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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Design Review Committee

FROM: Sarah Schafer / Manager, Design Review and Historic Preservation

**DATE:** April 30, 2012

RE: DRH11-00240 / 8<sup>th</sup> & Main – Tommy Ahlquist / 800 West Main

The Design Review Committee required the applicant to come back for review at 50% Construction Documents to ensure the design of the structure is in keeping with the original approval as it is understood when engineering and estimating the cost for a building, changes occur. As expected there have been changes which have occurred due to costs of materials, acquisition of tenants and structural requirements.

#### - Transition between first and second floor

The transition between the first and second floor has gone from 4' of structure to a 7' to 8' structural piece causing the lower two levels to look heavier and not have the transparency seen in the original submittal. Staff suggests additional glazing be reintroduced to allow for a lighter base.



**Figure 1 Ground Floor Original** 



**Figure 2 Ground Floor Construction Document** 

### - Second floor balcony (East Elevation)

The balcony or patio area originally shown on the design review plans were always conceptual and could change once tenants are selected. As part of the construction documents, the space has been enclosed, bringing storefront out to the face of the structure on the second floor. Currently shown in the documents are two operable awning windows per bay. Staff suggests a different window system utilizing a retractable wall system (horizontal) versus individual awning windows would be appropriate and provide more glazing and open air desired by the city to connect the second floor use to the street.

### - Second floor canopy

The canopies on the second floor on both the east and south elevations have been removed. The glazing on the second floor is setback from the granite finish approximately 14" which will provide some shadow relief at the openings. The depth of the canopies originally reviewed is unknown.

### - Overhead doors versus iron gate

At the service area there was originally an metal gate proposed for blocking off of the area. There is now an overhead door shown which will be recessed from the street frontage for a full bay. The overhead door will be more conducive to keeping scents and sounds blocked from the pedestrians than the metal gate would.

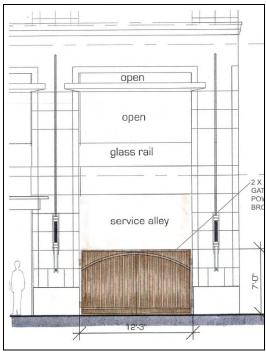


Figure 3 Original service alley

Figure 4 New service alley

### - Change to garage levels

The change to the design of the garage levels has changed slightly. The opening size, orientation and the material detailing at these levels remains the same except for the removal of the metal mesh or screen over the openings. The removal of the metal mesh has been replaced with glass at the fourth floor parking level to screen the vehicles. Though a formal drawing hasn't been submitted at this time the one concern staff has with

the change is the exposure of the fireproofing for the steel structure. On past applications the Design Review Committee and City Council have required the spray on fireproofing not be visible from the public right-of-way and the main pedestrian areas. In this particular situation, staff would recommend the first beam or two visible from the public right-of-way be protected with some other kind of fire protection (intumescent paint, concrete, etc.)



Figure 5 New Parking Levels

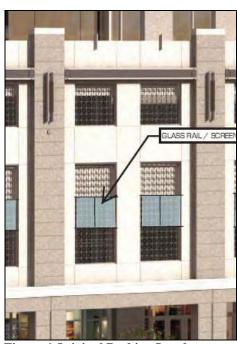


Figure 6 Original Parking Levels

#### - Building top

The top of the structure has changed from the previous design with the tall floor to ceiling windows, light and dark EIFS and the gable roof with antenna to a design with an extension of the glass curtain wall system at the southeast corner and a mechanical screen which is more than doubled in height. In addition, the dimensions of the windows in the penthouse changed from 8' x 17' to 10' x 15' which deemphasizes the vertical nature of the building. Staff suggests changes take place at the top of the structure, that the mechanical screen be diminished in some way through use of spandrel glass so it appears there is another floor on the building, additional detail to the penthouse portion of the structure raising the parapet and thus hiding some of the screen, or other methods.



Figure 7 Original Building Top



Figure 8 Proposed Building Top

#### babcock design group

To: Design Review Committee From: Babcock Design Group

Date: May 1st, 2012

Re: DRH11-00240 / 8th & Main - Tommy Ahlquist / 800 West Main

#### Design team review / response:

#### Item 1: Transition between first and second floor:

We are going to revise the pivot / awning window system to a Kawneer type slider system that will stack against the column and create a larger opening. We are also going to lower the sill height from 2'-0" to 6", possibly flush with the floor of level 2. This will increase the "open" area as well as the glass on level 2. This will also reduce the amount of granite between levels 1 & 2 as requested.

#### Item 2: Change to Garage Levels:

We are revising the plans to get us back closer to the original design. The updated plans will reflect the image sent you earlier, with glass at level 4 and no mesh in the openings. We discussed the underside of the parking and the visual concern the city has. The underside of the deck will be painted to make this area presentable. I have asked Jason with CTA to get you a photo or description of how this will look.

### Item 3: Building Top:

As you mentioned and understand the requirements of the mechanical penthouse are driven by the building. Unfortunately it has to be this size for the building to function properly. However, we appreciate your input and concern with regard to the verticality. A more vertical feel can be achieved thru emphasizing the vertical columns on levels 16 and the penthouse. We will achieve this thru raising the parapet 2'-0" on level 16, introducing color on recessed panels (at the Penthouse level) and adding relief on the vertical elements. Also as a note an additional floor has been added to the tower portion of the building, increasing the building height from 16-story, to a 17 story design. This will help lighten the upper portion of the building.

Regards,

Babcock Design Group

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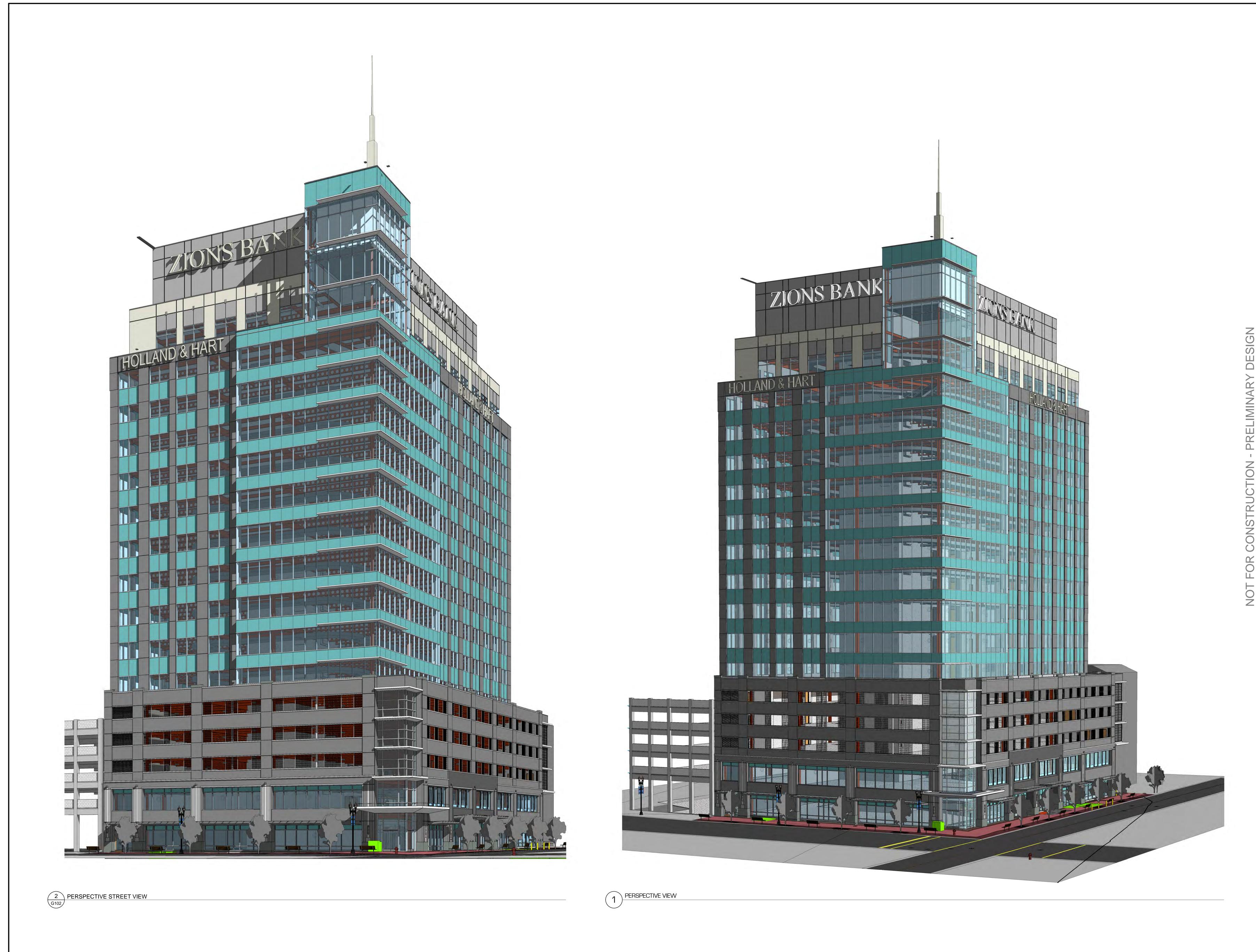
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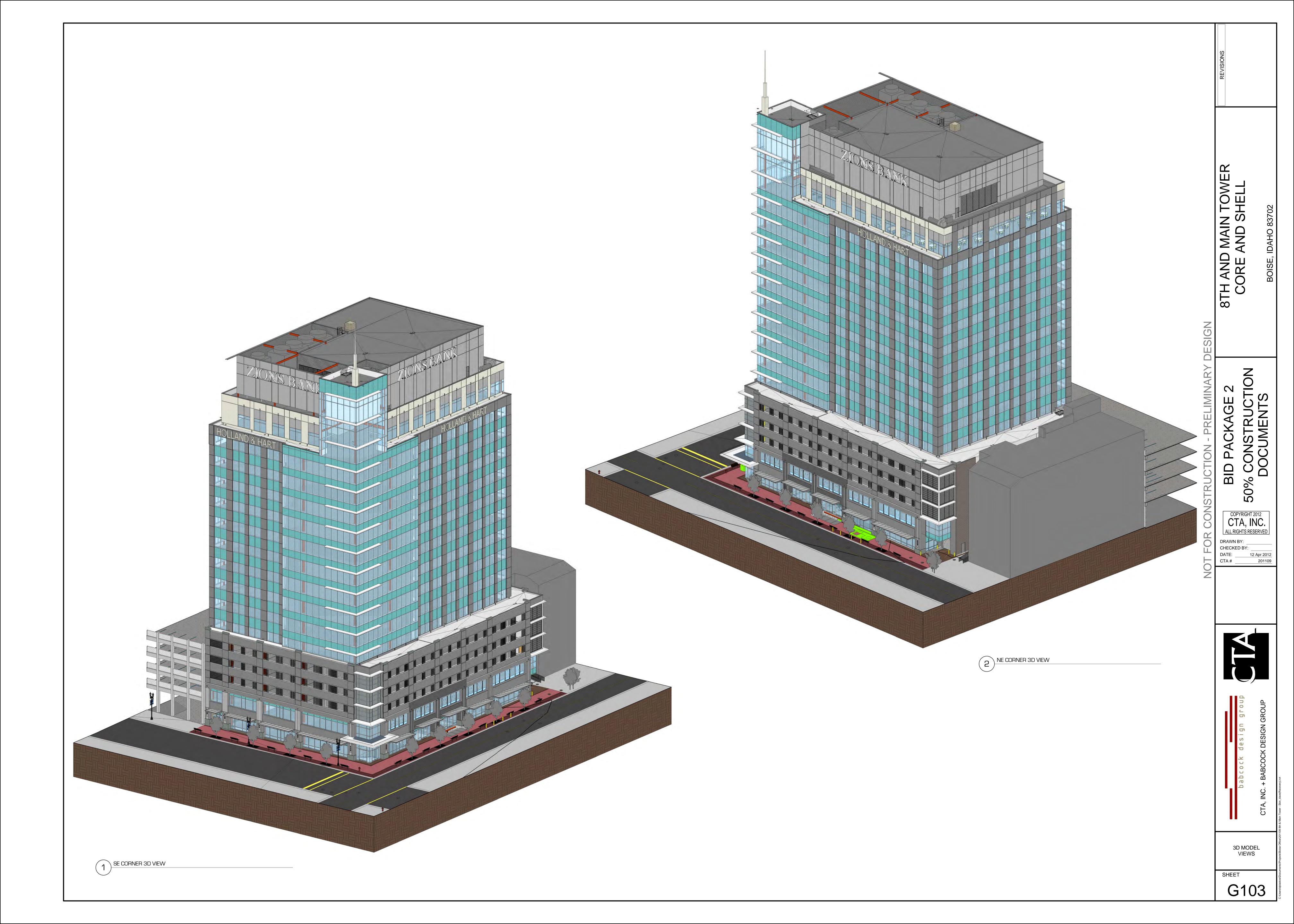


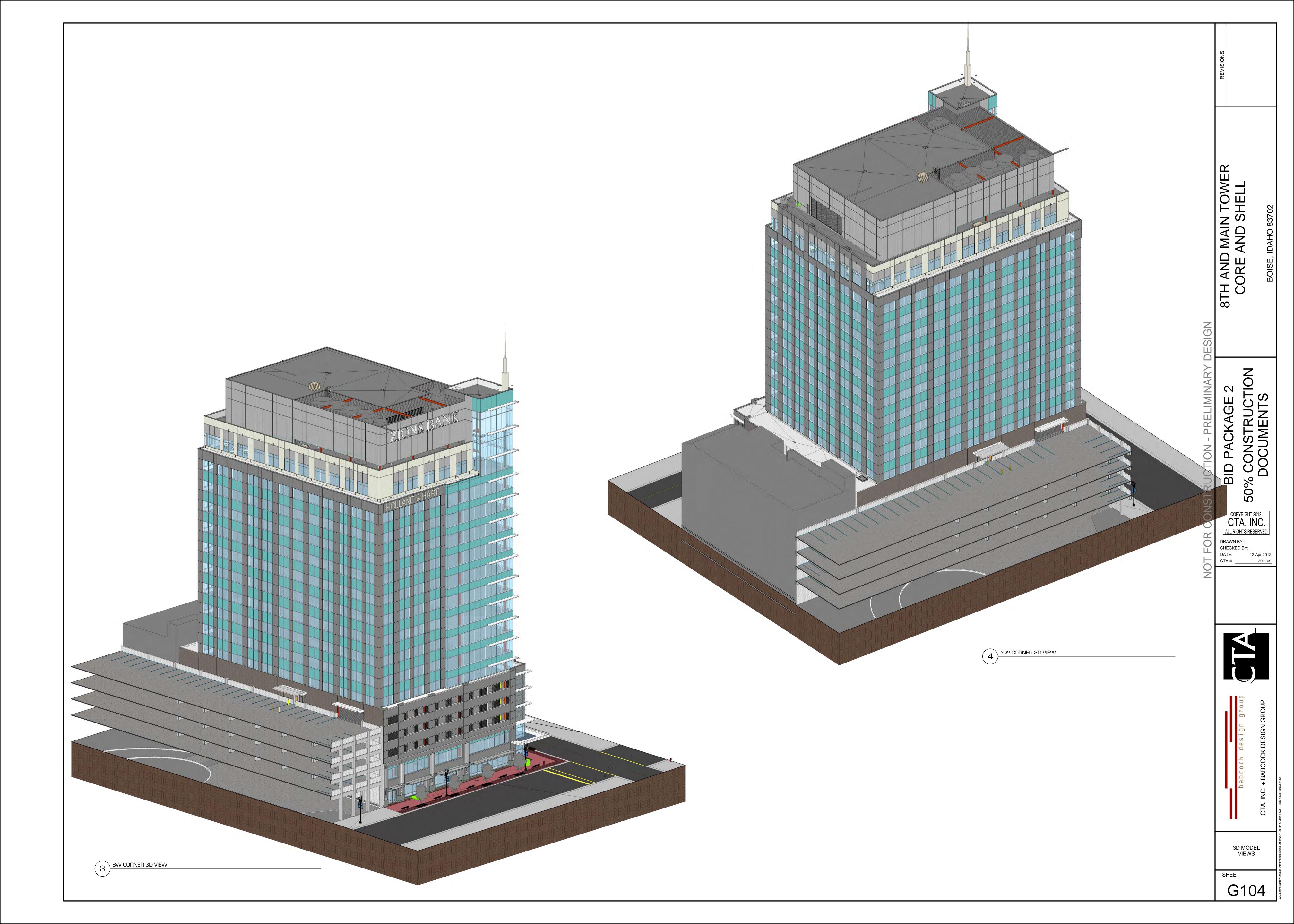
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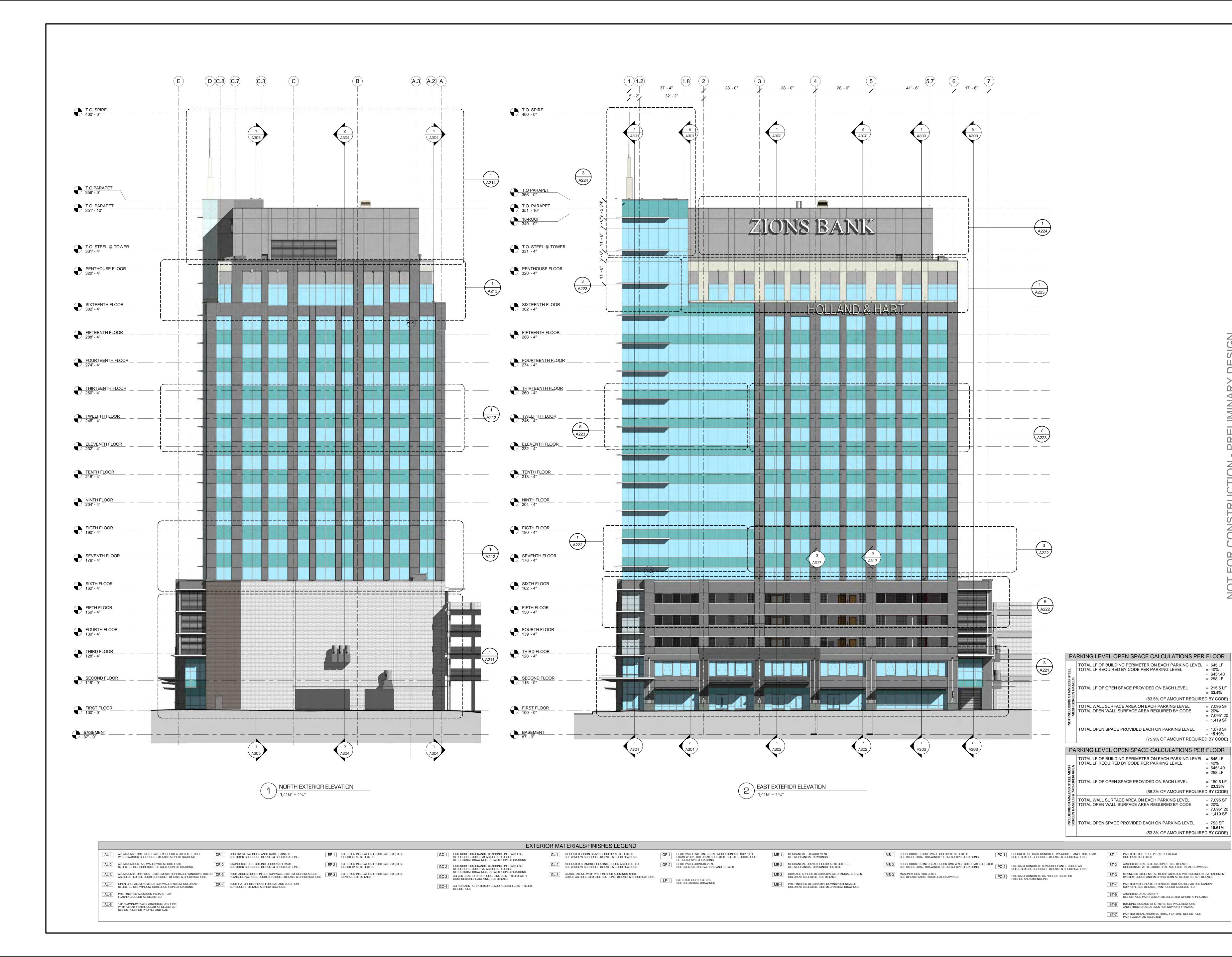
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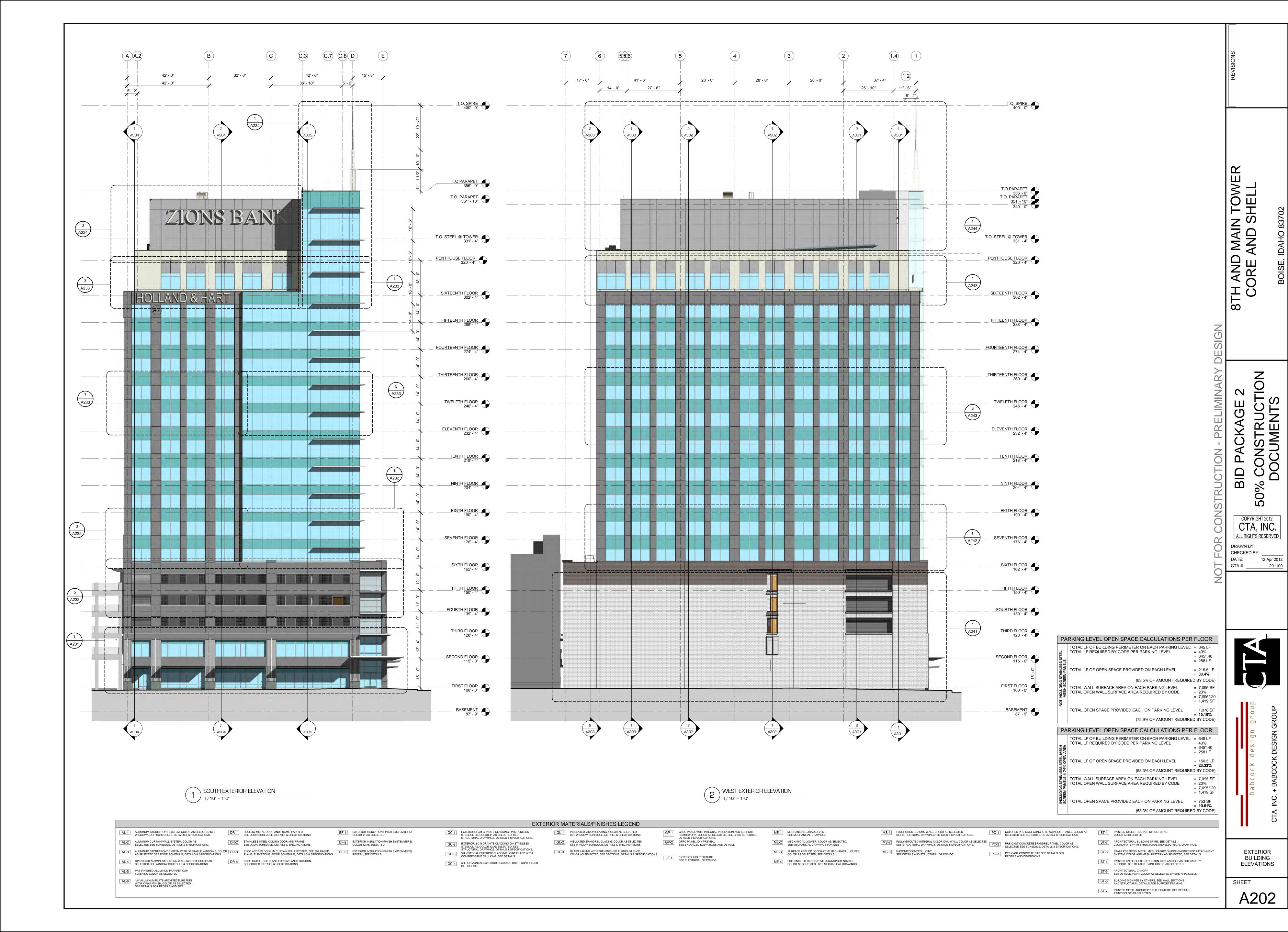
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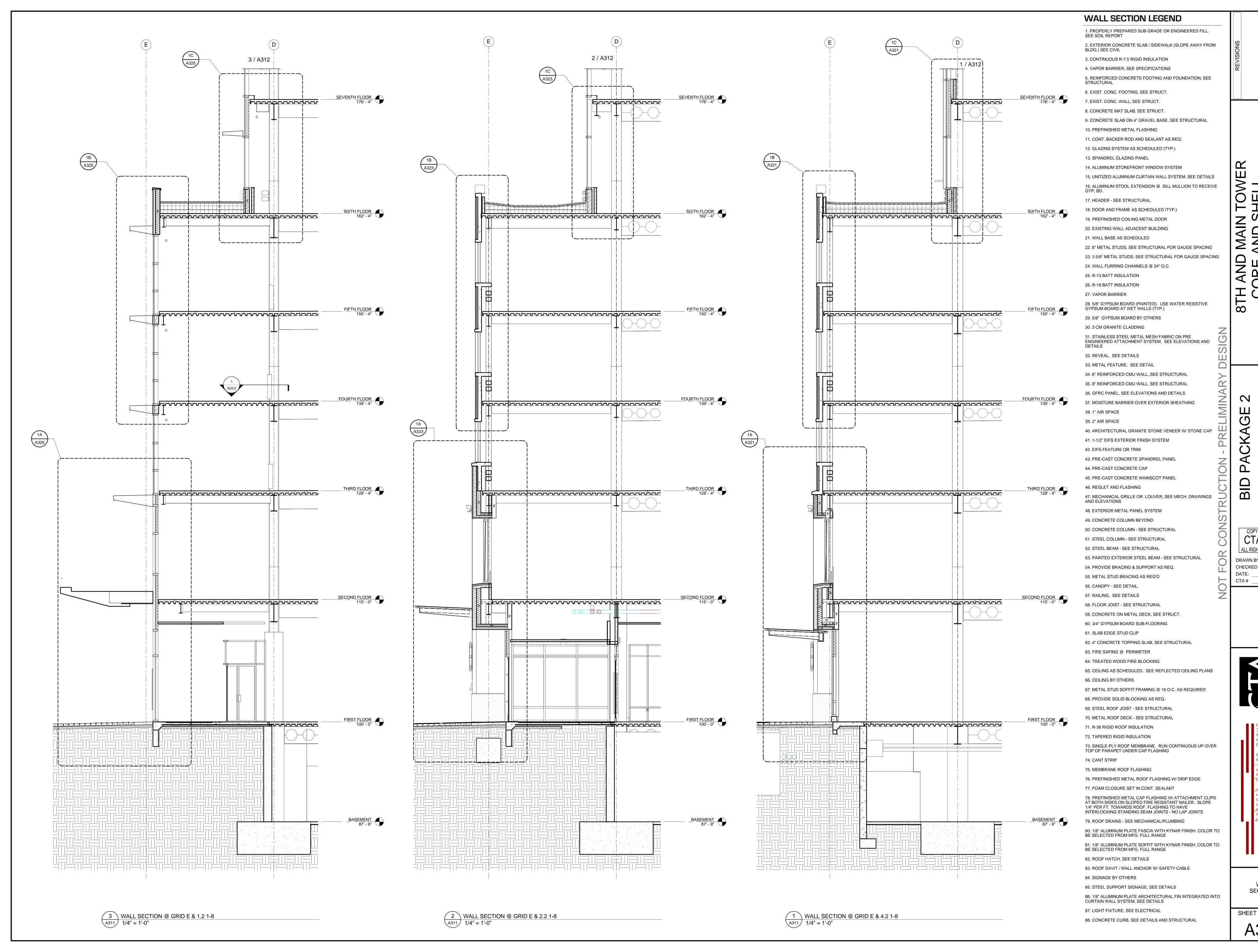
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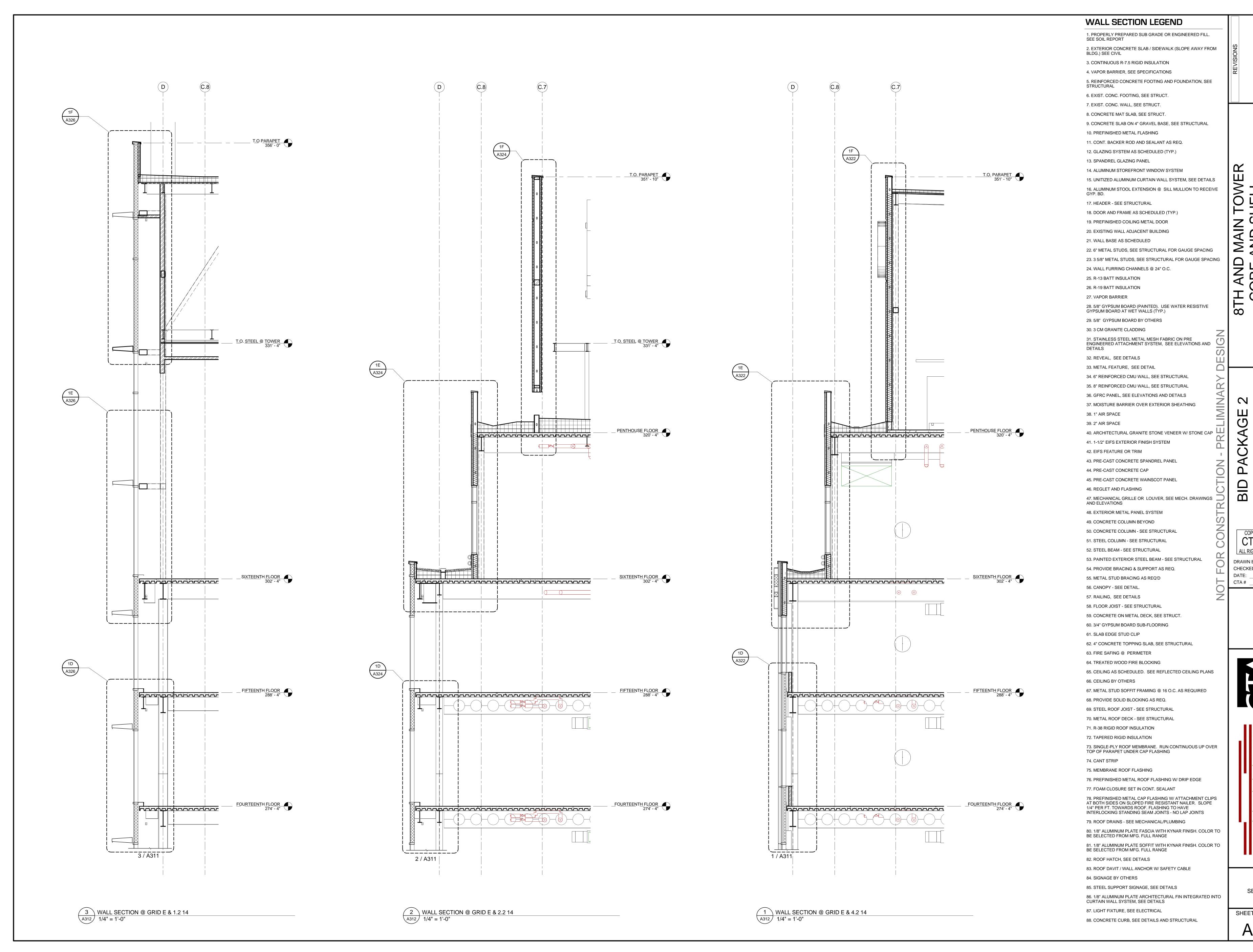


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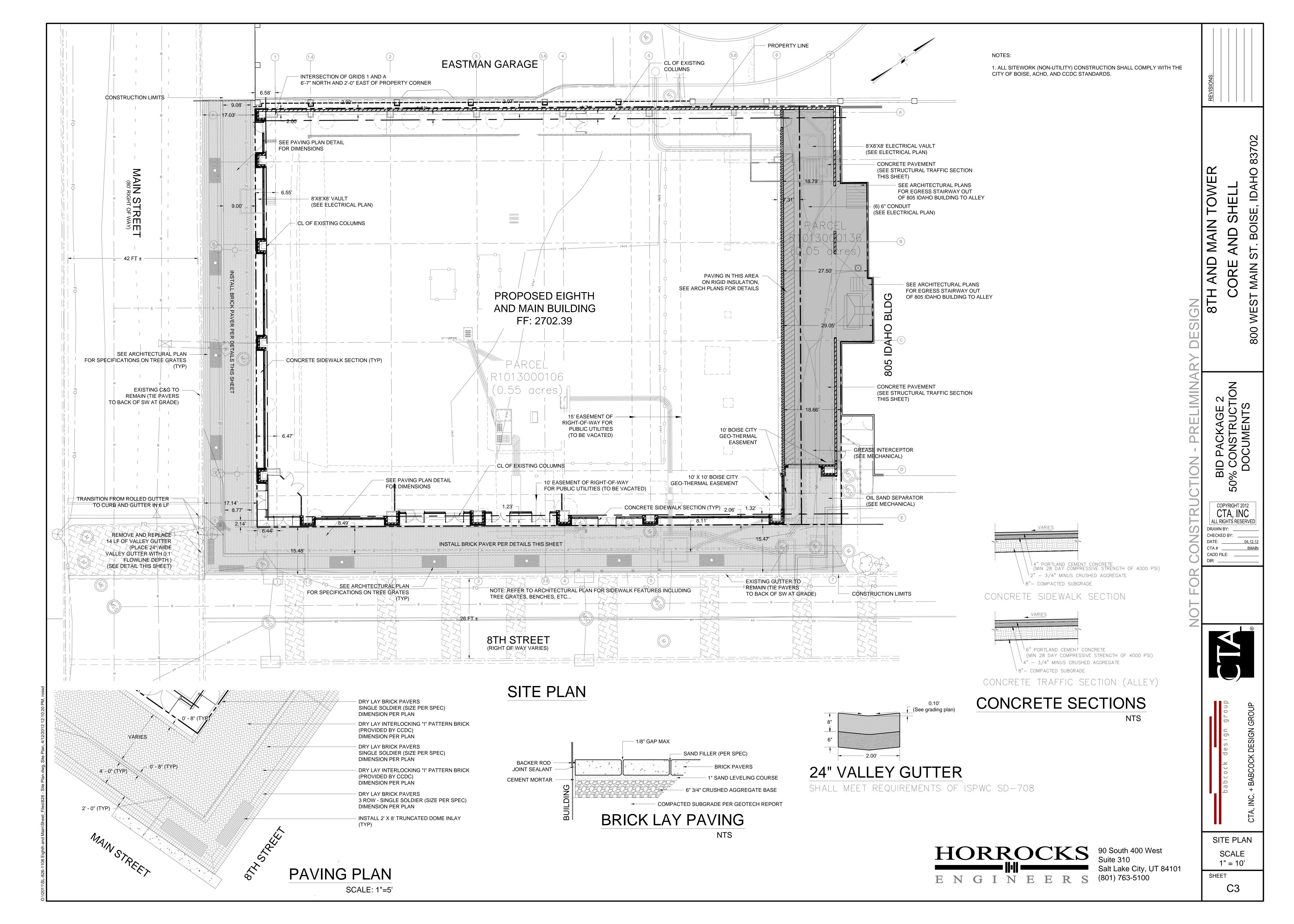
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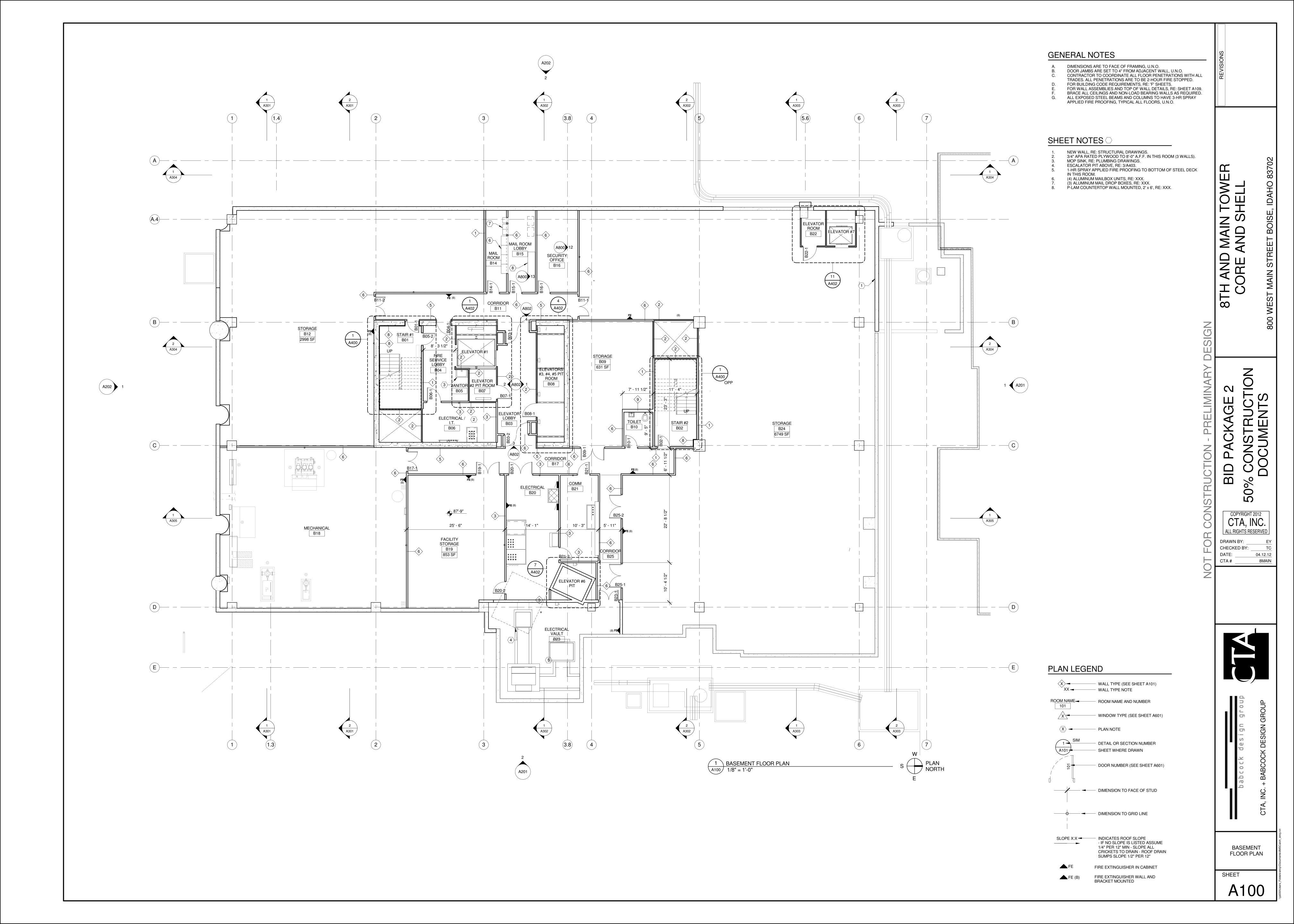
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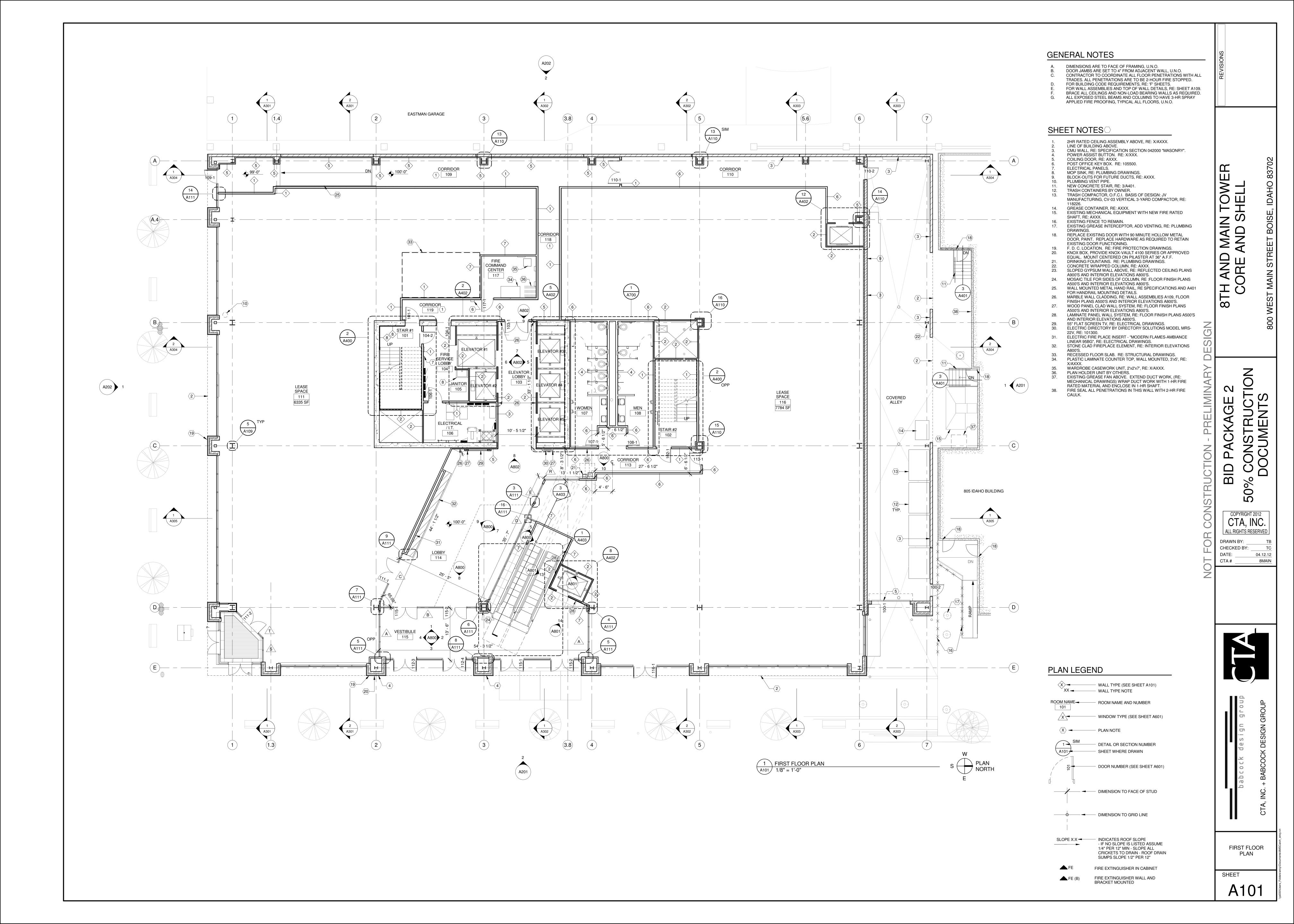
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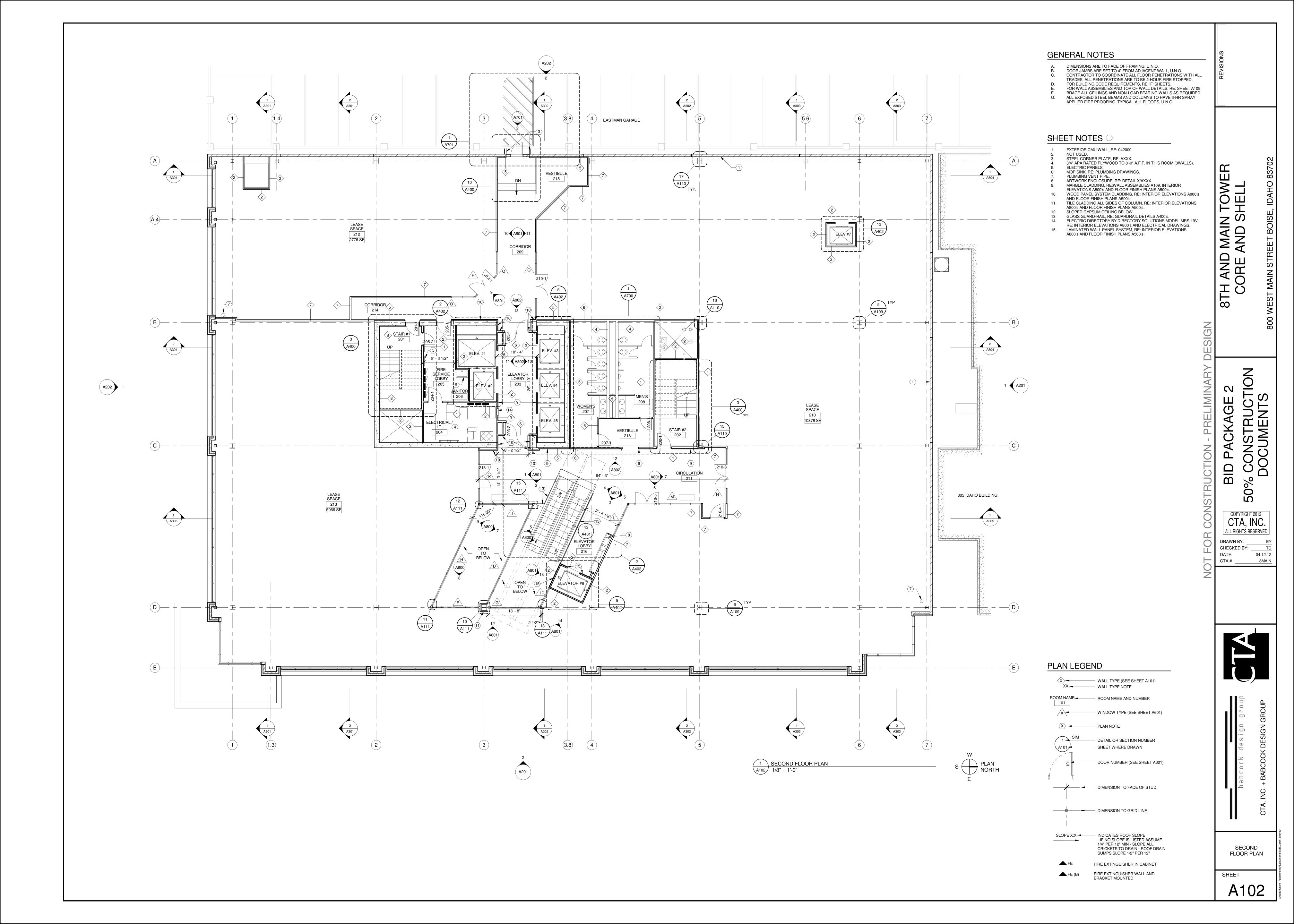
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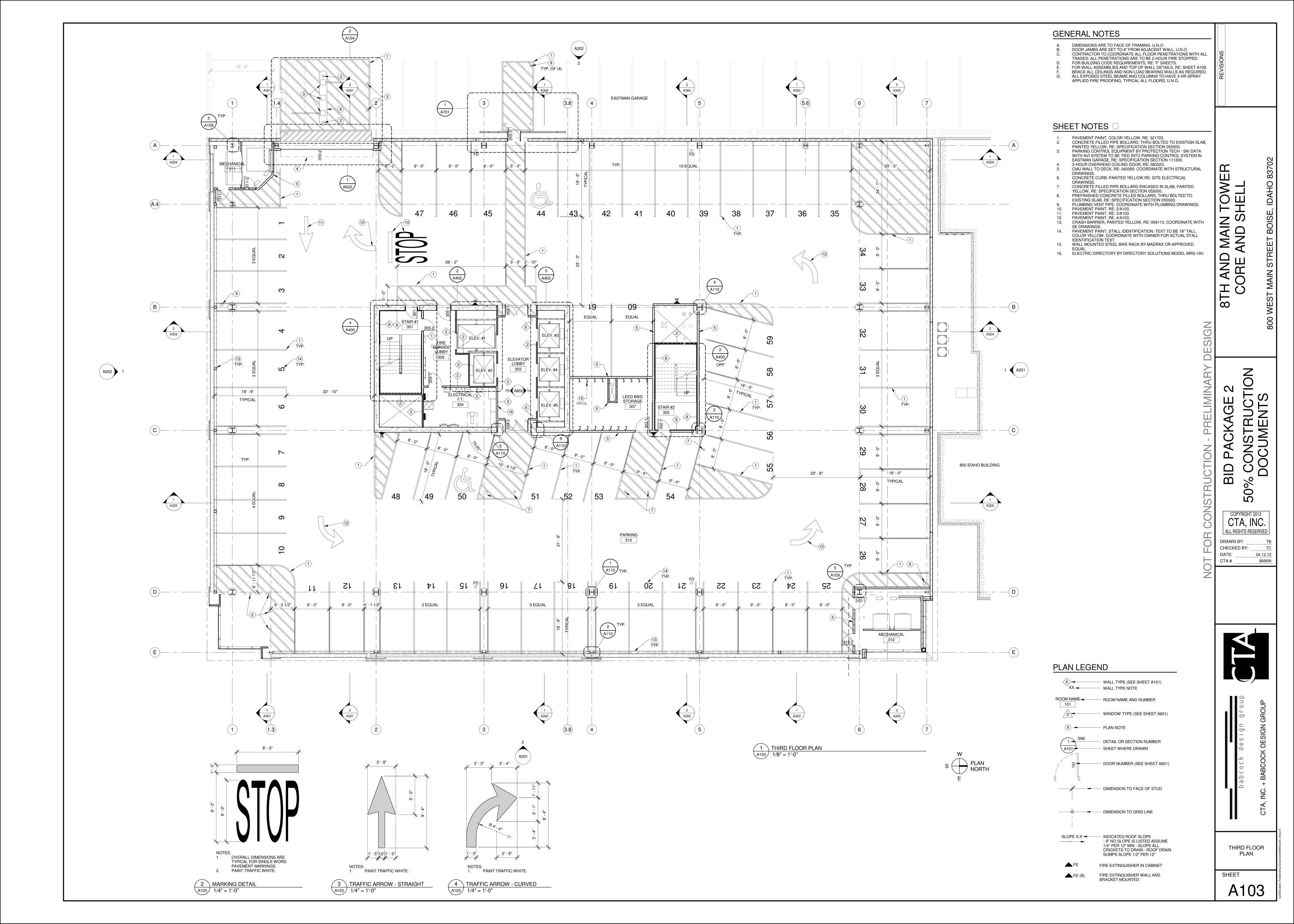
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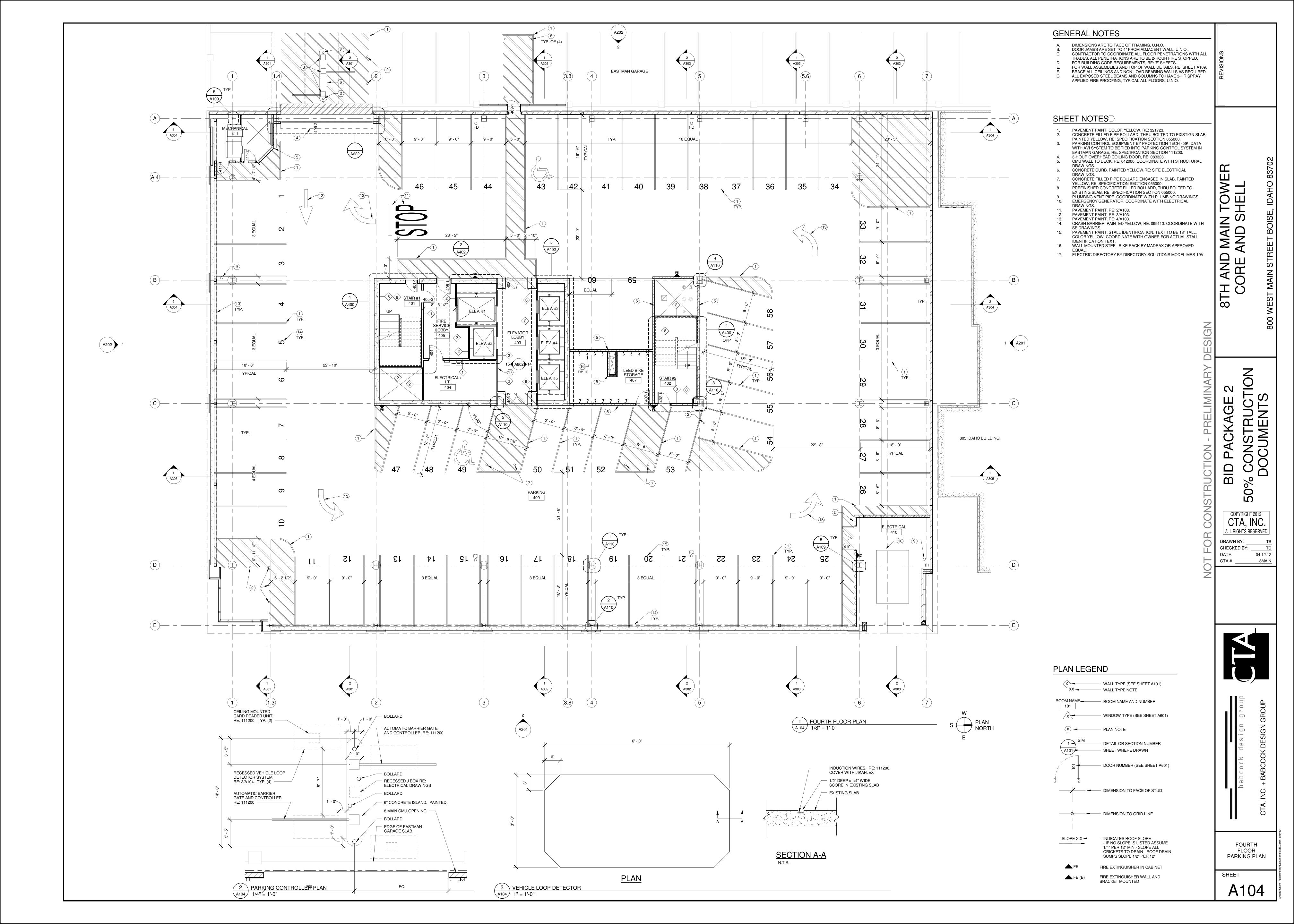


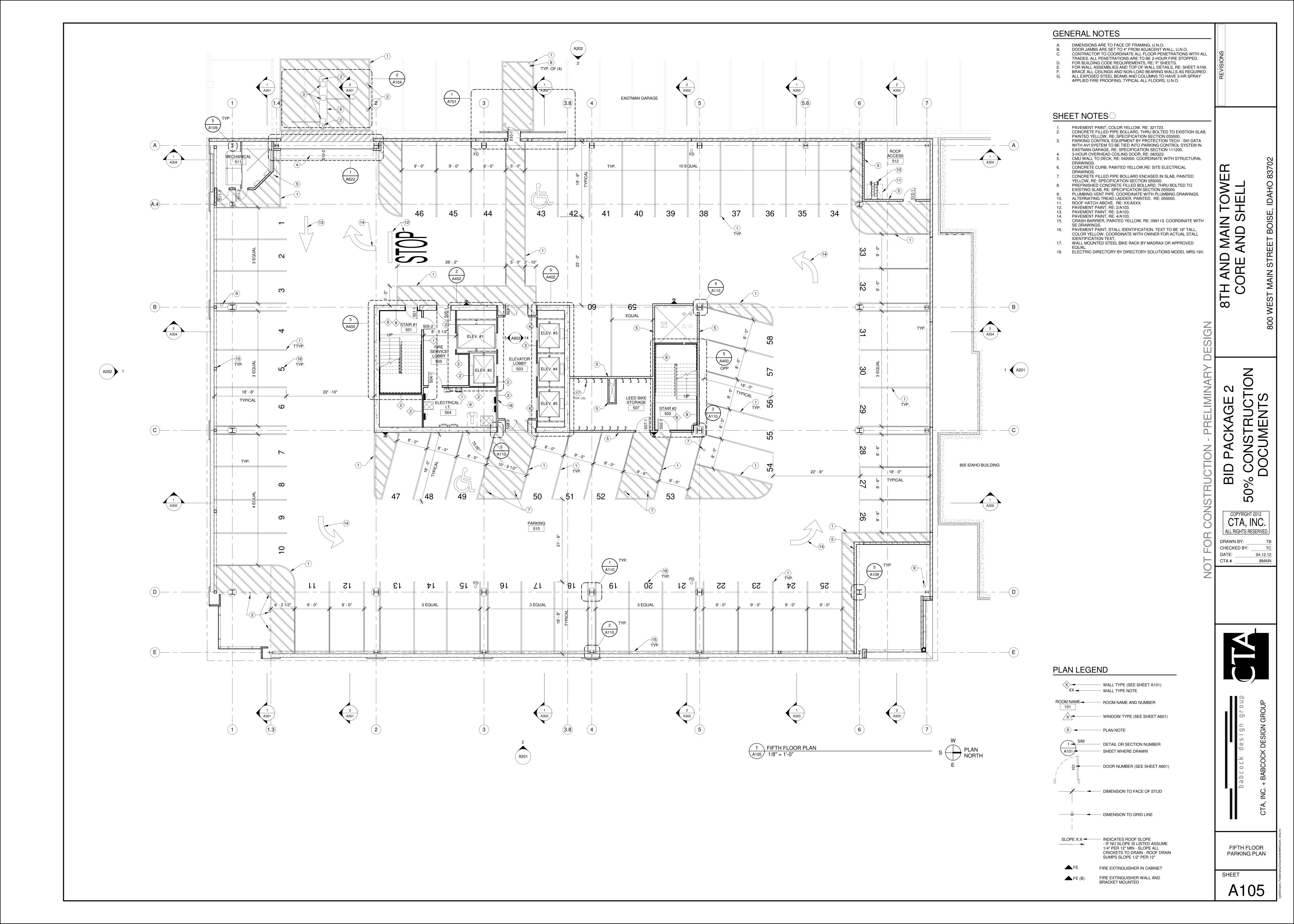


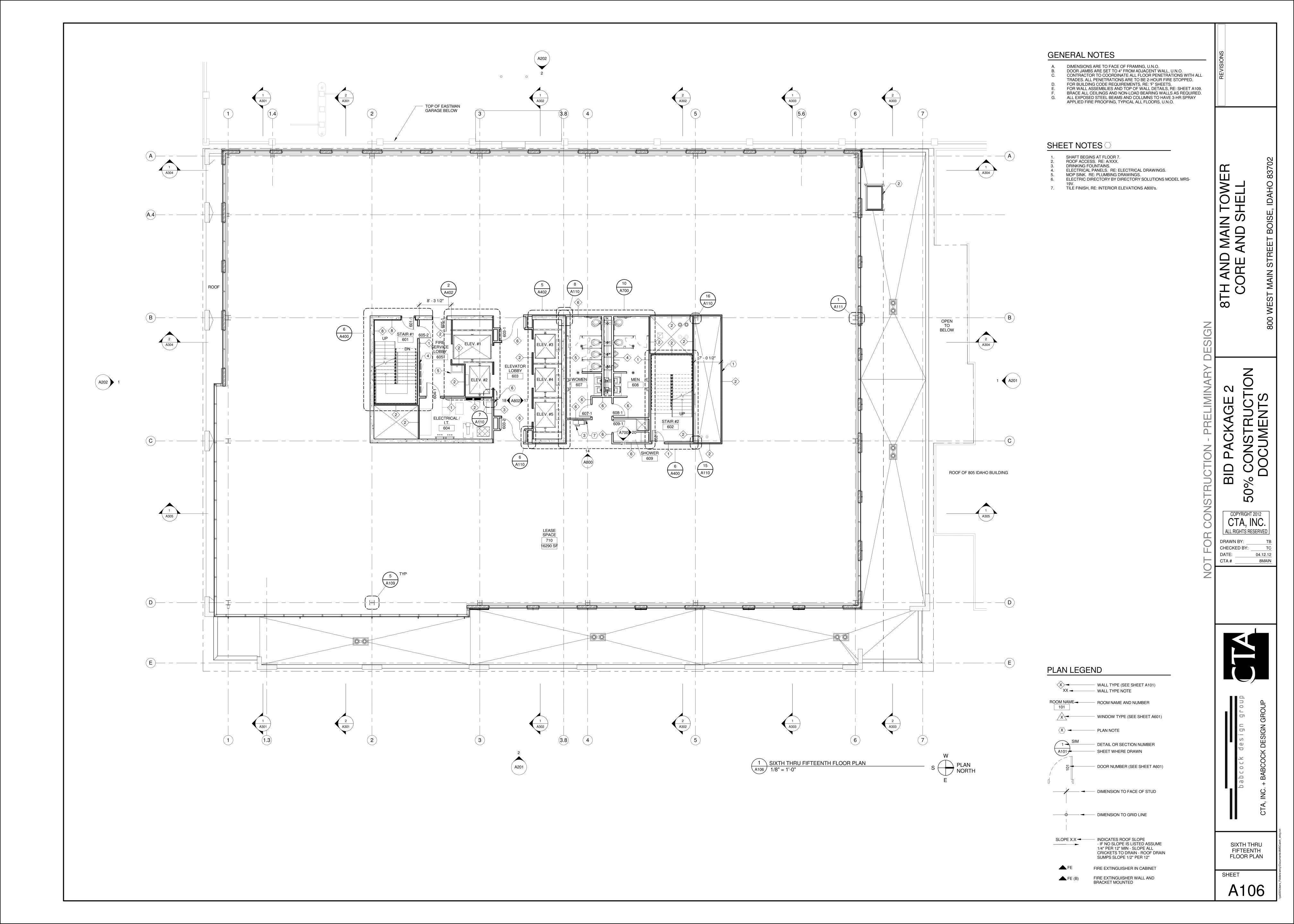


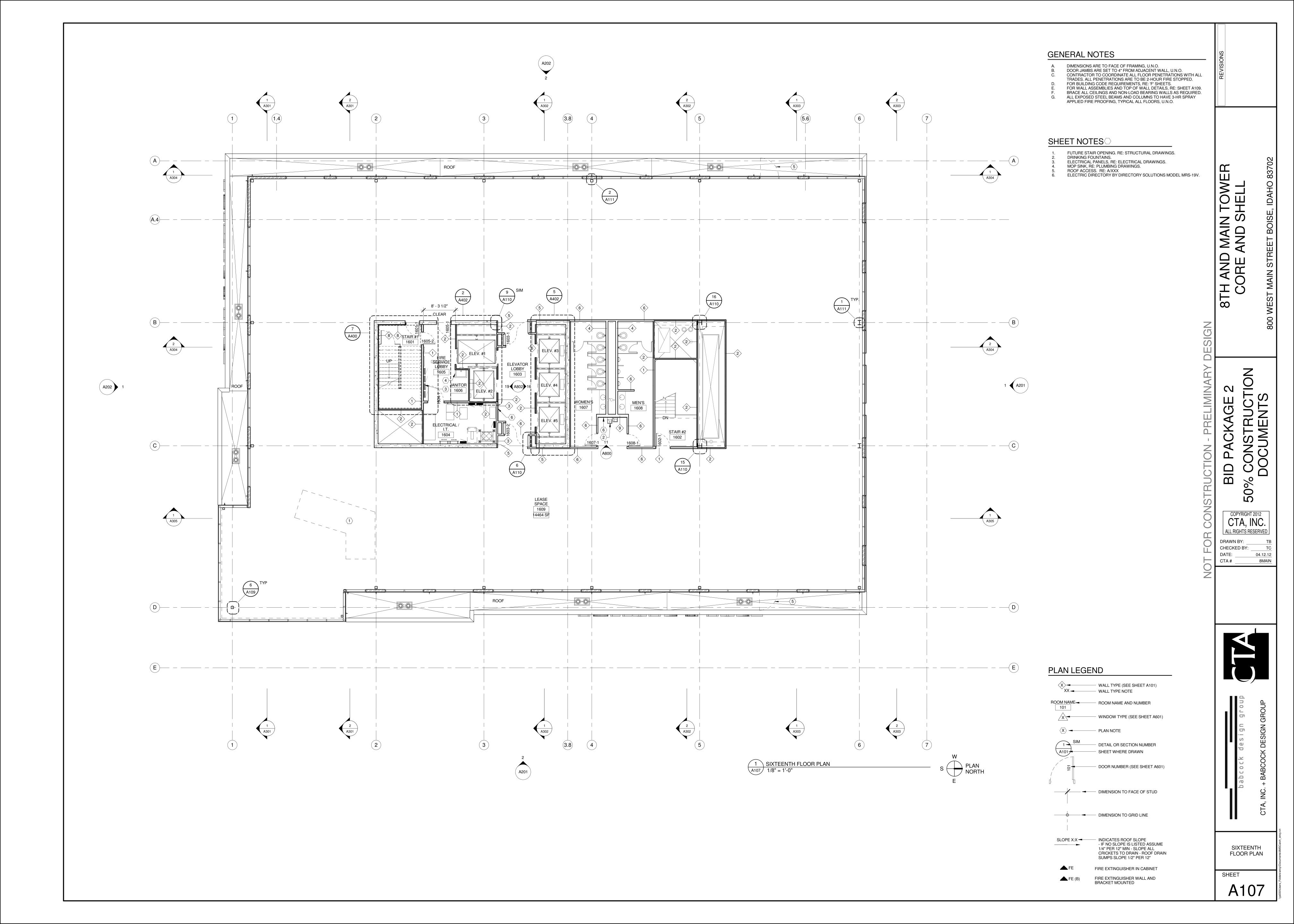


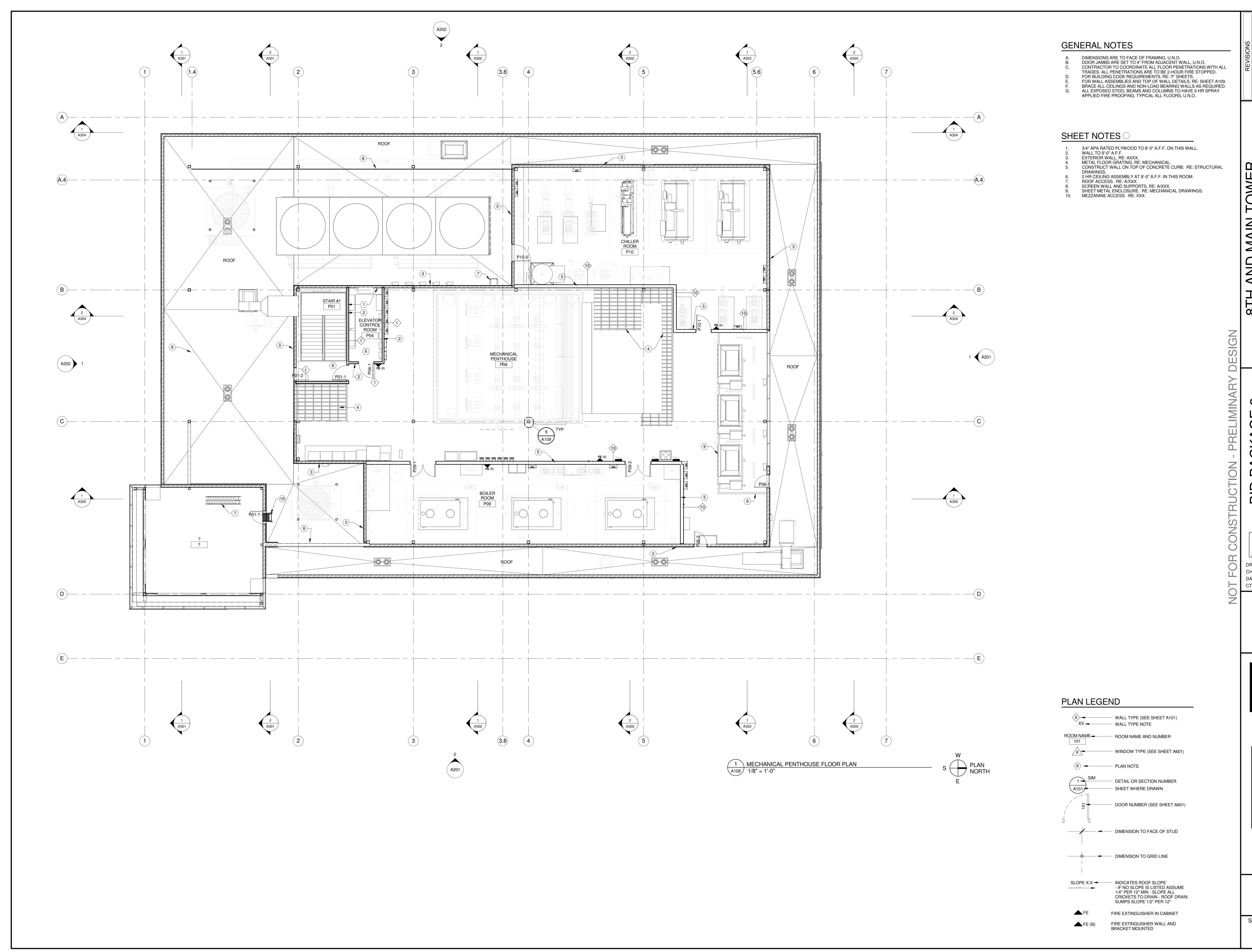












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