Zoning Public Hearing CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: Z-7 AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/28/2005

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SUBJECT: C14-05-0079 - Bluff Springs - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 6625 Bluff Springs Road (Williamson Creek Watershed) from neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning to community commercial (GR) district zoning. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant community commercial-conditional overlay (GR-CO) combining district zoning. Applicant & Agent: R & K investments (Russel Moore). City Staff: Wendy Walsh, 9747719.

REQUESTING Neighborhood Planning DIRECTOR'S

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ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE:</u> C14-05-0079 <u>Z.P.C. DATE:</u> July 5, 2005

ADDRESS: 6625 Bluff Springs Road

OWNER: R & K Investments (Russel Moore)

ZONING FROM: LR **TO:** GR **AREA:** 1.277 acres

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff's recommendation is to grant community commercial – conditional overlay (GR-CO) combining district zoning for Tract One and neighborhood commercial – conditional overlay (LR-CO) combining district zoning for Tract Two. The Conditional Overlay limits the development of the property to 2,000 trips per day.

ZONING & PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

July 5, 2005: APPROVED GR-CO DISTRICT ZONING; WITH THE CO FOR A 2,000 DAILY VEHICLE TRIP LIMIT.

[J. MARTINEZ; K. JACKSON - 2ND] (8-0) M. WHALEY-HAWTHORNE - ABSENT

ISSUES:

The Applicant is in agreement with the recommendation of the Zoning and Platting Commission.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject rezoning area represents two platted lots, is undeveloped and zoned neighborhood commercial (LR) district. The rezoning area accesses Bluff Springs Road and is surrounded to the north by pawn shop services and a service station with convenience store (GR, LR), to the east by restaurants, auto washing, service station with convenience store and convenience storage (GR, CS-CO), and to the south by a manufactured home community (MH). Across Bluff Springs Road to the west, there is a shopping center anchored by grocery store (this use faces the IH-35 frontage road), a historic structure of a single family residence and an electric substation (GR, SF-3-H). Please refer to Exhibits A (Zoning Map) and A-1 (Aerial View).

The applicant proposes to rezone the property to the community commercial (GR) district. The Applicant has not proposed any specific uses at this time, but is contemplating restaurant (general), personal improvement services and retail sales (general) uses which are first allowed in the GR district. The Applicant's conceptual development plans are provided as Exhibit C.

The Staff recommends GR zoning as requested with the exception of maintaining LR zoning for the south 50 feet of the property adjacent to the manufactured home park. The Applicant's request for GR zoning would be consistent and compatible zoning with that established along William Cannon Drive (west, north and east), and is also appropriate along an arterial roadway. Maintaining LR zoning and uses for the south 50 feet of the property would provide greater compatibility to the adjacent manufactured homes fronting Bitter Creek Drive. A comparison of GR and LR uses, and development standards is provided as Exhibit D.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

ZONING Site LR		LAND USES Undeveloped		
South	MH; I-SF-3; CS-CO	Manufactured home community; Single family residence; Undeveloped		
East	GR; CS-CO; MH	Restaurants; Auto washing; Service station with food sales; Convenience storage; Financial services; Auto parts store		
West	GR; SF-3-H; SF-3	Shopping center with food sales; Historic structure of a single family residence; Electric substation; Telecommunications tower		

AREA STUDY: N/A

TIA: Is not required

WATERSHED: Williamson Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No

SCENIC ROADWAY: No

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

27 - Franklin Park Neighborhood Association

96 – Southeast Corner Alliance of Neighborhoods

300 - Terrell Lane Interceptor Association

428 - Barton Springs / Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

511 - Austin Neighborhoods Council

627 - Onion Creek Homeowners Association

742 – Austin Independent School District

743 - Southeast Austin Trails & Greenbelt Alliance

SCHOOLS:

Langford Elementary School Paredes Middle School

Charles Akins High School

CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-02-0157H	SF-3-H to CS-1	To Grant GR-MU-CO- H for Tract One; LR- CO for Tract Two; GR- CO for Tract Three	Approved ZAP recommendations on 1st Reading (7-31-03). Case subsequently expired because additional readings did not occur within the one year time frame.
C14-99-2089	CS-CO to CS- CO	To Grant CS-CO with conditions to add 2 previously prohibited uses: Auto washing and General retail sales (general) and RC to limit hours of operation	Approved CS-CO as recommended by PC with RC modified for hours of operation (5-18-00).
C14-97-0072	GR to CS	To Grant CS-CO with conditions	Approved CS-CO with CO for prohibited uses and 2,000 trips per day (9-11-97).

RELATED CASES:

The subject rezoning area consists of two platted lots: the north portion is platted as Lot 1-C of the Resubdivision of Lot 1, South Creek Section 3, and the remainder is platted as Lot 2 of South Creek Section 3 (C8s-72-146 and C8s-71-151, respectively). There are no site plan applications on the subject property.

ABUTTING STREETS:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bus Route
Bluff Springs	70 feet	55 feet	Arterial	Yes	Yes,
Road		ļ			Capital
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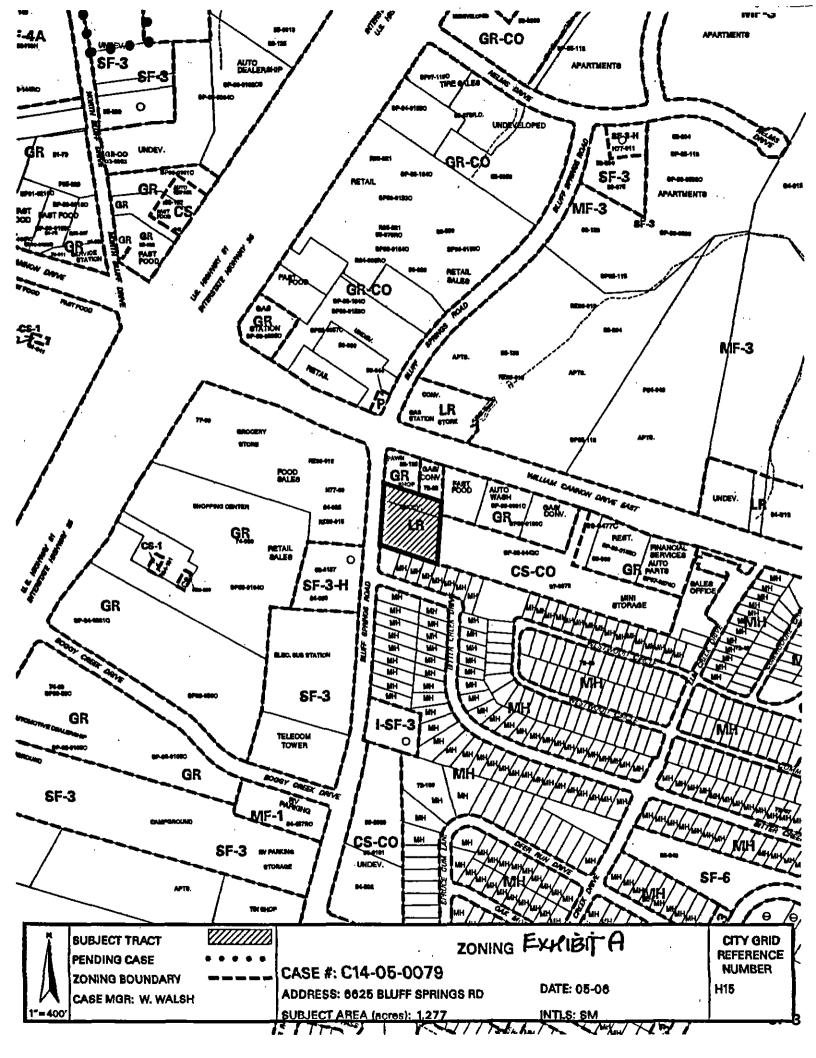
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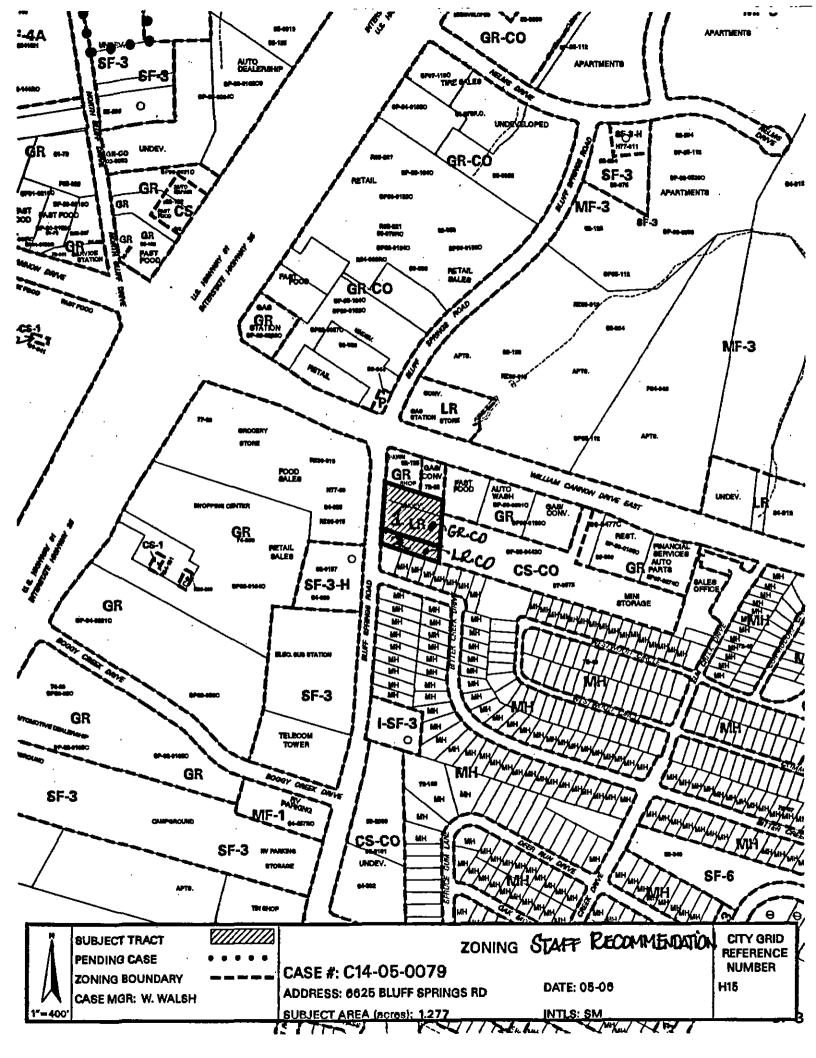
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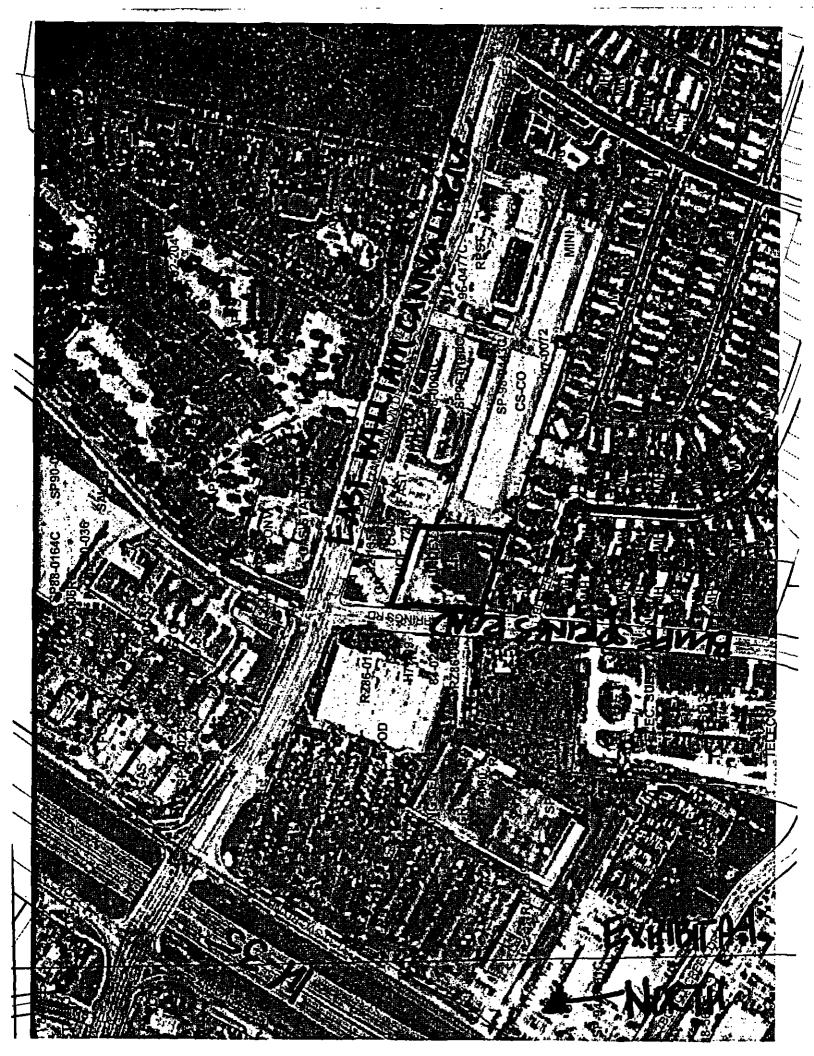


Exhibit B RECORDED PLAT

c8s-72-146

EXHIBIT B-1 RECOCOGO PLAT

C8s-71-151

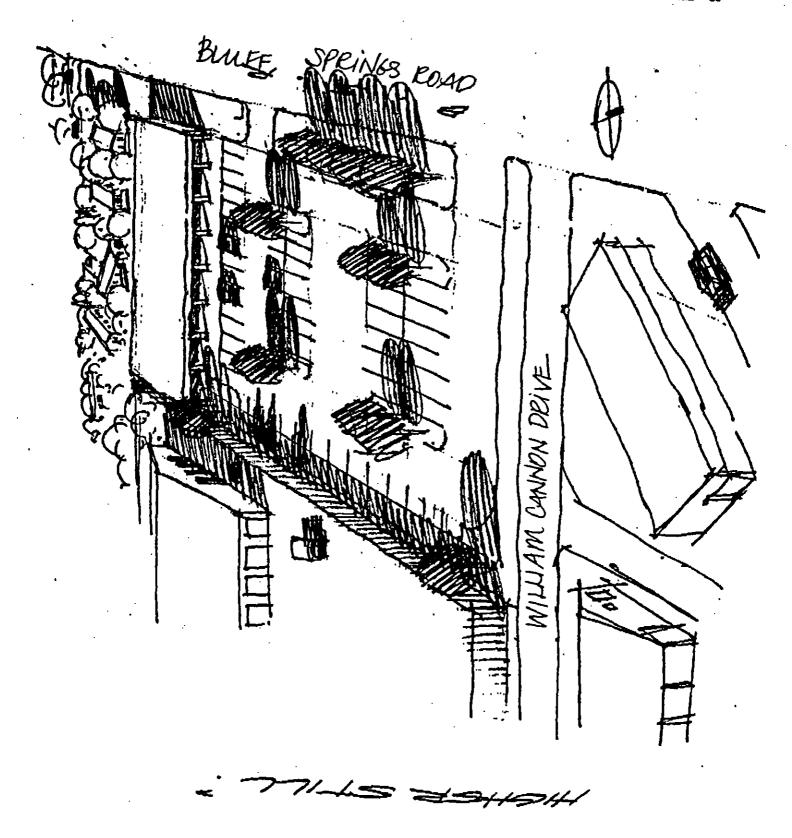


EXHIBIT C APRICANT'S CONCEPTUAL PLAN

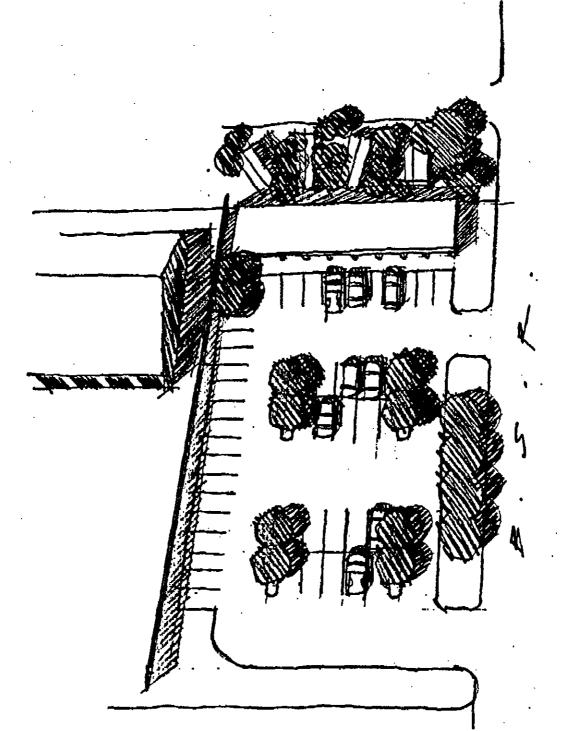


Exhibit C Applicants conceptual PLAN

	LR, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING	GR, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS		
Minimum lot size	5,750 square feet	5,750 square feet
Minimum lot width	50 feet	50 feet
Maximum F.A.R.	0.5:1	1:1
Maximum building coverage	50%	75%
Maximum impervious cover	80%	90%
Maximum height	40 feet or 3 stories	60 feet
Minimum setbacks	Street front: 25 feet Street side: 15 Interior side: 0 feet Rear: 0 feet	Street front: 10 feet Street side: 10 feet Interior side: 0 feet Rear: 0 feet

Uses Allowed in GR, but not in LR

Automotive rentals Automotive repair services

Automotive sales Automotive washing (of any type)

Bail bond services

Commercial off-street parking

Drop-off recycling collection facility

Business or trade school

Communications services

Exterminating services

Food preparation (this is a Conditional use) Funeral services

General retail sales (general)

Hospital services (general - a conditional use)

Hotel - motel Indoor entertainment

Indoor sports and recreation Outdoor entertainment (a conditional use)

Outdoor sports and recreation Pawn shop services
Personal improvement services Research services

Restaurant (general) Theater

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BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)

1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.

The proposed GR, community commercial district is intended for office and commercial uses serving neighborhood and community needs, including both unified shopping centers and individually developed commercial sites, and typically requiring locations accessible from major trafficways.

The LR, Neighborhood Commercial district is intended for shopping facilities that provide limited business services and offices to the residents of the neighborhood, such as consumer repair services, food sales, service stations, and pet services. The purpose statement listed in the City of Austin Land Development Code states: "The Neighborhood Commercial district is the designation for a commercial use that provides business service and office facilities for the residents of a neighborhood. Site development

regulations and performance standards applicable to a LR district use are designed to ensure that the use is compatible and complementary in scale and appearance with the residential environment."

2. Zoning changes should promote an orderly and compatible relationship among land uses.

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EXISTING CONDITIONS

Site Characteristics

The rezoning area is undeveloped. The site is relatively flat and there appear to be no significant topographical constraints on the site.

Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the GR zoning district would be 80%, which is based on the more restrictive watershed regulations. The maximum impervious cover allowed by the LR zoning district would be 80%, which is a consistent figure between the zoning and watershed regulations.

Environmental

The site is not located over the Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Desired Development Zone. The site is in the Williamson Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

Development Classification	% of Net Site Area	% with Transfers		
Single-Family	50%	60%		
(minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)				
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%		
Multifamily	60%	70%		
Commercial	80%	90%		

According to flood plain maps, there is no floodplain within, or adjacent to the project boundary.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following water quality control requirements:

 Structural controls: Sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention.

Transportation

Additional right-of-way will be required at the time of subdivision and/or site plan for Bluff Springs Road in accordance with the roadway plan.

The trip generation under the requested zoning is estimated to be 4,638 trips per day, assuming that the site develops to the maximum intensity allowed under the zoning classification (without consideration of setbacks, environmental constraints, or other site characteristics).

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-117]

Water and Wastewater

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing the water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extension, system upgrades, utility relocation, and utility adjustment to serve each lot and land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with the City design criteria. The water and wastewater utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay the associated City fees.

Compatibility Standards

The manufactured home use is not subject to compatibility standards. However, due to the historic structure in proximity to the southwestern property line, the following standards apply:

• No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the adjacent SF property line.

· In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

AN ORDINANCE REZONING AND CHANGING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6625 BLUFF SPRINGS ROAD FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY (LR) DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY (GR-CO) COMBINING DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The zoning map established by Section 25-2-191 of the City Code is amended to change the base district from neighborhood commercial (LR) district to community commercial-conditional overlay (GR-CO) combining district on the property described in Zoning Case No. C14-05-0079, on file at the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, as follows:

Lot 1-C, Resubdivision of Lot 1, South Creek Section 3 Subdivision, and Lot 2, South Creek Section 3 Subdivision, subdivisions in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to the maps or plats of record, respectively, in Plat Book 59, Page 45, and Plat Book 55, Page 22, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas (the "Property"),

locally known as 6625 Bluff Springs Road, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and generally identified in the map attached as Exhibit "A".

PART 2. The Property within the boundaries of the conditional overlay combining district established by this ordinance is subject to the following conditions:

A site plan or building permit for the Property may not be approved, released, or issued, if the completed development or uses of the Property, considered cumulatively with all existing or previously authorized development and uses, generate traffic that exceeds 2,000 trips per day.

Except as specifically restricted under this ordinance, the Property may be developed and used in accordance with the regulations established for the community commercial (GR) base district and other applicable requirements of the City Code.

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