

**ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

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**CASE:** C14-2010-0125 / FNA

**ZAP DATE:** September 7, 2010

**ADDRESS:** 7234 and 7300 E US 290 Highway Westbound

**OWNER:** Walnut Creek Partners, LP (Elwood Domaschik) 713-932-7028

**AGENT:** FNA Land and Development Consultants (Justin Henry) 817-701-8432

**ZONING FROM:** MF-3-CO, GR-CO and RR-CO      **TO:** GO

**SITE AREA:** 9.06 acres

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommendation is to grant the change from MF-3-CO (Multifamily Residence Medium Density – Conditional Overlay), GR-CO (Community Commercial – Conditional Overlay) and RR-CO (Rural Residence-Conditional Overlay) to GO-CO (General Office – Conditional Overlay) zoning district. The Conditional Overlay would limit vehicle trips to less than 2,000 per day and require a 25-foot wide vegetative buffer along the northwest property line.

**SUMMARY ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** Pending. This case is scheduled for the Zoning and Platting Commission meeting of September 7, 2010.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The 9.06-acre site is currently zoned MF-3-CO, GR-CO and RR-CO combining district zoning and is located on north side of US 290 Highway, west of its intersection with East Anderson Lane. The site is bordered by PUD zoning and a residential development to the north, a large undeveloped tract zoned SF-3 to the east, Highway 290 to the south and auto repair uses and CS zoning to the west.

The majority of the subject property is currently undeveloped. There is a small auto repair use on the southernmost portion of the tract. The applicant requests to change the zoning to GO to allow for a convalescent services use. According to the agent, the plans are to build a two-story, 30,000 square foot building. This building will be a skilled nursing facility clinic used to rehabilitate and provide physical therapy to patients after their hospital stay and prior to returning home.

The staff recommends the requested zoning change as GO is appropriate on a highway and is a good transition between the residential use to the north and the more intensive CS uses to the west, and also between the residential uses and the highway. The Conditional Overlay would limit vehicle trips to less than 2,000 per day and continue a 25-foot wide vegetative buffer along the northwest property line that was placed on the property by a 1995 zoning case.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

|       | ZONING | LAND USES                       |
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| Site  | MF-3   | Auto repair, undeveloped        |
| North | PUD    | Townhouse/Condominium Residence |

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| South | US Highway 290 | Expressway  |
| East  | SF-3           | Undeveloped |
| West  | CS             | Auto repair |

**AREA STUDY:** The property does not lie within a designated neighborhood planning area.

**TIA:** A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-117]

**WATERSHEDS:** Little Walnut Creek  
Buttermilk Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** No

**SCENIC ROADWAY:** No

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- Homeless Neighborhood Organization
- Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
- Austin Parks Foundation
- Austin Street Futbol Collaborative
- Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
- Edward Joseph Developments, LTD
- Coronado Hills Neighborhood Association
- League of Bicycling Voters
- Austin Monorail Project
- The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.
- Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers

**RELATED CASES ON THE PROPERTY:**

| NUMBER  | REQUEST  | COMMISSION  | CITY COUNCIL   |
|---|--|---|--|
| C14-00-2204<br>7000 - 7200 BLOCK OF E<br>US HWY 290<br>(U.S. 290<br>OFFICE/WAREHOUSE<br>FACILITY) | SF-3 to LI   | 3/1/2001 APVD STAFF<br>REC OF MF-3 (8-1,<br>RC-NO) W/NO XT OF<br>CORONADO HILLS | 6/7/2001 APVD MF-3-<br>CO (7-0); 2ND/3RD<br>RDGS – The CO requires<br>a 25-foot wide vegetative<br>buffer along the<br>northwest property line.  |
| C14-95-0023<br>7320 US HWY 290<br>(BLUEBONNET<br>RETIREMENT CENTER)                               | SF-3 to GR-CO<br>for (TR 1), SF-3<br>to MF-3-CO<br>(TR 2), and SF-<br>3 to RR (TR 3) | 5/2/1995 APVD MF-3-<br>CO, GR-CO & RR<br>W/CONDS (6-0)                          | 6/8/1995 APVD GR-CO<br>(TR 1) the CO prohibits<br>automotive sales,<br>automotive repair, food<br>sales, hotel-motel,<br>pawnshop services and<br>restaurants. MF-3-CO<br>(TR 2) The CO prohibits<br>vehicle access from the<br>property to Coronado<br>Hills Drive, prohibits |

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|  |               |                                    | Multifamily residential, limits density to 23 units per acre and requires a 25-ft wide buffer along the northern property line, RR (TR 3); (5-0); ALL 3 RDGS   |
| C14-01-0120 –<br>7234 E US HWY 290<br>(U.S. 290 COMMERCIAL ZONING) | SF-3 to GR-CO | 10/2/2001 APVD GR-CO (9-0) W/CONDS | 11/1/2001 APVD GR-CO (7-0); ALL 3 RDGS. The CO limits trips to 2,000 per day and prohibits automotive rentals, automotive sales, automotive repair, automotive washing, hotel motel and pawn shop services |

**ABUTTING STREETS:**

| Name   | ROW    | Pavement | Classification | Sidewalks | Bike Route | Bus Routes |
|--------|--------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| US 290 | Varies | FWY 4    | Arterial       | Yes       | Yes        | Yes (990)  |

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:**

September 23, 2010

**ACTION:**

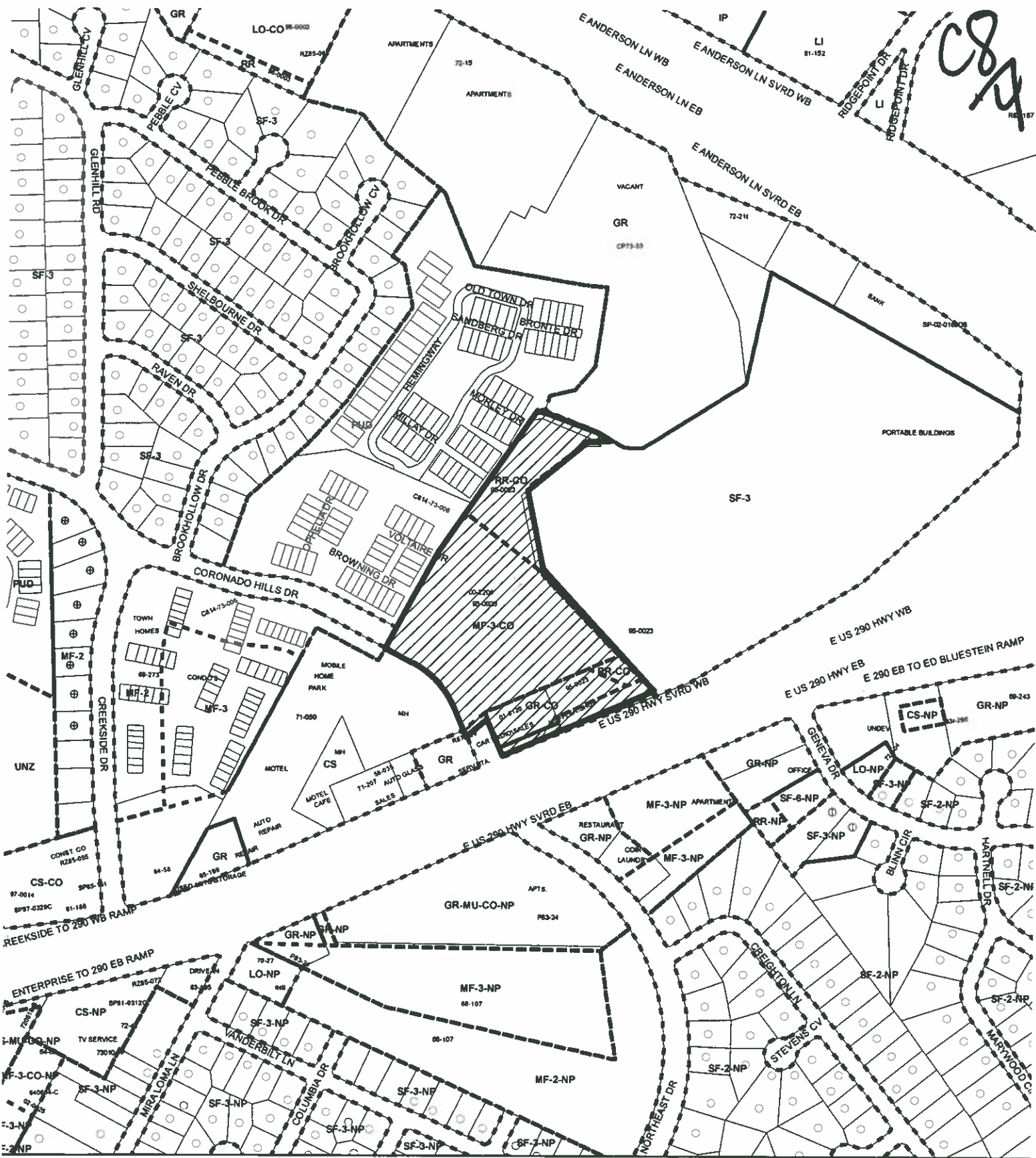
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**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**





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**ZONING**

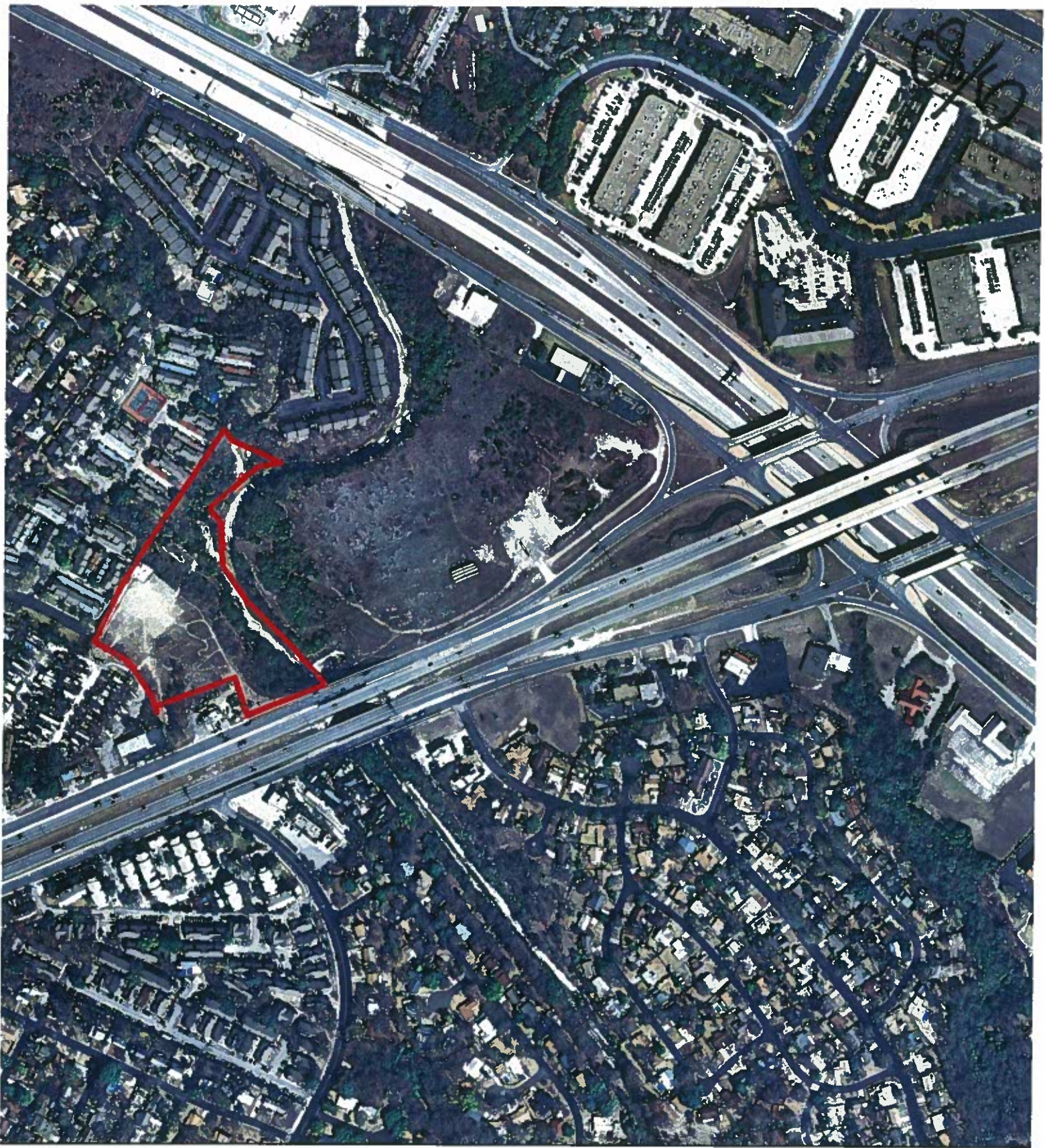
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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

ZONING CASE#: C14-2010-0125  
 LOCATION: 7234 E US 290 HWY WB  
 SUBJECT AREA: 9.06 AC.  
 GRID: M27  
 MANAGER: JOI HARDEN



1' = 400'

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combined district zoning



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## **BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)**

- 1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

The applicant's request of GO, General Office district is the designation for offices and selected commercial uses predominantly serving community or citywide needs, such as medical or professional offices. The applicant requests to change the zoning to GO to allow for a convalescent services use. According to the agent, the plans are to build a two-story, 30,000 square foot building. This building will be a skilled nursing facility clinic used to rehabilitate and provide physical therapy to patients after their hospital stay and prior to returning home. The proposed use is consistent with the purpose statement.

- 2. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses and should not result in detrimental impacts to the neighborhood character.*

The staff recommendation is to recommend the requested zoning change as GO is appropriate on a highway and is a good transition between the residential use to the north and the more intensive CS uses to the west and also between the residential uses and the highway.

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

### **Site Characteristics**

The majority of the subject property is currently undeveloped and moderately vegetated. There is a small auto repair use on the southernmost portion of the tract.

### **Impervious Cover**

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the GO zoning district is 80%.

### **Environmental**

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Buttermilk Creek Watershed and the Little Walnut Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which are classified as Urban Watersheds by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.

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This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

According to flood plain maps, there is a flood plain within the project area.

Numerous trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

### **Transportation**

No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

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### **Water and Wastewater**

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility for compliance with City criteria. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

### **Site Plan Review**

Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential.

Any development which occurs in an SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district which is located 540-feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district will be subject to compatibility development regulations.