

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** August 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** FIRE VENTILATION UPGRADE PROJECT - SECOND EXITS  
DONLANDS AND GREENWOOD STATIONS  
STATUS UPDATE

## INFORMATION ITEM

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report for information.

### FUNDING

No impact to funding.

### BACKGROUND

Conceptual layouts for TTC preferred options and public-proposed options for Greenwood and Donlands Stations second exits were presented to the Commission on July 14, 2010.

On Greenwood Station, the Commission approved amended recommendations that read:

- 1a) *That staff proceed with development and implementation of the concept identified as Option P1 which locates the second exit building on any of the three properties on Linnsmore Crescent south of Strathmore Boulevard, including property acquisition; and*
- 1b) *That staff be requested to report back if implementation of the concept identified as option 6 in recommendation 1b) on page 35 of the staff presentation becomes the required option.*

On Donlands Station, the Commission approved amended recommendations which read:

- 2a) *That staff proceed with development and implementation of the concept identified as Option P3 which locates the second exit building on Dewhurst Boulevard right-of-way;*
- 2b) *Should this option not receive City acceptance, that staff advise the community and proceed with the development and implementation of the concept identified as Option 3; and*

- 2c) *That staff further consult with the community representatives and local Councillor on TTC's assessment of the community presented options, including the Wilkinson/Strathmore option; and*

*That the Commission establish a Construction Liaison Committee.*

## **DISCUSSION**

The Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) was established and met on August 5, 2010 to review the work done since the July 14, 2010 Commission Meeting for Donlands and Greenwood. Moving forward, staff agreed to meet with the Committee every other week to present progress made and obtain feedback.

### **Donlands**

At the July Commission meeting, staff presented Option P3, which had the second exit within the road allowance on the east side of Dewhurst Boulevard. This option was developed in more detail and is shown in Appendix 1(a). Staff also subsequently developed a new Option P4 (Appendix 1(b)) which located the second exit partially within the road allowance on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard. These two options were discussed with City of Toronto Transportation staff. The City staff did not support these options because they reduced the width of Dewhurst Boulevard to one lane. The CLC was accordingly advised that these options would no longer be considered by the TTC.

Also, at the July Commission meeting, an option was presented by a deputant, which locates the second exit at Wilkinson Junior Public School at the northeast corner of Donlands Avenue and Strathmore Boulevard. Staff developed this option further. The new exit stairs are located at the extreme east end of the station just over 30m from the existing exit. While the 25m separation criterion is met, all of the exits are located at one end of the station. To improve this undesirable situation, staff have added additional stairs further west along the platform that connect to the existing mezzanine. This Option P5 is shown in Appendix 2. This option still requires further analysis, including determining the impact on the properties adjacent to the stairs leading to the existing mezzanine and utility implications. This option was presented to the CLC. A School Trustee was also in attendance at the meeting and opined that this option would not be supported by the School Board and by the parents of the children attending the school for the safety and security of their children.

### **Greenwood**

Staff developed three options for Greenwood:

- Option P1 – Second exit on 9 Linnsmore Crescent as shown in Appendix 3,
- Option P3 – Second exit on 11 Linnsmore Crescent as shown in Appendix 4,
- Option P4 – Second exit on 15 Linnsmore Crescent as shown in Appendix 5.

The property owners of 9 Linnsmore Crescent indicated at the Commission meeting that they are not prepared to sell their property. Subsequent to the Commission meeting, the property owners of 11 Linnsmore Crescent contacted the TTC and advised that they would be willing to sell their property. The property owners of 15 Linnsmore Crescent have been contacted and a follow-up meeting has been arranged for August 17, 2010.

In addition, the property owners of 17 Linnsmore Crescent came forward and advised that they may be willing to sell their property. Subsequently, staff developed Option P5 with the second exit located on this property as shown in Appendix 6.

Staff presented these options to the CLC and advised that Options P4 and P5 are preferred because the property requirements and construction impacts are minimized. The CLC advised that they prefer options on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard.

Because of the availability of willing property sellers and the viability of any of the above options, TTC's original preferred option exiting mid block at 245/ 247 Strathmore Boulevard will no longer be considered. TTC staff have notified the property owners at Strathmore Boulevard that their properties are no longer required for the Greenwood Station second exit.

### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Continue to meet with the CLC to review options for Donlands and Greenwood second exits.
2. Finalize second exit options at Donlands and Greenwood Stations.
3. Present the preferred second exit options at Donlands and Greenwood Stations at a public meeting in early fall and subsequently report back to the Commission with recommendations.

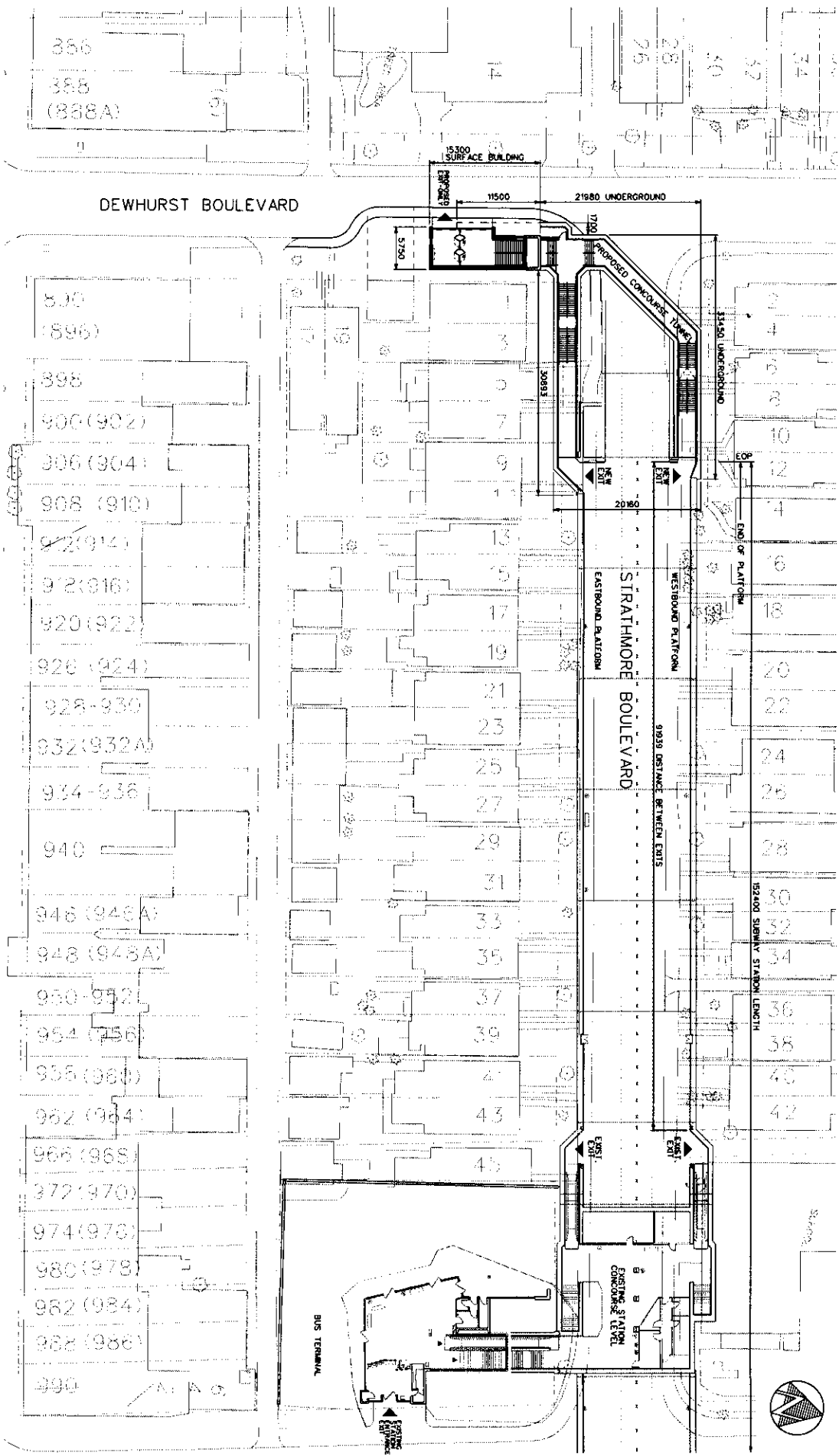
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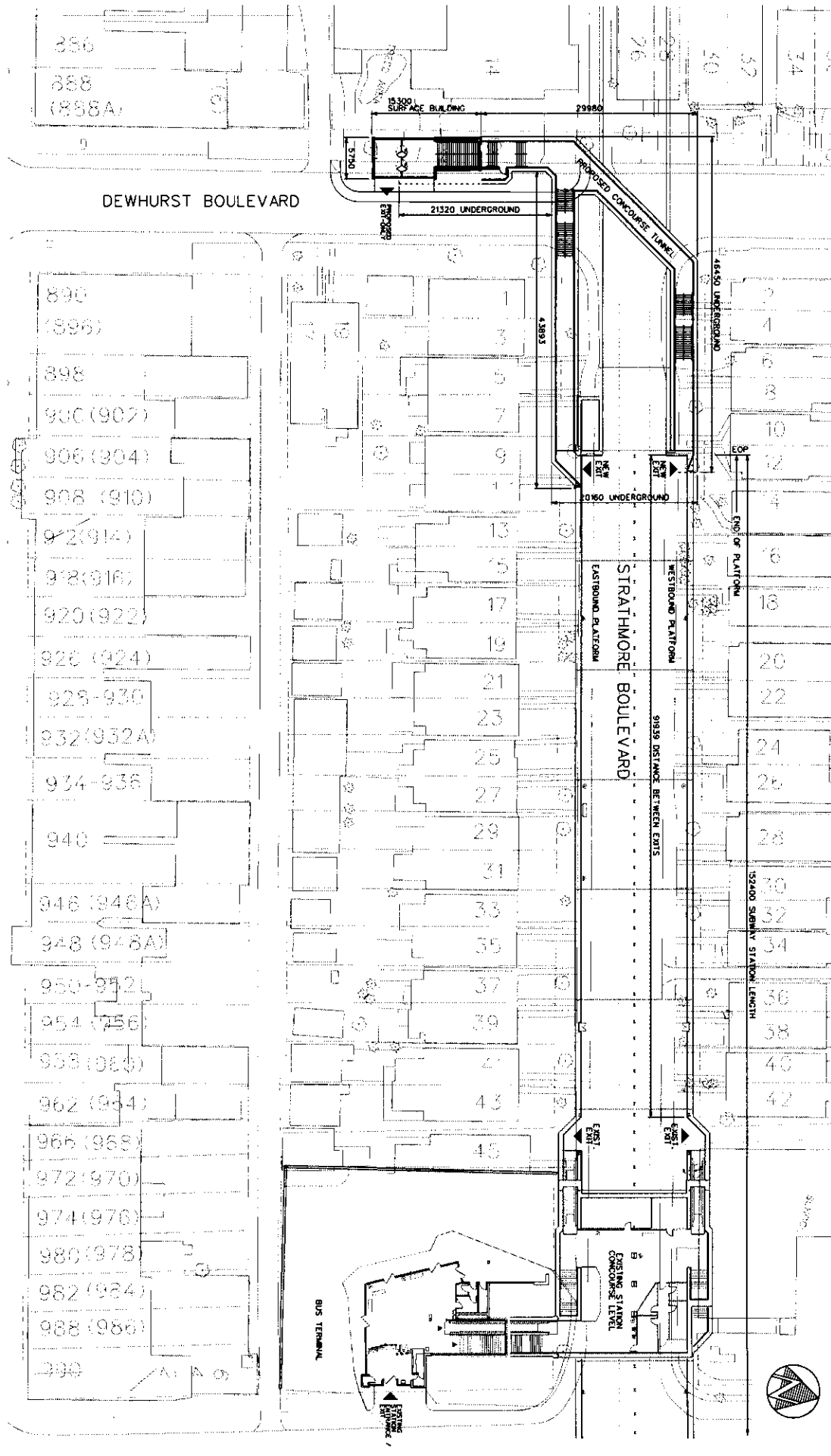
#### **Attachments:**

- Appendix 1(a) – Donlands Option P3 – Exit on east side of Dewhurst Boulevard
- Appendix 1(b) – Donlands Option P4 – Exit on west side of Dewhurst Boulevard
- Appendix 2 – Donlands Option P5 – Exit at Wilkinson Junior Public School
- Appendix 3 – Greenwood Option P1 – Exit on 9 Linnsmore Crescent
- Appendix 4 – Greenwood Option P3 – Exit on 11 Linnsmore Crescent
- Appendix 5 – Greenwood Option P4 – Exit on 15 Linnsmore Crescent
- Appendix 6 – Greenwood Option P5 – Exit on 17 Linnsmore Crescent

Appendix 1(a) - Donlands Option P3 - Exit on east side of Dewhurst Boulevard



Appendix 1(b) - Donlands Option P4 - Exit on west side of Dewhurst Boulevard

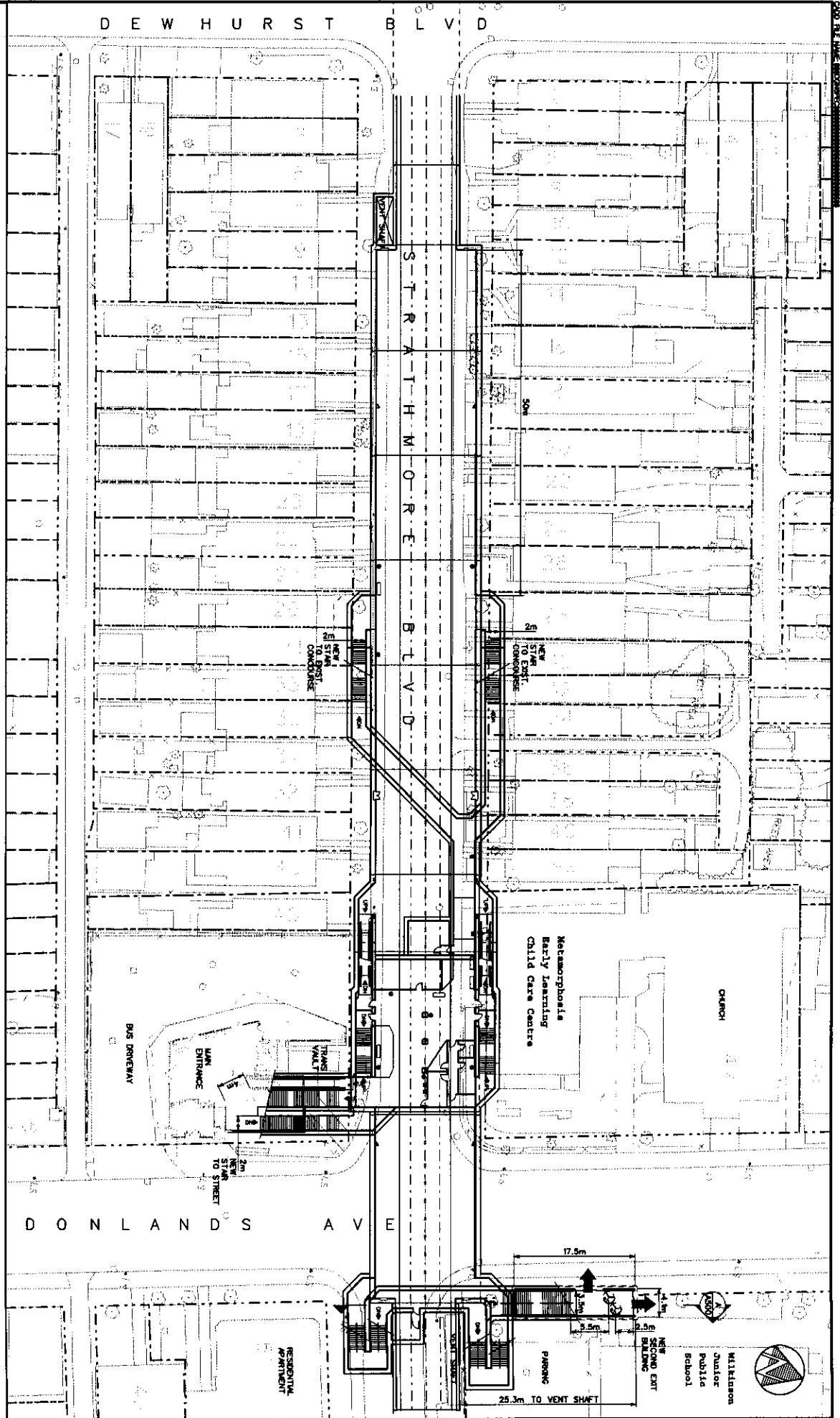


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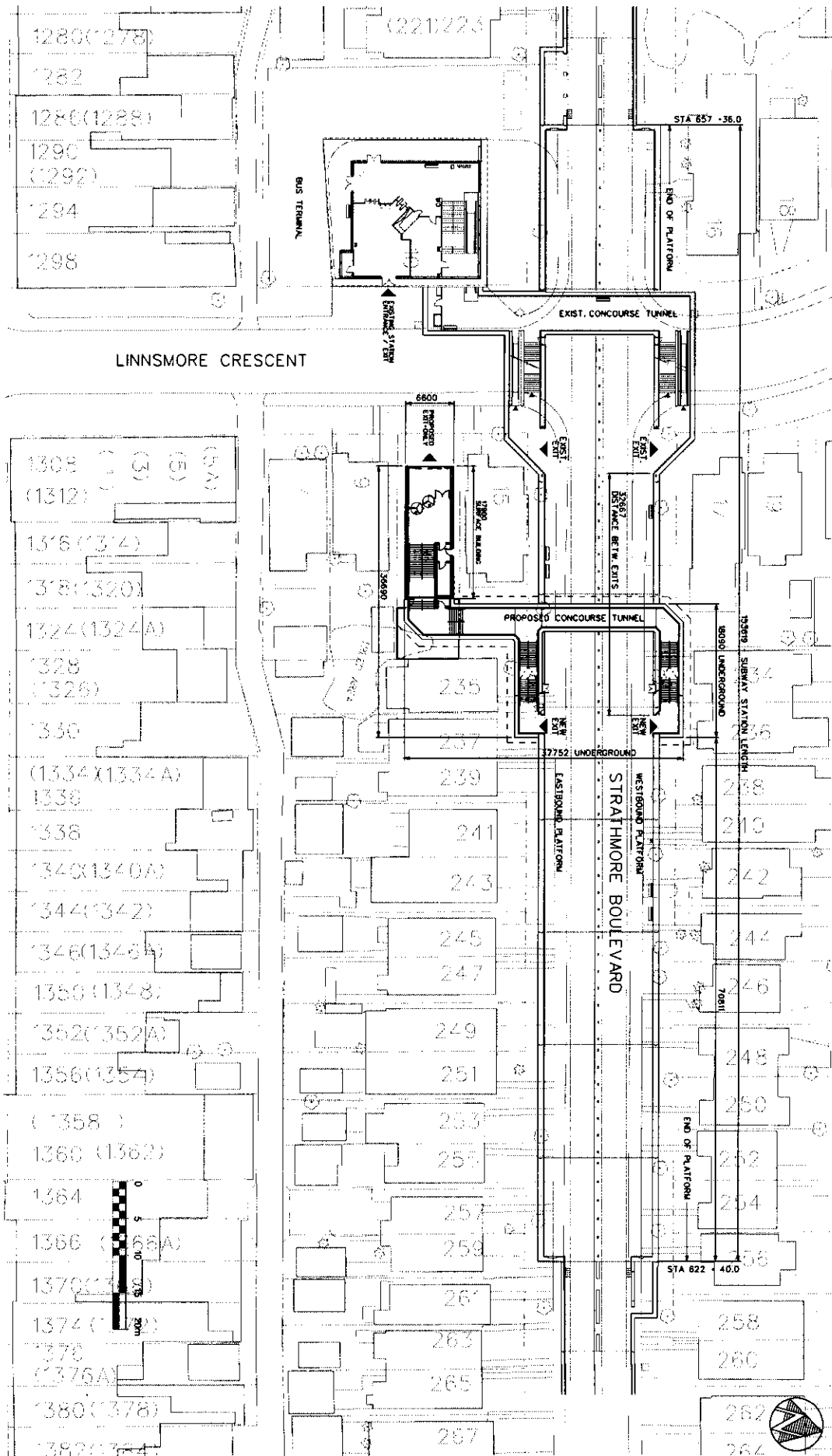
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Appendix 2 - Donlands Option P5 - Exit at Wilkinson Junior Public School



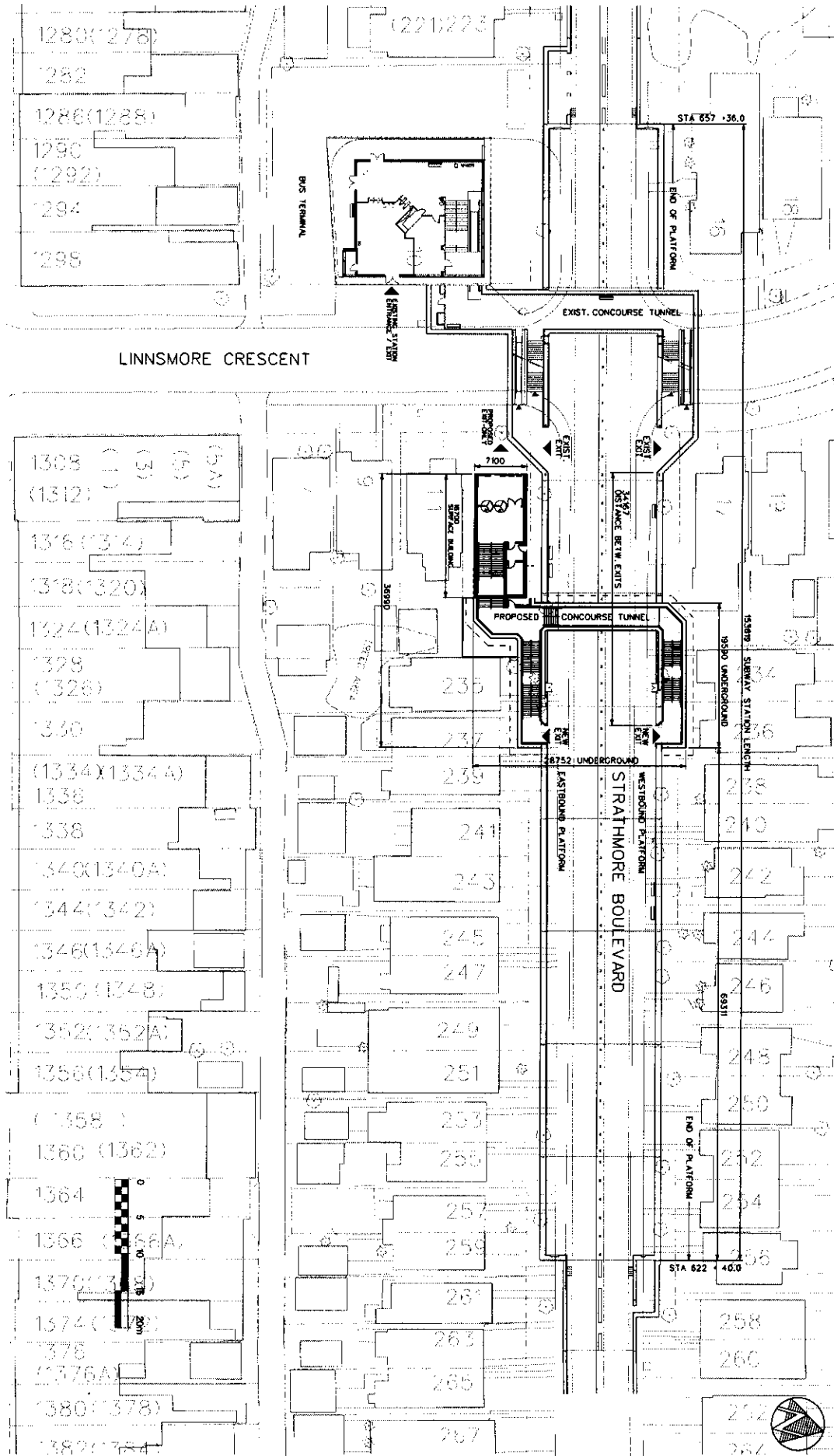


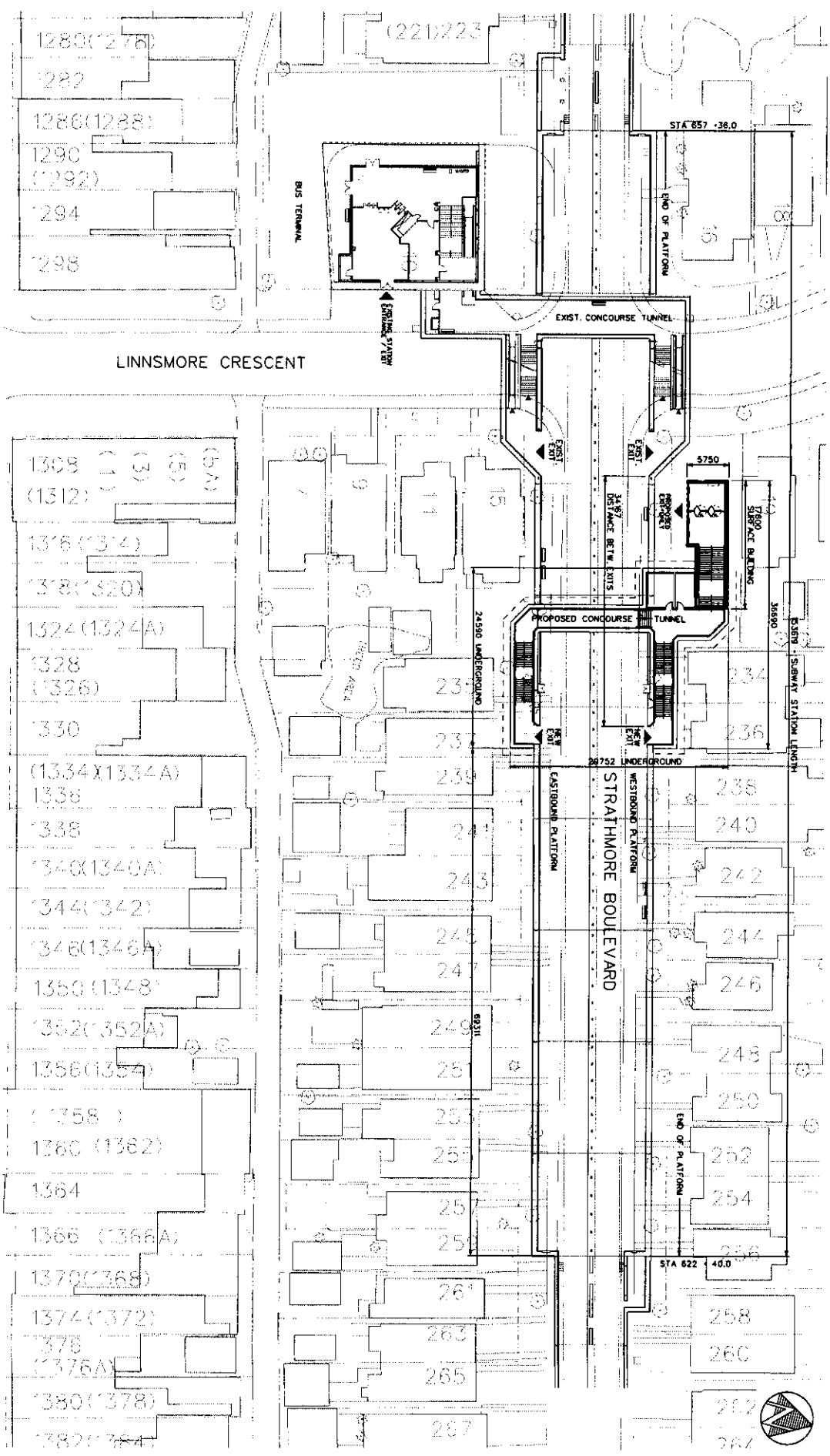


Appendix 4 - Greenwood Option P3 - Exit on LI Linnsmore Crescent



Appendix 5 - Greenwood Option P4 - Exit on 15 Linnmore Crescent.





Appendix 6 - Greenwood Option P5 - Exit on 17 Linnsmore Crescent.