

St. David's South Austin Medical Center

EMERGENCY ROOM WAYFINDING SIGN VARIANCE

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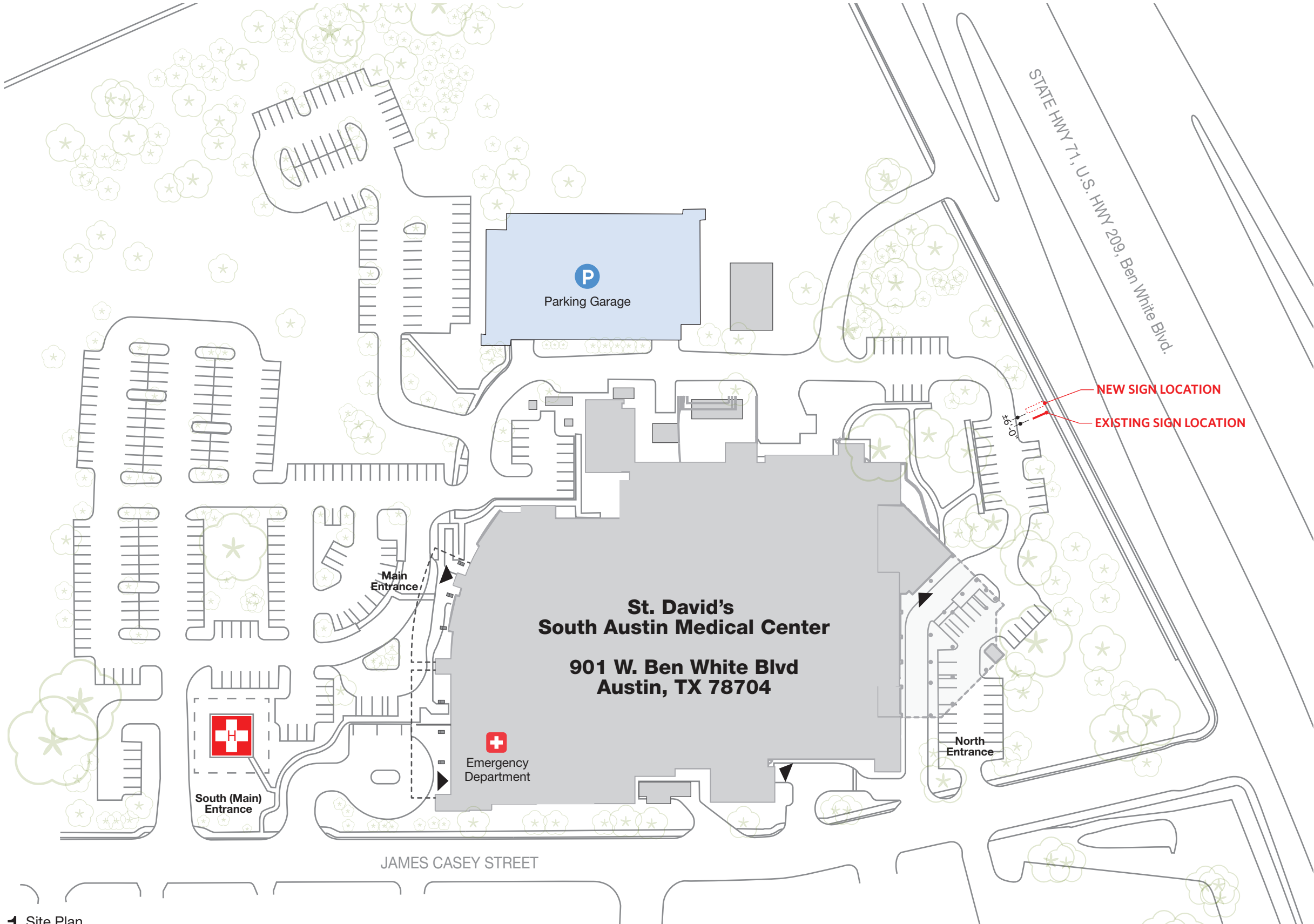
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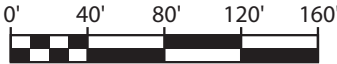
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- The proposed sign will measure 35 ft. in height, which would be compliant with current code if the hospital was situated along the street frontage rather than atop the retaining wall.



1 Site Plan
Scale: 1" = 100'



St. David's South Austin
Pylon Signage Upgrade



Extremely high retaining wall and topography make compliance with code a hardship.

Existing Condition:
27' high
15' Wide
112 SF

12" StDavid's Letters
13" SAMC Letters

±18" symbol
±14.5" ER Letters

Proposed Condition (height variance needed due to extreme topography)
35'-0" high
17'-3" Wide
253 SF

26" StDavid's Letters
17" SAMC Letters

28" symbol
18.5" ER Letters





Before: 112 SF



After: 253 SF



Westbound 71. Existing code allowance does not provide enough height to clear trees for unobstructed sightlines. This is amplified by the curvature of the highway at this location.



Proposed Condition





Eastbound on 71 frontage road. Existing code allowance does not provide enough height to clear trees for unobstructed sightlines.



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Recap

- The existing emergency room wayfinding sign is obstructed by the surrounding tree line, making navigation challenging for first responders and patients.
- The requested variance would allow St. David's to install a new wayfinding sign above the tree line, improving visibility and helping direct drivers to the emergency room.
- The site's topography creates a hardship, necessitating a variance to Sec. 25-10-123(B)(3) to accommodate the proposed sign.
- The proposed sign will be 35 ft. tall, which would be code compliant if the sign were aligned with the street frontage.
- The South Menchaca Neighborhood Contact Team supports this request.

Questions?
