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Historic Landmarks and Records Commission
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500 West Temple Street
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Re: Historic and Cultural Resources Documentation for Universal City Pedestrian Bridge

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), ICF International is conducting cultural resources studies for the Universal City Pedestrian Bridge Project, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The proposed pedestrian bridge would span Lankershim Boulevard and Universal Hollywood Drive with landings on the northwest, northeast, and southwest corners of the intersection of Lankershim Boulevard and Campo de Cahuenga Way/Universal Hollywood Drive. Each landing would be served by elevators, stairways and/or escalators. The pedestrian bridge would facilitate access between the Metro Station on the westerly side of Lankershim Boulevard and Universal Studios, office towers, and hotels on the easterly side of Lankershim Boulevard. Access to the bridge from the northwest corner of Lankershim Boulevard adjacent to the historic Campo de Cahuenga would be via escalator or elevator.

ICF's studies include cultural resource investigation and consultations with interested parties. The FTA and Metro would like to receive input from interested parties regarding any potentially historic resources within the project area. The attached site plan depicts the proposed configuration of the pedestrian bridge. Note that the Campo de Cahuenga property itself would not be impacted by the project because all construction work would occur outside of the Campo's perimeter walls. As relates to archeological resources, the areas where excavation would occur have been previously disturbed by earlier construction projects.

Please inform us if you know of any resources of historical significance that we should take into account for the purposes of this project. This letter will be followed with a telephone call from ICF International to discuss any issue and/or comments that you may have.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed project, please feel free to contact Carl Ripaldi at (213) 922-7304 or by email at RipaldiC@metro.net. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Carl Ripaldi

Carl Ripaldi
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Enclosure: Universal Pedestrian Crossing - Site Plan

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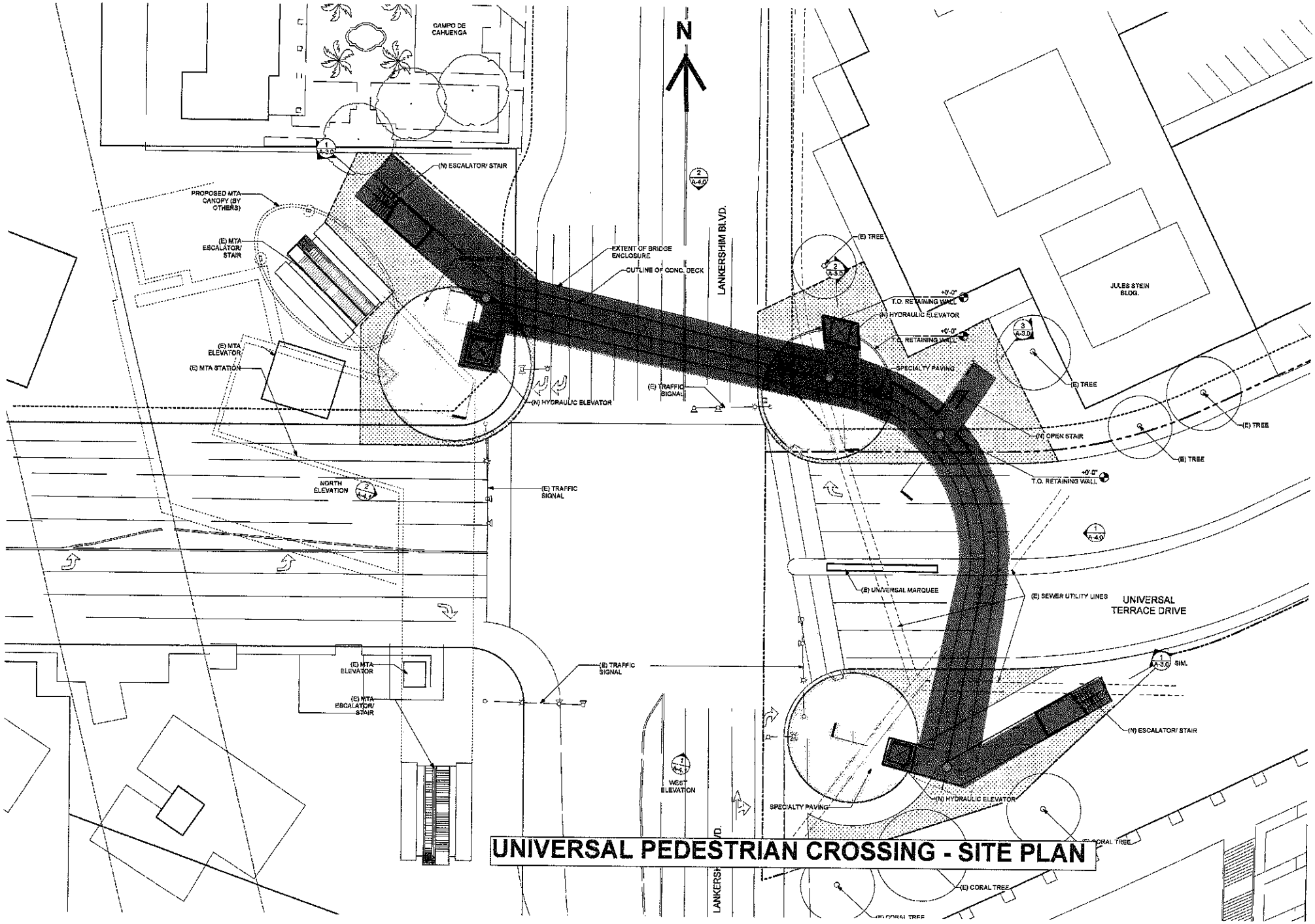

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