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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Kassandra Nearn
Associate Planner II
City of Bakersfield
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Ms. Nearn:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed general plan amendment/zone change, from residential to commercial, for a 4.77-acre parcel located on the northeast corner of State Route (SR) 119 and Ashe Road in Bakersfield, CA. The project proposes to construct two fast food restaurants, a convenience store with gasoline pumps, and various retail buildings.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development - Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the *following comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Caltrans has reservations and concerns about the proposed zone change. The three proposed driveways on SR 119 will negatively impact the safety and operation of the highway. Access for this development should be on Ashe Road only, no direct access is allowed on SR 119.
2. The 2035 route concept for this segment of SR 119 is a 6-lane expressway with full access permitted at a minimum of half mile spacing.
3. In addition, the proposed driveway on Ashe Road is too close to the SR 119 and Ashe Road intersection, creating a safety and operational issue.

4. An irrevocable offer of right-of-way dedication to Caltrans is required along the project frontage to provide for future 6-lane expressway and expanded intersection. The total width requirement will be 117.25' wide for the standard highway segment and 139.25' with turn lanes near intersections. In addition, a 30' wide landscape easement is required on each side of the highway. Attached is the City of Bakersfield Policy Resolution 063-12 dated June 27, 2012 for reference.
5. Due to size, shape and access limitations of this parcel, we recommend that this parcel remain zoned for residential use.
6. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit

If you have any further questions, please contact Lupita Mendoza, Transportation Planner, at (559) 488-4260.

Sincerely,



LORENA MENDIBLES, CHIEF
Transportation Planning-South

POLICY RESOLUTION NO. 063-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BAKERSFIELD ADOPTING A POLICY
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TAFT HIGHWAY (SR 119)**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Taft Highway (SR 119) from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 is an entranceway into the City of Bakersfield; and

WHEREAS, Taft Highway (SR 119) is an important component of the Circulation Elements of the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern desire to have a consistent and aesthetically pleasing entranceway; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern will be adopting similar standards for Taft Highway (SR 119) for use within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the standards and policies attached in Exhibit "A" have been developed jointly with the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield desires to adopt said standards and policies as attached in Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bakersfield as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Planning Department and the Public Works Department of the City of Bakersfield are authorized to utilize the standards and policies in Exhibit "A" for any and all developments on Taft Highway (SR 119) within the City of Bakersfield's Sphere of Influence.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted, by the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting thereof held on JUN 27 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:

COUNCILMEMBER SALAS, BENHAM, WEIR, COUCH, HANSON, SULLIVAN, JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER none

ABSTAIN:

COUNCILMEMBER

none

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER

none

ROBERTA GAFFORD, CMC

CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the
Council of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED: JUN 27 2012

By

HARVEY L. HALL
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIRGINIA GENNARO, CITY ATTORNEY

By

ANDREW HEGLUND
Associate City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

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**CITY COUNCIL POLICY
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 12, 2012

**SUBJECT: STANDARDS AND POLICIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAFT
HIGHWAY (SR 119)**

Discussion: Taft Highway (SR 119) from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 is a significant entranceway into the City of Bakersfield and is an important component of the Circulation Elements of the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern. These agencies desire to have a consistent and aesthetically pleasing entranceway and have agreed to adopt uniform policies and standards for Taft Highway (SR 119) for use within their respective jurisdictions. The standards and policies referenced herein have been jointly developed by the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern.

All of Taft Highway (SR 119) from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Bakersfield. Therefore, these standards and policies shall apply to all developments in this area with frontage on Taft Highway (SR 119).

Standards and Policy:

1. **Encroachment Permit:** An encroachment permit must be obtained from CalTrans prior to any work being done in the State Route 119 right-of-way.
2. **Basic Design Standard:** Taft Highway (SR 119) shall be constructed as a 117'-3" wide, 6-lane Expressway with a 30 foot landscaped parkway behind the back of curb as shown on the attached cross-section. Expanded full access signalized intersections will be permitted at minimum half mile spacing. No other intermediate street access will be

permitted. Access to commercial property from Taft Highway (SR 119) is permitted only with the construction of a fourth auxiliary access lane along the commercial area with right in and right out only, to and from Taft Highway (SR 119), as shown on the attached cross-section.

On-street parking along SR 119 shall be prohibited. The eight-foot outside shoulder will be provided for a bike lane if SR 119 is a designated bike route.

A CalTrans standard bus bay at the far side of all major intersections should be provided if SR 119 will be designated as a bus transit route.

3. Landscaping:

- a. Any landscaping proposed within or adjacent to the State Route will need to be reviewed and approved by the CalTrans District Landscape Architect. All proposed landscaping plans shall meet current CalTrans standards as determined by the District Landscape Architect. All features of landscaping shall be evaluated for type, location and site visibility conflicts during the encroachment permit review process.
- b. Any landscaping in the median or in the parkway will be maintained by the City of Bakersfield through a Maintenance District or by the County of Kern through a County Service Area, depending upon the jurisdiction.

4. Roads Intersecting Taft Highway (SR 119): All roads intersecting Taft Highway (SR 119) from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 shall conform to the following:

- a. All intersecting roads shall be consistent with the Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan, Circulation Element.
- b. All roads intersecting Taft Highway (SR 119) within the City of Bakersfield's jurisdiction shall be designed to established City of Bakersfield standards including lane configurations, lane widths, median islands, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.
- c. All roads intersecting Taft Highway (SR 119) within the County of Kern's jurisdiction shall be designed to established County of Kern standards including lane configurations, lane widths, median islands, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.

5. Construction: Construction of Taft Highway (SR 119) shall, as much as practicable, be accomplished full half-width (centerline to right-of-way) by either one of two ways:

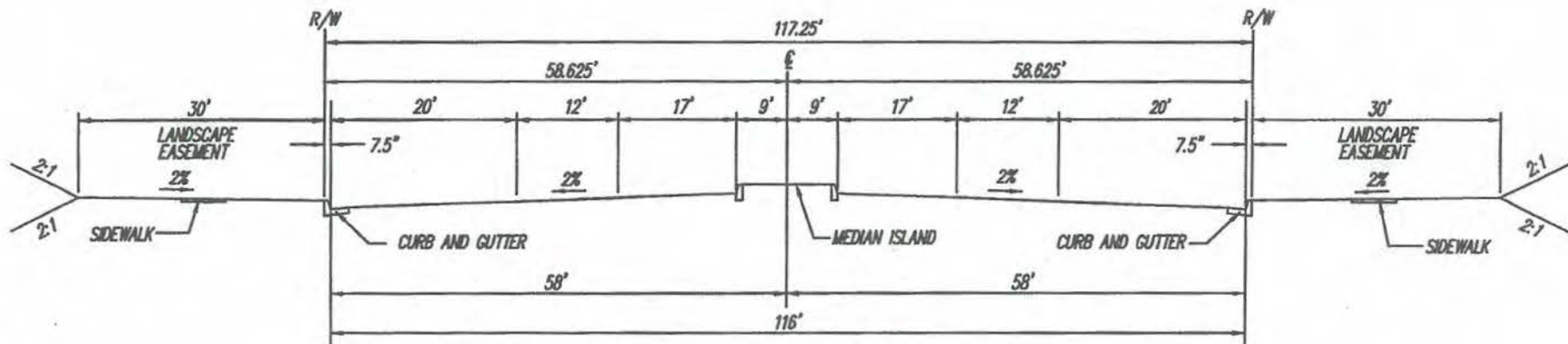
- a. As adjacent development occurs. If the improvement constructed by adjacent developers includes additional lanes

that are listed on the Transportation Impact Fee Facilities List, then the developer may receive credits against their Transportation Impact Fees from the agencies through their respective Traffic Impact Fee programs; or

b. By the use of a Bridge and Major Thoroughfare District.

6. Maintenance:

- a. CalTrans is responsible for the maintenance of all improvements within the 117'-3" right-of-way for State Route 119, excluding landscaping in the median.
- b. The City of Bakersfield is responsible for the maintenance of all improvements within the 30 foot landscaped parkway and any median within the city limits of the City of Bakersfield.
- c. The County of Kern is responsible for the maintenance of all improvements within the 30 foot landscaped parkway and any median within the unincorporated area.
- d. The City and the County shall each enter into an agreement with CalTrans for the installation, maintenance, modification and/or other improvements of signs located behind the curb so that the State needn't obtain separate permits to enter into the City or County easement at any time there is a need to install, maintain or modify CalTrans signs and signals.



TAFT HIGHWAY STANDARD SECTION

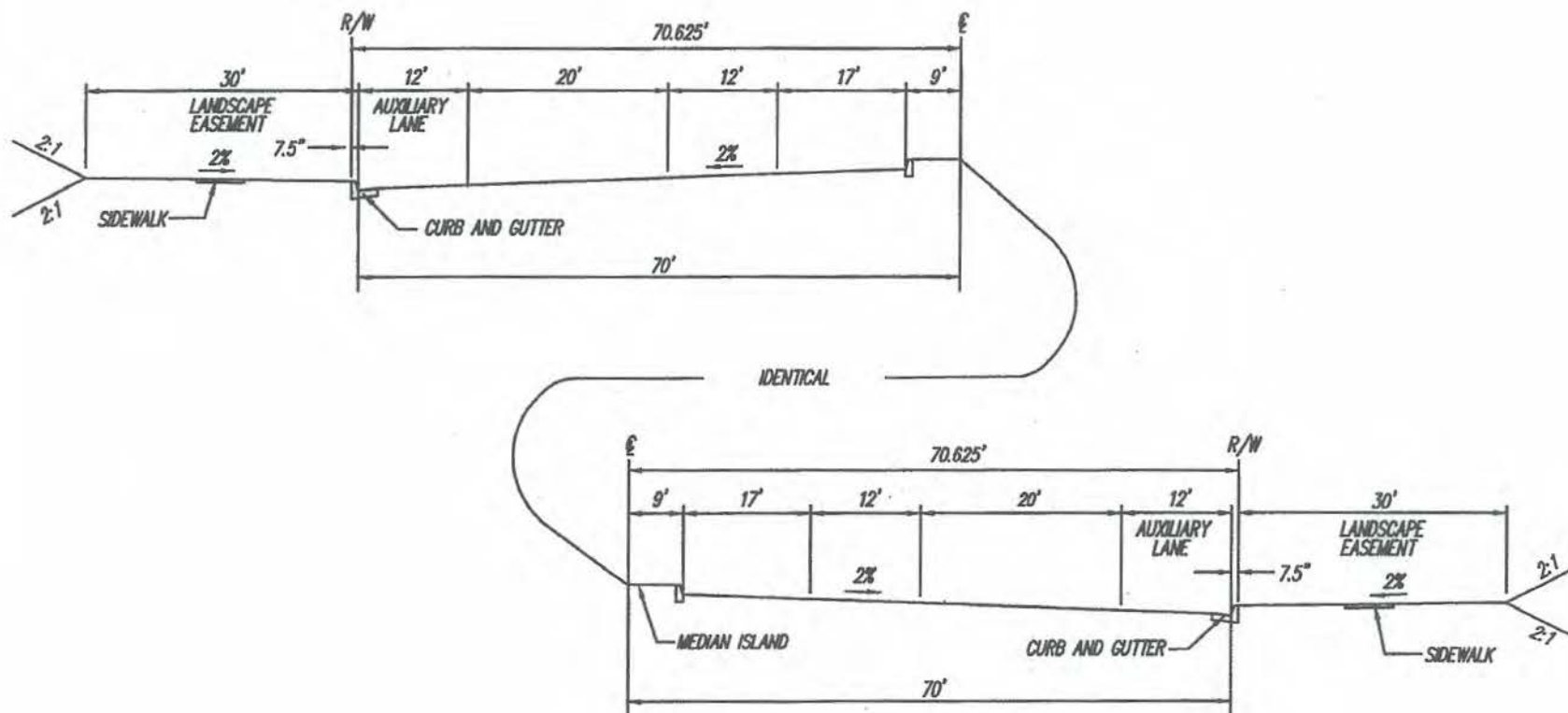
NOTE

1. Major street systems shall be constructed where shown on the circulation element of the City of Bakersfield General Plan.

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TAFT HIGHWAY STANDARD SECTION
WITH AUXILIARY LANE

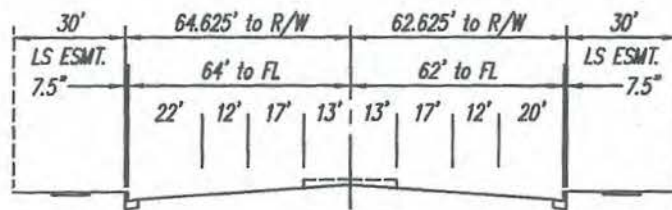
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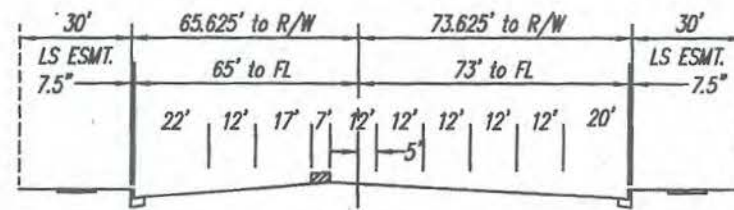
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SECTION "B"

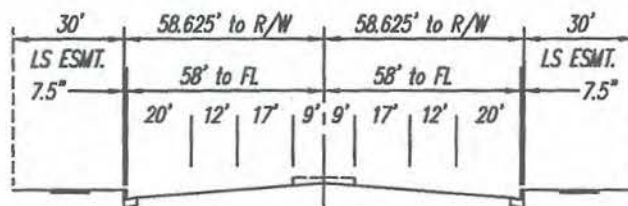
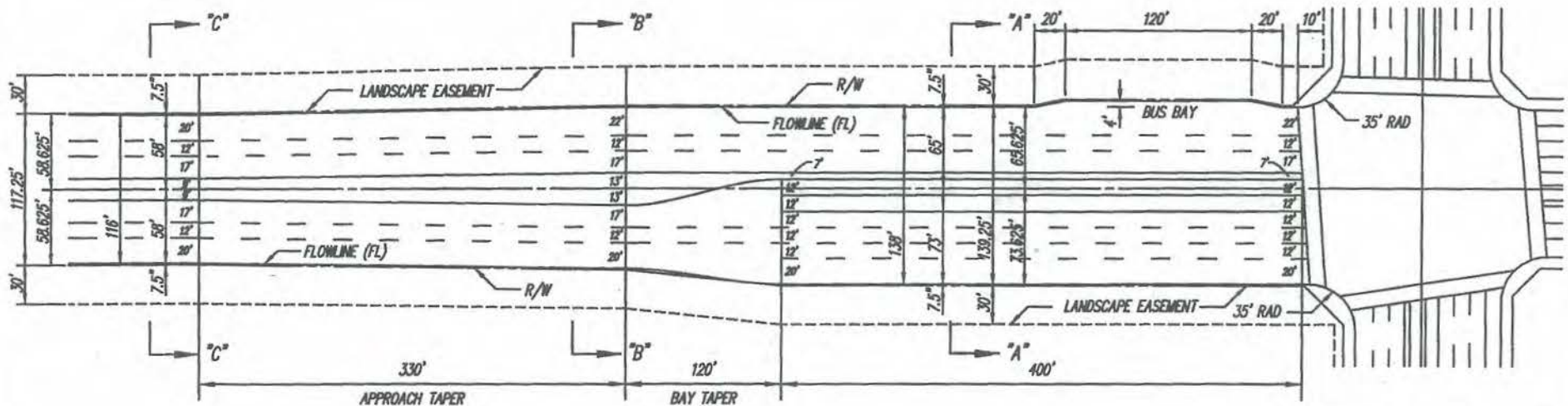


SECTION "A"

NOTE

1. Actual left-turn storage length to be determined by an operational analysis.
2. A curb return radius of 50' is to be used where the local road is a truck route.
3. The 22' outside lane provides 12' for traveled way and 10' shoulder.

4. The 17' inside lane provides 12' for traveled way and 5' shoulder.
5. Corner sight distance shall be satisfied (605' for 55 mph).
6. Length of approach taper is shown for design speed of 55 mph.



SECTION "C"

FILENAME: Taft Hwy Expanded Intersection.dwg

APPROVED	Taft Hwy Standard Section 6 Lane Expressway Expanded Intersection CITY OF BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA	DATE 5-3-12
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