



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 25, 2026

**TO:** Pike Place Market Historical Commission

**CC:** Sarah Sodt, City Historic Preservation Officer, Dept. of Neighborhoods  
Michele Finnegan, Interim Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation  
Minh Chau Le, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator, Dept. of Neighborhoods  
David Graves, AICP, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation

**FROM:** Shannon Glass, PLA, Sr. Capital Projects Coordinator, Seattle Parks and Recreation

**RE:** Victor Steinbrueck Park Totem Pole Restoration

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To the members of the Pike Place Market Historical Commission. The following is the current status of the Victor Steinbrueck Park Totem Poles and Seattle Parks and Recreation's (SPR) plan for restoration and re-installation of the Totem Poles at the park.

The poles are still in Neah Bay. Greg Colfax has completed the following wood restoration activities to date:

- Remove laminated planks from back of the *Untitled Pole*
- Remove/cut out rotten wood and replace it with new wood
- Secure cracks with thread and dowels
- Sand weathered components
- Rough shape and re-carve repaired wood sections to original form
- Sand and seal poles; repaint original colors on *Farmer Pole*

Work in progress and upcoming timeline:

- The structural engineer, Lund Opsahl has been working with the metal fabricator, Goodlike LLC, and Greg Colfax on the design of new bolting armatures for reattaching the totem poles to the plinths
- A permit application for the new bolting attachment has been submitted to Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections (SDCI). SDCI has completed a review and asked for additional information. The structural engineer is preparing a response for SDCI.
- SPR has submitted an application for March 25 Commission review of the new bolting attachments
- The steel fabrication will require 1-2 trips to Neah Bay to fit a template to be used for final steel component fabrication. Steel fabrication and fitting components in Neah Bay will take place March – April.
- Install wood infill in the Untitled Pole backside cavity
- Paint the newly carved Untitled Pole whale fin to match the original
- Reinstall the poles and original bronze plaques in May / June
- SPR is working with SDOTs Roadway Structures crews on the planned reinstallation of the poles; SDOT has a crane that likely can be used for the reinstallation.

The project team has been working diligently and made significant progress on this unique restoration. The timeline, however, has been impacted by external factors outside of the project teams control including differing conditions encountered during the restoration process, additional approval requirements imposed by others, and inclement weather. Both the wood restoration and metal fabrication work requires dry weather conditions.



*Figure 1 Farmer Pole*



*Figure 2 Untitled Pole with deteriorated infill removed*



*Figure 3 Templating new fin for Untitled Pole*



*Figure 4 Carving new fin for Untitled Pole*



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**RE:** Victor Steinbrueck Park: Totem Mounting Modification

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To the members of the Pike Place Market Historical Commission. The following is a description of the new mounting modifications for the Victor Steinbrueck Park Totem Poles.

The original galvanized steel mounting brackets on the existing column mounts and totems are permanently integrated within the cast concrete columns. The original mounting bolts were cut off when the totems were removed, and the embedded mounting bolts were encased with mortar. These components can no longer be used to support the totems. As such, the structural engineer recommended removing the remaining bolt protrusions on columns and reengineering a steel mounting system for fabricated, retrofitting, and attaching to the original totem mounting columns.

For the Untitled Pole, the new mounting is a two-piece structural steel stanchion system comprised of a 20 foot bracket tube (12 in x 10 in x ½ in) and a 10 foot column stanchion tube. The bracket tube will connect the pole to the mounting column. This extends height of column 10 feet above the existing one.

For the Farmer Pole, the new mounting is a one-piece stanchion system, welded to back and sides of the existing column mount. Outrigger tabs will bolt through the Farmer Pole. This extends height of column 10 feet above the existing one.

The components will be Fabricated from structural steel and hot dipped galvanized finish for weather protection. Site welds will be cold galvanized and painted to match existing hot galvanized coatings.

**NOTES:**  
 1. STRUCTURAL STEEL SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON PLANS):

STRUCTURAL STEEL MEMBER SPECIFICATIONS TABLE		
TYPE OF MEMBER	ASTM SPECIFICATION	Fy
SQUARE & RECTANGULAR HSS	A500, GRADE B OR C	46 KSI
STEEL PIPES	A53, GRADE C	46 KSI
PLATE, ANGLES	A36, GRADE 36	36 KSI
THREADED RODS	F1554, GRADE 55 (UNO)	55 KSI
THREADED SLEEVES	A1018	45 KSI

2. A SPECIAL INSPECTOR SHALL BE HIRED BY THE OWNER TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INSPECTIONS PER IBC SECTION 1704. THE ARCHITECT, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH COPIES OF ALL INSPECTION REPORTS AND TEST RESULTS.

SEE IBC CHAPTER 17: "SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND TESTS" FOR MORE DETAILED REQUIREMENTS.

**SPECIAL INSPECTIONS OF STRUCTURAL STEEL CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN SEISMIC LATERAL FORCE RESISTING SYSTEMS (PER IBC 1705.2.1)**

VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION	QC	QA	REFERENCE
INSPECTION OF FABRICATOR'S QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES	P	P	IBC 1704.2.5 AISC 360-N1.2
REVIEW OF MATERIAL TEST REPORTS AND CERTIFICATIONS LISTED IN AISC SECTION N5.2	P	P	AISC 360-N5.2 AWS D1.1
INSPECT THE FABRICATED STEEL OR ERECTED STEEL FRAME TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN ON THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	P	P	AISC 360-N5.8
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING OF WELDED JOINTS	O	P	AISC 360-N5.5 AWS D1.1

**INSPECTION OF WELDING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL**

**INSPECTION TASKS PRIOR TO WELDING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL:**

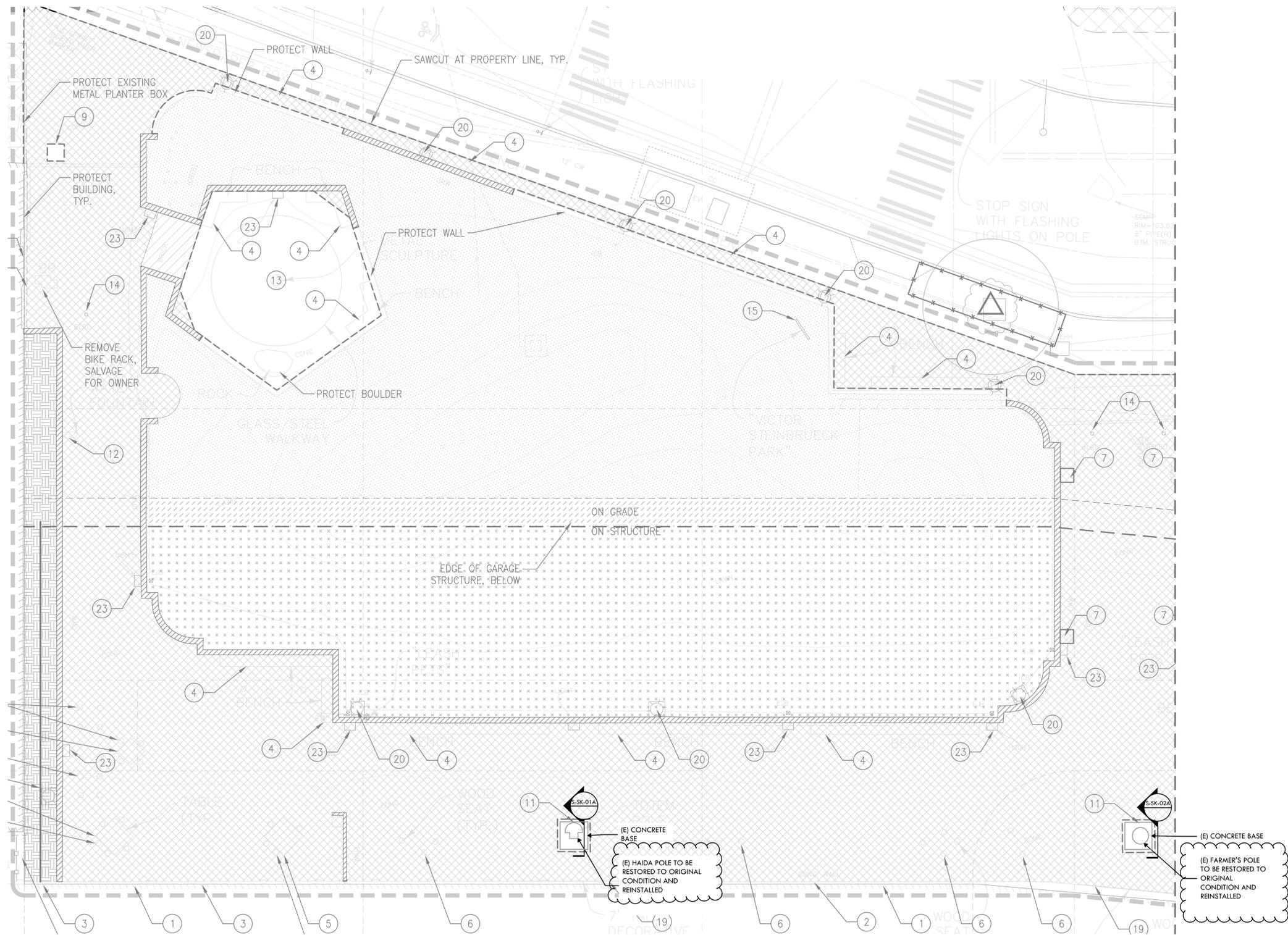
WELDER QUALIFICATION RECORDS AND CONTINUITY RECORDS	P	O	
WFS AVAILABLE	P	P	
MANUFACTURER CERTIFICATIONS FOR WELDING CONSUMABLES AVAILABLE	P	P	
MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION (TYPE/GRADE)	O	O	
WELDER IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM	O	O	
FIT-UP OF GROOVE WELDS (INCLUDING JOINT GEOMETRY)			
• JOINT PREPARATIONS			
• DIMENSIONS (ALIGNMENT, ROOT OPENING, ROOT FACE, BEVEL)			
• CLEANLINESS (CONDITION OF STEEL SURFACES)			
• TACKING (TACK WELD QUALITY AND LOCATION)			
• BACKING TYPE AND FIT (IF APPLICABLE)			
FIT-UP OF CIP GROOVE WELDS OF HSS T-, Y-, AND K-JOINTS WITHOUT BACKING (INCLUDING JOINT GEOMETRY)			
• JOINT PREPARATIONS			
• DIMENSIONS (ALIGNMENT, ROOT OPENING, ROOT FACE, BEVEL)			
• CLEANLINESS (CONDITION OF STEEL SURFACES)			
• TACKING (TACK WELD QUALITY AND LOCATION)			
CONFIGURATION AND FINISH OF ACCESS HOLES	O	O	
FIT-UP OF FILET WELDS			
• DIMENSIONS (ALIGNMENT, GAPS AT ROOT)			
• CLEANLINESS (CONDITION OF STEEL SURFACES)			
• TACKING (TACK WELD QUALITY AND LOCATION)			
CHECK WELDING EQUIPMENT	O	-	

**INSPECTION TASKS DURING WELDING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL:**

CONTROL AND HANDLING OF WELDING CONSUMABLES			
• PACKAGING			
• EXPOSURE CONTROL			
NO WELDING OVER CRACKED WELD TABS	O	O	
ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS			
• WIND SPEED WITHIN LIMITS			
• PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE			
WFS FOLLOW-UP			
• SETTINGS ON WELDING EQUIPMENT			
• TRAVEL SPEED			
• SELECTED WELDING MATERIALS			
• SHIELDING GAS TYPE/FLOW RATES			
• PREHEAT APPLIED			
• INTERPASS TEMPERATURE MAINTAINED (MIN/MAX)			
• PROPER POSITION (I, V, H, CH)			
WELDING TECHNIQUES			
• INTERPASS AND FINAL CLEANING			
• EACH PASS WITHIN PROFILE LIMITATIONS			
• EACH PASS MEETS QUALITY REQUIREMENTS			

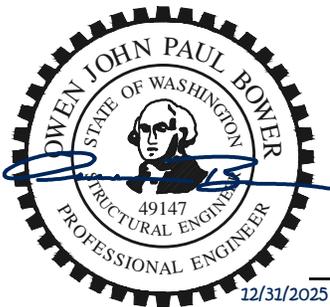
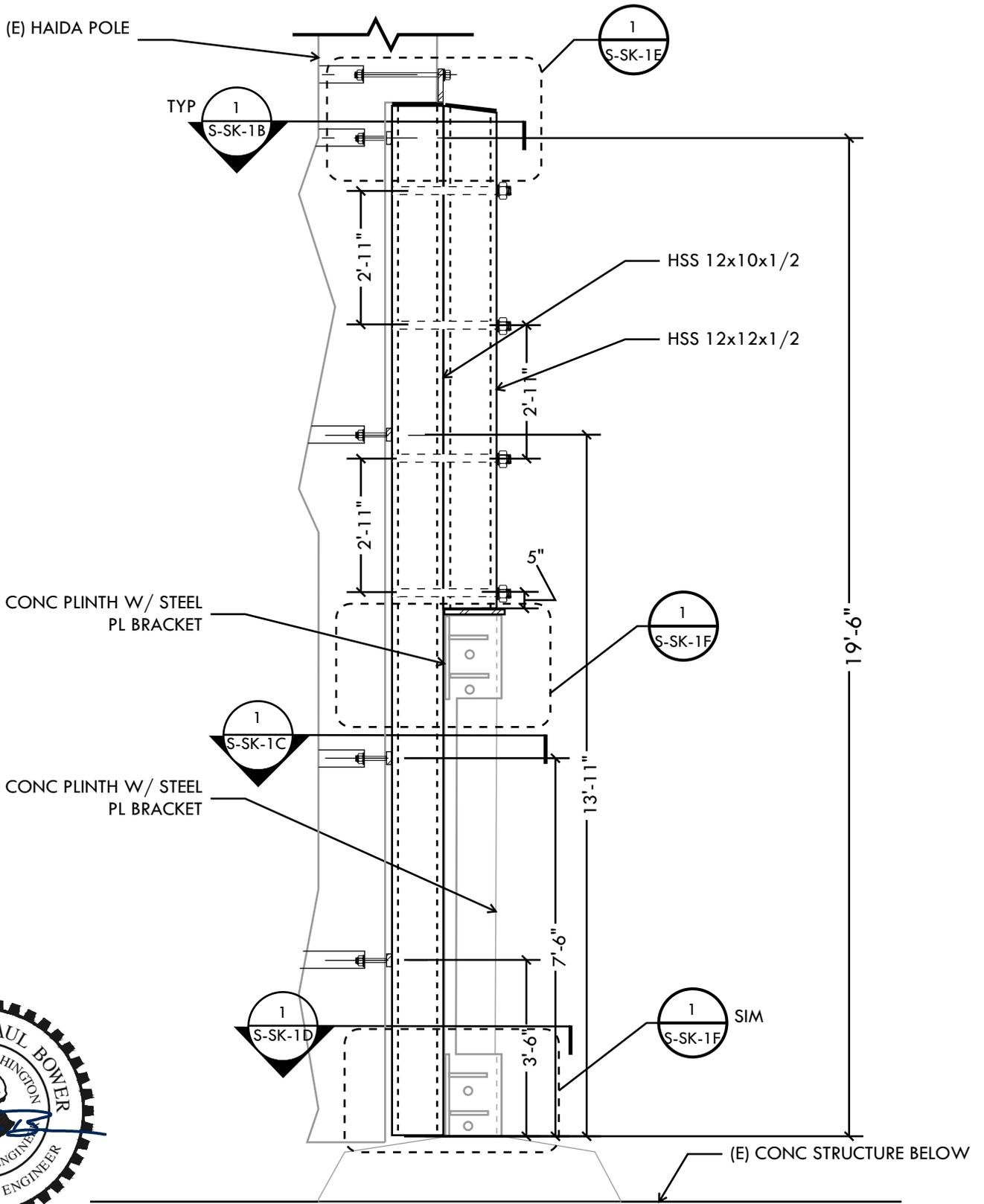
**INSPECTION TASKS AFTER WELDING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL:**

WELDS CLEANED	O	O	
SIZE, LENGTH AND LOCATION OF WELDS	P	P	
WELDS MEET VISUAL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA			
• CRACK PROHIBITION			
• WELD/BASE-METAL FUSION			
• CRATER CROSS SECTION			
• WELD PROFILES			
• WELD SIZE			
• UNDERCLUT			
• POROSITY			
REPAIR ACTIVITIES	P	P	



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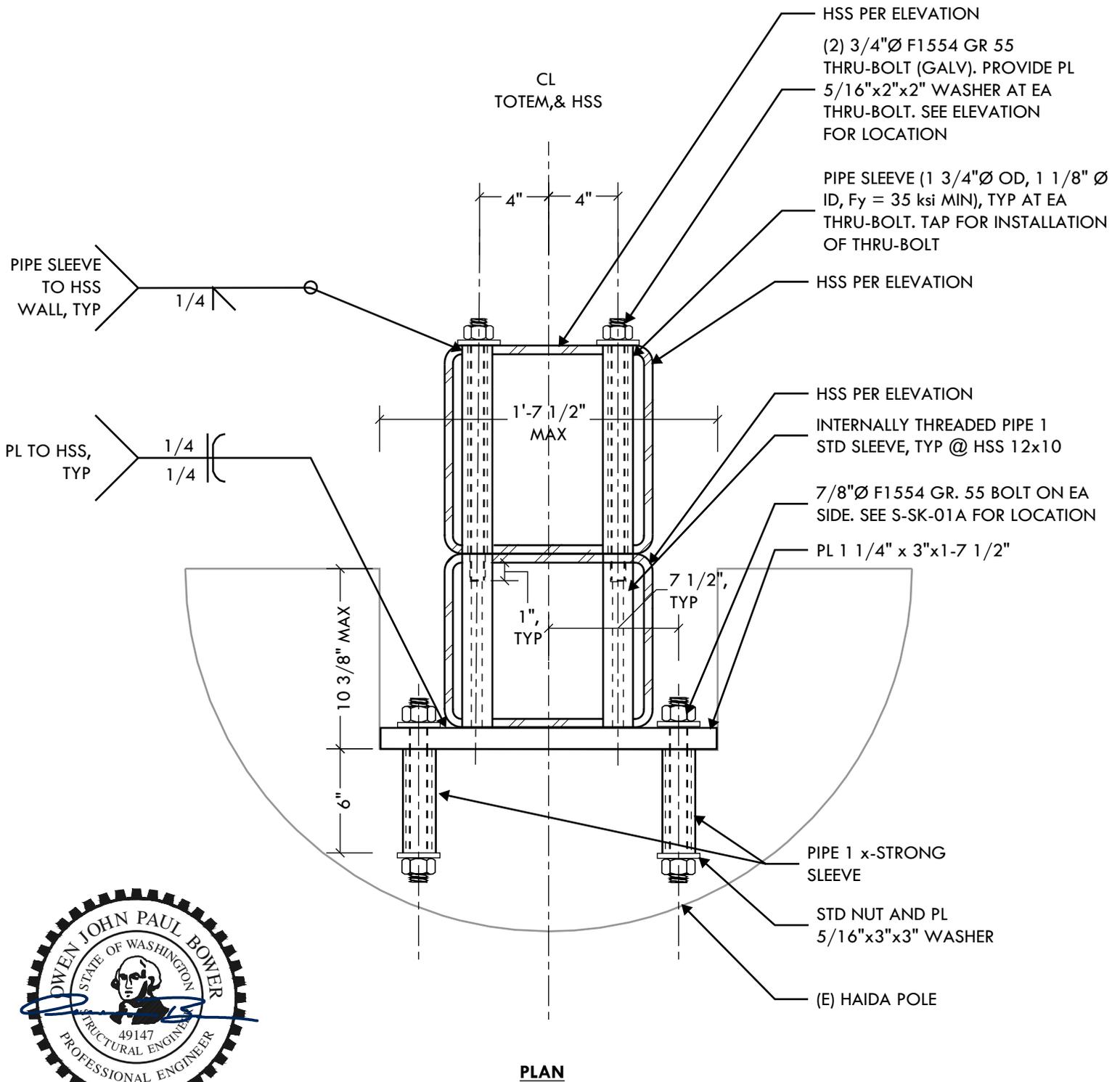
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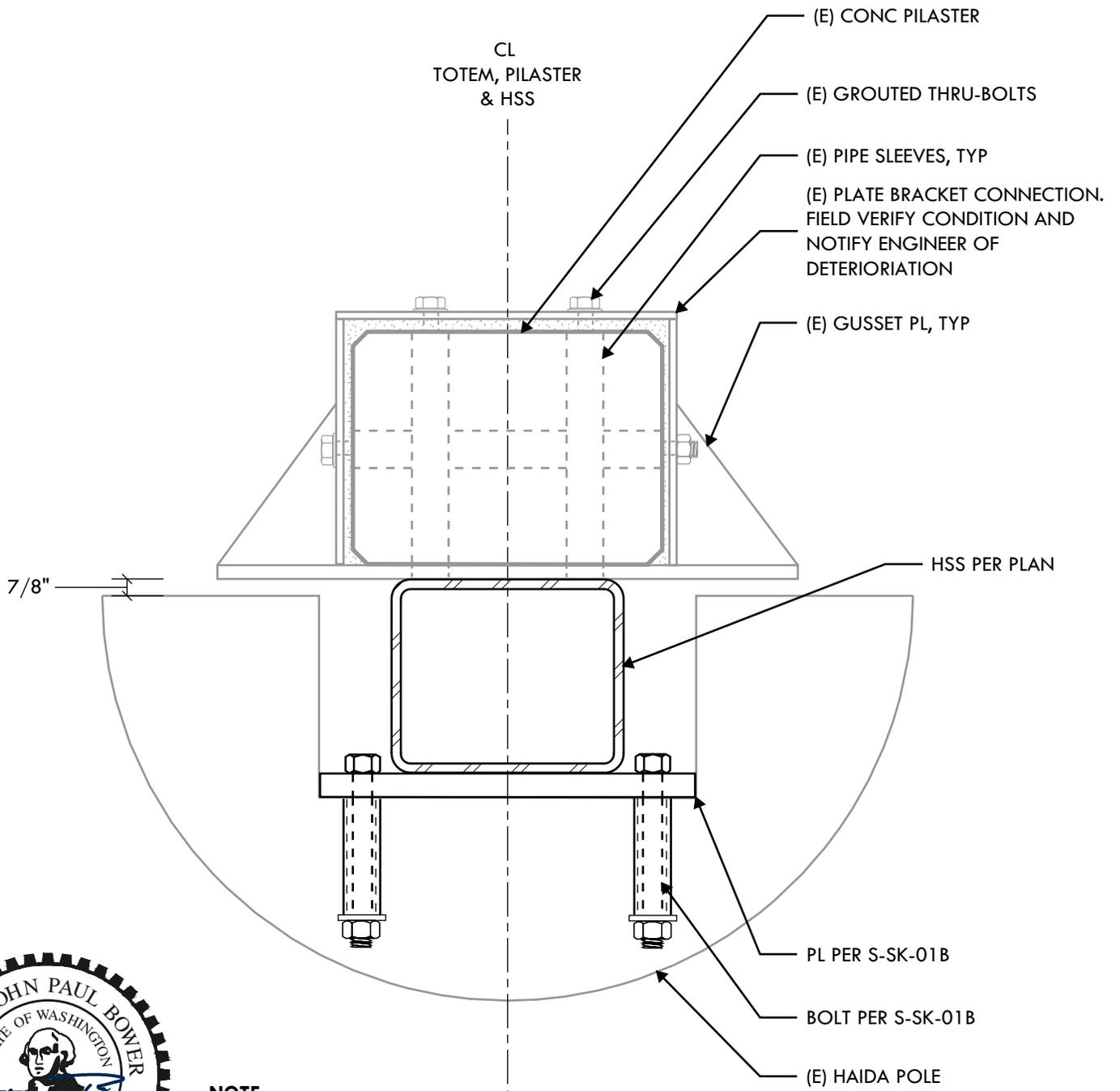
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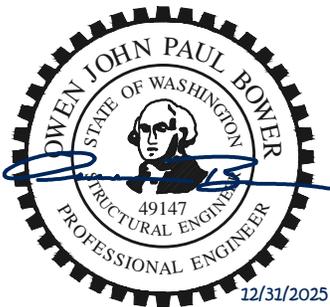
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**NOTE:**  
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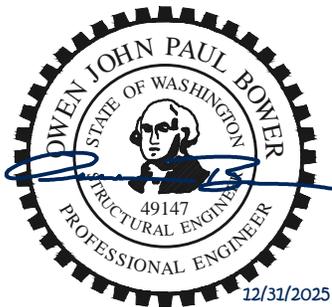
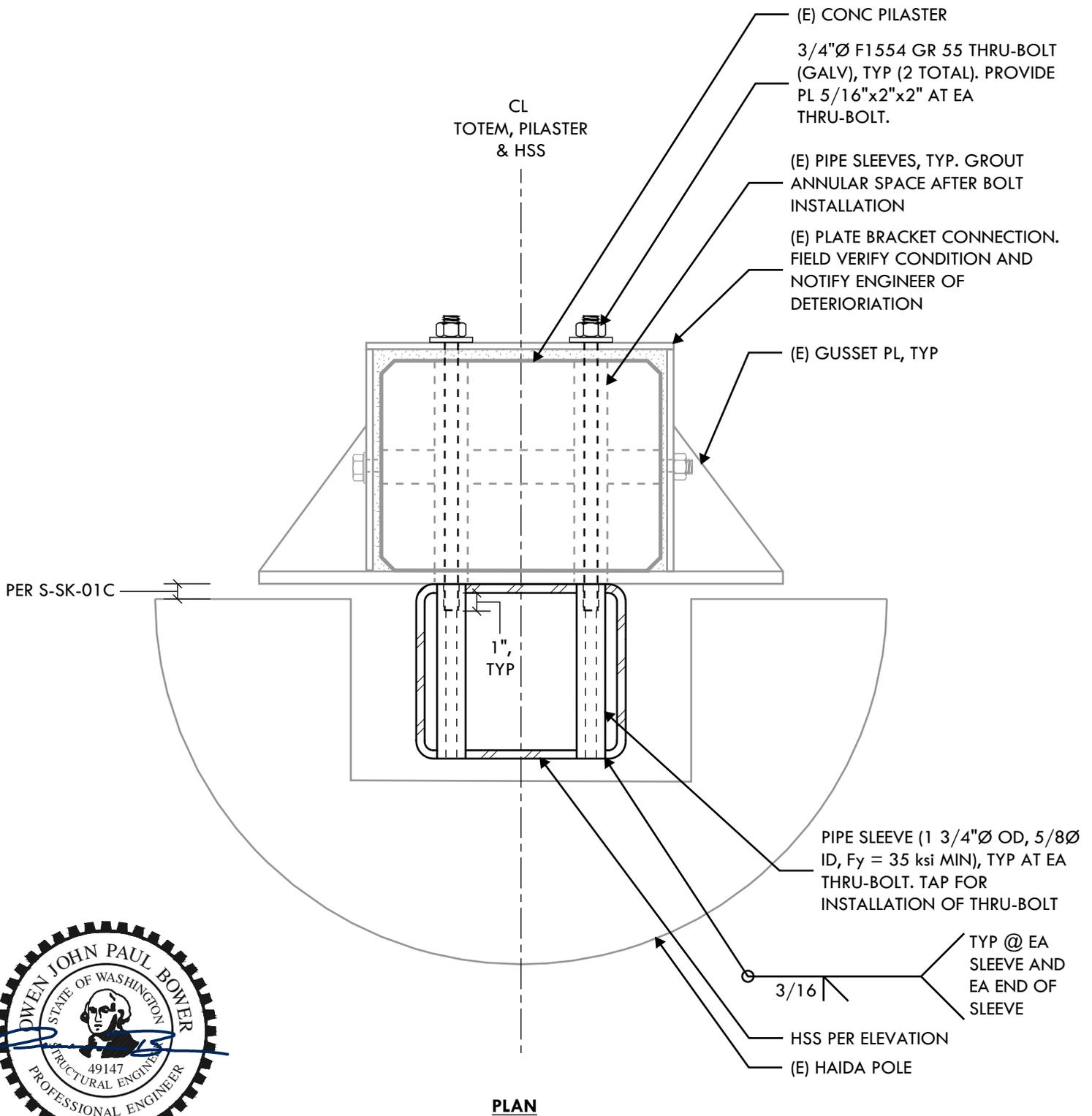
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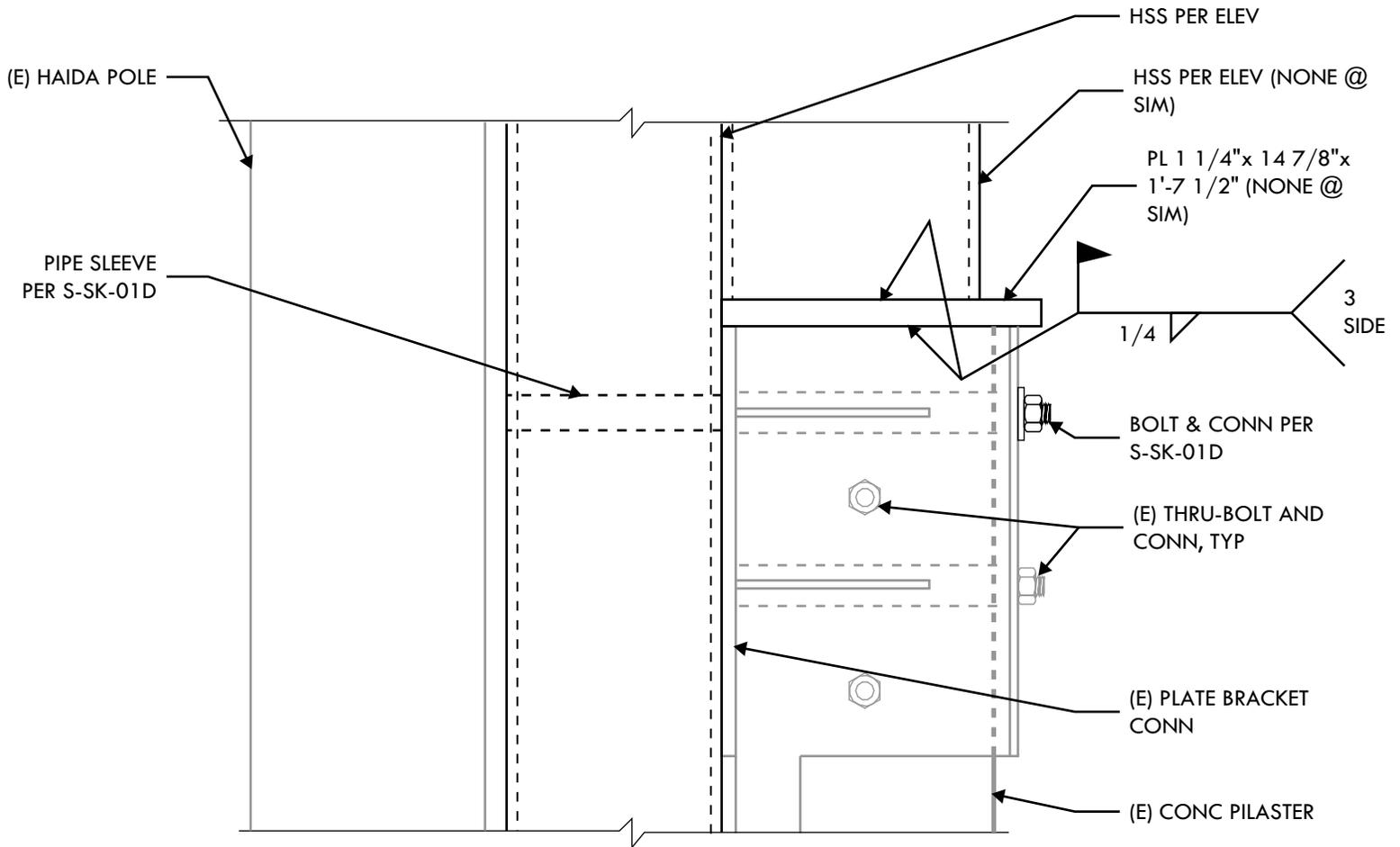
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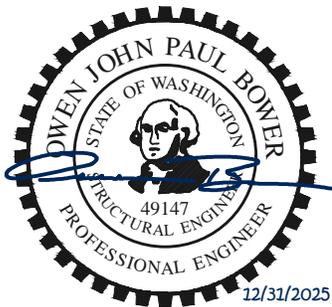
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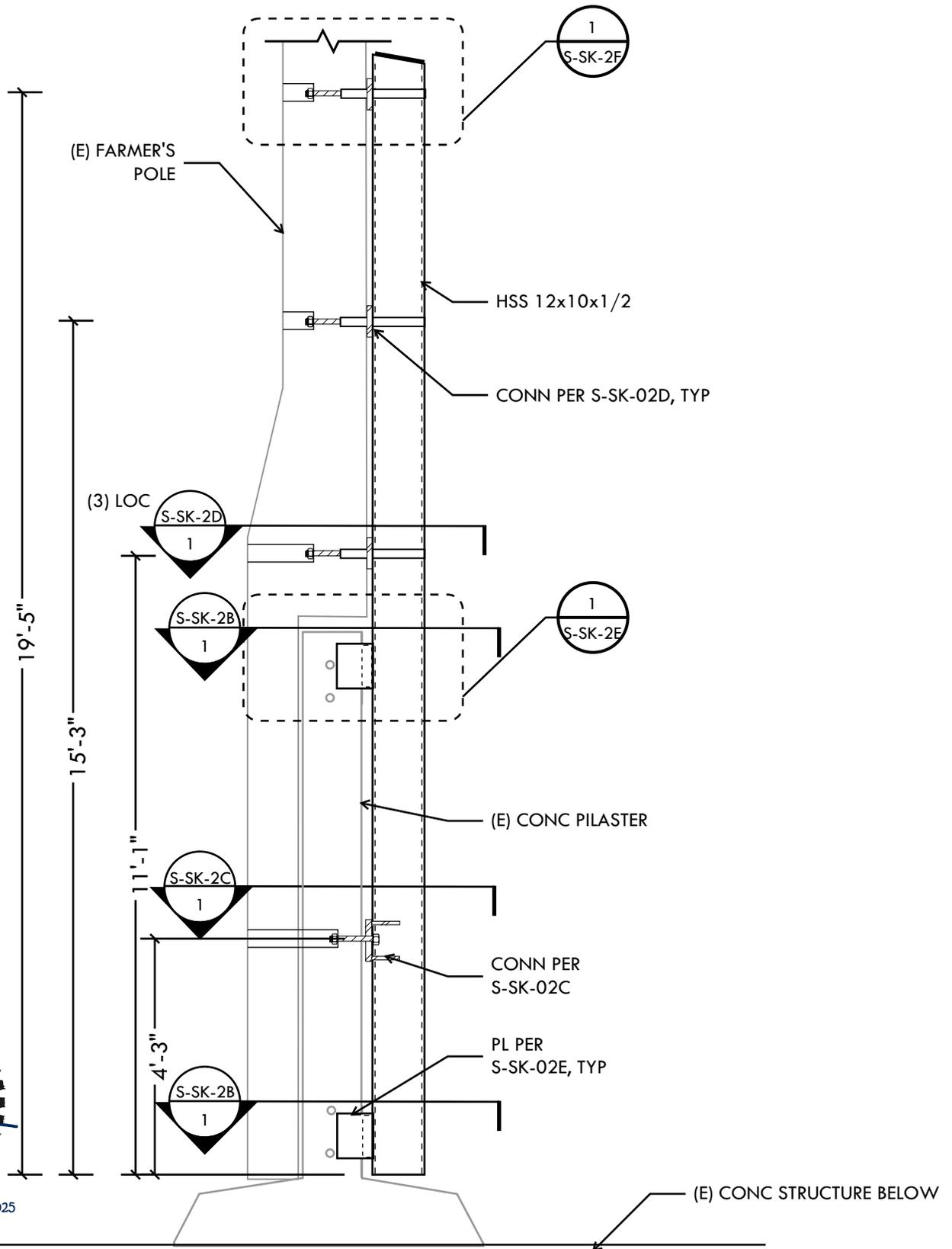
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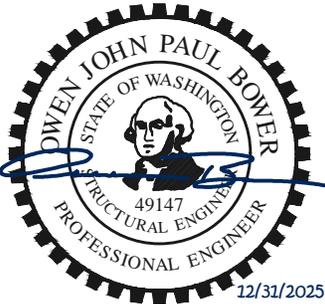
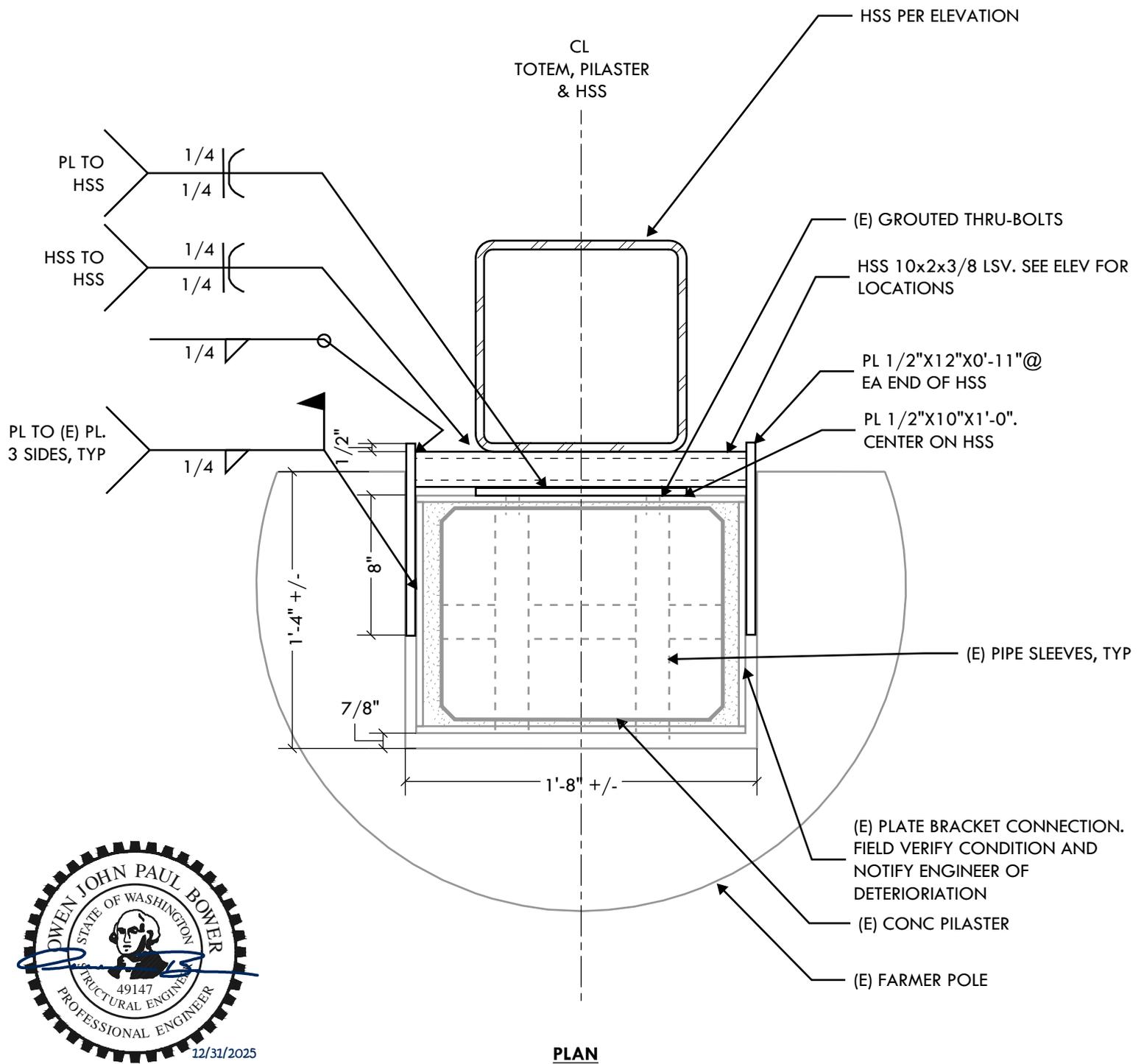
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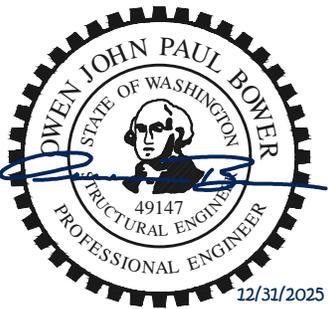
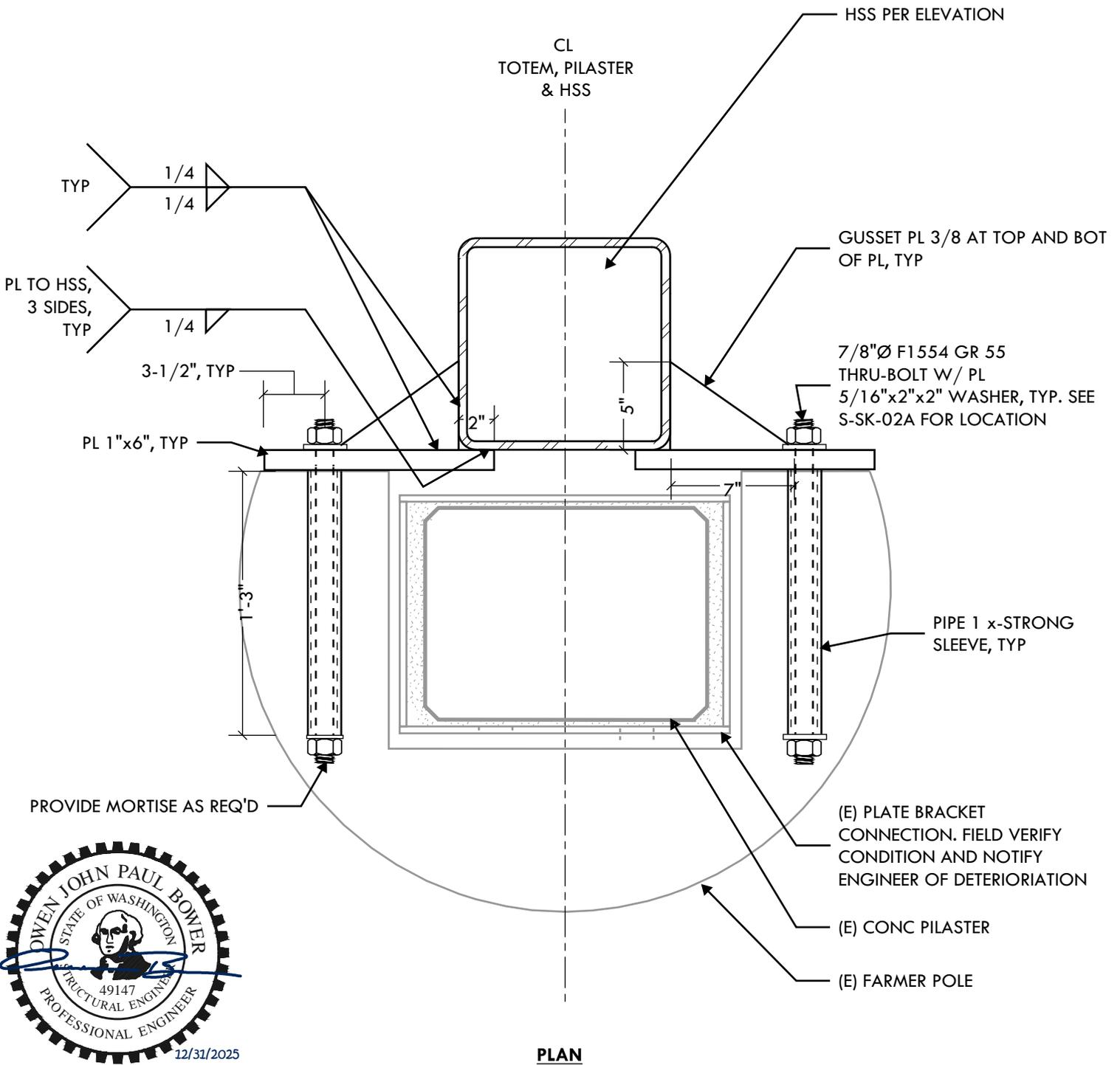
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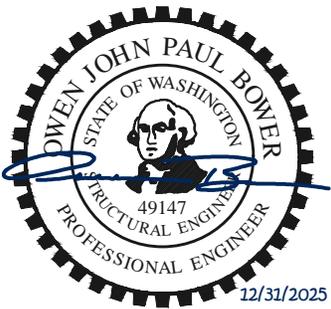
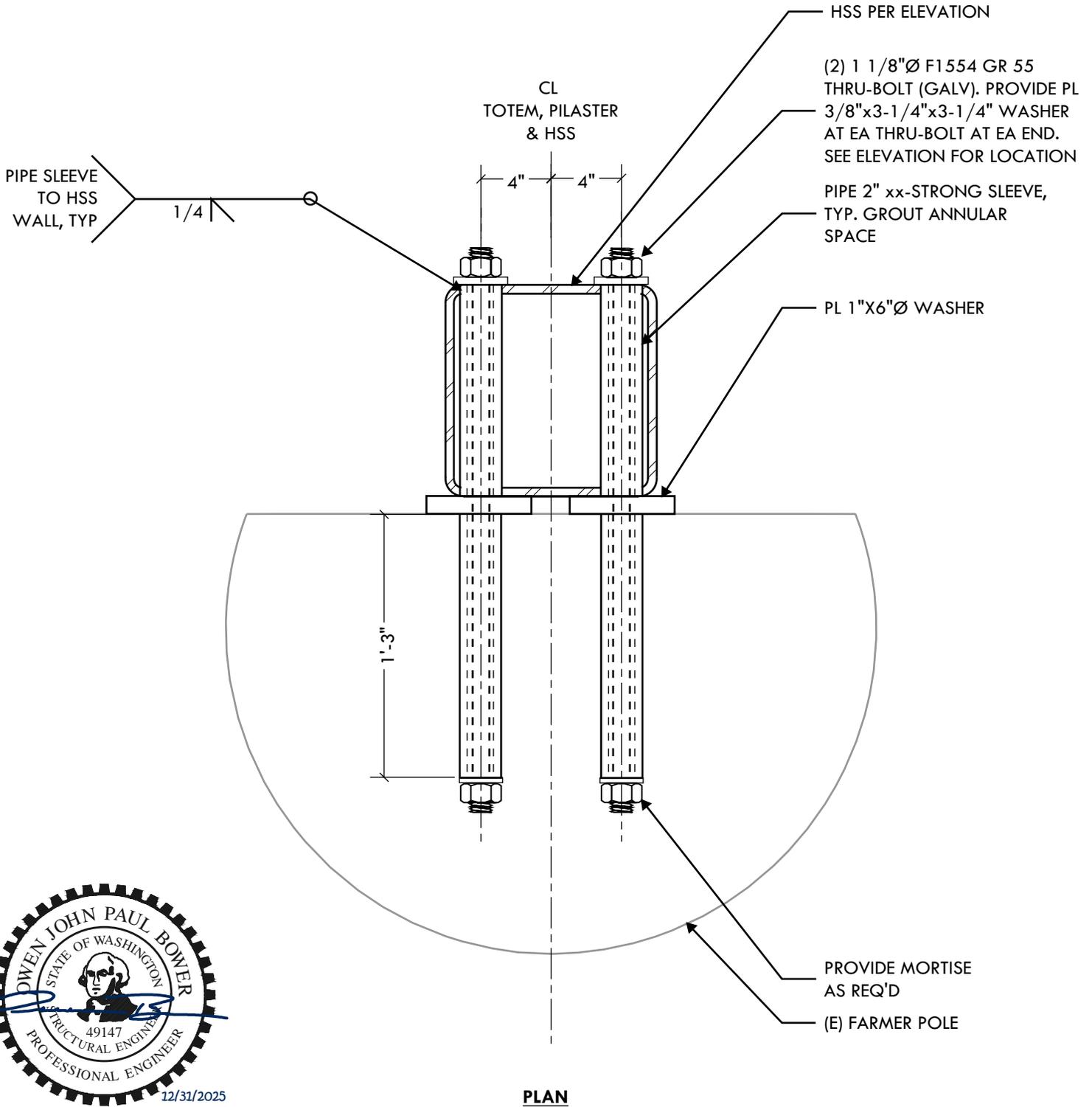
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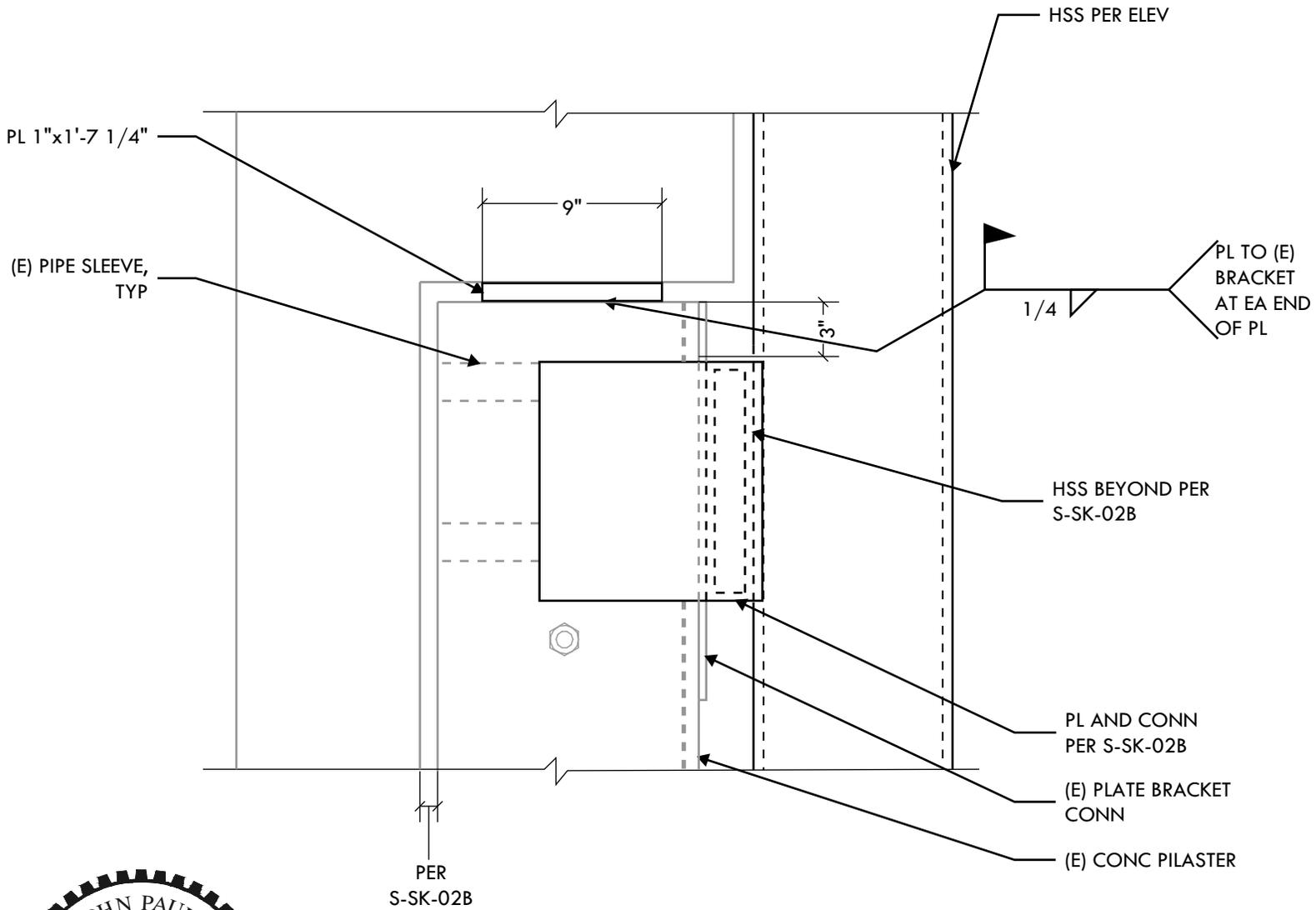
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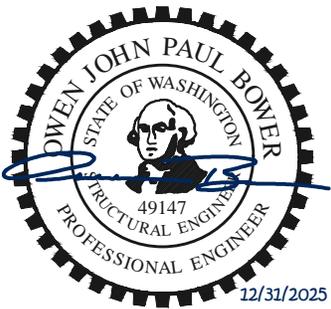
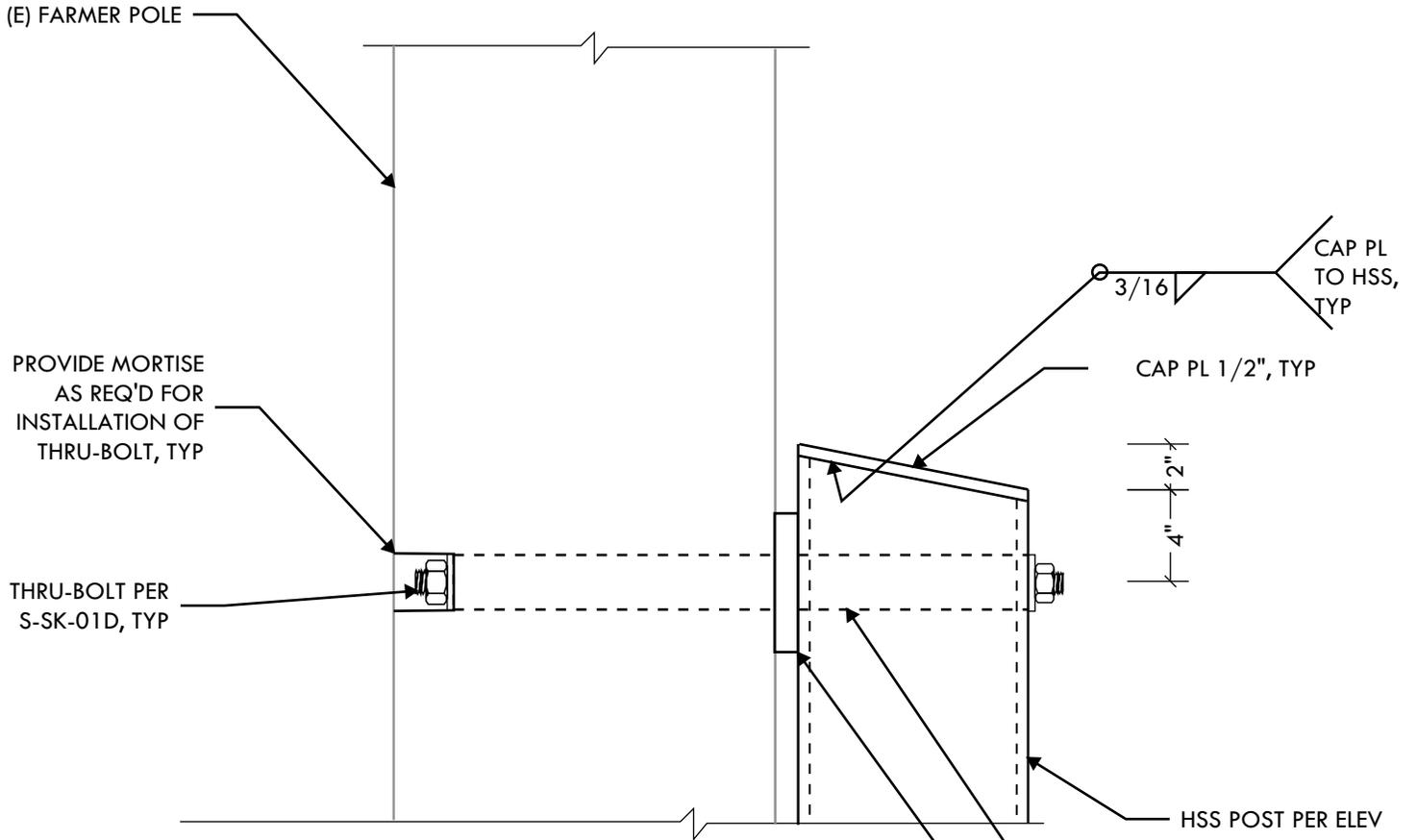
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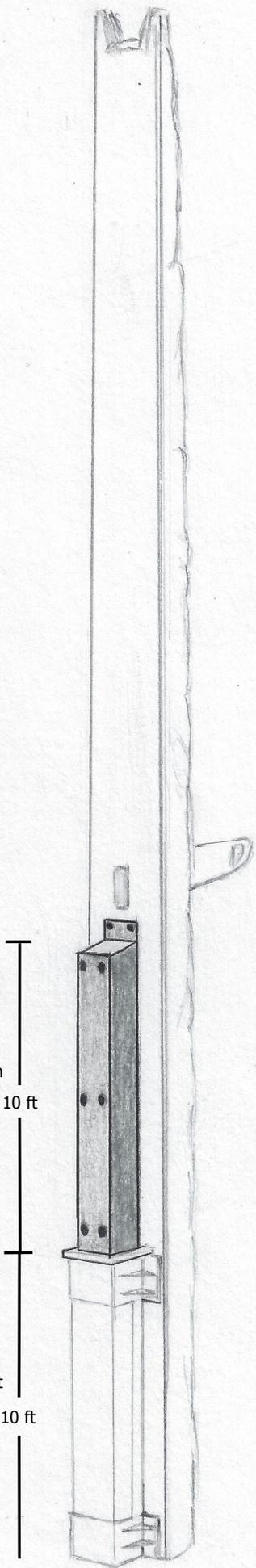
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12in x 12in x 10ft Stanchion  
Mount attached to top of  
10 ft existing pilaster.

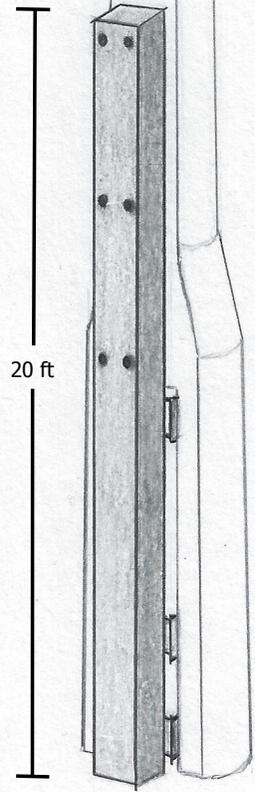
Additional steel structure  
concealed within totem.

Existing 10 ft Pilaster Mount



Untitled (Haida) Totem

NEW: 10in x 14in x 20ft Stanchion  
Mount attached to existing  
10 ft pilaster and upper totem with  
additional concealed totem  
attachments.



Farmer Pole

# Victor Steinbrueck Park: Totem Mounting Modification

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Shannon Glass, Sr. Project Manager | March 2026

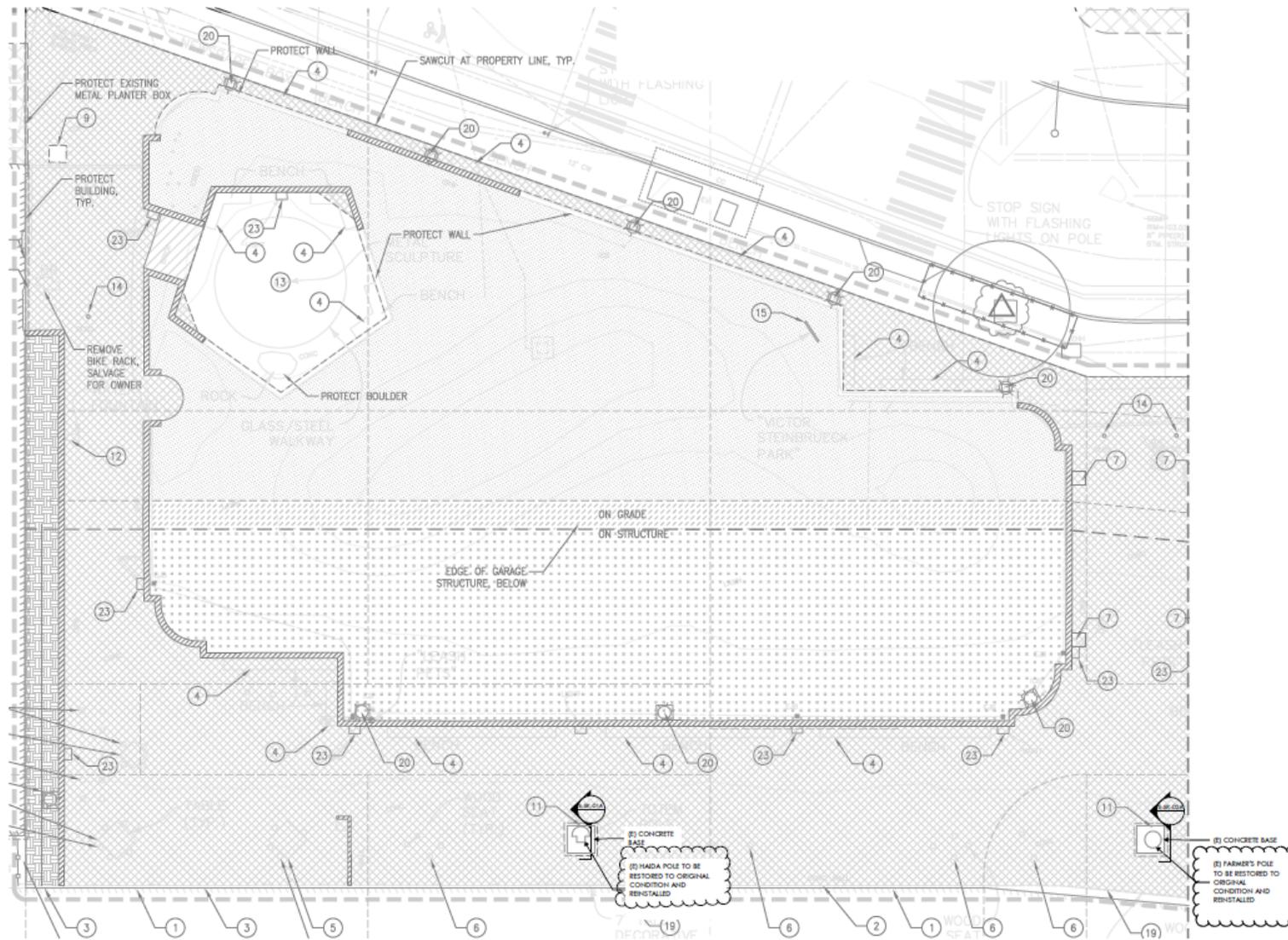


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# North Site Partial Site Plan: Totem Locations



(E) Garage Roof - North Side Partial Plan

# Victor Steinbrueck Park Totems, Before Renovation



# Untitled Pole, Existing Mounting Column

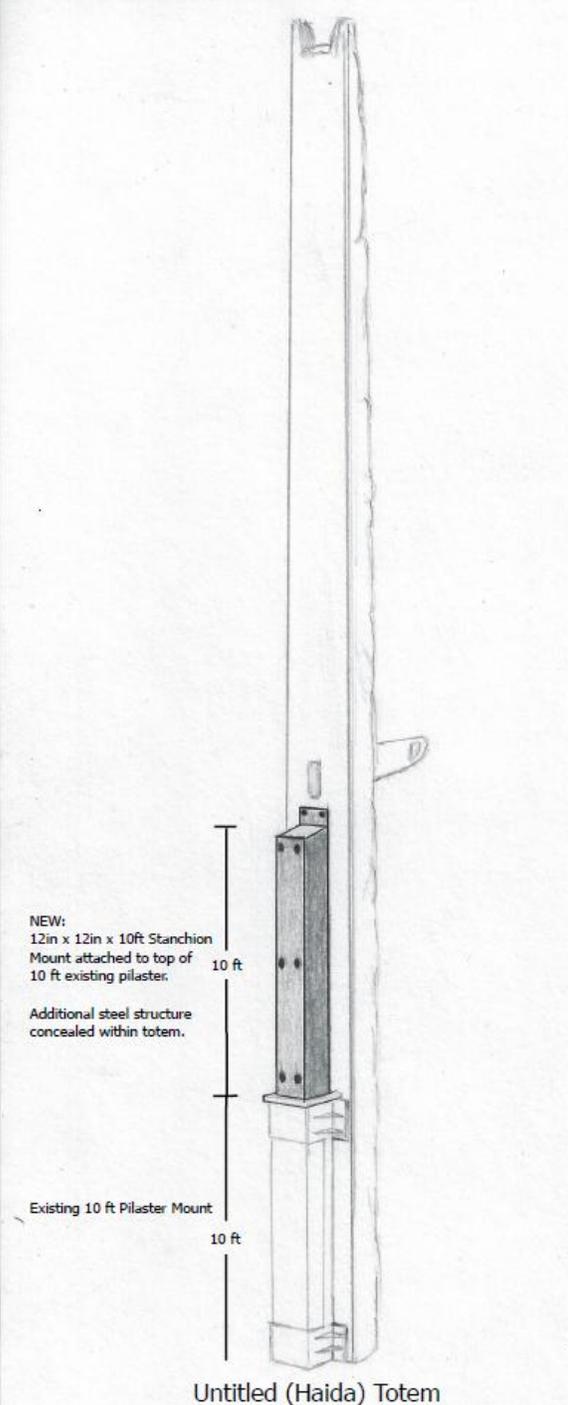


# Farmer Pole, Existing Mounting Column



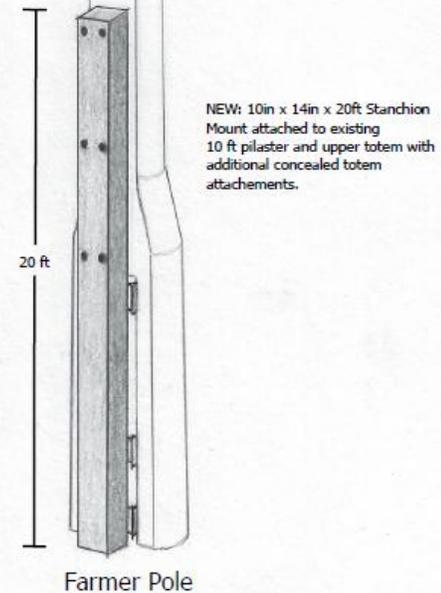
# Untitled Pole Mounting Modification

- New 12 in x 12 in x 10 ft structural steel stanchion mount attached to top of 10 ft existing pilaster
- Additional steel structure concealed within totem



# Farmer Pole Mounting Modification

- New 10 in x 12 in x 20 ft structural steel stanchion mount attached to existing 10 ft pilaster and totem
- Additional concealed totem attachments



# Materials

- Structural steel tube
- Hot dipped galvanized finish to match existing coatings
- Steel bolts



# Thank you!



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