COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Planning & Zoning, Public Works &	Presenter(s):	Pete Frisina/Phil Mallon/Vanessa Birrel
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2011	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of the Safe Routes to School Grant for a Multi-Use Path along Redwine Road.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County was awarded a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant in June of 2009 in the amount of $491,000. The SRTS is a federal program administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

GDOT is responsible for the design (consultant - Kimey-Horn and Associates) and construction of the project. Kimley-Horn has completed the design as of May 2011 and due to federal deadlines, the project must be let in July of 2011 instead of September of 2011.

A portion of the multi-use path (the bridge) is within the city limits of Peachtree City. If the construction of the bridge creates a rise in the floodplain elevation, Peachtree City will require a CLOMAR (Conditional Letter of Map Revision) which comes from FEMA. There will be a FEMA filing fee of approximately $4500 which is not an expense that can be paid for by the grant.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Staff would like to give an update of the project and discuss some other possible costs associated with the project.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding will be necessary to pay for the FEMA filing fee, if required. A funding source for this fee has not been identified at this time.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	11/5/08, 11/13/08 & 5/26/09
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	Yes	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Yes	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

STAFF REPORTS:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS (SRTS) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT: Environmental Engineer Vanessa Birrell discussed an opportunity for the County to apply for a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant which was a Federally funded grant. A copy of her supporting information, identified as "Attachment No. 3", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. She noted the deadline for the Grant was December 12, 2008. She said this grant was unique in that some of the County's multi-use paths could be connected to the schools specifically the one located at the Rising Star complex. She said staff would like to construct a bridge and an additional pathway across Camp Creek. She noted that there was no funding match required by the County. She asked for the Board's consideration to give her permission to apply for this grant and she noted that she would be the primary project manager for the grant.

Chairman Smith asked her if there were any requirements or impacts on the County that were non-financially related such as restrictions on right-of-way, stormwater, flood zones and so forth.

Ms. Birrell replied that with the path crossing Camp Creek staff would have to look into a national permit with the Army Corps of Engineers with possible restrictions there. She noted that since it would be multi-jurisdictional, staff would have to contact Peachtree City about connecting into that system. She said this would involve four subdivisions that would connect New Haven, Timberlake, High Grove and Whitewater Creek into the Peachtree City system so pedestrian and bicycle use could be provided over to the Starrs Mill complex. She said this grant was designed to reach out to a two mile radius to students primarily in elementary and middle schools. She remarked that staff would also have to work with the Board of Education in doing some safe commuting habits and things of that nature.

Mr. Frisina remarked that he had spoken with Planning Director David Rast in Peachtree City who said Peachtree City also had some plans to look at extending the path and felt this would fit into what they were looking at. He said the hardest part would be getting across Camp Creek.

It was the consensus of the Board that staff proceed with getting further information on the grant and to provide further information to the Board at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting on November 13th.

EARTH DAY IN FAYETTE COUNTY: Environmental Engineer Vanessa Birrell remarked that last Spring the County had helped the Girl Scouts sponsor Earth Day in conjunction with Keep Fayette Beautiful. She said several organizations including the Town of Tyrone and Peachtree City had contacted her about helping with Earth Day 2009. She asked for the Board's permission to help coordinate Earth Day in Fayette County which occurs in the Spring of 2009.

The Board concurred with this request.

BOARD REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MAXWELL: Commissioner Maxwell said he would like to commend the Elections Department staff as well as any other departments who helped make the election process go smoothly.

"ATTACHMENT NO. 3"

Fayette County GEORGIA

Where Quality Is A Lifestyle

To: Fayette County Board of Commissioners

From: Pete Frisina
Planning and Zoning
Vanessa Birrell
Engineering

Date: November 5, 2008

Subject: Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant

In 2005 Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), a federal-aid program administered by the Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety was established. The purpose of this grant is promote and provide safe pedestrian and biking transportation to school as a way to encourage healthy and active lifestyles at an early age.

Staff proposes to construct infrastructure to establish connectivity between multiuse paths along County subdivisions located along Redwine Road (New Haven, Whitewater Creek, Highgrove and Timber Lake) and the Peachtree City multi-use path system. This would entail constructing a bridge over Camp Creek and additional pathway in the County ROW on Redwine Road. Establishing this connectivity will allow bicycle riders and pedestrians a safe route to Peeples Elementary, Rising Star Middle and Star's Mill High schools.

This proposed multiuse path extension and bridge project meets all the criteria for eligibility for the SRST Infrastructure Grant. It entails working with Peachtree City since the County will be connecting to their multi-use path system. Also, non-infrastructure components of the grant already implemented by the FCBOE will need to be accounted for in this application process.

The deadline for this grant application is Dec. 12th. Materials for the implementation cannot exceed $500,000. NO matching funds are required from the county to implement this grant.

Staff is asking permission to apply for this grant.

Gena L. Evans, Ph.D., Commissioner

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September 23, 2008

Dear Applicant:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announces a **Call for Applications for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure projects**. The application will be available from October 13, 2008 through December 12, 2008 on Georgia's SRTS website, www.dot.ga.gov/LocalGovernment/FundingPrograms/SRTS.

All applications must be submitted via email to srts@dot.ga.gov. After your electronic submission, you will receive an email confirmation stating that your application has been received. Additionally, you are **required** to print and send to GDOT, c/o SRTS Coordinator, one original application with original signatures + five (5) copies. **Completed SRTS Infrastructure Applications will be due by 4:00 PM December 12, 2008.** Applications received after this date and time will not be considered for funding during this funding cycle. The Department anticipates project selections will be completed and applicant notifications mailed by March 2009.

SRTS projects are 100 percent federally funded and do not require a local match. SRTS Infrastructure funding is limited to $500,000 per application. School districts and local governments are eligible to apply for SRTS Infrastructure funds. However, all contracts will be executed with the local government.

The Department will host four (4) SRTS Infrastructure Application Workshops statewide during the month of October. The workshop dates and locations are as follows:

LOCATION	VENUE	DATE (*10AM – 12PM*)
Columbus, GA	*Columbus Public Library*	Monday, October 20, 2008
Atlanta, GA	*One Georgia Center/GDOT*	Thursday, October 23, 2008
Savannah, GA	*MPO Hearing Room*	Monday, October 27, 2008
Macon, GA	*GDOT Area Office*	Thursday, October 30, 2008

**Please visit the SRTS website for address and directions.*

We look forward to working with you as we enter our first round of SRTS Infrastructure applications. If you have any questions, please contact Kelechi Nwosu, SRTS Coordinator, via email srts@dot.ga.gov or telephone (404) 631-1775.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Georgia's Safe Routes to School Program.

Sincerely,

Angela T. Alexander
State Transportation Planning Administrator

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STAFF REPORTS:

UPDATE ON THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM: Director of Community Development Pete Frisina briefly updated the Board on the grant application that he and Environmental Engineer Vanessa Birrell had discussed with the Board at the November 5th meeting regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Program that would be administered by the Georgia Department of Transportation. He said staff was looking to obtain some grant money to connect the pathways already in place on Redwine Road down to the Starr's Mill Complex. He said there were two sections of paths already in place from the entrance to Highgrove Subdivision down to the entrance of Timberlake Subdivision and then from Summer Place in Peachtree City down to the Starr's Mill Complex. He noted that a portion of this would be tying into a Peachtree City path located in the Preserve Subdivision that tunnels under Redwine Road. He said staff had obtained further information on the school's participation and/or Peachtree City's participation. He said staff had spoken to representatives at the school system and these individuals were both in support of this project and will work with the County to fulfill these goals. He said staff had also spoken to Peachtree City Planner David Rast who indicated that he was willing to work with the County. He noted that staff did not have a response from the Board of Education or the City Council of Peachtree City other then staff being in support of the project. He said this was a grant for up to $500,000 per project and the D.O.T. had contracted with a design firm who actually does the design and engineering. He said the grant deadline was December 12th and staff would be glad to provide further information at the December 3rd Workshop meeting if the Board so desired.

It was the consensus of the Board that staff proceed on this matter and provide an update at the December 3rd workshop meeting.

LANDSCAPING AT THE OLD COURTHOUSE: Bryan Keller of the Engineering Department asked for the Board's permission to proceed with a 319 Clean Water Grant to help pay for landscaping at the old courthouse. He said the Cooperative Extension Office and the Master Gardeners would be assisting in this project. He noted that the deadline for the grant was November 30th. He said the Engineering Department was asking for consideration to move forward with this grant. He said the amount of the grant had not yet been determined but noted that the limit was usually up to $500,000 and there was a 60/40 matching requirement but the 40% from the County could be in kind or through other sources such as the Extension Office.

Commissioner Maxwell said he was concerned that some of the older trees might be removed to make way for new landscaping. He said before anything was cut down, he would like to know.

Mr. Keller interjected that the current landscape plan would protect those trees and there were no plans to remove any of those trees.

It was the consensus of the Board that staff proceed with this 319 Clean Water Grant for landscaping at the old courthouse.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Chairman Smith recognized Allen McCullough as being appointed Fayette County Public Safety Director.

COMMISSIONER FRADY: Commissioner Frady asked for staff to look into a possible decel lane at Flat Creek Trail and S.R. 54.

CHAIRMAN SMITH: Chairman Smith remarked briefly on the remarks made under the Public Comment section of the agenda tonight regarding the West Fayetteville Bypass and the proposed defined benefits plan for Fayette County

H. Consideration of proposed Fayette County Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures Manual. This item was last discussed at the November 5, 2008 Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting.

Mr. Charles McCollum, Chairman of the Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission, discussed the proposed Fayette County Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedure Manual including its need, function, and creation. He added that the proposed manual was placed on the County's website in April 2009 for public feedback but none was given, and so he asked the Board to formally adopt the proposed manual as presented. Discussion followed regarding its reception of the policies and procedure manual from Fayette County Youth Soccer League, what composes the league, the possibility of Peachtree City soccer merging with the Lightening program to become one organization, how the potential merger would not impact the policies and procedure manual, and that Fayette County Youth Soccer League would govern the merger and would itself be governed by Fayette County.

Commissioner Maxwell thanked Mr. McCollum, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and staff for all their hours and work involved creating the policies and procedures manual. Chairman Smith also thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mr. Darryl Hicks who was in the audience and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Hearn thanked Mr. McCollum for all he did for Fayette baseball, and said going through the baseball program with his two boys was quite an undertaking. He explained that Mr. McCollum was a tireless worker who was out early on Saturday mornings dragging and lining fields, and he wanted to extend a personal "thank you" for all he has done through the years. He concluded that his efforts had meant a lot to the kids.

Commissioner Frady moved to adopt the proposed Fayette County Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures Manual as presented by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the request and the Fayette County Parks and Recreation Polices and Procedures Manual, identified as "Attachment 18", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

GDOT Safe-Routes-to-School Grant: County Administrator Jack Krakeel announced Fayette County had received the Georgia Department of Transportation's, or GDOT's, Safe-Routes-to-School-Grant in the amount of $491,000 with no matching fund requirements, gave a further explanation of the grant, and thanked staff including Mr. Pete Frisina, Vanessa Birrell, and Bryan Keller who had applied for and did the legwork for the grant.

Update on Sales Tax Revenues: County Administrator Jack Krakeel reminded the Board that earlier this month he reported to the Board that Fayette County's Sales Tax Revenues had decreased 31% from this time last year, but he was happy to report that the figures, which were received from the Georgia Department of Revenue, were incorrect due to an error in computation resulting from a changeover to electronic reporting at the state level. He stated that the reported negative 31% decrease in Sales Tax Revenue was now a positive 25% in Sales Tax Revenue from this time last year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney's Report.

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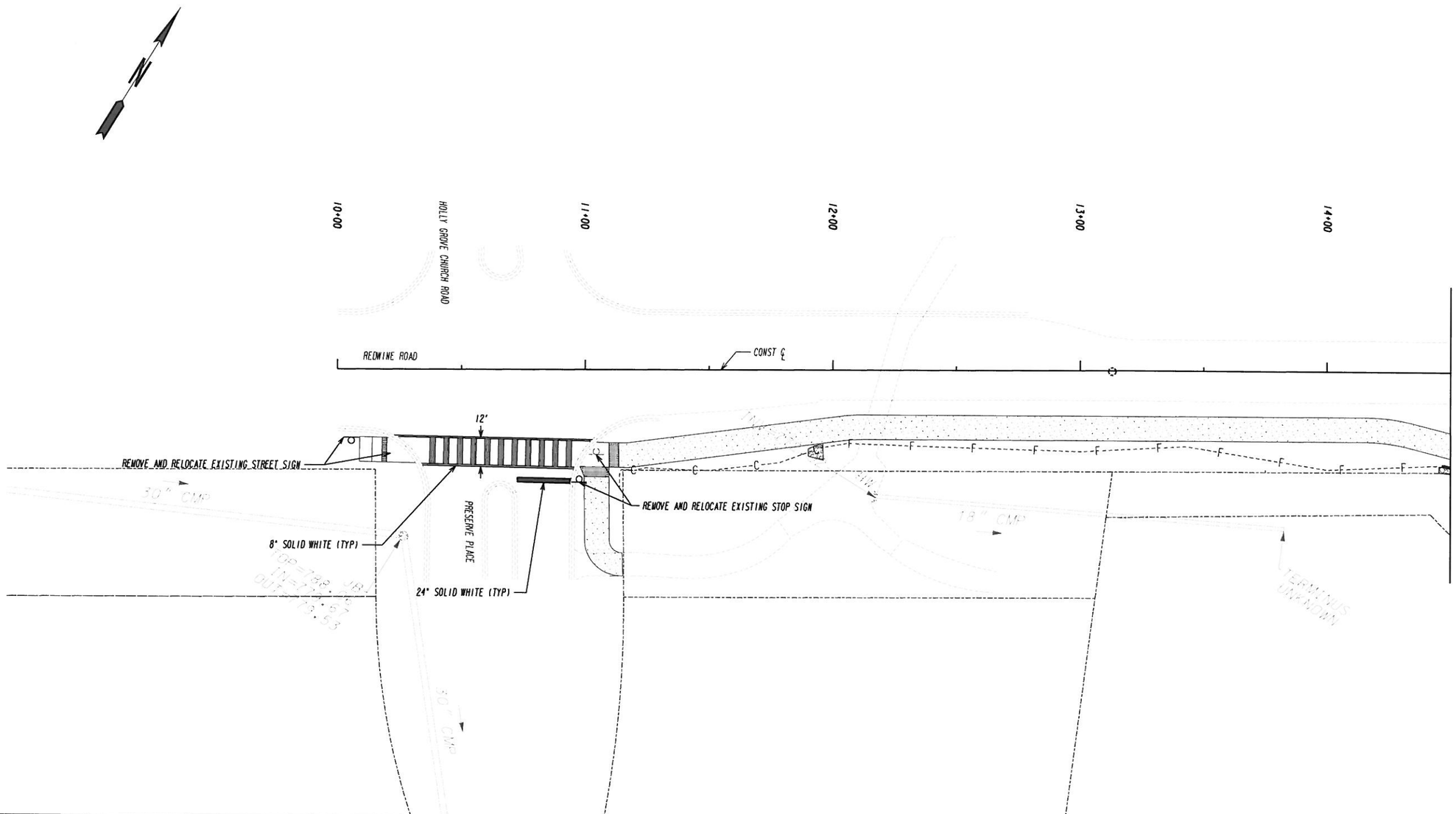

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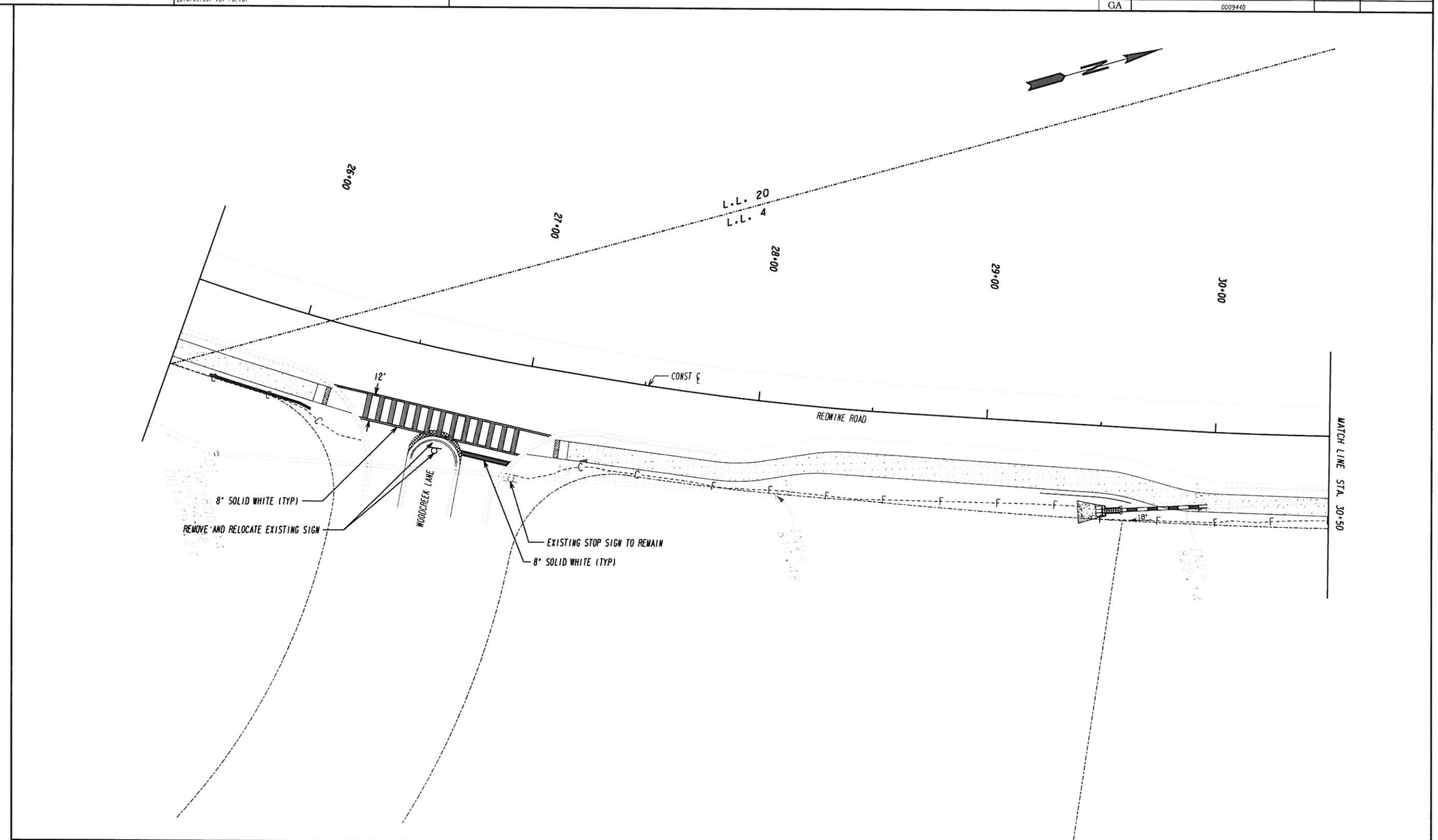

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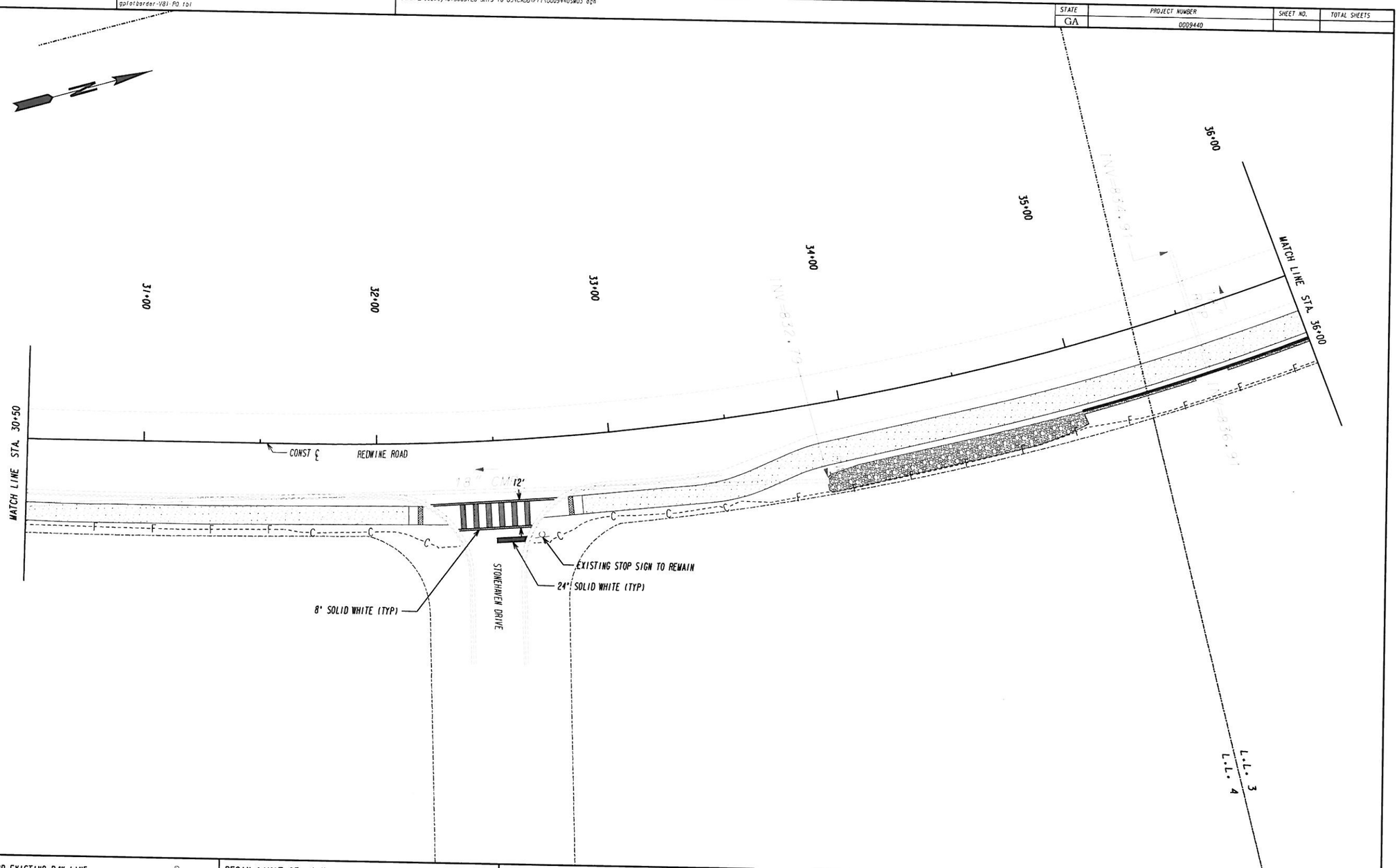

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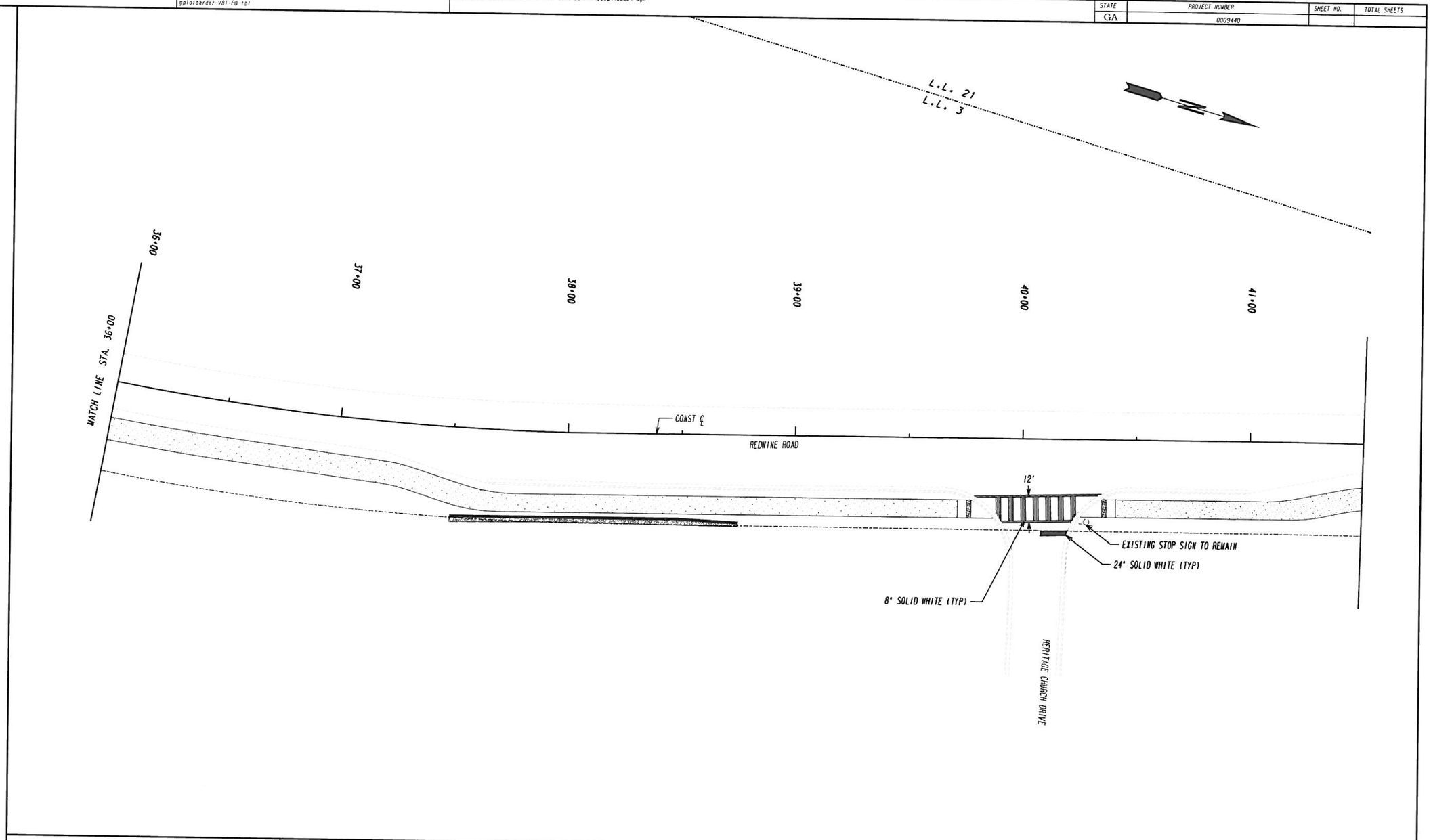

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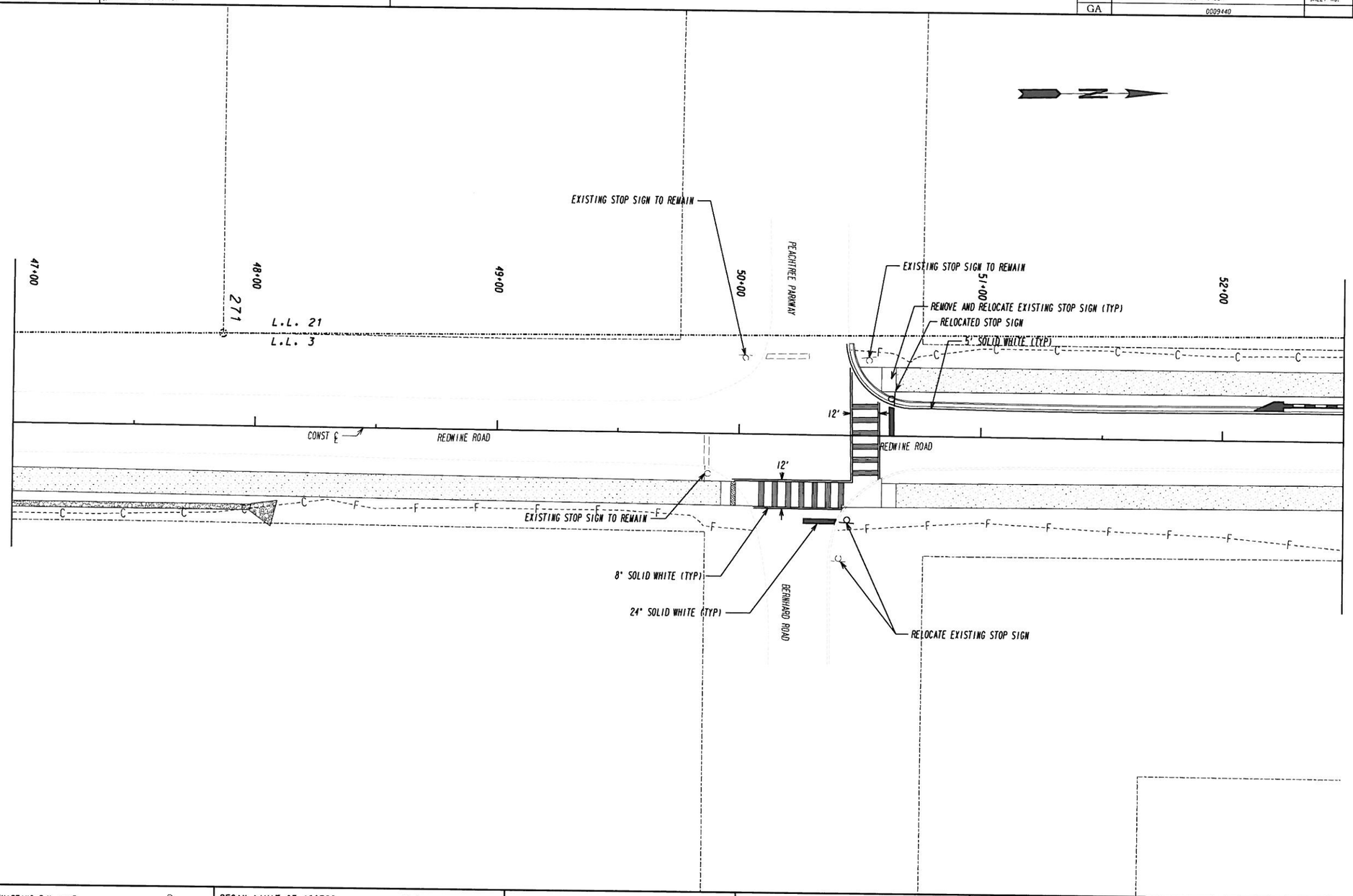

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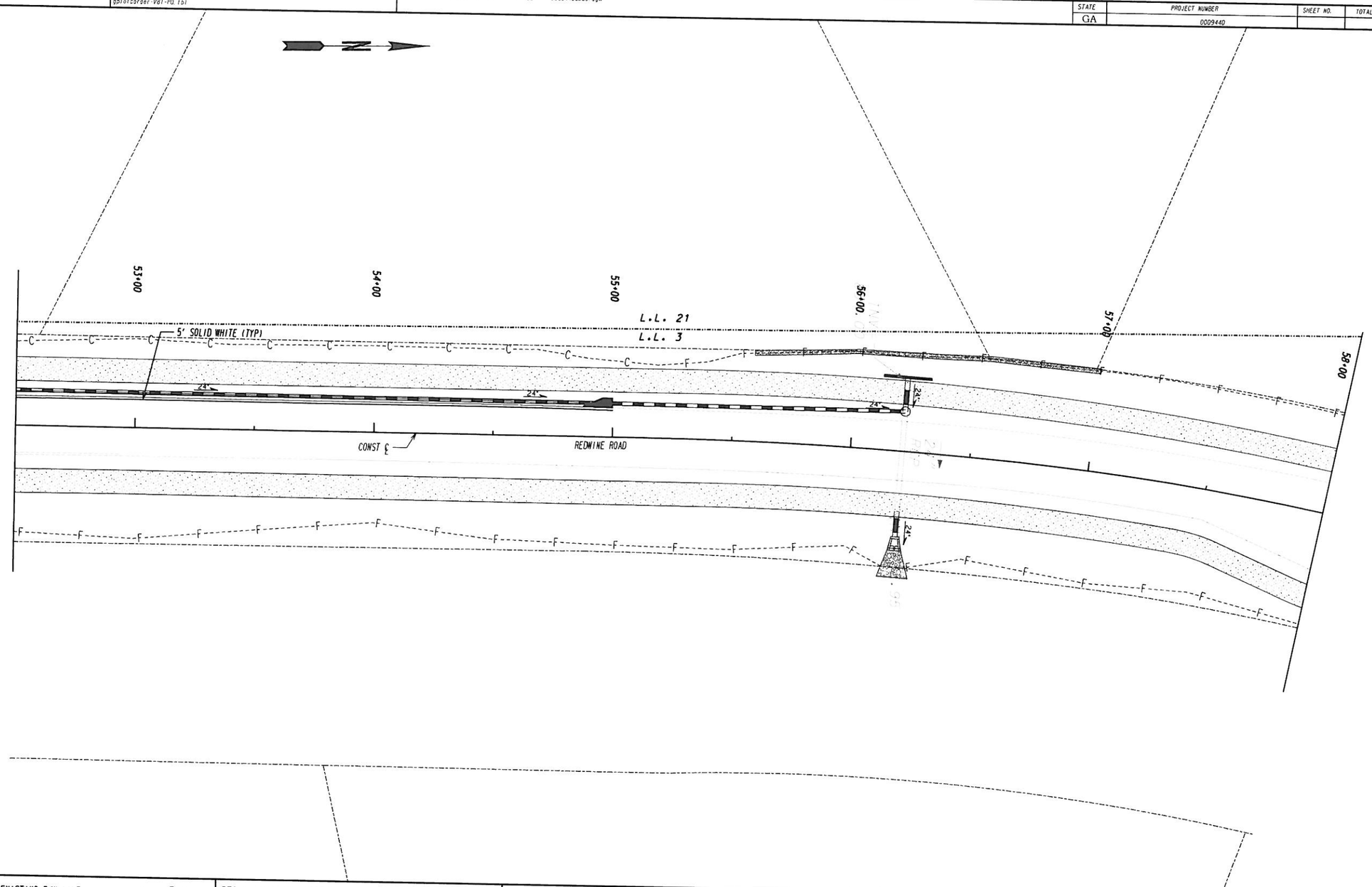

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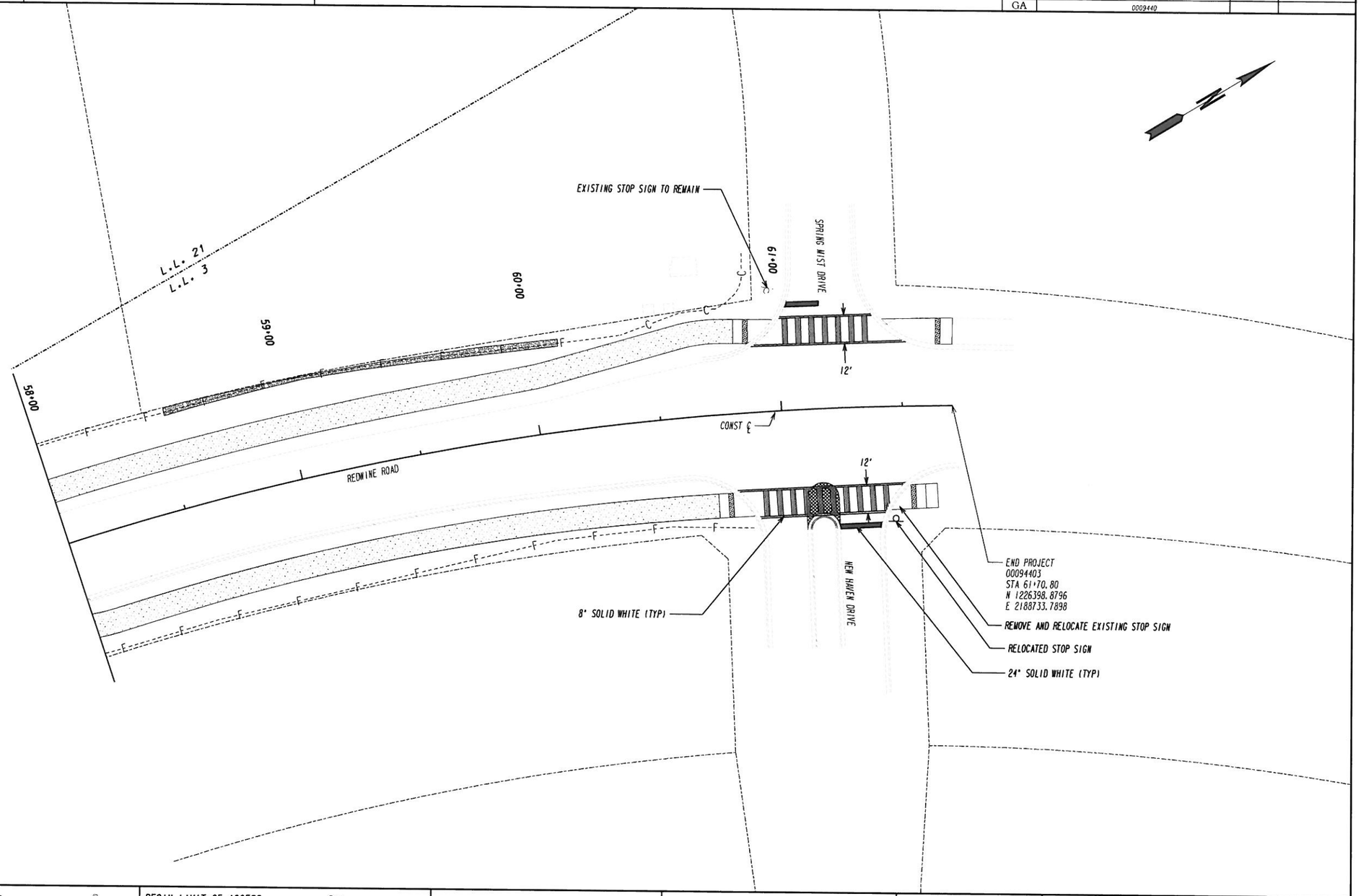

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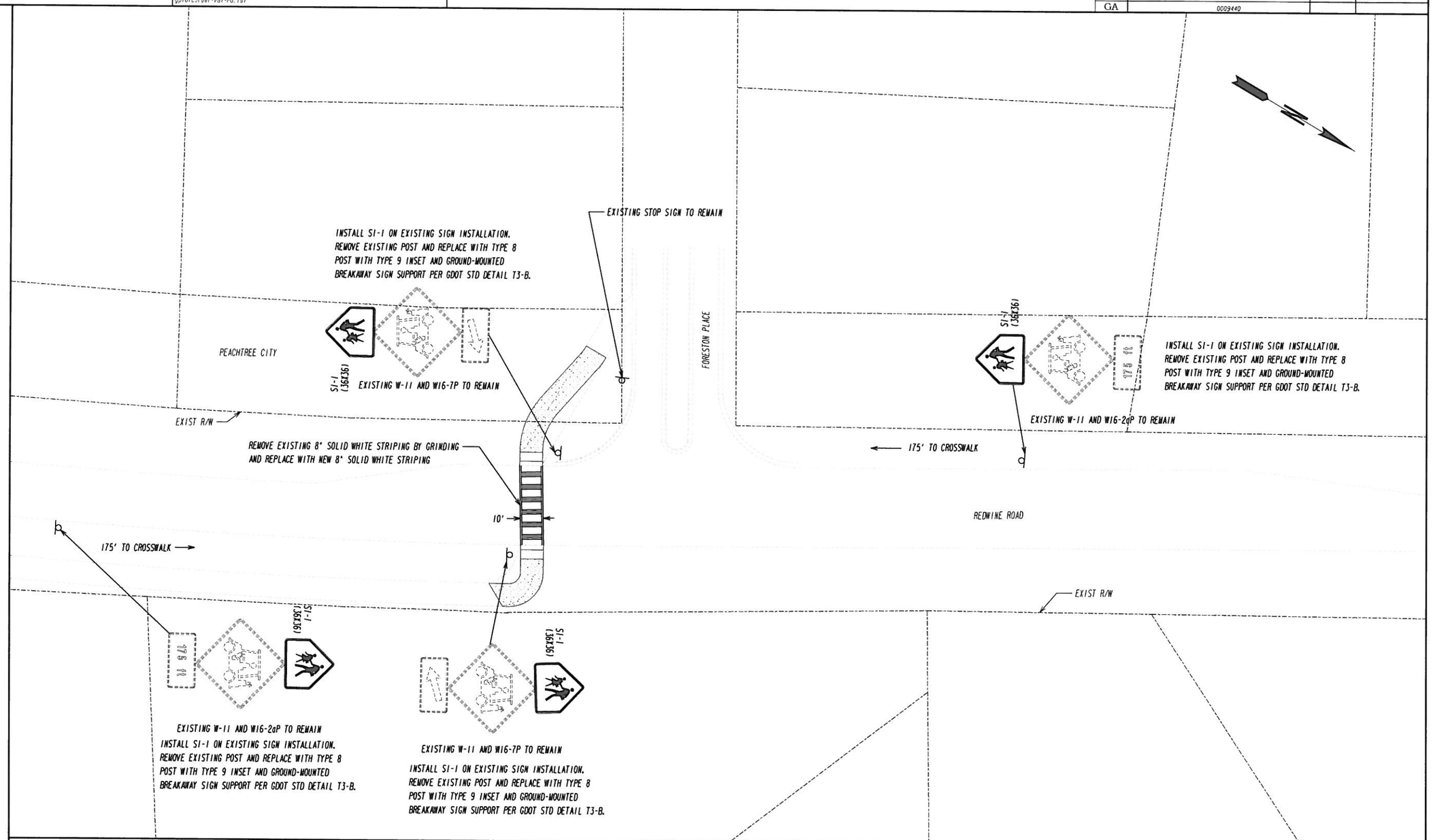

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