

ORDINANCE NO. 25-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SCHEDULE I OF CHAPTER 74 OF TITLE VII OF COLUMBUS CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMITS FOR HOWARD BOULEVARD FROM 110 FEET SOUTHEAST OF 53RD AVENUE TO 530 FEET NORTHWEST OF 63RD AVENUE TO 50 MPH AND 160 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 18TH AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF EAST 14TH AVENUE TO 45 MPH, ADD SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH FOR THE INTERSECTION OF EAST 14TH AVENUE TO THE EAST CORPORATE LIMITS, 1320 FEET EAST OF EAST 14TH AVENUE, AND AMEND VARIOUS STREET AND LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

WHEREAS, Schedule I of Chapter 74 of the Columbus City Code concerns speed limits within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineering Division of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (herein referred to as "NDOT") has completed a speed zone study for Highways U.S. 30 and U.S. 81 in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, because of results of the study, NDOT has requested that the speed limits be changed for Howard Boulevard from approximately 53rd to 63rd Avenues within the city limits to 50 mph and 160 feet east of the intersection of 18th Avenue to the intersection of East 14th Avenue to 45 mph and, the speed limit of 55 mph be added for the intersection of East 14th Avenue to the east corporate limits, 1320 feet east of east 14th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the new speed limits, NDOT will post the new speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the NDOT desires to amend various street and location descriptions within Schedule I.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Schedule I of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the Columbus City Code be amended as follows:

SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS.

(A) *General.*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on any street at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or prudent under the conditions then existing. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on the streets at any time or under any conditions at a rate of speed greater than 30 miles per hour on arterial streets and 25 miles per hour on all other streets and upon viaducts and the approaches thereto, unless otherwise posted.

(2) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle or other type of conveyance on any State or Federal highway within the corporate limits of the City at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour or in excess of any other maximum speed fixed by the City Council for the highways within the City, unless otherwise posted,

(3) The maximum speed limit through any maintenance, repair, or construction zone shall be 25 miles per hour.

(B) *Specific.* It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate, or cause to be operated, any motor vehicle or other type of conveyance at a rate of speed in excess of the maximum speeds hereinafter designated for the following zones.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Speed Limit (mph)</i>
3rd Avenue	North line of 1st Street to the south line of 23rd Street	35
23rd Street (US-30/US-81)	East edge of the intersection of Howard Boulevard to 160 feet east of the intersection of 18th Avenue	35
23rd Street (US-30)	160 feet east of the intersection of 18th Avenue to the intersection of East 14th Avenue	45
23 rd Street (US-30)	Intersection of East 14th Avenue to the east corporate limits, 1320 feet east of East 14th Avenue	55
33rd Avenue (US-30)	Intersection of 23rd Street to 350 feet south of 6th Street	35
33rd Avenue (US-30)	350 feet south of 6th Street to south corporate limits, 110 feet south of the underpass of Pawnee Park Drive	45
East 6th Avenue (US-30)	From 38th Street to 23rd Street	50
Howard Boulevard (US-81)	Northwest corporate limits, 530 feet northwest of 63rd Avenue, to the intersection of 50th Avenue	50

Howard Boulevard (US-81)	Intersection of 50th Avenue to the intersection of 48th Avenue	45
Howard Boulevard (US-81)	Intersection of 48th Avenue to the west edge of the intersection of 33rd Avenue	35
Lost Creek Parkway	From U.S. Highway 81 to 38th Street	50

Section 2. This Ordinance shall repeal all Ordinances or portions thereof and in conflict herewith.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Publication shall be in pamphlet form as authorized by §16-405 of Nebraska Revised Statutes with distribution to be made by making copies available to the public upon request at the City office.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER *[Signature]*

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5 DAY OF May, 2025.

[Signature]
MAYOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
CITY ATTORNEY





Accountability - Dedication
Honesty - Integrity - Respect

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2025
TO: Tara Vasicek, City Administrator
FROM: Richard J. Bogus, City Engineer
RE: Amend Speed Limit on Howard Boulevard from approximately 53rd to 63rd Avenues and on 23rd Street from east of 18th Avenue to the east corporate limits

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Ordinance amending Schedule I of Chapter 74 of Title VII of Columbus City Code to change speed limits for the following: Howard Boulevard from 110-feet southeast of 53rd Avenue to 530-feet northwest of 63rd Avenue to 50 mph; and 160 feet east of the intersection of 18th Avenue to the intersection of East 14th Avenue to 45 mph; and adding speed limit of 55 mph from the intersection of East 14th Avenue to the east corporate limits, 1320 feet east of East 14th Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

The NDOT is requiring an update of our records after the recent construction and the annexation / developments on US-81 (Howard Boulevard) near the western corporate limits. The NDOT study concluded the need for these locations and speed limit adjustments. Additionally, the NDOT is requiring an update of our records on US-30 (23rd Street) from east of 18th Avenue to the east corporate limits. The total US 30 and US 81 speed limits are shown on the attachment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None to the City.

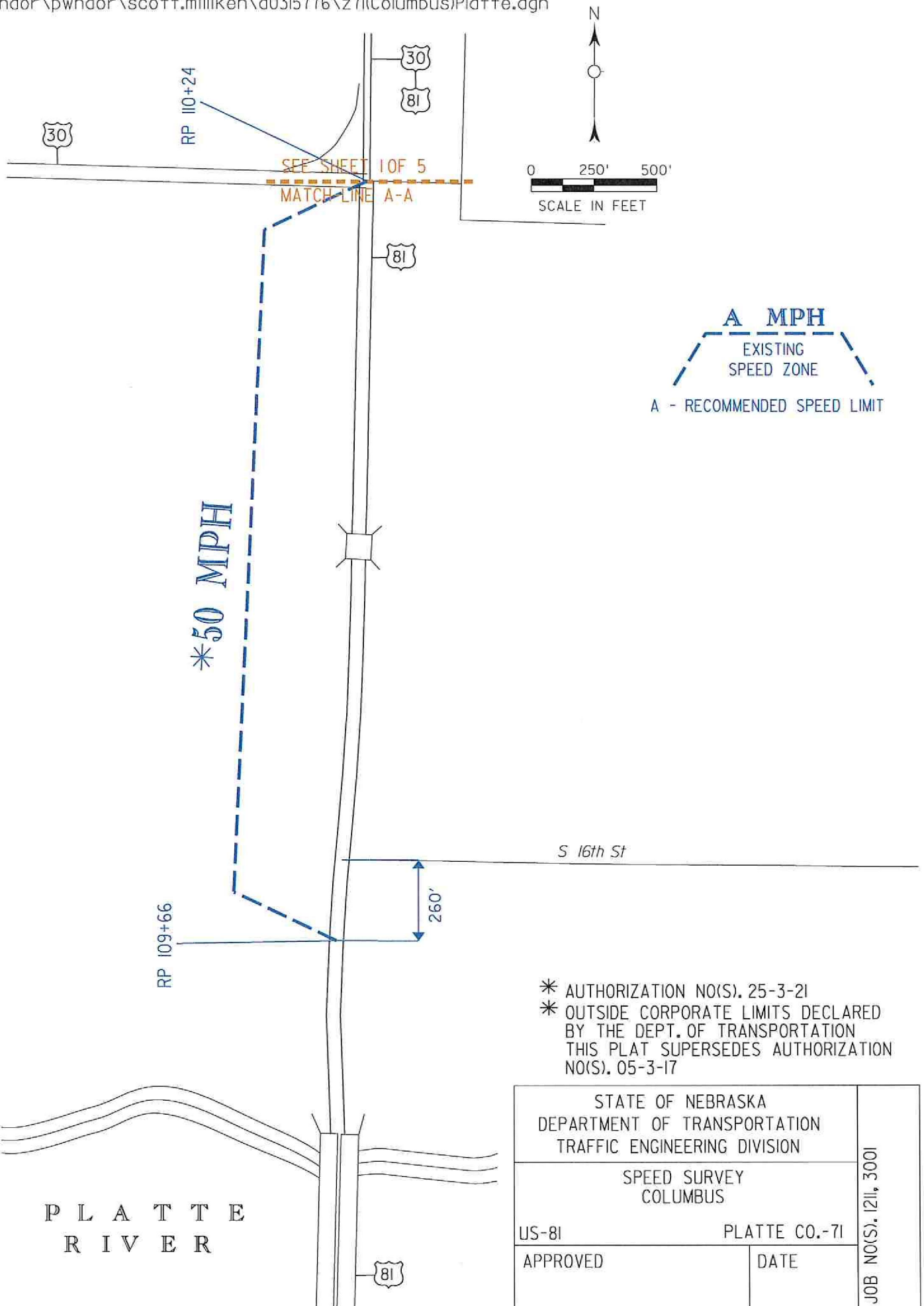
ALTERNATIVE:

None. NDOT controlled US Highway.

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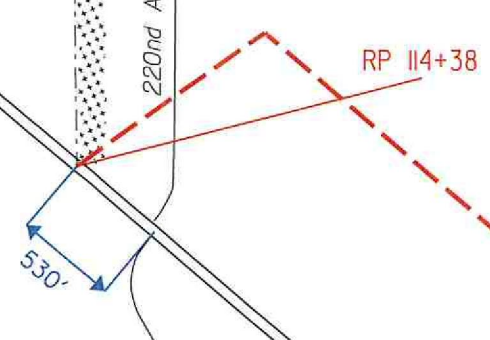
By: Richard J. Bogus

Approved By: [Signature]



- * AUTHORIZATION NO(S). 25-3-21
- * OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS DECLARED BY THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION THIS PLAT SUPERSEDES AUTHORIZATION NO(S). 05-3-17

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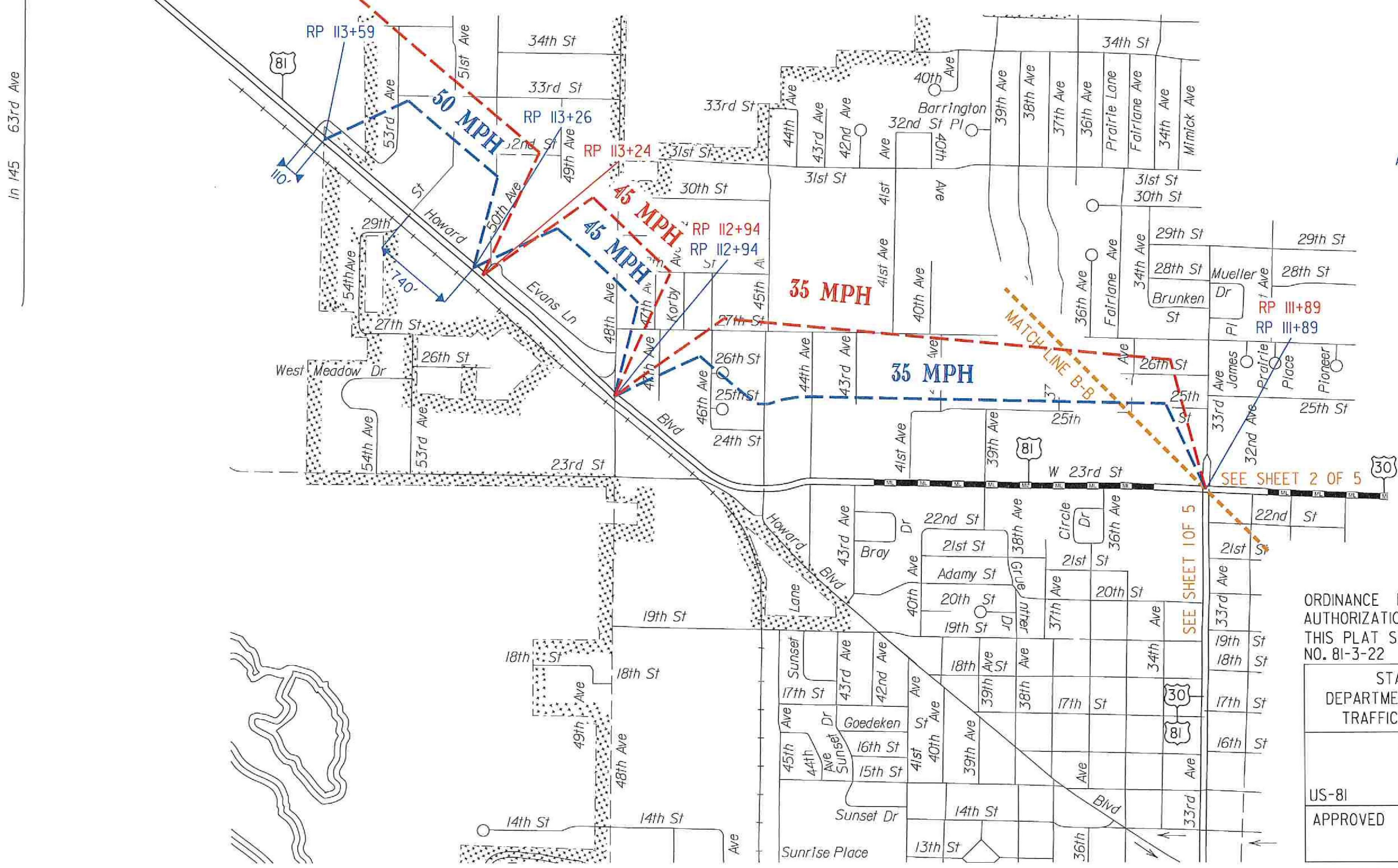
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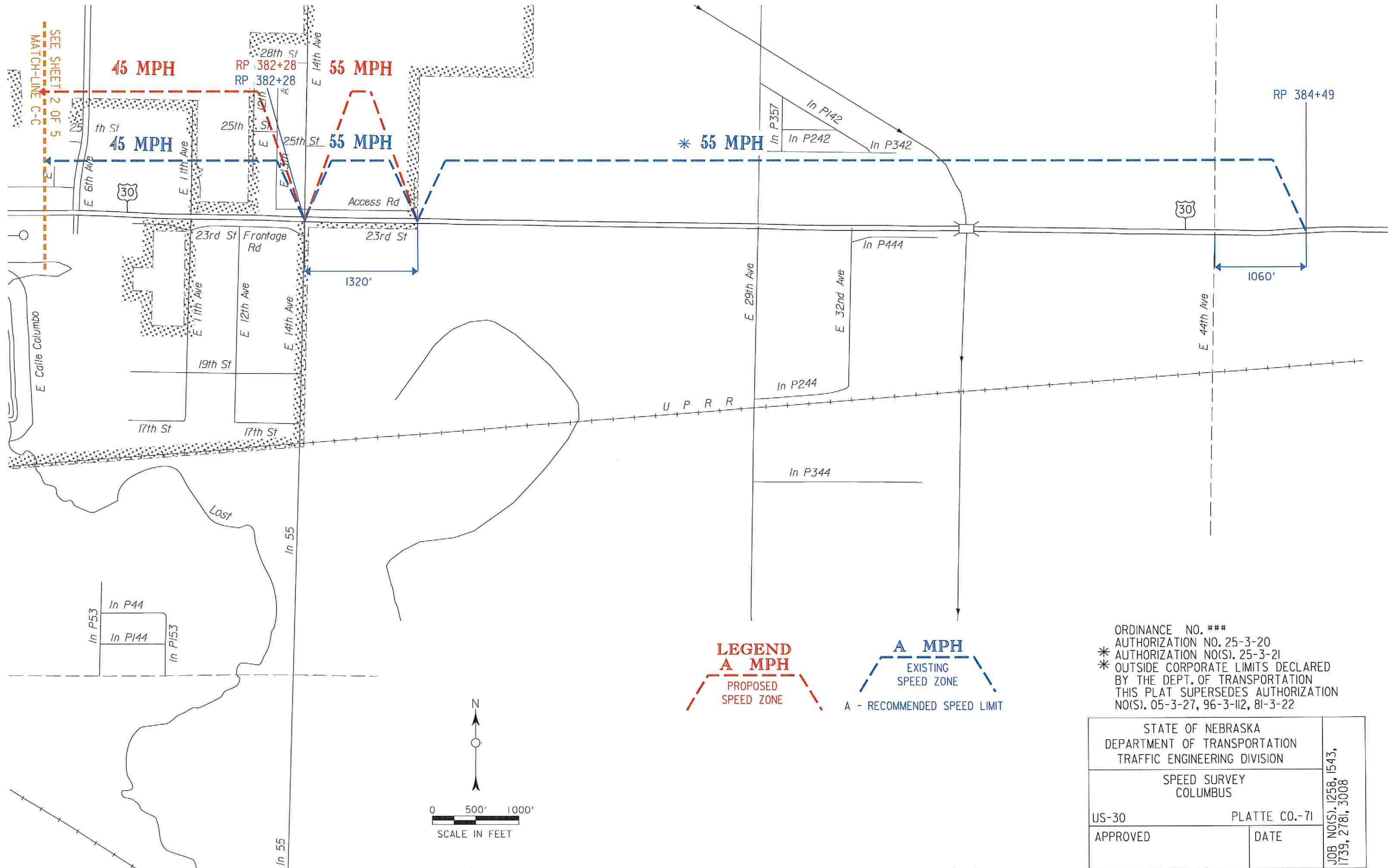
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 THIS PLAT SUPERSEDES DECLARATION
 NO. 81-3-22

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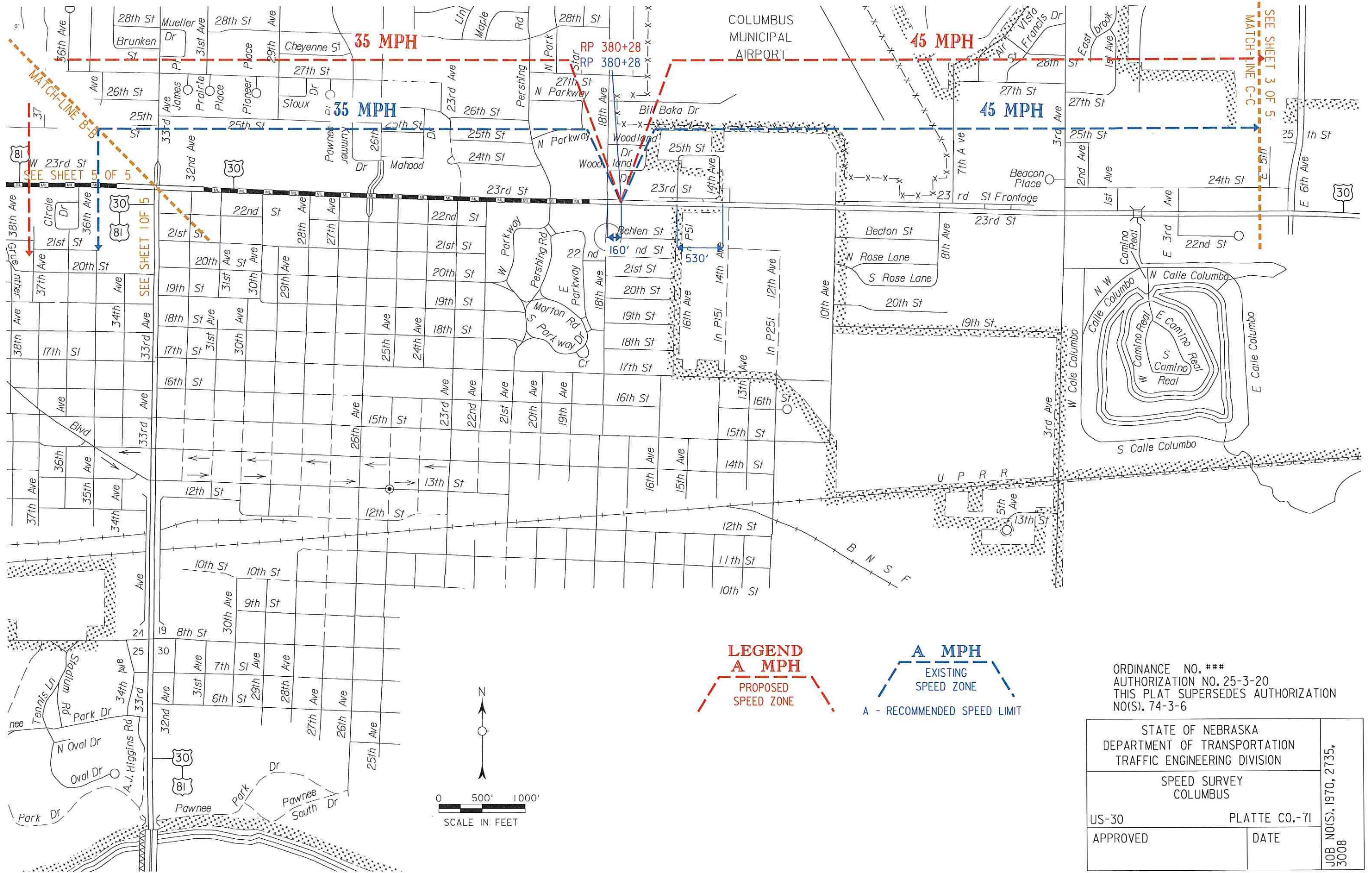
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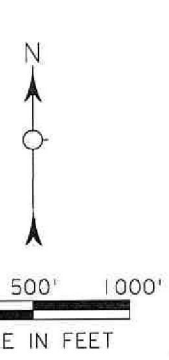
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US-30	PLATTE CO.-71	
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 THIS PLAT SUPERSEDES AUTHORIZATION NO(S). 74-3-6

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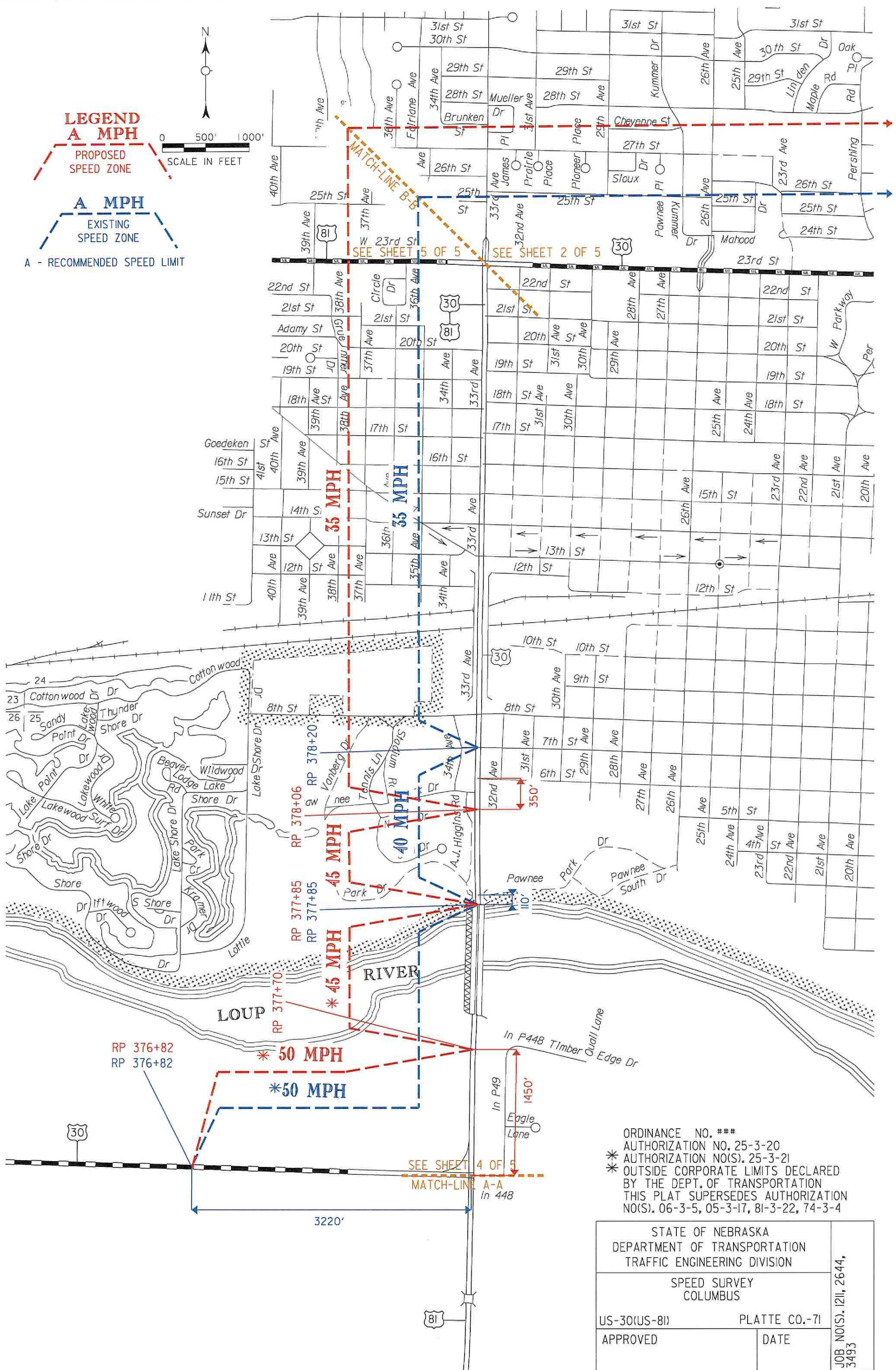


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