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## **VIA EMAIL**

Michael Small, Esq. Chair ARCOM 360 South County Road Palm Beach, FL 33480

Re: ARCOM Application No. A-051-2021 – The Breakers Driving Range Awning (the "Application")

Dear Mr. Small:

I am writing to provide additional information regarding the above referenced Application, which was deferred by ARCOM at its June 24, 2021 meeting. While it is our contention that the awning that was presented during the June 24, 2021 meeting satisfies all of the criteria for issuance of a building permit under Chapter 18 of the Town Code, The Breakers has agreed to provide a canvas addition at the side of the trusses to cover the aluminum framing, as depicted on the attached rendering, to improve the visual aesthetic of the awning. See Exhibit "1," attached hereto. We are hopeful that this additional canvas will assuage the concerns of ARCOM members that were expressed at the June 24, 2021 meeting.

At the same time, it is important to provide context for the request being made pursuant to the Application because the Town Council has reviewed and approved the existing awning structure at The Breakers driving range, which is virtually identical to the awning proposed in the Application. At the time the original awning was proposed, even minor structural additions were reviewed as a special exception modification to The Breakers Planned Unit Development ("PUD"), because the hotel and golf course uses were special exception uses under the PUD.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Town Council subsequently approved Ordinance 1-2020, which authorized the hotel and golf course uses as permitted uses, and eliminated the need for Town Council review of minor modifications such as the proposed awning. The intent of Ordinance 1-2020 was to provide flexibility to The Breakers for capital improvement projects, such as the Application, that have no impact on neighboring properties or Town facilities.

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Thus, on September 12, 2018, we presented Zoning Case Number Z-018-00126 to the Town Council, seeking approval to construct the existing awning at The Breakers driving range. This is the awning The Breakers is proposing to extend pursuant to the current Application. A copy of the presentation for Zoning Case Number Z-018-00126 is attached as Exhibit "2".

The Town Council unanimously approved The Breakers' application for Zoning Case Number Z-018-00216, and, based on the Council's input and approval of the special exception and site plan, Town Staff issued an administrative ARCOM approval for the awning. In reliance upon these development order approvals, The Breakers incurred significant expenses for the design and construction of the existing awning, which is extremely popular with members and guests that use the driving range. Based upon this positive feedback and the prior Town Council approval, and in order to provide additional shade at the driving range, The Breakers determined that the existing awning should be extended.

When reviewing the criteria for a building permit under Section 18-205 of the Town Code, ARCOM should base its decision upon compatibility and visual harmony with the existing awning structure that was reviewed and approved by the Town Council pursuant to Zoning Case Number Z-18-00126. ARCOM should recognize that this is a utilitarian structure that is intended to provide shade and comfort for members and guests using the driving range, and that the awning proposed in the Application is merely an extension of the awning that was reviewed and approved by the Town Council and Town staff in 2018. The structure is not visible from any public rights-of-way and will not have any negative impact on surrounding properties or the Town as a place of beauty, spaciousness, balance, taste, fitness, charm and high quality. Rejecting the awning proposed in the Application would have the unintended consequence of requiring a structure that is excessively dissimilar with the existing awning, for which a permit has been issued, in contravention of Section 18-205(a)(6) of the Town Code.

The extension of the previously approved awning thus meets both the criteria for issuance of a building permit set forth in Section 18-205 of the Town Code and the intent of the Town Council's adoption of Ordinance 1-2020, which was to allow The Breakers the flexibility it needs to pursue capital projects in a timely fashion in order to continue meeting the lofty expectations of its members and guests. We request that ARCOM approve the Application so that The Breakers can begin construction of the awning as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your consideration of this additional information, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James M. Crowley, Esq.

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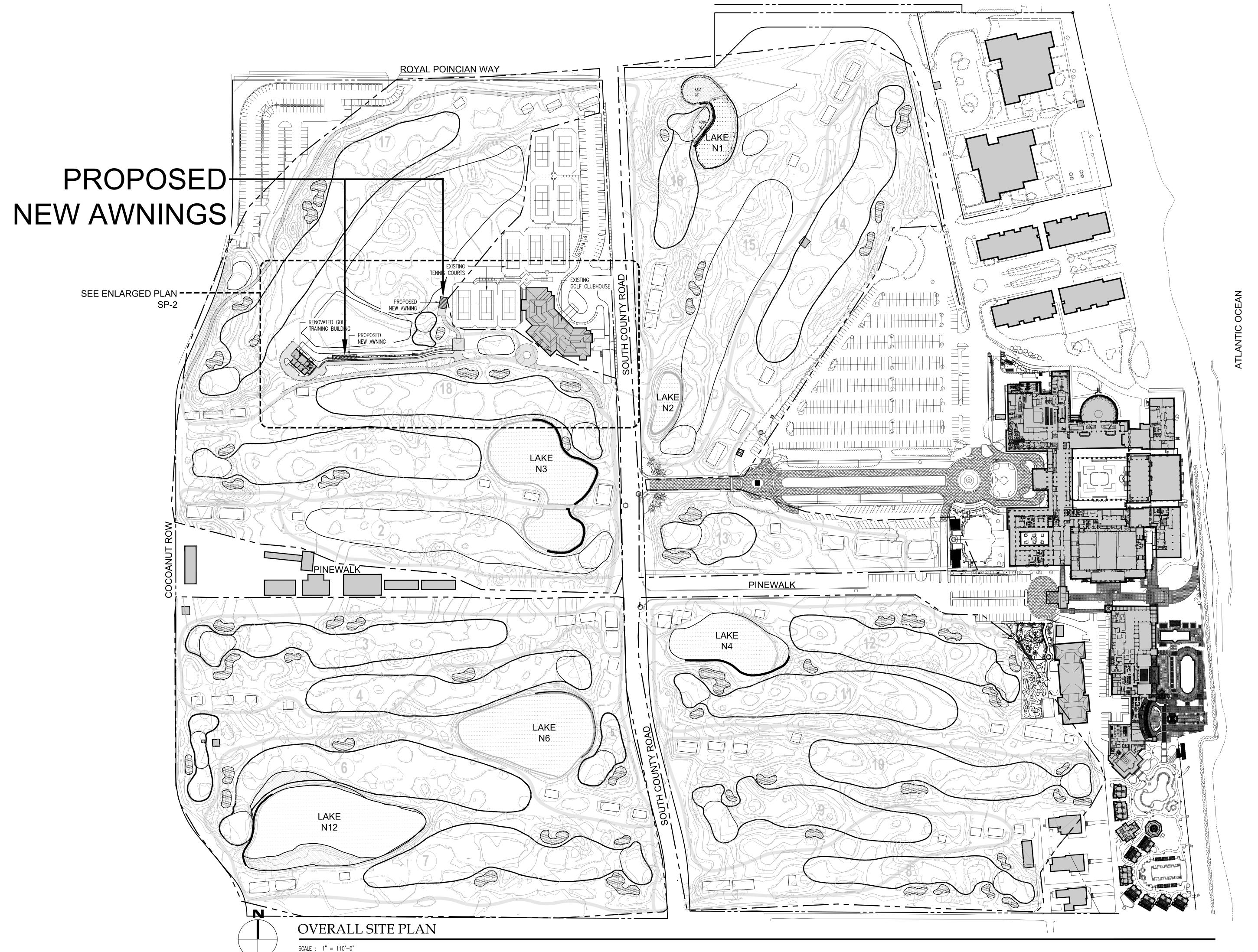


## The Breakers Palm Beach, Inc. Golf Course Awnings

Z-18-00126

September 12, 2018







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THE BREAKERS

PROPOSED NEW AWNINGS

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

THRESHOLD BUILDING

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS SET
OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS COMPLY
WITH THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM BUILDING
CODES AND THE APPLICABLE FIRE-SAFETY
STANDARDS AS DETERMINED BY THE
LOCAL AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
FBC 109.3.6.4.4 AND CHAPTER 633, FLORIDA

STATUTES.

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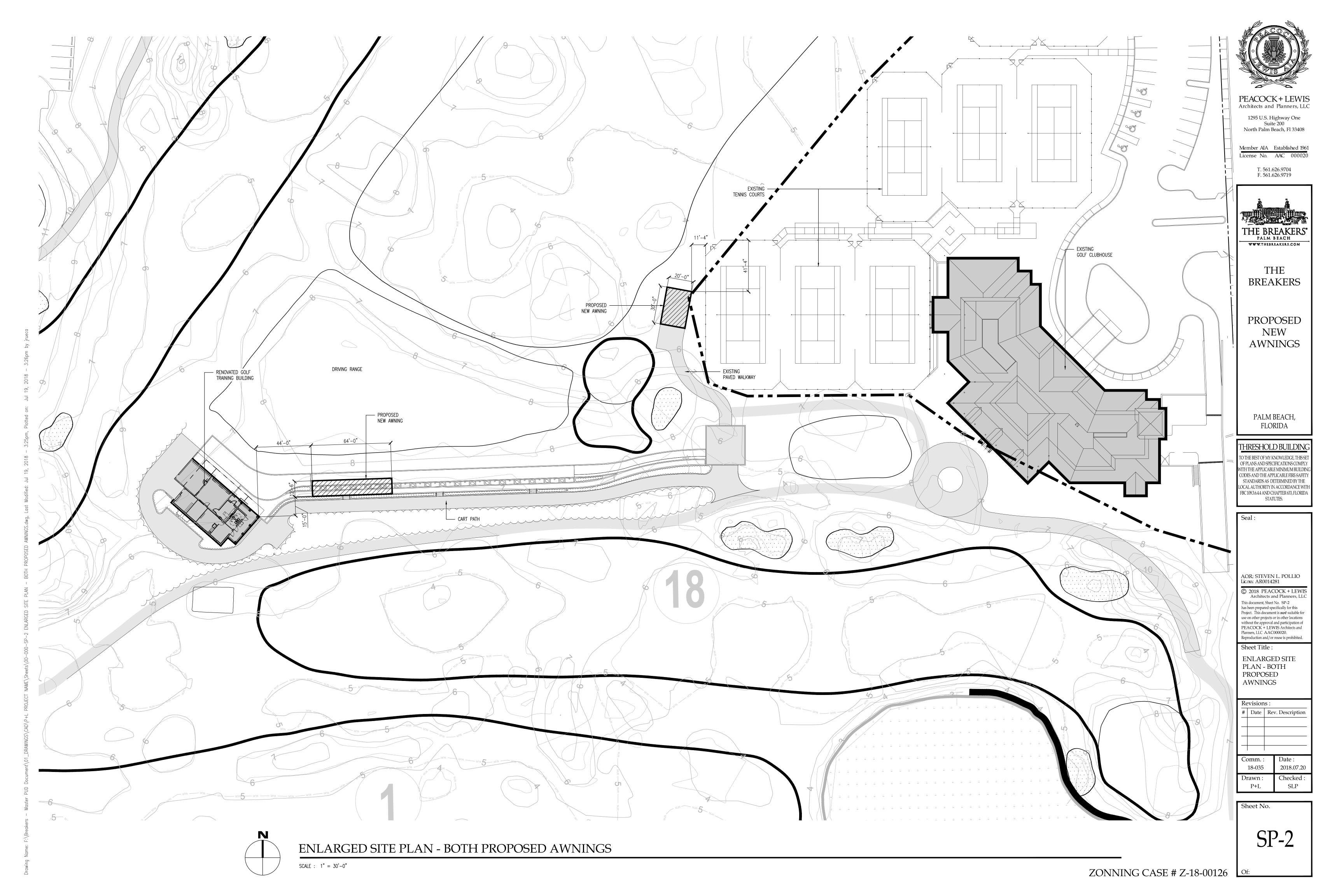
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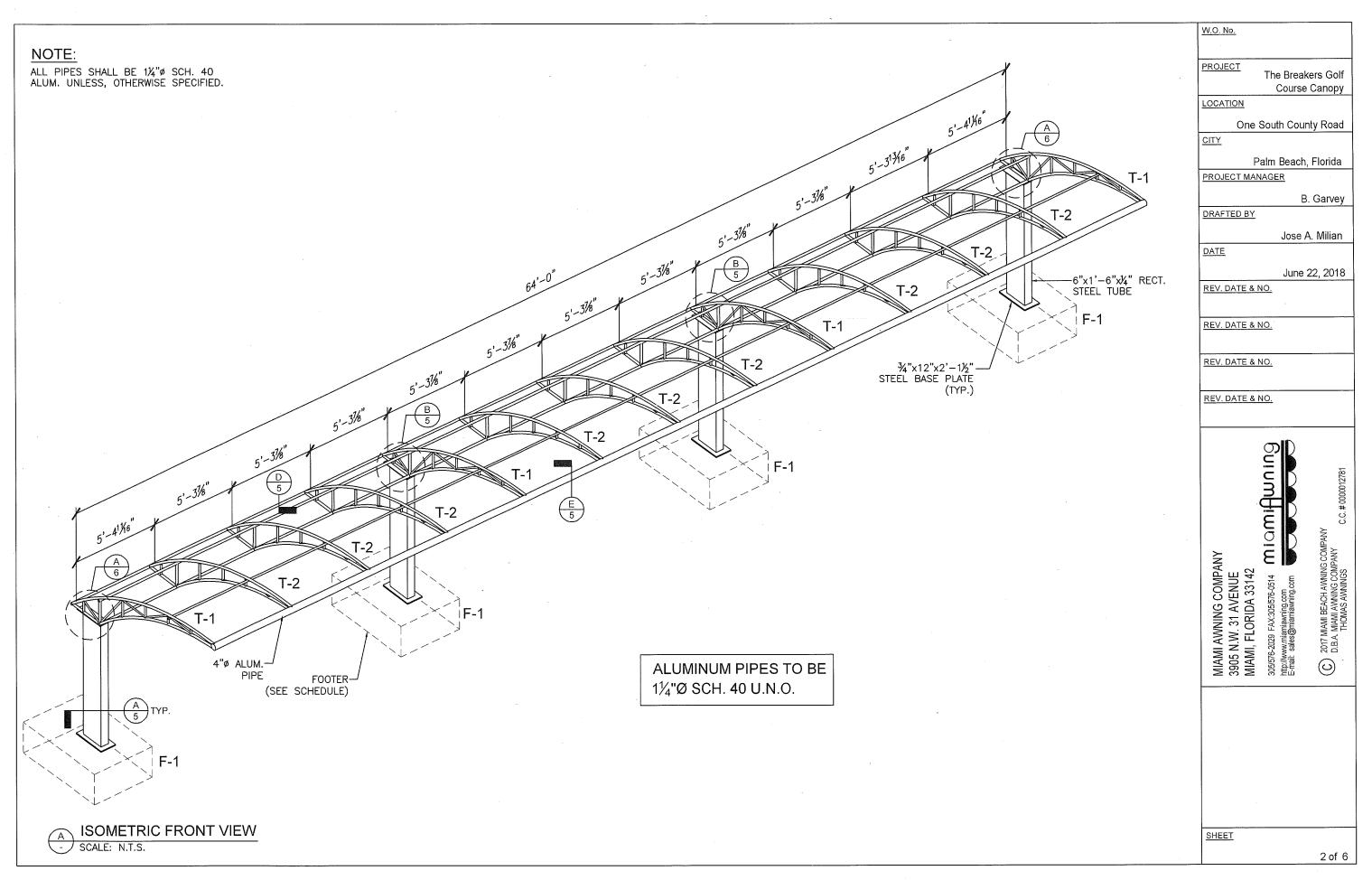
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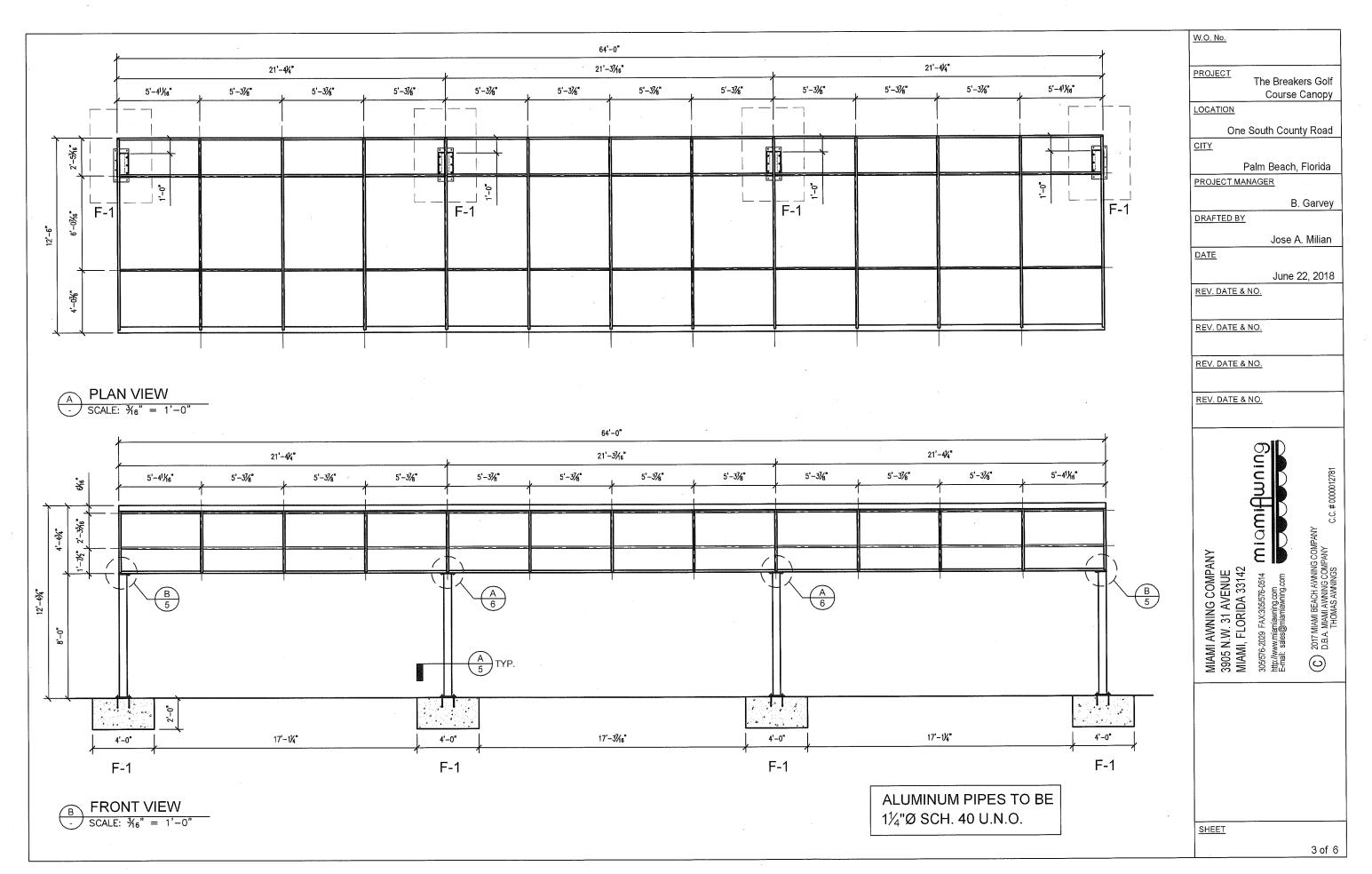
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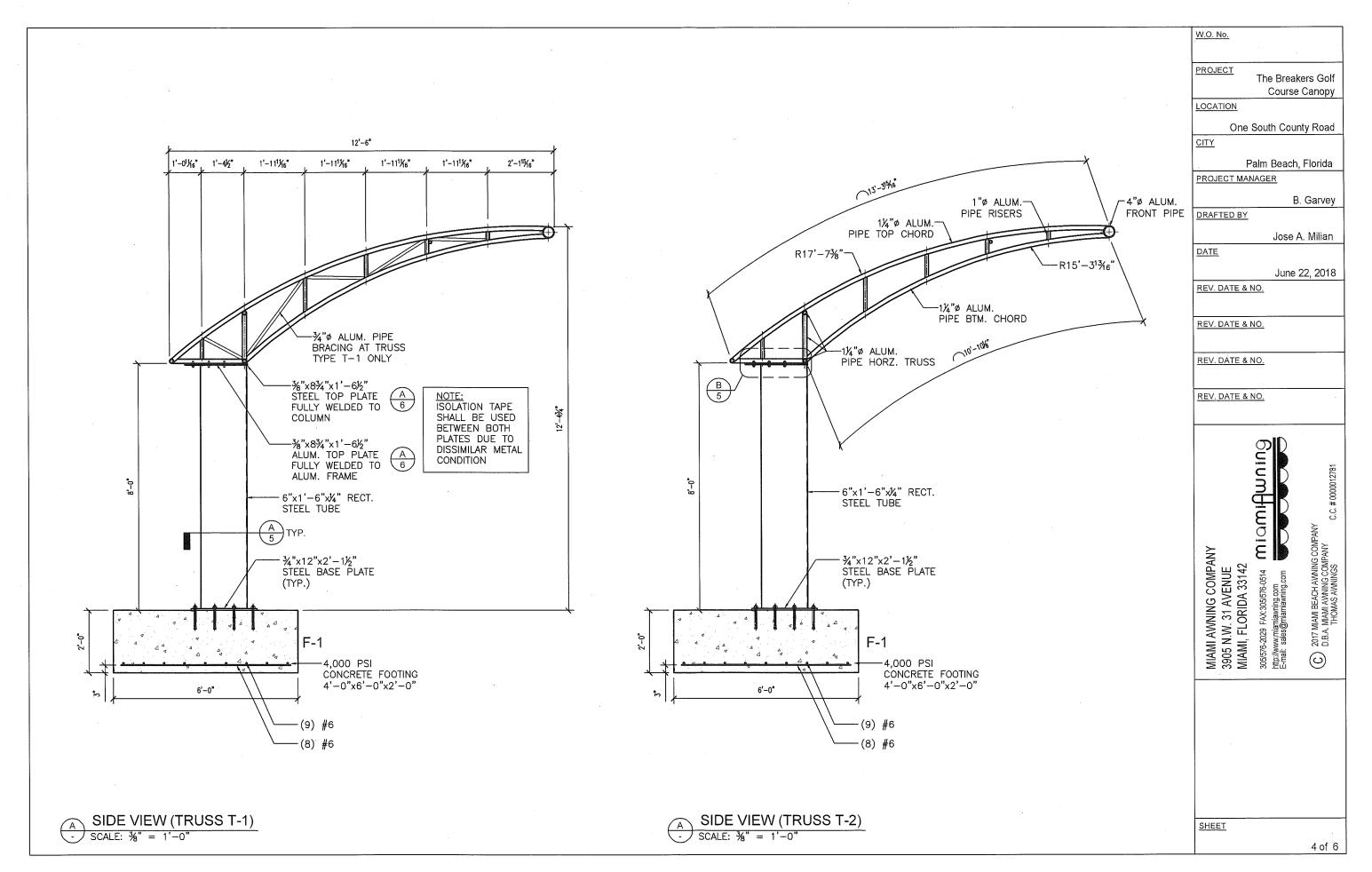
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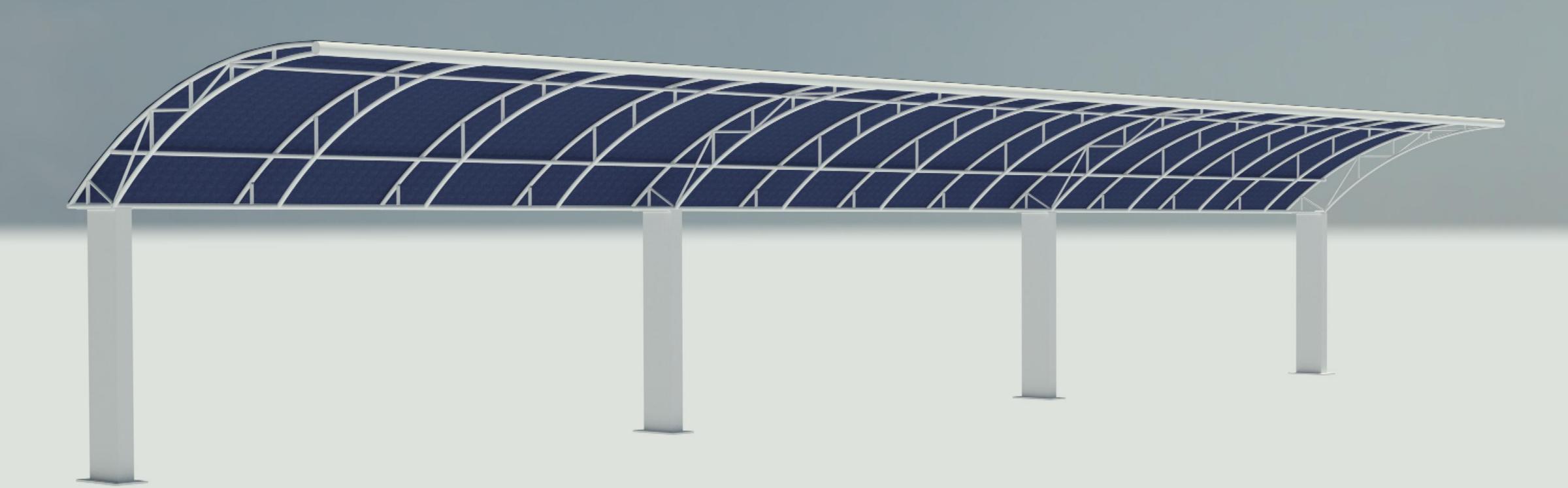
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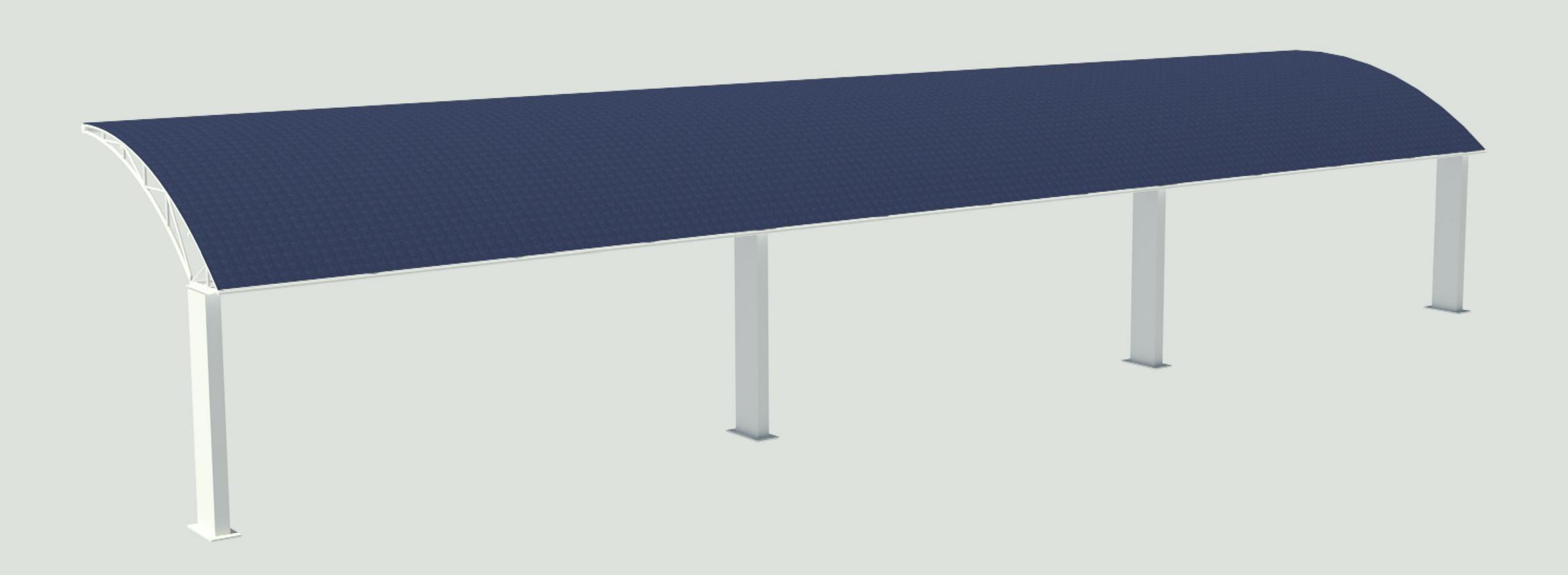


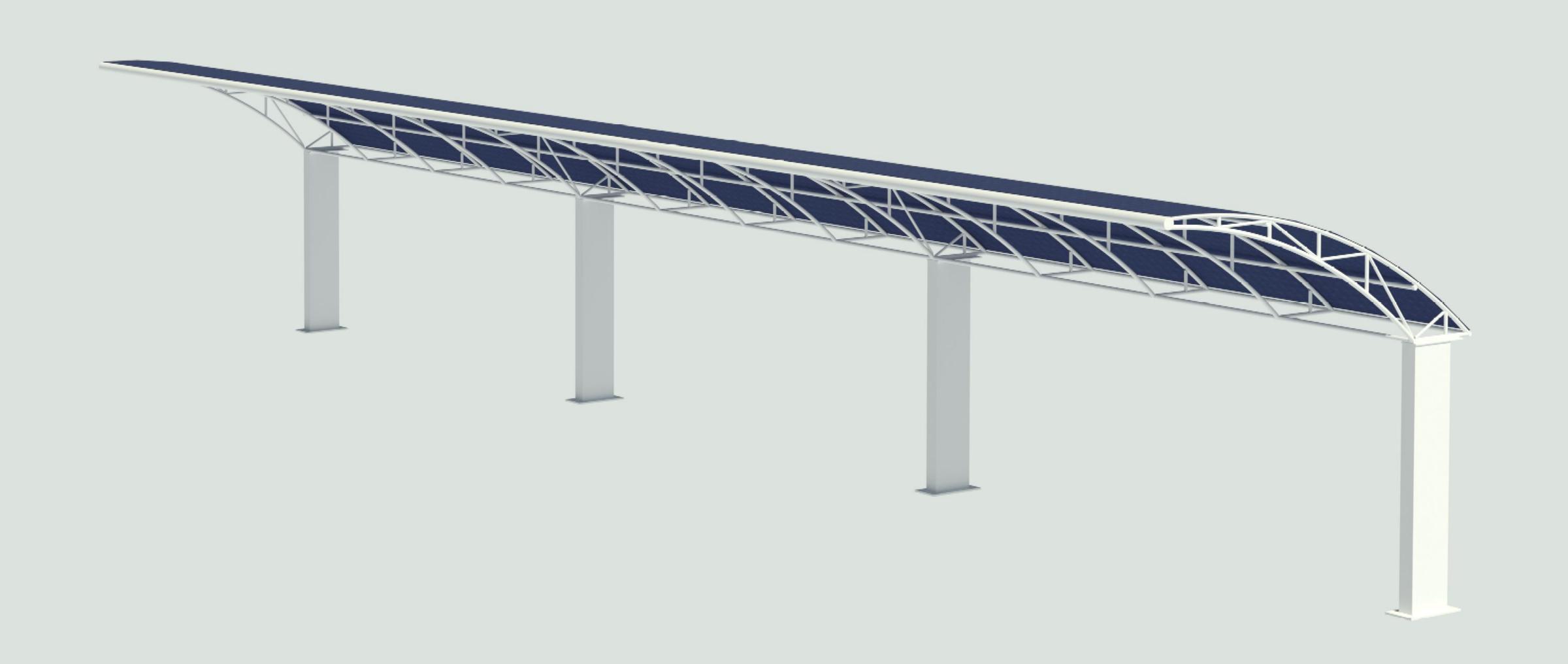


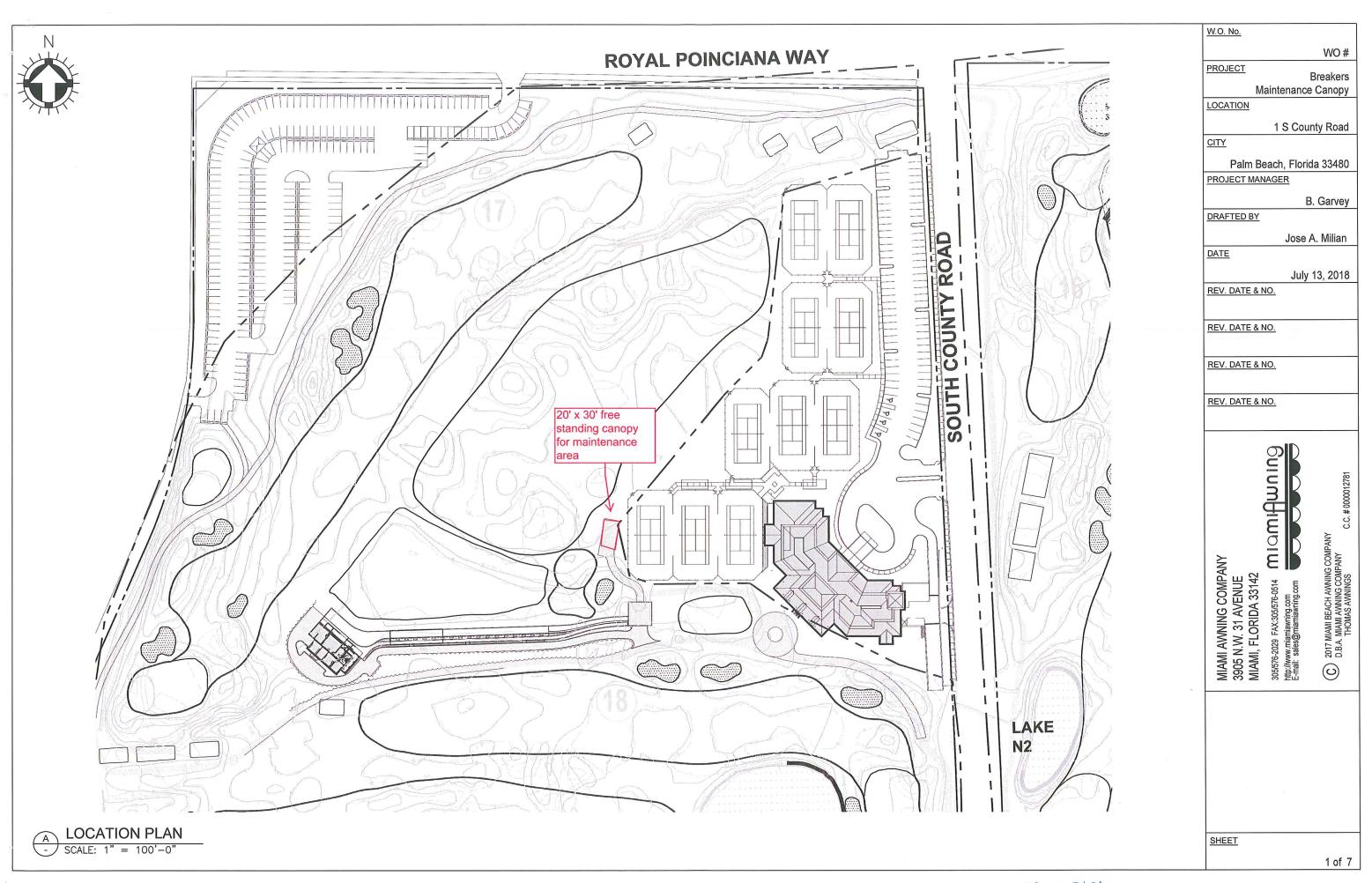


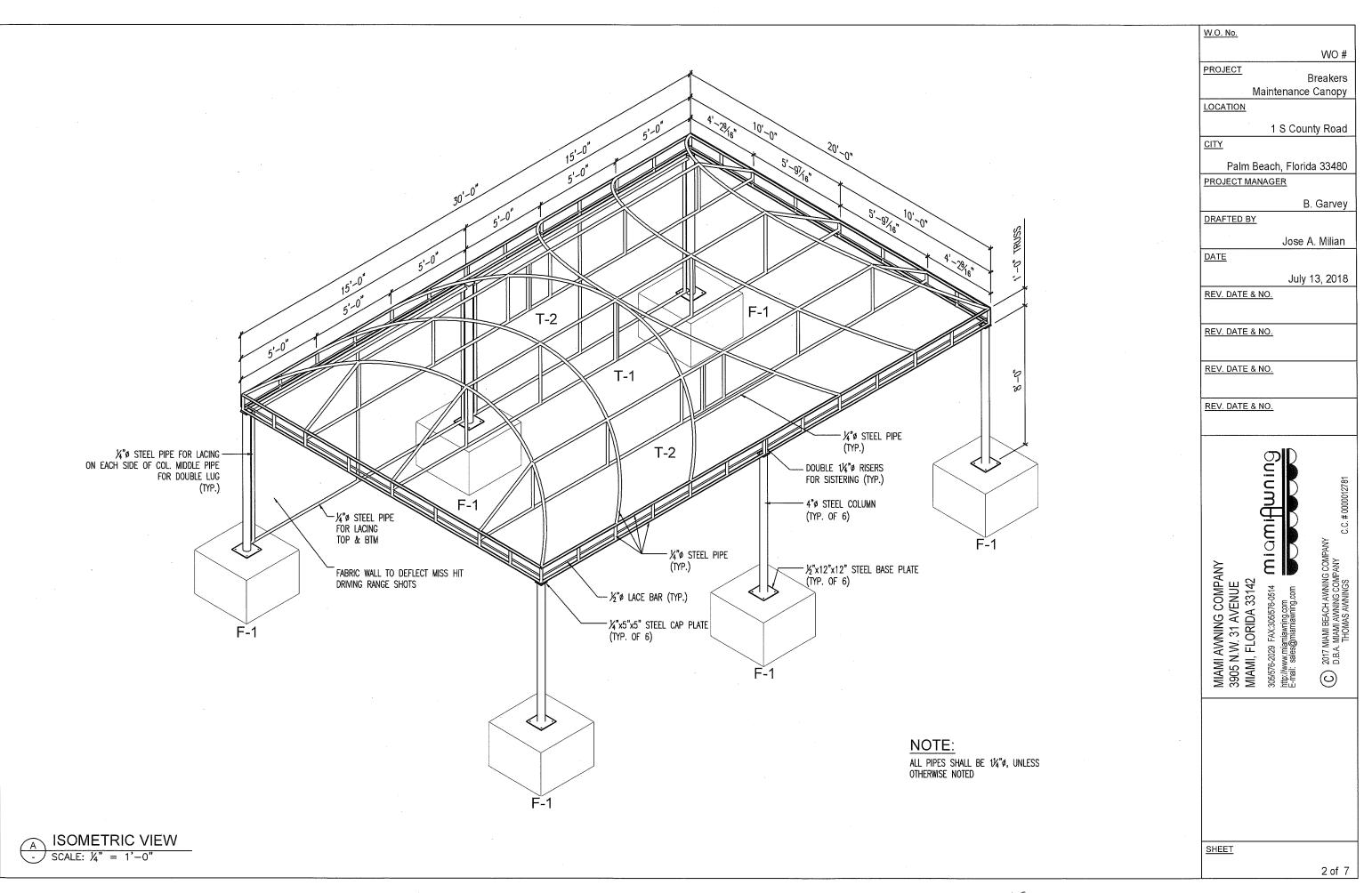


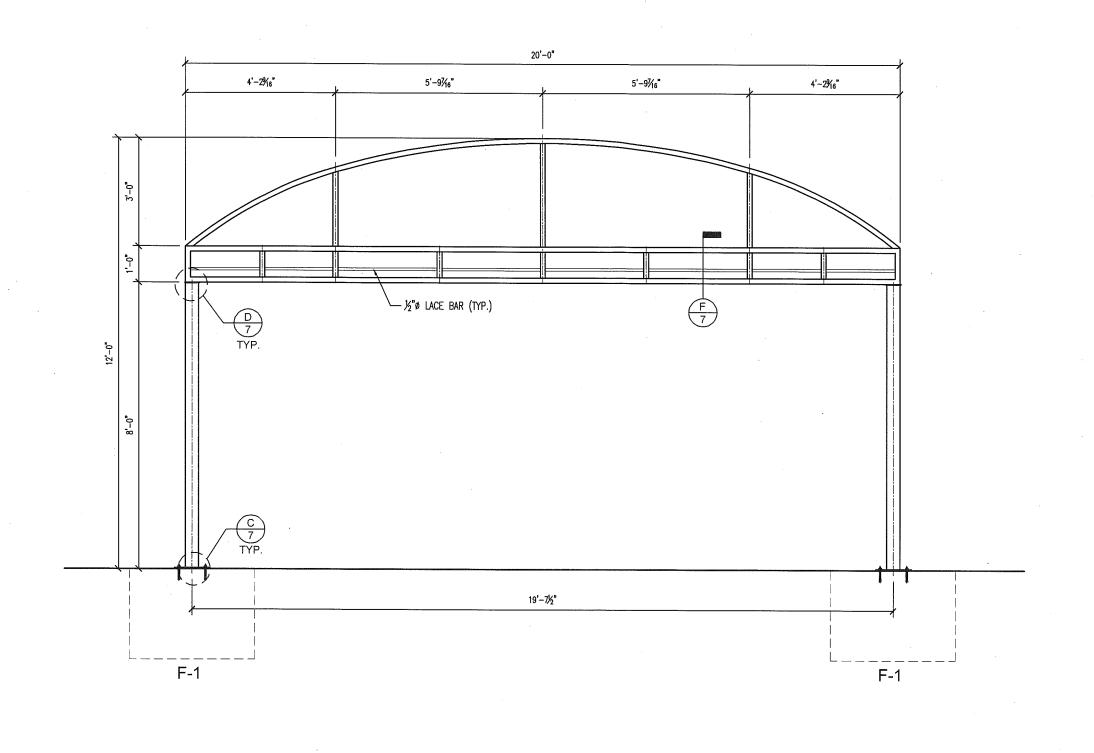












<u>W.O. No.</u> WO# PROJECT Breakers Maintenance Canopy LOCATION 1 S County Road CITY Palm Beach, Florida 33480 PROJECT MANAGER B. Garvey DRAFTED BY Jose A. Milian <u>DATE</u> July 13, 2018 REV. DATE & NO. REV. DATE & NO. REV. DATE & NO. REV. DATE & NO. © 2017 MIAMI BEACH AWNING COMPANY D.B.A. MIAMI AWNING COMPANY THOMAS AWNINGS MIAMI AWNING COMPANY 3905 N.W. 31 AVENUE MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142

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- SCALE: \( \frac{3}{8} \)" = 1'-0"

