

# Ascent MKE:

Designing the Tallest Mass Timber Building in the World (for now)

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# ASCENT MILWAUKEE

NINETEEN STORIES OF TIMBER OVER A CONCRETE PODIUM

HEIGHT:  
284 FT/ 86.56 M

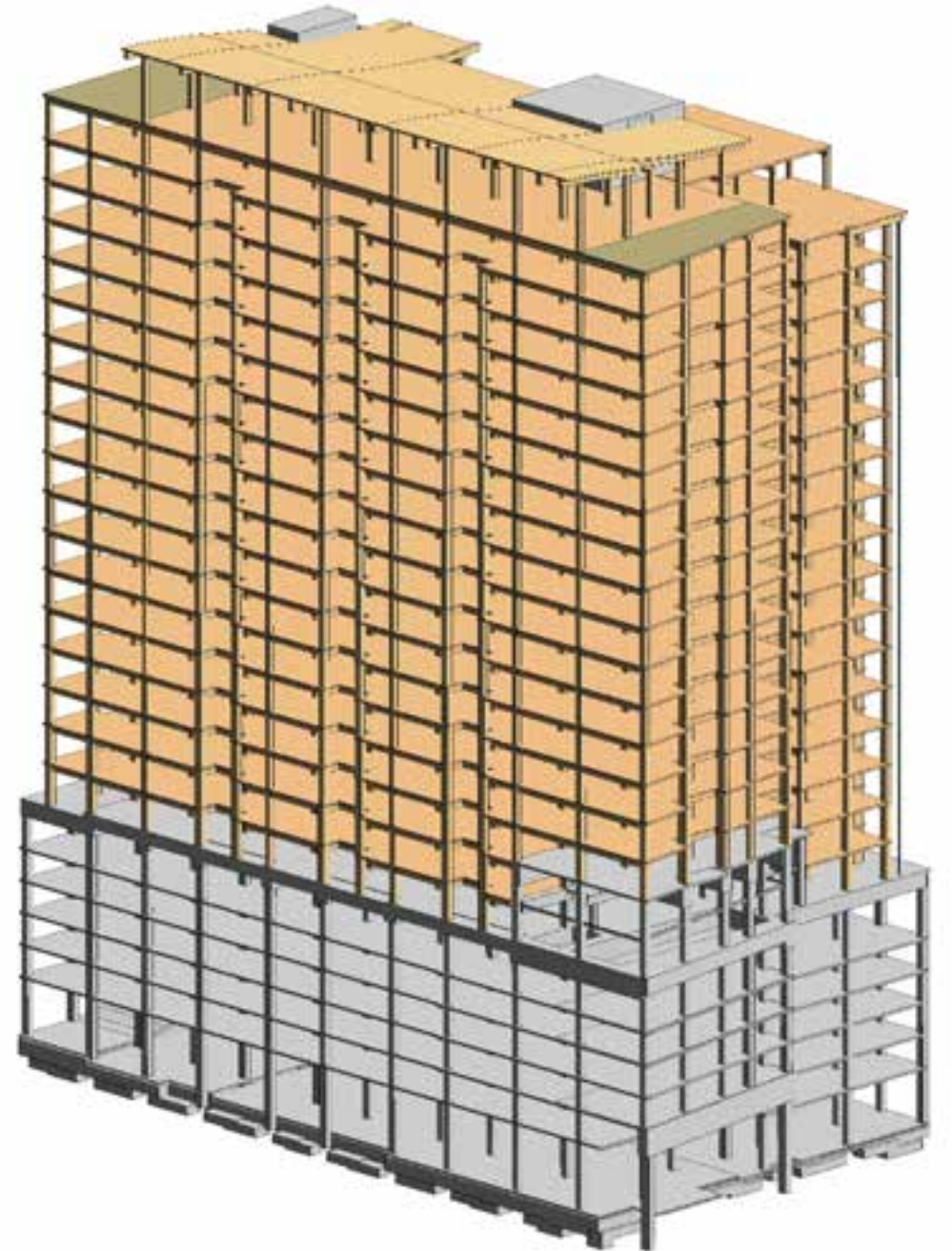
FLOOR AREA OF TIMBER:  
APPROX. 324,400 SF /30,136 SM

APPROVALS PURSUED UNDER 2015 IBC'S "SPECIAL ASSEMBLY"  
SECTION

HYBRID STRUCTURE – STAIRS AND ELEVATOR CORES ARE CIPC

ACHIEVES CLASS FIRE RESISTANCE THROUGH BOTH EXCAPSULATION  
AND SACRIFICIAL/ CHAR METHOD – APPROX. 50% OF TIMBER  
COLUMNS, BEAMS, AND SLABS ARE EXPOSED – PRIMARILY IN  
LIVING SPACES

VERTICAL STRUCTURAL MEMBERS MUST MEET A THREE HOUR FIRE  
RATING, FLOORS ARE TWO HOUR





## Why Mass Timber: Sustainability

1. The building will sequester approximately 7,200 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.
2. It will take approximately 25 minutes to grow this volume of wood in North American forests.

This CO<sub>2</sub> benefit is also equivalent to taking approximately 2400 cars off the road for a year or the energy to operate over 1100 homes for a year.



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# Ascent MKE Timeline:

**01 March 2018:** Directive from New Land Enterprises to pursue MTF Tower

**03 May 2018:** Presentation to DNS Commissioner and Alderman

**24 July 2018:** Introduction to DNS Staff

**21 October 2018:** Project unveiled at CTBUH World Conference, Dubai

**11 November 2018:** Presentation to MFD leadership

**22 July 2019:** First working meeting with DNS Staff

**07 November 2019:** Second working meeting with DNS Staff

**17 December 2019:** Witnessed three hour fire test (4<sup>th</sup> of 9)

**13 February 2020:** Variance review meeting with DNS Staff

**21 February 2020:** Four variance petitions filed with DNS

**21 February 2020:** Footings and Foundation Permit applied for

**7 May 2020:** Final Variance Conference





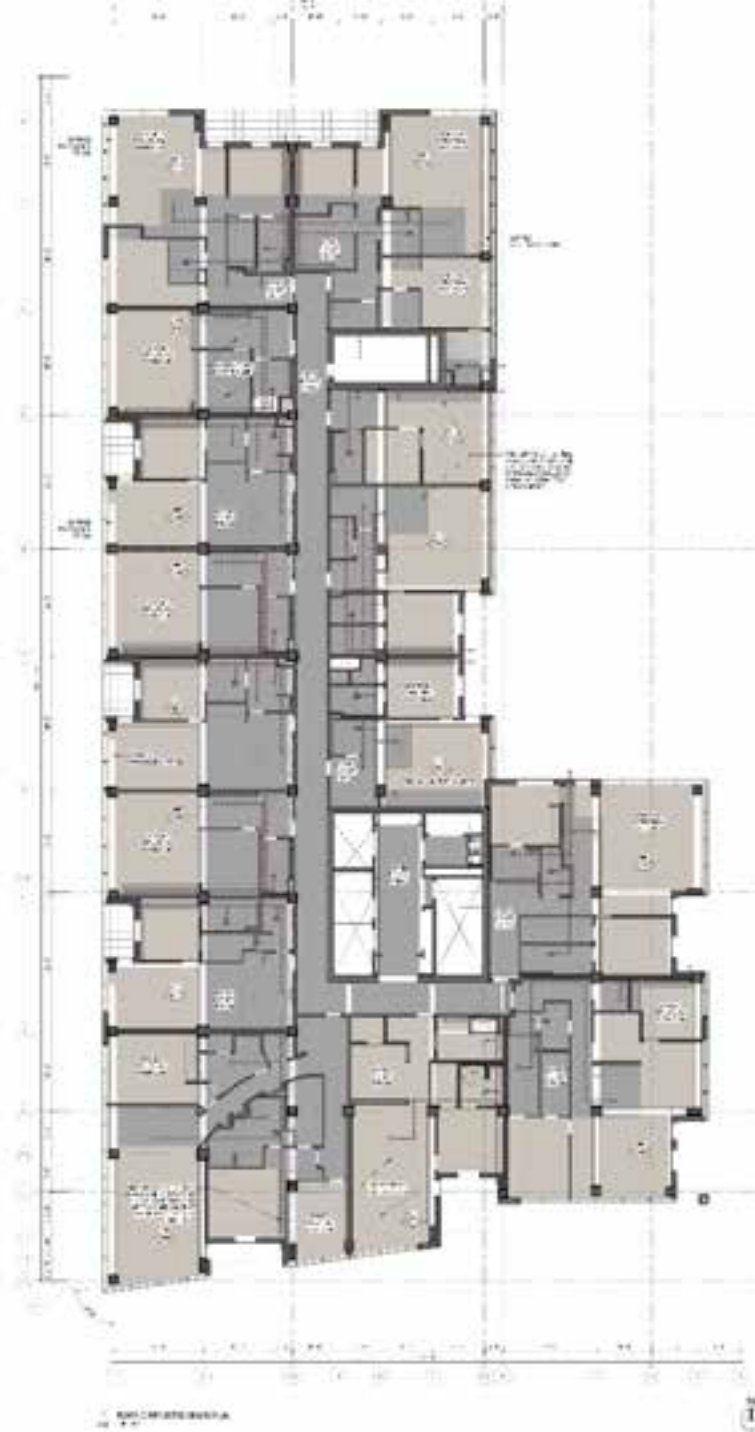




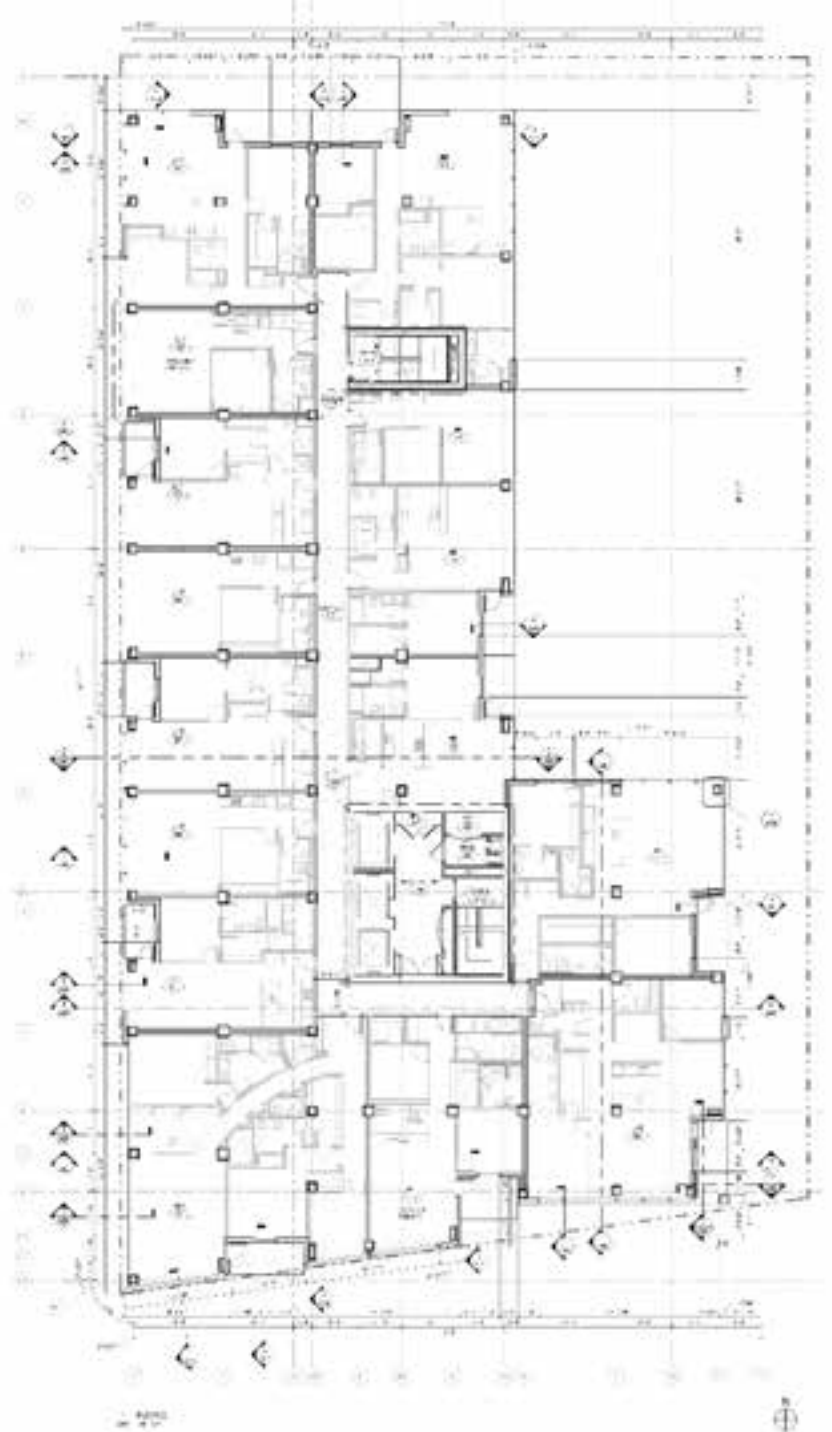
PRESCRIBED CHAR RATE:  
1.5IN/ HR

TESTED CHAR RATE:  
1.29-1.31 IN/ HR





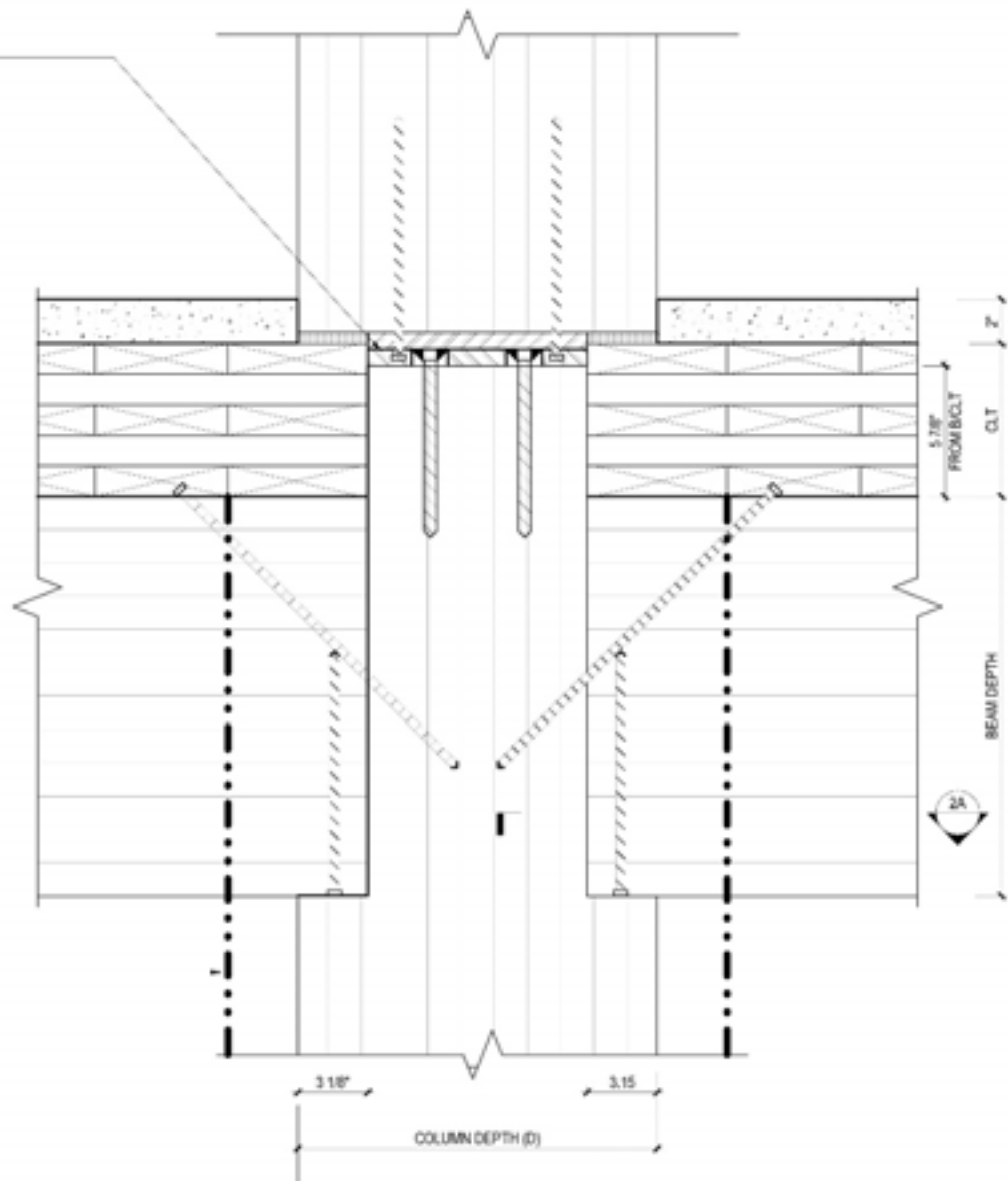
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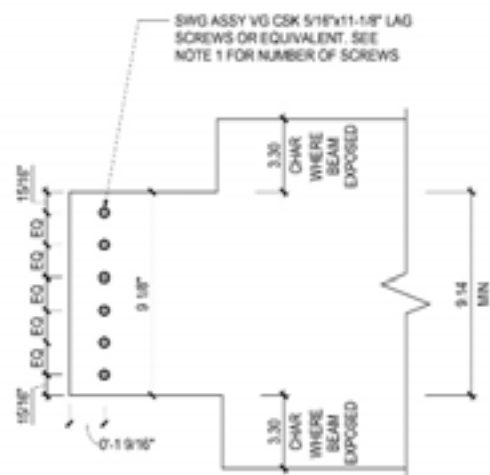
SEE COLUMN TO COLUMN  
TYPICAL DETAIL FOR PLATES  
AND FASTENERS



COLUMN AND BEAM  
ENCAPSULATION, SEE ARCH

**NOTES:**

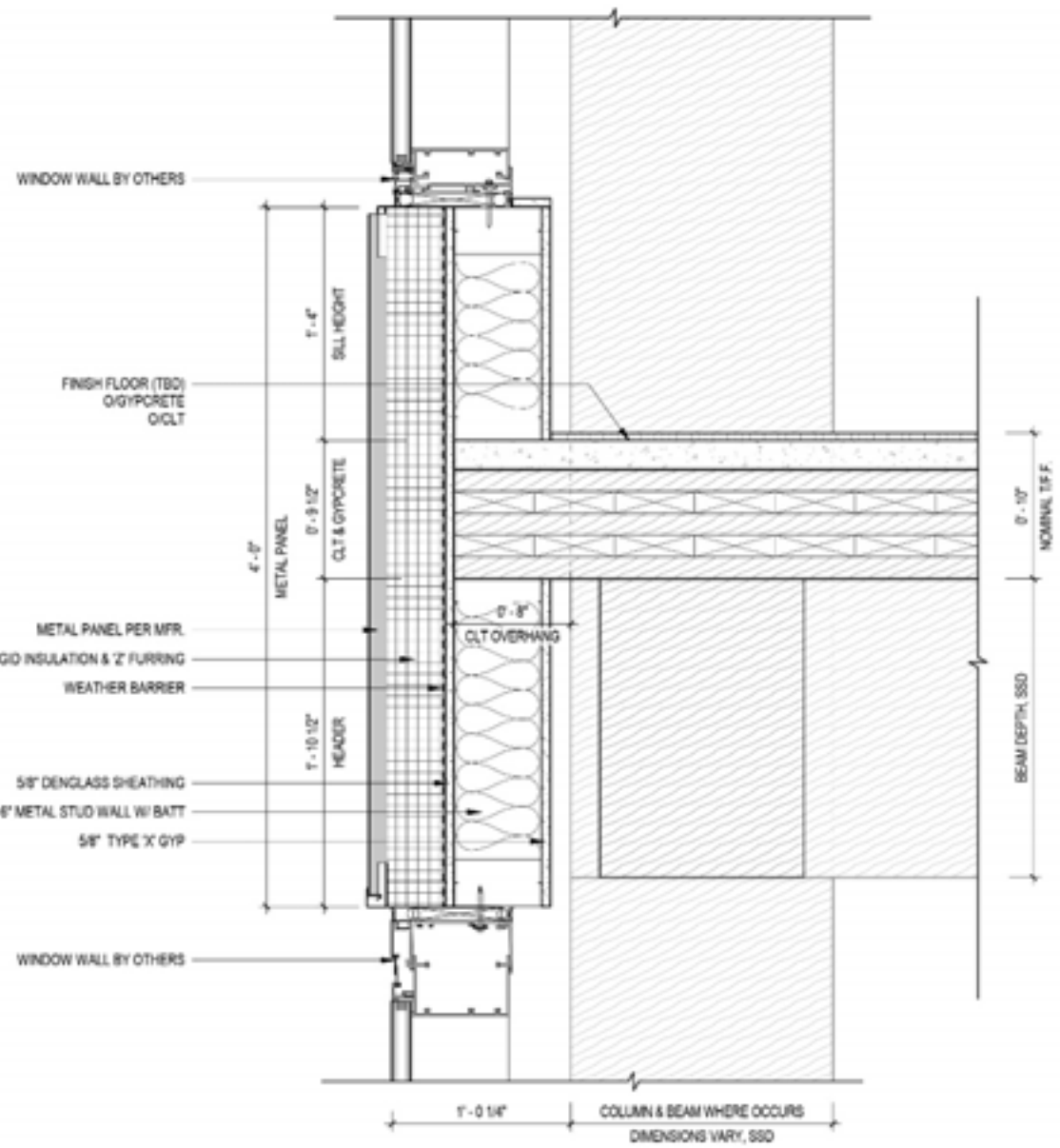
1. DETAIL 3A: 4 SCREWS  
DETAIL 3B: 6 SCREWS  
DETAIL 3C: 9 SCREWS



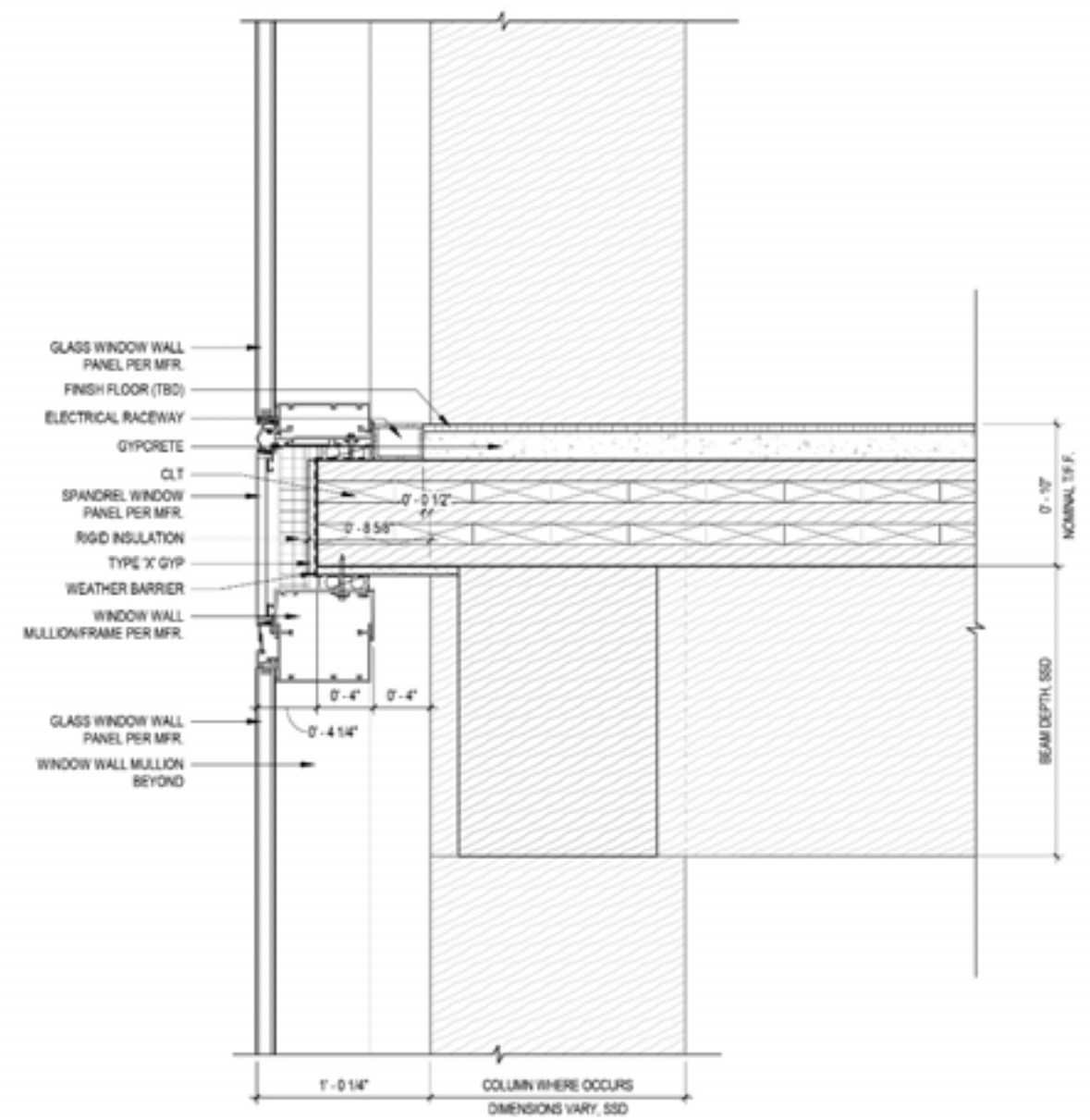
2A REINFORCEMENT PLAN

1 CONCEALED GLULAM BEAM TO GLULAM COLUMN (D3#)  
SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"



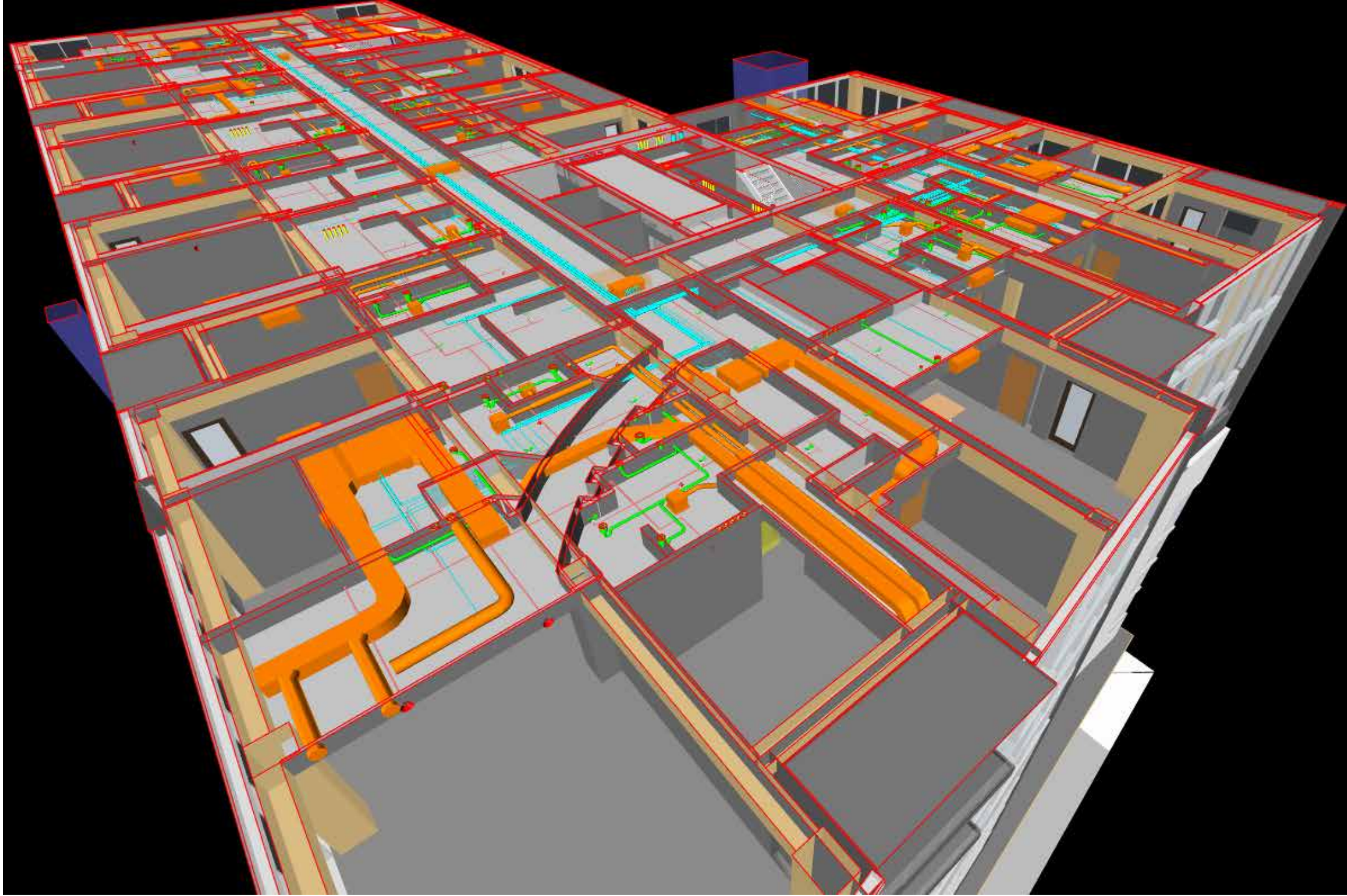


6 WINDOW WALL SECTION AT KNEE WALL  
 A520 1 1/2" = 1'-0"



3 WINDOW WALL - SLAB EDGE SECTION  
 A520 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

Project  
Considerations:  
VD + C



# > QUESTIONS?

This concludes The American Institute  
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