

I-25 and First Street Landscape Rehabilitation Concept

Southbound Exit at First Street

January 30, 2004

Background:

- Main entrance into downtown from I-25.
- Original landscape installed in the mid 1980's.
- The project is approaching twenty years old and not successful.
- Complete rehab is not practical due to the new Pueblo Freeway Project.

Issues/ Concerns:

- Limited budget and high maintenance cost.
- Erosion from storm run-off.
- Difficult watering plant material efficiently on slope.
- Southwest exposure, poor soil and extreme slope of intersection are difficult to maintain plant material.
- Slope is unsightly from the exit and downtown area.
- Traffic control during construction.
- The immediate need is to enhance this entrance to the downtown from the southbound I-25.

Goal:

- Enhance the First Street entrance with "Curb Appeal" for the vehicle and screen the slope within a limited budget.

Objectives:

- Cover slope with mulch mat to decrease erosion and encourage low water plants to establish if feasible.
- Screen slope above with trees along exit road.
- Terrace slope in selected areas to maintain plant growth.
- Encourage growth with efficient irrigation system.

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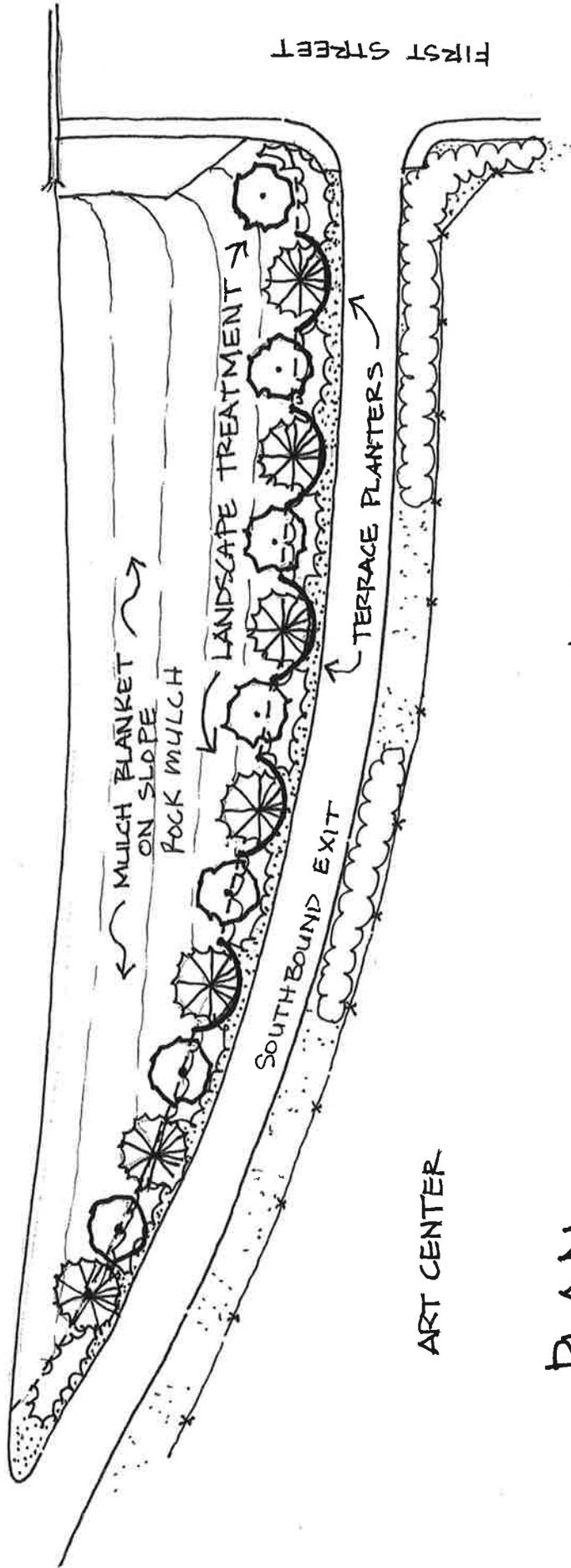
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- Improve foreground view from exit road with rock, terrace walls, shrubs and flowers. "Curb Appeal"

Directives:

- Concentrate on the adjacent thirty feet to the exit road with intensive landscape treatment.
- Isolate the areas of irrigation along the road for best use of water.
- Construct small terrace wall planters for trees and flowering perennials.
- Construct landscape wall edge to retain the slope at the edge of the landscape area.
- Develop sections or pockets of shrubs and vines between terrace tree planters.
- Use decorative rock to cover soil along road.
- Install a mulch blanket to reduce erosion, retain moisture and hide slope.
- Select plant material that is adaptable/native to the area.
- Select plant material that is attractive with low water needs.

INTERSTATE 25



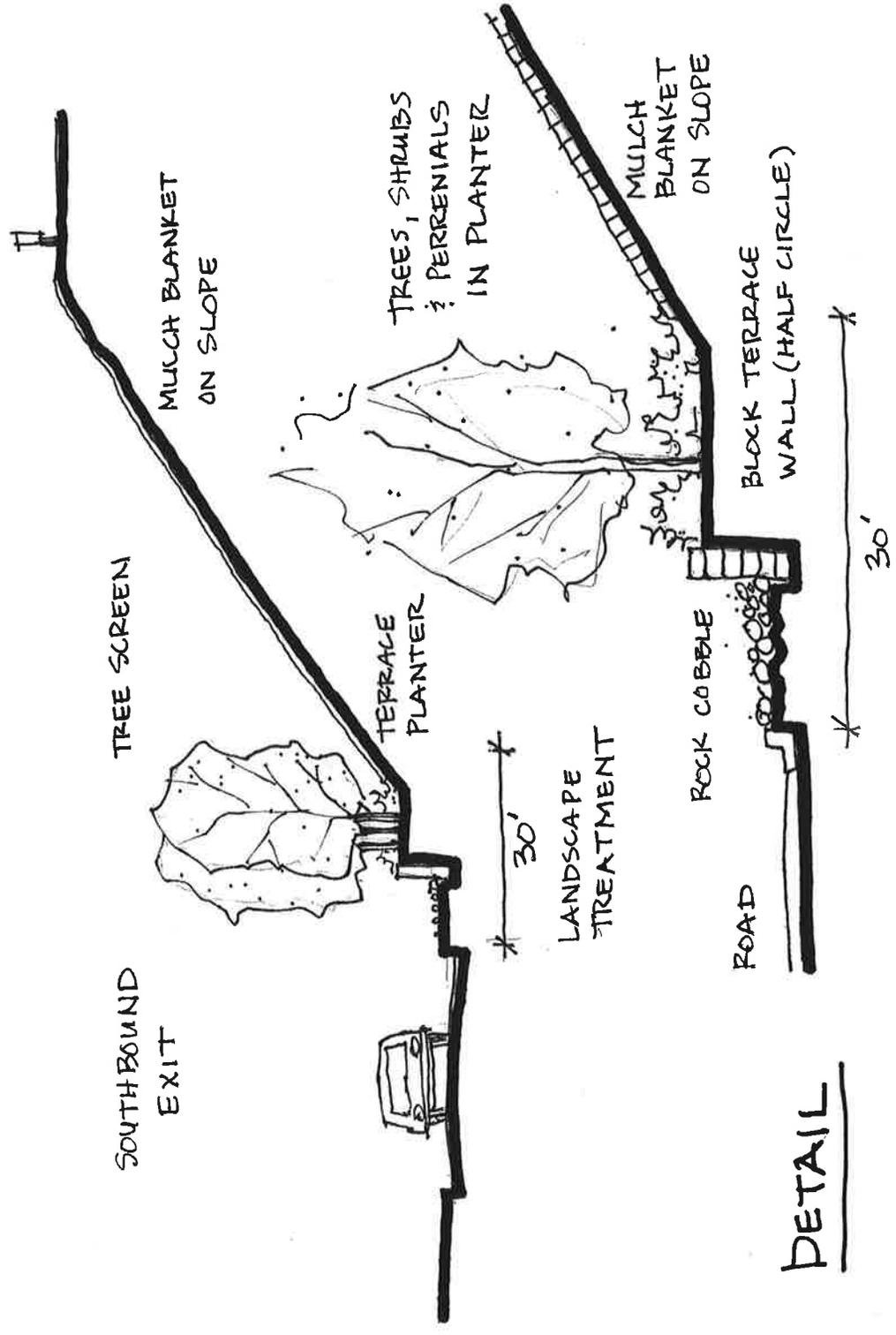
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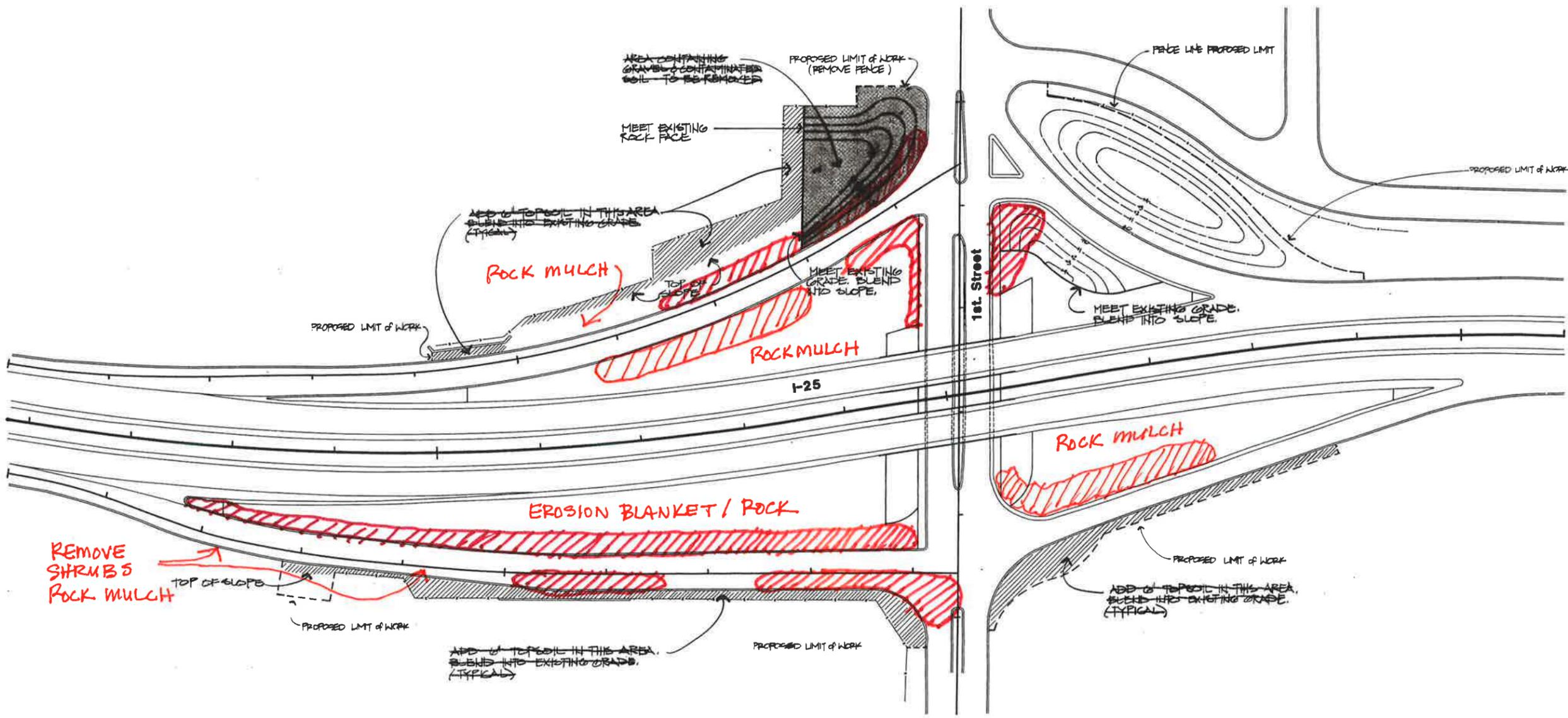
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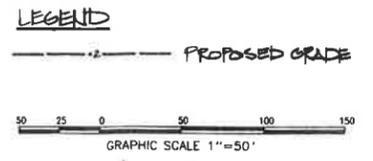
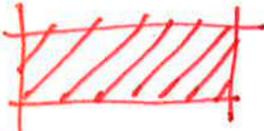


SECTION

DETAIL



LANDSCAPE TREATMENT
 IRRIGATED TREES, SHRUBS,
 AND FLOWER BEDS AT CORNERS.



I-25 at 1st Street

Pueblo, Colorado

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 Revision

Grading Plan