Downtown Commission Project Review Sheet

Project Name: Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas (SMCUT) – Aerial Walkway

Case Number(s), if available: <u>F#9342-1403 – Aerial Encroachment – 15th and Red River</u>

Project Location/Address: 1500 Red River Street

Applicant/Developer: David Armbrust, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC (Applicant)

Mailing Address: 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300, Austin, TX 78701

Phone Number: (512) 435-2301

Property Owner: See attached

Please include a **description** of your proposed project, and list or discuss the ways and to what extent your project furthers or conflicts with the goals and recommendations of the Downtown Austin Plan, including but not limited to:

- Preserve and enhance the unique historical and cultural heritage of Downtown
- Support a vibrant, diverse and pedestrian-friendly urban district
- Promote Downtown's evolution into a compact, dense urban district
- Contribute to sustainability, quality of life and the Downtown experience
- Interconnect and enhance Downtown's network of public parks, open spaces and streets
- Improve access to mobility and public transportation within Downtown
- Expansion of Great Streets improvements

Please include a **map and/or aerial** that shows how your project relates to other developments and the urban context in the vicinity of the project.

Current Project Status: Design development		
(e.g., concept only, schematic design, final design,	ign)	
Project Start Date: Sept 1, 2014	Project End Date: November 1, 2016	
Type of Project: <u>New teaching hospital</u>		
(Residential, mixed use, office, commercial)		
Primary Use and SF Hospital, 517,247sf		
Ancillary Uses and SF		
Total SF <u>517,247 sf</u>		
Stories <u>8</u> FAR <u>8 to 1</u>	Height 145 feet	

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Parking spaces Located across 15 th Street	Available for public use?	Yes
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 Type of parking: Surface_____
 Structured above ground_X____
 Structured below ground_____

Specify type of bike parking being provided: <u>Bike racks</u>

Is the project located within 600 feet of any live music venue? <u>No</u> If so, are considerations being made regarding sound mitigation?

Are you seeking zoning changes or variances? <u>No. An encroachment agreement for an aerial</u> walkway to cross 15th Street is being requested. Planning Commission is currently scheduled for August 26, 2014, while City Council is currently scheduled for September 25, 2014.

If yes, please describe and indicate anticipated dates of Planning Commission and City Council action.

Is your project seeking density bonuses and, if so, please specify any community benefits you are offering for the project? <u>No</u>

Have other boards/commissions or city staff yet made recommendations on this project? If so, please describe. City staff has recommended approval of the aerial walkway. The project is scheduled to attend Downtown Commission on August 20, 2014 and Planning Commission on August 26, 2014.

Attach available images, site plans, elevations and renderings for the project. See attached.

Deadline: This form and attachments should be submitted to the City Staff Liaison for the Commission at least five business days prior to the Commissioner's meeting where the project will be presented.

LANDOWNER INFORMATION FOR 1701 RED RIVER STREET

Name: Board of Regents of The University of Texas System Address: 201 W. 7th Street, Suite 416, Austin, TX 78701 Phone: (512) 459-4333

LANDOWNER INFORMATION FOR 601 E 15th STREET

Name: Travis County Healthcare District c/o John StephensAddress: 111 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Suite B, Austin, TX 78702Phone: (512) 431-0882

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The Seton Family of Hospitals submitted an aerial encroachment agreement application (the "Application") for providing dedicated pedestrian access between the new Seton Medical Center Austin at The University of Texas (SMCUT) and the existing parking garage currently serving University Medical Center Brackenridge (UMCB).

The SMCUT will be constructed at 1500 Red River Street, on the north side of 15th Street. All parking will be provided in the existing UMCB parking garage at 601 E. 15th Street, which is across 15th Street. The Application seeks approval for an encroachment agreement to cross 15th Street with an aerial walkway, which will connect the two facilities.

We understand that the recently adopted Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) discourages sky-bridges; however, we believe this is a unique situation for the following reasons:

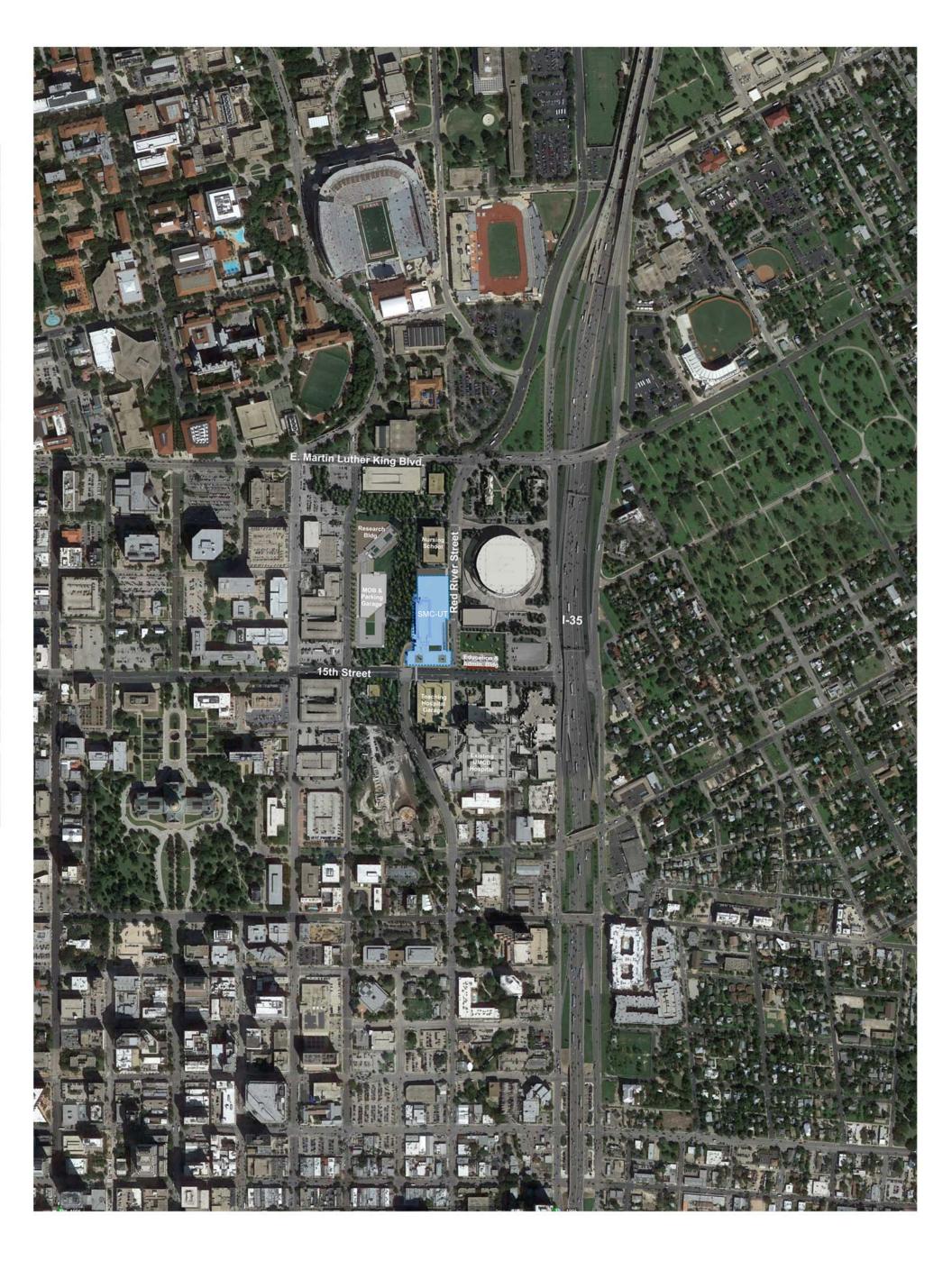
- 1. Seton is dedicated and obligated to provide safe and efficient access for patients, visitors, physicians and staff to the hospital. The aerial walkway will provide safe access across 15th Street for patients and hospital staff to cross 15th Street from the primary and possibly the only parking facility serving the hospital.
- 2. The topography at the intersection of 15th Street and Red River Street is hilly, making pedestrian access less than ideal for patients entering the hospital at ground level.
- 3. Traffic at the intersection of 15th Street and Red River Street would also make pedestrian access difficult for patients and staff entering the hospital at ground level. Approximately 3,000 patients, visitors, staff, physicians, and volunteers are expected to cross daily from the parking garage to SMCUT in each direction, with the heaviest volume to occur at shift changes at 7am, 3pm, and 7pm. Of particular concern is the safety of hundreds of patients and staff members crossing 15th Street during the morning rush hour between 6:30am and 7:30am.
- 4. No onsite parking is provided on the new hospital's site due to site limitations.
- 5. The site is owned by UT and is part of UT's Medical District. UT's Medical District Master Plan does not include any parking facilities to serve SMCUT.
- 6. SMCUT operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and serves as Central Texas' only Level 1 Trauma and Safety Net Hospital. Many patients and visitors suffer physical disabilities including mobility impairment. The on-grade route from the garage elevator across 15th Street, then east uphill to realigned Red River, and then north to the main hospital entrance is not only dangerous and unsafe due to the traffic on 15th Street, it also would subject people with mobility impairments to unacceptable challenges.

Although access to the hospital is proposed to occur primarily through the use of the aerial walkway, the SMCUT project will contribute to a vibrant, diverse, and pedestrian-friendly urban district that is in concert with The University of Texas Medical District Urban Design Guidelines and The Ten Enduring Principles for Building on the UT Austin Campus. SMCUT will nurture a vibrant, diverse, and pedestrian-friendly urban district, including humanely-scaled architectural expression and a variety of pedestrian amenities along Red River Street. Hospital service functions, such as the loading dock and the Emergency Department ambulance entrance, will be effectively screened from public view.

Envisioned as an integral part of the highly active pedestrian zone of the UT Medical District, the SMCUT's location adjacent to 15th Street also ensures easy access to existing Capital Metro bus service and is a short walk from the proposed alignment of the Capital MetroRail expansion.

As part of the larger University of Texas Medical District, SMCUT will integrate closely, both physically and visually, with the other District Buildings. The main public entrance to the Hospital is on Red River Street, which is envisioned as a highly active pedestrian zone linking the Teaching Hospital to other buildings in the Medical District and contributing to the animation of public spaces in the District. SMCUT's public entry plaza will also visually connect across Red River Street to the Dell Medical School Administration Building entrance plaza, creating a gateway into the Medical District. SMCUT will present a strong "build-to" edge along a tree-lined 15th Street, aligning with the Dell Medical School Administration Building across Red River and contributing to the human-scaled urban quality of the UT Medical District.

For these reasons, we request Downtown Commission's support for this Application.

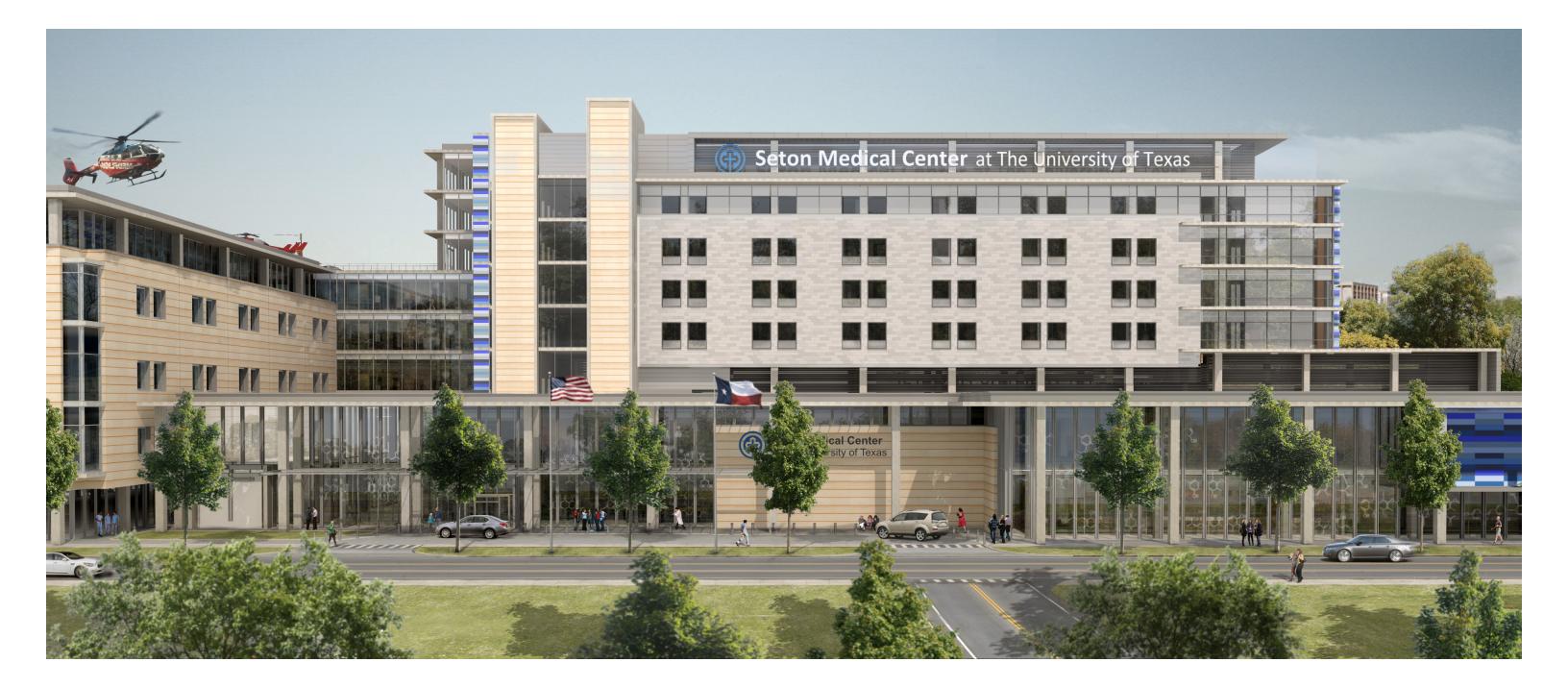


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VIEW 'A' FROM DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL PLAZA

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VIEW 'B' FROM 15TH STREET LOOKING WEST

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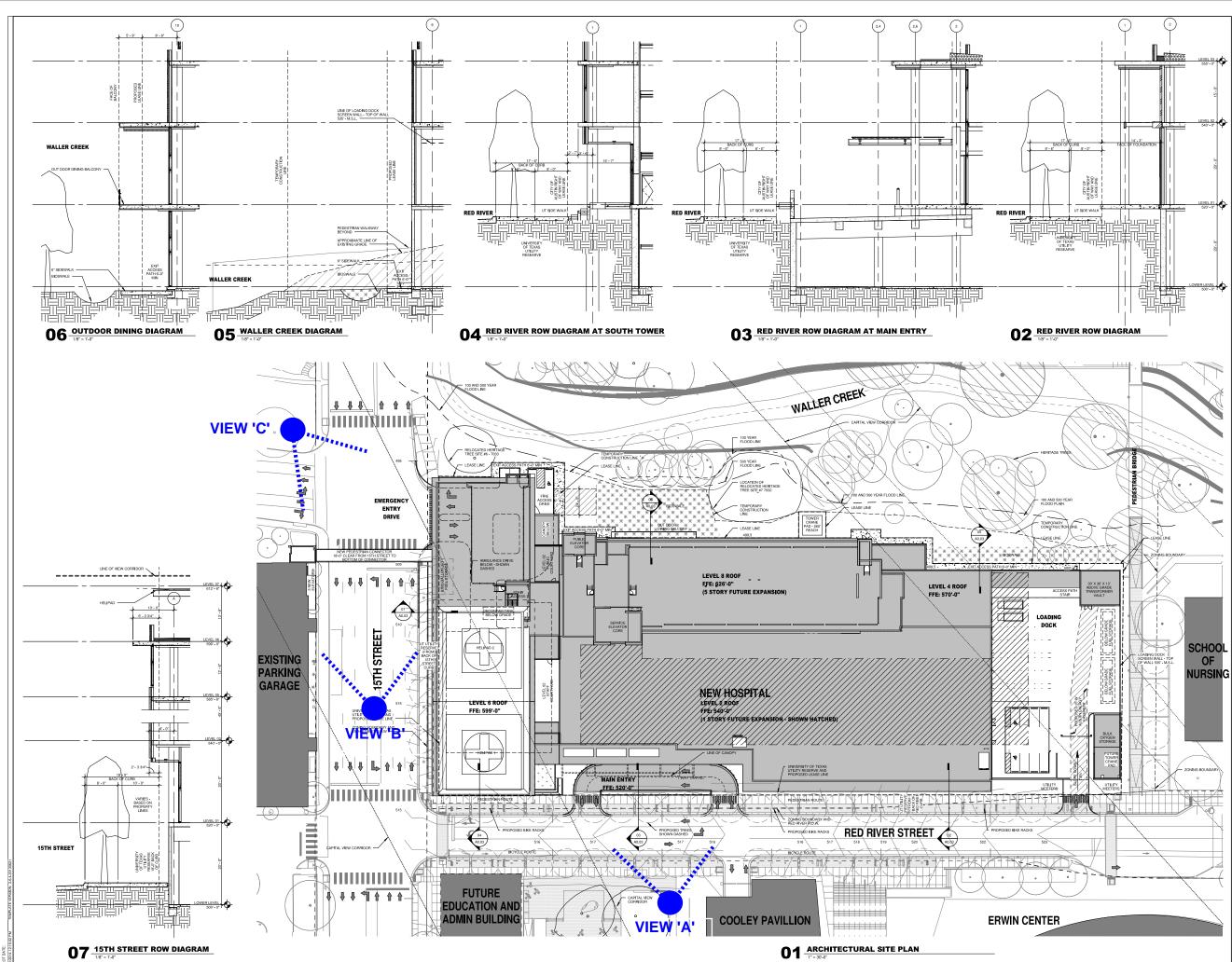




VIEW 'C' FROM SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 15TH STREET AND RED RIVER STREET

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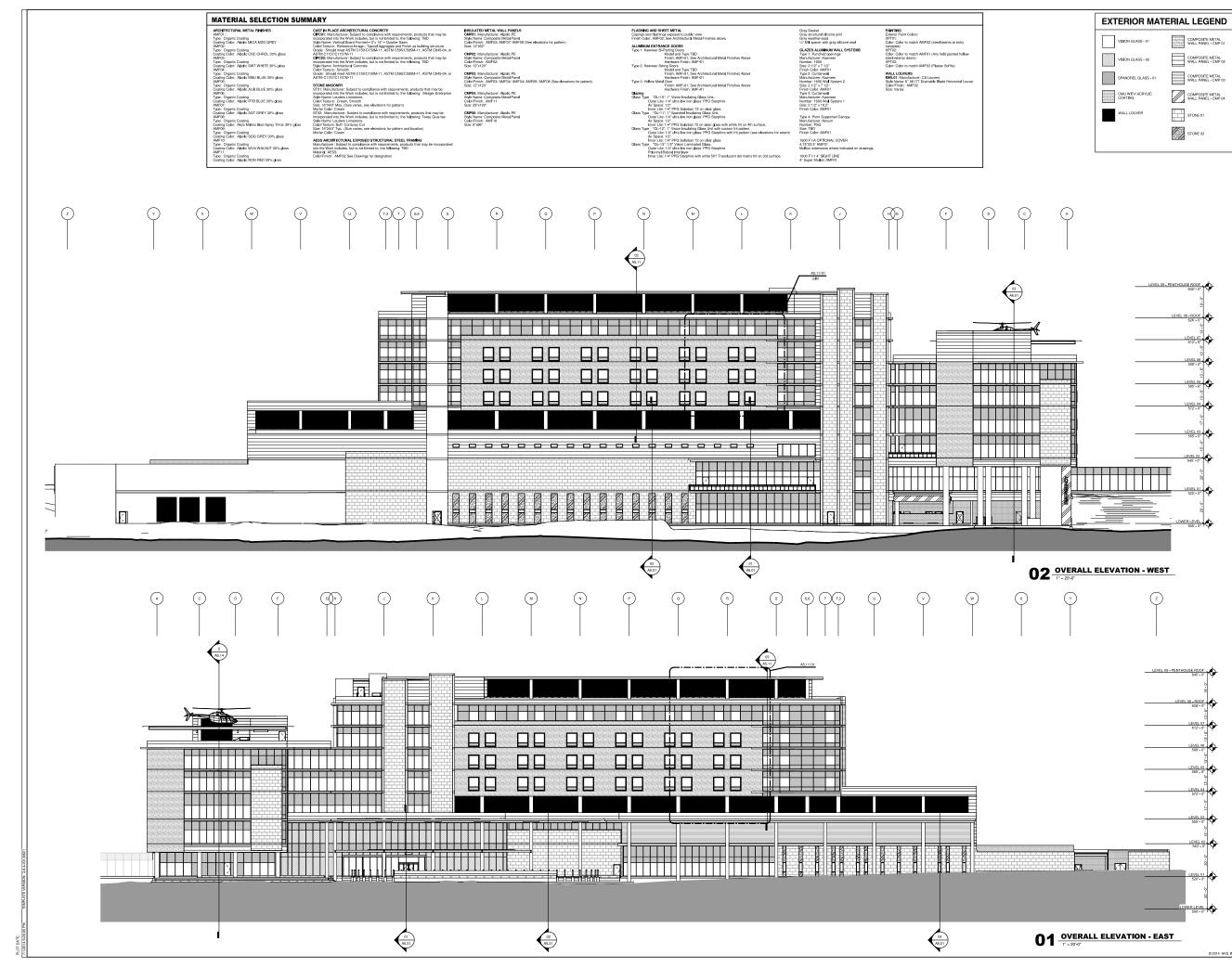


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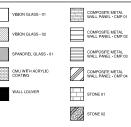
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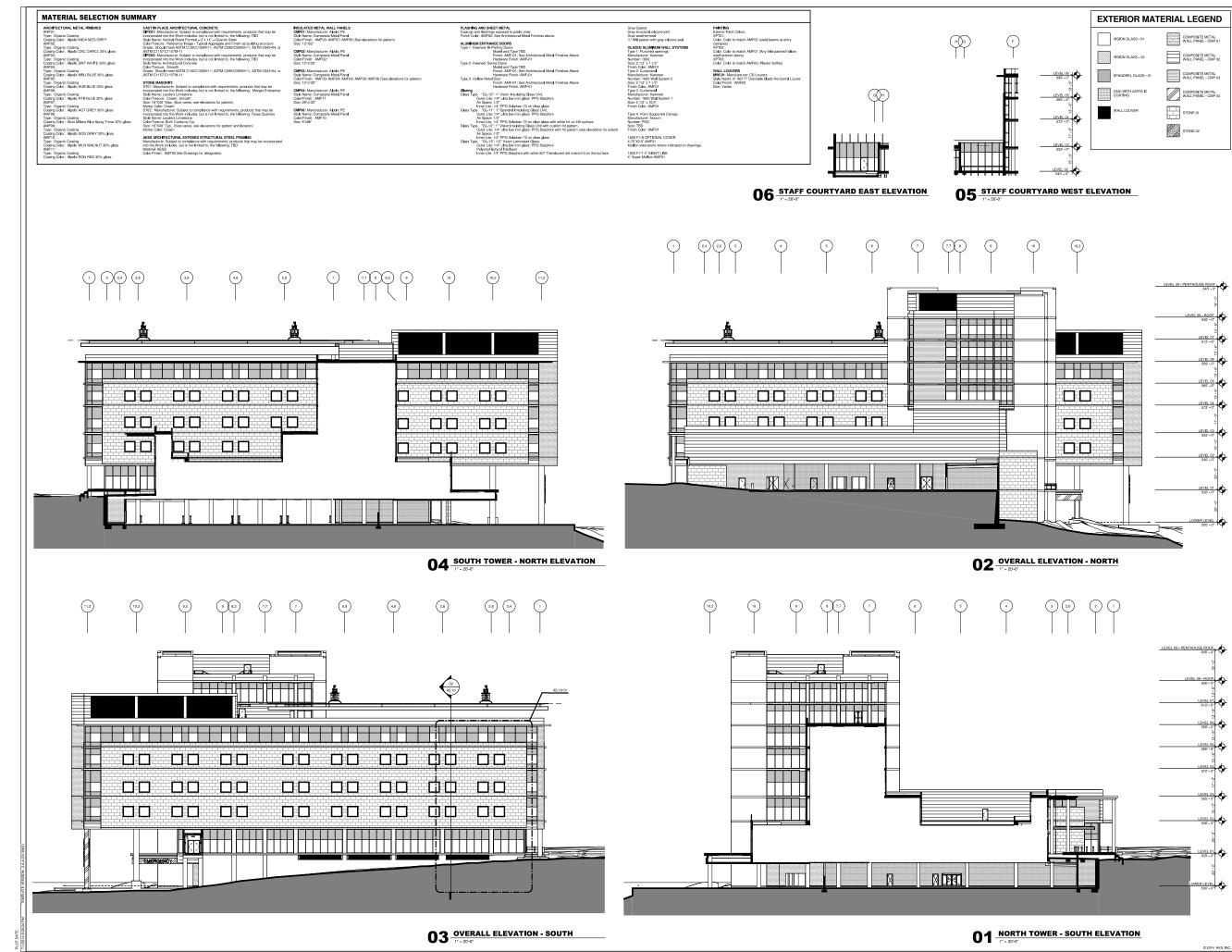


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