

## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

December 16, 2016, Edition No. 249

### WEEKLY UPDATE:

- CSO: The attached maps are a planning tool that will provide a sense of where the CSO project will be heading next - subject to final planning and design (Phases 4, 5, and 6).
- Port: HDR was in town this week to meet with staff, the property owner and to make a site visit. We look forward to their detailed report of options, pros and cons, and their recommendations for Muscatine. We met with Regional Director from Senator Ernst's Office this week and will plan to keep them informed of their progress.
- DPW: Nancy Snaadt, Alliant Energy, presented Public Works (Stan O'Brien and Brian Stineman) a rebate check for \$10,777 for the energy efficiency and improvement projects being completed with city facilities.
- Snow: Just a reminder regarding snow emergencies (Posted to Social Media) - during the next declared snow emergency vehicles in violation of Title 7 Chapter 18 of City Code "Snow Emergency Regulations" will be ticketed AND towed. Per Section 7-18-7 the ticket fee shall be \$35 per violation and the owner of the vehicle shall also be responsible for applicable towing and storage fees. It is very important that vehicles are removed from the roadways during a snow emergency.
- Bi-State: Attached is the December 21, 2016 Commission Packet. Sarah Grabowski, Bi-State Regional Commission.
- Iowa League: The Legislative Policy Committee met this week and attached is a copy of the presentation.
- Quiet Zone Presentation: Attached is a copy of last week's presentation by Bolton & Menk.
- Rail Road: Public inquires can and should be directed to CP's Community Connect service at [1-800-766-7912](tel:1-800-766-7912) or [community\\_connect@cpr.ca](mailto:community_connect@cpr.ca). I would also encourage residents and businesses to call the Mayor, their Council members, City Hall or Public Works with information pertaining to any delays. According to Fire Chief Jerry Ewers, the railroad has GPS on the trains and can check the time stamps to see if streets are blocked longer than 10 minutes without moving. The train that was blocking the crossing was making a lift at Luke Yard, and due to the length of the train it blocked the crossing at Dick Drake Way. Once the crew were alerted to the need to split the train, the conductor walked back to the crossing, about 9000' from the head end of the train, to uncouple the cars. As we discussed, this can take a bit of time, unfortunately in this case the wait to clear the crossing was longer than most. According to CP, with respect to crossing regulations, the industry standard in the US, and particularly in Iowa, is that a train may stand on a public grade crossing for no more than 10 minutes, if there are pedestrians or vehicles that require passage over the crossing. Sounds like starting today, the CP is going to try a different pattern of breaking trains and

adding rail cars of product from south end businesses. Likely using the switch yards farther south of us so this should stop the trains blocking the tracks in the southend area is my guess. CP is going to try this new pattern starting today, so they definitely want to know if we have issues going forward.

#### Art Center

Here is the current update with the project, and where we stand currently. We are still currently on track to be substantially complete by 12/31/2016. There are going to be some ongoing cosmetics that will be addressed and completed before Final Completion.

Mechanically, - AHU – 1,2,3,4,5 are all assembled and installed in the specified locations.

Ductwork and Ventilation – 95% of the ductwork for the project is installed and projected completion for this balance is 12/30/2016.

Boiler/Hydrone Piping – Boiler is installed running and hot water has been tied into existing system and AHU-1,2,3,5 (AHU-4) has not hot water coil.

Chilled Water – Chilled water in 95% complete with Tie-ins to AHU-4 and AHU-5, system is currently filled and under pressure. (AHU-4 is not due to temperature)

Refrigeration- all refrigeration has been completed, the current system is in a vacuum and charged with Nitrogen until start-up can be performed this spring.

Windows - We were originally expecting the storm windows to be delivered sometime around Christmas, however, the manufacturer has contact IC window and door and has stated that their production is running behind and that we are now expecting delivery sometime around January 23, 2017. IC Window and door will continue to see if they can get their hands on them any earlier and will let us know if they do. They have the phase II windows left to install (I believe 6 or 7 windows) and they want to tie that install along with the storm windows.

Electrical- Today ends day 3 of working on getting the fire alarm back up and working. This is going into day 4 with 2 men working on the Roofer Screw extra and 1 man working on the bid work. When the fire alarm is back up, all three

men will be working on the bid work part of the project. We are confident that with all three men we can complete the bid work by Tuesday, December 27th, That will give us the remainder of that week and the following week for demobilization and repair of conduits/wiring damaged by the roofers.

Controls – 95% wiring is completed (wiring AHU-5 currently) , software design is complete, and checkout is currently on going.

Outstanding – Organ Repair, Plaster Repair, New Entry Door, and Storm Windows,

doors and Hardware

Carpentry – Door Frames will be installed next week, Doors and hardware are still on order. Plaster patching is 100% and painting is starting 12/15/2016.

Roofing – Still working with Bryant to nail down completion date on Library roof replacement.

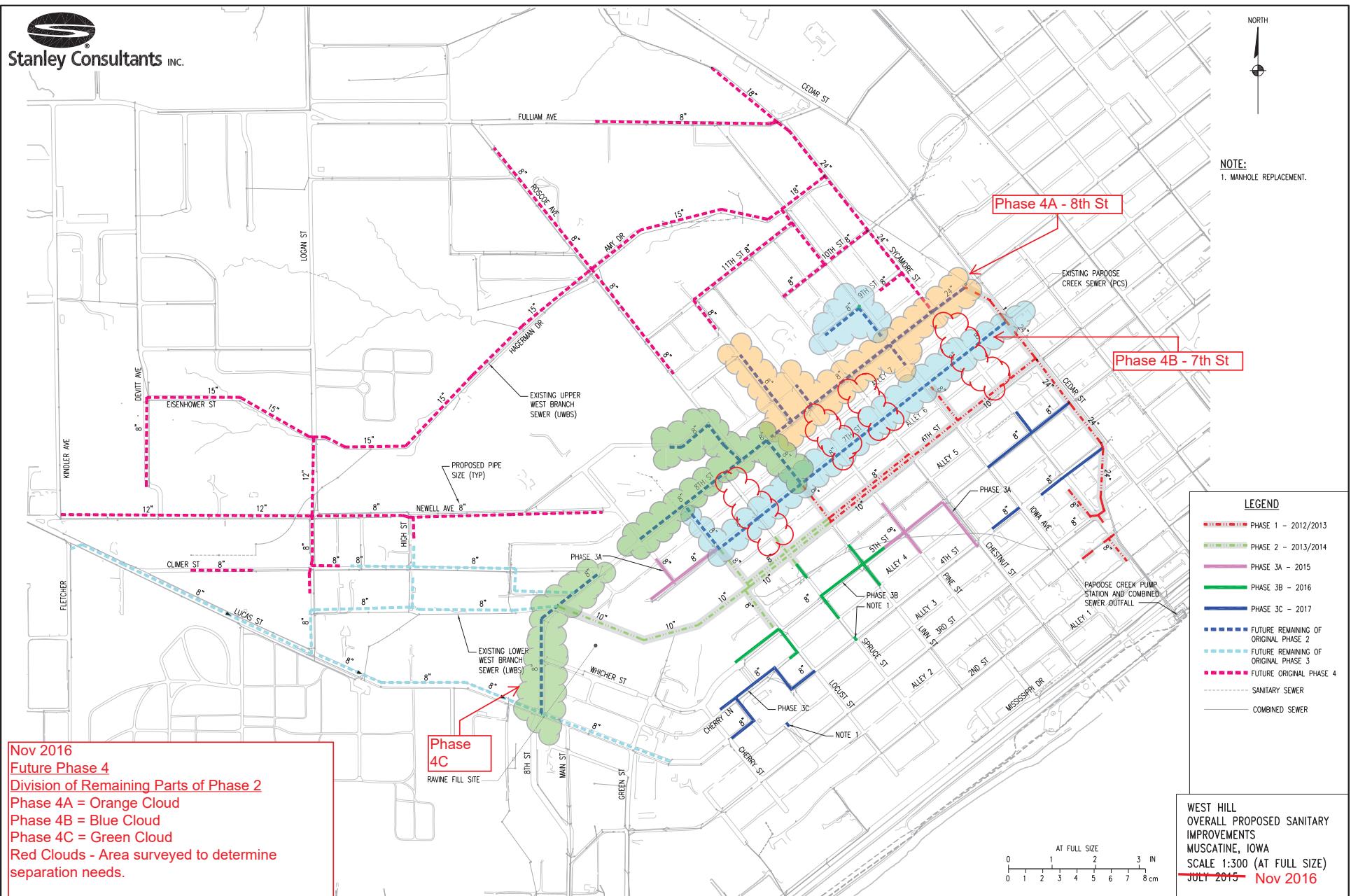
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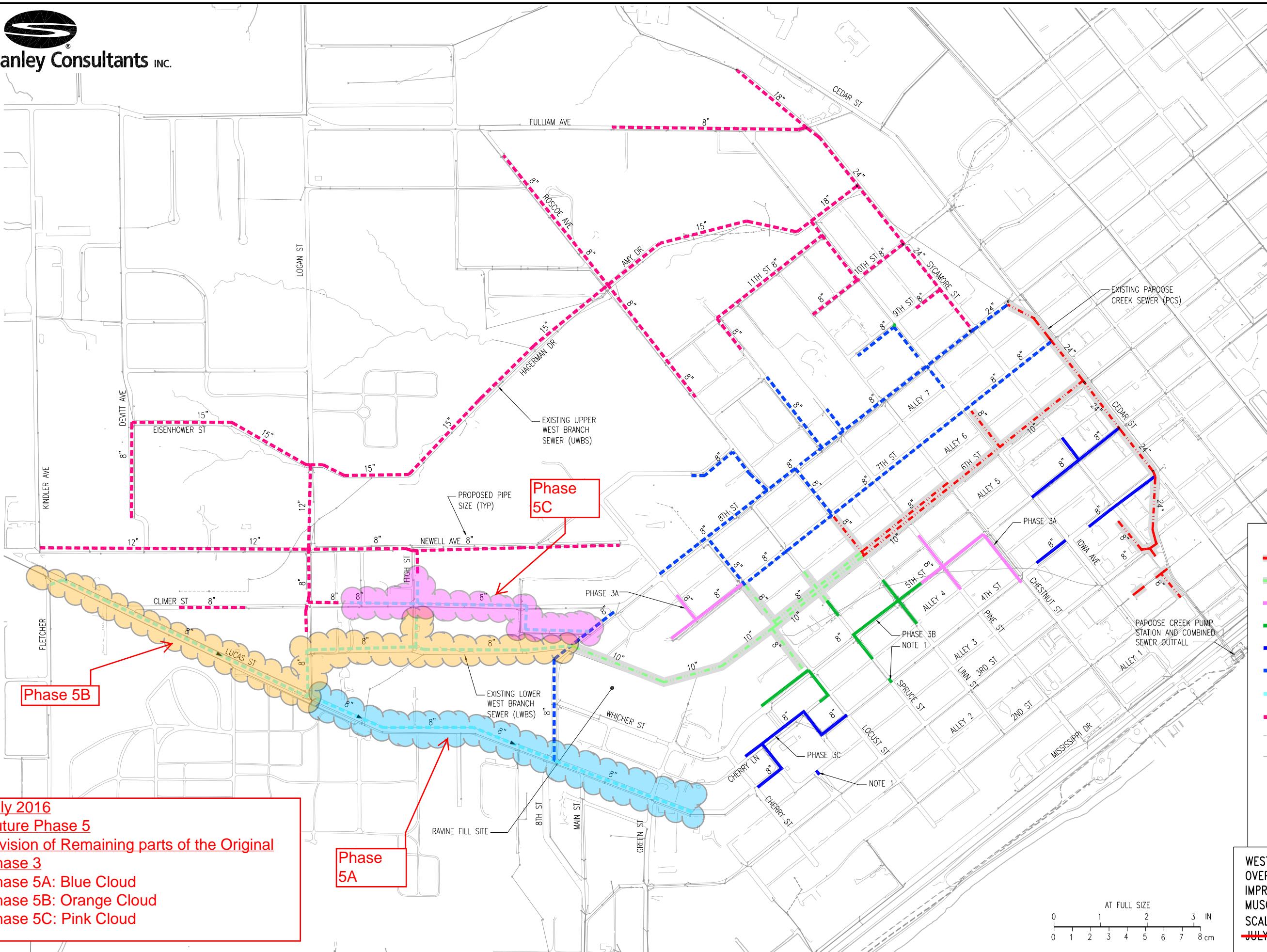
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1. MANHOLE REPLACEMENT.





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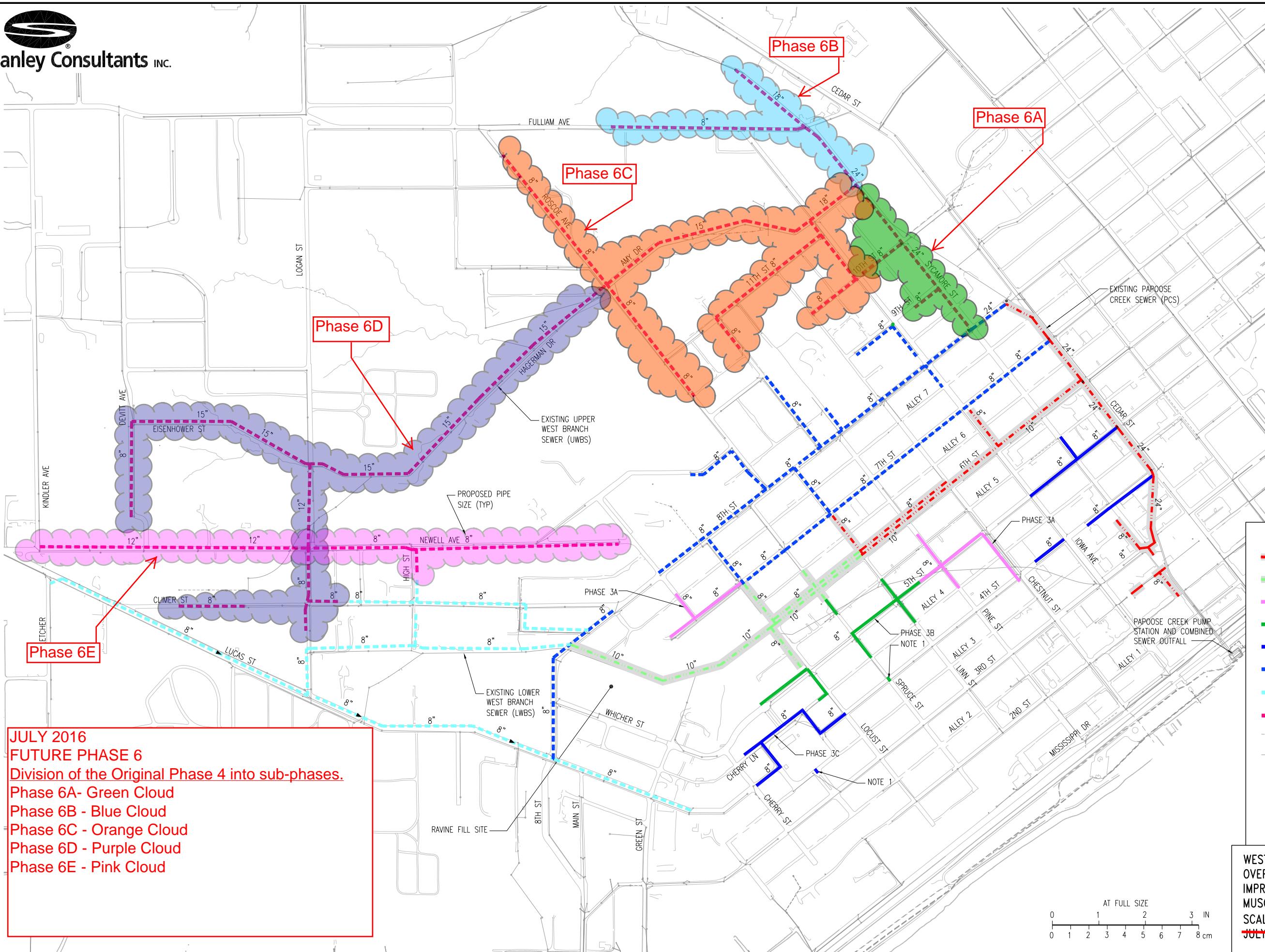
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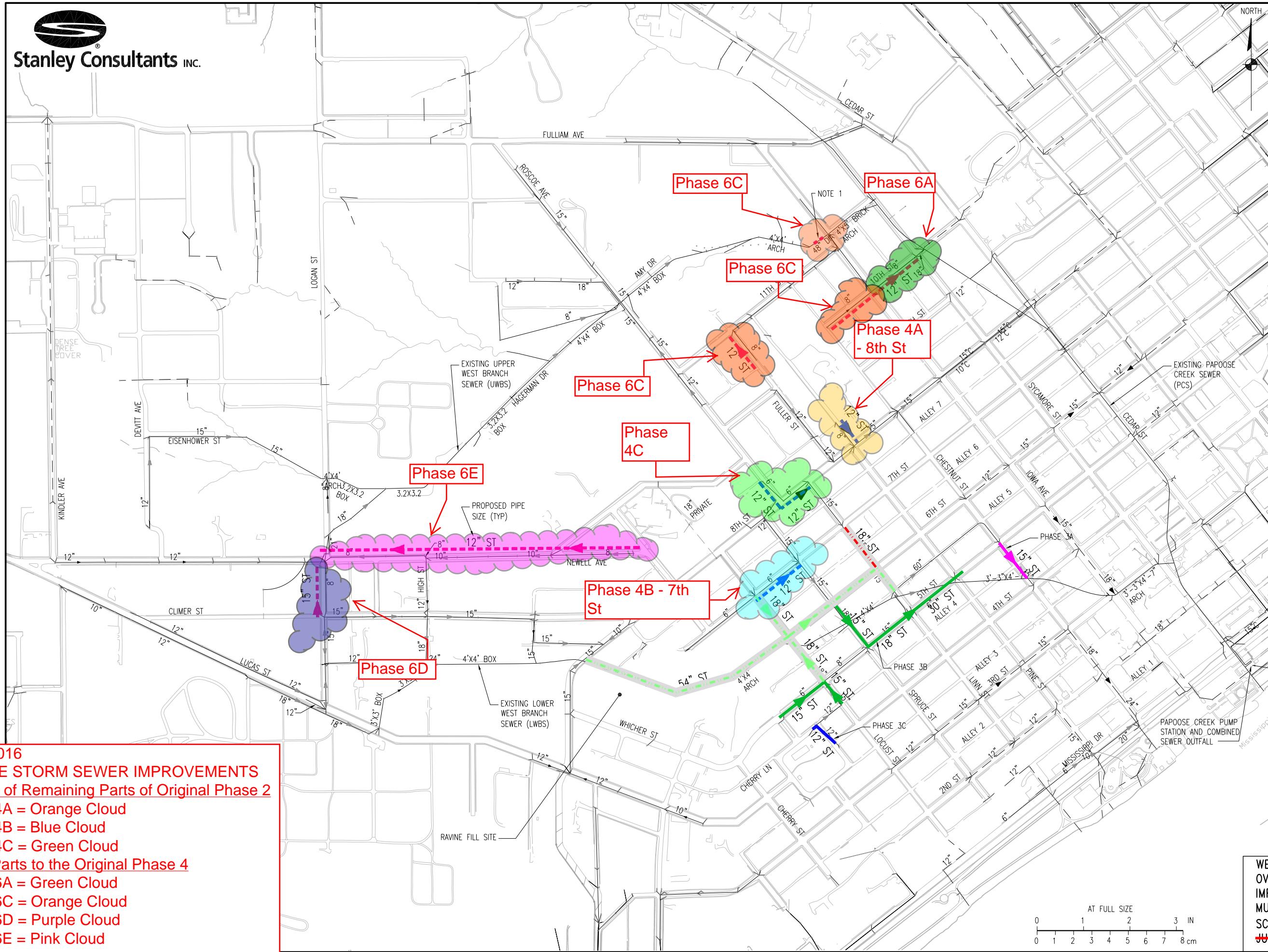
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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

<i>FINANCIAL (green)</i>	<i>ACTION NEEDED (yellow)</i>	<i>INFORMATIONAL (white)</i>
		1. <u>Approval of the November 16, 2016 Minutes (See enclosed)</u> – John Thodos, Chair
X	X	2. <u>Treasurer's Report (See enclosed)</u> – Frank Klipsch, Treasurer
		3. <u>Finance and Personnel Committee/Financial Matters</u> – Chuck Austin, Finance and Personnel Committee Chair
X	X	a. <u>Bills</u> (See enclosed)
X	X	b. <u>Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2017 Program Budget as of 11/30/2016</u> (See enclosed)
X	X	c. <u>Contracts/Grants for Consideration</u> I. Other Contracts/Grants
X	X	d. <u>Consideration of Recommendation to Accept the Financial and Compliance Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2016</u>
X	X	e. <u>Consideration to Renew the Executive Director's Annual Employment Agreement</u>
	X	4. <u>Rock Island Arsenal Update</u> – Colonel Kenneth Tauke, Rock Island Arsenal Commander
		5. <u>Questions or Comments by Commissioners</u>
		6. <u>Other Business</u>
		7. <u>Adjournment</u>

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thodos – Chair, Austin, Carroll-Duda, Conrad, Earnhardt, Gordon, Gradert, Heninger, Hillman, Holst, Kelly, Klipsch, Lawrence, Maranda, Raes, Schloemer, Sorensen, Sunderbruch, Tank, Terry, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Broderson, Callaway-Thompson, Gallagher, Looney, Moore, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Pauley, Sherwin, Stoermer, Washburn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Gobin, City of Muscatine; Ashley Davis, KWQC-TV

**STAFF PRESENT:** Berkley, Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Thodos called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and began by presenting Ms. Hillman with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the Commission.

1. Approval of the October 26, 2016 Minutes. Mr. Terry moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting as presented. Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending October 31, 2016, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$823,808.22. Mayor Klipsch moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.

- a. Bills. Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$1,000,924.03, as listed on the following bills listing:

**Bills List**

City of East Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	\$ 7,335.23
City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	20,472.30
Hurt, Norton & Associates, October 2016 legislative technical service and Professional Media Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	9,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, October 2016 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,360.00

**Addendum**

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Iowa and Illinois Intergov meetings; Iowa Association of Regional Councils meeting; Iowa Department of Transportation Commission meeting; Chief Elected and Chief Administration Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants; 1 staff	4,349.36
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attending the National Association of Development Organizations meeting; Manager's and Administrator's Committee meeting; 2 staff attending the Upper Mississippi River Conference: office supplies

Caliper Corporation, support TransCAD Standard for the period 9/30/16 thru 2,400.00  
9/30/2017

MetroLINK, Federal Transit Administration passed through funds for 2 buses 947,448.80  
Rock Island County Treasurer 5,808.34

12/2016	Rent	\$4,618.38
12/2016	Internet Access	88.00
10/2016	Postage	718.49
10/2016	Printing	3.95
10/2016	Supplies	254.28
10/2016	Cell Phone	125.24*

**\*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)**

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$1,000,924.03 as presented above. Mr. Tank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2016-17 Program Budget as of October 31, 2016.  
Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 33% through the fiscal year with 29.2% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract for consideration.
  - Five year lease of a Xerox 7845 color copier/printer with RK Dixon through Rock Island County contract at a rate of \$323.72 a month. This rate includes 12,000 black and 2,000 color copy/prints per month with a .0004 per copy over for black and .045 per copy over for color and would begin December 1, 2016.

Mayor Klipsch moved approval of the contract as presented above. Mayor Raes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Bi-State Region Freight Plan Implementation - Muscatine Intermodal Freight Container Port Feasibility Study. Mr. Gobin spoke on efforts by the City of Muscatine and local private partners to examine the feasibility of an intermodal container port in Muscatine, Iowa. There are no intermodal container facilities on the upper Mississippi River north of St. Louis to date. With many of the containerized ports on the coasts, and potential increasing opportunities for containerized shipping on the Mississippi River, the idea came about as part of Muscatine's participation in both statewide freight plan development and a commodity optimization study by Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) and Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Mr. Gobin stated that following the state planning efforts, IADOT identified \$2.6 million in funds for a pilot freight grant program, Linking Iowa's Freight System (LIFTS). The program purpose is to improve multimodal freight transportation to meet changing demands for shipping products. The City of Muscatine secured \$80,000 of LIFTS funding and \$20,000 in public/private partner matching funds to conduct a feasibility study for the port idea.

The city has contracted with a consulting firm to look at a regional interconnection among water, road, and rail. Mr. Gobin noted that rail will be the driver of the effort. The study will identify primary needs in an area south of the downtown to examine the feasibility of constructing an intermodal containerized port. Project elements include refining the purpose

and approach; collecting data; forecasting containerized cargo flows; assessing transload opportunities and potential shippers; outlining the concept and layout for an inland waterway intermodal terminal; assessing capital and operating costs; and assessing potential funding sources. Governance structure will also be part of the recommendations. It is anticipated that if feasible, the facility would initially operate seasonally with the potential to shift to year-round. The key outcome of the study is whether the investment will be justified. The feasibility study is expected to be completed within three months.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no additional questions or comments by Commissioners.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Callaway-Thompson  
Secretary

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**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

	<u>Balance November 1</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance November 30</u>
<b>GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	\$ 688,511.31			
Add Deposits		\$1,138,531.41		
Less Transfers			\$1,202,741.29	
Balance – November 30, 2016				\$ 624,301.43
<b>RLF SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	\$ 1,175.08			
Add Deposits		\$ 0.15		
Less Transfers			\$ 0.00	
Balance – November 30, 2016				\$ 1,175.23
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BANK AND BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	\$ 31,714.22			
Add Deposits		\$1,097,794.84		
Less Checks Written			\$1,098,136.99	
Balance – November 30, 2016				\$ 31,372.07
<b>PAYROLL ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	\$ 2,407.61			
Add Deposits		\$ 104,878.15		
Less Checks Written			\$ 104,983.54	
Balance – November 30, 2016				\$ 2,302.22
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>			
State Bank of Orion				
6/25/16 – 12/25/16 (.20%)				
Add Investments Made		<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
Less Investments Matured			<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Balance – November 30, 2016				<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	<u>\$ 823,808.22</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$2,341,204.55</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$2,405,861.82</u>	
Balance – November 30, 2016				<u>\$ 759,150.95</u>
<b><u>PASS THROUGH FUNDS</u></b>				
<b>BI-STATE RLF ACCOUNT:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	<u>\$1,146,933.92</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 15,113.36</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 65.00</u>	
Balance – November 30, 2016				<u>\$ 1,161,982.28</u>
<b>MERCER-MUSCATINE RLF ACCOUNTS:</b>				
Balance – November 1, 2016	<u>\$ 164,818.57</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 3,959.02</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 30.00</u>	
Balance – November 30, 2016				<u>\$ 168,747.59</u>

**BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL  
AT THE DECEMBER 21, 2016  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION MEETING**

Bridges Catering, catering for Bi-State's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$ 4,286.40
Hurt, Norton & Associates, November 2016 legislative technical service and	9,750.00
Professional Media Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, November 2016 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	<u>2,135.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b><u>\$16,171.40</u></b>

Additional bills for which invoices have not yet been received and will be listed on an addendum to be distributed separately.

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
**FY 2016-17 Program Budget Status Report**  
**Through Month of November – 42% of Year**

<b>ADOPTED BUDGET:</b>	\$2,073,608.00	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>
<b>EXPENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER:</b>	<b>\$755,837.42 (36.5%)</b>	
<b>STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:</b>	25.00 F.T.E.	
<b>STAFF LEVEL STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:</b>	21.50 F.T.E.	

**MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER:**

ALEDO – MMRLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Economic Development Plan; Website Support.

ALPHA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

ANDALUSIA – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

ANDOVER – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Development.

ANNAWAN – Joint Purchasing Council; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

ATKINSON – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.

BETTENDORF – Air Quality Asst.; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord. and FTA 5339 Grant Administration; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord. and Trails Counting; REAP Plan Update; Park/Rec Plan Update; MPO Trans. Coord.

BLUE GRASS – Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support.

BUFFALO – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning Coordination; IDPH Nutrition Grant.

CAMBRIDGE – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Grants Inquiry.

CARBON CLIFF – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning; Grant Inquiry.

COAL VALLEY – Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Floodplain.

COLONA – Joint Purchasing; Floodplain; MPO Coord.

CORDOVA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

DAVENPORT – Air Quality Asst.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord.; Trans. Planning; FTA 5339 Grant Administration; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Cnd.; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Cnd.; Solid Waste Coord.; Dav. Schools Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; MPO Trans. Coord./STP Inquiry; Complete Streets Coord.

EAST MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; MPO Trans. Coord./FFC; Trail Planning; Zoning Ordinance; Parcel Mapping Asst.

ELDRIDGE – Drug & Alcohol Consort; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Trails Planning & Grant Application Status; MPO Trans. Coord.

GALVA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

GENESEO – HCEDP Part.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Planning; Mapping Asst.

HAMPTON – MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.

HENRY COUNTY – HCEDP Participation; Joint Purch.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail & Greenway Planning/Coord.; Legislative Priorities Asst.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Zoning Review.

HILLSDALE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

KEWANEE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Comprehensive Plan Mapping Inquiry.

LECLAIRE – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Planning; Comprehensive Plan & Zoning/Subdivision Ordinances.

LONG GROVE – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Survey Assistance.

MC CAUSLAND – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.

MILAN – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interoperability Project; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; Hennepin Canal Trail Event Map & Logo.

MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Cnd.; RLF Adm.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Interop. Proj.; Parking Study.

MUSCATINE CITY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; MMRLF Coord.; Solid Waste Coord. & SWAP Form E; Trails Planning/ADT Coord.; Trails Use Count Collection; Riverfront Planning; Port Planning Coord.

MUSCATINE COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Coord. & Port Study Status; Trails Planning/ADT Coord.; Transit Mobility Coord.; MMRLF Coord.; Cedar River Watershed Planning Meeting.

NEW BOSTON – Transit Mobility Coord./HSTP Planning.

OAK GROVE – E9-1-1 Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.

ORION – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Fact Sheet/Community Profile Development.

PORT BYRON – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord.; Riverfront Council.

PRINCETON – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trail Planning & Grant Application Status.

RAPIDS CITY – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.

RIVERDALE – Riverfront Council; MPO Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Coord; Website Support; RISE Grant Inquiry.

ROCK ISLAND CITY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; Riverfront Cnd.; RICWMA Stfg.; RLF Loan Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Trails Coordination; MPO Trans. Coord.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; LEPC Committee; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg & Website Support; RMS Coord.; Trail Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; Haz. Mit. Planning Coord.; QC Health Initiative; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Highway Safety Planning; MPO Trans. Coord.; Enterprise Zone App.

SCOTT COUNTY – Financial Mgmt – Scott Co. KIDS and Scott Co. Hsg. Cnd.; Air Quality Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Joint Purch.; QCICNet, Reg. 9 Transportation Coord. & MPO Trans. Coord.; RLF Admin.; Local Food Systems Coord.; Trail Planning/ADT Coord.; REAP Plan Update; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Interop. Project; QC Health Initiative; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Countywide IT Services/Equipment Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; QC & Co EPC Meetings.

SHERRARD – Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.

SILVIS – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord.; Trails Plan.; Zoning Inquiry; RLF Loan Admin.

VIOLA – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Police Equip. Research.

WALCOTT – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; RLF Admin; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.

WEST LIBERTY – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Trails Plan/ADT Coord. Solid Waste Coord.; Musc. Co. Haz Mit Plan; MMRLF.

WILTON – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; TAP Clarification & Trails Counter Collection; Solid Waste Coord.; MMRLF; Liaison.

WINDSOR – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

WOODHULL – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Liaison.

## **Bi-State Report – November**

**COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Provided information to Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) board. Monitored scheduling for Enterprise Zone application, December 2016. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Attended Iowa Regional Council meeting. Assisted members with legislative priorities. Communicated with Mercer and Muscatine Counties' economic development officials to discuss development efforts and strategies. Arranged for American Planning Association webinar training series.

### **DATA/GRAFICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES**

**Data Center:** Staff responded to 20 data and map requests in November 2016 including 1 from a local government, 4 from businesses, 4 from private citizens, 1 from an academic institution, and 10 from non-profits. The data section of the Bi-State website had 53 page views. The data warehouse site ([www.greaterqcregion.org](http://www.greaterqcregion.org)) had 353 visits and 714 page views. Staff continued to prepare data for the LeClaire Comprehensive Plan, IL Quad Cities Enterprise Zone Application, and the East Moline Zoning Ordinance.

**Graphics/GIS/Mapping:** Be Healthy QC (BHQC) – QCTrails.org Website and Safe Routes to Schools Mapping; QC Chamber Mapping; QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions) Distribution; QC Metro Area Travel Model Documentation/Data/GIS; R.I. Co. Waste Mgt. Agency Map/Website Updates; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, MPA Boundary, Federal Functional Class Routes, Urban Areas, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

**[www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org):** Total pages viewed for November 2016 was 2,297, and top pages viewed included: Home Page (560); Joint Purchasing Council and Bid Tabulations (125); Our Staff (100); Quad Cities Metro Long Range Transportation Plan (79); Search (76); Documents (43); Contact Us (36); and Careers (33).

**ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES:** Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants and trail use counting. Served Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) with coordination of meetings, oversight, and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, including drop-off recycling program contract implementation; reporting; and overall agency administration. Responded to RICWMA telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Attended River Action meetings. Organized and held bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: copier/plotter paper, printer supplies, street signs and posts, food services supplies, janitorial and can liners, and turf chemicals. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of managers, administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded Department of Justice interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues. Participated in QC Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF):** Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancellation notice and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Reviewed Moline company loan application. **Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF):** Prepared financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Worked with Aledo, Muscatine City and County, West Liberty, and Wilton to identify potential projects for gap financing.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:** Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Held Iowa interdisciplinary traffic safety meeting, and monitoring I-80/I-74 incident management planning. Prepared monthly and quarterly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Monitored air quality emission issues and exceedances. Continued "Make Air Quality Visible" strategic plan implementation. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail and attended related meetings, as well as other trails planning and grant assistance. Facilitated issues related to Bi-State Regional Trails Committee. Participated in Partnership in Community Health (PICH) grant facilitation. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium random testing program. Monitored MPO and Iowa Region 9 FY17 Transportation Planning Work Programs. Monitored MPO & Region 9 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) including facilitating TIP revisions and maintenance of data entry in Iowa Transportation Project Management System (TPMS) as part of transportation improvement programming. Administered (Iowa Quad Cities) (IAQC) and Illinois Region 2 transit coordinator positions. Completed Congestion Management Process update, Transportation Alternatives and Surface Transportation Program evaluation manuals' updates, and travel model documentation. Continued efforts to implement Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 grant process. Monitored status of implementation of passenger rail service to Chicago. Facilitated input to IA critical freight network. Participated in webinars, workshops, and conferences on various transportation topics related to freight, traffic safety, transit, walking, and bicycles.



# Legislative Policy Committee

December 13, 2016

**Iowa League of Cities**  
500 SW 7<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 101  
Des Moines, IA 50309

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

# Legislative Policy Committee

**John Lundell**, Mayor, Coralville, Chair

**Ann Campbell**, Mayor, Ames

**David Jones**, City Manager, Ankeny

**Jim Ferneau**, City Manager, Burlington

**Kris Gulick**, Council Member, Cedar Rapids

**Sam Kooiker**, City Administrator, Cherokee

**Mike McCoy**, Council Member, Clive

**Matt Walsh**, Mayor, Council Bluffs

**Jeff Lester**, City Attorney, Des Moines

**Teri Goodman**, Asst. City Manager,  
Dubuque

**Pam Theile**, Mayor, Dysart

**Michael Halley**, Council Member, Fairfield

**Kim Downs**, City Administrator, Hiawatha

**Geoffrey Fruin**, City Manager, Iowa City

**Tom Cope**, Council Member, Johnston

**Scott Peterson**, City Admin/Clerk, Lake View

**Donny Hobbs**, Mayor, Lohrville

**Connie Behnken**, Council Member, Manchester

**Jessica Kinser**, City Administrator,  
Marshalltown

**Michael Hansen**, Mayor, Newton

**Luke Nelson**, City Manager, Norwalk

**Toni Graham**, Council Member, Shenandoah

**Bob Scott**, Mayor, Sioux City

**John Drury**, Mayor, Swaledale

**Quentin Hart**, Mayor, Waterloo

**Hans Trousil**, Mayor, West Burlington

# League Legislative Team: Who

**Alan Kemp**, Executive Director

**Robert Palmer**, Director of Government Affairs & Legislative Counsel

**Lindsey McCune**, Government Affairs Manager

**Matt McKinney**, Brown Winick Law Firm

# Meeting Agenda

- **10:00am – 10:10am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- **10:10am – 11:30am** **Election Results / League Legislative Update and Discussion**  
*Robert Palmer, Director of Government Affairs*  
*Lindsey McCune, Government Affairs Manager*
- **11:30am – 12:00pm** **Economic Development / Grant Update**  
*Dustin Miller, Iowa Chamber Alliance / Nyemaster Goode Law Firm*
- **12:00pm – 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- **12:30pm – 1:00pm** **Iowa County Priorities**  
*Larry Murphy & Gary Grant, Urban County Coalition*
- **1:00pm – 1:30pm** **Public Safety**  
*Cedar Rapids Police Chief Wayne Jerman, IA Police Chiefs Association*
- **1:30pm – 1:55pm** **Municipal Utilities**  
*Tim Whipple, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities*
- **1:55pm – 2:00pm** **Wrap Up**

Robert Palmer – Director of Government Affairs  
Lindsey McCune – Government Affairs Manager  
Matt McKinney – Brown Winick Law Firm

# ELECTION/LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW & UPDATE

# ELECTION SUMMARY

# Election Results

- Decisive victory for Republicans in state and federal Iowa races
- Republicans win majority in Iowa Senate
- Republicans now control governorship and both legislative chambers

# Federal Level

- President of the United States
  - Donald Trump (R) (51%)
  - Hillary Clinton (D) (41%)
- United States Senate
  - Charles Grassley (R) (60%)
  - Patty Judge (D) (36%)
- House District 001
  - Rod Blum (R) (54%)
  - Monica Vernon (D) (46%)
- House District 002
  - Dave Loebsack (D) (54%)
  - Christopher Peters (R) (46%)
- House District 003
  - David Young (R) (54%)
  - Jim Mowrer (D) (40%)
- House District 004
  - Steve King (R) (61%)
  - Kim Weaver (D) (39%)

# Iowa Senate

- Before the 2016 election:
  - D's: 25
  - R's: 23
  - I's: 1 (Senator David Johnson switched from Republican to Independent)
  - Open: 1 (Due to the death of Senator Joe Seng (D) (Senate District 45))
- Republicans needed to win at least 3 seats and defend current seats
- Republicans won 6 seats and defended all current seats

# Iowa Senate

- Republicans ousted Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal after 34 years in legislature
- Results of Key Races
  - Senate District 8: Dan Dawson (R) (54%) v. Incumbent Mike Gronstal (D) (46%)
  - Senate District 26: Waylon Brown (R) (62%) v. Incumbent Mary Jo Wilhelm (D) (38%)
  - Senate District 32: Craig Johnson (R) (60%) v. Incumbent Brian Schoenjahn (D) (40%)
  - Senate District 36: Jeff Edler (R) (53%) v. Incumbent Steve Sodders (D) (47%)
  - Senate District 44: Thomas Greene (R) (53%) v. Incumbent Tom Courtney (D) (47%)
  - Senate District 46: Mark Lofgren (R) (57%) v. Incumbent Chris Brase (D) (43%)
- Republicans win majority in the Senate
  - 29 Republicans, 19 Democrats, 1 Independent, 1 Open
- Special election for open seat in Senate District 45 will be held December 27
  - Iowa Representative Jim Lykam (D) v. Mike Gonzales (R)

# Iowa Senate

- Iowa Senate Majority Leader: Bill Dix
- Senate President: Jack Whitver
- Senate Minority Leader: Rob Hogg

## Committees:

- Appropriations: Charles Schneider, Chair
- Ways and Means: Randy Feenstra, Chair
- Local Government: Julian Garrett, Chair
- State Government: Roby Smith
- ARRC: Mark Chelgren, Chair

# Iowa House of Representatives

- Before the 2016 election:
  - 57 R's
  - 43 D's
- 13 incumbents did not run for re-election (4 D's and 9 R's)
- Democrats needed to pick up 8 seats
- Republicans picked up 2 seats
- Republicans keep majority in the House
  - 59 Republicans, 41 Democrats
- There will be 15 new legislators in 2017 (4 D's and 11 R's)

# Iowa House of Representatives

- Speaker of the House: Linda Upmeyer
- Majority Leader: Chris Hagenow
- House Minority Leader: Mark Smith

## Committee Changes:

- Tom Sands retired and was replaced by Guy Vander Linden as Chair of Ways & Means Committee
- Appropriations: Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) continues as Chair. Ashley Hinson (R-Marion) is new Vice Chair replacing Ken Rizer (R-Marion), who is now Chair of State Government
- Local Government Chair: Jake Highfill (R-Johnston) replacing Kevin Koester who is now Vice Chair of State Government

# Iowa Governor

- President-elect Donald Trump selected Governor Terry Branstad to serve as Ambassador to China
- Position requires U.S. Senate confirmation in early 2017. He is considered to be qualified for the position, likely to be confirmed.
- Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds will take over for Governor Branstad as Iowa's new leader.
- “Governor” or “acting Governor”?

# Political Landscape

- **What does this mean for the League?**
  - Republicans now control the governorship and both chambers of the Iowa Legislature
  - Expect Republicans to push a more conservative agenda
  - Big changes may be easier to accomplish because of Republican majority control in both chambers. There is, however, a concern about potential in-fighting.
  - Stopping detrimental legislation will be more difficult
  - Branstad's role in China may open up opportunities for agricultural and economic development in Iowa

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

# 2017 Session Outlook

- **Elections were in November - New Legislators, New Committee Chairs, Republican Majority**
- **Water Quality**
- **Education Funding**
- **Chapter 20**

# 2017 Interim Committees

- **Tax Expenditure Committee**
  - Commercial/Industrial Property Tax Replacement
  - Next meeting 12/19/16

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Economic Development

### **Tax Increment Finance (TIF)**

- Representative Sands has Retired
- Pleasant Hill - Iowa Supreme Court Case
- Prior focus was on four main issues:
  - Pre-1995 Economic Development and Slum & Blight
  - Public Buildings
  - Annual Appropriation Debt
  - Cap on Years

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Financial Stability

### **Backfill**

- Will continue to be an issue each year
- Educate, Educate, Educate

### **Franchise Fee's**

- Potential push for 3% maximum across the state

### **Rental Inspection Fees**

- Push to “standardize” fee's

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

### Summit

- Have not seen this called for after the election

### Legislation

- Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (IWILL)
  - Not likely to be funded
- Most likely starting point: House proposal from '16
- Cities need financial assistance for infrastructure upgrades
  - State money only revolving loan fund
  - Grants

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Home Rule

### Fireworks

- Bill would legalize the sale and use of fireworks in Iowa
- League has remained “Neutral” while advocating for local control over time/place/usage
- “Opt-in” vs “Opt-out”

### Residential Occupancy

- Two options presented in the past:
  - Prohibition: Prohibit cities entirely from regulating the occupancy of rental property based upon the existence of familial or non-familial relationships between the occupants of the property
  - Waiver: Requires a waiver process for properties that could support additional occupants

### LOST

- Remove the contiguous city requirement
- 50% for property tax relief for newly implemented or modified

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Home Rule

### Minimum Wage

- Pre-emption likely
- Concerns about other “implied preemptions” being converted to “express preemptions”

### Small Cell Wireless

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Public Safety

### **Body Cameras**

- Study Committee during Interim has not occurred
- Cost of Storage
- Record Retention
- Open Records: Public Access to Videos

### **Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE)**

- Bill already pre-filed from Zaun
- Ideas and flexibility?

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

## Public Safety

### Distracted Driving

- ISAC Priority
- Primary offense for use of cell phone while operating motor vehicle.

# Other Issues:

## **Chapter 20 (Collective Bargaining)**

- We need to be very careful
- Republican Priority
- School Boards will be active
- Establish “sub-committee” to advise during session

## **Ban-the-Box**

- Removes question from initial application

# Potential 2017 Legislative Issues

Issues you have heard about or are experiencing that were not brought up today?

# LUNCH: OPEN DISCUSSION

*Larry Murphy & Gary Grant, Urban County Coalition*

# IOWA COUNTIES

*Wayne Jerman*, Cedar Rapids Police Chief,  
IA Police Chiefs Association

# PUBLIC SAFETY

*Tim Whipple, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities*

# MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

# CLOSING

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- January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Session Begins
- Legislative Link: Every Friday
- Legislative Conference Calls: Monday mornings
- Talk to your Legislators and Attend Meetings!

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study



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**HDR**

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

## Purpose of Quiet Zone:

- Improve Safety for pedestrian and vehicular traffic crossing the tracks
- Improve quality of life for Downtown Muscatine and the adjacent neighborhoods through reduction of train horn frequency

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

## What is a Quiet Zone:

- Series of objective, standardized or alternative safety measures implemented within a defined rail section to reduce the frequency of train horns
- Looks at both vehicular and pedestrian crossings
- Does not totally prohibit horns – will be blown in emergency and construction situations

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

## What is a Quiet Zone:

- Standard practice across the nation and in Iowa including the following communities:
  - Burlington
  - Mason City
  - Fairfield
  - Nevada
  - Ogden
  - Carroll
  - Numerous others

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

## Steps in Process:

- A. Data Collection
- B. Alternatives Investigations and Meetings – concurrence with City, CP, IDOT, FRA
- C. Report Preparation and Presentation
- D. Community Endorsement
- E. Final Design (CP Railway)
- F. Initial Implementation (CP Railway/City)
- G. Permanent Implementation (CP Railway)

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

## Objective Criteria for a Quiet Zone:

- Looks at both vehicular and pedestrian crossings
- Does not totally prohibit horns – will be blown in emergency and construction situations
- Uses a standardized Risk Matrix to Determine the level of safety Improvement

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## Objective Criteria for a Quiet Zone:

- **Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT)** – Average Risk Index for gated public crossings nationwide
- **Risk Index With Horns (RIWH)** – Existing conditions of specific crossings with horns sounded at every crossing
- **Quiet Zone Risk Index (QZRI)** – Proposed conditions of crossings with Standard Safety Measures installed

# Mississippi Drive | Quiet Zone Study

# Objective Criteria for a Quiet Zone:

## **City of Muscatine, Iowa Quiet Zone Investigation**

## **CROSSING IMPROVEMENT MATRIX**

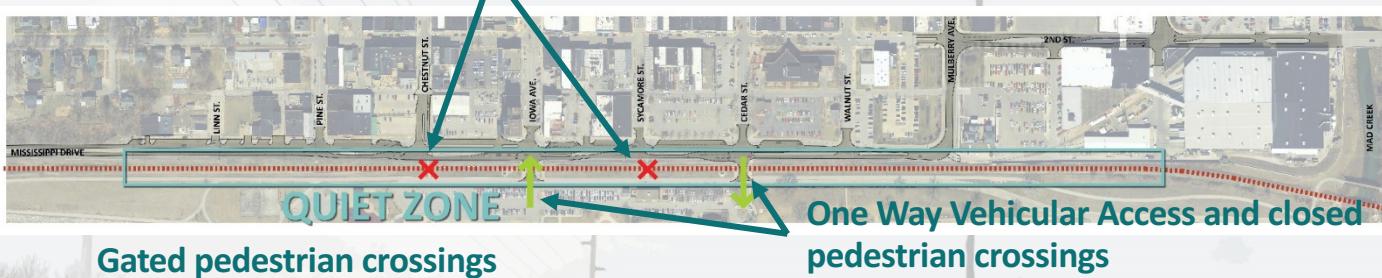
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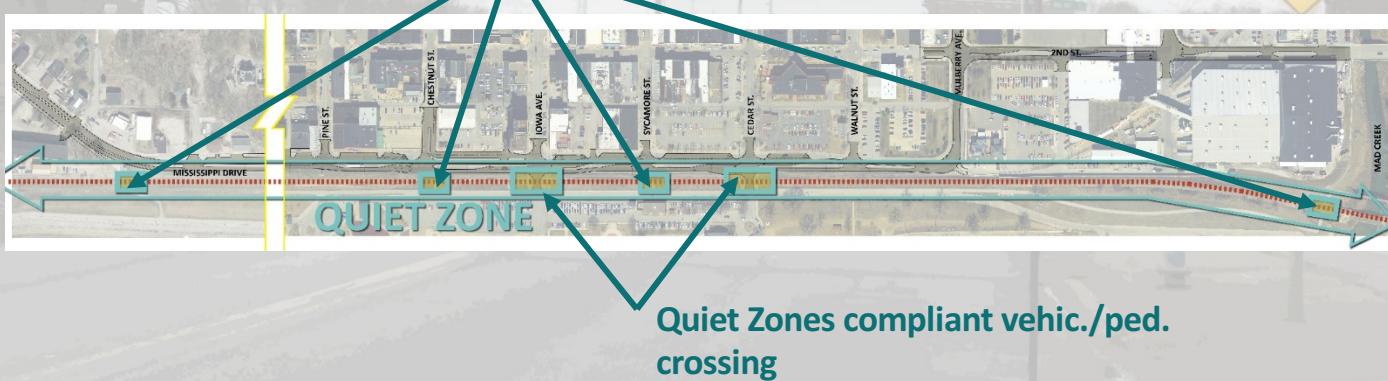
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## Quiet Zones | Initial and Permanent Solutions

### Initial Solution



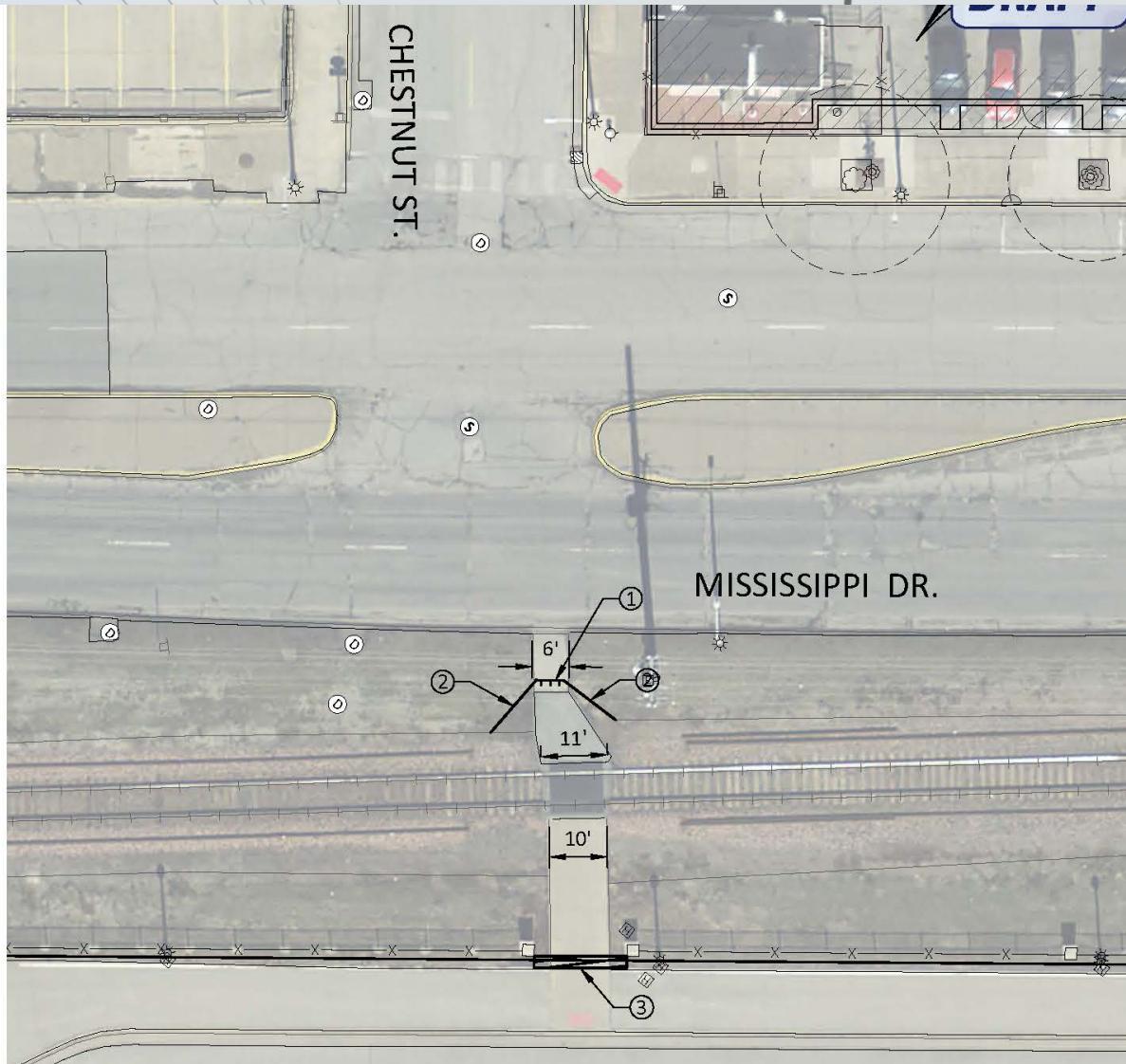
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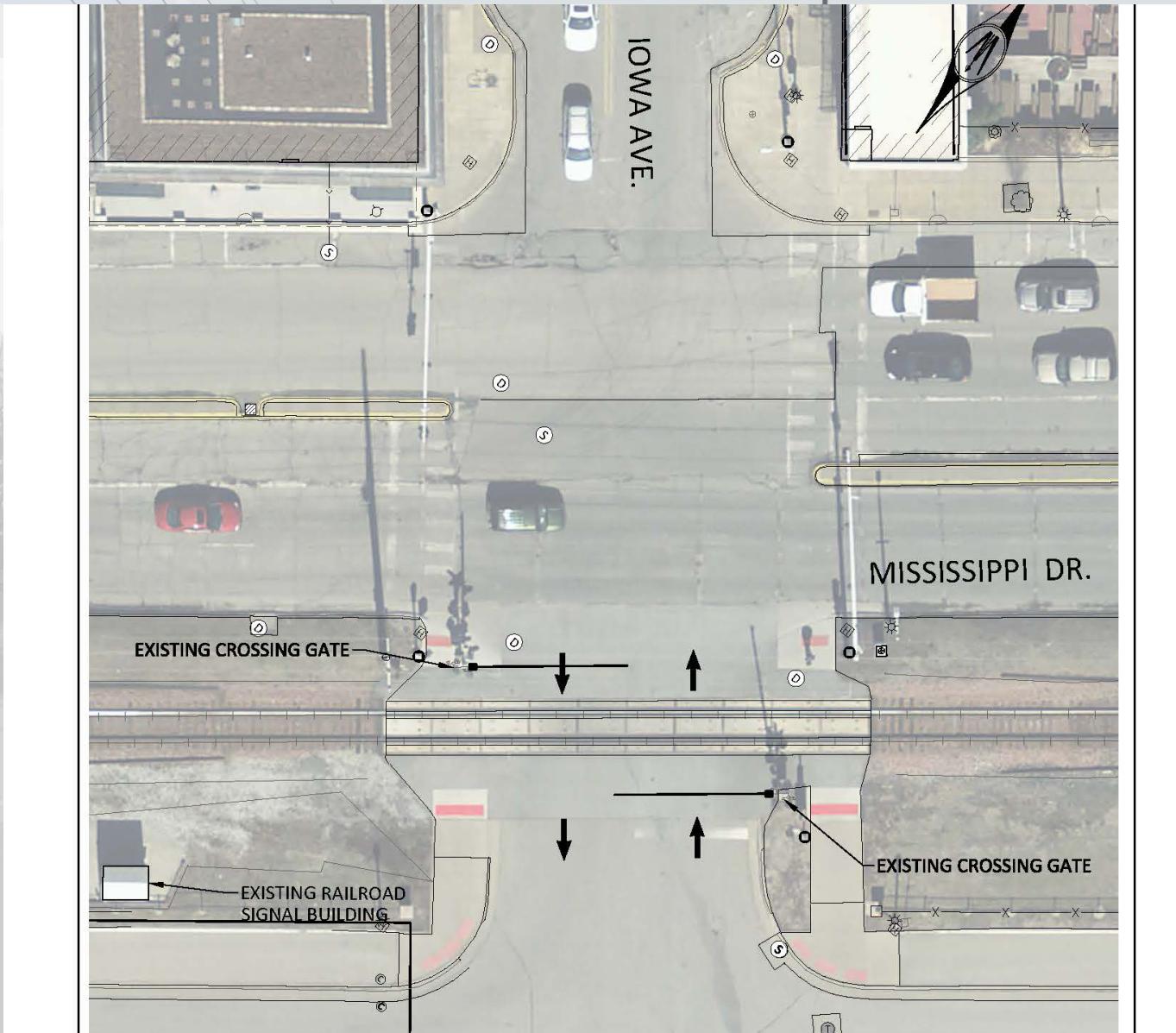
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**Initial Quiet Zone Solutions**

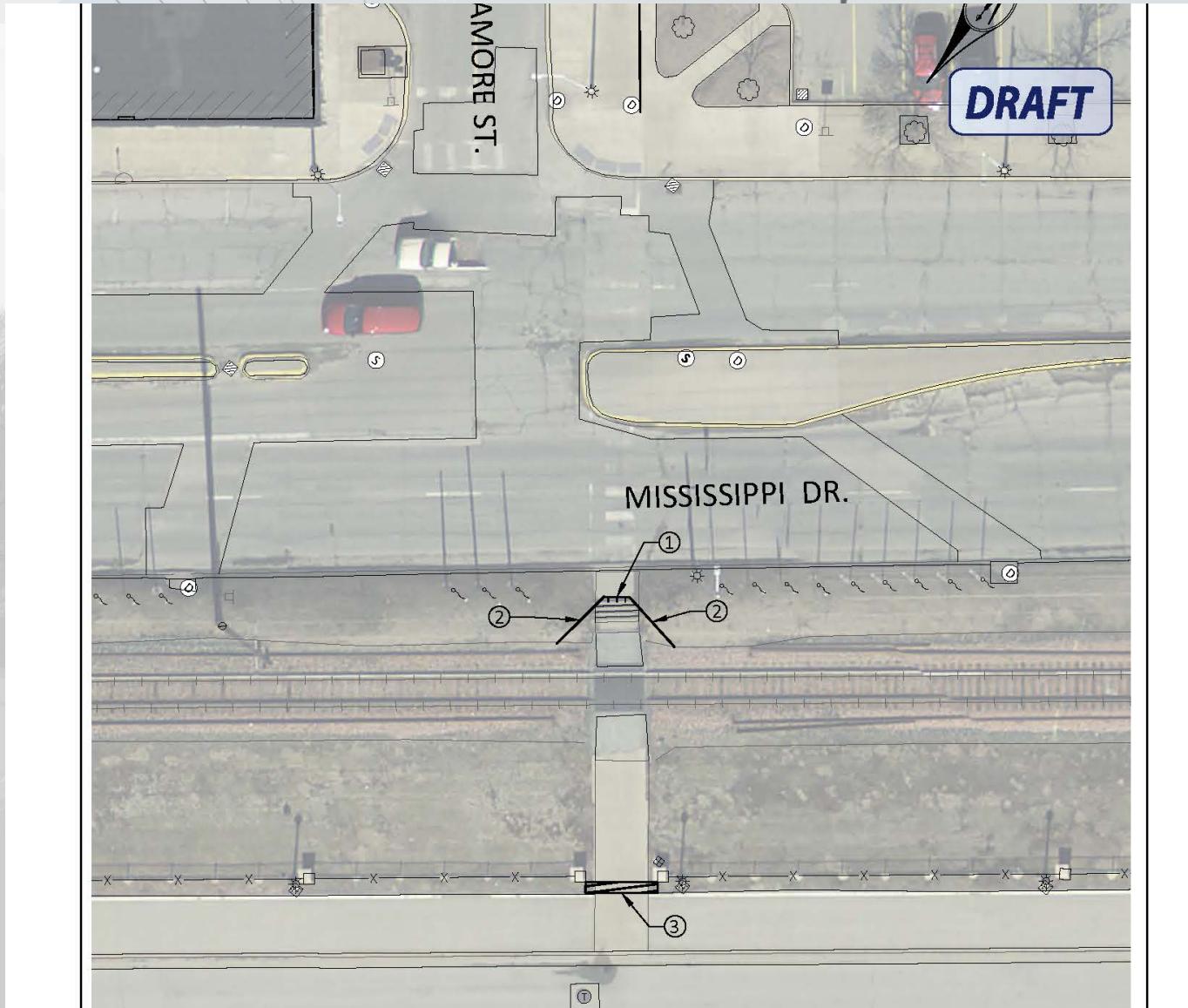
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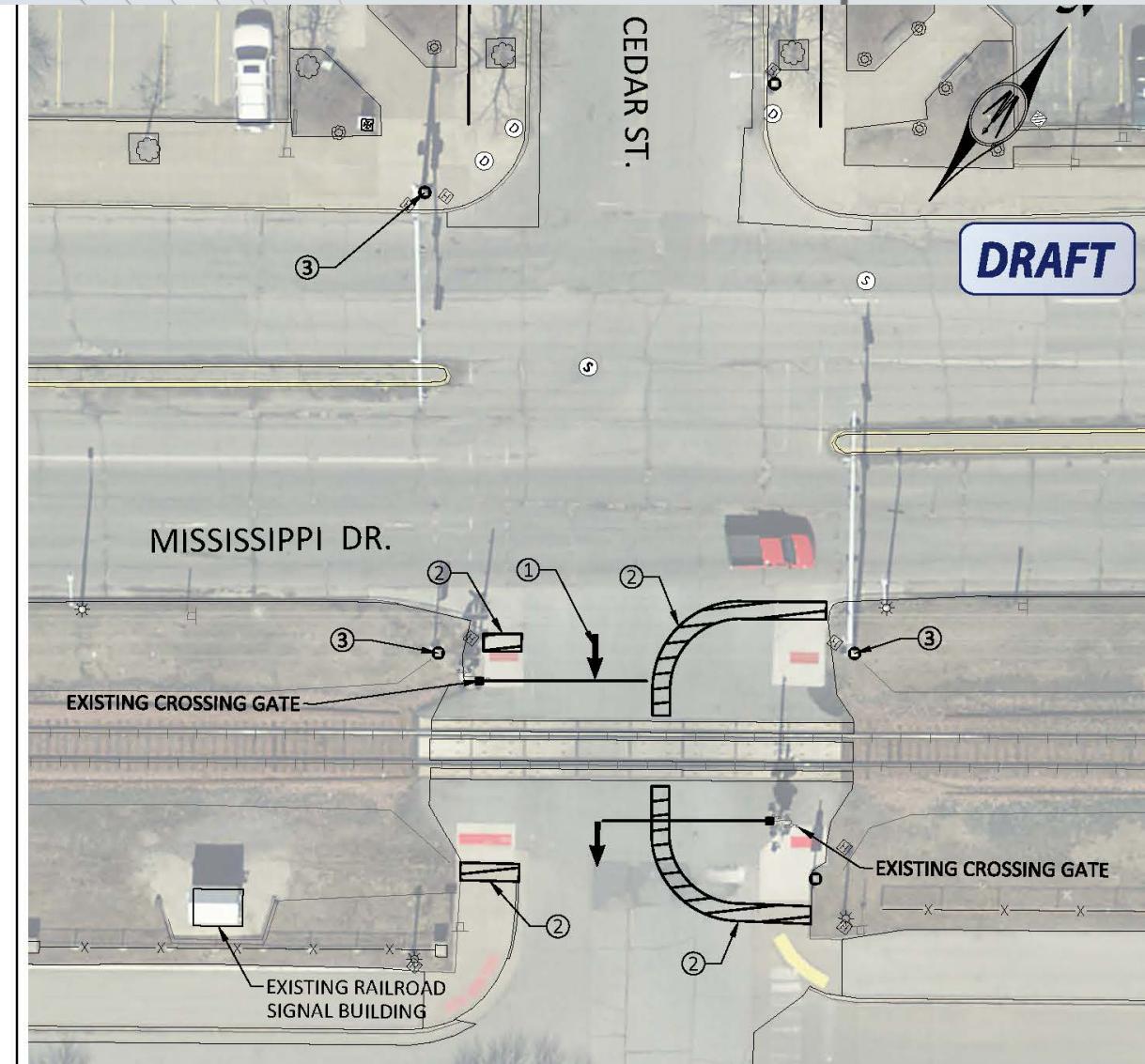
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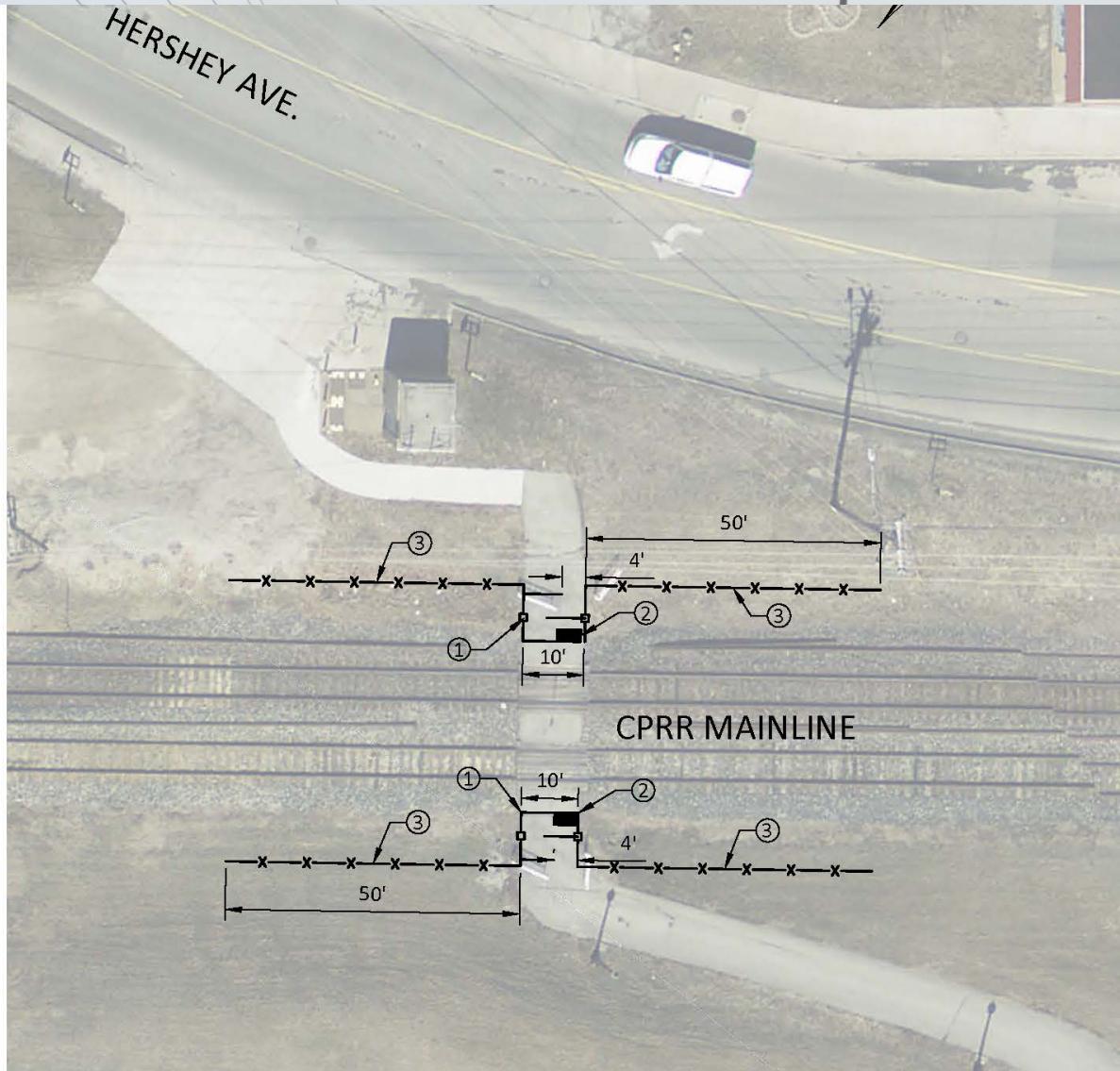
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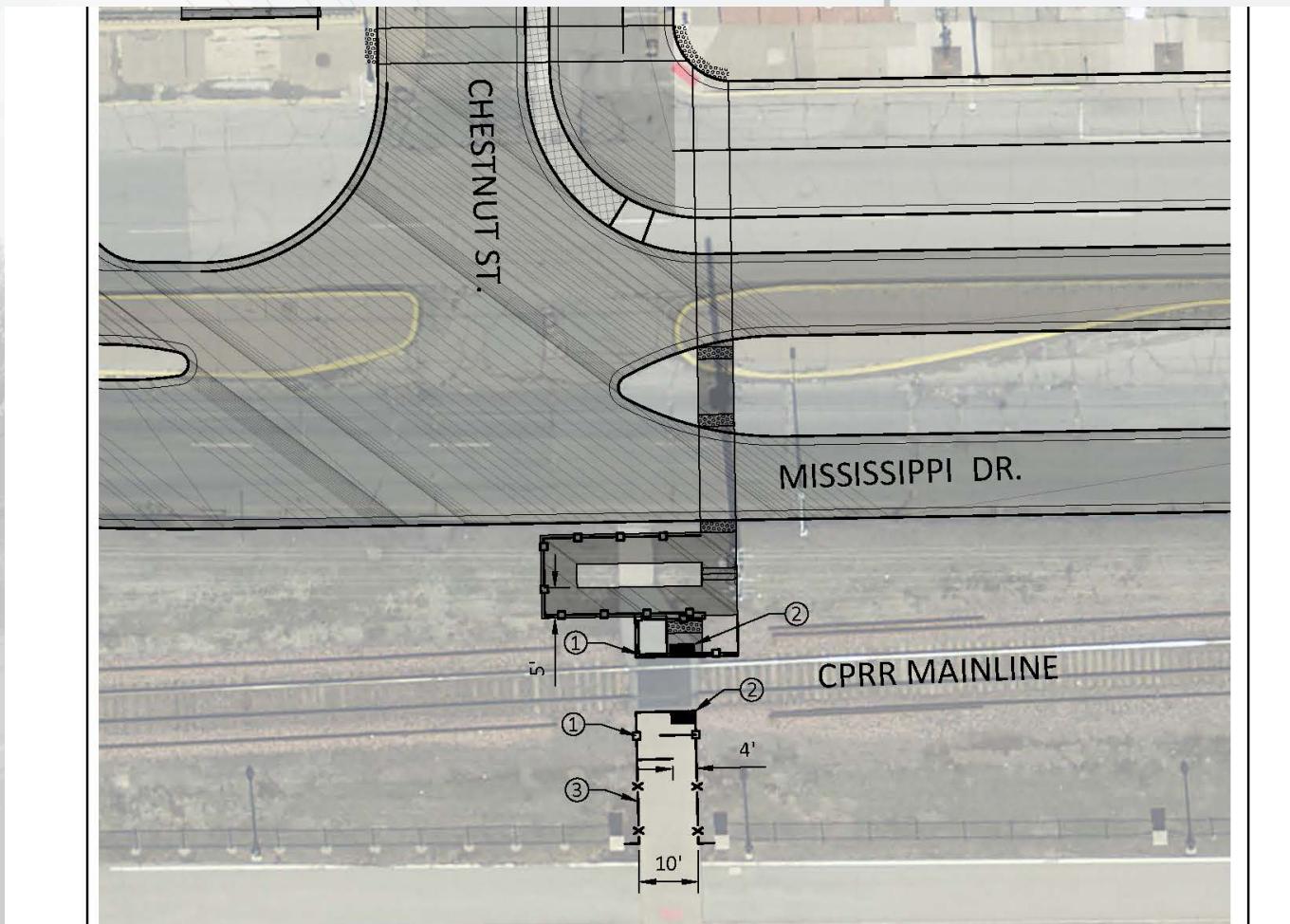
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## Permanent Quiet Zone Solutions

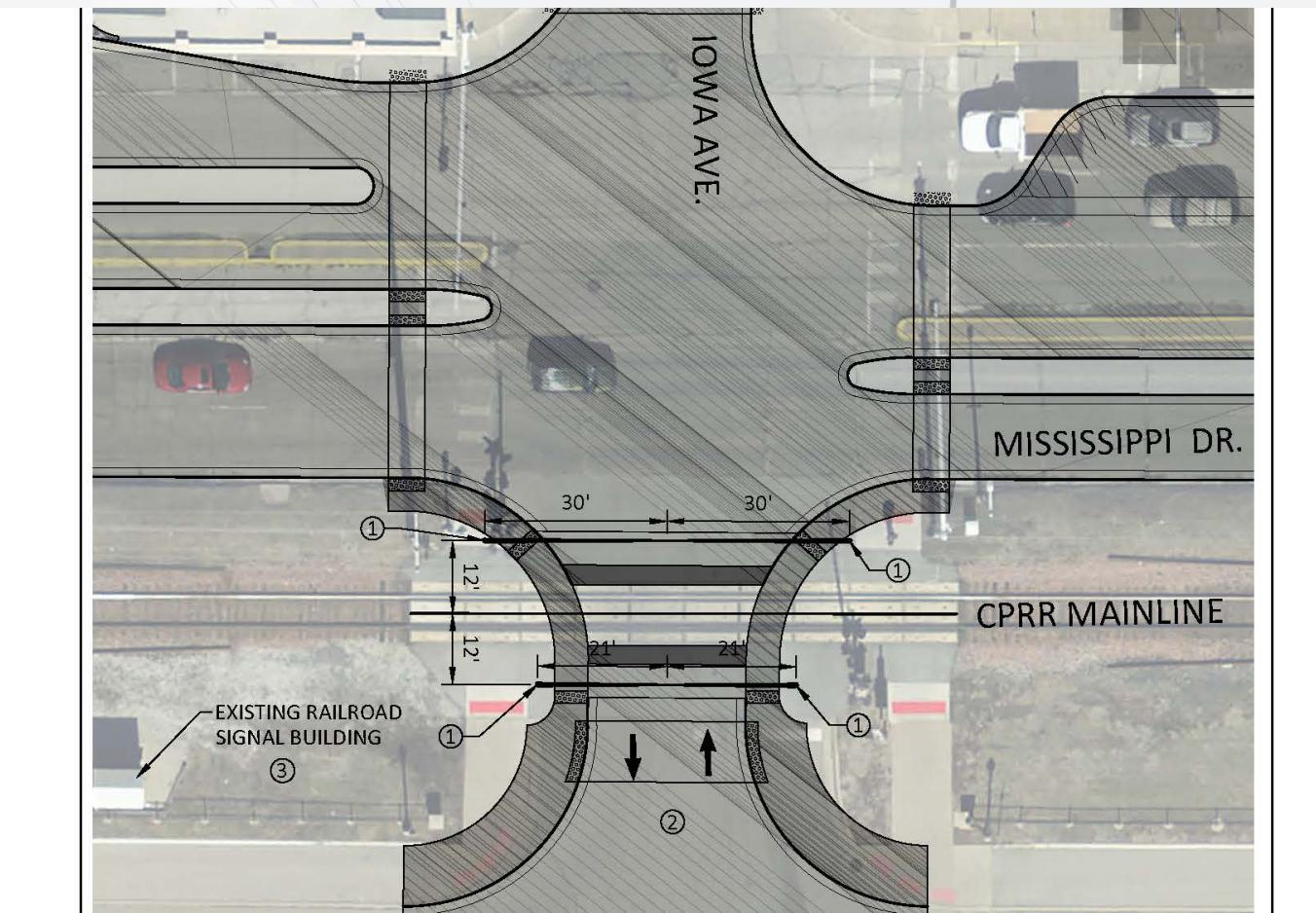
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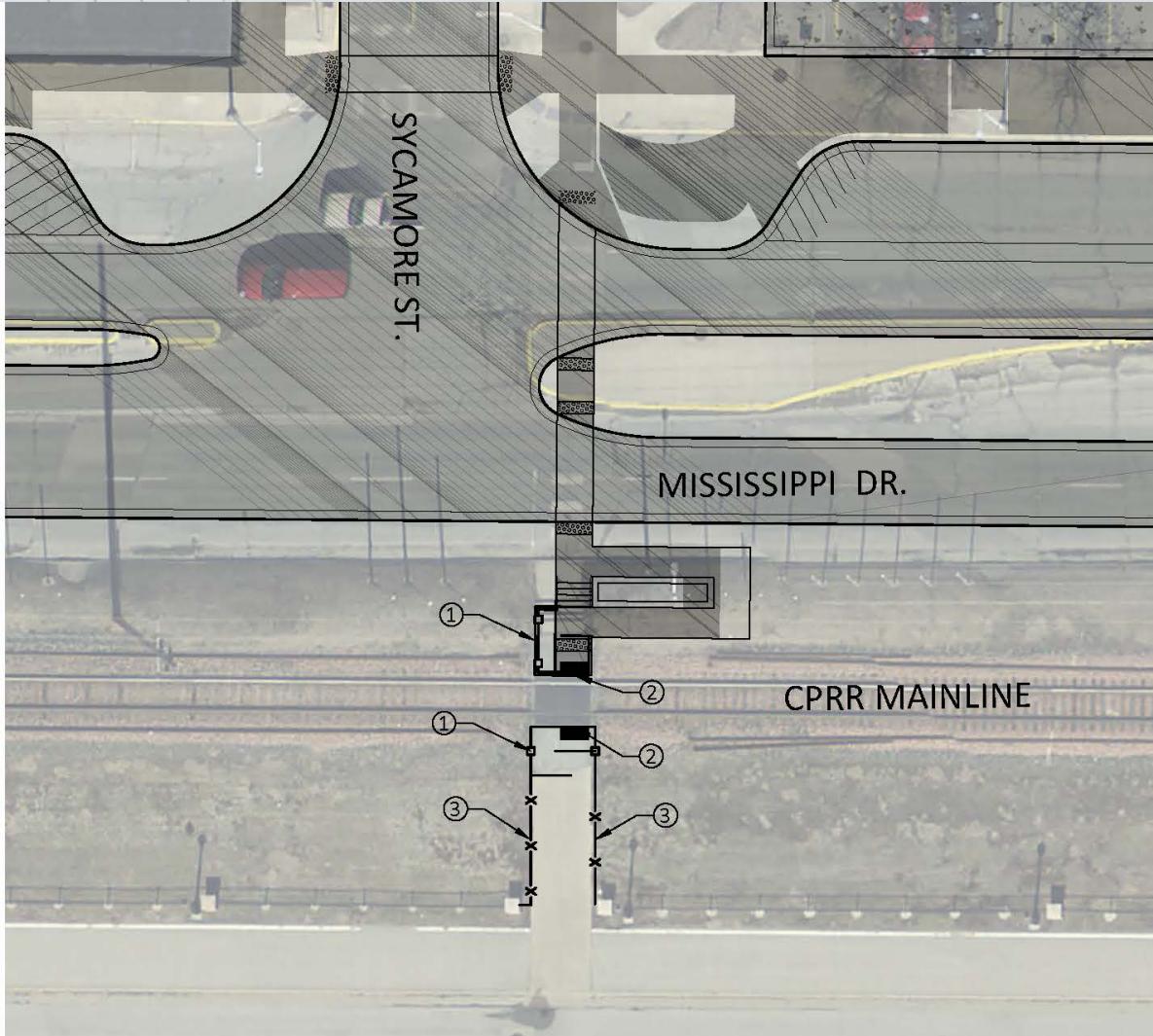
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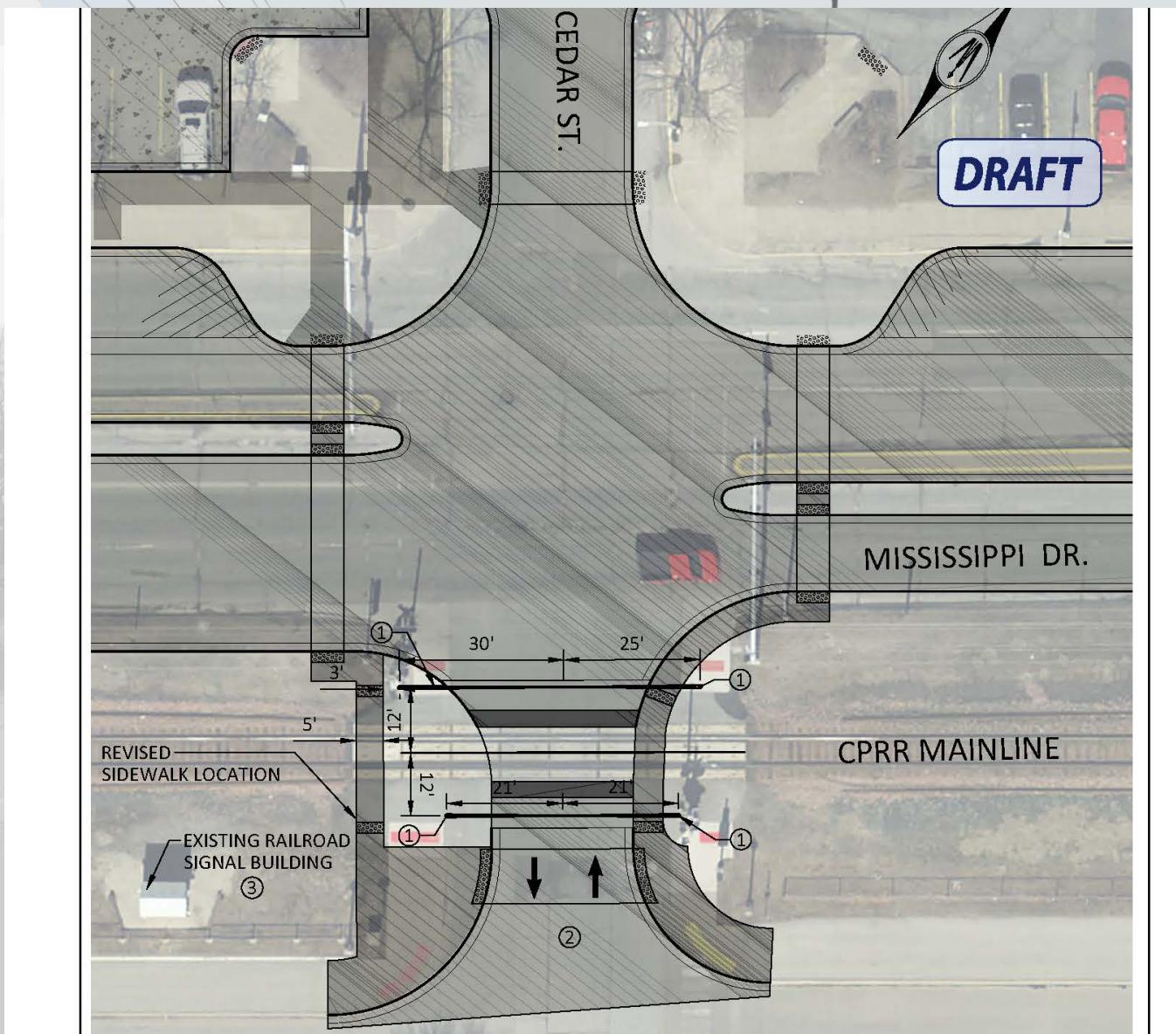
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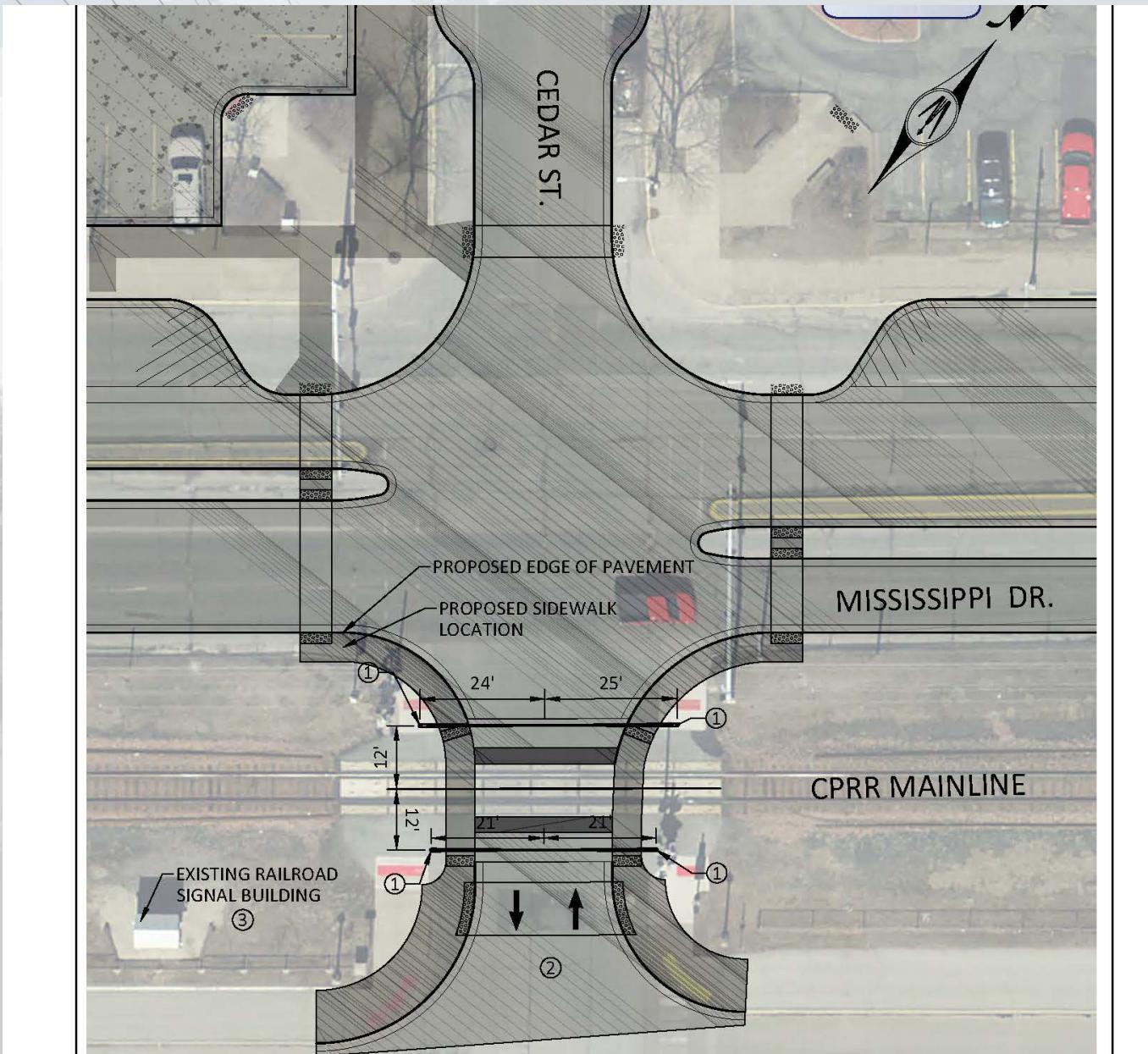
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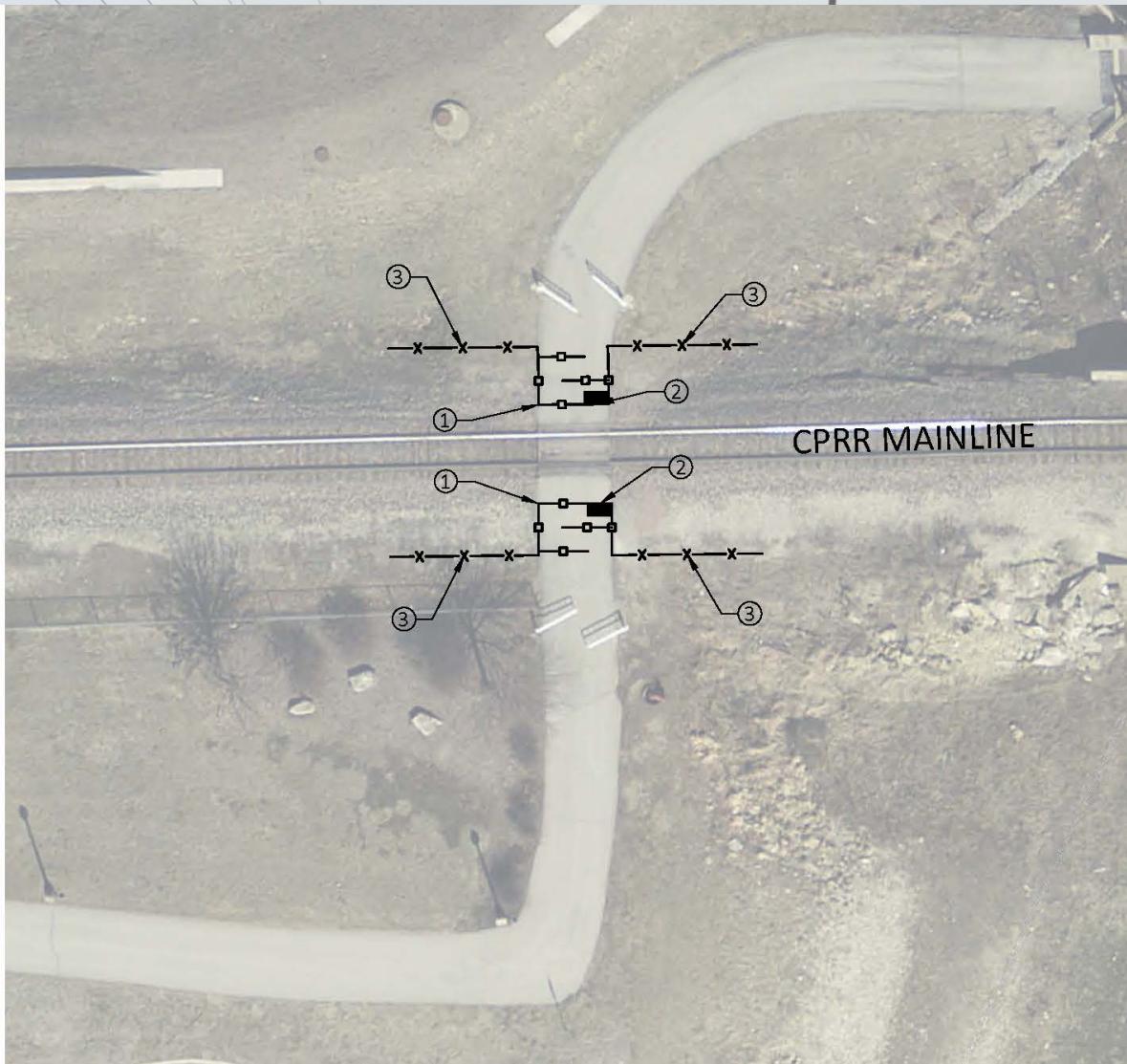
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