

City of Austin
Central Fire and EMS Station

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Outline



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New Addition
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Context

Location: 401 E. 5th St

Part of a block owned by the city

Block includes the O. Henry Museum

Project is being coordinated with the development of Brush Square Park, which is a separate project led by the Parks and Recreation Department



Introduction

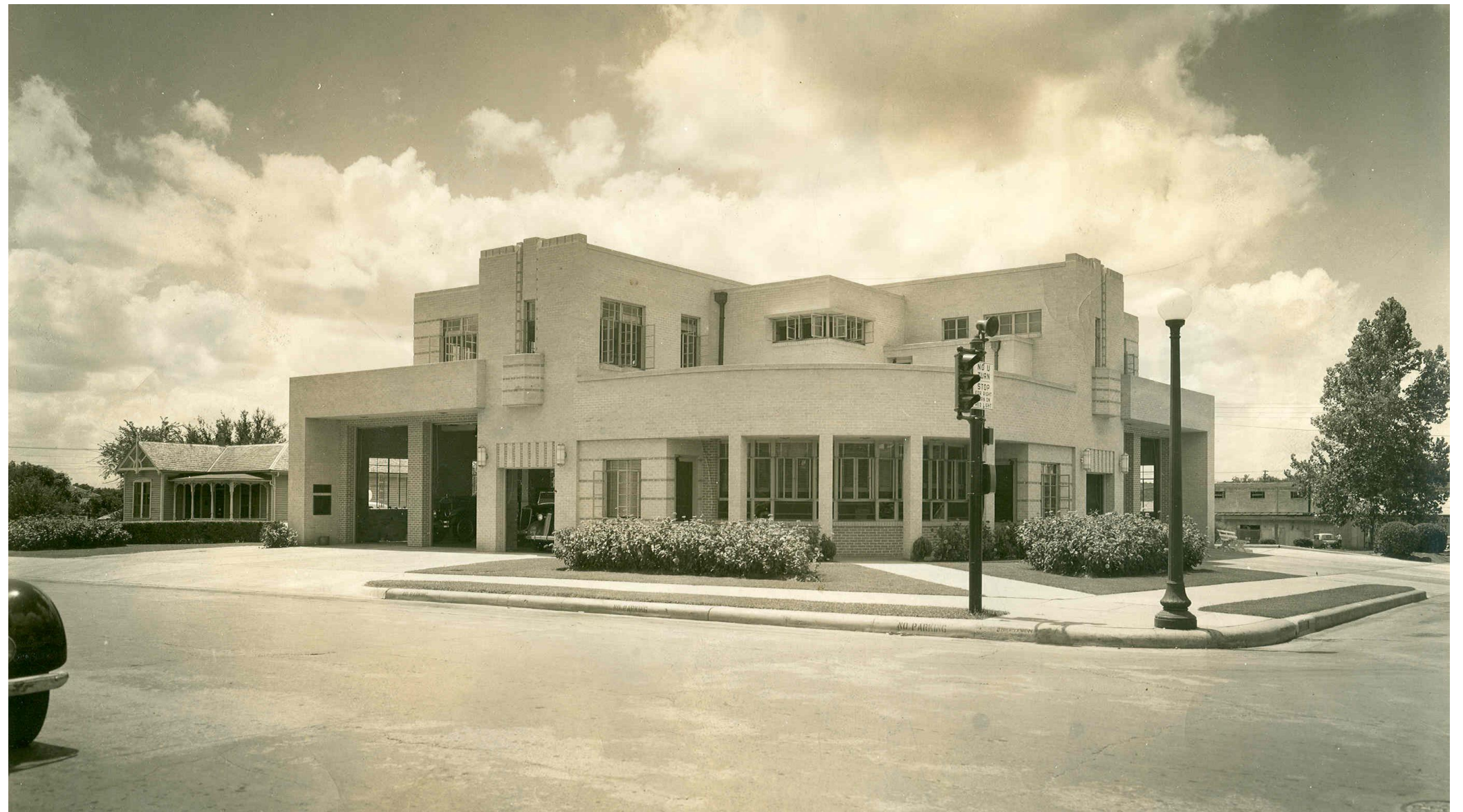
Overview

Constructed in 1938

Architect:
Kreisle and Brooks

Constructed under the
Public Works
Administration (WPA)

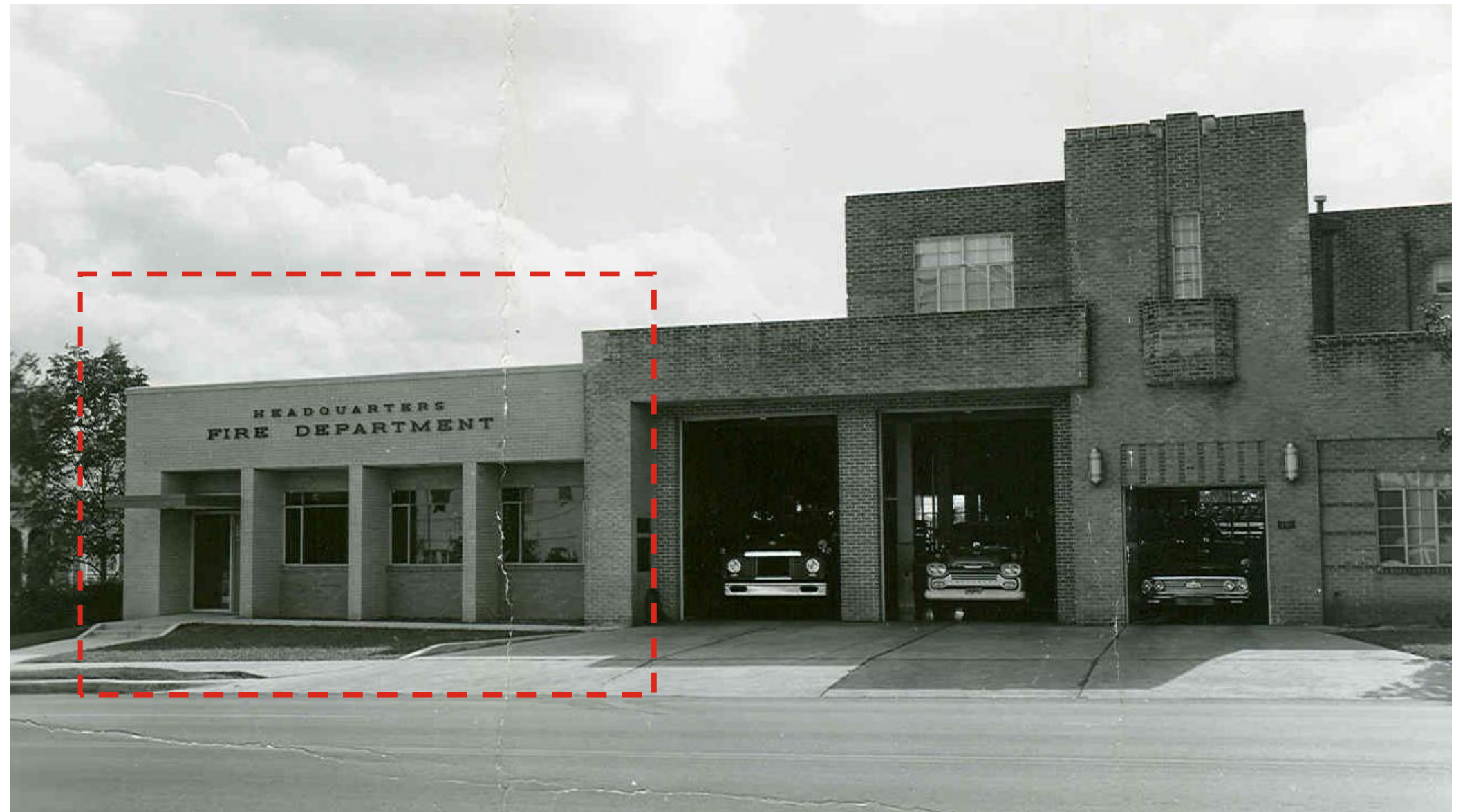
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Building History

Overview

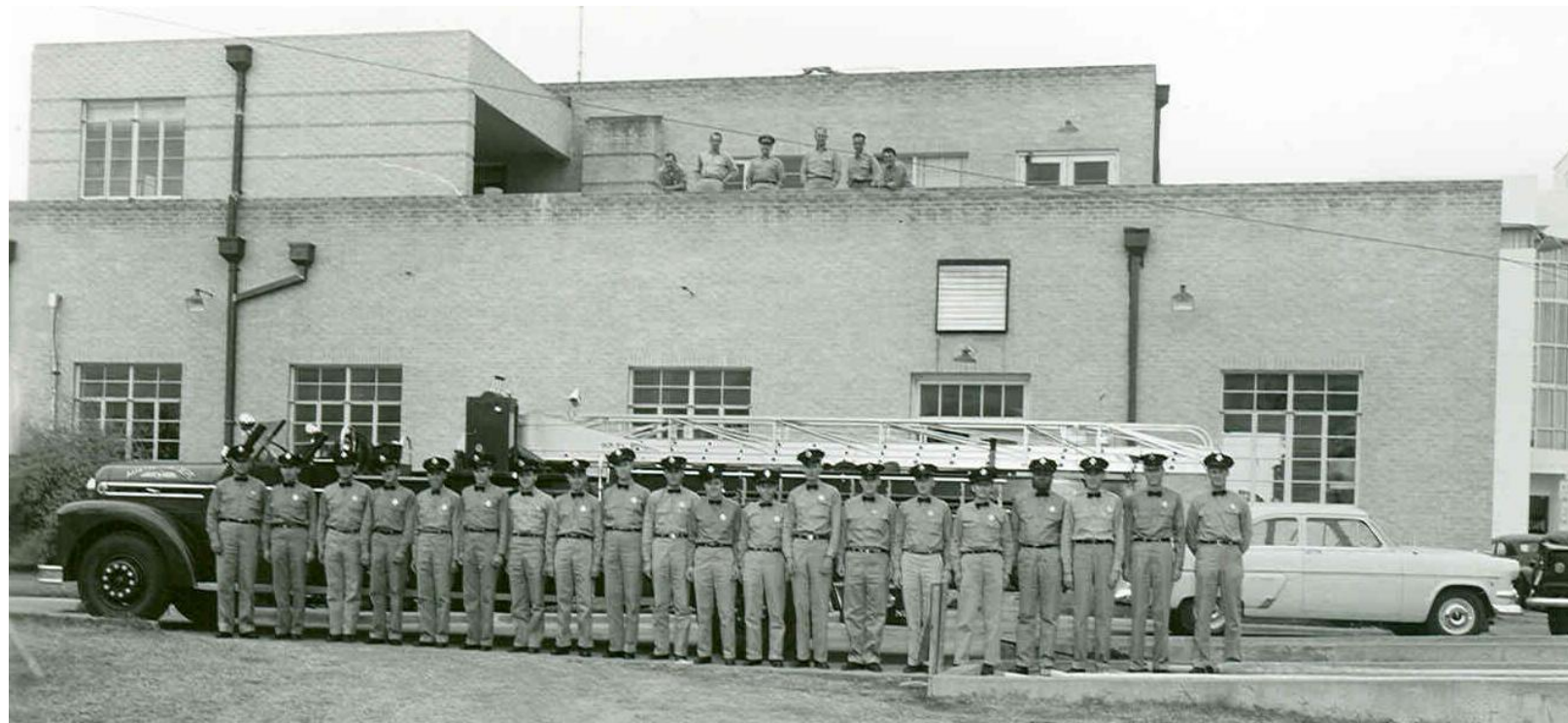
Annex added in 1962
by architect Eugene
Wukash



Building History

Overview

Non-historic windows
added in 1980s



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Historic

Moderne style
(Streamline Moderne)

Simplicity of
ornamentation



Key Features and Stylistic Elements

Historic

Use of building materials as decoration

Subtle patterning

Brick coursing

Symbolic towers

Nickel-finished lights

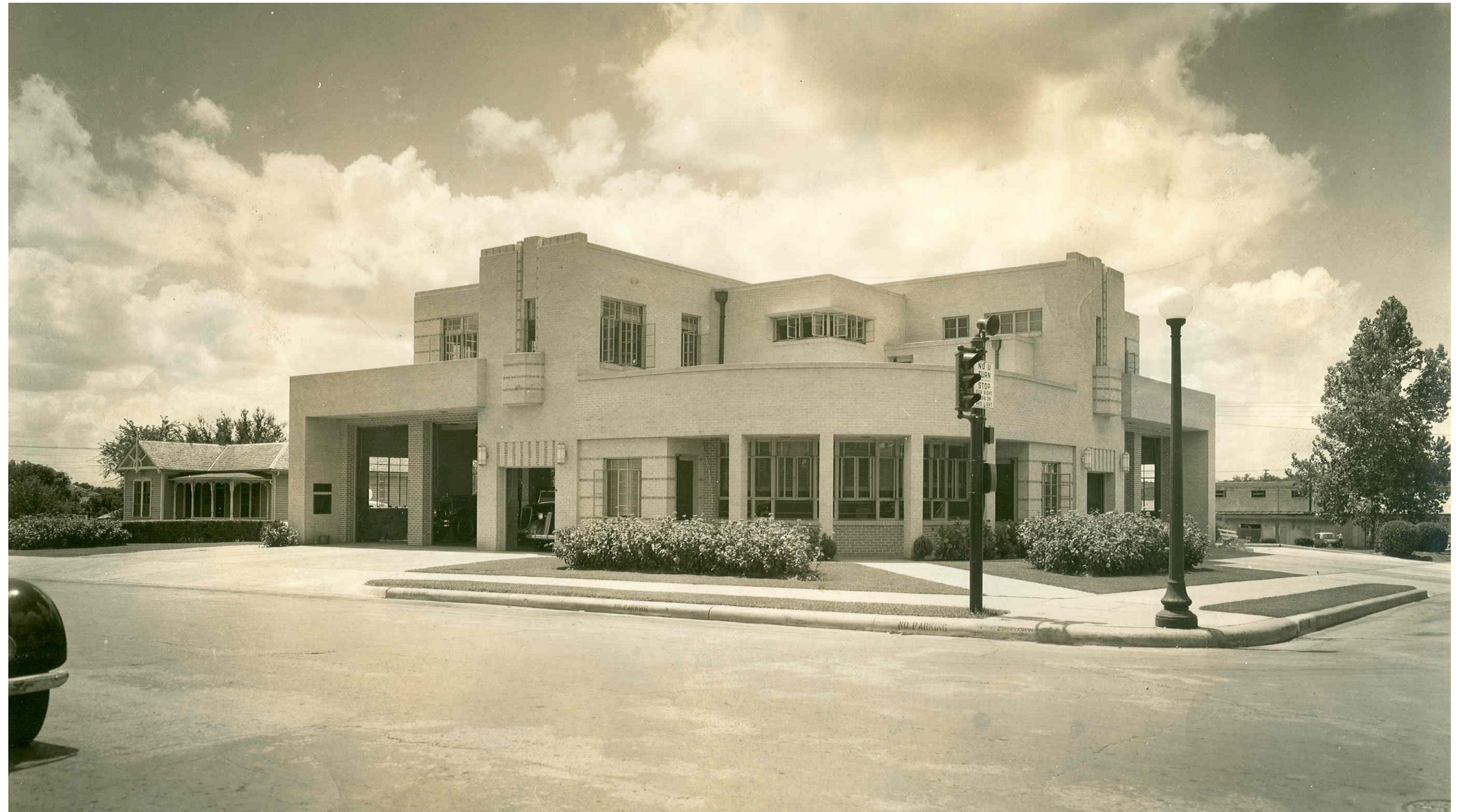


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Historic

Curved portico

Corner approach



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Layering of elements

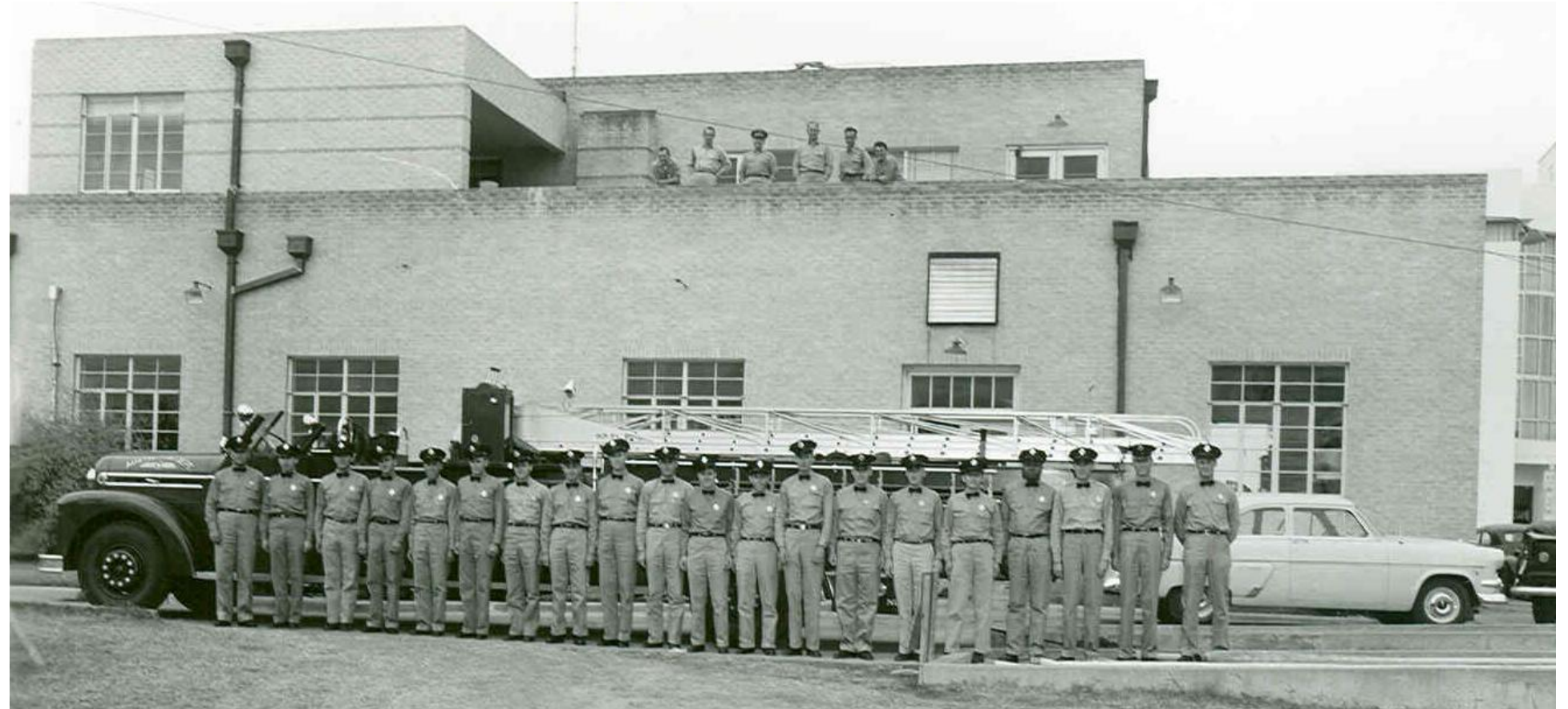
Massing plays with
symmetry and
asymmetry



Key Features and Stylistic Elements

Preservation

The proposed changes ensure the facility will continue to operate in its historic location efficiently functioning as its original purpose for years into the future.



Maintain Original Intended Use

Preservation

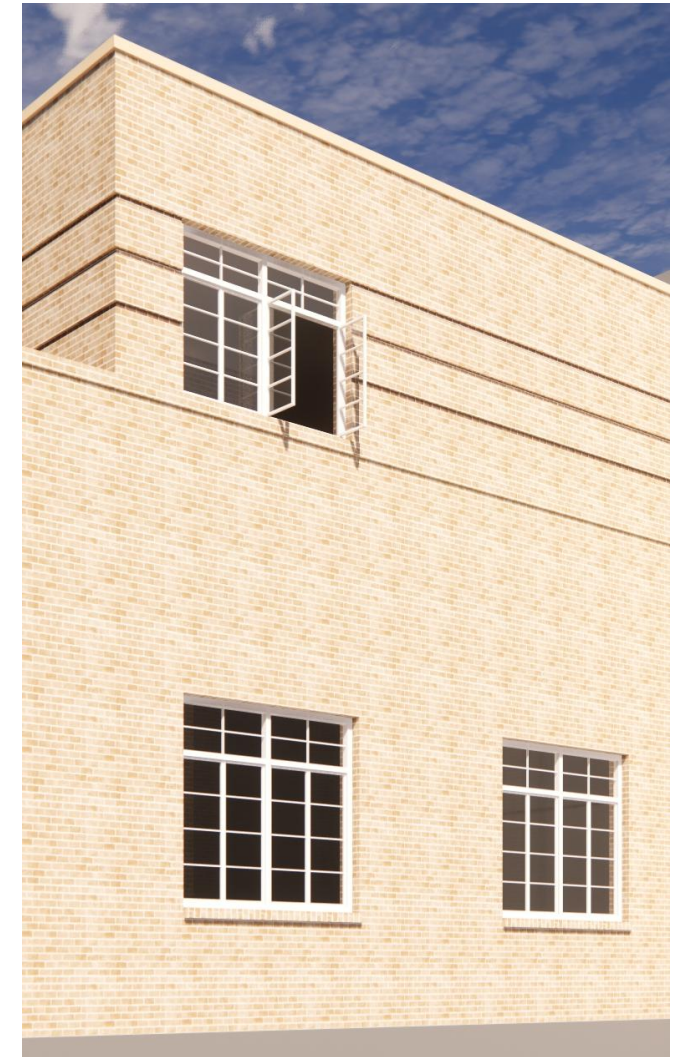
Window replacements
will more closely match
the original design



Original



Current



Proposed

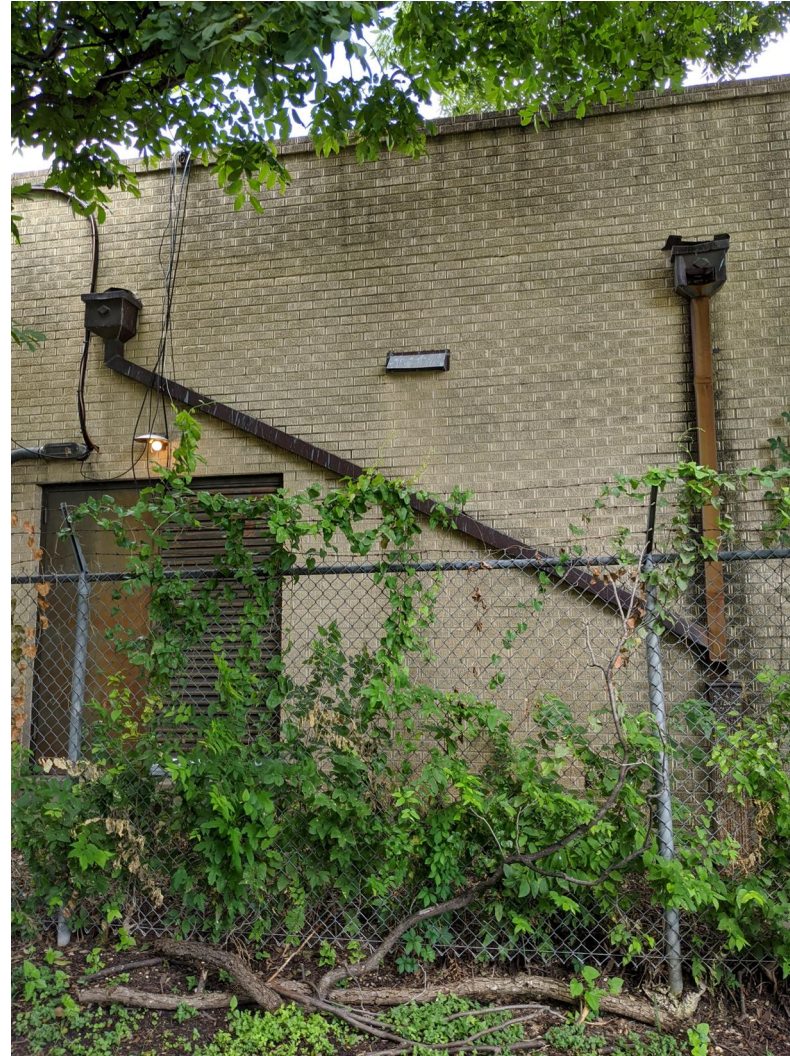
Return to Original Design Elements

Preservation

Brick will be cleaned
and repaired

Lintels will be
refurbished

Eroded plaster on soffits
will be replaced



Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement

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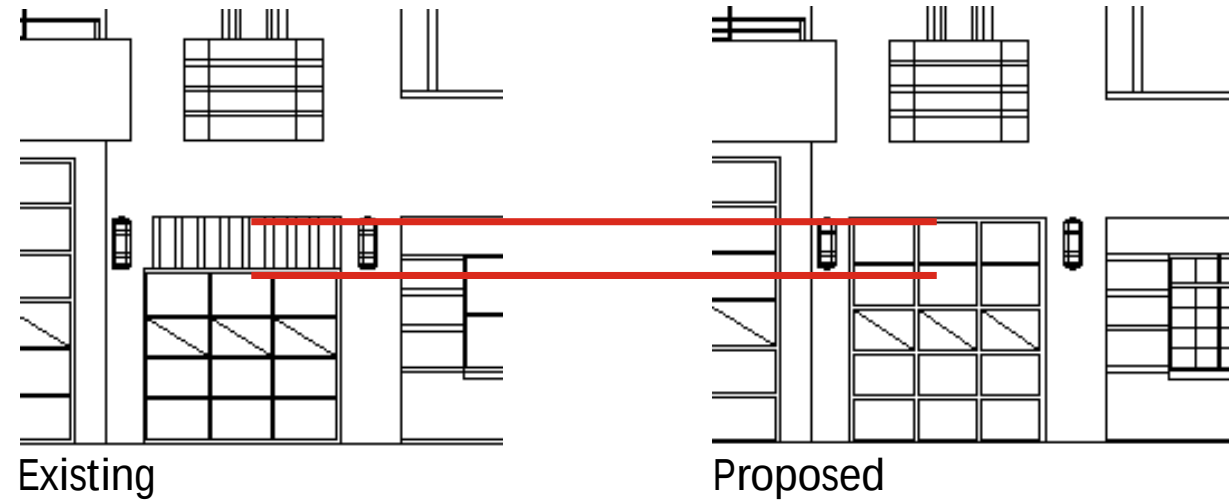
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Program

Improved emergency response through bay door height increase to accommodate modern vehicle sizes

Interior reconfiguration to accommodate gender equity



End-user's Long-term Needs

Program

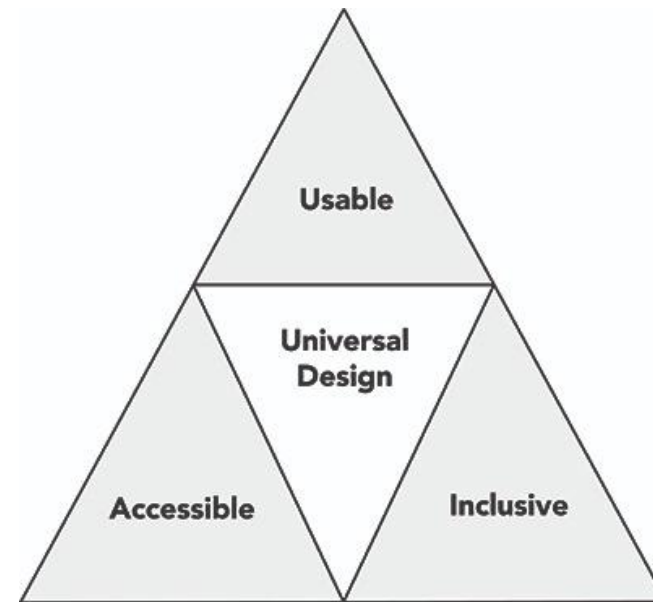
Improvement of life safety through sprinklers and additional egress

Making the building accessible (ADA and elevator addition)

Energy efficiency (Windows, Envelope, and HVAC)

Preserve the building's inclusion on the National Historic Register

City's Objectives

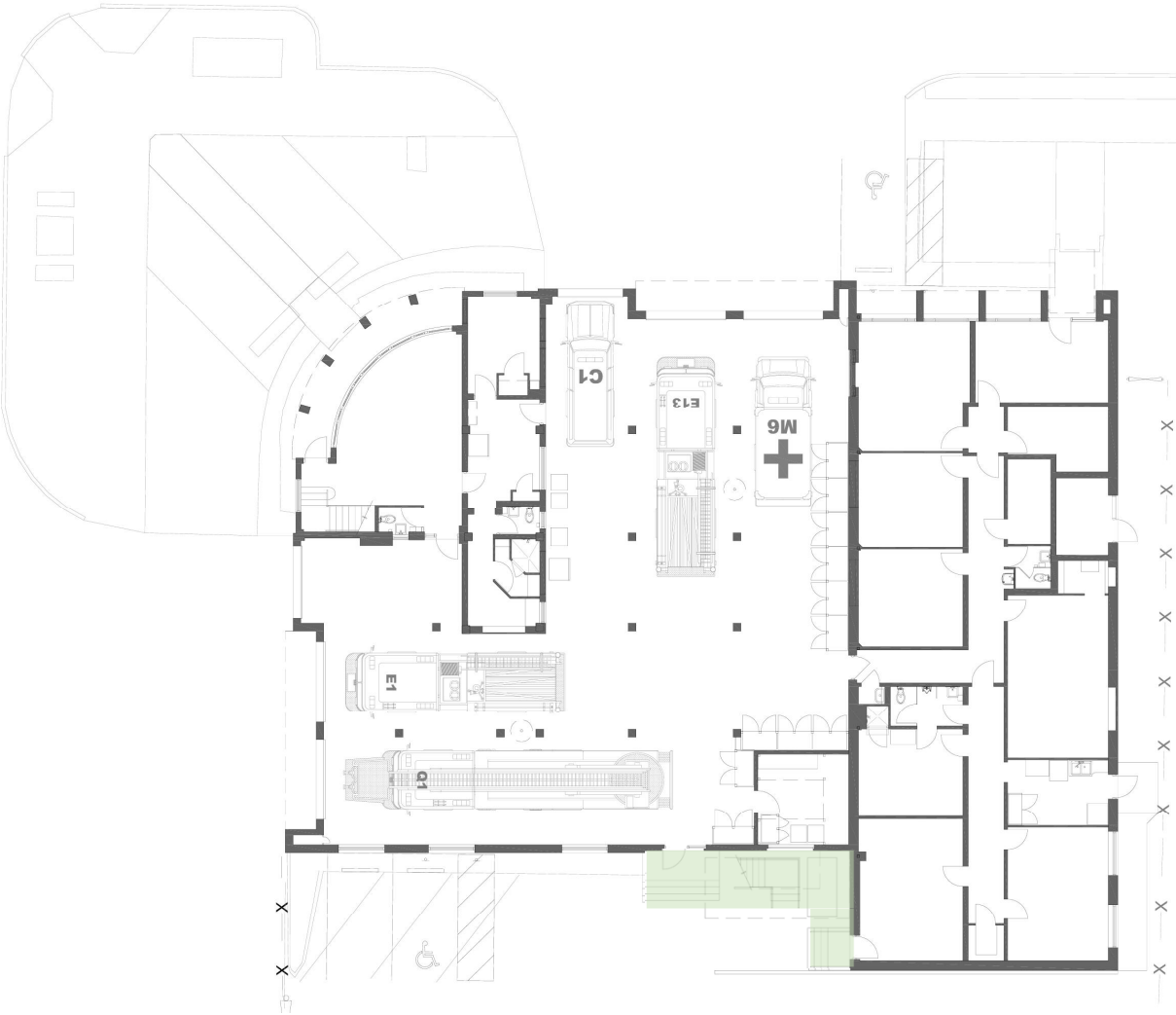


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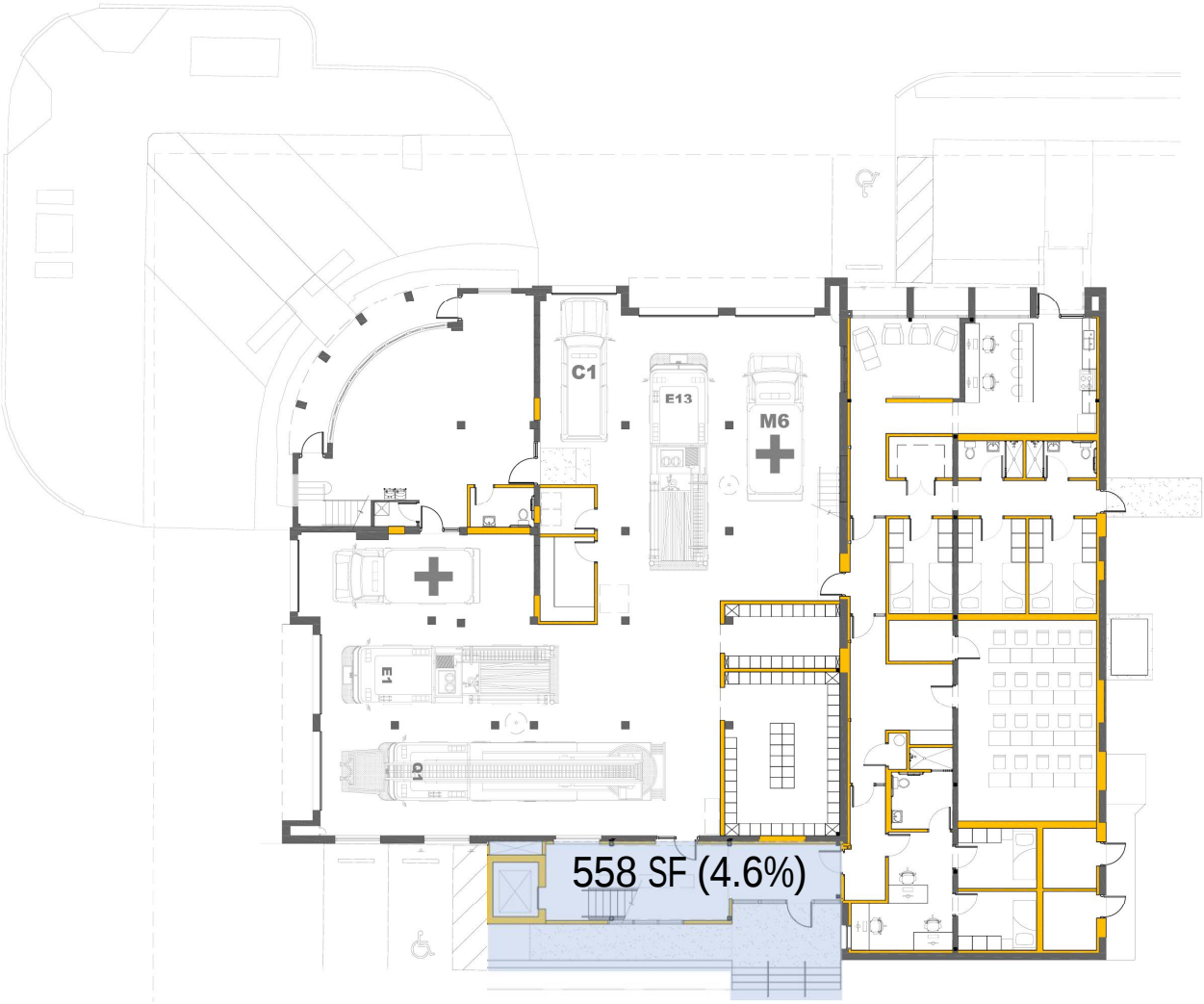
Plan Changes

Change to Existing

Addition



Existing



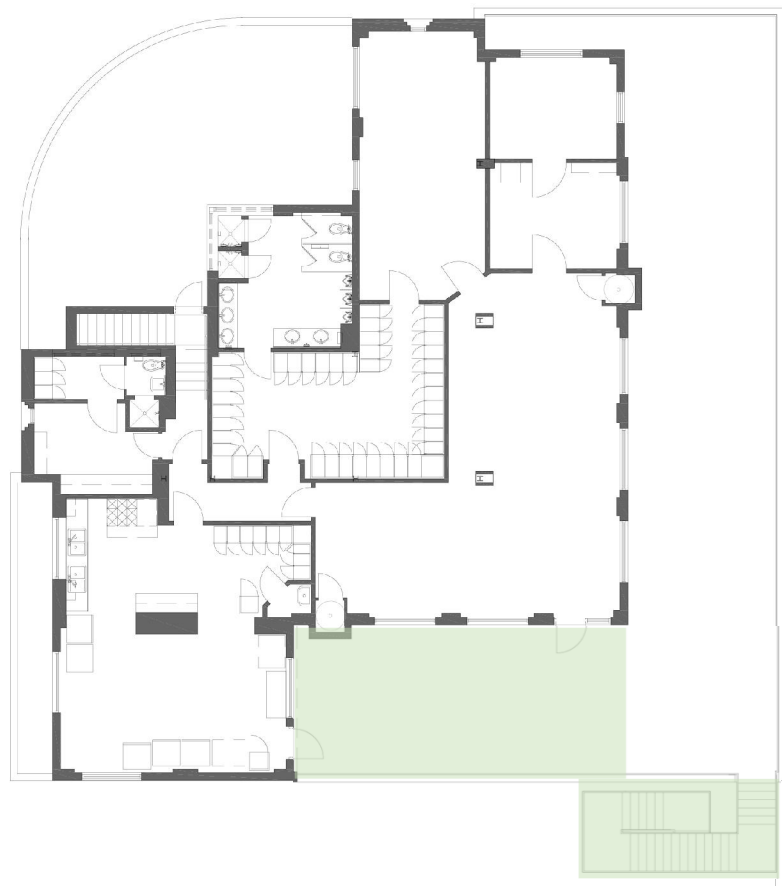
Proposed

First Floor

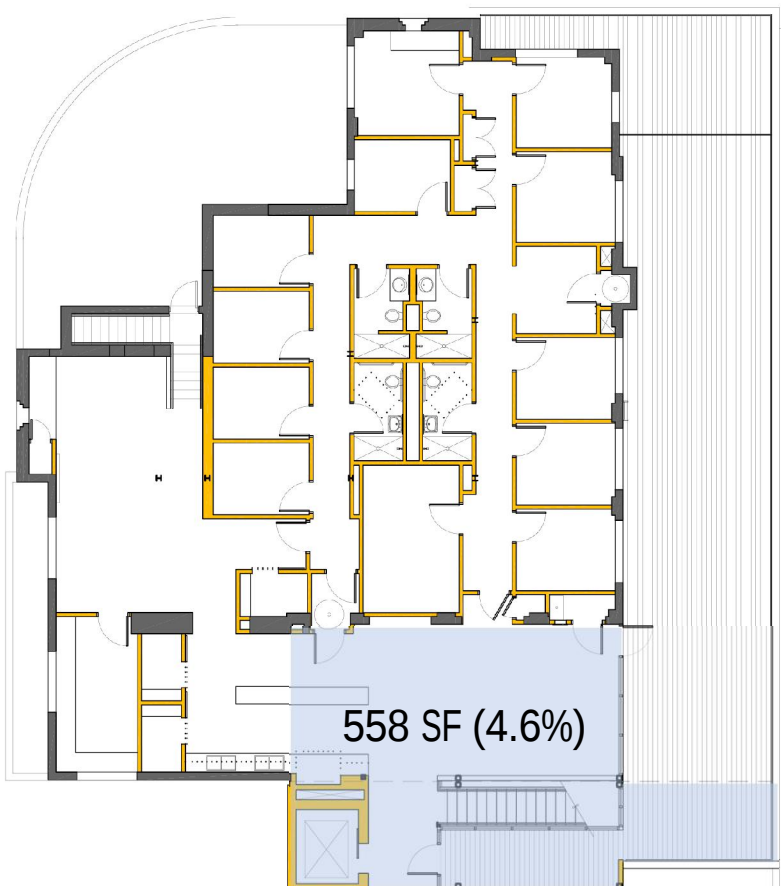
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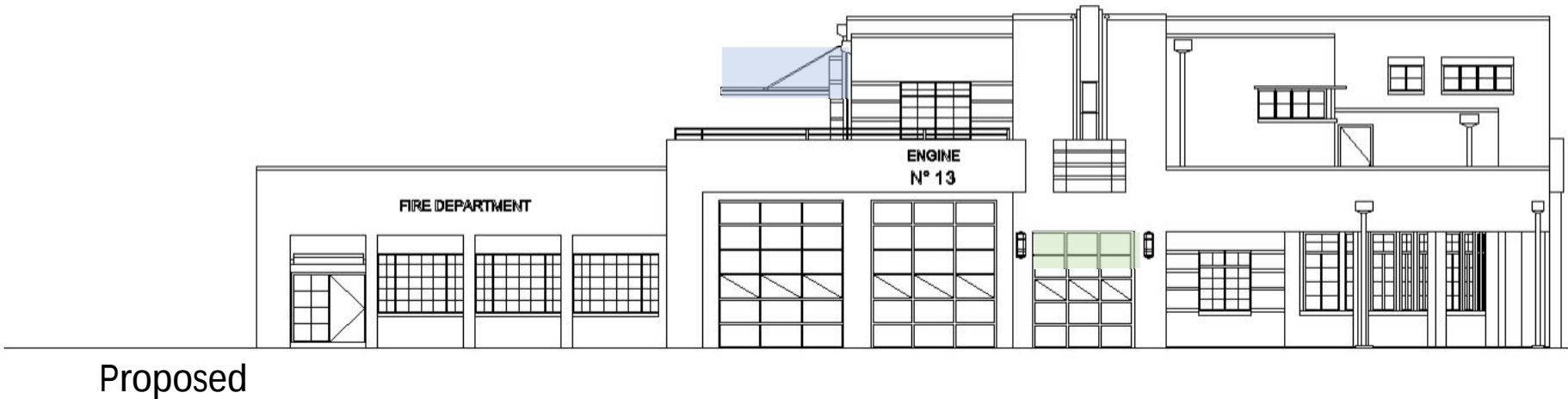
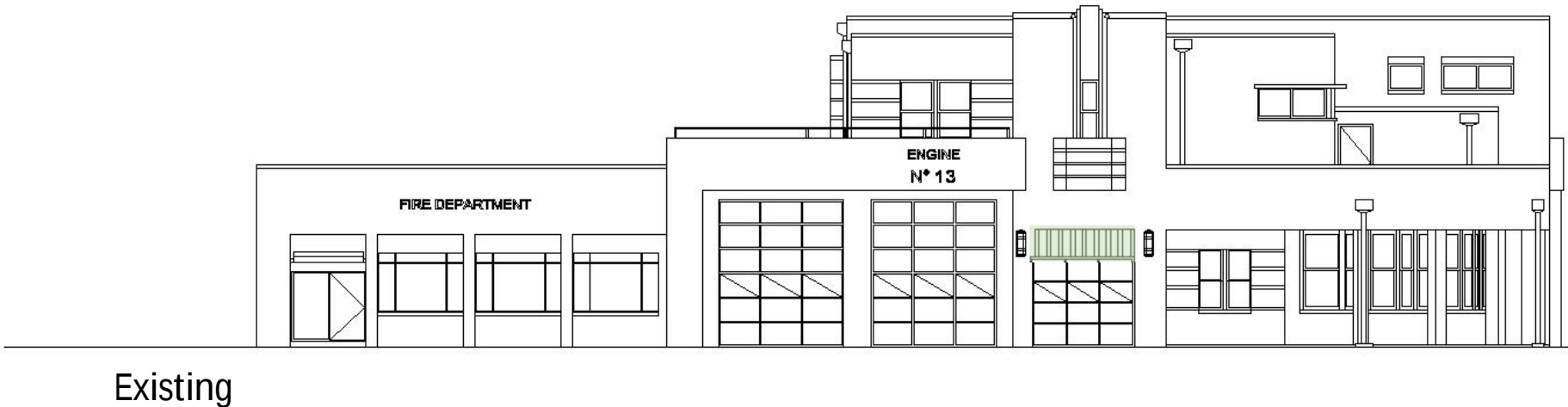
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Second Floor

Façade Changes

Change to Existing

Addition



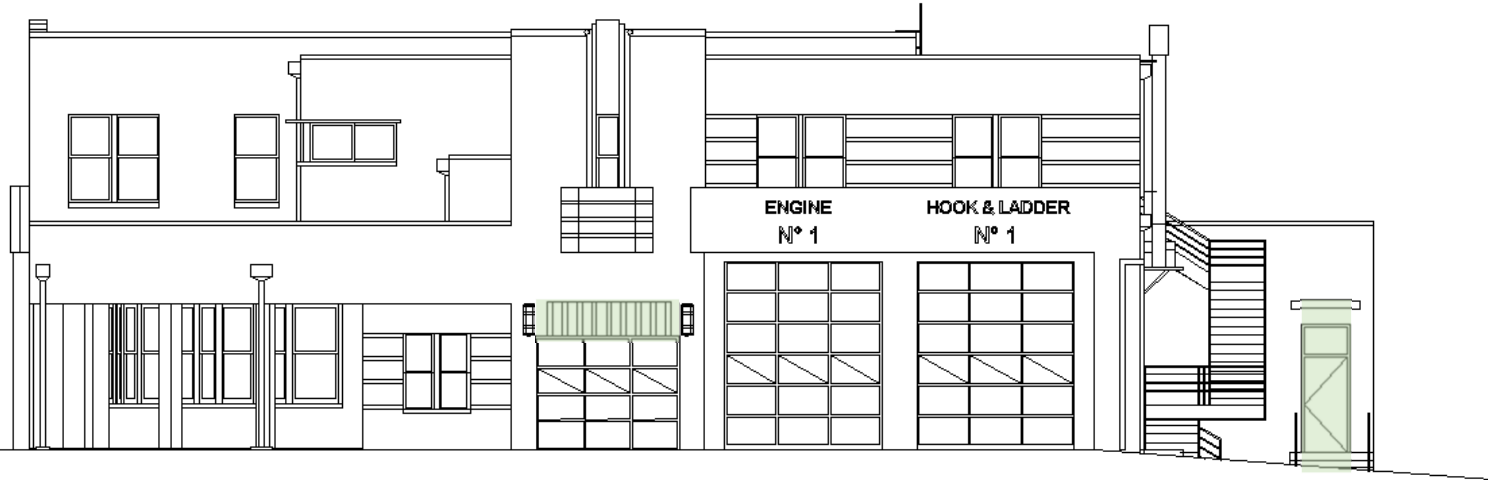
E. 5th Street

Façade Changes

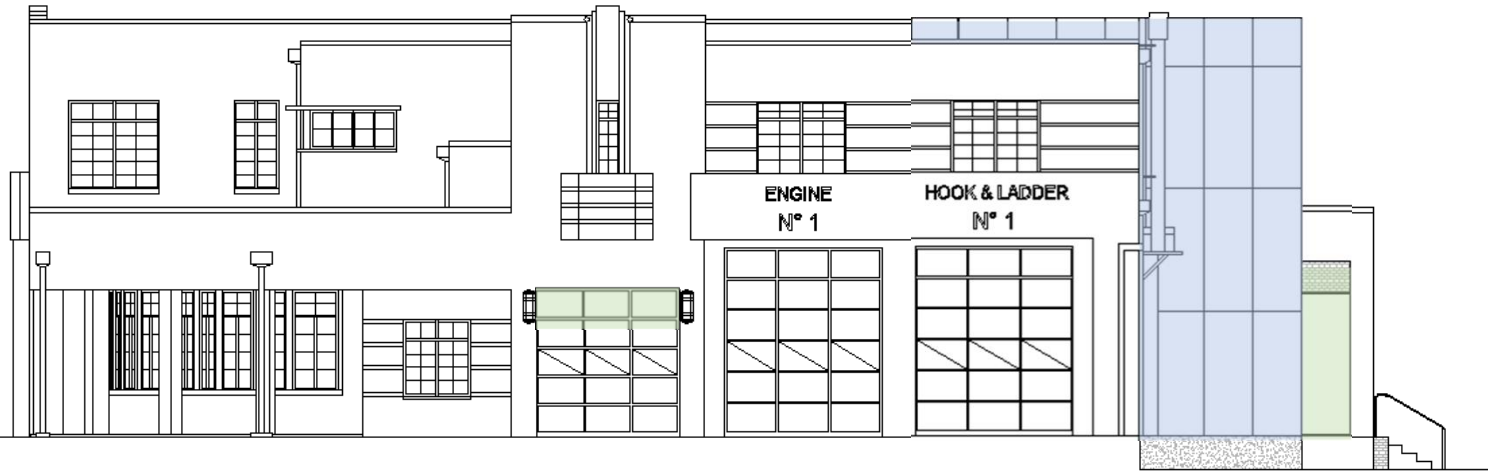
Change to Existing

Addition

Existing



Proposed



Trinity Street

Signage Changes



Existing

Main Sign



Proposed

Signage Changes



Remove

Ancillary Signs



Add

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Addition

Minimize the addition
to only what is
programmatically
necessary

Original=12,031 SF /
Addition=515 SF / 4.3%
gross square footage
increase



Keep It Small

Addition

Use the parking-lot side to preserve the 5th and Trinity Street facades which are the most crucial to the historic character of the building

Delineate what is new through material and tone while maintaining sympathetic massing and scale without emulation



Keep It Separate

Addition

Recess the new entry to not overpower the importance of the crucial original corner entry



Keep It Deferential

Addition

Bridge the massing of the annex and the original building to pull the forms into a distinguishable but well-composed and complimentary resulting façade



Keep It Unified

Addition

Use glazing to provide visibility to the original structure playing off the layering in the original design



Keep the Original Visible

Addition

Provide art in public places to continue the aspirations of the original design that Austin be a modern and progressive city



Keep the Progressive Vision of the Original

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