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STAFF REPORT: 7-10-2019 MEETING APPLICATION NUMBER: 19-6319

ADDRESS: 28 W. ADAMS

HISTORIC DISTRICT: BRUSH PARK APPLICANT: JEFF HEFFENBLOWER DATE OF STAFF VISIT: 7/6/2019

#### **PROPOSAL**

As per the Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board:

The building at 28 W. Adams, originally known as the Stroh Tower, is a twenty-story high-rise structure clad in buff brick with limited terra cotta trim. More extensive terra cotta trim was removed and replaced with buff brick when the building was remodeled in the 1950s. Its aluminum storefronts and plate glass windows date from the 1970s. The windows at floors 3 through 18 are double-hung 3-over-1 units. Floors 19 and 20 were added in the 1950s replacing a rooftop gazebo. These floors are clad in buff brick and aluminum panels in a simple utilitarian style. The windows are aluminum. The building faces south onto Adams. The first and second floors have a rectangular footprint measuring eighty feet four inches wide and one hundred feet deep. Floors 3 through 18 are L-shaped with a light well at the northwest quadrant. A penthouse at floors 19 and 20 is set back approximately two feet from the east, west, and south elevations and approximately twenty feet from the north elevation with a roof-top veranda at the 19th floor. The first and second floors have recently been renovated, and an awning from the 1970=s was removed. The windows on the second story are now seen as they were originally, grouped into four shallow bays with a center window flanked by two narrow windows. The center window contains a divided window. At the second story, on each of the five piers is a bronze vertical plaque containing a projecting lion's head. These are the remnants of the building=s architectural detail before the renovations removed the rest of it. The Elizabeth Street Annex, constructed in 1950, is ten stories in height and is comprised of six floors of office/service space above four floors of parking. It is said to be the first International Style building in Detroit. The annex has a rectangular footprint measuring 120 feet by ninety feet. It is clad in buff-colored brick with aluminum ribbon windows at the north and south elevations. The annex has a simple aluminum canopy at the entry to a small lobby at the northwest corner. The annex has no decorative trim. It is connected to the Stroh Tower the south across an alley by a bridge connecting floors from 2 through 10.

Please note that at their December 12, 2018 regular meeting, the Detroit Historic District Commission issued a Notice to Proceed for the demolition of 25 W. Elizabeth/the Elizabeth Street Annex Building, which (as noted above) was erected in 1950 and is attached to the rear/north elevation of 28 W. Adams. Specifically, please note that the Notice to Proceed allows for the complete demolition of 25 W. Elizabeth, to include the current bridge which is located at the building's rear/south elevation and extends over the alley to connect it to the rear/north elevation of 28 W. Adams. As the applicant notes, "currently the Grand Park Centre Building and the adjacent building to north -Annex Building at 25 Elizabeth -are connected by a 8 story tall bridge that connect levels 3 -10 of both buildings. This bridge and the Annex building are slated to be demolished in the future as part of a separate permit. Currently the second means of egress for the Grand Park Centre building runs through the bridge and down the Annex building stairwell." With the current proposal, the applicant is seeking to address the condition of the rear/north elevation of 28 W. Adams after the Elizabeth Street Annex Building and the connecting bridge are demolished. Specifically, the current application proposes the following

work items at the rear/north elevation of 28 W. Adams following the demo of the connector bridge:

- Repair and paint the existing fire escape (color not provided)
- Install the new steel fire escape between levels 3-10, connect to existing fire escape at level 11 and level 2. The submitted drawings indicate that the new stair will match the existing in type/appearance (color new stairs not provided)
- Cut in and install new fire rated egress doors at levels 3 -10 at the exterior wall of the Grand Park Centre building at new fire escape landing location. The new doors will be hollow metal (painted) with metal frames (color not provided)
- Patch portion of exterior wall area between levels 3-10 with salvaged brick and stucco (finish color of stucco not provided)
- Install new light fixtures (details not provided)

#### STAFF OBSERVATIONS

As noted above, it will be necessary to "patch" the exterior wall at the rear elevation of 28 W. Adams and extend the existing rear elevation fire escape once the 25 W. Elizabeth/Annex Building's connector bridge is demolished. Please note that the new building that will be erected to replace 25 W. Elizabeth will rise 20 stories and will serve to conceal 28 W. Adams's rear/north elevation. Therefore, the work proposed in the current scope will not be visible from the public-right-of-way.

#### **ELEMENTS OF DESIGN**

- (7) <u>Relationship of materials</u>. Building materials common to exterior surfaces in the district are limestone, brick, granite and terra-cotta. Window frames are of wood, cast iron, and/or steel. Modernizations tend to be in granite, glass and steel. The church and church house exhibit slate roofs, copper flashing, dormer roofs, and trim. Monuments and fountains feature bronze statues and plaques and marble platforms or pedestals, sometimes with a granite base.
- (8) <u>Relationship of textures</u>. The low relief pattern of mortar joints in brick, terra cotta or limestone juxtaposed with smooth masonry trim, where it exists, provides textural interest. Glazed brick, glazed terra cotta, polished granite and large glass surfaces are smooth in texture. Carved or molded repetitive ornamental detail in terra cotta or masonry contrasts with the surface material, providing a high degree of textural interest. Subdivided windows, parapets and cornices with repetitive detail, where they still exist, are often areas of textural interest. The church and church house have rock-faced ashlar surfaces that result in a rough, rustic appearance. Their slate roofs create a pattern complimentary to the facades. In general, the district is rich in textural relationships.
- (9) <u>Relationship of colors</u>. The majority of buildings in the Grand Circus Park Local Historic District are in a light color range. Within this range, many are clad in white or light beige terra cotta, while some are in light gray or beige limestone and others are in buff brick. Red brick also exists. Window frames tend to be painted in dark tones, such as black, brown or deep green, with a few in light

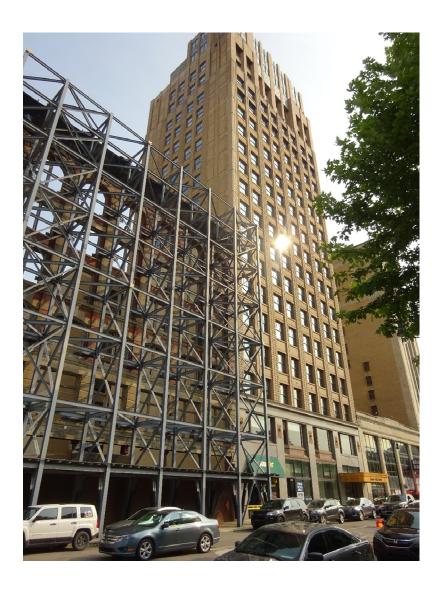
tones, such as light gray. The church and church house have green copper flashing and natural wood doors. Colorful stained glass windows provides artistic interest to the church. Monuments and fountains feature verdigris or bronze-color statues and plaques and white marble platforms or pedestals. The original colors of any building, as determined by professional analysis, are always acceptable, and may provide guidance for similar buildings.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is staff's opinion that the proposed work is consistent with the building's historic character. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the work as proposed because it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard number 2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided and 9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. However, staff does recommend that the Commission issue the COA for the work with the following conditions:

- All new brick shall match the existing/historic in dimension, motor color, finish color, and texture
- The new stucco shall be painted/finished a color that matches/blends in with the adjacent historic brick
- Staff shall be afforded the opportunity to review and approve the final specs for the proposed exterior light fixtures, the final finish color of the fire escape, and the final finish color of the new exterior doors
- Staff shall be afforded the opportunity to review and approve any minor modifications to the project scope. If staff determines that any such scope revision does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, the work item(s) shall be forwarded to the Commission for review at a future meeting.
- Staff shall be afforded the opportunity to review and approve the final project CDs prior to the issuance of the permit









#### **Grand Park Centre - Fire Escape Modifications**

#### BLD2019-02777

28 W. Adams, Detroit

#### Historic District Commission - Project Review Reguest

#### **Project Review Request Checklist**

#### **Photographs**

See attached pictures of all sides of the building

#### **Detailed Photographs**

See attached detailed pictures of the work area and existing materials

#### **Description of existing conditions**

Brick building, steel fire escape

#### **Description of Project**

• Currently the Grand Park Centre Building and the adjacent building to north – Annex Building at 25 Elizabeth – are connected by a 8 story tall bridge that connect levels 3 – 10 of both buildings. This bridge and the Annex building are slated to be demolished in the future as part of a separate permit. Currently the second means of egress for the Grand Park Centre building runs through the bridge and down the Annex building stairwell. The purpose of this permit is to extend the fire escape from level 11 to level 2 where it will connect to the existing level 2 fire escape landing and discharge. The existing fire escape will be repaired as required and repainted. The exterior wall will be patched where the existing bridge tied into the building.

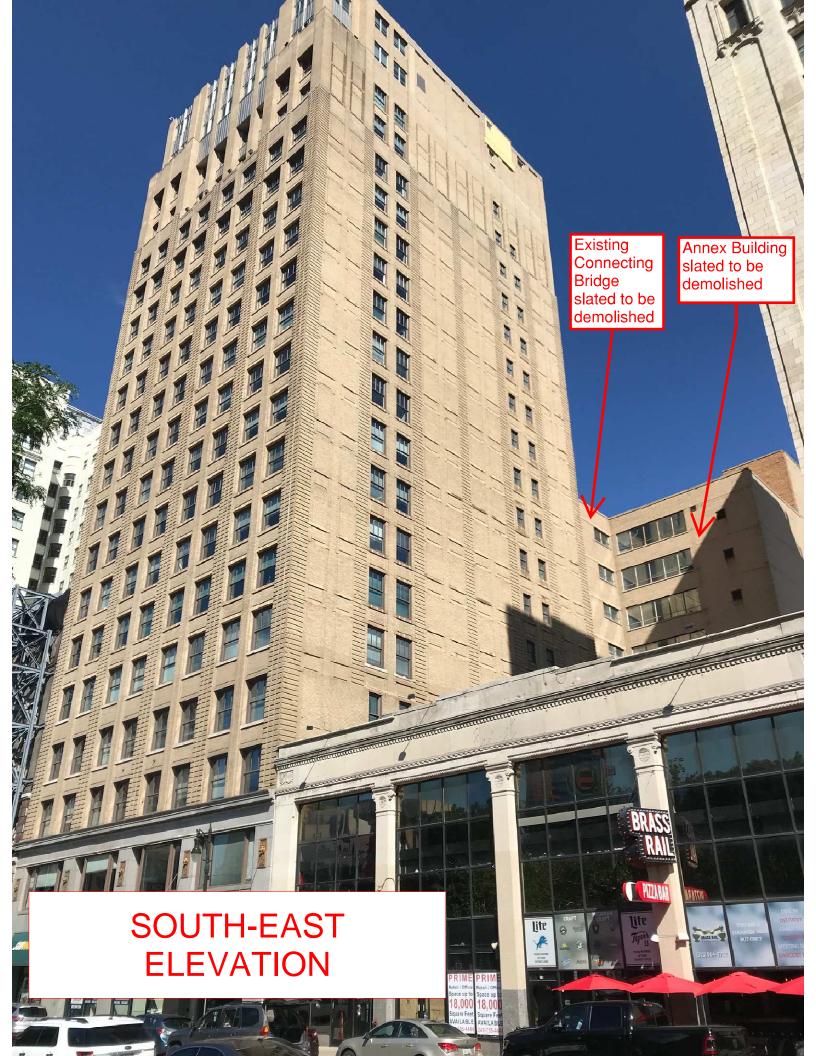
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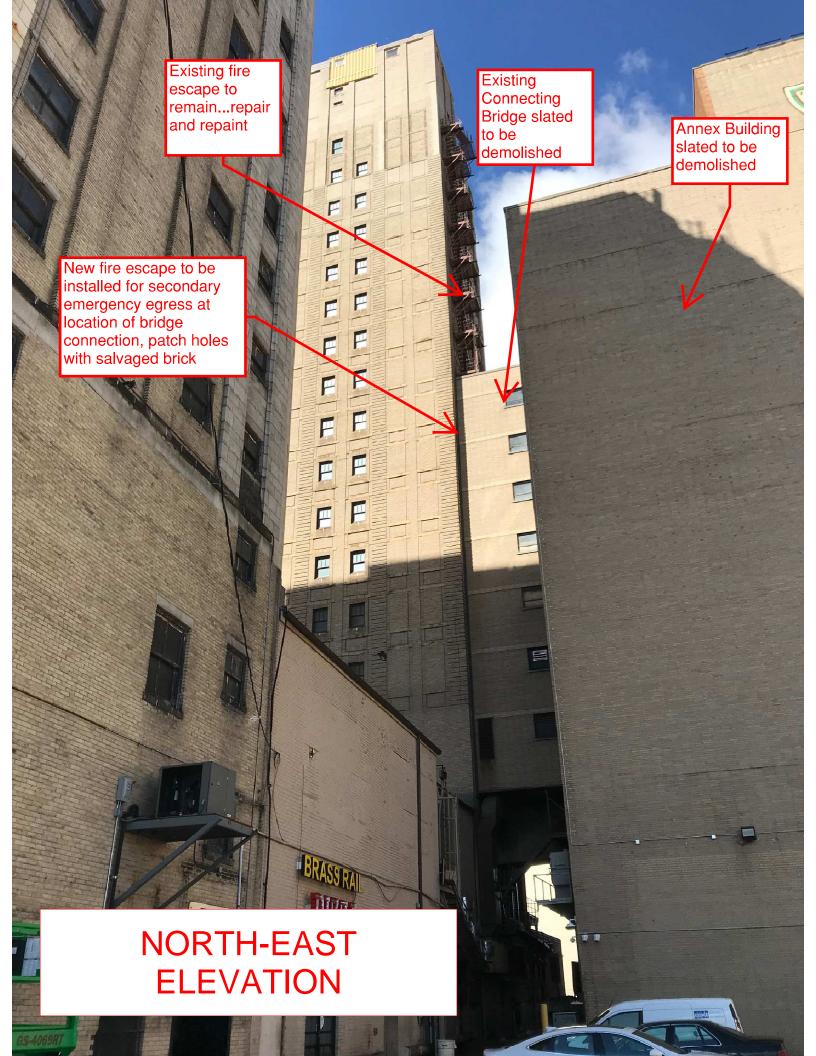
- Cut in and install new fire rated egress doors at levels 3 10 at the exterior wall of the Grand Park Centre building at new fire escape landing location.
- Demo the bridge (separate permit and contract)
- Install the new steel fire escape between levels 3-10, connect to existing fire escape at level 11 and level 2.
- Patch exterior wall with salvaged brick materials to match existing.
- Repair and paint existing fire escape

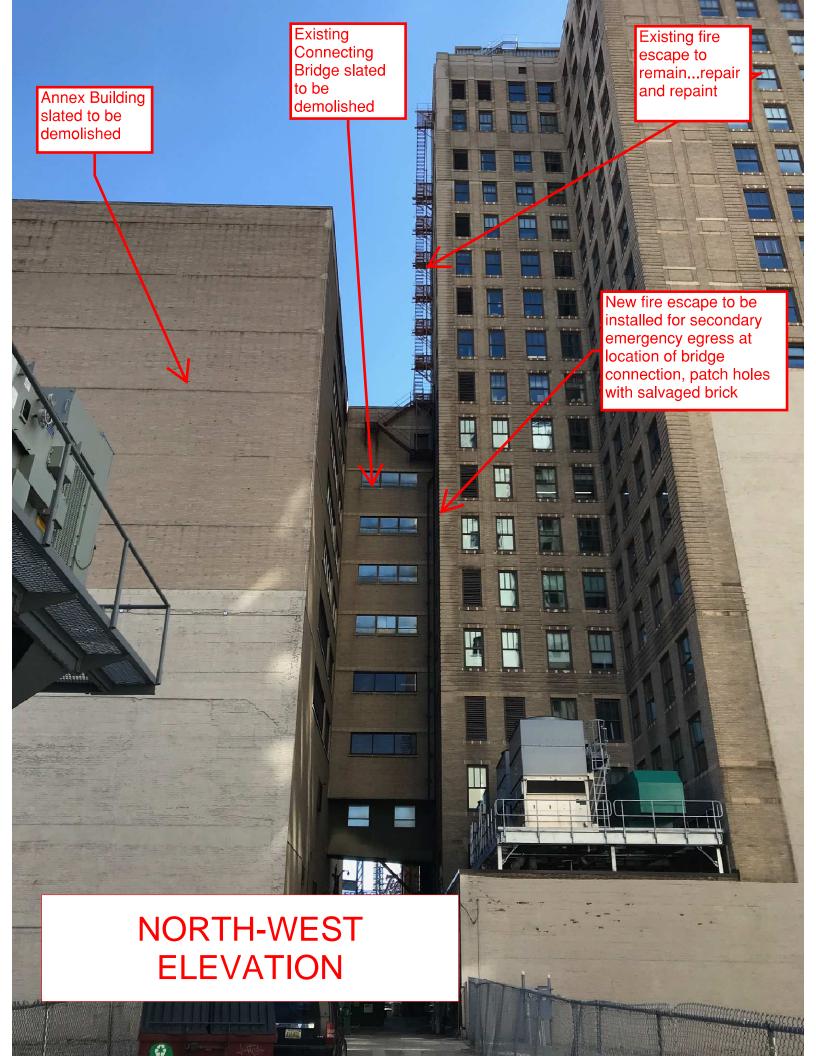
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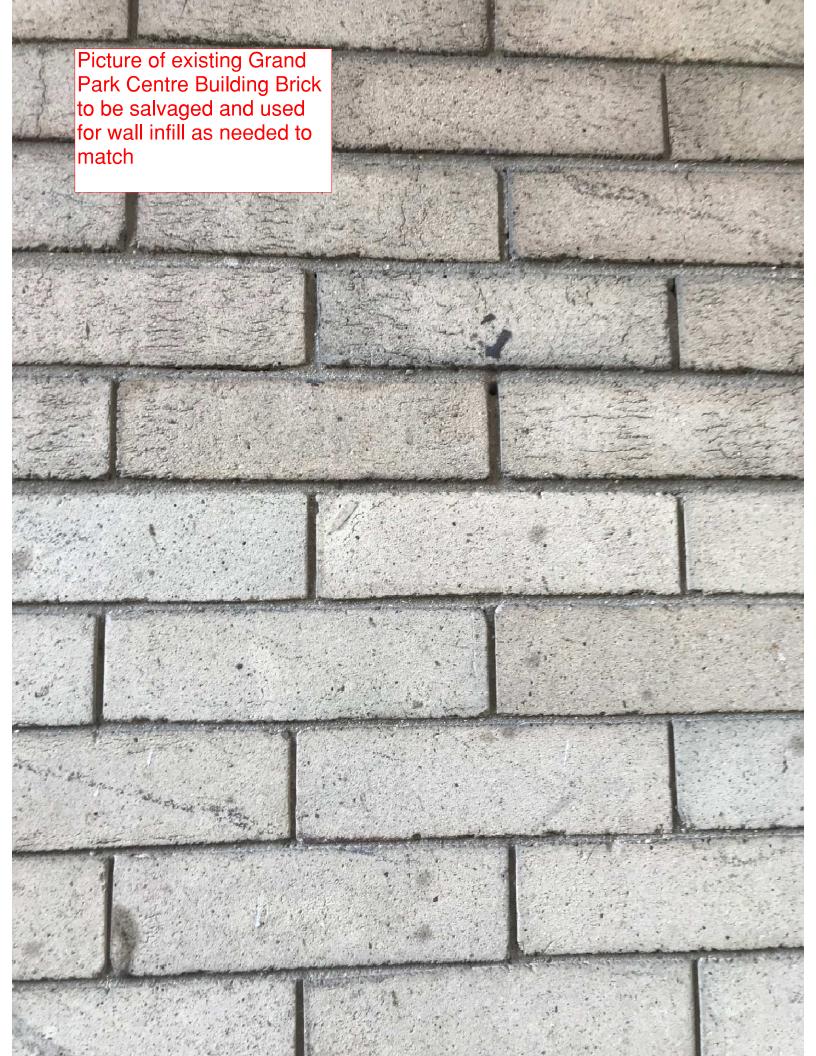
- New fire escape shall meet current egress code requirements, and all fire escape will be repainted to match
- Brick materials will be salvaged from demo to match existing for wall patches.
- The new fire escape is located in an alley and hidden from public view. The new fire escape is just an extension of the existing that is currently in place from levels 11-20.

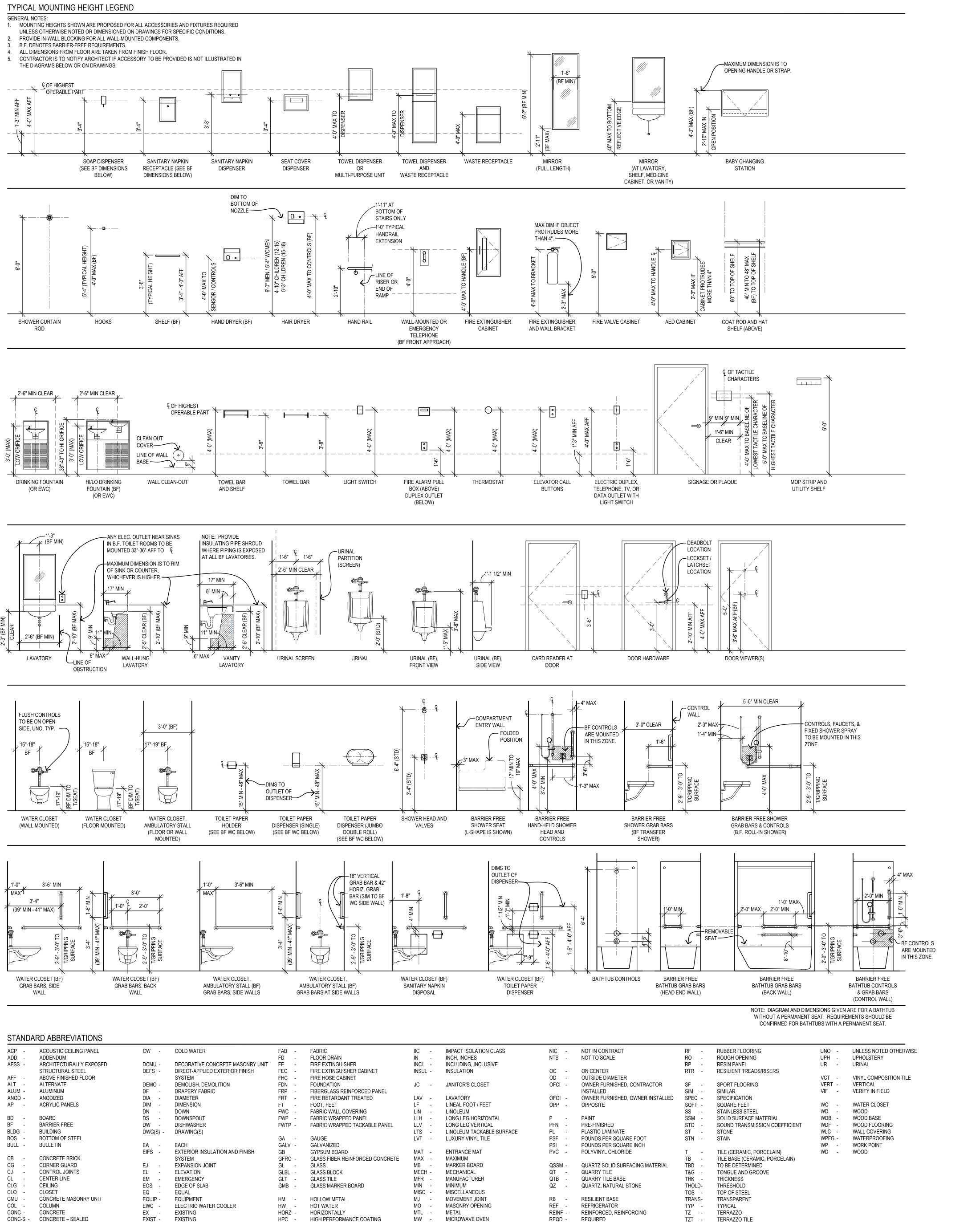












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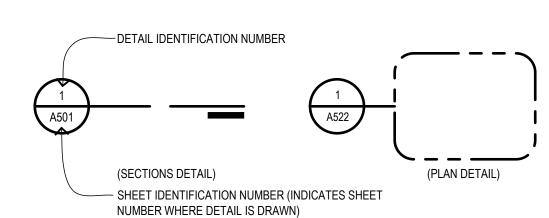
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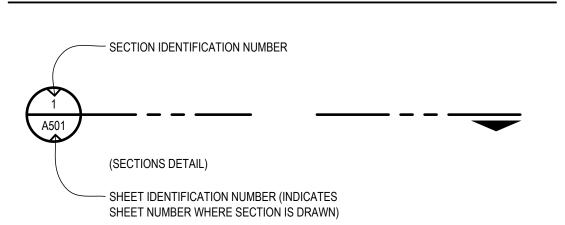
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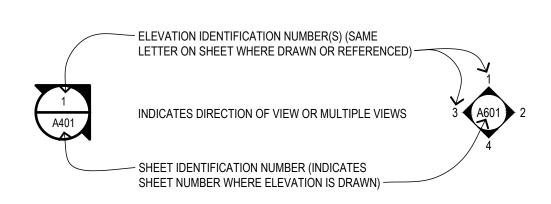
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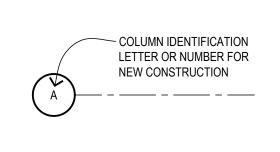
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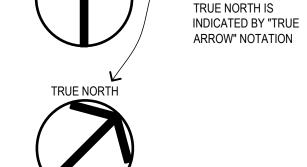


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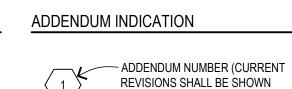
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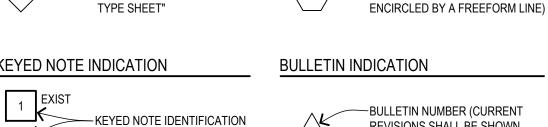
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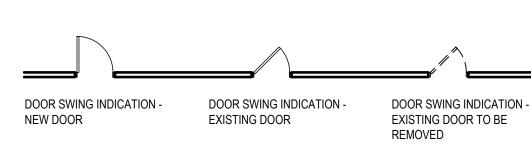


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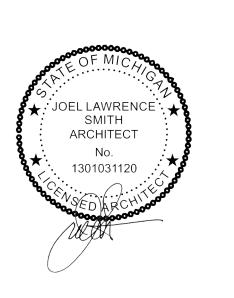
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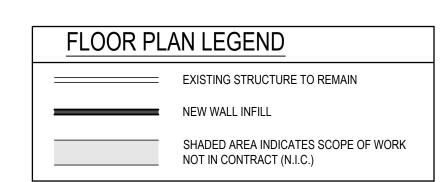
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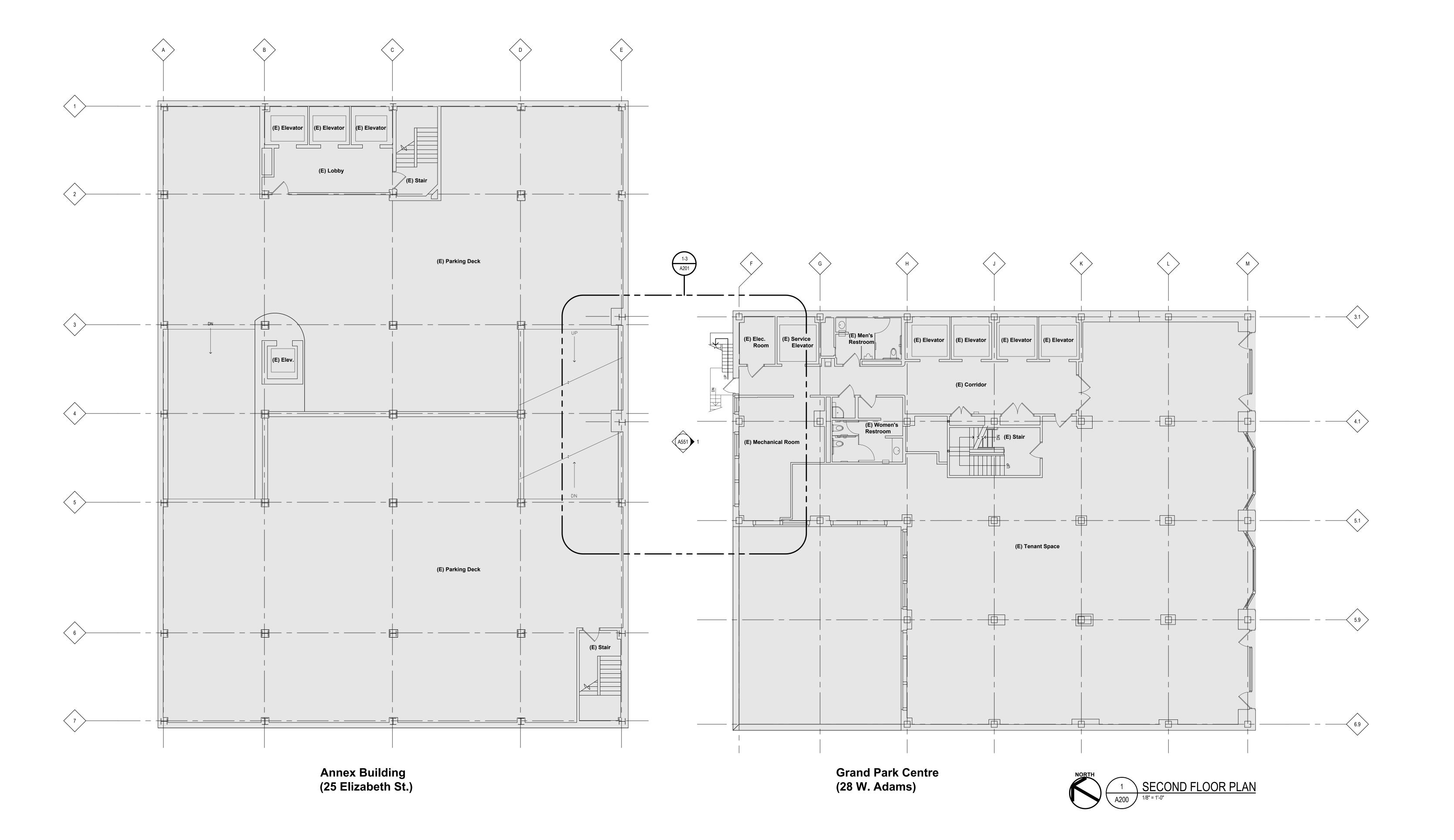
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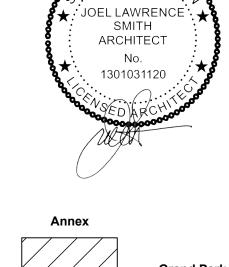
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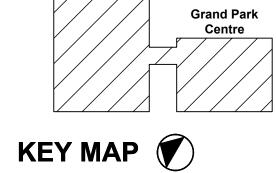


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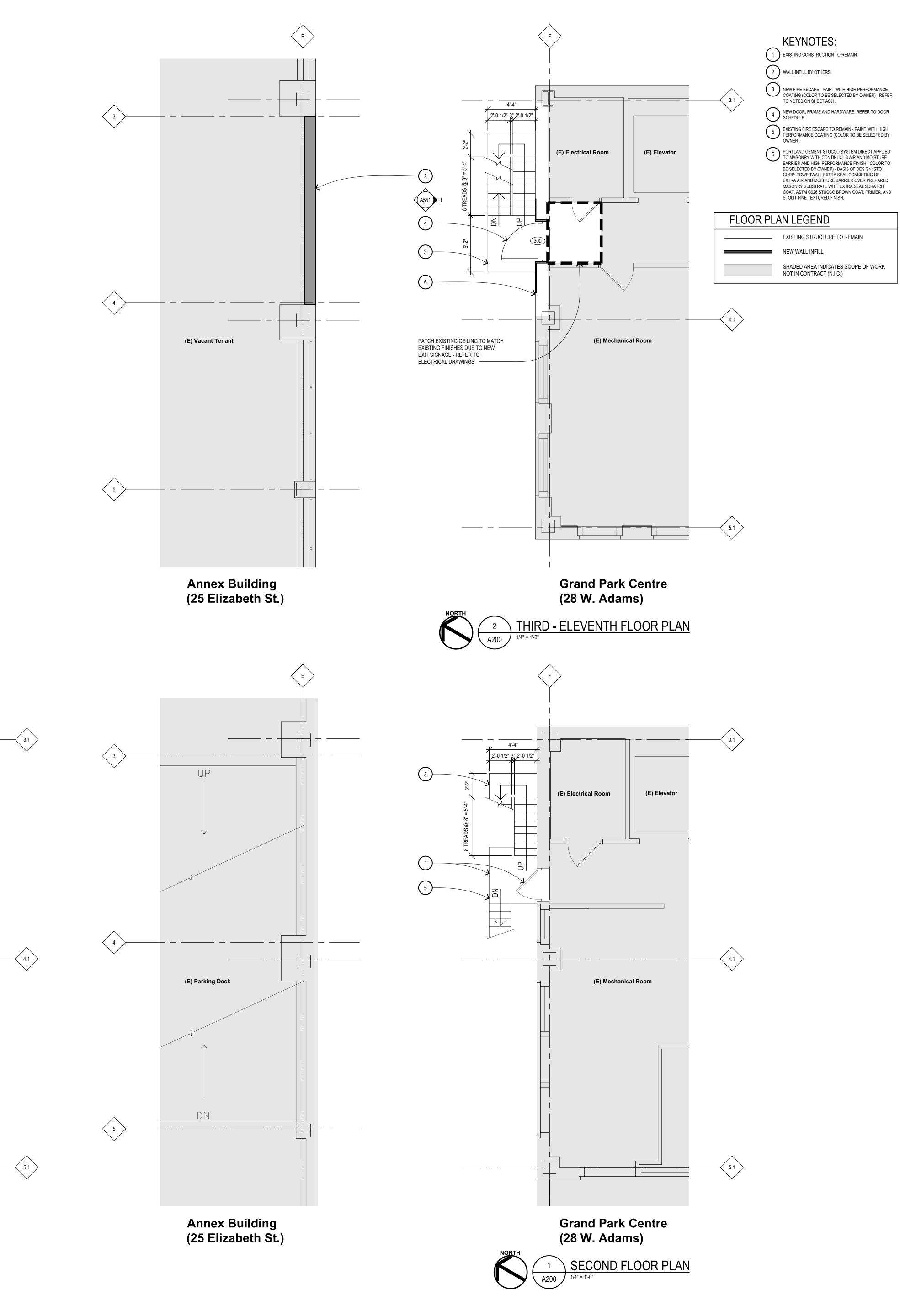
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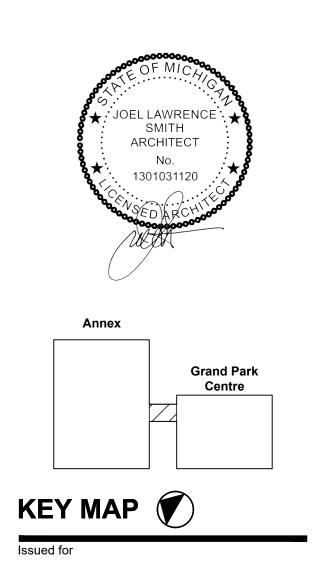


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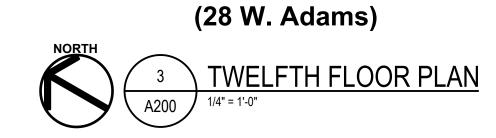
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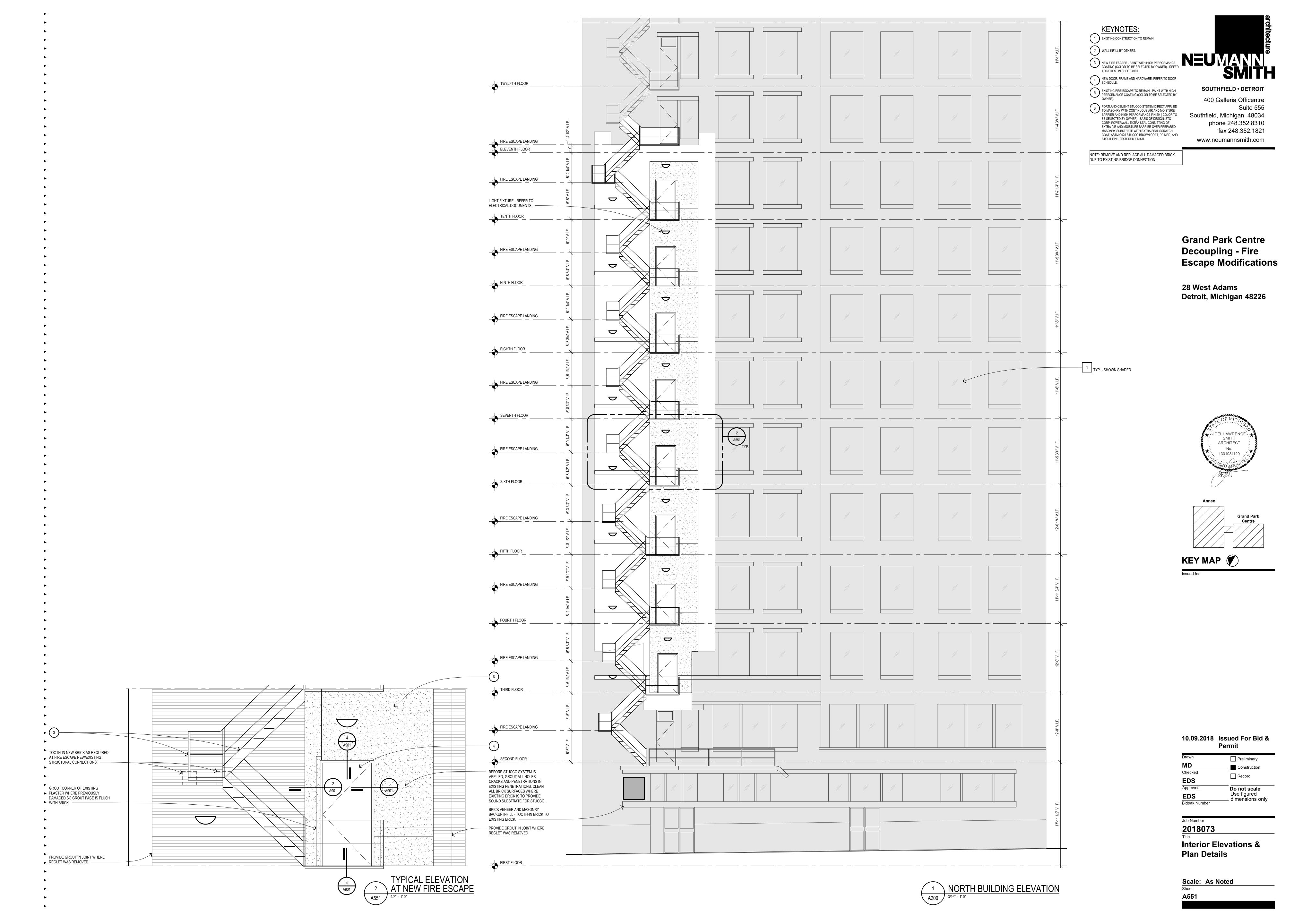
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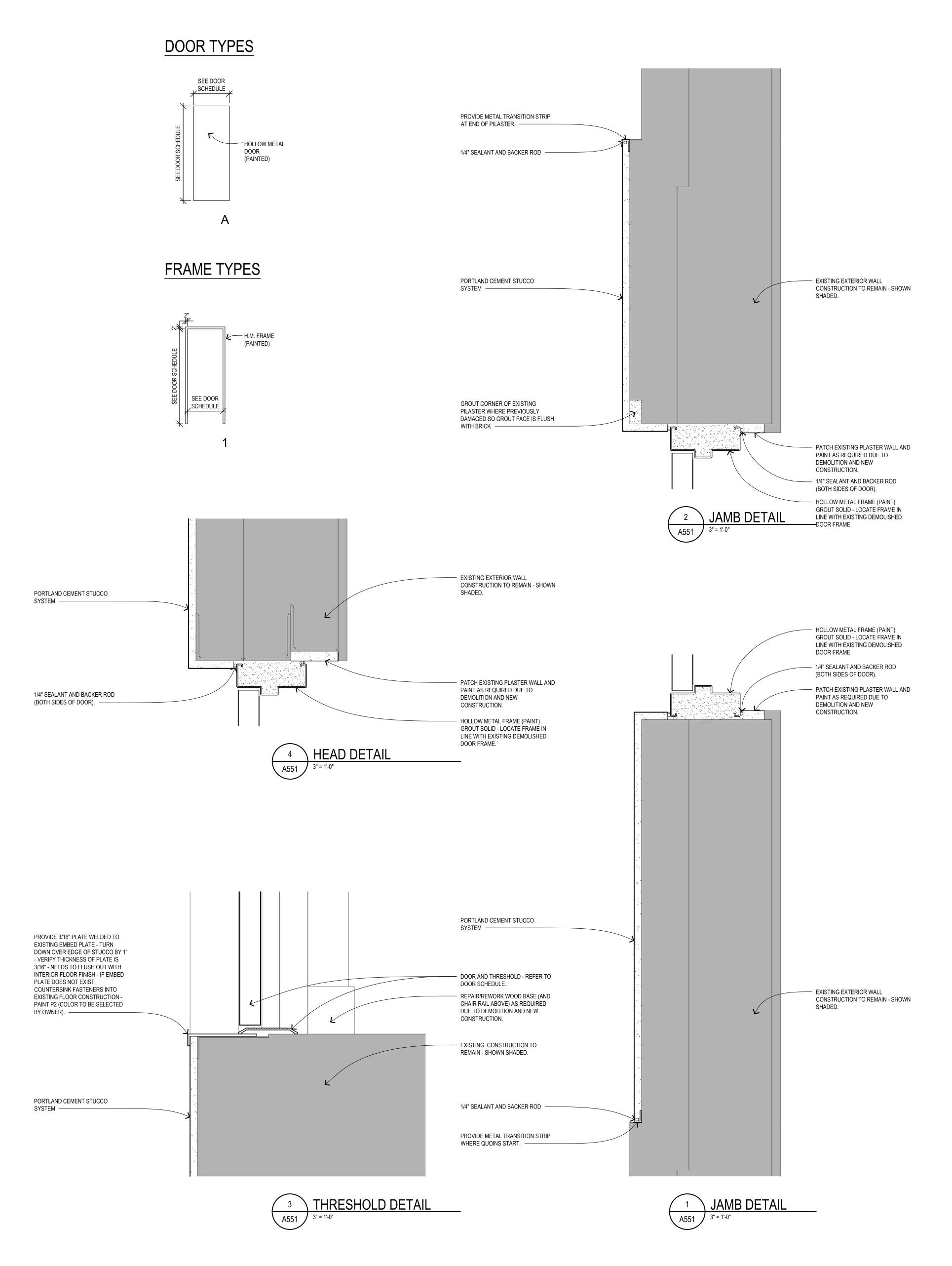
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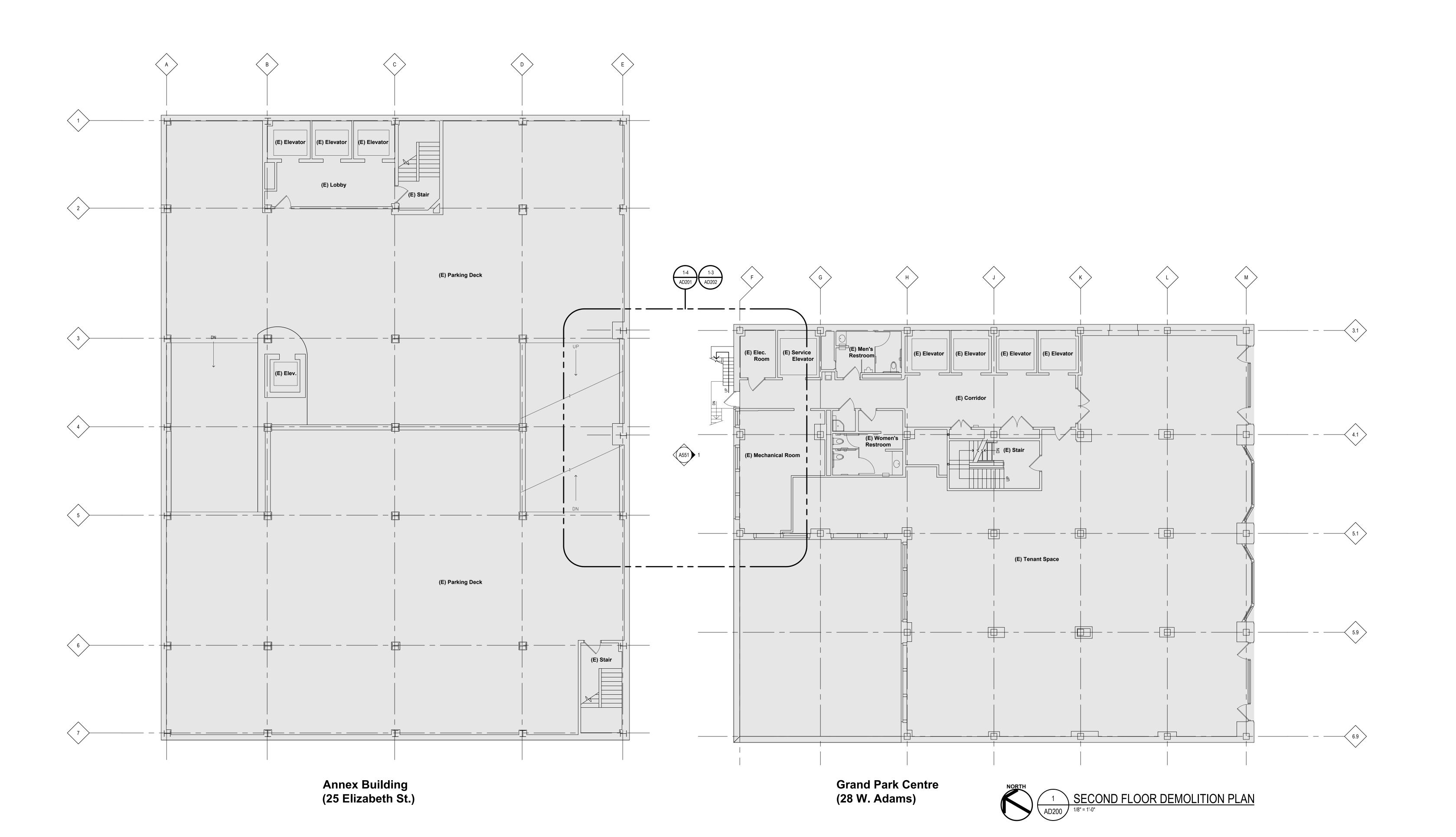
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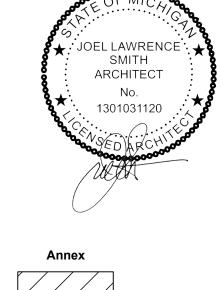
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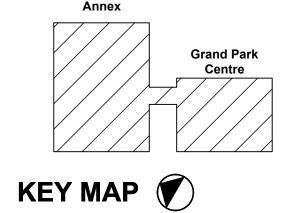
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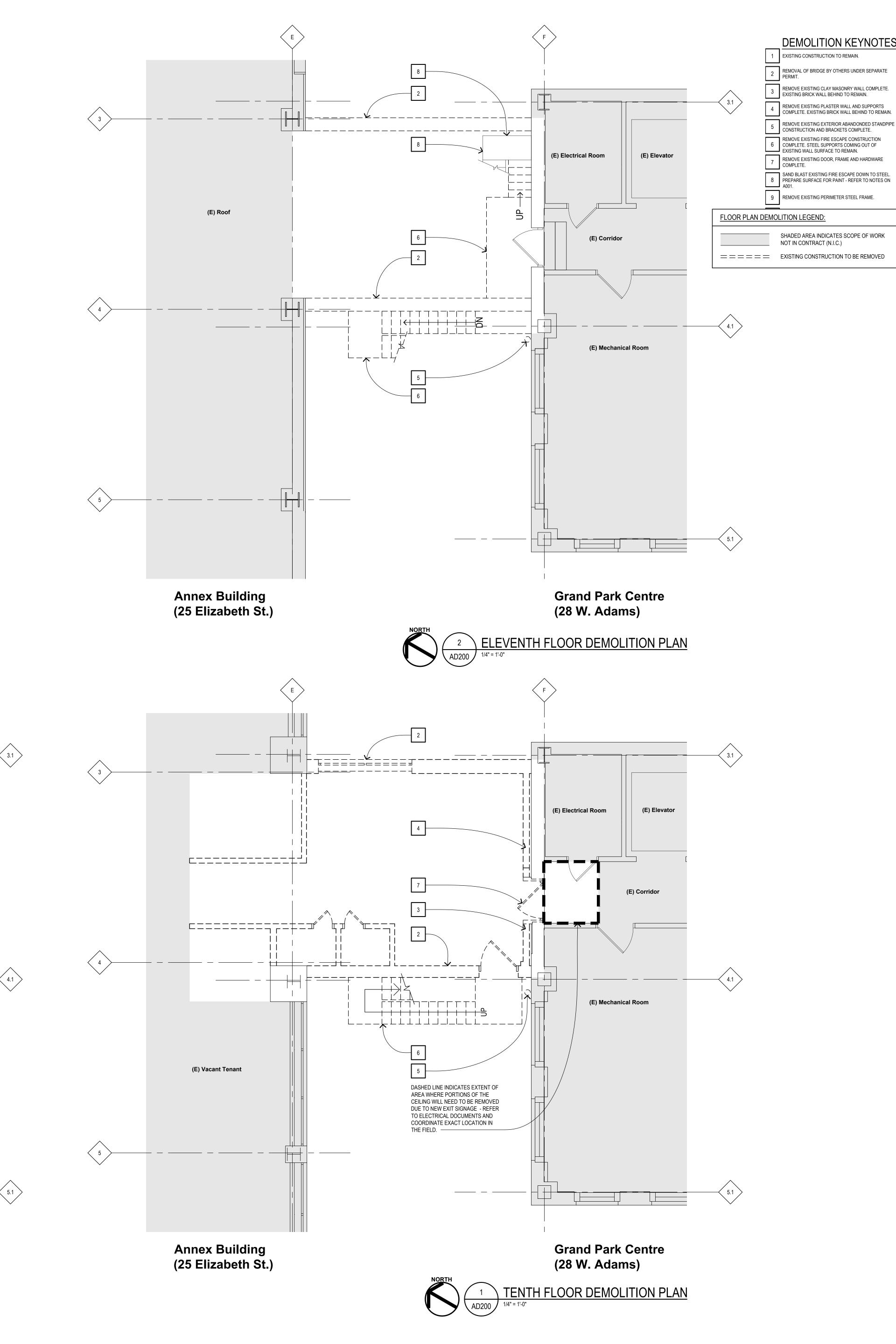
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Overall Basement Floor Demolition Plan

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TWELFTH FLOOR DEMOLITION PLAN

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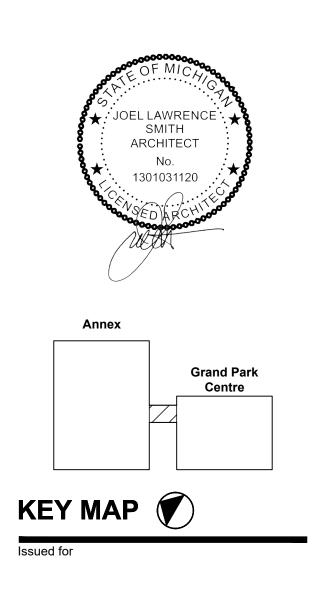
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Enlarged Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth Floor Demolition Plans

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