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TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Madison Driscoll, Assistant Planner, 530-879-6810, madison.driscoll@chicoca.gov

RE: Architectural Review 22-10 (Staybridge Suites by IHG); Springfield Drive, APN 002-

140-030

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve the proposed project, subject to the recommended conditions.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve Architectural Review 22-10 (Staybridge Suites), subject to the recommended conditions therein.

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to construct a 4-story hotel building with a 22,800 square-foot floor plate (91,216 square feet total) on a 2.51 acre parcel located on the west side of Springfield Drive between the Chico Marketplace and Springfield Village (Khol's shopping center) (see **Attachment A**, Location Map). The site is designated Regional Commercial on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and is zoned CR (Regional Commercial). Surrounding uses include an existing hotel to the east, Highway 99 to the west, and commercial shopping centers to the north and south.

The proposed hotel would have 123 guest rooms, an off-street parking area, a commercial trash enclosure, and associated landscaping (see **Attachment B**, Design Objective). The site plan labels a future event center, this is not part of the proposed scope of work but would be considered under a separate permit at a future date. The main L-shaped building would be placed in the middle of the site with a parking field surrounding the structure (see **Attachment C**, Site Plan). Access to the site would be provided through the parking area of the Hampton Inn and Suites as well as through the Springfield Village parking area. The hotel rooms would have residential features associated with extended stay guests.

The hotel would be four stories tall and have a predominate height of 54 feet and 3 inches (see **Attachment D**). The maximum height limit for the CR zoning district is 57 feet. Per Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Section 19.60.070.E., parapet walls are permitted height projects that may extend up to 6 feet above the height limit of the structure. An accent tower is part of the proposed design and would extend to a height of 57 feet and 3 inches.

The proposed architecture has a modern influence through utilizing distinctive elements and materials. The building has various bump outs along the east, west, and south elevations to

provide depth and create a break along the horizontal mass. The main body of the building would be beige stucco ("Balanced Beige") with windows trimmed with eggshell white ("Moderate White"). The accent tower would be covered with light brown wood-stained tiles ("Oxford, Cognac") while most of the bottom story of the building would be wrapped with stone ("Southern Ledgestone"). Pop outs of the building would be accented with a dusty blue ("Outerspace") while front entrance area would be marked with dark metal material ("Medium Bronze") (see **Attachment E**, Colors and Materials).

An outdoor patio area is also proposed as part of the project design along the western side of the building. The patio would be shaded with trees and include a turf area to provide guests with a backyard space. A covered trash enclosure is proposed at the northwest corner of the site, it would be painted with the same main color of the building and incorporate creeping vines along the rear of the structure.

A total of 134 off-street parking spaces would be provided. Eight guest bicycle parking spaces are proposed, with bicycle parking racks along the main entrance of the building. All parking requirements pursuant to CMC 19.70 have been met.

The landscape plan intends to utilize a variety of trees and shrubs with low to moderate water demands. A mixture of trees, shrubs, and accent plantings would be planted along the edge of the building, along the border of the site boundary, and throughout the parking lot (see **Attachment F**, Landscape Plan). A mixture of Autumn Flame red Maple, Pacific Sunset Maple, Forest Pansy Redbud, Crape Myrtle, Afghan Pine, Chinese Pistache, Shumard Oak, and Cork Oak would be planted throughout the site. A mixture of trees would meet the minimum 50% shade coverage requirements pursuant to CMC 19.70.060. The existing oak tree near the center of the site would remain, and two oaks near the southern edge are proposed for removal. Any proposed removal of trees is subject to CMC 16.66 (see **Condition #6**).

DISCUSSION

The proposal is consistent with General Plan goals and policies that encourage infill development and positive contributions to the neighborhood through enhanced architectural quality (LU-1, LU-4, CD-5.1). Also, the proposed project is consistent with goals for further economic development that encourage the development of additional tourism businesses and industries, such as hotels (ED-2.1). The proposed site design promotes pedestrian and bicycle access by providing linkage to public sidewalks and access to a Class I bike bath adjacent to the site (CD-2.1.2 and CD-3.2).

The proposed building emphasizes a pedestrian level design, through usage of materials to break up the monotony of the building and provides an overhang to achieve a human scale at the main entrance (DG 2.2.11). Bump outs utilize accent colors to provide the building with a sense of depth (DG 2.2.12). The variety of modern colors and materials provide a rich palette to draw from while complementing the surrounding buildings and environment (DG 2.2.32, 2.2.33). Landscaping is complementary to the proposed building and minimizes views of parking areas (DG 2.1.27). Outdoor space is incorporated into the design of the site to give a balance of nature in opposition to surrounding (DG 2.1.35)

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Environmental Review

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt under CMC Section 1.40.220 and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects). Consistent with this exemption, the project site is less than five acres, surrounded by urban uses, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Architectural Review

According to Chico Municipal Code Section 19.18.060, the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board shall determine whether or not a project adequately meets adopted City standards and design guidelines, based upon the following findings:

1. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and any applicable neighborhood or area plans.

The project is consistent with General Plan goals and policies that encourage compatible infill development (LU-1, LU-4, and CD-5). The project is also consistent with policies that encourage the development of additional tourism businesses and hospitality industries (ED-2.1). The proposed site plan promotes pedestrian and bicycle access by providing a connection to a Class I bike path adjacent to Highway 99 (CD-2.1.2 and CD-3.2). The site is not located within the bounds of a Neighborhood Plan or area plan.

2. The proposed development, including the character, scale, and quality of design are consistent with the purpose/intent of this chapter and any adopted design guidelines.

The project emphasizes a grand and pedestrian level of design. The main entrance of the building features a robust overhang to human scale for vehicle waiting and check in area (DG 2.2.11). Continuous use of bump outs provides breaks and depth with horizontal mass (DG 2.2.12). Colors and materials choices provide appropriate accents to a modern design, highlighting the main entrance (DG 2.2.32).

3. The architectural design of structures, including all elevations, materials and colors are visually compatible with surrounding development. Design elements, including screening of equipment, exterior lighting, signs, and awnings, have been incorporated into the project to further ensure its compatibility with the character and uses of adjacent development.

The materials, design, and colors of the proposed new building are visually compatible with the surrounding commercial developments. The proposed use of stone wrapping the first story of the building would be complimentary to the natural color palette of the surrounding foothills. All proposed equipment would be screened from view and all exterior lighting would be shielded downward onto the parking lot and building entrances.

4. The location and configuration of structures are compatible with their sites and with

surrounding sites and structures, and do not unnecessarily block views from other structures or dominate their surroundings.

The proposed building will occupy a vacant parcel and complete infill in the area between the Chico Marketplace and Springfield Village shopping centers. The height of the building would be comparable to the existing Hampton Inn to the east of the project site. The proposed building would not unnecessarily block views or inappropriately dominate the surroundings.

5. The general landscape design, including the color, location, size, texture, type, and coverage of plant materials, and provisions for irrigation and maintenance, and protection of landscape elements, have been considered to ensure visual relief, to complement structures, and to provide an attractive environment.

The proposed landscape would provide a variety of shrubs and trees along the building, street frontage, and within the parking lot. The location of proposed trees along the western side site boundary would provide visual relief and a buffer from Highway 99. The proposed project would also include an outdoor patio space in the rear of the building with complimentary evergreen shrubs, accent plants, and trees to provide shade.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. The front page of all approved building plans shall note in bold type face that the project shall comply with Architectural Review 22-10 (Staybridge Suites). No building permits related to this approval shall receive final approval without prior authorization of Community Development Department Planning staff.
- All development shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those of the City of Chico Community Development and Public Works Departments. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify the need for compliance.
- 3. All approved building plans and permits shall note that wall-mounted utilities and roof or wall penetrations, including vent stacks, utility boxes, exhaust vents, gas meters and similar equipment, shall be screened by appropriate materials and colors. All parapet caps and other metal flashing shall be painted, consistent with the approved building colors. Adequate screening shall be verified by Planning staff prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 4. All exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed downward to avoid light spillage onto adjacent properties.
- 5. All new electric, telephone, and other wiring conduits for utilities shall be placed underground in compliance with CMC 19.60.120.
- 6. As required by CMC 16.66, trees removed shall be replaced as follows:
 - a. On-site. For every six inches in DBH removed, a new 15-gallon tree shall be planted on-site. Replacement trees shall be of similar species, unless otherwise approved by the urban forest manager, and shall be placed in areas dedicated for tree plantings. New plantings' survival shall be ensured for three years after the date of planting and shall be verified by the applicant upon request by the

director. If any replacement trees die or fail within the first three years of their planting, then the applicant shall pay an in-lieu fee as established by a fee schedule adopted by the City Council.

- b. Off-site. If it is not feasible or desirable to plant replacement trees on-site, payment of an in-lieu fee as established by a fee schedule adopted by the City Council shall be required.
- c. Replacement trees shall not receive credit as satisfying shade or street tree requirements otherwise mandated by the municipal code.
- d. Tree removal shall be subject to the in-lieu fee payment requirements set forth by Chico Municipal Code (CMC) 16.66 and fee schedule adopted by the City Council.
- e. All trees not approved for removal shall be preserved on and adjacent to the project site. A tree preservation plan, including fencing around drip lines and methods for excavation within the drip lines of protected trees to be preserved shall be prepared by the project developer pursuant to CMC 16.66.110 and 19.68.060 for review and approval by planning staff prior to any ground disturbing activities.
- 7. Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the owner shall complete and record a Boundary Line Modification, Certificate of Merger, or shared parking agreement to remedy any issues that could arise from a portion of the parking area extending past the easterly property line.
- 8. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by mailing a 10-day public hearing notice to all landowners and residents within 500 feet of the site and by posting of the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting.

DISTRIBUTION

Internal (1)

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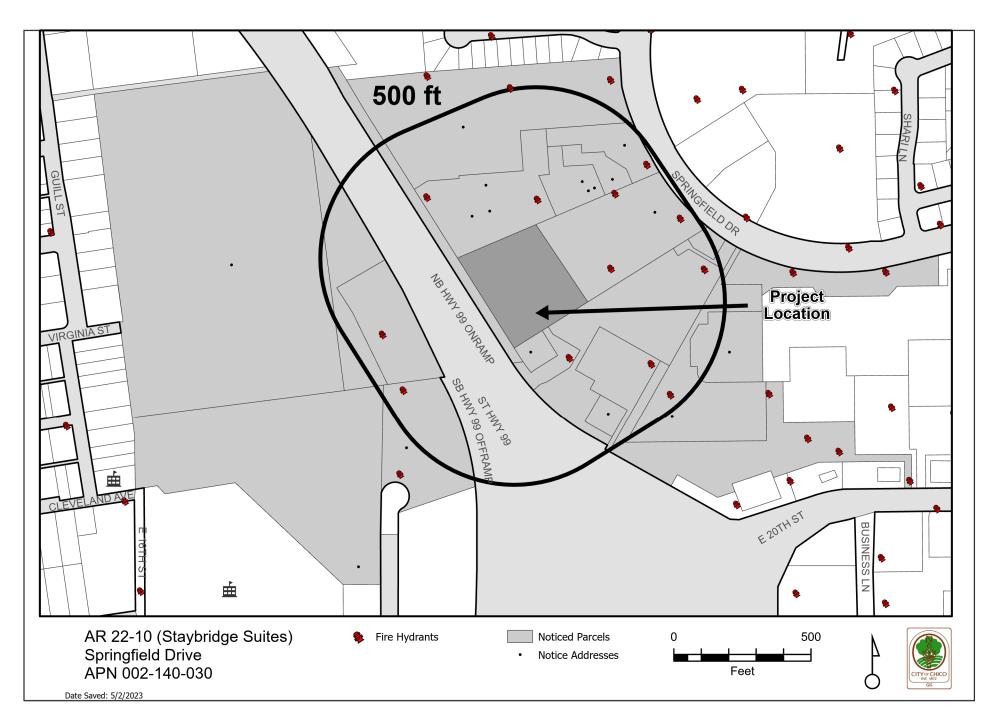
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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map
- B. Design Objective
- C. Site Plan
- D. Elevations
- E. Colors and Materials
- F. Landscape Plan





Staybridge Suites-Chico, Ca

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Exhibit A: Design Objective

This vacant parcel is surrounded by developed parcels, the intent to develop a 4 story, 123 guestroom Staybridge Suites by IHG Hotel. This extended stay hotel caters to the young traveling guest giving them a residential-style hotel that supports all their needs. The structure is setback from the main street allowing visibility at the highway side (highway 99) but still connects to the street via a shared access.

This 4 story L-Shape hotel is influenced by Modern Architecture while still containing distinctive elements and materials that embrace the grand and the pedestrian level experience. This design has various bump outs that give the building depth and break up the horizonal mass. The material and color palette is a neutral one with detailed accents and sophisticated elements that bring attention to the front entry element. This selection is intended to be pleasing to all guests while still having a touch of modern design.

The overall design incorporates various outdoor seating areas both in the front of the hotel and in the rear creating a dynamic experience for the guests throughout the hotel. The outdoor back patio not only provides a backyard type of experience but also contains a dedicated green space with large shady trees. This is a giveback element that will balance the abundance of hardscape and provide a sense of security for the guest. Additionally, this parcel connects to the Chico Bike Path allowing the guests to explore the city while maintaining a healthy lifestyle during their stay.

Features such as rain leaders and downspouts have been integrated into the center of the building and utilities are housed within the building or screens provided. Landscape barriers provided to screen parking and provide plenty of shade throughout the site.

Design Guidelines Incorporated:

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DG 2.1.12	DG 2.1.25	DG 2.1.35	DG 2.2.23
DG 2.1.13	DG 2.1.26	DG 2.1.36	DG 2.2.28
DG 2.1.21	DG 2.1.27	DG 2.1.38	DG 2.2.32
DG 2.1.22	DG 2.1.28	DG 2.2.21	DG 2.2.33
DG 2.1.24	DG 2.1.32	DG 2.2.22	

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APN: 002-140-030-000 STAYBRIDGE SUITES BY IHG 4 STORIES

BUILDING FOOTPRINT: 22,783 SF

30" OAK TREE TO _____

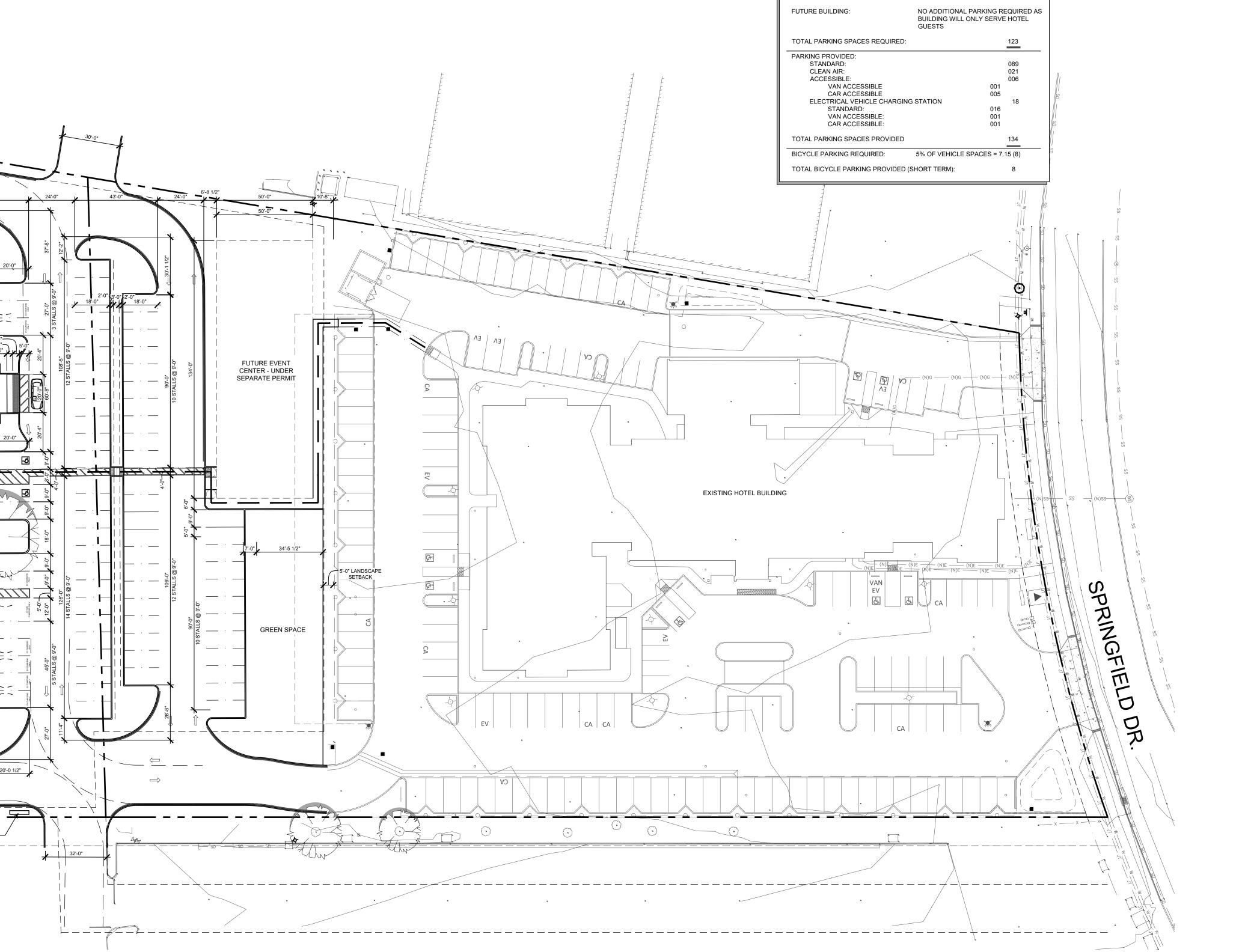
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(2) 6" OAK TREE TO BE REMOVED & —/ REPLACED

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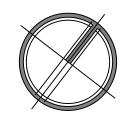
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OVERALL SITE PLAN

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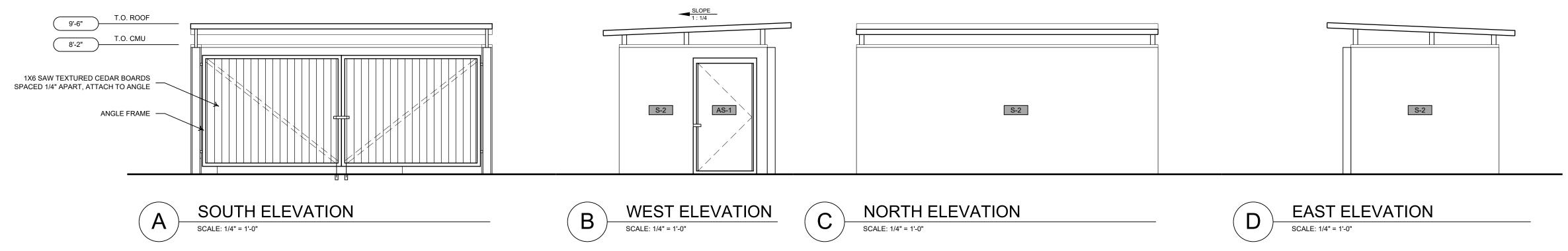
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S-2 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 7504 KEYSTONE GRAY

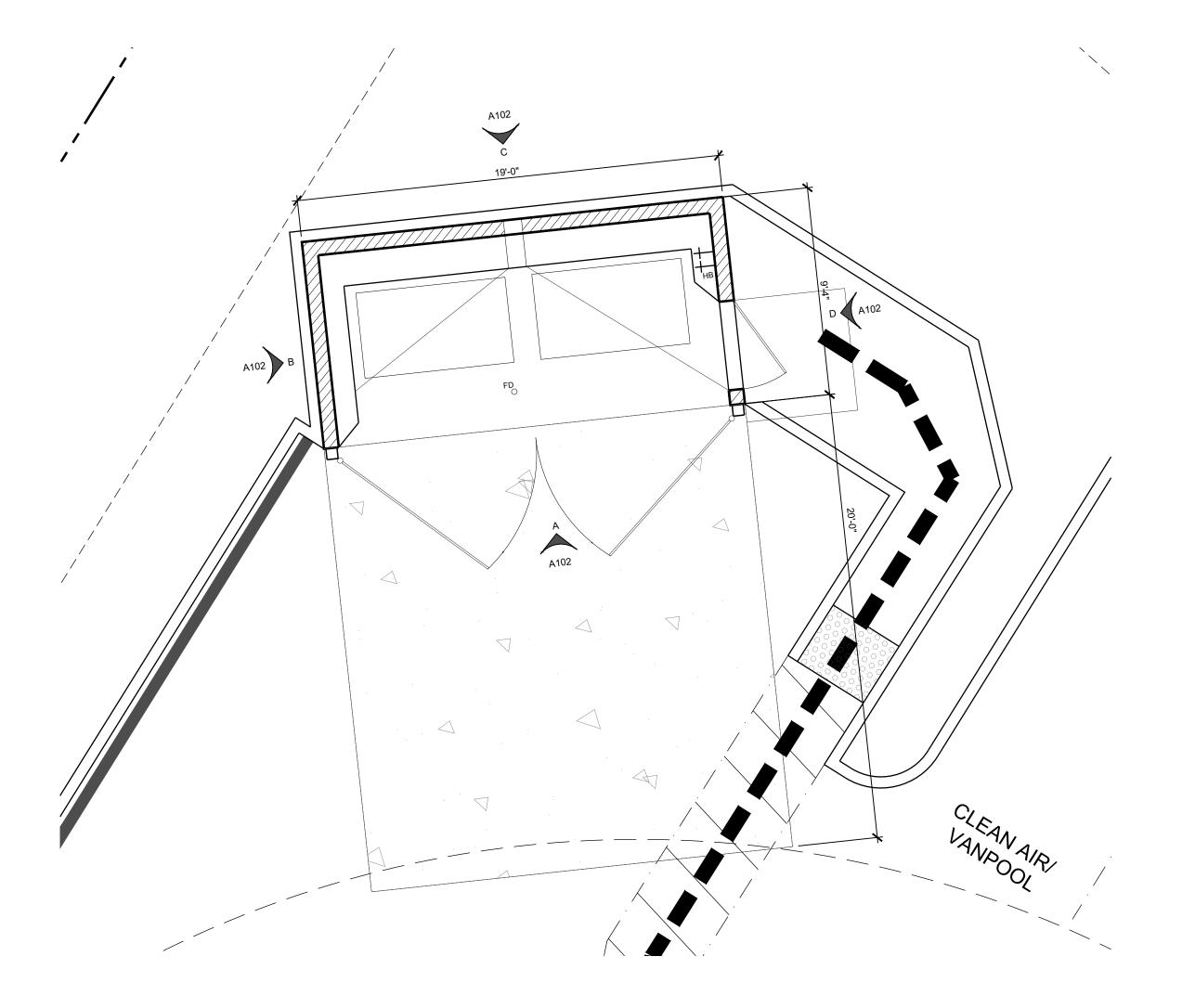
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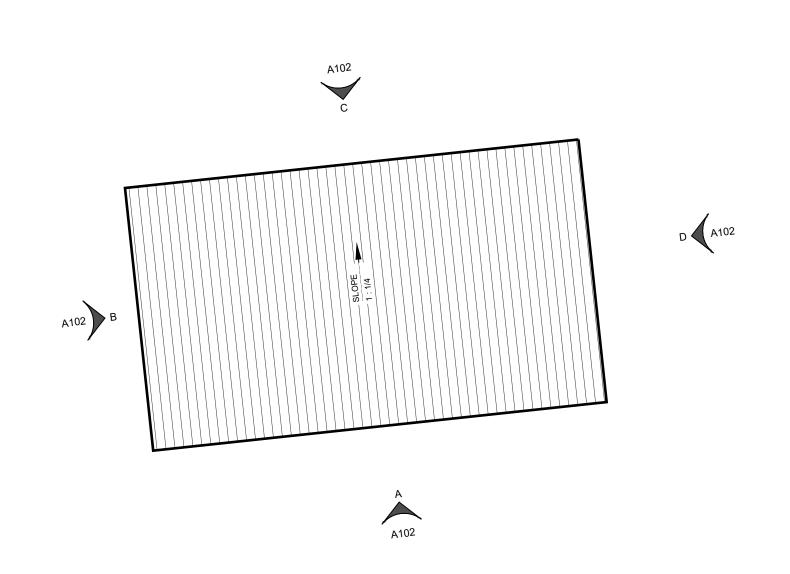
S-4 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 6140 MODERATE WHITE



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S-2 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 7504 KEYSTONE GRAY

S-3 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 7037 BALANCED BEIGE

S-4 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 6140 MODERATE WHITE

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MP-1 METAL WALL PANEL: MBCI, LOKSEAM SNAP-TOGETHER STANDING SEAM, COLOR: MEDIUM BRONZE (STANDARD FINISH)

NORTH ELEVATION SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



EAST ELEVATION

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SHEET NAME **EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS**

Attachment D

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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1 WEST ELEVATION

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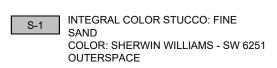
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S-2 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 7504 KEYSTONE GRAY



S-3 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND (BODY)
COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 7037 BALANCED BEIGE



S-4 INTEGRAL COLOR STUCCO: FINE SAND (TRIM)
COLOR: SHERWIN WILLIAMS - SW 6140
MODERATE WHITE



MP-1 METAL WALL PANEL: MBCI, LOKSEAM SNAP-TOGETHER STANDING SEAM.
COLOR: MEDIUM BRONZE (STANDARD



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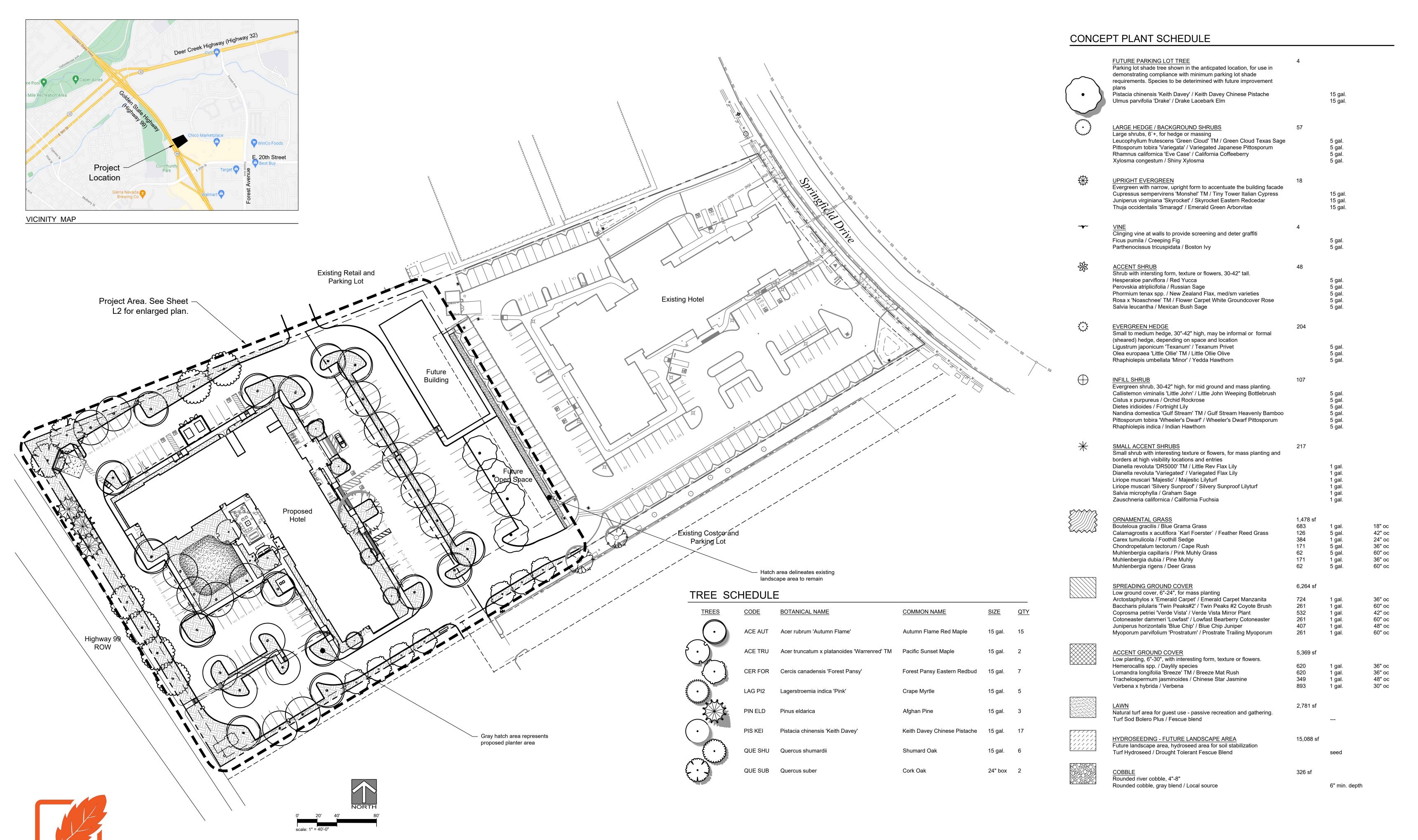
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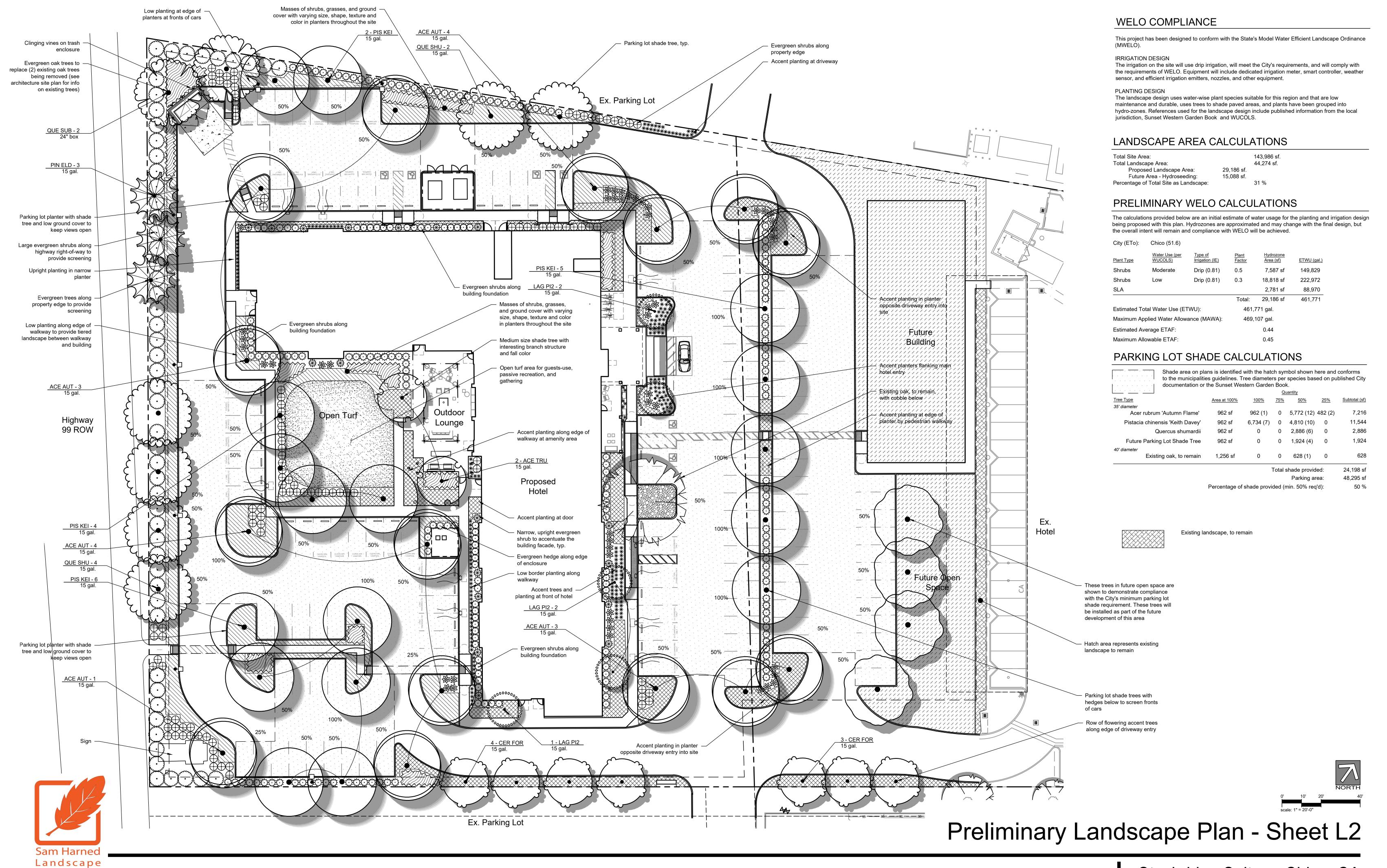


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Preliminary Landscape Plan - Sheet L1



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