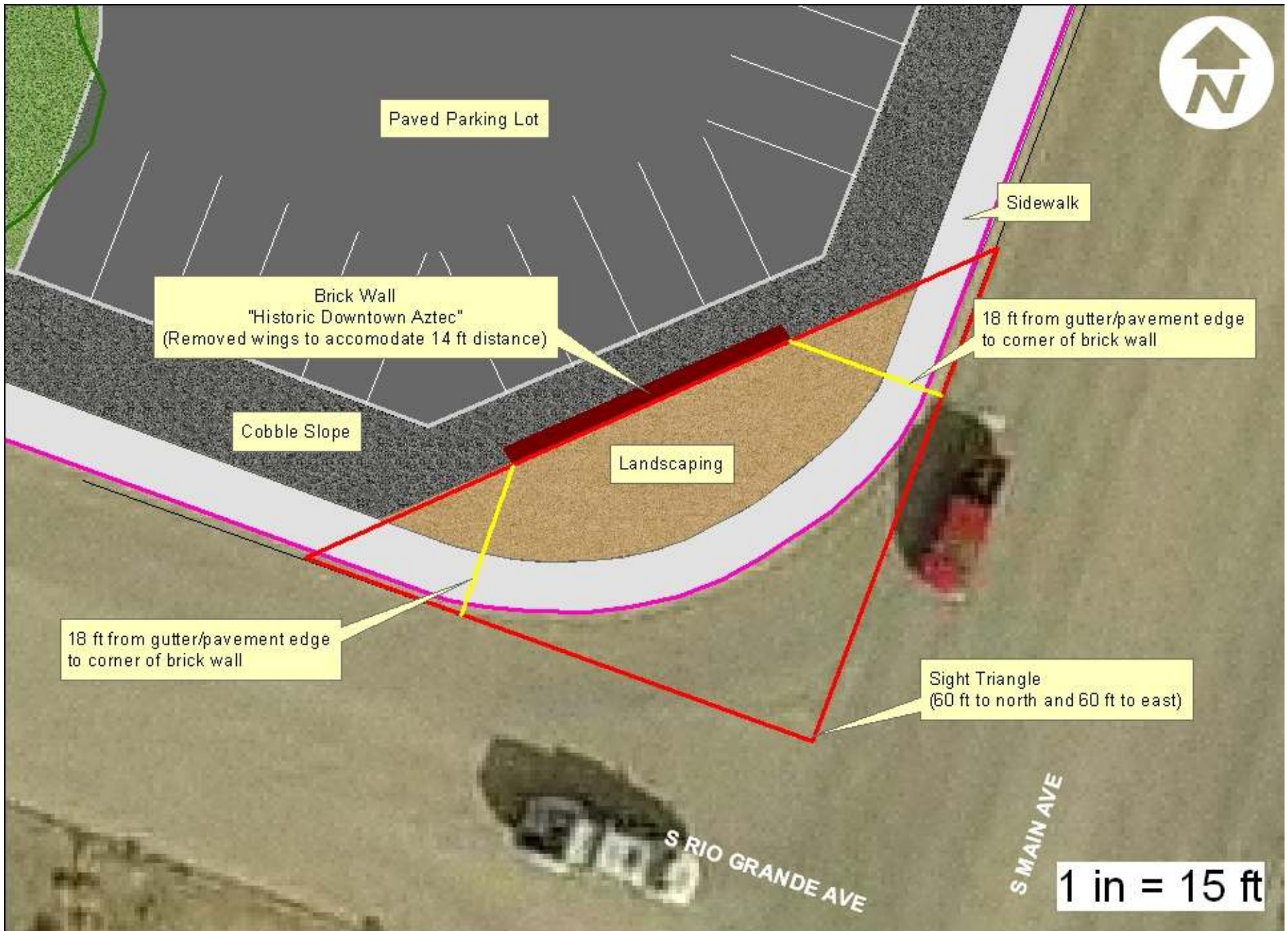


# SOUTH MAIN GATEWAY CITY OF AZTEC



Area in green is the South Main Gateway project area which will include parking lot and landscaping. Part of the project lies within the "Air Space Agreement" (outlined in blue) and part will lie within the property to be purchased (outlined in red).



Conceptual for Corner Lot at S Main Ave and S Rio Grande Ave (Modified to allow accommodate 14 ft distance)

**Project Conceptual.** Improvements will include a paved parking lot, new 6 foot sidewalks, cobble rock between sidewalk and parking lot, brick wall with welcome sign and landscaping in front of the brick wall / welcome sign.



**Conceptual of Brick Wall with Welcome Signage.** Brick wall is 3-1/2 ft high. South segment 20' long; Southeast segment 60' long; East segment 20' long. The Southeast segment will have raised letters reading "Welcome to Historic Downtown Aztec".

## **EXEMPTION OF SIGNAGE**

In reading Article 12 of the Highway Beautification Act, the City of Aztec feels that placement of the wall signage is exempt as indicated under Sec. 67-12-4 A(1) which states the following:

- A. No outdoor advertising shall be erected or maintained except:
- (1) Directional and other official signs and notices authorized or required by law, including, but not limited to, **signs and notices pertaining** to houses of worship, natural wonders and scenic and **historic attractions**;

Downtown Aztec has 11 buildings that are on the National Register of Historic Places, 10 of these buildings are also on the New Mexico State Register of Historic Places. In addition, the entire block of S. Main Ave (U.S Hwy 550) between Chaco St and Chuska St is listed as the Aztec Main Street Historic District (#85000321) by the National Register. As such, the structures are considered historic attractions. In addition, the Aztec Museum and Pioneer Park which houses many historic structures and artifacts for San Juan County is located in downtown Aztec. As such, the City feels that such an entrance sign welcoming visitors can be exempt under Section 67-12-4 A(1) of the Highway Beautification Act.