PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN – COMPATIBILITY VARIANCES ONLY

CASE NUMBER:	SP-2021-0102C	PC HEARING DATE: J	une 14th, 2022
PROJECT NAME:	1400 Cedar Ave		
ADDRESS:	1400 Cedar Ave		
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	1		
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Urban Gravity 5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723	(512) 259-6	877
ENGINEER:	Civilitude LLC (Alejand 5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723	Ira Flores) (512) 761-6	5161
CASE MANAGER:	Zack Lofton zack.lofton@austintexas	(512) 978-1 3.gov	735

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Area

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to redevelop 2 lots with commercial land uses zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP into a 7-unit Condominium Residential land use with parking, bike parking and public sidewalk improvements.

DESCRIPTION OF WAIVER:

This item was a discussion item at the April 12th Planning Commission meeting, and the applicant made adjustments to their proposed site plan based on the Planning Commission and community feedback. It was again a discussion item at the May 24th Planning Commission meeting where it was postponed until this meeting.

The applicant is requesting a waiver from § 25-2-1063. This site is subject to a 25' compatibility setback and the proposed development is encroaching into the 25' setback on the north and west property lines. The west property line abuts an alley with an SF-3 property with a 5' rear setback on the opposite side of the alley and the north property line abuts an SF-3 property with a 5' interior side yard setback. After the April 12th meeting discussion, the applicant is now proposing the two units on the north side of the site to be setback 7' from the triggering north property line and the units on the western side to be setback 18' from the triggering property on the west side. If approved, this waiver will not impact sightlines at the intersection of 14th Street and Cedar Avenue.

COMPATIBILITY:

Section 25-2-1051 states that Article 10 Compatibility Standards apply if a use in a SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district is located on a property across the street from or adjoining a property on which is zoned SF-5 or more restrictive, or on which a use is permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located.

§ 25-2-1063 - HEIGHT LIMITATIONS AND SETBACKS FOR LARGE SITES.

(A) This section applies to a site that has:

- (1) an area that exceeds 20,000 square feet; or
- (2) a street frontage that exceeds 100 feet.

(B) In this section, the term "structure" excludes a rain garden using no concrete that is designed in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual. A person may not construct a structure 25 feet or less from property:

(1) in an urban family residence (SF-5) or more restrictive zoning district; or

(2) on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the compatibility setback waiver request and the site complies with all other compatibility standard requirements, such as lighting, screening, and building heights.

PROJECT INFORMATION			
TOTAL SITE AREA	12,095 sq. ft.	0.2777 acres	
EXISTING ZONING	CS-MU-V-CO-NP		
WATERSHED	Boggy Creek (Urban	ı)	
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Wat	ershed Ordinance	
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Cedar Avenue		
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	2:1	0.35:1	1.36:1
BUILDING COVERAGE	95%	4,270 sf / 35.3%	6,043 sf / 50%
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	80%	11,788 sf /	8,926 sf / 73.8%
		97.46%	
PARKING	9	6	11

*A 20% parking reduction is permitted in the urban core and Subchapter E permits parking reductions.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Commercial
North	SF-3-NP	Single-family residential
South	SF-3-NP	14 th Street then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit
East	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Cedar Avenue then Commercial
West	SF-3-NP	Alley then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit

ABUTTING STREETS

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Cedar Avenue	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street
14 th Street	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District Austin Lost and Found Pets Austin Neighborhoods Council Chestnut Addition Neighborhood Assn. (C.A.N.A.) Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team **B-1** 1400 Cedar Ave

Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation (CNRC) Del Valle Community Coalition East Austin Conservancy Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Homeless Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation Neighbors United for Progress Preservation Austin SELTexas Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group



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May 11, 2022

To: Zack Lofton Development Services Department

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver 1400 Cedar Ave (SP-2021-0102C) 1400 Cedar Ave, Austin, TX 78702

Dear Mr. Lofton,

On behalf of our client, Urban Gravity LLC, we are submitting a waiver request for the 1400 Cedar Ave project. We are requesting the following waiver to the Land Development Code to make the project feasible:

Request: Allow to reduce the 25' no build setback to 7' [LDC 25.2.1063].

The site is composed of 2 tracts of land adding up to 0.28 acres zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP, surrounded by SF-3-NP properties. If it were to comply with compatibility standards, this site would be forced to be developed within 0.16-acres. This number of townhomes is not achievable within that footprint, given that compatibility also limits our height.

We would like to request that the compatibility standards are modified to reduce the no build zone from 25' to 7' from the SF-3 property located north to this site, and 25' to 18' from the eastern SF-3 property. Attached to this letter is the proposed building elevations sheet.

We believe this request does not disrupt the neighborhood's feel and meets the intent of the code, such that no high density or commercial developments occur in a near proximity to a single-family lot. The proposed density is 7 homes for two commercial lots.

Please accept this letter as our official request. If you have any questions, please call us at 512-761-6161.

Sincerely,

Alejandra Flores Project Engineer



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May 16, 2022

Denise Lucas City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752

Re: Engineer's Summary Letter Site Plan Application 1400 Cedar Avenue, Austin, Texas 78702

Dear Ms. Lucas,

On behalf of our client, we are submitting an enclosed Site Plan Development Permit application package for 1400 Cedar Ave. The project proposes 7 single-family detached condominium units on a 0.2776-acre property located within the Full-Purpose jurisdiction of the City of Austin. No portion of the site is within the 100-year floodplain, and the site is outside Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

The site contains two legal lots (TCAD Parcels 0210111413 and 0210111412) and is platted under Vol. 2 Page 154. The property is located within the Boggy Creek Watershed, classified as Urban. The site is zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP and is within the City of Austin's Chestnut Neighborhood Planning Area. An RSMP application is not required since the impervious cover onsite seems to be dated back in the 1950s-1960s. A request for fee in-lieu of water quality will be submitted with the formal submittal, since the site is less than 0.5 acres. Drainage pattern remains the same as existing conditions and runoff intensity will be reduced by the proposed development due to decrease in impervious cover.

The site is currently developed with single-family homes on both lots. The site has frontage and existing driveways on Cedar Avenue and 14th St. All parking requirements are met on site. Proposed building and improvements will be served by the existing City of Austin's Utility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 512-761-6161.

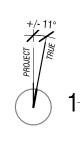
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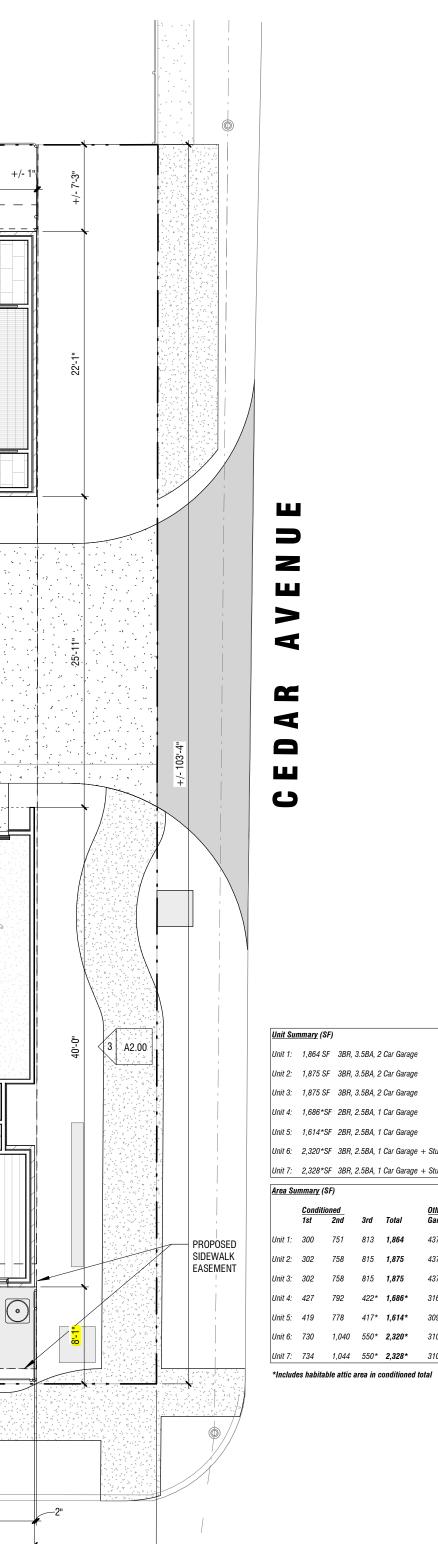
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Unit 1:	1,864 SF	= 3BR, 3	3.5BA, 2	Car Garage				
Unit 2:	1,875 SF	= 3BR, 3	3.5BA, 2	Car Garage				
Unit 3:	1,875 SF	= 3BR, 3	3.5BA, 2	Car Garage				
Unit 4:	1,686*S	F 2BR, 2	2.5BA, 1	Car Garage				
Unit 5:	1,614*S	F 2BR, 2	2.5BA, 1	Car Garage				
Unit 6:	2,320*S	F 3BR, 2	2.5BA, 1	Car Garage -	+ Study			
Unit 7:	2,328*S	F 3BR, 2	2.5BA, 1	Car Garage +	+ Study			
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Unit 2:	302	758	815	1,875	437	36	58	-
Unit 3:	302	758	815	1,875	437	36	58	-
Unit 4:	427	792	422*	1,686*	316	32	62	434
Unit 5:	419	778	417*	1,614*	309	36	62	424
Unit 6:	730	1,040	550*	2,320*	310	80	60	550
Unit 7:	734	1,044	550*	2,328*	310	77	57	550

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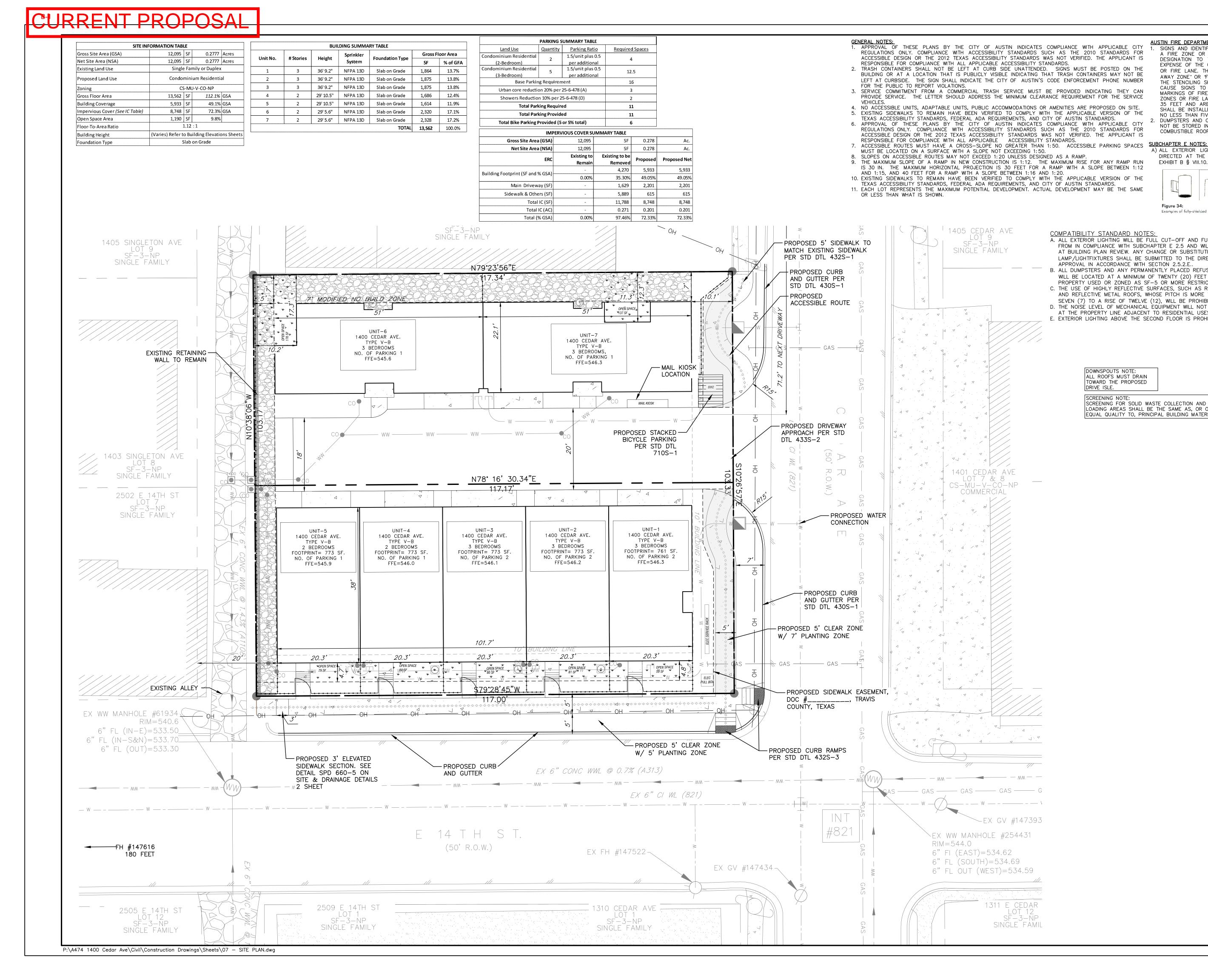
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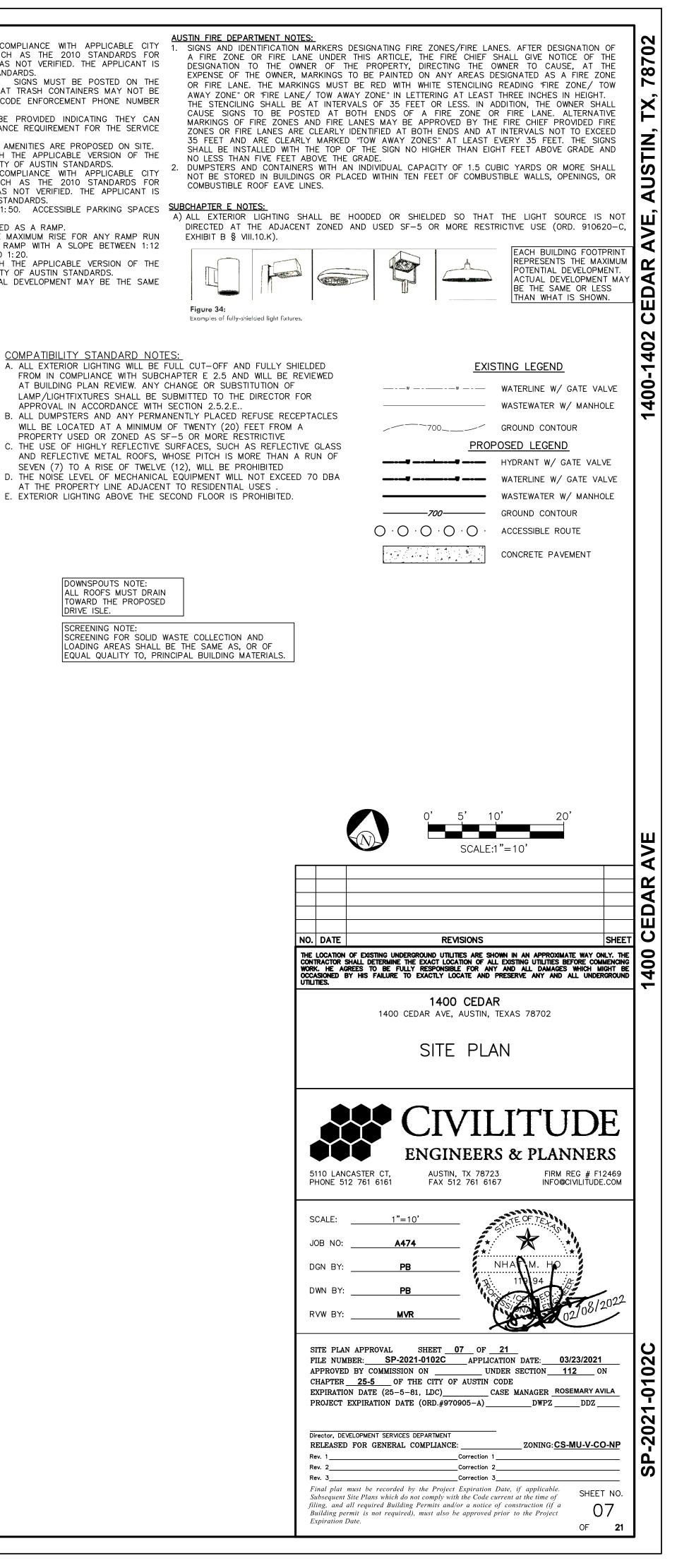


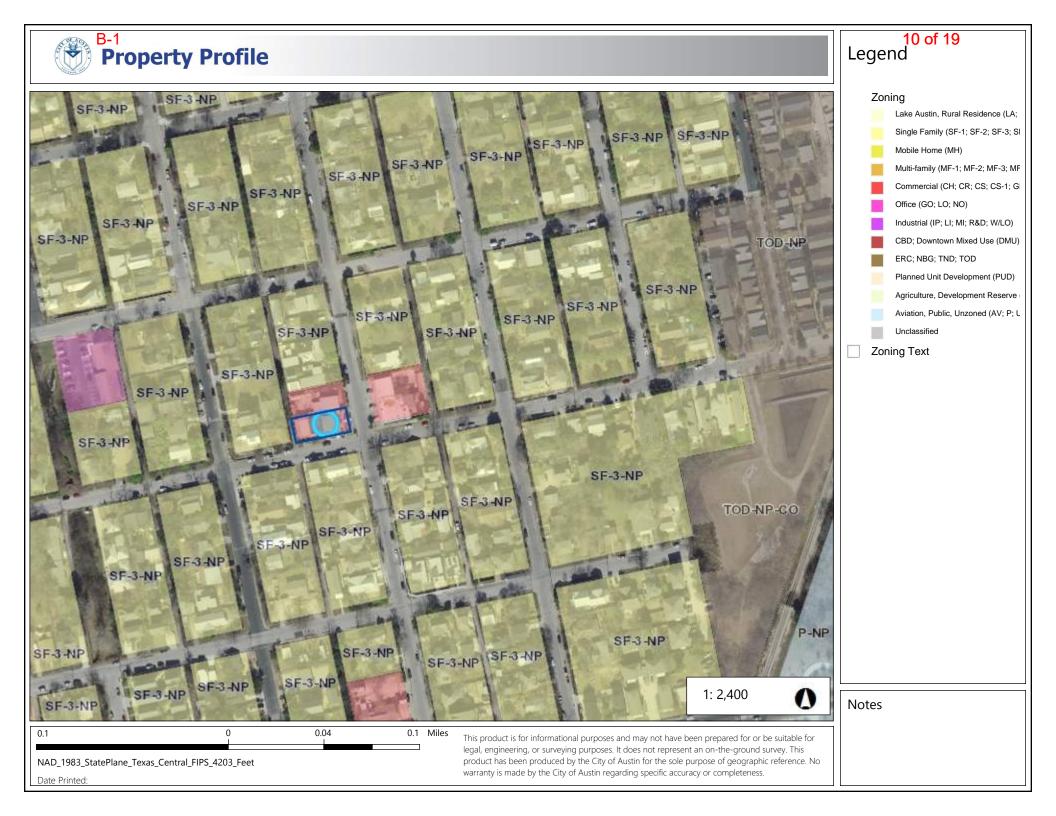
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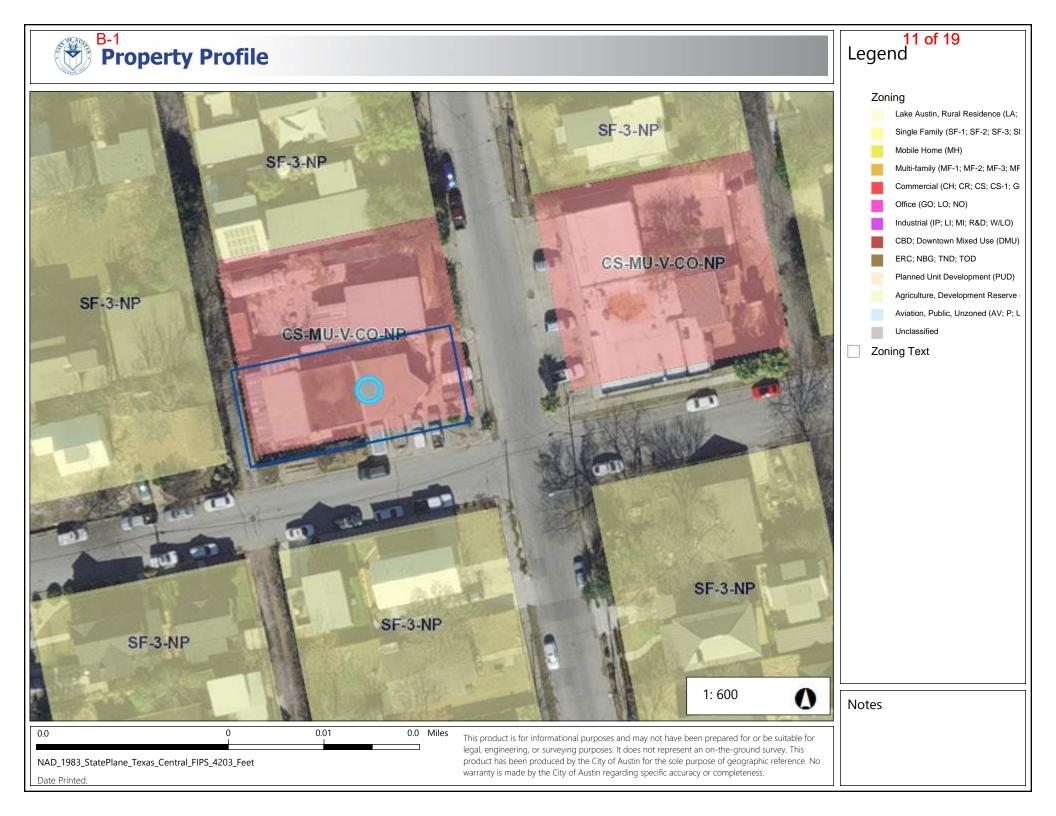
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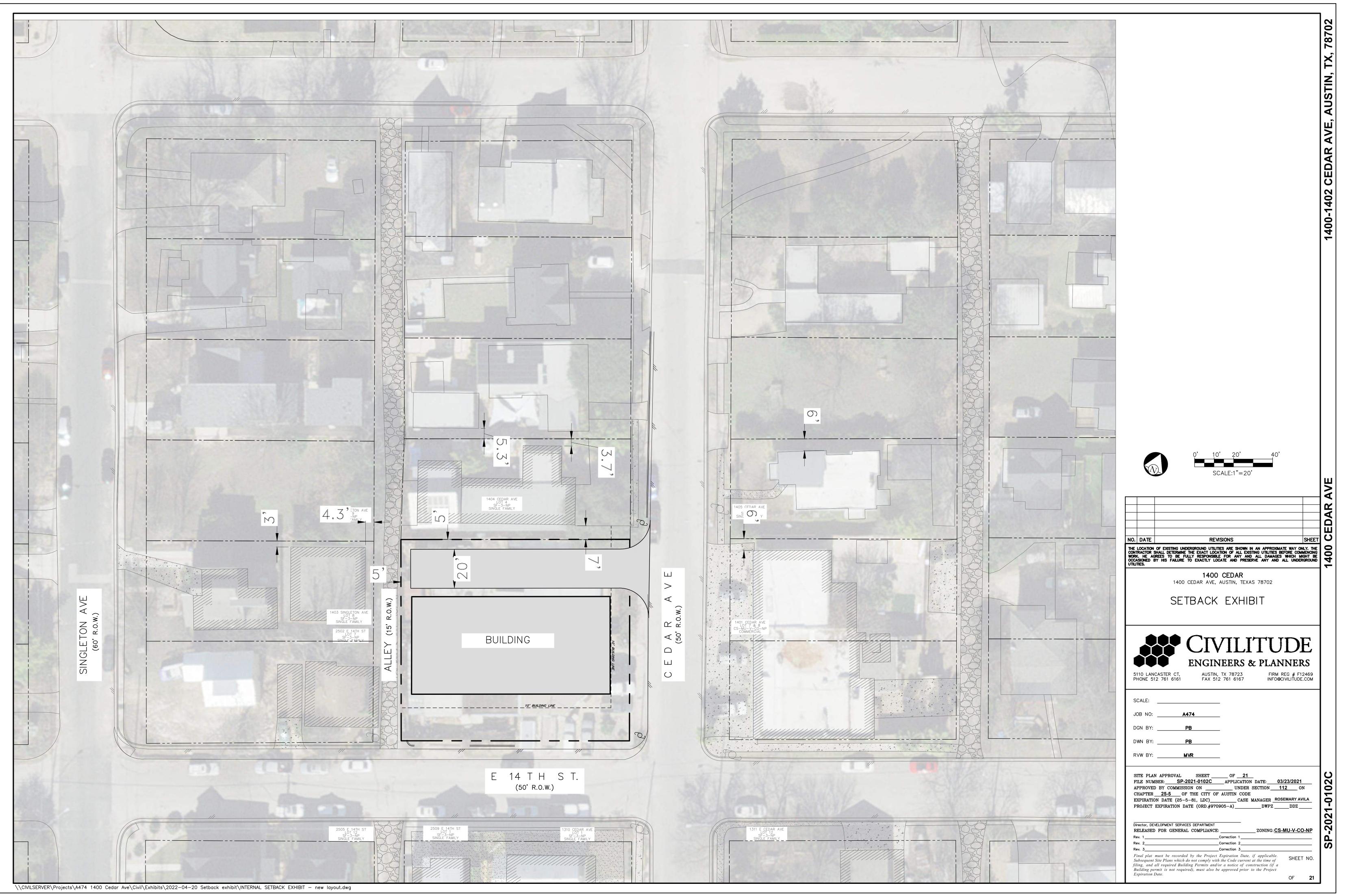
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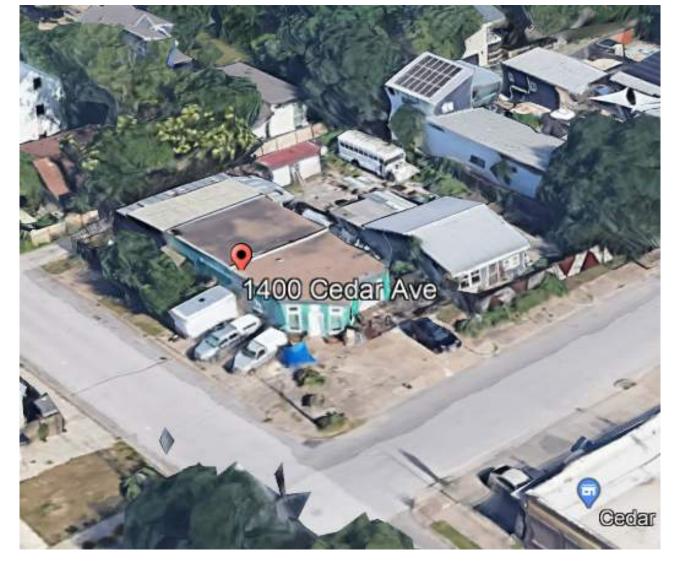


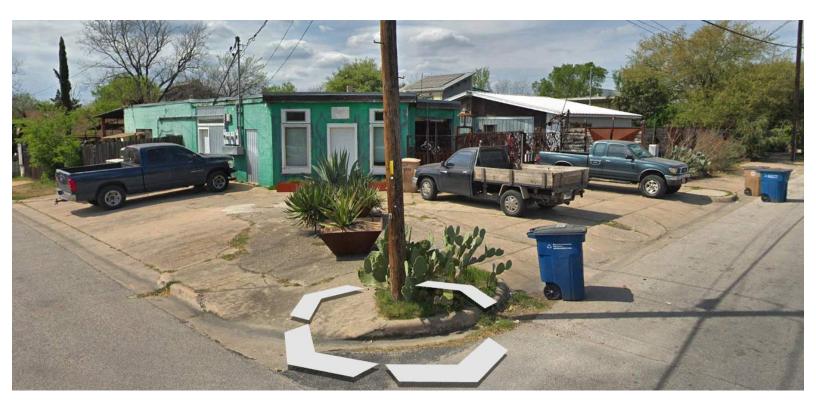


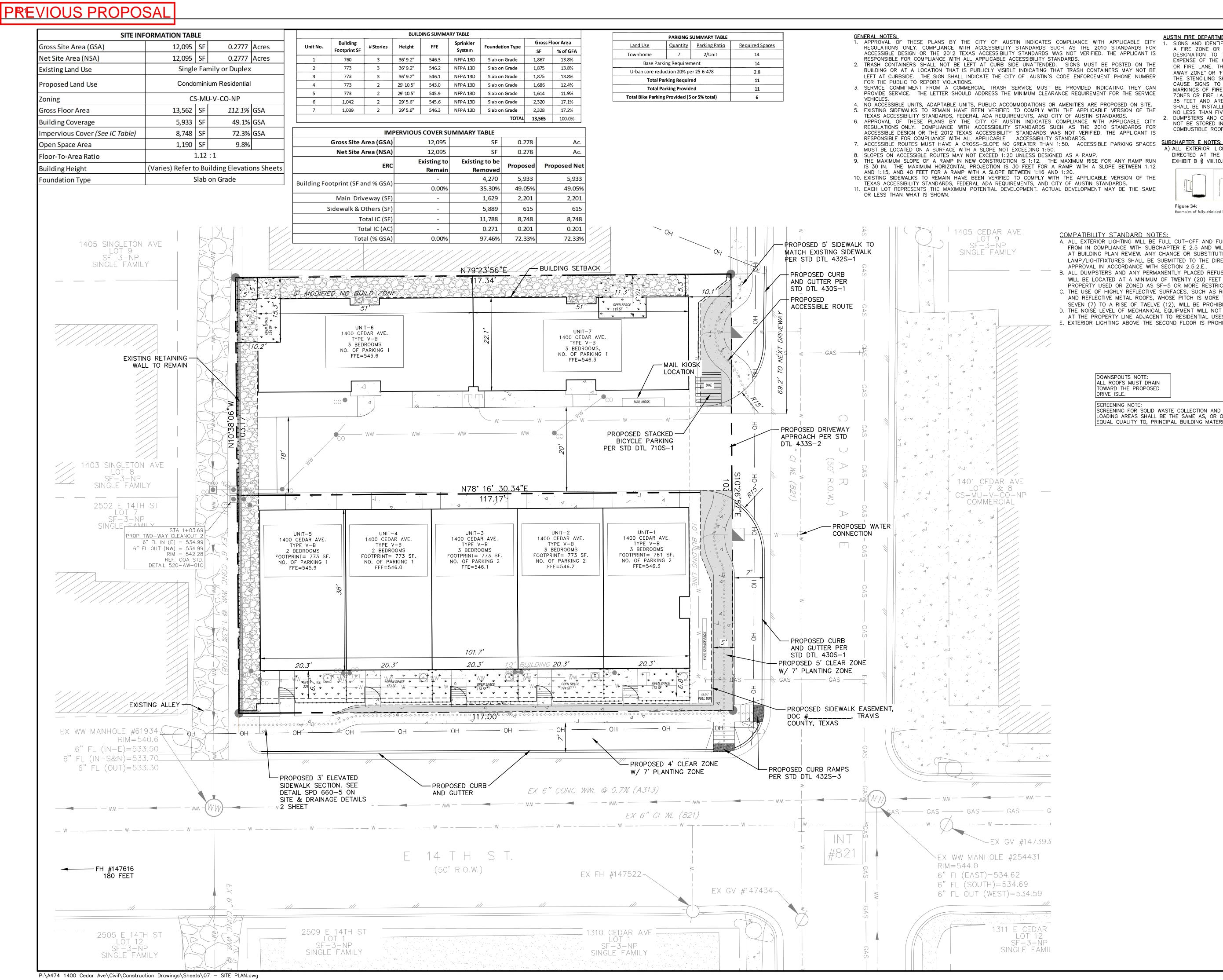
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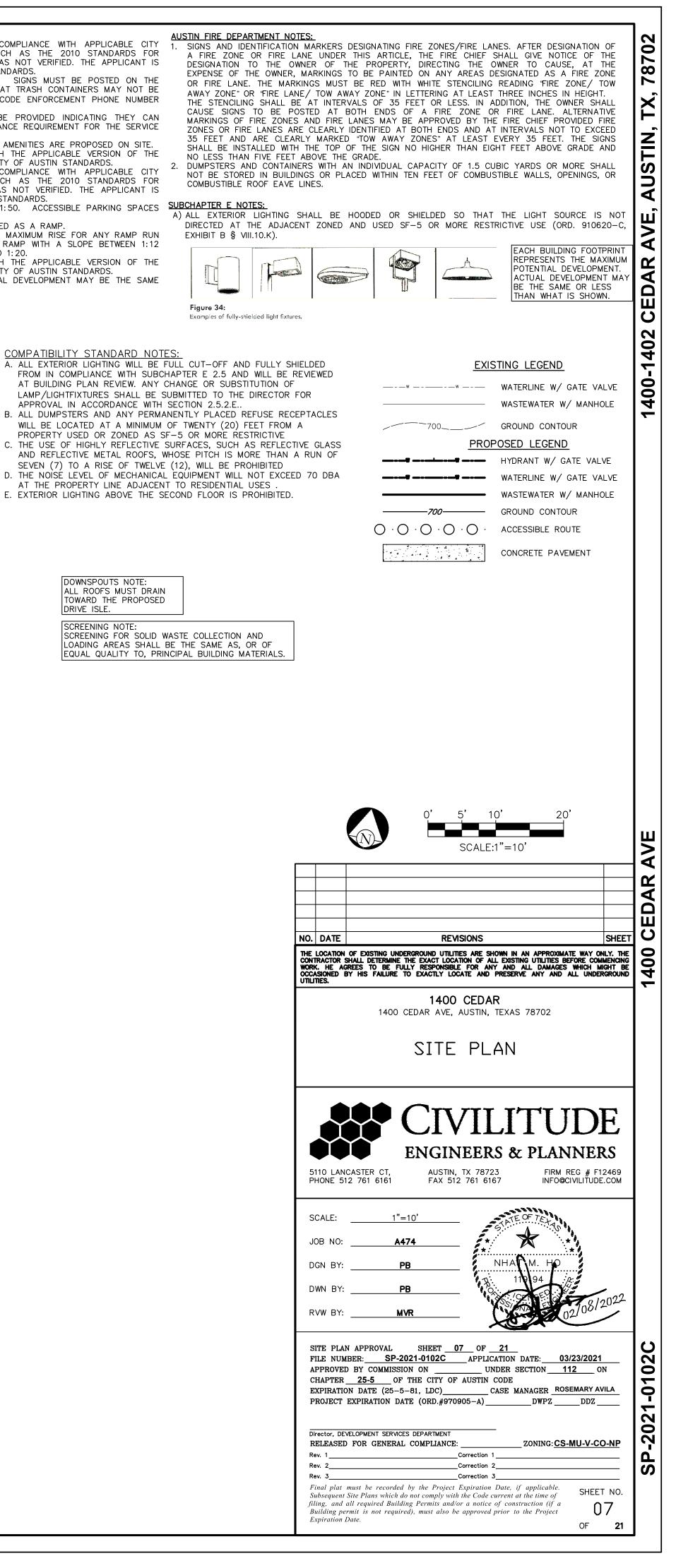








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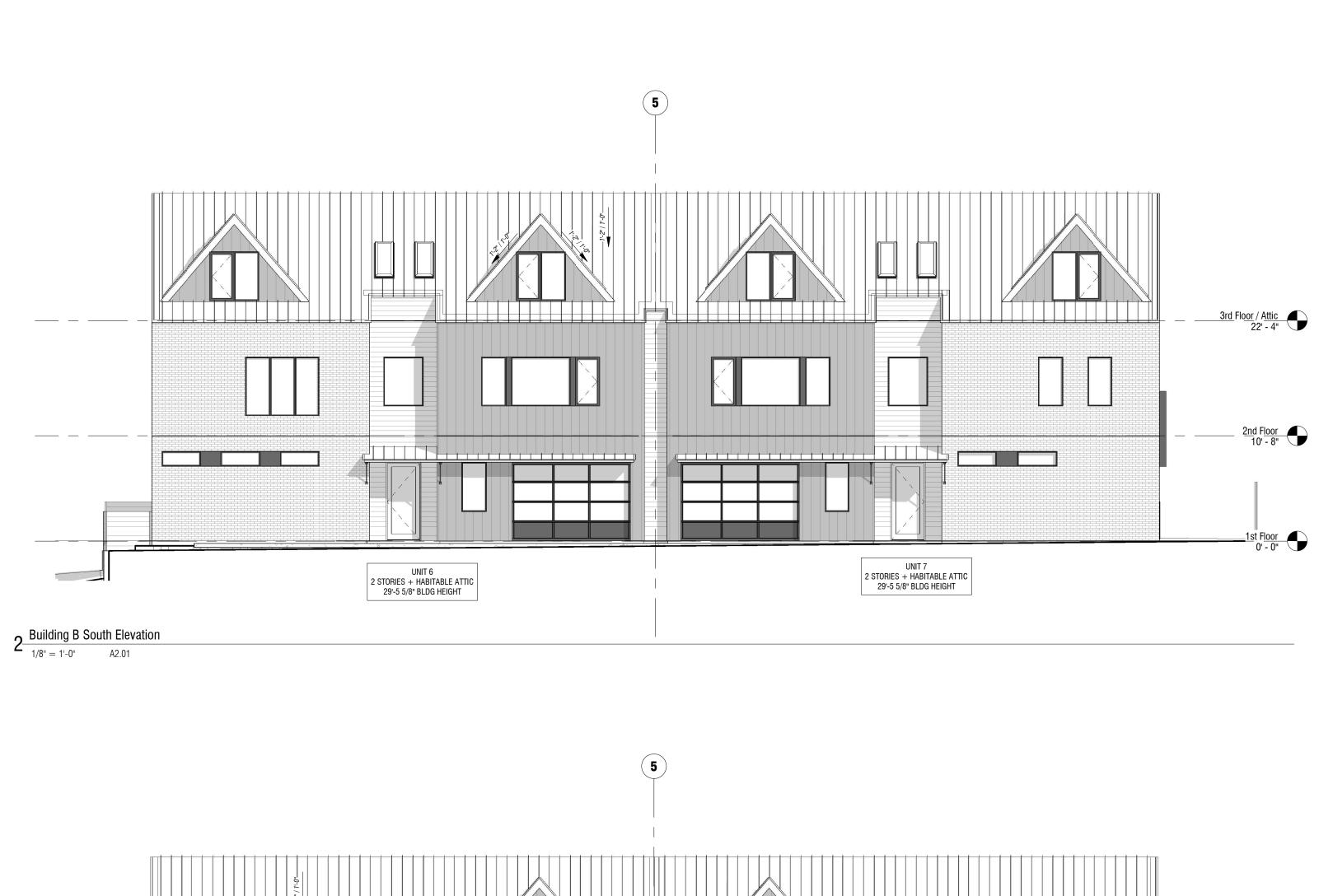
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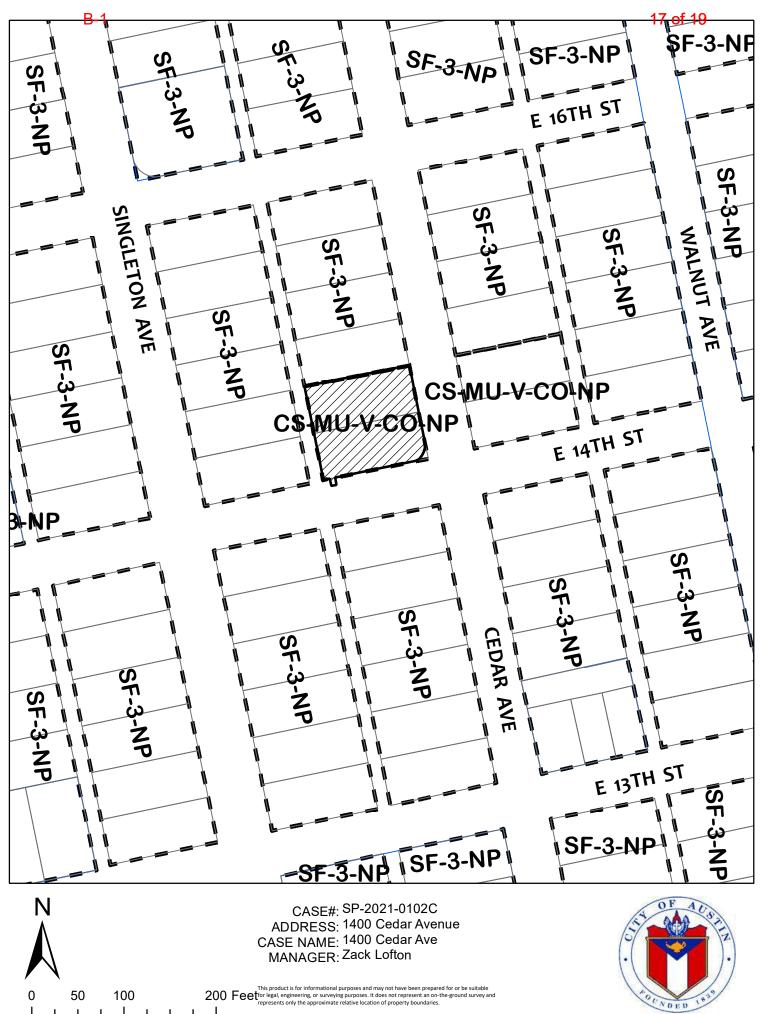
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City of Austin Planning Commission

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue

Dear Planning Commissioners,

This letter is to inform the Commission that the Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team does not support the requested compatibility waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue to reduce the setback from 25 feet to 5 feet.

The Chestnut Neighborhood has a long history of supporting density in our neighborhood, as seen by our adoption of all the neighborhood infill tools as well as working with the city to create the MLK TOD. That said, we believe a 5-foot setback is inappropriate in this location and unnecessary for the success of this project. As seen in the attached exhibit, even with the current building footprint sizes, a 15-foot setback appears doable. With more thoughtful design, the 25-foot setback might be doable as well. Despite repeated requests by the neighborhood, the applicant did not meet with the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team to discuss this project. This is very unfortunate, as we believe there is a solution here that provides the desired density and better aligns with our neighborhood plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

