

# Zoning Staff Report

Date: December 14, 2021 Case Number: ZC-21-130 Council District: 6

### **Zoning Map Amendment**

Case Manager: Sarah Bergman

Owner / Applicant: Summer Creek Station, LLC / Burger Engineering, LLC

Site Location: 5400 – 5600 blocks Columbus Trail Acreage: 3.66 acres

#### Request

**Proposed Use:** Caliber Collision Automotive Repair

**Request:** From: "PD 471A" Planned Development/Specific Use for all uses in "F" General

Commercial except sexually oriented businesses, tattoo parlor, shooting ranges

(indoor) and gambling facilities; site plan required

To: Amend "PD 471A" to allow automotive repair adjacent to a residential district; site

plan included

#### Recommendation

Land Use Compatibility: Requested change is not compatible.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency: Requested change is consistent.

Staff Recommendation: Denial

**Zoning Commission Recommendation:** Approval with changes presented by the applicant during the

public hearing (40-foot landscape buffer, masonry fence, and

removal of parking spaces along southern property line)

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#### Project Description and Background

The subject property is located southeast of the intersection of Sycamore School Road and Chisholm Trail Parkway. The site is currently vacant and is zoned "PD 471A" Planned Development for all uses in "F" General Commercial except sexually oriented businesses, tattoo parlor, shooting ranges (indoor) and gambling facilities. The applicant is proposing to amend this PD and submit the required site plan to allow development of a new Caliber Collision Automotive Repair facility. This case was originally heard by the Zoning Commission on September 8, 2021 and the Commission voted for a 30-day continuance to allow the applicant to continue discussions with adjacent property owners. A second 30-day continuance was requested at the October 13 hearing. At the November 9, 2021 hearing, the applicant presented a revised site plan that included removal of parking spaces and an increased landscaped buffer area along the property lines adjacent to residential zoning.

Automotive repair is typically an allowed land use in the "F" General Commercial District, so long as the development meets supplemental standards found in Section 5.104 of the Zoning Ordinance. Subsection 5.104(c) states that "no repairs shall be conducted on any premises that adjoin any residential district boundary." The subject property is located adjacent to property zoned "A-5" One-Family along both the southern and eastern property lines and therefore automotive repair use is not allowed. The applicant is proposing to amend the existing PD zoning to add "automotive repair adjacent to a residential district boundary" as an allowed land use.

The attached site plan for this request depicts a new 16,895 square foot auto-repair facility with associated parking and vehicle storage areas. The applicant has also provided a conceptual landscape plan and elevation drawings for reference. Currently, development is only proposed on the western portion of the lot, closest to Chisholm Trail Parkway. However, the applicant has indicated that if this zoning change request were approved, deed restrictions will be placed on the eastern portion of the property to limit development to a two-story garden office building. Deed restrictions are private agreements that cannot be enforced by City staff. A site plan will be required for any new development on the eastern portion of the site.

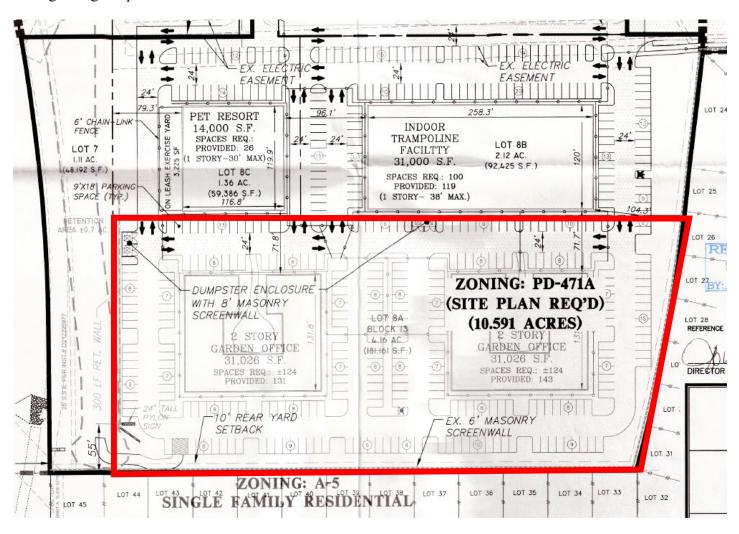
Below is additional information provided by the applicant regarding the proposed use:

- Caliber Collision has limited hours (7:00 AM 6:00 PM Monday Friday). They have minimal traffic flow in and out of the site and use only water-based paint in their internal paint booths.
- All repair work is done inside the 100% enclosed climatized building behind closed roll up overhead doors. The damaged vehicles are brought in and dropped off in the fenced in area behind the building where they sit a maximum of 2-3 days. The next step is the tech examines the vehicle and gets the new parts ordered. The parts arrive and the car is brought into the building where it is completed. After completion it is taken to the back lot again and the owner picks up the car.

There are 19 detached dwellings on lots zoned "A-5" One-Family that have rear yards immediately adjacent to the southern and eastern property lines of this site. Due to this proximity, the applicant is required to provide a 35-foot supplemental building setback and minimum 5-foot landscaped bufferyard with screening fence along the entire property line adjacent to residential. The developer has opted to increase the landscaped bufferyard adjacent to residential properties to a width of 40 feet, as shown on the site plan. No buildings, parking, or drive aisles will be allowed within this area.

The PD471A zoning on this property was originally approved by City Council in 2006 as part of a Council-initiated rezoning for the Summer Creek Mixed Use Growth Center. In 2016, the zoning was amended to submit a required site plan for the southern portion of PD471A (including the subject property) and to remove certain properties along the Sycamore School Road frontage out of PD471A. Initially, the site plan showed a 4-story hotel and three (3) two-story office buildings. After discussion with surrounding neighborhood organizations and

the Council Member at the time, this site plan was revised to remove the hotel and instead show four (4) two-story office buildings. The following year, another zoning change request was approved which replaced two of the previously-proposed office buildings with an indoor trampoline facility and indoor pet kennel. Below is an excerpt from the most recently approved site plan for the PD 471A zoning district. The area included in the current zoning change request for Caliber Collision is outlined in red.



#### Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses

North "PD 471A" / indoor pet kennels, trampoline park/indoor entertainment

East "A-5" One-Family / single-family dwellings South "A-5" One-Family / single-family dwellings West "PD 471A" / vacant, drainage easement

#### **Recent Zoning History**

- ZC-06-264: Council-initiated rezoning of the subject property and surrounding sites from "C" Medium Density Multifamily to PD 471A for certain "F" General Commercial uses; site plan required.
- ZC-16-132: Submitted required site plan for PD471A showing four proposed office buildings (including two on the subject property) and certain properties along the Sycamore School Road from PD471A to PD471
- ZC-17-123: Amended PD471A site plan to replace two proposed office buildings with indoor trampoline park and indoor pet kennel

#### **Public Notification**

300-foot Legal Notifications were mailed on August 23, 2021. The following organizations were notified: (emailed August 23, 2021)

| Organizations Notified        |                              |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Ridgeview Estates HOA         | Summer Creek South HOA       |  |
| Villages of Sunset Pointe HA* | Summer Creek Meadows HOA     |  |
| Summer Creek HA               | District 6 Alliance          |  |
| Streams and Valleys Inc       | Trinity Habitat for Humanity |  |
| Fort Worth ISD                | Crowley ISD                  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>This Neighborhood Association is located closest to the subject property

#### **Development Impact Analysis**

#### Land Use Compatibility

The existing zoning of this site is "PD 471A" Planned Development for all uses in "F" General Commercial with certain restricted uses. The applicant is proposing to amend this PD zoning to specifically allow automotive repair as an allowed land use adjacent to residential lots.

Properties to the north are developed with a variety of retail and commercial uses, including an indoor trampoline park, indoor pet kennel, dental office, and multiple drive-through restaurants. The majority of these developments have been constructed within the past two years.

To the west of this site is a vacant lot that contains drainage infrastructure for the surrounding developments. The location of this lot prevents the subject property from having direct access to the Chisholm Trail Parkway service road. Access is provided via public access easements that connect to the properties to the north. This layout creates as a concern with the proposed automotive repair use, as larger vehicles and tow trucks will need to cross through the parking areas of the adjacent retail developments in order to access the proposed Caliber Collision site.

Properties to the south are zoned "A-5" One-Family and are developed with single-family dwellings. Automotive repair is prohibited adjacent to residential districts in all standard zoning districts. The only way this use can be permitted is with approval of Planned Development (PD) zoning or a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Automotive repair also represents a significantly more intense use than originally proposed for this site, as the current approved site plan shows development of office buildings.

The proposed zoning is **not compatible** with surrounding land uses.

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan currently designates the subject property as "Mixed Use" on the Future Land Use Map. Specifically, this site is included in the Summer Creek Mixed Use Growth Center. As shown in the excerpt below from the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, a variety of zoning districts and land uses can be appropriate within the mixed-use designation including all commercial districts. Automotive repair is an allowed land use in all commercial districts with the exception of "ER" Neighborhood Commercial Restricted and "E" Neighborhood Commercial. Automotive repair is an appropriate use within the "Mixed Use" Future Land Use designation, it is just not permitted on properties immediately adjacent to residential districts (as applies to this particular site).

| COMMERCIAL                            |  |   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Neighborhood Commercial               | Retail, services, offices and mixed uses serving daily needs for a local market area   | Multifamily Residential, ER,<br>E, MU-1   |
| General Commercial                    | Retail, services, offices and mixed uses serving occasional needs for a larger market area   | Multifamily Residential, ER,<br>E, MU-1, MU-2                                   |
| Mixed-Use/<br>Mixed-Use Growth Center | Retail, services, offices, entertainment, mixed uses, and multifamily residential; Community Growth Centers are less intensive, and Regional Growth Centers are more intensive | AR, B, R1, R2, CR, C, D, UR,<br>all Commercial, MU-1, MU-2,<br>Form-Based Codes |

Based on conformance with the policies stated above, the proposed zoning is **consistent** with the Comprehensive Plan.

#### Site Plan Comments

#### **Zoning and Land Use**

• The site plan as submitted is in general compliance with the Zoning Ordinance regulations

(Comments made by Platting (Subdivision Ordinance), Transportation/Public Works, Fire, Park & Recreation, and Water Department staff <u>cannot be waived</u> through the Zoning Commission and City Council. Approval of the zoning site plan does not constitute the acceptance of conditions.)



# **Area Zoning Map**

Applicant: Summer Creek Station LLC

Address: 5400 - 5600 blocks Columbus Trail

Zoning From: PD 471A for certain F uses

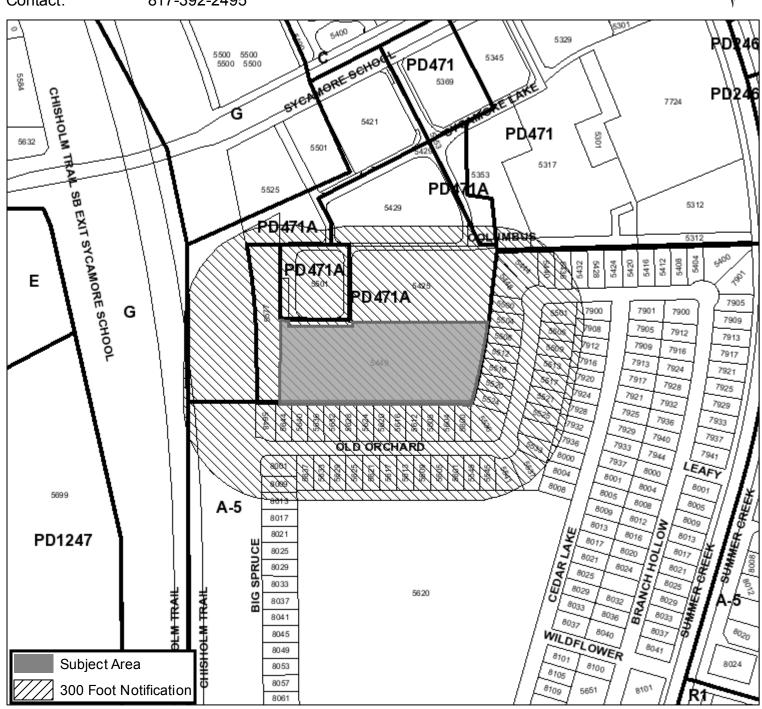
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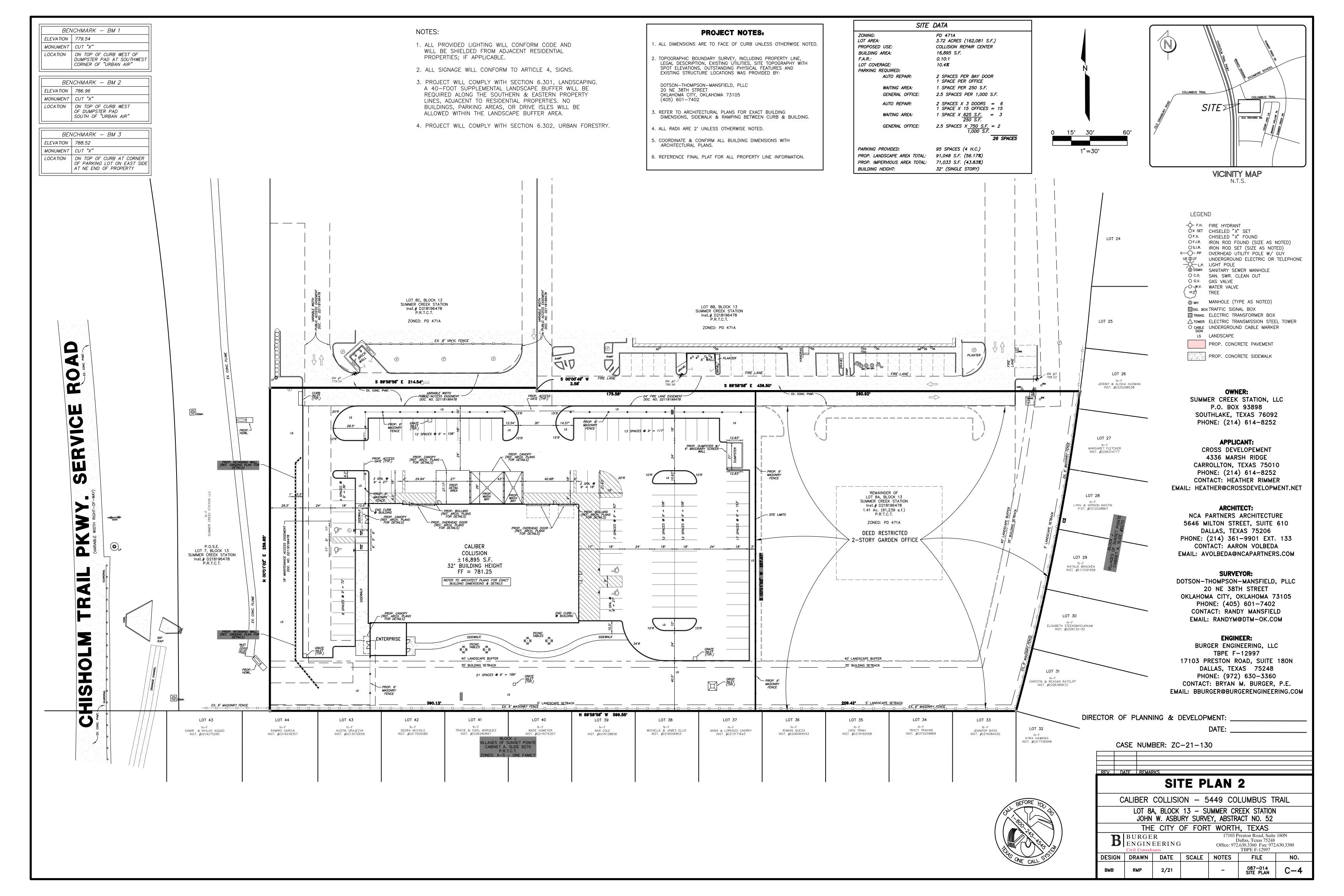
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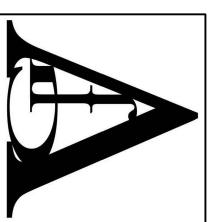








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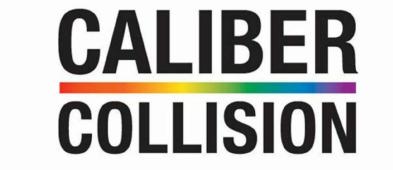


**KEY NOTES** 



(A2.20) PRE-MANUFACTURED MTL. AWNING W/TIE RODS UNLESS (A2.30) SYNTHETIC STONE SILL / WATER TABLE (CS1) (A2.40) PRE-FIN R PANEL SIDING AT RTU SCREENING (MTL3) (A2.70) PAINTED STEEL (PT5) (A2.90) PRE-FINISHED MTL. BUILDING EAVE RAKE (MTL2) (A2.100) FACTORY FINISHED SECTIONAL OH DOOR (A2.105) FACTORY FINISHED COILING OH DOOR (A2.110) HOLLOW MTL. DOOR AND FRAME (PT3) (A2.120) MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER (M1) (A2.130) EXHAUST AND AIR INTAKE, REF. PAINT BOOTH SHEETS (A2.140) WALL MOUNTED LIGHT FIXTURE, REF. MEP (A2.150) PRE-FINISHED MTL. COPING (MTL2) (A2.160) PRE-FINISH METAL STANDING SEAM ROOFING (MTL1) (A2.170) 3-STEP STUCCO INTEGRATED COLOR (ST1 OR ST2 PRE SCHED) (A2.180) CONTROL JOINT (A2.190) WALL LOUVER, (CLEAR ANODIZED FINISH) REF. MEP (A2.200) SYN STUCCO CORNICE (ST1) (A2.210) PRE-FAB CANTILEVERED EYEBROW CANOPY BY G.C. (CP1) (A2.220) SPANDREL OR OBSCURE STOREFRONT WINDOWS (A2.240) PRE-FIN MTL SIDING AT DETAIL BAY TOP SKIRT (MTL3) (A2.250) PRE-FIN R PANEL SIDING AT PARAPET REAR (MTL3) A2.260 NOT USED (A2.270) SIDE WALL RETURN: MATCH MATERIAL FINISHES ON ADJACENT SIDE

(A2.10) SIGNAGE (BY OTHERS)-PROVIDE 3/4" PLYWD. BACKING (SEPARATE



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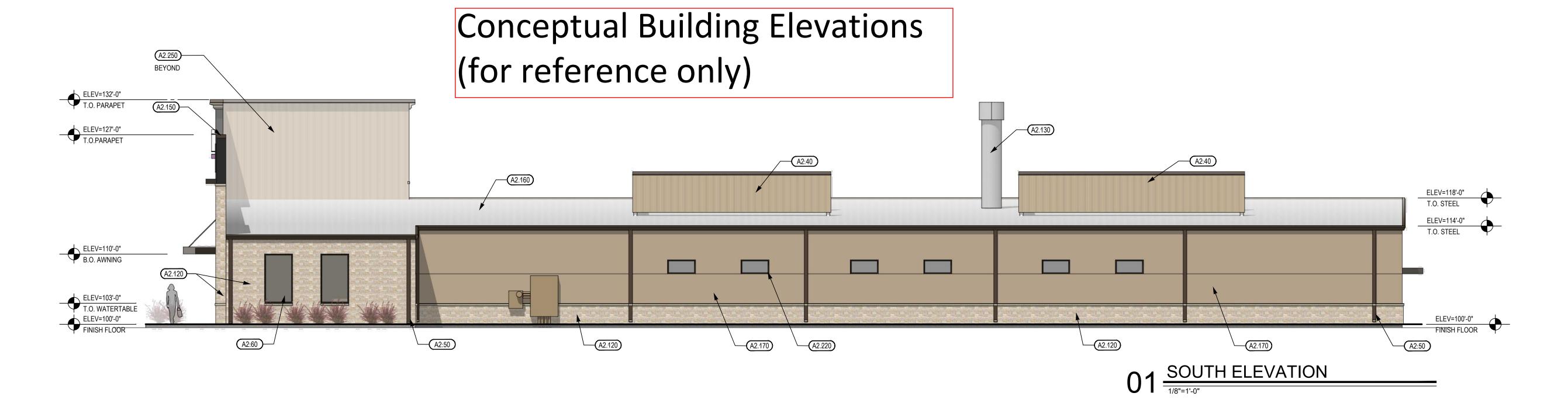
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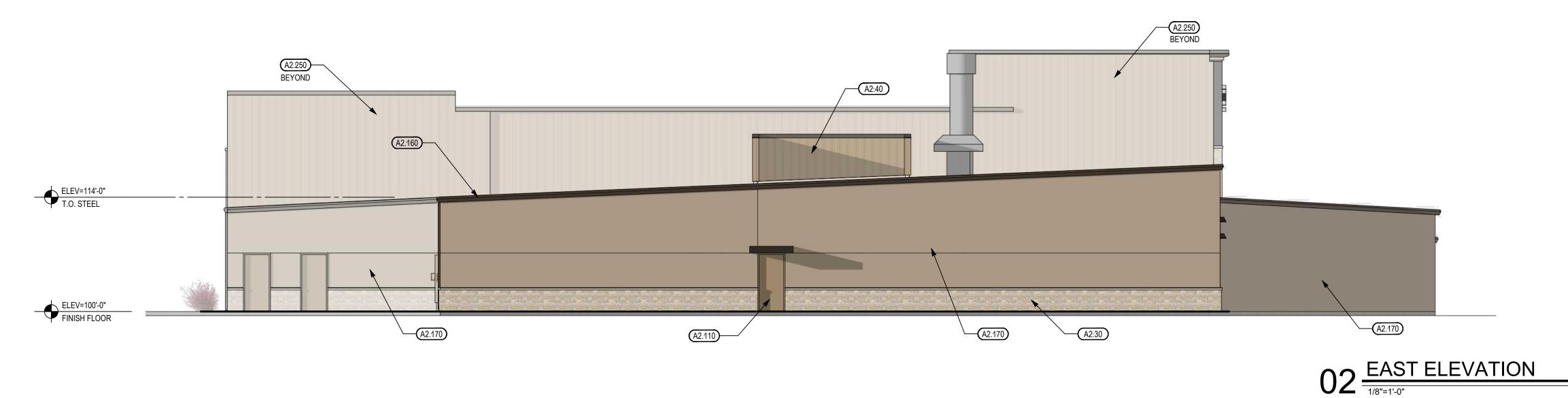


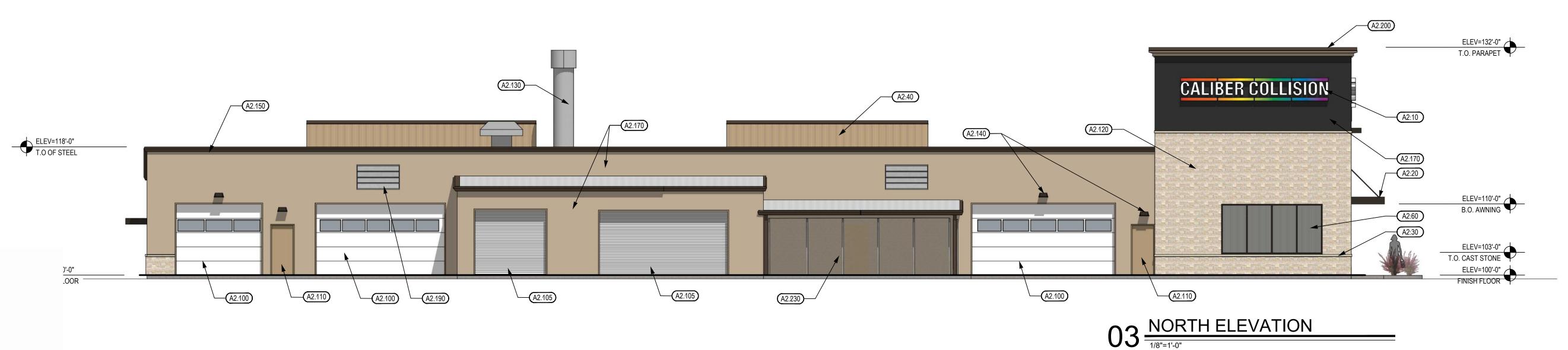
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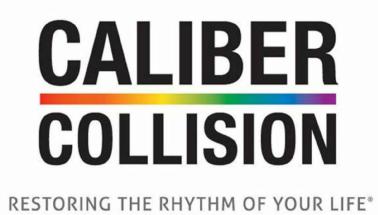
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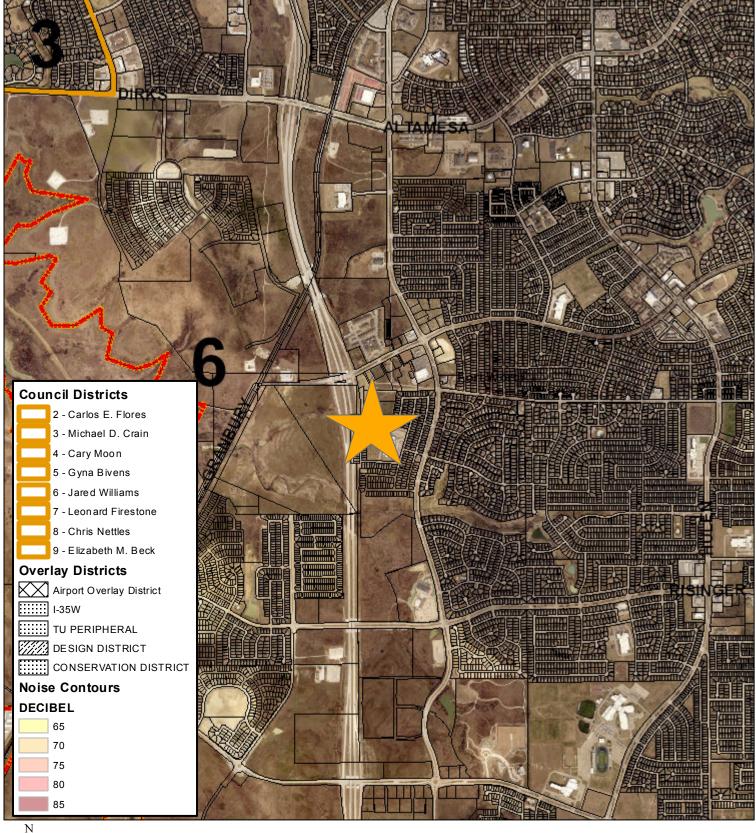






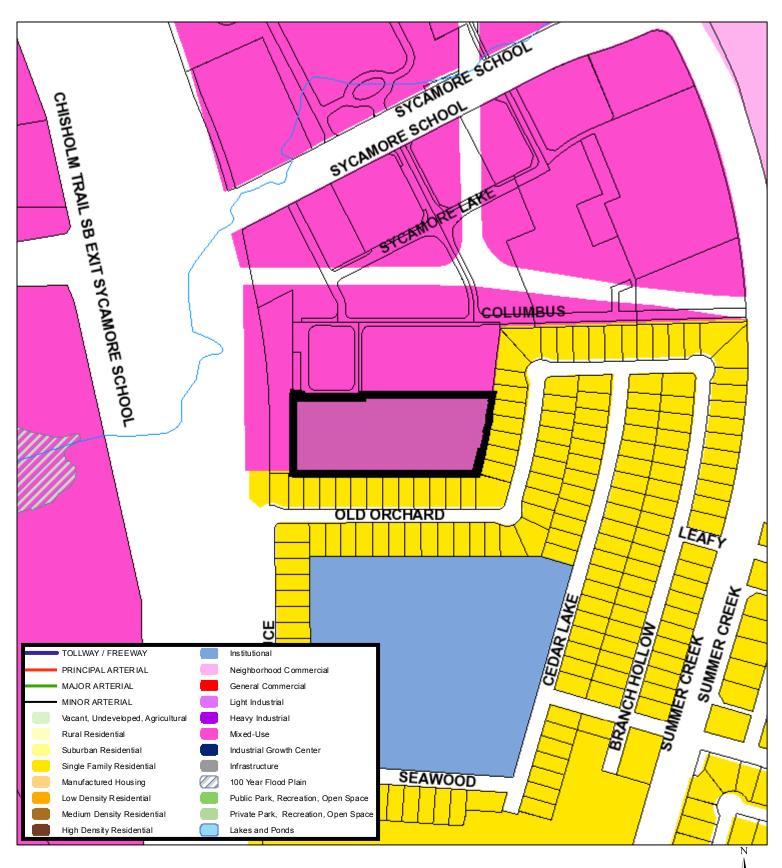








### **Future Land Use**





## **Aerial Photo Map**



