PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,

The Arts & Culture Commission supports and encourages the Council to take into full consideration the Advisory Group's goals for public art and community building in the 710 Corridor. The presence of public art, art venues, and resources for artists are inexorably linked to the communities and neighborhoods in which they exist. The vitality of the arts is a reflection of how a community defines itself.

The 710-Corridor will provide one of the largest opportunities for new public art in the City's history. Bordering and connecting the Downtown Old Pasadena Redevelopment areas and the Northwest Community Plan Area, both of which result in separate qualifications for private development public art and the allocation of funds, particular attention should be given to the potential establishment of distinct criteria for the 710-Corridor as well. These criteria will fundamentally shape the scope and scale for private development public art in this new space and should be the subject of discussion and careful decision making.

With the multitudes of paths that will be presented in the coming years and decades as this massive undertaking progresses, the significance of art and culture as part of the conversation cannot be understated. A unique opportunity is present for the growth and development of a community with an intentional foundation to support and foster art and artists. The designation of art-specific spaces, in the form of live-work units, artistic venues, and appropriate resources to support these areas will be of paramount importance to ensure these aims are not eclipsed in an ocean of priorities and interests.

The City should, in moving forward with this report from the Advisory Group, fully and explicitly commit to the presence of public art and resources for artists and arts organizations as this project advances through the planning and development process. The artistic and cultural character for the future must be given the appropriate framework and resources to develop and thrive organically as the space grows from a blueprint to real neighborhoods with a diversity and vibrancy and for Pasadena to cement itself as a center of the universe for arts & culture.

City of Pasadena Arts & Culture Commission

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After reviewing the new 710 Committee documents on the website pertaining to Land Use, Place Making, Racial Justice and Public Realm, I still believe the street layouts on my plan are the best solution for the city. One-way streets are the most efficient way to move traffic and use the least amount of area. 8 acres less of asphalt, for more room for public spaces. Because all parking for the buildings would be underground, all the access ramps and service entries should be on the cross streets. These streets would be the last public element to be built and could be modified if the adjacent uses required it. The two levels of parking under the entire site, works with the concept of city owned and controlled parking. The upper level would be open parking with reserved spaces on the lower level.

The existing 210N on ramp at Walnut St. services Pasadena Ave. All that is needed to complete the connection with the freeway, is a new 210S off-ramp up to Walnut St. to join the new south bound street. This plan also has the lowest cost and can be built with minimum disruption to on-going traffic. (See Construction Schedule.)

I believe that Cal Trans has the obligation to return as much land as possible to the city. There is no need to have a small left-over ditch between Walnut St. and Holly St. I have shown this area to be a park with below grade parking for a Mobility Hub, bus loading area and low-income housing. The Mobility Hub Park has a stage for civic events and a playground for kids. The ground level of the building south of the bus loading area could be a good location for the proposed racial history & 710 history museums and programable space for meetings.

This plan features a ½ mile long promenade and strip park along the new south bound street, from Del Mar to the Mobility Hub Park. The strip park would be the perfect location for outdoor art and water features (no deep lakes). Outdoor dinning and shops would be on the ground floor of the buildings fronting on the promenade.

The Construction Schedule estimates it would take 6 years to complete the street infrastructure, before any building construction could begin. The street layout decision should be made as soon as possible, so documentation and construction can start. Discussions regarding the uses in each block can be resolved during this period. It is time to turn the vision into reality.

Thank you.

Regards, Bruce A. Bailey, AIA

710 ROW Conceptual Infrastructure Construction Schedule

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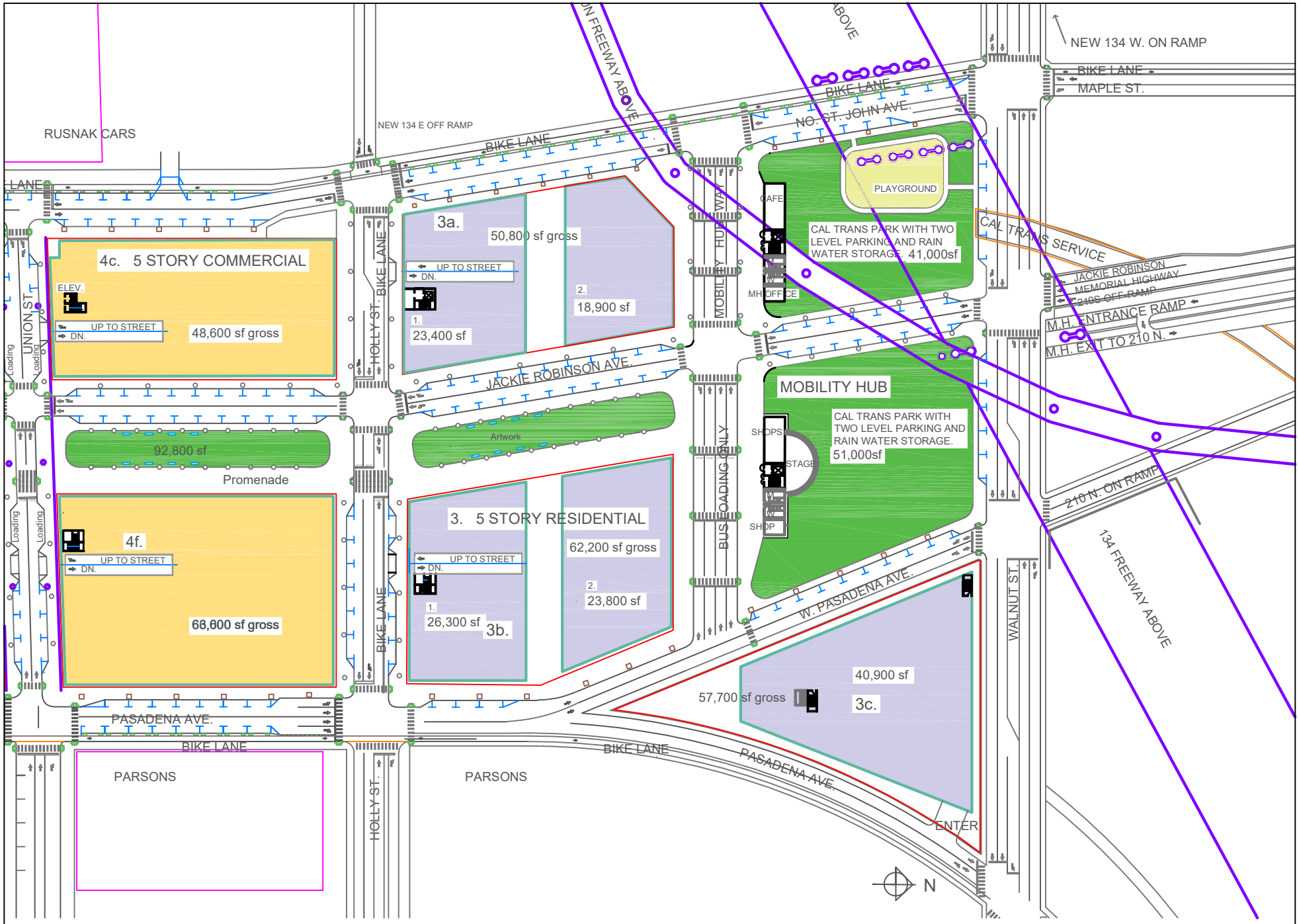
Item:	Months:		**Scope of Street Construction Work**: Schedule allows existing traffic to continue to flow through the work area.
1		5	Cal Trans to build new 134W freeway on-ramp from Walnut St., just west of Maple Dr. Join existing 134W on-ramp. Open for public use.
			Cal Trans to begin revisions to 210 interchange. 2 new 210W to 210N lanes, exclusive 134W transition lane from 210S.
2	14		Install steel I beam shoring piles from Walnut St. to Palmetto Dr. along Pasadena Ave. Install conduit & pipes for future utilities.
3		11	Install steel I beam shoring piles from Walnut St. to Del Mar Blvd. along St. John Ave. Install conduit & pipes for future utilities.
4		5	Install steel I beam shoring piles from Del Mar Blvd. to Palmetto St. along Jackie Robinson Ave.
			Dirt from pile holes and future soil from shored walls to be used as fill from the south PL to Del Mar, to raise existing grade in ditch, as
			needed for 2 levels (25') of underground parking. Remove existing Cal Trans rain water pump station.
5		2	Close 210E ramp, 134W fly over bridge ramp and freeway on-ramp north at Del Mar. Use on-ramp for construction access only.
6	14		Shore & excavate sloped soil down to basement level along Pasadena Ave. from Walnut St. to Palmetto Dr. Existing on ramps to remain.
			Box and remove as many existing trees as possible. Replant trees along Pasadena Ave. & St John Ave.
7		4	Cal Trans to remove one segment of the 134 West flyover bridge above N. St. John Ave.
8		5	Cal Trans to remove existing 134E off-ramp from new ramp to So. St. John Ave. Remove small bridge. Fill trench flush to existing grade .
9		6	Raise grade of N. St. John Ave. for a straight slope from Walnut St. to Union St. Construct new wider street, temporarily one way south.
10		5	Cal Trans to construct new 134 East off-ramp to join N. St. John Ave. at Holly St. Close 210W to 710S as required for shoring.
11	12		Shore & excavate soil down to basement level along St. John Ave. from Del Mar Blvd. to Walnut St. Use off ramp for construction.
12		12	Widen Pasadena Ave. to the west, install curbs along street and into future E-W streets from Walnut St. to W. California Blvd.
13		10	Widen S. St. John Ave. to the east, install curbs and into future E-W streets from Del Mar Blvd.to Union St.
			Begin work on triangular lot 3c., south of Walnut St. at Pasadena Ave. Piles, shoring, excavation, foundations, etc. Soil fill at Palmetto.
14	7		Install steel I beam shoring piles on N. side of Palmetto Dr. between S. Pasadena Ave and Jackie Robinson Ave. Raise grade on S. side.
15	2		Complete compacted fill under proposed city park and Palmetto Dr. south of underground parking.
16	9		Construct Palmetto Dr. and city park between S. Pasadena Ave. and Jackie Robinson Ave.
17	1		Close the north bound ramp into the ditch from S. Pasadena Ave. North bound cars will now access freeways at Walnut St. (5 Years)
18	3	3	Cal Trans to remove 210 divider North and South of Walnut to allow So.bound traffic to use existing northbound lanes until south of Walnut.
19		9	Cal Trans to construct 210S off-ramp up to Walnut St. bridge, 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Align with future Jackie Robinson Ave.
			Construction of two level underground parking and above grade housing and commercial developments can proceeed on the
			east side of the ditch from Valley St. to Union St. CalTrans to remove East segment of 134W off ramp flyover bridge. (6 years from start.)
20	1		Shift southbound traffic on west side of ditch to old northbound lanes at Orange Paseo and continue up the ramp to S. Pasadena Ave.
			Right turn at Palmetto Dr., left turn at Jackie Robinson Ave. Temporarily protect S. Pasadena Ave. to Palmetto for south bound traffic.
21	4		Raise grade of Jackie Robinson Ave. between Del Mar Blvd and Palmetto Dr. Install conduit & pipes for future utilities.
22	8		Construct new street from Del Mar Blvd. to Palmetto Dr. Modify Del Mar bridge per new layout to accommodate street connection.
23	1		Open Jackie Robinson Ave. from Del Mar Blvd. to California Blvd.
24	2		Cal Trans to open off ramp from 210S to Walnut St. Right turn to St. John Ave., left turn south. Close southbound traffic into ditch.
25	2		Cal Trans to close 210S off ramp to Maple St. Update all freeway signage. City to change Maple St. for two way traffic to Lincoln Ave.
26	5		Cal Trans to demo and remove remaining portion of 134W flyover on-ramp. 210W to use Fair Oaks to Maple St to access St. John Ave.
27			Begin construction for Holly St., Mobility Hub Way and Jackie Robinson Ave. from Walnut St. south to Del Mar Blvd. And city park.
28			Begin new east-west streets: W. Dayton Ave., Valley St., Orange Paseo, Waverly Dr. and W. Bellevue Ave. And Jackie Robinnson Ave.
29			All other housing, commercial or public work can proceed.
30			Upgrade So. Pasadena Ave. from Columbia to California. New alignment, curbs, sidewalks, street lighting, connections to side streets.
			DATA: 53 acres, one mile long, 6500 cars, 4 lanes = 4.4 acres, MH - 1400 cars, 3.5Msf Residential, 1.1Msf Commercial, 11 AC of Parks
	85	77	Order of magitude estimate of critical path. (7 years). Plus a minimum of one year to create bid documents for initial street work.



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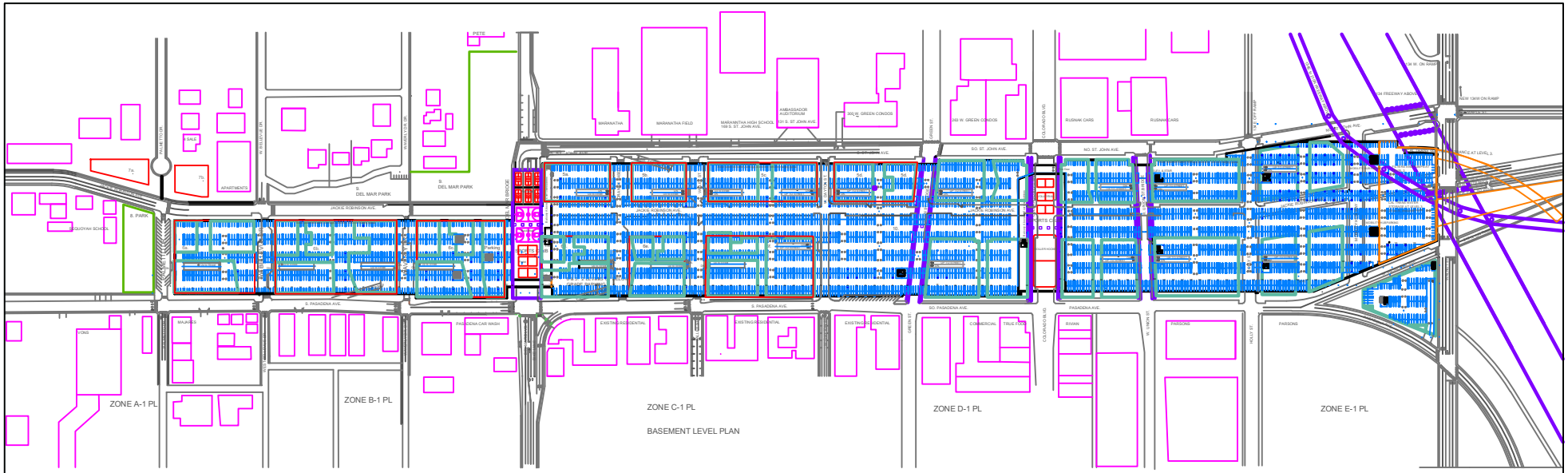

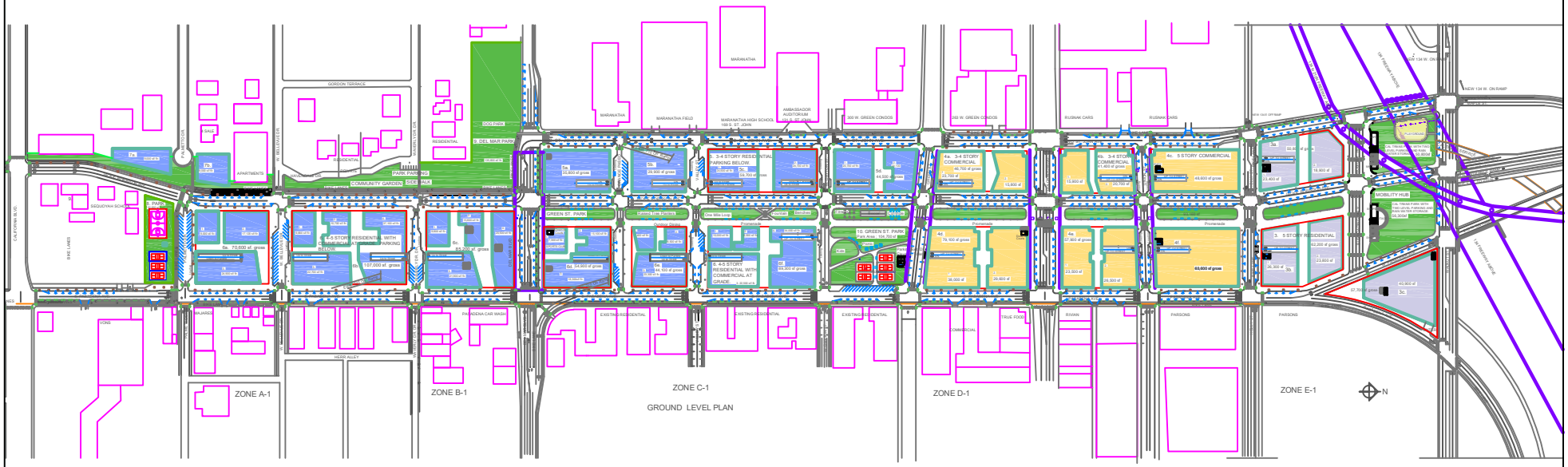

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