

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1401 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219-2000

Stephen C. Brich, P.E. COMMISSIONER

February 17, 2021

Andrew Reitelbach Senior Planner Albemarle County Community Development Department 401 McIntire Road Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

RIGHT OF WAY - VDOT Lands Acquired From Forest Lakes Associates RST Residences Zoning Application (ZMA 2020-00007)

Dear Mr. Reitelbach:

The Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") has been requested to provide Albemarle County ("County") information regarding VDOT's right of way and Tax Map Parcel 46B5-1D, as it relates to the proposed project known as "RST Residences" ("RST") and a proposed connection to Ashwood Boulevard. The County has requested clarification regarding RST's right and ability to construct an access to Ashwood Boulevard, as shown on the application plan, across those lands owned by VDOT.

VDOT acquired Parcel 46B5-1D in 2001 from Forest Lakes Associates for the purpose of constructing a Route 29 Western Bypass. The Bypass project was subsequently rescinded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board by resolution dated July 16, 2014. As a part of the initiative to return those lands acquired for the Bypass project, back to private ownership, VDOT reviewed Tax Parcel 46B5-1D to determine its need for current or future highway purposes. During the review it was noted the County comprehensive plan showed an extension of Ashwood Boulevard to Berkmar Drive. As a result, VDOT determined that a portion of the property, fronting Route 29, containing approximately 1.44 acres (marked in RED – Attachment 1) could be released for sale, and the remainder, located along Ashwood Blvd (marked in BLUE – Attachment 1), should be reserved for right of way purposes, allowing for future modifications and improvements within those limits.

The process to adjust right of way limits, on lands already owned by VDOT, is an internal administrative process (see attachment 2). As a result, VDOT has a requested RST to depict the proposed right of way limits for Ashwood Boulevard on their site plan, showing that portion of Parcel 46B5-1D being retained by VDOT as "Proposed Right of Way" and VDOT will formally acknowledge this designation as a part of the RST site plan review process. This will also be supported by VDOT's request to the County Assessor to revise the boundaries and acreage of Parcel 46B5-1D to depict the proposed right of way limits, and reflecting only that 1.44 acre portion of the parcel which will be offered to the public.

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The acknowledgement and designation of this area as right of way provides for RST to construct the proposed connection and any improvements (i.e. sidewalk, curb and gutter, etc) that may be required by the County or VDOT as a part of the site plan review process, along Ashwood Boulevard and clarify any questions as to the legal rights of access across those lands owned by VDOT. After this area is designated as right of way, RST's property would then abut the Ashwood Boulevard right of way. As such, the proposed connection would not cross a separate County tax map parcel to reach the Ashwood Boulevard right of way, allowing the proposed connection to be constructed within the right of way limits pursuant under VDOT's access permitting procedures. No portion of the proposed connection would be built on a tax map parcel, owned by VDOT. All improvements and any proposed connection will still require review and approval by the County and VDOT to ensure they meet all zoning, land use, and highway standards and requirements.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

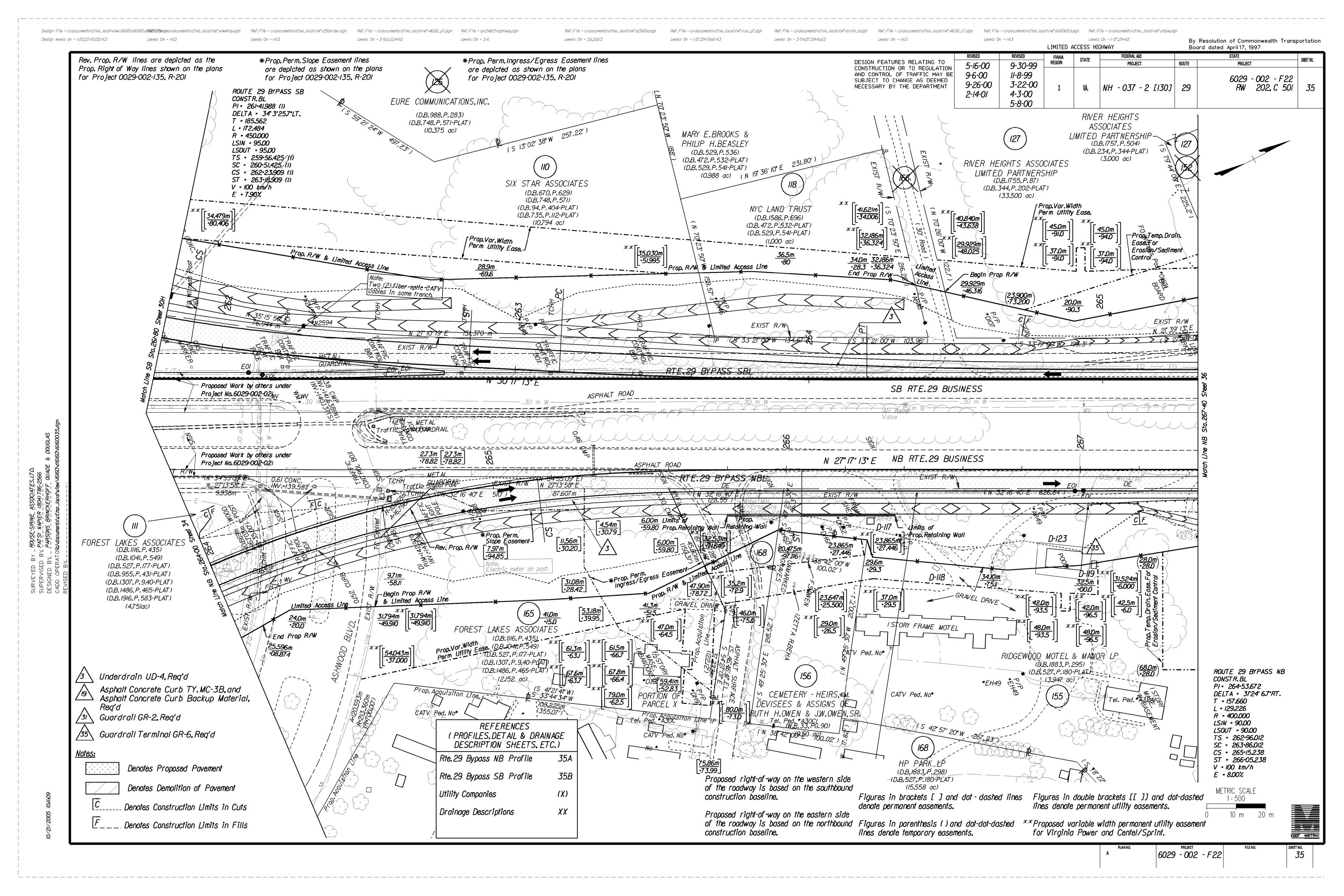
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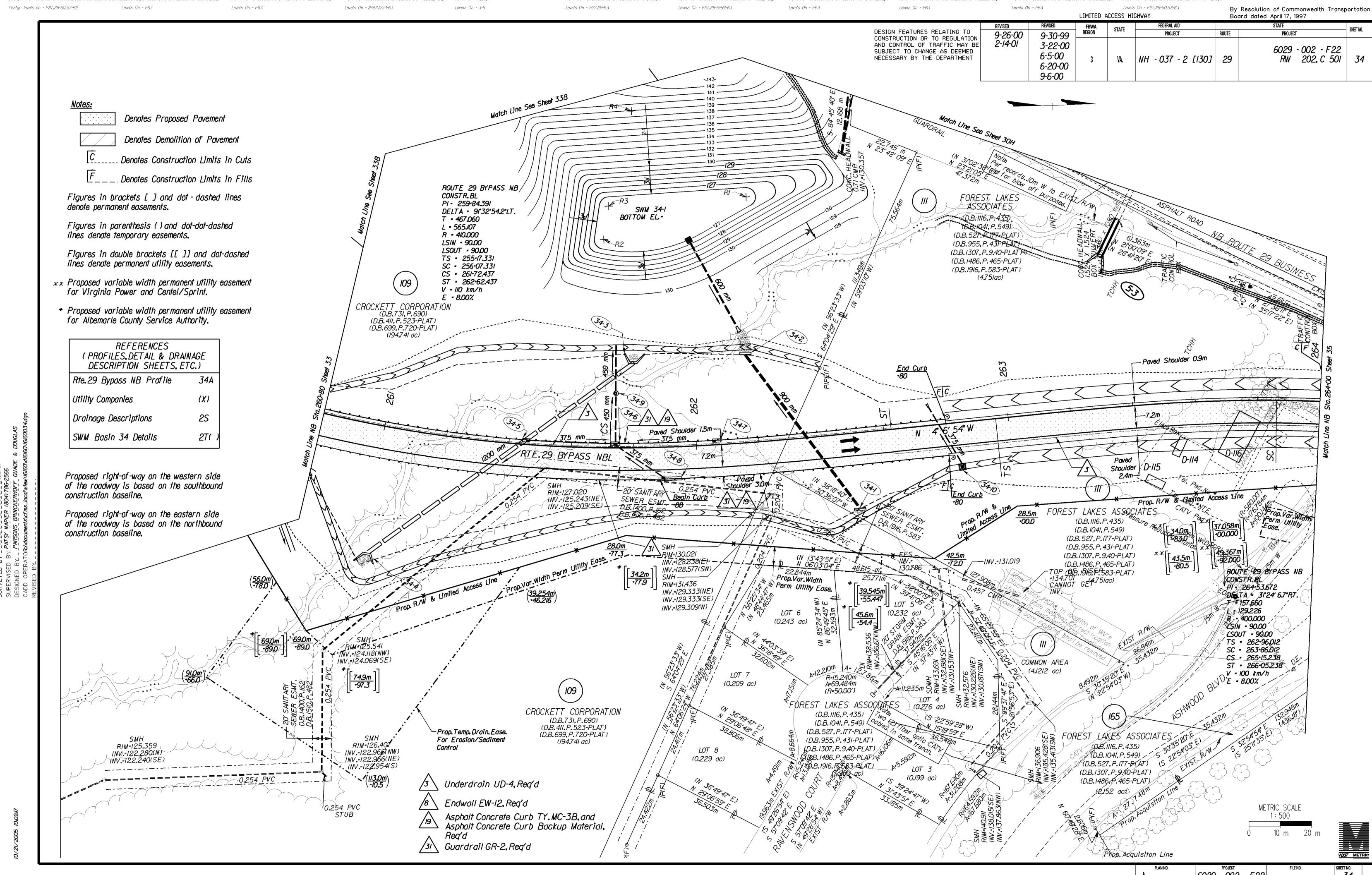
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Right of Way and Utilities Division

cc: Adam J. Moore, P.E., Area Land Use Engineer, Charlottesville Residency

Attachments 2 (1 – Acquisition Project Plans, 2 – Real Estate Certification)







## **Real Estate Certification**

The following land and/or property interest that was formerly a portion of road right of way is no longer deemed necessary for uses of the State Highway System or Secondary Highway System.

Location of Property or Property Interest PMI 6638					
Route: 29		County: Albemarle			
Acquired for Project	6029-002-F22, RW-202				
Acquired from	Forest Lakes Associates				
Location	Shown on Sheet 9, 10 and 10E of the plans for Route 29, State Highway Project 0029-002-135,RW201, Iying northeast of the intersection of Ashwood Boulevard and Route 29, north of and adjacent to north existing and proposed right of way line of Ashwood Boulevard and east of and adjacent to the east existing right of way line of Route 29; from a point 176.03 feet opposite Station 102+77.56 (Ashwood Boulevard Construction Baseline to a point 90.98 feet opposite Station 2657+32.02 (Route 29 Mainline Construction Baseline).				
Size (area)	1.4473 acre				

## Reason for Change

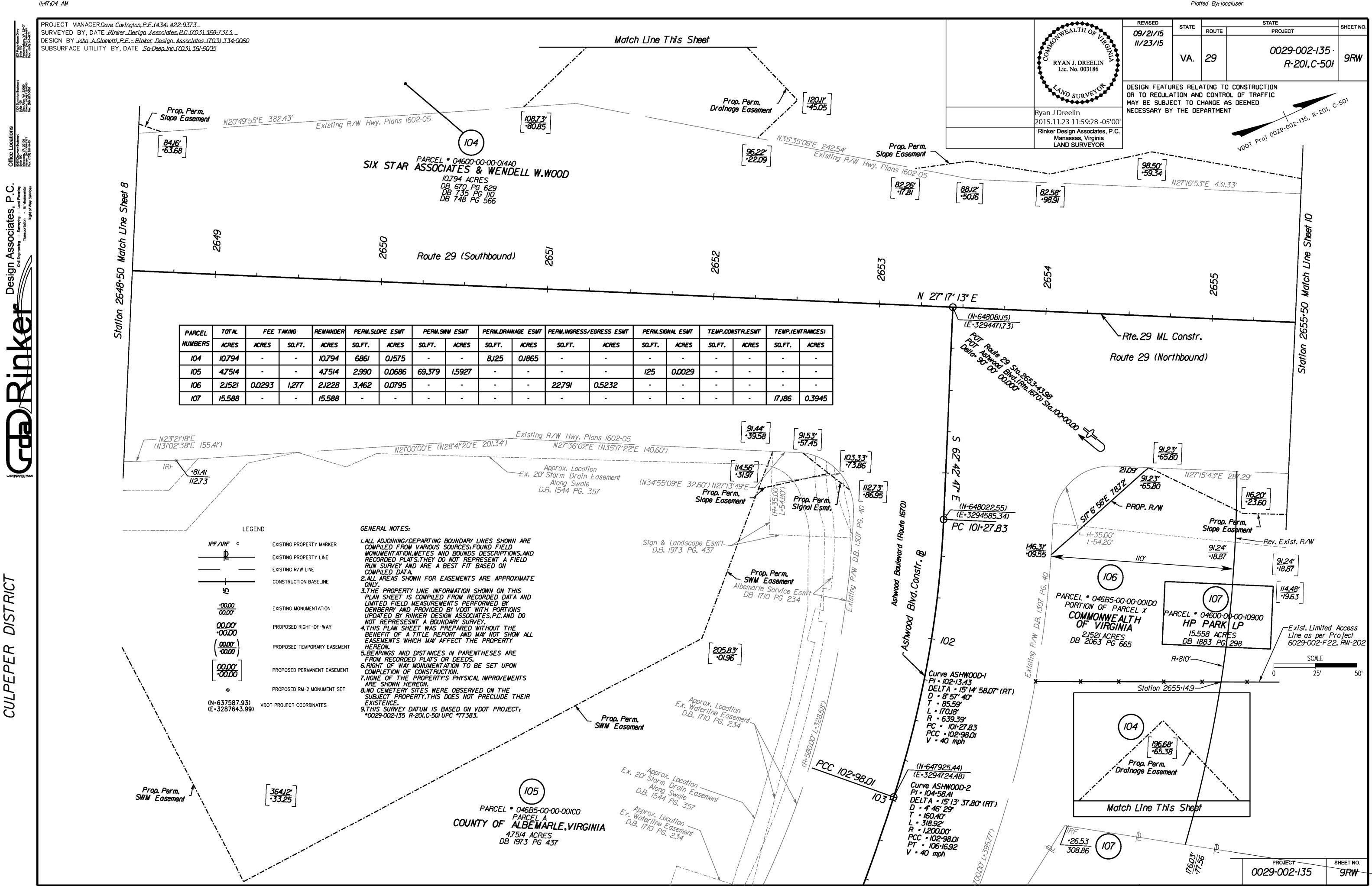
	Roadway abandoned		
	Roadway changes resulting from a new project		
Х	Reduction of right of way width, for area no longer needed (no further need was reviewed and concurred in by Planning, Operation, and Maintenance.		
	Easement no longer needed (no further need was reviewed and concurred in by Planning, Operation, and Maintenance.		
Х	The plans have been revised at the request of the County and District to accommodate a future project to widen and extend Ashwood Blvd If approved for sale, the limited access rights as shown on the plans will be released.		

I certify that the above described real property or property interest is no longer needed for uses of the State Highway System or Secondary Highway System and authorize the disposal in accordance with State statues.

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