

CITY OF GLENDALE, CA

DESIGN REVIEW STAFF REPORT - COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL / MIXED USE

October 13, 2022 1501 South Brand Boulevard

Decision Date Address

Administrative Design Review (ADR) 5640-028-904, -905, -906 (-062, -063, -064)

Review Type APN

PDR2207709 Sipan Nazaryan

Case Number Applicant

Cassandra Pruett 1501 Brand LLC

Case Planner Owner

Project Summary

The applicant is proposing to demolish a 14,980 square foot (SF) office building (built in 1940 and expanded in 1993) and construct a 4,438 SF, one-story self-service car wash with 25 vacuum stations, a 150 SF service-window kiosk and a trash enclosure on a 29,952 SF corner lot in the CA (Commercial Auto) Zone.

Environmental Review

The project is exempt from CEQA review as a Class 32 "Infill Development" exemption pursuant to Section 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The property was evaluated in the 2019 South Glendale Historic Resource Survey and was found to not be eligible for historic designation at the federal, state, or local level for either its architectural merit or any associations with people or events significant in history. It is therefore not considered a historic resource under CEQA.

The applicant has submitted noise study documentation demonstrating that noise generated from the car wash will not exceed the maximum allowed exterior noise threshold (70 dBA) stipulated within Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 "Noise Control." See Attachment 4. A condition of approval has been imposed requiring that prior to issuance of a building permit, an acoustical analysis of the car wash and vacuum stations be produced demonstrating the project will comply with the Noise Control Chapter of the Glendale Municipal Code.

Existing Property/Background

The project site is an approximately 29,952 SF corner lot located on the southwest corner of South Brand Boulevard and East Laurel Street, with an alley located along the western property boundary. The site is relatively flat and developed with a 14,980 SF office building (addressed as 1501 South Brand Boulevard and built in 1940).

Last Date Reviewed / Decision

First time submittal for final review.

Zone: CA - Commercial Auto Height District: N/A

Although this design review does not convey final zoning approval, the project has been reviewed for consistency with the applicable codes and no inconsistencies have been identified.

Active/Pending Permits and Approvals

None

Site Slope and Grading

None proposed.

DESIGN ANALYSIS

Site Planning

Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area?

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Building Location ☑ yes ☐ n/a ☐ no
If "no" select from below and explain: □ Located at or near front property line □ Conforms to prevailing setbacks on the street □ Maintains appropriate sidewalk width
Usable Open Space ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Incorporates outdoor pedestrian space ☐ Integrated with design and overall context ☐ Appropriate relationship with adjoining properties
Access and Parking ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: □ Parking location is appropriate to the site and its neighborhood context □ Appropriate pedestrian and vehicle access points

 □ Appropriate service and loading locations □ Landscape screening for street-facing parking □ Techniques employed to reduce storm water runoff □ Decorative or colored paving to delineate pedestrian areas
Landscape Design ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: □ Complementary to building design □ Appropriately sized and located
Walls, Fences, and Retaining Walls ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
 If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Minimize use whenever possible ☐ Use decorative material to complement building and/or landscape design ☐ Provide landscaping to minimize visual impact
Screening ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Mechanical equipment appropriately screened ☐ Trash bins appropriately located and screened

Determination of Compatibility: Site Planning

The proposed site planning is appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The building is located along Brand Boulevard with a 10-foot setback, near the
 corner of the site, with the parking area located behind it. Driveway access to the
 project site is taken off the side street (Laurel Street) and the queuing for the car
 wash wraps around the perimeter of the site, with the parking for the building and
 the vacuums located in the center.
- Decorative paving (stamped concrete) is provided at the driveway entrance and along the driveway, and at the pedestrian access to the public sidewalk. The curb cut is located on the less prominent street (Laurel Street).
- The site is well-landscaped with a variety of low-water use plants and trees, with large planting areas (10' minimum) along the street-facing property lines and smaller planting areas (4' wide) located within the interior of the site. The planting plan should be coordinated with existing street trees to ensure compatibility with tree location and canopy coverage.

The trash collection area is located at the rear corner of the lot adjacent to the alley. **Massing and Scale** Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area? **Building Relates to its Surrounding Context** \boxtimes yes \square n/a \square no If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Appropriate proportions and transitions ☐ Articulation, solid/void balance, and open space relate to predominant pattern **Building Relates to Existing Topography** 🖂 yes 🗌 n/a 🔲 no If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Form and profile follow topography ☐ Alteration of existing land form minimized ☐ Retaining walls terrace with slope to minimize height **Consistent Architectural Concept** imes yes ☐ n/a ☐ no If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Concept governs massing and height Scale and Proportion 🖂 yes 🔲 n/a 🔲 no If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Articulation avoids overbearing forms ☐ Appropriate solid/void relationships ☐ Entry and major features well located Massing oxtime yes n/a no

If "no" select from below and explain:

☐ Long, unbroken street walls avoided

☐ Larger masses broken into separate volumes

☐ Visual impact of larger building minimized

Determination of Compatibility: Mass and Scale

The proposed massing and scale are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The proposed one-story building height is 24'-7," which is compatible with other onestory and multi-story buildings in the immediate vicinity, including neighboring auto dealerships and car rental sites.
- The massing of the long building façade running along Brand Boulevard is broken up by repeated stepping in of three feet both along the wall surface and in the building height, resulting in the slanted building forms being nested within each other. These forms are accented by similarly slanted windows on the street front façade in different sizes that relate well to each other and the building shape. Various colors and contemporary materials are used to also help break up the wall surfaces and volume of the elongated building.
- The stepping and material variation carries over to the side façades, yet with different materials, colors, windows, and roof shape that still integrate well with the streetfacing façade along Brand Boulevard.

Design and Detailing

Are the following items satisfactory and compatible with the project site and surrounding area?

Overall Design and Detailing ☑ yes ☐ n/a ☐ no
 If "no" select from below and explain: □ Consistent architectural concept □ Proportions appropriate to project and surrounding neighborhood □ Appropriate solid/void relationships
Entryway ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Well integrated into design ☐ Location promotes pedestrian activity ☐ Design provides appropriate focal point
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If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Maximize transparency at ground floor ☐ 12-15' floor-to-floor height at ground-floor is encouraged ☐ Coordinate design with overall style of building ☐ Use durable materials for windows, such as aluminum or steel

☐ Locate security gates/grilles inside commercial spaces, preferably set back from storefront
Awnings and Canopies ☐ yes ☐ n/a ☐ no
 If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Integrate awnings and canopies into overall building design ☐ Avoid long treatments spanning multiple openings ☐ Back-lit awnings are not allowed
Lighting ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: □ Light fixtures are appropriate to the building design □ Avoid over-lit facades; consider ambient light conditions when developing lighting scheme □ Utilize shielded fixtures to avoid light spillover onto adjacent properties
Finish Materials and Color ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no
If "no" select from below and explain: ☐ Textures and colors reinforce design ☐ High-quality, durable materials used, especially facing the street ☐ Materials appropriately enhance articulation and façade hierarchies ☐ Wrap corners and terminate cladding appropriately ☐ Cladding is well detailed, especially at junctions between materials ☐ Foam trim, finished on site, is prohibited
Paving Materials ☐ yes ☐ n/a ☒ no
If "no" select from below and explain: □ Decorative material at entries/driveways □ Permeable paving when possible □ Material and color related to design
No permeable paving has been proposed for the project, although most of the site is paved.
Roof Forms ⊠ yes □ n/a □ no

lf	"no" select from below and explain:
	☐ Configure roofline to provide visual interest and deemphasize mass
	☐ Roof forms are consistent with overall design
	☐ Continue roofs and parapets around building or terminate in logical manner

Determination of Compatibility: Design and Detailing

The proposed design and detailing are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The primary building uses a variety of shapes, forms, variation, and high quality
 materials that result in a unique architectural style that is compatible with the
 automobile uses of the surrounding neighborhood. Materials include a variety of
 metals in different colors and patterns, aluminum windows, colored metal panel
 siding and fascias, perforated stainless steel metal mesh, and metallic silver standing
 seam metal roof.
- The architectural style remains strong on all facades and carries over to accessory buildings on site (kiosk and trash enclosure). The change in material from the front to side facades accentuates the building design.
- The building uses a variety of dark blue and green colors that complement each other well and are fitting with the design that recalls a nautical theme.
- Lighting fixtures are appropriate to the design and direct light downward.
- Decorative paving (stamped concrete) is utilized, however, permeable paving has not been utilized.

Recommendation / Draft Record of Decision

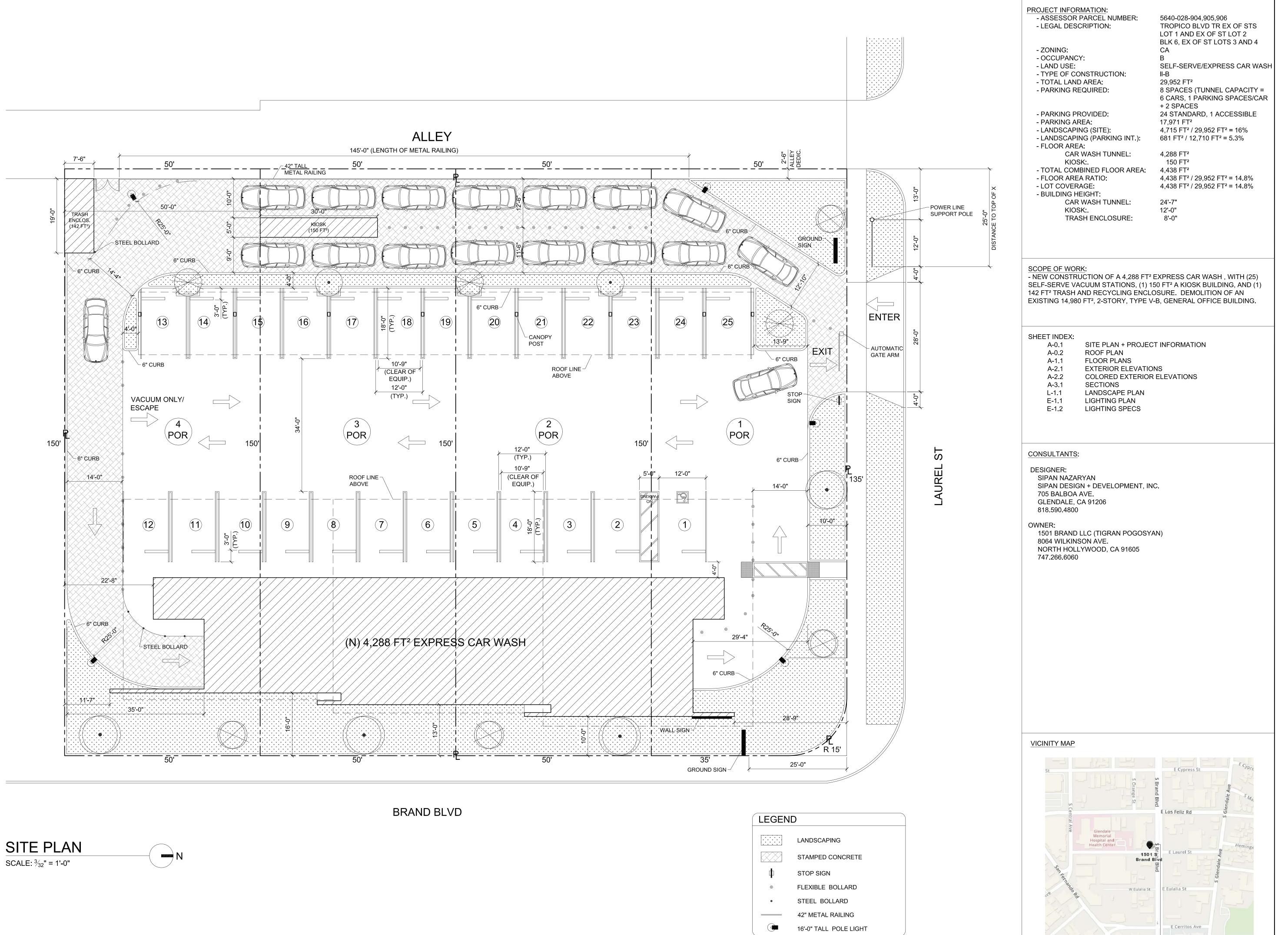
Based on the above analysis, staff recommends **Approval with Conditions**. This determination is based on the implementation of the following recommended conditions:

Conditions

- 1. Prior to issuance of a building permit, an acoustic analysis of the project shall be presented demonstrating the project, including both the car wash and vacuum stations, will comply with GMC 8.36.
- 2. Ensure all windows shapes and sizes comply with the Design Review-approved elevation plans.
- 3. Utilize permeable paving where possible, for example as accent banding in conjunction with the stamped concrete.
- 4. Update planting plan to show location of street trees and coordinate site tree locations with street tree locations.

Attachments

- 1. Reduced Plans
- 2. Photos of Existing Property
- 3. Location Map
- 4. Car Wash Noise Map



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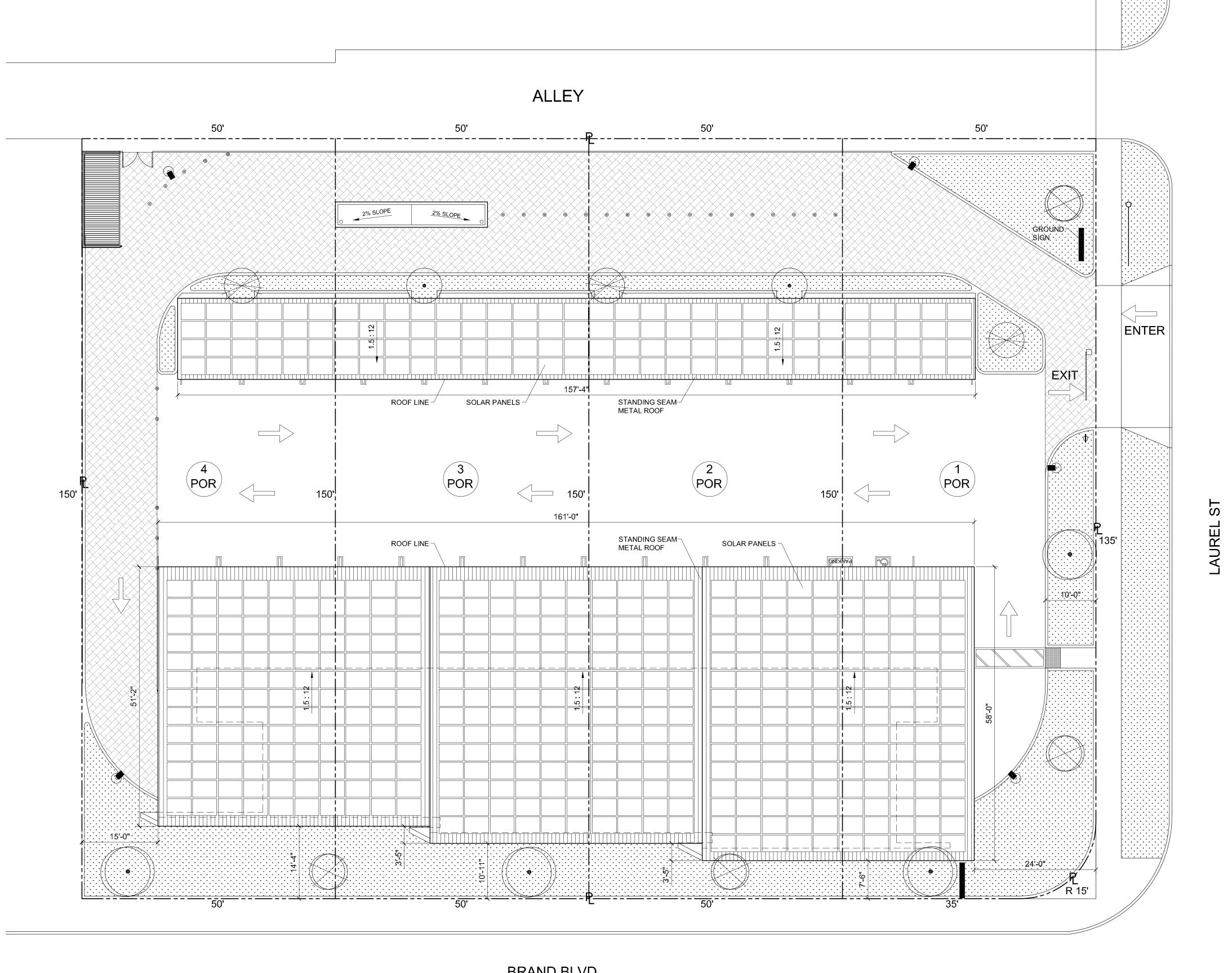
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SITE PLAN

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BRAND BLVD





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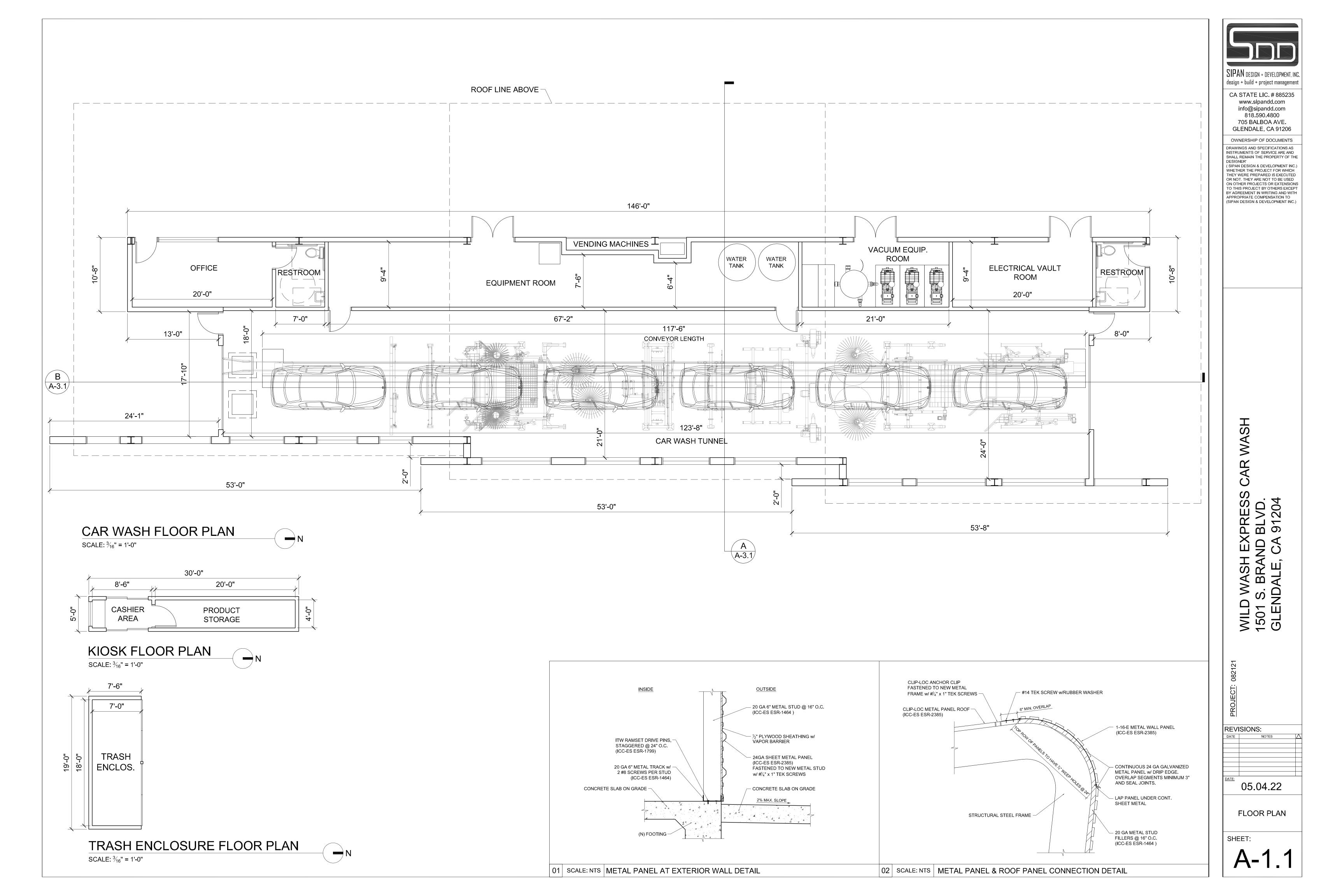
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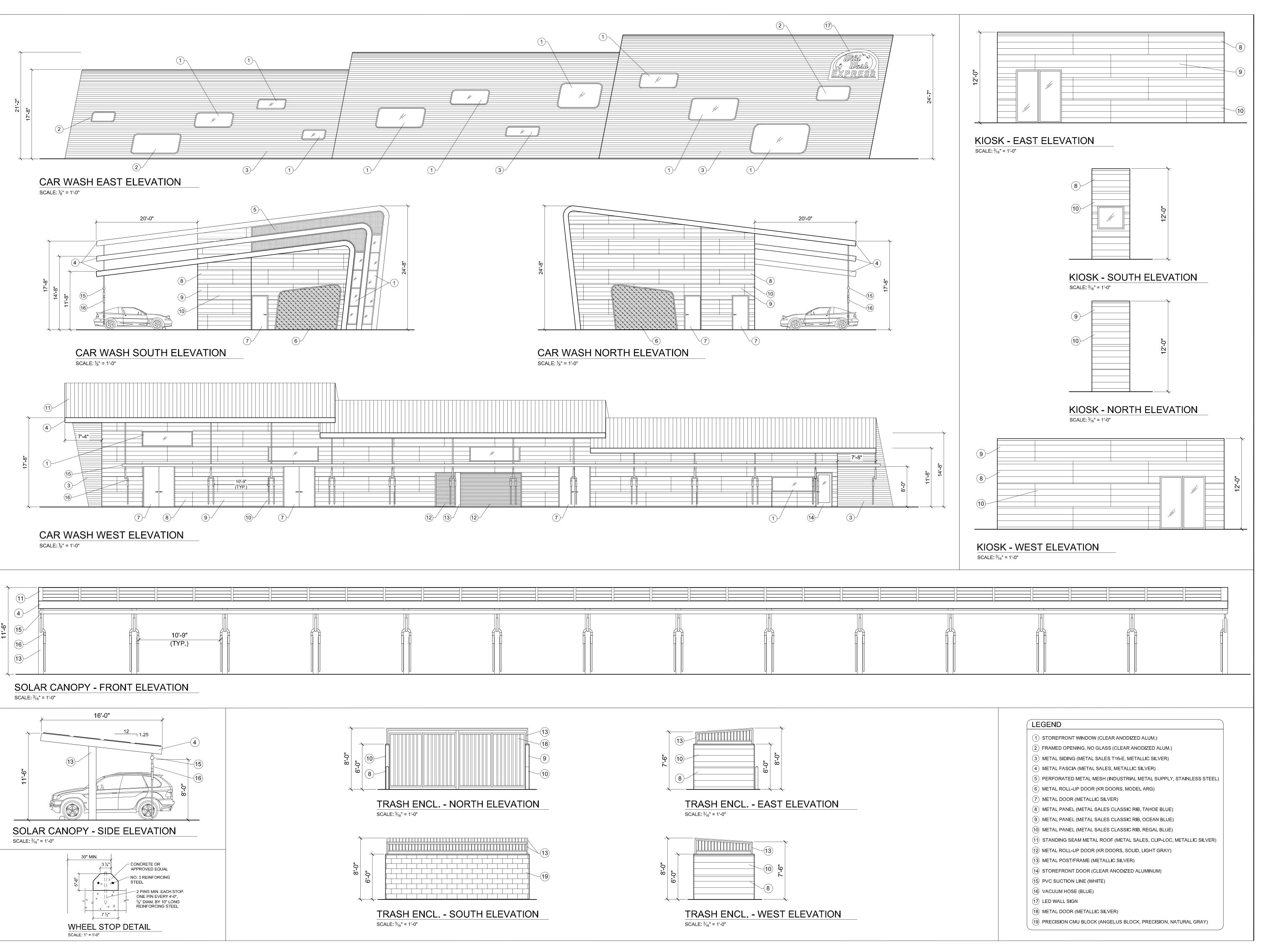
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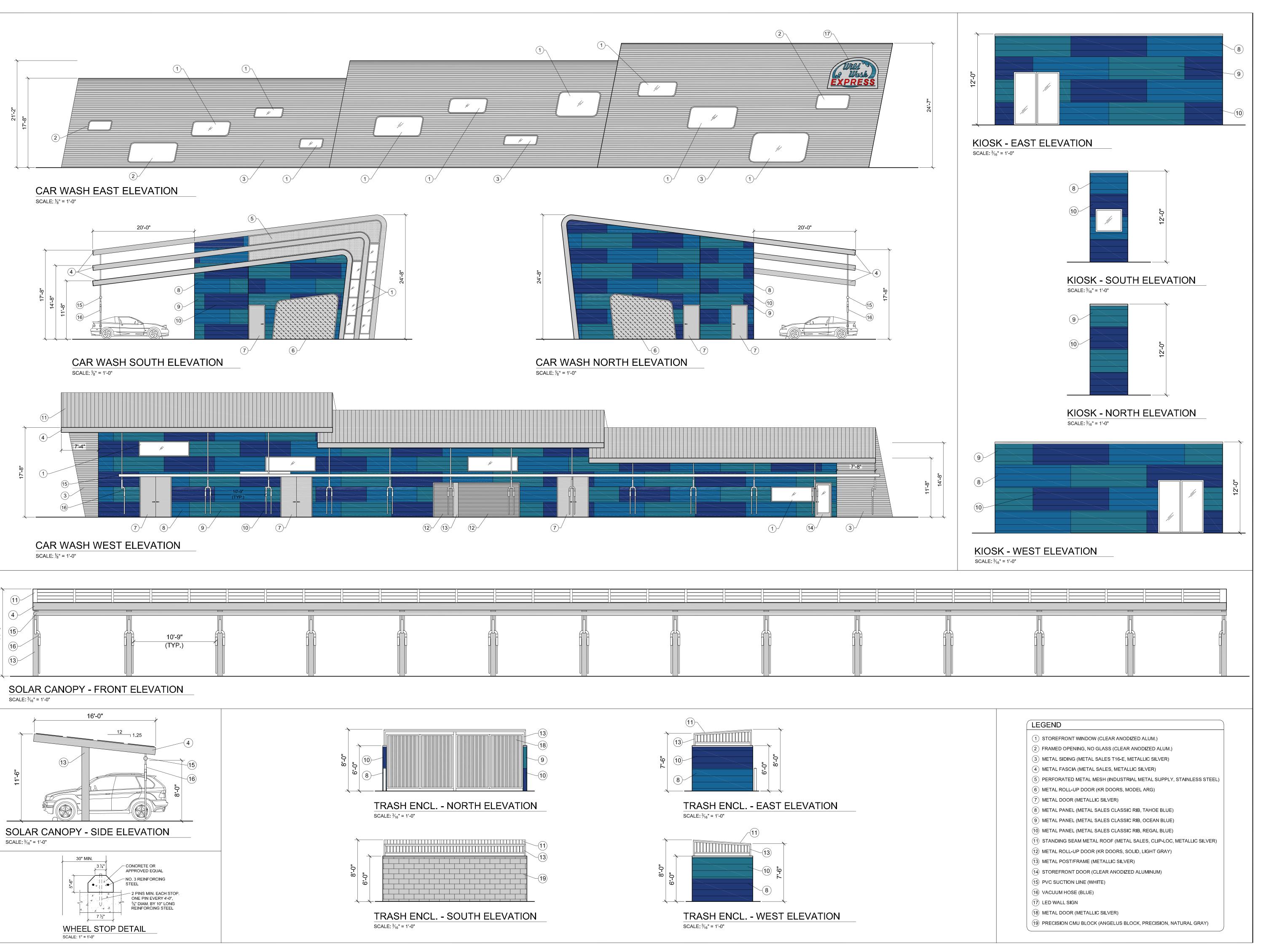
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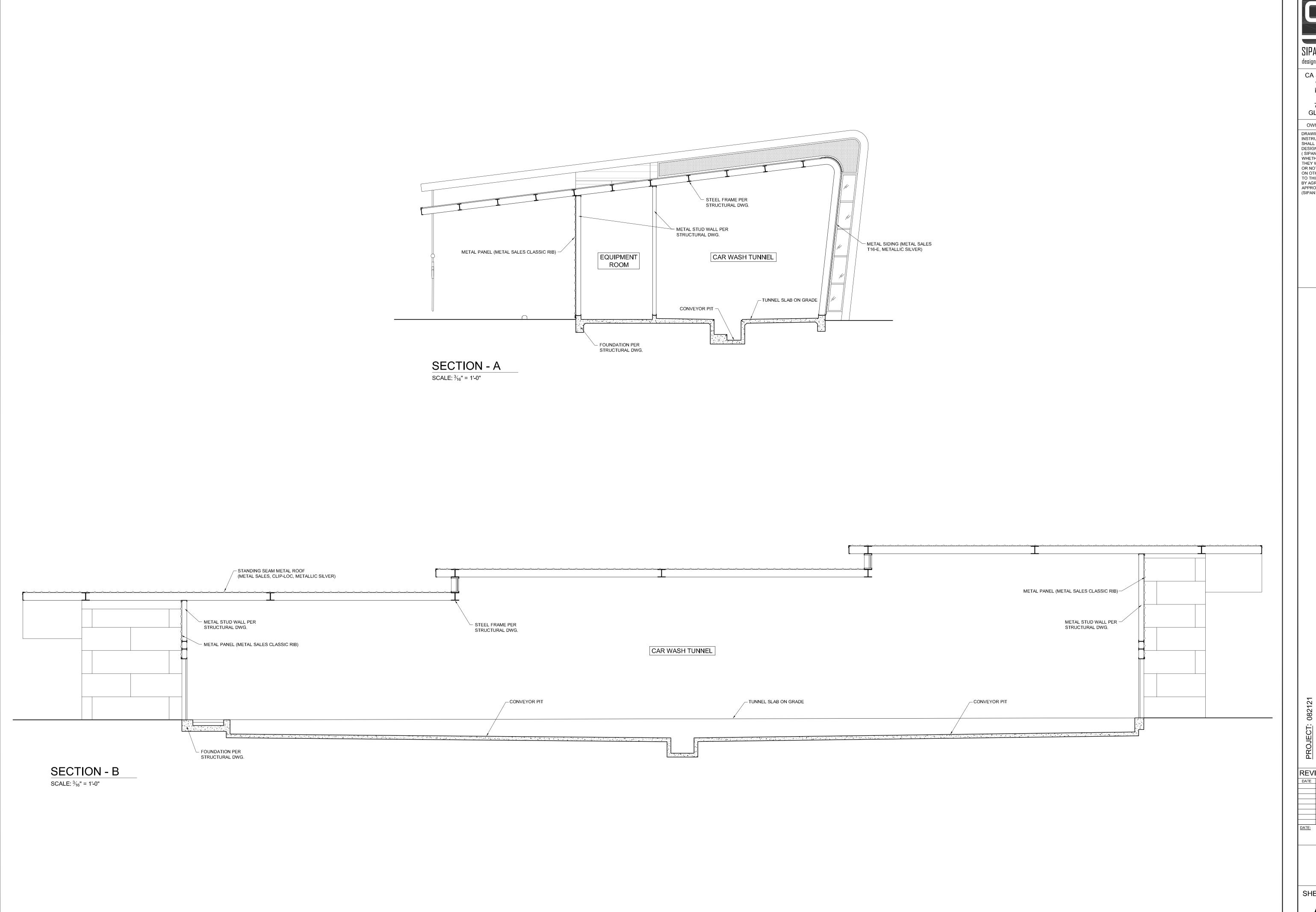
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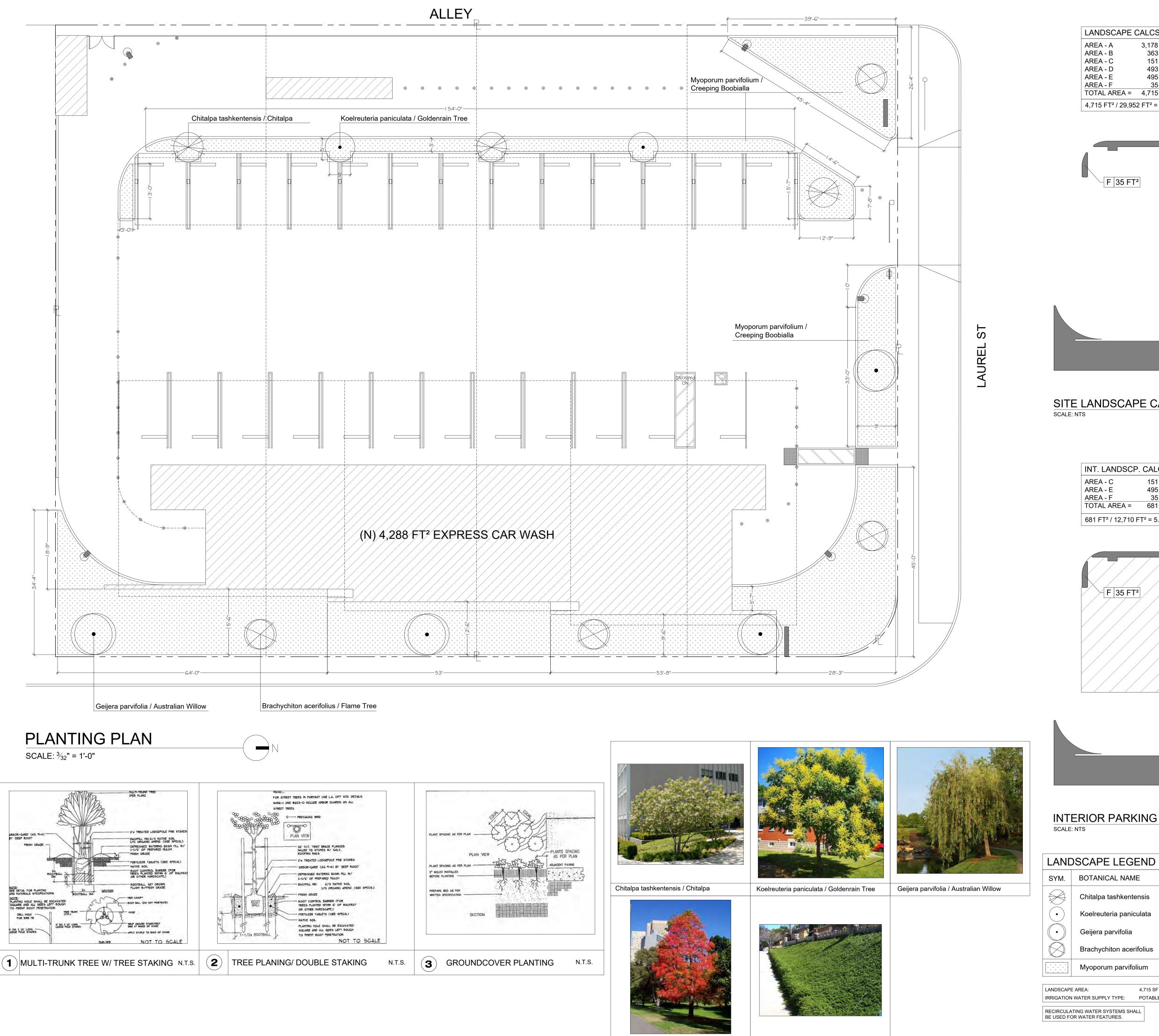
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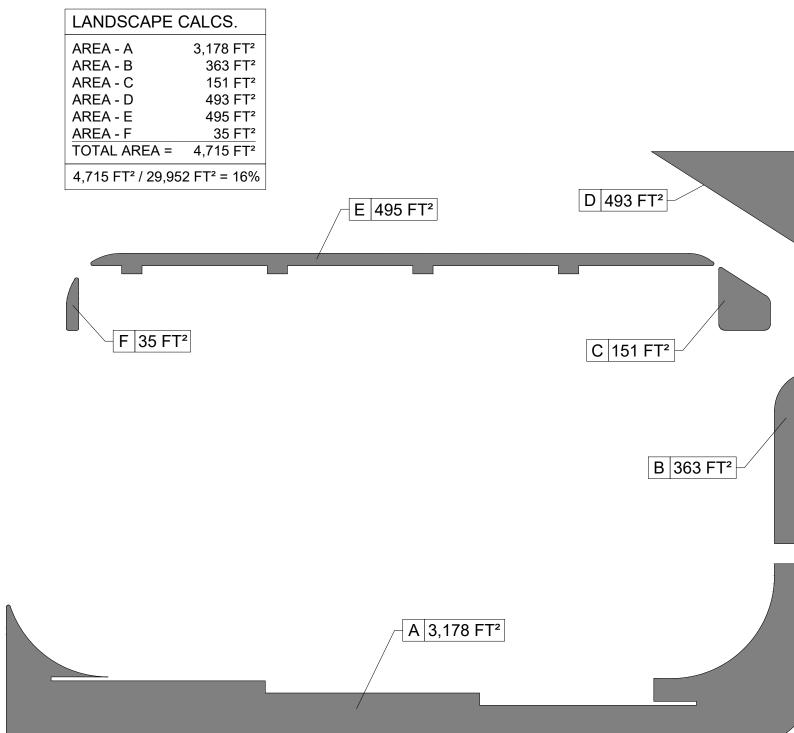
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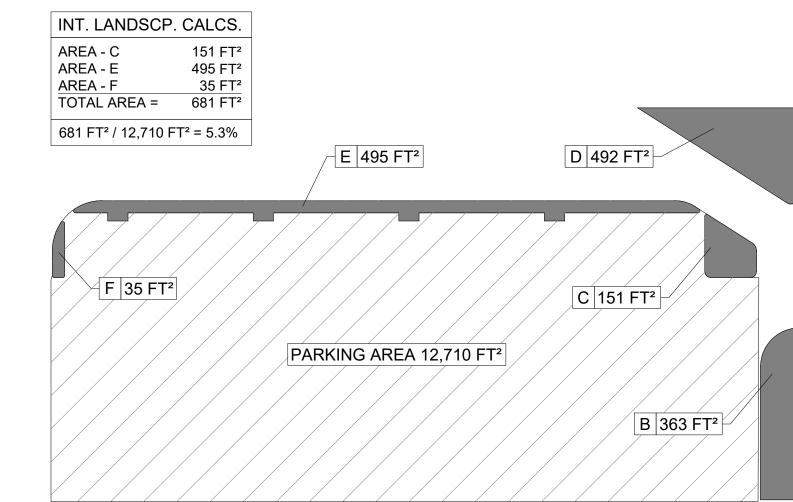
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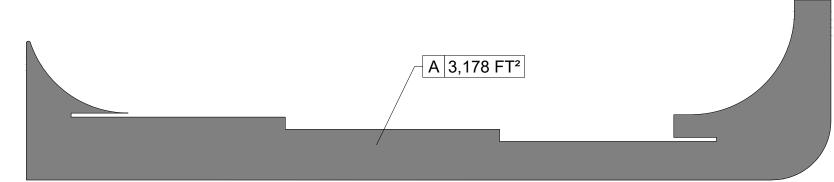
SECTIONS





SITE LANDSCAPE CALCULATION DIAGRAM





INTERIOR PARKING LOT LANDSCAPE CALCULATION DIAGRAM

SYM.	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE QTY.	REMARKS WUCOLS
	Chitalpa tashkentensis	Chitalpa	24" box 3	low 0.3
•	Koelreuteria paniculata	Goldenrain Tree	24" box 2	low 0.3
•	Geijera parvifolia	Australian Willow	24" box 4	low 0.3
	Brachychiton acerifolius	Flame Tree	24" box 4	low 0.3
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping Boobialla	Flats 4,715 Sq.Ft.	low 0.3

A MINIMUM 2" LAYER OF MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED ON ALL

4,715 SF IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY TYPE: POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

Myoporum parvifolium / Creeping Boobialla

Brachychiton acerifolius / Flame Tree

EXPOSED SOIL SURFACES OF PLANTING AREAS EXCEPT TURF AREAS, CREEPING OR ROOTING GROUND COVERS, OR DIRECT SEEDING APPLICATIONS WHERE MULCH IS CONTRAINDICATED. RECIRCULATING WATER SYSTEMS SHALL

Wash Wild Wash Express

CLIENT: Sıpan Design + Development Inc. DATE: 06/15/2022 DESIGNER: MELANIE MOOSSAIAN ARCHITECT OF RECORD:

Wild Wash Express Car Wash 1501 S. Brand Blvd. Glendale, CA 91204

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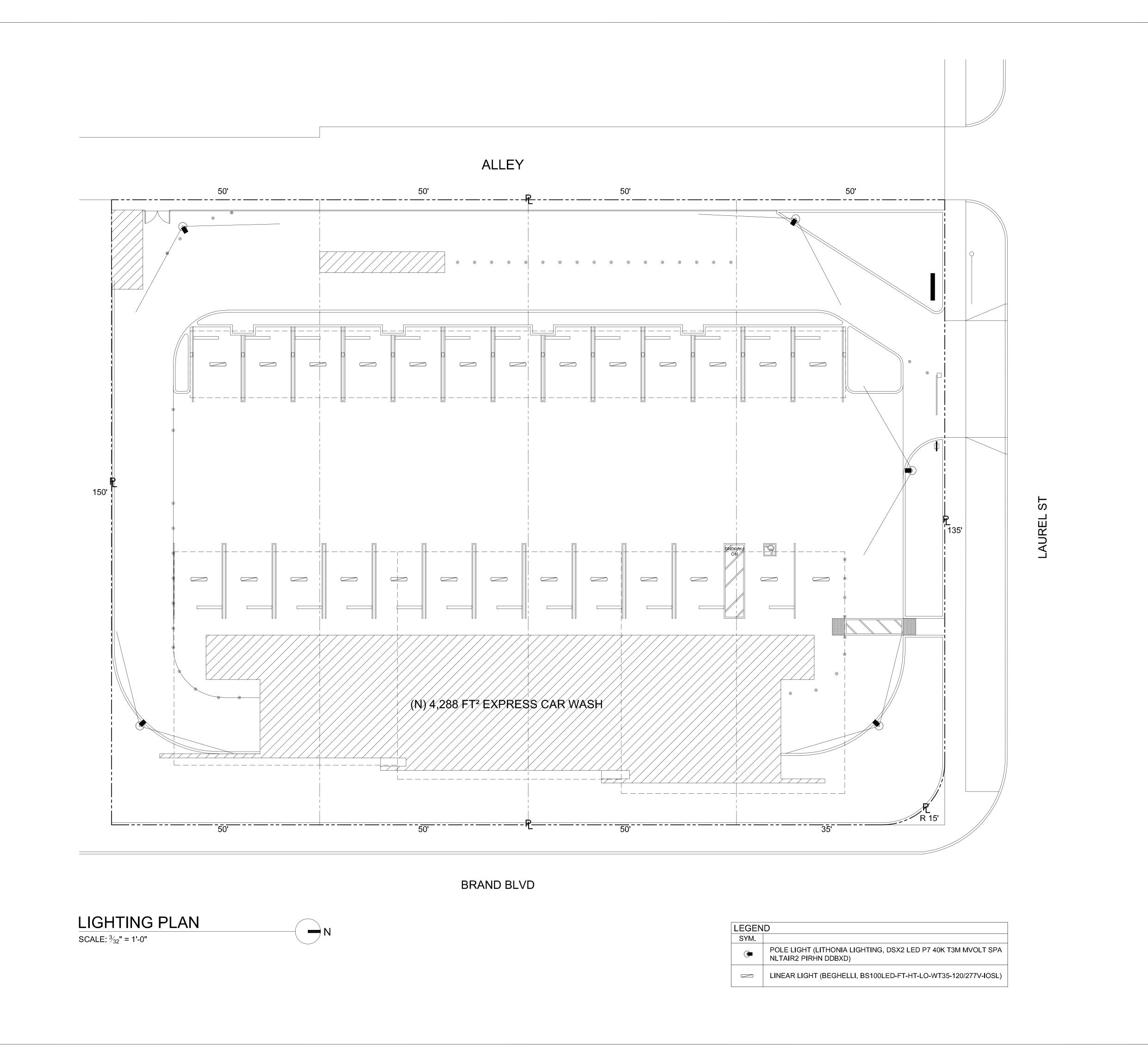
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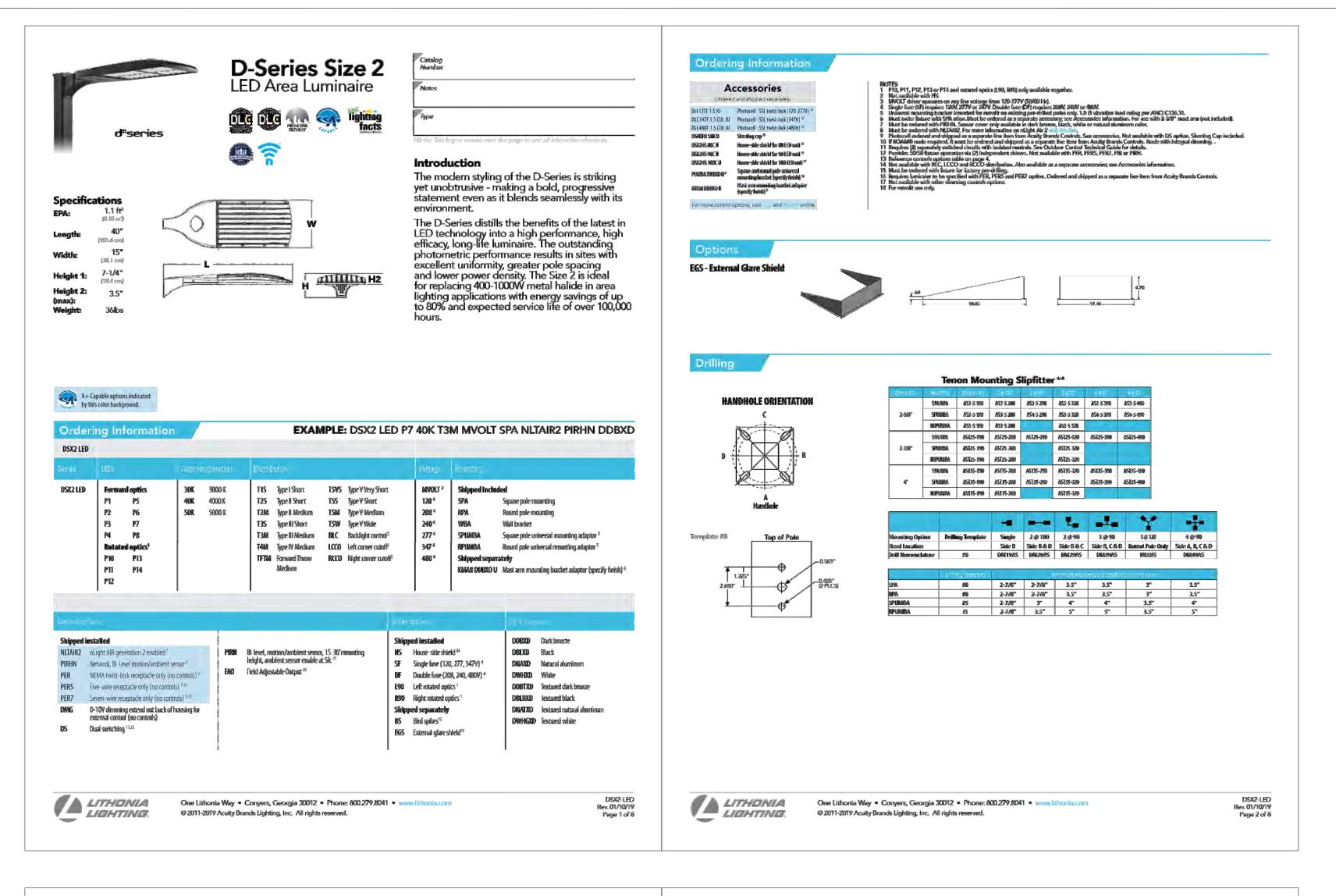
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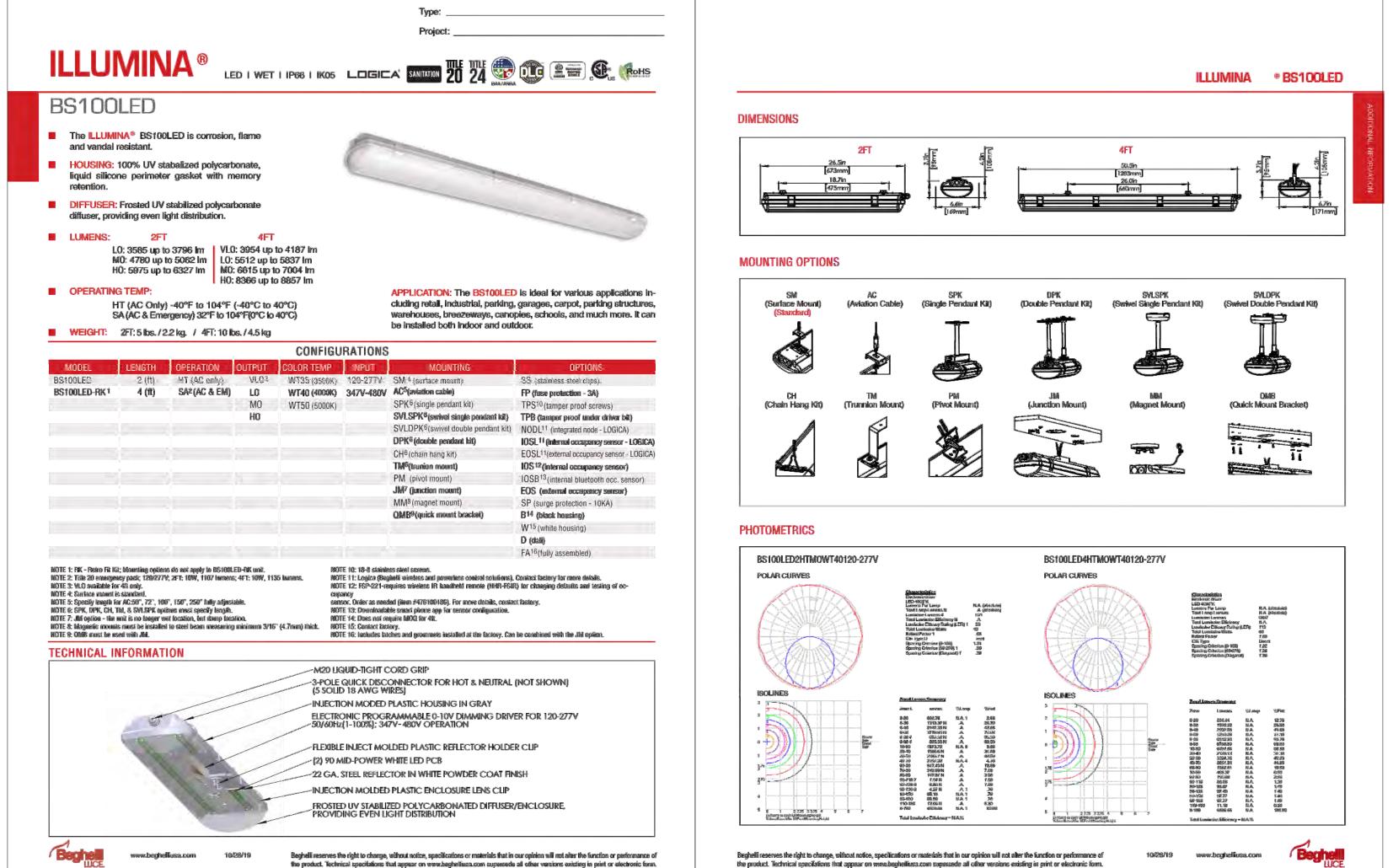
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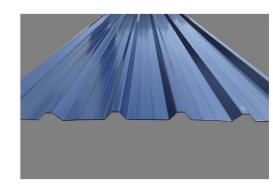
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(3) Metal panel (Metal Sales, T16-E, Metallic Silver)



(11) Standing seam metal roof (Metal Sales, Clip-Loc Metallic Silver)



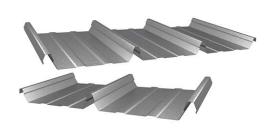
8 9 10 Metal panel (Metal Sales, Classic Rib, Tahoe, Ocean, and Regal Blue)



(13) Exposed steel frame (custom fabricated, Metalic Silver)



(3) Metal panel (Metal Sales, T16-E, Metallic Silver) (close up image is different color)



(11) Standing seam metal roof (Metal Sales, Clip-Loc Metallic Silver)

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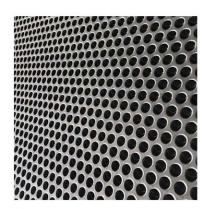
(18) CMU Block Wall (Angelus Block, Precision, Natural Gray) (19) Metal Door (custom



6 Metal Roll-Up Door (KR Doors, Model Arg)



Metal Roll-Up Door (KR Doors, Solid, light gray)



5 Perforated Stainless Steel Mesh (Industrial Metal Supply, 1/4" dia circular)



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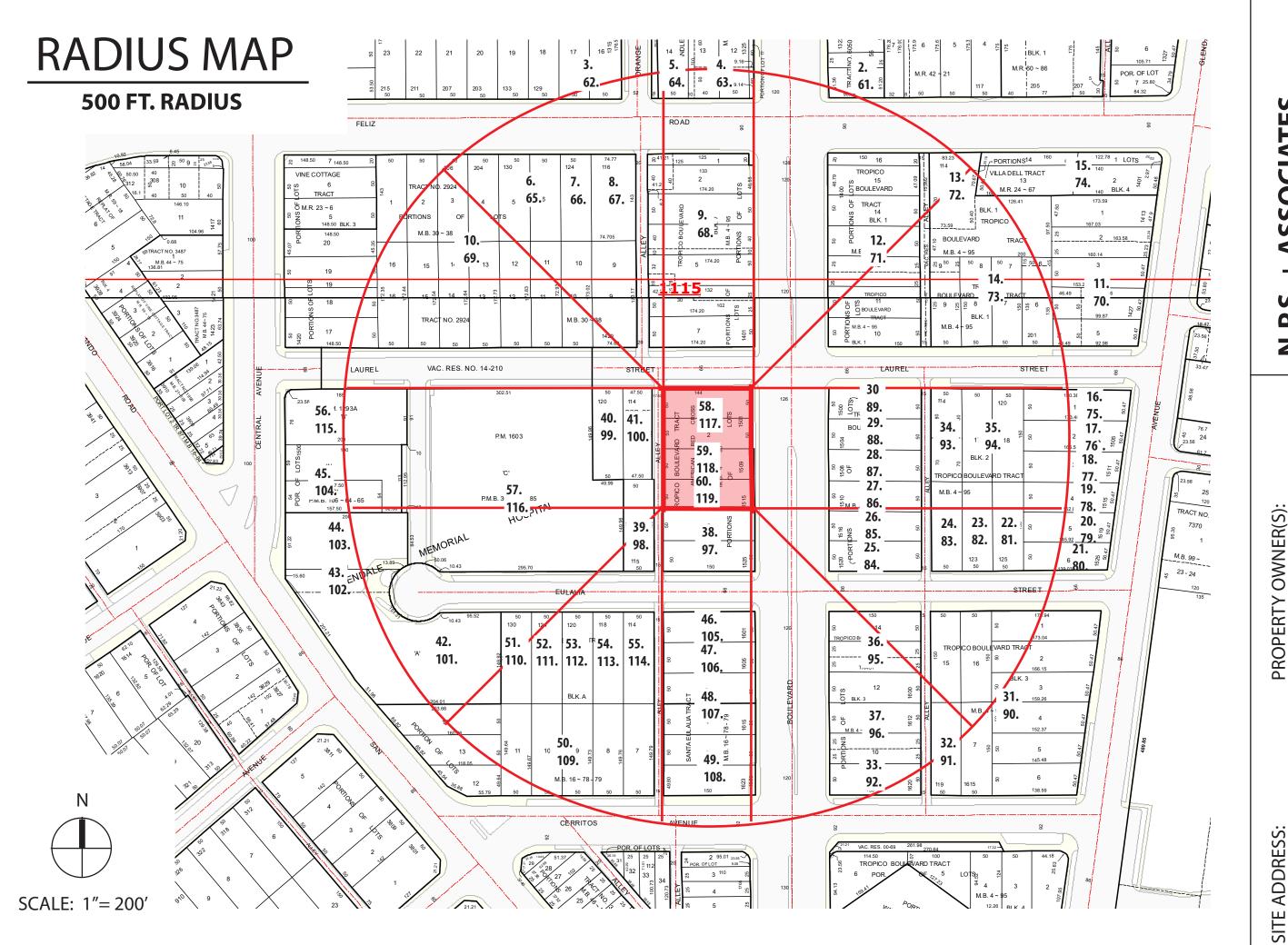
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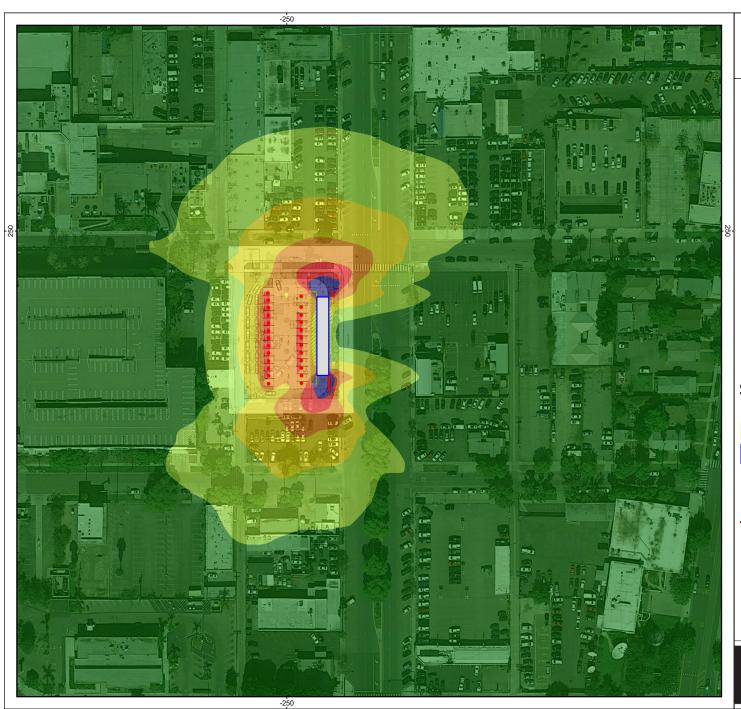
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07282101_1501 Brand Blvd Noise Level Contours 120HP Predator Stealth Blower System Standard Tunnel

Levels in dB(A)



Signs and symbols

Level table, dBA

Buildings

Tunnel Enclosure

Point Source (Blowers & Vacuums)

Point Receivers

Wing Walls

Length scale 1:100

0 50 100 200 300

