

HB

313

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To: Nancy Manly
Subject: List for House State Affairs Committee

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Sponsor Statement
HB 313

The Department of Public Safety is seeking funding through statewide general obligation bonds to build a "state of the science" crime lab that will serve the needs of Alaska's citizens and law enforcement agencies for at least the next 40 years.

The Department started accepting evidence for analysis in 1978 with 2 chemists, 2 latent examiners and one explosives expert. In 1986, the current crime lab was built. Its 18,000 square feet were designed as a workplace for six scientists and support staff. The number of analysis has increased tremendously since that time. Over the last 30 years, both the types of evidence analysis and the number of cases submitted by law enforcement for assistance from the crime lab have increased tremendously.

The crime lab has managed to provide an excellent level of assistance to law enforcement during this time of growth. However, in the past five years, the growing demand for lab services has exceeded the capacity of the lab. This results in unavoidable delays in analyzing evidence. Large backlogs now exist. In order to preserve the quality of work, the crime lab had to reduce the quantity of case work coming in; thus, some services were outsourced while others were discontinued.

Forensic science continues to improve. New technology and added analysis are expanding the importance of forensic science in criminal justice investigations; examples include arson analysis equipment, laser examination equipment, vacuum metal deposition chamber examination equipment, trace evidence examinations, space and equipment examinations, toxicology and question document analysis. Additionally, expanded processing space is necessary to examine evidence from small items such as drug baggies and blood stained clothing to larger items such as entire vehicles. The new crime lab will have sufficient space to accommodate such improvements.

Additionally, DNA has created an entirely new area of testing and the number of cases involving DNA submitted to the crime lab is increasing steadily. DNA testing work includes current cases and many older "cold" cases. The design of the proposed new crime lab incorporates all the elements necessary to expand the use of DNA evidence as a crucial tool for solving crimes, providing justice to victims and ensuring Alaska is on the leading edge for implementing effective criminal justice tools.

The new crime lab will provide eighty-three thousand square feet with room for future expansion. The design of the proposed new crime lab incorporates all the elements necessary to expand the use of forensic evidence as a crucial tool for solving crimes, providing justice to victims and ensuring Alaska is on the leading edge for implementing effective criminal justice tools.

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FISCAL NOTE

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for paying the cost of a scientific detection laboratory Component Elections
Sponsor Rules Committee
Requester Governor Component Number 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 210	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual	1.5						
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	1.5						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The passage of this bill would require the general obligation bond question to appear on the 2008 general election ballot. The cost of providing information about the bonds in the Official election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58 is \$1 5. Should the addition of this question require printing an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase to \$22 0.

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January 15, 2008

The Honorable John Harris
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Harris:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a scientific crime detection laboratory.

This revenue would be utilized for the construction of a "state of the science" crime lab that will serve the needs of Alaska's citizens and law enforcement agencies for at least the next 40 years.

Over the last 30 years, both the types of evidence analysis and the number of cases submitted by law enforcement for assistance from the crime lab have increased tremendously. Currently, the crime lab provides expert assistance in the areas of fingerprints, biological screening, hair analysis, trace screening, blood alcohol content, drug analysis, DNA, crime scene investigations, shoe prints, and firearm/toolmark ballistics.

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The crime lab has managed to provide an excellent level of assistance to law enforcement during this time of growth. However, in the past five years, the growing demand for lab services has exceeded the capacity of the lab to provide all the services needed by Alaskans. Alaska needs a new crime lab. The new crime lab will provide 80 thousand square feet with room for future expansion.

Section 1 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than 100 million, if ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state would be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds.

Section 2 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state establishing the "scientific crime detection laboratory project fund" if the voters ratify the issuance of the bonds, to which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds except for the accrued interest and premiums.

Section 3 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state appropriating 100 million from the scientific crime detection laboratory project fund and up to 6 million in anticipated investment earnings to the Department of Public Safety to be allocated to the design and construction of a state scientific crime detection laboratory in Anchorage.

Section 4 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state appropriating from the general fund to the state bond committee \$500,000 or as much of that amount as is found necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill and to pay expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds.

Section 5 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state providing that the amount withdrawn from the public facility planning fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements financed under this bill shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

Section 6 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state providing that the unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation made in sec. 3 lapses and is appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this bill. Further, sec. 6 provides that amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption premium on the bonds shall be

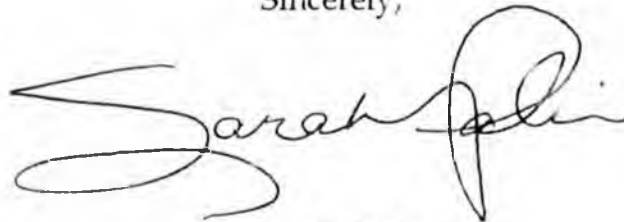
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reimbursed from this appropriation to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the bonds.

Section 7 of the bill amends the uncodified law of the state to add a new section directing the submittal to the voters for ratification at the next general election the question of whether the state shall issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than 100 million for the purpose of paying the cost of design and construction of a scientific crime detection laboratory.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah Palin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sarah Palin
Governor

Enclosure



State of Alaska
Department of
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Sarah Palin, Governor
Walt Monegan, Commissioner

January 17, 2008

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lynn:

Please find the attached House Bill 313, "An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a scientific crime detection laboratory; and providing for an effective date", transmittal letter and fiscal note. House Bill 313 provides a mechanism to place a proposed new crime lab on the November 2008 ballot. I would appreciate a hearing in your committee as soon as possible.

Letters of support, design and construction details and pictures of our current crime lab are forthcoming.

For specific questions regarding the bill proposal or any other items related to the proposed crime lab, please contact Deputy Commissioner John Glass (242.5879) or our Legislative Liaison Lauren Rice (351.2722).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Walt Monegan".

Walt Monegan
Commissioner of Public Safety

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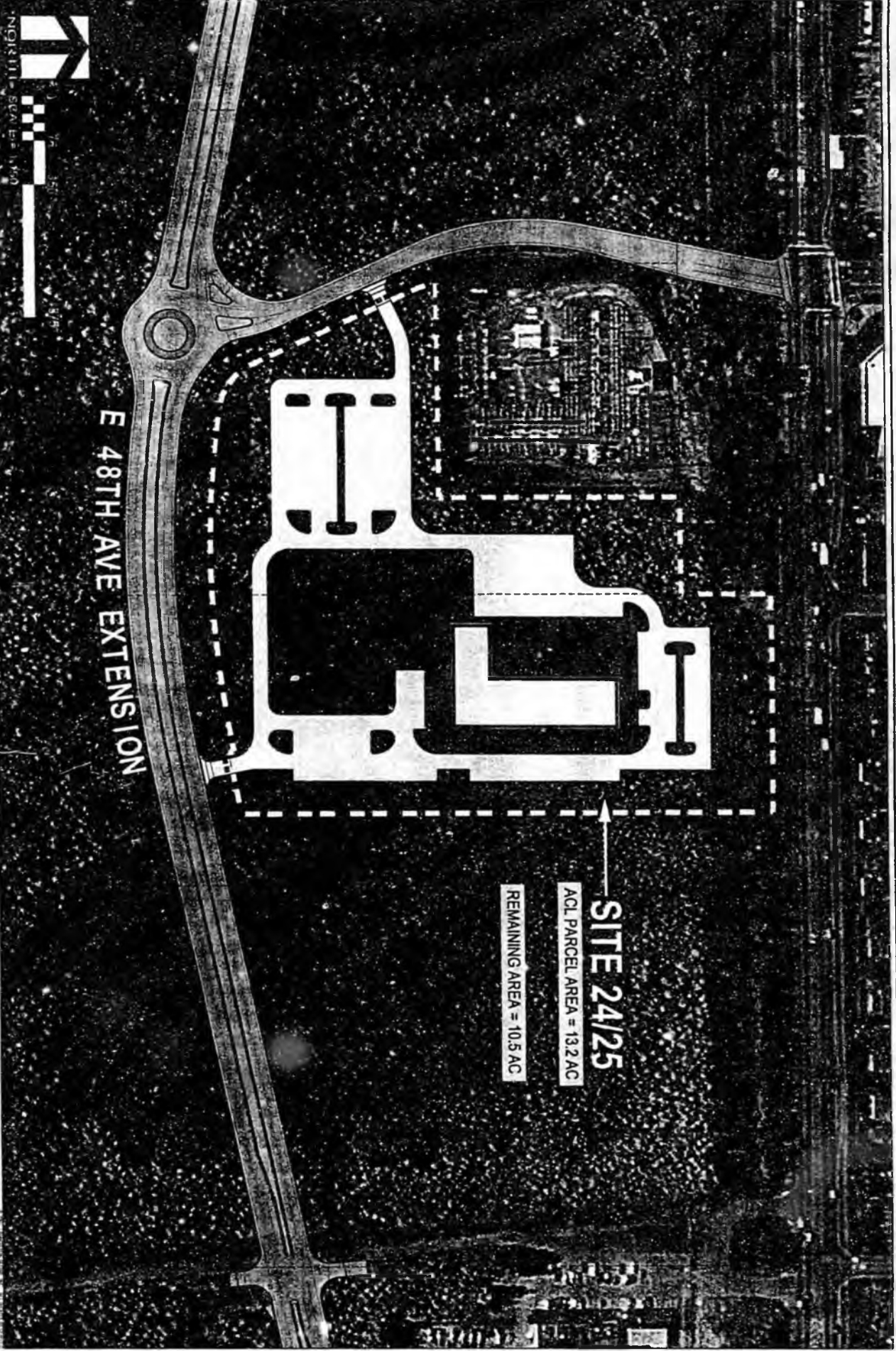
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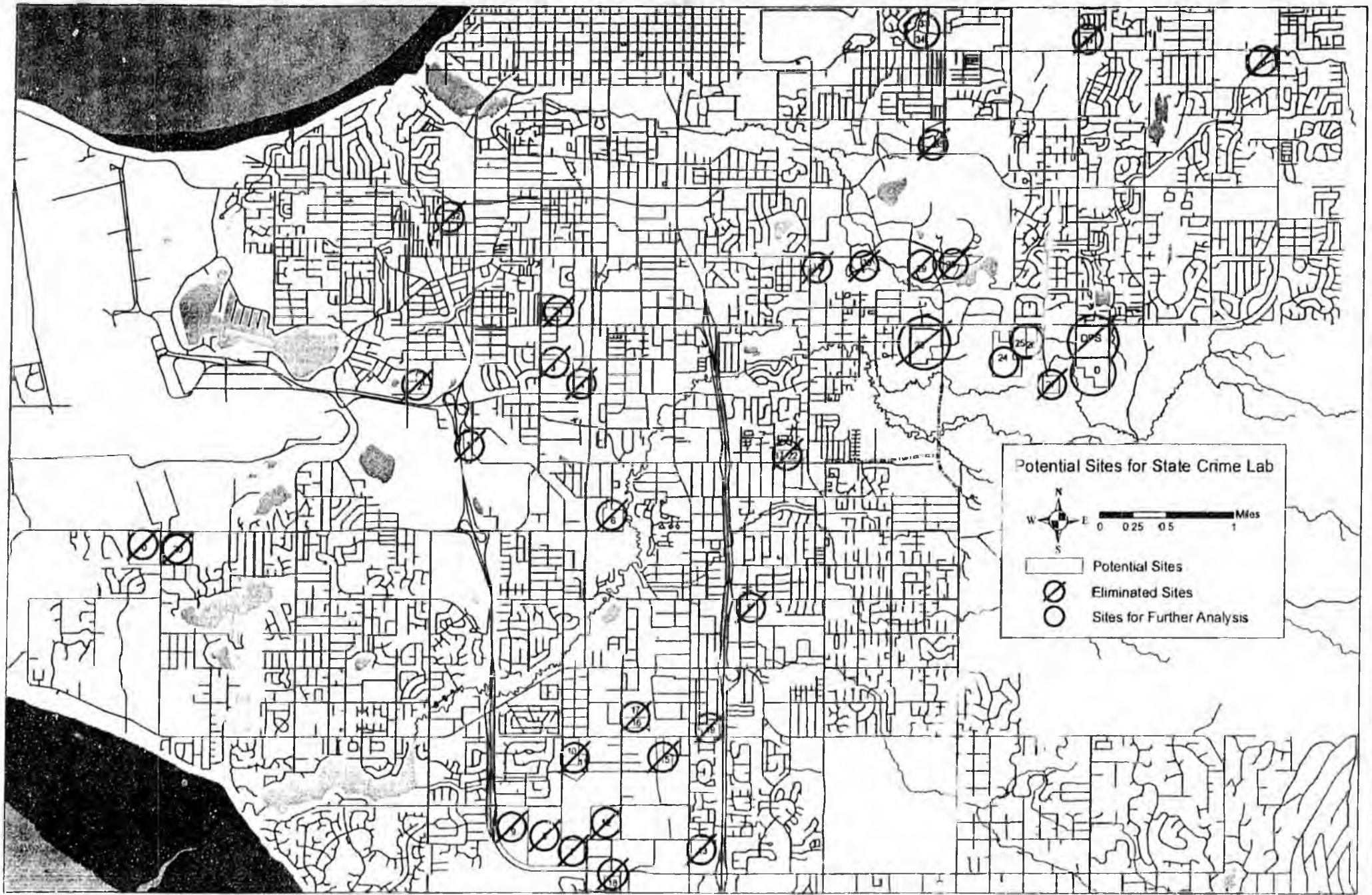
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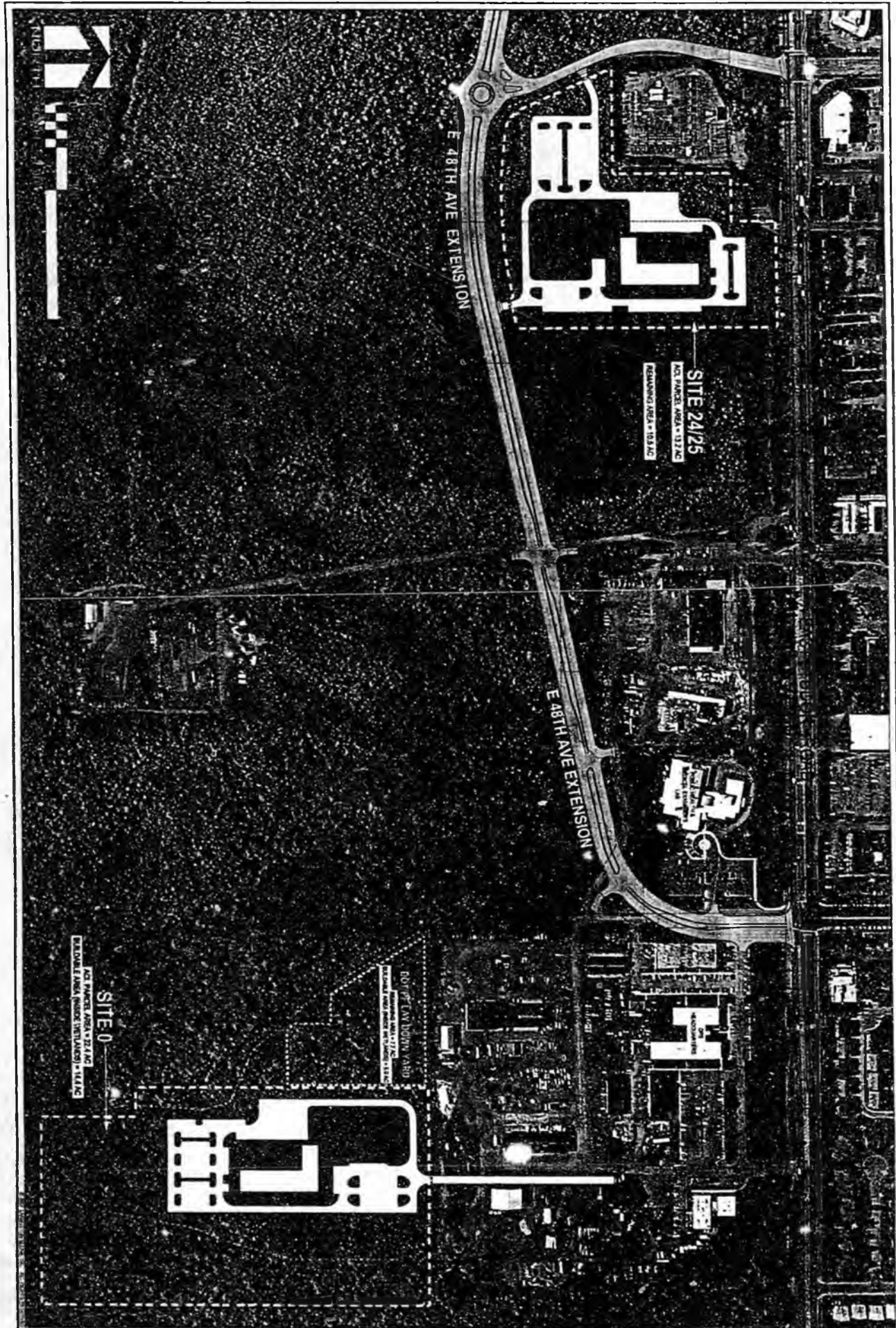


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