

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**



**FY 2023**

**Transportation Alternatives Program Application**  
**Downtown Streetscape Improvements along 14<sup>th</sup> Street from**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**



**City of Phenix City**



## Project Description

**Transportation Enhancement Eligibility** – The City proposes to make improvements along 14<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The improvements will include correcting some ADA deficiencies such as sidewalks, ramps and cross walks, creation of a bicycle lane, hardscape improvements, and limited landscaping.

**Relationship To Transportation** – The proposed project is located in the heart of the City's Downtown area. The City is presently working to improve the entire downtown area to make it more pedestrian friendly allowing easy access to Troy University, the Marriott Hotel, the Parking Garage, the Riverwalk, the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge and any future developments. In addition to pedestrian activity the City is working to provide bicycle routing through our downtown area via 14<sup>th</sup> Street connecting through to Columbus. This proposed project is a second phase of a current project that provides pedestrian and bicycle access along 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**History** – Although nothing is listed on the historic registry, the downtown is located in an area rich with history. Remnants of the Eagle and Phenix Dam and Cotton Mill are located along the Riverwalk south of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. The "Battle of Girard", the last major engagement of the Civil War, occurred along the present day 14<sup>th</sup> Street area on April 16, 1865. In an alley off of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Democratic nominee for Alabama Attorney General, Albert Love Patterson, was murdered causing a declaration of martial law by General Walter J. "Crack" Hanna with the Alabama National Guard coming to Phenix City in 1954. The current Russell County Courthouse is located along 14<sup>th</sup> Street and a historic building converted from a post office built in 1938 to the Phenix City/Russell County Library and is a possible location for a museum. The majority of the downtown area contains buildings from this era that are now being utilized as commercial and office space.

**Scenic Significance** – The City's downtown area overlooks the Chattahoochee River at a very scenic location and offers a vantage point for the Chattahoochee River Whitewater Course and an impressive view of the Columbus Riverfront.

**Impact** – The proposed project will provide community enhancements that will significantly improve the accessibility and usability and of the existing pedestrian facilities in the downtown area. The City is committed to working to improve access to community amenities by adding and improving sidewalks for the entire downtown area. The City intends for the downtown area to be heavily traveled by pedestrians to and from local restaurants, grocery stores, riverfront activities, Troy University, Russell County Courthouse, and the City Riverwalk. The proposed project is the continuation of a phased construction approach to improve pedestrian facilities along 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The project promotes mobility and meets the needs of non-motorized users.

Due to the close proximity of the project to Frederick Douglas Homes, a low-income affordable housing community, the proposed project will serve as a benefit to the Environmental Justice community. The community will be provided safer and better access to and from community services and employment in the downtown area.

**Proposed Construction** - The proposed project along 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue will include the following ADA compliant improvements:

- Remove ADA deficient sidewalks on the north and south sides of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Provide 5' wide ADA compliant sidewalks with intermittent brick pavers on the north and south sides of 14th Street similar to the completed sidewalk between Broad Street and 5th Avenue. (See first photograph in Appendix E).
- Install ADA compliant curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces at all intersection crosswalks and other locations as appropriate.
- Adjust driveway crossings to be accessible and ADA compliant.
- Provide pedestrian crosswalk striping and markings at all intersections.
- Provide bike lane striping and markings.
- Provide pedestrian lighting on both sides of the street.
- Perform some minor utility adjustments to reset valve boxes, water meters and manhole covers.

**Ownership** - All of the proposed construction will be performed inside of the City's Rights of Way.

**Intended Use** – The improvements are intended for public use. The project will serve to improve the intersections of existing pedestrian facilities in the downtown area, making them ADA compliant, safer, and easier to travel.

**Life Expectancy** – The life expectancy of this project is 20 years.

**Maintenance Plan** – The City's Public Works Department will perform maintenance as required to include grass and landscape upkeep, sidewalk repair as needed, replacement of tactile warnings as needed, general lighting maintenance and any other associated repairs as damages occur. The City's Public Works Department should be able to provide any maintenance in-house for a labor and materials cost of approximately \$1,000 per year.

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**PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST**

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
201A-002	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
206C-000	REMOVING CONCRETE SIDEWALK	950	SQ YD	\$ 35.00	\$ 33,250.00
206C-010	REMOVING CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	420	SQ YD	\$ 55.00	\$ 23,100.00
206D-003	REMOVING CURB	790	LIN FT	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,950.00
206E-001	REMOVING INLETS	4	EACH	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
210A-000	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	235	CU YD	\$ 50.00	\$ 11,750.00
301A-029	CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, TYPE B, YARD MIXED, 6" THICK COMPACTED THICKNESS	1000	SQ YD	\$ 15.00	\$ 15,000.00
502A-000	STEEL REINFORCEMENT	830	POUNDS	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,490.00
600A-000	MOBILIZATION (9.7%)	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00
618A-002	CONCRETE SIDEWALK 4" THICK WITH BRICK PAVERS	950	SQ YD	\$ 225.00	\$ 213,750.00
618B-003	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY 6" THICK (INCLUDES WIRE MESH)	315	SQ YD	\$ 115.00	\$ 36,225.00
618C-001	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE	160	SQ FT	\$ 65.00	\$ 10,400.00
618D-000	CURB RAMP	160	SQ YD	\$ 325.00	\$ 52,000.00
620A-000	MINOR STRUCTURE CONCRETE	6	CU YD	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
621C-008	INLETS, TYPE E	4	EACH	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
622A-001	RESET STORM MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
623B-002	CONCRETE CURB, TYPE A	1055	LIN FT	\$ 30.00	\$ 31,650.00
641S-500	VALVE BOX RESET	12	EACH	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
650A-000	TOPSOIL	55	CU YD	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,750.00
654A-001	SOLID SOD (BERMUDA)	1200	SQ YD	\$ 25.00	\$ 30,000.00
665J-002	SILT FENCE	1100	LIN FT	\$ 5.00	\$ 5,500.00
665O-001	SILT FENCE REMOVAL	1100	LIN FT	\$ 2.00	\$ 2,200.00
665P005	INLET PROTECTION	30	EACH	\$ 250.00	\$ 7,500.00
680A-001	GEOMETRIC CONTROLS	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
701A-227	SOLID WHITE, CLASS 2, TYPE A TRAFFIC STRIPE (5" WIDE)	1	MILE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
702A-002	TRAFFIC CONTROL MARKINGS, CLASS 2, TYPE A	1600	SQ FT	\$ 7.00	\$ 11,200.00
750X-220	ROADWAY LIGHTING	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
<b>Construction Cost</b>					<b>\$ 741,715.00</b>
<b>Construction Engineering and Inspection (15%)</b>					<b>\$ 111,257.25</b>
<b>Preliminary Engineering</b>					<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>Contingency (20%)</b>					<b>\$ 148,343.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 1,101,315.25</b>
<b>FEDERAL SHARE</b>					<b>\$ 846,761.45</b>
<b>SPONSOR SHARE</b>					<b>\$ 254,553.80</b>

ATTACHMENT A

Letter of Commitment



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENGINEERING / PUBLIC WORKS**

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**ANGEL MOORE, P.E.**, City Engineer

Director of Engineering / Director of Public Works

January 9, 2023

Ms. Lynda Temples, Principal Transportation Planner  
Planning Department  
Columbus Consolidated Government  
P.O. Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902

Re: FY 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program  
Downtown Streetscape Improvements along 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phenix City, Russell County, Alabama

Dear Ms. Temples:

We are pleased to submit an application for the Phenix City "Downtown Streetscape Improvements along 14<sup>th</sup> Street Project" for funding under the 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program. The City is committed in pursuing the project to completion and will be responsible for all non-federal funds, including, but not limited to, the local share and professional fees for preliminary engineering. We further understand that once a sponsor is notified that they have received funding from ALDOT, that sponsor is responsible for the project and cannot request that the project be transferred to another agency.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department office at (334) 448-2760.

Sincerely,

Eddie N. Lowe  
Mayor  
City of Phenix City

cc: File



ATTACHEMENT B

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 03**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Phenix City is concerned for and committed to providing safe and accessible transportation systems for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, evidenced by that commitment, the City wishes to make application to the Alabama Department of Transportation through the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-PCMPO) for grant assistance for a total cost of \$1,101,315.25 from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds dedicated to the C-PCMPO for the purpose of correcting some ADA deficiencies, hardscape improvements, and landscape improvements located along 14<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City's downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, \$846,761.45 will be funded by ALDOT and the remaining \$254,553.80 will be required from the City of Phenix City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama hereby authorizes the filing of said application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directs and authorizes its Mayor and City Manager to act in conjunction with the application and to provide such additional information to the C-PCMPO and ALDOT as may be required.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

*Eddie N. Lowe*

MAYOR

*R. J. Hardy*

*Steve Baily*

*Verly J. auto*

*Hills Lee Payson*

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

ATTEST

*Melany Lee*

CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned qualified and acting clerk of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, and that such resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

*Melany Lee*

City Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

**COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FROM PHENIX CITY FOR THE  
MPO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governors of Georgia and Alabama have designated the Columbus Department of Planning as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus-Phenix City (C-PCTS) urban area; and

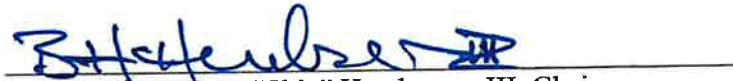
**WHEREAS**, the City of Phenix City, Alabama has applied for and been approved by the MPO Committees to receive funding from the MPO allocated TAP funds; and

**WHEREAS** the TAP funds will be utilized for the purpose of correcting some ADA deficiencies, such as sidewalks, ramps and cross walks, creation of a bicycle lane, hardscape improvements, and limited landscaping along 14<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, \$846,761.45 (80%) will be funded by ALDOT and the remaining \$254,553.80 (20%) will be required from the City; and

**WHEREAS** the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,101,315.25.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study Policy Committee approves the Transportation Alternatives Program Application for the City of Phenix City, Alabama.



Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Chairman  
Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study  
Policy Committee

March 21, 2023

Date

Attest:

  
Will Johnson, Planning Director

ATTACHMENT C

Location Map

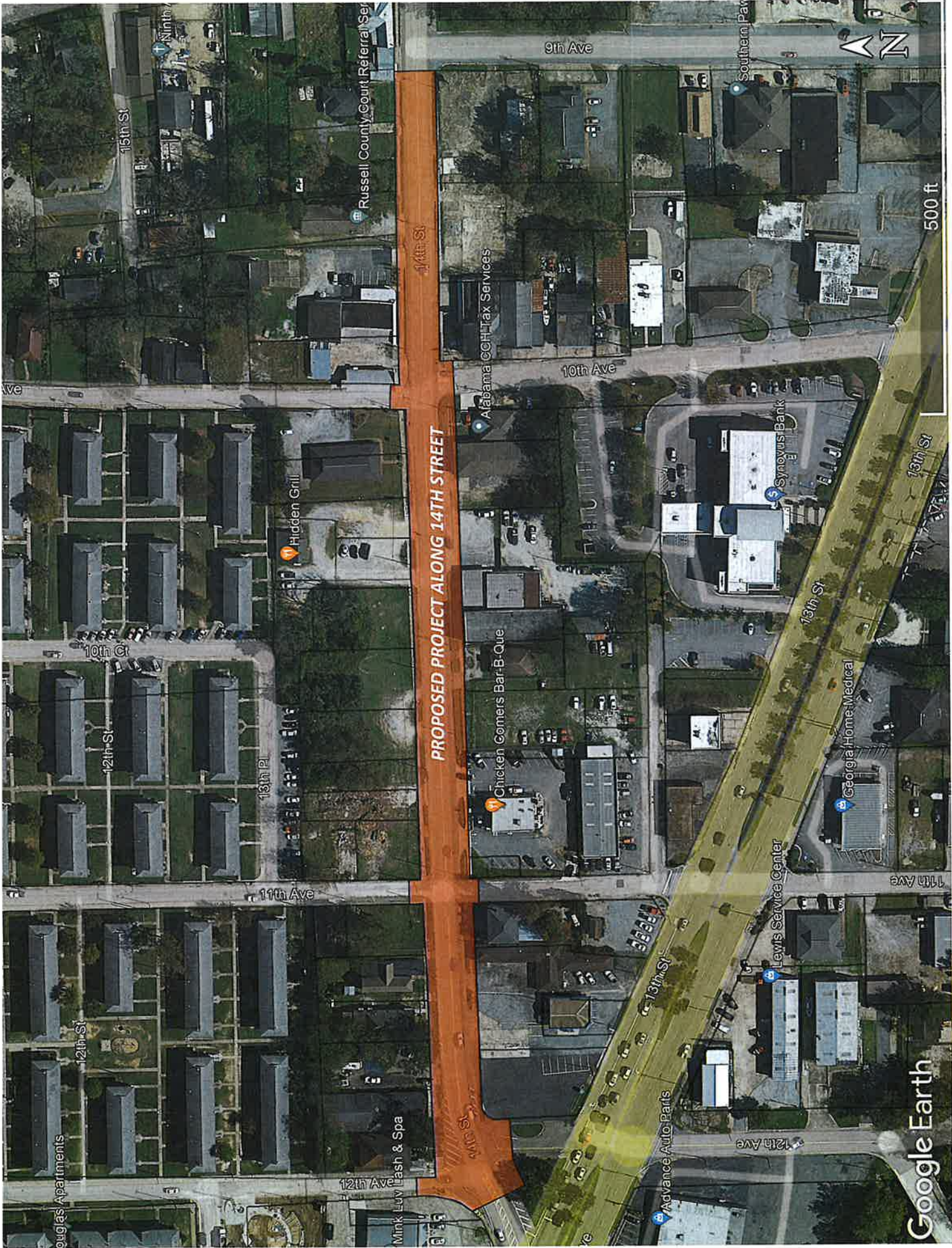
# Downtown Streetscape Improvements along 14th Street

from 9th Avenue to 12th Avenue



ATTACHMENT D

Project Area Map



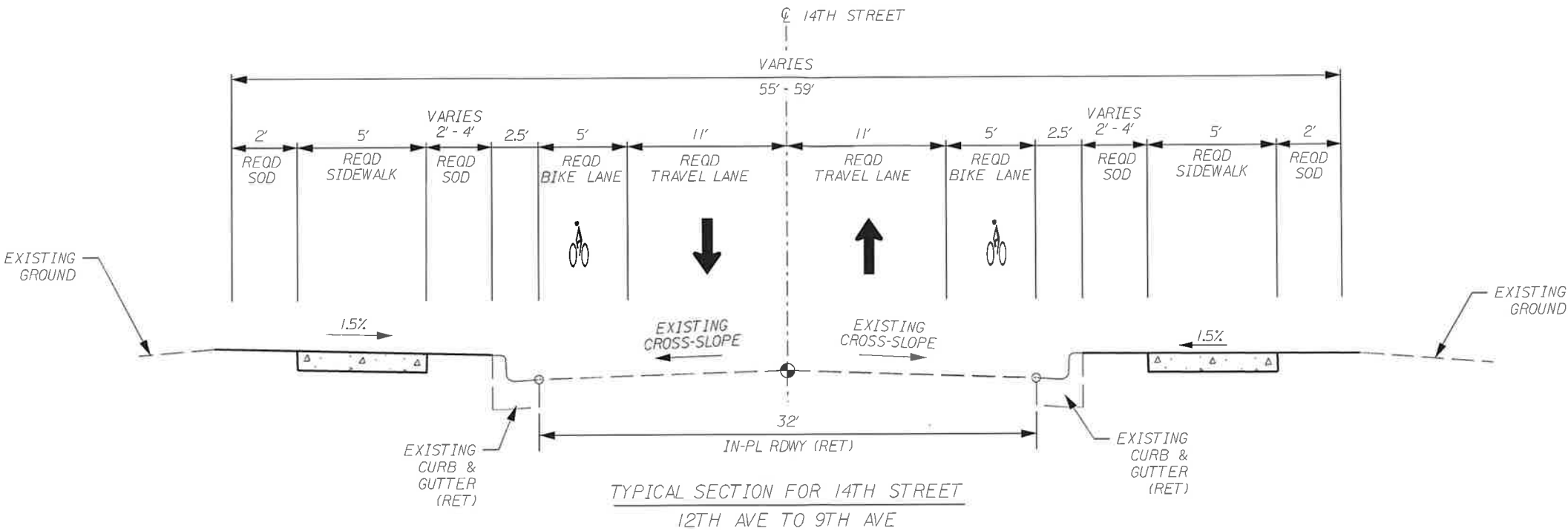
ATTACHMENT E

Typical Section

TYPICAL SECTION SHEET

REFERENCE PROJECT NO	FISCAL YEAR	SHEET NO
XXXX-XXXX(XXX)	2022	X

2023 PHENIX CITY TAP GRANT  
14TH STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

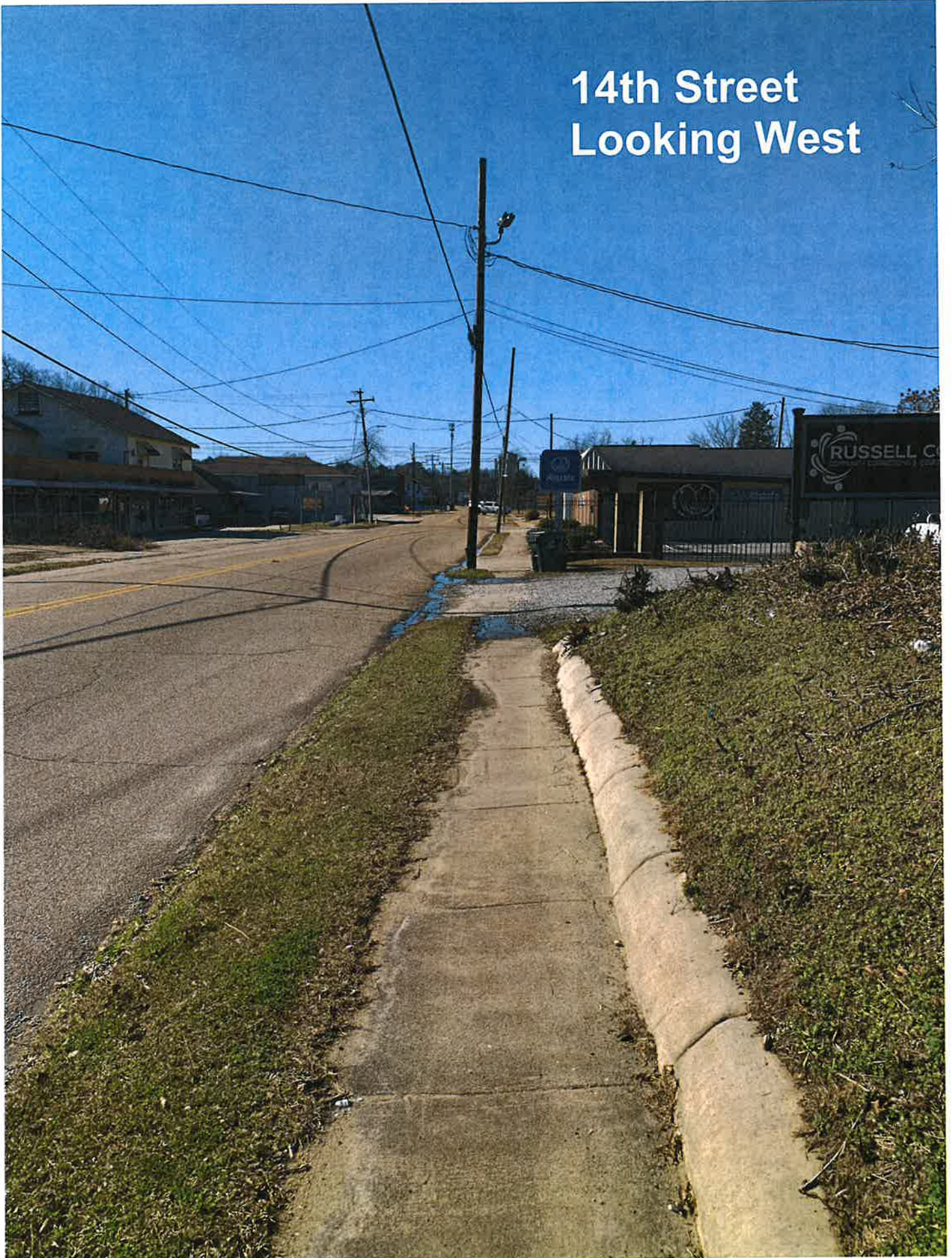


ATTACHMENT F  
Site Photographs

14th St. @ 9th Ave.  
Looking West



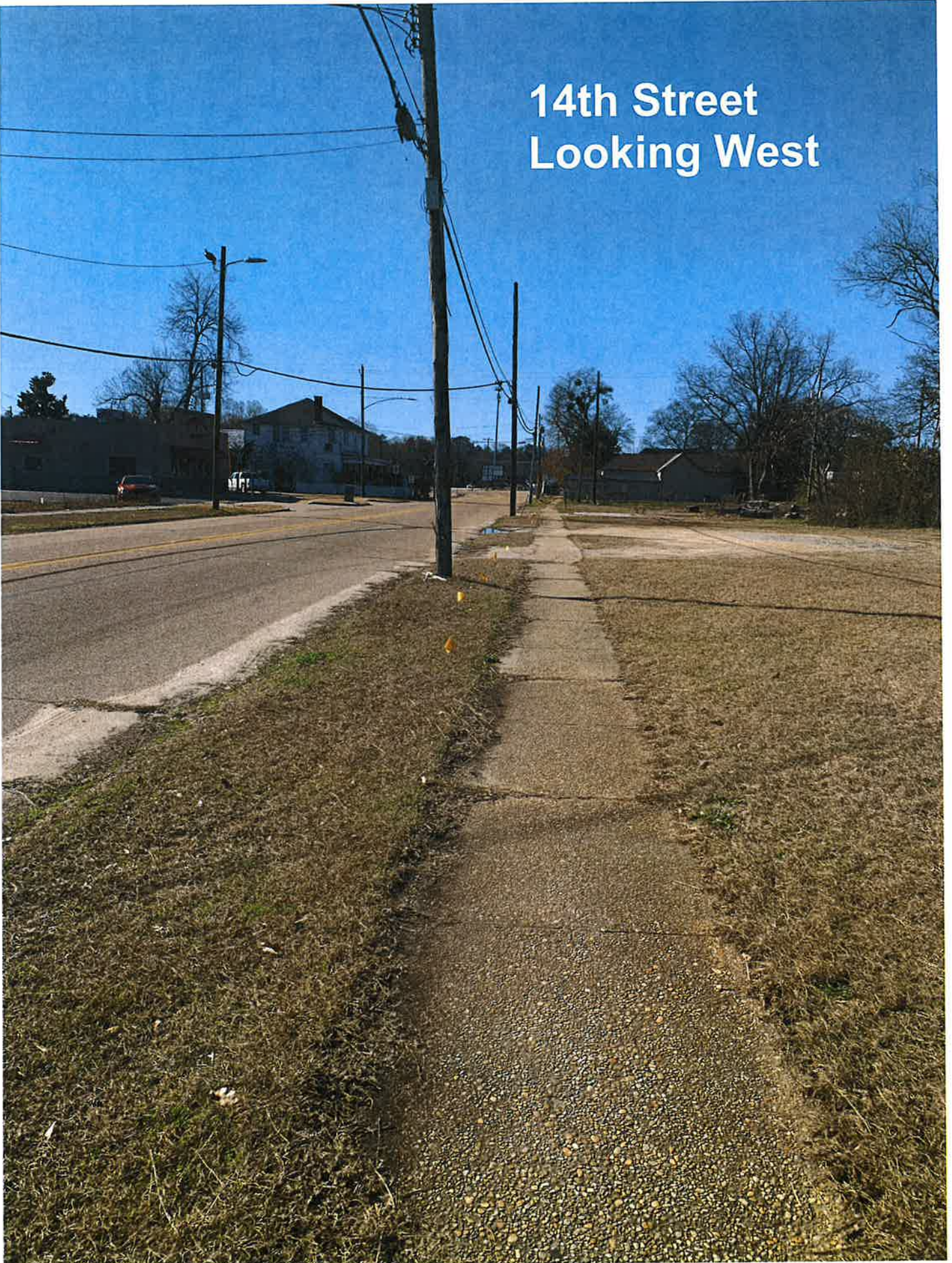
# 14th Street Looking West



14th St. @ 10th Ave.  
Looking West



# 14th Street Looking West



14th St. @ 11th Ave.  
Looking West



# 14th Street Looking West





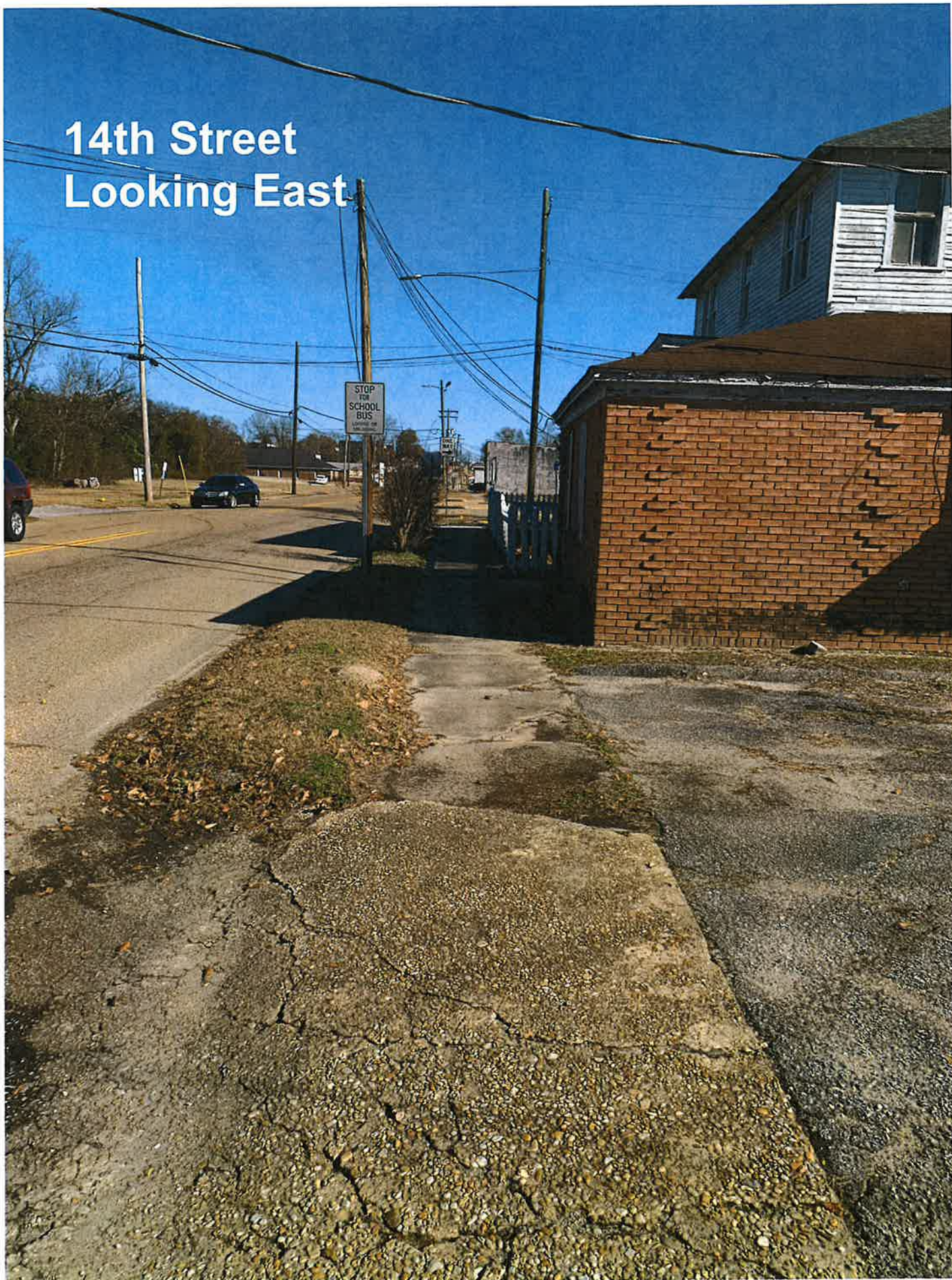
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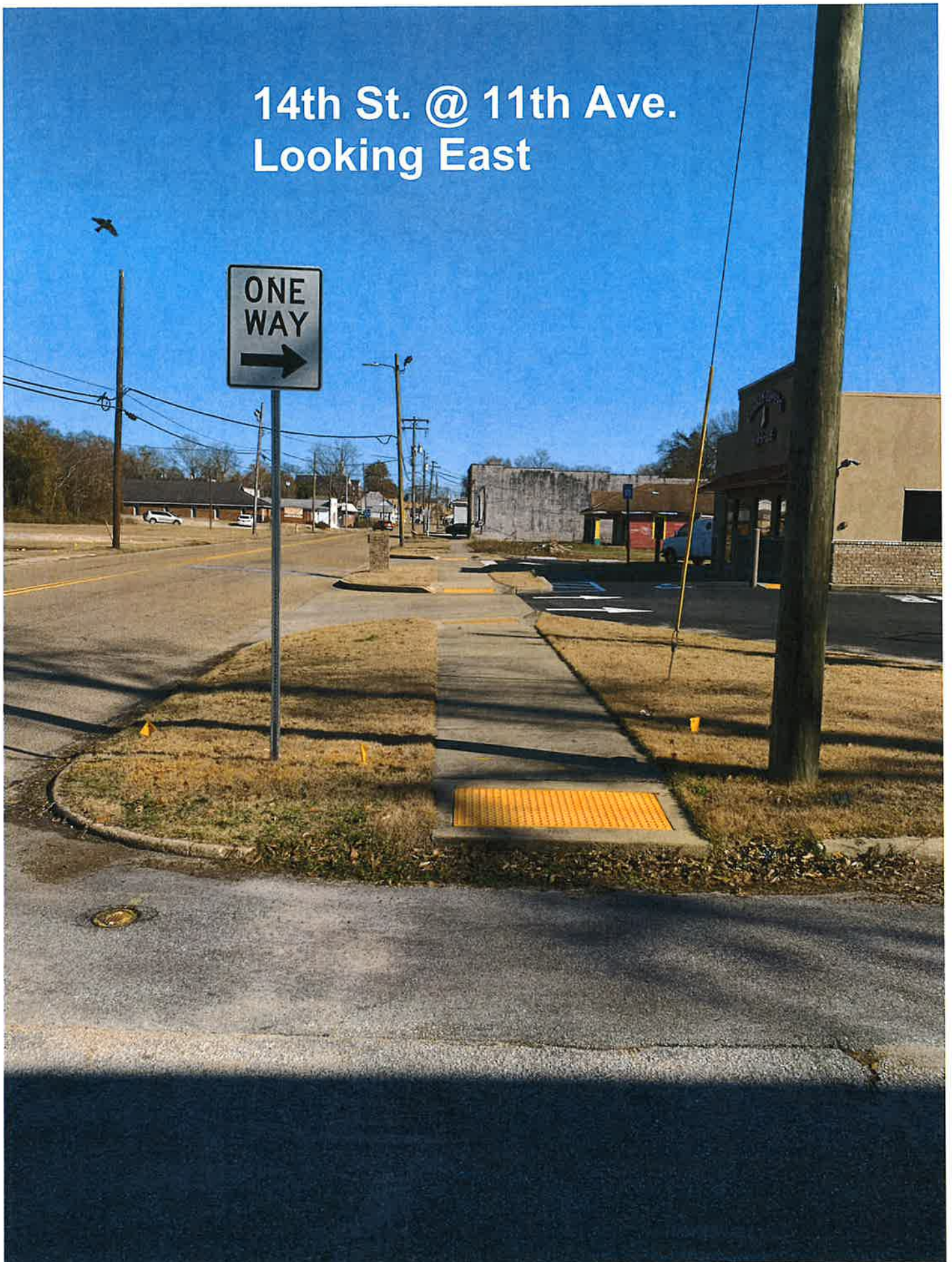
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Looking East



# 14th Street Looking East



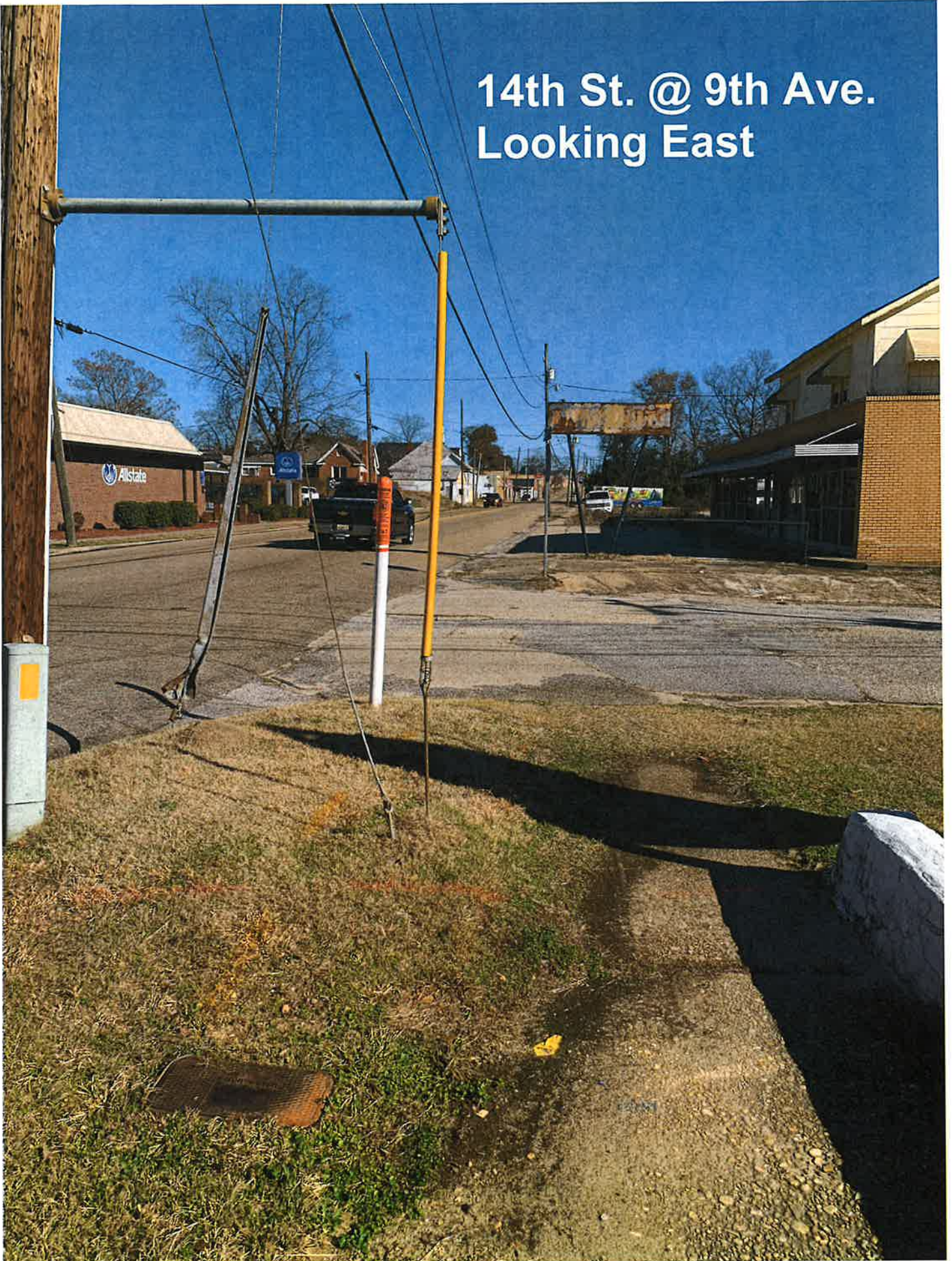
14th St. @ 11th Ave.  
Looking East



# 14th Street Looking East



14th St. @ 9th Ave.  
Looking East



# 14th Street Looking East

