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Structural Option

Seneca Allegany Casino  
Hotel Addition  
AE Senior Thesis 2013



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# Building Introduction

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Bing Maps

Casino  
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## Building Statistics

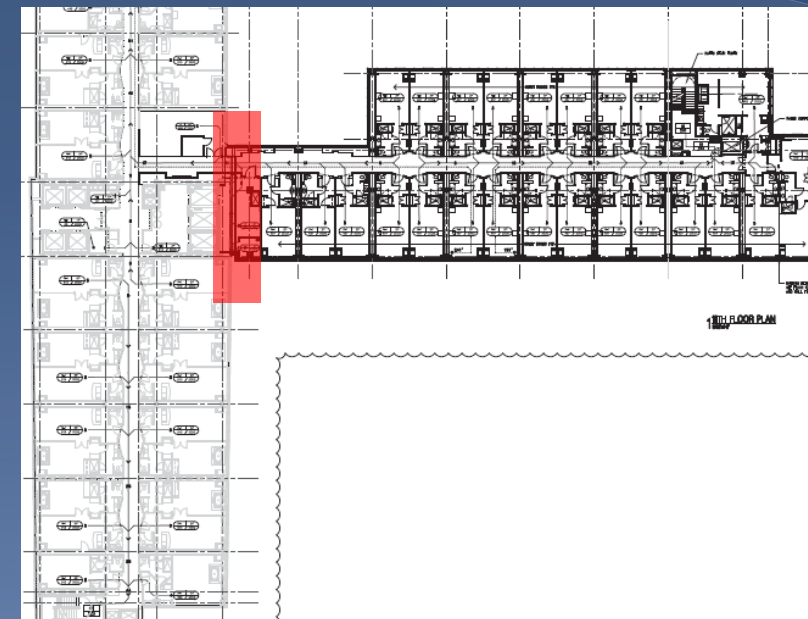
11 stories

153 feet tall

165,000 sq. ft. (~15,000 per floor)

200 hotel rooms

Ties into existing hotel tower with expansion joint



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## Project Team

*Owner:* Seneca Gaming Corporation

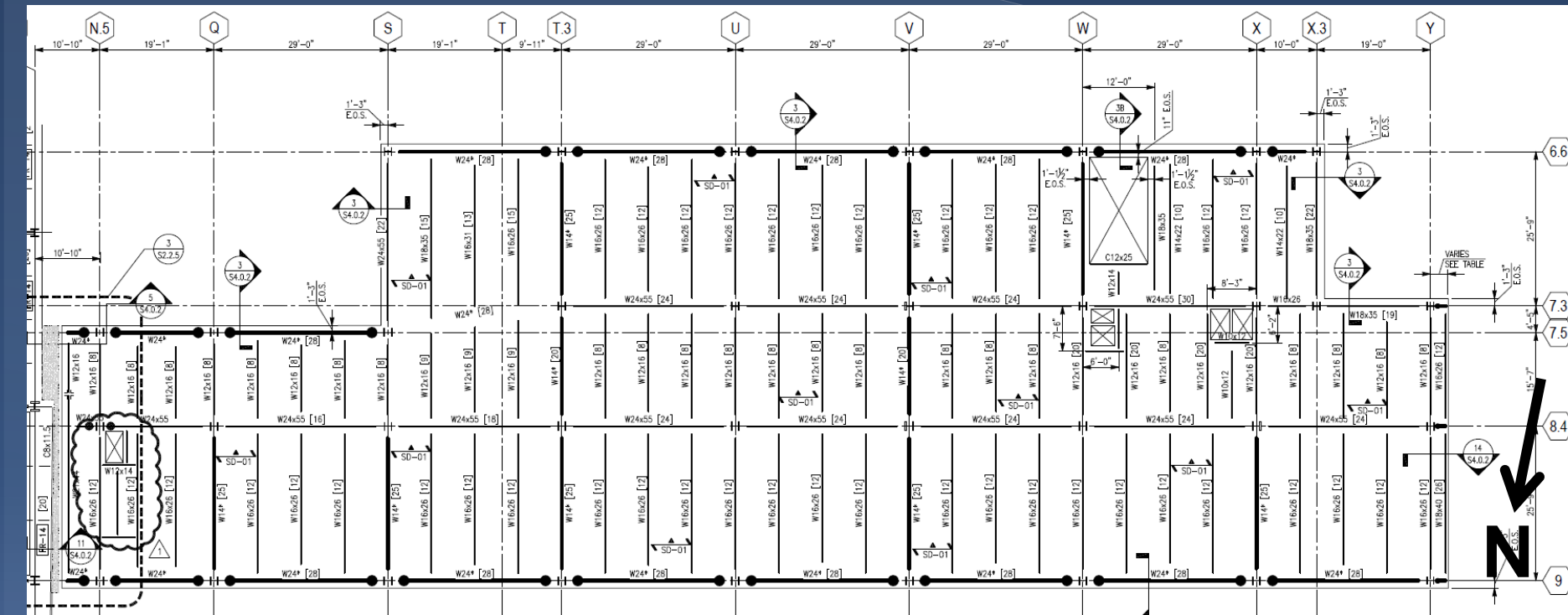
*Architect:* JCJ Architecture

*Structural & Civil Site:* Wendel

*MEP:* M/E Engineering P.C.

*CM:* Seneca Construction Management Corporation

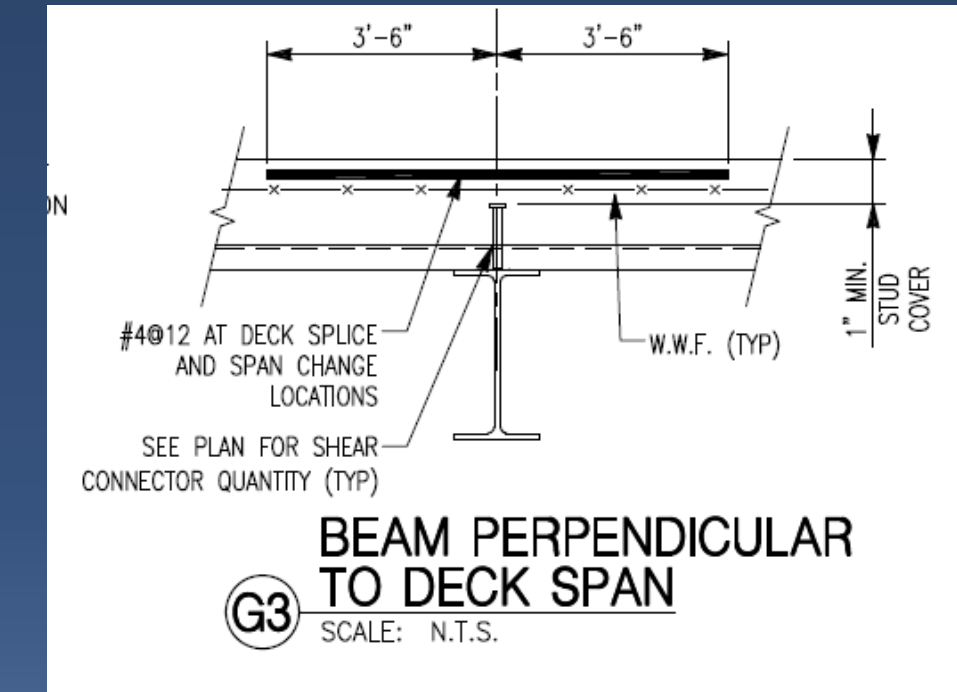
# Existing Structure



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## Typical Floor Plan (4<sup>th</sup> floor to roof)

- Composite metal deck
- 20 gauge
- Normal weight concrete,  $f'c$  3500 psi
- 6.5" total depth
- 6x6 welded wire reinforcement



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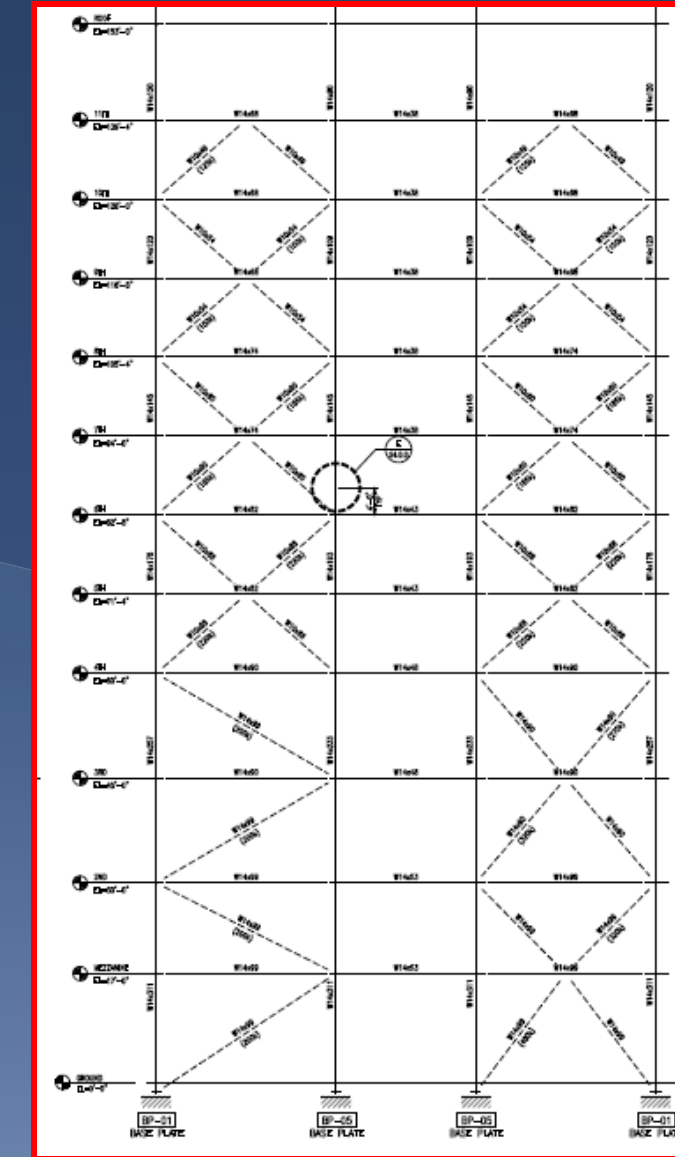
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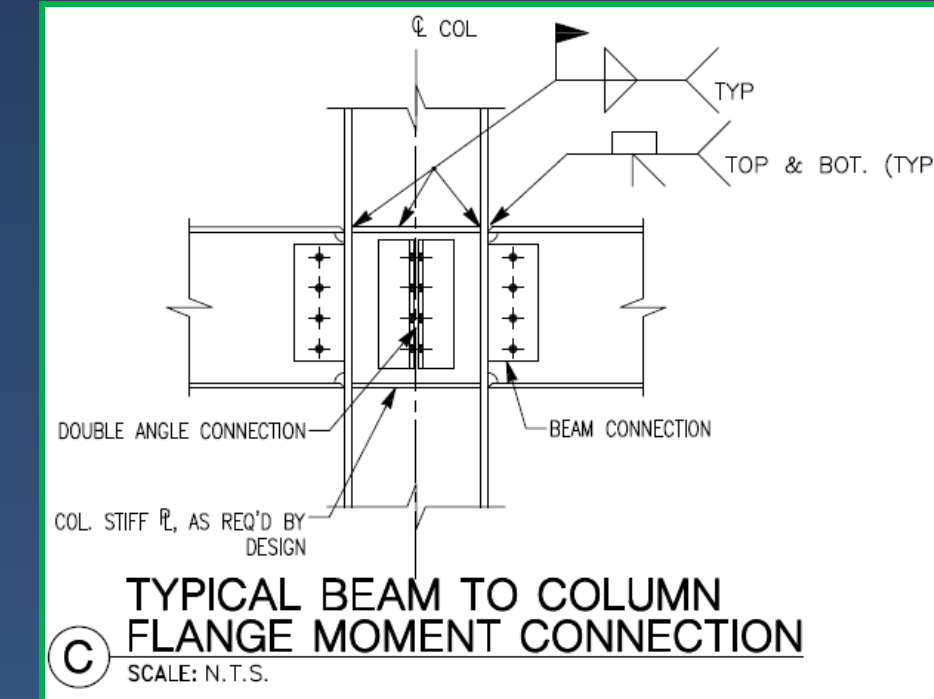
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Typical Floor Plan (4<sup>th</sup> floor to roof)

Braced frames N-S (red)  
Perimeter moment connections E-W (green)



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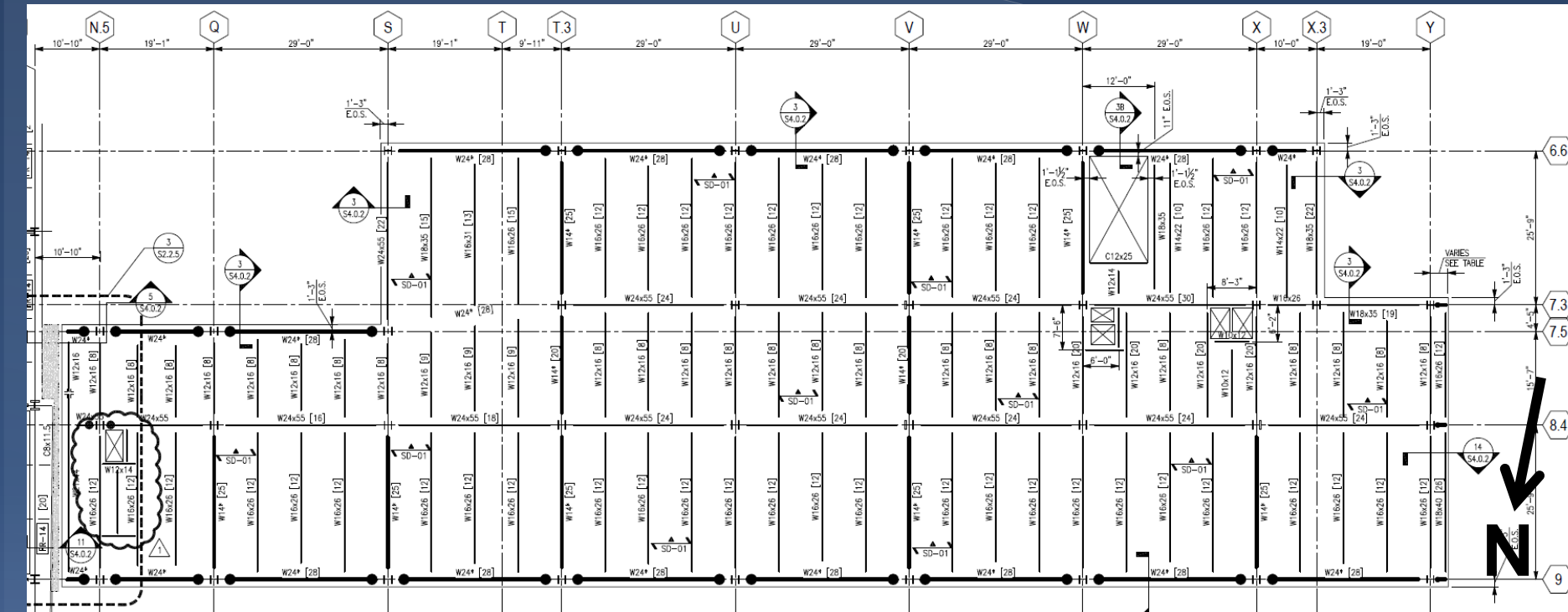


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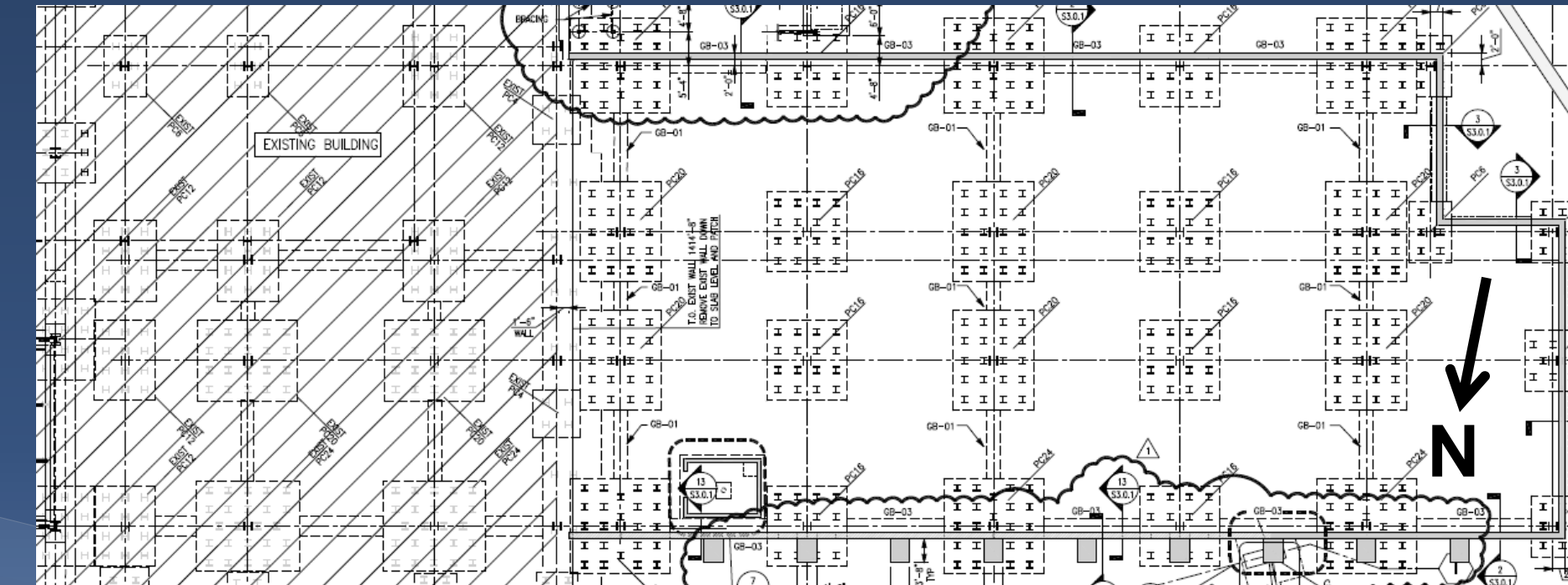
# Foundation

Steel piles driven to bedrock  
HP 12x53's, 200 kip capacity  
Varying pile cap sizes

Largest: 72" thick, #11 bars, 24 piles  
Smallest: 50" thick, #9 bars, 6 piles



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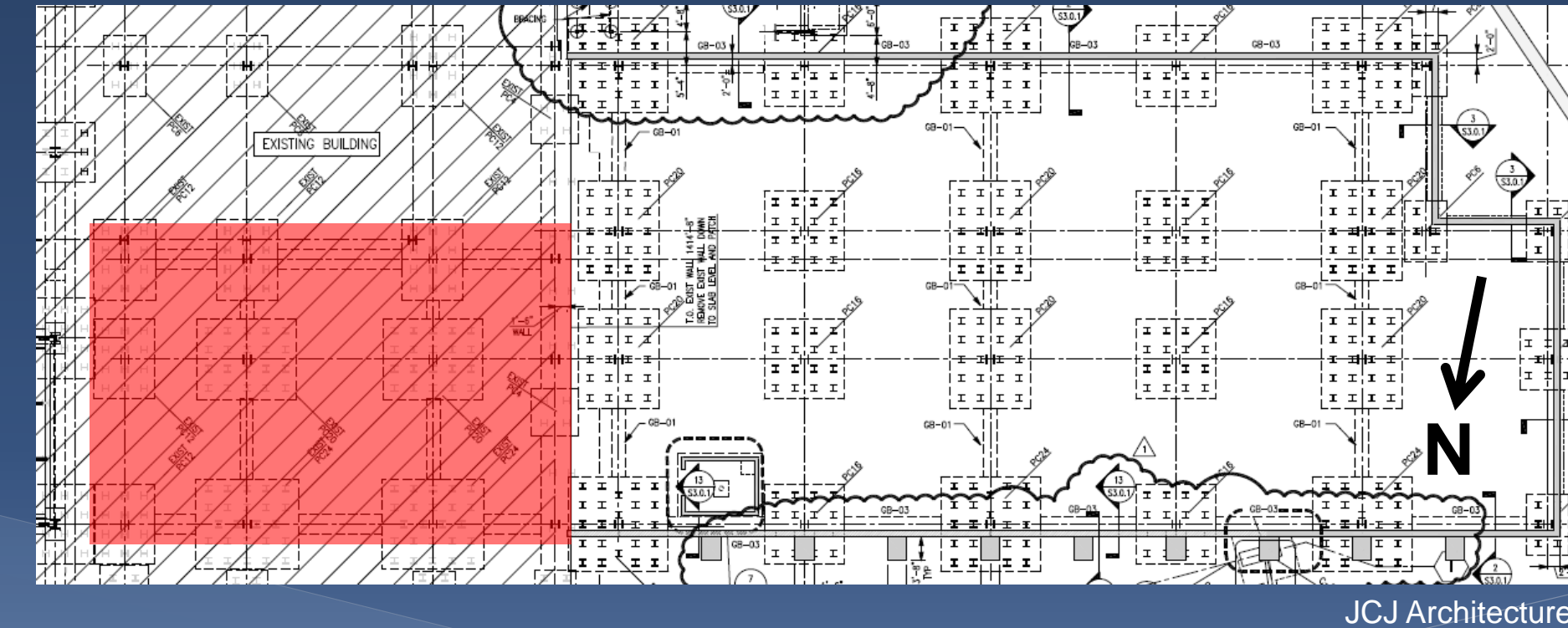
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Outlined in red, 4<sup>th</sup> floor and above rest on existing structure  
This area previously designed with new addition's load in mind



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## Structural

Design and implement a staggered truss system to act as the gravity and N-S lateral system

- Replace metal deck with hollow-core precast concrete planks
- Determine preliminary member sizes then check with computer model
- Adjust truss members

### Advantages

- Remove interior columns
- Repetitive floor plan
- Faster construction

### Potential Disadvantages

- Close coordination with other disciplines
- Fit with existing structure

## Architectural Study

Trusses spanning entire width of hotel addition could impact interior spaces, requiring a look at possible redesigns of hotel rooms or overall building geometry

## Construction Management Study

Converting to an almost completely prefabricated structural system would impact the construction process, requiring a study of the site logistics during the erection process.



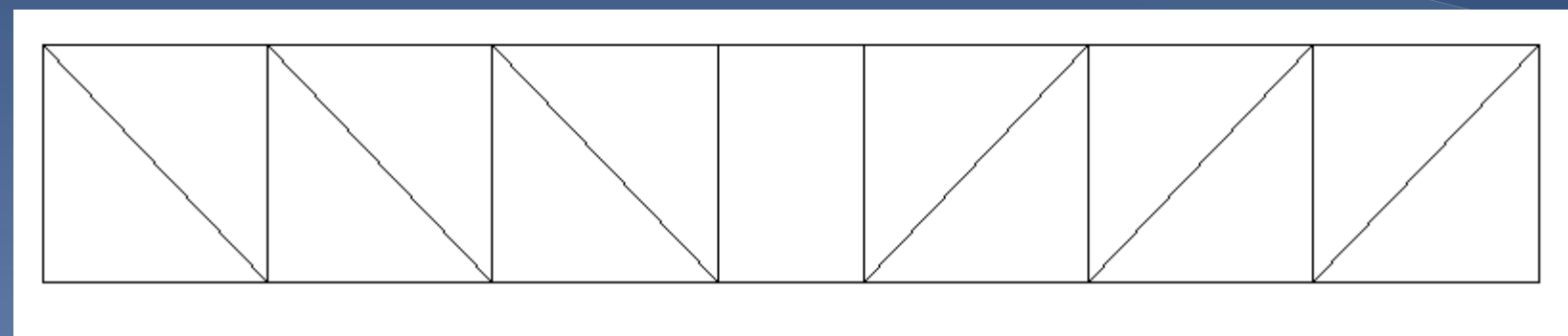
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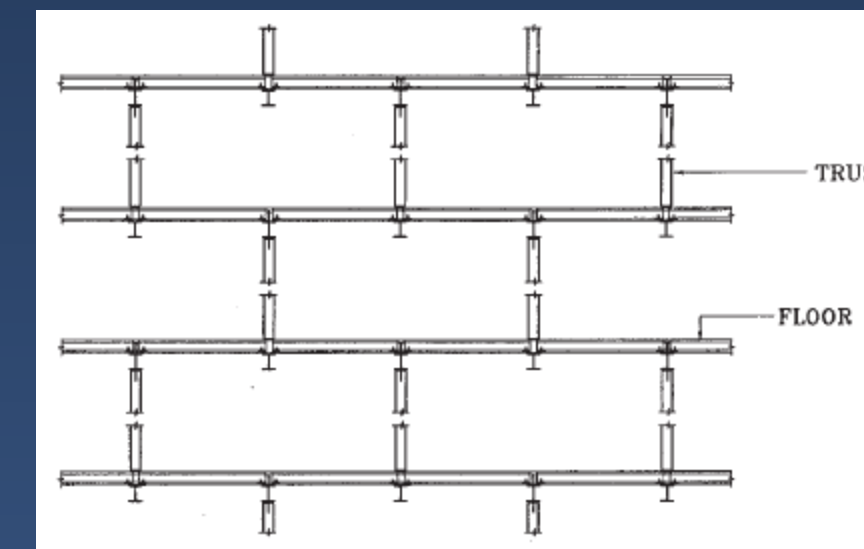
## Staggered Truss

*AISC Design Guide 14 – Staggered Truss Framing Systems* provided procedure for hand calculations

- Trusses encased within interior walls
- Central Vierendeel panel for corridor
- W-shape chords
- HSS-shape verticals and diagonals



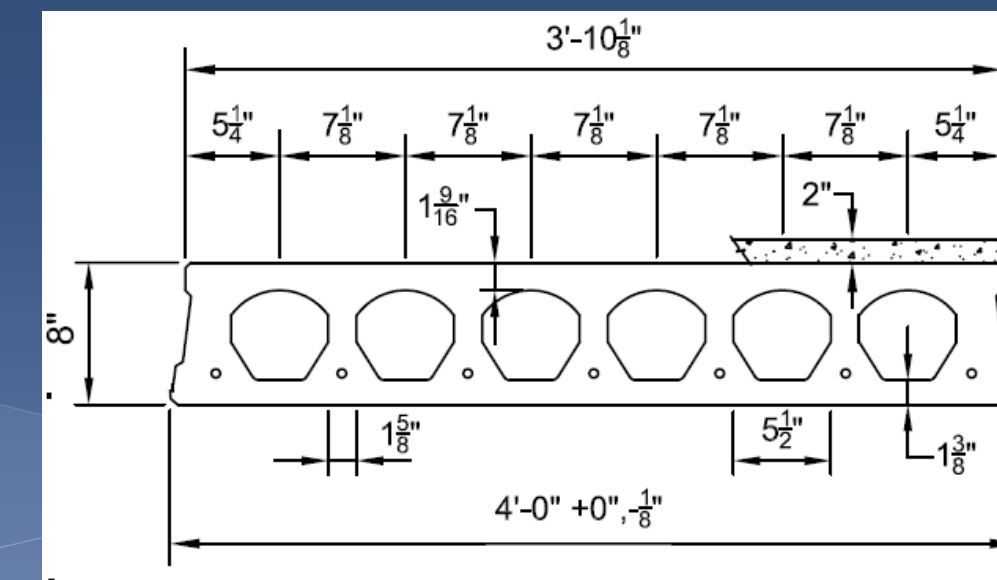
Typical truss, spanning 71.5' addition width and 7' central corridor



AISC Design Guide 14

Staggering of truss locations per floor, eliminating need for interior columns

Section of Hollow-core planks used for floor system



Nitterhouse Concrete Products

# Member Design



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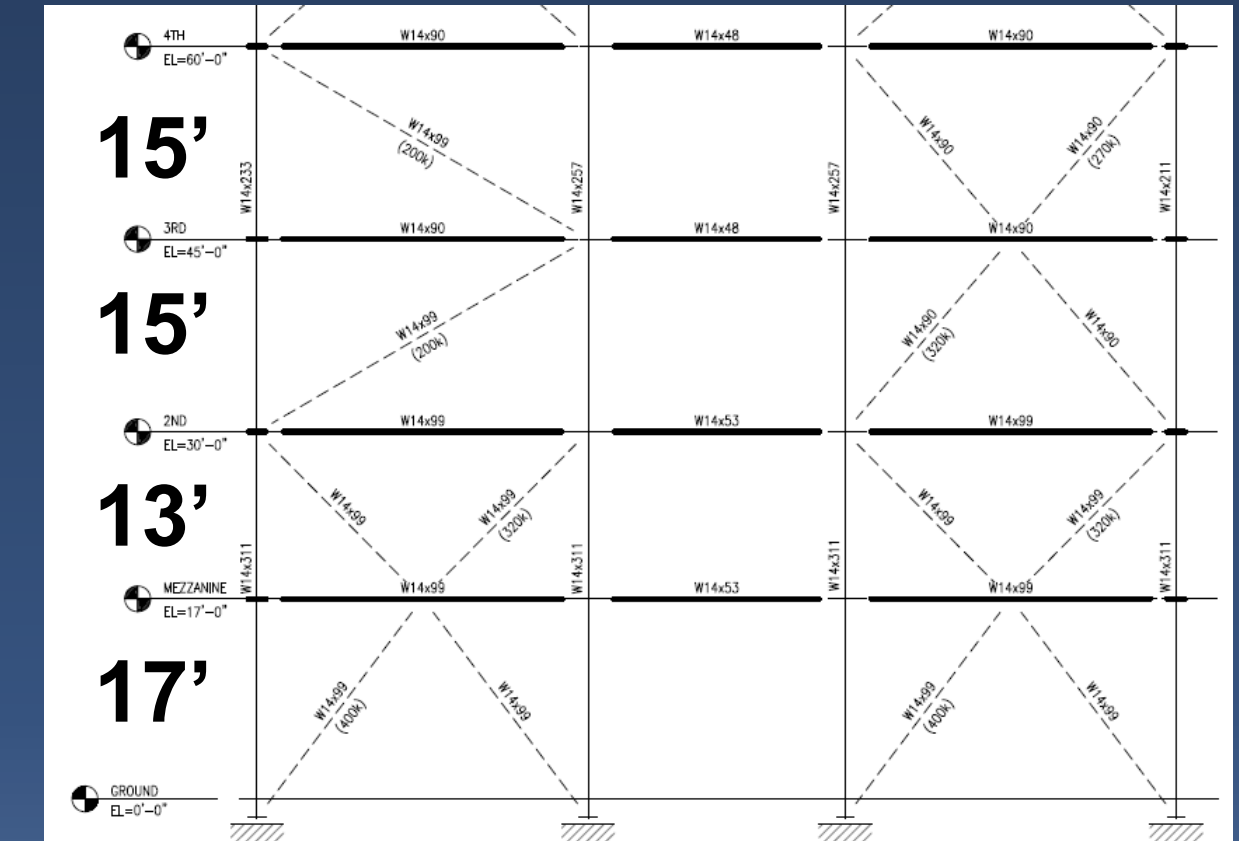
Truss locations

Dead Loads		
Superimposed	15 psf	Partitions/Façade Estimate
MEP	10 psf	Specs
Ceiling	5 psf	Specs
8" Plank, 2" topping	86.25 psf	Nitterhouse
10" Plank, 2" topping	93 psf	Nitterhouse
Live Loads		
	Design Loads	ASCE 7-05
Ground Floor	250 psf	
Typical Hotel Rooms	80 psf	40 psf
Hotel 2nd Floor	125 psf	
11th Floor Suites	125 psf	40 psf
Roof and Mezzanine	200 psf	20 psf
Corridors, Stairs, Lobbies	100 psf	100 psf
Mechanical Rooms	200 psf	

All design loads were used in calculations

Large live loads on certain floors required two sizes of hollow-core planks

- 8", (6) 1/2" Ø strands, 2" topping
- 10", (7) 1/2" Ø strands, 2" topping



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Lower 4 stories have varying floor heights

In order to better analyze truss members, these 4 stories and 11<sup>th</sup> story were adjusted to be 15' in height

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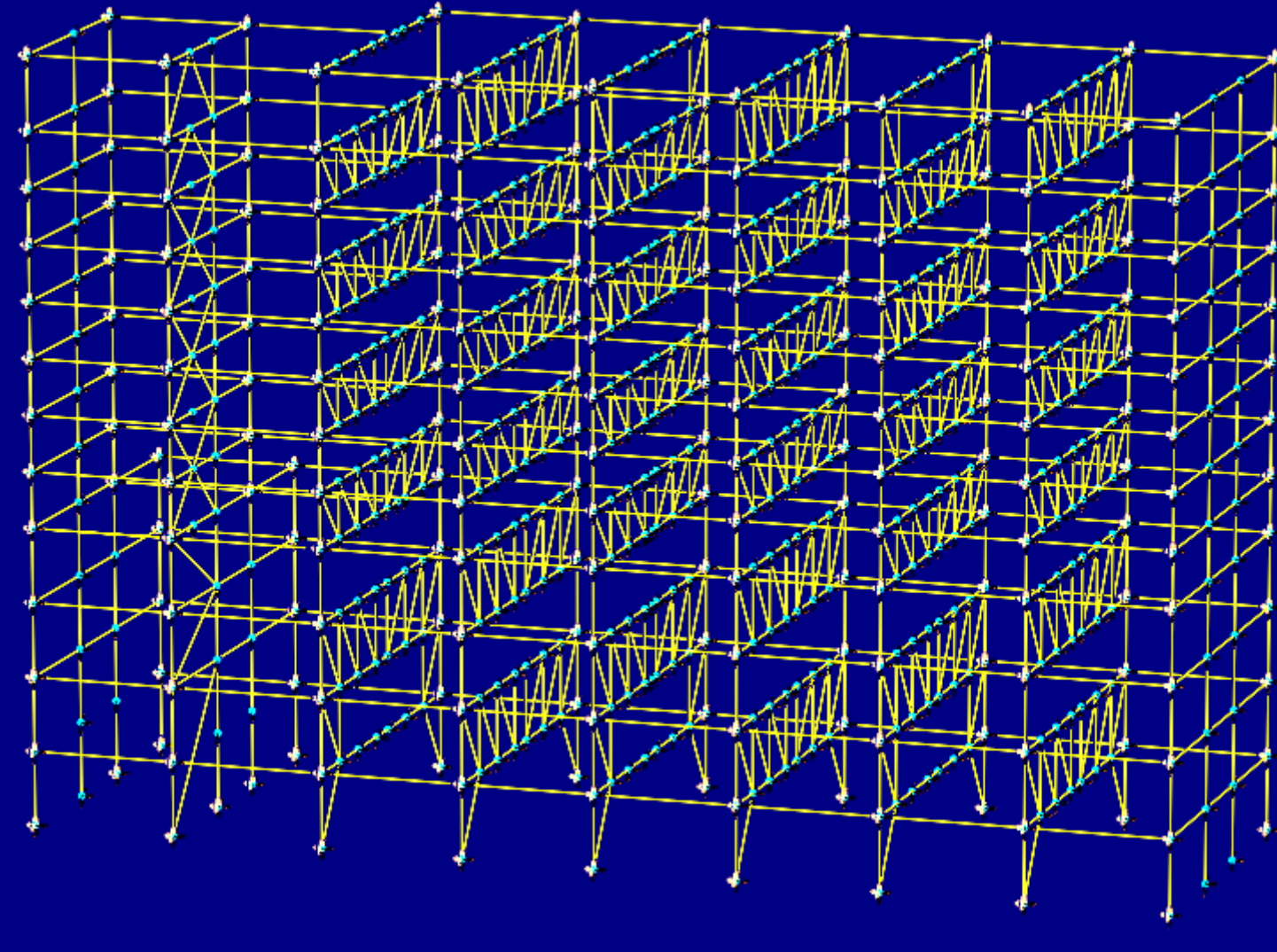
Two separate truss designs were performed in order to determine preliminary member sizes

### Small Truss (11' 4" floor to floor height)

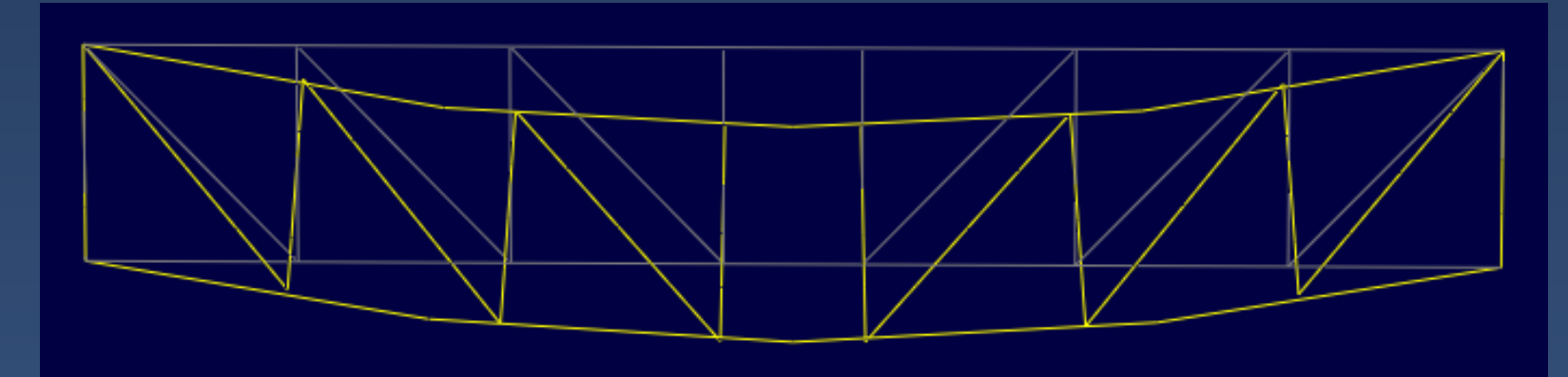
- Chords W10 x 33
- Diagonals and Verticals HSS9 x 7 x 5/8

### Large Truss (15' floor to floor height)

- Chords W10 x 60
- Diagonals and Verticals HSS14 x 10 x 5/8



RAM Elements Model



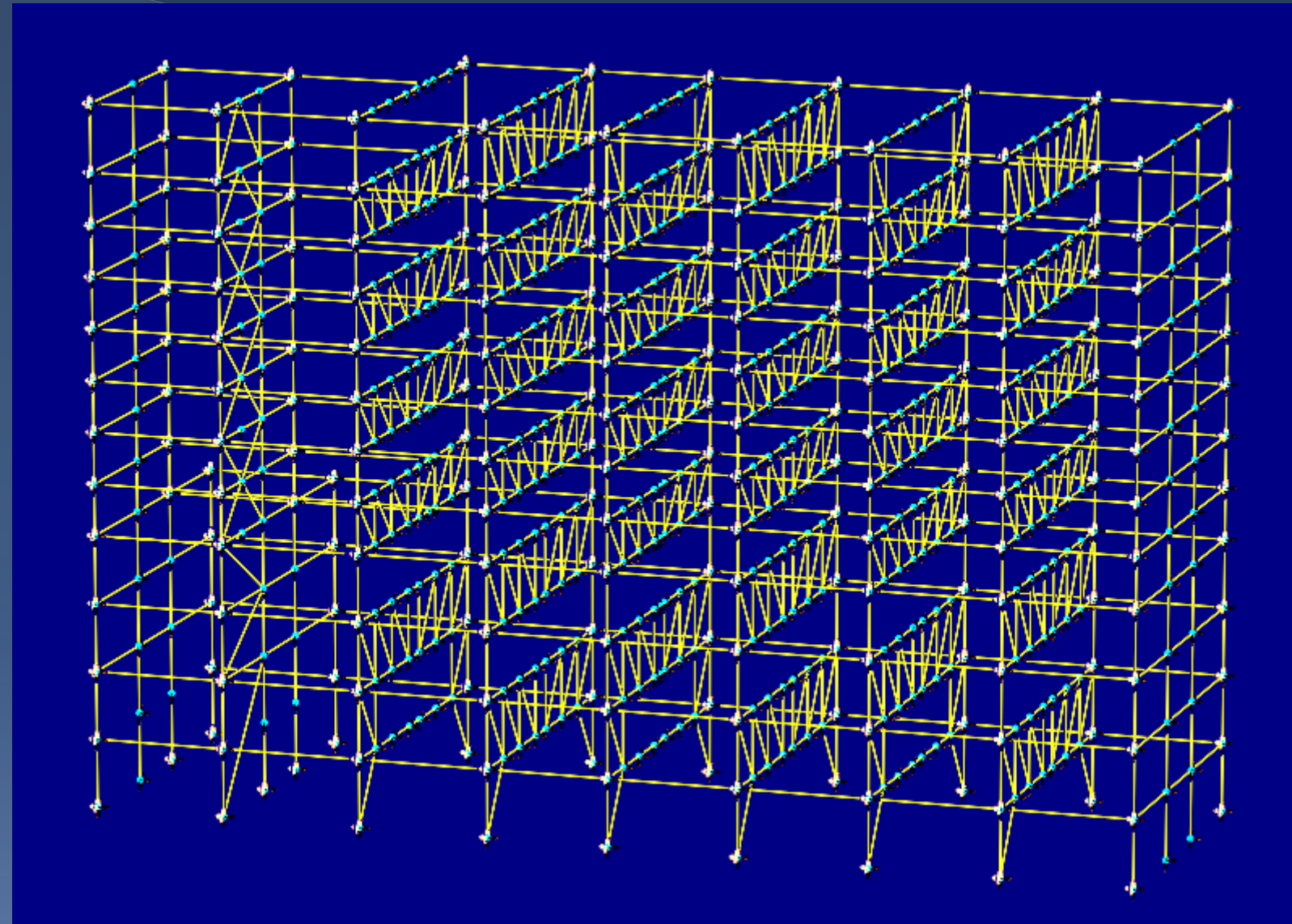
Computer model used to check preliminary member size performance.

1.2D + 1.6L produced largest deflections

Deflection limit =  $l/240 = 3.6''$

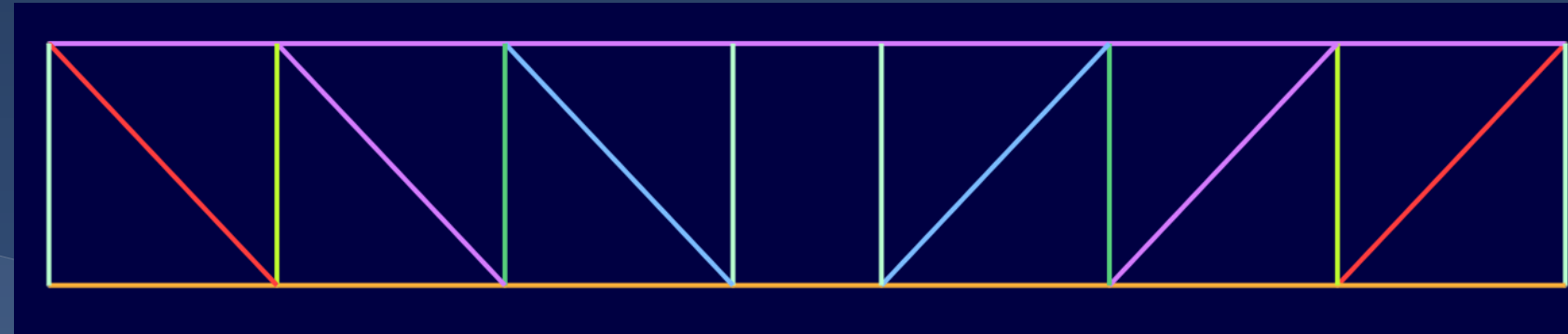
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Small Truss  $\delta = 1.60''$



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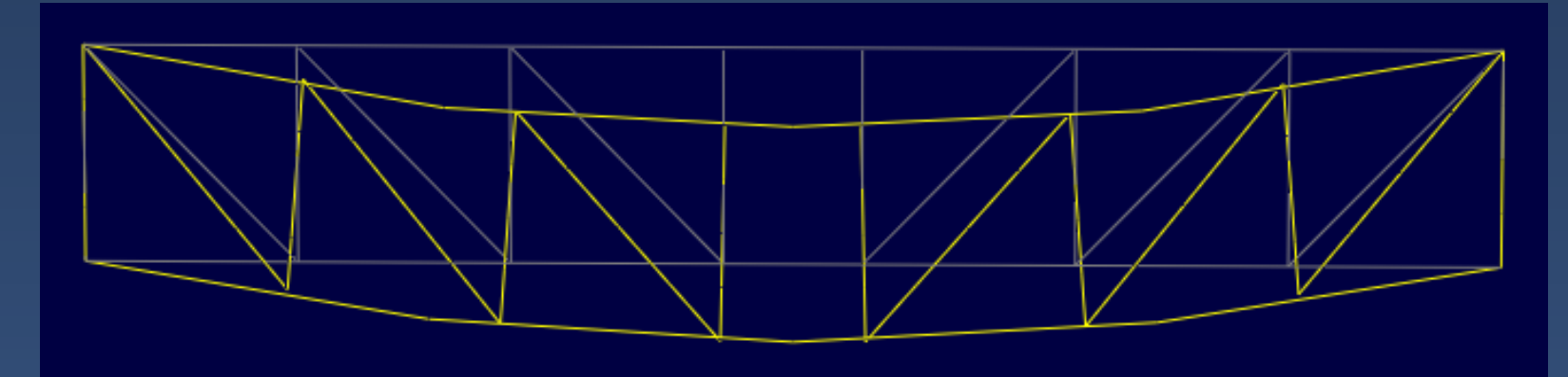
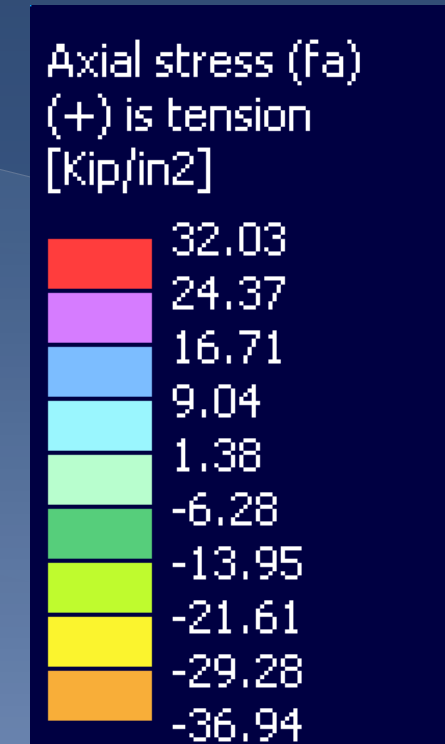
## Member Design



Member were checked for appropriate tension and compression stress

Exterior diagonals found to take the most load as expected

Top chord and verticals in compression  
Bottom chord and diagonals in tension



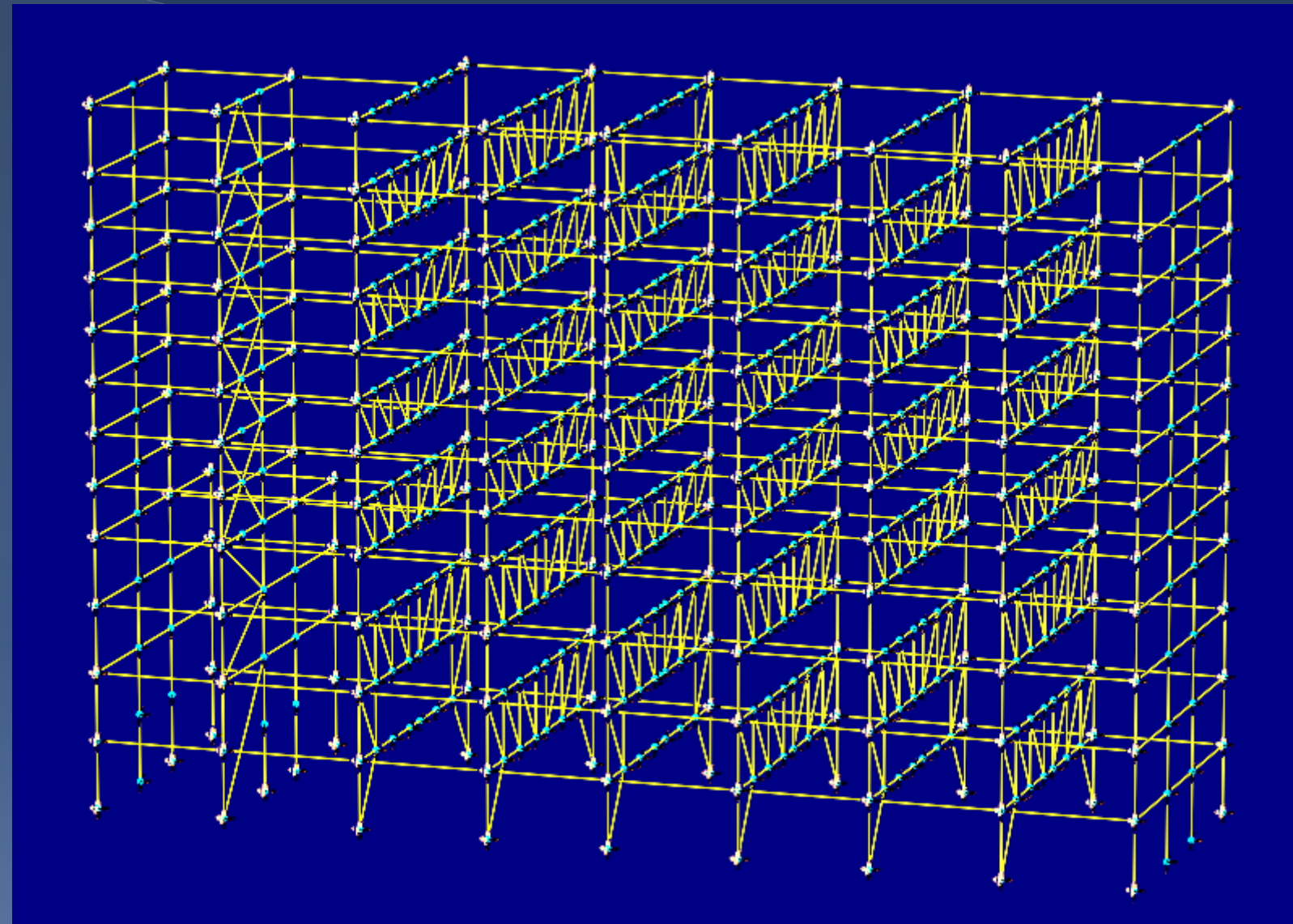
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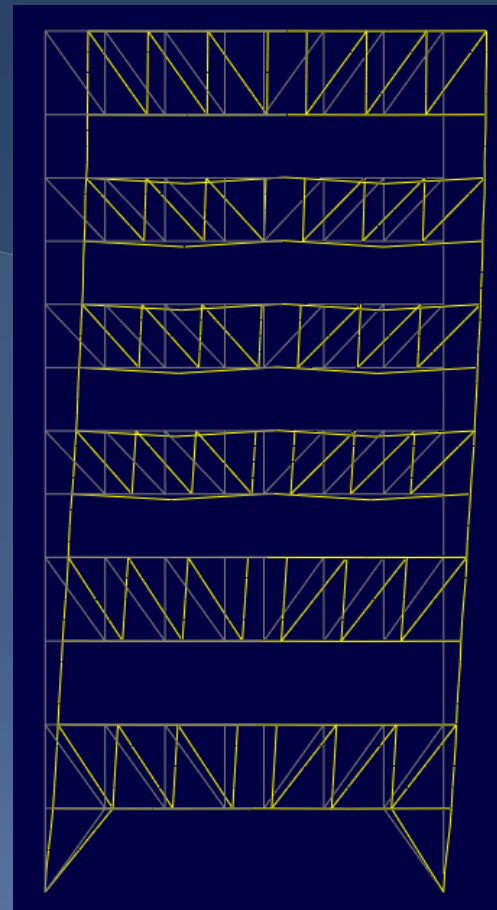
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RAM Elements Model

## Lateral



Controlling load case 1.2D + 1.6W + L

H/500 at roof level = 3.7"

Deflection at roof from model = 0.67"

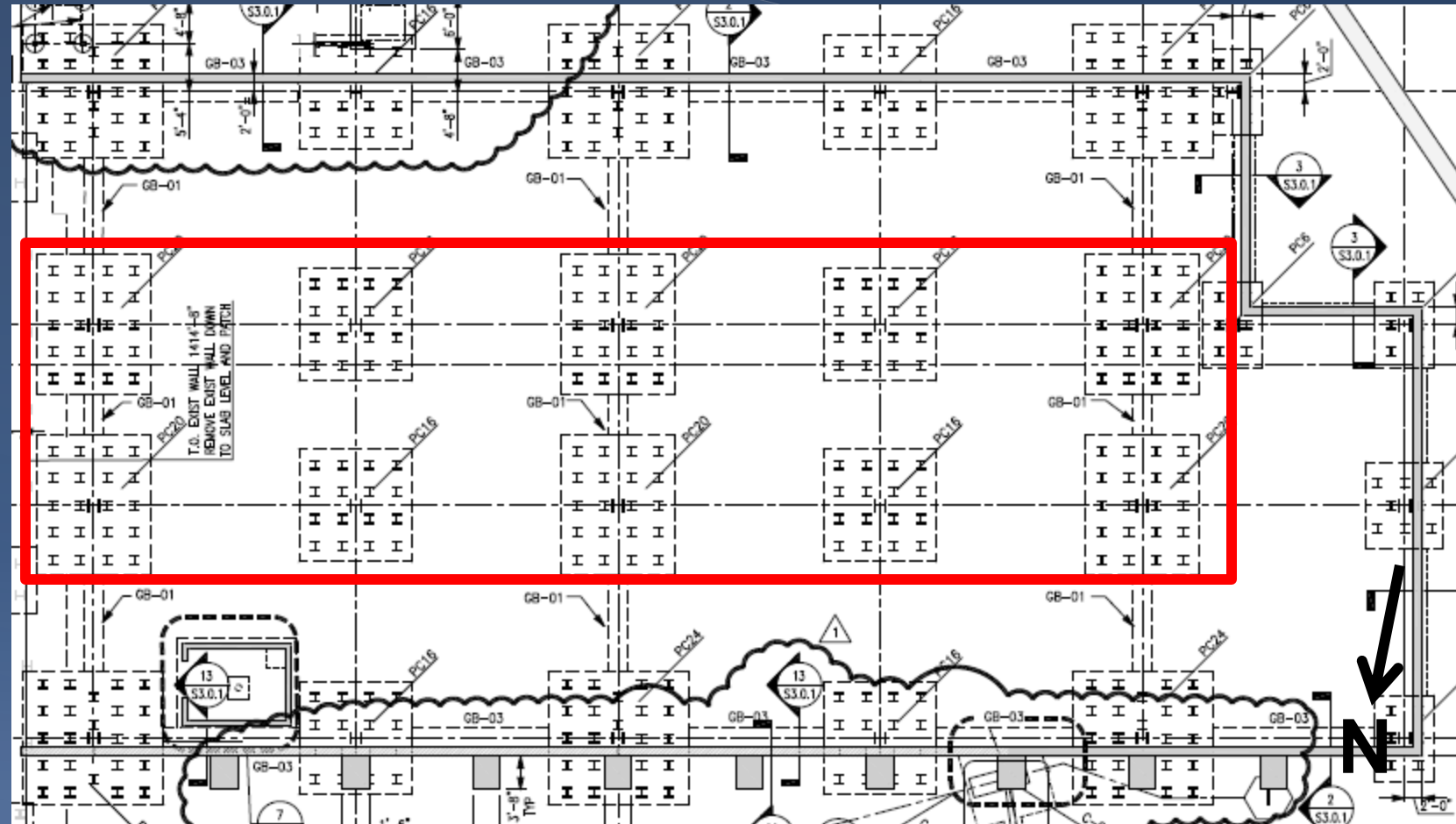
Seismic (N-S) (kips)	
1.2D+L+E	
Roof	69.5
11	74.3
10	68.4
9	61.4
8	56.7
7	51.6
6	45.1
5	39.2
4	32.8
3	24.0
2	14.7
Mezz	8.6
	<b>546.3</b>

Wind (N-S) (kips)	
1.2D+1.6W+L	
Roof	113.4
11	85.9
10	83.1
9	83.4
8	84.5
7	83.9
6	82.6
5	83.5
4	110.7
3	112.6
2	111.6
Mezz	113.0
	<b>1148.2</b>

N-S direction found to be controlled by wind in Technical Report 3

Seismic was checked with model to verify

# Foundation



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Removal of interior columns required a foundation redesign

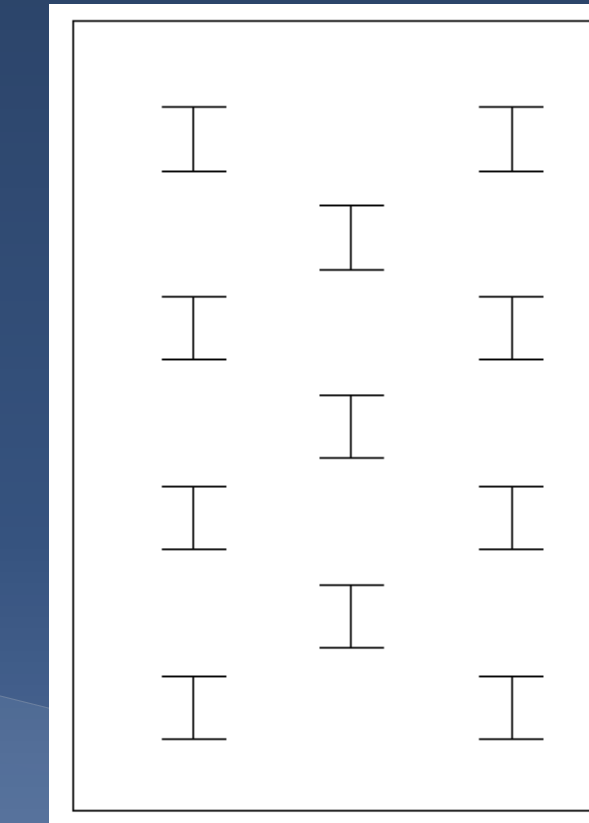
Total amount of existing piles = 424

New pile-cap: 53" thick, 11 piles (HP 12x53)

Redesign total ~ 126

Drastic reduction but existing addition designed with ASD

With RAM model, all first story columns found to be in compression, thus uplift was not an issue



New pile cap approximate geometry

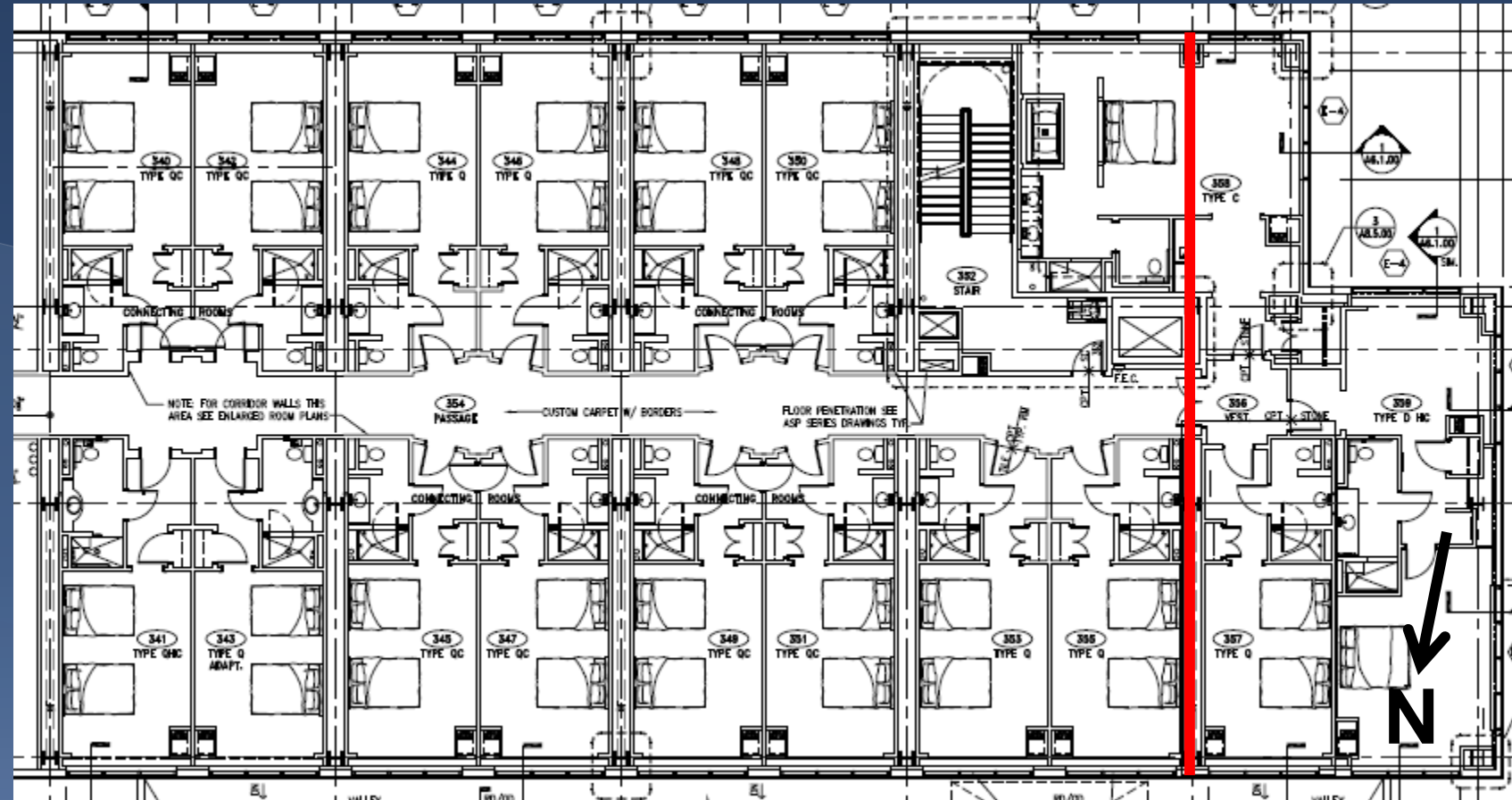
*CRSI 2008* design table in appendix slides

Long direction oriented N-S to better resist wind loads

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## VIP Suite Conflict



3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Architectural Plan

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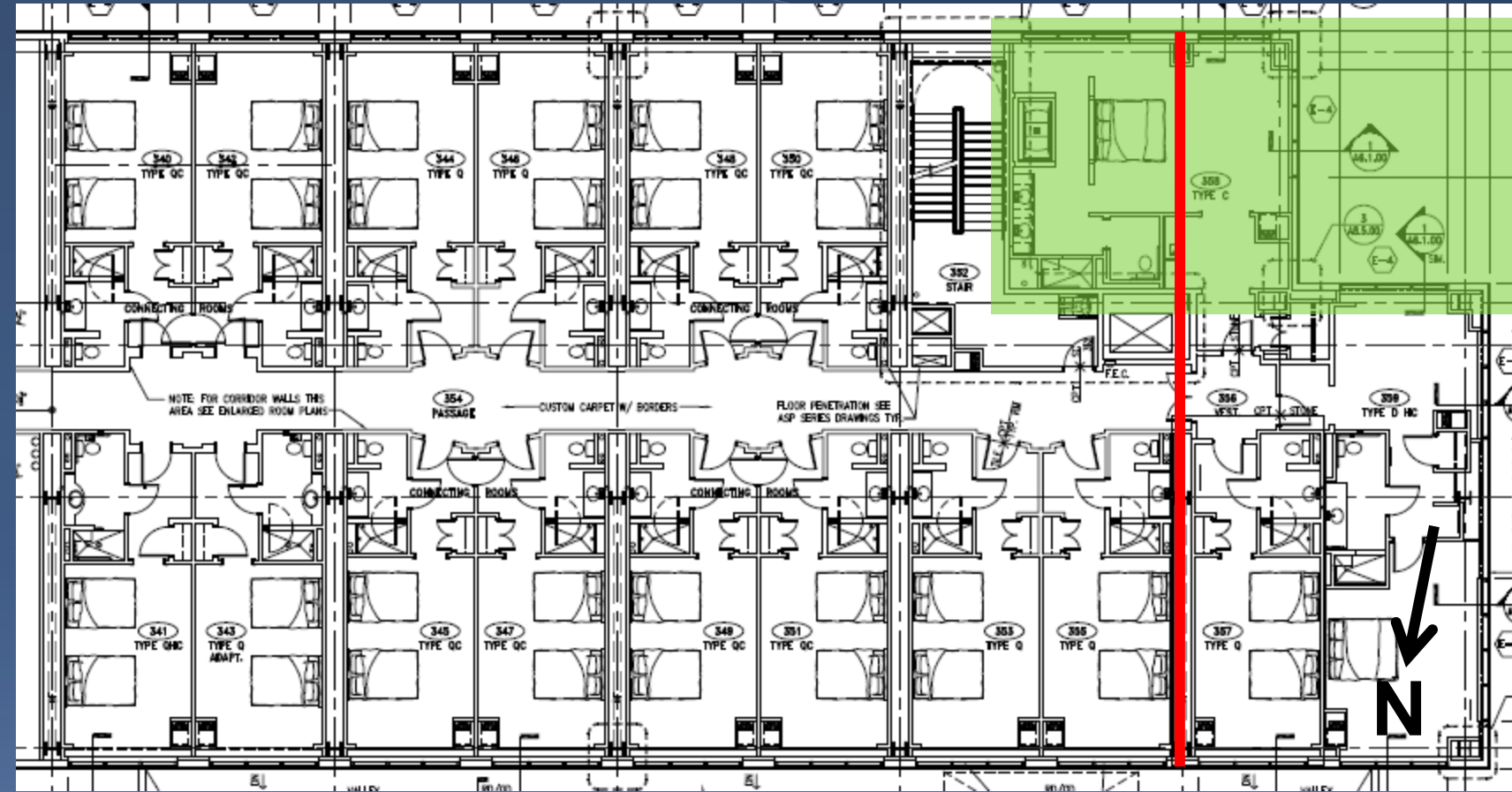


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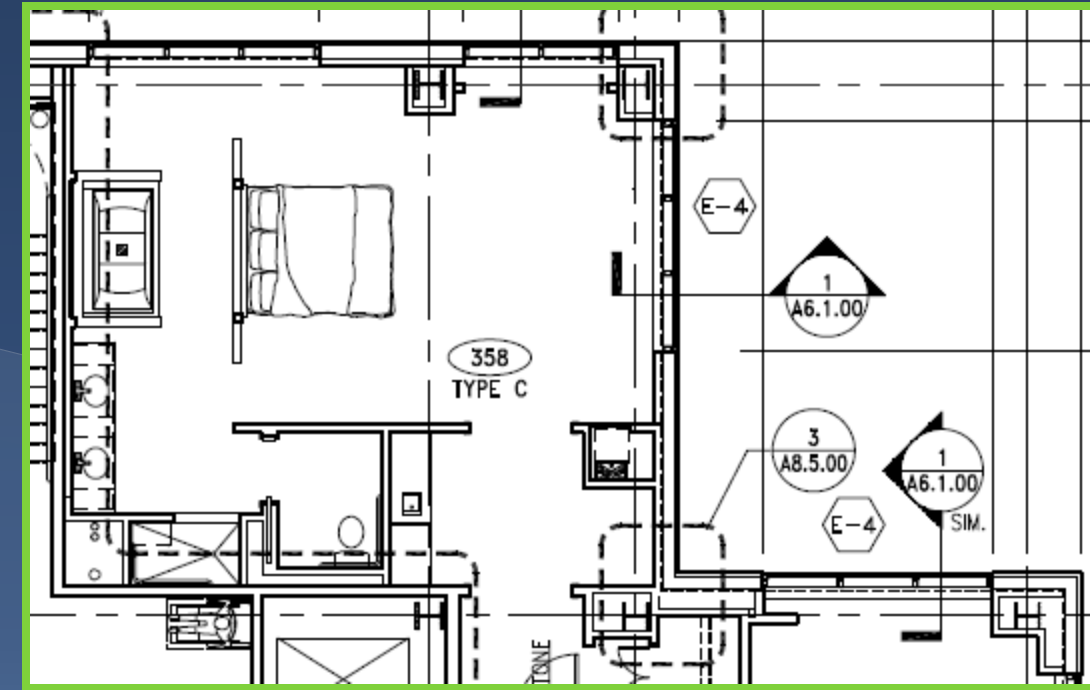
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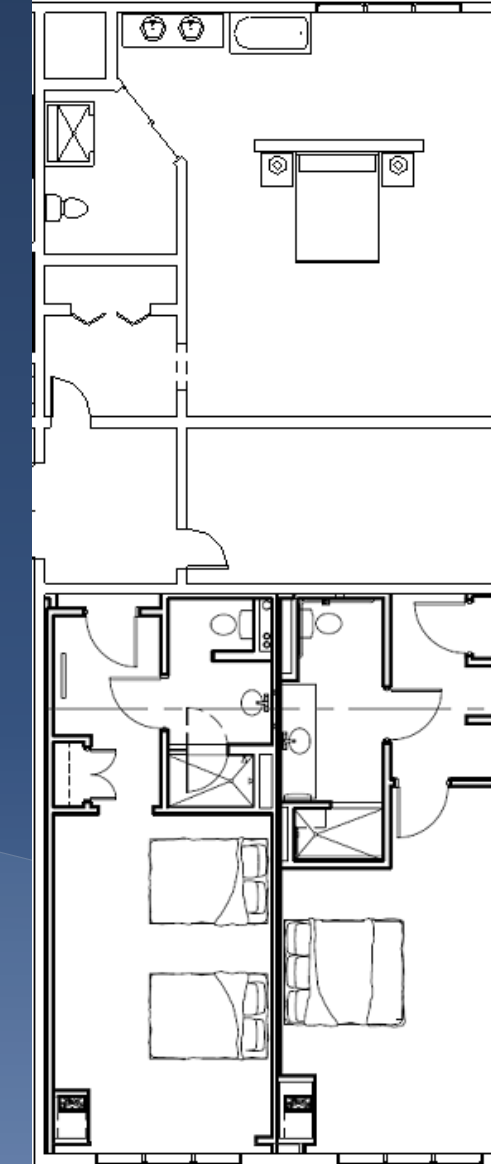
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Architectural Plan

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To avoid truss falling within master bedroom, notched corner is squared off to hide truss within wall



Squaring off corner produces extra floor space per floor

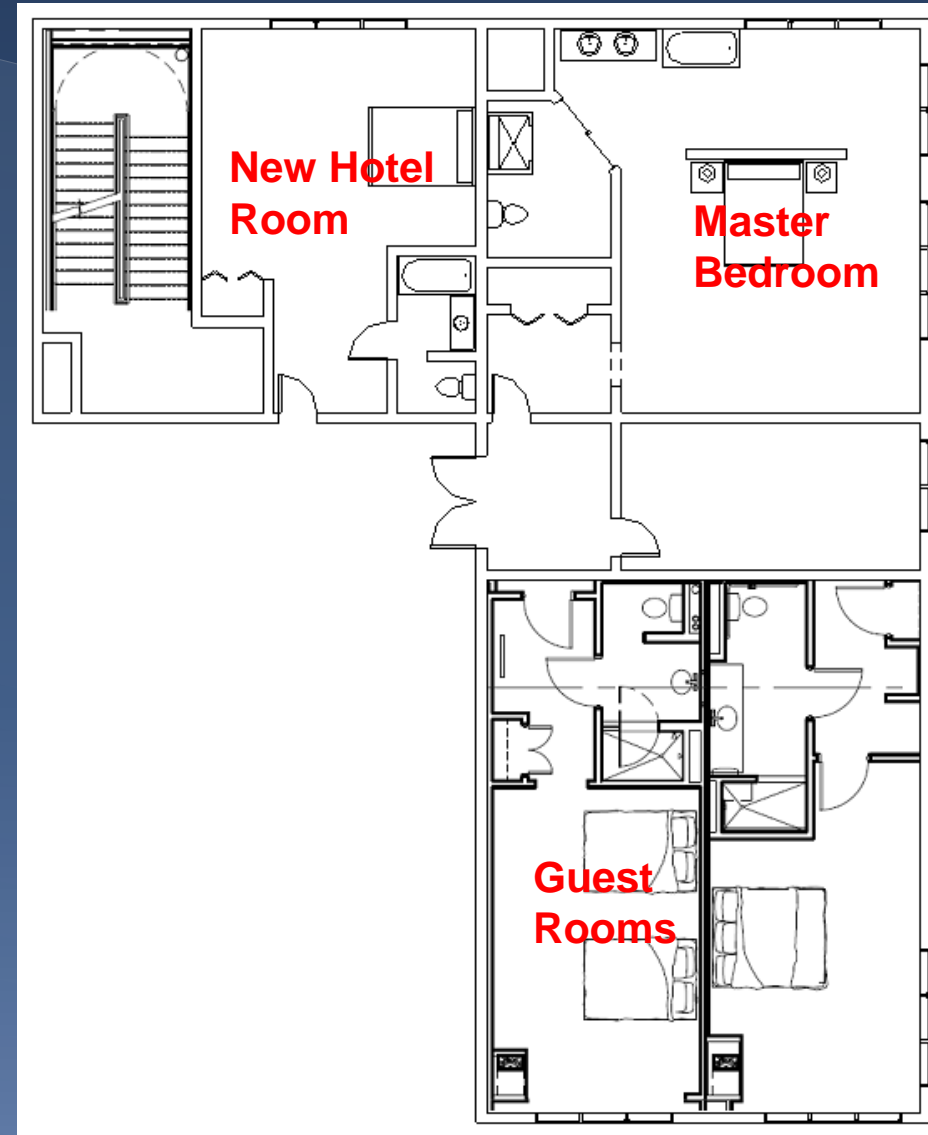
3 alternative designs for the interior space were investigated



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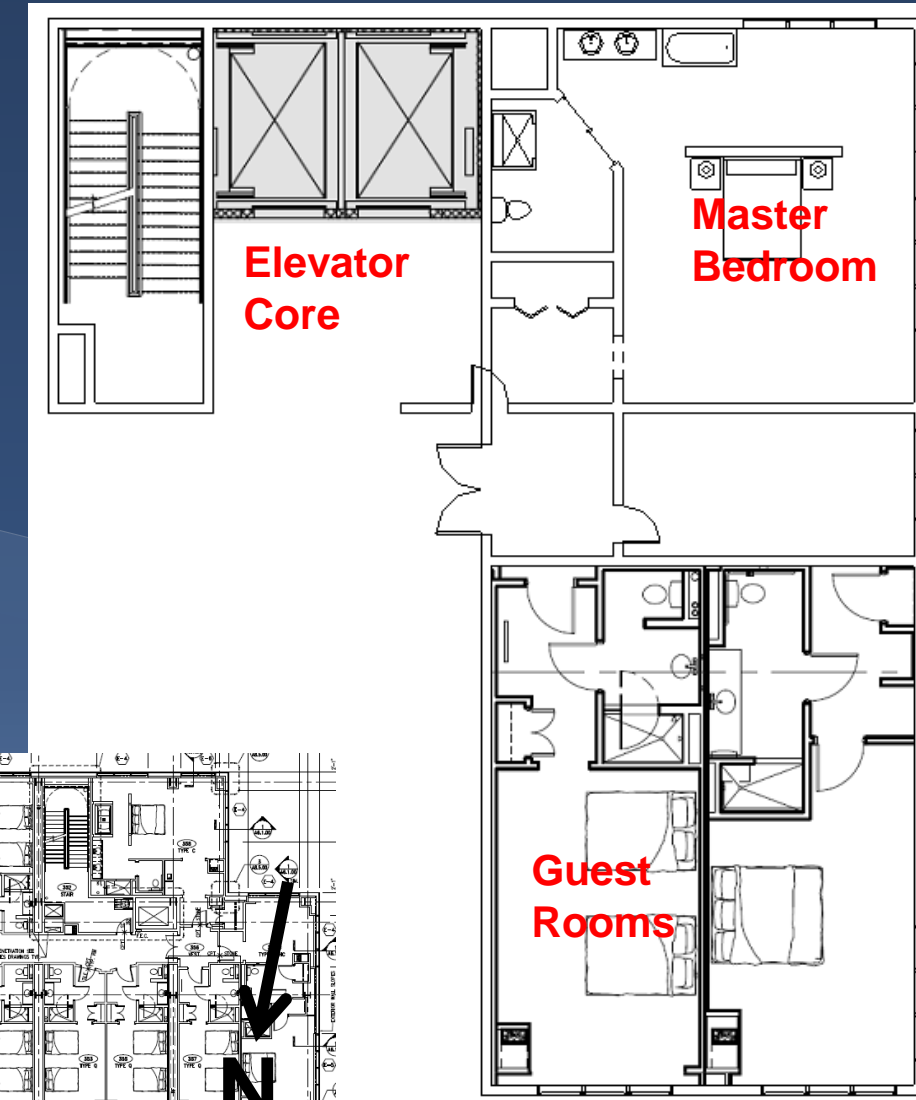
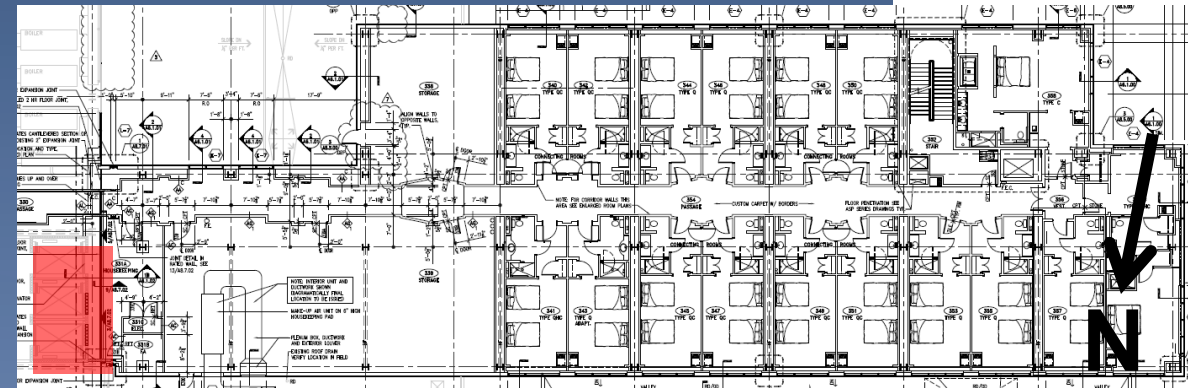
A new hotel room, increasing the total amount of rooms from 200 to 211

To maintain the vestibule leading to VIP Suite, new hotel room is almost half size of existing hotel rooms, with only one bed, difficulty aligning plumbing



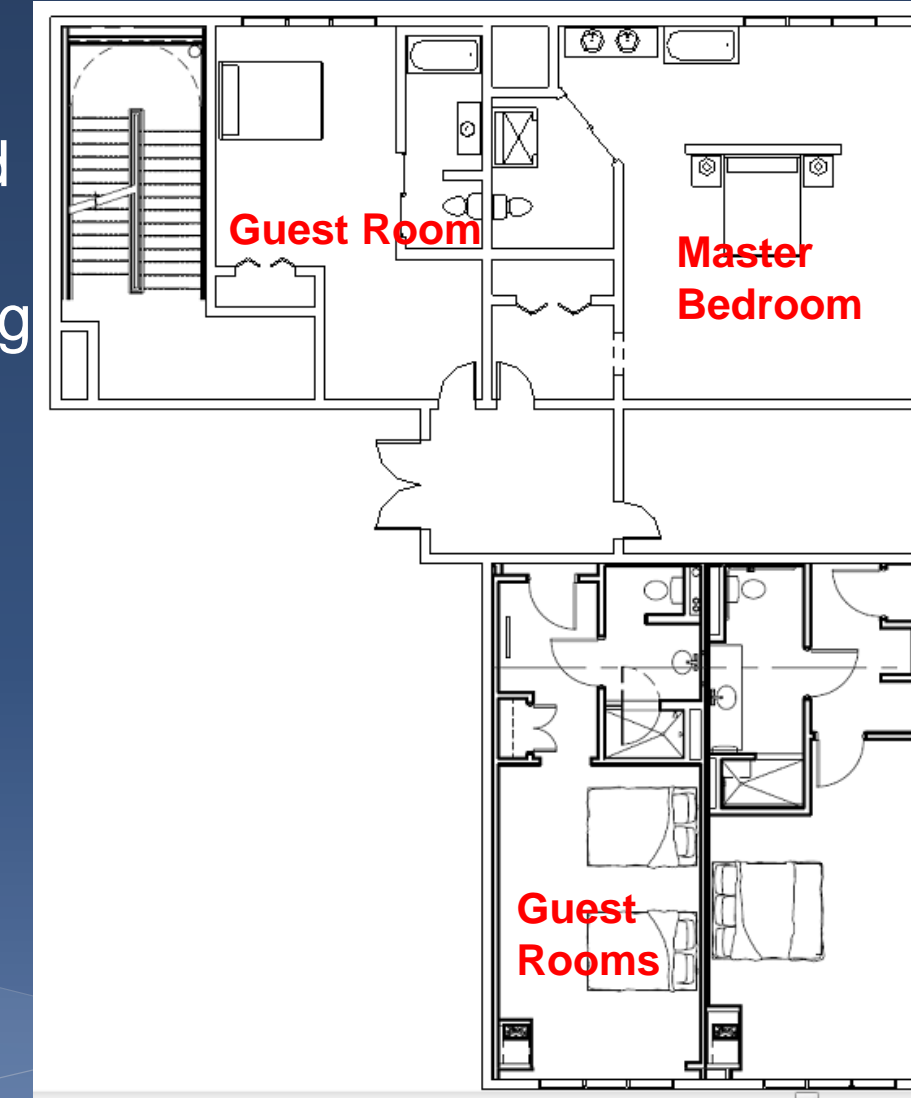
New elevator core, only elevators servicing new addition in existing hotel ~180' from VIP Suite

Trusses alone would most likely not support a stairwell and elevators

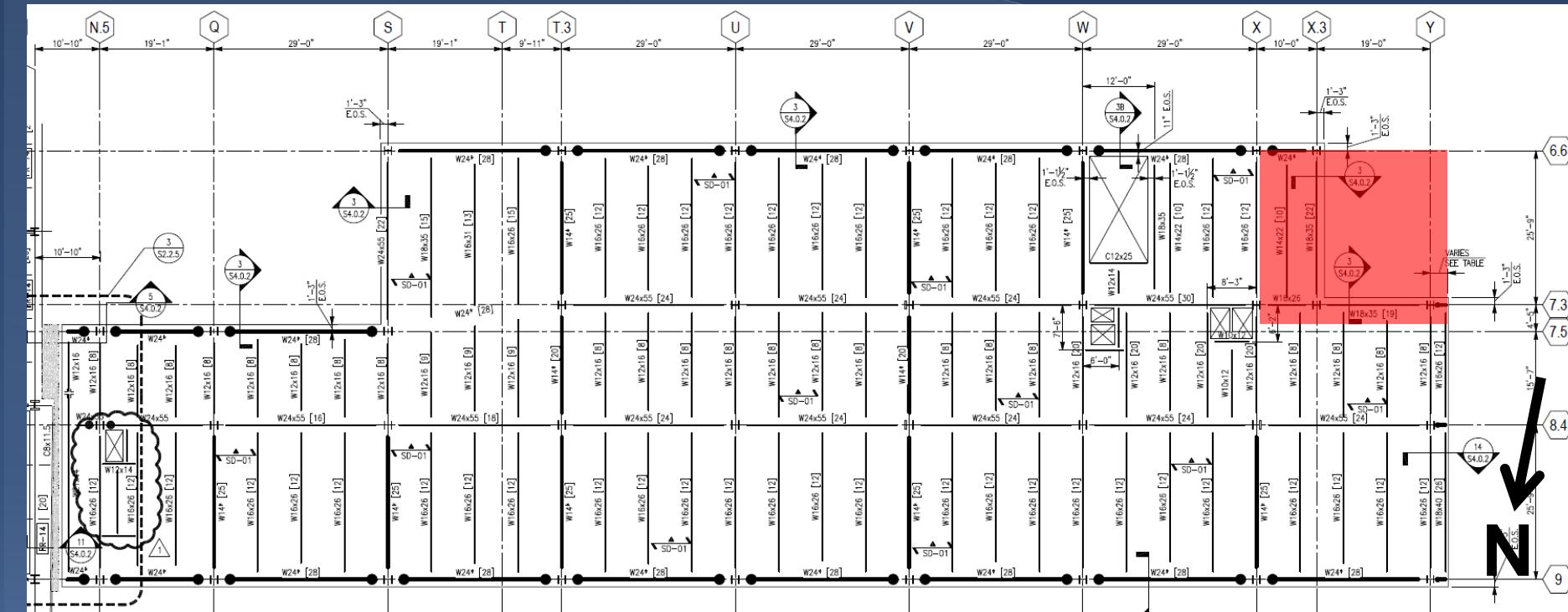


Extra guest bedroom added to the VIP Suite, increasing overall suite and maintaining private entrance

Small room again, does not add to overall hotel room amount



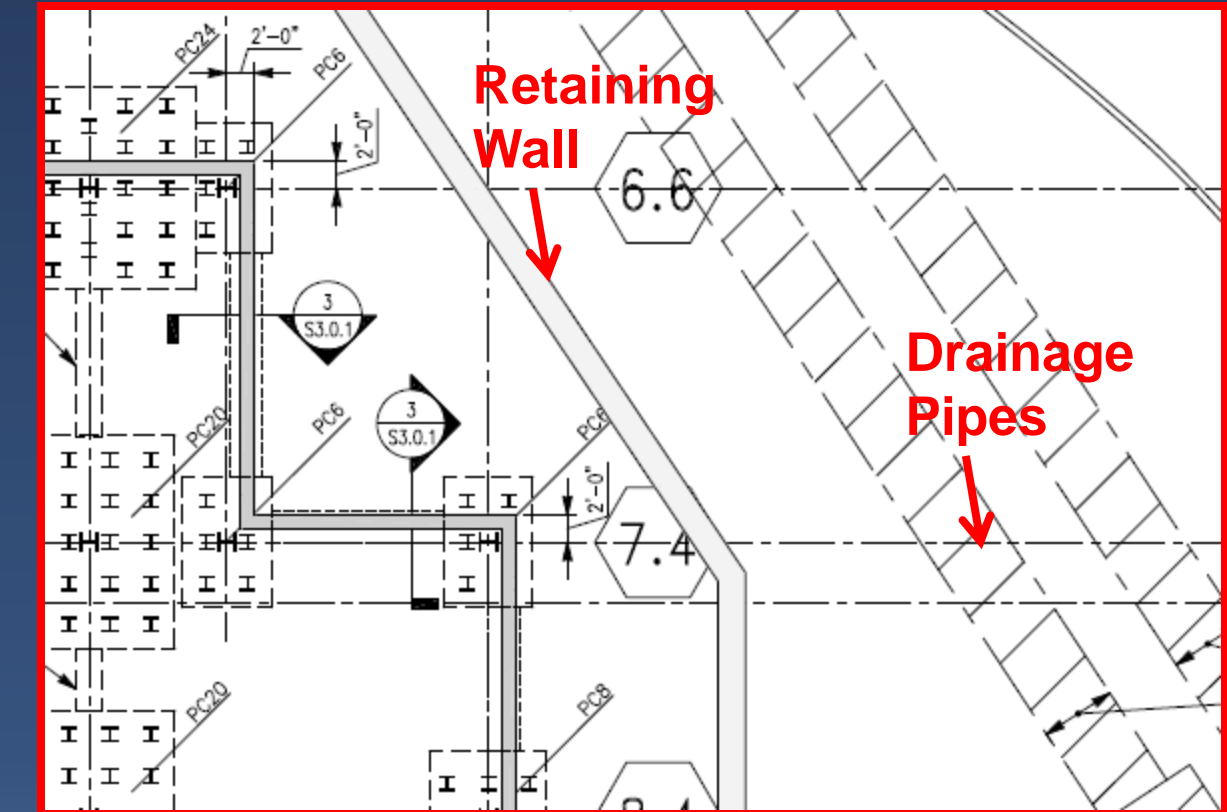
# NE Corner Redesign Conflict



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Squaring off corner conflicts with existing retaining wall

Demolishing retaining wall would require moving large drainage pipes

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## Structural

Staggered truss system successfully designed to resist gravity loads and wind loads in the N-S direction

Precast concrete planks viable replacement for floor

Reduction of piles needed for foundation

Gained a better understanding of truss design

## Architectural

Squaring off NE corner allows for truss to hide within VIP Suite wall

Creates more floor space

Conflict with retaining wall and drainage pipes makes this specific building not a good candidate

## Construction

Reduction of piles would speed up schedule

Prefabricated members would allow quicker erection

## MEP

Close coordination with MEP design

Truss conflicts with AHU on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor mechanical room (appendix slide)



Questions?



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Column Loads				
Floor	A <sub>c</sub> (ft <sup>2</sup> )	DL (psf)	LL (psf)	RLL (psf)
Roof	1036.8	101	200	200
11	1036.8	101	80	38.6
10	1036.8	101	80	38.6
9	1036.8	101	80	38.6
8	1036.8	101	80	38.6
7	1036.8	101	80	38.6
6	1036.8	101	80	38.6
5	1036.8	101	80	38.6
4	1036.8	101	80	38.6
3	1036.8	101	125	125
2	1036.8	101	125	125
Mezz	1036.8	101	200	200

Column Capacities					
Floor	P <sub>u</sub> (k)	ΣP <sub>u</sub> (k)	Member	ΦP <sub>n</sub> (k)	Unbraced Length (ft)
Roof	487	487	W12x79	809	15
11	190	677	W12x79	910	11.33
10	190	867	W12x96	1110	11.33
9	190	1057	W12x96	1110	11.33
8	190	1247	W12x136	1580	11.33
7	190	1437	W12x136	1580	11.33
6	190	1627	W12x170	1990	11.33
5	190	1817	W12x170	1990	11.33
4	190	2007	W12x230	2710	11.33
3	342	2349	W12x210	2450	15
2	342	2691	W14x283	3270	15
Mezz	466	3157	W14x283	3270	15
Σ	3157				

*f<sub>c</sub>' = 3,000 psi; w = 150 pcf*  
*f<sub>y</sub> = 60 ksi*  
 Minimum Pile Diameter = 10 in.  
 spaced at 3'-0"

**100-TON STEEL PILES**  
 capacity for unfactored, service (D + L)  
 Min. cover = 3"  
*d<sub>c</sub> = 10"*  
 Edge E = 21"  
 See Fig. 13-3

PILES	COLUMN		PILE CAP				REINFORCING BARS					SHEAR	
	No. of Piles per cap	Max. Load P <sub>u</sub> (net) (kips)	Min. Size * (in.)	Long A ** (ft-in.)	Short B ** (ft-in.)	D (in.)	Concrete ** (c.y.)	Long A-Bars (1) No.-Size (in.)	Min. A <sub>s</sub> (2) (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Short B-Bars (1) No.-Size (in.)	Min. A <sub>s</sub> (2) (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Steel Wt. (3) (tons)	Beam One-Way Ratio
2	621	13	6-6	3-6	41	2.9	6 #8	4.41	5 #4	N/A	0.069	0.991	N/A
3	933	18	6-6	6-2	42	4.1	6 #9	2.67	3-WAYS		0.130	0.542	0.923
4	1246	18	6-6	6-6	40	5.2	8 #9	7.91	8 #9	7.91	0.231	0.576	0.931
5	1548	20	7-9	7-9	43	8.0	13 #8	10.39	13 #8	10.39	0.315	0.532	0.956
6	1860	22	9-6	6-6	48	9.1	13 #8	10.41	10 #9	9.85	0.333	0.946	0.994
7	2148	27	9-6	8-9	55	14.1	13 #8	10.39	11 #9	11.29	0.389	0.421	0.981
8	2476	25	9-6	8-9	50	12.8	14 #9	14.15	15 #9	14.94	0.548	0.508	0.967
9	2778	27	9-6	9-6	56	15.6	17 #9	16.74	17 #9	16.74	0.665	0.459	1.000
10	3088	28	12-6	8-9	51	17.2	18 #9	18.46	16 #9	15.67	0.660	0.727	0.973
11	3404	30	12-6	8-9	53	17.9	17 #10	22.02	20 #9	19.89	0.804	0.739	0.788
12	3702	31	12-6	9-6	58	21.3	18 #10	23.34	21 #9	20.71	0.875	0.732	0.695
13	4001	32	13-11	9-6	60	24.5	21 #10	26.89	23 #8	18.63	0.883	0.583	0.595
14	4303	33	12-6	11-9	60	27.2	19 #10	23.67	24 #9	24.58	0.950	0.622	0.997
15	4614	34	13-11	12-6	59	28.6	20 #10	25.98	27 #9	27.76	1.128	0.570	0.803
16	4916	36	6-2	8-1									
16	4916	36	12-6	12-6	65	31.3	27 #9	27.72	27 #9	27.72	1.102	0.646	0.996
17	5254	37	13-11	12-6	59	28.6	26 #10	32.84	27 #9	27.05	1.301	0.634	0.980
18	5558	38	6-2	8-1									
18	5558	38	13-11	12-6	58	31.1	29 #10	37.45	31 #9	31.45	1.470	0.666	0.994
19	5844	39	14-9	12-6	64	36.4	29 #10	37.63	31 #9	31.66	1.522	0.654	0.984
20	6132	40	15-6	12-6	69	41.3	24 #11	37.93	35 #9	35.98	1.670	0.607	0.990

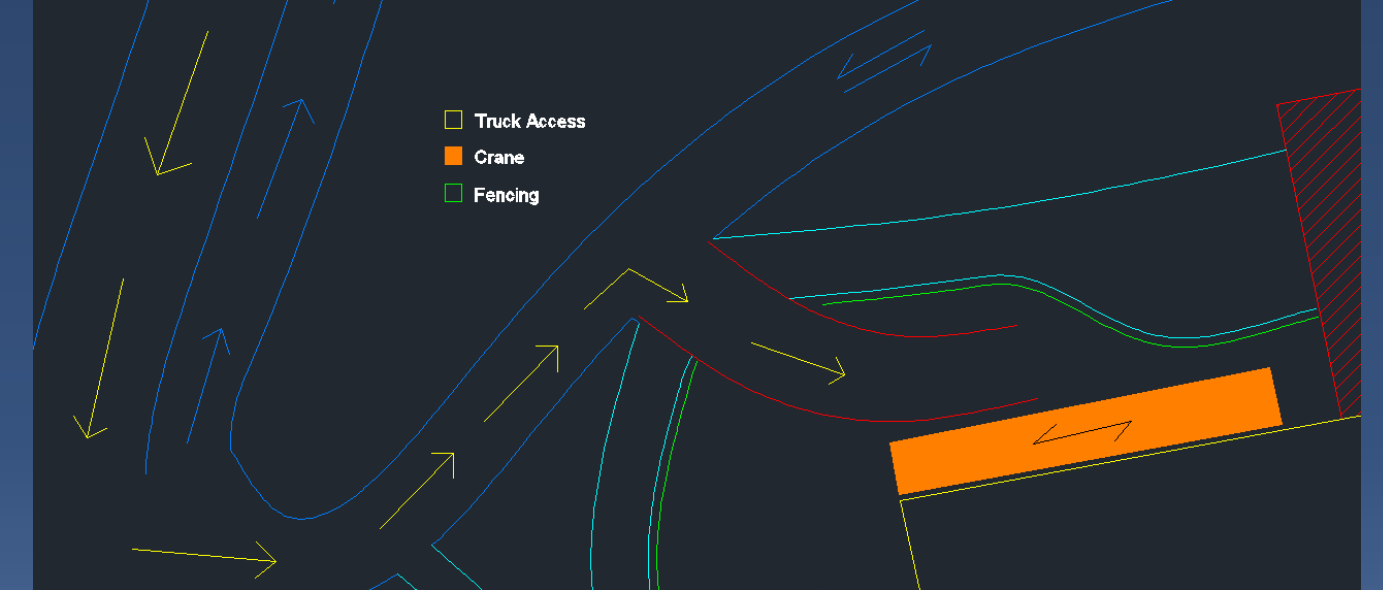
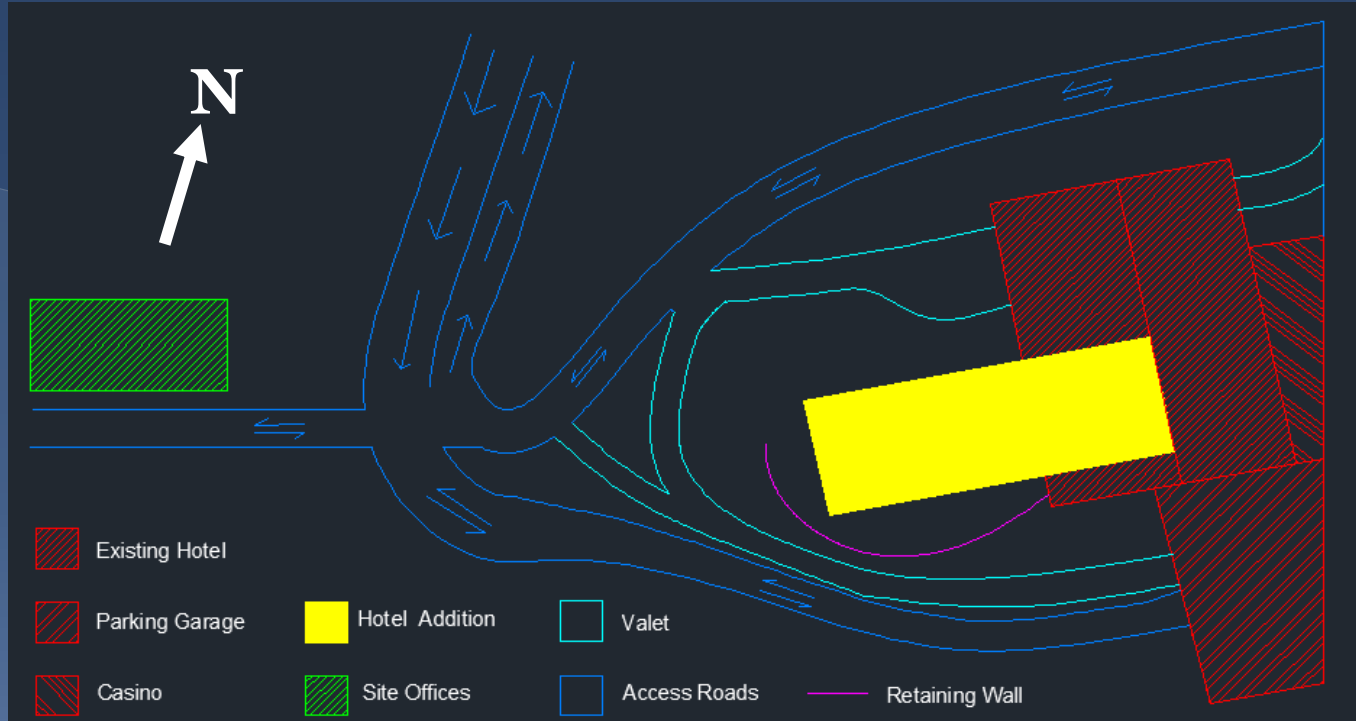
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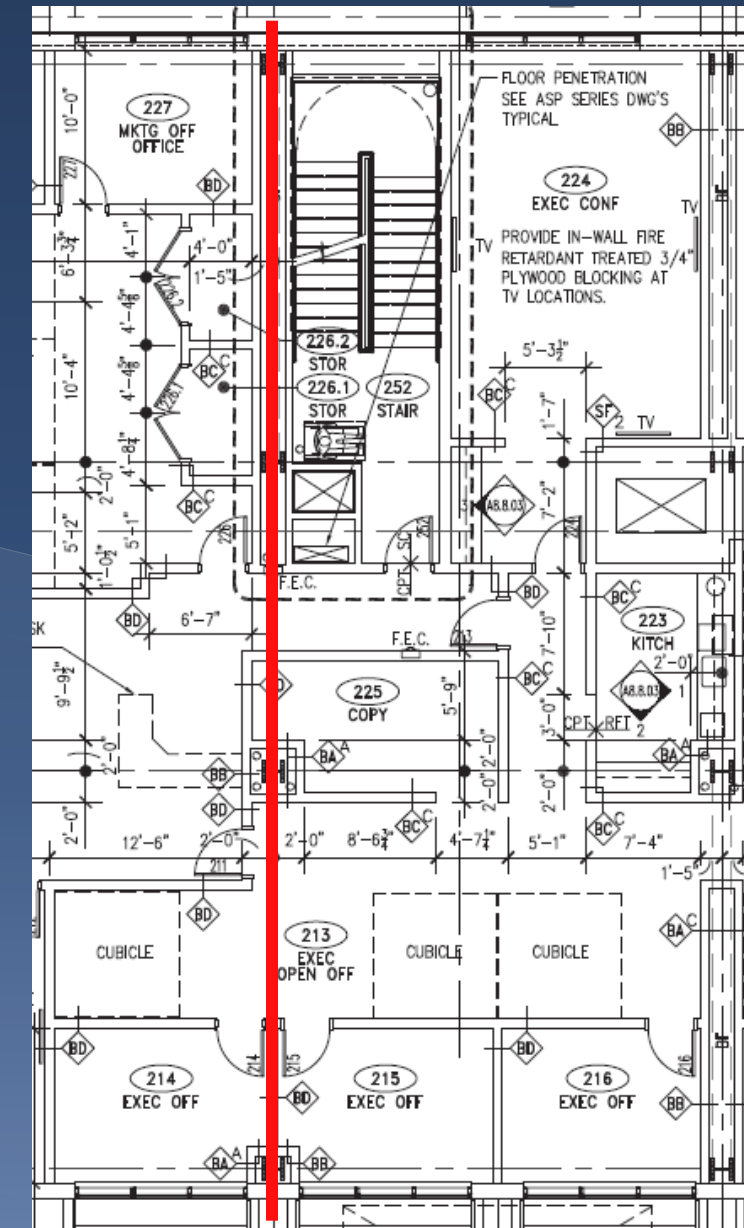
**2.3.2 Basic Combinations.** Structures, components, and foundations shall be designed so that their design strength equals or exceeds the effects of the factored loads in the following combinations:

- 1.4(D + F)
- 1.2(D + F + T) + 1.6(L + H) + 0.5(L<sub>r</sub> or S or R)
- 1.2D + 1.6(L<sub>r</sub> or S or R) + (L or 0.8W)
- 1.2D + 1.6W + L + 0.5(L<sub>r</sub> or S or R)
- 1.2D + 1.0E + L + 0.2S
- 0.9D + 1.6W + 1.6H
- 0.9D + 1.0E + 1.6H

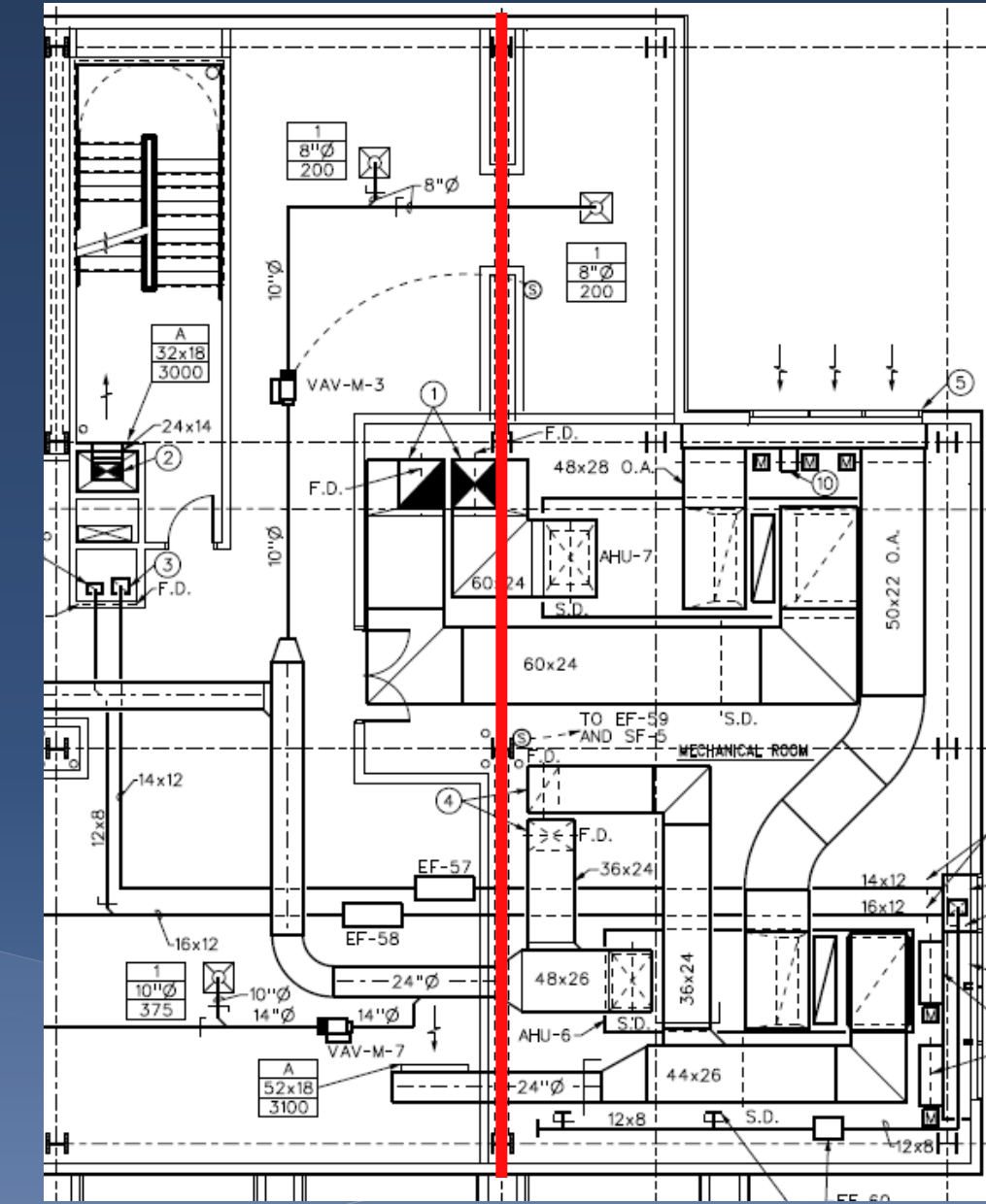
Approximate Truss Member Weights											
Small Truss					Large Truss						
	Member	Weight (plf)	Length (ft)	Weight (lb)		Member	Weight (plf)	Length (ft)	Weight (lb)		
Top Chord	W10x33	33	71.5	2359.5	Top Chord	W10x54	54	71.5	3861		
Bottom Chord	W10x33	33	71.5	2359.5	Bottom Chord	W10x60	60	71.5	4290		
Diagonals (6)	HSS10x6x5/8	59.32	15.62	5559.5	Diagonals (6)	HSS16x12x5/8	110.36	18.5	12250		
Verticals (6)	HSS10x6x5/8	59.32	11.33	4032.6	Verticals (6)	HSS16x12x5/8	110.36	15	9932.4		
				$\Sigma$	<b>14311</b>					$\Sigma$	<b>30333.4</b>

Precast Concrete Planks			
	Weight (plf)	Length (ft)	Weight (lb)
8"	245	29	7105
10"	272	29	7888





2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Offices



3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Mechanical Room