November 4th, 2015

REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK

REVIEW COMMITTEE

REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION

RE: The vacation of the City of Allentown's underlying rights to the Tilghman Street from the Eastern boundary of the now or formerly R.J. Corman Railroad eastward to the Lehigh River.

Requested by:
Waterfront Redevelopment Partners, LP
1665 Valley Center Parkway
Suite 110
Bethlehem, PA 18017

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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HISTORY OF THE PORTION OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:

The portion of street proposed to be vacated is in the 6th Ward. The street was established by City Ordinance Bill No. 503 on April 18th 1917. The street became obsolete when the Tilghman Street Bridge was adopted by Ordinance Bill No. 2122 on August 30th, 1927. Should the subject portion of the street vacation be granted, it appears that the affected right-of-way would revert to the adjoining property owners which is the street vacation requestor. It is the responsibility of the affected adjoining property to assimilate vacated property into fee simple ownership by deed.

LOCATION AND CONDITION:

The subject street area is closed to traffic and the PA DOT owned Tilghman Street bridge is constructed on the subject area. PA DOT enjoys an aerial easement and bridge Pier construction and maintenance easements for the Bridge. There is any existing storm line that is under the bridge and a 20' wide Drainage Easement has been provided by the requestor.

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POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

Richard Rasch, Utility Engineer, has no objection to the street vacation.

Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent, has no objection to the street vacation.

Michael Hilbert, Communications, has no objections to the street vacation.

Lee Laubach, Fire Chief, has not replied.

Keith Morris, Interim Chief of Police, has not replied.

POLLS UTILITIES:

Frank Leist, Chief Capital Works Officer for LCA, has no objection to the street vacation.

Ryan Wetherhold, Engineer UGI, has no objection to the street vacation.

Mike Collier, Engineer Verizon, has no objection to the street vacation.

Ken Kutchinsky, PennDot R/W Administrator, objects to the street vacation for time for Department Counsel to review.

Bruce Leonard PE, Area Engineering Supervisor, has not replied

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering favorably recommends the subject street vacation provided the existing Drainage Easement, Aerial Easement, and the Bridge Pier Construction Easements remain in place. Also that it is clearly stated that only the City of Allentowns underlying rights are being vacated.

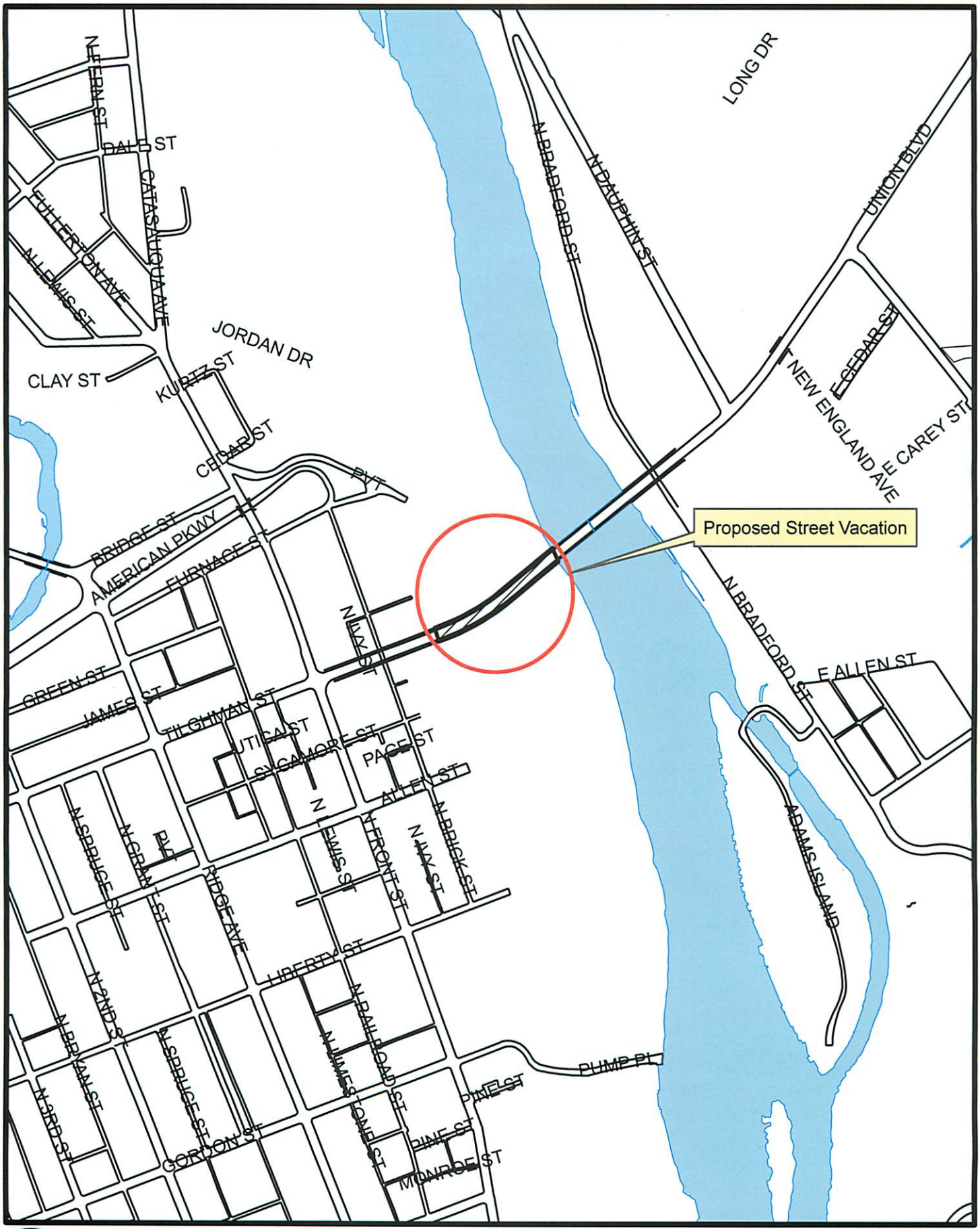
Very truly yours,

Craig Messinger
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Shannon Calluori, Director of Planning
Susan Wild, City Solicitor
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk
Craig Messinger, Public Works Director

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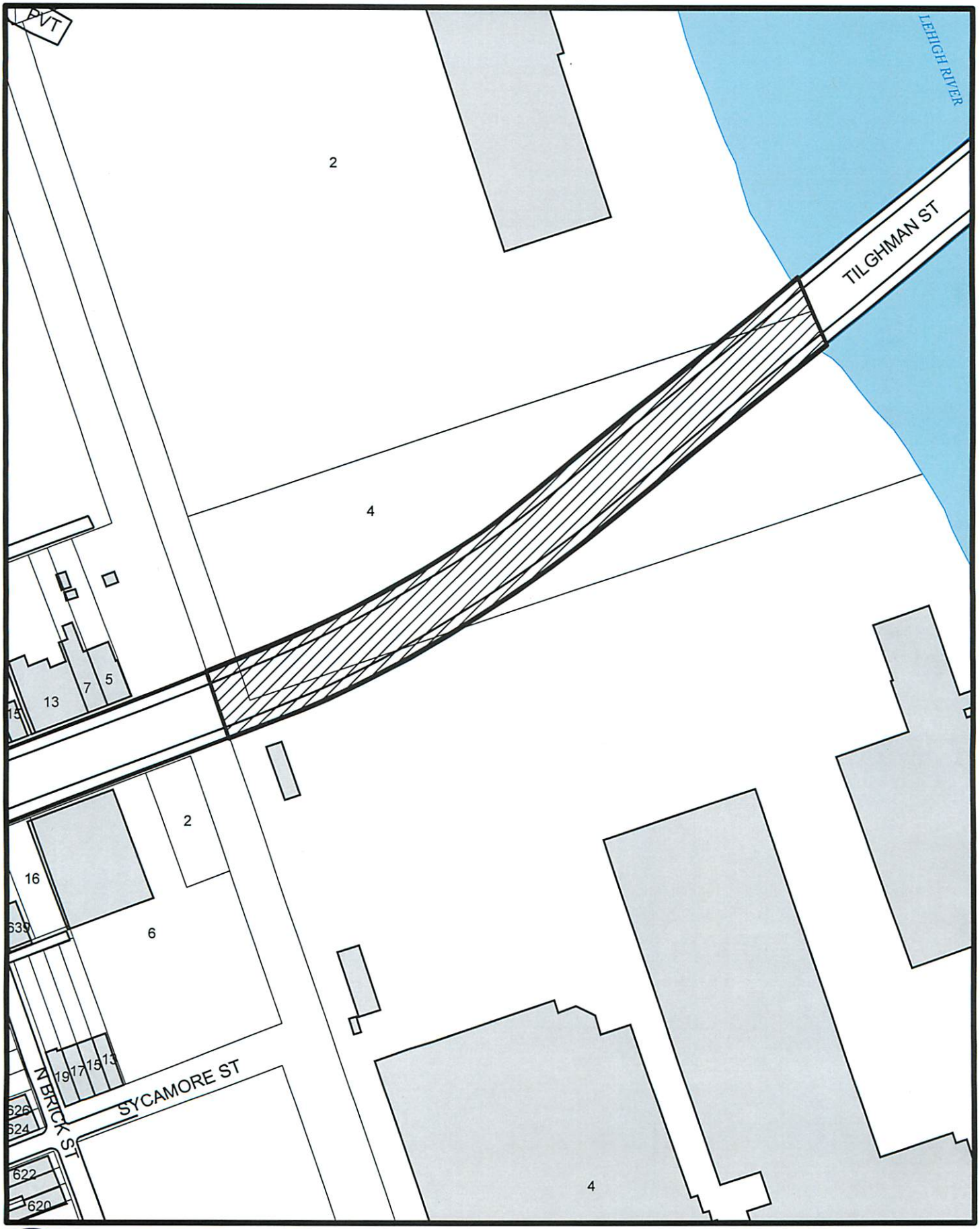


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Railroad Property to Lehigh River

SCALE:
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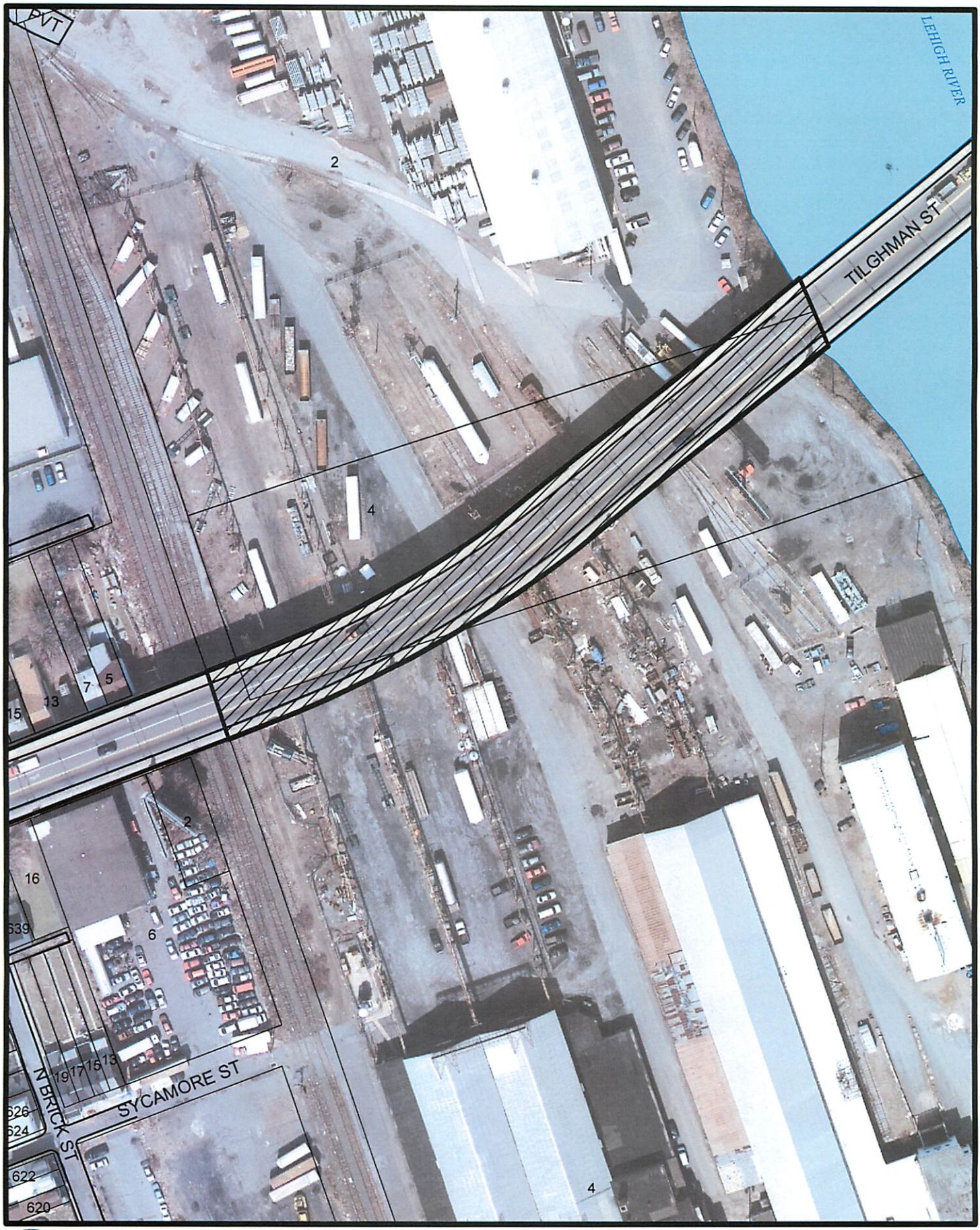


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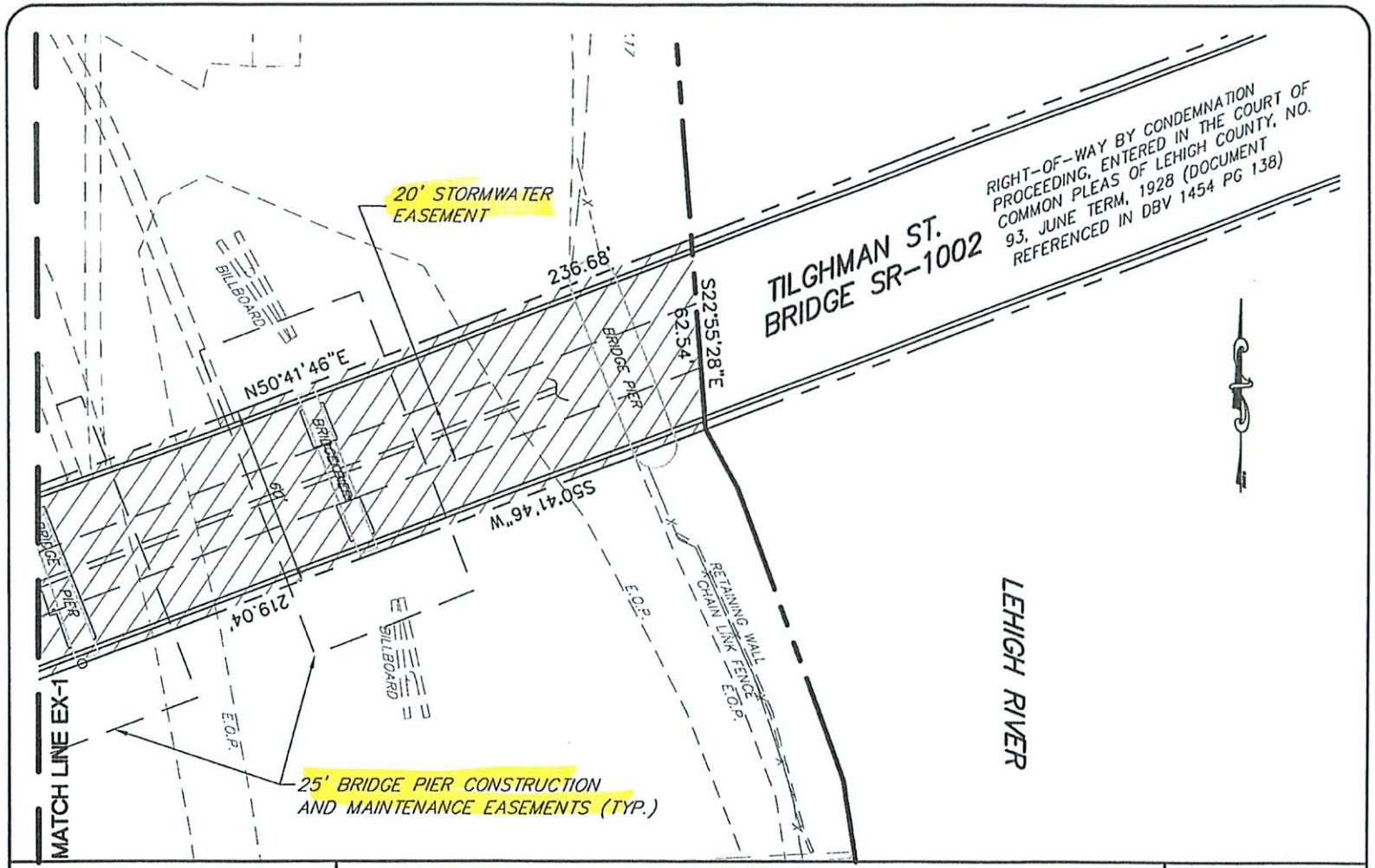
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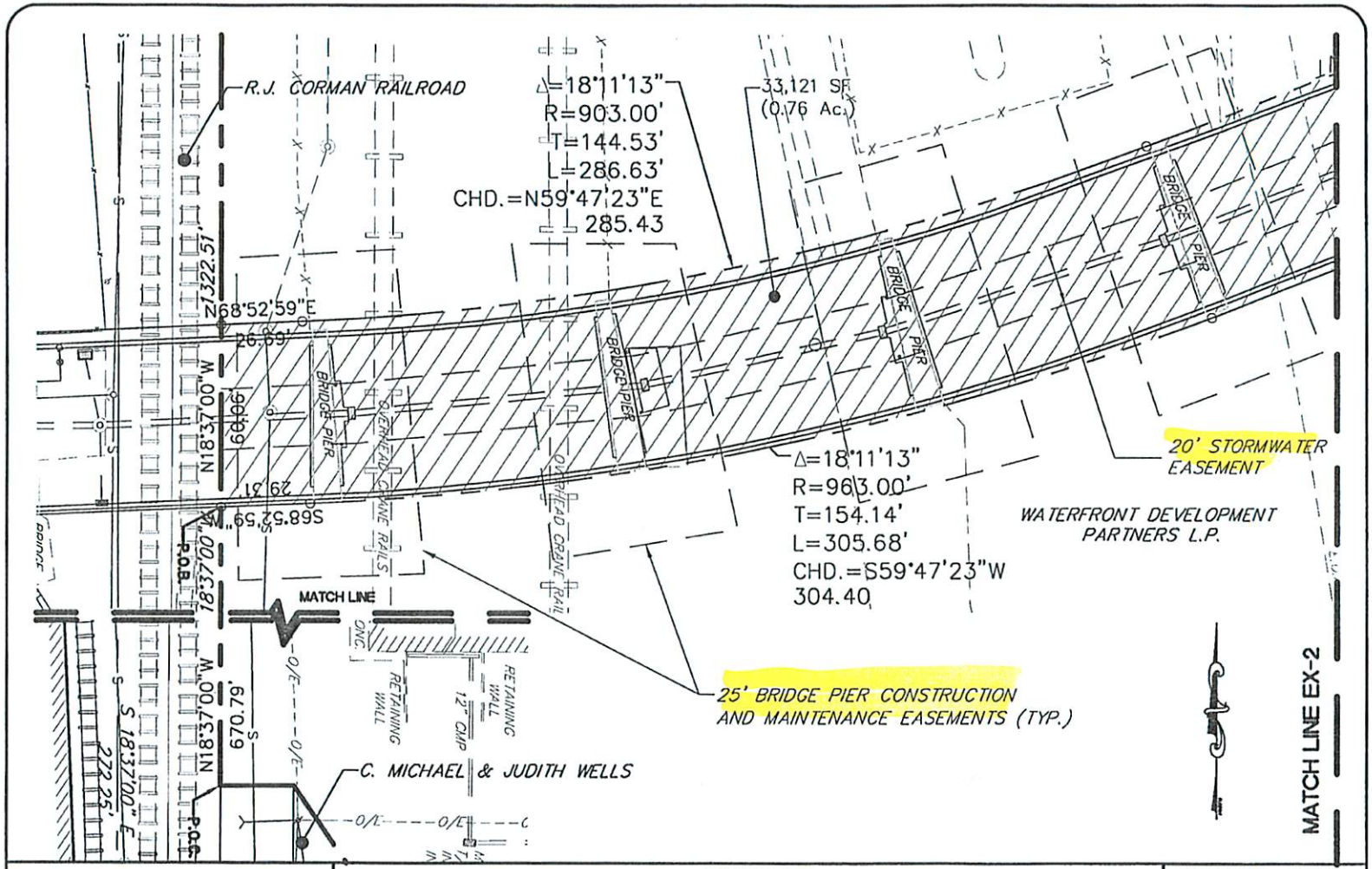


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