

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the public who wish to speak during public comment or on an agenda item may do so in person during this meeting or virtually by registering at www.cityofroseville.com/attendmeeting.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call & Introductions
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. **Review of Minutes:** July 7, 2021
- 5. Public Hearing
 - a. Consider a request by Genisys Credit Union for a variance to City Code §1005.06.E.3, Frontage Requirement, to permit a building to occupy less than the required 70% of the street frontage at 2501 Fairview Avenue (PF21-009)
- 6. Adjourn



Variance Board Regular Meeting City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive Draft Minutes – Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

1 2 3 4	1.	Call to Order Chair Pribyl called to order the regular meeting of the Variance Board meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. and reviewed the role and purpose of the Variance Board.		
5 6	2. Roll Call & Introductions At the request of Chair Pribyl, City Planner Thomas Paschke called the Roll.			
7 8 9		Members Present:	Chair Michelle Pribyl; Vice Chair Michelle Kruzel; and Member Karen Schaffhausen.	
10		Members Absent:	None	
12 13 14 15		Staff Present:	City Planner Thomas Paschke, Senior Planner Brian Lloyd, Community Development Director Janice Gundlach, and Community Development Department Assistant Stacy Johnson	
16 17	3.	Approval of Agenda		
MOTION Member Schaffhausen moved, seconded by Member Kruzel to as presented.		sen moved, seconded by Member Kruzel to approve the agenda		
23 24 25		Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.		
26 27 28 29 30 31	4.	Review of Minutes: June 2, 2021 MOTION Member Kruzel moved, seconded by Member Schaffhausen to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes.		
32 33 34 35		Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.		
36 37 38 39	5.	•	d protocol for Public Hearings and public comment and opened the proximately 5:35 p.m.	

a. PLANNING FILE 21-008

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Request by Joshua Carlson for a variance to City Code §1004.08 to allow a proposed home addition to encroach into the required rear yard setback at 2407 Irene Street.

Senior Planner Lloyd reviewed the variance request for this property, as detailed in the staff report dated July 7, 2021.

Member Schaffhausen asked if this would be setting a precedent and how would this cascade to other potential developments.

Mr. Lloyd indicated variances are not prone to setting a precedent that the City would not want to have going forward. Because the nature of the variance findings and the criteria are really individual and in this specific case that the Board might find the proposal not only does meet with unusual circumstances on the property which justifies approval and find that the property can be used in a reasonable way. There may be other, similar properties for which similar approvals would be a right move.

Member Kruzel indicated she drove by and thought this really enhances their needs and does not really affect anyone else.

Chair Pribyl indicated in the packet it mentioned that the placement of the home and addition on the lot in the drawing were approximated and was not off of a survey. She referenced the language in the variance approval and wondered, if this proceeds, does it allow for the addition to project ten feet into the required setback so that would not allow it to be closer than twenty feet to the property line. She did not know if there is a requirement for the applicant to confirm where that property line is before construction based on that or what the implications of that are.

Mr. Lloyd explained there are a couple of things to consider. His understanding from previous conversations with the homeowner is that the owner does know where the property boundary is and even though the site plan materials provided do talk about an approximate property line location that may be a function of the fact that it was not a survey that was provided and was a site plan. In either case, the construction company or homeowner will need to be able to show where that property boundary is so City Inspectors can verify as they are in the field that the proposal is meeting the approved setback.

Mr. Joshua Carlson, 2407 Irene Street, addressed the Board. He noted he believed there is a surveyor stake on the property, particularly on the back of the property which is what he is using as his basis of where the addition setback would be.

Chair Pribyl asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the Board. No one came forward.

Chair Pribyl closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION

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87		Member Kruzel moved, seconded by Member Schaffhausen, adoption of
88		Variance Board Resolution No. 157 (Attachment D), entitled "A Resolution
89		Approving a Variance to Roseville City Code §1004.08.B, Residential Setbacks,
90		at 2407 Irene Street (PF21-008)."
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92		Ayes: 3
93		Nays: 0
94		Motion carried.
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96	6.	Adjourn
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98		MOTION
99		Chair Pribyl adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.
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101		Ayes: 3
102		Nays: 0
103		Motion carried.

Date:

August 4, 2021

Item No.

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Department Approval Janue Gundlach

Agenda SectionPublic Hearings

Committee of the commit

Item Description: Request for approval of a variance to City Code §1005.06.E.3, Frontage

Requirement, to permit a building occupy less than the required 70% of the street

frontage (**PF21-009**)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant: Genisys Credit Union

Location: 2501 Fairview Avenue

Property Owner: City of Roseville

Open House Meeting: N/A

Application Submittal: Submitted July 2, 2021; deemed complete July 7,2021

City Action Deadline: August 31, 2021, per Minn. Stat. 15.99

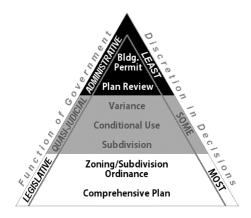
Planning File History: PF20-006 – Major Plat

LEVEL OF DISCRETION IN DECISION MAKING: Actions taken on a

- 3 Variance request is quasi-judicial; the City's role is to determine the
- facts associated with the request and weigh those facts against the
- 5 legal standards in State Statutes and City Code.

BACKGROUND

- Genisys Credit Union is purchasing the former fire station property
- 8 from the City to redevelop the site into a new bank branch with a
- 9 drive-through. Such a proposal requires an approved conditional use
- for the drive through and must comply with all applicable general
- design standards of §1005.02.A and specific design standards of §1005.06. During the conceptual
- review process, it was pointed out to the development team the project will have difficulty complying
- with the Frontage Requirement standard of §1005.06.E.3 given the existing and/or required easements
- on the subject lot.
- Specifically, §1005.06.E.3 states: "At least 70% of the street frontage shall be occupied by the building
- façade placed within 85 feet of the front property line. Only two rows of parking and a drive lane may
- be placed within this setback area."



VARIANCE ANALYSIS

When considering new construction proposals, the Planning Division staff has generally been reluctant to support variances from the standards set forth in the Zoning Code. This is especially true for new developments seeking relief from the Design Standards. As such, the Planning Division noted the site challenges early in the process so that design could maximize the buildable area of the site.

The Frontage Requirement dictates how much of the street frontage is to be occupied by building façade based on the building's proposed distance from the front property line. This requirement does not provide for any flexibility due to site challenges or a desired building design. As such, this design standard and the proposed site plan do not align and the applicant is seeking a variance. Specifically, the property at 2501 Fairview Avenue has a street frontage length (lot width) of 200 feet, which translates into a required building length requirement (or frontage) of 140 feet, or 70%, based upon the placement of the proposed building within 85 feet of the front property line. The proposed Site Plan depicts approximately 94 feet of building façade facing the street, equating to a frontage amount of 47%. Although not constructed under the current Code, the existing site conditions provide 72 feet of building façade facing the street, equating to 36% frontage. The proposed redevelopment will bring the site closer to compliance with the Frontage Requirement.

This property also includes a 20-foot wide drainage and utility easement along the north and west property boundary and a 40-foot wide multi-purpose easement (access, drainage and utility) along the south property boundary. These easements are needed to preserve existing utilities (including telecommunication fiber optics & City water main) and City and Xcel Energy access to property located behind (or to the west) of the proposed site. These existing conditions severely limit building placement options for Genisys.

Given the unique circumstances present on this lot, the applicant has developed a site and building plan that is best suited for the property and complies with all other Code standards, except the frontage requirement. Specifically, the proposal by Genisys includes a 94 foot wide building (including the attached trash enclosure portion) located generally in the center of the lot. The building is placed up against the southern easement, 45 feet from the northern easement or 65 feet from the north property line. The structure is placed 75 feet from the front property line, affording two rows of parking and a drive lane in front of the building, which is necessitated due to parking restrictions elsewhere on the parcel. The site also provides a ring-road for access to the drive-through lane, as well as for access to existing telecommunications equipment located north and east of the water tower on the city-owned lot (Attachment C). Genisys will share the southerly access point with the City and Xcel Energy. In support of the proposal and requested variance, the applicant has provided a detailed narrative (Attachment D) that discusses the limitations of the site and circumstances present creating the need for a variance.

Section 1009.04 (Variances) of the City Code explains that the purpose of a variance is "to permit adjustment to the zoning regulations where there are practical difficulties applying to a parcel of land or building that prevent the property from being used to the extent intended by the zoning." State statute further clarifies that "economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties."

Planning Division staff believes the analysis in this report demonstrates conflicting purposes among the regulations, site constraints, and the desired development that represent a practical difficulty which the variance process is intended to relieve.

Section 1009.04C of the City Code establishes a mandate the Variance Board make five specific findings about a variance request as a prerequisite for approving the variance. Planning Division staff has reviewed the application and offers the following draft findings:

- **a.** The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Division staff believes the proposal is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because it represents the type of continued investment promoted by the Comprehensive Plan's goals and policies and contributes the following strategies:
 - Create design standards for both vertical and horizontal mixed-use developments, not only so that the uses are compatible, but so that the scale, mass, and feel of new development enhances the desired community character.
 - Ensure that existing and future development of business and industry, shopping, transportation, housing, entertainment, leisure, and recreation opportunities are in harmony with the commitment Roseville has made to its environment and quality of life, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
 - Promote and support the redevelopment of physically and economically obsolete or underutilized property.
- **b.** The proposal is in harmony with the purposes and intent of the zoning ordinance. The property is currently zoned Regional Business-1 District (to become Core Mixed-Use), and with the exception of the proposed variance, meets nearly all the building and site design requirements outlined in §1005.02.A and §1005.06 of the City Code. Although this development proposal is seeking a variance to the Frontage Requirement of §1005.06.E.3, the overall building placement and drive-through location has been deemed by the Planning Division to be in harmony with the purpose an intent of the applicable zoning standards given the easement limitations.
 - Staff finds that it would be nearly impossible for any redevelopment proposal to comply with the frontage requirement from which the applicant seeks relief. In order to comply, the building would have to occupy every foot of frontage not otherwise encumbered by easement. To do this, access to the rear of the lot would be difficult given the only means to access the rear would be through the shared access along the southerly property line. This would be especially difficult for a service or retail-oriented use, which the area and zoning lends itself to. And, while it isn't always appropriate to provide relief from development standards when a site doesn't fit exactly with City Code standards, it must also be acknowledged that sometimes design elements just don't make sense or work well given the realities of a development site. Staff finds this is an example of where there is likely more lost than gained, in terms of use of the property, by requiring strict adherence to the Code.
- c. The proposal puts the subject property to use in a reasonable manner. Staff finds this criterion is met in that the current site and building plans put the lot to use in a reasonable manner allowed by underlying zoning. More specifically, the Planning Division has concluded, absent this variance, development on this lot could be deemed impractical and strict enforcement of the Frontage Requirement Design Standard burdensome. The City Code offers variances in instances where practical difficulties are present and this is one of those situations, especially given existing site constraints due to access and easements, which preclude parking and building placement within their boundaries.

- d. There are unique circumstances to the property which were not created by the landowner. As has been discussed above, the existing easements and the limits on use within the easements are a large factor in meeting the Frontage Requirement length. Building design is also a consideration, as it seems unreasonable to require a long and narrow building just to conform to a given standard that would otherwise make parking and access difficult. The applicant did not create this situation as these easements have been in place for years. Given this, Planning Division staff finds the lot has unique circumstances not created by the landowner/applicant.
- e. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Although Planning Division staff strives for fully Code-compliant development, especially the stated design standards of §1005.02.A and §1005.06, there are times when such strict enforcement of those standards is not in the best interest of the City or the applicant given an individual site's characteristics. By granting the requested variance, the proposed project fits more appropriately on the lot and supports the desired drive-through. The proposed bank branch with drive-through does comply with Code and appears very consistent with other commercial developments with a drive-through in the immediate neighborhood (including one recently redeveloped property one lot to the south). As such, the granting of this variance will not alter the essential character of this generalized area or the locality.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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At the time this RVBA was prepared, Planning Division staff has not received any comments or questions about the proposal.

RECOMMENDED VARIANCE BOARD ACTION

By motion adopt a resolution approving a variance to §1005.06.E.3, Frontage Requirement, allowing relief from constructing a building that occupies 70% (140 feet) of the lot frontage, based upon the content of this RVBA, public input, and Variance Board deliberation, and conditioned on development of the site consistent with the plans provided and attached to this RVBA.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

- **a.** Pass a motion to table the item for future action. An action to table must be tied to the need of clarity, analysis and/or information necessary to make a recommendation on the request.
- **b.** Pass a motion denying the proposal. An action to deny must include findings of fact germane to the request.

132 NEXT STEPS

The decision of the Variance Board is final unless an appeal is filed. The appeal period remains open for lo days from the date of the decision, and an appeal may be made either by the applicant or by another Roseville property owner. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the City Manager by noon on August 16, 2021, for a hearing before the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Report prepared by: Thomas Paschke, City Planner | 651-792-7074 thomas.paschke@cityofroseville.com

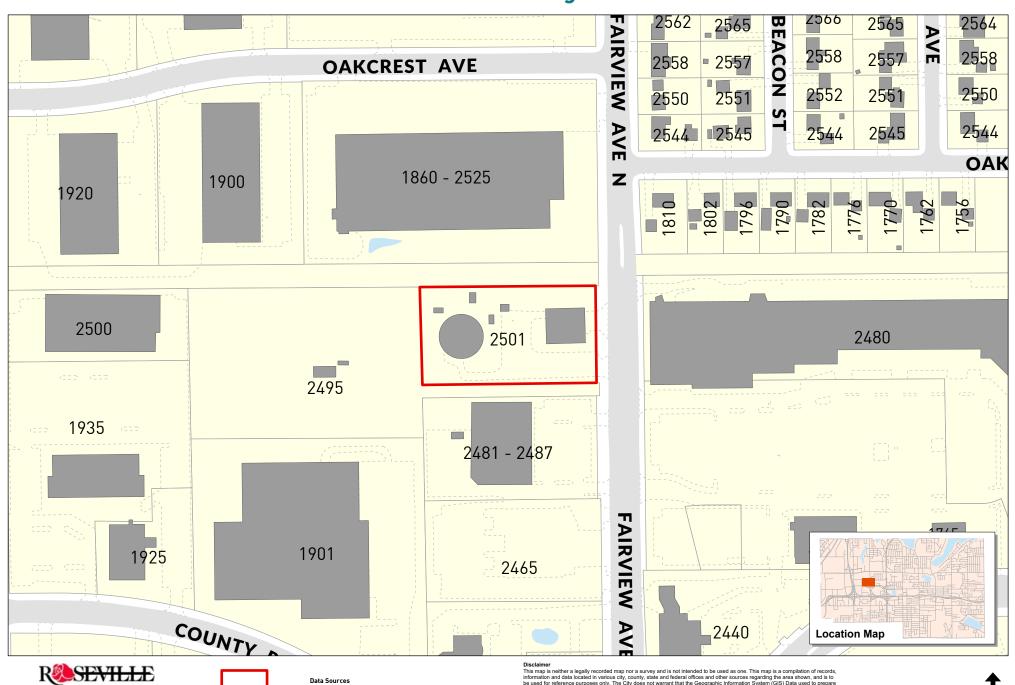
Attachments: A. Area map

C. Narrative/development plans

B. Aerial map

D. Draft Resolution

Attachment A: Planning File 21-009



Prepared by: Community Development Department Printed: July 21, 2021



* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (6/30/2021) For further information regarding the contents of this map contact: City of Roseville, Community Development Department, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville MN

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Attachment B: Planning File 21-009





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Genisys Credit Union Roseville: Written Narrative for a variance regarding building frontage

Legal Description: That part of the South two hundred feet (S.200 feet) of the North two hundred sixty-six feet (N. 266 feet) of the East four hundred ten feet (E 410 feet) of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ½ of NW ½), Section 9, Township 29, Range 23, lying west of a line lying 49.5 fee West of, and parallel with the East line of said Northwest Quarter Ramsey County, Minnesota

Zoning Code Verbiage:

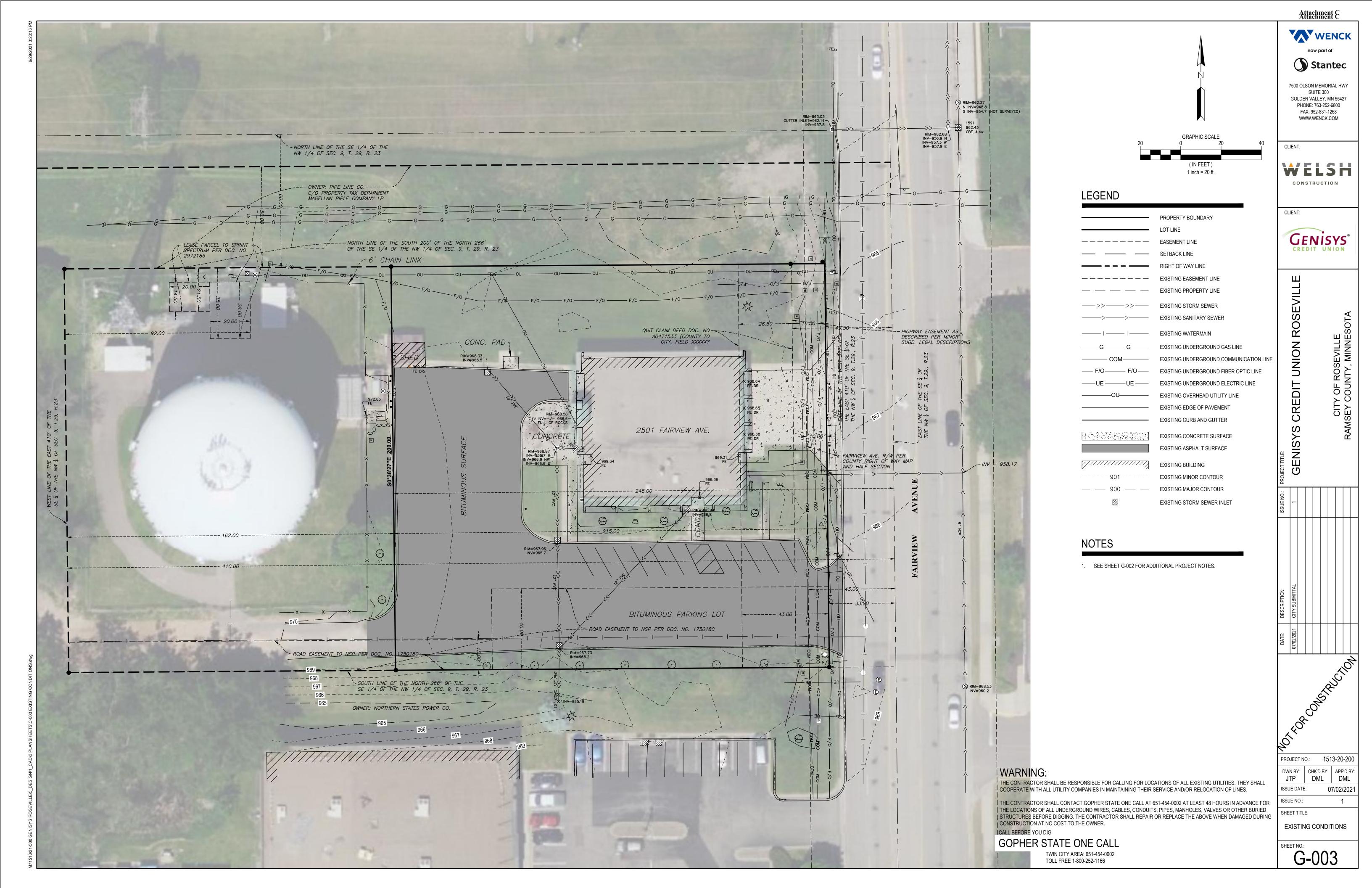
Parcel Identification Number: 092923240002

- E. Frontage Requirement: A development must utilize one or more of the three options below for placement of buildings and parking relative to the primary street:
 - 1. At least 50% of the street frontage shall be occupied by building facades placed within 20 feet of the front lot line. No off-street parking shall be located between the facades meeting this requirement and the street.
 - 2. At least 60% of the street frontage shall be occupied by building facades placed within 65 feet of the front lot line. Only 1 row of parking and a drive aisle may be placed within this setback area.
 - 3. At least 70% of the street frontage shall be occupied by building facades placed within 85 feet of the front lot line. Only 2 rows of parking and a drive aisle may be placed within this setback area.

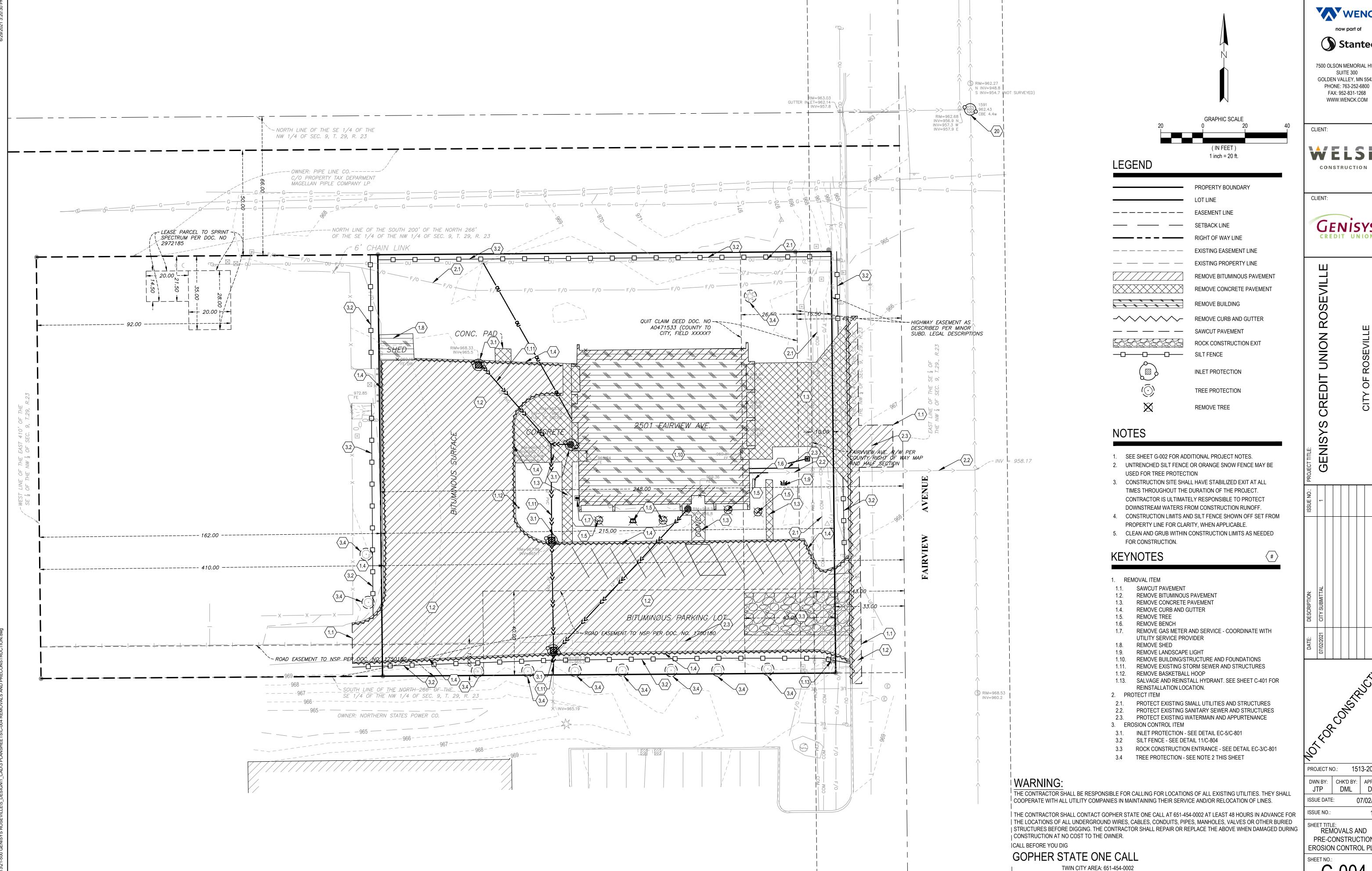
Response Narrative:

We are asking for a variance regarding the above frontage requirements at this site. As the City is aware, the site is heavily constrained by access and utility easements on the south and north sides to maintain access to utilities and the water tower/maintenance shed on the western side of the site. These easements, which prevent any structure from being built over them, effectively make it unattainable to achieve these frontage minimums. In order to maintain a drive to the water tower on the south while also keeping the critical drive-thru circulation on the north, we believe that the proposed frontage as shown is the most optimum use of the site and will still accomplish the City's goals of providing diverse mixed use along this corridor that is welcoming to pedestrians. It also should be noted that after accounting for these easements, nearly 70% of the buildable north-south axis on the site will occupied by the bank and its matching equipment enclosure. For these reasons, we believe that the proposed use with this variance granted would comply with the comprehensive plan, the spirit of the zoning code, and

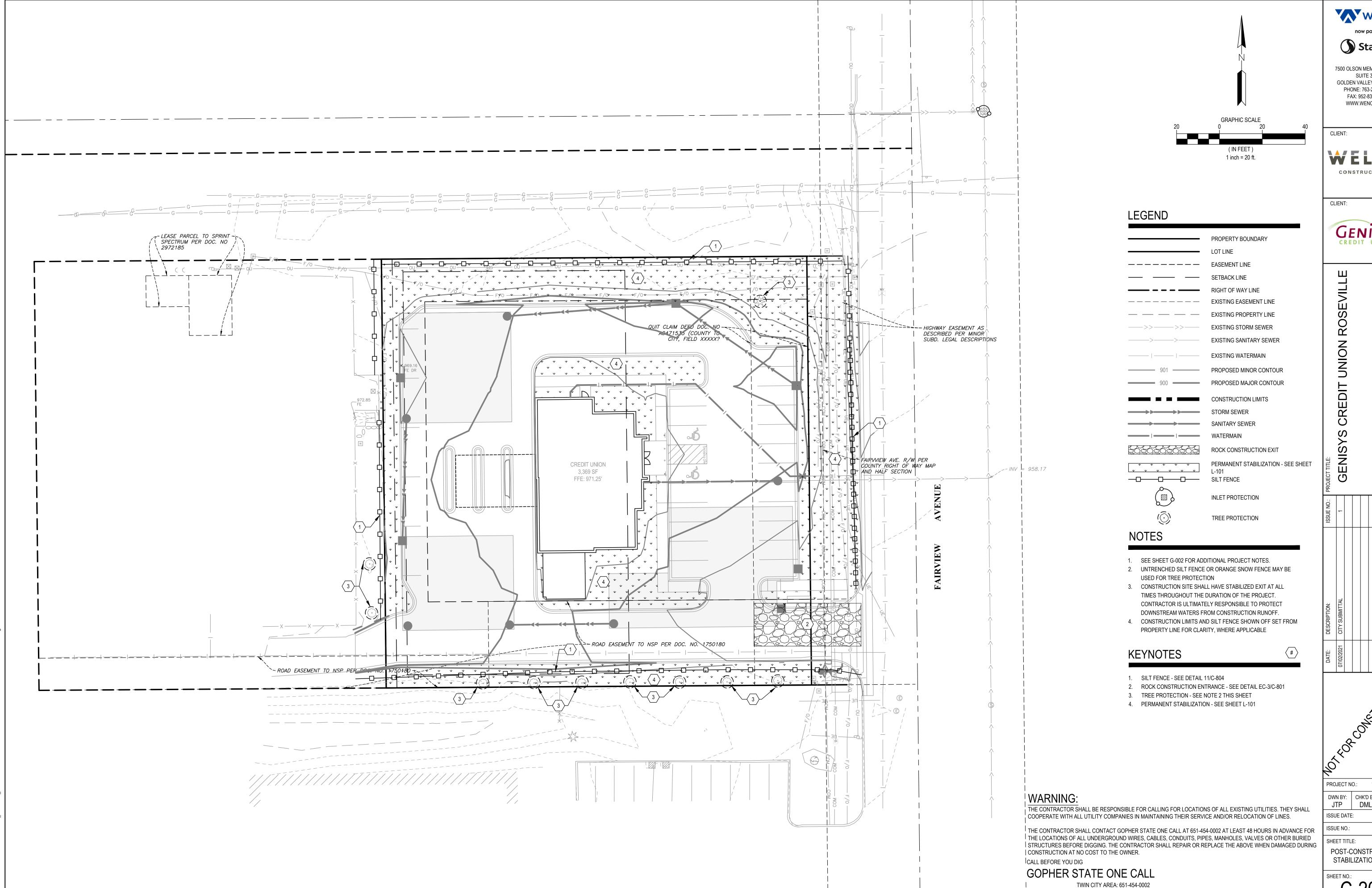
uses the site in the maximum and reasonable manner given the unique constrains not created by the applicant. The variance if granted will not alter the essential character of the locality since the building maximizes upon the buildable area and will provide a welcoming and elegant amenity to the core of Roseville.

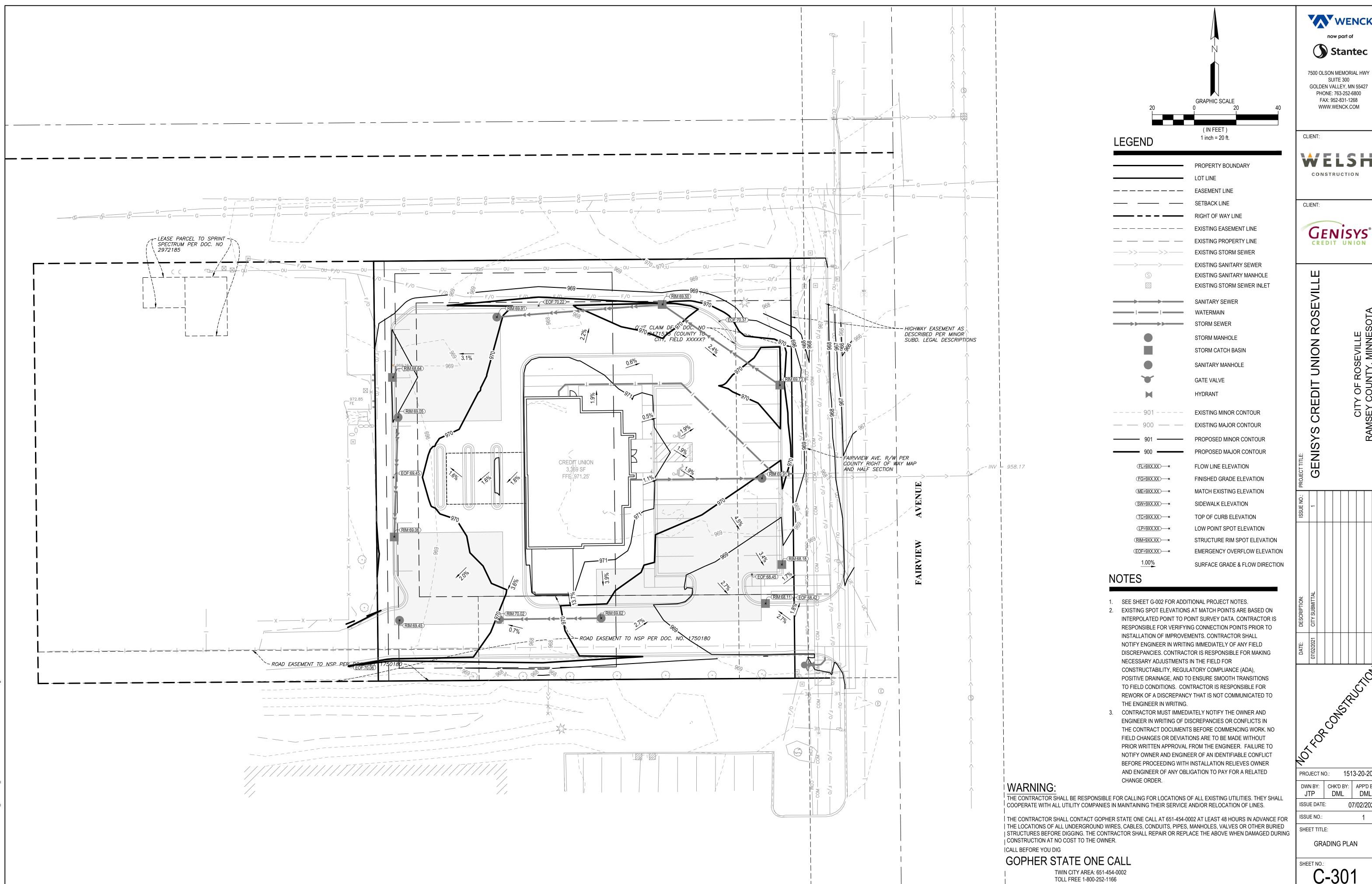


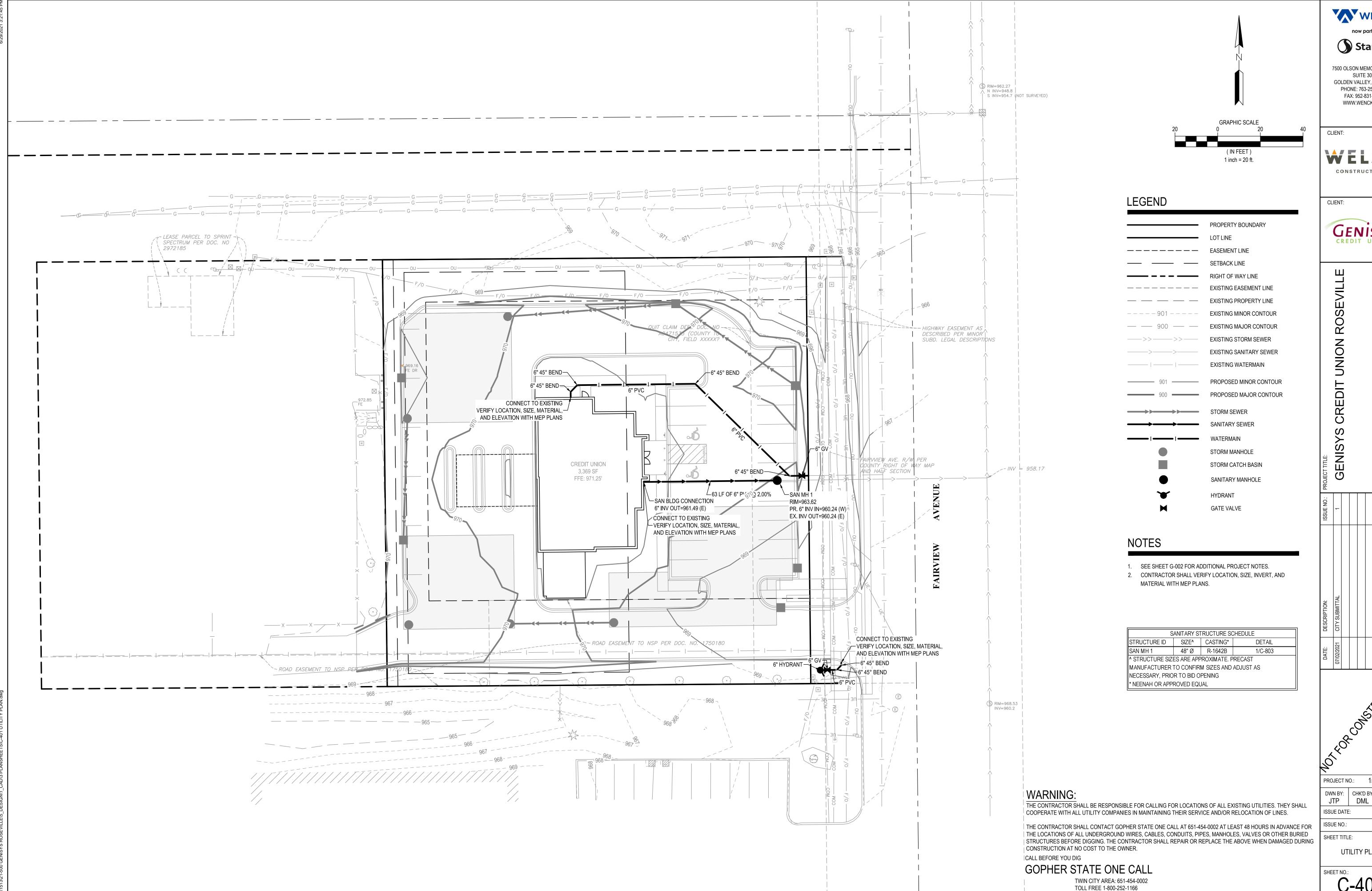
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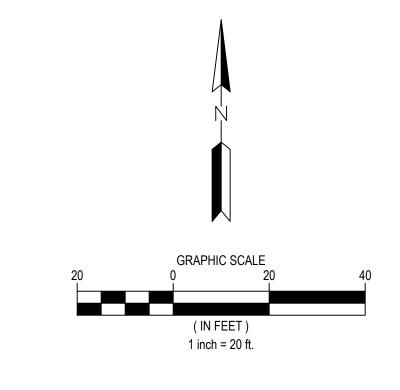


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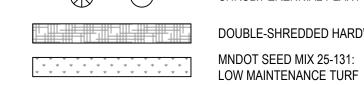
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--- --- EXISTING PROPERTY LINE

CONIFEROUS TREE



SHRUB/PERENNIAL PLANT



DOUBLE-SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH MNDOT SEED MIX 25-131:

1. SEE SHEET G-002 FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECT NOTES.

	Required	Proposed
1 tree per 1,000 SF of gross building	4	
floor area (3,367/1,000), OR	4	
1 tree per 50 LF of site perimeter	17	17
(830/50)	17	17
6 shrubs per 1,000 SF of gross building	er 1,000 SF of gross building	
floor area (3,367/1,000*6), OR	24	
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(830/50*6)	144	144

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1513-20-200 DWN BY: CHK'D BY: APP'D BY: DML DML JTP 07/02/2021 ISSUE DATE: ISSUE NO.:

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PLANTING SCHEDULE:

QTY SYMBOL COMMON NAME

6 AR RED SUNSET MAPLE

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TOTAL TREES

21 SB PINK SPARKLER SPIREA

12 AM BLACK CHOKEBERRY

27 PM MINIATURE SNOWBELLE MOCKORANGE

TOTAL PERENNIALS/SHRUBS

28 CS ALLEMAN'S COMPACT DOGWOOD

2 OV IRONWOOD

2 AK KOREAN FIR

Perennials/Shrubs

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56 DS FIREFLY NIGHTGLOW BUSH HONEYSUCKLE DIERVILLA SPLENDENS 'EL MADRIGAL'

GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS 'DRAVES'

JUNIPERUS SCOPULARUM 'MEDORA'

PHILADELPHUS X 'MINIATURE SNOWFLAKE'

CORNUS SERICEA 'ALLEMAN'S COMPACT'

SPIRAEA BETULIFOLIA 'COURISPI01'

ARONIA MELANOCARPA ELATA

ACER REUBRUM 'FRANKSRED'

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5' 5' PER PLAN #5 POT

6' 6' PER PLAN #5 POT

PER PLAN 3" B&B

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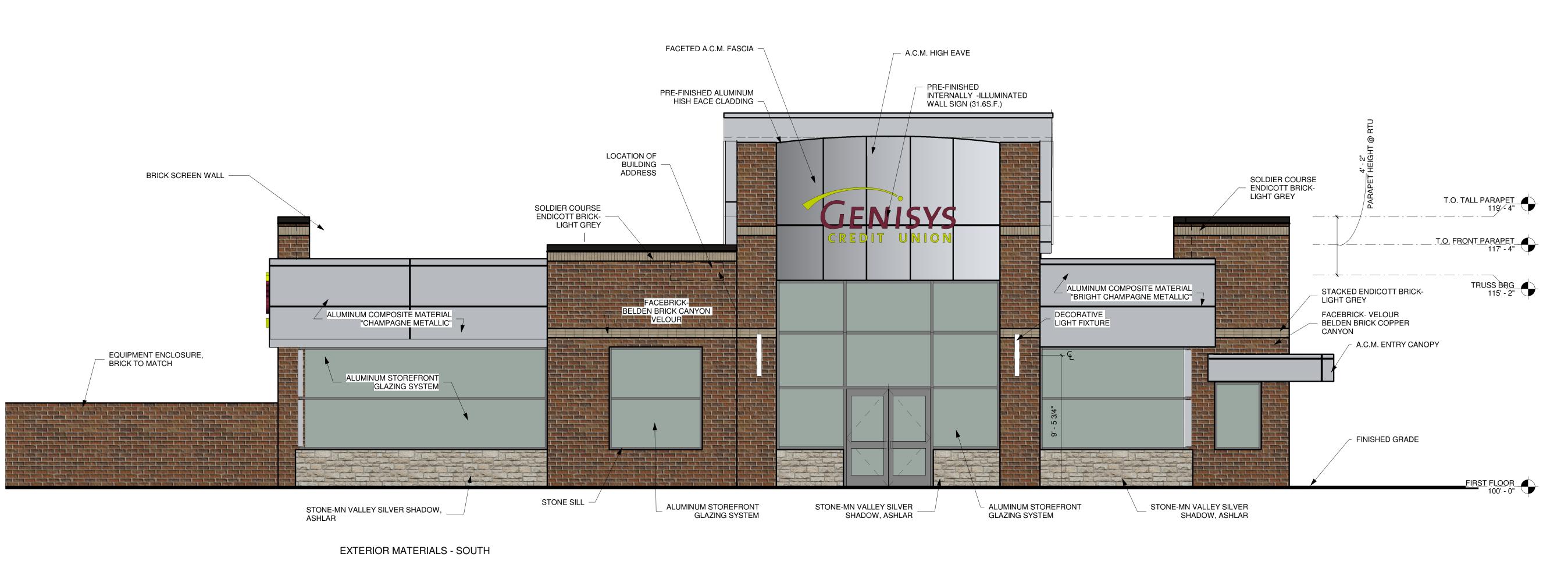
ACM - 401.23 SF, 29.7% BRICK - 718.6 SF, 53.2%

GLAZE - 179.8 SF, 13.3% STONE - 52.1 SF, 3.8%

1,351.73 SF TOTAL

NORTH ELEVATION - CITY SUBMITTAL

1/4" = 1'-0"



2 EAST ELEVATION - CITY SUBMITTAL

1/4" = 1'-0"

ACM - 406.45 SF, 25.2% BRICK - 608.57 SF, 37.7% GLAZE - 496.92 SF, 30.8% STONE - 102.58 SF, 6.3%

1,614.52 SF TOTAL

Attachment C

FIRM GROUND

275 Market Street, Ste. 368 Minneapolis, MN 55405

612.819.1835 www.firmgroundae.com

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly **Registered Architect** under the laws of the state of Minnesota

Thomas P. Wasmoen

PARTNERS/CONSULTANTS

PROJECT

GENISYS CREDIT UNION ROSEVILLE

2501 Fairview Avenue N Roseville, MN 55113

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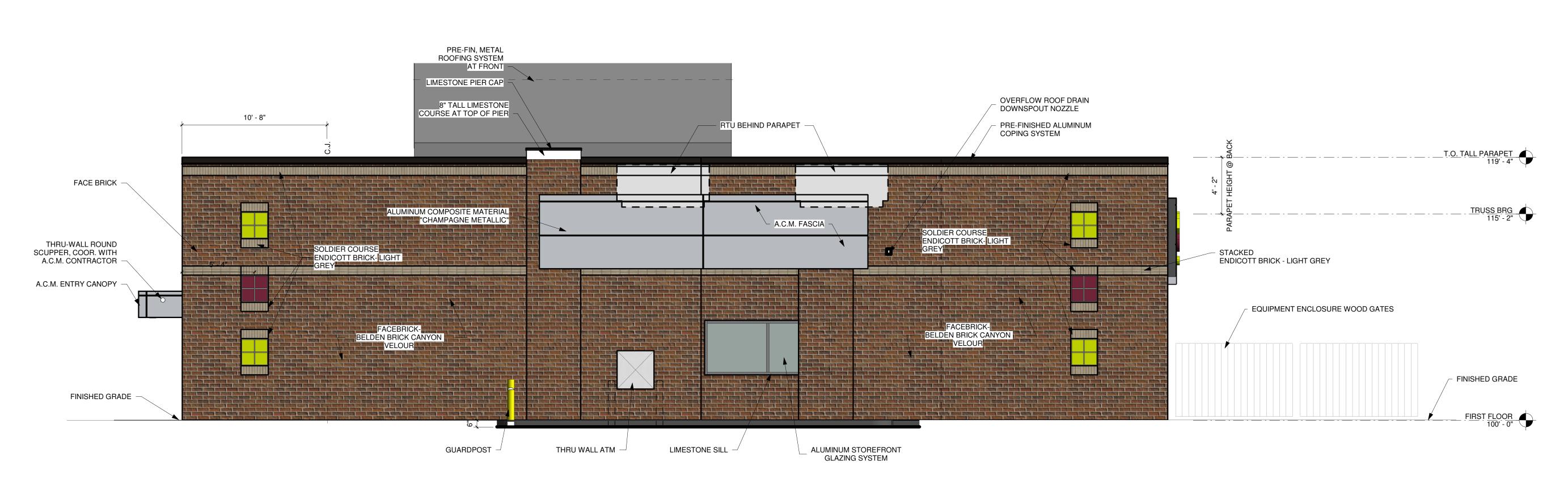
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SHEET TITLE **ELEVATIONS-**CITY

SUBMITTAL

SHEET NUMBER C301

FIRM GROUND



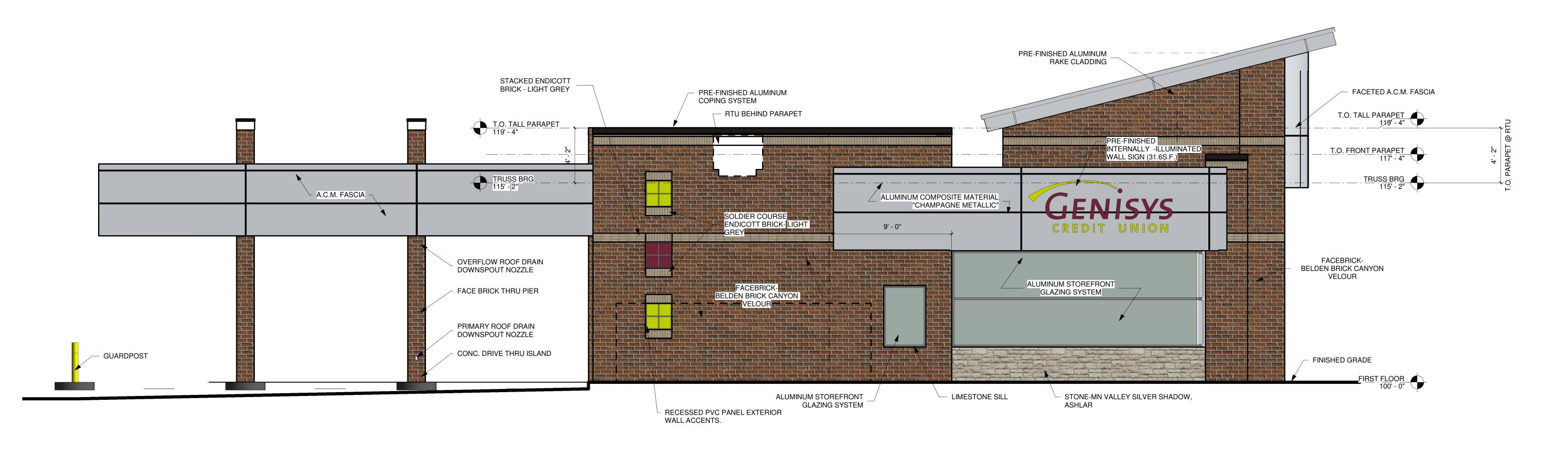
EXTERIOR MATERIALS - NORTH

BRICK - 1,145.67 SF, 85.8% ACM - 161.81 SF, 12.1%

GLAZE - 27.44 SF, 2.1% STONE - 0 SF, 0%

1,334.92 SF TOTAL

1 WEST ELEVATION - CITY SUBMITTAL
C302 1/4" = 1'-0"



EXTERIOR MATERIALS - WEST

ACM - 453.58 SF, 33.9% BRICK - 676.18 SF, 50.6% GLAZE - 156.22 SF, 11.7% STONE - 51.44 SF, 3.8%

1,337.42 SF TOTAL

2 SOUTH ELEVATION - CITY SUBMITTAL

1/4" = 1'-0"

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VARIANCE BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Variance Board of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota, was held on the 4th day of August 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

The following Members were present: Members; nd was absent. ;			
Variance Board Member adoption:	introduced the following resolution and moved its		
VARIANCE BOARD RESOLUTION NO			

A RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIANCES TO ROSEVILLE CITY CODE §1005.06.E.3 REGARDING FRONTAGE REQUIREMENTS (PF21-009)

WHEREAS, the subject property is legally described as:

LOT 2 BLOCK 1, FAIRVIEW FIRE STATION

WHEREAS, the City Code requires the following:

§1005.06.E.3 - "At least 70% of the street frontage shall be occupied by the building façade placed within 85 feet of the front property line. Only two rows of parking and a drive lane may be placed within this setback area."

WHEREAS, §1005.06.E.3 (Frontage Requirement) dictates how much of the street frontage is to be occupied by building façade based on the building's proposed distance from the front property line, and for which said code requirement does not provide for flexibility due to site challenges or a desired building design; and

WHEREAS, the property at 2501 Fairview Avenue has a street frontage length (lot width) of 200 feet, which translates into a required building length requirement (or frontage) of 140 feet, or 70%, based upon the placement of the proposed building within 85 feet of the front property line; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's proposal includes a 94 foot wide building (including the attached trash enclosure portion) located generally in the center of the lot, equating to 47% frontage when 70% is normally required; and

WHEREAS, this property includes a 20-foot wide drainage and utility easement along the north and west property boundary and a 40-foot wide multi-purpose easement (access, drainage, and utility) along the south property boundary, which collectively create difficulties regarding overall site design; and

WHEREAS, said easements are needed to preserve existing utilities (including telecommunication fiber optics & City water main) and City and Xcel Energy access to property located behind the proposed site; and

WHEREAS, given these unique circumstances the applicant developed a site and building plan that best suits for the property and complies with all other Code standards; and

WHEREAS, City Code §1009.04 (Variances) establishes the purpose of a variance is "to permit adjustment to the zoning regulations where there are practical difficulties applying to a parcel of land or building that prevent the property from being used to the extent intended by the zoning;" and

WHEREAS, the Variance Board has made the following findings:

- **a.** The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Variance Board finds the proposal is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because it represents the type of continued investment promoted by the Comprehensive Plan's goals and policies and contributes the following strategies:
 - 1. Create design standards for both vertical and horizontal mixed-use developments, not only so that the uses are compatible, but so that the scale, mass, and feel of new development enhances the desired community character.
 - 2. Ensure that existing and future development of business and industry, shopping, transportation, housing, entertainment, leisure, and recreation opportunities are in harmony with the commitment Roseville has made to its environment and quality of life, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
 - 3. Promote and support the redevelopment of physically and economically obsolete or underutilized property.
- b. The proposal is in harmony with the purposes and intent of the zoning ordinance. The property is currently zoned Regional Business-1 District (to become Core Mixed-Use), and with the exception of the proposed variance, meets nearly all the building and site design requirements outlined in §1005.02.A and §1005.06 of the City Code. Although this development proposal is seeking a variance to the Frontage Requirement of §1005.06.E.3, the overall building placement and drive-through location has been deemed by the Planning Division to be in harmony with the purpose an intent of the applicable zoning standards given the easement limitations.
 - The Variance Board finds that it would be nearly impossible for any redevelopment proposal to comply with the frontage requirement from which the applicant seeks relief. In order to comply, the building would have to occupy every foot of frontage not otherwise encumbered by easement. To do this, access to the rear of the lot would be difficult given the only means to access the rear would be through the shared access along the southerly property line. This would be especially difficult for a service or retail-oriented use, for which the property is zoned.
- c. The proposal puts the subject property to use in a reasonable manner. The Variance Board finds this criterion is met in that the current site and building plans put the lot to use in a reasonable manner allowed by underlying zoning. More specifically, the Planning Division has concluded, absent this variance, development on this lot could be deemed impractical and strict enforcement of the Frontage Requirement Design Standard burdensome. The City Code offers variances in instances where practical difficulties are present and this is one of those situations, especially given existing site constraints due to access and easements, which preclude parking and building placement within their boundaries.
- d. There are unique circumstances to the property which were not created by the landowner. The existing easements and the limits on use within the easements are a large factor in meeting the Frontage Requirement length. Building design is also a consideration, as it seems unreasonable to require a long and narrow building just to conform to a given standard that would otherwise make parking and access difficult. The applicant did not create this situation as these easements have been in place for years. Given this, the Variance Board finds the lot has unique circumstances not created by the landowner/applicant.

e. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Although the City strives for fully Code-compliant development, especially the stated design standards of §1005.02.A and §1005.06, there are instances when such strict enforcement of those standards is not in the best interest of the City or the applicant given an individual site's characteristics. By granting the requested variance, the proposed project fits more appropriately on the lot and supports the desired drive-through. The proposed bank branch with drive-through does comply with Code and is consistent with other commercial developments with a drive-through in the immediate neighborhood (including one recently redeveloped property one lot to the south). As such, the Variance Board finds the granting of this variance will not alter the essential character of this generalized area or the locality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roseville Variance Board, to approve the requested variance to §1005.06.E.3, Frontage Requirement, based on the proposed plans, the testimony offered at the public hearing, the above findings, conditioned on development of the site generally in compliance with the plans provided and attached to the Request for Variance Board Action dated August 4, 2021.

The motion 1	for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Variance Board
Member	and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Members
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and	voted against;

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Variance Board Resolution No Genisys Credit Union (PF21-009)	
STATE OF MINNESOTA)	
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)	
I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Manager of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully con extract of minutes of a regular meeting of said Roseville Variance Bo 2021.	npared the attached and foregoing
WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Manager this 4 th day	of August 2021.
SEAL	Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager