

***No. 35-18-OR***

**AN ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain right-of-way and temporary construction easement areas from the eleven remaining parcels required to reconstruct Kenmawr Bridge carrying Kenmawr Ave/South Braddock Ave over Norfolk Southern Railway in the Boroughs of Rankin and Swissvale, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

**Whereas**, Kenmawr Bridge, which carries Kenmawr Avenue in Rankin Borough and South Braddock Avenue in Swissvale Borough over the Norfolk Southern Railway, has come into a state of disrepair, is now structurally deficient with a posted weight limit of 6 tons and sound engineering practice dictates that replacement of the bridge is required to insure continued public use and safety; and

**Whereas**, pedestrians must now walk on a former motor vehicle lane behind a temporary barrier, which has reduced the 12-foot vehicle lanes to 9 ½ feet wide because the deteriorated and unsafe sidewalk has been removed; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Works has acquired and continues to attempt to amicably acquire the property of the parties hereinafter identified for reconstruction of the bridge; and,

**Whereas**, in certain instances, the parties hereinafter identified have made excessive counter-offers that are not supported by accepted appraisal practices while other property owners are awaiting offers for the fair market value of their properties based on appraisals that have not been completed; and,

**Whereas**, due to the urgent need to replace the failing structure to protect the public and secure project funding, it is necessary to authorize the acquisition of the required properties through eminent domain following exhaustion of good faith efforts to amicably acquire said properties; and

**Whereas**, the County Council of Allegheny County deems it advisable to acquire certain right-of-way and easement areas, within Swissvale Borough and Rankin Borough, County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of reconstructing the Kenmawr Bridge, Project No. NS01-0301, (the “Project”); said properties being identified as:

1. Parcel #19: 297 square feet of slope easement, 557 square feet of private access easement and 1,915 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Monica L. Lampkin, married;

2. Parcel #20: 30 square feet of right-of-way, 235 square feet of slope easement and 404 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Donya M. Parker, unmarried;

3. Parcel #21: 30 square feet of right-of-way, 203 square feet of slope easement and 425 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Bernard Masa and Josephine F. Masa, married;

4. Parcel #22: 30 square feet of right-of-way, 170 square feet of slope easement and 458 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Mary Carpenter, unmarried;

5. Parcel #25: 305 square feet of right-of-way, 68 square feet of slope easement and 452 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Asad Iqbal, unmarried;

6. Parcel #27: 1,890 square feet of required right-of-way and 8,317 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of EKA 578107 LLC, a New York limited liability company;

7. Parcel #30: 386 square feet of right-of-way and 2,262 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Mohsin Iqbal, married;

8. Parcel #35: 220 square feet of right-of-way and 119 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Mark F. Haak d/b/a Alexander Thomas Company;

9. Parcel #37: 95 square feet of temporary construction easement from a parcel of land of Vera Palangio, unmarried.

**Whereas**, the Right-of-Way Drawings for said Project were recorded November 22, 2017 in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate in Plans-Miscellaneous Book 173, Page 56; and will be reauthorized with certain revisions to be re-recorded prior to November 22, 2018; and

**Whereas**, the County Manager authorized the Law Department to clear the right of way for said Project by his Executive Action approved September 12, 2017, No. 6559-17; and

**Whereas**, said Project constitutes a valid public purpose serving the interests of the residents of the County of Allegheny; and

**Whereas**, the County Council of Allegheny County deems it advisable to acquire by condemnation, certain land hereinafter described, as necessary, for the Project.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:***

***SECTION 1.      Incorporation of the Preamble.***

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

***SECTION 2.      Authorization to Acquire Parcels.***

That Council deems it advisable and necessary to authorize the Law Department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, to obtain appraisals and title reports, to negotiate and acquire the parcels, to prepare the necessary petitions, resolutions and all other documents, including, but not limited to Declarations of Taking, Petitions to Deposit Estimated Just Compensation into Court and Petitions for Appointment of Viewers, all or some of which may be required for the Project.

***SECTION 3.      Authorization to Acquire Property by Condemnation.***

That Council deems it advisable and necessary to acquire required right-of-way and temporary construction easements and take under the power of eminent domain part of the property of the following persons or corporations and to acquire title thereto in fee simple for right-of-way and in easement for the slope, private access and temporary construction easements, as necessary for the Project:

PARCEL NO.	RECORD OWNERS	TAX PARCEL BLOCK & LOT NO.
19	Monica L. Lampkin, married	235-P-204
20	Donya M. Parker, unmarried	235-P-202
21	Bernard Masa and Josephine F. Masa, married	235-P-200
22	Mary Carpenter, unmarried	235-P-198
25	Asad Iqbal, unmarried	235-P-192
27	EKA 578107 LLC, a New York limited liability company	235-P-222; 235-P-224; 235-P-226; 235-P-228

30	Mohsin Iqbal, married	235-P-069
35	Mark F. Haak, d/b/a Alexander Thomas Company	235-P-310; 236-P-318
37	Vera Palangio, unmarried	236-B-279

Said properties are identified on a property drawing marked "Exhibit A", attached hereto and made part hereof. Entry upon, appropriation and the taking thereof is hereby authorized and directed, for the purpose of the Project.

**SECTION 4.            Notice to Interested Parties.**

That Council directs the Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Law Department to notify interested parties as required by law of the adoption of this Ordinance with respect to property taken under the power of eminent domain.

**SECTION 5.            Application to Court.**

That Council directs the Law Department to make immediate application to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County for the purpose of having the value of said property legally ascertained.

**SECTION 6.            Severability. *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.***

**SECTION 7.            Repealer. *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.***

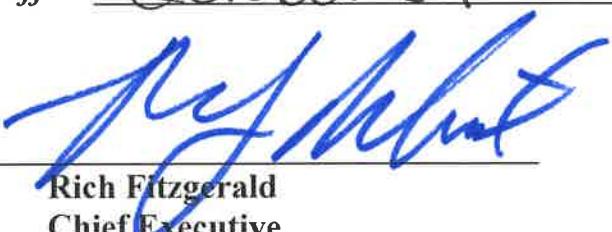
Enacted in Council, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018

Council Agenda No. 10790-18

  
John DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office October 24, 2018

Approved:   
Rich Fitzgerald  
Chief Executive

Attest:   
Sonya Dietz  
Executive's Secretary

**SUMMARY HISTORY OF PROPERTY OWNER CONTACTS FOR  
ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY BY CONDEMNATION**

Monica L. Lampkin, married, Parcel 19

Donya M. Parker, unmarried, Parcel 20

Bernard Masa and Josephine F. Masa, husband and wife, Parcel 21

Mary Carpenter, unmarried, Parcel 22

Asad Iqbal, unmarried, Parcel 25

EKA 578107 LLC, a New York limited liability company, Parcel 27

Mohsin Iqbal, married, Parcel 30

Mark F. Haak, d/b/a Alexander Thomas Company, Parcel 35

Vera Palangio, unmarried, Parcel 37

**TO RECONSTRUCT KENMAWR BRIDGE**

**KENMAWR AVE/SOUTH BRADDOCK AVE OVER NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

The Department of Public Works seeks authorization to acquire by condemnation certain properties and property interests necessary to reconstruct Kenmawr Bridge. The property interests required include permanent right-of-way, access easements, slope easements and temporary construction easements. The reputed property owners and the status of prior acquisition attempts are identified below:

**Monica L. Lampkin, married, Parcel 19**

An offer letter for \$46,550 was presented by our consultant on June 13, 2018. The claimant has submitted a counter demand requesting \$85,000 through her attorney; an independent appraisal report has not been obtained by the property owner. The request was deemed unreasonable and rejected. Additional negotiation attempts to secure a reduced counter offer are on-going. Required areas include a vacant residential dwelling. Attempts to amicably negotiate the claim continue but the difference in opinions of value for the impacted parcel currently vary substantially.

**Donya M. Parker, unmarried, Parcel 20**

An offer letter for \$1,500 was signed on 9/13/18. Attempts to locate the property owner thus far have been unsuccessful. The dwelling on the parcel is unaffected by the project and is boarded shut - it is to be razed by the Borough of Swissvale in the coming months; neighbors are also unaware of the property owner's whereabouts. The parcel is encumbered with excessive tax liens. The filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation appears necessary to obtain clear title to the parcel.

**Bernard Masa and Josephine F. Masa, husband and wife, Parcel 21**

An offer letter for \$500 was signed on 9/13/18. The property owners are deceased. Attempts to locate an estate, letters testamentary or any possible heirs have thus far have been unsuccessful. The dwelling on the parcel is unaffected by the project and is boarded shut – it is to be razed by the Borough of Swissvale in the coming months; neighbors are also unaware of any

heirs of the deceased property owners. The parcel is also encumbered with excessive tax liens. The filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation appears necessary to obtain clear title to the parcel.

Mary Carpenter, unmarried, Parcel 22

An offer letter for \$1,600 was delivered by the acquisition consultant on 9/21/18 and is currently being reviewed. Good faith negotiation attempts to amicably settle the claim will continue until a final resolution; the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation will only occur if all reasonable efforts to facilitate a settlement are exhausted and the property owner refuses to convey the required areas under reasonable terms.

Asad Iqbal, unmarried, Parcel 25

An offer letter for \$2,600 was delivered by the acquisition consultant on 9/18/18. The property owner indicated that the offer appeared low and he intends to contact his attorney regarding the matter. He has been unresponsive to additional contacts thus far. Good faith negotiation attempts to amicably settle the claim will continue until a resolution is possible; the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation will only occur if all efforts to facilitate a settlement are exhausted and the property owner refuses to convey the required areas under reasonable terms.

EKA 578107 LLC, a New York limited liability company, Parcel 27

An appraisal to determine damages to the parcel due to the acquisition of required areas is currently being processed. Good faith negotiation attempts to amicably settle the claim will commence once the report is reviewed and approved; the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation will only occur if all efforts to facilitate a settlement are exhausted and the property owner refuses to convey the required areas under reasonable terms.

Mohsin Iqbal, married, Parcel 30

An appraisal to determine damages to the parcel due to the acquisition of required areas is currently underway an approved offer letter is expected by December 2018. Good faith negotiation attempts to amicably settle the claim will commence once the report is reviewed and approved; the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation will only occur if all efforts to facilitate a settlement are exhausted and the property owner refuses to convey the required areas under reasonable terms.

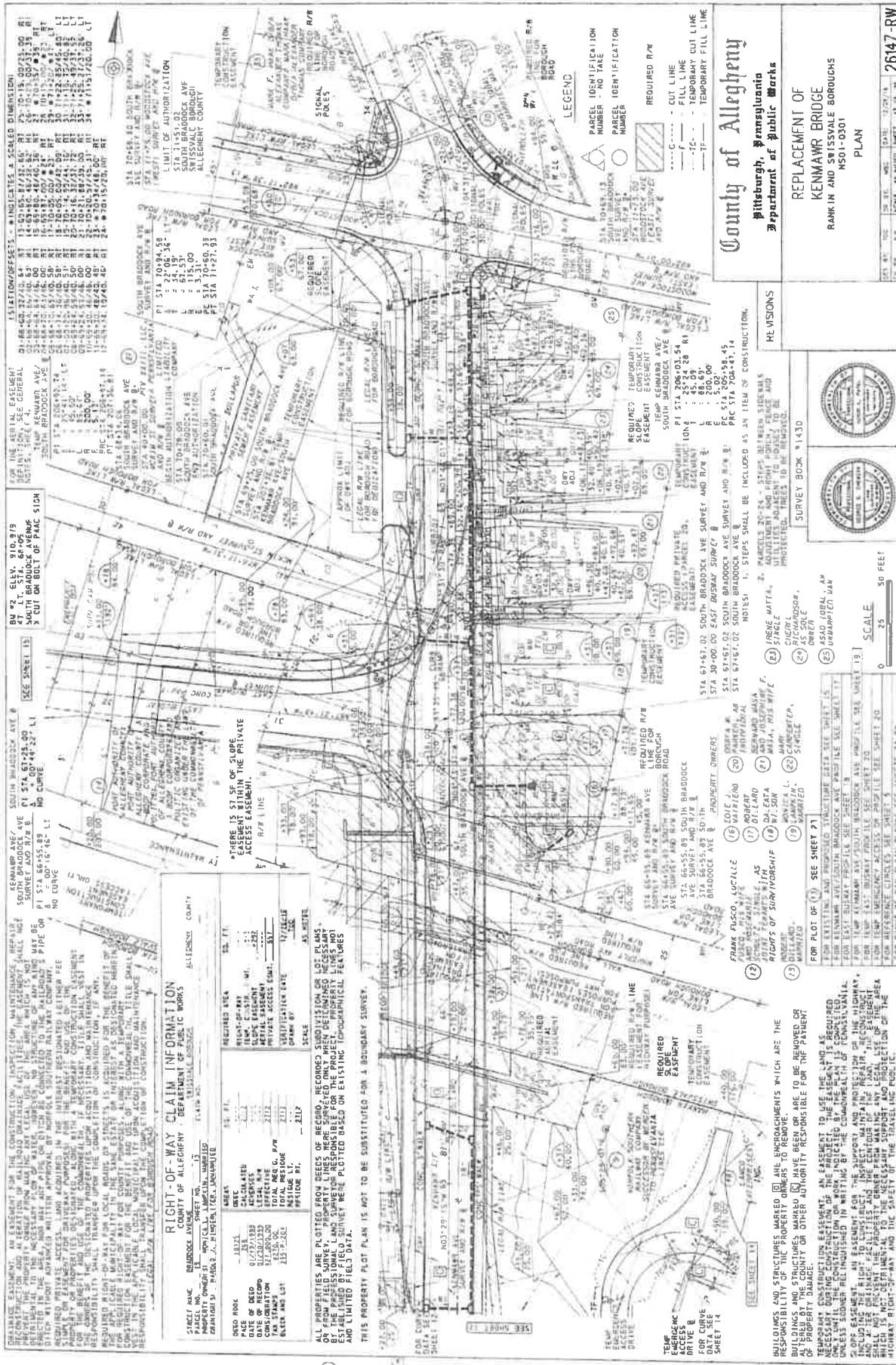
Mark F. Haak, d/b/a Alexander Thomas Company, Parcel 35

An offer letter for \$600 was delivered by our acquisition consultant on 9/17/18 and is currently being reviewed by the property owner. Good faith negotiation attempts to amicably settle the claim will continue until a resolution is possible; the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of Estimated Just Compensation will only occur if all efforts to facilitate a settlement are exhausted and the property owner refuses to convey the required areas under reasonable terms.

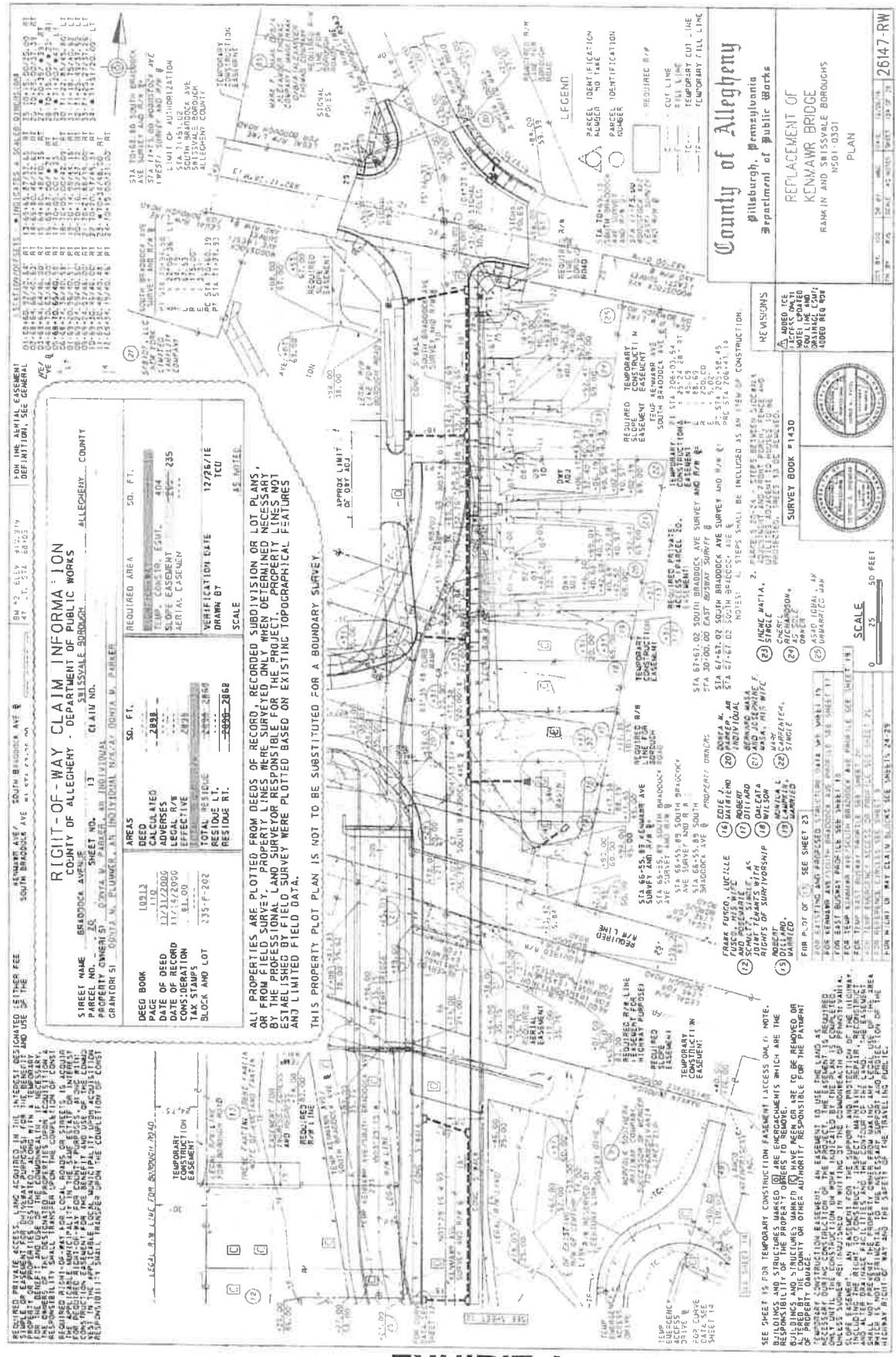
Vera Palangio, unmarried, Parcel 37

An offer letter for \$500 was initially presented by our consultant on June 24, 2017; due to design changes that reduced required areas, a revised offer also for \$500 was then presented on April 4, 2018. The claimant initially submitted a counter demand requesting \$1,500 on June 24, 2017, then increased the amount to \$2,500. The request was deemed excessive at the time; an independent appraisal report had not been obtained by the property owner. The property owner has been unresponsive to negotiation attempts since the revised offer was delivered. Additional attempts to amicably negotiate the claim continue with the fullest intent to avoid the condemnation process if at all possible.

As required by the Administrative Code we seek authorization from County Council to initiate condemnation proceedings as soon as possible, including the filing of a Declaration of Taking and deposit of estimated just compensation with the Department of Court Records to secure possession of the property for the Project.



## EXHIBIT A











**RIGHT OF WAY CLAIM INFORMATION**

STREET NAME: BEVERAGE AVENUE - REPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PARCEL NO.: 10  
PROPERTY OWNER: A LANDOWNER, S.M.  
GRANTOR: A LANDOWNER, S.M.

SHEET NO. 1  
SCALE: 1:2000  
DATE OF SURVEY: 04/09/2014  
SURVEYOR: D.J. WOHLFELD  
REF ID: 233-P-2014

ALL PROPERTIES ARE PLOTTED FROM DECS AS RECEIVED, RECHECKED, AND UNDIVIDED ON THE BASIS OF THIS SURVEY. PROPERTY LINES ARE SURVEYED DAILY AND RECHECKED DAILY BY THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT. PROPERTY LINE, CROWN, ETC., ARE PLOTTED BASED ON EXISTING TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND RELATED PLOTS OF RECORD.

THIS PROPERTY IS NOT TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY.

SURVEY INFORMATION  
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 SOUTH BRADDOCK AVENUE  
 X CUT OR BLDG. LINE  
 NO TURN  
 65-15-83 LT.  
 000-447-001  
 CLARK, PA.  
 PROPRIETORSHIP: A LANDOWNER, S.M.  
 PARCEL NO.: 10  
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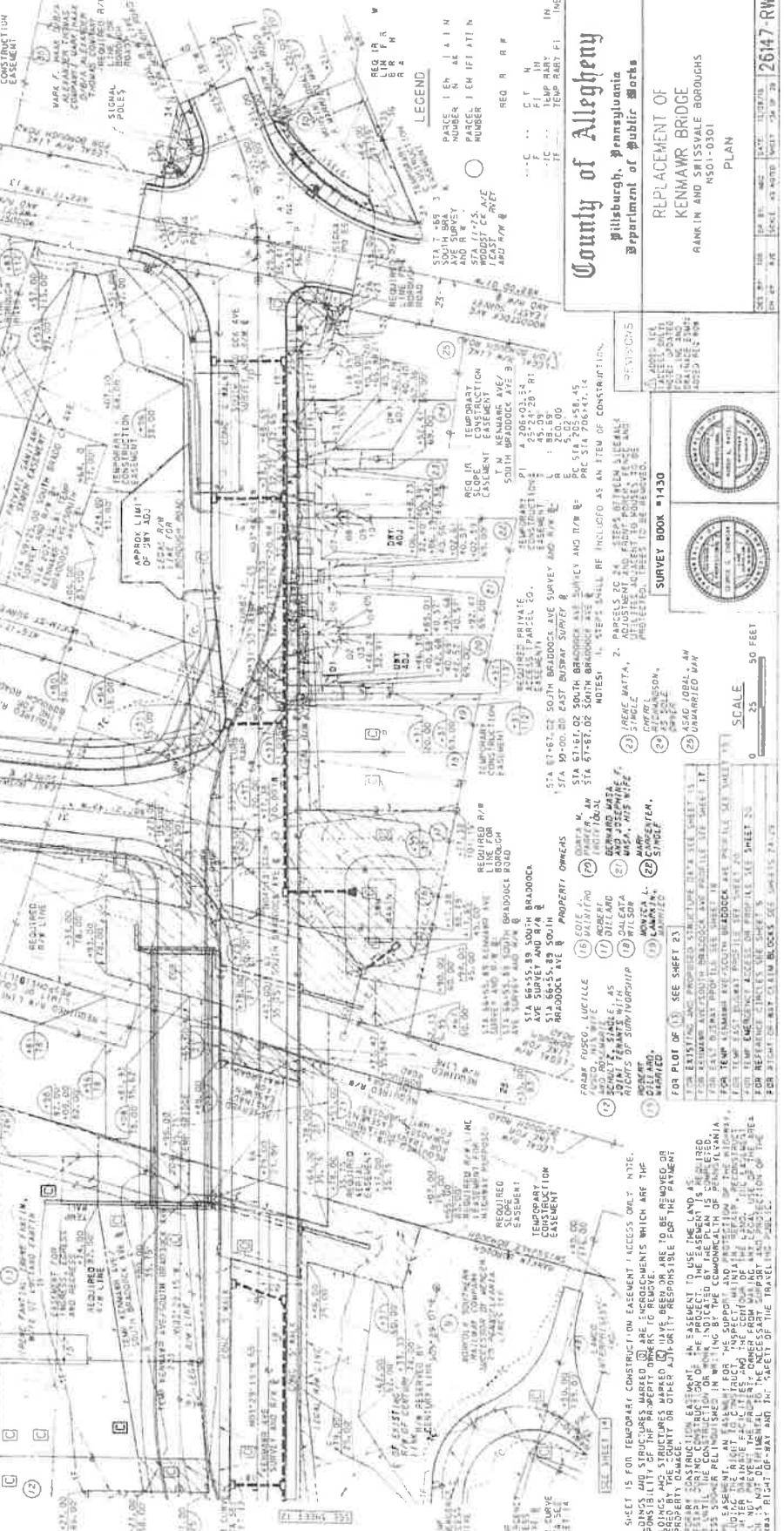
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## EXHIBIT A

### County of Allegheny

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 Department of Public Works  
 REPLACEMENT OF  
 KENMAW BRIDGE  
 PLAN  
 NSO-1-0301

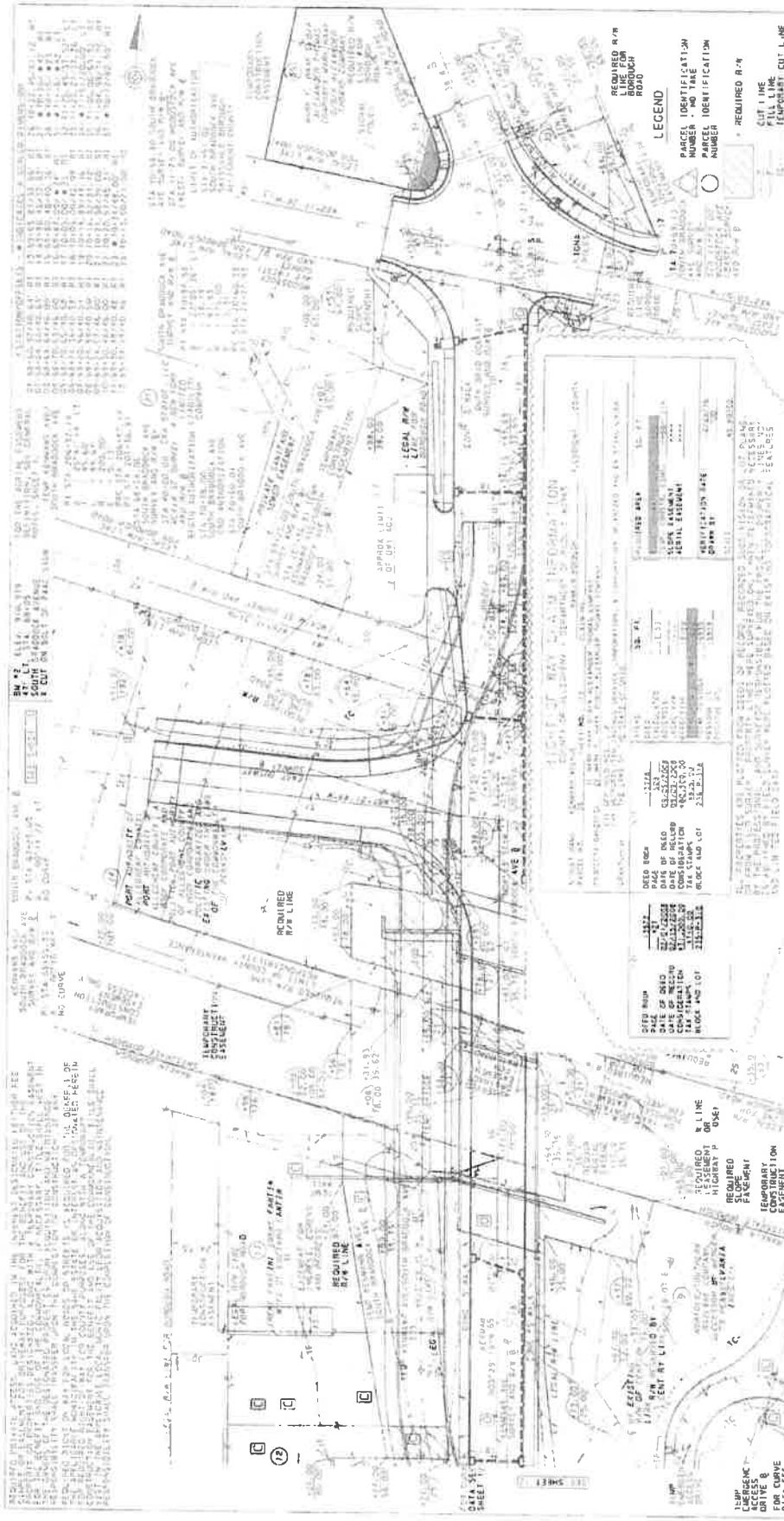
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# County of Allegheny

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Department of Public Works  
REPLACEMENT OF  
KENNAW BRIDGE  
RANKIN AND SWISSVALE BOROUGHS  
HSD-0301  
PLAN

DATE ISSUED	2014-07-23	DATE RECEIVED	2014-07-23
SCALE	1" = 30'-0"	DATE DRAWN	2014-07-23
SP. FEE	\$0.00	NAME AS WORKS	None



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### RIGHT-OF-WAY CLAIM INFORMATION

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
STATE HIGHWAY & ENGINEERING BUREAU

SECTION NO. 4 - Easement Request No. 134497 - KENMAWR AVE.  
PROPERTY OWNER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CITY OF PITTSBURGH, STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESCRIPTION: 59' X 133' LOT OF RECORD NUMBER 134497, SECTION 4, Twp. 11, Range 10, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, located on the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 11, Range 10, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, bounded by KENMAWR AVENUE to the North, KENMAWR AVENUE to the South, 13TH AVENUE to the East, and 14TH AVENUE to the West.

THIS PROPERTY PLOT PLAN IS NOT TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY.

ALL BUILDINGS AND OTHER FEATURES SHOWN ON THIS PLOT PLAN ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW, THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH IS HELD IN TRUST FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

NO PART OF THIS PROPERTY MAY BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED.

NO PART OF THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY ENCUMBRANCE.

NO PART OF THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY LIEN.

NO PART OF THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTION.

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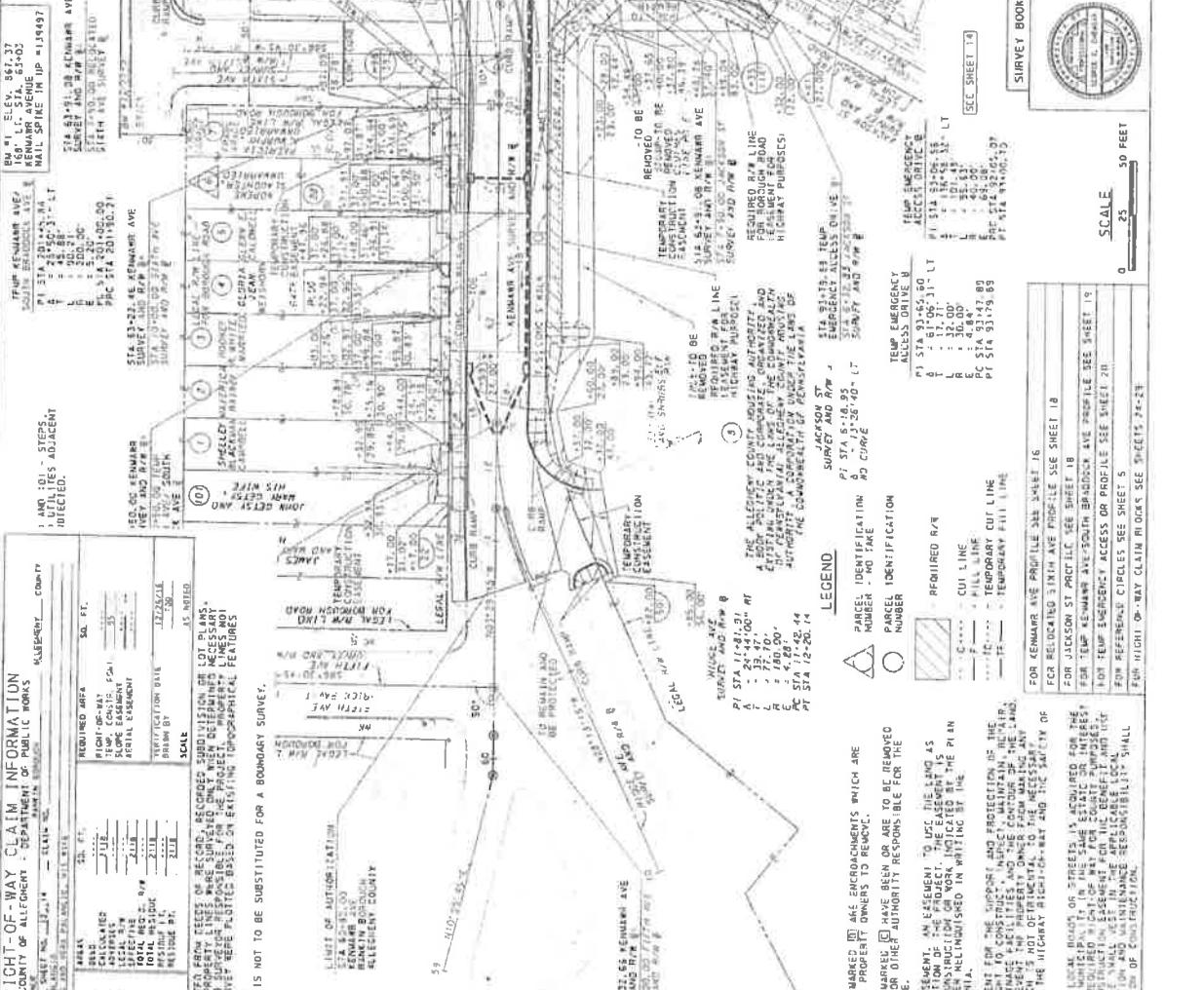
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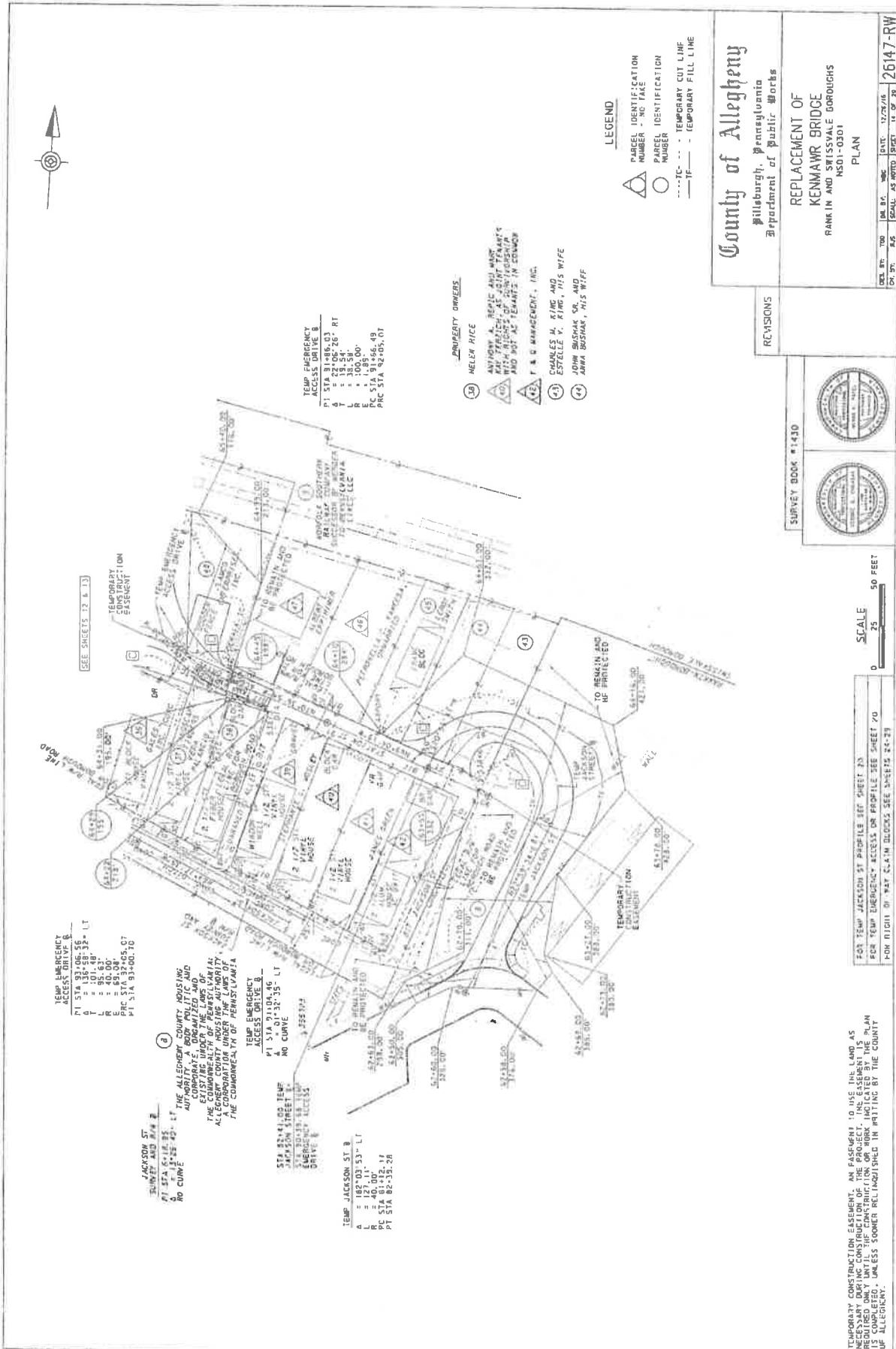
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**MEMORANDUM**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

TO: Jared E. Barker  
Allegheny County Council

FROM: William D. McKain CPA  
County Manager

DATE: October 4, 2018

RE: Proposed Ordinance

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Attached is an Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain right-of-way and temporary construction easement areas from the eleven remaining parcels required to reconstruct Kenmawr Bridge carrying Kenmawr Ave/South Braddock Ave over Norfolk Southern Railway in the Boroughs of Rankin and Swissvale, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

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