

NOTICE OF WMATA PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SILVER SPRING TRANSIT CENTER
SILVER SPRING STATION
RED LINE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in cooperation with the Montgomery County Government on the proposed construction of a three-level intermodal transit center ("Transit Center") to be located at the Silver Spring Metrorail station. The Transit Center will integrate Metrorail, Metrobus, Ride-On bus, Maryland Rail Commuter ("MARC") service, intercity bus service, bicycle trails, and the future Bi-County Transitway while providing improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic connections. As part of the Transit Center project, a new 0.8-acre public park is to be constructed at the intersection of Wayne Avenue and Colesville Road. A joint development project consisting of two residential buildings and a hotel, while not a subject of this hearing, is also proposed to be constructed on the site. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Public Hearing

& Docket Number

Date and Time

Location

Hearing No. 173	Monday	Maryland-National Capital Park &
Docket No. R06-3	April 24, 2006	Planning Commission
	7:00 PM	Montgomery Regional Office
		Auditorium
		8787 Georgia Avenue
		Silver Spring, MD 20910

The location of this public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual with a disability who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in the public hearing should contact Mrs. Leen'da Chambliss at 202-962-2595 or TTD: 202-638-3780 ten days prior to the hearing in order for the Transit Authority to make necessary arrangements.

BACKGROUND

The current facility is approximately 30 years old, and is the busiest bus transit center in the WMATA system as measured in buses per hour. Two of the three highest ridership Metrobus routes serve Silver Spring. This station has the highest number of bus to Metrorail and walk/bike to Metrorail transfers during the morning peak period. The Metrorail station has the second highest Metrorail ridership of all stations in Montgomery County. The

existing facility sees approximately 57,000 boardings and alightings per day on the 1,250 buses, Metrorail trains, MARC trains and taxis serving the facility.

The current bus facility consists of 21 bus bays. An additional seven spaces are available on adjacent streets for buses to lay over between runs. The facility handles up to 145 buses per hour. Currently, buses frequently back up into Wayne Avenue during peak hours. Bus shelters provide protection from the weather for some passengers; the remainder are exposed to the element while waiting for buses.

The 2025 ridership at this facility is projected to be 97,000 boardings and alightings per day – an increase of 70%.

WMATA PROPOSAL

The Transit Center proposal consists of a three-level facility. The first level of the Transit Center will feature a direct pedestrian connection to Metrorail, 17 bus bays, a transit store, a transit police office, and ancillary WMATA facilities such as an electrical room and equipment storage area. Pedestrians may enter this level of the Transit Center through the public park at Wayne Avenue and Colesville Road, via sidewalks on Colesville Road, or from the Metropolitan Branch Trail. Pedestrians may circulate to higher levels of the Transit Center using a series of escalators, elevators, and stairs located at various points on the first level. The Metropolitan Branch Trail provides primary bicycle access, but bicycles may use the same access points used by pedestrians. Buses enter this level of the Transit Center from Colesville Road.

The second level of the Transit Center contains the MARC and intercity bus ticketing facilities, waiting areas and rest rooms, a direct connection to the MARC platforms, 15 bus bays, and ancillary facilities. Pedestrians may enter this level from stairs or elevators leading from the park, a passageway through the residential building located at the intersection of Wayne and Ramsey Avenues, or sidewalks on either side of a driveway connecting Ramsey Avenue with the Transit Center. Pedestrians may circulate to other levels of the Transit Center using a series of escalators, elevators, and stairs located at various points on the second level. Buses enter this level of the Transit Center from Ramsey Avenue.

The uppermost level of the Transit Center includes the Kiss & Ride parking area, customer and service entrances for the proposed hotel, a potential pedestrian entrance to the proposed “Tower 2” residential building, a potential entrance to the proposed underground garage serving the joint development project, and landscaping. The 23 Kiss & Ride parking spaces include accommodations for short-term parking, taxis, shared-use cars, and spaces serving the “Tower 2” building. There is an at-grade pedestrian and vehicular access point at the intersection of Ramsey Avenue and Bonifant Street. A system of stairs and elevators connect this level to the levels below.

During construction, the entire site will be affected by the required construction activity and

as such, there will be no space for the present bus operations and Kiss & Ride parking. In order to accommodate these needs the functions will be relocated once to an interim facility which can be operational throughout the entire duration of construction, providing substantially the same services uninterrupted. Bus operations will take place in the block surrounded by Wayne Avenue, Dixon Street, Bonifant Street and Ramsey Street. The ground floor of County Garage 5/55, will serve as the interim Kiss & Ride facility and parking for patrons requiring ADA-accessible parking spaces. This garage will also have available an ADA van-accessible parking space.

PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

The proposed Transit Center Project will be located entirely on WMATA and Montgomery County-owned properties and public right-of-way. Consequently, no private property will be required for the project. The existing urban park owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and located on the site will be displaced by the transit facilities and relocated within the site.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed parking structures will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, to Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 noon April 24, 2006. Alternatively, you may fax this information to Office of the Secretary at (202) 962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Others present at the hearing may be heard after those persons on the witness list have been called and heard. Public officials will be heard first and will be allowed ten minutes each to make their presentations. Others who register in advance will be allowed five minutes each and will be heard in order of registration. Those who do not register in advance will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Written statements and exhibits may be submitted until close of business on Thursday, May 4, 2006 to Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may submit an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com. Please reference the Hearing and Docket Number shown on the front of this document in your submission.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The proposed plans, supporting environmental documents, and other related material may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations:

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor
600 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Public Works and Transportation
Division of Capital Development
Design Section, 11th Floor
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

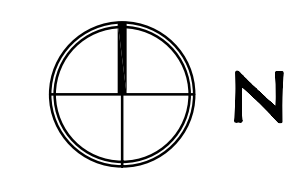
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Transportation Planning – Room 103
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Silver Spring Regional Center
8435 Georgia Avenue
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Montgomery County Public Library
8901 Colesville Road
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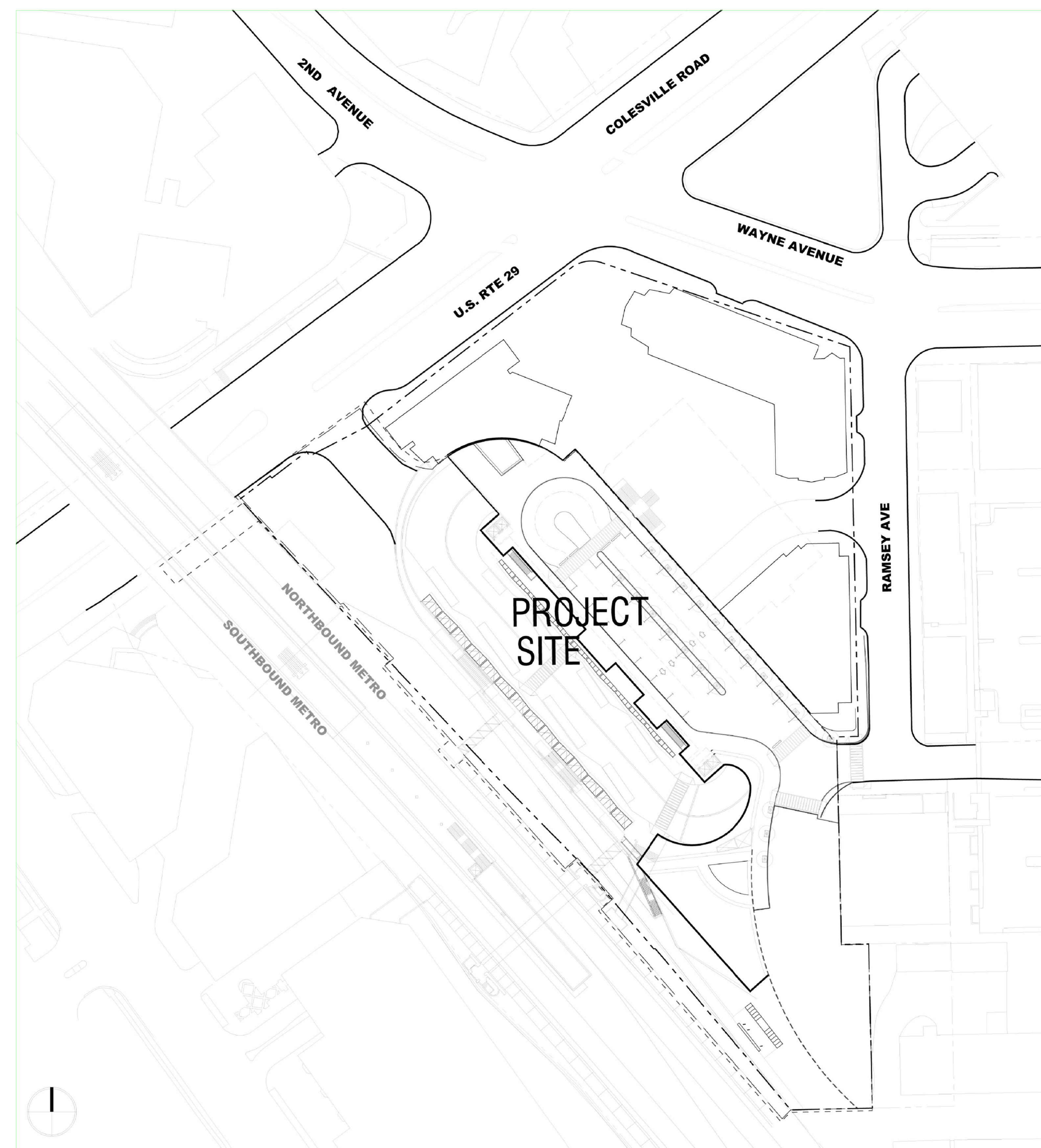
Mid-County Services Center
2424 Reedie Drive
Wheaton, MD 20902

VICINITY MAP



SILVER SPRING TRANSIT CENTER

8400 Colesville Road
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PROJECT INFORMATION
VICINITY MAP

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| ⊗ PARKING METER TO BE REMOVED | ⊗ UTILITY POLE | ▮ STAIR/STEP |
| ⊗ TREE | ⊕ CONCRETE SIGN | ⊗ RIDE-ON BUS SHELTER |
| ⊗ TRAFFIC SIGN | ⊗ PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAL/ TRAFFIC LIGHT POLE | — EXISTING ROW |
| ⊗ LIGHT POLE | □ MAILBOXES | |
| ⊗ FIRE HYDRANT | ⊗ DOORS | |

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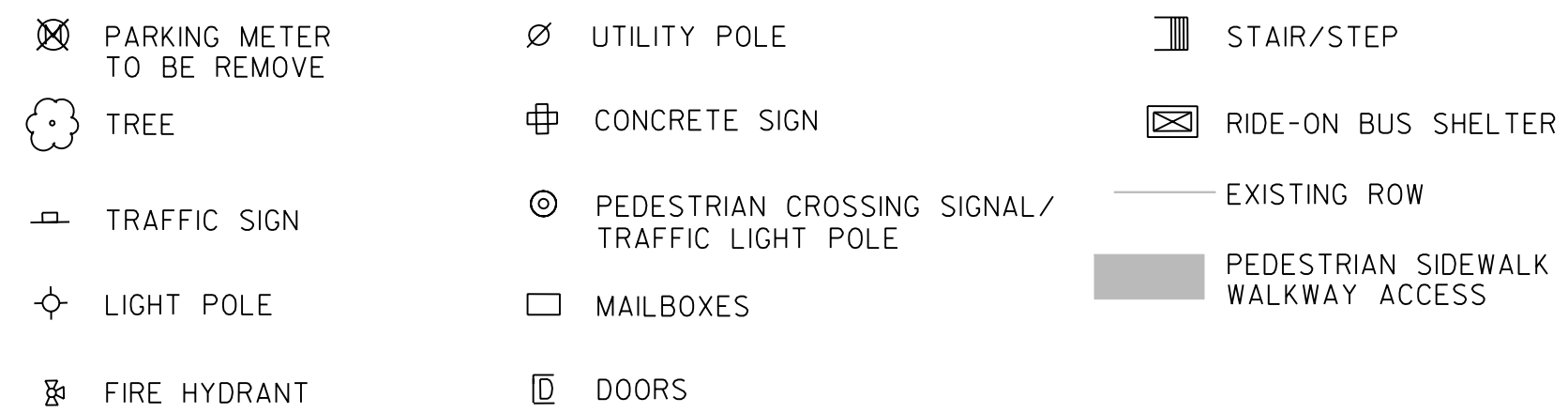
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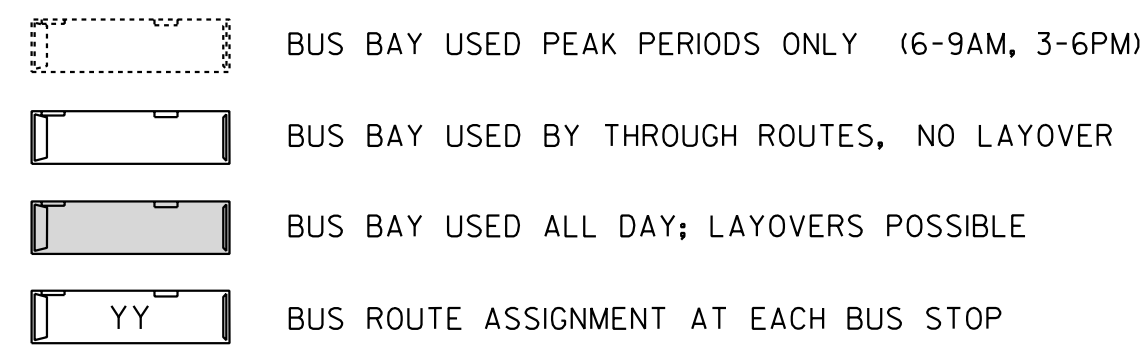


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BUS BAY ALLOCATION



CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE - PHASE 2

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ACCESSING MARC AND WMATA/METRO TRANSIT LINES SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

- CLOSE EXISTING GARAGE ENTRANCE ON BONIFANT AVE. AS SHOWN ON PLAN.
- ACTIVATE PROPOSED SIGNALS AND UNBAG PROPOSED SIGNS.
- SWITCH OPERATIONS TO THE INTERIM FACILITY.
- CLOSE SITE TO BUSES, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIANS OTHER THAN ACCESS AS SHOWN

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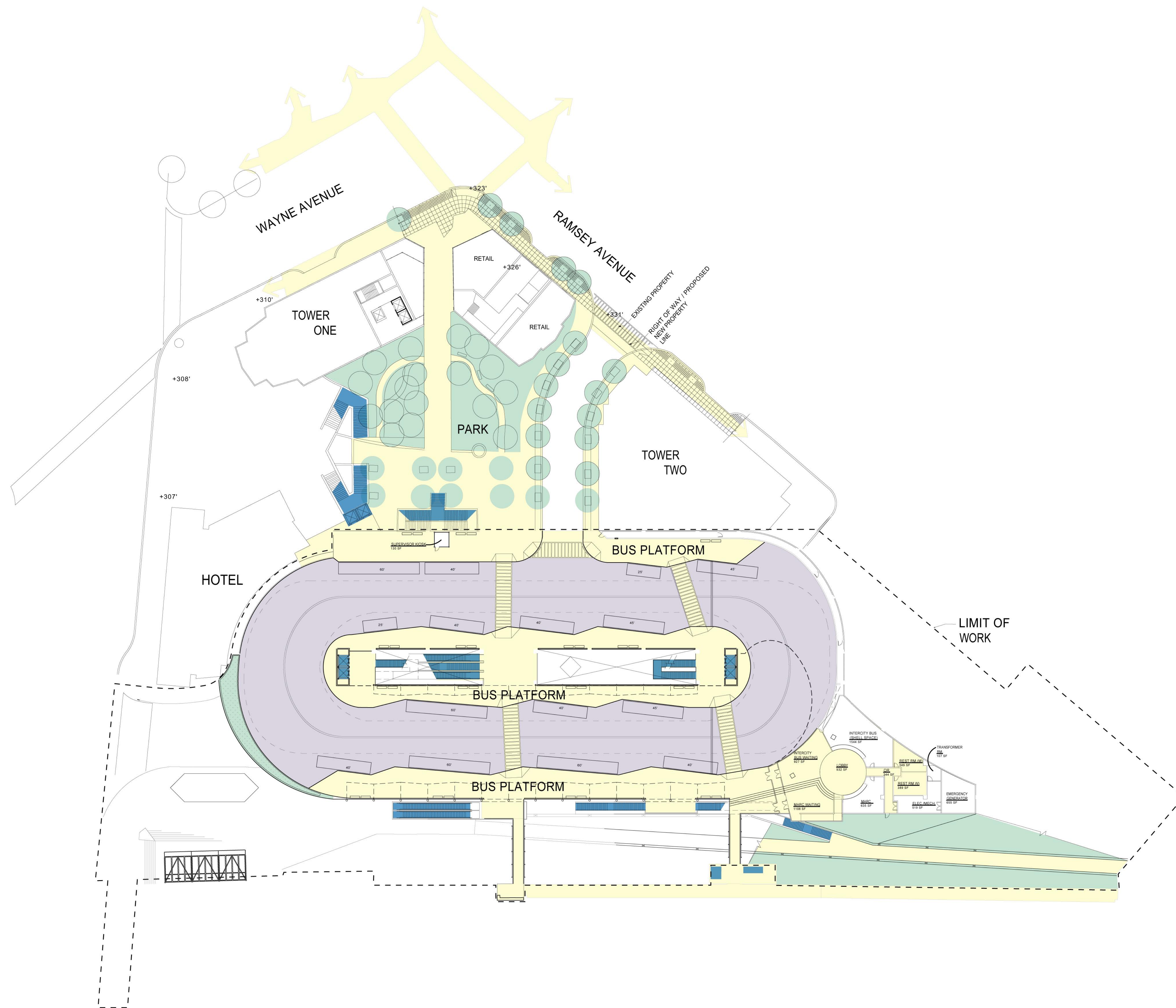
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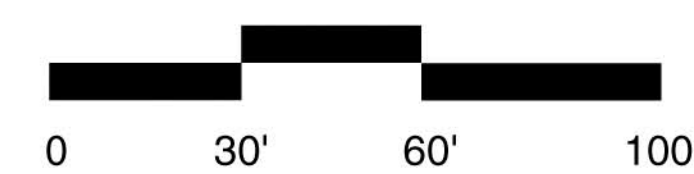
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1 CIRCULATION PLAN- LEVEL 330'-0"
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KEY : PUBLIC CIRCULATION

YELLOW SHADING = PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

BLUE SHADING = VERTICAL CIRCULATION;
STAIRS, ELEVATORS, AND ESCALATORS

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**FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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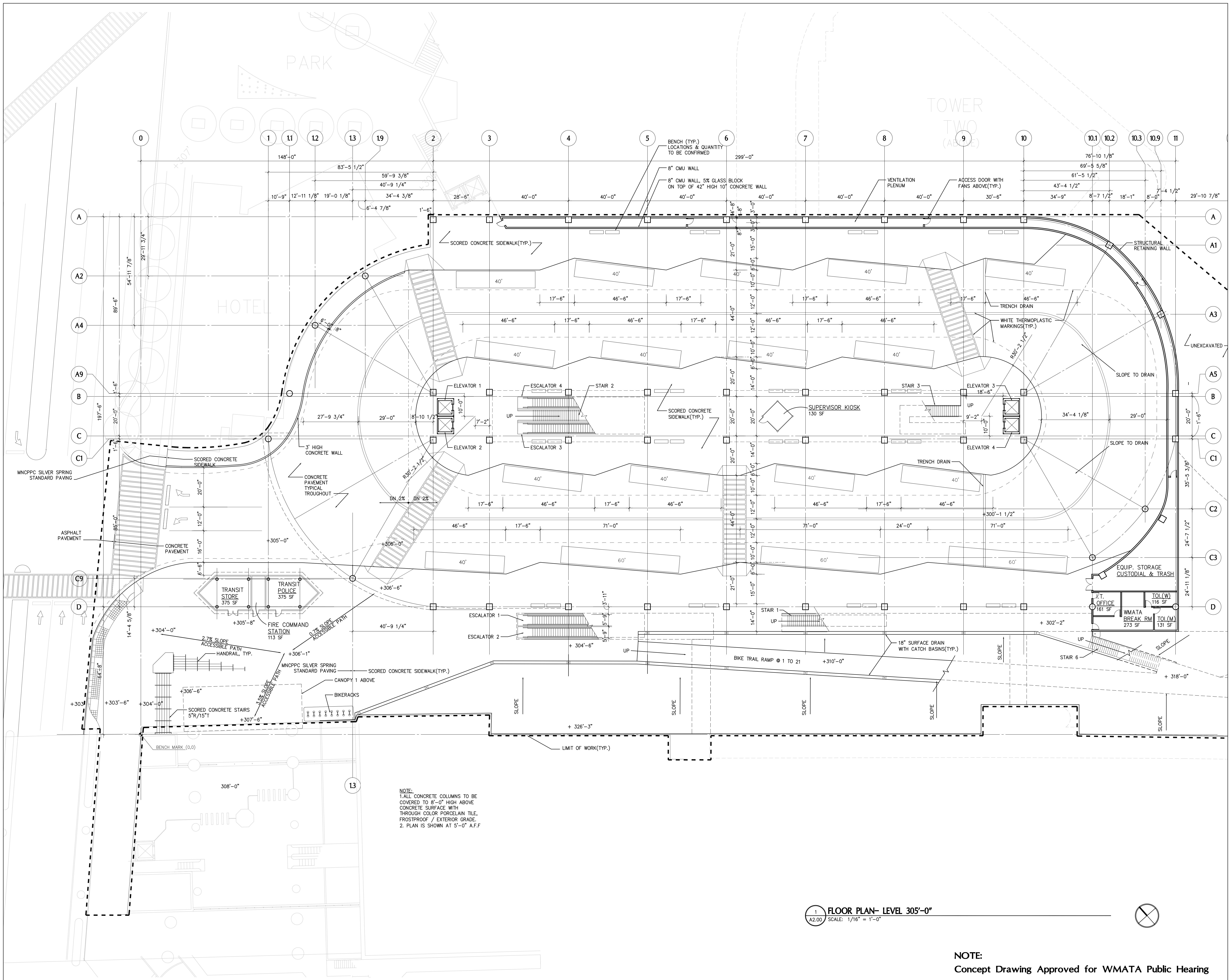
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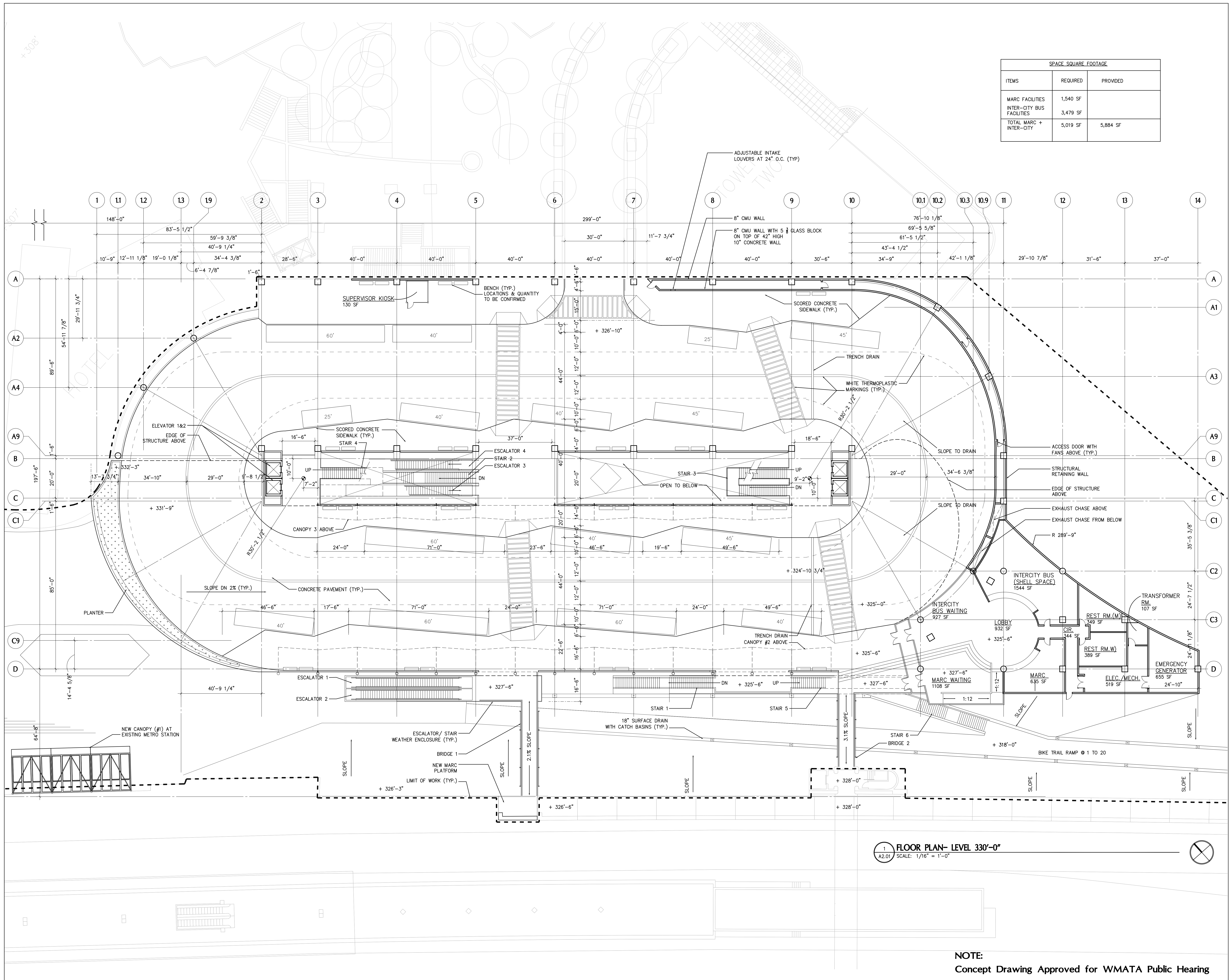
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SPACE SQUARE FOOTAGE		
ITEMS	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
MARC FACILITIES	1,540 SF	
INTER-CITY BUS FACILITIES	3,479 SF	
TOTAL MARC + INTER-CITY	5,019 SF	5,884 SF



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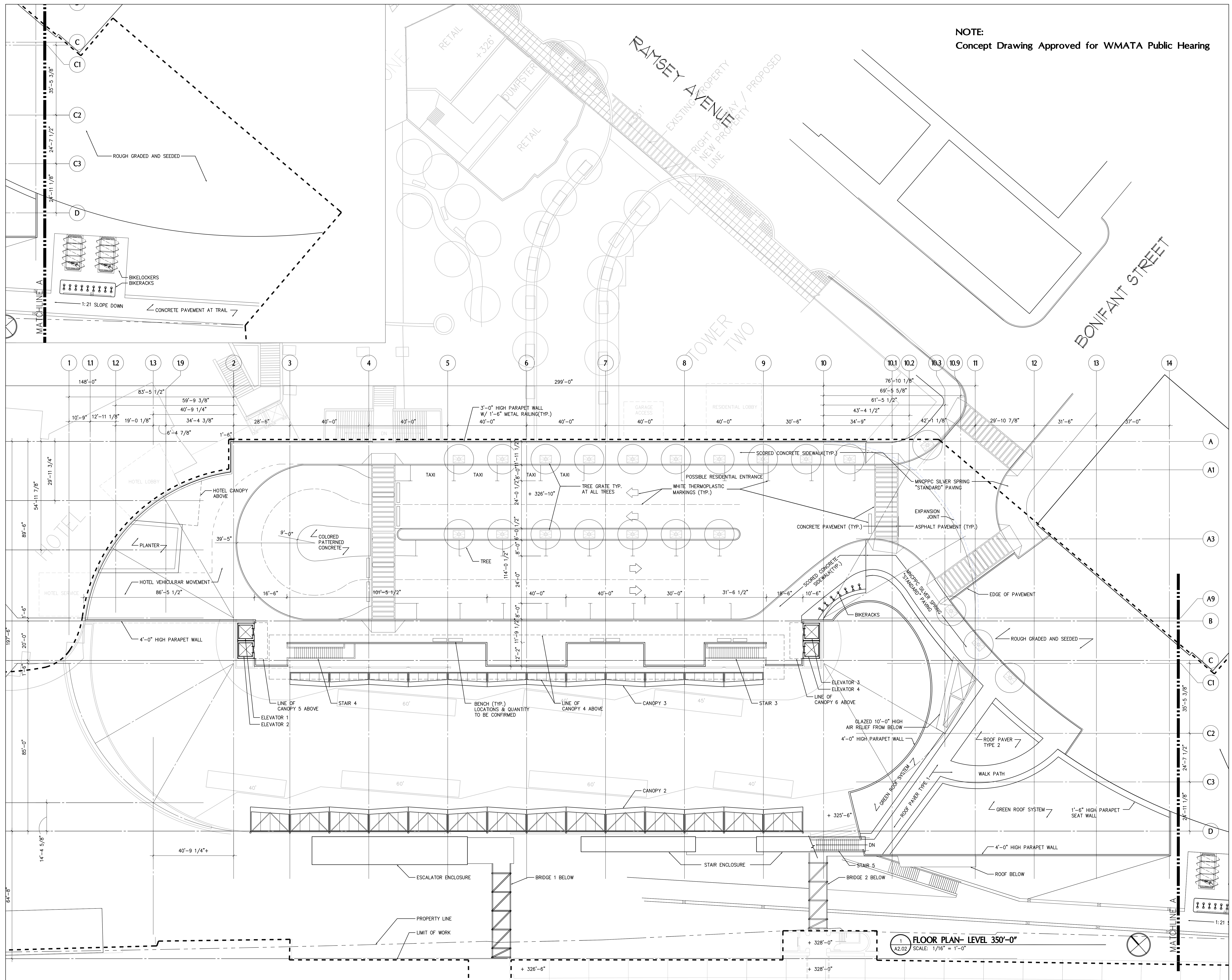
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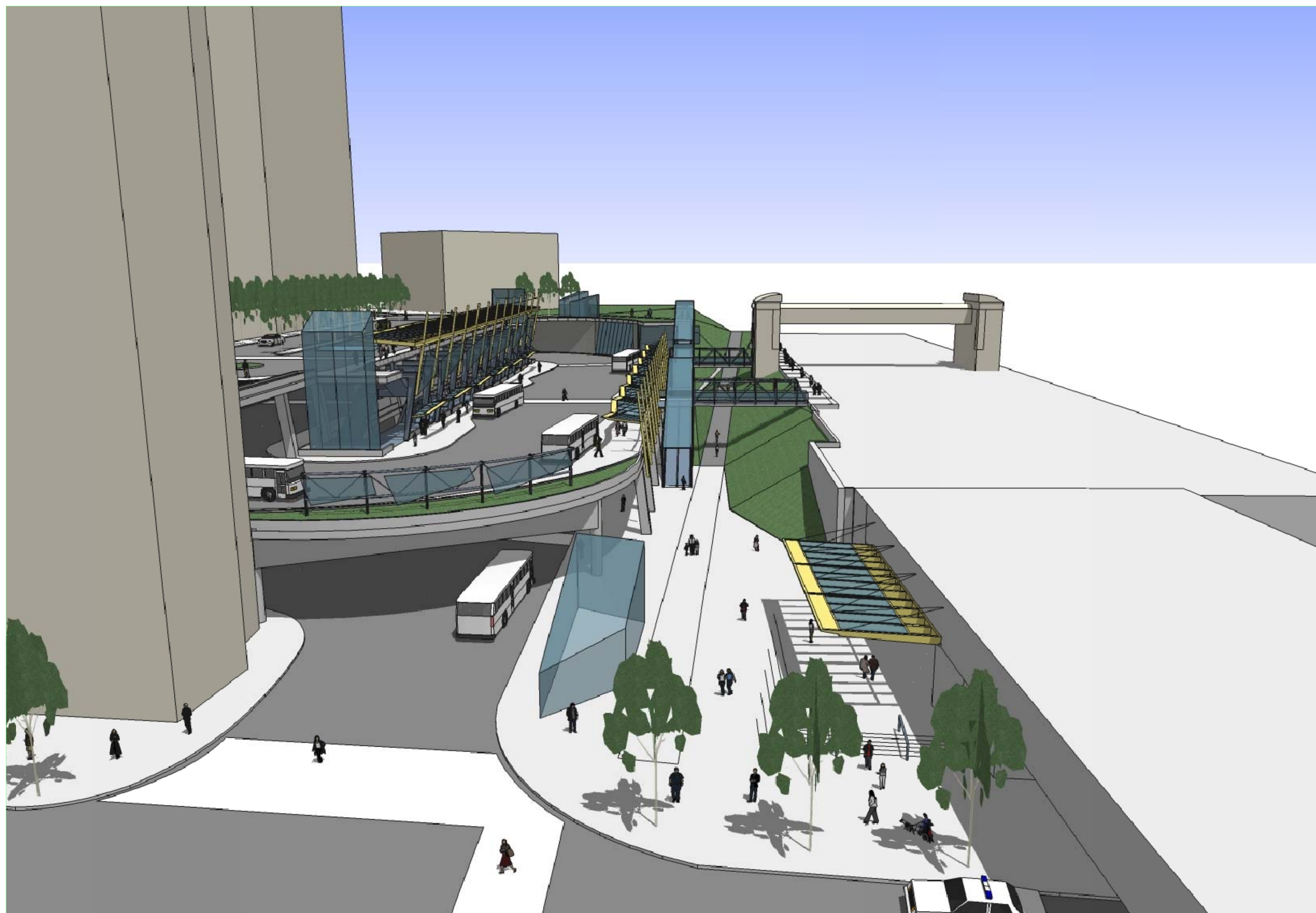
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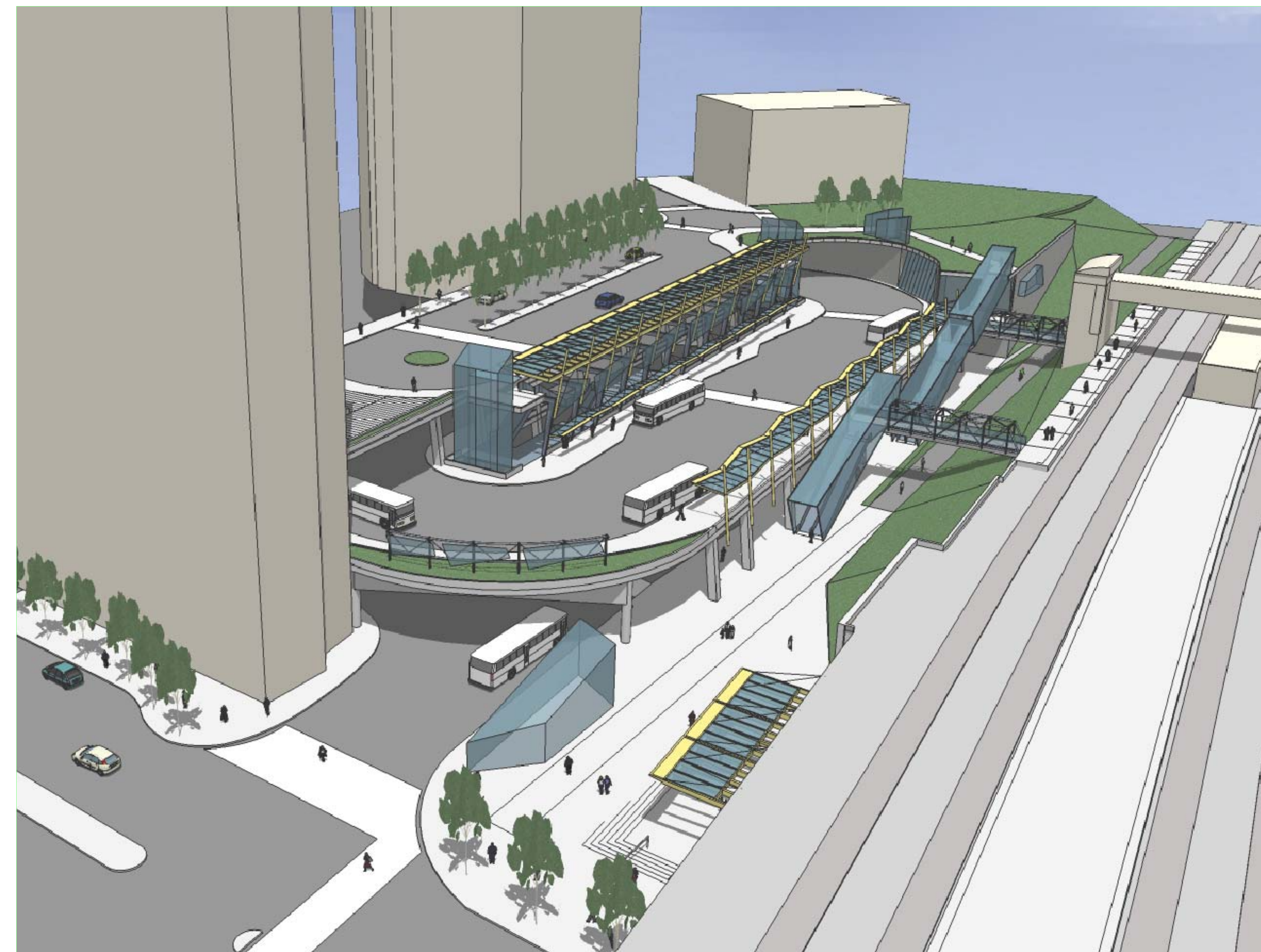
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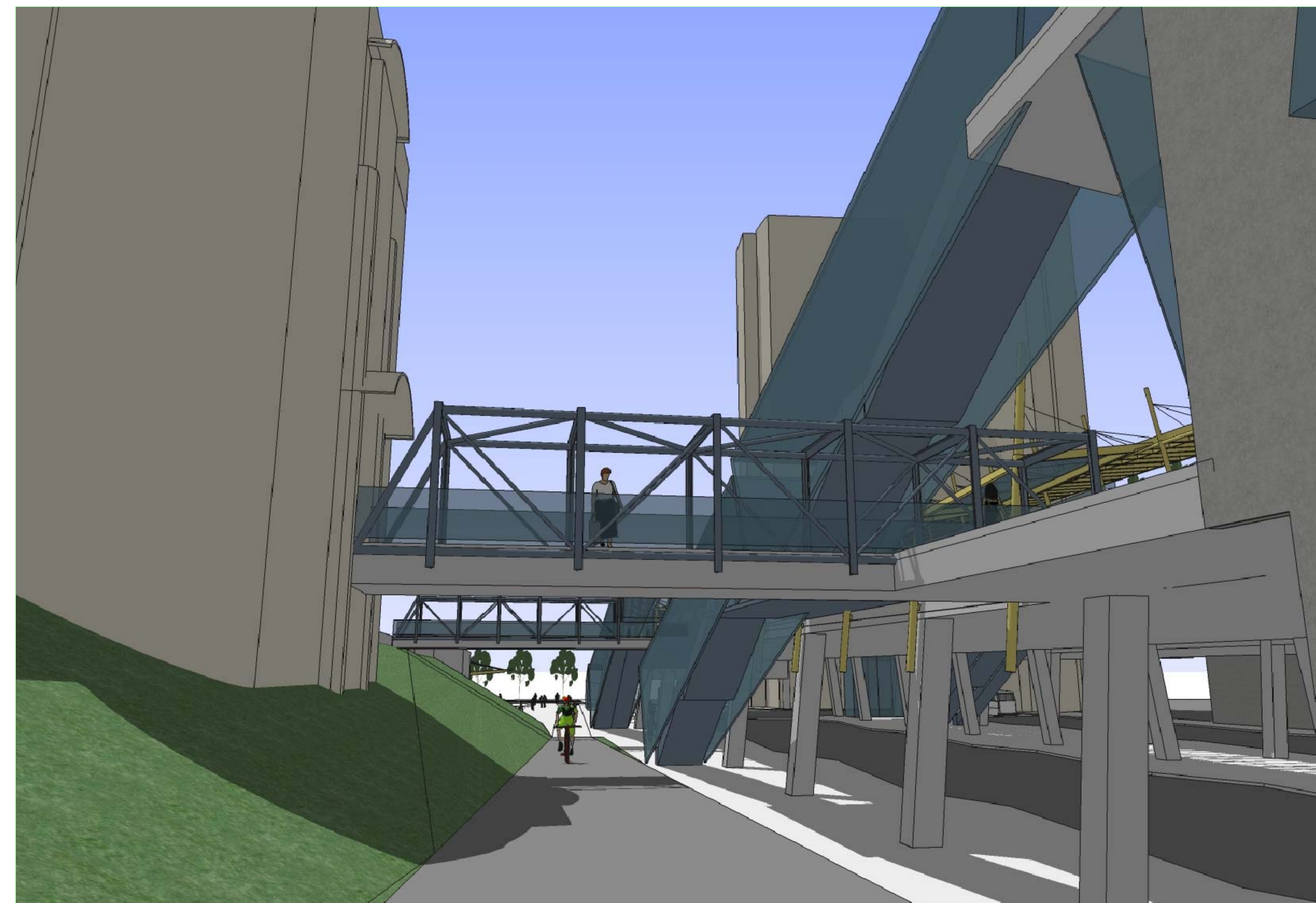
COLESVILLE ROAD IN FOREGROUND



AERIAL VIEW FORM THE WEST



AERIAL VIEW FROM THE SOUTH,
COLESVILLE ROAD IN THE DISTANCE



VIEW ALONG METROPOLITAN BRANCH TRAIL,
COLESVILLE ROAD IN THE DISTANCE

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