

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025
6:30 PM**

I, Nicole Payton, Chair of the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission, hereby call a Special Meeting of the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission at the time and place noted above to discuss the matters listed in the attached agenda.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Special Meeting of the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission**
(See attached agenda)
- 2. Adjournment**

Debbie Gonzalez
Debbie Gonzalez, Commission Secretary

AGENDA UPDATED
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2. No person shall address the Commission without first being recognized by the Presiding Officer.
3. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.
 - A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 - B. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2025

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This public comment period is to address the Commission on Consent Calendar items, other agenda items (including if the member of the public cannot be present at the time the item is considered), or items of general interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Another period is also reserved for general comment later in the meeting for those that could not be heard at this time. Public hearing testimony will only be taken at the time of the hearing.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an overview of public facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

- B. PLUMMER PARK COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMUNITY VISIONING UPDATE

SUBJECT: Commission will receive a progress update on the Phase 1- Stage 1 of the Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Project and provide thoughts and comments related to the community outreach and programming efforts overseen by the City Council Plummer Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

- C. LOCATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL TOUR OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

SUBJECT: Commission will review the proposed locations to visit on their

Annual Tour of Public Facilities which will take place on September 13, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the tour locations for 2025.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION FACILITIES & OPERATIONS STUDY

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive a presentation from John Jones of Catalyst Consulting who will provide an update on the ongoing Recreation Services Division's Facilities and Operations Study. Catalyst Consulting is contracted by the City to review facility usage, programming structure, and operational strategies to ensure recreation services continue to meet the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the presentation, participate in a SWOT Analysis, and provide feedback to help guide the development of the final report.

B. FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT - PHASE I

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive a presentation on the 30% Plans for Phase 1 of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project (Project) including a summary of input by the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Steering Committee, and provide feedback to staff which will be summarized in an upcoming staff report to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Receive and file a presentation by staff on the Project.
- 2) Provide input on proposed fixed streetscape project elements.

Correspondence 8-03-2025

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time is set aside for the public to address the Commission on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that could not be heard under the Public Comments item at the beginning of the meeting.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR THE AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS TRACKER

FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 7/10/25 (MEMBERS ARE CHAIR PAYTON AS PRIMARY AND VICE CHAIR JACKSON AS ALTERNATE)

KINGS ROAD PARK VISIONING AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON 8/12/15 (MEMBERS ARE CHAIR PAYTON, VICE CHAIR JACKSON, AND COMMISSIONER KARLISS)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting is adjourned to its next meeting, a special meeting which will be the Annual Tour of Public Facilities on Saturday, September 13, 2025, departing at 9:15 a.m. from the City Hall Automated Parking Structure, 1085 N. Sweetzer Ave., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

**MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

**CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Karliss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Chair Karliss.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Cottrell (he/him);
Commissioner Jackson (she/her);
Commissioner Krishna (she/her);
Commissioner Ragno (he/him);
Commissioner Rogers (she/her);
Vice Chair Payton (she/her); and
Chair Karliss (he/him).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Collins, Director of Public Works (she/her);
Scott Smith, Facilities and Field Services Division
Acting Manager (he/him); Erin Hamant, Senior
Administrative Analyst (she/her); Yvonne
Quarker, Director of Community Services
Department (she/her); Stephanie Martinez,
Recreation Services Manager (she/her); Clavon
Jubrey, Recreation Supervisor (he/him); Cortez
Jordan, Aquatics Supervisor (he/him); Andrea
Lujan, Acting Recreation Coordinator (she/her);
Andrea Yanez, Recreation Coordinator (she/her);
Destiny Nieto, Recreation Coordinator (she/her);
Kim Hubbard, Aquatics Coordinator (she/her);
David Michael de Guzman, Recreation Specialist
(he/him); and Eduardo Herrera, Recreation
Specialist (he/him).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Krishna.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approved the agenda for July 9, 2025 with the following change: will hear the Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month, as noted in Item 11, after Item 5 Public Comment. **Motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Ragno, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Vice Chair Payton – Y
Chair Karliss – Y

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: Approved the minutes of the prior Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting dated June 11, 2025. **Motion by Vice Chair Payton, seconded by Commissioner Krishna, and approved with one abstention by Commissioner Rogers.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Abstained
Vice Chair Payton – Y
Chair Karliss – Y

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tiffany Dyson, WEST HOLLYWOOD, shared they are a recent graduate from the City's Civic Leadership Academy and attended the Healthy City By Design Symposium. She spoke about the city being green space poor and asked staff to consider greening the declining plants located west of the stairs at the Aquatic and Recreation Center, and to consider pursuing Wildlife Habitat certification.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUBJECT: The Commission will nominate and elect a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Lulu Morales, Assistant City Clerk, described the elections process including the term, eligibility, and roles for the Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with Section 3 of the Commission's By-laws. The elections opened and closed for the Chair with one nomination received, and the elections opened and closed for the Vice Chair with one nomination received. The City Clerk's Office announced the Commission's next Chair and Vice Chair who will serve a one-year term commencing on 8/1/25 and ending on 7/31/26.

ACTION: Nominate Vice Chair Payton to be Chair. **Motion by Chair Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Vice Chair Payton – Y
Chair Karliss – Y

ACTION: Nominate Commissioner Jackson to be Vice Chair. **Motion by Commissioner Ragno, seconded by Commissioner Krishna, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Vice Chair Payton – Y
Chair Karliss – Y

B. FY25-26 WORK PLAN

SUBJECT: The Commission will consider adopting their proposed FY25-26 Work Plan.

Staff reviewed the proposed work plan and provided status updates on various projects. The Commission asked staff various questions, made adjustments, and approved its work plan.

ACTION: Adopt the Commission's FY25-26 Work Plan. **Motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Krishna, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Vice Chair Payton – Y
Chair Karliss – Y

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY25-26 BUDGET ADOPTION UPDATE

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the adopted budget for FY25-26.

Staff provided a presentation on the City's adopted budget for FY25-26 including an overview of the City's organizational structure, expenditures by department and by division, capital plan summary, and capital plan projects list. The new Transportation and Mobility Division falls under the Department of Public Works. The Commission asked staff various questions.

ACTION: Receive and provide feedback.

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

PROCLAIM JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD – Chair Karliss read a Proclamation to proclaim July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of West Hollywood. Recreation staff provided additional comments.

Staff shared information about the upcoming Plummer Park Visioning/Community Brainstorming Workshop on Saturday, 7/12.

Recreation staff shared information about the City's upcoming recreation programs.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Harrison, WEST HOLLYWOOD, shared they recently moved the city and information about their company which focuses on parks and recreation software.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS TRACKER – No changes.

KINGS ROAD PARK VISIONING AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON 07/03/25 – Subcommittee members Karliss, Payton, and Jackson provided a report out on their meeting held on July 3, 2025. The budget for park visioning was not approved. The group will proceed with conducting community outreach for the playground replacement project.

Commissioner Rogers thanked staff for the Tiny Tots Program.

Commissioner Krishna congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair on their elections.

Commissioner Jackson asked if the pool tear was repaired. Staff confirmed all work has been completed.

Vice Chair Payton attended the Healthy City By Design Symposium. She thanked the Commission and looks forward to this upcoming year serving as Chair. She encouraged the Commission to attend National Night Out on August 5, 2025.

Chair Karliss attended the Healthy City By Design Symposium and the City Council Hart Park Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting on June 30, 2025. Staff shared information about the City Council's direction regarding the dog park surface material for the Hart Park Phase I Project. He asked staff if they are still evaluating vacant lots as possible community garden locations. Staff confirmed they are and will remind appropriate staff of this effort.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Community Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

INITIATED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Helen Collins, Director
Erin Hamant, Senior Administrative Analyst

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will receive an overview of public facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the West Hollywood Municipal Code 2.56.080 Duties, the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission shall have the power and be required to:

- a. On an annual basis, review the condition of public facilities and the public right of way including parks, city-owned buildings, landscaping, streetscapes and the urban forest;
- b. Make recommendations to the City Council regarding funding for repairs or improvements for inclusion in the annual budget or five-year capital improvement program;
- c. Review and make recommendations to the City Council on plans for new public facilities;
- d. Twice a year, review and discuss recreation programs and use of recreation facilities.

Staff is providing an overview of public facilities in support of the Commission's assigned duties (specifically section a). Refer to Attachment A to see a list of public facilities organized into the following sections.

Community Gardens	Buildings/City-Owned	Buildings/City Leases
Buildings/City Properties with Tenant Leases	Fitness Equipment	Landscaped/Open Space Areas
Memorials & Plaques	Parking Lots & Structures	Public Right-of-Way
Parks	Playgrounds	Swimming Pools
Water Features		

Attachment A – List of Public Facilities

LIST OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

BUILDINGS/CITY-OWNED

2	Aquatic and Recreation Center	8750 El Tovar Place
3	City Hall	8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
4	City Playhouse (Undeveloped)	8325 Santa Monica Boulevard
5	Hart House & Actor's Studio	8341 De Longpre Avenue
6	The Holloway	8465 Santa Monica Boulevard
7	Kings Road Park Conference Center	1000 Kings Road
8	Laurel House & Structures (Undeveloped)	1343 Laurel Avenue
9	Log Cabin	621 N. Robertson Boulevard
10	Plummer Park Community Center	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
11	Plummer Park Fiesta Hall (Historic Building Designation)	1166 Vista Street
12	Plummer Park Great Hall/Long Hall (Historic Building Designation)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
13	Plummer Park Preschool Building	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
14	Plummer Park Restrooms	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
15	Plummer Park Tennis Pro Shop	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
16	Romaine Maintenance Yard	7317 Romaine Street
17	Russian-Speaking Community Center	7362 Santa Monica Boulevard
18	Unnamed Property (Undeveloped)	8301-05 Santa Monica Boulevard
19	Unnamed Property (Undeveloped)	1045-47 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard
20	Werle Building	626 Robertson Boulevard
21	West Hollywood Library (Los Angeles County Manages Programming)	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
22	West Hollywood Park 5 Story Parking Structure Tennis Courts & Restrooms	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
23	West Hollywood Park Restrooms	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

BUILDINGS/CITY LEASES

24	City Hall West – 3rd Floor Lease (Owner is Koontz Hardware)	8916 Santa Monica Boulevard
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BUILDINGS/CITY PROPERTIES WITH TENANT LEASES

25	Hart House (Actor's Studio)	8341 De Longpre Avenue
26	The Holloway (Ascencia)	8465 Santa Monica Boulevard
27	Kings Road Parking Structure Ground Floor (Barry's Bootcamp)	8383 Santa Monica Boulevard

28	Log Cabin (West Hollywood Recovery Center)	621 N. Robertson Boulevard
29	Plummer Park Community Center (Older Adult Center; Jewish Family Service of LA)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
30	Plummer Park Preschool Building (West Hollywood Preschool)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
31	Plummer Park Tennis Pro Shop (Tennacity)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
32	Russian-Speaking Community Center (Naum Reznik Russian Language Public Library)	7362 Santa Monica Boulevard
33	Unnamed Property (Joey's Cafe; Former Dry Cleaners)	8301 Santa Monica Boulevard
34	Werle Building (WeHo Recovery Center; ONE Archives Foundation)	626 Robertson Boulevard

COMMUNITY GARDENS

1	Plummer Park Community Gardens (North Parking Lot and along Fuller Ave.)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
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FITNESS EQUIPMENT

35	West Hollywood Park Exercise Equipment	647 N. San Vicente Boulevard
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LANDSCAPED/OPEN SPACE AREAS

36	Crescent Heights Triangles	intersection of Crescent Heights Boulevard & Santa Monica Boulevard
37	Medians	Citywide Locations
38	Public Trees/Urban Forest	Citywide Locations
39	Romaine Street Pollinator Demonstration Garden (Monarch Habitat Parkway)	7317 Romaine Street
40	SanFair Bus Stop Garden	NE intersection of Fairfax Avenue & Santa Monica Boulevard
41	Traffic Circles	Citywide Locations

MEMORIALS & PLAQUES

42	Aids Monument Fountain at William S. Hart Park	8341 De Longpre Avenue
43	Aids Memorial Walk (Bronze Plaques)	sidewalks along Santa Monica Boulevard from Fairfax Avenue to Doheny Drive
44	Matthew Shepard Memorial	intersection of Crescent Heights Boulevard & Santa Monica Boulevard
45	Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial Fountain	8441 Santa Monica Boulevard
46	West Hollywood Park AIDS Monument (In Progress)	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

PARKING LOTS & STRUCTURES

47	Aquatic and Recreation Center Subsurface Parking Lot (74 Spaces; Staff Use Only)	8750 El Tovar Place
48	Bonner Lot (10 Spaces)	8700 Beverly Boulevard
49	City Hall Automated Parking Structure (200 Spaces)	1085 N. Sweetzer Avenue
50	Hart Park Lot (7 Spaces)	8341 De Longpre Avenue
51	Crescent Heights Lot (56 Spaces)	Santa Monica Boulevard & Crescent Heights Boulevard
52	Kings Road Parking Structure (165 Spaces)	8383 Santa Monica Boulevard
53	La Jolla Lot (28 Spaces)	1044 N La Jolla Avenue
54	Melrose Lot (12 Spaces)	8759 Melrose Avenue
55	Orange Grove Lot (45 Spaces)	1114 N Orange Grove Avenue
56	Plummer Park North Lot (108 Spaces)	1248 N. Vista Street
57	Plummer Park South Lot (88 Spaces)	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
58	Queens Lot (34 Spaces)	8459 Sunset Boulevard
59	Robertson Lot (29 Spaces)	617 N Robertson Boulevard
60	Spaulding Lot (28 Spaces)	7718 Santa Monica Boulevard
61	Sunset Lot (78 Spaces)	8775 Sunset Boulevard
62	West Hollywood Library Parking Structure/Plinth (114 Spaces)	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
63	West Hollywood Park 5 Story Parking Structure (326 Spaces)	625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

64	Alleys	Citywide Locations
65	Commercial District	La Brea Avenue
66	Commercial District	Santa Monica Boulevard
67	Commercial District	Sunset Boulevard
68	Curbs	Citywide Locations
69	Medians	Citywide Locations
70	Parking Meters	Citywide Locations
71	Sewers	Citywide Locations
72	Sidewalks	Citywide Locations
73	Streetlights	Citywide Locations

74	Streets/Roadways	Citywide Locations
75	Traffic Circles	Citywide Locations
76	Traffic Signals	Citywide Locations

PARKS

77	Formosa Pocket Park (Public-Private Partnership Lease)	1140 N. Formosa Avenue
78	Havenhurst Pocket Park (Public-Private Partnership Lease)	1351 N. Havenhurst Drive
79	Kings Road Park	1000 N. Kings Road
80	Laurel Avenue Park	1343 Laurel Avenue
81	Plummer Park	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
82	Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial Park	intersection of Holloway Drive & Santa Monica Boulevard
83	West Hollywood Park & Dog Parks (Large Dog Park and Small Dog Park)	647 N. San Vicente Boulevard
84	William S. Hart Park & Dog Park	8341 De Longpre Avenue

PLAYGROUNDS

85	Kings Road Park Playground	1000 N. Kings Road
86	Plummer Park Playground	7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
87	West Hollywood Park Playground	647 N. San Vicente Boulevard

SWIMMING POOLS

88	Aquatic and Recreation Center	rooftop; quantity = 2 pools 8750 El Tovar Place
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WATER FEATURES

89	City Hall Plaza Waterwall	rear location 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
90	Formosa Pocket Park Water Feature	1140 N. Formosa Avenue
91	Havenhurst Pocket Park Water Feature	front location 1351 N. Havenhurst Drive
92	Havenhurst Pocket Park Water Tubes	rear location; quantity = 4 1351 N. Havenhurst Drive
93	Kings Road Park Fountain	front location 1000 N. Kings Road
94	Kings Road Park Waterfall	rear location 1000 N. Kings Road
95	Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial Fountain	8441 Santa Monica Boulevard
96	SanFair Bus Stop Garden Fountain	NE Corner at Santa Monica Boulevard & Fairfax Avenue
97	William S. Hart Park Water Feature	8341 De Longpre Avenue

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: PLUMMER PARK COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PLAN
COMMUNITY VISIONING UPDATE

INITIATED BY: URBAN DESIGN + ARCHITECTURE STUDIO
Ric Abramson, FAIA, Manager
Michael Barker, AIA NCARB, Project Architect

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will receive a progress update on the Phase 1- Stage 1 of the Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Project and provide thoughts and comments related to the community outreach and programming efforts overseen by the City Council Plummer Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

Over the previous three decades, the City of West Hollywood has engaged in several distinct efforts to set a vision for future improvements at Plummer Park. These efforts, based on aligning with community goals and City objectives, have included the original 1994 Master Plan (by Purkiss-Rose RSI), a 2004 Master Plan update and “Revisit” (by Johnson Favaro), and the 2014 Phase I Plummer Park Master Plan Implementation Project (by Brooks + Scarpa). To date, only isolated portions of these plans have been implemented, the most impactful being an updated parking lot and Community Services Building in 2001.

Brief History and Overview

The original 1994 Master Plan’s stated purpose was to define desired improvements to the park “...with an eye on the next 30 years”, a time horizon that has now passed. Over the last three decades, the community’s needs and values have changed along with

viewpoints surrounding key aspects of the park such as the historic buildings, new park programming, and existing green space, urban heat, climate responsiveness, nature-based resilience, and the importance of maintaining strong ecosystem health.

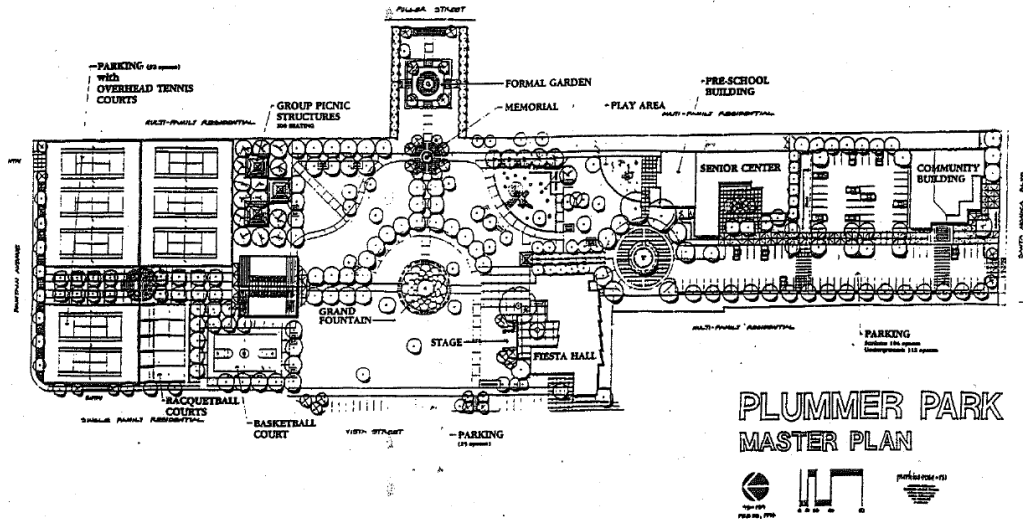


Figure 1 - Site Plan Extract from the 1994 Master Plan

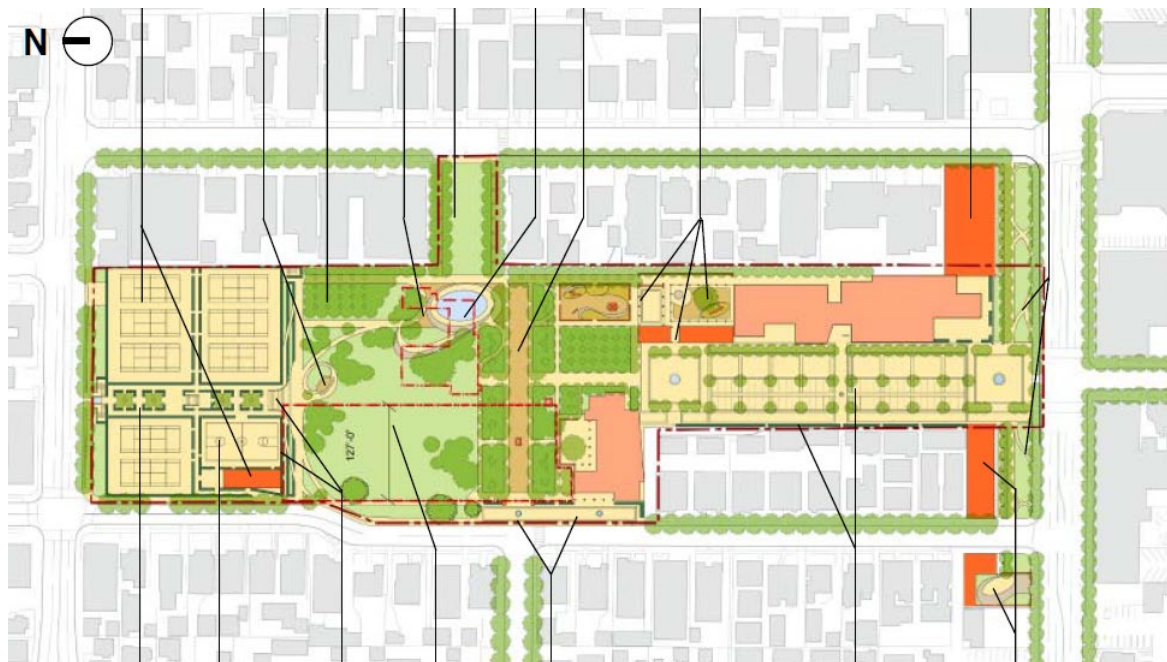


Figure 2 - Site Plan Extract from the 2004 Master Plan Revisit

One key component of both the 1994 and 2004 Master Plan was the demolition of the Great Hall/Long Hall complex and significant remodel and addition to Fiesta Hall. Subsequently, these Halls have now been recognized nationally, at the state level, and locally as protected cultural resources, further emphasizing the value of a new plan that

considers these resources intact and considers their future presence in the park. In December 2014, after considerable community input and feedback, the City Council tabled an item that would have moved forward with the Implementation of Phase 1 of the Master Plan. Beginning in 2017, the City initiated a new community-driven effort to create a comprehensive vision for the future of the park, concurrent with upgrades to existing facilities such as improvements to the historic Great Hall/ Long Hall, the pro shop, and the children's playground. A cost evaluation was prepared for a portion of the improvements studied in the previous Master Plan and was shared with the Council on October 7, 2019. At that meeting, funds were allocated towards future outreach processes, and as part of that process, staff were also directed to form a Plummer Park Design Steering Committee at the appropriate time to guide new master planning efforts.

The City hosted a Community Open House event at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall on November 15, 2022 to announce the renewed master planning effort. Staff provided background information to attendees about the park's history and current uses and engaged in conversation with various community members about the future of the park. Participants were engaged in a series of interactive features such as park mood boards and questionnaires that will supplement future engagement efforts.

The Plummer Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, consisting of Councilmembers John Erickson and Lauren Meister, has now convened three times on August 22, 2023, February 1 and June 4, 2024. Staff provided updates on current and upcoming improvements planned at the park and at the February meeting presented options for the park programming and master planning processes along with proposed design options for new dedicated signage kiosks to elevate awareness about the upcoming community visioning efforts.

Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations

At the February 1, 2024 meeting, Staff presented a series of options for the process of creating a new Master Plan and the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee recommended the following:

- 1) **Vacate/revoke the previously adopted 1994 Master Plan and the 2004 Master Plan Revisit** and embark on a Plummer Park Master Plan process as detailed in this report. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee recommended that this process

be a “fresh start”, uninhibited by previous plans, and reflecting the current uses in the park and future needs as identified through a community process.

- 2) **Proceed with a two-phase Plummer Park Master Planning process.** The intent of the proposed phased approach is to provide the Council and community increased opportunities for input in shaping the process for the Master Plan and the ability to change direction if needed at the conclusion of Phase I, prior to commencing with Phase II. Phase I will include community engagement, a needs assessment, and an analysis of current and potential park programming and amenities. Phase II will include visioning and new conceptual plans.
- 3) **Proceed with the selection of a consultant team for Phase I of the project.** Staff shall conduct a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a qualified team and return to Council for approval of a professional services contract.
- 4) **Proceed with the formation of a City Manager’s Ad-Hoc Design Steering Committee** (as part of the master planning phase) to be appointed by the City Manager and comprising of approximately 13 members including representatives from advisory boards and commissions.

Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Plan Phase I: Assessment, Outreach, and Programming

The primary objective of the new outreach process has been to examine the cultural core, identify needs, and articulate a new vision for potential future programmatic elements within Plummer Park. An essential part of this effort will be a community engagement process that is inviting, informative, inclusive, and meaningful, in guiding the development of a clear program framework for generating a new Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

SWA Group, who will be leading the consultant team for Phase I, will be utilizing both physical and digital outreach strategies to hear from a wide range of community voices, forming an iterative process with multiple opportunities for input and feedback.

Neither the Phase I community engagement or the Phase II Master Plan will include the development of a plan for implementation, designs for elements within the park, or

specific recommendations for construction. Instead, this Phase I process and associated summary report will be intended to serve as an open-ended “brainstorming” process, with topical conversations centered around ideas and possibilities. This will create a record of the community input that shaped it. It will document the “what and why” of Plummer Park and lay the groundwork for Phase II of the Comprehensive Improvement Plan, which will address the “where and how”.

The Phase I Assessment, Outreach, and Programming process includes:

- A. Analysis of environmental, historical, programmatic, and cultural aspects of the park.
- B. Analysis of existing plans, initiatives, and other related background materials.
- C. A community-based park needs assessment that includes an analysis of current programming and amenities at Plummer Park and all nearby parks. This will expand upon the findings of the 2016 LA County Park Needs Assessment and will include an assessment of user demographics, an inventory of park amenities and assets, benchmarking relative to other similar parks, and the identification of gaps, needs, and priority items. These findings will be analyzed at a high level for feasibility relative to the limited availability of space at Plummer Park, budget, and the potential phasing of implementation.
- D. Community engagement activities may include but will not be limited to:
 - In-person community meetings, pop-ups at park events, workshops, and focus groups within the park and at other City locations.
 - In-person open house/ town hall style public meetings.
 - Topical discussions and park walking tours with stakeholders.
 - City web-based City's Engage WeHo and social media platforms.
 - A park stories audio/ video recording booth to compile user interviews and share stories about the park and its users.
 - Geographic Information System (GIS) based interactive story mapping to gather and share additional stories, historical information, and ideas.
 - Commission, Advisory Board, and Ad-Hoc Subcommittee engagement.
 - Preparation of a draft Outreach Summary and Programming Report and review by the community, stakeholder groups, advisory boards, and commissions.

- City Council review and approval of the Plummer Park Master Plan Phase I Outreach Summary and Programming Report, and direction to proceed with Phase II.

Phase I outreach is expected to continue through late 2025. At the conclusion, a Plummer Park Master Plan Phase I Outreach Summary and Programming Report will provide a record of the engagement process, capture the "what and why", and provide a vision for the subsequent comprehensive master planning work.

Two-Phase Comprehensive Plan



Figure 3 - Draft Project Flow Chart (Including Overview of Future Phases)

Conclusion

This new Plummer Park Comprehensive Improvement Plan process has been formulated to be an inclusive, community-driven effort to examine what is working well and should be conserved and maintained and to imagine new possibilities for the future of a beloved neighborhood park. The multi-stepped and multi-phased approach outlined above aims to create a broadly supported Master Plan and cohesive vision that can be flexible in its methods for implementation, balancing the immediate needs of the community with its long-term goals, and ensuring a vibrant, sustainable, and welcoming future for the park.

The community engagement process formally commenced last month, starting with a Community Brainstorming Workshop on July 12, 2025. This event was followed by four more focused “Community Chats” and walking tours of the Park on consecutive Saturday mornings and afternoons as follows:

- **Sports and Recreation** - August 2, 2025 at Plummer Park Fiesta Hall
- **Education and Programs** - August 2, 2025 at Plummer Park Fiesta Hall
- **Culture and History** - August 9, 2025 at Plummer Park Fiesta Hall
- **Nature & Open Space** - August 9, 2025 at Plummer Park Vista Lawn

This was followed by two “pop up” events on August 5, 2025 at National Night Out and August 18, 2025 at the Helen Albert Farmers Market. Extensive noticing strategies, far beyond normal practices, have been utilized to promote in person and online participation.

Staff wanted to provide this update to the Commission to keep it informed of the overall project goals and intentions, anticipated engagement process, and initial timing. It is a fluid process during which there will be other check-ins with the Commission. In Phase 2 of the Improvement Plan work, staff is anticipating forming a Steering Committee on which it is anticipated that the Commission will have representation. The charge of this Steering Committee will be to provide guidance on how to translate the input, feedback, concerns, and programming desires that arose in Phase 1 into a framework for crafting a new Master Plan in Phase 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: LOCATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL TOUR OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

INITIATED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Helen Collins, Director

Erin Hamant, Senior Administrative Analyst

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will review the proposed locations to visit on their Annual Tour of Public Facilities which will take place on September 13, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the tour locations for 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission conducts an Annual Tour of Public Facilities in support of the Commission's assigned duties, specifically section a. In accordance with the West Hollywood Municipal Code 2.56.080 Duties, the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission shall have the power and be required to:

- a. On an annual basis, review the condition of public facilities and the public right of way including parks, city-owned buildings, landscaping, streetscapes and the urban forest;
- b. Make recommendations to the City Council regarding funding for repairs or improvements for inclusion in the annual budget or five-year capital improvement program;
- c. Review and make recommendations to the City Council on plans for new public facilities;
- d. Twice a year, review and discuss recreation programs and use of recreation facilities.

The annual tour is held as a special meeting in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting.

The tour date is typically selected in December or January during the Commission's approval of their annual calendar. Staff procure a Cityline bus rental for the occasion. The annual tour was selected to take place on September 13th. Further details are shared below.

Locations for the Annual Tour of Public Facilities:

The following tour locations are proposed for 2025.

- Romaine Maintenance Yard, 7317 Romaine Street
- Formosa Pocket Park, 1140 N. Formosa Avenue
- Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
- Havenhurst Pocket Park, 1351 N. Havenhurst Drive
- West Hollywood Park AIDS Monument, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
- Aquatic and Recreation Center Pool, 8750 El Tovar Place
- Return to City Hall Automated Parking Structure

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Start Time: 9:15 a.m.

End Time: 11:00 a.m.

The Annual Tour of Public Facilities will take approximately two (2) hours. The tour will depart and conclude from the City Hall Automated Parking Structure located at 1085 N. Sweetzer Avenue. Attendees will ride together on a Cityline bus.

Members of the public are welcome to join the tour - please be sure to arrive on time!

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: RECREATION FACILITIES & OPERATIONS STUDY

INITIATED BY: COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Yvonne Quarker, Director

Stephanie Martinez, Recreation Services Manager

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will receive a presentation from John Jones of Catalyst Consulting who will provide an update on the ongoing Recreation Services Division's Facilities and Operations Study. Catalyst Consulting is contracted by the City to review facility usage, programming structure, and operational strategies to ensure recreation services continue to meet the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the presentation, participate in a SWOT Analysis, and provide feedback to help guide the development of the final report.

BACKGROUND:

The City of West Hollywood is committed to ensuring that its recreation programs and facilities continue to serve the diverse needs of the community. In support of this goal, the City engaged Catalyst Consulting to conduct a comprehensive Facilities and Operations Study for the Recreation Services Division.

The purpose of this analysis is to review facility utilization, program structure, and operational efficiencies to help inform future planning, programming, and investment decisions. The study also includes evaluating how the City can best align its recreation services with community needs and long-term strategic goals.

As part of the engagement process, John Jones of Catalyst Consulting is meeting with the Commission to review findings to date and conduct an interactive SWOT

Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). This session will allow Commissioners to provide input that will be incorporated into the final report.

Upon completion of this process, Catalyst Consulting will prepare a comprehensive report summarizing findings, recommendations, and potential strategies. This report will be delivered to the City Manager for review and consideration in future recreation planning.

Attachment A – Recreation Facilities & Operations Study, SWOT Analysis

**City of West Hollywood
Recreation Facilities & Operations Study
City Mgmt., Commission & Council Interview Format**

Departmental Operations and Performance

- 1. What are your top three (3) priorities for the Recreation Division?**
- 2. What is the Recreation Division doing right?**
- 3. What can the Recreation Division do more of?**
- 4. What can the Recreation Division do less of?**
- 5. What are additional areas of improvement for the Recreation Division?**

SWOT Analysis

- 1. What are the division's greatest strengths right now?**
- 2. What are the division's most significant weaknesses or challenges?**
- 3. What opportunities do you see for the division to grow, innovate, or improve in the future?**
- 4. What threats or external challenges could impact the division's success?**

SUBJECT: FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT – PHASE 1

INITIATED BY: LONG RANGE PLANNING DIVISION

Francisco Contreras, AICP, Manager, Long Range Planning
Chris Corrao, Senior Transportation Planner
David Fenn, AICP, Senior Planner

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will receive a presentation on the 30% Plans for Phase 1 of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project (Project), including a summary of input by the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Steering Committee, and provide feedback to staff, which will be summarized in an upcoming staff report to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Receive and file a presentation by staff on the Project.
- 2) Provide input on proposed fixed streetscape project elements.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Discussions about safety improvements on Fountain Avenue date back to 2003. In 2011, the Bicycle Task Force made recommendations in a report. In May 2017, the City Council adopted the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan, which included pedestrian improvements on Fountain Avenue. A 2018 traffic safety study informed the construction of priority projects in 2019. In 2021, the City Council directed staff to explore protected bike lanes, and in November 2022, staff presented two alternatives: protected bike lanes and standard striped/painted lanes, with the City Council selecting the protected bike lane alternative.

DISCUSSION:

Fountain Avenue experiences a high number of severe and fatal crashes. The Project prioritizes proven crash countermeasures (speed management, separation, and intersection treatments) to reduce severe injuries and fatalities while maintaining reliable access for emergency services, deliveries, and waste collection. The Project would encourage active

transportation and reduce speeding and hazardous driving on a neighborhood-serving corridor with the City's highest concentration of multi-family housing. The Project would correct unsafe roadway geometry due to street widening by Los Angeles County in the 1960s. In addition, the Project would make Fountain Avenue more consistent with its classification as a Collector Street in the West Hollywood General Plan, which is a neighborhood-serving street.

Currently, Fountain Avenue is wider, less consistent, and less friendly to vulnerable roadway users in West Hollywood than in neighboring Los Angeles, where the street is one lane in each direction with stop signs, street trees, and bike lanes in one direction. As a result, Fountain west of La Brea, where it's two lanes in each direction, has 3 times the severe and fatal crashes as Fountain east of La Brea, where it's just one lane in each direction (Source: Transportation Injury Mapping System, Fountain Avenue between La Cienega and Bronson 2013-2025). This underscores that lane count and operating speed are key safety factors on this corridor. Additionally, there were only four fatal crashes in West Hollywood from 2017 to 2021 (the years analyzed in the City's WeHo Target Vision Zero Action Plan). Two of those were on Fountain Avenue, and there have been two additional fatal crashes on Fountain Avenue in the last two months.

Currently, Fountain Avenue has high traffic volumes consistent with an arterial street, with approximately 35,000 daily trips, of which 22,000 are pass-through trips. Proposed changes would slow traffic on Fountain Avenue, making it less attractive as a cut-through route for drivers without an origin or destination in West Hollywood and reducing the disparate impact those trips have on the surrounding neighborhoods' safety and quality of life.

The Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project would occur in two phases. Phase 1 involves near-term safety improvements to calm traffic and primarily uses materials that affix to the roadway's surface to establish a new street layout and the resurfacing of Fountain Avenue; Phase 2 delivers concrete sidewalk reconstruction, lighting, and additional streetscape amenities.

Materials used in Phase 1 of the Project include the following:

- Thermoplastic roadway striping (more durable and reflective than paint)
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Street signage indicating parking areas and bikeways
- Self-watering planters

- Speed wedges (within painted curb extensions)
- Extruded concrete curbs (printed concrete, which does not require being formed and is faster to construct)
- New bicycle loop detectors at select locations (in-asphalt wires that communicate with traffic signals)
- Asphalt, repaving the entire street

Overview of Conceptual Design

The proposed 30% plans would convert Fountain Avenue into a two-lane street, with public on-street parking available on the south side without peak-hour parking restrictions, alongside the bikeway. Parking would be removed from the north side of the street to create continuous space for safety improvements such as traffic calming and protected bikeways on both sides of the street, separated from travel lanes with extruded concrete curbs and painted buffer areas. Extruded concrete is a method of “printing” concrete curbs without wooden forms or foundations, accelerating the construction process.

High-visibility roadway striping using thermoplastic, which has higher reflectivity than paint and is more durable, would be used for crosswalks and green conflict markings throughout the corridor. Green conflict markings would be used at bikeway crossings of intersections or driveways where bikeways are unprotected. This treatment is intended to make drivers more aware of bicycles and increase the likelihood of yielding before crossing the bikeway. Self-watering in-street planters are used to improve aesthetics and to help delineate parking areas. They are also used in some cases to prevent vehicles from entering the bikeway where the bikeway is wider than typical, due to some street segments being wider than others. Phase 1 also includes repaving to create a smoother road surface and a higher contrast between asphalt and thermoplastic striping. The complete 30% plan set is included as Attachment A.

Fountain Avenue Streetscape Steering Committee

The development of the plans was guided by a 10-member steering committee, which met 5 times to discuss a variety of topic areas, including waste collection, neighborhood access, materials selection, and concept plan review. The following individuals participated in the steering committee:

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| 1. Brandon Blau | Public Safety Commission (Fountain resident) |
| 2. Patricia Smith, ASLA* | Landscape Architect |

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| 3. Emily Gable | City of Los Angeles Planning (Fountain resident) |
| 4. Garen Yolles | Architectural & Urban Designer (City staff) |
| 5. Jessica Harris | Planning Commission |
| 6. Kevin Burton | Weho Bike Coalition |
| 7. Nicole Payton | Public Facilities, Recreation and Infrastructure Commission |
| 8. Dorian Jackson (alternate) | Public Facilities, Recreation and Infrastructure Commission |
| 9. Oliver Hou | City of Los Angeles Planner |
| 10. Steven Greene** | Transportation & Mobility Commission |
| 11. Helen Krieger (alternate)** | Transportation & Mobility Commission (Fountain resident) |
| 12. Wesley Schwartz*** | Disabilities Advisory Board |
| 13. Margaret Mann*** | Disabilities Advisory Board |

**Patricia Smith retired during the steering committee process.*

***Jesse Harris and Kimberly Winick initially represented the Transportation & Mobility Commission until neither was reappointed to the Commission. Steven Greene and Helen Krieger were selected by their colleagues as the Commission's new representatives to the Committee on May 21, 2025.*

****Disabilities Advisory Board members Wesley Schwartz and Margaret Mann were on the Steering Committee until neither was reappointed to the Board.*

At the fifth and most recent Steering Committee meeting, members reviewed the 30% plans and raised the following questions and comments:

- Could additional left-turn pockets be added to minimize delay?
- Would the concrete curb make it difficult for people to drive around left-turning vehicles?
- Will trash accumulate in the roadway with waste barrels and dumpsters staged there?
- Consideration for ADA parking and accessibility on the north side of the street.
- Question about the difficulty of removing the extruded concrete curb in the future.
- Question about plans for data collection and whether a bike counter is planned for 24/7 data collection.
- Question about whether the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) reviewed the plans.

Additional Left-turn Pockets

Additional left-turn pockets could be added to the design at the expense of nearby parking spaces along the south side of Fountain Avenue. Additional left-turn pockets were not included in an effort to preserve parking though the existing left-turn pocket at Fairfax Avenue was extended to increase queuing capacity

Concrete Curbs Impeding Left-turning Vehicles

In many cases, there will be sufficient space to pass a left-turning vehicle; however, at some locations and in some situations, motorists will have to wait. It will depend on how the left-turning motorist is positioned within the intersection and the section of the corridor as concrete curb design varies throughout.

Trash Accumulation

Staff has met with the City's Facilities & Street Services Division, and a mini-sweeper can be procured for the City to sweep protected bikeways and tight spaces around concrete curbs and in painted curb extensions.

ADA Parking & Accessibility

On the north side of the street, the loading and unloading of passengers will have to occur on side streets, which is consistent with Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines. In Phase 2 of the project, sidewalk-widening will occur, as well as the planned removal of sidewalk obstructions and relocation of utility poles to improve accessibility for residents.

Removal of Extruded Curb

Removal of extruded curb is less intensive, disruptive, and time-consuming than the removal of poured concrete with foundations.

Data Collection and Bicycle Counters

Staff is currently researching bicycle counters to include as part of the project. Post-project data collection is also planned and will help inform the street design in Phase 2 of the project.

LACoFD Review of Project

LACoFD reviewed the project plans and provided input that informed the design of the proposed project, ensuring access to fire hydrants and stand pipes. LACoFD has approved the 30% plans.

Left Turn Restrictions

The Steering Committee was divided on whether to keep or remove existing turn restrictions on Fountain Avenue for Phase 1 of the Project. Over the years, the City has made several safety improvements on an ad-hoc basis. This includes crosswalk enhancements and left-turn restrictions at select locations. Arguments in favor of leaving turn restrictions in place

include potential safety benefits from reduced conflict points and the concern that making many changes at once could impact surrounding neighborhoods. Those in favor of removing turn restrictions noted that the roadway redesign is an entirely new layout with 40% less traffic volume forecast (during peak hours), fewer lanes of opposing traffic for drivers to contend with when making turns, and that turn restrictions would be unnecessary with other roadway changes.

The draft 30% plans (Attachment A) maintain all existing turn restrictions. Regardless of whether turn restrictions are included in the final design, a post-project traffic study of the corridor will help identify how traffic patterns have changed because of the Project and whether any additional measures are needed to address unanticipated nuisance patterns. Additional treatments could be considered immediately or implemented as part of Phase 2 of the Project.

Existing left-turn restrictions:

1. Fountain Ave & Harper Ave
2. Fountain Ave & Havenhurst Dr.
3. Fountain Ave & Hayworth Ave
4. Fountain Ave & Curson Ave
5. Fountain Ave & Formosa Ave

Emergency Services Provider Review

The Fountain Ave Streetscape Project - Phase 1 30% plans were reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles County Central Fire Prevention Office. Their input helped inform the design, including ensuring adequate turning radii and lane widths to enable larger hook and ladder trucks to navigate the street. The layout ensures access to fire hydrants and standpipes (water valves found in front of apartment buildings). In addition, low-profile mountable curbs and speed cushions have been selected to ensure emergency vehicles can traverse any portion of the street when responding to an emergency.

The Project Team also presented the plans to the West Hollywood Fire Chief Drew Smith, to hear comments on the project design and the team's operational needs. Chief Smith did not express concerns with the project design and expressed confidence in the Fire Department's ability to serve Fountain Avenue with the new street design. It was noted that painted buffer areas would provide additional space for emergency services to stage large equipment, such

as stabilizers for ladder trucks, when needed during emergencies. Additionally, parking removal would improve access to the curb, hydrants, and standpipes.

The Project Team also presented the Project to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and they also did not have concerns with the Project. They noted that they routinely operate on other two-lane roadways throughout West Hollywood without issues.

Parking Impacts

Public off-street parking would be removed from one side of Fountain Avenue to create space for safety improvements and protected bike lanes. The project design proposes eliminating public parking from the north side of Fountain Avenue.

- North side: on-street parking removed to create a continuous, protected operating space for the bikeway and buffer. The north side was selected as it currently provides less parking than the south side due to additional driveways and parking restrictions across the length of the corridor
- South side: most on-street parking retained; peak-hour tow-away removed to provide predictable curb access all day.
- Consistency: a uniform cross-section reduces last-second weaving and improves safety for all users. This consistency is intended to improve uniformity and predictability for all roadway users, which is part of the City's overall approach to improve safety.

The City has contracted Chen Ryan Associates (CRA) to conduct a parking utilization study of the residential neighborhoods surrounding Fountain Ave. The study area is from Santa Monica Boulevard to Sunset Boulevard, bound by La Cienega Boulevard to the west and La Brea Avenue to the east. The study results show that parking utilization rates vary considerably throughout these neighborhoods. Overall, the study estimates that if the proposed project is built, public on-street parking would still be available, with impacts to some streets more than others, but that estimates utilization rates indicate sufficient supply to meet demand.

As part of the ongoing study, CRA is also assessing where angled parking could be added to side streets off Fountain Avenue to mitigate proposed parking reductions on Fountain itself. Other parking options under consideration include adjustments to permit parking districts along Fountain Ave to offer more flexibility for residents.

Note: Statewide “daylighting” requirements at crosswalk approaches will remove some spaces citywide regardless of this project; consolidating changes within Phase 1 allows a coordinated, safety-first curb design.

Anticipated Traffic Impacts

In 2022, the Project Team used the City’s traffic model to assess the potential traffic impacts of the Project. The City’s GIS-based traffic model uses static inputs (traffic counts, land uses, etc.) and can help inform the conversation. However, it is important to note that the City’s traffic model cannot predict mode shifts or changes in human behavior that may result from the Project. For example, if a Fountain resident elects to use newly installed bike lanes to run an errand they might have used their car for before, or to delay a discretionary trip to a less congested part of the day. Some behavior changes along these lines are often observed after projects of this type, but they are difficult to estimate precisely and usually take several months to stabilize after infrastructure changes are made.

In addition to the City’s traffic model, the Project Team analyzed the Fountain Ave corridor using StreetLight Data. This tool relies on data from mobile devices and vehicle navigation systems to estimate traffic data. StreetLight data shows that 64% of trips on Fountain Ave are non-local (pass-through trips). The City traffic model indicates that the Project would reduce peak-hour traffic volumes on Fountain Ave by 40%. Modeling and StreetLight data together indicate substantial pass-through traffic that will redistribute to Sunset, Santa Monica, and Beverly boulevards, in addition to the western segment of Willoughby Avenue, when Fountain’s operating speed and capacity are right-sized. For mode shift, although transportation analysis tools struggle to accurately predict the likelihood of converting vehicle trips to bicycle and scooter trips, studies of other protected bikeway projects around the country and in Canada indicate that bicycle and scooter trips increase when a protected bikeway is constructed. Although the exact percentage increase varies considerably, most jurisdictions see a corresponding increase in bicycle and scooter use after building protected bikeways.

Environmental & Mobility Benefits

Safety is the primary goal; co-benefits include improved access for short local trips by bike/scooter, calmer traffic, and organized curb uses. Installing protected bike lanes along a

1.85-mile-long corridor through the heart of the City would create a safe, low-stress east/west bicycle route. This would be the City's first protected bikeway project and would travel through high-density residential neighborhoods, many with low-volume streets ideal for cycling, walking, and scooter use. The Project would connect to Santa Monica Boulevard via Olive Drive and Kings Road, where existing bike lanes head west towards Beverly Hills, and south on San Vicente Boulevard to Beverly Boulevard, where a separate study of protected bike lanes is underway.

Additionally, this would be the only high-quality east-west bicycle facility on the City's Eastside, which is relatively low-income, transit-dependent, and home to more residents with fewer cars and mobility options than the rest of the City, making investments in this area especially important from an equity perspective. Bicycle and pedestrian upgrades to Fountain will also improve access to existing and upcoming transit investments, which are especially important for these populations. These include existing peak-hour bus lanes on La Brea Avenue, additional peak-hour bus lanes being studied by the Westside Cities Council of Governments on La Cienega Boulevard, and future Metro rail service proposed along Santa Monica Boulevard at La Brea Avenue, Fairfax Avenue, and San Vicente Boulevard.

The Project is consistent with the City's vision of a multi-modal transportation network; with a growing number of e-bikes and e-scooters on City streets, the Project would not only improve safety but may also encourage more residents and visitors to use alternatives to driving.

Project Funding

The Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project received \$4.9 million as part of a Sustainable Transportation and Equity Project (STEP) grant awarded to the City by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The grant funds clean transportation and projects that increase transportation equity by addressing community residents' transportation needs, increasing resident access to destinations, and reducing GHG emissions. Phase 1 near-term elements are consistent with the grant's scope focused on near-term safety and equity outcomes; Phase 2 will leverage remaining and future funds for civil sidewalk work and streetscape. This Project is also slated to receive \$1.7 million through the Metro Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program through the Westside Cities Council of Governments. The remaining funds not used for Phase 1 will be used for Phase 2 of the Project.

Phase 1 Construction Timeline

Phase 1 is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration on September 15, 2025. If approved, the Project would begin the design phase immediately. The design phase develops plans from the current concept plans (30%) to 100%, biddable construction documents. Following an accelerated schedule, construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026 and conclude in winter 2027.

Phase 2 Timeline

Phase 2 of the Project would widen sidewalks where feasible, upgrade curb ramps, add protected bike lanes, add street trees/landscaping where feasible, upgrade street furniture, add upgraded pedestrian-oriented street lighting, and other streetscape amenities. The Project could involve burying overhead utilities, if possible. These elements require utility relocation, storm-drain adjustments, new signal foundations, and extensive public design selection. Sequencing sidewalks to Phase 2 allows the City to deploy life-saving speed and intersection treatments now while developing cost-effective, community-driven, permanent streetscape improvements.

A larger Steering Committee would guide the Phase 2 design process with open, in-person public meetings. Similar to the Design District Streetscape Project, the development of the larger Phase 2 project would involve several detailed design decisions that would require extensive community input from high-level design tradeoffs related to roadway and bikeway configuration to specific landscaping, street furniture, and paving pattern selections. If the City Council authorizes the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) at the September 15, 2025, meeting, staff would release an RFP immediately, and Phase 2 would begin.

Interim/Immediate Safety Measures

At the July 16, 2025, Transportation & Mobility Commission meeting, Commissioners discussed potential measures that could be implemented on Fountain Avenue immediately to improve safety. Staff discussed various options and suggested the following two measures that could be implemented within a very short period (1-3 weeks), and a third slightly longer option that requires signage changes. These measures would not impact the design schedule of the Project or require the installation of physical infrastructure that would need to be removed with the construction of the Project:

1. Adding Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs*) to all 12 traffic signals on Fountain Avenue. LPIs give pedestrians a brief head start at crosswalks before traffic lights change for vehicles, so that motorists have better sightlines of pedestrians and are less likely to turn in front of or into someone crossing the street.
2. Setting traffic signals to “recall,” to intentionally slow traffic flow by timing signalized intersections along the corridor so motorists must slow down to stop at additional red lights along the corridor, even when no traffic is present on cross streets
3. Lifting peak-hour parking restrictions, which would enable parking all day on both sides of the street, reducing travel lanes and capacity of the street prior to the new roadway construction.

**The Engineering Division is in the process of hiring a consultant to implement LPIs at all West Hollywood traffic signals.*

Next Steps

A Community Meeting on the Project was held on August 19, 2025, at Plummer Park. Staff will provide an oral update to the Commission.

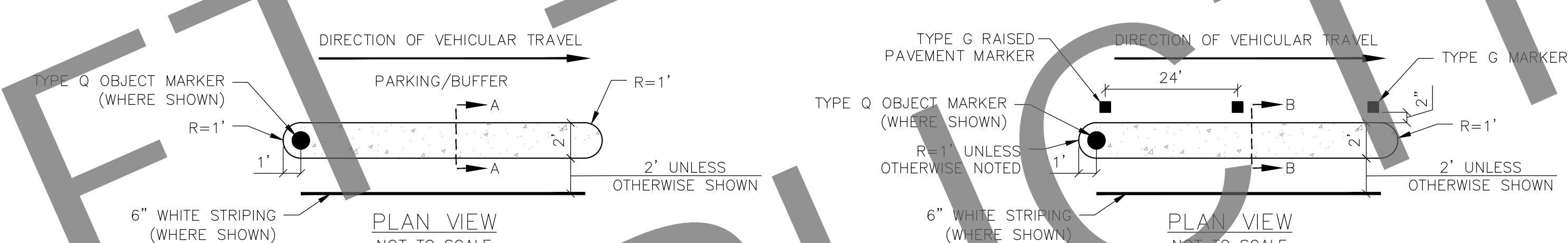
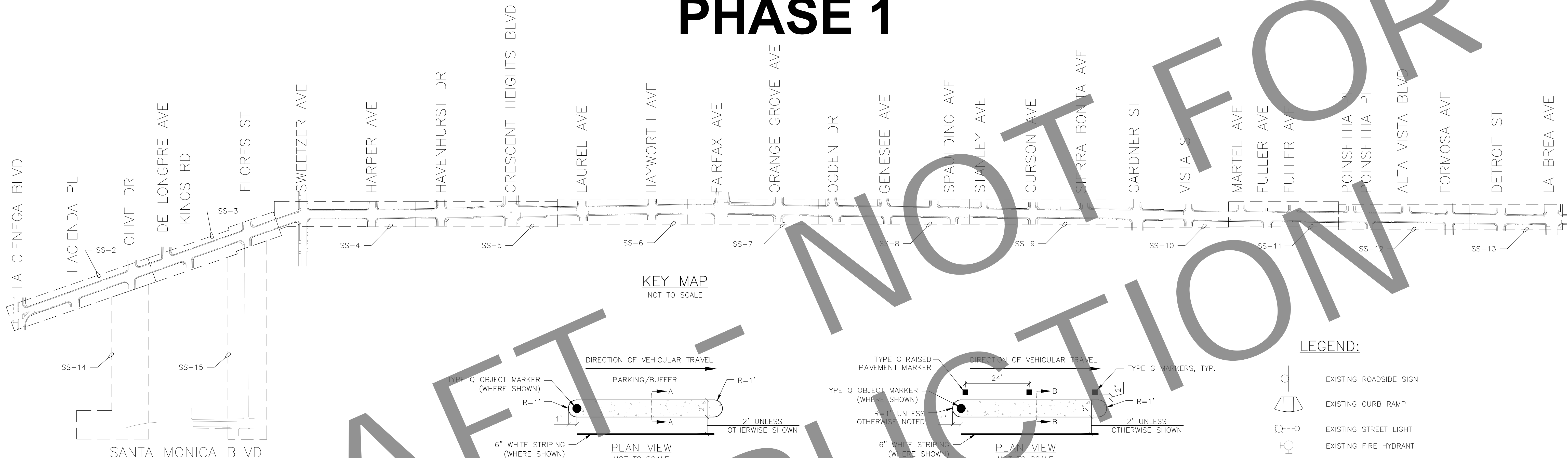
The Project will be presented to the City Council on September 15, 2025, for consideration. Staff will seek authorization to:

1. Proceed with completing the design for Phase 1.
2. Release an RFP for Phase 2 of the Project.
3. Seek direction on whether to maintain existing left-turn restrictions.
4. Seek direction on immediate measures that can be taken to improve safety on Fountain Avenue.
5. Amend the Contract with Fehr & Peers to include optional scope tasks for construction administration and design contingency to expedite project delivery.

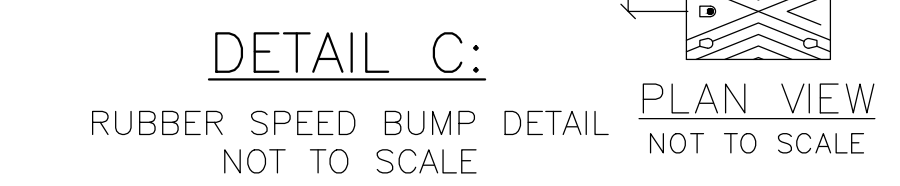
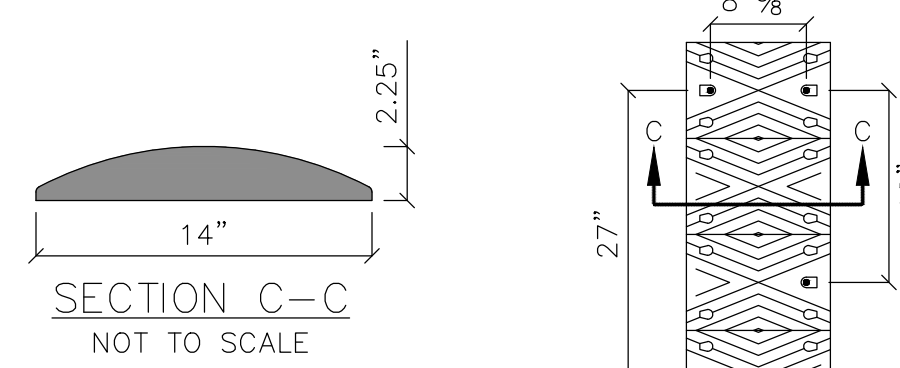
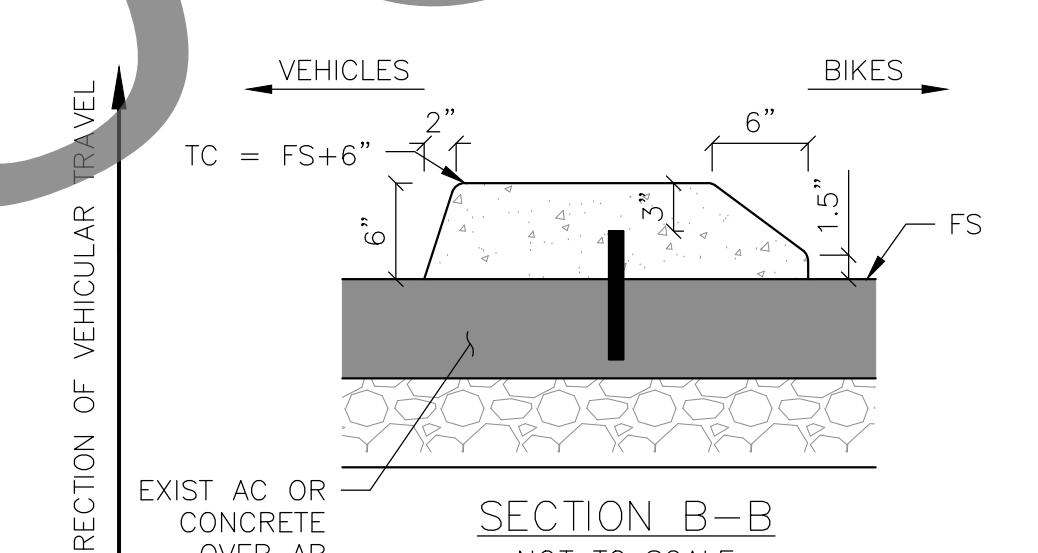
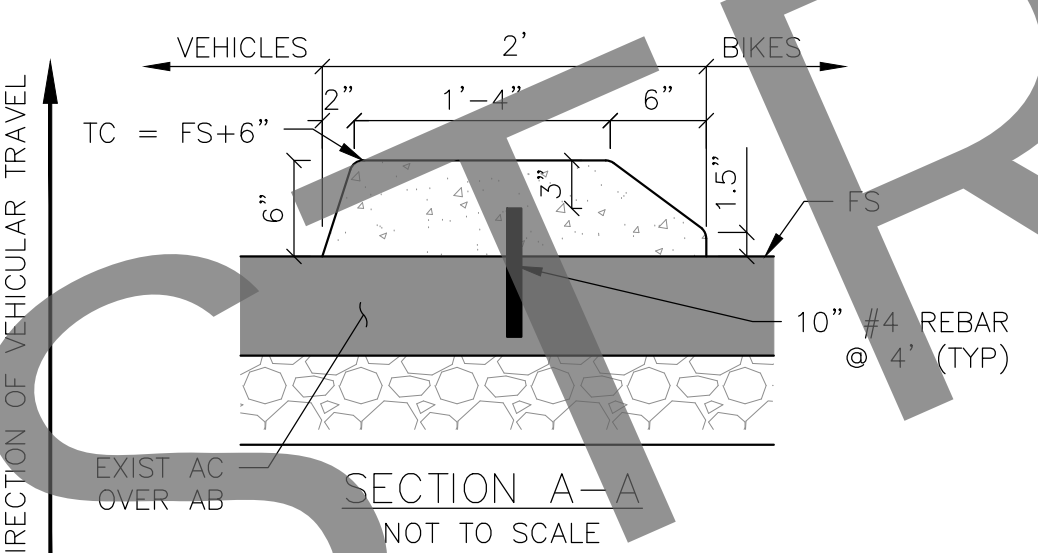
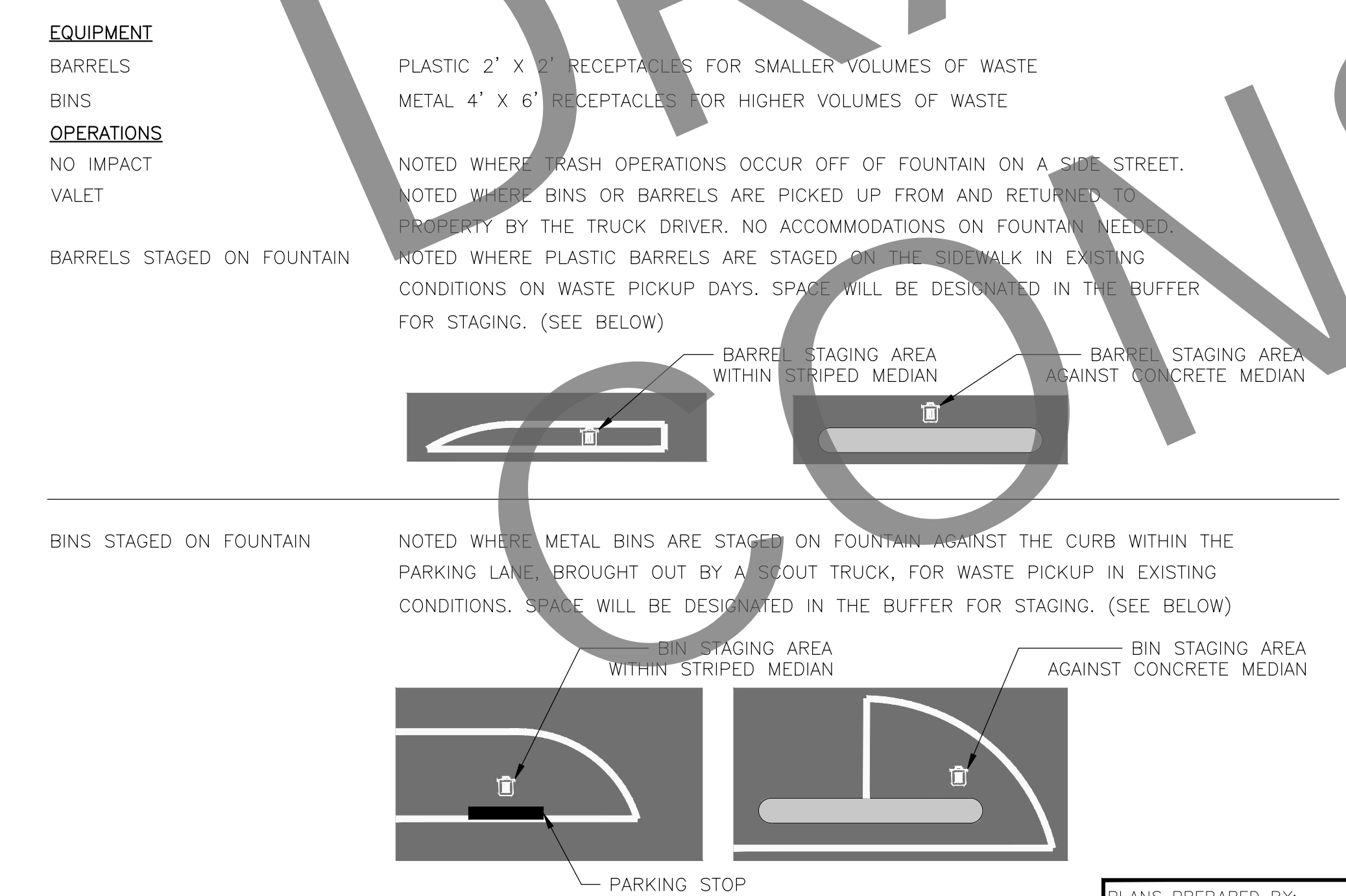
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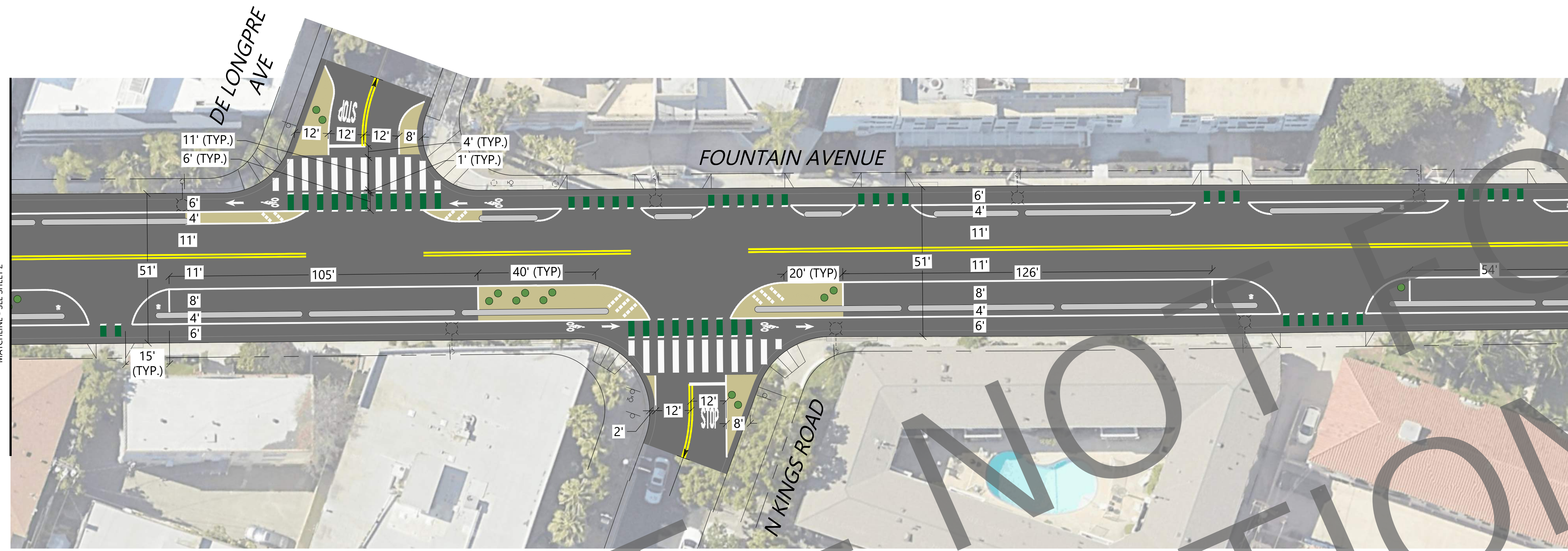


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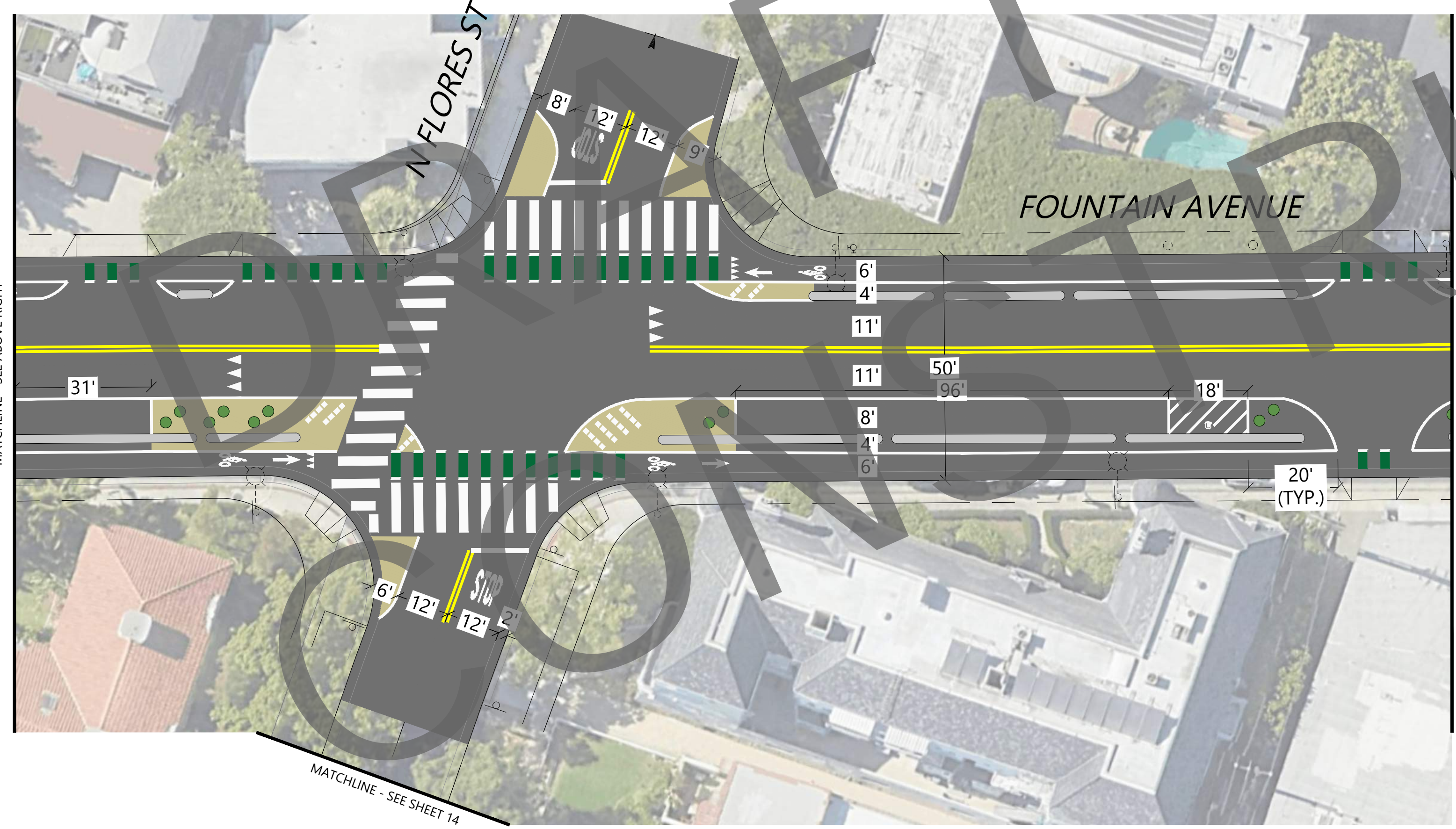
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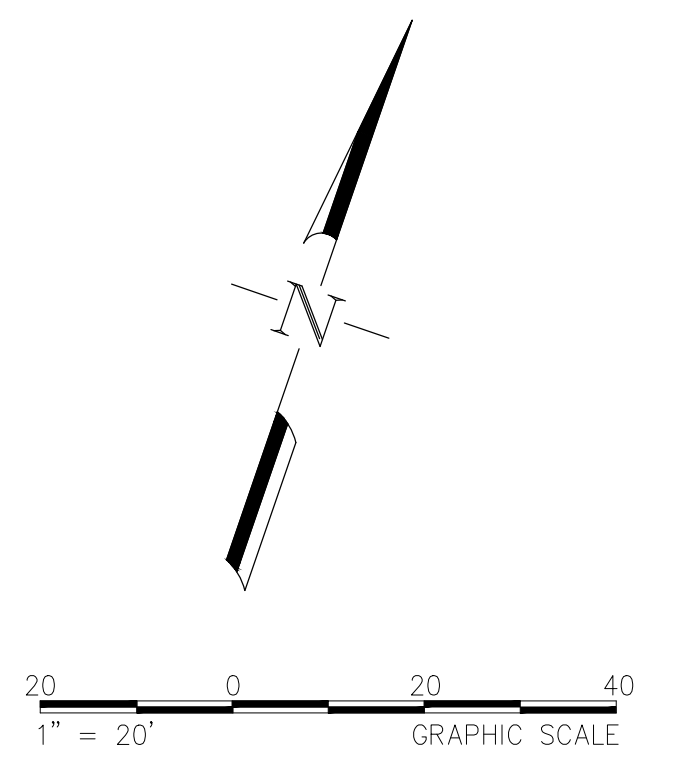
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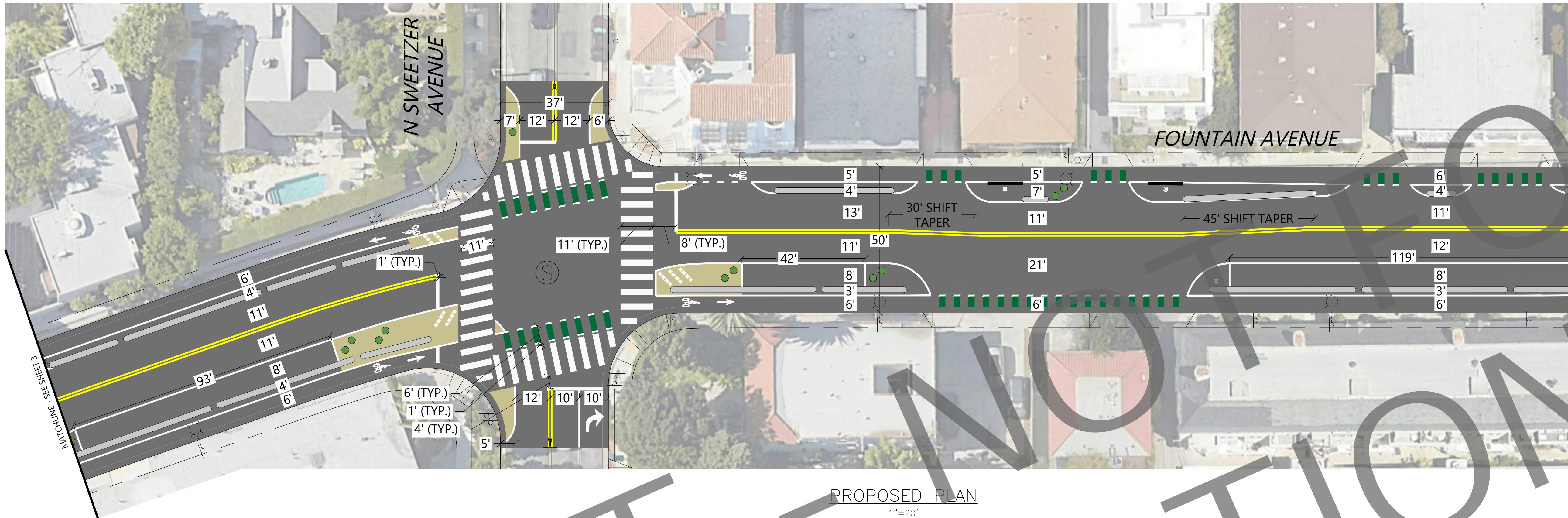


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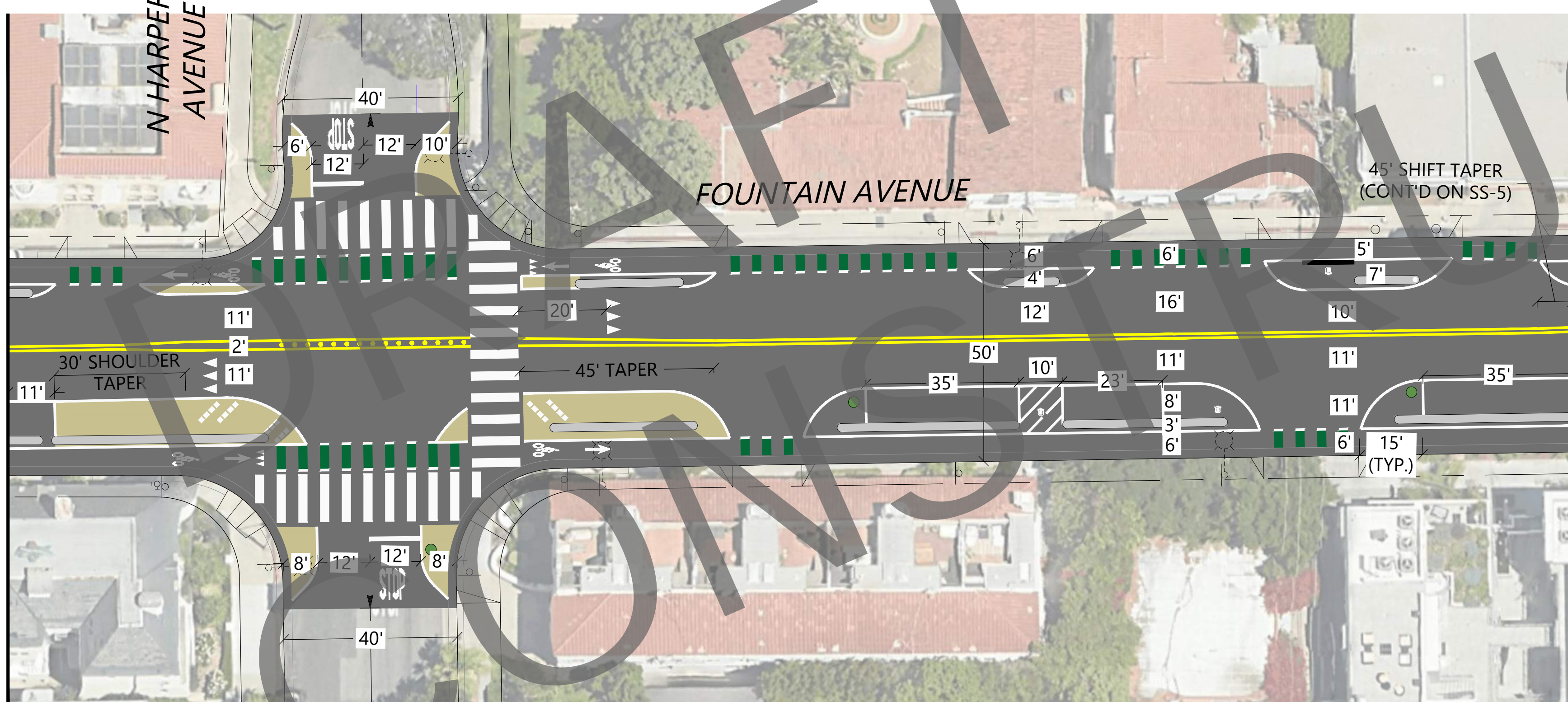
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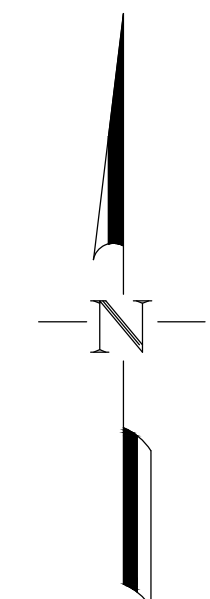
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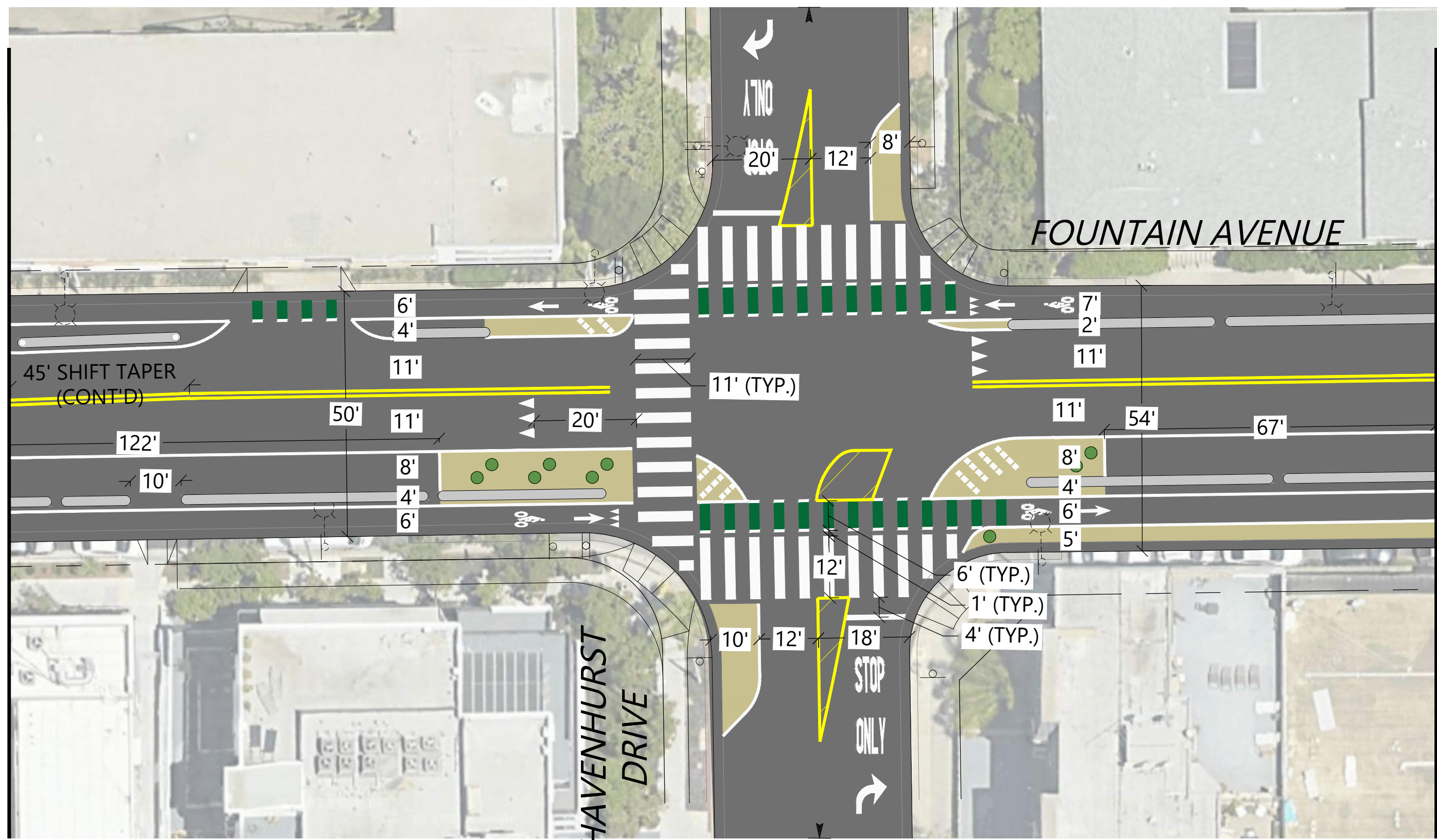
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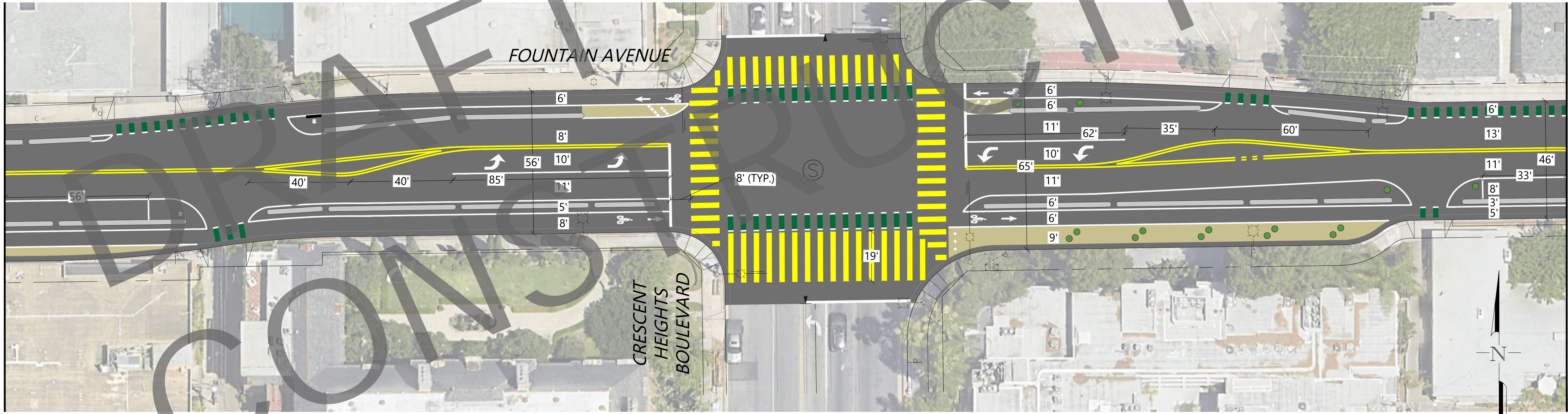
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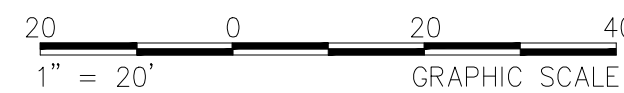
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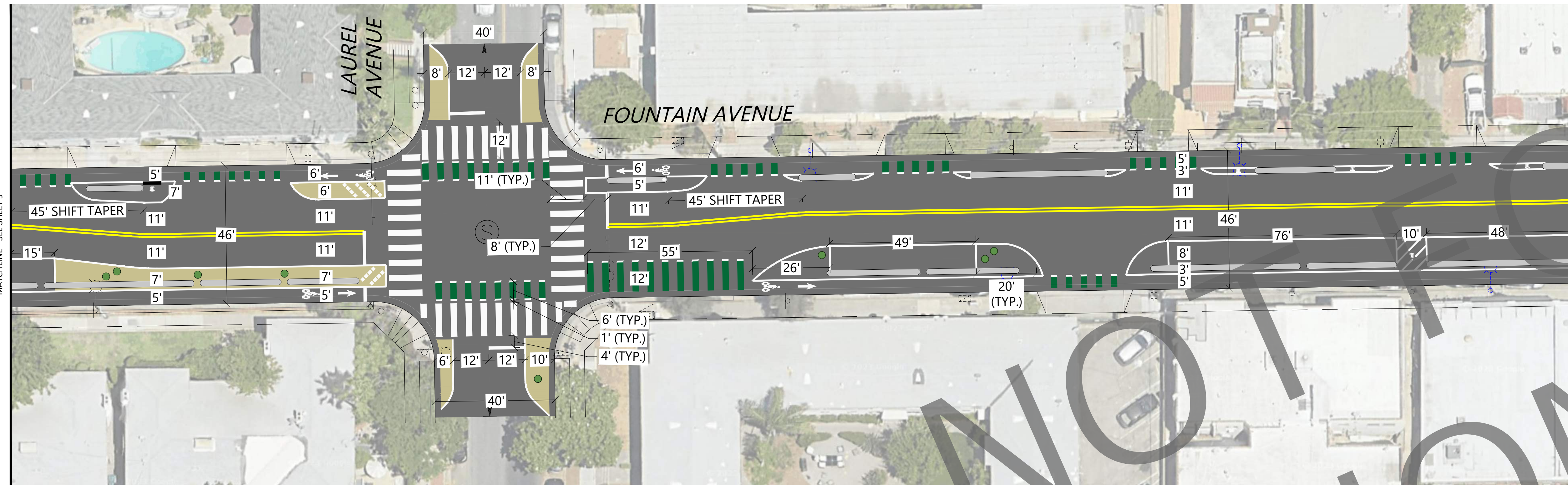
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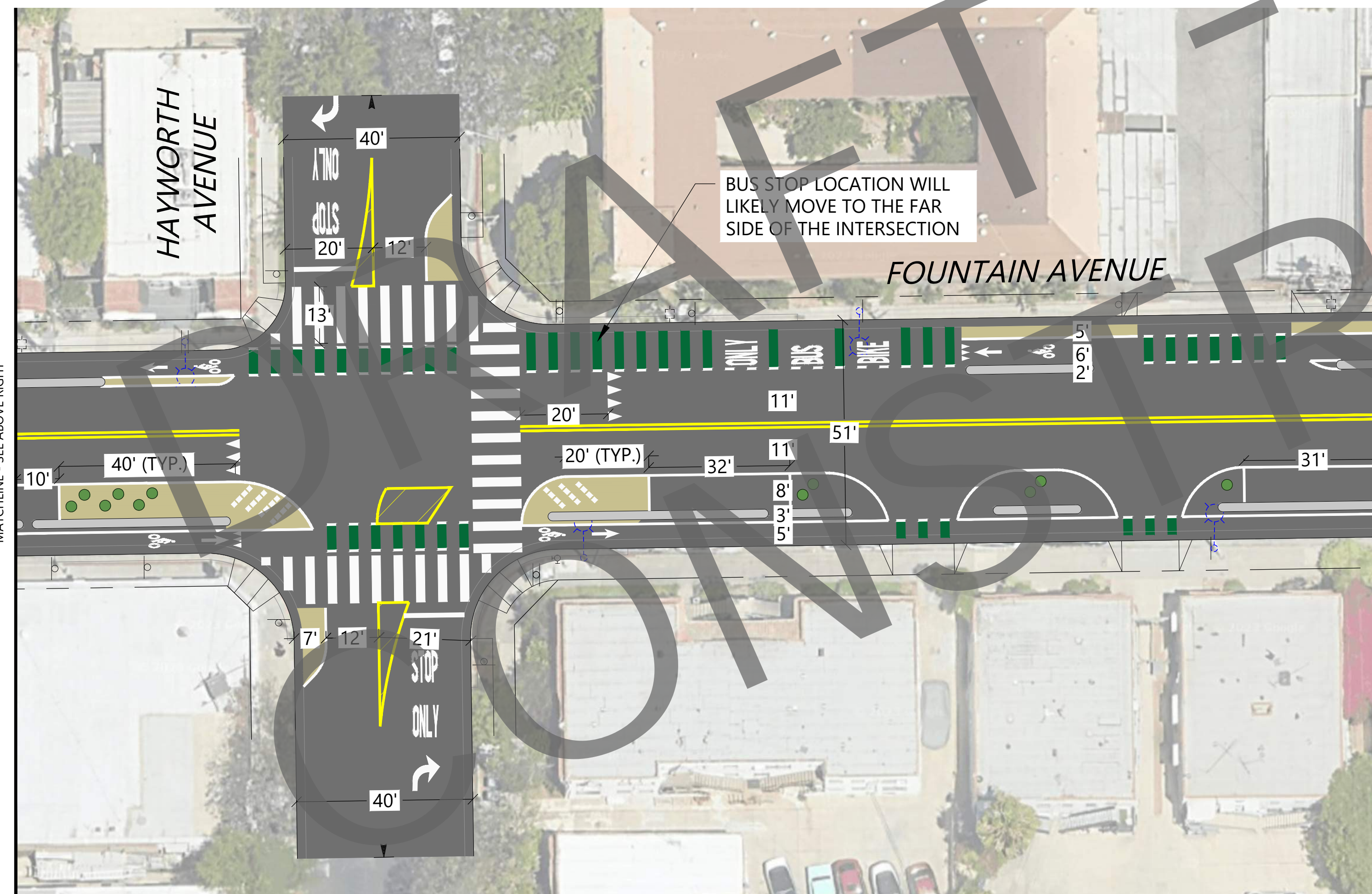
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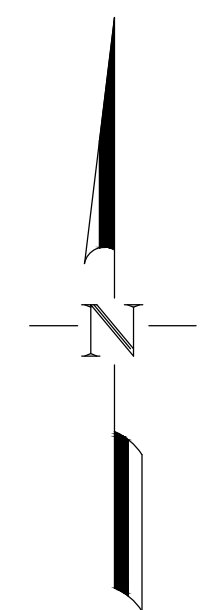
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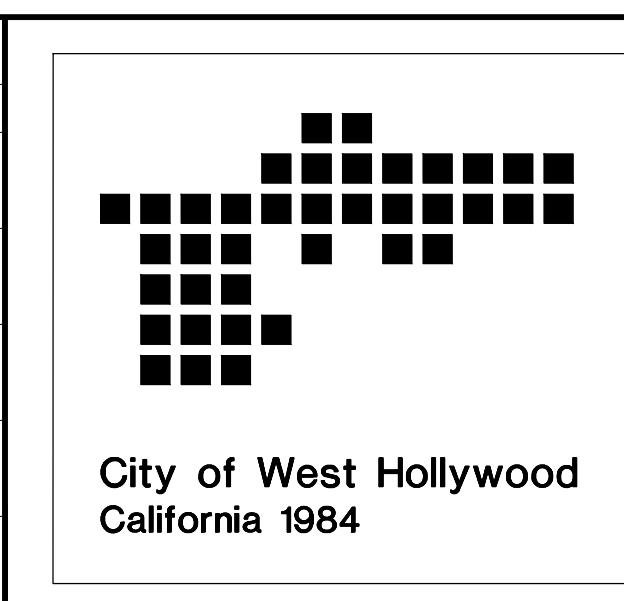
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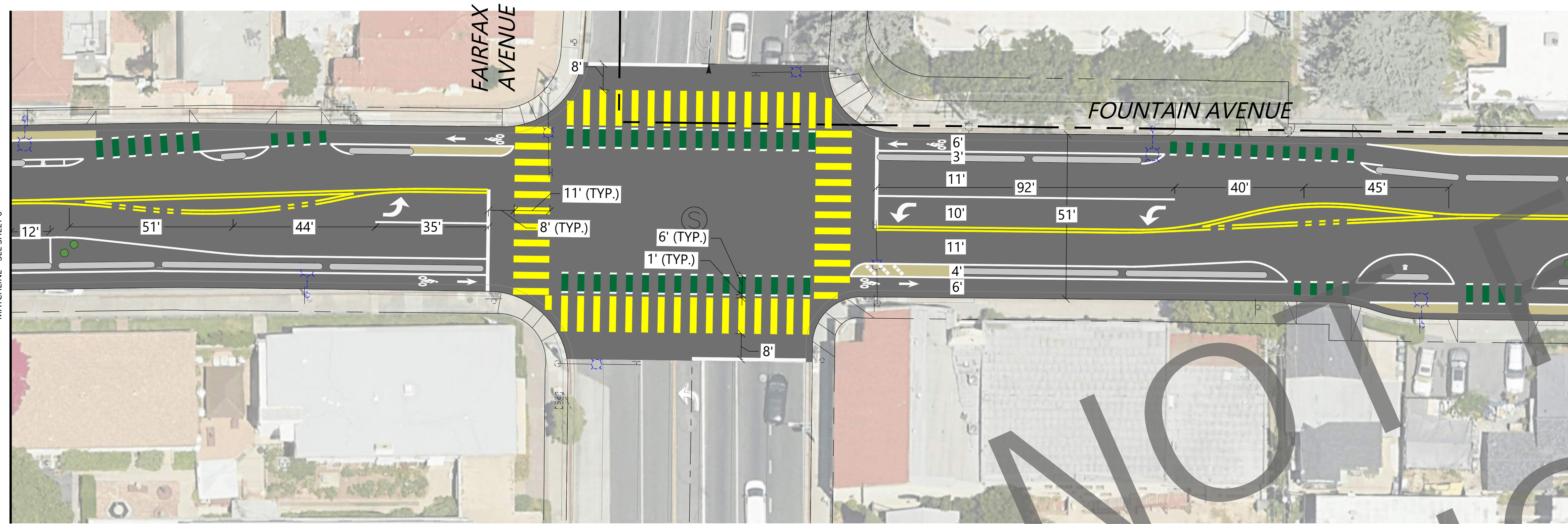
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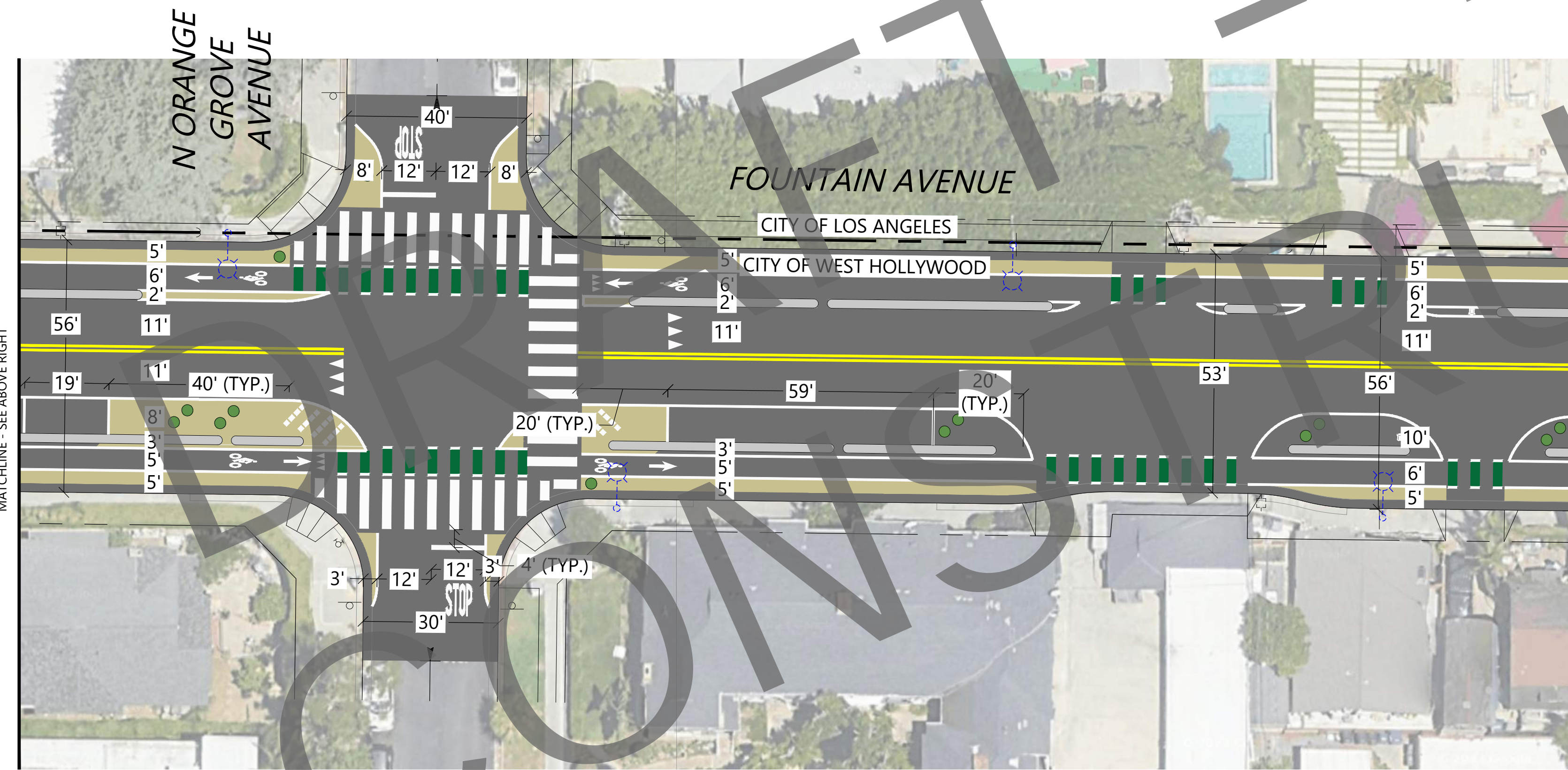
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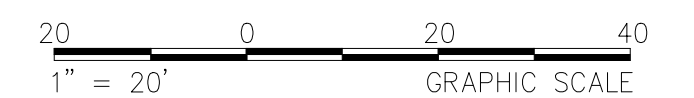
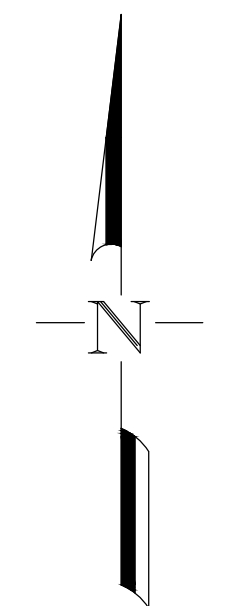
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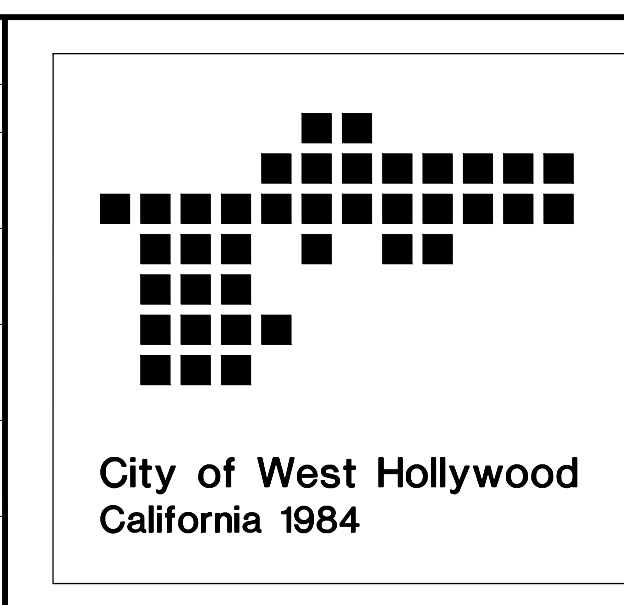
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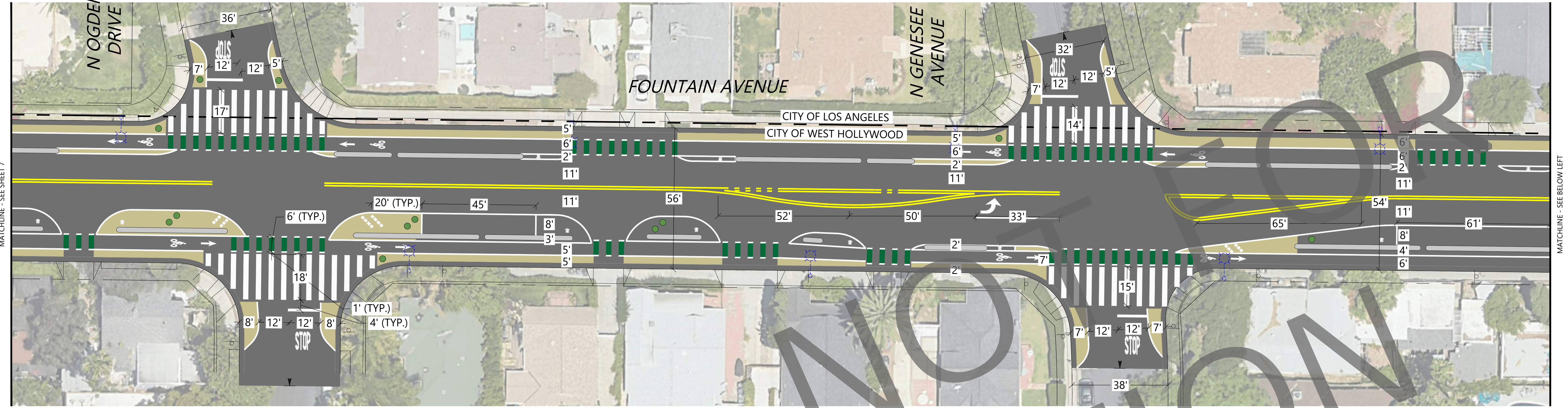
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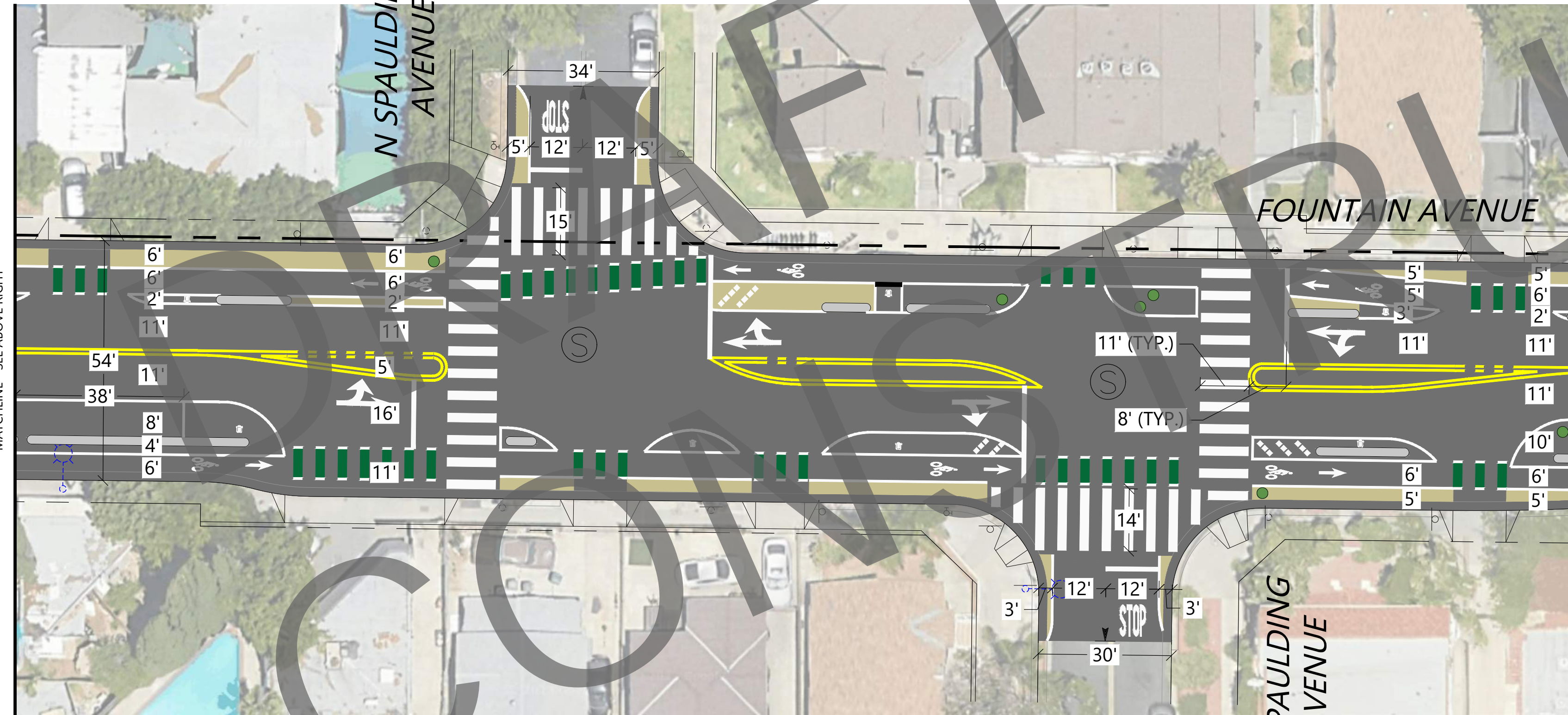
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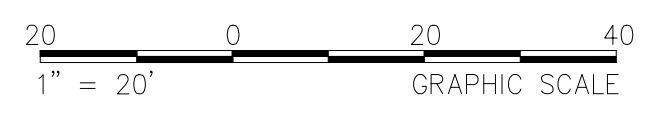
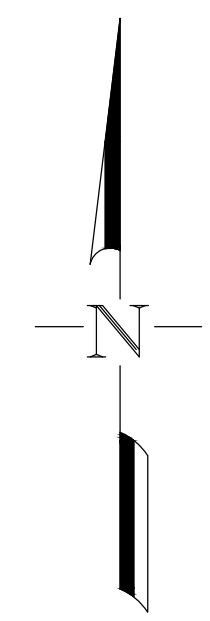
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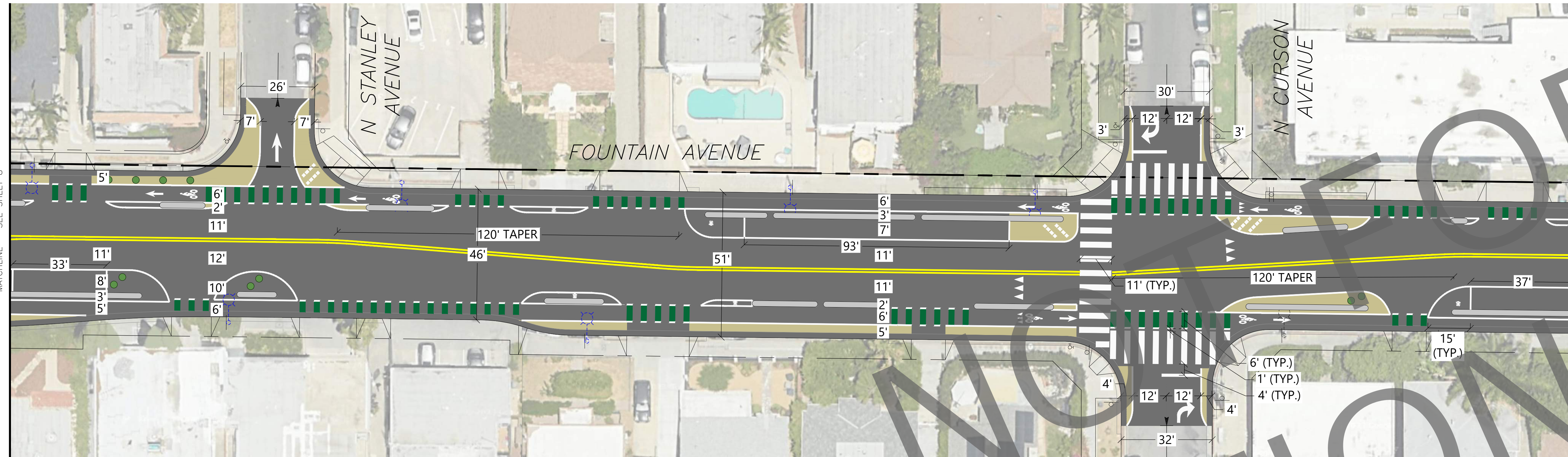
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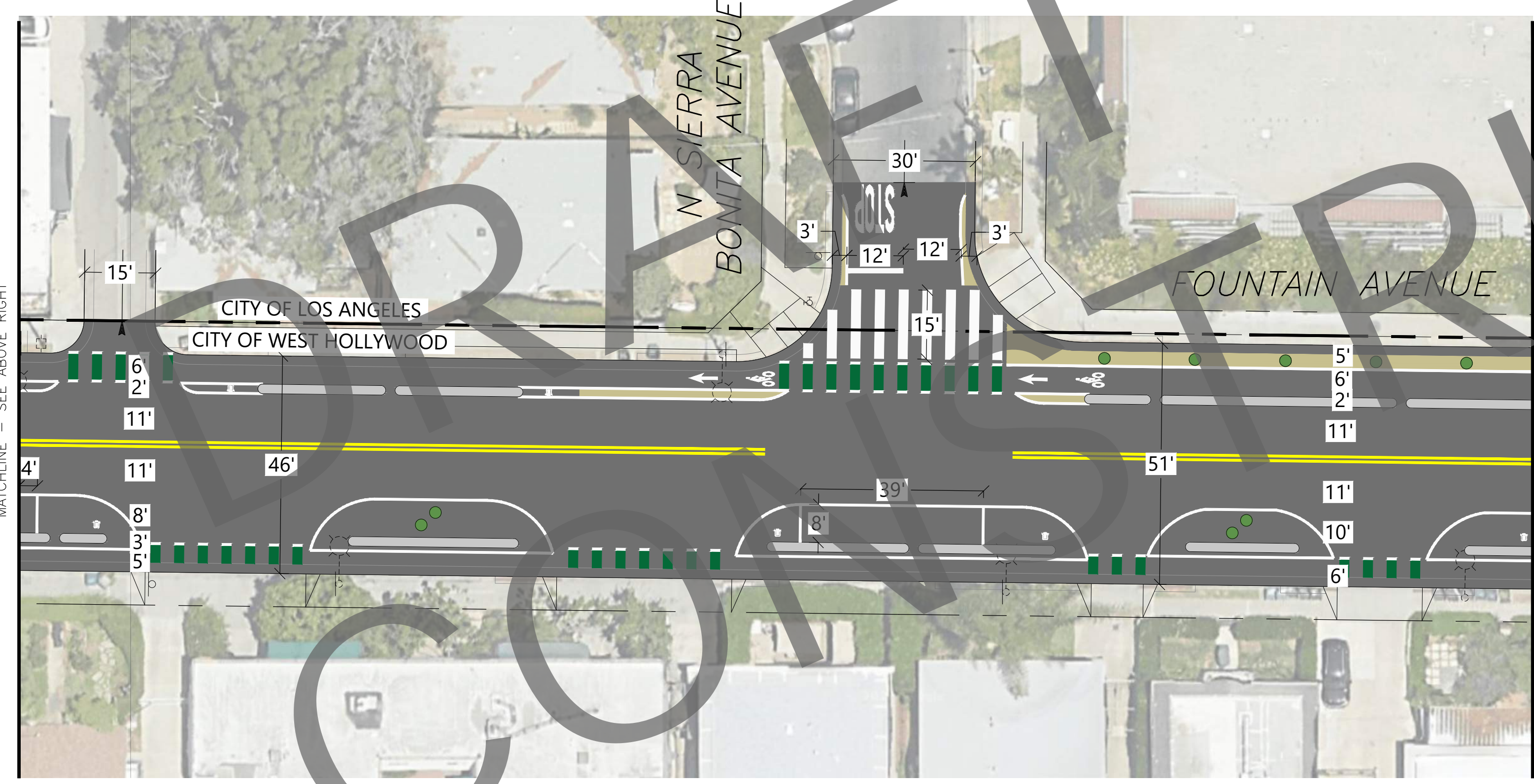
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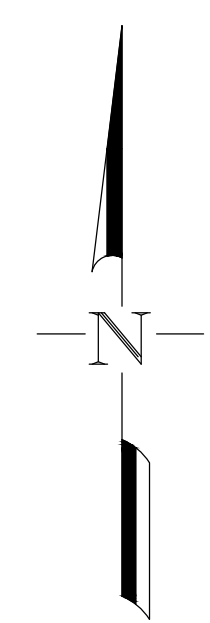
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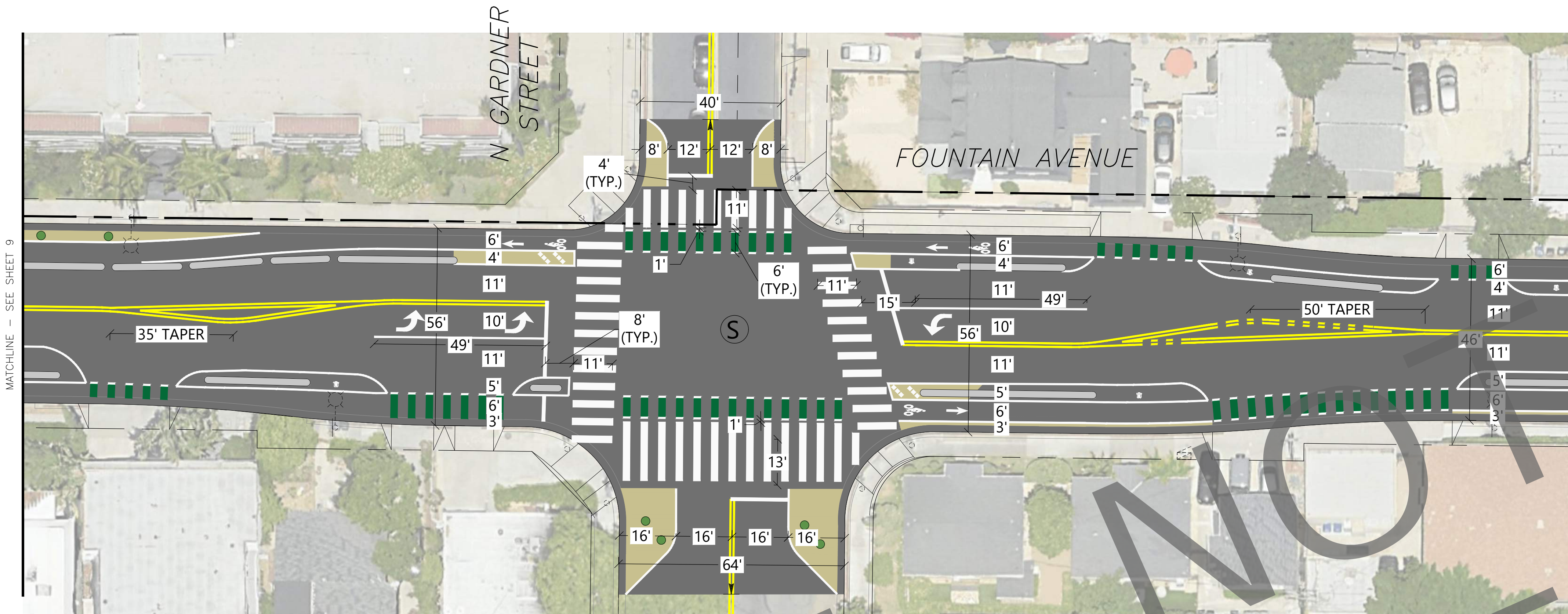


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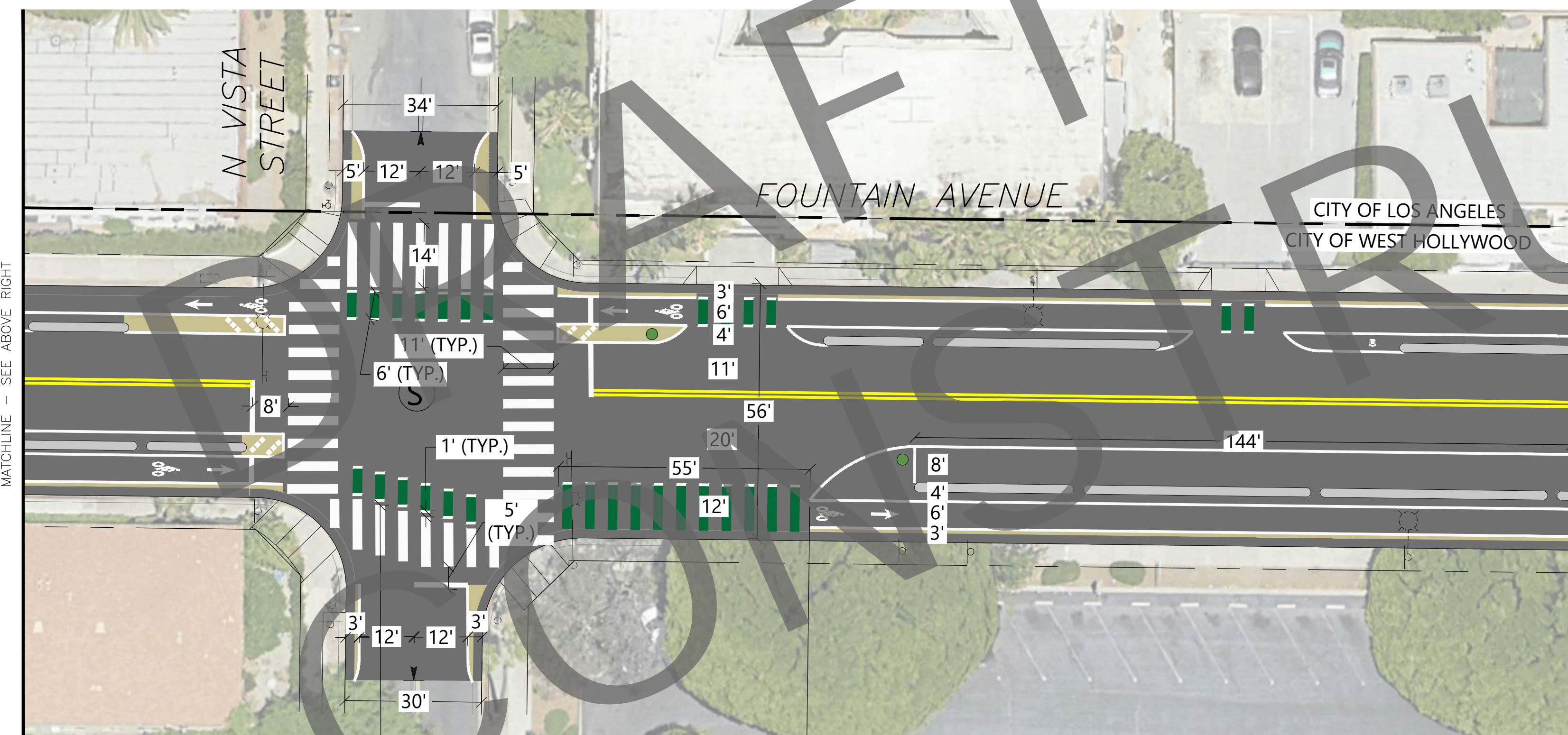
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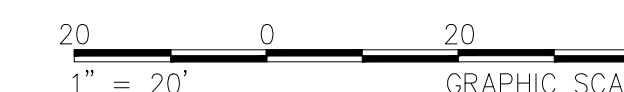
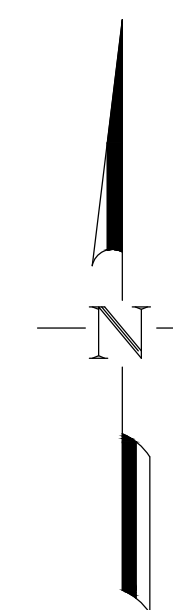
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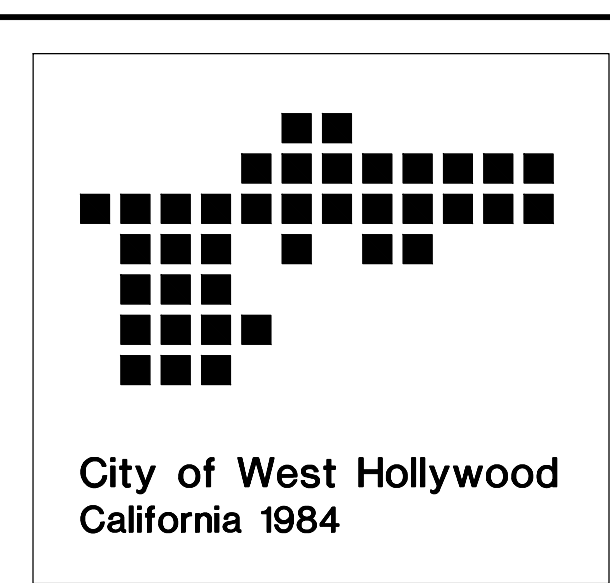
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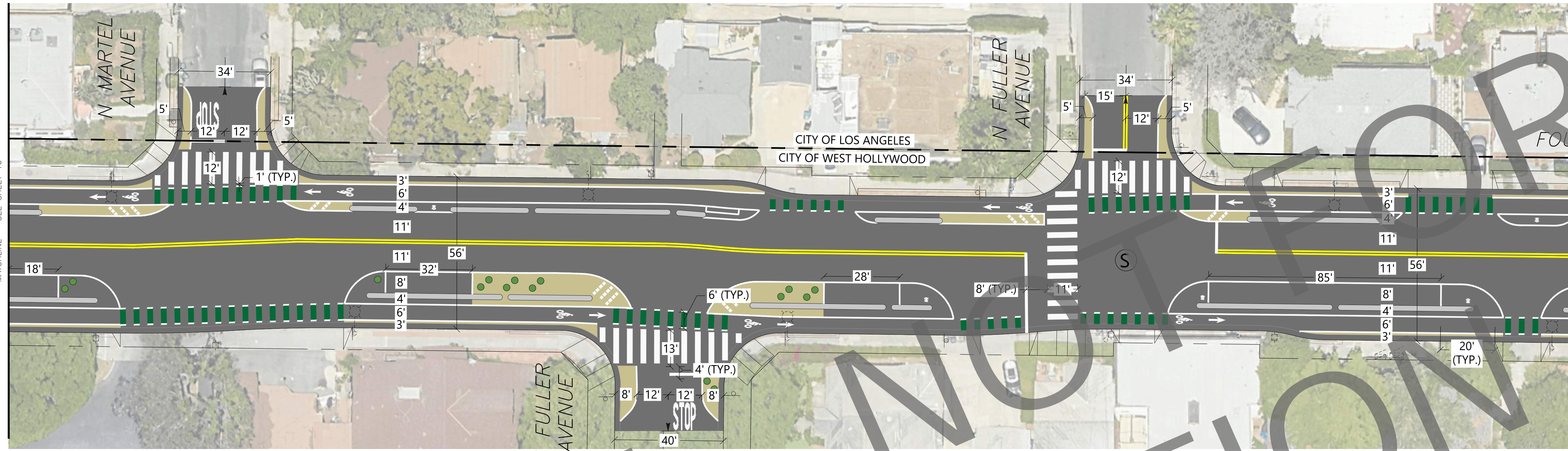
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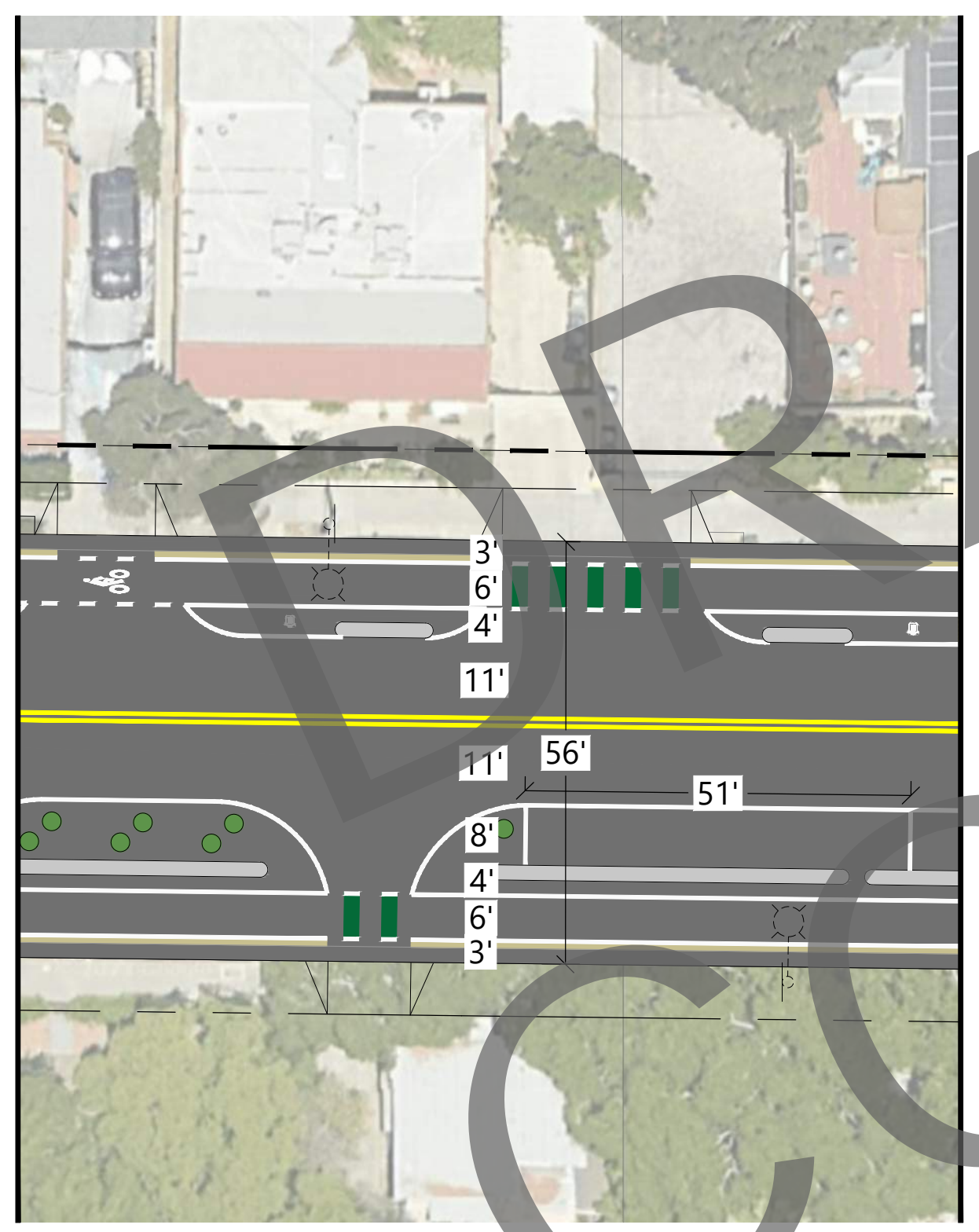
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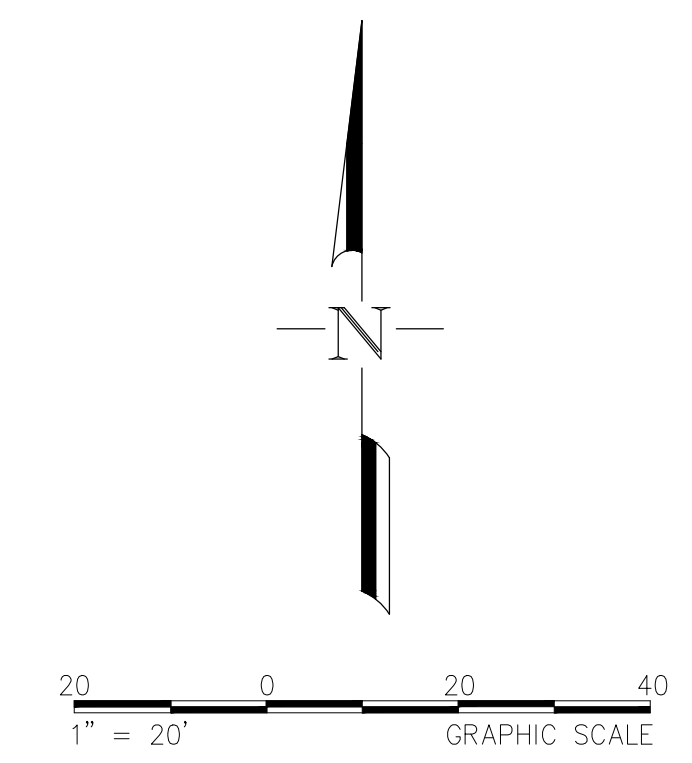
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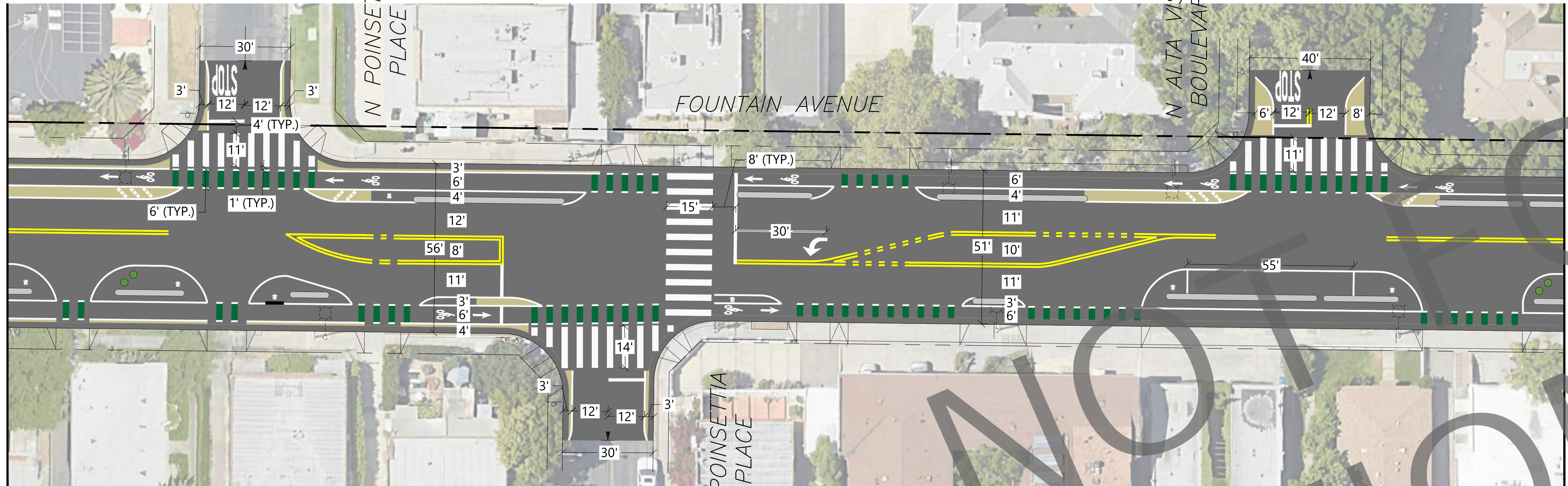


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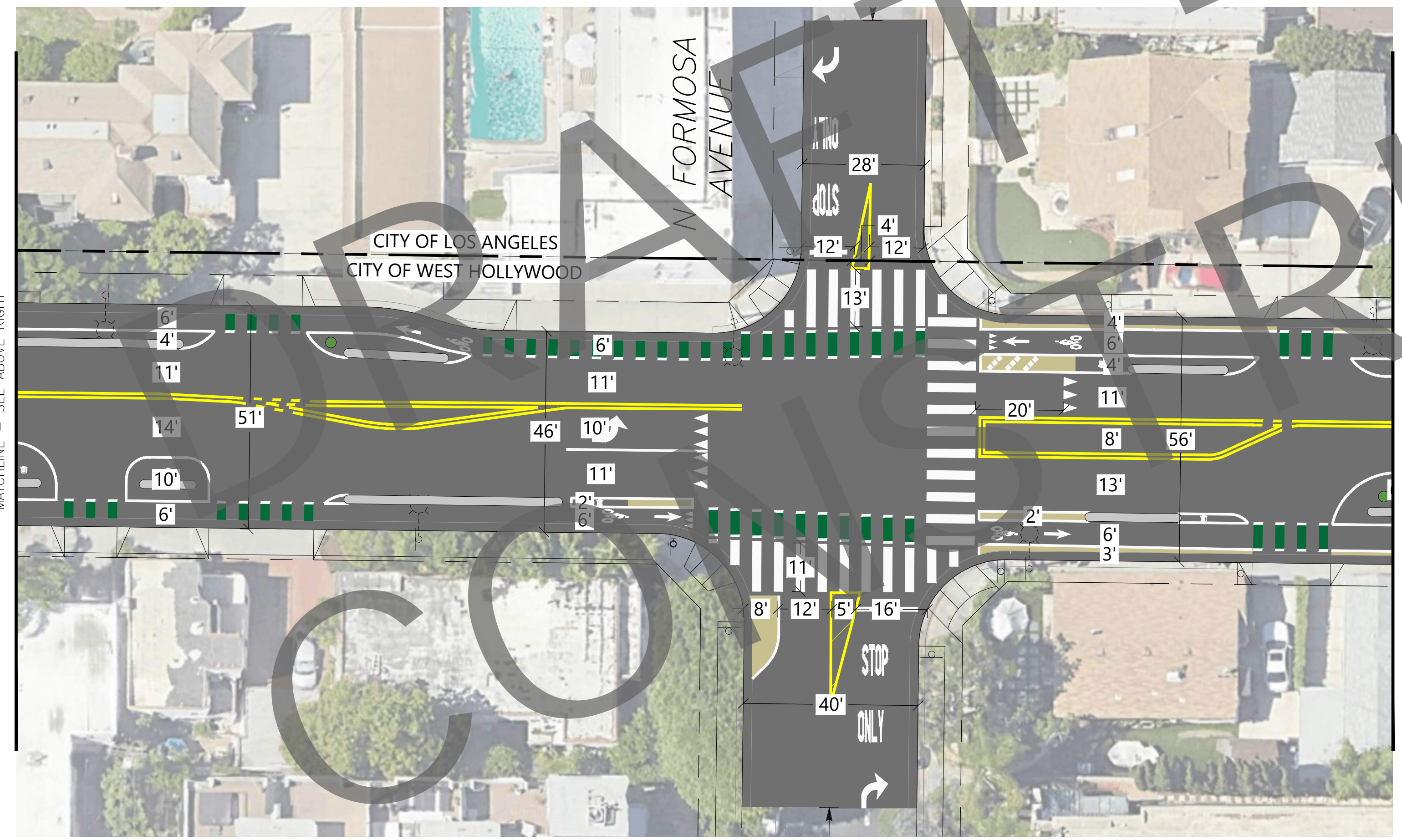
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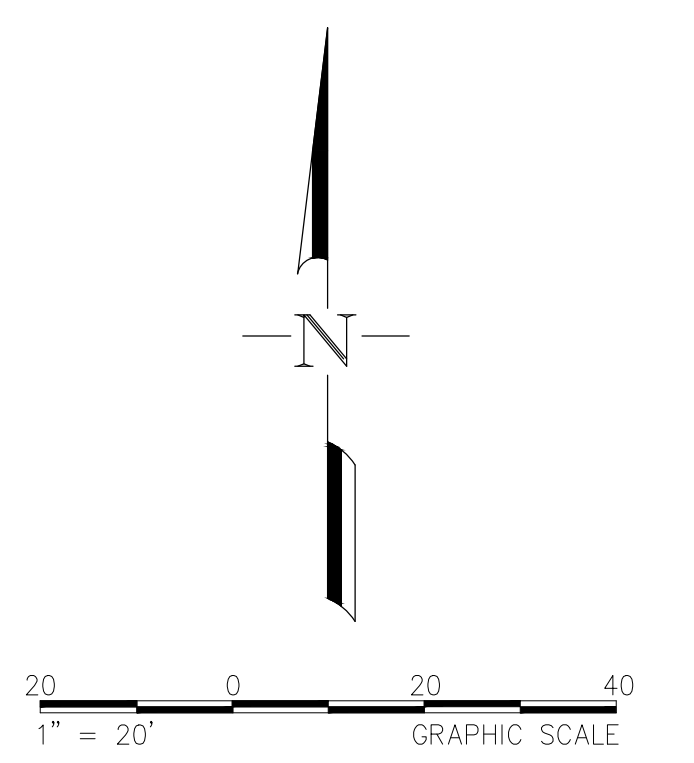
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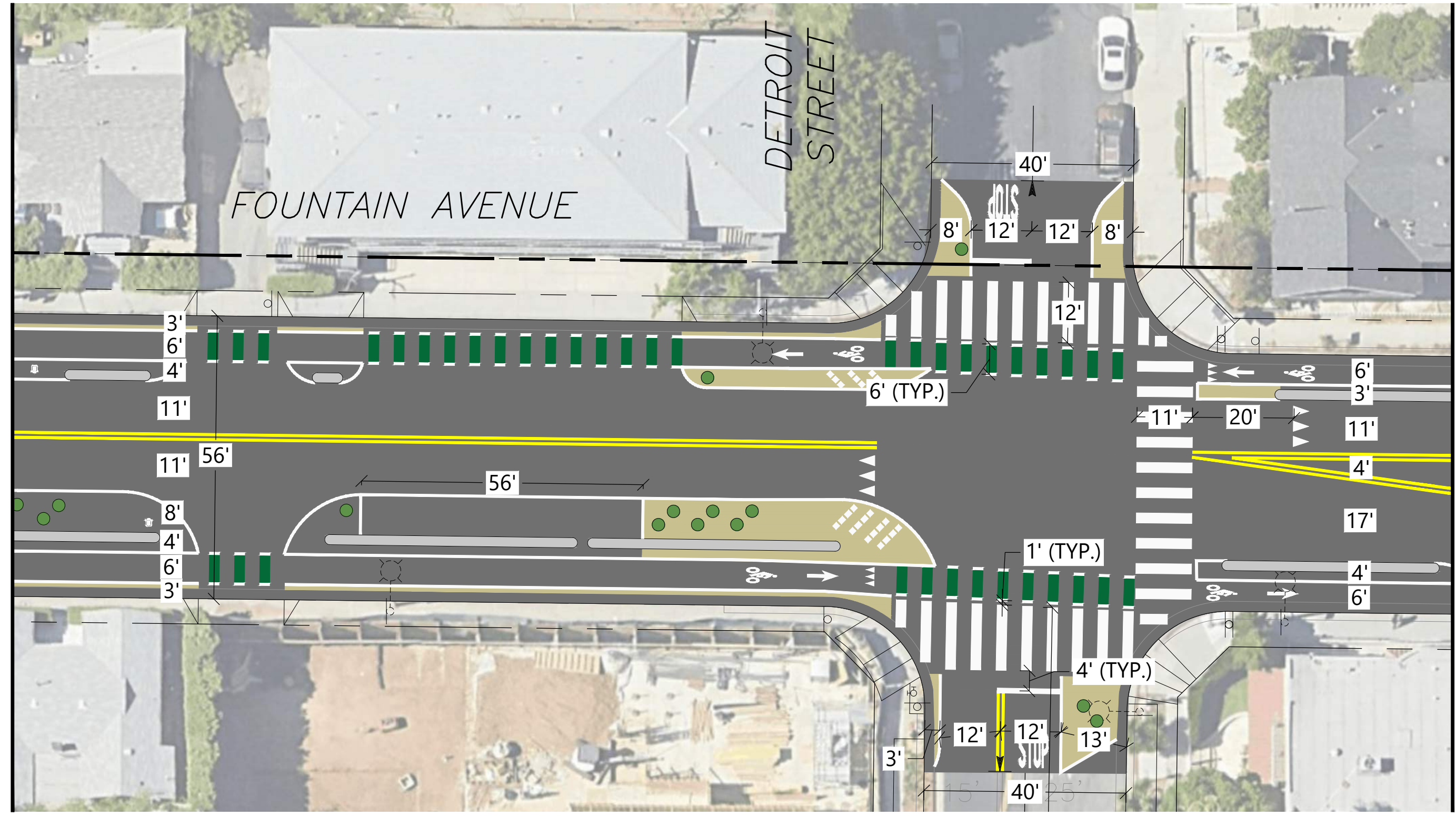


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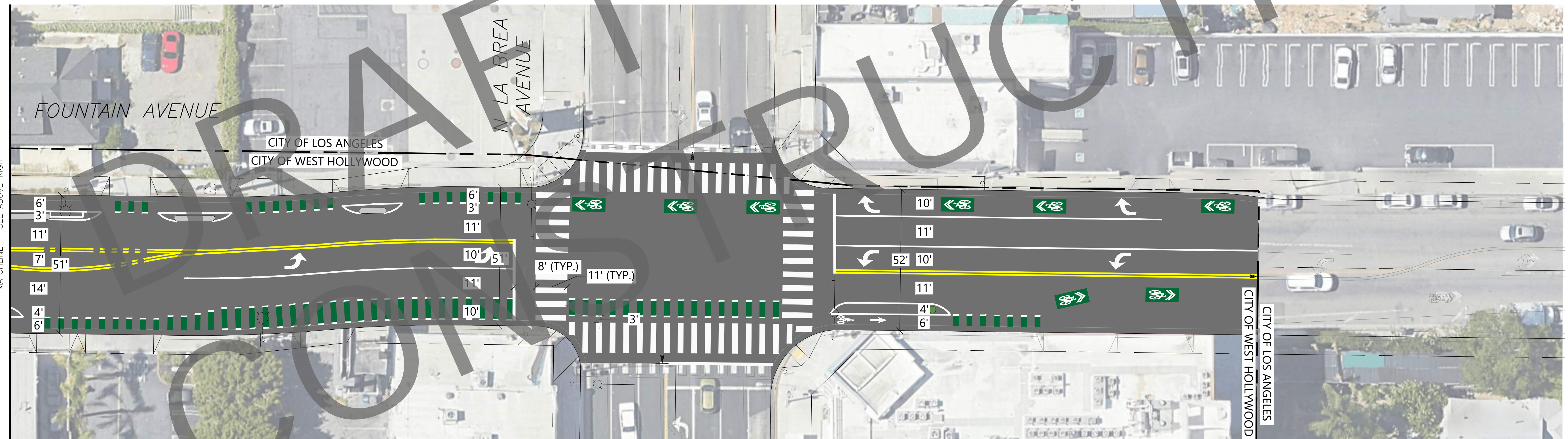
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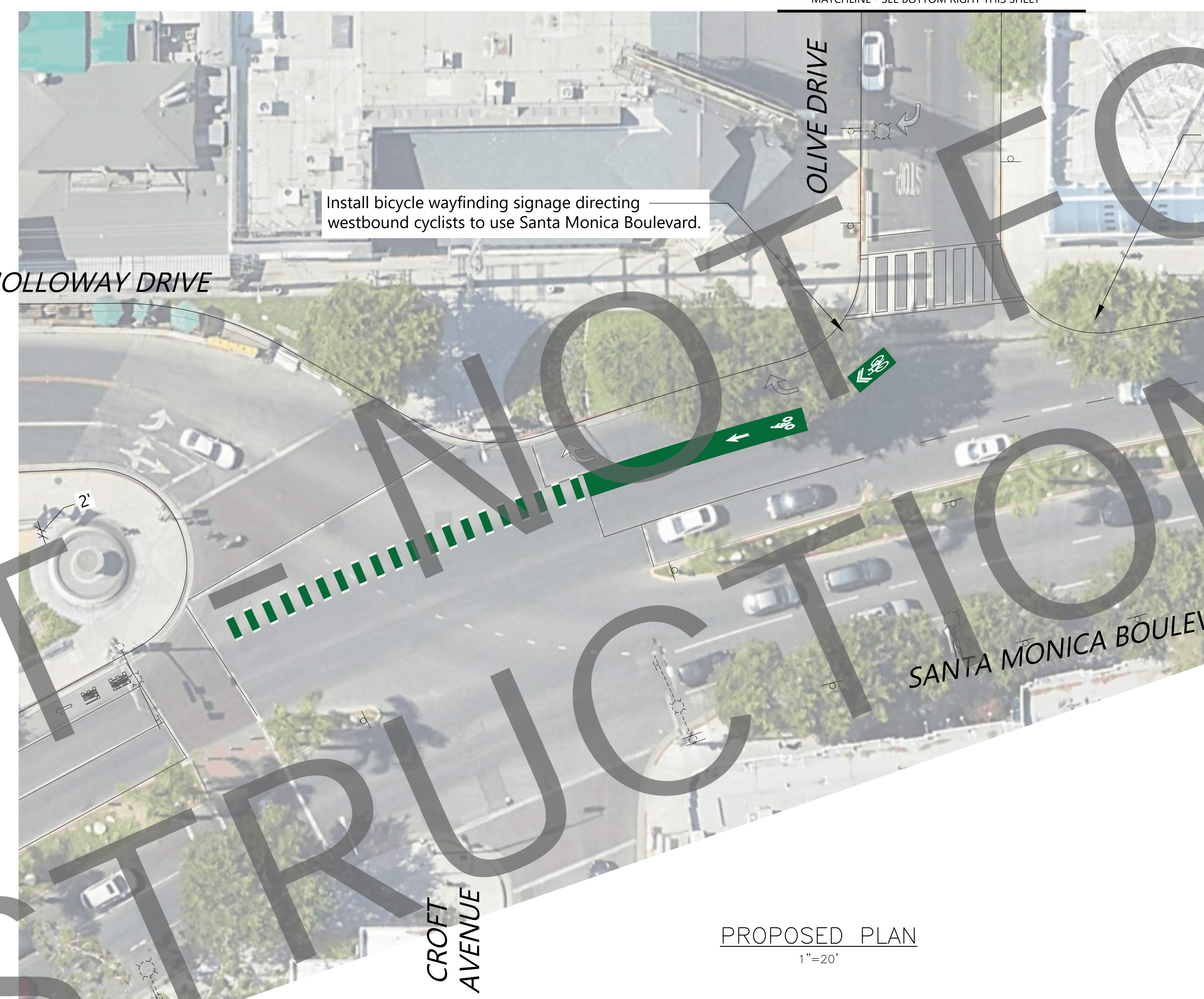


Install green-backed sharrows spaced along Olive Drive to direct southbound bicycle riders.

PROPOSED PLAN
1"=50'

MATCHLINE - SEE TOP RIGHT THIS SHEET

MATCHLINE - SEE BOTTOM RIGHT THIS SHEET



Install bicycle wayfinding signage directing westbound cyclists to use Santa Monica Boulevard.

Install R4-4 "Begin Right Turn Lane yield to Bikes"

PROPOSED PLAN
1"=20'

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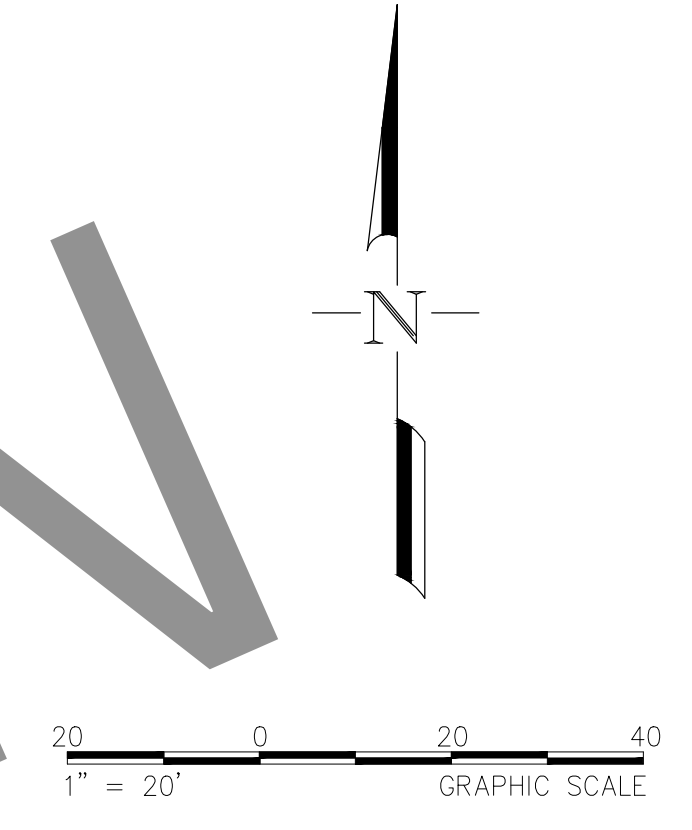
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1"=50'



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Dear City Council -- Since delivering the comments below at the July 16 meeting of the Transportation and Mobility Commission

(TMC), I have learned that the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Steering Committee had already completed its work but I never did learn whether some actual Fountain Avenue residents were on that committee – if there weren't, that's the kind of representation problem I hope is NOT repeated in future projects that affect particular streets/neighborhoods in the city.

The community is now looking forward to FOUR meetings in quick succession that can address the Fountain Avenue situation. And I hope that the results of the Aug. 19 Plummer Park community meeting as well as those from the Aug. 20 TMC, Aug. 25 Public Safety, and Aug. 26 Public Facilities meetings will be coalesced into a package with priorities and recommendations understandable to all before formal Council action. Stop the Freeway on Fountain!

--Victor Omelczenko, 23-Year West Hollywood Resident, Bicyclist, and Former Public Facilities Commissioner

Good evening, Transportation Commissioners -- On March 26, a speeding car almost turned a friend and me into human hood ornaments on Crescent Heights at Norton. And tragically on the night of July 10, a 27-year old cyclist was killed in a hit-and-run on Fountain Avenue at Gardner, a street that functions like a freeway in our residential neighborhood.

These aren't isolated events—they're symptoms of process gaps and competing stovepipes that leave safety on the back burner. I'm an avid bicyclist who relies on two wheels for daily mobility, yet I recognize that in Greater Los Angeles many of us still need cars. Tonight, I'm here because

inertia—not lack of ideas—is costing lives.

We must bridge the divide between bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians. Instead of finger-pointing or hasty recalls, let's channel our outrage into rapid, practical improvements. I respectfully request that the Transportation and Mobility Commission:

1. Address "Traffic Areas of Concern" immediately, starting with the Fountain Avenue/Gardner and the Crescent Heights/Norton intersections, and schedule regular follow-up monthly meetings rather than canceling for lack of agenda items which seems too prevalent of late – four were cancelled last year, and three so far this year.

2. Fund quick-build safety measures through the FY 2025–26 budget: protected bike lanes, concrete curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, and speed-feedback signs in those corridors.

3. Ensure the Fountain Avenue Streetscape (Phase 1) Steering Committee reflects a true cross-section of our community. That means having residents who live directly on Fountain Avenue alongside bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, and business owners—and then publishing the full roster, meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes so every meeting is open and transparent.

4. Publish a clear timeline for each improvement—temporary treatments within 60 days, permanent infrastructure within six months.

I also want to defend Councilmember Lauren Meister, who has championed balanced bike-ped-safety policies and does not deserve to be scapegoated following this tragedy. Critical dialogue is healthy; unfounded petitions that undermine collaboration only delay action.

West Hollywood prides itself on leading with vision and compassion. Let's prove it by turning our city's grief into momentum—by organizing rather than agonizing, by partnering rather than posturing.

I ask that you resume consistent TMC meetings, prioritize these “traffic areas of concern,” and deliver the safe streets our residents deserve. I’ll be on my bicycle hoping to see you all at our block parties on National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. Let’s celebrate community by ensuring every journey is a safe one.

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**PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP
2025**

Item Description	Item Type	Commission Request	Staff Request	Agenda Data
CIP Update - Midyear Budget Recommendations	New Business	Subcommittee		02. Feb
Hart Park Update Phase I	New Business		R. Abramson	02. Feb
Temp Art Bjorgulfsson	Consent		R. Ehemann	02. Feb
Tribute Tree Request	New Business	Subcommittee	H. Collins	02. Feb
CIP Update - Year 2 Budget Recommendations	New Business	Subcommittee		03. Mar
Commission Meeting Recordings	New Business		M. Crowder	03. Mar
Temp Art Vickerd	Consent		R. Ehemann	03. Mar
Annual Tree Planting Event	Unfinished Business	Work Plan		03. Mar - Annual
Restricted Access of Public Spaces for General Use	New Business	Consensus	S. Martinez	04. Apr
Recreation Topics	New Business/ Unfinished Business	By-Laws	S. Martinez	04. Apr - Annual
Commission Work Plan Capital Projects Update	Unfinished Business	Work Plan	H. Collins	05. May
Standard Planting Palettes for Traffic Circles	New Business	Subcommittee	H. Collins	05. May
WeHo Pride Preparations	New Business		H. Collins	05. May
LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial	Unfinished Business	Subcommittee	Council Directive	06. Jun
Election Process Overview	New Business/Email		M. Crowder	06. Jun - Annual
FY25-26 Adopted Budget Update	Unfinished Business		H. Collins	07. Jul
Election of Chair and Vice Chair	New Business		M. Crowder	07. Jul - Annual
Park and Recreation Month Proclamation	New Business		S. Martinez	07. Jul - Annual
Fiscal Year Work Plan	New Business	Work Plan		07./08. Jul/Aug - Annual
Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project - Phase I	New Business		F. Contreras	08. Aug
Plummer Park Council Subcommittee Meetings - Approved Outreach Plan	Consent		R. Abramson	08. Aug
Recreation Facilities & Operational Study	New Business		S. Martinez and Catalyst Consulting	08. Aug
Annual Overview of Public Facilities	Consent	Work Plan		08. Aug - Annual
Locations - Annual Tour of Public Facilities	Consent	Work Plan		08. Aug - Annual
Annual Tour Discussion	Unfinished Business			09. Sep - Annual
Annual Tour of Public Facilities	New Business	Work Plan		09. Sep - Annual
Approve Standard Planting Palettes for Traffic Circles	Unfinished Business		H. Collins	10. Oct
Plaque Request - WHP Park Bench	New Business		H. Collins	10. Oct
Subcommittee Assignments and Meeting Priorization	New Business	By-Laws		10. Oct
Recreation Topics	New Business/ Unfinished Business	By-Laws	S. Martinez	11. Nov - Annual
Tipu Tree Replacement Planting Project Update (Phase 3)	Unfinished Business		H. Collins	12. Dec

Calendar 2026	New Business			12. Dec - Annual
Crescent Heights Triangle and Memorials Improvements	New Business	Council Directive	H. Collins	TBD
Naming Request - Andrew Campbell Theater	Public Hearing		H. Collins	TBD
Plummer Park Exercise Equipment	New Business	Consensus	H. Collins	TBD
Special Events Calendar & Related City Facilities Closures	New Business	Consensus	C. Smith	TBD
PP Farmers Market Parking and Street Cleaning	New Business	Consensus	H. Collins	TBD - 1

LEGEND:

STANDING ITEMS	TBD - 1 (Next 30-60 Days)
COMPLETED ITEMS	TBD - 2 (Next 60-120 Days)
NEW/UPDATED ITEMS	

