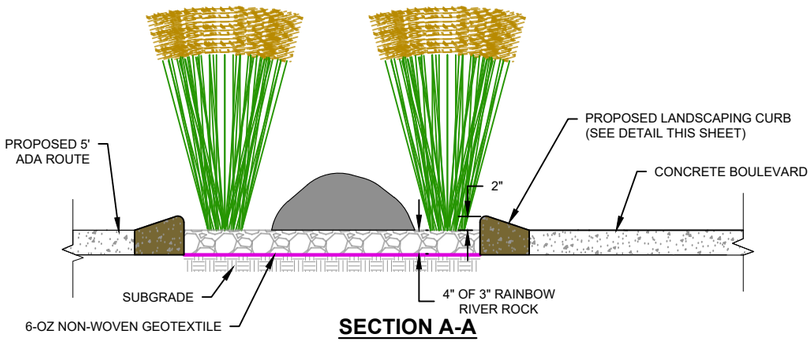
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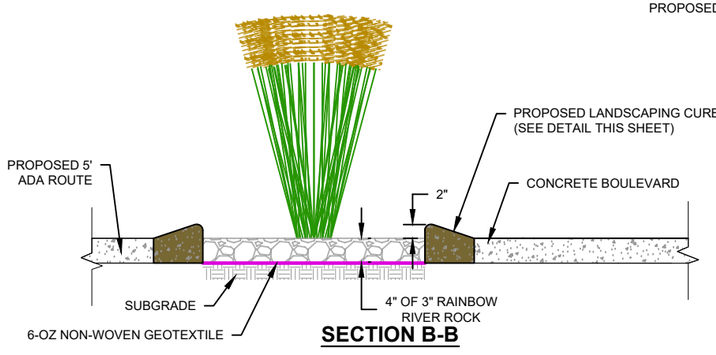
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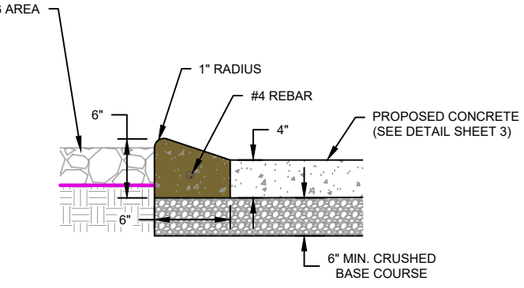
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LANDSCAPING ISLAND DETAILS

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LANDSCAPING ISLAND NOTES:

1. TWO SEPARATE SIZES OF ISLANDS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE PROJECT;
   - 1.1. 4'x10' - WILL FEATURE AT LEAST THREE KARL FOERSTERS,ONE 2'x2' BOULDER, AND FILLED WITH 3" RAINBOW RIVER ROCK.
   - 1.2. 3'x6' - WILL FEATURE THREE KARL FORESTERS IN A ROW.
     - 1.2.1. IF A LIGHT POLE IS FEATURED IN A 3'x6' ISLAND, THE MIDDLE FORESTER WILL BE REPLACED.
2. GEOTEXTILE TO MEET MPWSS STANDARDS SECTION 02110.
3. RAINBOW RIVER ROCK TO BE NON-FRACTURED, VARIETY IN COLOR, AND UNIFORM IN SIZE.
4. SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO ENGINEER FOR REVIEW



LANDSCAPING CURB DETAIL (NOT TO SCALE)

LANDSCAPING CURB NOTES:

1. TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MPWSS STANDARDS.
2. ALL CURBING SHALL BE GRADED TO DRAIN WITH GENERAL SLOPE OF THE SITE AND TO AVOID PONDING.
3. LANDSCAPING CURB TO BE LIGHT BROWN IN COLOR.
4. COLOR TO BE ADDED PRIOR TO POURING CONCRETE. STAINED CONCRETE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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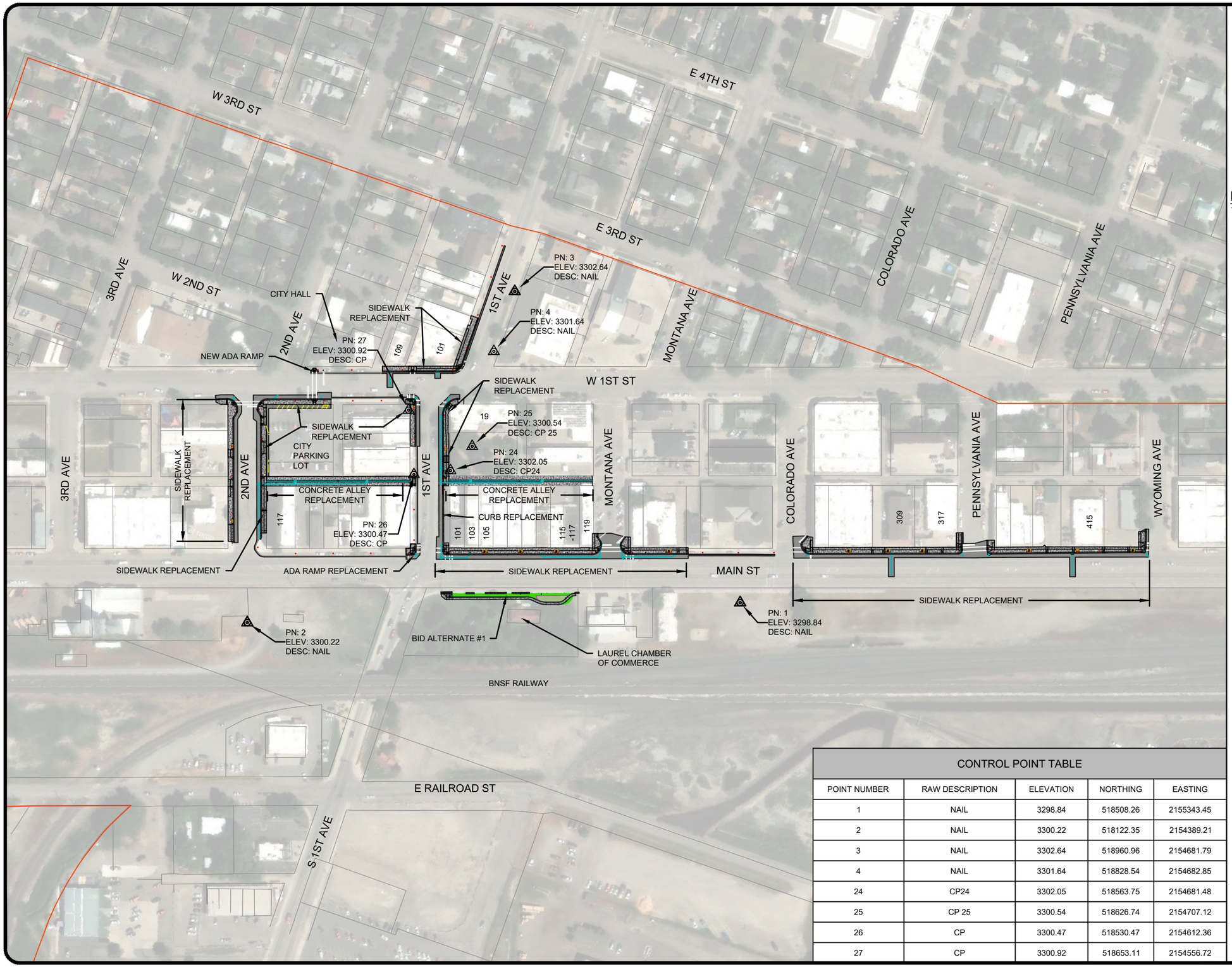
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2	NAIL	3300.22	518122.35	2154389.21
3	NAIL	3302.64	518960.96	2154681.79
4	NAIL	3301.64	518828.54	2154682.85
24	CP24	3302.05	518563.75	2154681.48
25	CP 25	3300.54	518626.74	2154707.12
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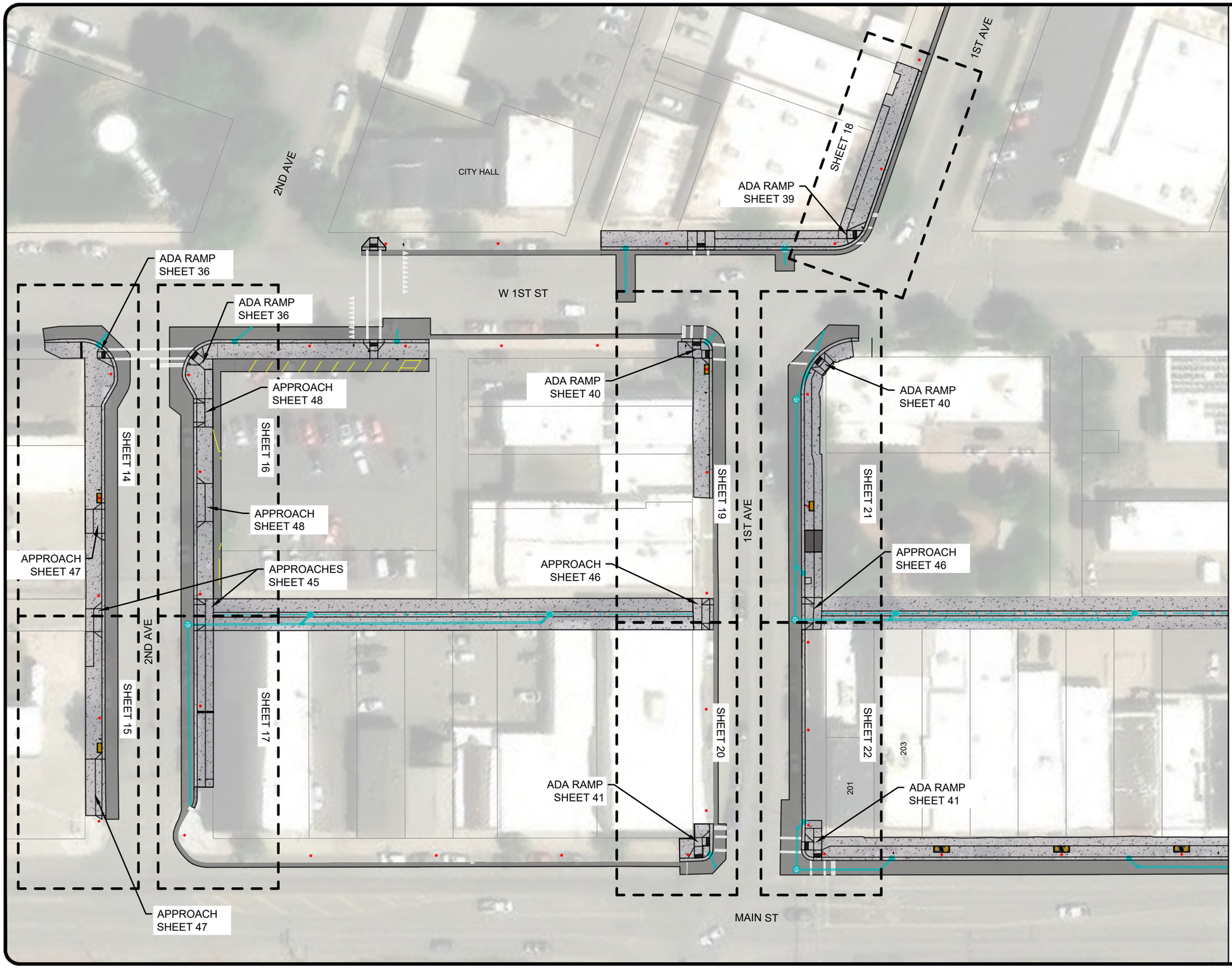
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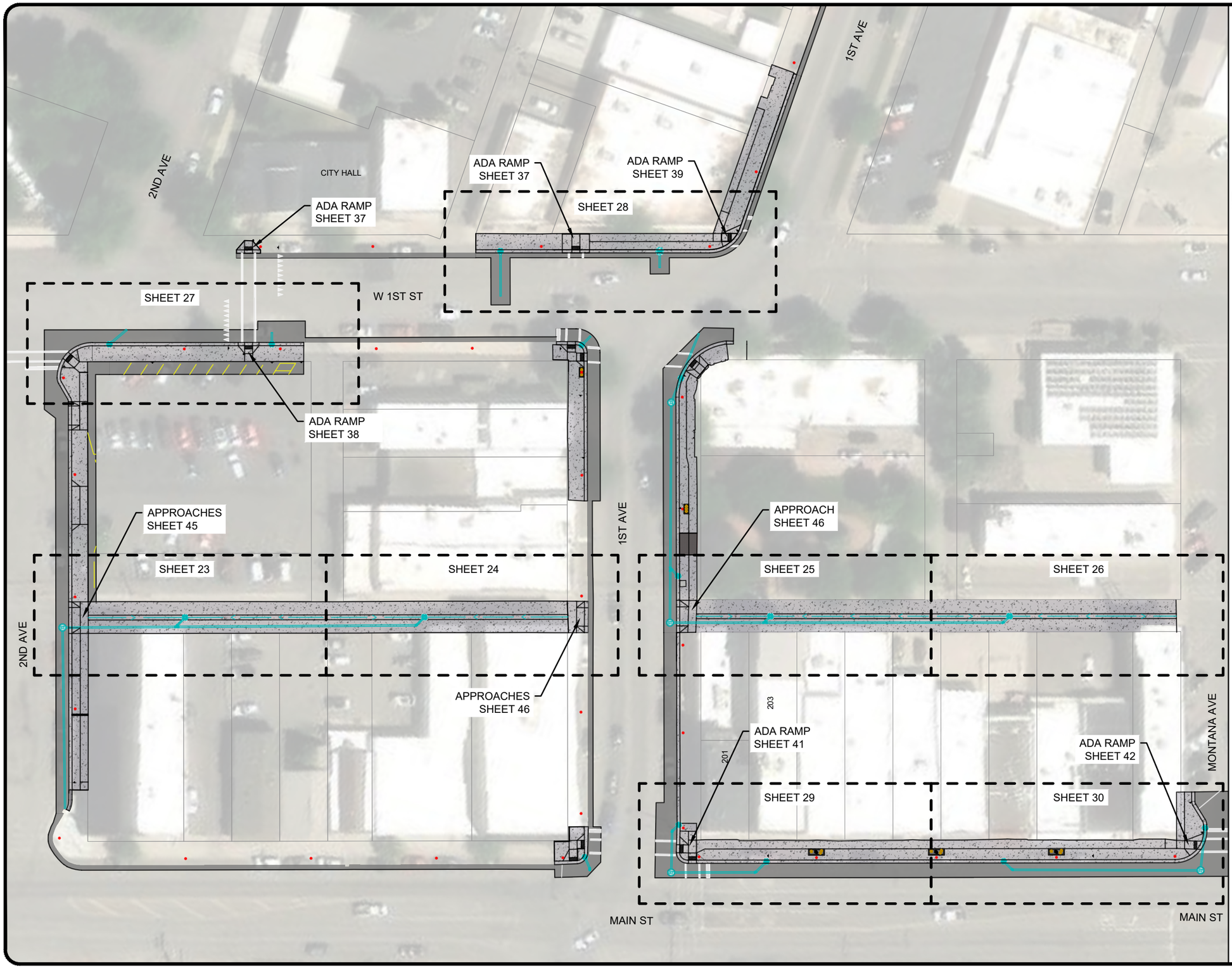
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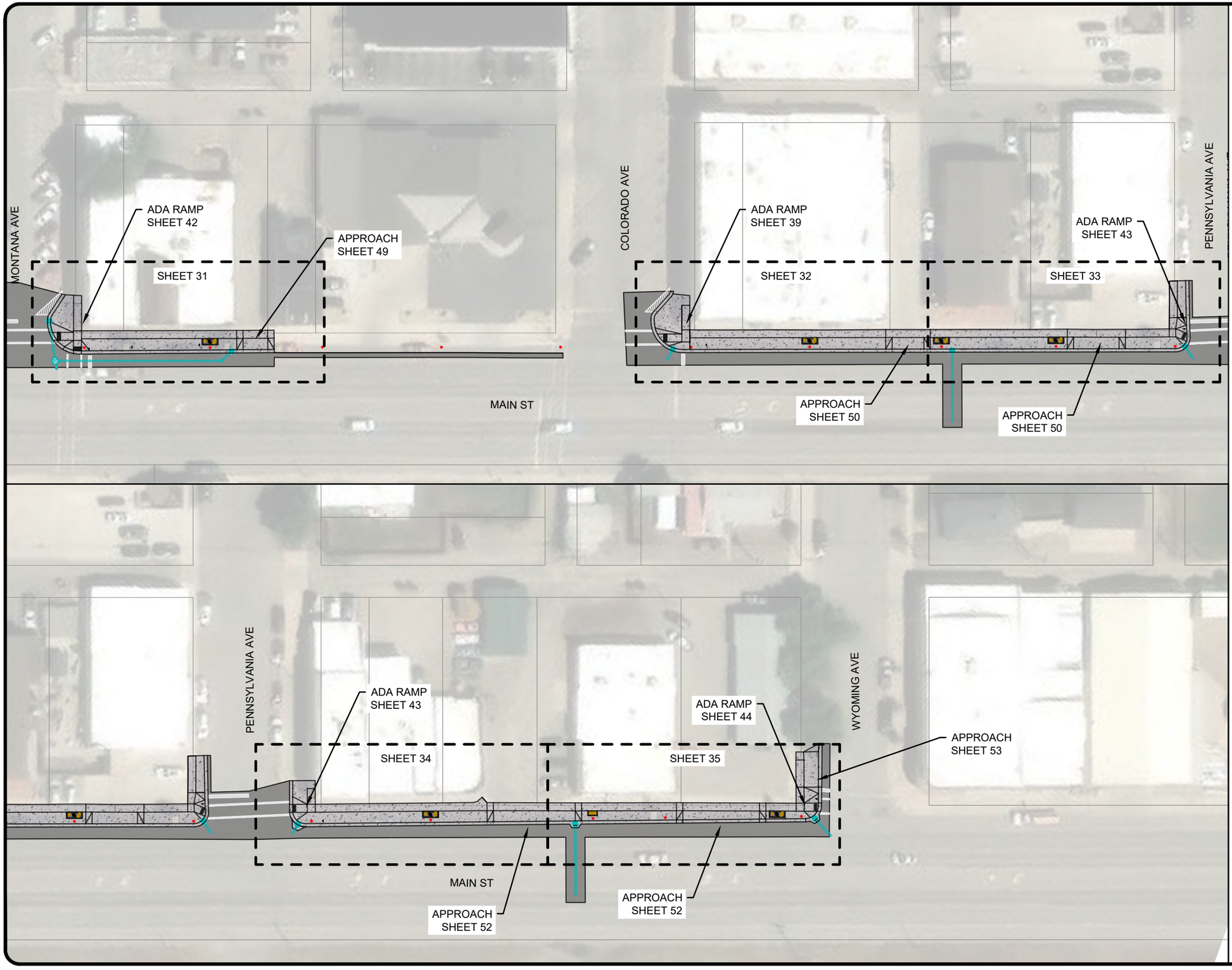
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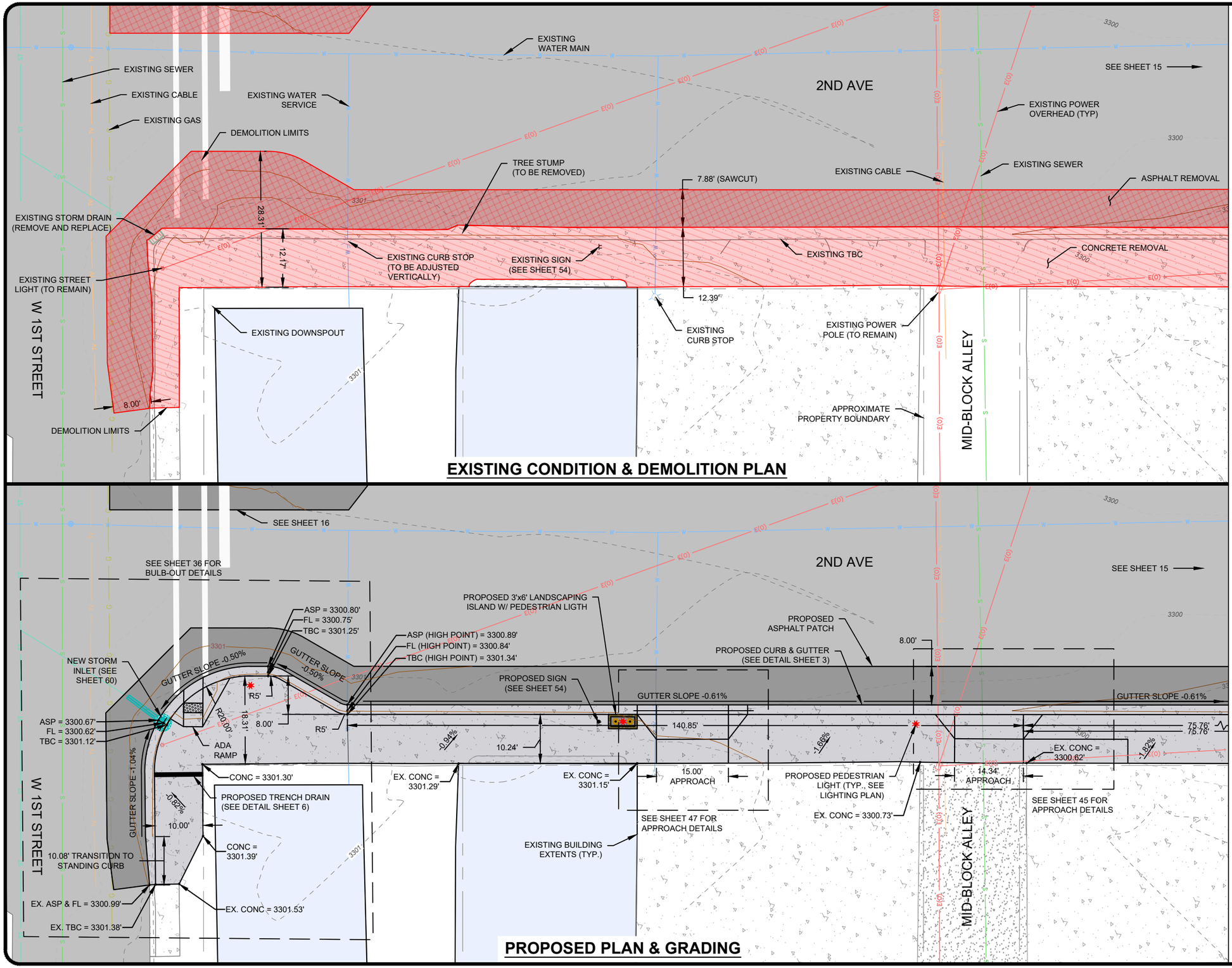
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3. CONNECT EXISTING DOWNSPOUT TO NEW TRENCH DRAIN.

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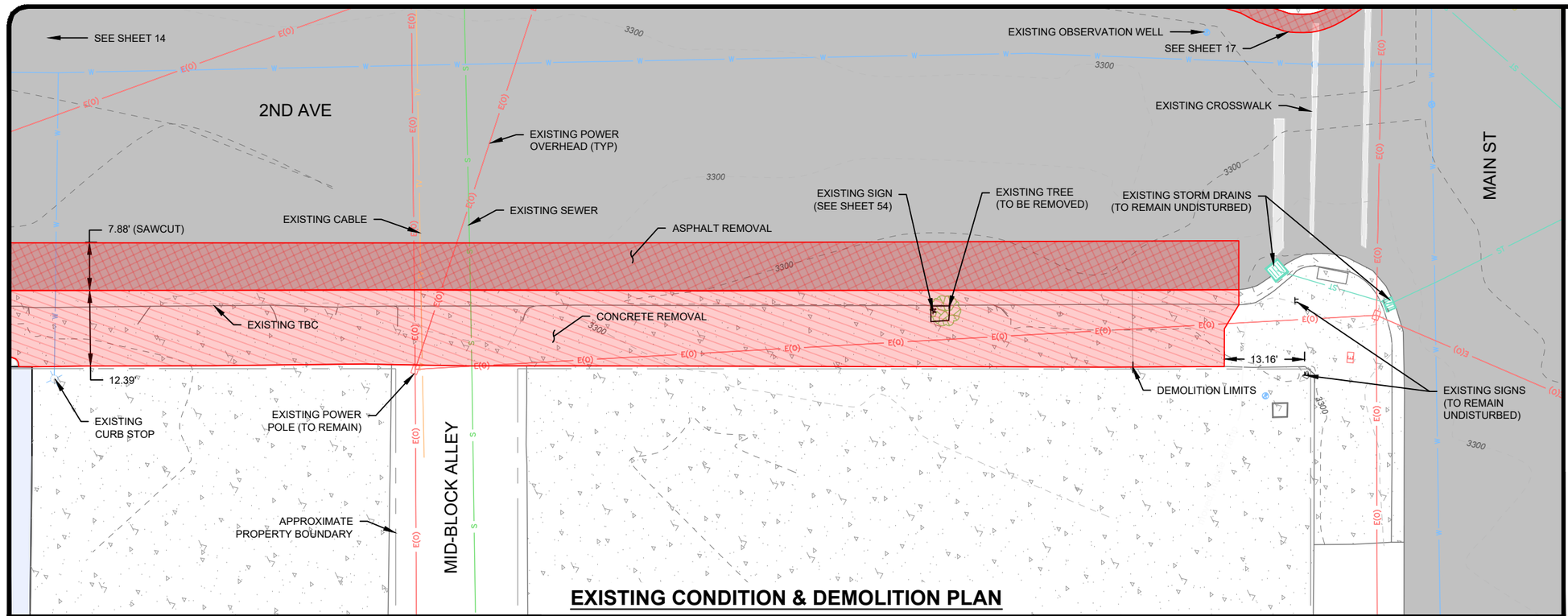
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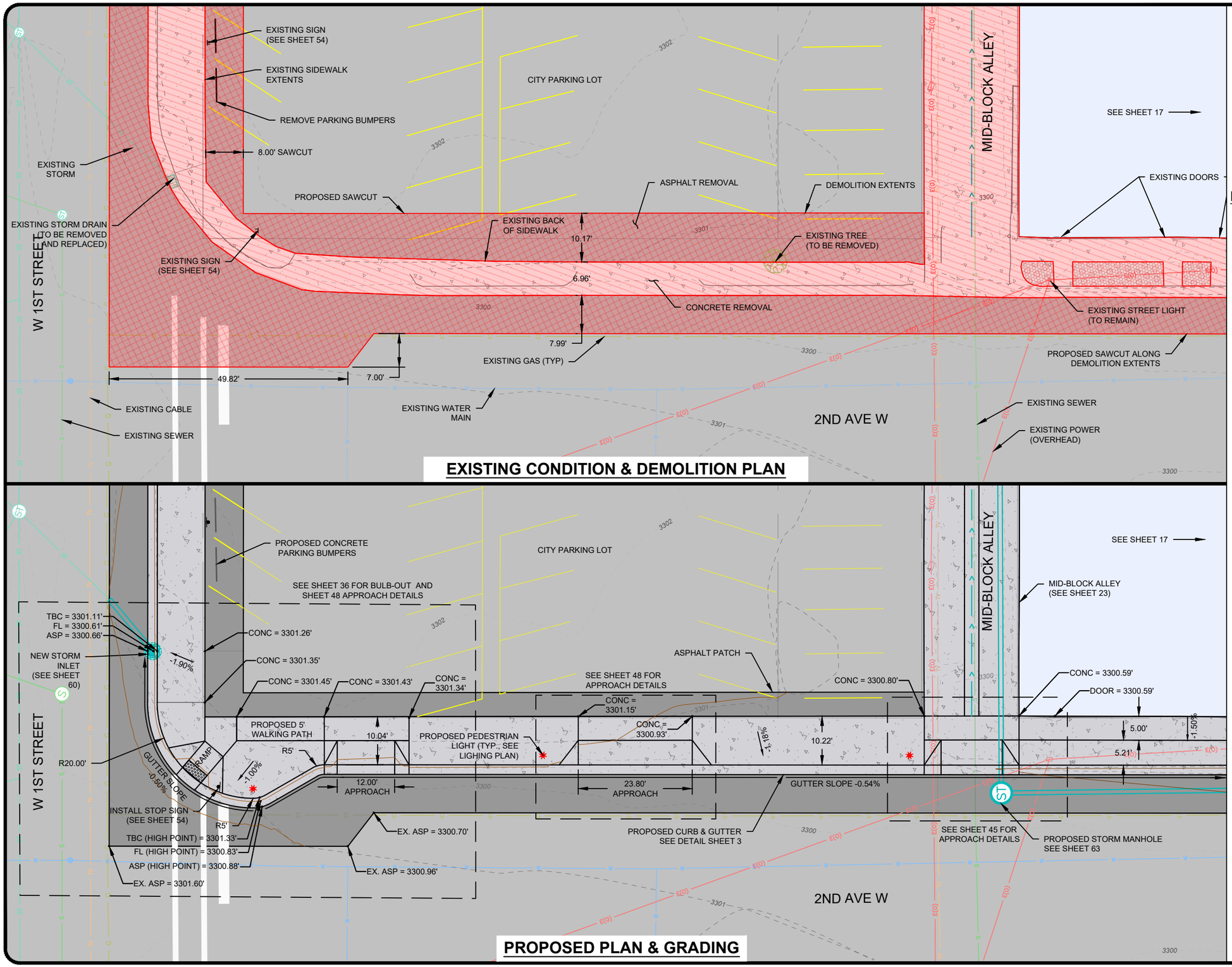
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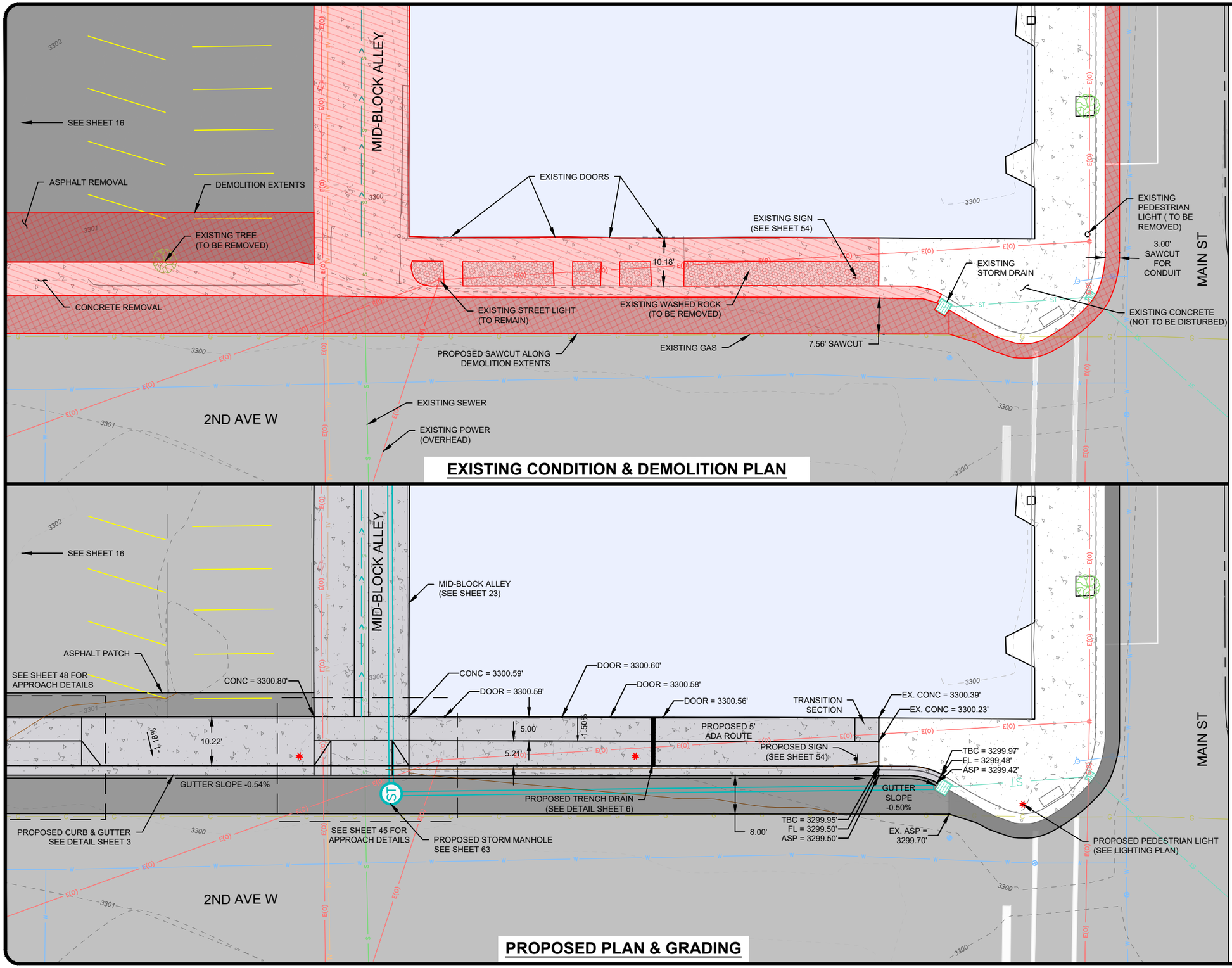
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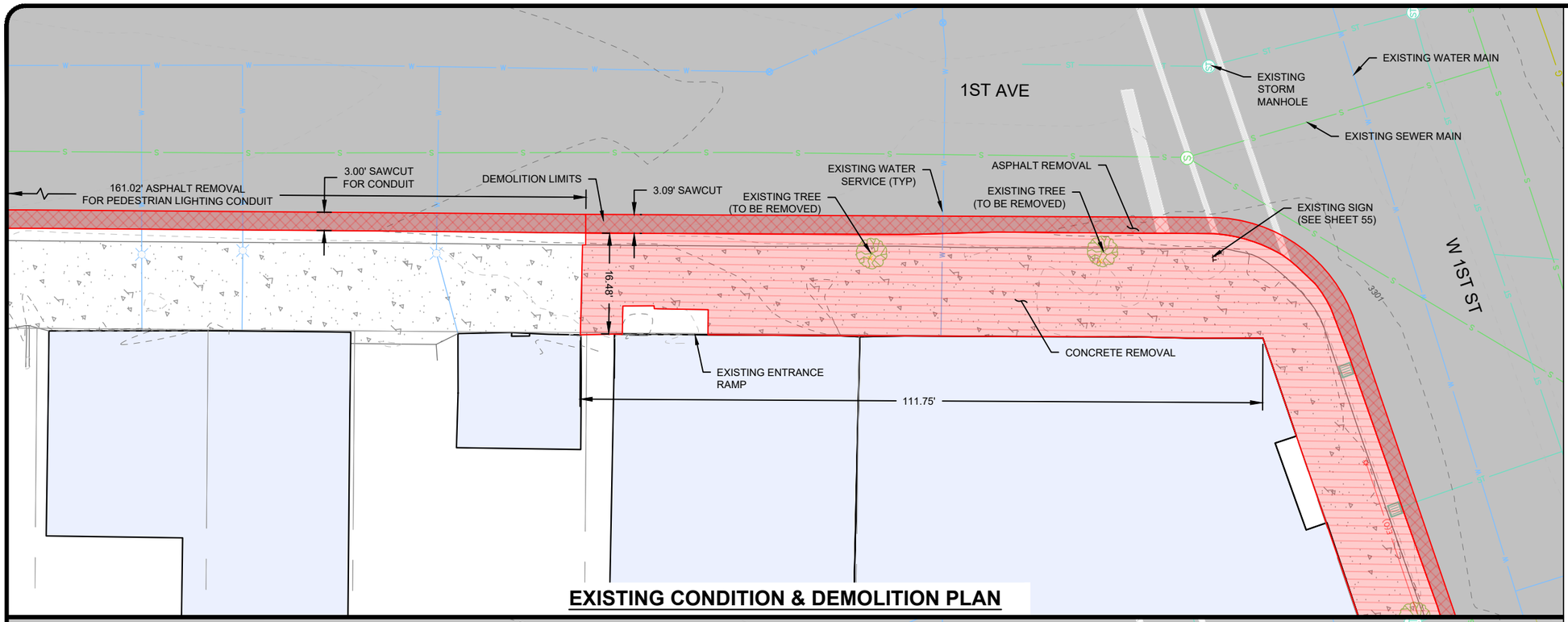
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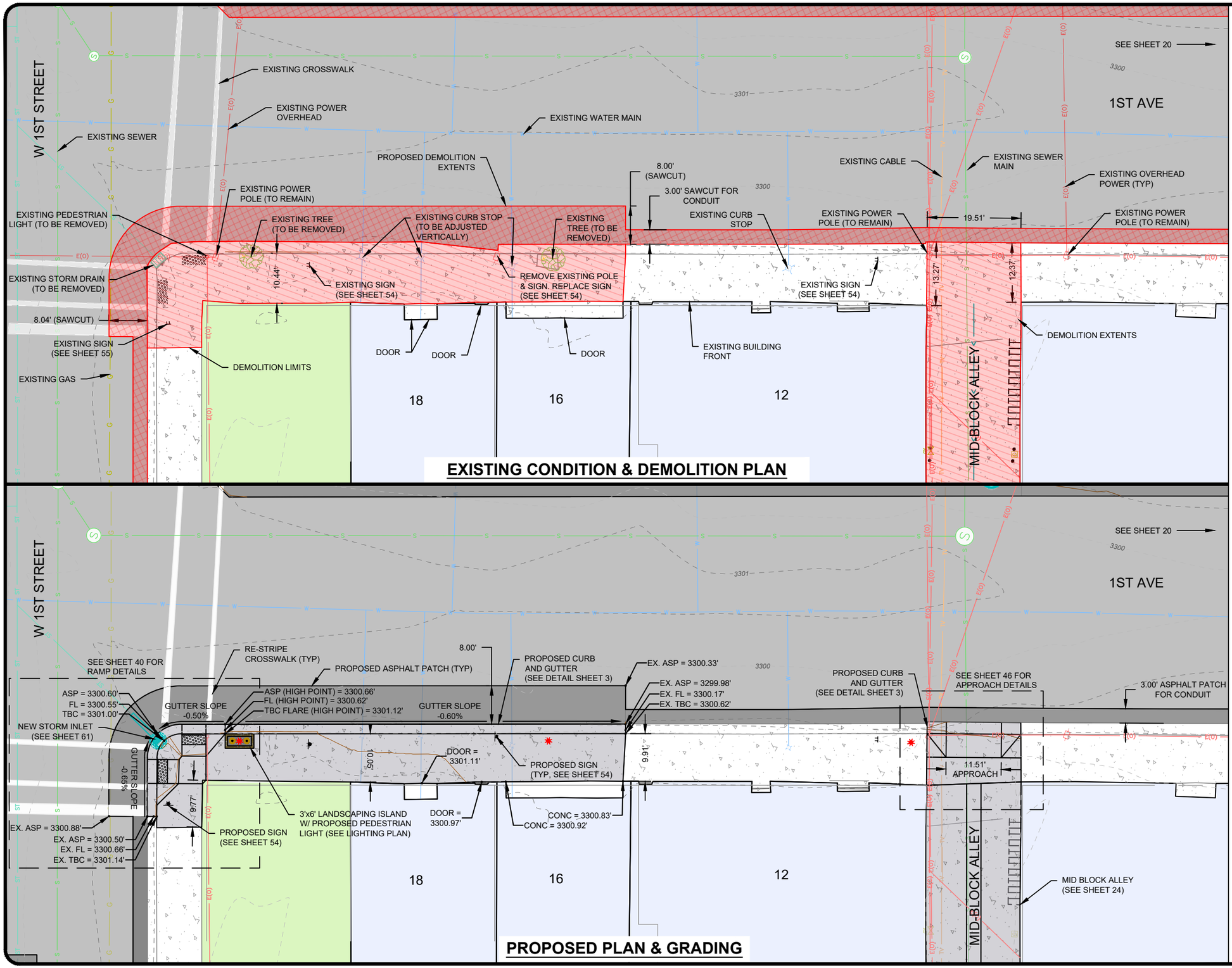
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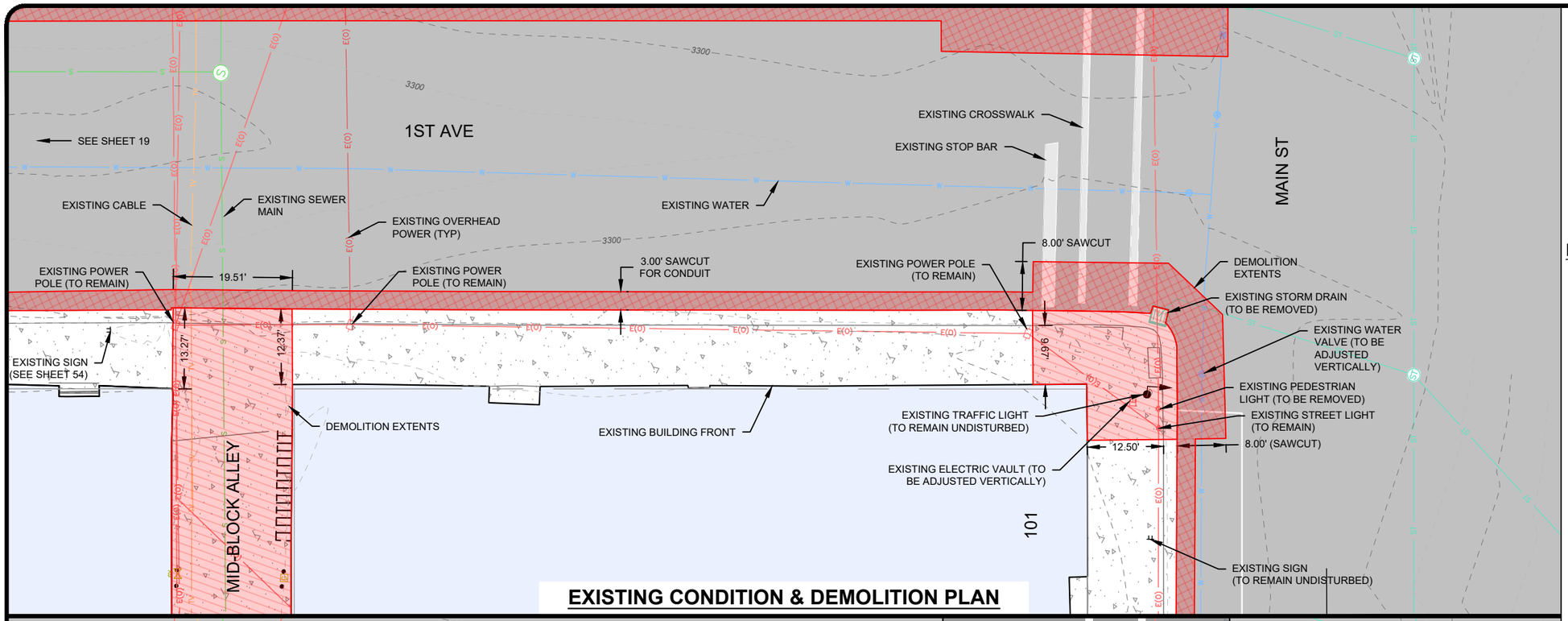
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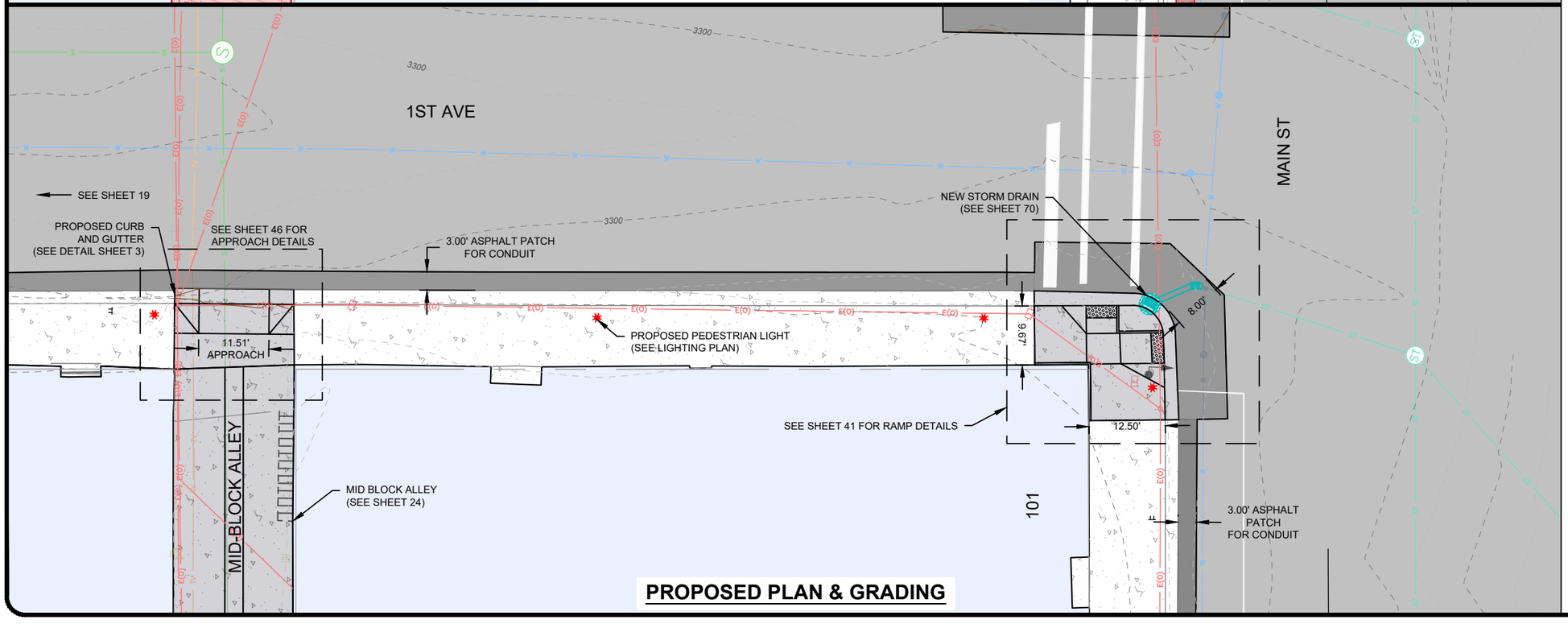
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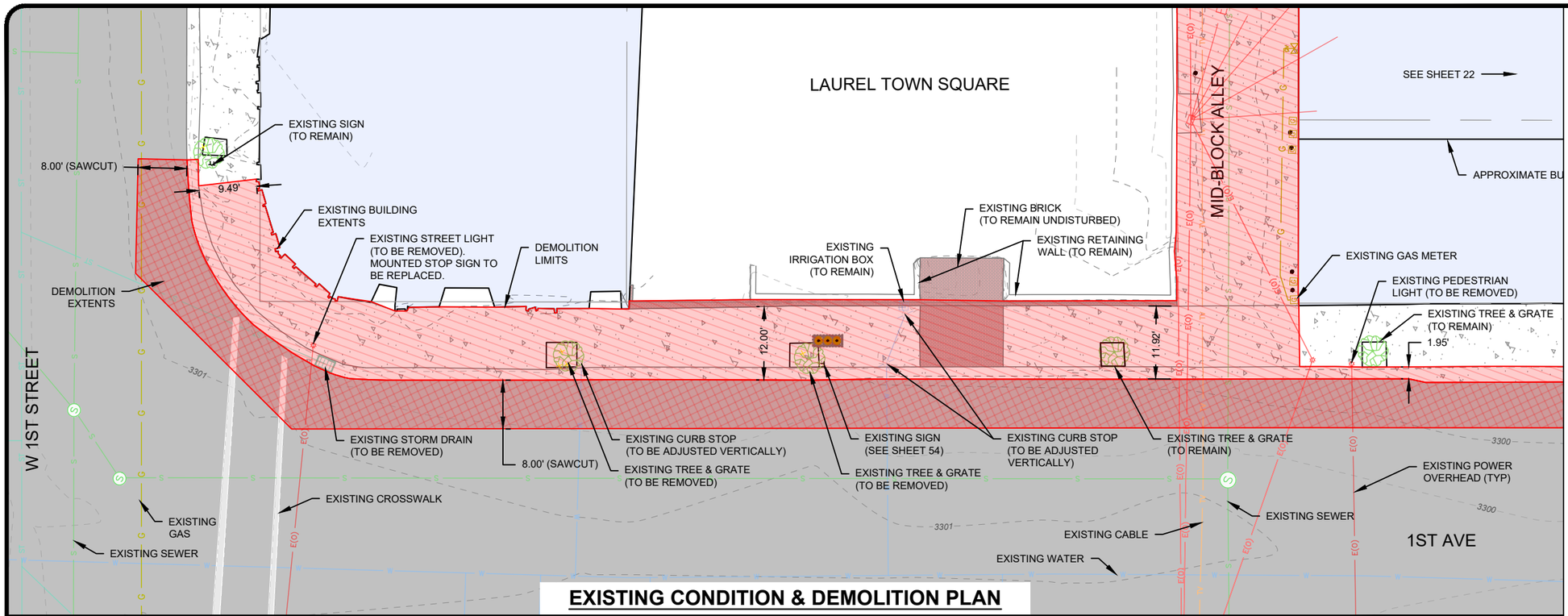
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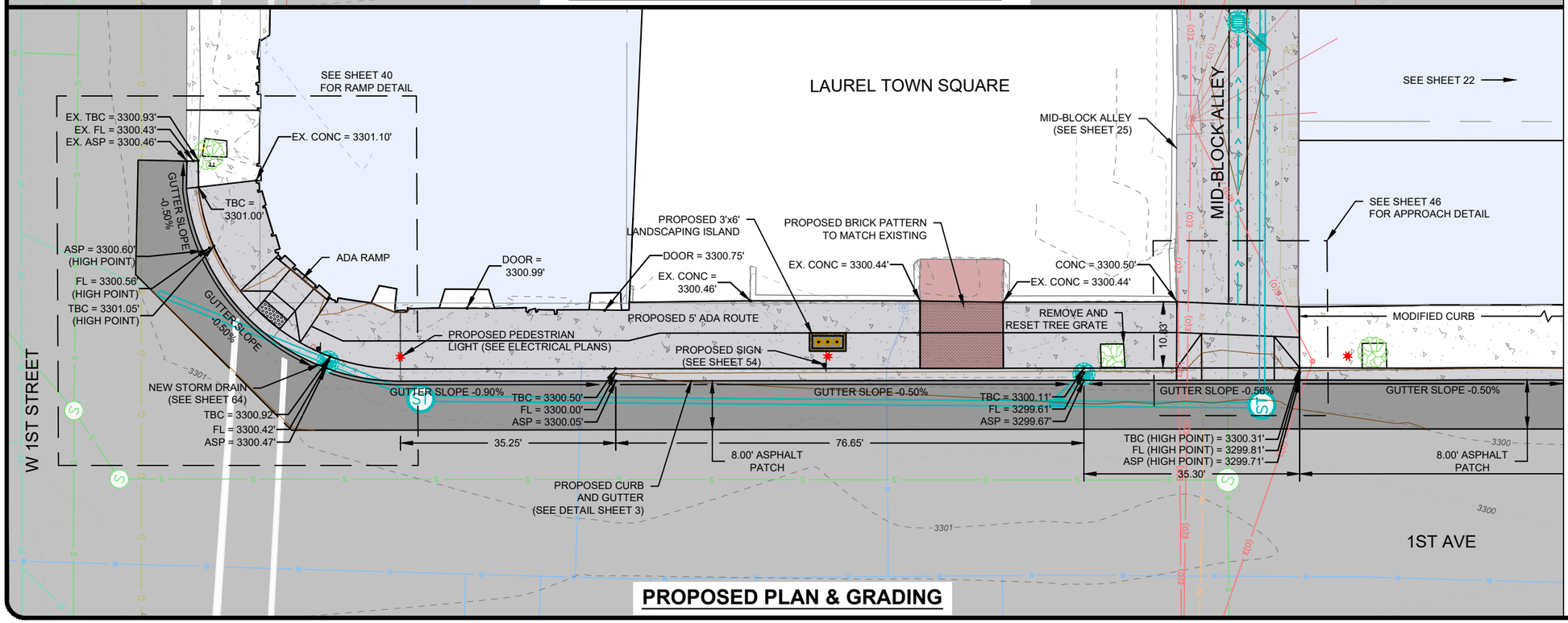
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LAUREL TOWN SQUARE

MID-BLOCK ALLEY

MAIN ST

1ST AVE

APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY

APPROXIMATE BUILDING EXTENTS

EXISTING HYDRANT

EXISTING BRICK (TO REMAIN UNDISTURBED)

EXISTING IRRIGATION BOX (TO REMAIN)

EXISTING RETAINING WALL (TO REMAIN)

EXISTING GAS METER

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (TO BE REMOVED)

EXISTING TREE & GRATE (TO REMAIN)

EXISTING COAL CHUTE

EXISTING TREE & GRATE (TO BE REMAIN)

EXISTING SIGN (SEE SHEET 54)

EXISTING TREE & GRATE (TO REMAIN)

EXISTING ELECTRIC BOX

EXISTING PED. LIGHT (TO BE REMOVED)

EXISTING WATER VALVE (TO BE ADJUSTED VERTICALLY)

EXISTING STORM DRAIN (TO BE REMOVED)

EXISTING SIGNAL LIGHT

EXISTING WATER VALVE (TO REMAIN)

11.92'

1.95'

7.57' SAWCUT

EXISTING SIGN (SEE SHEET 54)

EXISTING CURB STOP (TO BE ADJUSTED VERTICALLY)

EXISTING TREE & GRATE (TO REMAIN)

EXISTING TREE & GRATE (TO BE REMOVED)

EXISTING POWER OVERHEAD (TYP)

EXISTING SEWER

EXISTING CABLE

EXISTING WATER

EXISTING CROSSWALK

EXISTING WATER

3300

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LAUREL TOWN SQUARE

MID-BLOCK ALLEY

MAIN ST

1ST AVE

MID-BLOCK ALLEY (SEE SHEET 25)

SEE SHEET 29

SEE SHEET 46 FOR APPROACH DETAIL

SEE SHEET 41 FOR ADA RAMP DETAIL

EX. CONC = 3300.44'

CONC = 3300.50'

EX. CONC = 3300.44'

MODIFIED CURB TBC TO MATCH EXISTING SIDEWALK ELEVATION AND STRAIGHT GRADE FLOW LINE

REMOVE AND RESET TREE GRATE

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)

NEW STORM DRAIN (SEE SHEET 70)

10.83'

10.21'

9.04'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

TBC = 3300.11'
FL = 3299.61'
ASP = 3299.67'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.56%

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50

TBC = 3299.73'
FL = 3299.23'
ASP = 3299.28'

GUTTER SLOPE -2.00%

TBC (HIGH POINT) = 3300.17'
FL = 3299.67'
ASP = 3299.72'

76.65'

TBC (HIGH POINT) = 3300.31'
FL (HIGH POINT) = 3299.81'
ASP (HIGH POINT) = 3299.71'

35.30'

8.00' ASPHALT PATCH

119.28'

13.00'

REPLACE CURB AND GUTTER AT EXISTING GRADE (SEE DETAIL SHEET 3)

46.99'

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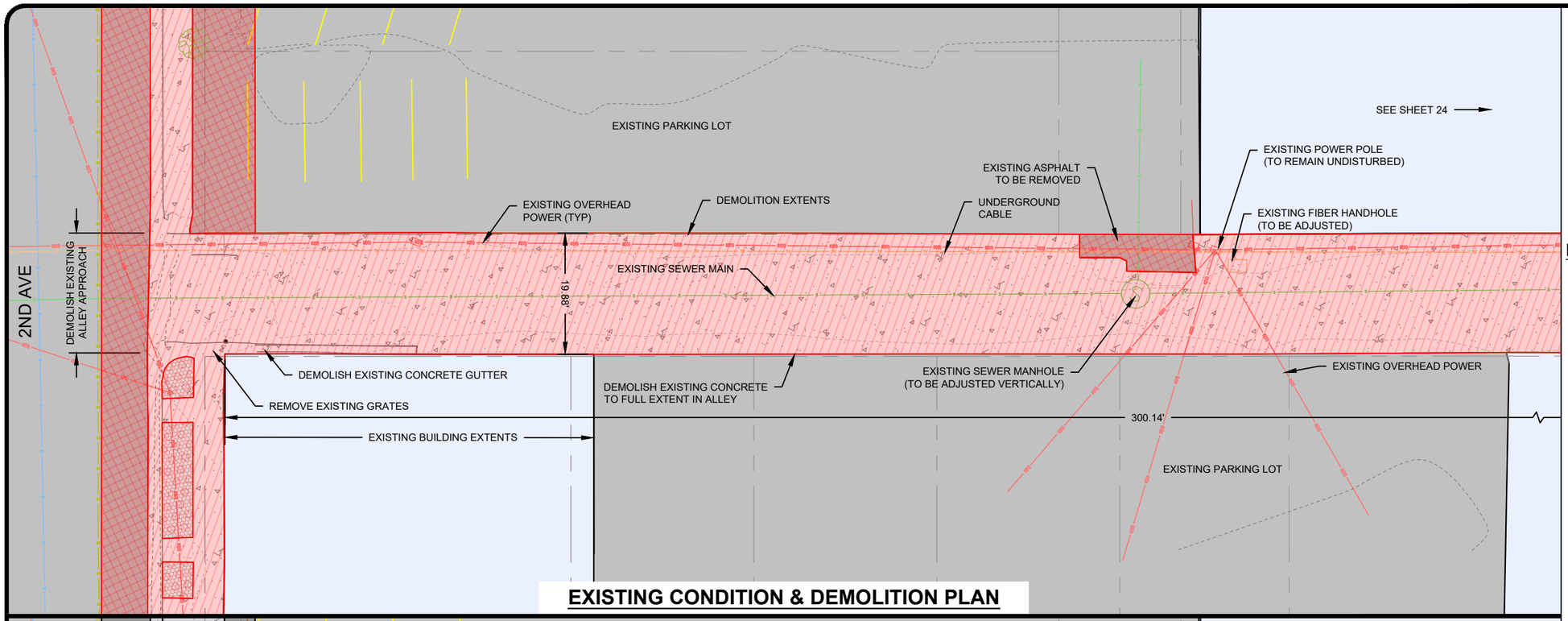
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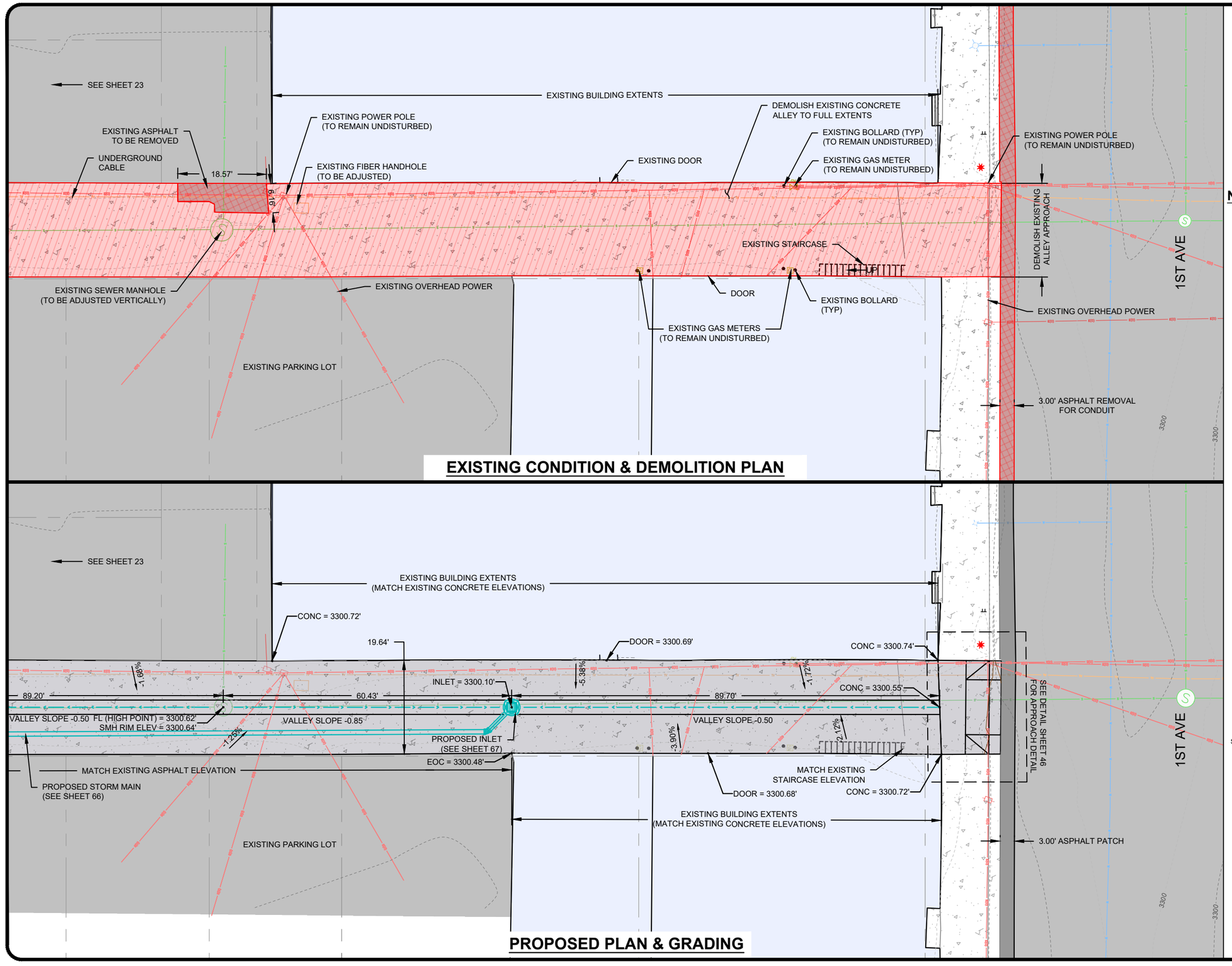
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ALLEY 1ST & MAIN - 1

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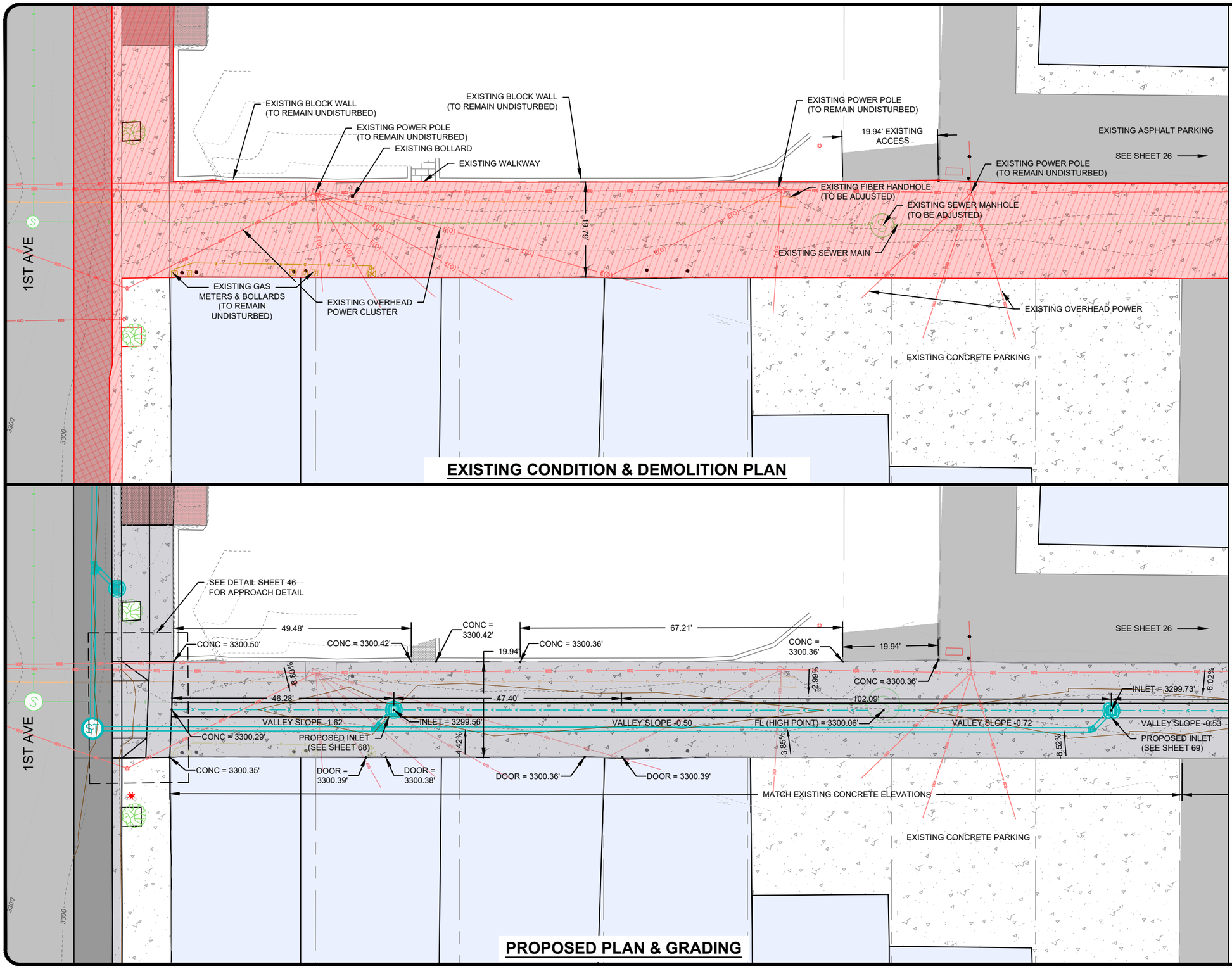
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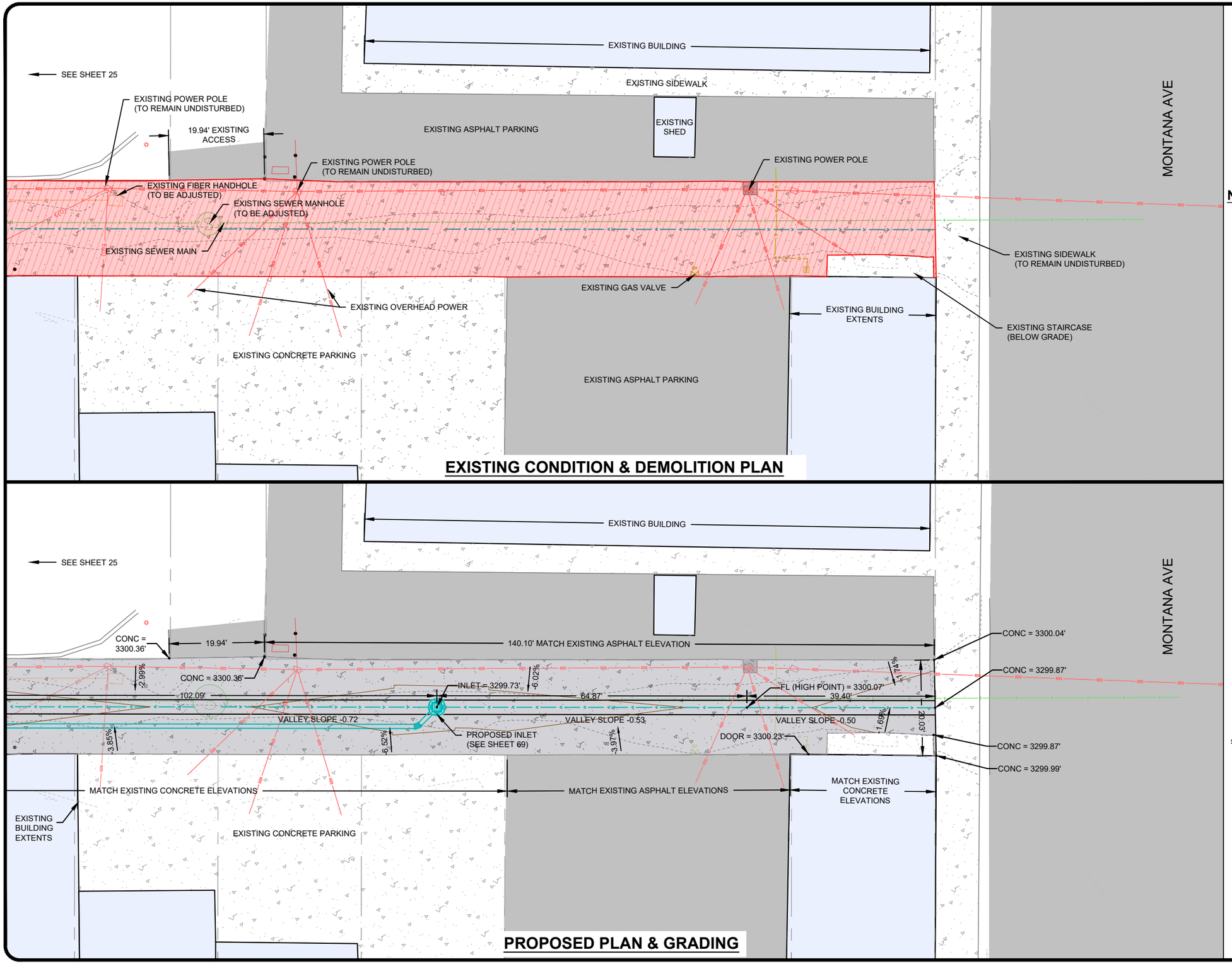
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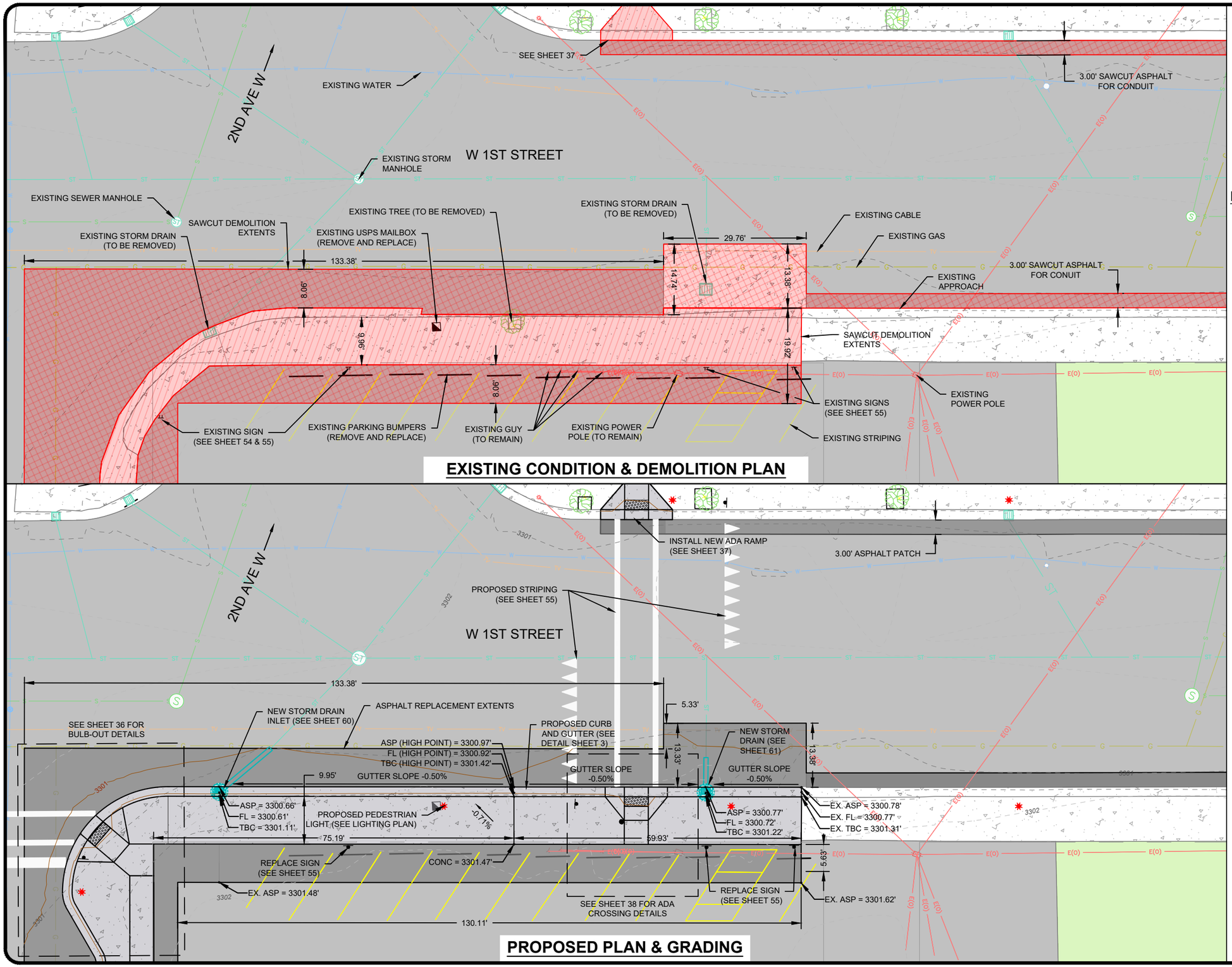
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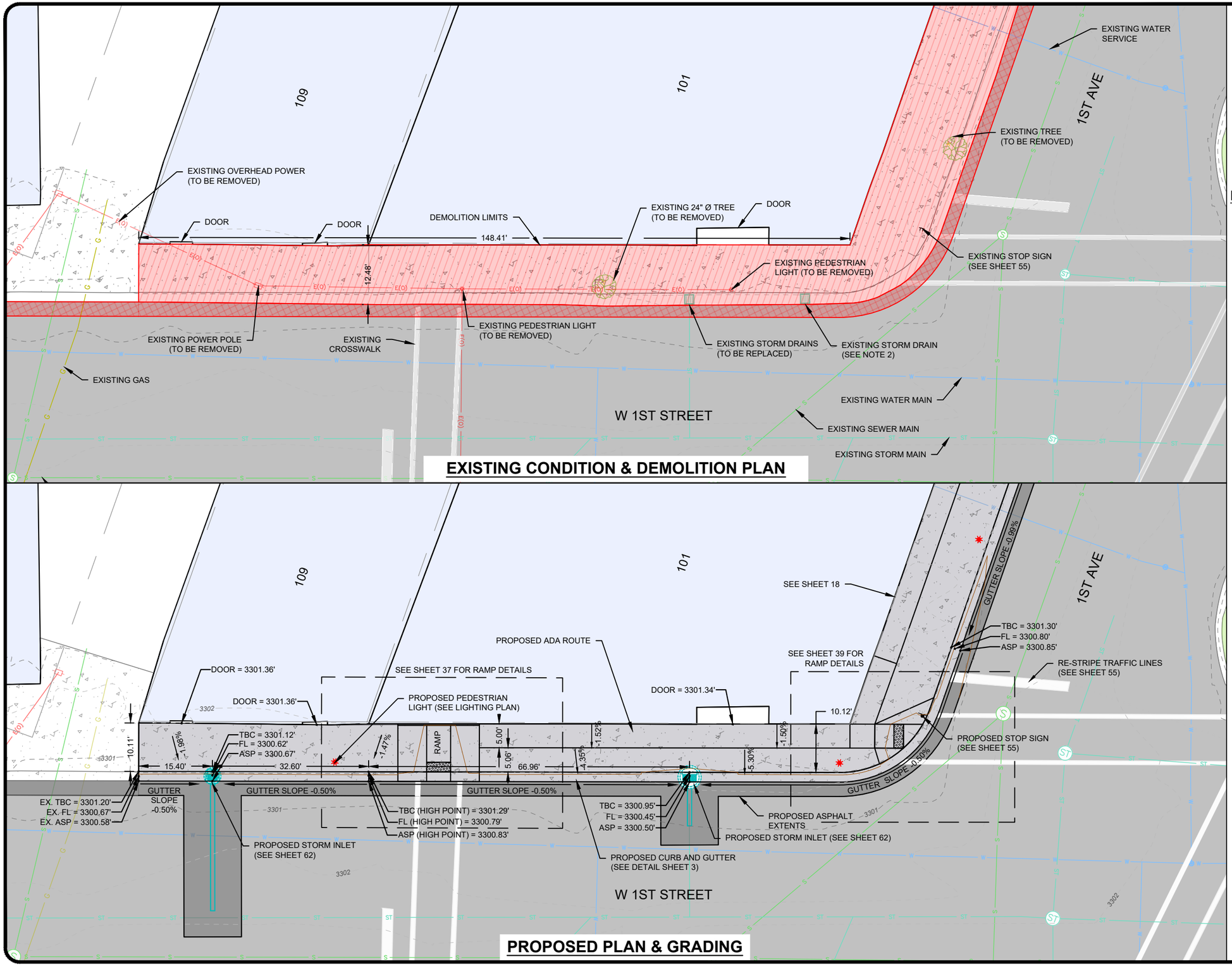
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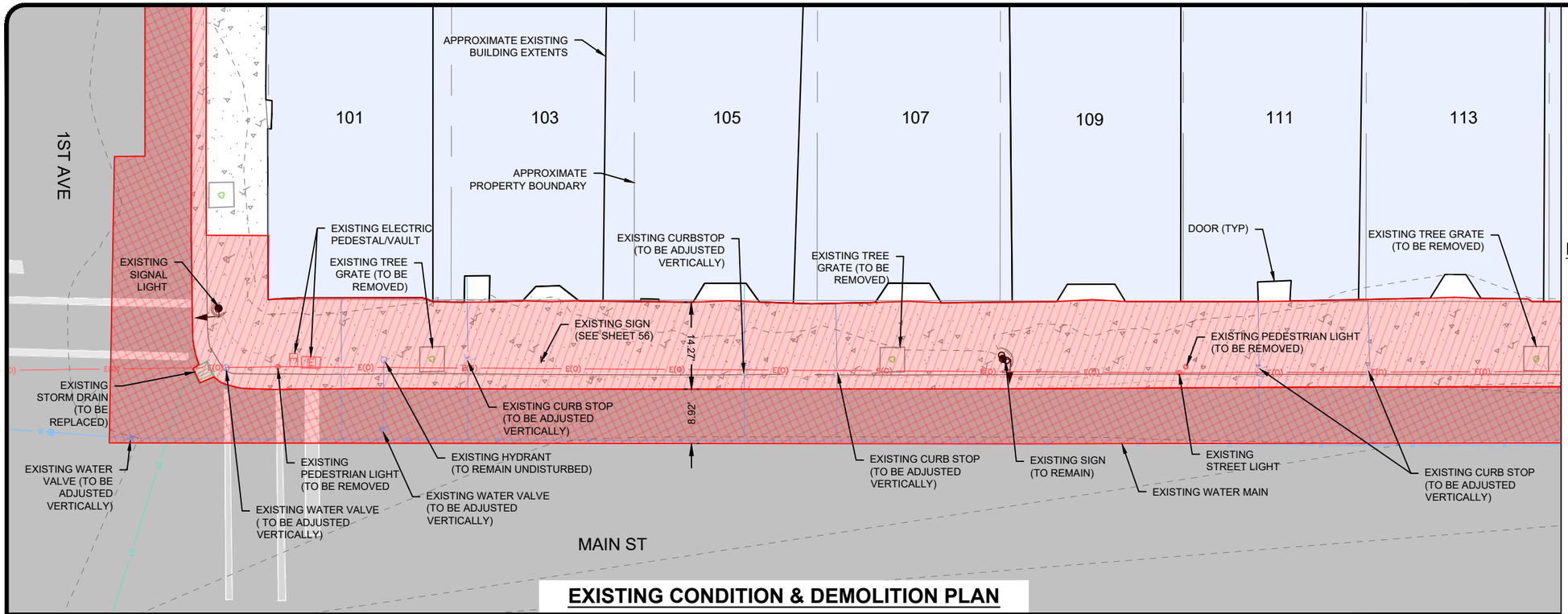
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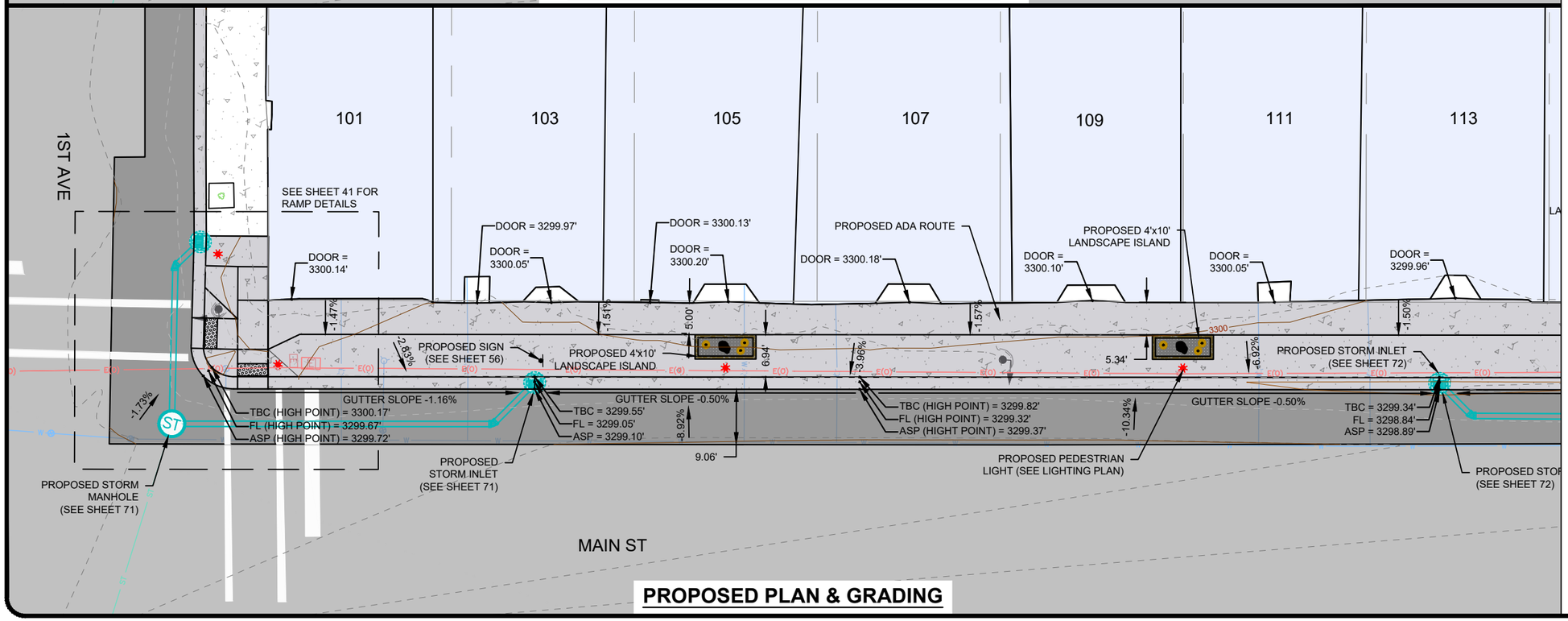
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EXISTING CONDITION & DEMOLITION PLAN



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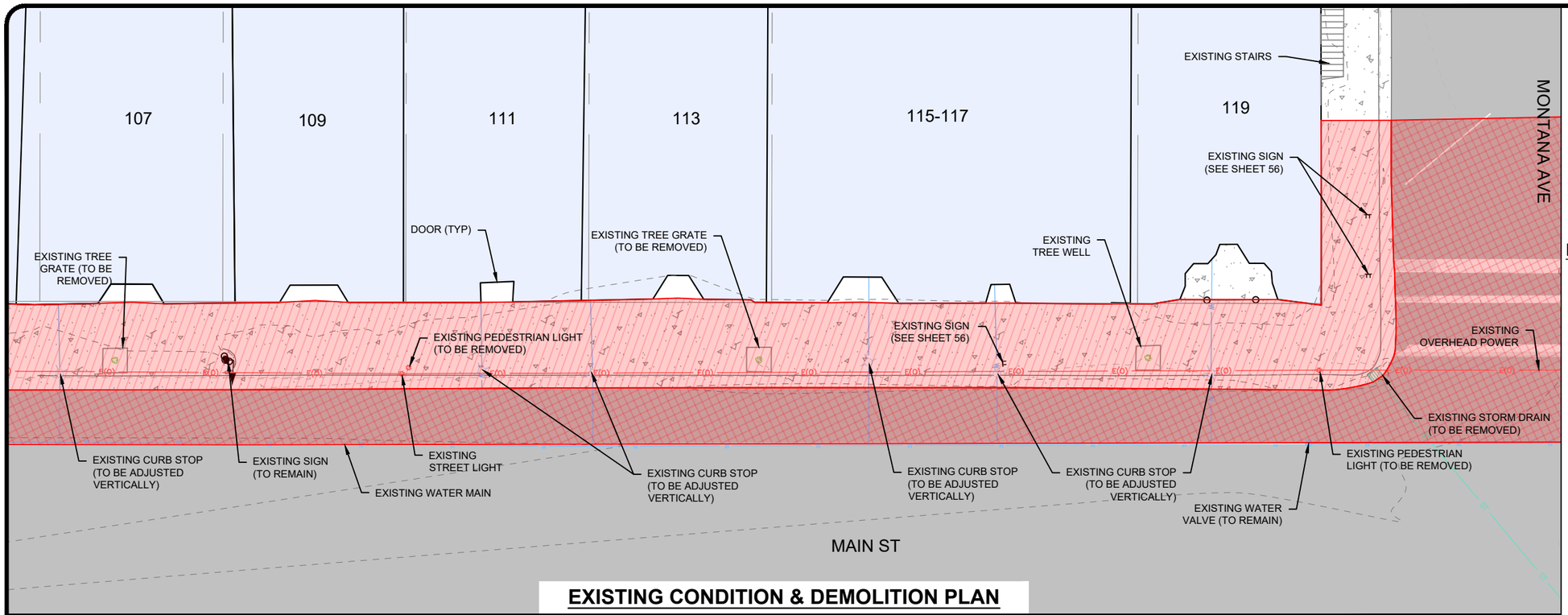
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MAIN ST - 1ST AVE TO MT AVE NORTH SIDE - 1

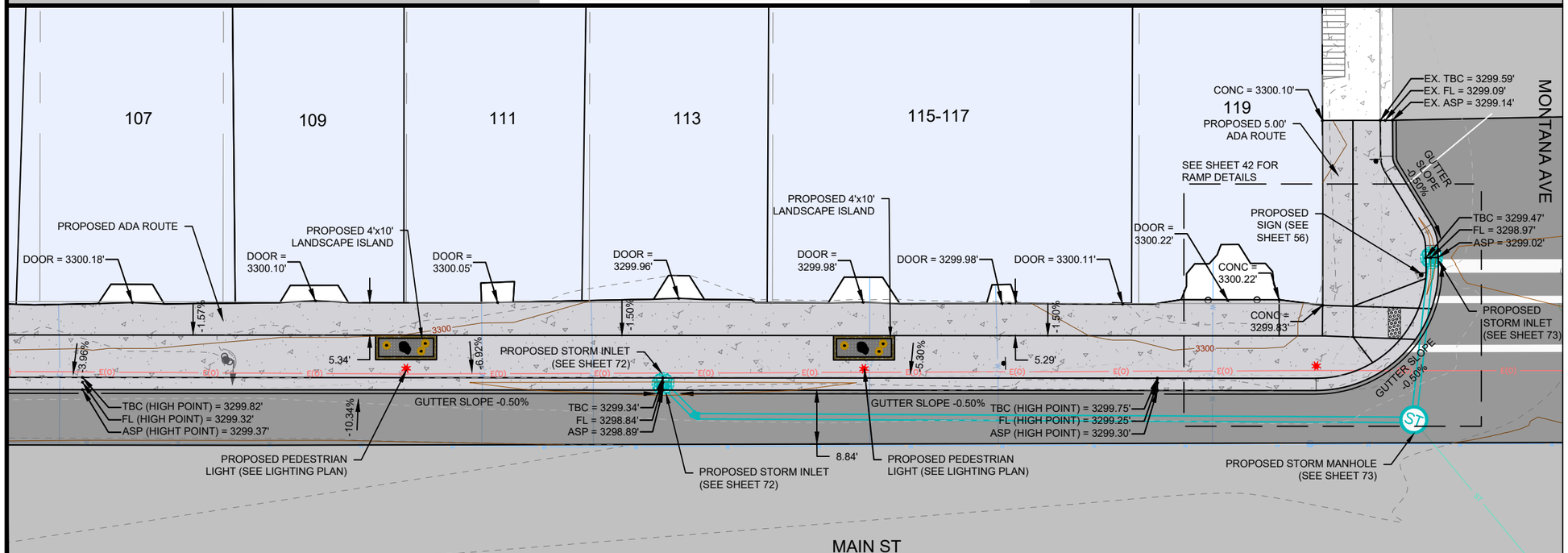
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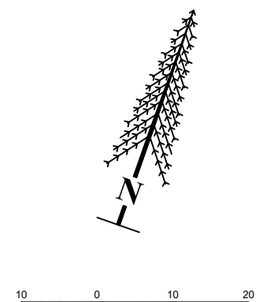
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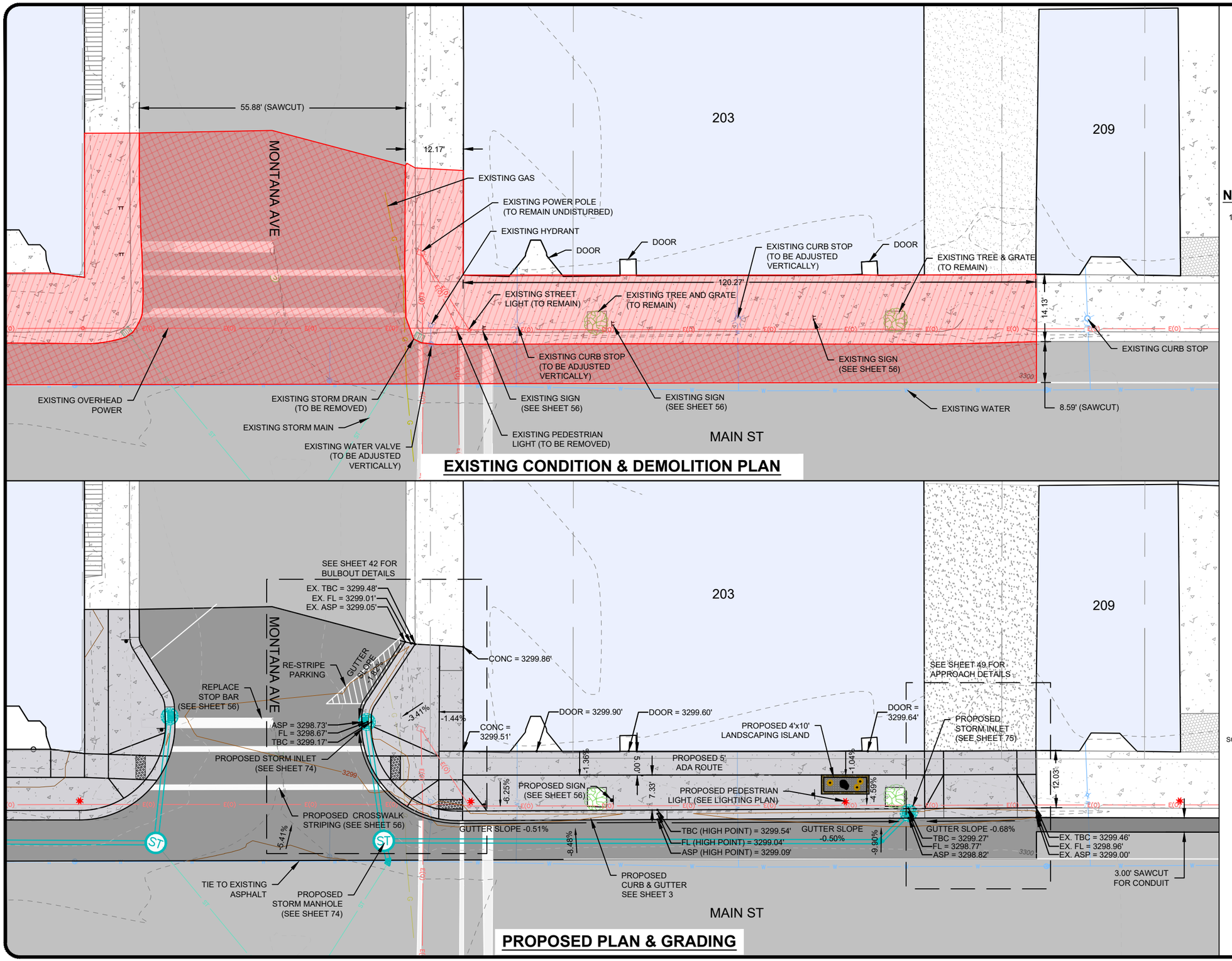
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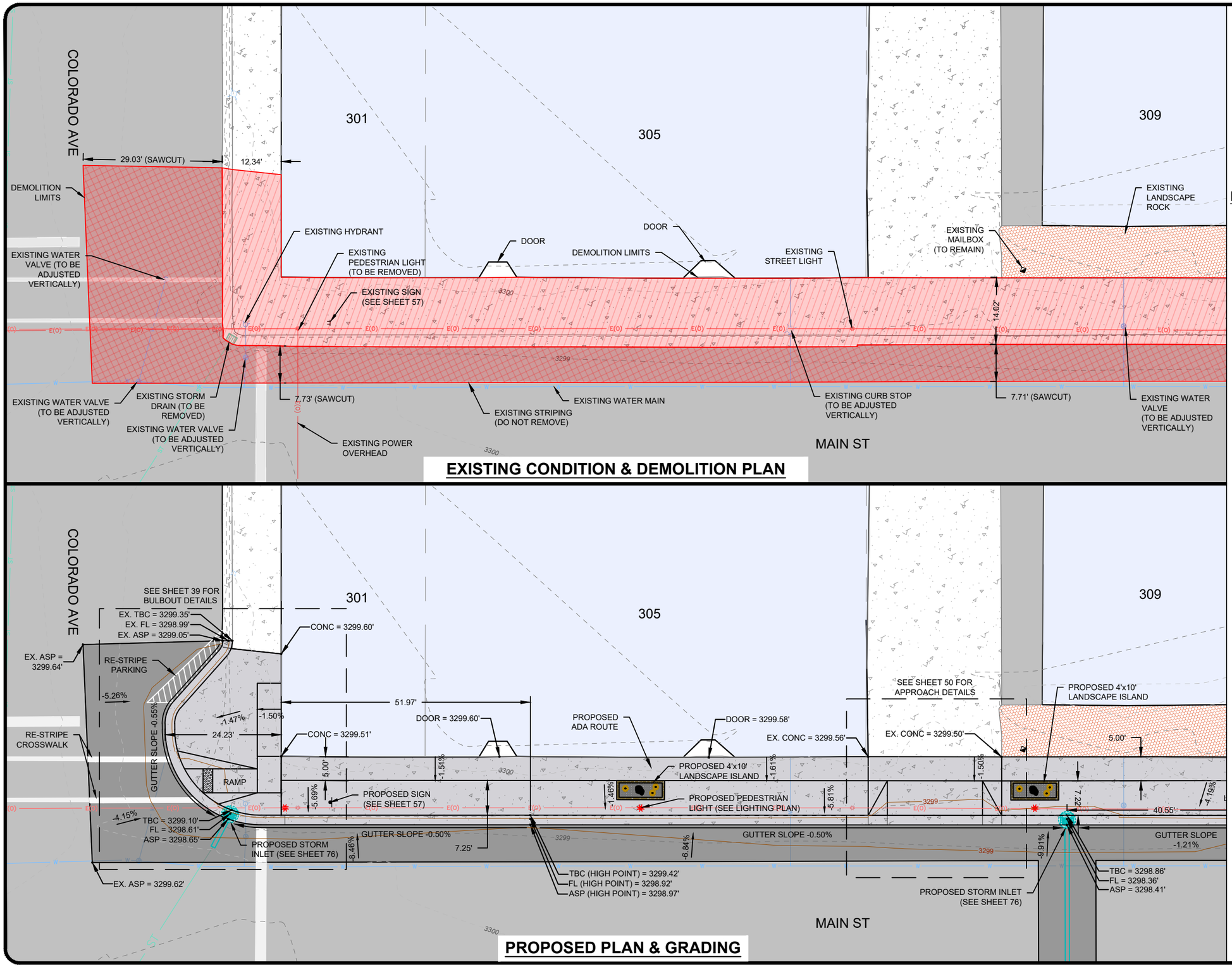
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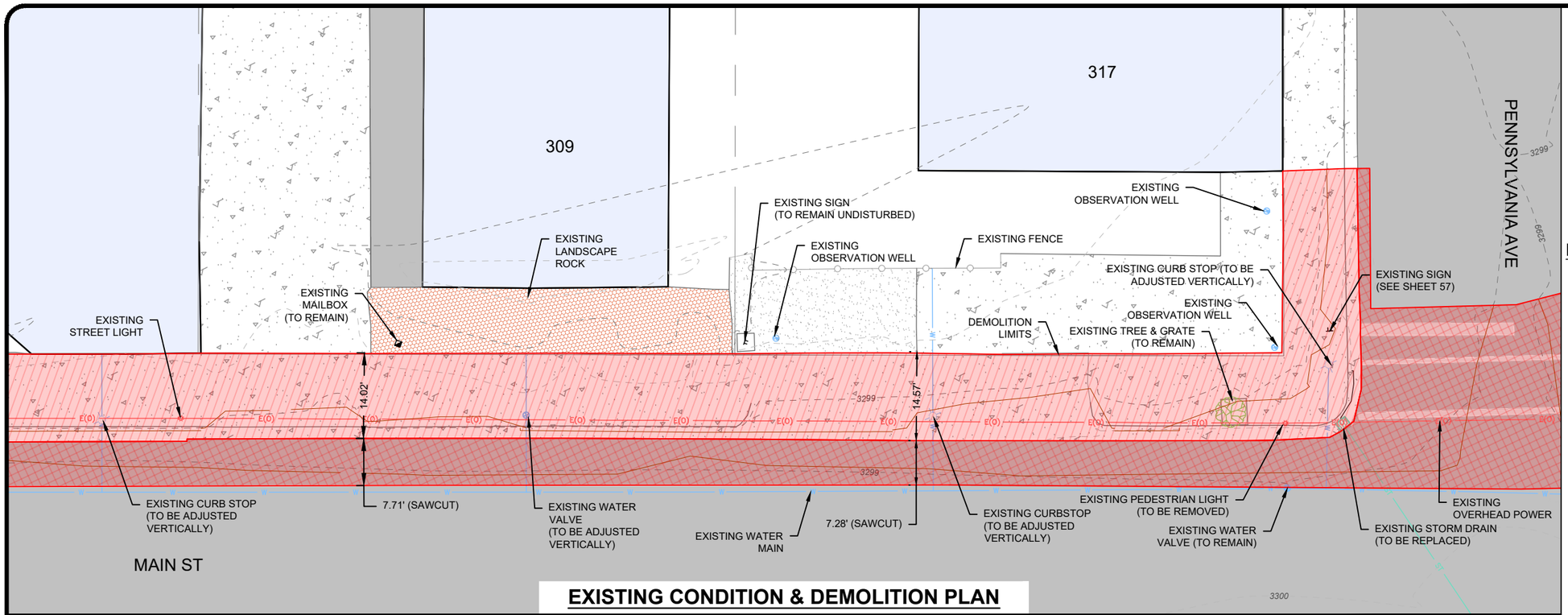
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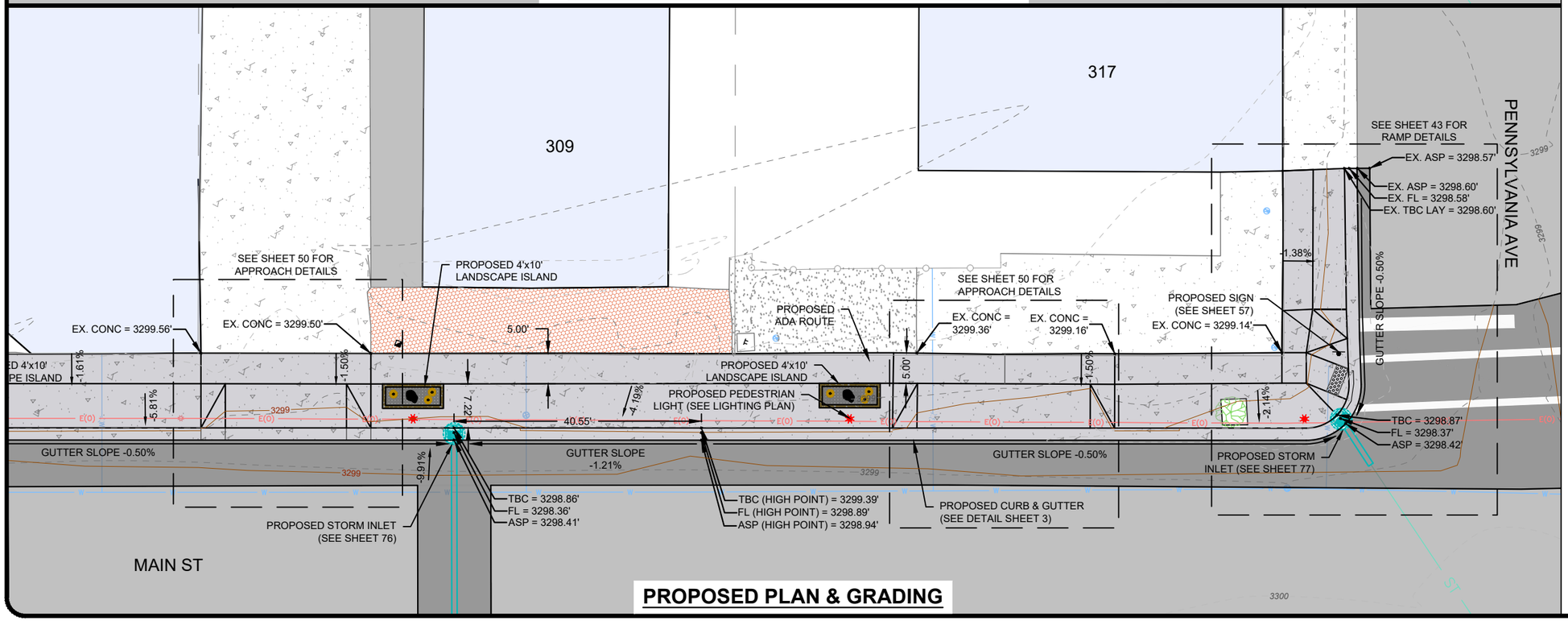
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EXISTING CONDITION & DEMOLITION PLAN



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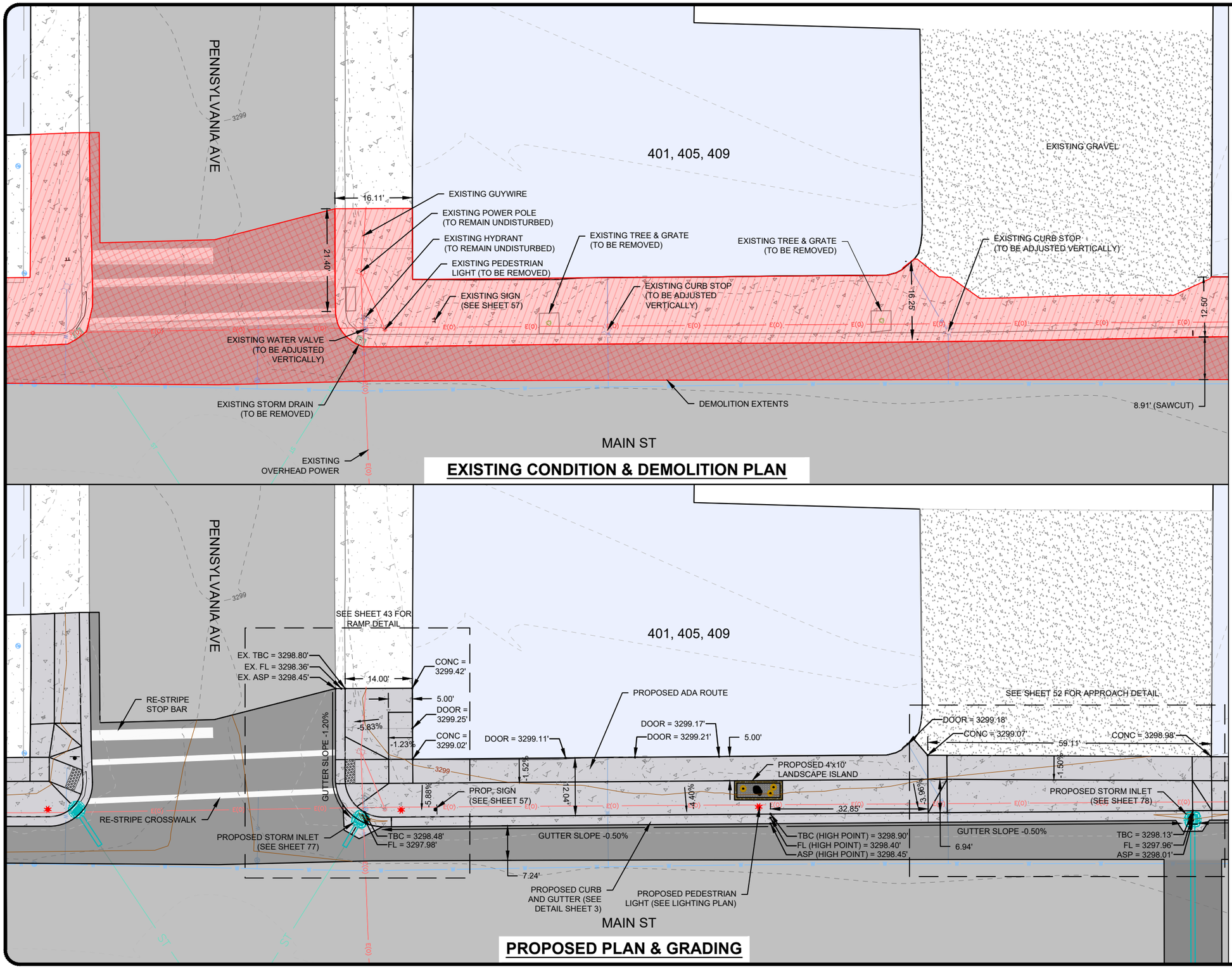
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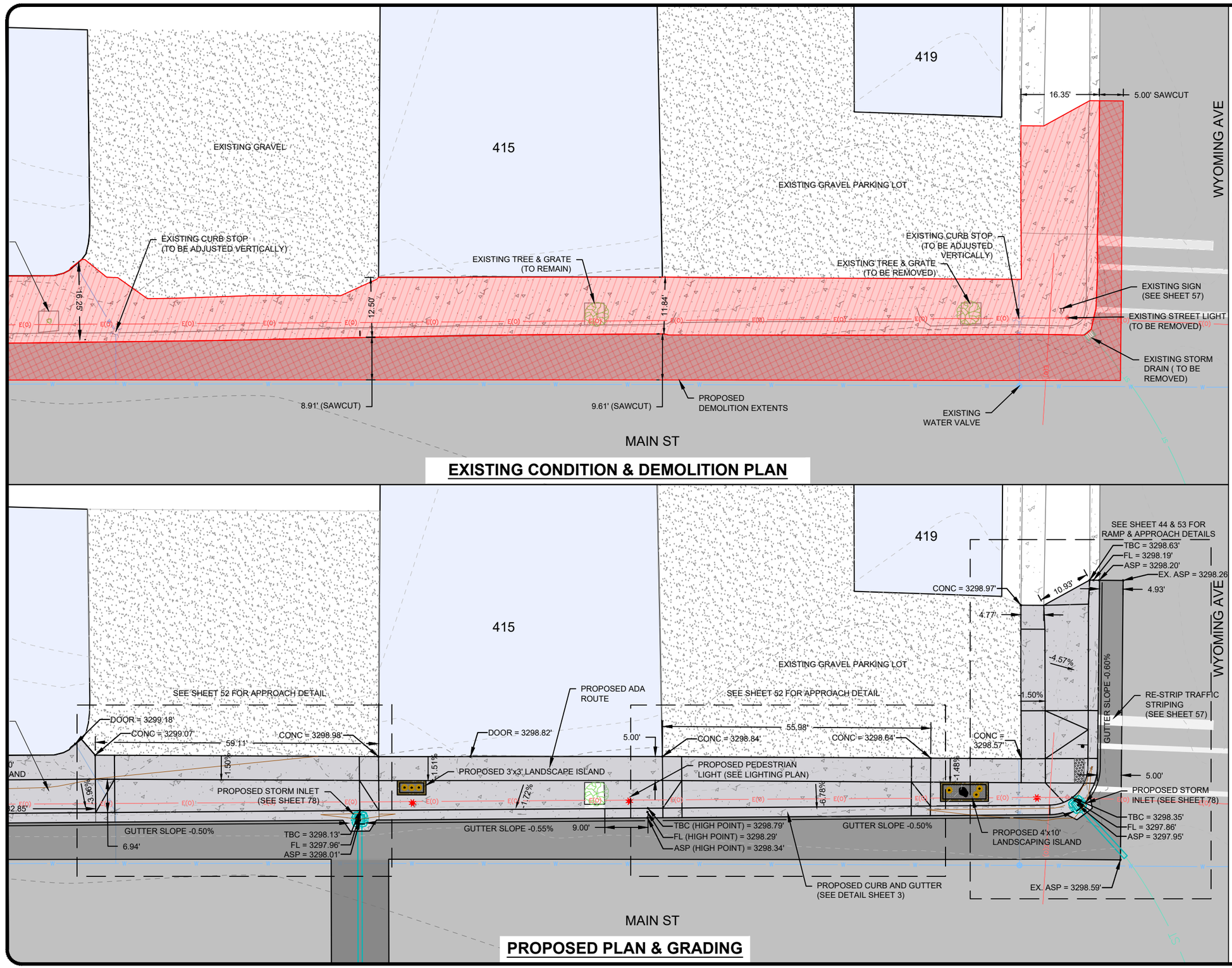
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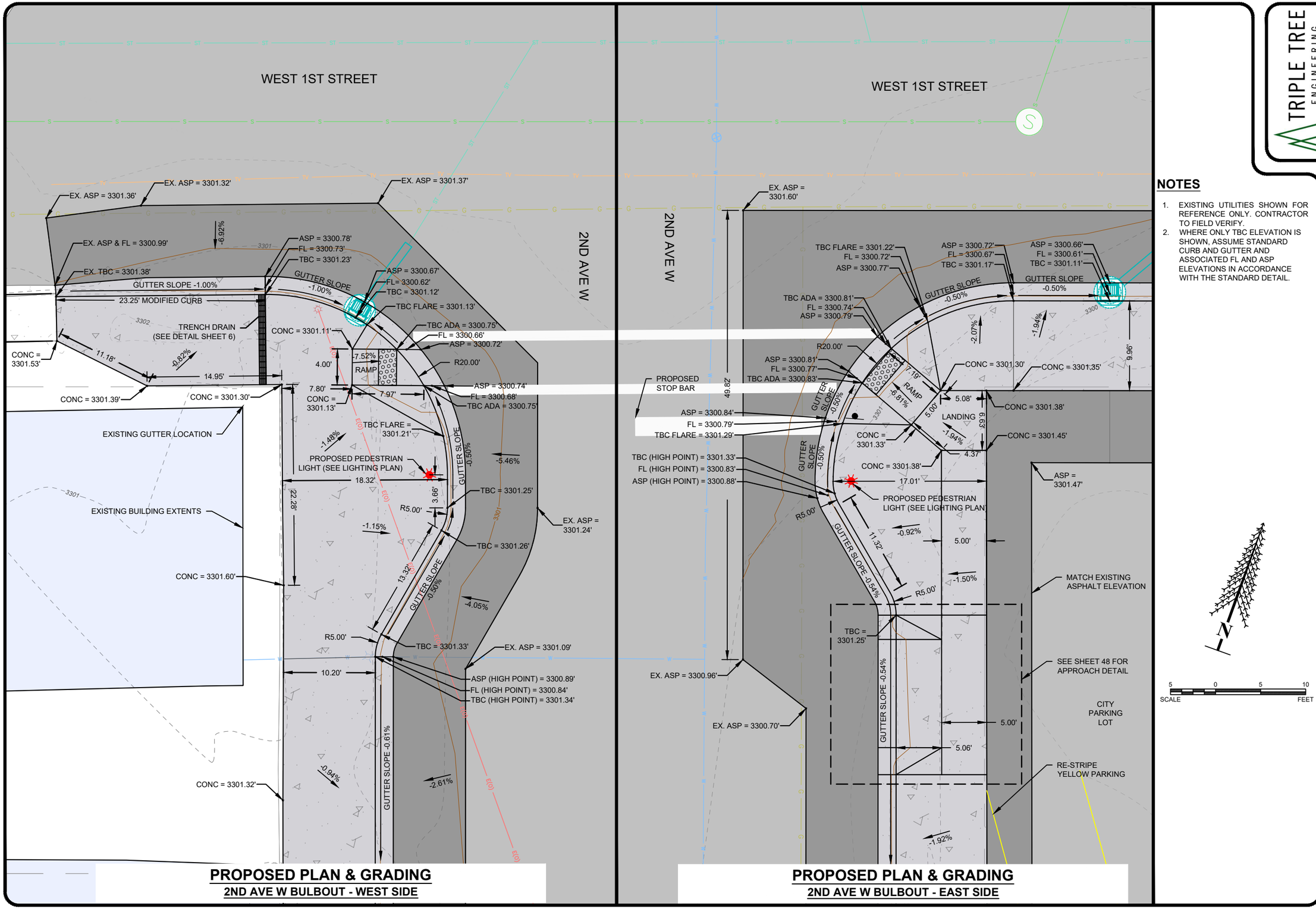
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PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W BULBOUT - WEST SIDE

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W BULBOUT - EAST SIDE

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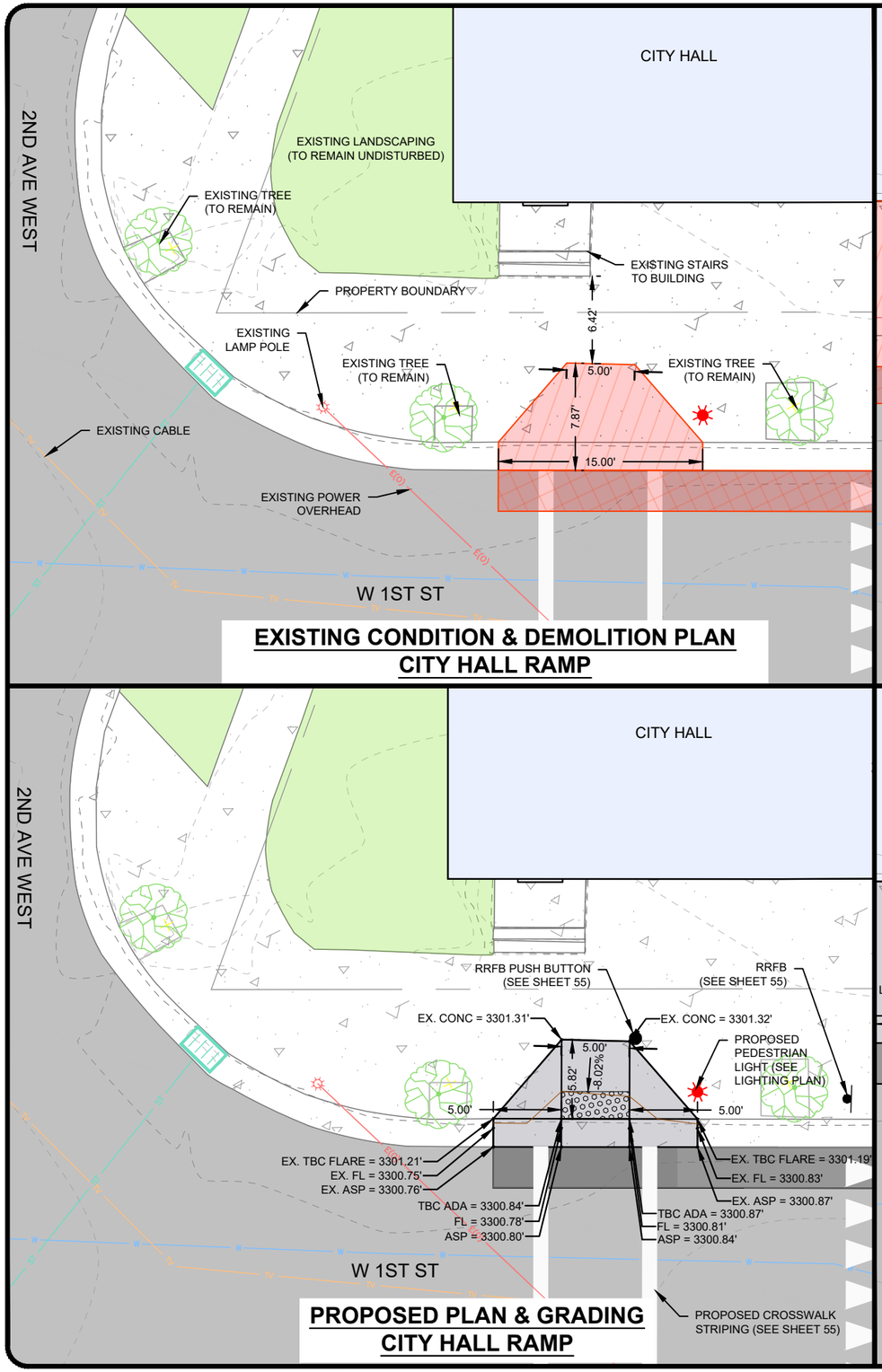
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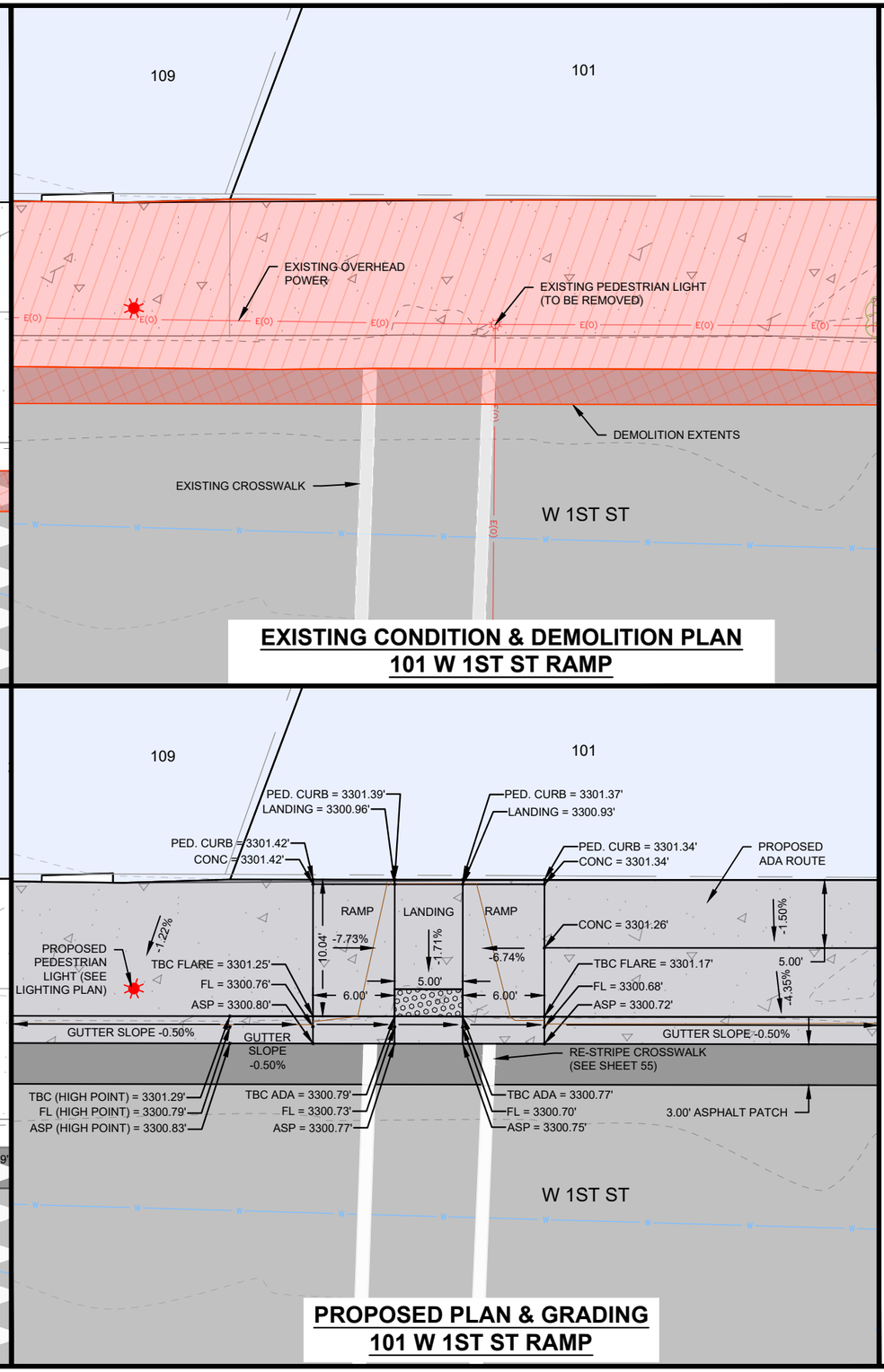
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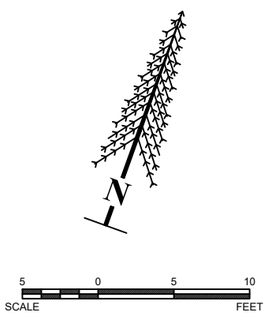
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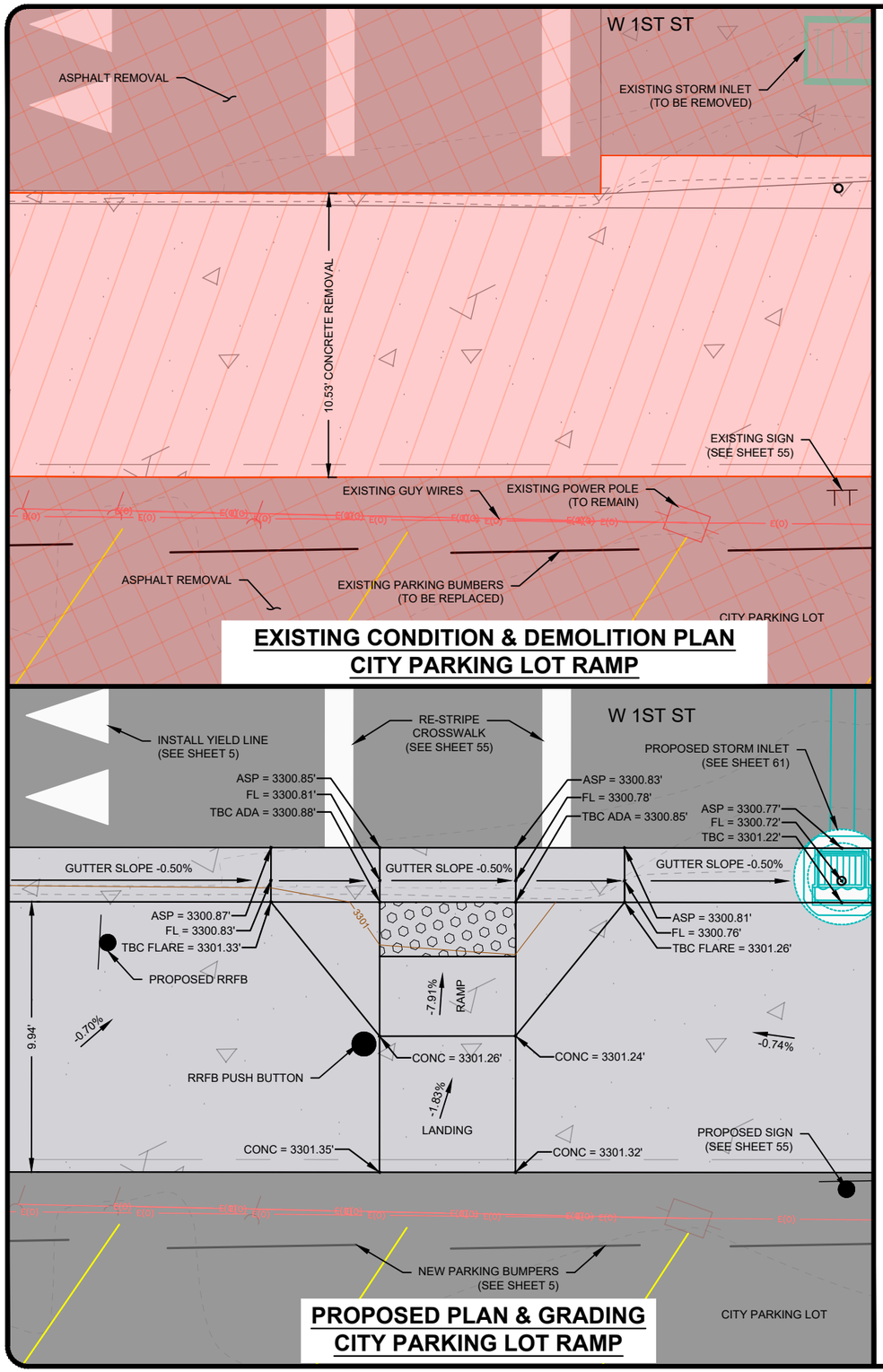
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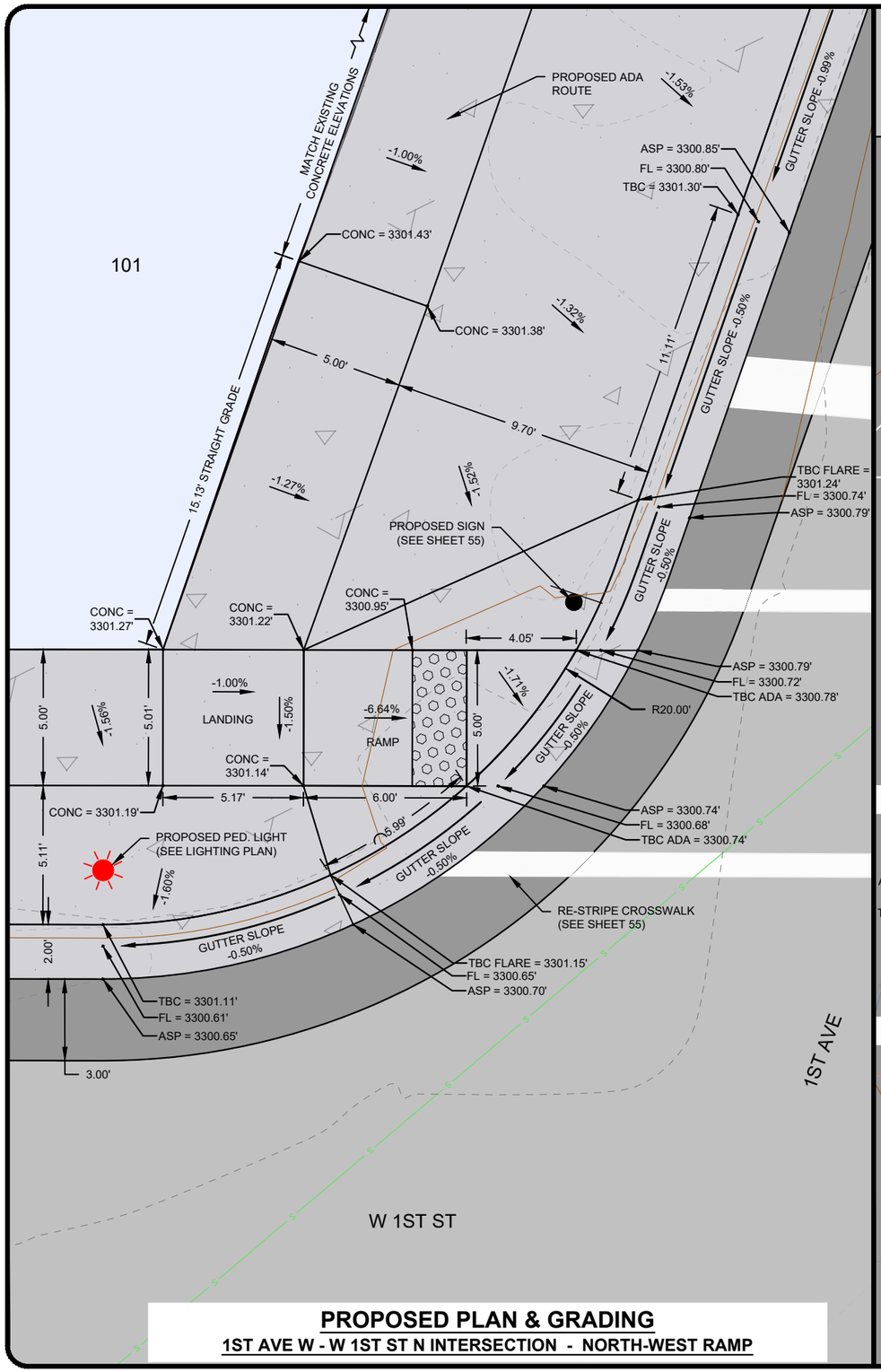
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GRADING DETAIL - CITY PARKING LOT RAMP

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1ST AVE W - W 1ST ST N INTERSECTION - NORTH-WEST RAMP

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

COLORADO AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION BULBOUT - EAST SIDE

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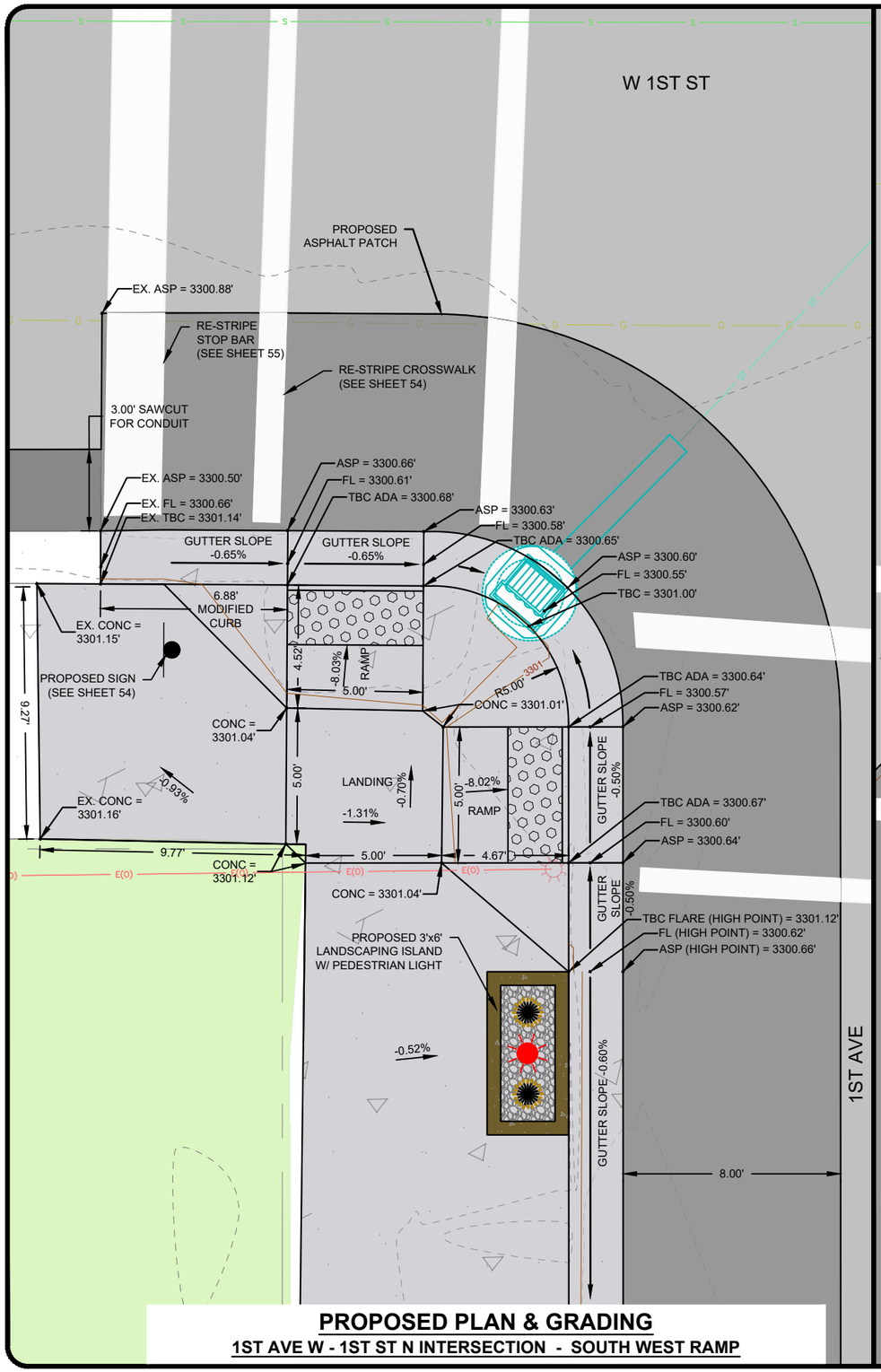
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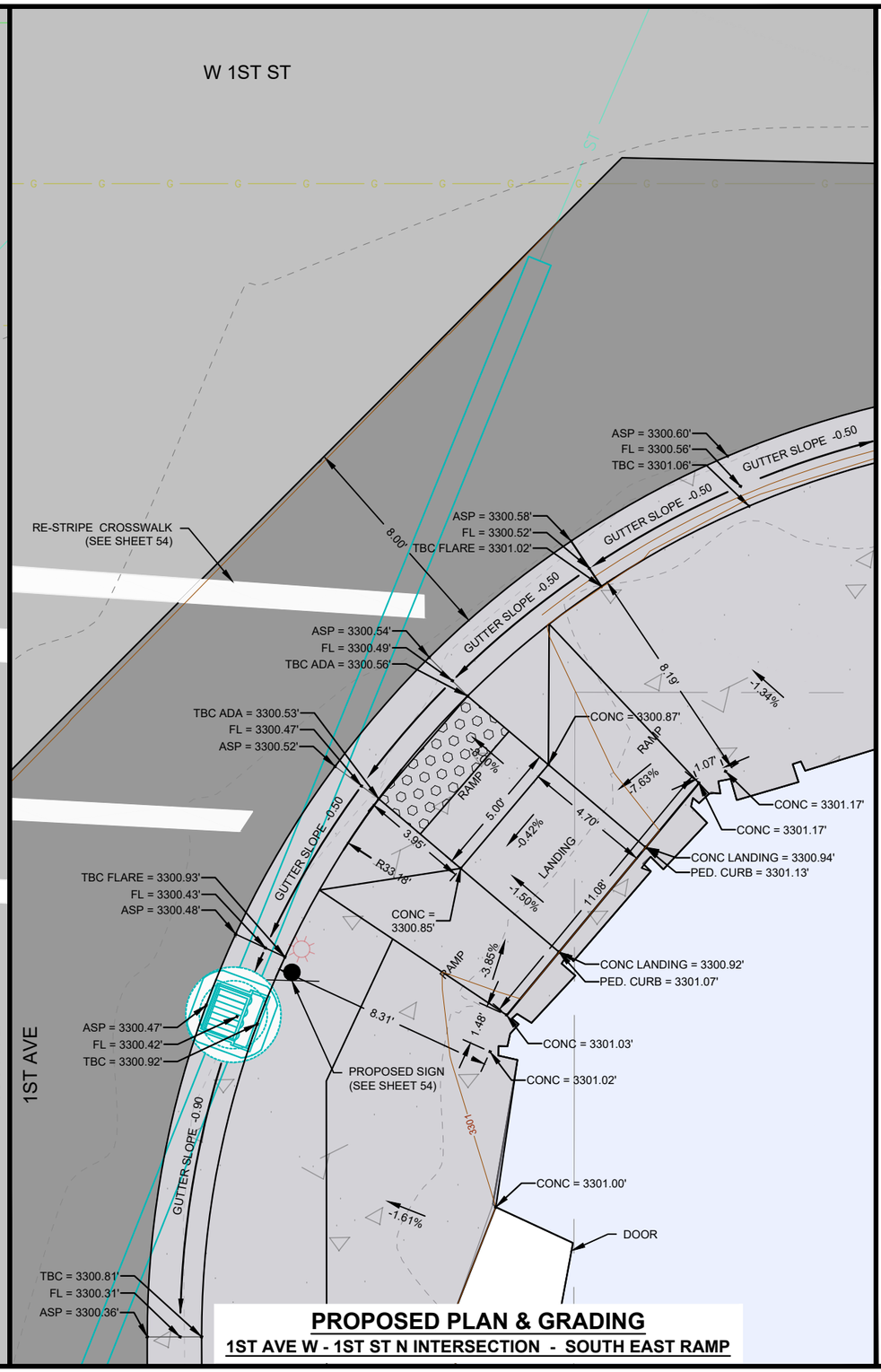
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PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

1ST AVE W - 1ST ST N INTERSECTION - SOUTH WEST RAMP



PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

1ST AVE W - 1ST ST N INTERSECTION - SOUTH EAST RAMP

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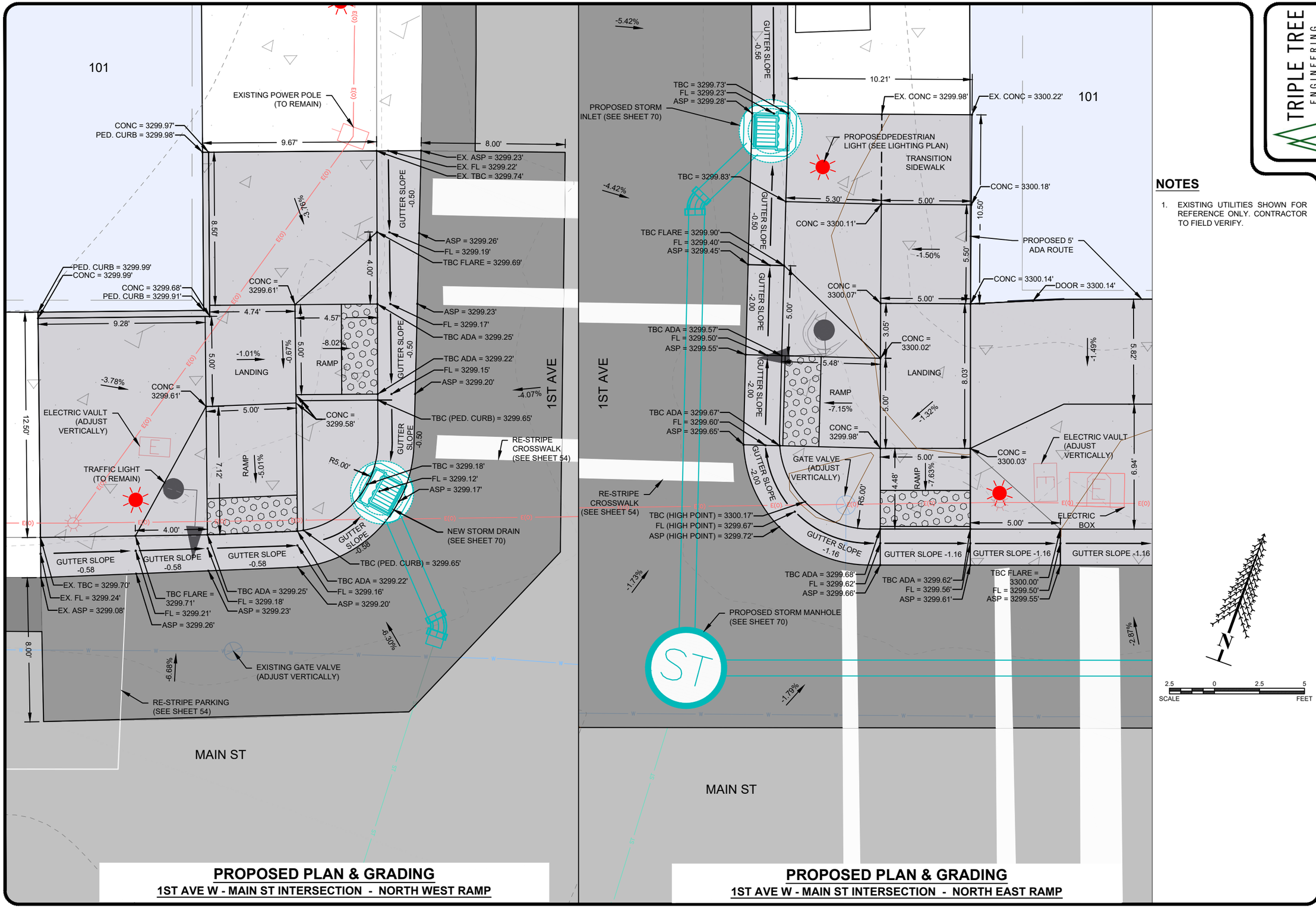
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PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
1ST AVE W - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH WEST RAMP

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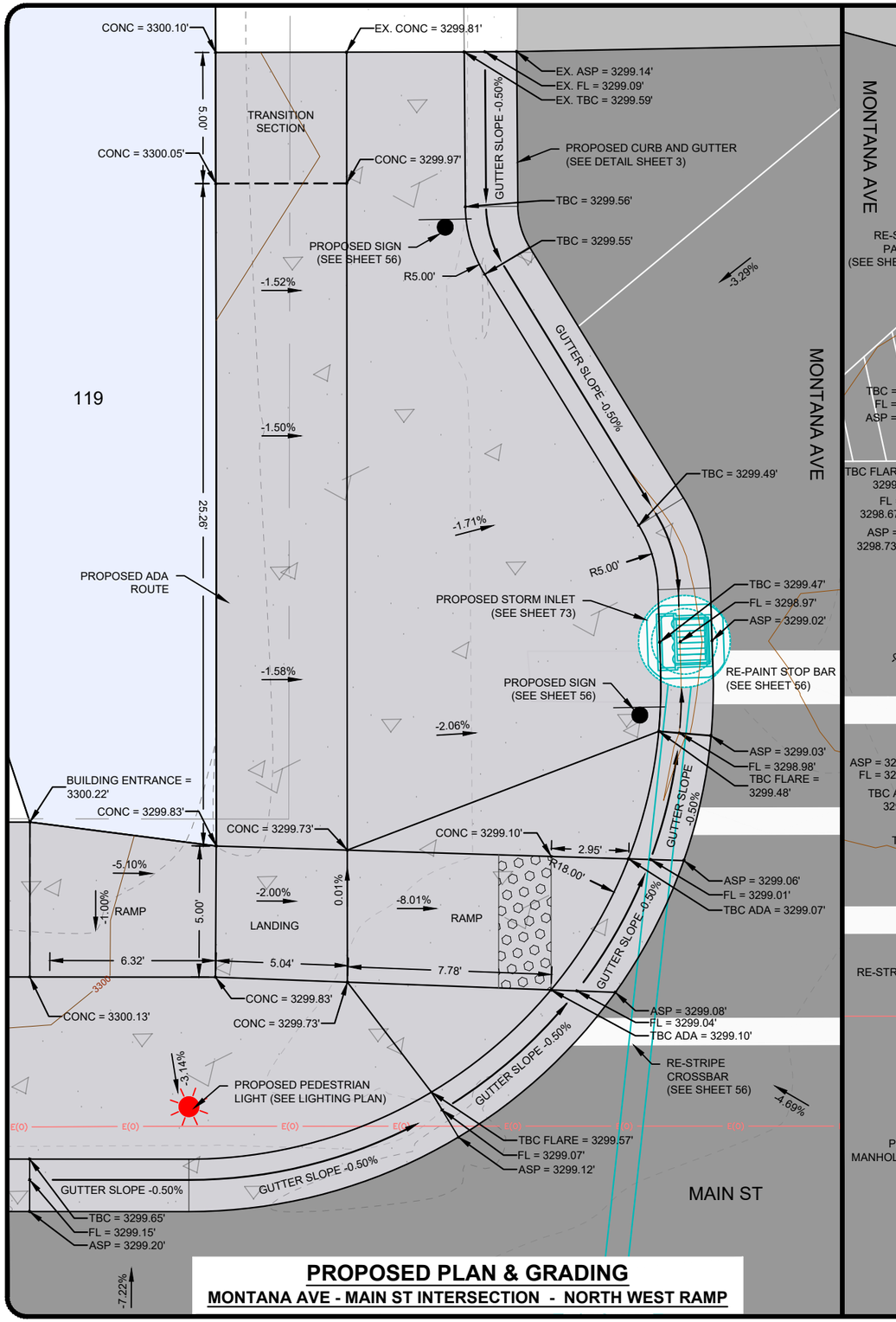
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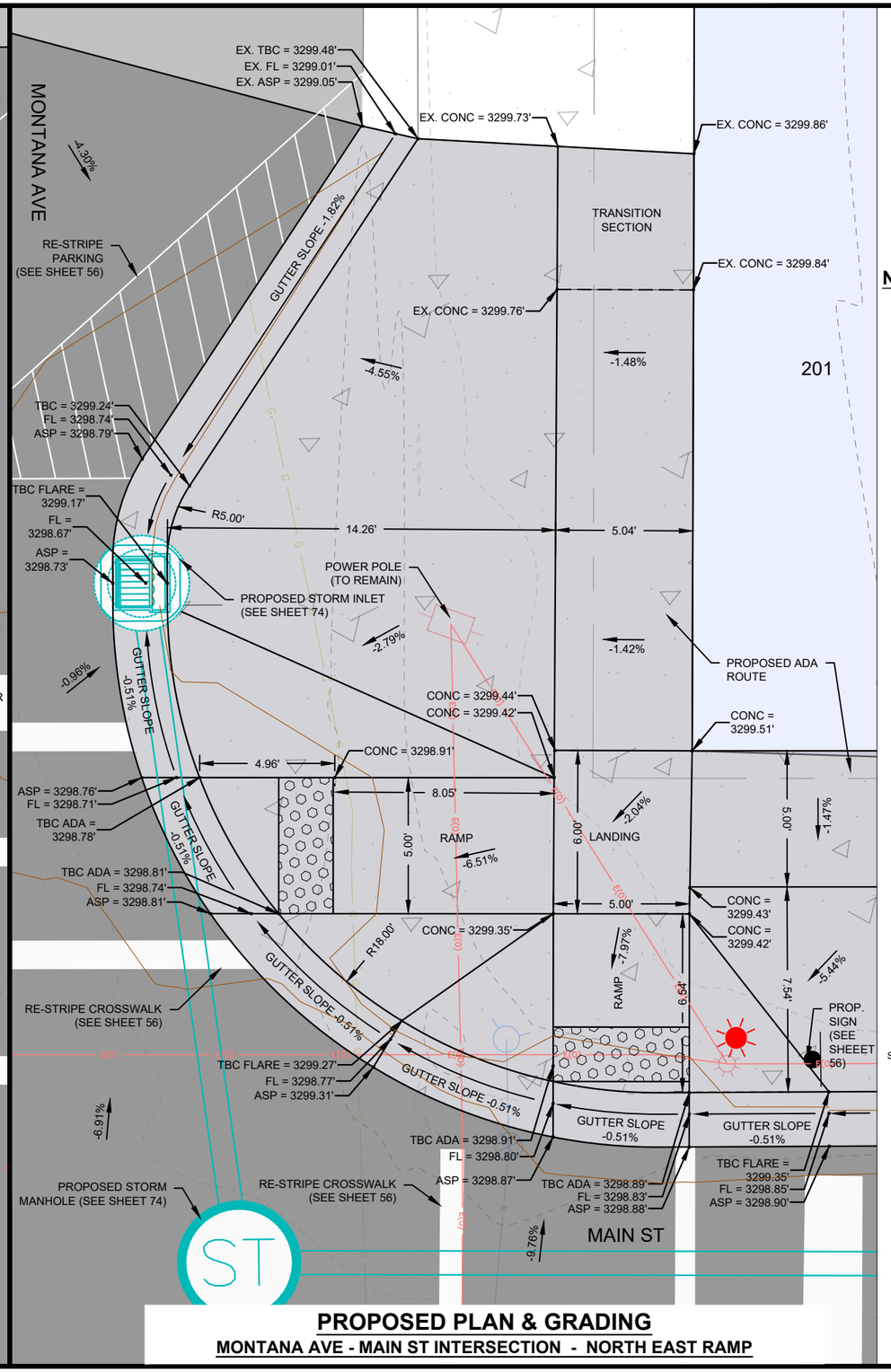
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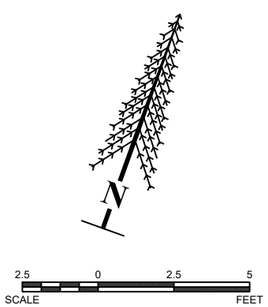
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MONTANA AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH WEST RAMP



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MONTANA AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH EAST RAMP



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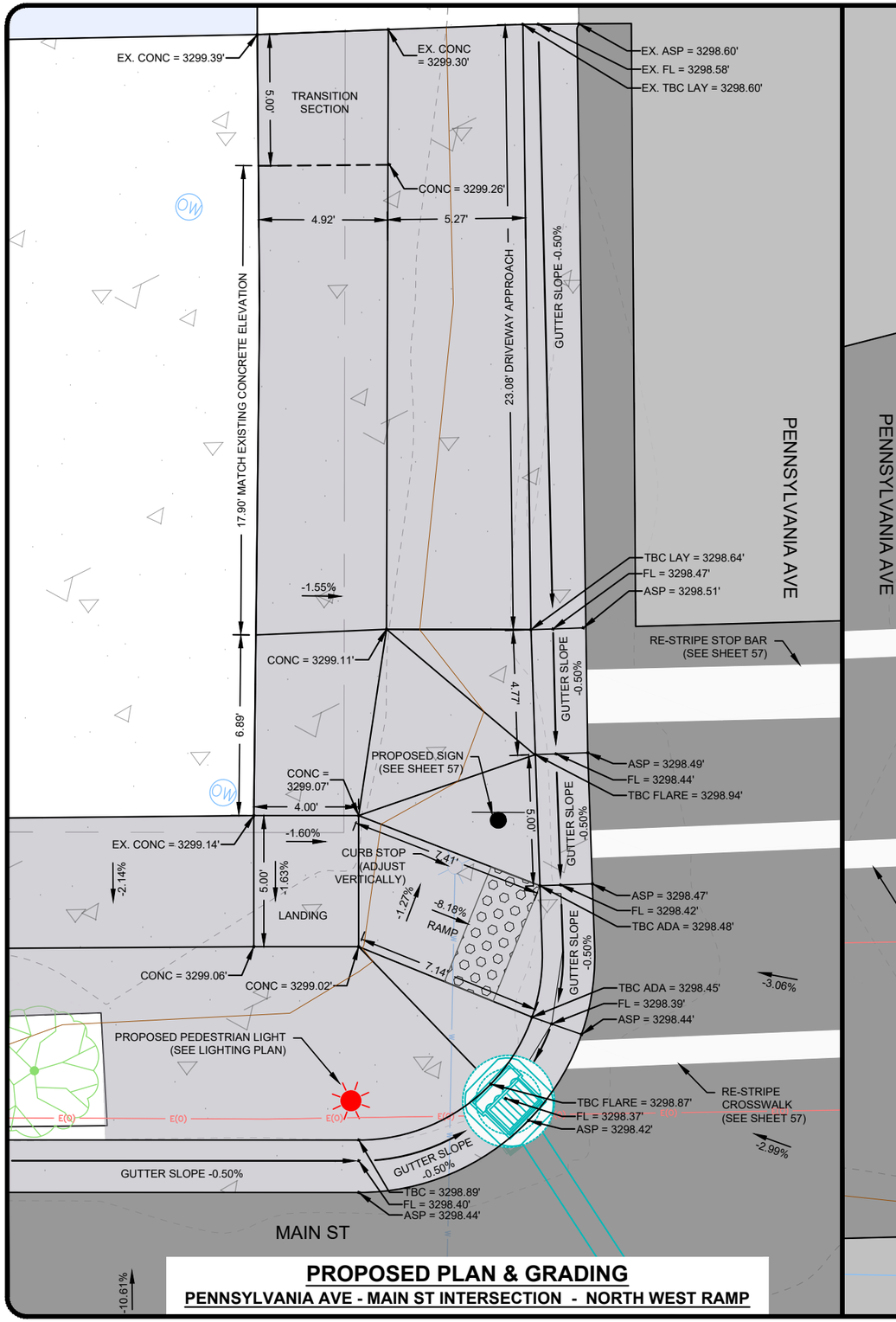
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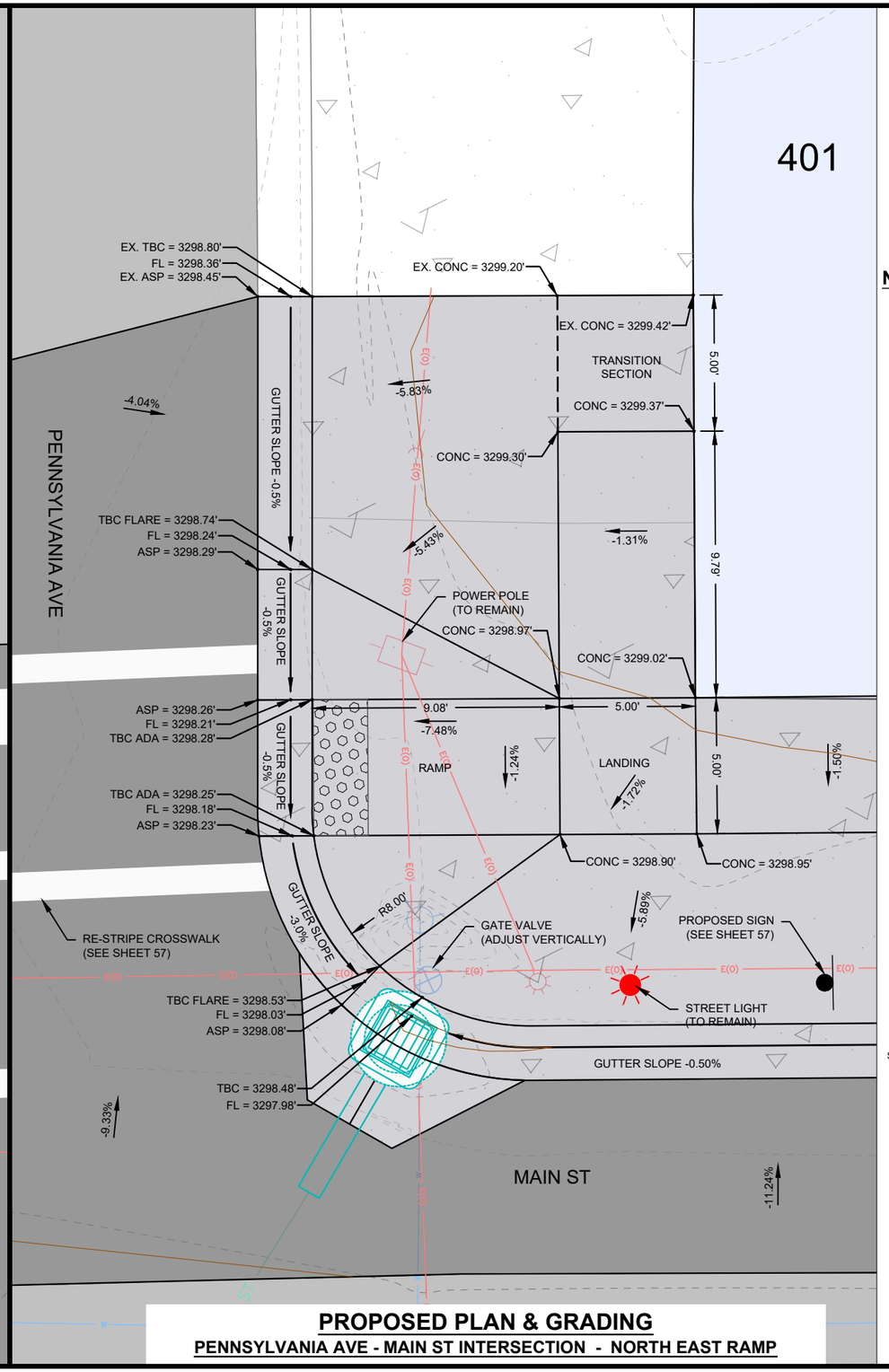
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PENNSYLVANIA AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH WEST RAMP



PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

PENNSYLVANIA AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH EAST RAMP

NOTES

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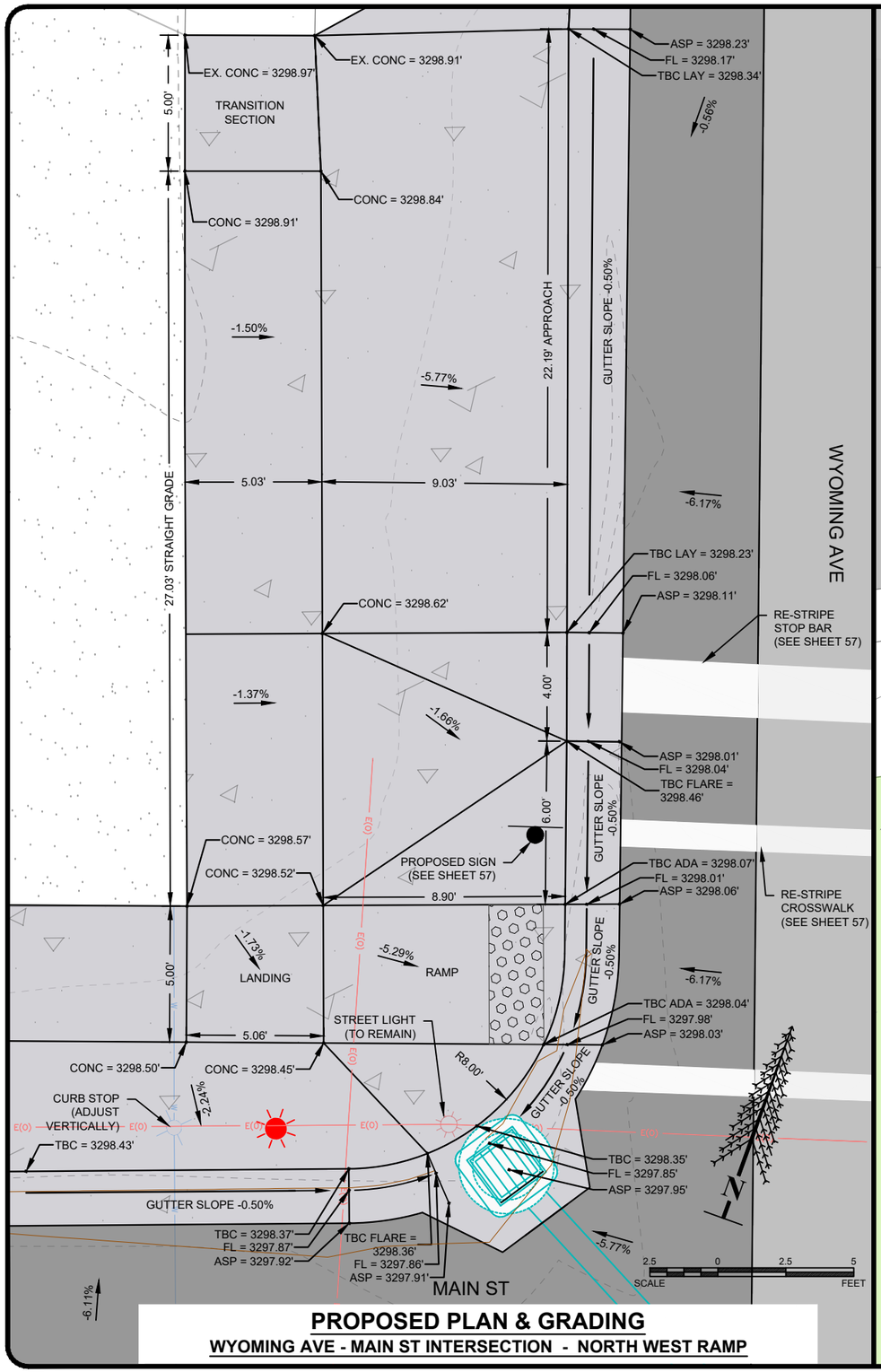
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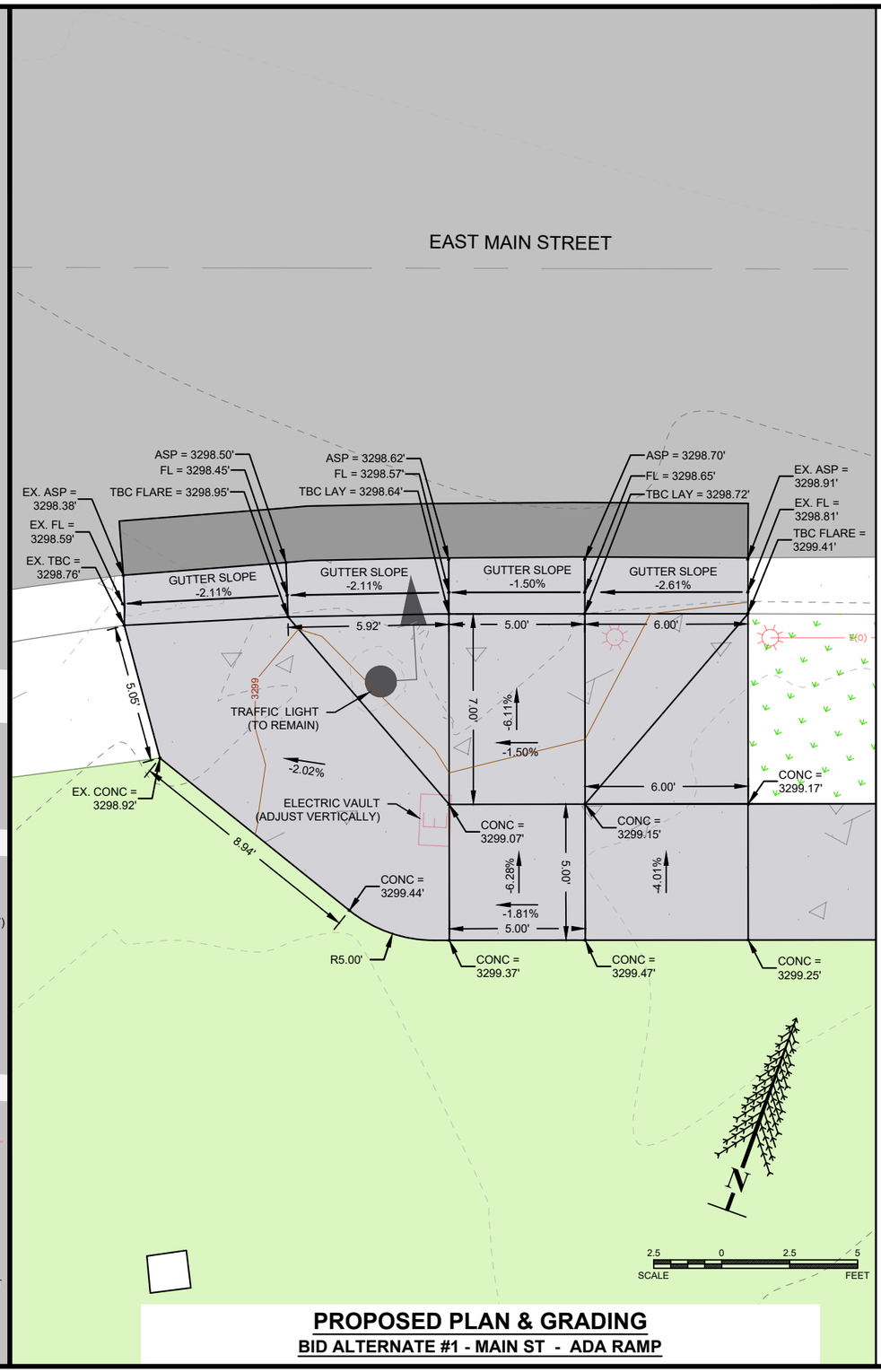
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WYOMING AVE - MAIN ST INTERSECTION - NORTH WEST RAMP



PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

BID ALTERNATE #1 - MAIN ST - ADA RAMP

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2. WHERE ONLY TBC ELEVATION IS SHOWN, ASSUME STANDARD CURB AND GUTTER AND ASSOCIATED FL AND ASP ELEVATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD DETAIL.

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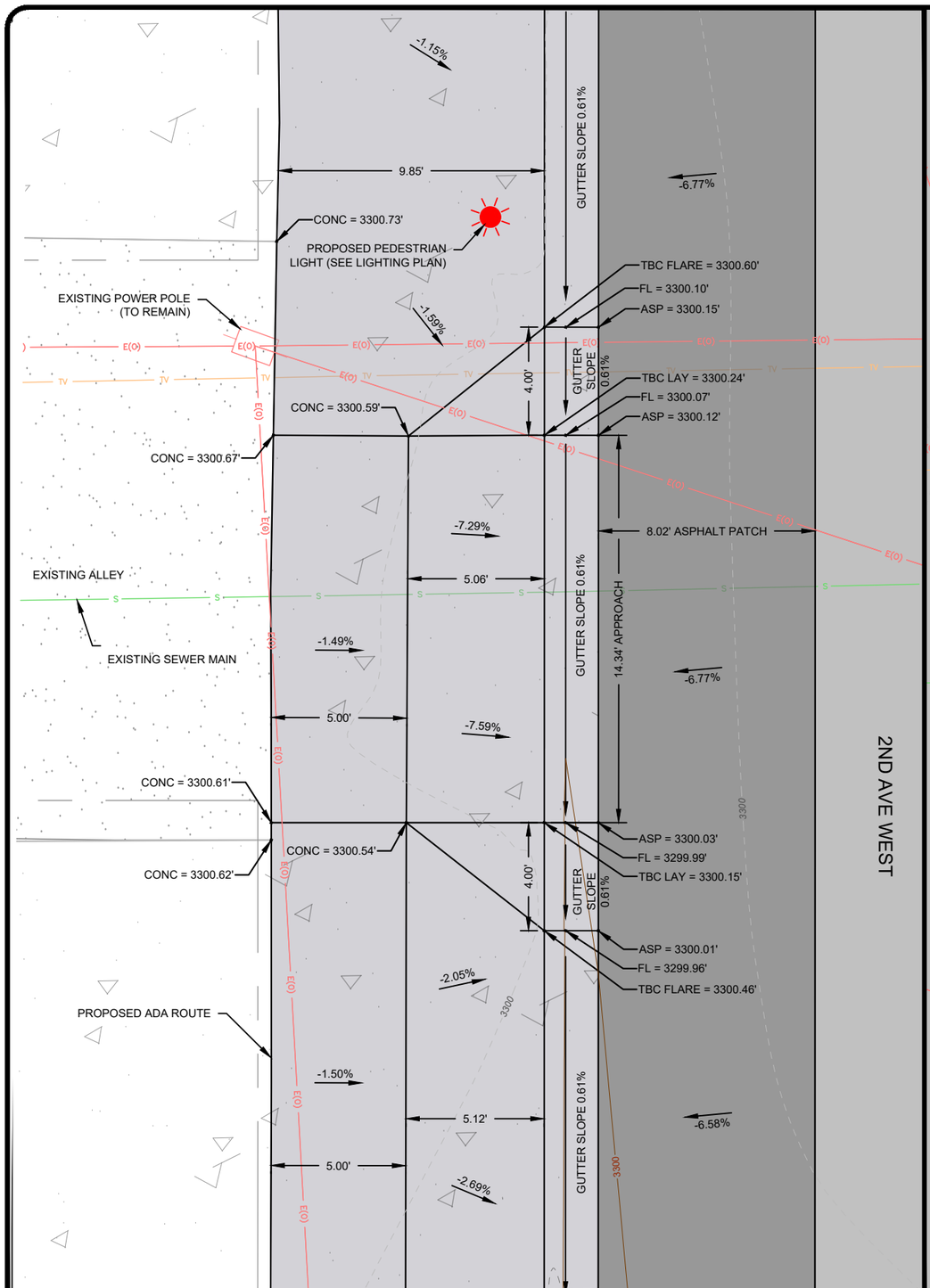
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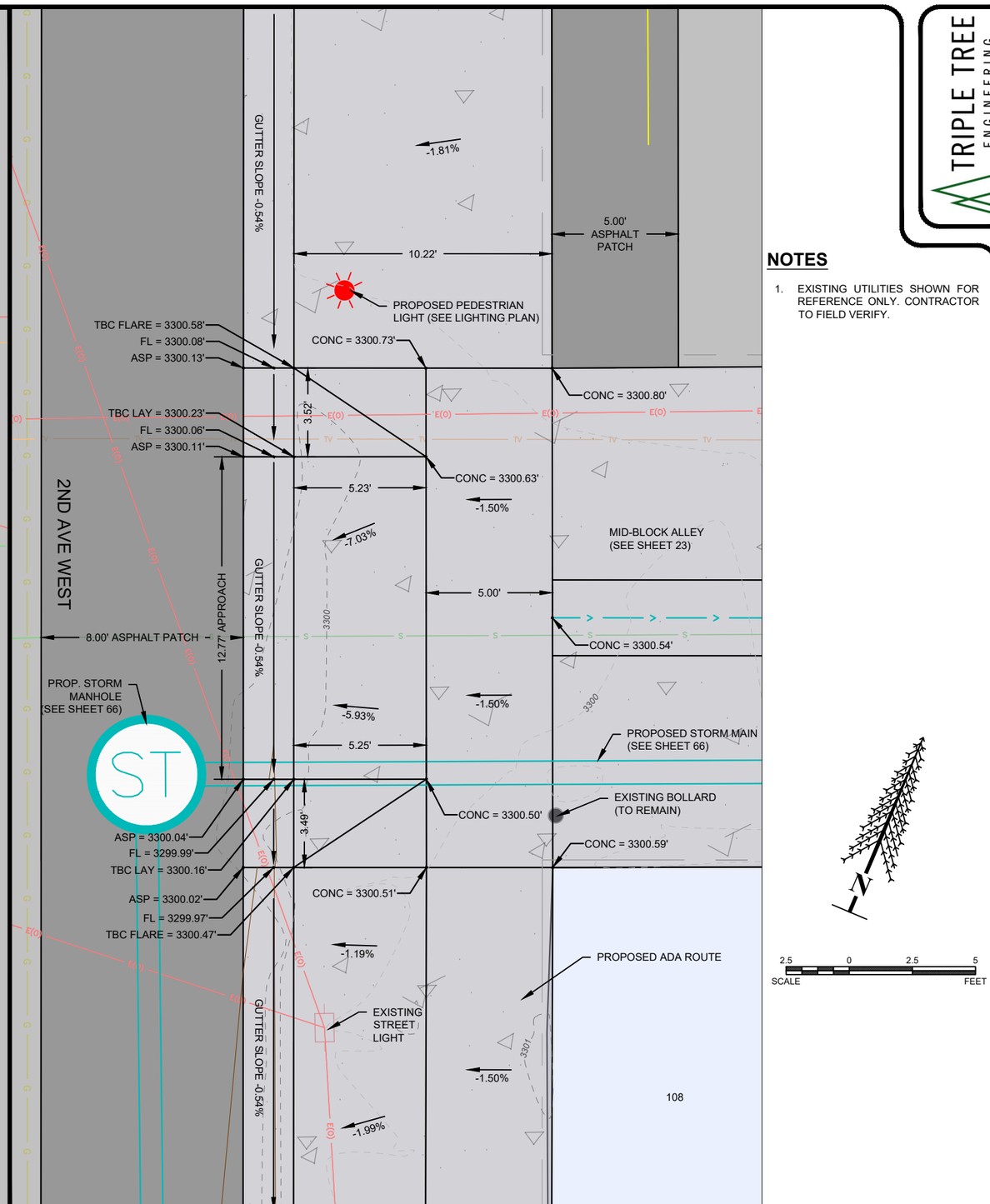
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PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE ALLEY APPROACH - EAST SIDE



PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE ALLEY APPROACH - WEST SIDE

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GRADING DETAIL - ALLEY APPROACHES - 2ND AVE ALLEYS

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EXISTING SIGN (TO REMAIN)

3.22' SAWCUT FOR CONDUIT

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)

EX. TBC = 3300.34'
EX. FL = 3299.96'
EX. ASP = 3300.16'

5.89'

CONC = 3300.74'

CONC = 3300.55'

4.00'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.67%

-1.66%

CONC = 3300.65'

ASP = 3300.00'
FL = 3299.94'
TBC LAY = 3300.11'

MID-BLOCK ALLEY (SEE SHEET 24)

EXISTING SEWER MAIN

-11.59%

3.00' ASPHALT PATCH

1ST AVE W

CONC = 3300.55'

11.51'

11.51' APPROACH

GUTTER SLOPE -0.67%

4.90'

-1.49%

-12.91%

CONC = 3300.65'

ASP = 3299.93'
FL = 3299.86'
TBC LAY = 3300.03'

4.11'

4.04'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.67%

CONC = 3300.72'

CONC = 3300.51'

5.00'

4.91'

EX. ASP = 3299.81'
EX. FL = 3299.83'
EX. TBC = 3299.88'

3.00' SAWCUT FOR CONDUIT

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
1ST AVE ALLEY APPROACH - WEST SIDE

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

-4.80%

-1.50%

-3.94%

TBC FLARE = 3300.20'
FL = 3299.70'
ASP = 3299.75'

4.91'

5.00'

CONC = 3300.42'

CONC = 3300.50'

TBC LAY = 3299.74'
FL = 3299.73'
ASP = 3299.78'

4.09'

-1.50%

CONC = 3300.34'

1ST AVE W

-10.66%

MID-BLOCK ALLEY (SEE SHEET 25)

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

11.91' APPROACH

CONC = 3300.29'

PROPOSED STORM DRAIN (SEE SHEET 68)

PROPOSED STORM (SEE SHEET 68)

-8.51%

CONC = 3300.25'

-1.50%

EXISTING BOLLARD

ASP = 3299.84'
FL = 3299.80'
TBC LAY = 3299.81'

4.14'

CONC = 3300.27'

CONC = 3300.35'

ASP (HIGH POINT) = 3299.71'
FL (HIGH POINT) = 3299.81'
TBC FLARE (HIGH POINT) = 3300.31'

4.98'

5.00'

7.99' ASPHALT PATCH

GUTTER SLOPE -0.56%

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
1ST AVE ALLEY APPROACH - EAST SIDE

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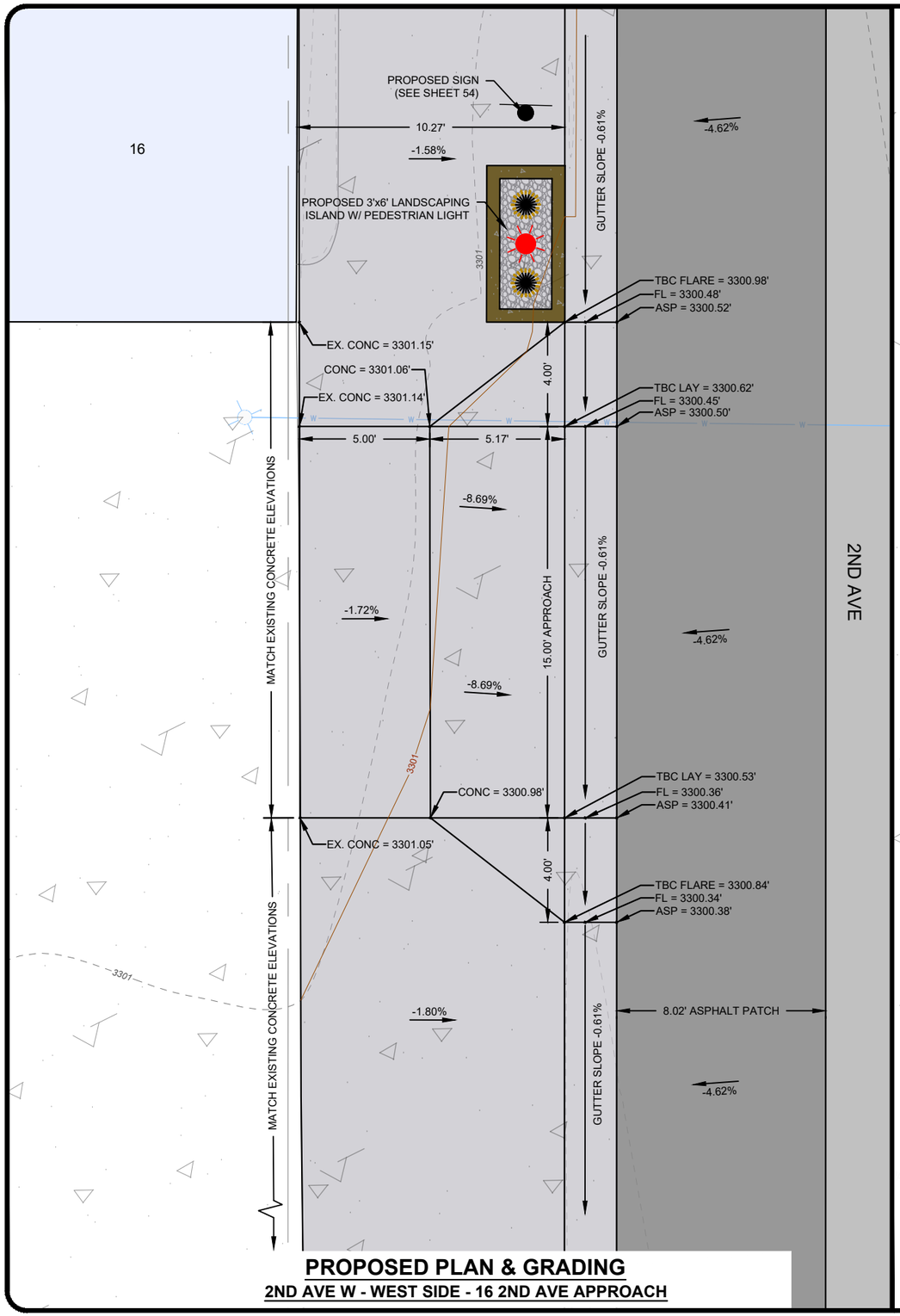
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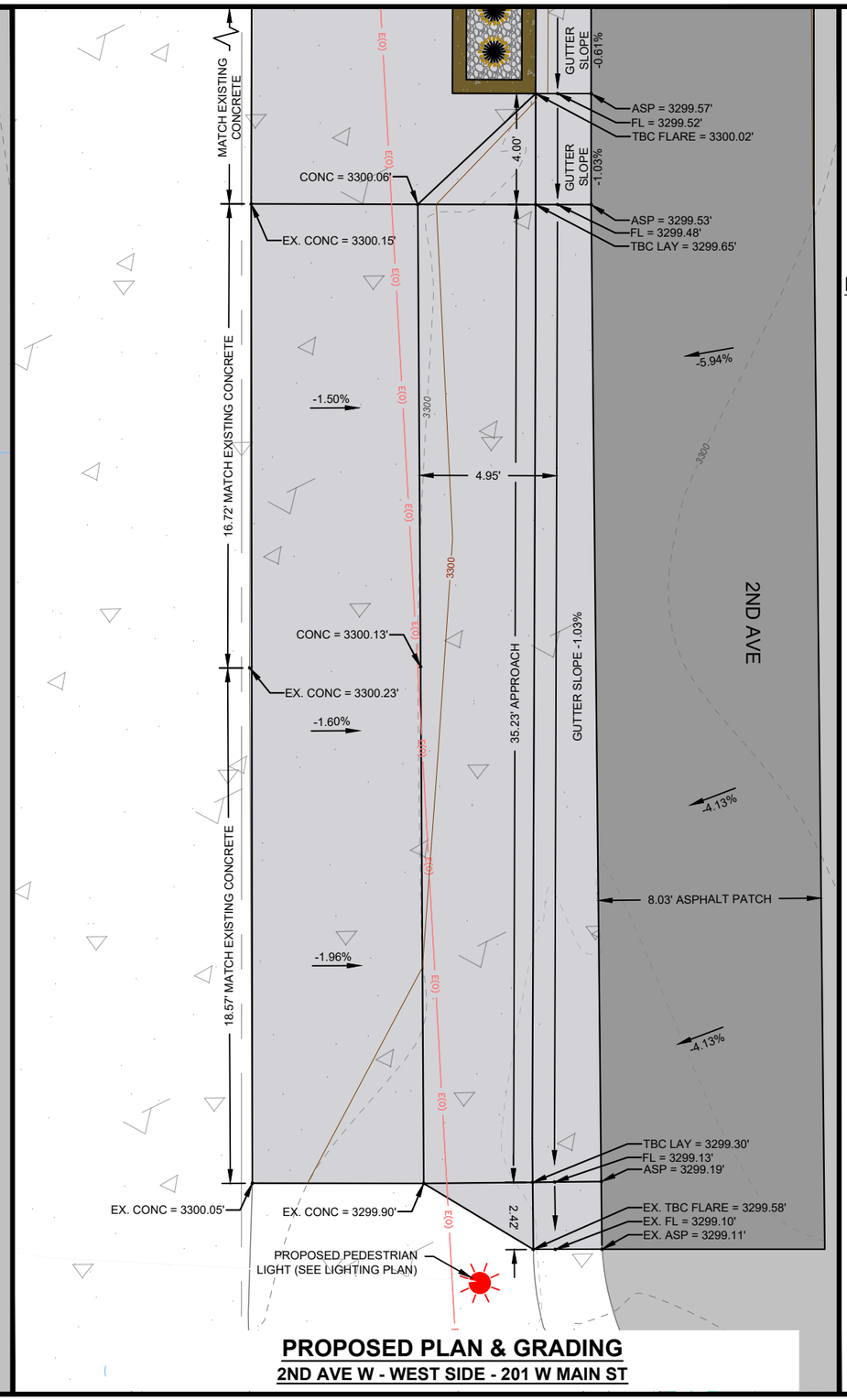
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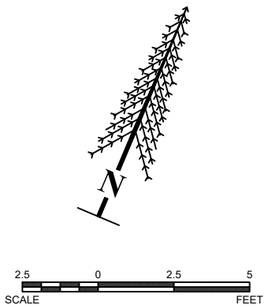
PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W - WEST SIDE - 16 2ND AVE APPROACH



PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W - WEST SIDE - 201 W MAIN ST

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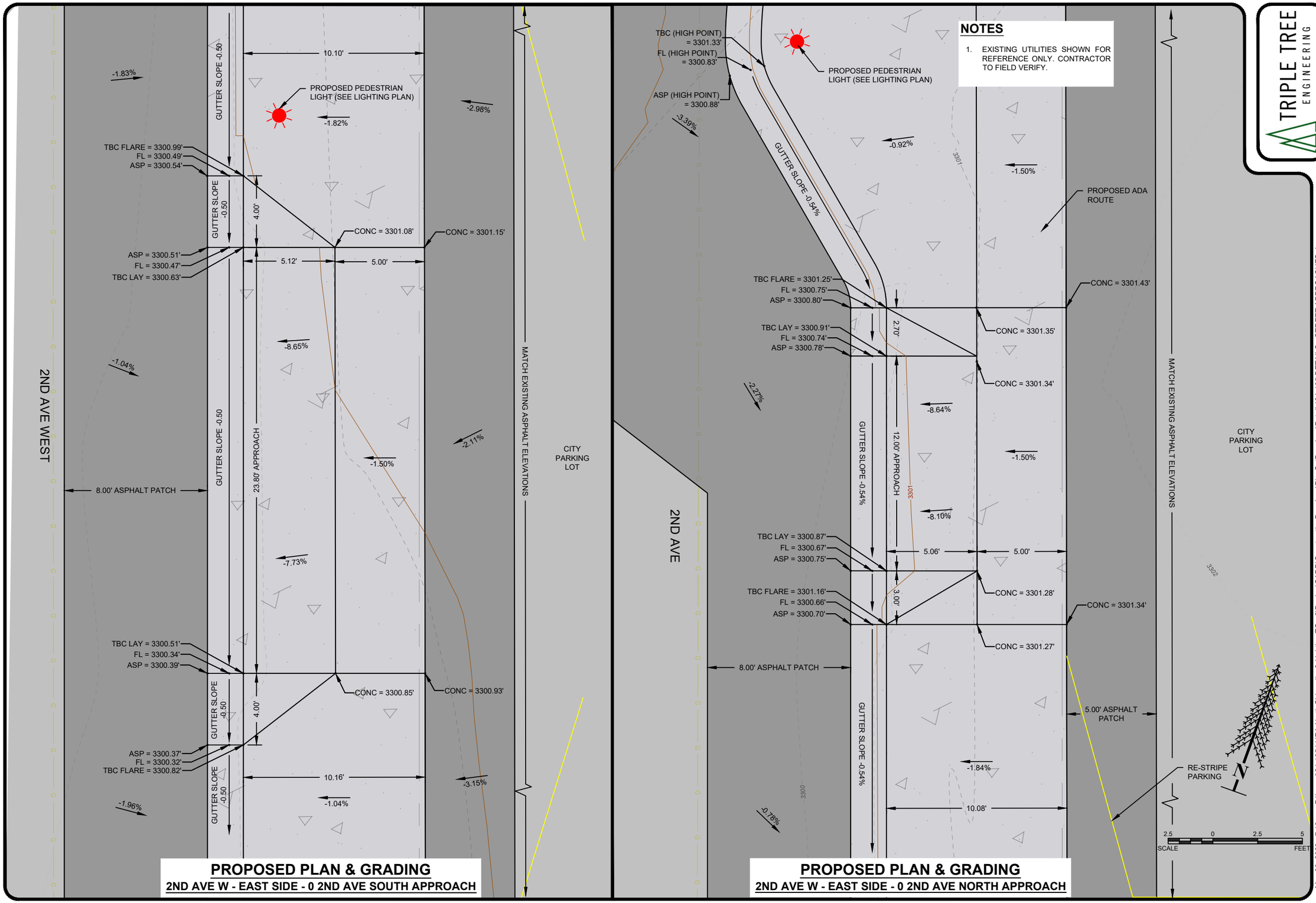
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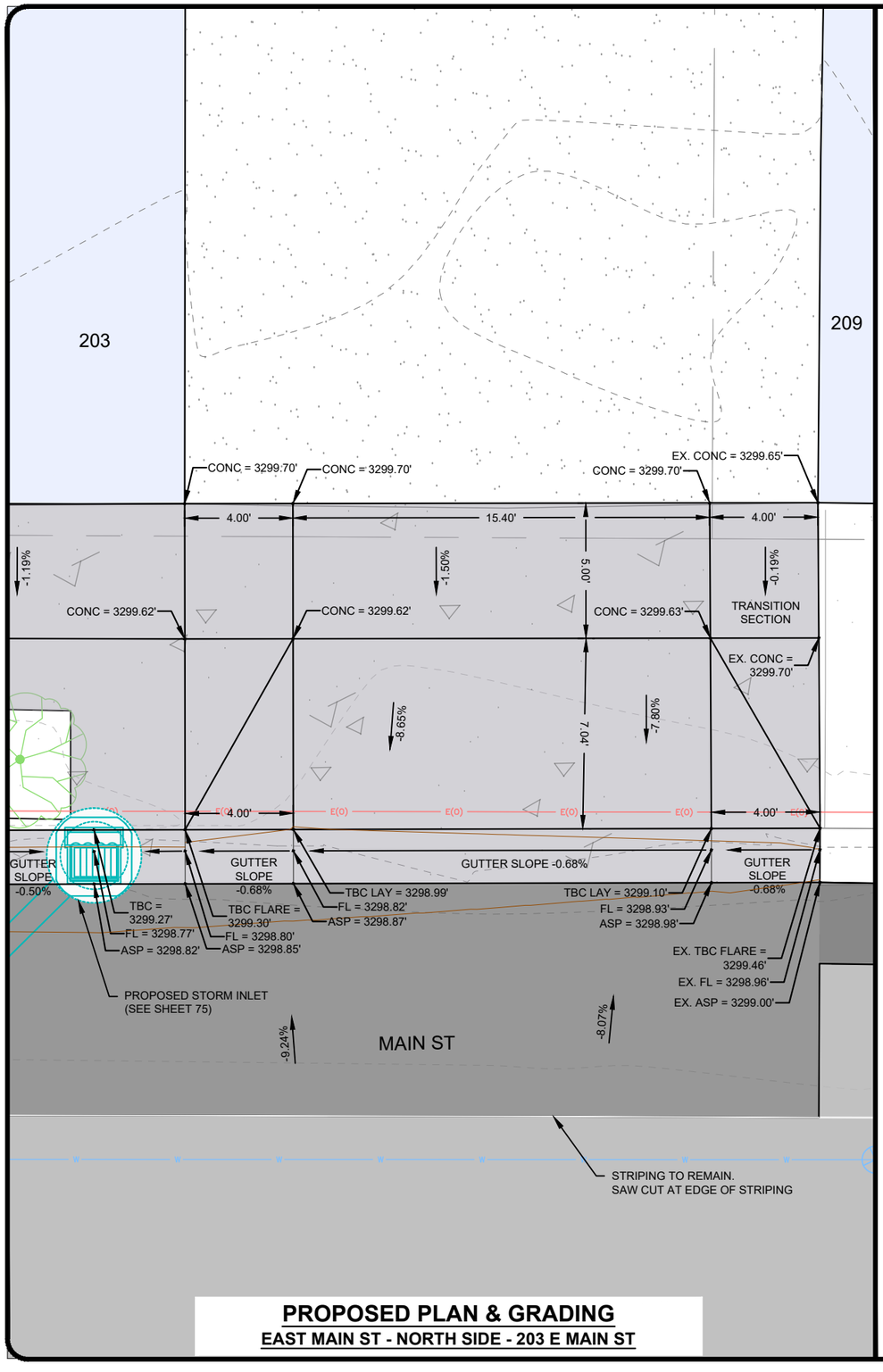
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GRADING DETAIL - STREET APPROACHES - 2ND AVE PRIVATE APPROACHES

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2ND AVE WEST
10.10'
GUTTER SLOPE -0.50
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)
-1.83%
-1.82%
-2.98%
TBC FLARE = 3300.99'
FL = 3300.49'
ASP = 3300.54'
GUTTER SLOPE -0.50
4.00'
CONC = 3301.08'
CONC = 3301.15'
ASP = 3300.51'
FL = 3300.47'
TBC LAY = 3300.63'
5.12'
5.00'
-8.65%
-1.04%
-1.50%
-2.11%
8.00' ASPHALT PATCH
GUTTER SLOPE -0.50
23.80' APPROACH
MATCH EXISTING ASPHALT ELEVATIONS
CITY PARKING LOT
-7.73%
TBC LAY = 3300.51'
FL = 3300.34'
ASP = 3300.39'
CONC = 3300.85'
CONC = 3300.93'
GUTTER SLOPE -0.50
4.00'
ASP = 3300.37'
FL = 3300.32'
TBC FLARE = 3300.82'
10.16'
-3.15%
-1.96%
-1.04%
PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W - EAST SIDE - 0 2ND AVE SOUTH APPROACH
TBC (HIGH POINT) = 3301.33'
FL (HIGH POINT) = 3300.83'
ASP (HIGH POINT) = 3300.88'
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)
-3.39%
-0.92%
GUTTER SLOPE -0.54%
-1.50%
PROPOSED ADA ROUTE
TBC FLARE = 3301.25'
FL = 3300.75'
ASP = 3300.80'
CONC = 3301.43'
TBC LAY = 3300.91'
FL = 3300.74'
ASP = 3300.78'
2.70'
CONC = 3301.35'
CONC = 3301.34'
-2.27%
-8.64%
GUTTER SLOPE -0.54%
12.00' APPROACH
-1.50%
-8.10%
2ND AVE
TBC LAY = 3300.87'
FL = 3300.67'
ASP = 3300.75'
5.06'
5.00'
TBC FLARE = 3301.16'
FL = 3300.66'
ASP = 3300.70'
3.00'
CONC = 3301.28'
CONC = 3301.34'
CONC = 3301.27'
8.00' ASPHALT PATCH
GUTTER SLOPE -0.54%
5.00' ASPHALT PATCH
-1.84%
10.08'
-0.78%
RE-STRIPE PARKING
MATCH EXISTING ASPHALT ELEVATIONS
CITY PARKING LOT
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SCALE
FEET
PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING
2ND AVE W - EAST SIDE - 0 2ND AVE NORTH APPROACH
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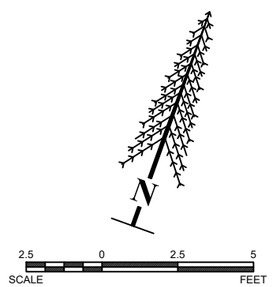


PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

EAST MAIN ST - NORTH SIDE - 203 E MAIN ST

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MATCH EXISTING CONCRETE ELEVATIONS (SEE SHEET 32)

27.86' MATCH EXISTING CONCRETE ELEVATIONS (SEE SHEET 32)

309

MAILBOX (TO REMAIN)

STRAIGHT GRADED (SEE SHEET 33)

EX. CONC = 3299.56'

EX. CONC = 3299.50'

-1.50%

-1.50%

-1.57%

PROPOSED 4'x10' LANDSCAPING ISLAND

CONC = 3299.48'

CONC = 3299.48'

CONC = 3299.43'

CONC = 3299.43'

5.00'

7.22'

-5.81%

-11.06%

-7.77%

3299

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)

E(0)

4.00'

19.87' APPROACH

4.00'

13.64'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

TBC FLARE = 3299.06'
FL = 3298.56'
ASP = 3298.61'

TBC LAY = 3298.71'
FL = 3298.54'
ASP = 3298.59'

TBC LAY = 3298.61'
FL = 3298.45'
ASP = 3298.49'

TBC FLARE = 3298.93'
FL = 3298.43'
ASP = 3298.47'

PROPOSED STORM INLET (SEE SHEET 76)

-6.84%

-9.91%

MAIN ST

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

EAST MAIN ST - NORTH SIDE - 309 E MAIN ST APPROACH

317

MATCH EXISTING (SEE SHEET 33)

MATCH EXISTING CONCRETE ELEVATIONS (SEE SHEET 33)

EX. CONC = 3299.38'

EX. CONC = 3299.19'

EX. CONC = 3299.16'

-1.50%

-1.50%

-1.50%

-1.16%

PROPOSED 4'x10' LANDSCAPING ISLAND

CONC = 3299.30'

CONC = 3299.29'

CONC = 3299.12'

CONC = 3299.03'

CONC = 3299.08'

5.00'

7.24'

-5.29%

-4.47%

-1.33%

3299

-1.20%

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT (SEE LIGHTING PLAN)

CURB STOP (ADJUST VERTICALLY)

E(0)

4.00'

28.41' APPROACH

4.00'

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

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GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

GUTTER SLOPE -0.50%

TBC FLARE = 3299.20'
FL = 3298.74'
ASP = 3298.78'

TBC LAY = 3298.85'
FL = 3298.72'
ASP = 3298.73'

TBC LAY = 3298.72'
FL = 3298.57'
ASP = 3298.60'

TBC FLARE = 3299.04'
FL = 3298.55'
ASP = 3298.59'

-5.46%

-5.92%

-10.61%

MAIN ST

PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

EAST MAIN ST - NORTH SIDE - 317 E MAIN ST APPROACH

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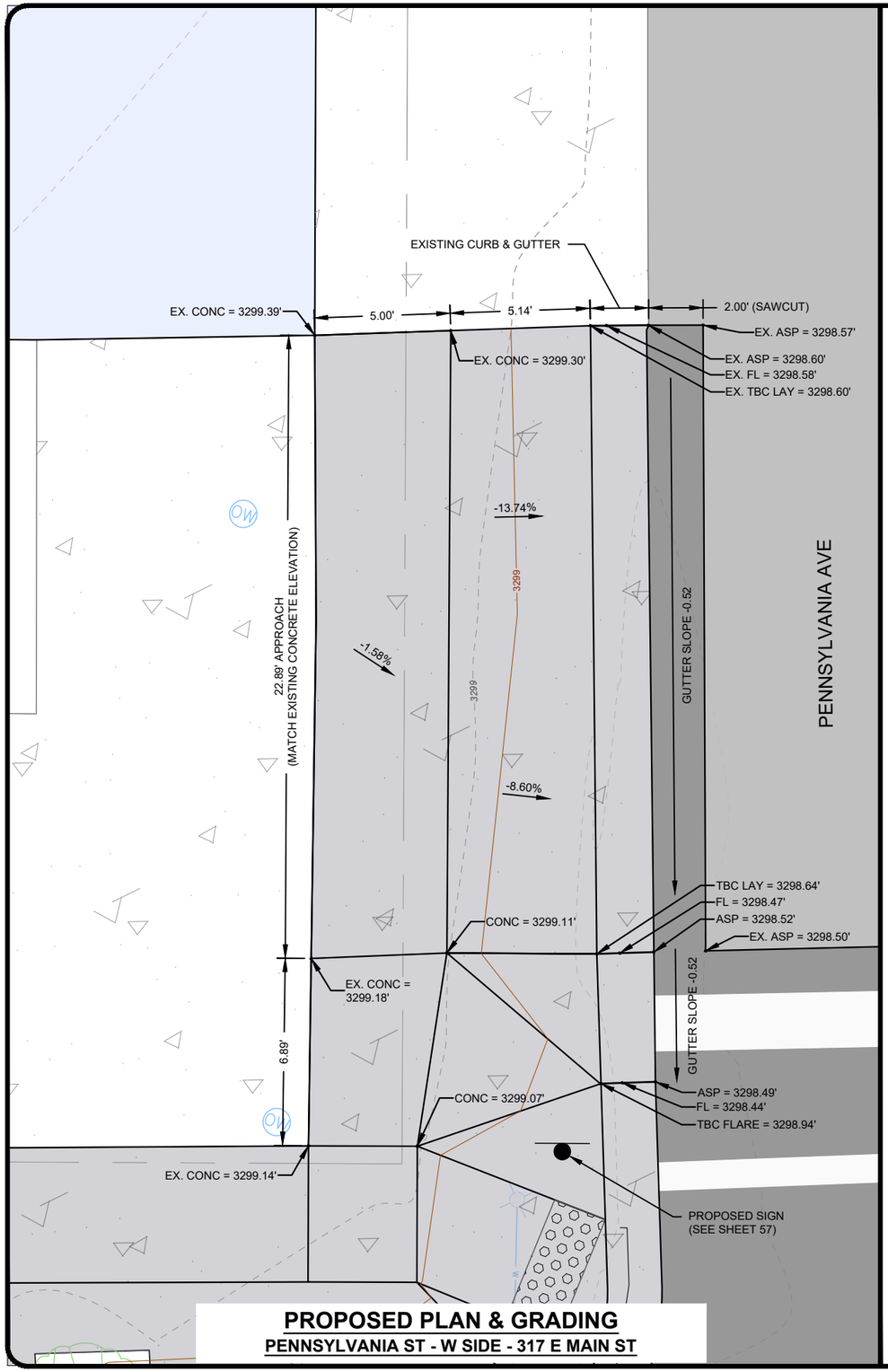
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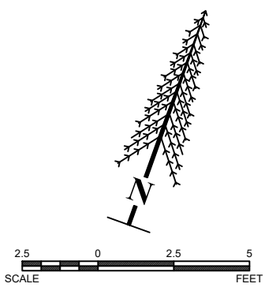


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PENNSYLVANIA ST - W SIDE - 317 E MAIN ST

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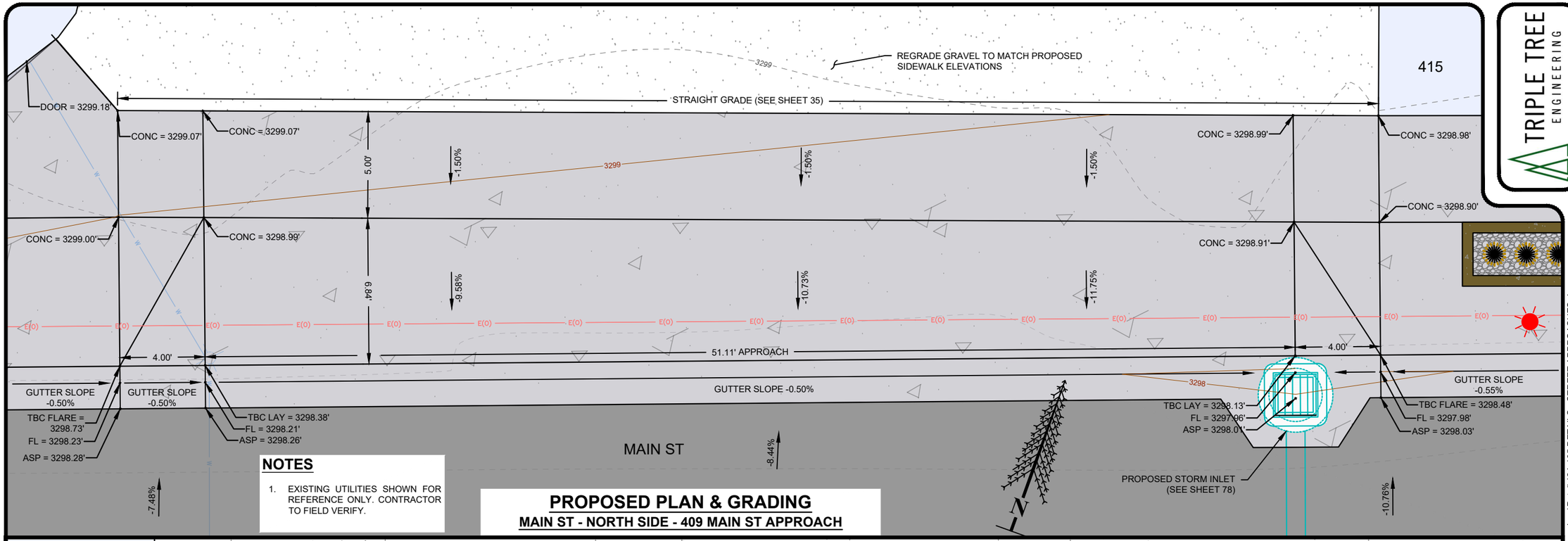
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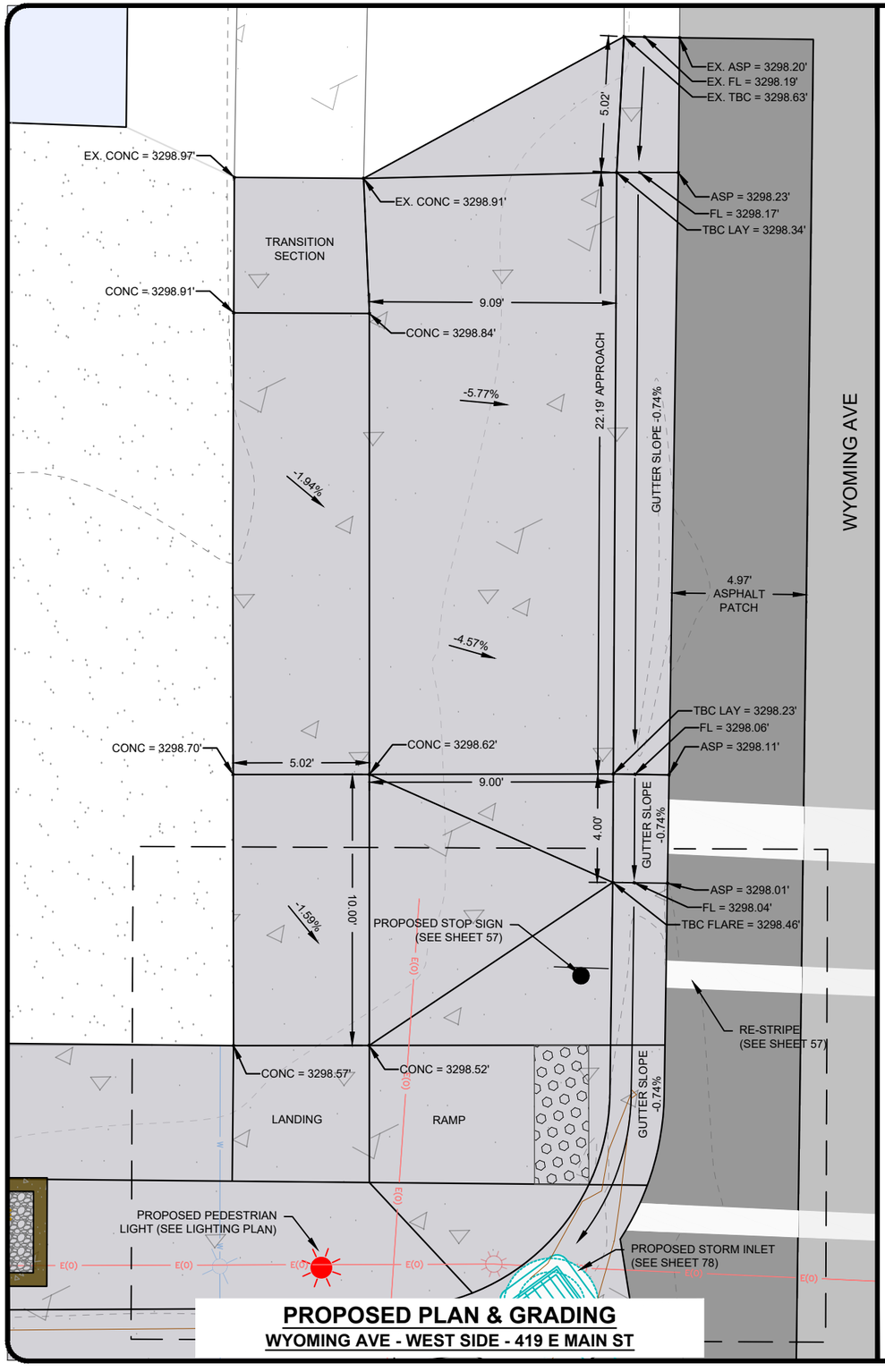
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PROPOSED PLAN & GRADING

WYOMING AVE - WEST SIDE - 419 E MAIN ST

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REMOVE EXISTING "STOP" SIGN
REPAINT YELLOW PARKING LANES
REMOVE AND REPLACE "NO PARKING" SIGN (SEE NOTES)
21.00'
YELLOW CURB PAINT
REPLACE "STOP" SIGN (SEE NOTES)
YELLOW CURB PAINT
"NO PARKING" SIGNS (TO REMAIN ON LIGHT POLE)
YELLOW CURB PAINT
RE-STRIP CROSSWALK & STOP BAR
2ND AVE
MAIN ST
YELLOW CURB PAINT
REMOVE AND REPLACE "NO PARKING" SIGN (SEE NOTES)
YELLOW CURB PAINT
REMOVE AND REPLACE "NO PARKING" SIGN (SEE NOTES)
12.00'
EXISTING "STOP" SIGN (TO REMAIN)
YELLOW CURB PAINT
"NO PARKING" SIGN (TO REMAIN ON LIGHT POLE)
W 1ST ST
16
9.00'
S&H AUTO REPAIR OVERHEAD SIGN (TO REMAIN)
W 1ST ST
EXISTING SIGN (TO REMAIN)
REMOVE LIGHT POLE WITH MOUNTED "STOP" SIGN. INSTALL "STOP" SIGN ON NEW SIGN POST
REMOVE EXISTING LIGHT POLE. SALVAGE "PUBLIC LIBRARY" SIGN AND INSTALL ON NEW SIGN POST
27.00'
YELLOW CURB PAINT
8.06' RE-STRIPE CROSSWALK
REMOVE AND REPLACE "2HR PARKING" AND "NO PARKING" SIGNS
YELLOW CURB PAINT
EXISTING "NO PARKING" SIGN (TO REMAIN)
27.00'
YELLOW CURB PAINT
12.57' RE-STRIPE CROSSWALK
W 1ST ST
1ST AVE
1ST AVE
MAIN ST
7.34' RE-STRIPE CROSSWALK
REMOVE AND REPLACE "INTERSTATE 90" AND ASSOCIATED SIGNS
REMOVE EXISTING POLE. REPLACE WITH SIGN POST AND REUSE "NO PARKING" AND "2HR PARKING" SIGNS
"NO PARKING" SIGNS (TO REMAIN)
YELLOW CURB PAINT
REMOVE LIGHT POLE. INSTALL NEW SIGN POST AND REUSE "2 HR PARKING" SIGN
YELLOW CURB PAINT
6.94' RE-STRIPE CROSSWALK AND STOP BAR
YELLOW CURB PAINT
21.00'
21.00'
7.42' RE-STRIPE CROSSWALK AND STOP BAR
REMOVE AND REPLACE "STOP" AND "4-WAY" SIGNS
"2 HR PARKING" SIGN (TO REMAIN ON POLE)
8.00'
RE-STRIPE PARKING STRIPING
21.00'

SIGN NOTES

1. SALVAGE EXISTING "NO PARKING" AND "2 HR PARKING" SIGNS. INSTALL ON NEW POST.
2. SALVAGE EXISTING "STOP" SIGN AND ROAD NAME SIGNS. INSTALL ON NEW POST.
3. ALL SIGNS SHALL HAVE NEW POSTS.
   - 3.1. ALL SIGN POSTS WITHIN 1ST STREET AND MAIN STREET MDT RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH A SLIP BASE.
   - 3.2. ALL OTHER STREETS, SIGN POSTS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH SINGLE SQUARE TUBE.
   - 3.3. REFERENCE DETAILS SHEET 6

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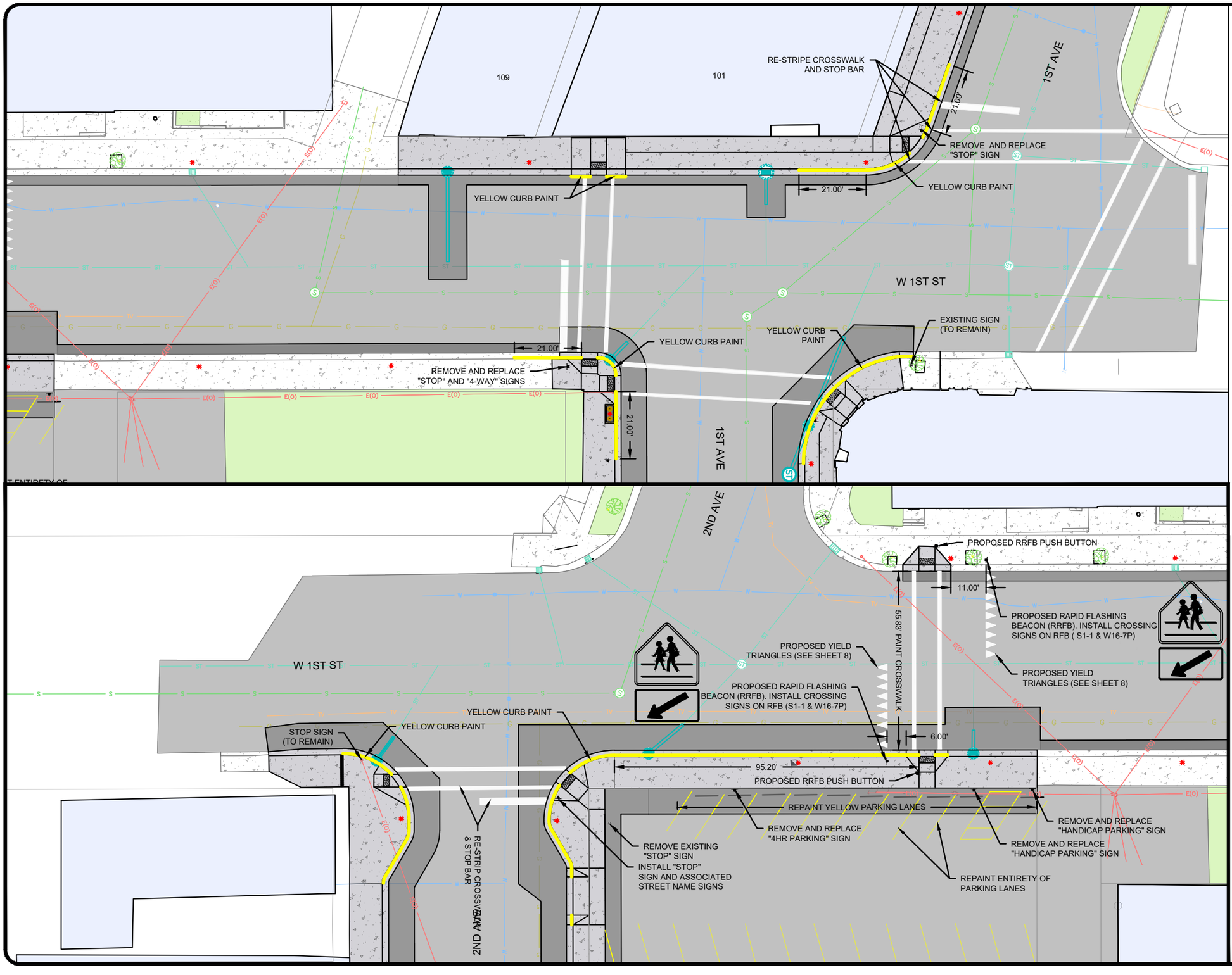
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SIGN NOTES

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3. ALL SIGNS SHALL HAVE NEW POSTS.
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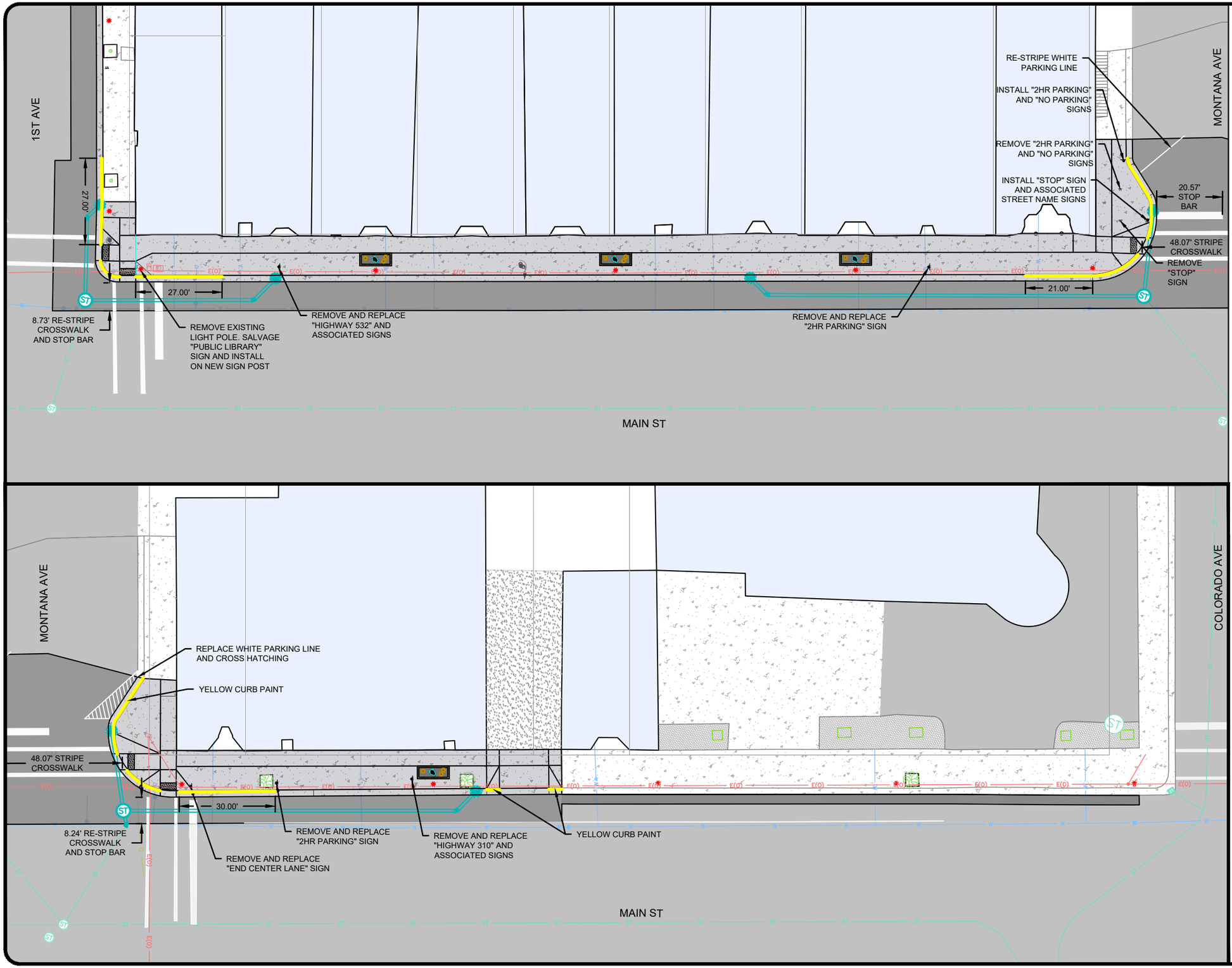
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SIGN NOTES

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2. SALVAGE EXISTING "STOP" SIGN AND ROAD NAME SIGNS. INSTALL ON NEW POST.
3. ALL SIGNS SHALL HAVE NEW POSTS.
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   - 3.2. ALL OTHER STREETS, SIGN POSTS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH SINGLE SQUARE TUBE.
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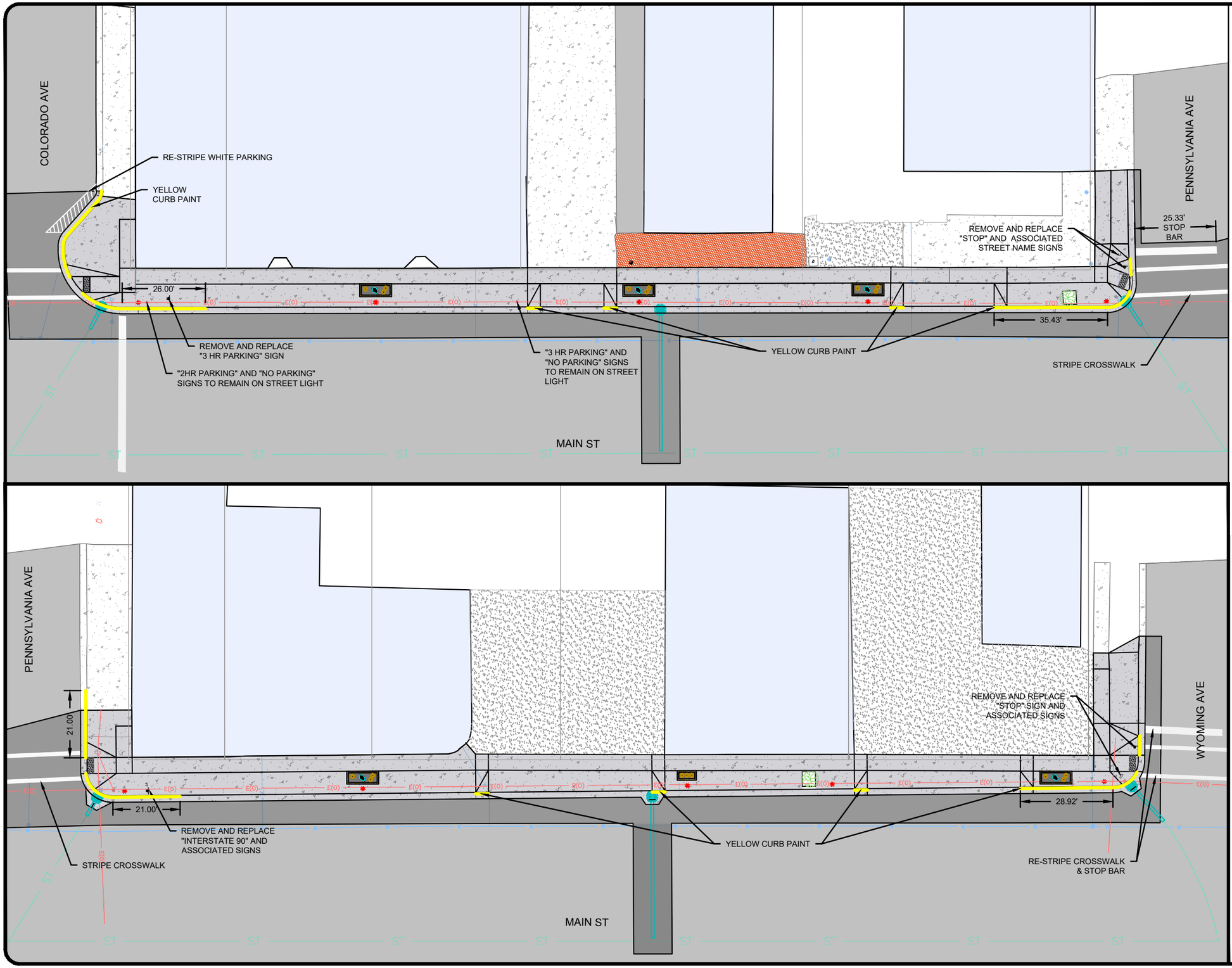
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   - 3.2. ALL OTHER STREETS, SIGN POSTS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH SINGLE SQUARE TUBE.
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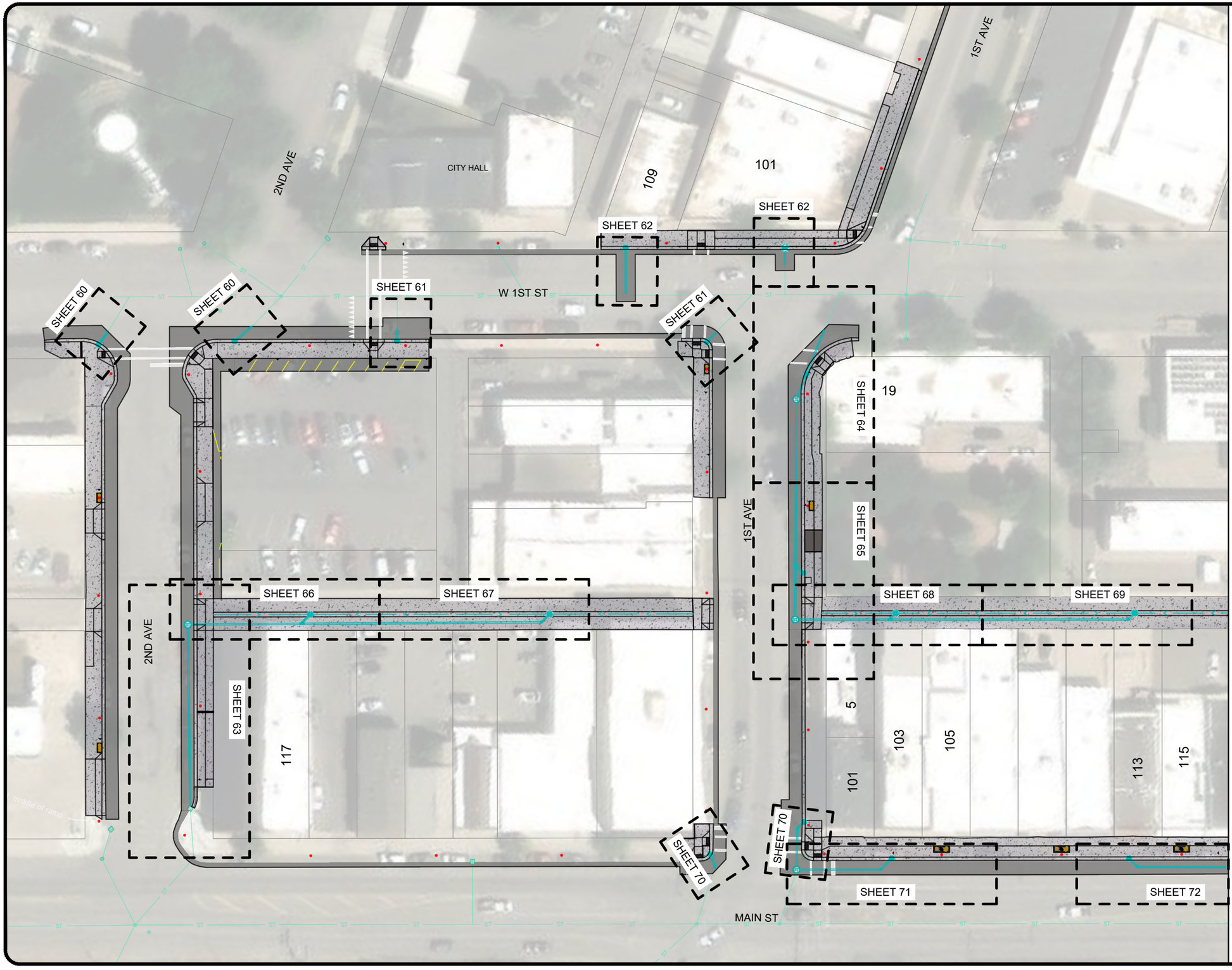
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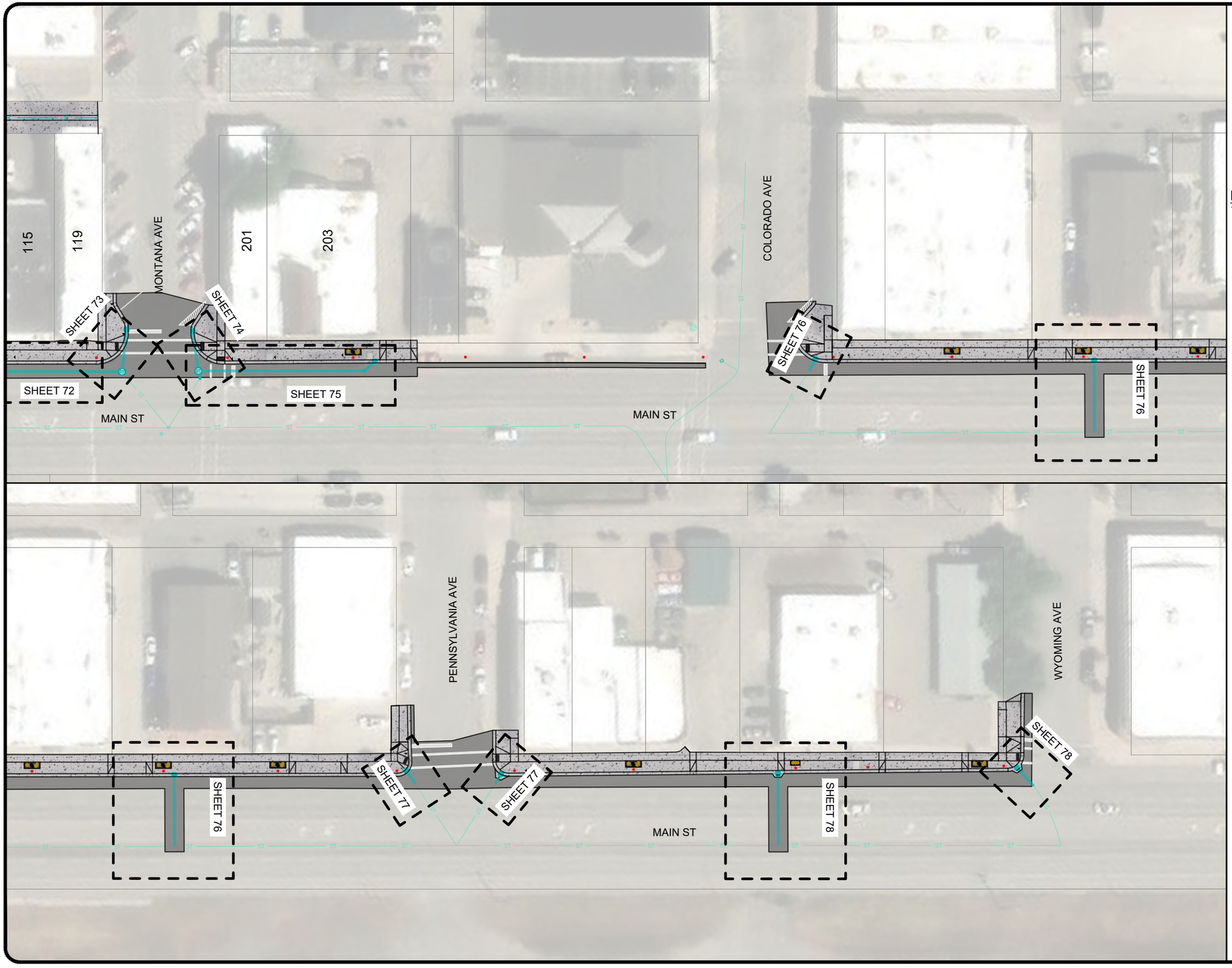
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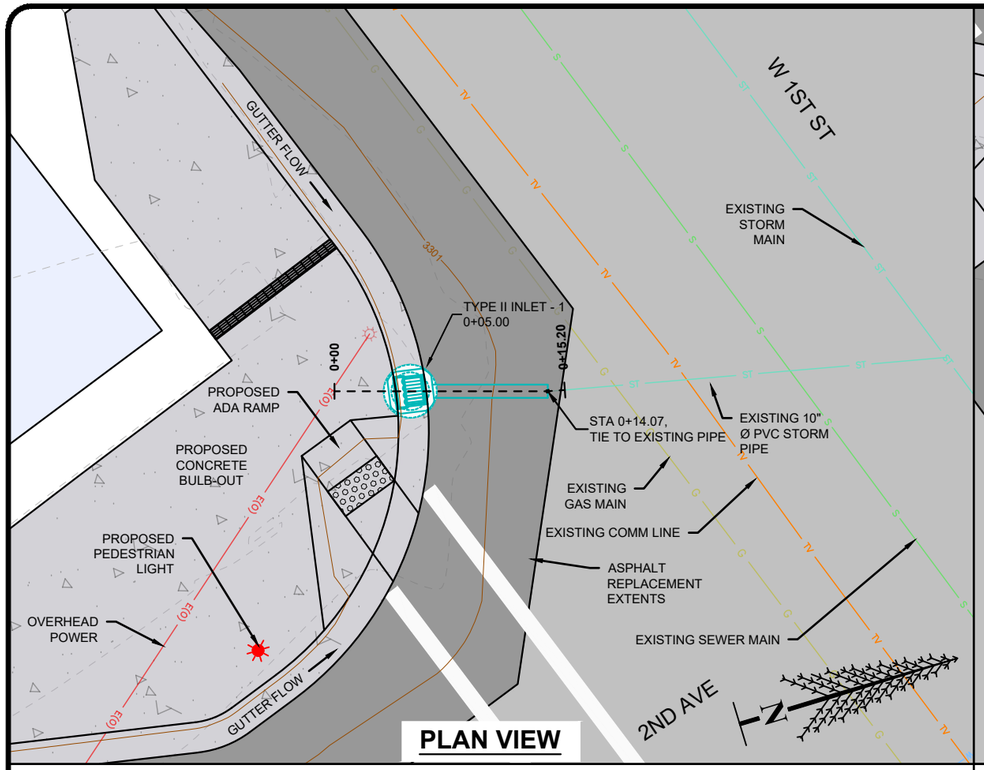
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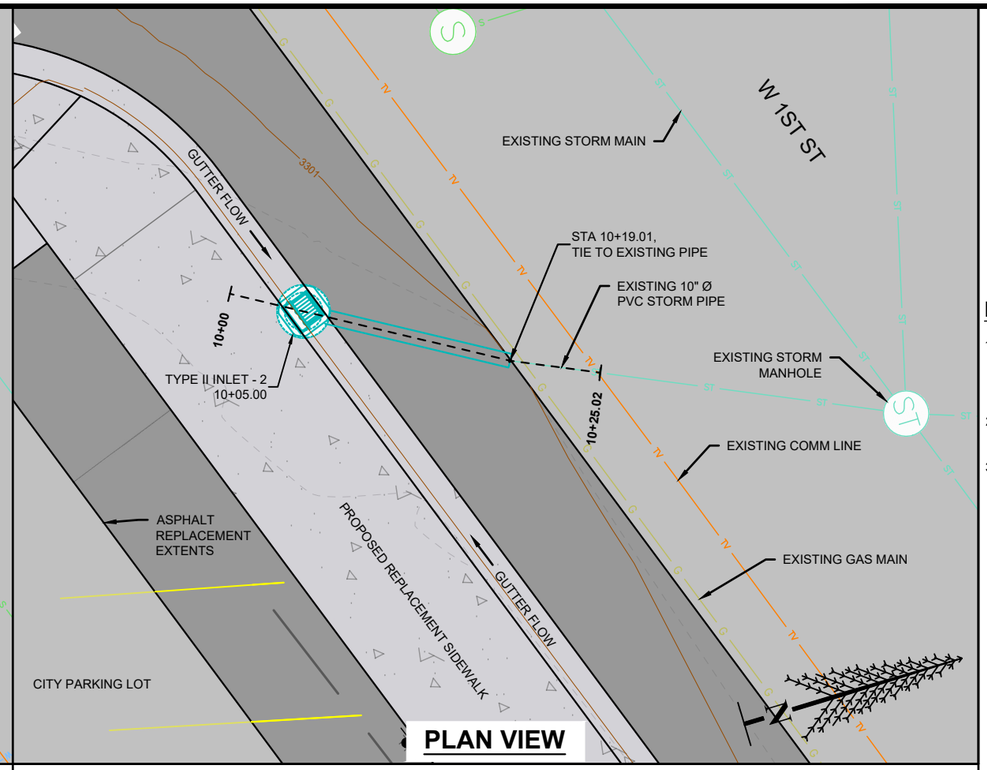
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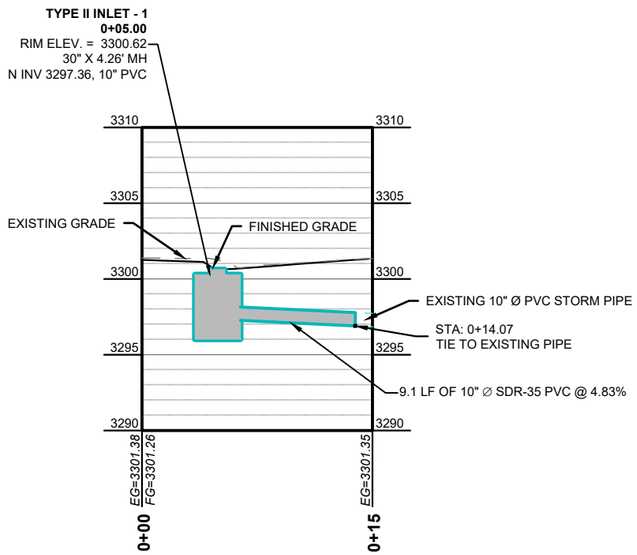
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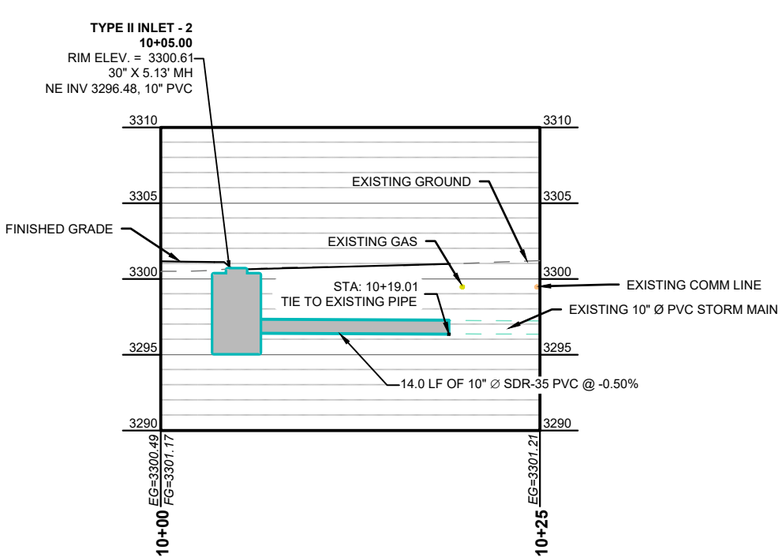
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2. CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE WATER TIGHT CONNECTION TO EXISTING PIPE.
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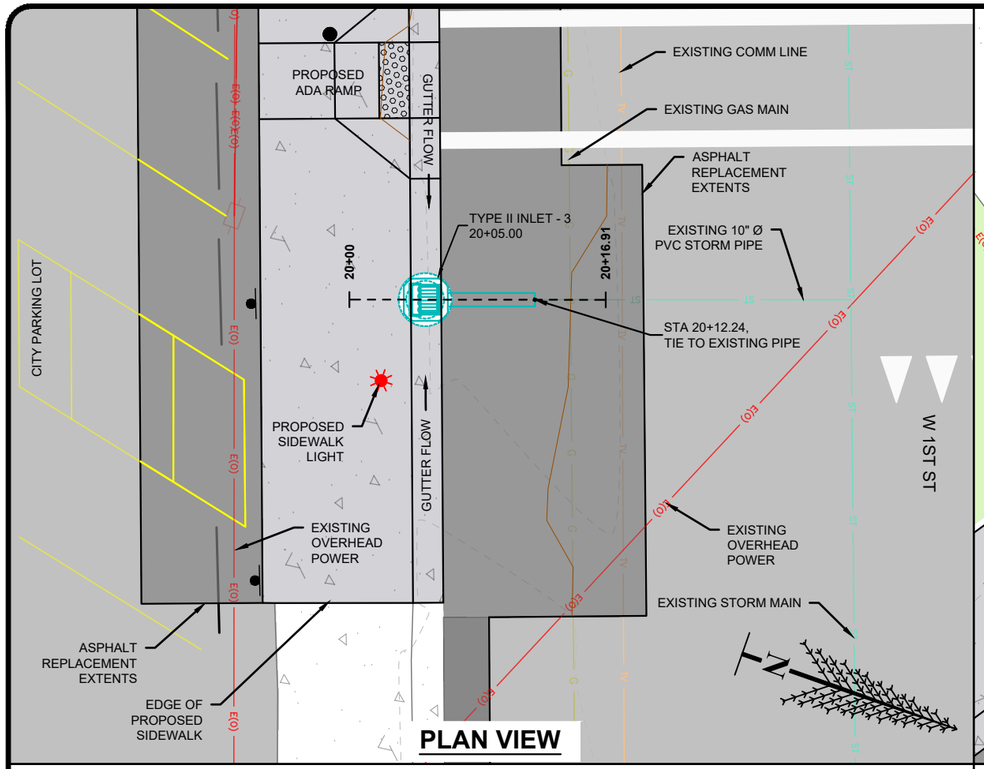
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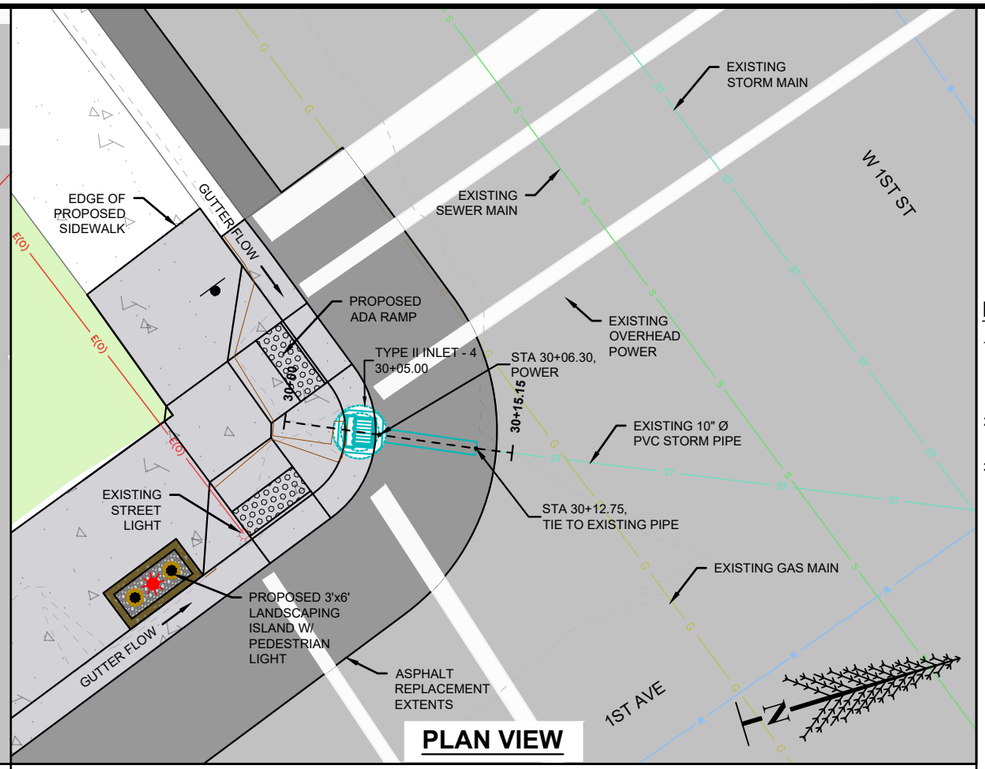
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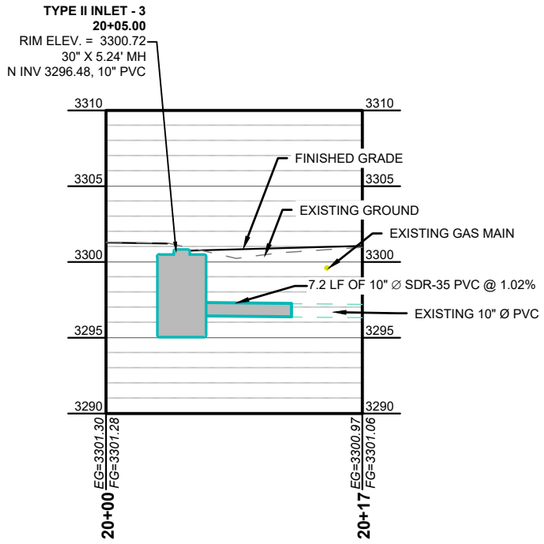
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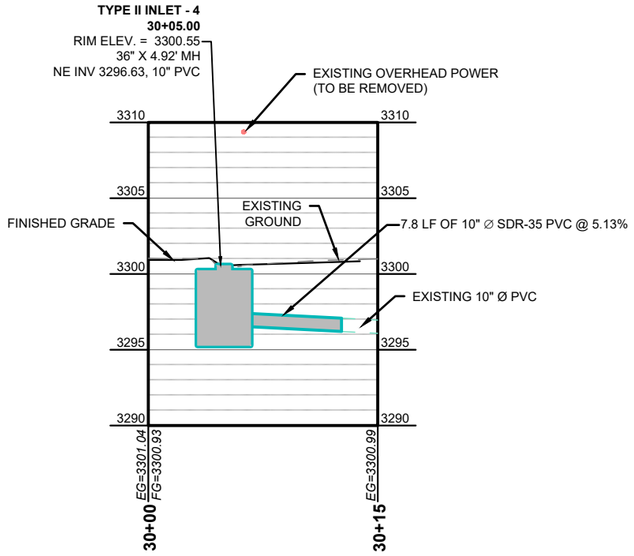
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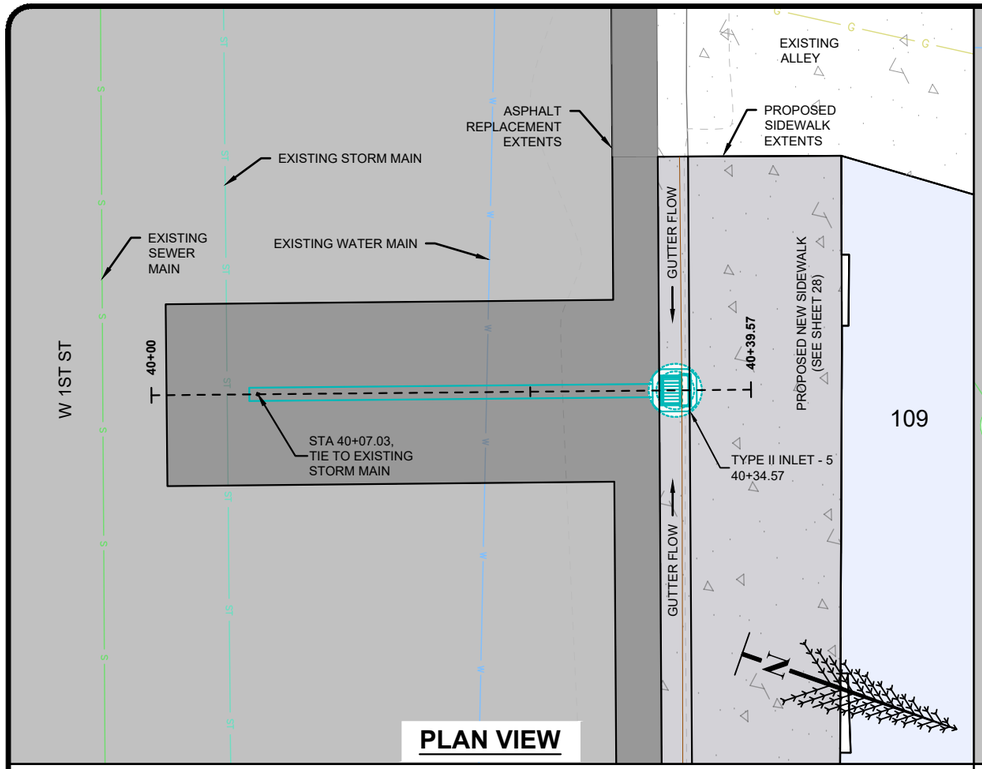
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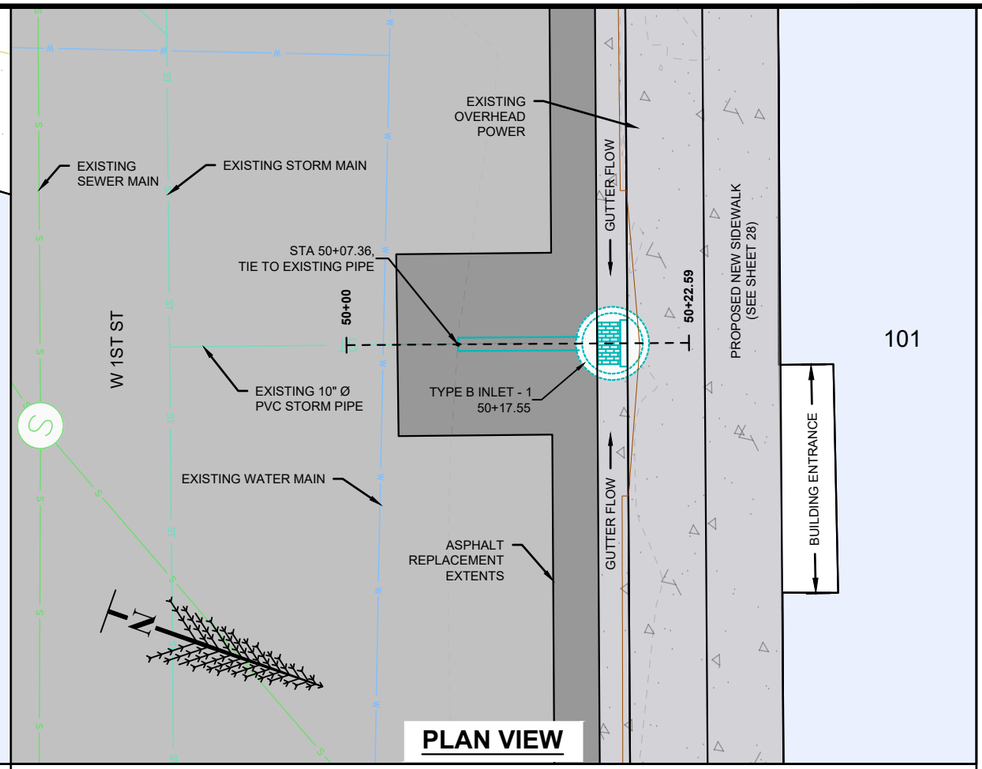
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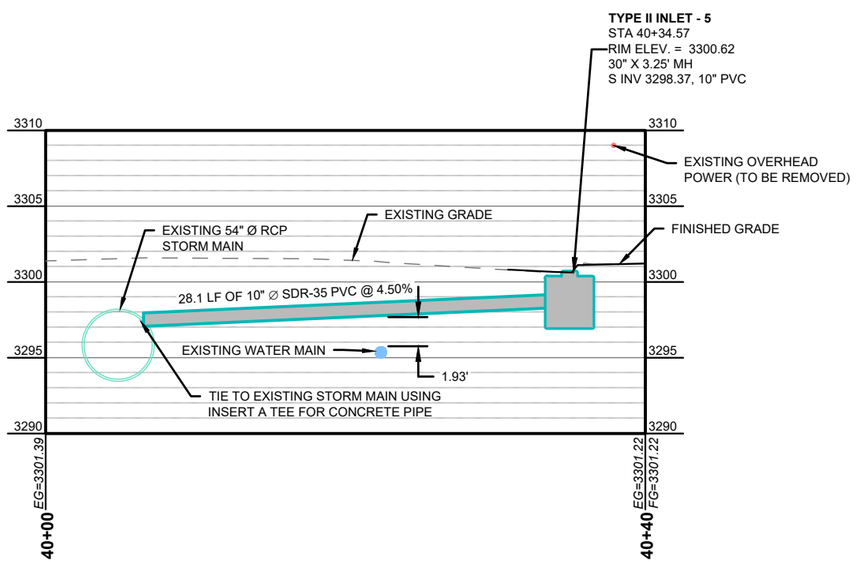
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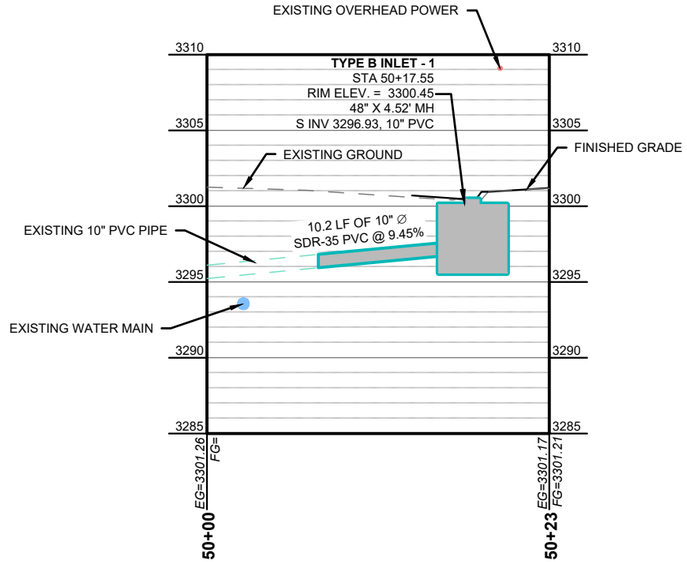
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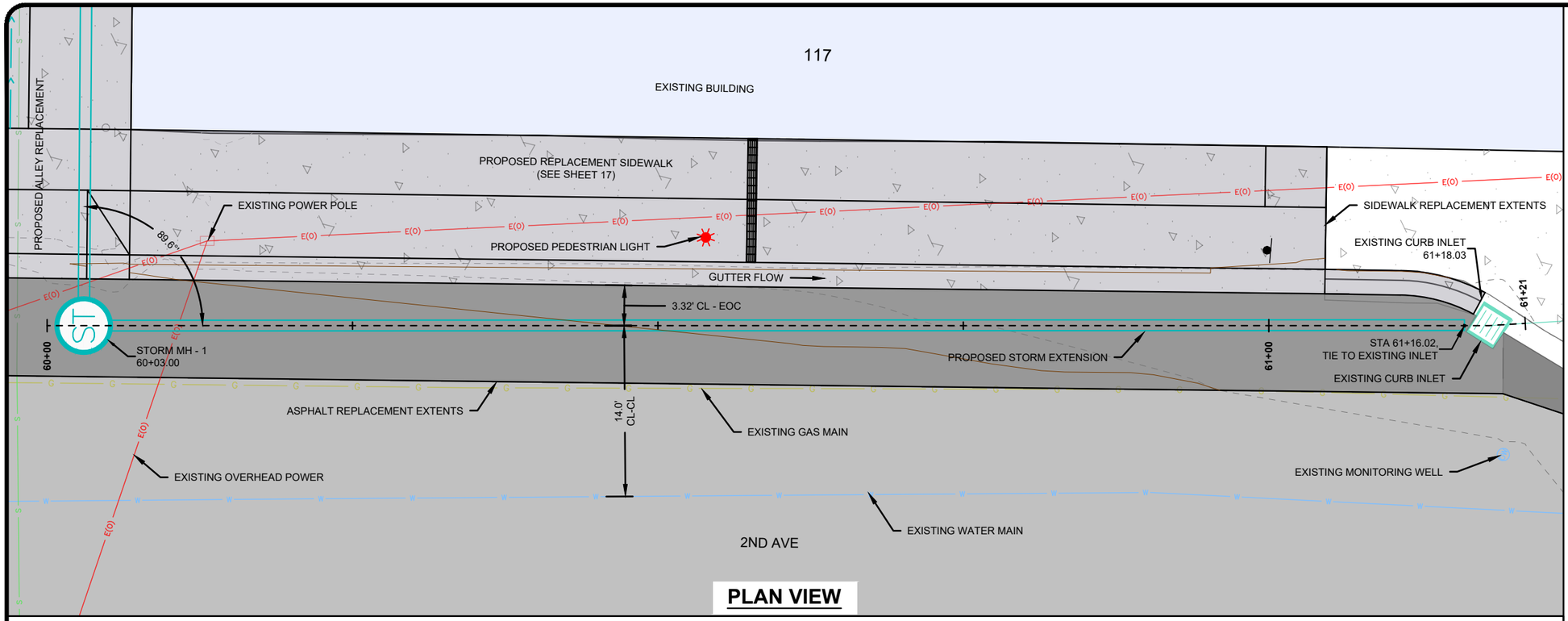
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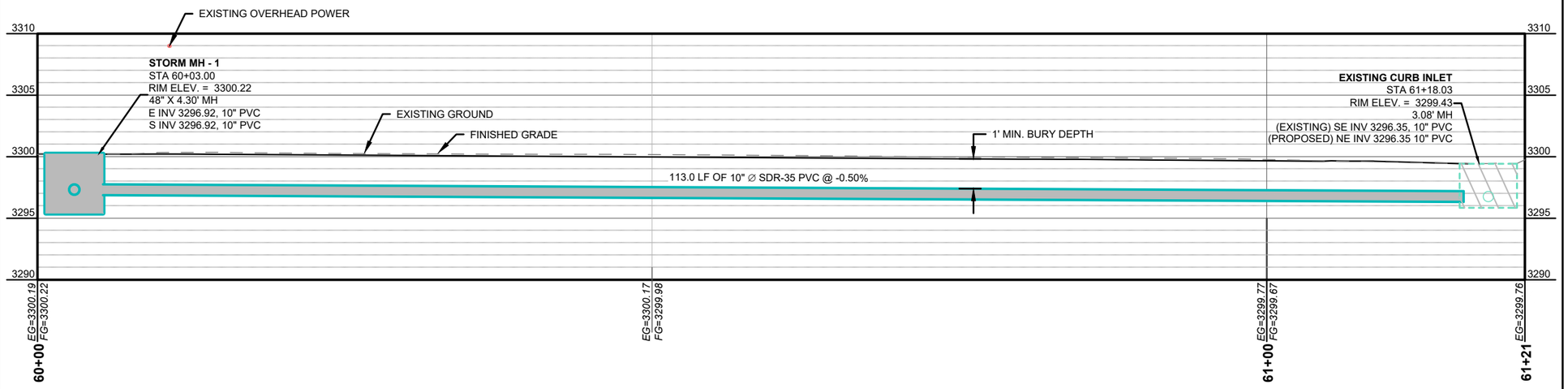
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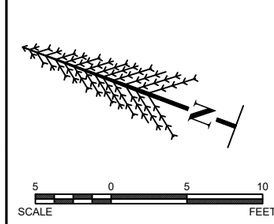
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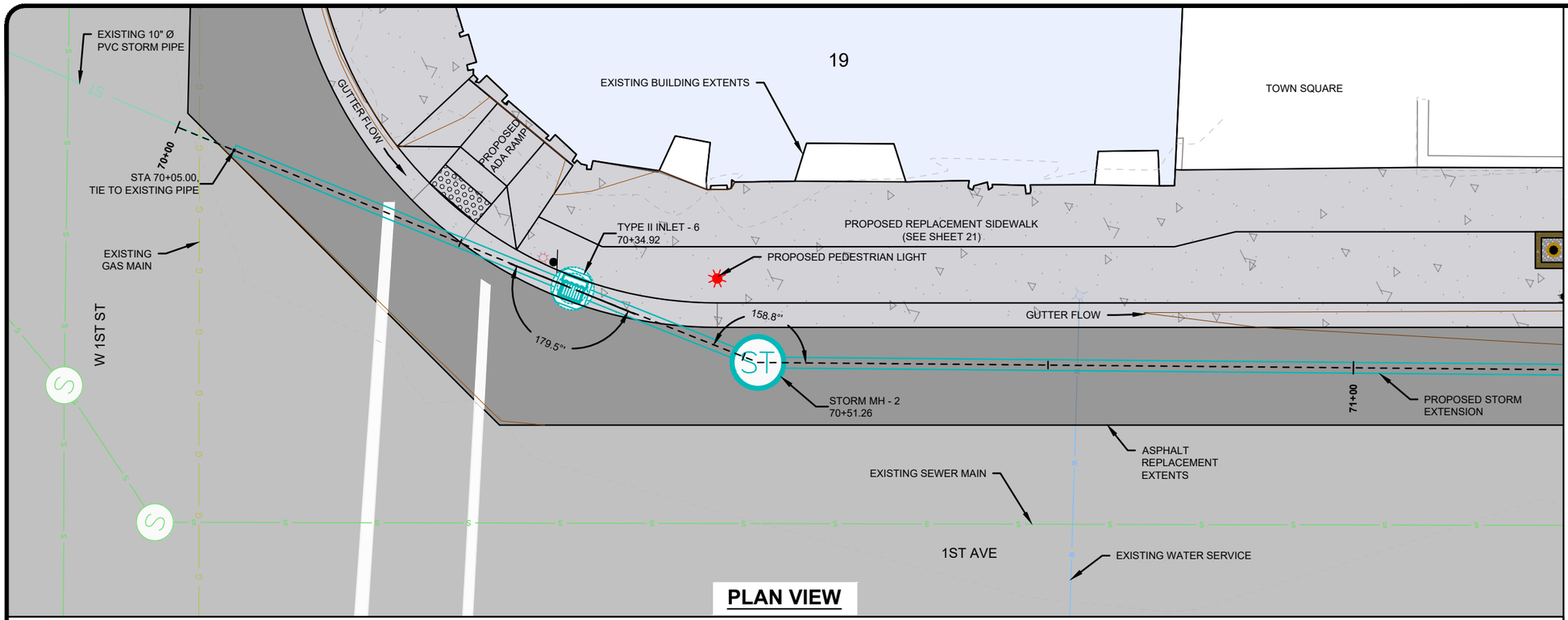
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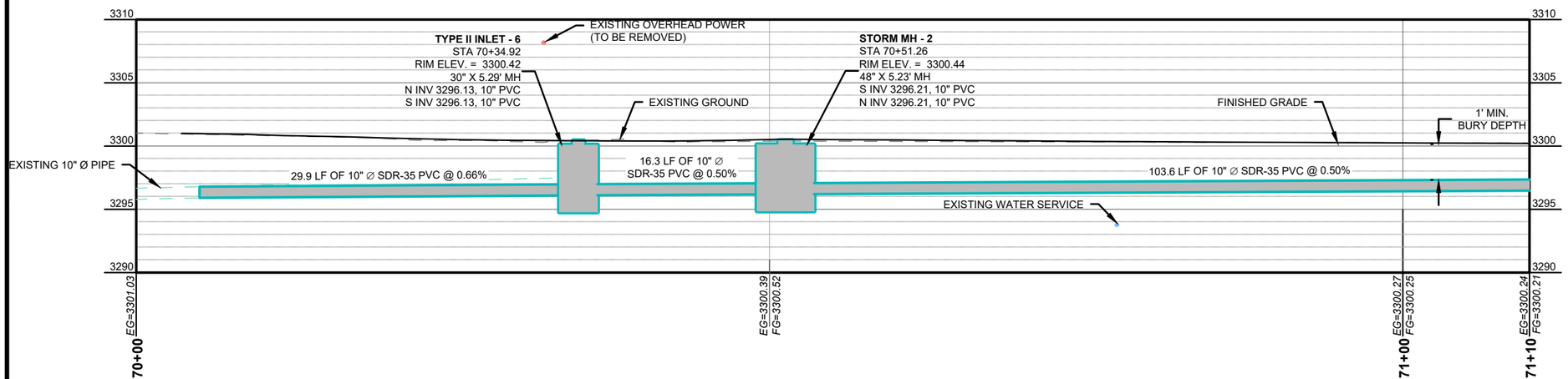
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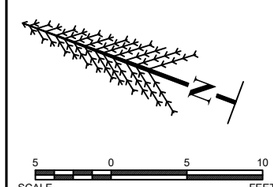
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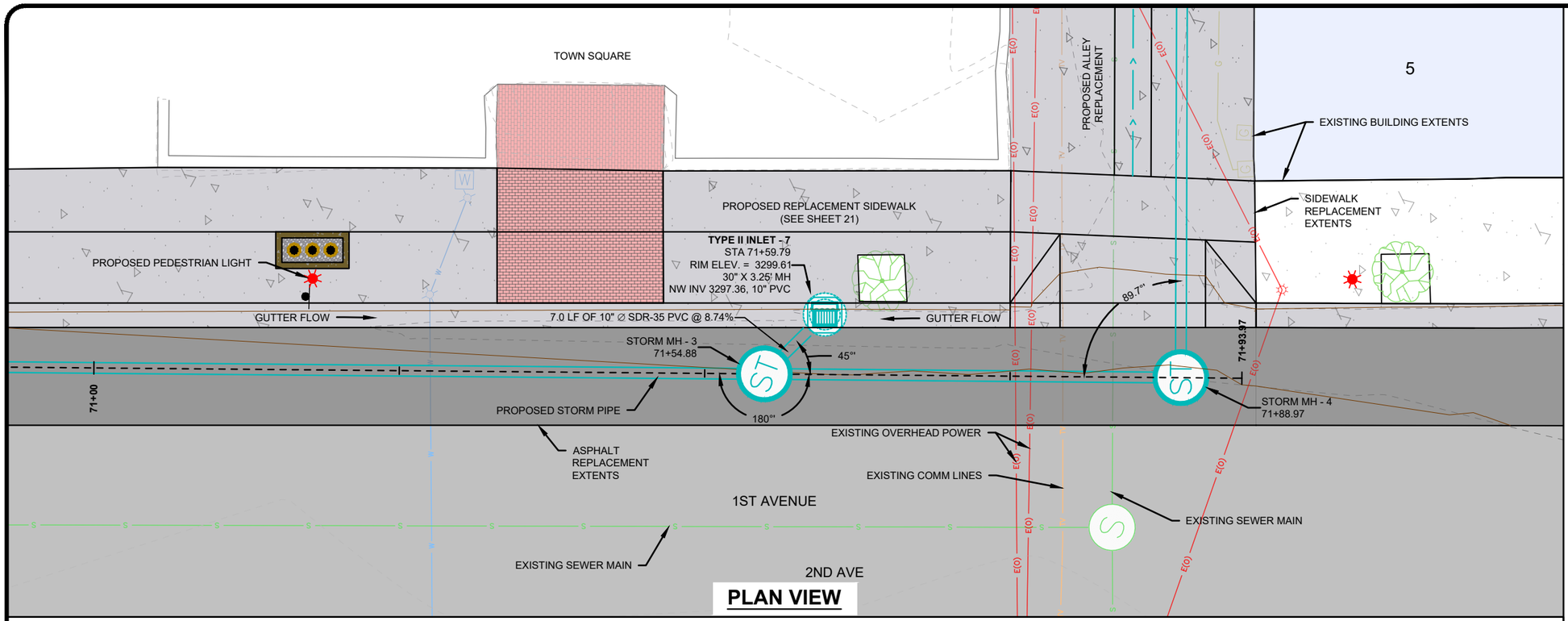
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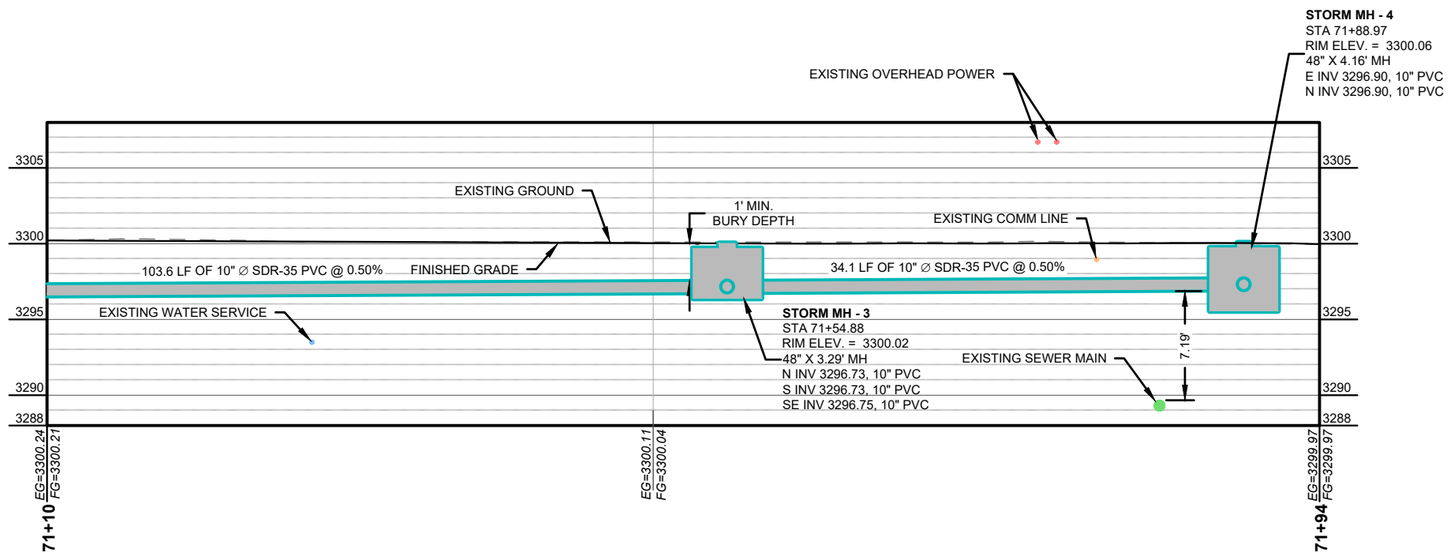
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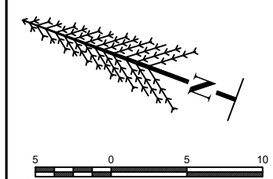
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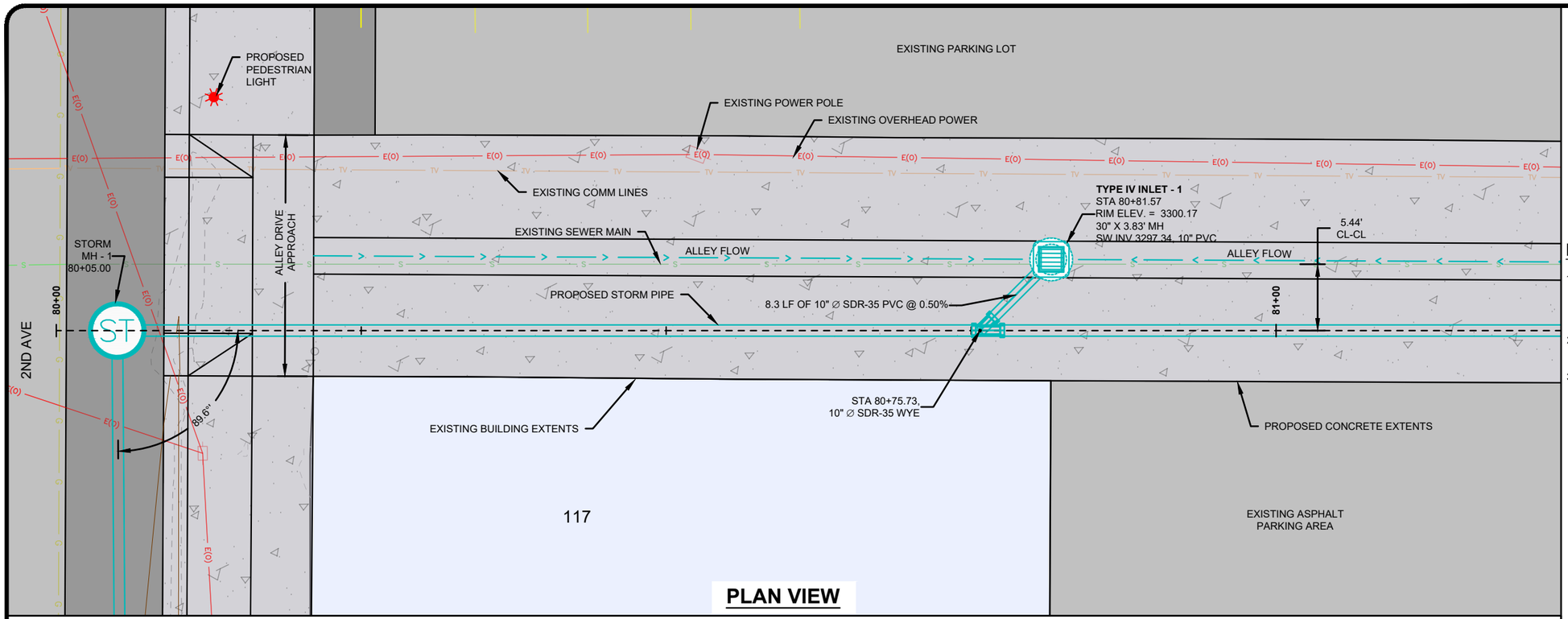
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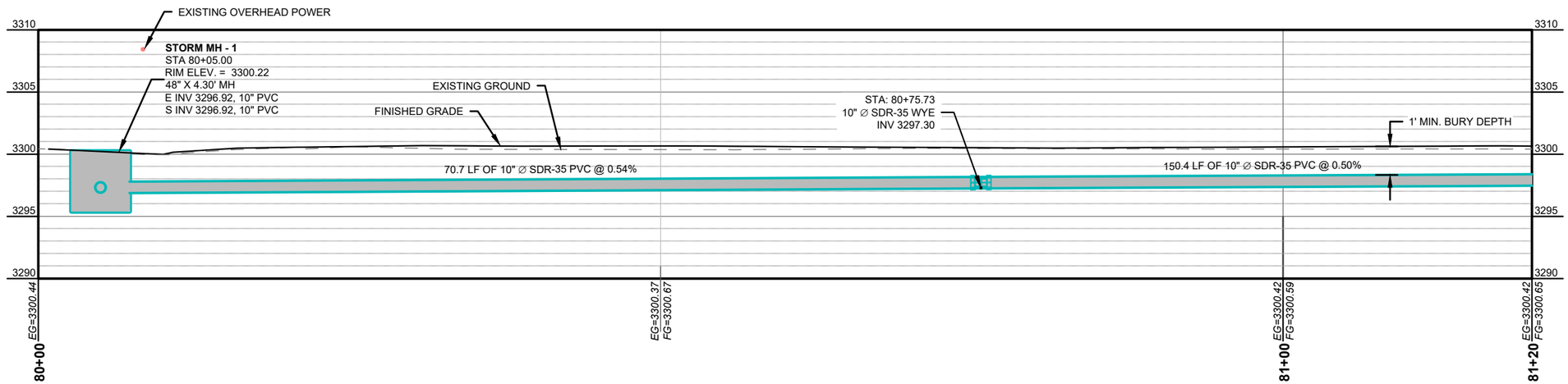
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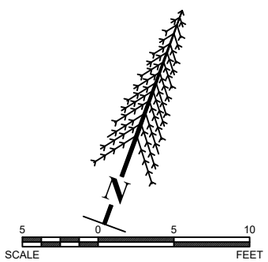
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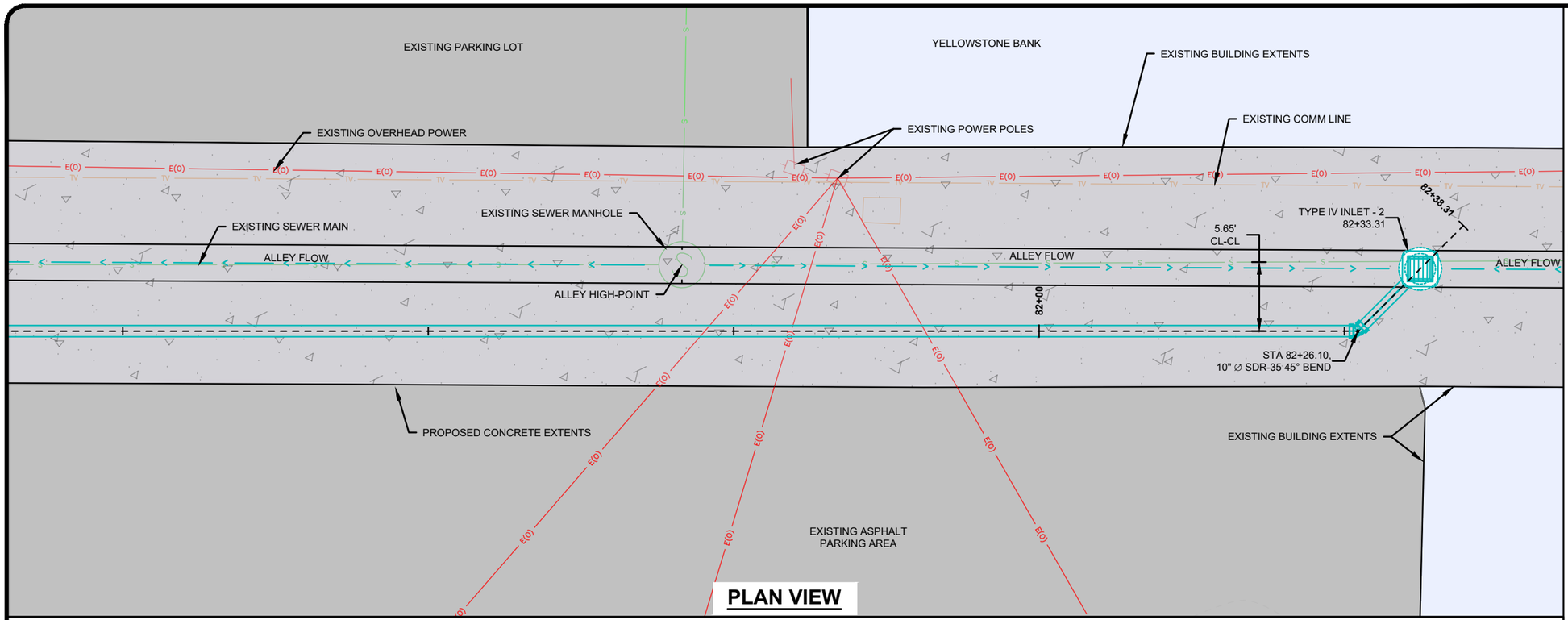
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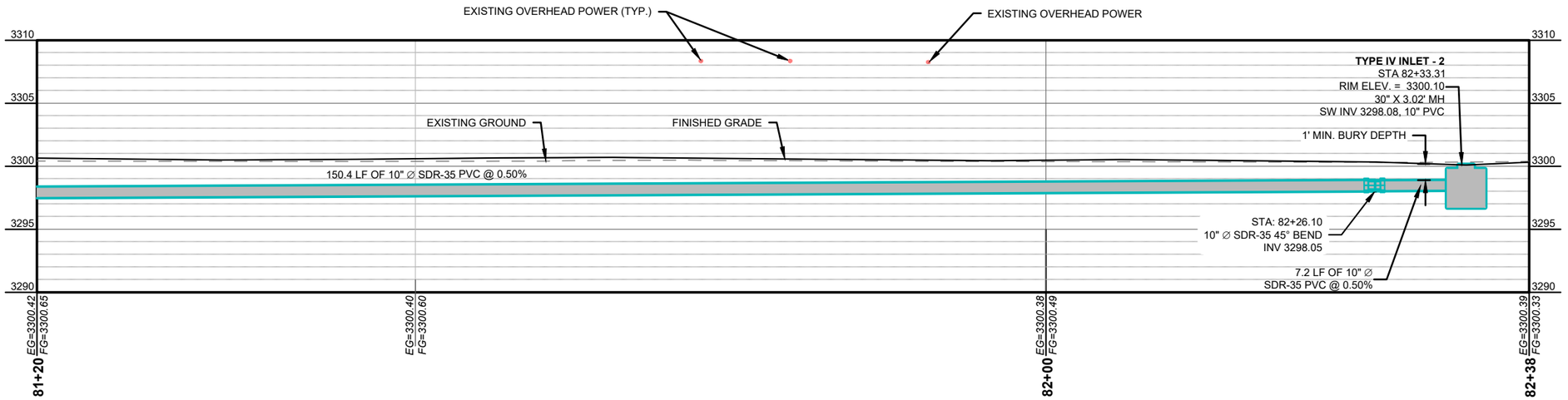
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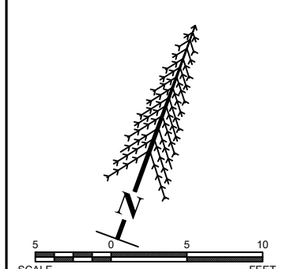
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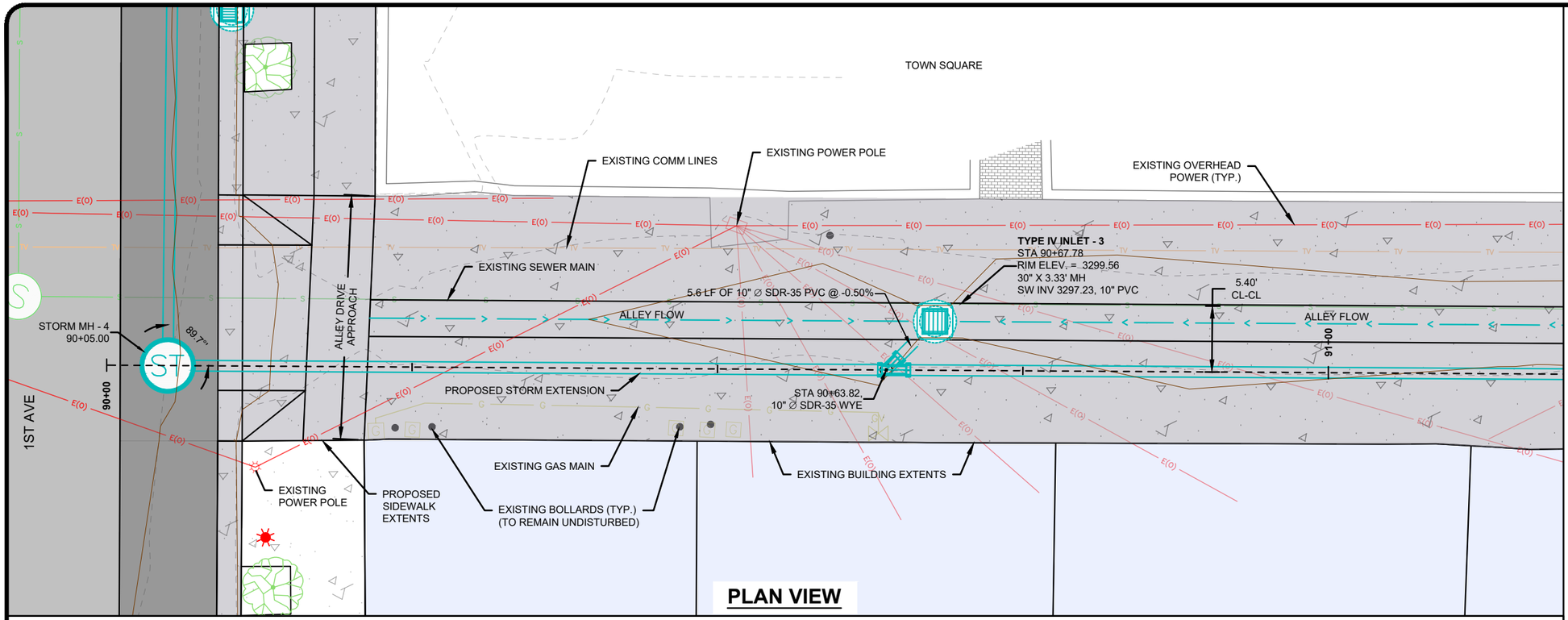
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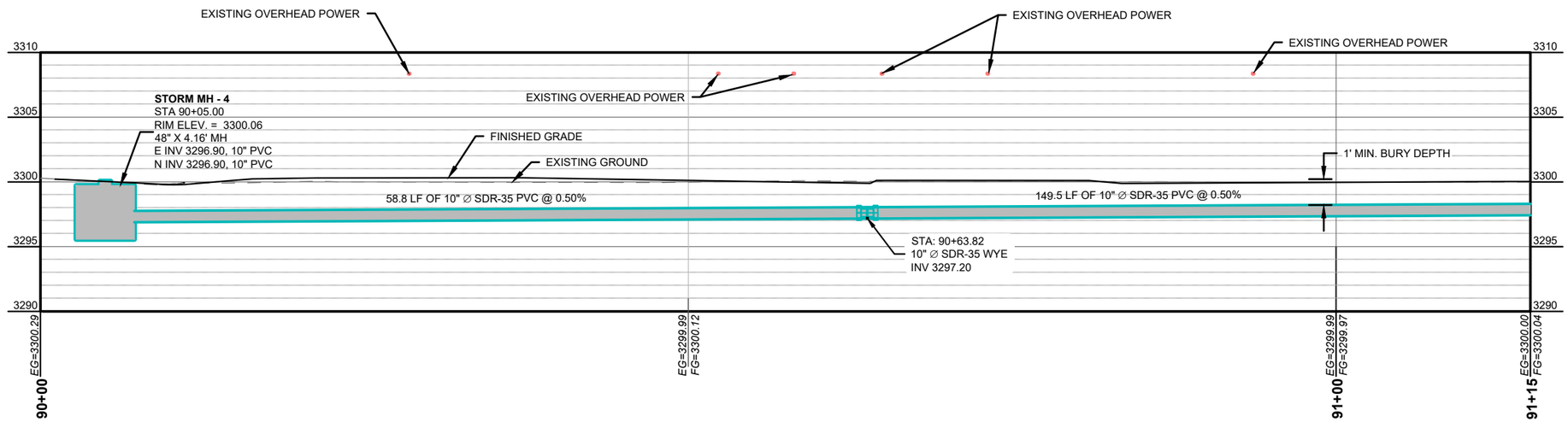
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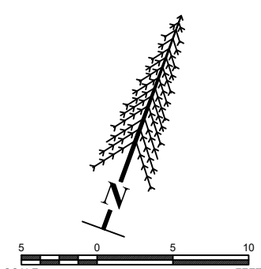
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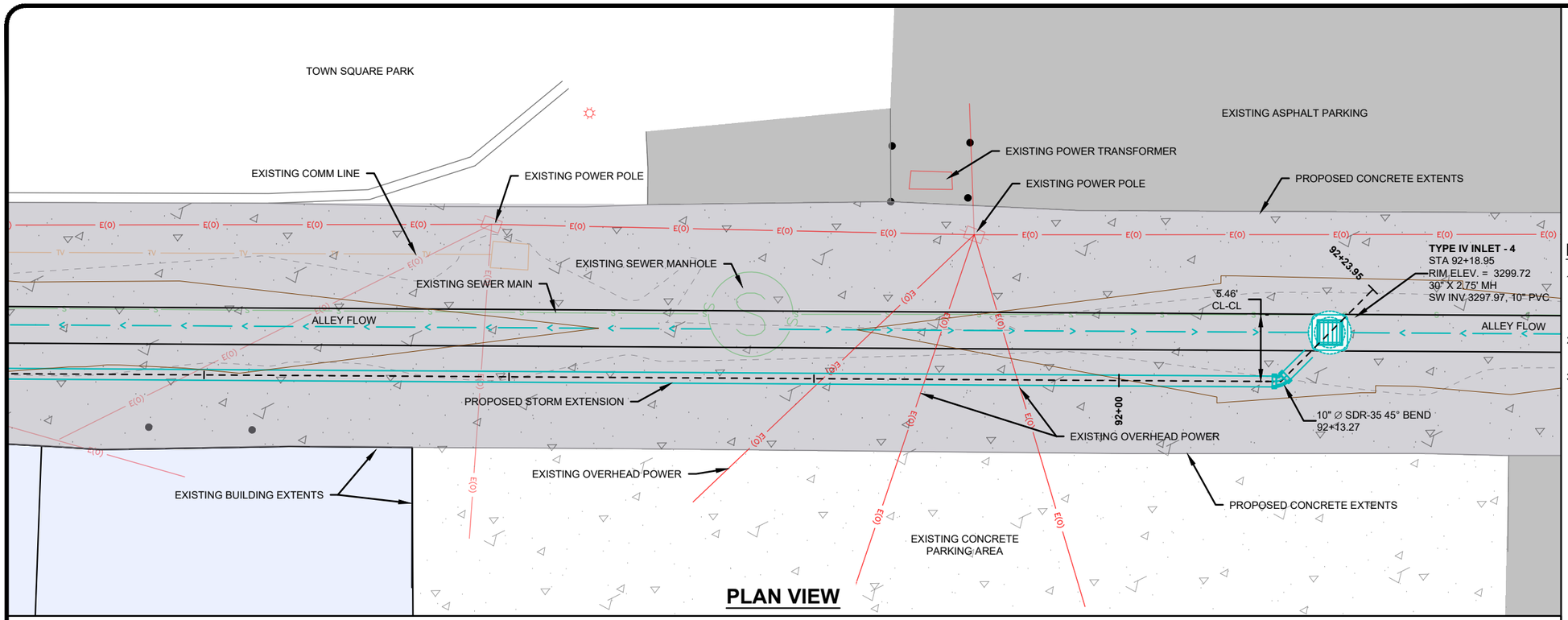
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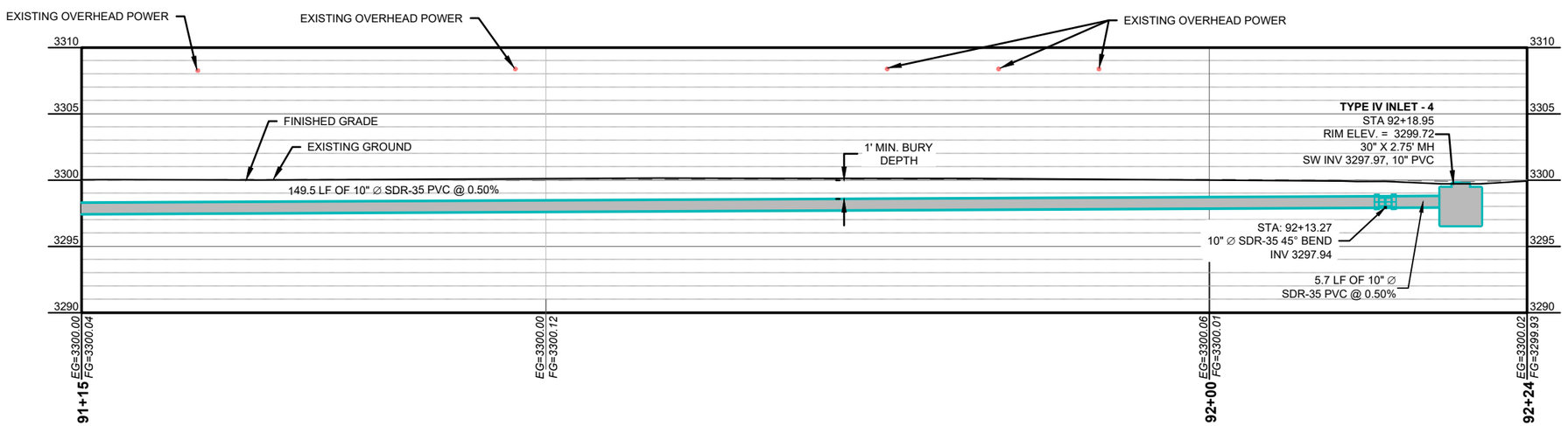
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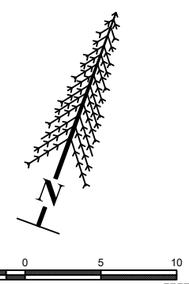
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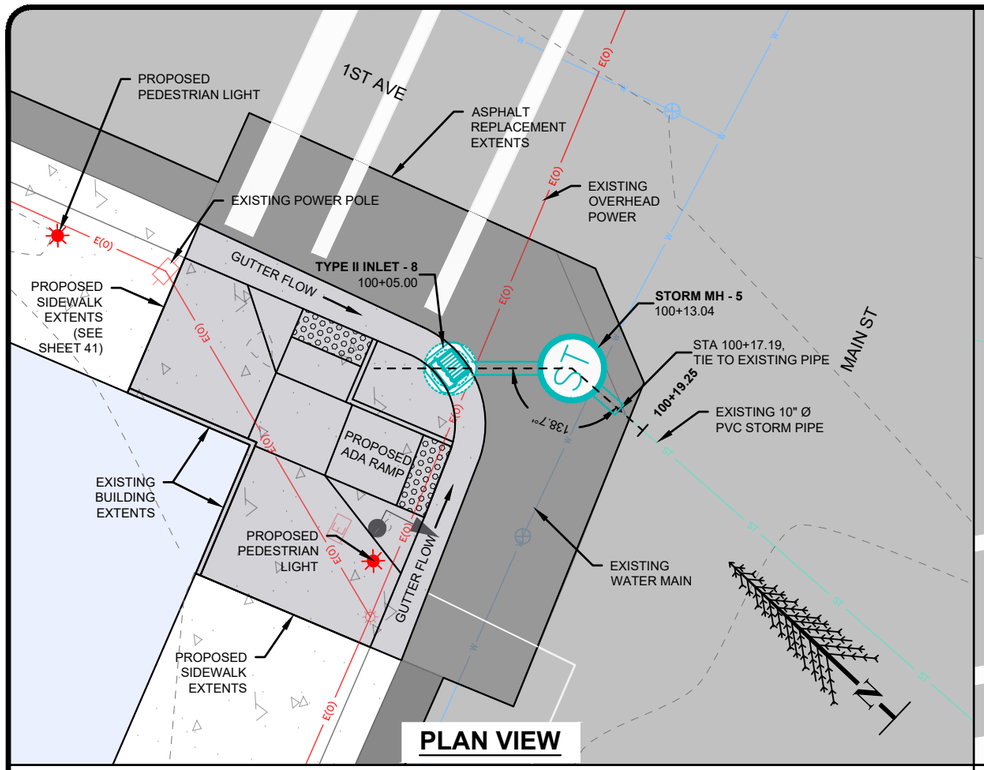
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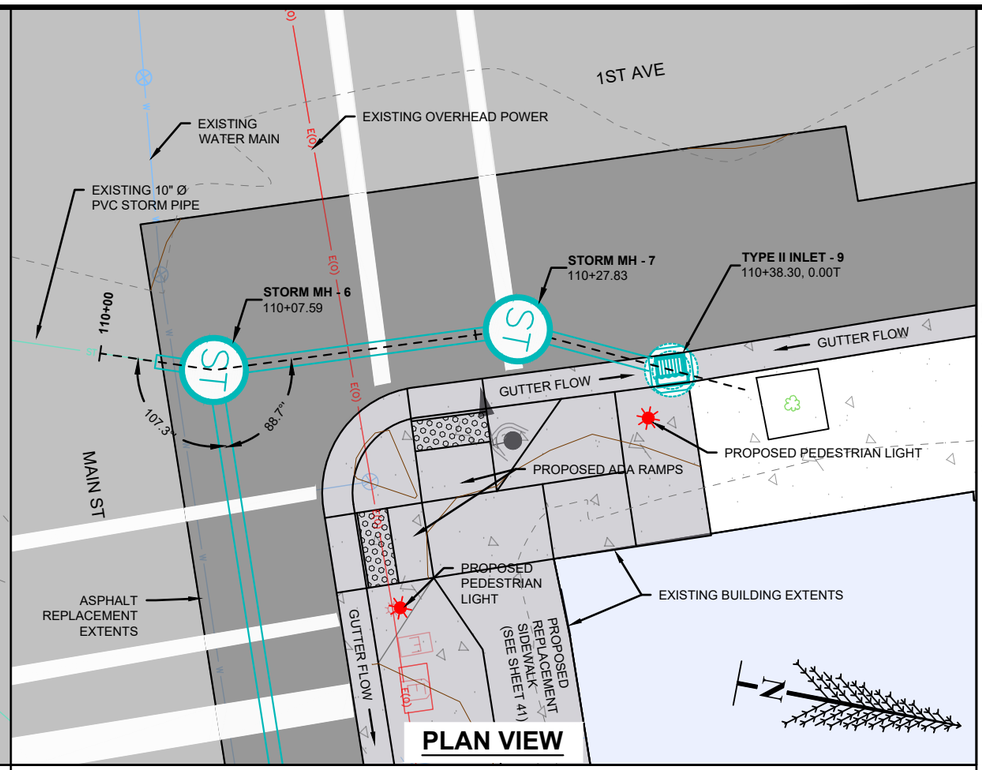
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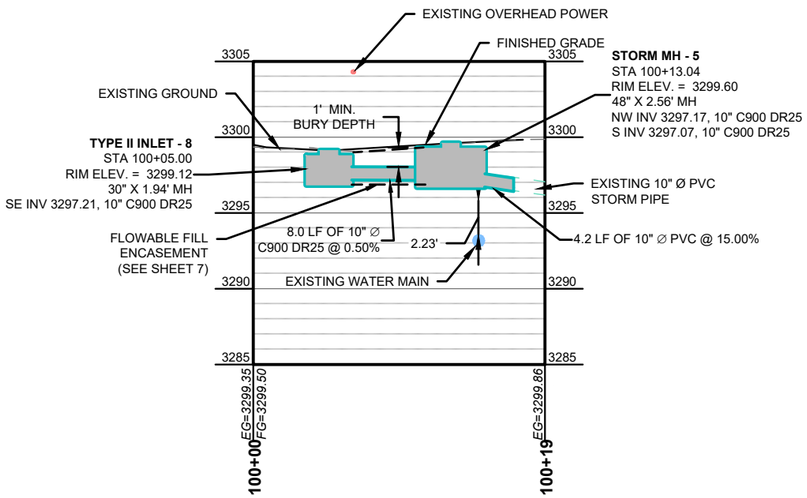
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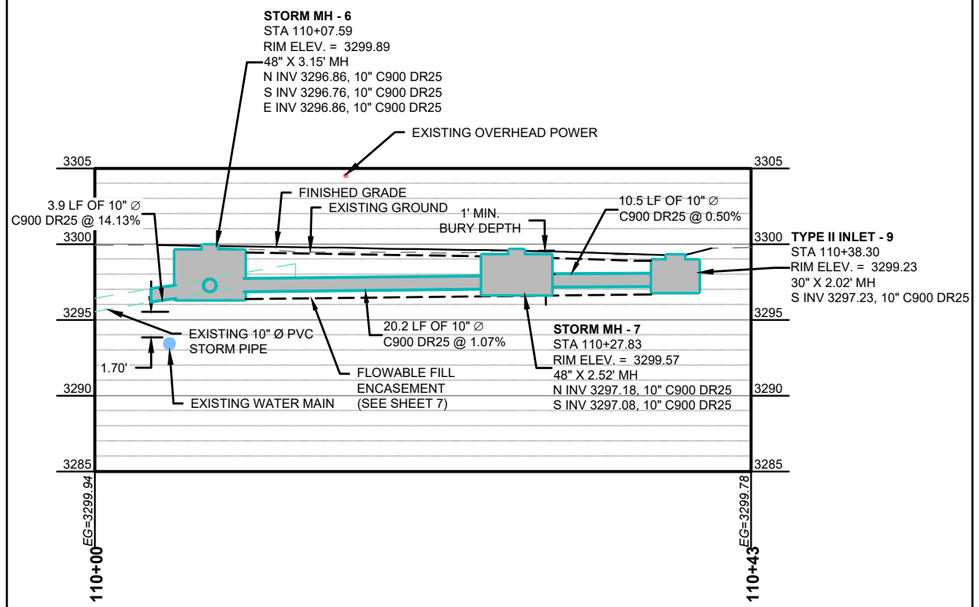
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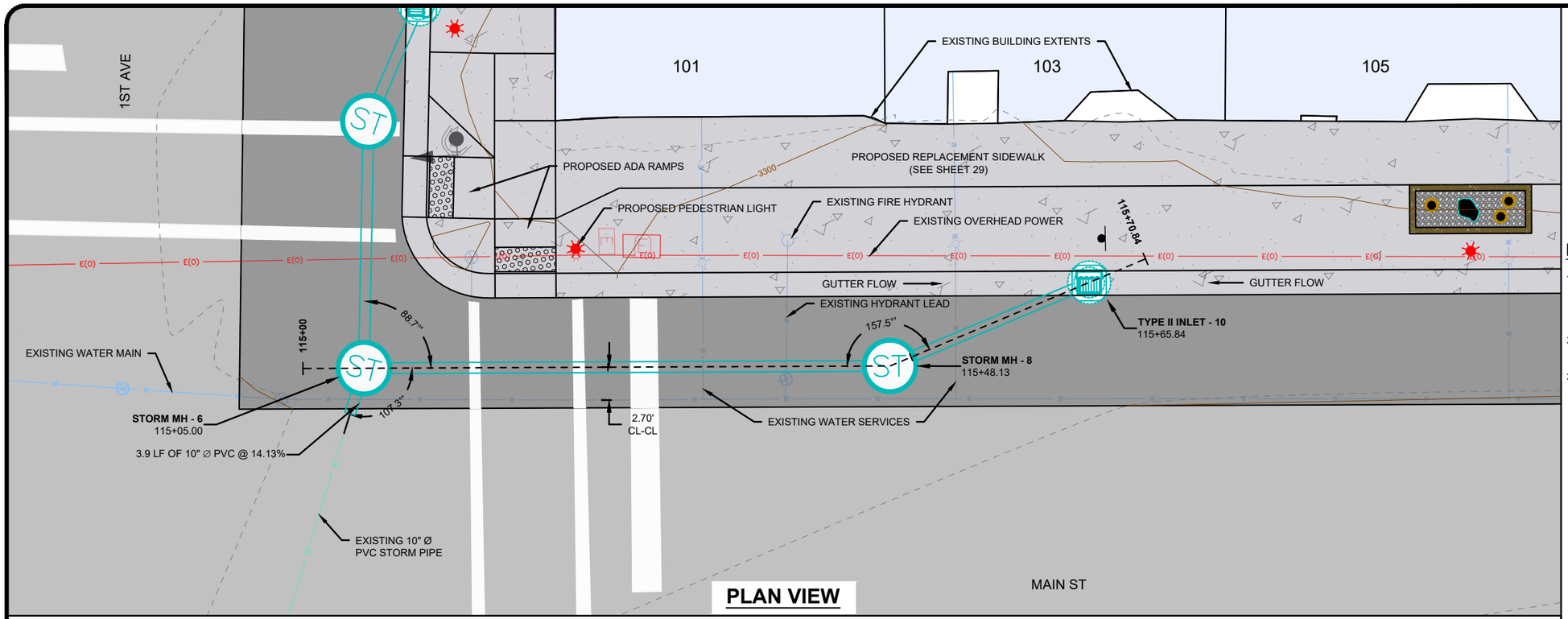
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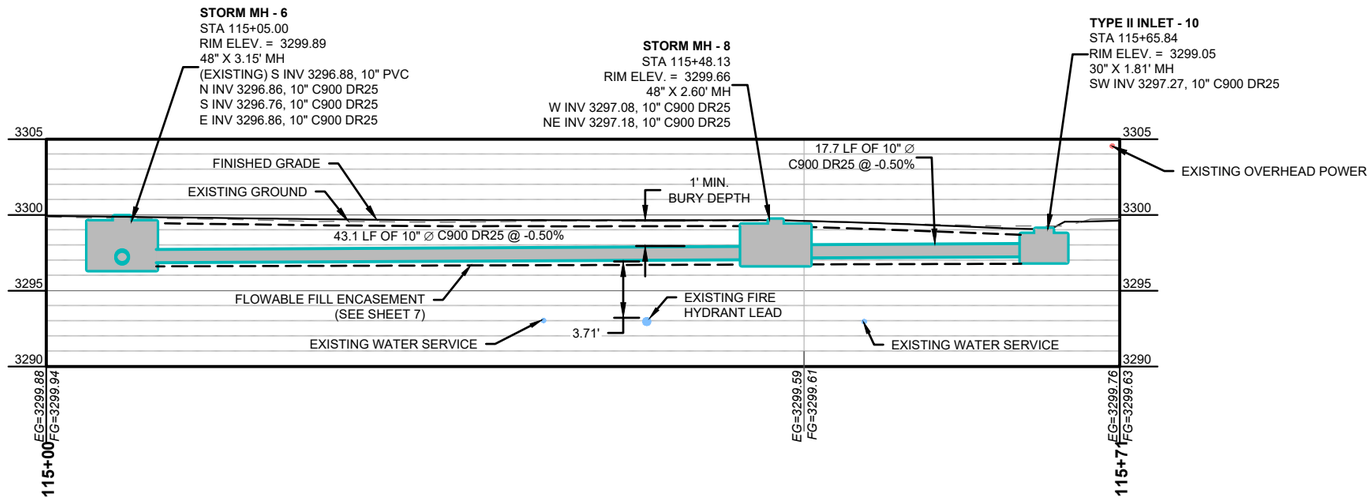
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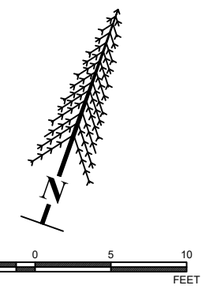
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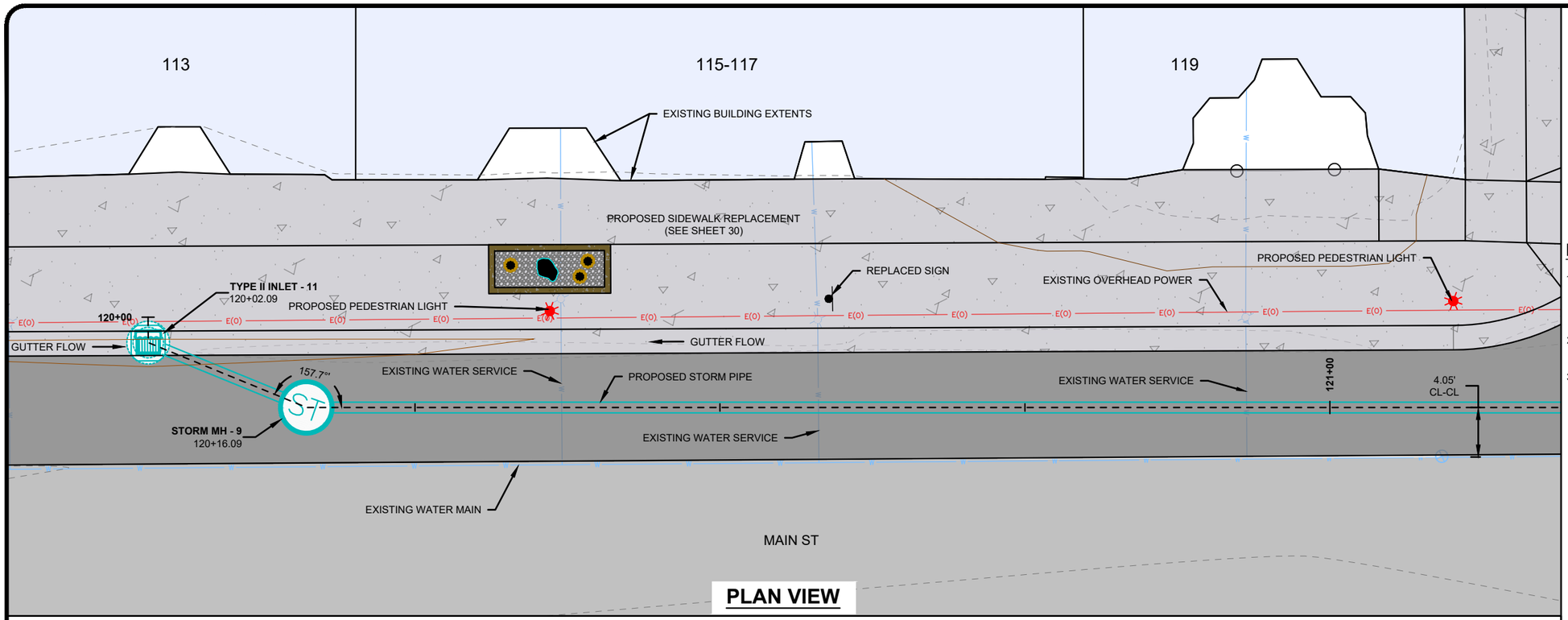
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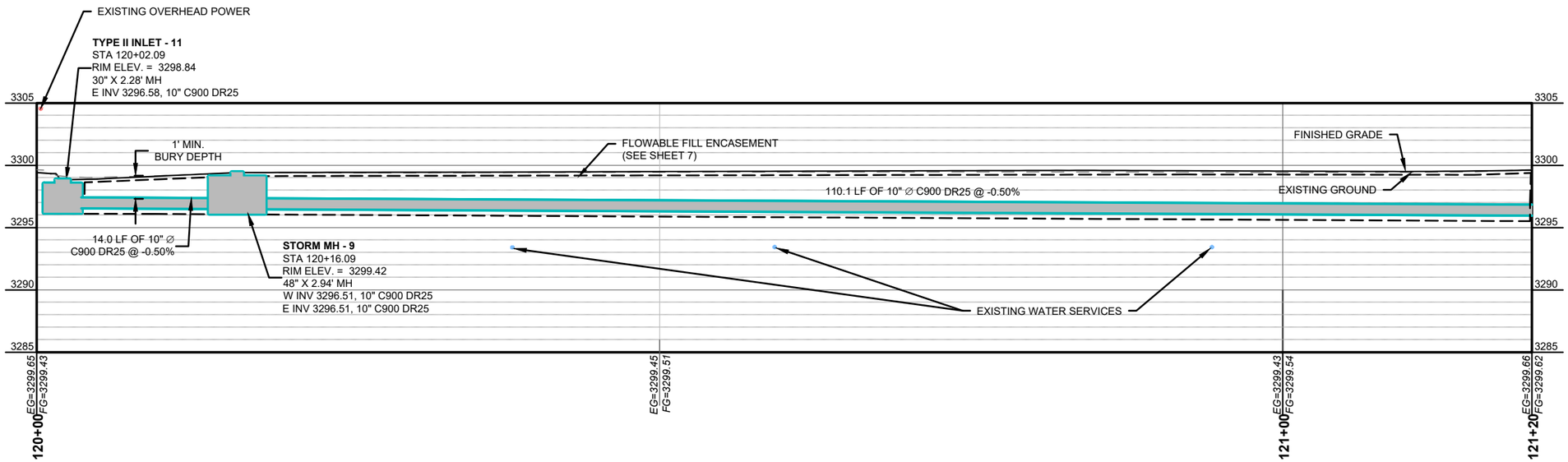
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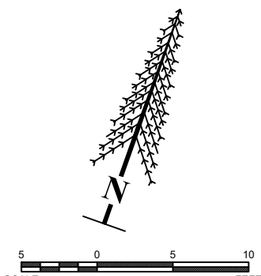
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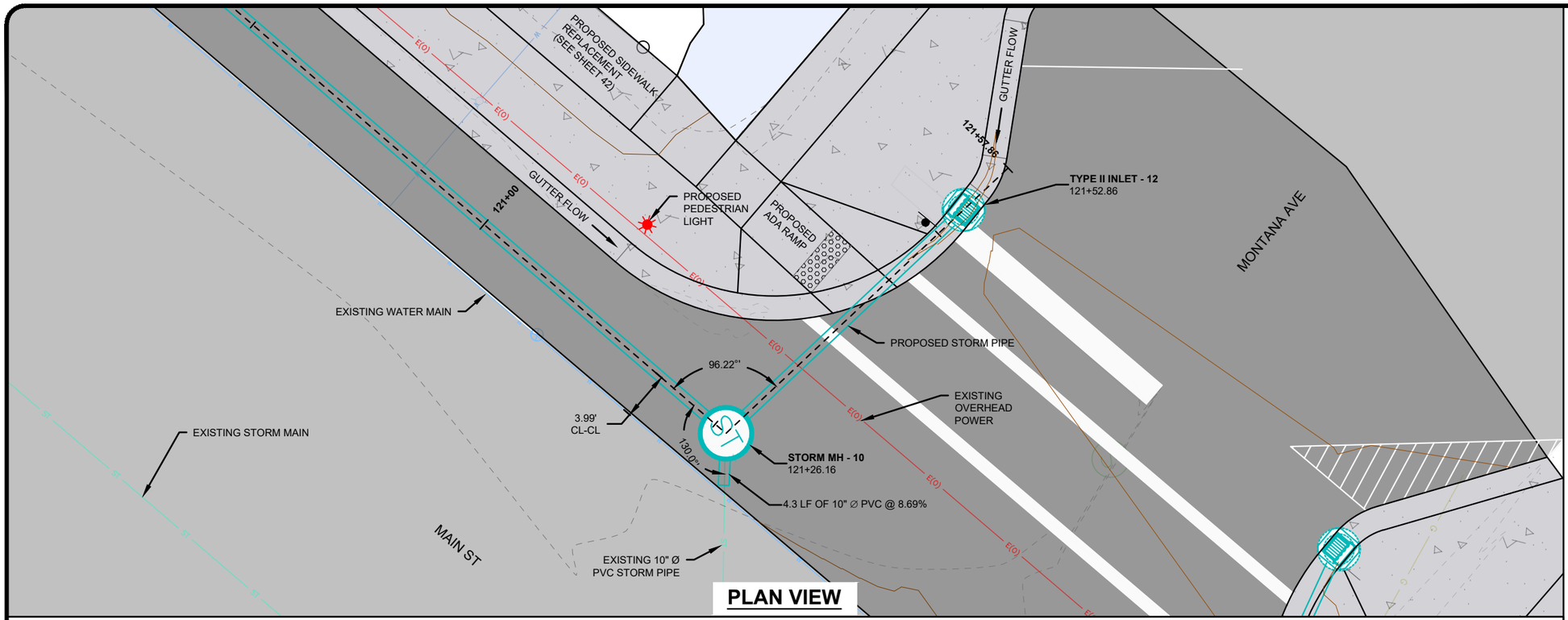
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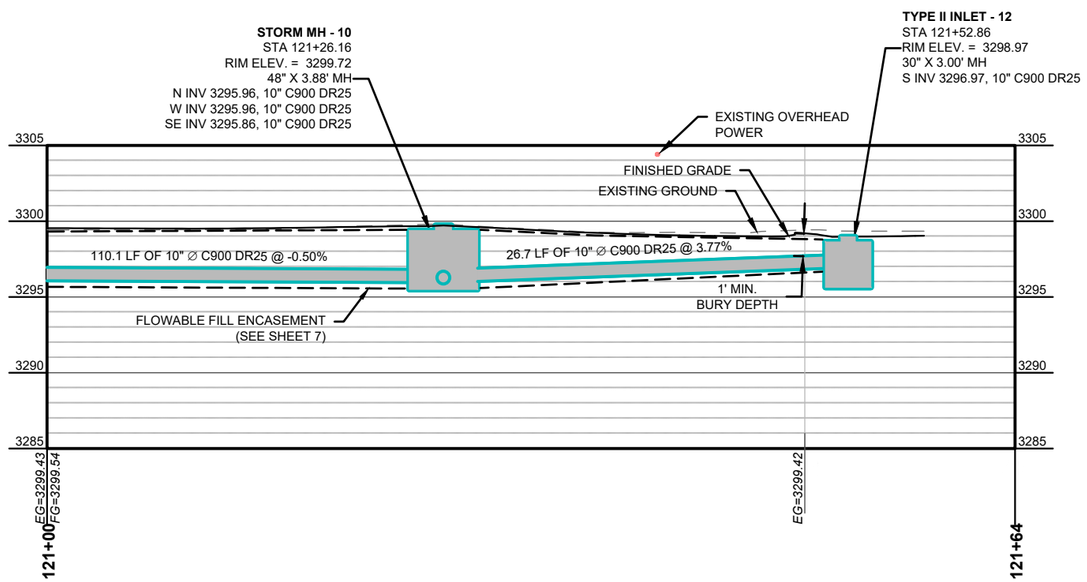
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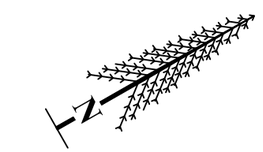
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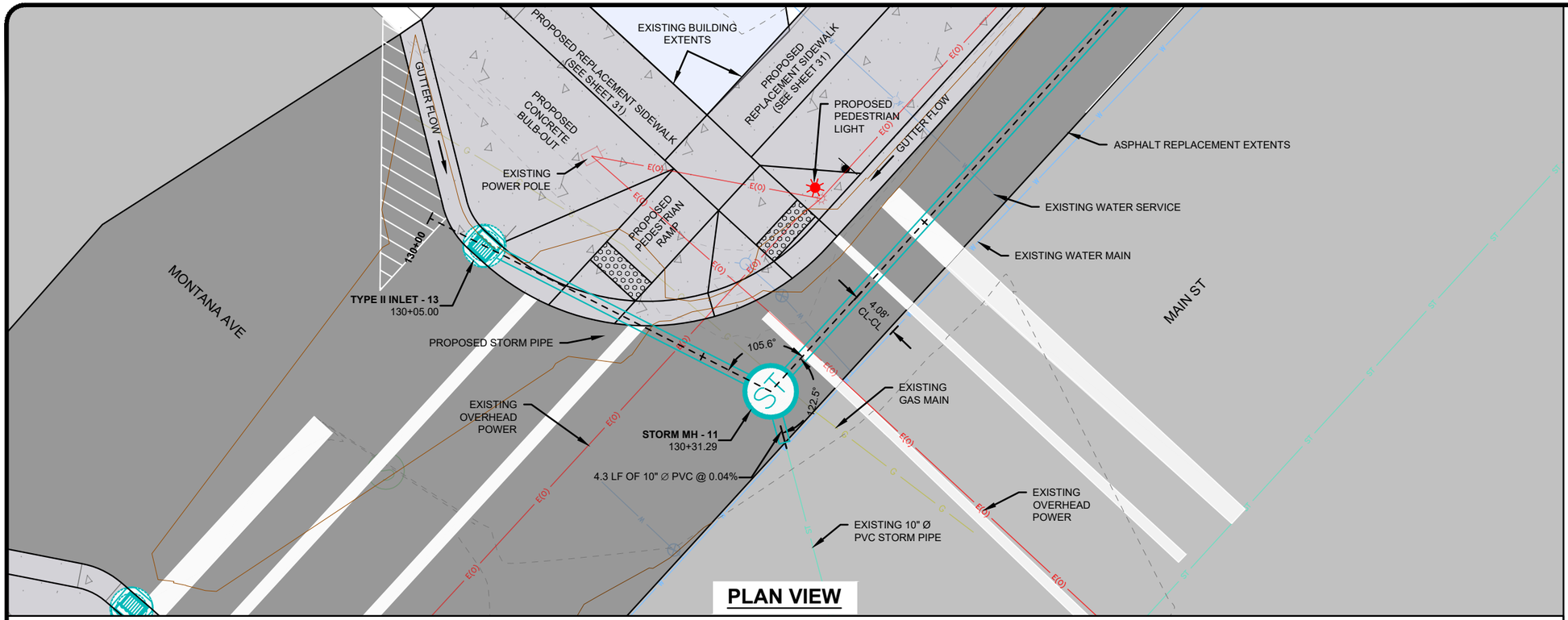
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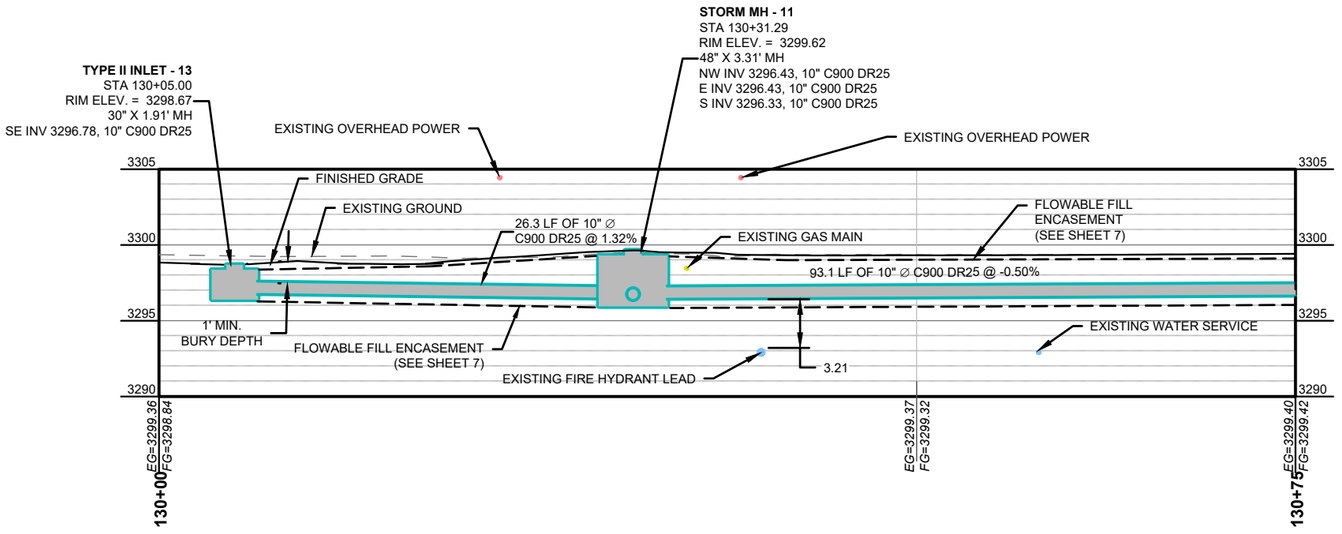
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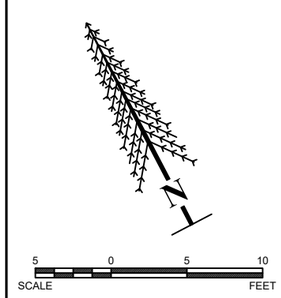
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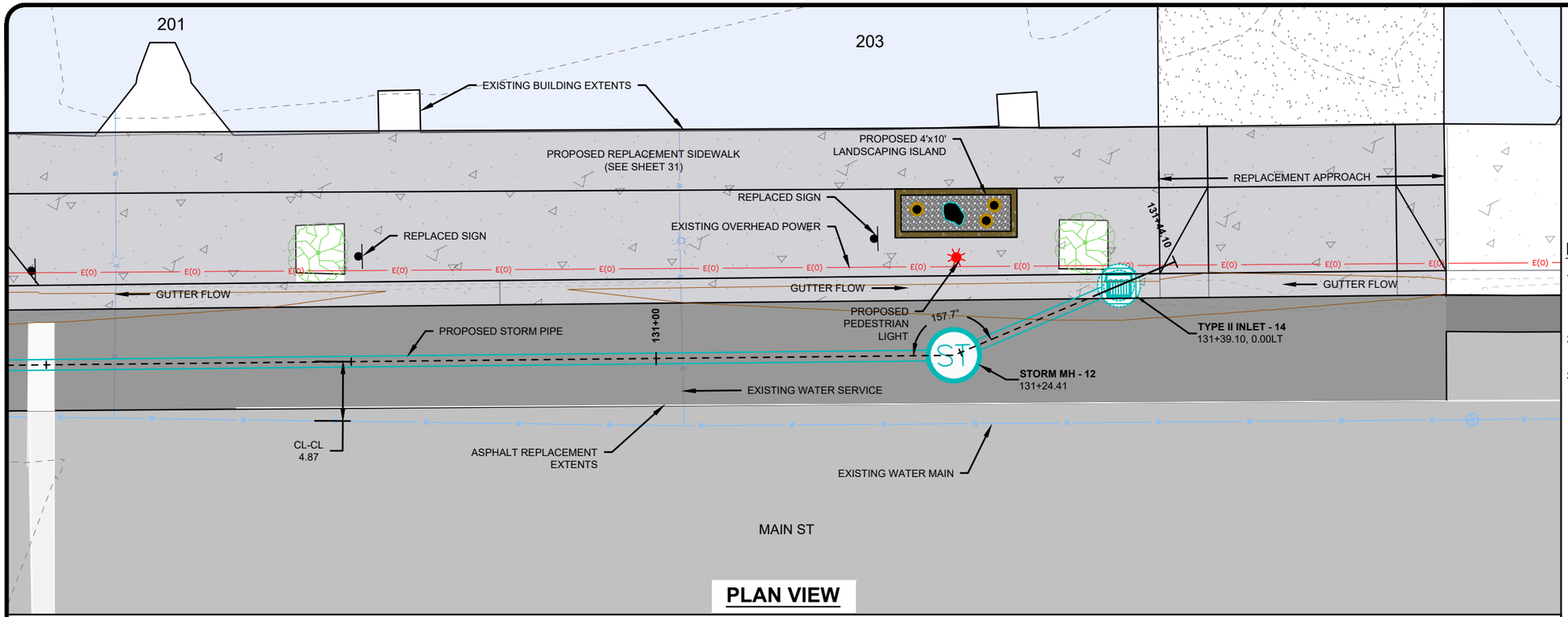
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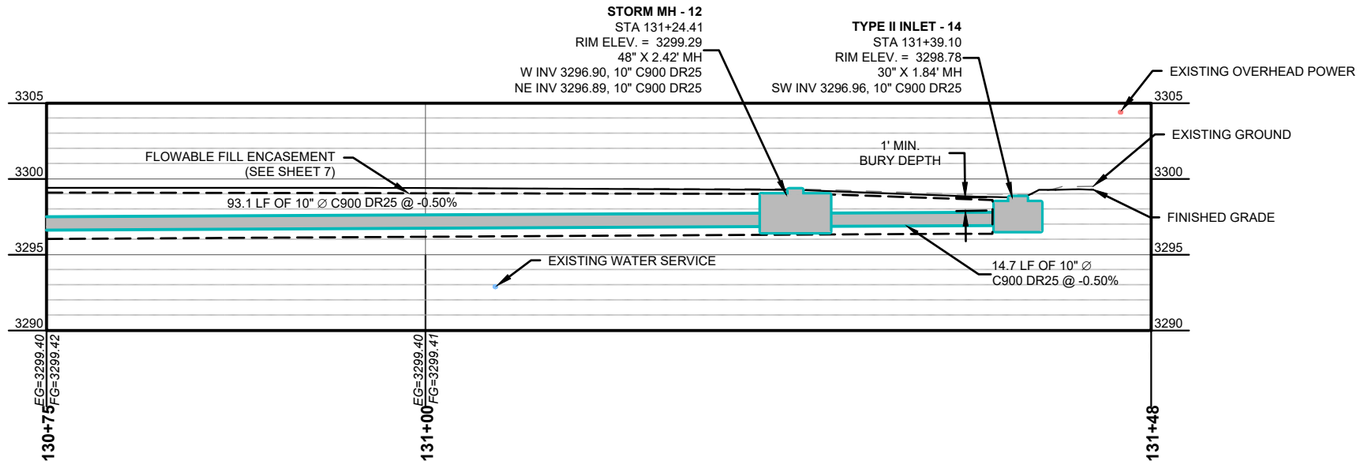
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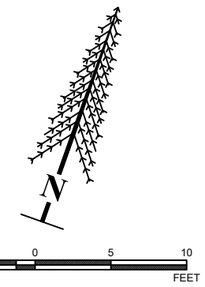
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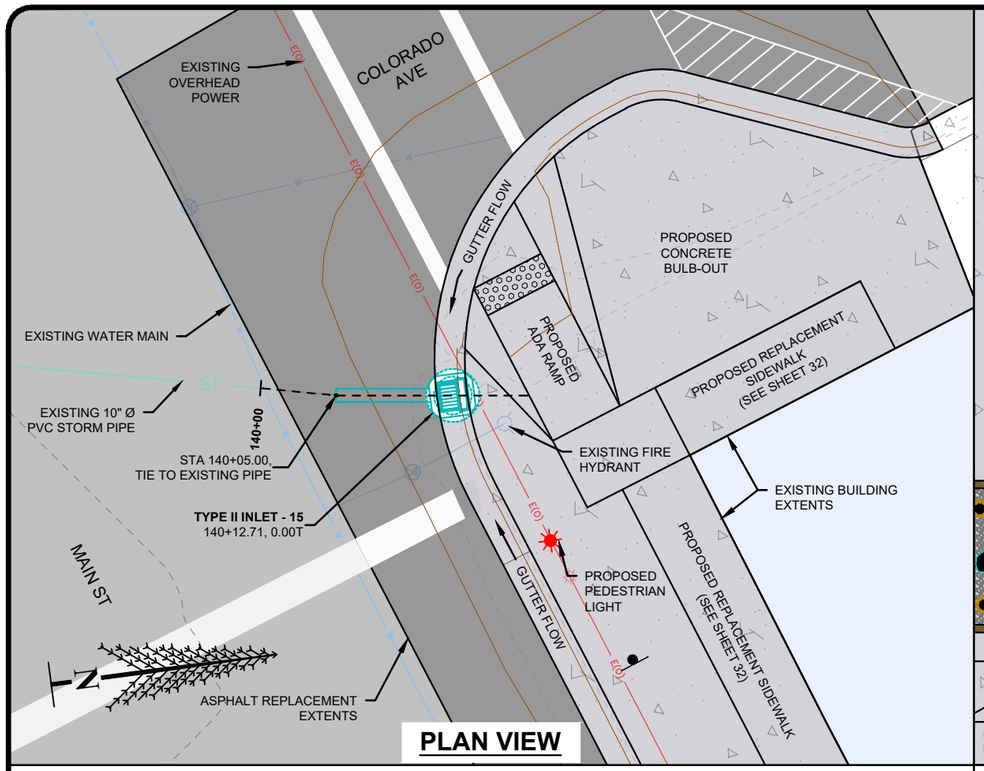
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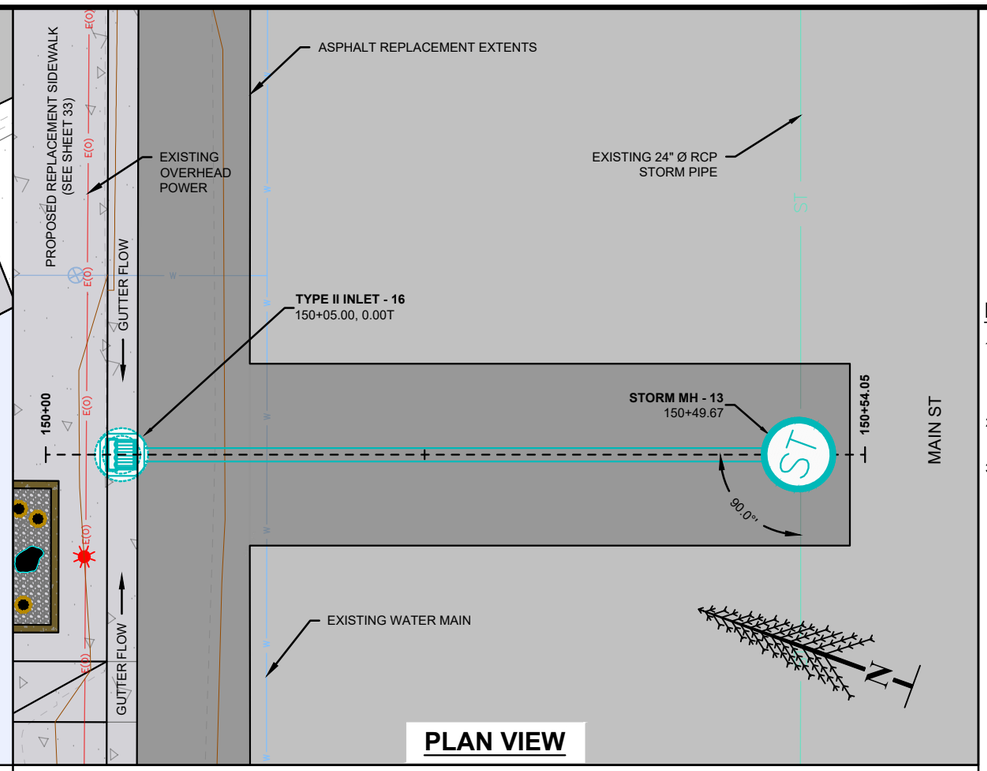
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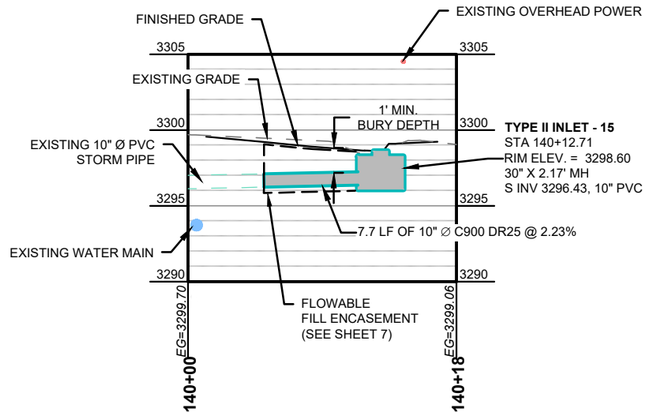
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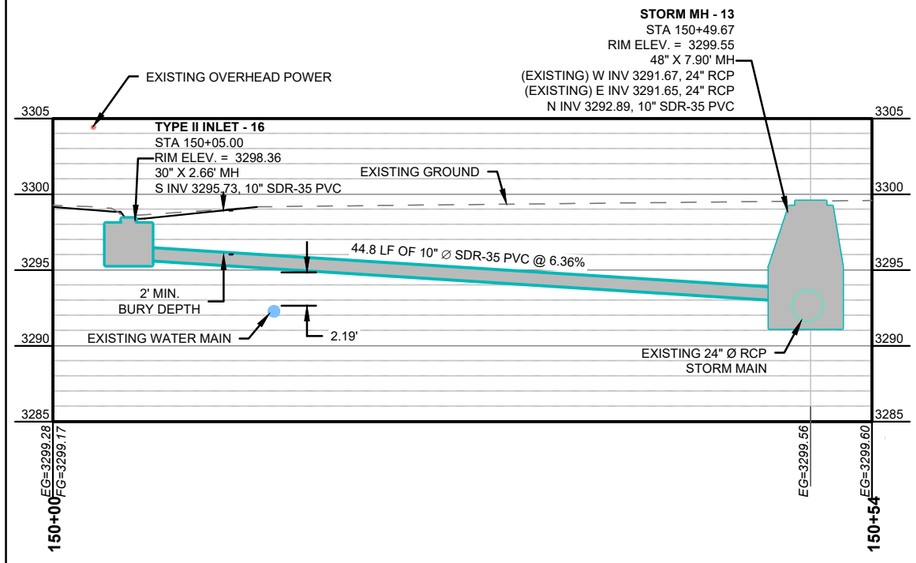
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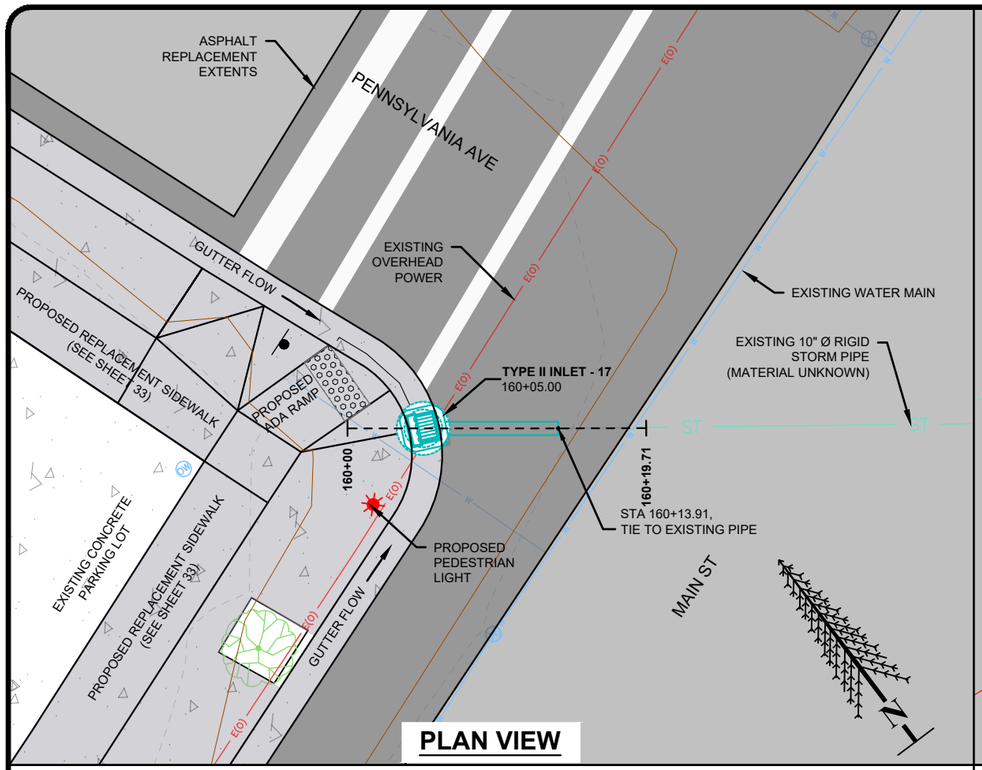
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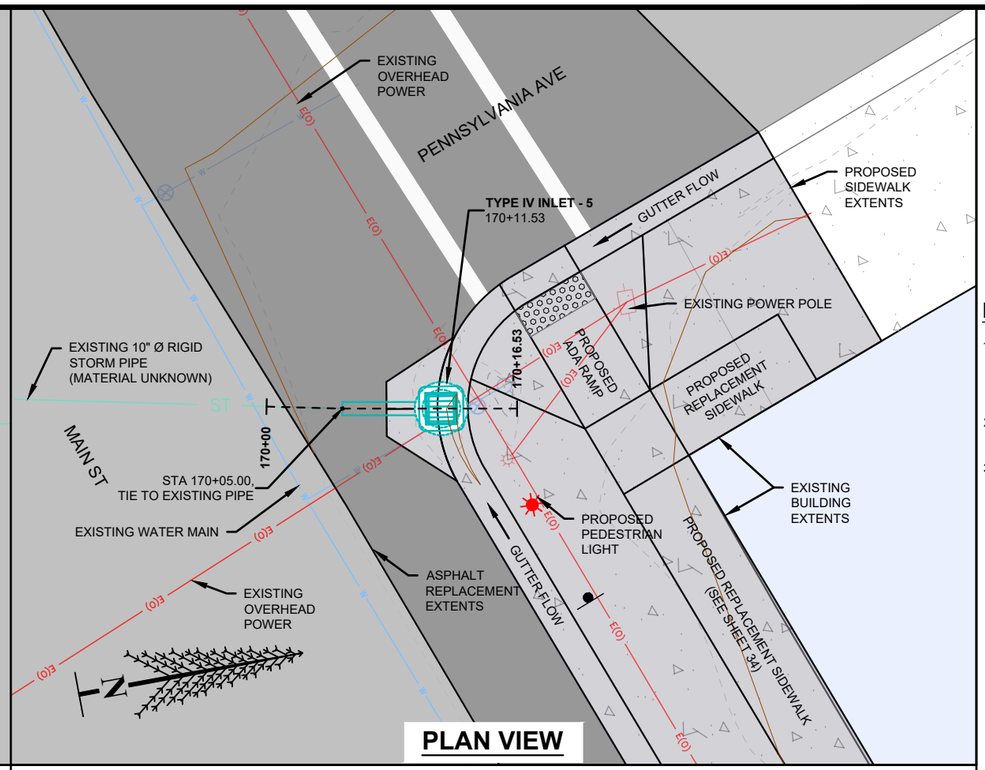
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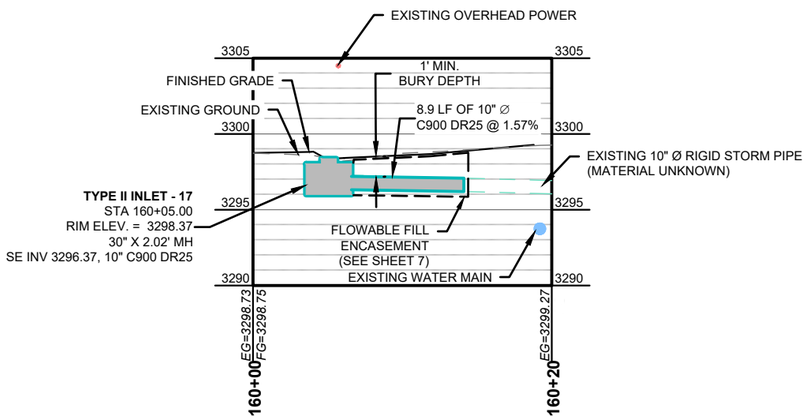
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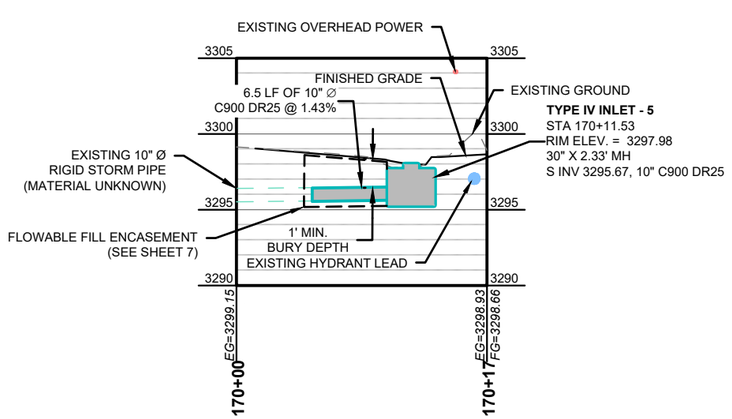
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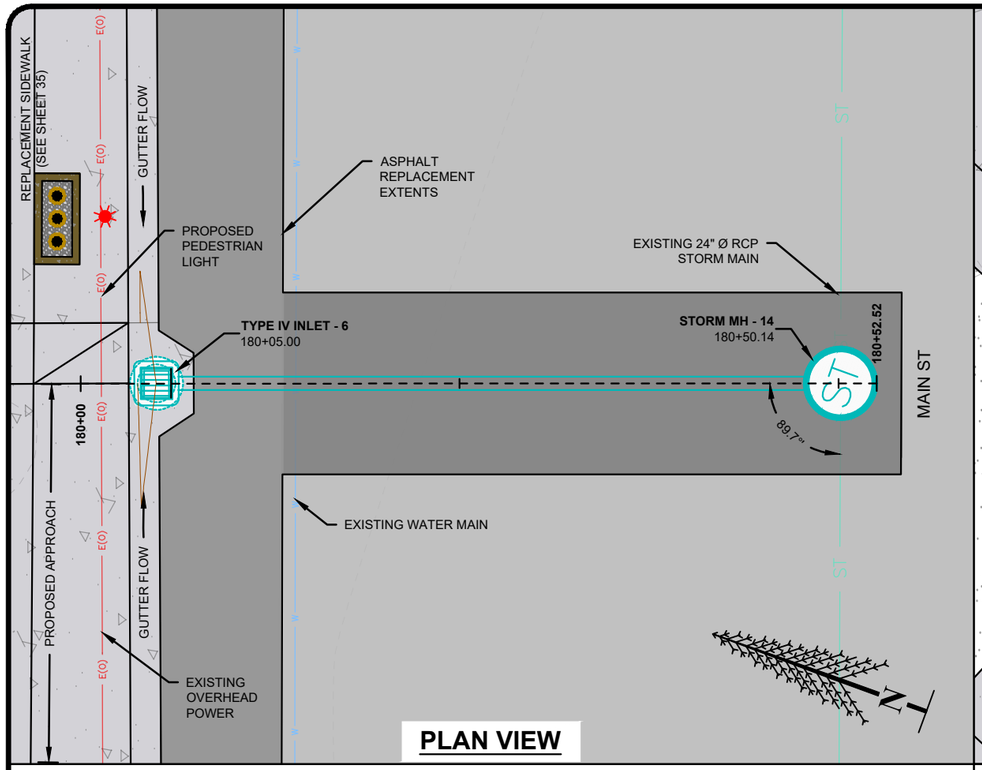
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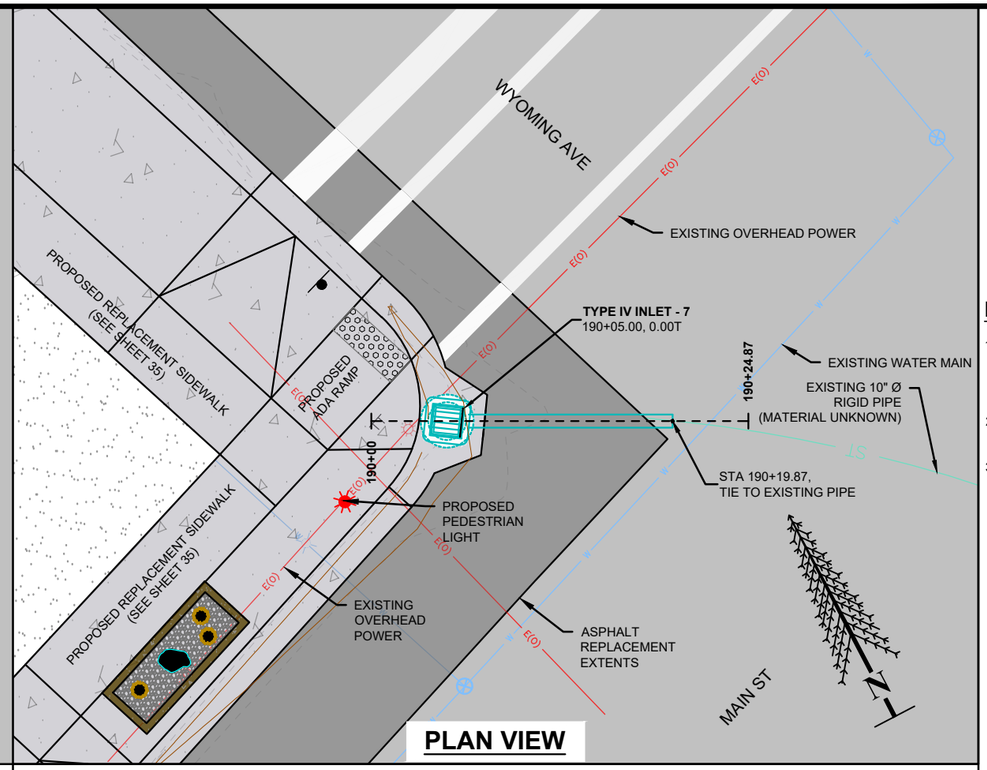
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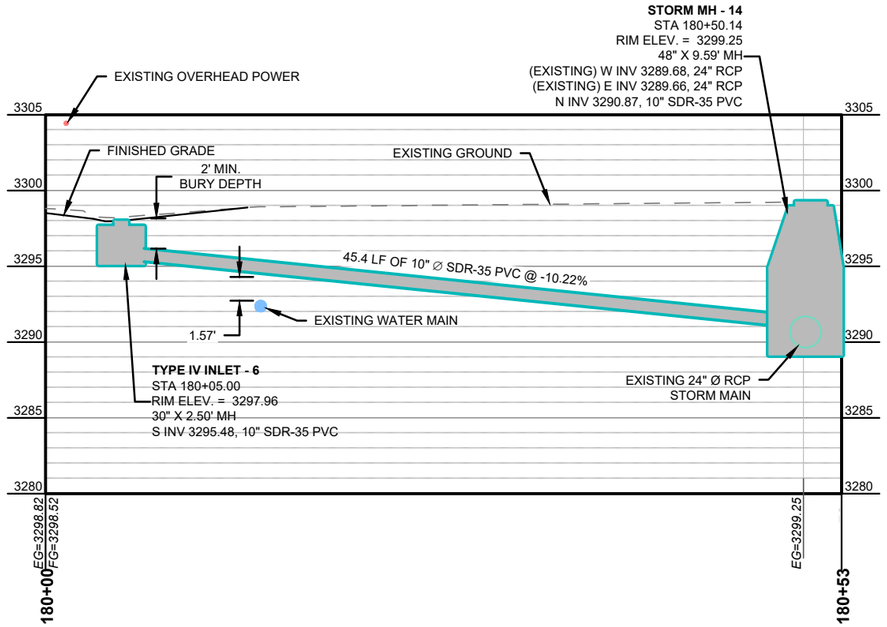
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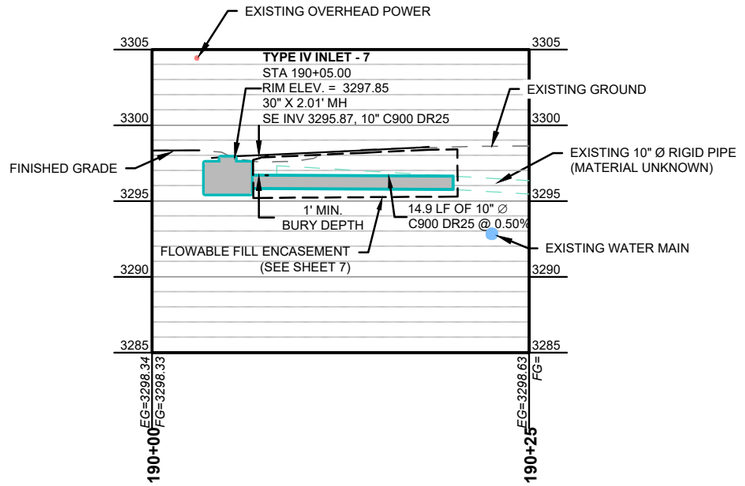
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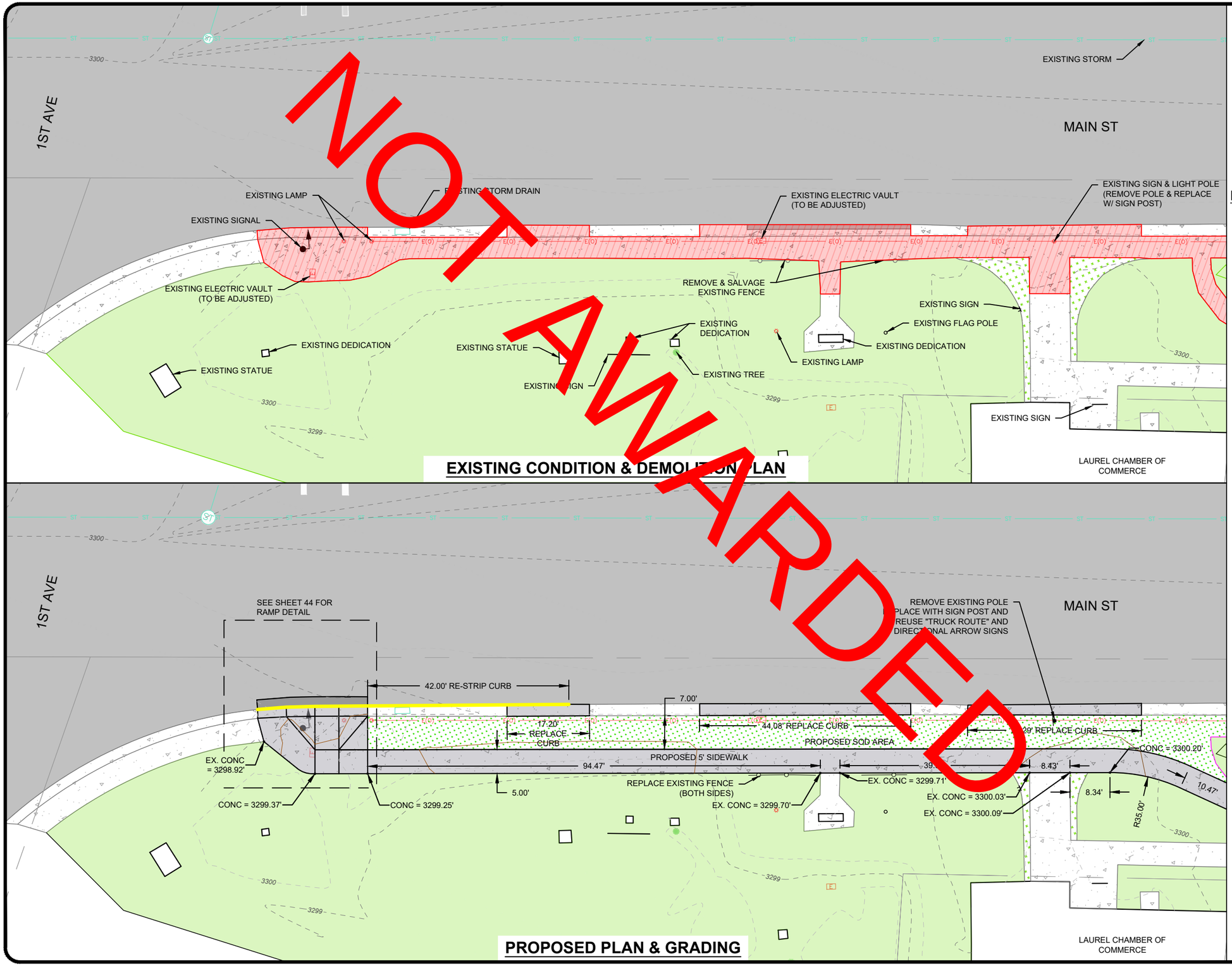
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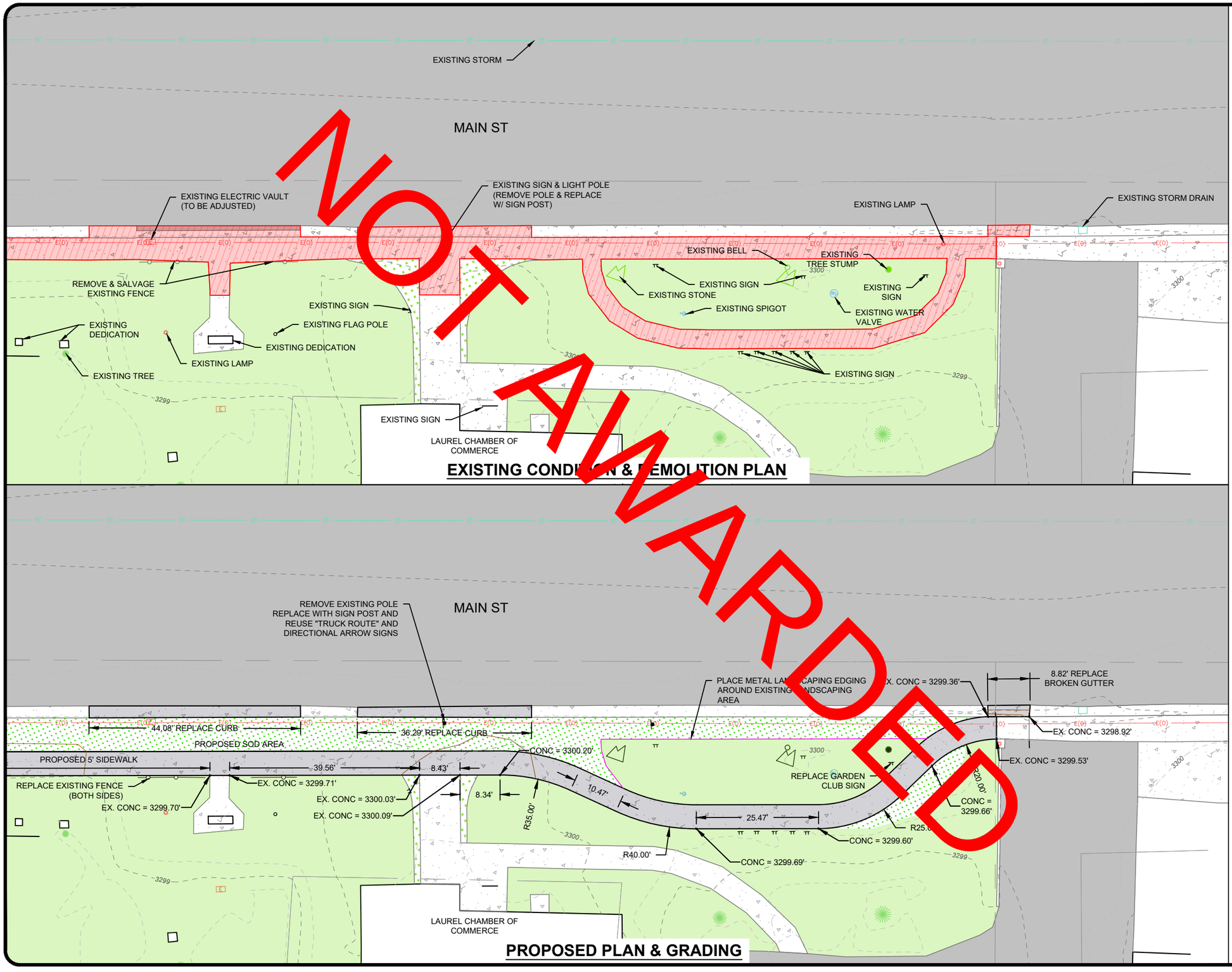
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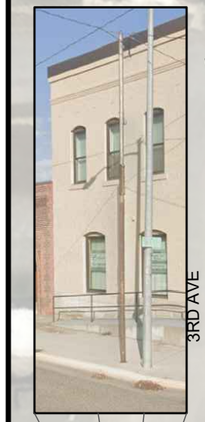
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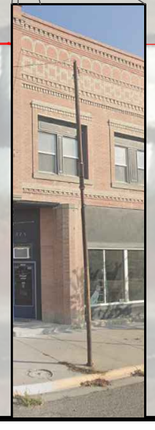
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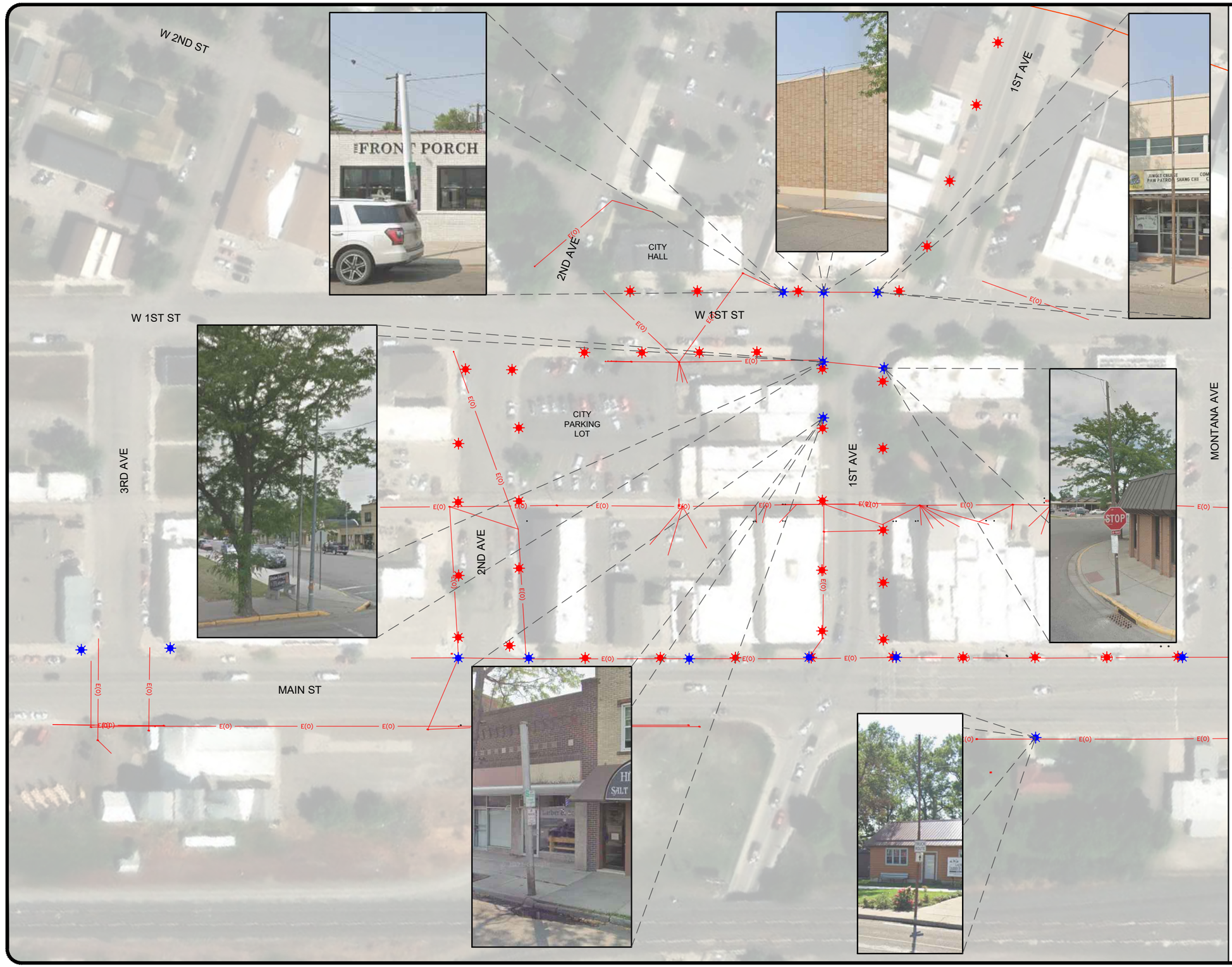
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PROPOSED & POLE REMOVAL PLAN - 2

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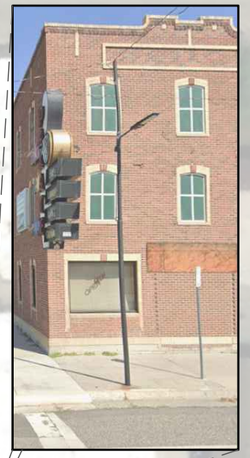
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MAIN ST



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PROPOSED & POLE REMOVAL PLAN - 3

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APPENDIX B

CONTRACTOR QUOTES

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST

Knife River - Billings
PO Box 80066
Billings, MT 59108

(406) 651-2500
(406) 655-2009

Date: August 4, 2026

Owner: City of Laurel/Triple Tree Eng

Project Name: LURA

Change Order Number: 1

Original Contract Date: July 20th, 2026

Work Change:

Changes to plans for MH's due to MDT comments and design changes to the concrete in the alley's.

-48" MH Saddles - 2 EA x $7350 = ADD - $14,700.00
-Alley Concrete - Increase concrete depth to 8", excavate & haul-off additional 2", rebar/dowel changes
ADD - $35,859.00

Total = $50,559.00

TOTAL = $50,559.00 (round to nearest whole dollar)

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Original Contract Sum: $2,219,906.50 ~~$1,622,260.00~~

Net amount of previous change orders: $0.00

Total original contract amount plus or minus change orders: $2,219,906.50 ~~$1,622,260.00~~

Total amount of this change order: $105,556.00 ~~$50,559.00~~

New contract amount including this change order: $2,325,462.50 ~~$1,672,819.00~~

Contactor:	**Owner**
Knife River	City of Laurel
PO Box 80066	115 W. 1st Street
Billings MT 59108	Laurel, MT
By:	By:
Date:	Date:

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director, Kurt Markegard, CAO
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Clerks
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-75: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Water Supply Agreement With CHS Inc.

Summary:

Recommended Action:

Budget:

Attachments:
1. R26-75 Approve CHS Water Supply Agreement
2. CHS Wtr Supply Agmt
3. Water Rates 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R26-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH CHS INC.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The agreement between the City of Laurel and CHS Inc., a copy attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Laurel are hereby given authority to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 8, 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 8th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

_____
Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

THIS WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between CHS INC., a Minnesota corporation with a mailing address of 5500 Cenex Drive, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077 ("CHS"), and the CITY OF LAUREL, a Montana municipal corporation, with a mailing address of 115 W 1st Street, Laurel, MT 59044 ("City").

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, the City has installed at the Yellowstone River a pumping plant with a river intake well and pump house facilities sufficient to pump and sell water pursuant to its State of Montana Water Right ("Water Right").

WHEREAS, historically, the City has supplied CHS and its predecessors with both potable and raw water for CHS's use at its facilities located near the City ("CHS Property") in accordance with various agreements between the parties, including before annexation became a requirement for water service in 2007.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to update and replace all water purchase agreements previously entered into between the City and CHS.

WHEREAS, the intent of the Agreement is to reduce CHS' use of potable water for its refining operations and to provide the City the ability to market settled water from the City's water plant designed to 5 NTU, to CHS as an alternative to potable water.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged as paid, the parties agree as follows:

1. Quantity of Water. City shall utilize its best effort to make available to CHS a minimum of 950,000,000 gallons of water per year ("Minimum Quantity") for municipal and industrial purposes, though the quantity actually delivered may be more or less depending on CHS's actual usage. City is not obligated to make available and/or deliver water beyond the Minimum Quantity, but may do so at its own discretion. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in the event an emergency failure occurs in the City's water supply system in either pressure or supply due to any malfunction or catastrophe, including but not limited to, main supply pipeline breaks, pump failure, power failure, flood, fire, extreme drought, use of water to fight fire, or earthquake, CHS shall excuse the City from its obligations in this Agreement for such reasonable period of time as may be necessary to restore service.

2. City Facilities. The City shall continue to provide the intake well and pump house facilities or replacements and upgrades thereto, together with electrical power and stand-by emergency electrical power for pumping the water supply from the City pump station into the water mains of CHS and shall operate the pumping equipment for pumping the water to CHS.

The City shall operate and maintain its distribution system in an efficient manner and take such action as may be necessary to deliver the quantity and pressure of water to CHS as set forth herein and shall make the necessary adjustments and minor repairs to CHS's pumps. CHS shall supply all materials for such adjustments and repairs and shall maintain its transmission main at its sole expense.

3. Points of Delivery. City shall deliver the water in its main distribution pipeline directly to the CHS Property at the historic points of delivery and at such other locations as CHS may develop in any expansion or renovation of the CHS Property. City shall also deliver raw and settled water into the CHS owned water mains. In case of the renovation or expansion of CHS's current system, CHS shall be responsible for the cost of additional pipelines from the City's distribution system to CHS Property.

4. Rates and Charges. The City shall bill CHS based on CHS's monthly consumption of water at the following rates:

a. Raw or Untreated Water: $.42 per 1,000 gallons with 3% increase each year on July 1.

b. Settled Water: $1.31 per 1,000 gallons with 3% increase each year on July 1.

c. Municipal or Potable Water from the City's main line: Standard rate charged to other *industrial* municipal water users, *according to the current City rates for industrial users (see addendum A*).

The raw and settle water rates charged by the City shall be reviewed by the parties every fifth anniversary of this Agreement. The municipal or potable water from the City's main line will be negotiated and adjusted pursuant to Montana law. The parties shall negotiate in good faith to reach an adjusted equitable rate based, in part, on a demonstrable increase or decrease in the costs of performance hereunder, but such costs shall not include increased capitalization of City's system unless such increase is required for CHS future expansion. All billing statements shall identify the amount of municipal or potable water, raw water, and settled water delivered to CHS and the rate charged per 1,000 gallons of each type of water.

In recognition of the fact that the Minimum Quantity represents approximately 40% of the City's Water Right, in the event that in a given year City makes available the Minimum Quantity but CHS does not accept delivery of the entire Minimum Quantity, CHS shall pay the currently applicable rates and charges pursuant to this Section for the greater of the following:

- The actual amount of water delivered; or

- Eight hundred million (800,000,000) gallons of water, the cost of which shall be calculated by agreement taking into consideration the proportionate categorical usage of the current year.

5. This agreement will have an initial term of ten (10) years from effective date and shall renew automatically for additional five year terms after the end of the initial term. If either party desires to renegotiate the Agreement, written notice must be sent to the other party, at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of the Agreement's current term.

6. Default. If either party defaults under the terms of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall send the defaulting party written notice setting forth the default and giving the defaulting party ten (10) days to cure such default. If the default is not cured within the ten (10) day time period, the non-defaulting party shall be entitled to all remedies allowed under the laws of the State of Montana, including without limitation termination of this Agreement, specific performance, and damages, including attorney fees and costs.

7. Notice. All notices and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing addressed to the appropriate party and shall be delivered by either personal service, electronic transmission with verification of receipt, overnight delivery service, or certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows, or other physical or electronic address given to the other party in writing:

City: 115 W 1st Street
Laurel, MT 59044

CHS: 803 US Highway 212 South
Laurel, MT 59044

with a copy to:
5500 Cenex Drive
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
Attn: Legal Department

A party wishing to change its designated address shall do so by notice in writing to the other party. Notice served by personal service shall be deemed complete when received. Notice by U.S. mail shall be deemed complete three (3) days after deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid. Notice served by overnight delivery service shall be deemed complete the day after such notice is sent. Notice by electronic transmission shall be deemed complete when sent and verification of receipt received. Such addresses may be changed from time to time by means of a notice given in the manner provided in this Section.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes any and all prior negotiations and understandings

regarding City supplying water to CHS. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended or changed in any respect except by written document signed by both parties.

9. Severability; Governing Law. If any portion of this Agreement shall be held to be void or unenforceable, the balance thereof shall nonetheless be effective. This Agreement has been made and entered into in the State of Montana and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana.

10. Electronic Copies and Counterparts. An electronic copy of this Agreement containing the signature of a party shall be accepted as the original signature of that party. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, which taken together shall constitute one and the same document.

11. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the Parties once executed by CHS and approved by Resolution of the City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the date first above written.

CHS INC., a Minnesota cooperative corporation

By_____
Shane Lacasse, VP Refining_____

CITY OF LAUREL, a municipal corporation

By_____
Kris Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, City Clerk/Treasurer

Attachment A

Final Water Rates and Charges

Water Rate Structure

Water Meter Size	FY 26 Base Rate	FY 26 Capital Surcharge	FY 27 Base Rate	FY 27 Capital Surcharge	FY 28 Base Rate	FY 28 Capital Surcharge	FY 29 Base Rate	FY 29 Capital Surcharge
3/4"	$28.55	$9.28	$33.12	$10.76	$34.44	$11.19	$35.82	$11.64
1"	$48.48	$16.61	$56.24	$19.27	$58.49	$20.04	$60.83	$20.84
1.25"	$73.46	$25.80	$85.21	$29.93	$88.62	$31.13	$92.16	$32.38
1.5"	$104.24	$37.12	$120.92	$43.06	$125.76	$44.78	$130.79	$46.57
2"	$183.47	$66.26	$212.83	$76.86	$221.34	$79.93	$230.19	$83.13
3"	$407.00	$148.48	$472.12	$172.24	$491.00	$179.13	$510.64	$186.30
4"	$724.14	$265.13	$840.00	$307.55	$873.60	$319.85	$908.54	$332.64
6"	$1,625.36	$596.61	$1,885.42	$692.07	$,1960.84	$719.75	$2,039.27	$748.54
10"	$4,488.71	$1,649.80	$5,206.90	$1,913.77	$5,415.18	$1,190.32	$5,631.79	$2,069.93

Volume Rate, $ per 1,000 gallons

Threshold	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Residential				
0-1,000 gal	$2.52	$2.92	$3.04	$3.16
1.001-5,000 gal	$2.52	$2.92	$3.04	$3.16
5,001-10,000 gal	$3.14	$3.64	$3.79	$3.94
10,001-20,000 gal	$3.78	$4.38	$4.56	$4.74
Over 20,000 gal	$5.03	$5.83	$6.06	$6.30
Commercial				
First 1,000 gal	$3.79	$4.40	$4.58	$4.76
Over 1,000 gal	$3.79	$4.40	$4.58	$4.76
Industrial				
First 1,000 gal	$4.66	$5.41	$5.63	$5.86
Over 1,000 gal	$4.66	$5.41	$5.63	$5.86

ITEM REPORT

To:	City Council
From:	Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director, Kurt Markegard, CAO
Meeting Date:	September 8, 2026
Department/Office:	Public Works Department
Item Name:	Resolution No. R26-76: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Stormwater Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) With CHS Inc.

Summary:

Recommended Action:
Approve the MOU with CHS for stormwater improvements.

Budget:

Attachments:
1. R26-76 Approve CHS STORMWATER MOU
2. Stormwater CHS MOU

RESOLUTION NO. R26-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A STORMWATER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CHS INC.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The stormwater MOU between the City of Laurel and CHS Inc., a copy attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Laurel are hereby given authority to execute the stormwater MOU agreement on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 8, 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 8th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

THE CITY OF LAUREL 115 W. 1st St. P. O. Box 10 Laurel, MT 59044	and	CHS, INC. 803 S Hwy 212 Laurel, MT 59044

This Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) is made and entered into on July ____, 2026 by and between the **CITY OF LAUREL**, of 115 W. 1st St., Laurel, MT 59044, (hereinafter referred to as the "**CITY**") and **CHS, Inc** of 803 S Hwy 212, Laurel, MT 59044, (hereinafter referred to as the "**CHS**")– collectively the **PARTIES**.

I. PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a cooperative framework under which the Parties will work together to evaluate, design, fund, construct, and complete improvements to a stormwater and drainage system addressing existing drainage and stormwater issues that affect property and infrastructure of both the CITY and CHS ("Project").

The Parties acknowledge that coordinated action is beneficial to accurately estimate the cost, timeline, feasibility and implementation of said Project to efficiently address stormwater issues as well as pursue permitting and available funding opportunities, including grant programs for which only the CITY is eligible to apply.

A preliminary feasibility analysis and route for the Project has already been completed, in whole or in part, and has been accepted by the Parties. Said proposed route is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The route and scope of this MOU applies to the CHS Refinery and surrounding area as shown in Exhibit A.

II. SCOPE OF WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The **PARTIES** agree to the following roles and responsibilities in connection with this **MOU**:

A. The CITY agrees to:

1. Permitting
   - Be responsible for obtaining, or causing to be obtained, all permits, approvals, and authorizations required for the design, construction, and completion of the Project, including but not limited to local, state, and federal permits.
   - Work collaboratively with CHS's representative from KLJ Engineering, Travis Jones, regarding permitting requirements. Travis may be reached by contacting the local KLJ office or through personal contact information subsequently provided.
   - Pursue such permits in good faith and in a timely manner consistent with agreed Project schedules.

2. Grant Applications
    - Serve as the primary applicant for grant funding programs- if applicable and available- for which only municipalities are eligible.
    - Lead coordination with granting agencies and comply with applicable grant requirements.
    - Use reasonable efforts to investigate potentially available grant funding for Project construction, if applicable and available, and make reasonable efforts to secure the same.

3. Ownership & Maintenance
    - Prior to completion of the Project, the PARTIES shall share ownership, operation, maintenance, and responsibility for the stormwater and drainage improvements. Except as may be otherwise determined in the future as contemplated by Section III, upon completion and acceptance of the Project, the CITY shall assume full ownership, operation, maintenance and responsibility for the stormwater and drainage improvements, and CHS shall have no further maintenance or operational obligations. CHS will provide necessary site access to affected Refinery property subject to CHS safety protocols.

4. Coordination & Cooperation
    - Participate in meetings, planning efforts, and coordination activities in a timely and cooperative manner.
    - Work collaboratively with CHS to advance the Project toward completion of the work contemplated by this MOU within the reasonable timeline to be agreed upon by the PARTIES.

B. CHS agrees to:

1. Engineering and Design:
    - Perform and/or fund the relevant and required detailed engineering for the Project. CHS has received the initial quote for said engineering which totals in excess of $300,000.
    - Provide reasonable access to relevant property, infrastructure information, and existing drainage data as necessary for Project planning and design.

2. Grant Support
    - Assist the CITY in preparing grant applications, including providing supporting documentation, cost estimates, technical narratives, and other materials reasonably requested by the CITY.

3. Coordination and Cooperation
    - Participate in meetings, planning efforts, and coordination activities in a timely and cooperative manner.

- Work collaboratively with the CITY to advance the Project toward completion within the reasonable and agreed timeframe.

III. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT & MANAGEMENT

The Parties will revisit the issue of construction management, funding, and Project timeline- including the scope of work and allocation of responsibilities regarding the same-upon completion of the engineering and permitting phase of the Project as outlined herein. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to determine or create obligations pertaining to construction management, funding ,or the Project timeline, including the scope of work and allocation of responsibilities regarding the same. The parties may revisit other issues, including, without limitation, ownership and maintenance.

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL

CHS shall be solely responsible for the control and management of any environmental concerns and/or incidents on Refinery owned property ensuring compliance with all applicable local, state or federal environmental regulations and necessary safety protocols.

CHS is not responsible for the control and management of any environmental concerns and/or incidents arising on property not owned by CHS, except to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of CHS or its officers, employees, or agents.

V. TIMELINESS & COOPERATION

The Parties agree to:

- Act in good faith and use reasonable efforts to meet agreed-upon timelines;
- Communicate regularly regarding Project status, funding opportunities, and potential delays;
- Coordinate decisions and actions to avoid unnecessary delays; and
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively to advance the Project from planning through completion.

VI. TERM OF MOU

The term of this MOU shall commence upon the date of its execution and shall terminate upon completion of the project, unless earlier terminated as provided in Section 8 of this MOU.

VII. LIAISON

The CITY's representative for all purposes under this MOU is Public Works Director, Matt Wheeler (mwheeler@laurel.mt.gov). The CHS representative for all purposes under this MOU is Justin Shovar (justin.shovar@chsinc.com).

Any formal written notice from one party to another shall be sent to the liaisons listed above.

VIII. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

If either PARTY fails to comply with any condition of this MOU at the time or in the manner provided for, the other PARTY may, at its option, terminate this MOU and be released from all obligations if the default is not cured within ten (10) calendar days after written notice of default is provided by the non-defaulting party to the defaulting PARTY.

IX. NO PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE

This MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the Parties. Each Party remains an independent entity responsible for its own actions.

X. AMENDMENT AND SEVERABILITY

This MOU may be amended only by a written document signed by authorized representatives of both Parties. Any amendment or modification of this MOU or any provisions herein shall be made in writing and executed in the same manner as this original document and shall after execution become a part of the original Agreement.

If any provision of this MOU is held to be illegal or void, the validity of the remaining terms shall not be affected.

XI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) RIGHTS

Any intellectual property or data (excluding pre-existing data of either party) first produced or created jointly during the performance of this MOU shall be jointly owned by the PARTIES. The CITY shall have unlimited rights to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, and distribute any data or manuals created under this agreement for governmental purposes.

XII. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

CHS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CITY and its officers, employees, and agents for liability, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, but only to the extent that said liability, damages, losses, and costs arise from or relate to the performance of this MOU and were caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of CHS (or CHS's officers, employees, or agents). Subject to the limitations in Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-108, if applicable, CITY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CHS and CHS's officers, employees, and agents for liability, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, but only to the extent that said liability, damages, losses, and costs arise from or relate to the performance of this MOU and were caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of CITY (or CITY's officers, employees, or agents).

XIII. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This MOU shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Montana, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. Any disputes arising out of this MOU that cannot be resolved amicably shall first be negotiated between senior executives of each PARTY. If a resolution cannot be reached, the matter shall be brought exclusively in the Montana Thirteenth Judicial District County for Yellowstone County.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the PARTIES with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, and understandings, whether written or oral.

XV. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Neither PARTY shall assign, transfer, or encumber any rights, duties, or interests accruing from this MOU without the consent of the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **PARTIES** hereto have executed this instrument the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA	**CHS, INC**
_____	_____
Kris R Vogele	**SHANE LACASSE**
Mayor	**VICE PRESIDENT - REFINERY**

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Kris Vogele, Mayor
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Admin
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-78: A Resolution Establishing And Increasing Monthly Compensation For Designated Laurel Fire Department Officer Positions

Summary:
Increase Laurel Fire Department Officers pay.

Recommended Action:
Approval of resolution.

Budget:
This was Budgeted.

Attachments:
1. R26-78 Fire Department Officer Pay

RESOLUTION NO. R26-78
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND INCREASING MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR DESIGNATED LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, recognizes the important role of the Laurel Fire Department in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Laurel and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Laurel Fire Department assume additional responsibilities and duties associated with leadership, supervision, administration, training, emergency response, equipment oversight, and the overall operation of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to recognize the additional responsibilities of Fire Department officers through the establishment and adjustment of monthly officer compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed compensation amounts for designated Fire Department officer positions and finds the adjustments to be appropriate and in the best interests of the City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish the monthly compensation for designated Fire Department officer positions as set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, that, effective September 1, 2026, the monthly compensation for the following designated Laurel Fire Department officer positions shall be as follows:

LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER PAY

Fire Department Officer Position	Monthly Officer Pay
Fire Chief	$1,745.02
Assistant Fire Chief	$783.33
Fire Marshal	$566.67
Battalion Chief	$566.67
Battalion Chief	$566.67
Operator Captain	$450.00
Operator Captain	$400.00
Lieutenant	$400.00
Lieutenant	$400.00
Assistant Fire Marshal	$400.00
Training Officer	$400.00
Maintenance Officer	$400.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monthly officer compensation established by this Resolution shall be effective September 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Laurel City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation amounts identified in the above table are monthly payments associated with the designated Fire Department officer positions and shall be administered and paid in accordance with the City's established payroll procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligibility for the compensation established by this Resolution shall be based upon appointment to and continued service in the designated Fire Department officer position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief shall provide the Clerk-Treasurer with written notification of appointments, promotions, resignations, removals, or other changes affecting eligibility for Fire Department officer compensation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution concerns only the compensation of designated Laurel Fire Department officer positions and does not amend, repeal, establish, or otherwise affect any separate City policy, resolution, or compensation program relating to Fire Department drill pay, training pay, firefighter compensation, or other Fire Department payments.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, on the 8th day of September 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 8th day of September 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

_____
Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

R26-78 Fire Department Officer Pay

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Kris Vogele, Mayor
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Admin
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-79: A Resolution Approving An Increase In Firefighter Call-Out Pay For The City Of Laurel Fire Department.

Summary:
Resolution Approving An Increase in Firefighter Call-out Pay

Recommended Action:
Approve resolution.

Budget:
This was budgeted.

Attachments:
1. R26-79 Resolution Adopting Firefighter Call Out Pay

RESOLUTION NO. R26-79

A RESOLUION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN FIREFIGHTER CALL-OUT PAY FOR THE CITY OF LAUREL FIRE DEPARMENT.

WHEREAS City Firefighters are currently compensated $10.50 per hour, pursuant to Resolution R21-103, when responding to emergencies and such compensation is commonly known as Call-Out Pay; and

WHEREAS Call-Out Pay has not been increased since 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief is recommending an increase to $12.50 per hour for Call-Out Pay which has been included in the City's annual budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, the Call-Out Pay for the City's Firefighters is hereby increased to $12.50 per hour.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 8, 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 8th day of September 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Kris R.Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From:
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Admin
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-80: A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. R21-57, Terminating Fire Department Drill Pay, And Establishing A Training Pay Rate For Active Volunteer Firefighters

Summary:
Resolution Terminating Department Drill Pay and Establishing Training Pay

Recommended Action:

Budget:
This was budgeted

Attachments:
1. R26-80 Repealing Drill Pay Adding Training Pay

RESOLUTION NO. R26-80

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. R21-57, TERMINATING FIRE DEPARTMENT DRILL PAY, AND ESTABLISHING A TRAINING PAY RATE FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, adopted Resolution No. R21-57 on July 27, 2021, establishing a formalized procedure for the administration and payment of monthly Fire Department drill pay; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R21-57 established a payment of $10.50 per firefighter for attendance at the monthly Fire Department meeting, subject to the procedures established therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the drill pay established by Resolution No. R21-57 should be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of ongoing training and continuing education for members of the Laurel Fire Department and desires to establish compensation for qualifying Fire Department training activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a training pay rate of $12.50 per hour for eligible active volunteer firefighters who participate in qualifying Fire Department training activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to limit training pay to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours per firefighter during each City fiscal year, with the annual training-hour allowance resetting on July 1 of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, that Resolution No. R21-57, adopted July 27, 2021, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective September 8, 2026, the City of Laurel shall discontinue and terminate all payments designated as "Drill Pay" pursuant to Resolution No. R21-57.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective September 8, 2026, active volunteer firefighters of the Laurel Fire Department shall be eligible to receive Training Pay at a rate of $12.50 per hour for approved and qualifying Fire Department training activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Training Pay shall apply to scheduled Fire Department training, approved outside training, certification or recertification training, and other training specifically approved by the Fire Chief. Training Pay shall not apply to regular monthly meetings, administrative meetings, fire calls, or other Fire Department activities unless specifically authorized by the City Council or otherwise authorized pursuant to City policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Training Pay shall be limited to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours per firefighter per City fiscal year. The ninety-six (96) hour maximum shall reset on July 1 of each year, consistent with the City's fiscal year. Training hours shall not carry over from one fiscal year to the next.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief shall be responsible for verifying and approving qualifying training hours and shall submit appropriate documentation to the Clerk-Treasurer for processing of Training Pay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Training Pay shall be processed through the City's payroll system and shall be subject to all applicable payroll, tax, recordkeeping, budgetary, and legal requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that no payment shall be made for attendance at regular Fire Department meetings solely by virtue of such attendance unless otherwise authorized by a subsequent resolution, ordinance, policy, or applicable agreement adopted by the City.
Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, on the 8th day of September 2026.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 8, 2026, by Council Member_____

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 8th day of September 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ryan C. Addis, City Attorney

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Kris Vogele, Mayor
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Clerks
Item Name: Ordinance No. 26-4: An Ordinance Of The City Of Laurel Imposing A Moratorium On Annexation Applications In Order To Evaluate Municipal Infrastructure Capacity, Water System Demands, The Impacts Of Recent Changes In State Law, And The Proper Future Growth Plans For The City Of Laurel.

Summary:
Consider approval of an ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on annexation applications citywide. The moratorium is intended to provide the City with time to evaluate municipal infrastructure capacity, including potable water supply and storage, sewer capacity, fire-flow requirements, emergency response capabilities, service extension costs, and other municipal service demands. The City will also use the moratorium period to evaluate recent changes in Montana law, including the Montana Land Use Planning Act (MLUPA), and to develop appropriate future growth plans. The moratorium will apply equally to annexation requests and is not directed at any particular development proposal.

Recommended Action:
Effective 30 days after passage and approval, the City will not accept, process, review, or approve annexation petitions, applications, or requests. During the moratorium, the City intends to conduct engineering and infrastructure reviews, evaluate water and sewer system demands, assess emergency service capacity, and continue updates to its land use, zoning, and subdivision regulations. The moratorium will remain in effect until September 30, 2027, or until repealed by the City Council, whichever occurs first. The ordinance does not apply to developers who currently hold a valid and unexpired City Council-issued approval for Conditional Annexation, Preliminary Subdivision Plat, or Initial Zoning Assignment.

Budget:
No specific fiscal impact is identified in the ordinance. The moratorium is intended to allow the City time to complete engineering, infrastructure, and policy evaluations before additional annexation-related municipal service commitments are made. Any costs associated with engineering, modeling, infrastructure review, or regulatory updates would be addressed through the City's applicable budgets and existing resources.

Attachments:
1. O26-04 Ordinance on Annexation Moratorium (002) (rca edits)

ORDINANCE NO. O26-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUREL IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION APPLICATIONS IN ORDER TO EVALUATE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY, WATER SYSTEM DEMANDS, THE IMPACTS OF RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW, AND THE PROPER FUTURE GROWTH PLANS FOR THE CITY OF LAUREL.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to preserve the status quo and suspend annexation proceedings while the City puts a plan in place to evaluate the capacity of its infrastructure, including potable water supply, water storage, and municipal service capabilities, to assess the impacts of recent changes to Montana law affecting municipal land-use regulation, and to ensure proper future growth plans for the City of Laurel;

WHEREAS, the City has commenced updating its land use, zoning, and subdivision regulations to comply with the Montana Land Use Planning Act (or "MLUPA"), Mont. Code Ann. §§ 76-25-101 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the City has also commenced an updated modeling assessment of its water system which will include, in part, evaluating system performance and future demands;

WHEREAS, the City further anticipates conducting an updated modeling assessment of its sewer system which will include, in part, evaluating system performance and future demands;

WHEREAS, the City makes the following legislative findings, related to this Ordinance:

1. The City of Laurel is responsible for providing safe potable water and municipal services to residents within the city limits.

2. The City currently has known infrastructure constraints within its water system, including limited water storage capacity and areas dependent upon temporary booster infrastructure.

3. Engineering analysis and planning documents have identified the need for additional infrastructure improvements.

4. The City is presently evaluating long-term water demand associated with significant industrial and municipal users within the City.

5. Recent amendments to Montana law, including §76-2-345 MCA, have altered municipal land-use authority and may increase development pressure.

6. The City believes that the following planning, in part, is necessary, in order to ensure proper annexation and services to City of Laurel residents: (a) engineering staff certify water capacity; (b) storage impact is analyzed; (c) fire-

flow requirements are confirmed; (d) service extension costs are identified; (e) emergency response service demands are evaluated; (f) infrastructure demand related to commercial and residential properties is evaluated; and (g) all other City service demands are evaluated and assessed, prior to any other approved growth within the City.

7. Properties contiguous to the City that may be eligible for annexation include substantial tracts of undeveloped land.

8. Preliminary estimates indicate potential annexation requests could involve approximately 50 to 60 blocks of developable land, if not more.

9. Municipalities that annex property must provide municipal services to annexed areas and in certain circumstances supply services to properties proposed for subdivision.

10. The City must ensure infrastructure can safely serve both existing residents and future development.

11. Immediate annexation consideration could jeopardize safe and reliable infrastructure.

12. The City has not completed current engineering confirmation of available potable water reserve for additional annexed territory.

13. The City is presently evaluating contractual water obligations involving major industrial consumption, including anticipated long-term municipal demand impacts.

14. Emergency services delivery capacity for certain contiguous growth areas has not been fully verified.

15. Annexation without immediate engineering verification may impair service reliability to existing residents.

16. Municipal emergency medical, police, and fire response impacts for newly annexed territory require updated review.

17. This delay is necessary to prevent commitment of municipal services before capacity is known.

18. The City requires time to arrange to conduct engineering review, infrastructure review, and policy evaluation.

19. This Ordinance is not directed at any particular development proposal, and it applies citywide to all annexation requests equally without regard to applicant identity, land use type, or pending proposal.

20. This Ordinance shall not be applicable to any developer who currently holds a valid/unexpired City Council-issued Approval for Conditional Annexation, Preliminary Subdivision Plat, or Initial Zoning Assignment.

WHEREAS, effective 30 days after passage, the City shall not accept, process, review, or approve any annexation petition, application, or request;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is effective 30 days after passage and approval and shall remain in effect until either September 30, 2027, or repealed by the City Council, whichever occurs first;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare.

PASSED and ADOPTED on second reading at a meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of September 2026, upon Motion by Council Member _____.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on the 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

ITEM REPORT

To: City Council
From: Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Meeting Date: September 8, 2026
Department/Office: Clerks
Item Name: Resolution No. R26-70: A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Systems Technology Consultants For Managed Network Services.

Summary:
Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Managed Service Agreement between the City of Laurel and Systems Technology Consultants for managed network services. The agreement is intended to provide ongoing network management and related technology support for the City.

Recommended Action:
If approved, the Mayor will be authorized to execute the Managed Service Agreement with Systems Technology Consultants on behalf of the City.

Budget:
Fiscal impact will be based on the costs established in the Managed Service Agreement with Systems Technology Consultants. The resolution itself does not state the contract amount or payment terms.

Name	Impact Date	Fund(s)	Account(s)	Project #(s)	Amount Budgeted
System Technology Consultants					$79,980
One Time Cost					$810

Attachments:
1. R26-70 Approve Managed IT Services
2. Exhibit

RESOLUTION NO. R26-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS FOR MANAGED NETWORK SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: Approval. The Managed Service Agreement (hereinafter "the Agreement") by and between the City of Laurel (hereinafter "the City") and Systems Technology Consultants, a copy attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor is hereby given authority to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 25th day of August, 2026, by Council Member _____.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel the 25th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor the 25th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Kris R. Vogele, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ryan C. Addis, Civil City Attorney

Systems
Technology Consultants

Phone: 406.237.1212
Email: tmcgrail@getsystems.net
Web: www.getsystems.net

We have prepared a quote for you

OMNI Managed IT Services Renewal

Quote # 006404
Version 1

Prepared for:

City of Laurel

Kelly Strecker
kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov

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Friday, August 07, 2026

City of Laurel
Kelly Strecker
PO Box 10
Billings, MT 59044
kstrecker@laurel.mt.gov

Dear Kelly,

Systems Technology Consultants (Systems) is pleased to submit the following proposal for Managed Network Services for City of Laurel.

We promise to turn technology challenges into technology solutions through relationship driven support and our tailored solutions for the management of your network. Our professional scope ranges from small 4-5 employee businesses to large 150 employees firms relying on Systems for implementation of local and wide area network solutions.

By managing all of your technical and third party software solutions, you will enjoy a more productive and business focused environment resulting in greater retention of staff whom are satisfied by their network experience at [QuotedToCustomer.AccountName].

Thank you for taking the time to discover the Systems Technology Consultants difference, and we look forward to working with you.

Thad McGrail
Sales and Marketing Manager
Billings - Systems

Systems Technology Consultants

Phone: 406.237.1212
Email: tmcgrail@getsystems.net
Web: www.getsystems.net

Managed Services

This Managed Service Agreement is made this date, by and between City of Laurel (Client), and **Systems Technology Consultants** (Systems).

Systems Difference in IT Maintenance

Continuous Monitoring of your Network

Monitoring is "the difference" vs. set it and forget it IT management.

Systems will provide remote 24/7/365 monitoring for the health and performance of workstations and/or servers to detect and then rectify IT issues before they become critical. City of Laurel can choose to be notified of significant events. Monitoring includes but is not limited to:

- Backup monitoring
- RAID status
- Anti-Spyware software and management
- Server / Desktop performance monitoring
- Anti-Malware software and management
- Operating system updates
- Third party software updates (Java, Adobe, etc.)
- Scheduled preventative maintenance
- License and asset management (server)
- Availability monitoring
- Internet security application

Hardware Prerequisites

- Workstations and servers must be running **Windows 10 Pro or better**. Older workstations or operating systems **will not** be covered under this agreement but can be supported on a time and material basis.
- **Further, Systems will not offer disaster recovery at no additional fee if workstations are not at the minimum standard as this present a know vulnerability that is not manageable.**
- City of Laurel must have a high-speed internet connection.

Omni Fully Managed Monitored Items

Systems "OMNI" services to be included in ongoing support agreement for City of Laurel

Administration and Conditions

Ongoing:

Anti-Virus status
Backup status
Helpdesk ticketing open/close

Network security summary
Patching status
Server performance status
Server warranty status
Services availability status
Status of devices under management
Third party license coordination
Unlimited helpdesk support
Unlimited remote support
vCIO functions
Vulnerable application status

Monthly:

Scheduled reports
As needed:

Document software and hardware changes
IT budget support / planning
Presence at board meetings
Project management for all technology related projects

Workstations

Ongoing:

Advanced performance monitoring
Alert client to dangerous conditions
Hard drive running out of disk space
Hard drive showing sign of failure
Memory running low
Network cards report unusual collision activity
Heat threats

Weekly:

Patching management of Microsoft critical and security updates
Managed Anti-Virus / definition updates / scheduled scans

Monthly:

Scheduled preventative maintenance
As needed:

Reboot PC

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Backup / Disaster Recovery

Ongoing:

Network Operation Center (NOC) monitor backup status
Data restore as needed with NO ADDITIONAL COST
Unlimited data

Weekly:

Manually verify backup status

Quarterly:

Random file test restore for backup integrity

As needed:

Remediation of failed backups

Servers

Ongoing:

30-day retention
Active directory management
Advanced performance monitoring
Alert client to dangerous conditions
Backup / Disaster recovery
Controllers losing interrupts
DNS / DHCP management and maintenance
Hard drive running out of disk space
Hard drive showing sign of failure
Key application maintenance
License & Asset management
Memory running low
Monitor backup status
Monitor hard drive free space on server
Network cards report unusual collision activity
Virtual host management and maintenance

Weekly:

Managed Anti-Virus / definition updates / scheduled scans
Manually verify backup status

Monthly:

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Scheduled preventative maintenance
Managed patch/Microsoft critical and security updates

Quarterly:

Test restores
As needed:

Data restore
Reboot servers
Remediation of failed backups

Network / Security

Ongoing:

Coordinate support for other enterprise software with third-party vendors
Firewall management and maintenance
General management
Installation and configuration of updates and maintenance/security releases
Manage e-mail security
Manage internet security
Phone specific - **time outside of basic 2-hour troubleshooting will be billed at the the current discounted rate**
Router management and maintenance
Security / access management
Switch monitoring
Troubleshooting and problem resolution
Vendor third party support- **time outside of basic 2-hour troubleshooting will be billed at the current discounted rate**
Video camera system - **time outside of basic 2-hour troubleshooting will be billed at the current discounted rate**
Wi-Fi management

Quarterly:

Network health review
As needed:

Performance monitoring / capacity planning
Routine renewal and replacement of existing systems

OMNI Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Support Tiers

The following details and describes our Support Tier level:

IMPACT	PRIORITY 1 The whole company is affected	PRIORITY 2 Departments or large groups of users are affected	PRIORITY 3 One user or a small group of users is affected	SLA RESPONSE TIME
HIGH - LEVEL 1	Critical - Major business processes are stopped	Departments or large groups of users are affected	Critical - Major business processes are stopped	1 hours
MEDIUM – LEVEL 2	Business is degraded, but there is a reasonable workaround	Business is degraded, but there is a reasonable workaround	Business is degraded, but there is a reasonable workaround	2 hours
LOW – LEVEL 3	More of an irritation than a stoppage	More of an irritation than a stoppage	More of an irritation than a stoppage	6 hours

In the service desk, all tickets are recorded and assigned a priority level. Within the agreement, the service provider will specify the response times and remediation times for each priority level.

The following table describes the steps of ticket progression as well as how the time is measured.

For example: when a new ticket is submitted, the clock starts running and continues to run while the work is in progress. However, if an analyst is waiting for input or delivery from the customer or a third party, the clock will be paused. It is only when the ticket is completed and closed that the clock is stopped.

Progress Setup	Definitions	User Impact
New	New ticket; no action taken	Clock running
In Progress	Ticket open; actions taken	Clock running
Waiting Customer	Ticket open; waiting for customer input/response	Clock paused
Waiting Third Party	Ticket open; waiting for vendor input/response	Clock paused
Resolved/Closed	Ticket resolved/closed	Clock stopped

Support Options

In the unlikely event City of Laurel has a problem with a workstation or a server, and Systems has not already attempted to notify you, City of Laurel should contact Systems. Phone support using our Help Desk is the clients' first and best contact option. If the issue cannot be resolved with phone and remote support, an engineer will be dispatched to the site. Most Help Desk requests can be answered and resolved remotely. All incidents, whether called in or reported via the ticket system, will be submitted as tickets and available for tracking all the way from first report to final resolution.

Systems will respond to City of Laurel service tickets in accordance with this agreement as outlined above, and with best effort

after hours or on holidays. Service tickets may be opened by any employee, contact person, or by email to our Help Desk (helpdesk@getsystems.net), Help Desk Client Portal (helpdesk.getsystems.net) or by phone (866.401.4846). Each call made to the Systems' Help Desk will be assigned a service ticket number for tracking. Our escalation process is detailed in this agreement and specific to the client. NOTE: Calls or emails directly sent or made to technicians will NOT be held to the standards of this agreement or any other response times expressed or implied.

Items excluded and billed outside of this agreement:

Costs of hardware and software purchased in the context of this proposal and ongoing updates and upgrades
Software licensing and support costs
Third-party service/maintenance costs
Projects outside standard maintenance and management of existing systems
Formal technical training

Assumptions
City of Laurel will maintain support agreements with all third-party vendors
City of Laurel will supply clean and safe office space and work space for Systems technicians
Systems will be consulted in all IT related discussions and decisions including planning, purchasing and budgeting
Systems staff will be added to all third-party vendor authorized support contact. Software, Hardware, ISP, Phone, Security Systems, etc...

Firewall as a Service, (FWaaS)

Systems Technology Consultants Firewall as a Service (FWaaS) provides businesses with a layer of network security that complements existing antivirus software while strengthening your network security.

This service will improve network security by establishing a barrier between your internal network and the internet.

- Every FWaaS appliance comes with the SonicWall solution which combines the hardware, licensing and all the services needed for comprehensive network protection from a wide range of network threats—including viruses, spyware, worms, Trojans, and keyloggers. Each device includes Capture Advanced Threat Protection, which revolutionizes detection and sandboxing with a multi-engine approach, to stopping unknown and zero-day attacks at the gateway with automated remediation.
- Systems' FWaaS helps protect against hardware obsolescence as well. This service allows for replacement of the firewall appliance at end of life, or if necessary, to ensure our clients have up to date protection.
- As part of this agreement, Systems will fully maintain and manage the appliance, keeping the firmware and virus definitions up to date.
- **FWaaS requires a 24 month commitment outside of our Managed Services Agreement (MSA). Should the client decide to cancel this MSA, the client will be responsible for buying out the remainder of the 24 month commitment.**

Cyberaware End User Security Testing and Training

1. Monthly end user security testing and training provides employees with a monthly 2-minute IT training video keeping security at the forefront.
2. Also included are monthly phishing simulations effectively testing employee security awareness and susceptibility to social engineering tactics.

Key Features:

Template Library:

- Predesigned Template
- Customizable Templates

Benefits to your busienss:

- **Increased Cyber Security** – Measurable results with easy to read reporting
- **Visibility** – Monthly comprehensive reporting to understand and address security weaknesses
- **Demonstrated Responsibility** – Visible proof of steps taken to address current threats such as social engineering
- **Improved Training Retention** – Real experience simulations and training to help employees understand and become more security conscious
- **Reduced Training Cost** – Pinpointing susceptible employees (via Repeat Failures Report) for additional training without the cost and burden to other employees

Managed Email Security

Quickly filters and sanitizes email-borne threats from every email before delivery to your mail server.
This technology utilizes virus scanning, spam scoring, real-time intent analysis, URL link protection, reputation checks, and various other techniques.
We provide you with the best possible level of protection for your business. Our global 24/7 threat operations center continuously monitors the internet for new threats across all attack vectors feeding this intelligence into Essential's filtering technology.

Key Features:

Inbound Email Security:

- **Advanced Threat Protection** - Combines behavioral, heuristic, and sandboxing technologies to protect against instantaneous and targeted attacks. Email attachments are automatically scanned detonating suspicious attachments in a sandbox environment to observe behavior
- **Anti-Phishing Protection** - Integrates anti-fraud intelligence, domain name validation, along with behavioral and heuristic detection to combat phishing attacks and sender spoofing (i.e., spammers spoofing valid email addresses)
- **Malware Protection** - Leverages the cloud for dynamic, real-time threat analysis, attachment sandboxing, and URL protection to prevent email users from being affected
- **Link Protection** – Automatically rewrites URLs containing malicious code that can be invisibly downloaded to trigger a widespread attack. The rewrite allows Email Essentials to sandbox the request at click time blocking the malicious links.

Email Impersonation Protection

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Email Impersonation Protection

Automatically detect and prevent impersonation, business email compromise, and other targeted attacks. AI engine learns your organization's unique communication patterns and leverages these patterns to identify anomalies and prevent social-engineering attacks in real time.

Stop phishing attacks used to harvest credentials for account takeover. Our AI detects anomalous email behavior and alerts IT, then finds and removes all fraud emails sent from compromised accounts.

Key Features

AI for Real-Time Protection Deployment and Availability Domain Fraud Protection
• Stops spear phishing attacks in real time
• Uses artificial intelligence to learn each of your unique communications patterns
– Maps social networks inside the organization to understand typical communications patterns
– Identifies anomalies in metadata and content
• Real-time notification
– Quarantines messages automatically– Alerts MSPs and users
– Visability into historical and internal communications
• Comprehensive protection against personalized attacks, commonly known as spear phishing, business email compromise (BEC), whaling, impersonation attempts, and/ or CEO fraud

Service Descriptions

Support and Escalation

After Hours Support: 406-237-1281

Systems will respond to Client's Trouble Tickets in accordance with client SLA, and with best effort after hours or on holidays. Trouble Tickets must be opened by Client's designated I.T. Contact Person, by email to our Help Desk (helpdesk@getsystems.net), Help Desk Client portal (helpdesk.getsystems.net) or by phone (866.401.4846) to our Help Desk. Each call made to the *Systems'* help desk will be assigned a Trouble Ticket number for tracking. Our escalation process is detailed in the client SLA. ***NOTE:*** Calls or emails directly sent or made to technicians will NOT be held to the standards of the client SLA or any other response times expressed or implied.

Service outside Normal Working Hours

Emergency services performed outside of the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and previously scheduled services shall be addressed as best effort and will not be subject to SLA response times. Client shall be provided with contact information for after-hours support and will typically require leaving a message and waiting for a call back.

Holiday Emergency support

Support requests on holidays, defined as New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, the Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas and Christmas Eve will be charged at 1 1/2 times the current discounted rate and shall be addressed as best effort and will not be subject to SLA response times. Client shall be provided with contact information for Holiday support and will typically require leaving a message and waiting for a call back.

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Service outside 50 mile radius

Travel to out-of-town locations, defined as more than 50 miles one way from the closest *Systems* office, will be billed for travel at the rate of $1.00 per mile each way. Distance will be calculated from the closest *Systems* office.

Assumptions

3rd party database software to be managed by others. If *Systems* works with 3rd party support on behalf of the Client, the current discounted hourly rate will be billed.

3rd party support will be included under OMNI Managed Service Agreements if an updated service agreement is in place for the 3rd party vendor. (Support for 3rd party inclusion is subject to Systems discretion and exclusions will be added as amendment(s) as needed).

Termination of the Agreement

This agreement may be terminated by either party with a 30 day written notice.

Disclaimer of Data Storage Location

Any and all client information stored by *Systems* and maintained with data centers inside the United States of America.

Quote Expiration

This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within 90 days from the Systems signature date

Monthly Services

Description	Recurring	Price	Qty	Ext. Recurring	Ext. Price
Managed IT Services			**1**		
Fully Managed Workstation*MSRP $63, discounted to $40 each Fully Managed Workstation(s) Workstation count increased from 62 to 68 on this renewal. Does not include Sentinel one, which is supplied by the State of Montana but managed by STC. New : 3 at the PD, city attorney, victim coordinator			68		

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Monthly Services

Description	Recurring	Price	Qty	Ext. Recurring	Ext. Price
Fully Managed Server - Physical Host* MSRP $150 discounted to $138 each Fully Managed Server - Physical Host* 2 host servers, same as last agreement			2		
Fully Managed Server - Virtual Machine* MSRP $100 discounted to $98 Fully Managed Server - Virtual Machine* 2 VM's on last agreement 3 on this renewal.			3		
Managed BackupCalculated at $355 per month Managed Backup - Unlimited Data Host servers and VM from last backup agreement. One PD workstation			1		
Email Complete Protection*MSRP $9 per seat discounted to $7 Email Complete Protection, 85 seats on last agreement moving to 130 under Mayors City All Group accountability plan			130		
Email Impersonation ProtectionMSRP $5 per seat discounted to $4 Email Impersonation Protection* 85 seats on last agreement moving to 130 under Mayors City All Group accountability plan			130		
Cloud Secure Edge VPN$7 per seat Cloud Secure Edge VPN will replace the old VPN solution			5		
Cyber Security Awareness Training*MSRP $5 discounted to $4 Cyber Security Awareness Training*,85 seats on last agreement moving to 120 per consult with Mayor and Brittney			120		
Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)*$5 per seat Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)*, Same count as last agreement for the PD (25) Adding selective City staff to bolster security			30		

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Monthly Services

Description	Recurring	Price	Qty	Ext. Recurring	Ext. Price
Risk Management Vulnerability Scan*$175 Risk Management Vulnerability Scan with Remediation of Events Continued service			1		
FWaaS - SPP Device - Non-Inventory*$125 FWaaS - SPP Device Sewer, Water, 911, Fire, City office, Shop Same as last renewal, no changes			6		
				Monthly Subtotal:	$6,665.00
				Subtotal:	$0.00

Onboarding

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
OMNI Managed Service Labor Rate	**OMNI Managed Service Labor Rate** OMNI Managed Service Labor Rate to set up 5 Cloud Secure Edge users	$135.00	6	$810.00
			Subtotal:	$810.00

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Quote Summary

Description	Amount
Monthly Services	$0.00
Onboarding	$810.00
Total:	$810.00

Monthly Expenses Summary

Description	Amount
Monthly Services	$6,665.00
Monthly Total:	$6,665.00

Payment Options

Description	Payments	Interval	Amount
Term Options			
Commitment of Acceptance	12	Monthly	$6,665.00
	1	One-Time	$810.00

Labor hours spent on the network, PCs or servers other than covered maintenance tasks (updates for Microsoft, Adobe, Java, Antivirus, etc.) are considered billable. Maintenance that would be classified as a project and any parts required (i.e. software or hardware) to keep the network working or upgraded is not covered under this agreement and will be billable. Unless otherwise noted, adding devices not present and covered at the signing of this agreement or replacing existing devices will be billed at the current managed services rate.

Upon receiving this commitment, Systems Technology Consultants agrees to schedule staff and negotiate a suitable start date to implement our services. This agreement assumes the successful cooperation of the current network affiliated companies such as but not limited to, managed services provider, internet service provider, web service provider, third party practice, or software provider(s).
Should Systems encounter uncooperative affiliate engagement that hinders or delays a timely onboarding of services, Systems will notify the client to contact the affiliate to encourage engagement. Following the client contact should the affiliate continue to hinder or delay onboarding the client may incur additional billable time for onboarding.

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This agreement assumes that the network endpoints have been maintained to an "up-to-date" standard regarding patching and updates for all operating systems and standard and critical security updates. Should Systems need to perform more than a basic update to the endpoint operations systems this will be billable time towards the onboarding project.

This Agreement is effective for 12 months following onboarding. Prior to the expiration of the initial term or any Renewal Term, a Systems account manager will reach out to discuss renewal options. If no response is received from the client after 30 days, this agreement will be automatically adjusted to reflect new user counts, device counts, and pricing followed by an automatic annual increase of 6%.
Following the 12 months, or in instances of significant change, either party can seek to negotiate a potential rate adjustment. Either party can terminate this agreement with 30 days' written notice.

In agreeing to partner with Systems, the Client acknowledges that project scope, deliverables, continuous management and the methodology outlined in this proposal are satisfactory; and agrees to accept ongoing support costs as specified herein. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are confidential between the parties and shall not be disclosed to anyone else unless necessary to effectuate its terms.

By entering my initials below, I am confirming I am in fact the signor and authorizing party. I have read and agree to the services, equipment, and supplies provided in this Quote. My initials are to serve as my signature in accordance with the Date, Time, and IP Address stamps digitally documented below.

Billings - Systems

Signature: 

Name: Thad McGrail

Title: Sales and Marketing Manager

Date: 08/07/2026

City of Laurel

Signature: _____

Name: Kelly Strecker

Date: _____