CITY OF MERCED Site Plan Review Committee

MINUTES

Planning Conference Room 2nd Floor Civic Center Thursday, November 12, 2015

Chairperson GONZALVES called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Director of Development Services Gonzalves,

Land Engineer Cardoso (for City Engineer Elwin), and Assistant Chief Building Official

Stephenson

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Planning Manager Espinosa, Associate Planner

Nelson, Planner/Recording Secretary Mendoza-Gonzalez, and Economic Development

Associate Mendoza

1. MINUTES

M/S STEPHENSON-CARDOSO, and carried by unanimous voice vote, to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2015, with changes to the motions on pages 2, 3, and 4 to show action by "Cardoso" instead of "Elwin."

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

4. <u>ITEMS</u>

4.1 <u>Site Plan Application #389, submitted by Roberto Martinez on behalf of NorCal Foods Merced, LH LLC, property owners, to modify the exterior of an existing building at 1798 W. Olive Avenue within Planned Development (P-D) #16, with a General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC).</u>

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Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ reviewed the application for this item. For further information, refer to Draft Site Plan Review Committee Resolution #389.

M/S STEPHENSON-GONZALVES, and carried by the following vote, to adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #15-29, and approve Site Plan Application #389, subject to the Findings and eight (8) conditions set forth in the Draft Resolution #389:

AYES: Committee Members Cardoso, Stephenson, and Chairperson

Gonzalves

NOES: None ABSENT: None

4.2 <u>Site Plan Application #390, submitted by Halferty Development, on behalf of KIF, LLC, property owner, to construct a 3,730-square-foot retail building to include a 1,800-square-foot coffee shop with a drive-thru and a future retail space at the southwest corner of West 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, within a Central Commercial (C-C) zone.</u>

Associate Planner NELSON reviewed the application for this item. For further information, refer to Draft Site Plan Review Committee Resolution #390. A memorandum was distributed before the meeting showing that the Refuse Department would like to revise Condition #9 to improve their access to the trash enclosure. The proposed location and orientation of the trash enclosure is not appropriate and should be modified during the building permit stage.

M/S STEPHENSON-CARDOSO, and carried by the following vote, to adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #15-31, and approve Site Plan Application #390, subject to the Findings and twenty-six (26) conditions set forth in the Draft Resolution #390 with a modification to Condition #9:

(Note: Strikethrough deleted language, underline added language.)

"9. The City Refuse Department does not approve the trash enclosure as shown on the Site Plan at Exhibit 2. The trash enclosure shall be

located in an area and oriented in such a way that allows sufficient access for the City's Refuse trucks. The developer shall work with the City's Refuse Department staff at the Building Permit stage to determine the best location and orientation for the refuse enclosure. If this requires significant modification to the site plan, the changes may be approved by the Development Services Director or referred back to the Site Plan Review Committee at the discretion of the Development Services Director rotated approximately 120 degrees to be angled facing northwest. Details of the location and orientation of the enclosure shall be worked out with the City Refuse Department at Building Permit stage."

AYES: Committee Members Cardoso, Stephenson, and Chairperson

Gonzalves

NOES: None ABSENT: None

4.3 <u>Site Plan Application #391, submitted by David McGhee on behalf of himself, Suzanne McGhee, Timothy Reusch, and Anita Reusch, property owners, to allow the construction of a 10,000-square-foot automotive shop, a future 4,750-square-foot shell building, and associated parking on a 1.1-acre vacant parcel located at 1535 W. 14th Street, within a General Commercial (C-G) Zone.</u>

Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ reviewed the application for this item. For further information, refer to Draft Site Plan Review Committee Resolution #391.

The applicants informed the Committee that they would like to obtain design approval for the proposed shell building with this request. Initially, the applicants wanted design approval for the automotive shop only, but recent financing opportunities may allow them to construct the shell building sooner than expected. The shell building would be consistent with the proposed automotive shop using the same materials and a similar design.

The Committee had no issues with this request. They recommended adding Condition #30 so that Planning staff can review the design of the shell building during the building permit stage.

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Chairperson GONZALVES mentioned that Condition #15 should be corrected to show that the "Fire Department" will be responsible for reviewing the fire service water line, not the "Public Works Department."

Moreover, Committee Member CARDOSO noted that the subject site may not have a sidewalk easement along 14th Street. He recommended adding Condition #31 so that a sidewalk easement would be created if there wasn't one there.

Committee Member CARDOSO was concerned that W. 14th Street may not be wide enough to accommodate driving lanes and on-site parking (on both sides of the street). Chairperson GONZALVES recommended adding Finding G so that the Traffic Committee can review these matters and consider prohibiting parking on the south side of W. 14th Street (as the south side of the street is adjacent to an on-ramp for Highway 99 while the north side is adjacent to businesses) if needed.

M/S STEPHENSON-GONZALVES, and carried by the following vote, to adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #15-32, and approve Site Plan Application #391, subject to the Findings and twenty-nine (29) conditions set forth in the Draft Resolution #391 with the additions of Finding G, Condition #30, and Condition #31 and a modification to Condition #15:

(Note: Strikethrough deleted language, <u>underline</u> added language.)

- "G) The Site Plan Committee shall refer the consideration for no parking on the south side of W. 14th Street to the Traffic Committee.
- "15. A fire service water line shall be installed on-site as required by the Building Fire Department.
- "30. The proposed shell building shall be similar in design and materials to the auto shop building. Details to be worked out with Planning staff at the building permit stage.
- "31. If the sidewalk is not already in an easement, then the developers shall dedicate an easement to the City for sidewalk purposes."

AYES: Committee Members Cardoso, Stephenson, and Chairperson Gonzalves

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NOES: None ABSENT: None

4.4 Site Plan Application #392, submitted by Des Johnston, on behalf of the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County, property owner, to construct a bus maintenance and operations yard to include a modular office building, metal maintenance building, a bus wash, employee and bus parking, and parking covers with future solar panels on top, at 1950 Wardrobe Avenue within a Light Industrial (I-L) zone.

Associate Planner NELSON reviewed the application for this item. For further information, refer to Draft Site Plan Review Committee Resolution #392.

The applicant informed the Committee that he would like to reconfigure the site plan to create additional parking spaces. The applicant provided a conceptual sketch showing the relocation and reorientation of the maintenance building (relocated towards the eastern portion of the parcel and rotated 180 degrees) and the new vehicular circulation pattern.

The Committee recommended modifying Condition #1 and adding Condition #26 so that the applicant can revise his site plan prior to submitting a building permit application. During the building permit stage, staff can review the project for compliance with both development and engineering standards.

M/S STEPHENSON-CARDOSO, and carried by the following vote, to adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #15-34, and approve Site Plan Application #392, subject to the Findings and twenty-five (25) conditions set forth in the Draft Resolution #392 with a modification to Condition #1 and the addition of Condition #26:

(Note: Strikethrough deleted language, <u>underline</u> added language.)

"1. The site shall be constructed as shown on <u>Revised</u> Exhibit B (<u>revised</u> site plan), Exhibits C, D, and E (conceptual elevations), except as modified by the conditions of approval within this resolution.

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"26. The applicant shall work with the City's Refuse Department to determine the best location for the refuse enclosure and to determine if a recycling container would be required."

AYES: Committee Members Cardoso, Stephenson, and Chairperson

Gonzalves

NOES: None ABSENT: None

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 <u>Calendar of Meetings/Events</u>

There was no discussion regarding the calendar of meetings/events.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson GONZALVES adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Espinosa, Secretary

Merced City Site Plan Review Committee

APPROVED:

David B. Gonzalves,

Chairperson/

Director of Development Services,

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Merced City Site Plan Review Committee

CITY OF MERCED SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #389

Roberto Martinez	Exterior remodel (Del Taco)
APPLICANT	PROJECT
3421 Tully Road, Ste. G1	1798 W. Olive Avenue
ADDRESS	PROJECT SITE
Modesto, CA 95350	058-220-045
CITY/STATE/ZIP	APN
(209) 521-9201	Planned Development (P-D) #16
PHONE	ZONING

In accordance with Chapter 20.68 of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance, the Site Plan Review Committee reviewed and administratively approved Site Plan Application #389 on November 12, 2015, submitted by Roberto Martinez on behalf of NorCal Foods Merced, LH LLC, property owners, to modify the exterior of an existing building at 1798 W. Olive Avenue within Planned Development (P-D) #16, with a General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC). Said property being more particularly described as Parcel A as shown on the map entitled "Parcel Map No. 98-03 for Zelman Merced, LLC," recorded in Volume 91, Page 47 of Merced County Records; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 058-220-045.

WHEREAS, the proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is in accordance with Section 15301 (a) (Exhibit E); and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee makes the following Findings:

- A) The proposal complies with the General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC) and the Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #16.
- B) The proposal does not include any modifications to the site plan.
- C) The proposal does not include any modifications to the number of indoor or outdoor seats. Additional parking will not be required.
- D) In 2009, the subject site obtained Administrative Conditional Use Permit approval (#AS-124) to increase the allowable logo area from 25% to 50% of the total sign area allowed for this building.
- E) The proposed exterior art panels shall be considered signage if they depict any items sold by the restaurant (e.g. tacos, hamburgers, french fries, etc.). Art panels depicting abstract objects or objects not associated with the restaurant

shall not count as signage, as determined by Planning staff. The total sign area allowed for this site is 63 square feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee does approve Site Plan Application #389 subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The site shall be constructed as shown on Exhibit B (site plan), Exhibit D (proposed elevations), and as modified by the conditions of approval within this resolution.
- 2) All conditions contained in Site Plan Review #79-1 Amended ("Standard Conditions for Site Plan Review Application") shall apply.
- 3) All other applicable codes, ordinances, policies, etc., adopted by the City of Merced shall apply, including, but not limited to, the California Building Code and Fire Codes.
- 4) The developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City), and hold harmless the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof, from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof to attack, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body, including actions approved by the voters of the City, concerning the project and the approvals granted herein. Furthermore, developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, against any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against any governmental entity in which developer/applicant's project is subject to that other governmental entity's approval and a condition of such approval is that the City indemnify and defend (with counsel selected by the City) such governmental entity. City shall promptly notify the developer/applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding. City shall further cooperate fully in the defense of the action. Should the City fail to either promptly notify or cooperate fully, the developer/applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to indemnify, defend, protect, or hold harmless the City, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any of its officers, officials, employees, or agents.
- The developer/applicant shall construct and operate the project in strict compliance with the approvals granted herein, City standards, laws, and ordinances, and in compliance with all State and Federal laws, regulations, and standards. In the event of a conflict between City laws and standards and a State or Federal law, regulation, or standard, the stricter or higher standard shall control.
- 6) Notwithstanding all other conditions, all construction and improvements shall be in strict accordance with Zoning, Building, and all other codes, ordinances, standards, and policies of the City of Merced.

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- All signing shall comply with the North Merced Sign Ordinance. Building permits shall be obtained prior to installing any permanent signing. A Temporary Sign Permit shall be obtained prior to installing any temporary signs or banners. Temporary freestanding or A-frame signs are not allowed.
- 8) The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times

If there are any questions concerning these conditions and recommendations, please contact Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez at (209) 385-6858.

DATE

Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez

Planner

TITLE

Exhibits

- A) Location Map
- B) Site Plan
- C) Existing Elevations
- D) Proposed Elevations
- E) Categorical Exemption

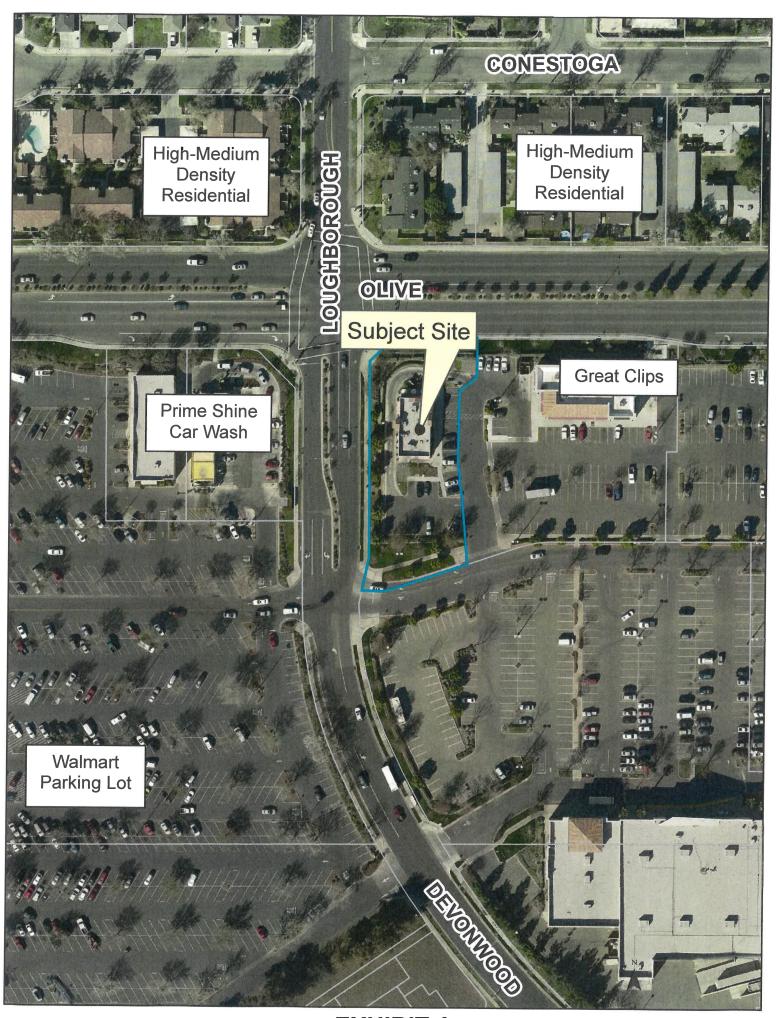


EXHIBIT A

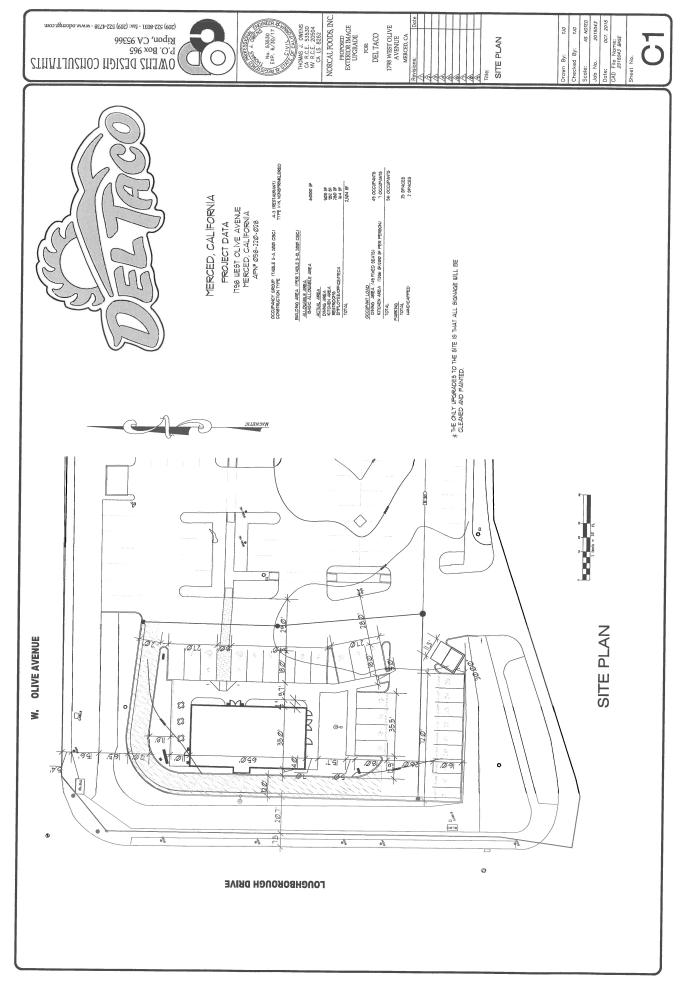
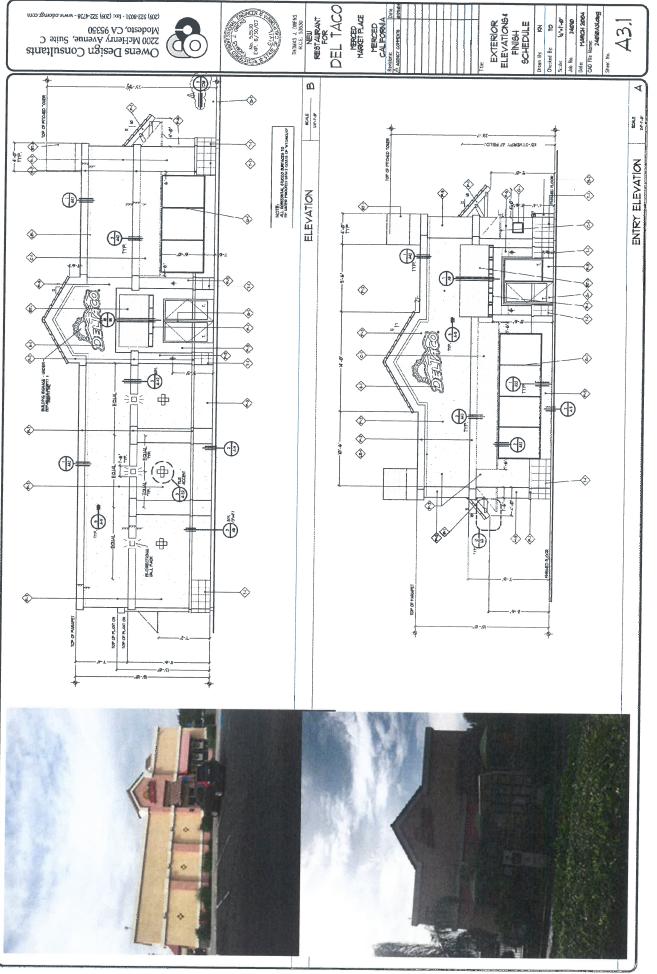
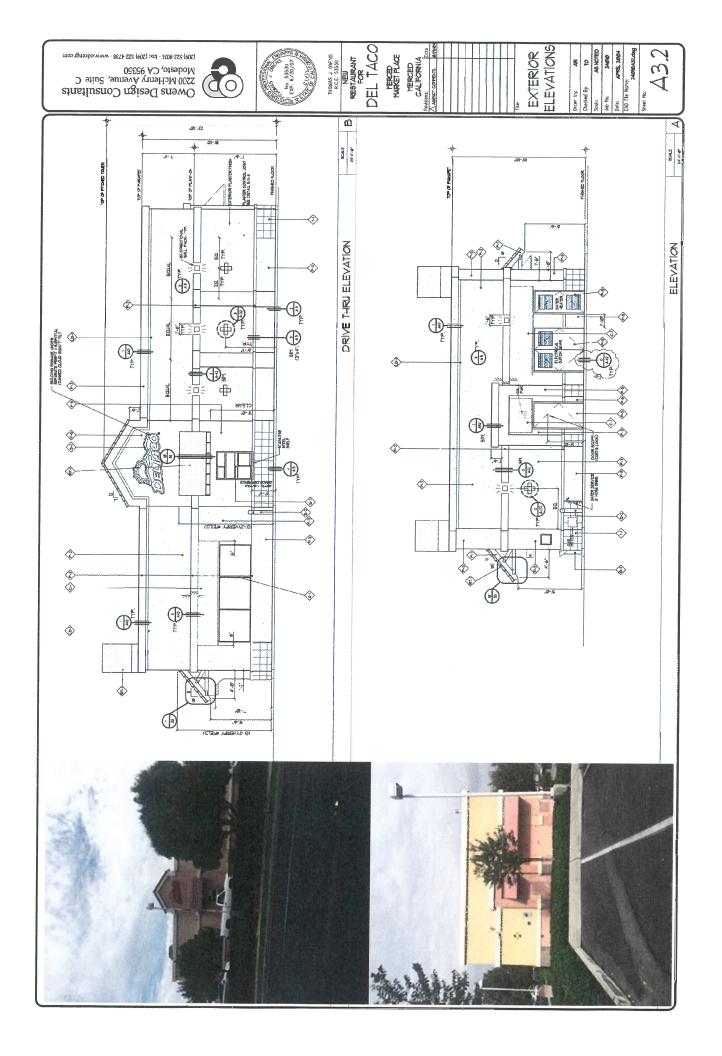
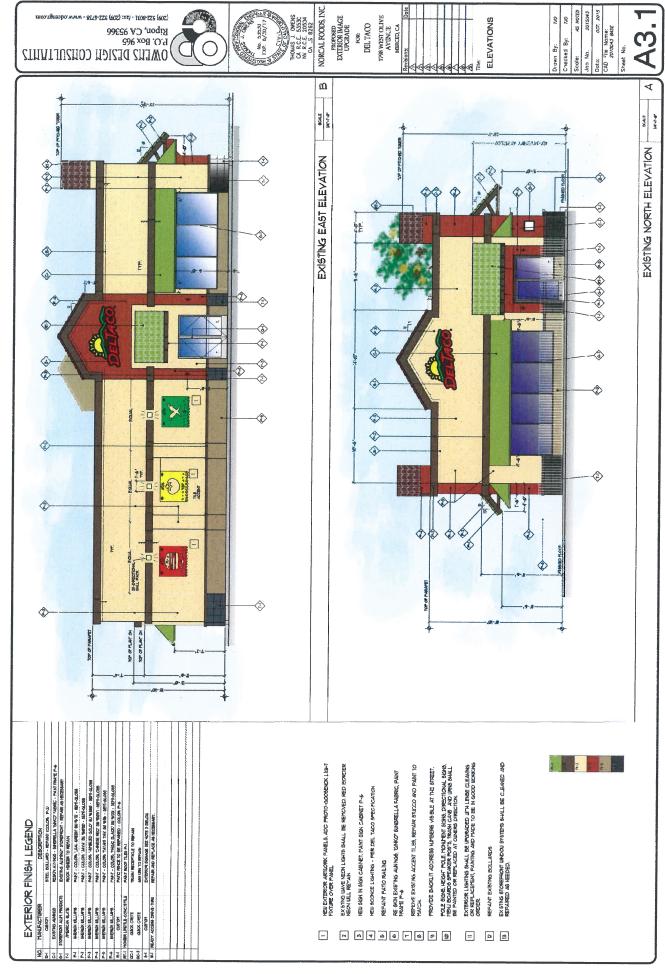


EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C









NOTICE O	F EXEMPTION			
To:X	Office of Planning and P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 958 County Clerk County of Merced 2222 M Street Merced, CA 95340		From:	(Public Agency) City of Merced 678 West 18th St. Merced, CA 95340
Project Title:	Site Plan Re	eview #389	(Environmental	l Review #15-29)
Project Appli	icant: Roberto Ma	rtinez		
Project Locat	tion (Specific): 1798	W. Olive Aven	ue APN: (058-220-045
Project Locat	tion - City: Merce	ed	Project Location	on - County: Merced
Description o	f Nature, Purpose, a	and Beneficiari	es of Project:	
Name of Pub	lic Agency Approvi	ng Project:	City of Merced	
Name of Pers	on or Agency Carry	ying Out Projec	t: Roberto Mari	tinez
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Reasons why	Project is Exempt:	proposed pro alterations on exterior walls	ject consists of ly, such as replace	we referenced Section, the minor interior and exterior cing canopies and repainting dered to be exempt under the 15301 (a).
Lead Agency: Contact Perso	•	ed endoza-Gonzale	<u>z</u> Area Cod	e/Telephone: (209) 385-6858
Signature:	Lanf	Date: _	11-03-2015	Title: Planner
X Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR:(If applicable)				

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code

CITY OF MERCED SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #390

	building to include an 1,800-square-foot coffee shop with a drive-thru and a
Halferty Development Co.	future retail space.
APPLICANT	PROJECT
100 G J D 11 A #040	aco wy 1cth g
199 S. Los Robles Ave., #840	360 W. 16 th Street
ADDRESS	PROJECT SITE
Pasadena, CA 91101	031-360-079
CITY/STATE/ZIP	APN
626-405-0956	Central Commercial (C-C)
PHONE	ZONING

Construct a 3.730-square-foot retail

In accordance with Chapter 20.68 of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance, the Site Plan Review Committee reviewed and administratively approved Site Plan Application #390 on November 12, 2015, submitted by Halferty Development, on behalf of KIF, LLC, property owner, to construct a 3,730-square-foot retail building to include a 1,800-square-foot coffee shop with a drive-thru and a future retail space at the southwest corner of West 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, within a Central Commercial (C-C) zone. Said property being described as Parcel 3 as shown on the Map entitled "Parcel Map for Family Dollar Store," recorded in Book 113, Page 40 of Merced County Records; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 031-360-079.

WHEREAS, the proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is in accordance with Section 15332 (Exhibit D); and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee makes the following Findings:

- A) The proposal complies with the General Plan designation of Regional Community Commercial (RC) and the Zoning classification of Central Commercial (C-C).
- B) The site is part of a group of three parcels located at the southwest corner of West 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. The site is governed by Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's) recorded as Document No. 2015-033809, Merced County Records that provide cross-access and reciprocal easements for all three parcels. These CC&R's shall be amended to reflect any changes made by this project (see Condition #20).
- C) The site shares vehicle access, parking, and some utility access with the entire shopping center.

- D) The coffee shop would occupy 1,800 square feet of the proposed building and provide 46 seats. The future retail tenant space would occupy the remainder of the building (1,930 square feet).
- E) The project site provides 24 parking spaces (including 2 handicap parking stalls). Refer to Exhibit B for the site plan.
- F) Based on the number of seats proposed for the coffee shop (46 seats), a minimum of 18 parking spaces are required (1 space for each 2.5 seats).
- G) Parking for the future retail space would be calculated at a rate of one space for each 300 square feet of floor area (except retail food stores). Using this ratio, the future retail use would require 6 parking spaces.
- H) Based on the information provided in Findings F and G above, sufficient parking is provided for the coffee shop and future retail use. However, if a use that requires parking at a ratio higher than 1 space for each 300 square feet of floor area occupies the retail space, additional parking may be required.
- I) No outdoor seating is proposed with this application. Any future outdoor seating proposed for the site must be approved by the Planning Department.
- J) The building exterior consists of a cement plaster finish with a cornice-type trim at the top and brick veneer along the bottom 6' 6" of the building (refer to Exhibit C).
- K) The materials and design are of a quality that complies with the requirements of the Design Review Area.
- L) The project complies with the 16th Street Design Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee does approve Site Plan Application #390 subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The site shall be constructed as shown on Exhibit B (site plan) and Exhibit C (elevations), except as modified by the conditions of approval within this resolution.
- 2) All conditions contained in Site Plan Review #79-1 Amended ("Standard Conditions for Site Plan Review Application") shall apply.
- 3) All other applicable codes, ordinances, policies, etc., adopted by the City of Merced shall apply, including, but not limited to, the California Building Code and Fire Codes.
- 4) The developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City), and hold harmless the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof, from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof to attack, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the City, or any agency or

instrumentality thereof, advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body, including actions approved by the voters of the City, concerning the project and the approvals granted herein. Furthermore, developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, against any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against any governmental entity in which developer/applicant's project is subject to that other governmental entity's approval and a condition of such approval is that the City indemnify and defend (with counsel selected by the City) such governmental entity. City shall promptly notify the developer/applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding. City shall further cooperate fully in the defense of the action. Should the City fail to either promptly notify or cooperate fully, the developer/applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to indemnify, defend, protect, or hold harmless the City, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any of its officers, officials, employees, or agents.

- The developer/applicant shall construct and operate the project in strict compliance with the approvals granted herein, City standards, laws, and ordinances, and in compliance with all State and Federal laws, regulations, and standards. In the event of a conflict between City laws and standards and a State or Federal law, regulation, or standard, the stricter or higher standard shall control.
- 6) All plans and support documentation submitted for building permit review shall comply with the requirements of the 2013 California Code Set or most recently adopted codes.
- 7) Notwithstanding all other conditions, all construction and improvements shall be in strict accordance with Zoning, Building, and all other codes, ordinances, standards, and policies of the City of Merced.
- 8) Building colors shall be submitted at the Building Permit stage for approval by the Planning Department staff.
- 9) The City Refuse Department does not approve the trash enclosure as shown on the Site Plan at Exhibit 2. The trash enclosure shall be located in an area and oriented in such a way that allows sufficient access for the City's Refuse trucks. The developer shall work with the City's Refuse Department staff at the Building Permit stage to determine the best location and orientation for the refuse enclosure. If this requires significant modification to the site plan, the changes may be approved by the Development Services Director or referred back to the Site Plan Review Committee at the discretion of the Development Services Director.
- 10) Appropriate turning radii shall be provided within the parking areas to allow for Fire Department and refuse truck access.
- 11) The developer shall work with the City Engineer to determine the requirements for storm drainage on the site. The developer shall provide all necessary documentation for the City Engineer to evaluate the storm drain system. All storm drain systems shall be installed to meet City Standards and state regulations.

- The project shall comply with all the Post Construction Standards required to comply with state requirements for the City's Phase II MS-4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System).
- Parking lot trees are required at a minimum rate of one tree per each six parking spaces. The type of trees used for parking lot trees shall be selected from the City's approved tree list.
- All landscaping in the public right-of-way and on-site shall comply with State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2015-0032 "To Adopt an Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation" and the City's Water Conservation Ordinance (Merced Municipal Code Section 15.42). Xeriscape or artificial turf shall be used in place of natural sod or other living ground cover. If turf is proposed to be installed in park-strips or on-site, high quality artificial turf (approved by the City Engineer and Development Services Director) shall be installed. All irrigation provided to street trees, parking lot trees, or other landscaping shall be provided with a drip irrigation or micro-spray system.
- All landscaping shall be kept healthy and maintained, and any damaged or missing landscaping shall be replaced immediately.
- Detailed landscape plans, including irrigation plans, shall be submitted at the building permit stage.
- 17) Planning Department approval is required prior to any outdoor seating area being installed. This includes the addition of tables and/or chairs outdoors for patron use.
- 18) A grease interceptor shall be installed for the coffee shop and shall comply with all City standards and requirements.
- 19) The developer shall use proper dust control procedures during site development in accordance with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District rules.
- As required by Merced Municipal Code Section 17.04.050 and 17.04.060, full public improvements shall be installed/repaired if the permit value of the project exceeds \$85,000.00. Public improvements may include, but not be limited to, repairing/replacing the sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street corner ramp(s), so that they comply with ADA standards and other relevant City of Merced/State/Federal standards and regulations.
- 21) Bicycle racks shall be provided at a minimum ratio equal to 5% of the vehicular parking spaces.
- The existing Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's) shall be modified as needed to ensure all cross-access and reciprocal easements are maintained and any new ownership is added. At time of building permit review, the developer shall provide documentation of all cross access and parking agreements for shared access and parking. In addition, documentation shall be provided confirming the joint use of the water, sewer, and storm drain lines on the property.
- 23) All mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view.

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- All signing shall comply with the City's Sign Ordinance. Signing on the building shall be calculated based on the tenant's primary and secondary building frontage. Each tenant shall be allowed 1-square-foot of signing for each lineal foot of primary frontage and ½ square-foot of signing for each lineal foot of secondary frontage. The maximum sign area for the site shall not exceed 500 square feet. The existing monument sign at the corner of parcel may be used for tenant signing, but no other free-standing signs shall be allowed.
- A temporary banner permit shall be obtained prior to installing any temporary signs. Free-standing temporary signs (i.e., sandwich boards, A-frame signs, etc.) are prohibited.
- 26) The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times.

If there are any questions concerning these conditions and recommendations, please contact Julie Nelson at (209) 385-6858.

11-12-15 DATE

Julie Nelson

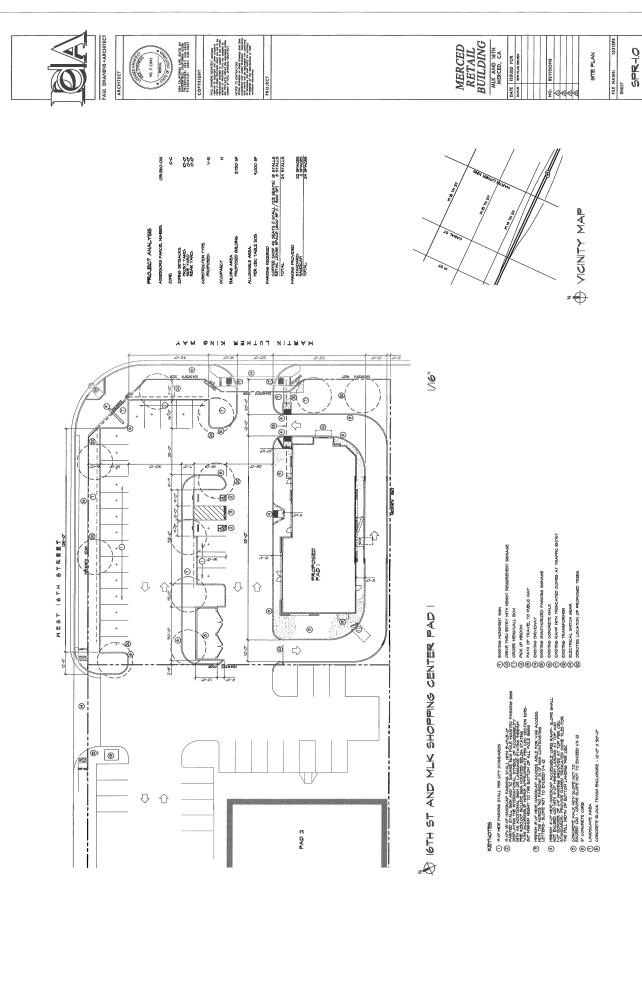
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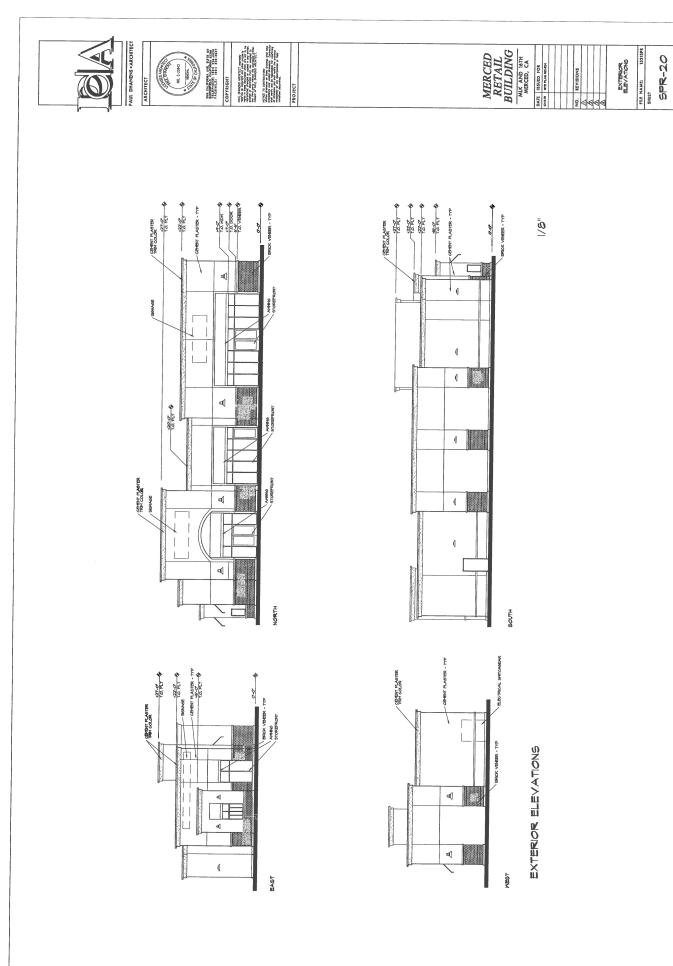
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Exhibits

- A) Location Map
- B) Site Plan
- C) Elevations
- D) Categorical Exemption







NOTICE O	F EXEM	PTION			
To:	P.O. Box Sacramen County C County of 2222 M S	nto, CA 95812- Clerk f Merced		From:	(Public Agency) City of Merced 678 West 18th St. Merced, CA 95340
Project Title	: S	ite Plan Revi	ew #390 (Env	ironmental Revi	ew #15-31)
Project Appl			,	for KIF, LLC, pr	,
Project Loca		-	-	APN: 031-36	-
Project Loca	tion - City	y: Merced		Project Locat	ion - County: Merced
Description of	of Nature,	Purpose, an	d Beneficiari	es of Project:	
The project in include a coff				•	uare-foot retail building to
Name of Pub	olic Agenc	y Approving	Project:	City of Merceo	d
Name of Pers	son or Ag	ency Carryin	ng Out Projec		or Halfterty Development on property owner
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approximately utilities and p threatened spe	nsidered a y 1.32-acro public serv ecies. No om constru	in in-fill proje e parcel surrovices, and the significant effaction of the b	ect. The prounded by urbate project site has building. The	ject location is an uses. The site as no value as he from traffic, noi	eferenced Section, the proposed within the City limits on an e can be served by all required nabitat for endangered, rare or ise, air quality, or water quality istent with the City of Merced
Lead Agency Contact Pers		City of Mercedulie Nelson, F		Area (Code/Telephone:(209) 385-685
Signature: _	/)		Date:	<u>11-2-15</u>	Title: Associate Planner
X Signed by	Lead Ager	ncy	Date Received (If applicable)	for Filing at OPF	R:

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code

CITY OF MERCED SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #391

David McGhee	New 10,000-s.f. automotive shop and a 4,750-s.f. shell building for Super Shop Automotive.
APPLICANT	PROJECT
932 Martin Luther King Jr. Way ADDRESS	1535 W. 14th Street PROJECT SITE
Merced, CA 95341 CITY/STATE/ZIP	031-181-010 APN
(209) 726-0182 PHONE	General Commercial (C-G) ZONING

In accordance with Chapter 20.68 of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance, the Site Plan Review Committee reviewed and administratively approved Site Plan Application #391 on November 12, 2015, submitted by David McGhee on behalf of himself, Suzanne McGhee, Timothy Reusch, and Anita Reusch, property owners, to allow the construction of a 10,000-square-foot automotive shop and a 4,750-square-foot shell building on a 1.1-acre vacant parcel located at 1535 W. 14th Street, within a General Commercial (C-G) Zone. Said property being more particularly described as Parcel 2 as shown on the Map entitled "Parcel Map for Bernice Duffus," recorded in Volume 30, Page 21 of Merced County Records; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 031-181-010.

WHEREAS, the proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is in accordance with Section 15332 (Exhibit E); and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee makes the following Findings:

- A) The proposal complies with the zoning designation of General Commercial (C-G) and with the General Plan designation of General Commercial (CG).
- B) As shown in Merced Municipal Code Section 20.86.140.B.7 City Staff Functions, the Design Review Commission has delegated certain minor projects to City staff for review and approval or denial if the project is considered minor in nature at the discretion of the Director of Development Services. The Director of Development Services has determined that this request will not cause great impact to the area and could be reviewed by the Site Plan Review Committee.
- C) The proposal has thirty-seven parking spaces. The parking requirement for an automotive repair shop is one space for each four hundred square feet of floor area and one space for each vehicle used in the conduct of business. Based on this formula, twenty-five parking spaces are required for the automotive shop.

- Additional parking may be required for future uses within the proposed 4,750-square-foot shell building. Future land uses may be limited by parking availability.
- D) The adjacent gas station located east of the subject site (1411 V Street) is overseen by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board and is considered a gasoline contaminated site. Until that site is remediated, the proposed 4,750-square-foot shell building may be limited to uses whose main occupants are not sensitive human receptors (children, elderly, etc.), at the discretion of the Director of Development Services.
- E) The applicant is requesting to paint the stucco panels "Charcoal Gray" and to paint the panel channels and the exposed metal framing "Crimson Red" (color samples shown on Exhibit D).
- F) Water service will be connected to the existing 2-inch water line. According the Public Works Department, a fire service water line does not exist on site (see Condition #15).
- G) The Site Plan Committee shall refer the consideration for no parking on the south side of W. 14th Street to the Traffic Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee does approve Site Plan Application #391 subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The site shall be constructed as shown on Exhibit B (site plan), Exhibit C (elevations), and as modified by the conditions of approval within this resolution.
- 2) All conditions contained in Site Plan Review #79-1 Amended ("Standard Conditions for Site Plan Review Application") shall apply.
- 3) All other applicable codes, ordinances, policies, etc., adopted by the City of Merced shall apply including, but not limited to, the California Building Code and Fire Codes.
- 4) All other applicable codes, ordinances, policies, etc., adopted by the City of Merced shall apply, including the Post Construction Standards for Storm Water that became effective July 1,2015.
- The developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City), and hold harmless the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof, from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof to attack, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body, including actions approved by the voters of the City, concerning the project and the approvals granted herein. Furthermore, developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, against any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against any governmental entity in which developer/applicant's project is subject to that other governmental entity's approval and a condition of such approval is that the

City indemnify and defend (with counsel selected by the City) such governmental entity. City shall promptly notify the developer/applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding. City shall further cooperate fully in the defense of the action. Should the City fail to either promptly notify or cooperate fully, the developer/applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to indemnify, defend, protect, or hold harmless the City, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any of its officers, officials, employees, or agents.

- The developer/applicant shall construct and operate the project in strict compliance with the approvals granted herein, City standards, laws, and ordinances, and in compliance with all State and Federal laws, regulations, and standards. In the event of a conflict between City laws and standards and a State or Federal law, regulation, or standard, the stricter or higher standard shall control.
- 7) Notwithstanding all other conditions, all construction and improvements shall be in strict accordance with Zoning, Building, and all other codes, ordinances, standards, and policies of the City of Merced.
- As required by Merced Municipal Code Section 17.04.050 and 17.04.060, full public improvements shall be installed/repaired if the permit value of the project exceeds \$85,000.00. Public improvements may include, but not be limited to, repairing/replacing the sidewalk, driveway approaches, curb, gutter, and street corner ramp(s), so that they comply with ADA standards and other relevant City of Merced/State/Federal standards and regulations.
- 9) All parking lot and building lighting shall be shielded or oriented in a way that does not allow "spill-over" onto adjacent lots in compliance with the California Energy Code requirements. Any lighting on the building shall be oriented to shine downward and not spill-over onto adjacent parcels.
- 10) Bicycle parking spaces shall be provided at a minimum ratio equal to 5% of the vehicular parking spaces.
- The developer shall work with the City Engineer to determine the requirements for storm drainage on the site and the method used to move the storm water to the City's storm drainage system. The developer shall provide all necessary documentation for the City Engineer to evaluate the storm drain system. All storm drain systems shall be installed to meet City Standards and State regulations.
- The applicant shall contact the City's Water Quality Control Division and comply with all requirements for this type of business and obtain all proper permits prior to opening for business, which may include obtaining an Industrial Storm Water Permit issued by the State Water Board. Certain containers shall be covered 100% and they shall be located on secondary containments as required by the Water Quality Control Division.
- Appropriate turning radii shall be provided within the parking areas to allow for Fire Department and refuse truck access. The developer shall work with the Fire

- Department and Refuse Department at the building permit stage to ensure proper access is provided.
- 14) The developer shall work with the Fire Department to ensure that the gate contains a "Click-2-Enter" and a Knox override switch. Fire sprinklers shall contain a sprinkler monitoring system and the automotive shop shall contain a Knox box (as required by the Fire Department).
- 15) A fire service water line shall be installed on-site as required by the Fire Department.
- All driveways into the site shall comply with City Standards and all handicap accessibility requirements.
- 17) The developer shall use proper dust control procedures during site development in accordance with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District rules.
- 18) The applicant shall work with the City's Refuse Department to determine the exact location for a refuse enclosure. In addition, the applicant shall work with the City's Refuse Department to determine if a recycling container will be required to comply with AB 341. If it is required, the container shall be enclosed within a refuse enclosure built to City Standards. Prior to pouring the concrete for the refuse enclosure, the contractor shall contact the Refuse Department at 209-385-6800 to arrange an inspection by Refuse Department staff to verify the location and angle of the enclosure.
- 19) The parking lot layout shall comply with all applicable City Standards. Parking lot trees shall be provided at a ratio of one tree for every six parking spaces. These trees shall be installed per the City's Parking Lot Landscape Standards, shall be a minimum of 15-gallons, and be of a type that provides a 30-foot minimum canopy at maturity (trees shall be selected from the City's approved tree list). Irrigation to these trees shall be provided through a drip irrigation or micro-spray system.
- 20) Street trees shall be provided per City Standards. Tree species shall be selected from the City's approved street tree list.
- All landscaping shall comply with State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2015-0032 'To Adopt an Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation' and the City's Water Conservation Ordinance (Merced Municipal Code Section 15.42). Xeriscape or artificial turf shall be used in place of natural sod or other living ground cover. If turf is proposed to be installed in park-strips or on-site, high quality artificial turf (approved by the City Engineer and Development Services Director) shall be installed. All irrigation provided to street trees, parking lot trees, or other landscaping shall be provided with a drip irrigation or micro-spray system.
- 22) Detailed landscape and irrigation plans shall be submitted at the building permit stage. These plans shall include all on-site landscaping and all required landscaping in the public right-of-way.

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- 23) All mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view.
- The outdoor storage area shall remain enclosed inside a fenced area and screened from public view.
- It is recommended that the exterior building walls be treated with an anti-graffiti coating to make graffiti removal easier. In any case, graffiti removal shall take place within 24 hours of appearing and shall be painted over with a paint color that matches the existing color of the building wall.
- All signing shall comply with the Merced Sign Ordinance. Sign permits shall be obtained prior to installing any permanent signing. A Temporary Sign Permit shall be obtained prior to installing any temporary signs or banners. Temporary freestanding or A-frame signs are not allowed.
- 27) The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times.
- The north and west elevations shall either contain stucco panels that match the south and east elevations or be shielded with landscaping as required by Planning staff.
- 29) The metal stucco panel channels shall be painted "Charcoal Gray" to match the color of the stucco panels, instead of "Crimson Red." "Crimson Red" is approved for the canopy.
- 30) The proposed shell building shall be similar in design and materials to the auto shop building. Details to be worked out with Planning staff at the building permit stage.
- 31) If the sidewalk is not already in an easement, then the developers shall dedicate an easement to the City for sidewalk purposes.

If there are any questions concerning these conditions and recommendations, please contact Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez at (209) 385-6858.

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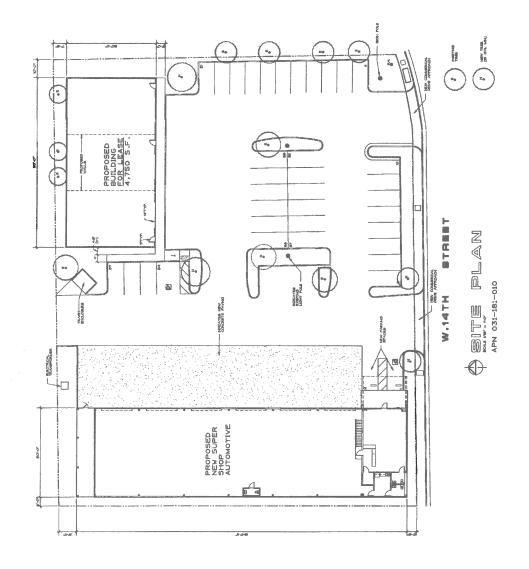
Exhibits

- A) Location Map
- B) Site Plan
- C) Floor Plan and Elevations
- D) Color Samples
- E) Categorical Exemption



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CITY OF MERCED SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #392

	construct a bus mantenance and
Transit Joint Powers Authority for	operations yard including 2 buildings, a
Merced County	bus wash, and associated parking.
APPLICANT	PROJECT
369 W. 18 th St.	1950 Wardrobe Ave.
ADDRESS	PROJECT SITE
Merced, CA 95340	059-300-059
CITY/STATE/ZIP	APN
209-723-3153	Light Industrial (I-L)
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In accordance with Chapter 20.68 of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance, the Site Plan Review Committee reviewed and administratively approved Site Plan Application #392 on November 12, 2015, submitted by Des Johnston, on behalf of the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County, property owner, to construct a bus maintenance and operations yard to include a modular office building, metal maintenance building, a bus wash, employee and bus parking, and parking covers with future solar panels on top at 1950 Wardrobe Avenue, within a Light Industrial (I-L) zone. Said property being described as Lot 5 according to map entitled "Map of Grogan's Merced Tract No. 2," January 10, 1912, in Book 5 of Official Plats at Page 18, Merced County Records, excepting therefrom that portion lying within the boundaries as shown on the map entitled "Merced Airport Industrial Park" recorded October 16, 1982, in Volume 20 of Official Plats at Pages 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54, Merced County Records; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 059-300-059.

WHEREAS, the proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is in accordance with Section 15332 (Exhibit F); and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee makes the following Findings:

- A) The proposal complies with the General Plan designation of Industrial and the Zoning classification of Light Industrial (I-L).
- B) The proposed project would be constructed in two phases. Phase One would consist of a 5,760-square-foot operations building, 10,560-square-foot maintenance building, two fuel islands with a canopy (approximately 6,300 square feet), 112 parking stalls, and a drainage basin. Phase Two would consist of the addition of an approximately 2,400-square-foot bus wash, 77 bus parking

- stalls, and canopy covers for the bus parking spaces. Solar panels may be added to the canopy covers in Phase Two or at a later date.
- C) The facility would employ approximately 80 people. The largest shift would consist of 59 employees on routes, 8 maintenance employees, and 13 general/office staff.
- D) Prior to the bus parking being constructed with Phase Two, the buses would be parked at 880 Thornton Road.
- E) The facility would operate 24 hours/day. Mechanical operations currently end at midnight, but could extend beyond that time.
- F) Mechanical work done onsite would primarily consist of general maintenance. However, replacement of transmissions, engines, and other large vehicle parts would take place as needed. No body work would be performed on site.
- G) The site would be fenced to prevent access beyond the operations building and employee parking lot.
- H) The operations building is proposed to be a modular-type building. The maintenance building would be a metal building. Elevations provided are conceptual plans only. Detailed plans would be submitted at the Building Permit stage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merced City Site Plan Review Committee does approve Site Plan Application #392 subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The site shall be constructed as shown on Revised Exhibit B (revised site plan), Exhibits C, D, and E (conceptual elevations), except as modified by the conditions of approval within this resolution.
- 2) All conditions contained in Site Plan Review #79-1 Amended ("Standard Conditions for Site Plan Review Application") shall apply.
- 3) All other applicable codes, ordinances, policies, etc., adopted by the City of Merced shall apply, including, but not limited to, the California Building Code and Fire Codes.
- The developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City), and hold harmless the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof, from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof to attack, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body, including actions approved by the voters of the City, concerning the project and the approvals granted herein. Furthermore, developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, against any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against

any governmental entity in which developer/applicant's project is subject to that other governmental entity's approval and a condition of such approval is that the City indemnify and defend (with counsel selected by the City) such governmental entity. City shall promptly notify the developer/applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding. City shall further cooperate fully in the defense of the action. Should the City fail to either promptly notify or cooperate fully, the developer/applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to indemnify, defend, protect, or hold harmless the City, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any of its officers, officials, employees, or agents.

- The developer/applicant shall construct and operate the project in strict compliance with the approvals granted herein, City standards, laws, and ordinances, and in compliance with all State and Federal laws, regulations, and standards. In the event of a conflict between City laws and standards and a State or Federal law, regulation, or standard, the stricter or higher standard shall control.
- 6) Notwithstanding all other conditions, all construction and improvements shall be in strict accordance with Zoning, Building, and all other codes, ordinances, standards, and policies of the City of Merced.
- 7) All plans and supporting documents submitted for Building Permit review shall comply with the 2013 California Code set or most recently adopted codes.
- 8) Fire sprinklers shall be provided in the operations and maintenance buildings. The fuel canopy may require fire sprinklers as well. Staff will make a final determination on this at the Building Permit stage. A fire hydrant may also be needed onsite. This will also be determined at the Building Permit stage.
- 9) Monitoring systems shall be installed for the fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems. A Knox Box shall be provided to allow Fire Department access beyond the gated entrance.
- 10) Appropriate turning radii shall be provided within the parking areas to allow for Fire Department and refuse truck access.
- Prior to obtaining a building permit or business license, all required Fire Permits shall be obtained from the City of Merced Fire Department.
- Building Commissioning as required by the California Green Code is required for any building over 10,000 square feet in size.
- Bicycle racks shall be provided at a minimum ratio equal to 5% of the vehicular parking spaces.
- 14) The developer shall use proper dust control procedures during site development in accordance with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District rules.
- As required by Merced Municipal Code Section 17.04.050 and 17.04.060, full public improvements shall be installed/repaired if the permit value of the project exceeds \$85,000.00. Public improvements may include, but not be limited to, repairing/replacing the sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street corner ramp(s), so that they

- comply with ADA standards and other relevant City of Merced/State/Federal standards and regulations.
- 16) All mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view.
- 17) The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times.
- 18) A backflow prevention device shall be provided for all water services (i.e., domestic, irrigation, and fire).
- 19) The developer shall work with the City Engineer to determine the requirements for storm drainage on the site. The developer shall provide all necessary documentation for the City Engineer to evaluate the storm drain system. All storm drain systems shall be installed to meet City Standards and state regulations.
- 20) The project shall comply with all the Post Construction Standards required to comply with state requirements for the City's Phase II MS-4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System).
- The operator of the facility shall obtain an Industrial Storm Water Permit from the California State Water Board and shall comply with all state and local requirements for storm water.
- 22) If in the future any communication equipment or towers are needed on the site, approval from the City of Merced shall be obtained prior to installation. No such equipment shall interfere with the Merced Regional Airport's communication equipment or the City's public safety radio frequencies.
- All landscaping shall be kept healthy and maintained, and any damaged or missing landscaping shall be replaced immediately.
- 24) The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times.
- 25) Final building elevations, colors, and signing shall be approved by the Planning Department at the building permit stage.
- The applicant shall work with the City's Refuse Department to determine the best location for the refuse enclosure and to determine if a recycling container would be required.

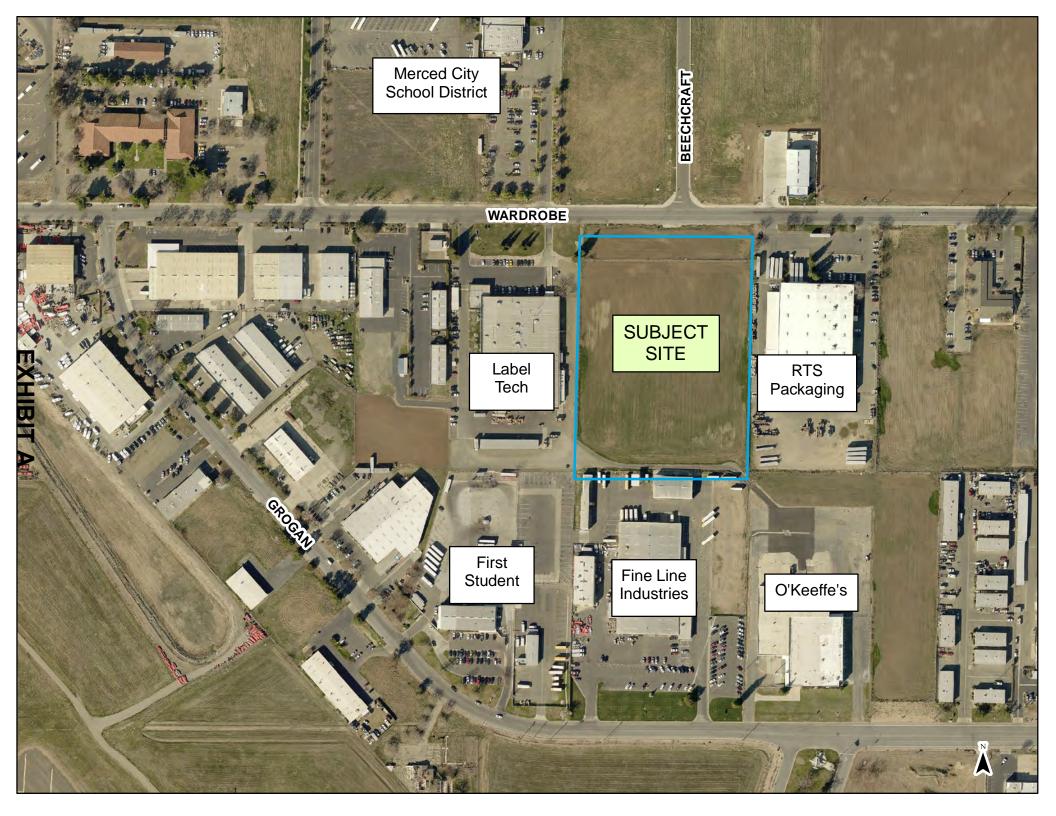
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Exhibits

- A) Location Map
 B) Site Plan
- C) Conceptual Elevations Operations
- D) Conceptual Elevations Maintenance
- E) Conceptual Design/Elevations Bus Canopy
- F) Categorical Exemption



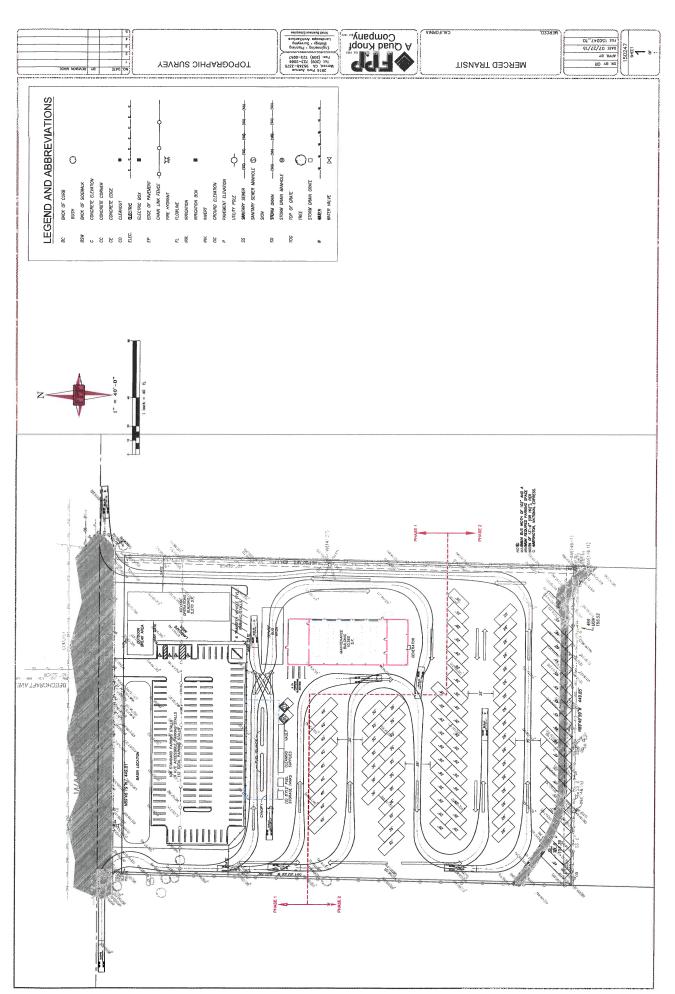


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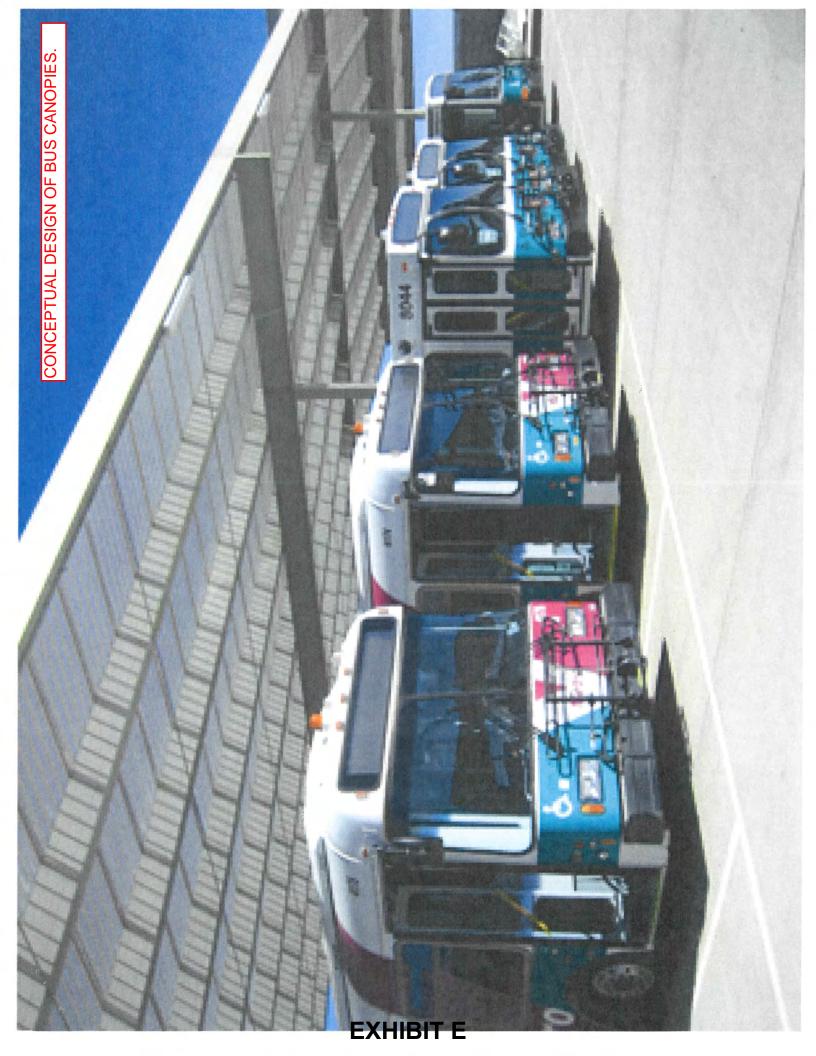


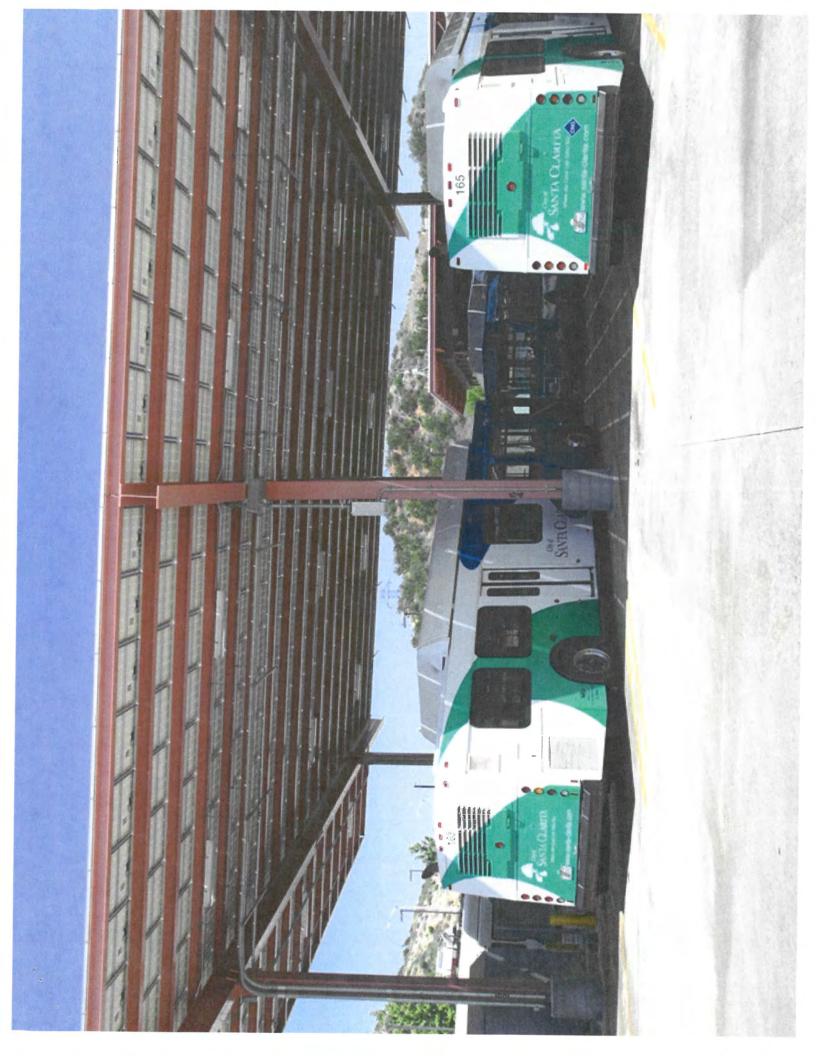












NOTICE OF EXEMPTION To: Office of Planning and Research From: (Public Agency) P.O. Box 3044 City of Merced Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 678 West 18th St. Merced, CA 95340 X County Clerk County of Merced 2222 M Street Merced, CA 95340 **Project Title:** Site Plan Review #392 (Environmental Review #15-34) **Project Applicant:** Transit Joint Powers for Merced County, property owner **Project Location (Specific):** 1950 Wardrobe Avenue APN: 059-300-059 **Project Location - City:** Merced **Project Location - County:** Merced Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves the construction of an approximately 5,760-square-foot operations building, an approximately 10,560-square-foot maintenance building, a bus wash, and parking facilities (including parking covers with solar panels) to serve as the maintenance and operations yard for the bus transit system. Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Des Johnston for Quad Knopf on behalf of the property owner **Exempt Status:** (check one) ___ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); ____ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); X Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: Section 15332 ____ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3)) **Reasons why Project is Exempt:** As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project is considered an in-fill project. The project location is within the City limits on an approximately 6.2-acre parcel surrounded by urban uses. However, because the development does not encompass the entire parcel, but covers 5 acres or less, this exemption applies. The site can be served by all required utilities and public services, and the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No significant effects resulting from traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality will result from construction of the building. The project is consistent with the City of Merced General Plan and Zoning regulations. **Lead Agency:** City of Merced **Contact Person:** Julie Nelson, Planner **Area Code/Telephone:**(209) 385-6858 Date: 11-5-15 Title: Associate Planner Date Received for Filing at OPR:_____ X Signed by Lead Agency

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code

(If applicable)