

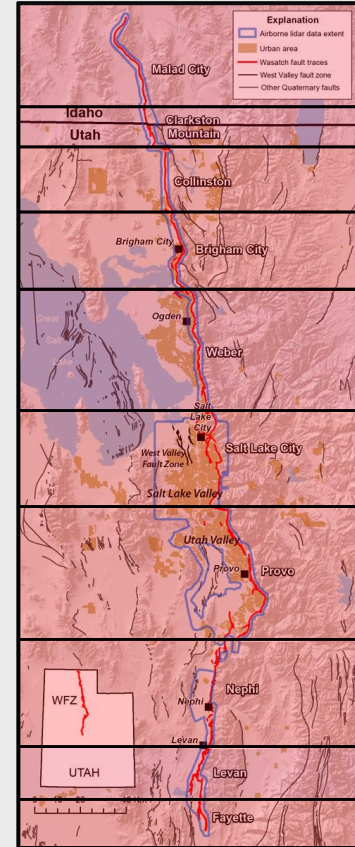


**Underpinning and Seismic Upgrade**  
**Salt Lake City Capital Building**

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# Geology – Wasatch Fault

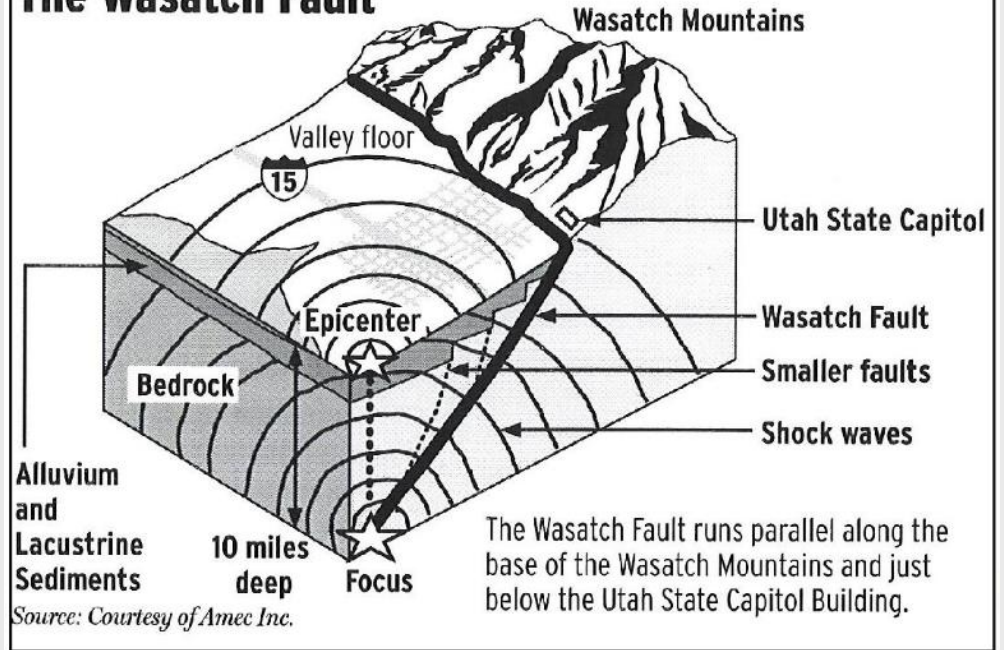
- Located at the Western base of the Wasatch range
- Area has the greatest earthquake risk in the interior western US
- Made up of 10 segments, Avg 25 miles (40km) in length each
  - 5 central segments offer the highest risk
- Each segment has the ability to rupture independently
- Effects 1.6 million people
  - 80% of Utah residents live along the fault



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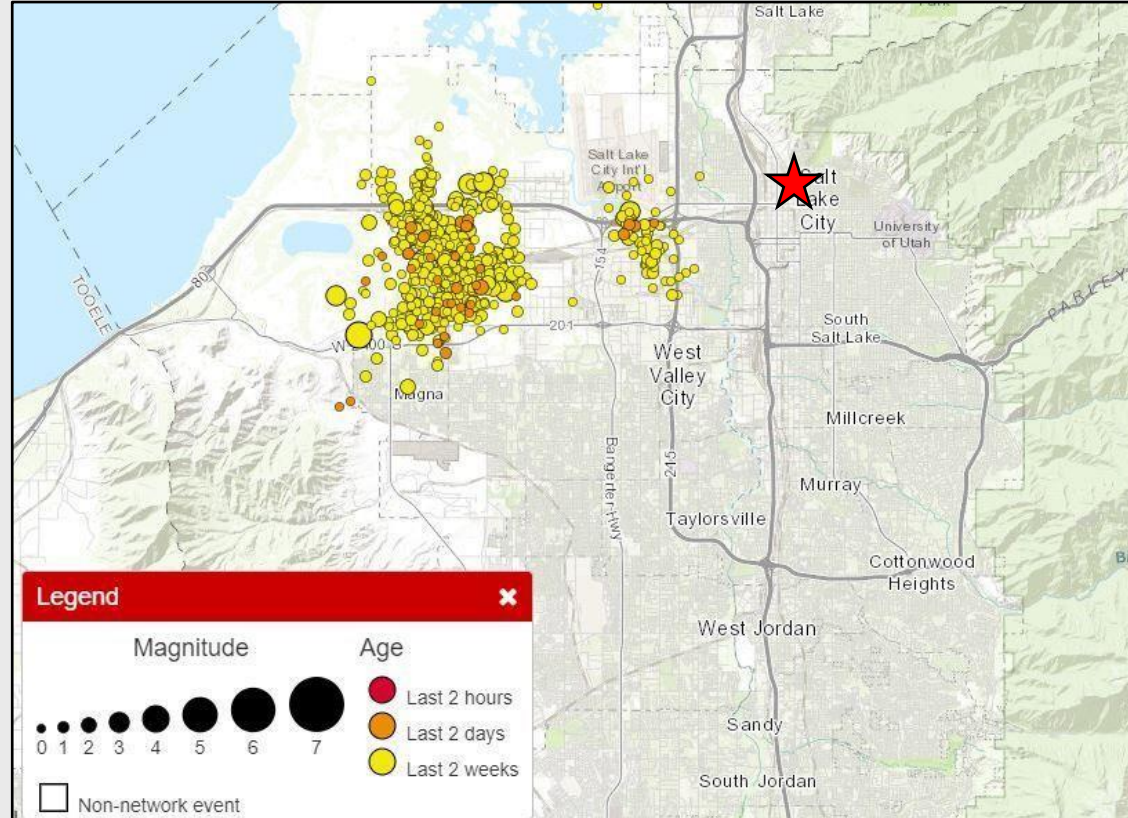


## The Wasatch Fault



# Geology – Wasatch Fault

- Most recent earthquake March 2020
- 5.7 magnitude
- 2,590 aftershocks throughout the following year.
- Over the last 10,000 years a large event has taken place every 900-1300 years.
- It's been 1200-1600 years since a 7.0 or greater event has happened along the Salt Lake City Segment.
- “Overdue for large earthquake”



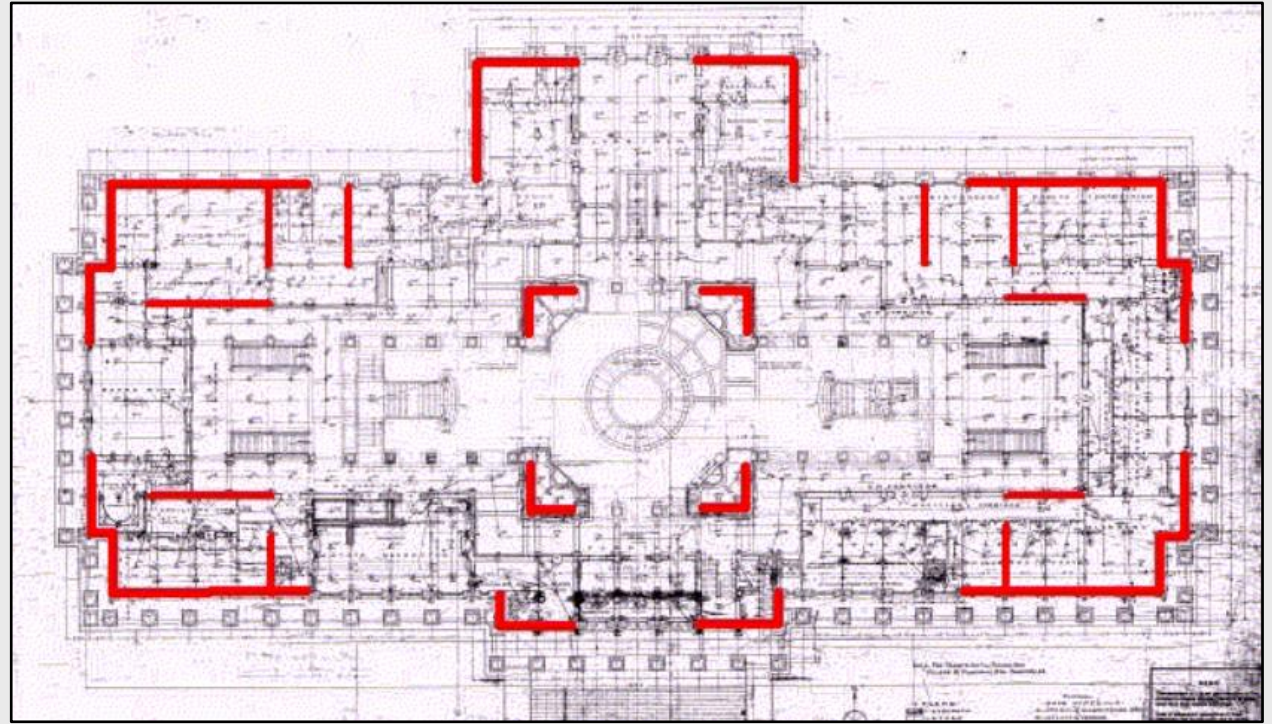
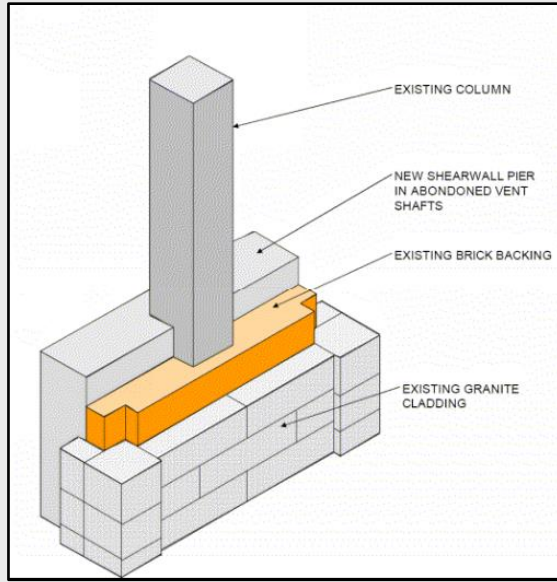
# Salt Lake City Capital

- Built in the early 1900s
- 4 stories with crawl space
- Constructed using reinforced concrete frame
- Later analysis indicated the building would perform poorly during a seismic event
- The concept of seismic design did not exist 100 years ago
- \$200 million seismic upgrade from 2004 to 2008



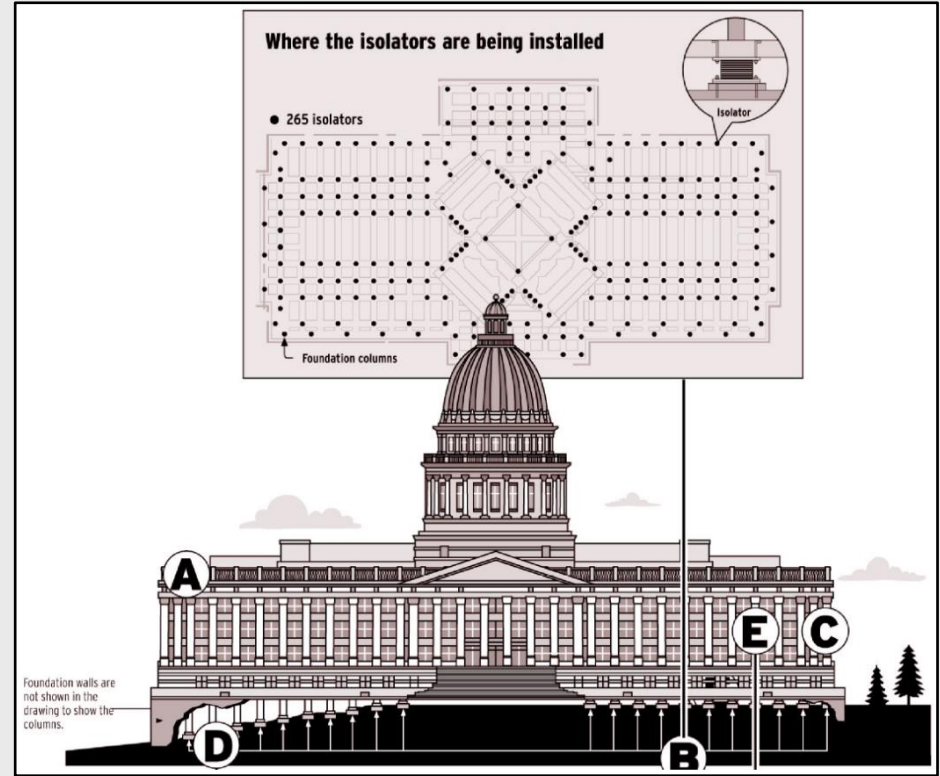
# Shear Walls

- New shear walls



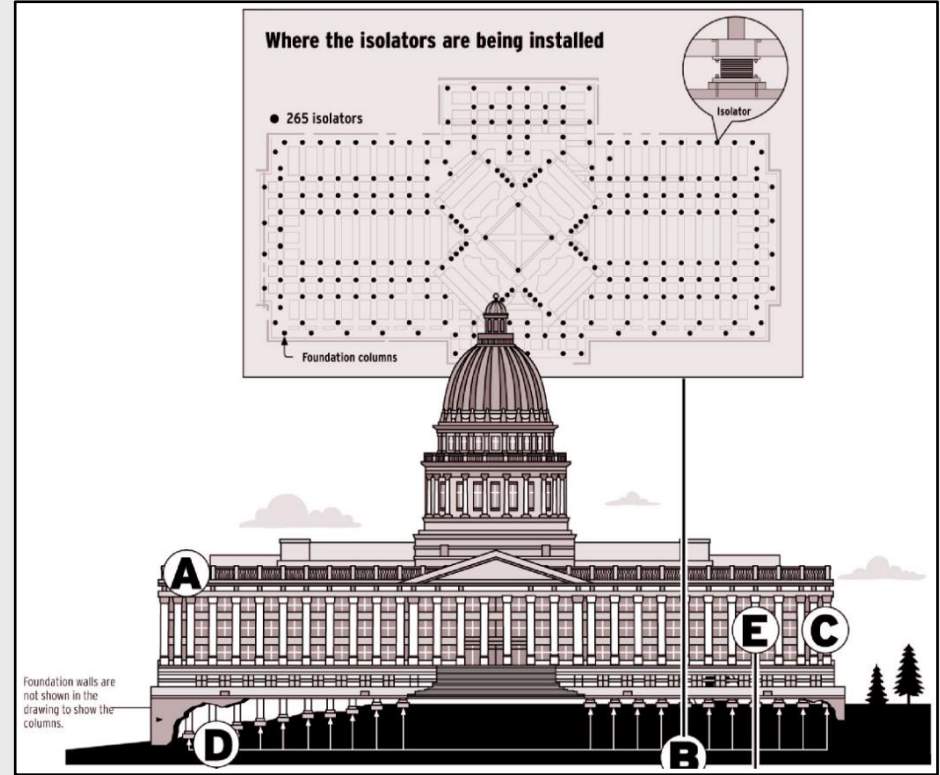
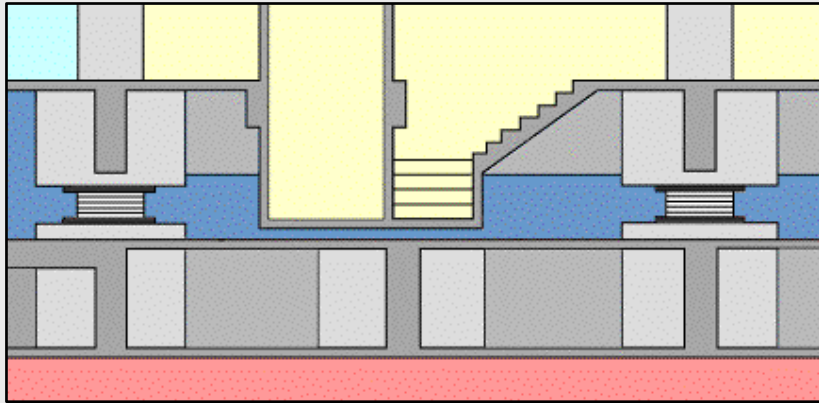
# Challenges

- Plan required complete removal of existing foundation system
  - Other solutions would have caused damage to the original historical structure. Higher overall cost.
- Very heavy structure. Roughly 2x the weight of modern office building of comparable size
  - Dome amplifies seismic forces due to weight
- Structure built on slope
  - West side of building had limited access
  - Required breaking out portions of floor above
- During construction, the structure could not sustain more than 1/16" of movement



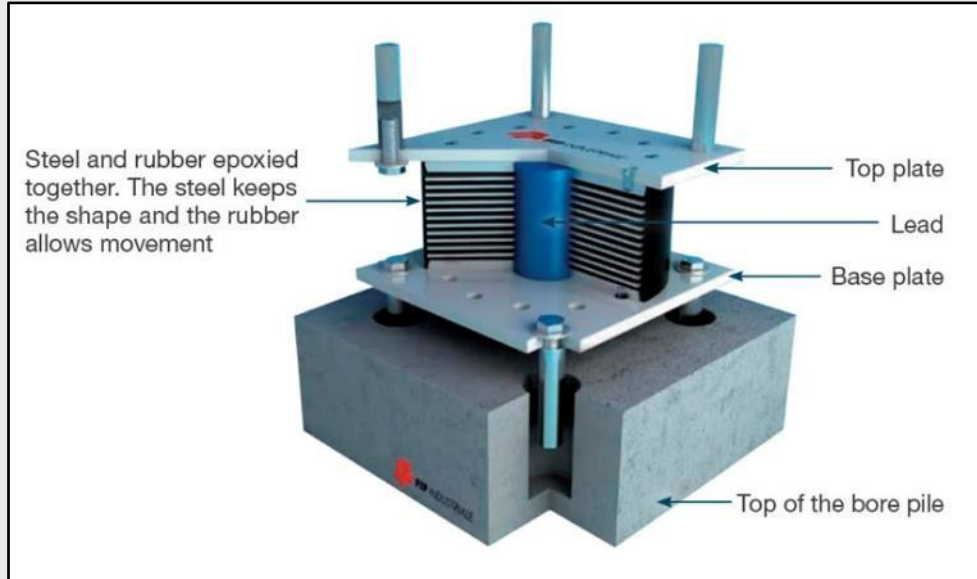
# Base Isolator

- 265 base isolators to be installed
  - Base Isolation is one of the most popular and effective tools against earthquake forces
  - Decouples structure from the structure base (foundation)
  - Vertically stiff
  - Horizontally flexible

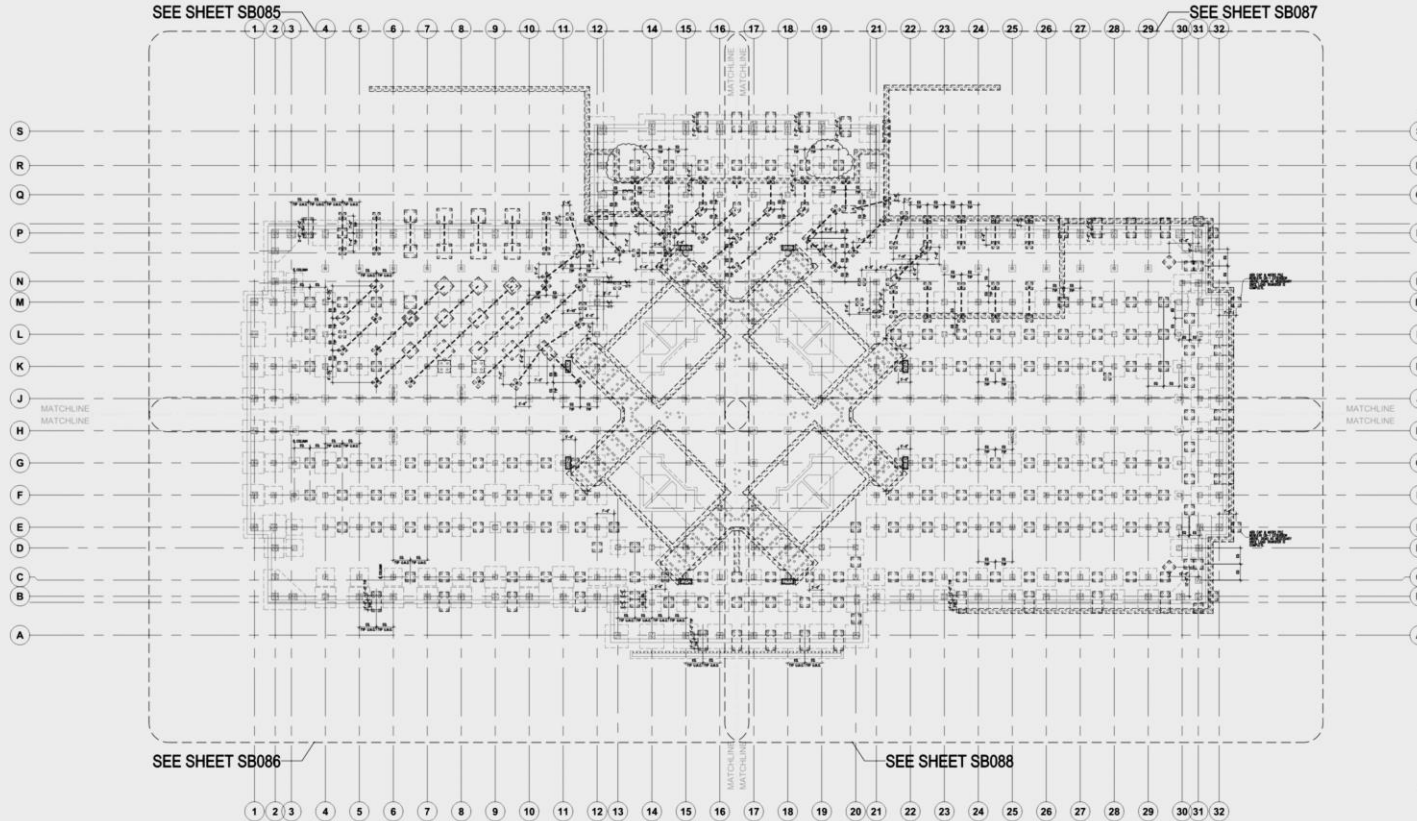




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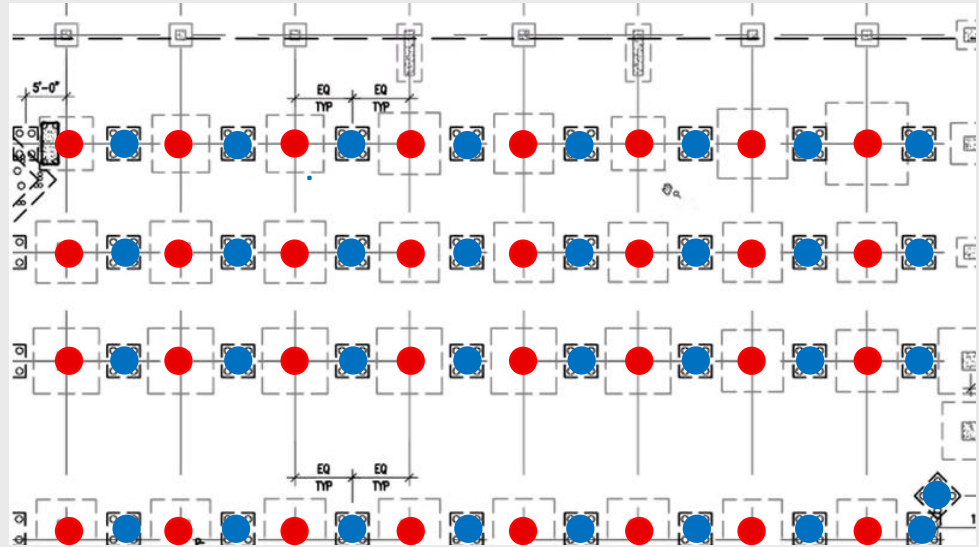


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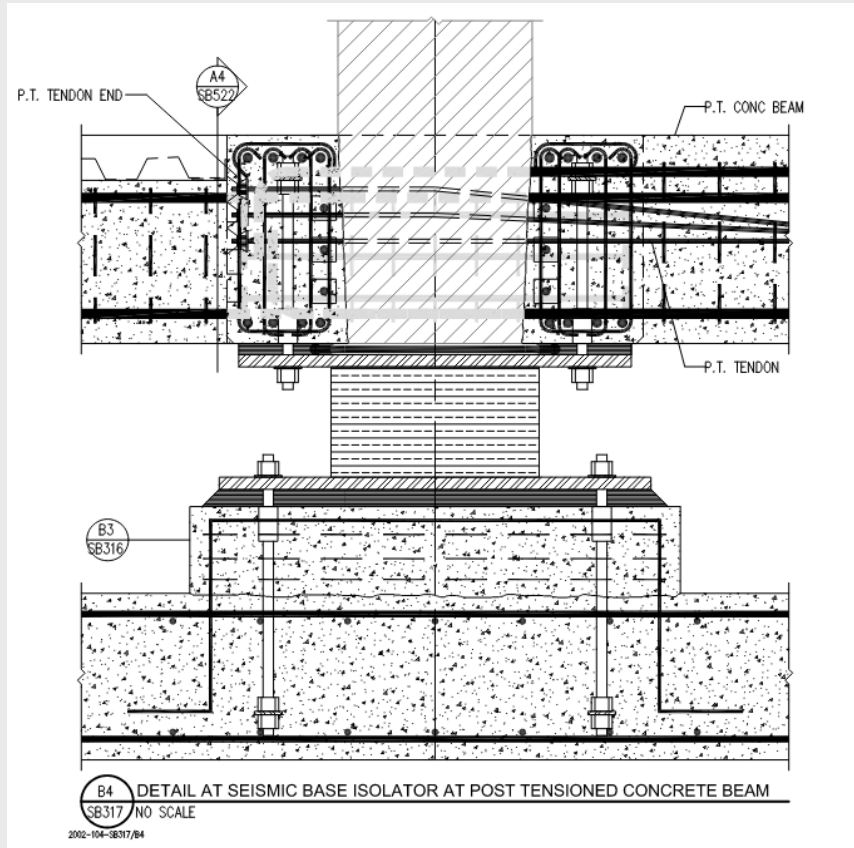
- Columns 14ft O.C.
- “Thousands of Micropiles”
- Over 3000 micropiles
- Pile groups of TITAN T30/11 and TITAN T40/16
- Column loads Ranged from 200kips – 900+ kips



● Isolator

● Pile Cap

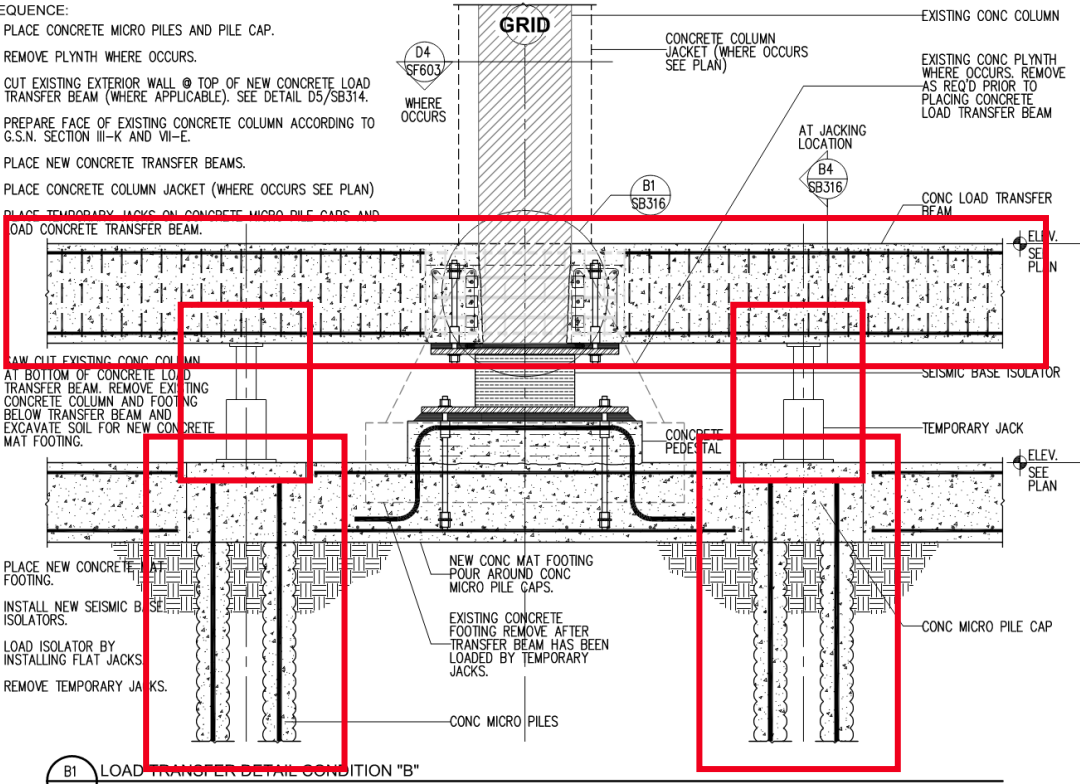
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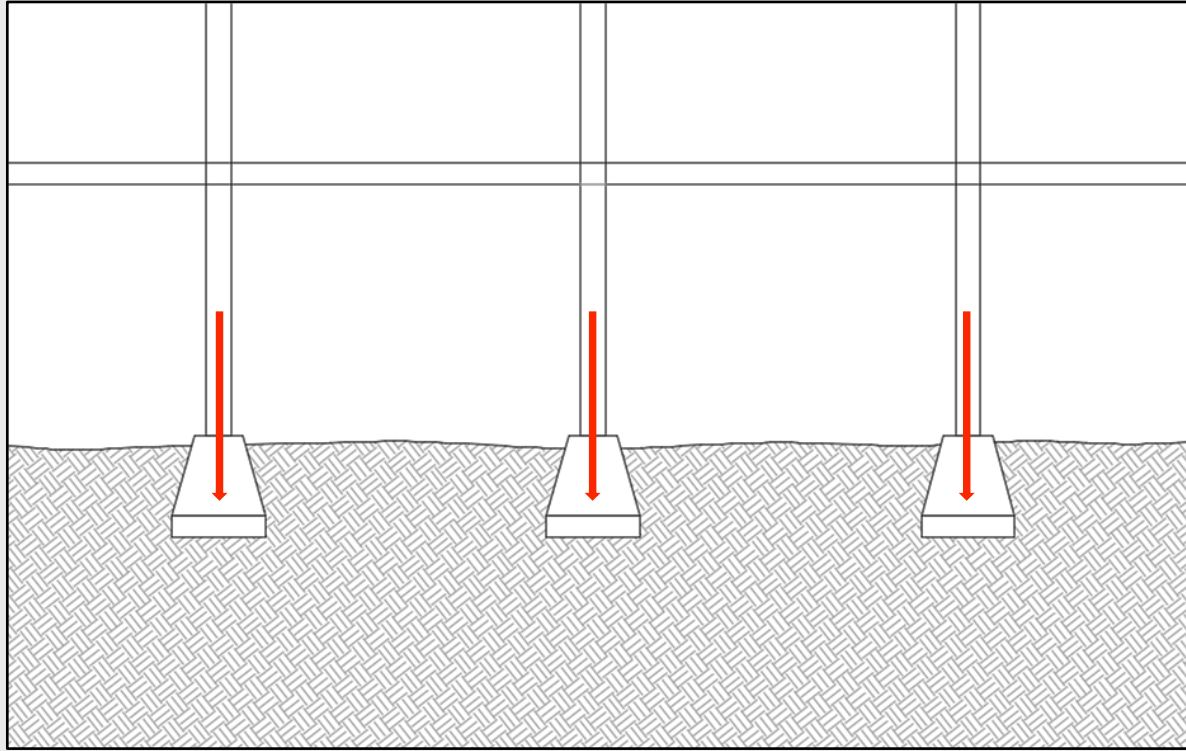
1. PLACE CONCRETE MICRO PILES AND PILE CAP.
2. REMOVE PLYNTH WHERE OCCURS.
3. CUT EXISTING EXTERIOR WALL @ TOP OF NEW CONCRETE LOAD TRANSFER BEAM (WHERE APPLICABLE). SEE DETAIL D5/SB314.
4. PREPARE FACE OF EXISTING CONCRETE COLUMN ACCORDING TO G.S.N. SECTION III-K AND VI-E.
5. PLACE NEW CONCRETE TRANSFER BEAMS.
6. PLACE CONCRETE COLUMN JACKET (WHERE OCCURS SEE PLAN)
7. PLACE TEMPORARY JACKS ON CONCRETE MICRO PILE CAPS AND LOAD CONCRETE TRANSFER BEAM.
8. SAW CUT EXISTING CONCRETE COLUMN AT BOTTOM OF CONCRETE LOAD TRANSFER BEAM. REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE COLUMN AND FOOTING BELOW TRANSFER BEAM AND EXCAVATE SOIL FOR NEW CONCRETE MAT FOOTING.
9. PLACE NEW CONCRETE MAT FOOTING.
10. INSTALL NEW SEISMIC BASE ISOLATORS.
11. LOAD ISOLATOR BY INSTALLING FLAT JACKS.
12. REMOVE TEMPORARY JACKS.



B1 LOAD TRANSFER DETAIL CONDITION "B"  
SB314 NO SCALE

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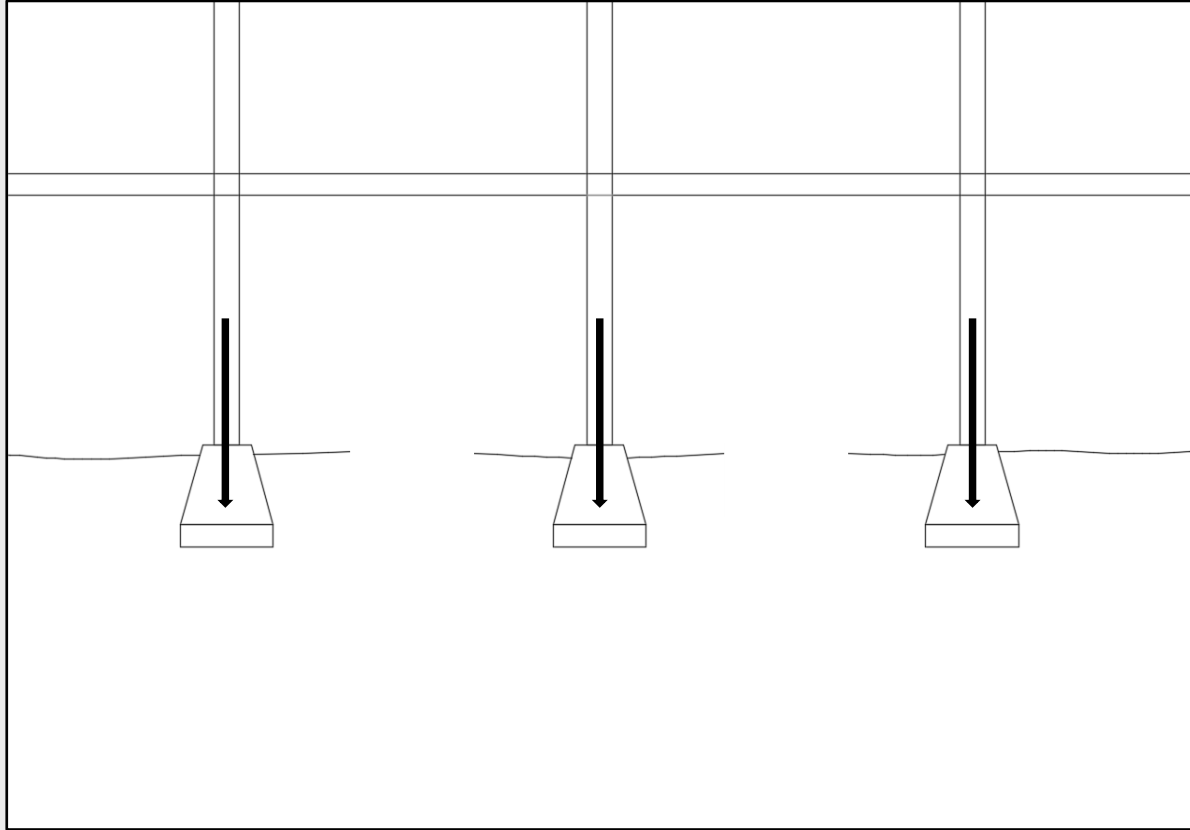


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- East Side of building



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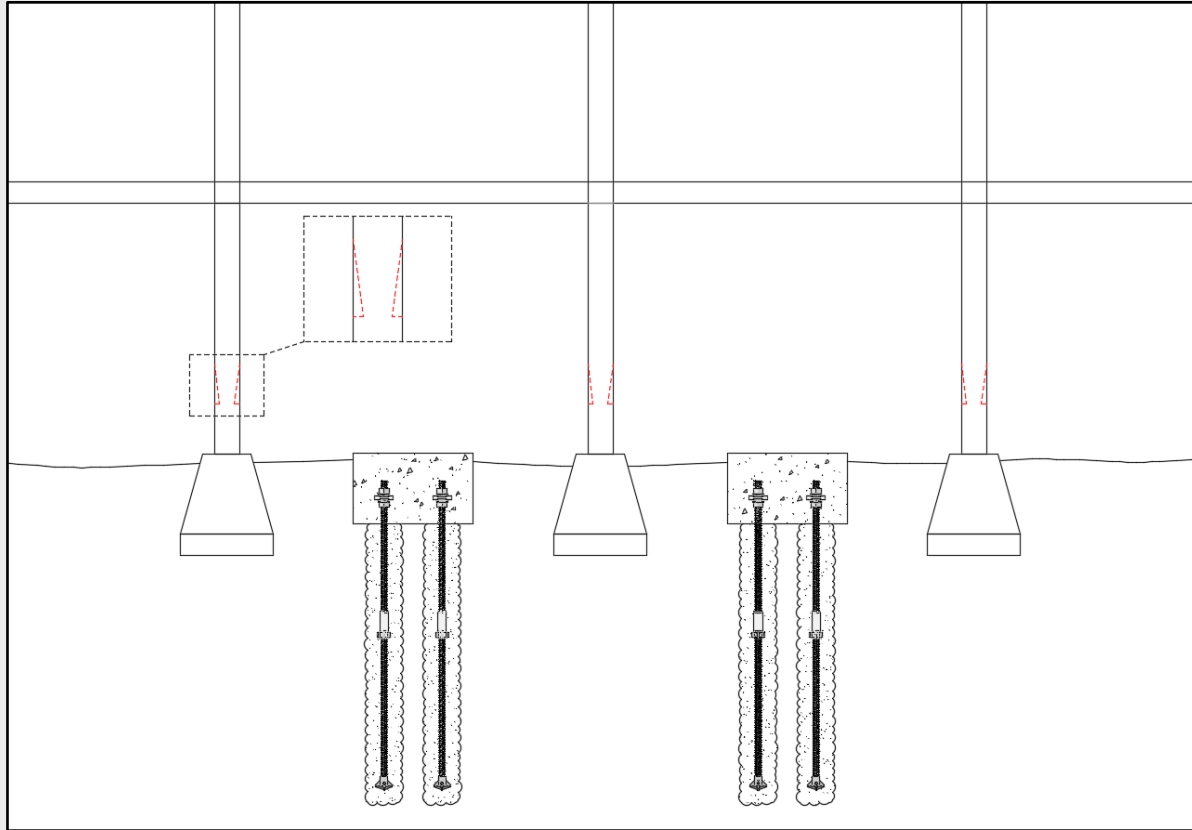




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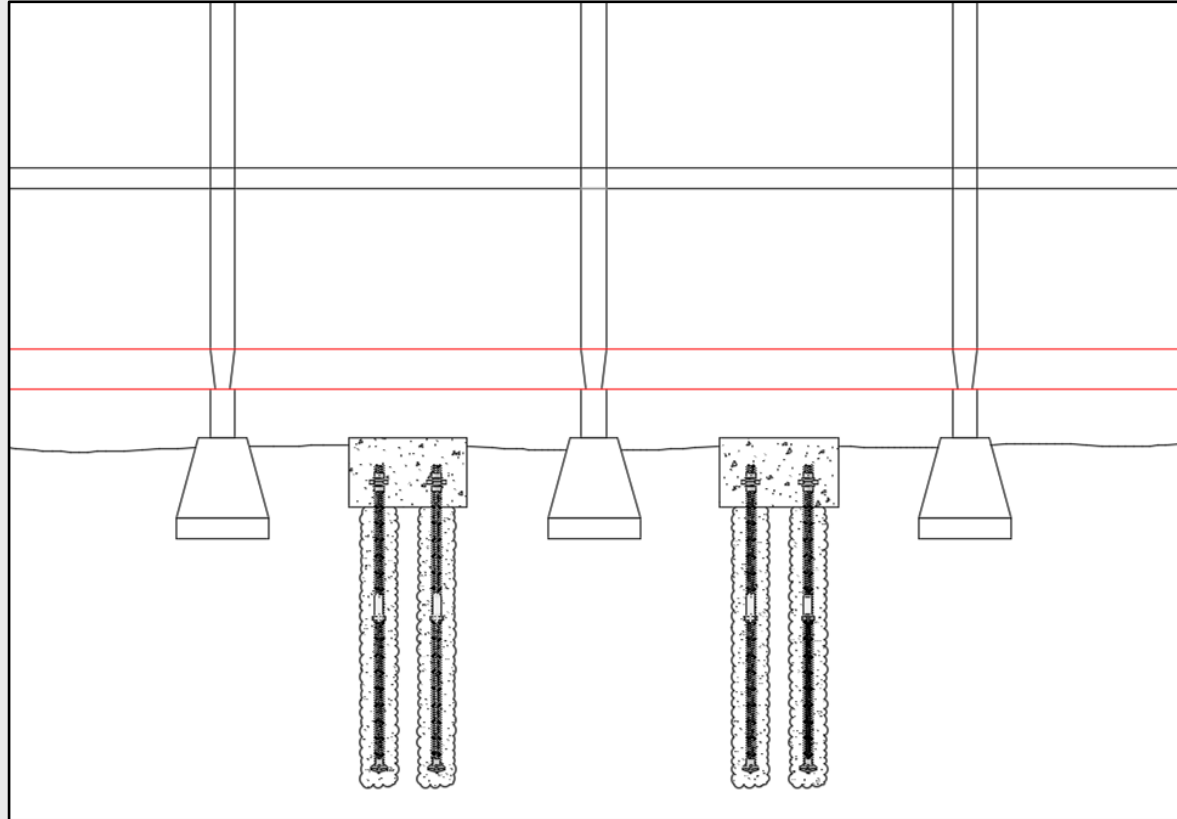


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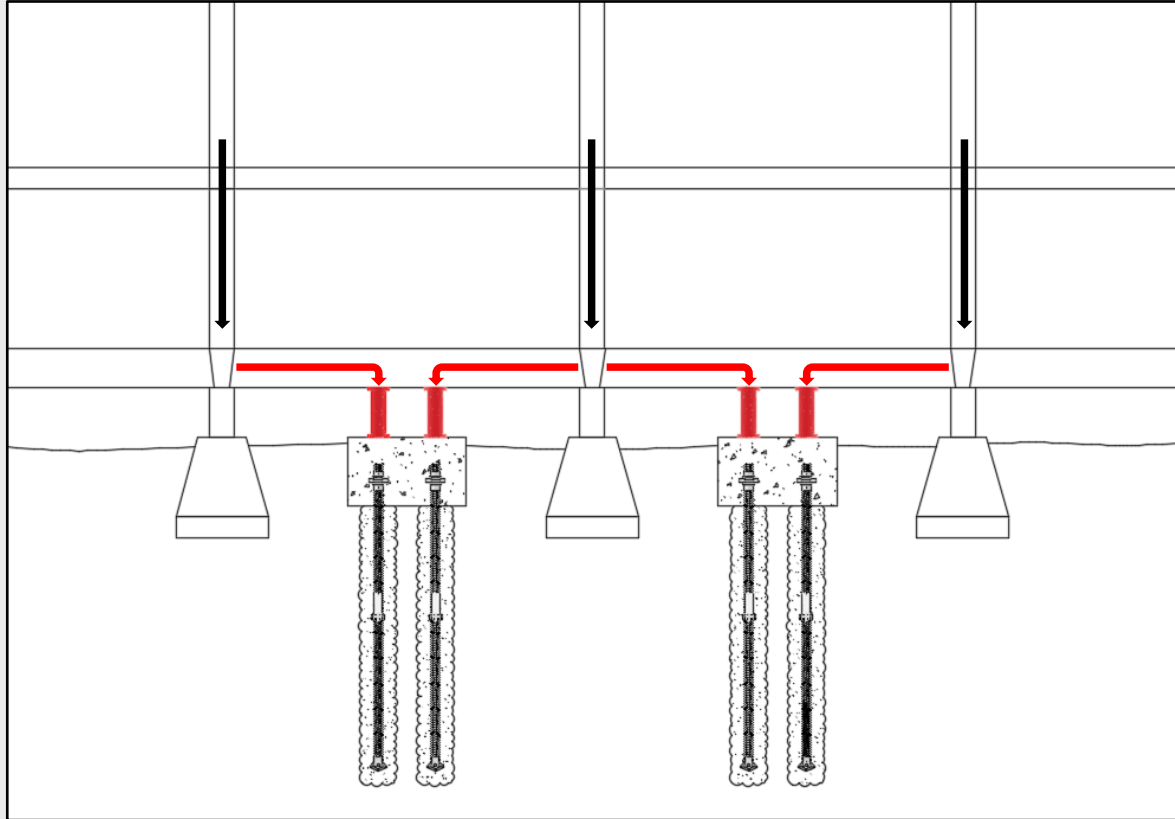
- 30" temporary load transfer slab
- ~ 5ft wide



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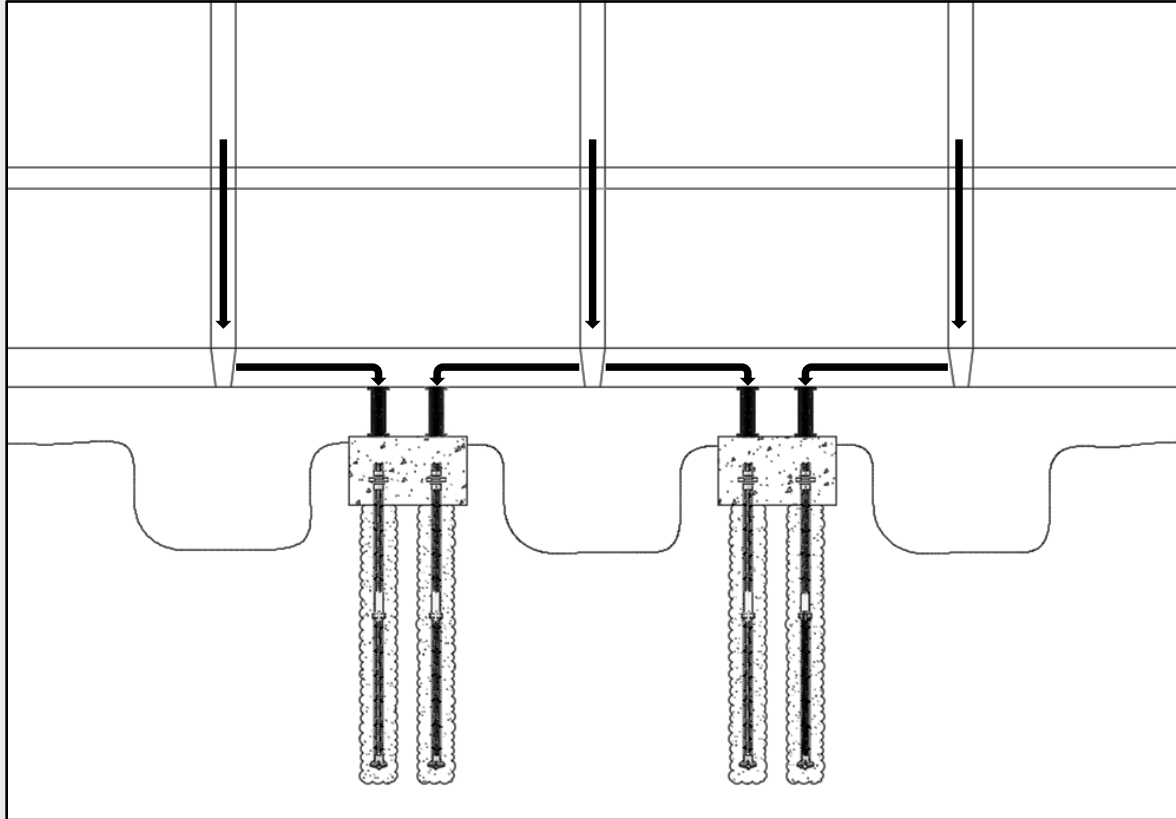
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- In areas where columns were not symmetrical, steel beams were used to transfer the load
- Approximately 40 columns removed at a time

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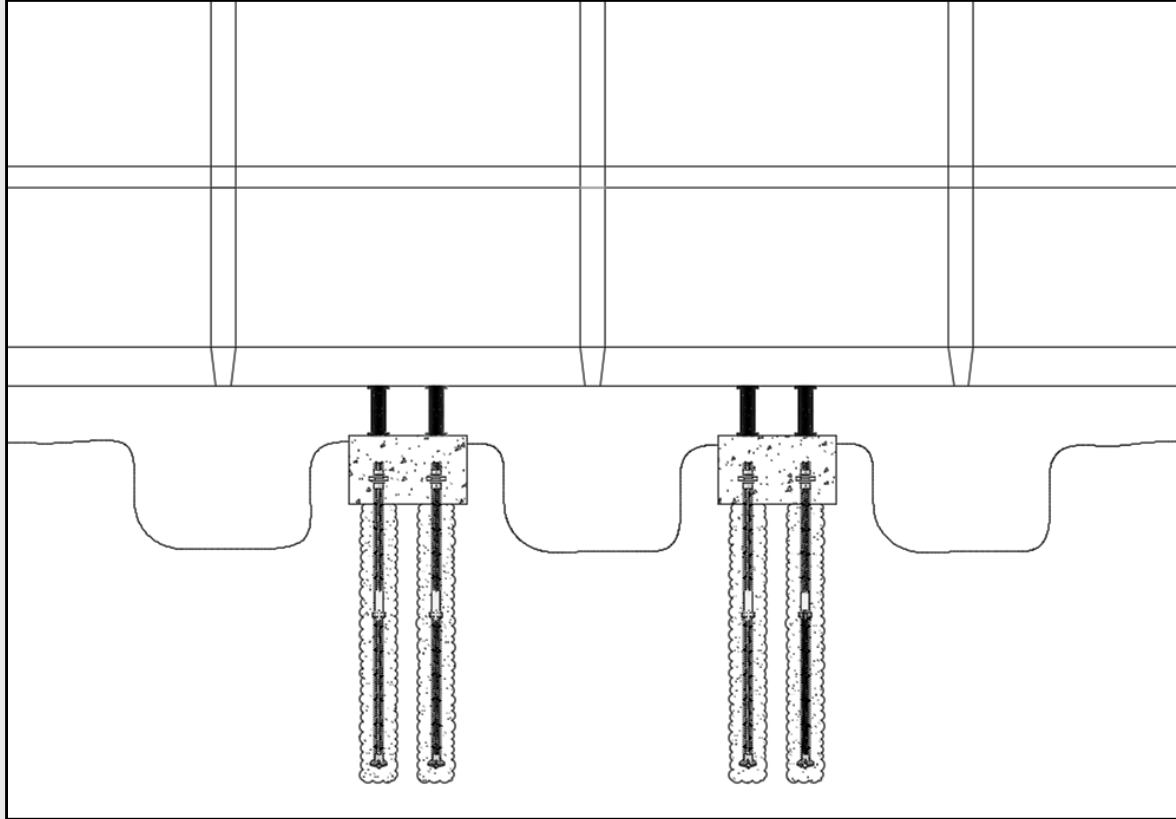


- Jacks to apply pressure just until there was a load transfer
- Not wanting to lift



- During construction, the structure could not sustain more than 1/16" or movement
- **Actual movement up to 1/1000<sup>th</sup> inch**

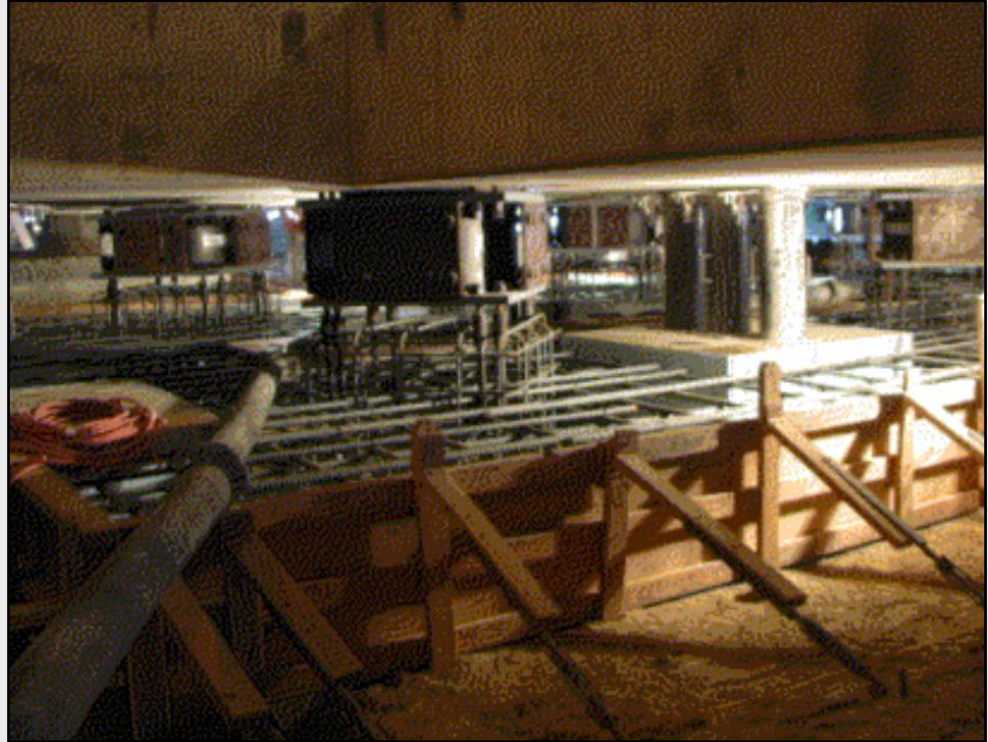
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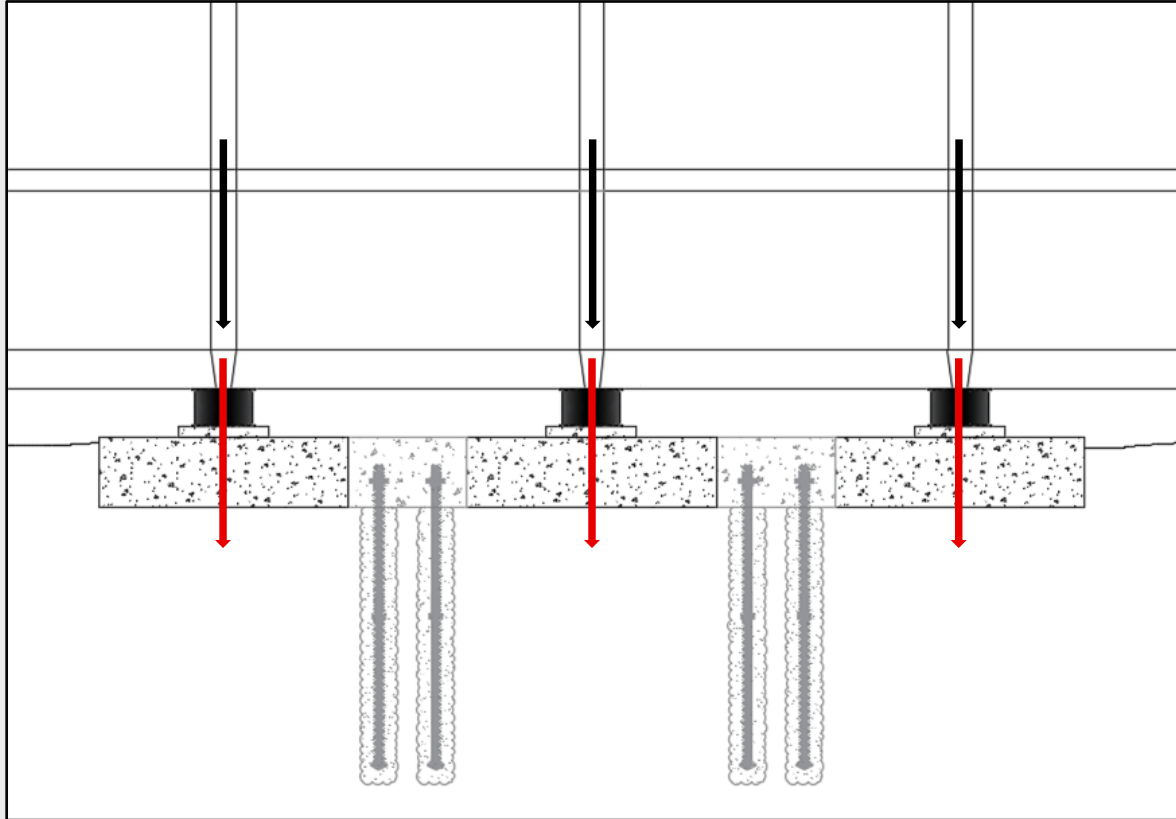
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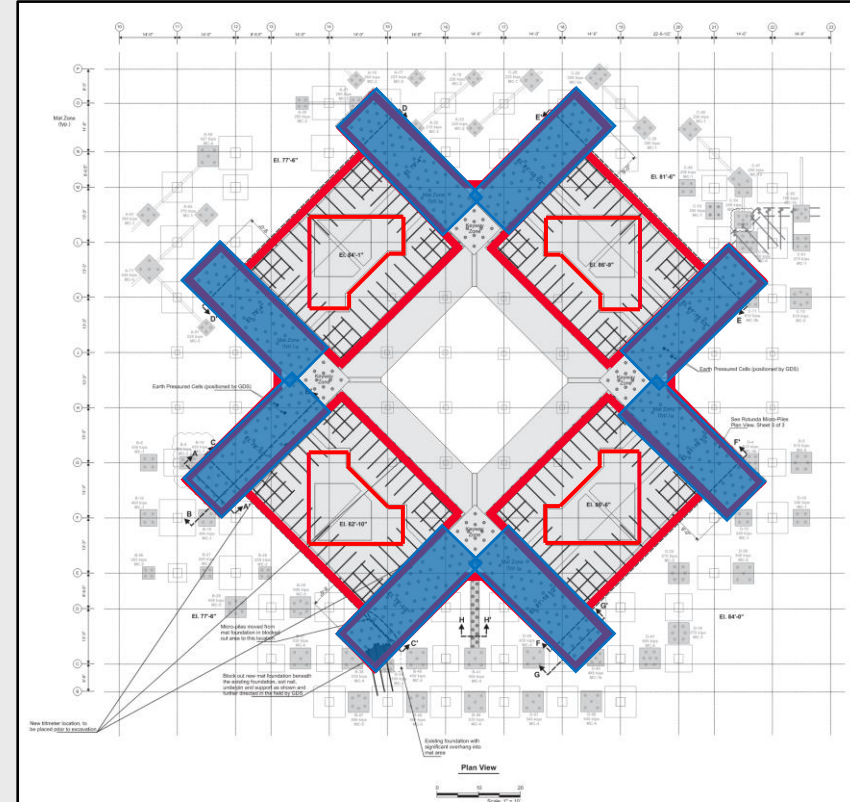
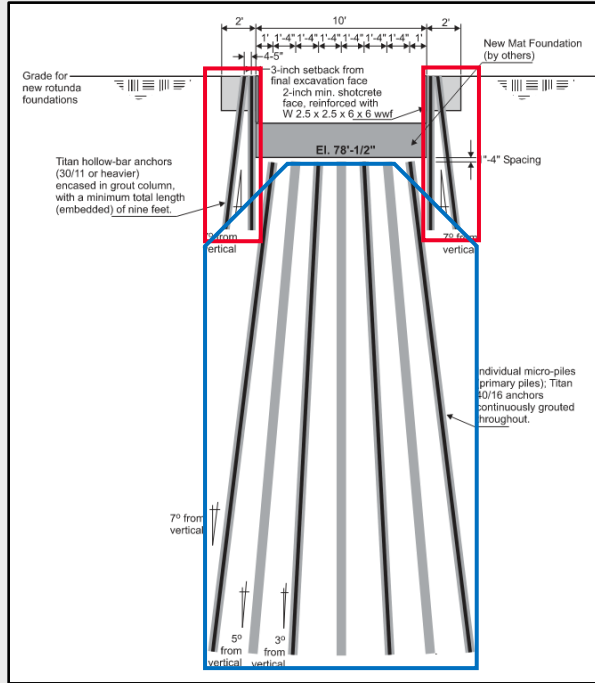


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# Utah State Capitol Seismic Retrofit Rotunda

- Each rotunda pier carried close to 10,000kips
- Micropiles used for soil retainage to create pit for new pile cap
- Soil underneath new rotunda pile caps required 20kips per sqft of bearing capacity
- Micropiles used solely for ground improvement

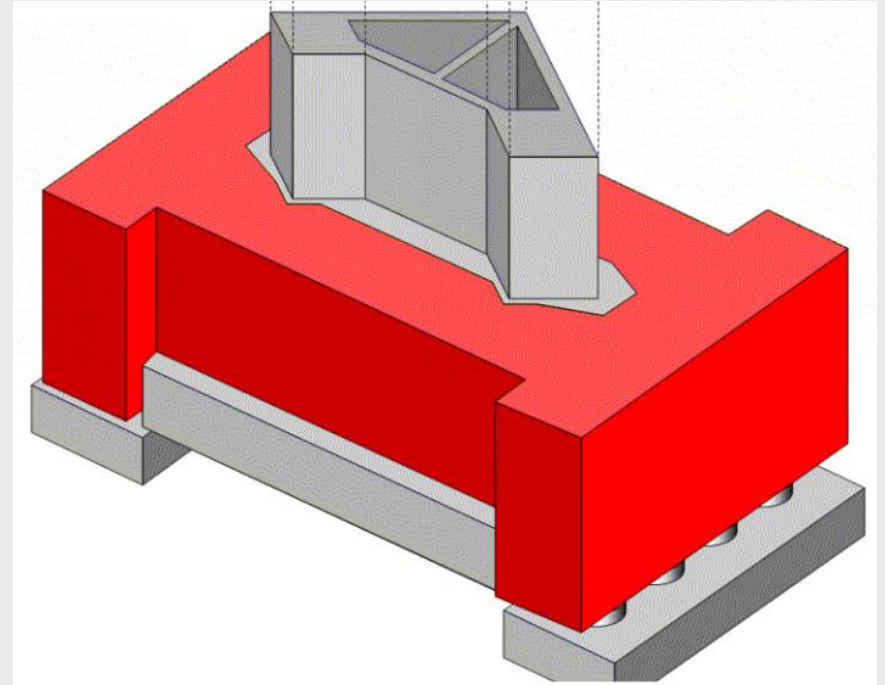
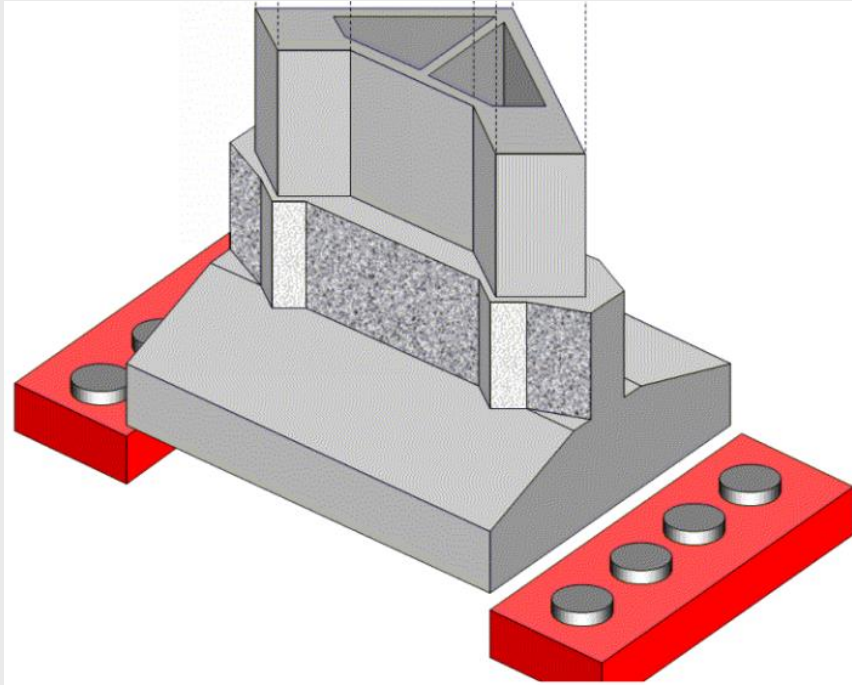




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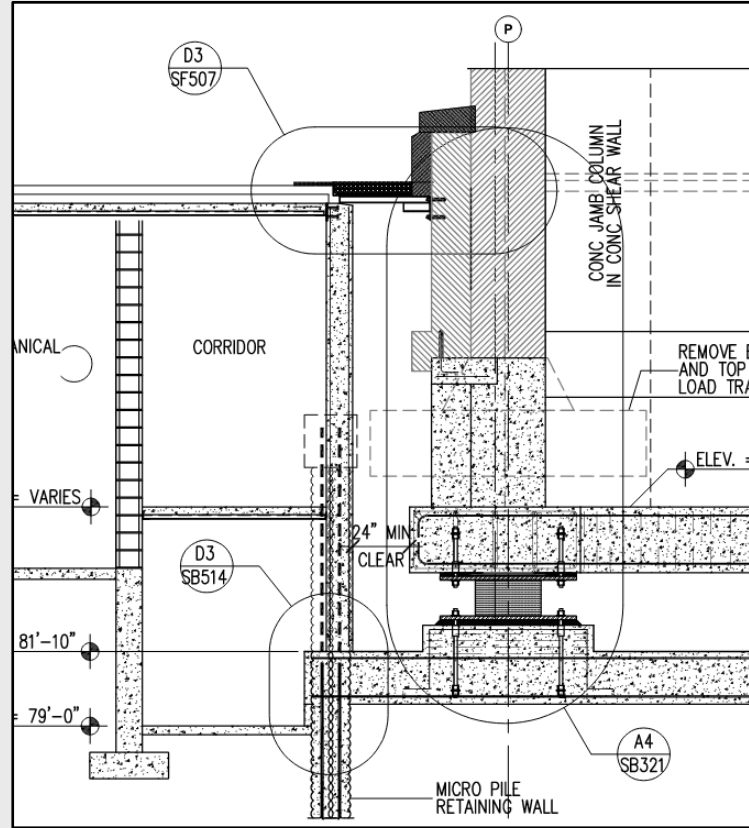
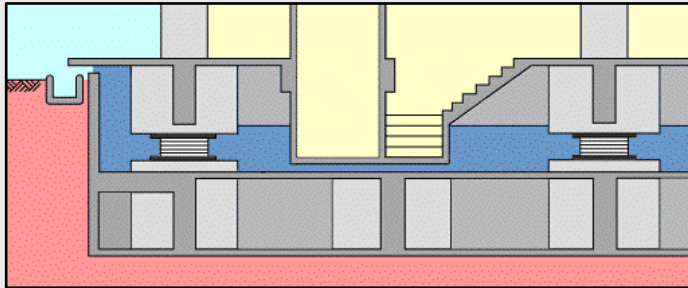
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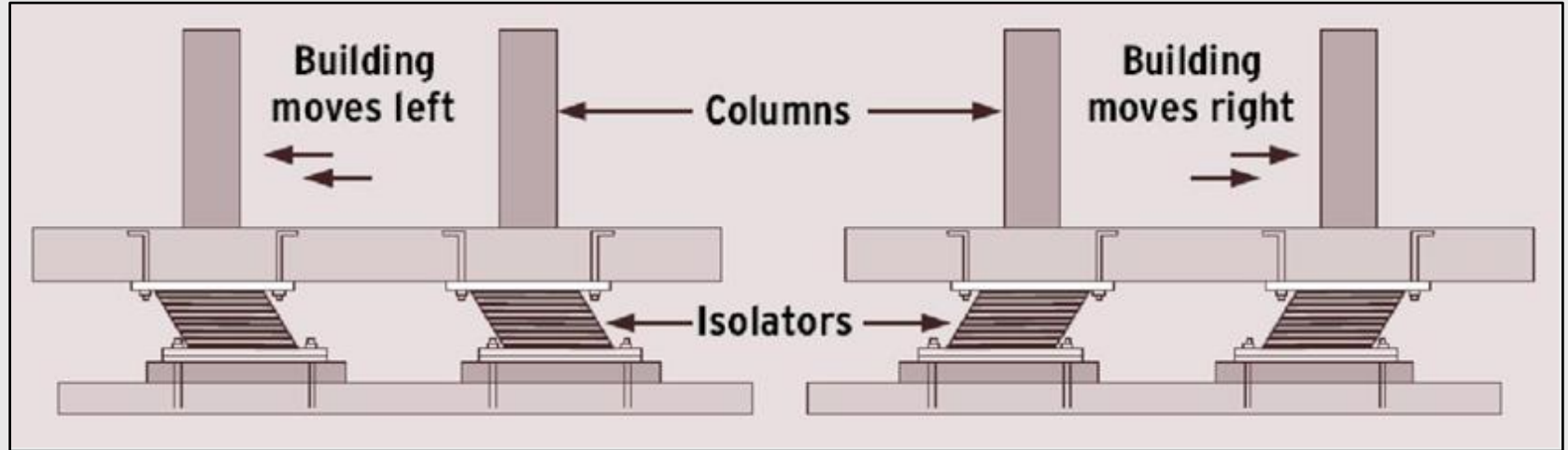
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# Summary

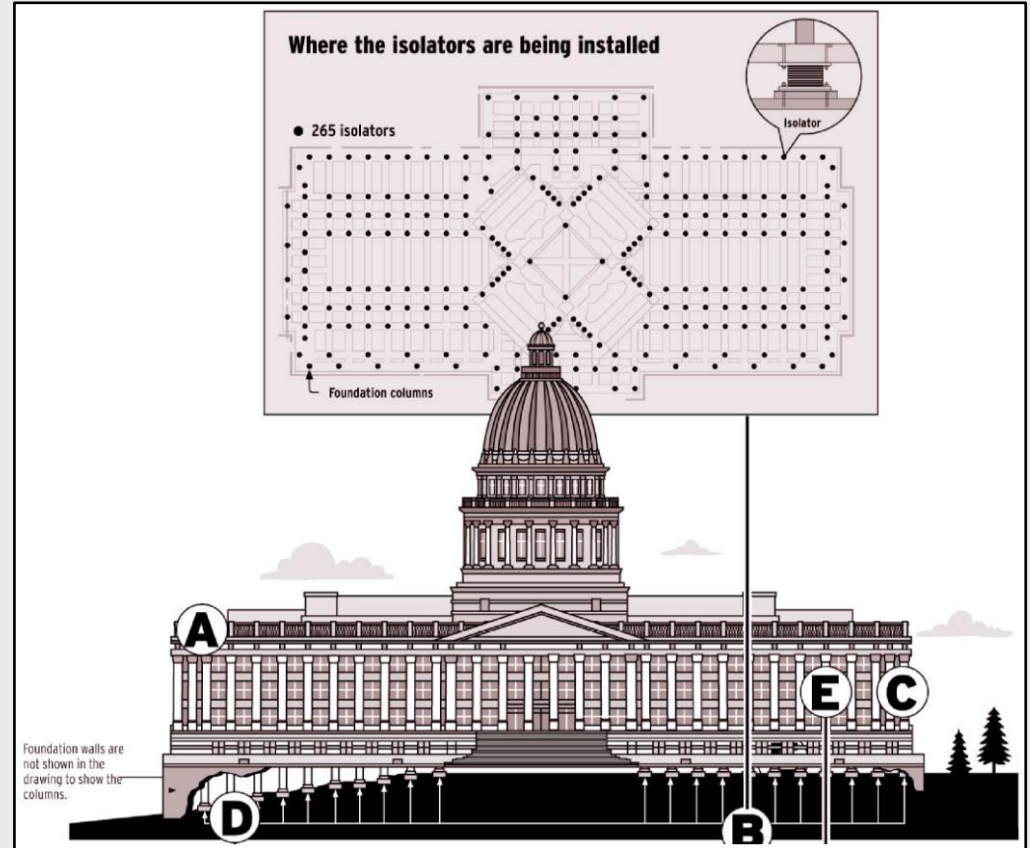


- During an earthquake, the structure will be able to move 2 feet in each direction for a total “swing” of 4 feet
- Horizontal seismic forces reduced by approximately 75% to 80%
- Structure will be able to withstand a 7.2 magnitude earthquake with minimal damage
- Large earthquake previously would have likely result in loss of the structure and loss of life

# Summary

## ■ Why Micropiles

- Limited access
- Low vibration
- Tried jet grouting but deemed too messy under the building
- Spoils and grout easier to control with hollow bar
- Other methods to retrofit the building would have disturbed historical characteristics of the building
- Not enough space to use traditional spread footings for required soil bearing pressure



# Thank you for your attention

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