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Urban Systems Associates, Inc. (USAI) has been retained by I&D Consulting to prepare an access sight distance evaluation for the First Element Fuel Station planned at 1832 W. Washington Street in San Diego, CA.

Project Description:

The project site is located in San Diego, California, along W Washington Street on the northeast corner of W. Washington Street at San Diego Avenue. As shown in the project's preliminary Site Plan included as **Attachment 1**, the proposed project is an addition of hydrogen fuel equipment and two dispensers (four pumps) to an existing gas station. The project is located in the Uptown Community Planning Area. The proposed project requires a Process 2 Neighborhood Use Permit (NUP). The existing station operates under Conditional Use Permit 94-0641. The 0.47-acre project site is located at 1832 West Washington in the CC-3-6 Zone in a 2035 Transit Priority Area, Transit Area Overlay Zone, Multi Family Residential Parking Standards, Transit Priority Area within the Uptown Community Plan area.

Sight Distance Evaluation:

The proposed project plans to provide access to W. Washington Street through two existing driveways as shown in **Attachment 1**. West Washington Street is a 4- lane Major road with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour in the northeast-bound direction and 25 miles per hour in the southwest-bound direction. In the southwest-bound direction, approaching the project site, there is a downhill gradient of approximately 6% and a large radius curve just northeast of the project site. On-street parking is provided on the adjacent property to the northeast. Of note is the observed high volume of right turns from W. Washington Street to San Diego Avenue in order to utilize the I-5 northbound on-ramp. An exclusive right turn lane exists to accommodate this movement located just north of the project site from San Diego Avenue. Existing traffic volumes for the intersection of Washington Street and San Diego Avenue is shown below:

	2		San Diego Ave	ıs 732 / 545 ⇔ 651 / 573 Washington St
_	116 / 258 551 / 1129	₽ ₽		124 / 122 ⊘ 172 / 231 ⇔ 9 / 27 ∿

Considering the existing conditions of W. Washington Street, and the proposed project's access points, Urban Systems Associates, Inc. (USAI) proceeded to conduct field observations that included a Radar Speed Survey and a Sight Distance Evaluation at the project site.

A Radar Speed Survey was conducted on August 31, 2020 at a single location along W. Washington Street between San Diego Avenue and India Street. This survey consisted of recording a vehicle sample of 50 vehicles pursuant to requirements of the California Vehicle Code that require the data to be collected with a radar device that meets or exceeds minimal standards of the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration, and which has been calibrated within the previous three (3) years. The data sample consisted of 50 vehicles traveling in the southwest-bound direction.

Please refer to Attachment 2 for a summary of the Radar Speed Survey results.

As shown in **Attachment 2**, from the recorded sample of 50 vehicles, the 85th percentile speed was calculated at 28 miles per hour. Following the requirements of the California MUTCD, this speed was rounded up to 30 miles per hour for design purposes. After determining the calculated 85th percentile speed, USAI proceeded to evaluate the sight distance for the proposed project's driveways with regards to West Washington Street. The project does not propose to modify the location of the existing driveways with the proposed addition of hydrogen fueling equipment. However, the project would be responsible for reconstructing the driveways to meet current City standards. This sight distance evaluation is being conducted to verify that the existing driveways have adequate sight distance and provide any recommendations.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (6th Edition), otherwise known as the "Green Book", describes sight distance as "the length of the roadway ahead that is visible to the driver", for which sight distance should be the sufficient distance to enable a vehicle that is traveling at or near the design speed of the roadway to stop before reaching a stationary object in its path. Additionally, the sight distance to be provided should be as is described by the "Green Book" at least that needed for a below-average driver or vehicle to stop.

The Caltrans, Highway Design Manual (HDM) provides guidance related to sight distance. It should be noted that according to topic 205.3 of the HDM, "corner sight distance requirements are not applied to urban driveways". Nevertheless, it is prudent to investigate sight distance where possible as a best practice. As recommended by Table 405.1B of the HDM and topic 405.1, stopping sight distance is the appropriate standard to apply when determining sight distance for intersections. Stopping sight distance lengths are contained in table 201.1 of the HDM as shown in **Attachment 3**.

The HDM states, "at unsignalized intersections a substantially clear line of sight should be maintained between the driver of a vehicle, bicyclist or pedestrian stopped on the minor road and the driver of an approaching vehicle on the major road that has no stop. Line of sight for all users should be included in right of way, in order to preserve sight lines".

Considering the 85th percentile speed of 28 miles per hour resulting from the Radar Speed Survey, USAI rounded the 85th percentile speed up to 30 miles per hour as a conservative estimate and selected this speed as the stopping sight distance speed. Consequently, a stopping sight distance of 200 feet consistent with HDM guidelines as shown in **Attachment 3**, was selected to conduct sight distance observations. In addition, a sustained downgrade of 6%, ((90 ft -78ft) / (200 ft) = .06 = 6%) was noted in the southwest-bound direction. Therefore, consistent with HDM guidance, an additional 20% was added to the stopping sight distance noted above for a total of 240 feet. It should be noted that this sight distance concerns motor vehicles using the street.

Based on the guidance above, USAI staff proceeded to identify onsite the approximate location of the project driveways, and recorded images from the driveway locations to document the existing sight conditions onsite. USAI measured 240 feet at ground level for each direction along the major street from both of the proposed project driveway locations. The sight distance has been plotted on an aerial plan view as shown in **Attachment 4**. As shown, adequate sight distance exists at both driveways.

An additional driveway accessing the project site is located on San Diego Avenue. Field visits support the conclusion that the driveway on San Diego Avenue has no sight distance obstructions. Unlike W. Washington Street, no curve or hill exists obstructing sight distance. The driveway is located approximately 75' from the intersection at W. Washington and San Diego Avenue with no significant obstructions in the sight triangle as shown in the photograph below. In addition, San Diego Avenue is a one-way street with traffic controlled adjacent to the driveway at a signalized intersection. No significant grade is present impacting sight distance. As shown in the google earth measurement below, approximately 700' of sight distance is present before the street curves south of the project site. This distance should provide adequate stopping sight distance for speeds up to 65 miles per hour.



Driveway with San Diego Avenue



Google Earth Measurement of Available Sight Distance

Bicycle Considerations:

As shown in **Attachment 5**, SANDAG has prepared an Uptown Bikeways Plan which would create a cycle track along the project frontage and adjacent property along West Washington Street and is scheduled for construction in 2021. This plan would also result in enhanced pedestrian crossings and other features designed to protect active transportation users. The current plan would restrict parking along the adjacent frontage. As noted above, this is recommended to improve sight distance. Additionally, the plan would eliminate the southwestern driveway for the existing gas station. Unfortunately, this driveway closure is not feasible due to a variety of considerations further discussed below.

As shown in the site plan (Attachment 1), the project site is fairly constrained. The gasoline tanks are in the southwestern portion of the site and are best accessed by the southwest driveway on W. Washington Street and the driveway on San Diego Avenue. As shown in the truck turning exhibits (Attachment 6), trucks need both driveways to access the tanks as there is insufficient room onsite to turn around fully. Therefore, after pulling into the driveway on San Diego Avenue, a gasoline delivery truck must use the southwestern driveway on W. Washington street. Use of the northwestern driveway by such a truck is infeasible as the truck would either encroach on the proposed hydrogen equipment or existing parking spaces. Alternatively, if traveling along the street frontage side of the canopy, only nine feet of drive aisle width is available without interfering with vehicles at the gas pumps. A truck delivering gas could not adequately maneuver to utilize the northeastern driveway and must therefore use the southwest driveway on W. Washington Street. Therefore, it is recommended that both driveways on W. Washington Street be maintained.

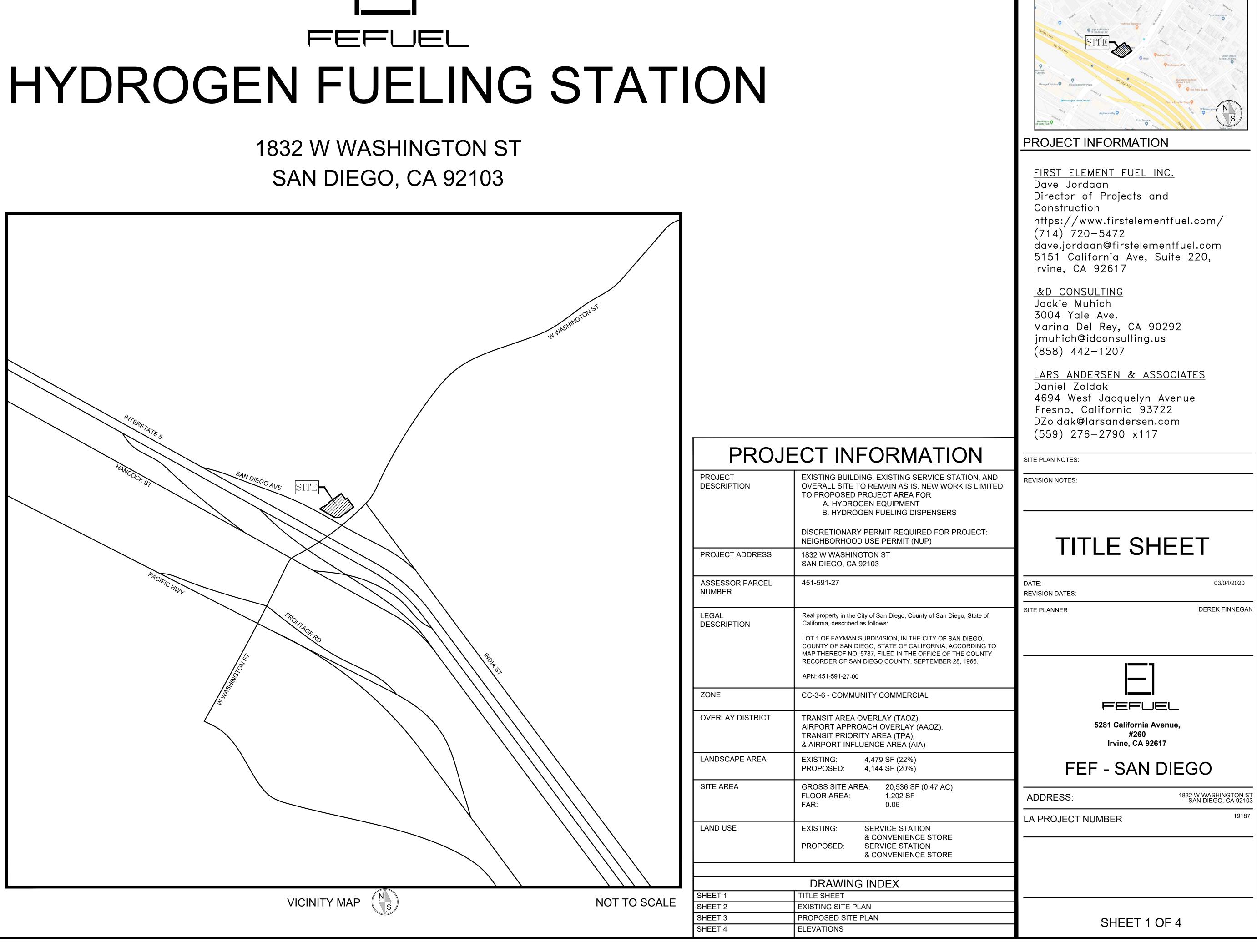
Per the recommendations of the NACTO, Urban Bikeway Design Guide, it is recommended that signage be added onsite in the event the future cycle track is implemented. The Guide states, "Color, yield lines, and "Yield to Bikes" signage should be used to identify the conflict area and make it clear that the cycle track has priority over entering and exiting traffic".

Conclusion:

Urban Systems Associates, Inc. has reviewed the access and performed a sight distance analysis for the proposed project located at 1832 W. Washington Street along with plans for a future addition of hydrogen fueling equipment and future SANDAG plans for the Uptown Bikeways Plan. Field visits, speed surveys, truck turning templates and sight distance analysis have been completed as discussed above and shown in various attachments to this memo. Based on these reviews and analyses, it is recommended that all existing driveways be retained to support the existing gas station as allowed by existing permits and the Municipal Code. In addition, it is recommended that the Uptown Bikeways Plan be modified to account for the existing driveways. It is recommended that "yield to bikes" signage be added at project driveways to make clear priority and identify potential conflicts. The project does not impact visibility beyond existing conditions. Nevertheless, to improve visibility, it is suggested that the City evaluates on-street parking since these spaces will ultimately be removed with the implementation of the bike facility.

Project Site Plan

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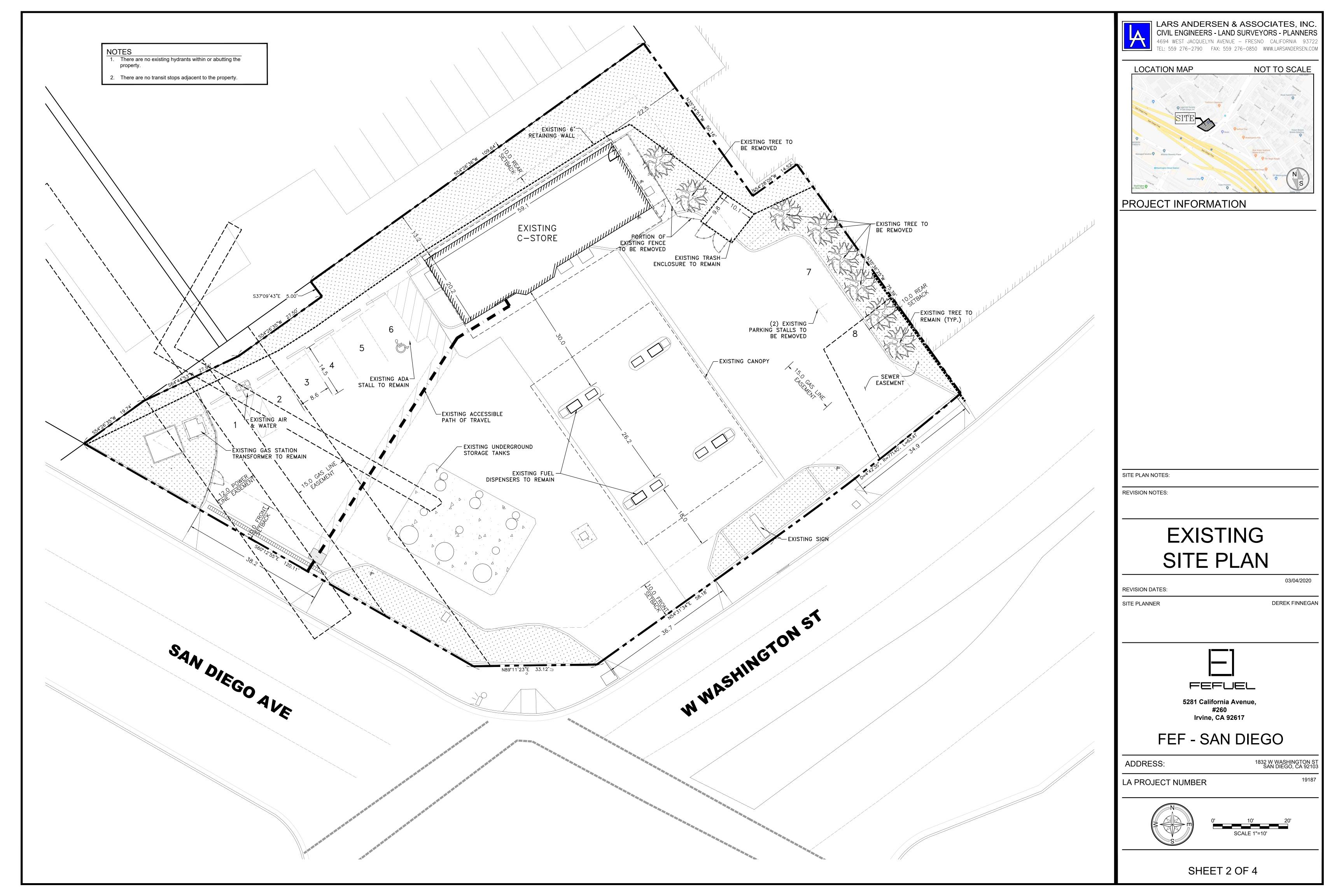
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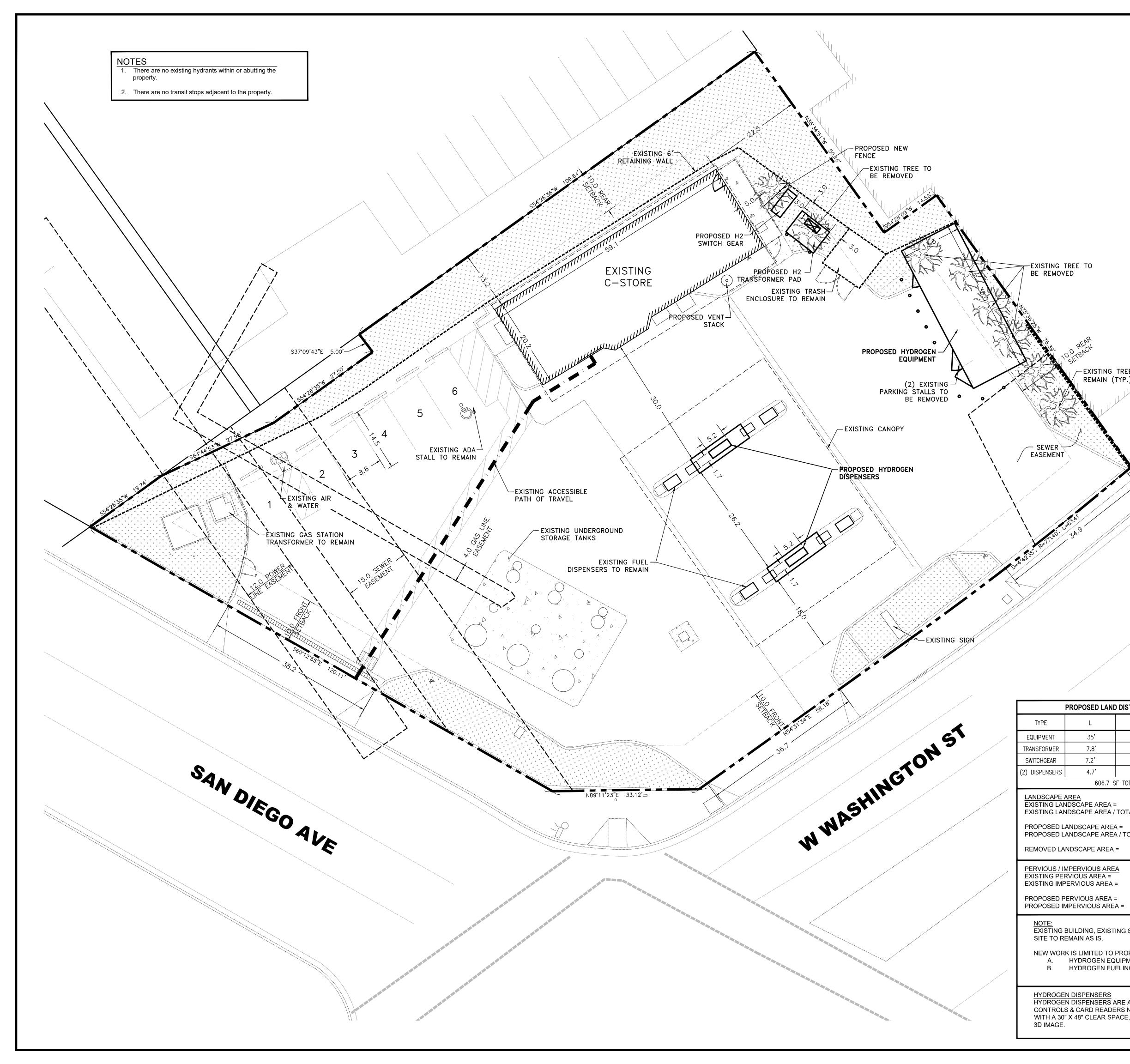
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CIVIL ENGINEERS - LAND SURVEYORS

LOCATION MAP







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				SITE PLAN
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PHOTO 1: VIEW OF THE EXISTING SERVICE STATION LOOKING EAST FROM SAN DIEGO AVE.



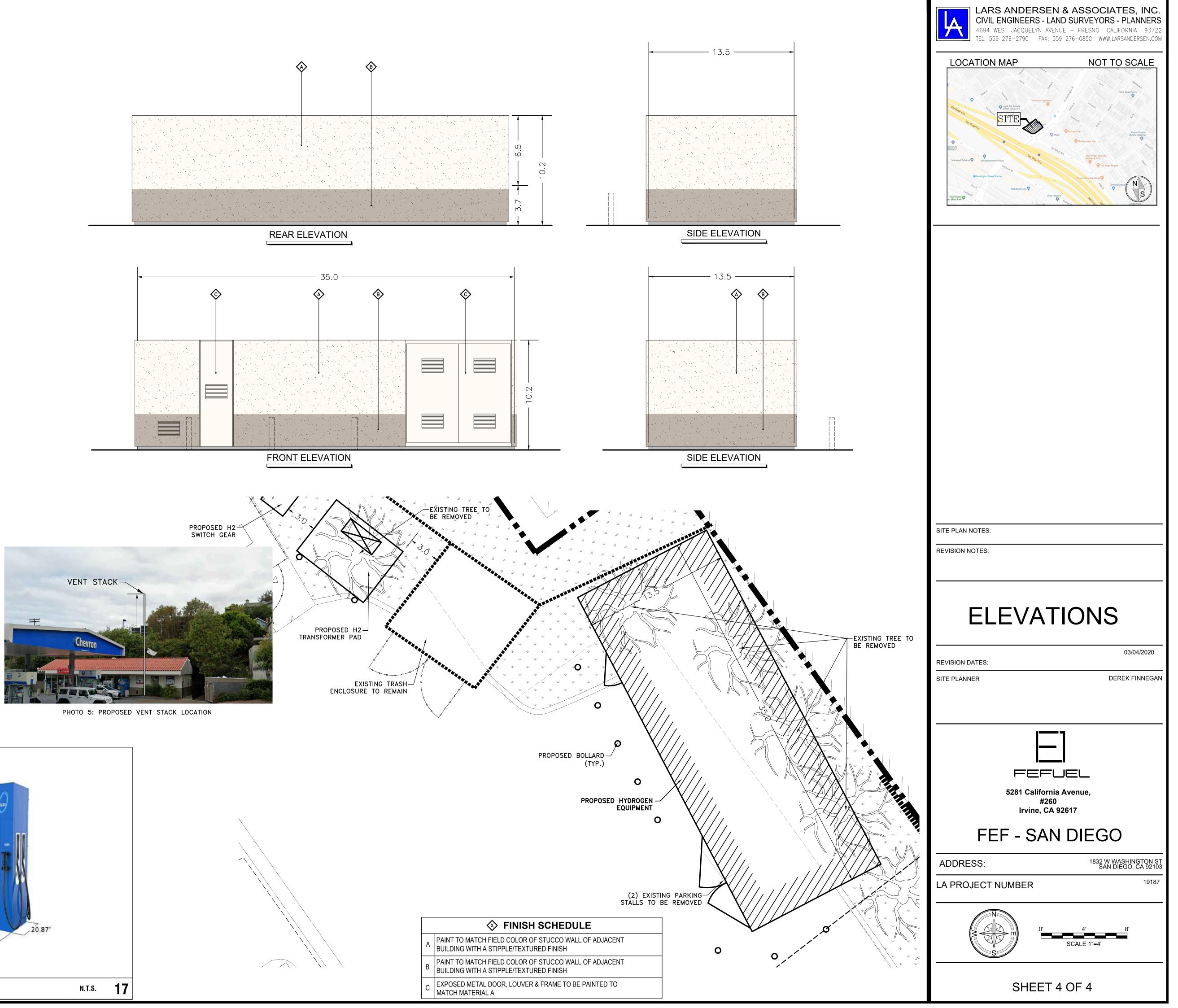
PHOTO 2: VIEW OF THE EXISTING SERVICE STATION LOOKING WEST FROM WASHINGTON ST.



PHOTO 3: PROPOSED EQUIPMENT LOCATION ALONG EAST PROPERTY LINE.



PHOTO 4: PROPOSED DISPENSER LOCATIONS UNDER CANOPY ON MIDDLE POSITIONS.





Radar Speed Survey Results

Speed Survey

Speed	Number of	Percent of	Percent
	Vehicles	Total	
Ranges			Accumulation
10	0	0% 6%	0% 6%
11	3		
12	0	0%	6%
13	0	0%	6%
14	1	2%	8%
15	4	8%	16%
16	1	2%	18%
17	2	4%	22%
18	3	6%	28%
19	5	10%	38%
20	3	6%	44%
21	2	4%	48%
22	3	6%	54%
23	3	6%	60%
24	3	6%	66%
25	4	8%	74%
26	2	4%	78%
27	3	6%	84%
28	3	6%	90%
29	1	2%	92%
30	1	2%	94%
31	0	0%	94%
32	0	0%	94%
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Vehicles

50

Recorder: Anthony Abalos

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Sunny

Approach:

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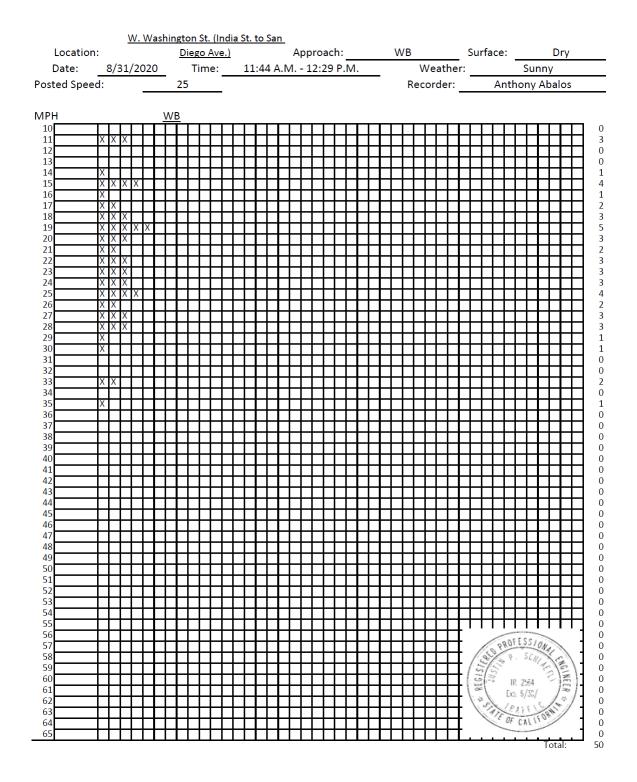
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Survey Statistics:

Posted Speed:	25	MPH
Average Speed: Median Speed: (50th	22	MPH
Percentile)	22	MPH
Modal Speed:	19	MPH
85th Percentile Speed:	28	MPH
10 MPH Pace:	18 - 27	MPH
Percent in Pace:	62%	

Comments:





Highway Design Manual Excerpts

Table 201.1

Sight Distance Standards

Design Speed ⁽¹⁾ (mph)	Stopping ⁽²⁾ (ft)	Passing (ft)
10	50	
15	100	
20	125	800
25	150	950
30	200	1,100
35	250	1,300
40	300	1,500
45	360	1,650
50	430	1,800
55	500	1,950
60	580	2,100
65	660	2,300
70	750	2,500
75	840	2,600
80	930	2,700

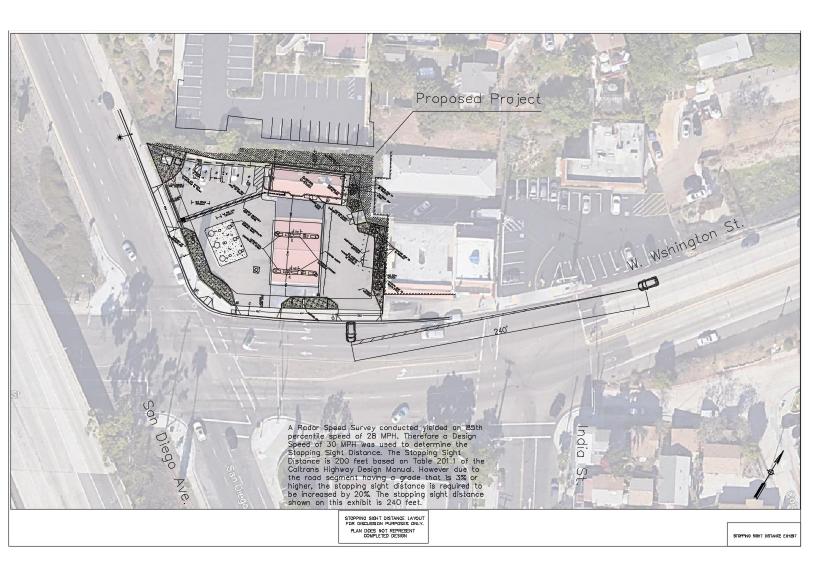
Notes:

⁽¹⁾See Topic 101 for selection of design speed.

⁽²⁾For sustained downgrades, refer to underlined standard in Index 201.3

Stopping Sight Distance Exhibit

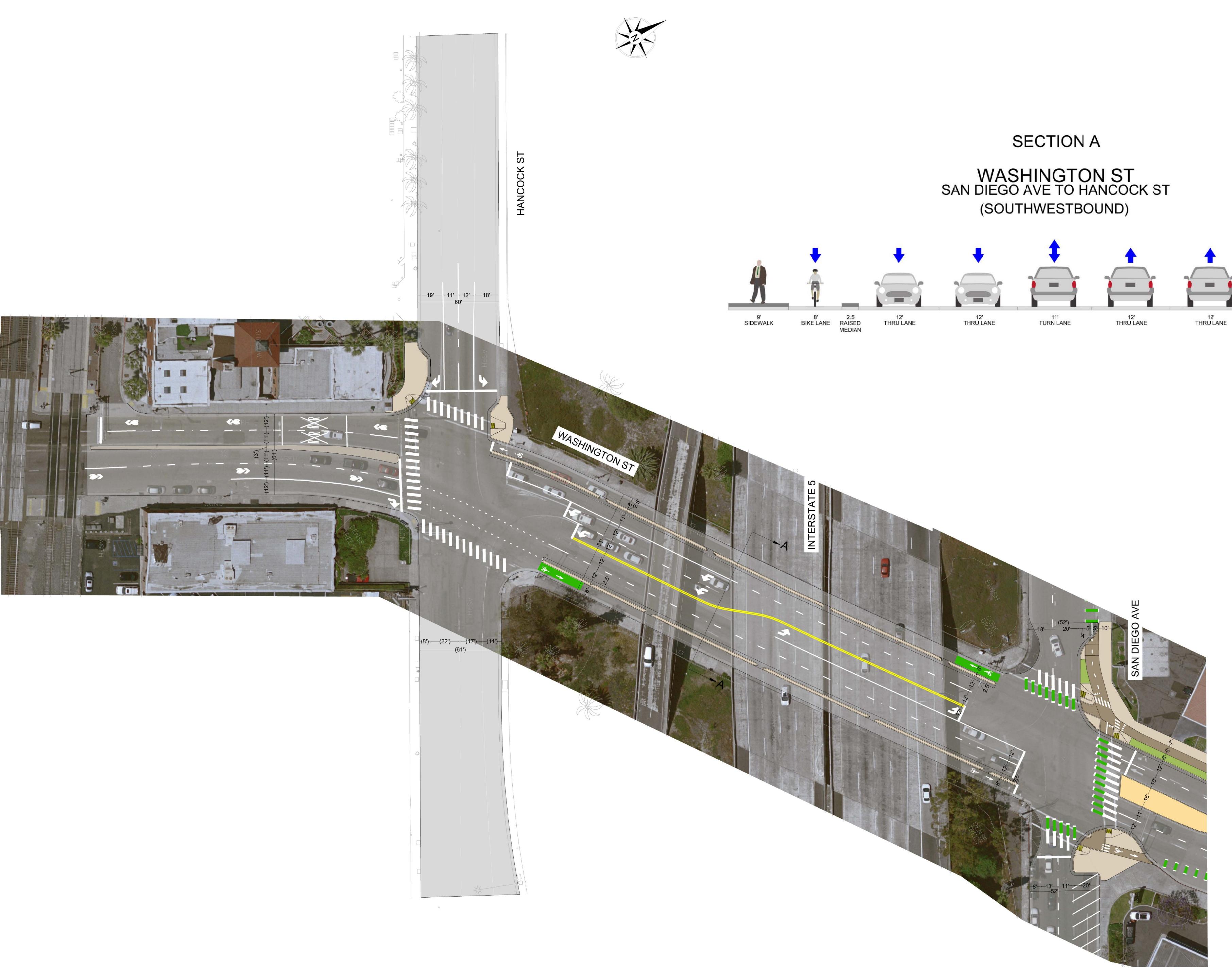




SANDAG Uptown Bikeways Plan

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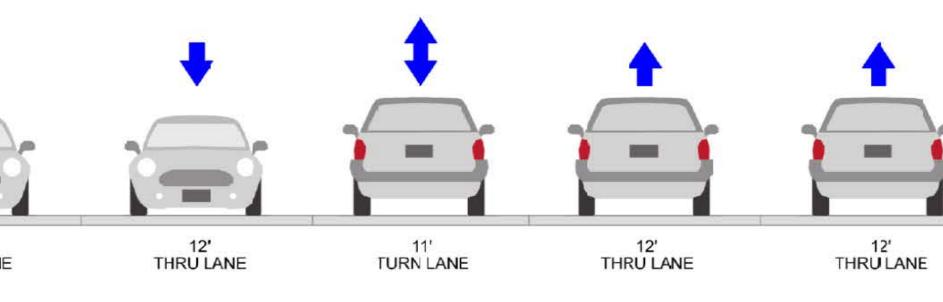








WASHINGTON STREET AND BACHMAN PLACE BIKEWAYS



CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT WASHINGTON STREET – HANCOCK STREET TO SAN DIEGO AVENUE

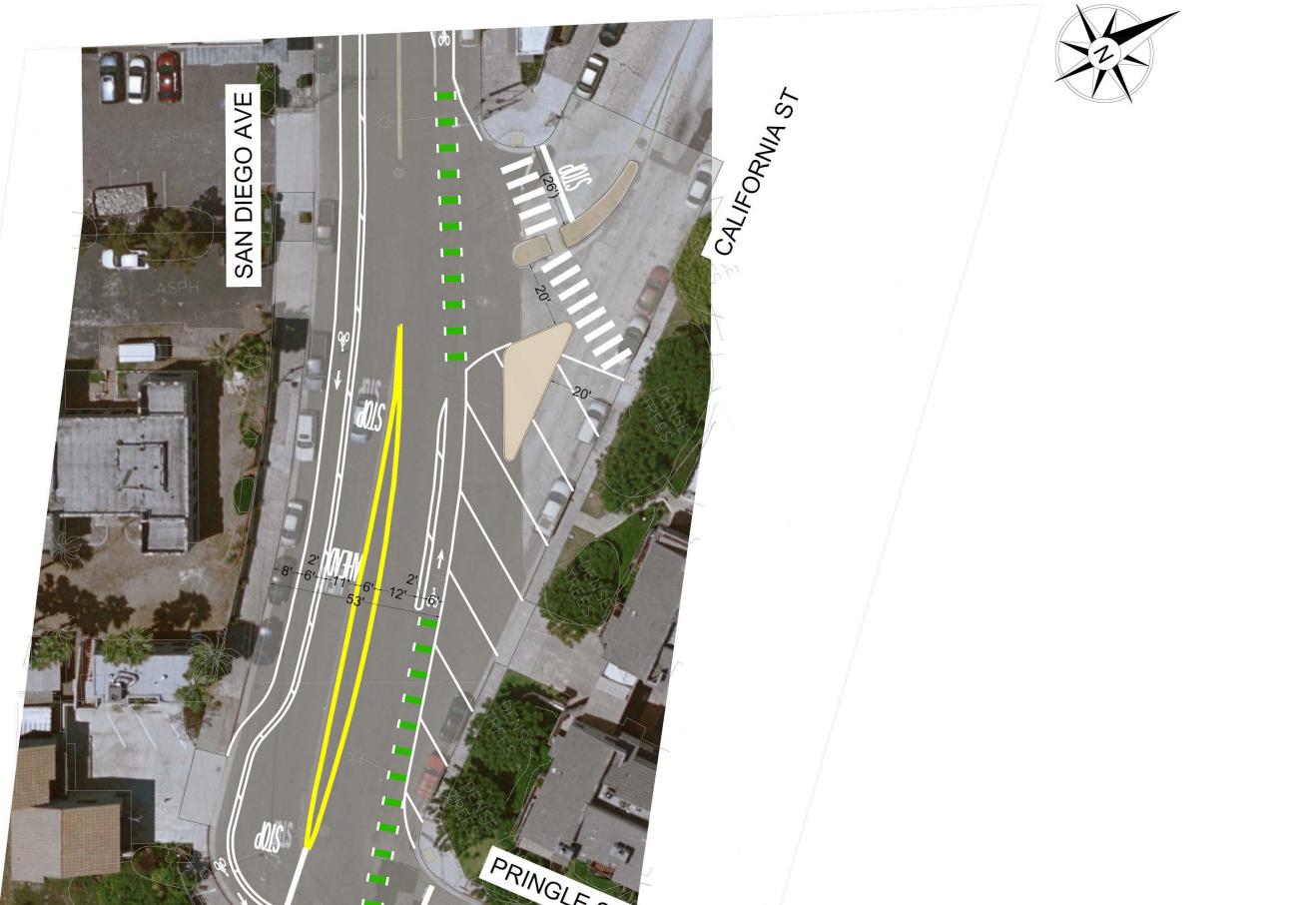




SIDEWALK

CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT

SAN DIEGO AVENUE – CALIFORNIA STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET

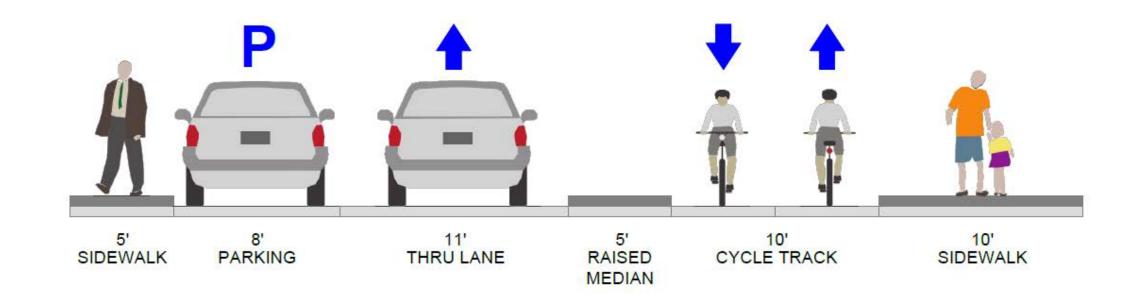






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UPTOWN BIKEWAYS

WASHINGTON STREET AND BACHMAN PLACE BIKEWAYS

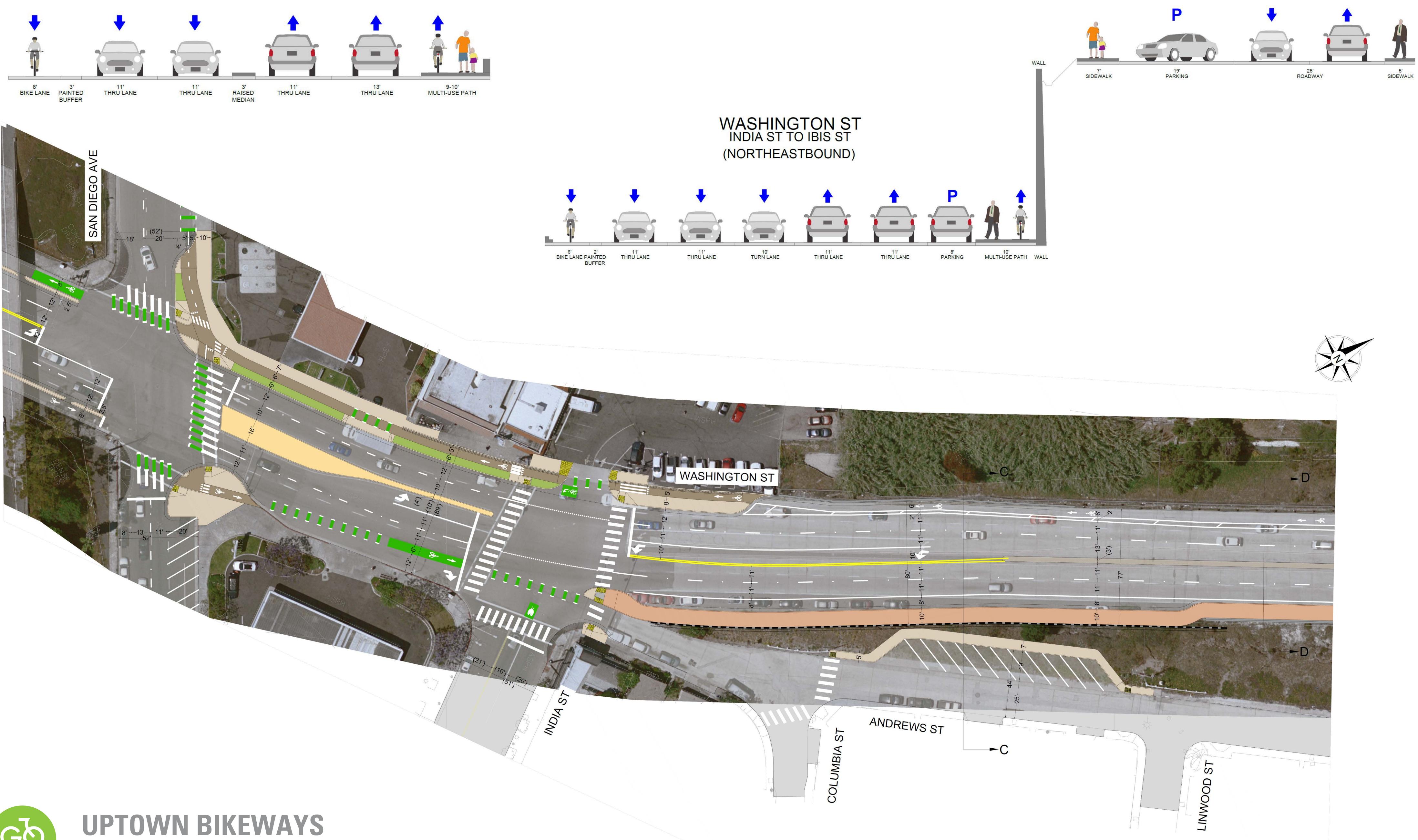


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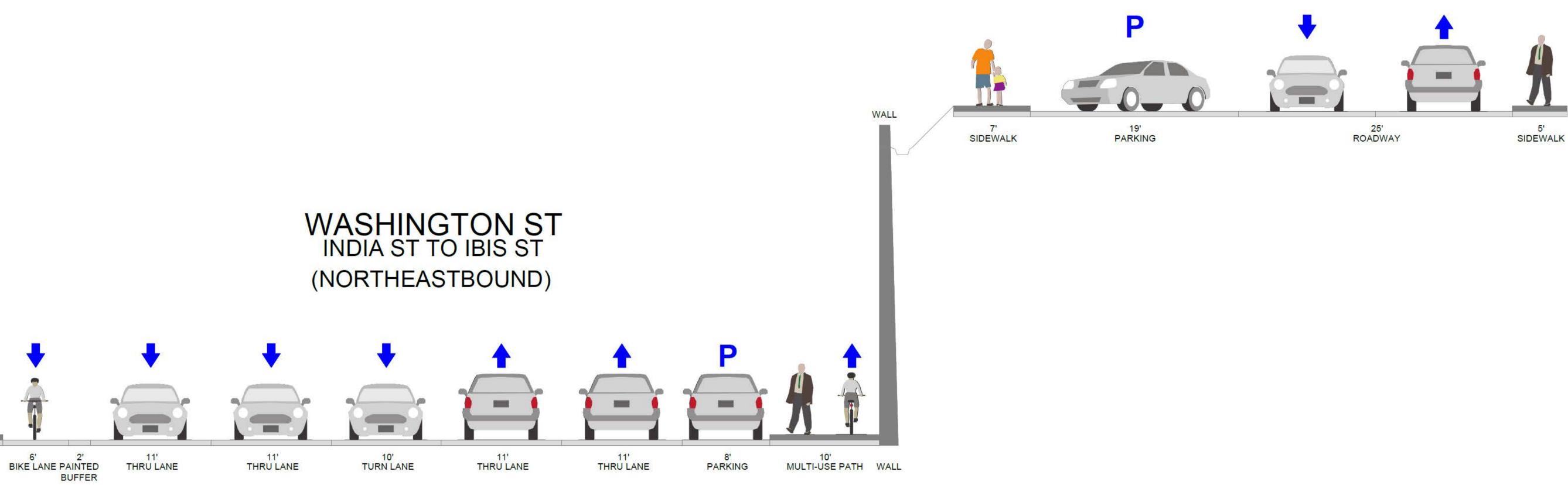
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WASHINGTON ST INDIA ST TO IBIS ST (NORTHEASTBOUND)





WASHINGTON STREET AND BACHMAN PLACE BIKEWAYS



CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT WASHINGTON STREET – SAN DIEGO AVENUE TO LINWOOD STREET

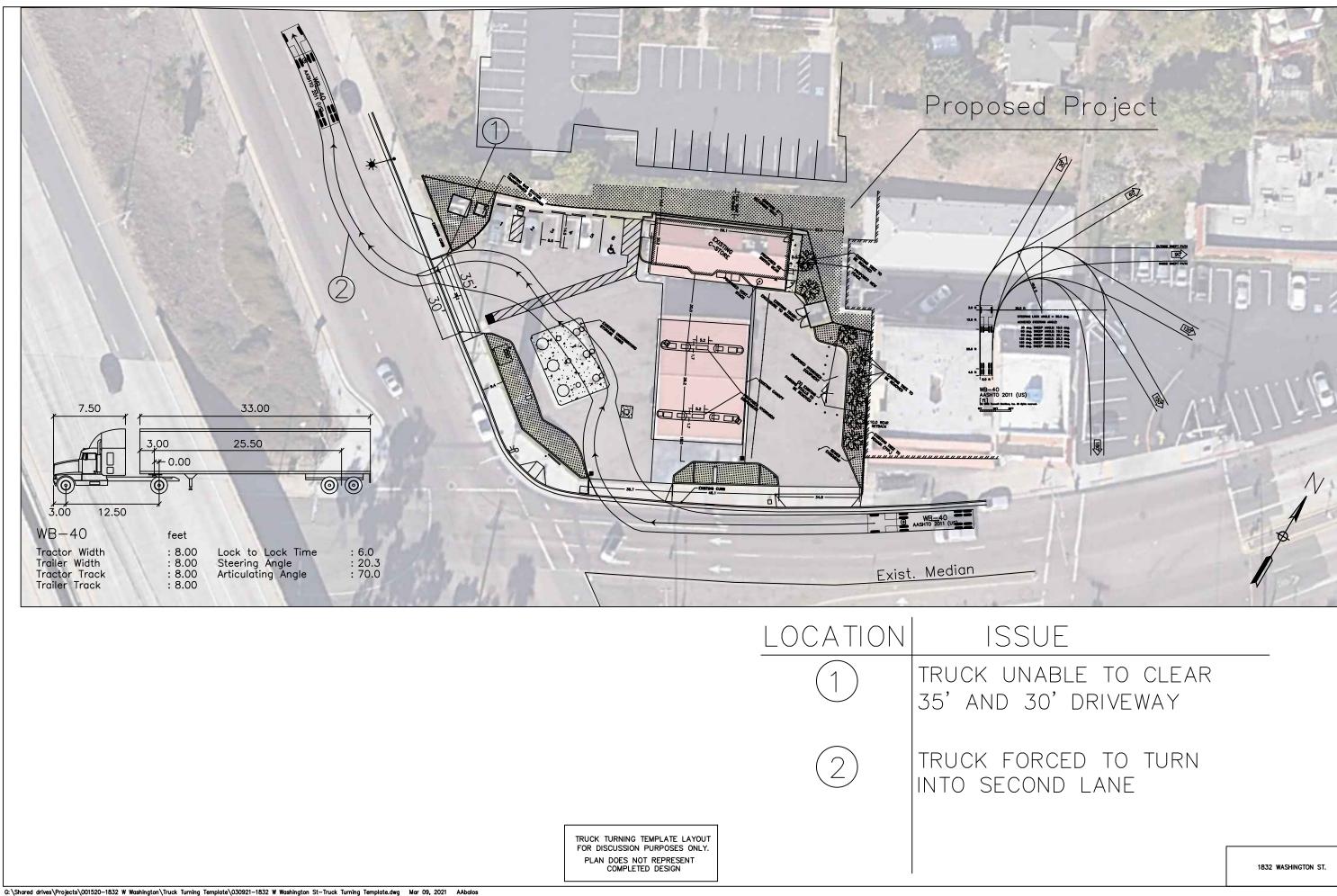
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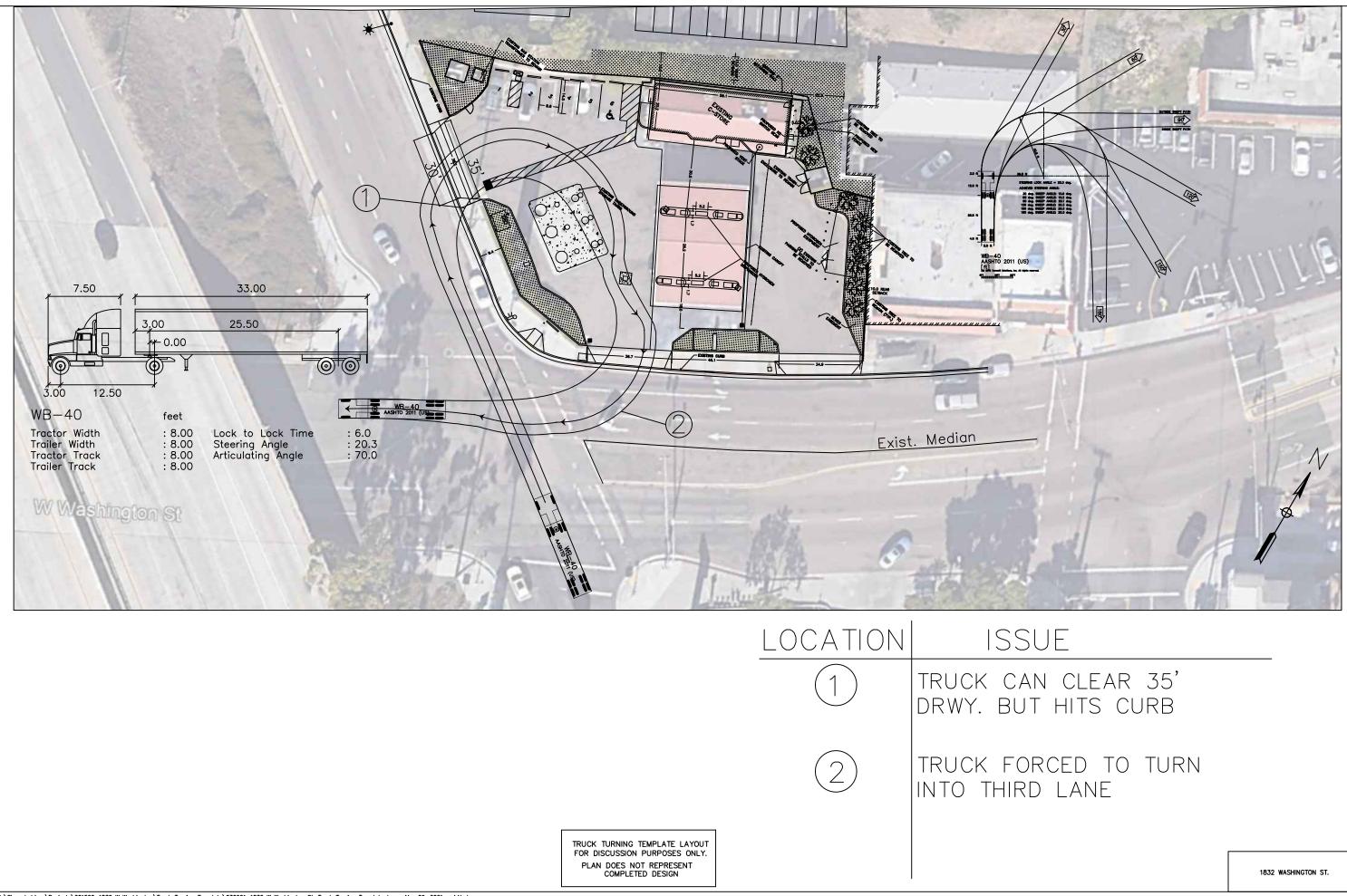


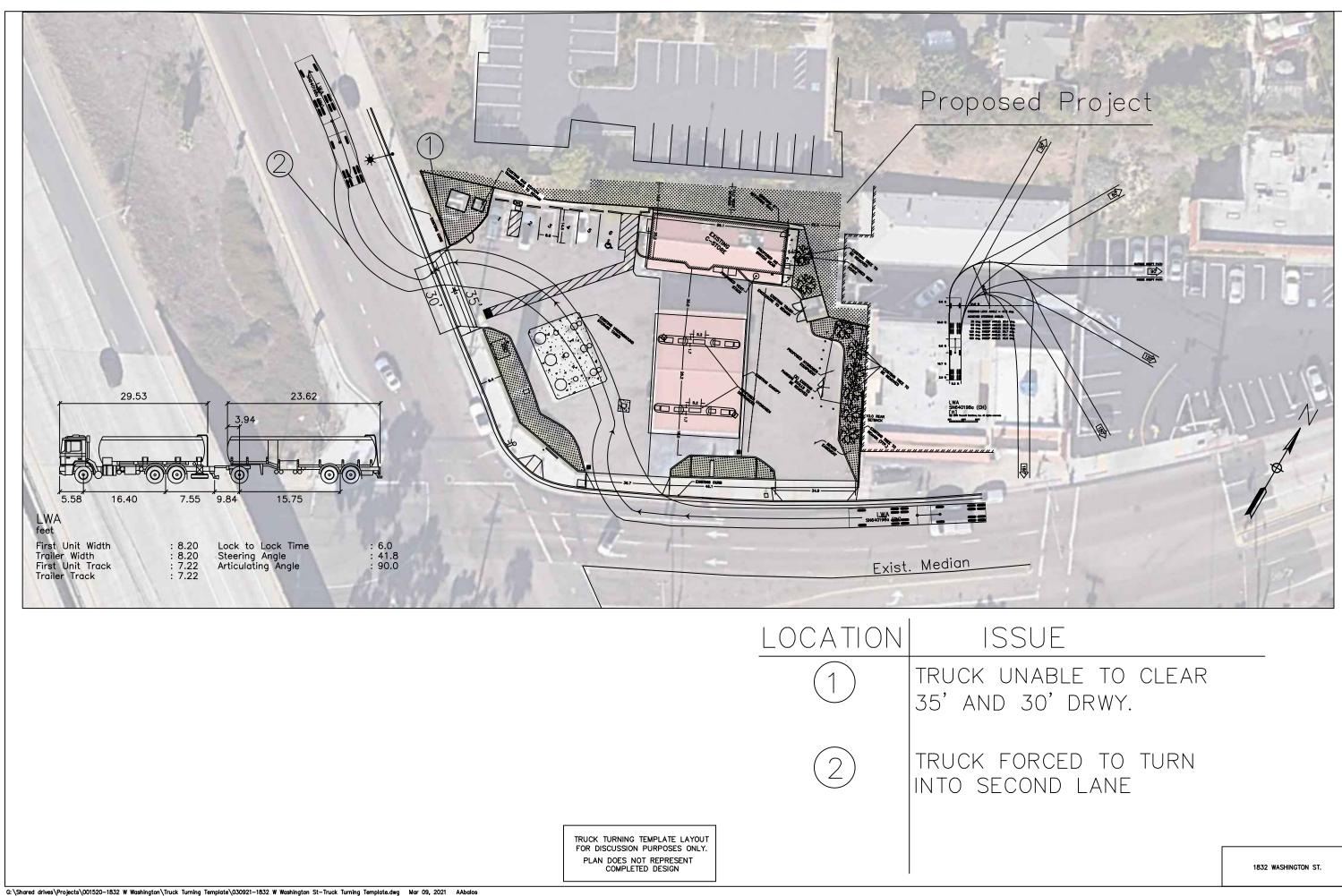
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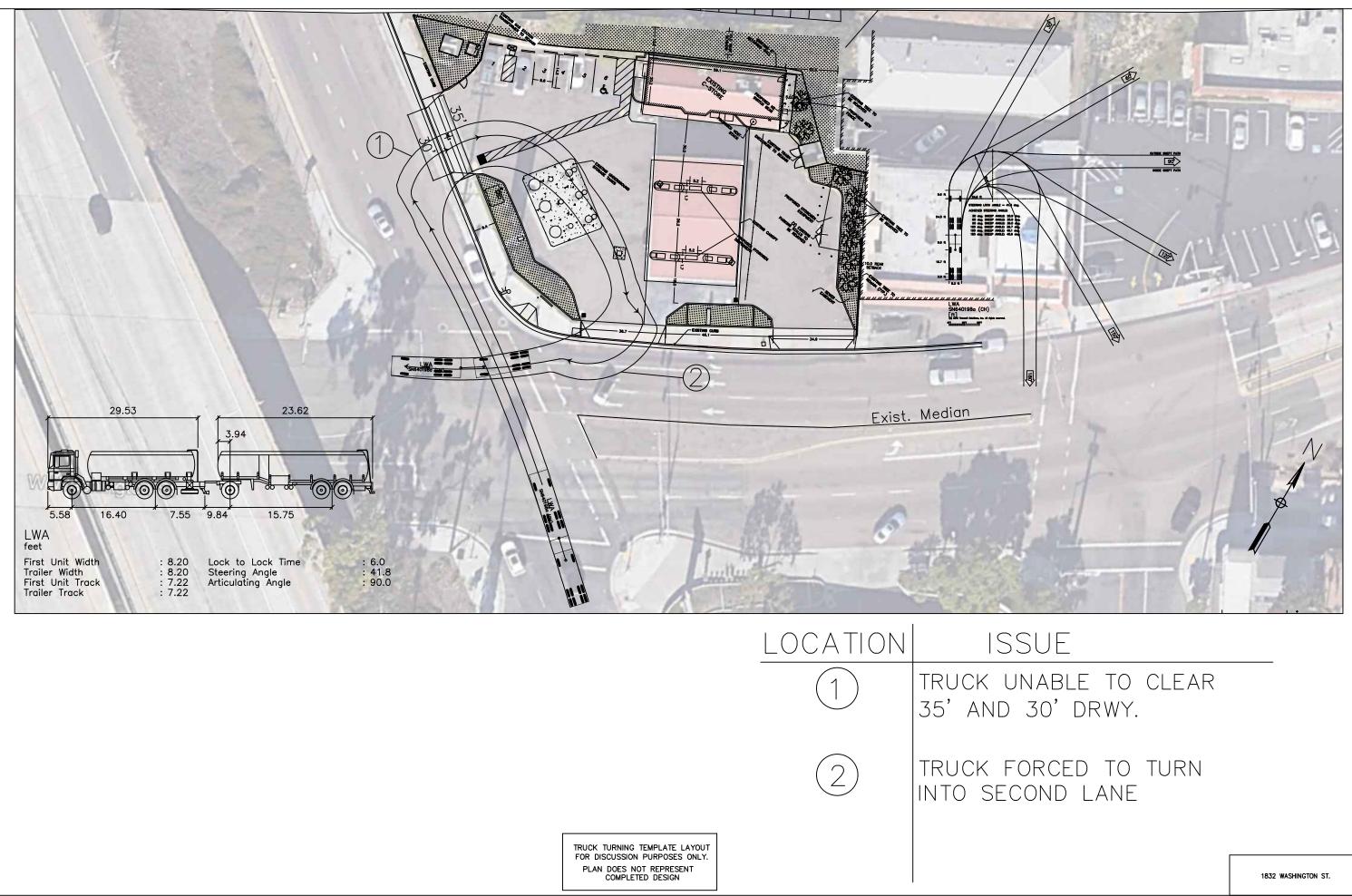
Truck Turning Exhibits

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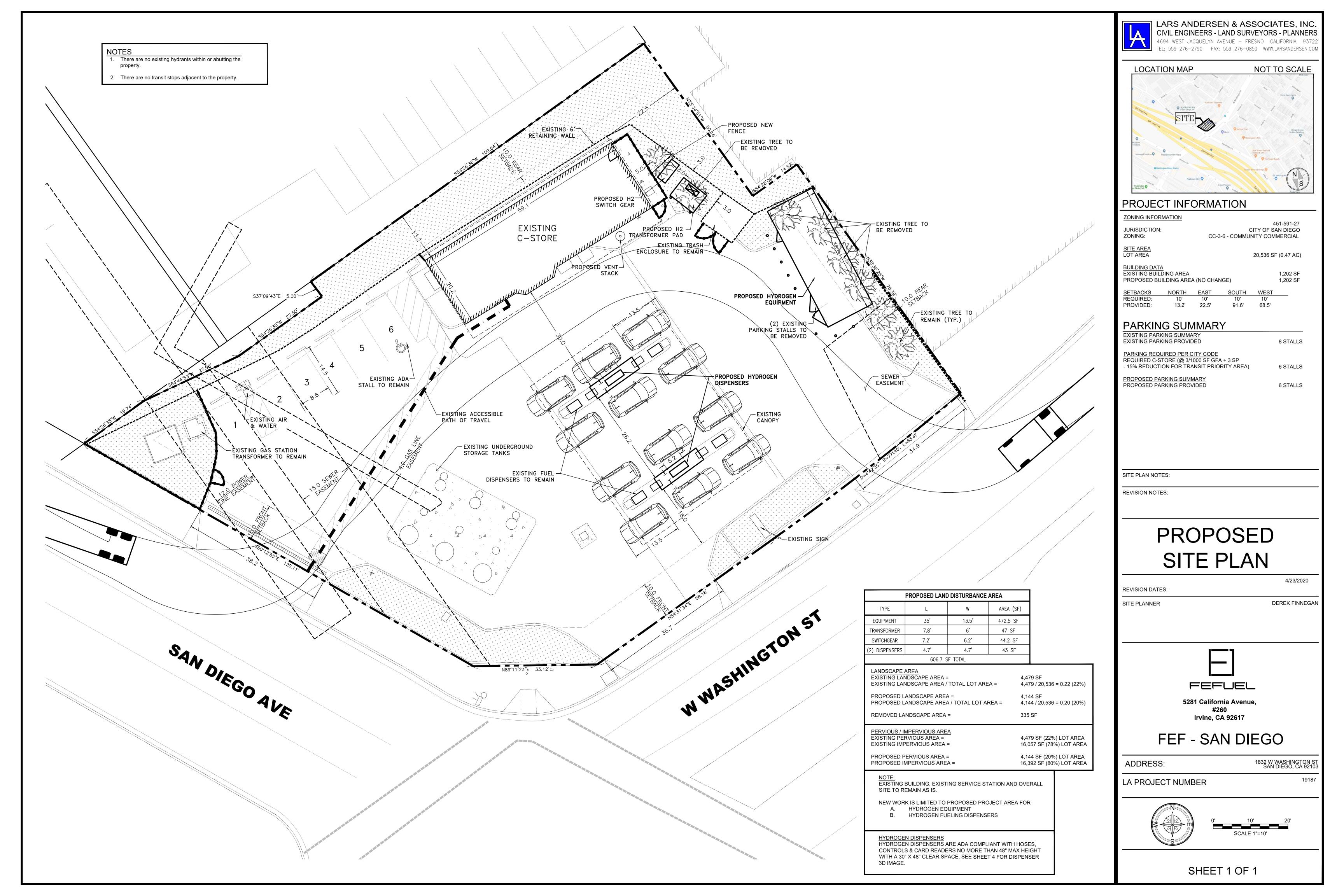






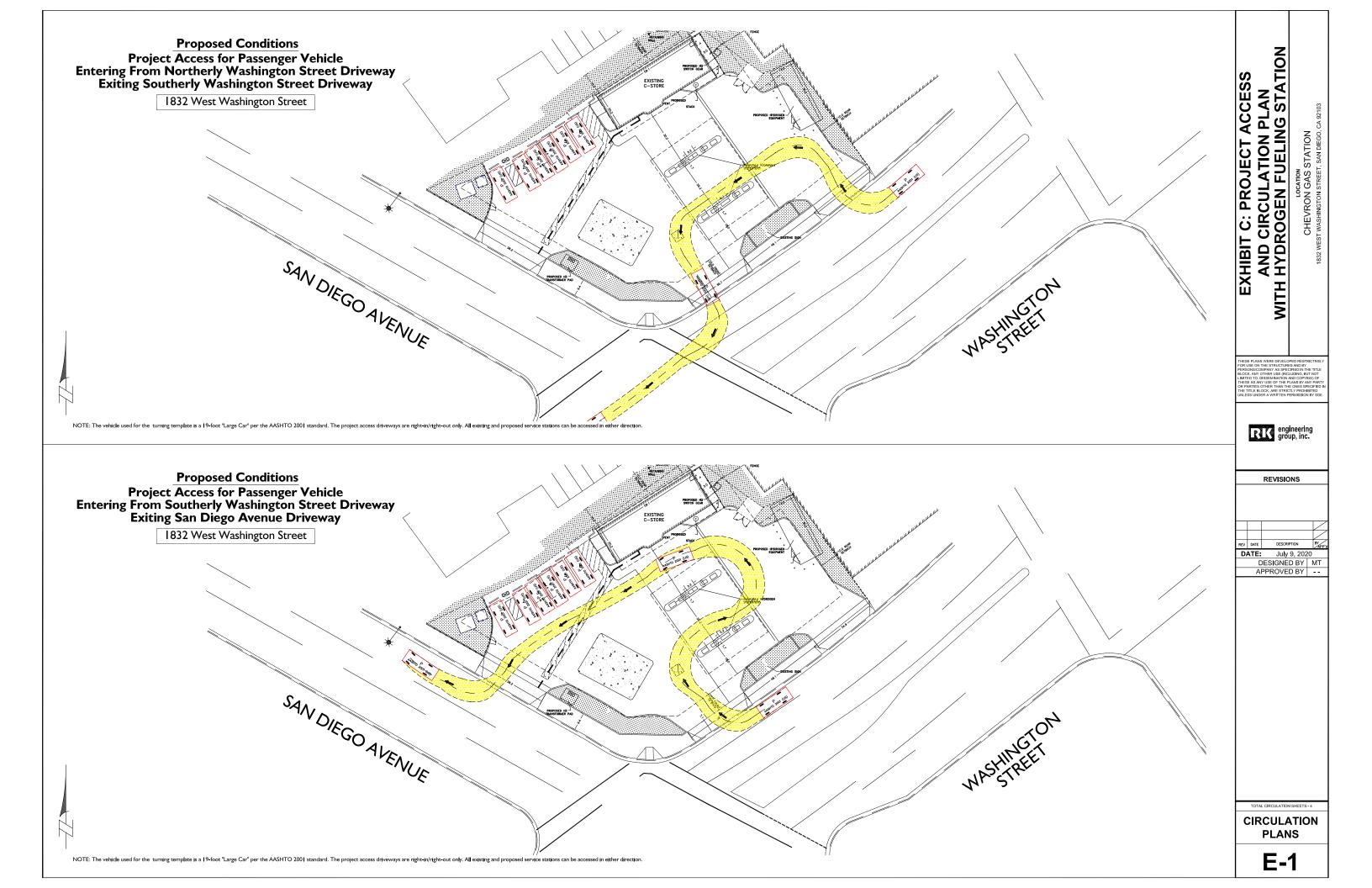
Hydrogen Delivery Truck Proposed Path of Travel for Refilling Hydrogen Storage Tanks

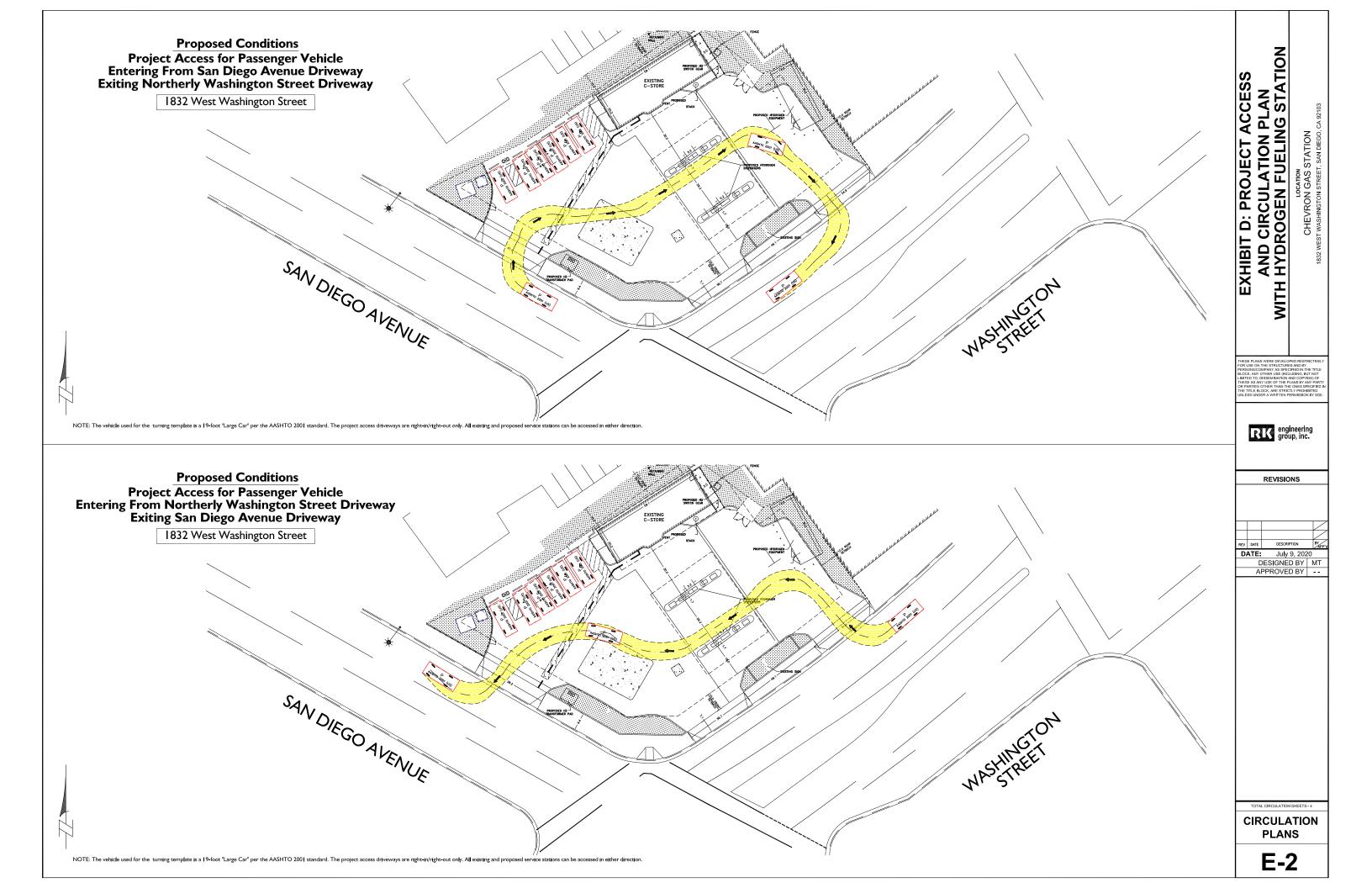
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Vehicle Circulation Exhibits

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Vehicle Circulation Exhibits with Use of Western Washing Street Driveway

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