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AE Senior Thesis 2011  
33 Harry Agganis Way, Boston Ma.





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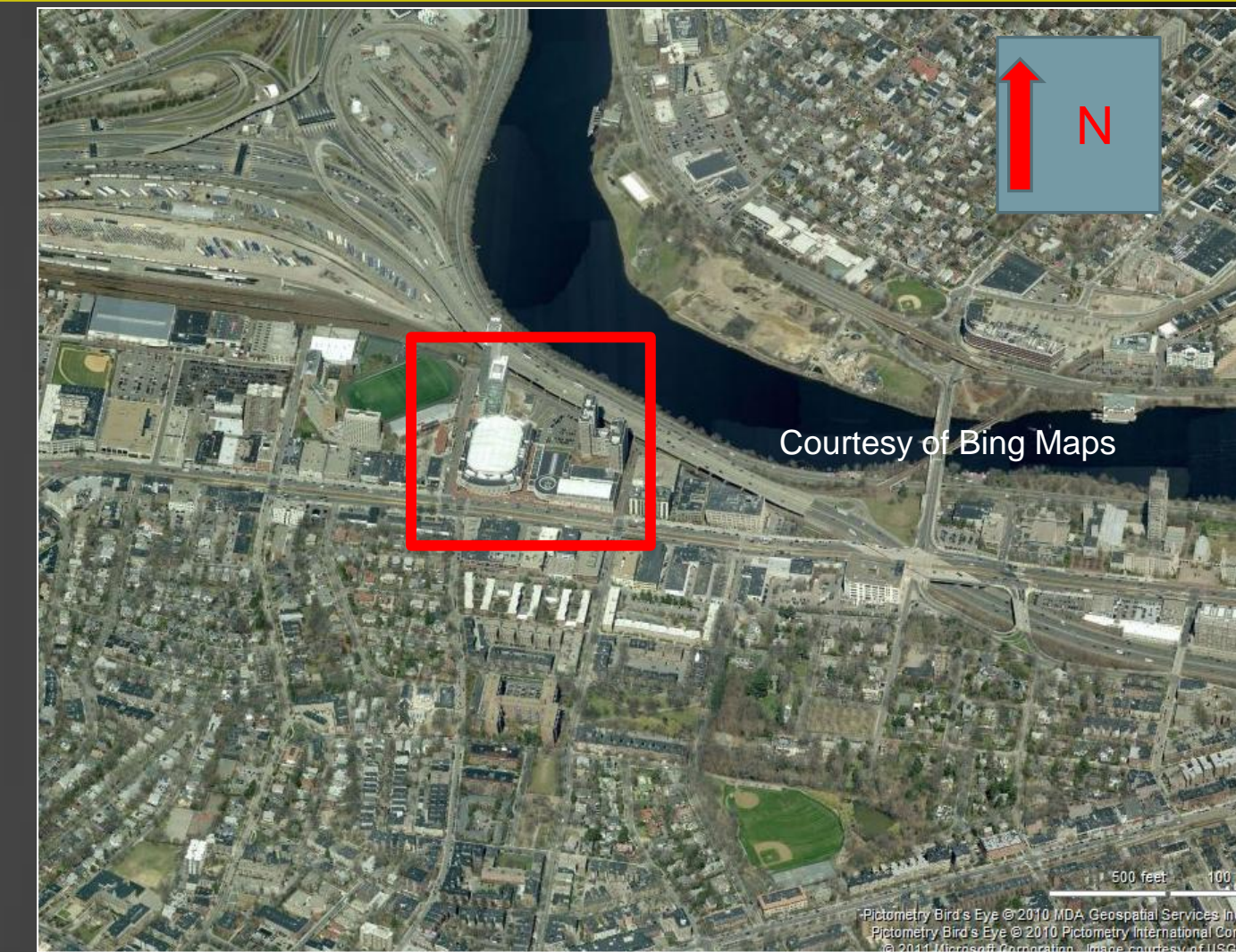
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## Introduction

33 Harry Agganis Way  
"Res Tower II"  
Dormitory on BU Campus, JH Student Village  
Between Charles River & Commonwealth Ave





## Building Statistics

26 Story Dormitory  
 396,000 sq. ft.  
 296 ft tall (208 ft shorter section)  
 Floor plan steps back at floor 19  
 Main lobby on first floor  
 Meeting area/observatory on 26<sup>th</sup> floor



Meeting area/observatory on 26<sup>th</sup> floor

## Project Team

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Owner:      | Boston University     |
| CM:         | Walsh Brothers        |
| Arch/MEP:   | Cannon Design         |
| Structural: | Weidlinger Associates |



WALSH  
 BROTHERS  
 CONSTRUCTION



WEIDLINGER ASSOCIATES INC

## Existing Foundation

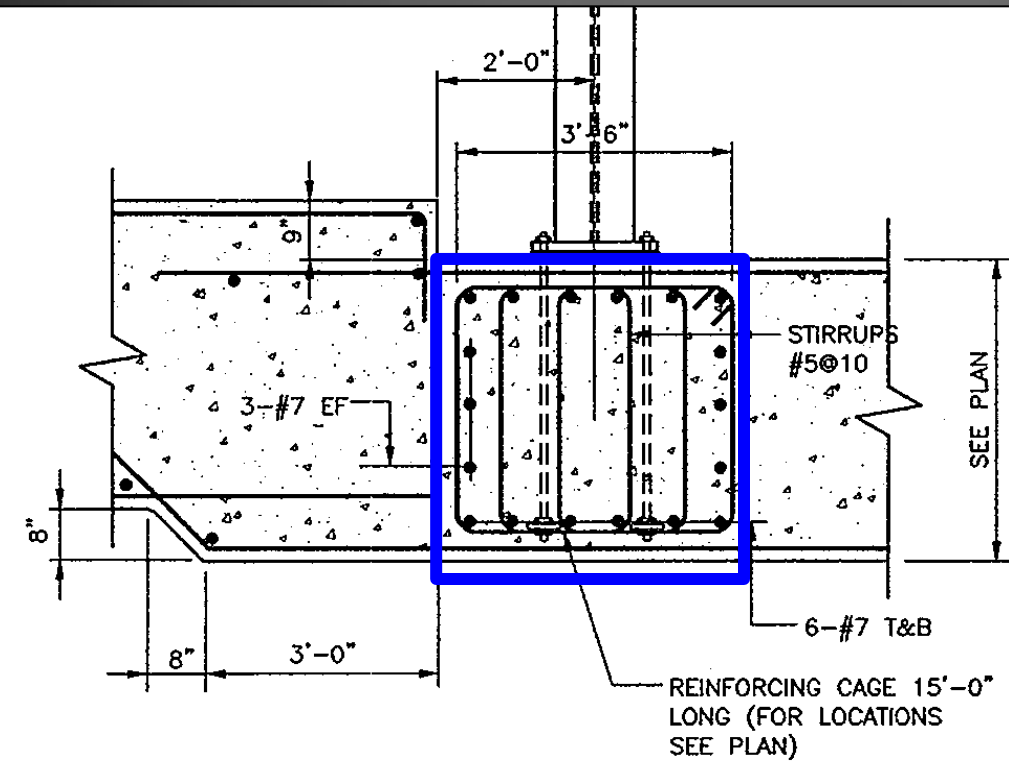
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4'-3" supporting taller section

3'-9" supporting shorter section

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AT INTERIOR BRACED FRAME COLUMNS

SCALE: 1/2"=1'-0"

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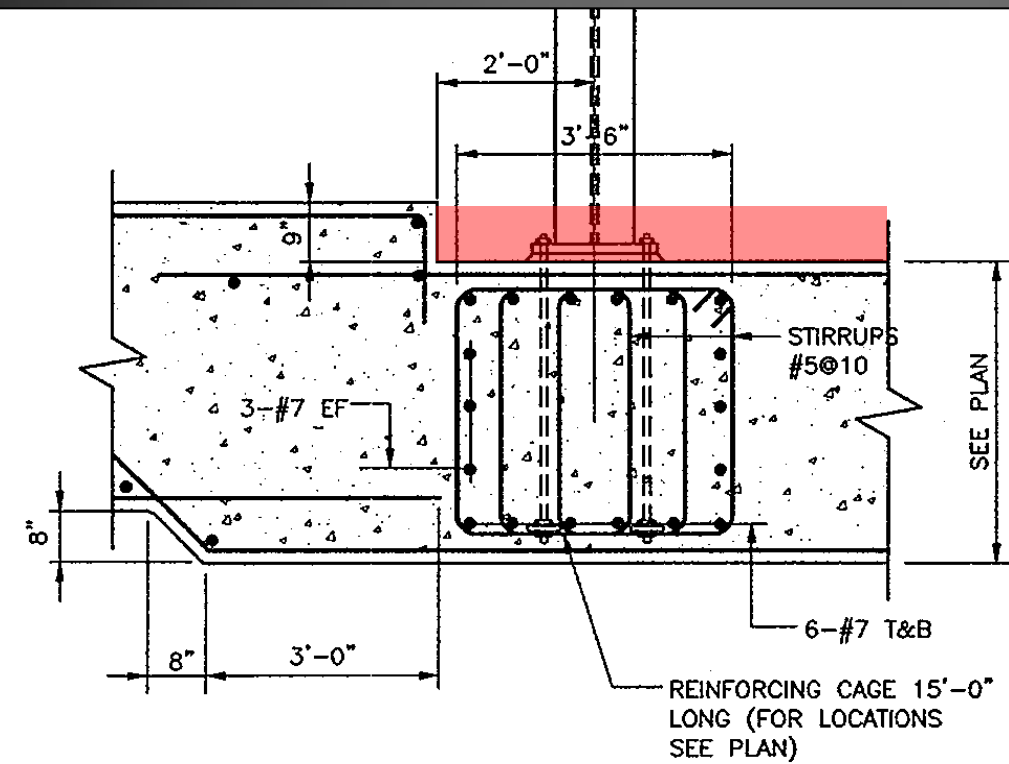
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Braced frames anchored to foundation with additional reinforcing cages to increase resistance to uplift.

9" trench along center of each tower

Filled with 4000 psi and reinforced with welded wire fabric after erection of interior columns

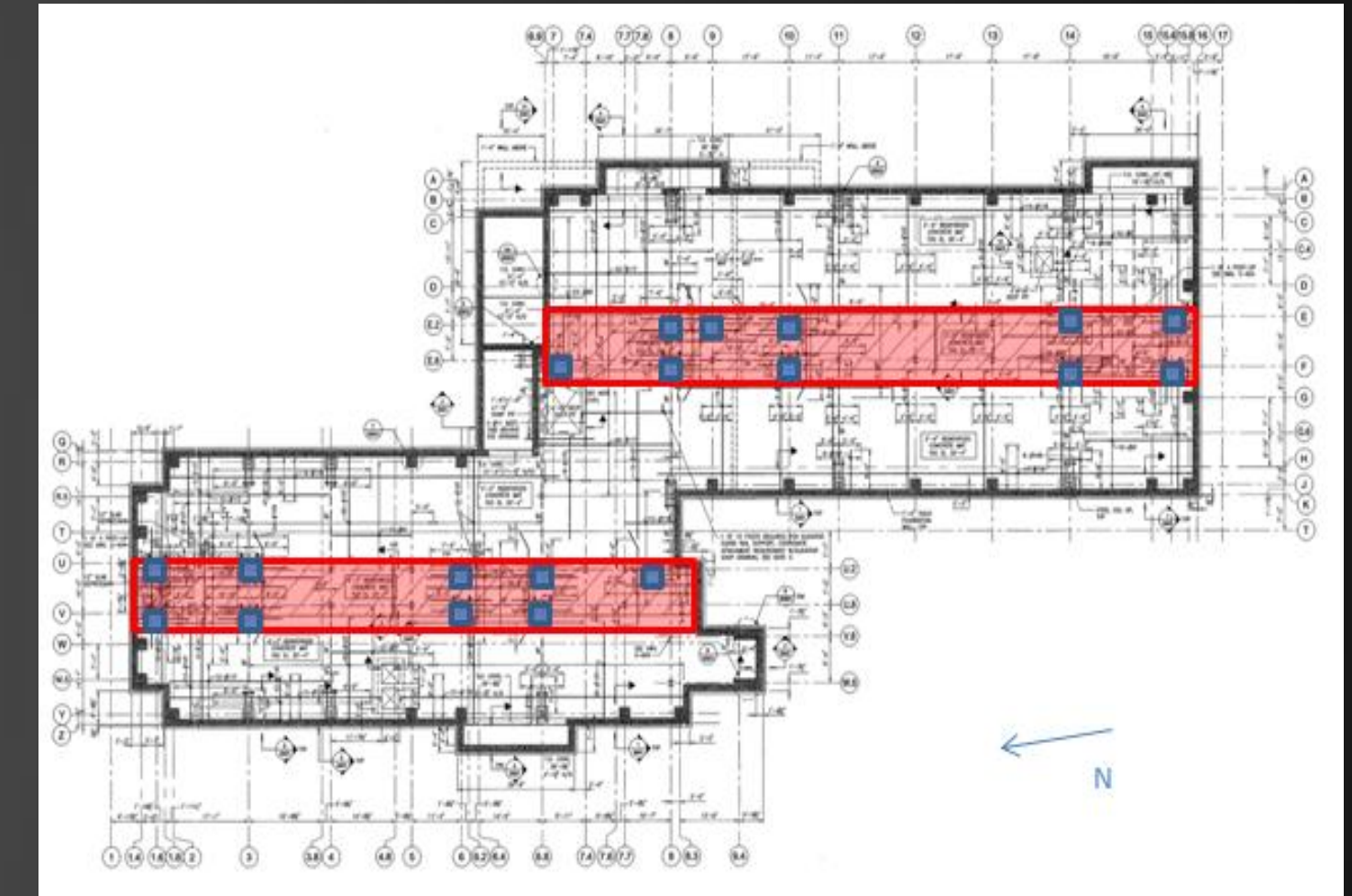
Attempt to increase strength column-to-foundation connection



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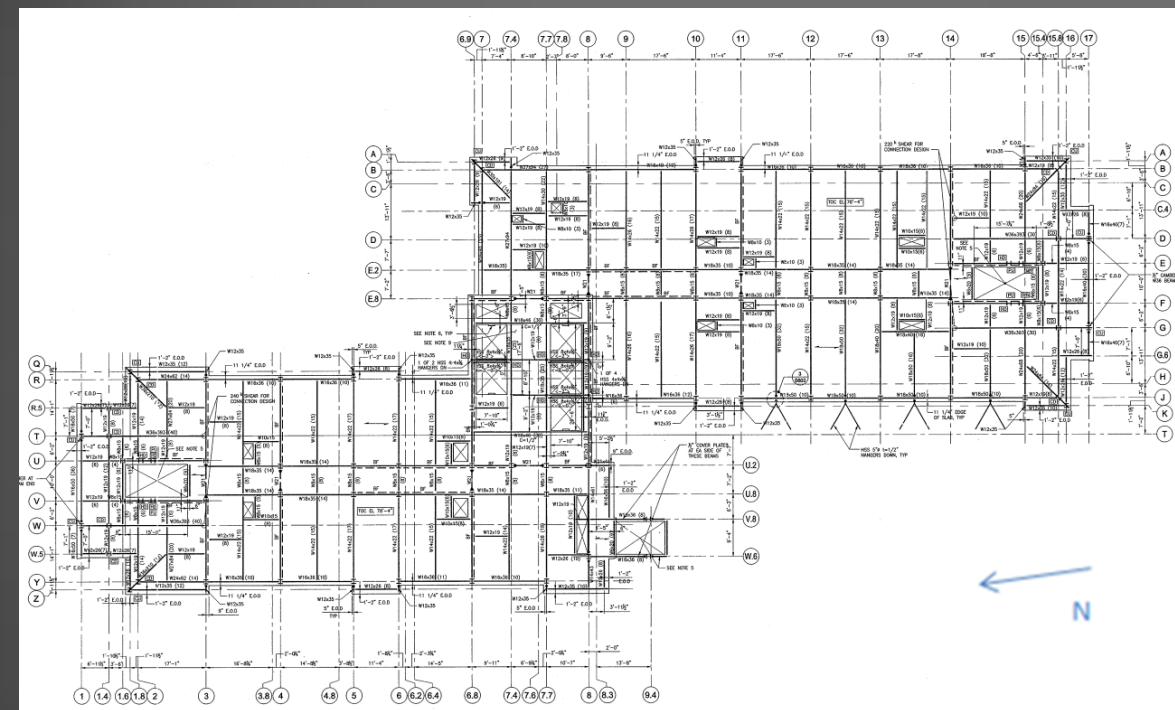
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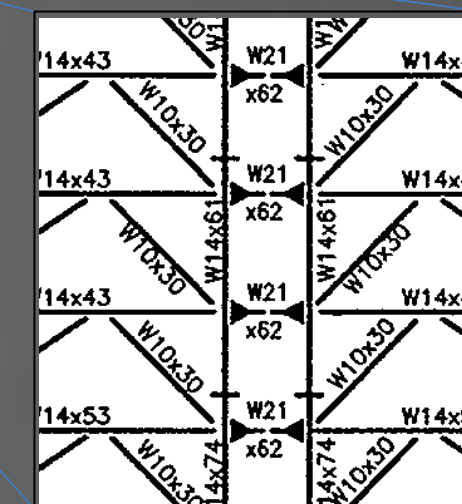
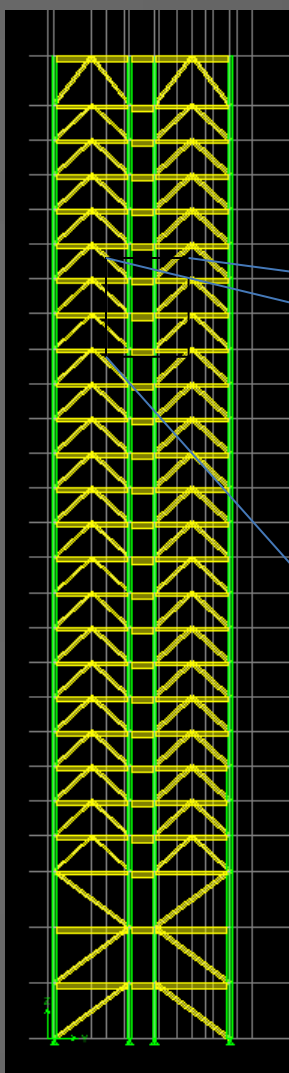
## Existing Floor Construction

3" 18 gage galvanized steel deck  
3 1/4" lightweight concrete topping  
6x6 welded wire fabric reinforcement

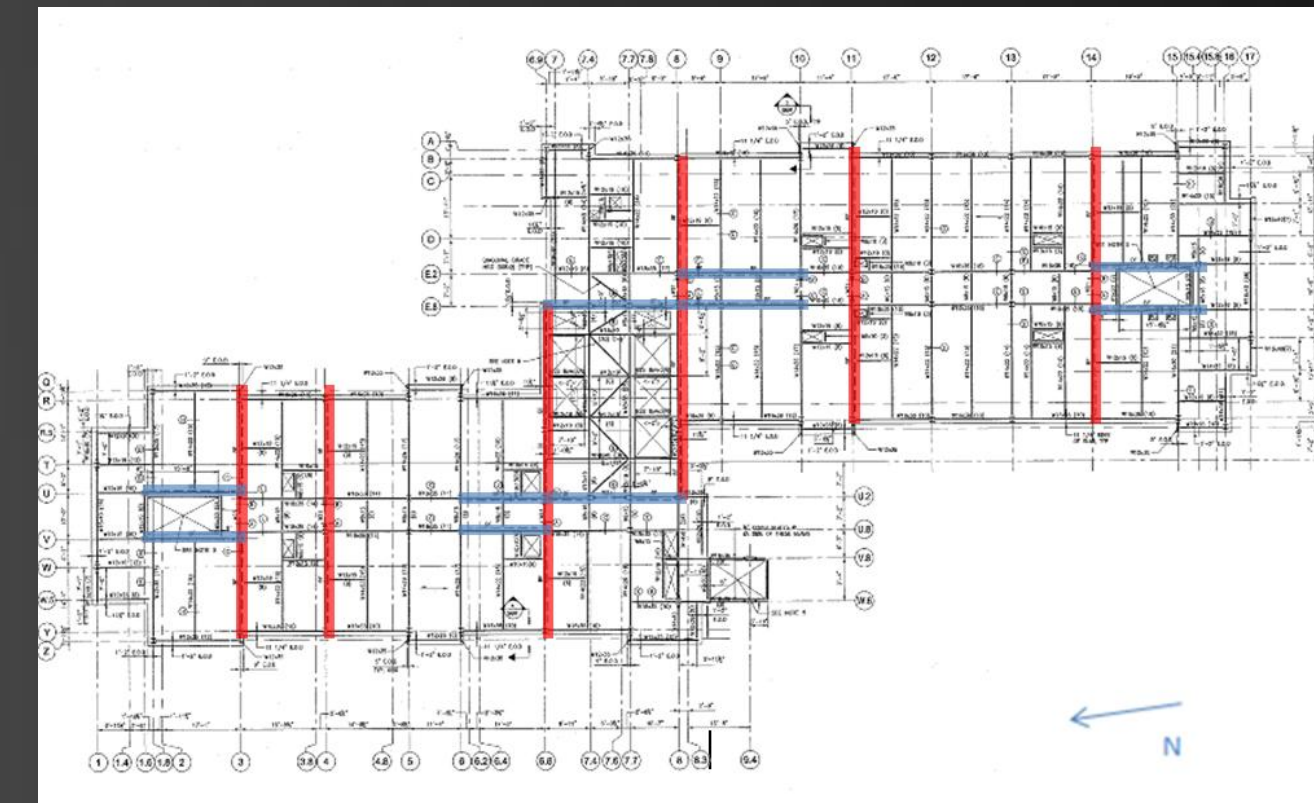


## Existing Lateral System

Moment connected concentrically braced frames



Moment connections to increase stiffness while avoiding interruption of main corridor



Red and blue lines represent braced frames running in perpendicular directions

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## Thesis Goals

### Structural Depth

Investigate the most effective use of a Staggered Truss System:

1. Design for gravity loads
2. Gravity and 100% lateral loads
3. Gravity and partial lateral loads
  - i. Design new lateral system

### Architectural Study

Document impact of trusses on interior architectural dynamic using rendered images

### Construction Management Study

Create site logistics plan for steel erection phase of project  
Estimate a schedule using new design scheme

### MAE Course Related Study

Design two typical connections in truss

1. Truss to column design (bolted)
2. Web members to chord members (welded)



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## Structural Depth

AISC Design Guide 14: *Staggered Truss Framing Systems* provided excellent guidance

### Background

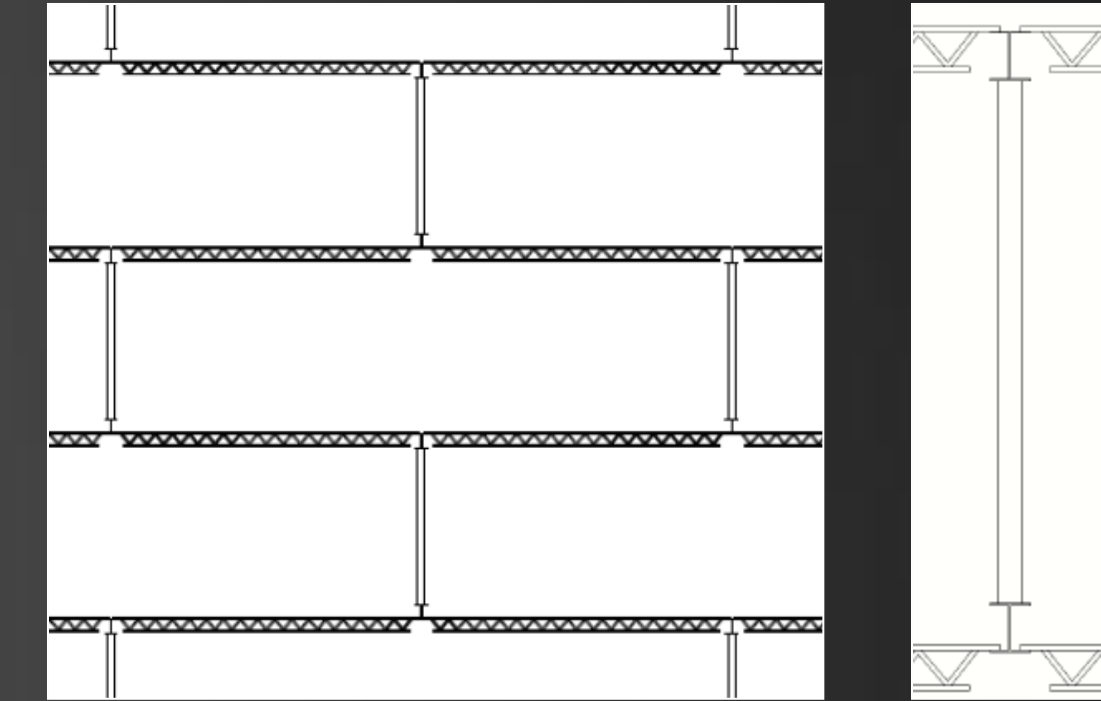
Story deep Vierendeel truss to replace need for interior columns

W10 chord members

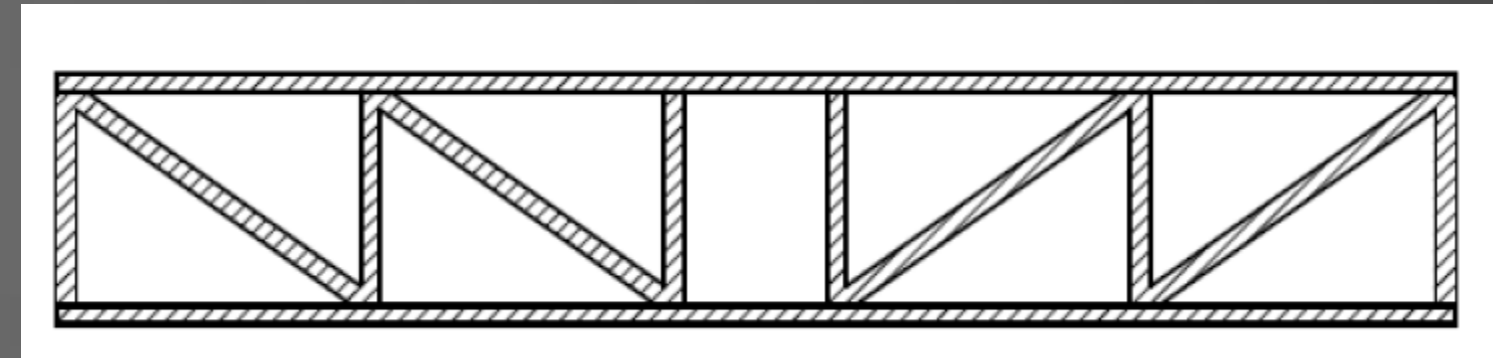
HSS web members

Gusset plate connections

10 ft floor-to-floor = 9'-6" truss with 6" slab

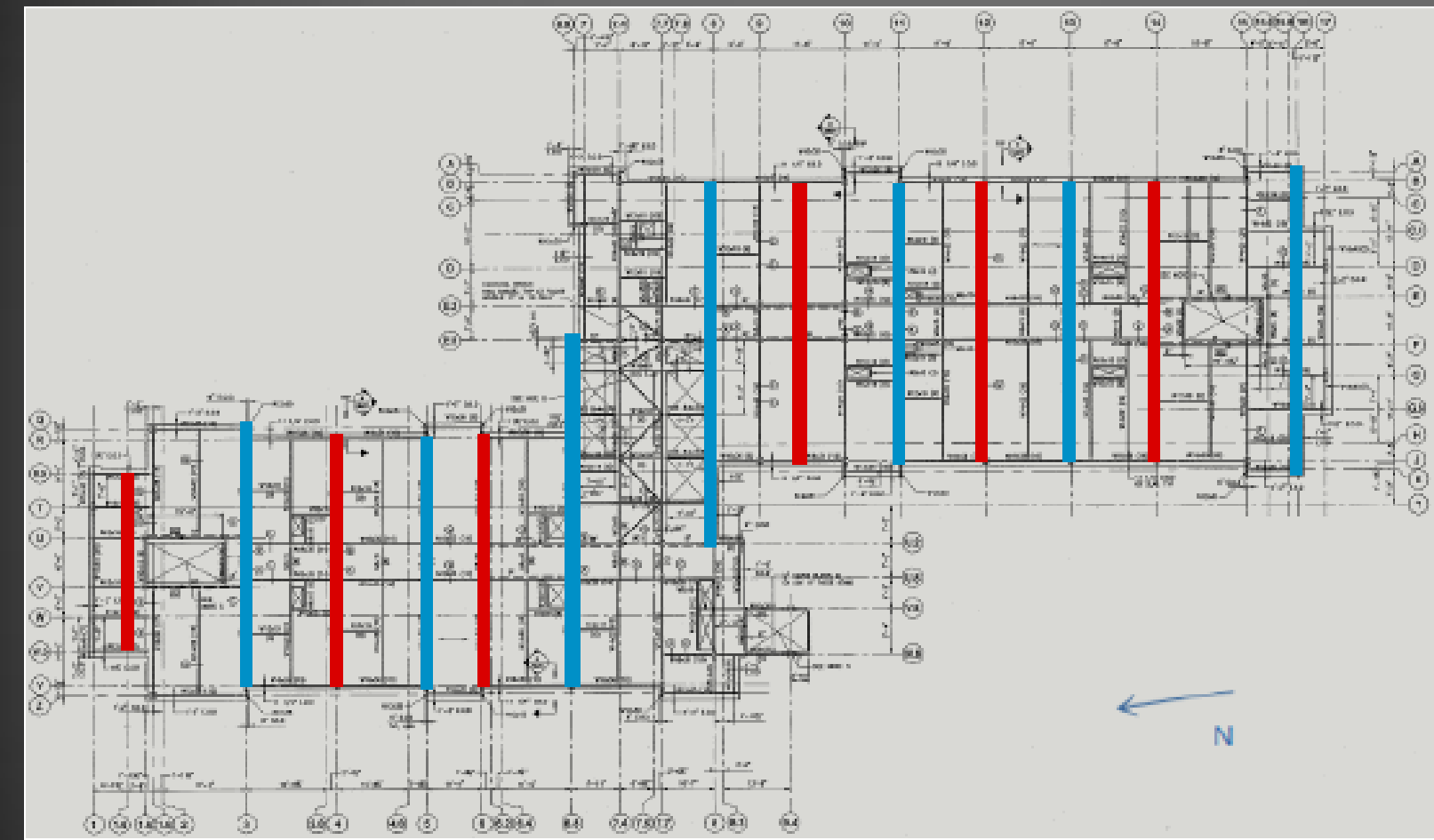


Details of Truss system



Typical Elevation of Truss

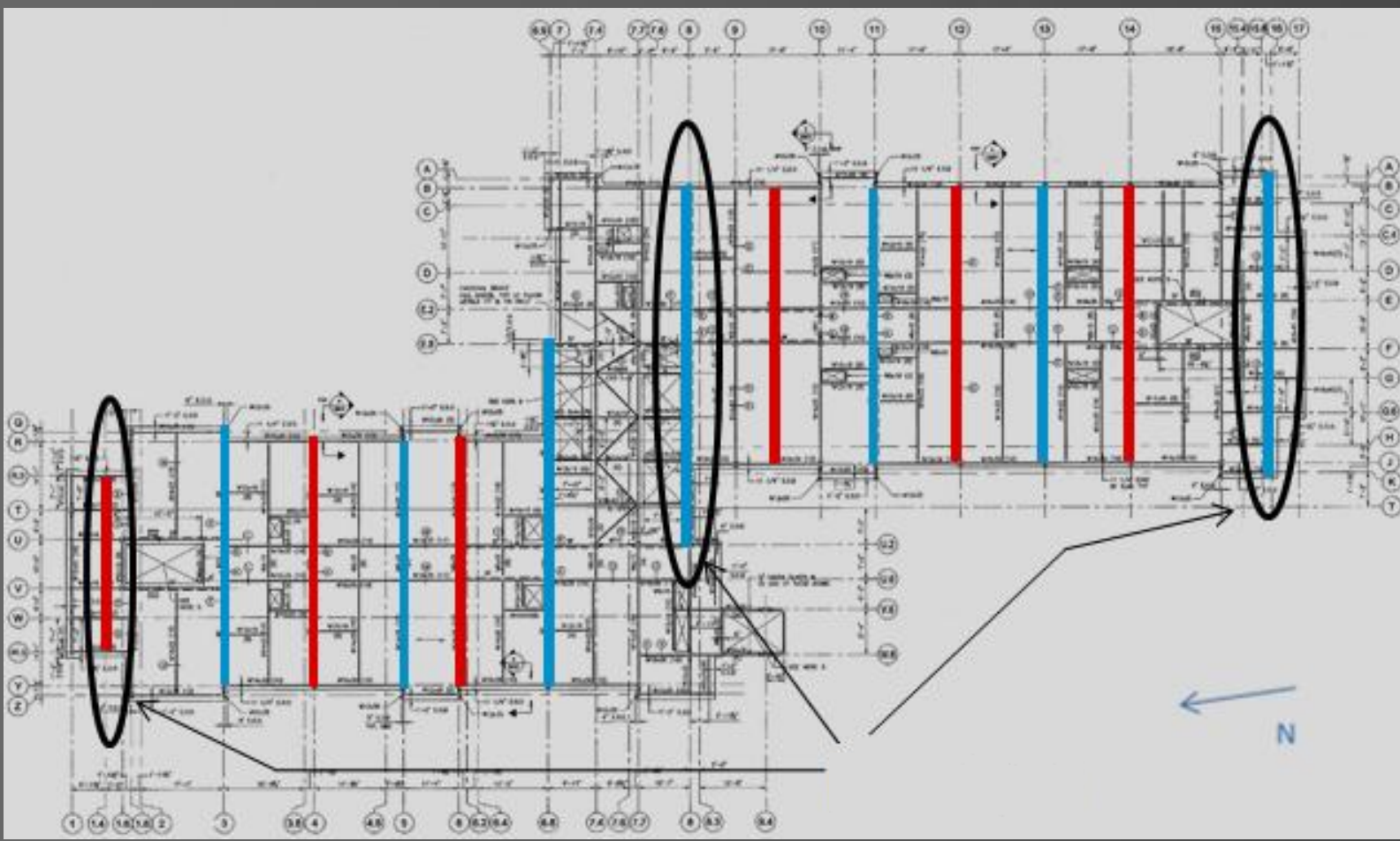
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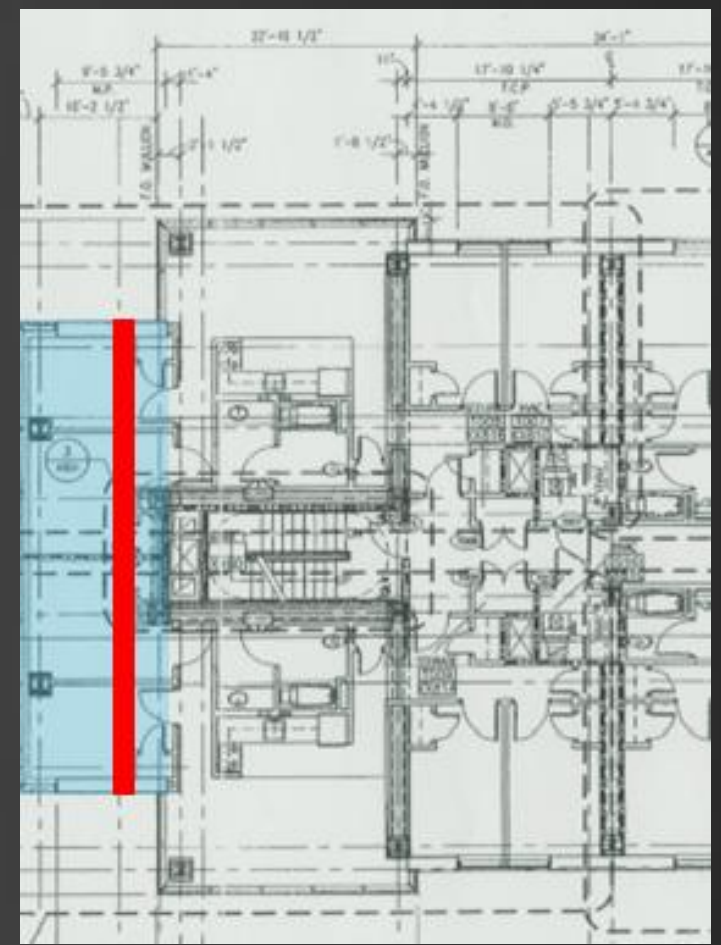
Truss Locations

Location Issues



Trusses that require coordination

Architectural Plans



Architectural Issue

# Gravity System Design

## Design Loads

| Live Loads     |                   |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Occupancy Type | Design Load (psf) | Thesis Load (psf) |
| Public Area    | 100               | 100               |
| Corridor       | 80                | 100               |
| Dwelling Unit  | 40                | 40                |
| Loading Dock   | 250               | 250               |
| Mechanical     |                   |                   |
| Penthouse      | 150               | 125               |
| Roof           | 30                | 20                |

Table 1: Live Loads for Res Tower II

| Dead Loads   |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Material     | Load (psf) |
| Slab         |            |
| -Roof Deck   | 56         |
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| Façade       | 18         |
| Superimposed | 30         |

Table 2: Dead loads for Res Tower II

$$\delta < l/240 = 2.96''$$

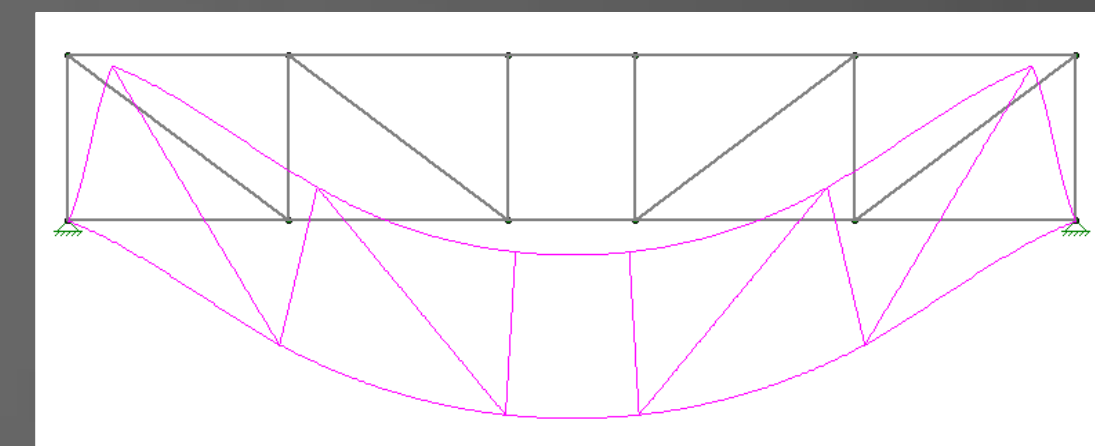
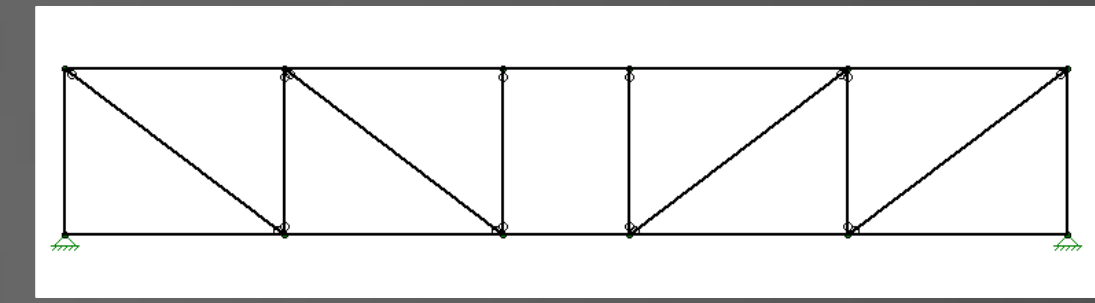
## Member Sizes

Chord Members – W10 x 33  
 Web Members – HSS 10 x 5 x 5/16

## Secondary Elements

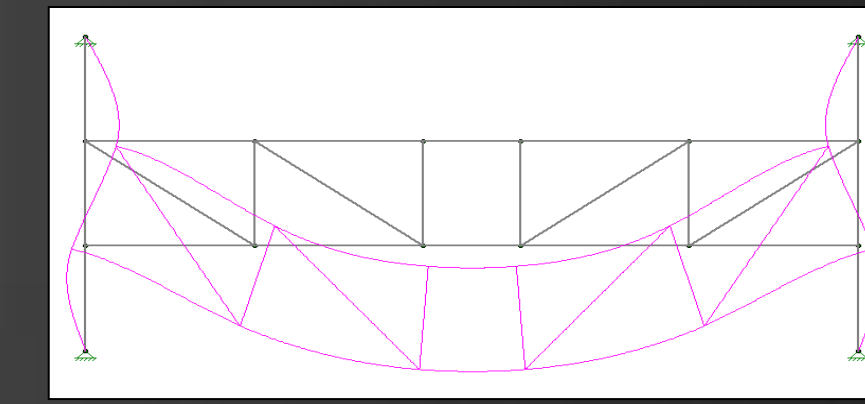
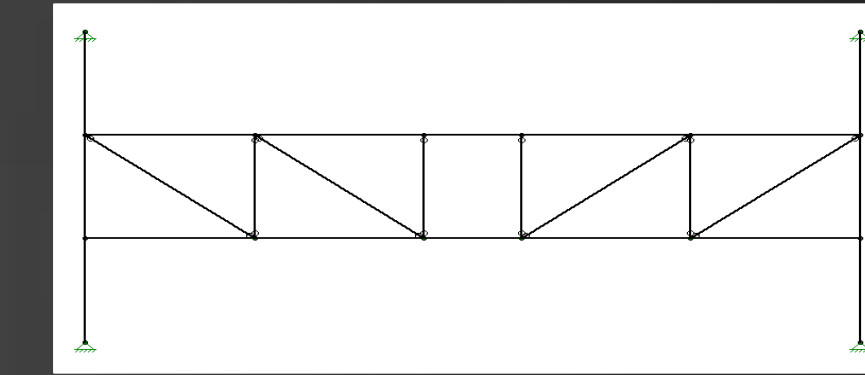
14K4 joists span between trusses  
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## Original RISA Model



$$\delta = 2.41''$$

## Adjusted RISA Model



$$\delta = 1.28''$$

# MAE Course Related Study

## Design Loads

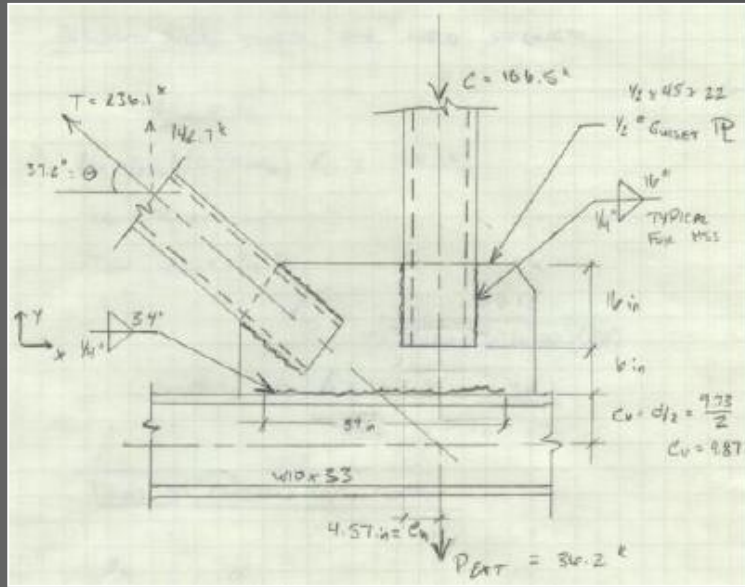
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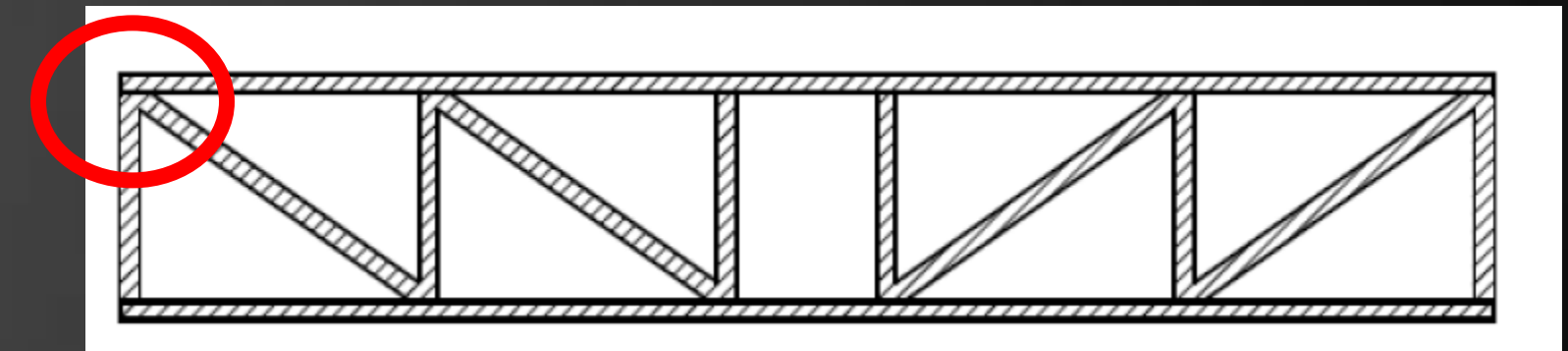
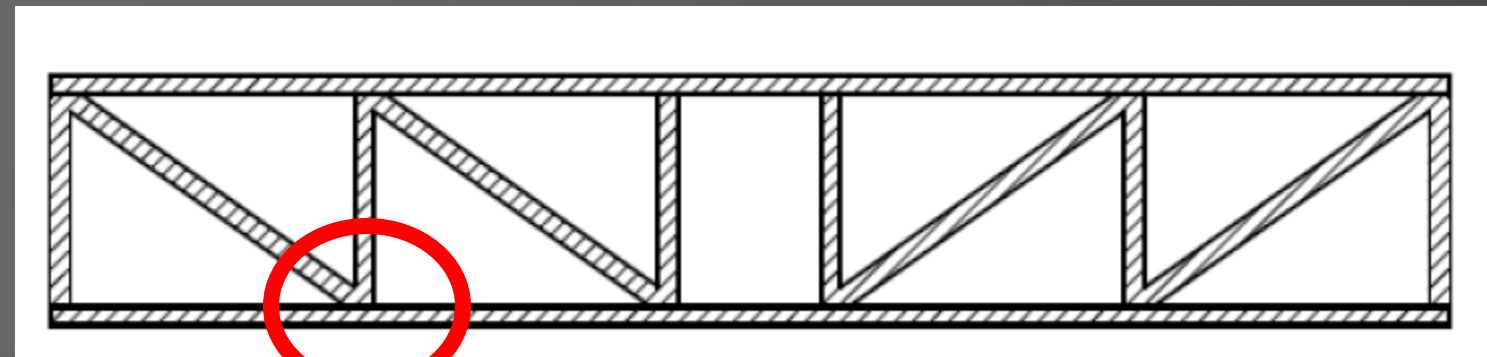
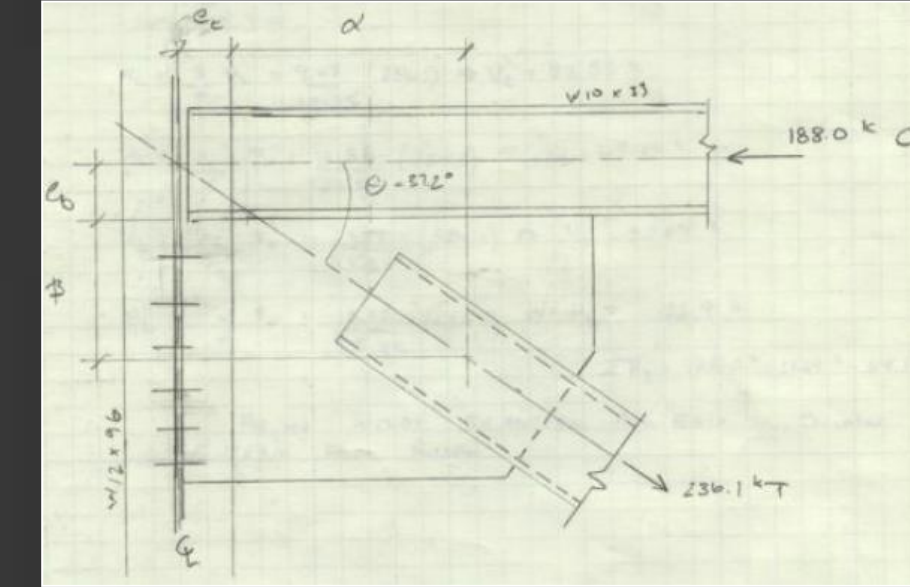
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## Web Members to Bottom Chord Member



## Truss to Column Web



# Gravity & Lateral System Investigation

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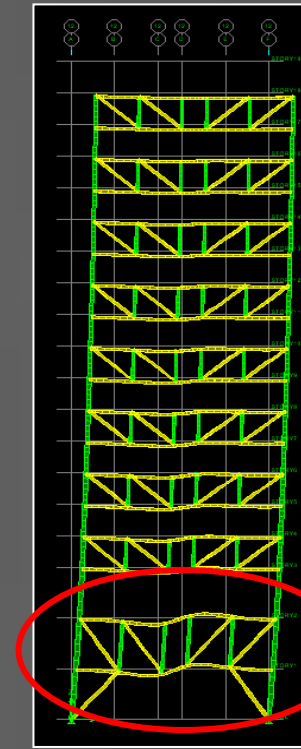
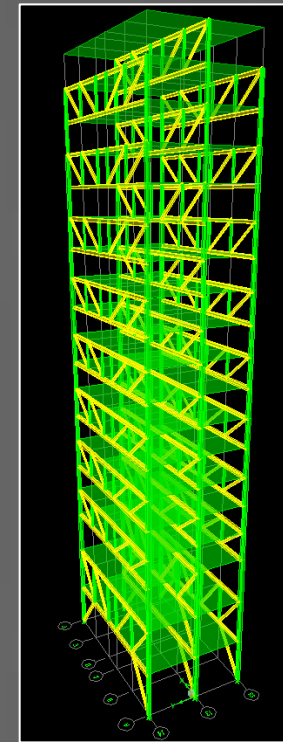
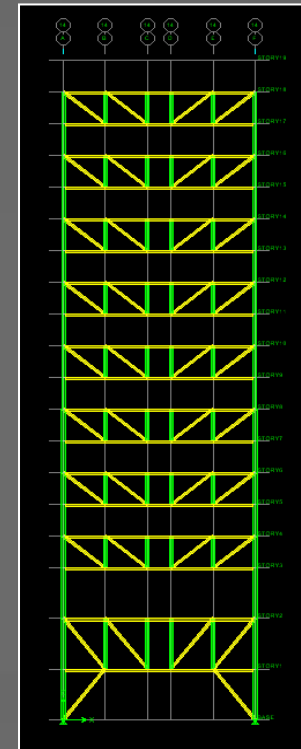
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Table 2: Dead loads for Res Tower II

| East West |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Floor     | Force (k) |
| 1         | 53.26     |
| 2         | 106.87    |
| 3         | 90.06     |
| 4         | 74.18     |
| 5         | 76.54     |
| 6         | 78.50     |
| 7         | 80.27     |
| 8         | 82.01     |
| 9         | 83.48     |
| 10        | 84.57     |
| 11        | 85.59     |
| 12        | 86.70     |
| 13        | 87.82     |
| 14        | 88.88     |
| 15        | 89.73     |
| 16        | 90.42     |
| 17        | 91.22     |
| 18        | 92.09     |
| 19        | 92.84     |
| 20        | 70.88     |
| 21        | 49.29     |
| 22        | 56.08     |
| 23        | 62.33     |
| 24        | 62.67     |
| 25        | 75.63     |
| 26        | 95.06     |

## Preliminary Models

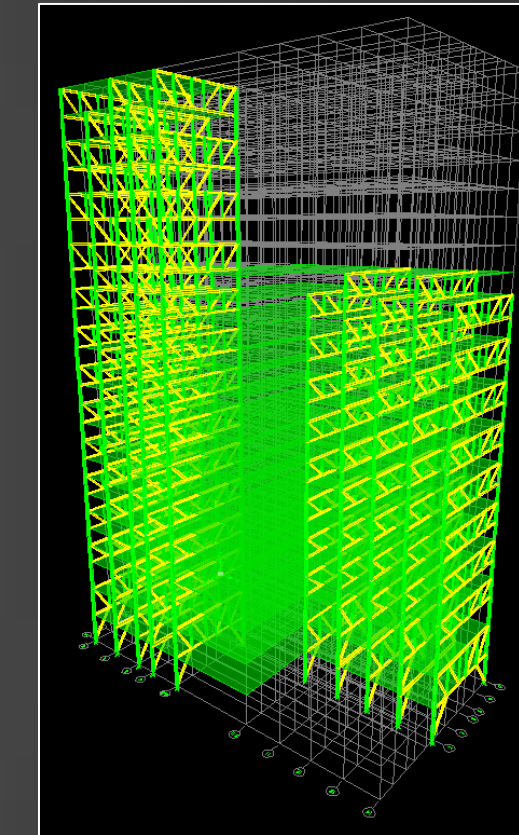


Single bay modeled to find weak points

Multiple bays investigated for interaction and stresses

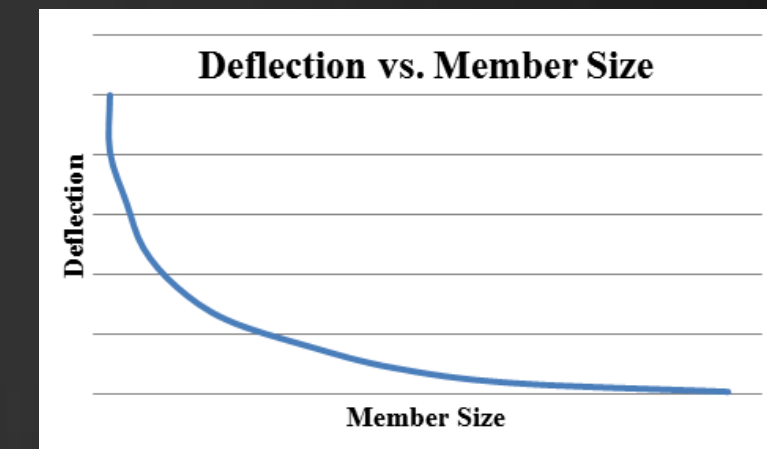
As can be seen from image, the chord members stressed beyond capacity

## Full Building Model and Results



For Res Tower II, the staggered truss system is not an efficient system to resist lateral loads

Exponential relationship between stiffness and deflections



## New Lateral Loads

| North South (X-Direction, Etabs) |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Floor                            | Force (k)      |
| 1                                | 24.22          |
| 2                                | 48.61          |
| 3                                | 40.96          |
| 4                                | 33.74          |
| 5                                | 34.81          |
| 6                                | 35.70          |
| 7                                | 36.51          |
| 8                                | 37.30          |
| 9                                | 37.97          |
| 10                               | 38.47          |
| 11                               | 38.93          |
| 12                               | 39.44          |
| 13                               | 39.94          |
| 14                               | 40.43          |
| 15                               | 40.81          |
| 16                               | 41.13          |
| 17                               | 41.49          |
| 18                               | 41.89          |
| 19                               | 42.23          |
| 20                               | 42.53          |
| 21                               | 45.91          |
| 22                               | 43.72          |
| 23                               | 38.41          |
| 24                               | 38.61          |
| 25                               | 46.58          |
| 26                               | 58.54          |
| 27                               | 58.90          |
| ROOF                             | 27.76          |
| <b>BASE</b>                      | <b>1135.55</b> |

| East West (Y-Direction, Etabs) |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
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| ROOF                           | 45.09          |
| <b>BASE</b>                    | <b>2227.72</b> |

H/400 = 8.76" at 26<sup>th</sup> floor  
= 5.94" at 19<sup>th</sup> floor

Designed using Load Case  
D + 0.5L + 0.7W  
(ASCE7-05 CC1.2)  
-Appendix Slide

| Seismic Design Criteria |         |                        |          |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|
| S <sub>DS</sub> =       | 0.40615 | T <sub>model-x</sub> = | 2.1424 s |
| S <sub>D1</sub> =       | 0.2263  | T <sub>model-y</sub> = | 1.7839 s |
| R =                     | 3.25    | C <sub>u</sub> =       | 1.474    |
| I =                     | 1.25    | T <sub>a</sub> =       | 0.701    |
| T =                     | 1.033 s | C <sub>s</sub> =       | 0.1367   |

Story Drift Limit (ASCE Table 12.2-1)  
Δ<sub>a</sub> = 1.80" for 10 ft Floor-to-Floor  
2.88" for 16 ft Floor-to-Floor

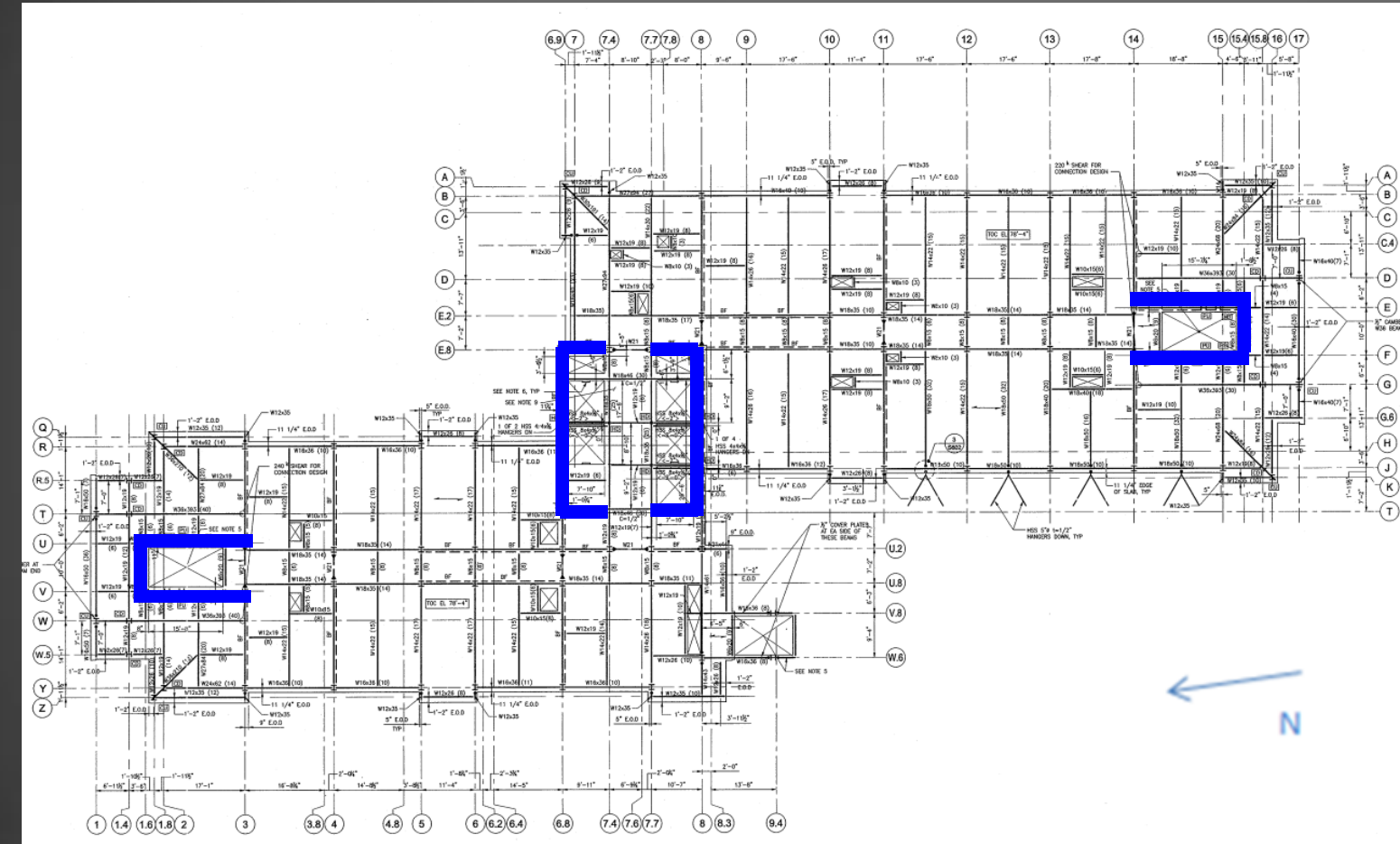
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| 8           | 43          |
| 9           | 51          |
| 10          | 59          |
| 11          | 67          |
| 12          | 76          |
| 13          | 84          |
| 14          | 93          |
| 15          | 102         |
| 16          | 121         |
| 17          | 131         |
| 18          | 140         |
| 19          | 150         |
| 20          | 160         |
| 21          | 85          |
| 22          | 91          |
| 23          | 96          |
| 24          | 101         |
| 25          | 106         |
| 26          | 114         |
| 27          | 125         |
| ROOF        | 133         |
| <b>BASE</b> | <b>2350</b> |

# Most Efficient Lateral Design

## Floor Plan

## Process

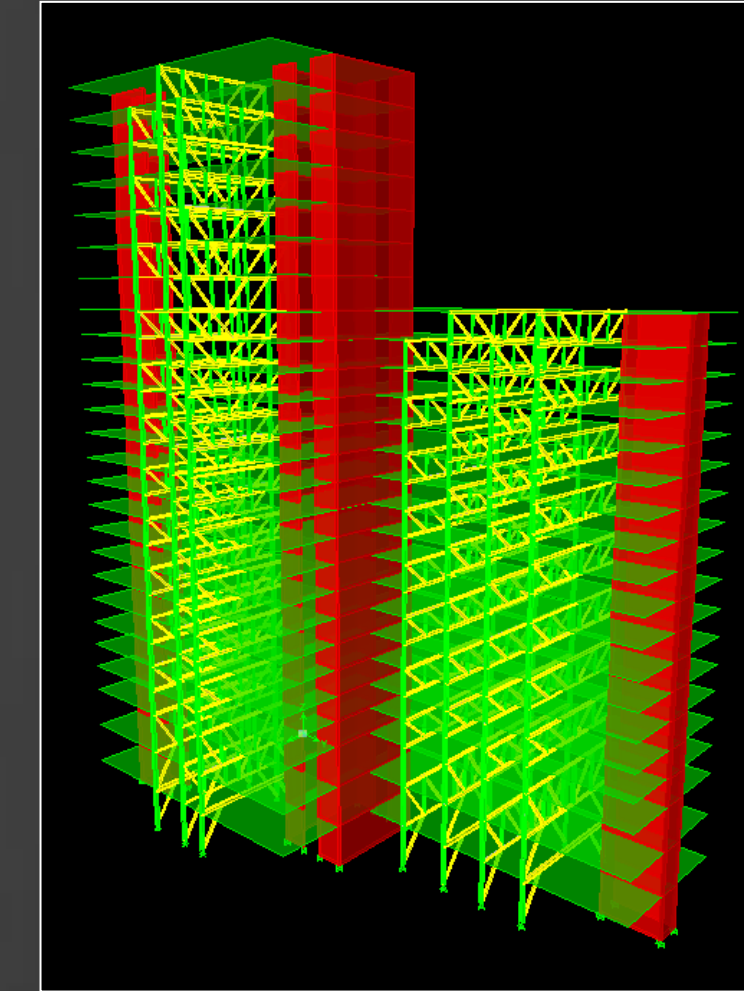
## Model



Shear Wall Locations Highlighted

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1. 24" shear walls were added around the vertical circulation spaces at the central core and north and south stairwells

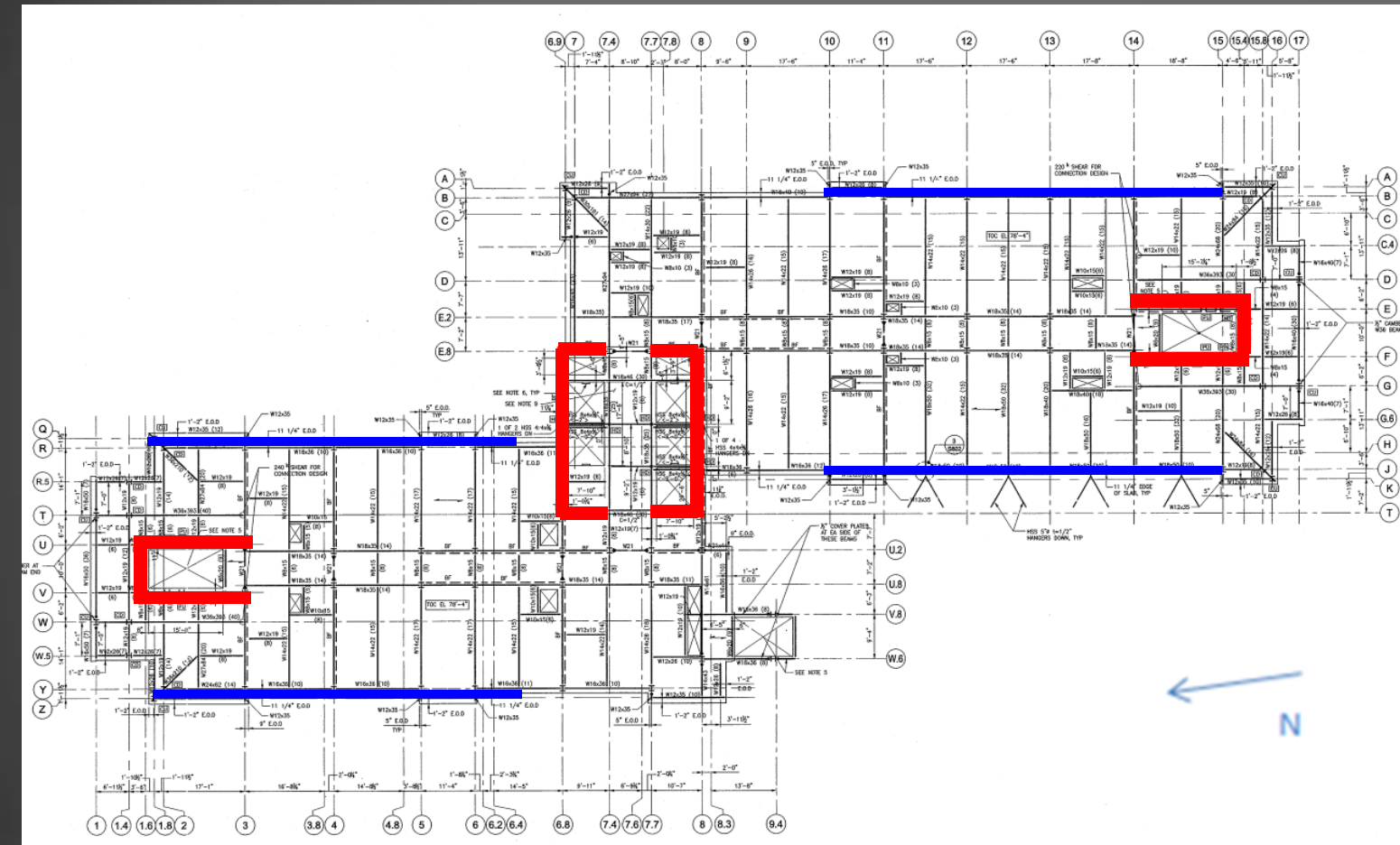


## Most Efficient Design

### Floor Plan

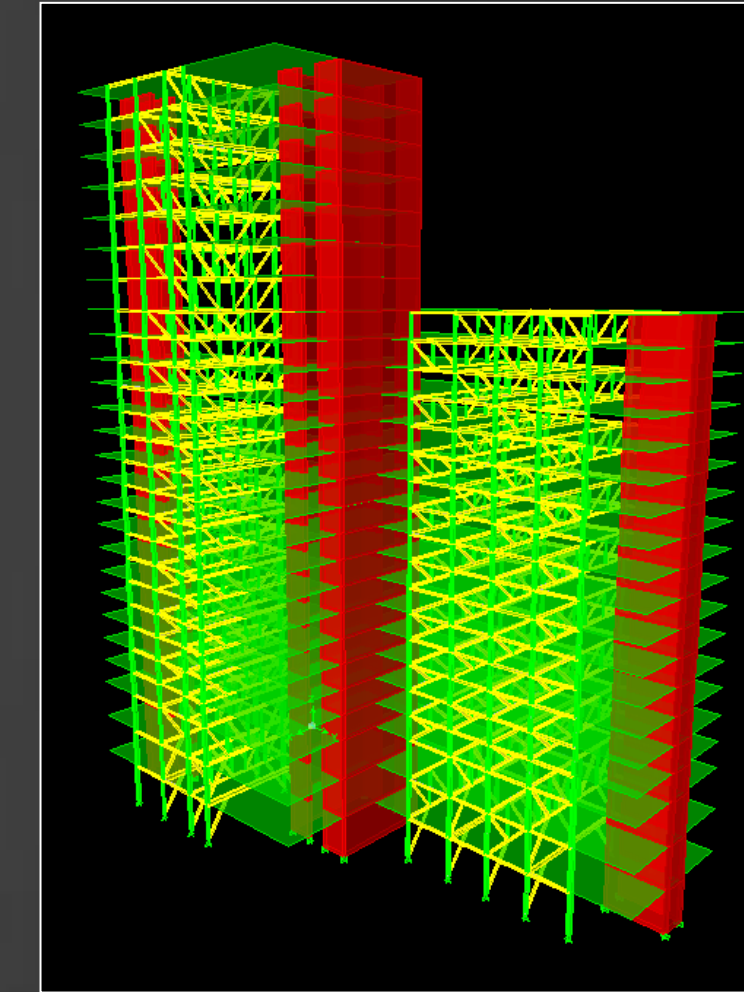
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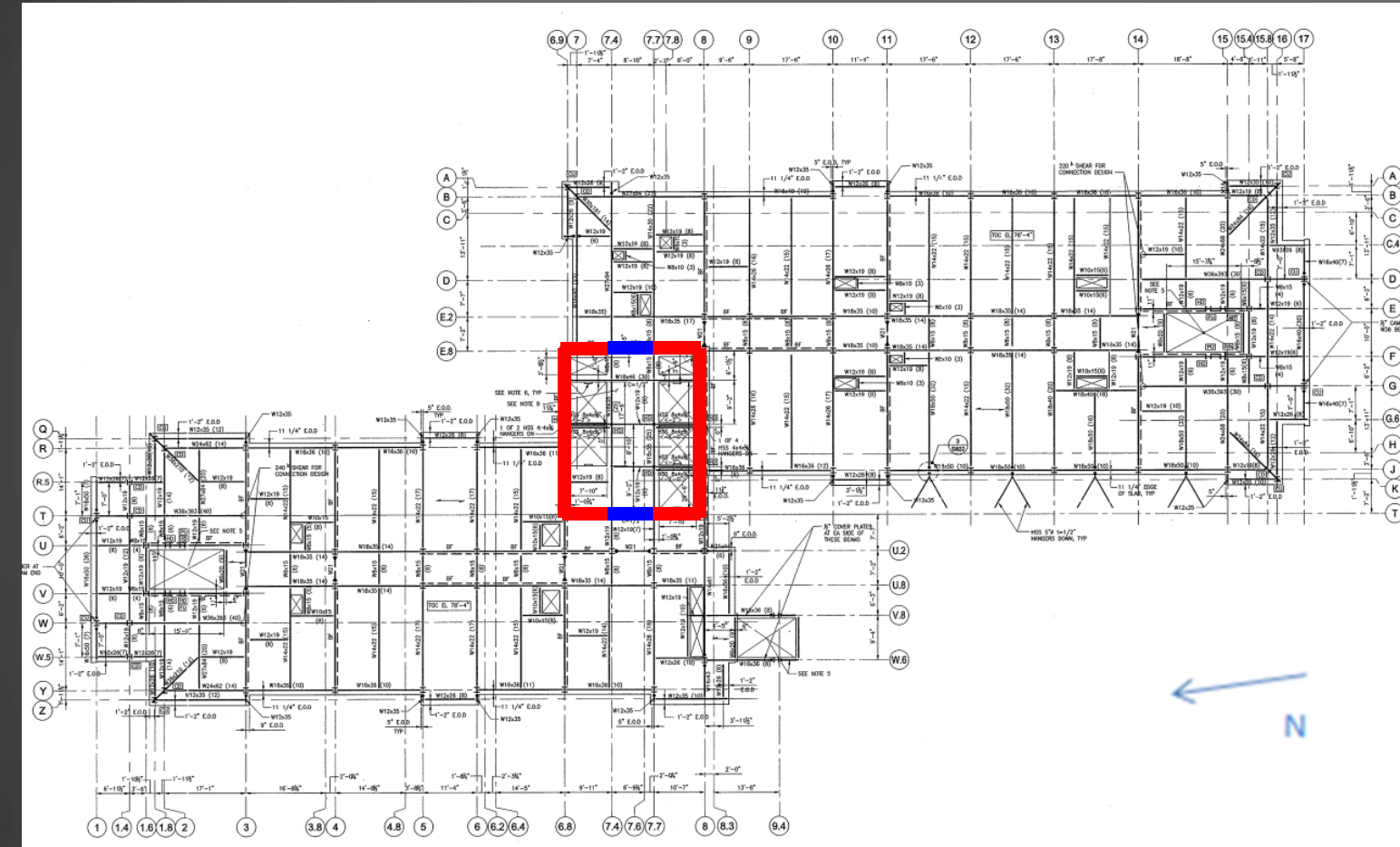


Shear Wall and Moment Frame Locations Highlighted



## Most Efficient Design

### Plan



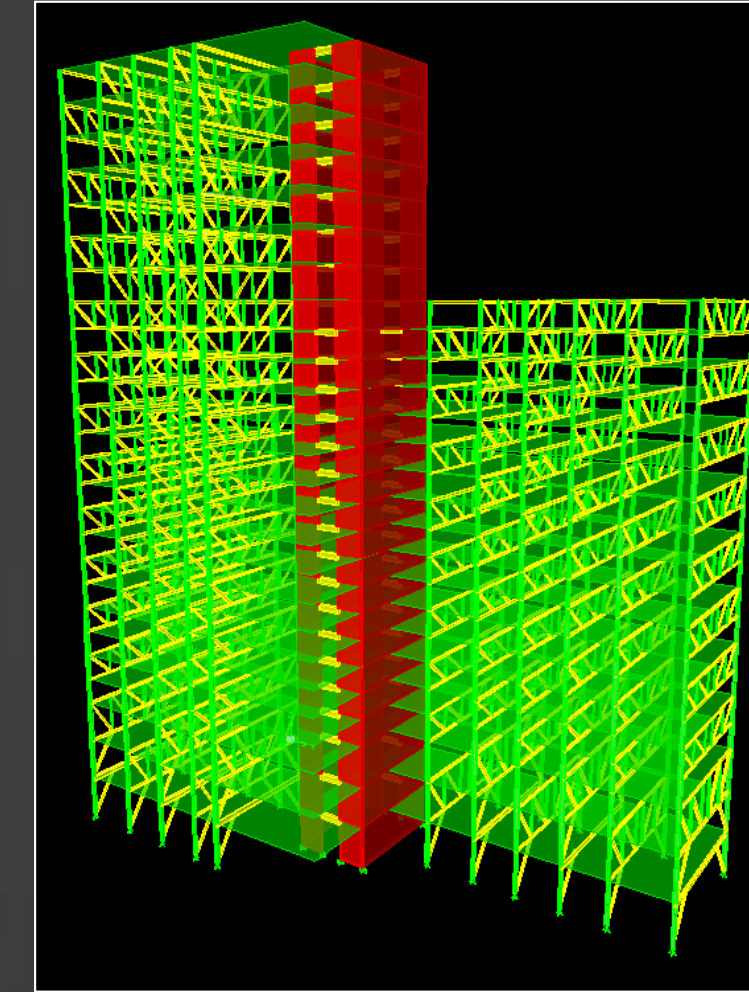
Coupling Beam Locations Highlighted

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3. Moment frames were removed from the system as well as the north and south shear wall

### Model



## Staggered Truss System Summary

### Gravity

W10x33 Continuous Top and Bottom Chord Members

HSS10x5x5/56 Diagonal and Vertical Web Members

Columns ranging in size from W12x279 to W12x79 with splices at every 4<sup>th</sup> floor

14K4 Joists span from Truss to Truss

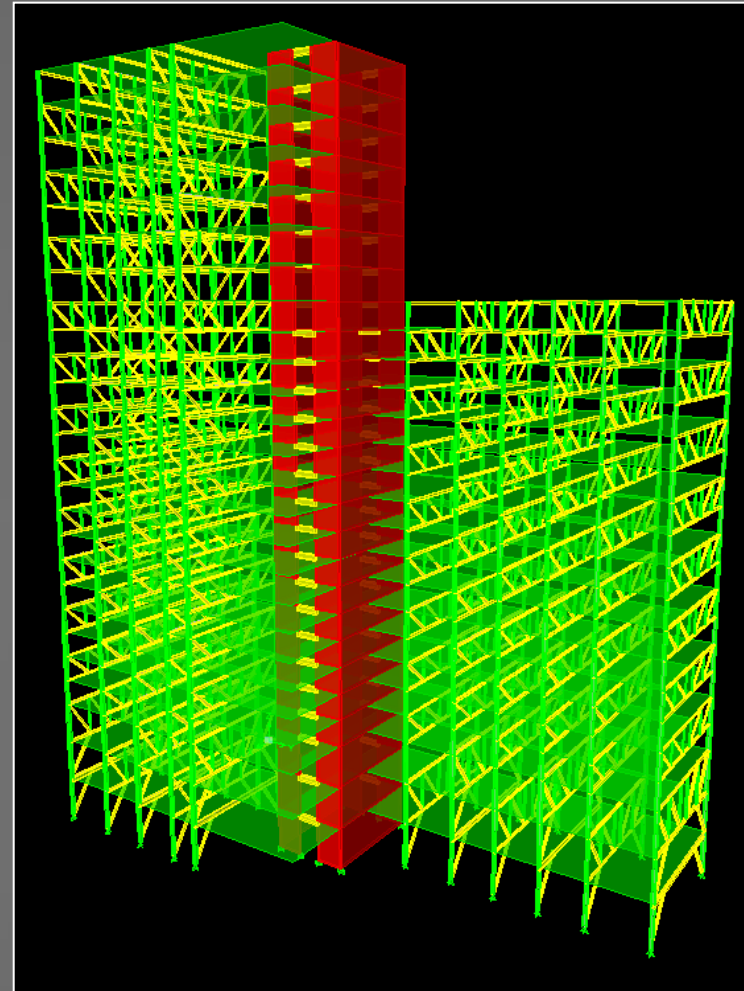
3" 18 gage decking with 3 1/4" LW topping spans from Joist to Joist

### Lateral

16" Shear Walls with 16"x24" Coupling Beams located at Central Core (Vertical Circulation Area)

Stiffness from Staggered Truss System

Drift values in appendix slide



Model A: 16" shear walls with coupling beams and staggered truss system

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## Architectural Breadth

### Areas of Concern

Meeting area/observatory on 26<sup>th</sup> floor

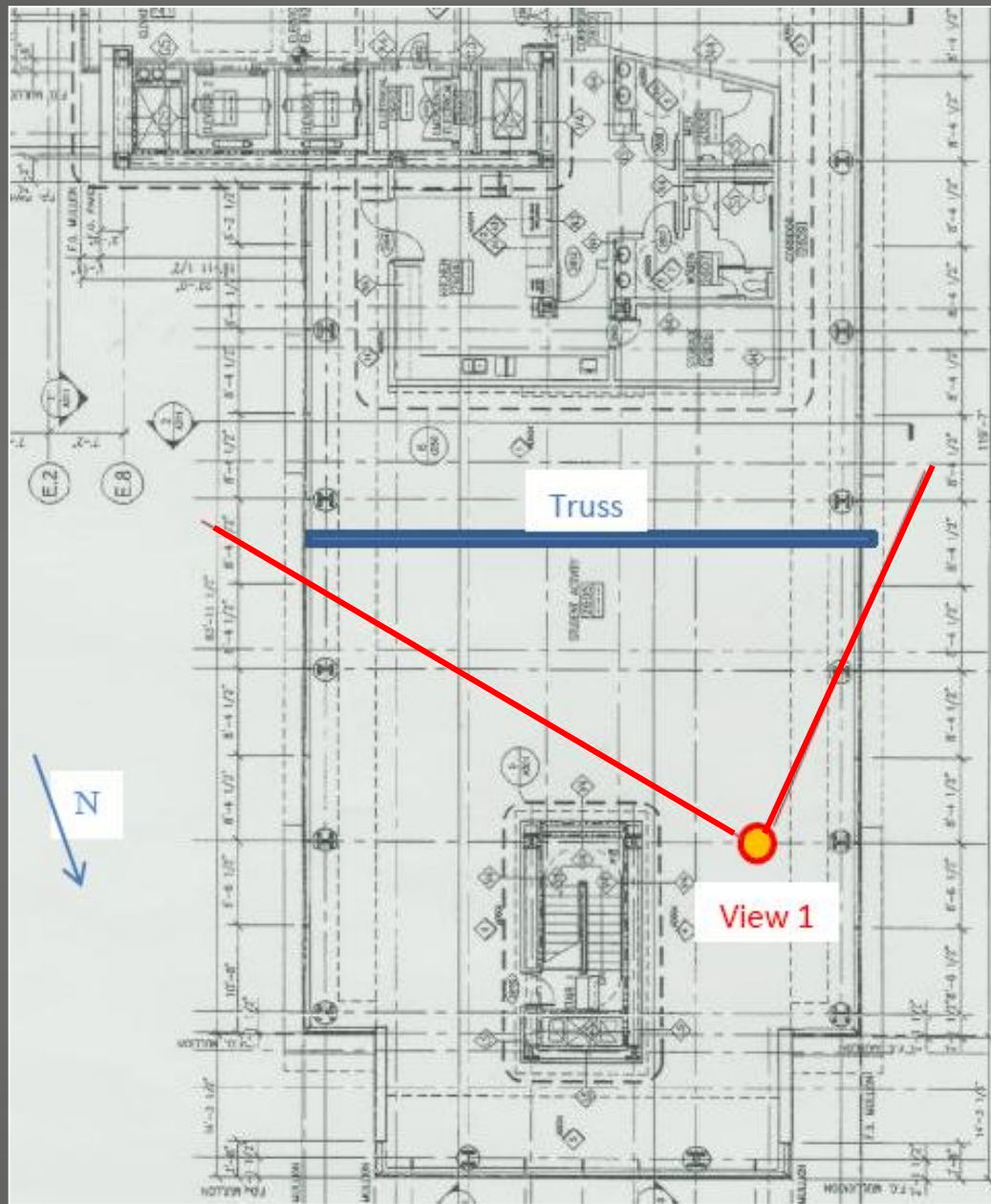
Main Lobby

Large study area on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



Renderings:  
compliments of Cannon Design  
Special thanks to Claire Kuehnel for photos

# 26<sup>th</sup> floor Meeting Area/Observatory

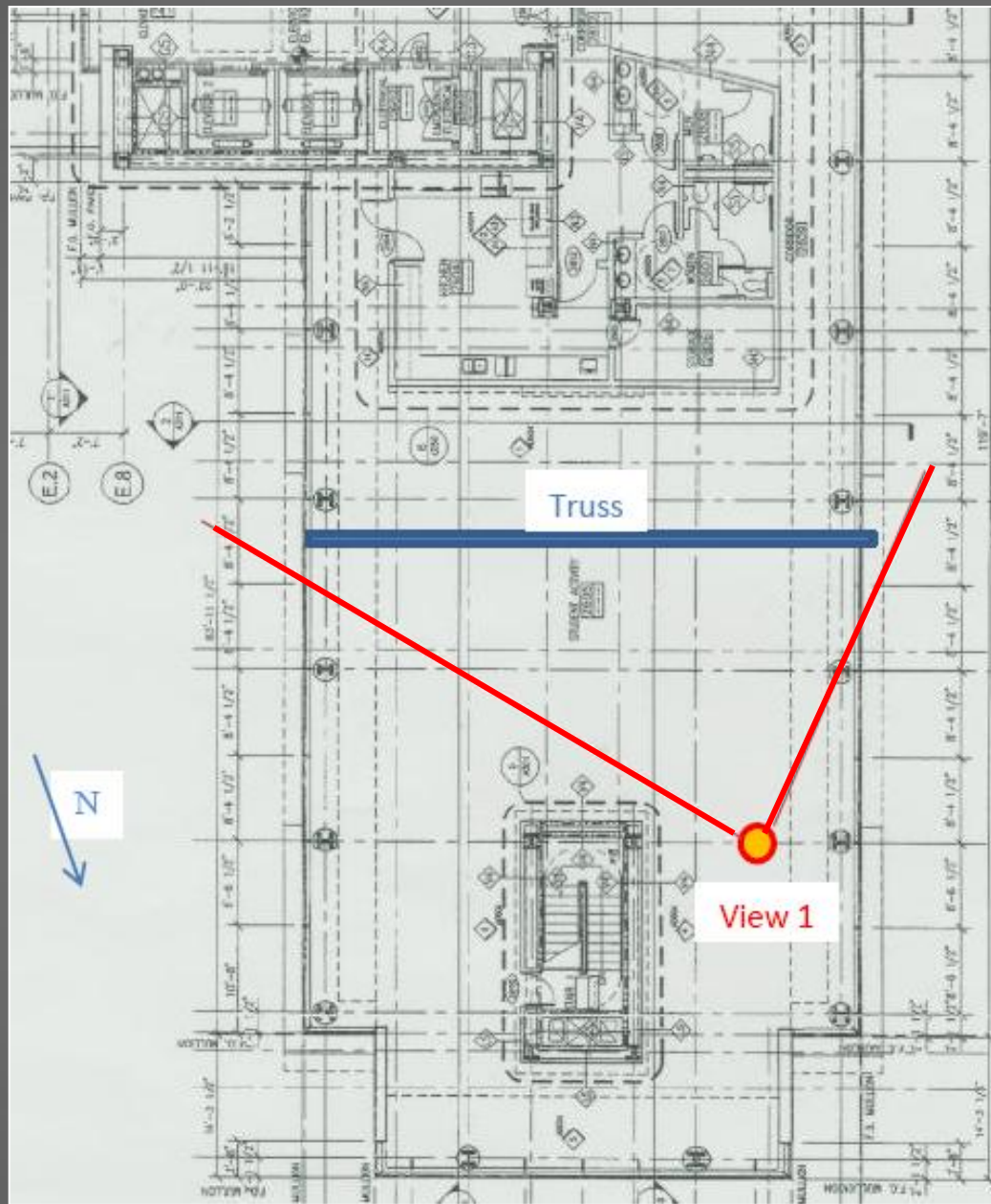


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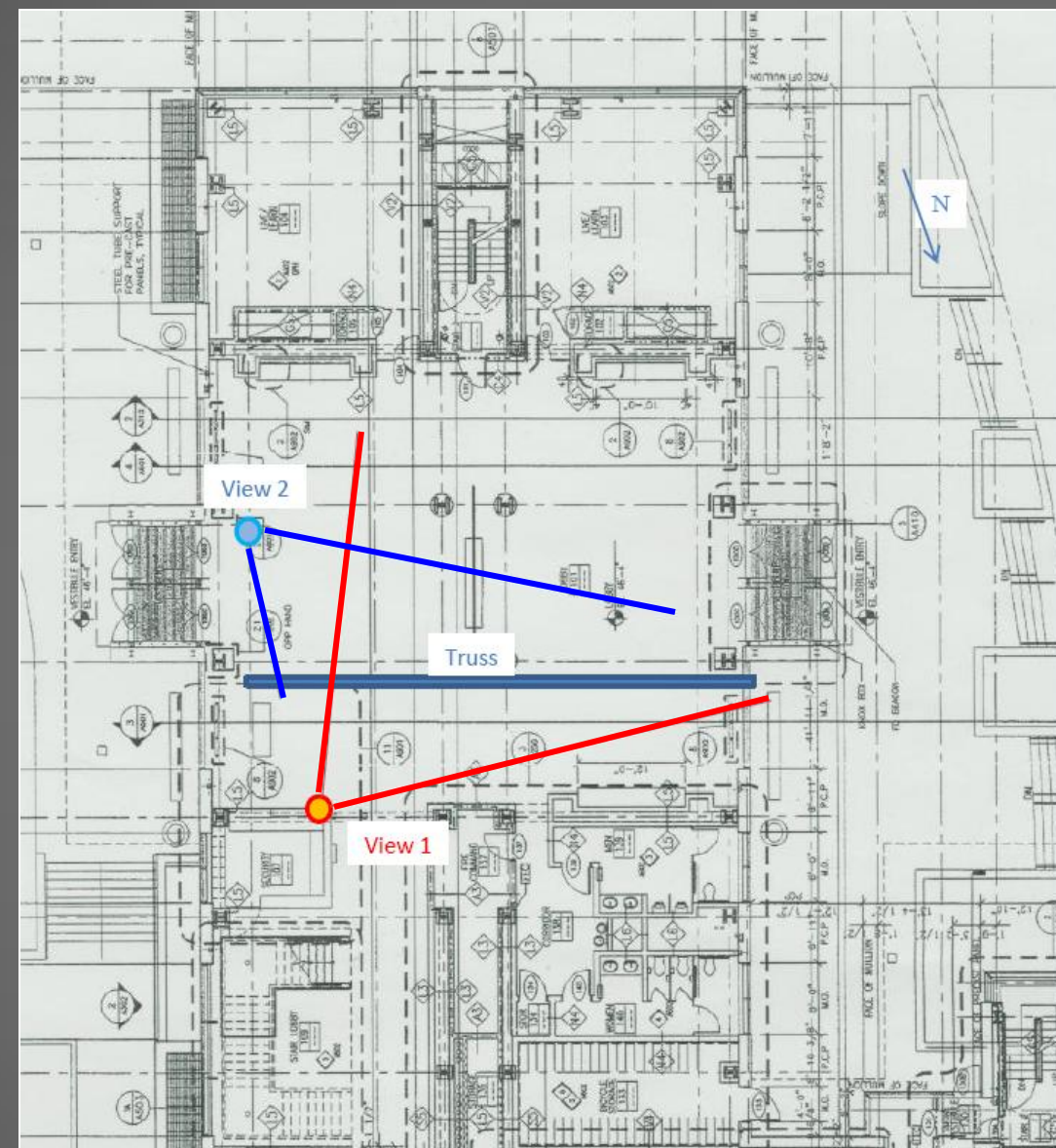


With Truss

# 26<sup>th</sup> floor Meeting Area/Observatory



# Main lobby on First Floor



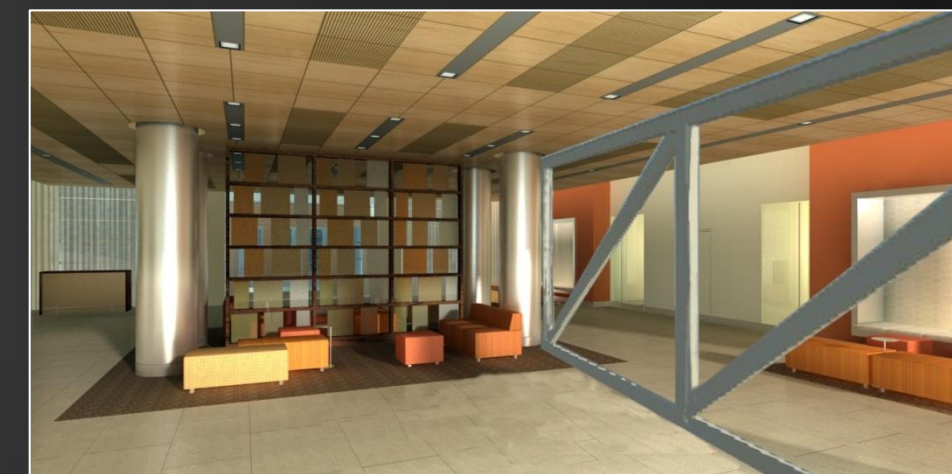
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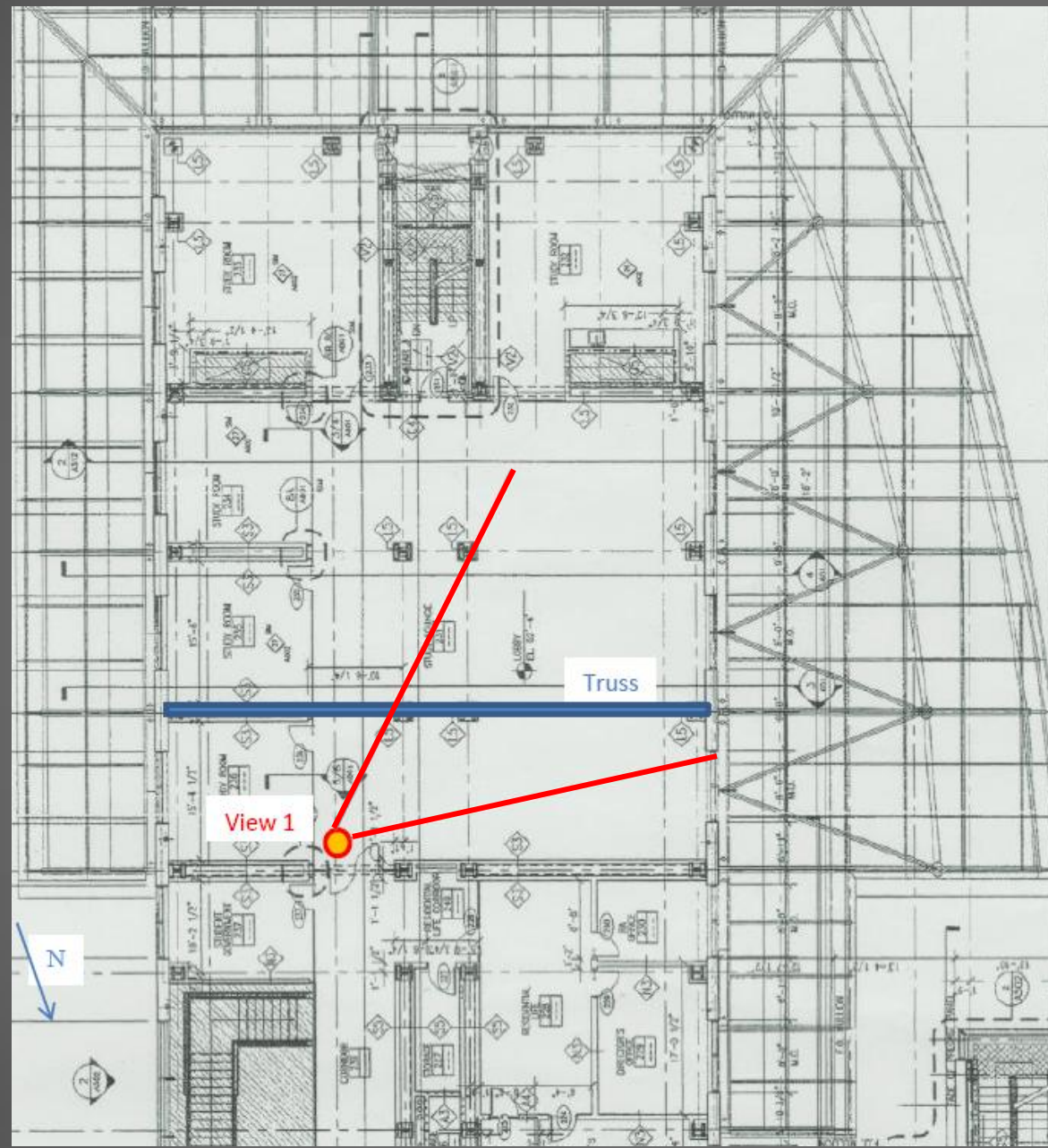


View 2



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## Large Study on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



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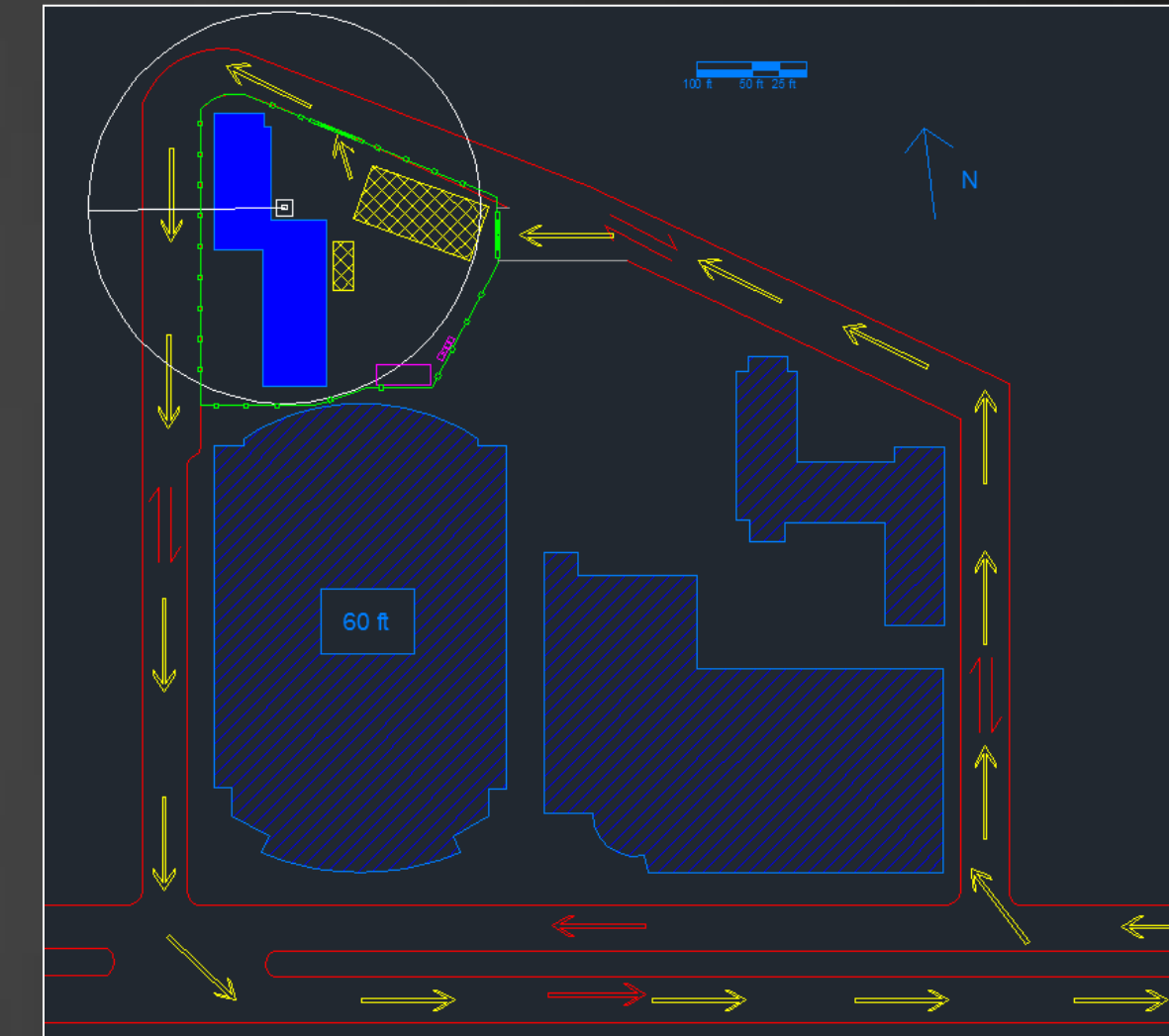
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## Construction Management Breadth

### Site Logistics

- Schematic plan of site before construction to evaluate surrounding environment
- Delivery routes and onsite storage locations determined
- Crane selection



Site Logistics Plan



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## Construction Management Breadth

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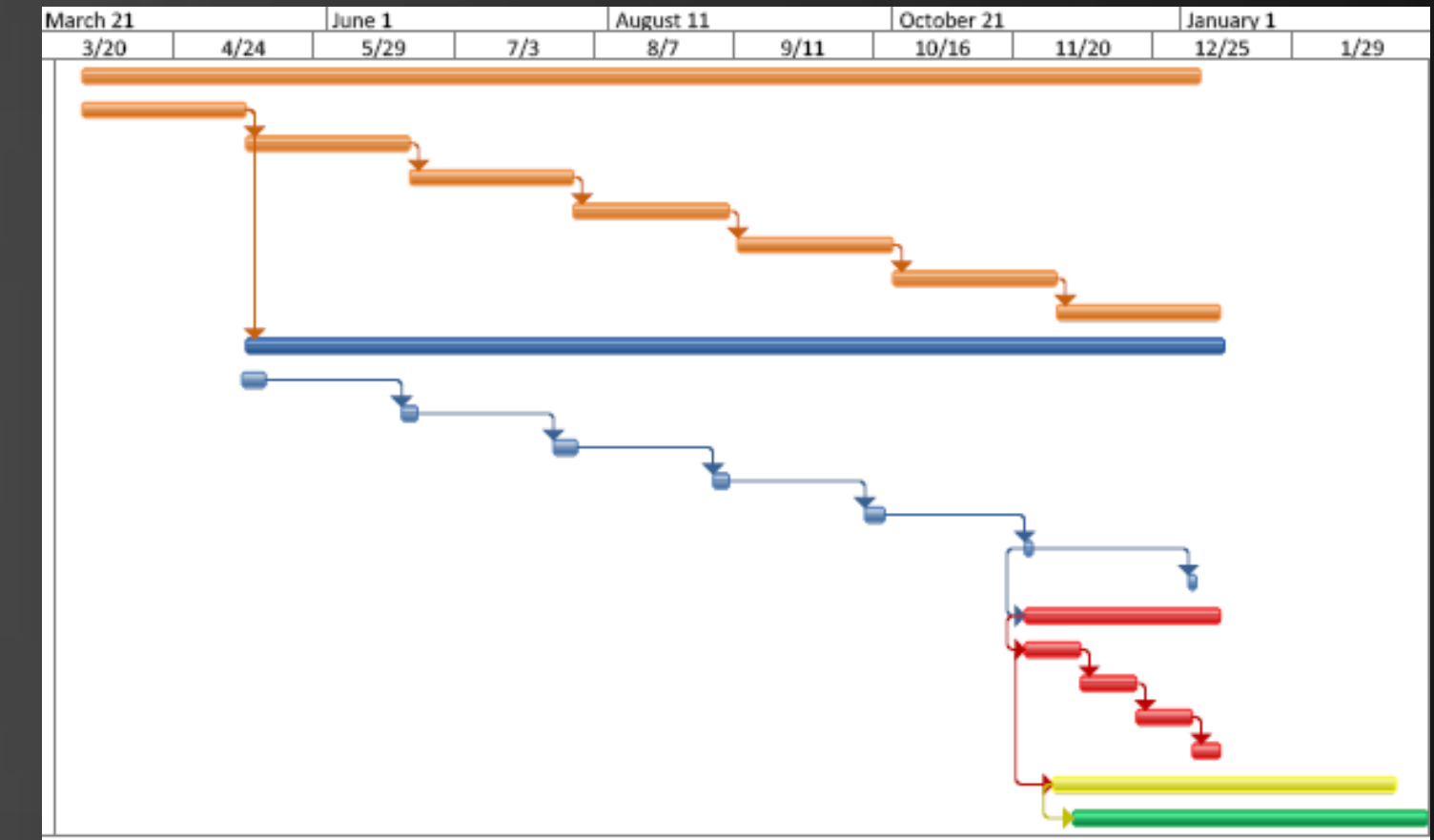
Schematic plan of site before construction to evaluate surrounding environment  
Delivery routes and onsite storage locations determined  
Crane selection

### Construction Schedule

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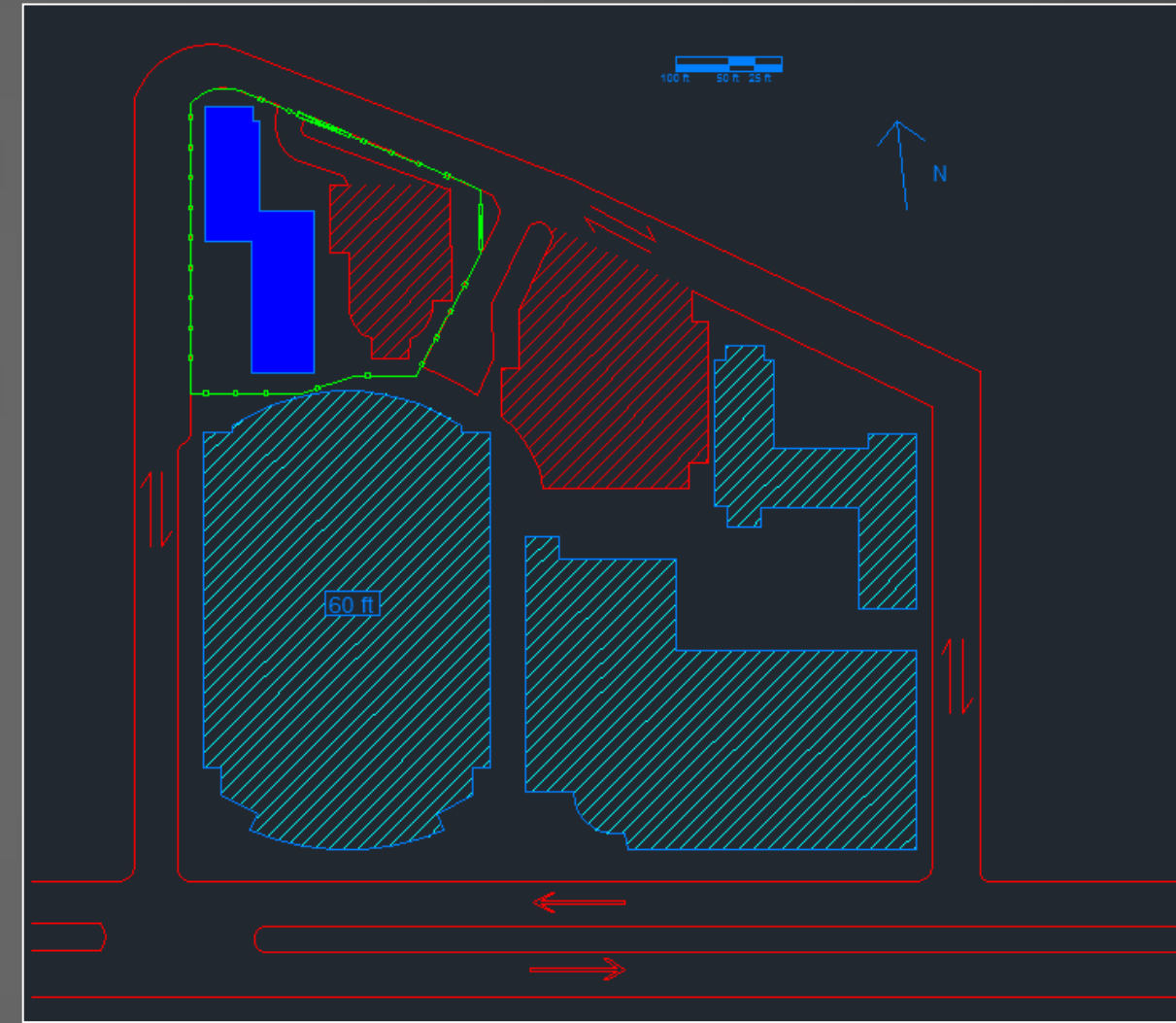
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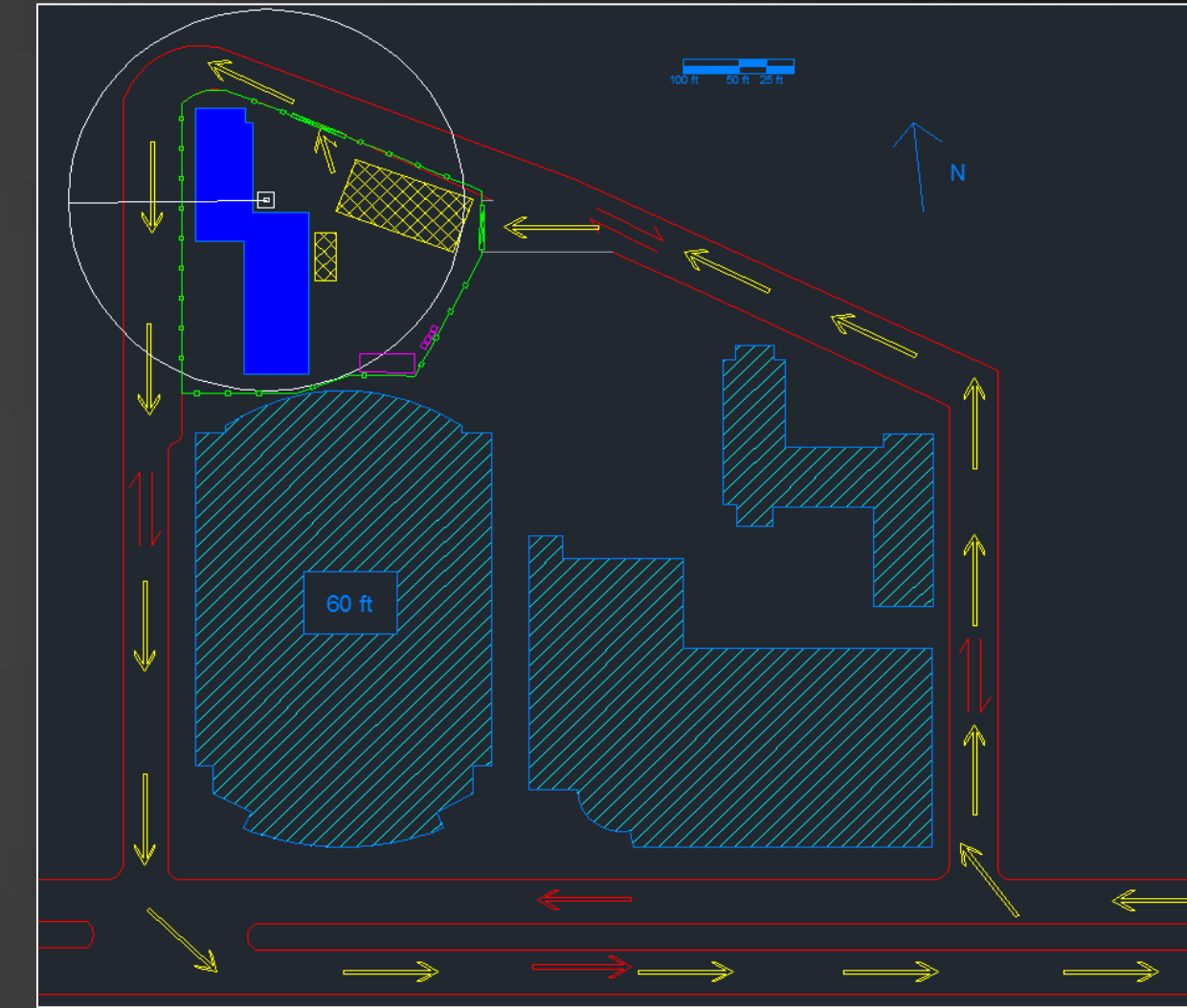
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-  Public two way road
-  Fencing and Gates
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Symbol Key



Existing Conditions with fence

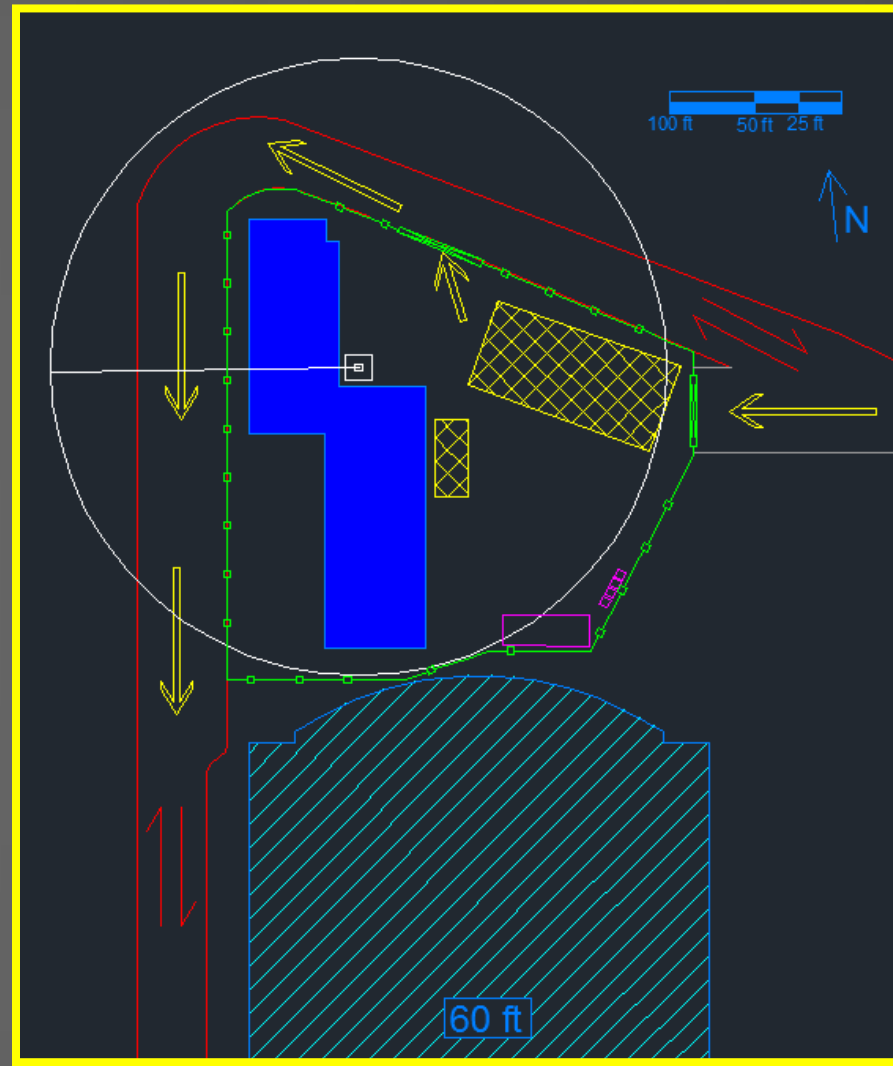


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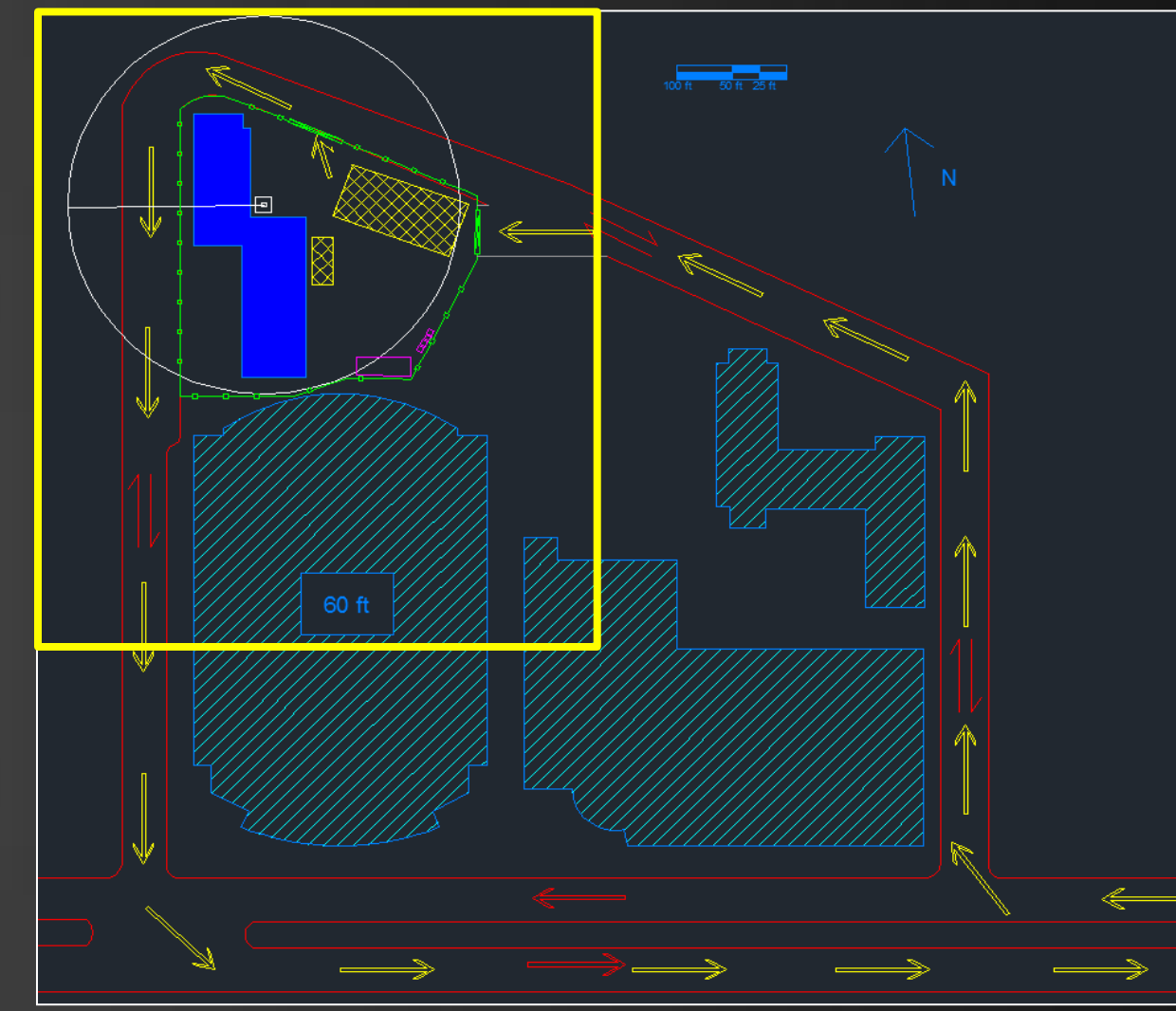
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## Conclusions

### Staggered Truss System

Staggered truss system successfully designed and efficiently implemented for Res Tower II.

Not a practical way to resist lateral loads for this particular structure.

Coupled shear walls added to central vertical circulation space to increase stiffness

### Impact on Other Disciplines

#### Architectural

This system allows for very open floor plans because no interior load carrying elements are required (columns, bearing walls)

A good deal of coordination is required between the architect and structural designer to take full advantage of this system's qualities (proven in architectural breath study)

#### Construction Management

A staggered truss system requires lead time to allow for prefabrication of trusses

Due to the scale of trusses a detailed site logistics plan and construction schedule must be maintained to avoid delayed construction

## Impact on Other Disciplines

### Mechanical/Electical

The staggered truss system offers an increased plenum space because the structure does not need to be as deep as typical composite steel framing

Because gaps and openings exist within the structure itself, on site adjustments and inter-disciplinary coordination can allow ductwork or wiring to be done through these openings

### Lighting

The staggered truss system allows for an increase in daylighting capabilities by pulling the structure away from the exterior of the building

Without the need for interior walls daylight is allowed to penetrate deeper into the space.

Exposing the trusses in public spaces would provide an opportunity for creative lighting schemes or for the creation of a display space

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## ASCE 7-05 CC. 1.2

**CC.1.2 Drift of Walls and Frames.** Drifts (lateral deflections) of concern in serviceability checking arise primarily from the effects of wind. Drift limits in common usage for building design are on the order of 1/600 to 1/400 of the building or story height [Ref. CC-7]. These limits generally are sufficient to minimize damage to cladding and nonstructural walls and partitions. Smaller drift limits may be appropriate if the cladding is brittle. An absolute limit on interstory drift may also need to be imposed in light of evidence that damage to non-structural partitions, cladding and glazing may occur if the interstory drift exceeds about 10 mm (3/8 in.) unless special detailing practices are made to tolerate movement [Refs. CC-6, CC-8]. Many components can accept deformations that are significantly larger.

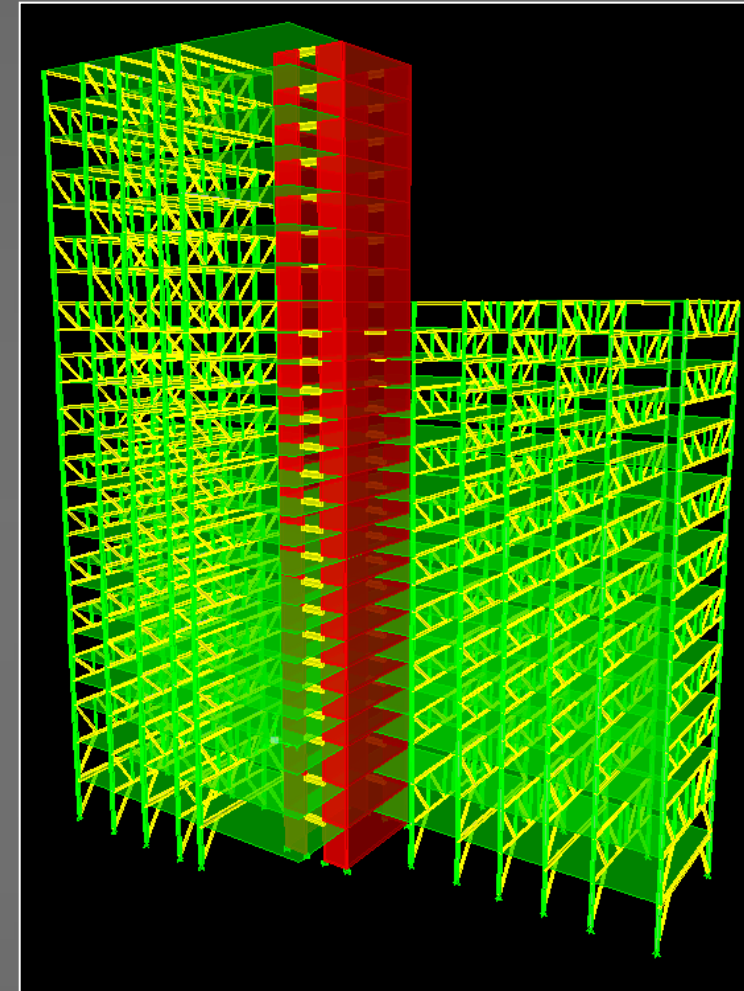
Use of the factored wind load in checking serviceability is excessively conservative. The load combination with an annual probability of 0.05 of being exceeded, which can be used for checking short-term effects, is

$$D + 0.5L + 0.7W \quad (CC-3)$$

obtained using a procedure similar to that used to derive Eqs. CC-1a and CC-1b. Wind load,  $W$ , is defined in Chapter 6. Due to its transient nature, wind load need not be considered in analyzing the effects of creep or other long-term actions.

Deformation limits should apply to the structural assembly as a whole. The stiffening effect of nonstructural walls and partitions may be taken into account in the analysis of drift if substantiating information regarding their effect is available. Where load cycling occurs, consideration should be given to the possibility that increases in residual deformations may lead to incremental structural collapse.

## Lateral Deflections



Model A: 16" shear walls with coupling beams and staggered truss system

| Story | Seismic X |                       |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
|       | UX (in)   | Interstory Drift (in) |
| 26    | 7.2889    | 0.3945                |
| 25    | 6.8944    | 0.393                 |
| 24    | 6.5014    | 0.393                 |
| 23    | 6.1084    | 0.3925                |
| 22    | 5.7159    | 0.3915                |
| 21    | 5.3244    | 0.3896                |
| 20    | 4.9348    | 0.3868                |
| 19    | 4.548     | 0.3188                |
| 18    | 4.2292    | 0.3167                |
| 17    | 3.9125    | 0.3131                |
| 16    | 3.5994    | 0.3086                |
| 15    | 3.2908    | 0.303                 |
| 14    | 2.9878    | 0.2963                |
| 13    | 2.6915    | 0.2885                |
| 12    | 2.403     | 0.2794                |
| 11    | 2.1236    | 0.2689                |
| 10    | 1.8547    | 0.2571                |
| 9     | 1.5976    | 0.2437                |
| 8     | 1.3539    | 0.2288                |
| 7     | 1.1251    | 0.2124                |
| 6     | 0.9127    | 0.1943                |
| 5     | 0.7184    | 0.1746                |
| 4     | 0.5438    | 0.1531                |
| 3     | 0.3907    | 0.196                 |
| 2     | 0.1947    | 0.1296                |
| 1     | 0.0651    | 0.0651                |

| Story | Seismic Y |                       |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
|       | UY (in)   | Interstory Drift (in) |
| 26    | 16.5868   | 0.6187                |
| 25    | 15.9681   | 0.6305                |
| 24    | 15.3376   | 0.6453                |
| 23    | 14.6923   | 0.6623                |
| 22    | 14.03     | 0.6805                |
| 21    | 13.3495   | 0.6983                |
| 20    | 12.6512   | 0.7152                |
| 19    | 11.936    | 0.6069                |
| 18    | 11.3291   | 0.6205                |
| 17    | 10.7086   | 0.6346                |
| 16    | 10.074    | 0.648                 |
| 15    | 9.426     | 0.6596                |
| 14    | 8.7664    | 0.6692                |
| 13    | 8.0972    | 0.6755                |
| 12    | 7.4217    | 0.6789                |
| 11    | 6.7428    | 0.6788                |
| 10    | 6.064     | 0.6751                |
| 9     | 5.3889    | 0.6674                |
| 8     | 4.7215    | 0.6554                |
| 7     | 4.0661    | 0.6389                |
| 6     | 3.4272    | 0.617                 |
| 5     | 2.8102    | 0.5894                |
| 4     | 2.2208    | 0.5555                |
| 3     | 1.6653    | 0.7995                |
| 2     | 0.8658    | 0.5974                |
| 1     | 0.2684    | 0.2684                |

Story Drift Limit (ASCE Table 12.2-1)  
 $\Delta_a = 1.80''$  for 10 ft Floor-to-Floor  
 $2.88''$  for 16 ft Floor-to-Floor

$R = 3.25$  for Concentrically Braced  
 Frames  
 $R = 5$  for Reinforced Concrete Shear  
 Walls

| Story | Wind Y  |            |
|-------|---------|------------|
|       | UY (in) | H/400 (in) |
| 26    | 8.1914  | 8.76       |
| 25    | 7.9036  | 8.4        |
| 24    | 7.6097  | 8.04       |
| 23    | 7.3081  | 7.68       |
| 22    | 6.998   | 7.32       |
| 21    | 6.6793  | 6.96       |
| 20    | 6.3524  | 6.6        |
| 19    | 6.0179  | 6.24       |
| 18    | 5.7343  | 5.94       |
| 17    | 5.4449  | 5.64       |
| 16    | 5.1488  | 5.34       |
| 15    | 4.8458  | 5.04       |
| 14    | 4.536   | 4.74       |
| 13    | 4.2198  | 4.44       |
| 12    | 3.8978  | 4.14       |
| 11    | 3.5709  | 3.84       |
| 10    | 3.24    | 3.54       |
| 9     | 2.9065  | 3.24       |
| 8     | 2.5718  | 2.94       |
| 7     | 2.2377  | 2.64       |
| 6     | 1.9064  | 2.34       |
| 5     | 1.5804  | 2.04       |
| 4     | 1.263   | 1.74       |
| 3     | 0.9579  | 1.44       |
| 2     | 0.5077  | 0.96       |
| 1     | 0.1613  | 0.48       |



## Construction Schedule

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