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Re: Transportation Access Plan Boynton Yards – Building 3 (99 South) Somerville, Massachusetts

The following information is being provided to document the Transportation Access Plan (TAP) for Building 3 (99 South) of the overall Boynton Yards development (the "Project") to be located in Somerville, Massachusetts (the "Development Site"). This document and accompanying information depict the proposed Development Site access for vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. Information regarding truck deliveries and service vehicles (trash, recycling, etc.) also is provided for review.

The overall Project will be constructed across six buildings (one existing building to remain and five new buildings) to be generally located north of and adjacent to South Street, to the west of Harding Street, and extending to the parcel just east of Windsor Street in Somerville, Massachusetts (the "Site"). Directly north of the Project Site are the MBTA train tracks for the Green Line Extension ("GLX") project. Windsor Place Extension, which is an existing privately-owned street, travels in an east-west direction through the Site. The Proponent intends to transfer the ownership of the Windsor Place Extension to the City. For the purposes of the TAP, this new roadway is referred to as "Thoroughfare 1". In the future, the proposed buildings will host a mixture of office, research and development (R&D) and lab enabled uses (office/R&D/lab), ground floor retail/restaurant uses, residential, new civic space, and associated parking facilities and infrastructure improvements.

The Proponent's full build out of its overall amended Boynton Yards Master Plan development will provide a pedestrian- and transit-oriented, mixed-use development consisting of approximately 440 residential units, 1,363,000 SF of commercial space (to be evenly split between lab/research & development and office space), 49,000 SF of retail/restaurant space, and 1,117 primarily structured below-grade parking spaces (the "Project," also known as Boynton Yards). 101 South Street (referred to as "Building 1"), associated with Phase 1 of the Boynton Yards Project has been occupied since Q1 2022 while 808 Windsor Street (referred to as "Building 2") and the Civic Space 1, between 101 South Street and 808 Windsor Street, associated with Phase 2 of the Boynton Yards Project are under construction.

Building 3 (99 South Street), the subject of this TAP, will be located at the southeast corner of the development, between Earle Street and Harding Street on a lot currently hosting surface-level parking for the Gentle Giant company and construction vehicle parking. Building 3 will be a 12-story building to include approximately 356,000 SF of commercial space. There will be four levels of below-grade parking with up to 280 structured spaces beneath Building 3, with access from Earle Street. The commercial space will be a mix of lab/research & development and office.

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## **Site Access**

Building 3 will on a lot which is currently occupied by surface-level parking for the Gentle Giant company and construction vehicle parking. Access to the parking area is currently provided by two curb cuts along Earle Street and South Street, respectively.

With the redevelopment of the Development Site, Building 3 will feature a single driveway to a four-level below grade parking garage with up to 280 structured spaces beneath the building. The driveway for access to the below-grade Building 3 garage will be located on the east side of Earle Street just north of South Street.

## **On-Street Parking**

The Proponent plans to make changes to the current parking configuration on the roadways adjacent to the Development Site. Currently, there is approximately 500 feet of unstriped parking allowed along the southerly side of South Street between Windsor Street and Earle Street with that area capable of accommodating approximately 20 to 21 parked cars. The parking along South Street currently has a two-hour time limit (except for permit parking) between 8:00 AM and 2:30 AM with parking restricted to permit parking only from 2:30 AM to 8:00 AM. Harding Street has approximately eight unstriped parking spaces along the westerly side of the street. In addition, six spaces were constructed along the proposed Thoroughfare 1 as part of 101 South.

While on-street parking is currently free, the final regulation of any on-street parking will be determined by the City of Somerville.

The Project will provide approximately 29 short-term, on-street parallel public parking spaces to support the ground level retail space along Thoroughfare 1 and the west side of Harding Street. It should be noted that there will be no on-street parking provided along Earle Street or South Street. Approximately 23 spaces are to be constructed along Thoroughfare 1 and Harding Street north of Ward Street, including three accessible spaces. Six spaces are to be constructed along the west side of Harding Street between Ward Street and South Street.

In addition to providing on-street parallel public parking spaces, an approximately 60-foot pickup/drop-off zone was constructed along the north side of South Street in conjunction with 101 South.

## **Site Plans**

A variety of site plans depict the proposed ground floor layout and transportation elements, as well as pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular accommodations. Thoroughfare 1 is not shown on the graphics as it is not finalized and is subject to a separate site plan approval process.

### **Ground Floor Illustrative Plan**

Refer to Figure A-1 for a plan depicting the combined ground floor level and Site landscaping for Building 3.

## **Transportation Elements Plan**

Refer to Figure A-2 for a plan depicting transportation elements, including pavement markings, parking spaces, and street furniture for Building 3.

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#### **Pedestrian Access Plan**

Refer to Figure A-3 for a plan depicting the Project sidewalk network and Building 3 entrance locations. The primary entrances for the building lobbies and ground-floor retail/community arts spaces are shown, as well as all secondary entrances to the building.

## **Bicycle Access and Parking Plan**

Refer to Figures A-4a and A-4b for the bicycle access and parking plan. Building 3 will include 115 indoor secured and 64 outdoor short-term bicycle parking spaces. Figures A-4c and A-4d detail the proposed outdoor and indoor bicycle racks, respectively, which are consistent with bicycle racks used at 101 South.

Figure A-4e shows the proposed locations of the Bluebikes stations within the Master Plan area. As a condition of the Boynton Yards Master Plan MMP, three 19-dock Bluebikes stations will be installed throughout the different phases of the Master Plan buildout. Figure A-4f shows the detailed Bluebikes station layout south of Building 3.

## Vehicle Access and Parking Plan

Refer to Figure A-5 for a plan showing the vehicular access to Building 3 with the parking supply noted.

#### **Vehicle Movement Plans**

Refer to Figures A-6a through A-6e for vehicle tracking diagrams that demonstrate the ability of large vehicles (SU-30 and WB-40 sized tractor trailers and trash trucks) to navigate in and out of Building 3's loading facilities. Building 3 will have loading bay access on the east side of Earle Street, just south of Thoroughfare 1. Heavy vehicles will access Earle Street via South Street. The timing of deliveries will be in line with standard office/lab delivery activity. Passenger vehicle tracking diagrams are also included demonstrating the ability of vehicles to access/egress the below-grade parking garage located on the east side of Earle Street, north of South Street.

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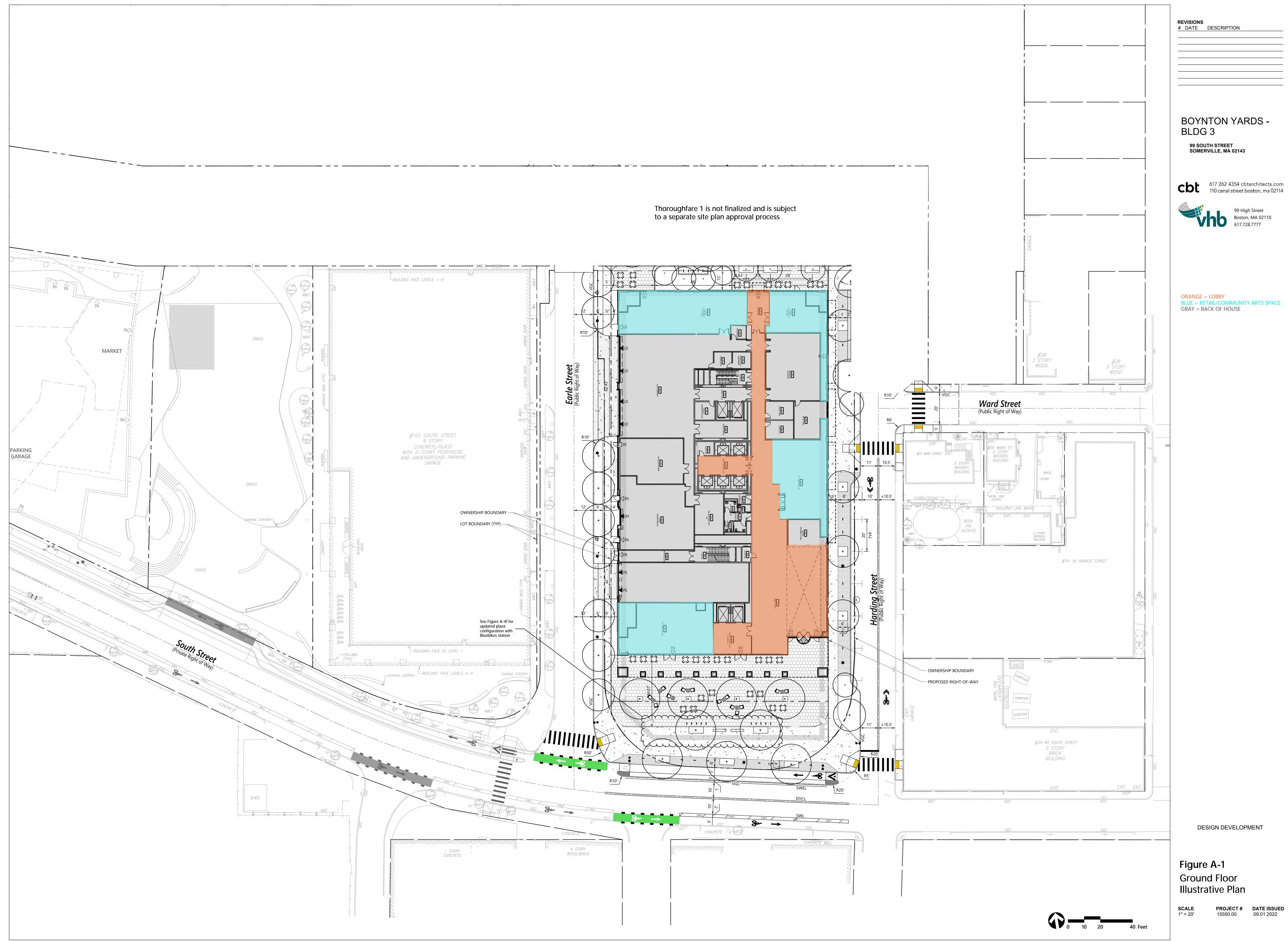
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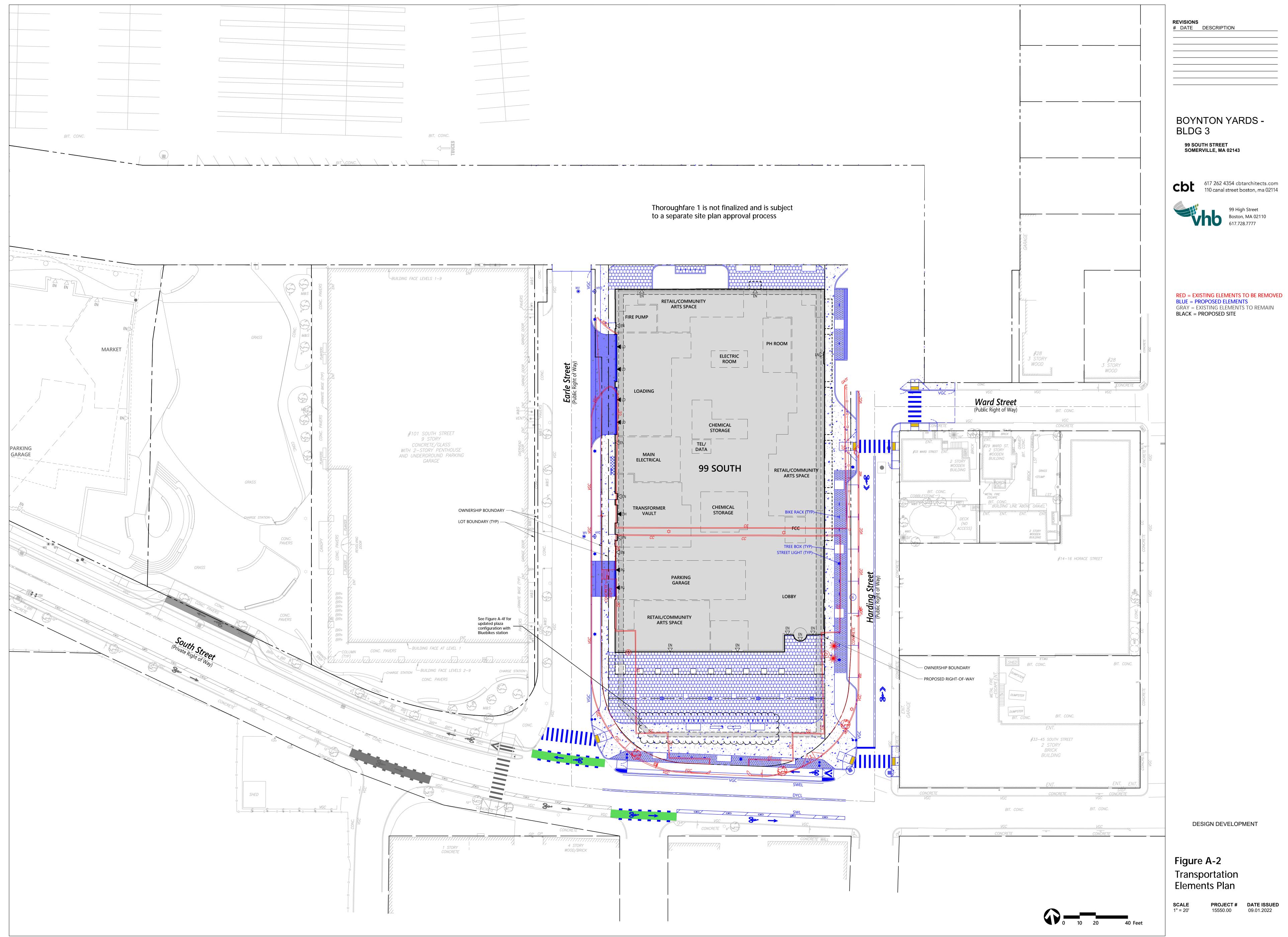


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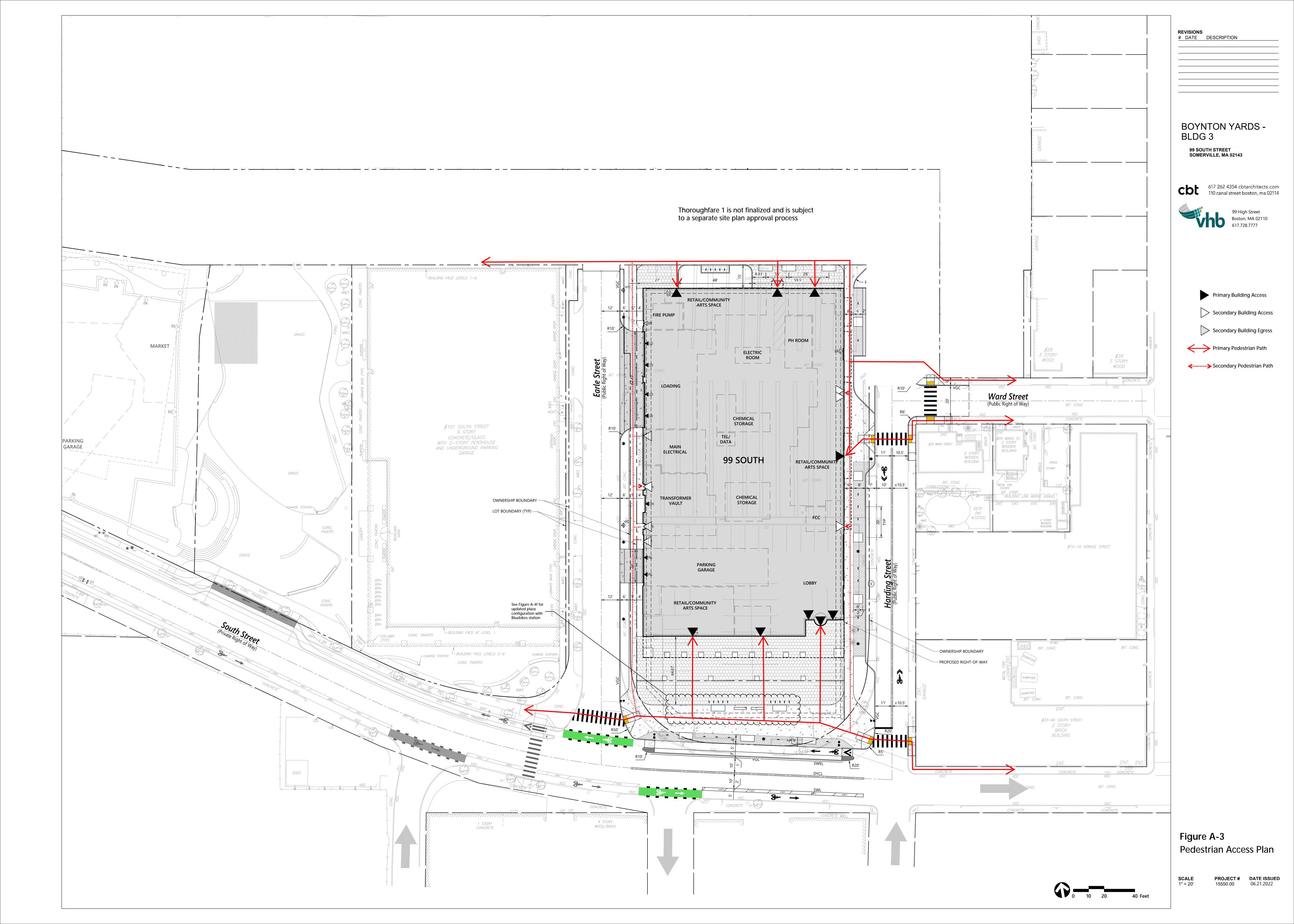
- > Figure A-1: Ground Floor Illustrative Plan
- > Figure A-2: Transportation Elements Plan
- > Figure A-3: Pedestrian Access Plan
- > Figures A-4a and A-4b: Bicycle Access and Parking Plan
- > Figure A-4c: Outdoor Bicycle Rack Detail
- > Figure A-4d: Indoor Bicycle Rack Detail
- > Figure A-4e: Bluebikes Station Locations (revised 09-26-2022)
- > Figure A-4f: Bluebikes Station south of Building 3 (added 09-26-2022)
- > Figures A-5a and A-5b: Vehicle Access and Parking Plan
- > Figures A-6a thru A-6e: Vehicle Movement Plans

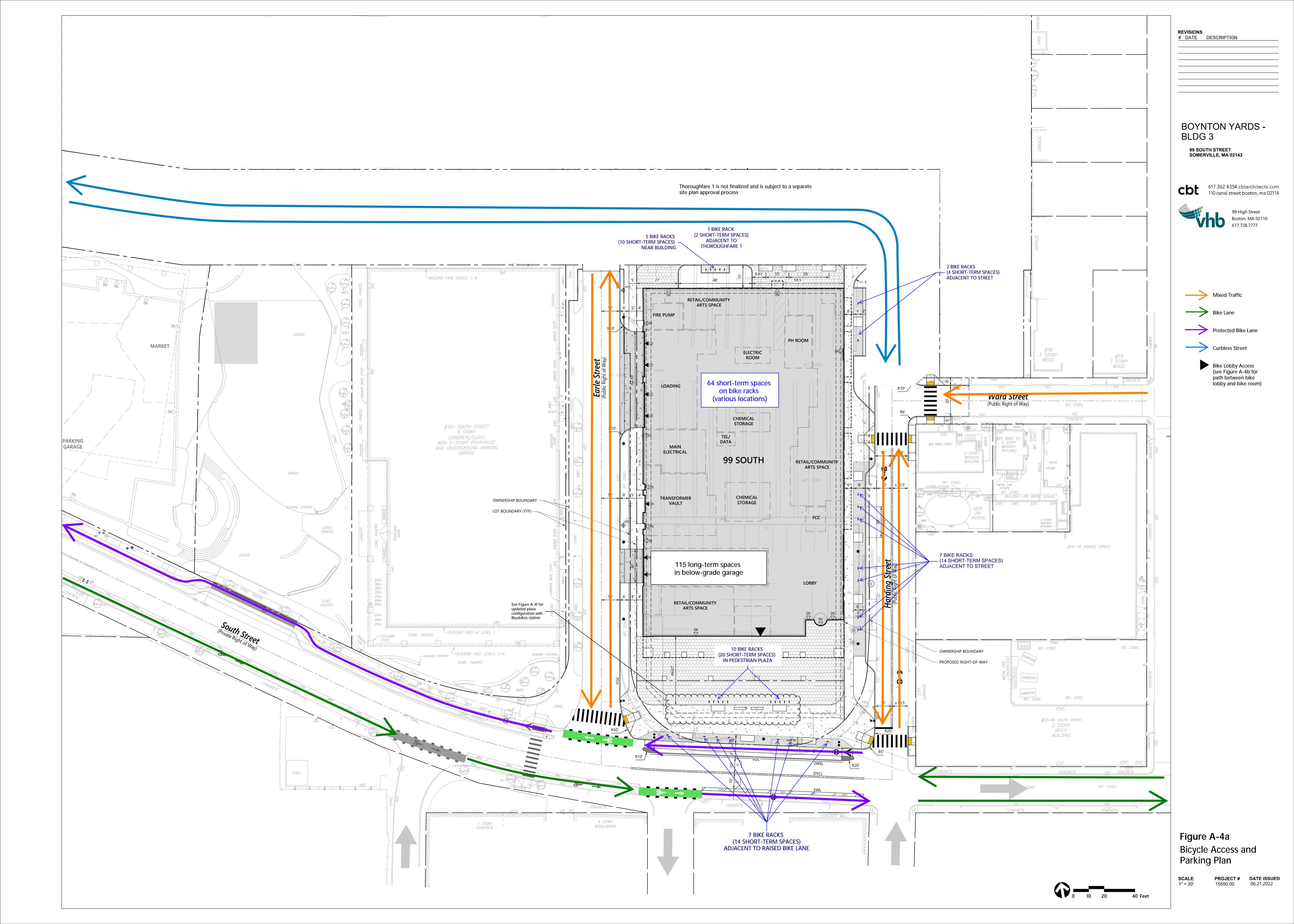


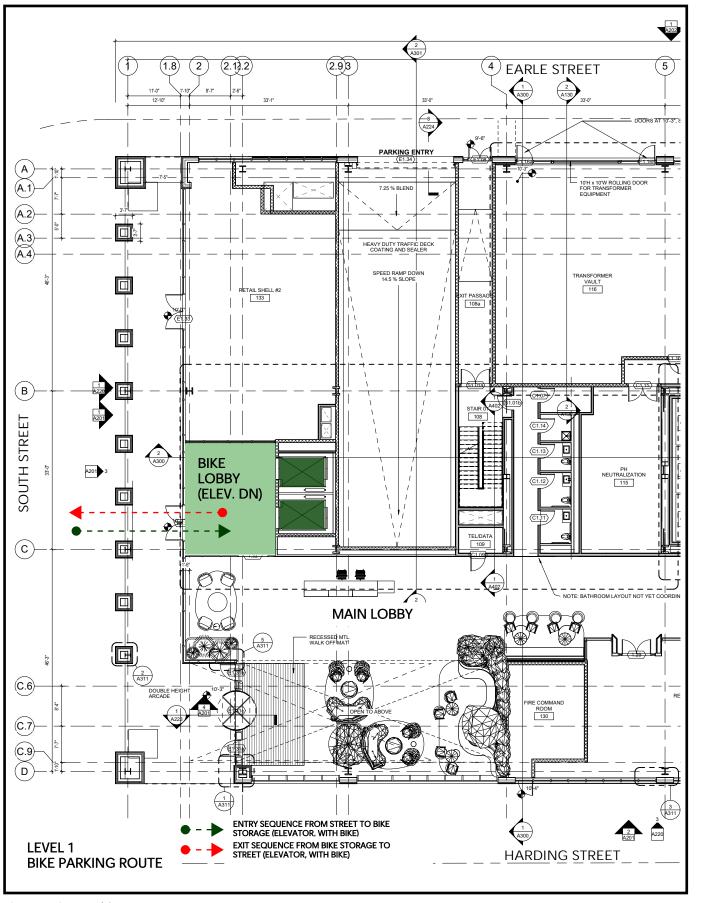


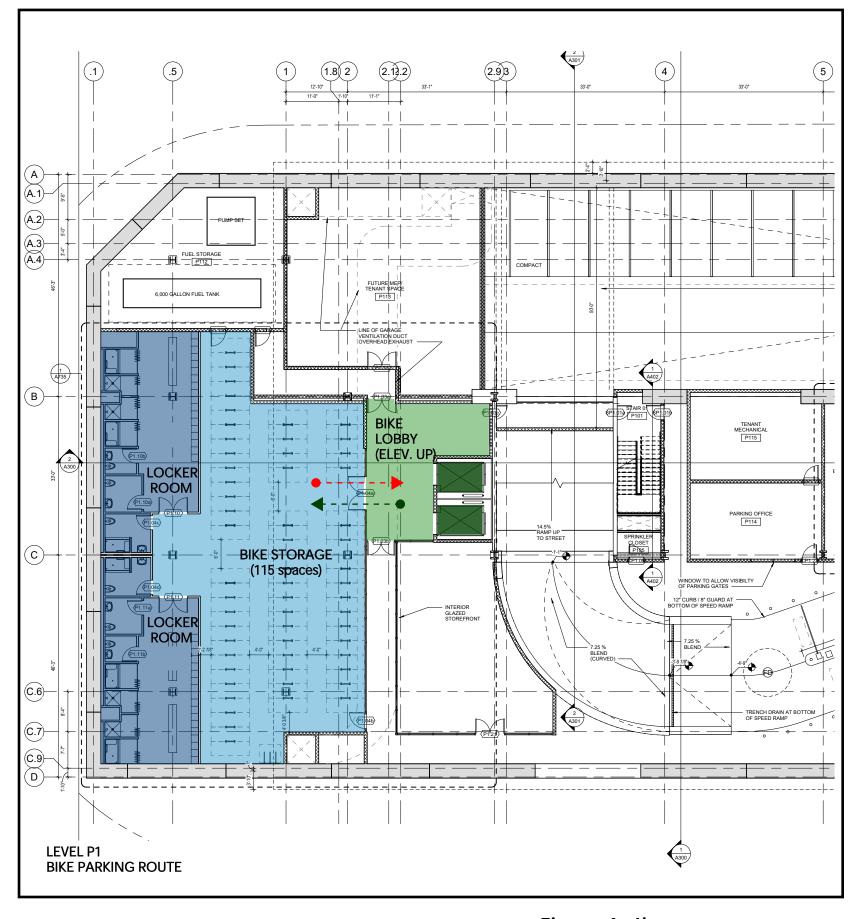




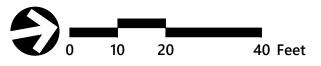








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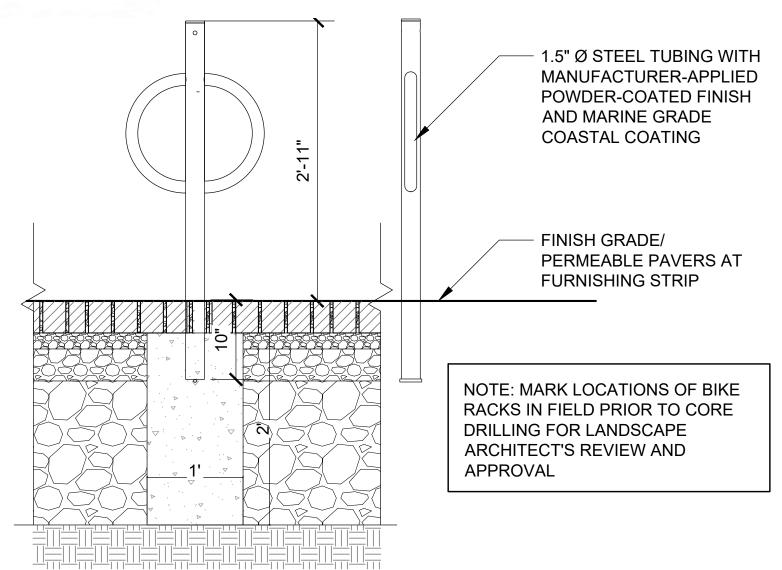


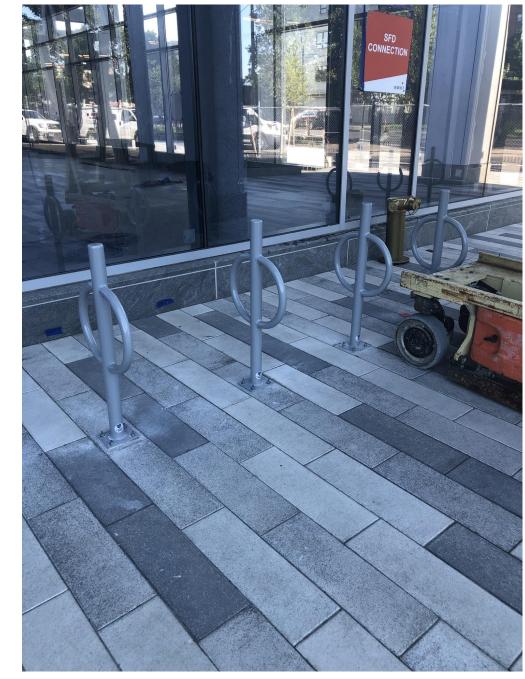
**Figure A-4b**Bicycle Access and Parking Plan



## Bike **Hitch™**

The Bike Hitch uses thick tube construction and a full radius bend of the ring, making it extremely difficult to cut with a pipe cutter. This popular bike rack has street appeal, a slim silhouette, and accommodates all bike locks.





The same bicycle rack has been installed at 101 South (pictured above).



**BICYCLE** RACK

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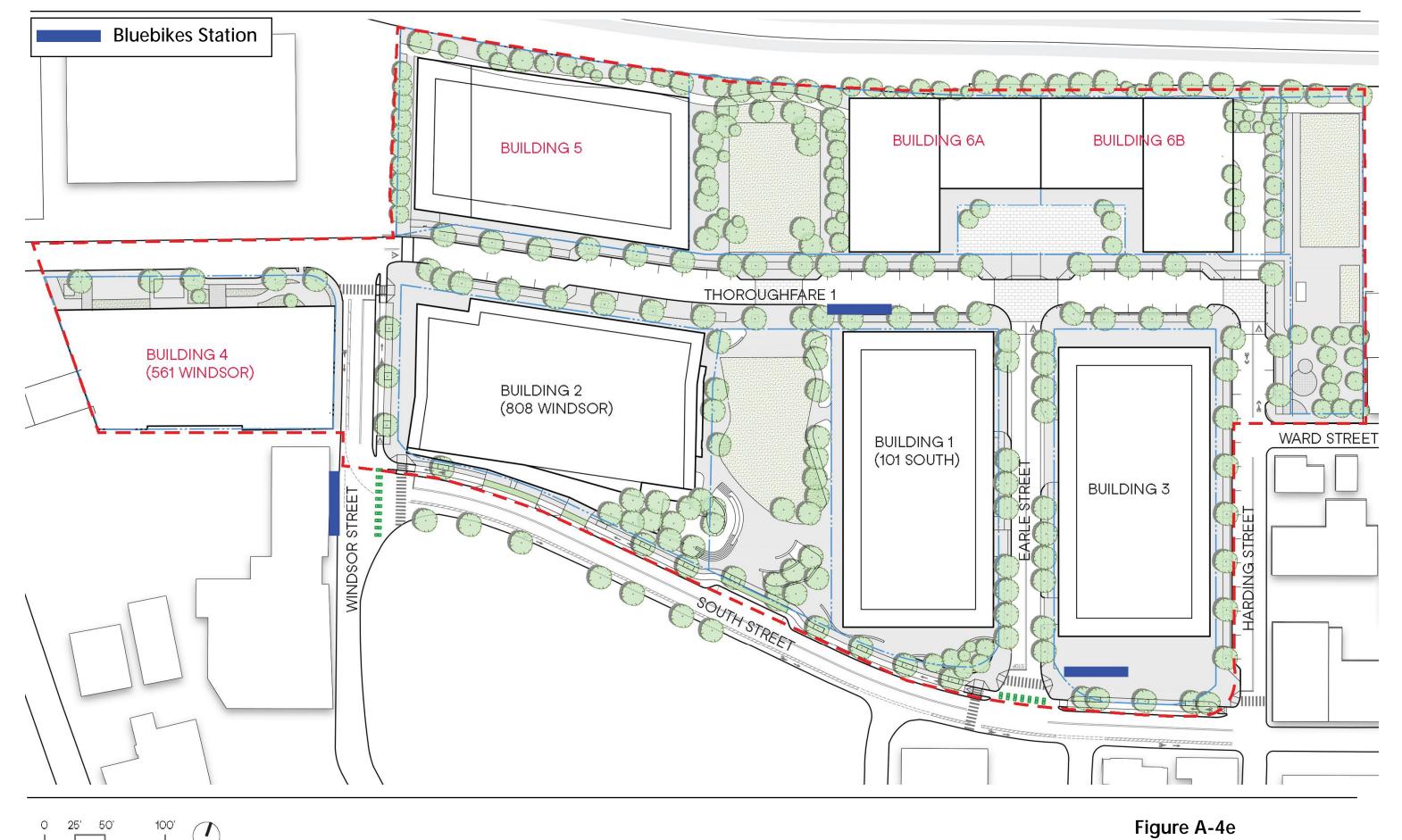


# **Hoop** Rack

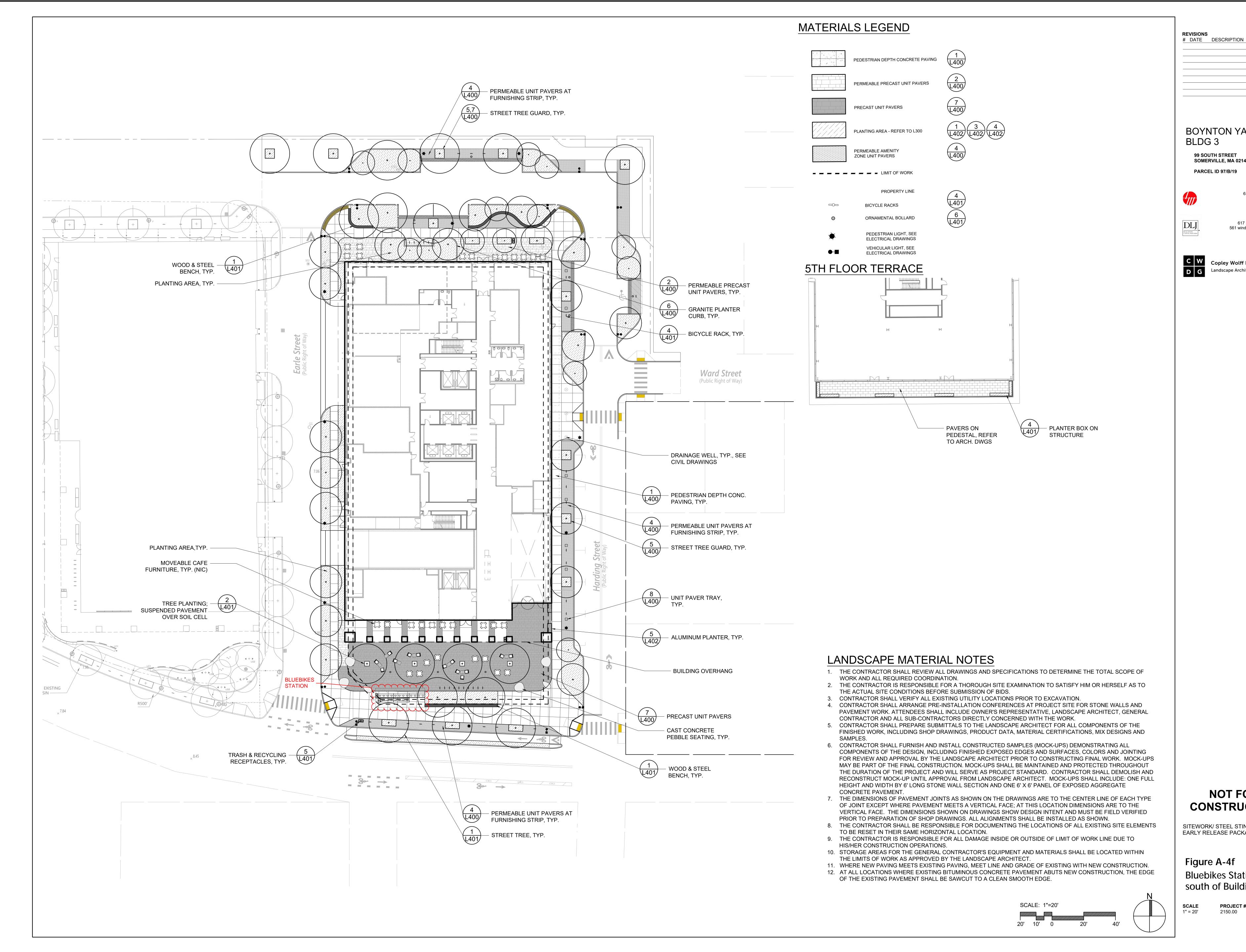
The Hoop Rack is a proven design that provides high security and easy bike parking. The Hoop Rack uses thick pipe construction and the full radius of the bend makes the Hoop an attractive and functional bike rack. This bike rack can also be put on rails for mobility and is popular in bike corrals.



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Bluebikes Station Locations



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Figure A-4f **Bluebikes Station** south of Building 3

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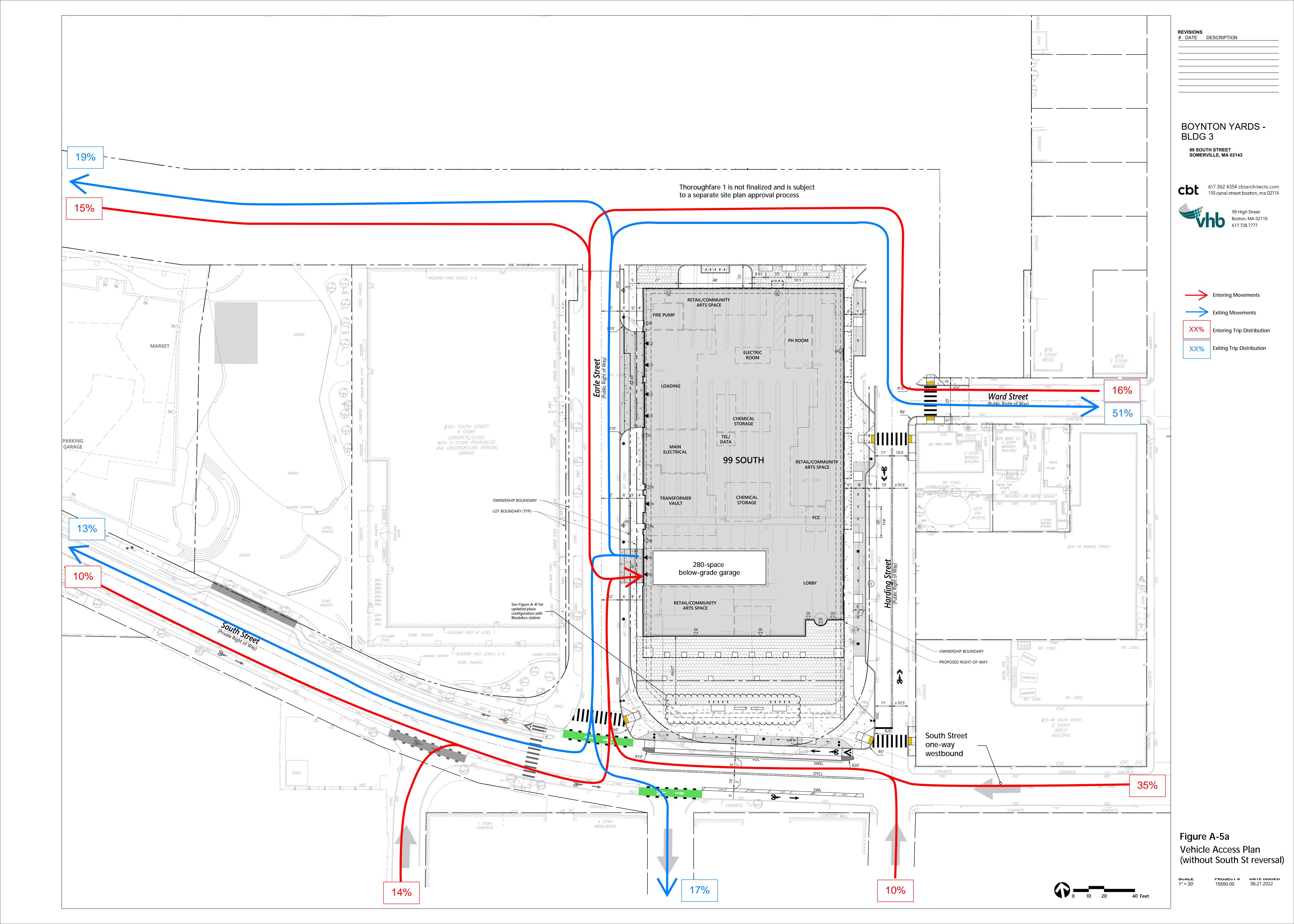
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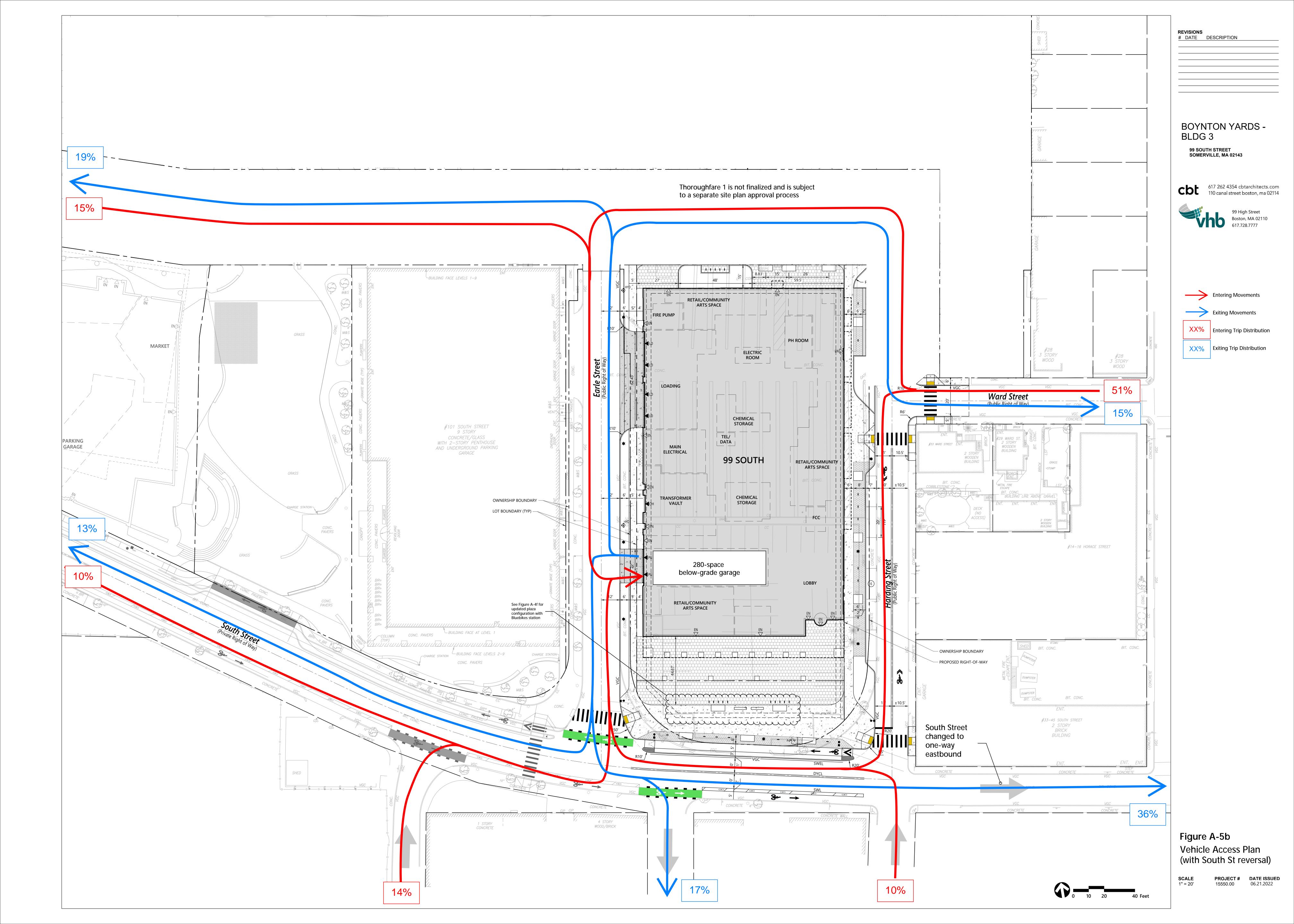
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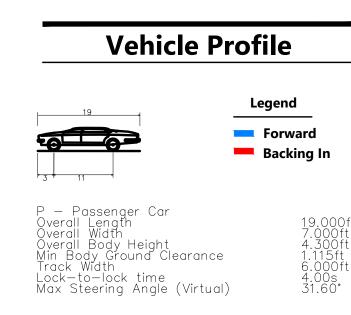
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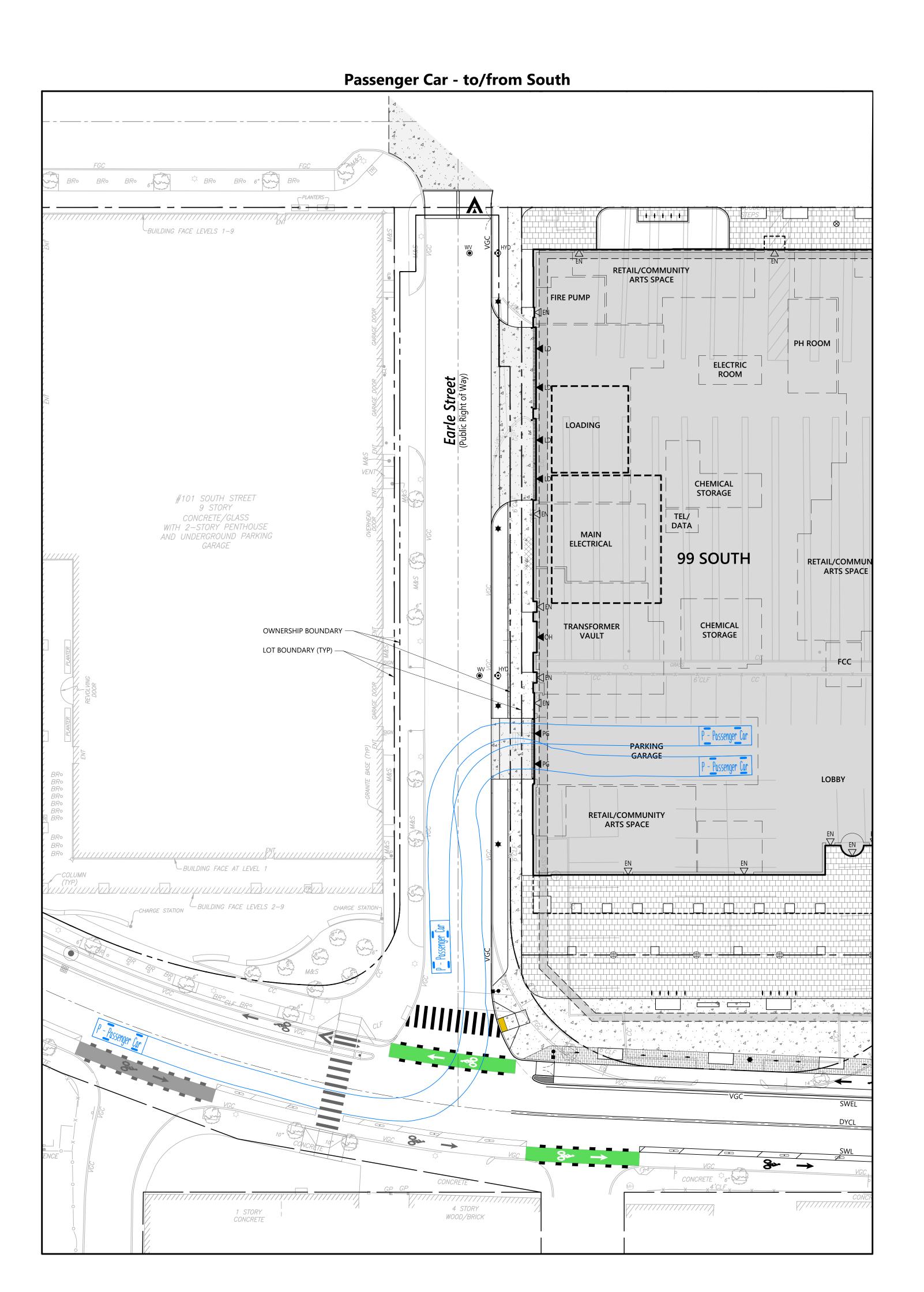
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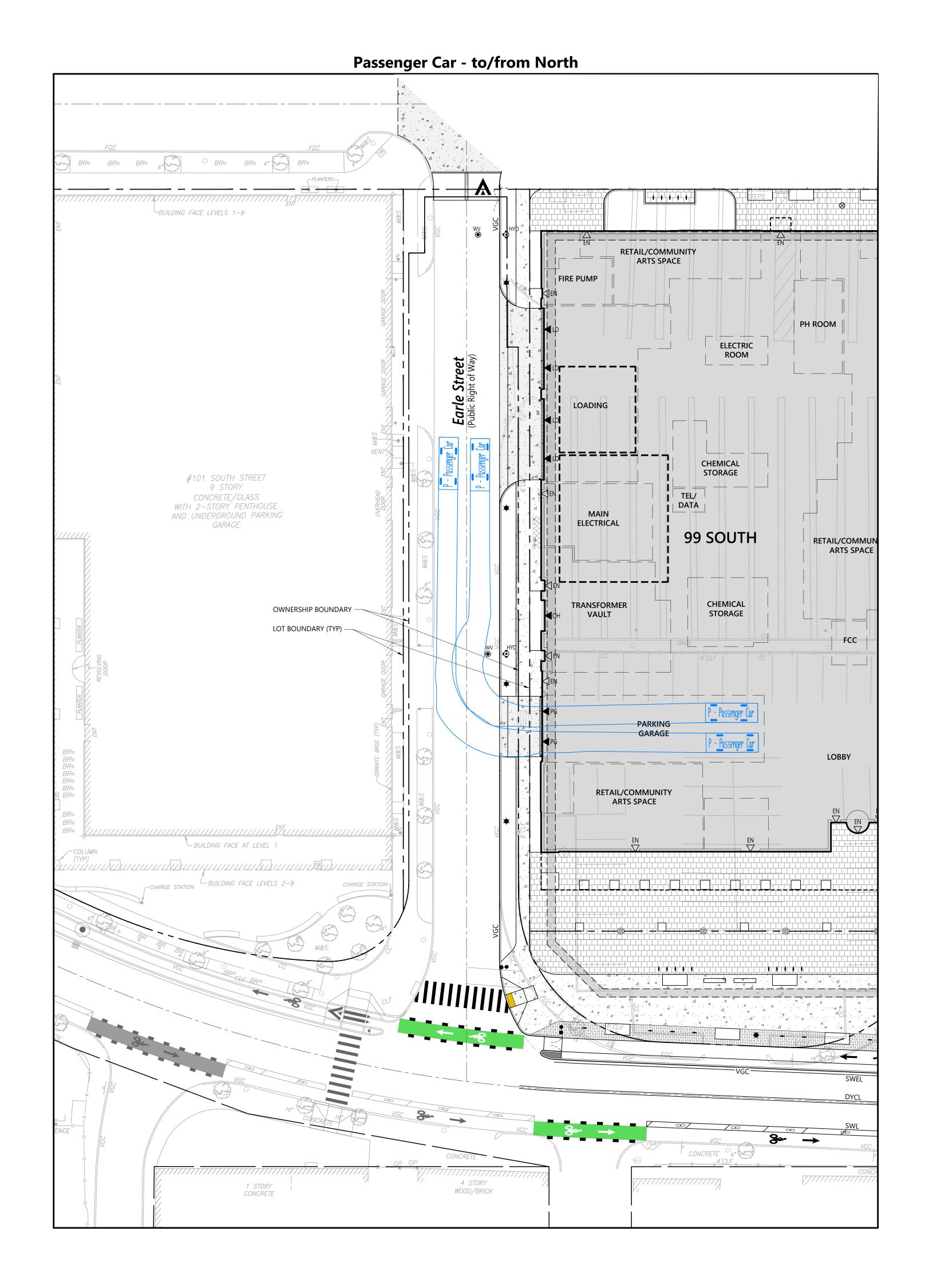
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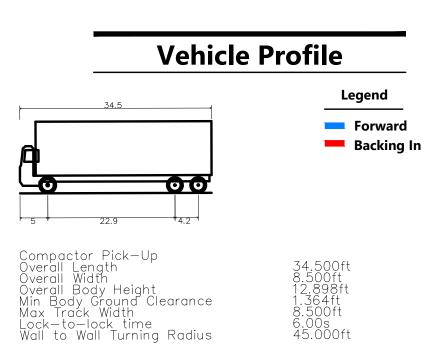
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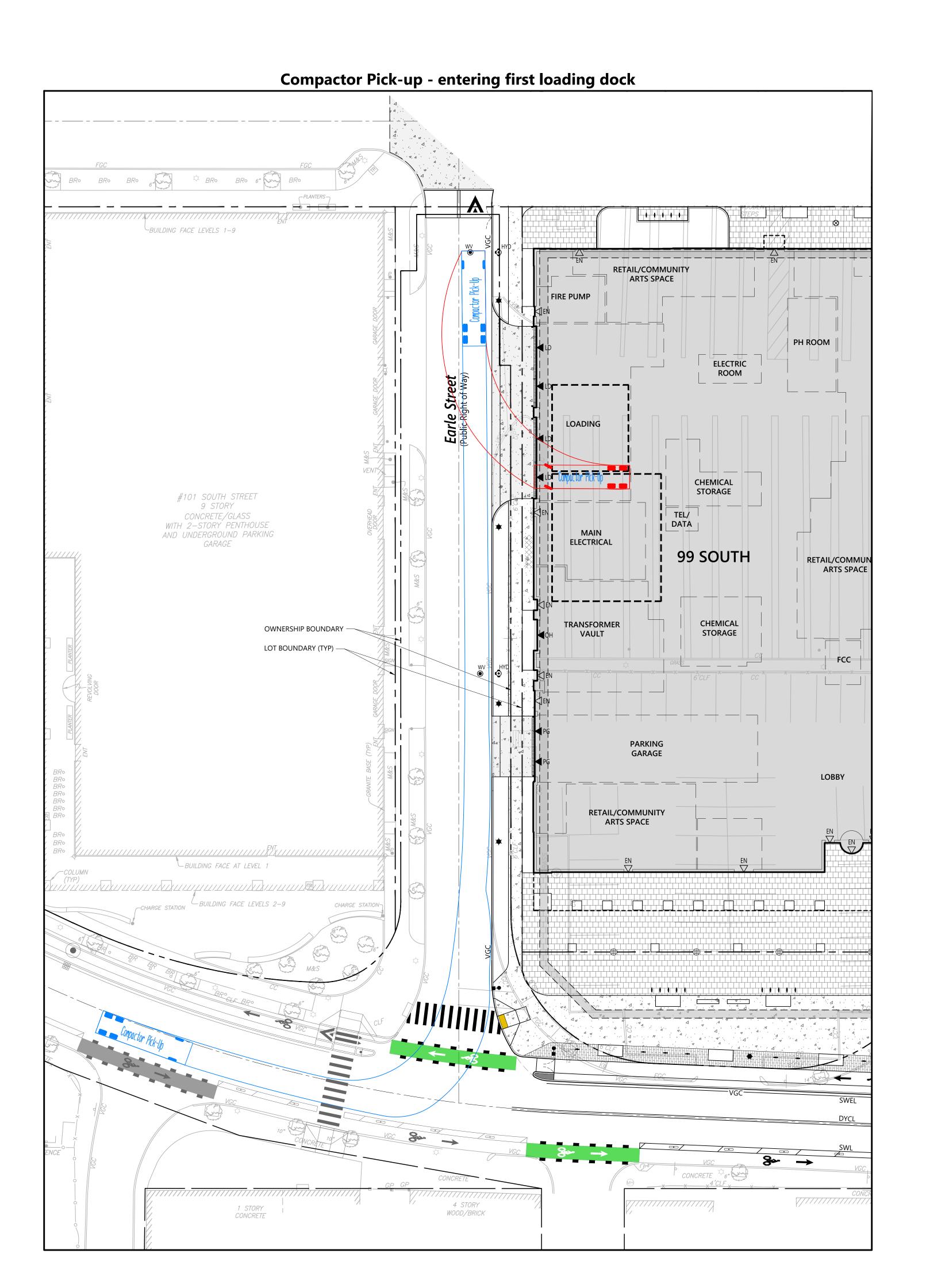


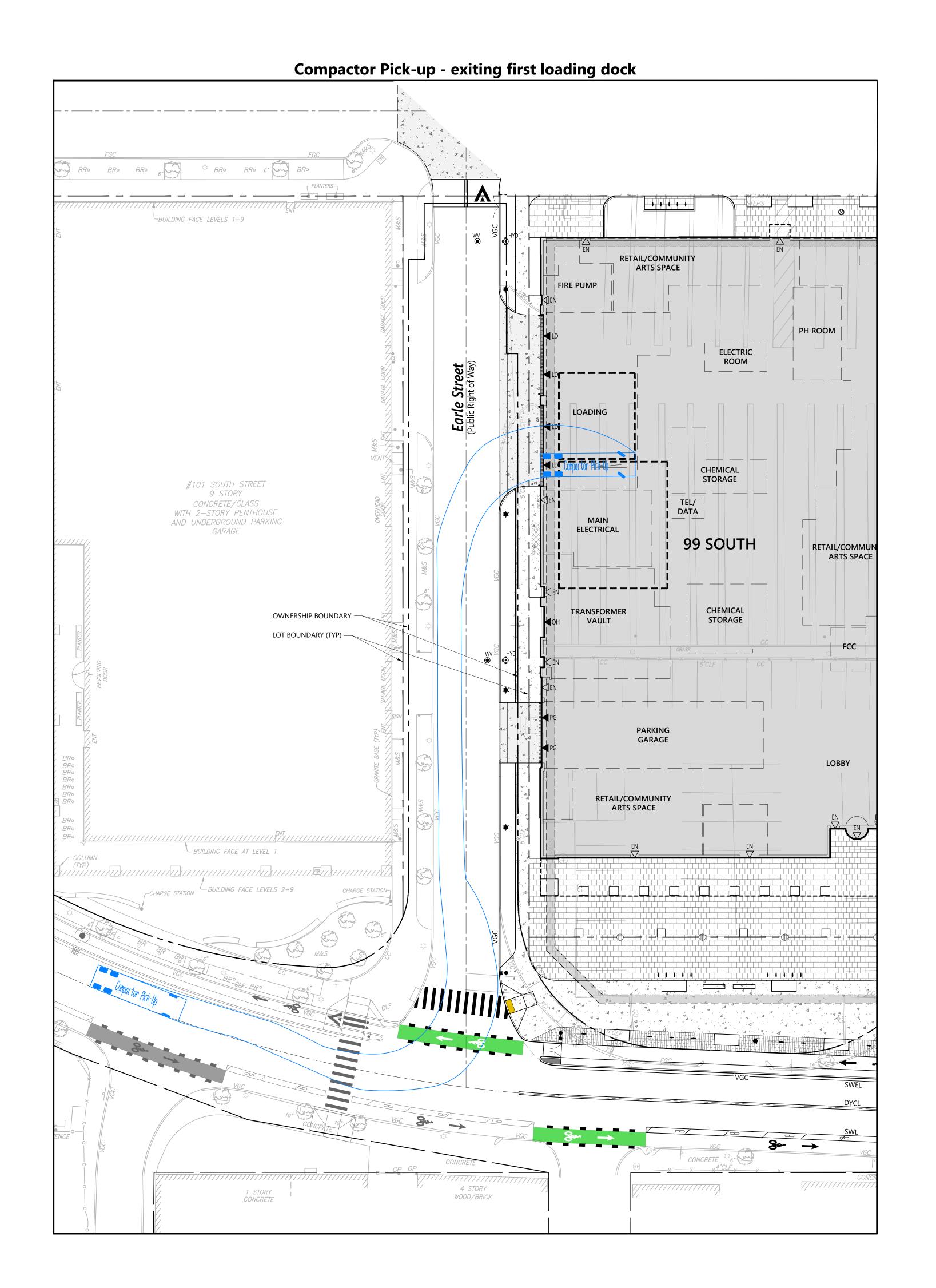
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Figure A-6a Vehicle Movement Plan Passenger Car

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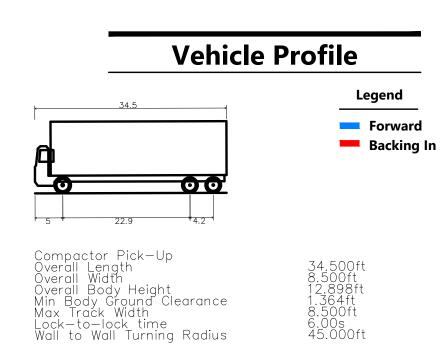


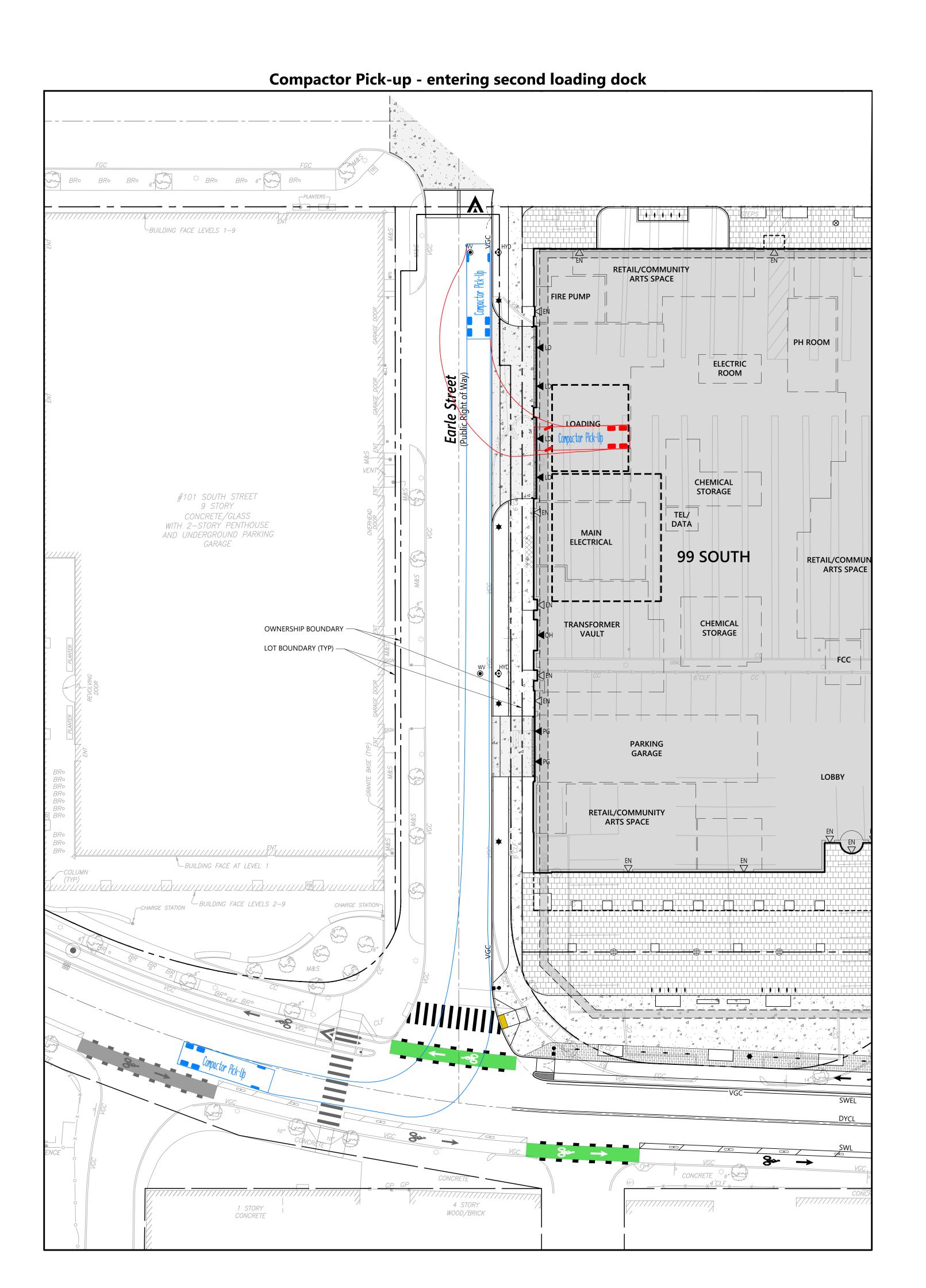
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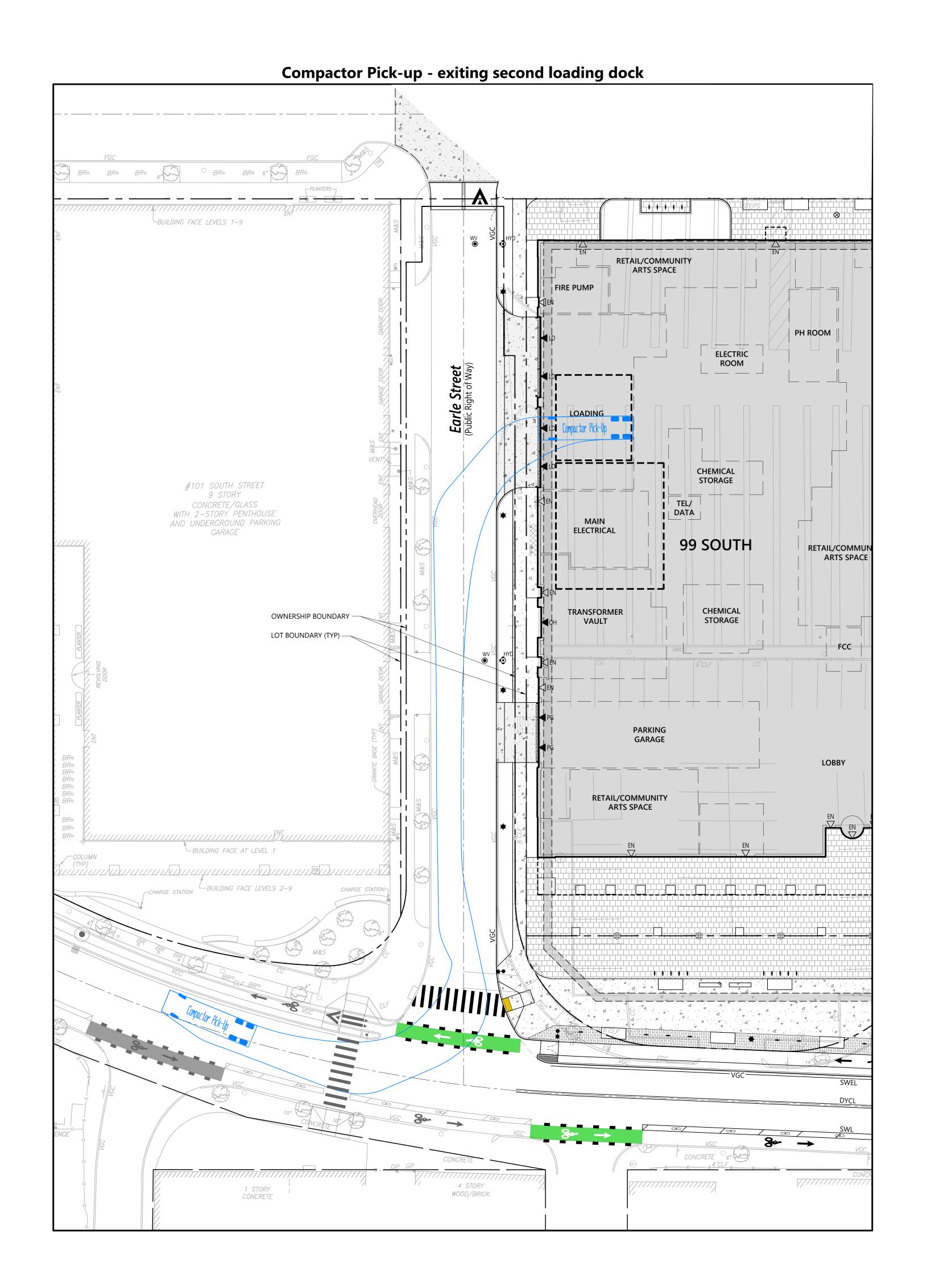
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Figure A-6b
Vehicle Movement Plan
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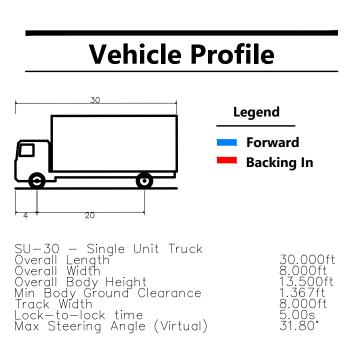
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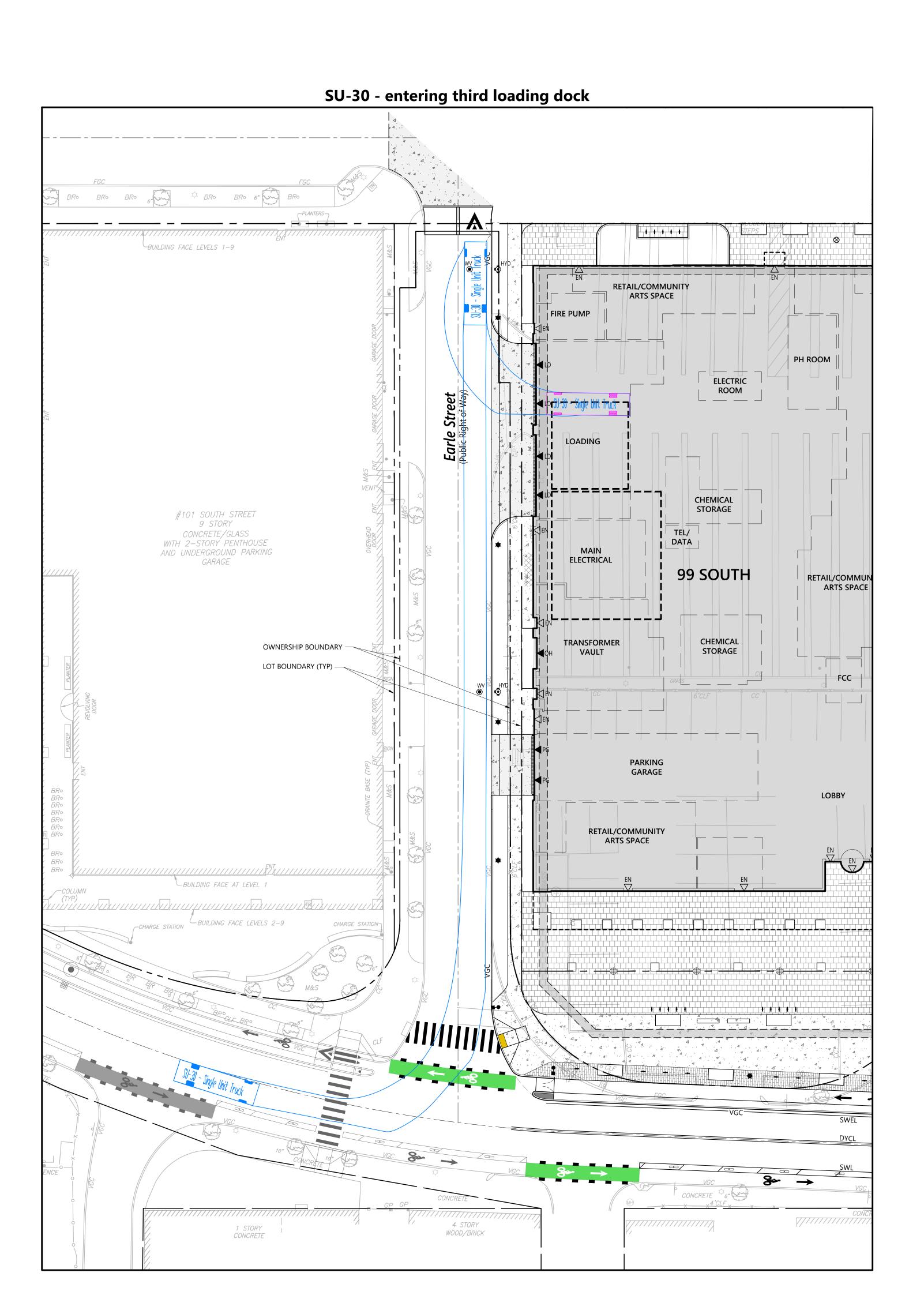
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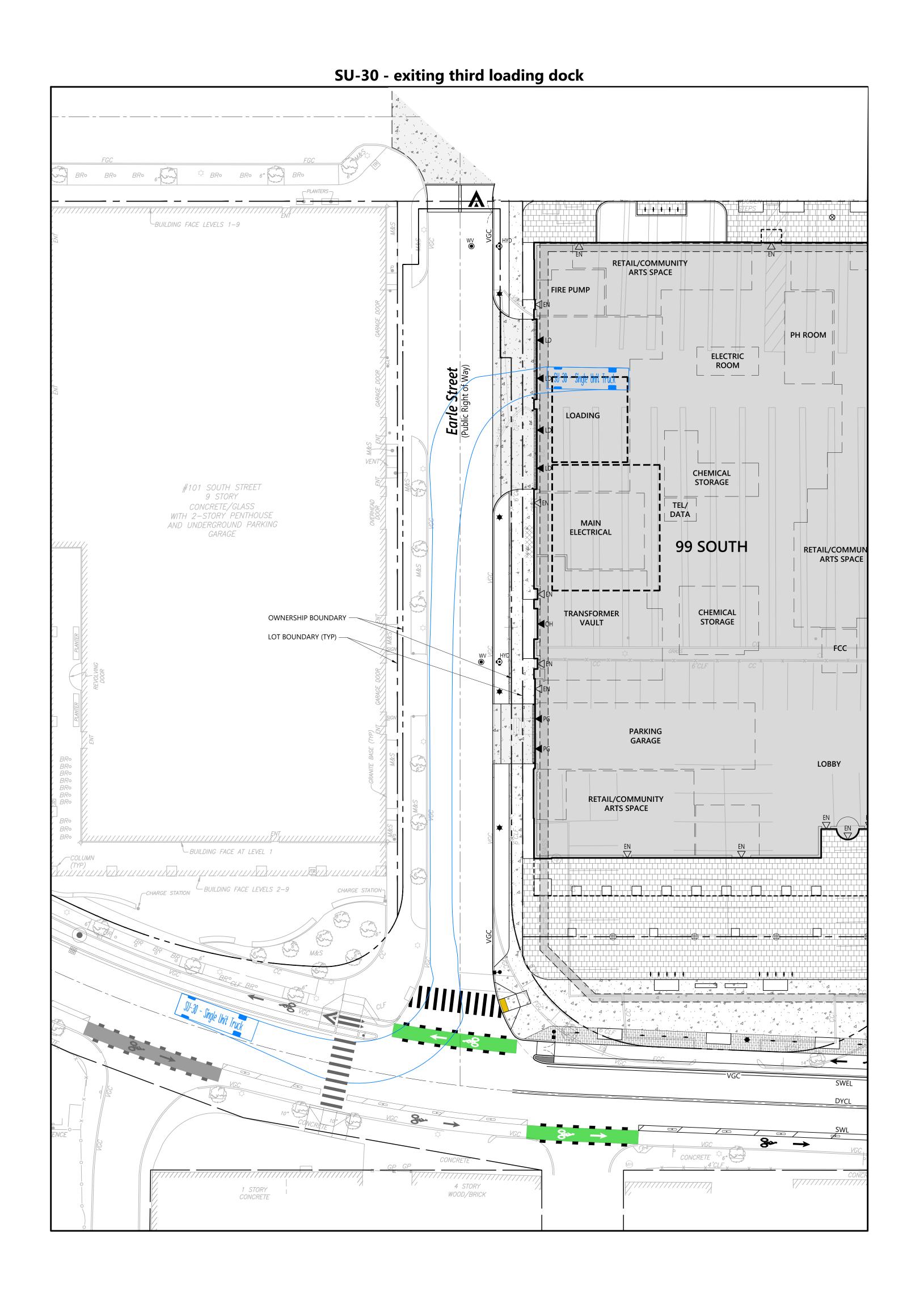
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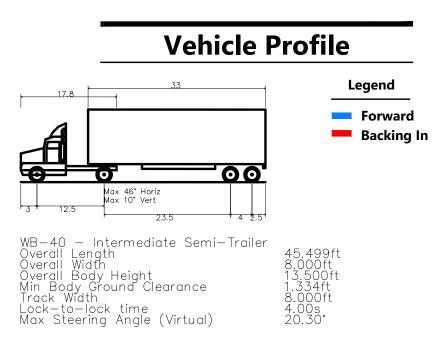


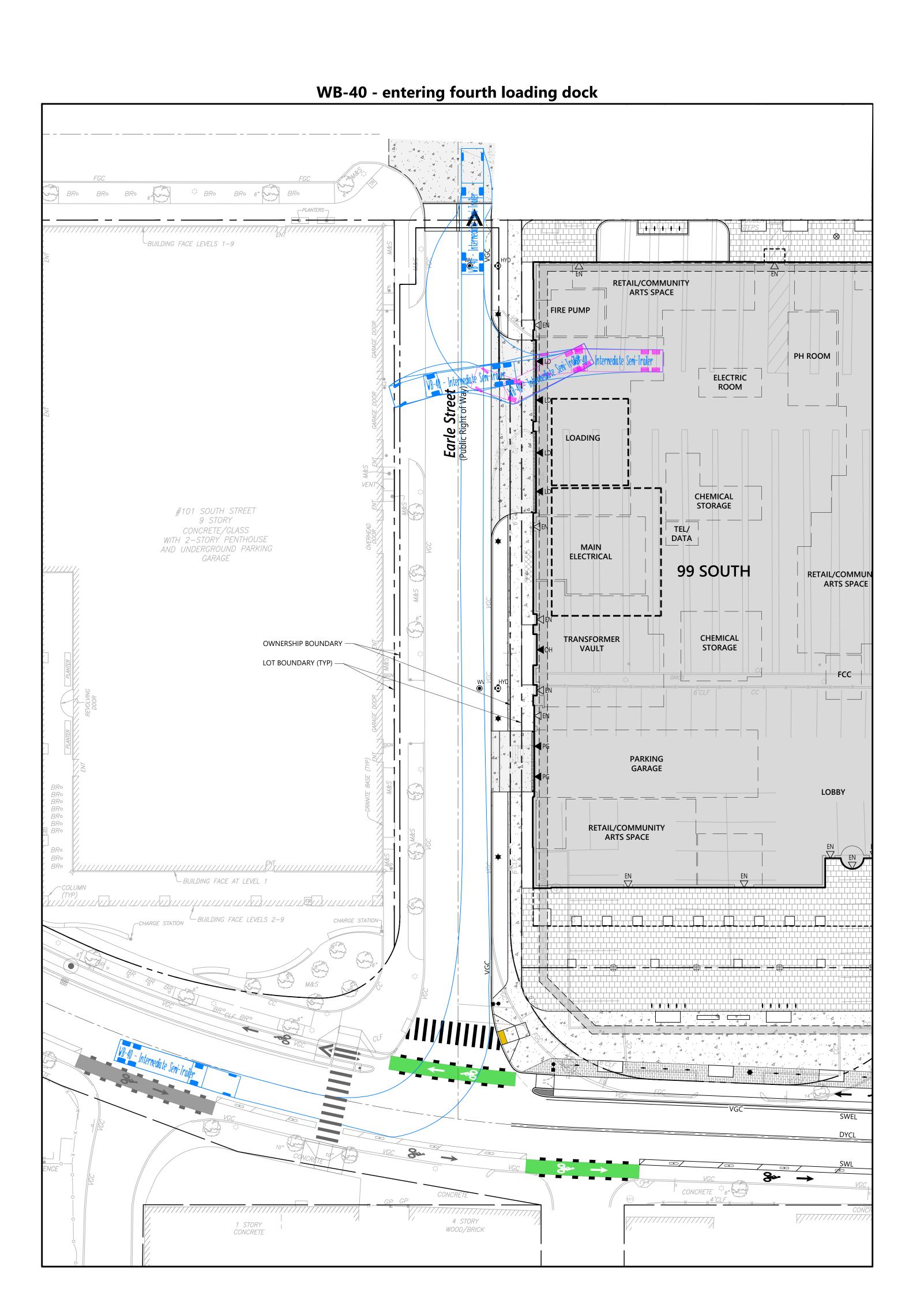
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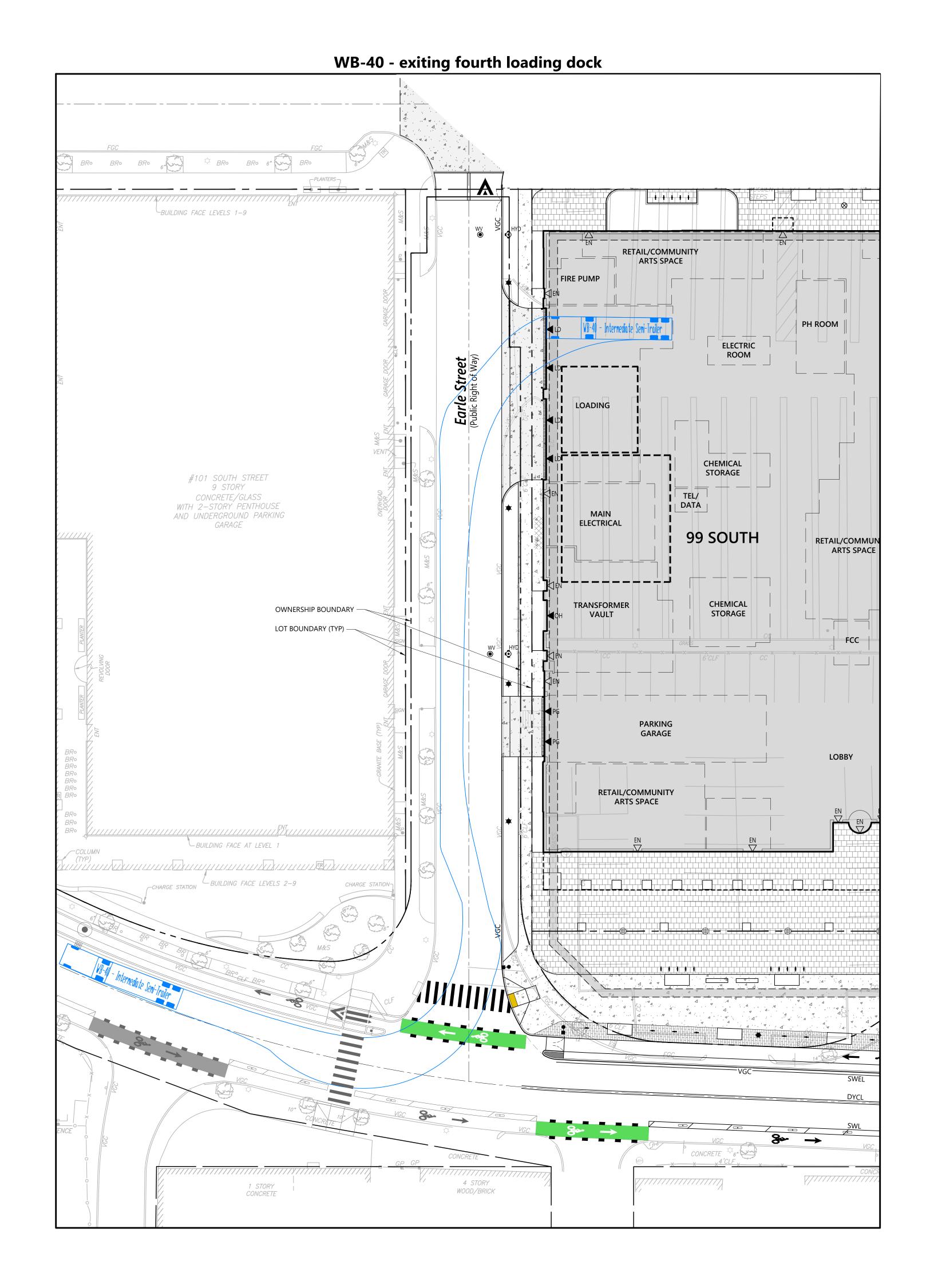
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Figure A-6e Vehicle Movement Plan WB-40

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