



# Pedestrian Crossings 14 Locations

Project Information Meeting  
August 18, 2025



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Guiding Documents and Principles
- Project Details
- Schedule
- Discussion

## **STREETS** ARE VITAL FOR



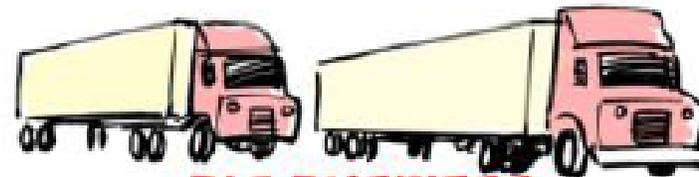
### **RESIDENTIAL**

INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES AND  
BETTER MOBILITY (CARS, BIKING, WALKING  
AND BUSES)



### **SMALL BUSINESS**

CUSTOMERS NEED TO SAFELY REACH  
RETAILERS & RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA



### **BIG BUSINESS**

STREETS ARE VITAL FOR MOVING GOODS  
& PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS

# Introductions

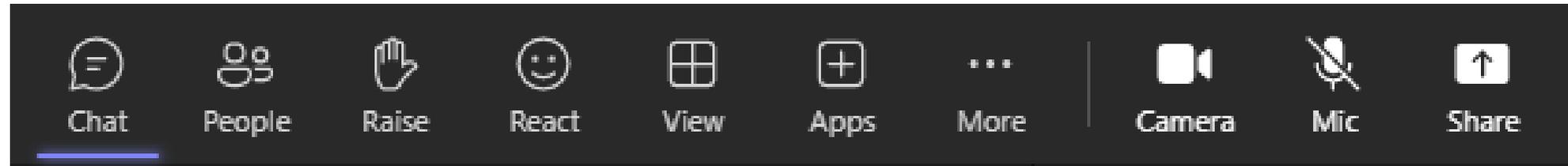
## *City Staff*

- Community Engagement – Sarah Itani & Juan Torres
- Mobile GR/Traffic Safety – Kristin Bennett

## *Engineering Consultant*

- HRC – Cole Villalobos

# Microsoft Teams





# Project Overview



# Pedestrian Crossing Design and Construction Process

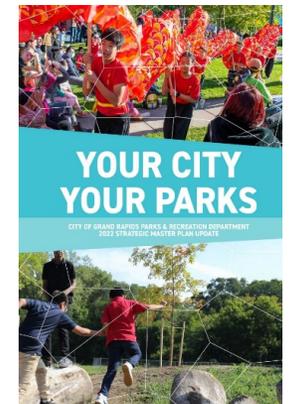
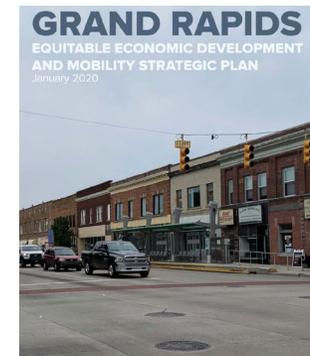


# Guiding Documents and Principles



# Guiding Documents

- 2007-2010 Green Grand Rapids
- 2016 Vital Streets Plan
- 2019 Bicycle Action Plan
- 2020 Equitable Econ Development/Mobility Strategic Plan
- 2022 Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- 2022-2024 City Master Plan



# Complete Streets

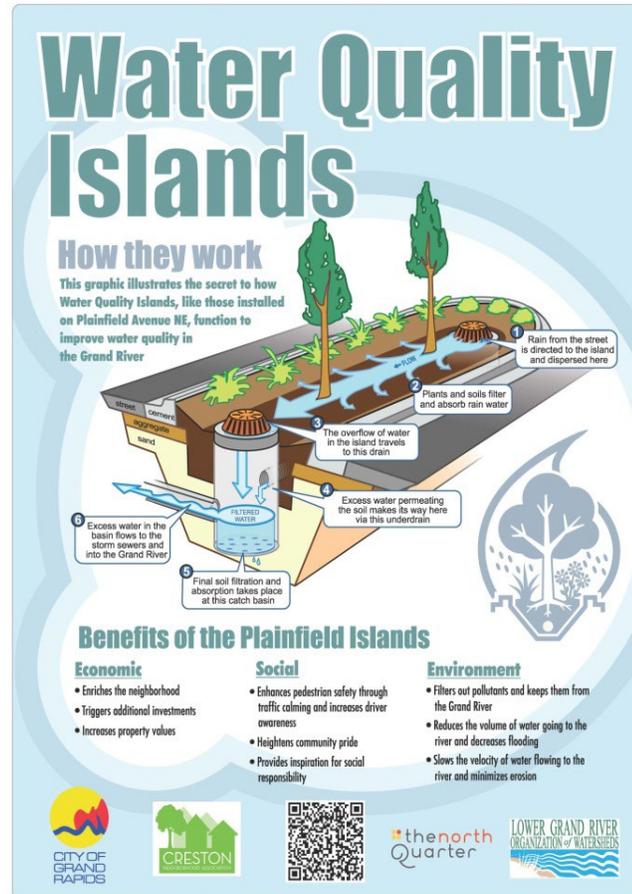
A system of streets...planned, designed, operated and maintained so all legal users may safely, comfortably and conveniently move along and across streets

~ PA 134 of 2010



# Vital Streets

## Complete streets + green infrastructure



# Project Details

Pedestrian crossing upgrades to enhance safety and access:



Transit Access



School Crossing



Park Crossing



Grocery Access



Bikeway Crossing



Trail Crossing

Fourteen locations across the City.

# Project Locations

- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
  - Fulton Street E west of Gay Avenue NE (Ward 2)



# Project Locations

## Rapid Flashing Beacons

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Street SE midblock between Brook Trail SE and Sunrise St SE (Ward 3)
- Alger Street SE at Blaine Avenue SE (Ward 3)
- Covell Road NW at Tremont Blvd NW (Ward 1)
- Diamond Avenue NE at Baldwin Street NE (Ward 2)
- Fuller Avenue NE at Northlawn Street NE (Ward 2)
- Lafayette Avenue NE at Coldbrook Street NE (Ward 2)



# Project Locations

- Rapid Flashing Beacons
  - Lane Avenue NW at Sibley Street NW (Ward 1)
  - Madison Avenue SE at Hoyt Street SE (Ward 3)
  - Madison Avenue SE at Pleasant Street SE (Ward 3)
  - Martin Luther King Street at Benjamin Avenue SE (Ward 3)
  - Richmond Street NW at Powers Avenue NW (Ward 1)
  - Walker Avenue NW at Fremont Avenue NW (Ward 1)
  - Walker Avenue NW at Garfield Avenue NW (Ward 1)



# Project Funding

Staff obtained several federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants to support these projects. This grant provides 90% of project construction costs.

The City's voter-approved local income tax-supported Vital Streets program and Mobile GR department funding cover the required 10% grant match plus the project design and construction management, inspection and administration costs.

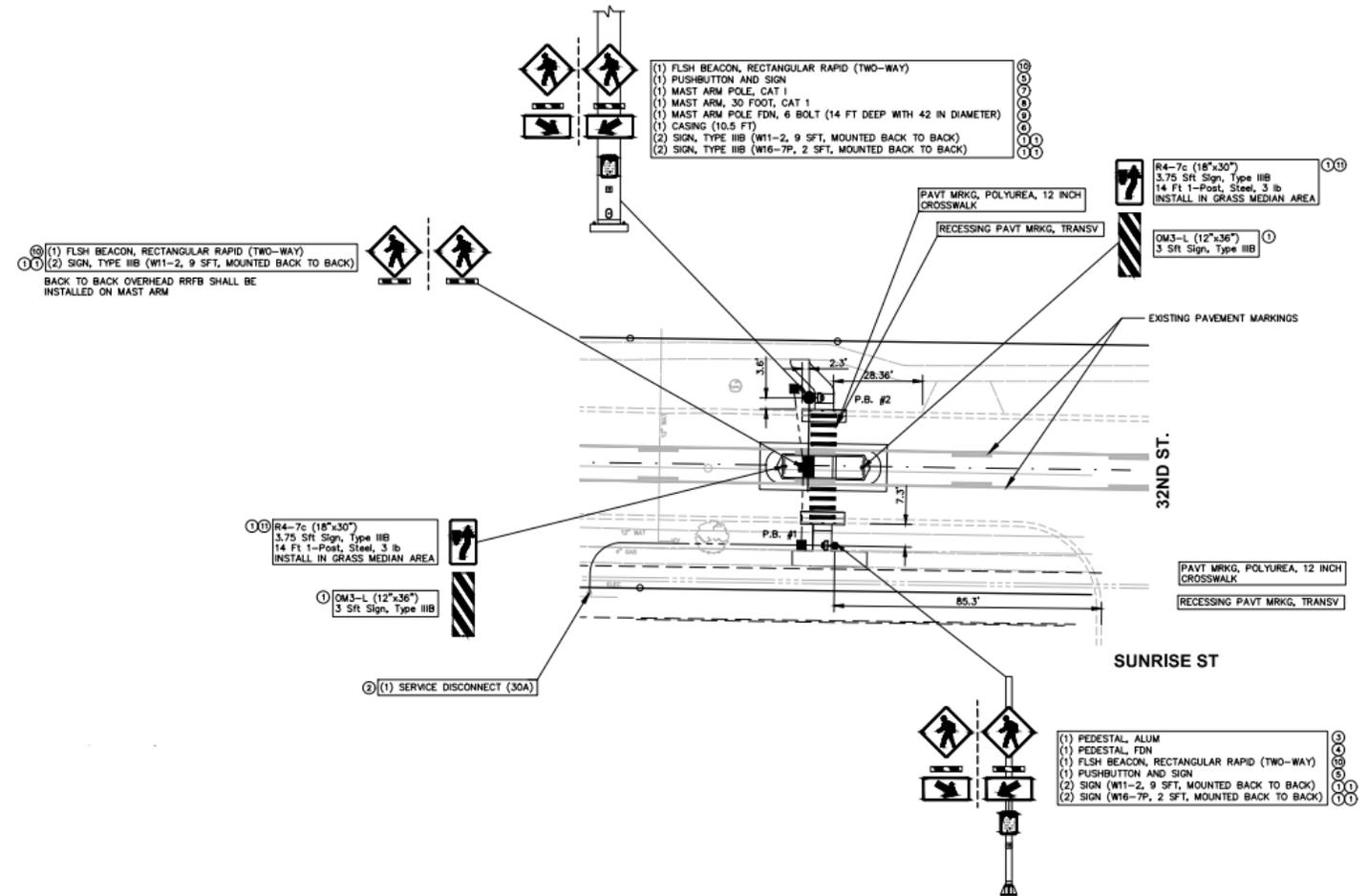
# Schedule –

- 2026 Construction

# Project Details – 32<sup>nd</sup> Street SE midblock between Brook Trail SE and Sunrise St SE (Ward 3)



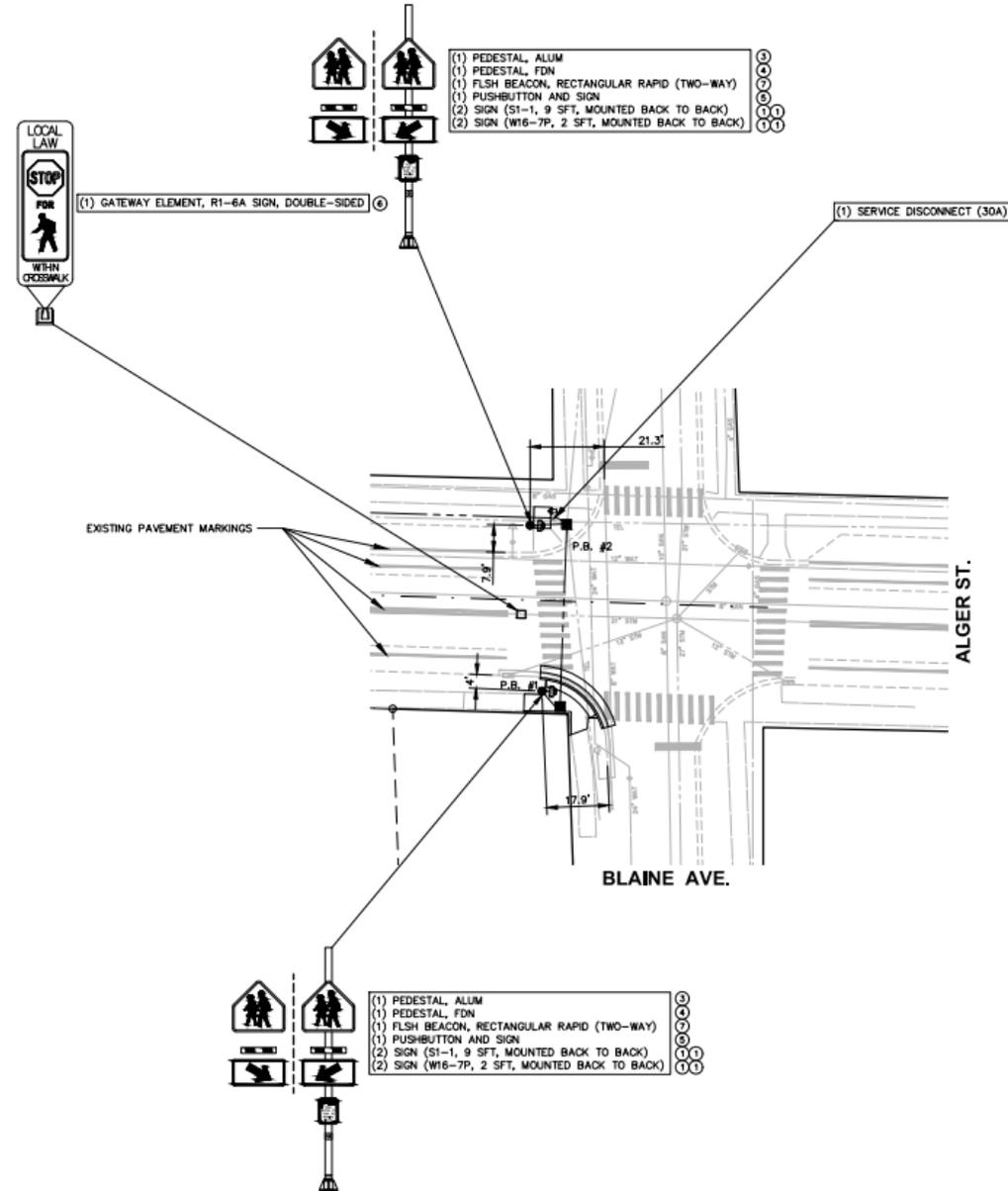
- Raised median refuge island
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons midblock between Brook Trail and Sunrise
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Accessible pedestrian crossing ramps
- Future City park planned on north side of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street



# Project Details – Alger Street SE at Blaine Avenue SE (Ward 3)



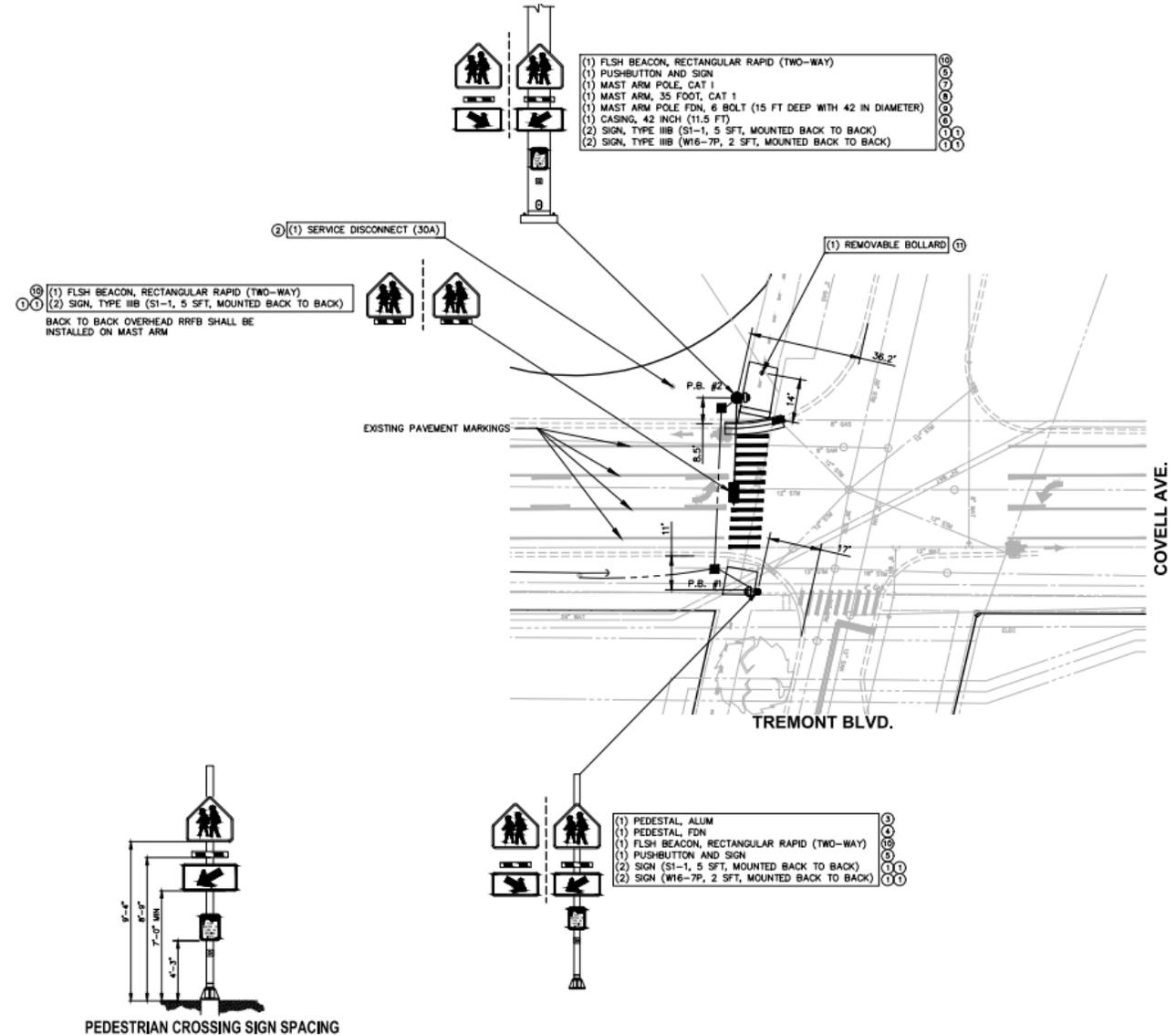
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons – west side
- Next to Alger Middle School and planned neighborhood bikeway on Blaine Avenue
- Supports access to Alger Park



# Project Details – Covell Road NW at Tremont Blvd NW (Ward 1)



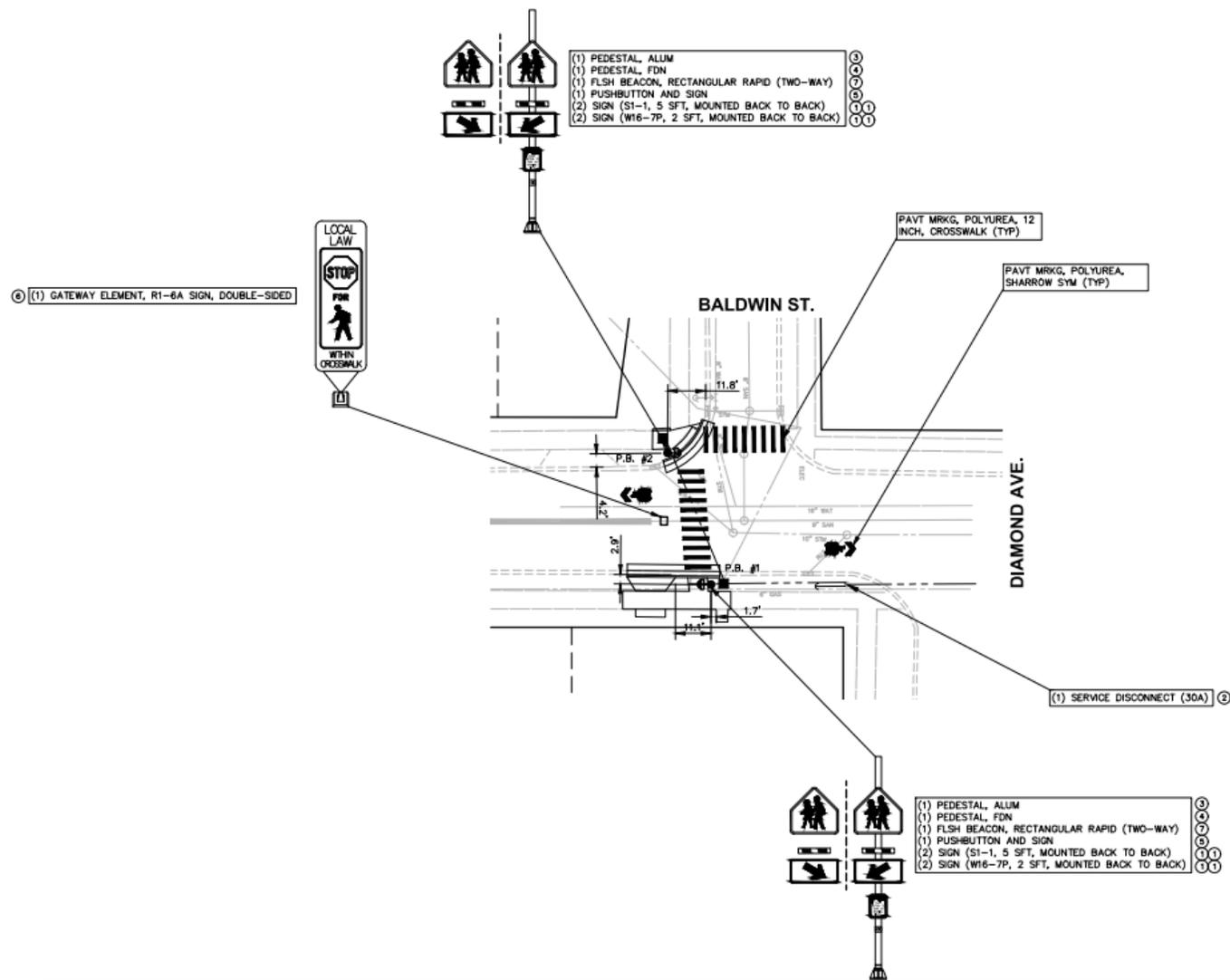
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons – south side
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Supports access to Tremont Blvd shared use trail, Union High School, Covell Dog Park, and Westwood Middle School.



# Project Details – Diamond Avenue NE at Baldwin Street NE (Ward 2)



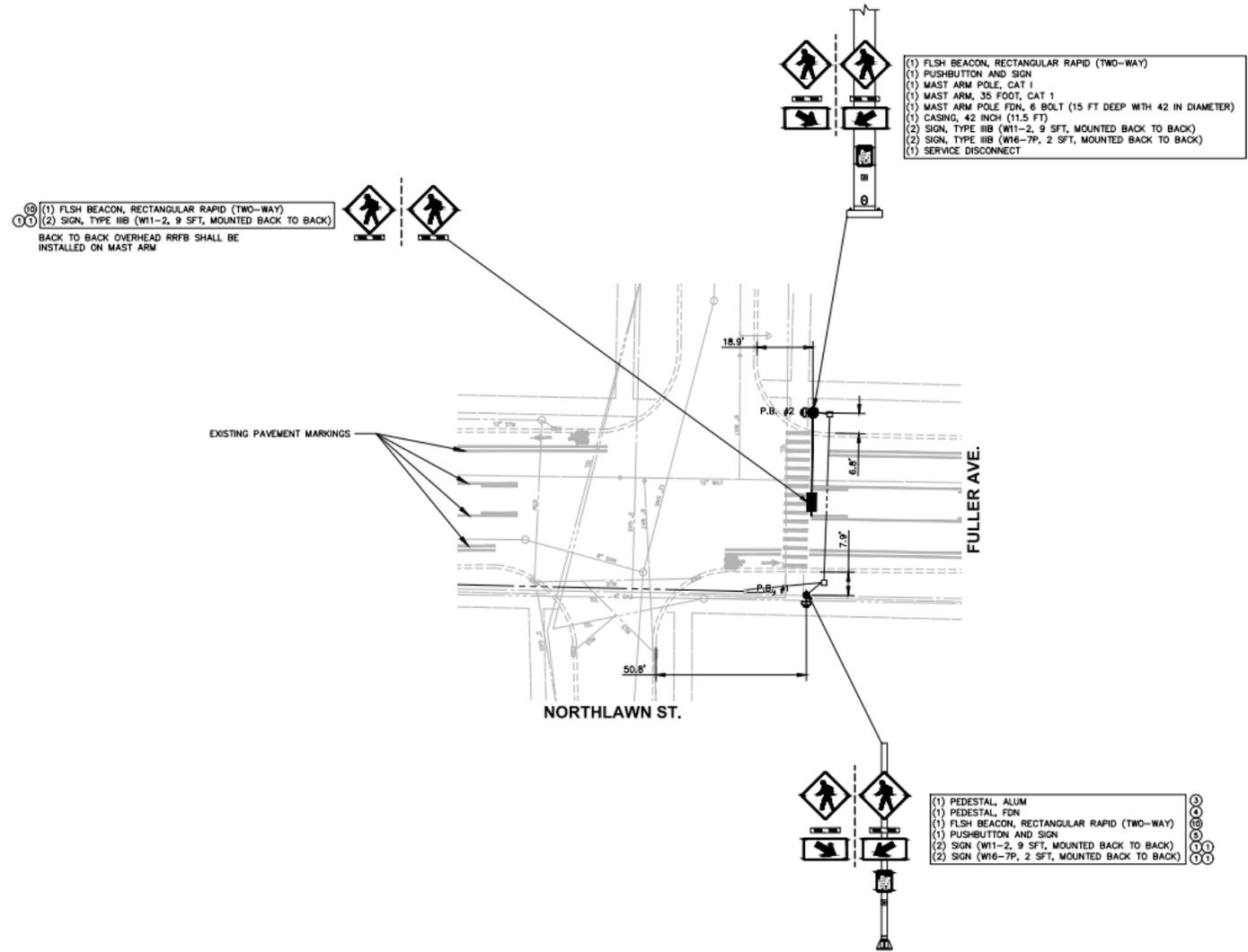
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons – south side
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Designated school crossing for Congress Elementary School
- Near Midtown and East Hills businesses along East Fulton St and Lake Dr/Cherry Street



# Project Details – Fuller Avenue NE at Northlawn Street NE (Ward 2)



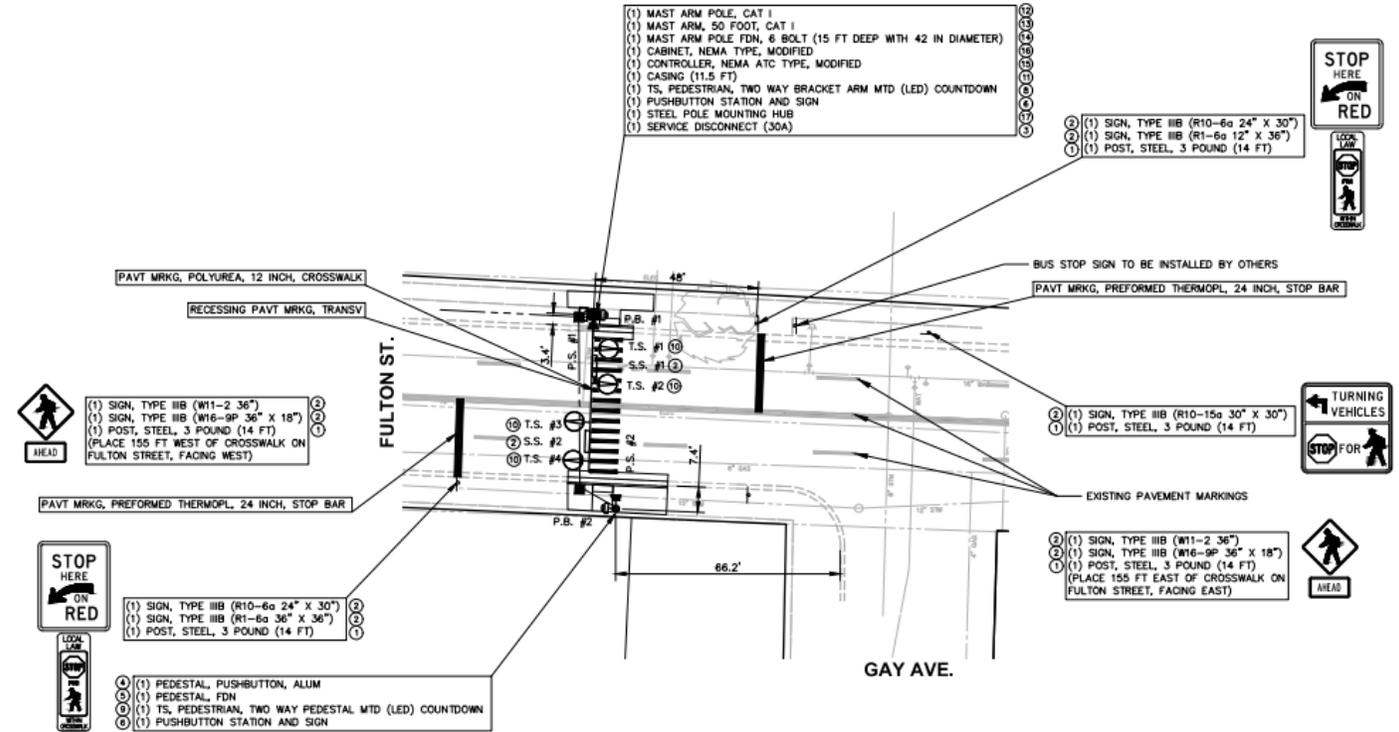
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons – north side
- Supports access to transit on Fuller Avenue



# Project Details – Fulton Street E west of Gay Avenue NE (Ward 2)



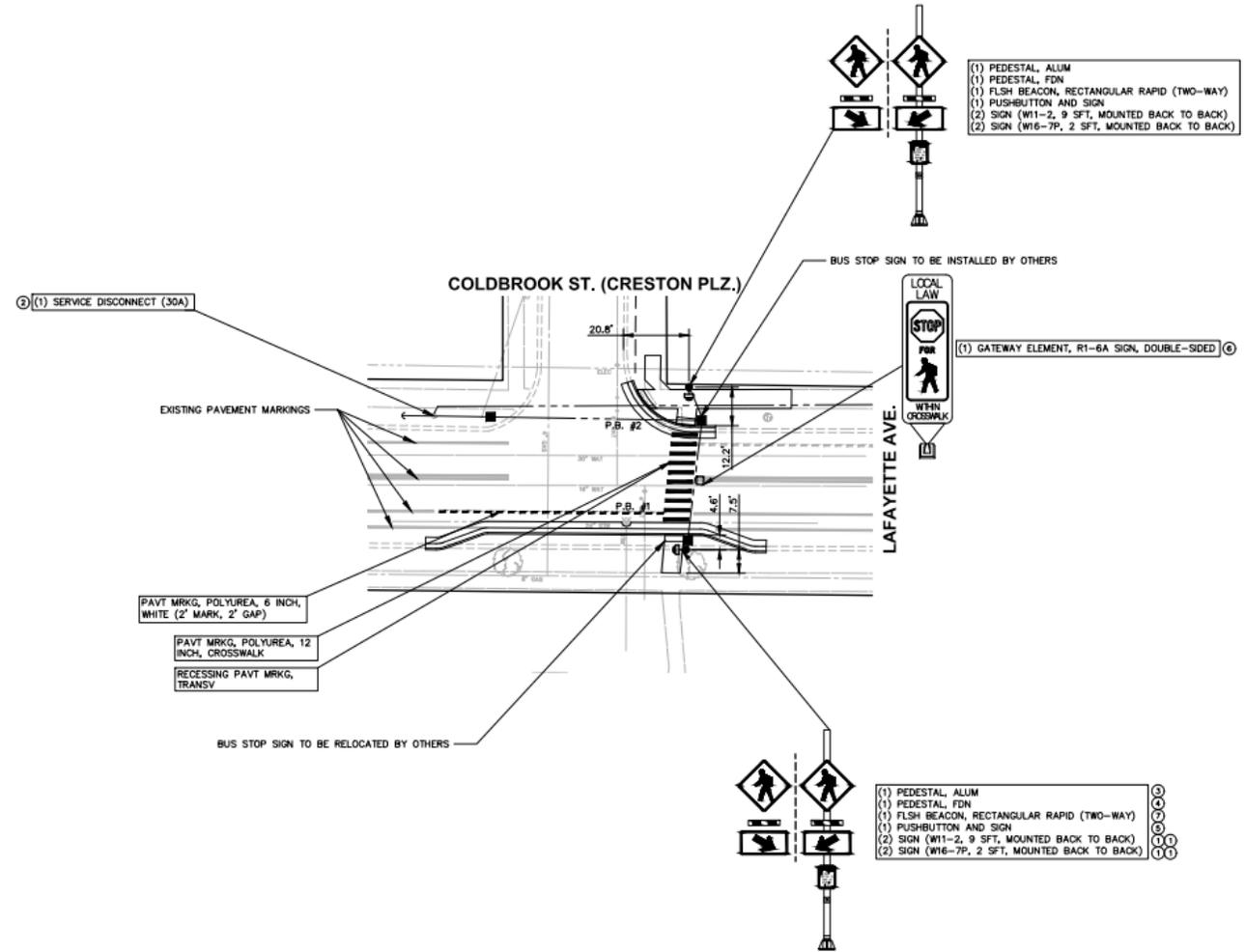
- Pedestrian activated pedestrian hybrid beacon – between Gay and Prospect
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Supports access to transit along Fulton St and next to Grand Rapid Community College buildings



# Project Details – Lafayette Avenue NE at Coldbrook Street NE (Ward 2)



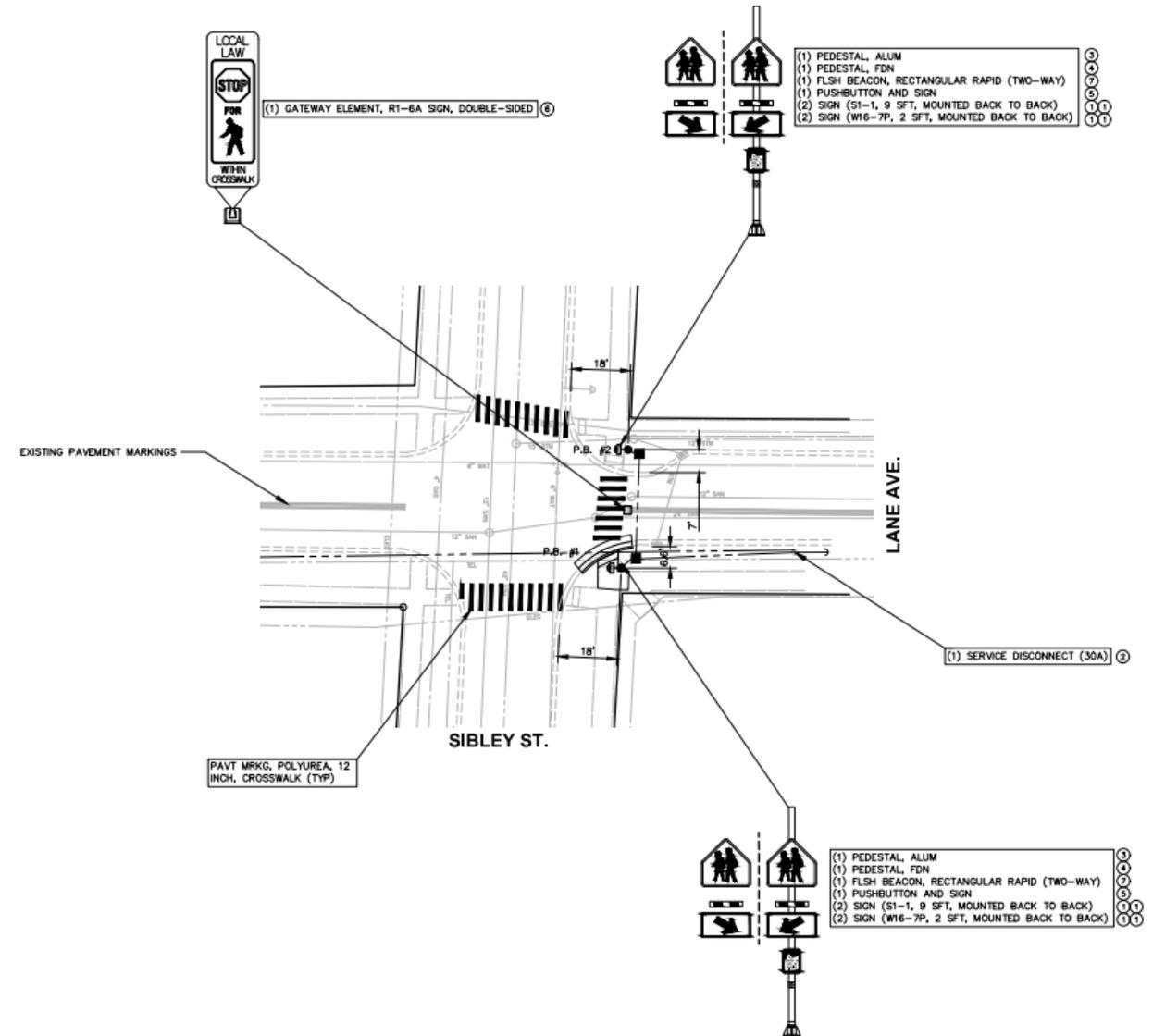
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacons – east side
- Curb extension in the parking lane along the east curb line
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Next to Mary Waters Park and Creston Plaza neighborhood



# Project Details – Lane Avenue NW at Sibley Street NW (Ward 1)



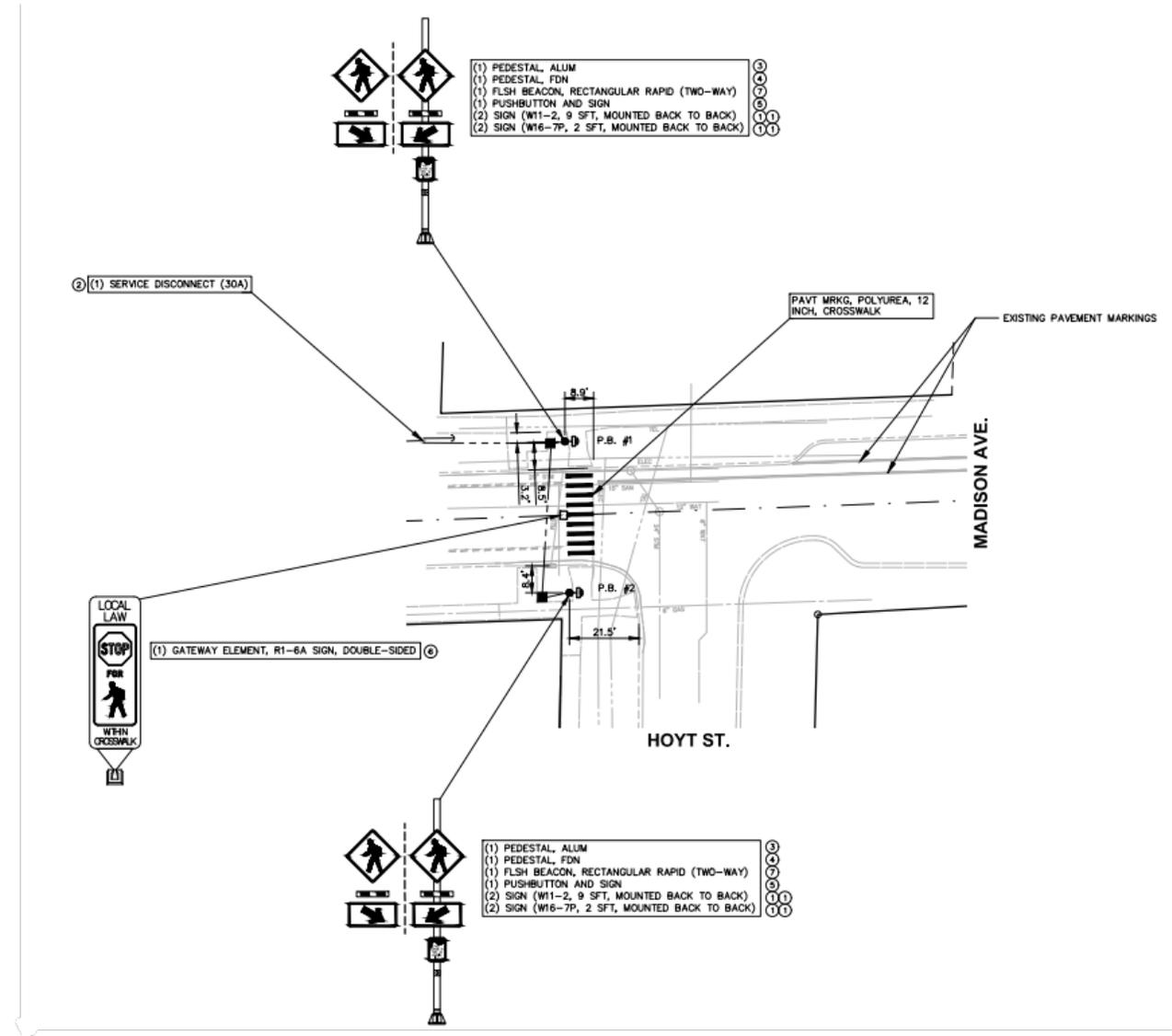
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – north side
- “Continental” style crosswalks
- Next to Sibley Elementary School



# Project Details – Madison Avenue SE at Hoyt Street SE (Ward 3)



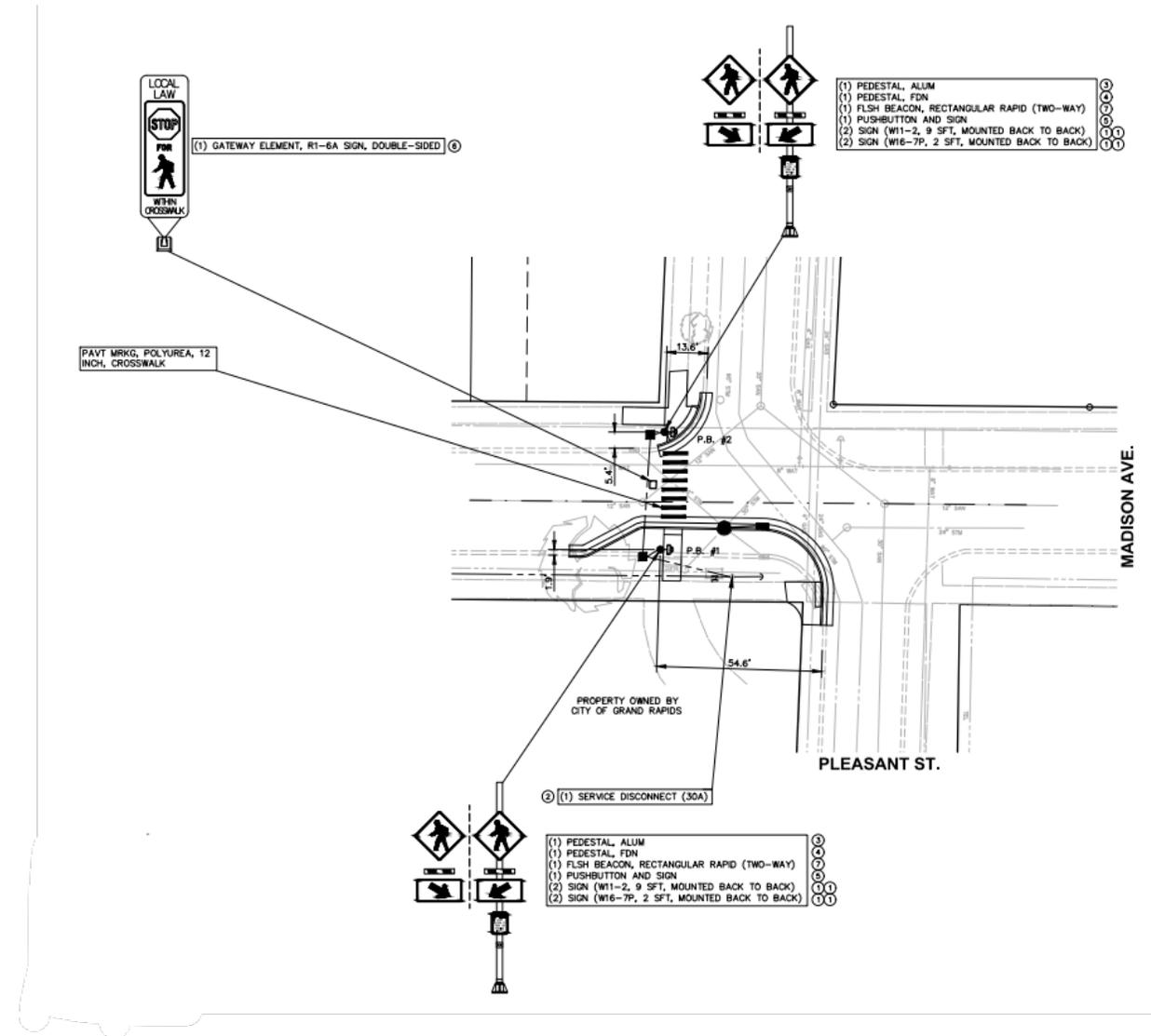
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – south side
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Supports access to Garfield Park and planned neighborhood bikeway on Hoyt/Aurora



# Project Details – Madison Avenue SE at Pleasant Street SE (Ward 3)



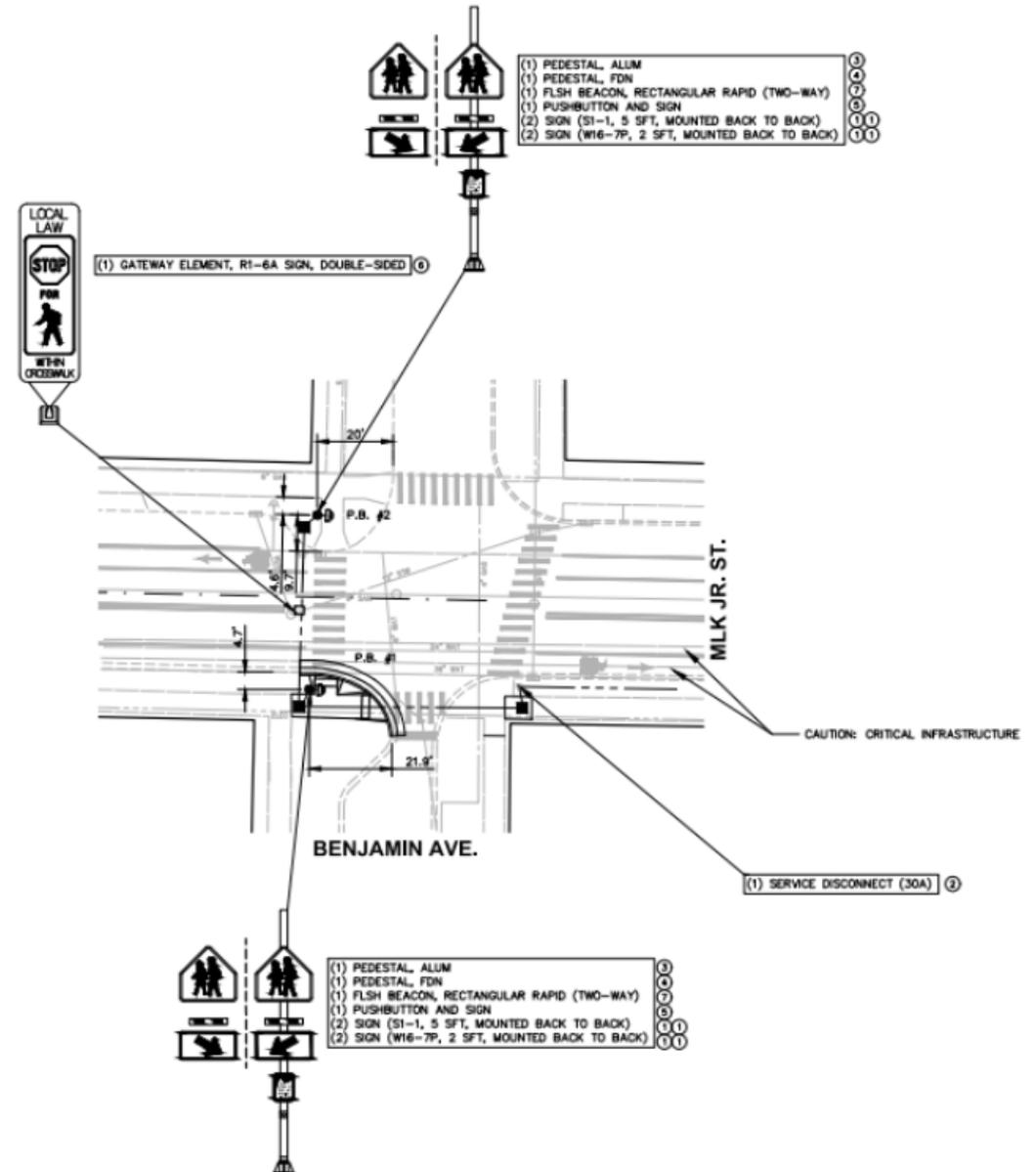
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – south side
- New curb extension on the SE corner
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Access to Pleasant Park and planned neighborhood bikeway on Pleasant and Sherman



# Project Details – Martin Luther King Street SE at Benjamin Avenue SE (Ward 3)



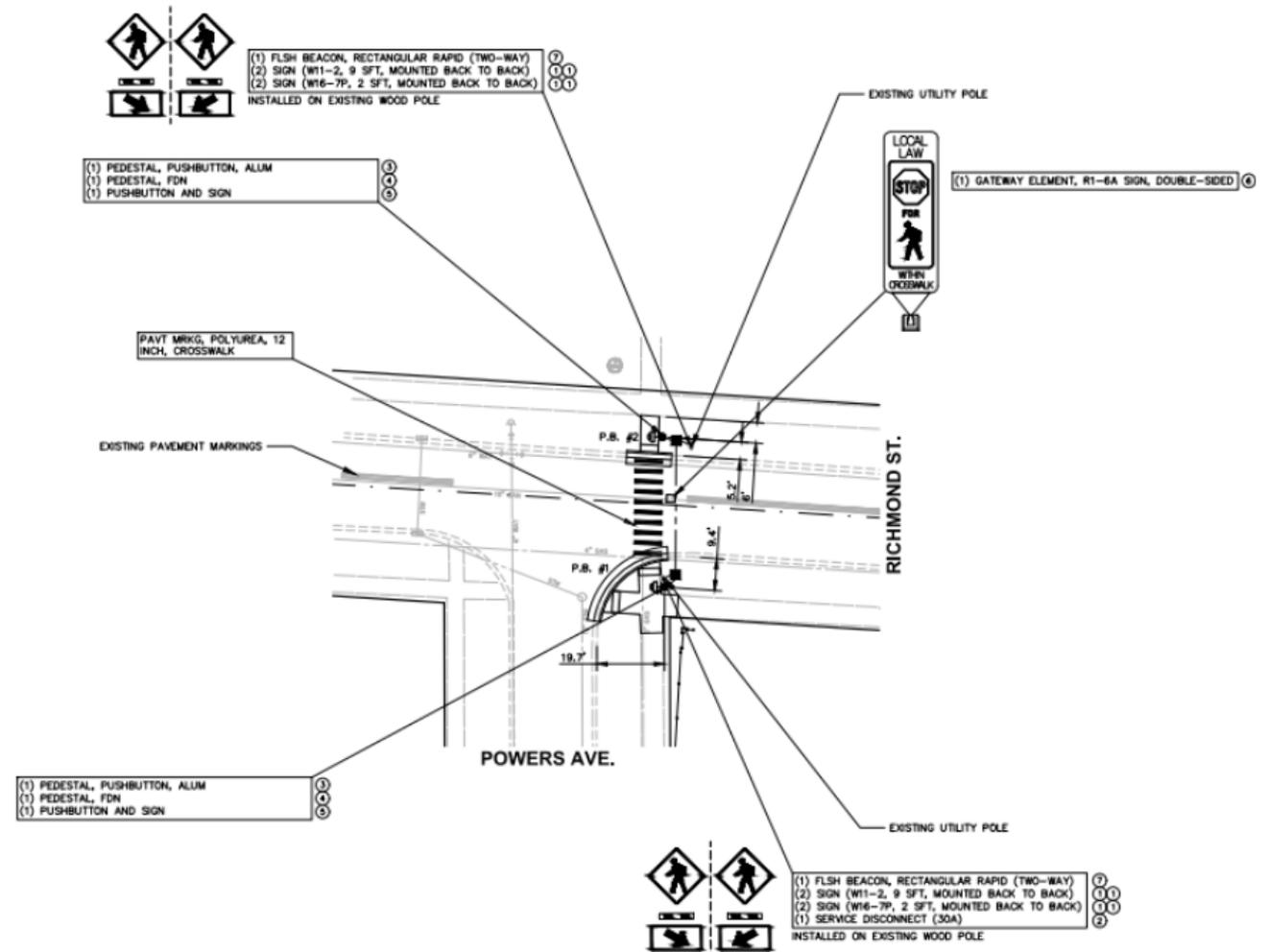
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – west side
- Access to Martin Luther King Park and Campus Elementary School



# Project Details – Richmond Street NW at Powers Avenue NW (Ward 1)



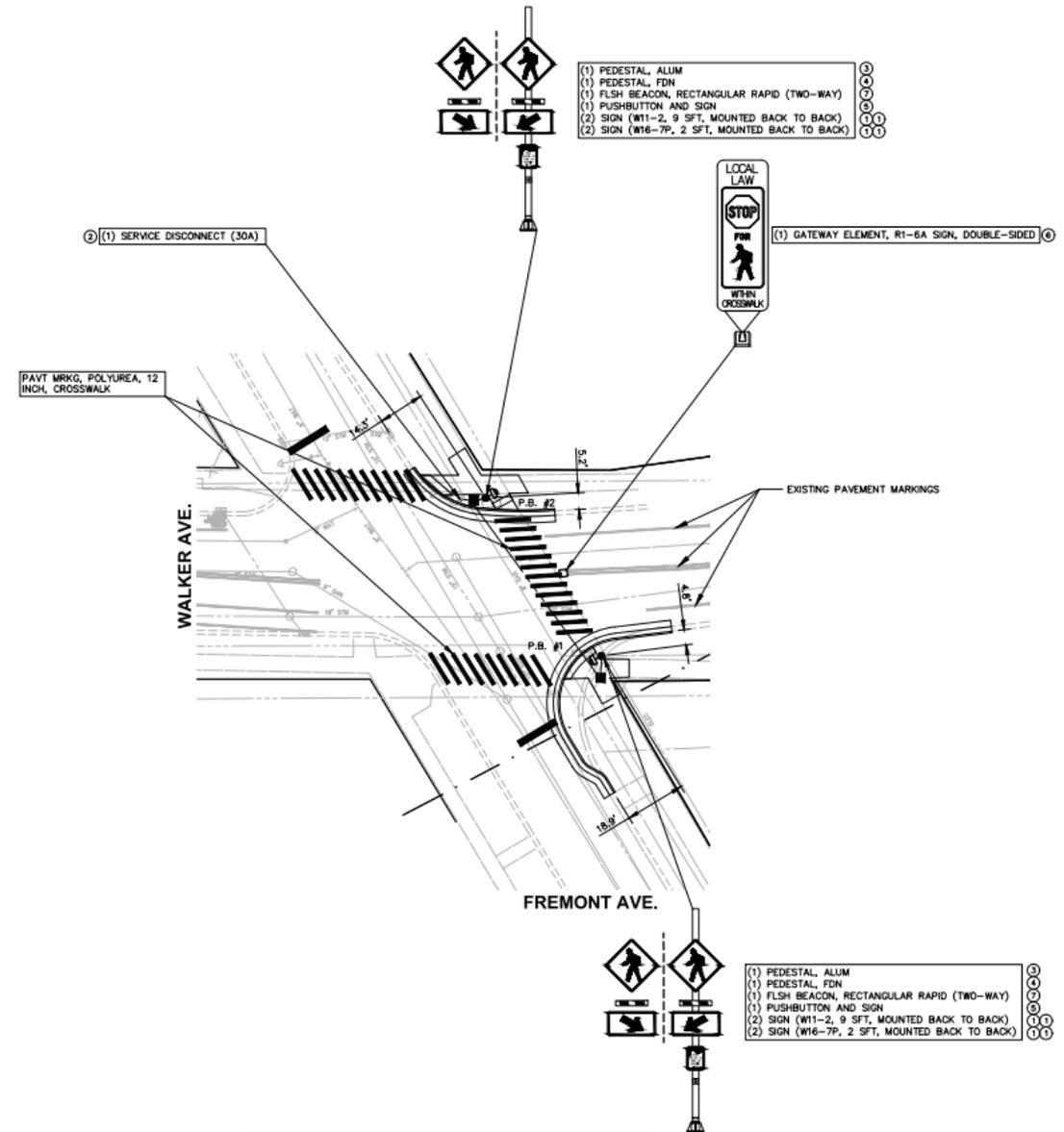
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – east side
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Access to Richmond Park



# Project Details – Walker Avenue NW at Fremont Avenue NW (Ward 1)



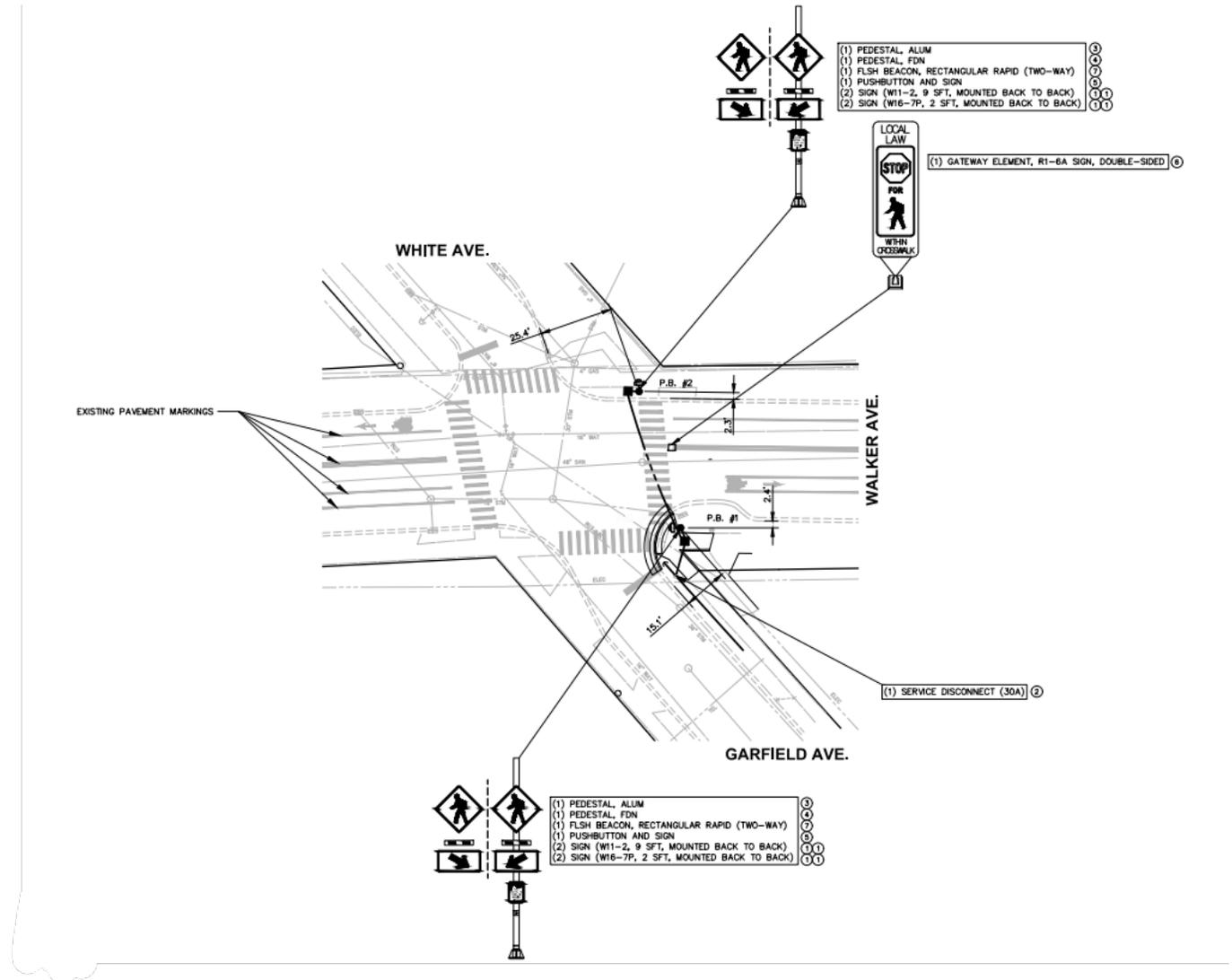
- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – east side
- “Continental” style crosswalk
- Access to former Stocking School’s playground/outdoor recreation space and planned neighborhood bikeway on Fremont



# Project Details – Walker Avenue NW at Garfield Avenue NW (Ward 1)



- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flashing Beacon – east side
- Access to transit on Walker Avenue and planned neighborhood bikeway on Garfield





# Questions / Discussion



## Contact Information

- Road construction website:  
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