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To whom it may concern,

I own and work in a commercial unit at 8477 Bridgeport Road since January 2022, and I do work on Saturdays and some Sundays.

River Road is our only access to places on the east and south sides of Richmond. In the past two years, I found the traffic on River Road during the night market schedules was jammed in both directions with local vehicles, visitors of the night market, vehicles to the night market additional parking lot, and vehicles of the night market vendors because some vendors stopped/parked on both sides close to the intersection of River Road and West Road.

The most traffic jam duration was around 5 to 7 pm. All drivers, including myself, had to slow down for pedestrians to walk away from the middle of the whole River Road and yield to vehicles from opposite directions. So many times, I waited for over 30 seconds before passing through the intersection of River Road and West Road. It was not only because of limited space left between vehicles of vendors parked on both sides, but lots of people were walking through the open space.

The worst case I experienced was getting yelled at by a vendor who was unloading his stuff at the back of his truck after I (slowly) passed through his side. I believe he got mad because I was too close to him?! Yes, it was so close because two vehicles parked on both sides of River Road. Do vendors have the right to stop vehicles and unload their stuff at the no-stopping area, and do other passing-by drivers need to wait until they finish and move away?

Night market security guards usually patrol next to the Emergency Gate (Staff and vendors' access), yet they have no control over vendors and their vehicles. Although many No Stopping signs are posted close to the intersection, I never see any police monitoring that area during weekend evenings.

If the request for temporary use of the additional night market area is approved, the traffic on River Road will get even jammed. As I mentioned, River Road is the only route for me and many people from our buildings to leave the area. I hope City and Police force can help rearrange and monitor the area during the event hours. If no arrangement to solve the traffic issues, I do not want the night market to expand its area.

I do have a suggestion about a potential sidewalk for pedestrians for events or regular use. As I marked on a screen cap from Google Maps (last attachment), there is a hidden unused railway. I saw City cleaned up the plants along the way annually. If more plants on top of the railway can be removed, the path can turn into a temporary or permanent sidewalk to minimize the number of pedestrians walking on the car road.

Best regards,

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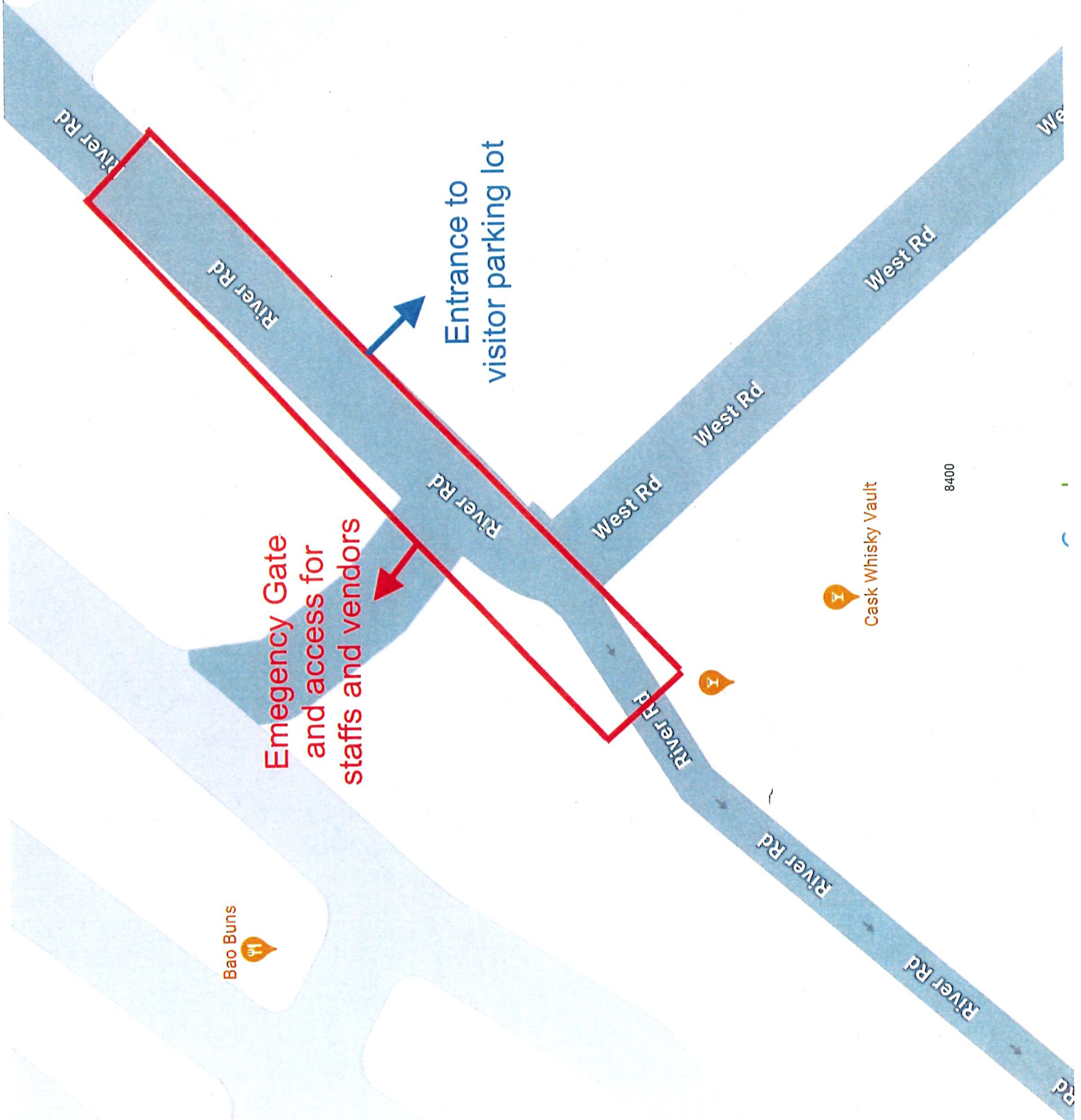
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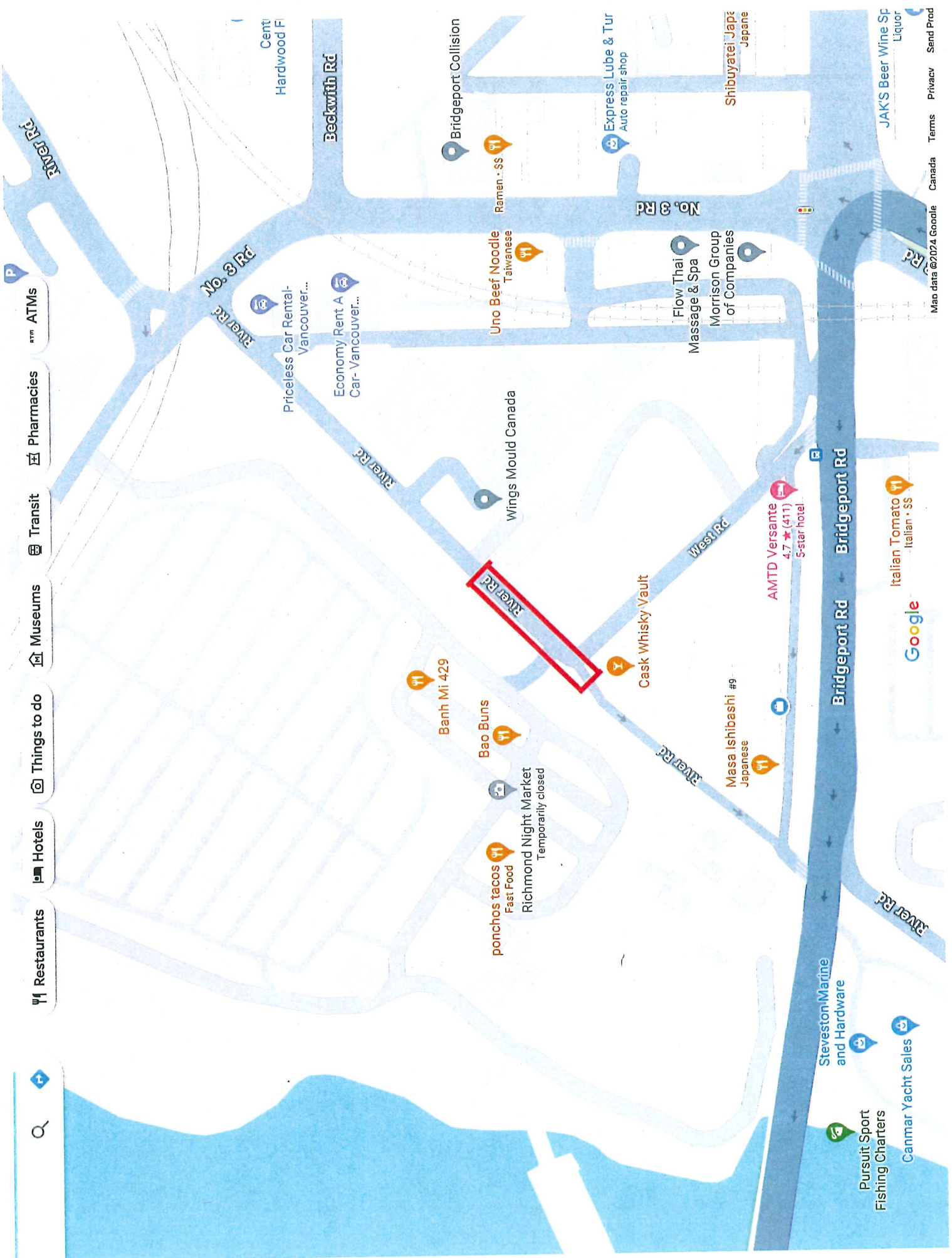
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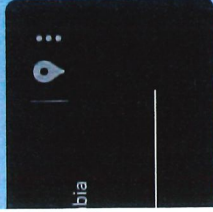
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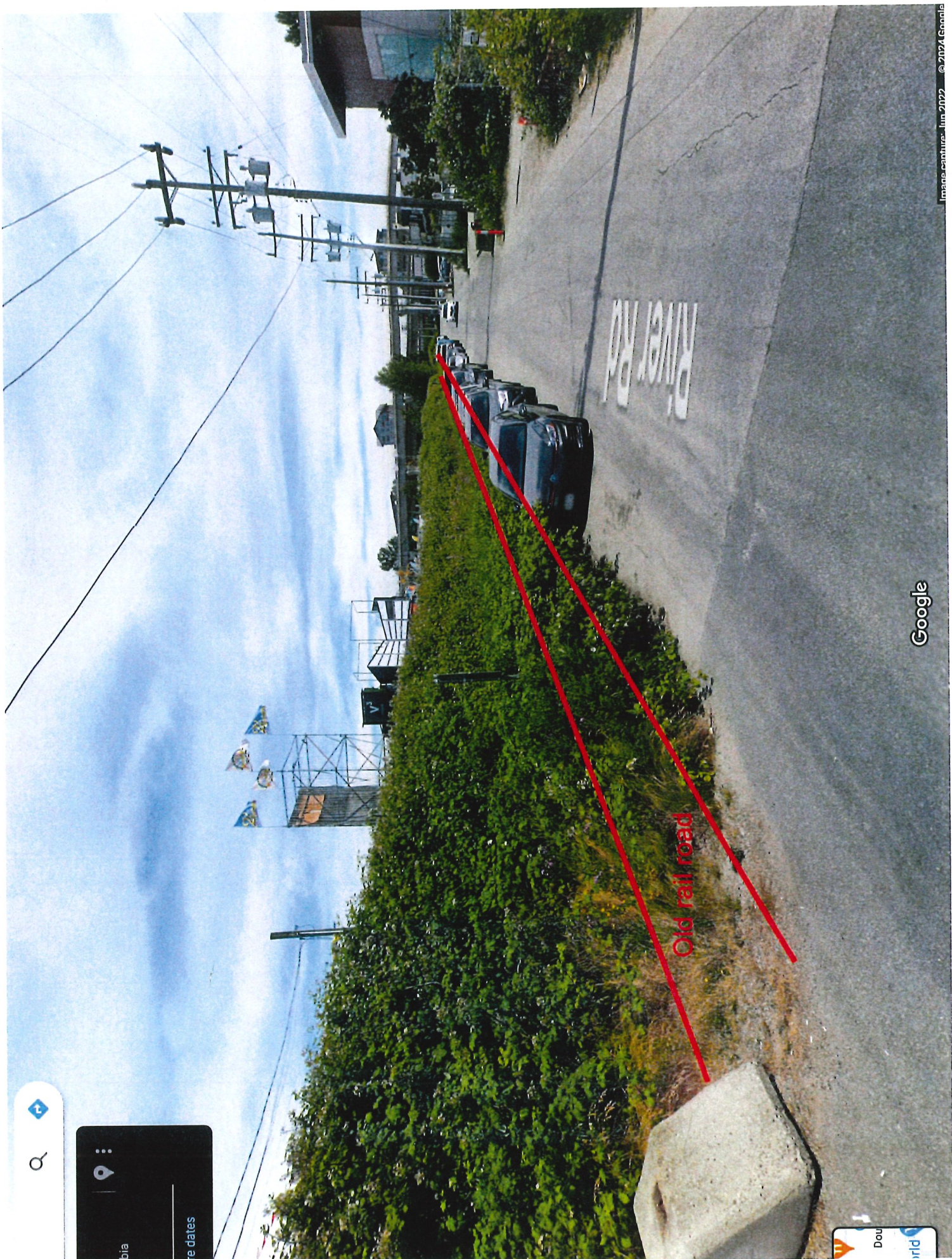


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