



SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSITY BRANCH RENOVATION

LANDMARKS BRIEFING MEETING APRIL 14, 2023

- * 1. PROJECT OBJECTIVES
 - 2. BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS
 - 3. DESIGN PROPOSALS
 - SITE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS
 - BUILDING EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS + ADDITIONS
 - INTERIOR MODIFICATIONS

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

SPL PROJECT GOALS + EXPANDED PROGRAM

2019 "LIBRARIES FOR ALL" LEVY

- RENEWAL OF 2012 LIBRARY LEVY
- MAINTAIN/EXPAND COLLECTIONS + SERVICES

PROJECT GOALS

- IMPROVE LIFE SAFETY
- IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY
- INSTALL ELEVATOR
- MEET LEED GOLD (ELECTRIFICATION)
- EXPAND PROGRAM & SERVICES

EXPANDED PROGRAM + SERVICES

- ADD MEETING/STUDY ROOMS
- INCREASE COMPUTER & RESTROOM ACCESS
- MAINTAIN EXISTING COLLECTIONS

PUBLIC + STAFF SAFETY

- IMPROVE INTERNAL SIGHT LINES
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EXIT

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PROPERTY CONTEXT + LANDMARK CONTROLS

PROPERTY DATA

University Public Library Property Name:

Site Address: 5009 Roosevelt Way Northeast

Seattle, WA 98105

Tax Assessor's File No.: 0825049041

Construction Date: 1910

Somerville & Coté Original Architect:

Original Builder: Unknown

Landmark Designation: 2001

NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDINGS

Nearby City of Seattle Landmarks buildings within a quartermile radius include the following:

1. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 1910 5041 9th Avenue

2. University Library, 1909 5009 Roosevelt Way NE

3. Fire Station #17, 1929 1050 NE 50th Street



LANDMARK CONTROLS

- Site
- Exterior of building
- Interior of main floor (excludes lower floor)
- Excludes coverings and movable furniture

CHANGES TO ORIGINAL BUILDING

1933 Light Fixtures altered with Pittsburgh reflectors New oil burner Light installed over front entrance 1954 Lights improved Railings installed on interior and exterior stairs at entrances, 17 car parking lot Installation of natural gas heating plant Alter building per plan by architects Durham Anderson & Freed New conduit, wire service for library remodel Structural bracing of masonry gable ends and chimney to existing library building Alter existing library per plans, install fire alarm system, install lighting Construct accessibility ramp, provide new wiring, and seismic and system upgrading Install 20 AMP circuit to run existing sump pump

Landmarks designation

- Window repairs 2015
- Exterior fence, accessibility ramp and parking, and exterior handrail lighting

SHKSARCHITECTS

Window repairs, lower floor power operated door

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SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION

The Seattle University Branch Library is one of six remaining Carnegie Libraries operated by Seattle Public Libraries. Designed by architects Somervell & Coté, library was constructed in 1908 and first opened in 1910. The architectural style of the University Library is Neo-Classical, with a formal grand entrance and bilateral symmetry. The building's two-story structure was typical for its era, and combined a number of systems and materials. It is considered an unreinforced masonry (URM) building, constructed of reinforced concrete framing with hollow clay tile infill, and finished with cement stucco. Some Mediterranean influence is indicated in the stucco cladding, glazed terra cotta roof tile, and exposed rafter ends. The regular, symmetrical fenestration pattern is characterized by openings with a strong vertical proportion.

The library is located at 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, just north of the City of Seattle in the University District neighborhood. The site is a rectangular corner lot, bounded by Roosevelt Way NE on the east, NE 50th Street on the south, and 9th Ave NE on the west. The building is centrally located within the site, which slopes steeply downward to the east to meet the sidewalk at Roosevelt Way NE. The main entrance faces east with a central, ascending monumental stair. A paved parking lot is located at the west (rear) of the building. The surrounding area is characterized by a diverse mix of residential neighborhoods and commercial businesses.

PROJECT SCOPE

The building does not meet current or pending seismic performance criteria, and the building's Carnegie design and its site relationship presents challenges to providing universal and equitable access. The branch now faces the challenge of serving an increasingly diverse range of patrons while adapting to new norms of learning, research, and public service. While the primary project goals of this project are seismic, accessibility, and energy code compliance, the size and scale of the scope creates the opportunity for a complete building and site renovation to improve the user and staff experience.



UNIVERSITY BRANCH 1910



UNIVERSITY BRANCH 1931

SELECTED OPTION

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD FEEDBACK

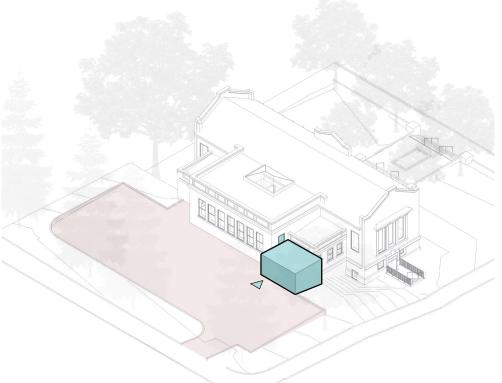
At the Landmarks Preservation Board Meeting on 7/9/22, SHKS Architects presented an overview of existing conditions, project objectives, and design principals for the project. SHKS also presented design options for site accessibility improvements, and programmatic changes that included options for new building additions at the west (rear) side of the building, adjacent to the existing service bays.

Feedback from the ARC was generally favorable to the site accessibility improvement approach of minimizing walkway slope at the east site, noting that further visualizations of the southeast ramping section to assess visual impacts to the existing building.

The ARC acknowledged the need for expanded program in meeting the library's current and future operational needs, and was generally favorable to the location and overall massing of the proposed building additions. The ARC noted that further study would be needed to assess the massing & material relationships between the addition and existing building.

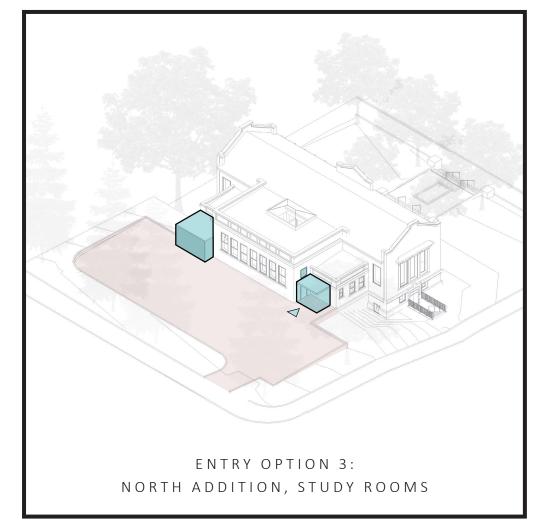


ENTRY OPTION 1: MODIFIED ENTRY, CENTRAL WORKROOM



ENTRY OPTION 2: SOUTH ADDITION, WORKROOM

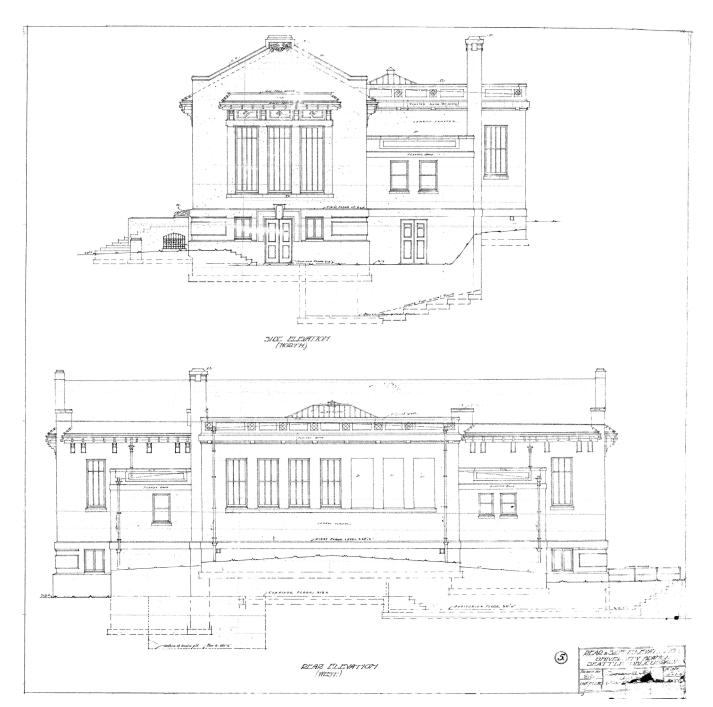
PREFERRED OPTION FOLLOWING 07.15.22 ARC GUIDANCE BRIEFING



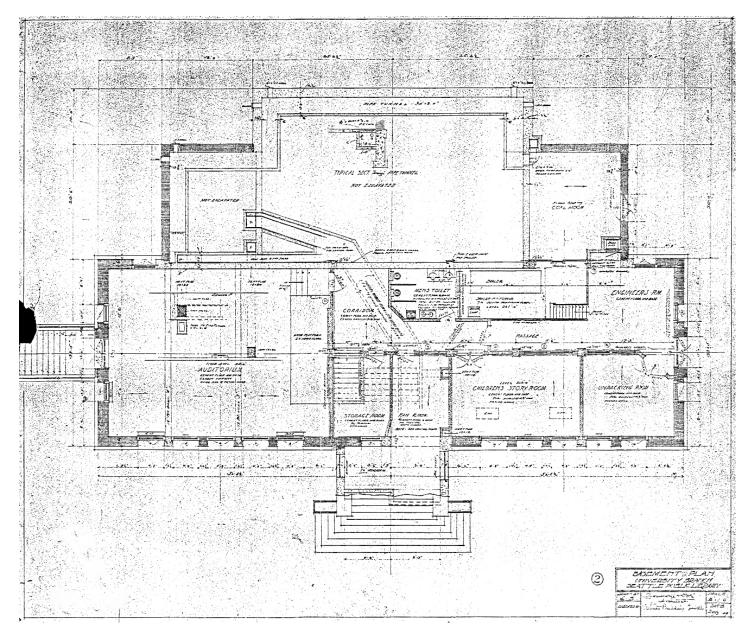
ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



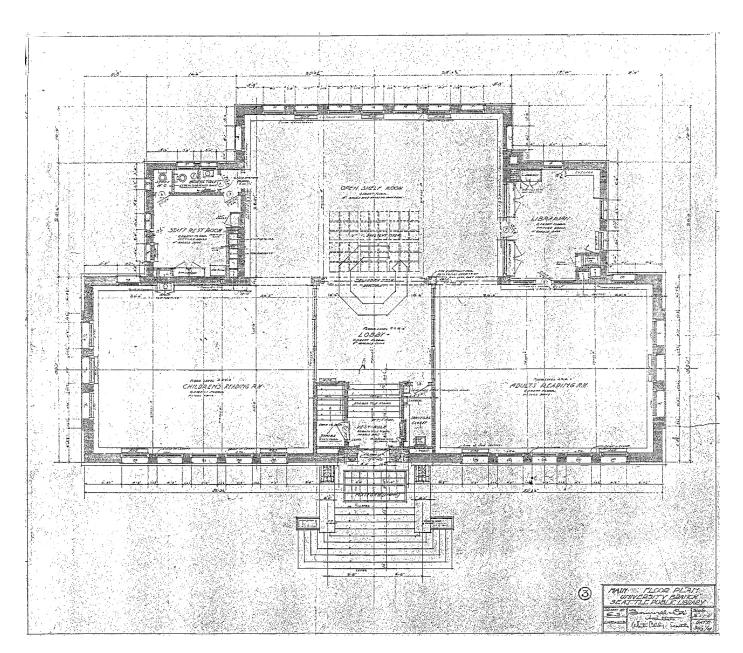
EAST AND SOUTH ELEVATIONS



NORTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS

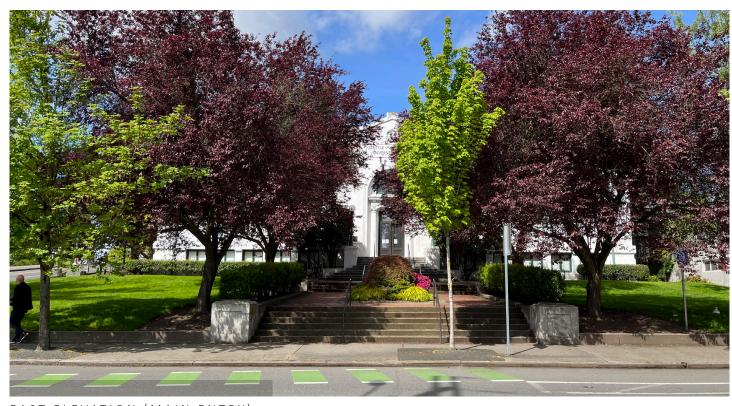


BASEMENT (LOWER LEVEL) PLAN



MAIN FLOOR (MAIN LEVEL) PLAN

EXISTING PHOTOS - EXTERIOR



EAST ELEVATION (MAIN ENTRY)



SOUTHWEST ENTRY



SOUTHEAST SITE + FACADE



NORTHEAST SITE + FACADE

EAST ELEVATION - ROOSEVELT WAY NE



EAST ELEVATION - CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

SOUTH ELEVATION - NE 50TH STREET



SOUTH ELEVATION - CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

WEST ELEVATION - 9TH AVENUE NE

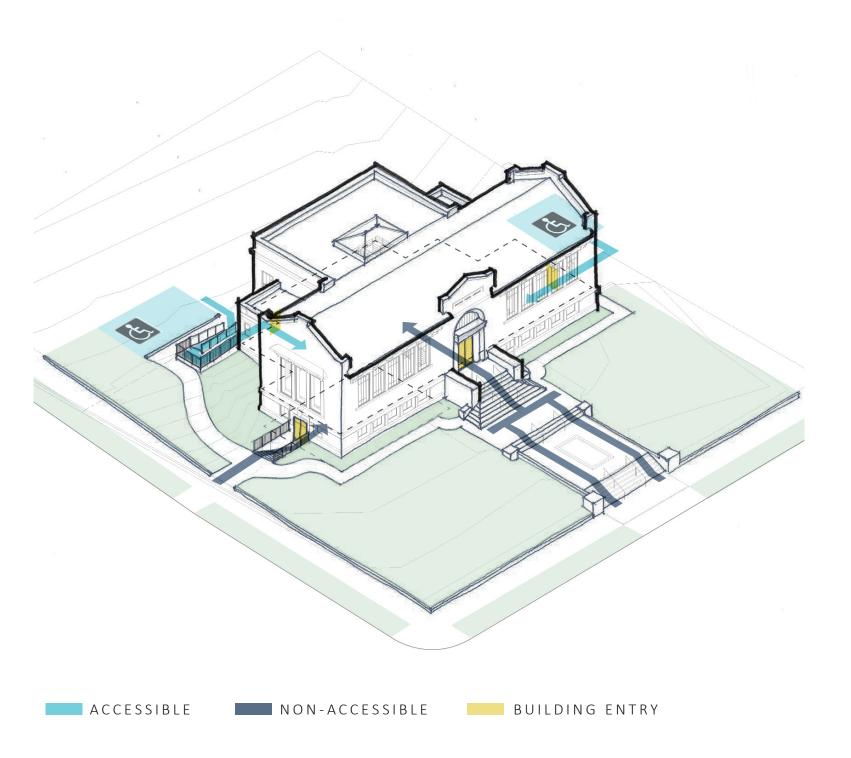


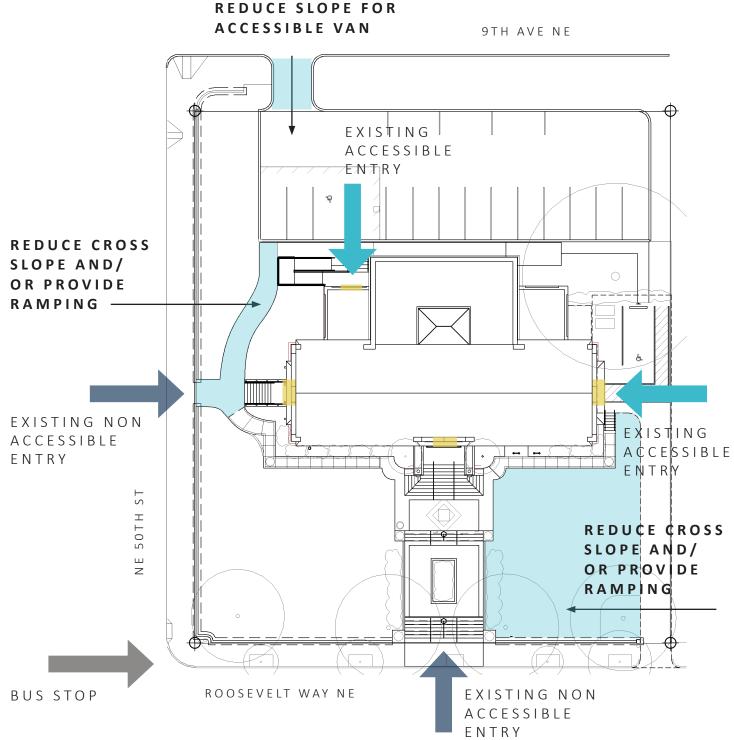
WEST ELEVATION - CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

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SITE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

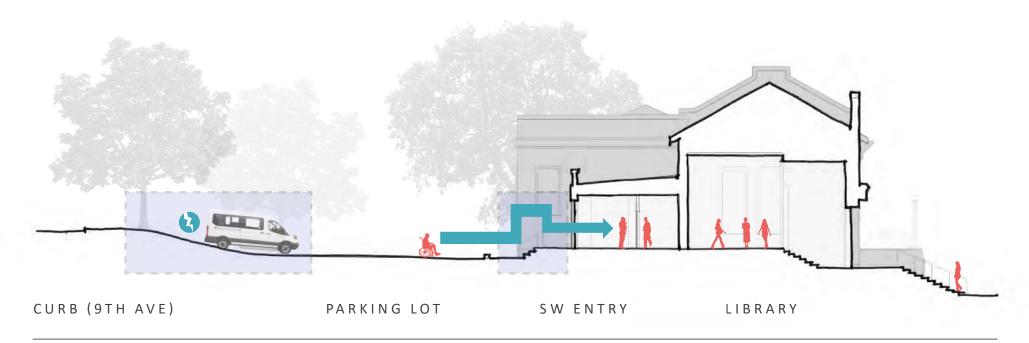
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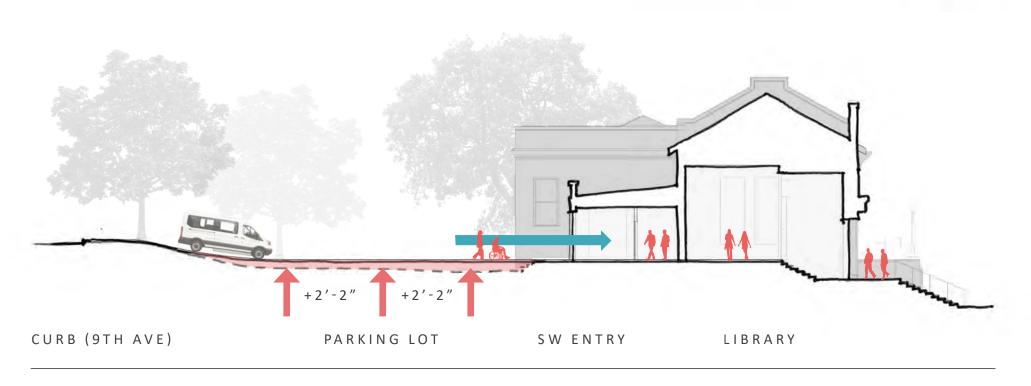


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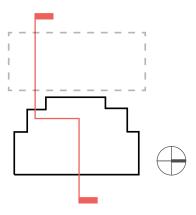
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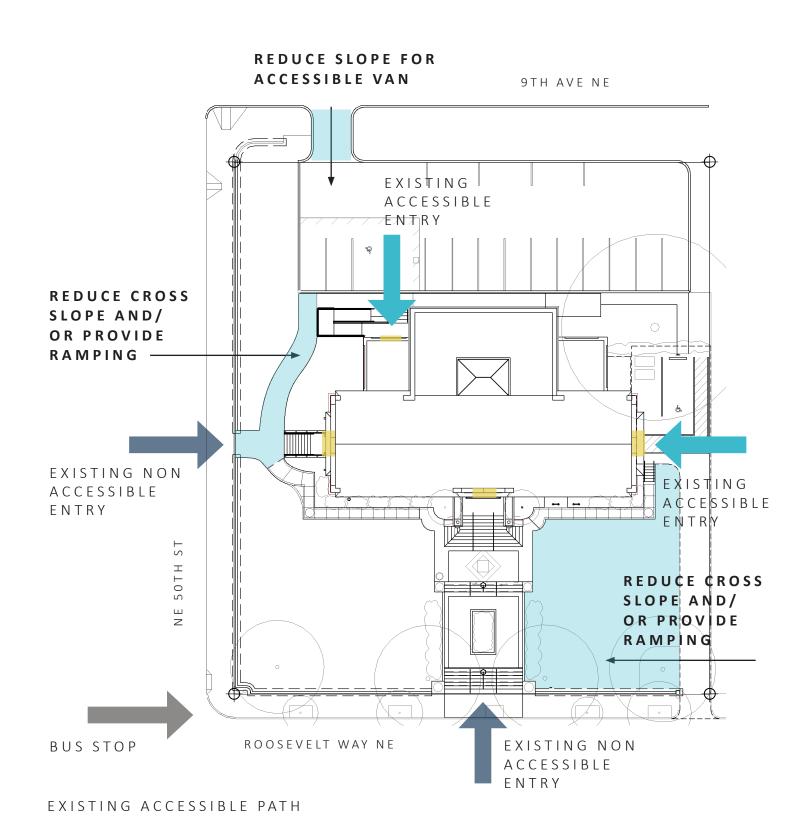


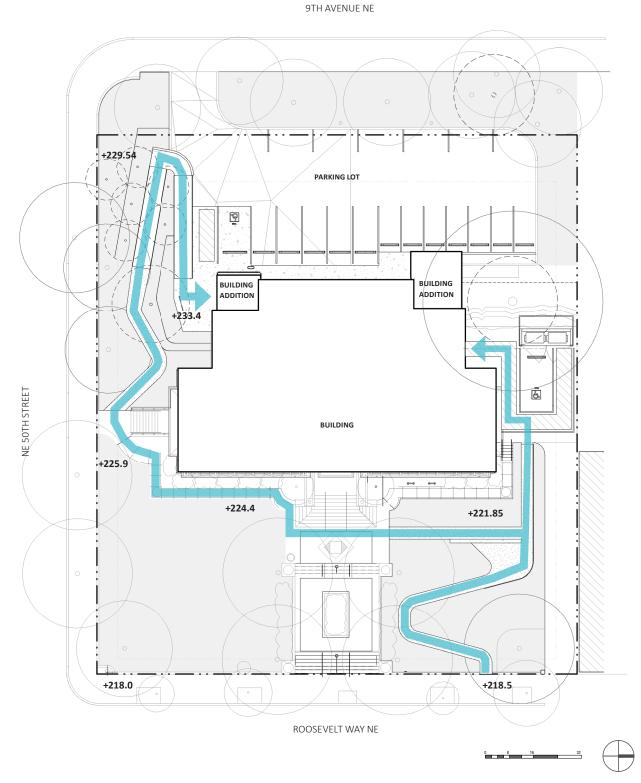
EXISTING CONDITION











PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE PATH

SPL UNIVERSITY BRANCH | DESIGN TYPOLOGIES

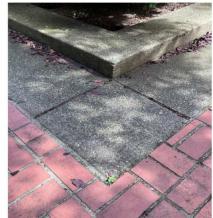












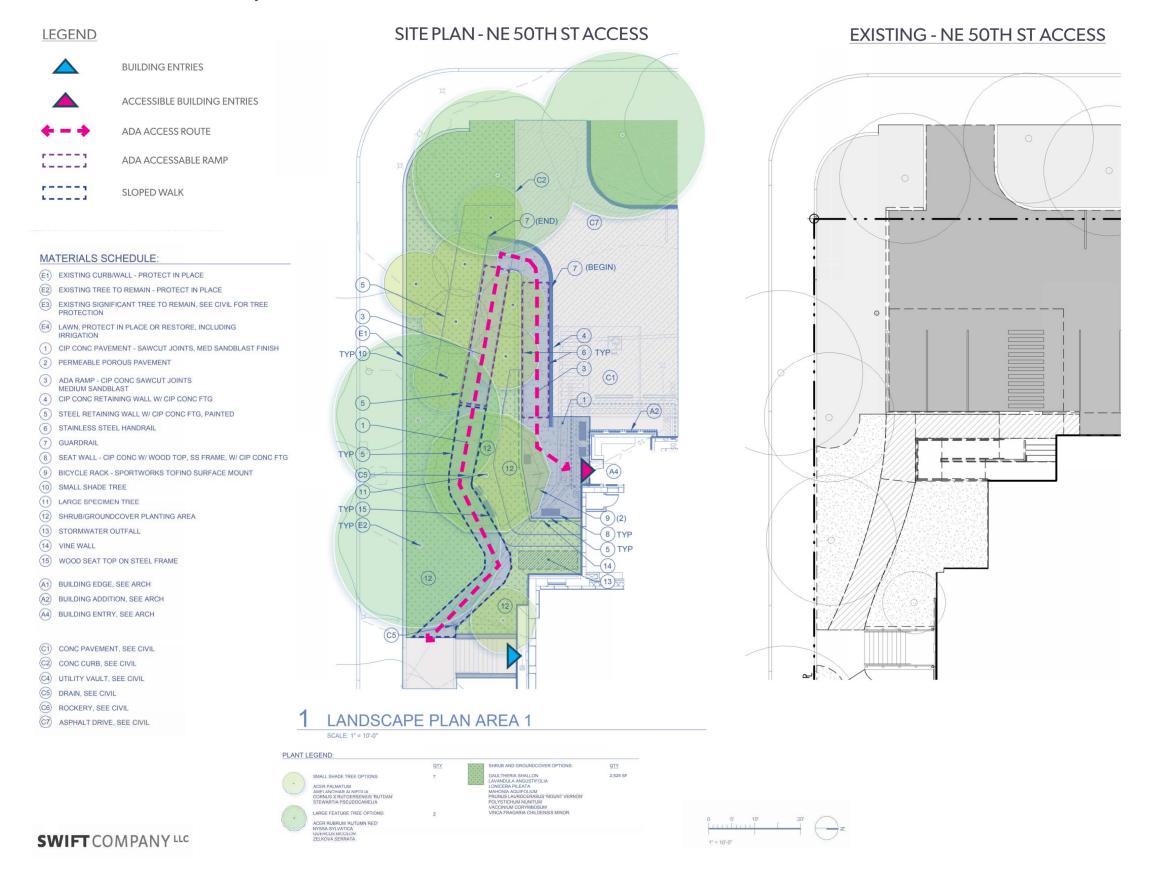


With the addition/renovation of the University Branch Library, an understanding of existing neoclassical elements and how they can be incorporated is important. Modern designs that embrace the solid, monumental characteristics can weave together the existing site elements while improving overall site accessibility and providing additional programmed space for seating and gathering. These site and precedent images demonstrate the potential ways in which to construct new elements that are sensitive to and integrate with existing conditions.

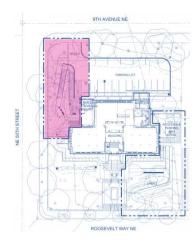
With the insertion of new elements into the site, the consideration of how much to integrate the neoclassical style has been studied. Questions included: should the site embrace the style in both form and materials, or deviate? These precedent images demonstrate potential interventions that balance embracing elements of the existing site, while proposing new materials, forms, or both. The proposed design embraces the weight and character of the existing building and site, while allowing the structural landscape elements to compliment, rather than compete.

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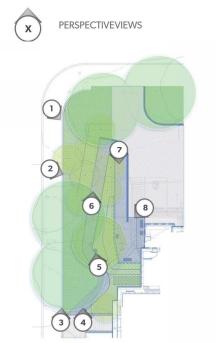
INTEGRATING THE PAST + CONTEMPORARY INSERTIONS



KEY MAP



SW SITE AREA - NE 50TH ST ACCESS LEGEND







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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS









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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS



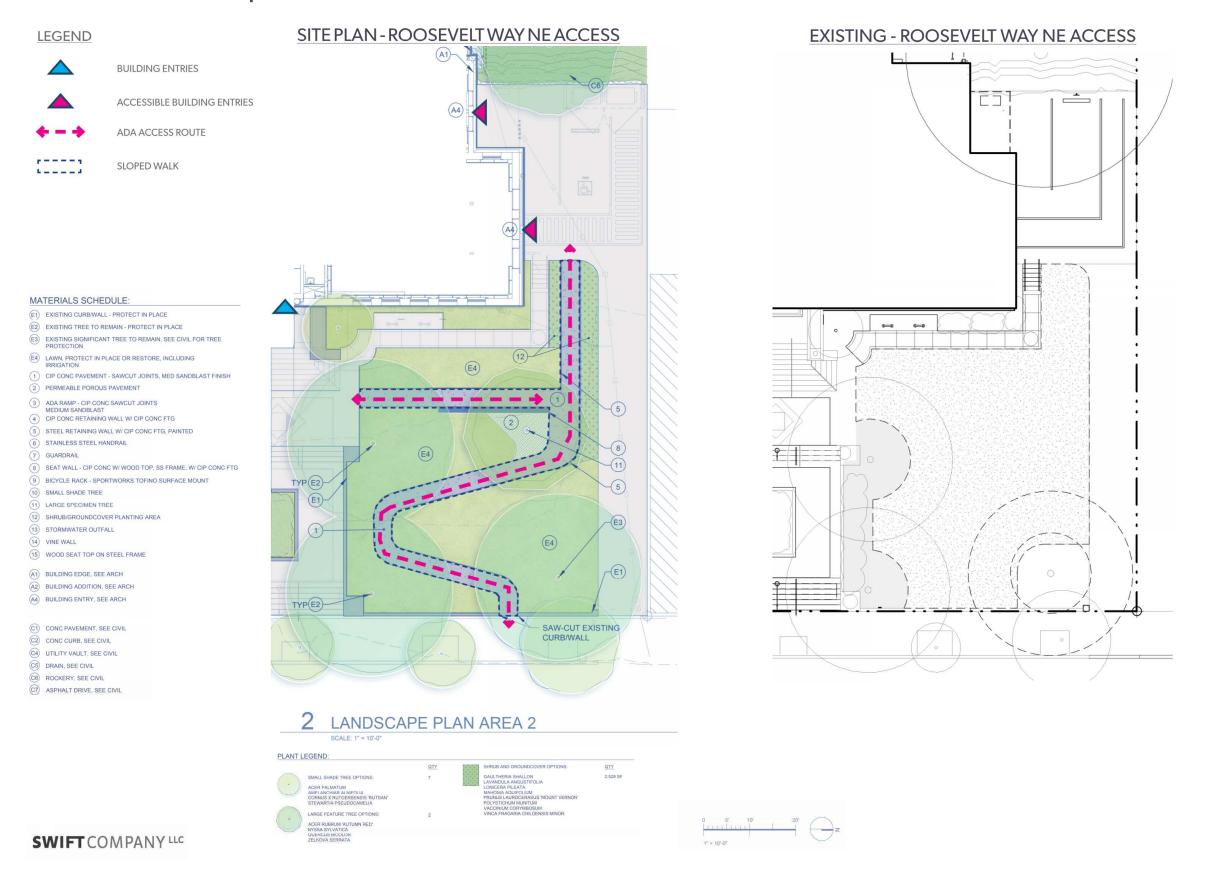




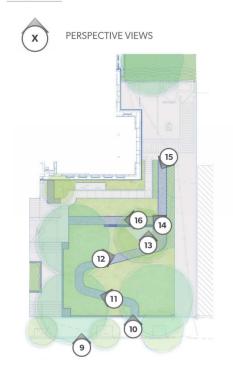


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NE SITE AREA - ROOSEVELT WAY NE ACCESS LEGEND







SOUTH ELEVATION

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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS









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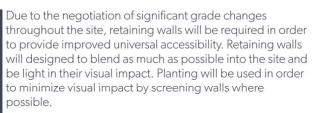












Concrete walls provide a simple, neutral, solid expression that fits with existing elements.

Although more contemporary, steel walls also provide simple, neutral expressions that allow for more area for planting and negotiation of grading in areas where horizontal space is limited.





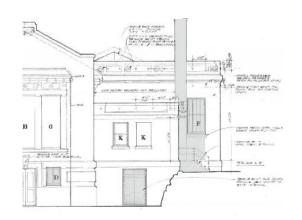
SITE MATERIALS

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EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION



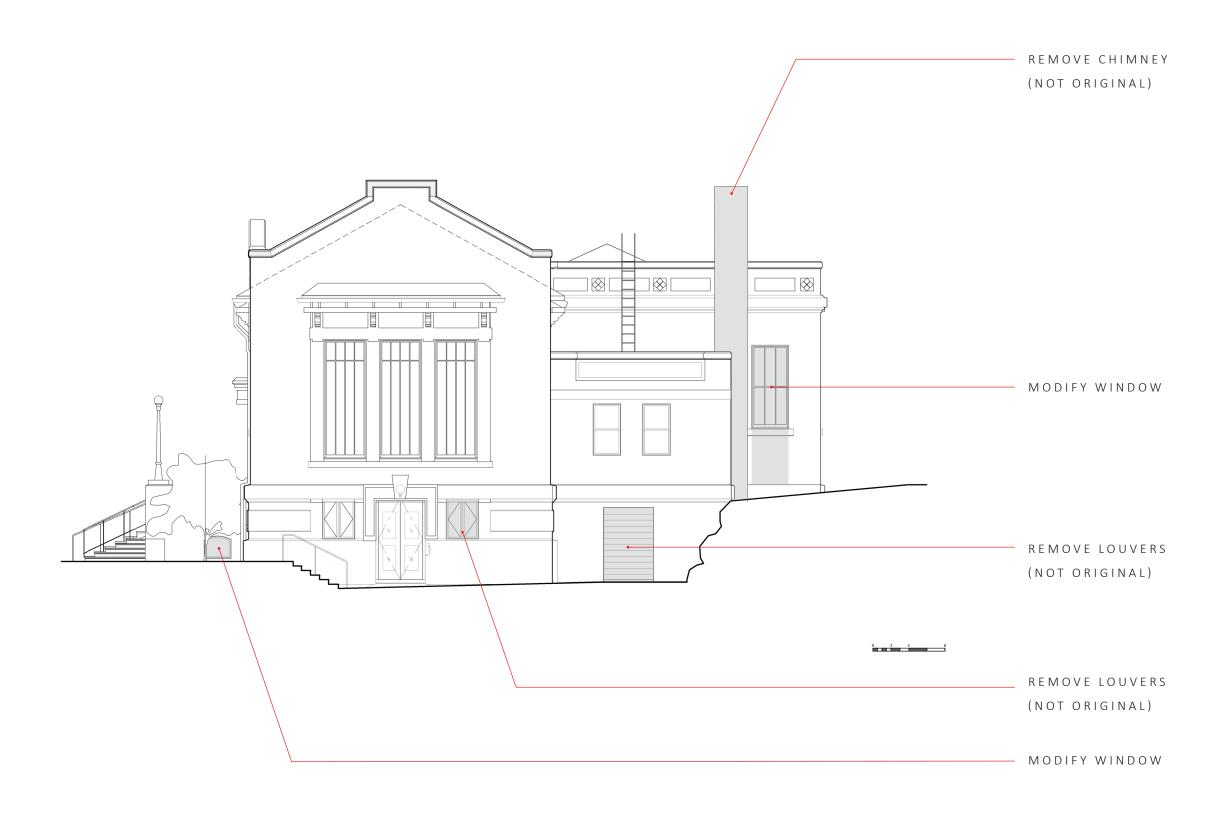
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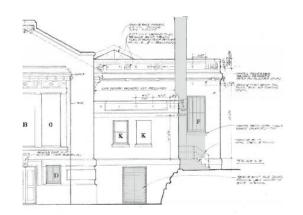
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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

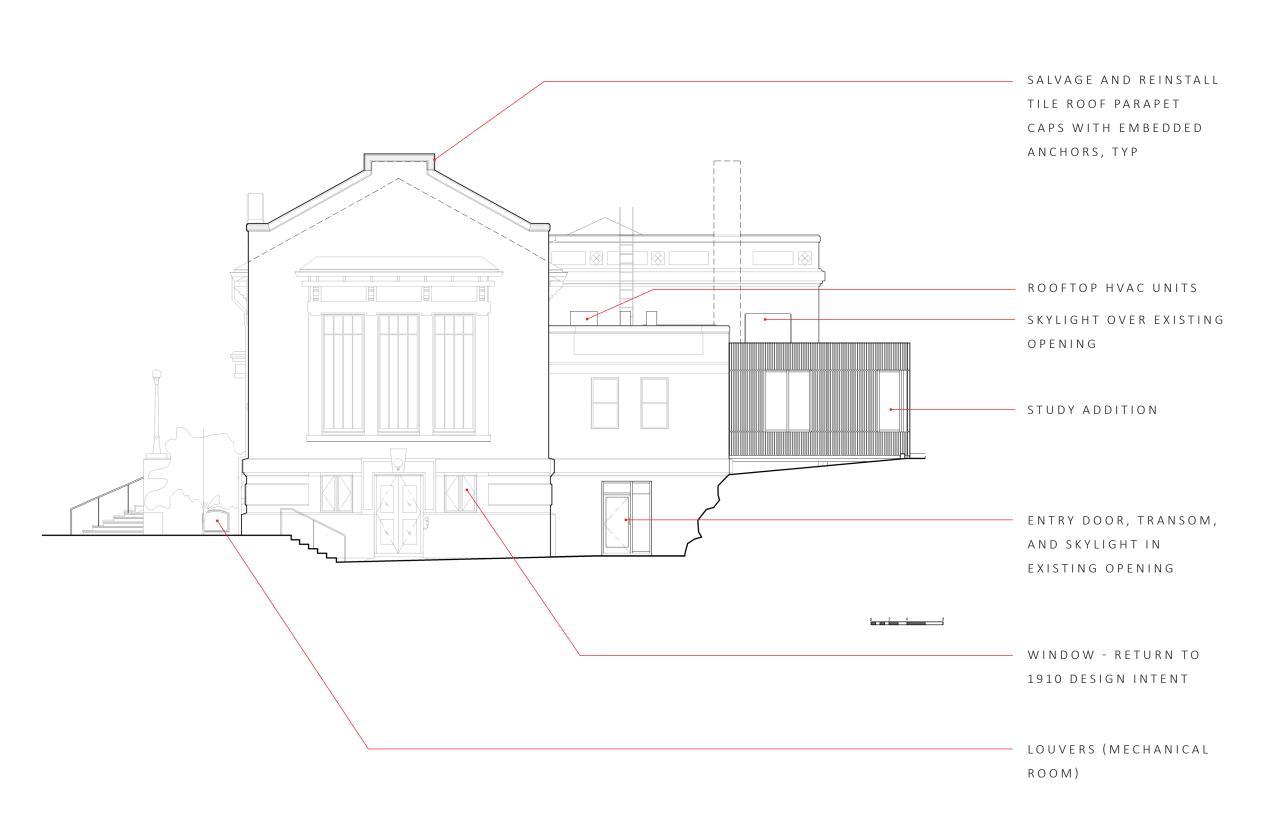


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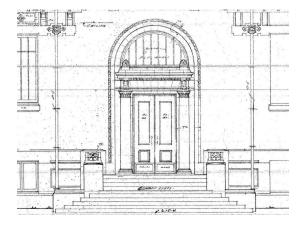


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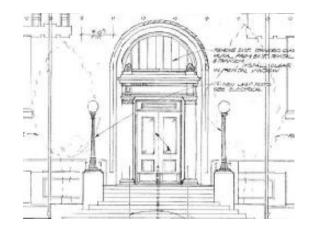




EXISTING EAST ELEVATION



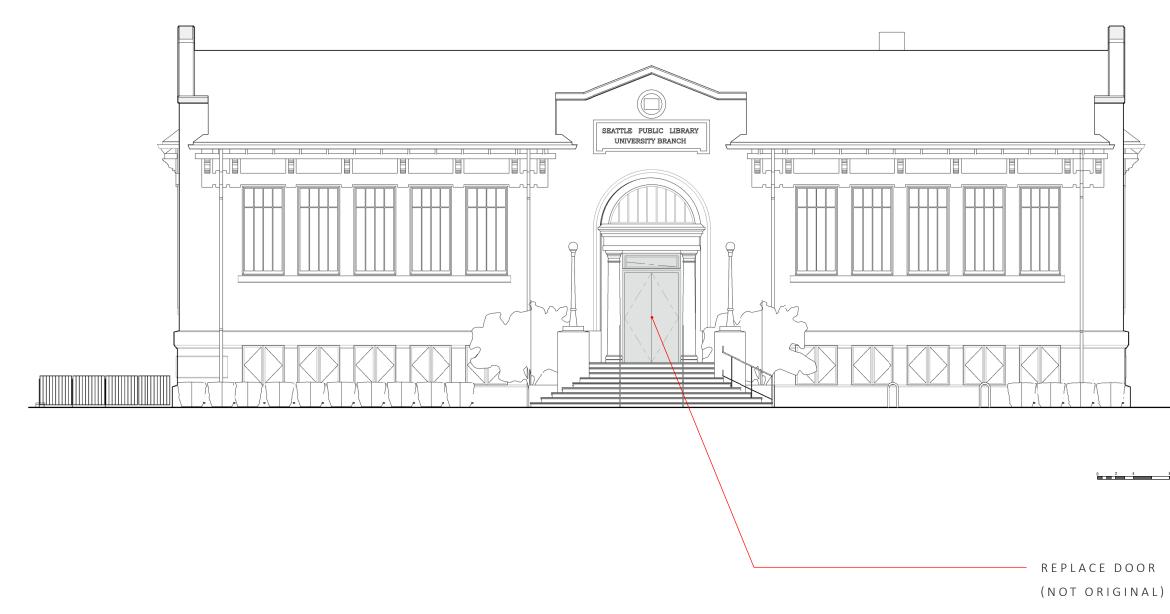
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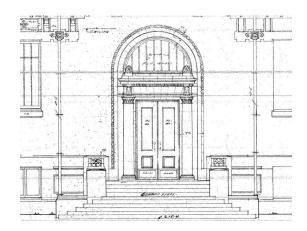
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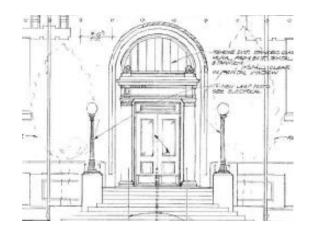
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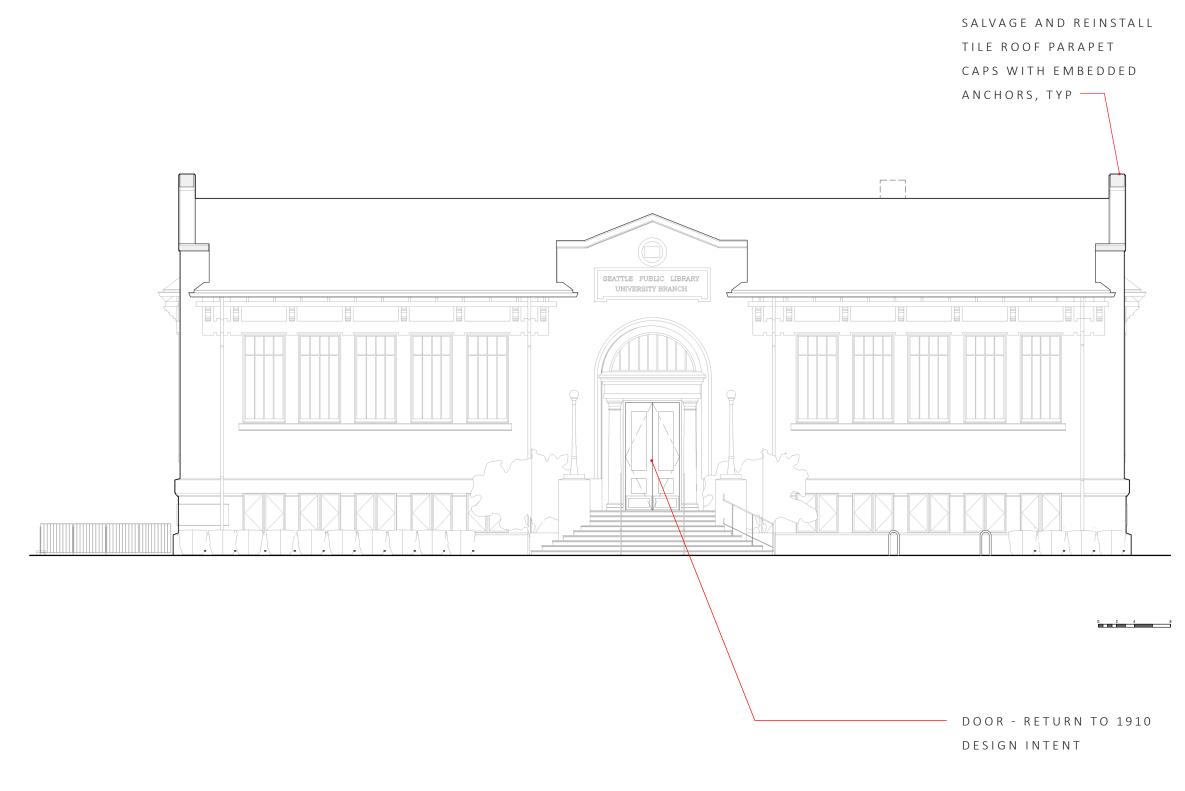
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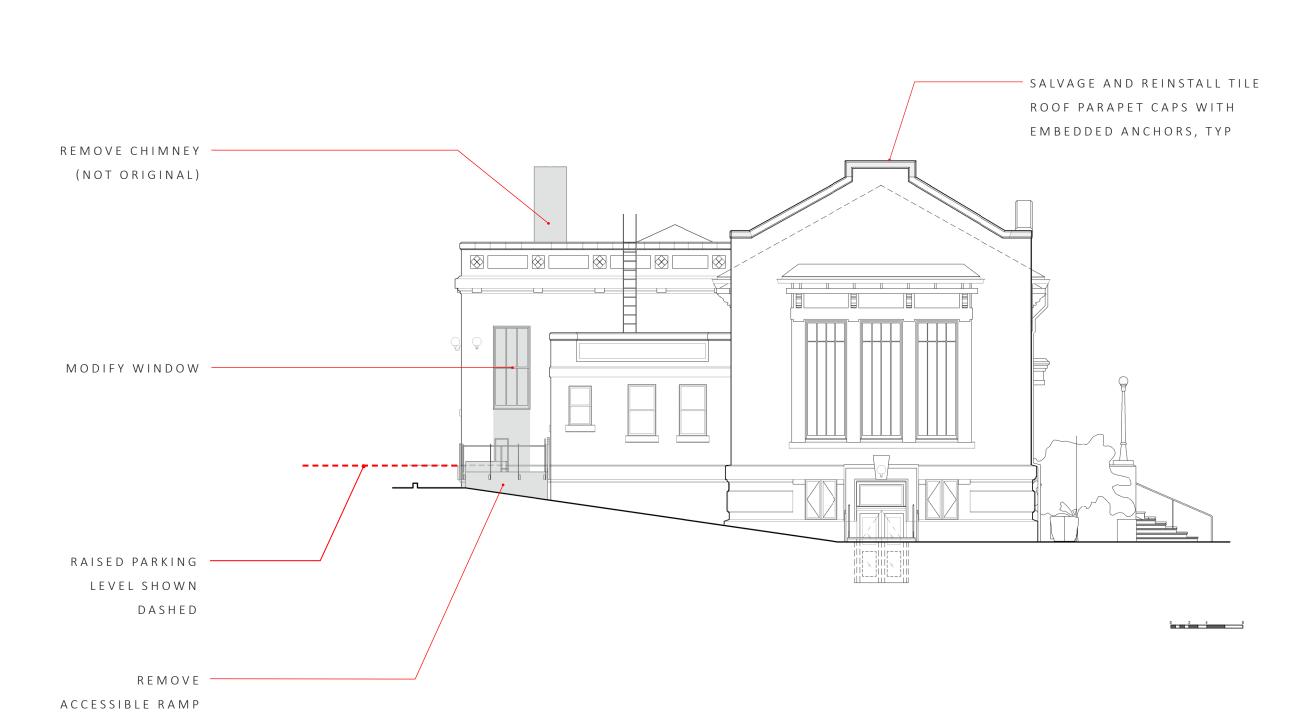


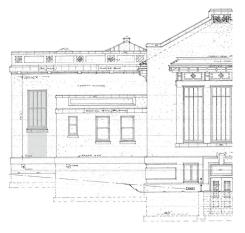
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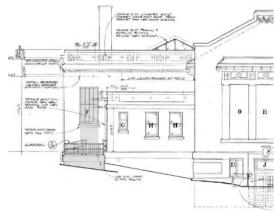
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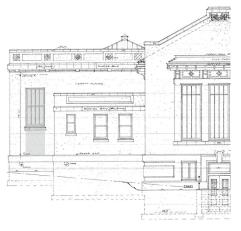
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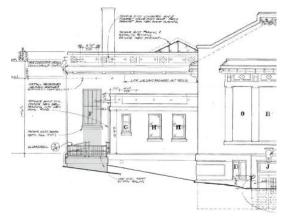
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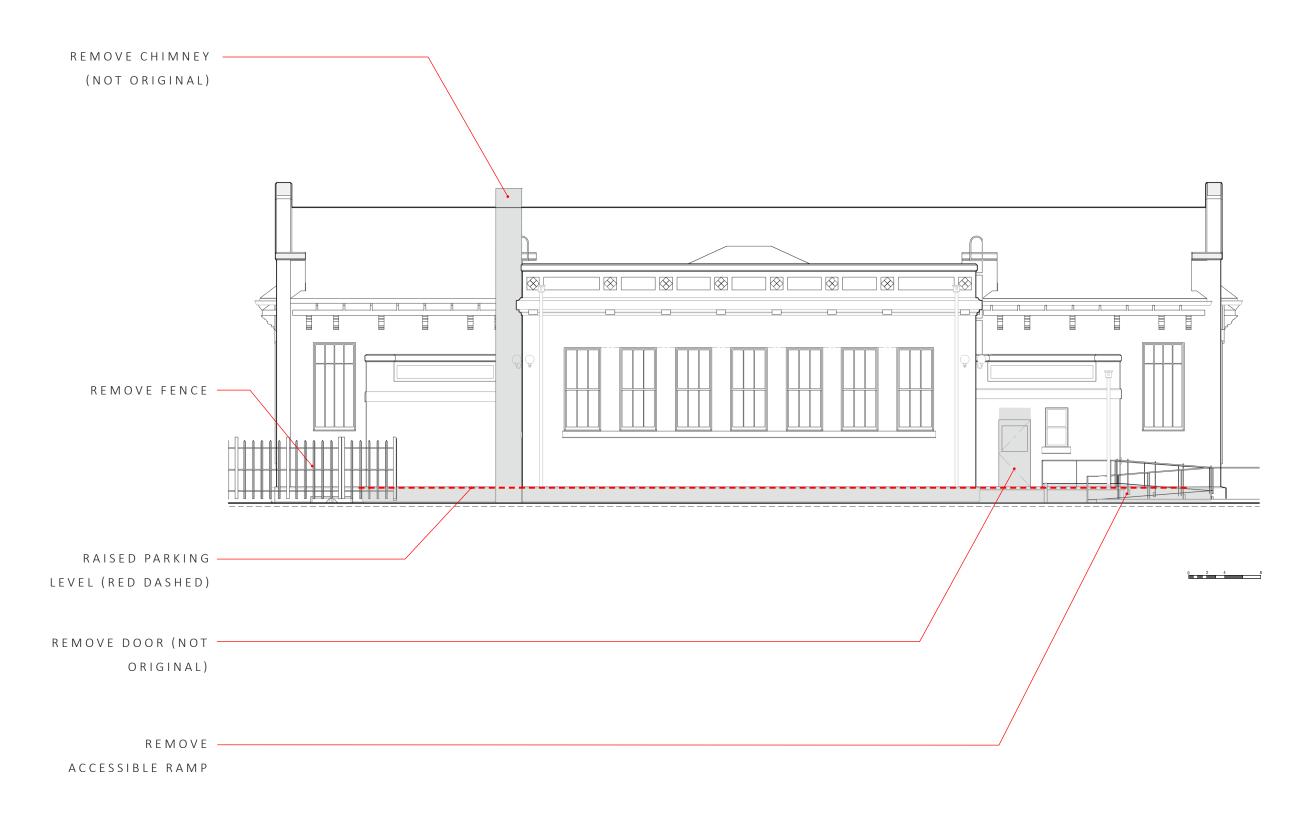


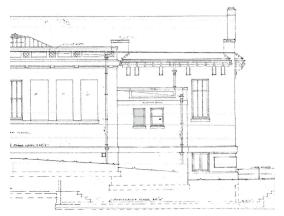
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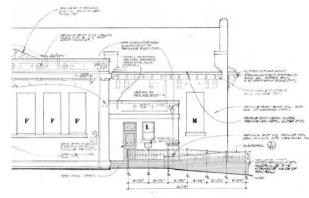
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EXISTING WEST ELEVATION





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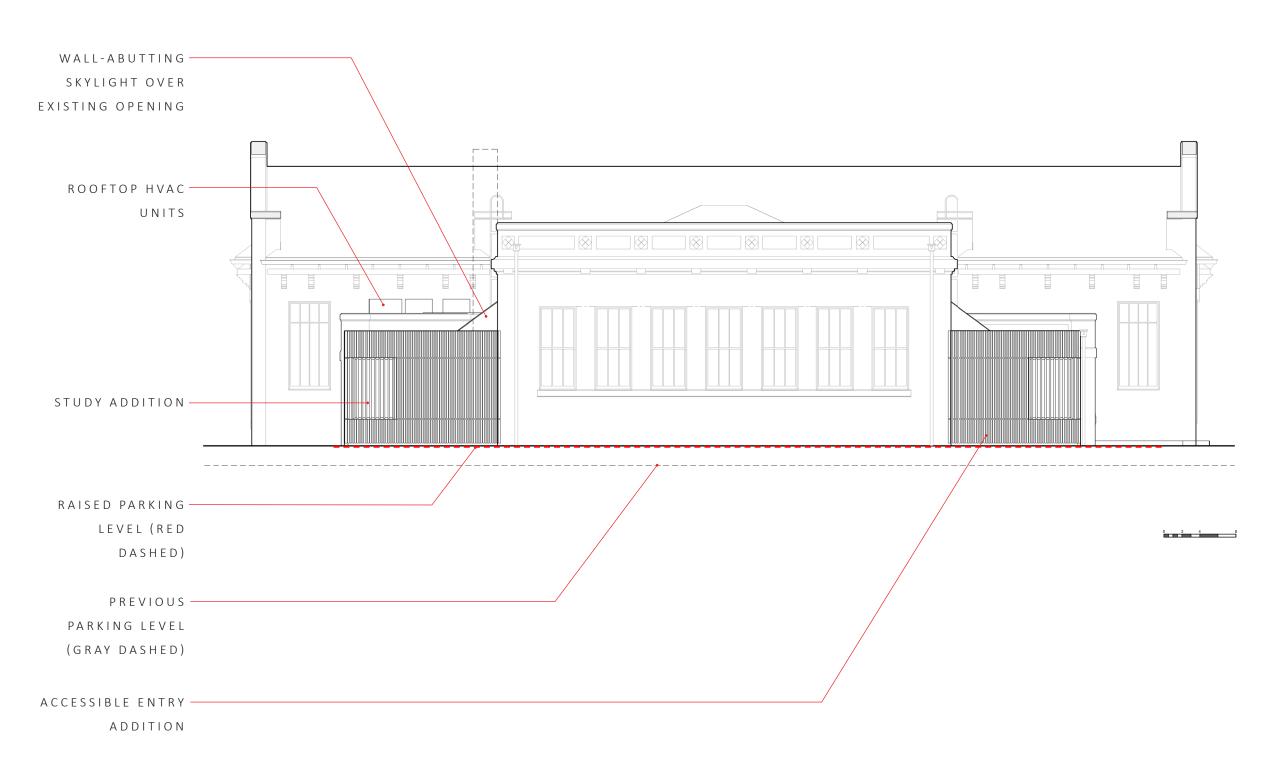


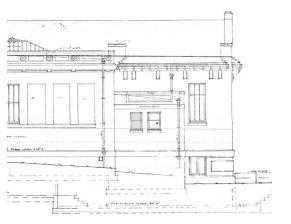
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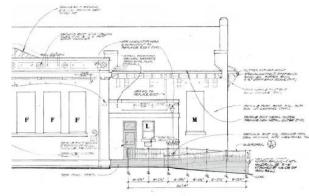
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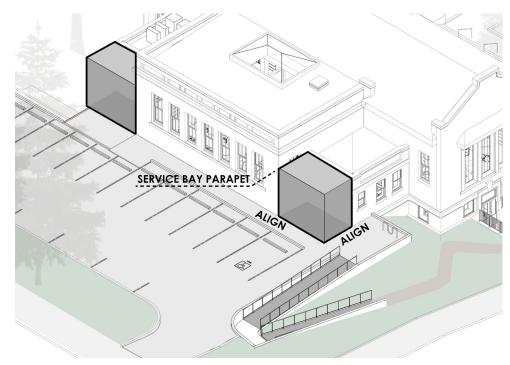


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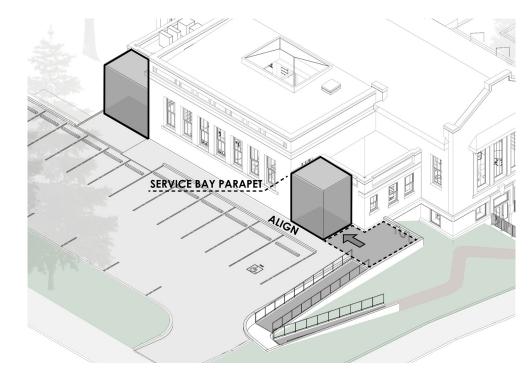
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FOOTPRINT AND MASSING



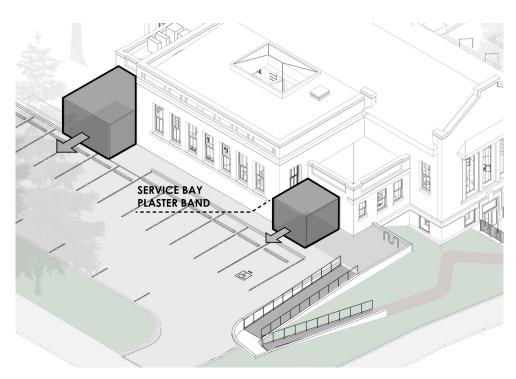
01 MAX VOLUME

- SET HEIGHT TO SERVICE BAY
- FOOTPRINT ALIGNED



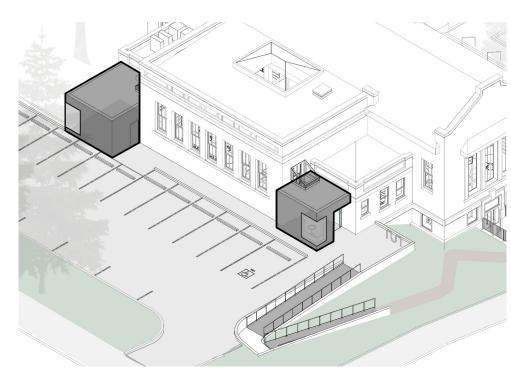
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- EXPAND ENTRY TERRACE
- EXPOSE SERVICE BAY CORNER



03 HEIGHT LIMIT

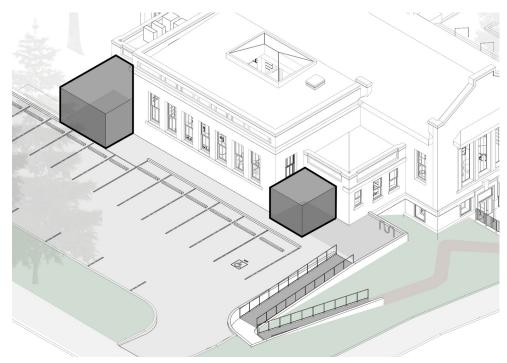
- ALIGN WITH PLASTER BAND
- EXPOSE EXISTING WINDOW



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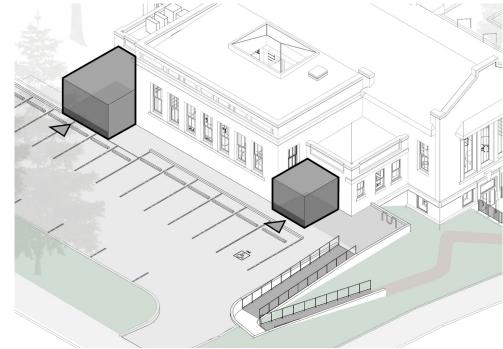
- INCREASE PROGRAM SPACE
- EXPRESS WEST WING CORNER

SITE & ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS



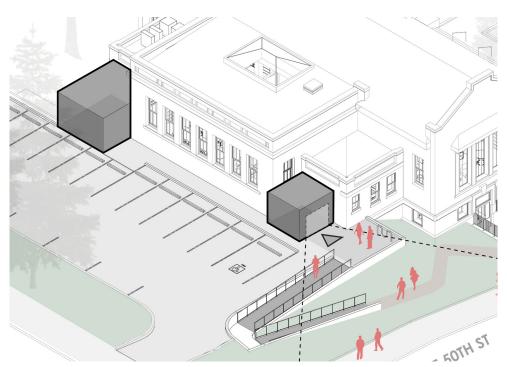
01 BASE VOLUME

 MASSING DEFERS TO **EXISTING BUILDING**



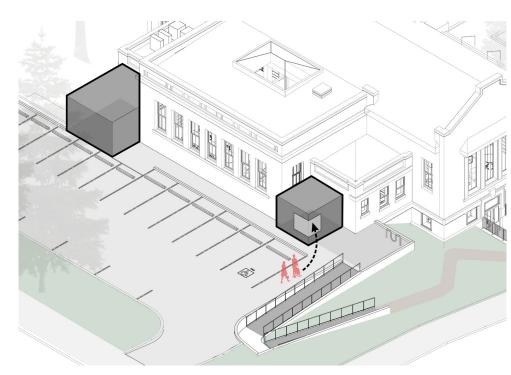
02 PARKING BUFFER

 MATERIALS & VOLUME TO PROTECT FROM TRAFFIC



03 SOUTH FACING

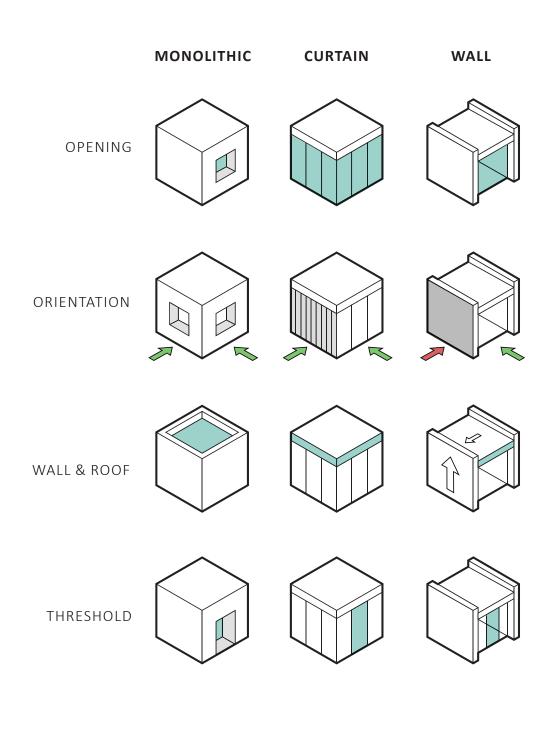
- OPEN TO SITE PATH
- ENTRY VISIBILITY TO STREET



04 ENTRY VISIBILITY

- OPEN SIGHTLINES TO PARKING
- EXPRESS TECTONIC APPROACH

BUILDING LANGUAGE - EXISTING BUILDING & PROPOSED ADDITIONS



EXISTING BUILDING LANGUAGE



OPENING



ORIENTATION

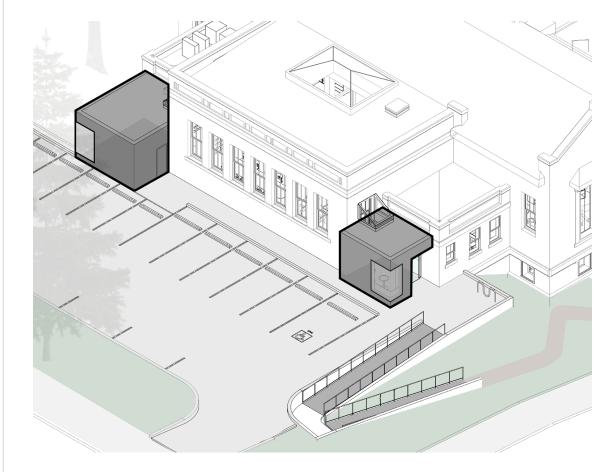


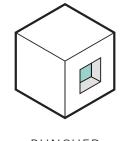




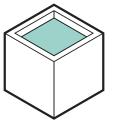
THRESHOLD

PROPOSED - MONOLITHIC

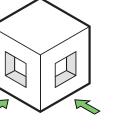




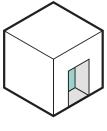




PARAPET

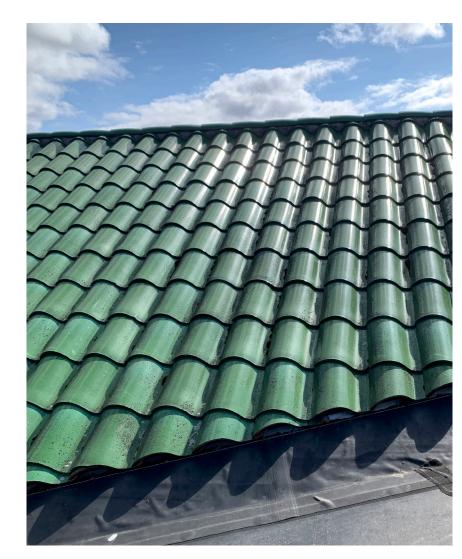


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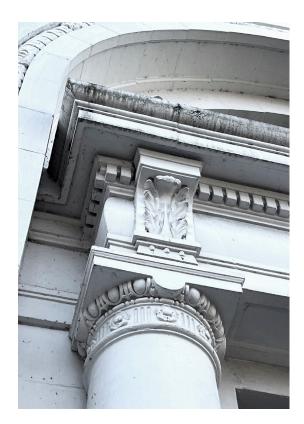


DEEP THRESHOLD

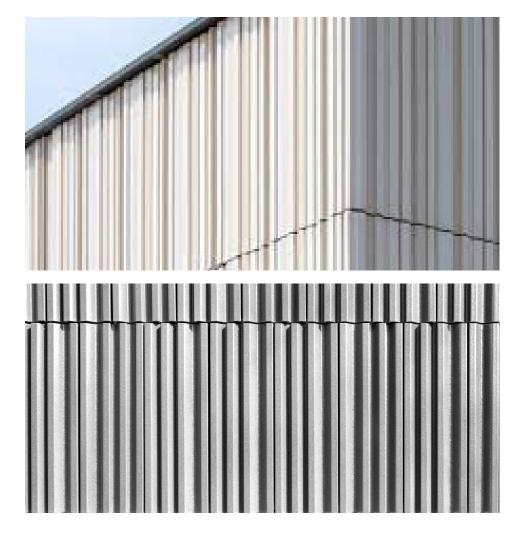
EXISTING MATERIAL QUALITIES











MATERIALS COMPATIBILITY + DIFFERENTIATION

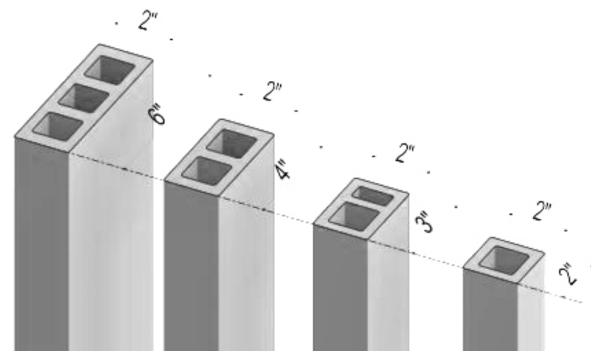
The proposed design responds to the original building materials, which utilize unitized masonry in its structure and roofing. Its white stucco exterior and terra cotta detail contribute to a monolithic yet textural appearance. Both the material grain & perimeter windows lend to a vertical grain and unit proportion.

The project proposes the use of a white colored glazed terra cotta rainscreen system for cladding the building additions, following the original building's material philosophy, yet differentiating the additions through contemporary building technology.

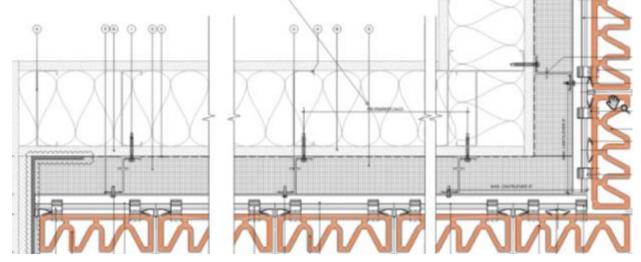
MATERIALS AND CLADDING SYSTEM



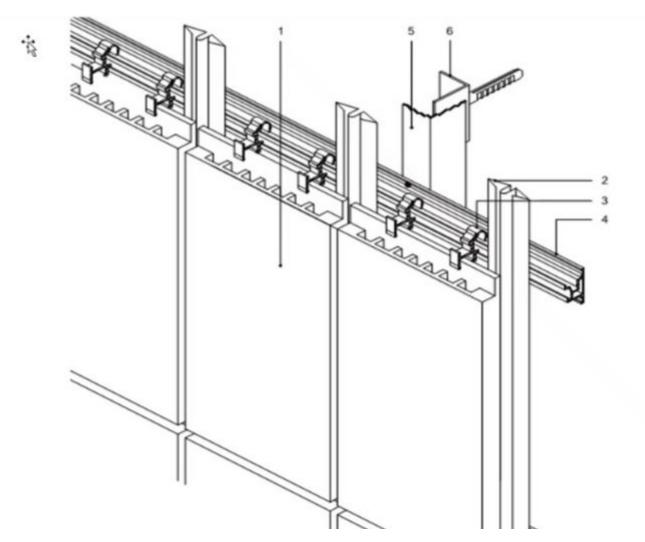
TERRA COTTA RAINSCREEN PROFILES



TERRA COTTA SUNSCREEN BAGUETTES

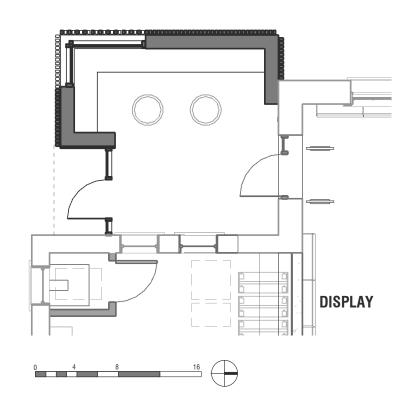


TYPICAL WALL SECTION



TYPICAL ASSEMBLY

ADDITIONS DEVELOPMENT - PERSPECTIVES



SOUTH ADDITION

Alignment & Proportion

The proposed addition openings align with the adjacent service bay plaster band that delineates its roof plane, as well its lower window sills. A roughly 1-2-1 proportion between roof, window, and foundation datums, which is shared with the adjacent west wing reading room.



SOUTH ELEVATION



PARKING APPROACH

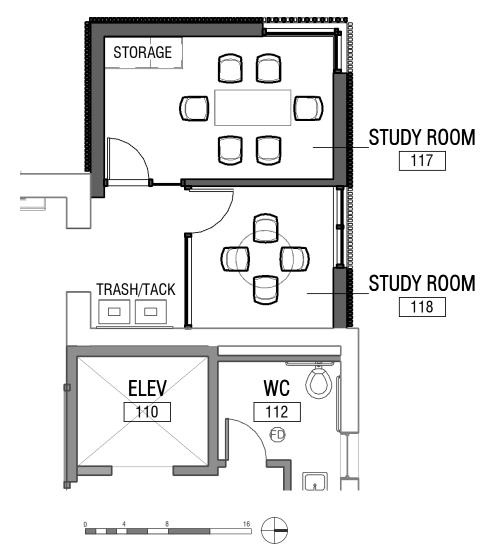


WEST ELEVATION



WALKWAY APPROACH

ADDITIONS DEVELOPMENT - PERSPECTIVES



NORTH ADDITION

Roof Elements

Outdoors units for the new HVAC system are proposed to be located on the north service bay roof. The elevator overrun aligns with the parapet. These elements will not be visible from the parking lot, though the outdoor units will be visible from the higher elevation of 9th Avenue.

A solar panel array is proposed to be located on the west wing roof. The incidence angle will be set such that the panels will be fully concealed by the parapet when viewed from 9th Avenue.



PARKING VIEW



NORTH FACADE





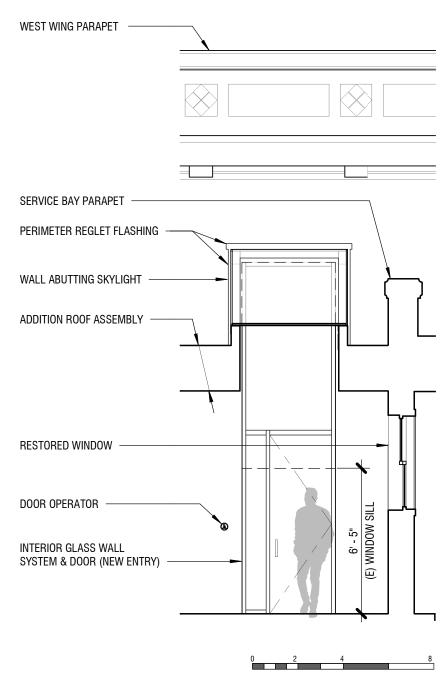
ROOFTOP ELEMENTS

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MODIFIED ENTRY - ACCESSIBLE ENTRY ADDITION



EXISTING SOUTHWEST ENTRY & WINDOW



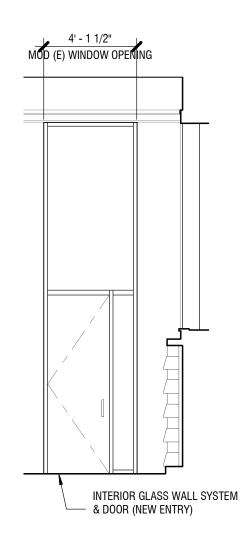
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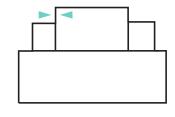
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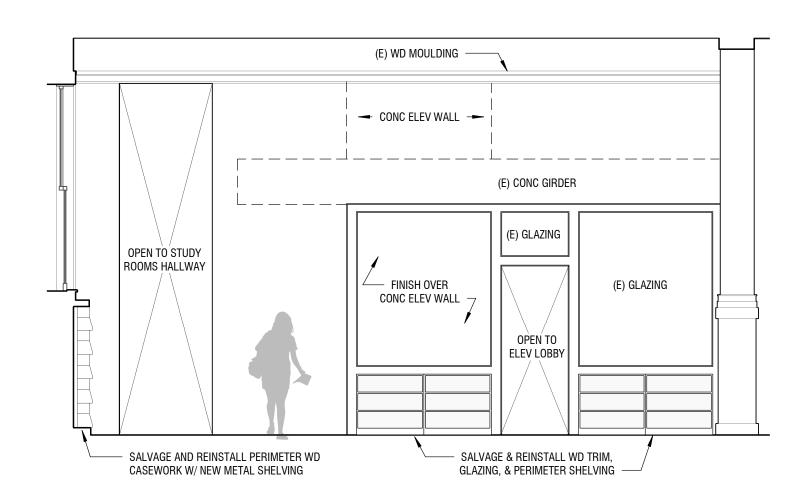


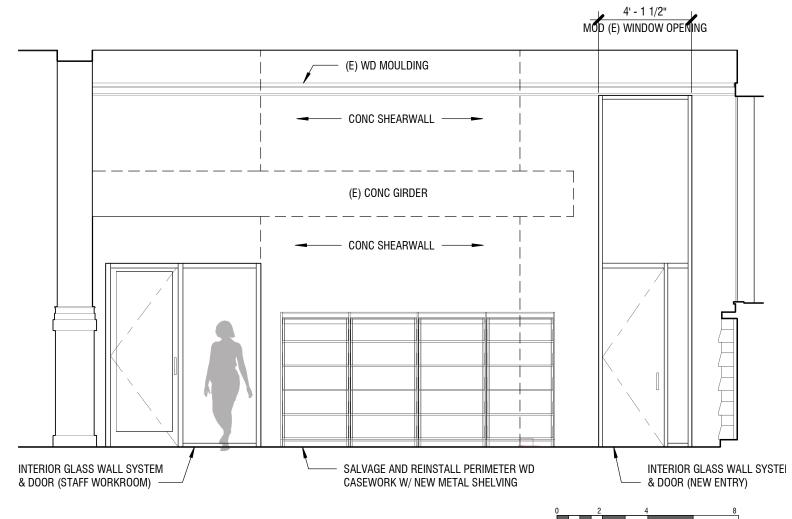
PROPOSED INTERIOR



INTERIOR MODIFICATIONS

WEST WING - INTERIOR ELEVATIONS



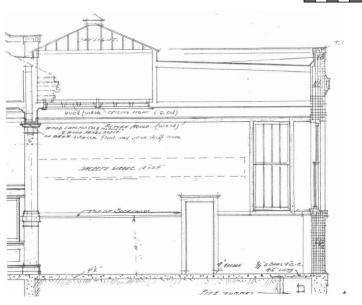




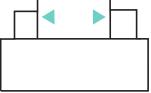




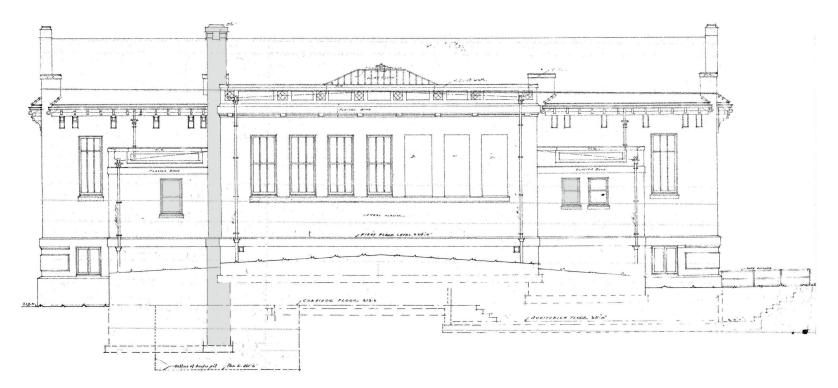
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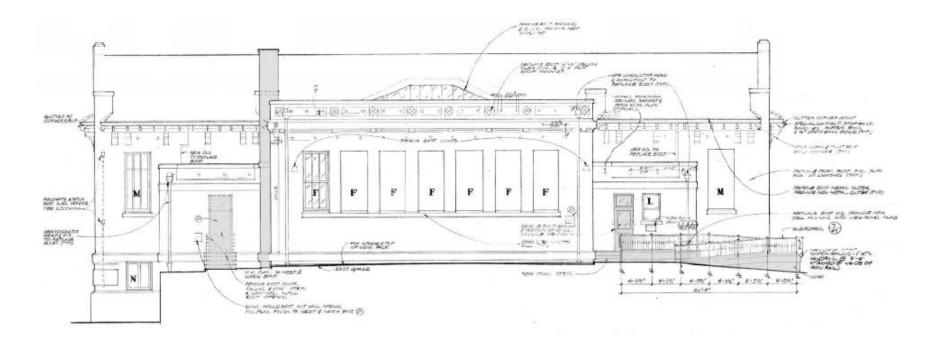
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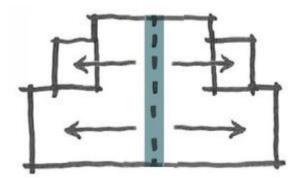
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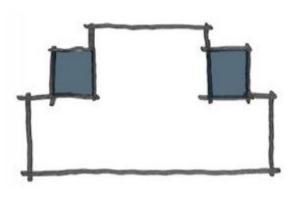
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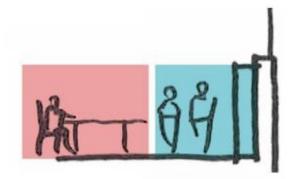
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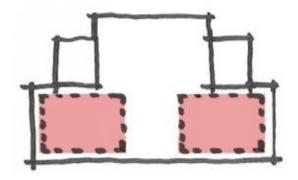
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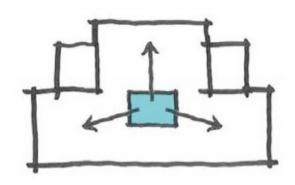
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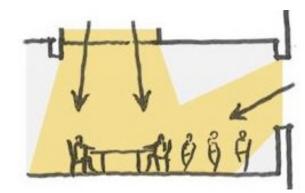
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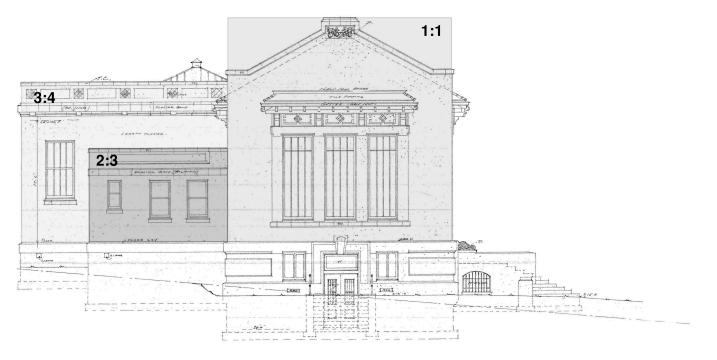
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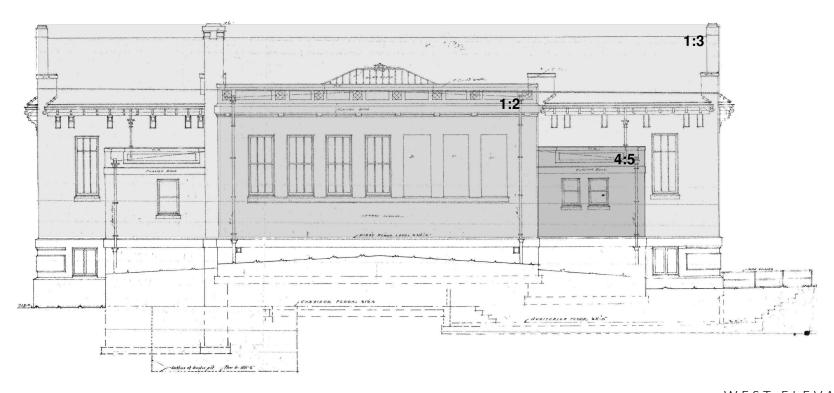
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SOUTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION