



**Active Transportation Committee
AGENDA**

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garrett Otto will call the Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Committee to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, people may address the Committee about items not on the agenda. Persons wishing to speak should come forward and state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Items raised at this time are generally referred to staff and, if action by the Committee is necessary, may be scheduled for a future meeting.

3. CONSENT

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3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - JANUARY 16, 2025, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Recommendation:

To approve the Active Transportation Committee Minutes of January 16, 2025.

4. PRESENTATION ITEMS

4.a Grand Ave Pilot Project Update

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Recommendation:

1. Receive an update on the Grand Ave Pilot Project

5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

5.a COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Receive a brief update from Active Transportation Committee members.

5.b STAFF UPDATES

Receive a brief update from Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima on the following topics:

1. Tank Farm Road
2. Higuera Complete Streets Project
3. Bikeshare
4. Roll and Stroll Education Campaign
5. Updated Active Transportation webpage

5.c FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima will provide a forecast of items coming before the Active Transportation Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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Active Transportation Committee Minutes

January 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Active Transportation Committee Members Present: Member Dave Amos, Member Lea Brooks, Member Francine Levin, Member Russell Mills

ATC Members Absent: Member Jill Caggiano, Vice Chair Kimmie Nguyen, Chair Garrett Otto

City Staff Present: Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Active Transportation Committee was called to order on January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Member Mills.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

Michelle Craig
Carl MacMahon
Donal Gallegos
Helene Finger

--End of Public Comment--

3. CONSENT

3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - MAY 16, 2024, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, DECEMBER 12, 2024 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion By Member Brooks

Second By Member Amos

To approve the Active Transportation Committee Minutes of May 16, 2024, November 21, 2024, and December 12, 2024.

Ayes (4): Member Amos, Member Brooks, Member Levin, and Member Mills

Absent (3): Member Caggiano, Vice Chair Nguyen, and Chair Otto

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.a 600 TANK FARM ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Public Comment

Helene Finger

Rick Ellison

—End of Public Comment—

Motion By Member Amos

Second By Member Levin

To accept staff's recommendation to support the two-way shared-use path on Tank Farm (Santa Fe to Broad) and Santa Fe (Tank Farm to 600 Tank Farm driveway), with the flexibility to convert to separate one-way bike lane and sidewalks per the Active Transportation Plan in the future.

Ayes (4): Member Amos, Member Brooks, Member Levin, and Member Mills

Absent (3): Member Caggiano, Vice Chair Nguyen, and Chair Otto

CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion By Member Levin

Second By Member Brooks

To recommend future discussions at a future meeting about the consideration of two-way shared use paths vs one-way protected bike lanes.

Ayes (4): Member Amos, Member Brooks, Member Levin, and Member Mills

Absent (3): Member Caggiano, Vice Chair Nguyen, and Chair Otto

5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

5.a COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Active Transportation Committee members provided a brief update on topics including the County portion of the Bob Jones Trail project.

5.b STAFF UPDATES

Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima provided updates on the following topics:

1. Community Budget Forum, January 23;
2. Community Open House for the Upper Monterey Area Focus Area Plan on January 30; and,
3. Higuera Complete Streets Study Session at City Council on February 4.

5.c FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima provided the following agenda forecast:

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6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Committee is scheduled for March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: XX/XX/202X



Active Transportation Committee

AGENDA REPORT ITEM 4A

DATE: March 20, 2025

FROM: Luke Schwartz, Transportation Manager
Adam Fukushima, Active Transportation Manager

SUBJECT: Grand Ave Pilot Project Update

Recommendation:

1. Receive an update on the Grand Avenue Pilot Project

Background

As part of the 2024 Roadway Sealing Project, the City advanced a pilot project on Grand Avenue with the purpose of including roadway improvements as a response to a history of injury collisions and to advance improvements from the Active Transportation Plan. The project plan was brought to the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) on February 29, 2024, where the ATC provided comments and recommendations to guide the project. Informed by the ATC and staff's recommendation, the project was approved by the City Council on May 24, 2024.

Project Update

The 2024 Roadway Sealing Project is currently wrapping up the final few weeks of construction and nearly all improvements have been installed—all using temporary materials with the intent to monitor and refine as needed before the roadway is resurfaced and restriped with permanent materials (mostly likely as part of the 2026 or 2027 Paving Project). See **Attachment A** for the originally proposed striping plans. As the pilot improvements have been installed, staff has been actively monitoring traffic conditions using in-person observations and by collecting video over longer durations, including during evening and weekend special events at Cal Poly. Staff has also been actively coordinating with Cal Poly representatives to understand their observations of the street changes and how traffic operations are affected by Cal Poly's ongoing construction for their Vista Meadows housing development.

Based on observations conducted over the last few months, staff has identified several areas that we believe warrant making changes to the pilot project striping plans in the near future rather than waiting several more months for additional monitoring. See **Attachment B** for the modified striping plans. These issues and staff's corresponding recommendations for refinements are summarized as follows:

1. AM Northbound Vehicle Queues – Staff has observed regular occurrences of traffic queues spilling back from the Cal Poly entrance back past Loomis Street near the US 101 ramps in the northbound direction on Grand Avenue during the heaviest 10-15 minutes of the morning commute into Cal Poly. This appears to be more frequent on Monday and

Wednesdays and during rainy weather. This queueing typically dissipates quickly within by 8:20 a.m. This was also observed for a short duration during weekday evenings when multiple special events were scheduled simultaneously at Cal Poly, while queues during more typical special events, including sold-out weekend events at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), did not present these queueing concerns. Staff believes some of this queueing may be at least partially exacerbated by Cal Poly's Vista Meadows construction activities—for example, the sidewalk on the east side of Grand is currently closed, which funnels more pedestrians to cross Grand Avenue at Slack Street that in turn impedes vehicle flow into the campus. However, in staff's opinion, this queueing is not solely related to Cal Poly's construction project, and queues that spill back near or onto the US 101 freeway are a legitimate concern that cannot be accepted on a regular basis. For this reason, striping modifications are recommended to be implemented sooner rather than later to minimize this concern.

- Recommended Adjustment: Staff recommends modifications to the current striping configuration to transition from one to two northbound traffic lanes further south of Slack Street to provide additional capacity for vehicle queueing during the AM commute and evening special events. Staff plans to advance striping modifications to move this transition from one to two lanes to just north of McCollum Street. This modification will retain the majority of the benefits of the current design with a buffered bicycle lane in the northbound direction north of McCollum and the current road diet as exists now in the southbound direction, which is the direction of travel with greater collision history and speeding concerns. This modification also retains one lane of vehicle traffic at the new marked pedestrian crossing at Grand/McCollum, which reduces conflicts for pedestrians.
2. Improper Right-Turn Movements on SB Grand at the US 101 SB On-Ramp – The current pilot project design provides a dedicated right-turn lane on southbound Grand onto the US 101 SB On-Ramp, with the southbound bike lane channelized to the left of the vehicle right turn lane. While the intent of this design was to provide a dedicated turn lane for right-turning vehicles to decelerate out of the path of through traffic with cyclists positioned to the left to minimize potential for right hook collisions, based on in-person observations, most drivers are choosing to make a wide right turn at high speeds from the through lane instead of maneuvering into the dedicated right turn lane. This has also created confusion for drivers exiting the daycare located on Grand Ave just north of the on-ramp, as it is unclear if southbound vehicles on Grand are turning right or continuing straight.
- Recommended Adjustment: Staff recommends modifications to the current striping configuration to eliminate the dedicated right-turn lane at this intersection, instead providing a wide dashed bike green bike lane through the intersection. This allows for increased width of the striped corner bulbout, a tighter corner to better control turning speeds onto the on-ramp, and a more intuitive configuration for drivers in staff's opinion. An attachment is provided for reference to convey these intended striping modifications at this intersection. Staff plans to continue coordination with Caltrans to pursue more effective long-term designs for this intersection to better control turning speeds onto the on-ramp and improve safety for all road users. Further coordination with Caltrans and evaluation of more permanent design

options at this on-ramp are recommended to explore further potential to reduce turning speeds and improve safety for peds, bikes, and autos at this conflict point.

3. Queueing at SLO Classical Academy Entry – Prior to the pilot project, the City would receive regular complaints about vehicles blocking the southbound bike lane and outside traffic lane on Grand Avenue when queued to enter the SLO Classical Academy parking lot driveway during the afternoon school pick-up time. The pilot project added flex posts to separate the bike lane from vehicle traffic and discourage parents from parking/queueing in the bike lane, providing a wide striped buffer area for drivers to queue while waiting to turn right into the school driveway. While this has been partially effective, some drivers are not pulling far enough into the striped buffer area to avoid blocking through traffic on southbound Grand or choosing to illegally pull into the bike lane between the flex posts and curb, which is also a safety concern. SLO Classical Academy staff has been helpful in communicating their concerns and strategizing on reasonable solutions to address these issues.
 - Recommended Adjustment: Staff will be temporarily removing the flex posts located in front of the SLO Classical Academy and will reinstall the posts approximately 2'-3' closer to the curb. This will preserve the existing 8' wide bike lane width, while providing more space for vehicles to pull away from the through traffic lane when queueing to enter the school. This will also discourage drivers from driving into the bike lane itself.

In addition to the planned modifications mentioned above, staff has also approved several minor modifications to placement of flex posts to address observed concerns impacting access for trash collection, bus access, U-turn at some intersections, and cyclist maneuverability where the bike lanes shift horizontally.

While any final design decisions will ultimately be made with safety as a top priority and at the discretion of the Transportation Manager and City Engineer, staff wants to share these project updates with the ATC and welcome any comments to guide these refinements.

Next Steps

Following these planned short-term modifications, staff will continue to monitor performance of the Grand Avenue pilot project over the next year, studying changes to vehicle speeds, emergency response, collision frequency/severity, mode use, observations of road user behavior and community feedback. Following this monitoring period, staff will return with opportunities for feedback from the ATC, community and City Council to guide recommendations for final improvements.

Attachments:

A – Originally Proposed Striping Plans

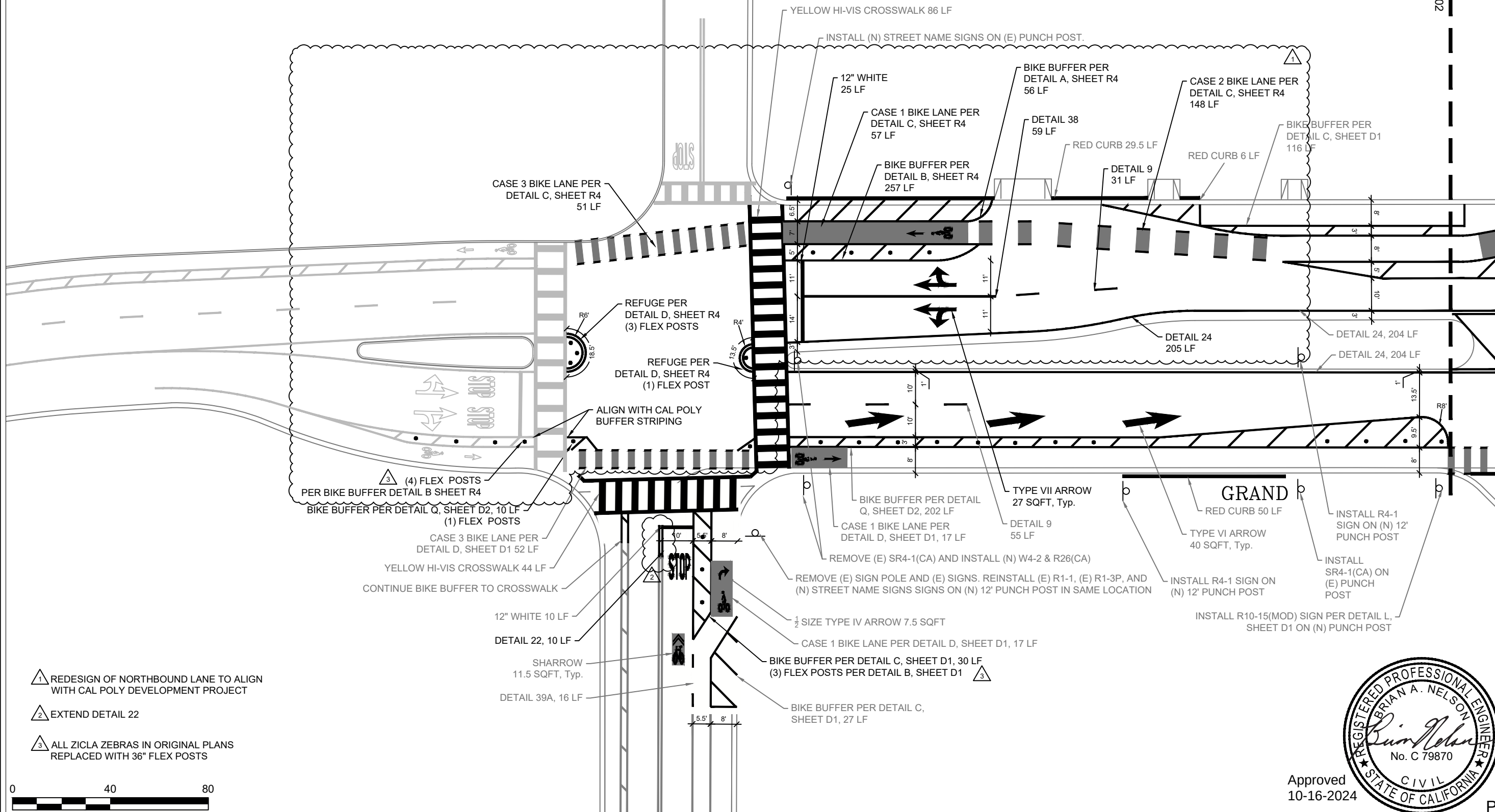
B—Modified Striping Plans

ORIGINALLY PROPOSED STRIPING PLANS



ROADWAY SEALING 2024

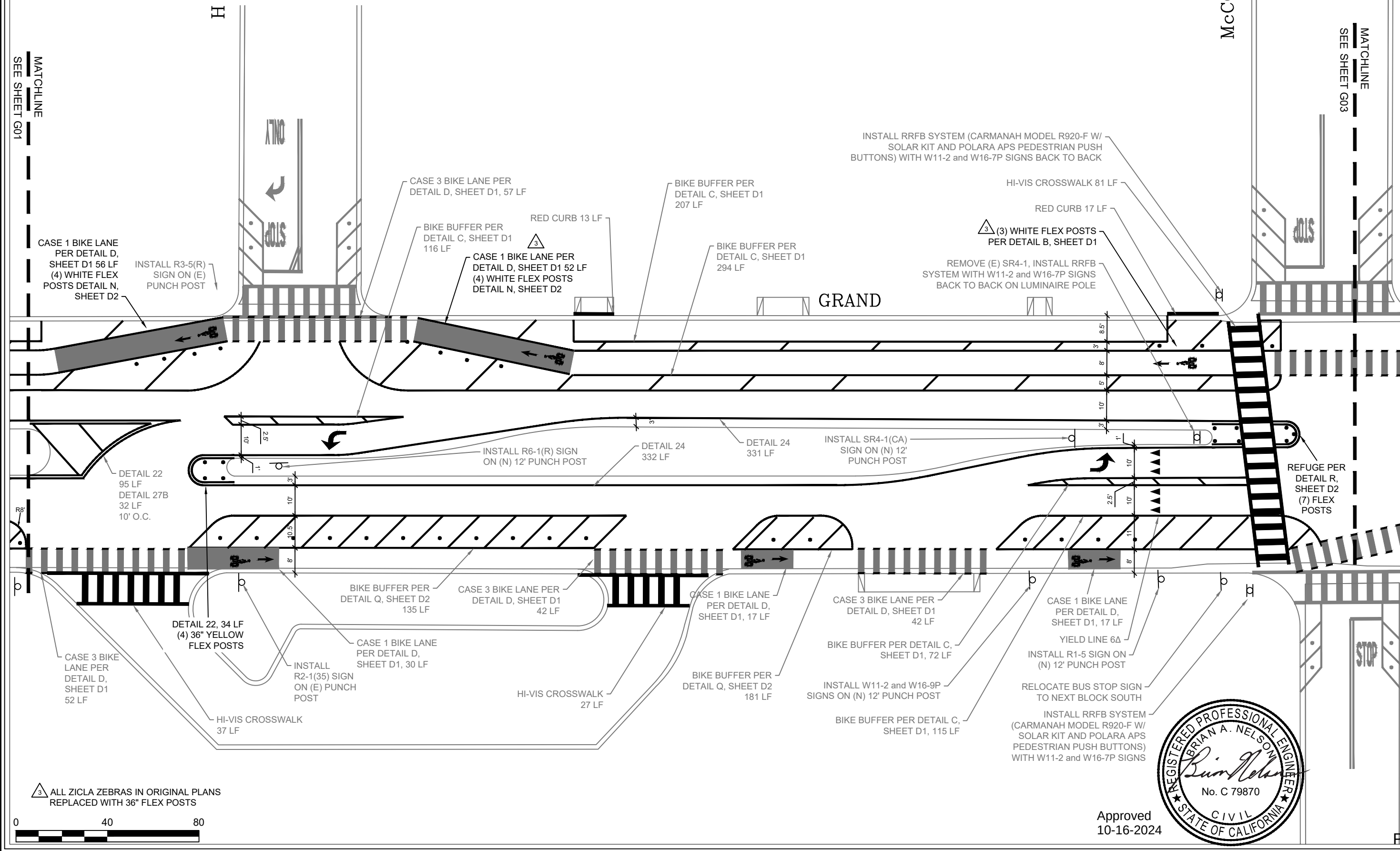
BID ALT. A. GRAND



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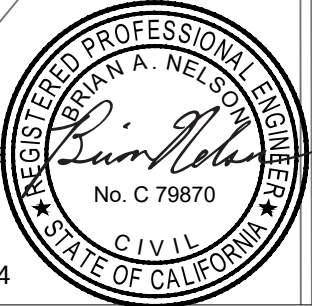
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED
STRIPING PLANS



ALL ZICLA ZEBRAS IN ORIGINAL PLANS
REPLACED WITH 36" FLEX POSTS



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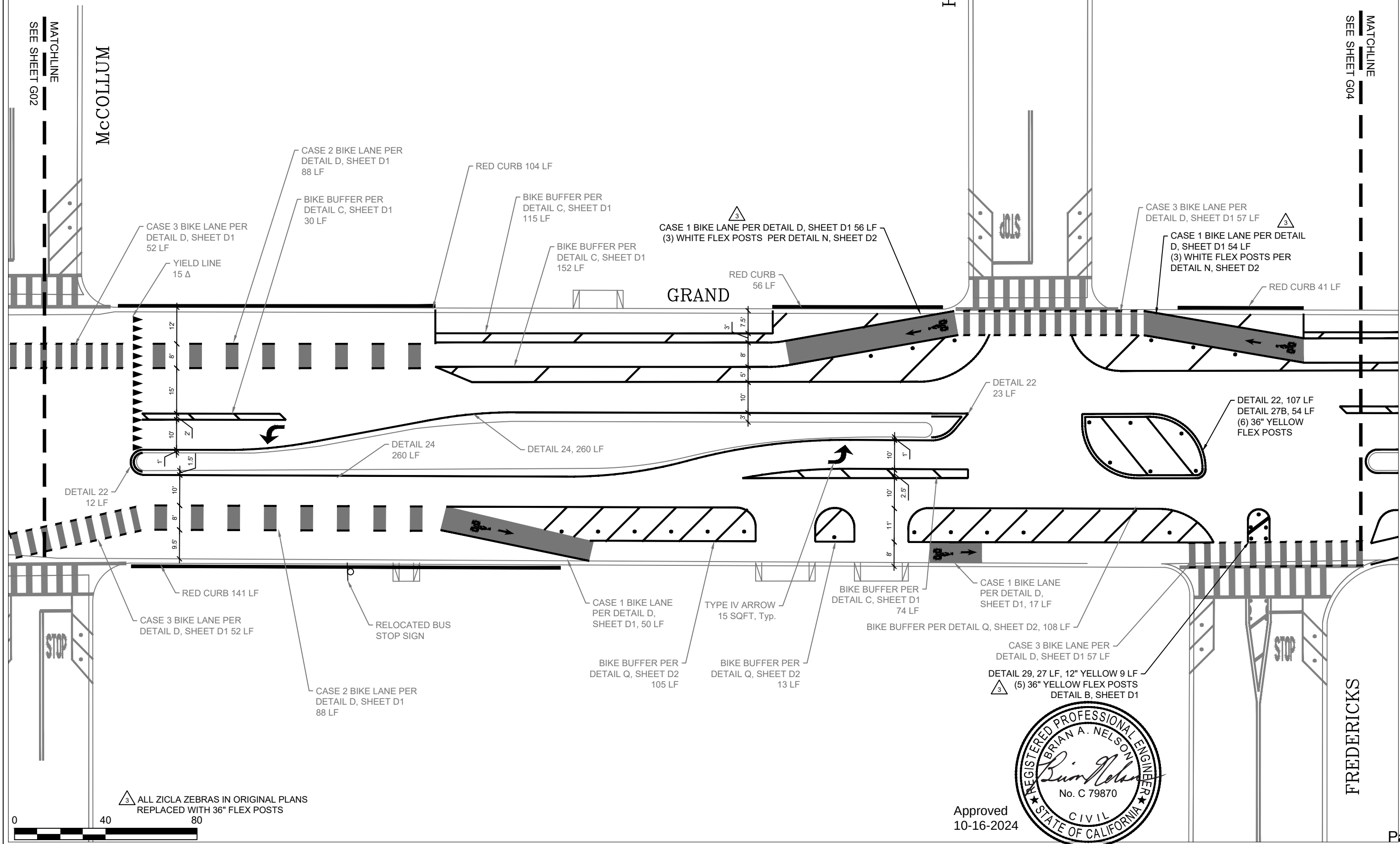


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ORIGINALLY PROPOSED STRIPING PLANS

MATCHLINE
SEE SHEET G03

FREDERICKS

LOOMIS

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MATCHLINE
SEE SHEET G05

- 1 ADJUSTED LANE WIDTHS
- 2 REPLACED BUFFER WITH DETAIL 38
- 3 ALL ZICLA ZEBRAS IN ORIGINAL PLANS REPLACED WITH 36" FLEX POSTS

- 4 ADJUSTED DETAIL 22 LENGTH AND FLEX POST COUNT
- 5 ADJUSTED BUFFER LENGTH AND REMOVED ZICLAS

"ONLY" LEGEND
22 SQFT

INSTALL R3-5(R) SIGN ON
(E) PUNCH POST

RED CURB 37 LF

CASE 3 BIKE LANE
PER DETAIL D,
SHEET D1 62 LF

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL Q, SHEET D2
285 LF

DETAIL 38
45 LF
TYPE IV ARROW
15 SQFT, Typ.

DETAIL 22, 33 LF
(4) 36" YELLOW FLEX POSTS
PER DETAIL B, SHEET D3

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL C, SHEET
D1, 66 LF
(4) 36" YELLOW
FLEX POSTS

DETAIL 24, 268 LF

DETAIL 24, 271 LF

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL Q, SHEET D2
276 LF

CASE 1 BIKE LANE PER
DETAIL D, SHEET D1, 23 LF

CASE 3 BIKE LANE PER
DETAIL D, SHEET D1 37 LF

HI-VIS CROSSWALK 48 LF
ADJUST SPACING SUCH THAT
SPACES BETWEEN MARKING MUST
BE PLACED IN WHEEL TRACKS

CASE 1 BIKE LANE
PER DETAIL D,
SHEET D1, 42 LF

12" WHITE 73 LF
(3) 36" WHITE
FLEX POSTS

12" WHITE 29 LF
(1) 36" WHITE
FLEX POST

INSTALL R3-7R ON
(N) 12' PUNCH POST

TYPE I 10' ARROW
14 SQFT

CASE 2 BIKE LANE PER
DETAIL D, SHEET D1
100 LF

INSTALL R4-4 ON
(N) 12' PUNCH POST

CASE 3 BIKE LANE PER
DETAIL D, SHEET D1 57 LF

BIKE BUFFER PER DETAIL C,
SHEET D1 85 LF

CASE 1 BIKE LANE PER DETAIL D, SHEET D1, 20 LF

DETAIL 38
87 LF

DETAIL 24
192 LF

DETAIL 24
188 LF

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL C, SHEET D1
65 LF

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL C, SHEET D1
243 LF

CASE 1 BIKE LANE PER
DETAIL D, SHEET D1 51 LF
(3) WHITE FLEX POSTS PER
DETAIL N, SHEET D2

BIKE BUFFER PER
DETAIL C, SHEET D1
162 LF



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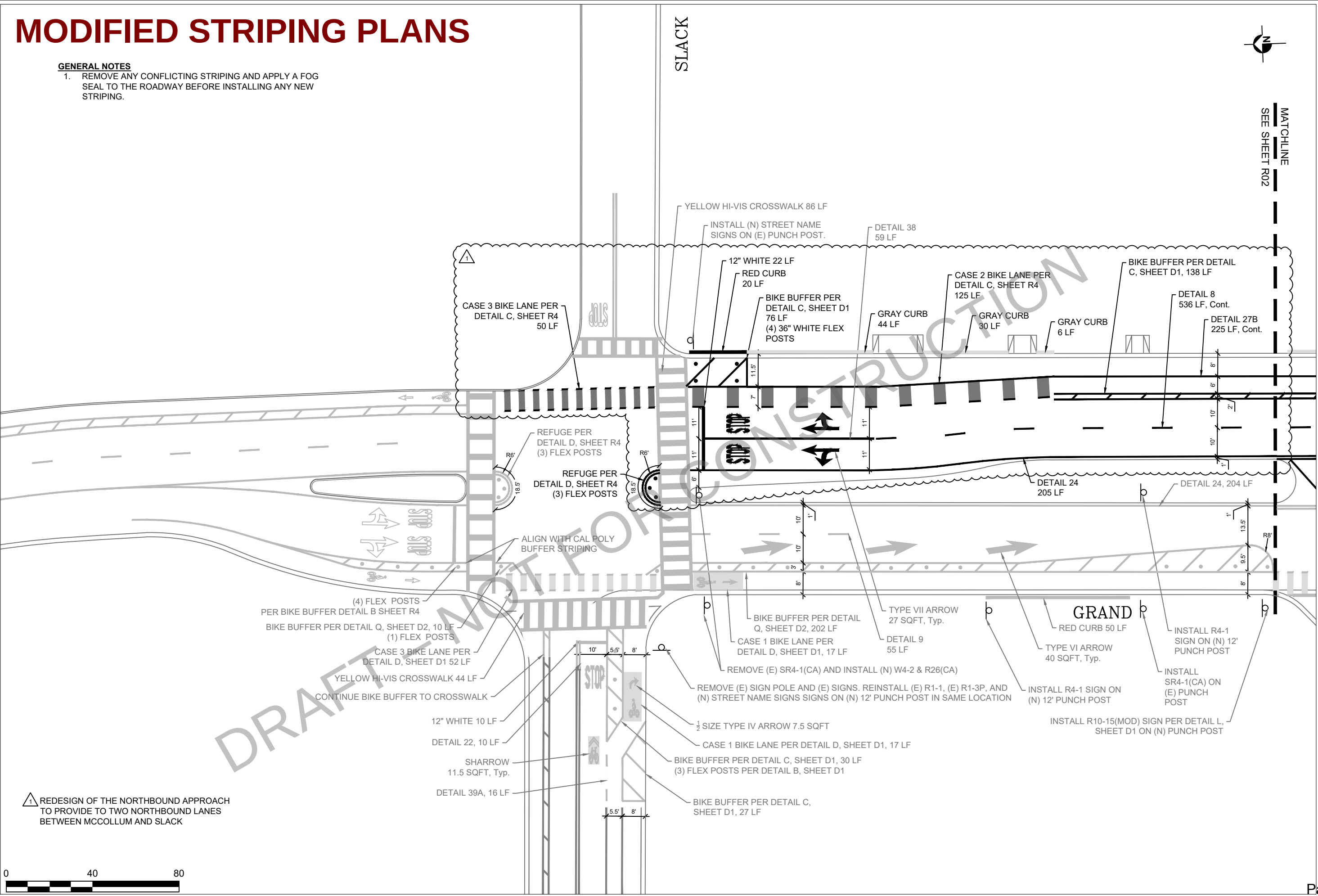
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- GENERAL NOTES
- 1. REMOVE ANY CONFLICTING STRIPING AND APPLY A FOG SEAL TO THE ROADWAY BEFORE INSTALLING ANY NEW STRIPING.



REDESIGN OF THE NORTHBOUND APPROACH TO PROVIDE TO TWO NORTHBOUND LANES BETWEEN MCCOLLUM AND SLACK

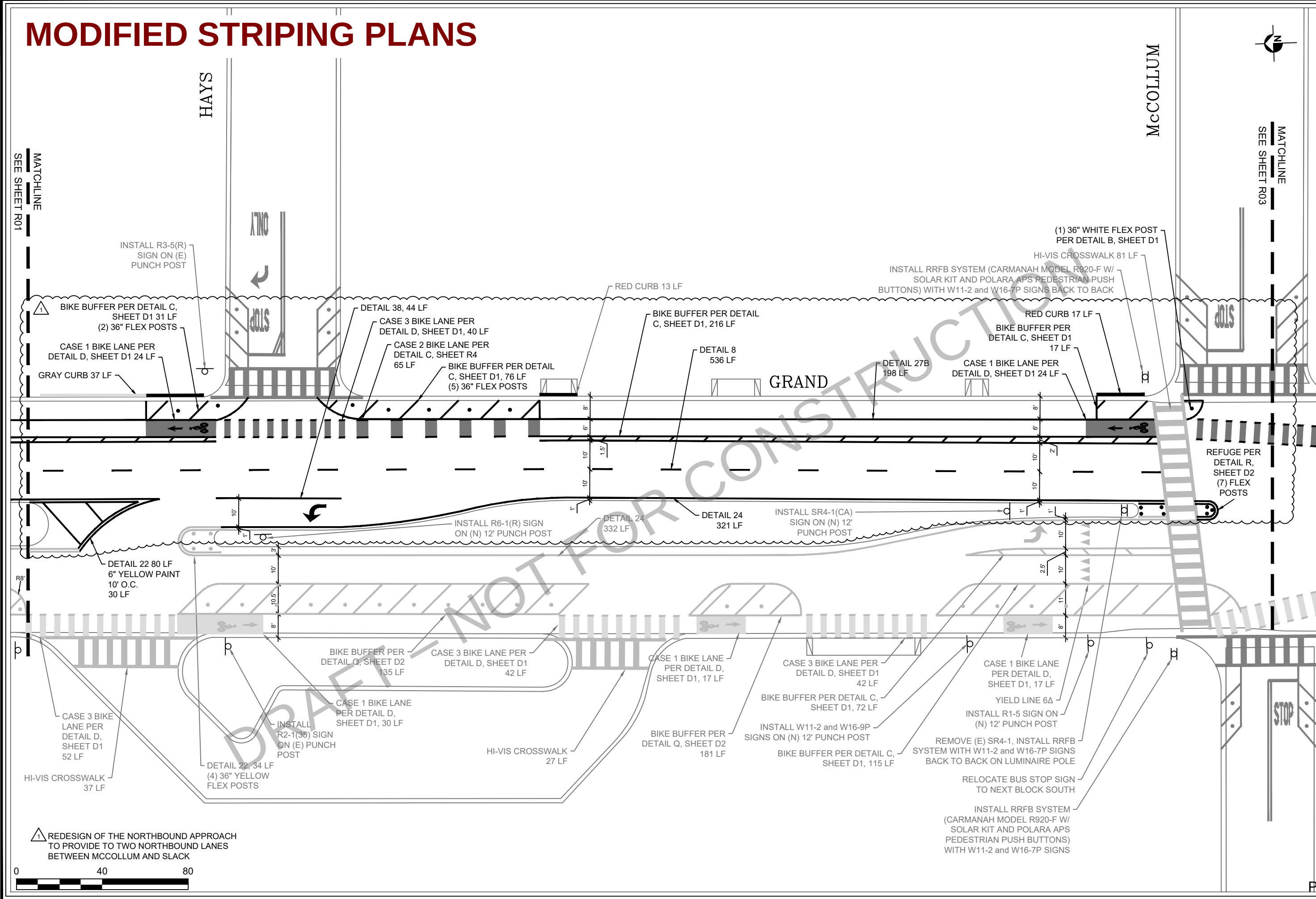


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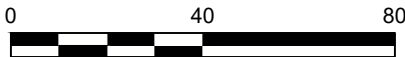
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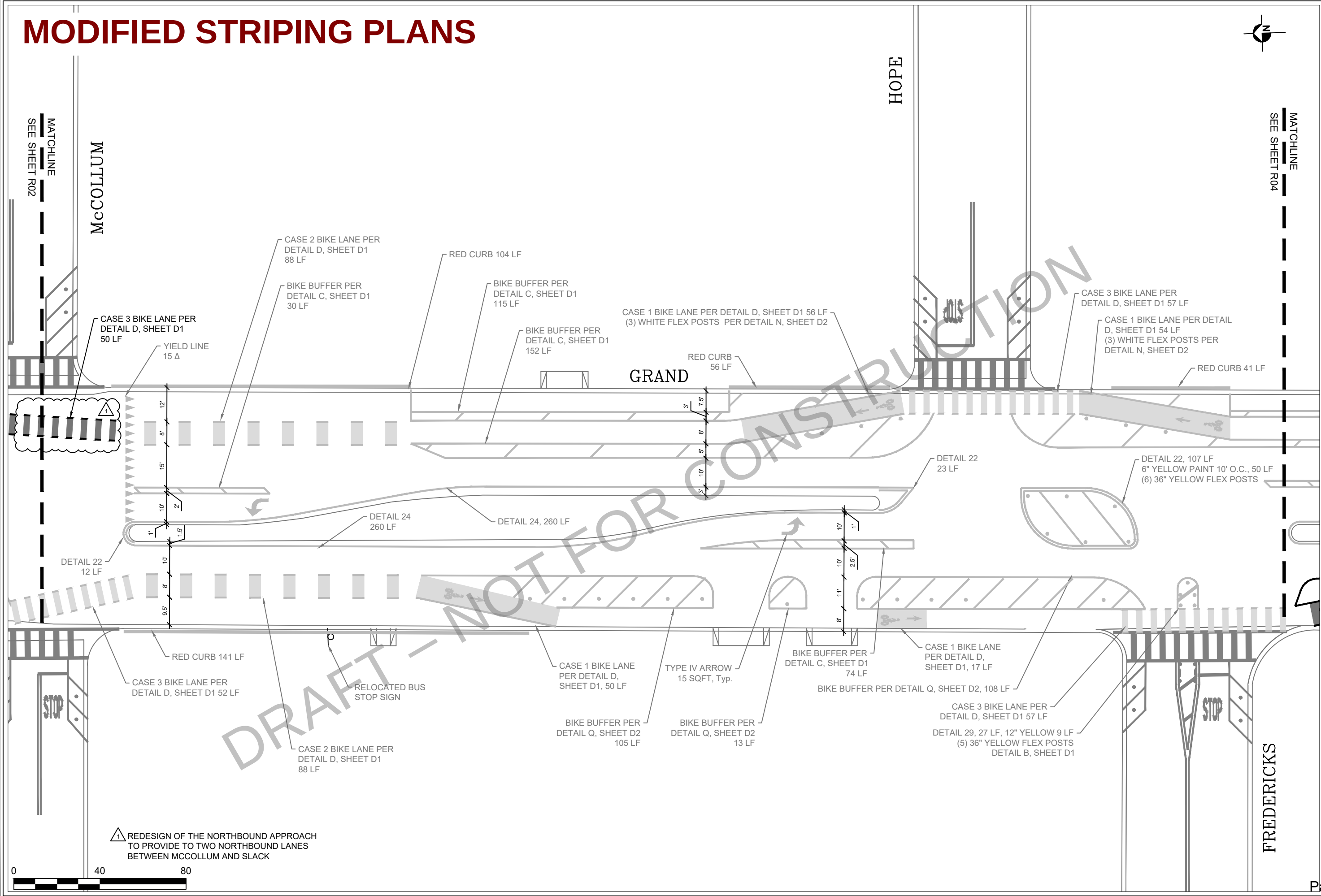
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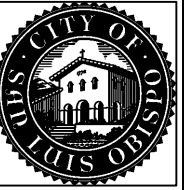
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