

### WHAT WE HEARD: BCDC & SELDC

**2018.12.04 MEETING** 

#### **BCDC**

• Understand height relationship in the context : Provide large context physical model

#### SELDC

- Study lower massing (including entrance massing): Consider filling the gap between the existing Alexandra building and adjacent building (Street wall)
- Study top massing: Mechanical roof screen tends to make the building taller
- Study entrance treatment that fits more into the South End neighborhood

# WASHINGTON STREET HISTORY

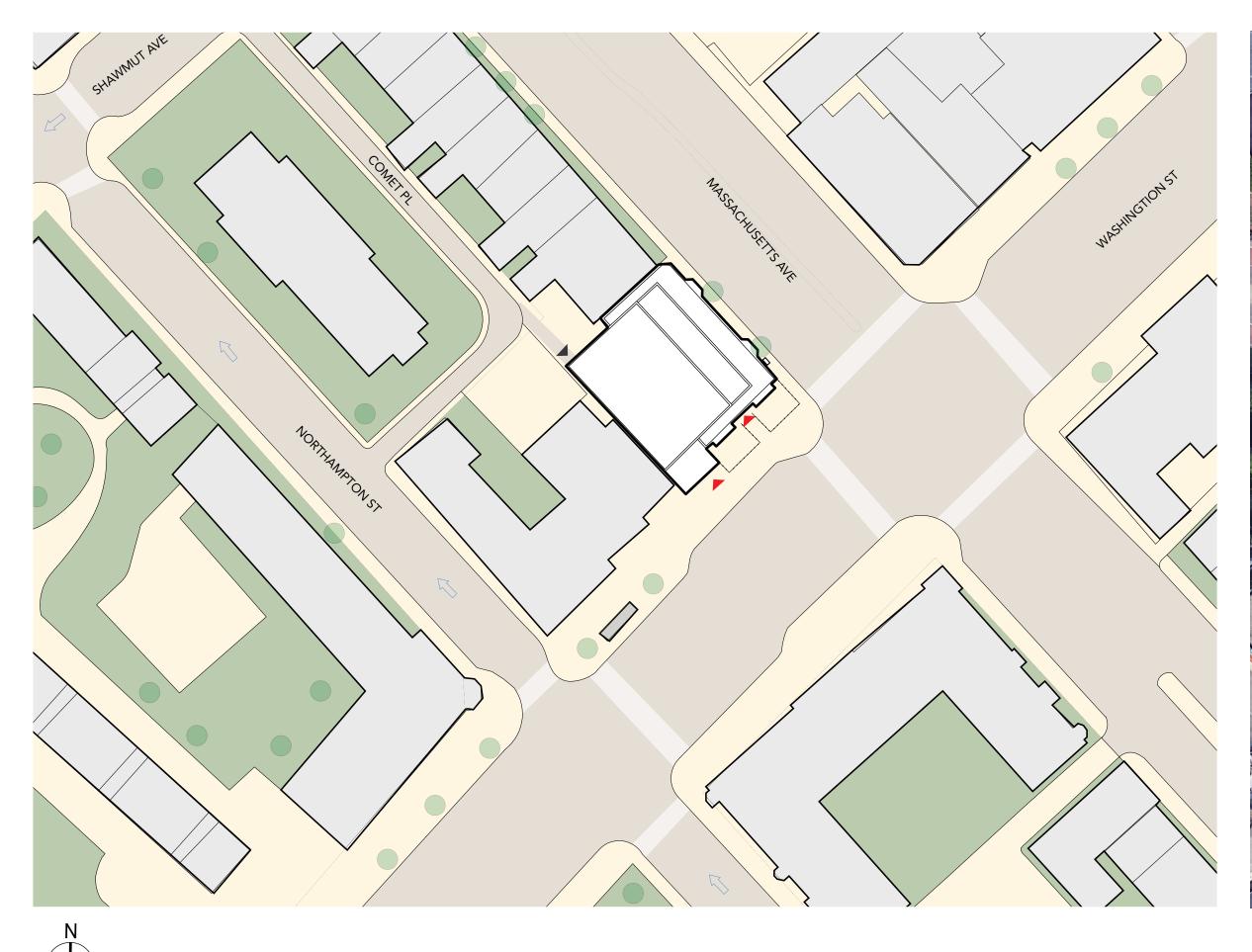
SHOWING WASHINGTON STREET - THE EAR-LIER "ORANGE STREET AS THE ONLY ROAD

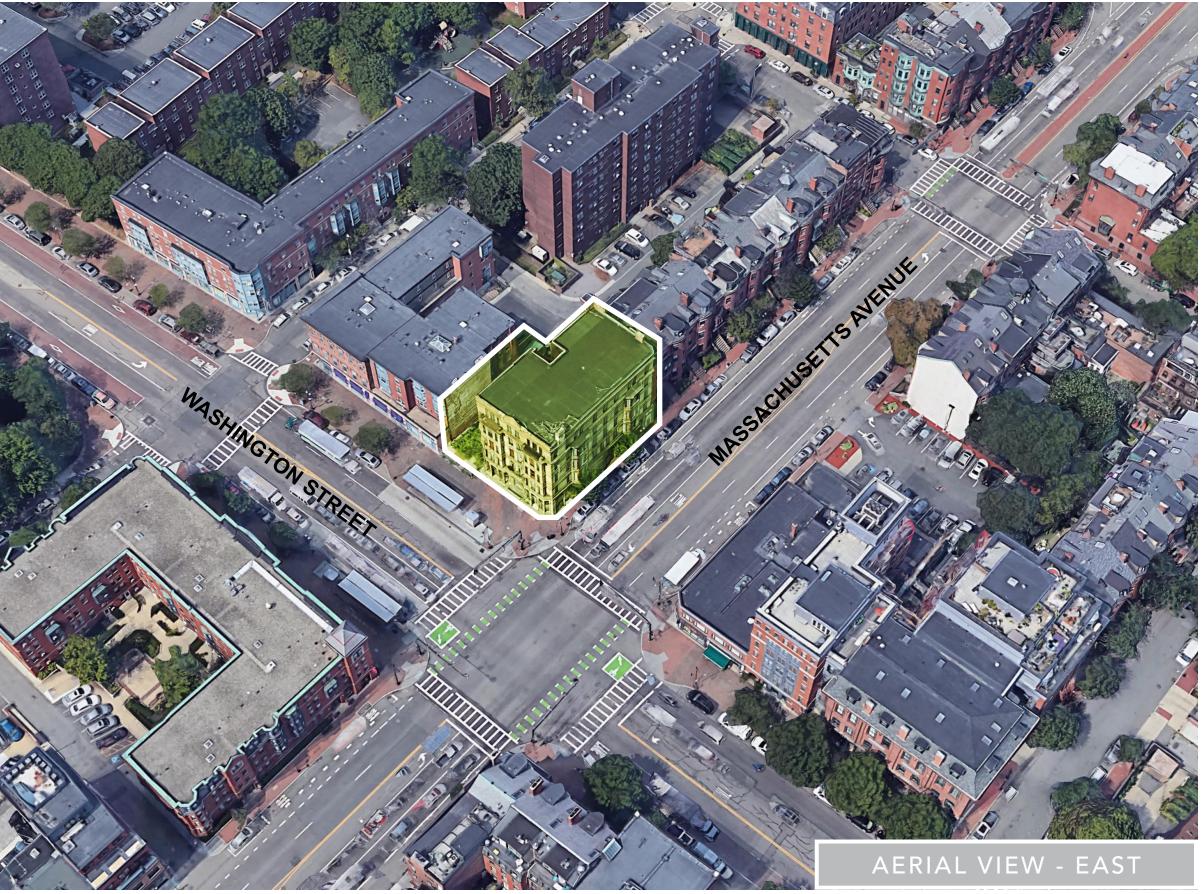


# THE ALEXANDRA: CONTEXT SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT AND PROTECTION AREA



### OVERVIEW Site plan







# THE ALEXANDRA HISTORY

- BUILT IN 1875
- FORMERLY HOTEL ALEXANDRA, "LUXURY RESIDENTIAL HOTEL"
- ORIGINALLY FEATURED SEVERAL GROUND FLOOR SHOPS WITH EIGHT LARGE APARTMENTS
- GOTHIC-STYLE ORNAMENTATION
- COLORFUL SANDSTONE FACADE
- VACANT FOR ~30 YEARS
- FIRES IN UPPER LEVELS IN 1980S AND 1990S
- ORIGINAL GROUND FLOOR LEVEL WAS ELEVATED

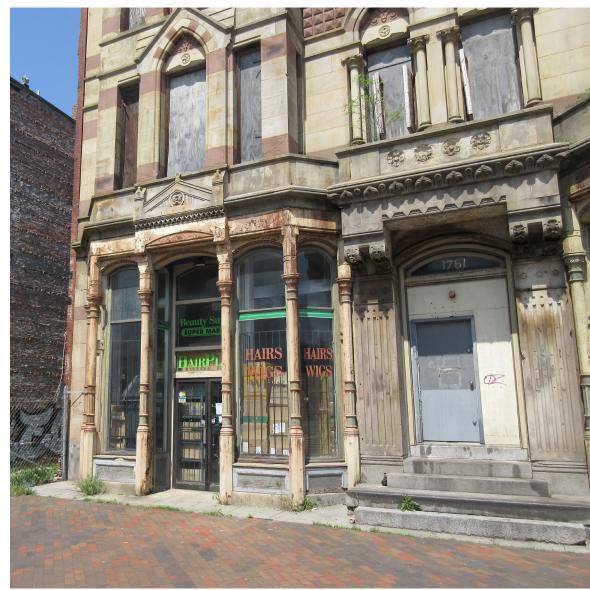




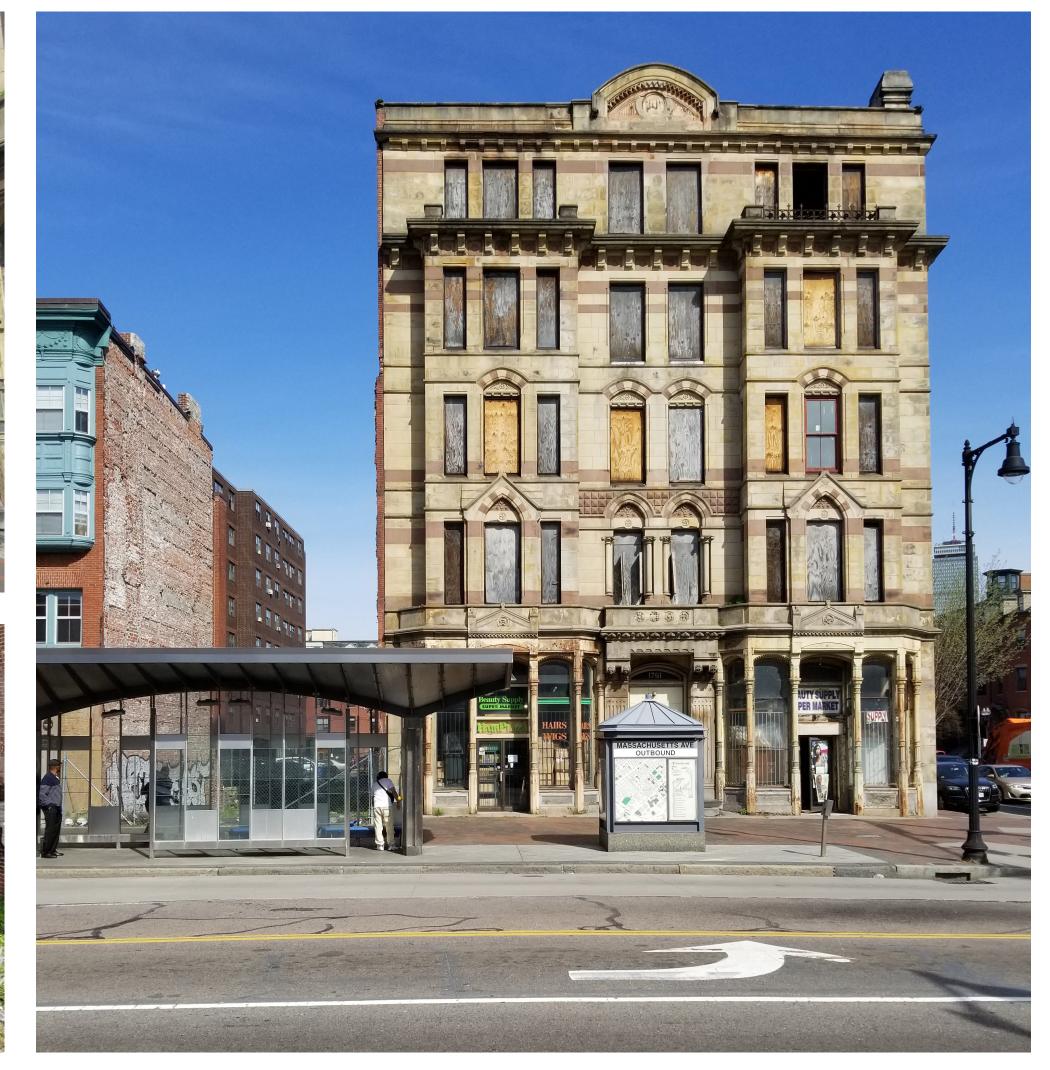
### THE ALEXANDRA: CURRENT

### **EXTERIOR**









## THE ALEXANDRA: CURRENT

### INTERIOR





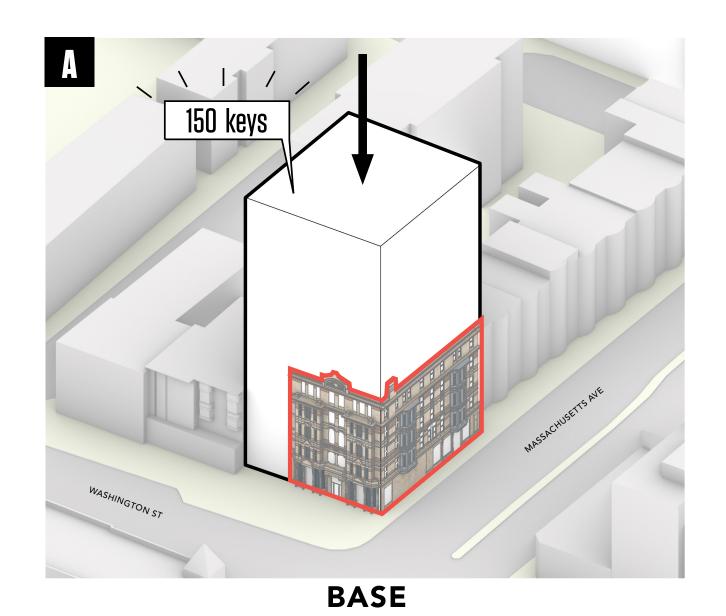


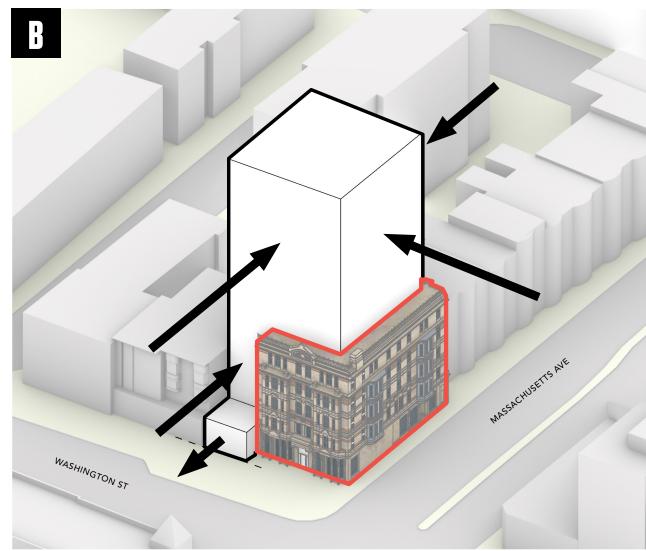




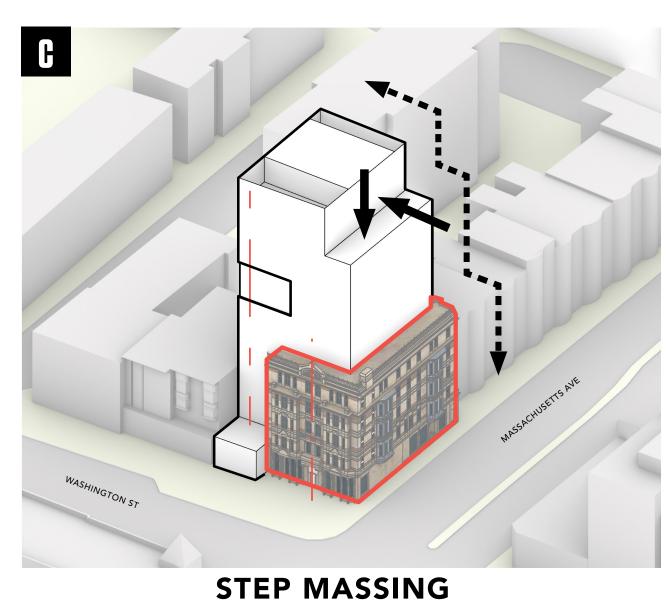


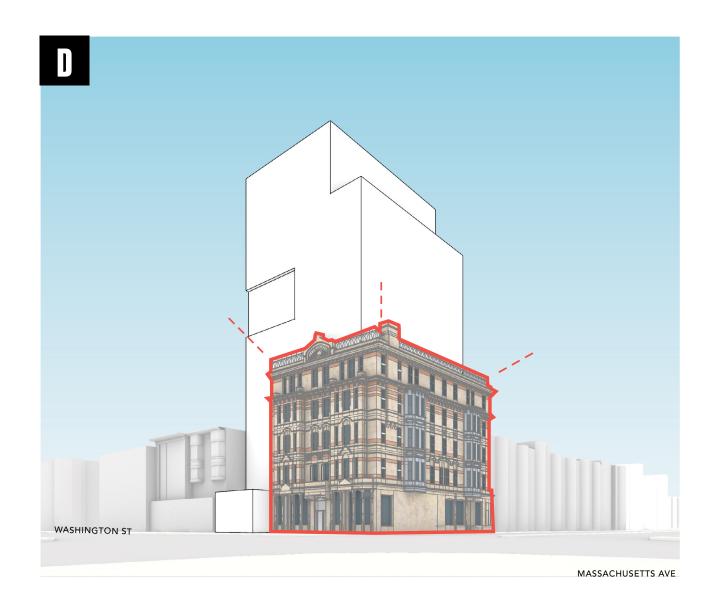
### MASSING APPROACH





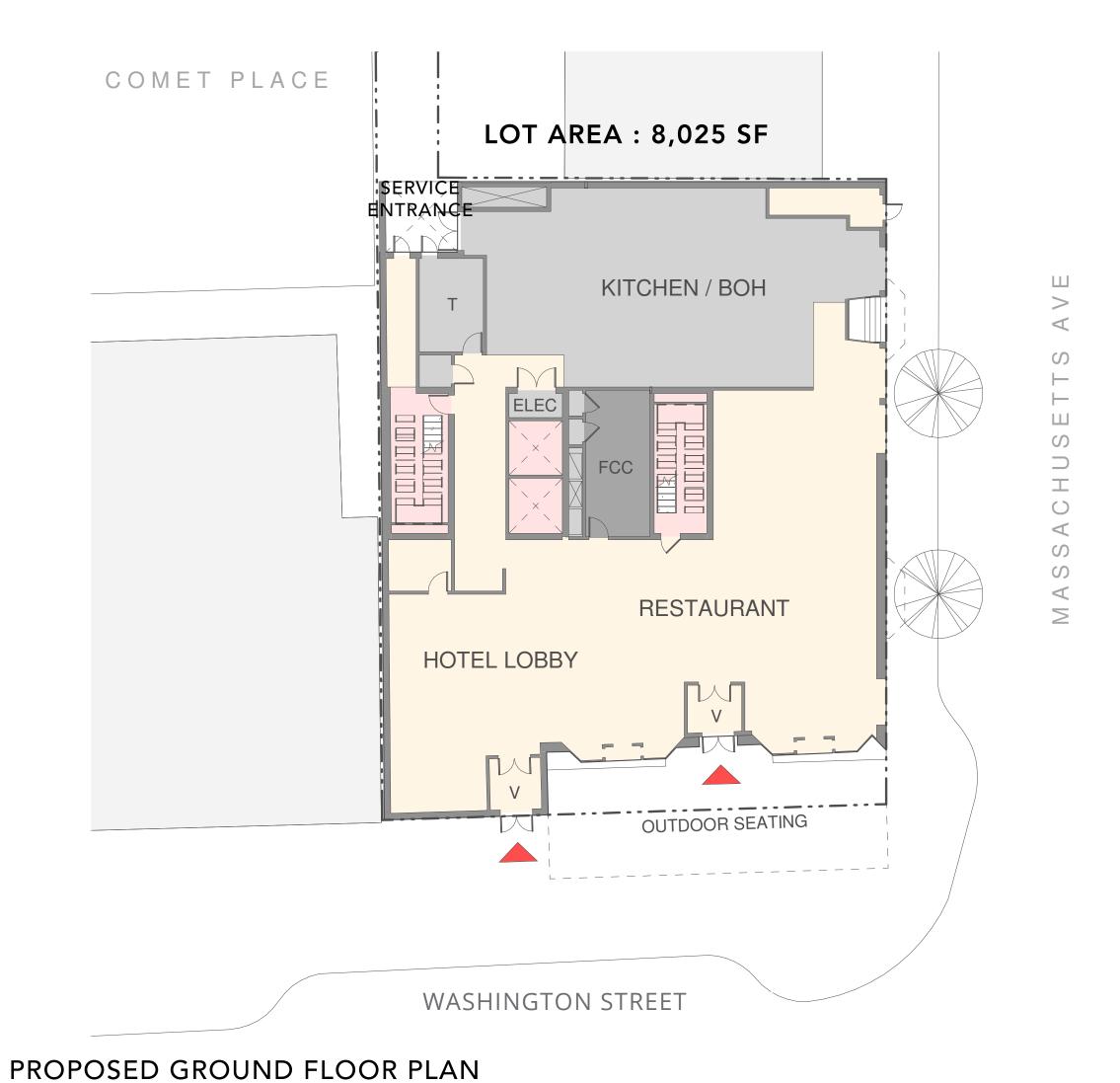
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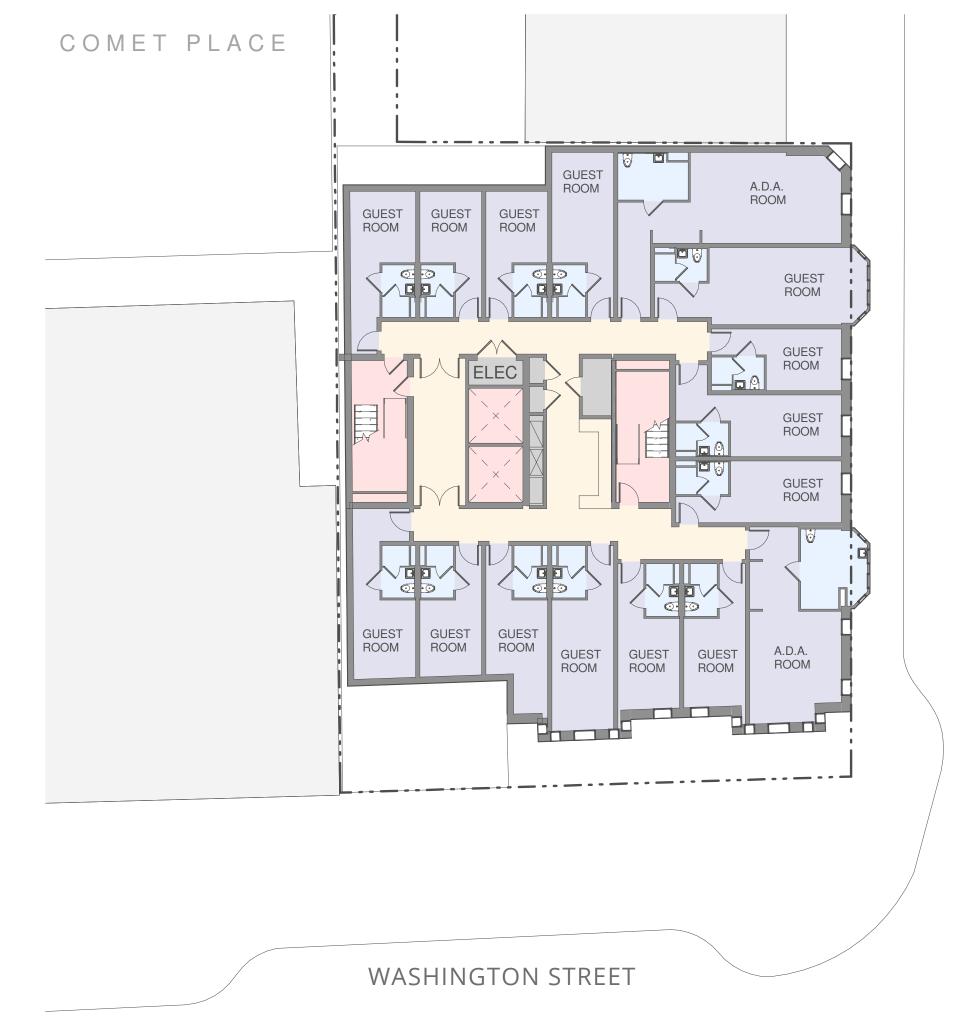




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### **PLANS**





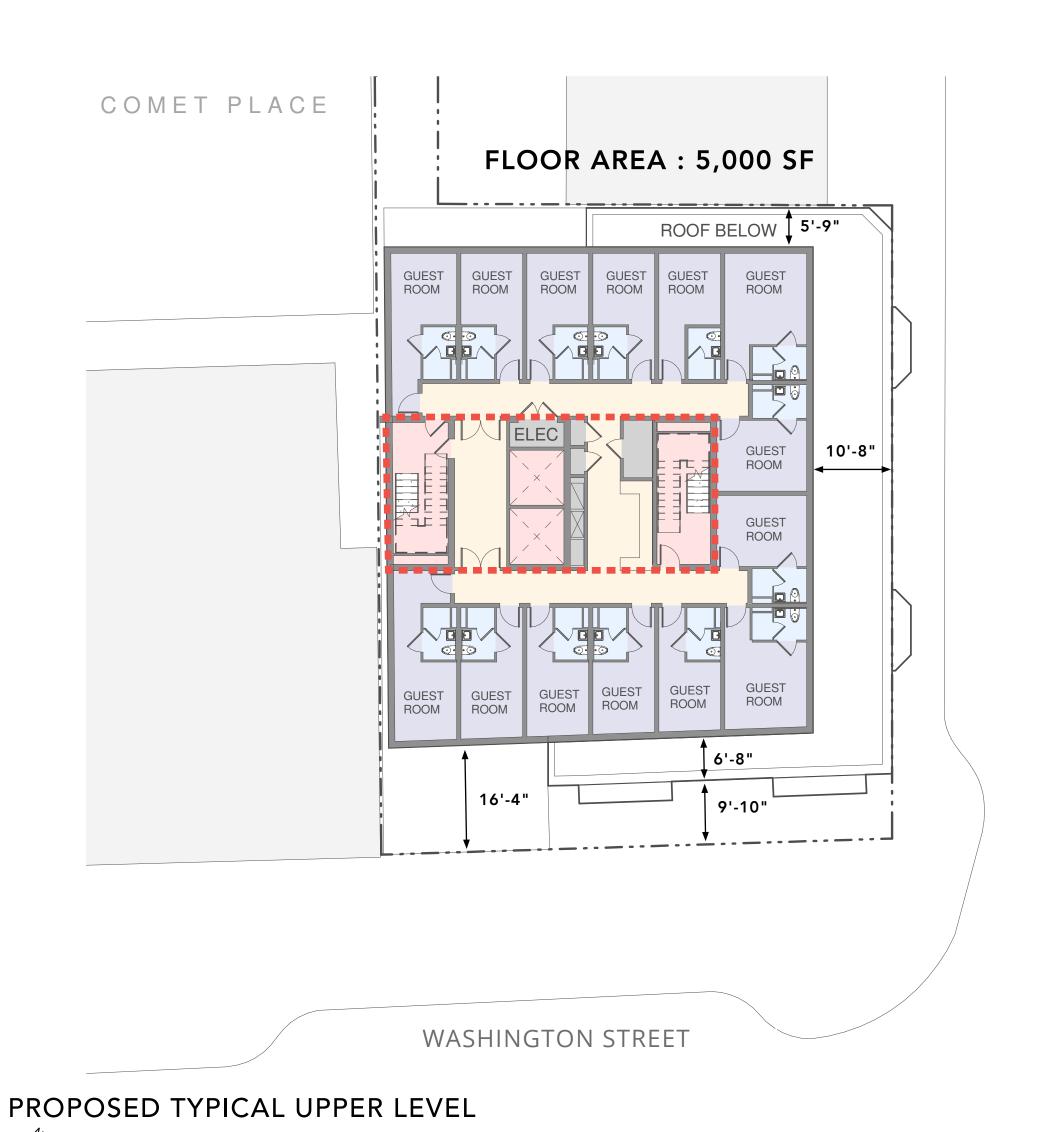
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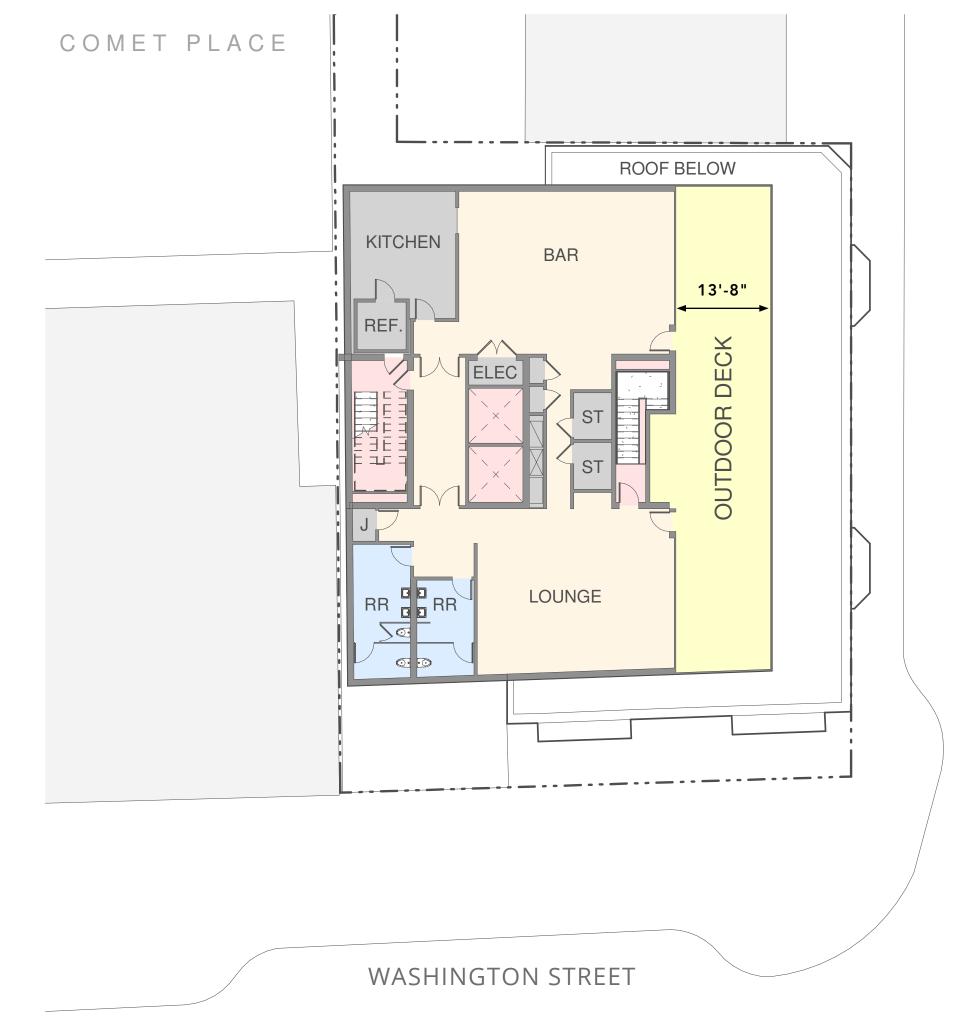


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### **PLANS**





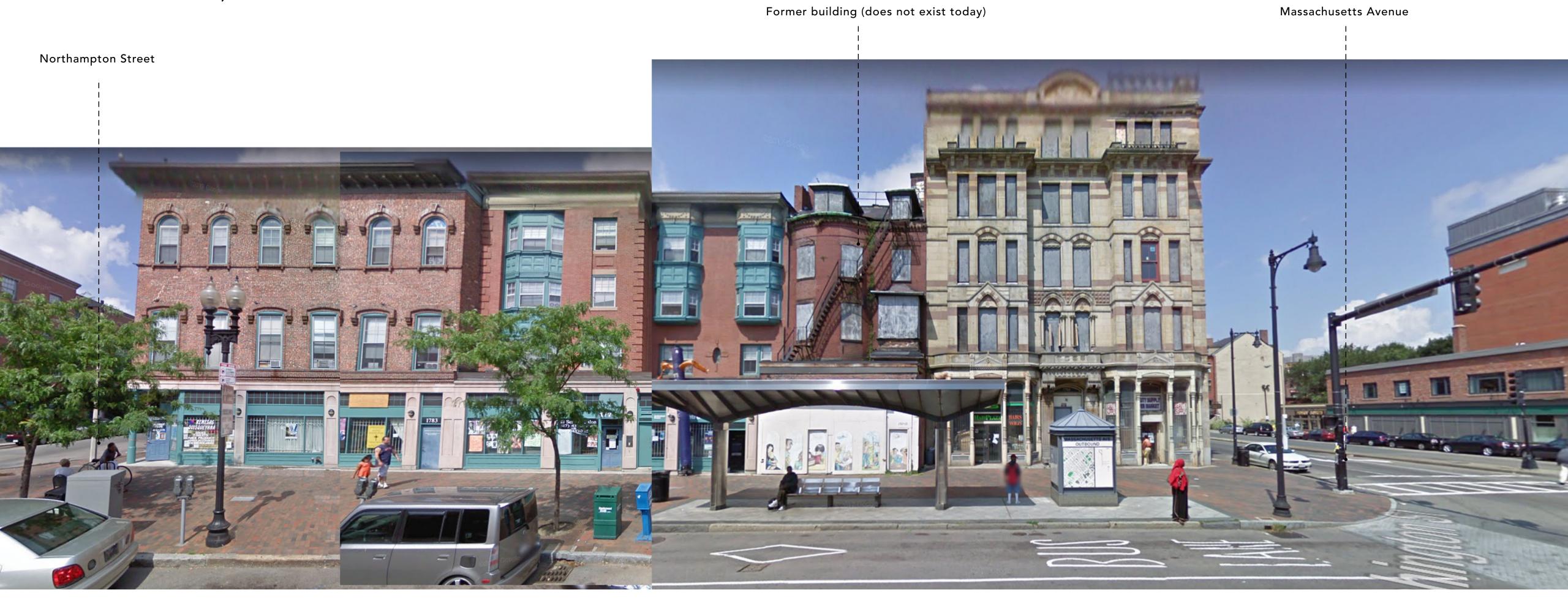
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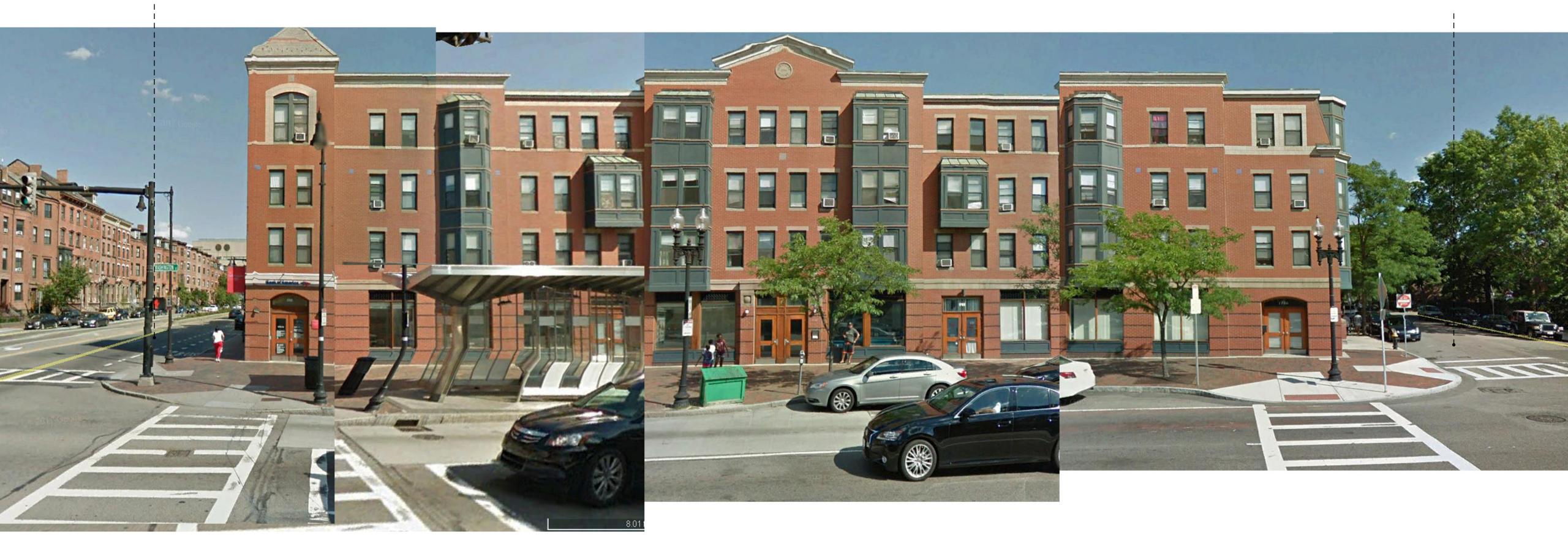
### **BLOCK ELEVATION**

### WASHINGTON STREET, NORTH(2009)



# BLOCK ELEVATION WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTH

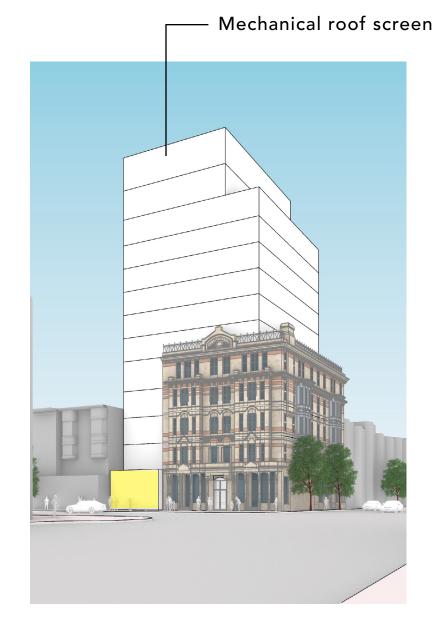
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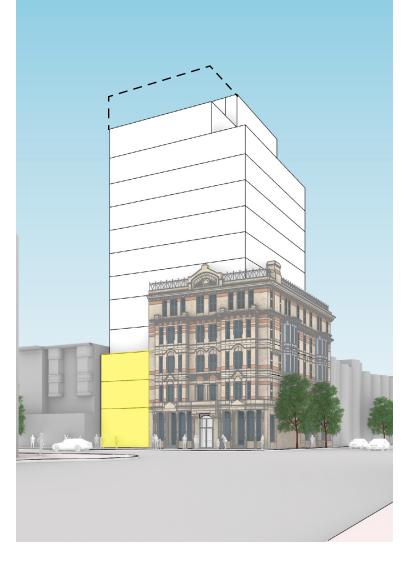


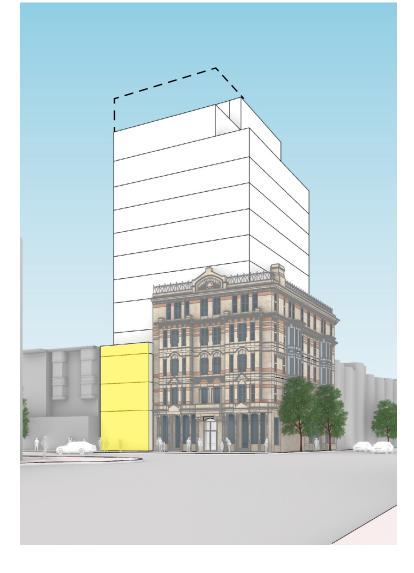
# BLOCK ELEVATION MASSACHUSETTS AVE

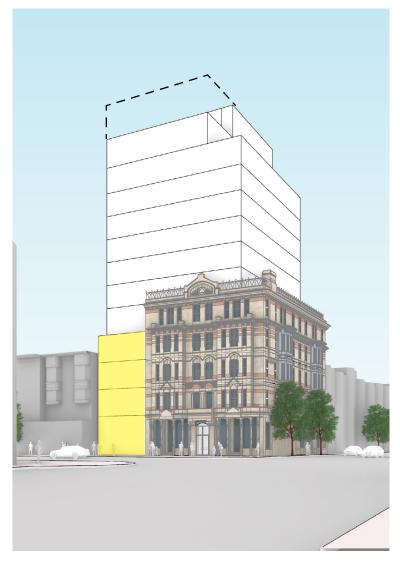


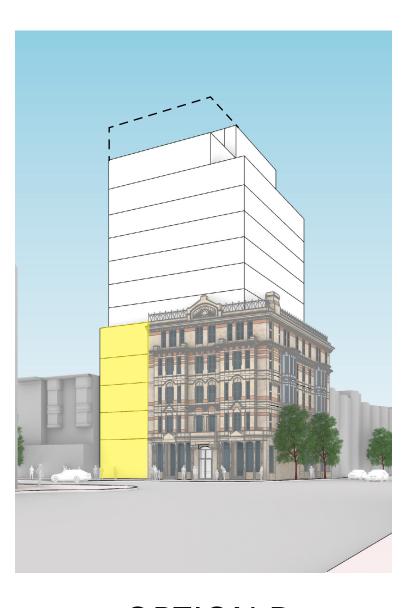
### MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL SUMMARY













BASE

Base scheme

OPTION A

Former building facade

OPTION B

Adjacent building

OPTION C

4th level Alexandra cornice

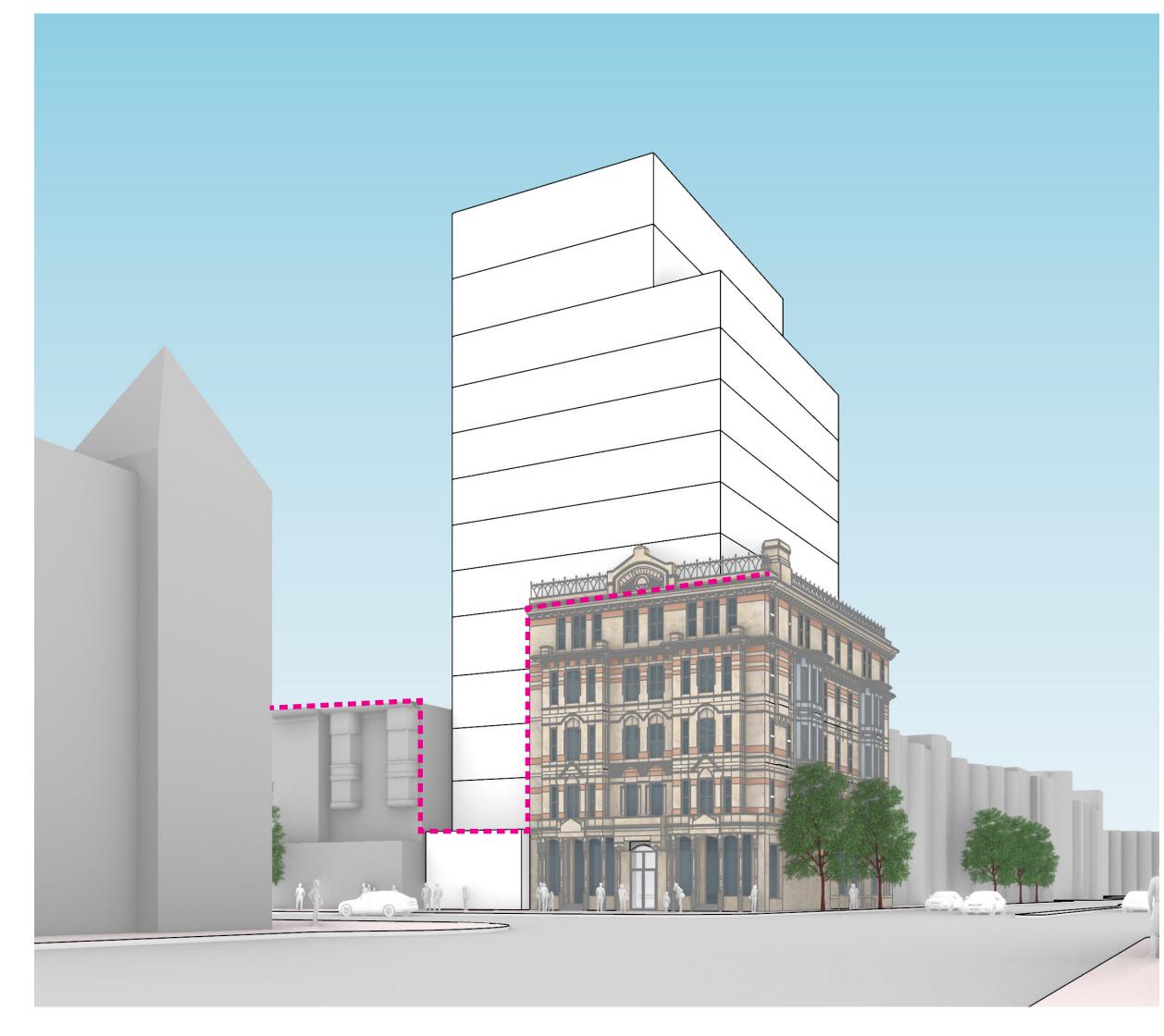
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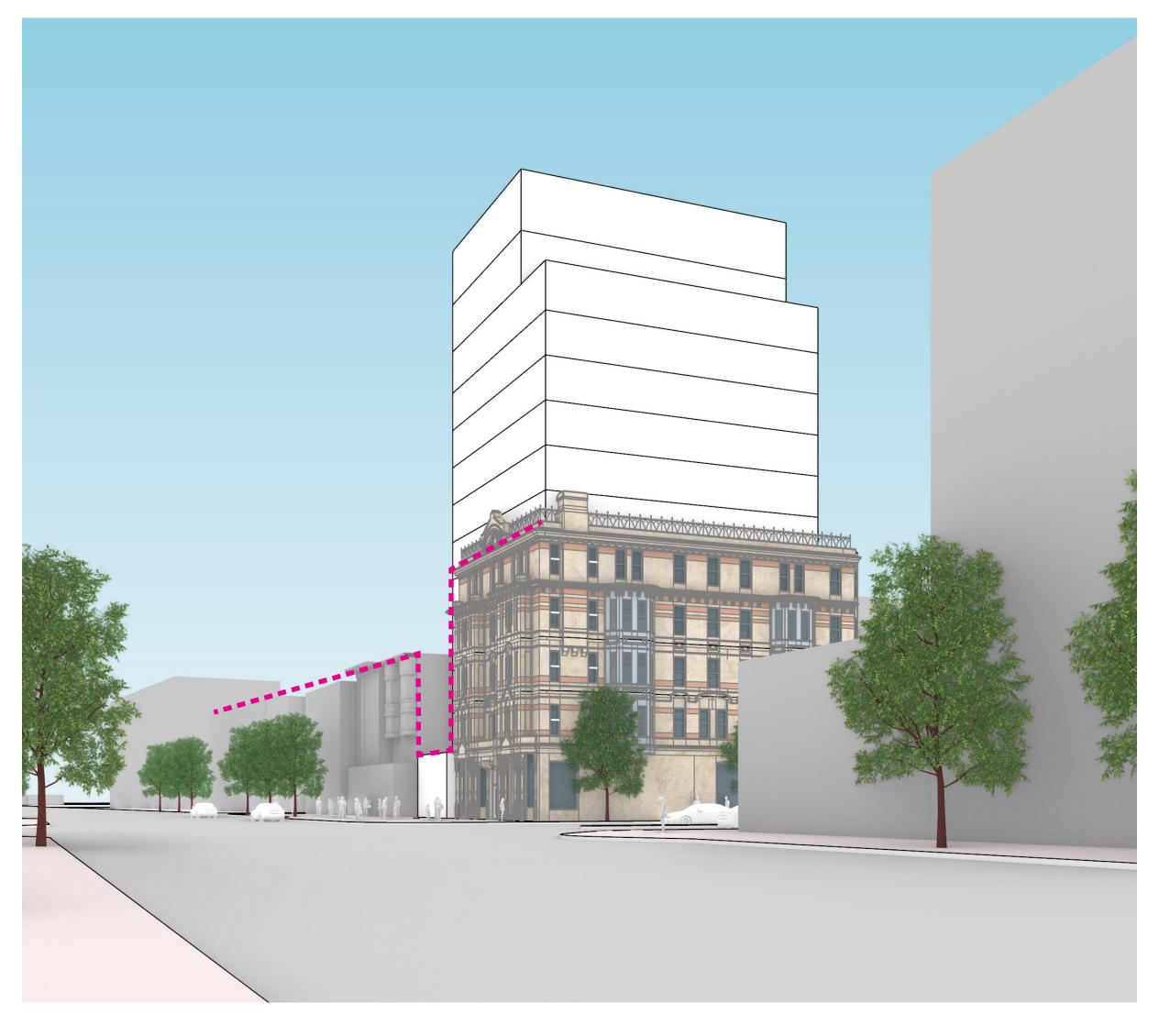
Alexandra height

OPTION E

Building rooftop level

# MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL BASE





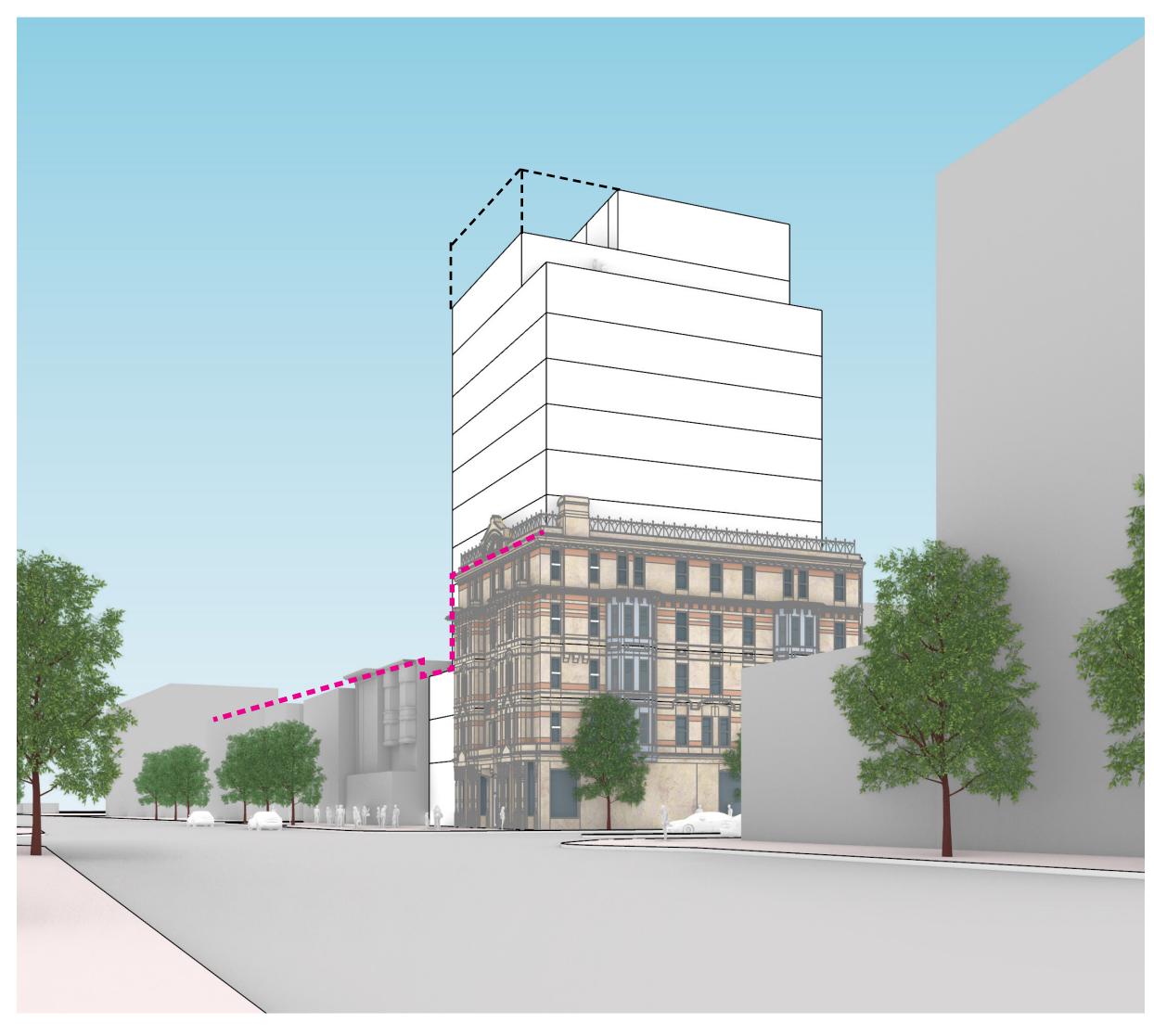
VIEW FROM SOUTH SIDE OF MASSACHUSETTS AVE

VIEW FROM NORTH SIDE OF MASSACHUSETTS AVE

### MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL

#### OPTION A - FORMER BUILDING FACADE





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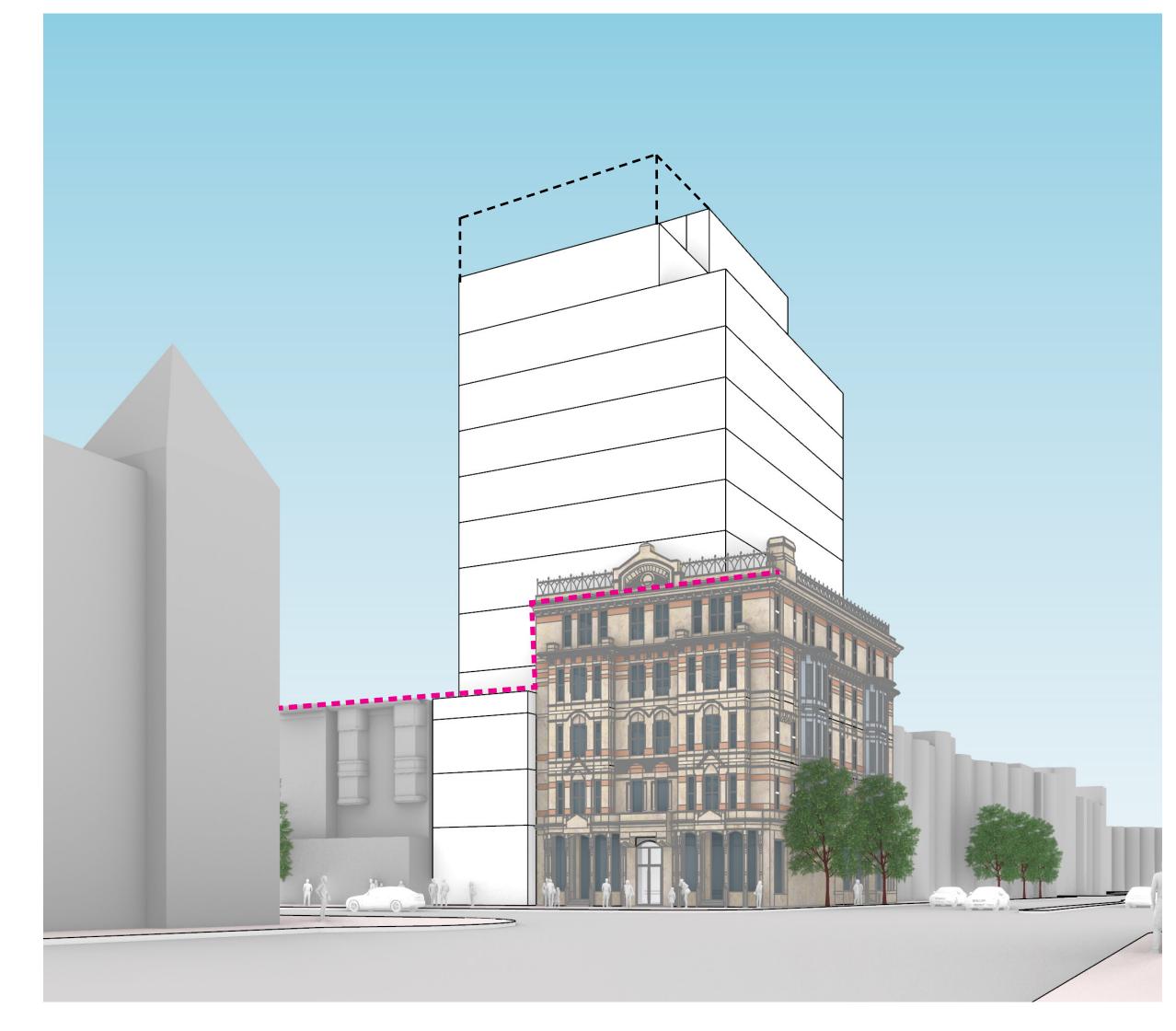
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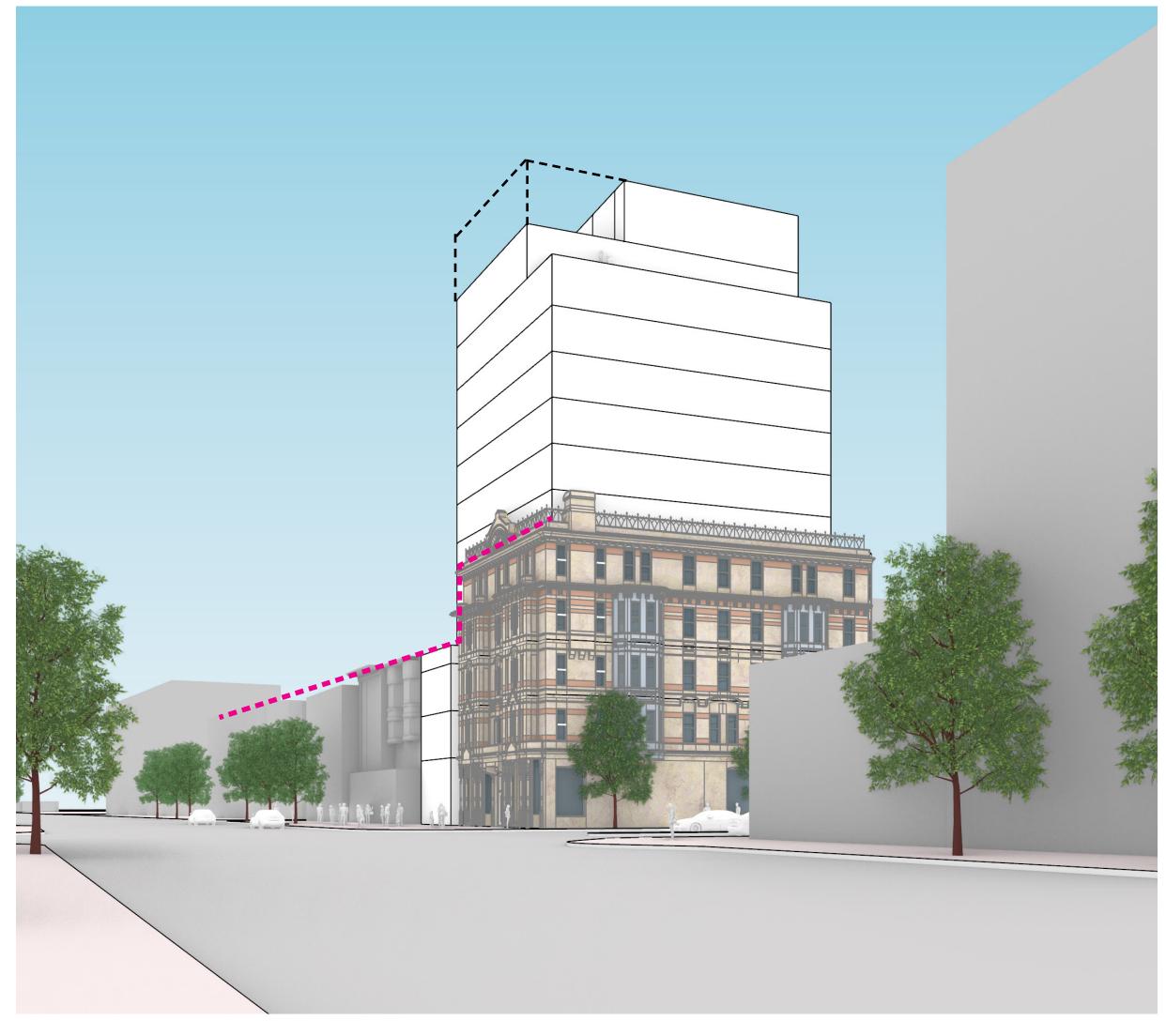




# MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL

#### OPTION B - ALIGH WITH ADJACENT BUILDING TO THE WEST



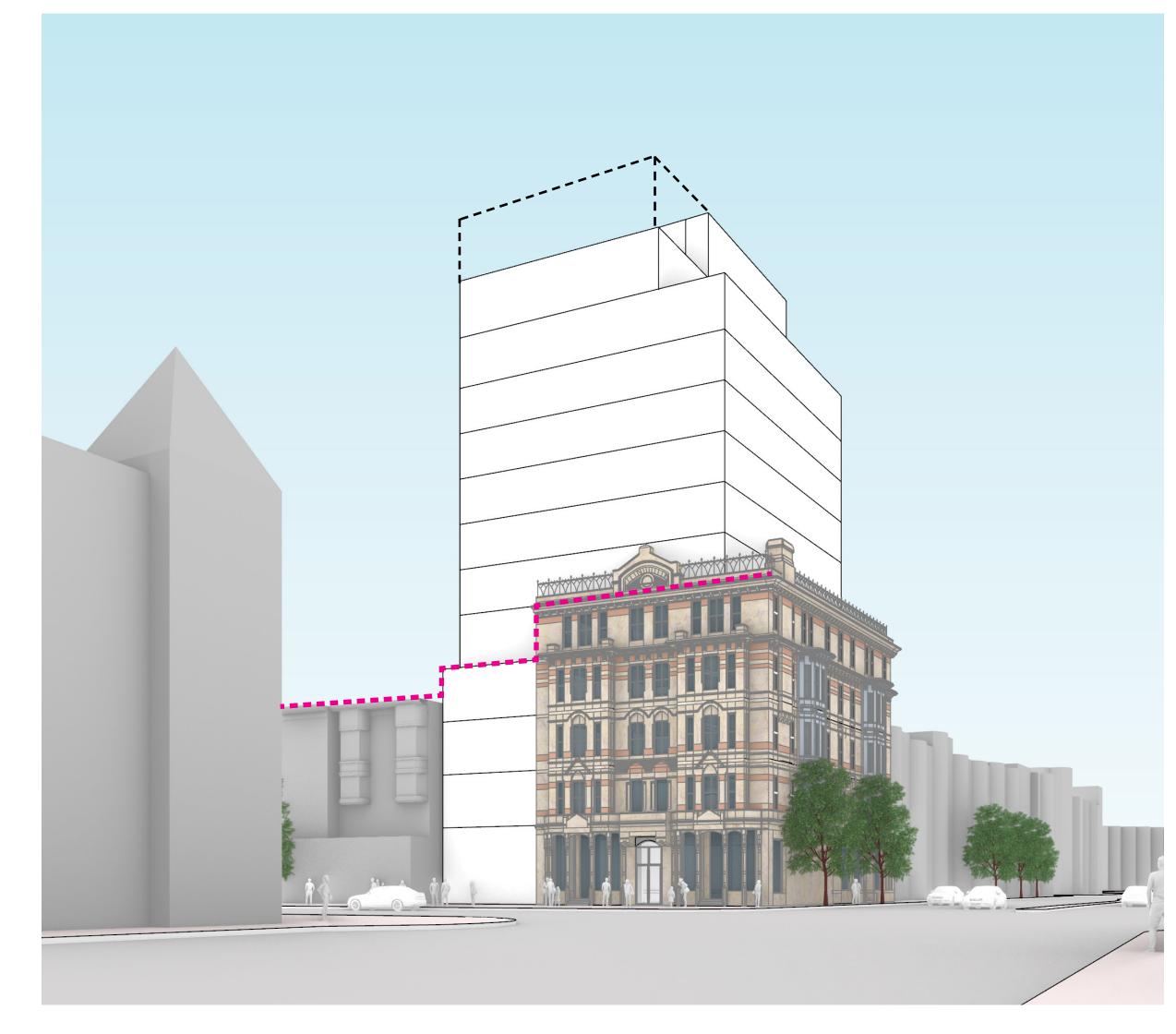


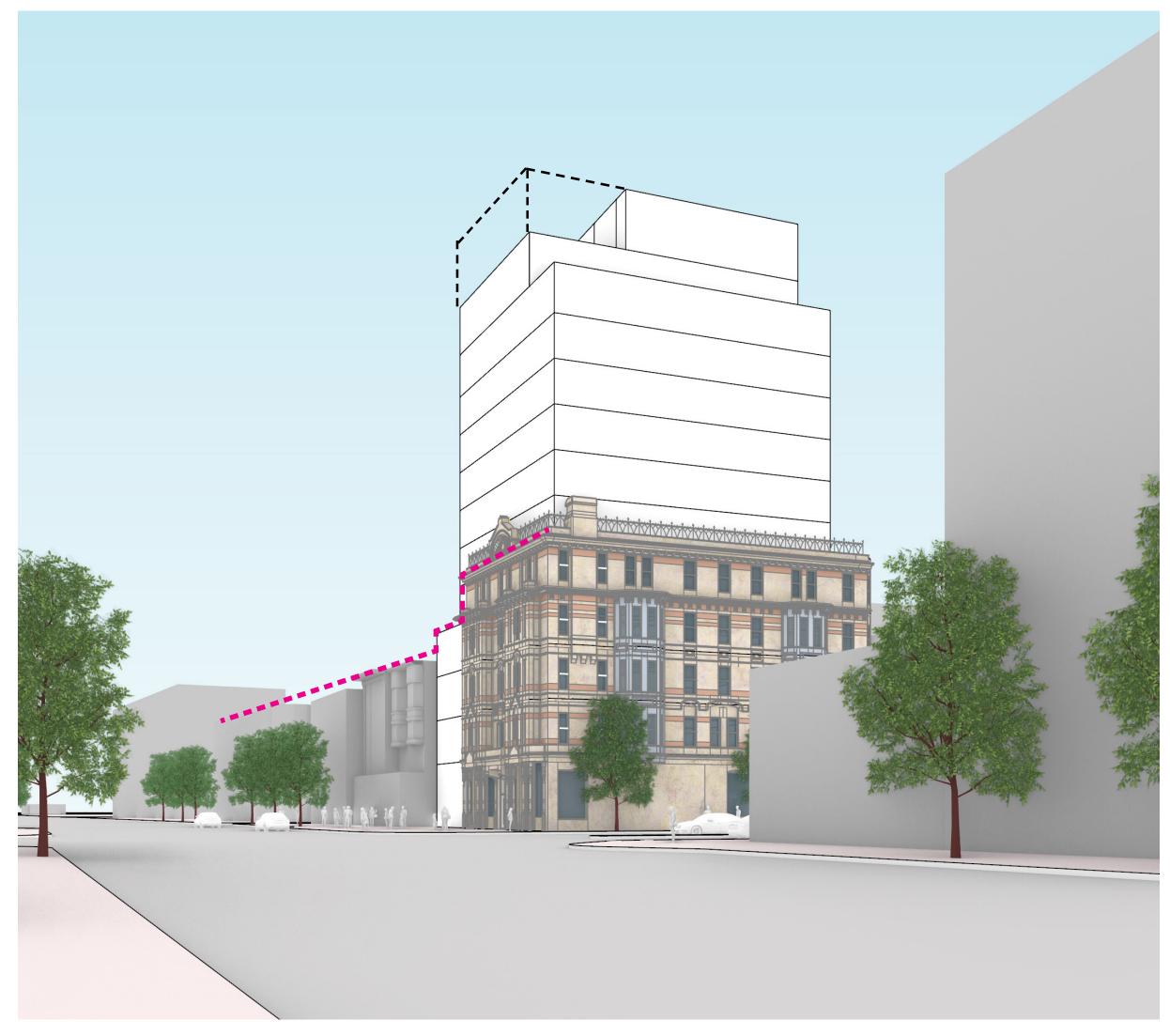
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# MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL OPTION C - ALEXANDRA CORNICE (4TH LEVEL)





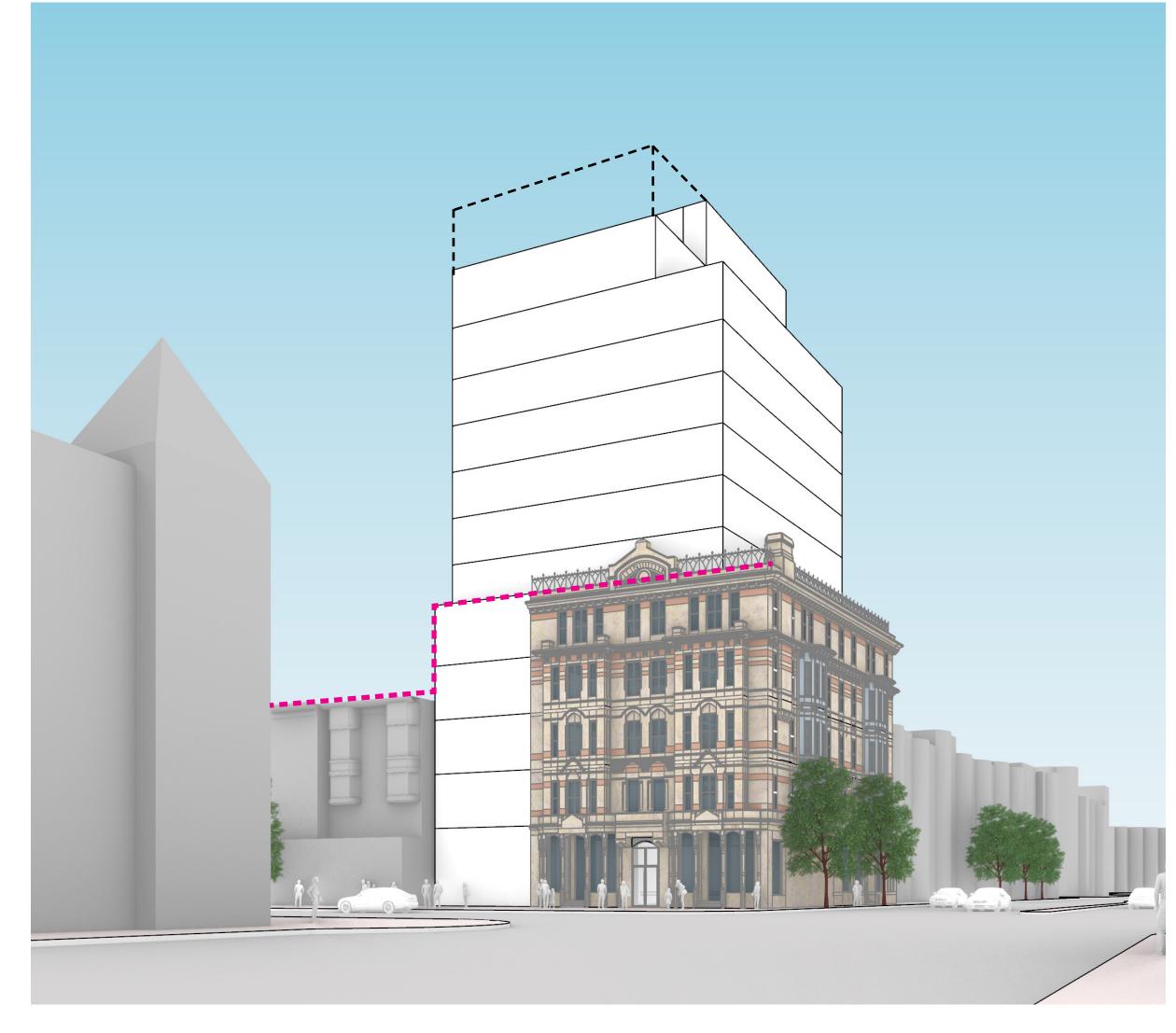
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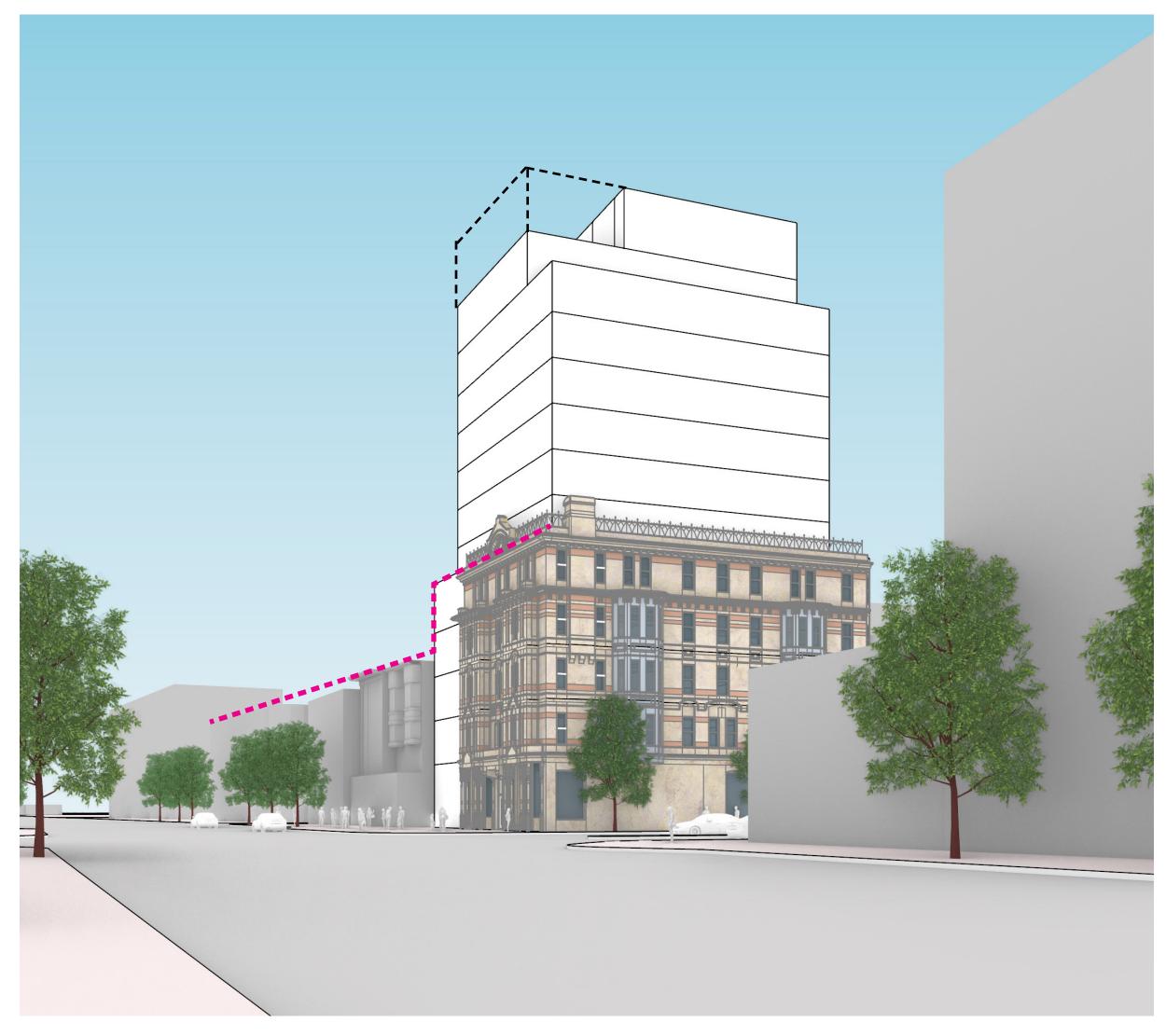
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### MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL

#### OPTION D - ALEXANDRA HEIGHT



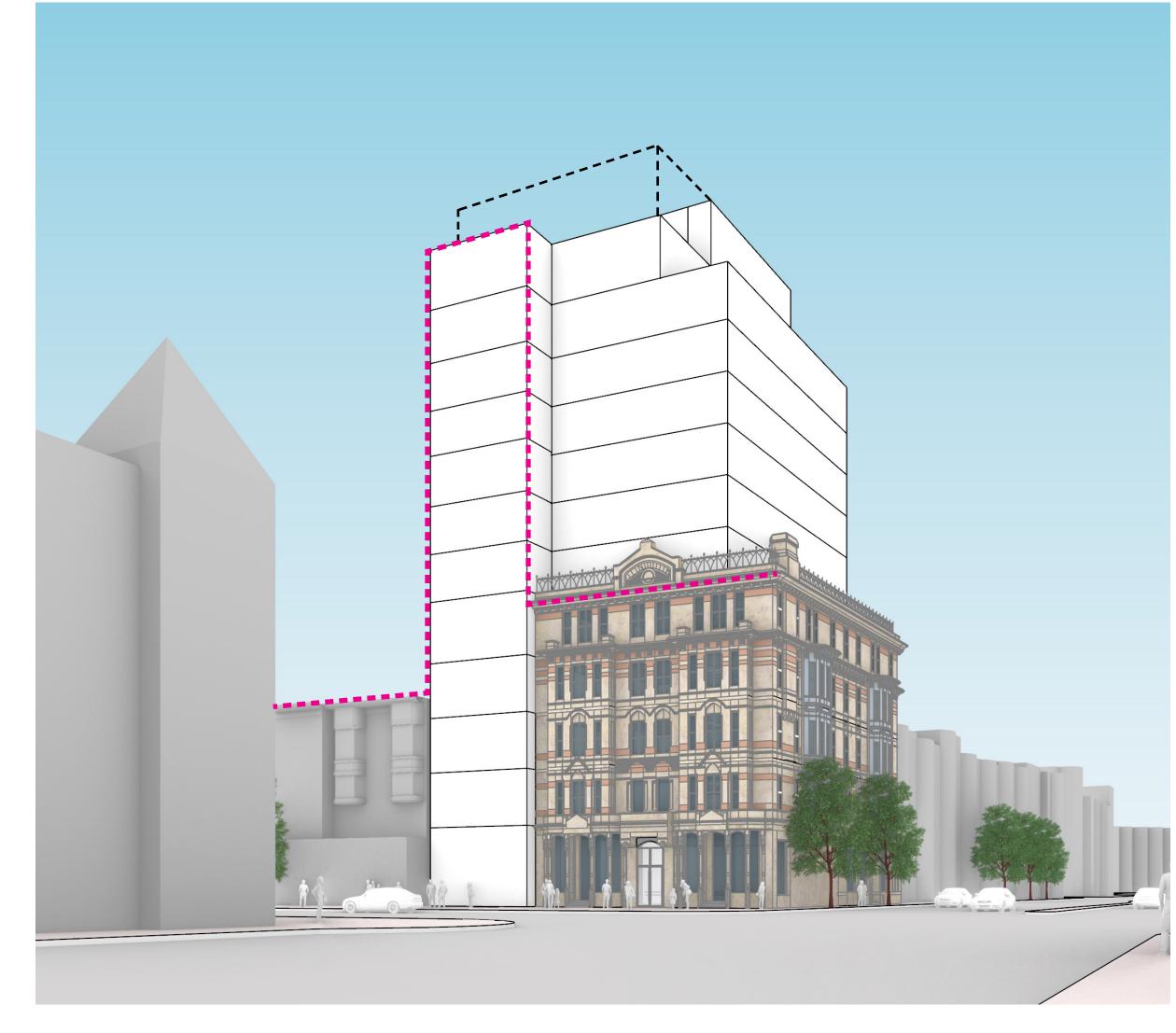


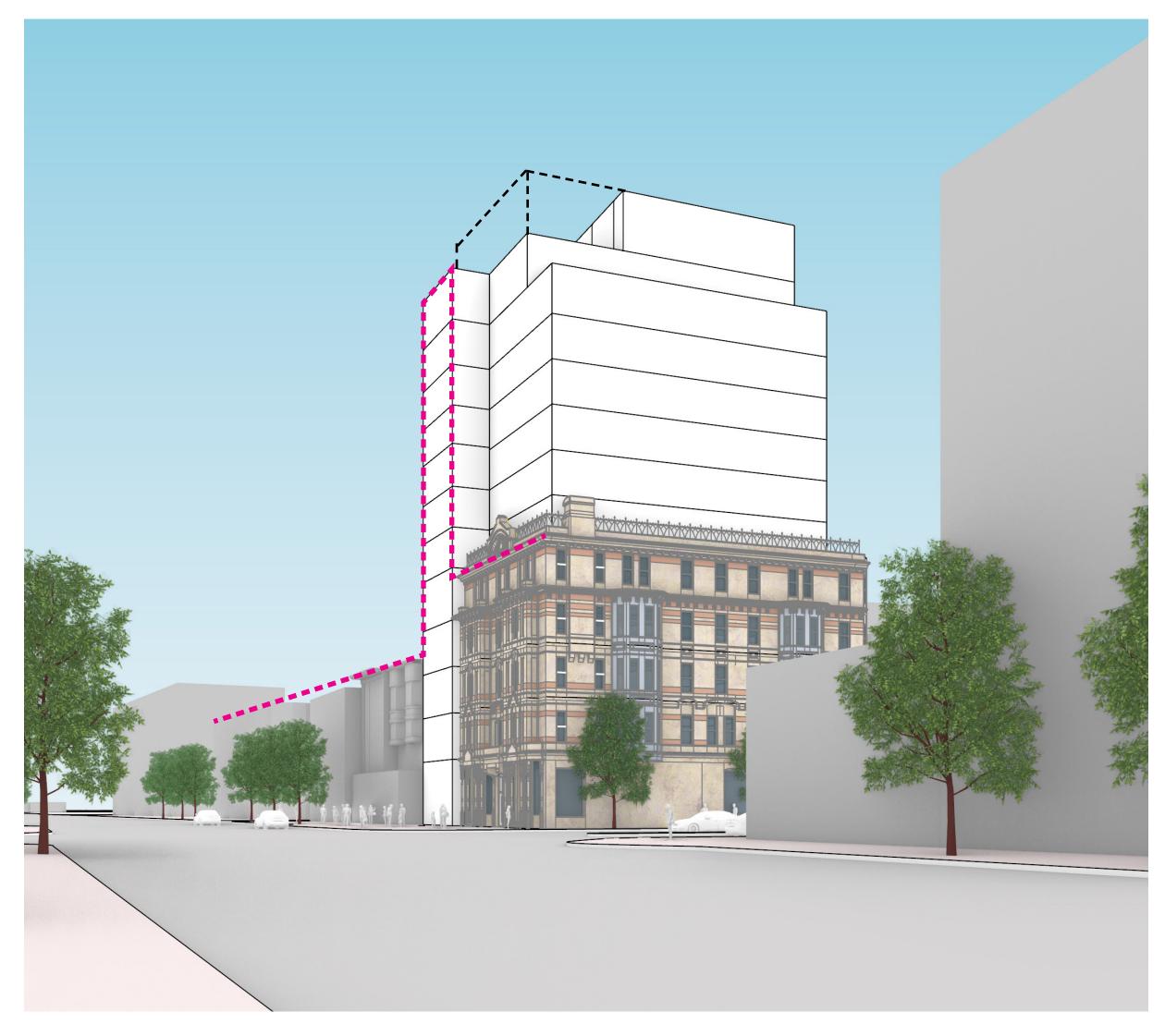
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# MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL OPTION E - PROJECT BUILDING ROOFTOP LEVEL

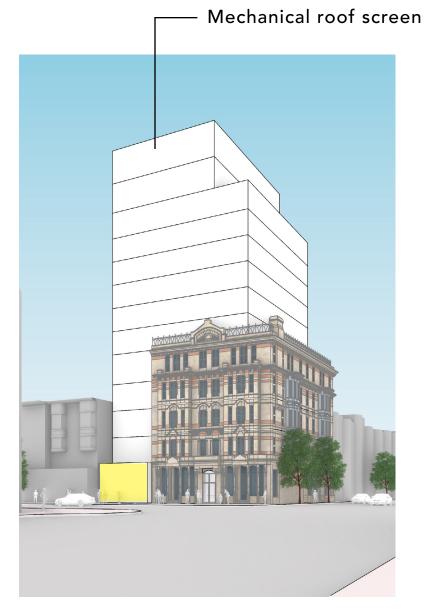


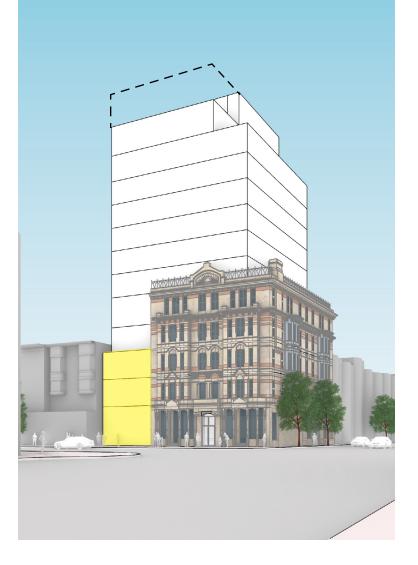


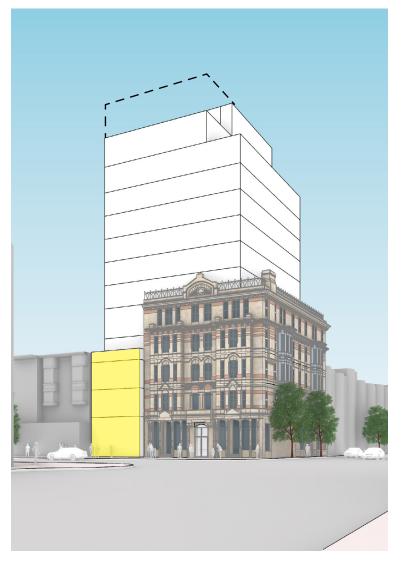
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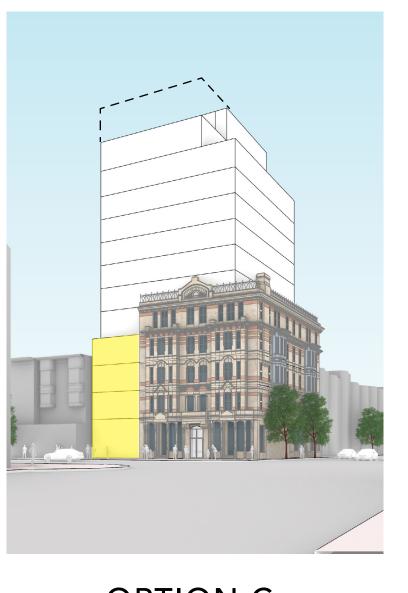
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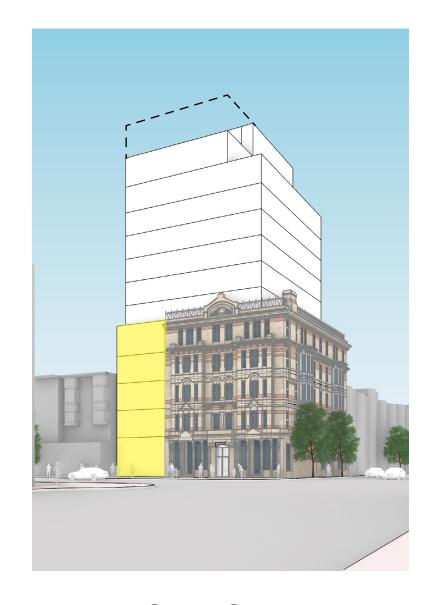
# MASSING STUDY - STREET WALL SUMMARY













BASE

Base scheme

OPTION A

Ivory Bean cornice line

OPTION B

Adjacent building

OPTION C

4th level Alexandra cornice

OPTION D

Alexandra height

OPTION E

Building rooftop level



### **ENTRANCE STUDY**

#### GROUND FLOOR IMAGES IN SOUTH END - NON-RESIDENTIAL USES

#### **WASHINGTON ST**









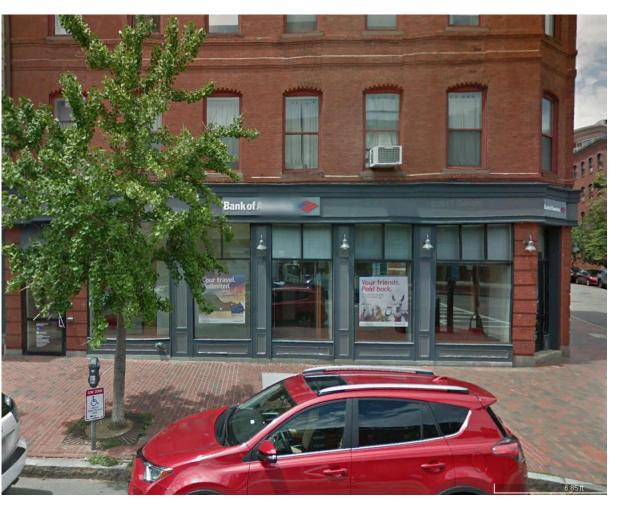
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE





#### SHAWMUT AVENUE





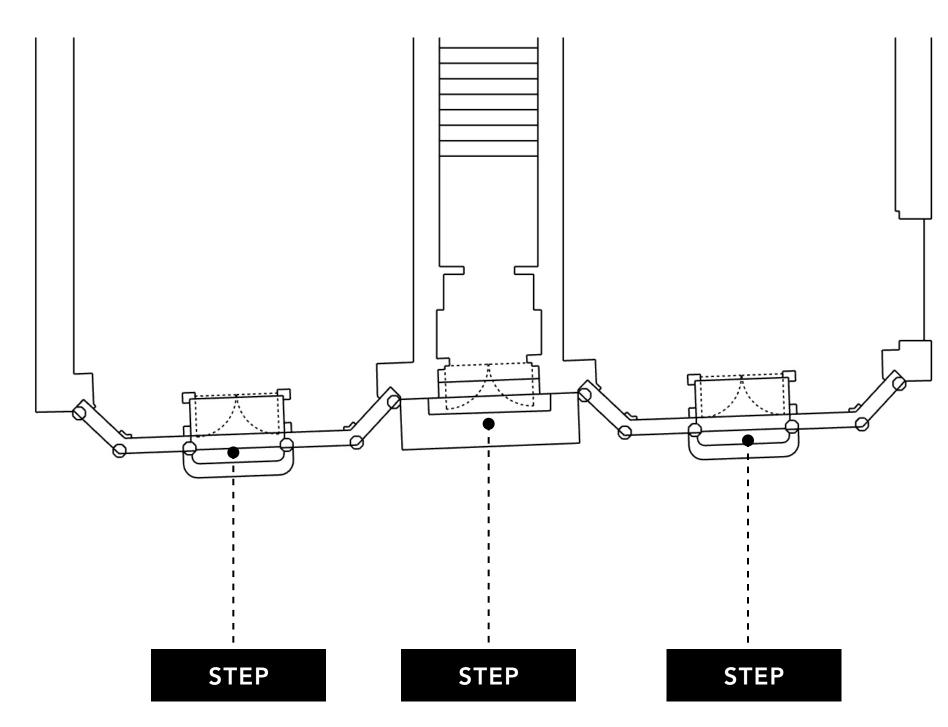




# ALEXANDRA ENTRANCE STUDY

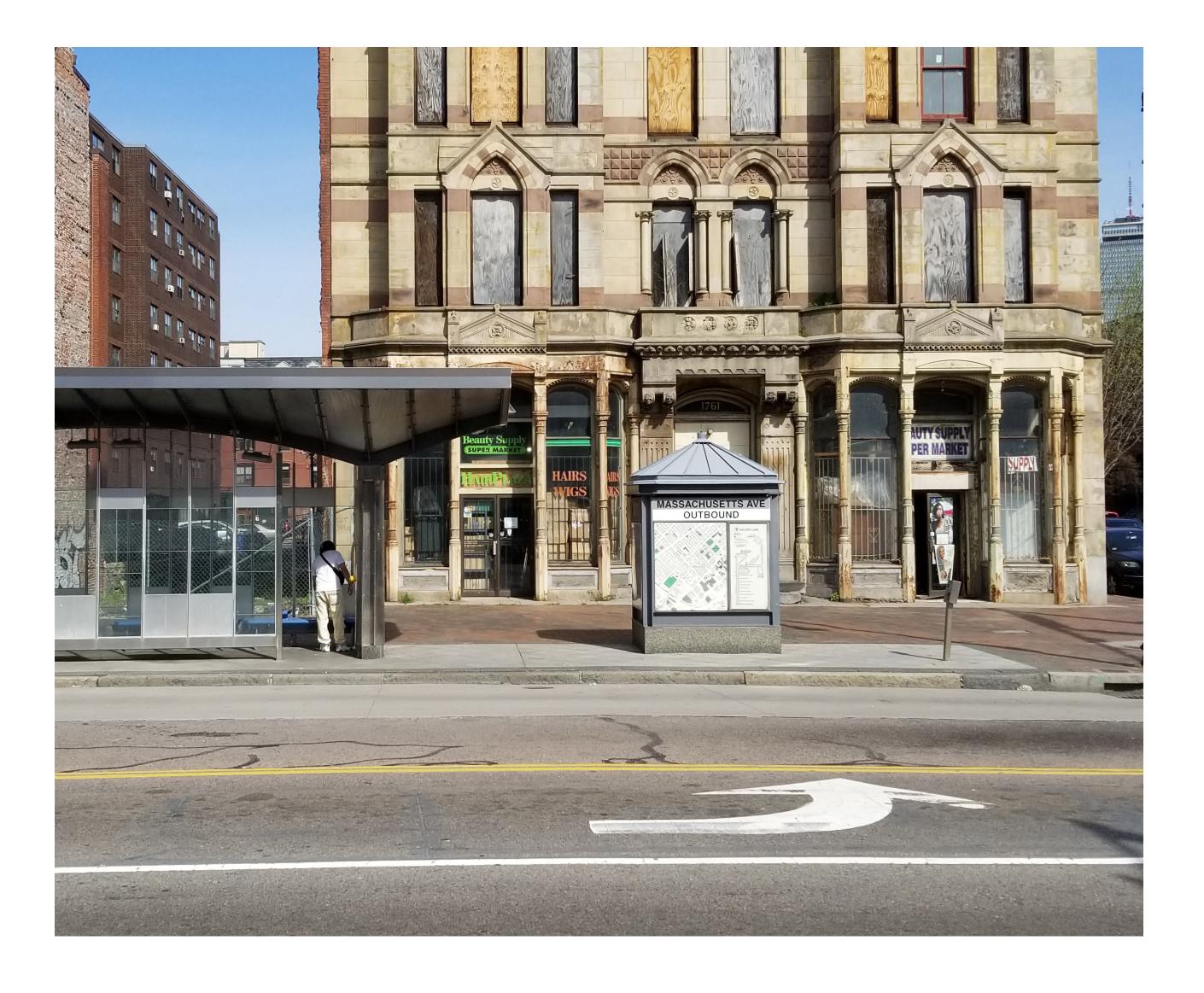
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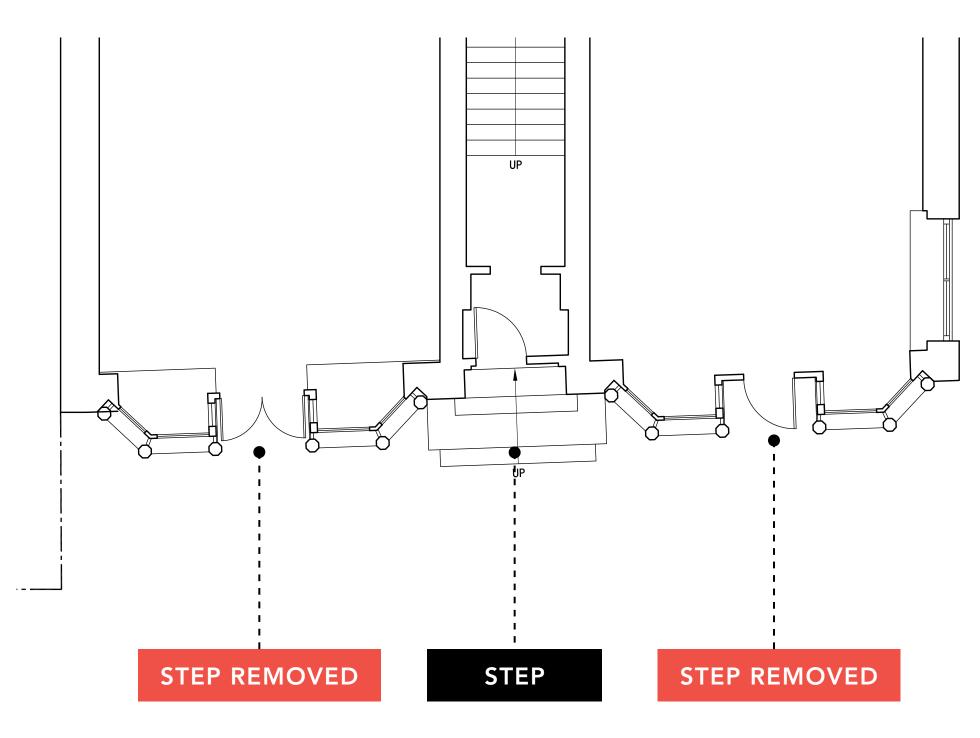




**WASHINGTON STREET** 

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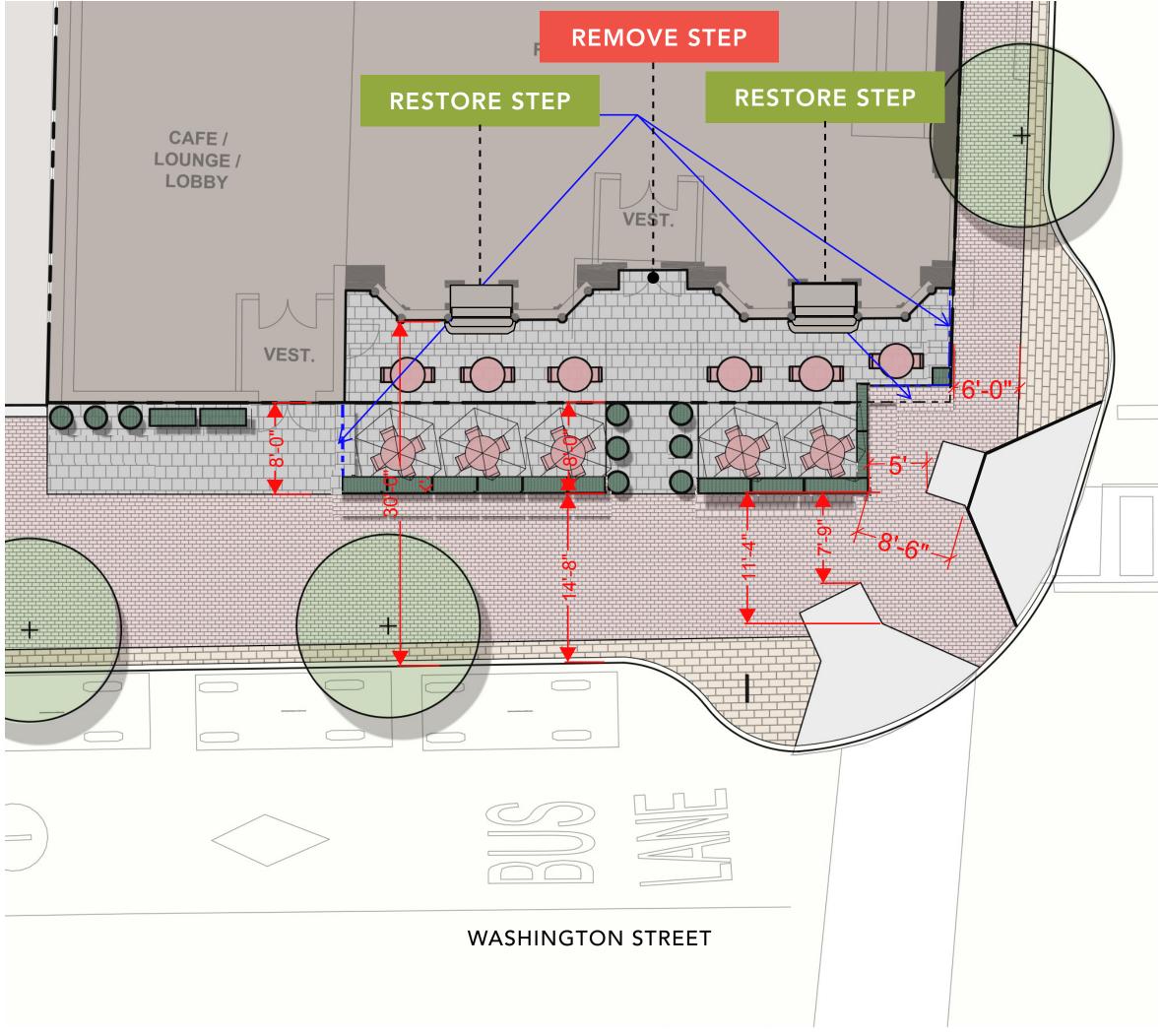




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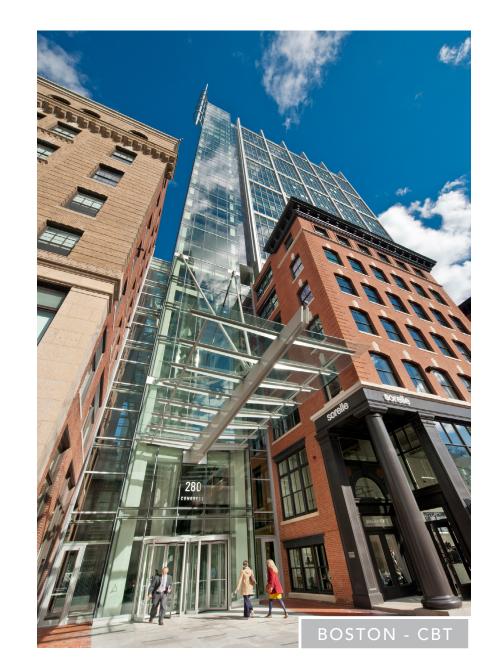
# ALEXANDRA ENTRANCE STUDY PROPOSED DESIGN





### FACADE APPROACH - CASE STUDIES

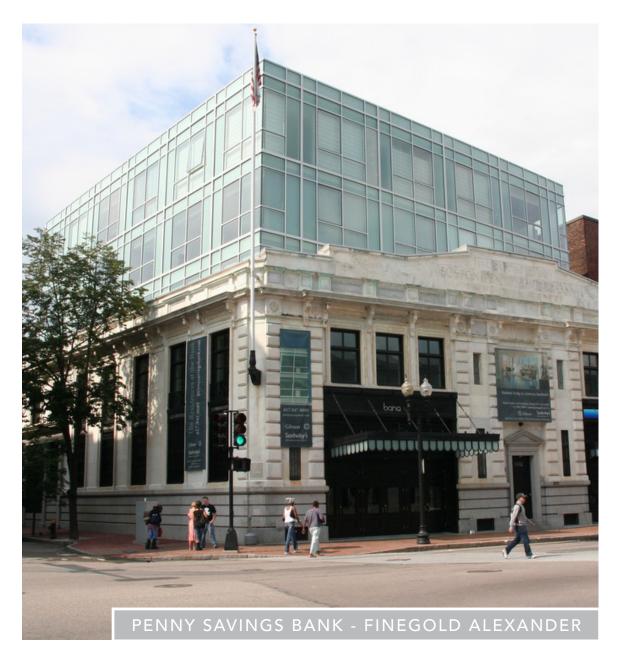
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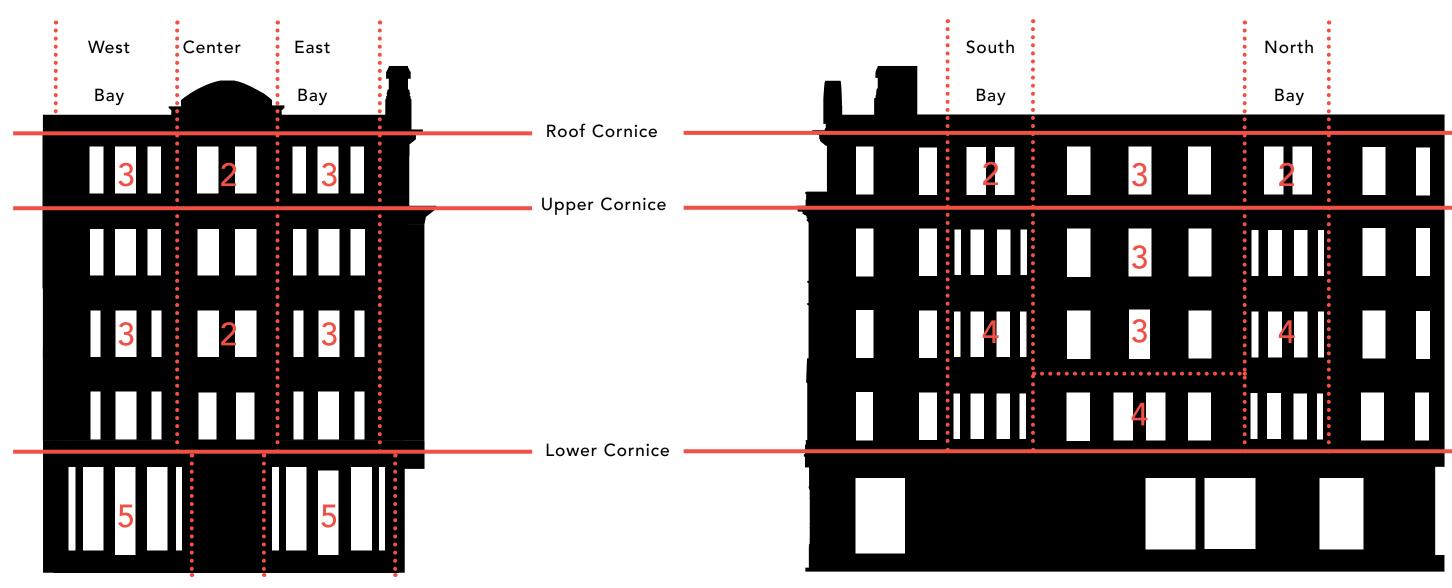






### FACADE APPROACH - ANALYSIS OF ALEXANDRA

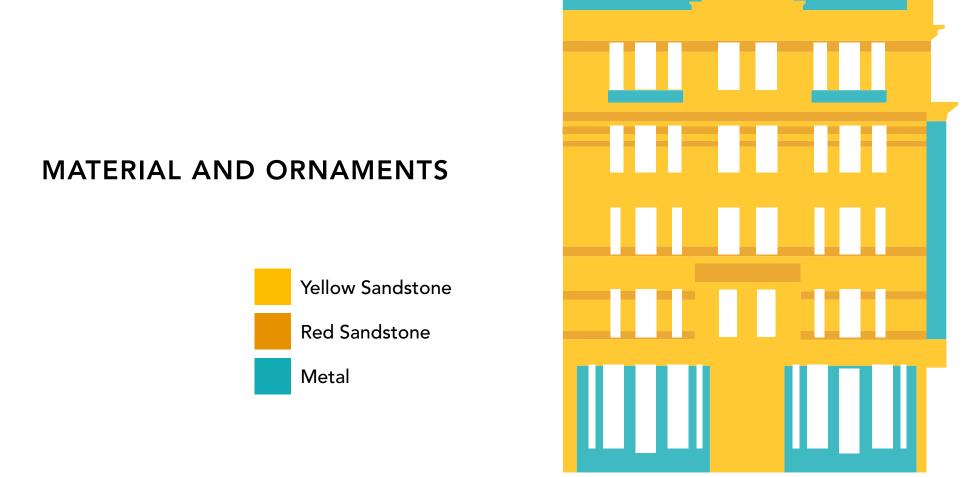
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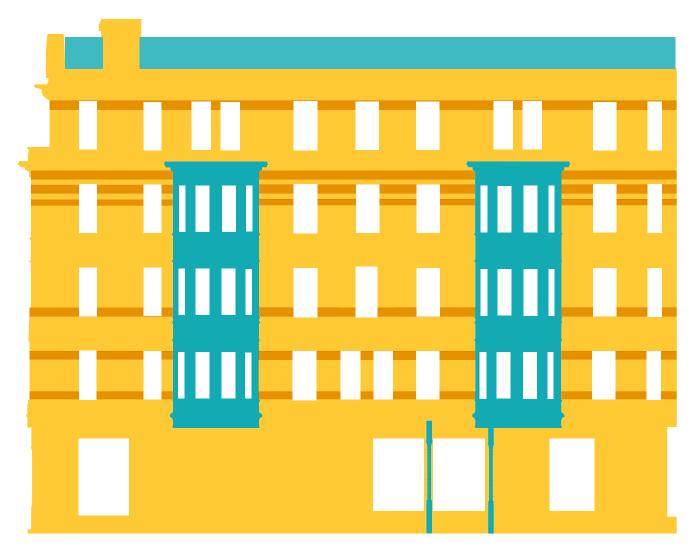


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### PREVIOUS STUDIES













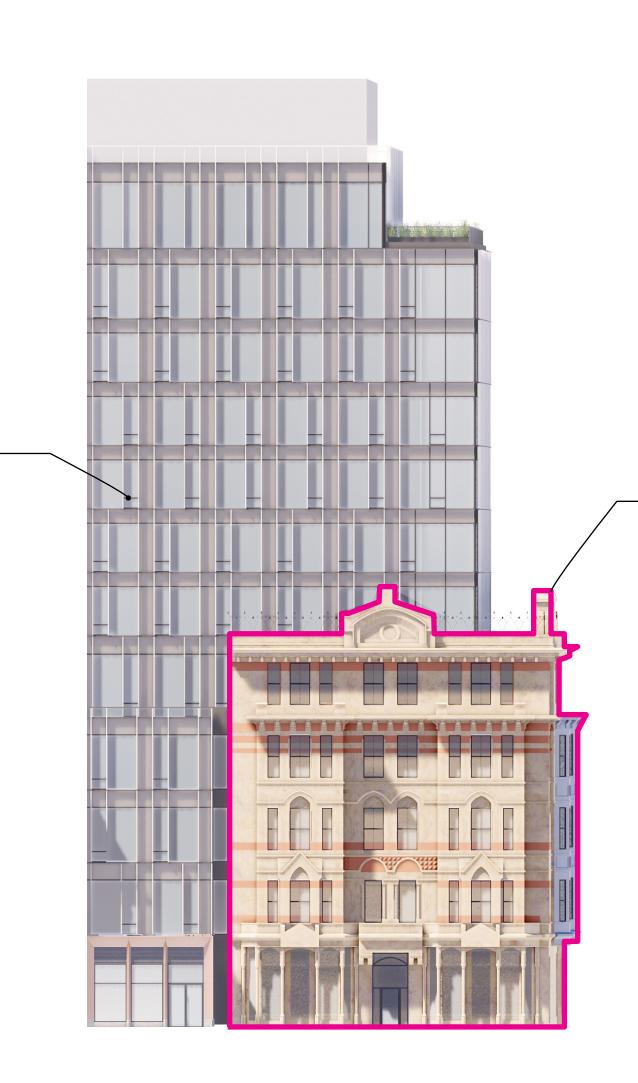




### FACADE APPROACH



MORE CONTEMPORARY, ABSTRACT REPRESENTATION
OF VERTICAL HORIZONTAL ELEMENTS



A PRIMARY FACADE

EXISTING ALEXANDRA BUILDING

STRONG DEFINITION OF VERTICAL, HORIZONTAL

ELEMENTS AND ORNAMENTS













### DESIGN UPDATE



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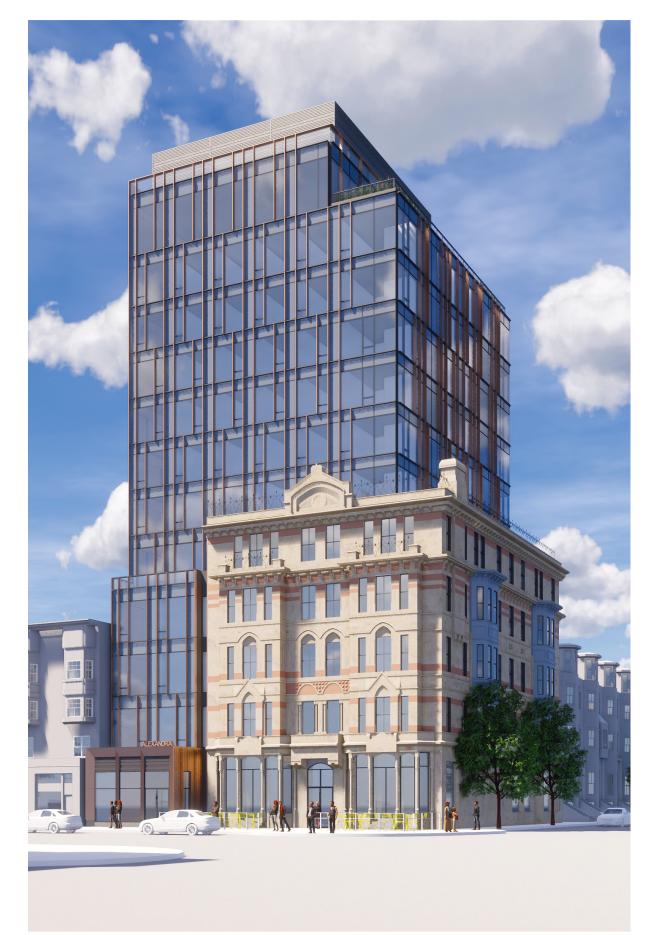


UPDATED DESIGN
VIEW FROM MASSACHUSETTS AVE





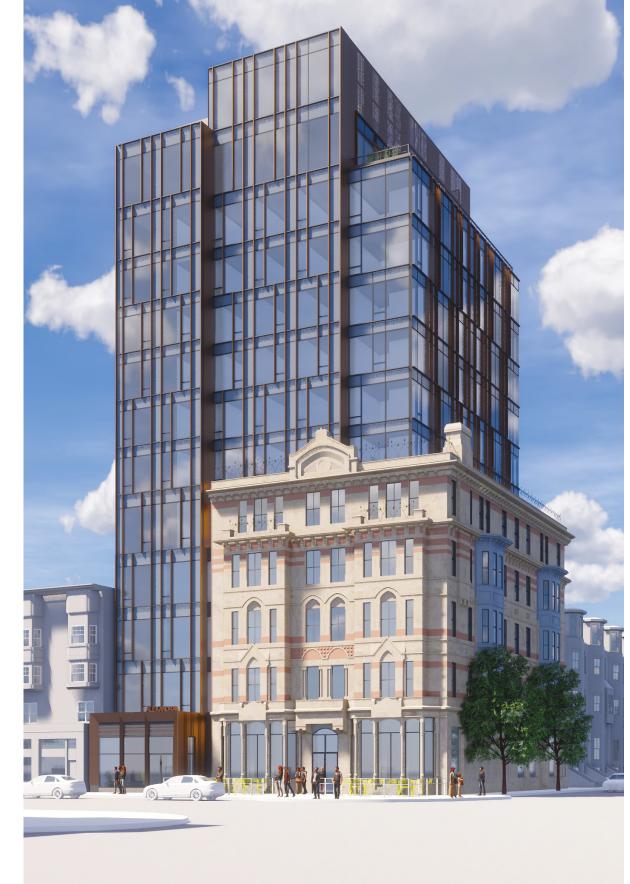
### ADDITIONAL STUDIES: FRONT FACADE & INFILLING MASSING



**BASE** 







ALT 1
UPPER MASSING BREAK

ALT 2
UPPER MASSING BREAK
- THREE MASSING READING

ALT 3
INFILLING MASSING TO THE BUILDING HEIGHT
UPPER MASSING BREAK - THREE MASSING
READING





# LONG VIEWS

### 3D MODEL

