

# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

November 16, 2016

Agenda Item No: 6

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2016-434  
**ADDRESS:** 217 ROBINSON PLACE  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 592 BLK 7 LOT 2 EXC NW IRR 5.69 FT  
**ZONING:** RM-4 H  
**CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 2  
**DISTRICT:** Dignowity Hill Historic District  
**APPLICANT:** Joaquin Escamilla/Studio E Design  
**OWNER:** IDEA Public School  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Installation of covered walkways  
**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install covered walkways in the existing courtyard of the IDEA Carver charter school, formerly known as The Carver Academy. The covered walkways will consist of new concrete sidewalks with free-standing steel framed canopies that will match the existing canopies throughout the campus.

## APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

*Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 2, Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations*

### 11. Canopies and Awnings

#### A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

*i. Existing canopies and awnings*—Preserve existing historic awnings and canopies through regular cleaning and periodic inspections of the support system to ensure they are secure.

#### B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

*i. Replacement canopies and awnings*—Replace canopies and awnings in-kind whenever possible.

*ii. New canopies and awnings*—Add canopies and awnings based on accurate evidence of the original, such as photographs. If no such evidence exists, the design of new canopies and awnings should be based on the architectural style of the building and be proportionate in shape and size to the scale of the building façade to which they will be attached. See UDC Section 35-609(j).

*iii. Lighting*—Do not internally illuminate awnings; however, lighting may be concealed in an awning to provide illumination to sidewalks or storefronts.

*iv. Awning materials*—Use fire-resistant canvas awnings that are striped or solid in a color that is appropriate to the period of the building.

*v. Building features*—Avoid obscuring building features such as arched transom windows with new canopies or awnings.

*vi. Support structure*—Support awnings with metal or wood frames, matching the historic support system whenever possible. Minimize damage to historic materials when anchoring the support system. For example, anchors should be inserted into mortar rather than brick. Ensure that the support structure is integrated into the structure of the building as to avoid stress on the structural stability of the façade.

## FINDINGS:

- a. The structure at 217 Robinson Place, commonly known as both IDEA Carver and The Carver Academy is located within the Dignowity Hill Historic District and was constructed in 2000. The structure features facades primarily consisting of tan brick, aluminum windows and aluminum storefront systems. The applicant has proposed to install covered walkways in the existing courtyards to provide shelter from the elements for students.
- b. The applicant has proposed covered walkways to consist of new concrete sidewalks with free-standing steel framed canopies that will match the existing canopies throughout the campus. The applicant has specified that all materials will match those existing on the site including the size and finish of both steel and concrete columns, tongue and groove cedar wood decking, standing seam metal roofs, galvanized fascias, gutters and scuppers and

sconce lighting. This is consistent with the Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations 11.B.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval as submitted based on findings a and b.

**CASE MANAGER:**

Edward Hall



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Project: IDEA Carver Sidewalk Canopies  
Address: 217 Robinson Place San Antonio, TX 78202

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE:

The proposed project is an exterior improvement to an existing charter school campus (IDEA Carver, previously The Carver Academy and owned by IDEA Public Schools), which is a newer-construction complex built in 2000. We are constructing new covered walkways connecting existing school buildings to protect students from the elements. The covered walkways will consist of new concrete sidewalks with free-standing steel-framed canopies that will match/replicate the existing canopies on the campus, in order to provide design consistency.

The materials used will be specified as “match to existing”, and will include:

- Concrete sidewalks
- Tube steel columns, beams and purlins with painted finish – size and color to match existing
- Concrete columns with architectural finish to match existing
- 2x6 Tongue-and-groove cedar wood decking with clear stain
- Standing seam metal roofing material to match existing
- Galvanized fascia, gutters and scuppers to match existing
- Column-mounted exterior sconce lighting to match existing

Please reference attached existing photos to view existing conditions, as well as 3-D rendered images and construction drawings showing proposed materials and design. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joaquin Escamilla  
Project Architect  
Studio E Architecture & Interiors Inc.

Existing Photos: front elevation facing Robinson Place



West Elevation bordering Hackberry Street:



Existing entry canopies/overhangs:



Existing canopies/overhangs:



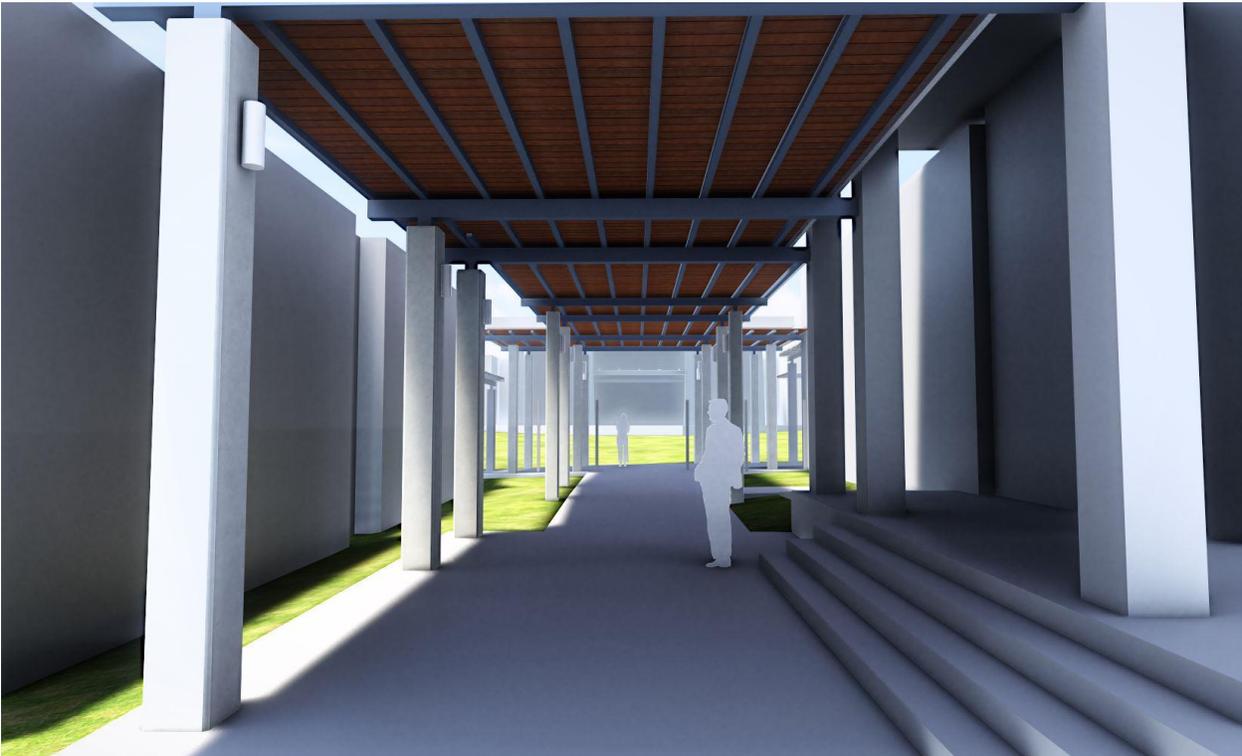
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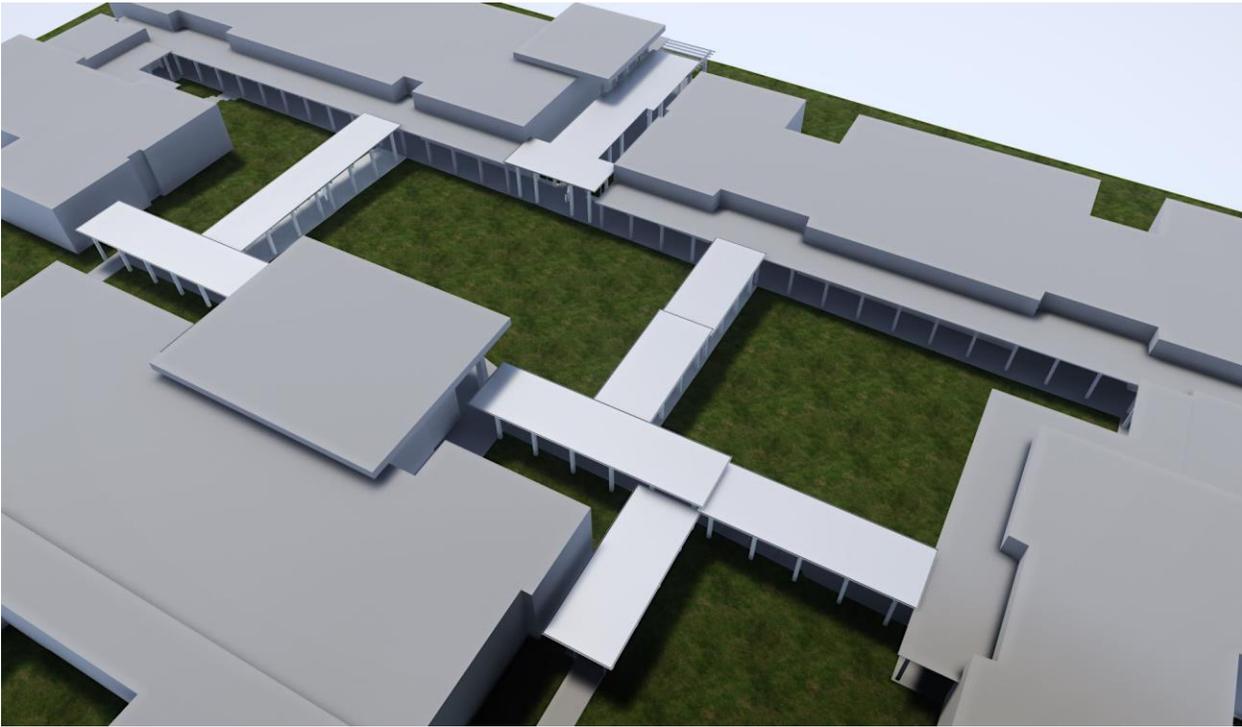
Existing entry walkway:



Proposed extension to entry canopy:

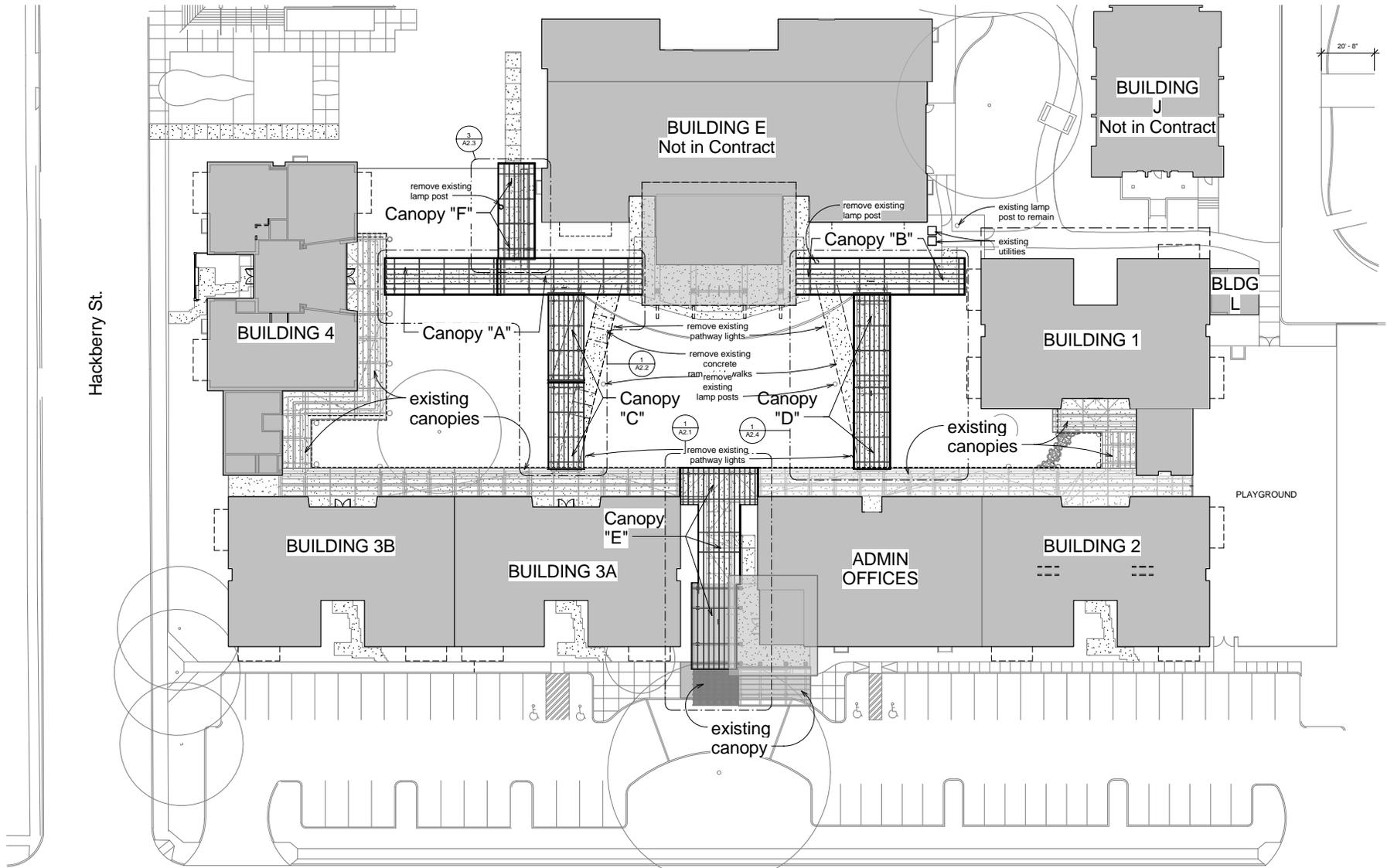


Birdseye perspective of new canopies (shown in light grey):



Material detail for new canopies: (to match existing)





Hackberry St.

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BUILDING J  
Not in Contract

remove existing lamp post  
Canopy "F"

remove existing lamp post  
Canopy "B"

existing lamp post to remain  
existing utilities

BUILDING 4

Canopy "A"

remove existing pathway lights  
remove existing concrete ramp  
remove existing lamp posts

BUILDING 1

BLDG L

existing canopies

Canopy "C"

Canopy "D"

existing canopies

BUILDING 3B

Canopy "E"

ADMIN OFFICES

BUILDING 2

PLAYGROUND

BUILDING 3A

existing canopy

Robinson Place

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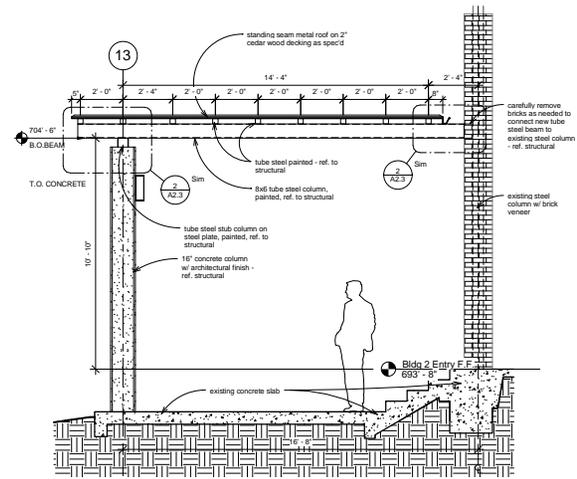
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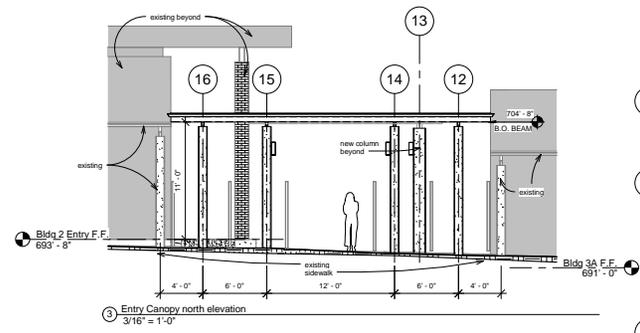
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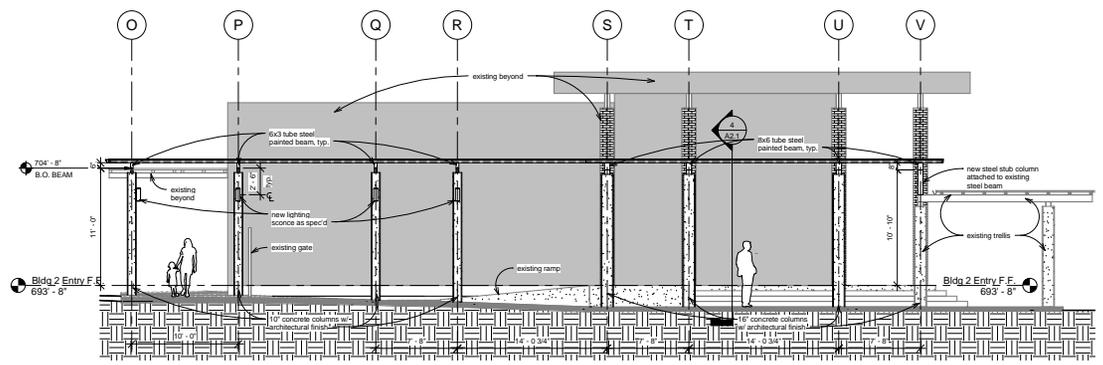


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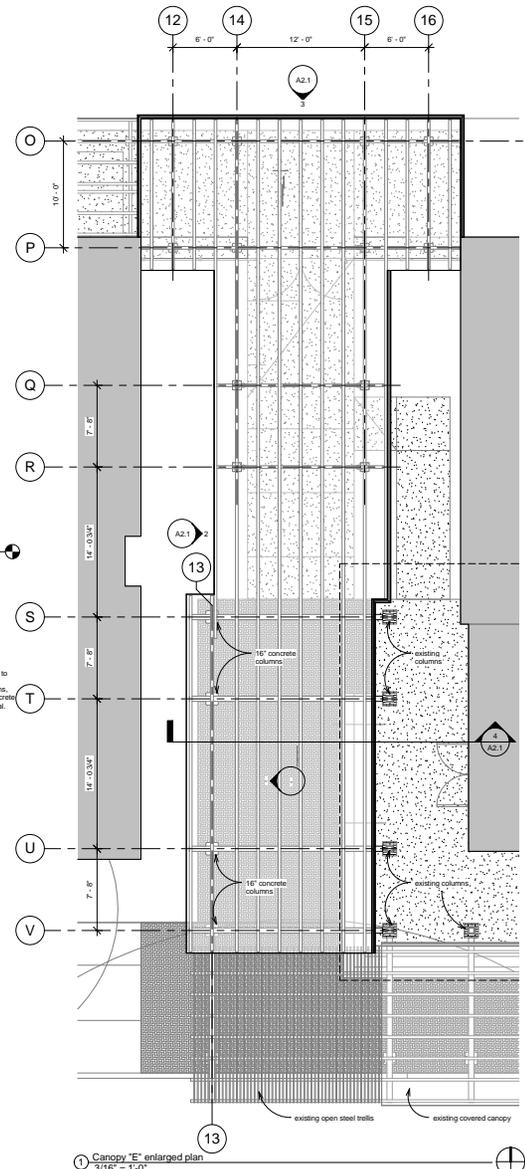


3 Entry Canopy north elevation  
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1. Design intent is to match new materials to existing. Prior to construction, verify existing steel sizes/dimensions, paint color/finishes, wood species/finish, metal roof specifications, gutters and soopiers, outdoor sconce lighting fixtures, concrete finish, etc. Samples to be submitted to architect for approval.

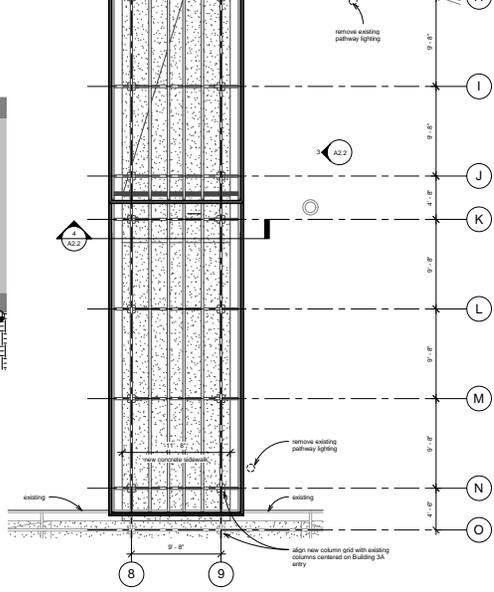
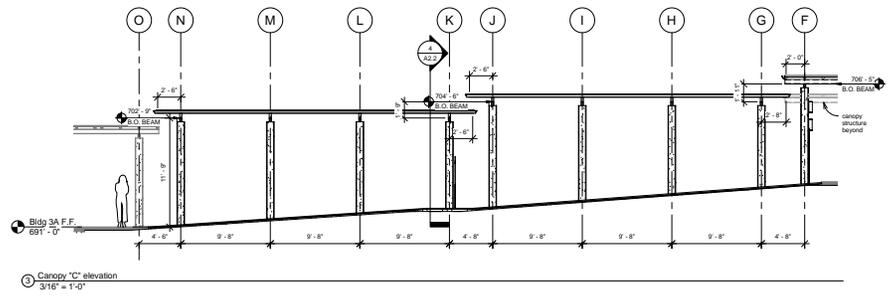
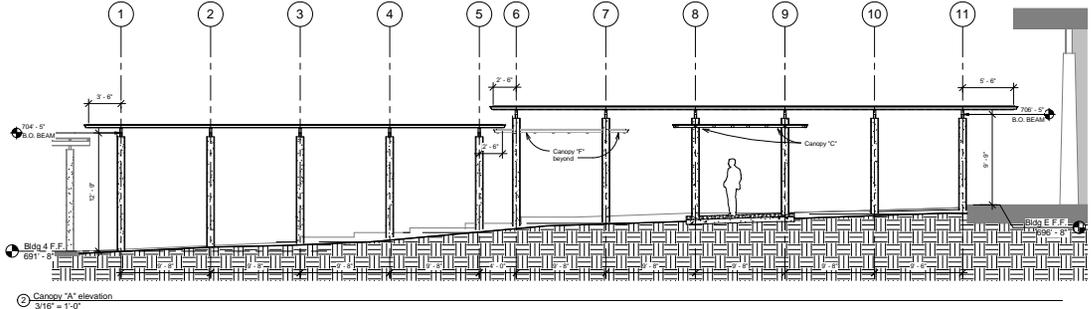
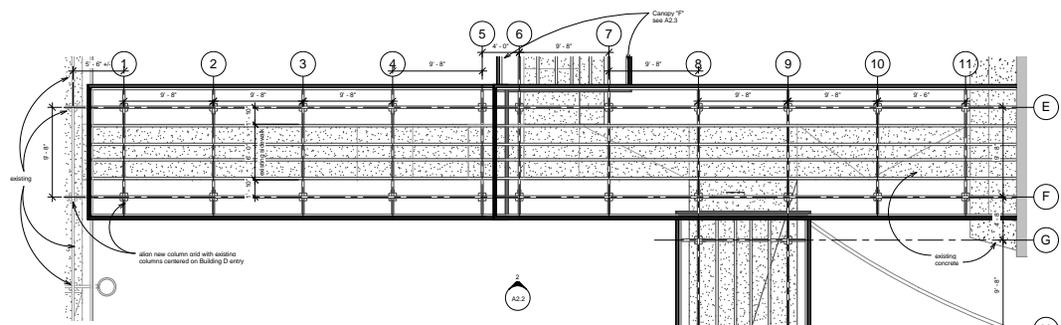
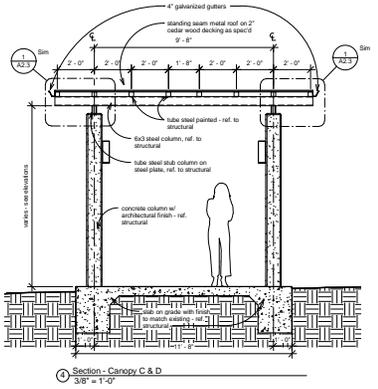


2 Entry Canopy east elevation  
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1 Canopy "E" enlarged plan  
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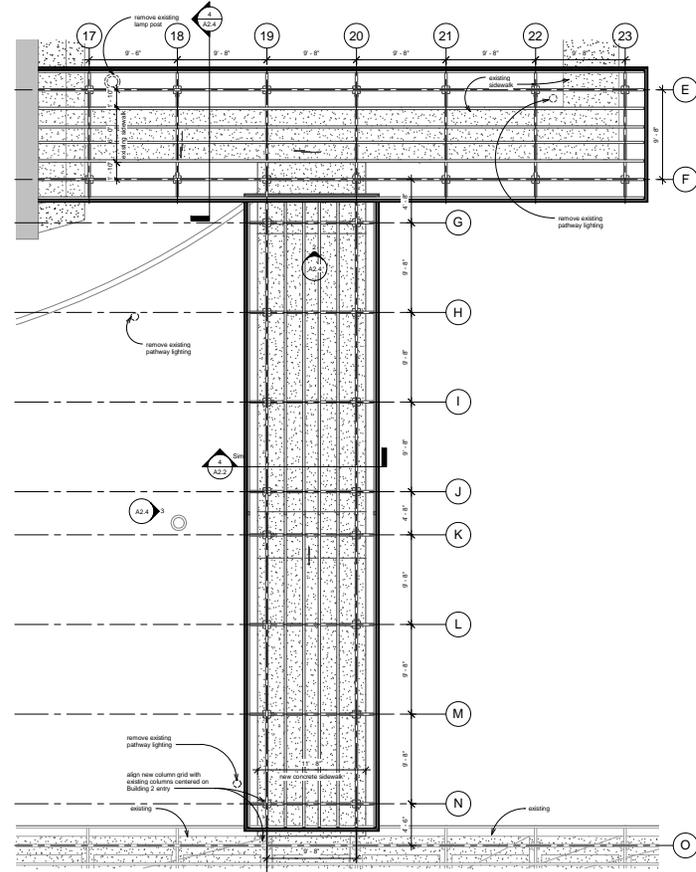
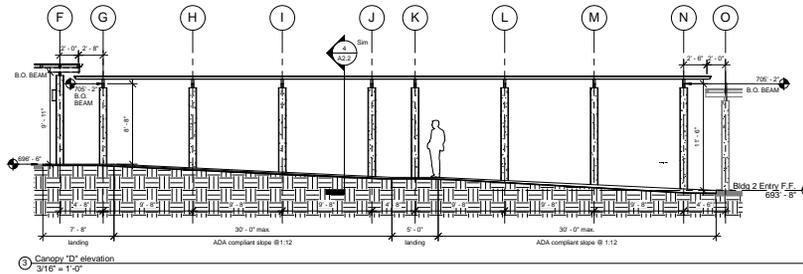
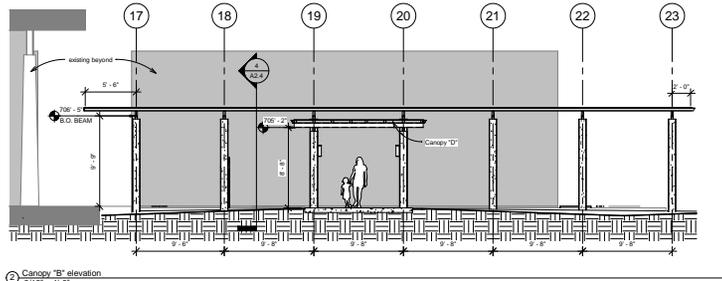
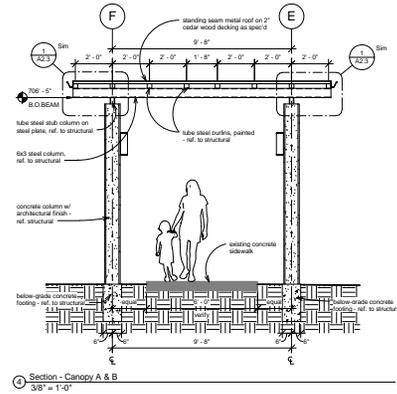
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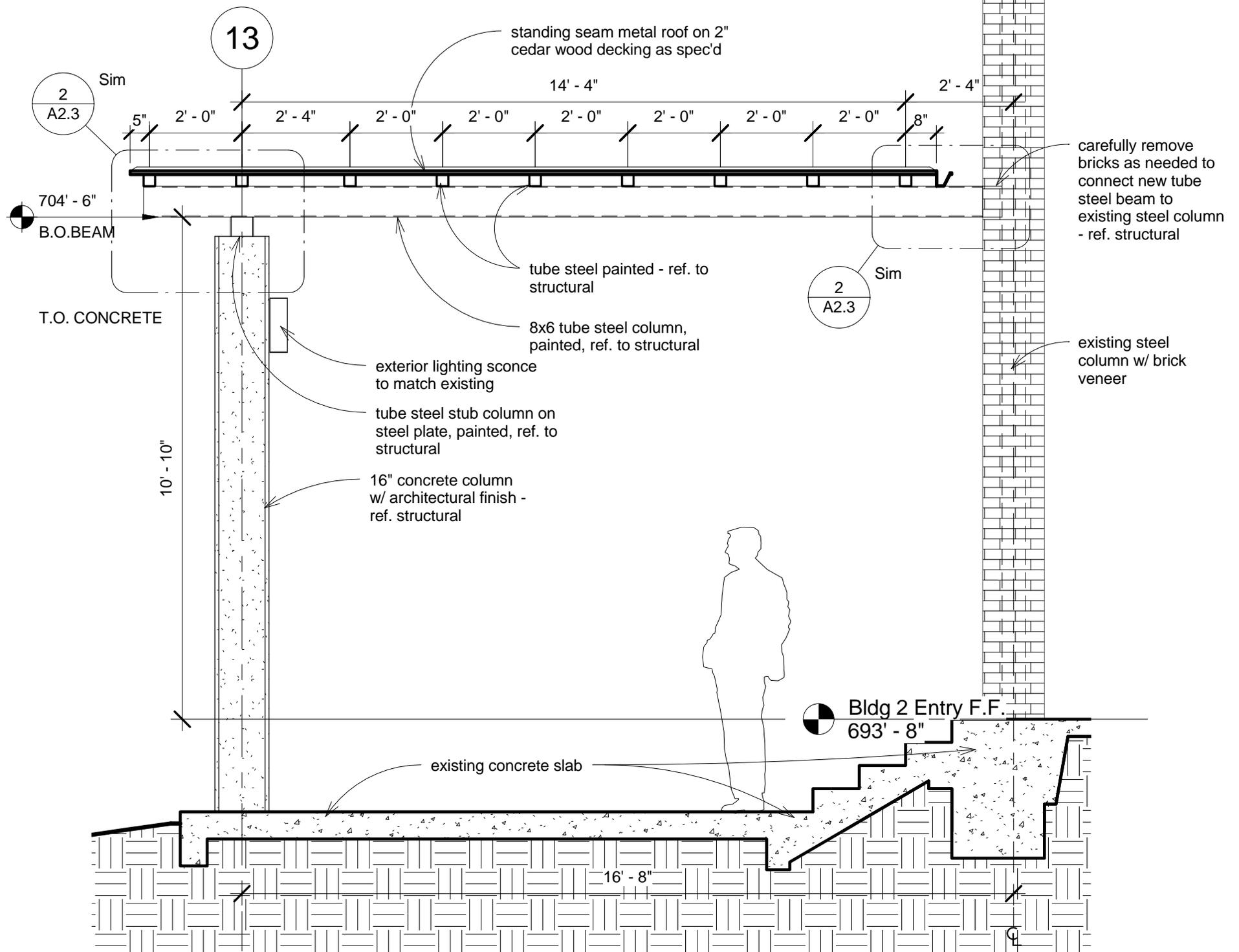
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