



February 10, 2025

To: Philadelphia Art Commission
1515 Arch Street
13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: SEPTA 2nd Street Headhouse Improvements

Dear Members of the Art Commission:

The HNTB design team has been working in close collaboration with SEPTA and local stakeholders to design proposed improvements to the existing 2nd Street Headhouses and Elevator Shafts, located closely to all four corners along Market and 2nd Streets in the City of Philadelphia.

The existing site conditions currently contain the Headhouses, which have a brick base or stucco finish, glass block inserts and a glazed roof sitting on an aluminum frame. The hardscape around the existing Headhouses is currently paved in bricks of two different tones. Four out of the five Headhouses are setback from the existing curb on Market Street with the larger main entrance Headhouse further set back from Market Street and 2nd Street to the northeast. This main station entrance contains concrete canopy that provides shelter for patrons waiting for bus services. The existing Elevator Shafts contain granite coping and base finish with a white tile running in a vertical bond. There are also existing Elevator Equipment Shelters located on the top of the existing shafts. The equipment within the shelters is no longer in service and will be removed as a part of this project.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is part of SEPTA's program of projects for the upcoming Semiquincentennial Celebrations in 2026 which will occur in the City of Philadelphia. In addition, these enhancements aim to enhance the Headhouses in conjunction with the Old City Market Street Improvements Project, currently underway from 6th Street to 2nd Street.

The improvements include:

- The removal of the brick, stucco and tile finishes that occur on the Headhouses and the Elevator Shafts and replace with a porcelain or stone finish.
- Remove and replace the glass block inserts with new glass block inserts within a newly designed frame.
- The existing glazed roof panels on the Headhouses are proposed to be removed and replaced with a standing seam roof.
- Repainting the existing external structure including all mullions, beams and cladding.
- Replacing the metal coping with new stone coping.
- The proposed removal of the redundant Elevator Equipment Shelters.
- Repaint the Concrete Canopy that acts as a bus shelter on the northeast corner.
- New signage per SEPTA's signage and wayfinding program.

The funding for the project will be provided at the state level. No federal or Philadelphia capital funds are anticipated to be used for this project.

We are seeking to have our 2nd Street Headhouse Improvements Concept Package be considered as an Administrative Review item at the new Art Commission meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the project at (215) 433-4585 or via email at astott@hntb.com. If you could please include Will Kunkle wkunkle@septa.org SEPTA Project Manager on any official correspondence that would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Stott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Stott, RA
HNTB Corporation



PHILADELPHIA ART COMMISSION PRESENTATION

2ND STREET HEADHOUSE IMPROVEMENT

03 - 05 - 2025

COVER SHEET

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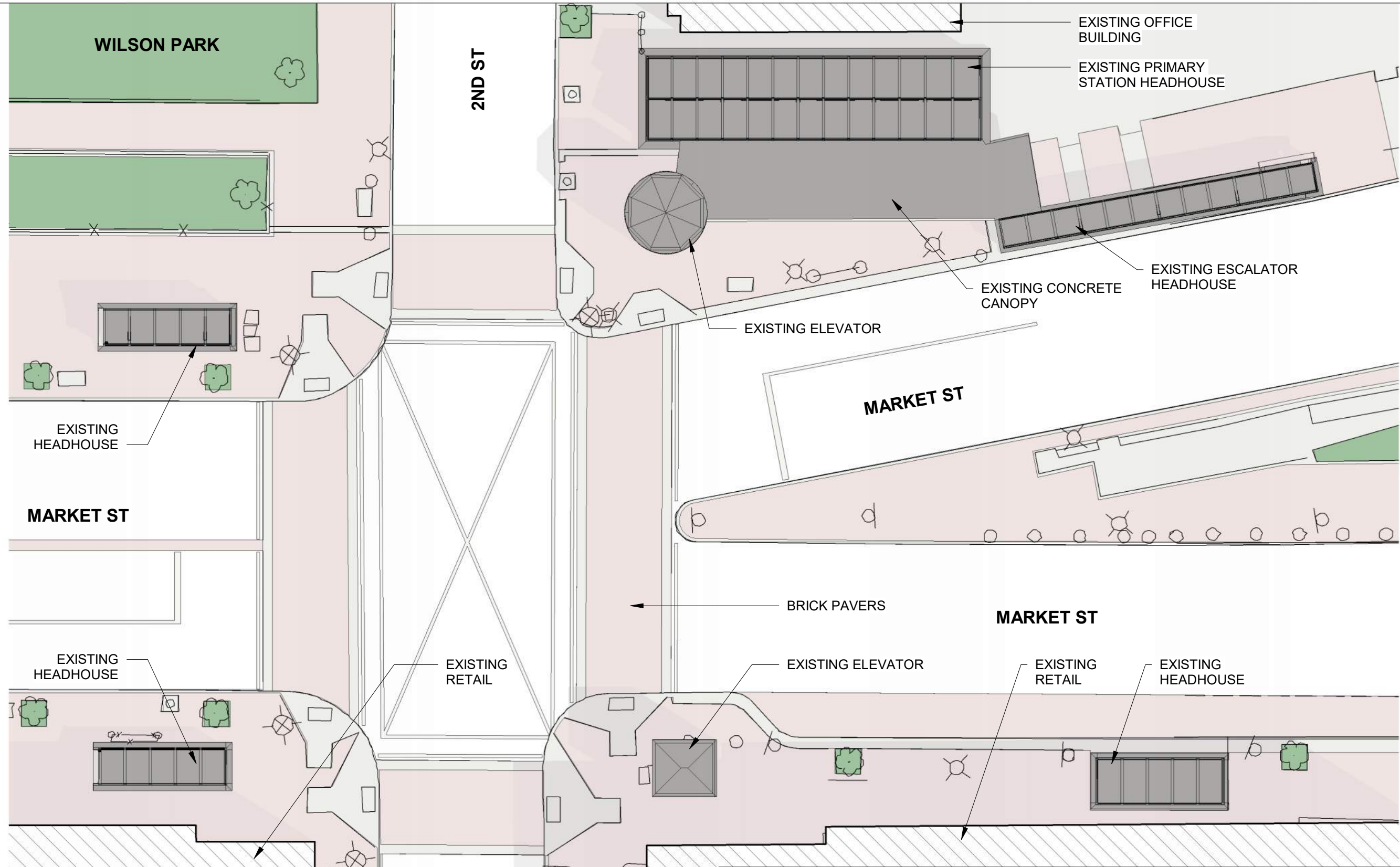
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EXISTING STREET LEVEL

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SCALE: 1/16"=1'-0"

EXISTING OVERALL STREET LEVEL

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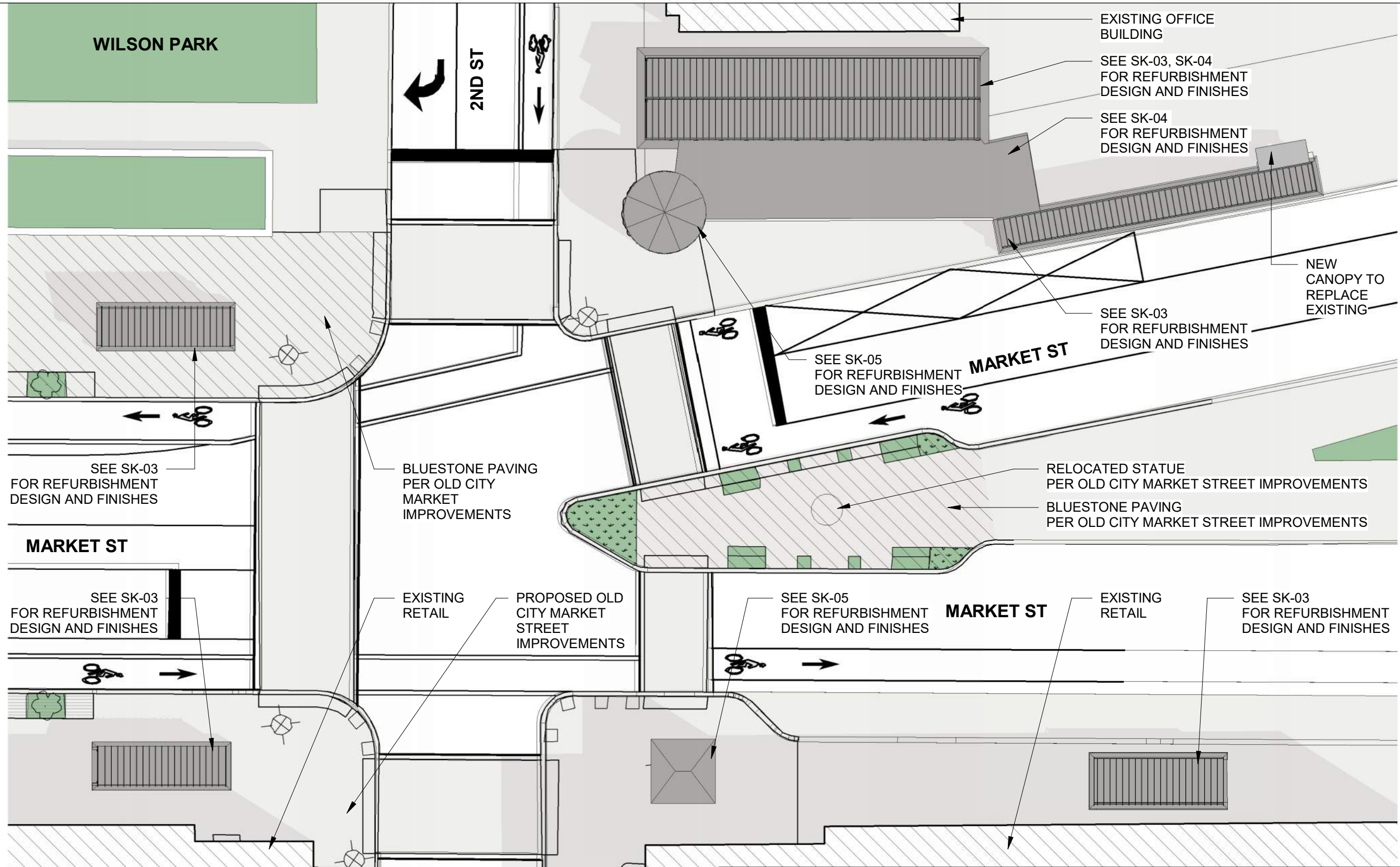
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WILSON PARK

2ND ST

EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING

SEE SK-03, SK-04 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

SEE SK-04 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

NEW CANOPY TO REPLACE EXISTING

SEE SK-03 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

SEE SK-05 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

MARKET ST

SEE SK-03 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

BLUESTONE PAVING PER OLD CITY MARKET IMPROVEMENTS

RELOCATED STATUE PER OLD CITY MARKET STREET IMPROVEMENTS
BLUESTONE PAVING PER OLD CITY MARKET STREET IMPROVEMENTS

MARKET ST

SEE SK-03 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

EXISTING RETAIL PROPOSED OLD CITY MARKET STREET IMPROVEMENTS

SEE SK-05 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

MARKET ST

EXISTING RETAIL

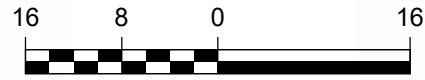
SEE SK-03 FOR REFURBISHMENT DESIGN AND FINISHES

PROPOSED OVERALL STREET LEVEL

1 SK02

PROPOSED STREET LEVEL

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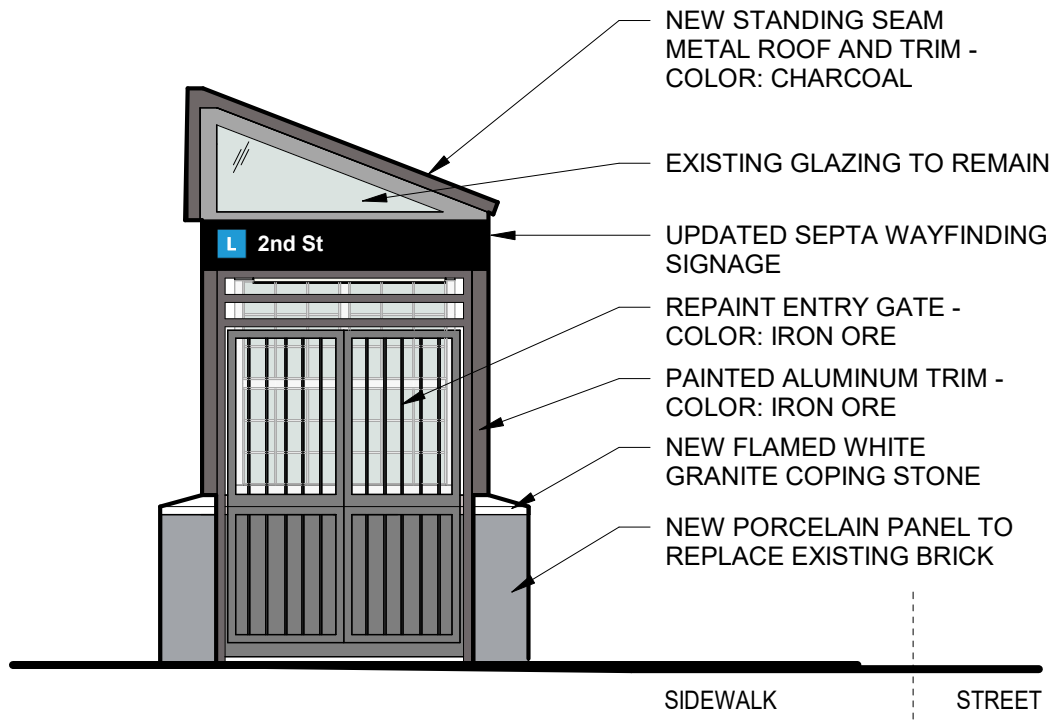
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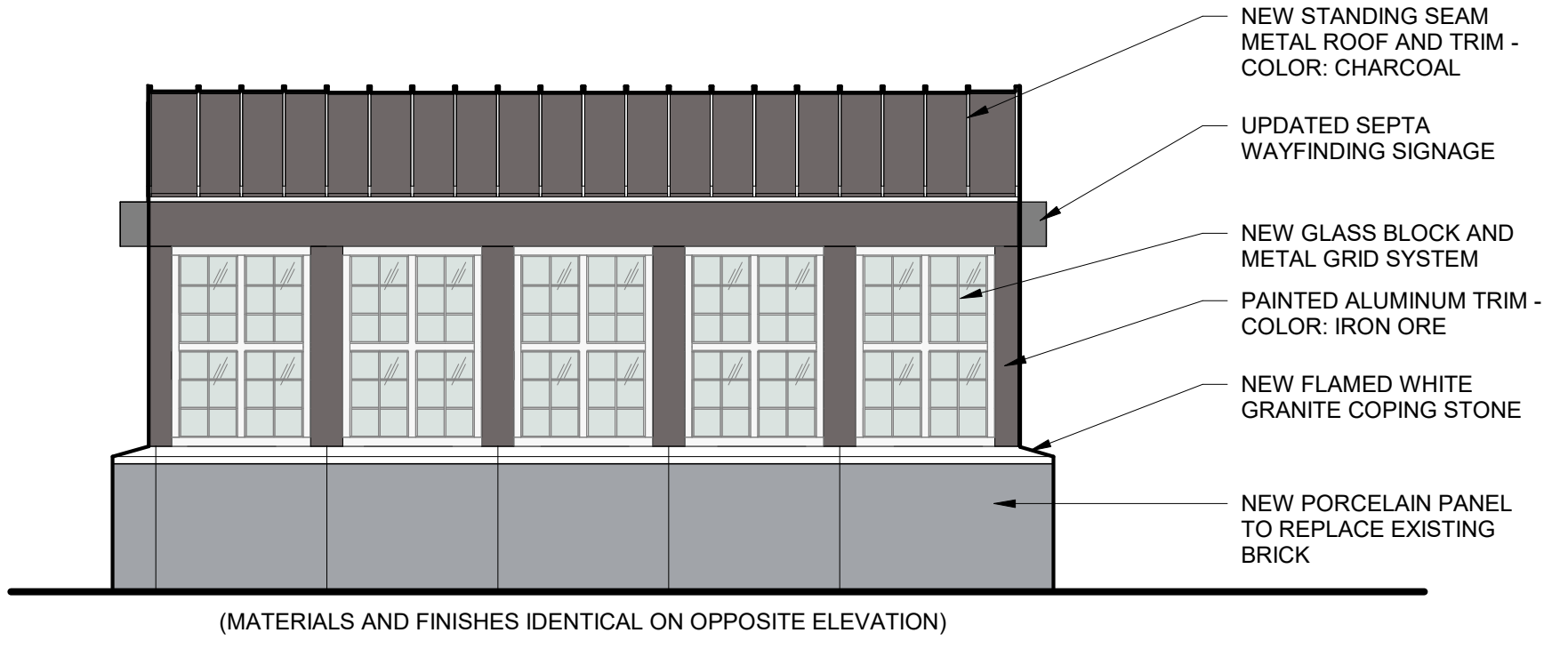
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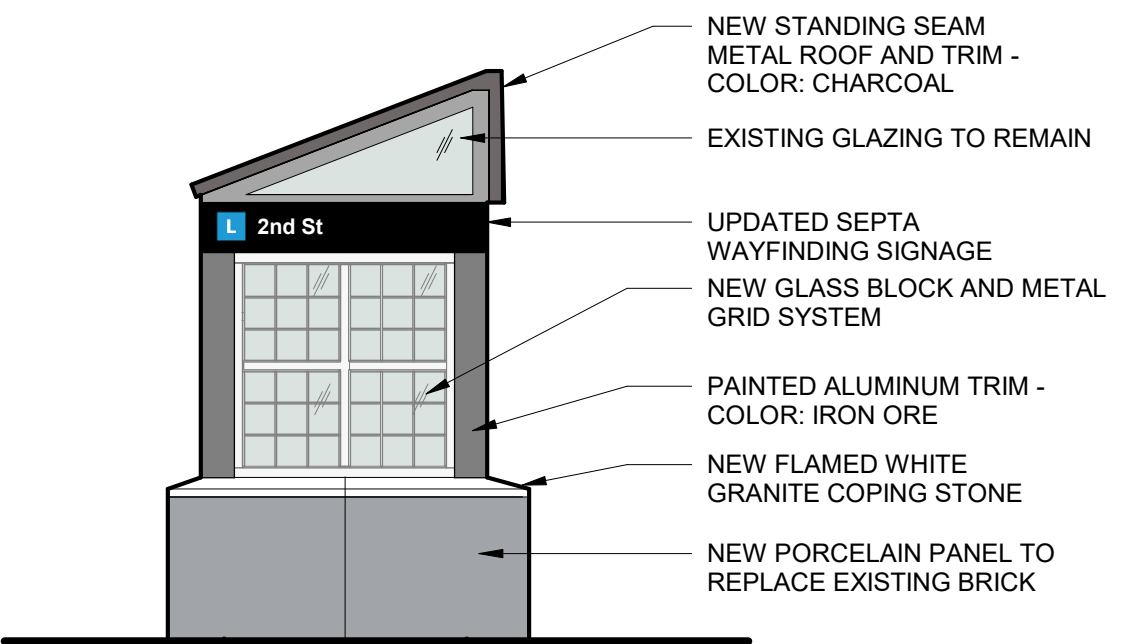
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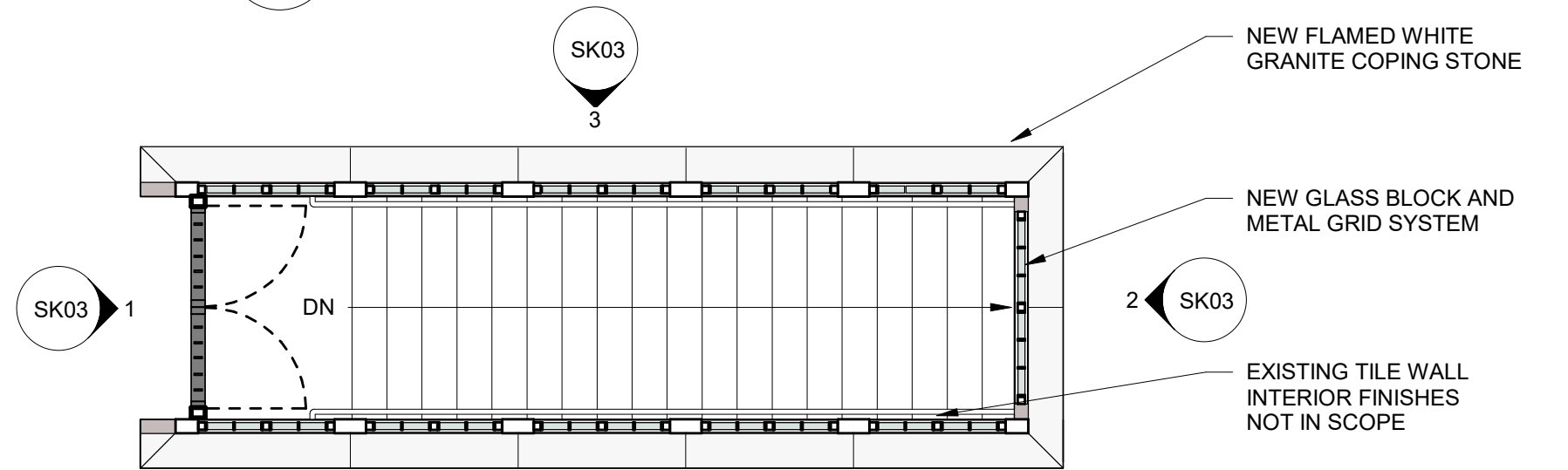
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TYPICAL STAIR HEADHOUSE ELEVATION 3
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



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SK03
TYPICAL STAIR HEADHOUSE ELEVATION 2
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



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SK03
TYPICAL STAIR HEADHOUSE ELEVATION 1
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



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SK03
TYPICAL STAIR HEADHOUSE PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



PROPOSED FINISH ON EXISTING HEADHOUSE			
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NORTHEAST HEADHOUSE
SEE SK-03 FOR TYPICAL
HEADHOUSE FINISHES

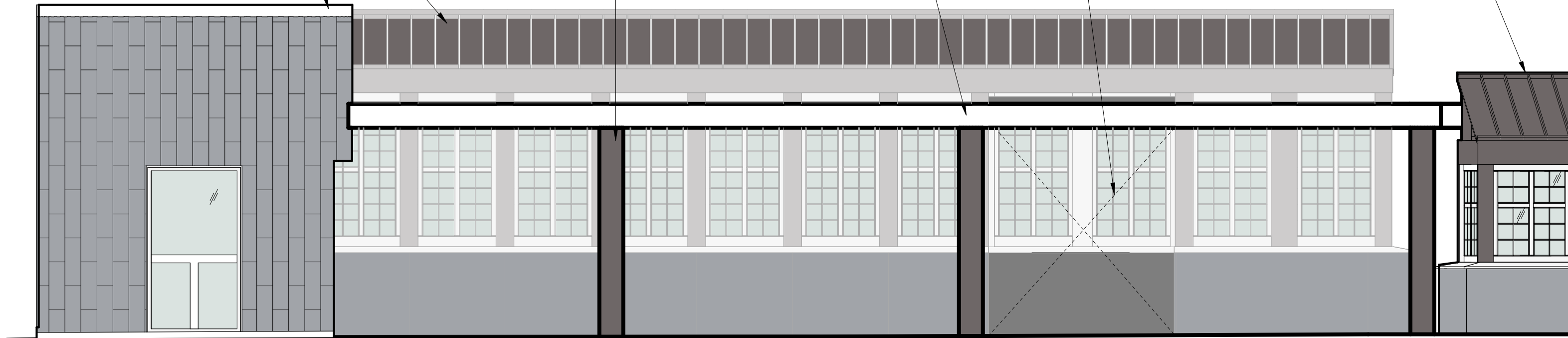
NORTHEAST ELEVATOR
HEADHOUSE,
SEE SK-05 FOR TYPICAL
ELEVATOR FINISHES

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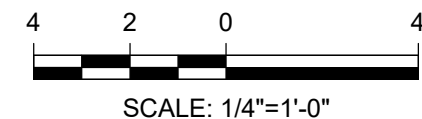
PAINTED CONCRETE CANOPY
COLOR: WHITE

EXISTING
HEADHOUSE
STAIR OPENING
(BEYOND)

ESCALATOR HEADHOUSE,
SEE SK-03 FOR TYPICAL
HEADHOUSE FINISHES

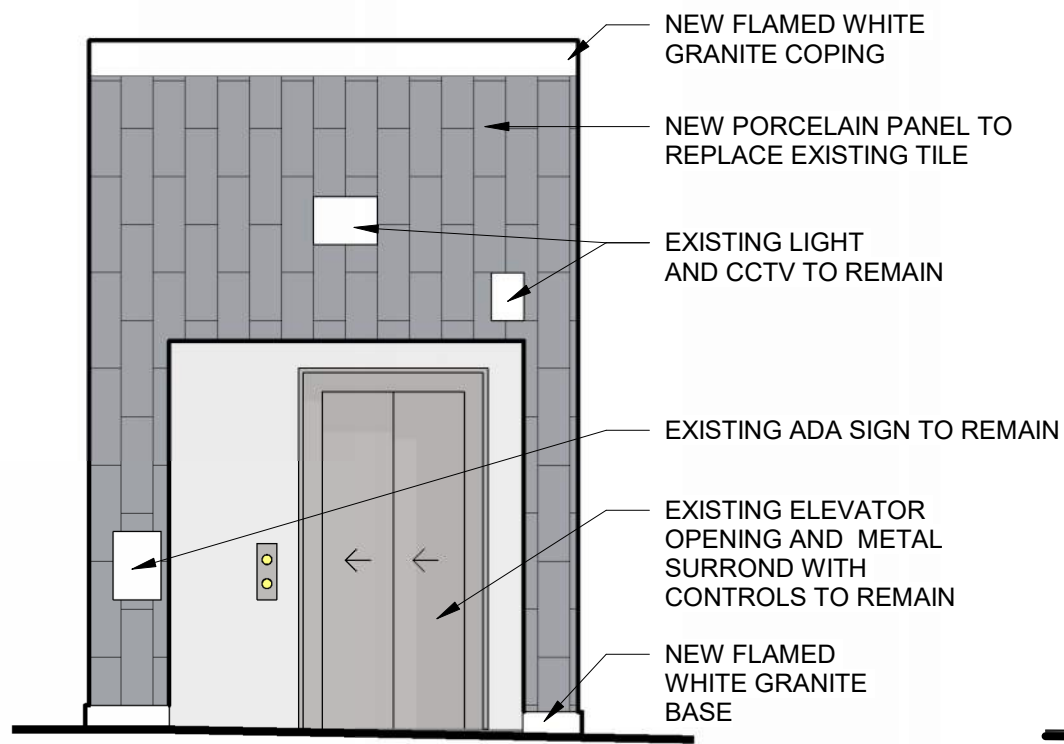


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SK04 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
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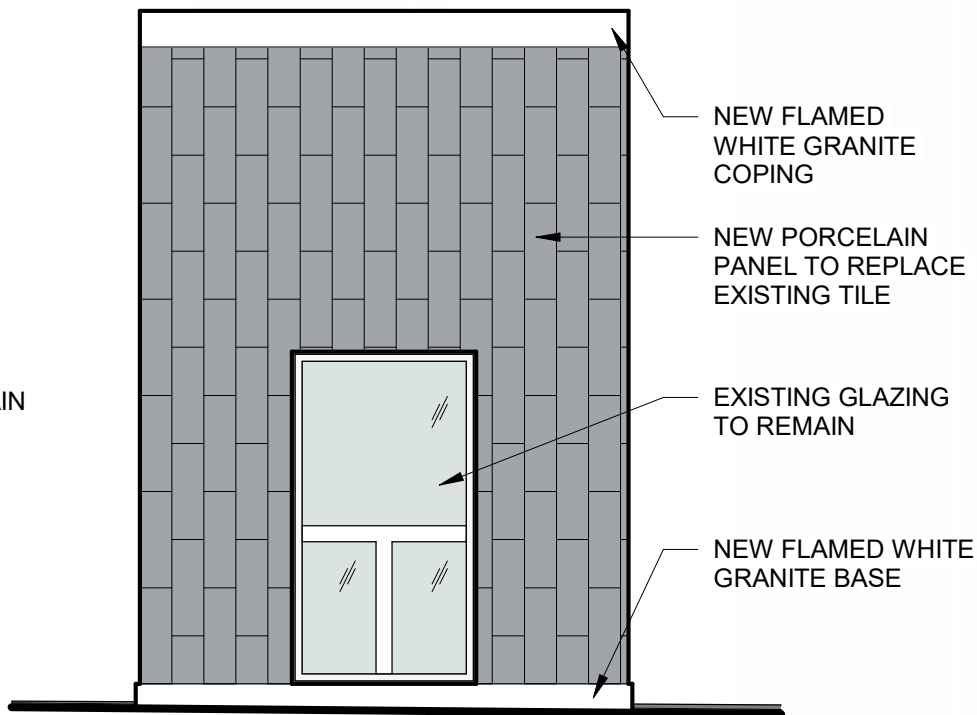


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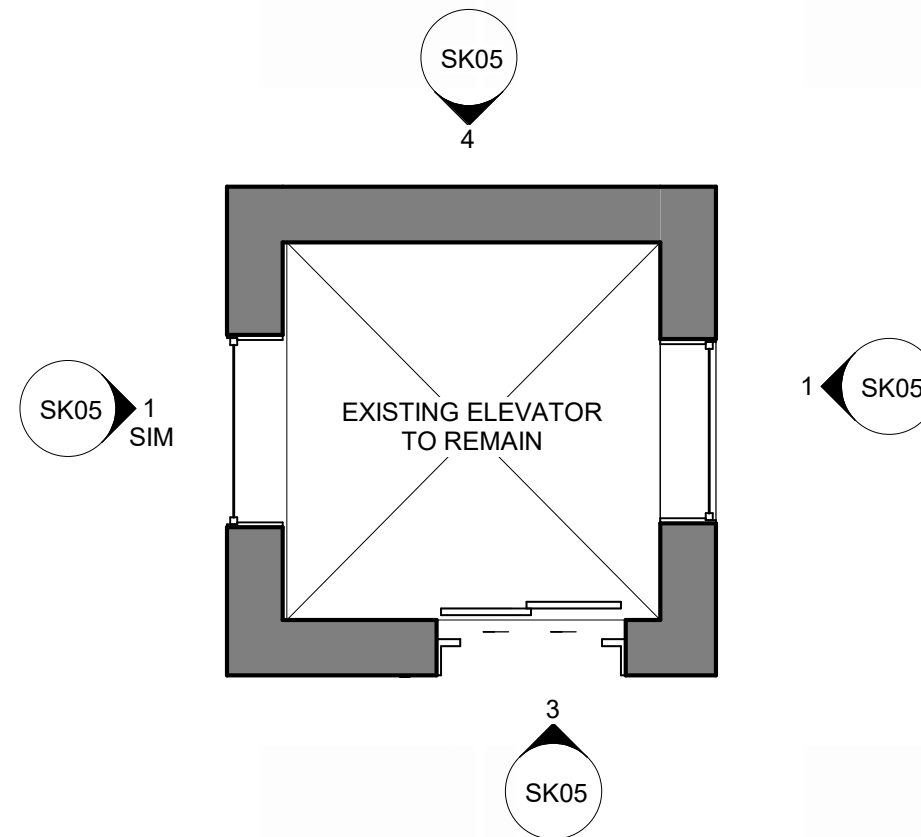


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TYP ELEVATOR SOUTH ELEVATION
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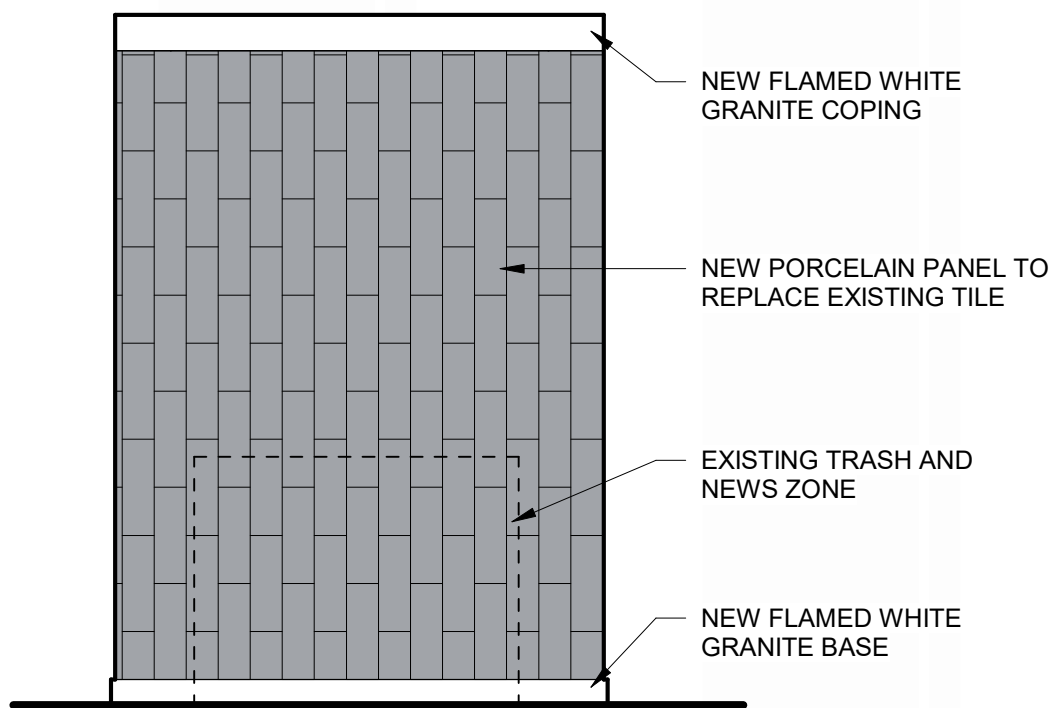


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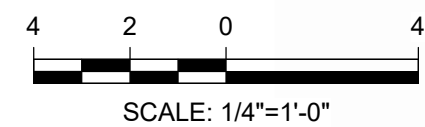
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TYP ELEVATOR PLAN
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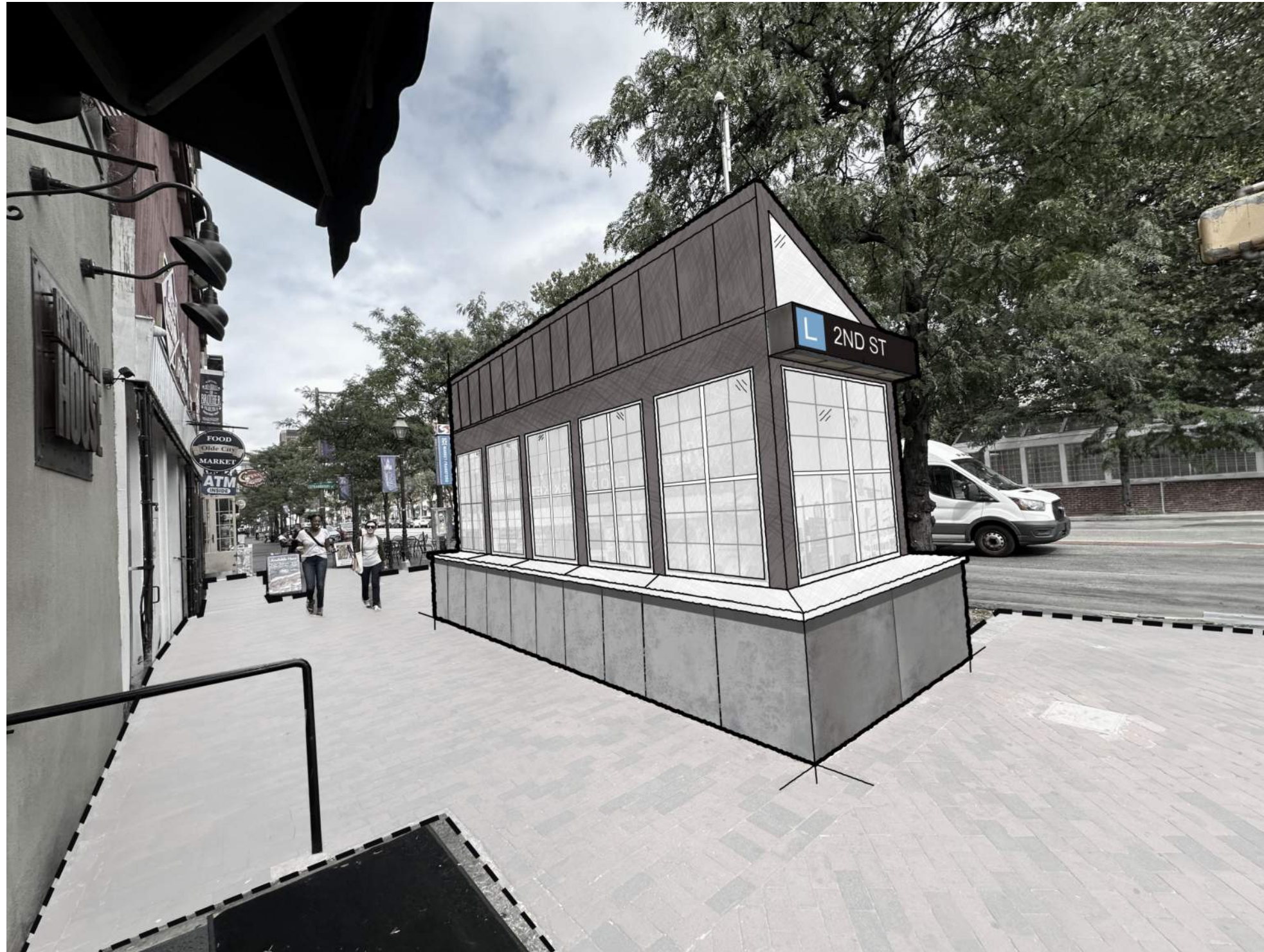


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TYP ELEVATOR NORTH ELEVATION
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PROPOSED FINISH ON EXISTING ELEVATOR SHAFT

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TYPICAL STAIR HEADHOUSE VIEW

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PROPOSED STAIR HEADHOUSE VIEW

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ELEVATOR HEADHOUSE VIEW

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PROPOSED ELEVATOR HEADHOUSE VIEW

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OVERALL EAST CORNERS VIEW

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PROPOSED SITE CONTEXT VIEW

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SK09

OVERALL NORTHWEST CORNER VIEW

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

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IN 1991, THE ELEVATOR SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR AIR HANDLING EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED ABOVE THE ELEVATOR OVERRIDE

THIS REQUIREMENT CREATED APPROXIMATELY 8FT OF ADDITIONAL HEIGHT


ART COMMISSION MEMBERS AND THE OLD CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AND THE HEIGHT

SEPTA DEVELOPED A CONCEPT FOR THE OVERBUILD THAT WAS EVENTUALLY APPROVED AND INSTALLED

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SK10

AUGUST 1991 ART COMMISSION PRESENTATION MATERIAL

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

PRESENTATION MATERIAL ART COMMISSION			
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1 EXISTING CONDITIONS NORTHWEST CORNER
 SK11 SCALE: NTS

2 EXISTING CONDITIONS NORTHEAST CORNER
 SK11 SCALE: NTS



3 EXISTING CONDITIONS SOUTHWEST CORNER
 SK11 SCALE: NTS

4 EXISTING CONDITIONS SOUTHEAST CORNER
 SK11 SCALE: NTS

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