

# Structural Assessment Key to Returning Historic Union Depot to an Active Transportation Hub

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# Presentation Outline

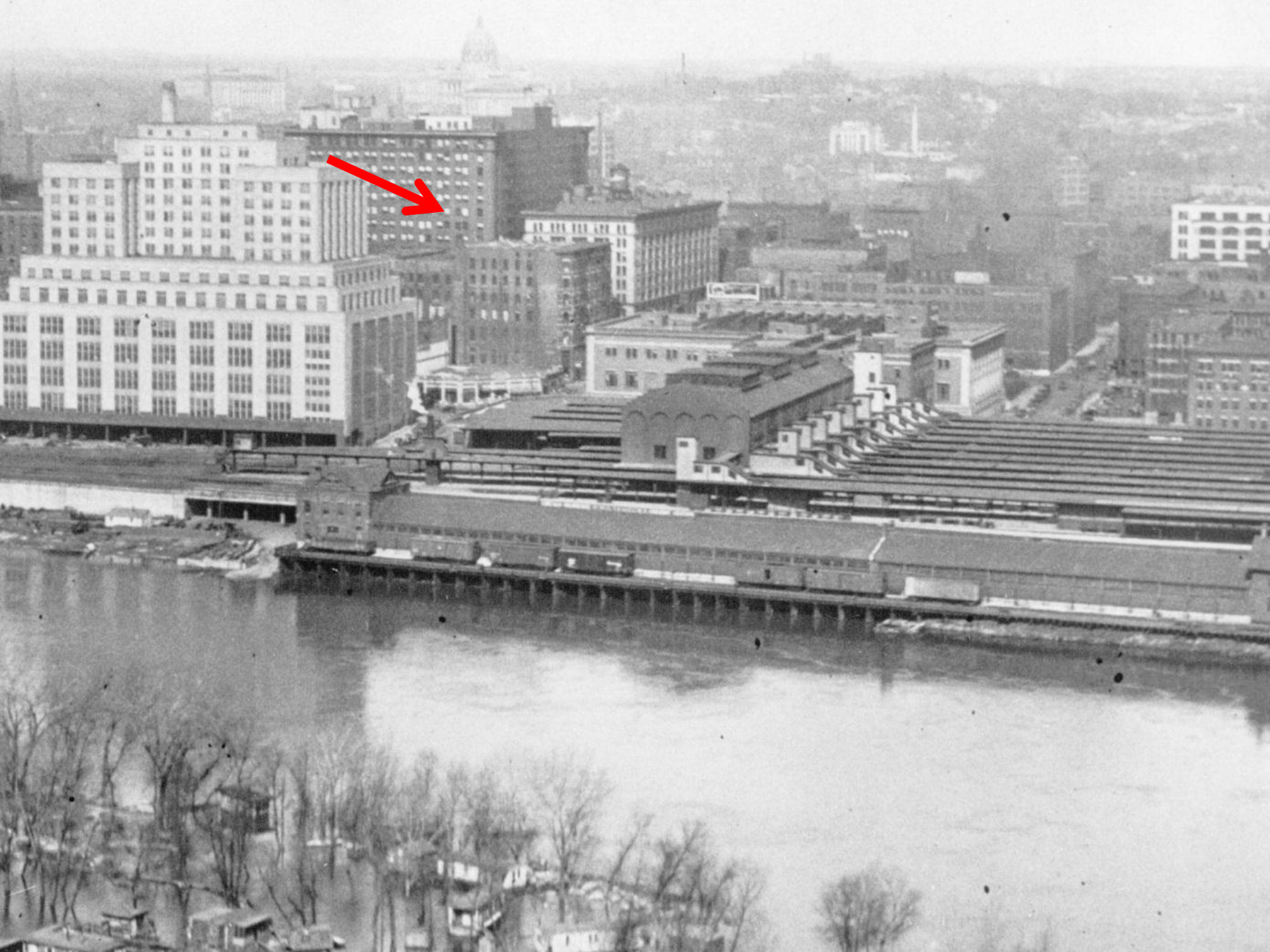
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- History
- Rehabilitation Project Description
- Concrete Structure Assessment
- Concrete Repair Summary

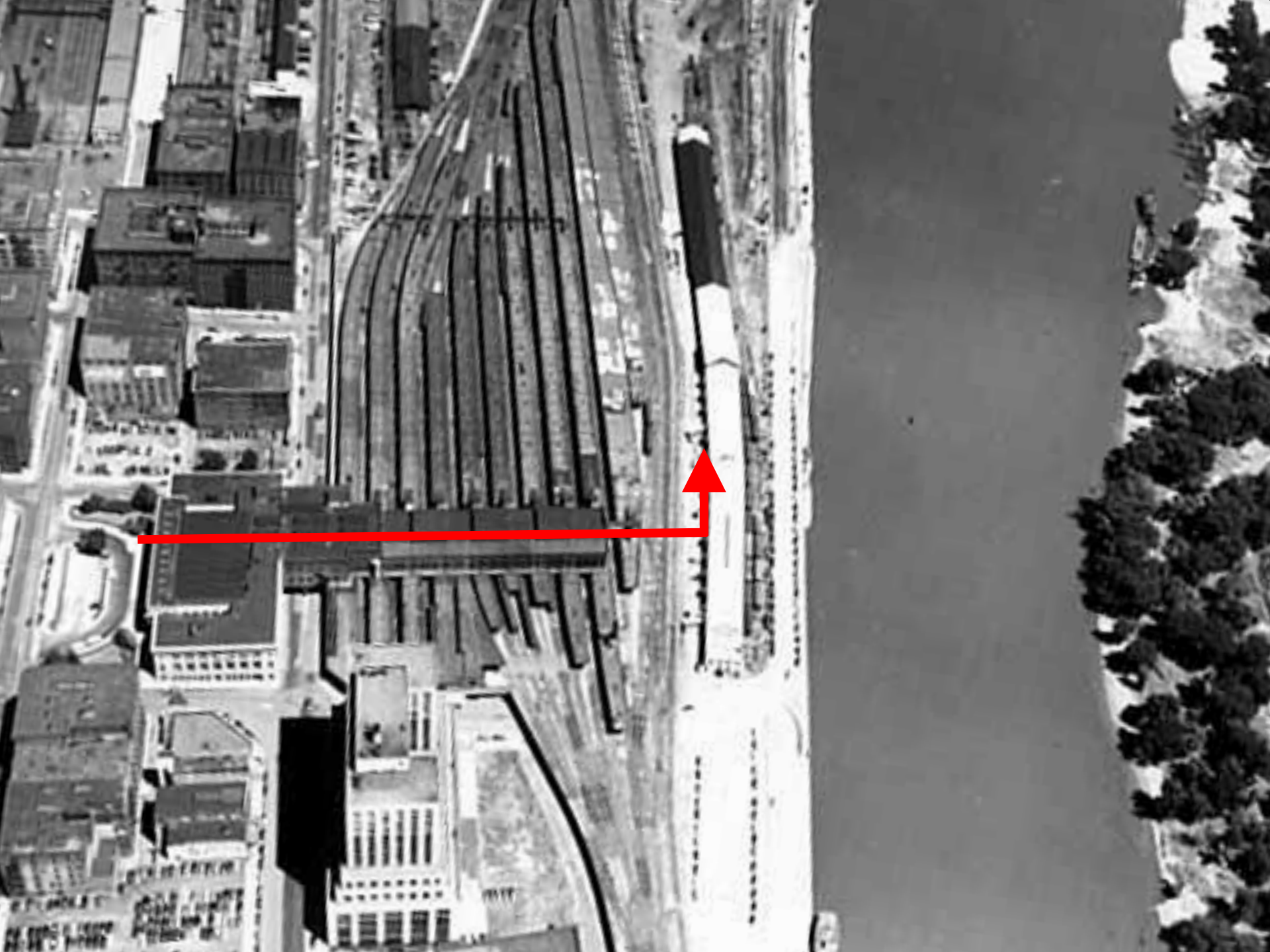
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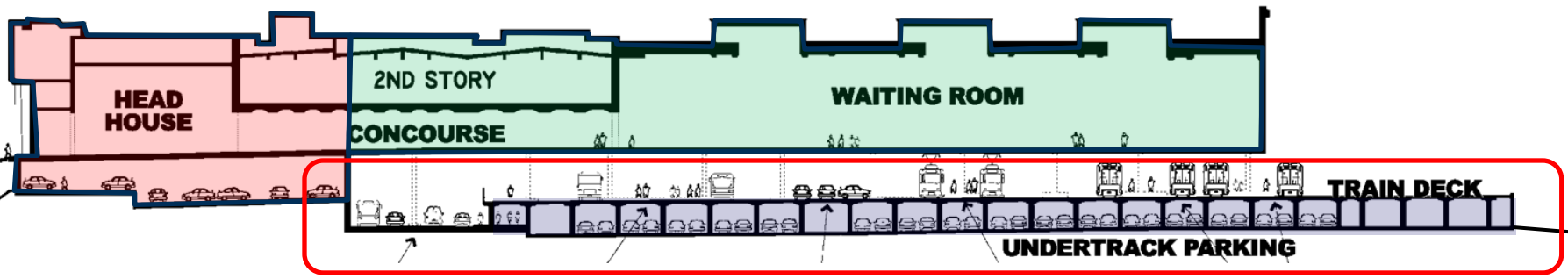
- Constructed: 1917-1926
- Train Service Ended: 1971
- National Register of Historic Places: 1974
- Converted to Postal Distribution Center: 1978
- Concrete Deck Repairs & Waterproofing: 1991
- Multimodal Transportation Hub: 2012











**HEAD HOUSE**

**2ND STORY**

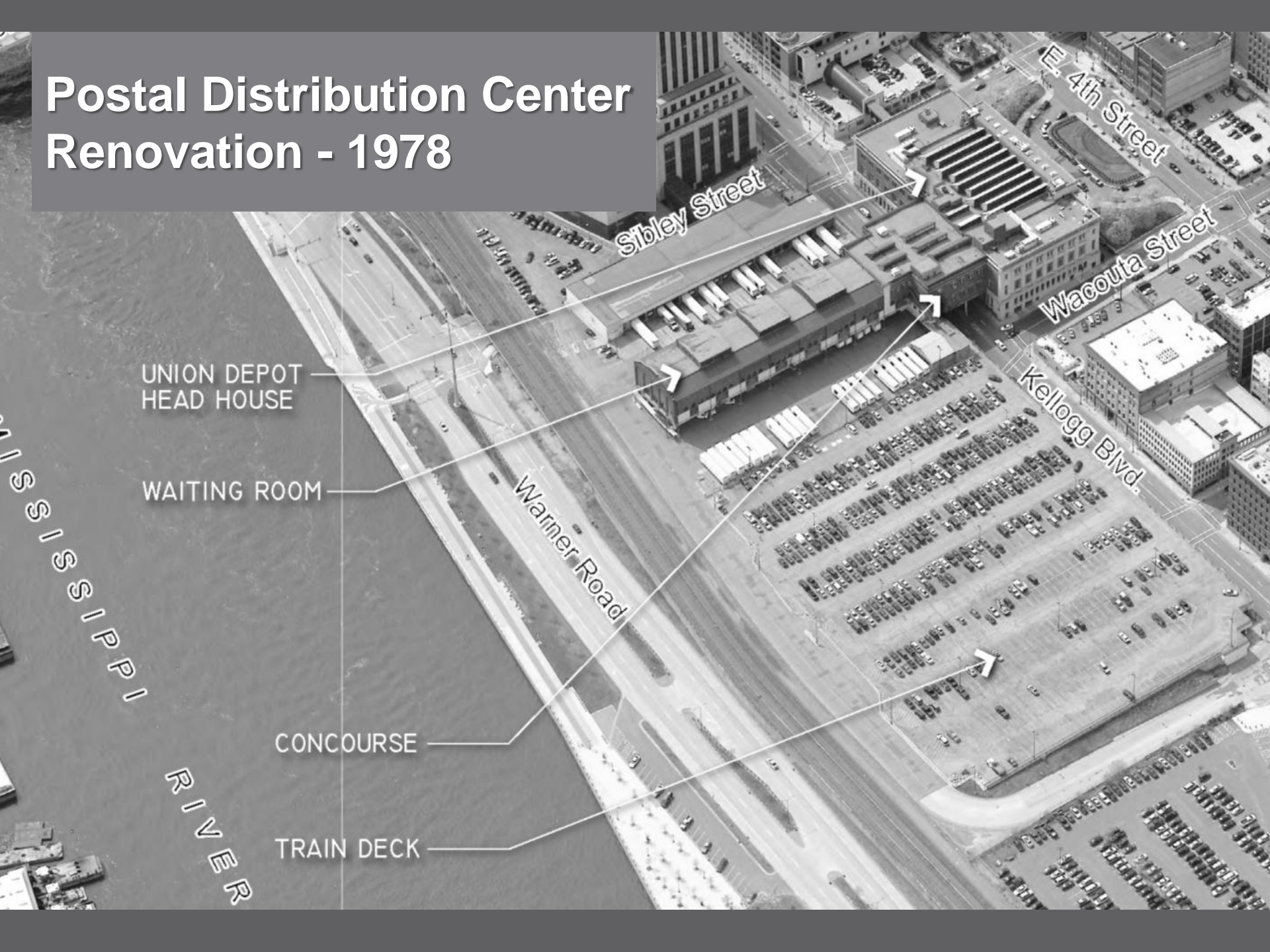
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**CONCOURSE**

**TRAIN DECK**

**UNDERTRACK PARKING**

# Postal Distribution Center Renovation - 1978



UNION DEPOT  
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TRAIN DECK

Sibley Street

E. 4th Street

Wacouta Street

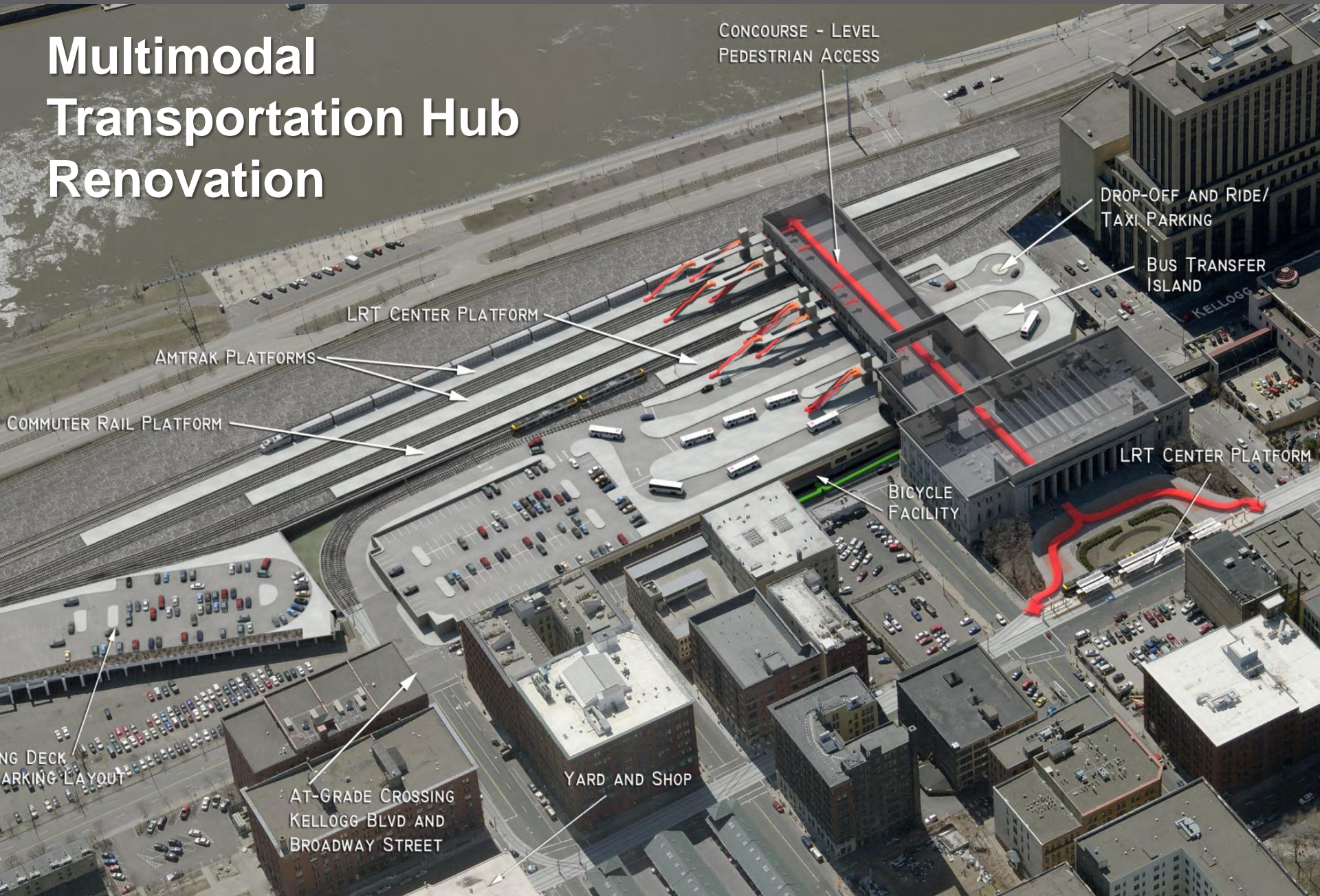
Kellogg Blvd

Warner Road

MISSISSIPPI  
RIVER



# Multimodal Transportation Hub Renovation



CONCOURSE - LEVEL  
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

DROP-OFF AND RIDE/  
TAXI PARKING

BUS TRANSFER  
ISLAND

LRT CENTER PLATFORM

AMTRAK PLATFORMS

COMMUTER RAIL PLATFORM

LRT CENTER PLATFORM

BICYCLE  
FACILITY

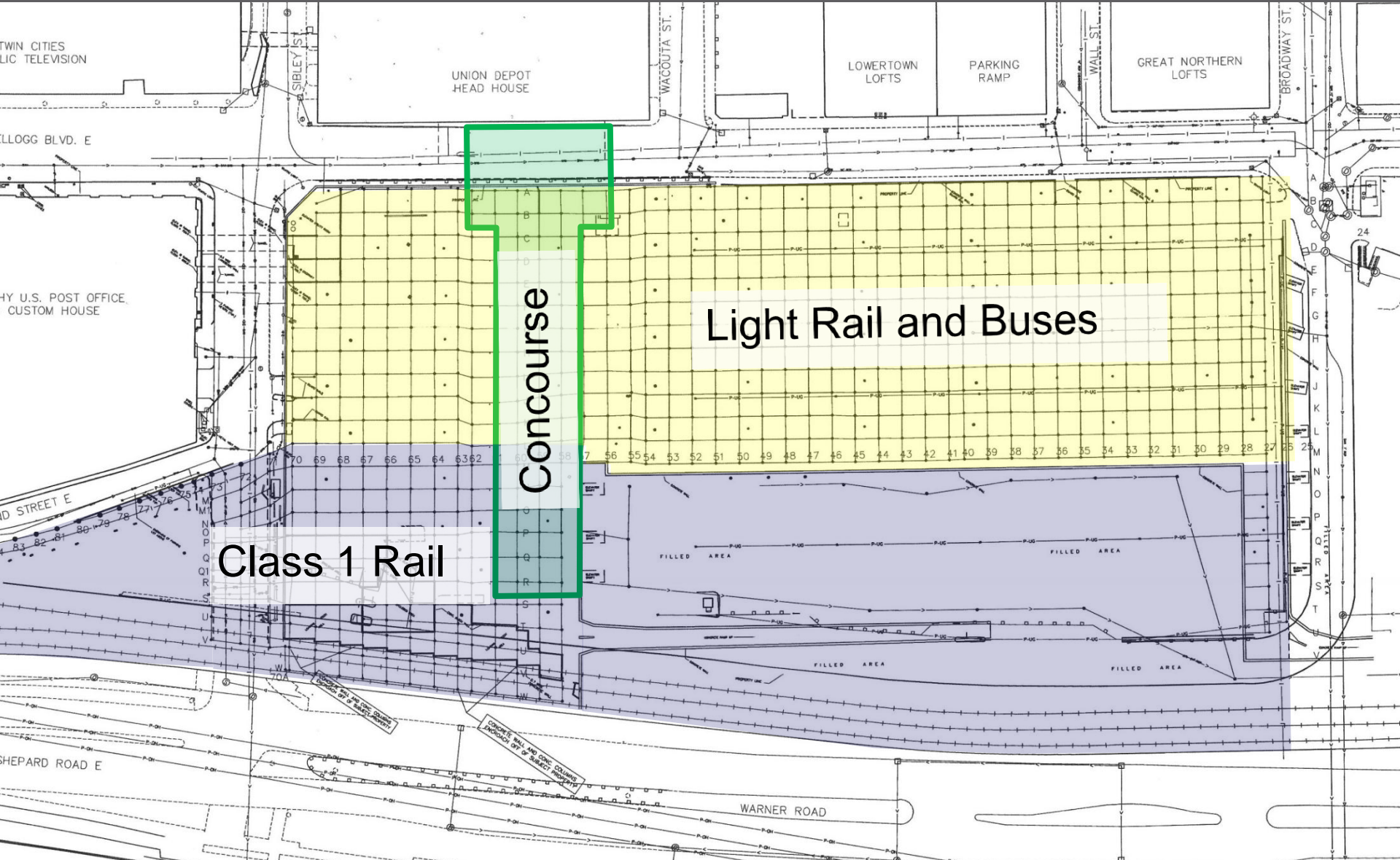
LOADING DECK  
PARKING LAYOUT

AT-GRADE CROSSING  
KELLOGG BLVD AND  
BROADWAY STREET

YARD AND SHOP



# Transportation Hub Renovation Loadings



# ***Structural Assessment***

# Two Fronts

Concrete  
Superstructure



250,000 SF  
Deck



600 Columns

Timber Pile  
Foundations



600 Concrete  
Pile Caps



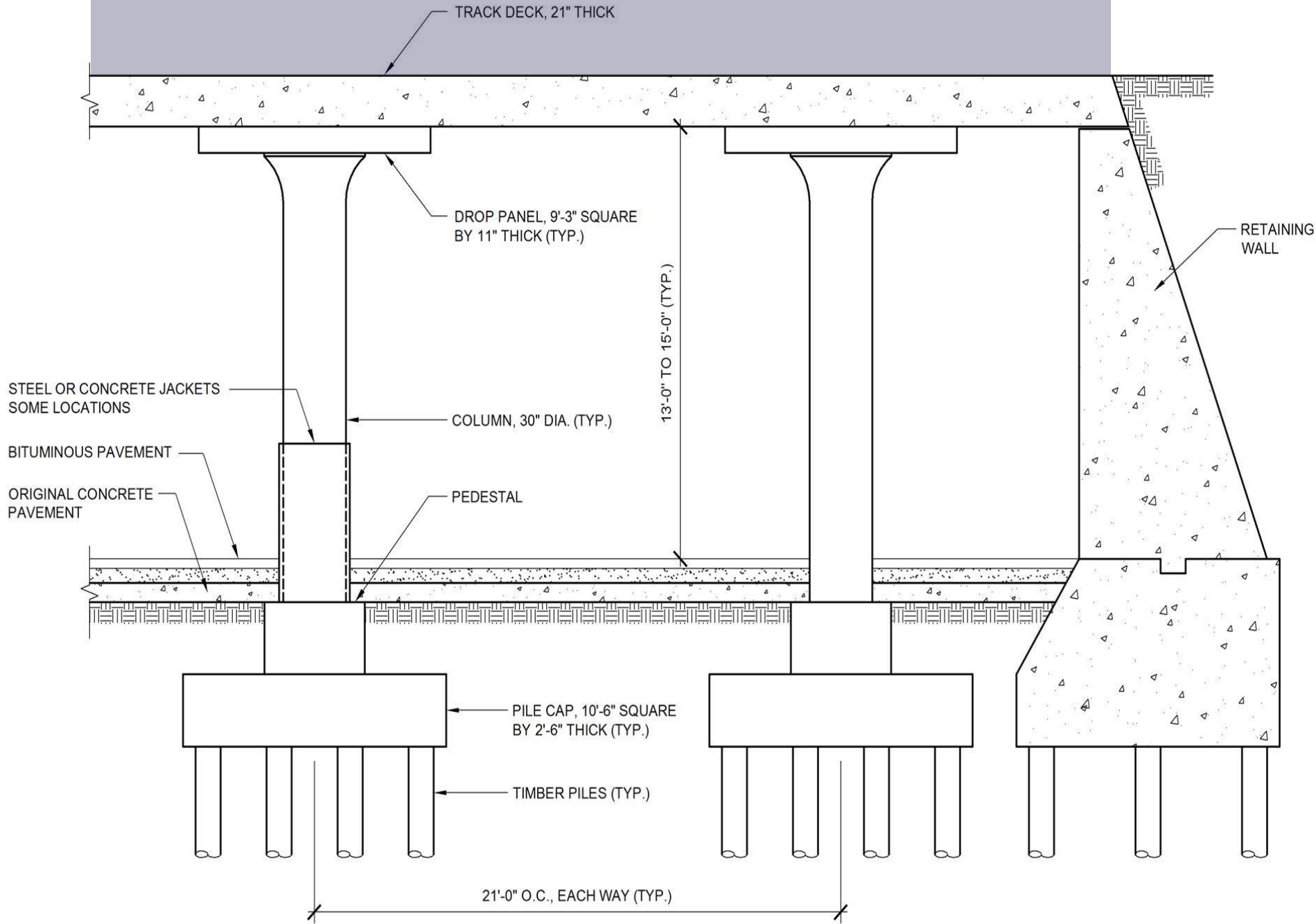
9,000 Timber  
Piles



# *Concrete Superstructure*







# Concrete Assessment Objectives

- Determine overall condition of structure
- Assess structural adequacy for intended use
- Develop repair strategies
- Estimate repair quantities
- Evaluate anticipated future performance over 50-year service life

*Accomplish above with limited investigation and in context that overall project is design-build with project GMP and structural repair budget already established.*

# Concrete Assessment Scope

- Field Investigation
  - Visual examination
  - Study areas/Field testing
  - Additional delamination survey
- Laboratory testing and materials evaluation
- Structural analysis and load rating
- Repair strategy development and repair quantity estimates

# Field Investigation

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## 1. 100% Visual Examination of Deck Underside

- Documented concrete condition in every bay
  - Types of deterioration, degrees of each, visual quantities of each
  - 100% visual mapping of deterioration
- Visual condition rating for all bays (0 to 4, with 4 being worst)



# Train Deck Underside





# Along Construction Joints





# Along Expansion Joints





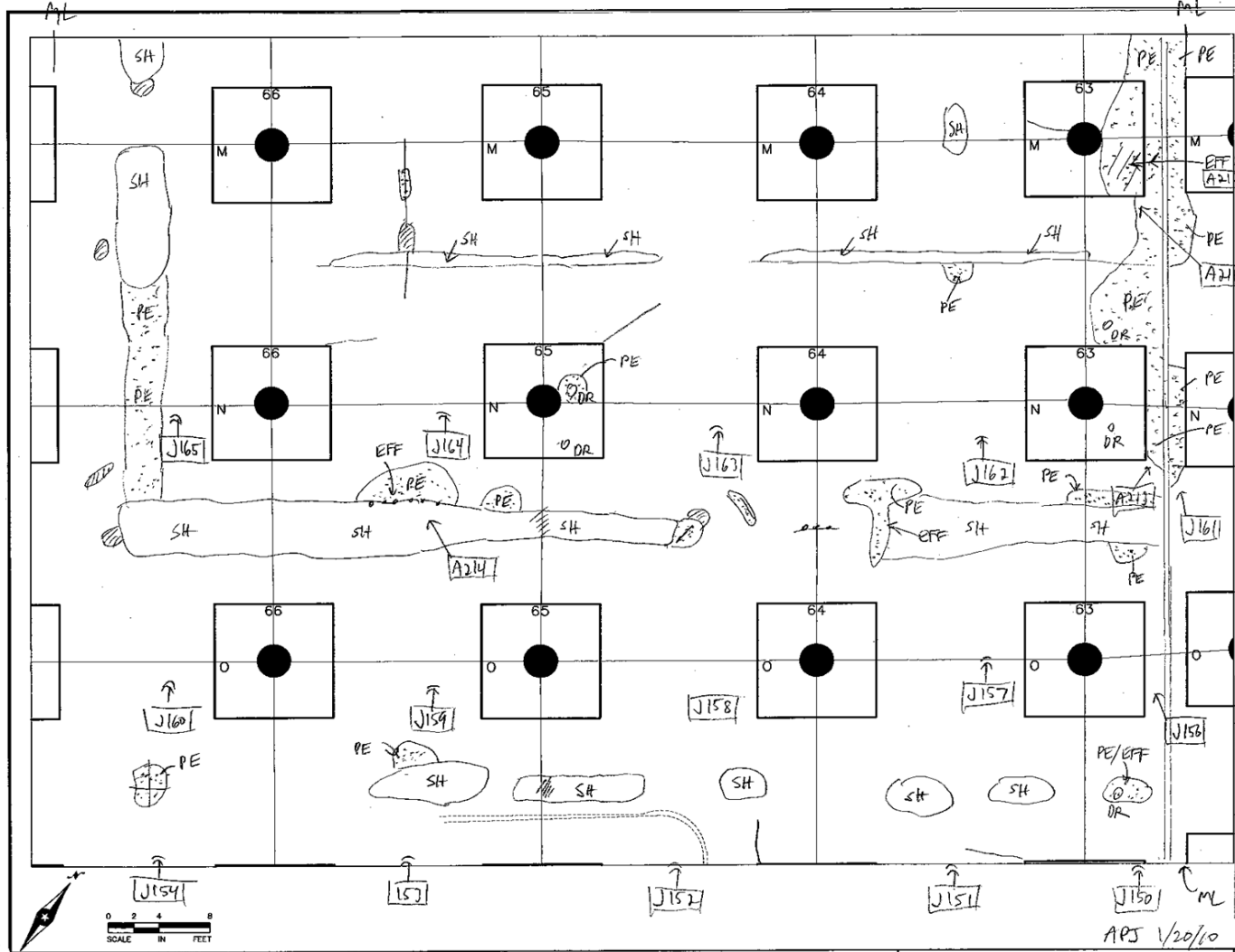
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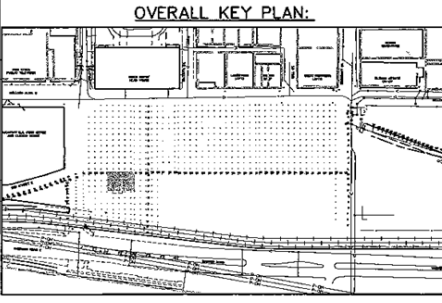


# At Exposed Edges





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M66	SJ
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M64	SJ
M63	SJ
N66	SJ
N65	SJ, PE - 1 SF @ DR
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N63	SJ
O66	SJ
O65	SJ, D - 2 SF
O64	SJ
O63	SJ



APJ 1/20/10

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DESIGN BY: MM				
CHKD. BY: DWG. NAME: MMUD-EXD1				
DATE: 12/29/09				

MINNESOTA'S UNION DEPOT  
 LOWER LEVEL COLUMNS  
 N.W. PLAN  
 CONDITION SURVEY

SHEET NO.  
 GL-47

# Visual Rating-Deck Underside



## LEGEND

- 0 0 - No deterioration - Essentially no deterioration or previous repairs present on deck underside
- 1 1 - Minor deterioration - Localized deterioration and previous repairs (less than 15 square ft) present on deck underside
- 2 2 - Moderate deterioration - Moderate deterioration and previous repairs greater than 15 square ft and/or minor efflorescence and/or a drain present on deck underside
- 3 3 - Severe deterioration - Widespread deterioration and previous repairs exceeding 100 square ft and/or moderate efflorescence present on deck underside
- 4 4 - Very severe deterioration - Widespread deterioration with extensive previous repairs and extensive spalling with severe efflorescence on deck underside
- N - Did not inspect

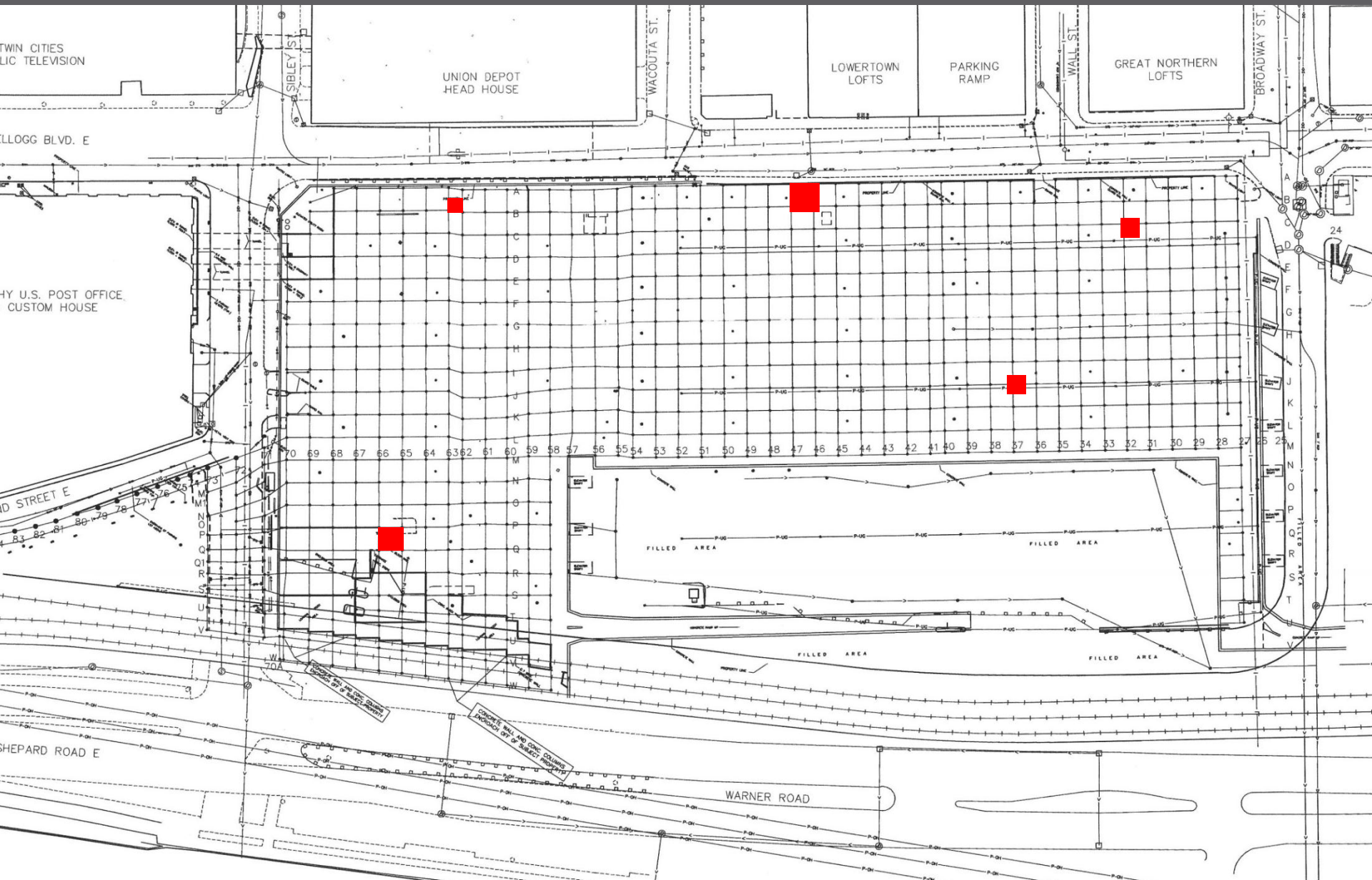


# Field Investigation

## 2A. Study Areas for Detailed Examination of Concrete:

- Selected based on underside visual survey
- Include range of conditions present
- Spatial distribution across site
- Typical and key atypical features
  - Previous shotcrete repairs
  - Construction joints
  - Expansion joints

# Deck Study Areas









# Field Investigation

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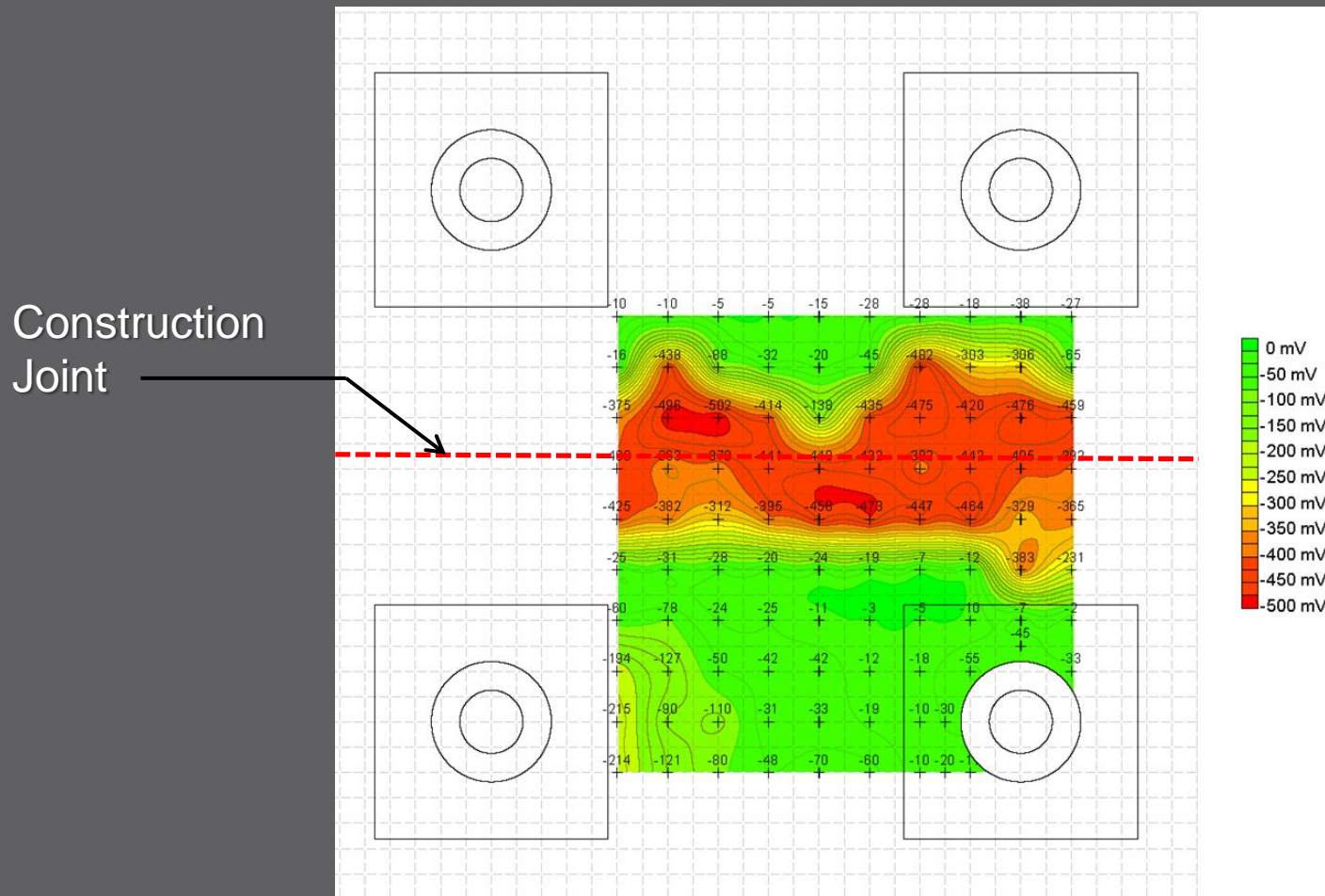
## 2B. Field Testing At Each Deck Study Area:

- Delamination survey, close-up condition survey
- Reinforcing steel survey
- Half-cell potential survey, corrosion rate testing
- Depth of carbonation testing
- Excavation openings to examine reinforcement
- Concrete core and rebar sample removal





# Half-cell Potential Testing



# Field Investigation

## 3. Additional Sounding of Representative Areas

- Include range of visual ratings
- Previous shotcrete repairs
- Expansion joints
- Construction joints
- Cracks

Proved beneficial in estimating extent of deterioration and repair quantities



# Field Investigation

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## 4. Columns

- Visual survey
- Limited hammer sounding
- Document different jackets and covers
- Investigation openings to expose rebar
- Investigation pits down to pile caps
- Field testing
- Sample extraction





Challenge: Different jacket types around column bases





# Column Bases





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# Laboratory Analysis

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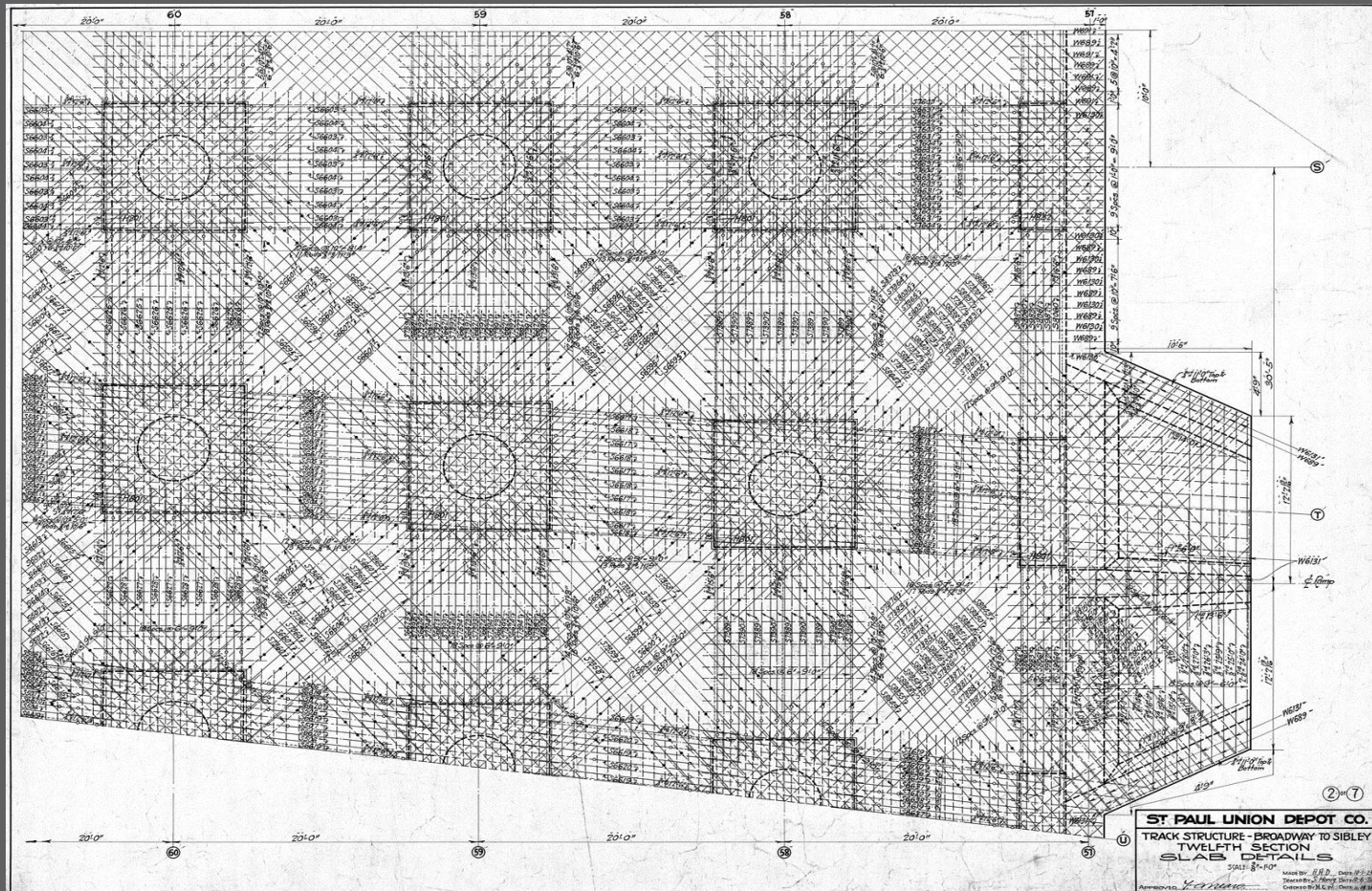
## Deck and Columns

- Compressive strength tests
- Carbonation depth
- Chloride content testing
- Petrographic examination
- Reinforcing steel strength testing

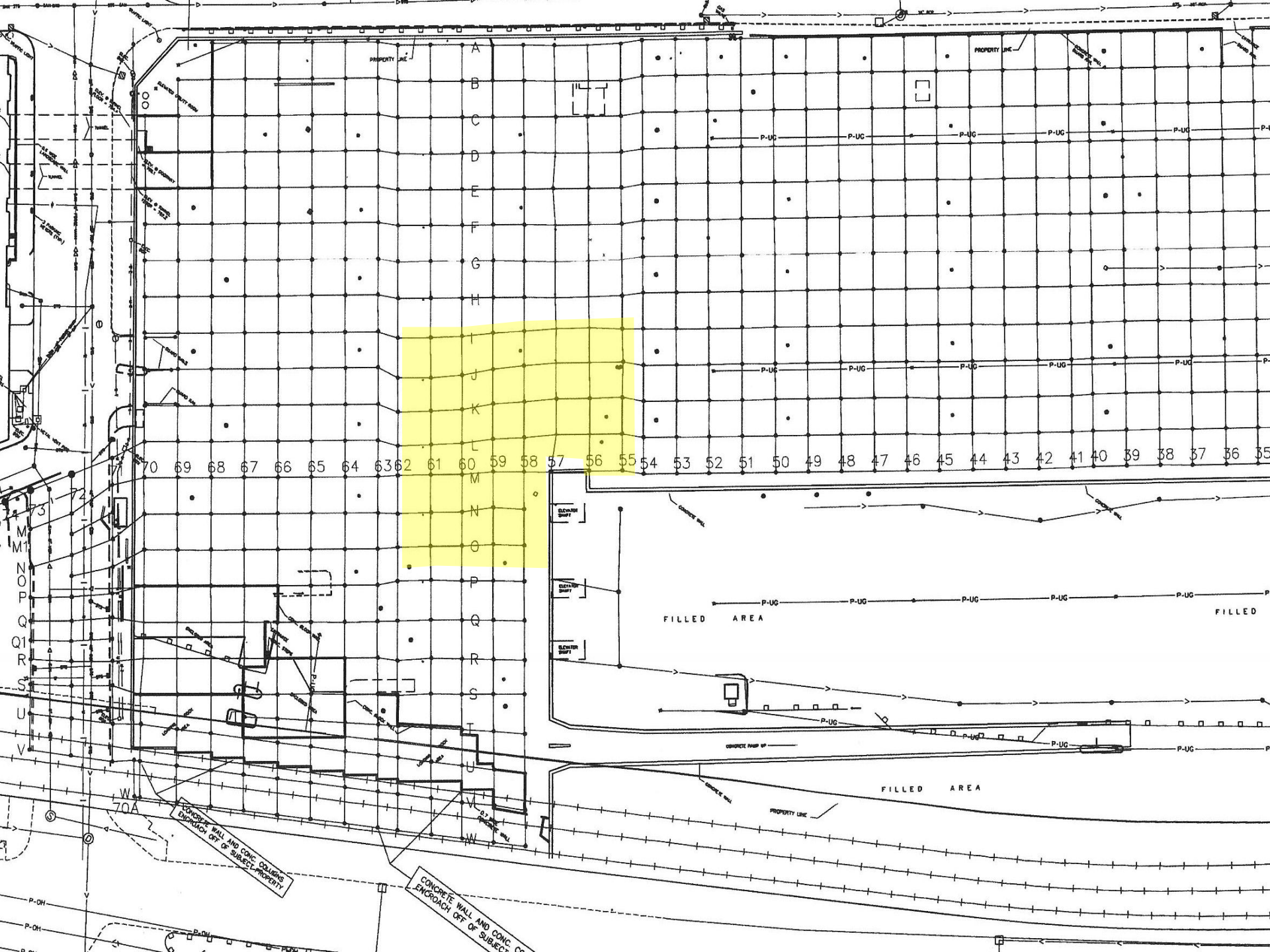
Data used for strength evaluation, durability assessment, and repair strategy development



# Structural Review & Load Rating







CONCRETE WALL AND CONC. COLUMNS ENVOACH OFF OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

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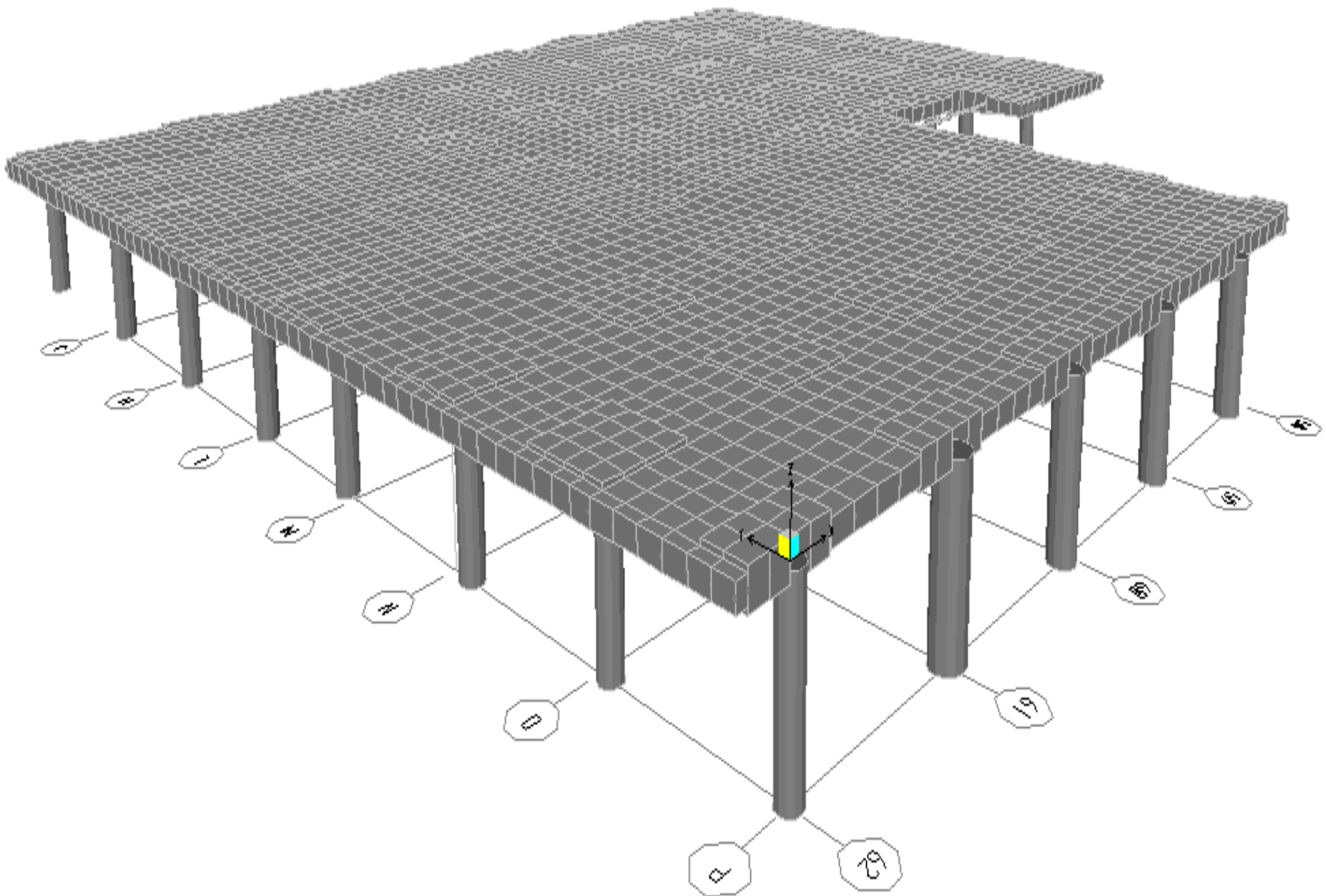
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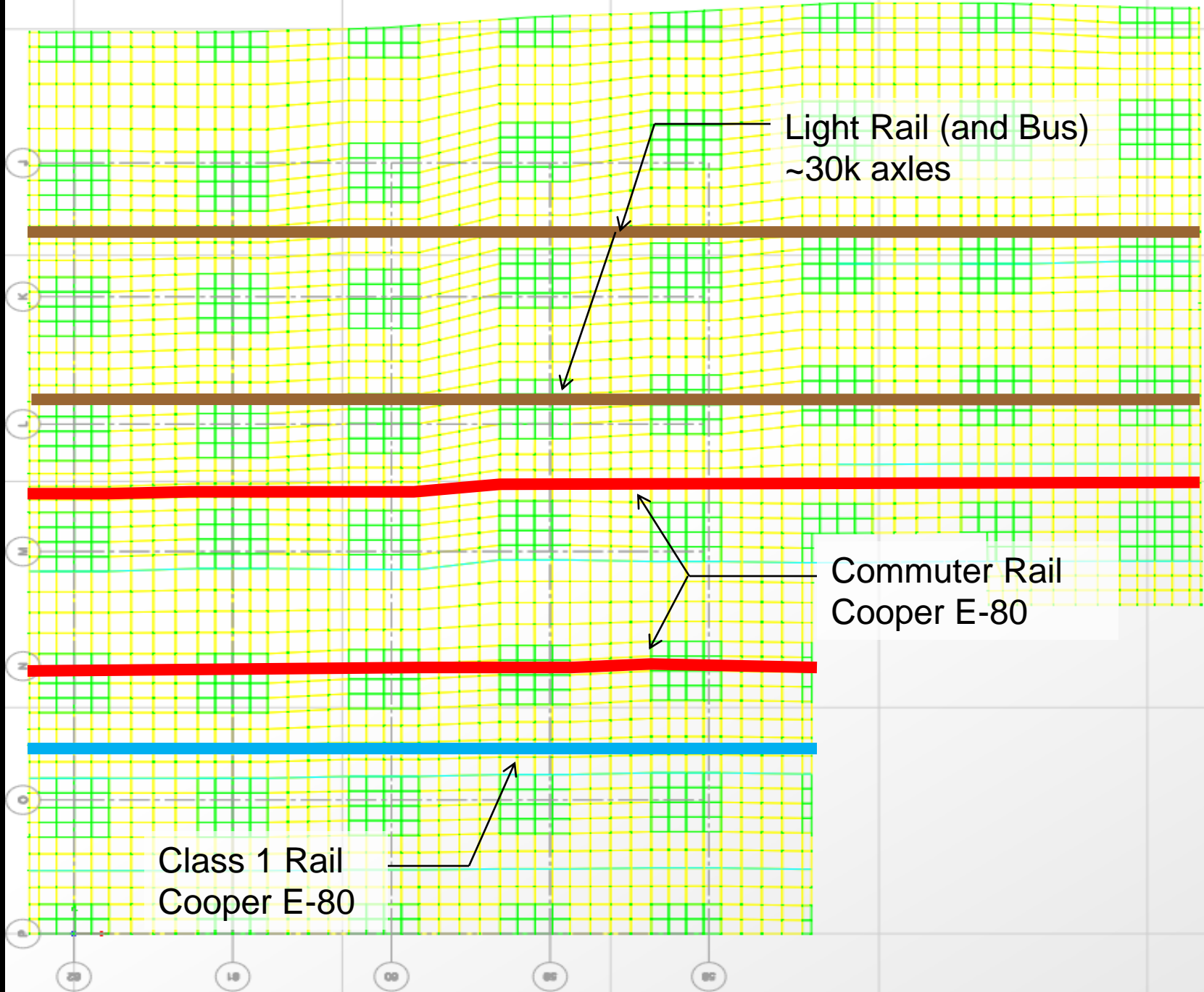
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Light Rail (and Bus)  
~30k axles

Commuter Rail  
Cooper E-80

Class 1 Rail  
Cooper E-80

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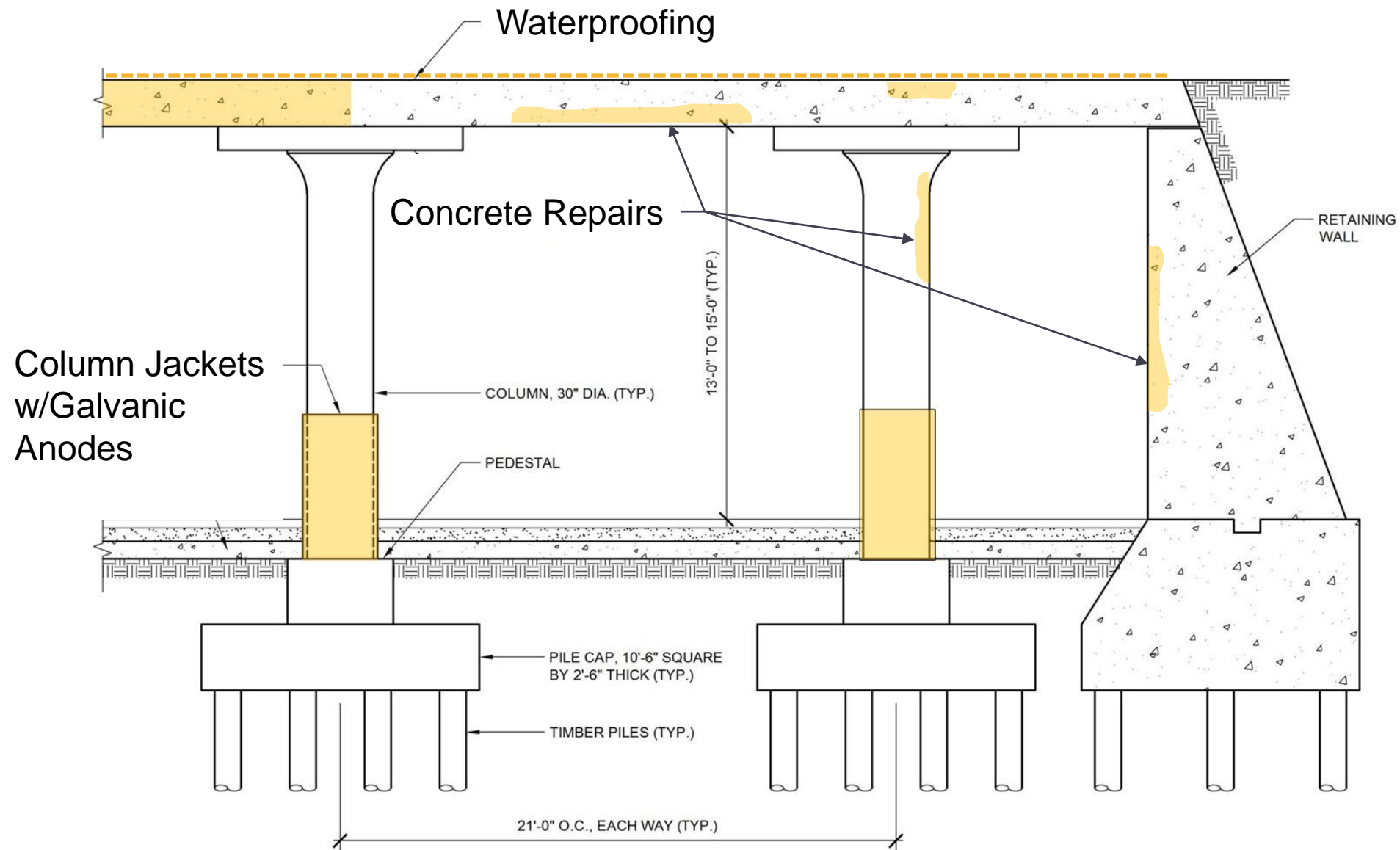
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- Deck:
  - Not Cooper E-80, more like E-60
  - Adequate for Amtrak and Commuter Rail
- Columns:
  - Adequate strength
  - Reserve capacity
- No strengthening required



# Concrete Repairs

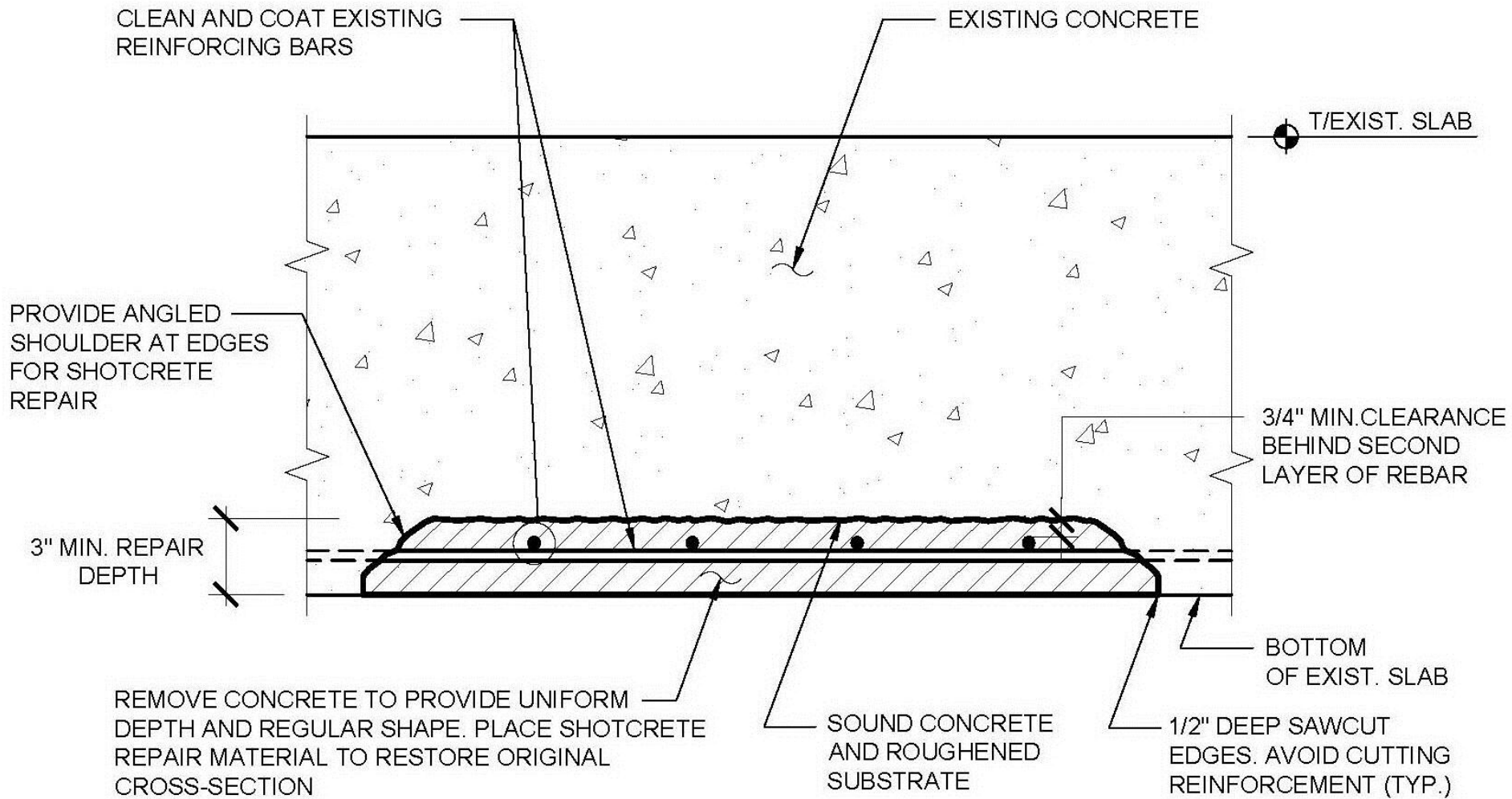


# Concrete Repairs

- *Desired Service Life: 50 years*
- Deck Topside:
  - Localized repairs and waterproofing
- Deck Underside:
  - Corrosion mitigation methods required for 50 years
  - Service life estimated at 15-20 years without mitigation
  - Maintenance repairs at 15-20 year frequency
- Columns:
  - Jackets w/galvanic corrosion protection

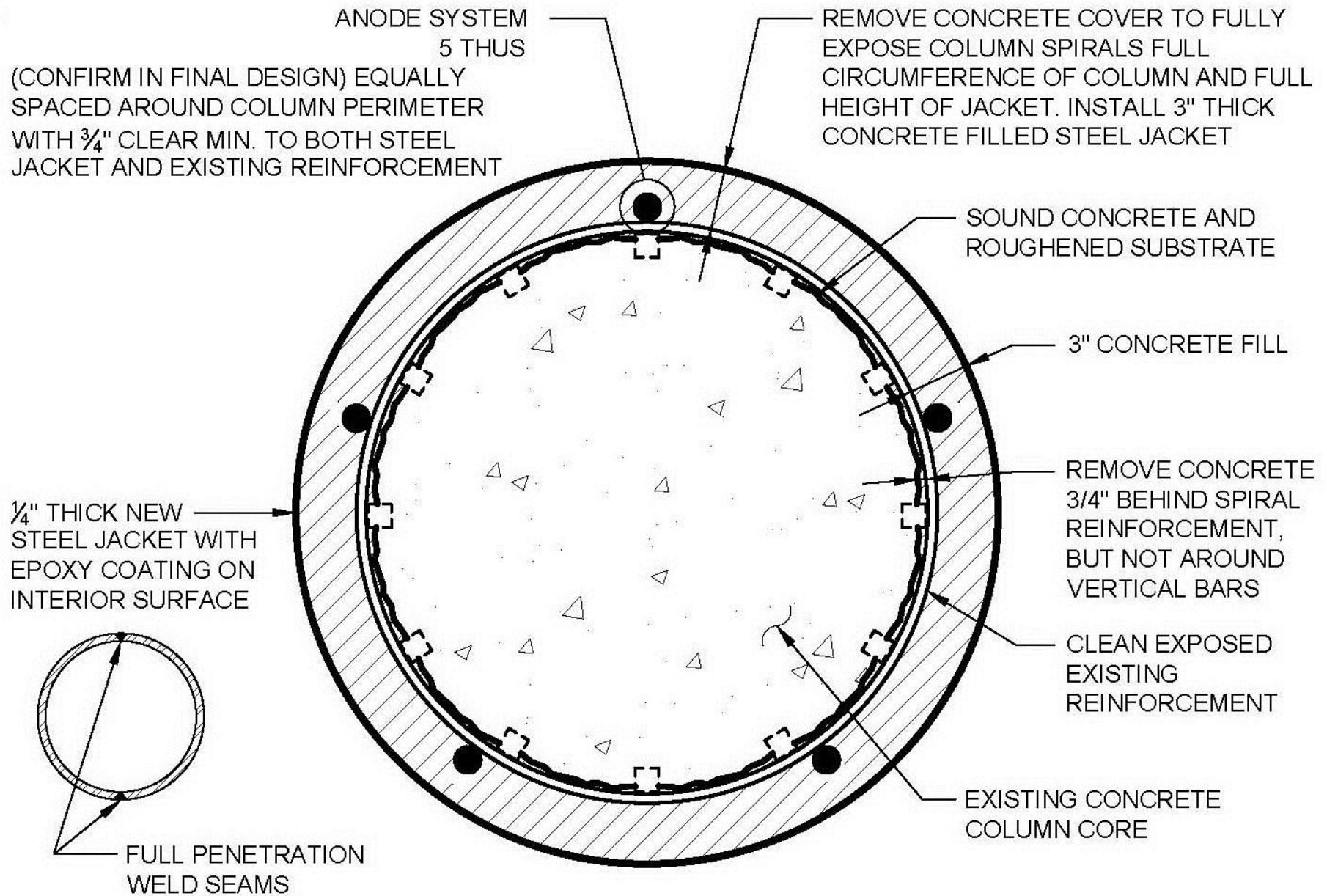






















# Repair Quantity Development

Deck Underside Concrete Repair Quantities

Estimated with algorithms that were based on:

- Visual rating
- Previous shotcrete repair area
- Visible spalls and delamination area
- Anticipated repair area growth
- --> *Actual quantities 95% of estimate*

Deck Topside: Conventional extrapolation

Deck Full Depth: Areas visually identified

Column Bases: 100% new jackets

# Summary

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Structural assessment methodology provided:

- Extent of deterioration and cause
- Reliable concrete repair quantity estimates
- Confidence repairs could be delivered within budget

Repair strategies engineered to:

- Restore structural integrity
- Enhance durability
- Preserve the structure

*Historic Union Depot modernized to an active transportation hub for the next 50 years*





Questions?