

Mass Timber High Rises: Lessons Learned

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Course Description

The use of mass timber construction in US low- and mid-rise projects has seen remarkable growth in the past decade. Projects such as commercial and office buildings, higher education facilities and public arenas have whetted the architect's and public's palette for a new structural material that promises lower embodied carbon impacts. More recently, the push for use of mass timber in taller projects, particularly multi-family housing, has raised questions about its relative safety and sustainability performances.

As shapers of the built environment, developers and design teams often have the opportunity—some would say responsibility—to address societal issues through their work. Globally, the groundswell of tall timber buildings has been motivated by the urgent need for housing density in urban areas, and the equally urgent need to respond to the climate crisis by reducing and offsetting carbon emissions. While other countries have been constructing tall wood buildings for a decade, the U.S. is one of the first to include provisions in its model building code allowing them prescriptively. This session will provide architects with the knowledge needed to confidently design tall timber buildings in the US, including topics such as value proposition, sustainability, fire resistance, structural layout, connections and details, occupant comfort, cost optimization, and more.

Learning Objectives

1. Review the global and US history of tall wood construction, noting the role that precedent projects have played in code developments and design techniques.
2. Explore the work and conclusions of the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings in establishing 17 new code provisions for the 2021 IBC that address tall wood construction.
3. Identify the key passive fire-resistance construction requirements and active systems that enable taller wood buildings to be built safely.
4. Highlight trends for the future use of mass timber, particularly in multi-family, mid- and high-rise projects.

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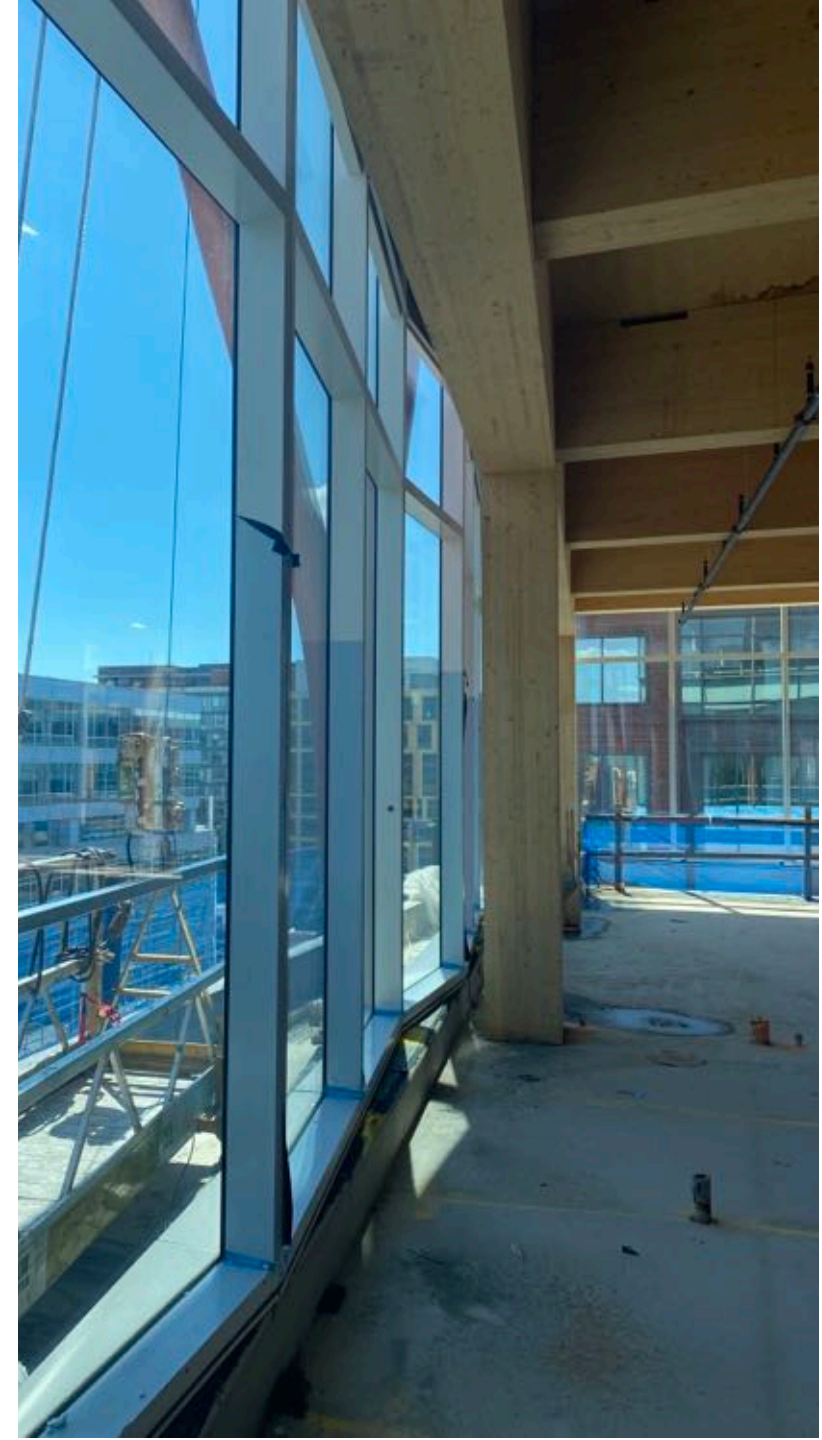
A large, multi-story brick building is under construction. The building has a grid-like facade with many windows. The top portion of the building is under construction, showing a concrete frame with yellow scaffolding. A large blue and white crane is positioned on the roof of the building. The building is situated in an urban environment with other buildings visible in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

3 STORY VERTICAL ADDITION
7 STORY EXISTING BUILDING

80 M ST, WASHINGTON, DC

100,000 SF

**2 NEW LEVELS OF CLASS A OFFICE SPACE
OCCUPIED PENTHOUSE
17'-0" CEILING HEIGHTS**



APEX PLAZA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

187,000 SF

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APEX PLAZA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

8 STORIES
6 TIMBER OVER 2 PODIUM, 100 FT



PRIMARY OFFICE SPACE

11 E LENOX, BOSTON, MA

7 STORIES

70 FT

Passive House
Multi-Family



Credit: H + O Structural Engineering

Credit: Monte French Design Studio

11 E LENOX, BOSTON, MA



Credit: H + O Structural Engineering

ASCENT, MILWAUKEE



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493,000 SF
259 APARTMENTS, MIXED-USE

ASCENT, MILWAUKEE

Tallest Mass Timber Building in the World



25 STORIES

19 TIMBER OVER 6 PODIUM, 284 FT

2018 IBC and All Previous Editions:

- » Prescriptive Code Limit - 6 stories (B occupancy) or 85 feet
- » Over 6 Stories - Alternate Means and Methods Request (AMMR) through performance based design
- » Based on the 1910 Heights and Areas Act



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3 YEAR CODE CYCLE

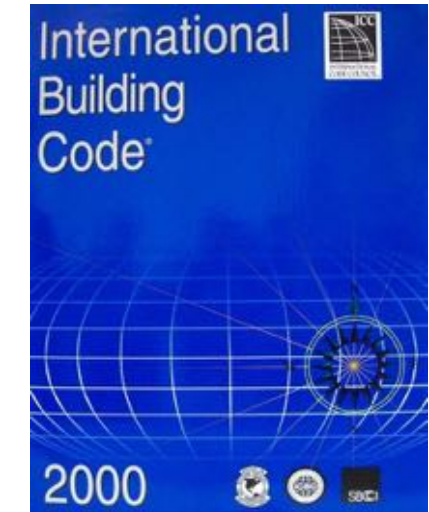
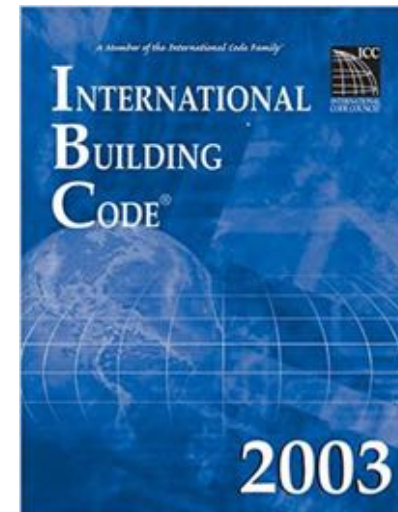
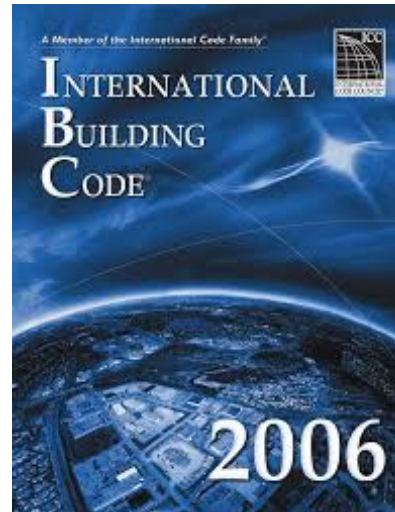
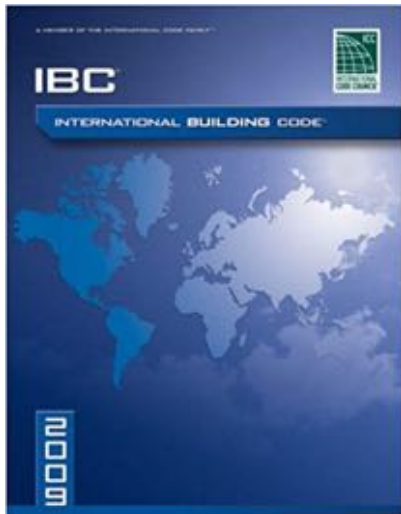
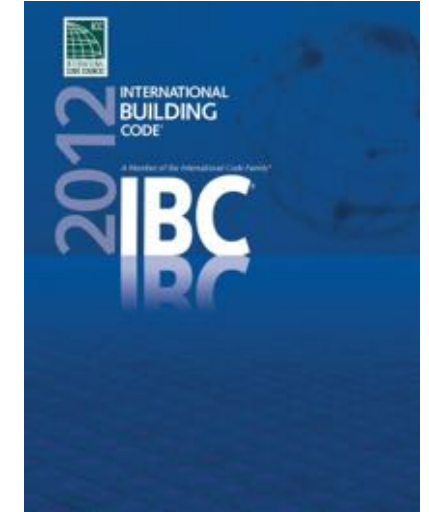




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2021 IBC Introduces 3 new tall wood construction types:

IV-A, IV-B, IV-C

Previous type IV renamed type IV-HT

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV				TYPE V	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B

Type IV-C



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



Photos: Baumberger Studio/PATH
Architecture/Marcus Kauffman



Type IV-C Protection vs. Exposed



9 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C



Credit: Kaiser+Path, Ema Peter

All Mass Timber surfaces may be exposed

Exceptions: Shafts, concealed spaces, outside face of exterior walls

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

Type IV-C Height and Area Limits



9 STORIES
 BUILDING HEIGHT 85'
 ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF
 AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

TYPE IV-C

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	6	85 ft	56,250 SF	168,750 SF
B	9	85 ft	135,000 SF	405,000 SF
M	6	85 ft	76,875 SF	230,625 SF
R-2	8	85 ft	76,875 SF	230,625 SF

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-C height allowances = Type IV-HT height allowances, but add 1 stories permitted due to enhanced FRR

Type IV-C area = 1.25 * Type IV-HT area

Type IV-B



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-B

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



Credit: LEVER Architecture



Type IV-B Protection vs. Exposed



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-B



Credit: Kaiser+Path

NC protection on all surfaces of Mass Timber except limited exposed areas

~20% of Ceiling or ~40% of Wall can be exposed, see code for requirements

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones

Type IV-B Height and Area Limits



12 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-B

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	12	180 ft	90,000 SF	270,000 SF
B	12	180 ft	216,000 SF	648,000 SF
M	8	180 ft	123,000 SF	369,000 SF
R-2	12	180 ft	123,000 SF	369,000 SF

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-B height & story allowances = Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-B area = 2 * Type IV-HT area



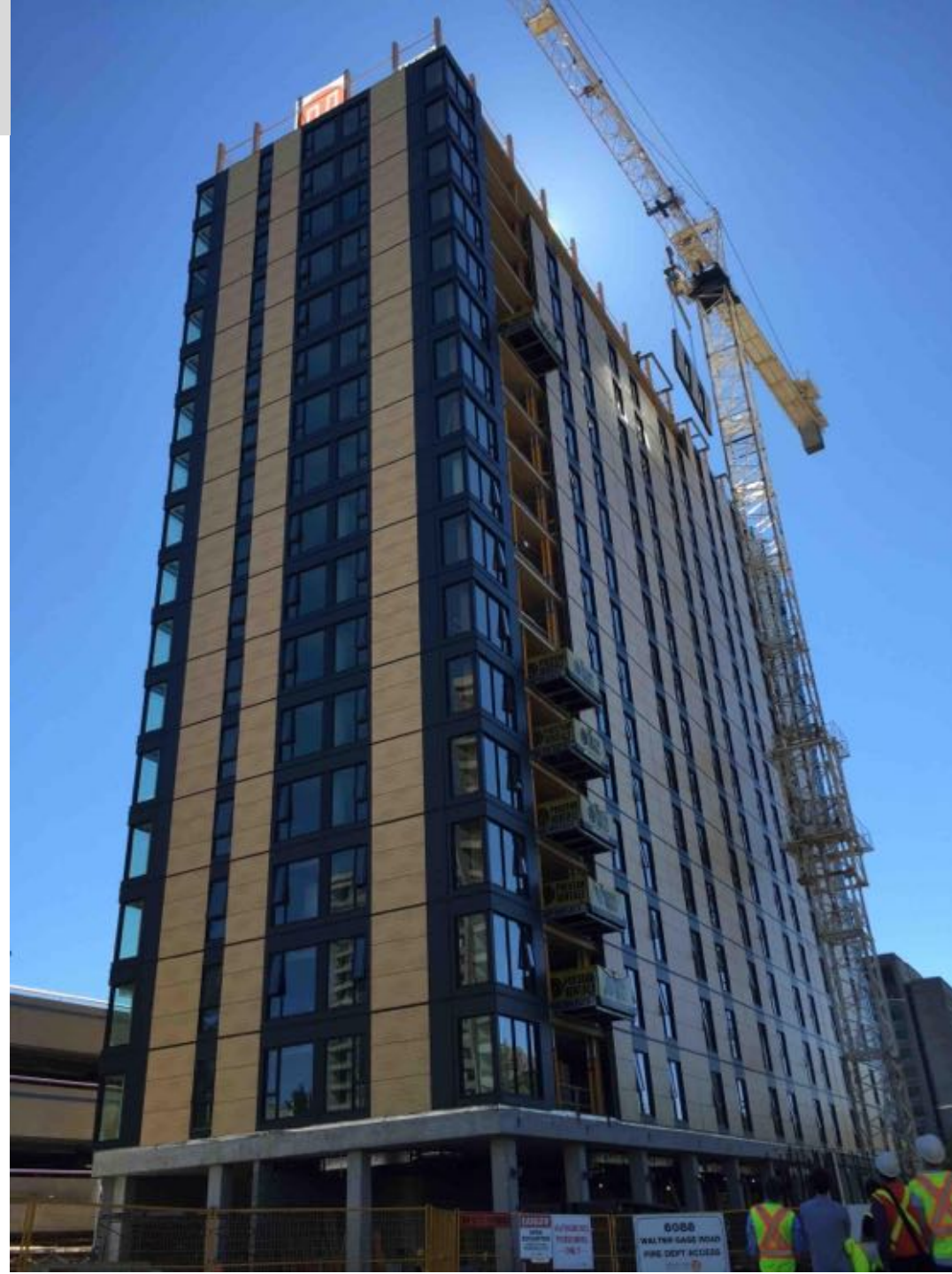
Type IV-A



18 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-A

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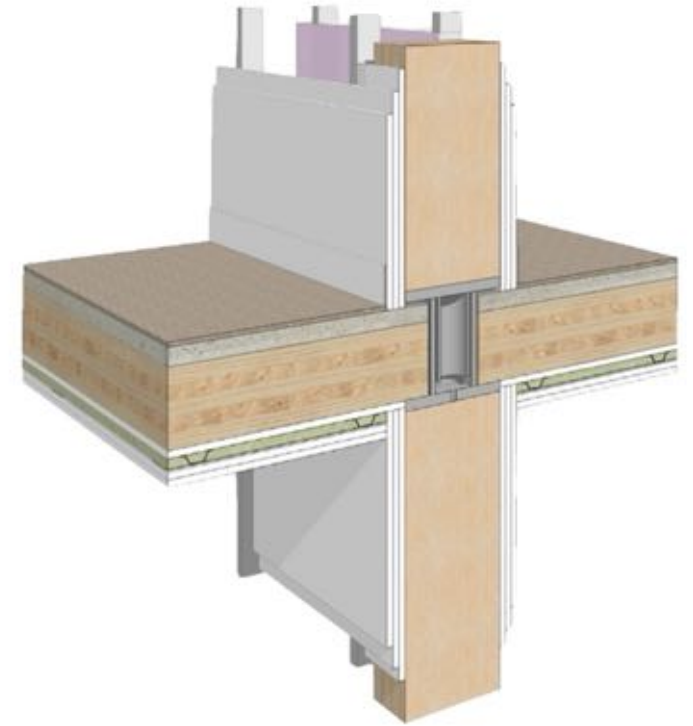
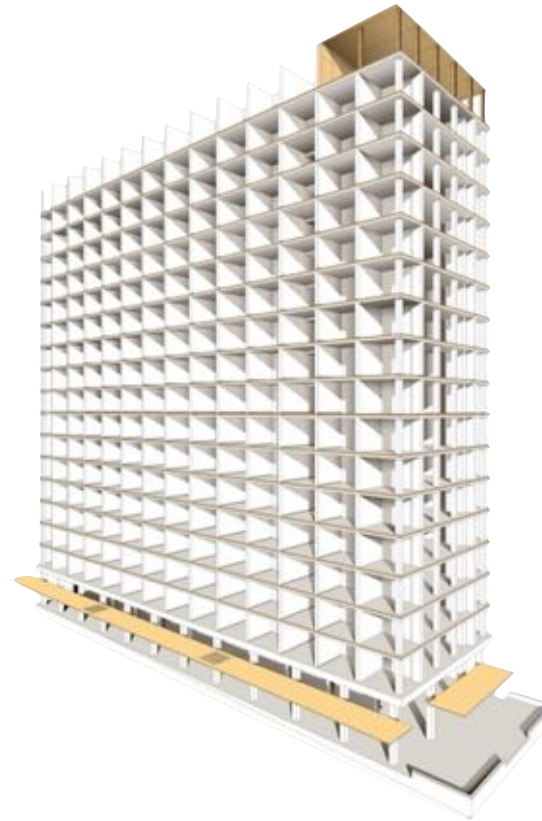
Type IV-A Protection vs. Exposed



18 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-A

Credit: Susan Jones, atelierjones



100% NC protection on all surfaces of
Mass Timber

Credit: Acton Ostry Architects, Fast + Epp

Type IV-A Height and Area Limits



18 STORIES
BUILDING HEIGHT 270'
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

TYPE IV-A

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	18	270 ft	135,000 SF	405,000 SF
B	18	270 ft	324,000 SF	972,000 SF
M	12	270 ft	184,500 SF	553,500 SF
R-2	18	270 ft	184,500 SF	553,500 SF

Areas exclude potential frontage increase

In most cases, Type IV-A height & story allowances = 1.5 * Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-A area = 3 * Type IV-HT area

What's the 'Sweet Spot' for Tall Mass Timber?

Depends on many factors:

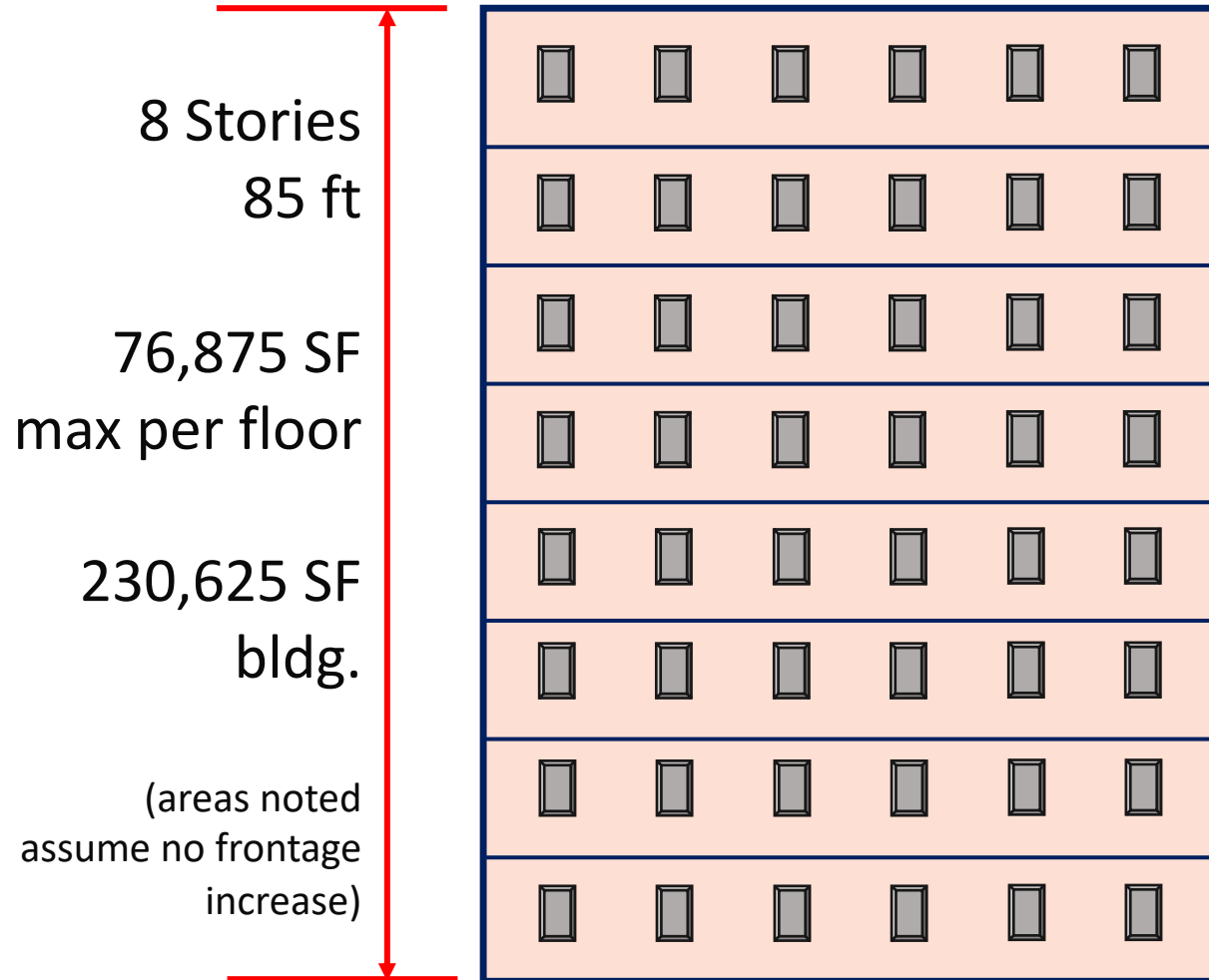
- **Project Use**
- **Site Constraints**
- **Local Zoning & FAR Limitations**
- **Budget**
- **Client Objectives for Sustainability, Exposed Timber**
- **And More...**

But Some General Trends Could Be:

80 M Street, SE, Washington, DC
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Type IV-C Tall Mass Timber

Example R-2, Type IV-C Building



Not Likely to Utilize Podium Due to Overall Building Height Limit (85 ft) Relative to # of Timber Stories (8)

Same Overall Building Height Limit as IV-HT (85 ft) but higher Fire-Resistance Ratings Req'd

3 Additional Stories Permitted Compared to IV-HT

All Timber Exposed

Type IV-B Tall Mass Timber

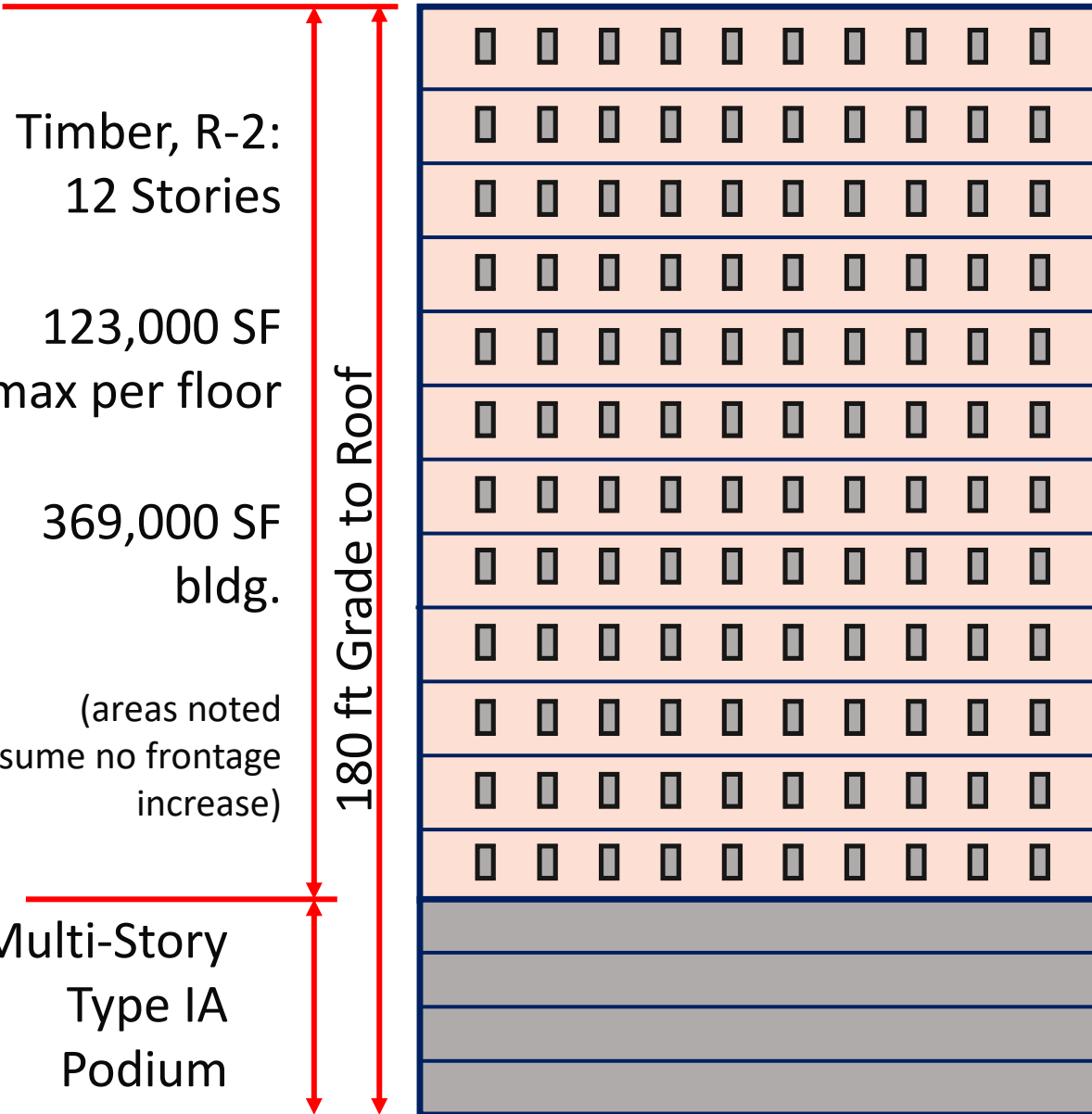
Example Mixed-Use, Type IV-B Building

Likely to Utilize Podium Due to Overall Building Height Limit (180 ft) Relative to # of Timber Stories (12)

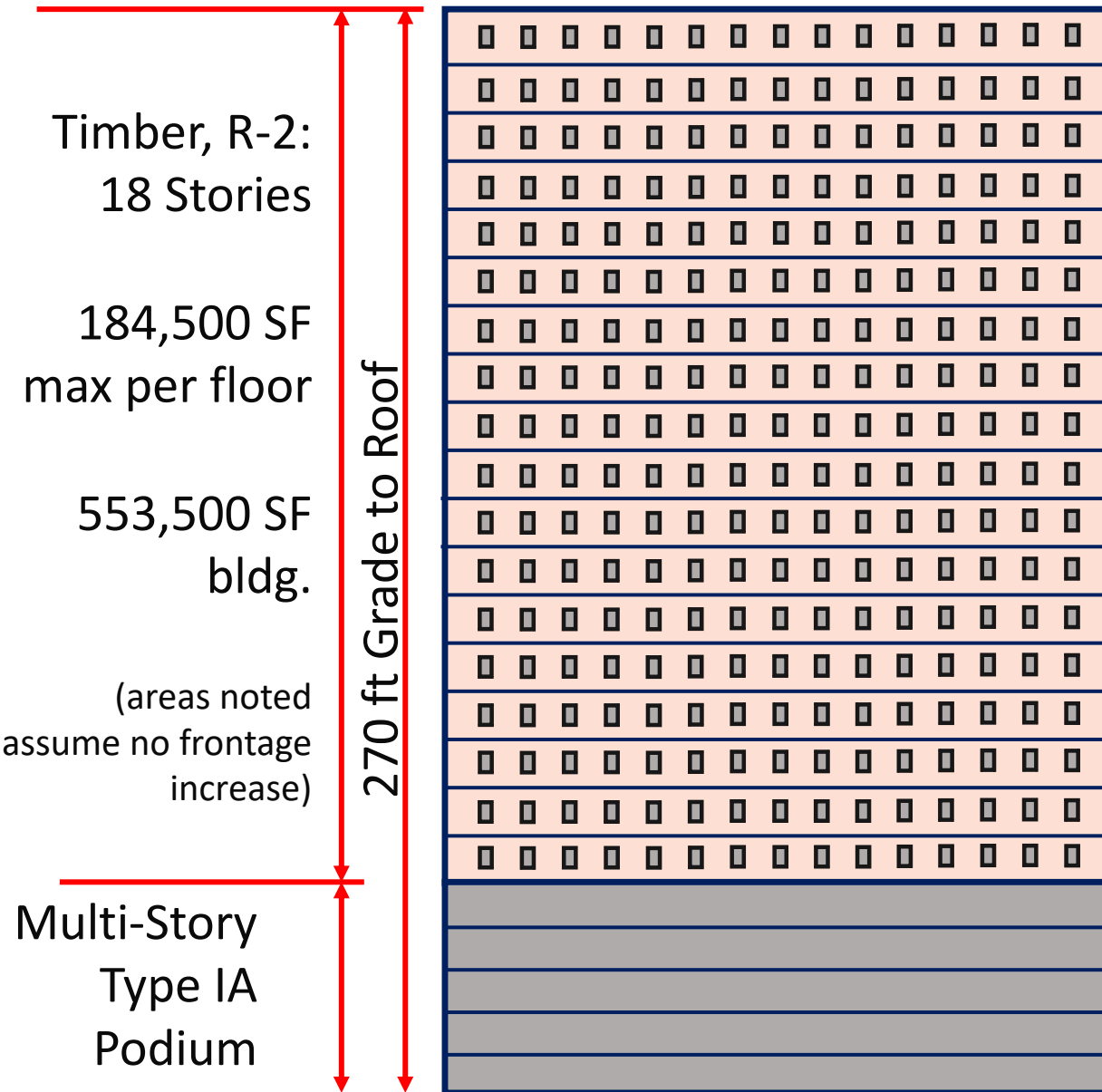
Same Fire-Resistance Ratings Req'd as IV-C But Limitations on Timber Exposed

4 Additional Stories Permitted Compared to IV-C

Limited Timber Exposed



Type IV-A Tall Mass Timber



Example Mixed-Use, Type IV-A Building

Likely to Utilize Podium Due to Overall Building Height Limit (270 ft) Relative to # of Timber Stories (18)

Higher Fire-Resistance Ratings Req'd than IV-B For Primary Frame

6 Additional Stories Permitted Compared to IV-B

No Exposed Timber Permitted

Materials Permitted

602.4 Type IV. Type IV construction is that type of construction in which the building elements are mass timber or noncombustible materials and have fire resistance ratings in accordance with Table 601. Mass timber elements shall meet the fire resistance rating requirements of this section based on either the fire resistance rating of the noncombustible protection, the mass timber, or a combination of both and shall be determined in accordance with Section 703.2 or 703.3. The minimum dimensions and permitted materials for building elements shall comply with the provisions of this section and Section 2304.11. Mass timber

Exterior load-bearing walls and nonload-bearing walls shall be mass timber construction, or shall be of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4.

The interior building elements, including nonload-bearing walls and partitions, shall be of mass timber construction or of noncombustible construction.

Exception: Type IV-HT Construction in accordance with Section 602.4.4..

Tall Wood Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

FRR Requirements for Tall Mass Timber Structures (hours)

Building Element	IV-A	IV-B	IV-C
Primary Frame	3	2	2
Exterior Bearing Walls	3	2	2
Interior Bearing Walls	3	2	2
Roof Construction	1.5	1	1
Primary Frame at Roof	2	1	1
Floor Construction	2	2	2

Source: 2021 IBC Table 601

Noncombustible Protection (NC)

Where timber is required to be protected, NC must contribute at least 2/3 FRR

Required Noncombustible Contribution to FRR

FRR of Building Element (hours)	Minimum from Noncombustible Protection (minutes)
1	40
2	80
3 or more	120

Source: 2021 IBC Section 722.7

Floor Surface Protection



**Min. 1" thick NC protection required
on mass timber floors in IV-A and IV-B.
Not required in IV-C**





MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



IBC 722.7

The fire resistance rating of the mass timber elements shall consist of the fire resistance of the unprotected element (MT) added to the protection time of the noncombustible (NC) protection.



= FRR

Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B

Primary Frame (2-hr) + Floor Panel (2-hr)

Minimum 1" noncombustible material

Mass timber floor panel

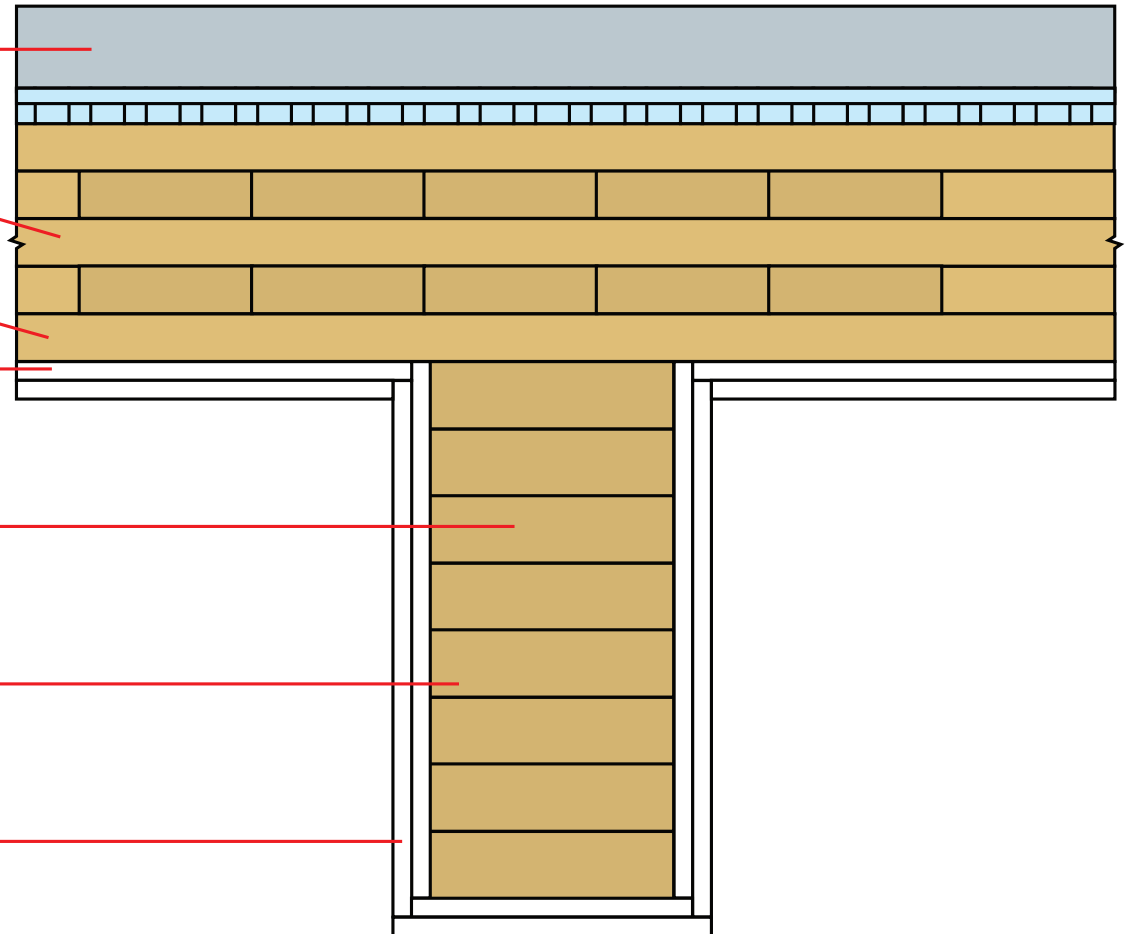
40 minutes of MT FRR

2 layers 5/8" Type X gypsum

Glulam beam (primary structural frame)

40 minutes of MT FRR

Two layers 5/8" Type X gypsum



Type IV-B Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

IV-B

Primary Frame (2-hr) + Floor Panel Example (2-hr)

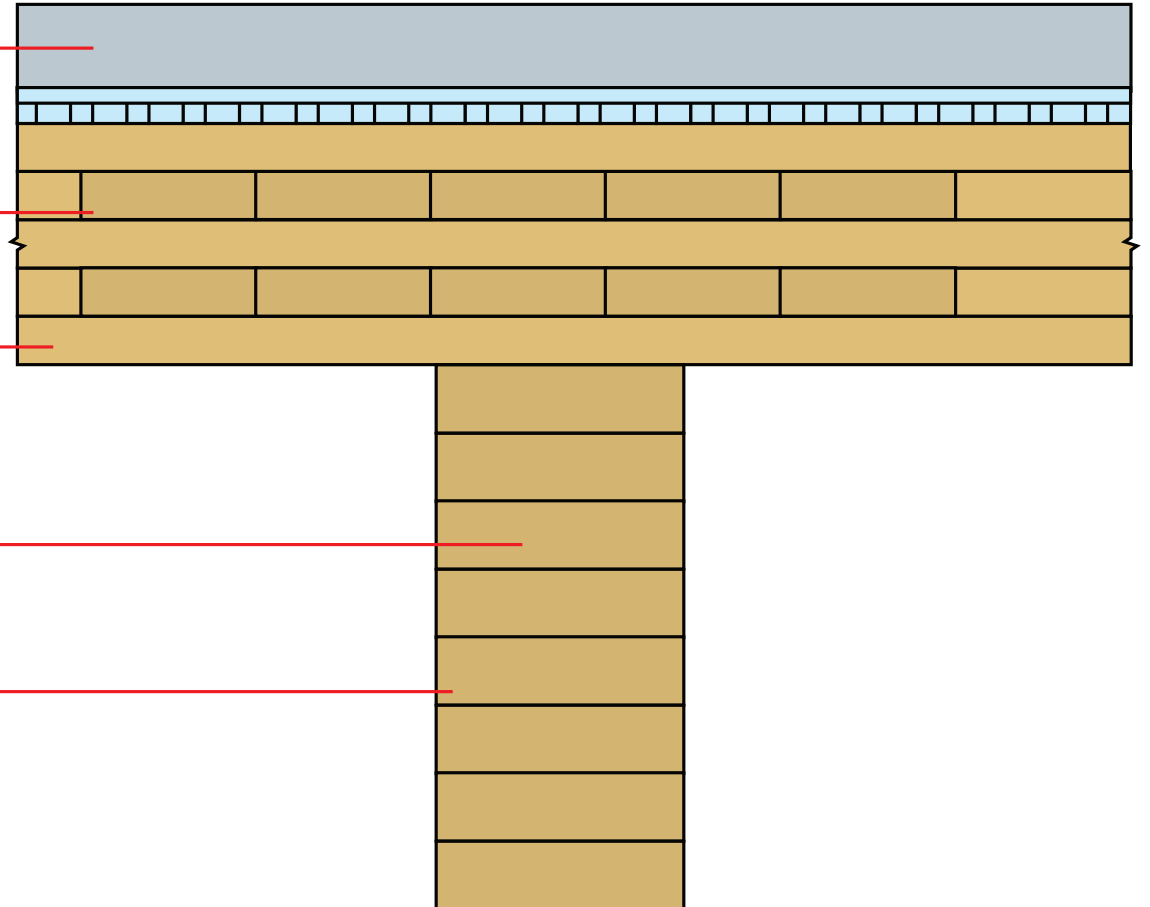
Minimum 1" noncombustible material

Mass timber floor panel

2-hr of MT FRR;
noncombustible material not required

Glulam beam (primary structural frame)

2-hr of MT FRR;
Noncombustible material not required

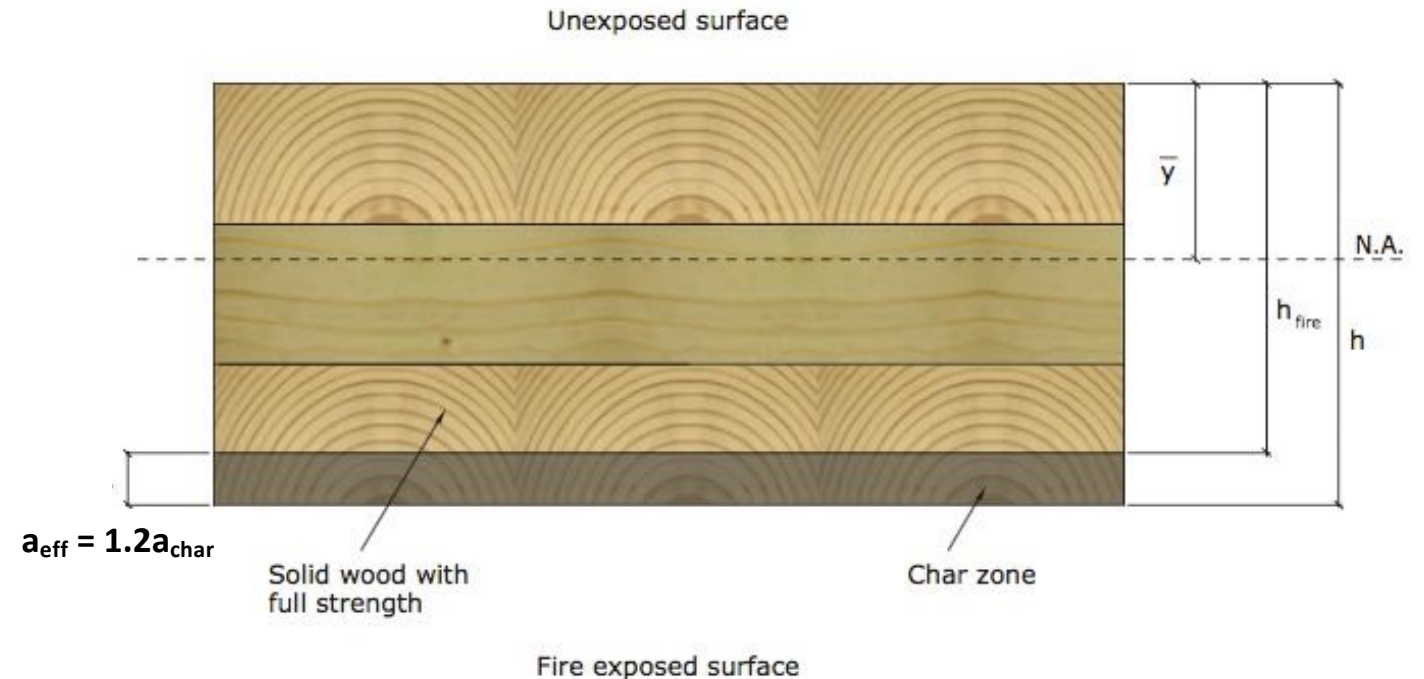


MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

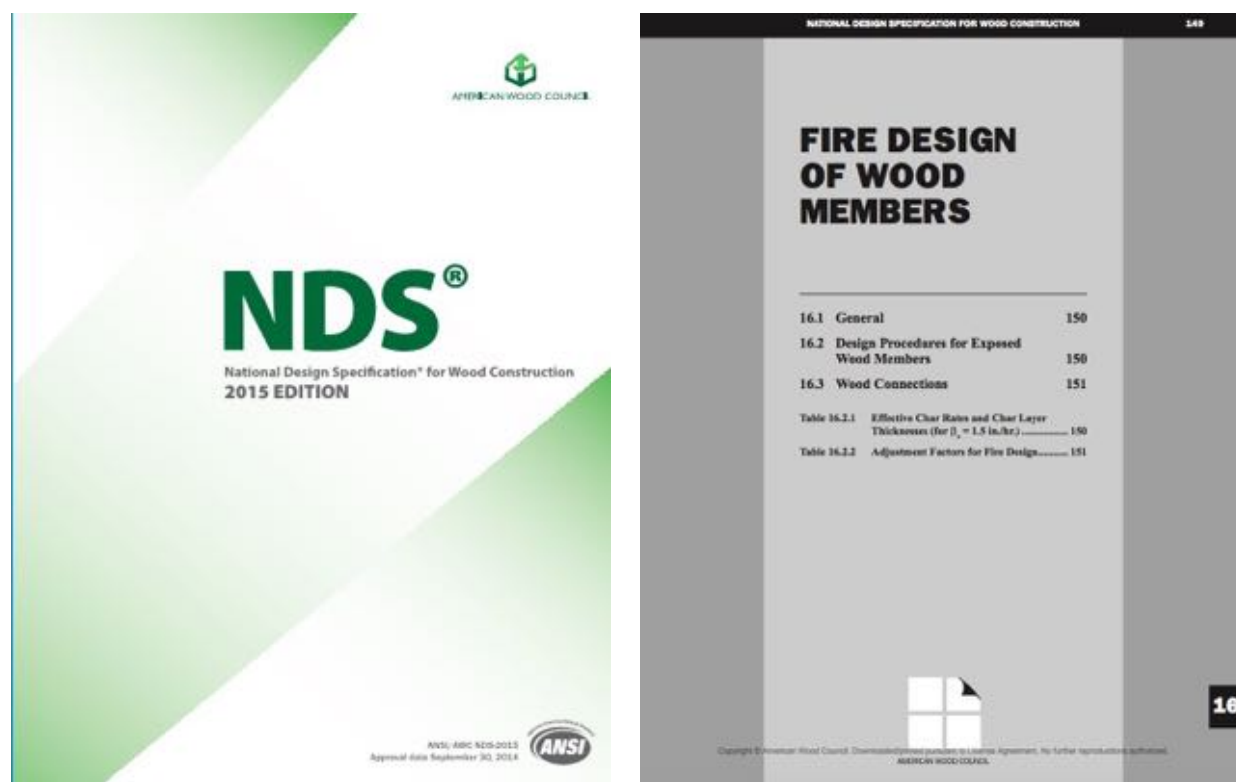
How do you determine FRR of MT?

2 Options:

1. Calculations in Accordance with IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16
2. Tests in Accordance with ASTM E119



MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)



NDS Chapter 16 includes calculation of fire resistance of NLT, CLT, Glulam, Solid Sawn and SCL wood products

Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, a_{char} (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, h_{lam} (in.)								
	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2
1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6



MT Fire Resistance Ratings (FRR)

Inventory of Fire Tested MT Assemblies

Table 1: North American Fire Resistance Tests of Mass Timber Floor / Roof Assemblies



CLT Panel	Manufacturer	CLT Grade or Major x Minor Grade	Ceiling Protection	Panel Connection in Test	Floor Topping	Load Rating	Fire Resistance Achieved (Hours)	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply CLT (114mm 4.488 in)	Nordic	SPF 1650 Fb 1.5 EMSR x SPF #3	2 layers 1/2" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 36% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 1)	NRC Fire Laboratory
3-ply CLT (105mm 4.133 in)	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 75% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 5)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	2	NRC Fire Laboratory March 2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum under Z-channels and furring strips with 3 5/8" fibrous lath	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	5	NRC Fire Laboratory Nov 2014
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	1.5	3	UL
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" normal gypsum	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat or proprietary sound board	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	2	4	UL
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" Type X Gyp under Resilient Channel under 7 7/8" I-Joints with 3 1/2" Mineral Wool between Joins	Half-Lap	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	21	Intertek 8/24/2012
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	EI M5 MSR 2100 x SPF #2	None	Topside Spline	1-1/2" Maxxon Cyp-Grete 2000 over Maxxon Reinforcing Mesh	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2.5	6	Intertek, 2/22/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	VI	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	2" gypsum topping	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	7	SwRI (May 2016)
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	SPF 1950 Fb MSR x SPF #3	None	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 59% Moment Capacity	1.5	1 (Test 3)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 101% Moment Capacity	2	1 (Test 6)	NRC Fire Laboratory
7-ply CLT (245mm 9.65")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	None	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 101% Moment Capacity	2.5	1 (Test 7)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	SL-V4	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 4)	Western Fire Center 10/26/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	VI	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 5)	Western Fire Center 10/28/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	VI	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 6)	Western Fire Center 11/01/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	KLH	CV3M1	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	1	18	SwRI 11/10/2016



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Demonstrating Fire-Resistance Ratings for Mass Timber Elements in Tall Wood Structures

Changes to the 2021 International Building Code (IBC) have created opportunities for wood buildings that are much larger and taller than prescriptively allowed in past versions of the code. Occupant safety, and the need to ensure fire performance in particular, was a fundamental consideration as the changes were developed and approved. The result is three new construction types—Type IV-A, IV-B and IV-C—which are based on the previous Heavy Timber construction type (renamed Type IV-HT), but with additional fire protection requirements.

One of the main ways to demonstrate that a building will meet the required level of passive fire protection, regardless of structural materials, is through hourly fire-resistance ratings (FRRs) of its elements and assemblies. The IBC defines an FRR as *the period of time a building element, component or assembly maintains the ability to confine a fire, continues to perform a given structural function, or both, as determined by the tests, or the methods based on tests, prescribed in Section 703.*

FRRs for the new construction types are similar to those required for Type I construction, which is primarily steel and concrete.¹ (See Table 1.) They are found in IBC Table 601, which includes FRR requirements for all construction types and building elements; however, other code



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TABLE 1: FRR Requirements (Hours) for Tall Mass Timber Construction Types and Existing Type I

Building Element	I-A Unlimited stories, heights and areas*	IV-A Max. 18 stories, 270 ft, 324,000 sf**	I-B Max. 12 stories, 180 ft, unlimited areas*	IV-B Max. 12 stories, 180 ft, 216,000 sf**	IV-C Max. 9 stories, 85 ft, 135,000 sf**
Primary Frame	3	3	2	2	2
Exterior Bearing Walls	3	3	2	2	2

Tall Timber Fire-Resistance Design

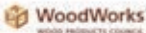
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Railyard Flats, Sioux Falls, SD Credit: WoodWorks



Table 1: CLT Floor Assemblies with Concrete/Gypsum Topping, Ceiling Side Exposed



<div><div><div>Finish Floor if Applicable</div><div>Concrete/Gypsum Topping</div><div>Acoustical Mat Product</div><div>CLT Panel</div><div>No direct applied or hung ceiling</div></div><div></div></div>						
CLT Panel	Concrete/Gypsum Topping	Acoustical Mat Product Between CLT and Topping	Finish Floor	STC ^a	IIC ^c	Source
CLT 5-ply (6.875")	1-1/2" Gyp-Crete*	Maxxon Acousti-Mat® 3/4	None	47 ^a ASTC	47 ^a AISC	1
			LVT	-	49 ^a AISC	
			Carpet + Pad	-	75 ^a AISC	
			LVT on Acousti-Top*	-	52 ^a AISC	
			Eng Wood on Acousti-Top*	-	51 ^a AISC	
			None	49 ^a ASTC	45 ^a AISC	
	1-1/2" Levelrock® Brand 2500	USG SAM N25 Ultra	LVT	-	47 ^a AISC	1
			Carpet + Pad	-	49 ^a AISC	
			Eng Wood on Acousti-Top*	-	51 ^a AISC	
			None	49 ^a ASTC	45 ^a AISC	
			LVT	-	47 ^a AISC	
			LVT on Acousti-Top*	-	49 ^a AISC	
		Soprema® Insonomat	None	45 ^a	39 ^a	15
			LVT	48 ^a	47 ^a	16
			LVT Plus	48 ^a	49 ^a	58
			Eng Wood	47 ^a	47 ^a	59
			Carpet + Pad	45 ^a	67 ^a	60
			Ceramic Tile	50 ^a	46 ^a	61
		USG SAM N75 Ultra	None	45 ^a	42 ^a	15
			LVT	48 ^a	44 ^a	16
			LVT Plus	48 ^a	47 ^a	58
			Eng Wood	47 ^a	45 ^a	59
			Carpet + Pad	45 ^a	71 ^a	60
			Ceramic Tile	50 ^a	46 ^a	61
		USG SAM N75 Ultra	None	45 ^a	38 ^a	15
			LVT	48 ^a	47 ^a	16
			LVT Plus	48 ^a	49 ^a	58
			Eng Wood	47 ^a	49 ^a	59

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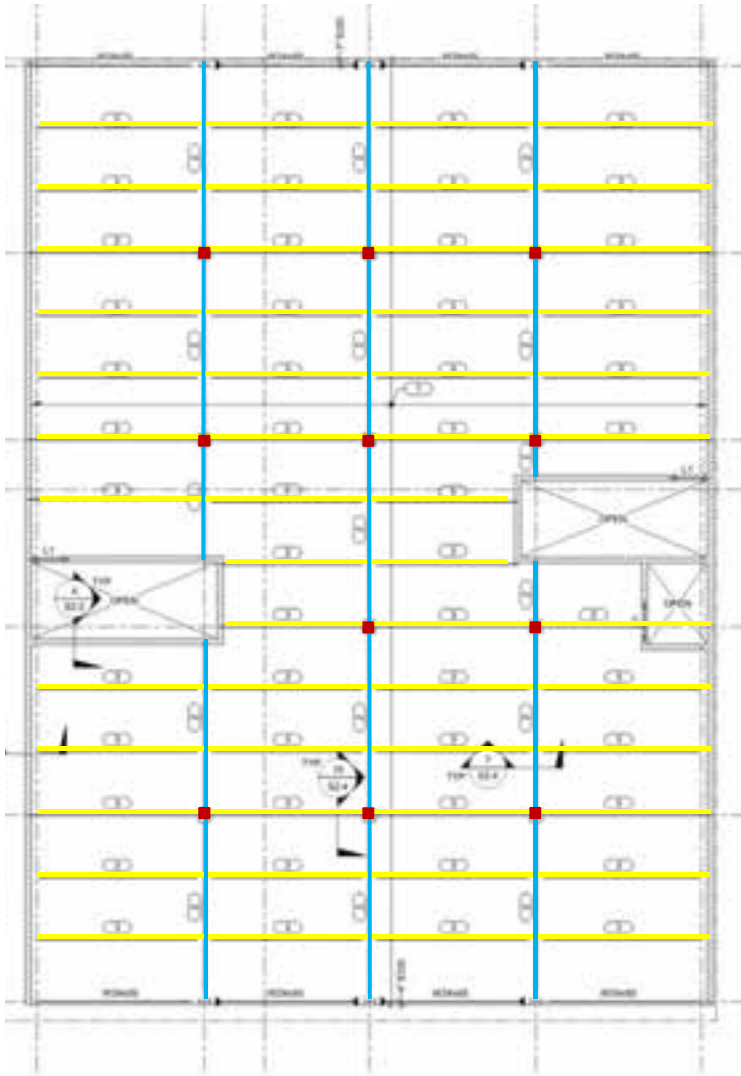
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FLOORS:	2X3 TONGUE AND GROOVE WOOD PLANKS WITH ACOUSTIC MAT AND CONCRETE TOPPING
GARAGE:	CONCRETE AND STEEL
CODE:	2018 CHICAGO BUILDING CODE HEAVY TIMBER - 5 STORIES, 80'



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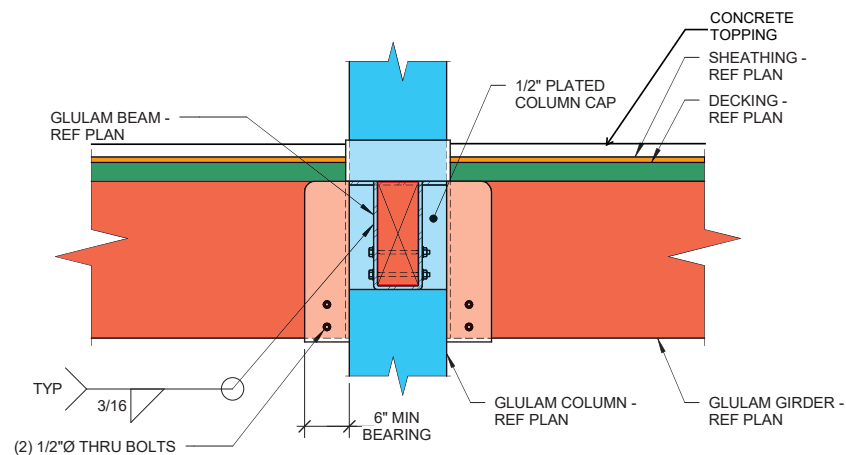
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CASE STUDY #2 - INTRO - 25TH AND LORAIN, CLEVELAND, OH

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CODE:	2018 OHIO BUILDING CODE (IBC) WITH ALTERNATIVELY ENGINEERED DESIGN FOR MASS TIMBER (USING 2021 IBC TYPE IV-B RULES AS A GUIDE)



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CONSTRUCTION TYPE = IV-B (I-A GARAGE AND 1ST FLOOR)

TOPIC	ALLOWED	PROPOSED
HEIGHT =	180'	115'
STORIES =	12	9
AREA (MIXED USE) =	~653,000 SF	~512,000 SF*
TIMBER COVERAGE =	80% CEILINGS OR 60% WALLS	50% CEILINGS NO TIMBER WALLS

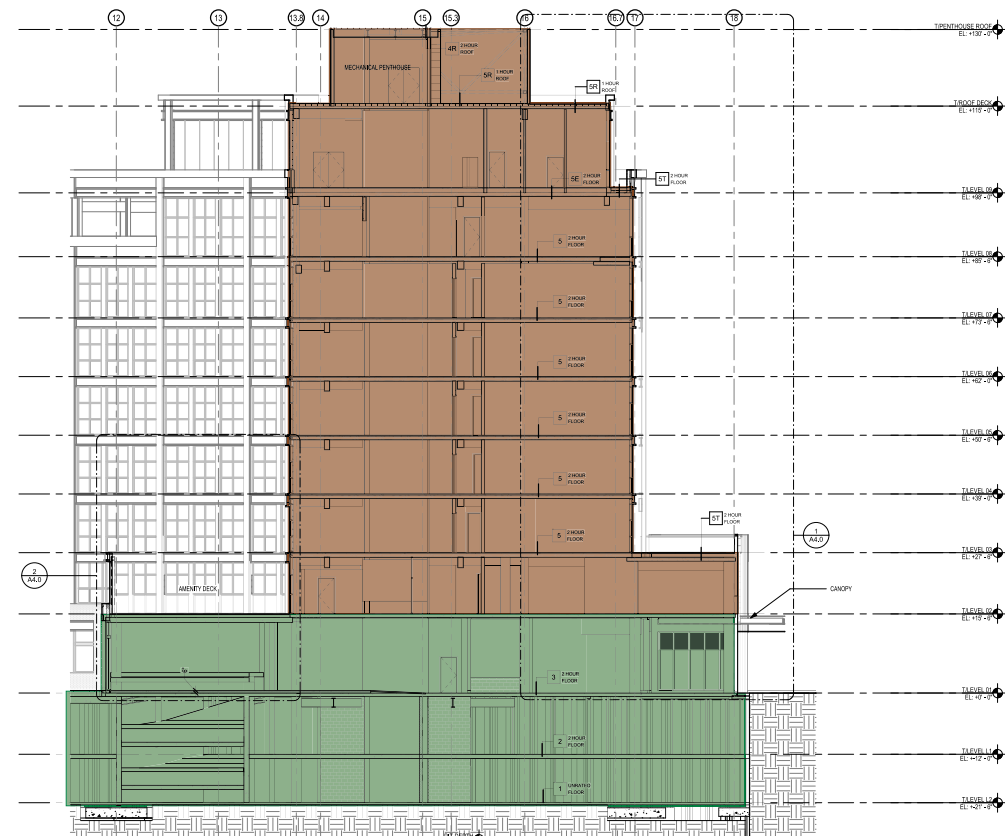
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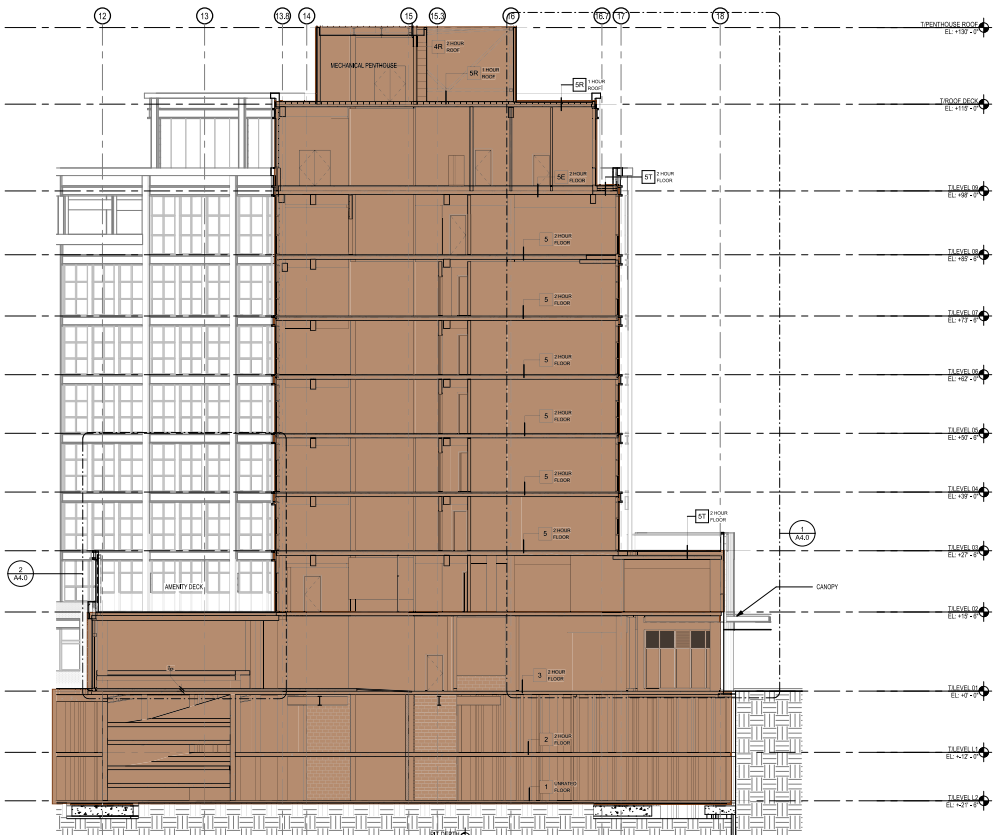
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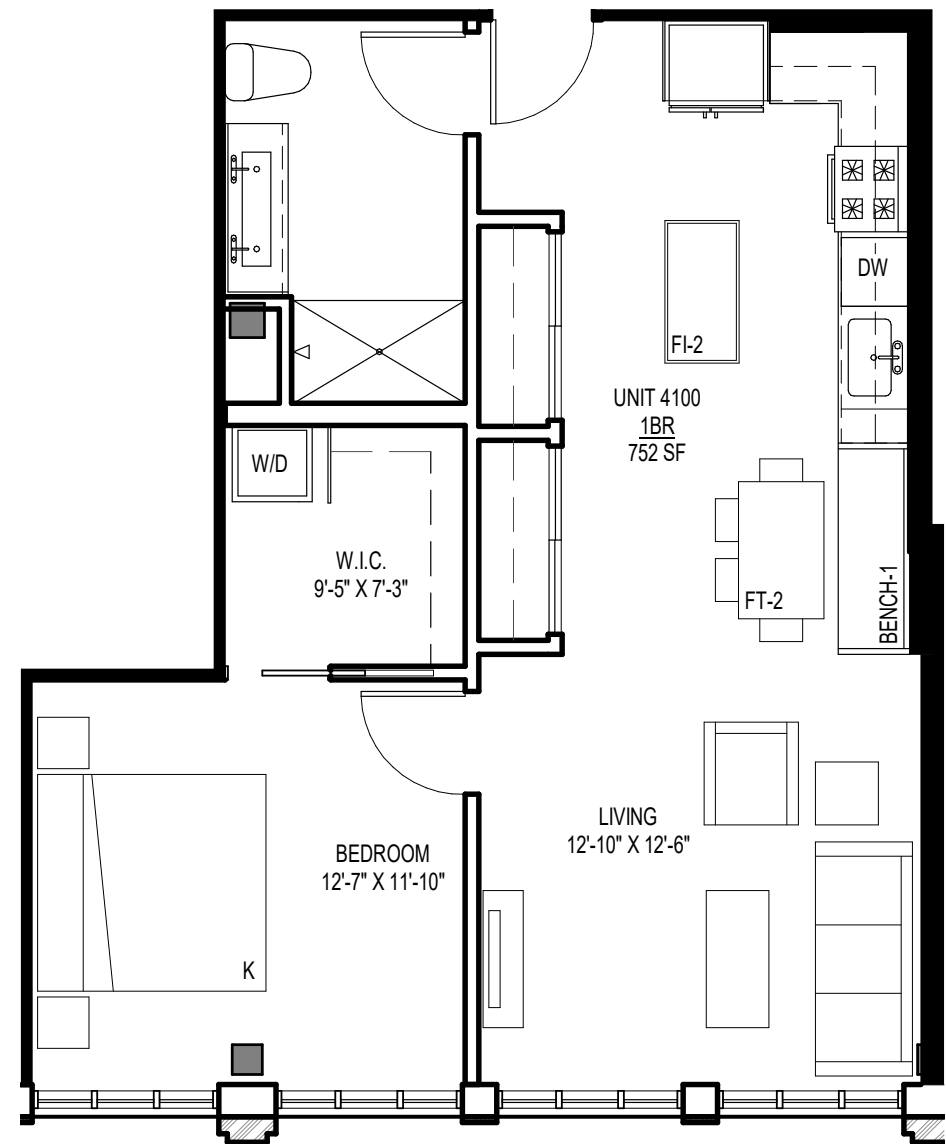
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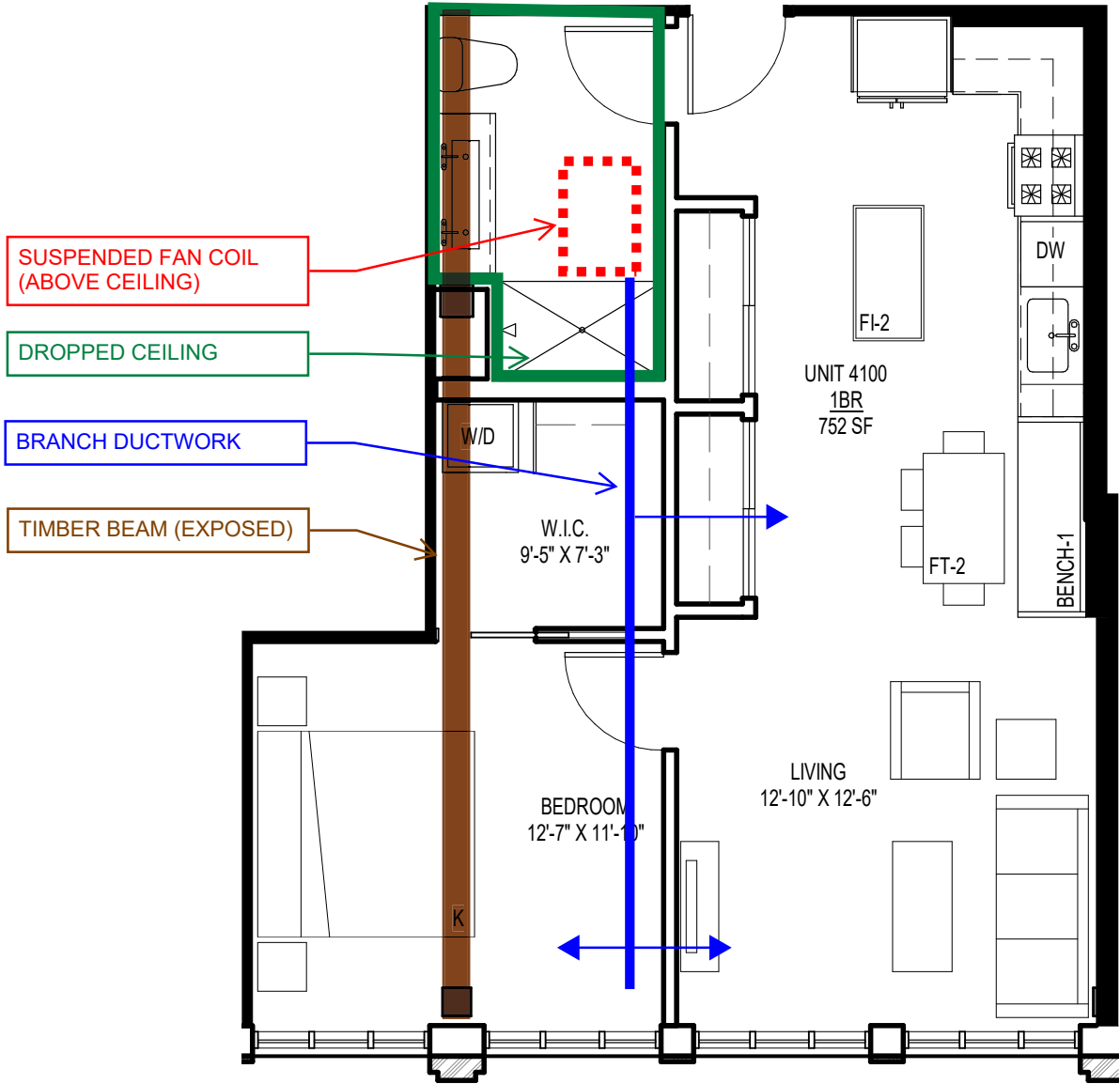
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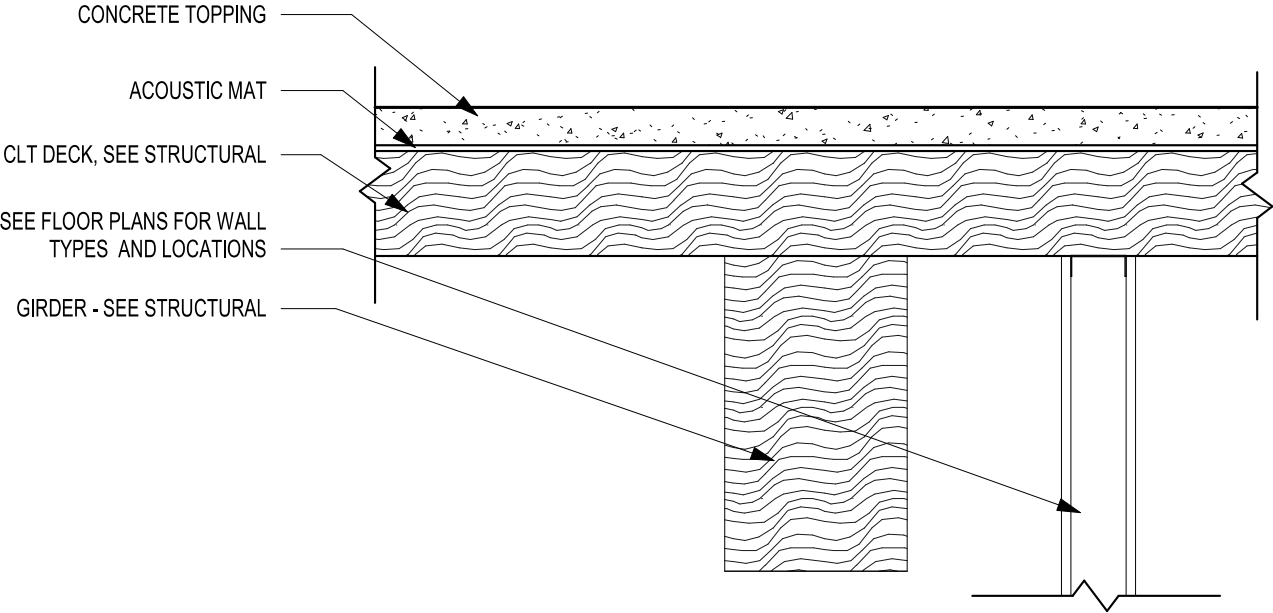


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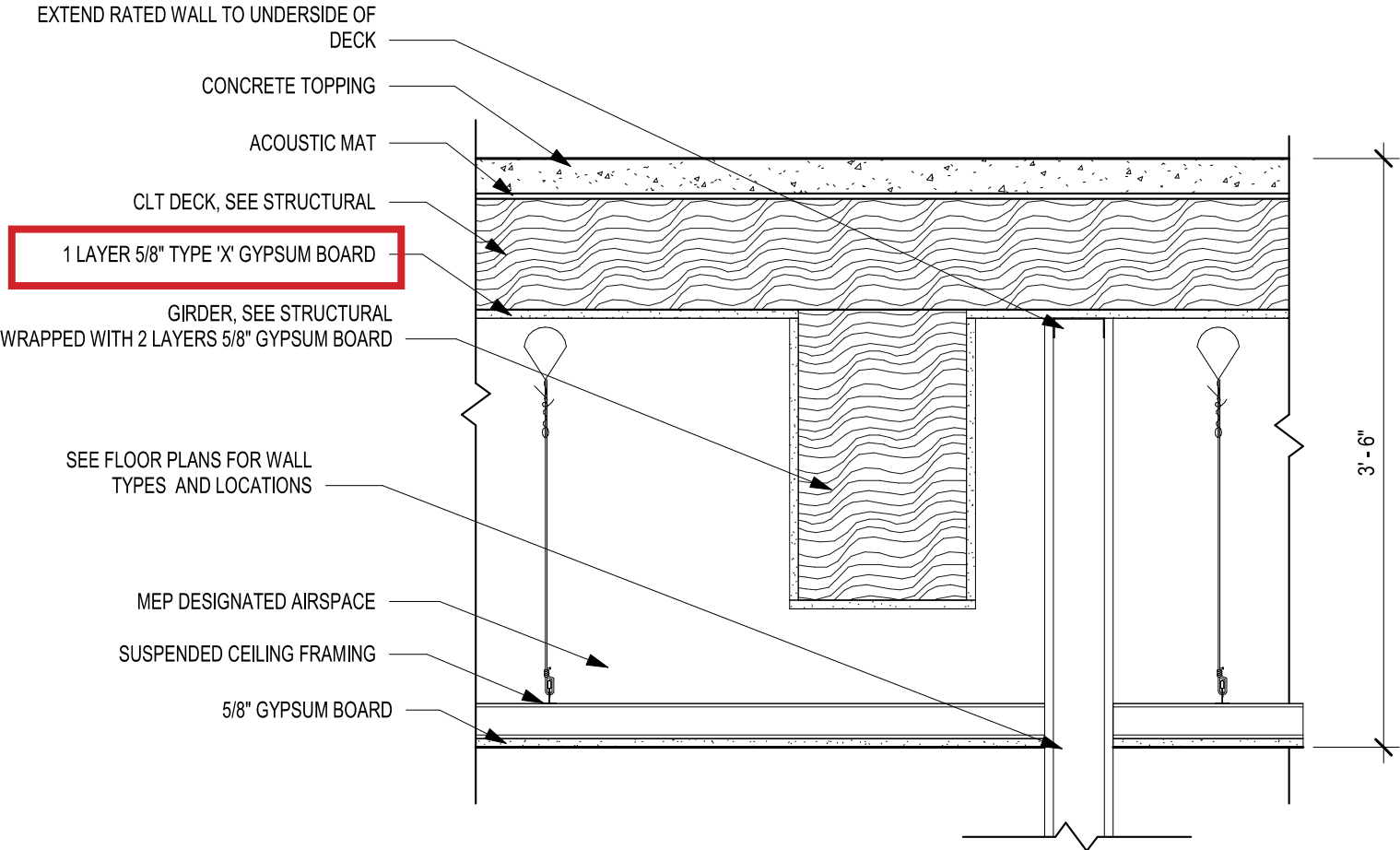
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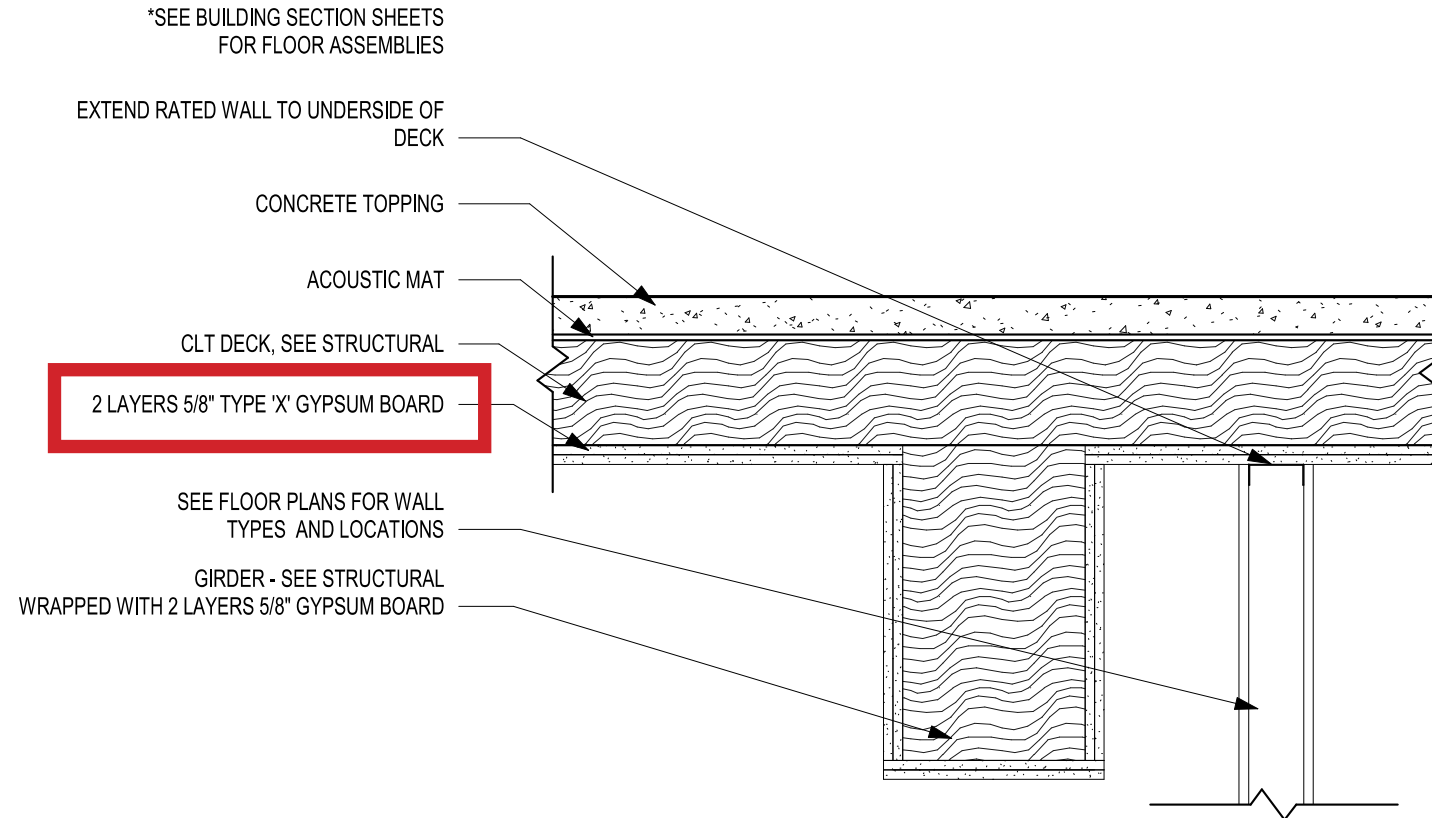


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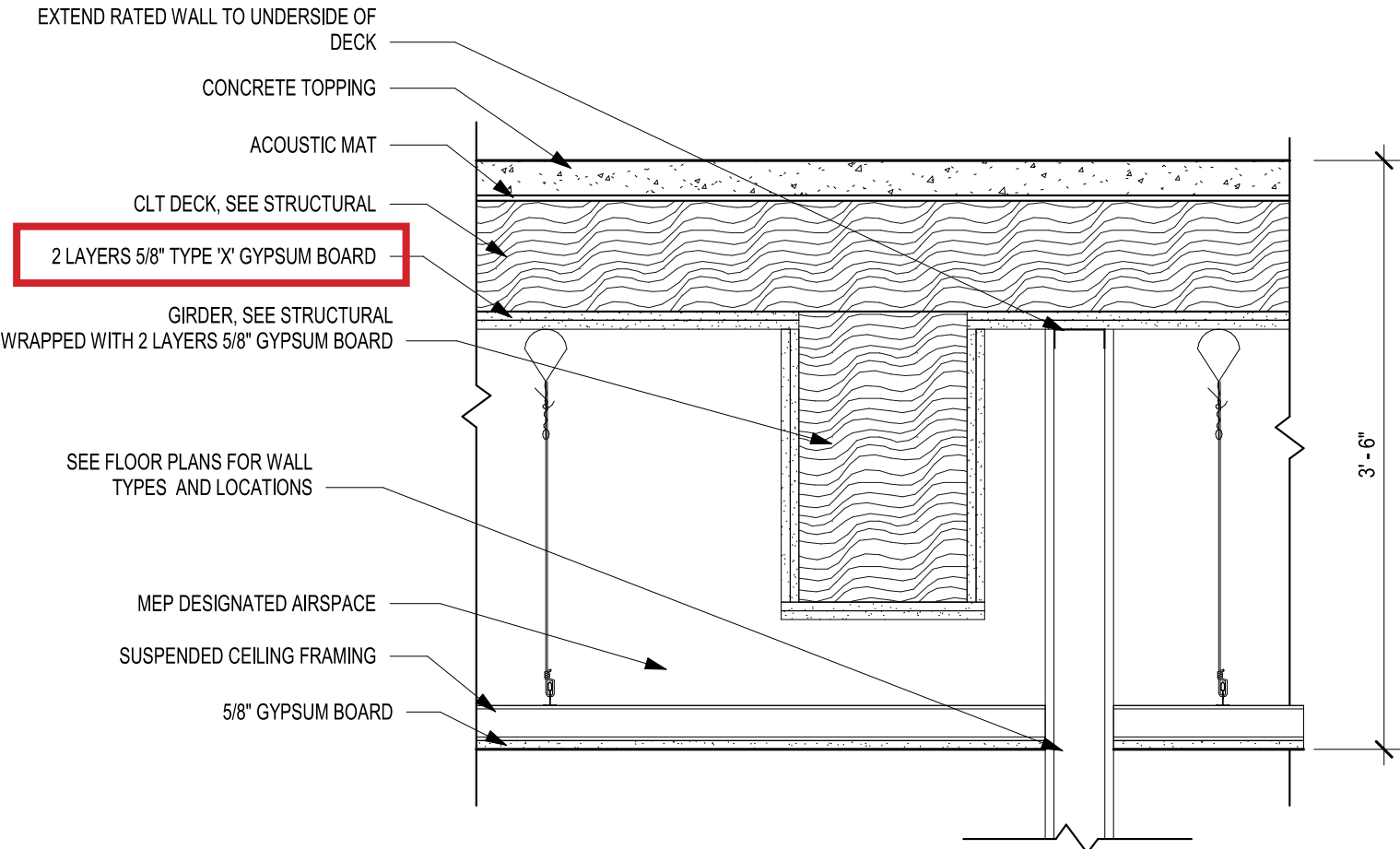
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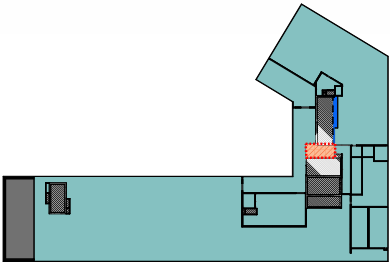
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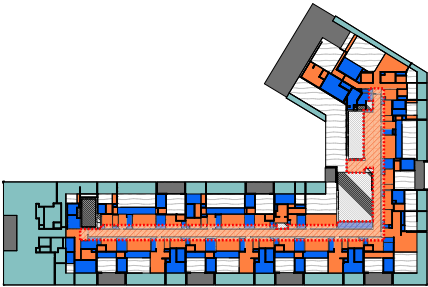
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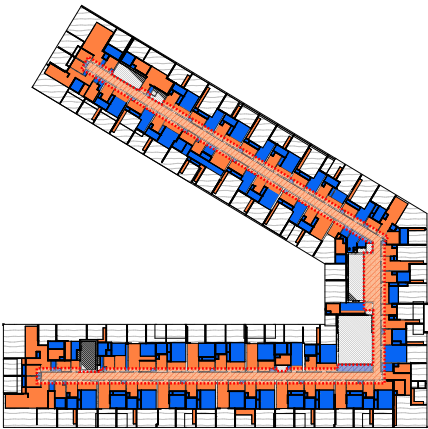
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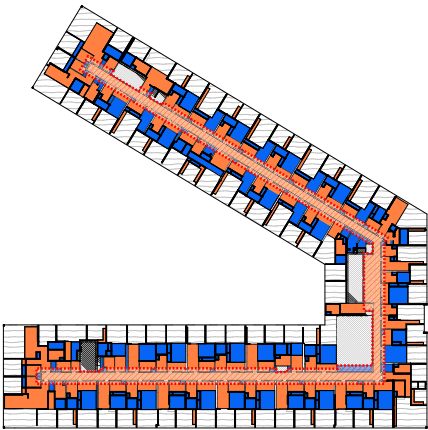
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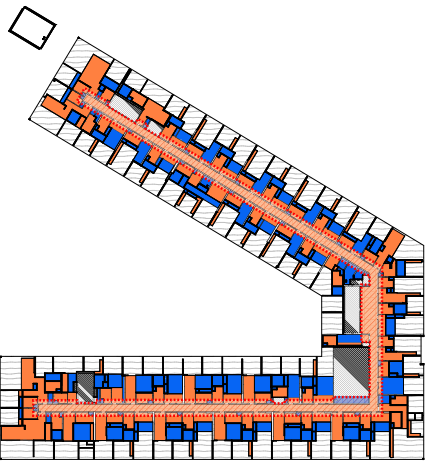
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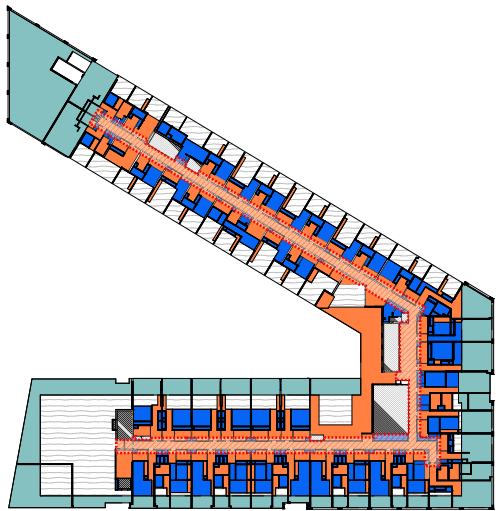
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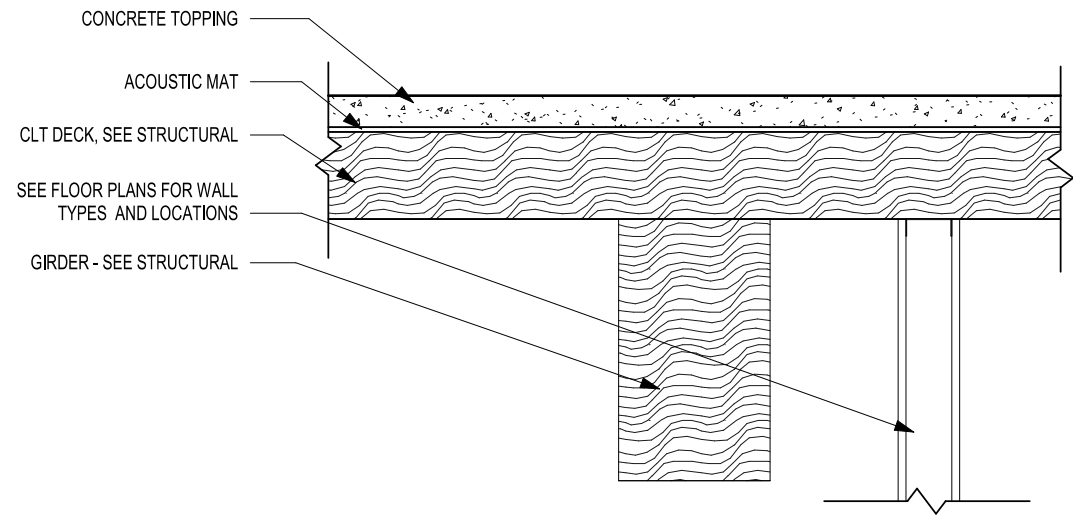


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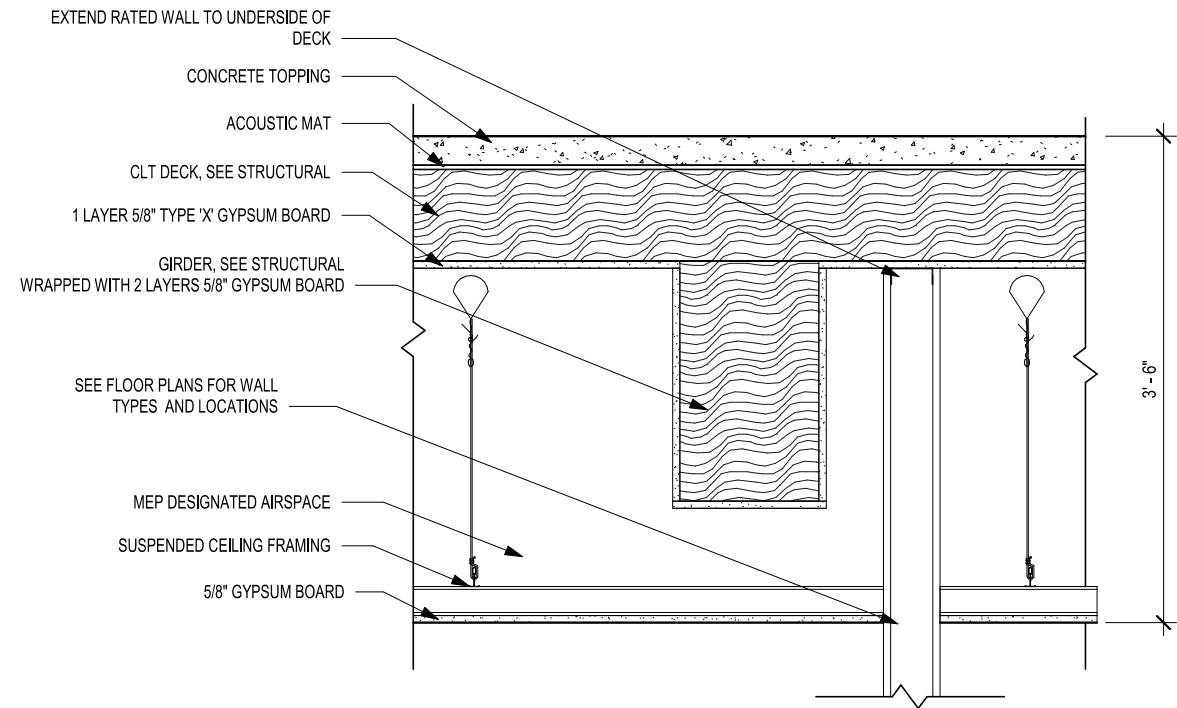


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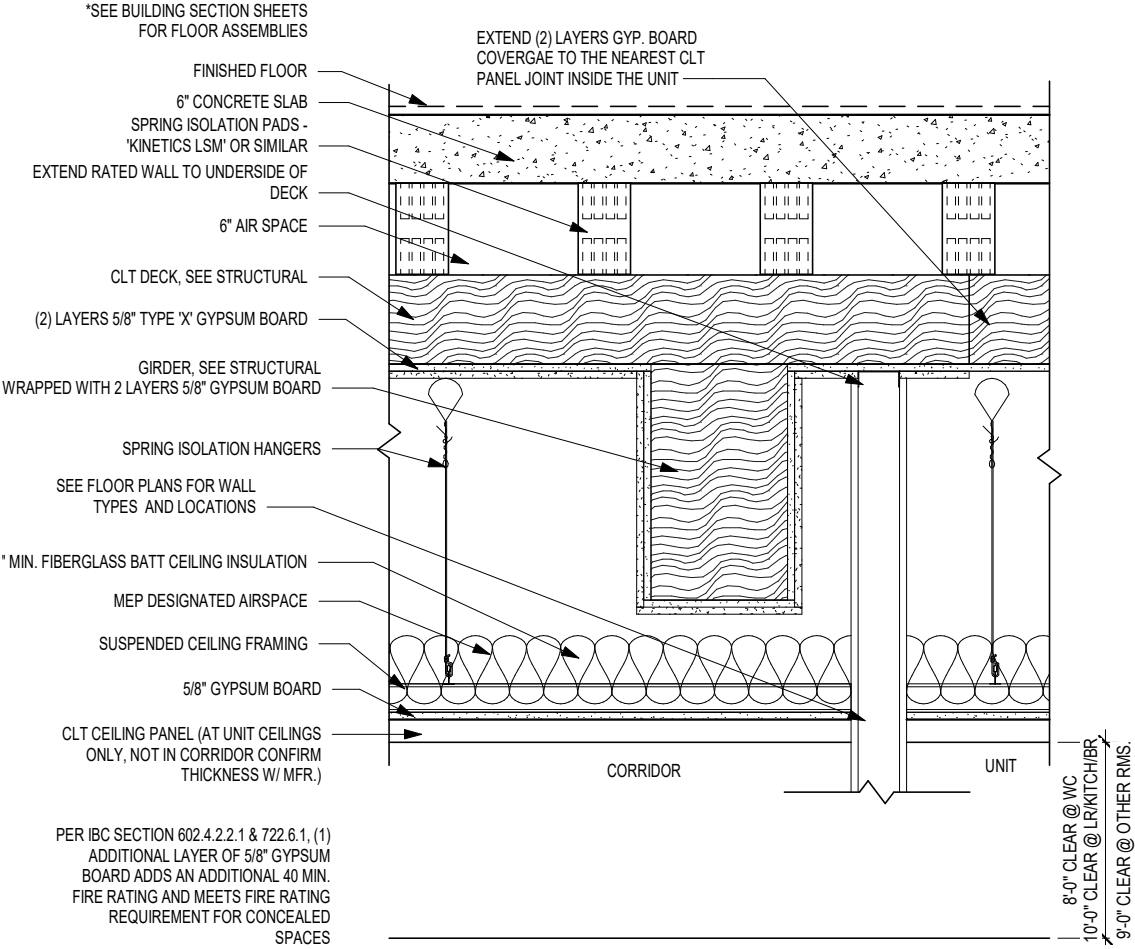
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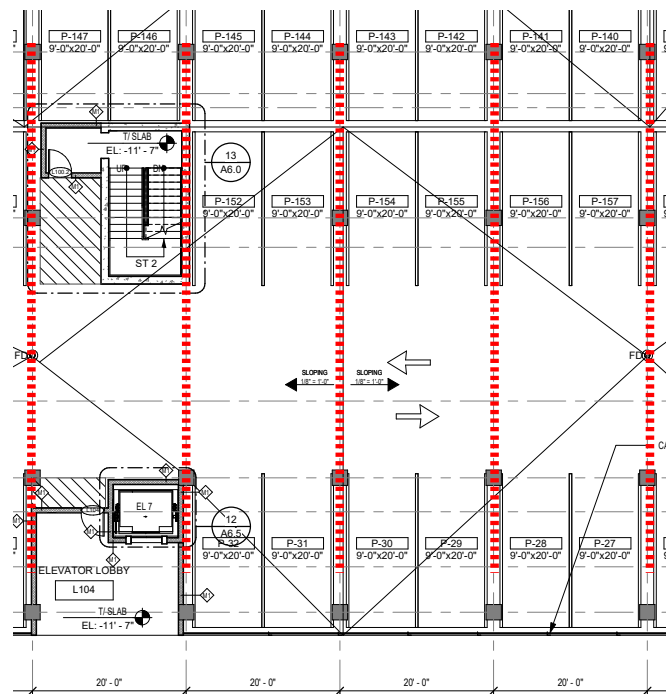
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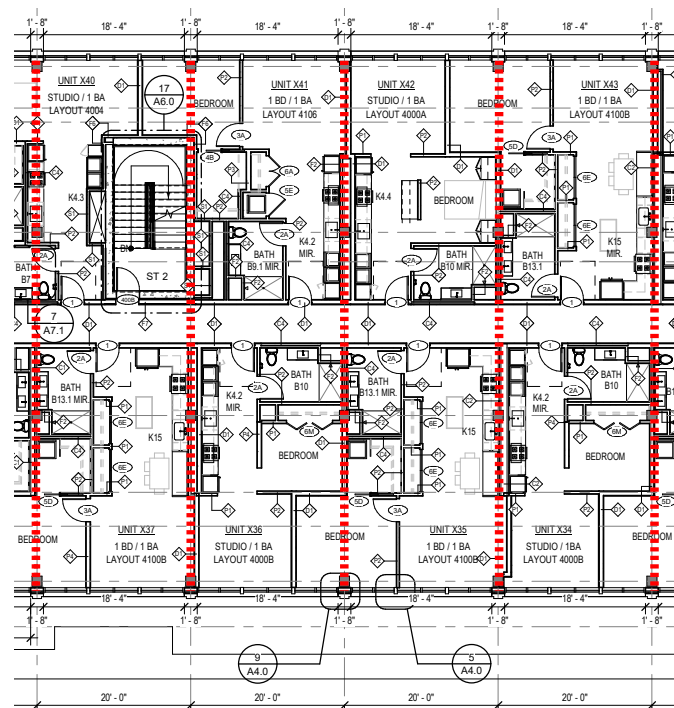
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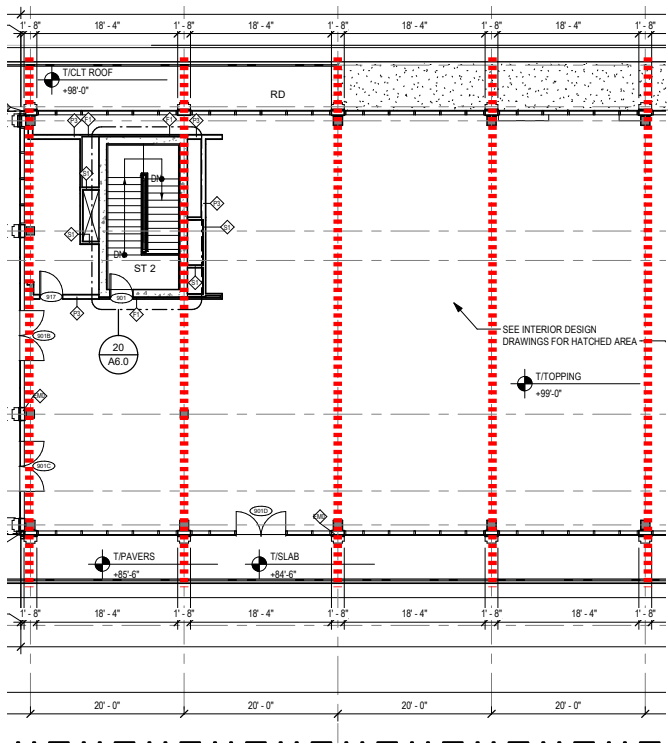
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WHAT'S NEXT, AND WHY PUSH FOR MORE TALL MASS TIMBER BUILDINGS?

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- STRUCTURAL INNOVATIONS - HYBRID, PANEL OPTIMIZATION
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- TESTED FIRE-RESISTIVE CHARACTERISTICS
- MASS TIMBER = CARBON SINK
- MARKET DEMAND



THANK YOU

PART 2 - HIGH RISE MASS TIMBER CASE STUDIES



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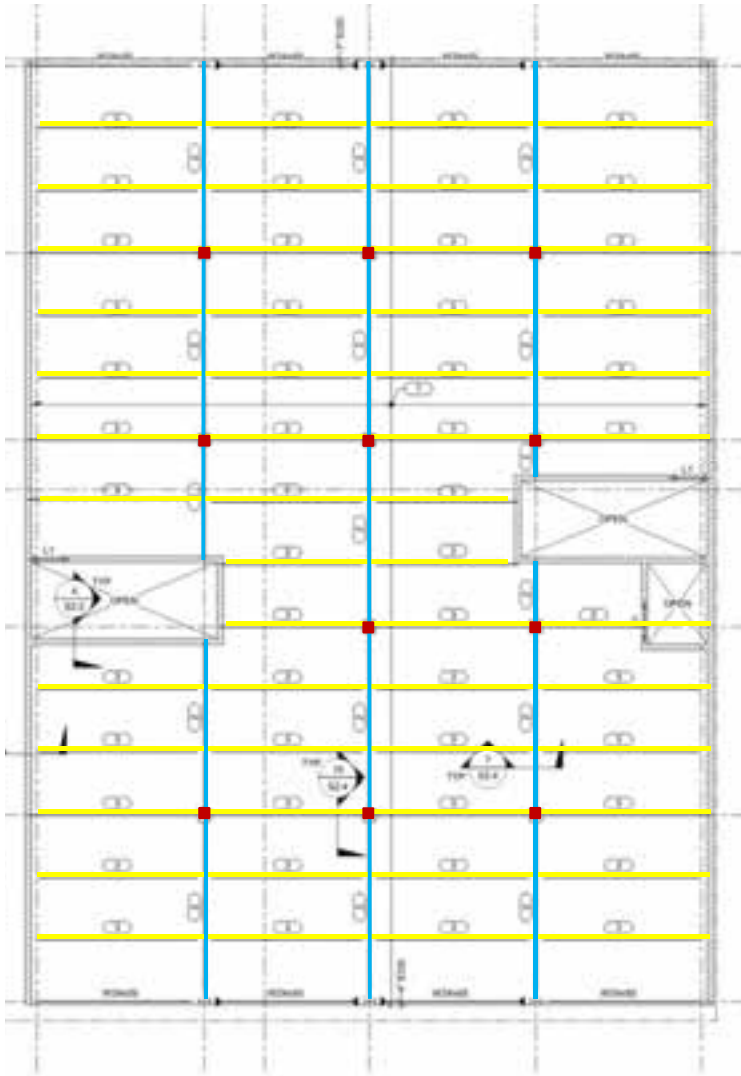
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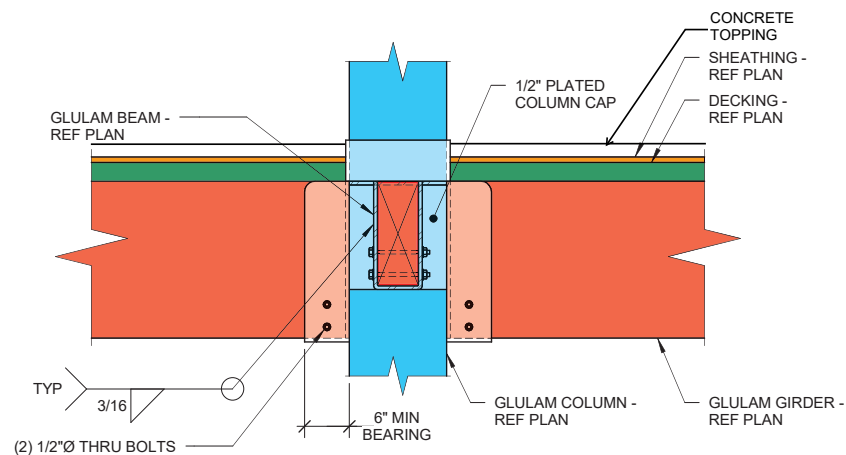
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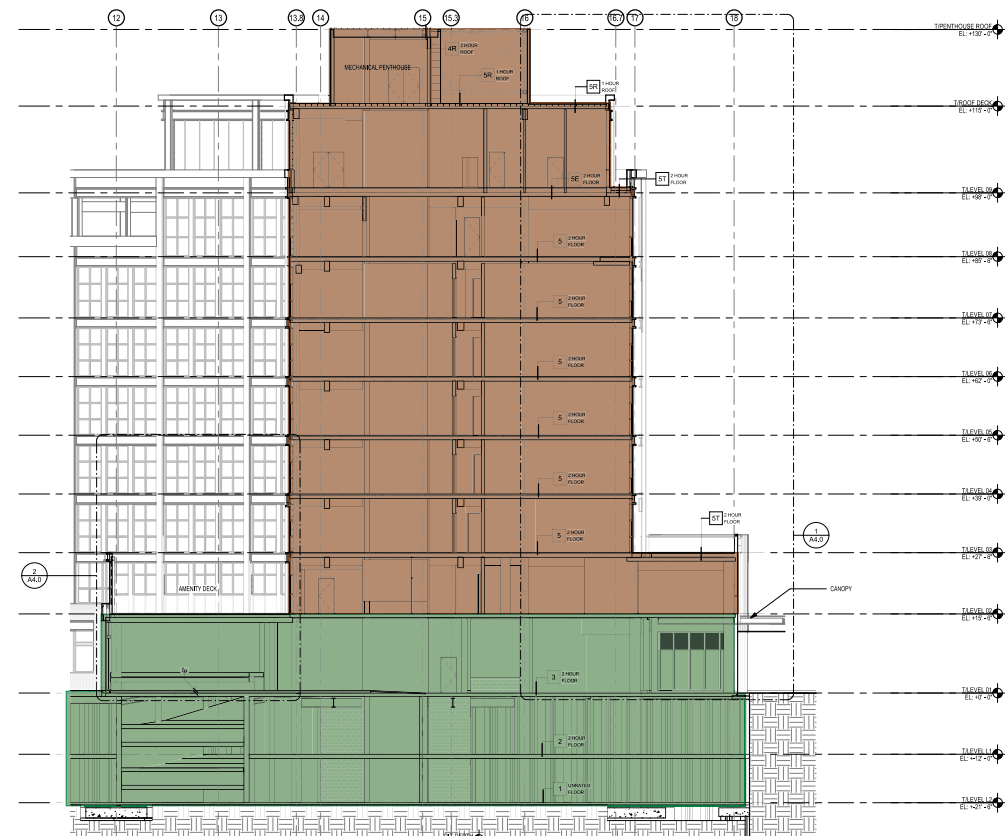
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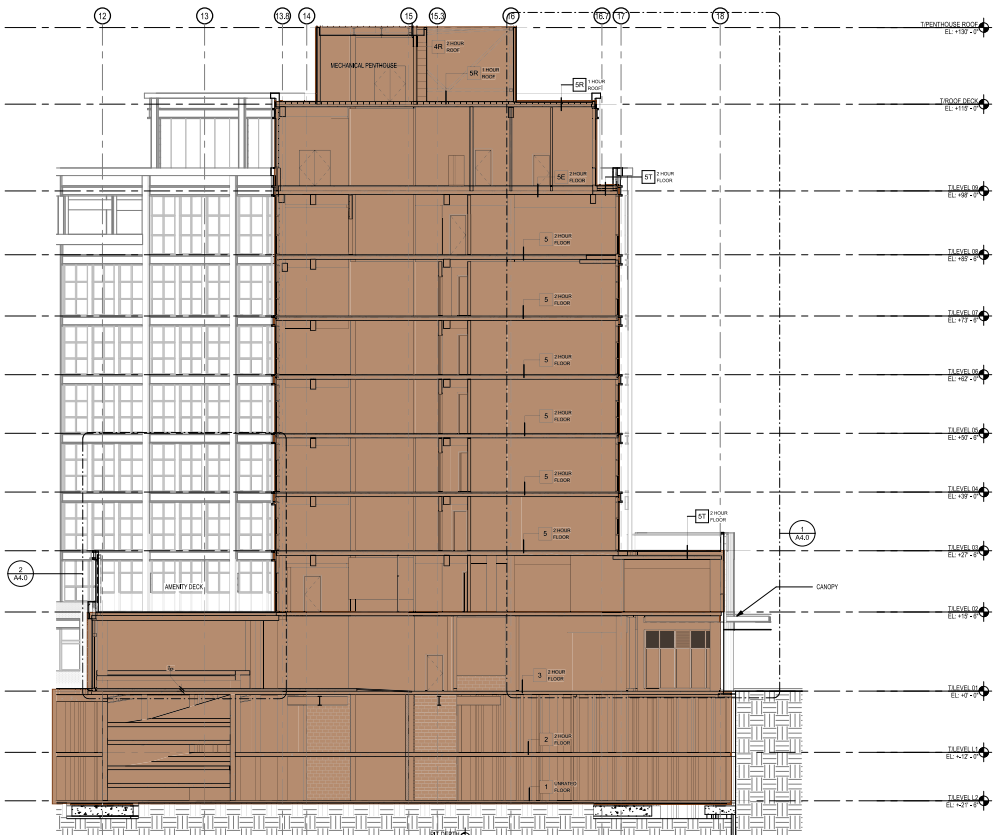
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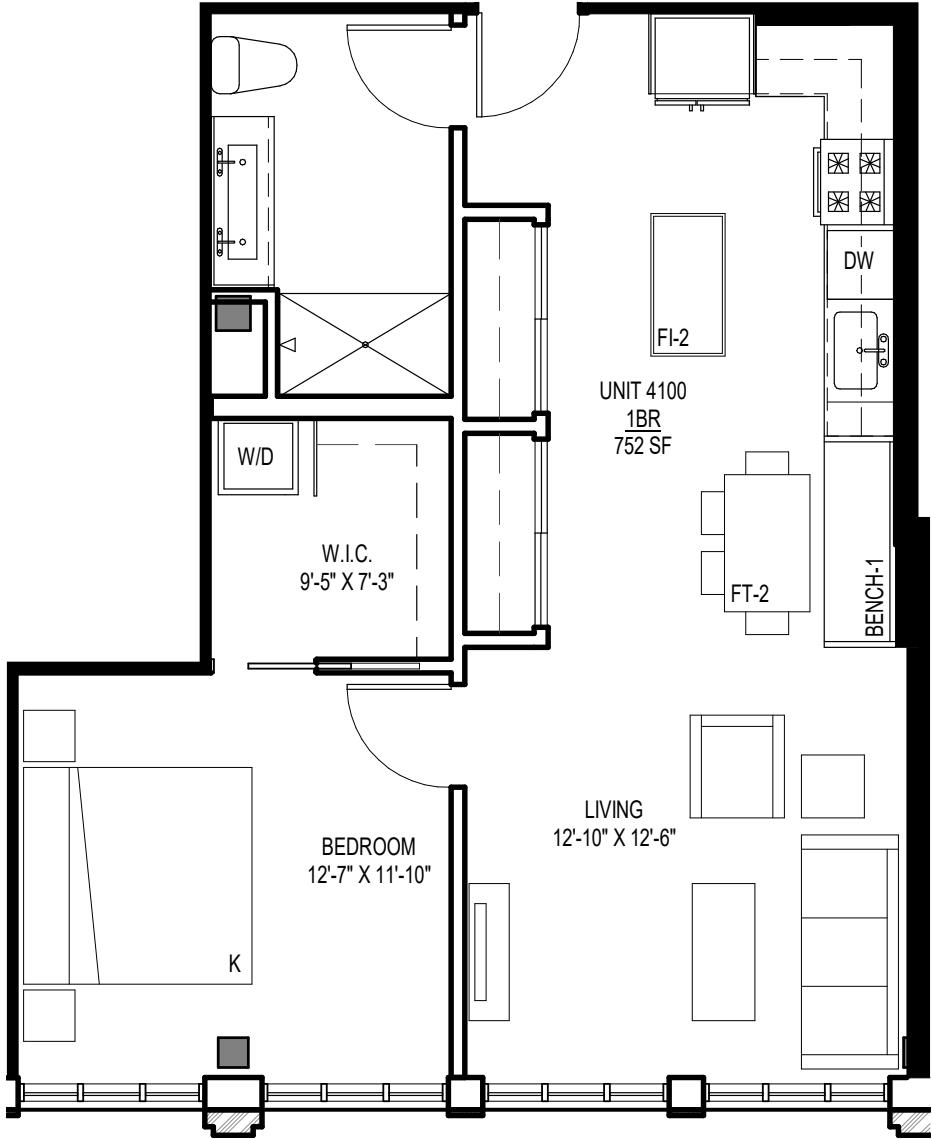
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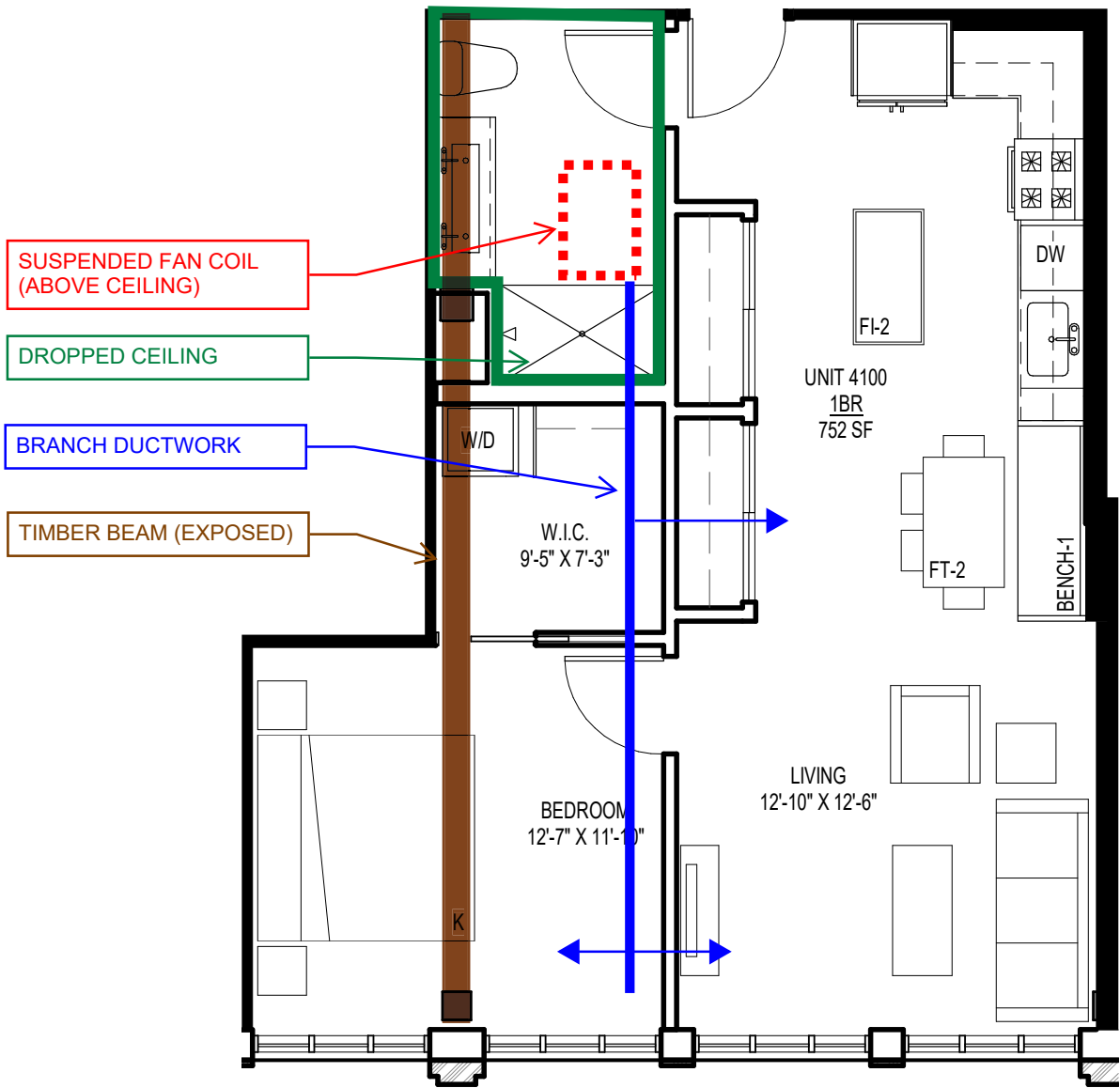
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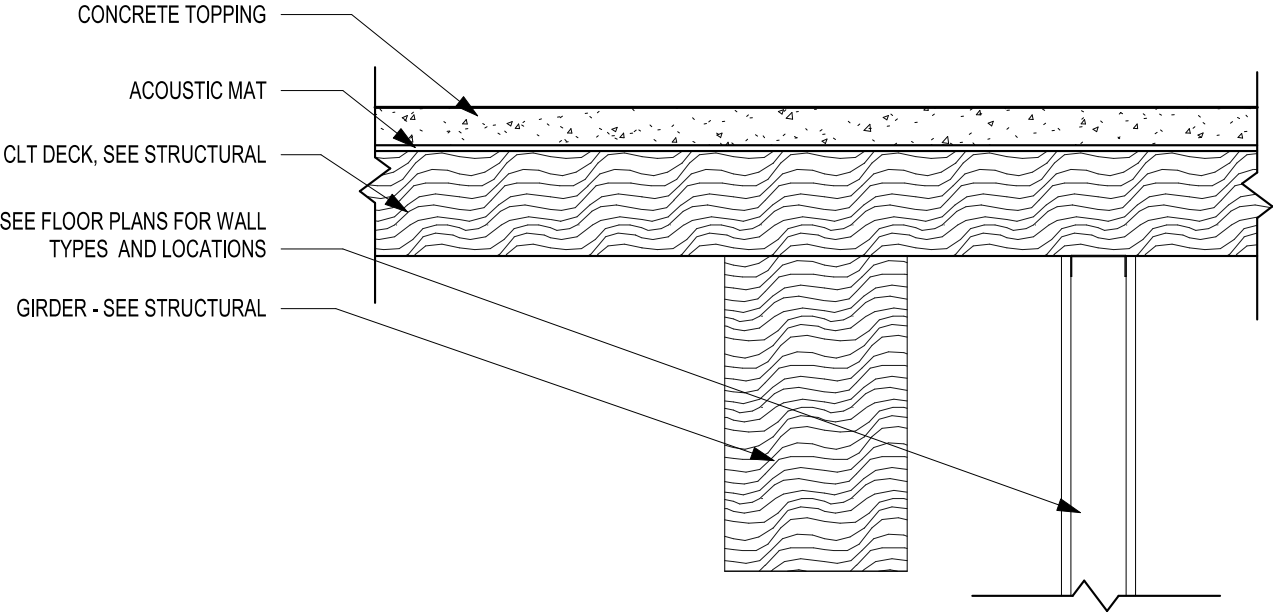


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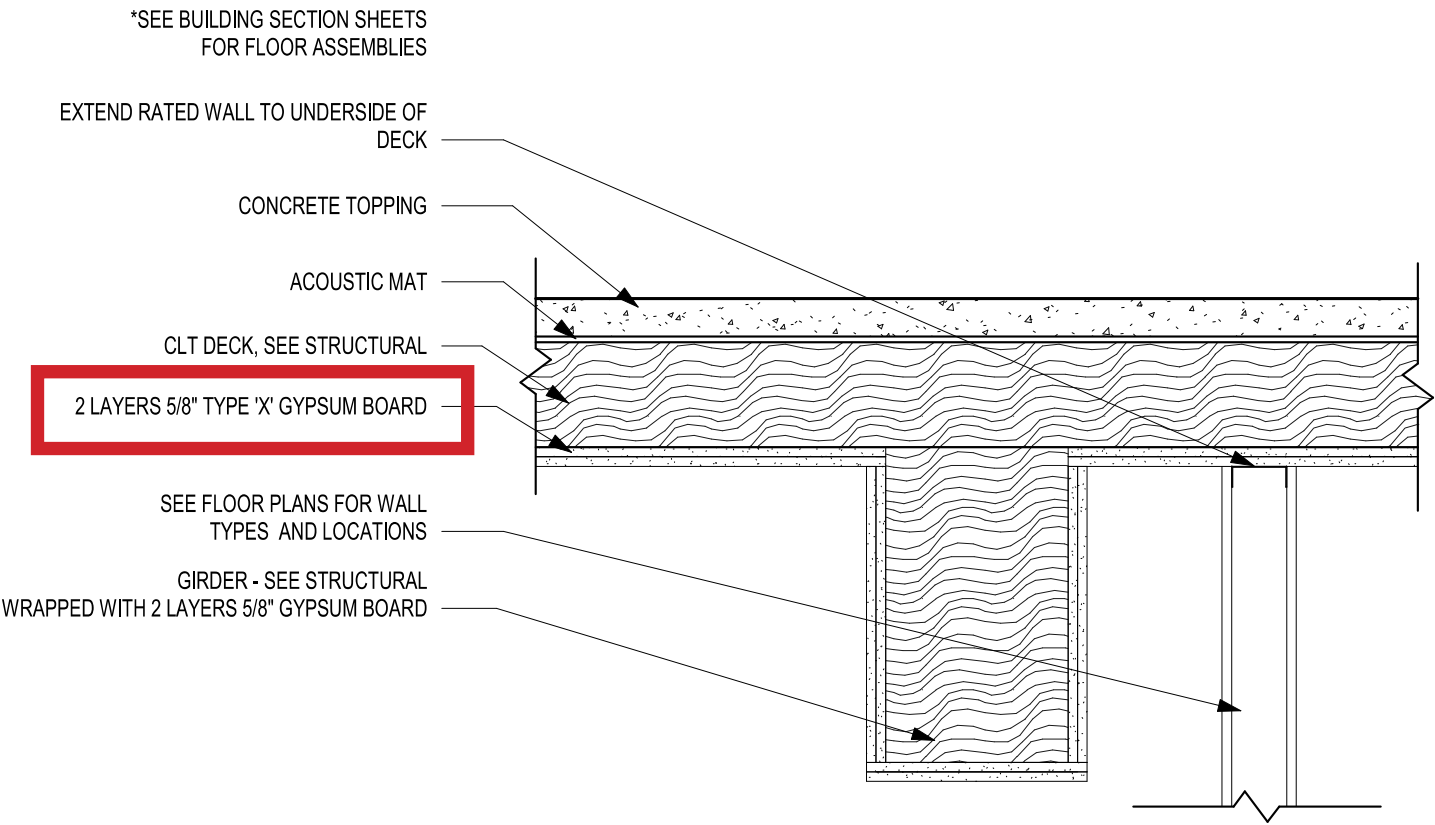


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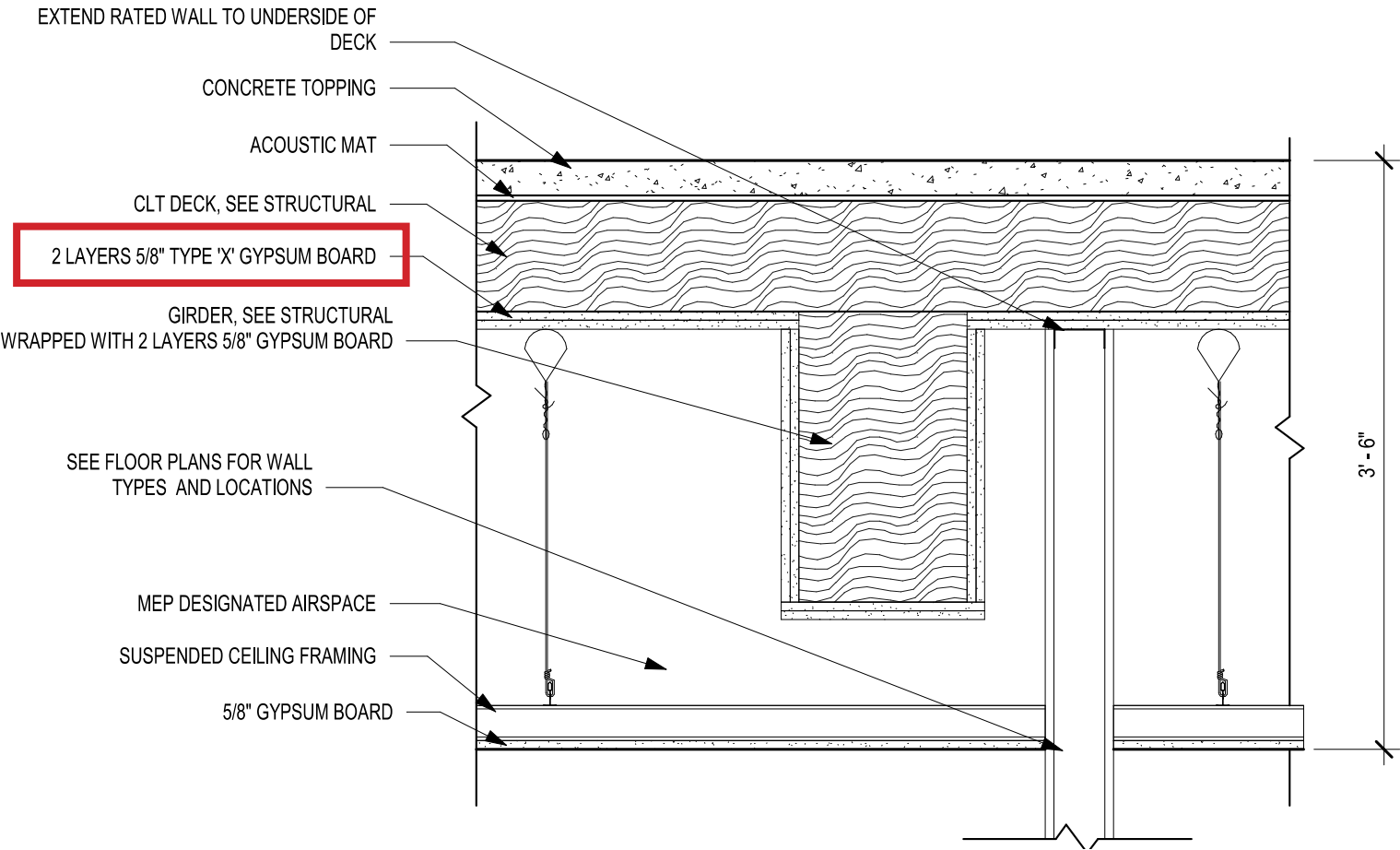
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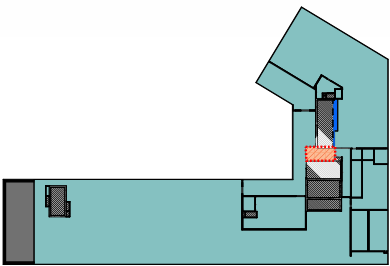
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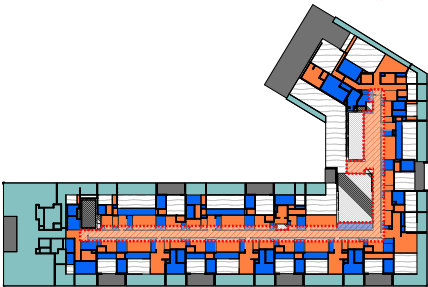
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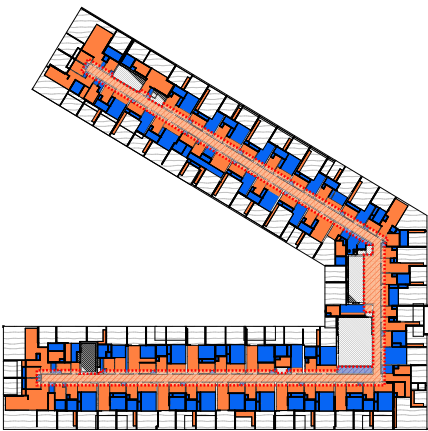
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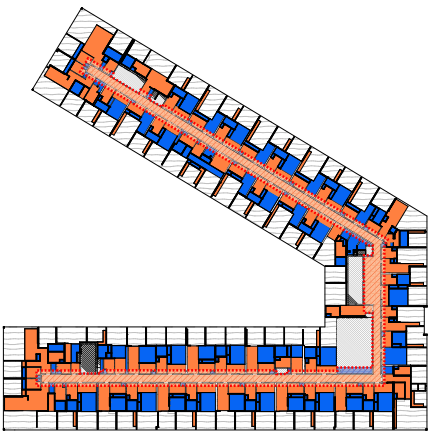
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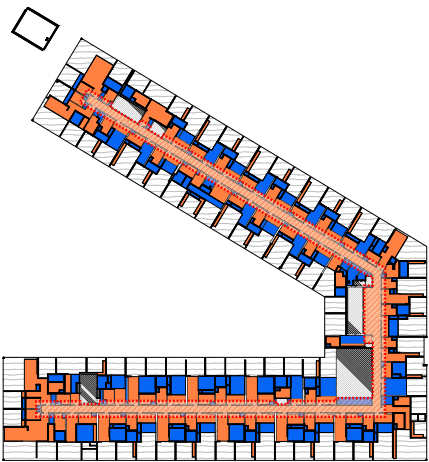
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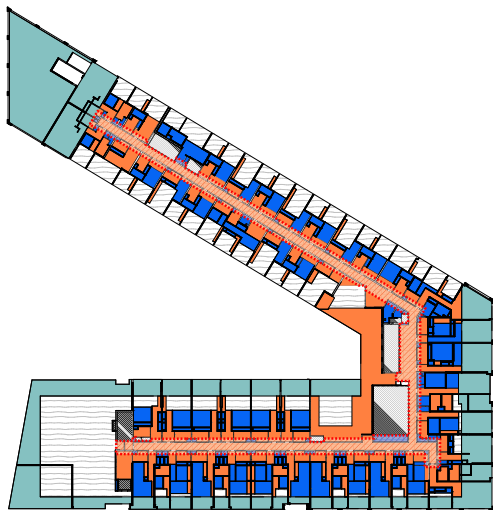
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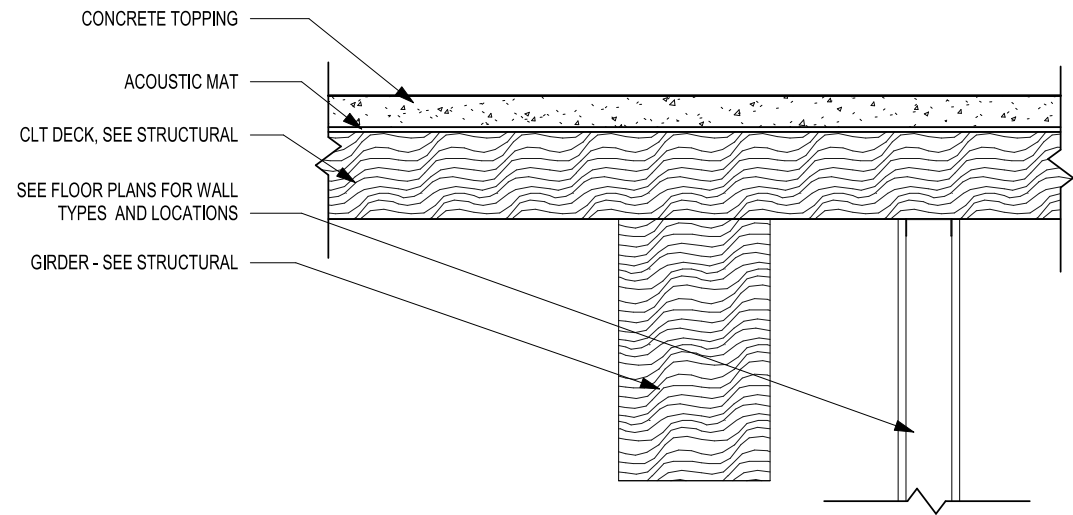


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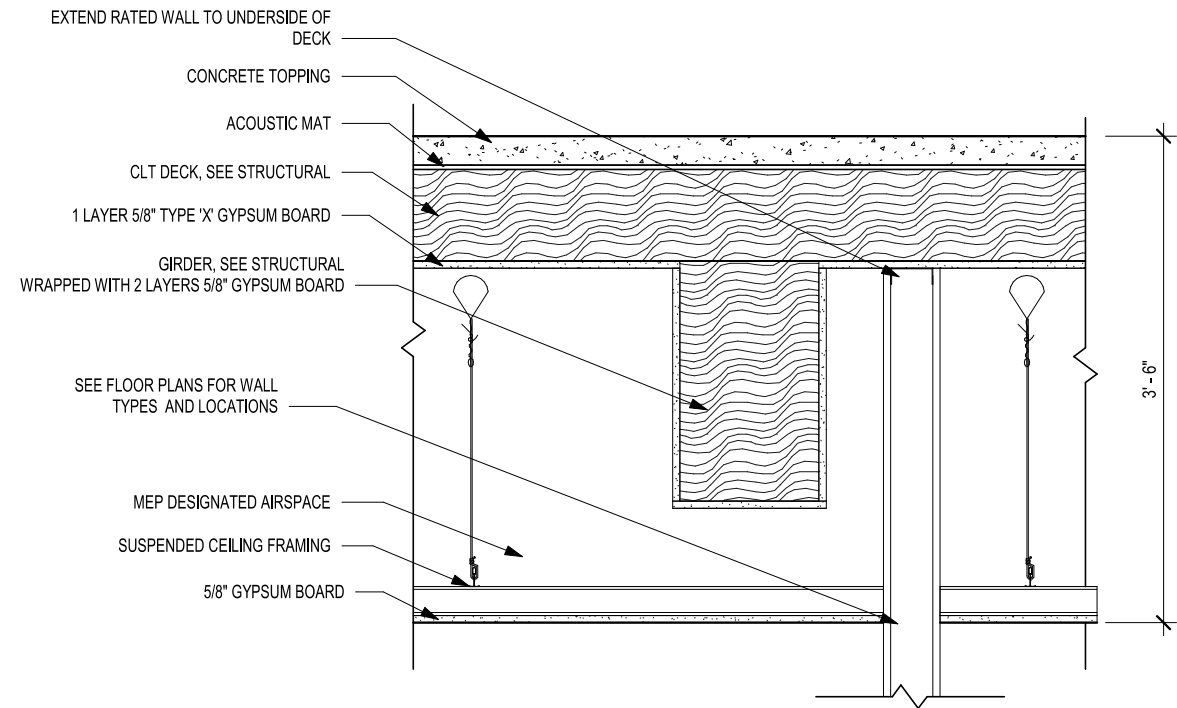


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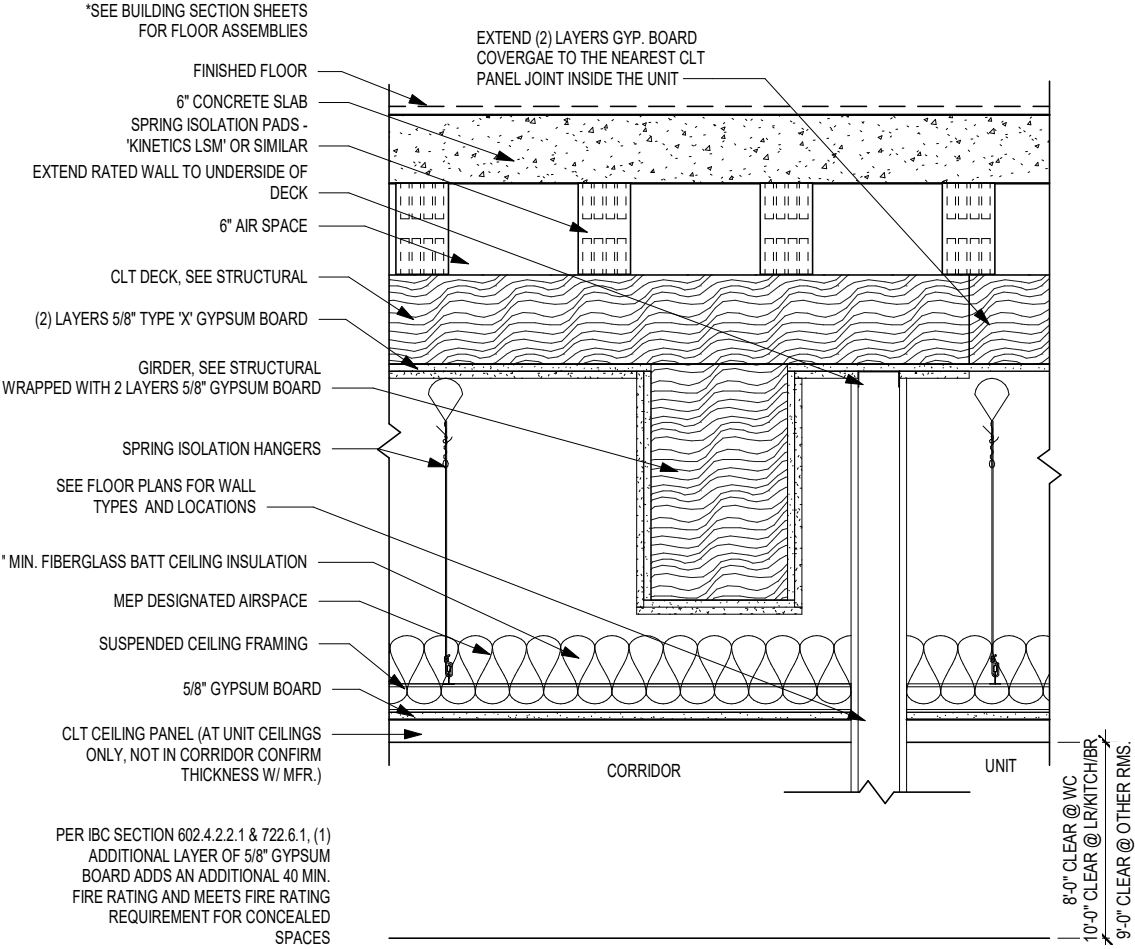
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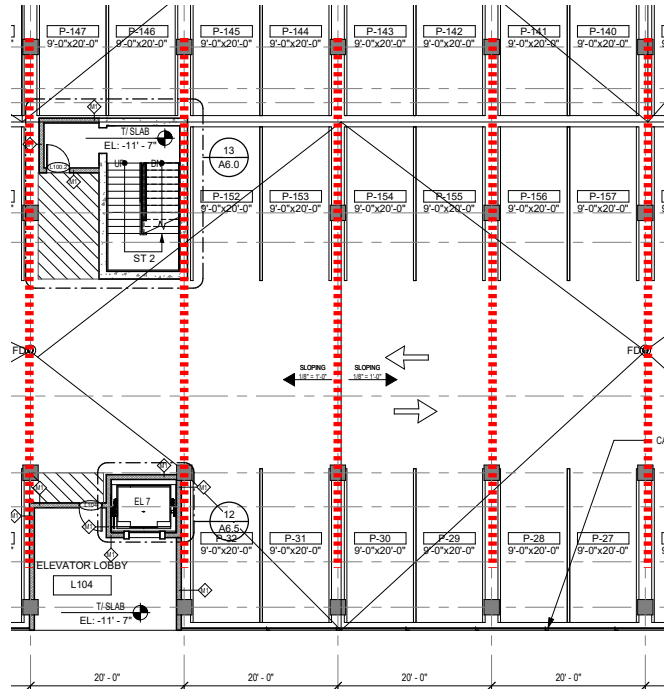
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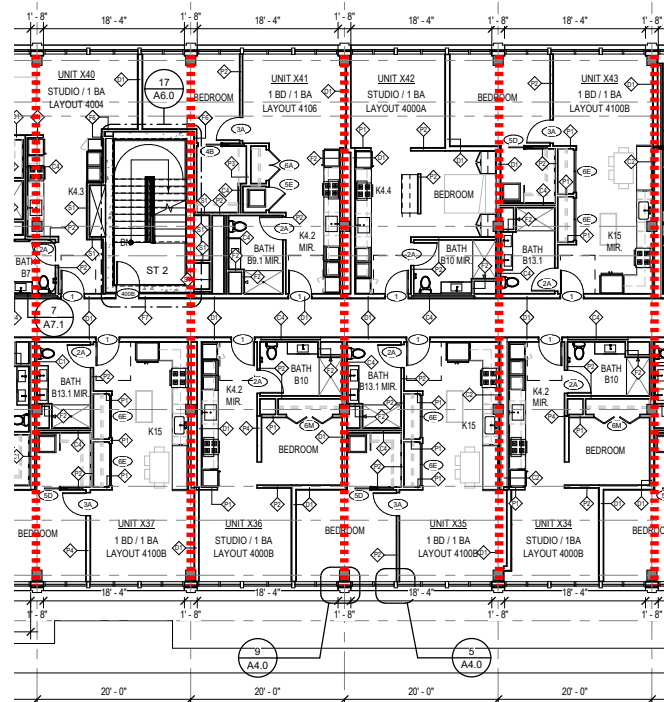
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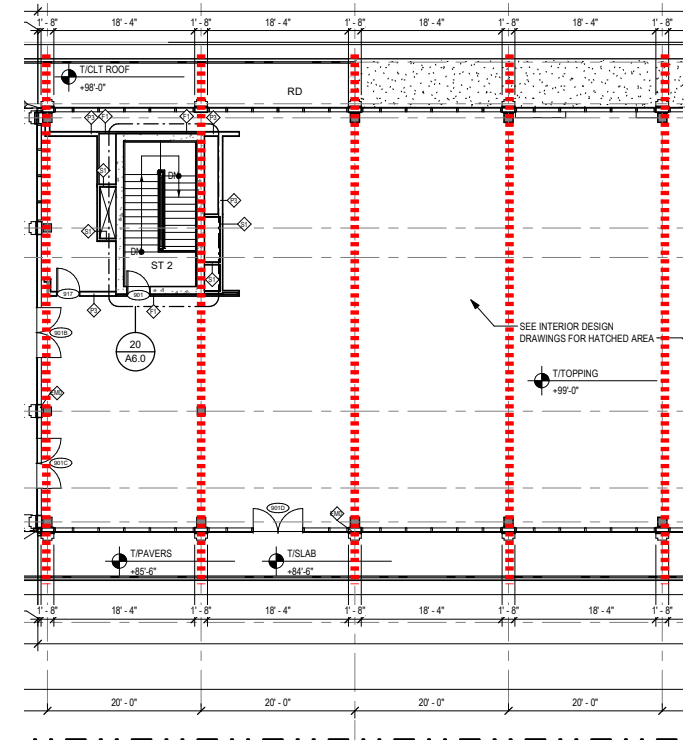
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EVENT SPACE



BUILDING IMAGES

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WHAT'S NEXT, AND WHY PUSH FOR MORE TALL MASS TIMBER BUILDINGS?

- TALLER AND LARGER TIMBER BUILDINGS
- STRUCTURAL INNOVATIONS - HYBRID, PANEL OPTIMIZATION
- NEW WAVE OF AMERICAN MASS TIMBER - NEW LOCATIONS FOR TALL TIMBER PROJECTS (OR TALLER PROJECTS IN OLD LOCATIONS)

- BIOPHILIC DESIGN
- TESTED FIRE-RESISTIVE CHARACTERISTICS
- MASS TIMBER = CARBON SINK
- MARKET DEMAND



THANK YOU



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