AGENDA

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

For those attending via Zoom use this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83827093603

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Community comment welcome; may be limited to two minutes to provide opportunity for all to speak. Community comment time will be opened after each Old and New Business item.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Introductions & Announcements
- III. Old Business.
 - A. Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Update. The Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project (https://floridaavene-streetscape.ddot.dc.gov/outreach team) will provide project updates and address community safety concerns with related contractor work.
 - B. <u>H Street NE Bus Priority Project</u>. Mr. <u>Zack Gambetti-Mendez</u> will present the design of the H Street NE Bus Priority Project, <u>NOI-24-07-TDD</u> (https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/pages/2350907486/NOI-24-07-TDD) and address comments and questions from the community.

IV. New Business

A. West Virginia Avenue NE Traffic Safety. ANC 6A TPS Committee Chair Shaun Lynch will lead a discussion regarding persistent traffic safety issues on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.

Prospective Motion: That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT with recommendations for traffic safety improvements on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, including preferred direction for a potential one-way conversion.

- B. TSIs for Future Consideration. Commissioner Gove requested a discussion of languishing all-way stop requests at the following intersections:
 - 14th NE and A Streets NE (TSIs 22-00503979, 22-00599820, and 23-00197961
 - ii. 15th NE and A Streets NE (TSI 22-00374880)
 - iii. 15th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE (TSIs prior to roll out of DDOT TSI Dashboard 2.0)
 - iv. 14th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE (TSIs 23-00526259, 23-00530148, and 23-00530246)
 - v. E Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE (TSIs 23-00021567, 23-00346834, 23-00530158, 23-00530242, and 23-00530255)

Prospective Motion: That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting prioritization of longstanding TSIs at the intersections of 14th NE and A Streets NE, 15th NE and A Streets NE, 15th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE, 14th Street NE and

Tennessee Avenue NE and E Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE at the next quarterly prioritization assessment.

- V. Additional community comment (time permitting).
- VI. Adjourn meeting.

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



January 22, 2024

Commissioner Salvador Sauceda-Guzman Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D Email: 5D05@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Amber Gove Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Email: 6A04@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Mark Eckenwiler Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6C Email: 6C04@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 24-07-TDD

Re: Bus Priority and safety improvements on H Street NE from 3rd Street NE to Benning Road NE

Dear Chairpersons Sauceda-Guzman, Gove, and Eckenwiler,

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written Notice of Intent (NOI) on proposed traffic and parking modifications. This letter is being sent to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction as part of the H Street NE bus priority project:

- Installation of bus/streetcar-only lanes
- Changes to parking in selected locations
- Installation of traffic calming measures
- Revisions to traffic operations

OVERVIEW

H Street NE from 3rd Street NE to Benning Road NE has been identified as part of the transit and freight priority networks in moveDC, the District of Columbia's statewide long-range transportation plan, as well as a Tier 1 segment in the District of Columbia's Vision Zero highinjury network. The corridor has arisen as a priority for safety and transit improvements for several reasons including:

• Numerous people have been killed while walking or biking along the H Street NE corridor.

- Numerous drivers have crashed through storefronts along H Street NE causing damage, impacting small and local businesses, and endangering pedestrians and those within the businesses.
- Metrobus routes X2, X9, and the DC Streetcar make H Street NE one of the busiest surface transit corridors in the District.
- The X2 and X9 see their heaviest passenger loads within the project boundaries, with large boarding and alighting activity within the project boundaries.
- Slow transit speeds are experienced by riders in both directions throughout the day, including on weekends.

Planning to make improvements took place through the H Street NE bus priority project¹.

PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed actions to improve safety and transit service are:

- Implementation of bus- and streetcar-only lanes on both sides (north and south) of H Street NE between 3rd Street NE and 14th Street NE. The transit lanes will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week to improve transit travel times and reliability. Buses and the DC Streetcar are authorized to utilize these lanes.
- Bus bulb-outs (see figure 2): Widening the sidewalk at bus stops reduces bus boarding delay and eliminates the pull-in/pull-out maneuver, which is a leading cause of bus crashes. Concrete bus bulb-outs are planned to be add to the following bus stop locations: eastbound and westbound 6th Street NE, and eastbound and westbound 14th Street NE. Additionally, Zicla modular platforms are planned to be added to eastbound and westbound 4th Street NE bus stops (the westbound stop is existing, while the eastbound stop is being relocated from 3rd Street NE in preparation for the H Street Bridge reconstruction).

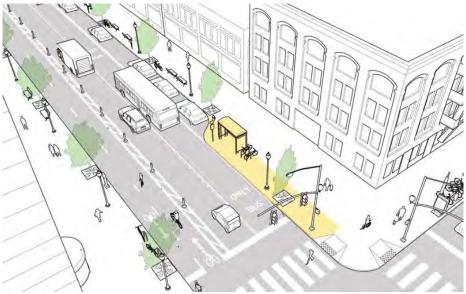


Figure 1: Example of a bus bulb-out (source: NACTO.org)

¹ H Street NE Bus Priority Project: H Street NE | Bus Priority (dc.gov)

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- Signalized midblock pedestrian crossings will be added on the 600 block, 1200 block, and 1300 block of H Street NE to facilitate safer crossing opportunities for pedestrians. Full traffic signals will be installed at these locations.
- A queue jump is proposed eastbound at 14th Street NE to allow buses and the DC Streetcar to bypass traffic where the eastbound bus- and streetcar-only lane ends.
- Curb extensions and daylighting will be added throughout the corridor as proven traffic calming measures to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians
- Center-line hardening will be added, enhancing pedestrian safety from left-turning vehicles.
- Left turns will be restricted from H Street NE in order to improve safety and maintain through vehicle operations.

Parking Changes

DDOT is proposing changes to parking along the corridor to facilitate quick pick-up and drop-off activities, accommodate ADA-accessible parking, and adequately size Metrobus zones.

- 1. 10-minute "Pay to Park" zones are proposed for both directions of the 300, 400, 600, 700, and 1000 blocks, replacing existing 2-hour parking zones.
 - a. These 10-minute "Pay to Park" zones will serve as locations for quick pick-up and drop-off activities rather than "PUDO" zones, as DDOT is phasing out the Pick-Up/Drop-Off (PUDO) program.
- 2. 4-hour Accessible (ADA) parking spaces will be added to the corridor on the 500 block (eastbound and westbound), 600 block (eastbound), 900 block (eastbound), 1100 block (eastbound and westbound), and 1200 block (westbound).
- 3. Minor adjustments will be made around bus stops to ensure properly sized Metrobus zones.
- 4. Small adjustments to the length of parking zones will also be made to be consistent with DDOT's engineering standards to ensure improved visibility for turning vehicles and pedestrians and to accommodate traffic calming measures such as curb extensions.

PREVIOUS PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach was conducted to assist DDOT in identifying opportunities improve safety and mobility on this segment of H Street NE through the H Street NE Bus Priority Project. Below is a list of public outreach activities:

H Street NE Bus Priority

All proposed actions included in the NOI, were developed as part of the H Street NE Bus Priority project:

- April 14 & 21, 2022 Posters hung at bus stops
- April 18, 2022 ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee Meeting (Needs Assessment)
- April 19, 2022 ANC 5D Transportation Committee Meeting (Needs Assessment)
- April 21, 2022 Flyer distribution to businesses along H Street NE
- May 10, 2022 ANC 5D General Meeting (Needs Assessment)
- June 2, 2022 ANC 6C Transportation Committee Meeting (Needs Assessment)

- July 18, 2022 ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee Meeting (Concept Development)
- July 19, 2022 Fox 5 news story (Concept Development)
- August 16, 2022 ANC 5D Transportation Committee (Concept Development)
- September 8, 2022 ANC 6C Transportation Committee (Concept Development)
- September 17, 2022 Outreach during H Street Festival (Concept Development)
- December 20, 2022 January 5, 2023 Flyer distribution to businesses along H Street NE
- May 8, 2023 ANC 5D General Meeting (Traffic Analysis)
- May 15, 2023 ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee Meeting (Traffic Analysis)
- June 1, 2023 ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee Meeting (Traffic Analysis)

COMMENTS

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by March 5, 2024 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Zack Gambetti-Mendez, Transit Delivery Division, 250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003 or by email to zack.gambetti@dc.gov.

If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at: https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

Zack Gambetti-Mendez, AICP

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Transportation Planner, Bus Priority Program

Transit Delivery Division

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

CC:

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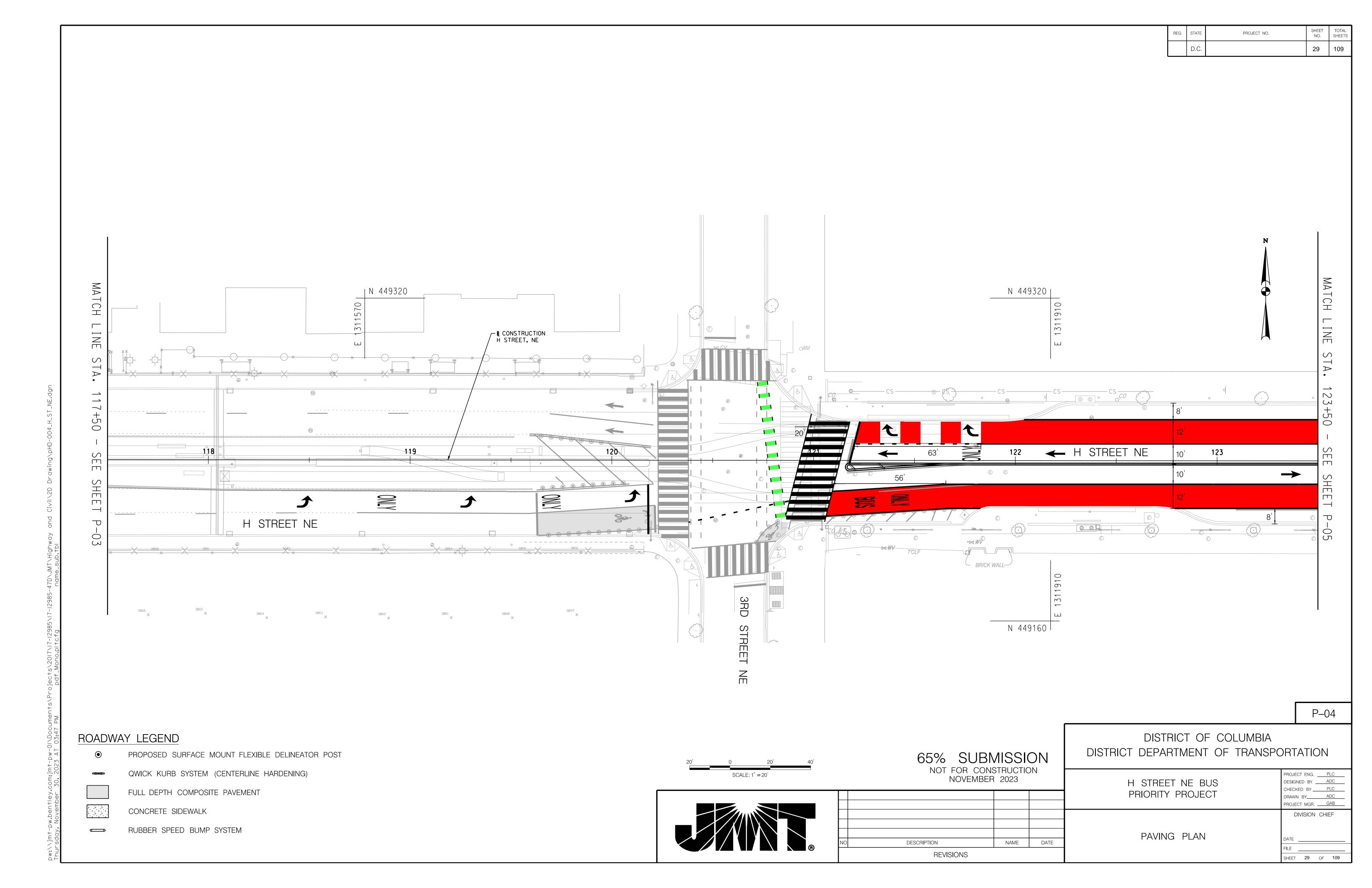
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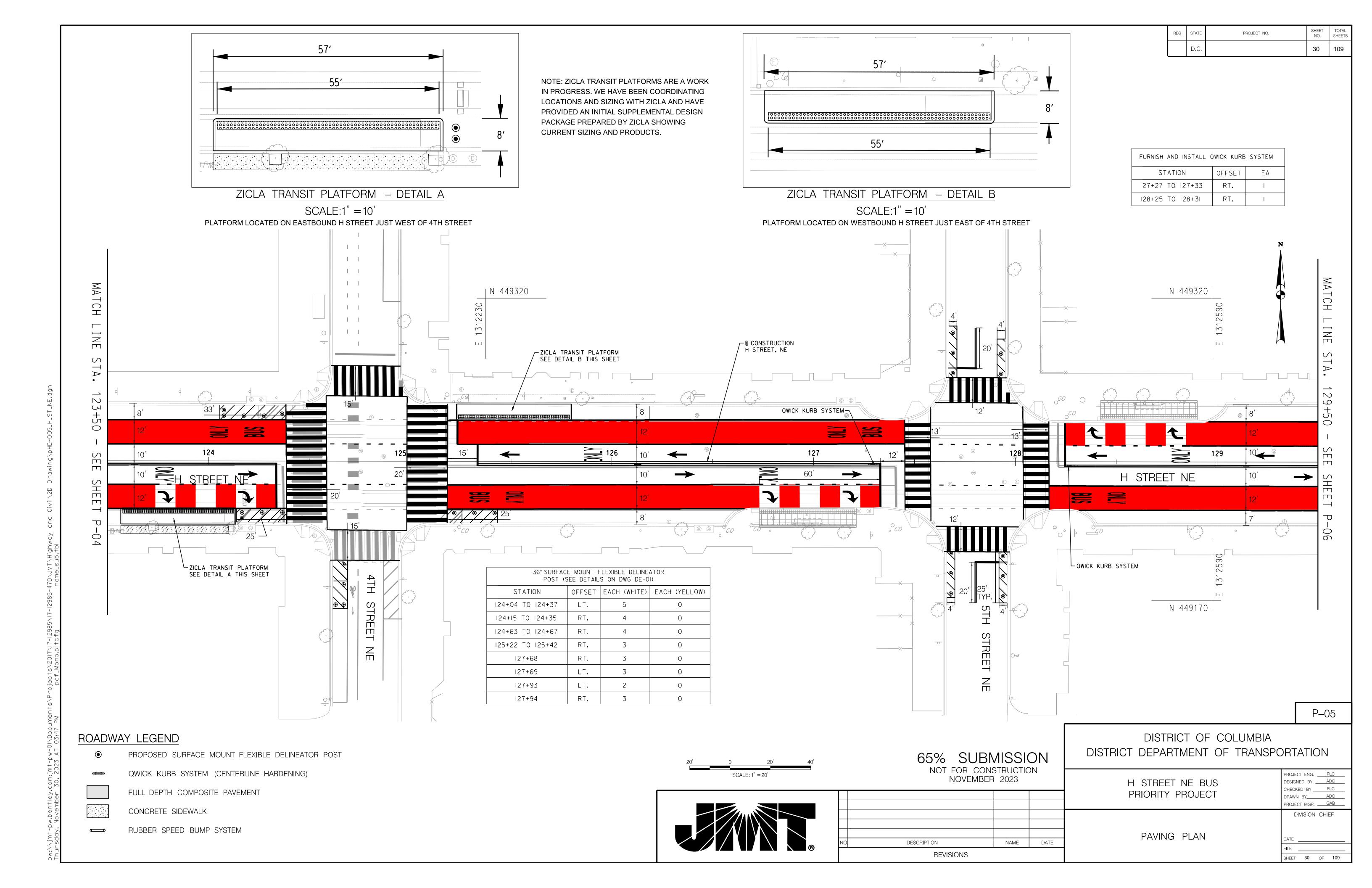
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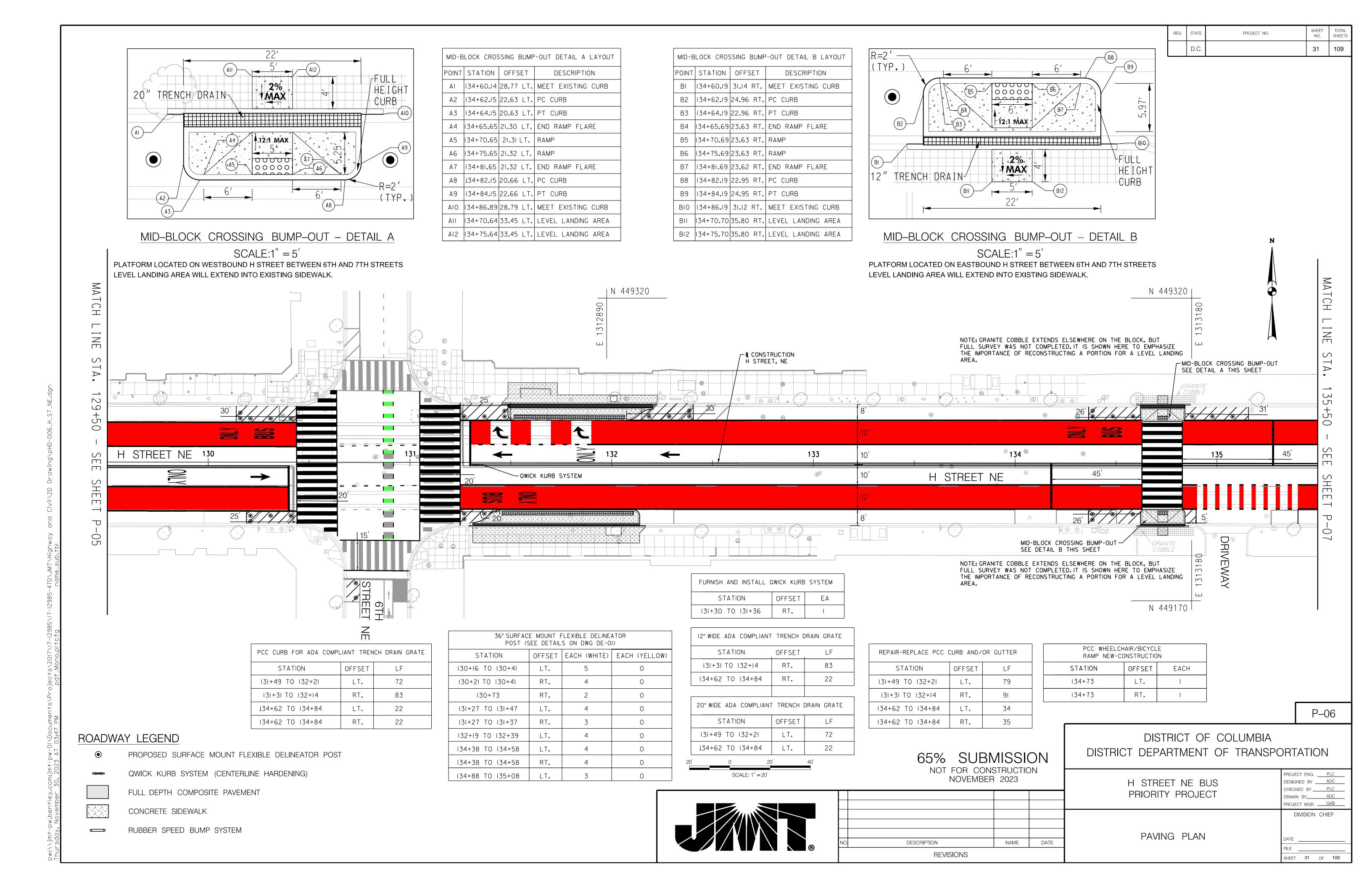
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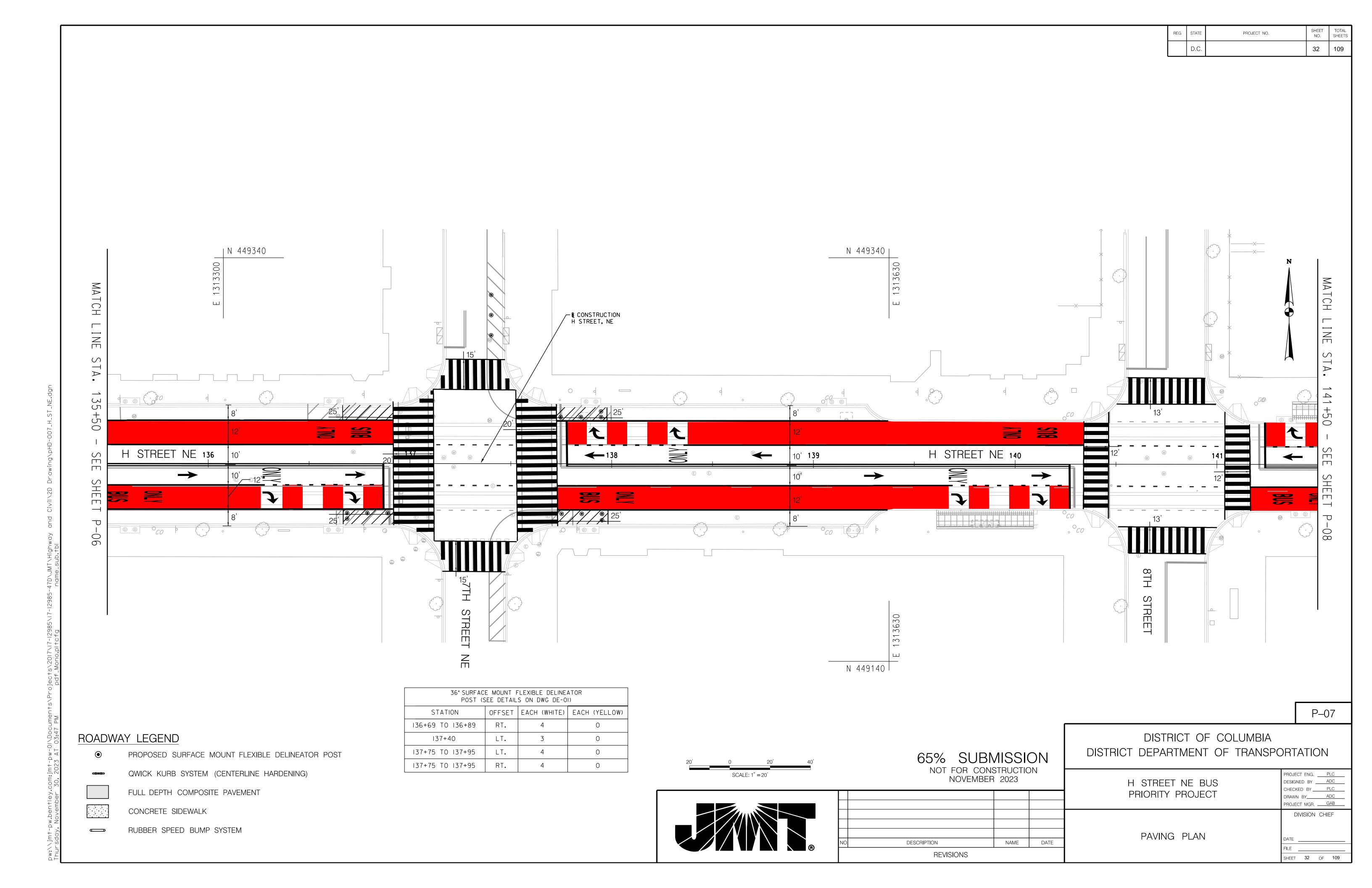
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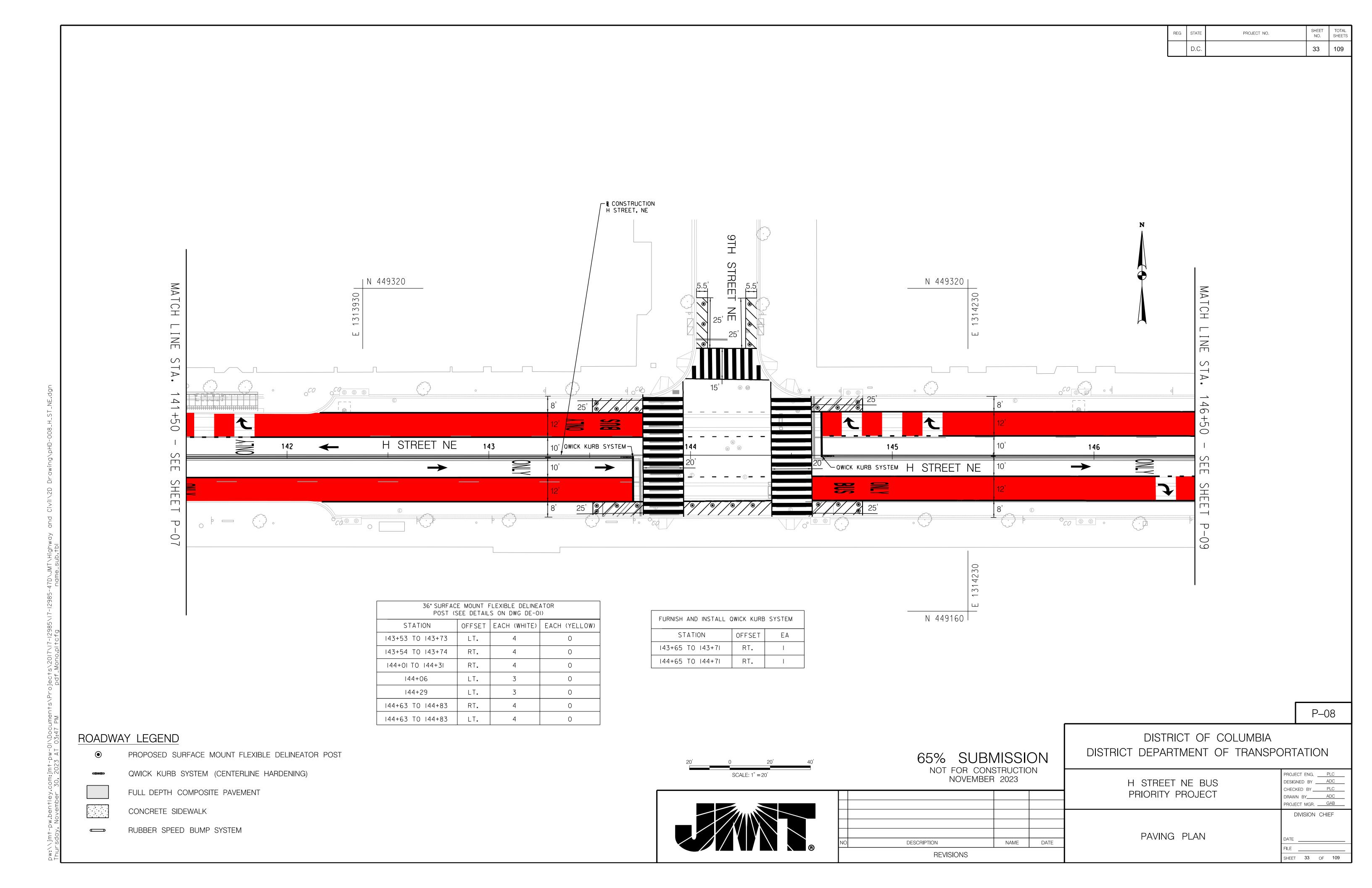
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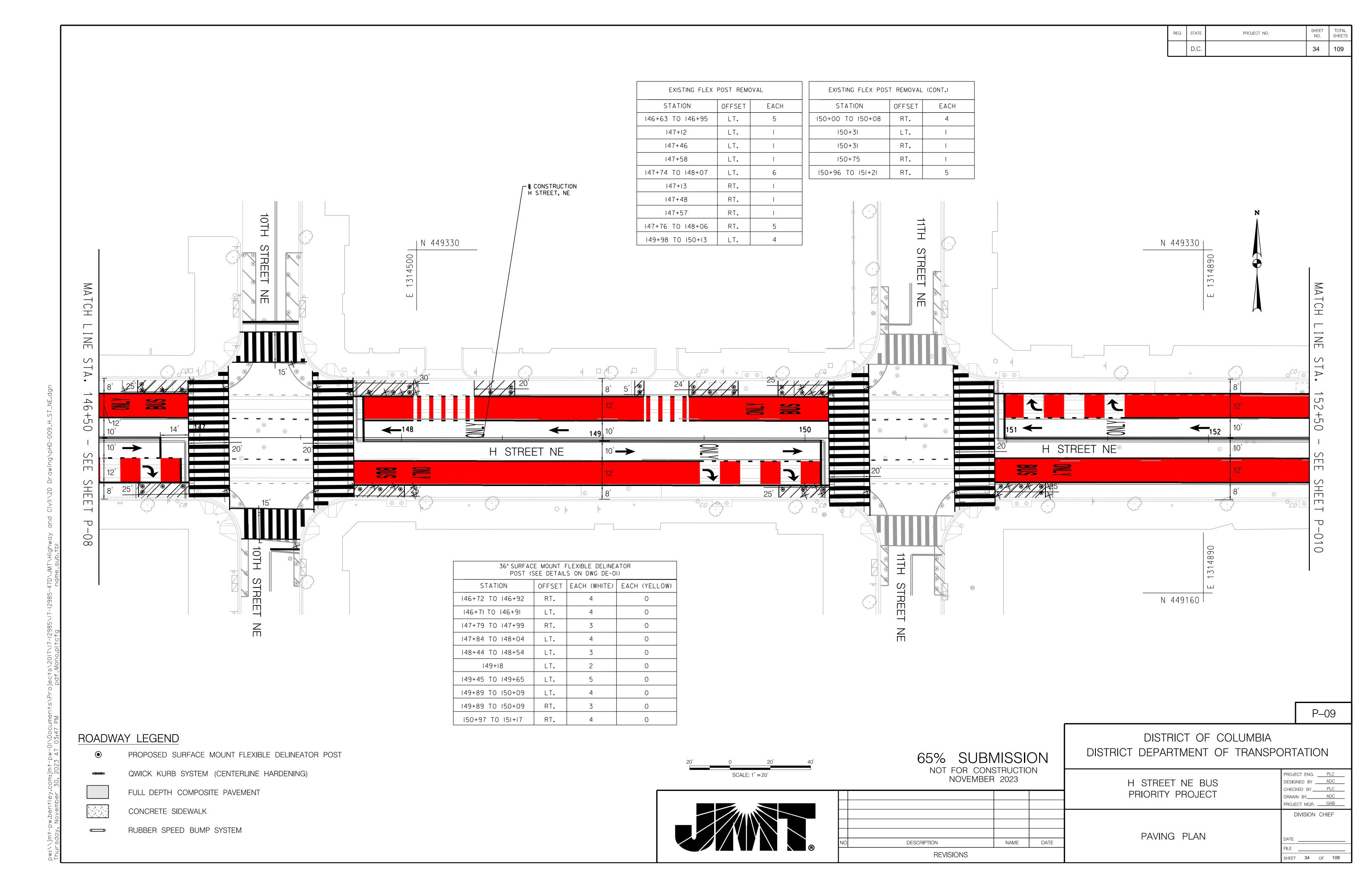


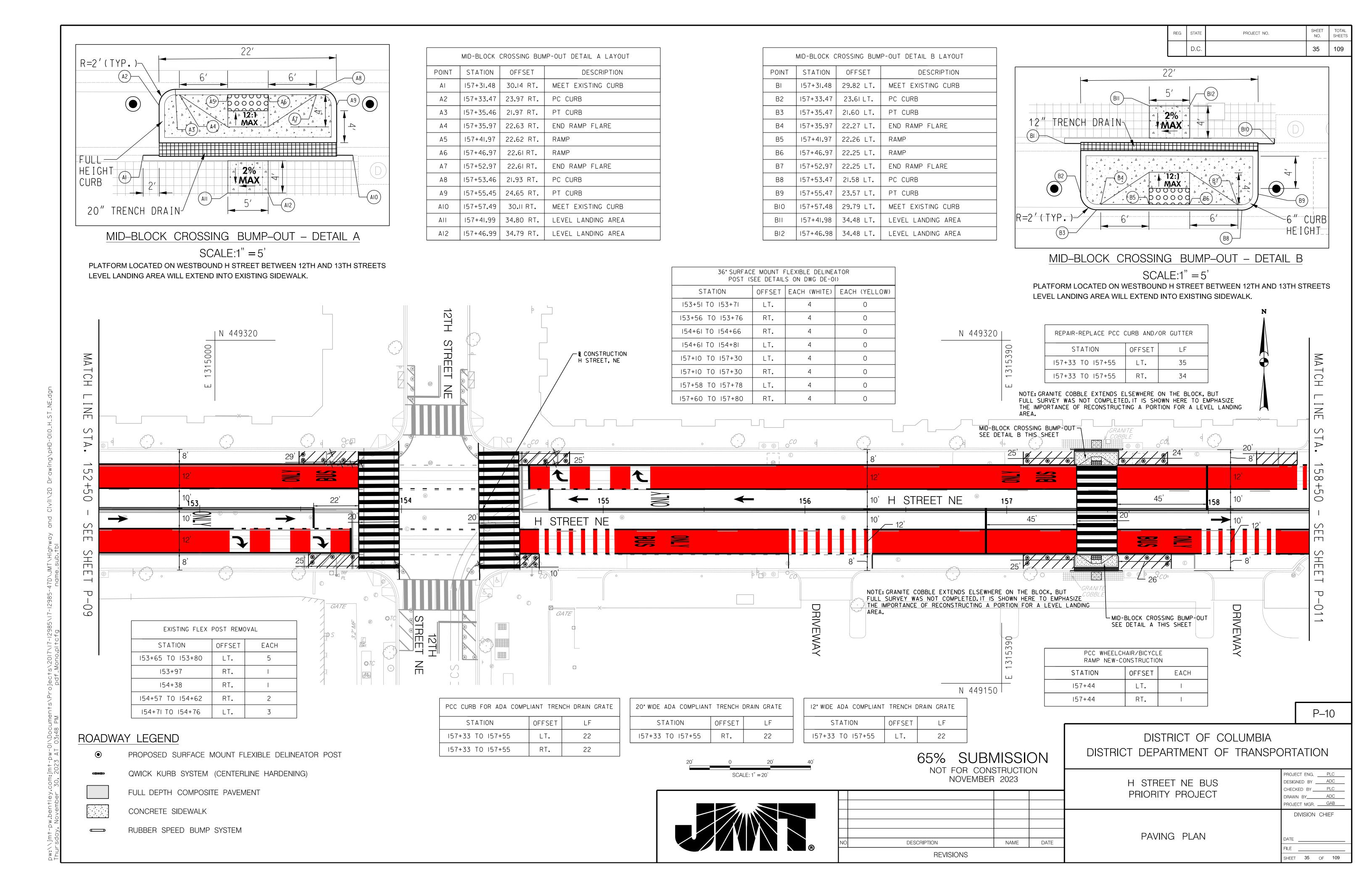


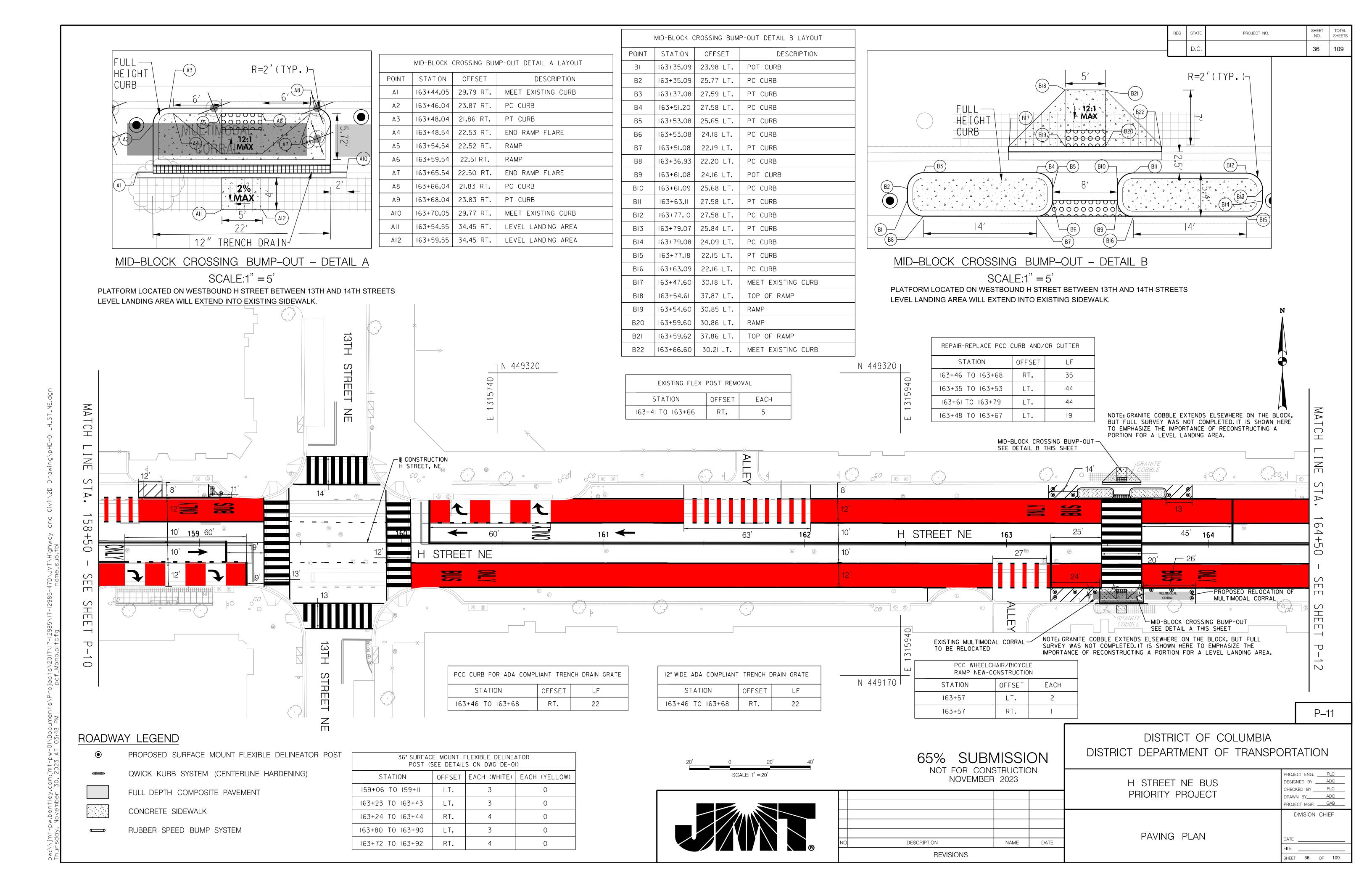


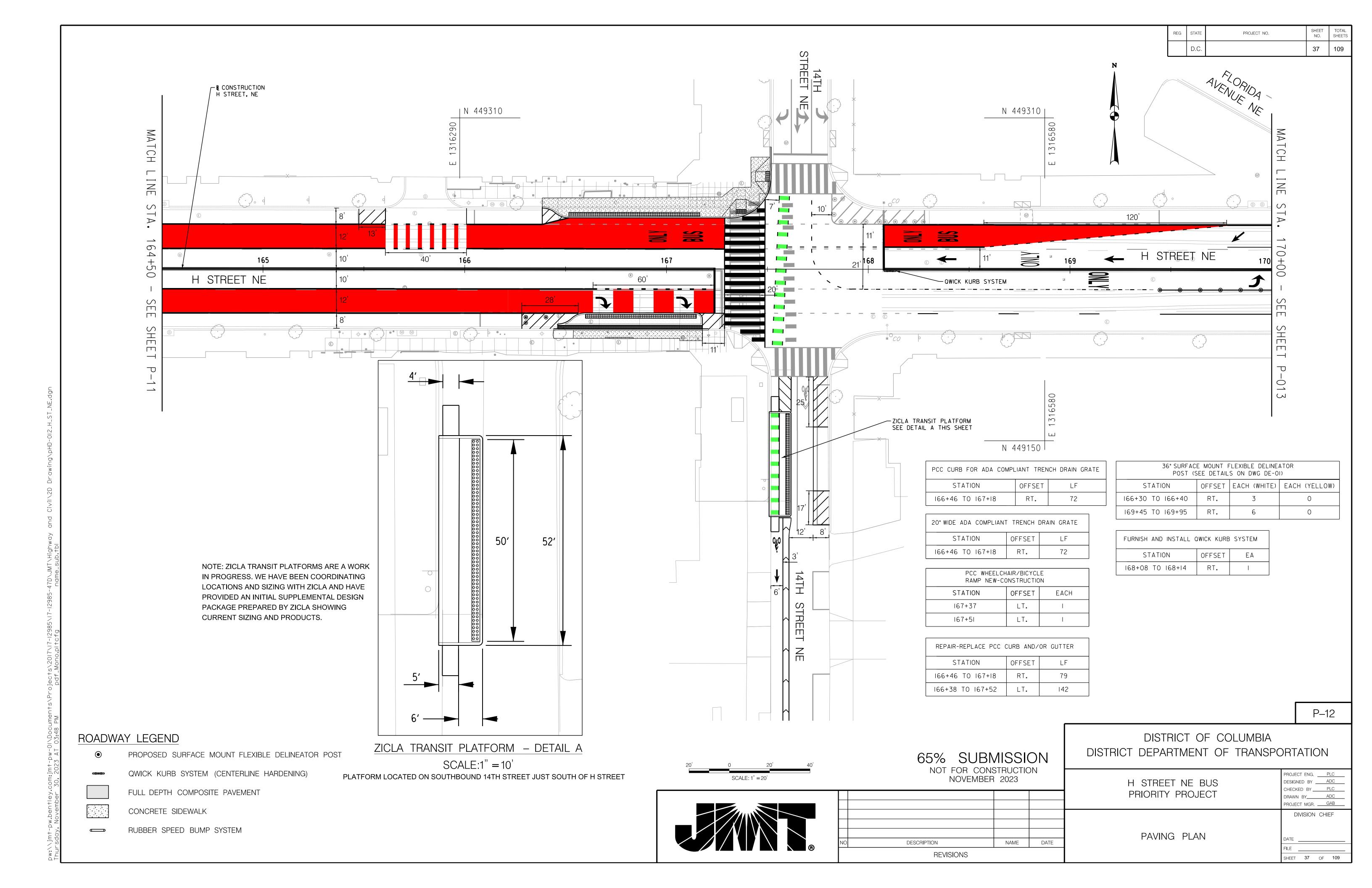


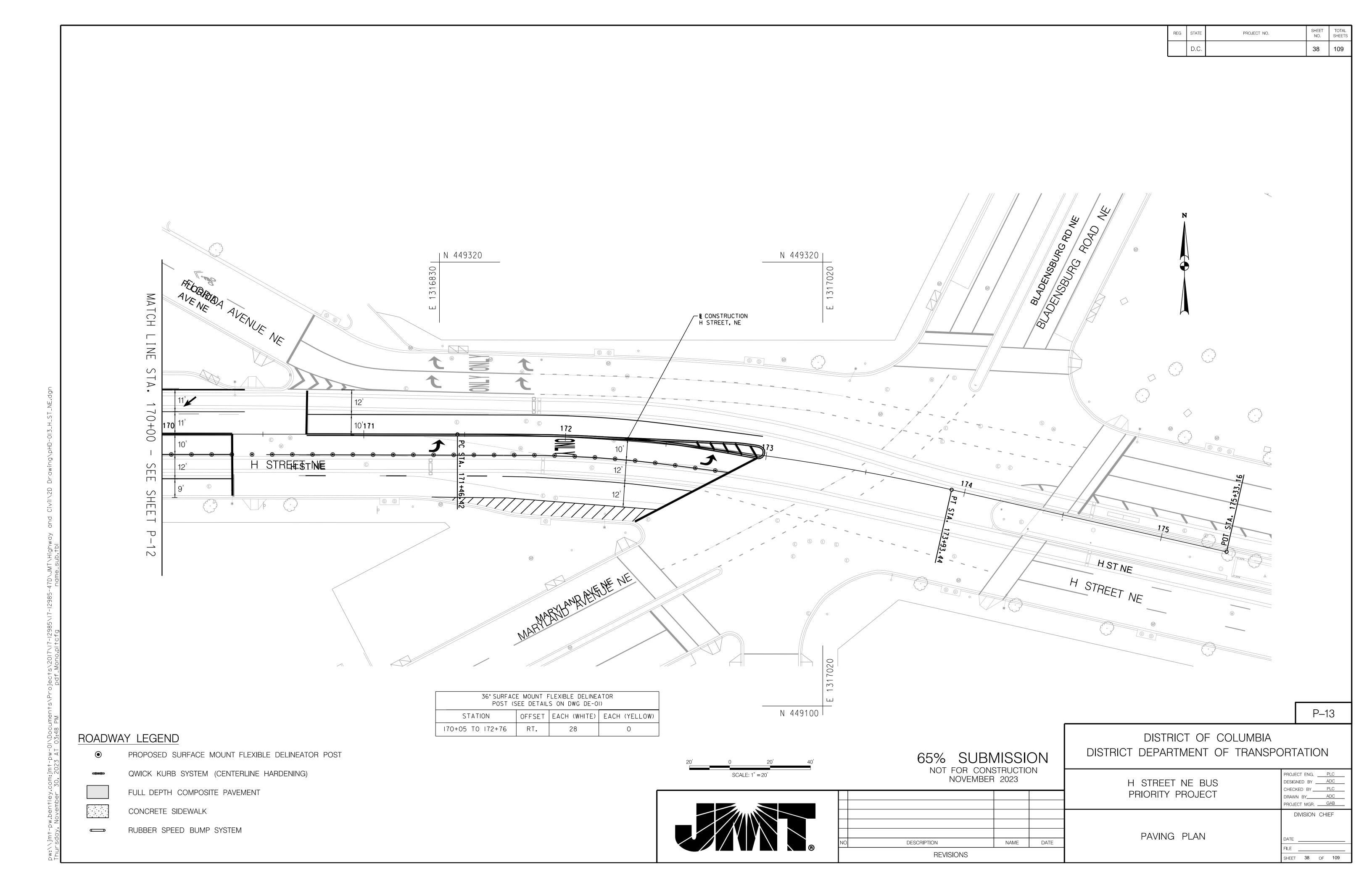














West Virginia Ave NE Traffic Safety

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

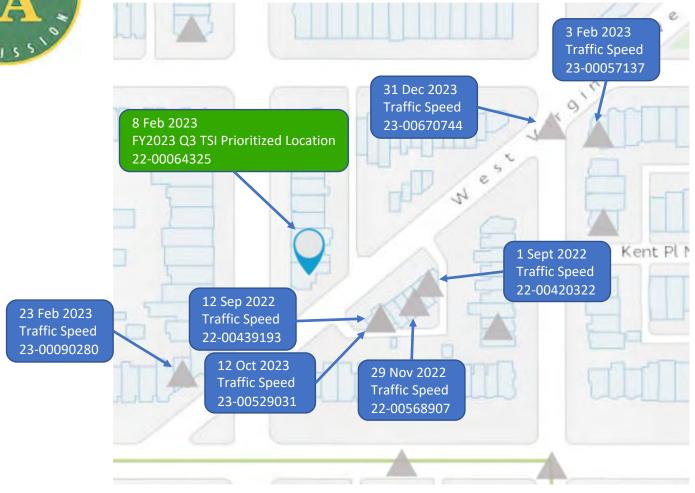


West Virginia Ave NE Safety Issues

- Historic safety concerns on the 800-block of West Virginia Ave NE, dating as far back as 2014.
- "The street is characterized by high speeds, dangerous driving and illegal trash dumping, resulting in a hostile, unsafe environment for residents."¹
- High traffic volume, including commercial buses, industrial trucks, and Maryland commuters

¹ ANC 6A Commission letter to DDOT and DPW, dated April 30, 2022.





DDOT <u>Traffic Safety</u> <u>Input (TSI) Dashboard</u> for West Virginia Ave NE

- 7 TSIs for Future Consideration
- 1 TSI Under Investigation
 - FY23 Q3 TSI Prioritized Location
- O Pending Installation
- 0 Completed

*Data captured 4 Feb 2024



DDOT Road Definitions

Principal Arterials. Carry moderate to high traffic volume. These serve major centers of metropolitan areas and provide a high degree of mobility. Abutting land uses can be accessed directly by driveways to specific parcels and at-grade intersections with other roadways.

Minor Arterials. Carry moderate traffic volume. These provide service for trips of moderate length. They interconnect and augment the higher arterial system, provide intra-community continuity, and may carry local bus routes in an urban area.

Collector Streets. Carry low to moderate vehicular movement, low to heavy pedestrian movement, moderate to heavy bicycle movement, and low to moderate transit movement. Collector streets are located in neighborhoods, but are consistent with the principles of the functional classifications. The streets are treelined, with established cross section distributions for sidewalks and tree spaces. **Local Streets.** Carry low traffic volume. These provide direct access to adjacent uses and interconnect with the other portions of the functional system.

DDOT Design & Engineering Manual 2019, para. 30.4.1.1

Cemetery

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Gallaudet

University



DDOT Traffic Calming Measures

- Speed humps, bumps and tables
- Raised crosswalks
- Raised intersections
- Textured pavements
- Gateway/entry treatments

- Bulb-outs/curb extensions
- Chicanes
- Chokers
- Neighborhood traffic circles
- On Street Parking

DDOT Design & Engineering Manual 2019, para. 40.3



DDOT Evaluation

- DDOT has an on-going signal evaluation for the 8th St NE and West Virginia NE intersection to see if a full signal can be warranted.
- A one-way traffic conversion assessment has been added to the evaluation.
- The assessments are expected to take 120 days.
- DDOT is asking for support of a southwest-bound one-way conversion.
 - Northeast-bound one-way conversion would preclude the need for a traffic signal at 8th St NE and West Virginia Ave NE.
 - ANC 6A <u>previously supported</u> a one-way conversion to West Virginia Ave NE.
- DDOT would be able to add a contraflow bike lane, which has a traffic calming effect by narrowing the traffic lane

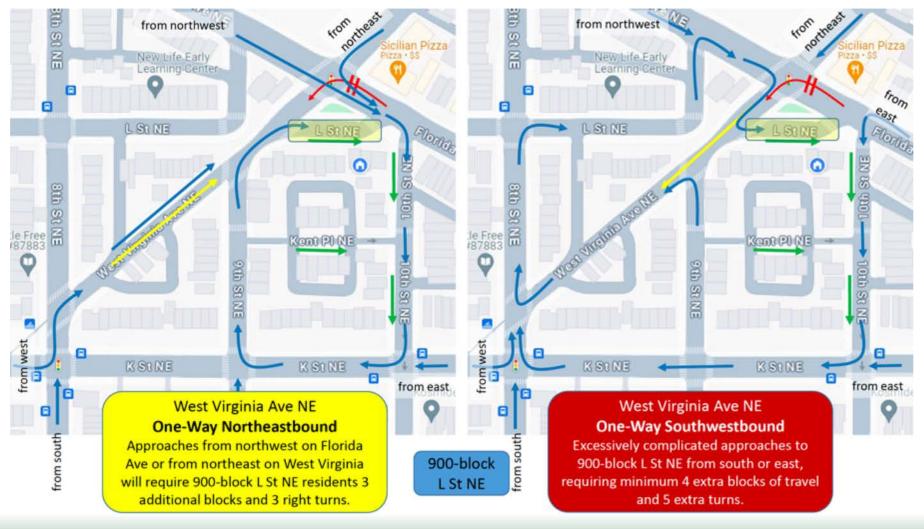


Traffic Flow Impacts: 800-block West Virginia Ave NE



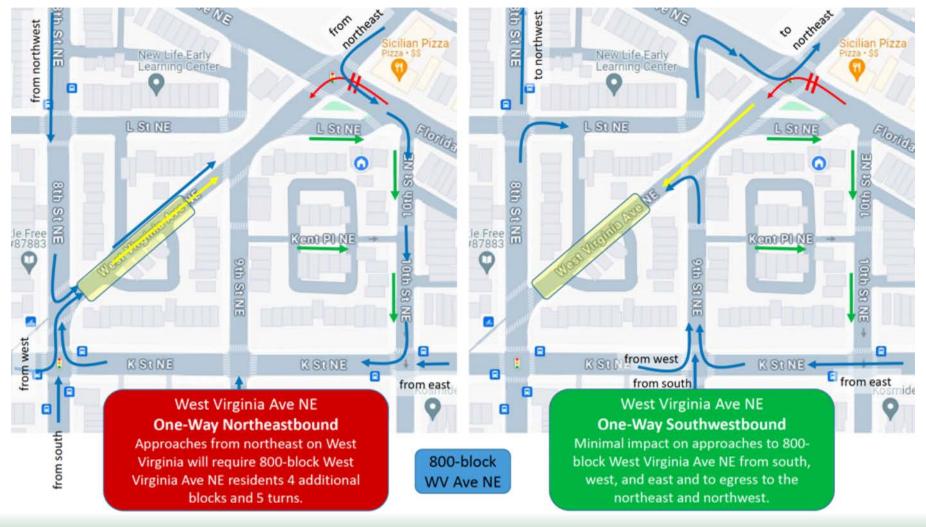


Traffic Flow Impacts: 900-block L St NE



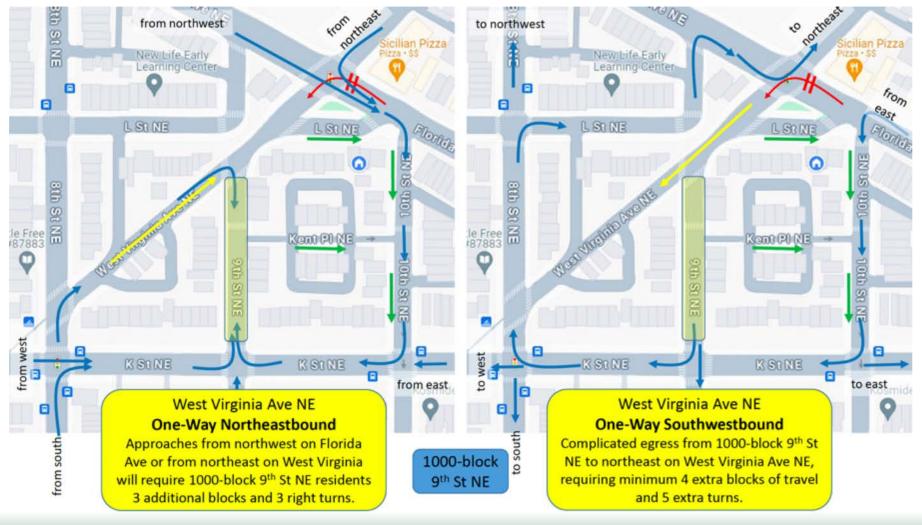


Traffic Flow Impacts: 900-block Kent Pl NE



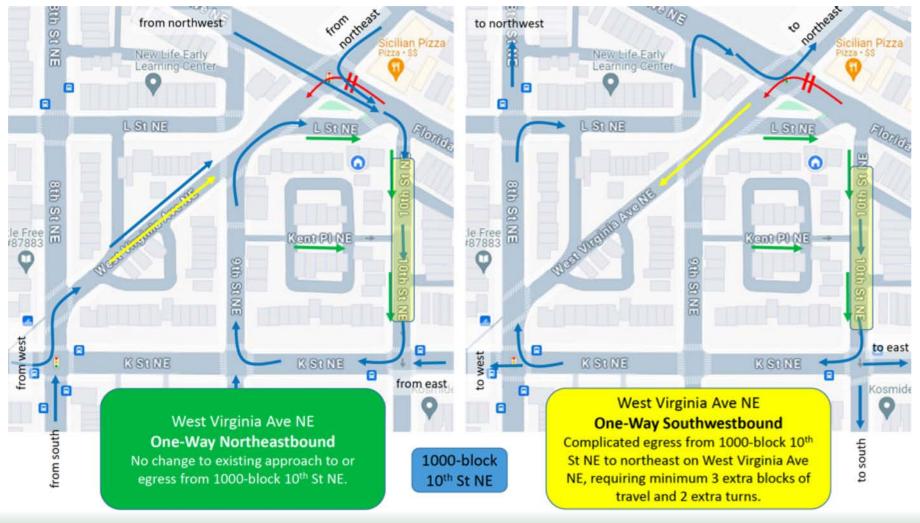


Traffic Flow Impacts: 1000-block 9th St NE





Traffic Flow Impacts: 1000-block 10th St NE





Recommendation

 That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT with recommendations for traffic safety improvements on the 800-block of West Virginia Avenue NE, including preferred direction for a potential one-way conversion.



Questions?



Backup



DC Bike Lanes

