

**DANDENONG HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT  
WAITING ROOM SCULPTURE INSTALLATION COMMISSION**

## **Artwork Proposal – Submission Brief**

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**SITE: DANDENONG HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**PROJECT: CEILING MOUNTED ART INSTALLATION/SCULPTURAL COMMISSION**  
**LOCATION: MAIN PUBLIC WAITING ROOM**

As at January 20, 2010

### **Introduction**

Southern Health is Victoria's largest health service located across south eastern Melbourne in Victoria. In one organisation, we integrate primary, secondary and tertiary health services as well as international research and teaching facilities.

In line with Southern Health's commitment to including an art component within all new capital works projects, we are now seeking submissions from artists for an installation that will be located in the main public waiting room of the new Emergency Department at Dandenong Hospital. This 25 million dollar public health project is currently in Stage 1 of the construction phase with an anticipated move in date of October 2010.

Southern Health's engagement with the arts is supported by the underlying research evidence base of the benefits of the arts within the health environment, particularly in terms of improving quality of care. The arts have demonstrated successes in improving patient outcomes through engagement and diversion, resulting in reduced stress, pain and need for pain medication.

### **Site Specifics**

Dandenong Hospital is a 520 bed acute hospital providing a wide range of health services to the people living in and working in Dandenong and surrounding areas. The current Emergency Department at Dandenong Hospital handles around 48,000 patients a year, or over 900 people a week requiring acute care. The Dandenong ED is without a doubt a very busy facility that serves areas of socio economic disadvantage and culturally and linguistically diverse populations. The new facility will increase the capacity of the unit and improve the quality of care provided.

We have identified one key opportunity for an artwork commission is in the main public waiting room at the front of the ED. The ceiling area above the seating zone in the main public waiting room has been identified as the most suitable location within this area.

Southern Health now seek submissions for the design and construction/creation of a site specific ceiling mounted art installation that will enhance the waiting room experience, and ideally contribute to patient, staff and visitor wellbeing.

For many people, a visit to ED is marked by very high levels of stress, panic, discomfort and agitation. Indeed the hospital environment can prove to be alienating and intimidating for many individuals and artwork for this site should consider responding to these elements.



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## Project Objectives

The objectives of the project set by Southern Health are:

1. In line with evidence that supports the inclusion of the arts within the health environment, SH will commission a design of an installation that will be installed above the seating zone in main public waiting area of the new Dandenong ED.
2. Facilitate the creation and installation of a significant artwork, by an artist of considerable repute that will hang over the seating zone of the waiting area and enhance the sense of place within the Dandenong ED Department.

## Call for Design Proposals

We are now seeking design proposals from artists/designers. The participant should have the skills to fulfil all aspects of the works design and creation or be able to oversee these aspects where the engagement of third parties is required.

The idea of a 'canopy' that hangs over the seating may be useful as a starting point. The nature and scope of this installation is open to interpretation and may incorporate sound, light and other multi media approaches – although this is not a prerequisite.

## Submission Guidelines

1. The sculpture/installation should enhance the public waiting room experience and aim to improve the quality of care provided. Given the high stress characteristic of many users of this area, the installation should be sensitive to this and potentially aim to enhance the therapeutic environment through diversion, and promote a sense of calm within the space.
2. Designs should consider and work to compliment the overall architectural and interior design direction of the waiting room area.
3. The design will need to be of high artistic merit.
4. The final construction should compliment the operational efficiency and productivity of the unit, be of high quality and be appropriate for a high traffic, public health environment.
5. Considerations such as avoidance of dust collection and ease of cleaning should also be made.
6. Method of fixings to the ceilings should also be considered and safety issues addressed.
7. Lighting needs should also be addressed, changes to the existing lighting plans can be made.

## Selection Process

The successful project will be chosen by a panel that will include project architects (Bates Smart), Southern Health's Art Curator and the ED planning team.

## Submission Process

Design proposals will be accepted from artists across Australia. No international proposals will be accepted.

The costs associated with the submission process are to be met by the submitter.



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## Format of Submissions

Each submission should include the following information:

1. The submitters resume, not more than 2 x A4 pages.
2. 4 images of examples of submitter's prior work; these images should also be no larger than A4 size.
3. 2 x A3 copies of design images mounted on foam board. The designs may be in the form of digitally generated images, photos of a maquette or hand drawn illustrations.

## Selection Criteria

1. Artistic merit and quality.
2. Success in fulfilling the desired characteristics of the project as listed in the submission guidelines section above.
3. Appropriateness given the scope and function of the waiting room.
4. Suitability in terms of it's fit within the architectural elements of the space.
5. Artist's proven ability to design and deliver project on time and to budget.

## Budget

The total project budget is \$19,000 which needs to include all fittings and installation costs.

## Architectural Plans

Architectural plans of the waiting room will be provided to all interested parties.

## Important Dates

We are working to a tight deadline and hope that all submitters are able to respond to this schedule.

March 1, 2010	Submission Deadline
March 15, 2010	Winning design announced
March 30, 2010	Design drawings finalised and submitted. Note this may require discussion and engagement with architects. Ceiling fittings and adjustment to existing lighting plan confirmed.
July, 2010	Installation of artwork.

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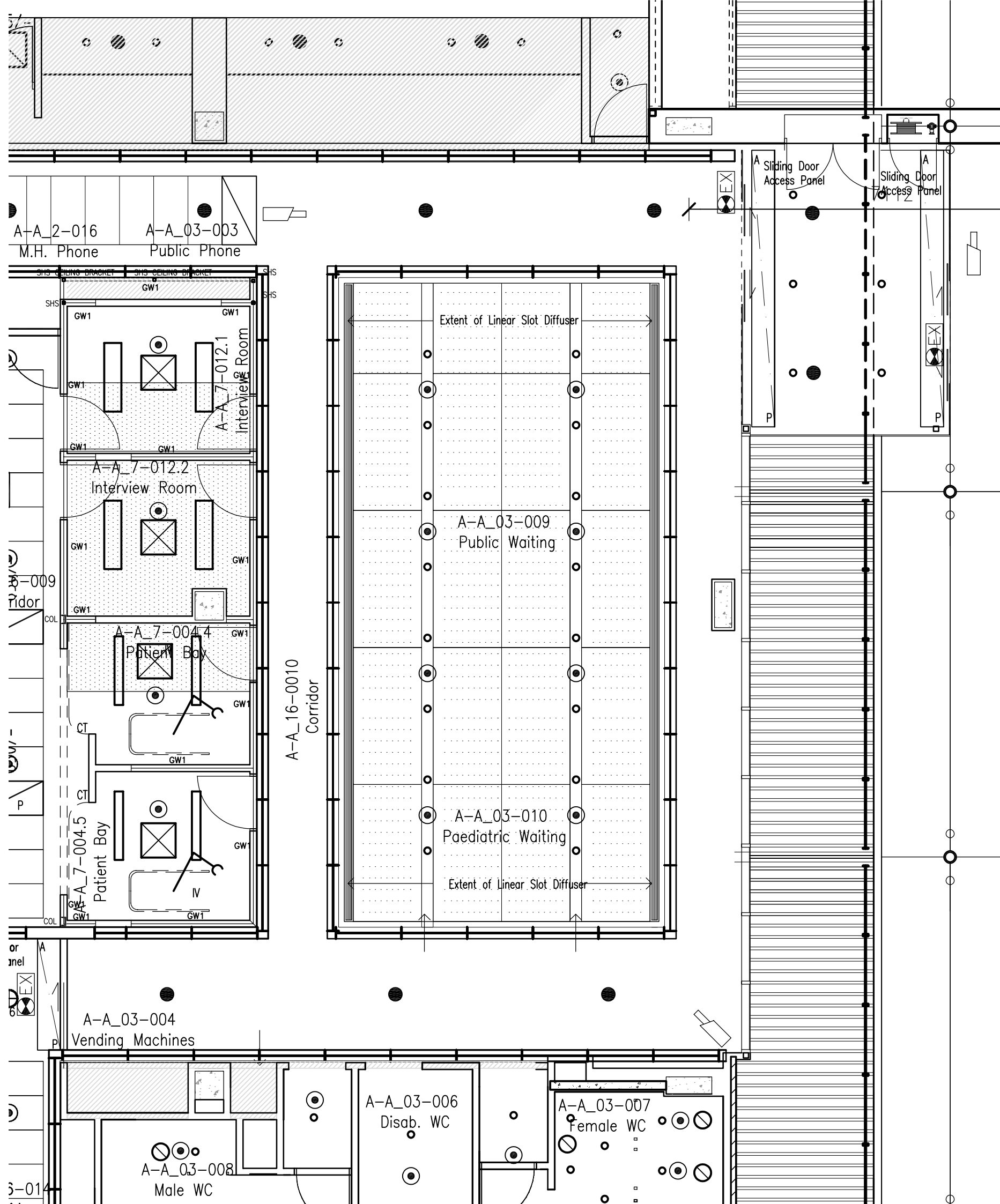
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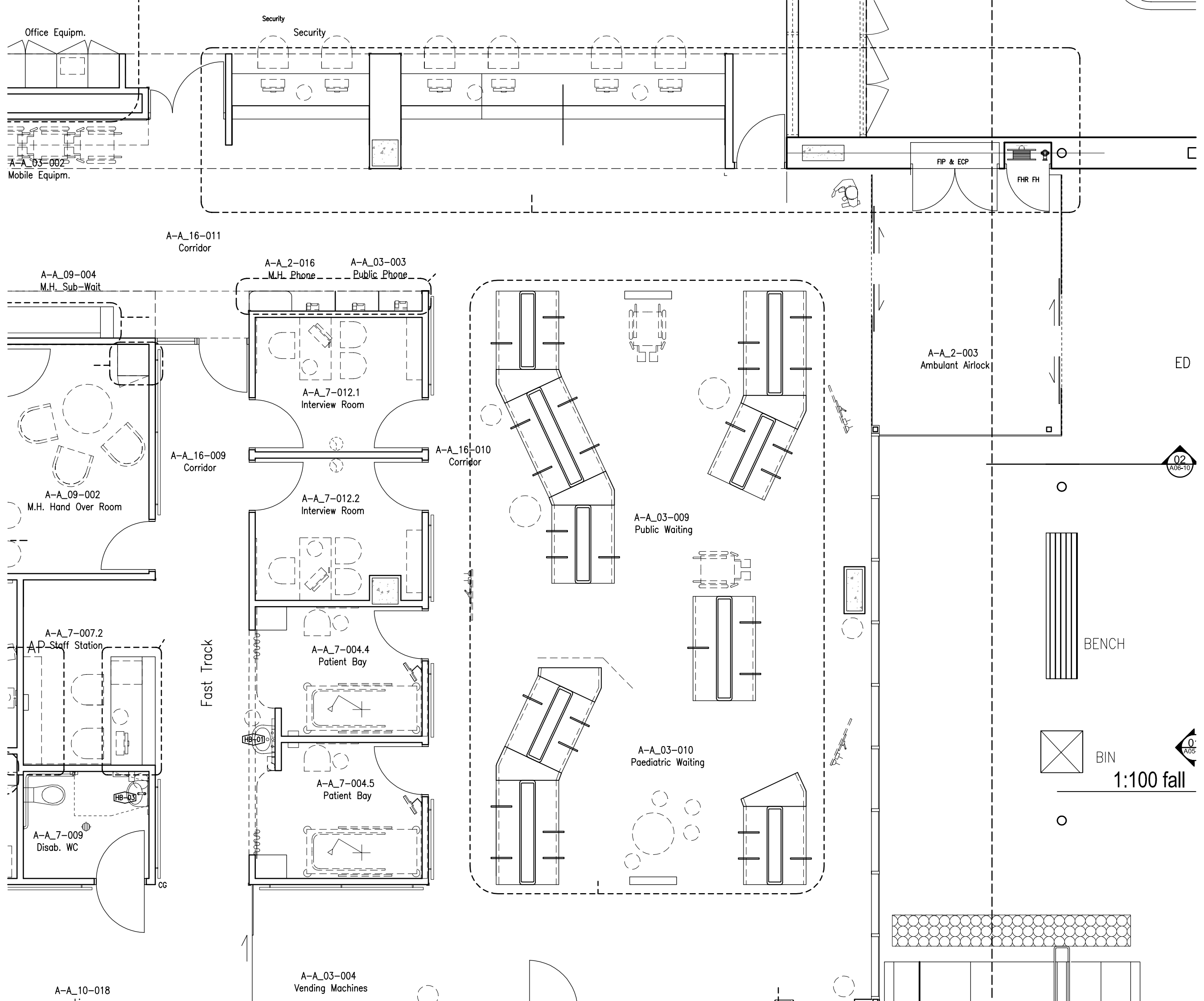


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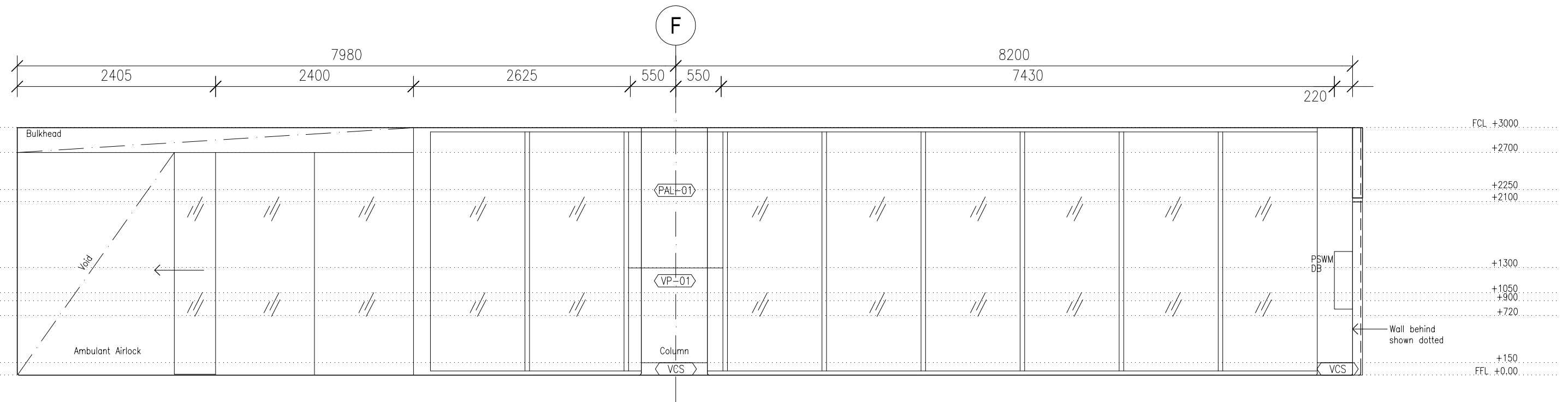


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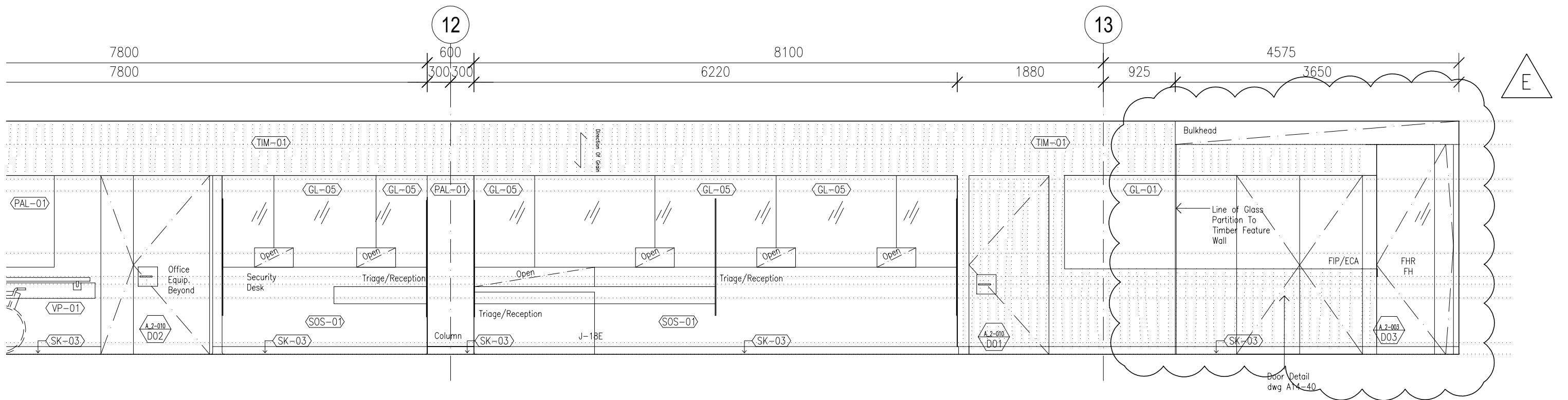
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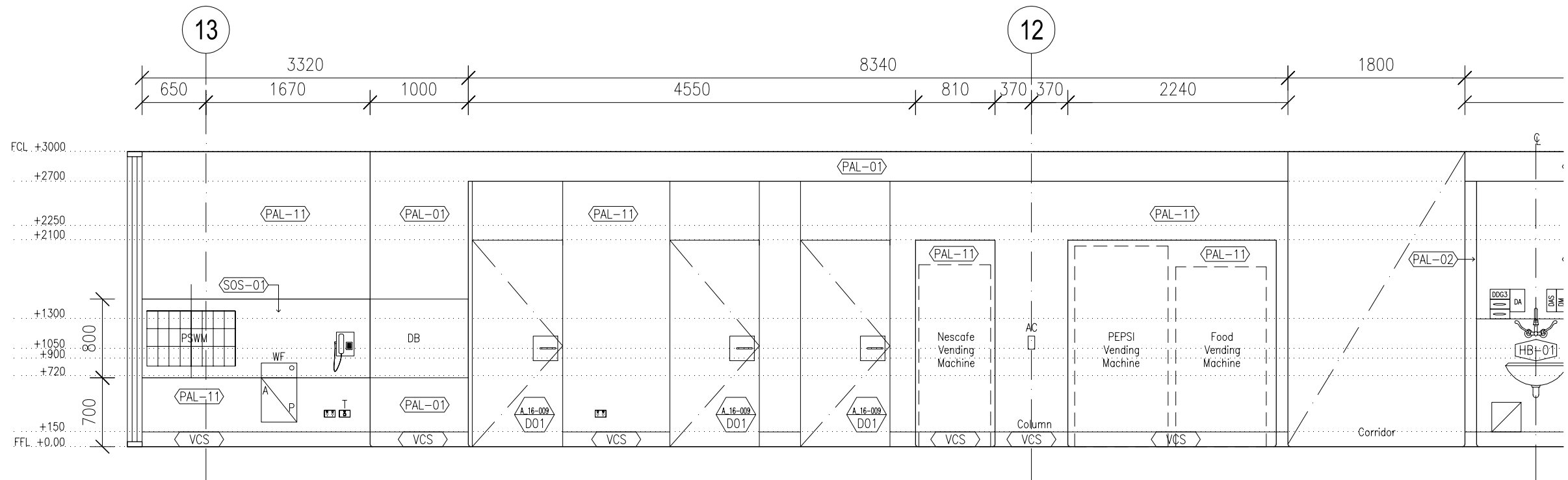
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Waiting Area North Wall Reception Desk

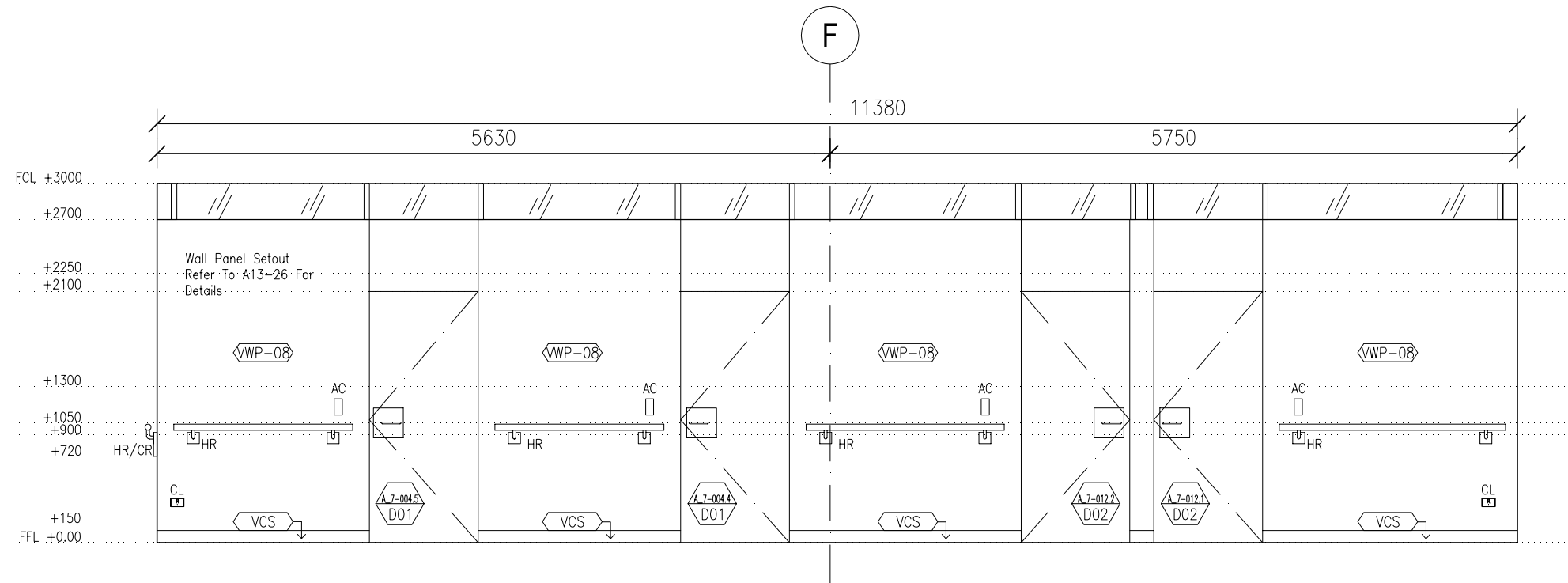


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Waiting Area West Wall



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