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Planning Commission Staff Report

Project Type: Site Development Section Plan

Meeting Date: June 11, 2012

From: Shawn Seymour, Senior Planner

Location: South side of Chesterfield Airport Road

immediately west of its intersection with Spirit

Drive.

Description: Spirit Trade Center, Lots 2 & 3 (MoHELA) ASDSP II:

An amended site development section plan, landscape plan and lighting plan for a 14.3 acre tract of land zoned "M3" Planned Industrial District located on the south side of Chesterfield Airport Road immediately west of its intersection of Spirit Drive (17V330276 &

17V330265).

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

CEDC on behalf of MoHELA, have requested an amendment to a site development section plan (SDSP), including a landscape plan and lighting plan. The request would permit the expansion of the existing parking area, including the addition of all required landscaping and lighting. Specifically, the request would permit an additional 222 parking stalls.

LAND USE AND ZONING HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT SITE

St. Louis County zoned the subject site "NU" Non-Urban District in 1965. The property was zoning "M3" Planned Industrial District through the passing of St. Louis County Ordinance 13,935 prior to the incorporation

of the City of Chesterfield. In 1992, the City of Chesterfield amended said St. Louis County Ordinance with the approval of Ordinance 656 to modify right-of-way requirements for the development.

In 2000, the City of Chesterfield approved a SDSP for the purpose of the construction of a four (4) story, 72,800 sf. office building. In 2005, the City of Chesterfield approved an amendment to the SDSP to permit the addition of ninety-three (93) parking stalls on the site. Further, in February of 2012, the City of Chesterfield approved a temporary unpaved parking area to accommodate approximately fifty (50) additional vehicles.

The site currently functions as a typical office land use. The site is surrounded by like land uses of the same or similar zoning. The applicants further wish to amend their SDSP to add additional parking. No addition to the existing office building is proposed.

Land Use and Zoning of Surrounding Properties

Direction	Land Use	Zoning
North	Office Warehouse	"PI" Planned Industrial District
South	Office	"M3" Planned Industrial District
East	Office Warehouse	"M3" Planned Industrial District
West	Office	"M3" Planned Industrial District



STAFF ANALYSIS

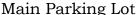
Zoning

The subject site is currently zoned "M3" Planned Industrial District under the terms and conditions of City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 656. The submittal was reviewed against the requirements of Ordinance 656 and all applicable Zoning Ordinance Requirements. The site adheres to the applicable Zoning Ordinance requirements and the site specific governing ordinance.

A 72,800 sf. office building is currently situated on the site. Per City of Chesterfield parking requirements, general office is parked at a minimum of 3.5 stalls per 1,000 sf. of floor area. This would require at a minimum, 255 parking stalls. The site was originally built with a total of 235 parking stalls. Please note, at that time the parking requirement for general office was 3.3 stalls per 1,000 sf. of floor area, which would require at a minimum, 240 parking stalls. In 2005, an approved amendment to the SDSP granted an additional ninety-three (93) parking stalls, bringing the total to 328 stalls. Additionally, in February of 2012, the City approved a temporary unpaved parking area to be removed once a permanent parking addition was approved and constructed.

With the present request, the applicant wishes to construct an additional 222 parking stalls, which would bring the total number of onsite stalls to 550. As stated above, this request would effectively remove the temporary unpaved parking area currently located on the site.

Staff has reviewed the request and has made a number of site visits. Although this request may appear to over park the site, several site visits have provided evidence to confirm the need for the additional parking. See below photographs.





Auxiliary Parking Lot



Staff has observed that both the main and auxiliary parking lots are filled to capacity during normal working hours. Staff has suggested and discussed with the applicants the possibility of parking alternatives that could alleviate the immediate parking needs but would require a future request in order to construct all 222 additional parking stalls. See attached for a letter from the Facilities Manager at the MoHELA property that outlines their need for additional parking on this property. The applicants wish to obtain approval for and construct all 222 parking stalls and do not see the need to defer any number of the requested parking to a later date.

Generally, when sites are heavily parked openspace and areas of pervious surfaces decrease greatly. Spatially, parking areas, an impervious surface, utilize more ground floor area of a site than would a typical office structure. With the increased number of parking stalls on this site, it could be possible for site to appear to be entirely paved with little to no open space. Staff has reviewed the open space for this site and with the additional 222 parking stalls, open space remains above 50%. Roughly 7.5 acres remain as open space on the site.

Please note, the original SDSP included a phase II; that includes the construction of a 100,000 sf. office building. Although this building has been removed from the proposed amended SDSP, there is significant area located at the south of the site to accommodate this structure. If this structure were to be built, the site would require a total of 605 parking stalls or an additional fifty-five (55) stalls from what is currently proposed.

Traffic Access and Circulation

Access to the site is granted by one (1) point along Spirit Drive, a right-ofway maintained by the City. The plan proposes an additional access point to the south onto Edison Avenue. Edison Avenue is owned and maintained by St. Louis County and they have provided their approval for this additional access point. Further, this access point would also serve the phase II construction of the additional office building.

Landscaping

The application proposes additional landscaping as required by the City of Chesterfield Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance. The landscape plan proposes an additional thirty-five trees, of which seven (7) will be evergreen. The additional trees are to be located in the parking islands and along the western boundary of the site. The City's Arborist has reviewed the landscape plan and agrees that it meets all applicable City standards.

Lighting

The applicant has proposed to provide additional lighting as required for parking lots by the City Lighting Ordinance. An additional eighteen (18) lighting fixtures and all are fully shielded cut off style. Staff has reviewed the proposed lighting plan and it meets all applicable City standards.

DEPARTMENT INPUT

Staff has reviewed the Amended Site Development Section Plan, Landscape Plan and Lighting Plan and has found the application to be in conformance with the site specific ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the proposal as presented.

MOTION

The following options are provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this application:

- 1) "I move to approve (or deny) the Amended Site Development Section Plan, Landscape Plan and Lighting Plan for Lot 2 & 3 of Spirit Trade Center.
- 2) "I move to approve the Amended Site Development Section Plan, Landscape Plan and Lighting Plan for Lot 2 & 3 of Spirit Trade Center with the following conditions..." (Conditions may be added, eliminated, altered or modified)
- Cc: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
 Rob Heggie, City Attorney
 Michael O. Geisel, Director of Planning, Public Works, and Parks
 Aimee Nassif, Planning and Development Services Director

Planning Commission June 11, 2012

Attachments:

Amended Site Development Section Plan Landscape Plan Lighting Plan Applicant Letter



MOHELA Parking Lot Expansion Statement of Need

June 5, 2012

MOHELA requests the approval from the City of Chesterfield to build an additional parking lot at the 633 Spirit Drive, Chesterfield MO for the following reasons:

- 1. To accommodate 50 employees currently parking in a temporary gravel lot
- 2. To accommodate an additional 50 near term hires
- 3. To increase the number of spaces available to employees with disabilities
- 4. To increase the number of spaces available to employees who are new or expecting mothers
- 5. To increase the number of spaces available for MOHELA visitors
- 6. To increase parking to accommodate electric car charging stations which will be open to the public

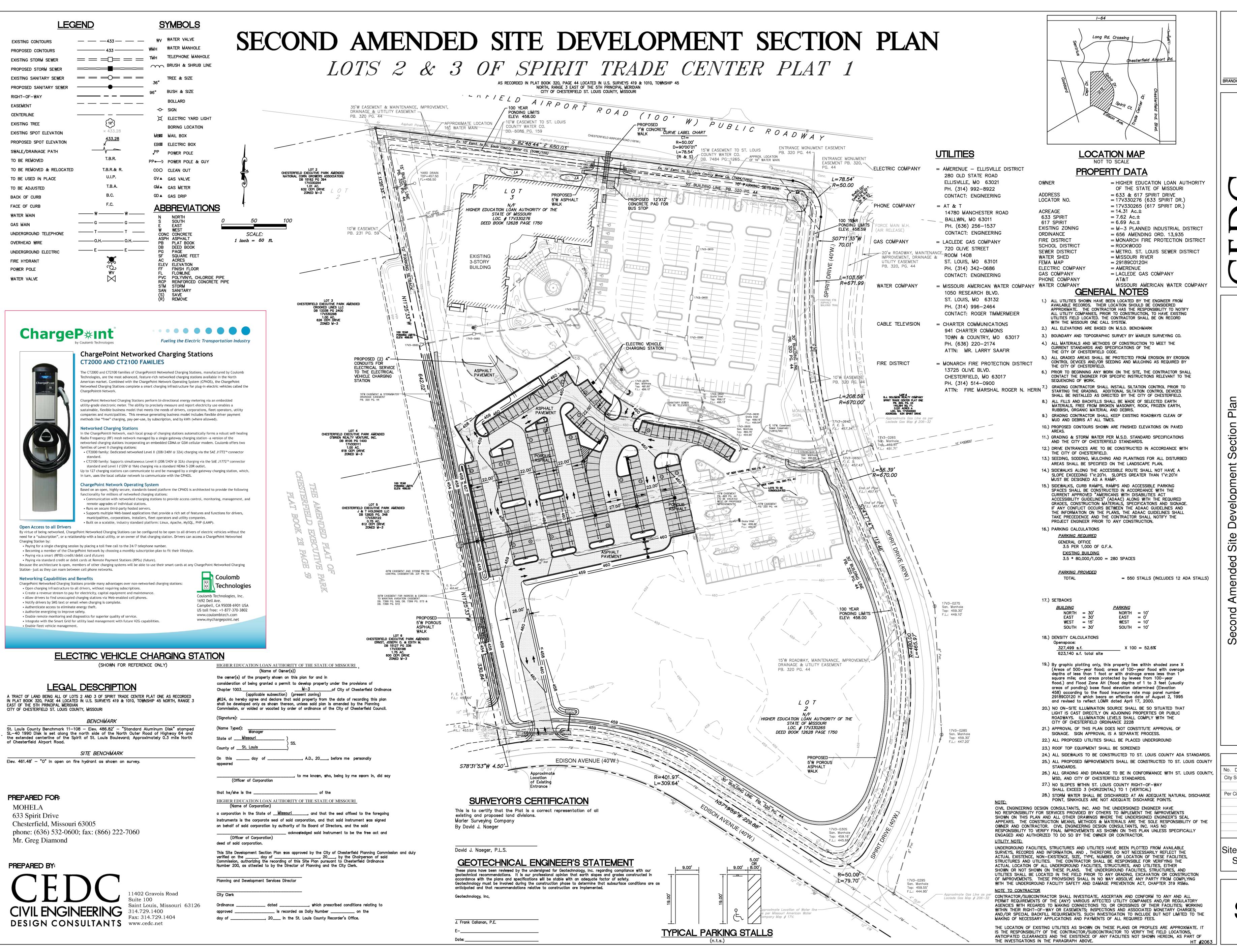
MOHELA would like to thank the City of Chesterfield for considering our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg Diamond

MOHELA Facilities Manager

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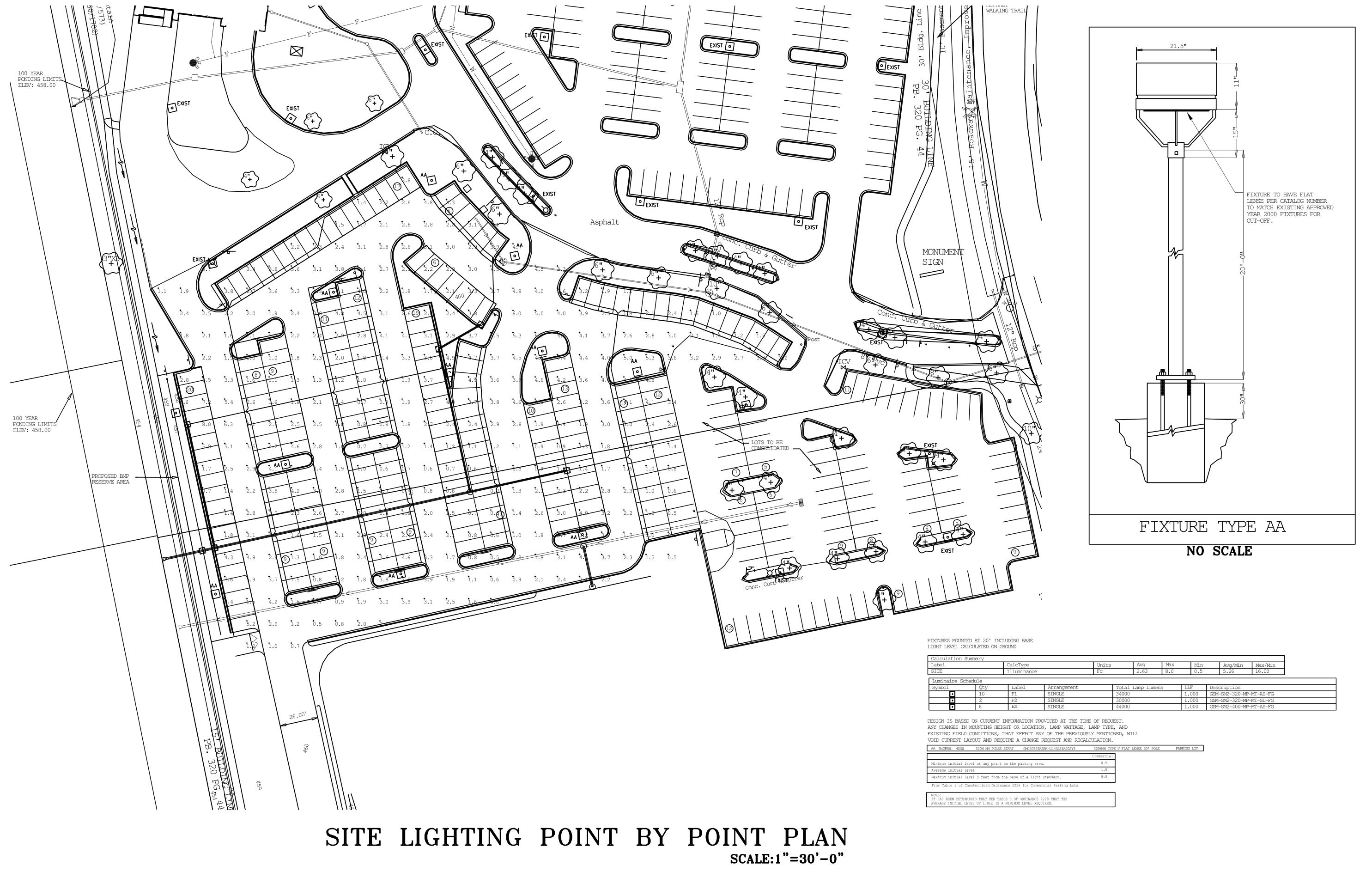
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