

# Fairfield Inn and Suites

Pittsburgh, PA



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## Presentation Outline

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### Location:

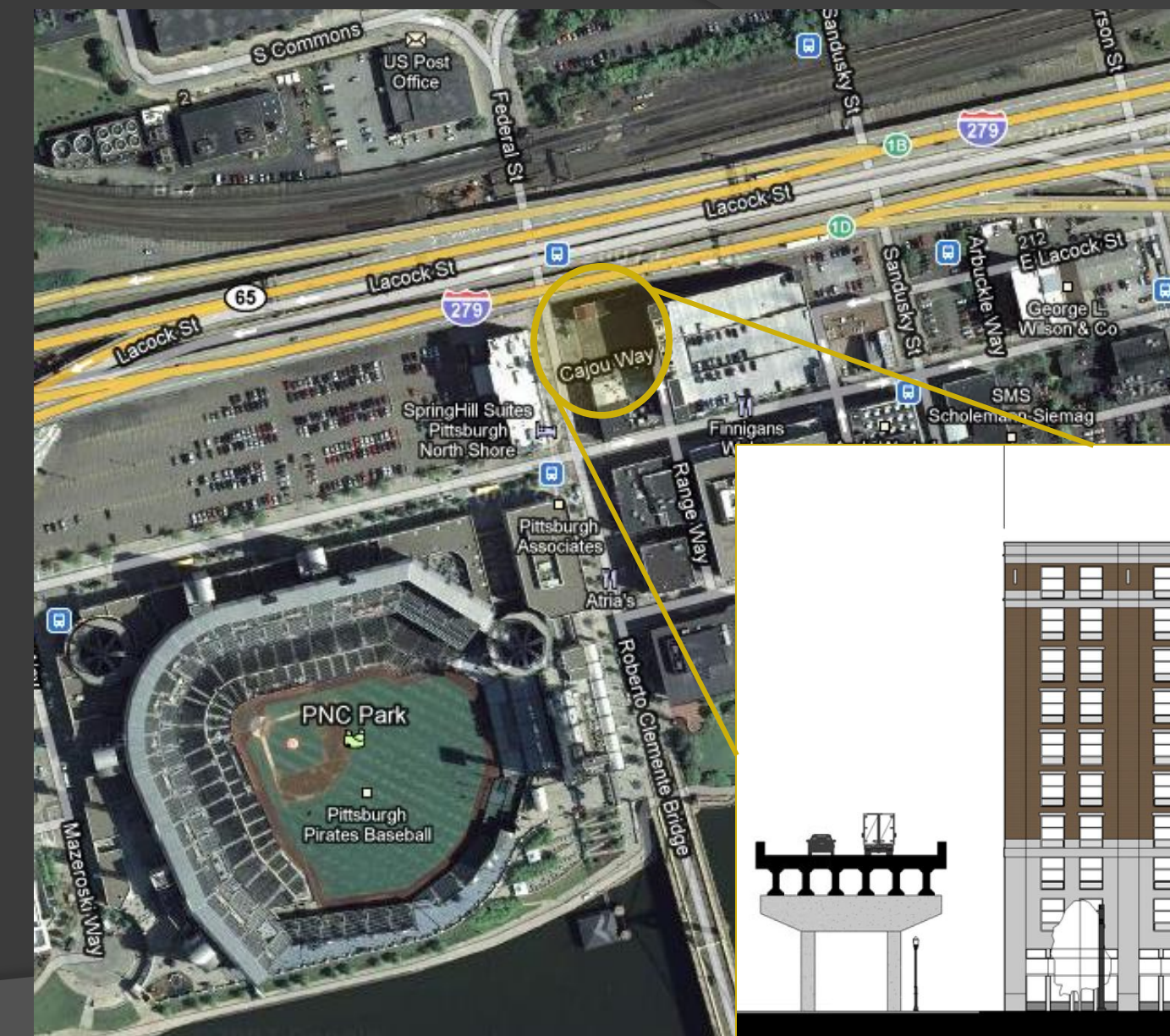
- Downtown Pittsburgh
- 228 Federal St, Pittsburgh, PA

### Building Statistics:

- Occupancy - Hotel
- Size – 80,000 SF
- Stories – 10 stories above grade + 1 story below grade

### Project Cost:

- \$19 million



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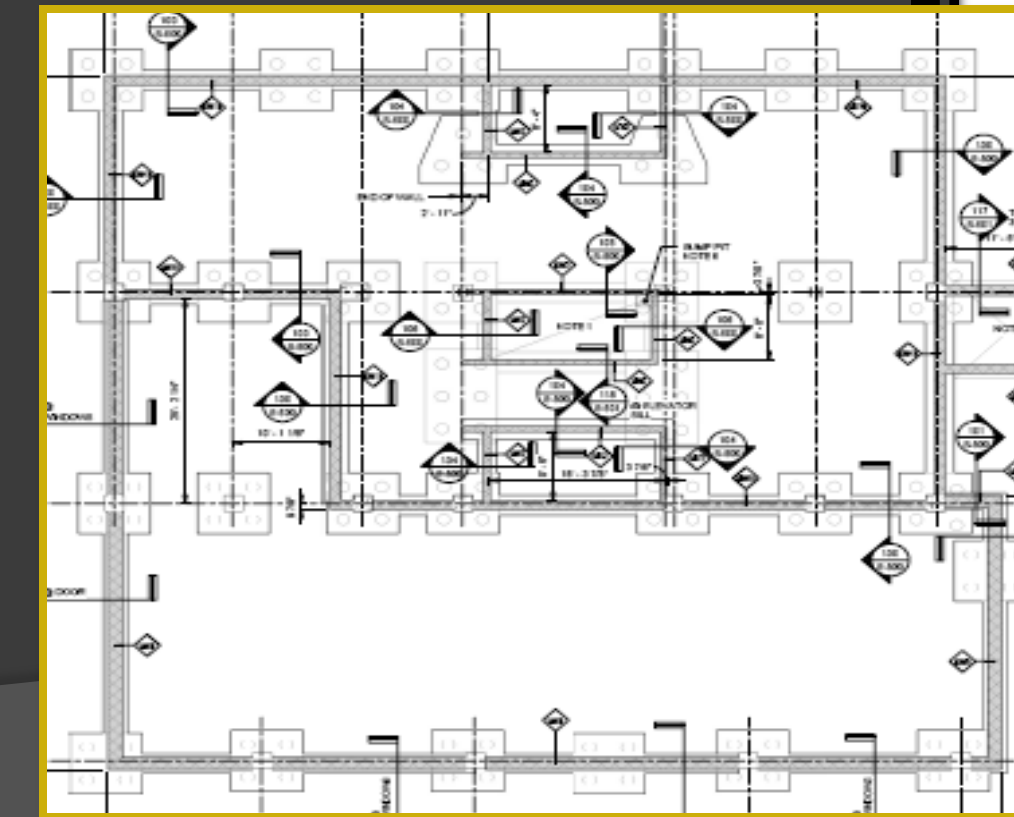
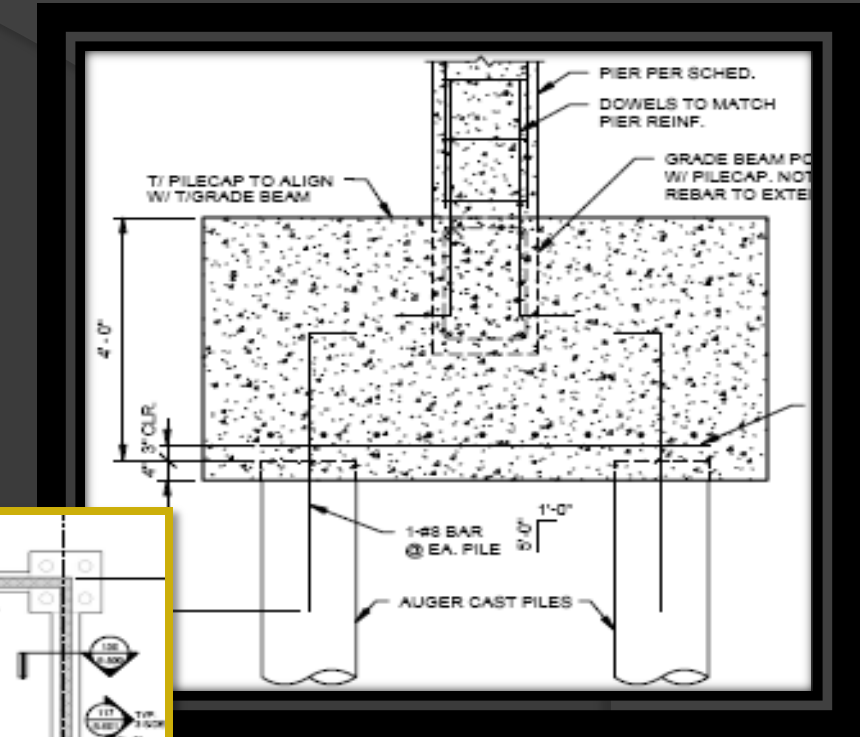
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## Existing Structural System

### Foundation:

- Auger Cast Piles
  - 16" diameter
  - Topped by concrete pilecaps
  - Support 24"x24" reinforced concrete piers
- Grade Beams
  - 36" to 48" depth
  - Run between pilecaps



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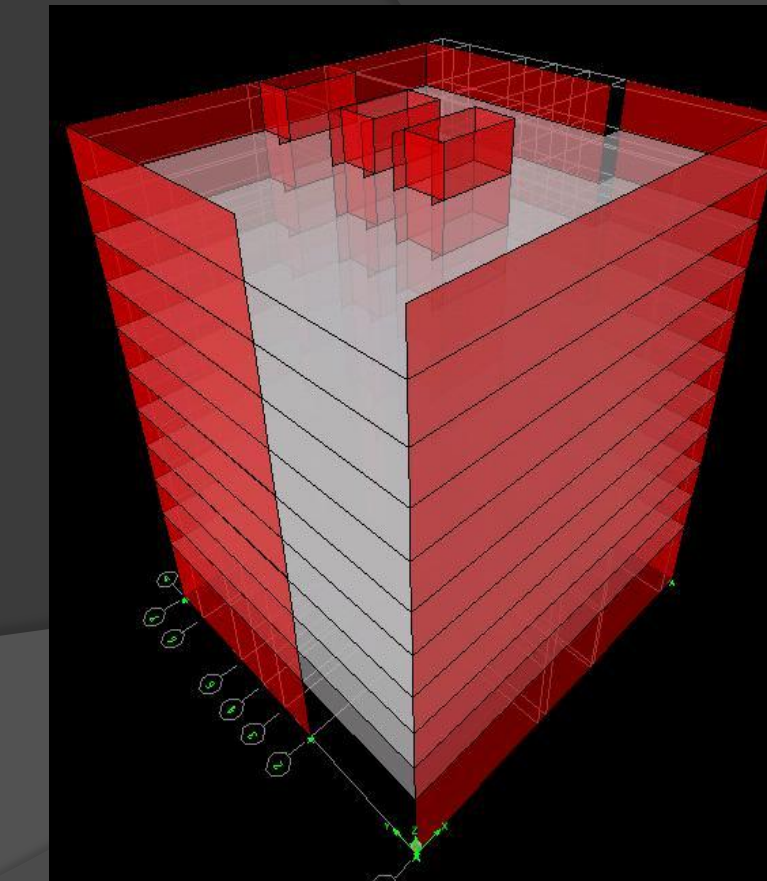
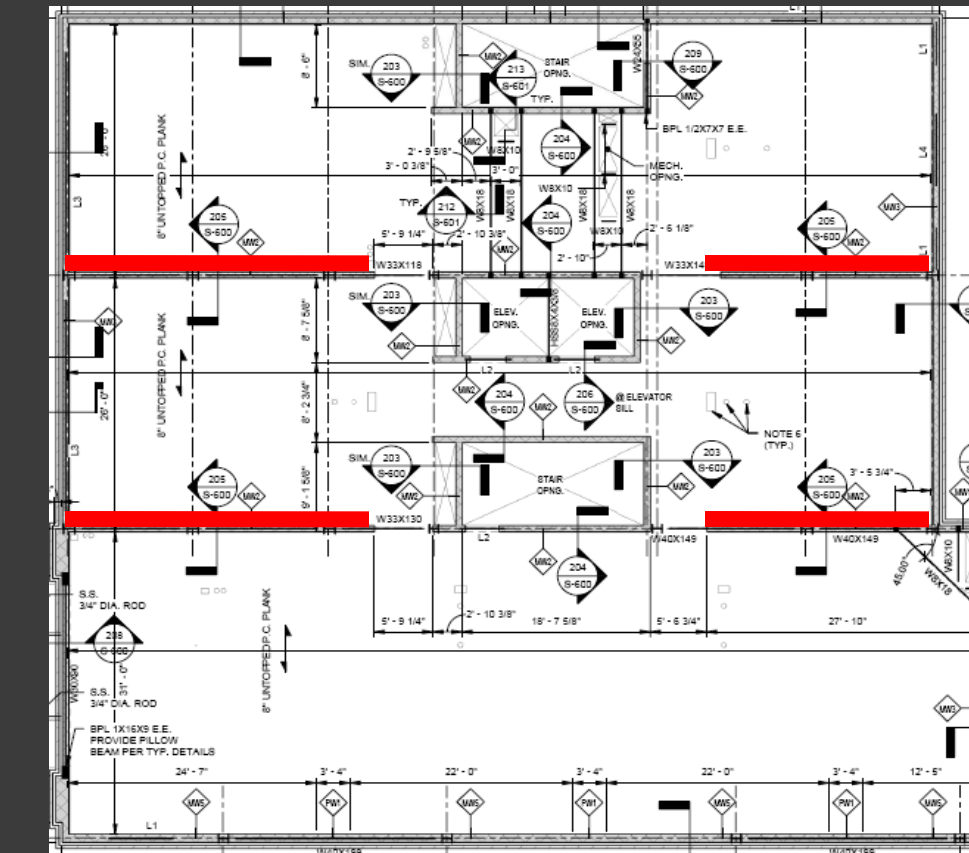
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### Gravity System:

- Typically 8" precast concrete plank floor
- Concrete masonry load bearing walls
- Transfer Beams
- Columns supporting lobby

### Lateral Force Resisting System:

- Concrete masonry shear walls
  - 10" thick walls around perimeter
  - 8" thick walls in core



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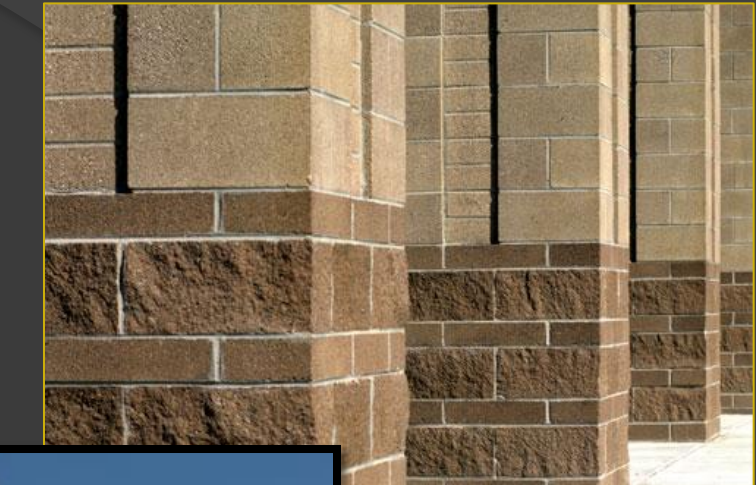
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### Problem Statement

- Building Weight
  - Poor Soil Site
  - Load bearing walls
  - High base shear value

### Problem Solution

- Design lighter structural system
  - Steel Moment Frames
  - Core CMU shear walls





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#### Structural Depth Study:

- Reduce overall building weight by redesigning gravity system
- Optimize the lateral force resisting system
- Foundation check

#### Façade Breadth Study:

- Effect of steel frame on façade

#### Construction Management Breadth Study:

- Impact on construction schedule and cost



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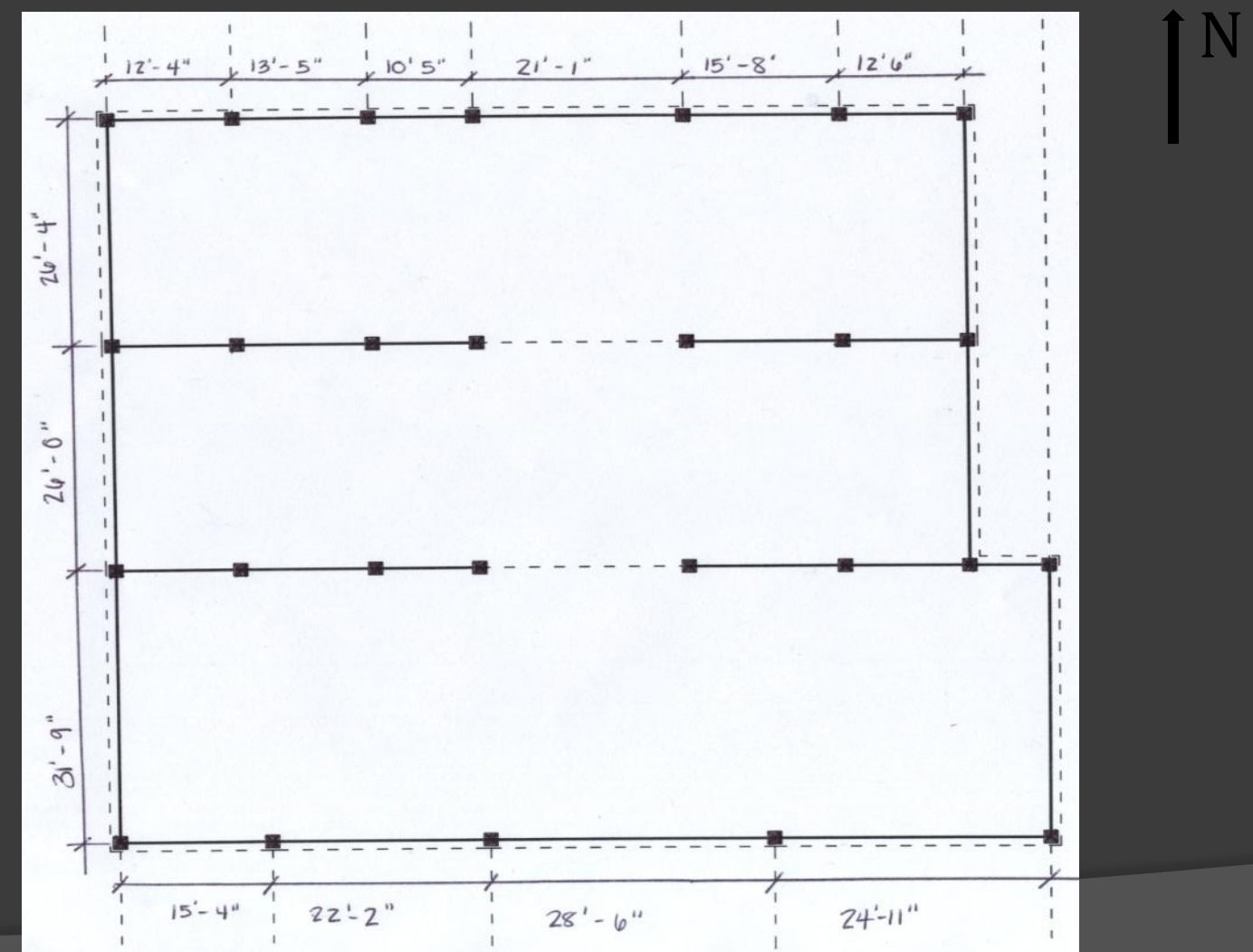
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## Framing Plan

- Moment frames span E-W
- Frames spaced at 26' and 31'
- Columns kept at existing locations
- Columns added around the perimeter

## Design Loads

ASCE 7-05

Live load values

Superimposed load values

Snow loads

Controlling Load Combination:

$$1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5Lr$$

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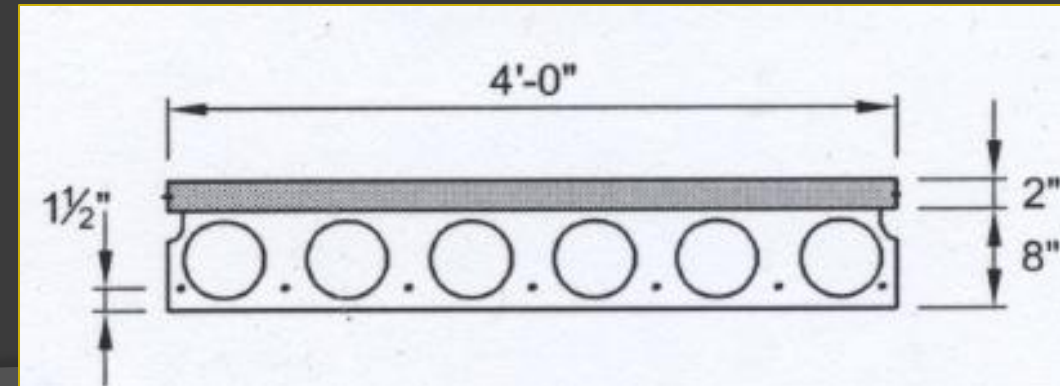
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### Hollow Core Plank Design

- Live Load = 80 psf
- Dead Load = 10 psf
- SDL = 25 psf
- Max Span = 31'-8"
- Normal weight concrete

#### Results using PCI Design Handbook:

- 78 -S
- 7 strands at 8/16" dia.



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### Beam/Girder Design Criteria

*Strength Design Criteria: ASCE 7-05 LRFD Load Combinations*

1.4D

1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5(L<sub>r</sub> or S)

1.2D + 1.6L<sub>r</sub> + 0.5L

*Serviceability Criteria: Deflection*

Non-Composite:

Dead Load .....1/360

Live Load .....1/360

Total Load .....1/240

*Economy Criteria: Camber*

do NOT camber: Beams that are less than 25ft

Beams that requires less than ¾" of camber

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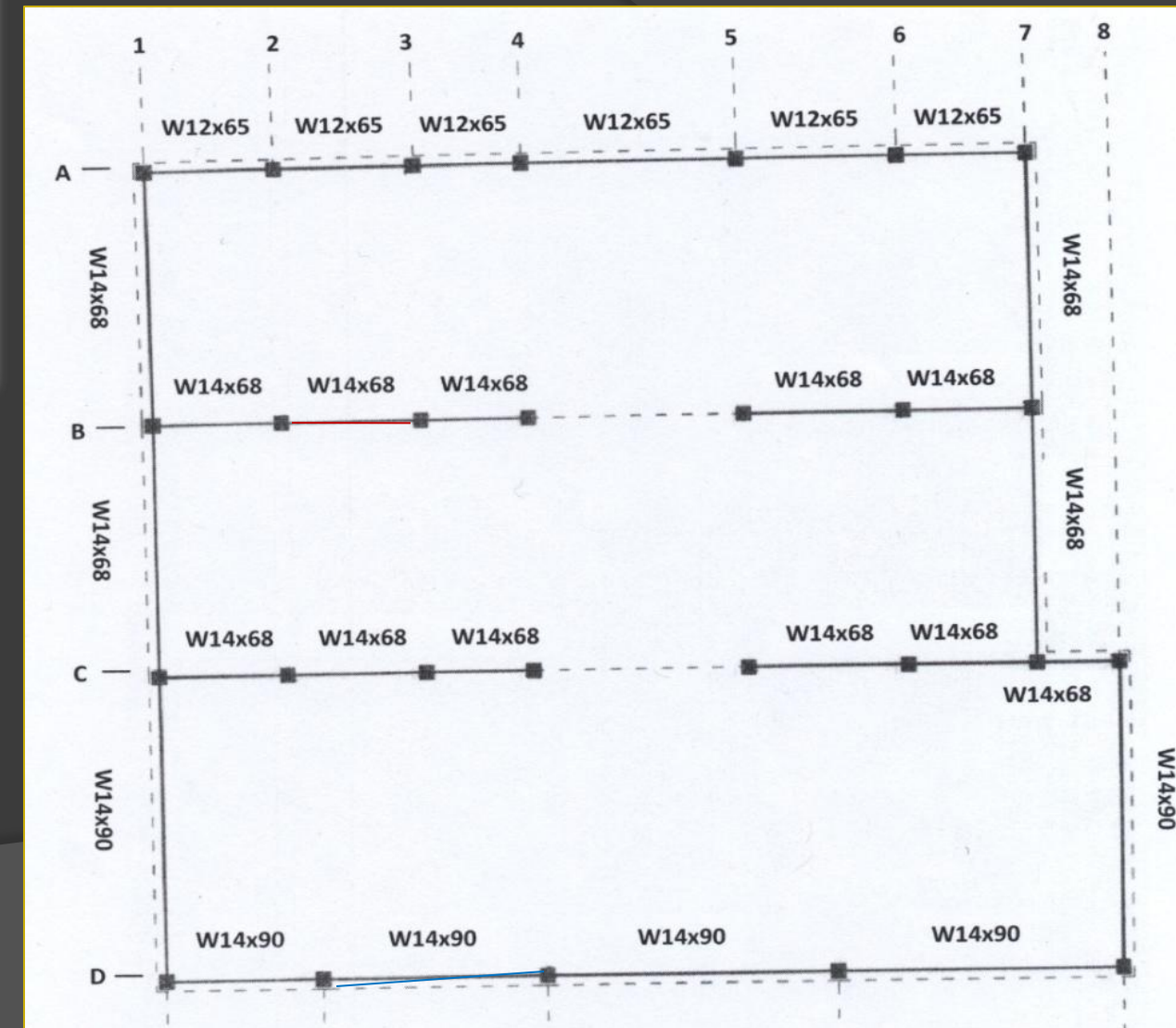
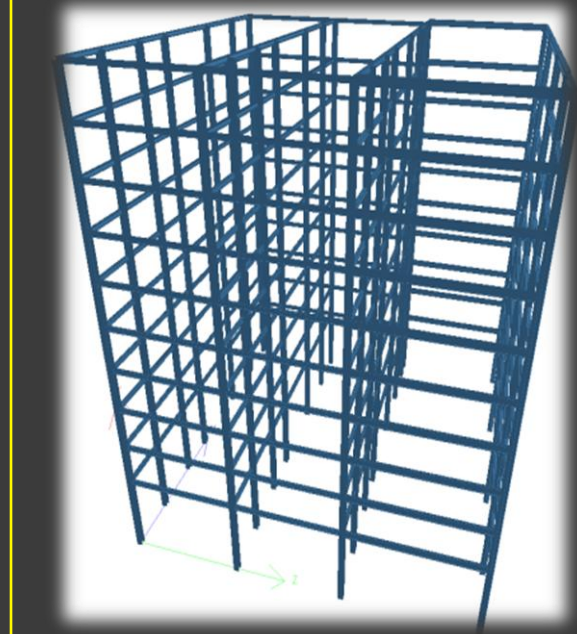
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## Beam/Girder Design

Optimal members were designed with Staad and checked by hand calculations

Example: Typical Girders

| Member          | Size    | Length (ft.) | Hand Calc. $M_u$ (ft-k) | Staad $M_u$ (ft-k) | $\phi M_n$ (ft-k) |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Interior Girder | W 14x68 | 13.42        | 180                     | 187                | 390               |
| Exterior Girder | W 14x90 | 15.83        | 271                     | 302                | 520               |



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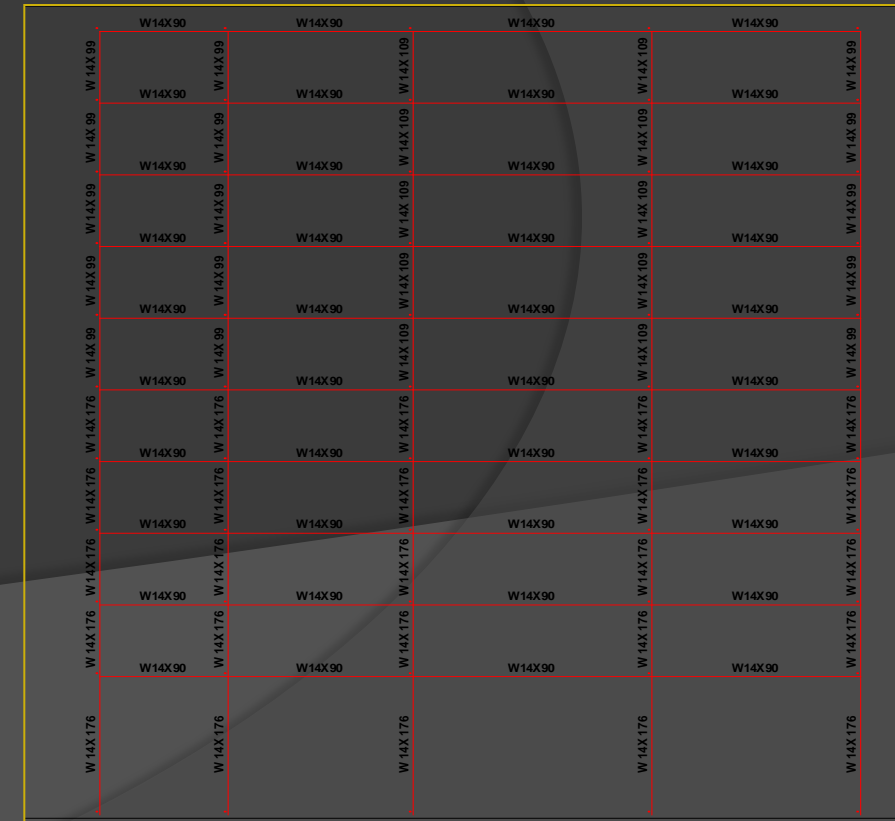
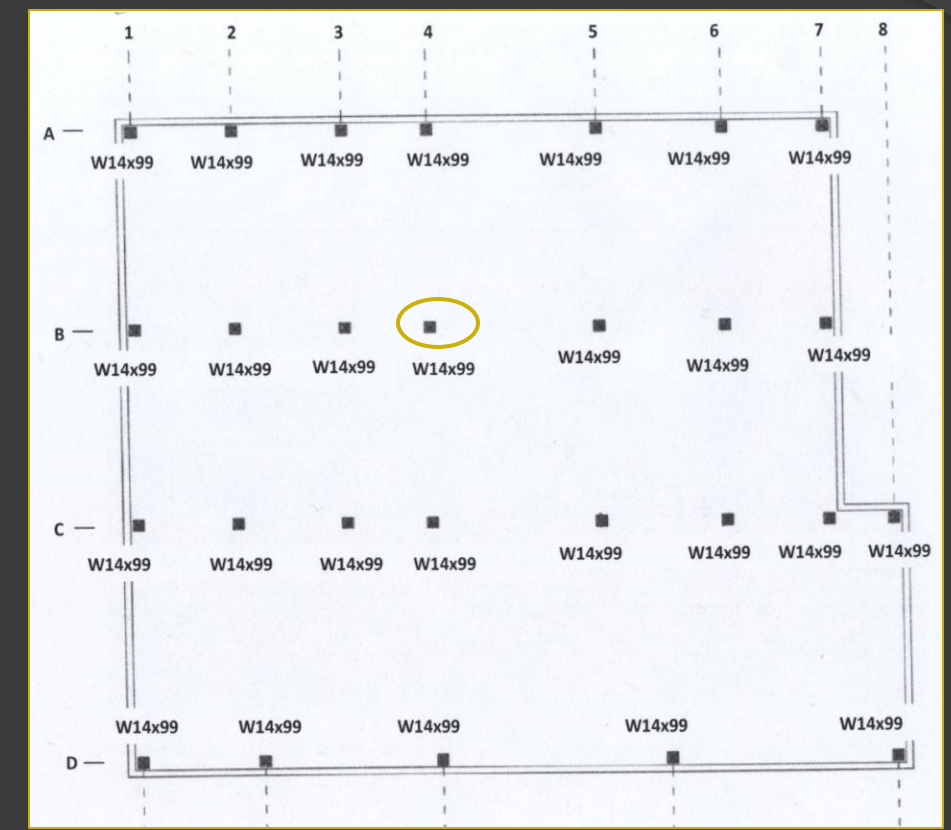
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### Column Design

- Columns resist gravity loads only
  - Levels 1 - 5: W14x176
  - Levels 6-10: W14x99
- Columns spliced at 5<sup>th</sup> story

| Floor | Size    | KL (ft) | Hand Calc. $P_u$ (k) | Staad $P_u$ (k) | $\phi P_n$ (k) |
|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1     | W14x176 | 18      | 753                  | 780             | 1890           |
| 6     | W14x99  | 12      | 367                  | 380             | 1210           |

Optimal members were determined by Staad and checked with hand calculations

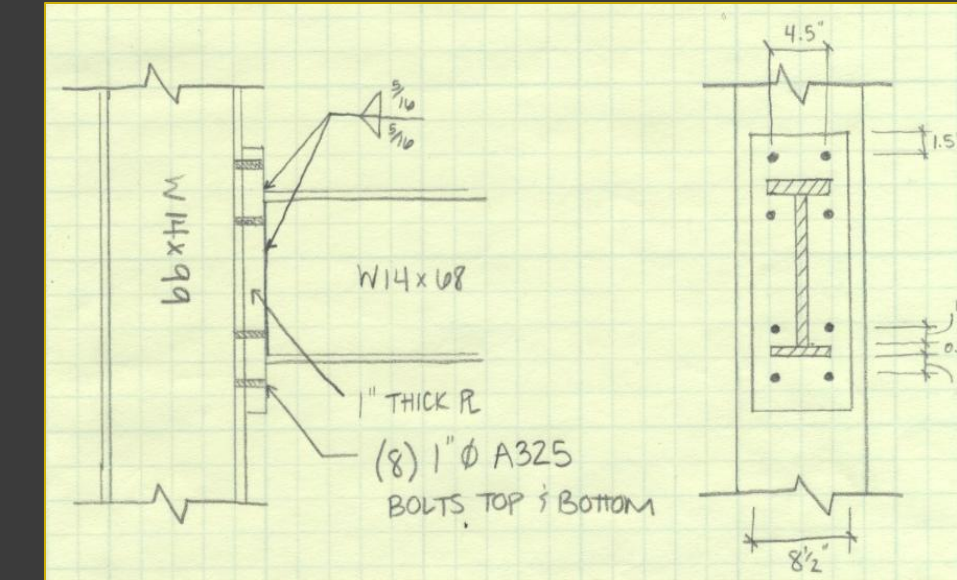


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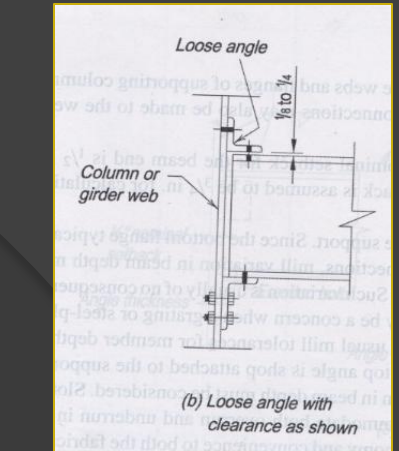
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### Connection Design

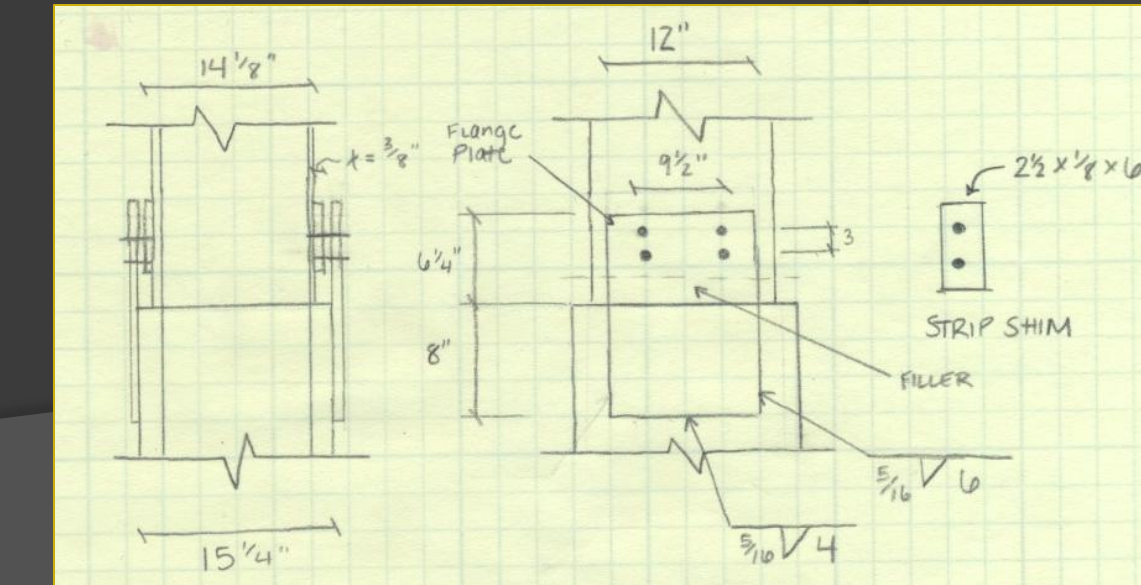
- Moment Frame Connection
  - 4 bolt unstiffened extended end plate
  - beam – column flange
- Seated Connection
  - all bolt unstiffened
  - beam – column web
- Column Splice Connection
  - bolted and welded
- Column base plate



Moment Connection



Seated Connection  
L 4x4x1/4 w/ 7/8" bolts



Column Splice Connection



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### Impact on Lateral Loads

- Seismic Loads control both directions
  - 31% decrease

|                        | Original Building Design | New Building Design |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Building Weight</b> | 16679 lbs                | 11359 lbs           |
| <b>Base Shear</b>      | 583.5 kips               | 397.6 kips          |
| <b>Total Moment</b>    | 40116 ft-kips            | 27962 ft-kips       |

- Controlling Load Combination
  - $0.9D + 1.0E$

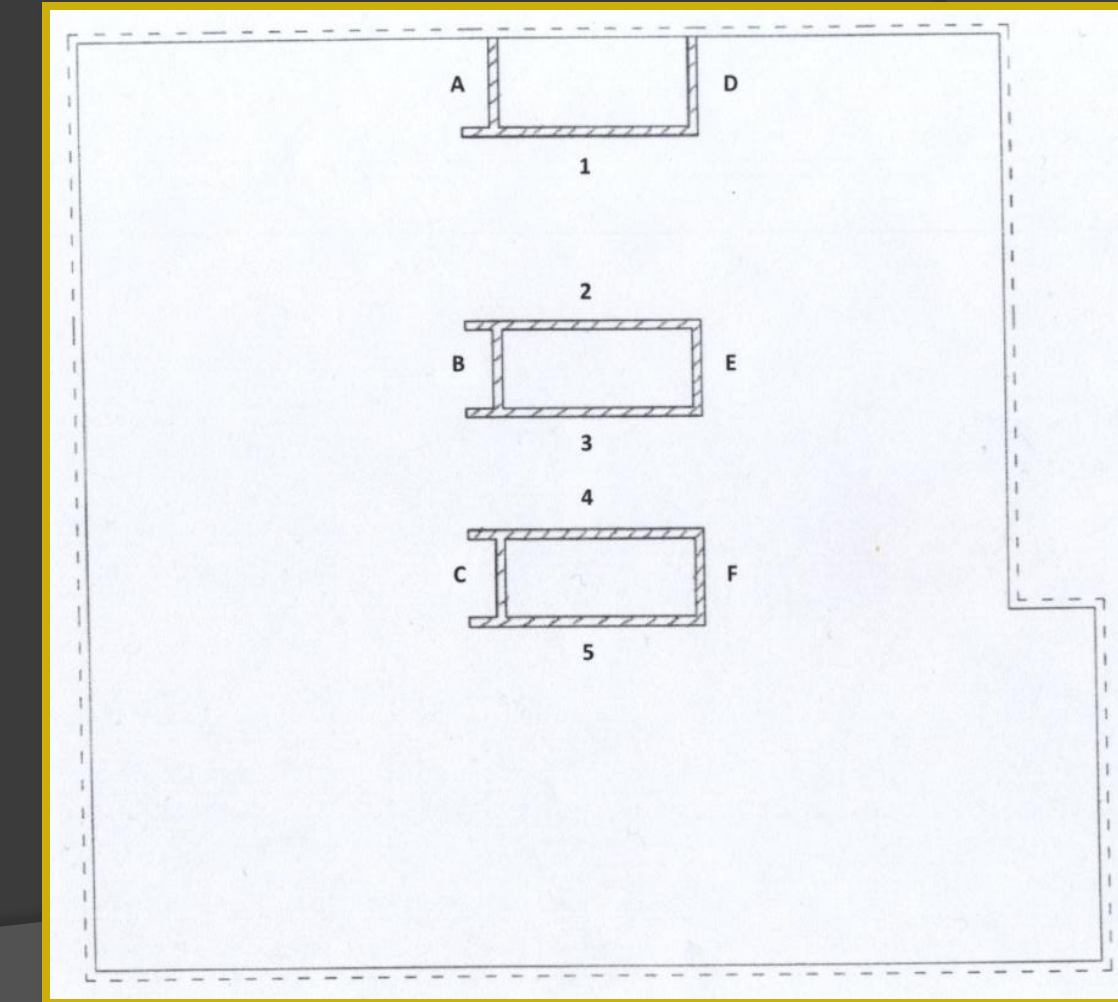
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### Shear Wall Design

- Shear wall layout
- Preliminary shear wall thickness = 10"

| Wall A | Wall B       | Wall C | Wall D | Wall E       | Wall F |
|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 0.000  | 0.111        | 0.097  | 0.000  | 0.111        | 0.097  |
| 0.965  | 1.537        | 1.341  | 0.965  | 1.537        | 1.341  |
| 1.842  | 2.936        | 2.562  | 1.842  | 2.936        | 2.562  |
| 2.604  | 4.150        | 3.622  | 2.604  | 4.150        | 3.622  |
| 3.255  | 5.186        | 4.526  | 3.255  | 5.186        | 4.526  |
| 3.798  | 6.051        | 5.281  | 3.798  | 6.051        | 5.281  |
| 4.239  | 6.754        | 5.895  | 4.239  | 6.754        | 5.895  |
| 4.584  | 7.304        | 6.374  | 4.584  | 7.304        | 6.374  |
| 3.827  | 6.098        | 5.322  | 3.827  | 6.098        | 5.322  |
| 3.963  | 6.315        | 5.511  | 3.963  | 6.315        | 5.511  |
| 4.041  | <b>6.439</b> | 5.620  | 4.041  | <b>6.439</b> | 5.620  |



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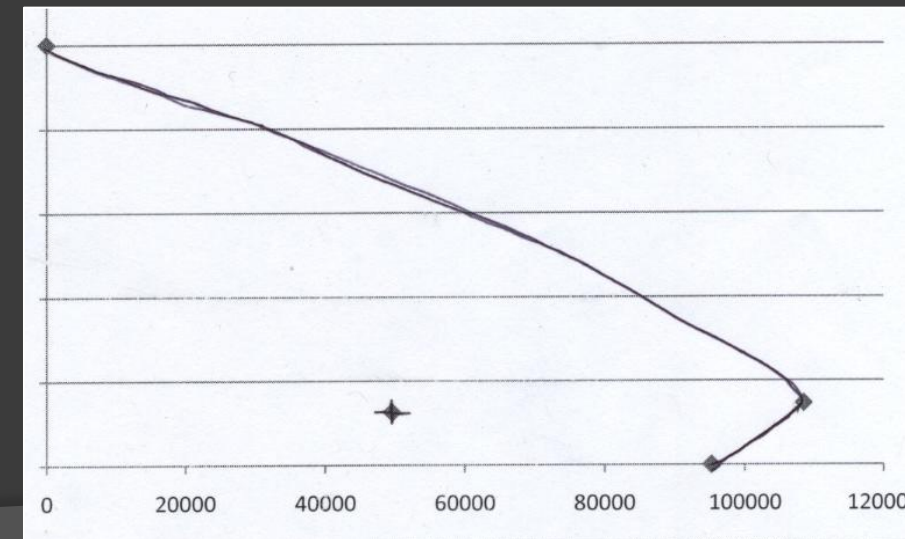
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### Shear Wall Design

- Reinforcing:
  - axial + flexural strength
  - No horizontal shear reinforcement
  - Vertical: #5 bars @ 8", 16" & 32" O.C

- Interaction Diagram



Shear Wall Design: Wall 2

| Bar Size | Area |
|----------|------|
| 3        | 0.11 |
| 4        | 0.2  |
| 5        | 0.31 |
| 6        | 0.44 |
| 7        | 0.6  |
| 8        | 0.79 |

**Required Vertical Shear Reinforcing**

$$\rho_{t \min} = A_v / (s \cdot h) = 0.0025$$

$$A_{v \text{ req'd}} = 0.40 \text{ in}^2$$

$A_v = 0.62 > 0.40$  OKAY

| Flexural<br>$\Phi M_n$ (k-ft) | Axial+Flexural Strength |                   | Vertical Shear |            |             |              |           |                       |                    |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                               | $\Phi P_n$ (k)          | $\Phi M_n$ (k-ft) | $M_n$ (k-ft)   | $V_u$ (k)  | $< V_n$ (k) | $A_v/s$      | Spacing   | $A_{v, \text{req'd}}$ | Design Reinf.      | $A_v$       |
| 6                             | 42                      | 22                | 26             | 3          | 296         | 0.000        | 16        | 0.00                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 88                            | 124                     | 306               | 333            | 41         | 296         | 0.004        | 16        | 0.06                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 243                           | 202                     | 850               | 908            | 78         | 296         | 0.007        | 16        | 0.11                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 462                           | 279                     | 1618              | 1724           | 110        | 296         | 0.009        | 16        | 0.15                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 736                           | 355                     | 2577              | 2753           | 137        | 296         | 0.012        | 16        | 0.19                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 1056                          | 430                     | 3696              | 3965           | 161        | 296         | 0.014        | 16        | 0.22                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 1413                          | 502                     | 4947              | 5334           | 181        | 296         | 0.015        | 16        | 0.24                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 1799                          | 573                     | 6298              | 6831           | 196        | 296         | 0.017        | 16        | 0.27                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 2207                          | 643                     | 7726              | 8433           | 209        | 296         | 0.018        | 16        | 0.28                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| 2641                          | 711                     | 9242              | 10151          | 217        | 296         | 0.018        | 16        | 0.29                  | (2) #5 bars        | 0.62        |
| <b>3459</b>                   | <b>801</b>              | <b>12107</b>      | <b>13413</b>   | <b>224</b> | <b>296</b>  | <b>0.019</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>0.30</b>           | <b>(2) #5 bars</b> | <b>0.62</b> |

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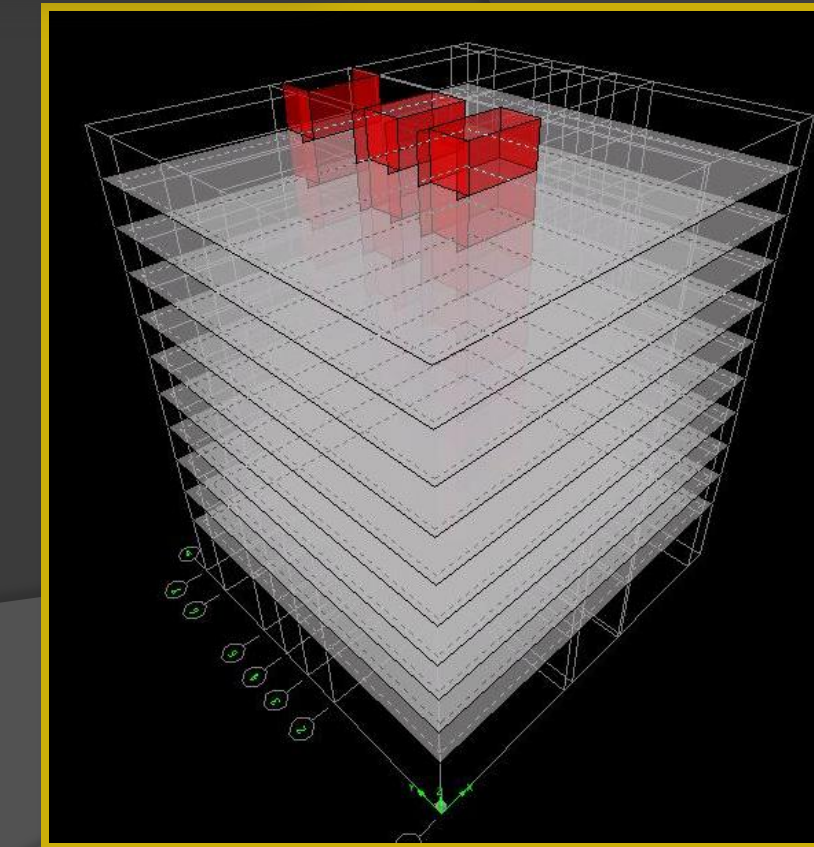
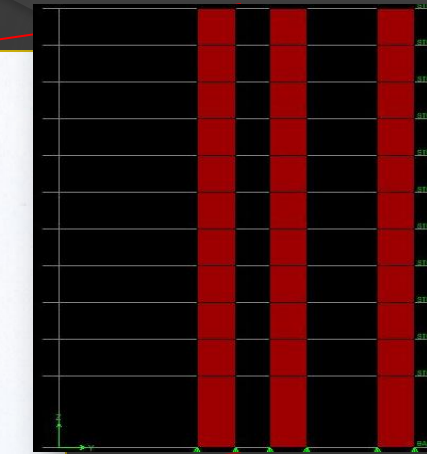
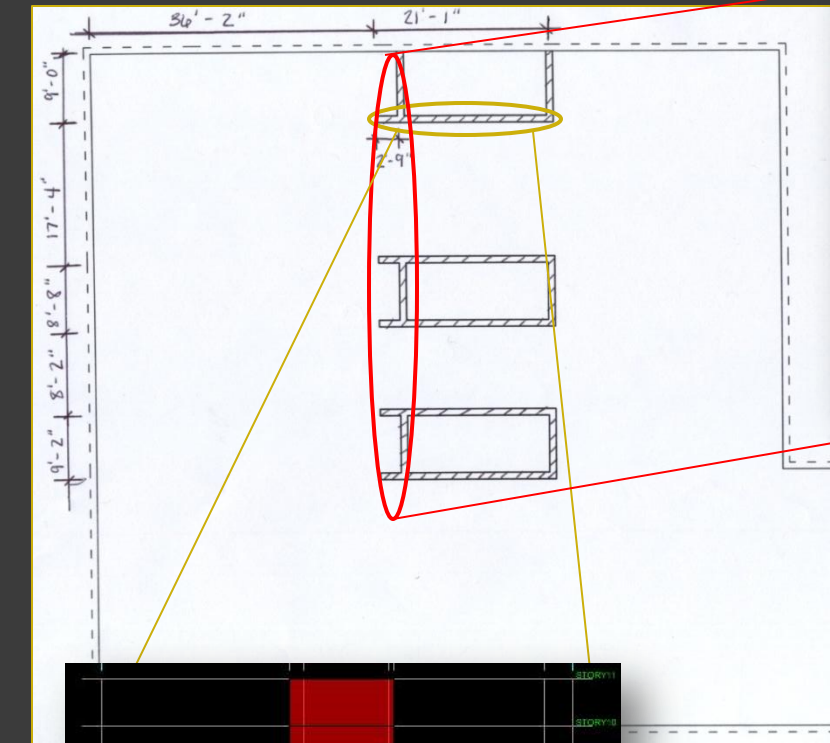
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### Optimization Study

- Modified shear walls
  - Thicker walls
  - Additional reinforcement

### ETABS Model

- Assumptions:
  - Shear wall take full lateral loads
  - Floors modeled as rigid diaphragms
  - Lateral loads distributed based on relative stiffness of each wall
  - Gravity loads as additional area mass to the diaphragms



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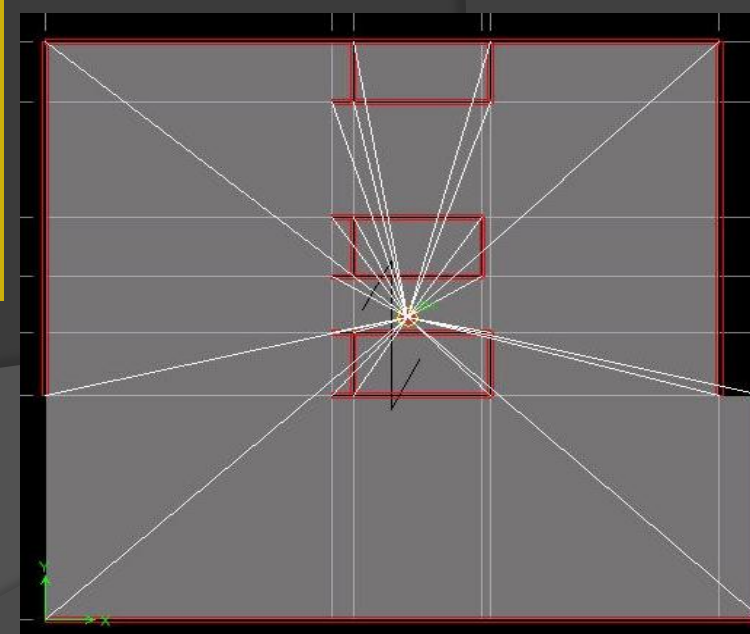
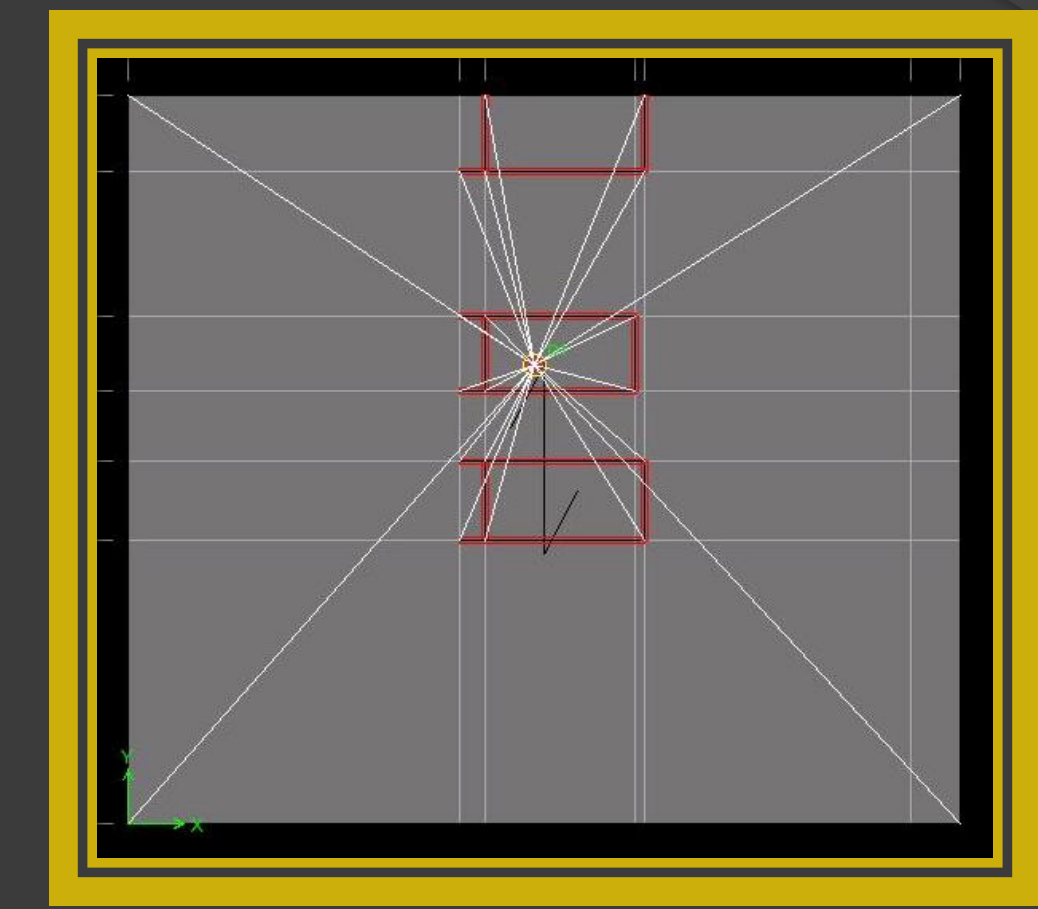
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### Optimization Study

- Shift in center of rigidities
- Increased stiffness to each shear wall
- Decreased in Overall Building Torsion

#### Overall Building Torsion

|               | Modified Design | Original Design |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| N/S Direction | 1519 ft-k       | 3346 ft-k       |
| E/W Direction | 1928 ft-k       | 2678 ft-k       |



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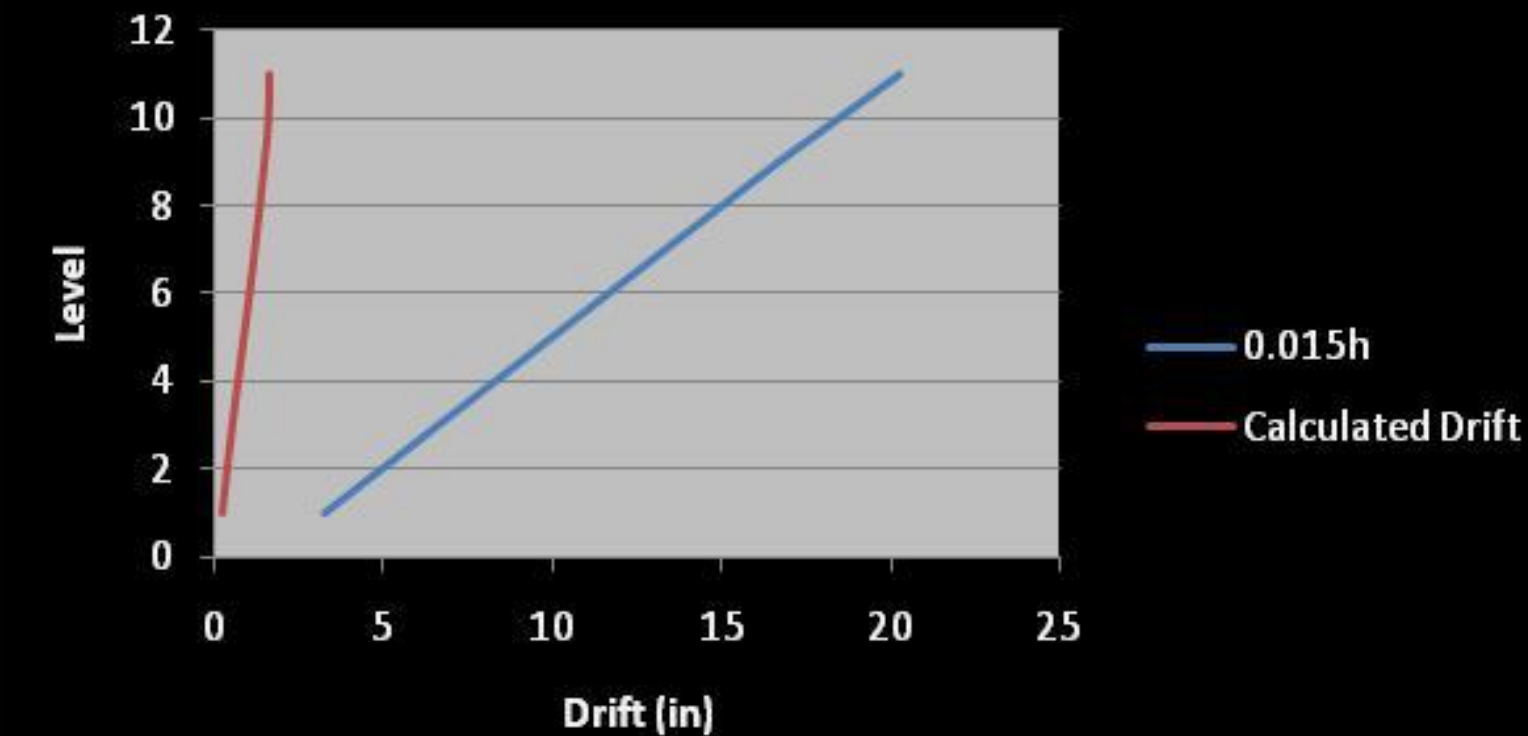
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### Optimization Study

#### Lateral Drifts

- ASCE 7-05 calculated drifts
- Drift Limitations:
  - Wind -  $H/400$
  - Seismic -  $0.015h_{sx}$
- Lateral drifts due to seismic loads governed
  - Max. drift in N-S direction

### North-South Total Drift Comparison



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### Impact on Foundation

- Modified lateral resisting system
- New material for altered gravity load system
  - Decrease in overall building weight
  - Greater resistance to overturning

| Overturning   |                 |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|               | Modified Design | Original Design |
| N/S Direction | 27962 ft-k      | 40116 ft-k      |
| E/W Direction | 27962 ft-k      | 40116 ft-k      |

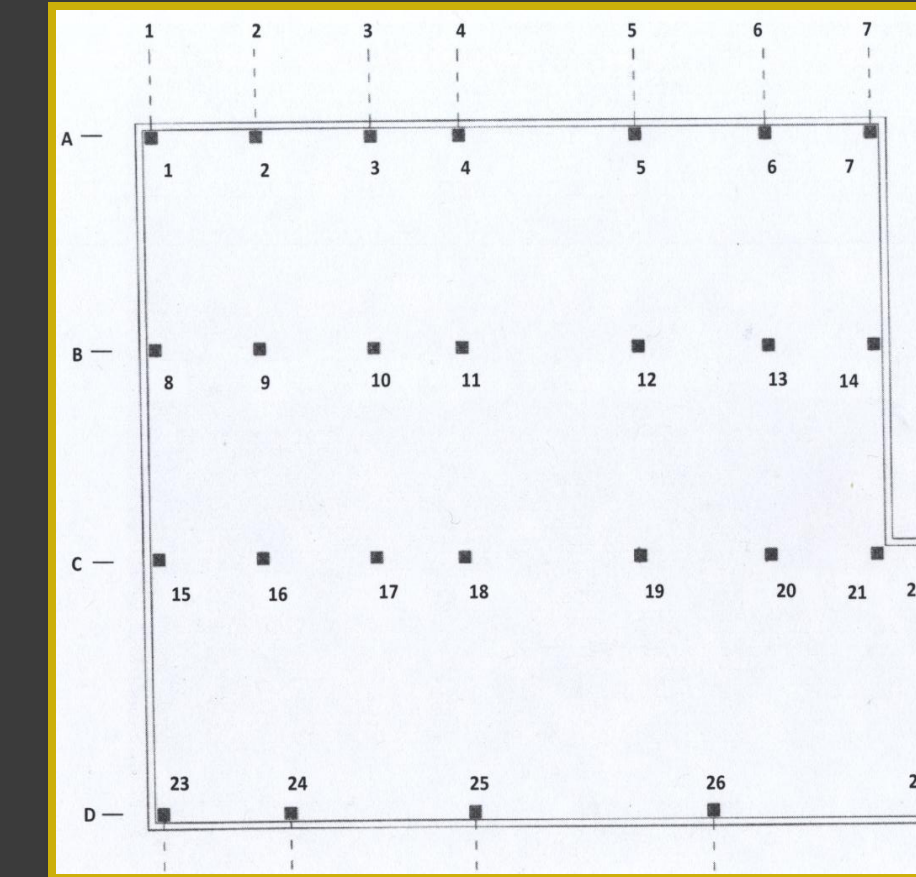
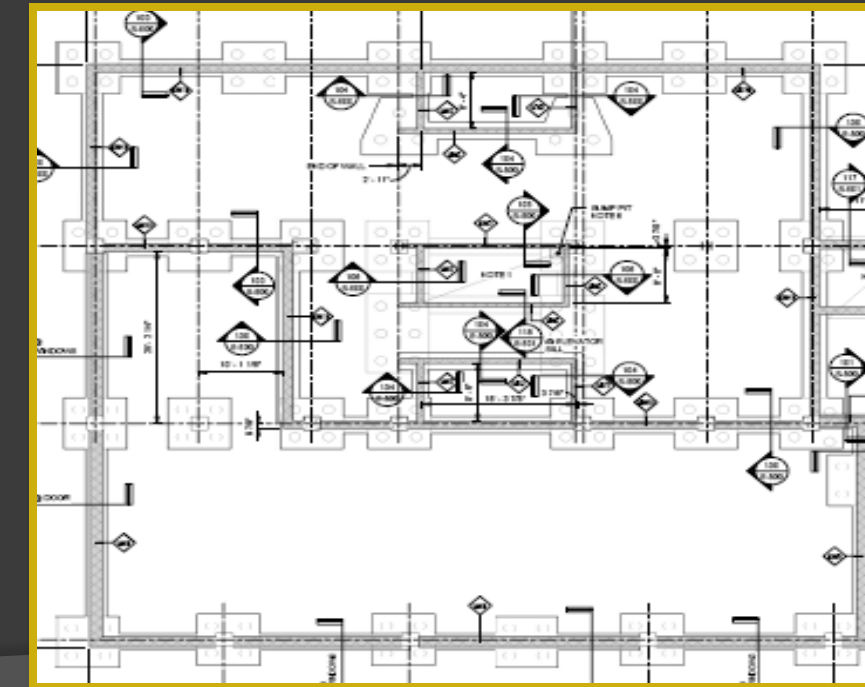
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### Impact on Foundation

- Auger cast Piles
- 16" diameter

| Structural System                | Number of Required Piles |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Redesigned Steel System          | 68                       |
| Original Concrete/Masonry System | 104                      |



Comparison of the number of piles to support the new design vs. the original design

| Column No.                               | Total Load on Each Column (k) | # of piles required to support Steel System | # of piles used in Original Design | % Decrease in required # of piles |
|--|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | 132                           | 1   | 4                                  | 75                                |
| 2  | 265                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 3  | 246                           | 2   | Not in original                    | 0                                 |
| 4  | 330                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 5  | 390                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 6  | 300                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 7  | 135                           | 1   | 4                                  | 75                                |
| 8  | 262                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 9  | 547                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 10                                       | 505                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 11                                       | 664                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 12                                       | 774                           | 4   | 4                                  | 0                                 |
| 13                                       | 580                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 14                                       | 266                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 15                                       | 286                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 16                                       | 597                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 17                                       | 553                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 18                                       | 732                           | 4   | 4                                  | 0                                 |
| 19                                       | 853                           | 4   | 4                                  | 0                                 |
| 20                                       | 653                           | 3   | 4                                  | 26                                |
| 21                                       | 392                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| 22                                       | 102                           | 1   | 4                                  | 75                                |
| 23                                       | 195                           | 1   | 4                                  | 75                                |
| 24                                       | 478                           | 3   | 4                                  | 25                                |
| 25                                       | 643                           | 4   | 4                                  | 0                                 |
| 26                                       | 680                           | 4   | 4                                  | 0                                 |
| 27                                       | 318                           | 2   | 4                                  | 50                                |
| Average % Decrease in # Piles Required = |                               |   |                                    | <b>35</b>                         |



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### Conclusions

- **Gravity System Redesign**

- Strength
- Serviceability
- Reduction load bearing walls
- Reduced building weight



- **Modified Lateral Resisting System**

- Reduced overall building torsion
- Within drift limits



- **Foundation**

- Overturning resistance
- Reduced number of piles



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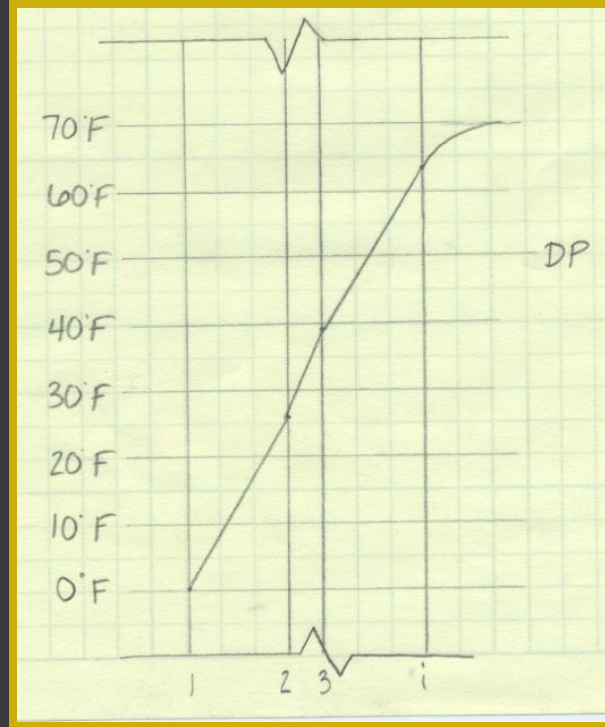
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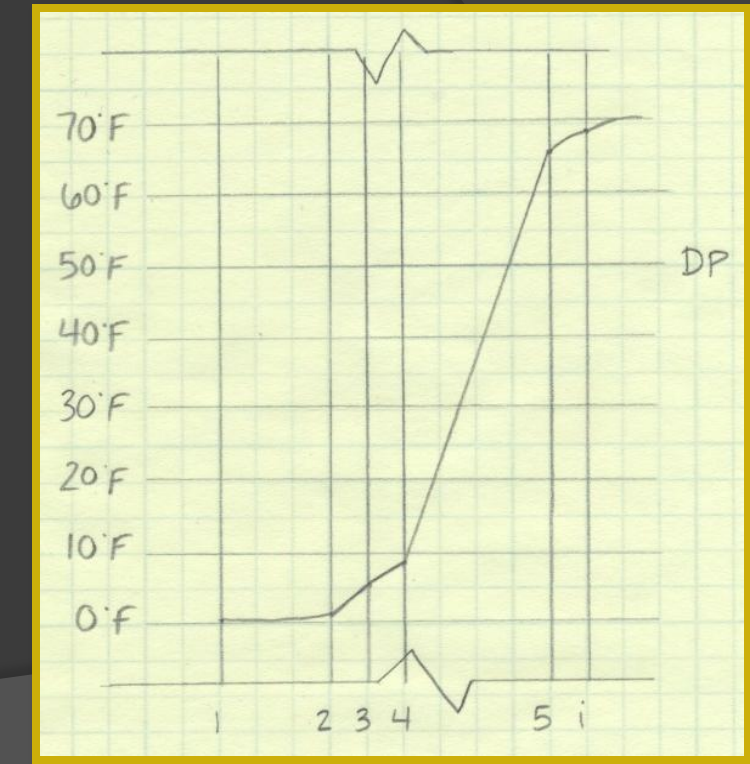
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### Thermal Gradients

| Curtain Wall System                        |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Between Material                           | $\Sigma R_{o-x}$<br>(°F ft <sup>2</sup> h/BTU) | Temperature (°F) |
| o - 1                                      | 0.17   | 0                |
| 1 - 2                                      | 2.34   | 25.84            |
| 2 - 3                                      | 3.49   | 38.53            |
| 3 - i                                      | 5.66   | 62.49            |
|  | <b>6.34</b>                                    | <b>70</b>        |
| <b>U = 0.158 (BTU/°F ft<sup>2</sup> h)</b> |  |                  |



| Brick Vanner System                         |  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|
| Between Material                            | $\Sigma R_{o-x}$<br>(°F ft <sup>2</sup> h/BTU) | Temperature (°F) |
| o - 1                                       | 0.17   | 0                |
| 1 - 2                                       | 0.28   | 0.848            |
| 2 - 3                                       | 1.54   | 4.67             |
| 3 - 4                                       | 2.86   | 8.67             |
| 4 - 5                                       | 21.86  | 66.2             |
| 5 - i                                       | 22.54  | 68.3             |
|   | <b>23.10</b>                                   | <b>70</b>        |
| <b>U = 0.0433 (BTU/°F ft<sup>2</sup> h)</b> |  |                  |



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### Cost Comparison




| <i>Façade Systems with Redesigned Structural System</i> |      |                |                  |               |            |              |                   |
|---|------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Wall System   | S.F. | Crew Size      | Material Cost/SF | Labor Cost/SF | Total Cost | Daily Output | Construction Time |
| Curtain Wall System                                     | 5734 | 2 Glaziers     | \$30.49          | \$6.94        | \$214,624  | 410          | 14 days           |
| Brick Veneer System                                     | 5734 | 3 Brick Layers | \$6.95           | \$8.94        | \$91,113   | 660          | 7 days            |

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### Conclusions

- Research façade options on steel framing 
- Determined brick veneer is the most efficient facade thru heat transfer 
- Determined brick veneer is the cost efficient facade 

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### Construction Schedule

- **Redesigned Structural System**
  - Start Date: February 26, 2009
  - Finish Date: April 24, 2009
- **Original Structural System**
  - Start Date: February 26, 2009
  - Finish Date: August 13, 2009

| Construction Time Comparison |                           |                             |             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Component                    | Existing System<br>(days) | Redesigned System<br>(days) | Savings (+) |
| Shear Walls                  | 150                       | 21                          | 129         |
| Steel Frame                  | 15                        | 45                          | -30         |
| Total                        |                           |                             | 99          |



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### Cost Impact of Redesigned System

#### • Costs unaccounted for:

- Precast Plank floors
- Foundation costs
- Additional member connections

#### • Example Detailed Cost Breakdown:

- Shear walls and reinforcement
- Steel members, base plates, fireproofing
- Crane

| Shearwalls    | Amt.  | Unit | Mat'l Cost/Unit | Labor Cost/Unit | Equip Cost/Unit | Total Cost/Unit | Total Cost w/ O&P | TOTAL COST   |
|---------------|-------|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 10" CMU Block | 18473 | SF   | 3.06            | 4.47            | 0               | 7.53            | 10.15             | \$187,500.95 |
| Reinforce.    | 7     | Ton  | 810             | 420             | 0               | 1230            | ---               | \$ 8,610.00  |
| Steel         | Amt.  | Unit | Mat'l Cost/Unit | Labor Cost/Unit | Equip Cost/Unit | Total Cost/Unit | Total Cost w/ O&P | TOTAL COST   |
| Columns       | 2753  | LF   | 145             | 3.26            | 2.18            | 150.44          | 168               | \$462,504.00 |
| Baseplates    | 108   | SF   | 45              |                 | 0               | 45              |                   | \$ 5,172.18  |
| Beams         | 4807  | LF   | 89.5            | 3.13            | 2.09            | 94.72           | 106               | \$509,542.00 |
| Fireproofing  | 7559  | SF   | 1               | 1               | 1.2             | 3.2             |                   | \$ 24,188.80 |
| Crane         | 76    |      |                 |                 |                 | 300             |                   | \$ 22,800.00 |

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### Cost Impact

| Overall Cost Comparison |                  |                    |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Component               | Existing System  | Redesigned System  | Additional Cost  |
| Shear Walls             | \$519,680        | \$196,111          | -\$323,569       |
| Steel Framing           | \$171,660        | \$1,001,407        | \$829,747        |
| Crane                   | \$10,977         | \$22,822           | \$11,845         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$702,317</b> | <b>\$1,220,340</b> | <b>\$518,023</b> |

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### Conclusions

|  | Thesis Structural System | Existing Structural System |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Crane Cost due to Steel                  | \$22,822.00              | \$10,977.00                |
| Total System Cost                        | \$1,220,340.00           | \$702,317.00               |
| Steel Erection Schedule (days)           | 45                       | 15                         |
| Entire Structural System Schedule (days) | 66                       | 165                        |

- Steel erection tops out 30 days earlier than the new structural system
- Structural system construction tops out 99 days earlier than existing structural system

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# Conclusions & Recommendations

### Gravity System Redesign

- Steel Moment Frames
  - Reasonable design for gravity loads
  - Meets strength and serviceability requirements
  - Reduced overall building weight

### Lateral Resisting System Redesign

- Modified Shear wall design is optimal

### Foundation

- No alteration needed

### Façade

- Brick veneer is most efficient

### Construction Management

- Reduce schedule
- Increase cost

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# Questions & Comments