

# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

April 05, 2017

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2017-153  
**COMMON NAME:** VIA Next Gen Bus Shelters  
**ZONING:** UZROW  
**CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 3, 2, 1  
**DISTRICT:** Mission, Government Hill, Main/Military Plaza Historic District  
**APPLICANT:** Abigail Rodriguez/VIA Metropolitan Transit  
**OWNER:** Abigail Rodriguez/VIA Metropolitan Transit  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Installation of VIA Next Gen shelters at 5 locations located downtown, in the Government Hill Historic District and in the Mission Historic District

## REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install five VIA Next Gen bus shelters to be located at the intersection of E Commerce at S Alamo (downtown), E Carson at N Palmetto (Government Hill Historic District), S Main at Dolorosa (Main/Military Plaza Historic District), Mission Road at Felisa Street (Mission Historic District) and at Roosevelt Avenue at Mission Road/E Pryon Avenue (Mission Historic District).

## APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

*UDC Section 35-640 - Public Property and Rights-of-Way.*

b. Public Rights-of-Way. Generally, the historic and design review commission will consider applications for actions affecting public rights-of-way whose construction or reconstruction exceeds in quality of design or materials standards of the design manual of the public works department.

*UDC Section 35-646 – Construction in Public Rights-of-Way*

a. General Provisions. All construction in the public right-of-way shall conform to all city codes. In considering an application, the historic and design review commission shall be guided by the following:

1. Sidewalk Zones. Pedestrian movement should be pleasant, allowing for store browsing, comfortable transit waiting and easy accessibility for disabled people. Where possible, sidewalks should at least five (5) feet in width. Existing sidewalks should not be narrowed when replaced.

3. Street Features and Arrangements. Historic districts and the downtown, as well as other distinct areas of the city have diverse character and any street furniture selected for these areas should complement these differences. In addition, the clustering of street furniture in one (1) place is recommended. Trash receptacles, seating, telephones and other street furniture should be grouped together.

A. Circulation. A clear path-of-travel of thirty-six (36) inches wide shall be maintained in and around street features and arrangement.

B. Seating. Seating should be physically comfortable and inviting, durable and attractive. Plaza and open space seating should also be socially comfortable by offering a variety of choices such as in the sun or shade, near traffic and activity or not, and alone or in groups.

## FINDINGS:

- a. The applicant has proposed to install five (5) Next Gen bus shelters at five locations located in the Main and Military Plaza Historic District, the Government Hill Historic District the Mission Historic District and downtown. The Next Gen bus shelter prototype received HDRC approval on February 15, 2012. Since that time, many have been installed downtown and at other locations throughout the VIA system.
- b. Staff finds that the proposed installations will pose no threat to historic structures or historic elements adjacent to the right of way where they will be installed. Each shelter is being installed at an existing bus stop. The flexibility of the proposed shelters makes them very functional for locations within the urban core where sidewalk widths and available open space vary greatly. The installation of these shelters will create more uniformity among VIA stops, helping to reduce the amount of visual clutter in the urban core, consistent with the UDC Section 35-646(a).
- c. ARCHAEOLOGY- The development project shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and

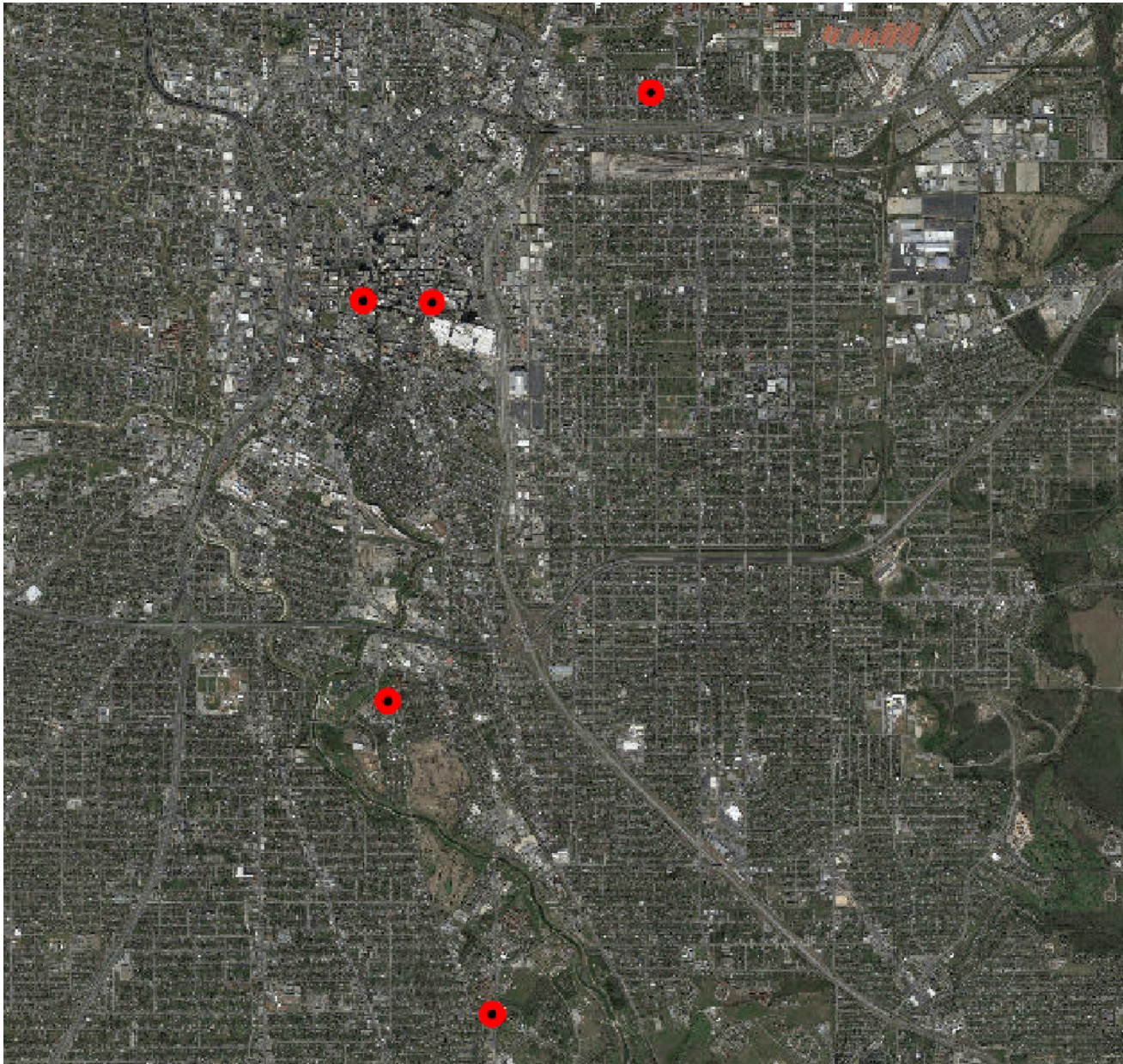
regulations regarding archaeology.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval based on findings a and b with the stipulation that the development project shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding archaeology.

**CASE MANAGER:**

Edward Hall



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## Flex Viewer

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## Proposed Stop Improvements within Historic Districts

STOP_ID	LOCATION	HISTORIC DISTRICT	CORNER	COUNCIL DISTRICT	ROUTES	Pad Package	LSDS	# of units
57383	CARSON & PALMETTO	Government Hill	NS	2	20	41	7	2
33757	ROOSEVELT & PYRON-MISSION RD.	Mission	FS	3	42	42	15	3
62747	MISSION OPP FELISA	Mission	MB	3	40, 42	42	20	4
89913	DOLOROSA & S. MAIN	Downtown	NS	1	17, 021, 048, 064, 100	43	377	4
91199	E COMMERCE NEAR S ALAMO	Downtown	MB	1	17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 66, 75, 76, 77, 93, 94, 100	44	200	6





Rd S-1

S-2 Rd

S-2 Rd

Nika St

Staff Post Rd

Staff Post Rd

Sephine St

E Grayson St

man St

N Olive St

N Pine St

Staff Post Rd

Bank of America  
Financial Center  
E Grayson St

Fort Sam Houston

Quitman St

E Carson

Colita St

Colita St

Mason St

Willow St

Muncey St

Pierce Ave

Spottford Ave

Rogers Ave

Interstate 35 Frontage Rd

N PanAm Expy

158B

158C

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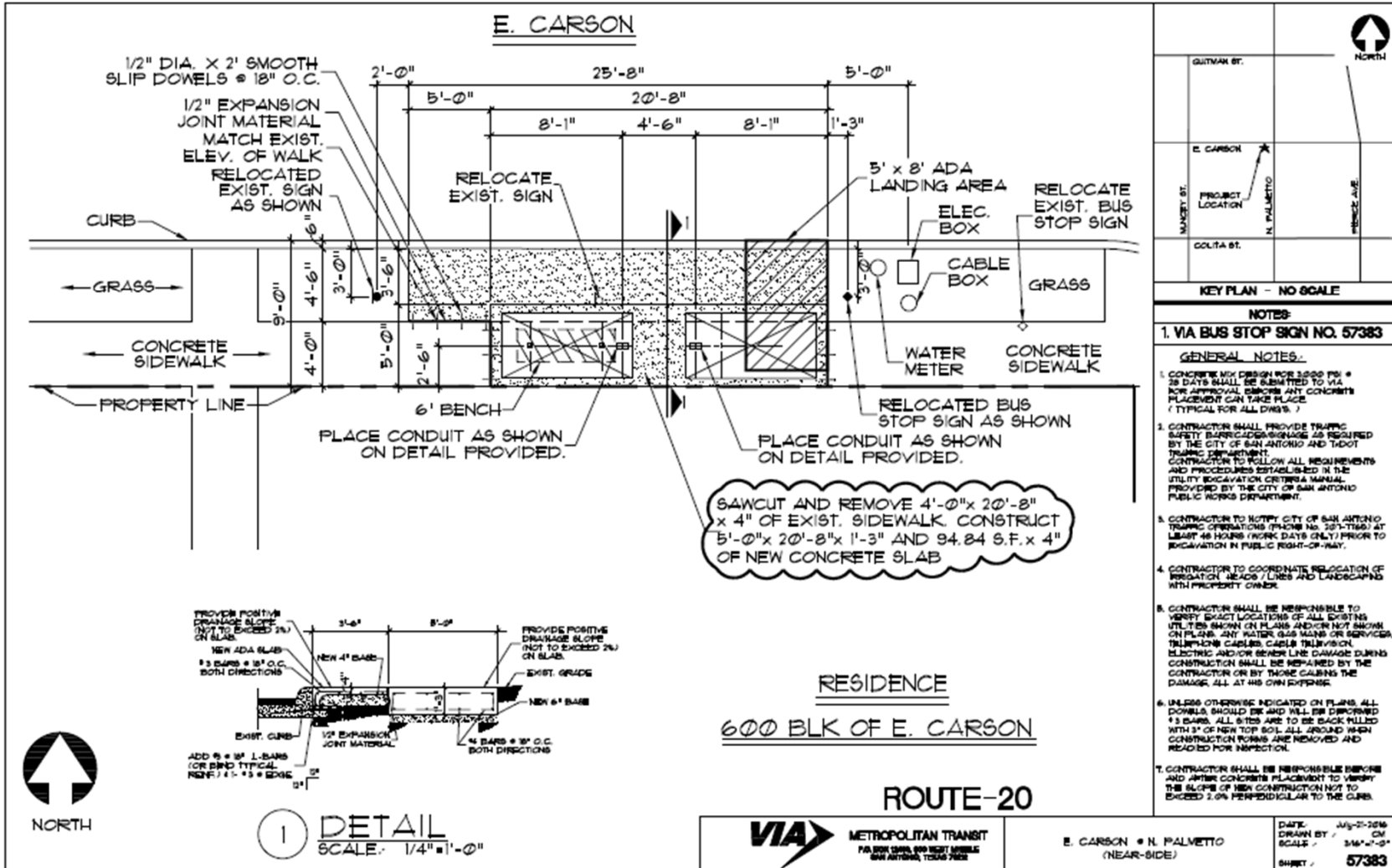
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N New Runners  
Vale

# STOP ID 57383 – CARSON & PALMETTO – existing stop



# STOP ID 57383 – CARSON & PALMETTO



Proposed Improvements – 2 unit Next Gen



E White

E Huff Ave

E Pyron Ave

E Pyron Ave

Clutter Ave

Clutter Ave

Clutter Ave

Congress Ave

Congress Ave

Ravenhill Dr

Adaphia

E Bonner Ave

Mission Rd

Mission Rd

536

536

Mission San Jose  
in San Antonio TX

Mission San Jose

Mission San Jose  
San Antonio Missions...

San Antonio  
Missions  
National  
Historical Park

Zerm Rd

Floss Rd

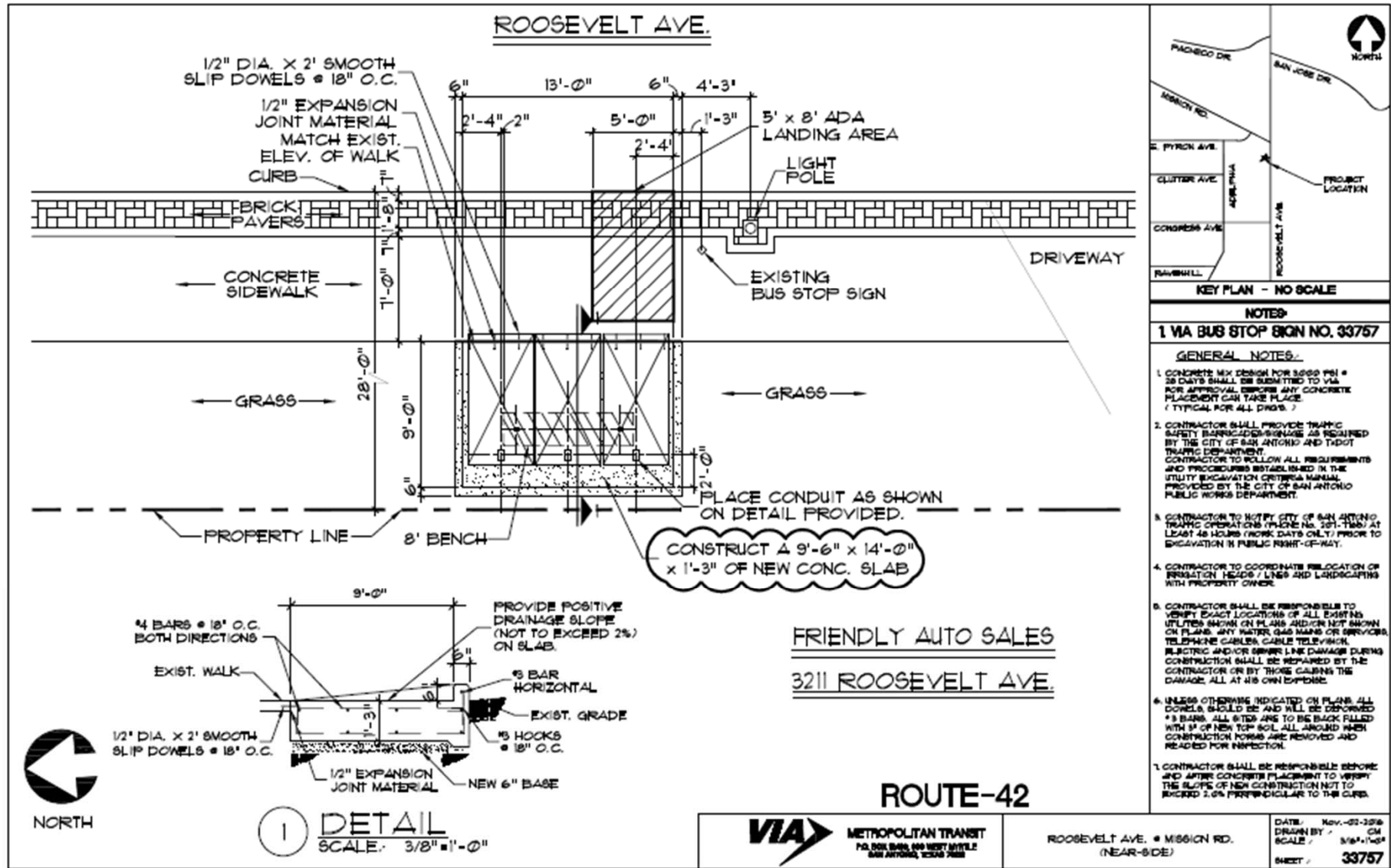




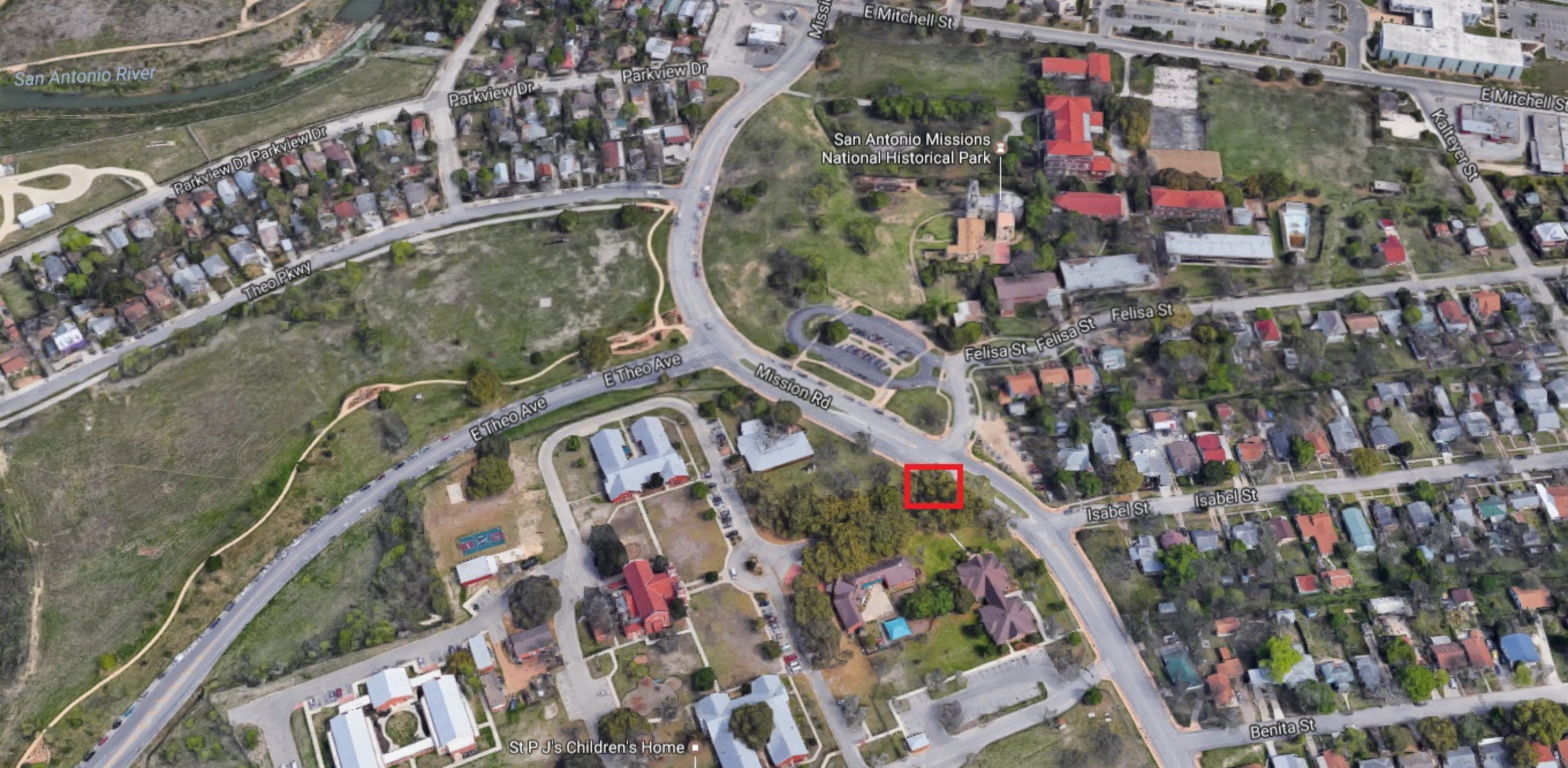
STOP ID 33757 – ROOSEVELT & PYRON-MISSION RD. – existing stop



# STOP ID 33757 – ROOSEVELT & PYRON-MISSION RD.



Proposed Improvements – 3 unit Next Gen



San Antonio River

San Antonio Missions  
National Historical Park

St P J's Children's Home



San Antonio River

Parkview Dr

Parkview Dr

E Mitchell St

E Mitchell St

Katterer St

Parkview Dr  
Parkview Dr

Theo Pkwy

E Theo Ave

Mission Rd

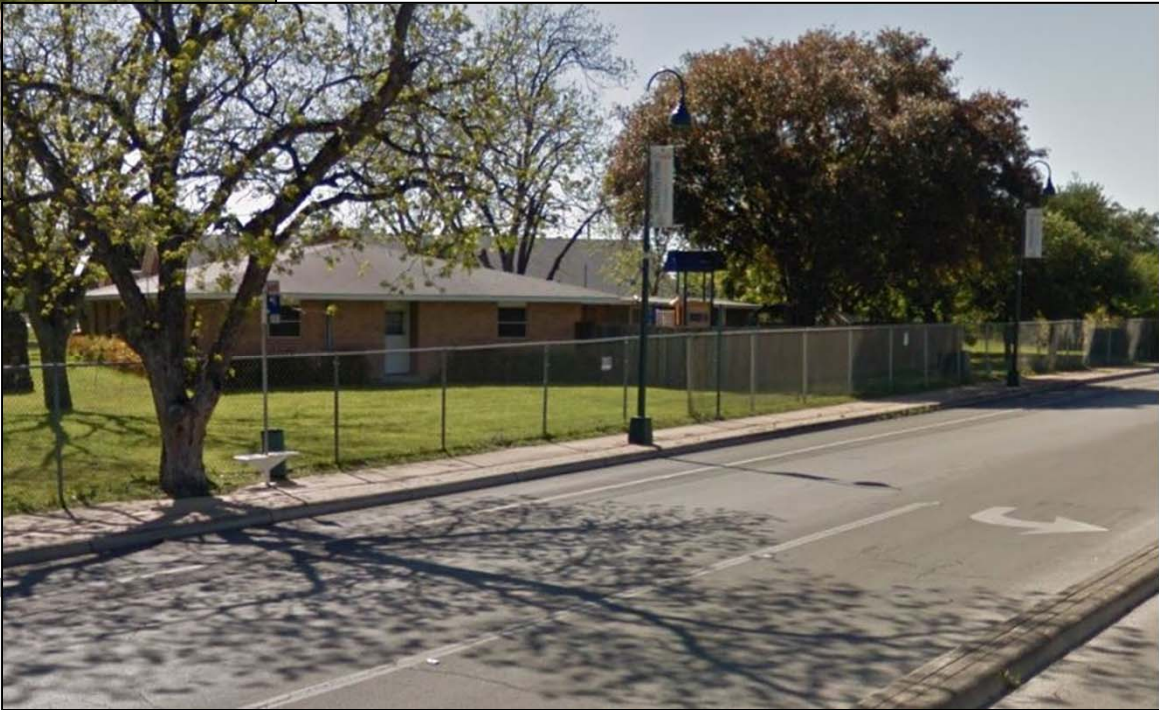
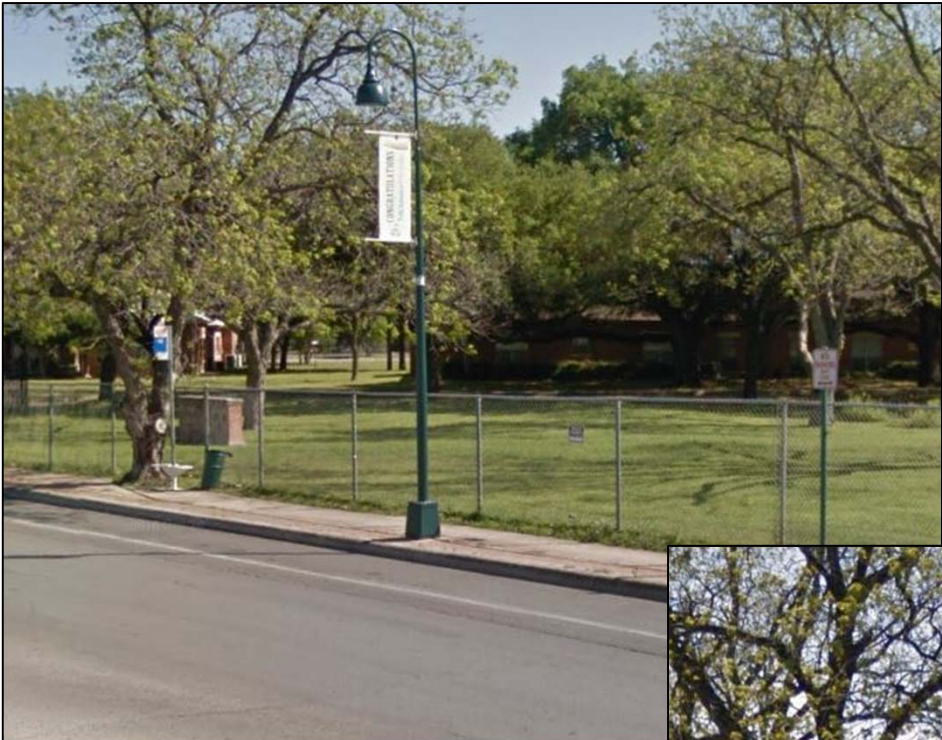
Felisa St Felisa St

Isabel St

Isabel St

Benita St

STOP ID 62747 – MISSION OPP FELISA – existing stop



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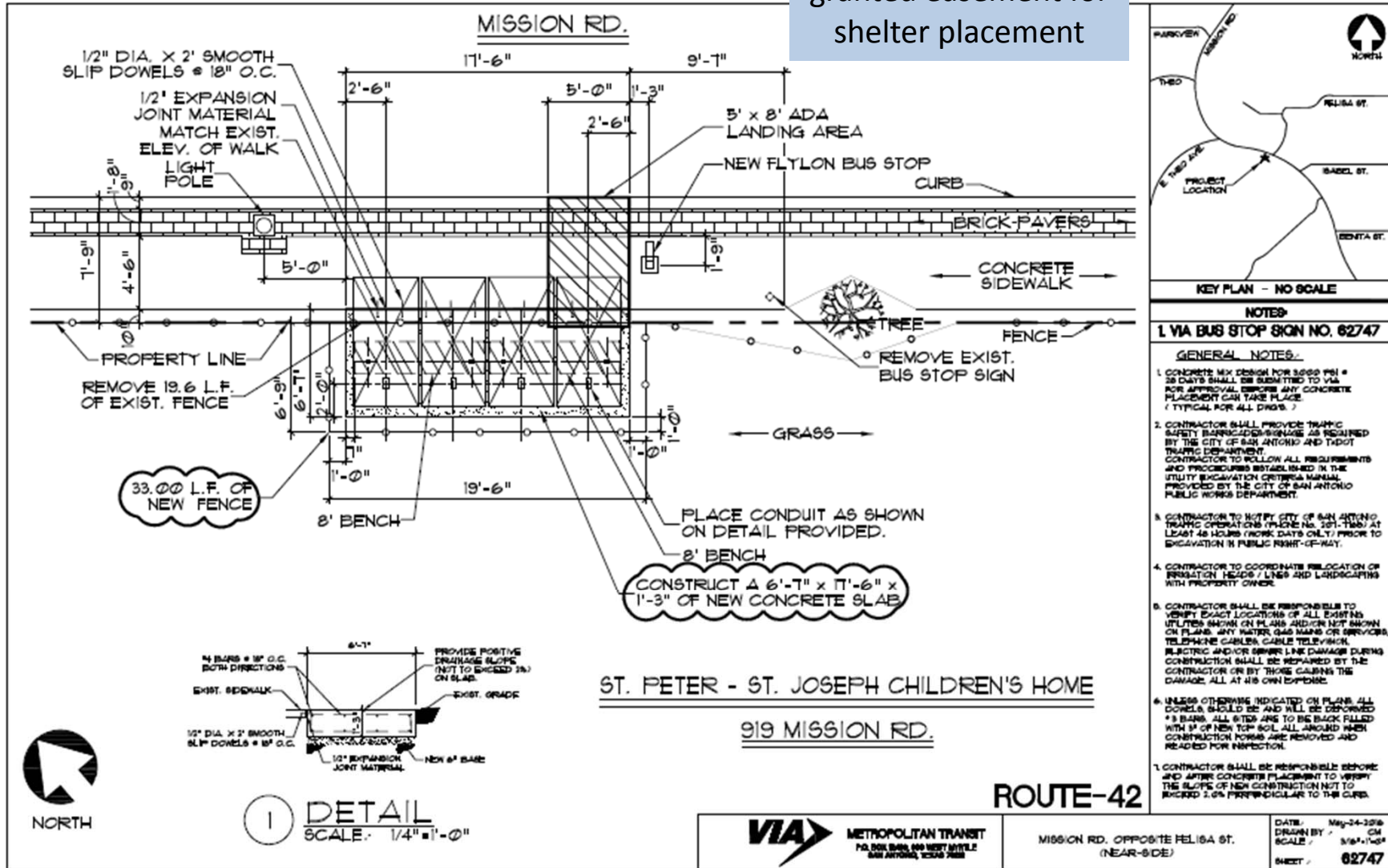


Proposed Improvements – 4 unit Next Gen



# STOP ID 62747 – MISSION OPP FELISA

NOTE: adjacent property owner has granted easement for shelter placement



Proposed Improvements – 4 unit Next Gen



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134

N San Saba

N Santa Rosa St

W Travis St

W Houston St

Dolorosa

W Nueva St

Graham Ave

Stumberg St

Stumberg St

Dwyer Ave

E Nueva St

Main Plaza

S Main Ave

Chaparral St

Main Plaza

San Fernando Cathedral

SP+ Parking @ Mac Lot

Riverview Towers

Majestic Theatre

The Aztec Theatre

The San Antonio River Walk

E Martin St

E Pecan

Navarro

Jefferson

Texas de Brazil

Walgreens

Ripley

N Boudro

The River

E Commerce St

W Market

La Vill

STOP ID 89913 – DOLOROSA & S. MAIN – existing stop





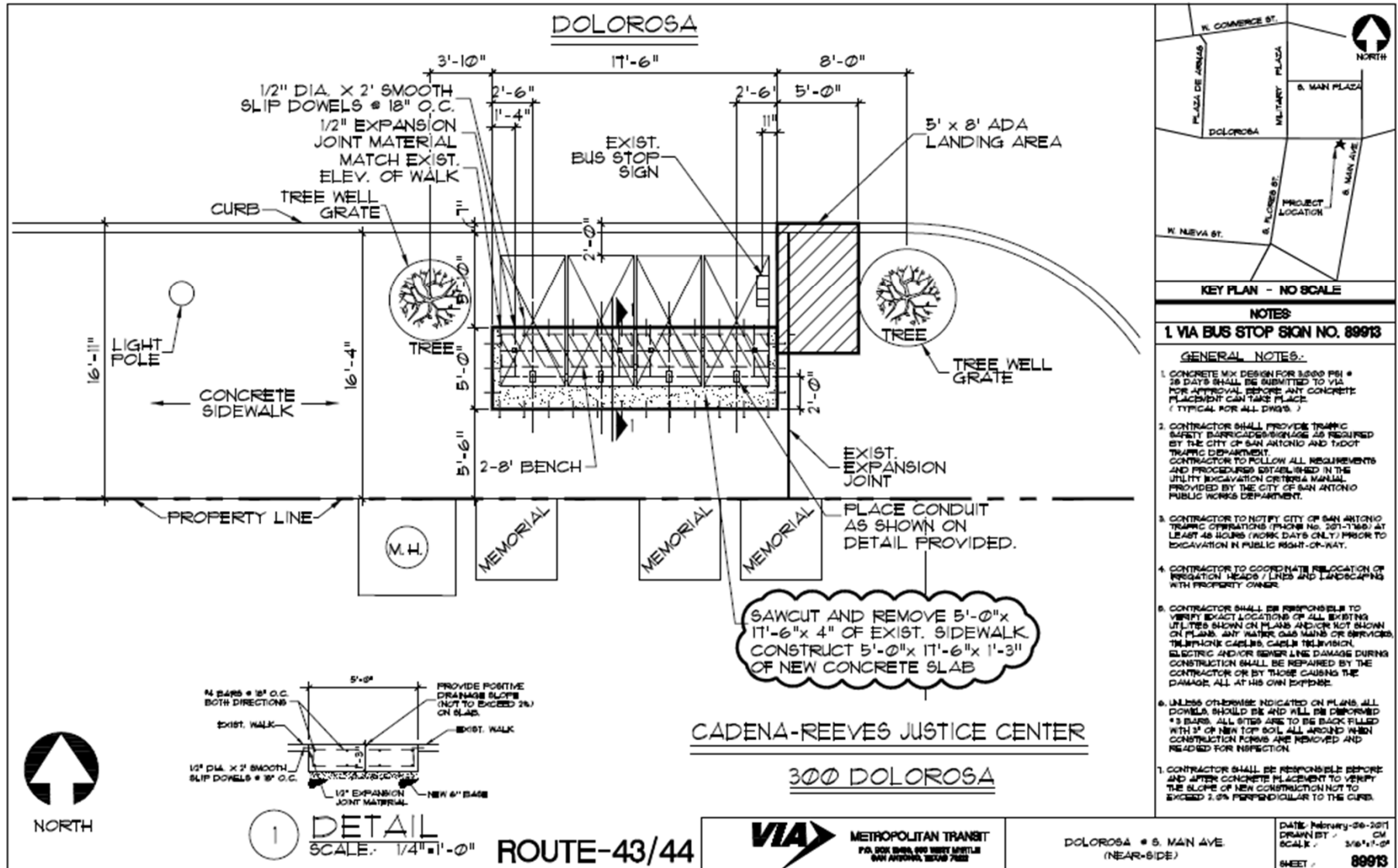
STOP ID 89913 – DOLOROSA & S. MAIN



Proposed Improvements – 4 unit Next Gen



# STOP ID 89913 – DOLOROSA & S. MAIN



Proposed Improvements – 4 unit Next Gen



N Main Ave

SP+ Parking @ Mac Lot

Many's St

Majestic Theatre

Texas de Brazil

Walgreens

Broadway St

3rd St

Riverview Towers  
E Houston St

The Alamo

Bowie St

The Aztec Theatre

Ripley's Believe It or Not - San Antonio

Crockett Lot  
E Houston St

Navarro St

Menger

Bonham

Commerce

St

Boudro's On The Riverwalk

Losoya St

Alamo Plaza

Shops at Rivercenter  
E Crockett St

Blimpie

E Commerce St

Briscoe Western Art Museum

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

The San Antonio River Walk

WM

Bowie St

S Alamo St

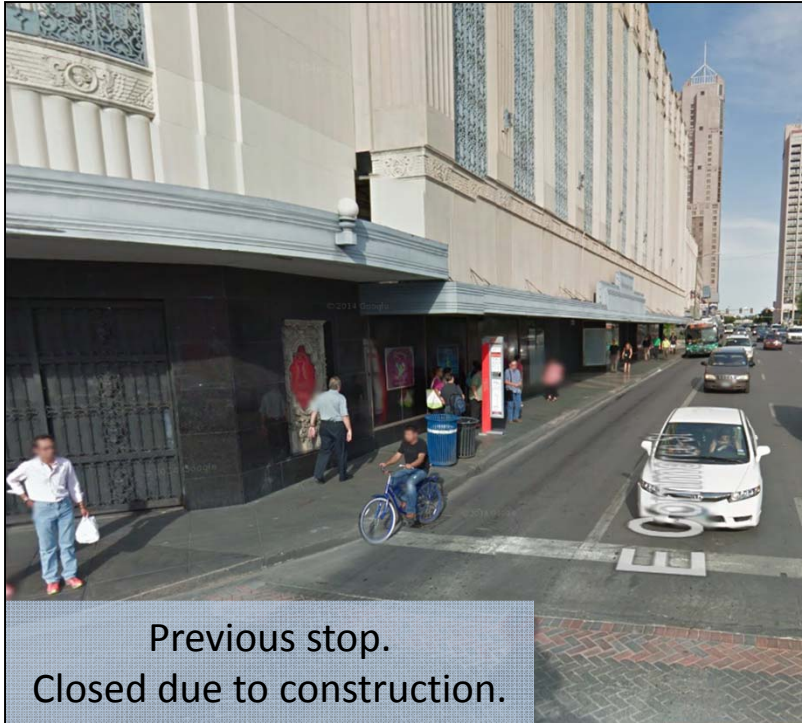
Riverwalk Residences Owners

Grand Hyatt San Antonio

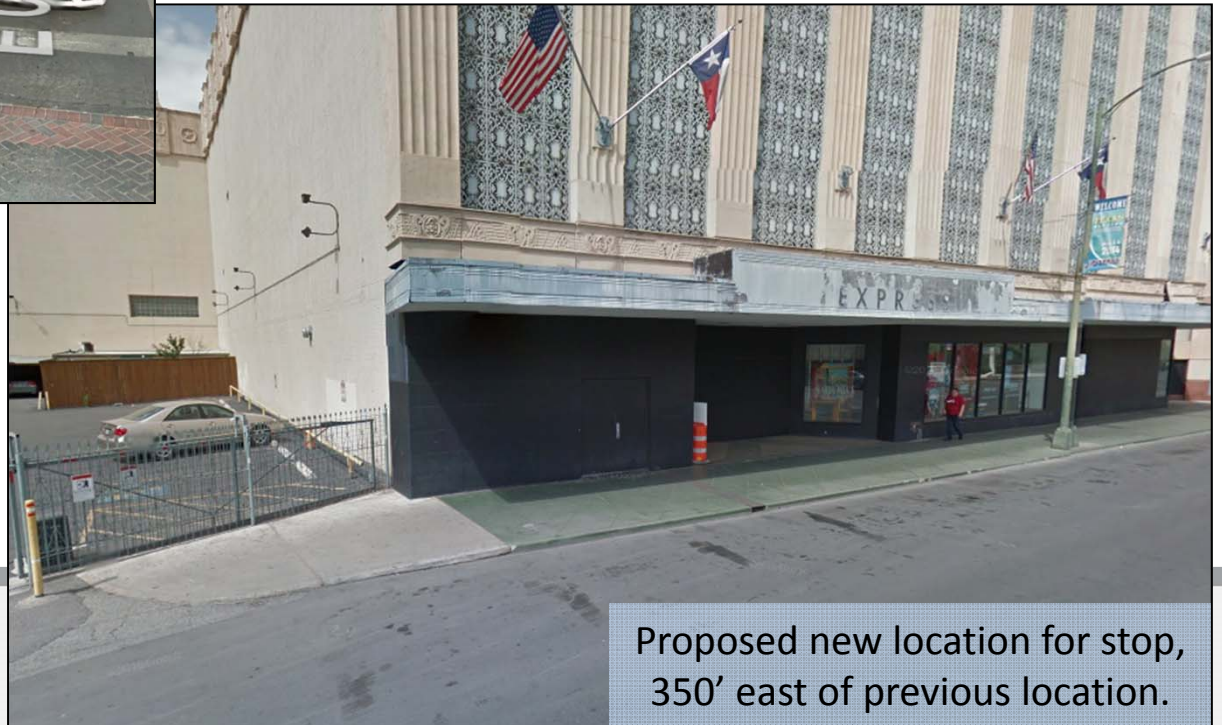
La Villita Historic Arts Village

Lila Cockrell Theatre

# STOP ID 91199 – E COMMERCE NEAR S ALAMO relocation of temporarily closed stop



Previous stop.  
Closed due to construction.



Proposed new location for stop,  
350' east of previous location.



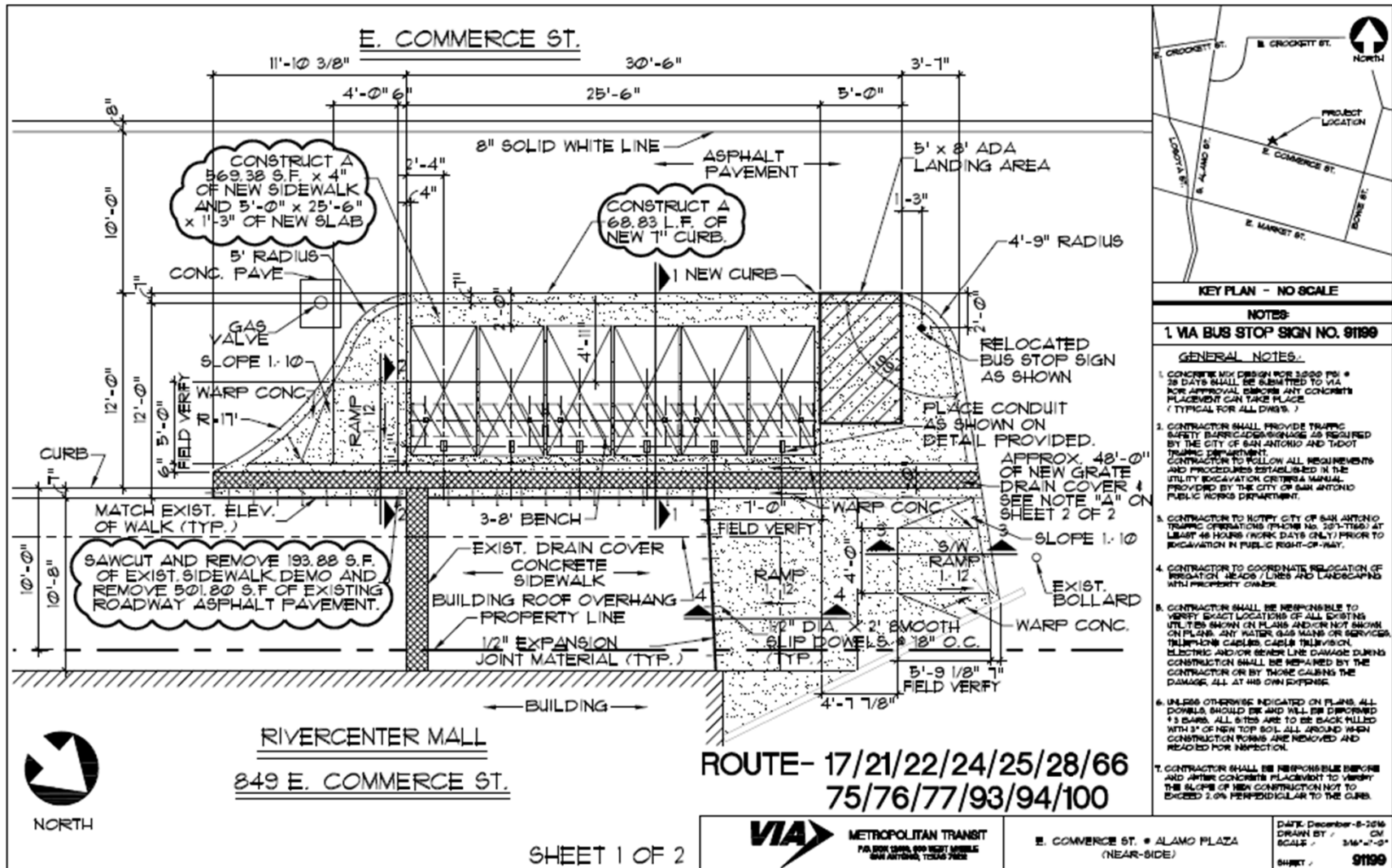
# STOP ID 91199 – E COMMERCE NEAR S ALAMO



Proposed Improvements – 6 unit Next Gen



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