

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number  
MVN -2015-1091-EPP

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Project Manager  
Elizabeth Hill  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 160913-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CANAL STREET FERRY LANDING ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ORLEANS PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Regional Transit Authority, c/o Royal Engineers & Consultants, 214 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Project site is located on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at about 94.9 miles above Head of Passes, at the base of Canal Street, in New Orleans, Louisiana, in Orleans Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 29.949022 Longitude: -90.062394 Hydrologic Unit Codes: 08090100 Lower Mississippi New Orleans.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Demolish and reconstruct the Canal Street Ferry Terminal location. In addition, to demolition of the existing terminal activities will include construction of the following: new wharf, retaining wall, terminal building, canopy, pedestrian boarding gangplanks, renovation of existing barge dock, installing temporary barge dock during the construction phase, and transit improvements to the bus and streetcar system. The applicant maintains that no jurisdictional wetlands would be directly affected by this action, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **30 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is aware that the permit area is adjacent to the Vieux Carre Historic District and within one-half mile of the Lower Central Business Historic District and the Upper Central Business Historic District. Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other relevant laws, regulations, and statutes will be achieved through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District acknowledges that the Federal Transit Authority is the lead Federal agency and that they will act on our behalf, fulfilling our collective responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of +/-0.3 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Michael V. Farabee  
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure

## SITE INFORMATION



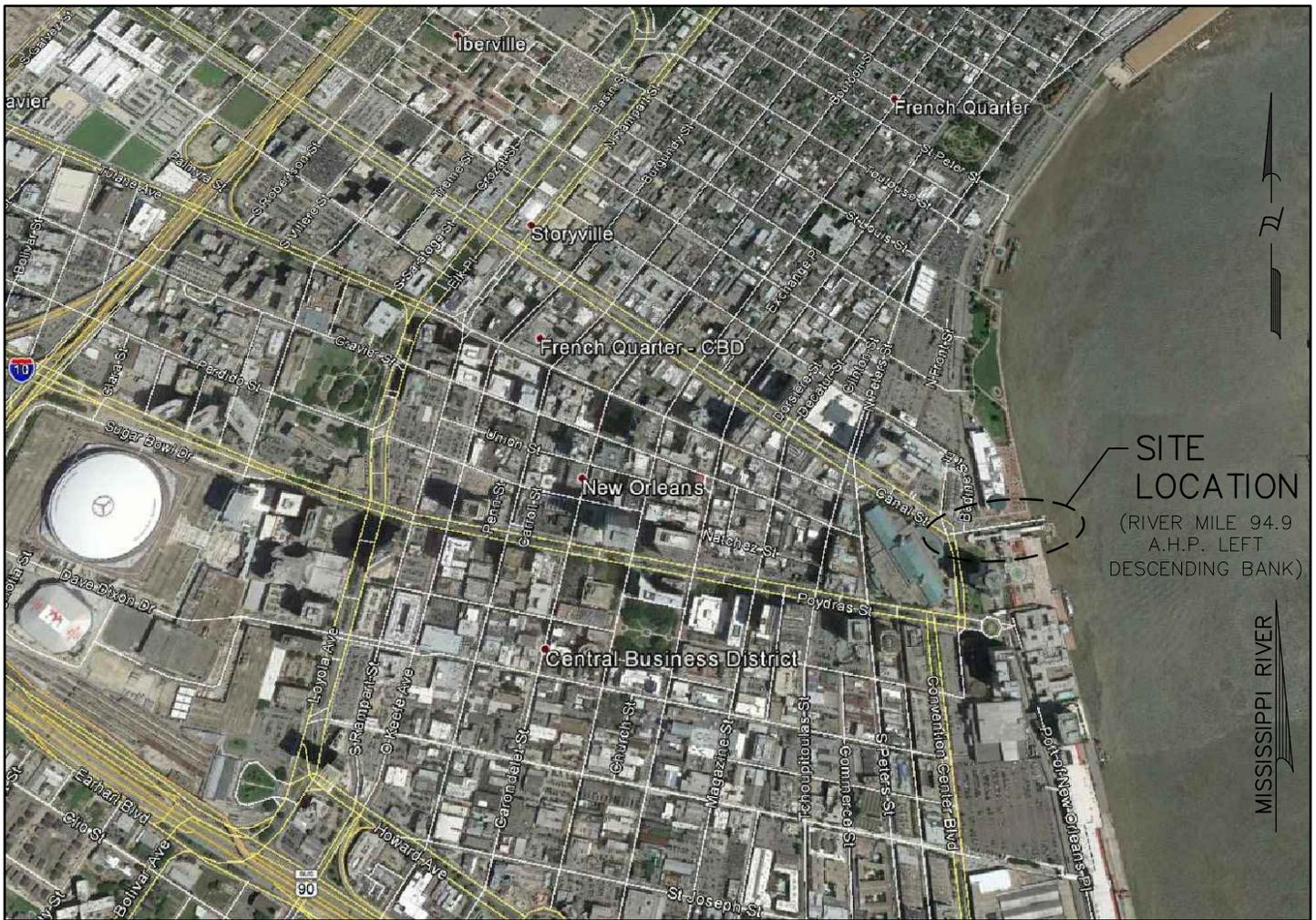
## AREA MAP

MAILING ADDRESS:  
 REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
 2817 CANAL STREET  
 NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70119-6301

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:  
 CANAL STREET FERRY TERMINAL  
 1 CANAL STREET  
 NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

## PROJECT INFORMATION

REQUEST PERMIT TO SELECTIVELY DEMOLISH EXISTING FERRY TERMINAL, CONSTRUCT NEW WHARF, RETAINING WALL, TERMINAL BUILDING, CANOPY AND PEDESTRIAN BOARDING GANGWAYS, RENOVATE EXISTING FIXED BARGE DOCK MAKING USE OF TEMPORARY FIXED BARGE DOCK DURING CONSTRUCTION. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PROJECT ARE TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS AND STREETCAR SYSTEMS INCLUDING REALIGNMENT OF EXISTING TRACK, NEW BUS SHELTER, NEW TRACK TURNOUTS AND OVERHEAD CONTACT SYSTEM (OCS) POLE FOUNDATIONS.



### PROJECT SITE:

LAT: 29° 56' 56.48"N  
 LONG: 90° 03' 44.62"W

## VICINITY MAP

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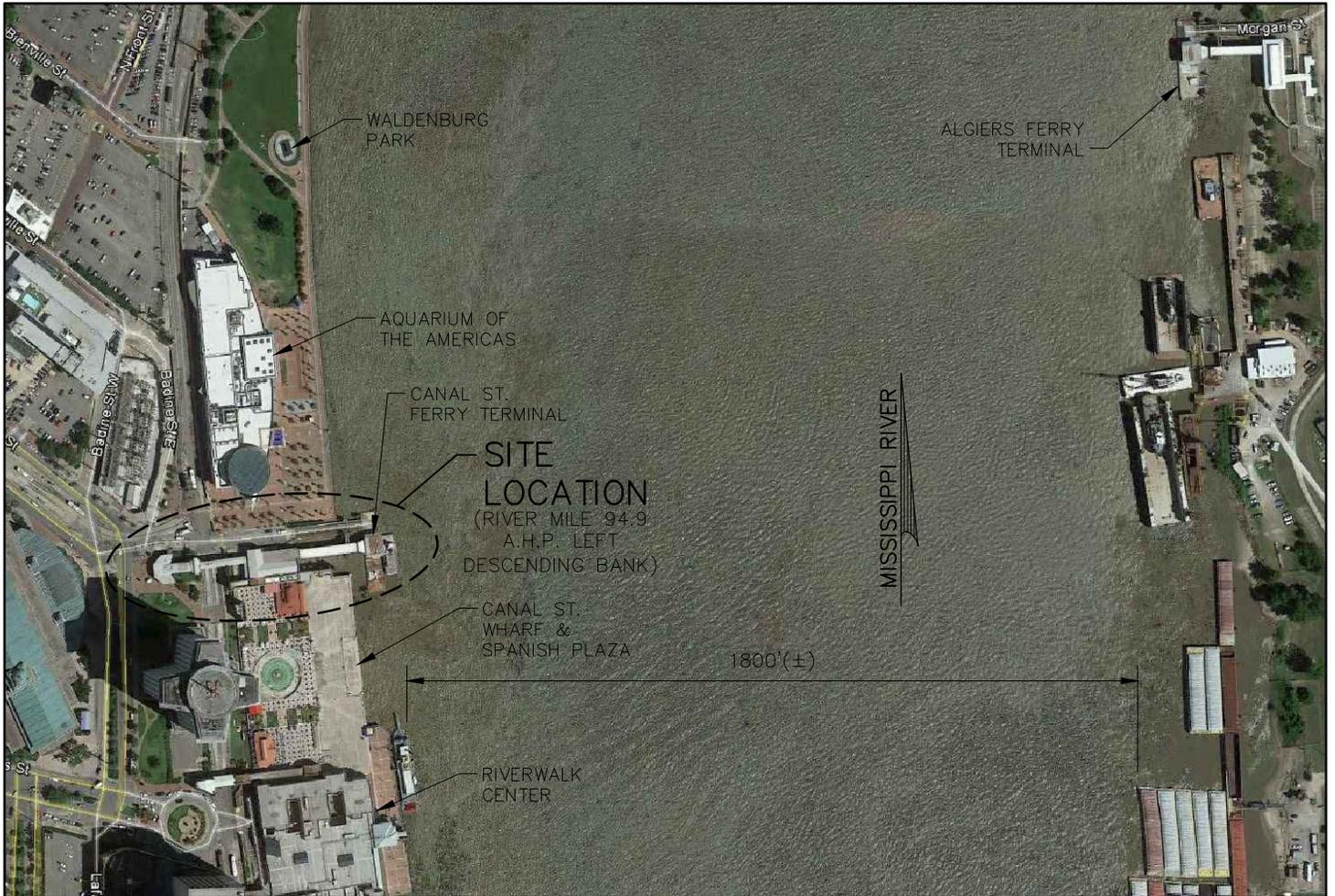
## REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY CANAL STREET FERRY TERMINAL VICINITY MAP

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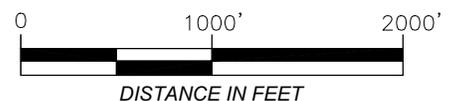


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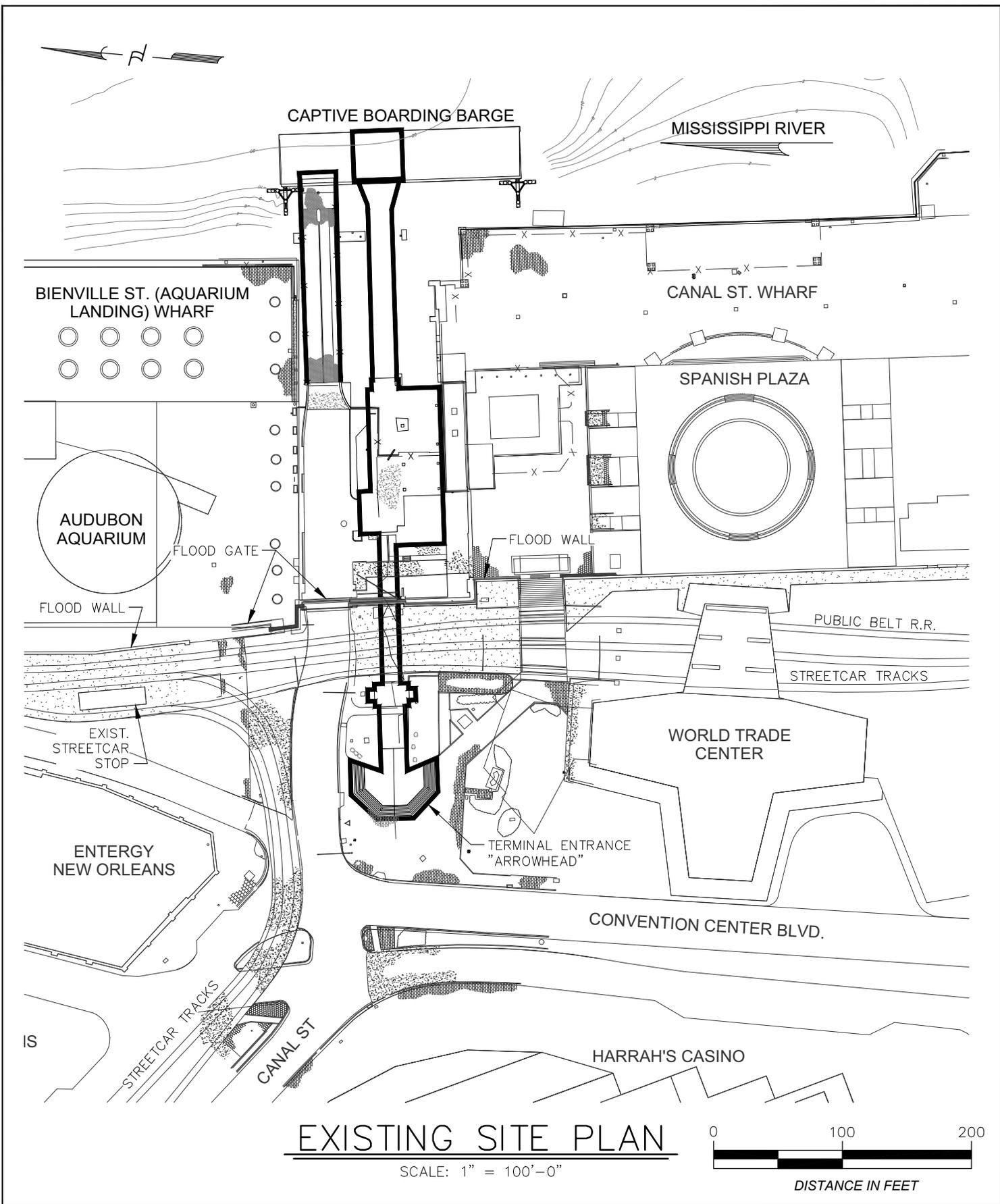
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<b>REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY CANAL STREET FERRY TERMINAL EXISTING SITE PLAN</b>	
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WORK SPACE COORDINATES

A	29° 57' 03.85"; -90° 03' 44.26"
B	29° 57' 01.10"; -90° 03' 43.97"
C	29° 57' 01.15"; -90° 03' 43.42"
D	29° 56' 58.84"; -90° 03' 43.10"
E	29° 56' 58.56"; -90° 03' 45.86"
F	29° 56' 59.21"; -90° 03' 45.94"
G	29° 56' 59.20"; -90° 03' 46.03"
H	29° 56' 59.37"; -90° 03' 46.06"
I	29° 56' 59.29"; -90° 03' 47.01"
J	29° 56' 58.72"; -90° 03' 46.94"
K	29° 56' 58.36"; -90° 03' 51.58"
L	29° 57' 01.63"; -90° 03' 51.92"
M	29° 57' 00.70"; -90° 03' 50.54"
N	29° 57' 00.76"; -90° 03' 50.16"
O	29° 57' 01.20"; -90° 03' 49.98"
P	29° 57' 01.57"; -90° 03' 49.83"
Q	29° 57' 02.45"; -90° 03' 49.68"
R	29° 57' 02.52"; -90° 03' 48.71"
S	29° 57' 01.87"; -90° 03' 48.65"
T	29° 57' 01.14"; -90° 03' 48.48"
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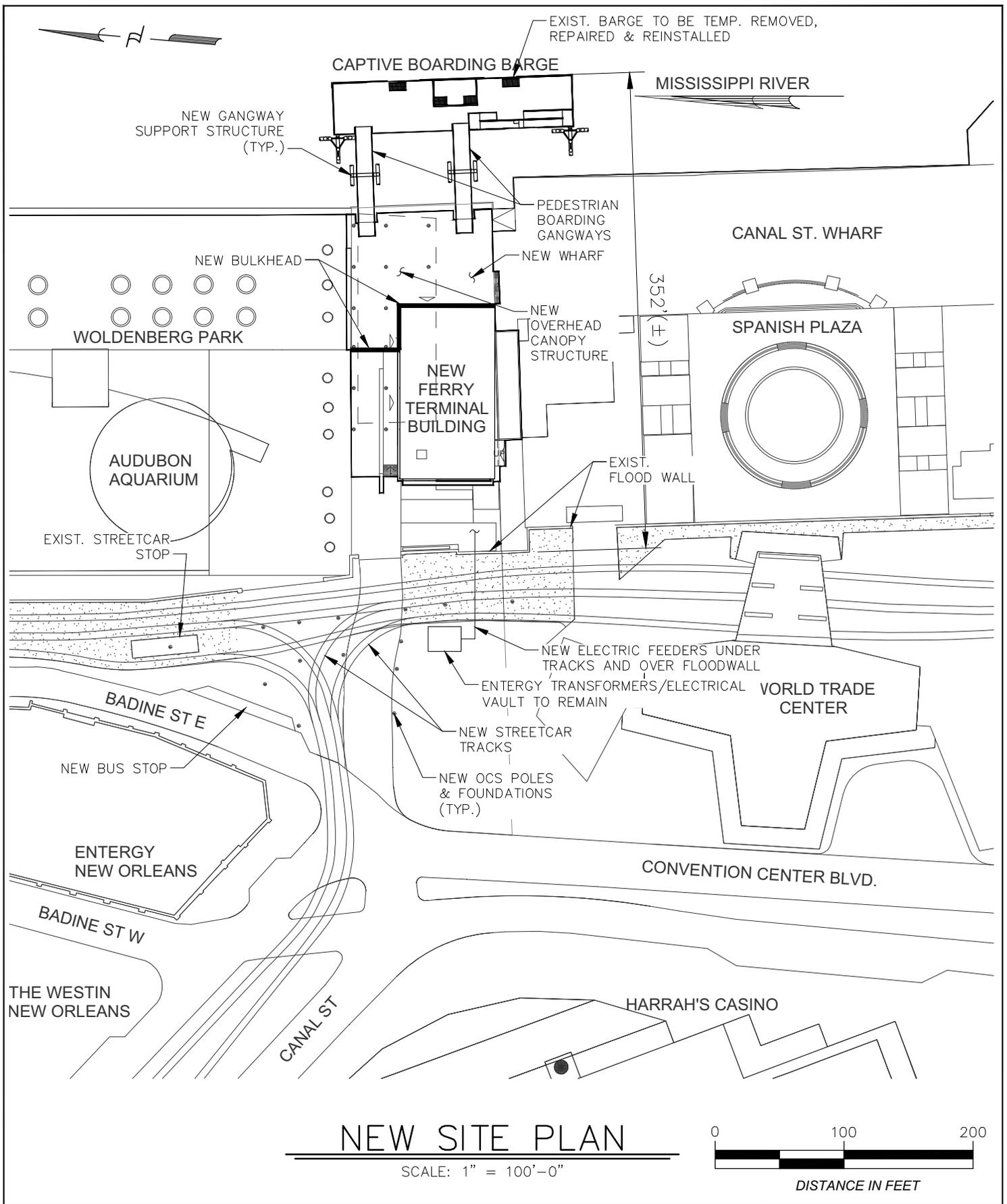


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 CANAL STREET FERRY TERMINAL  
 TEMPORARY & DEMOLITION SITE PLAN**

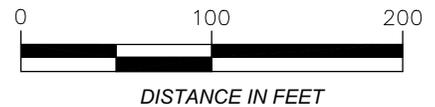
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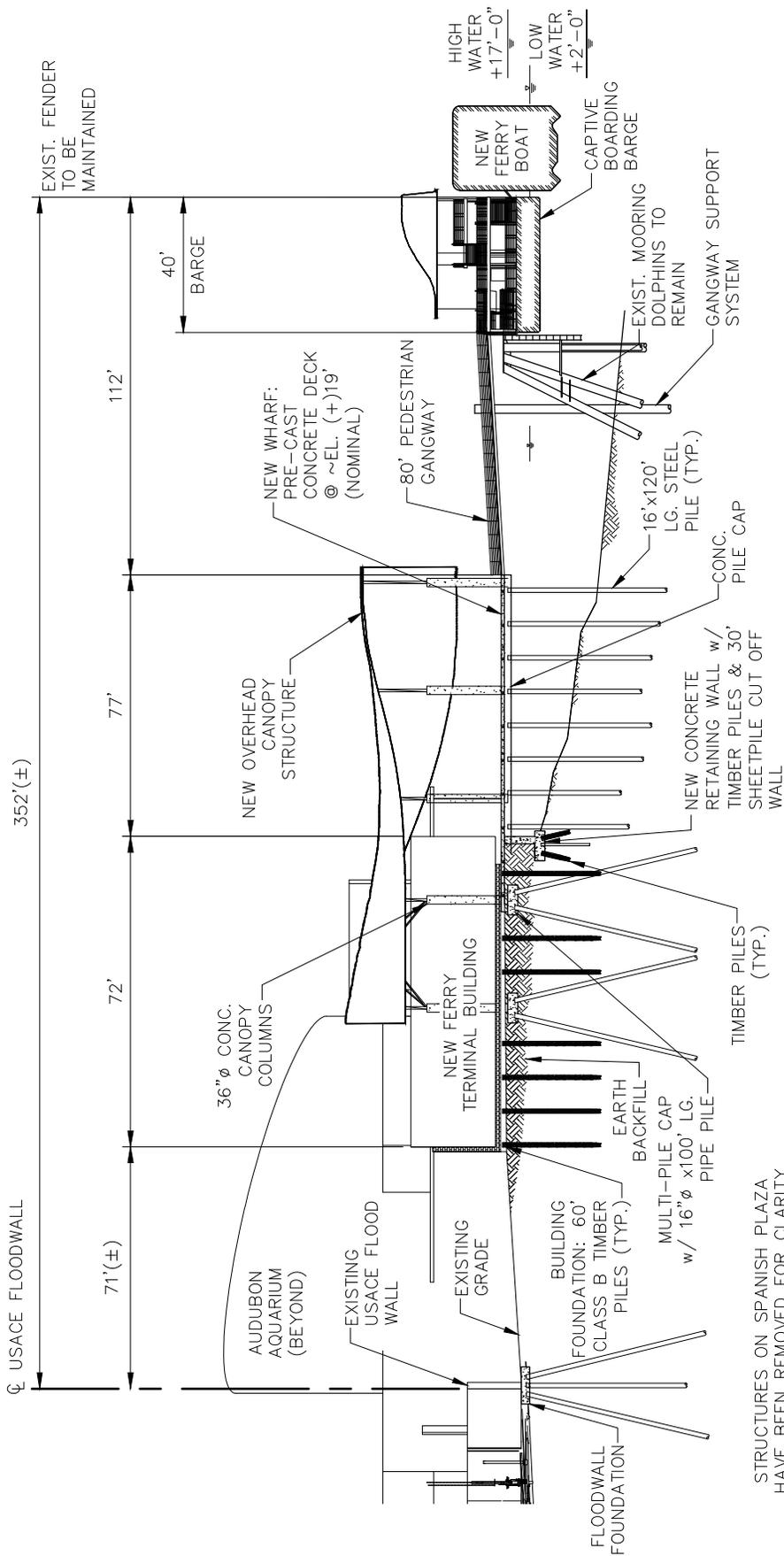


# NEW SITE PLAN

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# SITE SECTION

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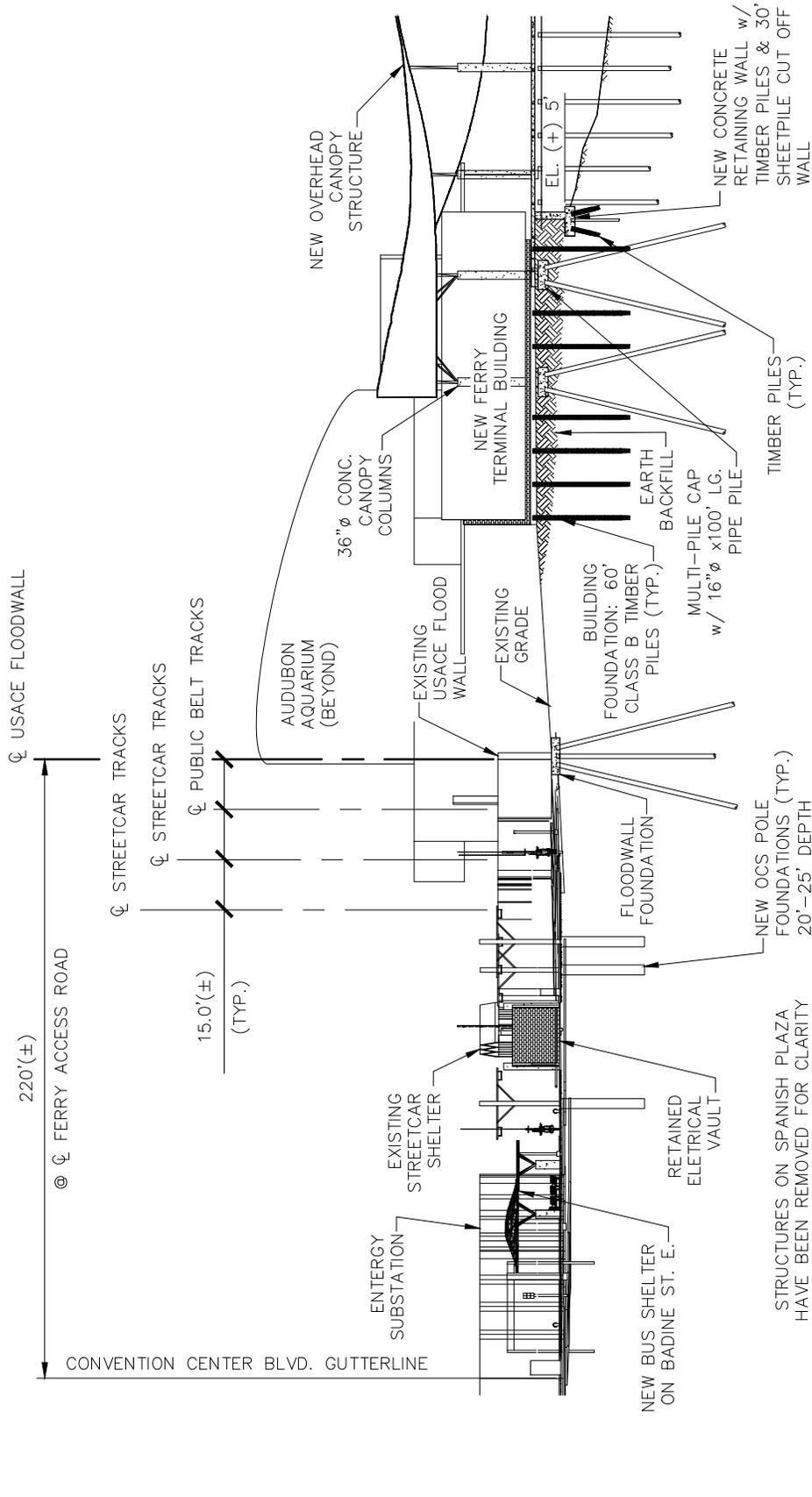


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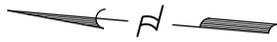
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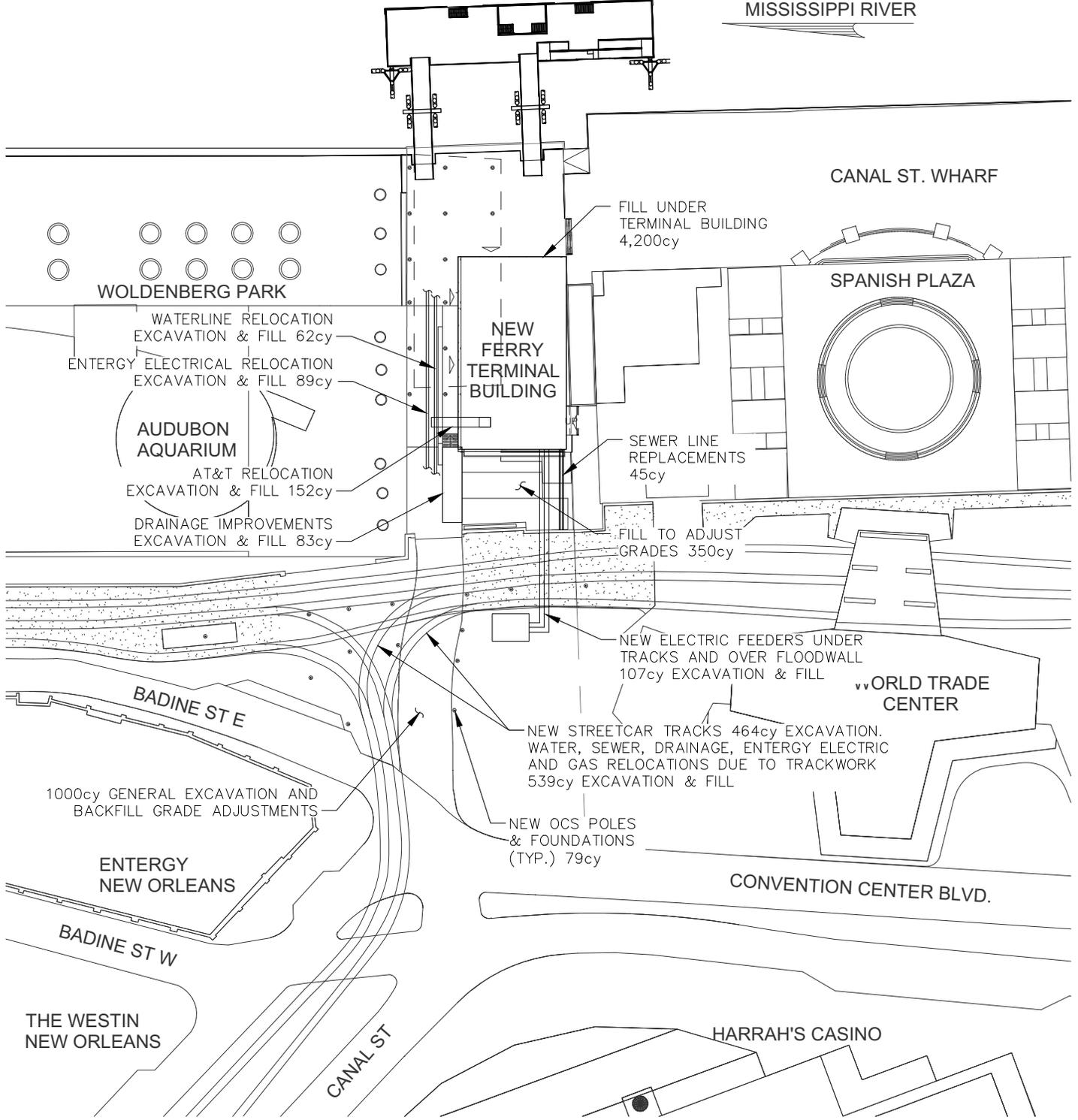
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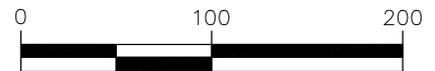
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# ESTIMATED EXCAVATION & FILL PLAN

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