

STATE OF TEXAS

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEGUIN, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 98, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 43 ADOPTING TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SEGUIN; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT THIS ORDINANCE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEGUIN CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, in order to better protect its citizens and to cut back on street damage to city streets the City contracted with Civil Engineering Consultants to develop truck routes throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, city staff met with Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") personnel and a trucking industry representative to work out issues that could arise as truck routes are instituted; and

WHEREAS, after a number of revisions, TxDOT has formally approved a plan where trucks are routed exclusively on TxDOT highways; and

WHEREAS, the plan will prohibit through trucks on Court Street from SH 46 to SH 123 Bypass and Austin Street from Kingsbury to FM 725.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

SECTION ONE. The Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98, Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Traffic Control Devices, is amended by creation of a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 98-43. Truck Routes

(a) Unless otherwise accepted in the following diagrams all Interstate Highway and State Highway numbered routes, with exception of US Highway 90 Alternate (Court Street) between State Highway 46 and State Highway 123 Bypass and State Highway 123 Business (Austin Street) between State Highway 46 and FM 725, within the City are designated as truck routes.

[INSERT MAPS HERE]

(b) If the point of origin or destination, for commercial purposes only, for any truck is off the truck route, but is on an arterial street, then the truck may proceed by the shortest possible route, consisting of city arterial streets (defined for this purpose as those streets marked for two (2) or more lanes in each direction) to or from the nearest truck route. If the point of origin or destination is not on a truck route or a city arterial street, then the truck may proceed by the shortest possible route to or from the nearest numbered route or city Arterial Street.

(c) Signage will be installed as shown on the maps and enforcement of this section shall become effective when said traffic control signs have been installed.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this division, no person shall operate or cause to be operated on, along or over any highway, street, roadway or alley within the corporate limits of the town any commercial vehicle, truck, tractor, trailer, semitrailer, combination thereof and/or other motor vehicle with a rates load capacity in excess of 5,000 pounds (two and one-half tons) except on such highways, streets and roadways as are specifically designated as truck routes.

(e) Excepted from the provisions of this division are vehicles that are:

- (1) Making delivery or pickup within the town limits;
- (2) Using the shortest practicable route to or from a designated truck route within the city as set forth above in subsection (b);
- (3) Authorized emergency vehicles operating within the normal scope of their duties;
- (4) Vehicles operated by a public utility while cruising in any area of the town for the purpose of inspecting the facilities of such public utility and/or providing maintenance or service to such facilities;
- (5) Vehicles owned by a municipality or other government entity.
- (6) Vehicles of private businesses which are under contract to the town to provide the pickup of trash and other refuse.

(f) Sections of the Code to the contrary notwithstanding, violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION TWO. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

SECTION THREE. In accordance with Section 3.10 of the Seguin City Charter, this Ordinance shall become effective ten days from passage on second reading and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

SECTION FOUR. City staff is authorized to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

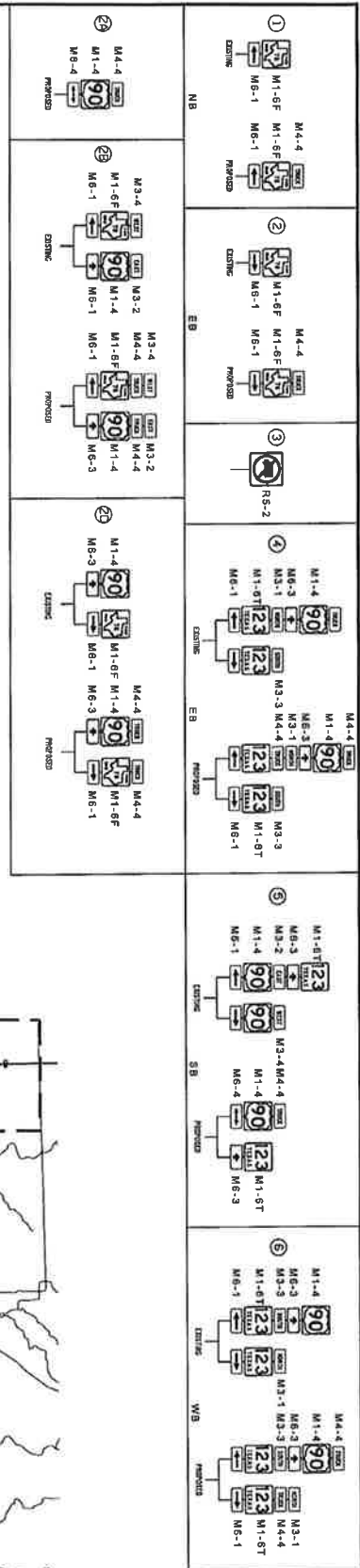
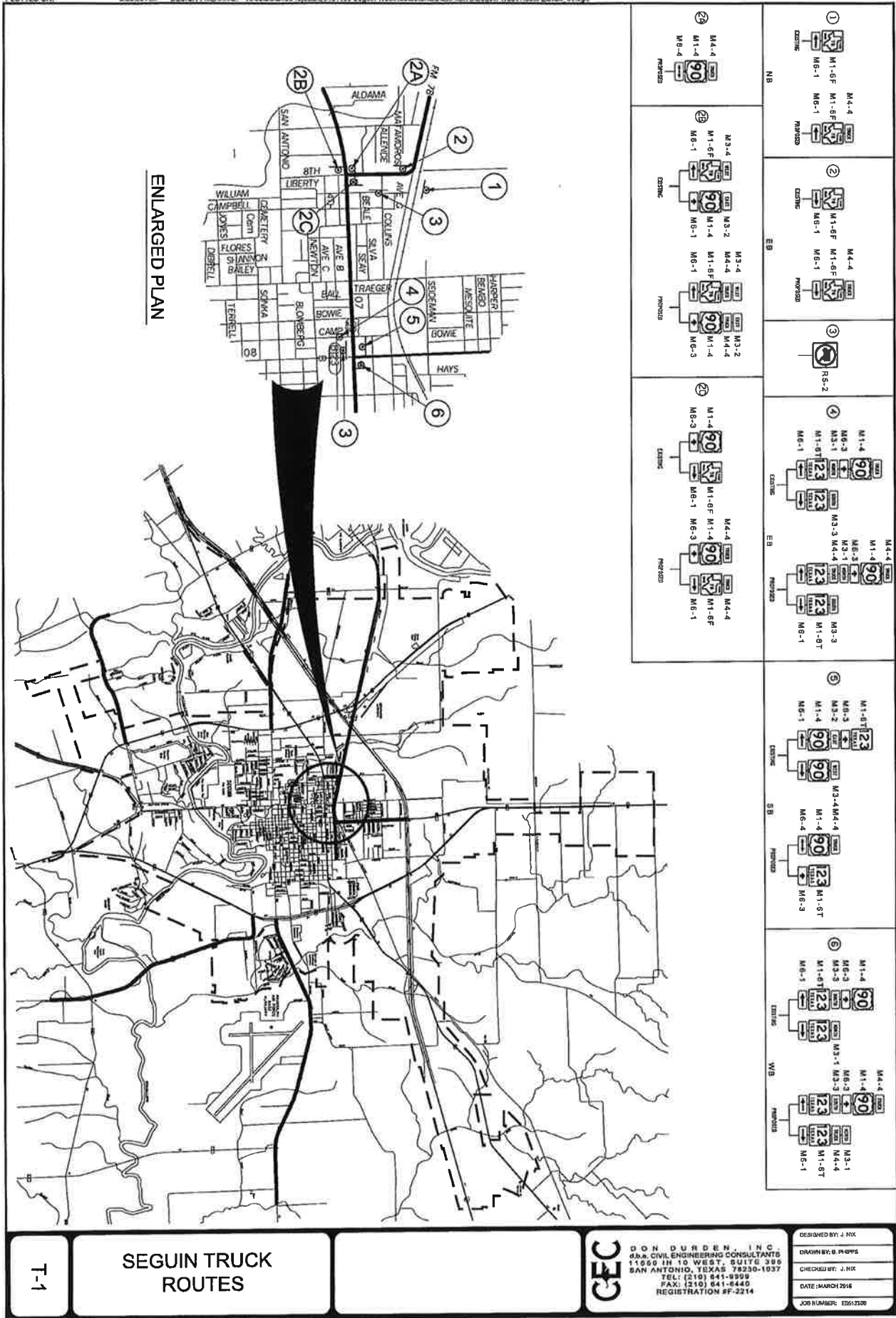
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PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading this 20th day of September 2016.


DON KEIL, Mayor

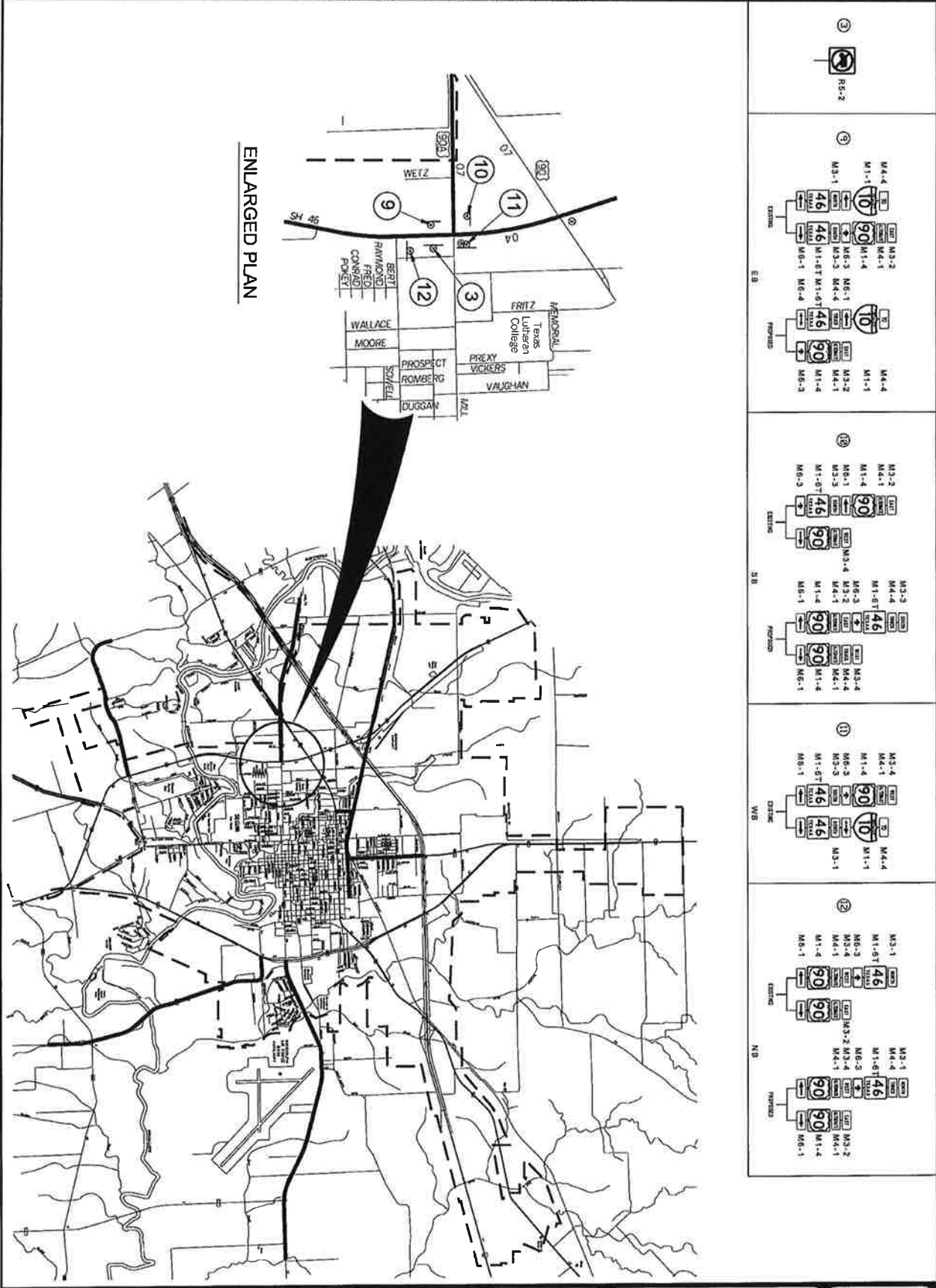
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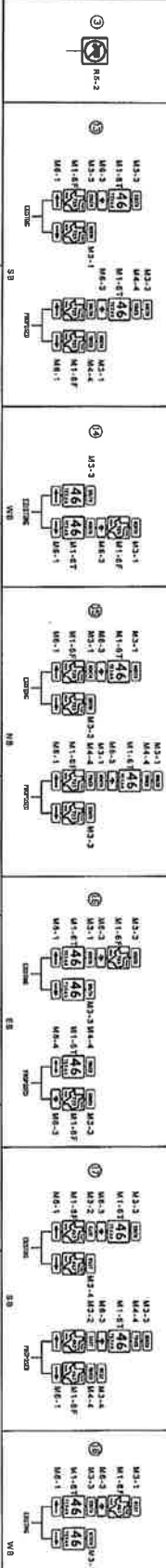


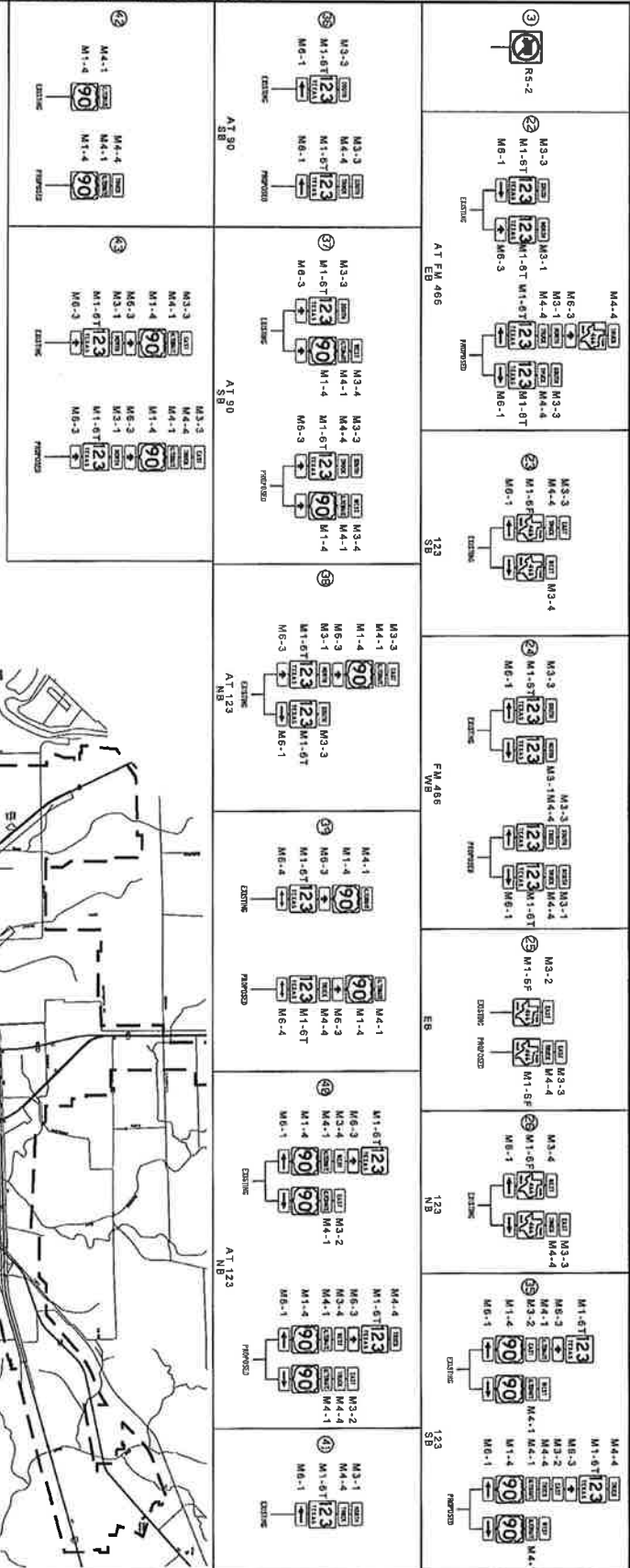
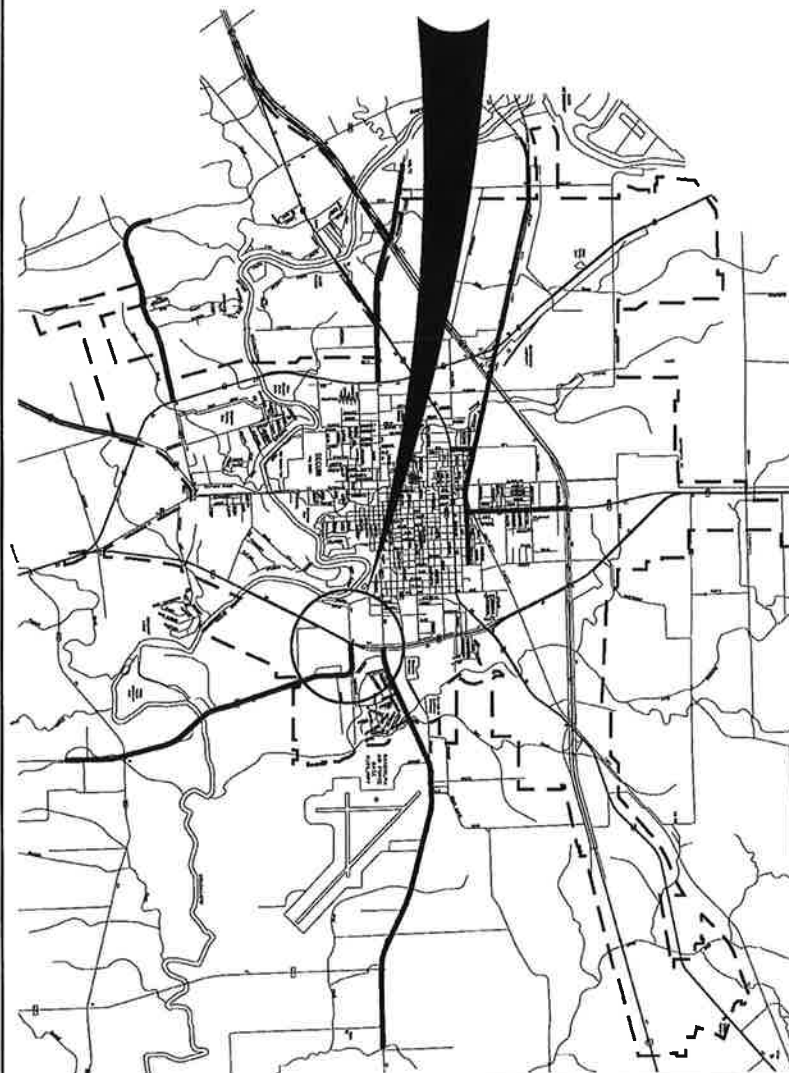
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