



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE
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MEETING AGENDA: November 13, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue.

- I. Parliamentary Items **(6:00 pm)**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Modifications to & adoption of the **November 13, 2013** Agenda
 - C. Chair's Comments
 - D. Approval of Previous Minutes: October 09, 2013
 - E. Announcements: (See last page of Agenda for details and links)
- II. **Non Agenda Public Comment** (2 min. each). Please fill out a Public Comment Sheet and give to Chair prior to the meeting.
- III. **Information Items:**
 - A. None
- IV. **New/Current Business:** (*Action Items*) See links to background info on page 2
 - A. **Angle Parking to Head-in Parking Conversions:** Proposal to convert angle parking to head-in parking on Oregon and Kansas Streets (see details on P2 and attachments). **(6:10 to 6:25)**
 - B. **Traffic Calming/ at Madison and Mississippi:** Update on progress and Discussion of traffic calming options for this location, including stop sign, traffic circle, bike lanes **(6:25 to 6:55)**
 - C. **Median Chokers at Madison and Utah:** Discussion of process for their removal as requested by surrounding residents, and of alternative traffic calming for this location **(6:55 to 7:15)**
 - D. **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) presentation:** by Ty Tosdal: **(7:15 to 7:30)**
 - E. **Proposed Speed limit increase on Nile/Thorn/Landis:** **(7:30 to 7:40)**
 - F. **Request for letter of Support for Toyland Parade:** **(7:40 to 7:45)**
- V. **Old/Ongoing Business:** (*Update/discussion/possible Action Items*) (see announcements for links)
(*Note: these ongoing items may be trailed to following month if we run out of time*)
 - A. **Angle Parking Policy:** Discussion – Report/update from Ernie Bonn **(no time this month)**
 - B. **Utility Box Task Force:** Update and next steps **(7:45 to 7:50)**
 - C. **Community Plan Update... Elements/Issues:** Discussion of remaining elements **(7:50 to 7:55)**
- I. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.** **(7:55 to 8:00)**
- II. **Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wed., November 13, 2013 – 6pm**
- III. **Adjournment** **(8:00 pm)**

Times listed are estimates only. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. Be respectful of others and their ideas. Listen and be open-minded. No interruptions or side conversations. Stay focused on issues rather than personalities.

* **Subcommittee Quorum:** Total seated members cannot exceed 13, with a maximum of 7 elected NPPC Board Members (cannot exceed NPPC quorum) and 6 Community Voting Members. The majority of total seated members must be elected NPPC board members

** **Community Voting Members:** Community members gain subcommittee voting rights after attending at least three subcommittee meetings. Elected Board Members have voting rights anytime.

Links/Notes/ Attachments/Background for Current/Ongoing Agenda Items: 10/09/2013

Item IV.A. - Angle Parking to Head-in Parking Conversions:

Proposal to convert angle parking to head-in parking on Oregon and Kansas Streets

Excerpt from Email from City of San Diego Transportation Engineering Division

“1. We are proposing to convert four blocks of existing angle parking on **Oregon Street** to head-in parking:

Oregon Street (Adams to Madison) – east side - gain of 6 parking spaces

Oregon Street (Monroe to Meade) - east side – gain of 5 parking spaces

Oregon Street (Lincoln to Howard) – east side – gain of 21 spaces

Total gain of approximately 32 parking spaces on Oregon Street.

The remaining blocks on Oregon Street having existing parallel parking and Steve Aldana from the El Cajon BID is taking on converting the existing parallel parking to head-in parking. We will be meeting with him shortly to review the returned notices.

2. We are proposing to convert two blocks of existing angle parking on **Kansas Street** to head-in parking:

Kansas Street (El Cajon to Howard) – east side – gain of 5 parking spaces

Kansas Street (Polk to Lincoln) – east side – gain of 12 parking spaces

Total gain of approximately 17 parking spaces on Kansas Street. “

**Please email chair for drawings of these projects: files too large to include on this agenda*

Item IV.B. - Traffic Calming/ at Madison and Mississippi:

Excerpt from email from the Fire Department to the Transportation Dept:

“The FD has completed its review for this request. The FD approves the request contingent on the following modifications.

1. Your previous request to install lumps, bumps or humps west of this location on Meade Ave to Park Blvd be rescinded/ withdrawn.
2. 15’ be provided asphalt to asphalt (not curb to curb) from the center of each corner to the traffic circle. (map submitted currently indicates 14’)
3. The traffic circle be constructed to the same city curbing specs as existing traffic circle on La Jolla Blvd.
4. 20’ red curbing be installed on all four (4) corners of Madison Ave and Mississippi St.”

Excerpt from email from the Transportation Dept to residents:

“In response to your request for bike lanes on Madison Ave. between Texas St. and Park Bl., **a study has been conducted** of the physical conditions of the roadway including the width, number and usage of travel lanes and the presence of on-street parking. We have also conducted a study of the weekday peak period traffic movements at all of the intersections within the project limits.

The **results** of our study indicate that bike lanes cannot be installed with the current conditions along Madison Ave. as the roadway is too narrow to accommodate parking, travel lanes, the center turn lane and the new bike lanes. However, **bike lanes could be installed if** changes to the usage of the roadway could be made. These changes include either the removal of on-street parking or **the removal of the existing two way left turn lane**. Our study results indicate that the operational conditions of the roadway would not change if the two way left turn lane were to be removed. However, removal of on-street parking may not be acceptable to the adjacent homeowners and businesses.

In order to make either of the two changes noted above, our study results and proposed modifications must be presented to the community council representing this area. If the community council approves either of the two modifications, we can then proceed with the preparation of a work order to install bike lanes on Madison Ave. between Texas St. and Park Bl.”

Item IV.E.: California Vehicle Code Section 40802 (Speed Traps): <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d17/vc40802.htm>

Item IV.C. - Median Chokers at Madison and Utah:

Excerpt from email from the Transportation Dept to D. Carlson:

“the process for the removal of the median chokers is as follows:

1. Circulate the petition for the removal (need signatures from those within 200’ of the chokers)
2. CPG needs to vote in favor of its removal
3. If approved we will put on the unfunded needs list for the removal and possible installation of another device. At this time we do not have funding available for its removal.

If you like I can open up a new tr to evaluate for the installation of an all-way stop at this location. If we were to begin it now we might have the results in time for the CPG meeting in January.”

City of San Diego Street Design Manual: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/peddesign.pdf>

NPPC-PF Subcommittee 11/13/2013 Announcements:

SANDAG Regional Bike Projects:

- Uptown Regional Bike Corridor **Community Advisory Group**: Beth Robrahn, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx
- Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor (Includes North Park) Advisory Group: Bridget Enderle, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity_intro.aspx

“Safe Routes to School”:

“Walking and bicycling projects will receive a 35 percent boost in state funding through legislation signed by Governor Jerry Brown last week (end of September 2013) . The bill establishes a new Active Transportation Program funded by \$130 million in the first year, including a minimum of \$24 million for Safe Routes to School projects and no less than 25 percent to benefit disadvantaged communities.”

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SANDAG News:

Find SANDAG on Facebook: [SANDAGregion](https://www.facebook.com/SANDAGregion) and Twitter: [@SANDAG](https://twitter.com/SANDAG)

The online newsletter seems to have disappeared for now – hopefully it will come back soon!

SANDAG Mid-City Rapid Bus Project has started Construction - Info and updates here:

<http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/Mid-city-rapid/midcity-rapid-bus-intro.aspx>

UPAS Steet Pipeline Project :

<http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/CIPDetail.aspx?ID=S11022> Project Sheet

<http://maps.sandiego.gov/cpm/default.aspx?cip=S11022> The Map

North Park Community Association (NPCA):

See the NPCA's home page <http://northparksd.org/> and their community calendar at <http://northparksd.org/meetings-calendar>.

Contact news@northparksd.org to have your event/meeting added to the calendar

University Heights Community Association (UHCA):

See the UHCA home page <http://uhsd.org/>

Adams Ave Business Association (AABA): <http://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/>

University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC): www.uhcdc.org



El Cajon Boulevard Business District: www.theboulevard.org

North Park Main Street: <http://northparkmainstreet.com/>



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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Attendance:

Seated Board Members: Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill, Sarah MacAlear (arrived 6:18)

Community Voting Members: Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:12)

Board member not seated: None

Also present: Daniel Gebreselassie, Axel Gonzalez, Ross Lopez, Adam Cook, Everett Hauser, Mark Ballam

Parliamentary Items:

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Approve October 9, 2013 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda Granowitz/Steppke. 6-0-0

Chair's Comments: None

Approval of Previous Minutes, September 11, 2013.

Motion: Approve September 11 Meeting Minutes with the following revisions: Item A Page 3, Bonn bullet point: add "Kitty Callen" in additon to Bonn to be in opposition of the Montclair Park Comfort Station; delete Rob Steppke first bullet point; Steppke last bullet point: revise as "Support the concept to include item for further study". Granowitz/Bonn. 7-0-0

Announcements & Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Links to events are listed in the agenda

- North Park and Uptown Community Plan Update discussion drafts will be released in November

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- None

Information Items:

A. None

New Business:

- A. UHCDC request for support:** University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC) requests support for their resolution for the establishment of official boundaries for the University Heights neighborhood.

Ross Lopez requested a motion from the NPPC board to support the UHCDC's resolution as presented. The UHCDC believes an error was made during the last Community Plan update in 1986. The resolution details:

1. The history of how the error might have occurred
2. The inconsistencies with the traditional and official County of San Diego Assessors maps
3. What the correct boundaries are

Historic neighborhoods and historic districts (historic subdivisions) are usually well defined and uncontroversial. The time to correct the error would be now at the Community Plan Update. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To support the University Heights Community Development Corporation's (UHCDC) resolution of October 2, 2013 regarding the establishment of Official Boundaries for the University Heights Neighborhood. Steppke/Callen 8-0-0

- B. Safe Routes to School funding increase.** Chair Carlson initiated a discussion of whether and how best North Park could take advantage of a recent 35% increase in State "Safe Routes to School" funding to implement any of our linear park/streetscape/bike route priorities, and how to apply for the grants.

The design for the long-proposed Oregon Street Linear Park, which could connect several local schools and the North Park community park in an active walkable/bikable greenway, is a possible candidate for this grant funding, if a partner could be found.

Excellent opportunity to co-venture with the North Park Community Association, similar to when the website for NPPC was co-ventured with the NPCA website through a grant from the County of San Diego.

Jefferson Elementary School should also be considered as a possible partner for a grant application. Bernie Elementary would be another possibility, due to their dangerous intersection at El Cajon Blvd./Normal St./Park Blvd. However, Bernie lies outside of the NP community planning boundaries.

Ideas on how best to use the funds can be sent to Vicki Granowitz, NPPC chair

- C. Median Chokers at Madison and Utah.** Begin discussion of process for their removal as requested by surrounding residents, and of alternative traffic calming for this location

A suggestion was made to get funding from the Mid-City Parking District, however, their next budget starts in July 2014. A number of parking spaces were lost in the Mid-City Parking District due to the painting of red curbs at intersections like these, which the district would like to recapture.

Carlson emphasized the importance of having an alternative traffic calming plan in place prior to the removal of the median chokers, and suggested noticing the neighborhood for a public discussion of desired alternatives at next month's meeting.

Board is unclear as to the process required to remove the median chokers and as to the number of required signatures from neighbors and the level of hearing body needed (City Council). Carlson will check with the City.

It will be important to achieve neighborhood consensus for the replacement traffic calming measure in this location, hopefully at the same level as the support for removing the unpopular median chokers.

It was suggested that stop signs might not necessarily be the best solution for alternate traffic calming in this location, but they are faster and less expensive to install. Bulb-outs/Corner pop-outs would likely be the preferred aesthetic and pedestrian oriented solution for this location and many others throughout North Park; however they are relatively costly and are funded via the CIP waiting list.

The median chokers have proved to be quite unpopular with residents, drivers and businesses in this location. They are not aesthetically pleasing, they do not function as a pedestrian refuge because they are not ADA accessible, they remove a great deal of local parking with the required red-curbing, and vehicles are still speeding along Madison Ave. between the median chokers and the next stop sign, so they are not particularly effective.

D. Traffic Calming/Stop Sign at Madison and Mississippi. Update on progress and Discussion of traffic calming options for this location, including stop sign

Neighbors from the area came to this group requesting a stop sign with a signed petition, and the stop sign was approved by this subcommittee. However, at the full board, the item was pulled from the consent agenda by the property owner of two of the corner properties, who had not attended the subcommittee meeting and who is opposed to the stop sign. The full board tabled the item for further community discussion and follow-up, and the stop sign was not installed. There have been two accidents recently at that location since then.

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Ongoing Business

A. Angle Parking Policy: This item will possibly will be discussed at the Parking Advisory Meeting in October. Mid-City Rapid Bus project is likely to change/impact/remove some of the recently installed angle parking in the area around Park Blvd.

B. Utility Box Task Force. This item will go to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PSNS) committee next.

C. Community Plan Update. Project identified in the community plan update: Switzer Canyon traffic calming project along the bridge on 30th St. The project has been worked on for about 15 years. Removal of parking has never been an issue during those years and the loss of parking has never been brought up as an issue. Original bridge was constructed in 1908 but due to fires was removed in 1956 and replaced with a road bed over fill material crossing the canyon.

The project connects two neighborhoods. South Park Walkabout does not generate parking needs along the bridge because the adjacent local streets have plenty of parking available.

After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: *NPPC supports moving forward with a traffic calming project that promotes the use for all modes of transportation along 30th St. at Switzer Canyon with the understanding that the loss of parking along the bridge is not an issue.*
Granowitz/Vidales. 8-0-0

Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. Interim Mayor Todd Gloria announced earlier today that the Infrastructure Bond is coming in January. Adrian is the new rep for Council District 3 and he would like to find out North Park's main priorities.

Next Meeting date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013

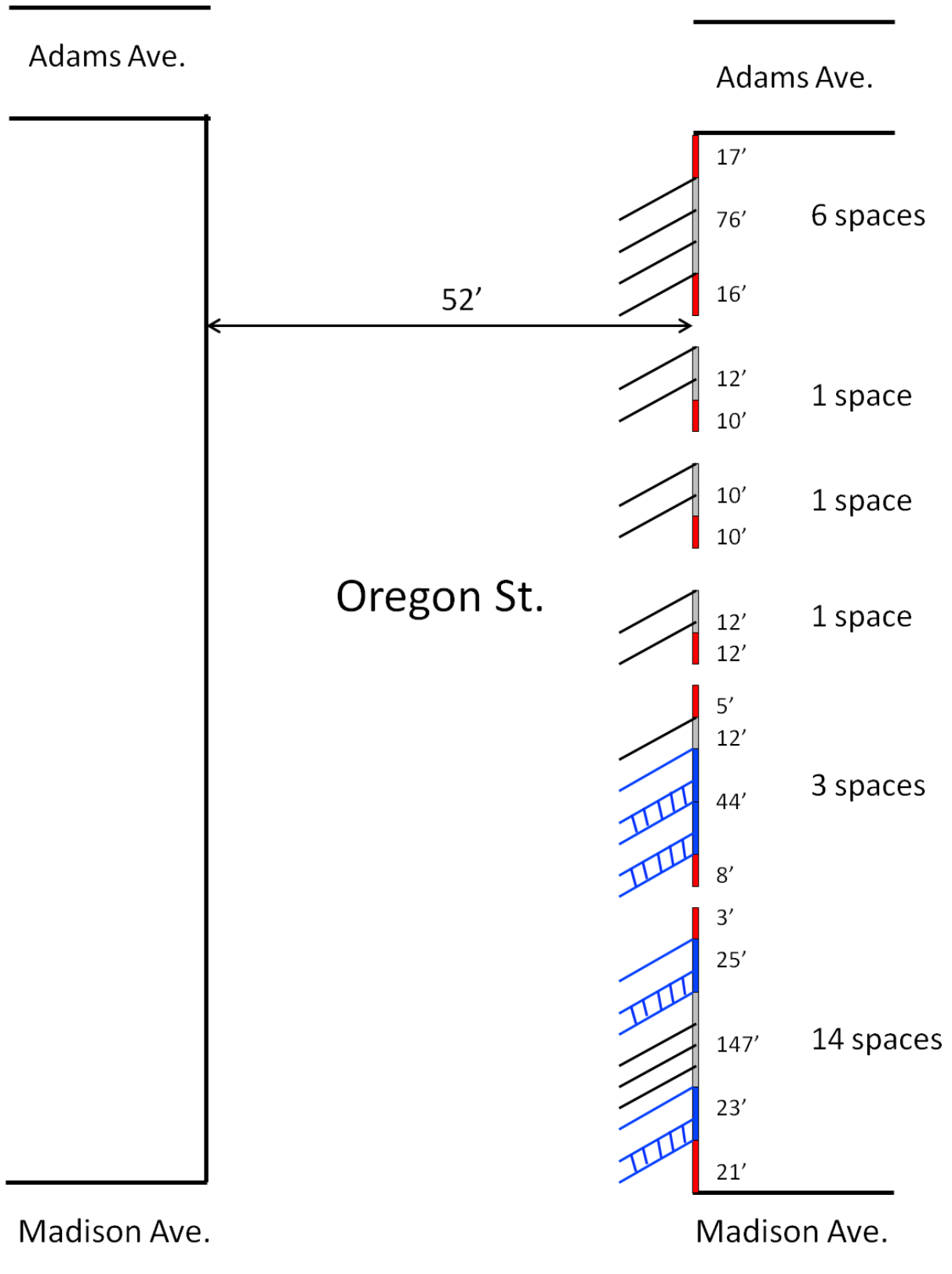
Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting Granowitz/MacAlear. 8-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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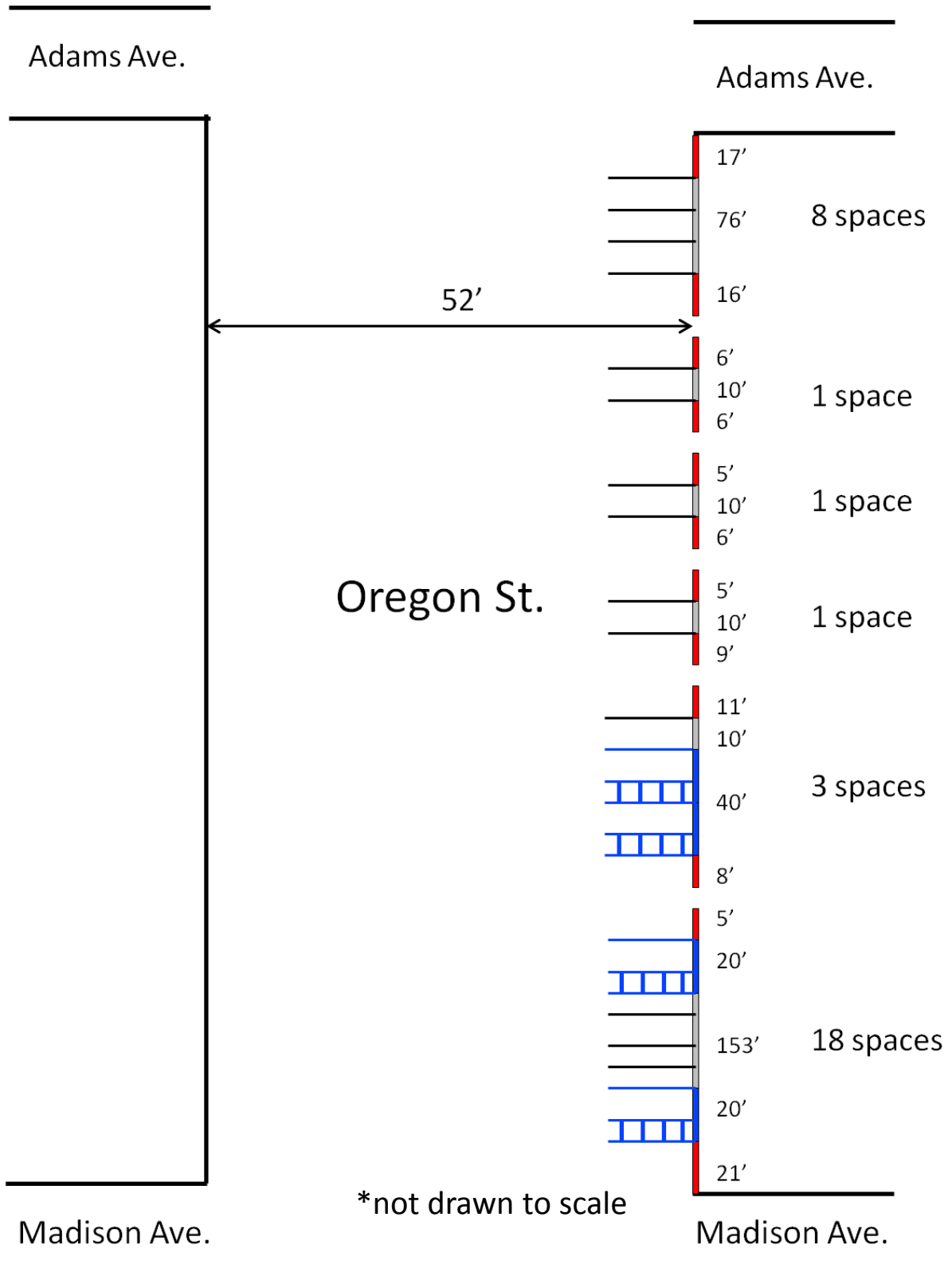


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PROPOSED CHANGES



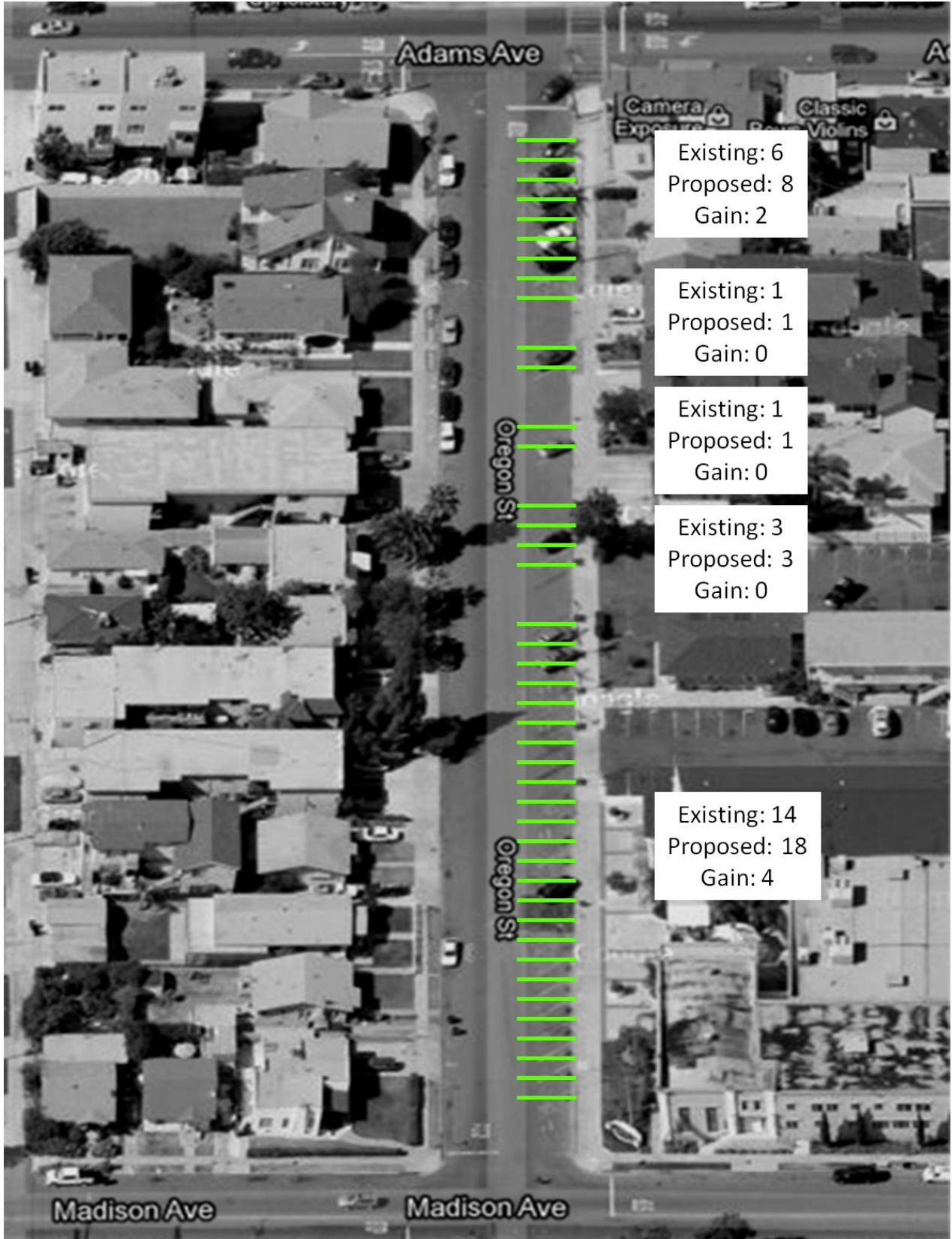
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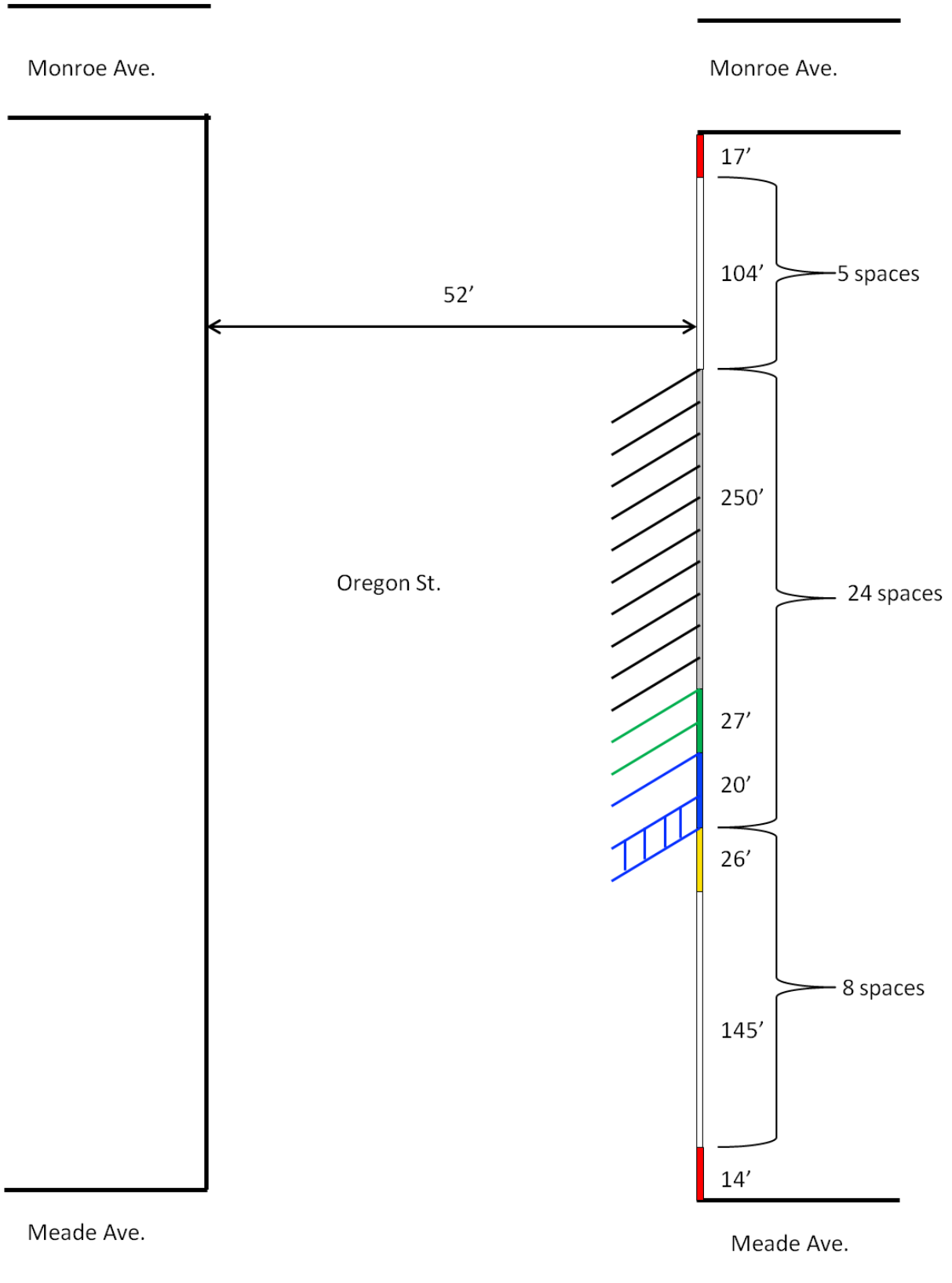


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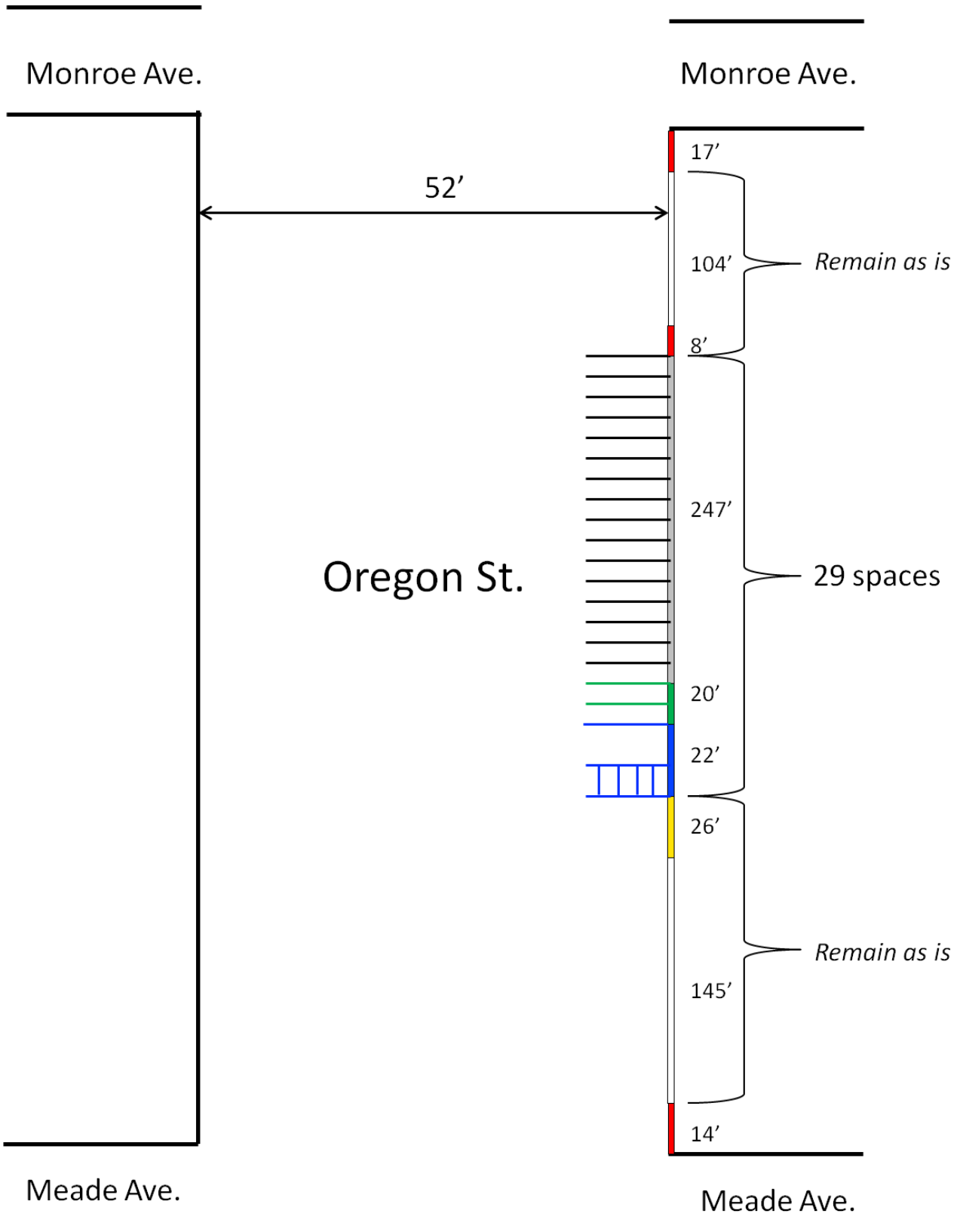


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Limits: Monroe Avenue – Meade Avenue

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PROPOSED CHANGES



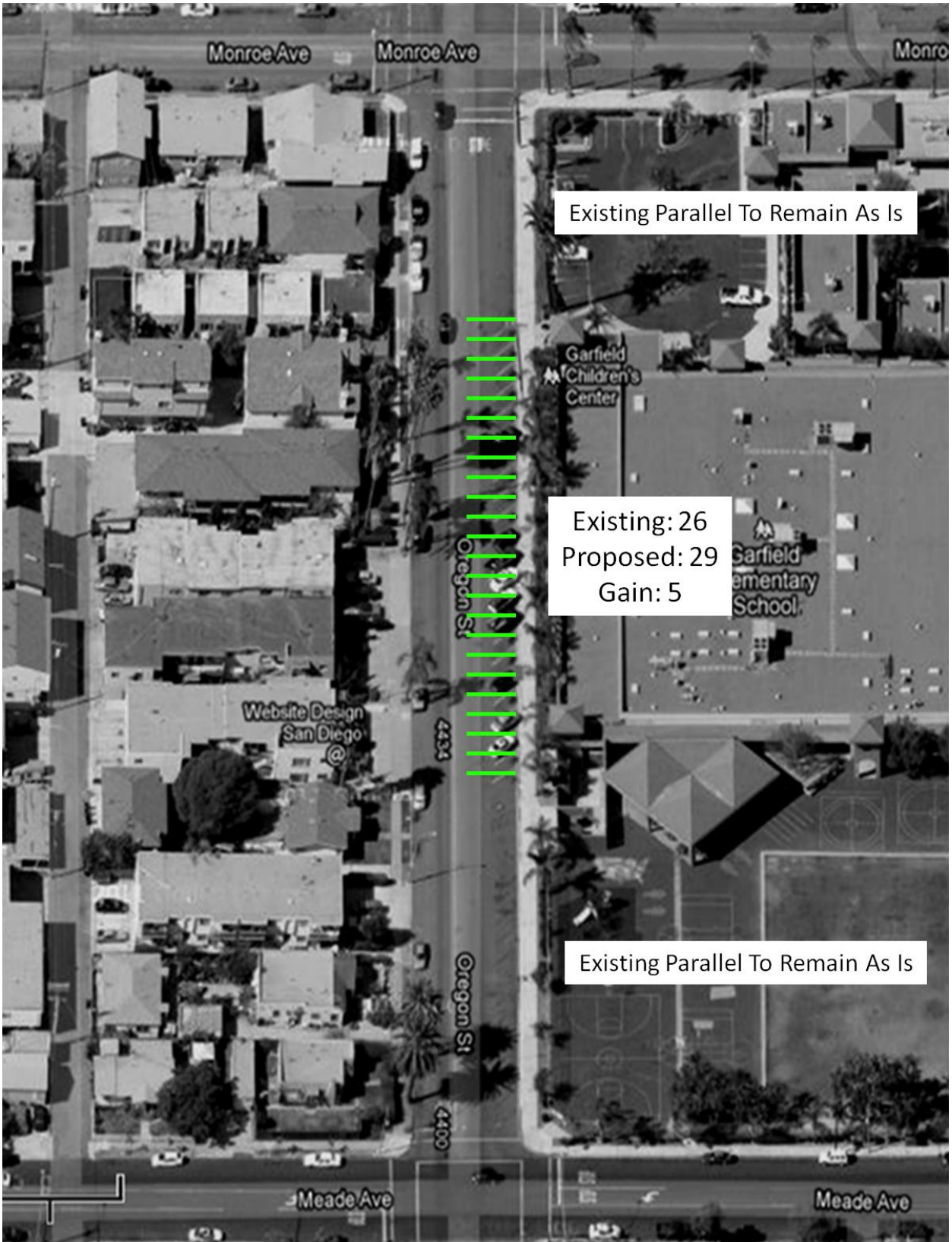
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Limits: Monroe Avenue – Meade Avenue

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Total Proposed Spaces = 42

Total Gain of Spaces = 5

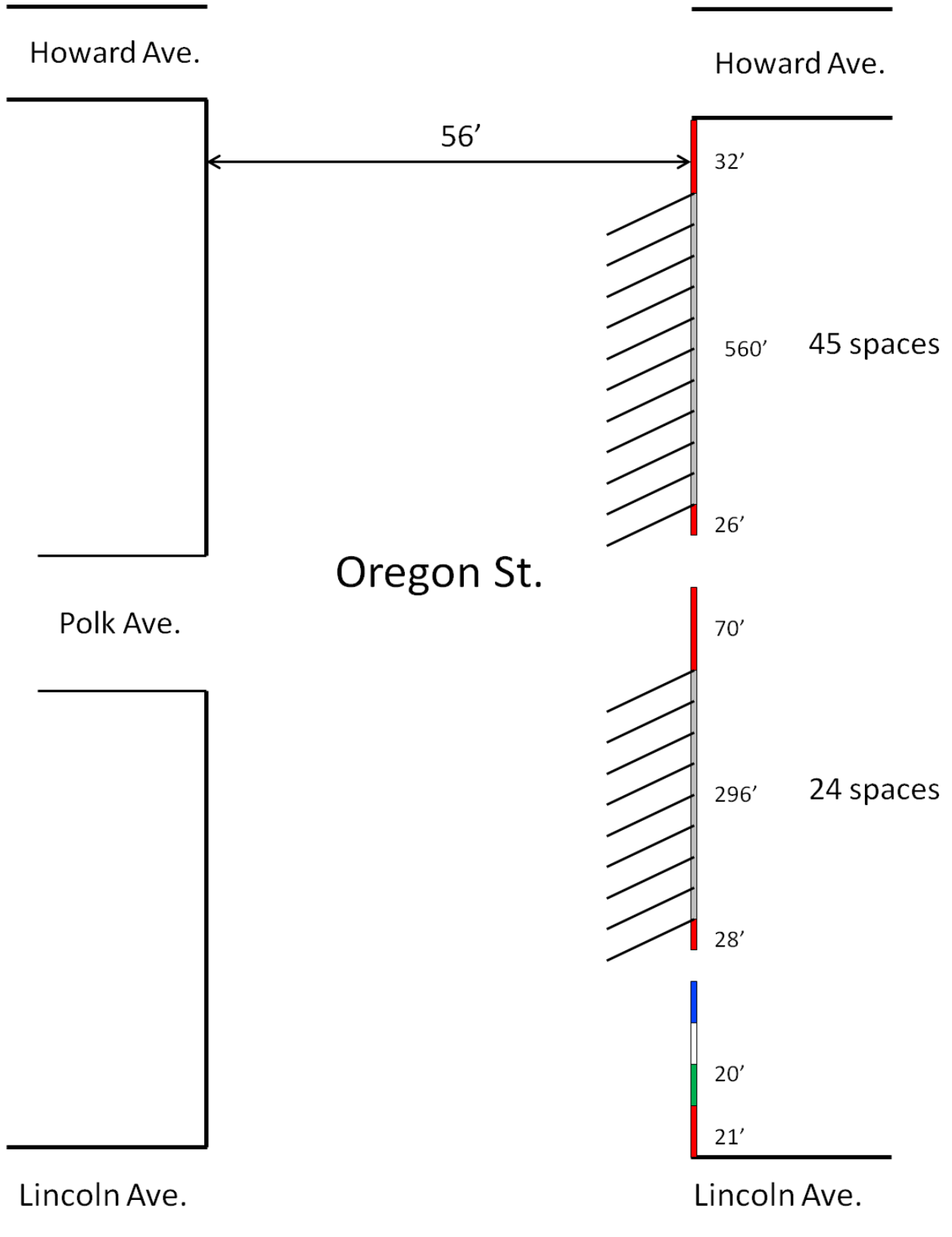


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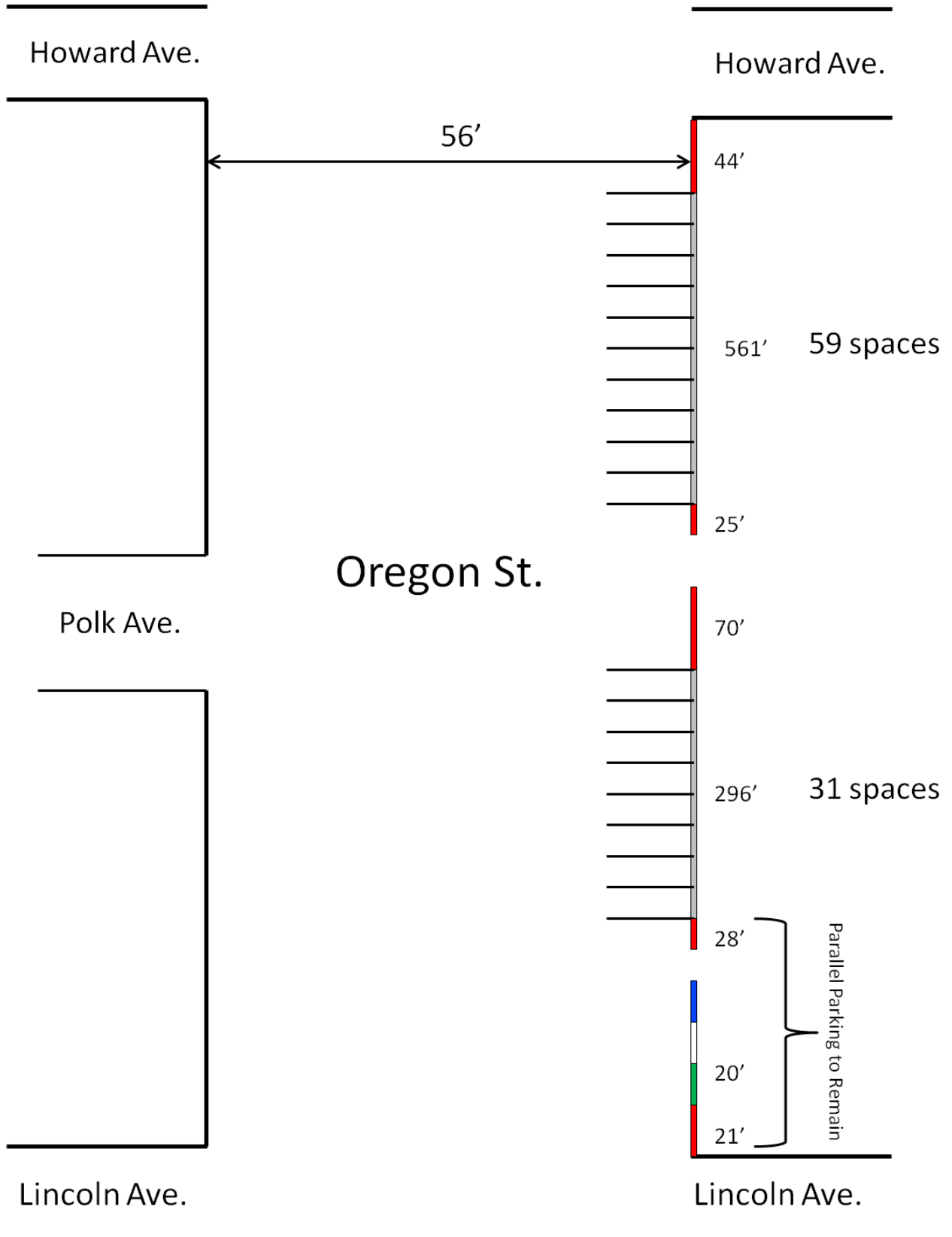


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Limits: Lincoln Avenue – Howard Avenue

Total Spaces = 90

PROPOSED CHANGES



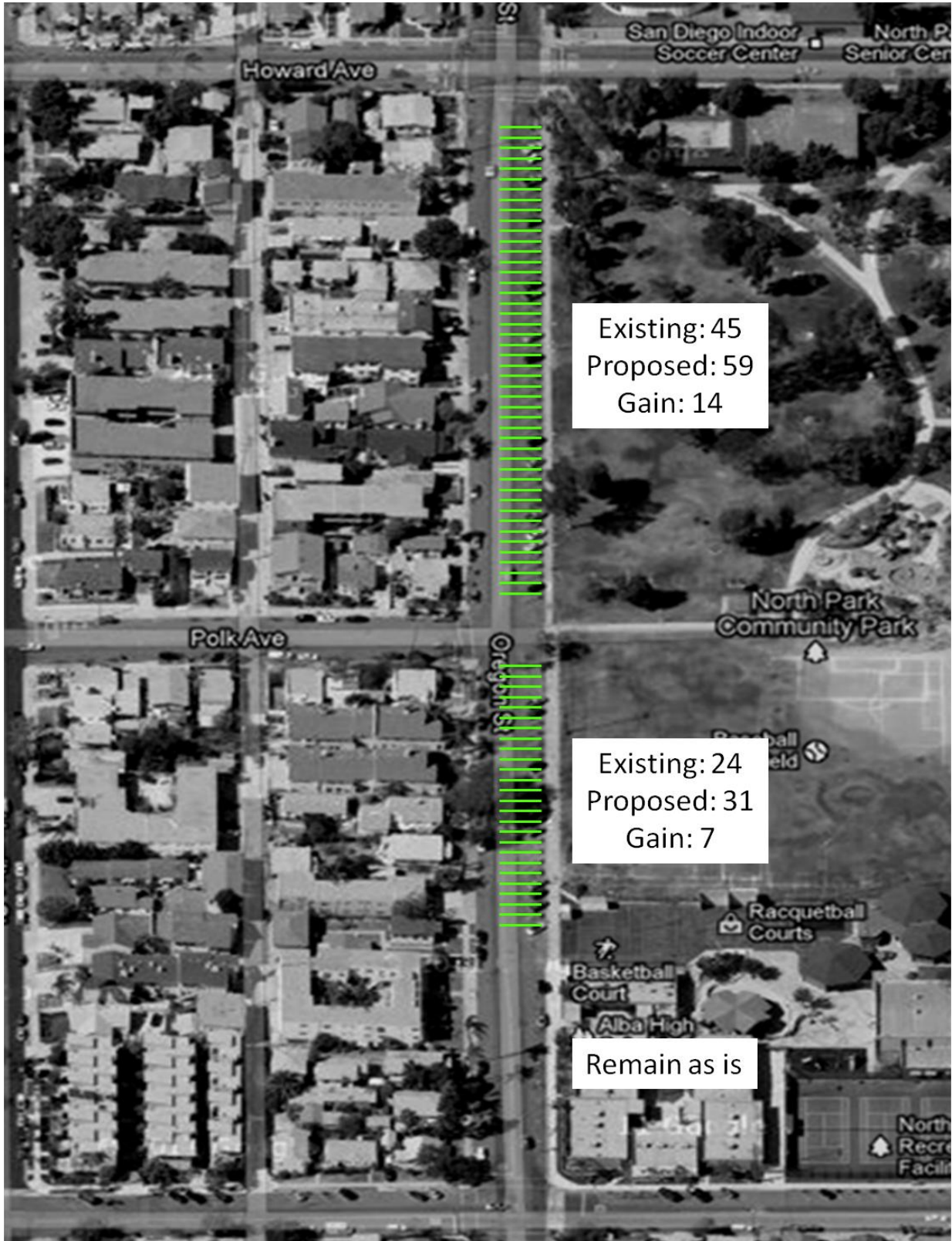
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Limits: Howard Avenue – Lincoln Avenue

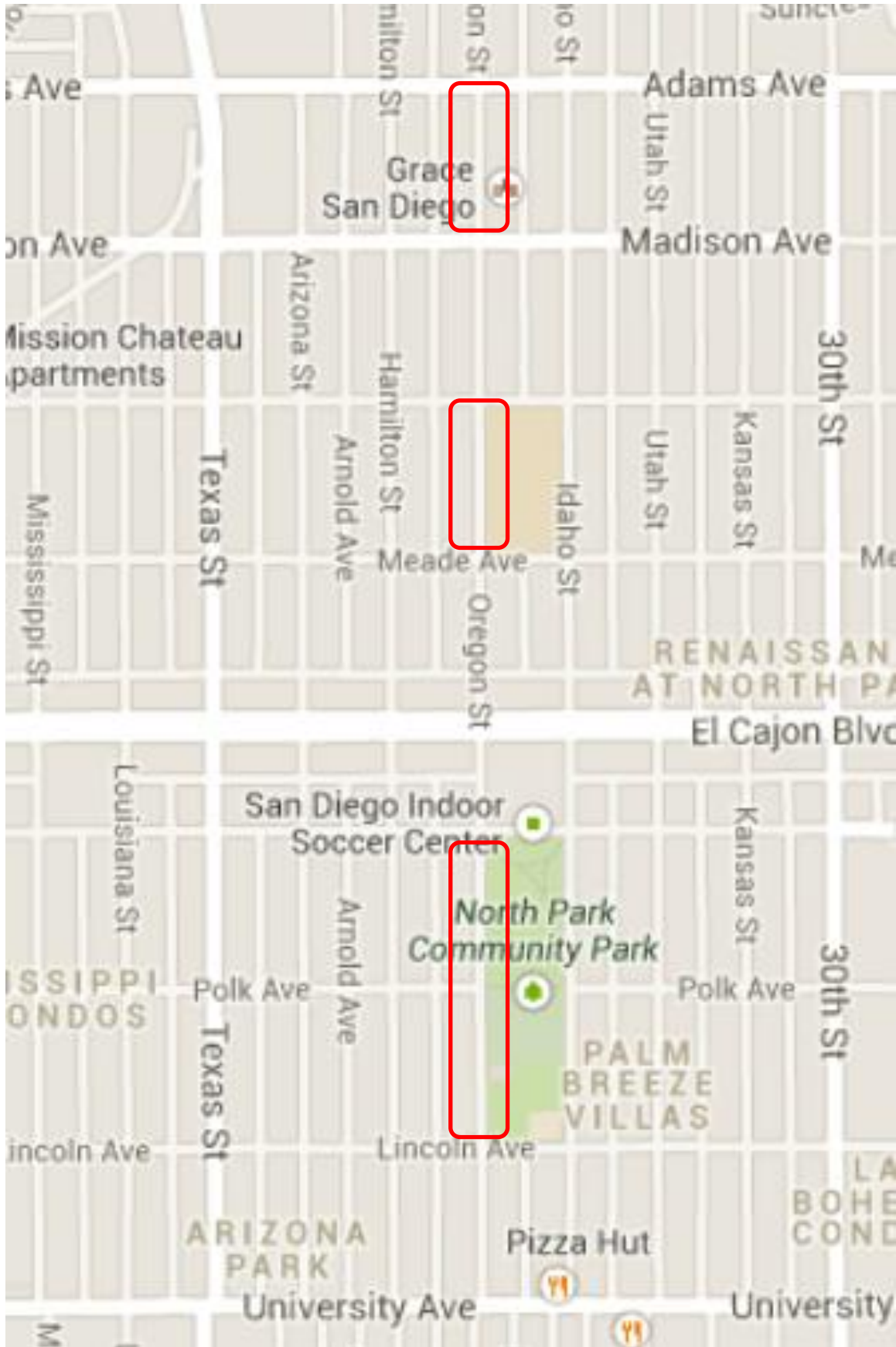
Total Existing Spaces = 69

Total Proposed Spaces = 90

Total Gain of Spaces = 21



Affected Blocks of Oregon Street





THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

October 8, 2013

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Vicki Granowitz, Chair
North Park Planning Committee
2455 Pamo Avenue
San Diego, CA 92104

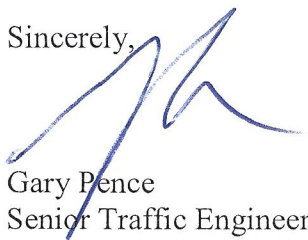
Dear Ms. Granowitz:

This is regarding the posted speed limit on Nile Street between Thorn Street and Landis Street in the community of Greater North Park. Local governments must follow the procedures set by the State of California when setting speed limits on public streets. The California Speed Trap Law (California Vehicle Code Section 40802) requires that the City survey the prevailing speeds on classified streets every seven years in order to keep our speed limits radar enforceable under the provisions of the law.

We have recently surveyed the above segment of Nile Street and the results of the study indicate that the existing posted speed limit of 25 mile per hour for both the southbound and northbound directions of traffic must be raised to 30 miles per hour in order to remain radar enforceable. Therefore, we will be changing the speed limit in both directions from 25 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.

It is our practice to notify the community planning groups before changing the speed limits. If you have any questions concerning this action please contact Seyed Ahmadi at (619) 533-3806.

Sincerely,



Gary Pence
Senior Traffic Engineer

SNA/sg

cc: Acting Lieutenant Scott Townsend, San Diego Police Department, Traffic Division
Ty Palusky, Associate Engineer – Transportation Engineering Operations Division

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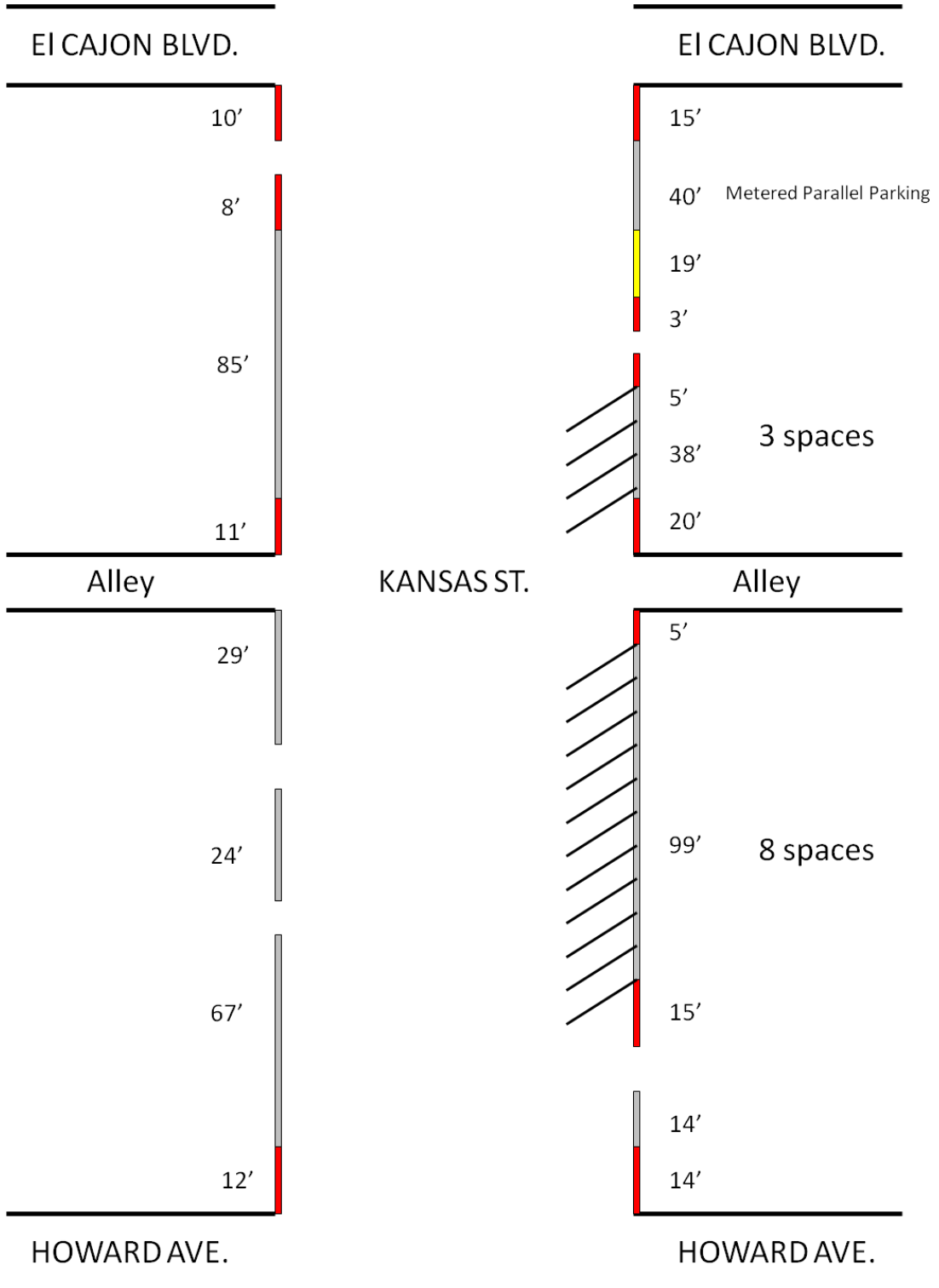


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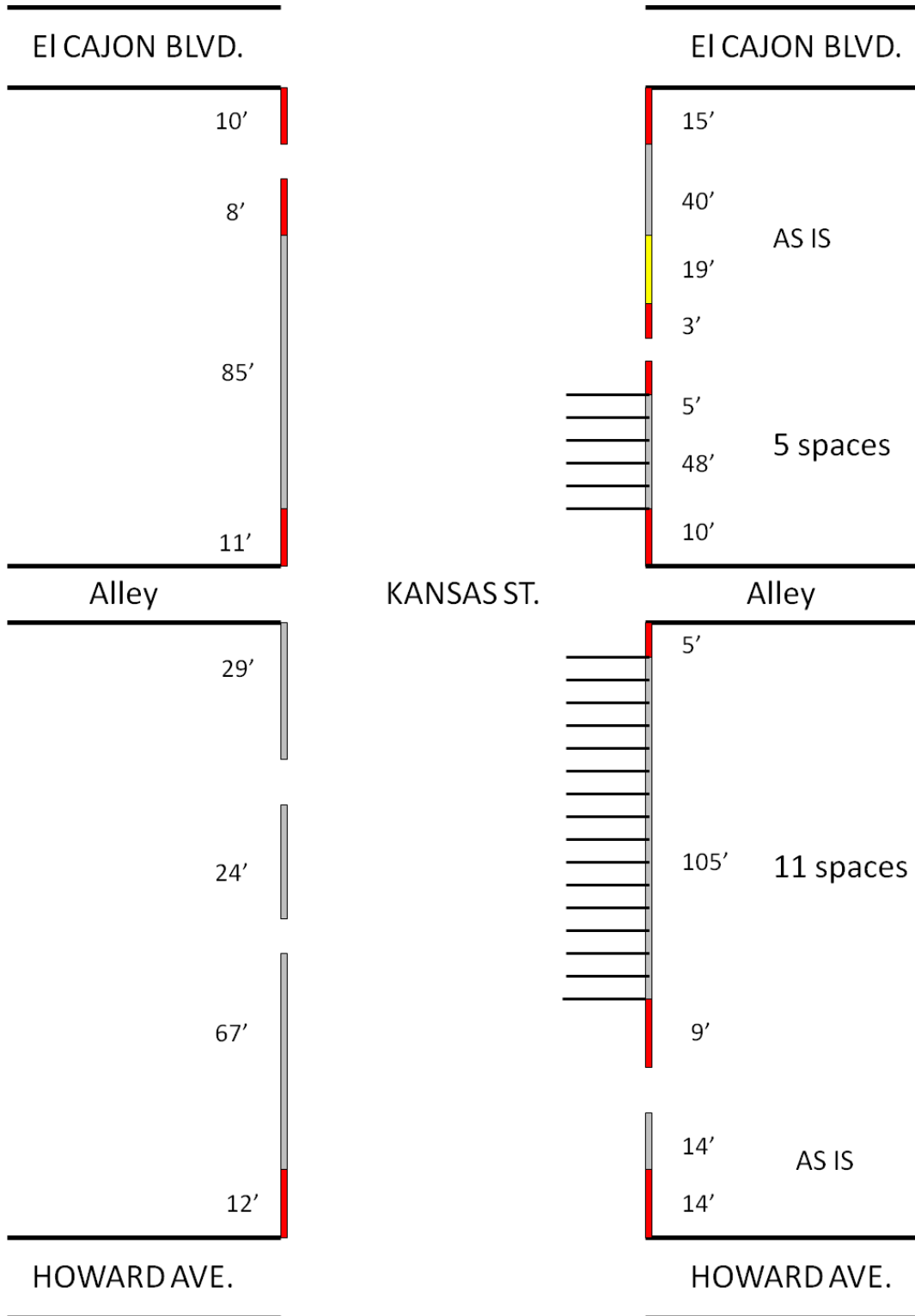


Kansas Street Head In Conversion

Limits: El Cajon Boulevard – Howard Avenue

Total Spaces = 19

PROPOSED CHANGES



Kansas Street Head In Conversion

Limits: El Cajon Boulevard – Howard Avenue

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Total Proposed Spaces = 19

Total Gain of Spaces = 5

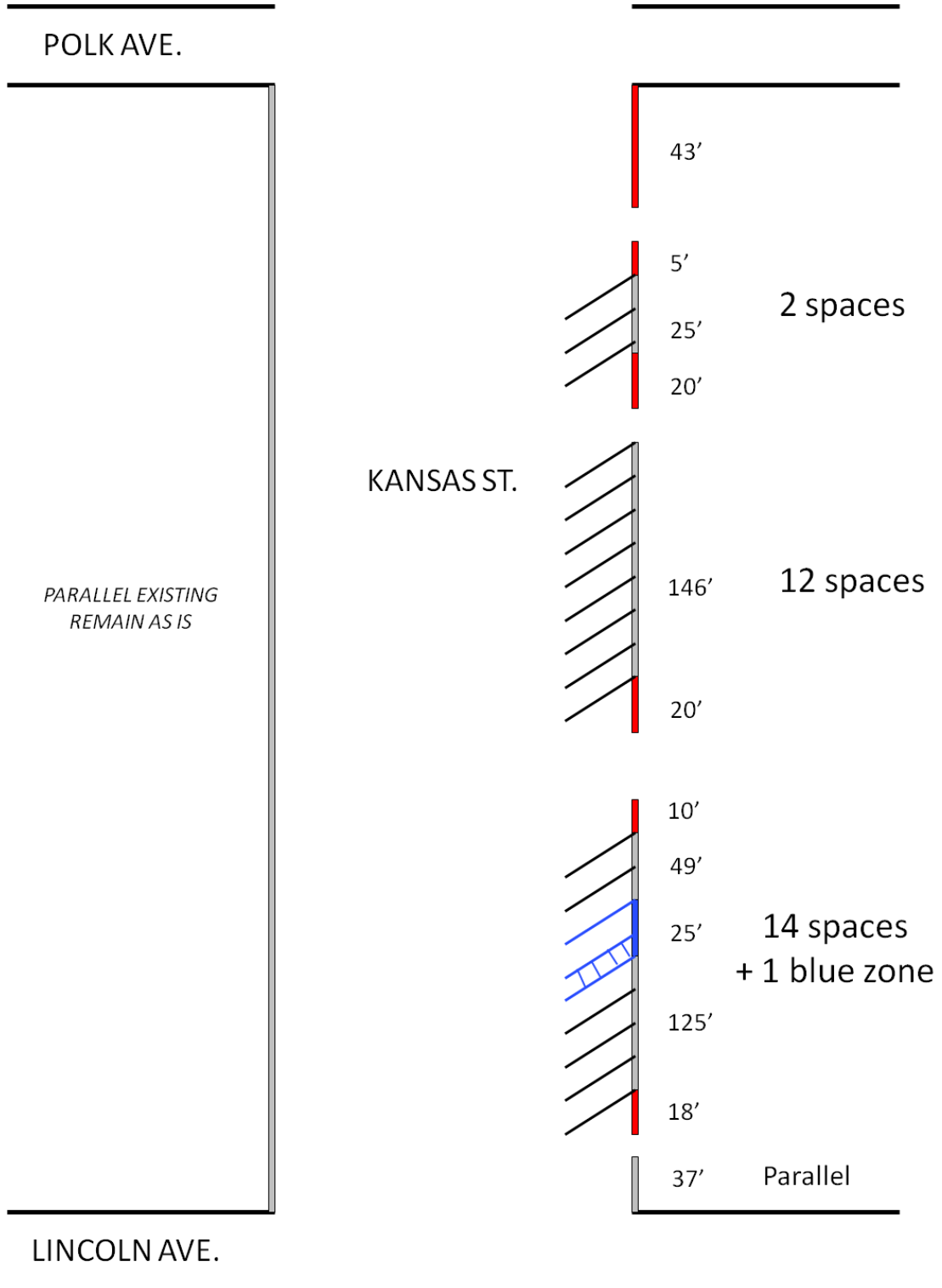


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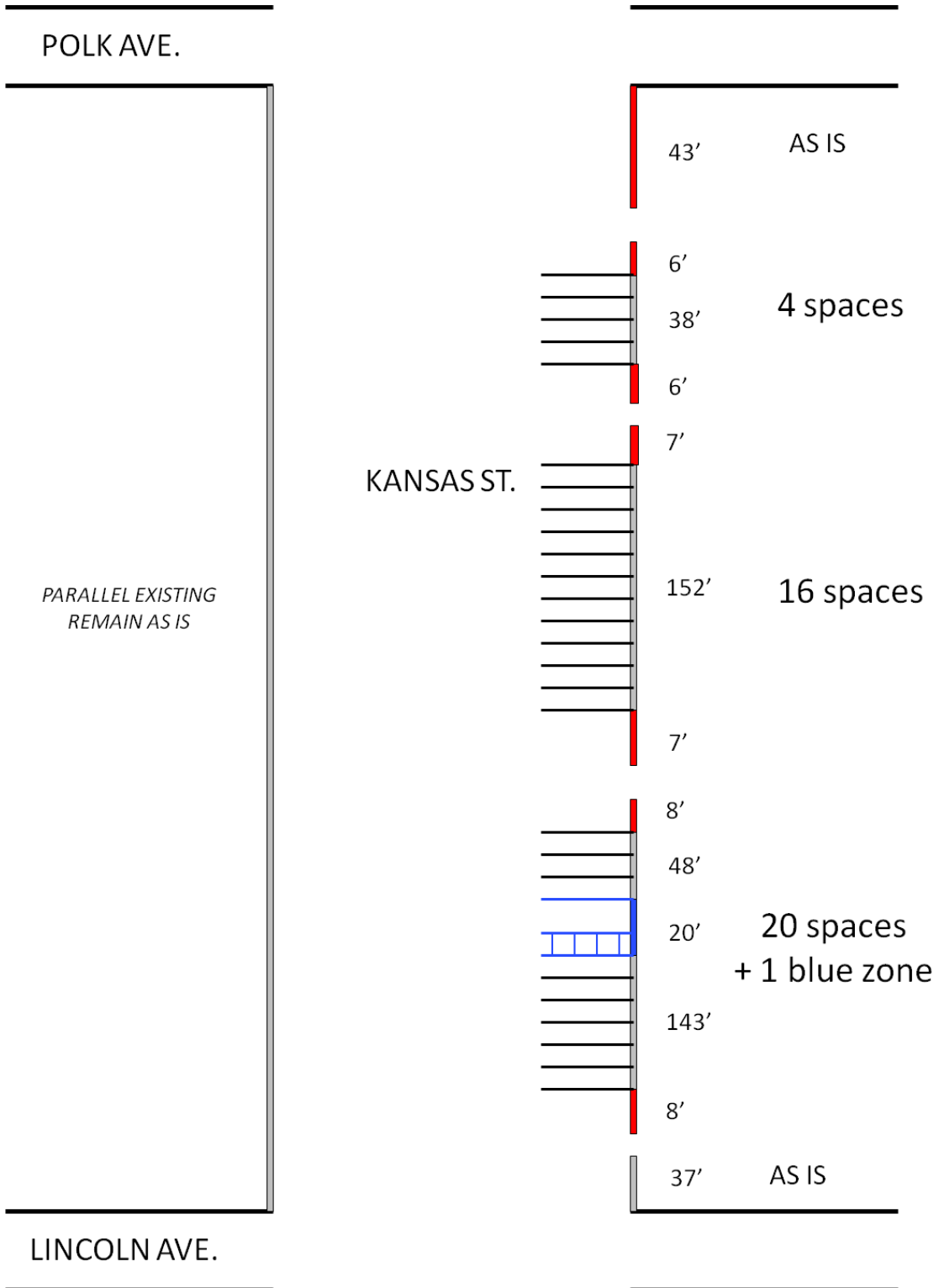


Kansas Street Head In Conversion

Limits: Polk Avenue – Lincoln Avenue

Total Spaces = 43

PROPOSED CHANGES



Kansas Street Head In Conversion

Limits: Polk Avenue – Lincoln Avenue

Total Existing Spaces = 31

Total Proposed Spaces = 43

Total Gain of Spaces = 12



Affected Blocks of Kansas Street

