

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING A SHORT LIST OF ALTERNATIVES FOR THE UNIVERSITY CORRIDOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT; DIRECTING STAFF TO INCORPORATE THE ALTERNATIVES IN THE DOCUMENT AND PROCEED WITH FURTHER ANALYSES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, METRO will implement a comprehensive and integrated set of transportation improvements in five (5) travel corridors as a part of Phase II of the METRO Solutions Transit System Plan; and

WHEREAS, METRO proposes to construct transportation improvements along an east-west travel corridor, known as the University Corridor, from the vicinity of the University of Houston Central Campus westward to the Hillcroft Transit Center (also referred to as, "the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the University Corridor is in the federal project development process; and

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration regulations require that METRO submit a "short list" of alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, as necessary to move the Project forward towards the selection of a locally preferred alternative and federal funding commitment; and

WHEREAS, METRO has completed a scoping process which included numerous public and stakeholder meetings regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the scoping process, METRO has considered and evaluated over 50 Project alternatives; and

WHEREAS, based upon community input and technical evaluations, METRO staff has recommended a "short list" of alternatives which will undergo more detailed evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the alternatives and the recommendations of the METRO staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves the attached "short list" of alternatives for transportation development for the University Corridor. (Attachment A)

Section 2. METRO staff is directed to incorporate the alternatives, as herein approved, into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proceed with such further studies and technical evaluations as required by the federal process.


Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

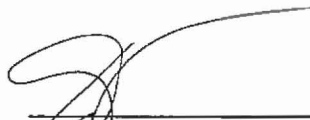
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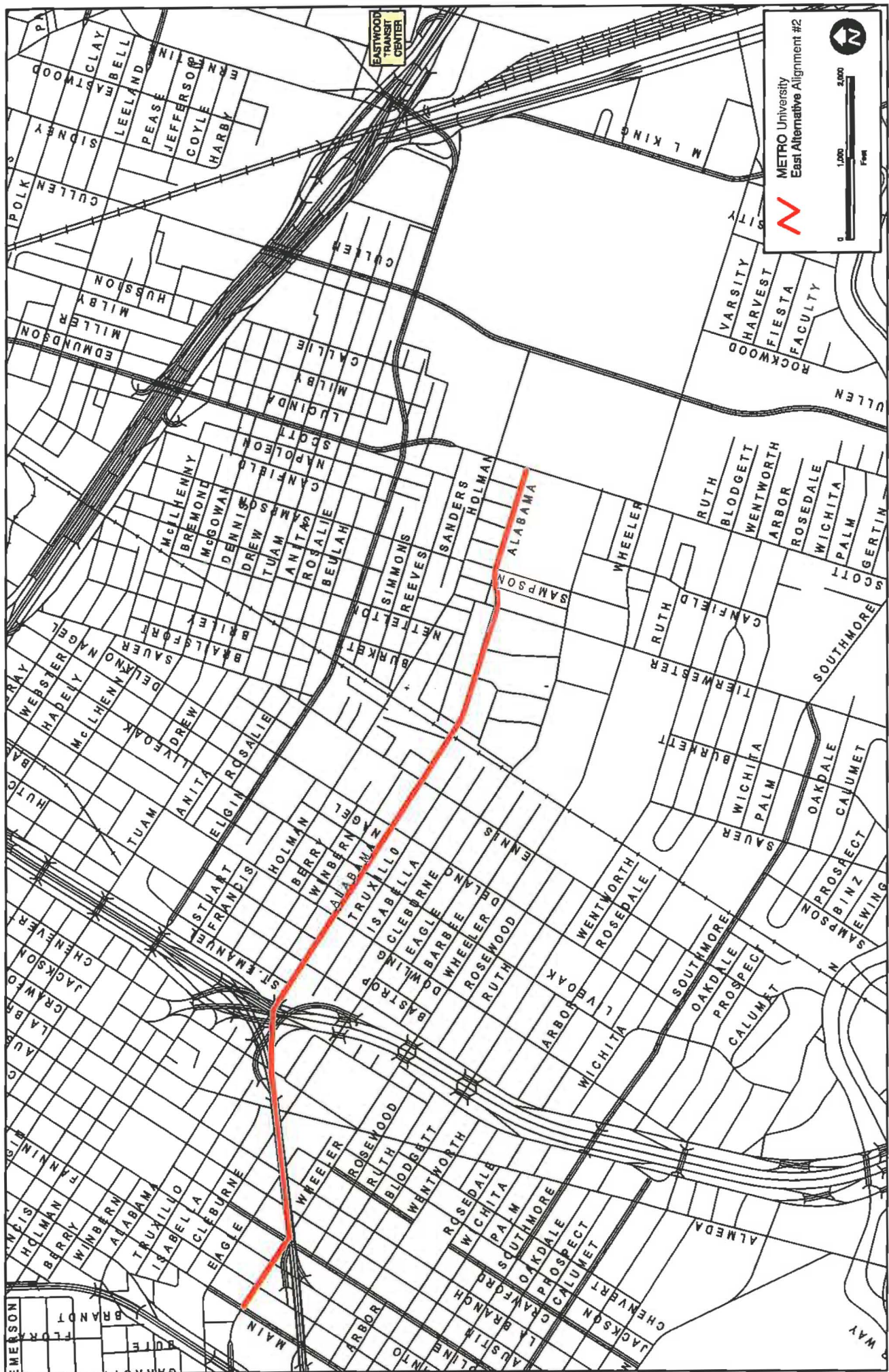
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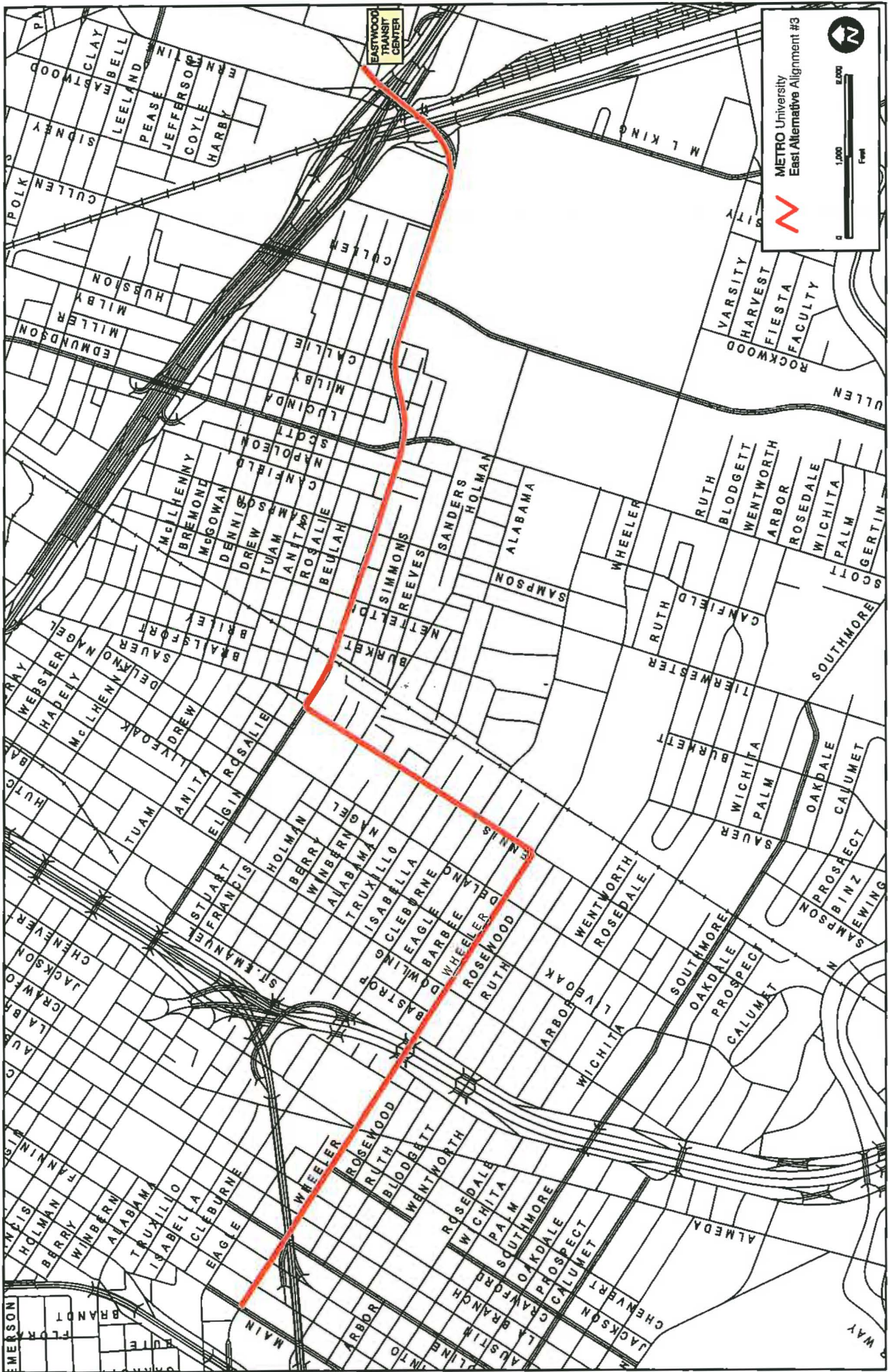


  
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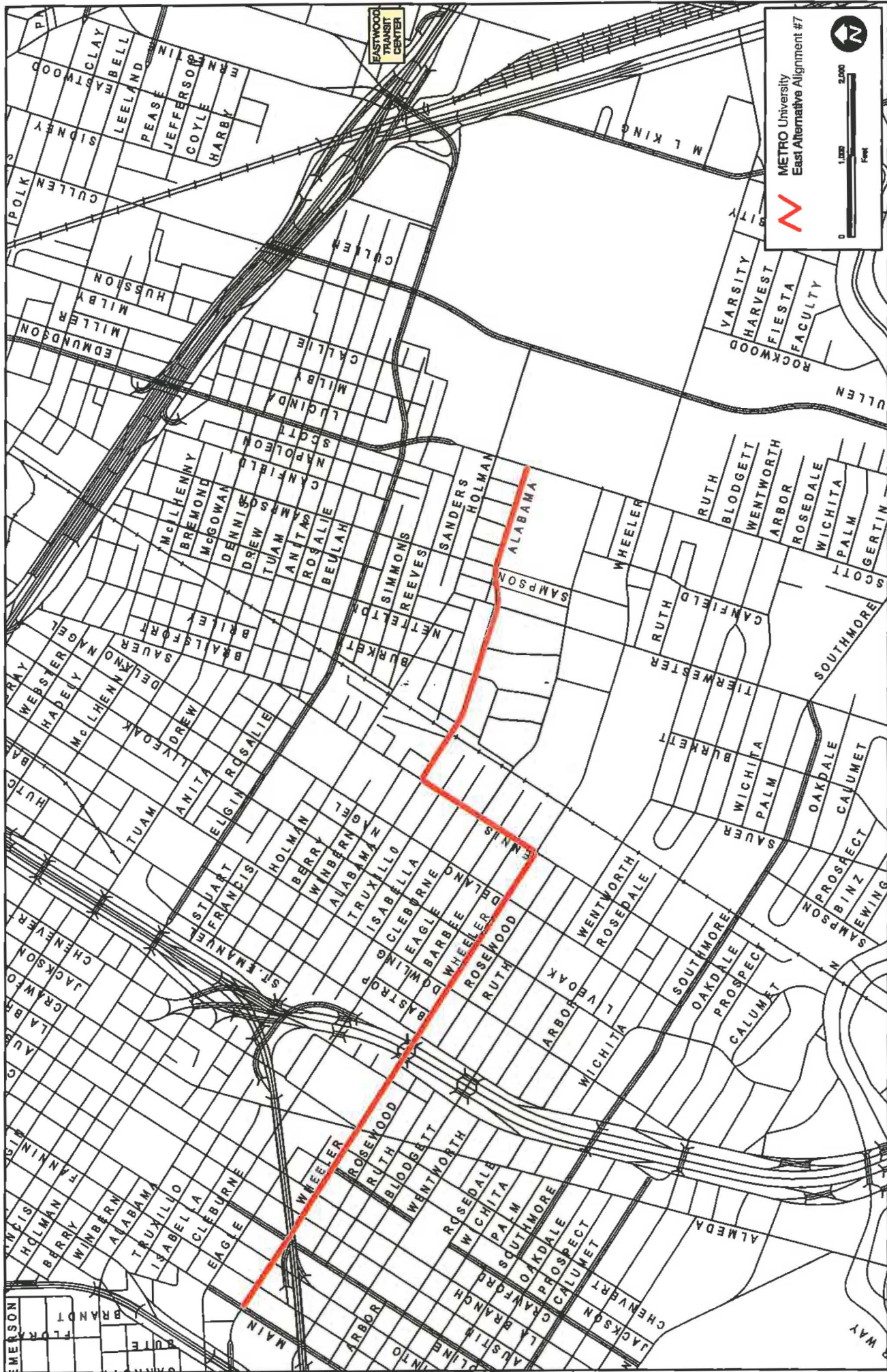


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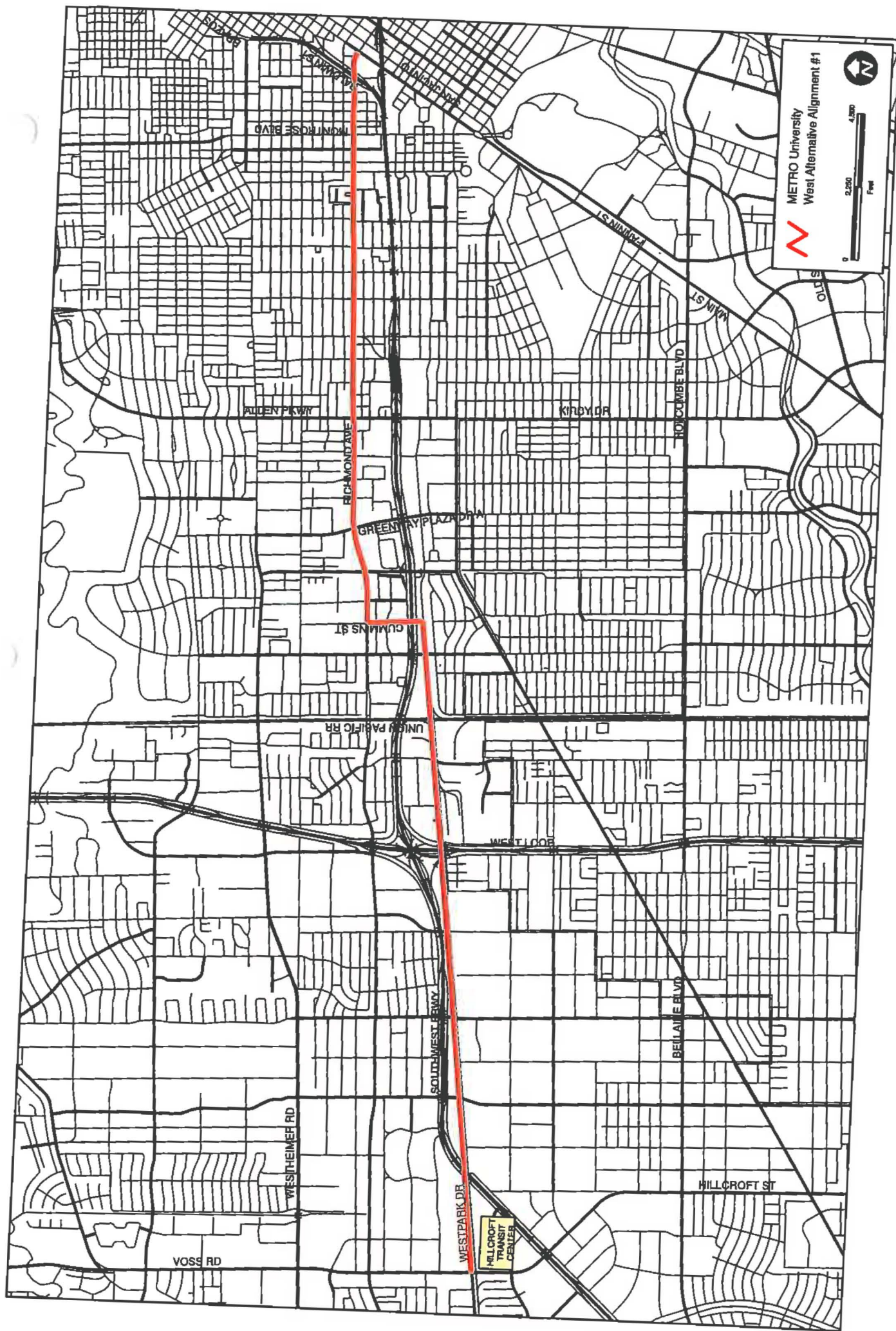


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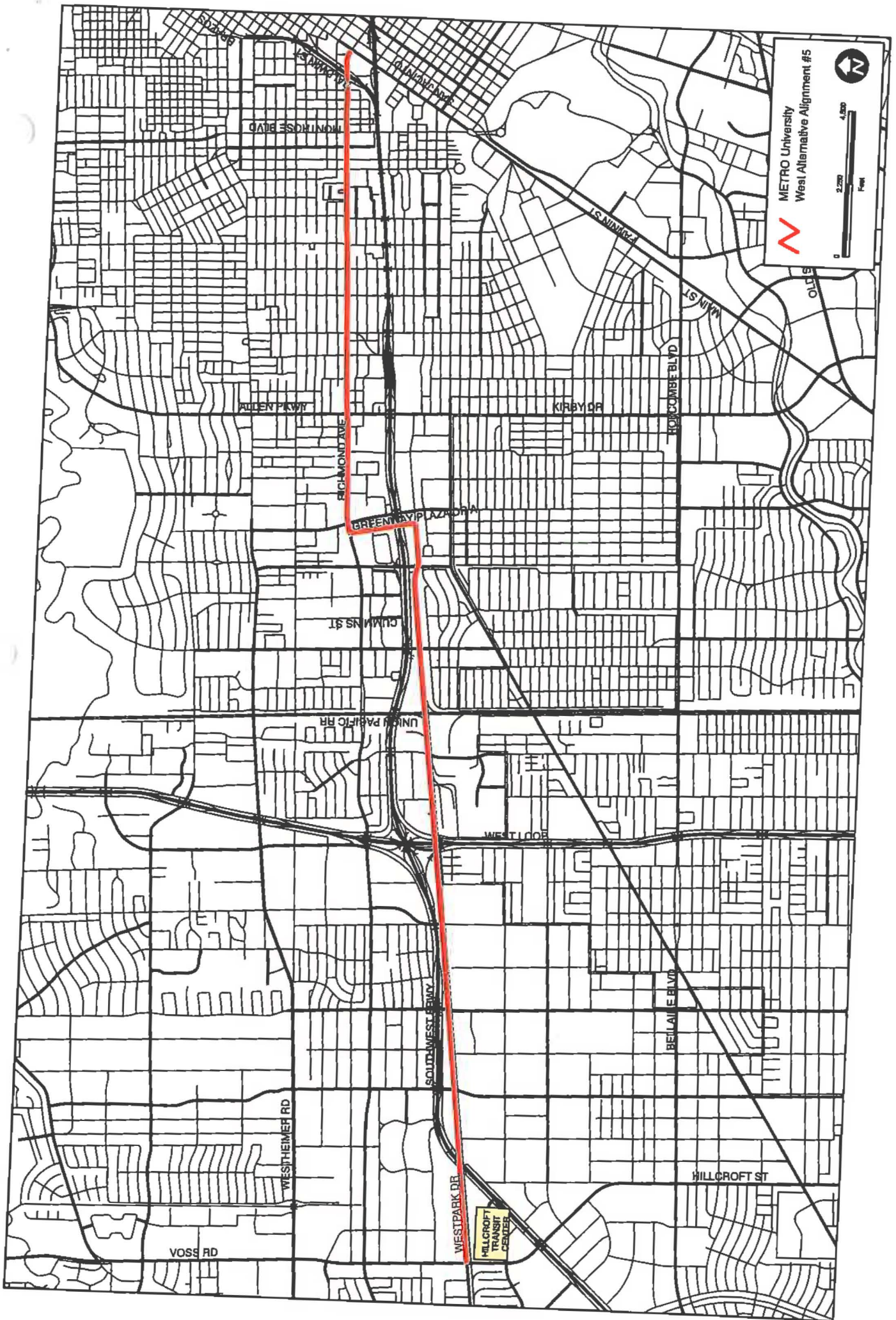
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