

# FELDMAN KIA PRO JZ24-32

# JZ24-32 FELDMAN KIA PRO PLAN WITH REZONING 18.746

Public hearing at the request of Feldman Automotive for initial submittal and eligibility discussion for a Zoning Map Amendment from Non-Center Commercial (NCC) to General Business (B-3) with a Planned Rezoning Overlay. The subject site is approximately 4.88-acres and is located west of Joseph Drive, south of Grand River Avenue (Section 24). The applicant is proposing to develop an automotive dealership with outdoor vehicle inventory, which is not a permitted use in the NCC District.

# **REQUIRED ACTION**

Discussion of the initial submittal and eligibility of the rezoning request from Non-Center Commercial (NCC) and to General Business (B-3) with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

REVIEW	RESULT	DATE	COMMENTS
Planning	Concerns Noted	9-12-24	<ul> <li>Benefits offered do not outweigh detriments</li> <li>Deviation for overhead door facing a residential district and major thoroughfare</li> <li>Deviation for signage</li> </ul>
Engineering	No Significant Concerns	9-10-24	Items to be addressed on subsequent submittals
Landscaping	Concerns Noted	8-28-24	<ul> <li>Deviation for lack of greenbelt berm, with continuous hedge to be provided as alternative</li> <li>Deviation for foundation landscaping</li> </ul>
Wetlands	NA		No Wetlands present
Woodlands	NA		No Regulated Woodlands present
Traffic	No Significant Concerns	9-5-24	<ul> <li>Deviation for painted end islands in two locations</li> <li>Items to be addressed in Site Plan submittals</li> </ul>
Façade	No Significant Concerns	9-9-24	Minor Section 9 waiver recommended for underage of brick due to front façade being mostly glass
Fire	No Significant Concerns	8-27-24	Items to be addressed on subsequent submittals

# Planning Commission's opportunity to Comment on the request (No Motion Needed)

The Planning Commission is invited to <u>provide comment on the initial submittal and eligibility of the proposal to rezone the subject property</u> from Regional Center (RC) to General Business (B-3) with a Planned Rezoning Overlay Plan. Planning Commission members may offer feedback for the applicant to consider that would be an enhancement to the project and surrounding area, including suggesting site-specific conditions, revisions to the plans or the deviations requested, and other impressions.

As stated in the amended PRO Ordinance.

In order to be eligible for the proposal and review of a rezoning with PRO, an applicant must propose a rezoning of property to a new zoning district classification, and must, as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that,

- (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district, including such regulations or conditions as set forth in Subsection C below; and
- (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning.

# **CONDITIONS**

The following is a summary of possible conditions that may be considered to meet the standard of clearly-identified site-specific conditions that are more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district:

- 1. The use of the property is a New and Used Car Salesroom, Showroom and Office with a Servicing department as typically associated with dealerships.
- 2. Accessory to the Car Dealership, outdoor space for sale of new or used automobiles would be permitted.
- 3. The building setbacks will exceed the B-3 requirements on all sides. Especially where adjacent to the Residential uses to the south, the 188-foot setback is more restrictive than the 20-foot minimum permitted in B-3.
- 4. The days of operation shall be limited to Monday Saturday. The business will not be open on Sundays;
- 5. The hours of operation shall be limited to the following, as shown on the P-1 Photometric Plan: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays;
- 6. No outdoor speakers shall be permitted;
- 7. No outdoor compressors shall be permitted;
- 8. Automobile transit deliveries shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays;
- 9. The parking setback shall be no less than 53 feet from the property line to the south;
- 10. The footprint of the building shall be limited to approximately 18,900 square feet,

11.	The overhead service doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering ar existing of vehicles.
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Types of PRO Conditions (Section 7.13.2.C.ii.b)	Included	Notes
(1) Establishment of development features such as the location, size, height, area, or mass of buildings, structures, or other improvements in a manner that cannot be required under the Ordinance or the City's Code of Ordinances, to be shown in the PRO Plan.	Yes	Buildings and layout to be as shown in the PRO Plan, does not exceed Ordinance standard in significant way.
(2) Specification of the maximum density or intensity of development and/or use, as shown on the PRO Plan and expressed in terms fashioned for the particular development and/or use (for example, and in no respect by way of limitation, units per acre, maximum usable floor area, hours of operation, and the like).	Yes	Use and building as shown in PRO Plan could be stated as the maximum intensity allowed. Additional restrictions could include hours of operation, truck delivery schedule, and noise attenuation measures.
(3) Provision for setbacks, landscaping, and other buffers in a manner that exceeds what the Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances can require.	Yes	Building setbacks are shown to be greater setback than minimum required in B-3 District
(4) Exceptional site and building design, architecture, and other features beyond the minimum requirements of the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances.	Yes	The building exceeds the requirement for brick material on the south, east and west facades.
(5) Preservation of natural resources and/or features, such as woodlands and wetlands, in a manner that cannot be accomplished through the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances and that exceeds what is otherwise required. If such areas are to be affected by the proposed development, provisions designed to minimize or mitigate such impact.	NA	No natural features present
(6) Limitations on the land uses otherwise allowed under the proposed zoning district, including, but not limited to, specification of uses that are permitted and those that are not permitted.	Yes	Use to be limited to a Car Dealership with accessory minor service and outdoor inventory space
(7) Provision of a public improvement or improvements that would not otherwise be required under the ordinance or Code of Ordinances to further the public health, safety, and welfare, protect existing or planned uses, or alleviate or lessen an existing or potential problem related to public facilities. These can include, but are not limited to, road and infrastructure improvements; relocation of overhead utilities; or other public facilities or improvements.	No	

(8) Improvements or other measures to improve traffic congestion or vehicular movement with regard to existing conditions or conditions anticipated to result from the development.	No	Not proposed – existing curb cuts to be utilized
(9) Improvements to site drainage (storm water) or drainage in the area of the development not otherwise required by the Code of Ordinances.		Stormwater management to be collected by underground detention/infiltration system, an infiltration basin, and infiltration trench
(10) Limitations on signage.	No	Not proposed – the applicant requests a deviation from signage requirements
(11) Creation or preservation of public or private parkland or open space.	Yes	The enhanced pedestrian area along Joseph Drive (benches, landscaping) would be available for public use
(12) Other representation, limitations, improvements, or provisions approved by the City Council.	TBD	

# **BENEFITS**

The following is a summary of features that may be considered to meet the standard of constituting an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning:

- 1. The applicant proposes a "unique streetscape along Joseph Drive" with a winding sidewalk and "the installation of a bench node on a concrete platform, decorative light poles, and significant landscaping across the western side of Joseph Drive" Staff Comment: Sheet L-4 of the PRO Plan shows a total of 3 benches to be provided at intervals along the sidewalk, and includes a detail of the proposed benches and decorative lighting fixtures. The benches and decorative lighting can be considered an enhancement. Providing a sidewalk on the Joseph Drive frontage is a requirement, so the meandering nature of it is the only unique feature, which may or not be considered an "enhancement." As for the landscaping, the only element that exceeds what is required by the ordinance are the seasonal flowers. While those could be considered a nice enhancement, it would be a difficult item to inspect and enforce each year if it is made a condition of the PRO Agreement. Besides the flowers, the landscaping would not be above what is expected of any development on the site.
- 2. The applicant states that the economic impact of this development includes an investment of \$7 million, the creation of 175-200 construction jobs, and the creation of 40-50 full-time permanent jobs.

# **DEVIATIONS**

The proposed PRO Concept Plan includes the following ordinance deviation requests:

1. <u>Service Bay Doors (Sec. 3.10.3):</u> In the B-3 district the ordinance provides that no overhead door should face a major thoroughfare or abut a residential district. Pedestrian exits or

emergency doors are permitted on such building facades. A service reception area that is easily accessible to the customers is a necessity for the proposed type of business. The service reception area is proposed to be situated parallel to the development's main drive for easy customer access and to maintain a safe and organized flow within the parking lot. This portion of the building is for customers reception and generally automotive service will be completed within the southern part of the building separate from this area. See the "composite floor plan."

The service reception area is proposed to have a total of four overhead doors. The northern overhead doors are 129 feet from the Grand River Avenue right of way. The southern overhead doors are located 281 feet from the southern property line. There will be a screen wall and berm with landscaping along the southern property line to screen the overhead doors from the residential uses from the south. The overhead doors are needed for customer use.

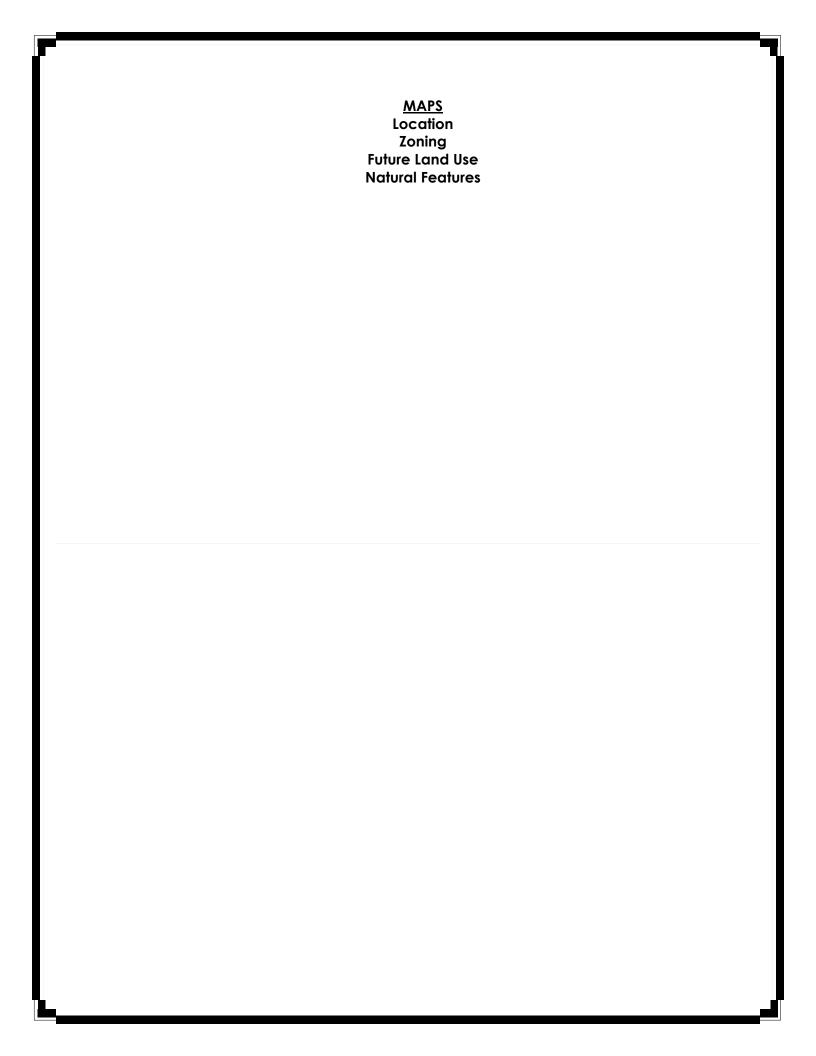
Staff Comment: The justification provided by the applicant appears to be adequate to protect adjacent uses from negative impacts, provided the buffer/screening at the southern property line is improved. Staff supports the deviation for the overhead doors if this buffer will meet or exceed the requirements of the ordinance. The applicant is asked to clarify whether they would agree to a condition that the service bay doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering/exiting of vehicles, to further limit noise emissions from the building.

- 2. <u>Parking Lot Islands (Sec. 5.3.12):</u> There are two locations, on either side of the building, where 2 customer parking spaces have an end island on one side, but not the side adjacent to the entry/exit point of the service area.
  - Staff Comment: Staff supports a waiver to allow painted end islands in lieu of a curbed island to separate the spaces from the service drive.
- 3. Right of Way Green Belt Berm. The right of way landscape screening requirements table for a B-3 zoning district, where the right of way is adjacent to parking, requires a 20-foot green belt width with a minimum 3-foot-high berm is required along the road rights of way. Here parking is set back the required 20 feet from both Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive rights of way, however, in lieu of a 3-foot-tall berm, the applicant respectfully requests to provide a 3-foot-high continuous hedge along the Grand River Avenue right of way and the Joseph Drive right of way. See the landscape site plans for additional information.
  - Staff Comment: This is supported by staff for the frontages since the continuous hedge proposed provides an alternative form of screening, and this has been allowed for other dealerships.
- 4. <u>Building Foundation Landscaping (Sec 5.5.3.D)</u>: The required foundation area is provided in total, but only 72% is at the building.
  - Staff Comment: As the remaining landscaping is provided in areas that will enhance the appearance of the site from Grand River, it would be supported by staff.
- 5. <u>Façade Waiver (Sec. 5.15)</u>: As noted in the pre-application review comments, all of the facades are in full compliance except the north (front). The north (front) does not have the minimum 30% brick. The front is virtually 70% showroom glass and 30% flat metal panels. We would respectfully request the section 9 waiver for the façade.
  - Staff Comment: As noted in the Façade Review, the front façade consists primarily of showroom glass, which is not regulated by the façade ordinance. "In this case the addition of Brick would not enhance the front façade and all other facades have large percentages

of brick. For this reason, we recommend that the design is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Façade Ordinance and that a Section 9 Façade Waiver be granted for the underage of Brick on the front facade."

6. <u>Business Sign. City Code, Chapter 28 Signs,</u> Section 28-5 table and applicable footnotes provides that with respect to wall signs a single tenant within a B-3 district is allowed one wall sign up to 250 square foot maximum. Additional requirements (Section 28-5.b.1.b) indicates the maximum wall sign area as it correlates to the setback distance from the adjacent road. Due to the nature of the business, it is respectfully requested that additional wall signs be allowed to indicate dealership branding and to provide wayfinding for the customers. Dimensions indicating the distance from the building to the centerlines of the roads are located on the preliminary site plan. The applicant is requesting two wall-mounted brand signs, one dealer sign and one directional sign for service reception area. The total wall signage area is approximately 118 square feet.

Staff Comment: Additional information has been requested from the applicant.



# JZ24-32 FELDMAN KIA PRO LOCATION





# Legend

Subject Area



# **City of Novi**

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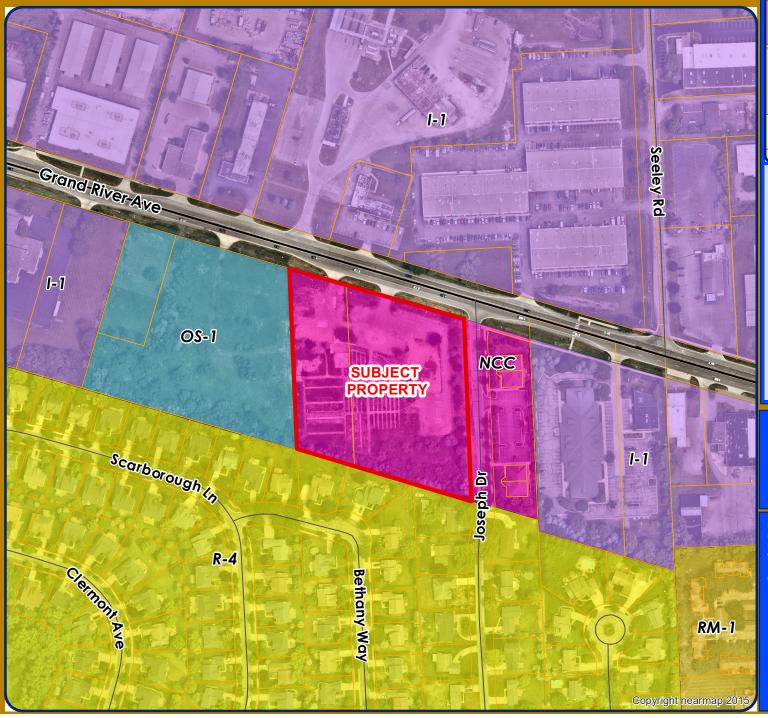
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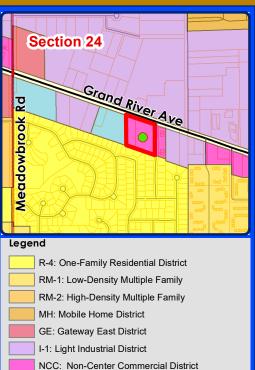


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### MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

# JZ24-32 FELDMAN KIA PRO ZONING







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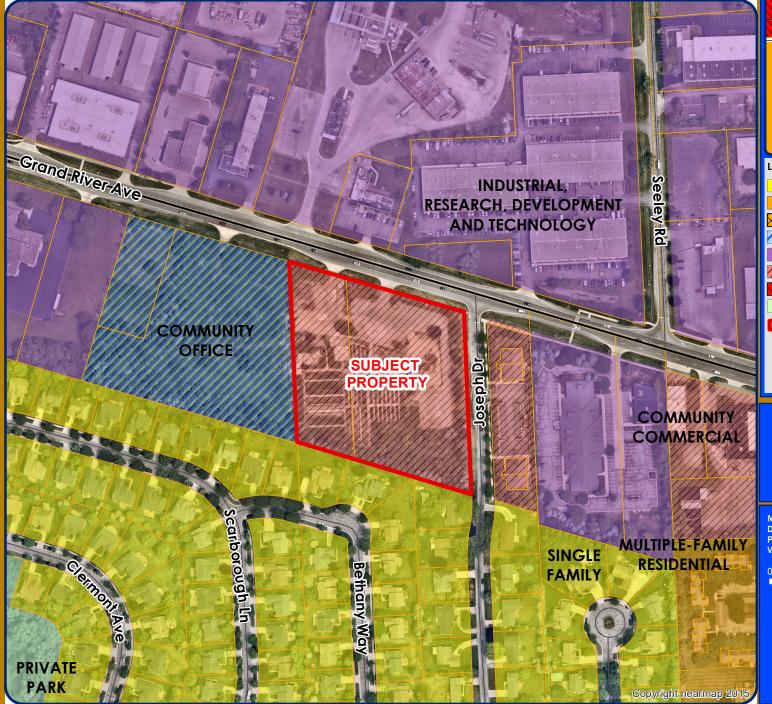
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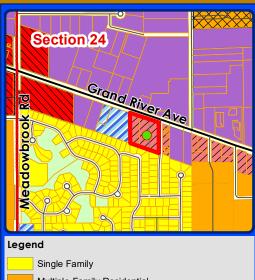
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### MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

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**FUTURE LAND USE** 





Multiple-Family Residential

Manufactured Home Residential

Community Office

Industrial, Research, Development and Technology

Community Commercial

Town Center Gateway

Private Park

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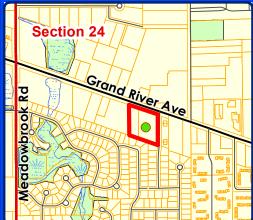
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**NATURAL FEATURES** 





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WETLANDS



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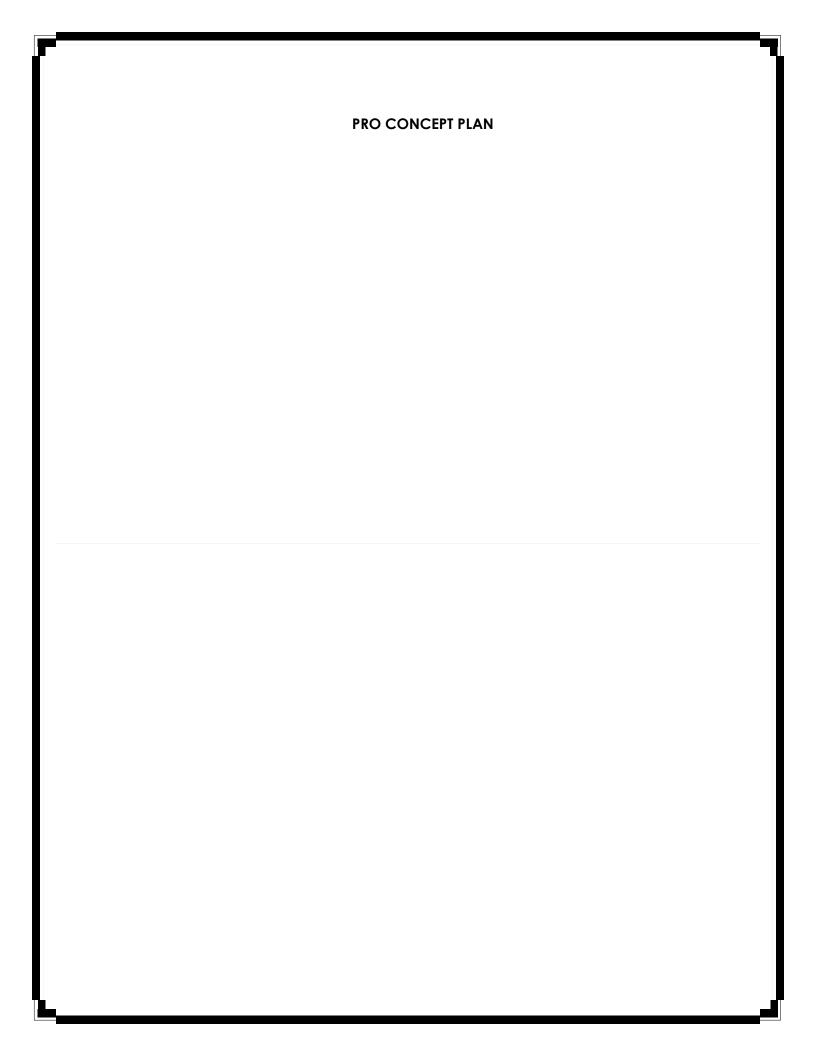
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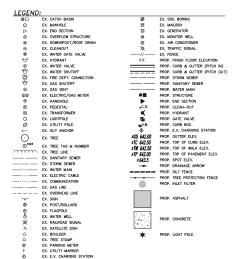
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### MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE



# FELDMAN KIA OF NOVI

# 40575 GRAND RIVER AVENUE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY





LOCATION MAP

APPLICANT/OWNER:

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2040 PARK AVE, SUITE 200
DETROIT, MI 48226
CONTACT: PETER PENTESCU, ARCHITECT PHONE: (586) 747-9717

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: ALLEN DESIGN 557 CARPENTER NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 CONTACT: JIM ALLEN, LA PHONE: (248) 467–4668

SURVEYOR/ENGINEER: ALPINE ENGINEERING, INC. 46892 WEST ROAD, SUITE 109 NOVI, MI 48377 CONTACT: SHILOH DAHLIN, PE PHONE: (248) 926-3701

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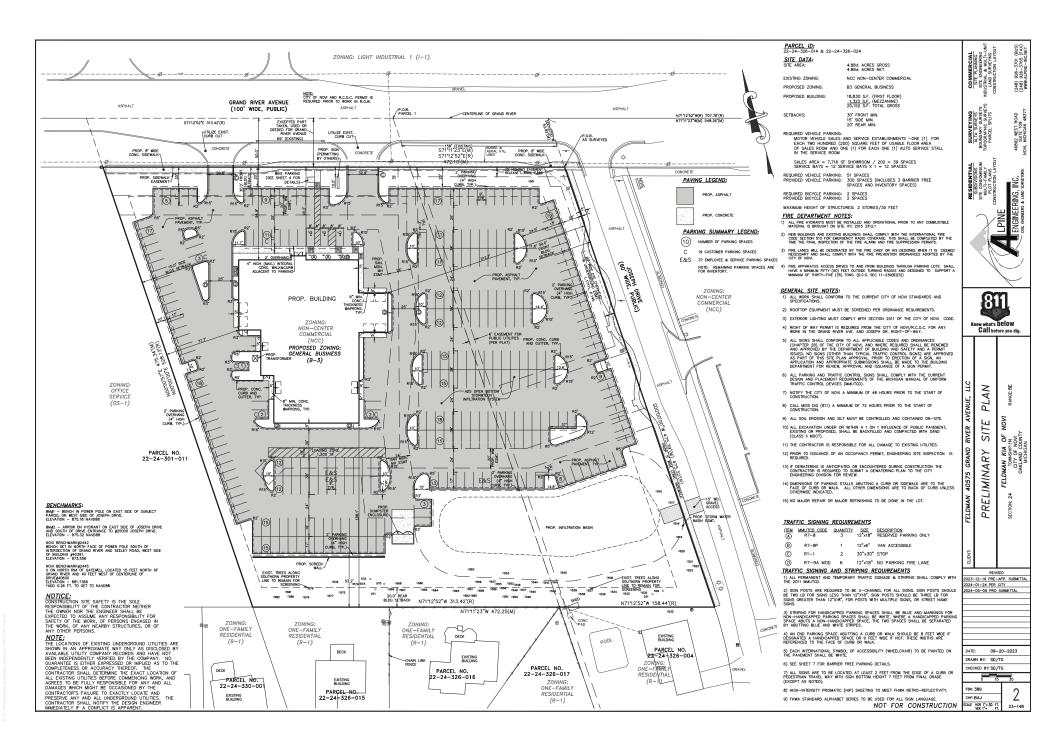
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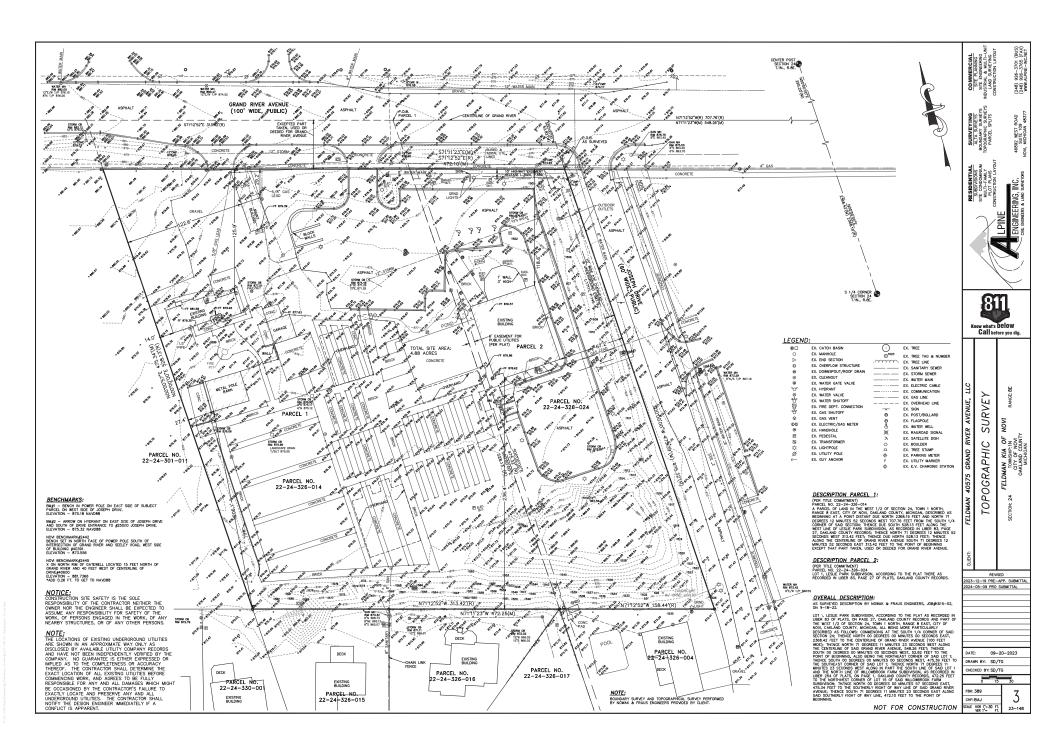
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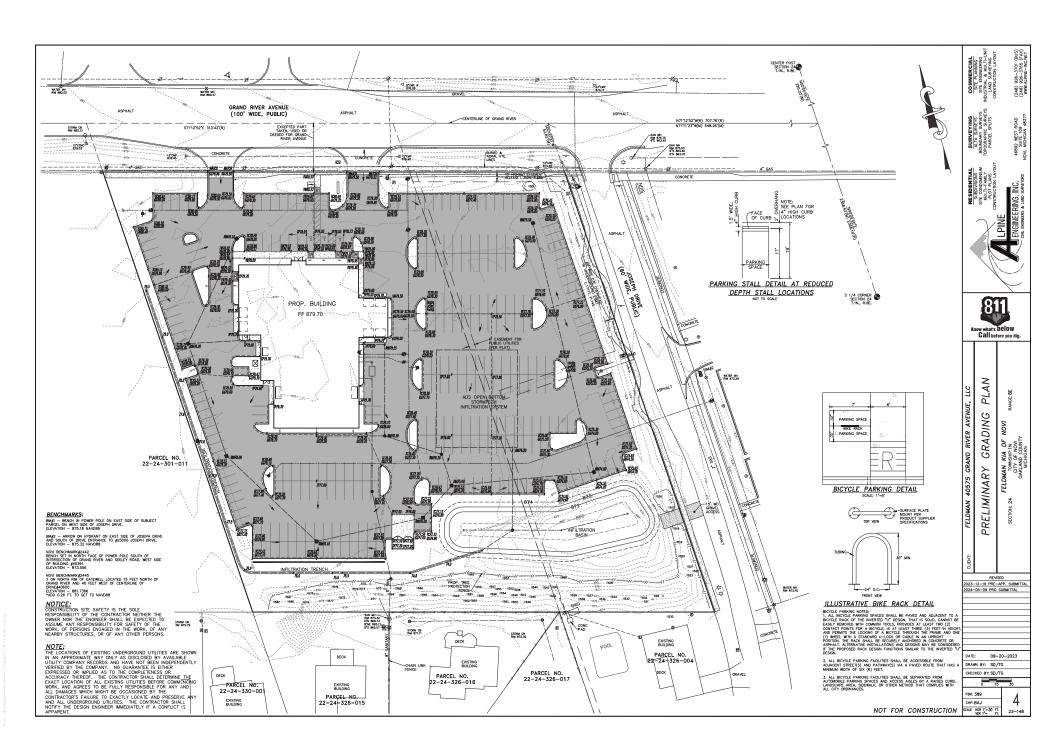
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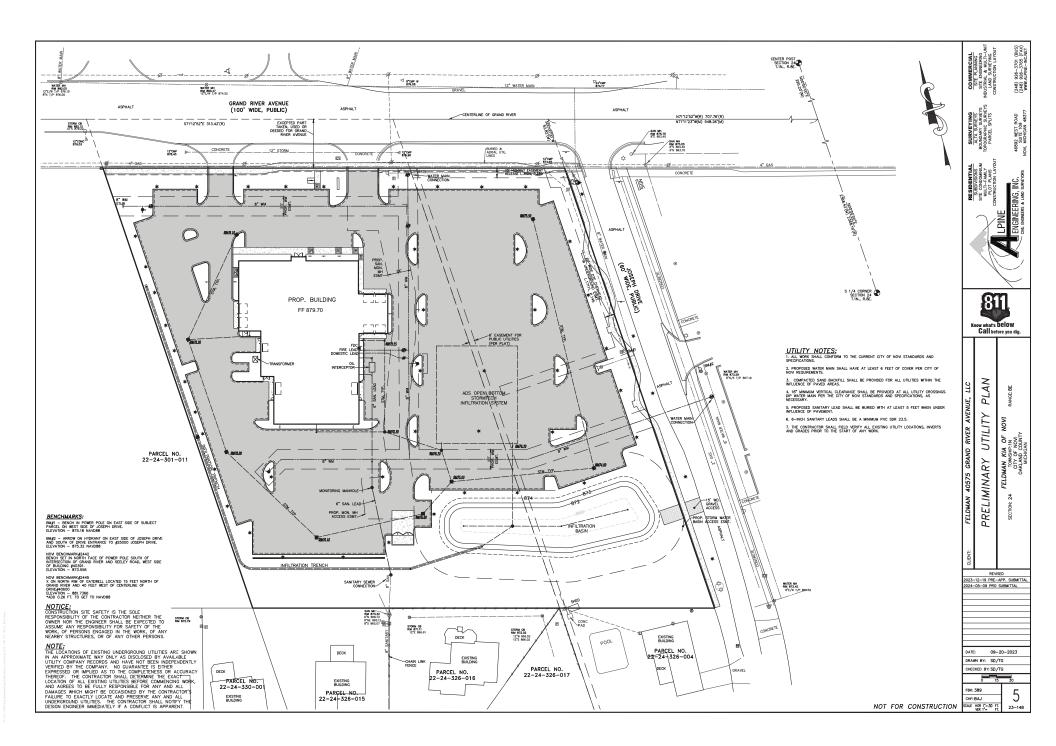
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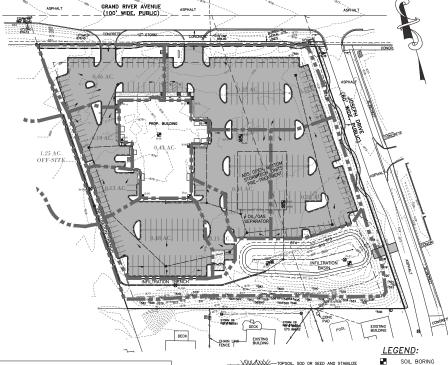
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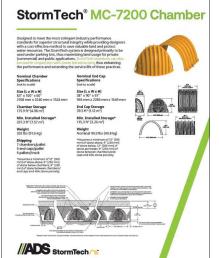
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IN-03A	875.9		870.9	Brown Sand (SP)	15.3
IN-04A	877.6		871.6	Brown Sand (SP)	13.8
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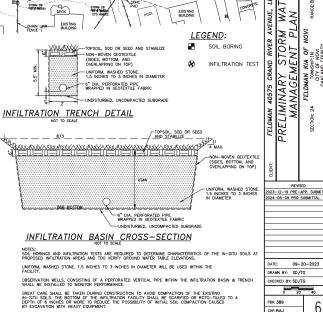


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# ACCEPTABLE FILL MATERIALS: STORMTECH MC-7200 CHAMBER SYSTEMS MATERIAL LOCATION COMPACTION / DENSITY REQUIREMENT AASHTO M45\* 3, 357, 4, 467, 5, 56, 57, 6, 67, 68, 7, 78, 6, 69, 9, 10 AASHTO M43 3, 4 DEPTH OF STONE TO BE DETERMINED BY SITE DESIGN ENGINEER 9" (230 mm) \* FOR COVER DEPTHS GREATER THAN 7.0' (2.1 m) PLEASE CONTACT STORMTECH NOTES:





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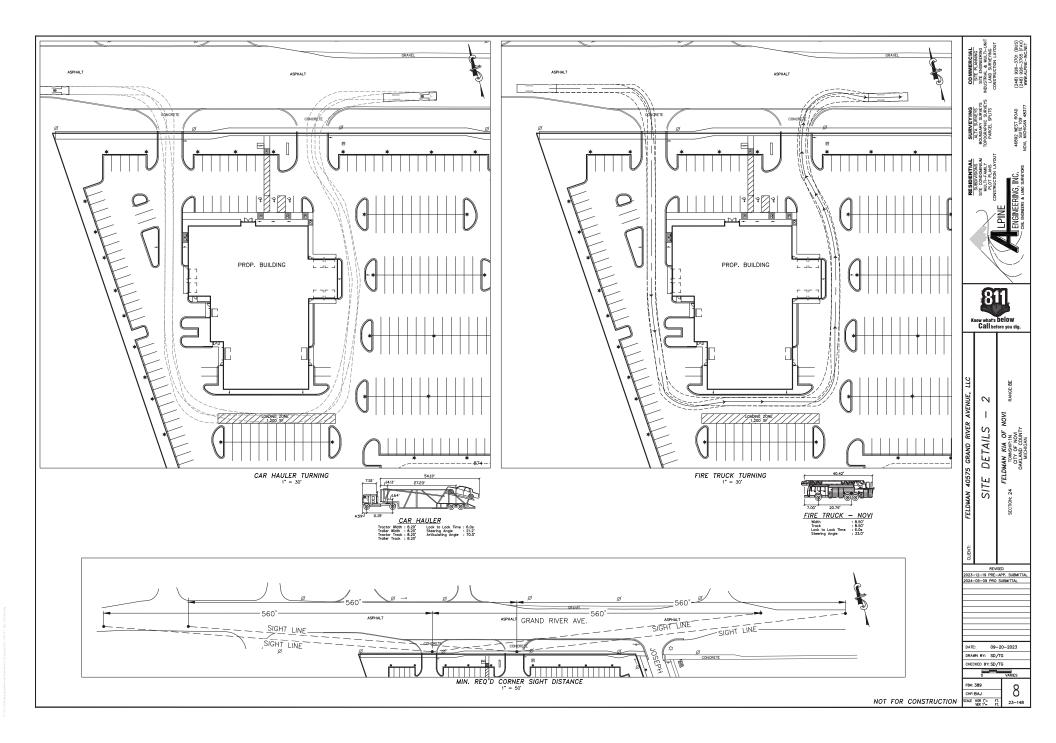
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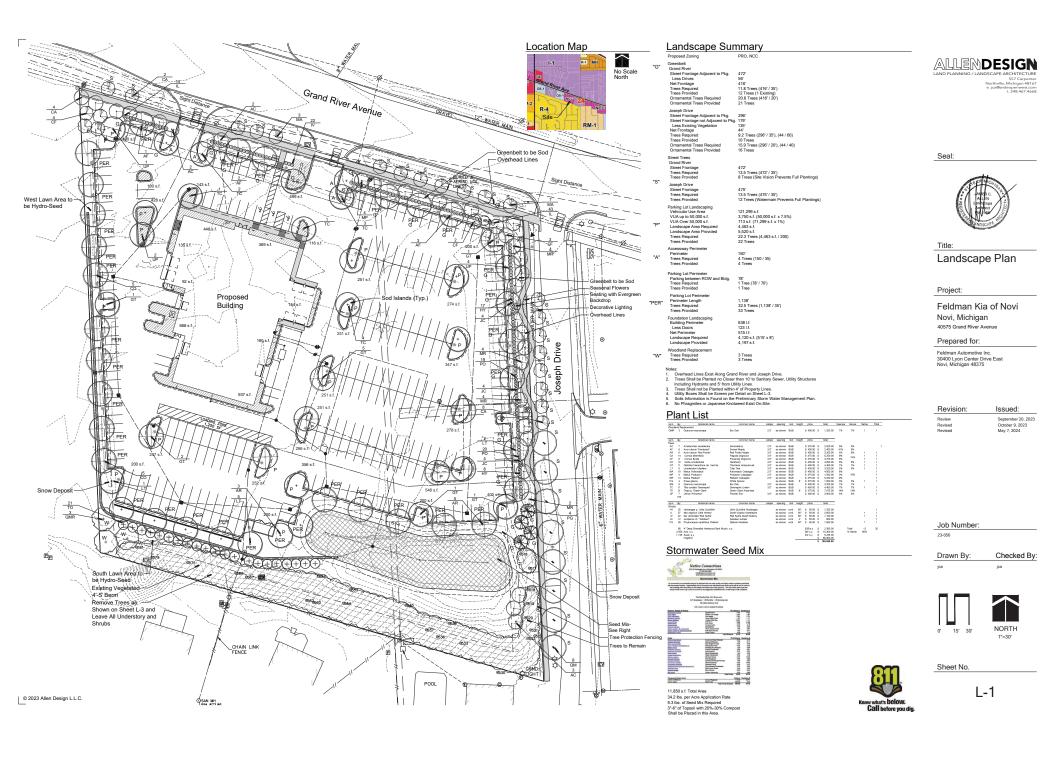
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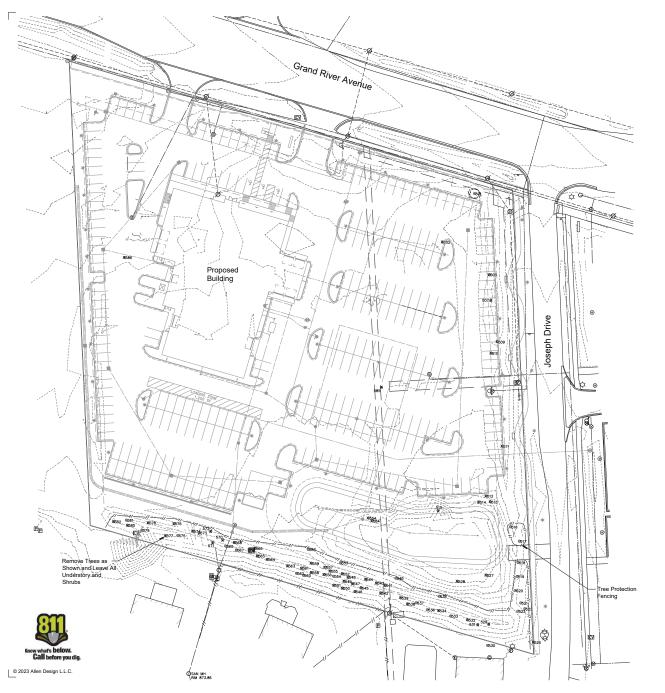
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# Tree List

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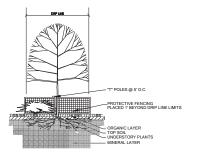
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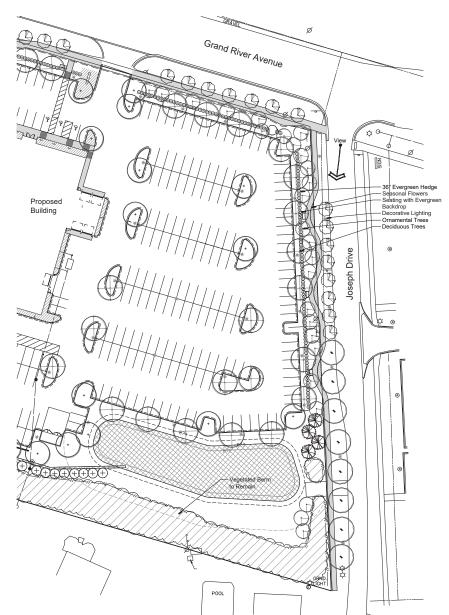
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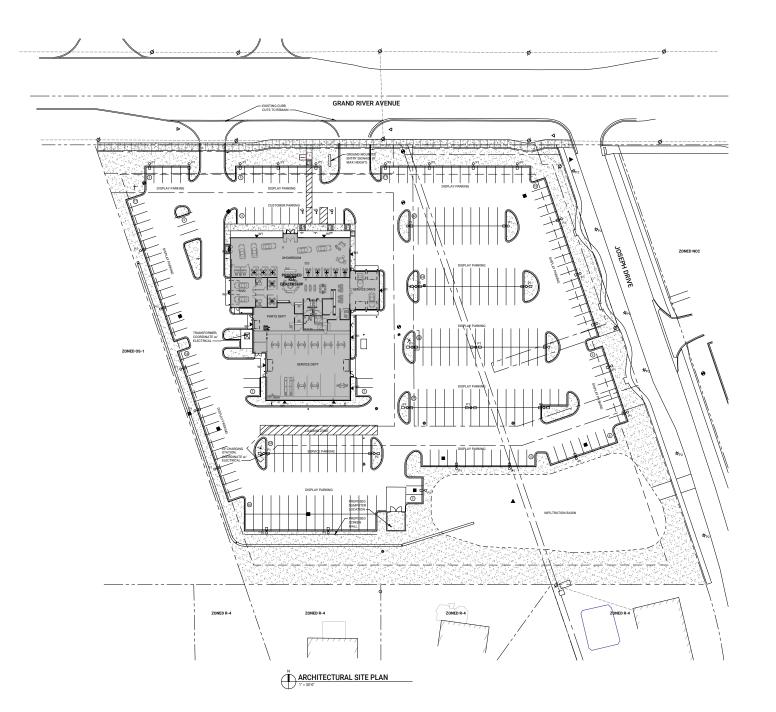


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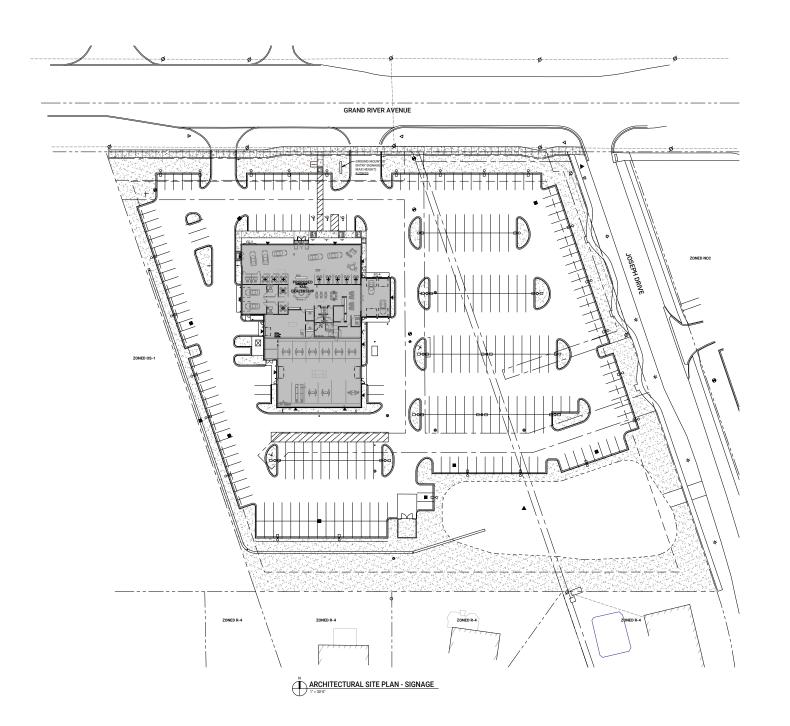
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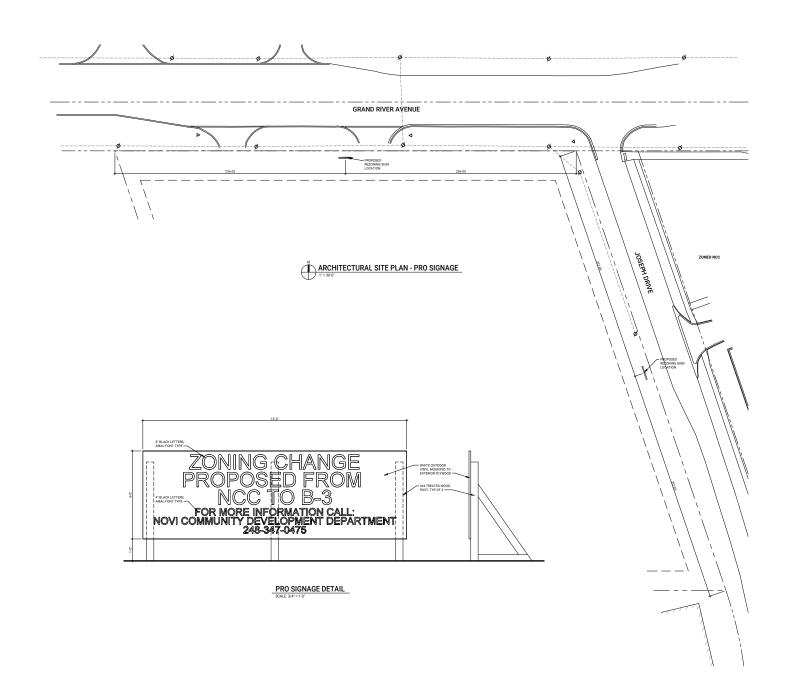
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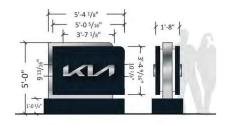
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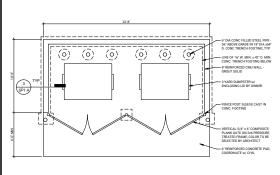
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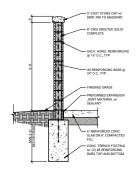


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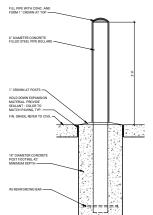






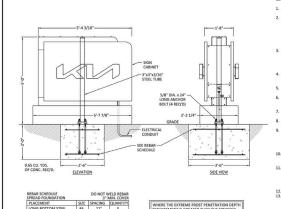
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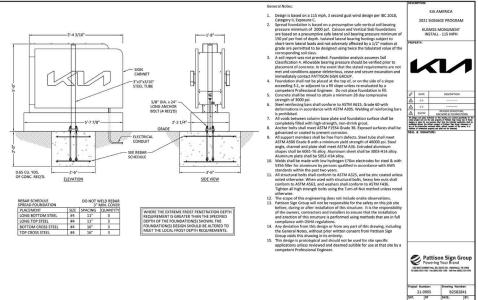
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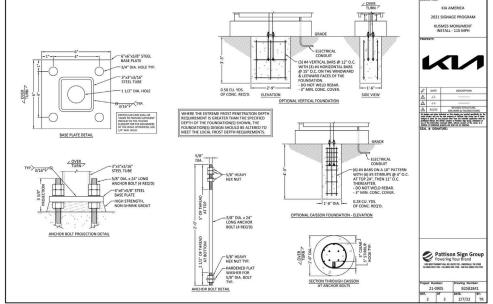
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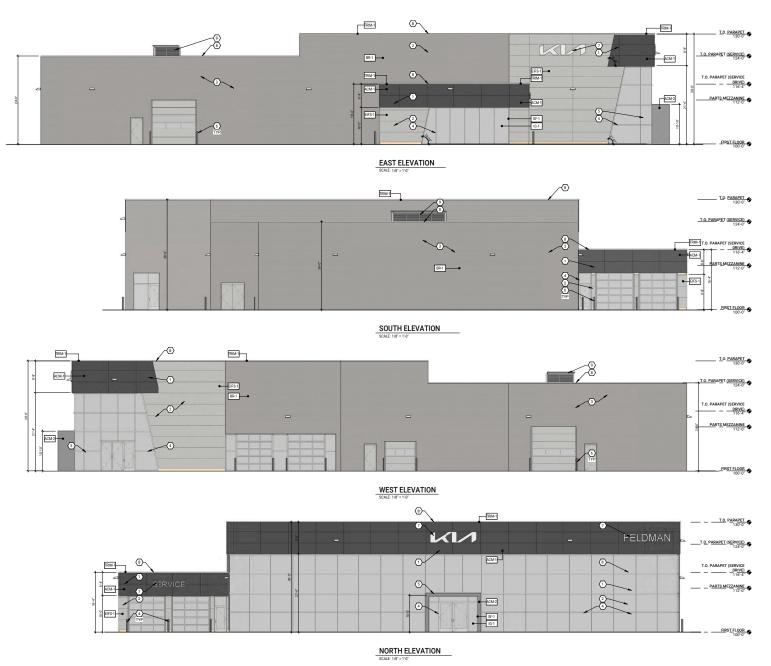
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	MATERIAL	PROPOSED	% OF ELEV	REQ'D %
EAST	BRICK	2,681 SF	66.03%	30% MIN
ELEVATION	ACM PANEL (FLAT)	417 SF	10.27%	50% MAX
	EIFS	962 SF	23.70%	25% MAX
	GLAZING + DOORS	OMITTED	OMITTED	
	TOTAL SF	4,060 SF		
WEST	BRICK	2,805 SF	76.49%	30% MIN
ELEVATION	ACM PANEL (FLAT)	256 SF	6.98%	50% MAX
	EIFS	606 SF	16.53%	25% MAX
	GLAZING + DOORS	OMITTED	OMITTED	
	TOTAL SF	3,667 SF		
NORTH	BRICK	-		30% MIN
ELEVATION	ACM PANEL (FLAT)	1,335 SF	95.97%	50% MAX
	EIFS	56 SF	4.03%	25% MAX
	GLAZING + DOORS	OMITTED	OMITTED	
	TOTAL SF	1,391 SF		
SOUTH	BRICK	3,669 SF	95.13%	30% MIN
ELEVATION	ACM PANEL (FLAT)	188 SF	4.87%	50% MAX
	EIFS	-	-	25% MAX
	GLAZING + DOORS	OMITTED	OMITTED	
	TOTAL SF	3,857 SF		

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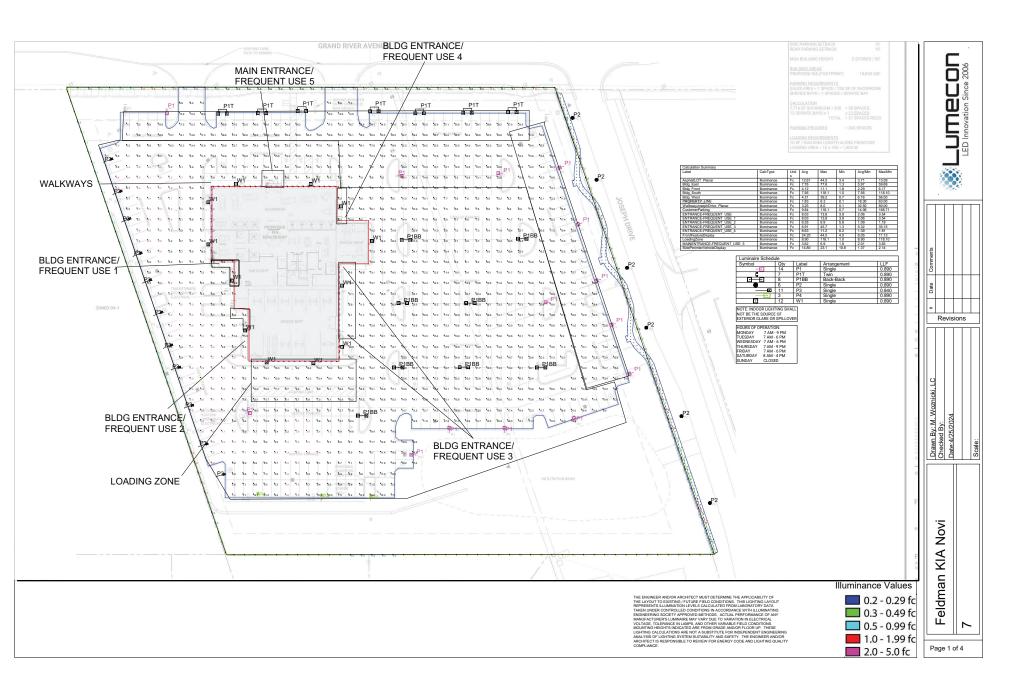
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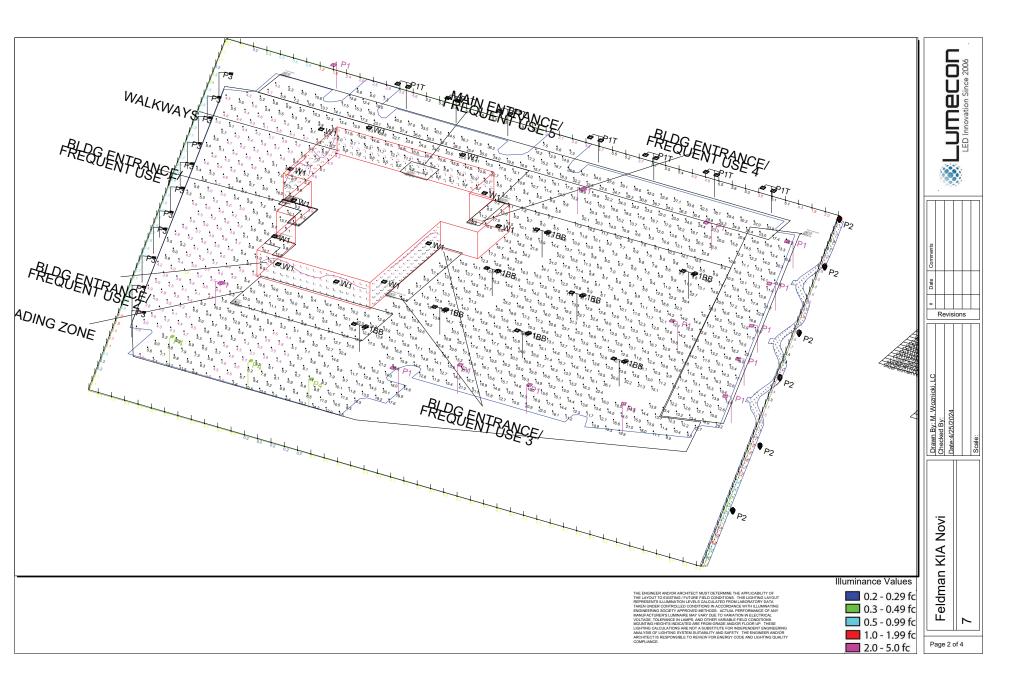
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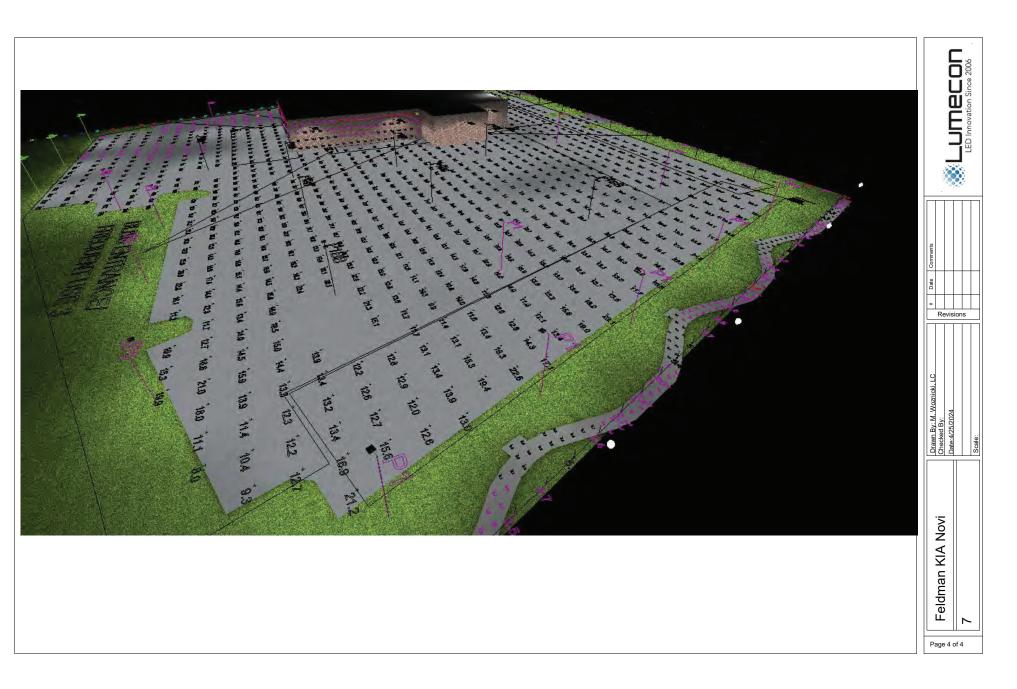
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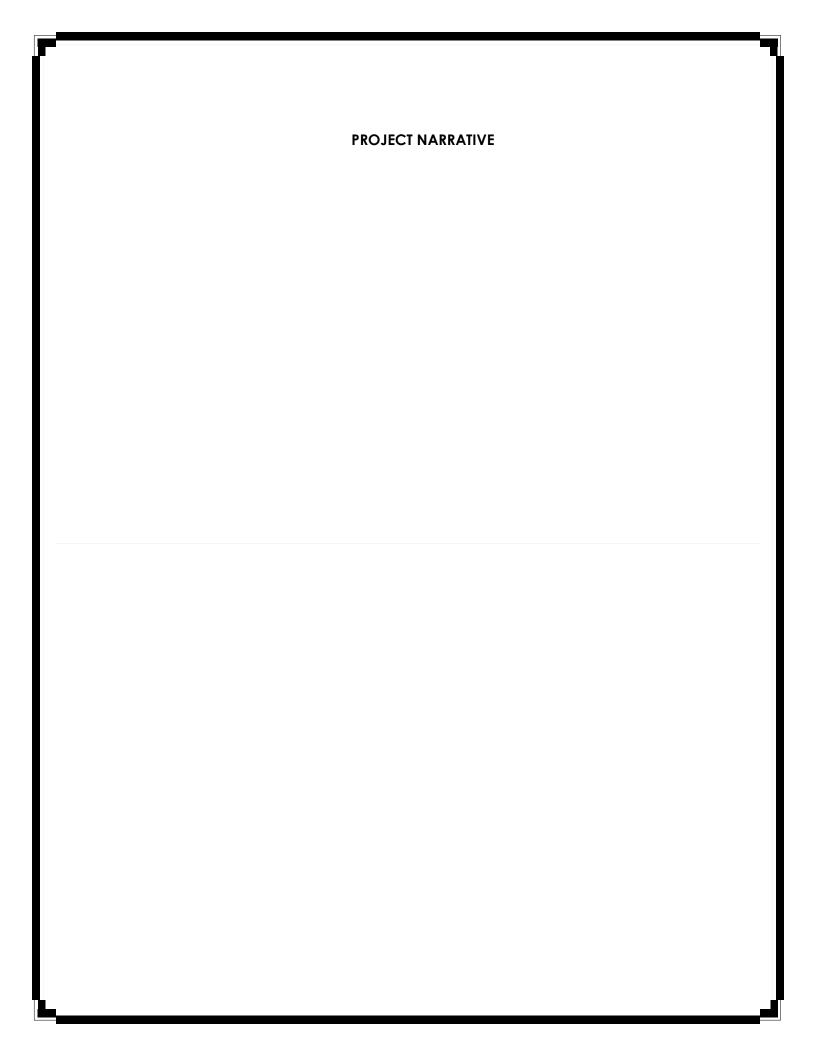












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August 16, 2024

# VIA HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL: LBell@cityofnovi.org

Office: (248) 476-6900

City of Novi Community Development Department Attn: Ms. Lindsay Bell 45175 West 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3042

RE: Application for rezoning with PRO.

Project Name – Feldman Kia (Pre-App 23-35)

Dear Ms. Bell:

Please accept this as an application for rezoning with a planned rezoning overlay (PRO). I have attached hereto and I am delivering herewith the following:

Exhibit A, Application for rezoning with PRO

Exhibit B, PRO Checklist

Exhibit C, 10 paper copies of proposed site plan in 24" X 36" format and digital copy

Exhibit D, Noise Impact Statement, Lighting specifications, Geotechnical Report

Exhibit E, Detailed responses letter of Alpine Engineering Inc. addressing comments in the pre-application review of January 12, 2024.

Exhibit F, Letter from Allen Design responding to Landscape comments from preapp review of January 12, 2024.

Please accept this as a narrative addressing the PRO provisions set forth in section 7-13 of the City of Novi's zoning ordinance.

The subject property is approximately 4.88 acres and currently zoned NCC (Non-Center Commercial district). The applicant is proposing to redevelop the vacant property (formerly

Glenda's Garden Center) and construct an automotive dealership with associated parking for inventory and customers/employees. A change in zoning from NCC to B-3 zoning district would be necessary to accommodate this proposed use. The applicant has met with the City for a Pre-Application meeting and the applicant has received the comments from the City dated January 12, 2024.

# **Economic Impact of Proposed Development**

The general cost of the building and site improvements would be seven million dollars. It would create between 175-200 construction jobs and ultimately 40-50 full time jobs would be created upon completion.

### **Proposed Site-Specific Conditions**

The PRO zoning ordinance provides that an applicant for a Planned Rezoning Overlay must "as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district... and (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning."

# 1) More Strict Site-Specific Conditions

The PRO rezoning request would be to rezone the property to B-3 with the only B-3 use permitted being an automotive dealership with appropriate outdoor parking for inventory and customers/employees. No other B-3 use is sought with this PRO. If such use ever was discontinued on the property the zoning would revert back to the underlying current zoning of NCC.

With respect to setbacks the proposed setbacks are greater than either the existing NCC zoning or the proposed B-3 zoning. The comparison is as follows:

Setback	Existing NCC	B-3	PRO
Front Setback	40'	30'	90.2'
Rear Setback	20'	20'	188.1'
Side Setback	20'	15'	Eastside 212.7'
			Westside 77.7'
Parking Setback front	20'	20'	20'
Parking Setback rear	10'	10'	53.2"

#### 2) Public Benefit

The PRO ordinance provides that a PRO applicant must show "an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning." In assessing the public benefit being offered by the applicant it is first necessary to identify "any material detriments" of this proposed development as the definition of "public benefit" in the zoning ordinance is set forth in relative terms. That is, the "overall benefit to the public" must simply "outweighs any material detriments." Thus, in applying this public benefit standard, it is first important to determine "any material detriments" which must be outweighed since the necessary "public benefit" must simply "outweigh" any "material detriment."

With respect to this proposal it must initially be recognized that while the property is currently zoned NCC the City of Novi Master Plan designates this area as "Community Commercial." The Master Plan, at page 122 specifically provides that the future land use classification of "Community Commercial" corresponds with current zoning districts B-2 and B-3. Accordingly, the request to rezone this property with PRO to a B-3 zoning district, as limited by the PRO, is consistent with the Master Plan. Moreover, the Master Plan at page 76 specifically references, with respect to the Grand River Avenue Corridor, at this location a "need for screening of service areas and parking lots." As you can see by the landscape site plans there is significant landscape screening of the proposed area. Thus, the proposal not only involves cleaning up a vacant parcel that is an eyesore but also includes significant landscape upgrading consistent with the Master Plan.

Thus, what is the detriment?

In addition, as stated above, the economic impact of this proposed development includes an investment of seven million dollars by the applicant, the creation of 175-200 construction jobs, and the creation 40-50 ultimate full-time jobs. Thus, a significant monetary investment in the city is accompanied by the creation of a significant number of new job opportunities – a Public Benefit.

With respect to physical amenities that may be considered a Public Benefit, the proposal includes a unique streetscape along Joseph Drive with the construction of a meandering sidewalk along Joseph Drive with the installation of a bench node on a concrete platform, decorative light poles and significant landscaping across the western side of Joseph Drive.

Therefore, in assessing the proposed Public Benefit, the project does not create any significant material detriments, is consistent with the Master Plan, includes significant economic impacts and a physical streetscape. Such public benefits of the project outweigh any perceived determents.

## Requested Deviations to be Included within the PRO

The following specific deviations would also be requested.

- 1) Berm height along the south property line. For a commercial use within a B-3 zoning district a berm height of 6 to 8 feet is required when adjacent to a residential use. Currently, a slightly shorter existing berm with established vegetation is existing along the southern property line. As per coordination with the city's landscape architect, the dead trees would be removed to provide more space for healthy trees. The existing understory and shrubs are proposed to remain with new additional landscape purposed for screening. Note also, that the building itself is set back from the residential property line 188'. In addition, the parking setback required in both an NCC and B-3 zone is 10' and the proposed rear parking setback is 53.2'
- 2) Service Bay Doors, North and South sides. In the B-3 district the ordinance provides that no overhead door should face a major thoroughfare or abut a residential district. Pedestrian exits or emergency doors are permitted on such building facades. A service reception area that is easily accessible to the customers is a necessity for the proposed type of business. The service reception area is proposed to be situated parallel to the development's main drive for easy customer access and to maintain a safe and organized flow within the parking lot. This portion of the building is for customers reception and generally automotive service will be completed within the southern part of the building separate from this area. See the "composite floor plan."

The service reception area is proposed to have a total of four overhead doors. The northern overhead doors are 129 feet from the Grand River Avenue right of way. The southern overhead doors are located 281 feet from the southern property line. There will be a screen wall and berm with landscaping along the southern property line to screen the overhead doors from the residential uses from the south. The overhead doors are needed for customer use.

- 3) Business Sign. Chapter 28 Signs, Section 28-5 table and applicable footnotes provides that with respect to wall signs a single tenant within a B-3 district is allowed one wall sign up to 250 square foot maximum. Additional requirements (Section 28-5.b.1.b) indicates the maximum wall sign area as it correlates to the setback distance from the adjacent road. Due to the nature of the business, it is respectfully requested that additional wall signs be allowed to indicate dealership branding and to provide wayfinding for the customers. Dimensions indicating the distance from the building to the centerlines of the roads are located on the preliminary site plan. The applicant is requesting two wall-mounted brand signs, one dealer sign and one directional sign for service reception area. The total wall signage area is approximately 118 square feet.
  - 4) Right of Way Green Belt Berm. The right of way landscape screening requirements table for a B-3 zoning district, where the right of way is

adjacent to parking, requires a 20-foot green belt width with a minimum 3-foot-high berm is required along the road rights of way. Here parking is set back the required 20 feet from both Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive rights of way, however, in lieu of a 3-foot-tall berm, the applicant respectfully requests to provide a 3-foot-high continuous hedge along the Grand River Avenue right of way and the Joseph Drive right of way. See the landscape site plans for additional information.

5) Section 9 façade waiver. As noted in the pre-application review comments, all of the facades are in full compliance except the north (front). The north (front) does not have the minimum 30% brick. The front is virtually 70% showroom glass and 30% flat metal panels. We would respectfully request the section 9 waiver for the façade.

We look forward to receiving the City's additional reviews and to preceding before the Planning Commission and ultimately the City Council for a presentation of this request for rezoning with PRO. Please contact me if you have any additional request.

Also, please notify me of the necessary permit application fee so that it may be provided to the City.

I am also sending you a copy of this narrative via e-mail which contains a Dropbox link with digital copies of this letter and all attachments including the site plan sheets.

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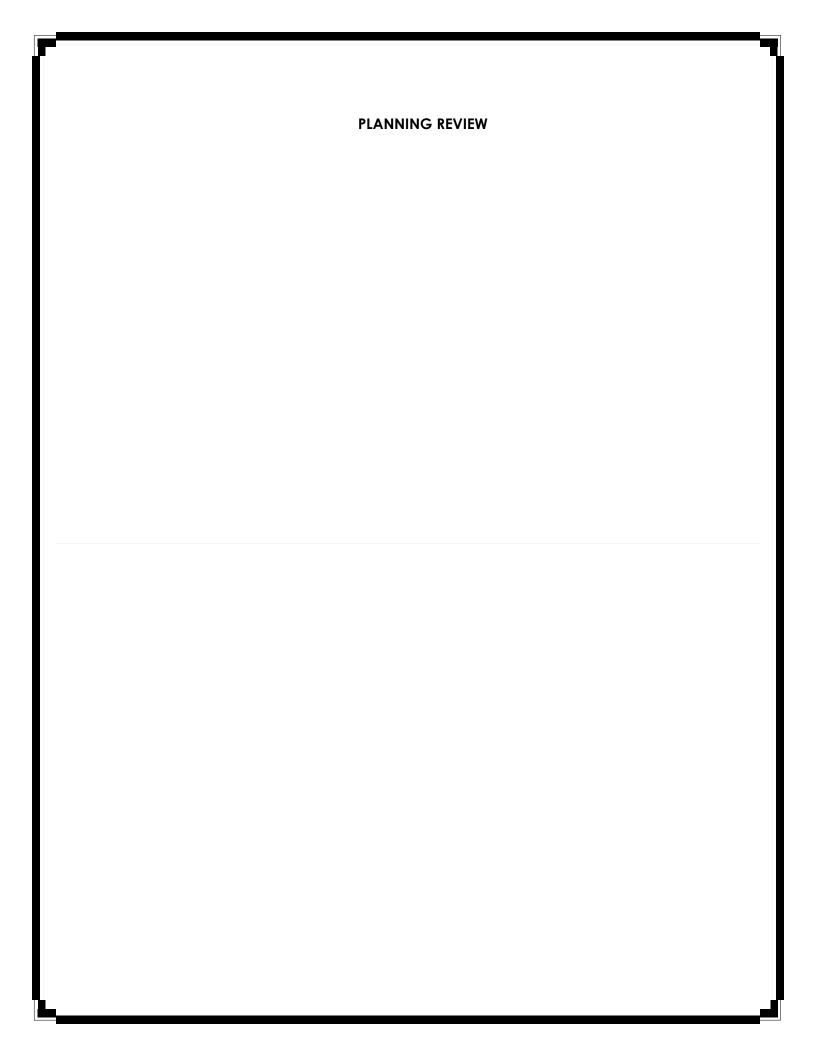
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# PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT Planning Review

September 12, 2024

JZ 24-32 Feldman Kia PRO

Zoning Map Amendment No. 18.745

#### **PETITIONER**

Feldman Automotive, Inc.

#### **REVIEW TYPE**

Rezoning Request from NCC (Non-Center Commercial District) to B-3 (General Business) with Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO)

#### **PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS**

Section	24					
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Site Location		South of Grand River Avenue, East of Meadowbrook (Parcels 22-24-326-014, 22-24-326-024)				
Site School District	Novi Comn	nunity School District				
Site Zoning	NCC Non-C	Center Commercial				
Adjoining Zoning	North	North I-1 Light Industrial District				
	East	NCC Non-Center Commercial				
	West	OS-1 Office Service				
	South	R-4 One Family Residential				
Current Site Use	Vacant; formerly Glenda's Garden Center – plant nursery/landscaping					
	North	Delta Fuels, office/service providers, Religious Organization				
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Adjoining Uses	West	Vacant				
	South	Single Family Residences				
Site Size	5.25 Acres					
Plan Date	May 9, 2024	4				

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The petitioner is requesting a Zoning Map amendment for a 4.88 acre property located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive (Section 24) from NCC (Non-Center Commercial) to B-3 (General Business). Rezoning of the property is necessary to redevelop the site as an automobile dealership, which is only permitted in the B-3 district, with outdoor space for exclusive sale of new and used automobiles, which is a Special Land Use in the B-3 district. The proposed dealership would have a footprint of approximately 18,830 gross square feet, with a mezzanine floor for parts storage of 1,322 square feet.

The site has operated for many years (pre-1990) as Glenda's Garden Center and Market, a non-conforming use in the NCC District. The garden center was demolished in 2023 when the property was purchased by a new owner.

#### **REVIEW HISTORY**

This site was previously proposed for a Planned Rezoning Overlay to B-3 General Business for a vehicle dealership by another applicant in 2019. An initial public hearing was held but the Planning

Commission postponed making a recommendation due to notification concerns. After that time the applicant withdrew their application for unspecified reasons.

#### **PRO OPTION**

The PRO option creates a "floating district" with a conceptual plan attached to the rezoning of a parcel. As part of the PRO, the underlying zoning is proposed to be changed (in this case from NCC to B-3), and the applicant submits a detailed conceptual plan for development of the site, along with site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements. After Staff and consultant review, the proposed request goes through initial review by the Planning Commission and City Council to review and comment on whether the project meets the requirements of eligibility for a PRO. The applicant can then make any changes to the Concept Plan based on the feedback received, and resubmit for formal review. The Planning Commission holds a public hearing and makes a recommendation to City Council. The City Council reviews the Concept Plan, and if the plan receives tentative approval, it directs the preparation of an agreement between the City and the applicant, which also requires City Council approval. Following final approval of the PRO concept plan and PRO agreement, the applicant will submit for Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval under standard site plan review procedures. If development is not commenced within two years from the effective date of the PRO Agreement it will expire, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

#### **REVIEW NOTES**

This project was reviewed for conformance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Article 3 (Zoning Districts), Article 4 (Use Standards), Article 5 (Site Standards), Section 7.13 (Amendments to Ordinance) and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Please see the attached chart for additional information pertaining to ordinance requirements. Items in bold below must be addressed and incorporated as part of the next submittal:

- 1. <u>Supporting Documentation:</u> The applicant has provided the following as part of their application packet:
  - a. <u>Narrative:</u> The statement provided states Rezoning allows for development of a use that is consistent with the Master Plan's vision for a Community Commercial use. The parcel has not been well maintained, and redevelopment/reinvestment of the property is a benefit to the public.
  - b. The statement includes conditions to limit the permitted use of the parcel to an auto dealership (with accessory uses) and exceed setbacks. The applicant should verify what type of work will be done in the service department to verify it would be permitted in this location.
  - c. <u>Rezoning Traffic Impact Study:</u> AECOM's review noted at the time of Pre-application submittal that the proposed project did not meet the threshold to require a RTIS.
  - d. <u>Sign Location Plan:</u> A rezoning sign location plan and sign detail has been provided on Sheet SP1.3. The sign locations and wording are acceptable.
  - e. Noise Impact Statement: A noise impact statement, dated 2/22/24 by Studio Detroit Architects, is required for the outdoor space for the auto dealership inventory vehicles. The statement includes the hours of operation of the dealership, which differ slightly from those listed on the Photometric plan in the PRO Plan set. The applicant should provide clarification of the correct hours. The noise statement indicates only the exterior roof mounted mechanical units as a source of noise. The statement should be updated to evaluate other sources of noise associated with this use, including delivery vehicles, any security alarm equipment, car alarms, any loudspeakers, and service area equipment that can be anticipated to be used.
- 2. <u>Eligibility for PRO (Section 7.13.2)</u>: "In order to be eligible for the proposal and review of a rezoning with PRO, an applicant must propose a rezoning of property to a new zoning district

classification, and must, as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district, including such regulations or conditions as set forth in Subsection C [of the Ordinance]; and (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning." The applicant provided a request to rezone to B-3, along with a PRO Plan. The conditions proposed that are more strict than typical B-3 standards are limiting the permitted use of the parcel to an auto dealership with associated inventory vehicle and customer parking, exceed building setbacks and rear parking setback. The applicant states that the public benefit offered includes improving a vacant parcel that is an "eyesore" and upgrading the landscaping provided, capital investment and job creation, and "a unique streetscape along Joseph Drive with the construction of a meandering sidewalk...with the installation of a bench node on a concrete platform, decorative light poles and significant landscaping..."

- 3. <u>Detrimental Effects on Residential Areas</u>: Compared to the types of commercial establishments that could be developed by-right in the current NCC District, car dealerships are a more intensive use that can bring some greater drawbacks to the area when located adjacent to residential neighborhoods, such as:
  - a. <u>Noise:</u> Auto dealerships can create noise disturbances such as the sound of car alarms, loudspeakers, delivery trucks, and use of equipment in service areas. The City has received numerous complaints from neighbors of the existing Feldman dealership at 42235 Grand River related to the after-hours, audible, speech-enhanced alarm system.
  - b. <u>Lighting:</u> Dealership inventory parking lots often have bright lights on throughout the night to showcase their inventory and to deter crime. If visible to the adjacent homes, this can affect the ability to sleep and overall comfort.
  - c. <u>Traffic:</u> Increased traffic from customers and delivery trucks coming and going from the site can lead to congestion on the nearby roads.
  - d. <u>Security Concerns:</u> Car dealerships can attract theft and vandalism. Alarms to deter crime increase the noise impacts.

If the PRO rezoning is to be approved, the City will want to ensure that these detriments are minimized or offset to a large extent to protect the existing neighborhood. Additional conditions could be included in the formal submittal that are more strict or limiting than would be permitted under the B-3 district that would further minimize these negative impacts. <u>Based on the information provided in the submittal, it does not appear that the conditions proposed meet the standard of providing an overall benefit to the public that would outweigh these detriments.</u>

- 4. <u>Buffer to Neighborhood to the South:</u> The ordinance requires a buffer in the form of a 6-8 foot obscuring landscaped earth berm and plantings when a commercial use abuts any residential district. The applicant is proposing to maintain the existing 3-5 foot berm and remove the trees. Note that there is conflicting information regarding the trees on the berm Sheet 2 indicates they will "remain for screening" and sheets L-1 and L-2 state "Remove all trees as shown and leave all understory and shrubs." Staff is concerned that the proposed removal of existing trees without replanting on the berm does not offer a sufficient buffer to the adjacent residents to the south. The existing berm is not as tall as required by the ordinance, so if the trees are to be removed the height of the berm should be raised and new trees and/or fencing added on top of it to provide an adequate visual and aesthetic buffer to meet the ordinance requirements for 80% opacity in winter and 90% opacity in summer.
- 5. <u>Signage:</u> Proposed signage has been included in the PRO Concept plan submittal, and the applicant requests a deviation to allow the signage as proposed. In some cases, deviations from the Sign Ordinance (Chapter 28 of the City Code) have been included in previous PRO

Agreements. The sign details provided in the submittal do not include all measurements in order to determine the total area of the signs. The sign ordinance allows the following in the B-3 district for a single tenant building or development parcel: 250 square foot maximum – 1 wall sign (shall not exceed 1 sf for each 2 feet of setback from the nearest thoroughfare; and (1) ground sign a maximum of 6 feet high. Allowable size is determined by 1 square foot of sign for each 2 feet of setback from the thoroughfare centerline (appears that 30 sf allowed).

The applicant is proposing 3 wall signs on the north elevation, which is 144 feet from the Grand River centerline ("KIA" 13'x3' = 39 sf, "Feldman" 13'x2' = 26 sf, "Service" = 9'x1.5' = 13.5 sf) with a total area of 78.5 square feet. One sign is proposed on the east elevation ("KIA" 13'x3' = 39 sf). One ground mounted sign, located 60 feet from the street centerline, is shown as 5 feet tall with a total area of about 40 square feet. The applicant should clarify if these estimated dimensions are correct and provide additional information to be able to evaluate the deviations from the requirements of the sign code: ground sign distance from the centerline of Grand River, and the total area of each sign proposed (box DIGN placed around the entire sign area as shown to the right). A Sign Permit



6. <u>Lighting (Section 5.7)</u>: The lighting plan provided did not provide the necessary level of detail to verify ordinance requirements are met. Calculations and ratios for lighting should exclude any unlit portions of the site (0.0 fc levels). The height of all fixtures must be provided, as well as specifications for each fixture that indicate glare control, Color Correlated Temperature, and Color Rendering Index. Calculations are needed to show the Average light level of the surfaces being lit to the lowest light of the surface being lit shall not exceed a ratio of 4:1 (Ave:Min) for the overall site, not just individual sections. See the Planning Chart for additional details of the missing information.

<u>Application</u> will be required for each sign proposed.

7. Plan Review Chart: The Plan Review chart provides additional comments on many of the Ordinance review standards. Please refer to it in detail.

#### **MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE**

The Future Land Use Map of the 2016 City of Novi Master Plan for Land Use identifies this property and property adjacent to the east as Community Commercial. As the Master Plan states, "This land use is designated for comparison-shopping needs of a larger population base. They are along major thoroughfares and roadway intersections." The B-3 General Business District generally falls within areas planned for Community Commercial, as do the B-2 Community Business, and NCC Non-Center Commercial districts.

Property to the west is identified in the Master Plan as Community Office, while the area north of Grand River is planned for Industrial, Research, Development and Technology land uses. The area to the south is planned for Single Family use.

The proposal would follow objectives listed in the Master Plan for Land Use including the following:

- 1. Objective: Retain and support the growth of existing businesses and attract new businesses to the City of Novi.
- 2. Advocacy Action Item: Support retail commercial uses along established transportation corridors that are accessible for the community at large, such as along Grand River Avenue to preclude future traffic congestion.
- 3. Objective: Provide and maintain adequate water and sewer service for the City's needs.
- 4. Objective: Provide and maintain adequate transportation facilities for the City's needs. Address vehicular and non-motorized transportation facilities.

Staff Comment: Public water main and sanitary sewer exists on Grand River Avenue. On-site detention is proposed for storm water management in a new underground facility, an infiltration trench, and an infiltration basin. The proposed concept plan indicates pedestrian improvements along Grand River Avenue including replacing the existing 5-foot sidewalk with an 8-foot sidewalk that would extend across the site frontage. A 5-foot undulating sidewalk is also proposed for the frontage on Joseph Drive.

5. <u>Objective:</u> Ensure compatibility between residential and non-residential developments. Staff Comment: The primary concern with this proposal is that it is not doing enough to ensure compatibility with the residential neighborhood to the south. This is an important objective and the quality of life for the residents directly impacted should be given greater consideration by the applicant.

#### 2023 ACTIVE MOBILITY PLAN (AMP)

Grand River Avenue is classified as a Multi-modal Thoroughfare in the AMP. The recommended baseline pedestrian facility improvements for minor road stops (where the pathway crosses the entrances to a development) on both roads would include crosswalk lighting, a raised high visibility crossing and recessed crossings where feasible. Along the south side of Grand River, an 8-foot sidewalk is planned. With the recent addition of SMART transit service along Grand River, the Near-Term priorities in this area include completing sidewalk gaps and providing mid-block crossings to allow pedestrians to safely and conveniently access the bus stops.

The applicant is proposing to reconstruct the sidewalk along their Grand River frontage to be 8-feet in width, which will also complete about 160-feet of the missing gap in this area. To the west, there is no sidewalk on the south side all the way to Meadowbrook Road, so there will remain a 1,800 foot gap in the non-motorized network. There are also two gaps in the sidewalk to the east – one about 320 feet and the other 380 feet in length.

The applicant should consider the recommendations of the Active Mobility Plan as this project moves forward.



Figure 1: Current image of subject property

# **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USE**

The following table summarizes the zoning and land use status for the subject property and surrounding properties.

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	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use	Master Plan Land Use Designation
Subject Property	NCC Non-Center Commercial	Garden Center	Community Commercial (uses consistent with NCC, B-2 and B-3 Districts)
Northern Parcels	I-1 Light Industrial District	Offices, Delta Fuels, Religious Center	Industrial research development and technology. (uses consistent with Light Industrial Districts, I-1)
Southern Parcels	R-4 One Family Residential	Single Family Neighborhood	Single Family
Eastern Parcel	NCC Non-Center Commercial	Offices	Community Commercial (uses consistent with NCC, B-2, and B-3 Districts)
Western Parcels	OS-1 Office Service	Vacant	Community Office (small and medium-scale office uses, human care, recreation)

# **COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USE**

The surrounding land uses are shown in the above chart. The compatibility of the proposed rezoning with the zoning and uses on the adjacent properties should be considered by the Planning Commission in making the recommendation to City Council on the rezoning request. In particular, the Planning Commission should review the plan carefully to insure that negative impacts (such as noise, lighting) are minimized and mitigated to protect the residential properties to the south.

The properties directly **north** of the subject area are currently used as a fuel distribution station, a religious organization, and offices of service providers. The current zoning map indicates I-1 for these properties.

Directly to the **south** of the subject property is a single family neighborhood. Four residential lots directly abut the subject property.

The property to the **west** of the subject property is currently vacant and is zoned OS-1 Office Service.

To the **east** of the subject property is a small office complex which is zoned NCC.





**Future Land Use** 

**Existing Zoning** 

#### **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

The parcels to be rezoned are currently vacant. The site was used as a garden center, a non-conforming use in the NCC District, for many years but was demolished in 2023. Development under either the current NCC zoning or the proposed B-3 zoning could result in the construction of similarly sized retail shopping center, an office complex, or sit-down restaurants on the 4.88 acre site. Uses permitted in the B-3 zoning district that are not allowed in the NCC district include fueling stations, private health and fitness facilities, tattoo parlors, auto washes, and automobile sales. Fast food restaurants with a drive through window, motels, and veterinary hospitals are also permitted with Special Land Use approval in the B-3 District. A change to B-3 zoning would also remove the potential for redevelopment of the site for any residential uses, which could be permitted as special land uses in the NCC district. Through the PRO process, the applicant and the City would agree to

restrict the B-3 use allowed to the requested automobile dealership, with outdoor space for exclusive sale of new and used automobiles and service center. Any other uses typically permitted in the B-3 district would not be permitted within the terms of the PRO Agreement.

#### **COMPARISON OF ZONING DISTRICTS**

The following table provides a comparison of the current and proposed zoning development standards. The applicant is requesting a change of districts from the existing NCC Non Center Commercial to B-3 General Business. The types of uses allowed in these districts have some overlap, although they also differ in important ways. The proposed B-3 district allows a maximum building height of up to 30 feet compared to the 25 feet allowed in the NCC district. The building setbacks in the NCC district are slightly larger than the B-3 standards. Parking setbacks are the same in both districts. However, the terms of the PRO Agreement may be more restrictive than what could otherwise be allowed under B-3 zoning. For instance, the applicant is proposing greater building setbacks and rear yard parking setback, and restricting the use allowed to an automobile dealership.

	NCC	B-3 Zoning
	(Existing)	(Proposed)
Principal Permitted Uses	<ol> <li>Retail businesses use</li> <li>Retail business service use</li> <li>Professional office buildings</li> <li>Medical offices, including laboratories and clinics</li> <li>Financial institutions, stock brokerages</li> <li>Sit-down restaurants</li> <li>Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and outdoor recreational facilities</li> <li>Instructional centers</li> <li>Other uses similar to the above uses</li> <li>Accessory buildings, structures and uses customarily incident to the above permitted uses</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Retail businesses use</li> <li>Retail business service uses</li> <li>Dry cleaning establishments, or pick-up stations, dealing directly with the consumer</li> <li>Business establishments which perform services on the premises</li> <li>Professional services</li> <li>Retail business or retail business service establishments</li> <li>Professional or medical offices, including laboratories</li> <li>Fueling station</li> <li>Sale of produce and seasonal plant materials</li> <li>Auto wash</li> <li>Bus passenger stations</li> <li>New and used car salesroom, showroom, or office</li> <li>Other uses similar to the above uses</li> <li>Tattoo parlors</li> <li>Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and outdoor recreational facilities</li> <li>Accessory structures and uses customarily incident to the above permitted uses</li> <li>Public or private health and fitness facilities and clubs</li> <li>Microbreweries</li> <li>Brewpubs</li> </ol>
Special Land Uses	<ol> <li>Day care centers and adult day care centers</li> <li>Places of worship</li> <li>Private clubs, fraternal organizations and lodge halls</li> </ol>	Outdoor space for exclusive sale of new or used automobiles, campers, recreation vehicles, mobile homes, or rental of trailers or automobiles     Motel

Side: 10 feet

Rear: 10 feet

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	<ol> <li>Museums</li> <li>Publicly utility buildings and uses without service yards</li> <li>Veterinary hospitals or clinics</li> <li>Multiple-family dwellings</li> <li>Independent and congregate elderly living facilities</li> <li>Two-family dwellings</li> <li>Shared elderly housing</li> <li>One-family detached dwellings</li> <li>Farms and greenhouses</li> <li>Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and outdoor recreational facilities</li> <li>Cemeteries</li> <li>Home occupations</li> <li>Keeping of horses and ponies</li> <li>Family Day Care Homes</li> <li>Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Business in the character of a drive-in or open front store</li> <li>Veterinary hospitals or clinics</li> <li>Plant materials nursery</li> <li>Public or private indoor and private outdoor recreation facilities</li> <li>Mini-lube or oil change establishments</li> <li>Sale of produce and seasonal plant materials outdoors</li> <li>Restaurant in the character of a fast food carryout, drive-in, fast food drive-through, or fast food sit-down</li> </ol>
Minimum Lot Size	2 acres	Determined by off-street parking, loading, greenbelt screening, yard setback or usable open space requirements
Minimum Lot Width	200 feet	Determined by off-street parking, loading, greenbelt screening, yard setback or usable open space requirements
Building Height	25 feet or 2 stories, whichever is less	30 feet
Building Setbacks	Front: 40 feet Side: 20 feet Rear: 20 feet	Front: 30 feet Side: 15 feet Rear: 20 feet
Parking	Front: 20 feet	Front: 20 feet Side: 10 feet

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **Engineering**

**Setbacks** 

The Staff Engineer has reviewed the rezoning request and expressed no concerns regarding sanitary sewer capacity and available water capacity. The impacts of B-3 land use on the utilities in this area are expected to be similar to utility demands if developed under NCC uses.

#### Traffic

City Traffic consultants estimated the vehicle trips of the proposed use and determined the project did not meet the threshold to require a Rezoning Traffic Impact Study. The proposed development is expected to result in fewer trips than alternative land uses under the current NCC zoning as well as other B-3 land uses. See the traffic review letter for additional information.

#### **NATURAL FEATURES**

There are no significant natural features present on the site or adjacent to the site.

Side: 10 feet

Rear: 10 feet

#### MAJOR CONDITIONS OF PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY AGREEMENT

The Planned Rezoning Overlay process involves a PRO concept plan and specific PRO conditions in conjunction with a rezoning request. The submittal requirements and the process are codified under the PRO ordinance (Section 7.13.2). Within the process, which is completely voluntary by the applicant, the applicant and City Council can agree on a series of conditions to be included as part of the approval.

The applicant is required to submit a conceptual plan and a list of terms that they are willing to include with the PRO agreement. The applicant has submitted a conceptual plan showing the general layout of the driveways, parking, building, stormwater detention, and a general layout of landscaping throughout the development. The applicant has provided a narrative describing the proposed public benefits. At this time, staff can identify some conditions that might be included in the agreement if the current design moves forward:

- 1. The use of the property is a New and Used Car Salesroom, Showroom and Office with a Servicing department as typically associated with dealerships.
- 2. Accessory to the Car Dealership, Outdoor Space for exclusive sale of new or used automobiles will be permitted under the conditions for Special Land Use approval:
  - a. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use will cause any detrimental impact on existing thoroughfares in terms of overall volumes, capacity, safety, vehicular turning patterns, intersections, view obstructions, line of sight, ingress and egress, acceleration/deceleration lanes, off-street parking, off-street loading/unloading, travel times and thoroughfare level of service. (The traffic impact study provided indicates fewer trips generated by the proposed use than other potential uses.)
  - b. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use will cause any detrimental impact on the capabilities of public services and facilities, including water service, sanitary sewer service, storm water disposal and police and fire protection to service existing and planned uses in the area. (The use is not expected to increase the demand on public services and utilities relative to other feasible uses of the site.)
  - c. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use is compatible with the natural features and characteristics of the land, including existing woodlands, wetlands, watercourses and wildlife habitats. (There are no significant natural features or characteristics present on the site.)
  - d. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use is compatible with adjacent uses of land in terms of location, size, character, and impact on adjacent property or the surrounding neighborhood. (The proposed use is similarly compatible to other uses that could be developed under the current NCC zoning district.)
  - e. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use is consistent with the goals, objectives and recommendations of the City's Master Plan for Land Use. (The Master Plan recommends Community Commercial uses, which includes uses permitted within the B-2 and B-3 districts.)
  - f. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use will promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner. (The redevelopment of the site will remove a long-standing non-conforming use and improve the site visually from Grand River Avenue. The investments in the site improvements as well as the jobs created will benefit the area economically.)
  - g. Whether, relative to other feasible uses of the site, the proposed use is (1) listed among the provision of uses requiring special land use review as set forth in the various zoning districts of this Ordinance, and (2) is in harmony with the purposes

and conforms to the applicable site design regulations of the zoning district in which it is located. (1. Outdoor Space for exclusive sale of new or used automobiles is listed as a Special Land Use in the B-3 District, and 2. If the applicant addresses the concerns in this and other review letters, the proposed use could better conform to the site design regulations.)

- 3. The days of operation shall be limited to Monday Saturday. The business will not be open on Sundays;
- 4. The hours of operation shall be limited to the following, as shown on the P-1 Photometric Plan: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays;
- 5. No outdoor speakers shall be permitted;
- 6. No outdoor compressors shall be permitted;
- 7. Automobile transit deliveries shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays;
- 8. The parking setback shall be no less than 53 feet from the property line to the south;
- 9. The footprint of the building shall be limited to approximately 18,900 square feet, excluding mezzanine space.
- 10. The overhead service doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering and existing of vehicles.

The PRO conditions must be in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district. The applicant should submit a list of conditions that they are seeking to include within the PRO agreement, which may include those listed above if the applicant is willing to comply with them.

#### **ORDINANCE DEVIATIONS**

Section 7.13.2.D.i.c(2) permits deviations from the strict interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance within a PRO agreement. These deviations must be accompanied by a finding by City Council that "each Zoning Ordinance provision sought to be deviated would, if the deviation were not granted, prohibit an enhancement of the development that would be in the public interest, and that approving the deviation would be consistent with the Master Plan and compatible with the surrounding areas." Such deviations must be considered by City Council, who will make a finding of whether to include those deviations in a proposed PRO agreement. A PRO agreement would be considered by City Council only after tentative approval of the proposed concept plan and rezoning.

The concept plan submitted with an application for a rezoning with a PRO is not required to contain the same level of detail as a preliminary site plan. Staff has reviewed the Concept Plan provided in as much detail as possible to determine what deviations from the Zoning Ordinance are currently shown. The applicant may choose to revise the concept plan to better comply with the standards of the Zoning Ordinance in future submittals. Any deviations in the Formal PRO Plan would have to be approved by City Council in a proposed PRO agreement. The current deviations identified are as follows:

#### 1. Service Bay Doors (Sec. 3.10.3):

In the B-3 district the ordinance provides that no overhead door should face a major thoroughfare or abut a residential district. Pedestrian exits or emergency doors are permitted on such building facades. A service reception area that is easily accessible to the customers is a necessity for the proposed type of business. The service reception area is proposed to be situated parallel to the development's main drive for easy customer access and to maintain a safe and organized flow within the parking lot. This portion of the building is for customers reception and generally automotive service will be completed within the southern part of the building separate from this area. See the "composite floor plan."

The service reception area is proposed to have a total of four overhead doors. The northern overhead doors are 129 feet from the Grand River Avenue right of way. The southern overhead doors are located 281 feet from the southern property line. There will be a screen wall and berm with landscaping along the southern property line to screen the overhead doors from the residential uses from the south. The overhead doors are needed for customer use.

Staff Comment: The justification provided by the applicant appears to be adequate to protect adjacent uses from negative impacts, provided the buffer/screening at the southern property line is improved. Staff supports the deviation for the overhead doors if this buffer will meet or exceed the requirements of the ordinance. The applicant is asked to clarify whether they would agree to a condition that the service bay doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering/exiting of vehicles, to further limit noise emissions from the building.

2. <u>Façade Waiver (Sec. 5.15)</u>: As noted in the pre-application review comments, all of the facades are in full compliance except the north (front). The north (front) does not have the minimum 30% brick. The front is virtually 70% showroom glass and 30% flat metal panels. We would respectfully request the section 9 waiver for the façade.

Staff Comment: As noted in the Façade Review, the front façade consists primarily of showroom glass, which is not regulated by the façade ordinance. "In this case the addition of Brick would not enhance the front façade and all other facades have large percentages of brick. For this reason, we recommend that the design is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Façade Ordinance and that a Section 9 Façade Waiver be granted for the underage of Brick on the front facade."

3. Right of Way Green Belt Berm. The right of way landscape screening requirements table for a B-3 zoning district, where the right of way is adjacent to parking, requires a 20-foot green belt width with a minimum 3-foot-high berm is required along the road rights of way. Here parking is set back the required 20 feet from both Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive rights of way, however, in lieu of a 3-foot-tall berm, the applicant respectfully requests to provide a 3-foot-high continuous hedge along the Grand River Avenue right of way and the Joseph Drive right of way. See the landscape site plans for additional information.

Staff Comment: This is supported by staff for the frontages since the continuous hedge proposed provides an alternative form of screening, and this has been allowed for other dealerships.

4. Berm Height along the south property line. For a commercial use within a B-3 zoning district a berm height of 6 to 8 feet is required when adjacent to a residential use. Currently, a slightly shorter existing berm with established vegetation is existing along the southern property line. As per coordination with the city's landscape architect, the dead trees would be removed to provide more space for healthy trees. The existing understory and shrubs are proposed to remain with new additional landscape purposed for screening. Note also, that the building itself is set back from the residential property line 188'. In addition, the parking setback required in both an NCC and B-3 zone is 10' and the proposed rear parking setback is 53.2'

Staff Comment: As noted previously, there is conflicting information regarding the trees on the berm – Sheet 2 indicates they will "remain for screening" and sheets L-1 and L-2 state "Remove all trees as shown and leave all understory and shrubs." Staff is concerned that the proposed removal of existing trees (which are mostly in poor condition and covered in vines) without replanting on the berm does not offer a sufficient buffer to the adjacent residents to the south. If the trees are to be removed the height of the berm should be raised and new trees and/or fencing added on top of it to provide an adequate visual and aesthetic buffer to meet the ordinance requirements for 80% opacity in winter and 90% opacity in summer. This is particularly

important to help off-set the detriments of the auto dealership use at this location, so this deviation is not supported.

5. <u>Business Sign. City Code, Chapter 28 Signs,</u> Section 28-5 table and applicable footnotes provides that with respect to wall signs a single tenant within a B-3 district is allowed one wall sign up to 250 square foot maximum. Additional requirements (Section 28-5.b.1.b) indicates the maximum wall sign area as it correlates to the setback distance from the adjacent road. Due to the nature of the business, it is respectfully requested that additional wall signs be allowed to indicate dealership branding and to provide wayfinding for the customers. Dimensions indicating the distance from the building to the centerlines of the roads are located on the preliminary site plan. The applicant is requesting two wall-mounted brand signs, one dealer sign and one directional sign for service reception area. The total wall signage area is approximately 118 square feet.

Staff Comment: See staff comments on signage on page 3-4 of this review.

#### **Additional Deviations Identified:**

6. <u>Parking Lot Islands (Sec. 5.3.12):</u> There are two locations, on either side of the building, where 2 customer parking spaces have an end island on one side, but not the side adjacent to the entry/exit point of the service area.

Staff Comment: We would support a waiver to allow a painted end island in lieu of a curbed island to separate the spaces from the service drive. Alternatively, the applicant could add crosshatch pavement markings so no one parks in these areas. This would require additional customer parking spaces to be located elsewhere on the property.

- 7. <u>Greenbelt Landscaping (Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii, iii)</u>: Ordinance requirements for the number of trees along Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive have not been met. There is also a deficiency in subcanopy trees on Joseph Drive. These conditions require deviations to be approved. If sufficient justifications can be made for the deficiencies, or the deviations could be significantly reduced, it might be supported by Staff.
- 8. Parking Lot Landscaping (Sec. 5.5.3.C.): There are 2 landscaping islands north of the building are less than 200 square feet, so the trees in them cannot be counted as interior parking lot trees. This requires a landscape deviation that is not supported by staff. The justification provided is not sufficient for this deviation, in the opinion of staff. Please resize the endcap islands to meet the requirement required.
- 9. Parking Bays (Sec. 5.5.3.C.ii.p.4): The ordinance allows a maximum of 15 parking spaces in a bay with an island separating bays. Inventory parking bays may have up to 25 spaces in a row if the required interior landscape area is provided. On the western side of the site there are bays of inventory parking with 19 spaces and 9 spaces, however there is no landscaping in the island that separates them. The applicant shall provide the required landscaping or request a deviation. All other bays are either less than 15 spaces in a row, or designated for inventory parking in bays up to 25 spaces in length.
- 10. <u>Building Foundation Landscaping (Sec 5.5.3.D)</u>: The required foundation area is provided in total, but only 72% is at the building.

Staff Comment: As the remaining landscaping is provided in areas that will enhance the appearance of the site from Grand River, it would be supported by staff.

The applicant is asked to revise the list of deviations requested based on staff's comments provided in this letter and the other review letters. The applicant is asked to be specific about the deviations

requested in a response letter and provide a justification to explain how if each deviation "...were not granted, [it would] prohibit an enhancement of the development that would be in the public interest, and that approving the deviation would be consistent with the Master Plan and compatible with the surrounding areas."

#### APPLICANT'S BURDEN UNDER PRO ORDINANCE

The Planned Rezoning Overlay ordinance (PRO) requires the applicant to demonstrate that certain requirements and standards are met. The applicant should be prepared to discuss these items, especially in number 1 below, where the ordinance suggests that the enhancement under the PRO request would be unlikely to be achieved or would not be assured without utilizing the Planned Rezoning Overlay. Section 7.13.2.D.ii states the following:

- 1. (Sec. 7.13.2.D.ii.a) The PRO accomplishes the integration of the proposed land development project with the characteristics of the project area in such a manner that results in an enhancement of the project area as compared to the existing zoning that would be unlikely to be achieved or would not be assured in the absence of the use of a Planned Rezoning Overlay.
- 2. (Sec. 7.13.2.D.ii.b) Sufficient conditions shall be included on and in the PRO Plan and PRO Agreement such that the City Council concludes, in its discretion, that, as compared to the existing zoning and considering the site specific land use proposed by the applicant, it would be in the public interest to grant the Rezoning with Planned Rezoning Overlay. In determining whether approval of a proposed application would be in the public interest, the benefits which would reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal shall be balanced against, and be found to clearly outweigh the reasonably foreseeable detriments thereof, taking into consideration reasonably accepted planning, engineering, environmental and other principles, as presented to the City Council, following recommendation by the Planning Commission, and also taking into consideration the special knowledge and understanding of the City by the City Council and Planning Commission.

The following benefits are proposed by the applicant (as listed in their narrative) to qualify as an enhancement of the project area:

- 1. <u>Economic Impact</u>: The applicant states that the economic impact of this development includes an investment of \$7 million, the creation of 175-200 construction jobs, and the creation of 40-50 full-time permanent jobs.
  - <u>Staff Comment:</u> While an economic impact will result from the proposed dealership, a similar impact would be likely for other types of uses developed under the current NCC zoning. An economic impact is incidental to any type of redevelopment of the site, and is not "unlikely to be achieved...in the absence of the use of a Planned Rezoning Overlay."
- 2. <u>Physical Amenities</u>: The applicant proposes a "unique streetscape along Joseph Drive" with a winding sidewalk and "the installation of a bench node on a concrete platform, decorative light poles, and significant landscaping across the western side of Joseph Drive.
  <u>Staff Comment:</u> Sheet L-4 of the PRO Plan shows a total of 3 benches to be provided at
  - intervals along the sidewalk, and includes a detail of the proposed benches and decorative lighting fixtures. The benches and decorative lighting can be considered an enhancement. Providing a sidewalk on the Joseph Drive frontage is a requirement, so the meandering nature of it is the only unique feature, which may or not be considered an "enhancement." As for the landscaping, the only element that exceeds what is required by the ordinance

are the seasonal flowers. While those could be considered a nice enhancement, it would be a difficult item to inspect and enforce each year if it is made a condition of the PRO Agreement. Besides the flowers, the landscaping would not be above what is expected of any development on the site.

3. <u>Increased Building Setback</u>: Increased building setbacks from the front, rear and side setbacks are proposed. Especially where adjacent to the Residential uses to the south, the 188-foot setback is more restrictive than the 20-foot minimum permitted in B-3.

<u>Staff Comment:</u> The greater building setback does reduce the impact of any noises within the building and keeps the bulk of the activity further away from the adjacent residences and other adjacent sites. It is more limiting than what the B-3 district allows.

Overall, staff does not believe the applicant has provided enough of a benefit to the public that would outweigh the detriments of an auto dealership at this location. Staff's comments on detriments of the proposed dealership are included on page 3, paragraph 3 of this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In this review letter, staff identifies significant concerns with the proposed rezoning to allow a more intensive use while requesting deviations that would lessen the ordinance protections for adjacent residents, as well as a deficiency in benefits to the public to offset the anticipated detriments. Based on the feedback provided, and any additional comments from the Planning Commission and City Council, the applicant should consider addressing those comments and revise the drawings accordingly to offset the impacts of the proposed change of use on the surrounding development before the Formal PRO Concept submittal.

Some reasons to support the **PRO Plan would be**:

- The rezoning request fulfills objectives of the Master Plan for Land Use by fostering a favorable business climate and support an existing Novi business.
- The rezoning to B-3 is consistent with the recommended Future Land Use of the Master Plan for Community commercial.
- The rezoning provides an opportunity to bring a long-standing non-conforming parcel into greater conformance with the current Zoning Ordinance.
- The rezoning is not expected to negatively impact public utilities or traffic in the area compared to potential development under the current zoning district.

However, the applicant will need to address the following in the Formal PRO Plan submittal to get a positive recommendation from Staff:

- The applicant should propose additional conditions and benefits to mitigate the negative impacts of the proposed auto dealership (noise, light, traffic, security, etc.) on the existing uses and neighborhood to the south besides the use of increased setbacks and the seating area on Joseph Drive.
- The applicant should work to reduce the number of deviations, especially those that are not supported. This would include addressing the number of missing interior parking lot trees, as well as other items in the Landscape review letter.
- The required earth berm and landscaping along the south property line is currently not sufficient to provide the necessary buffer to the adjacent residential district. The applicant should consider removing and replacing many of the trees listed in poor condition in order to meet the opacity requirements of the ordinance. If the trees are to all be removed the berm height could be increased to better comply with ordinance standards which are in place to protect the adjacent neighbors.

• The applicant should consider whether any additional conditions that would provide a benefit to the public will be offered as part of this request.

#### **SUMMARY OF OTHER REVIEWS:**

#### Planning and Landscape are currently <u>not</u> recommending approval.

- a. **Engineering:** Engineering recommends approval of the PRO Concept Plan, contingent on comments to be addressed in the Formal PRO Plan. Negative impacts to public utilities are not expected with the requested zoning change.
- b. Landscape: Landscape review notes concerns with insufficient buffer on the south. Landscape does not recommend approval at this time.
- c. **Traffic:** Traffic review notes that the applicant would need a deviation for lack of end islands in two locations. **Approval is recommended, with comments to be addressed in future submittals.**
- d. Woodlands: There are no regulated woodland trees on the site.
- e. Wetlands: There are no wetland areas on the site.
- f. **Façade:** Façade notes that the front elevation of the building does not have the minimum 30% brick required by the ordinance. The front is primarily showroom glass, and the other elevations exceed the 30% requirement of brick, and overall the design is consistent with the intent of the Ordinance. **A Section 9 waiver is recommended for approval as a deviation in the PRO Agreement.**
- g. Fire: Fire has no objections to the rezoning at this time. Standards will need to be met during site plan review process.

#### **NEXT STEP: PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

The PRO Concept Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission for public hearing. The Planning Commission will have an opportunity to discuss the initial submittal and eligibility of the rezoning request from NCC (Non-Center Commercial) to B-3 (General Business) with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

As stated in the newly amended PRO Ordinance,

In order to be eligible for the proposal and review of a rezoning with PRO, an applicant must propose a rezoning of property to a new zoning district classification, and must, as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that,

- (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district, including such regulations or conditions as set forth in Subsection C below; and
- (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning.

#### (See attachment for Full text, including Subsection C)

Unless the applicant would like to make revisions to the plan, the Initial PRO Plan will be scheduled to go before Planning Commission for public hearing and initial comments on October 16<sup>th</sup> if the applicant is available that date. Please provide the following by noon on October 9, 2024. Staff reserves the right to make additional comments based on additional information received.

- 1. PRO Plan submittal in PDF format.
- 2. A response letter addressing ALL the comments from ALL the review letters and with an indication of any changes you plan to make as you see fit based on the reviews.
- 3. A color rendering of the Site Plan, if any to be used for presentation purposes.

#### CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Following the Planning Commission's initial review of the proposed project, the City Council will likewise have the opportunity to review the PRO proposal and comment on whether the project is eligible for the PRO process.

If the applicant has any questions concerning the above review or the process in general, do not hesitate to contact me at 248.347.0484 or <a href="mailto:lbell@cityofnovi.org">lbell@cityofnovi.org</a>.

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# PLANNING REVIEW CHART: B-3 General Business District

Review Date:September 11, 2024Review Type:PRO Initial ConceptProject Name:Feldman KIA PRO

**Location:** 40575 Grand River; Parcels 22-24-326-024 and

22-24-326-014

**Plan Date:** May 9, 2024

**Prepared by:** Lindsay Bell, AICP, Senior Planner

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**Bold** To be addressed in Formal PRO Plan submittal

<u>Underline</u> To be addressed with Preliminary Site Plan submittal

**<u>Bold and Underline</u>** Possible deviations to be included as part of PRO agreement

Italics Items to be noted

Item	Required Code	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Zoning and Use Re	quirements			
Master Plan (adopted July 26, 2017)	Community Commercial	B-3 Community Business		B-3 is a community commercial district; however no other B-3 district adjacent
Area Study	The site does not fall under any special category		NA	
Zoning (Effective Jan. 8, 2015)	NCC – Non-Center Commercial	B-3 with Planned Rezoning Overlay		PRO requested
Uses Permitted (Sec 3.1.12.B & C)	Sec 3.1.12.B Principal Uses Permitted. Sec 3.1.12.C Special Land Uses	Car salesroom, showroom or office permitted use in B-3 only; Outdoor space for sale of new or used autos is Special Land Use	Yes	PRO Rezoning requested to allow use

Planned Rezoning Ov	rerlay Document Requiremen	ts (Section 7.13.2 & Site	e Plan &	Development Manual)
Written Statement (Section 7.13.2)  The statement should include the following:	Statement of eligibility for PRO Approval: Describe the rezoning requested including uses proposed, justification for why it makes sense	Attorney letter states use limited to Auto Dealership with associated outdoor parking for inventory and customers/employ ees		
	How does the project constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or could otherwise be accomplished without the rezoning?	Letter states development of the property is a benefit to community; protection of surrounding uses from competing uses	No	Review Section 7.13.2 of the ZO to understand PRO requirements for benefits to the public. Cannot be incidental or general benefits of development.
	Deviations and Conditions proposed for inclusion in the PRO Agreement (i.e., Zoning Ordinance deviations, limitation on total units, height or uses, etc)	Use to be restricted to Auto Wash only; height and setbacks more limiting, exceeding brick requirement; no other deviations or conditions noted	Yes	See Planning Review letter for detailed discussion
Rezoning Traffic Impact Study Site development Manual	Required regardless of site size, with requirements in SDM	Not required as does not meet threshold conditions	NA	
Community Impact Statement (Sec. 2.2)	Required according to site plan manual (SDM link: <u>Site development Manual)</u>	Not required	NA	
Rezoning Signs (Site Plan Development Manual)	Sign location plan  Mock-up of sign details	Provided Provided	Yes	
Noise Impact Statement	Provide a noise impact statement subject to standards of Section 5.14.10.B	Noise Impact Statement provided in Exhibit D	Yes	
Height, bulk, density a	nd area limitations (Sec 3.1.12	2)		
Frontage on a Public Street. (Sec. 5.12)	Frontage on a Public Street is required	Frontage on Grand River	Yes	

Minimum Zoning Lot Size for each Unit in Ac	Except where otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the minimum lot area and width, and the maximum percent of lot coverage shall be determined on the basis of off-street parking, loading, greenbelt screening, yard setback or usable open space	~ 5 acres	NA	
(Sec 3.6.2.D)				
Minimum Zoning Lot Size for each Unit: Width in Feet			NA	
Open Space Area				
Maximum % of Lot Area Covered (By All Buildings)	(Sec 3.6.2.D)	9%	Yes	
Building Height (Sec. 3.1.12.D)	30 ft.	30 ft.	Yes	
Building Setbacks (Sec	3.1.12.D)			
Front (north)	30 ft.	90	Yes	
Exterior Side (east)	30 ft.	212	Yes	
Interior Side (west)	15 ft.	77	Yes	
Rear (south)	20 ft.	188	Yes	
Parking Setback (Sec 3	3.1.23.D) & Refer to applicable	e notes in Sec 3.6.2		
Front (north)	20ft.	20	Yes	
Exterior Side (east)	20ft.	20	Yes	
Interior Side (west)	10 ft.	10	Yes	
Rear (south)	20 ft. (Sec. 3.6.2.E)	53	Yes	
Outdoor Space For Exc	clusive Sale of New or Used Au	utomobiles (Sec. 4.36)		,
Paving and draining of lot (Sec 4.36.1)	Lot or area paved and graded/drained to dispose of all surface water accumulated	Underground infiltration system, Infiltration trench storm water detention proposed	Yes	See Engineering comments
Access to Outdoor Sales Area (Sec 4.36.2)	Access at least 60 feet from the intersection of any 2 streets	Site entrance ~ 158' from Grand River/Joseph Drive intersection?	Yes	Site plan proposes to use 2 existing curb cuts
Greenbelt Planting Strip (Sec 4.36.3)	10 ft wide greenbelt between ROW and parking/vehicle display	Continuous hedge proposed in 15, 20- foot greenbelt	Yes	
Repair/Refinishing (Sec 4.36.4)	No major repair or major refinishing to be done on the lot		Yes?	Provide note on the plans to confirm
Lighting	Lighting to be shielded from	Lighting Plan shown	Yes	Confirm with additional

(Sec 4.36.5)	adjacent residential districts			details – see page 10- 11
Noise Impact Statement (Sec 4.36.6)	Noise impact statement is required subject to the standards of Section 5.14.10.B.	Noise Impact Statement provided	Yes	
Note To District Standa	rds (Sec 3.6.2)			
Exterior Side Yard Abutting a Street (Sec 3.6.2.C)	Setbacks of exterior side yards abutting a street shall be equal to front yard setback	Exterior side yard on Joseph – 20 ft parking setback proposed	Yes	
Off-Street Parking in Front Yard (Sec 3.6.2.E)	Parking permitted in front yard; shall observe min. off- street parking setback requirements in Sec. 3.1 and Sec 5.5.3		Yes	Inventory parking permitted up to 10 ft from ROW per Sec. 4.36.3 if Greenbelt plantings provided
Parking Setback from Residential District (Sec 3.6.2.L)	Wherever property directly abuts or is adjacent to residentially zoned property, the minimum parking setback shall be 20 feet.	Abuts residential to the south – parking setback exceeds requirement (~53 ft proposed)	Yes	
Wetland/Watercourse Setback (Sec 3.6.2.M)	Refer to Sec 3.6.2 for more details	No wetlands present	Yes	
Parking setback screening (Sec 3.6.2.P)	Required parking setback area shall be landscaped per sec 5.5.3.			See Landscape chart for requirements
Modification of parking setback requirements (Sec 3.6.2.Q)	Refer to Sec 3.6.2 for more details		NA	
Parking, Loading, and	Dumpster Requirements			
Number of Parking Spaces Motor vehicle sales and service (Sec.5.2.12.C)	One (1) for each two hundred (200) square feet of usable floor area of sales room and one (1) for each one (1) auto service stall in the service room 7716 sf sales/200 = 39 12 service stalls = 12  51 spaces required	300 spaces indicated on plans; 19 customer parking spaces, 37 employee and service parking spaces, remainder parking spaces for inventory	Yes	
Parking Space Dimensions and	- 90° Parking: 9 ft. x 19 ft. - 24 ft. two way drives	Both 9' x 17' and 9' x 19' spaces proposed	Yes	

Maneuvering Lanes (Sec. 5.3.2)	- 9 ft. x 17 ft. parking spaces allowed along 7 ft. wide interior sidewalks as long as detail indicates a 4" curb at these locations and along landscaping	Min 24' drive aisles indicated		
Parking stall located adjacent to a parking lot entrance (public or private) (Sec. 5.3.13)	- shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the street right-of-way (ROW) line, street easement or sidewalk, whichever is closer	Appears to comply	Yes	
End Islands (Sec. 5.3.12)	<ul> <li>End Islands with landscaping and raised curbs are required at the end of all parking bays that abut traffic circulation aisles.</li> <li>The end islands shall generally be at least 8 feet wide, have an outside radius of 15 feet, and be constructed 3' shorter than the adjacent parking stall as illustrated in the Zoning Ordinance</li> </ul>	Appears to mostly comply	Yes	See Traffic review letter for comments on 2 locations of concern
Barrier Free Spaces Barrier Free Code	3 barrier free parking spaces (for total 51-75) & 1 van barrier free parking space	3 barrier free spaces indicated	Yes	Inventory vehicles do not require barrier free spaces
Barrier Free Space Dimensions Barrier Free Code	<ul> <li>- 8' wide with an 8' wide access aisle for van accessible spaces</li> <li>- 8' wide with a 5' wide access aisle for regular accessible spaces</li> </ul>	8' spaces and shared 9' access aisle shown	Yes	
Barrier Free Signs Barrier Free Code	One sign for each accessible parking space.	Signs indicated	Yes	Provide sign locations and quantity table in PSP submittal
Minimum number of Bicycle Parking (Sec. 5.16.1)	Motor vehicle sales – 2 spaces required	2 bike parking spaces proposed	Yes	
Bicycle Parking General requirements (Sec. 5.16)	<ul> <li>No farther than 120 ft. from the entrance being served</li> <li>When 4 or more spaces are required for a building with multiple entrances,</li> </ul>		Yes	

	the spaces shall be provided in multiple locations - Spaces to be paved and the bike rack shall be inverted "U" design - Shall be accessible via 6 ft. paved sidewalk			
Bicycle Parking Lot layout (Sec 5.16.5.A)	Parking space width: 7 ft. One tier width: 11 ft. Two tier width: 18 ft. Maneuvering lane width: 4 ft. Parking space depth: 32 in	Width: 7ft Space depth: 32 in.	Yes	
Loading Spaces (Sec. 5.4.1) Location of such facilities in a permitted side yard shall be subject to review and approval by the City	<ul> <li>Loading, unloading space shall be provided in the rear yard at a ratio of ten (10) square feet for each front foot of building;</li> <li>Except in the case of a double frontage lot, loading-unloading, as well as trash receptacles may be located in an interior side yard beyond the minimum side yard setback requirement of the district.</li> </ul>	Loading area located to the rear of building with landscape screening to east (120 ft frontage x 10 = 1,200 sf)	Yes	
Dumpster (Sec 4.19.2.F)	<ul> <li>Located in rear yard or interior side yard in case of double frontage</li> <li>Attached to the building or</li> <li>No closer than 10 ft. from building if not attached</li> <li>Not located in parking setback</li> <li>If no setback, then it cannot be any closer than 10 ft, from property line.</li> <li>Away from Barrier free Spaces</li> </ul>	Dumpster indicated in rear yard	Yes	

Dumpster Enclosure (Sec. 21-145. (c))	<ul> <li>Screened from public view</li> <li>A wall or fence 1 ft. higher than height of refuse bin</li> <li>And no less than 5 ft. on three sides</li> <li>Posts or bumpers to protect the screening</li> <li>Hard surface pad.</li> <li>Screening Materials: Masonry, wood or evergreen shrubbery</li> </ul>	Enclosure detail shown on sheet SP1.4 – enclosure should be Brick to match the building	No	See Façade review
Other Equipment Requ	uirements			
Roof top equipment and wall mounted utility equipment (Sec. 4.19.2.E.ii)	All roof top equipment must be screened to not be visible from any street, road or adjacent property, and all wall mounted utility equipment must be enclosed and integrated into the design and color of the building	Roof equipment shown to be screened		
Roof top appurtenances Screening (Sec. 4.19.2.E.ii)	Roof top appurtenances shall not exceed the maximum permitted building height limits, unless the following conditions are met. For every one (1) foot that a roof top appurtenance exceeds the maximum district building height, it shall be setback five (5) feet from any and all building faces. No roof top appurtenance shall exceed five (5) feet above the maximum district building height. In all instances, roof top appurtenances shall	6' Screening proposed on lower rear portion of the building – does not exceed 30 feet height limit	Yes	Façade review will confirm materials in future submittals
B-3 District Required C Service Bay Doors (Sec 3.10.3)	- No truck well, loading dock, overhead door or other type of service bay door shall face a major thoroughfare, nor an abutting residential district Pedestrian exits or	Service bay doors face north and south and west; Loading area on east side of building	No	Applicant requests deviation for Service bay doors facing major thoroughfare to north and residential neighborhood to the south

	emergency doors are permitted on such building facades.				
Sidewalk Requirements					
Article XI. Off-Road Non-Motorized Facilities	An 8-foot sidewalk is required along Grand River; 5' Required along Joseph Dr	8' Proposed along Grand River; 5' sidewalk along Joseph Dr proposed	Yes	Sidewalk not within ROW will require sidewalk easements	
Pedestrian Connectivity	Assure safety and convenience of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic both within the site and in relation to access streets	Sidewalk shown from Grand River onto site	Yes		
Building Code and oth	er design standard Requireme	ents			
Building Code	Building exits must be connected to sidewalk system or parking lot.	Public exits appear to be connected to sidewalk or parking area	Yes		
Design and Construction Standards Manual	Land description, Sidwell number (metes and bounds for acreage parcel, lot number(s), Liber, and page for subdivisions).	Provided	Yes	Lot combination will need to be completed prior to final stamping set approval with new legal description and parcel ID	
General layout and dimension of proposed physical improvements	Location of all existing and proposed buildings, proposed building heights, building layouts, (floor area in square feet), location of proposed parking and parking layout, streets and drives, and indicate square footage of pavement area (indicate public or private).	Generally provided	Yes		
Economic Impact	<ul> <li>Total cost of the proposed building &amp; site improvements</li> <li>Number of anticipated jobs created (during construction &amp; after building is occupied, if known)</li> </ul>	\$7 million 40-50 full time employees 175-200 construction jobs	Yes		
Development/ Business Sign	<ul><li>Signage if proposed requires a permit.</li><li>Exterior Signage is not regulated by the Planning</li></ul>	Signage design detailed on sheet SP1.4		For sign permit information contact Deborah Martinez 248-735-5671.	

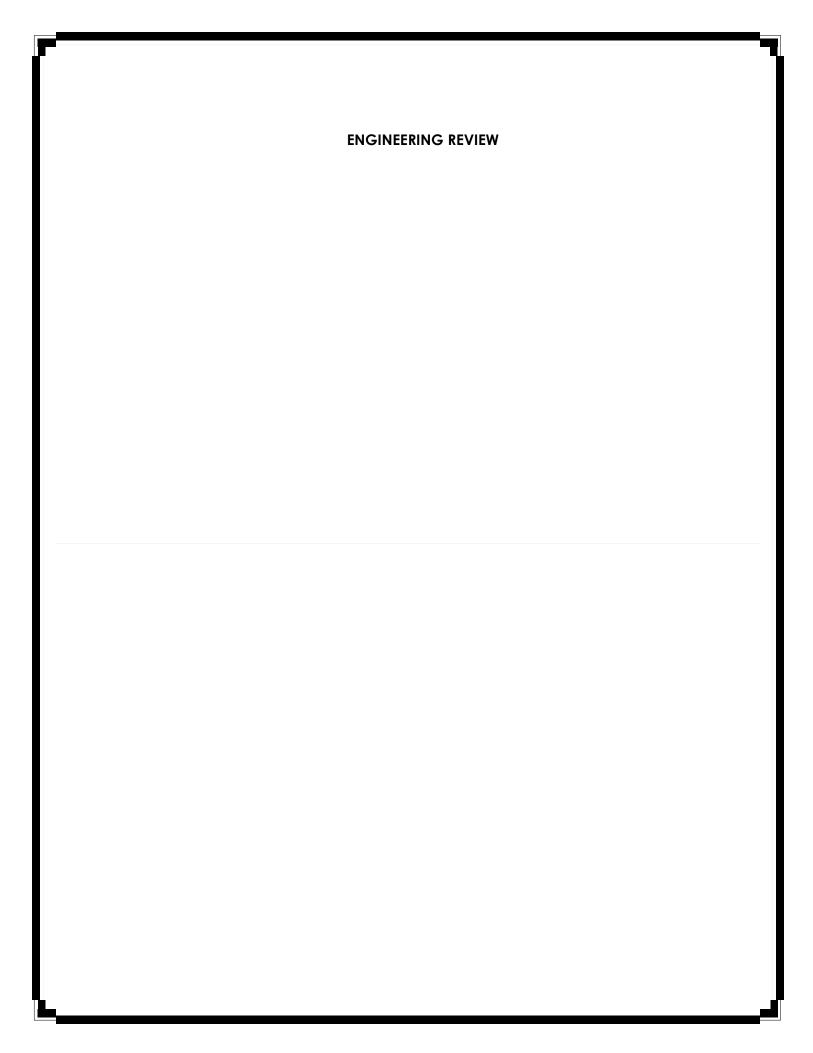
	Division or Planning Commission.			Deviations from the sign ordinance can be requested within the PRO process – additional details to be provided to confirm deviations
Project and Street naming	Some projects may need approval from the Street and Project Naming Committee.		NA	
Property Split	All property splits and combinations must be submitted to the Assessing Department for approval.		Yes	Lot combination will need to be completed prior to final stamping set approval with new legal description and parcel ID
Lighting and Photome	etric Plan (Sec. 5.7)		·	
Intent (Sec. 5.7.1)	Establish appropriate minimum levels, prevent unnecessary glare, reduce spillover onto adjacent properties & reduce unnecessary transmission of light into the night sky	Provided		
Lighting Plan (Sec. 5.7.A.1)	Site plan showing location of all existing & proposed buildings, landscaping, streets, drives, parking areas & exterior lighting fixtures	Provided	Yes	
Building Lighting (Sec. 5.7.2.A.iii)	Relevant building elevation drawings showing all fixtures, the portions of the walls to be illuminated, illuminance levels of walls and the aiming points of any remote fixtures.		TBD	Not provided
Lighting Plan (Sec.5.7.2.A.ii)	Specifications for all proposed & existing lighting fixtures	Provided in supplemental materials	Yes	
	Photometric data	Provided Not shown	Yes	Provide the missing
	Fixture height  Mounting & design	Not shown Not indicated	No No	information
	Glare control devices (Also see Sec. 5.7.3.D)	Shown	Yes	
	Type & color rendition of lamps	LED	No	
	Hours of operation of lighting	Shown	Yes	

Maximum Height (Sec. 5.7.3.A)	Height not to exceed maximum height of zoning district (or 25 ft. where adjacent to residential districts or uses)	Not shown	No	Provide height of each fixture type
Required Conditions (Sec. 5.7.3.B)	<ul> <li>Electrical service to light fixtures shall be placed underground</li> <li>Flashing light shall not be permitted</li> <li>Only necessary lighting for security purposes &amp; limited operations shall be permitted after a site's hours of operation</li> </ul>	Not indicated	No	Include standard notes on the plans
Indoor Lighting (Sec. 5.7.3.H)	Indoor lighting shall not be the source of exterior glare or spillover		TBD	
Security Lighting (Sec. 5.7.3.1)  Lighting for security purposes shall be directed only onto the area to be secured.	<ul> <li>All fixtures shall be located, shielded and aimed at the areas to be secured.</li> <li>Fixtures mounted on the building and designed to illuminate the facade are preferred</li> </ul>		TBD	Provide a plan that shows lighting conditions after business hours
Color Spectrum Management (Sec. 5.7.3.F)	Non-Res and Multifamily: For all permanent lighting installations - minimum Color Rendering Index of 70 and Correlated Color Temperature of no greater than 3000 Kelvin	80 CRI 4000 K indicated	Yes <b>No</b>	Change to 3000K or seek a deviation
Parking Lot Lighting (Sec. 5.7.3.J)	<ul> <li>Provide the minimum illumination necessary to ensure adequate vision and comfort.</li> <li>Full cut-off fixtures shall be used to prevent glare and spillover.</li> </ul>		TBD	Clarify if full cut-off fixtures are proposed
Min. Illumination	Parking areas: 0.2 min	0.1 min	No	Adjust lighting to meet
(Sec. 5.7.3.k)	Loading/unloading areas: 0.4 min	1.0 fc min	Yes	minimum standards or seek a deviation
	Walkways: 0.2 min	0.1 min	No	
	Building entrances, frequent use: 1.0 min Building entrances,	1.3 fc	Yes NA	
	infrequent use: 0.2 min		INA	

Average Light Level (Sec.5.7.3.L)	Average light level of the surface being lit to the lowest light of the surface being lit shall not exceed 4:1	The statistics chart does not include the calculation for the whole site – broken up into smaller areas	No	Provide a calculation for all illuminated area of the lot to show Ave:Min is no greater than 4:1 or adjust lighting appropriately
Max. Illumination adjacent to Non- Residential (Sec. 5.7.3.L)	When site abuts a non- residential district, maximum illumination at the property line shall not exceed 1 foot candle	Max at property line to south appears to be 0.7-0.8 fc	Yes	
Adjacent to Residential (Sec. 5.7.3.M)	<ul> <li>Height of fixtures not to exceed 25 feet</li> <li>No direct light source shall be visible at the property line at ground level</li> <li>All cut off angles of fixtures must be 90° when adjacent to residential districts</li> <li>Maximum illumination at the property line shall not exceed 0.5 foot candle</li> </ul>	Not provided  Max at property line to south appears to be 0.1-0.2 fc	TBD  Yes	Additional information required to verify fixture height, cut off angles, and whether direct light source is visible at the property line

#### **NOTES:**

- 1. This table is a working summary chart and not intended to substitute for any Ordinance or City of Novi requirements or standards.
- 2. The section of the applicable ordinance or standard is indicated in parenthesis. Please refer to those sections in Article 3, 4, and 5 of the zoning ordinance for further details.
- 3. Please include a written response to any points requiring clarification or for any corresponding site plan modifications to the City of Novi Planning Division with future submittals.





# PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT

9/10/2024

# **Engineering Review**

Feldman Kia PRO JSJZ24-0032

#### **APPLICANT**

Feldman

# **REVIEW TYPE**

PRO

#### PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

• Site Location: Located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, west of

Joseph Drive

Site Size: 4.88 acres
Plan Date: 05/09/2024

Design Engineer: Alpine Engineering Inc.

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

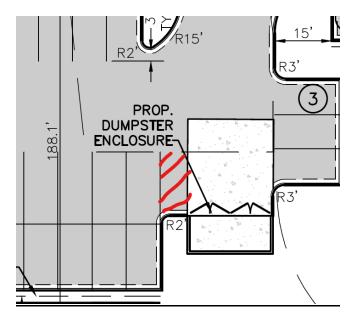
- Construction of an approximately 20,152 square foot square-foot building and associated parking. Site access would be provided via public roadways.
- Water service would be provided by an 8-inch extension from the existing 8-inch water main along Grand River Avenue. Along with three additional hydrants.
- Sanitary sewer service would be provided by an extension from existing off-site sanitary sewer on the south side of the property, along with a monitoring manhole for the site.
- Storm water would be collected by an underground storm water detention/infiltration system, an infiltration basin, and an infiltration trench.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

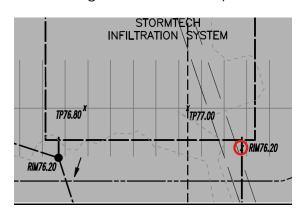
Approval of the revised PRO Concept Plan is recommended contingent upon the applicant addressing the following comments.

# Items pertaining to the PRO Concept plan

1. This parking space needs to be striped off, it is too narrow.



- 2. The proposed monitoring manhole easement is too wide at spots. Just make it 10' wide from the ROW to the structure.
- 3. Provide the liber and page number for the 6' easement for public utilities. This runs through the underground detention system and could raise some issues. Additionally, check on the 10' DTE easement to see if any underground construction is allowed within it.
- 4. Add a legend to the utility plan sheet.
- 5. Will the applicant be conducting test pits for the infiltration test or just using the bore pit infiltration test?
- 6. Is there a structure missing here? The grading sheet calls out a rim elevation on the outflow pipe for the underground infiltration system.



- 7. Explain why an average infiltration rate was used for the storm water calculations instead of the infiltration rates from the adjacent/closest infiltration test location.
- 8. Provide the overland routing that would occur in the event the underground system cannot accept flow. This route shall be directed to a recognized drainage course or drainage system.

#### Items to be addressed at site plan submittal

- 1. Only at the time of the printed Stamping Set submittal, provide the City's standard detail sheets for water main (5 sheets), sanitary sewer (3 sheets), storm sewer (2 sheets), and paving (2 sheets). The most updated details can be found on the City's website under <a href="Engineering Standards and Construction Details">Engineering Standards and Construction Details</a>.
- 2. Clearly distinguish between proposed improvements and existing features of the site by providing a demolition sheet that shows all existing utilities. Ensure that proposed and existing linestyles and hatches are able to be differentiated.
- 3. Show the parcel dividing line on the survey sheet to show where previous properties were separated.
- 4. Clearly distinguish between proposed and existing easements; the current easements are hard to differentiate.
- 5. A right-of-way permit will be required from the City of Novi and Oakland County.
- 6. The <u>Non-Domestic User Survey Form</u> for sanitary sewer flow shall be submitted to the City so it can be forwarded to Oakland County.
- 7. Provide a note that compacted sand backfill (MDOT sand Class II) shall be provided for all utilities within the influence of paved areas; illustrate and label on the profiles.
- 8. Provide a construction materials table on the utility plan listing the quantity and material type for each utility (water, sanitary and storm) being proposed.
- 9. Provide a utility crossing table indicating that at least 18-inch vertical clearance will be provided, or that additional bedding measures will be utilized at points of conflict where adequate clearance cannot be maintained.
- 10. Where the minimum 18-inch clearance at utility crossings cannot be achieved, provide a prominent note stating the substandard clearance and that proper bedding/encasement will be determined by the inspecting engineer.

- 11. Generally, all proposed trees shall remain outside utility easements. Where proposed trees are required within a utility easement, the trees shall maintain a minimum 5-foot horizontal separation from water main and storm sewer and 10-foot horizontal separation from sanitary sewer. All utilities and easements shall be shown on the landscape plan, or other appropriate sheet, to confirm the separation distance. Some trees appear close to the trench drain on the west side of the site, please check these separation distances to ensure that there will be no conflict.
- 12. Indicate the typical foundation depth for the pole to verify that no conflicts with utilities will occur. Light poles in a utility easement will require a License Agreement.
- 13. The grading and SESC sheets shall show the tree fence at least as far from the trunk as the critical root zone, defined as a circular area around a tree with a radius measured to the tree's longest dripline radius plus one (1) foot. No grading shall occur within the dripline. If the critical root zone is not fully protected, then replacements for that tree may be required.
- 14. Show the Right-of-Way limits on the plans.

#### **Water Main**

- 15. Need WM material and domestic water lead material and size.
- 16. Place the hydrants at least 7 feet off back of curb (allowing 3-foot clearance from sidewalk).
- 17. A tapping sleeve, valve and well is required at the connection to the existing water main.
- 18. Per current EGLE requirement, provide a profile for all proposed water main 8-inch and larger.
- 19. 6-inch hydrant leads are allowed for leads less than or equal to 25 feet in length. 8-inch leads are required for leads greater than 25 feet in length.
- 20. The water main stub at the northwest corner of the property shall terminate with a hydrant followed by a valve in well. If the hydrant is not a requirement of the development at this location, the hydrant can be labeled as "temporary", allowing it to be relocated in the future.
- 21. All gate valves 6" or larger shall be placed in a well with the exception of a hydrant shut off valve. A valve shall be placed in a box for water main smaller than 6".
- 22. Valves shall be arranged so that no single line failure will require more than eight hundred (800) feet of main to be out of service.
- 23. Provide a separate domestic lead and, if required by the Fire Marshal, a minimum 6-inch fire lead for each building with a unique shut-off valve for each.

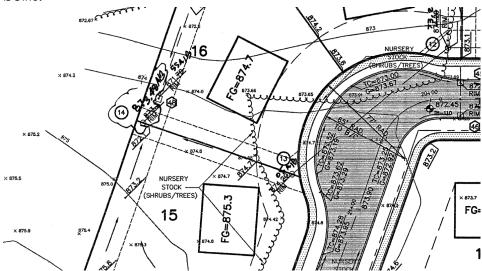
- 24. In the general notes and on the profile, add the following note: "Per the Ten States Standards Article 8.8.3, one full 20-foot pipe length of water main shall be used whenever storm sewer or sanitary sewer is crossed, and the pipe shall be centered on the crossing, in order to ensure 10-foot separation between water main and sewers." Additionally, show the 20-foot pipe lengths on the profile.
- 25. A sealed set of utility plans along with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) permit application for water main construction, the Streamlined Water Main Permit Checklist, Contaminated Site Evaluation Checklist, and an electronic version of the utility plan should be submitted to the Engineering Division for review, assuming no further design changes are anticipated. Utility plan sets shall include only the cover sheet, any applicable utility sheets, and the standard detail sheets.

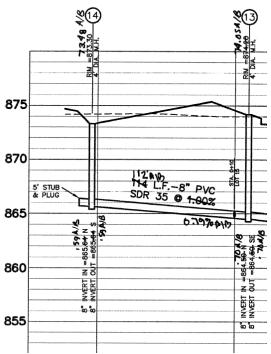
#### **Irrigation Comments**

26. If irrigation is proposed, include an irrigation letter and containment letter with the next review. Include containment notes on the irrigation sheets as well.

#### <u>Sanitary Sewer</u>

27. Show the existing sanitary sewer easement to the south. Additionally, should the pipe north of the existing manhole connection be 6" or 8"? The inverts show a 6" and 8" entering the structure, but the as-builts we have for willow farms estates to the south only shows the 8". Please confirm the invert and rim elevations on your survey are correct, because they do not match the asbuilts.





- 28. Provide a sanitary sewer basis of design for the development on the utility plan sheet. Calculations should use peaking factor of 4.0 and 3.2 People/REU.
- 29. Section 11-164 (g)-4 states the maximum length of a sanitary sewer lead shall not exceed 100-feet unless otherwise approved, so ensure clean-outs are provided every 100-feet.
- 30. Illustrate all pipes intersecting with manholes on the sanitary profiles.

#### **Storm Sewer**

- 31. A minimum cover depth of 3 feet shall be maintained over all proposed storm sewer. In situations where the minimum cover <u>cannot</u> be achieved, Class V pipe must be used with an absolute minimum cover depth of 2 feet. An explanation shall be provided where the cover depth cannot be provided.
- 32. Provide a 0.1-foot drop in the downstream invert of all storm structures where a change in direction of 30 degrees or greater occurs.
- 33. Match the 0.80 diameter depth above invert for pipe size increases.
- 34. Storm manholes with differences in invert elevations exceeding two feet shall contain a 2-foot-deep plunge pool.
- 35. Provide a four-foot-deep sump and an oil/gas separator in the last storm structure prior to discharge to the underground detention system.
- 36. The minimum pipe size for storm sewers receiving surface runoff shall be 12-inch diameter.
- 37. Provide profiles for all storm sewer 12-inch and larger.
- 38. Plastic pipe is not allowed in the right-of-way, the maximum allowable size for plastic storm sewer is 12-inch. (Smaller diameters are allowed for roof drains)

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- 39. Label all inlet storm structures on the profiles. Inlets are only permitted in paved areas and when followed by a catch basin within 50-feet.
- 40. Label the 10-year HGL on the storm sewer profiles and ensure the HGL remains at least 1-foot below the rim of each structure.
- 41. Illustrate all pipes intersecting storm structures on the storm profiles.
- 42. Provide a schedule listing the casting type, rim elevation, diameter, and invert sizes/elevations for each proposed, adjusted, or modified storm structure on the utility plan. Round castings shall be provided on all catch basins except curb inlet structures.
- 43. Show and label all roof conductors and show where they tie into the storm sewer.

#### **Storm Water Management Plan**

- 44. The Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for this development shall be designed in accordance with the Storm Water Ordinance and Chapter 5 of the <a href="Engineering Design Manual">Engineering Design Manual</a> (updated Jan 31, 2024)
- 45. Provide calculations verifying the post-development runoff rate directed to the proposed receiving drainage course does not exceed the predevelopment runoff rate for the site.
- 46. Explain where the runoff coefficient of 0.15 is coming from. If the soil is hydrologic soil group A, please list that.
- 47. Determine if the infiltration basin cross-section was intended to be a trapezoid. The base at 872' is 8,255 sft cross sectional area and at 866' it is 3,125 sft, which means at the surface it is wider and grows narrower as it goes down. If it is trapezoidal, revise the detail for the cross-section on page 6 to show existing soils on the sides.
- 48. Extend the basin maintenance access route around the basin so that the outlet structures and pretreatment structures can be maintained (15 feet wide, maximum running slope of 1V:5H, maximum cross slope of 3%, and able to withstand the passage of heavy equipment). Verify the access route does not conflict with proposed landscaping.
- 49. Provide a 5-foot-wide stone bridge/access route allowing direct access to the standpipe from the bank of the basin during high-water conditions (i.e. stone 6-inches above high water elevation). Provide a detail and/or note as necessary.
- 50. As part of the Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement, provide an access easement for maintenance over the storm water detention system and the pretreatment structure. Also, include an access easement to the detention area from the public road right-of-way.
- 51. Provide manufacturer's details and sizing calculations for the pretreatment structure on the plans. The treated flow rate should be based on the 1-year storm event intensity (~1.6 ln/Hr); higher flows shall be bypassed.
- 52. Provide release rate calculations for the three design storm events ( $V_{CP-R}$ ,  $V_{100}$ , and  $Q_{ED}$ ).

- 53. The flow restriction shall be accomplished by methods other than a pipe restriction in an oversized pipe due to the potential for clogging and restrictor removal. A perforated standpipe, weir design, baffle wall, etc. should be utilized instead.
- 54. The primary outlet standpipe shall be designed with a secondary outer pipe with numerous holes. The stone filter would rest against this outer pipe and would help protect the outlet standpipe from clogging.
- 55. Provide supporting details for the runoff coefficient of the "Off-site Grass/On-Site Basin Area" and why this was different from the on-site grass. Use the Oakland County stormwater standards for the runoff coefficients.
- 56. A 25-foot vegetated buffer shall be provided around the perimeter of the storm water basin where impervious area is directed to the basin via surface flow.
- 57. If parcels are not being combined, an off-site storm sewer easement will be required from the property line to the catch basin being connected to.

# **Underground Storage:**

- 58. Provide an underdrain along the downstream side of the underground detention system which is tied into a manhole as a means of secondary storm water conveyance to the outlet.
- 59. Cleanouts shall be provided at each end of the proposed underdrain for periodic maintenance.
- 60. Provide a table or note addressing the required bedding depth vs. bearing capacity of the underlying soils in the vicinity of the underground detention system per the manufacturer's specifications.
- 61. Provide a note on the plans stating the City's inspecting engineers shall verify the bearing capacity of the native soils to verify an adequate bedding depth is provided.
- 62. Indicate the assumed porosity of the aggregate. The volume calculations shall consider only 85-percent of that volume as available for storage to account for sediment accumulation in the aggregate. This means that the usual 40% porosity assumed by many manufacturers must be reduced to 0.85 of that = 34%.
- 63. Provide a note on the underground detention detail that aggregate porosity will be tested, and results provided to the City's inspecting engineers.
- 64. Provide an isolator row in the underground detention system in addition to the swirl concentrator chamber. Contact the Engineering Division for further information.
- 65. Provide inspection ports throughout the underground detention system at the midpoint of all storage rows. Additional inspection ports may be required for systems larger than 200 feet. One inspection port every 50 feet for isolator row.
- 66. Inspection ports shall be a minimum of 8-inches.
- 67. For piped/chamber systems, the underground storage system shall include 4-foot diameter manholes at one end of each row for maintenance access purposes.

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- 68. Provide critical elevations for the detention system. Also, provide a crosssection for the underground detention system. Ensure that there is at least 1 foot of freeboard between the 100-year elevation and the subgrade elevation beneath the pavement.
- 69. The underground detention system shall be kept outside of the influence of any planting areas.
- 70. In order to prevent scouring (per Table 4 of StormTech manual), do not exceed the maximum inlet flow rates.

#### Infiltration Trench and Infiltration Basin:

- 71. The Infiltration Trench shall be sized for a portion of the 100-year detention volume. This volume shall include the below-grade pipe and gravel media. The available storage volume in the gravel shall assume that only 85-percent of the volume is available for storage to account for sediment accumulation within the media [Same as underground detention note for stone volume; see above]. Provide these calculations on the plans.
- 72. The detail for the Infiltration Basin shall indicate the above-grade ponding depth and shall show the overflow catch basin. Include the design side slopes.
- 73. Provide a geotextile filter fabric under the planting material to separate it from the underdrain/base material or in-situ soils.
- 74. Provide a cross-section that includes the Infiltration basin outlet structure, with all relevant elevations, inverts, and dimensions.

# Paving & Grading

- 75. Provide a construction materials table on the Paving Plan listing the quantity and material type for each pavement cross-section being proposed.
- 76. A pedestrian pathway is required along the northern and eastern frontage. The ordinance allows for an administrative variance when there are no existing pathways within 300-feet of the property if the applicant provides payment to the City equal to the cost of the pathway (as approved by the City Engineer) for City use to construct pathways elsewhere in the City. The applicant should provide a letter making this request or construct the sidewalk along the frontage as required.
- 77. Provide a minimum of 6 spot elevations where the pathway crosses each driveway (one at each corner and two in the center of the driveway on each side of the pathway). Spot elevations shall be provided to demonstrate a level landing adjacent to each side of the pathway crossing.
- 78. No more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " vertical obstacle shall be allowed at each transition between the pathway and the drive approach.
- 79. Revise Dumpster Pad details to meet city standards, 8" concrete on 8" 21 AA aggregate base. Note: Dumpster pad shall extend minimum 10' beyond dumpster enclosure.
- 80. Revise the pathway cross-section to indicate a <u>maximum</u> cross-slope of 2%. Add the maximum 2-percent cross-slope to the sidewalk detail.

- 81. Provide spot elevations at the intersection of the proposed pathway with the existing pathway.
- 82. Detectable warning plates are required at all barrier free ramps, hazardous vehicular crossings and other areas where the sidewalk is flush with the adjacent drive or parking pavement. The barrier-free ramps shall comply with current MDOT specifications for ADA Sidewalk Ramps. Provide the latest version of the MDOT standard detail for detectable surfaces. Please ensure that the product is the concrete-embedded detectable warning plates, or equal, and shall be approved by the Engineering Division. Stamped concrete will not be acceptable.
- 83. Label specific ramp locations on the plans where the detectable warning surface is to be installed.
- 84. Verify the slopes along the ingress/egress routing to the building from the barrier-free stalls. All barrier-free stalls shall comply with Michigan Barrier-Free regulations.
- 85. Provide existing and proposed contours on the Grading Plan at the time of the Final Site Plan submittal.
- 86. Provide a note on the Grading Plan stating that the proposed pathway within the road right-of-way shall match existing grades at both ends.
- 87. Provide at least 3-foot of buffer distance between the sidewalk and any fixed objects, including hydrants and irrigation backflow devices. Include a note on the plan where the 3-foot separation cannot be provided.
- 88. Site grading shall be limited to 1V:4H (25-percent), excluding landscaping berms.
- 89. The grade of the drive approach shall not exceed 2-percent within the first 25 feet of the intersection. Provide spot grades as necessary to establish this grade.
- 90. The sidewalk within the right-of-way shall continue through the drive approach. If like materials are used for each, the sidewalk shall be striped through the approach. The sidewalk shall match the proposed cross-section if the approach is concrete. Provide additional spot grades as necessary to verify the maximum 2-percent cross-slope is being maintained along the walk.
- 91. Provide spot grades along property lines to demonstrate site drainage is self-contained.
- 92. Provide additional spot grades as necessary to demonstrate that a minimum 5-percent slope away from the building is provided for a minimum distance of ten feet around the perimeter of the building.
- 93. The end islands shall conform to the City standard island design, or variations of the standard design, while still conforming to the standards as outlined in Section 2506 of Appendix A of the Zoning ordinance (i.e. 2' minor radius, 15' major radius, minimum 10' wide, 3' shorter than adjacent 19' stall).
- 94. The City standard straight-faced curb (MDOT F-4 curb detail) shall be provided.

95. Label the actual usable length of the proposed angled parking stalls. This is done by measuring between parallel lines representing the position at the front and rear of the car, without the rear of the car conflicting with the maneuvering aisle.

#### Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

96. A SESC permit is required. A full review has not been completed at this time. A review will be done when a completed packet is submitted to Sarah Marchioni at Community Development.

#### **Off-Site Easements**

- 97. Any off-site utility easements anticipated must be executed **prior to Stamping Set Approval**. If you have not already done so, drafts of the easements and a recent title search shall be submitted to the Community Development Department as soon as possible for review and shall be approved by the Engineering Division and the City Attorney prior to executing the easements.
- 98. Any off-site utility easements anticipated must be executed **prior to final approval of the plans**.
- 99. Approval from the neighboring property owner for the work associated with the off-site sanitary sewer shall be forwarded to the Engineering Division **prior to Stamping Set approval**.

#### The following must be submitted with the Preliminary Site Plan:

100. A letter from either the applicant or the applicant's engineer must be submitted with the Stamping Set highlighting the changes made to the plans addressing each of the comments listed above <u>and indicating the revised sheets involved</u>. Additionally, a statement must be provided stating that all changes to the plan have been discussed in the applicant's response letter.

To the extent this review letter addresses items and requirements that require the approval of or a permit from an agency or entity other than the City, this review shall not be considered an indication or statement that such approvals or permits will be issued.

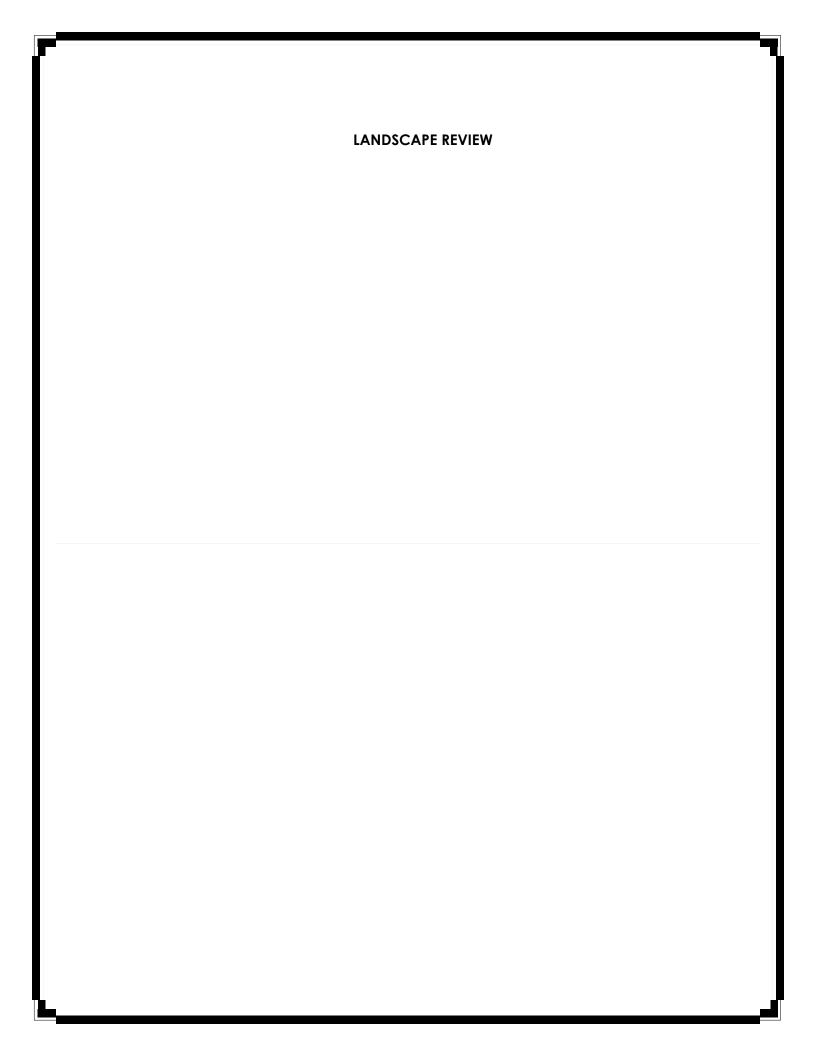
Please contact Ben Nelson at (248)735-5643 or email at <a href="mailto:bnelson@cityofnovi.org">bnelson@cityofnovi.org</a> with any questions.

Ben Nelson,

Project Engineer

Benjamin Nelson

cc: Lindsay Bell, Community Development Humna Anjum, Engineering Ben Croy, City Engineer





# **PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT**

# August 28, 2024 <u>Feldman Kia of Novi</u> Initial PRO Concept Site Plan - Landscaping

Review Type
Initial PRO Concept Plan Landscape Review

Job #
JZ24-38

#### **Property Characteristics**

• Site Location: 40575 Grand River Avenue

Site Acreage: 4.88 ac.Site Zoning: NCC

Adjacent Zoning: North: I-1, East: NCC, South: R-4, West: OST

• Plan Date: 5/9/2024

# **Ordinance Considerations**

This project was reviewed for conformance with Chapter 37: Woodland Protection, Zoning Article 5.5 Landscape Standards, the Landscape Design Manual and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Items in **bold** below must be addressed and incorporated as part of the Initial PRO Concept plan submittal. <u>Underlined</u> items must be addressed on the Preliminary and Final Site Plans. Please follow guidelines of the Zoning Ordinance and Landscape Design Guidelines. This review and the accompanying Landscape Chart are summaries and are not intended to substitute for any Ordinance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This project is **not recommended for approval**. Significant deviations are required by the proposed layout and landscaping that are not supported by staff.

#### LANDSCAPE DEVIATIONS REQUIRED:

- Deficiency in berm height and screening along the south property line not supported by staff
- One parking bay is longer than the maximum allowed without a landscaped island not supported by staff
- Lack of greenbelt berms for both Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive supported by staff for Grand River Avenue frontage since continuous hedge is proposed
- Deficiency in subcanopy trees provided along the southern 135lf of Joseph Drive supported by staff
- Deficiency in interior parking lot trees not supported by staff
- Deficiency in building foundation landscaping provided at the building supported by staff

# PLEASE REVISE THE LAYOUT, UTILITIES AND LANDSCAPING TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE ABOVE DEVIATIONS.

#### **Ordinance Considerations**

Existing Trees (Sec 37 Woodland Protection, Preliminary Site Plan checklist #17 and LDM 2.3 (2))

- 1. Tree survey is provided.
- 2. Most of the existing evergreens along the south edge of the site are shown as being removed without replacement. Those are not regulated woodland trees, but they do

provide some of the required buffering between the site and the residences to the south.

#### Adjacent to Residential - Buffer (Zoning Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii and iii)

- 1. The project is adjacent to residential property to the south so a 6-8 foot tall, landscaped berm is required for the proposed project.
- 2. The plan proposes to leave the existing 3-4-foot-tall berm in place, unchanged, and remove most of the large evergreen trees on the berm due to their poor health.
- 3. A screening wall and a line of Green Giant arborvitaes are proposed to screen the parking bay on the west half of the property.
- 4. No wall or significant landscaping is proposed for the east half of the property.
- 5. The proposed screening would require a landscape deviation.
- 6. As the degree of buffering to be provided is not clear, and the removal without replacement of the large evergreens is not desirable, the deviation is not supported by staff.

#### Adjacent to Public Rights-of-Way - Berm/Wall, Buffer and Street Trees (Zoning Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii, iii)

- 1. A continuous hedge is proposed along both Grand River and Joseph Drive instead of the hedge. **This requires a landscape deviation.** It is supported by staff.
- 2. The required greenbelt width is provided for both frontages.
- 3. A number of greenbelt trees are double-counted that can't be double-counted, so the required number of trees may not be proposed. If they are not, a landscape deviation would be required. It would not be supported by staff. See the more detailed discussion on the landscape chart.
- 4. A landscape waiver is requested for the 135lf of southern Joseph Drive frontage to preserve the existing landscaping. Since enough large evergreen trees are being preserved, a deviation for those trees is not required. A deviation for the insufficient number of subcanopy trees would be required. That deviation would be supported by staff as the large evergreen trees to be removed have a very wide base and leave little room in the greenbelt for all of the required trees.

#### Parking Lot Landscaping (Zoning Sec. 5.5.3.C.)

- 1. One of the bays has too many contiguous spaces without a landscape island. A landscape deviation is required for it. The deviation would not be supported by staff.
- 2. As noted above, some greenbelt trees are double-counted as parking lot interior trees, and a parking lot perimeter tree is double-counted as a parking lot interior trees. These are not allowed by the ordinance.
- 3. The two islands on the north side of the building are not 200sf but the trees in them are counted as parking lot interior trees. They must have at least 200sf of greenspace to be counted, and the area itself must have a tree in it to count toward the parking lot interior space requirement. The deficiency in parking lot interior trees would require a landscape deviation. It would not be supported by staff.
- 4. The required parking lot perimeter trees are proposed.

#### Building Foundation Landscaping (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.D)

- The required foundation area is provided in total, but only 72% is at the building. This
  requires a landscape deviation. As the remaining landscaping is provided in areas that
  will enhance the appearance of the site from Grand River, it would be supported by
  staff.
- 2. The percentage of the building's frontages that are landscaped exceed the requirement.

#### Plant List (LDM 4, 10)

1. 11 of 20 species used (55%) are native to Michigan. <u>Please keep or exceed that percentage when the final site plan is developed and foundation plantings are detailed</u>.

2. The tree diversity requirement of LDM 4 is met.

#### Planting Notations and Details (LDM 10)

Provided

#### Storm Basin Landscape (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.E.iv and LDM 3)

- 1. Underground detention is proposed for pre-treatment and the existing detention area will be retrofitted to be an infiltration basin
- 2. No detention basin landscaping is proposed. This requires a landscape deviation. It would not be supported by staff.
- 3. At a minimum, the required shrubs around the basin must be provided. If the basin will have standing water for more than 24 hours, the canopy trees must also be provided.

#### <u>Irrigation (LDM 10)</u>

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- 1. If an irrigation system will be used, a plan for it must be provided with Final Site Plans.
- 2. <u>If alternative means of providing water to the plants for their establishment and long-term survival, information regarding that is also required with Final Site Plans.</u>

If the applicant has any questions concerning the above review or the process in general, do not hesitate to contact me at 248.735.5621 or <a href="mailto:rmeader@cityofnovi.org">rmeader@cityofnovi.org</a>.

Rick Meader – Landscape Architect

# LANDSCAPE REVIEW SUMMARY CHART - Initial PRO Concept Plan

**Review Date:** August 27, 2024

**Project Name:** JZ24-38: FELDMAN KIA OF NOVI **Project Location:** 40575 Grand River Avenue

Plan Date: May 9, 2024

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Items in **Bold** need to be addressed by the applicant before approval of the PRO Concept Plan. Underlined items need to be addressed on the Site Plans.

#### LANDSCAPE DEVIATIONS REQUIRED:

- Deficiency in berm height and screening along the south property line not supported by staff
- One parking bay is longer than the maximum allowed without a landscaped island not supported by staff
- Lack of greenbelt berms for both Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive supported by staff for Grand River Avenue frontage since continuous hedge is proposed
- Deficiency in subcanopy trees provided along the southern 135lf of Joseph Drive supported by staff
- Deficiency in interior parking lot trees not supported by staff
- Deficiency in building foundation landscaping being located at the building supported by staff

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Landscape Plan Requir	ements (Landscape Design	Manual (LDM) and Zo	ning Ordino	ınce (Zoning Sec)
Landscape Plan (Zoning Sec 5.5.2, LDM 2, 10)	<ul> <li>New commercial or residential developments</li> <li>Addition to existing building greater than 25% increase in overall footage or 400 SF whichever is less.</li> <li>1"=20' minimum with proper North.         Variations from this scale can be approved by LA</li> <li>Consistent with plans throughout set</li> </ul>	Scale: 1" = 30'	Yes	A smaller scale may be required for the foundation plantings.
Project Information (LDM 10)	Name and Address	On title block	Yes	
Owner/Developer Contact Information (LDM 10)	Name, address and telephone number of the owner and developer or association	On title block	Yes	
Landscape Architect contact information (LDM 10)	Name, Address and telephone number of RLA/PLA/LLA who created the plan	Jim Allen – Allen Design	Yes	

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Sealed by LA. (LDM 10)	Requires original signature	Copy of seal and signature on title block	Yes	
<b>Miss Dig Note</b> (800) 482-7171	Show on all plan sheets	On title block	Yes	
Zoning (LDM 10)	Include all adjacent zoning	Shown on Location Map  Parcel: NCC  North: I-1, East: NCC, South: R-4, West: OS-1	Yes	
Survey information (LDM 10)	<ul> <li><u>Legal description or</u></li> <li><u>boundary line survey</u></li> <li><u>Existing topography</u></li> </ul>	Description and topographical survey on Sheet 3	Yes	
Existing plant material Existing woodlands or wetlands (LDM 10)	Show location type and size. Label to be saved or removed. Plan shall state if none exists.	Tree survey and chart on Sheet L-2 Removals are shown on L-2 Woodland replacement calculations on L-2 – one 26" dbh tree is shown as being removed and 3 replacements provided on site	Yes	1. Most of the existing large evergreen trees along the south border are shown as being removed.  While it is agreed that they are in poor condition, they can't just be removed without replacement as they provide required screening for the residences south of the site.  2. See Merjent letter for a complete review of the woodlands and wetlands
Soil types (LDM10)	<ul> <li>As determined by Soils survey of Oakland county</li> <li>Show types, boundaries</li> </ul>	Soil boring info and a soils map are provided on Sheet 6	Yes	
Existing and proposed improvements (LDM 10)	Existing and proposed buildings, easements, parking spaces, vehicular use areas, and R.O.W	All elements are included on the landscape plan	Yes	
Existing and proposed utilities (LDM 10)	<ul> <li>Overhead and underground utilities, including hydrants</li> <li>Proposed light poles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All existing and proposed utilities are shown</li> <li>Proposed lighting is shown</li> </ul>	• Yes • Yes	If the easements entering the site from the east and traveling north-south through the east lot will be abandoned, please remove them from the landscape plan and note that on the utility

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				plan.
Proposed grading. 2' contour minimum (LDM 10)	Provide proposed contours at 2' interval	<ul><li>Sheet 4</li><li>No berms are proposed</li></ul>	• Yes • No	
Snow deposit (LDM 10)	Show snow deposit areas on plan	Yes	Yes	
LANDSCAPING REQUIRE	EMENTS			
Parking Area Landscap	e Requirements (Zoning Se	c 5.5.3.C and LDM 5)		
General requirements (LDM 5)	Clear sight distance within parking islands     No evergreen trees	No proposed plantings appear to block visibility within the parking lot	Yes	
Name, type and number of ground cover (LDM 5)	As proposed on planting islands	Sod is indicated	Yes	
General (Zoning Sec 5	5.3.C)			
Parking lot Islands	<ul> <li>A minimum of 200 SF to qualify</li> <li>A minimum of 200sf unpaved area per tree planted in an island</li> <li>6" curbs</li> <li>Islands minimum width 10' BOC to BOC</li> </ul>	All islands' areas are labeled and appear to be sufficiently sized	Yes	The area of the islands north of the building must be increased to at least 200sf each in order for the areas and the trees to count toward the requirements.
Curbs and Parking stall reduction (Zoning Sec 5.3.12)	Parking stall can be reduced to 17' and the curb to 4" adjacent to a sidewalk of minimum 7 ft.	Exterior spaces are 17 feet long and interior spaces are 19 feet long	Yes	
Contiguous space limit (Zoning sec 5.5.3.C)	<ul> <li>Maximum of 15 contiguous spaces</li> <li>As the long bay is shown as being used for vehicle storage and display it may be 25 spaces long.</li> </ul>	The eastern bay is a total of 28 spaces without a landscaped island – only an island with a hydrant breaks it up	No	<ol> <li>Please add a landscaped island in that bay to break up the bay into allowable lengths.</li> <li>A landscape deviation would be required for that bay. It would not be supported by staff.</li> </ol>
Plantings around Fire Hydrant (Zoning sec 5.5.3.C)	<ul> <li>No plantings with matured height greater than 12' within 10 ft. of fire hydrants</li> <li>Plant trees at least 10 feet from underground sanitary sewer lines</li> <li>Plant trees at least 5 ft from underground water and storm sewer</li> </ul>	No trees are proposed within 10 feet of hydrants.	Yes	1. Please call out the Fire Department Connector on the landscape plan and keep any foundation plantings within 3 feet of it below 12".  2. Add a note to that effect to the detailed foundation

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	lines • Plantings near hydrants or FDCs should be no taller than 12"			landscaping plans when they are provided.
Landscaped area (Zoning sec 5.5.3.C)	Areas not dedicated to parking use or driveways exceeding 100 sq. ft. shall be landscaped	Yes		
Clear Zones (Zoning sec 5.5.3.B.ii Footnote 10)	<ul> <li>25 ft corner clearance required.</li> <li>Refer to Zoning Section 5.5.9</li> <li>Road Commission for Oakland County zone for RCOC jurisdiction roads</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Road Commission for Oakland County clear vision zones are provided for both entries.</li> <li>Street trees are proposed outside of the clear vision zones.</li> </ul>	• Yes • Yes	If the RCOC does not allow some or all of the Grand River street trees, the disallowed trees do not need to be planted, but documentation of that ruling must be provided.
	OS-2, OSC, OST, B-1, B-2, B-3 district (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.C)		C-1, RC, Sp	ecial Land Use or non-
A = Total square footage of vehicular use areas up to 50,000sf x 7.5%	• A = x sf * 7.5 % • A = 50,000 * 7.5% = 3750 sf			Calculation is provided
B = Total square footage of additional paved vehicular use areas (not including A or B) over 50,000 SF) x 1 %	• B = x sf * 1% • B = (121,299 - 50000) * 1% = 713 sf			Calculation is provided
Category 2: For: I-1 and	d I-2 (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.C)			
A. = Total square footage of vehicular use area up to 50,000 sf x 5%	A = x sf * 6%	NA		
B = Total square footage of additional paved vehicular use areas over 50,000 SF x 0.5%	B = 0.5% x 0 sf	NA		
All Categories				
C = A+B  Total square footage of landscaped islands	• C = A + B • C = 3,750 + 713 = 4,463 SF	6,083 sf	Yes	
D = C/200 Number of canopy trees required	• D = C/200 trees • 4,463/200 = 22 Trees	22 trees	No	Two of the trees     shown are double-     counted for the     interior parking lot     calculation and     greenbelt canopy

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				tree.  2. One tree is shown as a double-counted parking lot interior and perimeter tree.  3. Both of those double-countings are not allowed by the ordinance. Please correct the labeling and provide 3 more interior trees.  4. If all required trees are not provided, a landscape deviation would be required. It would not be supported by staff.
Perimeter Green space (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.C)	• 1 Canopy tree per 35 lf • 1,216/35 = 34 trees	34 trees	Yes	
Accessway perimeter (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.C.iv.j)	<ul> <li>1 canopy tree per 35 If on each side of road, less widths of access drives.</li> <li>(40*2+35*2)If/35 = 4 trees</li> </ul>	4 trees     3 are double-counted as accessway perimeter/greenbelt canopy trees – this is allowed	Yes	
Parking land banked (Zoning Sec 5.2.14.D)	• NA	None		

# Berms, Walls and ROW Planting Requirements

Berms (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.A & LDM 1)

- All berms shall have a maximum slope of 33%. Gradual slopes are encouraged. Show 1ft. contours
- Berm should be located on lot line except in conflict with utilities.
- Berms should be constructed with 6" of topsoil.

# Residential Adjacent to Non-residential (Sec 5.5.3.A & LDM 1.a)

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Berm requirements (Zoning Sec 5.5.A)	Landscaped berm 6-8 feet tall	<ul> <li>Existing berm approximately 3 feet tall with large evergreens of varying health</li> <li>Most of the existing evergreen trees are being removed and not replaced due to their poor health</li> <li>A screening wall is proposed south of the southwestern</li> </ul>	No	<ol> <li>A landscape deviation is required for the deficiency in height and screening is required.</li> <li>Since few of the evergreens will be preserved, and most of the understory brush is not high quality and does not provide year-round screening, it would be better to clear the</li> </ol>

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		bay of parking is proposed but no details of the wall's height or appearance are provided  • A line of Green Giant arborvitaes is also proposed south of that wall and the dumpster		berm completely and replant it with dense evergreens. If this was done, the Green Giants could be used on the berm.  3. At present, the deviation would not be supported by staff as it is not clear how well the residences to the south will be screened from the noise and lights of the site.	
Planting requirements (LDM 1.a.)	LDM Novi Street Tree List	NA			
Adjacent to Public Righ	ts-of-Way (Sec 5.5.3.B and	LDM 1.b)			
Berm requirements (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.A.(5))	An undulating berm a minimum of 3 feet high with a 2-foot-wide crest is required	None	No	A continuous hedge is proposed along both frontages in lieu of the berm.	
Cross-Section of Berms	(LDM 10)				
Slope, height and width	<ul> <li>Label contour lines</li> <li>Maximum 33%</li> <li>Min. 3 feet flat horizontal area</li> <li>Minimum 3 feet high</li> <li>Constructed of loam with 6' top layer of topsoil.</li> </ul>	No	NA		
Type of Ground Cover		NA			
Setbacks from Utilities	Overhead utility lines and 15 ft. setback from edge of utility or 20 ft. setback from closest pole	<ul> <li>Overhead lines exist along both frontages.</li> <li>Subcanopy trees are proposed under the lines.</li> </ul>	Yes		
Walls (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.A & LDM 10)					
Material, height and type of construction footing	Freestanding walls should have brick or stone exterior with masonry or concrete interior	<ul> <li>A screening wall is proposed at the southwest corner of the property.</li> <li>Its height is not indicated</li> </ul>	TBD	Please provide a standard detail for the wall and indicate its height versus the adjacent pavement.	
Walls greater than 4 ft. should be designed and sealed by an Engineer		No elevations are provided	TBD		

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ROW Landscape Scree	ning Requirements (Zoning	Sec 5.5.3.B.ii)		
Greenbelt width	Adj to Parking: 20 ft. Not adj to Pkg: 25 ft	<ul><li> Grand River: 21 ft</li><li> Joseph Drive: 21 ft</li></ul>	• Yes • Yes	
Min. berm crest width	Adj to Parking: 2 ft. Not adj to Pkg: 0 ft	<ul> <li>Grand River: 0 ft</li> <li>Joseph Drive: 0 ft</li> <li>A continuous hedge is proposed along Grand River and Joseph Drive</li> </ul>	• No • No	<ol> <li>A landscape deviation is required for the lack of berms.</li> <li>It would be supported by staff.</li> </ol>
Minimum berm height	Adj to Parking: 3 ft. Not adj to Pkg: 0 ft	<ul><li> Grand River: 0 ft</li><li> Joseph Drive: 0 ft</li></ul>	<ul><li>No</li><li>No</li></ul>	See above
3' wall	(2)(3)(4)	None		
Canopy deciduous or large evergreen trees	<ul> <li>Adj to Pkg: 1 tree per 35 lf</li> <li>Not adj to Pkg: 1 tree per 60 lf</li> <li>Grand River: (465-24-32)/35 = 12 trees</li> <li>Joseph Dr: (320/35)+143/60 = 11 trees</li> <li>South 135 lf to be preserved with no new canopy trees planted</li> </ul>	Grand River: 13 trees – 7 greenbelt trees, 3 greenbelt/interior parking double- counted trees and 2 accessway/ greenbelt double counted trees plus 1 existing tree Joseph Drive: 10 trees – 6 greenbelt/ perimeter double- counted trees, 4 evergreen trees and 1 double- counted greenbelt parking interior trees.	• No • No	<ol> <li>Greenbelt trees may not be double-counted as parking lot interior trees – only perimeter trees. Please add trees as necessary to meet the complete counts of both requirements.</li> <li>A landscape waiver is not required for the proposed layout. The existing evergreen trees can be counted toward the requirement if they are in good condition.</li> </ol>
Sub-canopy deciduous trees)	<ul> <li>Adj to Pkg: 1 tree per 20 lf</li> <li>Not adj to Pkg: 1 tree per 40 lf</li> <li>Grand River: (465-24-32)/20 = 20 trees</li> <li>Joseph Dr: (320/20)+143/40 = 20 trees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Grand River: 21 trees</li> <li>Joseph Drive: 17 trees</li> </ul>	• Yes • No	The landscape waiver request for the southern 135lf along Joseph Drive would be supported in order to preserve the existing vegetation but the area between the trees and the sidewalk should be kept in a neat condition since the preserved area is not a natural habitat.
Canopy deciduous trees in area between sidewalk and curb	<ul> <li>Parking &amp; No Parking: <ol> <li>1 tree per 35 lf</li> </ol> </li> <li>Grand River: (465-24-32)/35 = 12 trees</li> </ul>	Grand River: 12     subcanopy trees     due to overhead     wires – clear vision     zones limit the	• No • Yes	If the Road Commission for Oakland County does not allow some or all of the Grand River trees to be planted,

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	• Joseph Dr: (463/35 = 13 trees	number of trees that can be planted Joseph Drive: 8 canopy trees + 8 subcanopy trees under overhead wires	0000	they do not have to be, and don't need to be planted elsewhere on the site, but a copy of their decision must be provided to staff.
	t <b>s</b> (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.F.iii) N, building foundation land		decaping a	nd I DM
Screening of outdoor storage, loading/unloading (Zoning Sec. 3.14, 3.15, 4.55, 4.56, 5.5)	Loading areas must be completely screened from roads	<ul> <li>Loading zone is shown south of the building and north of the employee and service parking.</li> <li>The building blocks it from Grand River and significant greenbelt landscaping screens it sufficiently from Joseph Drive</li> </ul>	Yes	IIQ LDM
Transformers/Utility boxes (LDM 6)	<ul> <li>A minimum of 2ft. separation between box and the plants</li> <li>Ground cover below 4" is allowed up to pad.</li> <li>No plant materials within 8 ft. from the doors</li> </ul>	No	No	When transformer locations are finalized, screening shrubs per standard detail are required.
Building Foundation La	ndscape Requirements (Zor	ning Sec 5.5.3.D)		
Interior site landscaping SF (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.D)	<ul> <li>Equals to entire perimeter of the building x 8</li> <li>Landscape areas must be at least 4 ft. wide</li> <li>A: (638-123)If x 8ft = 4,120 SF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A = 4,197 sf</li> <li>3013sf of that (72%) is at the building – the remaining landscaping is near the building</li> <li>Shaded areas show areas to be landscaped.</li> <li>More than 75% of the building is landscaped</li> </ul>	<ul><li>No</li><li>No</li><li>No</li></ul>	<ol> <li>A landscape waiver is required for the area that is not at the building foundation</li> <li>It would be supported by staff as the areas away from the building are near enough to enhance its appearance.</li> <li>Foundation plantings are to be included in the plant list and cost estimate.</li> </ol>
Building Frontage Landscaping (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.D)	If visible from public street a minimum of 60% of the exterior building	Grand River: 106/148 = 72% Joseph Drive:	• Yes • Yes	

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	perimeter should be	108/165 = 65%		
Detention/Retention Ro	covered in green space sin Requirements (Zoning Se	 		
Planting requirements (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.E & LDM 3)	<ul> <li>Clusters of large native shrubs shall cover 70-75% of the basin rim area at 10 lf from permanent water level</li> <li>10" to 14" tall grass along sides of basin</li> <li>Refer to wetland for basin mix</li> <li>Deciduous canopy tree 1/35 of east, south and west sides of pond at 10 feet from permanent water level</li> </ul>	No landscaping is proposed around the infiltration pond	No	1. Please provide the required landscaping. 2. If the pond will be a dry pond, the canopy trees do not need to be provided at all, but the shrubs do. 3. A landscape waiver would be required for the proposal. It would not be supported by staff.
Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed Control (Zoning Sec 5.5.6.B)	<ul> <li>Any and all populations of Phragmites australis and/or Japanese Knotweed on site shall be included on tree survey.</li> <li>Treat populations per MDEQ guidelines and requirements to eradicate the weed from the site.</li> </ul>	None indicated	TBD	Please recheck the site. I think that I remember seeing some in the pond area.
LANDSCAPING NOTES,	DETAILS AND GENERAL REQU	JIREMENTS		
Landscape Notes – Utili	ze City of Novi Standard No	otes		
Installation date (LDM 10)	Provide intended date	Between March and November.	Yes	
Maintenance & Statement of intent (Zoning Sec 5.5.6 & LDM 10)	<ul> <li>Include statement of intent to install and guarantee all materials for 2 years.</li> <li>Include a minimum one cultivation in June, July and August for the 2-year warranty period.</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	
Plant source (LDM 10 & 11)	Shall be northern nursery grown, No.1 grade.	Yes	Yes	
Irrigation plan (LDM 10)	A fully automatic irrigation system or a method of providing sufficient water for plant establishment and survival is required on Final Site Plans.	No		Please add an     irrigation plan or     information as to     how plants will be     watered sufficiently     for establishment     and long- term

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	If irrigation won't be used, note how trees will get sufficient water for establishment and long-term survival			survival in the Final Site Plans.  2. If an irrigation system will be provided, it must meet the requirements listed at the end of this chart.  3. If xeriscaping is used, please provide information about plantings included.
Other information (LDM 10)	Required by Planning Commission	NA		Please add a note near the native seed mix that says "Contractor must send proof of the mix to be used (photo of the bag or copy of the invoice) to the City landscape architect at rmeader@cityofnovi.org for approval prior to placement of the seed".
Establishment period (Zoning Sec 5.5.6 & LDM 10)	2 yr. Guarantee	Yes	Yes	
Approval of substitutions. (Zoning Sec 5.5.5 & LDM 10)	City must approve any substitutions in writing prior to installation.	Yes	Yes	Please add "Written approval from the City Landscape Architect is required" to Landscape Note #12.
Plant List (LDM 10 & 11)	– Include all cost estimates			
Quantities and sizes		Yes	Yes	
Root type		Yes	Yes	
Botanical and common names (LDM 4 & 11)	<ul> <li>At least 50% of species used shall be native to Michigan</li> <li>Tree diversity shall follow guidelines of LDM Section 4</li> <li>Refer to LDM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>11 of 20 species used (55%) are native to Michigan</li> <li>The tree diversity requirement is met</li> </ul>	• Yes • Yes	
Type and amount of lawn	suggested plant list	Sod is indicated everywhere but in the infiltration basin area	Yes	
Cost estimate (LDM 10)	For all new plantings, mulch and sod as listed on the plan	Yes		
Planting Details/Info (LE	DM Part III) – Utilize City of N	ovi Standard Details		

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Canopy Deciduous Tree		Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Evergreen Tree		Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Multi-stem Tree		Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Shrub	Refer to LDM for detail	Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Perennial/ Ground Cover	drawings	Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Tree stakes and guys. (Wood stakes, fabric guys)		Yes – Sheet L-3	Yes	
Tree protection fencing	Located at Critical Root Zone (1' outside of dripline)	Yes – Sheet L-2	Yes	
Other Plant Material Re				
General Conditions	Plant materials shall not be planted within 4 ft. of property line	Yes		Please add note near property lines stating this.
Plant Materials & Existing Plant Material (LDM 11)	Clearly show trees to be removed and trees to be saved.	Yes – Sheet L-2	Yes	
Landscape tree credit (LDM 11)	<ul> <li>Substitutions to landscape standards for preserved canopy trees outside woodlands/ wetlands should be approved by LA.</li> <li>Refer to Landscape tree Credit Chart in LDM</li> </ul>	No		
Plant Sizes for ROW, Woodland replacement and others (LDM 11)	Size determined by use detailed in LDM Table 11.b.(2)a.i     Indicate on plant list	On plant list	Yes	
Plant size credit (LDM 11)	NA	No		
Prohibited Plants (LDM 11.b)	No plants on City Invasive Species List	None are used	Yes	
Recommended trees for planting under overhead utilities (LDM 11)	Label the distance from the overhead utilities	Subcanopy trees are proposed under the overhead lines	Yes	
Collected or Transplanted trees (LDM 11)		None indicated		
Nonliving Durable Material: Mulch (LDM 12)	Trees shall be mulched to 3"depth and shrubs, groundcovers to 2" depth	Shown on details	Yes	

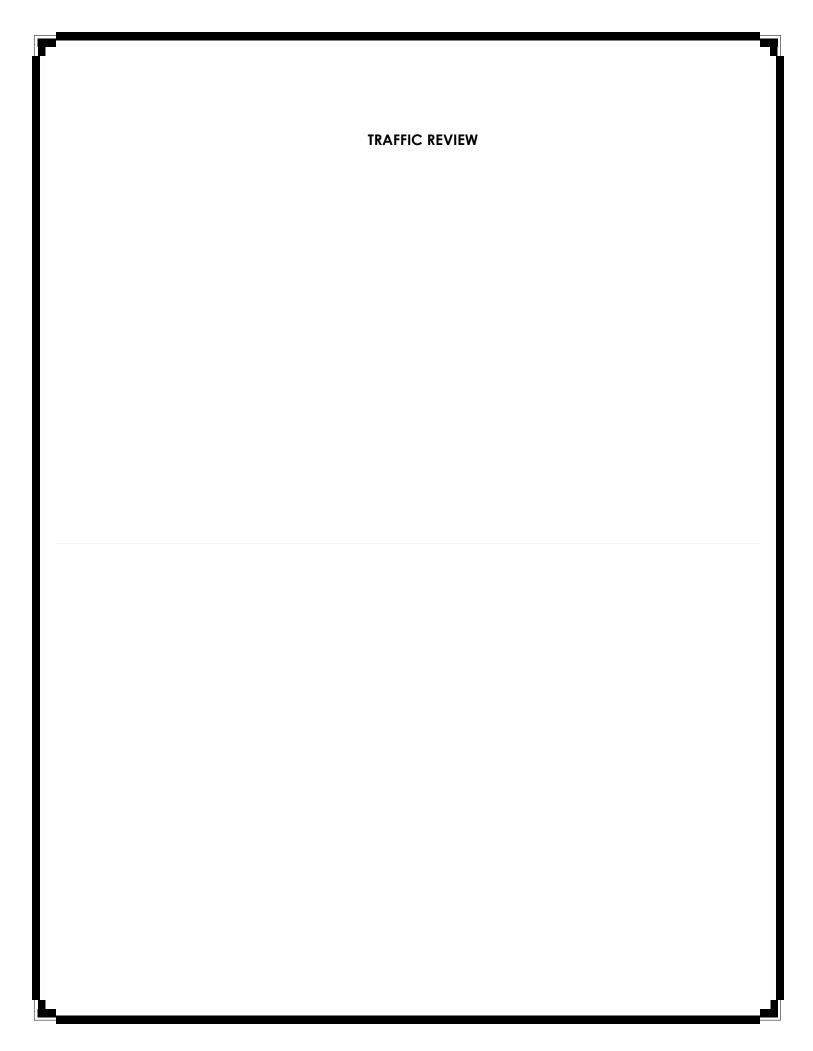
Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
	Specify natural color, finely shredded hardwood bark mulch. Include in cost estimate.			

#### **NOTES:**

- 1. This table is a working summary chart and not intended to substitute for any Ordinance or City of Novi requirements or standards.
- 2. The section of the applicable ordinance or standard is indicated in parenthesis. For the landscape requirements, please see the Zoning Ordinance landscape section 5.5 and the Landscape Design Manual for the appropriate items under the applicable zoning classification.
- 3. Please include a written response to any points requiring clarification or for any corresponding site plan modifications to the City of Novi Planning Department with future submittals.

#### <u>Irrigation System Requirements</u>

- 1. Any booster pump installed to connect the project's irrigation system to an existing irrigation system must be downstream of the RPZ.
- 2. The RPZ must be installed in accordance with the 2015 Michigan Plumbing Code.
- 3. The RPZ must be installed in accordance with the manufacture installation instructions for winterization that includes drain ports and blowout ports.
- 4. The RPZ must be installed a minimum of 12-inches above FINISHED grade.
- 5. Attached is a handout that addresses winterization installation requirements to assist with this.
- 6. A plumbing permit is required.
- 7. The assembly must be tested after installation with results recorded on the City of Novi test report form.





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Project name:

JZ24-32 – Feldman Kia PRO Initial Concept Traffic Review

From: AECOM

Date:

September 5, 2024

# Memo

Subject: JZ24-32 - Feldman Kia PRO Initial Concept Traffic Review

The PRO initial concept site plan was reviewed to the level of detail provided and AECOM recommends **approval** for the applicant to move forward as long as the comments below are addressed to the satisfaction of the City.

# **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- 1. The applicant, Feldman Automotive, is proposing a 18,830 SF Kia dealership, consisting of a 7,716 SF showroom and 12 service bays.
- The development is located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive. Grand River Avenue
  is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County and Joseph Drive is under the jurisdiction of the
  City of Novi.
- 3. The site is zoned NCC Non-Center Commercial and the applicant is proposing to rezone to B-3 General Business.
- 4. The following traffic-related deviations may be required if changes are not made to the plans:
  - a. Lack of end island.

# TRAFFIC IMPACTS

1. AECOM performed an initial trip generation based on the ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition, as follows.

ITE Code: 840 – Automobile Sales (New) Development-specific Quantity: 18,830 GLA

Zoning Change: NCC to B-3

Trip Generation Summary	Estimated Trips	Estimated Peak- Direction Trips	City of Novi Threshold	Above Threshold?
AM Peak-Hour Trips	35	26	100	No
PM Peak-Hour Trips	55	33	100	No
Daily (One-Directional) Trips	524	N/A	750	No

 The City of Novi generally requires a traffic impact study/statement if the number of trips generated by the proposed development exceeds the City's threshold of more than 750 trips per day or 100 trips per either the AM or PM peak hour, or if the project meets other specified criteria.

Trip Impact Study Recommendation				
Type of Study: Justification				
- N/A				

# TRAFFIC REVIEW

The following table identifies the aspects of the plan that were reviewed. Items marked O are listed in the City's Code of Ordinances. Items marked with ZO are listed in the City's Zoning Ordinance. Items marked with ADA are listed in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Items marked with MMUTCD are listed in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The values in the 'Compliance' column read as 'met' for plan provision meeting the standard it refers to, 'not met' stands for provision not meeting the standard and 'inconclusive' indicates applicant to provide data or information for review and 'NA' stands for not applicable for subject Project. The 'remarks' column covers any comments reviewer has and/or 'requested/required variance' and 'potential variance'. A potential variance indicates a variance that will be required if modifications are not made or further information provided to show compliance with the standards and ordinances. The applicant should put effort into complying with the standards; the variances should be the last resort after all avenues for complying have been exhausted. Indication of a potential variance does not imply support unless explicitly stated.

EXT	EXTERNAL SITE ACCESS AND OPERATIONS					
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks		
1	Driveway Radii   O <u>Figure IX.3</u>	-	N/A	No changes proposed.		
2	Driveway Width   O Figure IX.3	26.8' and 32.9'	Met			
3	Driveway Taper   O Figure IX.11	-	N/A	No changes proposed.		
3a	Taper length					
3b	Tangent					
4	Emergency Access   O 11-194.a.19	2 access points	Met			
5	Driveway sight distance   O Figure VIII-	560'	Met			
6	Driveway spacing					
6a	Same-side   O <u>11.216.d.1.d</u>	-	N/A	No changes proposed.		
6b	Opposite side   O <u>11.216.d.1.e</u>	-	N/A	No changes proposed.		
7	External coordination (Road agency)	-	N/A	No changes proposed to Grand River Avenue.		
8	External Sidewalk   Master Plan & EDM	8' proposed on Grand River Ave, 5' proposed on Joseph Dr	Met			
9	Sidewalk Ramps   EDM 7.4 & R-28-K	None proposed at driveways	Inconclusive	Label any proposed ramps at driveway, detail provided.		
10	Any Other Comments:					

INTERNAL SITE OPERATIONS							
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks			
11	Loading zone   <u>ZO 5.4</u>	1,200 SF in rear of building	Met				
12	Trash receptacle   ZO 5.4.4	Proposed in rear of site	Met				
13	Emergency Vehicle Access	Turning movements provided	Met				
14	Maneuvering Lane   <u>ZO 5.3.2</u>	24' and 25'	Met				
15	End islands   ZO 5.3.12						
15a	Adjacent to a travel way	Width and radii dimensioned, 3' shorter than adjacent space	Partially Met	There are 2 locations, on either side of the building, where 2 customer parking spaces have an end island on one side but not on the other due to the service drive. AECOM would approve a waiver for a painted end island to separate the parking space from the service drive area. Alternatively, the applicant could add crosshatch pavement markings, so no one parks in these areas.			
15b	Internal to parking bays	Width and radii dimensioned	Met				
16	Parking spaces   <u>ZO 5.2.12</u>	300 spaces (includes inventory spaces)		See Planning review letter.			
17	Adjacent parking spaces   ZO 5.5.3.C.ii.i	>15 spaces in inventory parking bays only	Met				
18	Parking space length   ZO 5.3.2	17' and 19'	Met				
19	Parking space Width   ZO 5.3.2	9'	Met				
20	Parking space front curb height   <u>ZO</u> <u>5.3.2</u>	4" in front of 17' spaces, 6" everywhere else	Met				
21	Accessible parking – number   ADA	3	Met				
22	Accessible parking – size   ADA	17' x 8' with 8' and 6' aisles	Met				
23	Number of Van-accessible space   ADA	1	Met				
24	Bicycle parking						
24a	Requirement   ZO 5.16.1	2 required, 2 proposed	Met				

INTE	INTERNAL SITE OPERATIONS					
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks		
24b	Location   <u>ZO 5.16.1</u>	Provided	Met			
24c	Clear path from Street   ZO 5.16.1	6'	Met			
24d	Height of rack   ZO 5.16.5.B	3'	Met			
24e	Other (Covered / Layout)   ZO 5.16.1	Provided	Partially Met	Refer to Text Amendment 18.301 for revised layout dimensions, 48" required on either side of bicycle rack.		
25	Sidewalk – min 5' wide   Master Plan	5' and 7'	Met			
26	Sidewalk ramps   EDM 7.4 & R-28-K	Provided	Met			
27	Sidewalk – distance back of curb   EDM 7.4	-	N/A			
28	Cul-De-Sac   O Figure VIII-F	-	N/A			
29	EyeBrow   O Figure VIII-G	-	N/A			
30	Turnaround   ZO 5.10	-	N/A			
31	Any Other Comments:					

SIGNING AND STRIPING						
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks		
32	Signing: Sizes   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
33	Signing table: quantities and sizes	Provided	Met			
34	Signs 12" x 18" or smaller in size shall be mounted on a galvanized 2 lb. U-channel post   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
35	Signs greater than 12" x 18" shall be mounted on a galvanized 3 lb. or greater U-channel post   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
36	Sign bottom height of 7' from final grade   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
37	Signing shall be placed 2' from the face of the curb or edge of the nearest sidewalk to the near edge of the sign   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
38	FHWA Standard Alphabet series used for all sign language   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
39	High-Intensity Prismatic (HIP) sheeting to meet FHWA retro-reflectivity   MMUTCD	Provided	Met			
40	Parking space striping notes	Provided	Met			
41	The international symbol for accessibility pavement markings   ADA	Provided	Met			
42	Crosswalk pavement marking detail	Provided	Met			
43	43 Any Other Comments: Add pavement marking details for hatched loading area.					

Note: Hyperlinks to the standards and Ordinances are for reference purposes only, the applicant and City of Novi to ensure referring to the latest standards and Ordinances in its entirety.

Should the City or applicant have questions regarding this review, they should contact AECOM for further clarification. Sincerely,

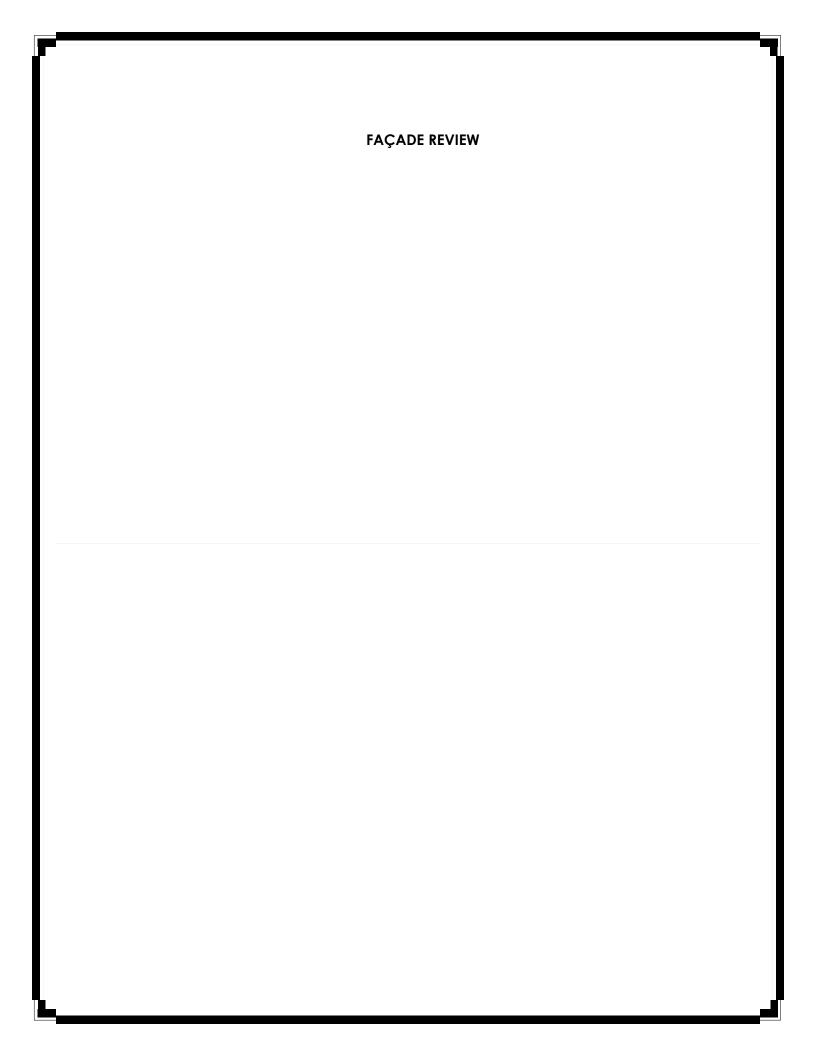
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September 9, 2024

Façade Review Status:
Approved, Section 9 Waiver Recommended

City of Novi Planning Department 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375-3024

Attn: Ms. Barb McBeth – Director of Community Development

Re: FACADE ORDINANCE

Feldman Kia PRO, JZ24-32,

Façade Region: 1, Zoning District: OS-1

Dear Ms. McBeth:

The following Facade Review is based on the drawings prepared by Studio Detroit Architects, dated 8/XX/24. The percentages of materials for each façade are shown on the table below. The maximum and minimum percentages required by the Façade Ordinance are shown in the right-hand column. Materials in non-compliance, if any, are highlighted in bold.

	North (Front)	South	East	West	Ordinance Maximum (Minimum)
Brick	0%	94%	65%	75%	100% (30%)
EIFS	4%	0%	24%	17%	25%
Flat Metal (ACM)	95%	5%	10%	7%	50%
Roof Screens	1%	1%	1%	1%	25%

As shown above the minimum amount of Brick is not provided on the front façade. The front façade consists primarily of showroom glass which is not regulated by the Façade Ordinance. In this case the addition of Brick would not enhance the front façade and all other facades have large percentages of Brick. For this reason, we recommend that the design is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Façade Ordinance and that a Section 9 Waiver be granted for the underage of Brick on the front façade.

The sample board required by Section 5.15.4.D was not provided at the time of this review. It should be noted that the Façade Ordinance prohibits intense colors. This includes corporate lighting that may be located within the showroom and visible through the showroom glass.

Dumpster Enclosure – The drawings (SP1.4) indicates that the dumpster enclosure is constructed of 8" CMU grouted solid". It should be noted that the Façade Ordinance requires that the dumpster enclosure be Brick to match the primary building.

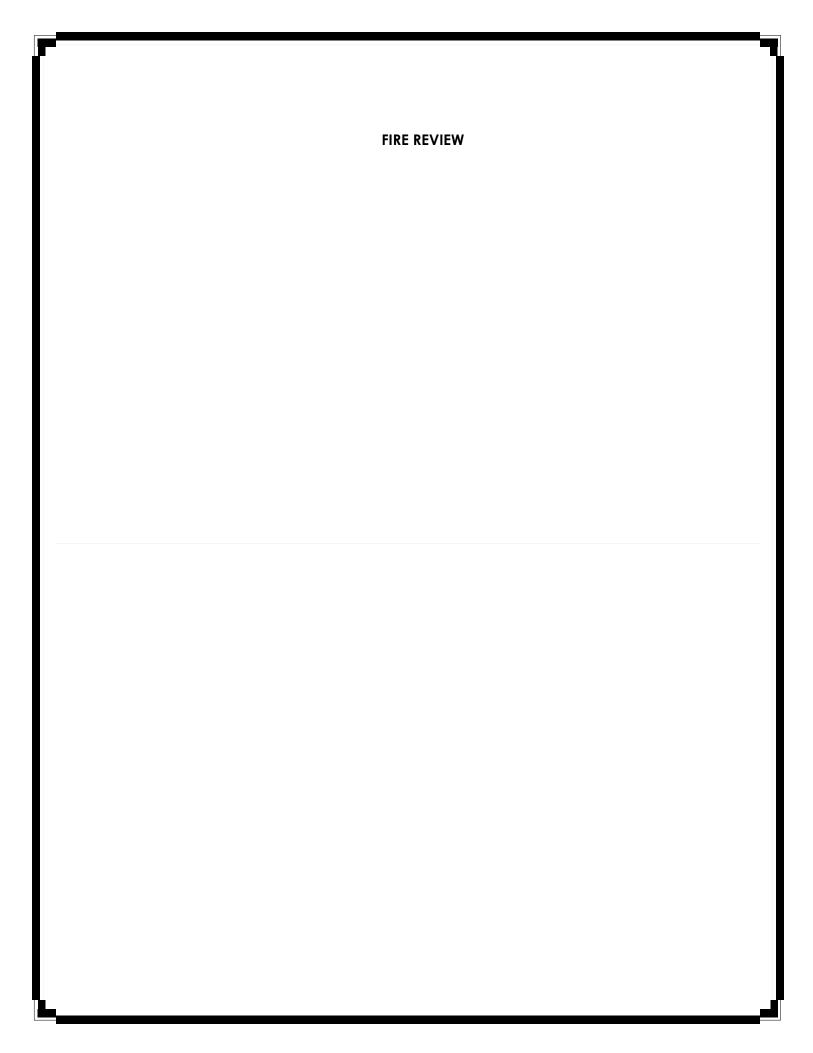
# **Notes to the Applicant:**

1. Inspections – The Façade Ordinance requires inspection(s) for all projects. <u>The applicant should request inspection of the brick and awning color prior to installation.</u> It is the applicant's responsibility to request the inspection at the appropriate time (before installation). Inspections may be requested using the Novi Building Department's Online Inspection Portal with the following link. Please click on "Click here to Request an Inspection" under "Contractors", then click "Façade". <a href="http://www.cityofnovi.org/Services/CommDev/OnlineInspectionPortal.asp">http://www.cityofnovi.org/Services/CommDev/OnlineInspectionPortal.asp</a>.

Sincerely,

DRN & Architects PC

Douglas R. Necci, AIA





August 27, 2024

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RE: Feldman KIA – Intimal Concept

PSP#24-24-004 JSP#24- 32

**Project Description:** 

New 2 story building on 4.88 acre site.

#### **Comments:**

- All fire hydrants MUST be installed and operational prior to any combustible material is brought on site. IFC 2015 3312.1
- For new buildings and existing buildings, you MUST comply with the International Fire Code Section 510 for Emergency Radio Coverage. This shall be completed by the time the final inspection of the fire alarm and fire suppression permits.
- All notes on plan set sheet #2 for Fire Dept. shall be followed.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Fire Dept has no objections at this time.

Sincerely,

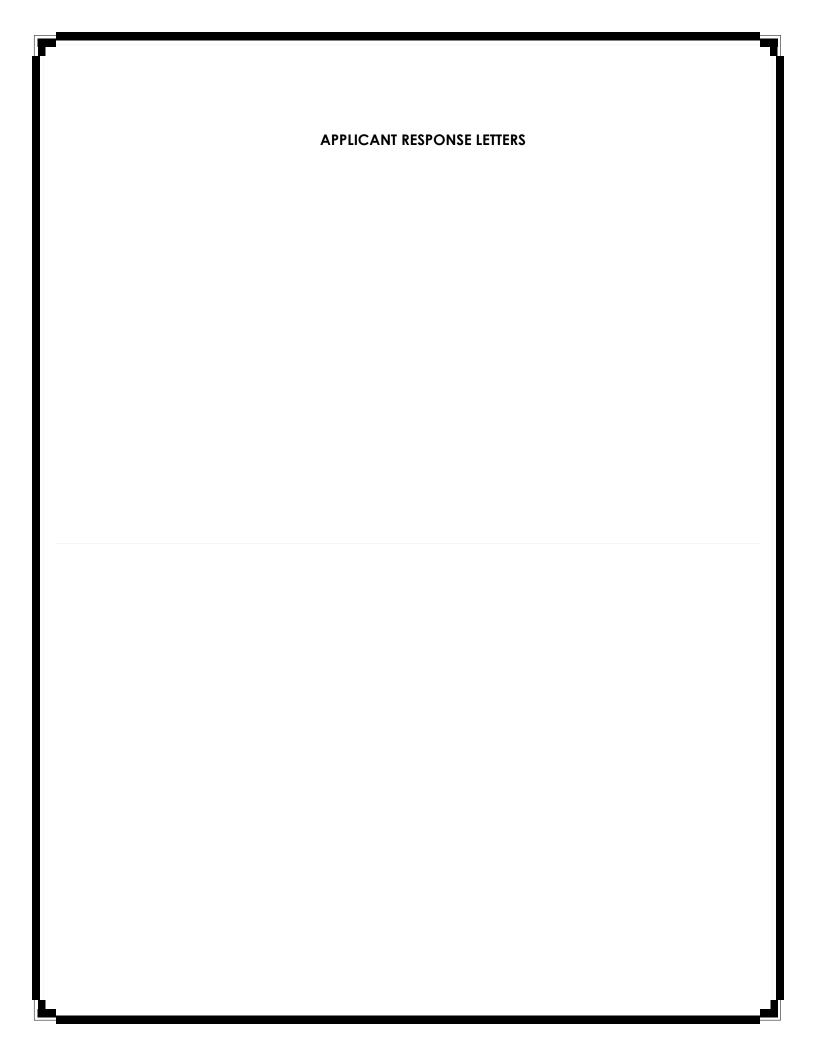
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October 9, 2024

## VIA EMAIL: lbell@cityofnovi.org

City of Novi Community Development Department Attn: Ms. Lindsay Bell 45175 West 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3042

RE: JZ24-32 Feldman Kia application for rezoning with PRO.

## Dear Ms. Bell:

Please accept this in response to your email of September 13, 2024 and the Plan Review Center Report of September 12, 2024. In your email of September 13, you stated that "in addition, the following items will need to be provided no later than October 9, 2024 for inclusion in the Planning Commission packet". You requested that we provide a "response letter, addressing any of the comments provided in the review letters attached" and a "colored Site Plan" for presentation purposes.

I am providing along with this letter an email with a Dropbox Link below the following items:

- Letter from Alpine Engineering Inc. addressing review comments from the city
- Letter from Studio Detroit LLC responding to the review comments regarding signage and lighting.
- Lighting plans which are marked up to include the city review comments and our responses.
- A list of requested Ordinance deviations.
- Letter from Allen Design addressing the landscape review comments of the city.
- Site Plan sheet showing re-worked southern berm
- Complete set of Site Plan sheets
- Color rendering for presentation purposes

- A concept plan illustrating for comparison purposes what could be developed on the proposed property as zoned, NCC Zoning District, a 36,400 sq ft commercial building with associated parking.

The city's Planning Review included a concern regarding the adjacency with the residential neighborhood to the South. The city suggested that the existing berm along the Southern border of the property be enhanced both with respect to size as well as the evergreen plantings. We have accommodated that concern by increasing the size of the berm as well as removing the plantings on the existing berm and planting significant evergreens to address this concern.

We have included herewith a list of requested deviations which also points out that with these revisions we have eliminated four of the prior requested deviations.

With respect to the aspect of a Public Benefit as you know, the PRO Zoning Ordinance provides that an applicant for a Planned Rezoning Overlay must "as part of such proposal, propose clearly identified site specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district...and (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning." With respect to the aspects of the proposed improvement that are stricter than would be required under the proposed zoning, we are agreeing to limit any of the B3 uses to the single B3 use of automobile dealership with outdoor parking for inventory. We are also proposing building setbacks and parking setbacks which exceed those required under the B3 ordinance.

With respect to the Public Benefit aspect, the zoning ordinance speaks to an "overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments". Thus, any detriment must first be identified in order to determine if the proposed Public Benefit outweighs any such detriments. With respect to any re-zoning request, the first assessment must be the nature of the use being proposed as compared to the nature of the uses allowed under the underlying zoning. Here, the underlying zoning is NCC, which calls for commercial uses. The applicant is submitting, for comparison purposes, a concept plan showing a 36,400 sq ft commercial building with associated parking which could be built on the property as a principal permitted use as zoned NCC. This PRO request proposes an automobile dealership which is a commercial use. Thus, this application for PRO proposes simply substituting one commercial use with parking for another commercial use with parking. Therefore, no claim of "spot zoning" can be made. This type of use – commercial – is what is called for under the underlying zoning.

With any re-zoning issues of adjacency, traffic and public services are to be considered. Here, we have listened to the city administration's comments regarding adjacency to the South and we have agreed to address those comments by enlarging the berm and the plantings thereon. Traffic is not an issue as this proposal with along Grand River Ave. and does not even meet the threshold to require a traffic impact study Likewise, public services would not be a concern.

It must also be borne in mind that this section of Grand River Ave. has been developed to include several automobile dealerships. Thus, this proposal is consistent with the way in which

this area of the city has been developed. This proposed single B3 use is in no way out of character for this area of the city.

Thus, in assessing any "detriment" of this proposed project it does not appear that there is any significant detriment. Accordingly, the "Public Benefit" required to "outweigh any material detriment" should not be extreme.

While the addition of a sidewalk along Joseph Drive is required as part of this development, we are proposing to improve significantly the pathway along Joseph Drive by creating a unique landscape. This will include a meandering sidewalk with decorative light poles and the construction of three inset areas with decorative benches (see Site Plan sheet L-4). This, along with the continuous hedge along Joseph Drive, will create a very decorative amenity. We believe this satisfy's the PRO requirement regarding a Public Benefit.

We look forward to appearing before the Planning Commission at its October 16, 2024 meeting to discuss this proposed PRO. If you require any additional information please feel free to give me a call directly.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

LANDRY, MAZZEO, DEMBINSKI & STEVENS, P.C.

/S/ David B. Landry
David B. Landry

DBL/slw Cc:

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October 8, 2024

Lindsay Bell City of Novi Community Development Department 45175 West 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

Re: Feldman Kia Dealership
Response to Review Comments / PRO Submittal
Alpine Engineering Inc. Project #23-148

JZ 24-32

Dear Lindsay:

On behalf of our client, Feldman Automotive, please find the following information enclosed for your review and distribution

- PRO plan set (dated 2024-05-09)
- Color Rendering of the Site Plan (dated 2024-05-09)
- Response to review from Studio Detroit (dated 2024-09-25)
- Response to review from Allen Design (dated 2024-10-07)
- List of Anticipated Deviations (dated 2024-10-08)
- Conceptual Plan of Southern Berm (dated 2024-10-04)

The following is in response to the reviews received on September 13, 2024, via email for the above referenced project:

#### PLANNING REVIEW CHART (dated September 12, 2024)

• Comment: Review Section 7.13.2 of the ZO to understand PRO requirements for benefits to the public. Cannot be incidental or general benefits of development.

Response: Refer to the updated PRO narrative prepared by Landry, Mazzeo, Dembinski & Stevens PC.

 Comment: Dumpster Enclosure – Enclosure detail shown on sheet SP1.4 – enclosure should be brick to match the building. See Façade review.

Response: The detail for the dumpster enclosure will be revised to show the brick matching the building.

 Comment: Applicant requests request deviation for service bay doors facing major thoroughfare to north and residential neighborhood to the south.

Response: The Applicant respectively requests that a deviation be granted for the overhead doors facing Grand River Avenue and the residential neighborhood. Note that the overhead doors are 129-ft from Grand River Avenue and 281-ft from the residential neighborhood.

- Comment: Building Lighting Relevant building elevation drawings showing all fixtures, the portions of the walls to be illuminated, illuminance levels of walls and the aiming points of any remote fixtures. Response: Additional information will be provided.
- Comment: Lighting Plan Provide the missing information.
  - Fixture height
  - Mounting & design

- Type & color rendition of lamps
- Hours of operation of lighting

Response: Additional information will be provided.

Comment: Lighting plan – Maximum Height. Provide height of each fixture type.

Response: Additional information will be provided.

• Comment: Lighting plan – Required Conditions. Include standard notes on the plans.

Response: Additional information will be provided.

 Comment: Lighting plan – Indoor Lighting. Indoor lighting shall not be the source of exterior glare or spillover

Response: Additional information will be provided.

 Comment: Lighting plan – Security Lighting. Provide a plan that shows lighting conditions after business hours.

Response: Additional information will be provided.

- Comment: Lighting plan Color Spectrum Management. Change to 3000K or seek a deviation Response: The correlated color temperature will be adjusted to meet the City of Novi standards.
- Comment: Lighting plan Parking Lot Lighting. Clarify if full cut-off fixtures are proposed.

  Response: Additional information will be provided.
- Comment: Lighting plan Min. Illumination. Adjust lighting to meet minimum standards or seek a deviation.

Response: Additional information will be provided.

• Comment: Lighting Plan - Average Light Level. Provide a calculation for all illuminated area of the lot to show Ave:Min is no greater than 4:1 or adjust lighting appropriately.

Response: Additional information will be provided.

• Comment: Lighting Plan – Adjacent to Residential. Additional information required to verify fixture height, cut off angles, and whether direct light source is visible at the property line.

Response: Additional information required to verify.

## **ENGINEERING REVIEW (dated September 10, 2024)**

Items pertaining to the PRO Concept plan

1. Comment: This parking space needs to be striped off, it is too narrow.

Response: This area will be striped out. Note that it was not counted towards the proposed parking counts.

2. Comment: The proposed monitoring manhole easement is too wide at spots. Just make it 10' wide from the ROW to the structure.

Response: The sanitary monitoring manhole easement will be revised.

3. Comment: Provide the liber and page number for the 6' easement for public utilities. This runs through the underground detention system and could raise some issues. Additionally, check on the 10' DTE easement to see if any underground construction is allowed within it.

Response: Additional information regarding the utility easement will be provided.

4. Comment: Add a legend to the utility plan sheet.

Response: A legend will be added to the "Utility Plan".

5. Comment: Will the applicant be conducting test pits for the infiltration test or just using the bore pit infiltration test?

Response: It is proposed to utilize the bore pit infiltration test, applying a safety factor of 2, as recommended by the project's geotechnical consultant, G2 Consulting.

6. Comment: Is there a structure missing here? The grading sheet calls out a rim elevation on the outflow pipe for the underground infiltration system.

Response: The area will be corrected.

7. Comment: Explain why an average infiltration rate was used for the storm water calculations instead of the infiltration rates from the adjacent / closest infiltration test location.

Response: Please note that each infiltration area had two (2) infiltration tests conducted within it, and only these two (2) tests were averaged to determine the infiltration rate for that specific area. Additional clarification in the storm water calculations will be provided as needed.

8. Comment: Provide the overland routing that would occur in the event the underground system cannot accept flow. This route shall be directed to a recognized drainage course or drainage system.

Response: The expected emergency overland overflow route will be added to the plans.

## Items to be addressed at site plan submittal

1. Comment: Only at the time of the printed Stamping Set submittal, provide the City's standard detail sheets for water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and paving. The most updated details can be found on the City's website under Engineering Standards and Construction Details.

Response: The City's standard details will be included on the Stamping Set submittal.

2. Comment: Clearly distinguish between proposed improvements and existing features of the site by providing a demolition sheet that shows all existing utilities. Ensue that proposed and existing line styles and hatches are able to be differentiated.

Response: A demolition sheet will be provided on the site plan submittal.

3. Comment: Show the parcel dividing line on the survey sheet to show where previous properties were separated.

Response: Original parcel information will be shown on the topographic survey for the site plan submittal.

4. Comment: Clearly distinguish between proposed and existing easements; the current easements are hard to differentiate.

Response: Line work for the easements will be updated as necessary to provide clarity on the site plan submittal.

5. Comment: A right-of-way permit will be required from the City of Novi and Oakland County.

Response: Understood.

6. Comment: The Non-Domestic User Survey Form for sanitary sewer flow shall be submitted to the City so it can be forwarded to Oakland County.

Response: A Non-Domestic User Survey Form will be submitted.

7. Comment: Provide a note that compacted sand backfill (MDOT sand Class II) shall be provided for all utilities within the influence of paved areas; illustrate and label on the profiles.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

8. Comment: Provide a construction materials table on the utility plan listing the quantity and material type for each utility (water, sanitary and storm) being proposed.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

9. Comment: Provide a utility crossing table indicating that at least 18-inch vertical clearance will be provided, or that additional bedding measures will be utilized at points of conflict where adequate clearance cannot be maintained.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

10. Comment: Where the minimum 18-inch clearance at utility crossings cannot be achieved, provide a prominent note stating the substandard clearance and that proper bedding/encasement will be determined by the inspecting engineer.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

11. Comment: Generally, all proposed trees shall remain outside utility easements. Where proposed trees are required within a utility easement, the trees shall maintain a minimum 5-foot horizontal separation from water main and storm sewer and 10-feet horizontal separation from sanitary sewer. All utilities and easements shall be shown on the landscape plan, or other appropriate sheet, to confirm the separation distance. Some trees appear close to the trench drain on the west side of the site, please check these separation distances to ensure that there will be no conflict.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

12. Comment: Indicate the typical foundation depth for the pole to verify that no conflicts with utilities will occur. Light poles in a utility easement will require a License Agreement.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

13. Comment: The grading and SESC sheets shall show the tree fence at least as far from the trunk as the critical root zone, defined as a circular area around a tree with a radius measured to the tree's longest dripline radius plus one (1) foot. No grading shall occur within the dripline. If the critical root zone is not fully protected, then replacements for that tree may be required.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

14. Comment: Show the Right-of-Way limits on the plans.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

15. Comment: Need WM material and domestic water lead material and size.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

- **16.** Comment: Place the hydrants at least 7 feet off back of curb (allowing 3-foot clearance from sidewalk) Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.
- 17. Comment: A tapping sleeve, valve and well is required at the connection to the existing water main.

  Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.
- 18. Comment: Per current EGLE requirement, provide a profile for all proposed water main 8-inch and larger.

19. Comment: 6-inch hydrant leads are allowed for leads less than or equal to 25 feet in length. 8-inch leads are required for leads greater than 25 feet in length.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

20. Comment: The water main stub at the northwest corner of the property shall terminate with a hydrant followed by a valve in well. If the hydrant is not a requirement of the development at this location, the hydrant can be labeled as "temporary", allowing it to be relocated in the future.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

21. Comment: All gate valves 6" or larger shall be placed in a well with the exception of a hydrant shut off valve. A valve shall be placed in a box for water main smaller than 6".

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

22. Comment: Valves shall be arranged so that no single line failure will require more than eight hundred (800)-feet of main to be out of service.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

23. Comment: Provide a separate domestic lead and, if required by the Fire Marshal, a minimum 6-inch fire lead for each building with a unique shut-off valve for each.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

24. Comment: In the general notes and on the profile, add the following note: "Per the Ten States Standards Article 8.8.3, one full 20-foot pipe length of water main shall be used whenever storm sewer or sanitary sewer is cross, and the pipe shall be centered on the crossing, in order to ensure 10-foot separation between water main and sewers." Additionally, show the 20-foot pipe lengths on the profile.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

25. Comment: A sealed set of utility plans along with the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) permit application for water main construction, the Streamlined Water Main Permit Checklist, Contaminated Site Evaluation Checklist, and an electronic version of the utility plan should be submitted to the Engineering Division for review, assuming no further design changes are anticipated. Utility plan sets shall include only the cover sheet, any applicable utility sheets, and the standard detail sheets.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

26. Comment: If irrigation is proposed, include an irrigation letter and containment letter with the next review. Include containment notes on the irrigation sheets as well.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

27. Comment: Show the existing sanitary sewer easement to the south. Additionally, should the pipe north of the existing manhole connection be 6" or 8"? The inverts show a 6" and 8" entering the structure, but the as-builts we have for Willow Farms Estates to the south only shows the 8". Please confirm the invert and rim elevations on your survey are correct, because they do not match the as-builts.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

28. Comment: Provide a sanitary sewer basis of design for the development on the utility plan sheet. Calculations should use peaking factor of 4.0 and 3.2 People/REU.

29. Comment: Section 11-164 (g)-4 states the maximum length of a sanitary sewer lead shall not exceed 100-feet unless otherwise approved, so ensure clean-outs are provided every 100-feet.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

30. Comment: Illustrate all pipes intersecting with manholes on the sanitary profiles.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

31. Comment: A minimum cover depth of 3 feet shall be maintained over all proposed storm sewer. In situations where the minimum cover cannot be achieved, Class V pipe must be used with an absolute minimum cover depth of 2 feet. An explanation shall be provided where the cover depth cannot be provided.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

32. Comment: Provide a 0.1-foot drop in the downstream invert of all storm structures where a change in direction of 30 degrees or greater occurs.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

33. Comment: Match the 0.80 diameter depth above invert for pipe sizes increases.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

34. Comment: Storm manholes with differences in invert elevations exceeding two feet shall contain a 2-foot deep plunge pool.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

35. Comment: Provide a four-foot deep sump and an oil/gas separator in the last storm structure prior to discharge to the underground detention system.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

**36.** *Comment: The minimum pipe size for storm sewers receiving surface runoff shall be 12-inch diameter.* Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

37. Comment: Provide profiles for all storm sewer 12-inch and larger.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

38. Comment: Plastic pipe is not allowed in the right-of-way, the maximum allowable size for plastic storm sewer is 12-inch. (Smaller diameters are allowed for roof drains)

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

39. Comment: Label all inlet storm structures on the profiles. Inlets are only permitted in paved areas and when followed by a catch basin within 50-feet.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

40. Comment: Label the 10-year HGL on the storm sewer profiles and ensure the HGL remains at least 1-foot below the rim of each structure.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

41. Comment: Illustrate all pipes intersection storm structures on the storm profiles.

42. Comment: Provide a schedule listing the casting type, rim elevation, diameter, and invert sizes/elevations for each proposed, adjusted, or modified storm structure on the utility plan. Round castings shall be provided on all catch basins except curb inlet structures.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

43. Comment: Show and label all roof conductors and show where they tie into the storm sewer.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

44. Comment: The Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for this development shall be designed in accordance with the Storm Water Ordinance and Chapter 5 of the Engineering Design Manual (updated Jan 31, 2024)

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

45. Comment: Provide calculations verifying the post-development runoff rate directed to the proposed receiving drainage course does not exceed the pre-development runoff rate for the site.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

46. Comment: Explain where the runoff coefficient of 0.15 is coming from. If the soil is hydrologic soil group A, please list that.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

47. Comment: Determine if the infiltration basin cross-section was intended to be a trapezoid. The base at 872' is 8,255 sft cross sectional area and at 866' it is 3,125 sft, which means at the surface it is wider and grows narrower as it goes down. If it is trapezoidal, revise the detail for the cross-section on page 6 to show existing soils on the sides.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

48. Comment: Extend the basin maintenance access route around the basin so that the outlet structures and pretreatment structures can be maintained (15 feet wide, maximum running slope of 1V:5H, maximum cross slope of 3%, and able to withstand the passage of heavy equipment). Verify the access route does not conflict with proposed landscaping.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

49. Comment: Provide a 5-foot wide stone bridge/access route allowing direct access to the standpipe from the bank of the basin during high-water conditions (ie. Stone 6-inches above high-water elevation). Provide a detail and/or note as necessary.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

50. Comment: As part of the Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement, provide an access easement for maintenance over the storm water detention system and the pretreatment structure. Also, include an access easement to the detention area from the public road right-of-way.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

51. Comment: Provide manufacturer's details and sizing calculations for the pretreatment structure on the plans. The treated flow rate should be based on the 1-year storm event intensity (~1.6 ln/Hr); higher flows shall be bypassed.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

**52.** Comment: Provide release rate calculations for the three design storm events (Vcp-r, V100, and Qed). Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

53. Comment: The flow restriction shall be accomplished by methods other than a pipe restriction in an oversized pipe due to the potential for clogging and restrictor removal. A perforated standpipe, weir design, baffle wall, etc. should be utilized instead.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

54. Comment: The primary outlet standpipe shall be designed with a secondary outer pipe with numerous holes. The stone filter would rest against this outer pipe and help protect the outlet standpipe from clogging.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

55. Comment: Provide supporting details for the runoff coefficient of the "Off-site Grass/On-Site Basin Area" and why this was different from the on-site grass. Use the Oakland County stormwater standards for the runoff coefficients.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

56. Comment: A 25-foot vegetated buffer shall be provided around the perimeter of the storm water basin where impervious area is directed to the basin via surface flow.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

57. Comment: If parcels are not being combined, an off-site storm sewer easement will be required from the property line to the catch basin being connected to.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

58. Comment: Provide an underdrain along the downstream side of the underground detention system which is tied into a manhole as a means of secondary storm water conveyance to the outlet.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

59. Comment: Cleanouts shall be provided at each end of the proposed underdrain for periodic maintenance.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

60. Comment: Provide a table or note addressing the required bedding depth vs. bearing capacity of the underlying soils in the vicinity of the underground detention system per the manufacturer's specifications.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

61. Comment: Provide a note on the plans stating the City's inspecting engineers shall verify the bearing capacity of the native soils to verify an adequate bedding depth is provided.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

62. Comment: Indicate the assumed porosity of the aggregate. The volume calculations shall consider only 85-percent of that volume as available for storage to account for sediment accumulation in the aggregate. This means that the usual 40% porosity assumed by many manufacturers must be reduced to 0.85 of that = 34%.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

63. Comment: Provide a note on the underground detention detail that aggregate porosity will be tested, and results provided to the City's inspecting engineers.

64. Comment: Provide an isolator row in the underground detention system in addition to the swirl concentrator chamber. Contact the Engineering Division for further information.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

65. Comment: Provide inspection ports throughout the underground detention system at the midpoint of all storage rows. Additional inspection ports may be required for systems larger than 200 feet. One inspection port every 50 feet for isolator row.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

66. Comment: Inspection ports shall be a minimum of 8-inches.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

67. Comment: For piped/chamber systems, the underground storage system shall include 4-foot diameter manholes at one end of each row for maintenance access purposes.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

68. Comment: Provide critical elevations for the detention system. Also, provide a cross-section for the underground detention system. Ensure that there is at least 1 foot of freeboard between the 100-year elevation and the subgrade elevation beneath the pavement.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

69. Comment: The underground detention system shall be kept outside of the influence of any planting areas.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

70. Comment: In order to prevent scouring (per Table 4 of StormTech manual), do not exceed the maximum inlet flow rates.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

71. Comment: The Infiltration Trench shall be sized for a portion of the 100-year detention volume. This volume shall include the below-grade pipe and gravel media. The available storage volume in the gravel shall assume that only 85-percent of the volume is available for storage to account for sediment accumulation within the media [Same as underground detention note for stone volume; see above]. Provide these calculations on the plans.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

72. Comment: The detail for the Infiltration Basin shall indicate the above-grade pointing depth and shall show the overflow catch basin. Include the design side slopes.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

73. Comment: Provide a geotextile filter fabric under the planting material to separate it from the underdrain/base material or in-situ soils.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

74. Comment: Provide a cross-section that includes the Infiltration basin outlet structure, with all relevant elevations, inverts, and dimensions.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

75. Comment: Provide a construction materials table on the Paving Plan listing the quantity and material type for each pavement cross-section being proposed.

76. Comment: A pedestrian pathway is required along the northern and eastern frontage. The ordinance allows for an administrative variance when there are no existing pathways within 300-feet of the property if the applicant provides payment to the City equal to the cost of the pathway (as approved by the City Engineer) for City use to construct pathways elsewhere in the City. The applicant should provide a letter making this request or construct the sidewalk along the frontage as required.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

77. Comment: Provide a minimum of 6 spot elevations where the pathway crosses each driveway (one at each corner and two in the center of the driveway on each side of the pathway). Spot elevations shall be provided to demonstrate a level landing adjacent to each side of the pathway crossing.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

78. Comment: No more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " vertical obstacle shall be allowed at each transition between the pathway and the drive approach.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

79. Comment: Revise Dumpster Pad details to meet city standard, 8" concrete on 8" 21AA aggregate base. Note: Dumpster pad shall extend minimum 10' beyond dumpster enclosure.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

80. Comment: Revise the pathway cross-section to indicate a maximum cross-slope of 2%. Add the maximum 2-percent cross-slope to the sidewalk detail.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

81. Comment: Provide spot elevations at the intersection of the proposed pathway with the existing pathway.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

82. Comment: Detectable warning plates are required at all barrier free ramps, hazardous vehicular crossings and other areas where the sidewalk is flush with the adjacent drive or parking pavement. The barrier-free ramps shall comply with current MDOT specifications for ADA Sidewalk Ramps. Provide the latest version of the MDOT standard detail for detectable surfaces. Please ensure that the product is the concrete-embedded detectable warning plates, or equal, and shall be approved by the Engineering Division. Stamped concrete will not be acceptable.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

83. Comment: Label specific ramp locations on the plans where the detectable warning surface is to be installed.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

84. Comment: Verify the slopes along the ingress/egress routing to the building from the barrier-free stalls. All barrier-free stalls comply with Michigan Barrier-Free regulations.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

85. Comment: Provide existing and proposed contours on the Grading Plan at the time of the Final Site Plan submittal

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

86. Comment: Revise the pathway cross-section to indicate a maximum cross-slope of 2%. Add the maximum 2-percent cross-slope to the sidewalk detail.

87. Comment: Provide at least 3-foot of buffer distance between the sidewalk and any fixed onjects, including hydrants and irrigation backflow devices. Include a note on the plan where the 3-foot separation cannot be provided.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

88. Comment: Site grading shall be limited to 1V:4H (25-percent), excluding landscaping berms.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

89. Comment: The grade of the drive approach shall not exceed 2-percent within the first 25 feet of the intersection. Provide spot grades as necessary to establish this grade.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

90. Comment: The sidewalk within the right-of-way shall continue through the drive approach. If like materials are used for each, the sidewalk shall be striped through the approach. The sidewalk shall match the proposed cross-section if the approach is concrete. Provide additional spot grades as necessary to verify the maximum 2-percent cross-slope is being maintained along the walk.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

**91.** Comment: Provide spot grades along property lines to demonstrate site drainage is self-contained. Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

92. Comment: Provide additional spot grades as necessary to demonstrate that a minimum 5-percent slope away from the building is provided for a minimum distance of ten feet around the perimeter of the building.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

93. Comment: The end islands shall conform to the City standard island design, or variations of the standard design, while still conforming to the standard design, while still conforming to the standards as outlined in Section 2506 of Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance (i.e. 2' minor radius, 15' major radius, minimum 10' wide, 3' shorter than adjacent 19' stall).

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

94. Comment: The City standard straight-faced curb (MDOT F-4 curb detail) shall be provided.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

95. Comment: Label the actual usable length of the proposed angled parking stalls. This is done by measuring between parallel lines representing the position at the front and rear of the car, without the rear of the car conflicting with the maneuvering aisle.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

96. Comment: A SESC permit is required. A full review has not been completed at this time. A review will be done when a completed packet is submitted to Sarah Marchioni at Community Development.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

97. Comment: Any off-site utility easements anticipated must be executed prior to Stamping Set Approval. If you have not already done so, drafts of the easements and a recent title search shall be submitted to the Community Development Department as soon as possible for review and shall be approved by the Engineering Division and the City Attorney prior to executing the easements.

98. Comment: Any off-site utility easements anticipated must be executed prior to final approval of the plans.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

99. Comment: Approval from the neighboring property owner for the work associated with the off-site sanitary sewer shall be forwarded to the Engineering Division prior to Stamping Set approval.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

100. Comment: A letter from either the applicant or the applicant's engineer must be submitted with the Stamping Set highlighting the changes made to the plans addressing each of the comments listed above and indicating the revised sheets involved. Additionally, a statement must be provided stating that all changes to the plan have been discussed in the applicant's response letter.

Response: Additional design information will be provided for the site plan submittal.

## Landscape Review Report and Summary Chart (dated August 28, 2024)

Refer to the response to review letter prepared by Allen Design.

## AECOM – Pre-Application Traffic Review (dated September 5, 2024)

• Comment: Sidewalk Ramps. Label any proposed ramps at driveway, detail provided.

Response: The sidewalk ramps will be labeled on the next submittal.

 Comment: End Islands – Adjacent to a travel way. There are 2 locations, on either side of the building, where 2 customer parking spaces have an end island on one side but not on the other due to the service drive. AECOM would approve a waiver for a painted end island to separate the parking space from the service drive area. Alternatively, the applicant could add crosshatch pavement markings, so no one parks in these areas.

Response: Striped out areas will be added on the next submittal.

• Comment: Bicycle parking – Other (Covered/Layout). Refer to Text Amendment 18.301 for revised layout dimensions, 48" required on either side of bicycle rack.

Response: Additional information regarding the bicycle parking will be provided on the next submittal.

• Comment: Any Other Comments. Add pavement marking details for hatched loading area.

Response: Additional pavement marking details will be provided on the next submittal.

## Facade Review (dated September 9, 2024)

- It is acknowledged that a Section 9 Waiver for the front façade material is supported by staff.
- The Architect will provide sample boards as required.
- The detail for the dumpster enclosure will be updated as required.

## City of Novi Fire Department Review (dated August 27, 2024)

• Comment: All fire hydrants MUST be installed and operational prior to any combustible material is brought on site.

Response: A note indicating the above has been added plans. Refer to the "Preliminary Site Plan".

 Comment: For new buildings and existing buildings, you MUST comply with the International Fire Code Section 510 for Emergency Radio Coverage. This shall be completed by the time the final inspection of the fire alarm and fire suppression permits.

Response: A note indicating the above has been added to the plans. Refer to the "Preliminary Site Plan".

Comment: All notes on plan set sheet #2 for Fire Dept. shall be followed.
 Response: Understood.

If you have any questions/comments, please feel free to contact me at (248) 941-5624 or <a href="mailto:shiloh@alpine-inc.net">shiloh@alpine-inc.net</a>.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Alpine Engineering, Inc.

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Senior Project Engineer

Cc: Feldman Automotive Inc (Steven Saltz)

# FELDMAN KIA OF NOVI JZ 24-32

**DATED: 10-08-2024** 

## **Requested Ordinance Deviations:**

1. SERVICE BAY DOORS (NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES): Section 3.10.3 - In the B-2 and B-3 districts: No truck well, loading dock, overhead door or other type of service bay door shall face a major thoroughfare, nor an abutting residential district. Pedestrian exits or emergency doors are permitted on such building facades.

<u>Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review:</u> The justification provided by the applicant appears to be adequate to protect adjacent uses from negative impacts, provided the buffer / screening at the southern property line is approved. Staff supports the deviation for the overhead doors if this buffer will meet or exceed the requirements of the ordinance. The applicant is asked to clarify whether they would agree to a condition that the service bay doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering / exiting of vehicles, to further limit noise emissions from the building

A service reception area that is easily accessible to the customers is a necessity for this type of business. The service reception area is proposed to be situated parallel to the development's main driveway for easy customer access and to maintain a safe and organized flow within the parking lot. This portion of the building is for customer reception and generally automotive service will be completed within the southern part of the building separate from this area. Refer to the "Composite Floor Plan" for additional information regarding the proposed floor plan.

The service reception area is proposed to have a total of four (4) overhead doors. The northern overhead doors are located 129 feet from the Grand River Avenue Right-of-Way. The southern overhead doors are located 281 feet from the southern property line. There will be a berm with landscaping along the southern property line to screen the overhead doors from the residential uses to the south.

The Applicant has indicated that they would agree to a condition that the service bay doors shall remain closed except to allow the entering/exiting of vehicles, to future limit noise emissions from the building.

It is respectively requested that a waiver be granted for this deviation.

2. FAÇADE WAIVER: Section 5.15 – A minimum of 30% of the front façade is required to be brick. <u>Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review:</u> As noted in the façade review, the front façade consists primarily of showroom glass, which is not regulated by the façade ordinance. "In this case the addition of brick would not enhance the front façade and all other façades have large percentages of brick. For this reason, we recommend that the design is consistent with the intent and purpose of the façade ordinance and that a Section 9 façade waiver be granted for all underage of brick on the front façade.

It is respectively requested that a Section 9 Waiver be granted for the underage of brick on the front façade.

3. RIGHT-OF-WAY GREENBELT BERM: Section 5.5.3.B.ii.f Right-of-way Landscape Screening Requirements Table – In the B-3 zoning district and where the right-of-way is adjacent to parking, a twenty (20)-ft greenbelt width with a minimum three (3)-ft high berm is required along the road rights-of-way.

Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review: This is supported by staff for the frontages since the continuous hedge proposed provides an alternative form of screening, and this has been allowed for other dealerships.

Parking is setback the required twenty (20)-ft from both the Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive rights-of-way; however, in lieu of a 3-foot-tall berm, the Applicant respectively requests to provide a three (3) ft high continuous hedge along the Grand River Avenue Right-of-Way and the Joseph Drive Right-of-Way. Refer to the "Landscaping Plan" for additional information.

It is respectively requested that a waiver be granted to utilize a continuous hedge in lieu of a three (3)-foot high berm.

4. BERM HEIGHT ALONG THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE: Section 5.5.3.A.ii Residential adjacent to non-residential berm requirement chart: For a commercial use within the B-3 zoning district, a berm height of six (6) to eight (8) feet is required whenever adjacent to a residential use.

Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review: As noted previously, there is conflicting information regarding the trees on the berm – Sheet 2 indicates they will "remain for screening" and sheets L-1 and L-2 state, "Remove all trees as shown and leave all understory and shrubs." Staff is concerned that the proposed removal of existing trees (which are mostly in poor condition and covered in vines) without replanting on the berm does not offer a sufficient buffer to the adjacent residents to the south. If the trees are to be removed the height of the berm should be raised and new trees and/or fencing added on top of it to provide an adequate visual and aesthetic buffer to meet the ordinance for 80% opacity in winter and 90% opacity in summer. This is particularly important to help off-set the detriments of the auto dealership use at this location, so this deviation is not supported.

A concept plan showing a reworked berm along the southern property line has been developed. Refer to the attached "Preliminary Grading Plan (Conceptual Plan of Southern Berm)" dated 2024-10-04. This concept plan shows a berm meeting the required screening height. Additionally, the plans will be revised to show all of the existing vegetation / trees along the southern property line being removed and the proposed landscape plan will be revised to include plantings along the berm.

With the above changes, it is our understanding that this deviation can be removed.

- 5. DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS SIGN: Chapter 28 Signs, Section 28-5 table, and applicable footnotes / sections. Wall signs: Section 28-5 table indicates that a single tenant within the B-3 District is allowed one (1) wall sign up to 250 square feet maximum. Additional requirements (Section 28-5.b.1.b) indicate the maximum wall sign area as it correlates to the setback distance from an adjacent road.
  - Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review: The applicant should clarify if these estimated dimensions are correct and provide additional information to be able to evaluate the deviations from the requirements of the sign code: ground sign distance from the centerline of Grand River, and the total area of each sign proposed (box placed around the entire sign area as shown to the right). A Sign Permit Application will be required for each sign proposed.
  - Refer to the Plan Review letter prepared by Studio Detroit (dated September 25, 2024) for additional information regarding this item.
- 6. PARKING LOT ISLANDS: Section 5.3.12. There are two locations, on either side of the building, where 2 customer parking spaces have an end island on one side, but not the side adjacent to the entry / exit point of the service area.
  - Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review: We would support a waiver to allow a painted end island in lieu of a curbed island to separate the spaces from the service drive. Alternatively,

the applicant could add crosshatch pavement markings so no one parks in these areas. This would require additional customer parking spaces to be located elsewhere on the property.

The applicant has indicated that they will include striped out end islands in the area of the entry / exit points of the service area.

It is respectively requested that a waiver be granted to provide striped out areas in lieu of a landscape island.

7. GREEN BELT LANDSCAPING: Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii.III – Ordinance requirements for the number of trees along Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive have not been met. There is also a deficiency in subcanopy trees on Joseph Drive. These conditions require deviations to be approved. If sufficient justifications can be made for the deficiencies, or the deviations could be significantly reduced, it might be supported by Staff.

The Landscape plan will be revised to accommodate the additional required green belt landscaping.

With the above change, it is our understanding that this deviation can be removed.

8. PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING: Sec. 5.5.3.C – There are 2 landscaping islands north of the building are less than 200 square feet, so the trees in them cannot be counted as interior parking lot trees. This requires a landscape deviation that is not supported by staff. The justification provided is not sufficient for this deviation, in the opinion of staff. Please revise the endcap islands to meet the requirement required.

The applicant has indicated that the size of the end caps will be enlarged to meet the City's minimum area requirement. Parking lot space(s) will be adjusted as necessary.

With the above change, it is our understanding that this deviation can be removed.

9. Parking Bays: Sec. 5.5.3.C.ii.p4 – The ordinance allows a maximum of 15 parking spaces in a bay with an island separating bays. Inventory parking bays may have up to 25 spaces in a row if the required interior landscape area is provided. On the western side of the site there are bays of inventory parking with 19 spaces and 9 spaces, however there is no landscaping in the island that separates them. The applicant shall provide the required landscaping or request a deviation. All other bays are either less than 15 spaces in a row, or designated for inventory parking in bays up to 25 spaces in length.

The proposed landscape island will be enlarged as necessary to accommodate both the existing hydrant and landscaping.

With the above change, it is our understanding that this deviation can be removed.

10. BUILDING FOUNDATION LANDSCAPING: Sec. 5.5.3.D – The required foundation area is provided in total, but only 72% is at the building.

Staff Comment from the September 12, 2024 Planning Review: As the remaining landscaping is provided in areas that will enhance the appearance of the site from Grand River, it would be supported by staff.

It is respectively requested that a waiver be granted for the building foundation landscaping.



October 7, 2024

Mr. Rick Meader, Landscape Architect **City of Novi Community Development** 45175 West 10 Mile Novi, MI 48375

RE: Feldman Kia of Novi

Dear Mr. Meader:

Below are our responses to your review dated August 28, 2024.

## Landscape Comments:

- Existing plant material. The existing plantings along the south property will be removed with and a 6' berm with plantings will be planted to provide the required screening.
- Parking lot islands. The two islands north of the building will be increased to 200 s.f. This also allows the proposed trees to count towards the required parking lot landscaping.
- Contiguous space. An additional island will be added to the eastern bay to be able to accommodate a tree.
- Plantings around fire hydrant. The building's FDC will be called out and foundation landscaping will be adjusted accordingly.
- *VUA requirements.* The double counted parking lot trees will be eliminated and the required greenbelt and parking lot trees will be provided. This eliminates a deviation.
- Berm requirements. The low quality southern plantings will be removed and replaced with a 6' berm with dense evergreens to provide the required screening. This will eliminate a deviation.
- Walls. The screen wall will be designed by a structural engineer and provided on a future submission.
- ROW landscape Screening. The existing evergreens will be counted as greenbelt trees. This will eliminate a deviation.
- Sub-canopy trees. The area between the walk and the existing trees will be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion.
- *Detention / retention basin requirements*. Plantings will be provided around the infiltration basin. Replacement trees and required shrubs will be provided.
- *Phragmites*. The site will be rechecked to verify whether it is present or not.
- Irrigation plan. An irrigation plan will be provided at stamping sets.
- Other information. A note will be added near the native seed mix instructing the contractor to provide proof of the mix used.
- Other plant material requirements. A note stating plantings shall not be planted within 4' of the property line will be added to the plans.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this response, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

James C. Allen Allen Design L.L.C.



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September 25, 2024

#### **FELDMAN KIA NOVI**

New Construction 40575 Grand River Ave Novi, MI 48375 ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO. 2192

Re: Plan Review JZ 24-32 Feldman Kia PRO

We received the Plan Review comments dated September 12, 2024. We offer the following responses relative to items listed in that letter with the following attachments:

### **REVIEW NOTES**

5. Proposed signage has been included in the PRO Concept plan submittal and the applicant requests a deviation to allow the signage as proposed. In some cases, deviations from the Sign Ordinance (Chapter 28 of the City Code) have been included in previous PRO Agreements. The sign details in the submittal do not include all measurements in order to determine the total area of the signs. The sign ordinance allows the following in the B-3 district for a single tenant building or development parcel: 250 square foot maximum – 1 wall sign (shall not exceed 1 sf for each 2 feet of setback from the nearest thoroughfare; and (1) ground sign a maximum of 6 feet high. Allowable size is determined by 1 square foot of sign for each 2 feet of setback from the thoroughfare centerline (appears that 30 sf allowed.

The applicant is proposing <u>3 wall signs on the north elevation</u>, which is 144 feet from the Grand River centerline ("KIA" 13'x3' = 39 sf, "Feldman" 13'x2' = 26 sf, "Service" = 9'x1.5' = 13.5 sf) with a total area of 78.5 square feet. One sign is proposed on the east elevation ("KIA" 13'x3' = 39 sf.) One ground mounted sign, located 60 feet from the street centerline, is shown as 5 feet tall with a total area of about 40 square feet. The applicant should clarify if these estimated dimensions are correct and provide additional information to be able to evaluate deviations from the requirements of the sign code: ground sign distance from the centerline of Grand River, and the total area of each sign proposed (box placed around the entire sign area.) A Sign Permit Application will be required for each sign proposed.

Response – We are proposing that the "Service" signage be included as directional signage and not be included in the allowable sign area. The wall signs are proposed as described below:

North Elevation - 144' setback, 72 SF allowable

KIA = 12'-9" x 3'-0" = 38.25 sf Feldman = 14'-6"(max) x 2'-0" = 29 sf max Service = 8'-3" x 1'-6" = 12.38 sf (Wayfinding) Total without wayfinding = 67.25 sf Total with wayfinding = 79.63 sf

East Elevation – 255' setback, 122.5 SF allowable KIA = 12'-9" x 3'-0" = 38.25 sf

Ground Sign – 60' setback, 30 SF allowable KIA Logo (per face) = 3 sf Total Sign area (per face) = 26.71 sf

6. Lighting (Section 5.7): The lighting plan provided did not provide the necessary level of detail to verify ordinance requirements are met. Calculations and rations for lighting should exclude any unlit portions of the site (0.0 fc levels.) The height of all fixtures must be provided, as well as specifications for each fixture that indicate glare control, Color Correlated Temperature, and Color Rendering Index. Calculations are needed to show the Average light level of the surfaces being lit to the lowest light of the surface shall not a exceed a ration of 4:1 (Ave:Min) for the overall site, not just the individual sections. See the Planning Chart for additional details of the missing information.

Response – Site lighting fixture mounting heights are as proposed below:

P1, P3, and P4 (Parking lot pole fixtures) = 22'-6" P2 (Joseph Drive decorative fixtures) = 14'-0" W1 (wall mounted fixtures) = 15'-0"

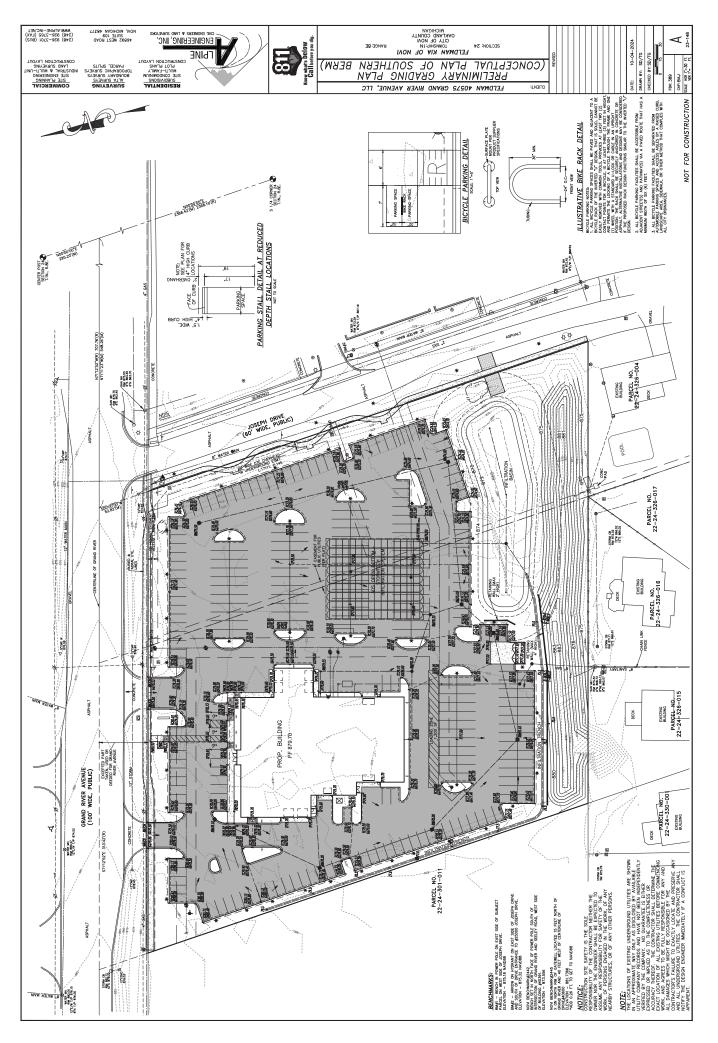
All fixtures will have a Color Correlated Temperature of 3000K and a Color Rendering Index of 70 minimum. The calculations showing the average light level for all surfaces has been included in the Calculation Summary as "AsphaltLOT\_Planar". All perimeter site fixtures will include a backlight cut-off shield to prevent glare. All site luminaires are full cut-off fixtures. We are providing the minimum required illumination of parking areas (0.2 fc), and will adjust the P2 fixtures along Joseph Drive to meet the minimum required illumination for walkways (0.2 fc.)

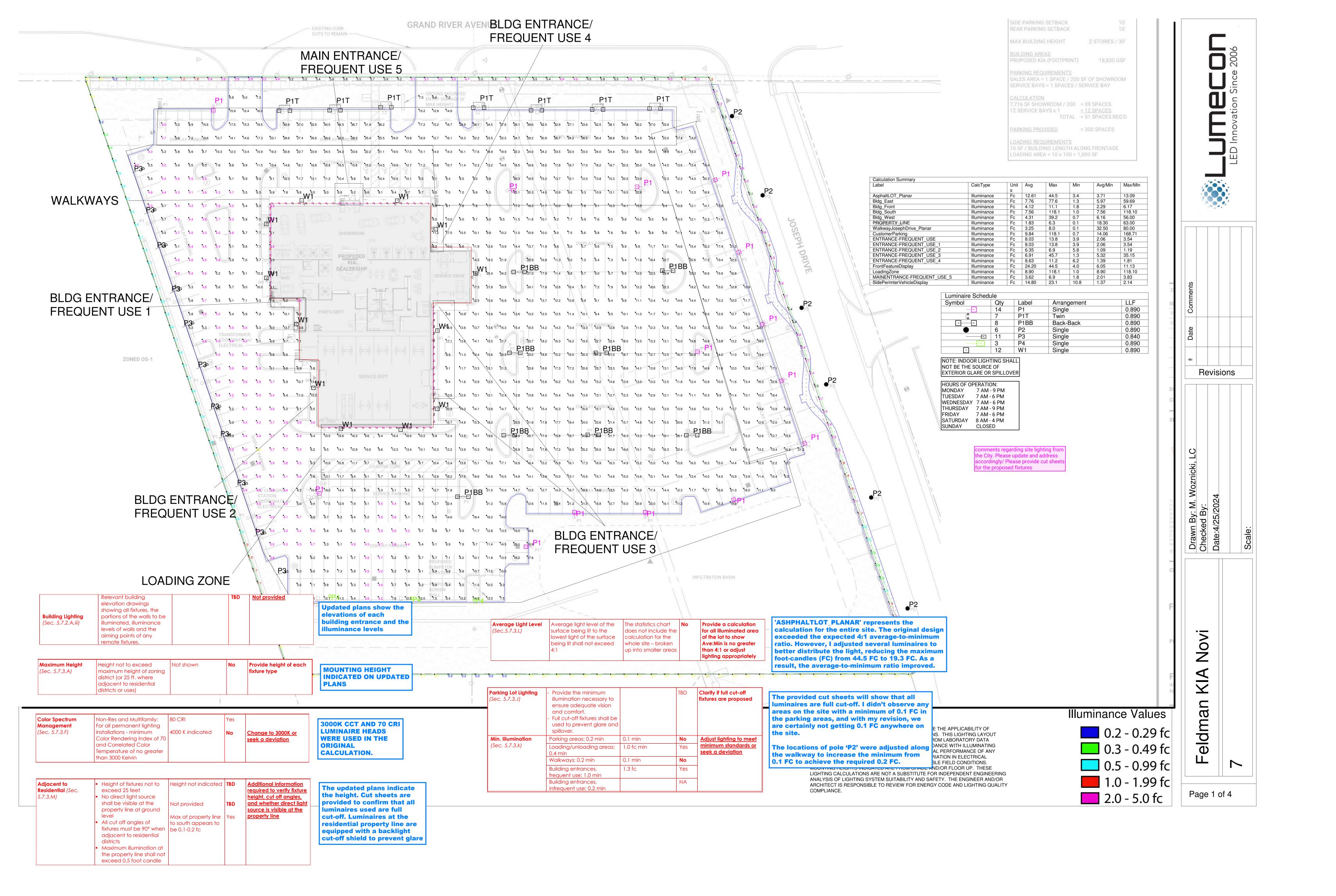
Please feel free to contact us should you have any additional questions or comments.

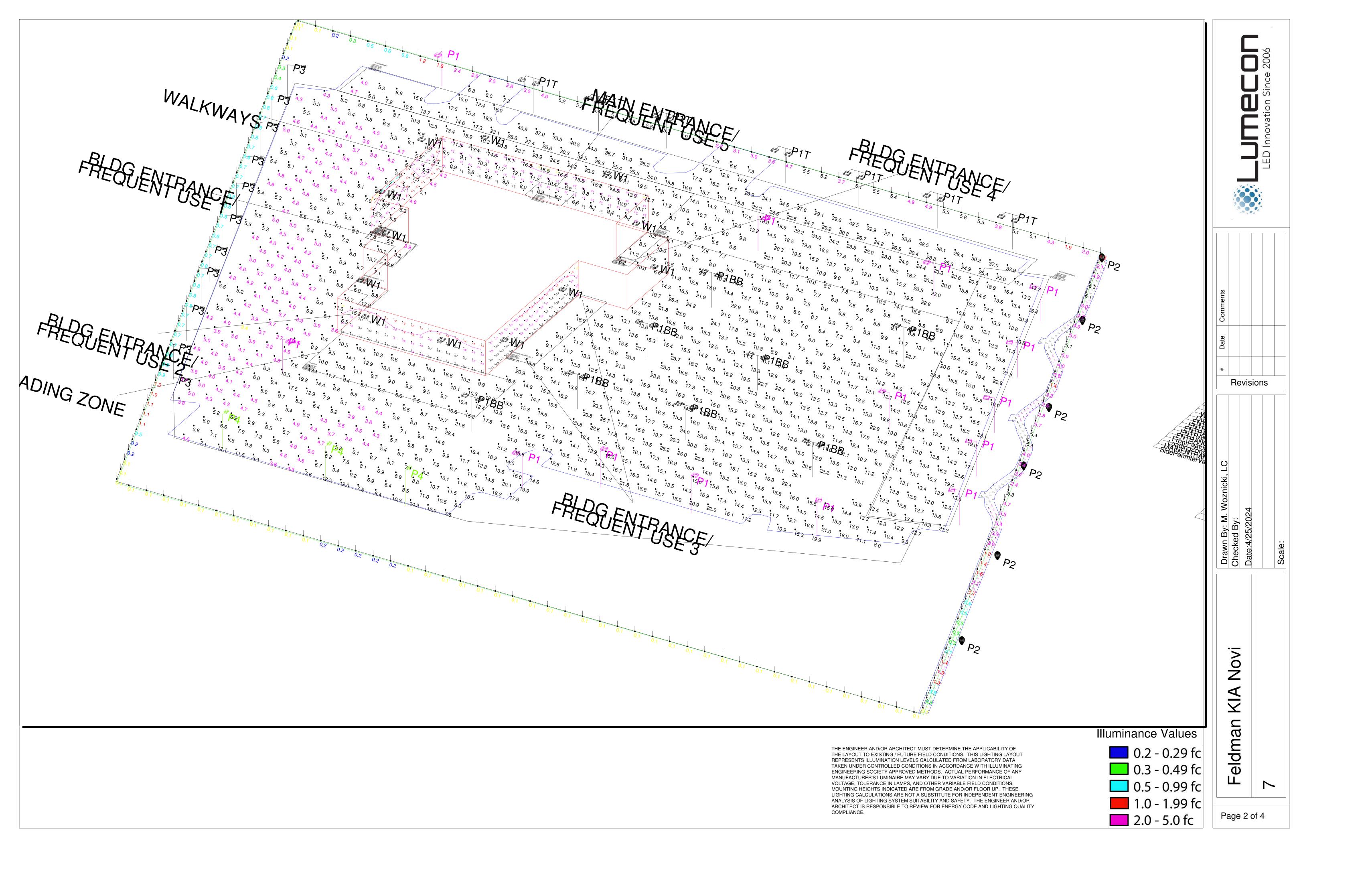
Sincerely,

Peter N. Pentescu Studio Detroit 2040 Park Ave, Suite 200 Detroit, MI 48226

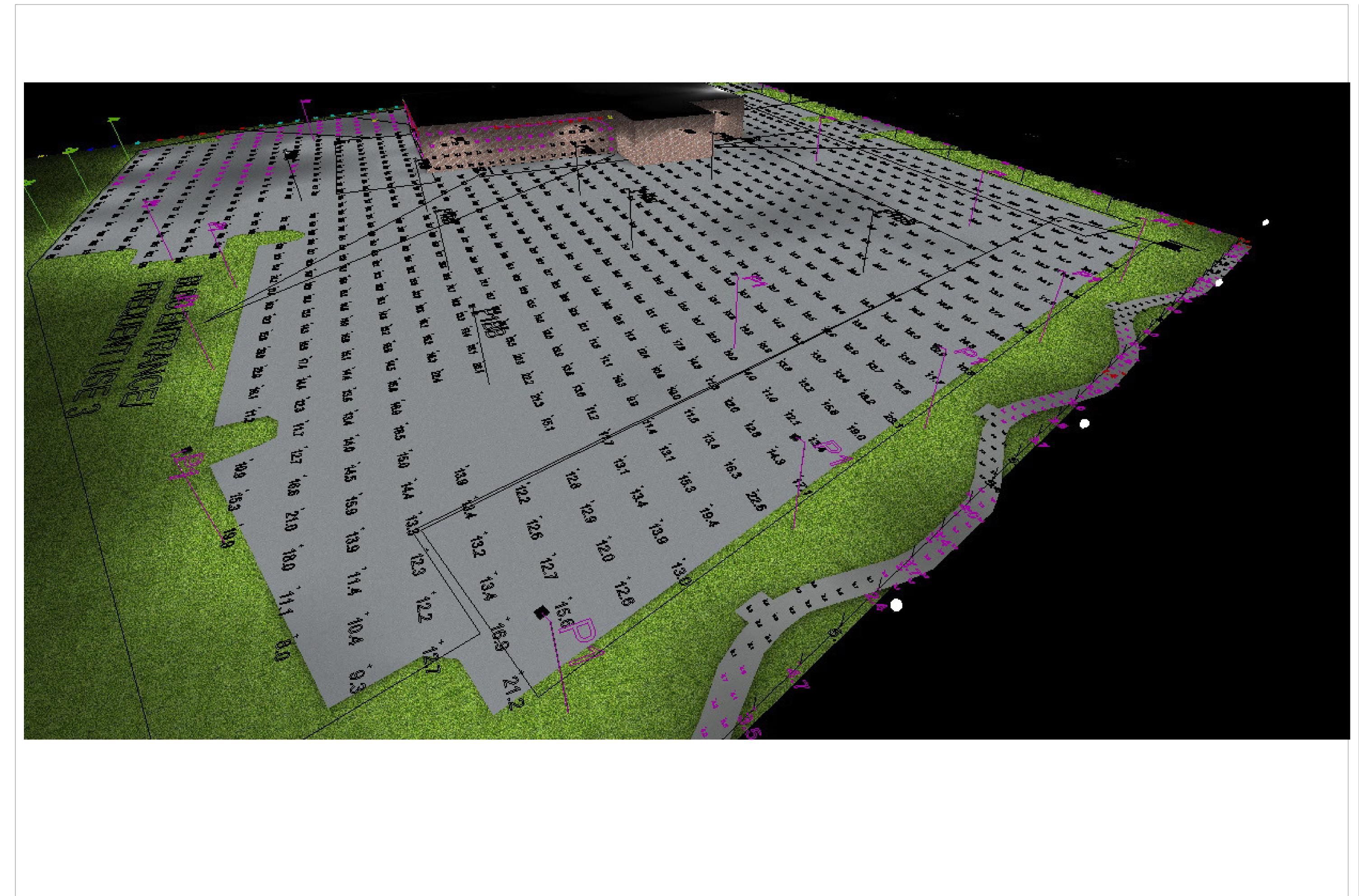
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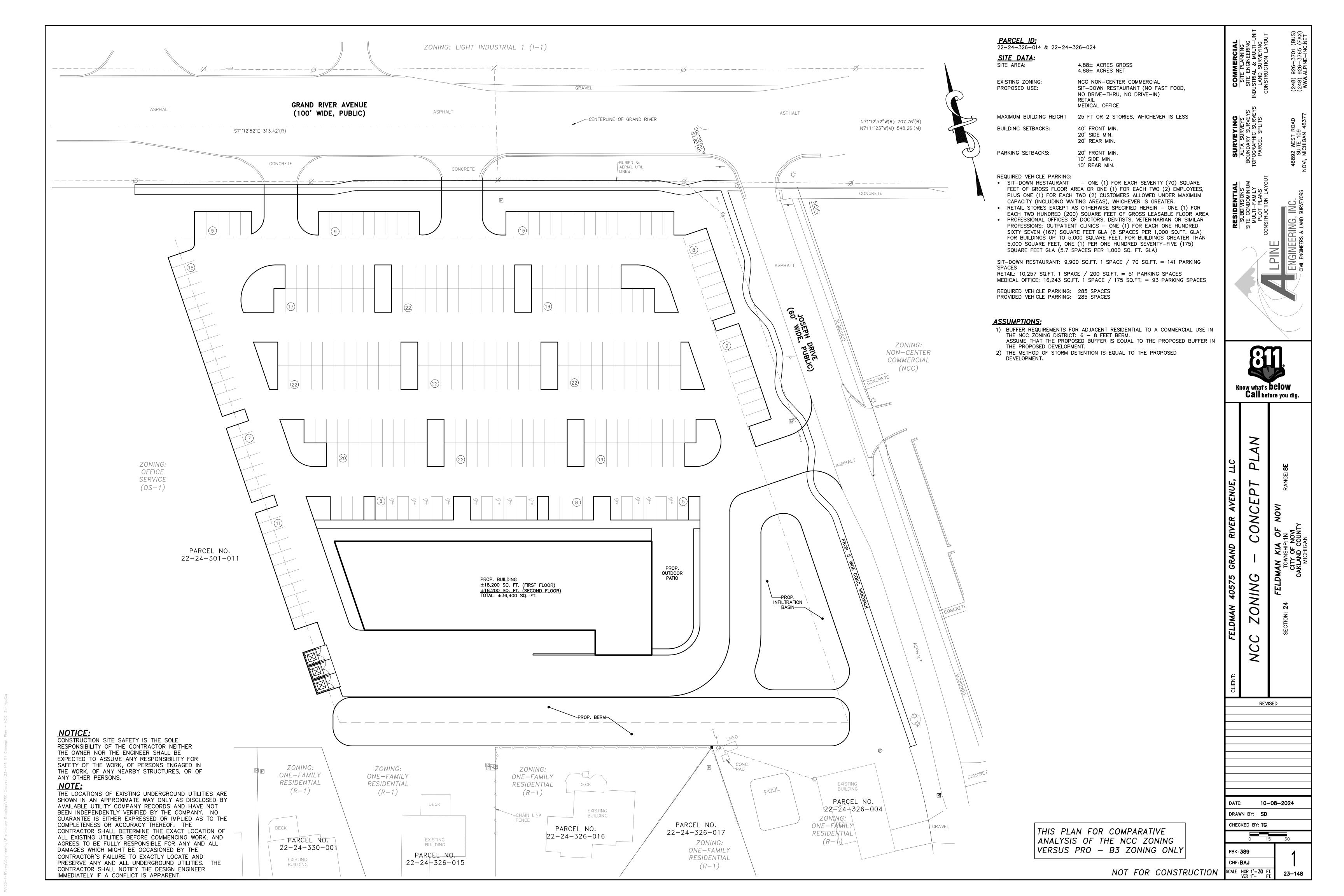


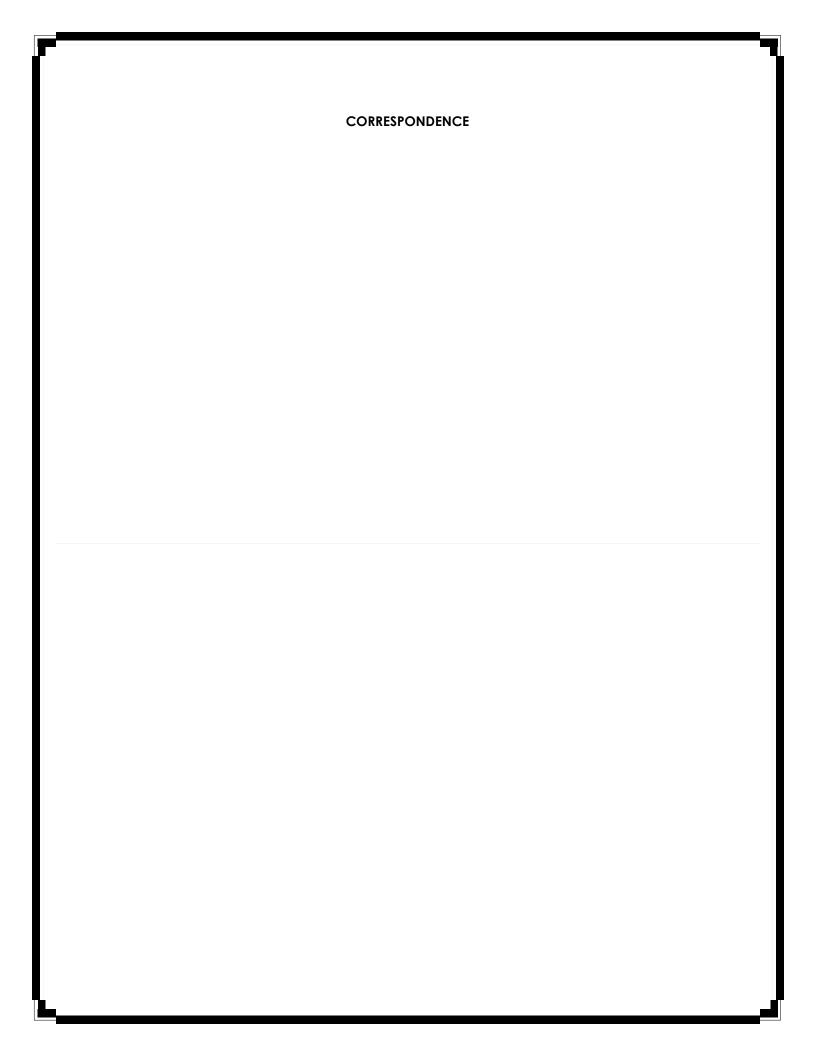
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# CITY OF NOVI RESPONSE FORM

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JZ24-32 FELDMAN KIA FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.746, TO REZONE FROM NCC (NON-CENTER COMMERCIAL) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS)

You are invited to attend the public hearing on October 16, 2024 and voice your support or objection.

Participants may also choose to submit comments that can be read into the record if they are unable to attend. To submit a written reply, you may use this form to reply by mail, email, or fax. Returning this form by mail, email, or fax has as much validity as verbal comments. Signed comments will be added to the record of the meeting. Unsigned or anonymous comments <u>WILL NOT</u> be considered. Written comments must be received by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

Return via email: <u>dshanahan@cityofnovi.org</u>

Return via mail or fax: Community Development Department

45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 248-347-0475 (Main) 248-735-5633 (Fax)

Information regarding the project will be available the Saturday prior to the meeting date at: <a href="https://www.cityofnovi.org/agendas-minutes/planning-commission/2024/">https://www.cityofnovi.org/agendas-minutes/planning-commission/2024/</a>.

Plans are available for viewing during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Community Development Department, or by contacting <a href="mailto:bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org">bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org</a>.

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TO THE ABOVE REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
A car dealership does not fit into the Zone
A car dealership does not fit into the zone right next to single-house sub divisions
The lot is 6~1 teet higher than the nearby
The lot is 6-Pfeet higher than the nearby sub divisions. Residents will have very unsafe living conditions with privacy increached
SIGNATURE: January Je
PRINT NAME: Jacob Lee
ADDRESS: 41033 Scarborough Lng NOVT, MI 48375

#### \*\*\* IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 125.3103:

- NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM REAL PROPERTY IS ASSESSED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- IF A SINGLE STRUCTURE CONTAINS MORE THAN 4 DWELLING UNITS OR OTHER DISTINCT SPATIAL AREAS OWNED OR LEASED BY DIFFERENT PERSONS, NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN TO THE MANAGER OR OWNER OF THE STRUCTURE, WHO SHALL BE REQUESTED TO POST THE NOTICE AT THE PRIMARY ENTRANCE TO THE STRUCTURE.