



Town of Carthage

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TOWN OF CARTHAGE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT NOTICE

August 10, 2026

Dear Downtown Business or Property Owner:

The Town of Carthage is preparing to begin construction on **Phase One of the Downtown Revitalization Project**. This investment is intended to enhance the appearance, accessibility, safety, and long-term vitality of our downtown while preserving the character that makes Carthage a special place to live, work, and visit.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin between the end of August and early September and continue through **October 31, 2026**. Actual construction activities, sequencing, and completion dates may be adjusted based on weather, field conditions, utility conflicts, contractor operations, material availability, or other factors beyond the Town's control.

Project Overview

Phase One of the project includes:

- Construction of two pedestrian refuge islands on the east and west sides of the center courthouse (Monroe and McReynolds Streets).
- Slight narrowing of the roadway to encourage slower traffic movement, improving safety for pedestrians crossing the streets.
- Visible crosswalks from the refuge islands as well as a crosswalk from the center historic courthouse to the new courthouse and offices.
- More prominent curbing to ensure safe separation of vehicles and people as well as improved stormwater drainage.

A project map has been included with this letter and is also available on our website at www.townofcarthage.org, by visiting *Community > Community Projects > Downtown Revitalization Project – Phase One*.

Access & Traffic Control During Construction

The Town and contractor will make all reasonable efforts to maintain access to businesses and properties throughout construction. However, temporary adjustments to pedestrian routes, driving patterns, on-street parking availability, loading areas, and property access may be necessary as work progresses.

The main parking lot at the corner of the traffic circle as it turns into McReynolds Street will remain open for use at all times and can be accessed from the two entrance/exit points on N. Ray Street during traffic circle closures.

Stage One: Full Traffic Circle Closure for One Week

- During the full closure, eastbound traffic will be detoured onto S. Ray Street then onto Saunders Street. **Semi-trucks should continue on Saunders Street then turn left onto Bruce Street to get back onto NC 24/27/Monroe Street to avoid tight turns and utility poles.**
- Westbound traffic will be detoured onto E. Barrett Street then onto N. Ray Street.
- Work expected to take place during this stage includes milling, paving and stamping of crosswalks.

Stage Two: Split Traffic Circle Closure for Up to Four Weeks

- During this stage, work will be completed in only half of the traffic circle at a time. This is to minimize the prolonged impacts of a multi-week full-circle closure.
- Work expected during this stage includes construction of the pedestrian islands, installation of storm drain infrastructure, and utility work.

Stage Three: Traffic Circle Fully Accessible and Remaining Work Completed

- In this final phase, the traffic circle will be reopened with all major construction of improvements completed. Any remaining detail work is expected to require less traffic disruption than earlier construction phases.

A traffic routing map is available at <https://www.townofcarthage.org/Community/Community-Projects/Downtown-Revitalization>.

Business Access & Deliveries

Businesses and offices are expected to remain open during construction. Customers, employees, vendors, and delivery vehicles may experience temporary changes to normal traffic patterns, parking locations, pedestrian routes, and access points. The Town encourages business owners to notify Town of Carthage staff of any special operational needs, accessibility concerns, scheduled events, or delivery requirements so that potential conflicts can be addressed whenever practical.

What to Expect

Construction activities may result in temporary:

- Lane closures
- On-street parking restrictions
- Sidewalk closures
- Utility interruptions (with advance notice whenever possible)
- Noise, dust, and construction equipment in the project area

Construction activities and traffic control measures may be modified as necessary to address site conditions, public safety needs, utility conflicts, or contractor operations.

Project Updates

The Town will provide regular project updates through:

- Town website: www.townofcarthage.org > *Community Projects*
- Town of Carthage Facebook page and CodeRed Notifications.
- Direct notifications to affected businesses and property owners as needed.

We recognize that construction activity can create challenges for businesses, property owners, employees, residents, and visitors. The Town appreciates the patience and cooperation of the downtown community and remains committed to minimizing disruptions while completing these necessary improvements.

Project Contact Information

For questions regarding construction activities or project updates, please contact:

Emily Yopp, Town Manager

Phone: (910) 722-2162

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Thank you for your partnership, patience, and investment in downtown Carthage. We are excited to make these improvements and believe they will strengthen downtown for many years to come.

Sincerely,

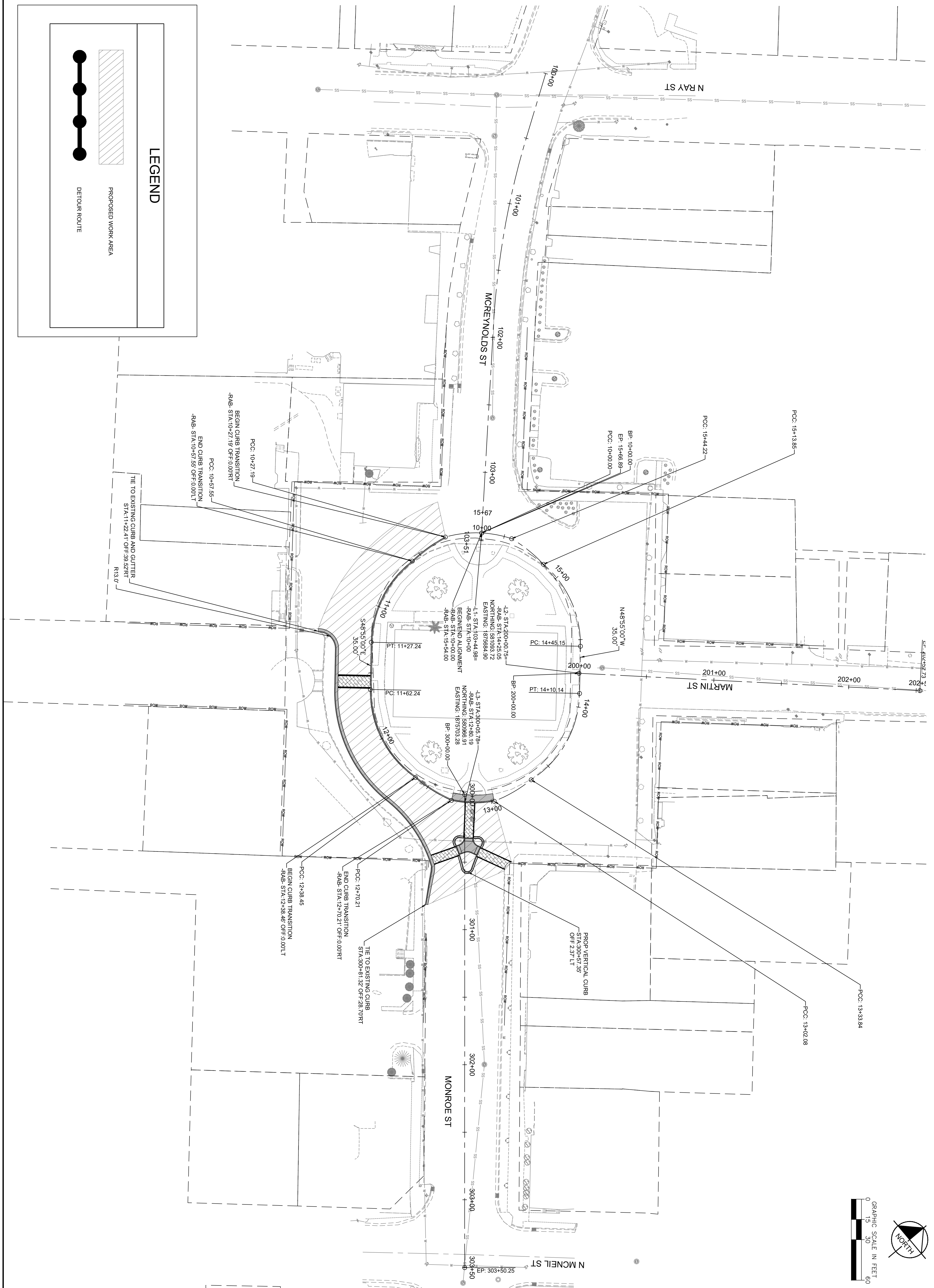
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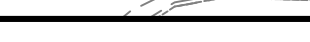
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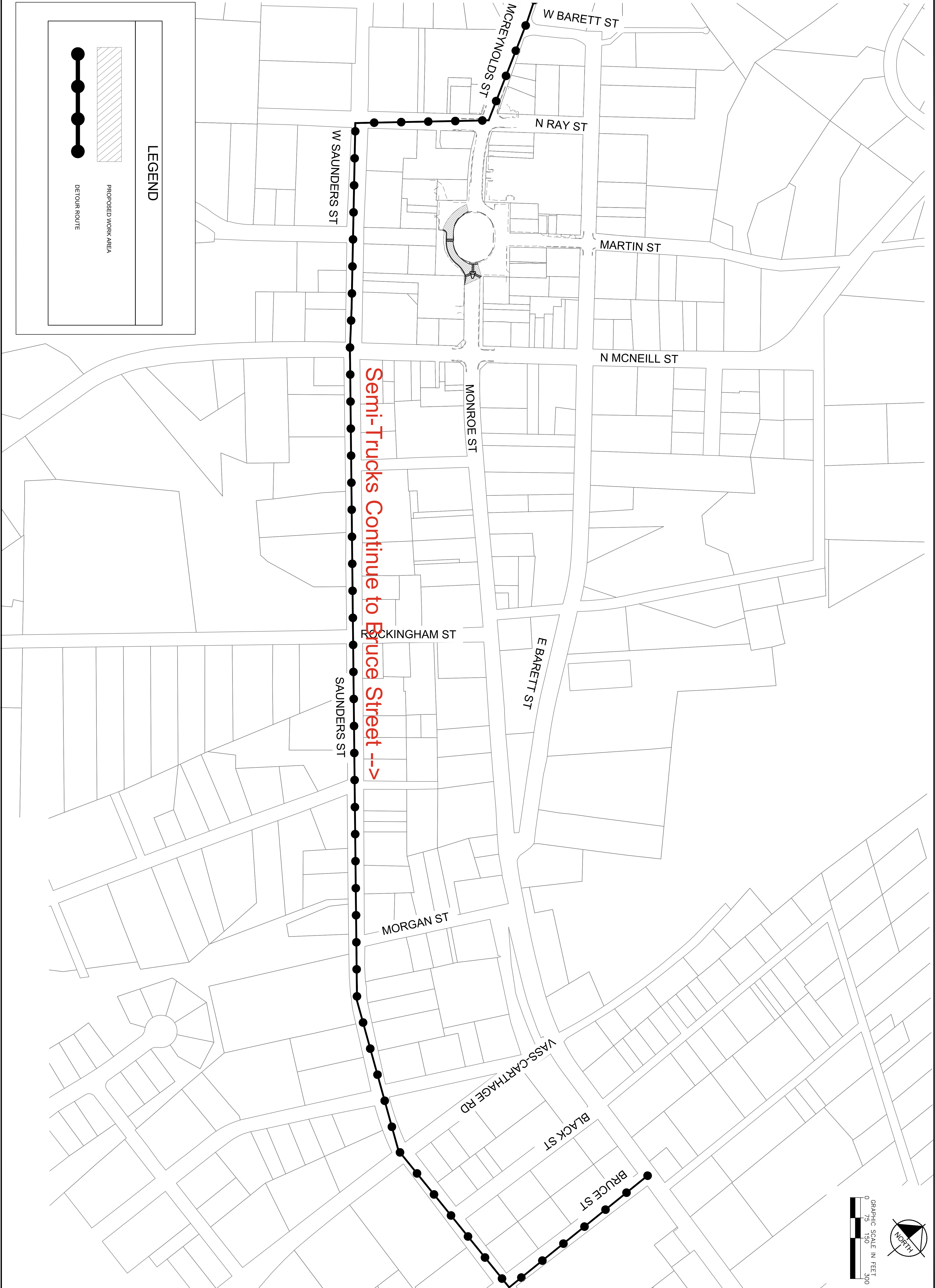
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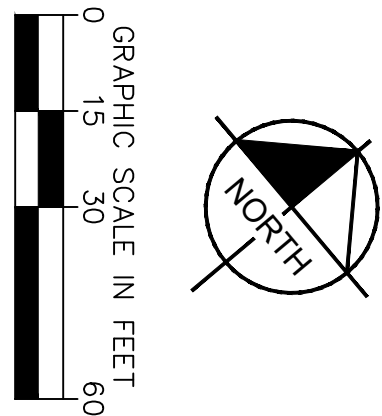
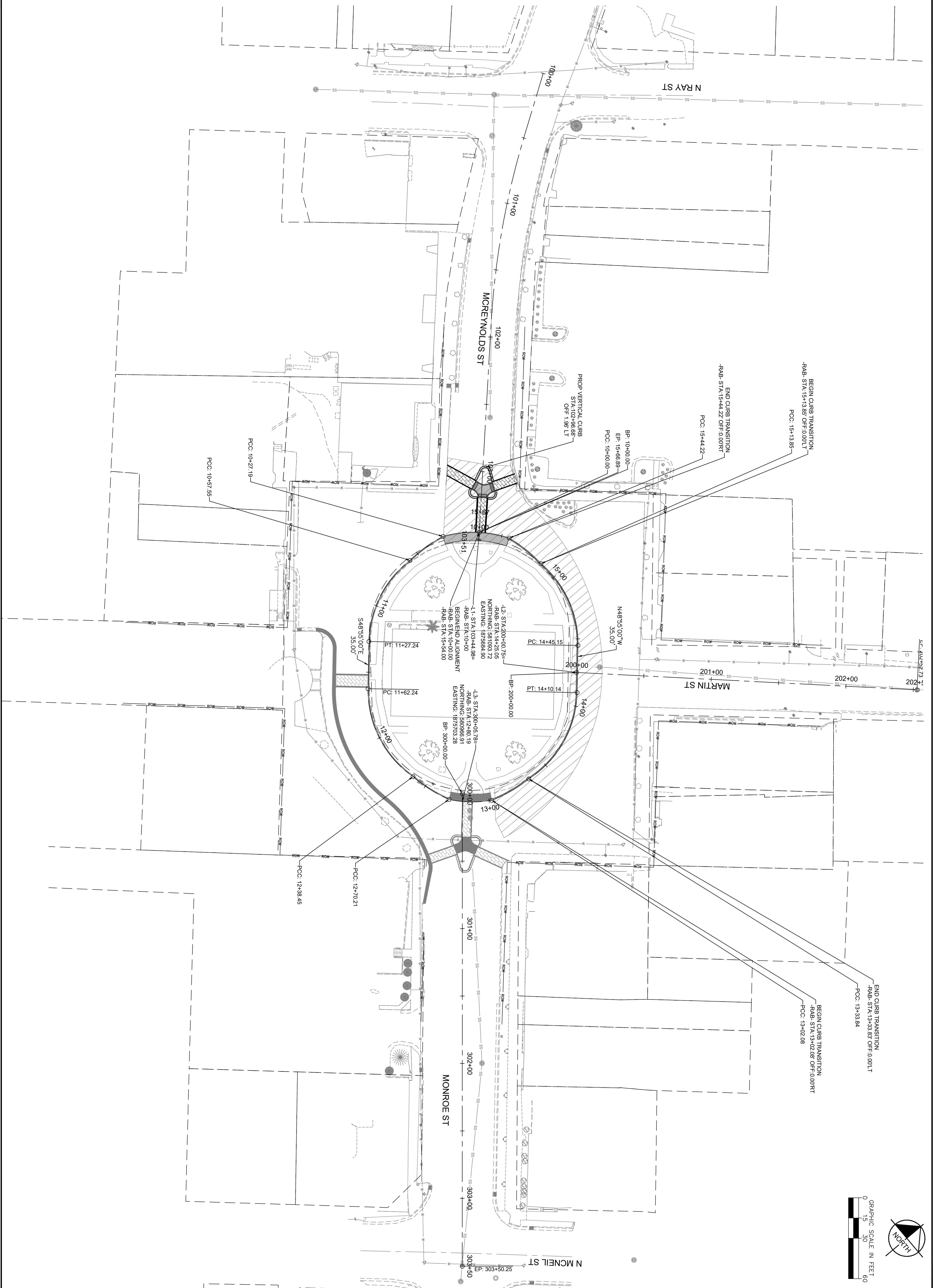
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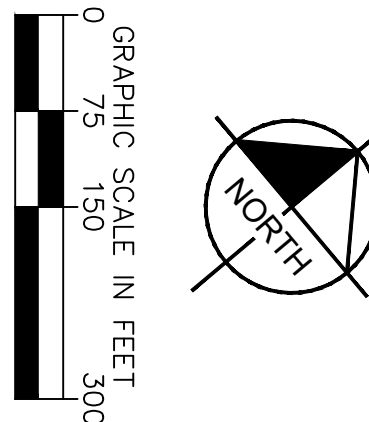
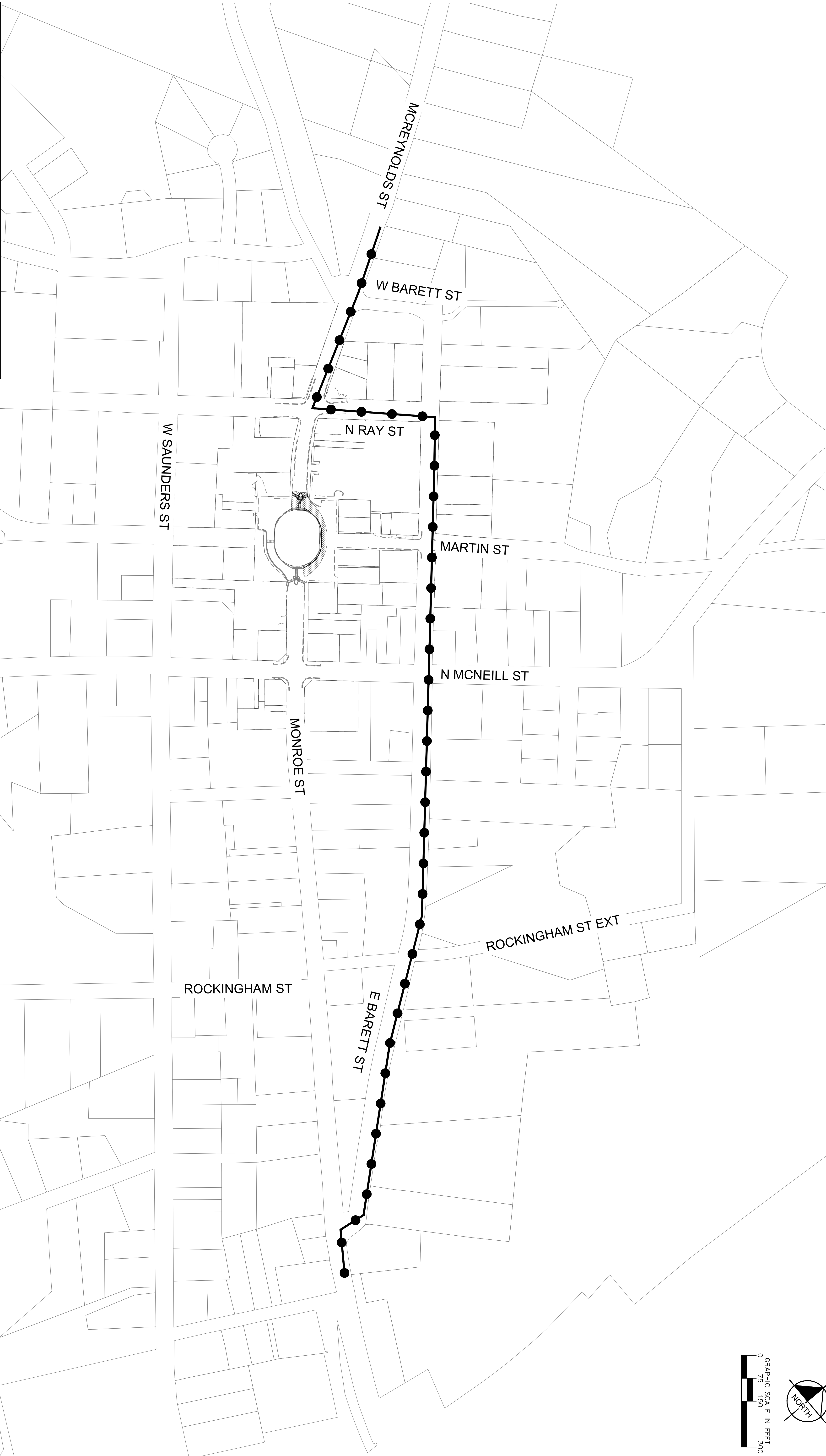
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