

PROJECT LOCATION:

541 BROADWAY

BLOCK: 498

LOT: 18

PERMIT FOR:

- **ENTRANCE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP INSTALLATION**
- **BUTTON LEGALIZATION**
- **DIAMOND PLATE LEGALIZATION**
- **INTERCOM LEGALIZATION**

PRESENTATION:

**LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
APPLICATION**

DATE:

MARCH 21, 2016



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SoHo-Cast Iron



541 BROADWAY



1910
Courtesy Cathy Weis Projects
<http://www.cathyweis.org/weisacres/about/>



1982
City Museum of New York
[http://collections.mcny.org/Collection/\[537-541,-543-and-545-Broadway-\]-24UARVGZUQN.html](http://collections.mcny.org/Collection/[537-541,-543-and-545-Broadway-]-24UARVGZUQN.html)



2016

498-20, 18

#537-539, #541 (through to Mercer)

Commenced: 9/1/1868

Completed: 4/30/1869

Architect: Charles Mettam

Original Owner: Gilsey & Beekman

Original Function: Store

Facade: Iron

5 stories; 8 bays

Comments: Ground floor altered, 1883

alteration to #537-539 as a result of fire.

Nos. 537-539 and 541 are two picturesque cast-iron buildings with a common facade designed by Charles Mettam in 1868 for Gilsey and Beekman. The five-story, eight-bay facade is defined by a rhythmic series of columns separating the windows. The columns are plain, but have Corinthianesque capitals. A rope-molding edges the windows. Above the columns a rosette motif decorates the spandrels. A balustrade adds interest to the base of the second-story windows on No. 541. After a fire in 1883 the balustrade was removed from No. 537-539, and the first floor entablature was replaced by a highly foliated one, also of cast iron. The ground floor has been completely altered. The most eye-catching element of the eight-bay facade is the main entablature and roof line. A panelled frieze is interspersed by scrolled brackets supporting the cornice with its modillions. A large pediment with an urn at its peak crowns the two central bays. Two smaller curved pediments emphasize the side bays. Two urns at the ends of the main pediment and another two above the cornice terminal blocks at the ends of the facade further emphasize the roof line. The urns themselves have unique center finials.

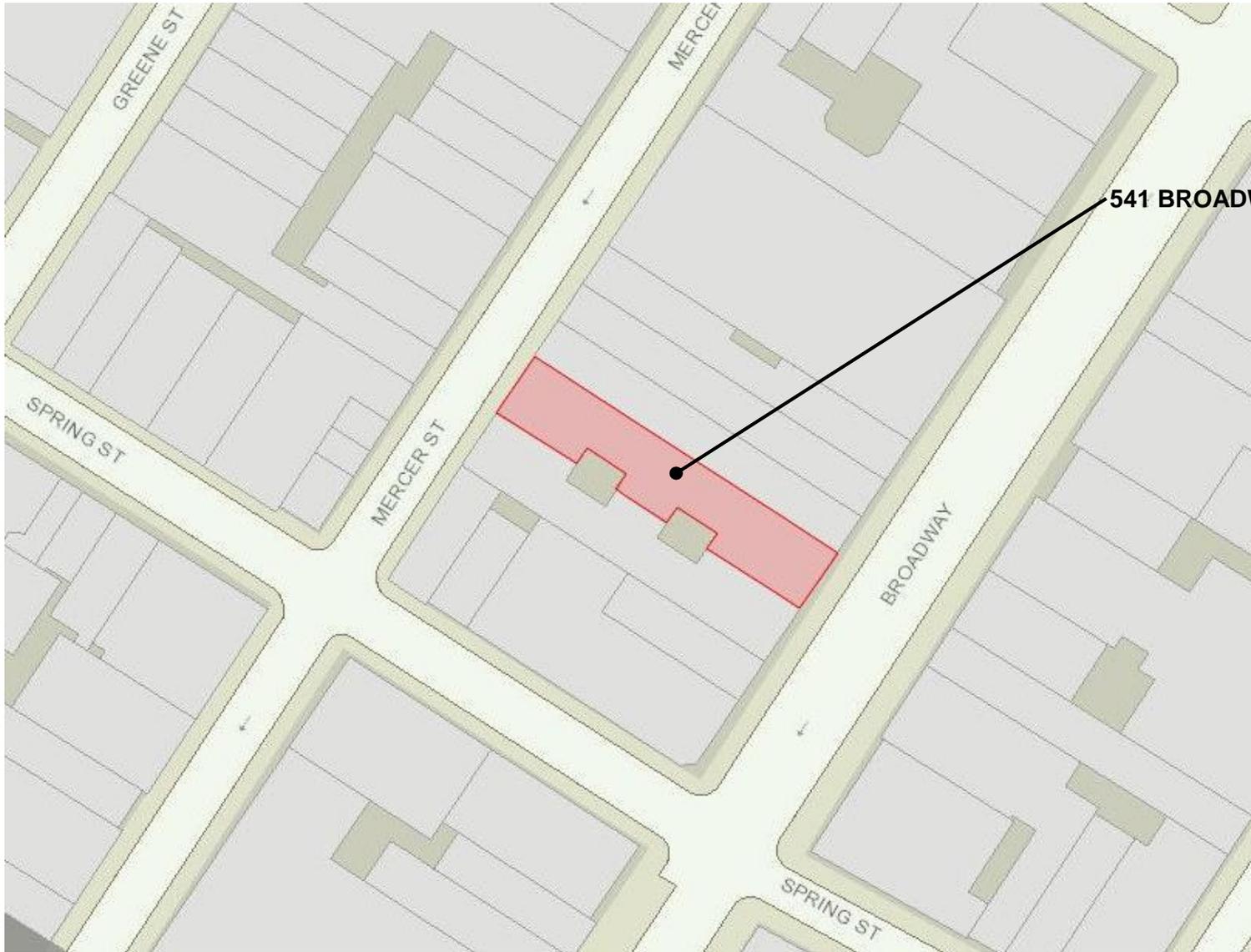
EXCERPTS FROM 1973

SOHO CAST IRON HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION REPORT



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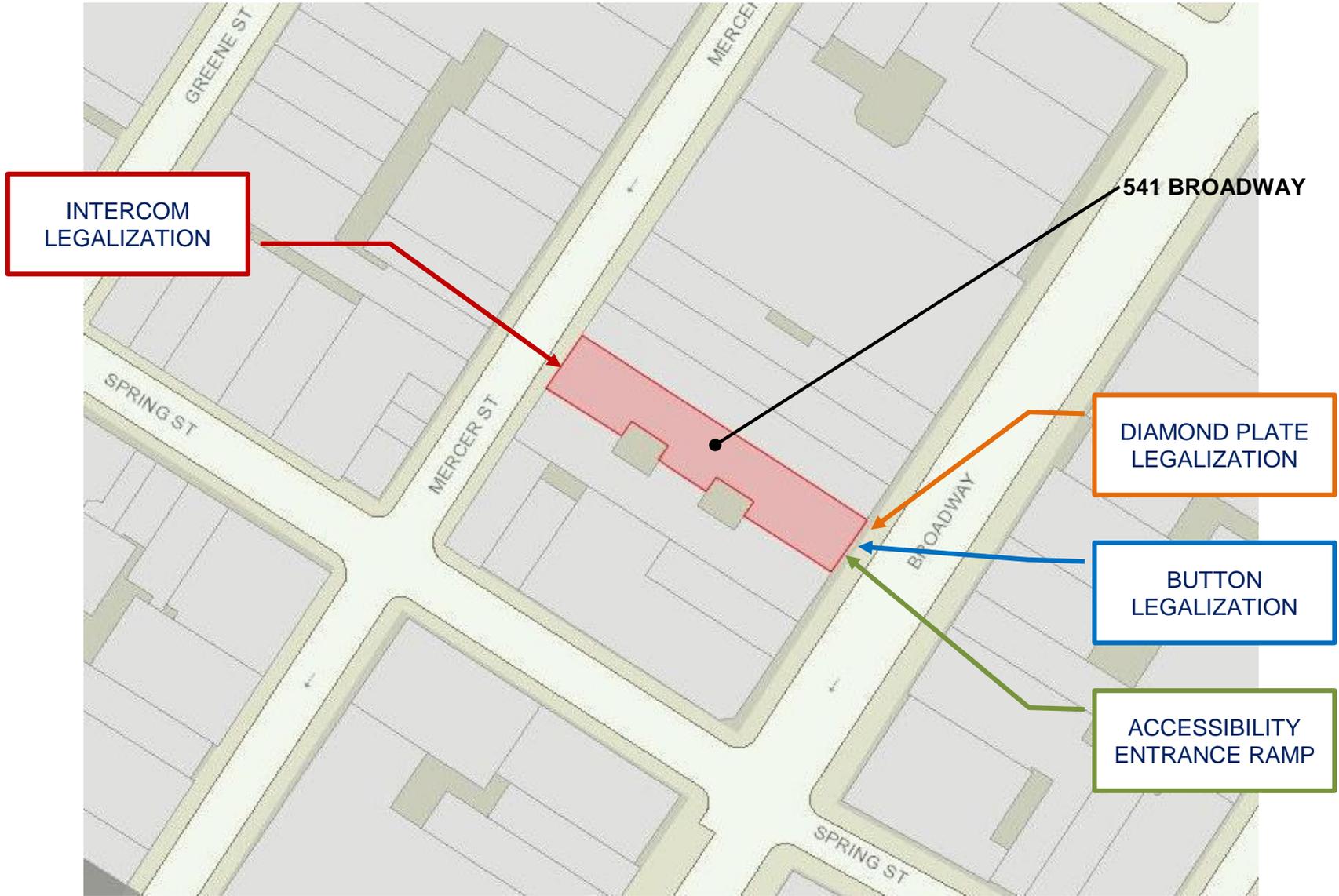


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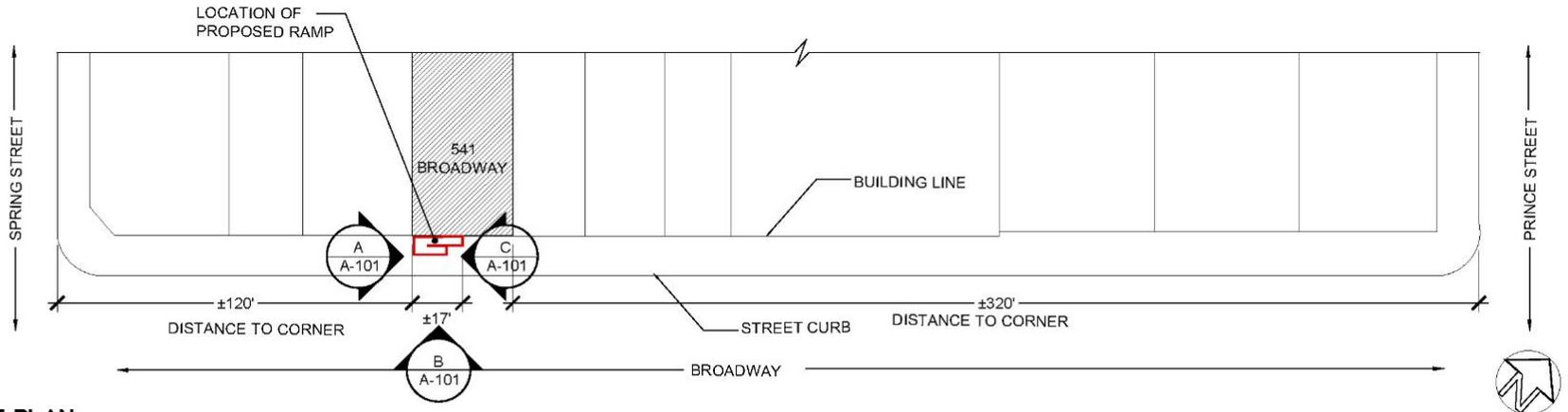
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ENTRANCE RAMP INSTALLATION

EXISTING CONDITIONS



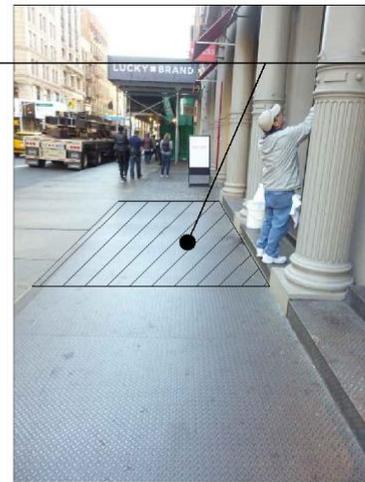
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1/4" = 1'-0"



A SITE PHOTO 1



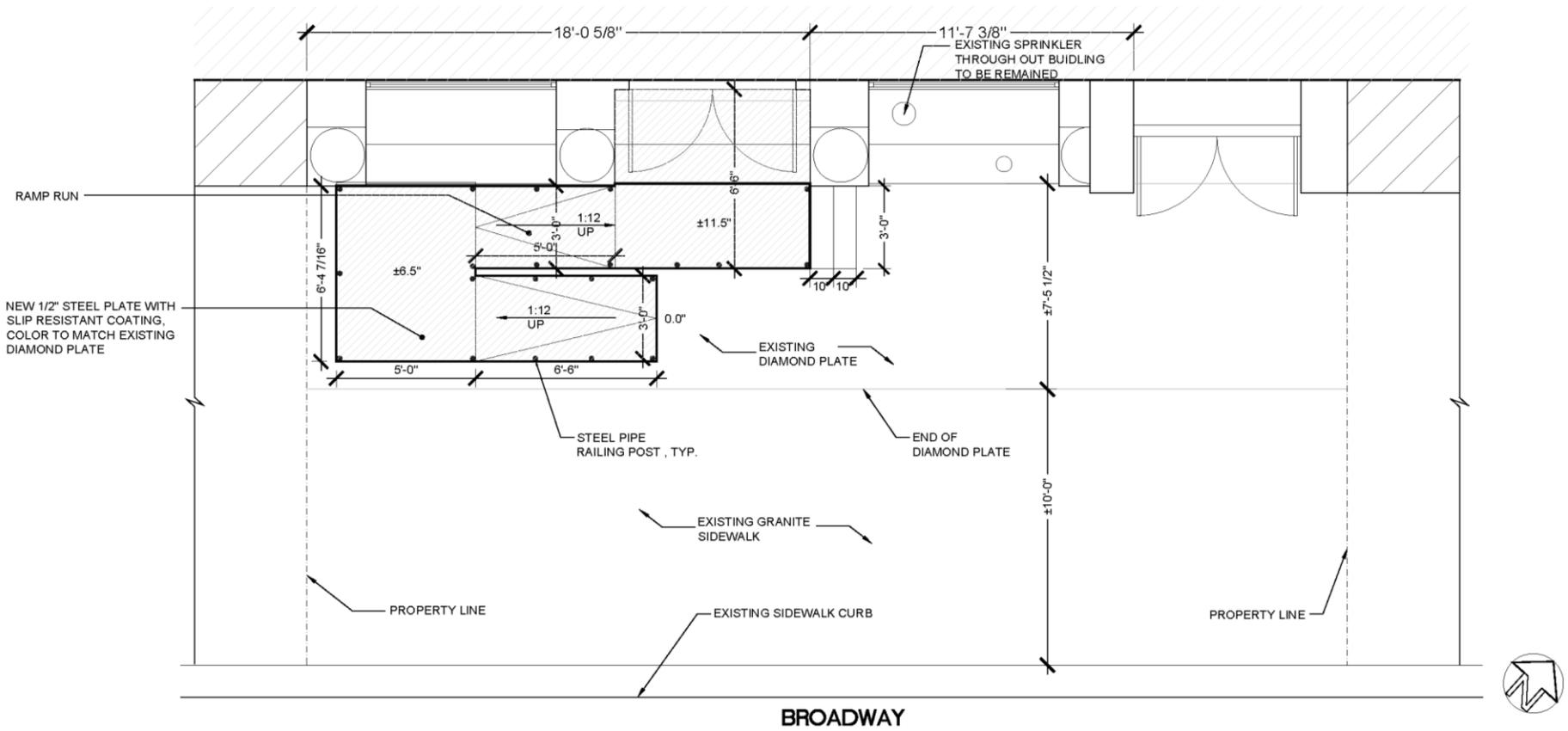
B SITE PHOTO 2



C SITE PHOTO 3



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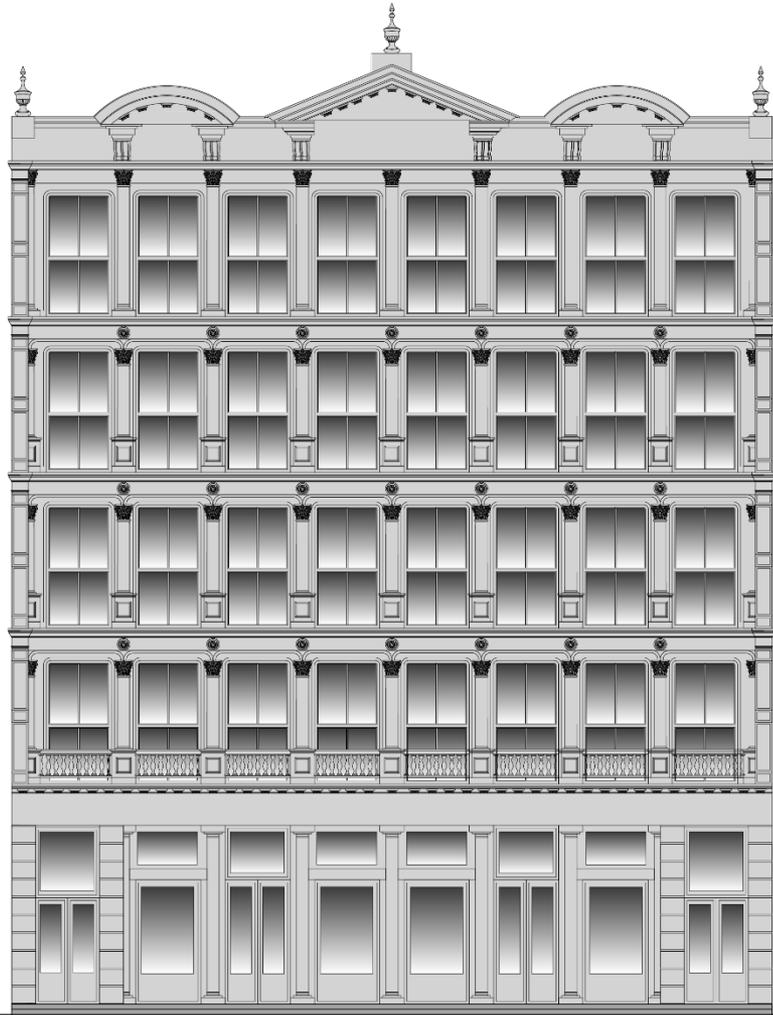


1 PROPOSED PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"

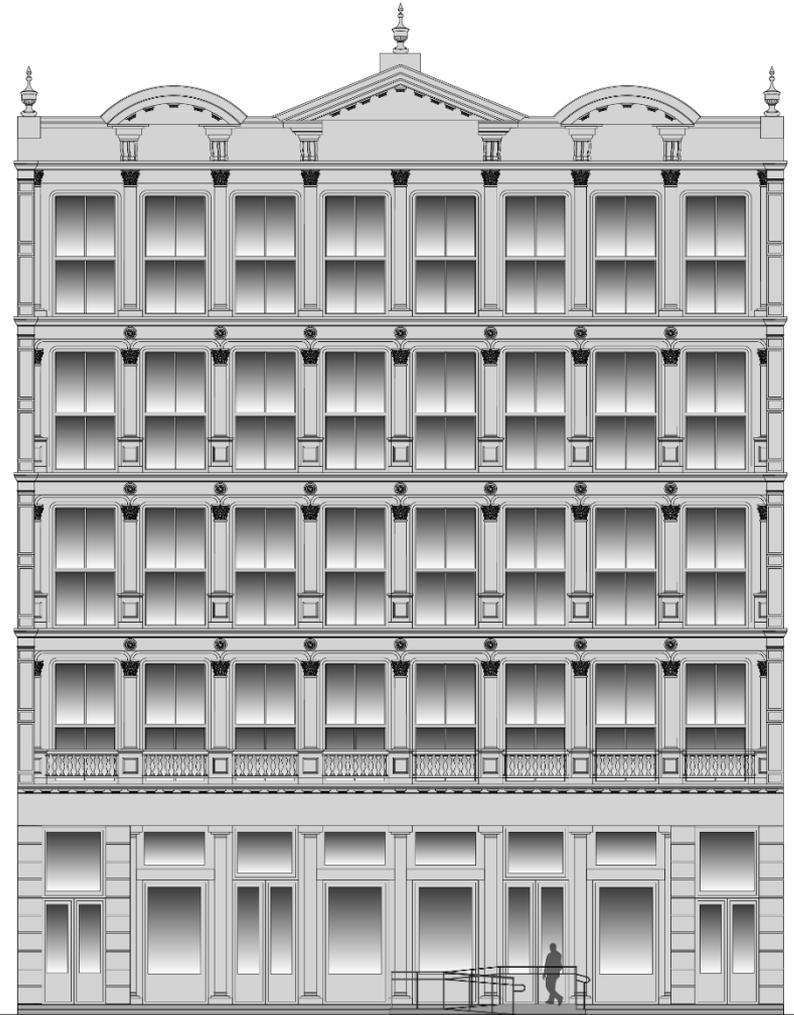


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PLANS



BROADWAY ELEVATION - EXISTING

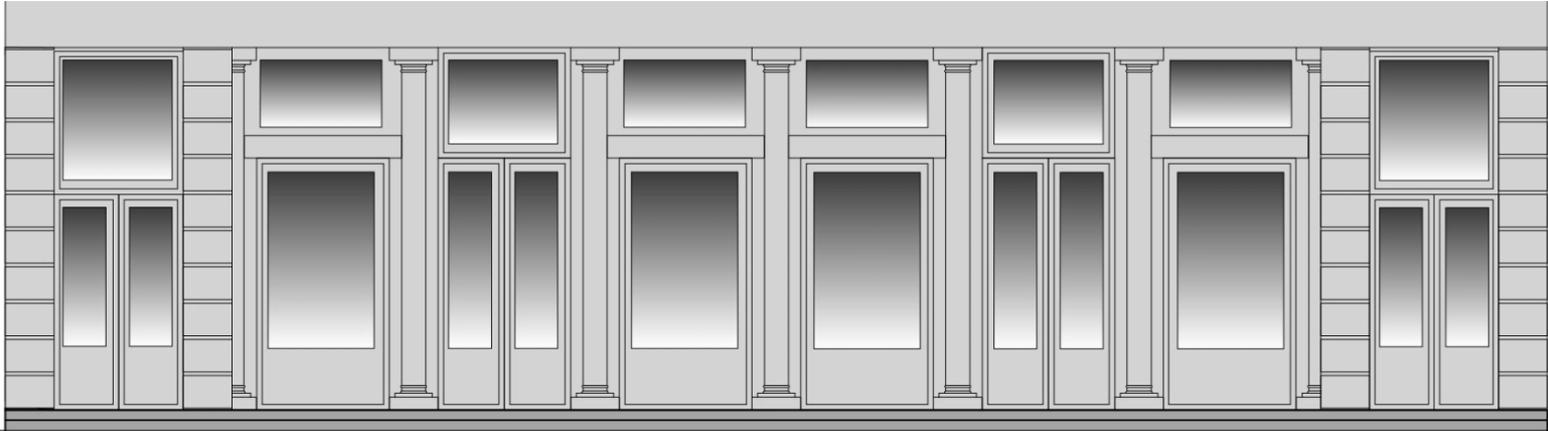


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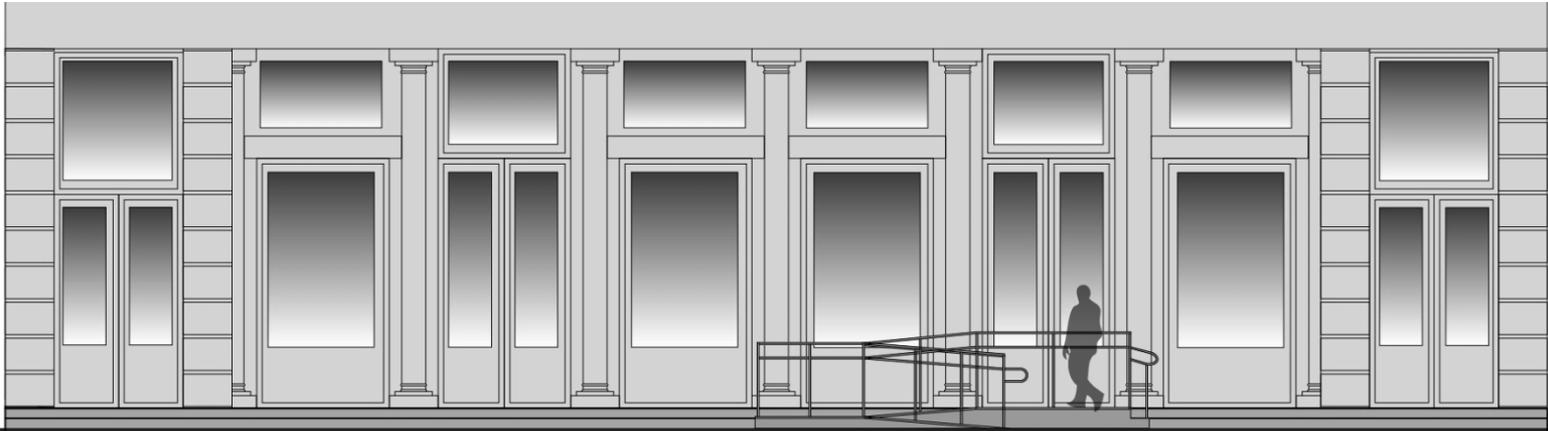


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ENTRANCE RAMP INSTALLATION

ELEVATIONS

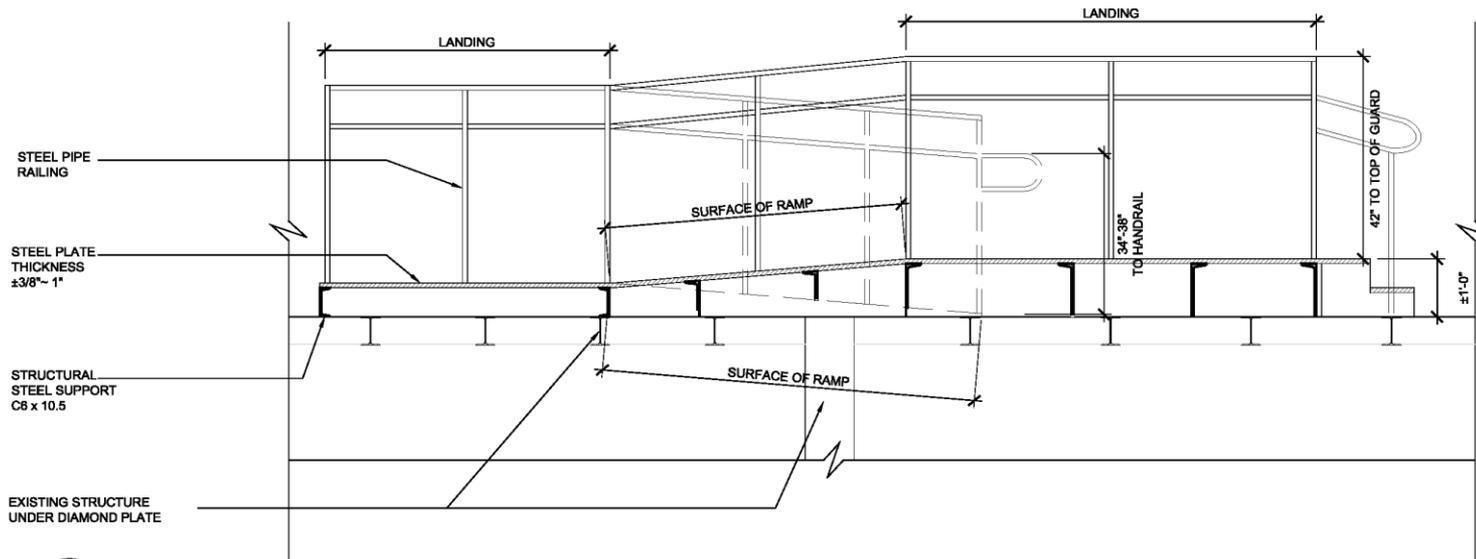


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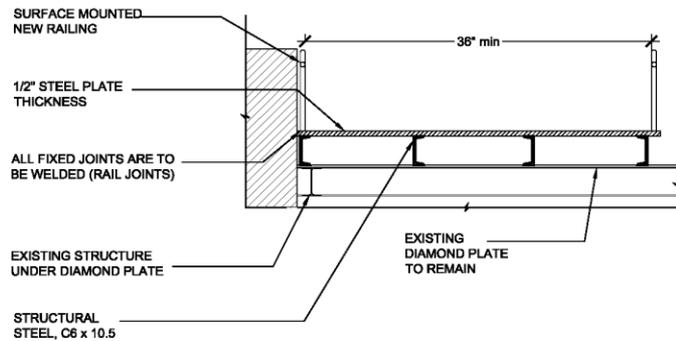


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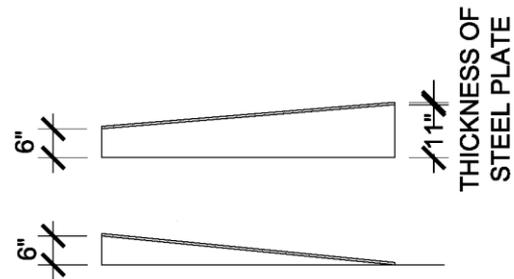




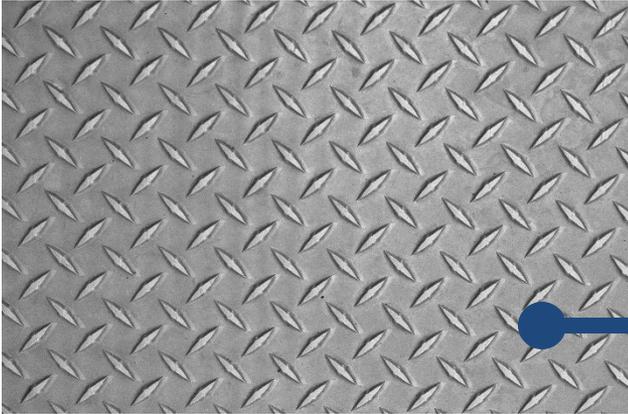
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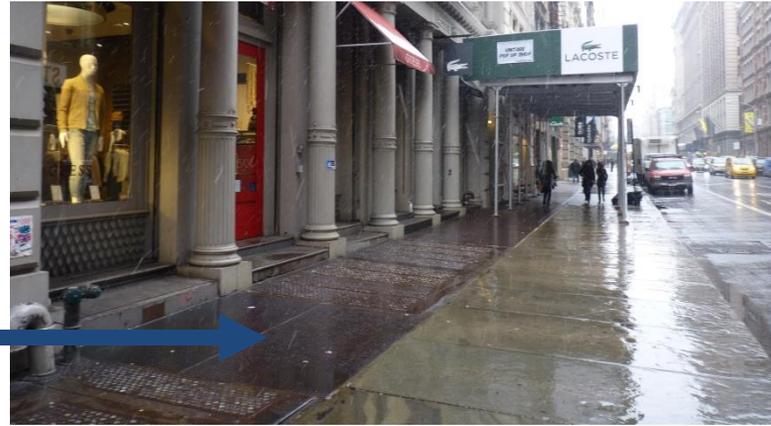
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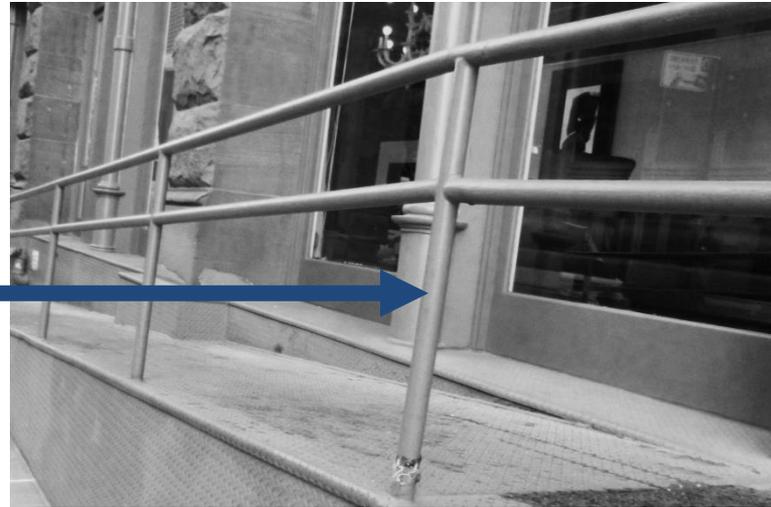
3 RAMP SLOPE DETAIL
 1/4" = 1'-0"



NEW DIAMOND PLATE TO BE UNFINISHED STEEL TO MATCH EXISTING.



541 BROADWAY – EXISTING CONDITIONS



50 WOOSTER ST. – EXAMPLE OF STEEL HANDRAIL STYLE SIMILAR TO PROPOSED



45 CROSBY ST.



35 MERCER ST.



49 MERCER ST.



50 HOWARD ST.



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ENTRANCE RAMP INSTALLATION

**SOHO CAST IRON HISTORIC
DISTRICT RAMP PRECEDENTS**



541 BROADWAY – LOOKING SOUTH



541 BROADWAY – LOOKING NORTH





**SIDEWALK VAULT - AFTER COLLAPSE - (JULY 2001)
NOTE DAMAGED VAULT LIGHTS & STEPS.**



**SIDEWALK VAULT- AFTER COLLAPSE (JULY 2001)
NOTE DAMAGED VAULT LIGHTS.**



WEST SIDE OF BROADWAY –
LOOKING SOUTH FROM PRINCE STREET



EAST SIDE OF BROADWAY –
LOOKING SOUTH FROM PRINCE STREET



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DIAMOND PLATE LEGALIZATION

CONTEXT



BROADWAY ENTRANCE – ASSISTANCE PUSH
BUTTON AS CURRENTLY INSTALLED



BROADWAY ENTRANCE – PROPOSED BUTTON
PAINTED TO MATCH EXISTING BUILDING
EXTERIOR COLOR



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BUTTON LEGALIZATION

EXISTING & PROPOSED CONDITIONS



MERCER STREET ENTRANCE –
INTERCOM AS CURRENTLY INSTALLED



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INTERCOM LEGALIZATION

EXISTING LOCATION



MERCER STREET ENTRANCE –
INTERCOM PROPOSED RELOCATION



THANK YOU



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