

Portland City Council Agenda
Written Testimony - Item 774

Agenda Item		Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
1	774	Earl Blumenauer, Maxine Dexter	Support		Yes	09/03/24 2:06 PM
2	774	Charlene Zidell, ZRZ Realty and the Zidell Companies	Support		Yes	09/03/24 6:56 PM
3	774	Robert Millis, Square Footage LLC	Support with changes	<p>Regarding section 3.3 “District Parking Criteria”: Businesses in converted rail cars directly across from current OMSI south parking lot (approximately 2100 SE Water Ave) are being relocated to accommodate the relocation of Water Avenue. The relocation will eliminate the majority of parking for businesses and customers at this location. OMSI leadership has provided the owners of these properties with verbal assurances and detailed drawings indicating that existing parking will be replaced with spaces set aside specifically for use by the owners or tenants of these properties when Water Avenue relocation is completed.</p> <p>These assurances have been accepted in good faith by the owners of the rail cars. Unfortunately, two businesses — a design-build firm and a creative culture retail store — have already relocated because they could not depend on parking in the future.</p> <p>A written commitment or confirmed public plan that includes replacement of this parking is needed to ensure businesses can continue to operate on Water Avenue when relocation is completed. Loss of commerce in the heart of the new district development would be an exceptional loss to the neighborhood and would be counter to this entire endeavor.</p> <p>Thank you, Robert Millis</p>	Yes	09/04/24 1:48 PM



EARL BLUMENAUER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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September 3, 2024

Portland City Council
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 130
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Rubio, Ryan, Gonzalez and Mapps:

We write today urging you to authorize the term sheet for the OMSI Central City Master Plan District. With your approval, the project will be 75% funded for phase one to realign Water Avenue and lay the groundwork for a new waterfront education park.

We want to express our appreciation for the thoughtful way that the city, OMSI and the numerous interested parties have carefully structured a partnership behind an inclusive, vibrant new neighborhood and community destination.

While this most recent plan for the district dates back to 2021, its roots are much deeper going back years with many partners. The throughline is a long-term vision and collaborative approach to create a transit-oriented, high density, affordable, sustainable and livable neighborhood.

Together with unique partnerships with the city and other government entities, non-governmental actors, tribes and the business community, OMSI has proposed a future for our city unlike anything we've seen. This long-term vision, collaborative approach, and partnership creating real value is as unique as it is exciting.

But it is only a plan without this agreement and the city's investment. Do we want to be "The City that Plans" or "The City that Works"? An investment from the city now, and the combined federal, state and private dollars will allow work to start in 2025.

We all have our work cut out for us to fully realize Portland's recovery during these difficult times. The city can show leadership by moving forward with this unique opportunity and show the world that Portland has the momentum and courage to do big things.

Courage,

Earl Blumenauer

Maxine Dexter



THE ZIDELL COMPANIES

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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Rubio, Mapps, Gonzales and Ryan:

On behalf of ZRZ Realty and the Zidell Companies, we write today in support of agenda item 774. We ask that each of you vote in favor of the resolution to authorize a term sheet to serve as a guide for project agreements for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Central Master Plan District.

The OMSI District vision is the culmination of years of work of a broad-based coalition which will create a new, vibrant, inclusive neighborhood in the Central City based in innovation, arts, culture, and science learning. The OMSI District will be a significant economic growth driver for the city creating 11,000 new jobs, \$11 million annually in property taxes in Portland, \$22 million annually in personal income tax revenue and \$1.2 billion in total economic output. The OMSI District development is also the key to OMSI's future financial sustainability so that it can continue, and expand, STEM education and science learning for all Oregonians and out of state visitors.

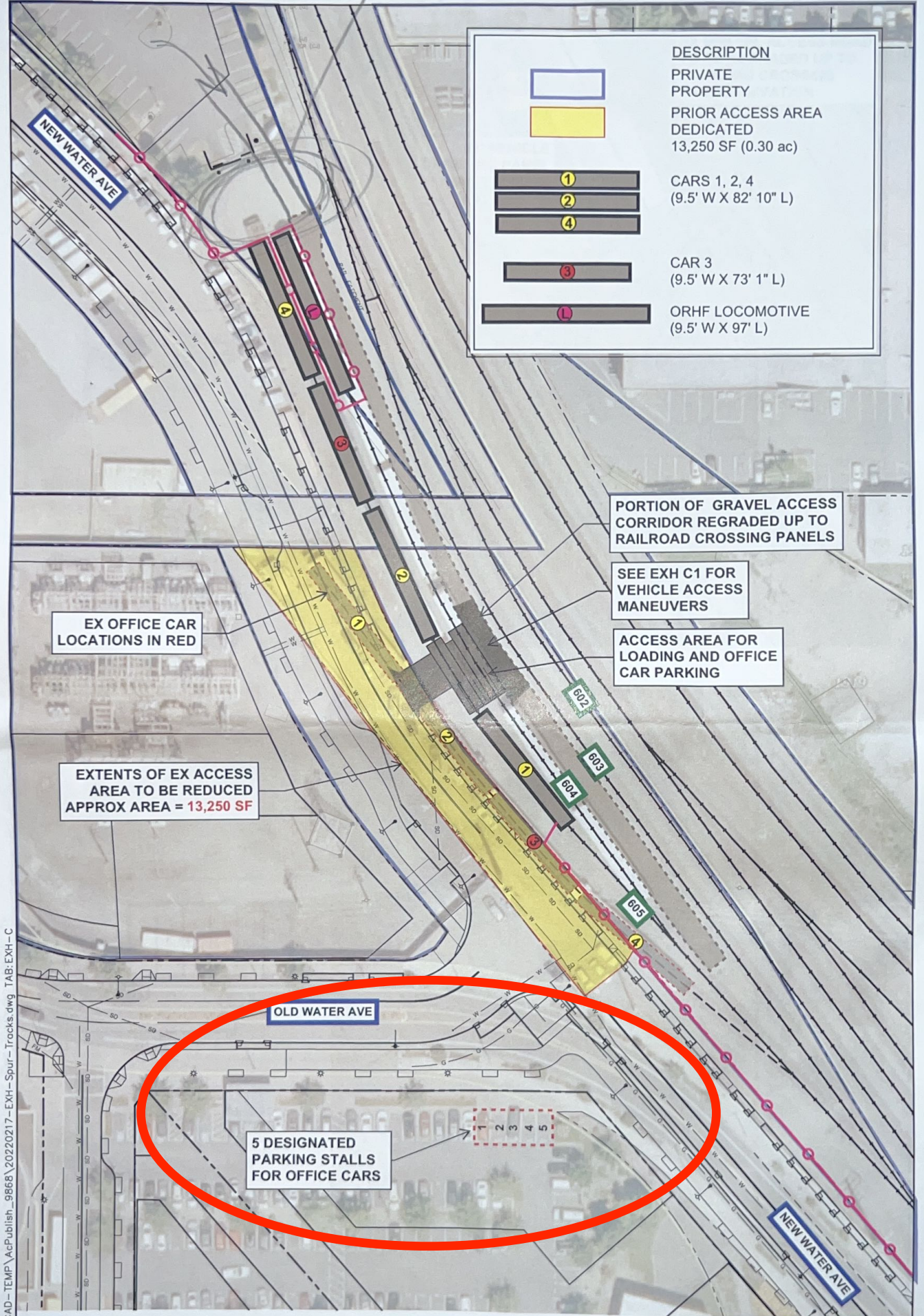
The City's financial investment in this project is the key to unlocking 24 acres of transit oriented, mixed use development including 1,200 new units of market rate and affordable housing. In addition, the project will restore Tribal presence on the Willamette River through a Center for Tribal Nations and a new waterfront education park created in collaboration with Tribal governments and Indigenous communities. The park will provide access to the river for all, while restoring riverfront habitat and honoring people and place.




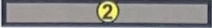
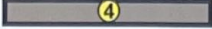

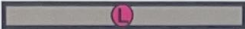
Please vote yes on this resolution.


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	PRIVATE PROPERTY
	PRIOR ACCESS AREA DEDICATED 13,250 SF (0.30 ac)
	CARS 1, 2, 4 (9.5' W X 82' 10" L)
	
	
	CAR 3 (9.5' W X 73' 1" L)
	ORHF LOCOMOTIVE (9.5' W X 97' L)

EX OFFICE CAR LOCATIONS IN RED

EXTENTS OF EX ACCESS AREA TO BE REDUCED
APPROX AREA = 13,250 SF

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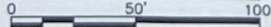
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ACCESS AREA FOR LOADING AND OFFICE CAR PARKING

5 DESIGNATED PARKING STALLS FOR OFFICE CARS

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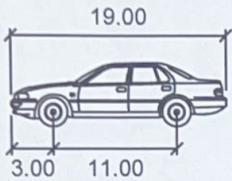
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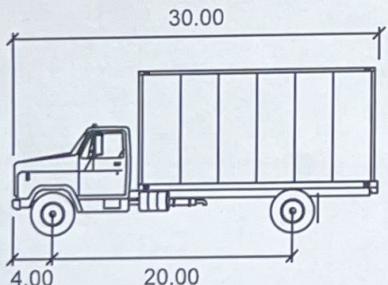
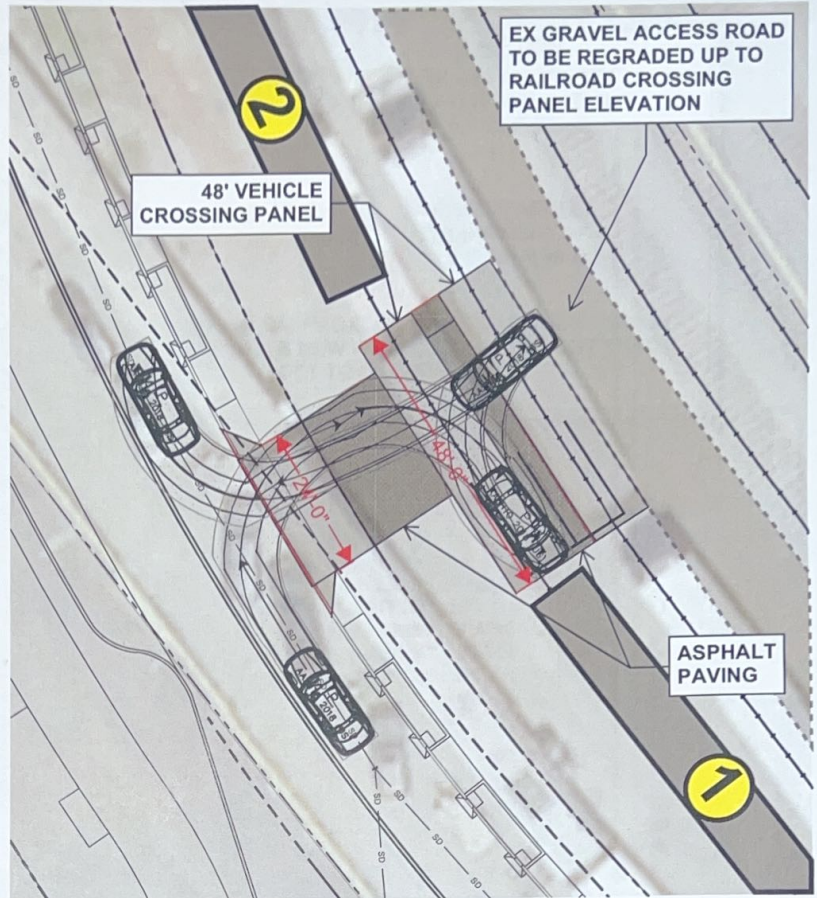


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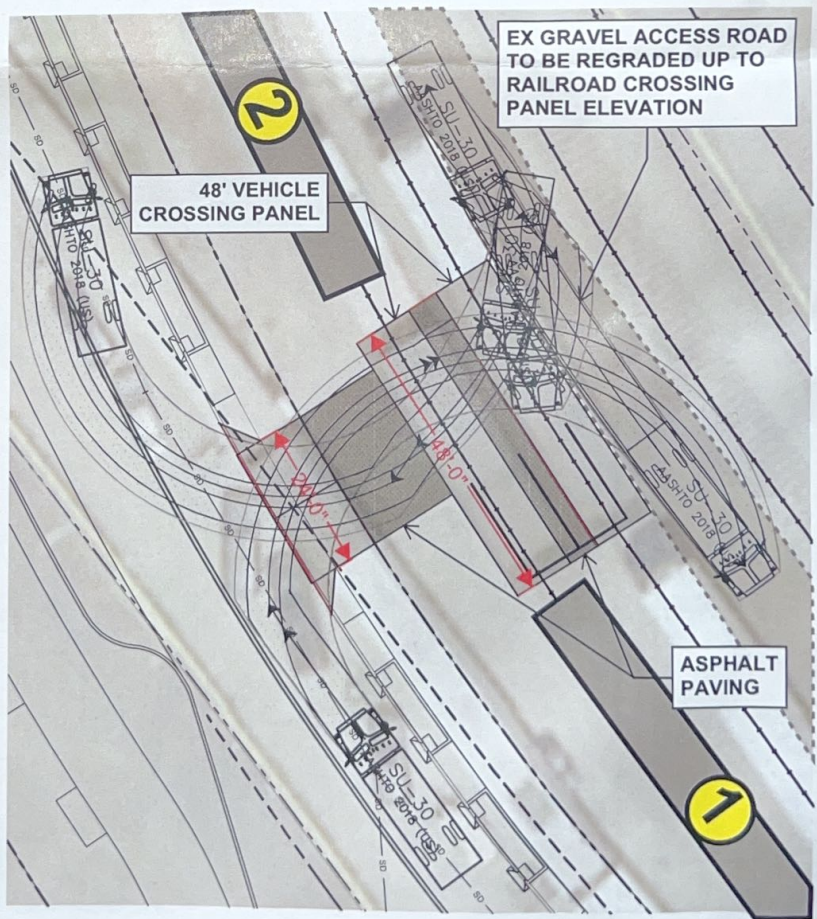
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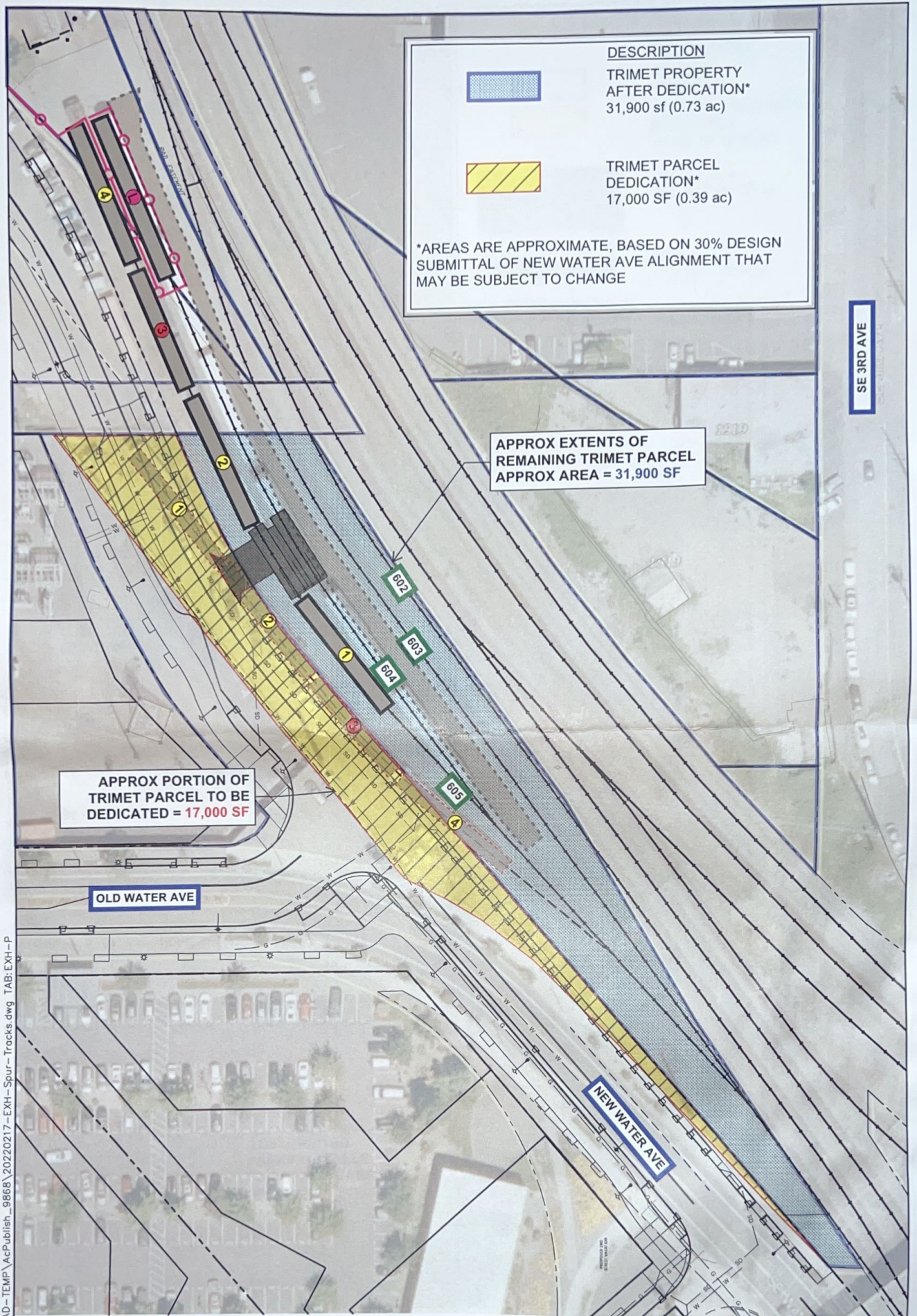
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