

# Peggy Ryan Williams Center



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58,200 GSF

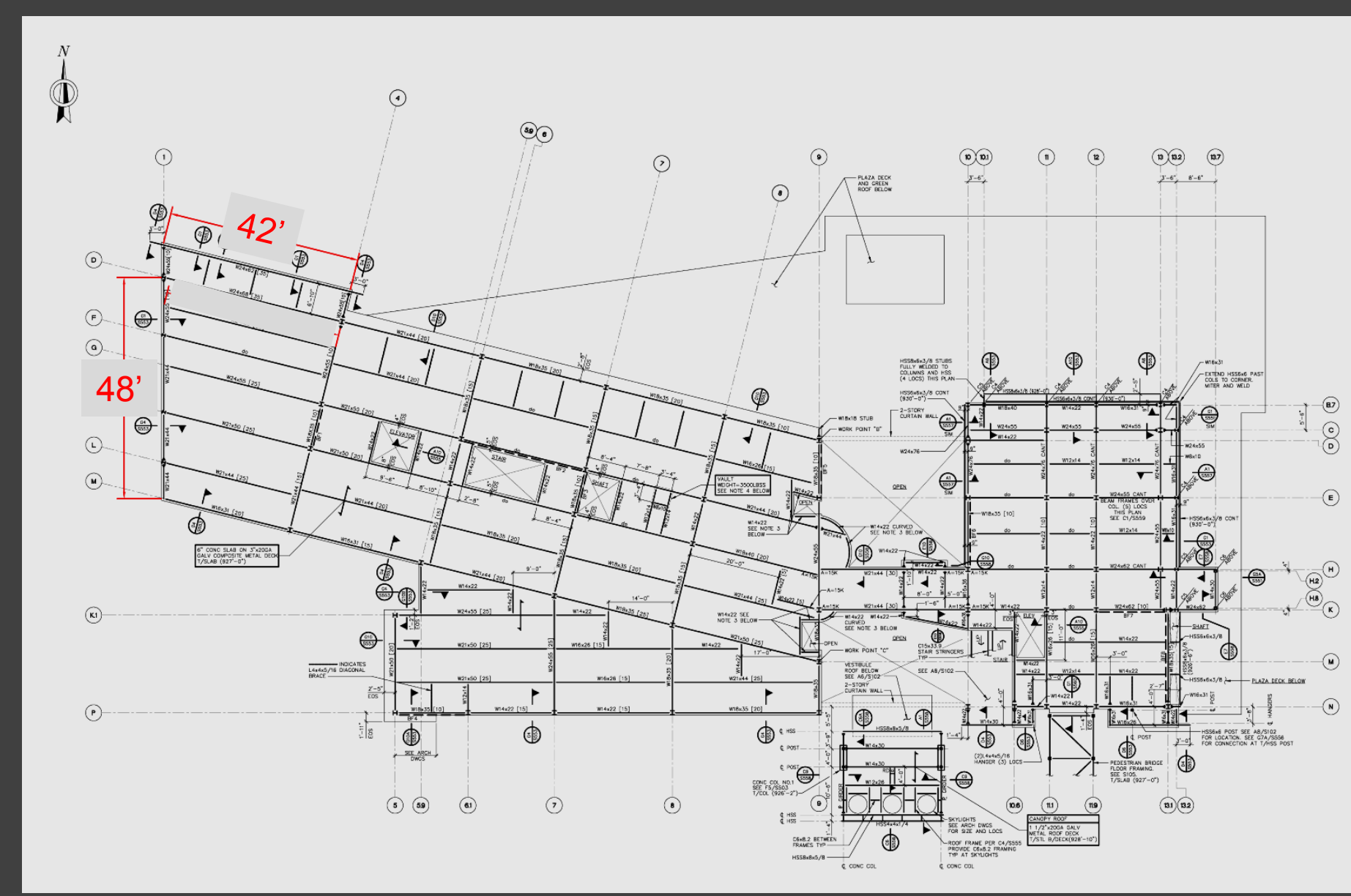
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Substantial Completion | March 2010

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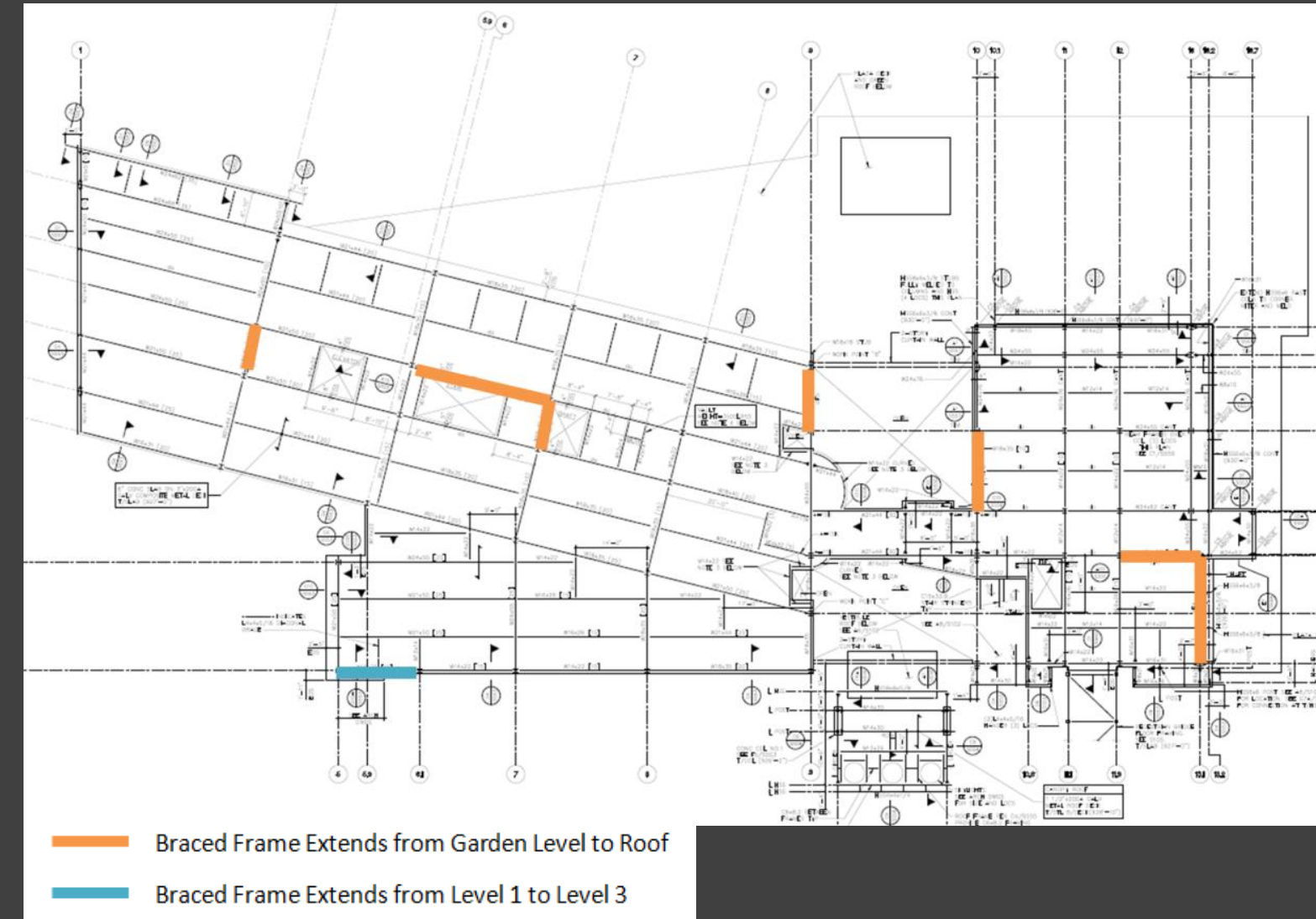


- Composite steel floor
  - 3" x 20 gauge composite metal deck
  - 6" concrete slab
- Wide Flange
  - Beams, girder, columns
- Irregular Layout
  - Geometry, cantilevers

## Existing Gravity System

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**Concentrically braced structural steel frames**  
North-South  
East-West

**Seismic Design Category A**  
**Wind Controlled Design**

**Existing Lateral System**



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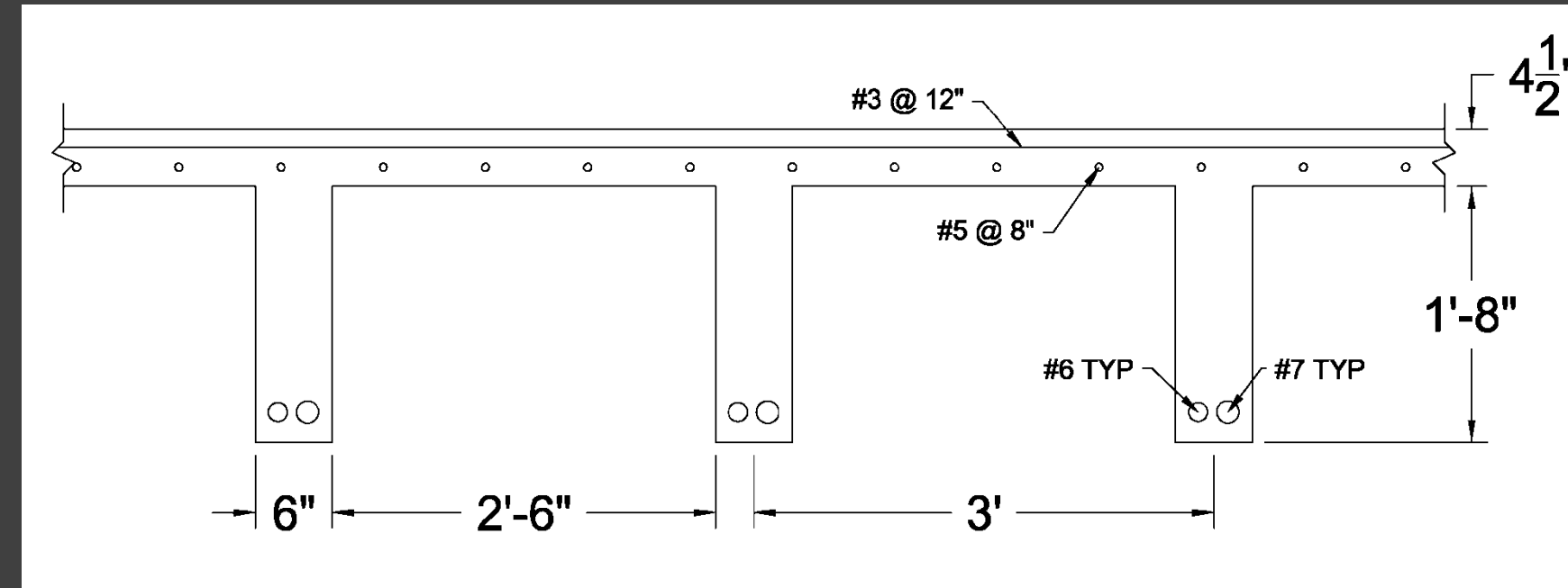
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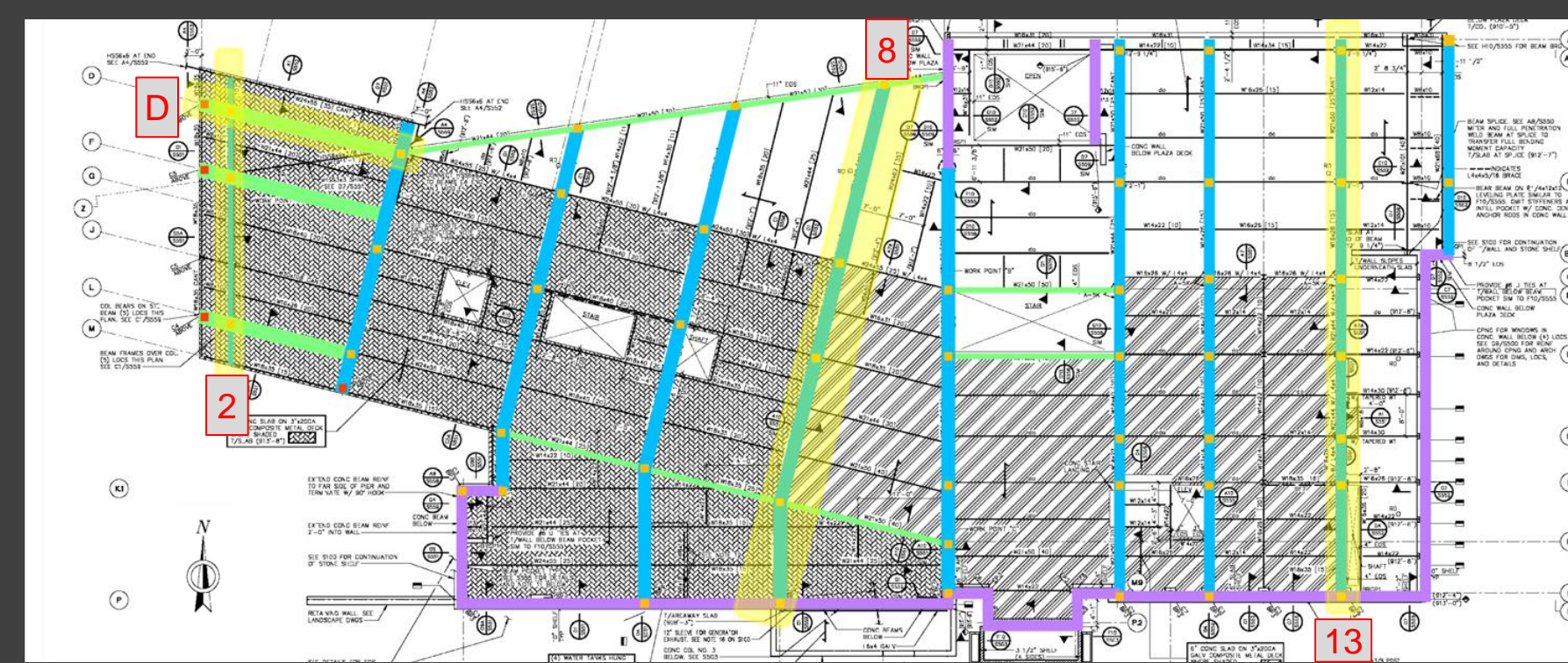


- CRSI Manual
- Same joist size and spacing used throughout
- 2 worst case spans considered
- 30" forms with 6" rib @ 36" o.c.
- 20" rib depth + 4.5" slab = 24.5" system depth
- $f'_c = 4,000$  psi
- $f_y = 60$  ksi

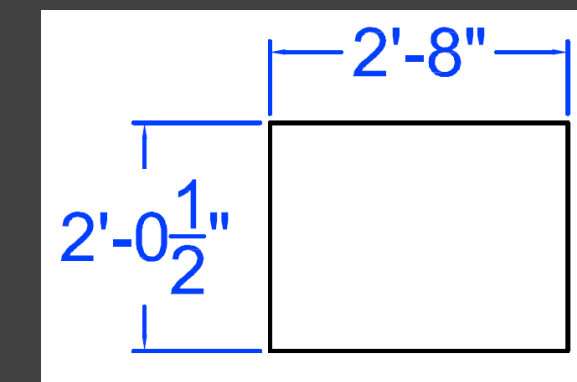
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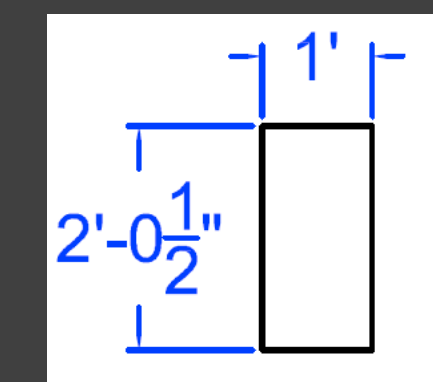
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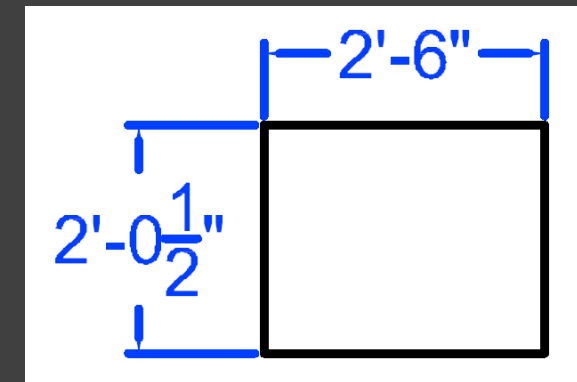
- Designed members indicated
  - Chosen due to: Long spans, large tributary widths, high loadings
- Designed using spBeam
  - Strength requirements
  - Deflections checked per ACI 318-11 Table 9.5b



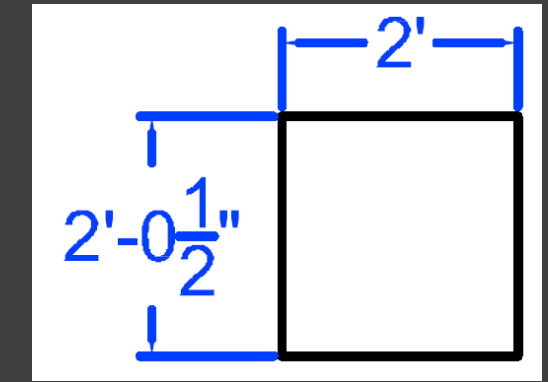
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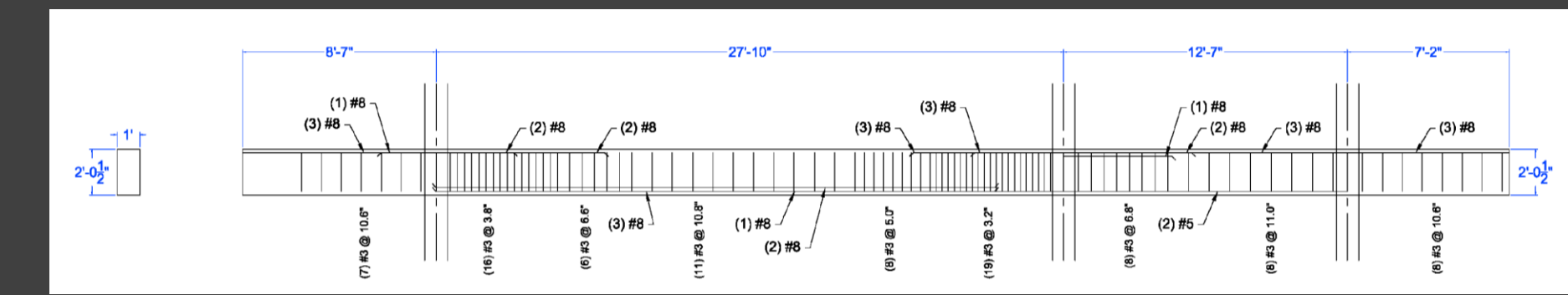


Column Line 8



Column Line 13

## Framing Plan

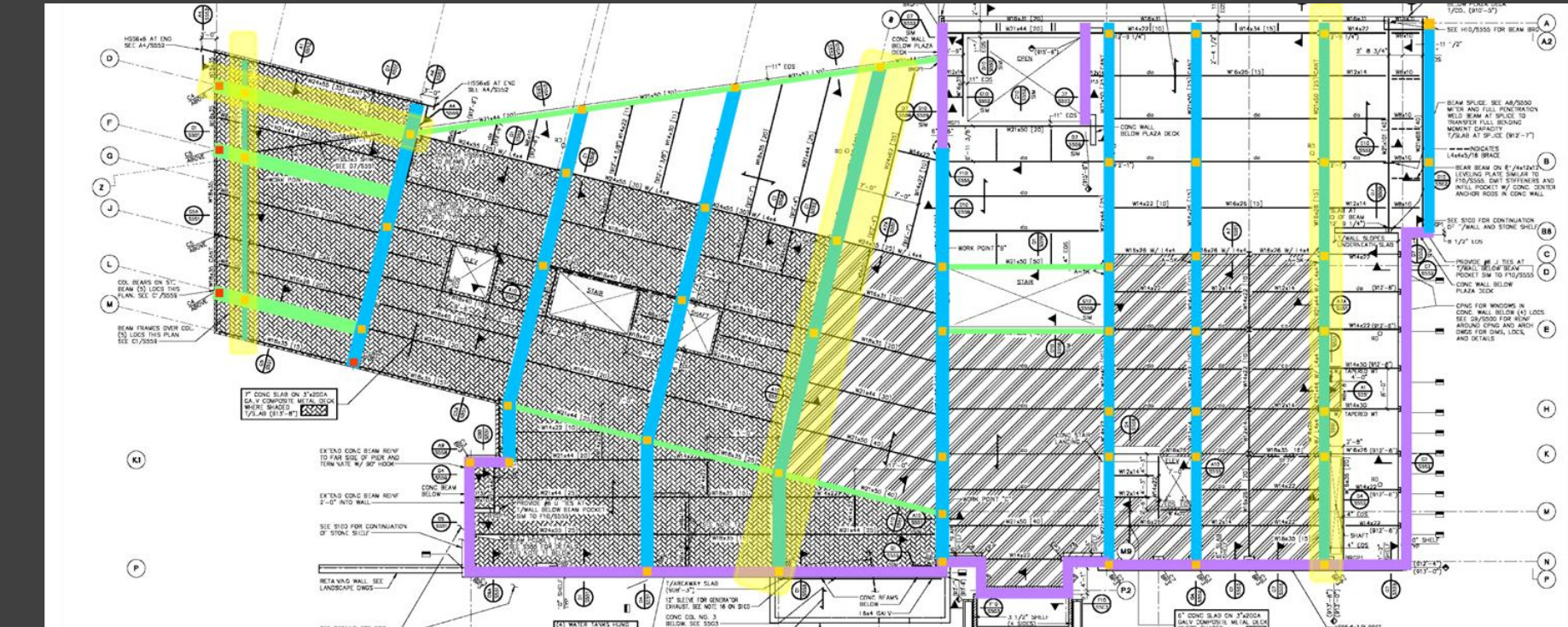


## Girders/Beams

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- Designed using spColumn
- Both axial loads from above & moments were applied
- Square section chosen
  - Ease of construction
  - Aid in future lateral system design
- All column sizes were increased to 18"x 18" for constructability

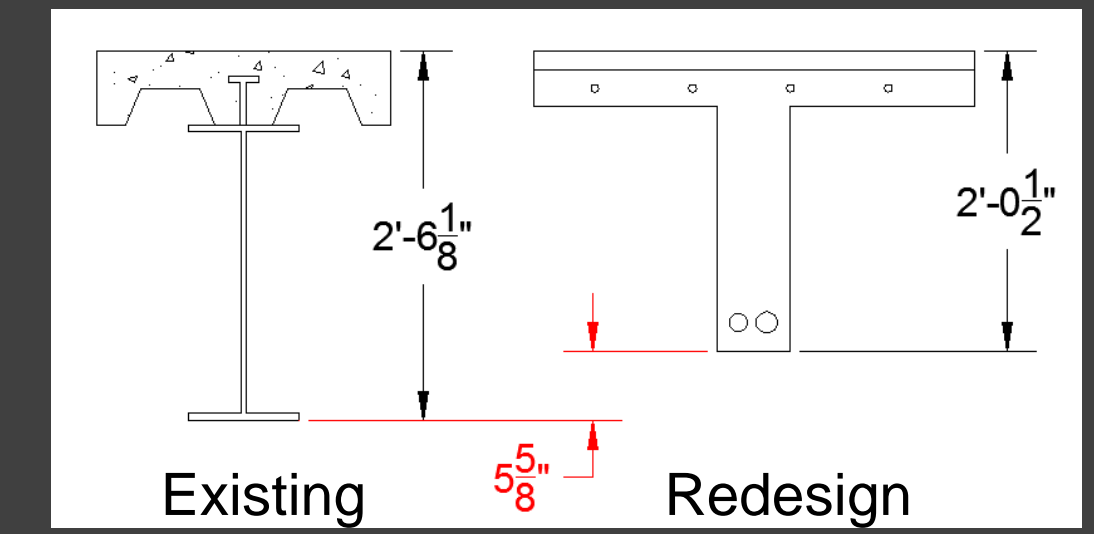
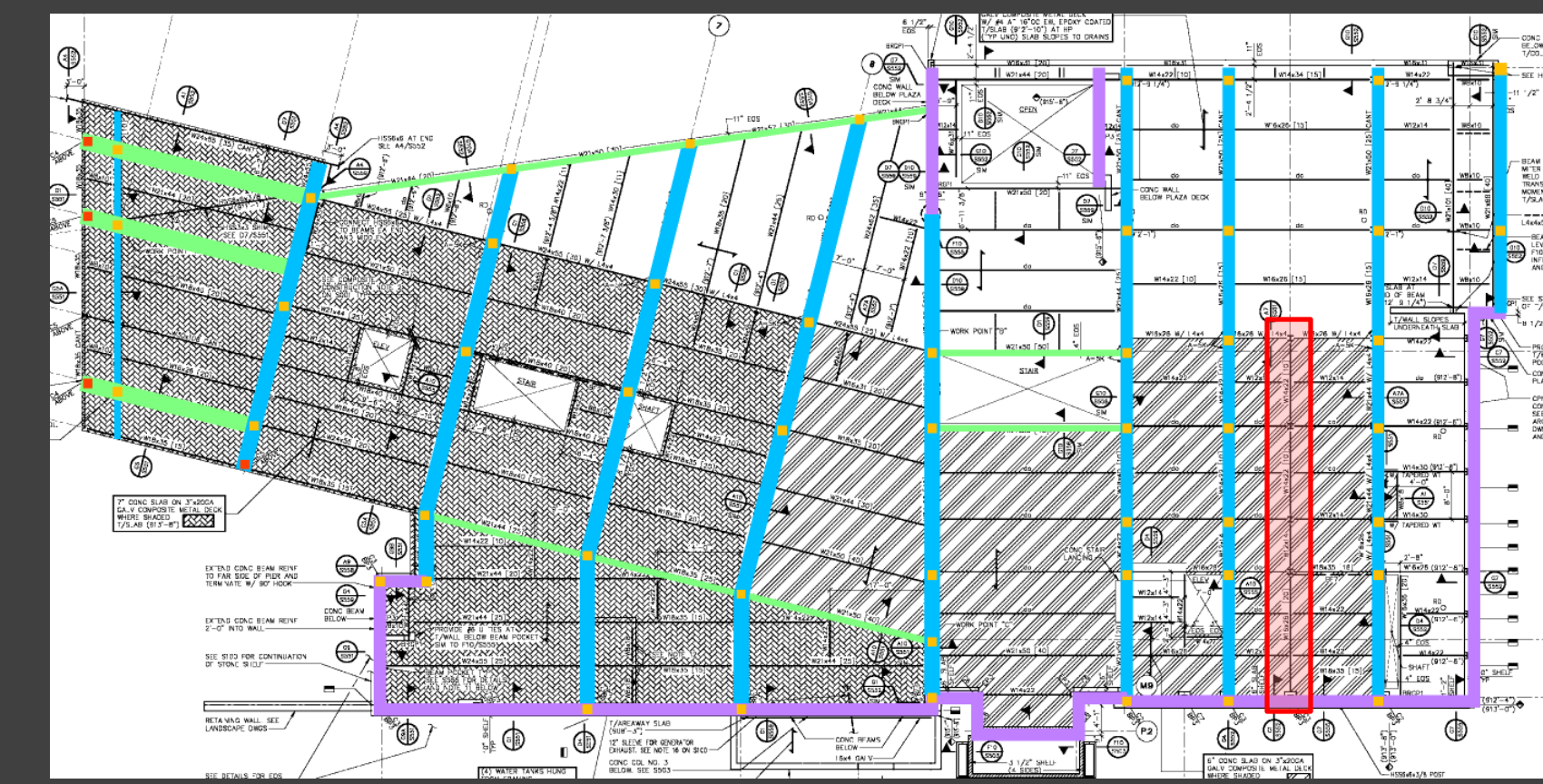


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- Columns & girders were removed from original design
- Floor system depth decreased by 5-5/8"
- Larger floor-to-ceiling height

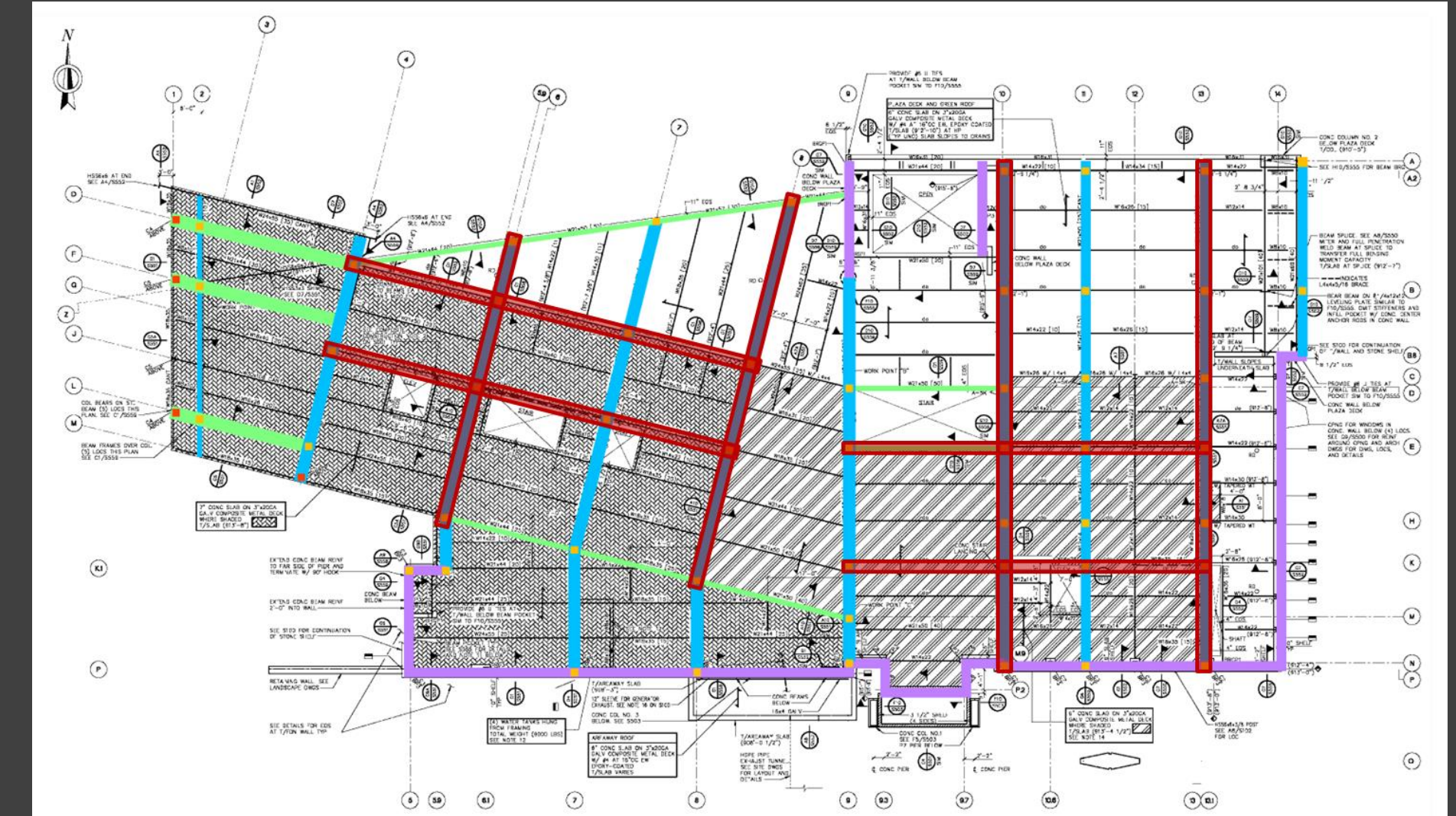


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- Current lateral system
  - Centrally braced structural steel frames
  - No longer the best option
- Gravity system may double as the lateral system
- Concrete moment frames in North-South and East-West directions
- 4 concrete moment frames were considered in each direction

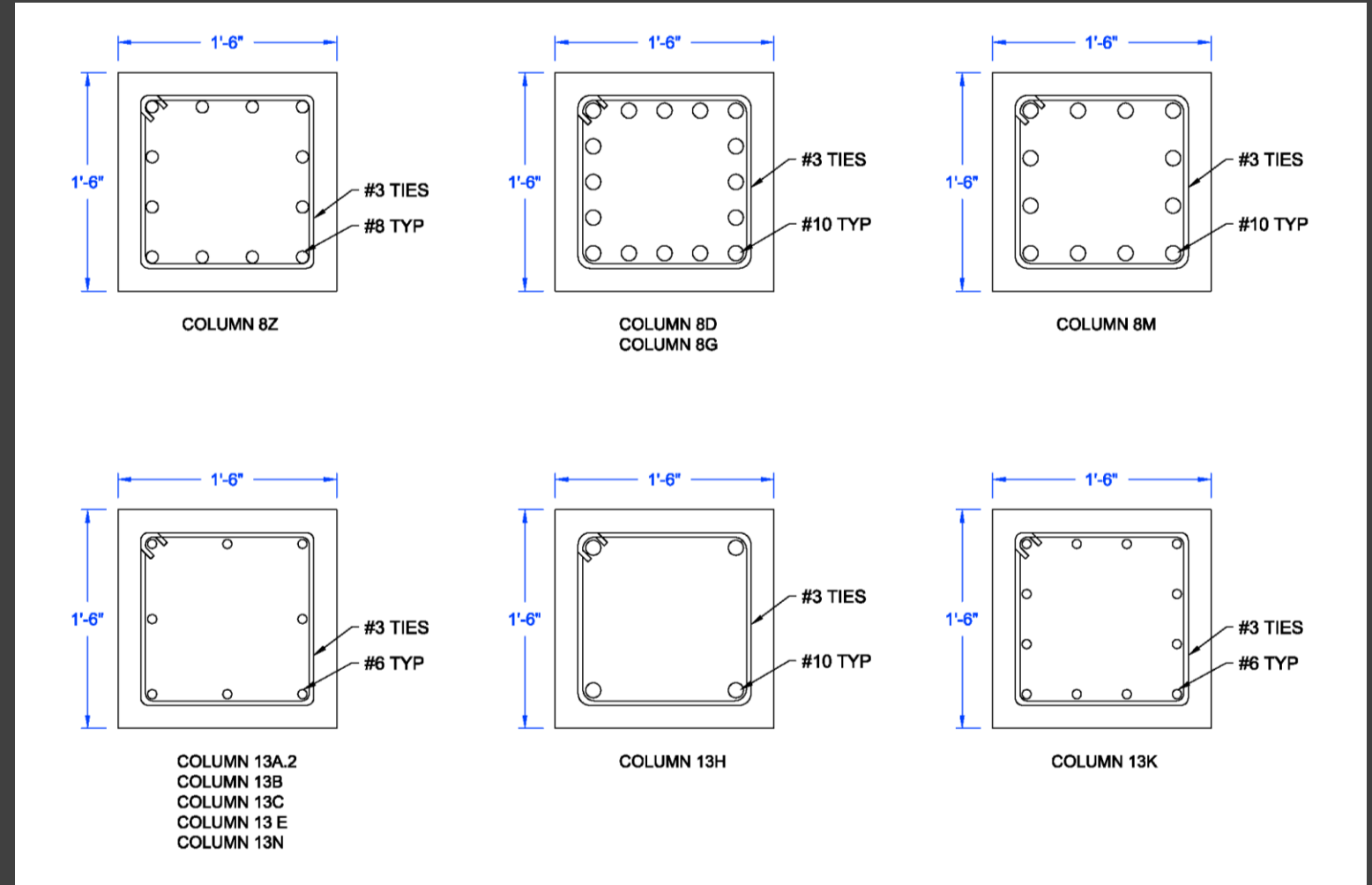


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- Both wind and seismic forces were calculated per ASCE7-10
  - Wind controlled
- Using spColumn, 18"x18" columns were designed
  - Biaxial bending was considered
- Worst case girder and joist were checked for beam-column interaction
  - Found to be adequate



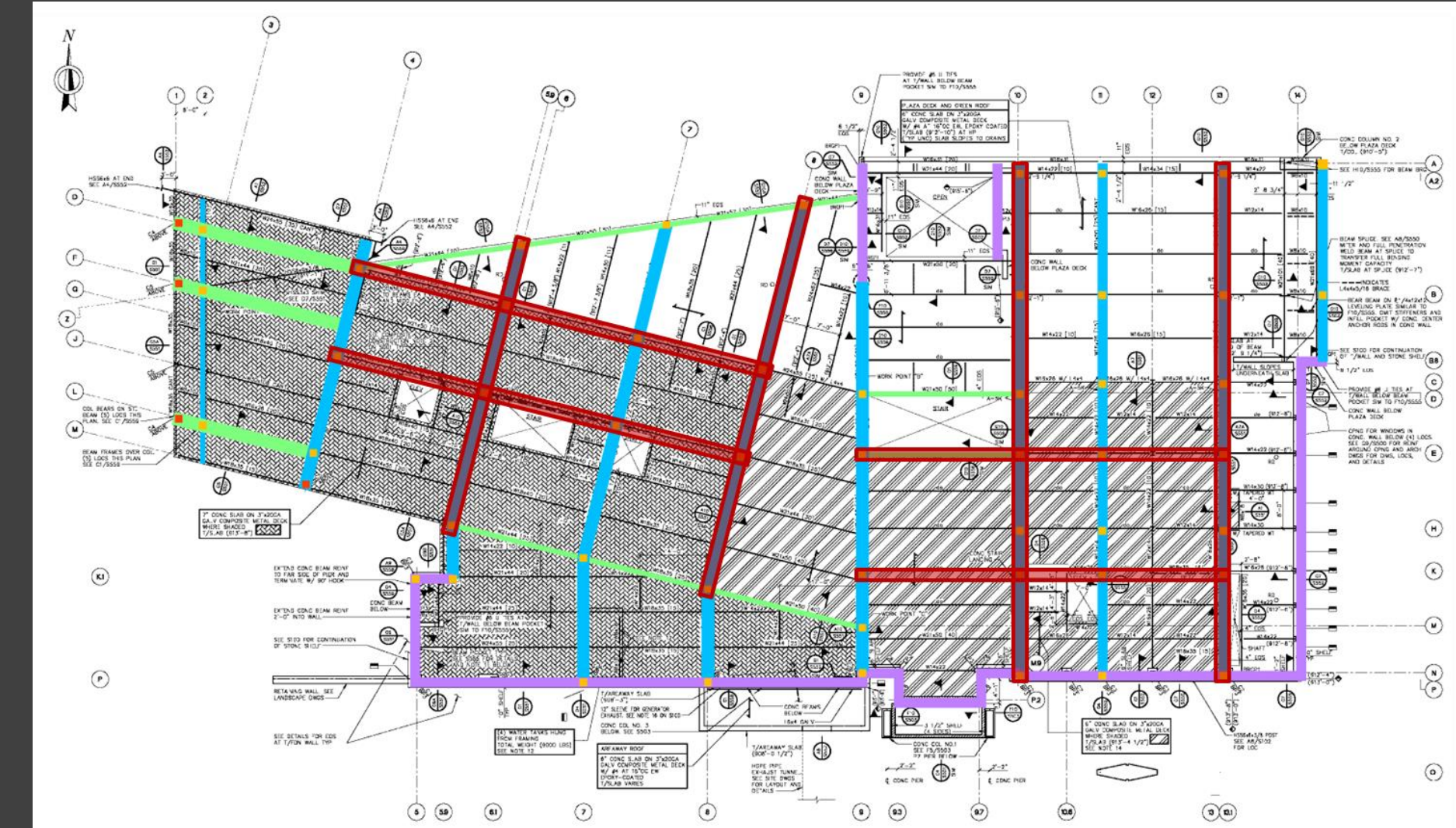
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- Analysis was done using 4 frames in both directions
  - By adding frames the system will surely be adequate
  - The gravity system of the building doubles as the lateral system

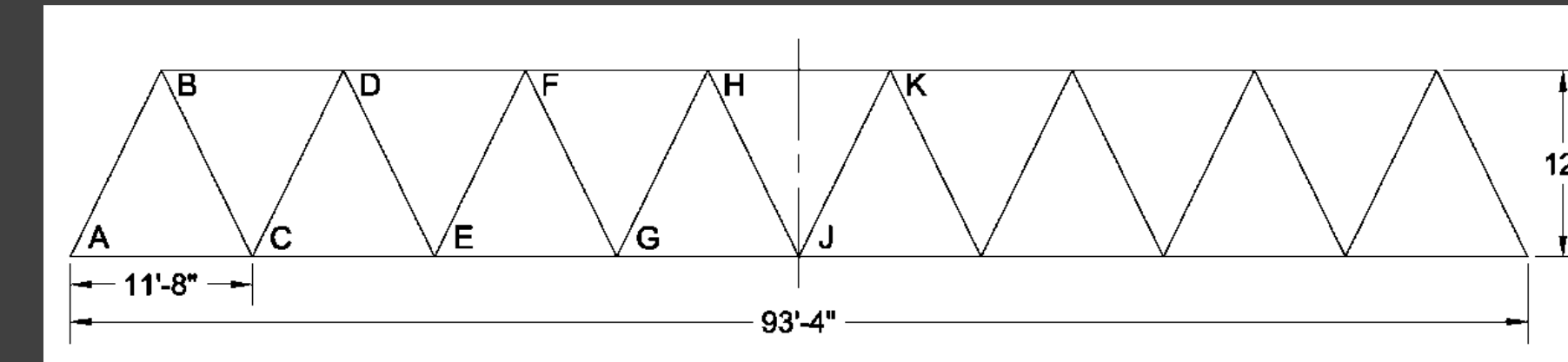


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- Sketches were produced to determine which inspiration would be used in the redesign
  - The covered bridge option was chosen
- Box truss design
- Move supports out to open up the space
- Warren Truss

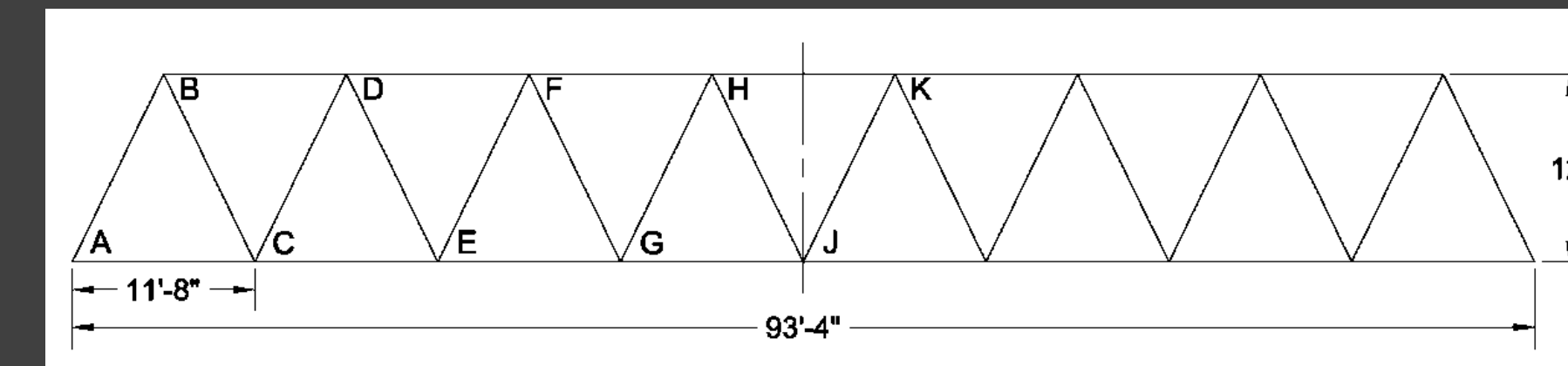


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- Only gravity loads were considered for the side trusses
- Panel point loads were determined based on layout
- Controlling Load Combinations:
  - $1.2 D + 1.6 L + 0.5 S$
  - $1.2 D + 1.6 S + L$



Loads

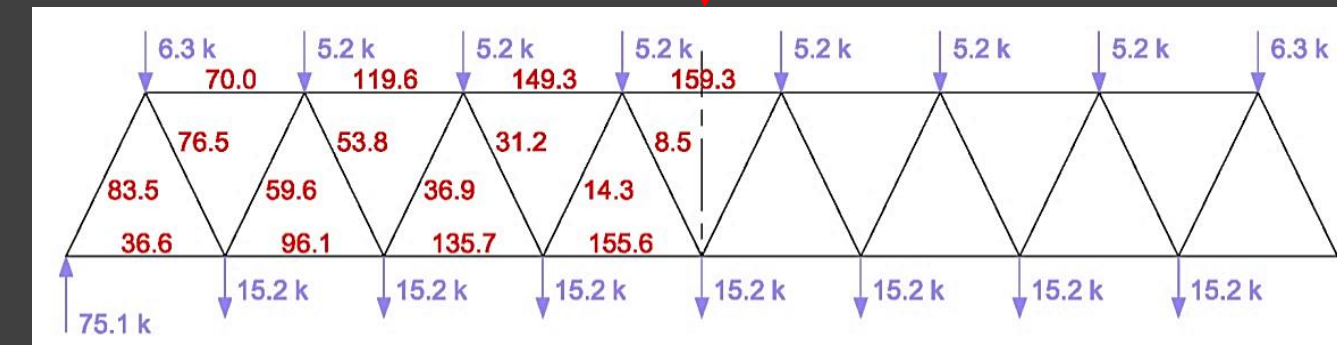
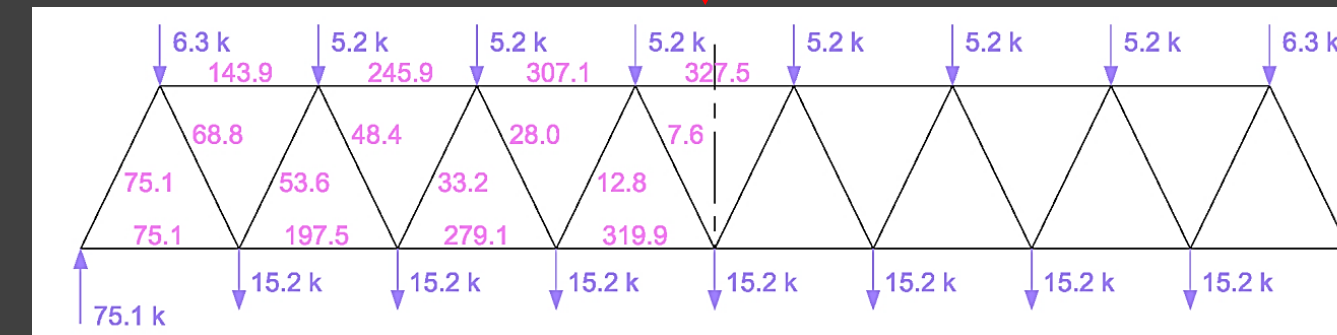
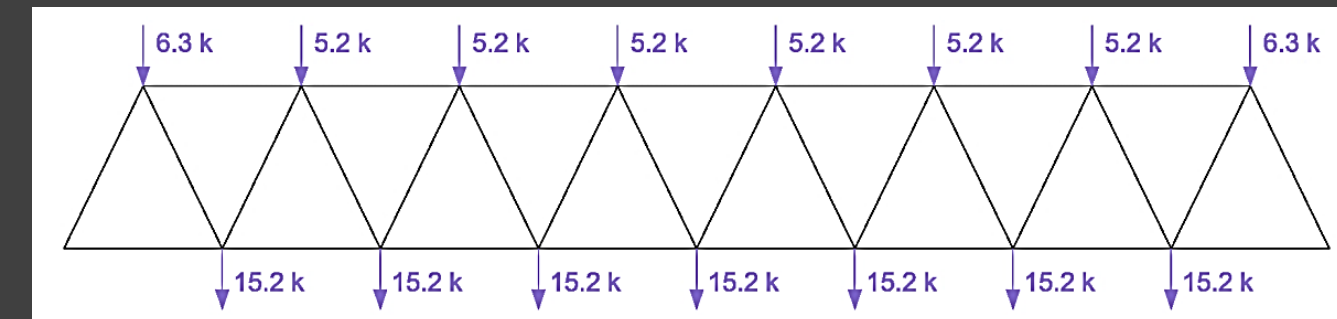
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- Indexing Method
- Loading all panel points
  - Produced worst case force in top chord, bottom chord, and far left diagonal
- Use of geometry to determine member forces
- Method of Joints to verify Indexing Method forces
  - Indexing Method is an accurate method of analysis

## Member Force Determination

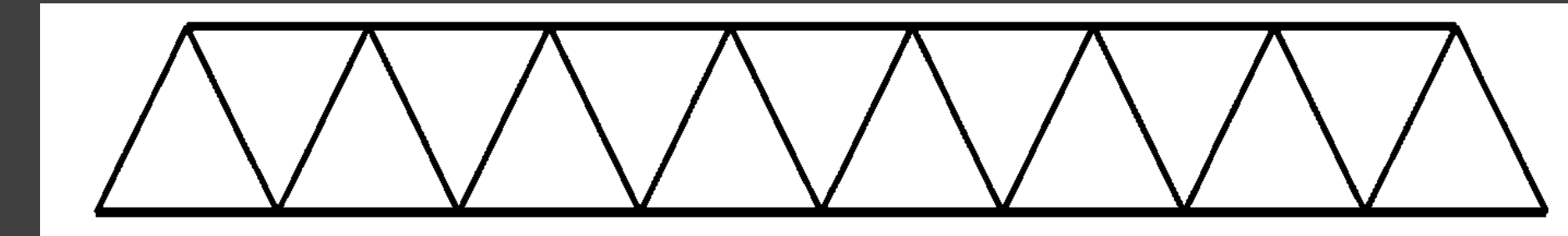
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- Steel Manual Tables
  - Table 4-4 for top chord and diagonal compression members
  - Table 5-5 for bottom chord tension member

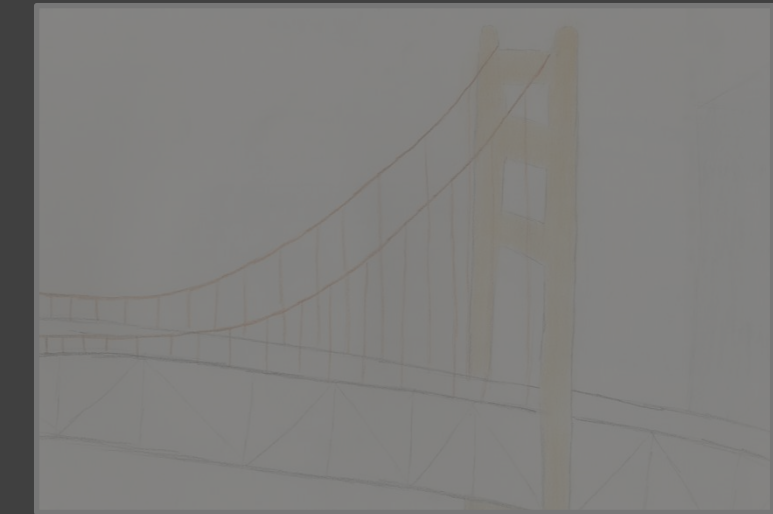
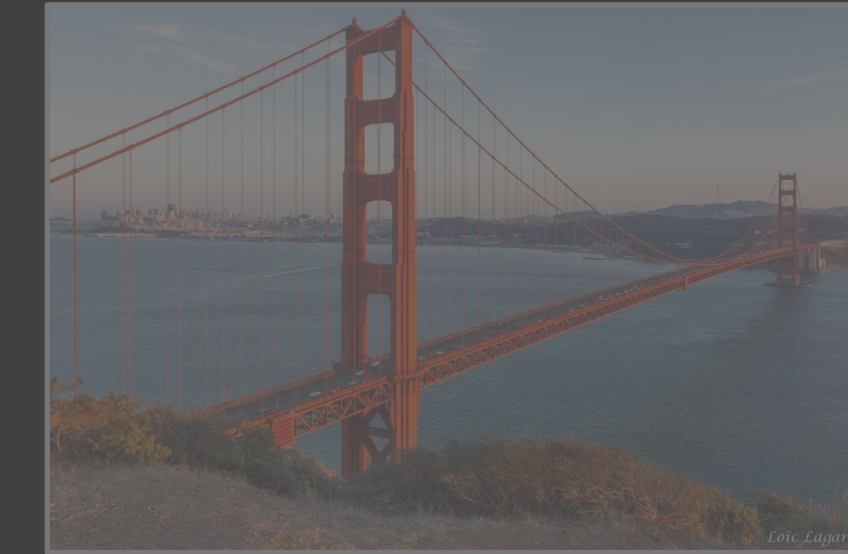


Top Chord: HSS7x7x $\frac{1}{4}$   
Bottom Chord: HSS7x7x $\frac{1}{4}$   
Diagonals: HSS4x4x $\frac{1}{2}$

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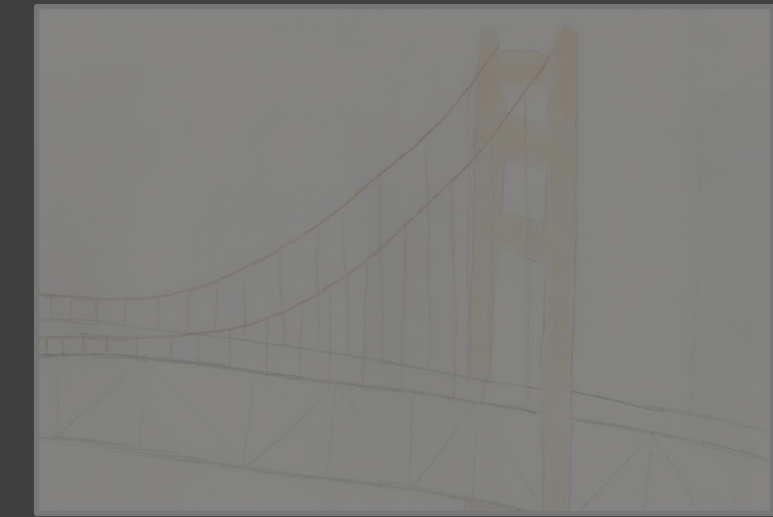
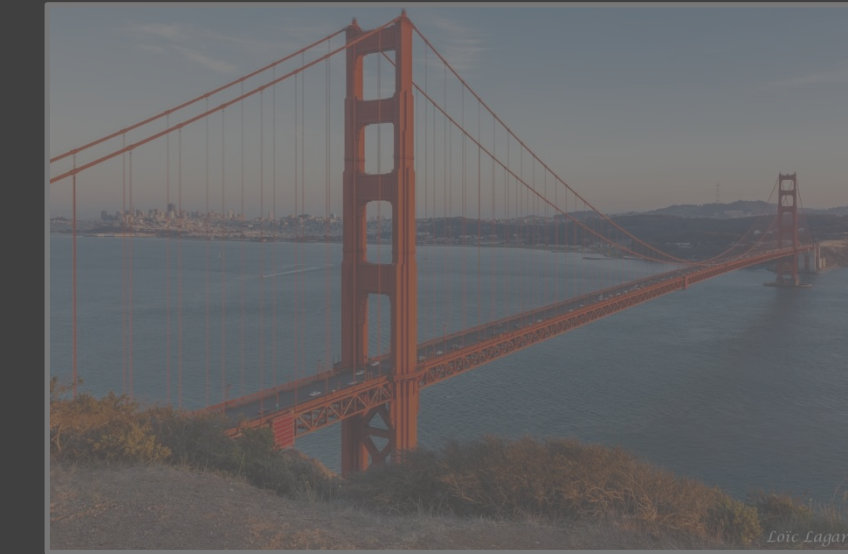


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The Golden Gate Bridge

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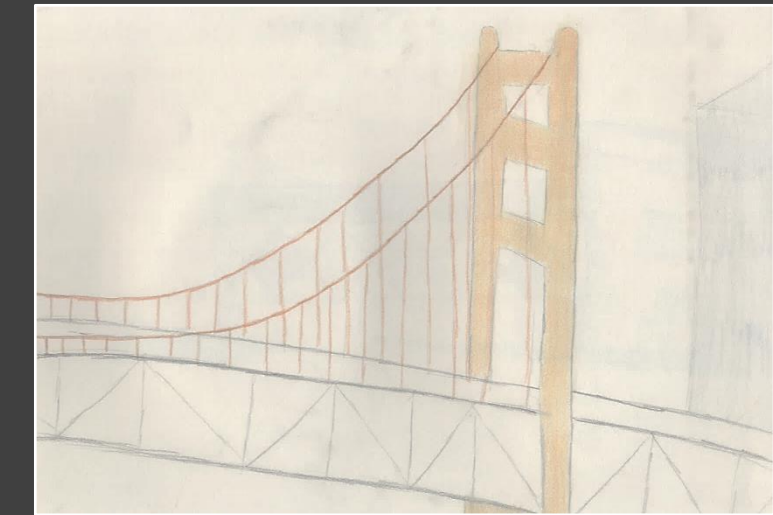


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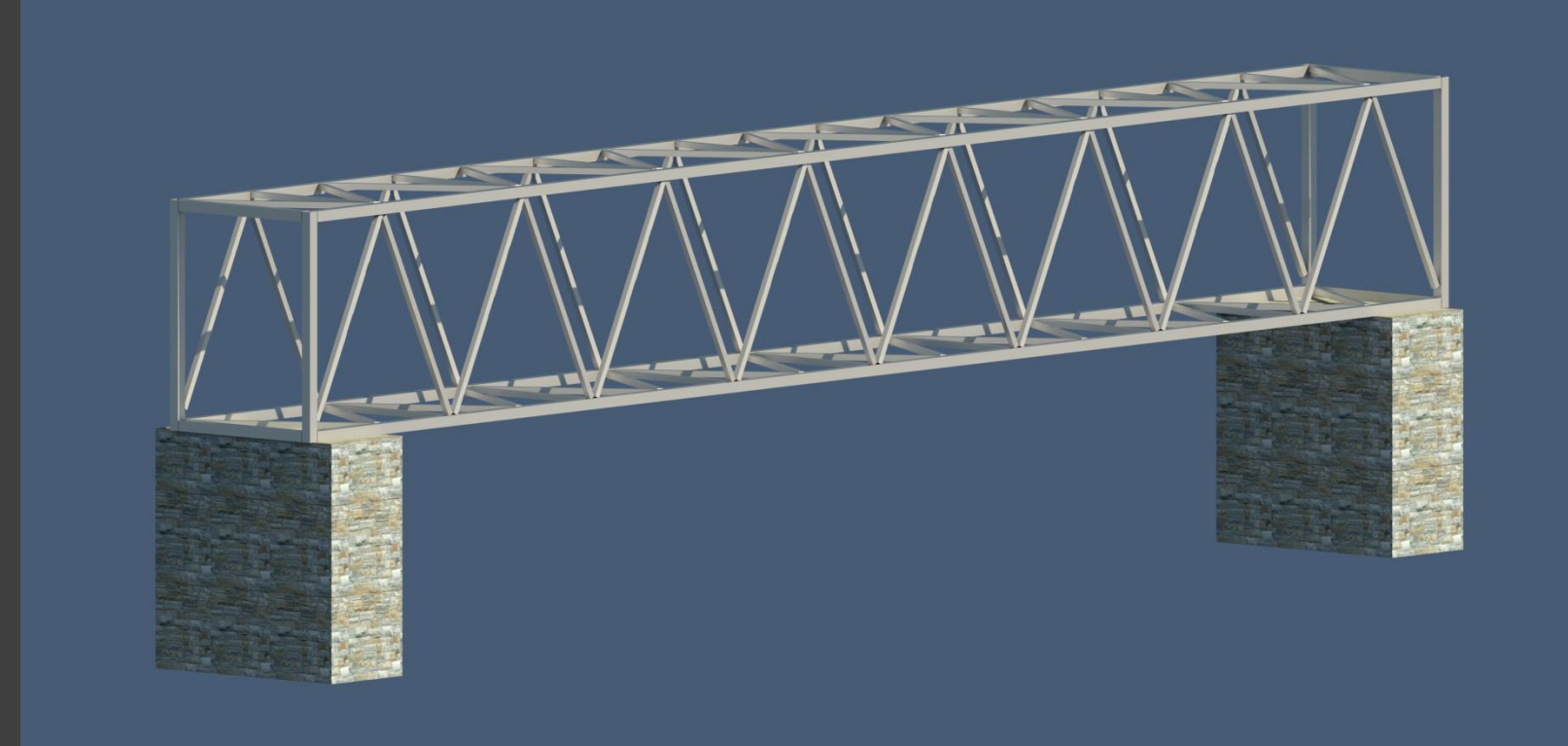


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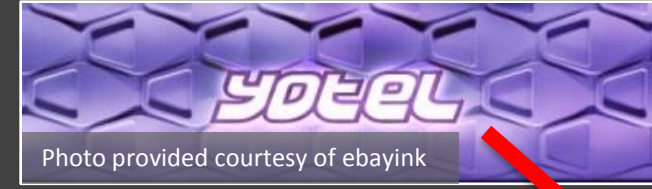


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Redesigned Bridge Façade



Existing Bridge Façade



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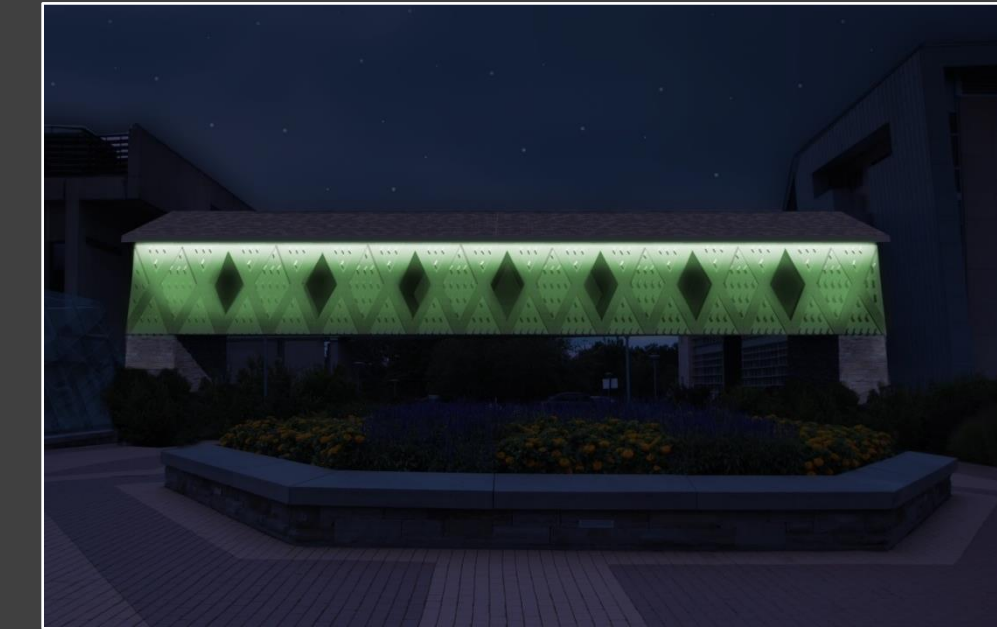
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