



# MORGANTOWN TRAFFIC COMMISSION

DATE: **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**

TIME: **6:30 P.M.**

City Council Chambers

## Engineering Dept.

389 Spruce Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
304.284.7412

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER:

### ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

#### Voting Members

Margaret Roberts

Paul Steel

David McKain

Chris Gluck

Andrea Soccorsi

Jamie Lewis

Roy Nutter

William Wyant

Wes Nugent

#### Non-Voting Members

Damien Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Matt McCabe

Frank Gmeindl

Christiaan Abildso

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MINUTES: Approval of March minutes

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### BICYCLE BOARD REPORT:

- Monthly report

#### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD REPORT:

- Monthly report
- Review of State of West Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan as it pertains to pedestrians and potential funding

#### TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

#### TRUCK TRAFFIC REPORT:

- Review truck traffic survey results.

### MONTHLY UPDATES (Engineering):

1. Traffic Calming on Hoffman Ave.
2. Phase V – High Street Streetscape Improvement Project

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Dr. Maria Brann's students re: social marketing campaign to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks.
2. Closing First St. to vehicular traffic. (from Jones Ave approx. 225 ft east.)

### COMMISSION COMMENTS:

### ADJOURNMENT:

#### Traffic Commissioners:

Margaret Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Paul Steel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

David McKain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Chris Gluck, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Andrea Soccorsi, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Jamie Lewis, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

Roy Nutter, At-large

Wes Nugent, City Council

William Wyant, Planning  
Commission

#### Administration Advisors:

Damien Davis, Engineering

Matt McCabe, Police Dept.

April 23, 2012  
(For May 2, 2012 Traffic Commission meeting)

## **Bicycle Board Report to Traffic Commission**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### ***Accomplishments***

1. Parking Authority installed 2 bicycle lockers at 2 city garages: Public Safety Center and Wharf Street.
2. Presented Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan to City Council Committee of the Whole March 27.
3. Presented Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan to City Council Committee at the regular meeting May 1.
4. Delivered Confident City Cycling course to 12 WVU students at WVU Coliseum the weekend of March 10-11.
5. Delivered Confident City Cycling course to 15 WVU students every Tuesday and Thursday March 20 – April 26.
6. Arranged to have Confident City Cycling offered both WVU Summer sessions.
7. On April 17, met with City government and MPO to plan May 1 presentation of Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan to City Council.
8. On April 20, met with the City, Pedestrian Safety Board, Mon River Trails Conservancy, BOPARC and WVU extension to ensure safety and accommodation of bicyclists and pedestrians at the new Walgreen's that will replace Southern States at the intersection of Rt. 7 and Green Bag Rd.

#### ***Plans for Next Month***

1. May is National Bike Month;  
May 9 is National Bike to School Day;  
May 14-18 is National Bike to Work week and  
May 18 is National Bike to Work Day!
2. Participate in WVDOT Statewide Bicycle Connectivity workshop May 15, 4-7 pm in Council Chambers.
3. Monitor and support City Council action on Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan.
4. Attend next SPAN meeting and develop requested bicycle safety program.
5. Support MPO-led Bike to Work Week, May 14-18.
6. Monitor status of grant application due February 29 to Bikes Belong for \$10K to support Mon Blvd. bicycle climbing lane from Eighth St. to Evansdale Dr.
7. Receive League of American Bicyclists evaluation of Morgantown's application for Bicycle Friendly Community recognition. (Official LAB announcement due May 14.)
8. Continue to support City efforts to install a bicycle-climbing lane on Mon Blvd. and to install Share the Road signs along the Mon Blvd., Beechurst, Don Knotts, South University corridor.
9. Continue to coordinate with WVDOH to replace in-line drainage grates.
10. Continue to study unicycling in Morgantown and develop recommendations.





**Figure 1 Bicycle locker at Public Safety Center Garage**



**Figure 2 Bicycle locker at Wharf Street Garage**

**Review of State of West Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan**  
**Hugh E. Kierig**  
**February 9, 2012**

The West Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan was adopted in September 2007 by the Department of Highway as a way of identifying ways to improve safety for major transportation modes. The Plan identified nine major focus areas, most of which dealt with automobile operator issues (road rage, lane departure, impaired driving, commercial vehicles, etc.).

I conducted a word search of the Plan using the word “pedestrian”. With the exception of a foot note under Table 6 in the fourth focus area – “Occupant Protection” – all references to pedestrians were contained in the last focus area. This last focus area – “Continuing Successful Safety Programs and Initiatives” – was the section of the Plan that identified pedestrian safety issues. This focus area identified the “...many successful on-going safety initiatives that are contributed to the overall safety goal.” Pedestrian and bicycle safety was featured under this Focus Area along with Intersections, Railroad Highway Grade Crossing, Safe Routes to School, Wildlife Crashes, and Work Zone Safety (Temporary Traffic Control).

Table 18 in Focus Area 9 included data for the number of pedestrian crashes statewide. The Plan identified a Goal for this Focus Area to “...retain the low number of crashes WV has been experiencing in recent years by continuing these programs.” Another reference to pedestrians included as a “Statewide” initiative to:

*Review intersections, railroad crossings, elementary schools, pedestrian and biking activities, etc. along corridors with high crash rates. Refer problem locations and activities to program coordinators to address through eligible improvements*

Another initiative under “Intersections” was:

*Review the possibility of adding electronic “No Turn On Red” signs which are activated when pedestrian signals are in the walk phase at intersections with significant pedestrian volumes.*

There were four final references to pedestrians in the Plan under the initiative “Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations”. These included:

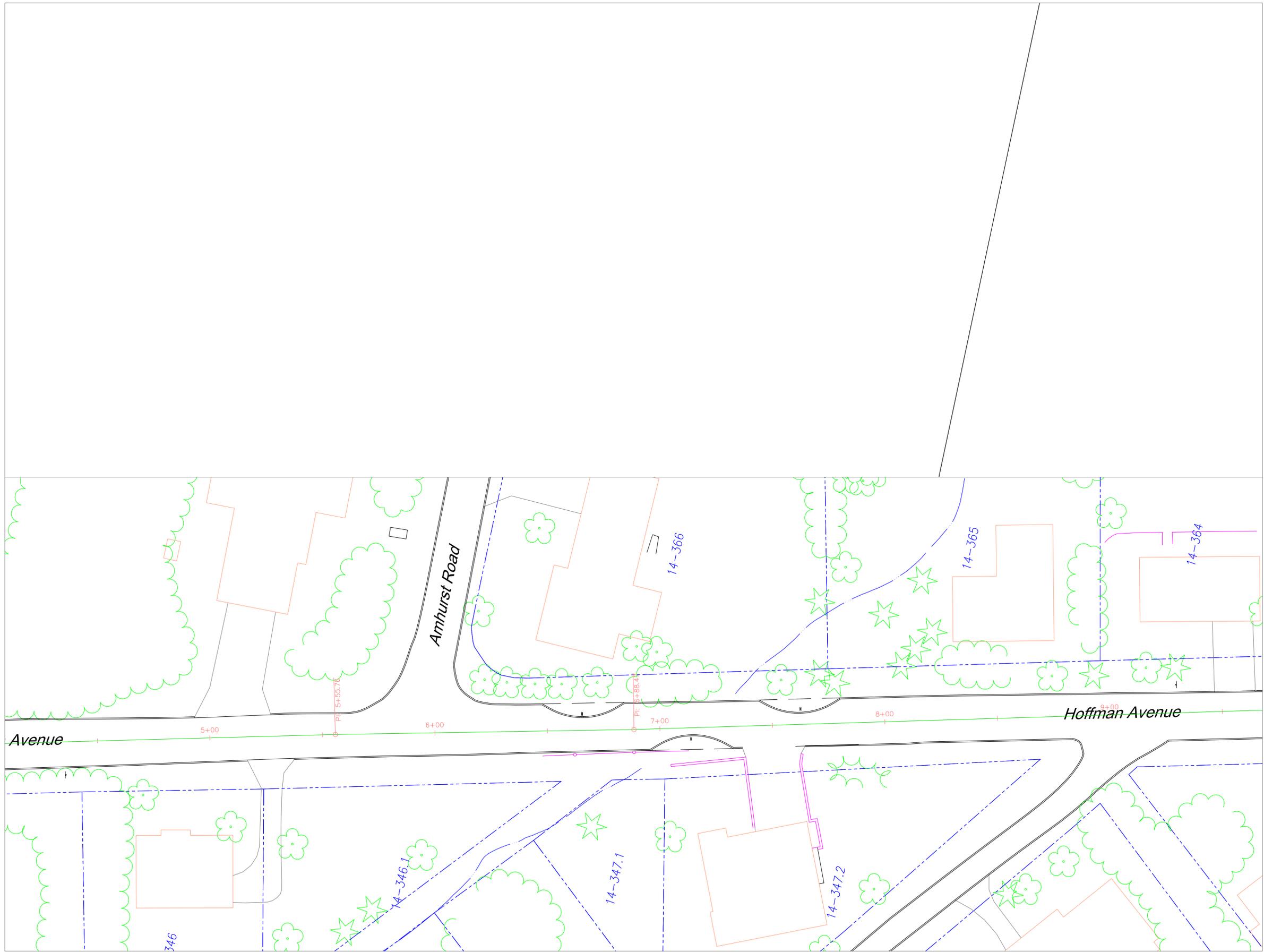
*Review and consider updating the Design Directive for Bicycle and Pedestrian accommodation.*

*Implement recommendations from Safety Circuit Rider pedestrian reviews and continue reviews in next tier locations.*

*Implement pedestrian crossing enforcement campaigns in high pedestrian areas such as universities and central business districts.*

*Consider the use of **Highways or Dieways** campaign to educate the public to pedestrian safety.*

These references can be found contained in pages 33 through 36 of the linked document,  
[www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/Documents/WestVirginiaStrategicHighwaySafetyPlan.pdf](http://www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/Documents/WestVirginiaStrategicHighwaySafetyPlan.pdf)



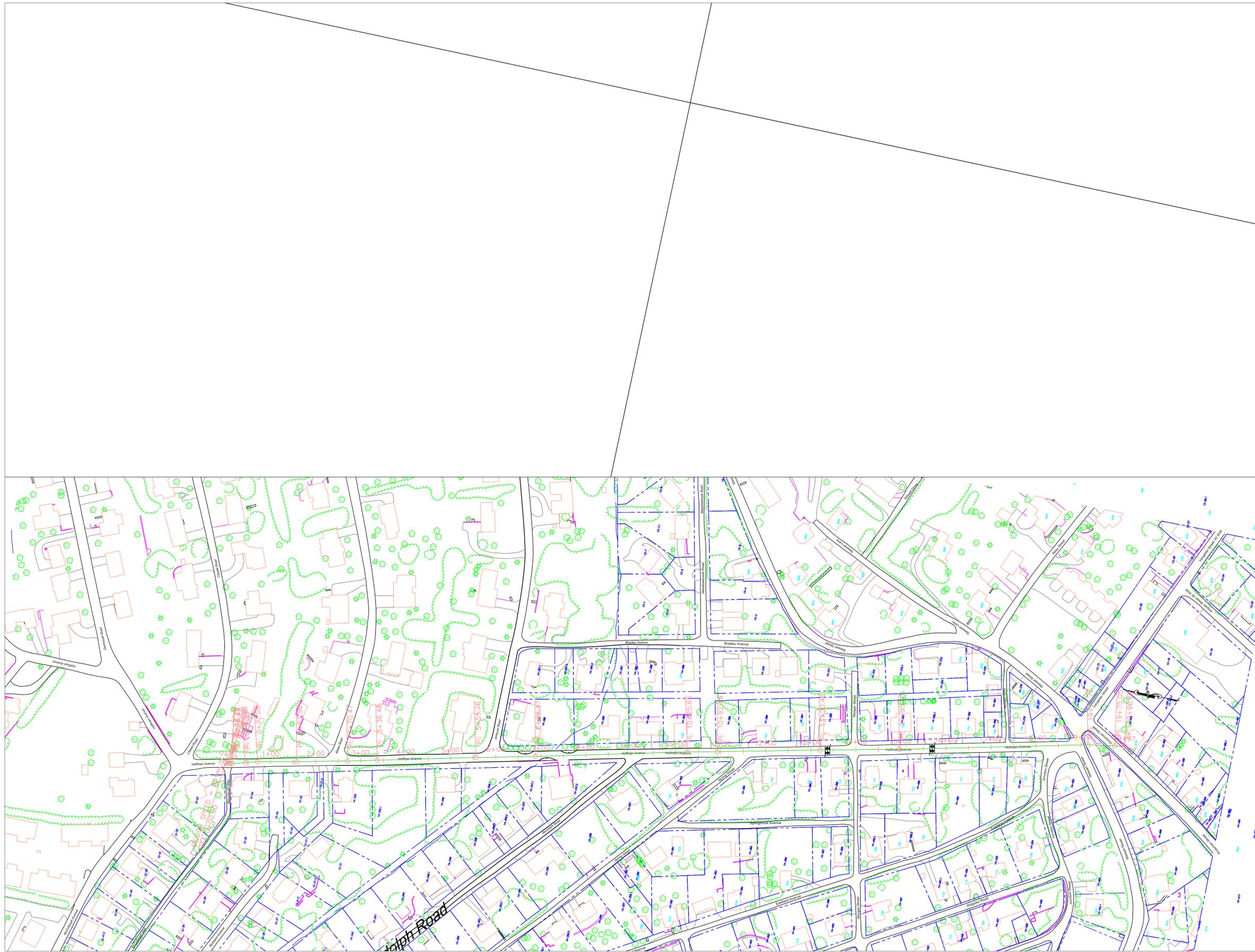
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