

TESTIMONY IS SUPPORT OF HB 5640

One of the main factors that discourages transit use is the challenge of getting to and from the transit stop. It is common for transit customers to walk on busy roads, or in mud to reach a transit stop. This creates both an unsafe and unpleasant environment for transit customers. The attached photos illustrate the challenges facing transit customers.

This bill dedicates a small percentage of highway funds to correct these deficiencies statewide.

This bill doesn't call for new state expenditures.

If done on an annual basis, incremental improvements can be on-going.

This bill compliments SB 735 that calls for 'complete streets' which require that new roadways and/or reconstructed roadways be built to accommodate the needs of pedestrian, bicyclists and that users and HB 5523 which requires including transit system in the design review process.

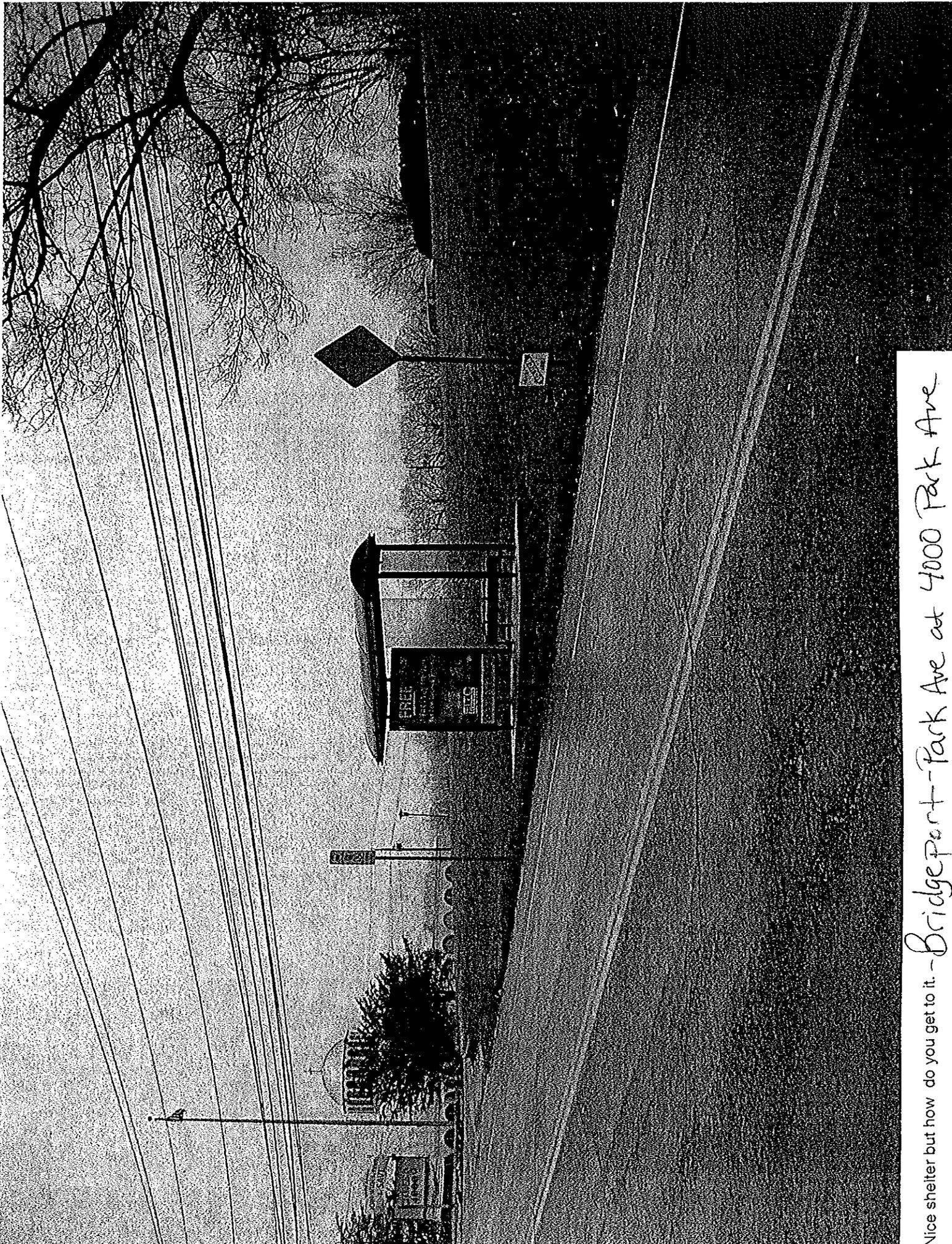
This bill (and the others) will benefit more than just transit customer – it will benefit all pedestrians and provide safer walking conditions.

This bill fixes what is broken while the other bills are designed to avoid making the same mistakes again. Please support HB 5640 for the benefit of all transit user, future transit users and pedestrians.

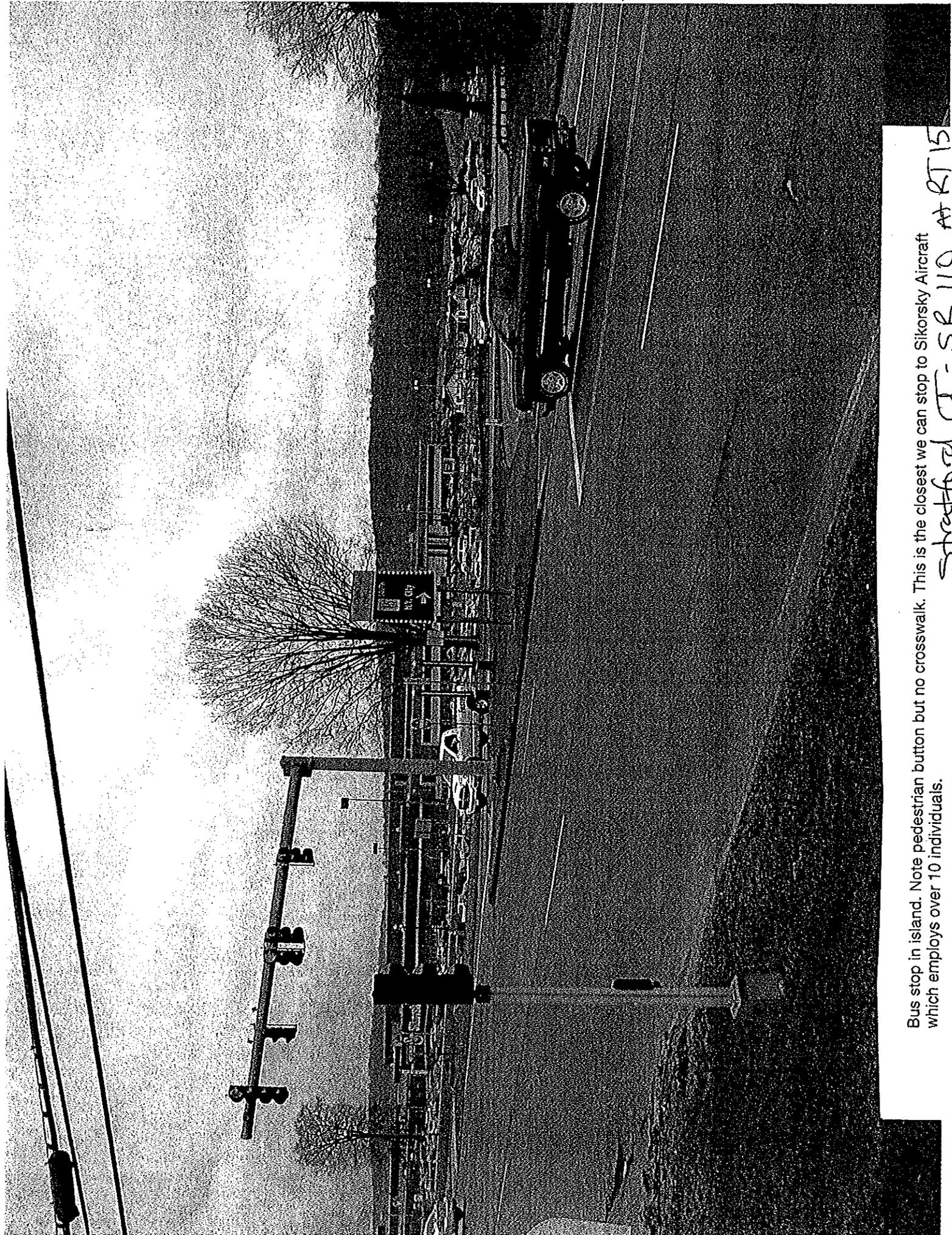
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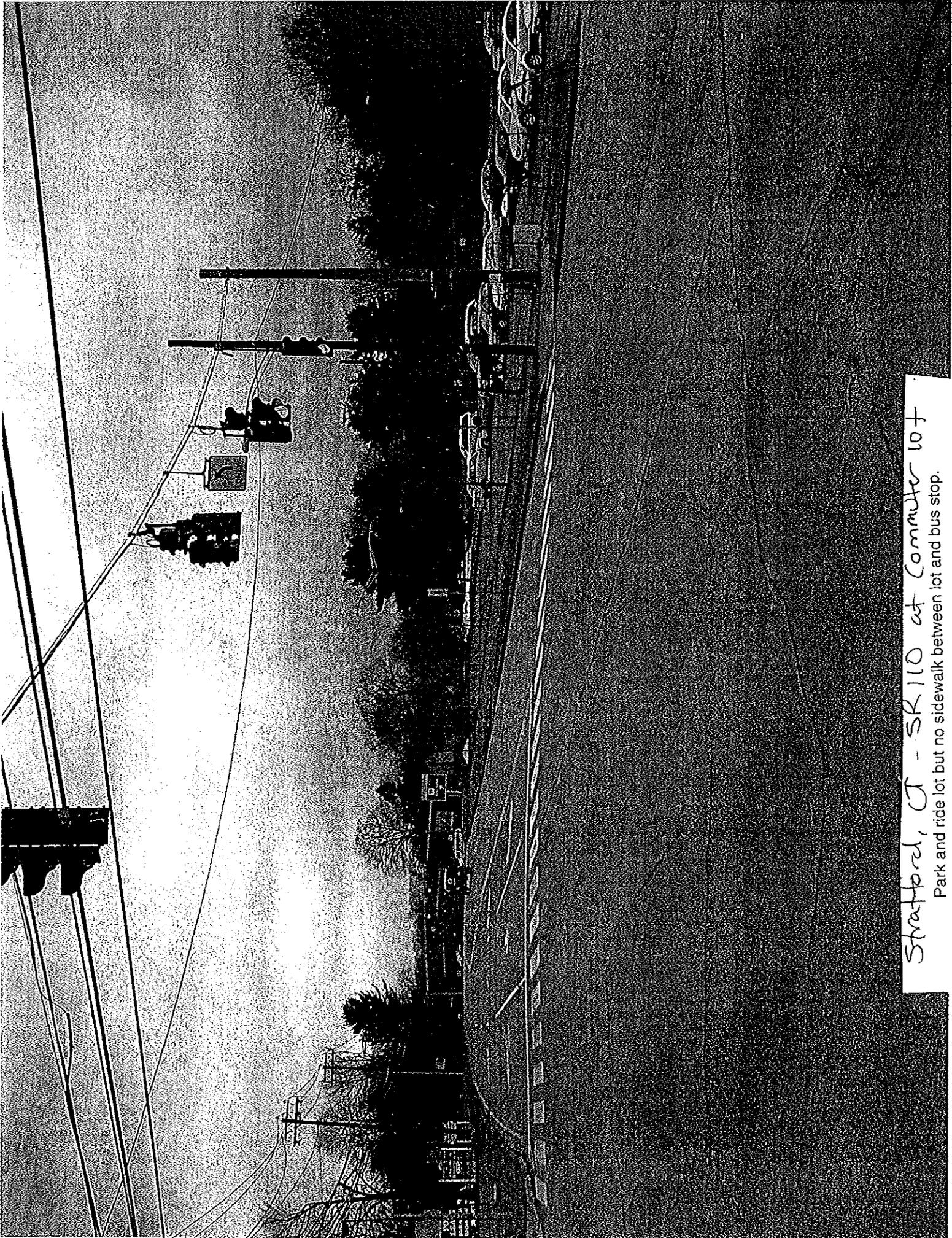


Nice shelter but how do you get to it. - Bridgeport - Park Ave at 4000 Park Ave

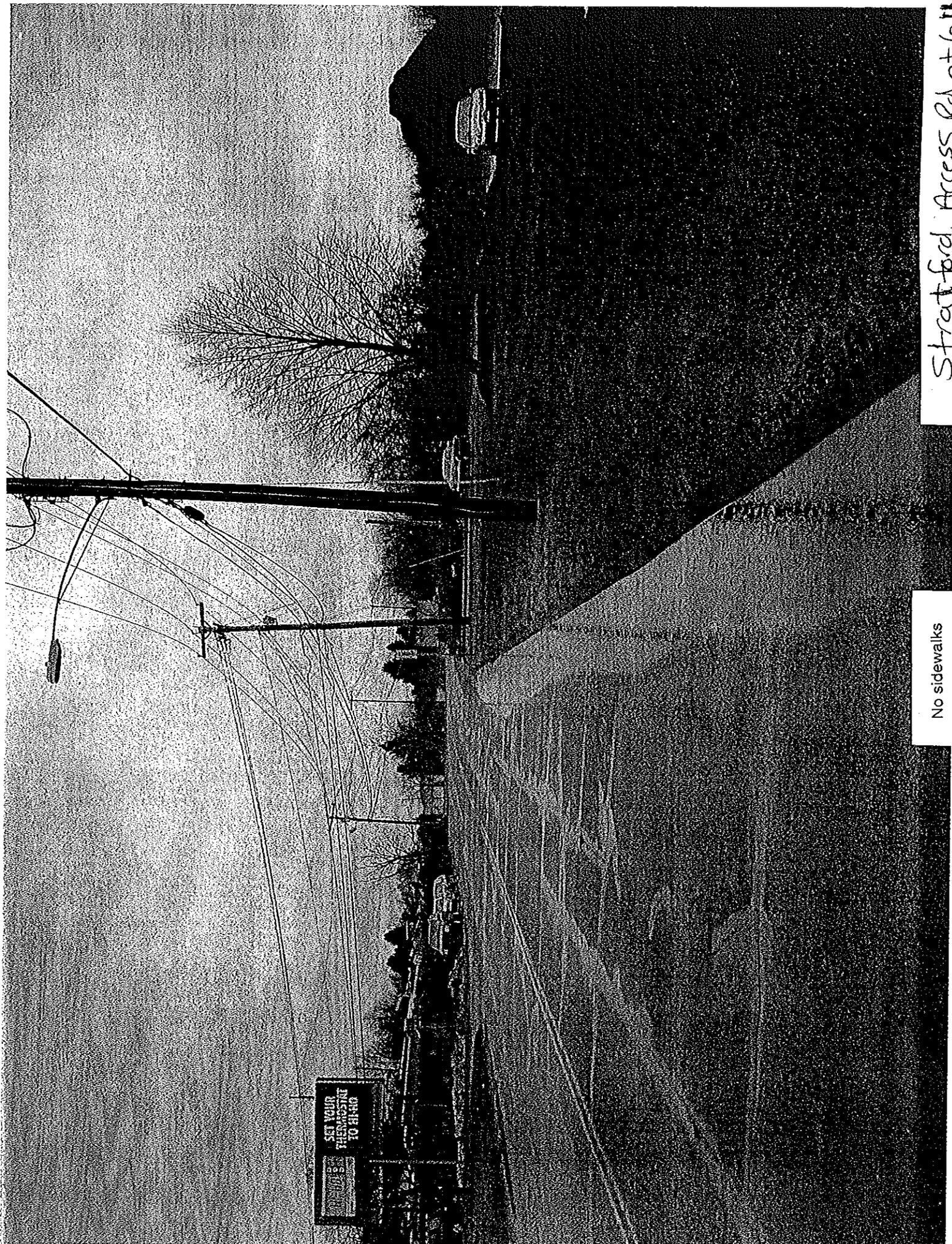


Bus stop in island. Note pedestrian button but no crosswalk. This is the closest we can stop to Sikorsky Aircraft which employs over 10 individuals.

Streetford CT - SR 110 at RT 15



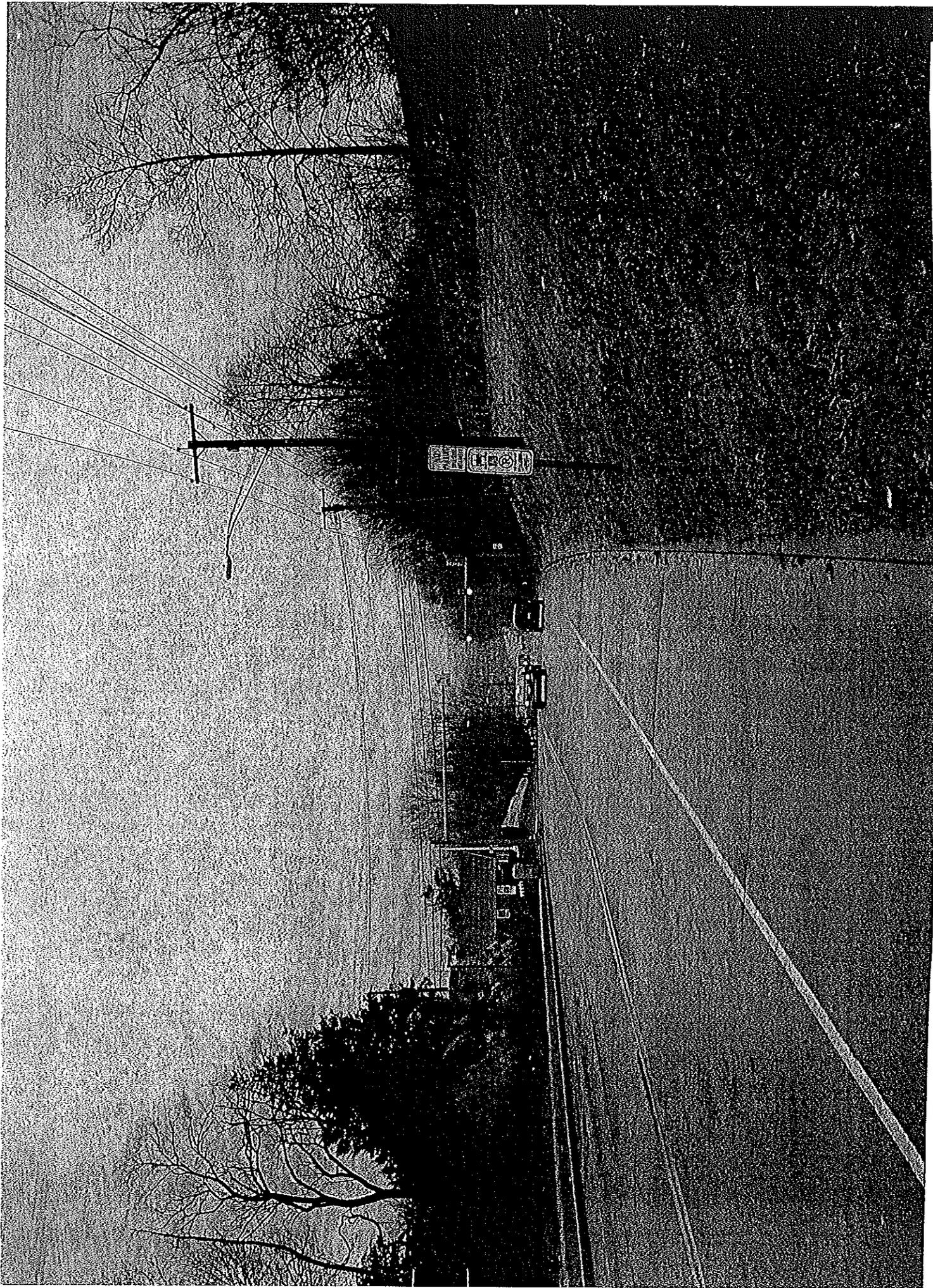
Staford, CT - SK 110 at Commuter lot
Park and ride lot but no sidewalk between lot and bus stop.



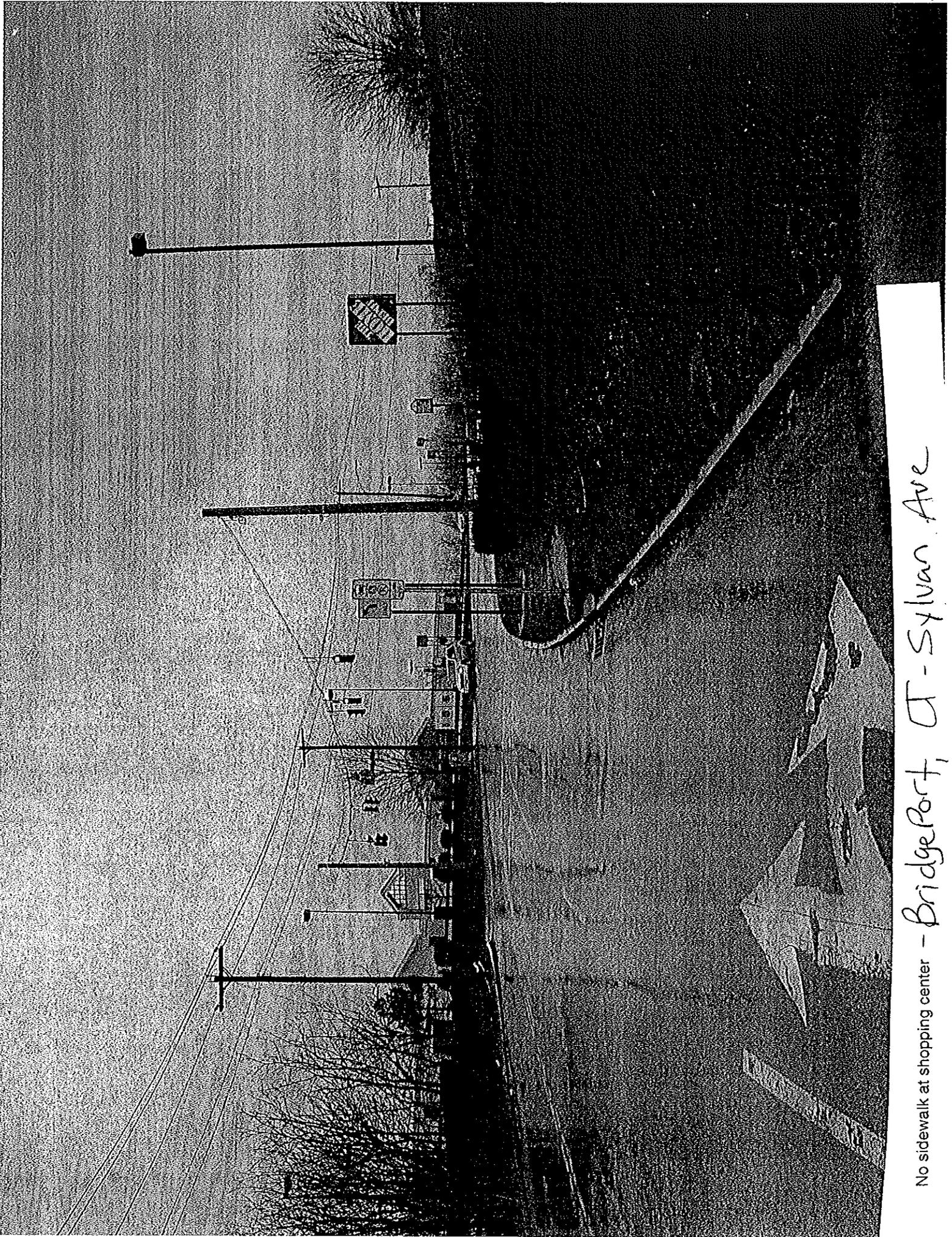
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TO 81-810

No sidewalks

Street-ford, Access Rd at 6111



No sidewalks and a hill - Fairfield CT, Park Ave at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course



No sidewalk at shopping center - Bridgeport, CT - Sylvan Ave