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## **Planning Commission Study Session**

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION / DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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MEETING DATE: JUNE 1, 2022

SUBJECT: DR22-23 CITYGATE MEDICAL COMMONS

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Economic Development

To allow for the development of businesses with the Economic Development target market of Life Science/Medical.

## **REQUEST**

DR22-23 City Gate Medical Commons: Site plan, landscaping, grading and drainage, elevations, floor plans, lighting, and colors and materials for approximately 3.99 acres, generally located southeast of Higley and Baseline Road, on Gary Way, and zoned Regional Commercial (RC).

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Request for input only. No motion required.

## **APPLICANT/OWNER**

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## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

## History

Date	Description
June 2, 2009	Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 2230 in annexation
	A09-01: the southeast corner of Higley and Baseline Roads.
November 3, 2011	Town Council adopted Resolution No. 3099 approving
	certain street improvements to Higley and Baseline
	Intersection (Capital Improvements Project CIP No. ST146)
	and assessment of costs.
September 5, 2013	Town Council approved Resolution No. 3189, a
	development agreement for reimbursement by Developer
	to the Town of certain roadway improvements at the
	southeast corner of Higley and Baseline Roads.
February 13, 2014	Town Council approved Ordinance No. 2475 rezoning
	61.34 acres at the southeast corner of Higley and Baseline
	Roads from Maricopa County Rural-43 (RU-43) to Town of
	Gilbert Regional Commercial (RC) zoning district.
November 5, 2014	Planning Commission approved \$14-07, Preliminary Plat
	and Streetscape Plan for approximately 61 acres
	consisting of 20 commercial lots, generally located at the
	southeast corner of Higley and Baseline Roads and zoned
F. J 10 0015	Regional Commercial (RC).
February 19, 2015	Town Council approved Resolution No. 3781, a
	development agreement with AZ Baseside LLC, related to
D 7 001/	the Development of the subject site.
December 7, 2016	The Planning Commission/DRB approved DR16-33 for the
	City Gate Marketplace.
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June 6, 2018	The Planning Commission approved DR17-1196 for the
	Storage at City Gate Marketplace.

## Overview

The property owner is proposing to construct a two-story 45,000 sf medical office building. The proposed building will be located on approximately 3.99 acres located in the City Gate area. An amendment to the preliminary plat for the site was approved administratively on September 27, 2021. The site is generally located southeast of Higley and Baseline Road, on Gary Way, and zoned Regional Commercial (RC).

**Surrounding Land Use & Zoning Designations:** 

	Existing Land Use Classification	Existing Zoning	Existing Use
North	Regional Commercial (RC)	Regional Commercial (RC)	Michelle Way then City Gate Marketplace
South	Regional Commercial (RC)	Regional Commercial (RC)	Gary Way then Copper Springs Retirement Community
East	Regional Commercial (RC)	Regional Commercial (RC)	San Benito Drive then Savanna House Assisted Living and Memory Care
West	Regional Commercial (RC)	Regional Commercial (RC)	Vacant land
Site	Regional Commercial (RC)	Regional Commercial (RC)	Vacant land

**Project Data Table** 

Site Development Regulations	Required per LDC RC	Proposed Building (RC Zoning)
Maximum Building Height (ft.)/ (Stories)	55	35
Minimum Building Setbacks (ft.)		
Front	25'	123'/281'
Side (street)	20'	20'(north)/94'(south)
Rear (non-residential)	20'	171'
Minimum Required Perimeter Landscape Area (ft.)		
Front	25'	25'
Side (street)	20'	20'
Rear (non-residential)	20'	30'

Parking Spaces 225/1 space:200 sq ft 229
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#### **DISCUSSION:**

City Gate Medical Commons consists of a 2 story, 45,000 sq ft building, 229 space parking lot, and internal and perimeter landscaping. The site includes three access points: one off of Gary Way, one off of Michelle Way, and one off of the internal drive to the west of the property. The project will be constructed in one phase.

The site is not part of a master site plan and will function on its own and will be required to meet all building and landscape setbacks. Staff continues to work with the applicant to provide internal pedestrian circulation along their western property line in the form of sidewalks, walking paths, etc. that will help to connect this stand-alone parcel with the three parcels across the access drive.

#### Site Plan:

The site is located south of Baseline Road, and east of Higley Road between Michelle Way and Gary Way. As previously mentioned, there are three proposed access drives to the site. All three access drives provide full-motion access. Michelle Way and Gary Way each connect to Higley Road to the west and San Benito to the East. San Benito serves as a connection to Baseline Road. The shared internal drive was approved as part of a preliminary plat amendment on September 27, 2021.

The proposed building is generally centered on the site with parking surrounding the building on all sides except for the northern portion of the building which will abut Michelle Way. Pedestrian access to the site takes place from a sidewalk along Gary Way and transitions into a crosswalk across the southern portion of the parking lot until connecting again to a sidewalk that surrounds the building, giving pedestrians accesses to both the front and rear access doors of the proposed building. Access is also provided via a sidewalk along Michelle Way with two sidewalk connections to both the front and rear portions of the building. Additional sidewalks/walking paths along the western border of the site to help promote connectivity to the three parcels to the west are still needed.

## Landscaping

Staff is working with the applicant to ensure landscaping within and along the site complements and includes the same plant types that were originally approved by the Design Review Board as part of the open space plan for the area on August 14, 2014. This plan includes pedestrian benches, monument sign locations, common area landscaping, and a color and materials board for screen walls, monument signs, etc.

Proposed site landscaping consists of a variety of trees and shrubs. Some of the tree types include: Willow Acacia, Palo Blanco, Swan Hill Olive, and Red Push Pistache. Some of the shrub and ground cover landscaping types include Baja Ruellia, Mexican Petunia, Orange Jubilee, Desert Spoon, New Gold Lantana, and Red and Yellow Yucca. Foundation landscaping is proposed along all sides of the building, except for the entrance/exit locations on both the eastern and western side of the building.

## **Grading and Drainage**

On-site retention is primarily underground retention tanks throughout the site.

## Elevations, Floor Plan, Colors and Materials

The proposed building will be 35' tall at the highest point and complement the design, colors, and materials of existing buildings within the City Gate Marketplace area. The building design provides variations in planes and heights in order to provide a design that has distinctive massing. The building will consist of two-story glass elements at the main entrances on both the east and west sides of the building with cantilevered canopies made of composite metal. The entrances will be enhanced with 24"x48" limestone tile used as a vertical design element. Tilt panels will extend above the roofline in order to screen roof mounted mechanical equipment and add variation in height.

Building materials include concrete tilt up panels, limestone tiles, and metal panels. The proposed color palette consists of earth tone colors that complement the surrounding buildings with darker accent colors at the main entrances to help break up the main color of the building from the limestone tiles at the entry ways.

## Lighting

Lighting for the site will consist of parking lot lighting. All site lighting will be required to comply with Town codes.

## Signage

A comprehensive sign program exists for this site (S14-07-S-A). If monument signage is proposed in alternative locations, an Administrative Amendment will be required.

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INPUT

The proposed project will require public notice as specified under Land Development Code (LDC) Section 5.602.A.3.

## **REQUESTED INPUT**

1. General feedback on project.

## Respectfully submitted,

## Kristen Devine

Kristen Devine Planner II

## **Attachments and Enclosures:**

- 1) Vicinity/Aerial Map
- 2) Applicant's Narrative
- 3) Site Plan
- 4) Landscape Plan
- 5) Grading and Drainage Plan
- 6) Building Elevations
- 7) Floor Plans
- 8) Lighting Photometric Plan
- 9) Colors and Materials

Parcels 313-12-883 and 313-12-884

DR22-23 City Gate Medical Commons Exhibit 1: Vicinity/Aerial Map June 1, 2022



DR22-23 City Gate Medical Commons Exhibit 2: Applicant's Narrative June 1, 2022

February 7th, 2022

## Purpose of Request: Design Review for less than 5 acres

This request is for Design Review ("DR") of a property less than five acres. This proposed development is for a class A medical office building on the west side of San Benito Dr. between Michelle Way and Gary Way. The developer of this project built a similar type of product in close proximity to Mercy Gilbert with great success. As will be detailed in this narrative, the site plan is compatible and complementary with the existing surrounding land uses and fills a need for this area. This narrative briefly describes the proposed development and provides the background information necessary to support this application.

#### Location

The Property is located west of San Benito Dr. between Michelle Way and Gary Way in the City Gate subdivision. The Assessor's Parcel Nos. for the Property are 313-12-883 and 313-12-884. The parcel has public streets on three sides. To the west of the property is yet to be developed pad sites including at least one fast food restaurant, east of the property is an assisted living and memory care facility, south is an age restricted community and north of the property is a commercial center with Frys as the anchor tenant. This property is in close proximity to Banner Gateway Hospital, a full service hospital. The combined parcels are 5.04 gross acres.

#### **Building**; Uses

The proposed building will be 2 story 45,000 square feet medical office building. The building will be 35 feet in height at the highest point. The current zoning on the parcel is RC and this use is allowed in that zoning category. Due to the proximity of the age restricted communities, assisted living facilities and the hospital, the use proposed is appropriate for the area and will provide a buffer to the uses proposed on Higley Road.

## Architecture; Landscaping; Open Space

The proposed building design has responded to both the Town of Gilbert and City Gate Design Guidelines. The building design is a simple form which allows for large open floor plans for ultimate tenant configuration yet provides numerous variations in planes and heights to provide a unique design which breaks the building into distinctive massing. The material/color palette is of high-quality materials and consistent with other buildings in the City Gate development.

This two-story roughly 45,000 square-foot building has two-story glass elements at the main entrances on the east and west elevations with large cantilever canopies clad in composite metal. The entrances are further defined by vertical design elements clad in 24"x48" limestone tile. This will bring attention to the entrance for visitors. The tilt-panels will extend above the roof line to provide proper scale to the building dimensions while at the same time screening typical roof mounted HVAC equipment.

Environmental design was also a major factor in the design concept. Building glazing selections include Low-E and reflective characteristics. Horizontal louvered sunshades were integrated into the

building design to shade all 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows and pedestrian path will be shaded through trees which run around the perimeter of the building. The main entries are also covered by deep cantilever canopies which will provide shading and weather protection for people entering and exiting the building.

The landscaping for this project is in accordance with the Town's guidelines as depicted on the attached landscape plans. A few highlights of the landscaping include Palo Verde trees placed in locations to provide for immediate maturity in the landscape and to provide a human sense of scale to the building for pedestrians. Additionally, the plants were selected to minimize the amount of water needed. There is no sod on this project.

#### Access

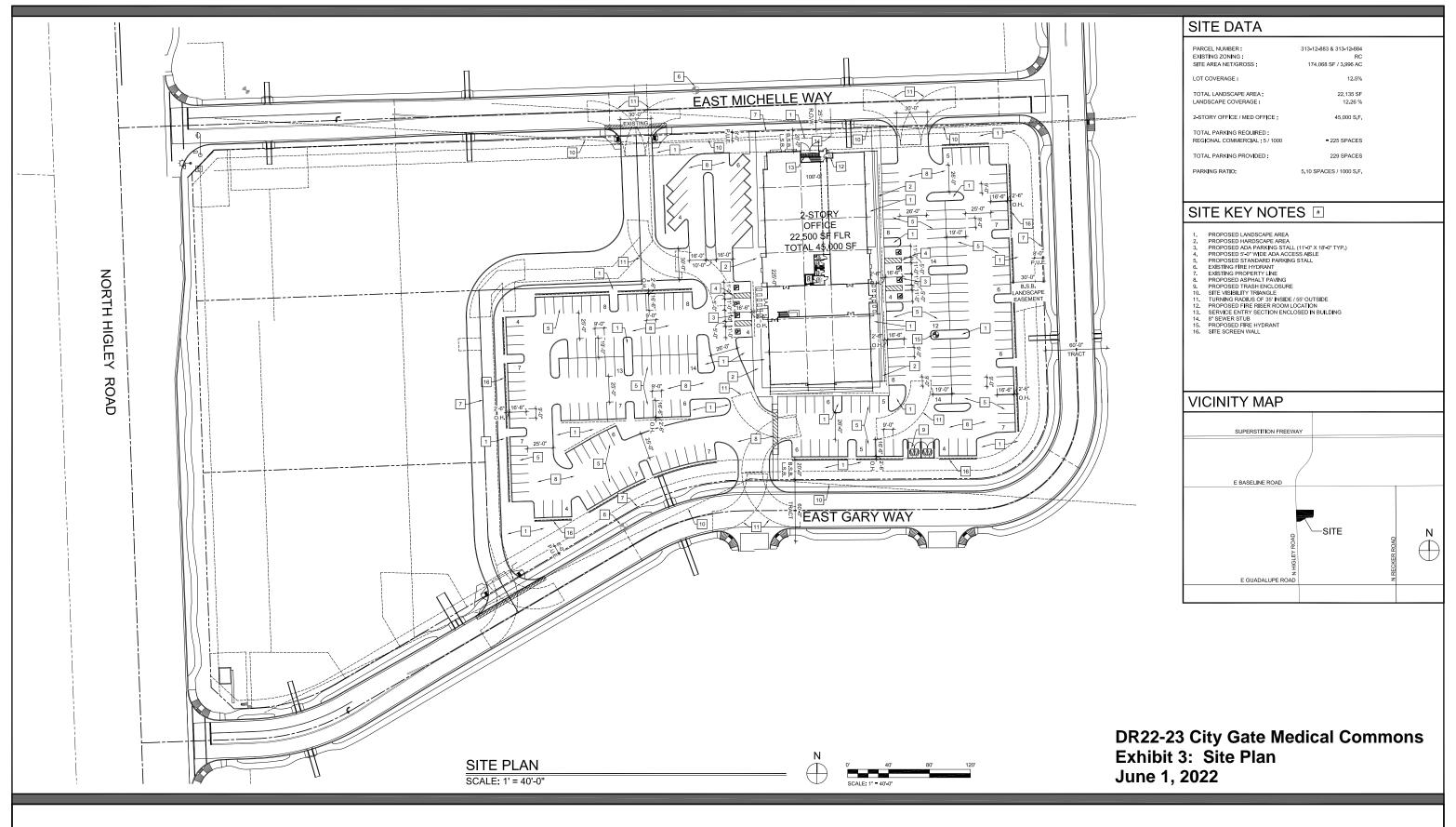
The Property has two access points off of E Michelle Way. Additionally, there are two access points off of E Gary Way. These entrances allow easy access to all portions of the Property.

#### **Parking**

The Town of Gilbert Code requires 5 spaces for 1000 square feet in RC which equals to 225 spaces for this property. As depicted on the site plan, the project will have 229 spaces. There will be 8 handicapped spaces as well as a patient drop off and pick up.

#### **Utilities**; Public Safety

The Property will be serviced by Salt River Project for electricity, the Town of Gilbert for water and wastewater, Southwest Gas for gas and Centurylink and Cox for telecommunications. A Town of Gilbert fire station is located west of Guadalupe and Higley.





## Site Plan

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Exhibit 4: Landscape

Exhibit 4: Landscape June 1, 2022







#### botanical name common name

trees



ACACIA SALICINA WILLOW ACACIA

MARIOSOUSA WILLARDIANA PALO BLANCO

CHILOPSIS LINEARIS 'LUCRETIA HAMILTON' DESERT WILLOW

OLEA EUROPAEA SWAN HILL OLIVE

PARKINSONI HYBRID 'AZT' 'AZT' THORNLESS PALO VERDE

PISTACIA X. RED PUSH RED PUSH PISTACHE

- © EREMOPHILA SP. VALENTINE
- LEUCOPHYLLUM CANDIDUM
  THUNDER CLOUD
- LEUCOPHYLLUM LANGMANIAE
  'LYNN'S LEGACY'
  'LYNN'S LEGACY' LEUCOPHYLLUM
- RUELLIA PENINSULARIS BAJA RUELLIA
- RUELLIA BRITTONIANA MEXICAN PETUNIA
- © RUSSELIA EQUISETIFORMIS CORAL FOUNTAIN
- TECOMA ALATA
  ORANGE JUBILEE
  - TECOMA STANS YELLOW BELLS

## accents

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- DASYLIRION WHEELERI DESERT SPOON
- HESPERALOE PARVIFLORA RED YUCCA
- HESPERALOE PARVIFLORA
  'YELLOW'
  YELLOW YUCCA
- MESPERALOE FUNIFERA
  GIANT HESPERALOE
- MUHLENBERGIA CAPILLARIS REGAL MIST
- MUHLENBERGIA RIGENS DEER GRASS

## groundcover



ACACIA REDOLENS DESERT CARPET

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  BUSH MORNING GLORY
- LANTANA 'NEW GOLD'
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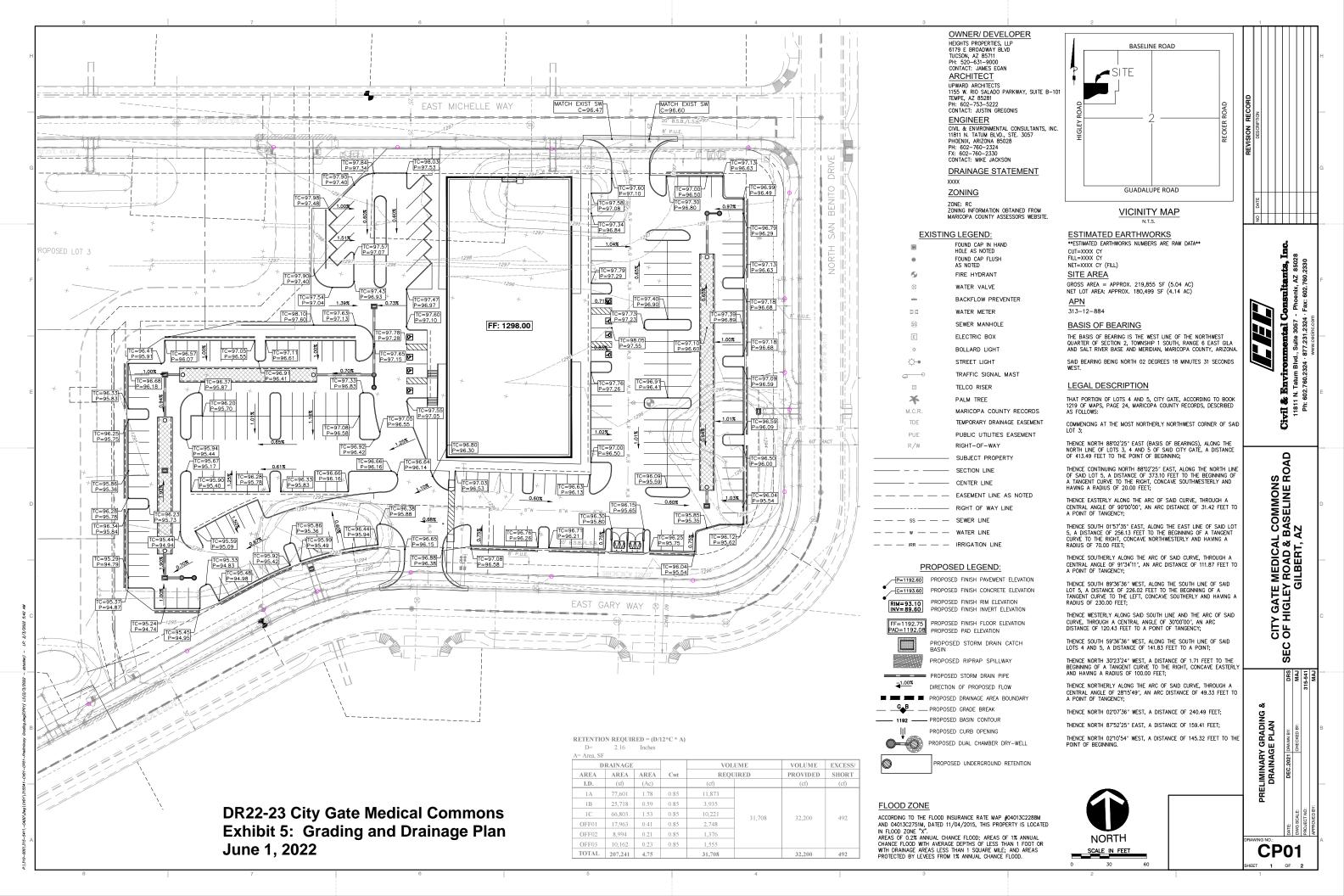
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SPRINGS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

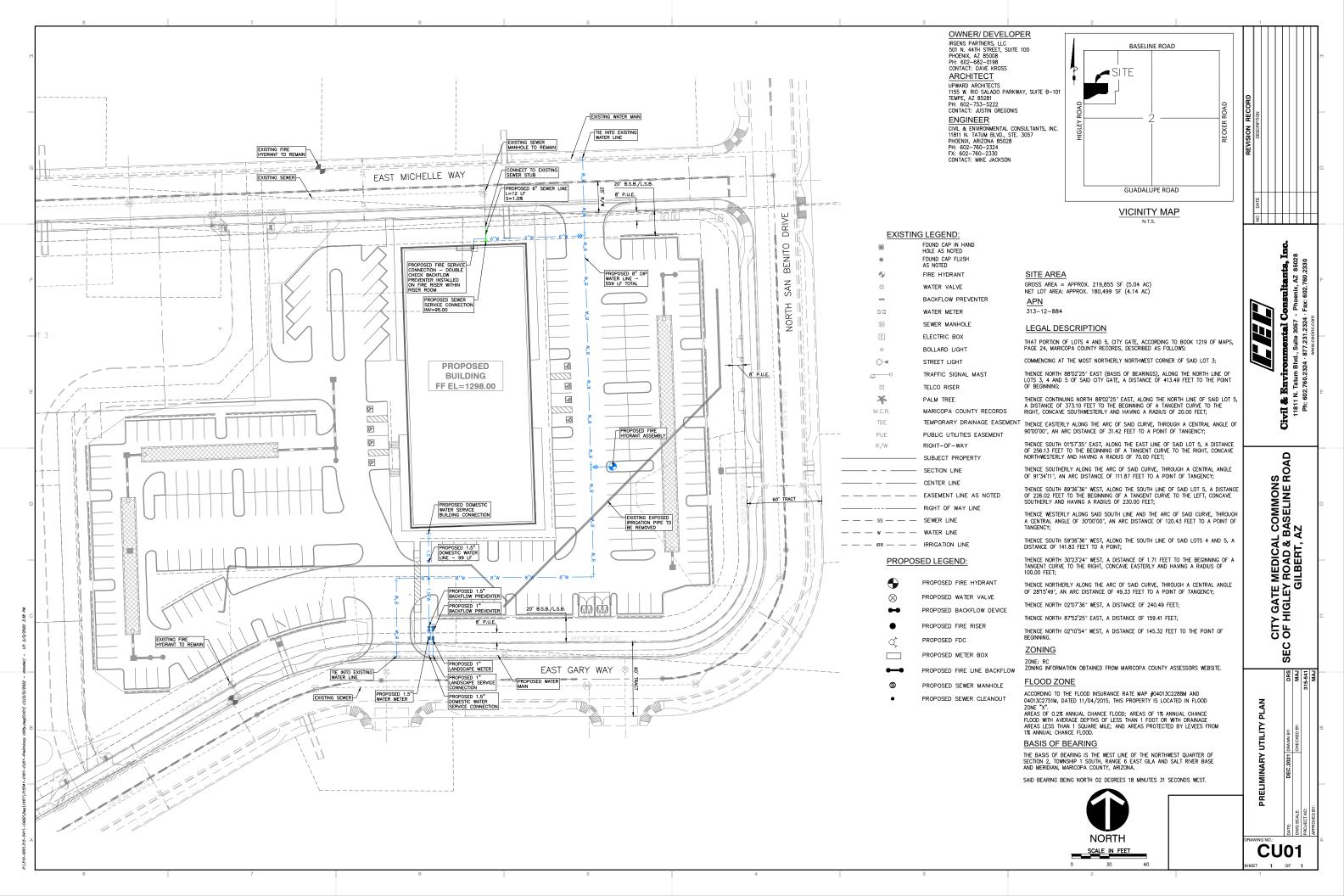


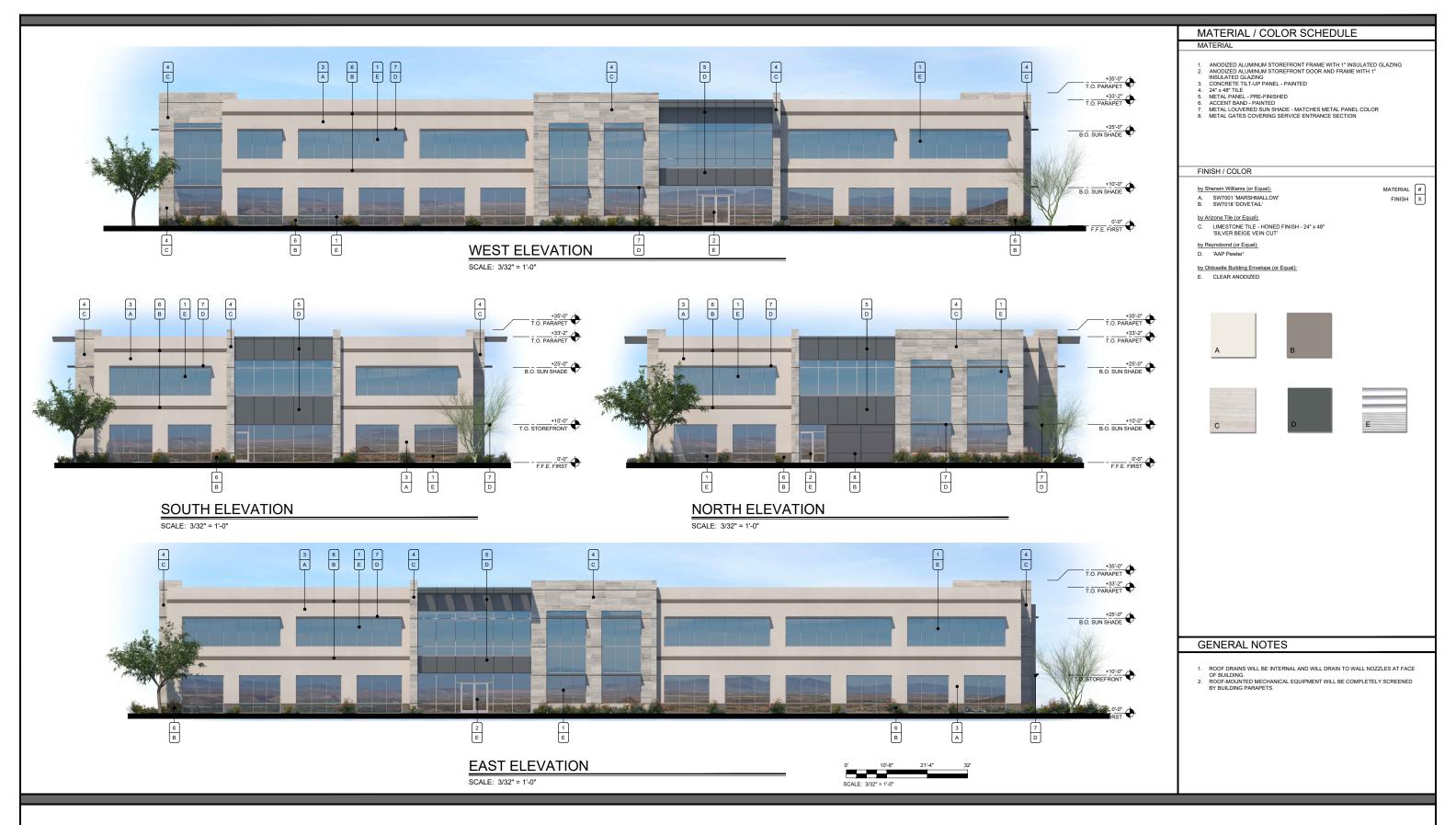
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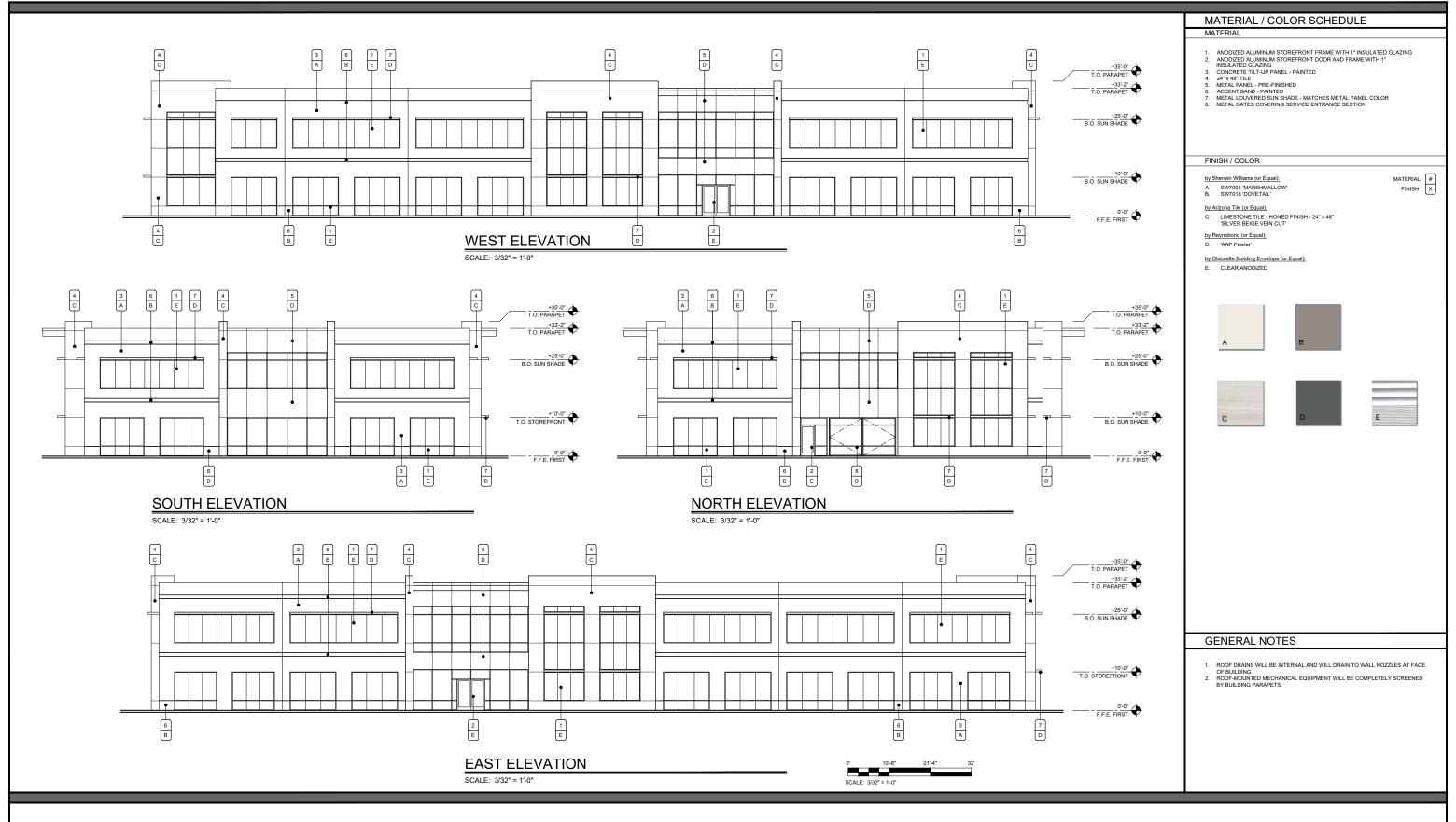
# Elevations

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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST



VIEW FROM NORTHWEST

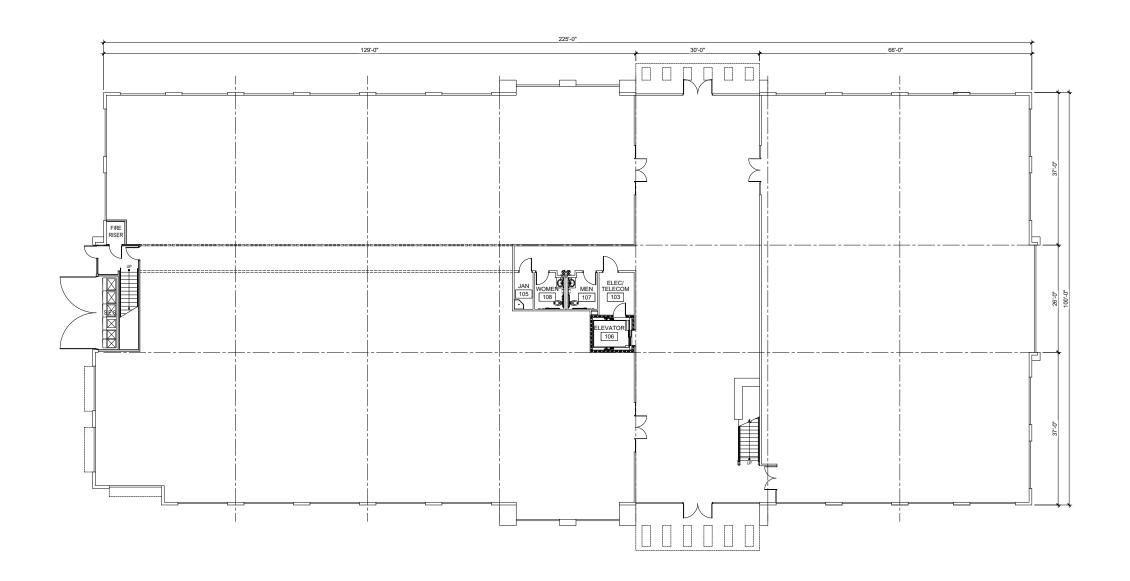


# Renderings SEC Higley Road and Michelle Way, Gilbert, AZ

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FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"







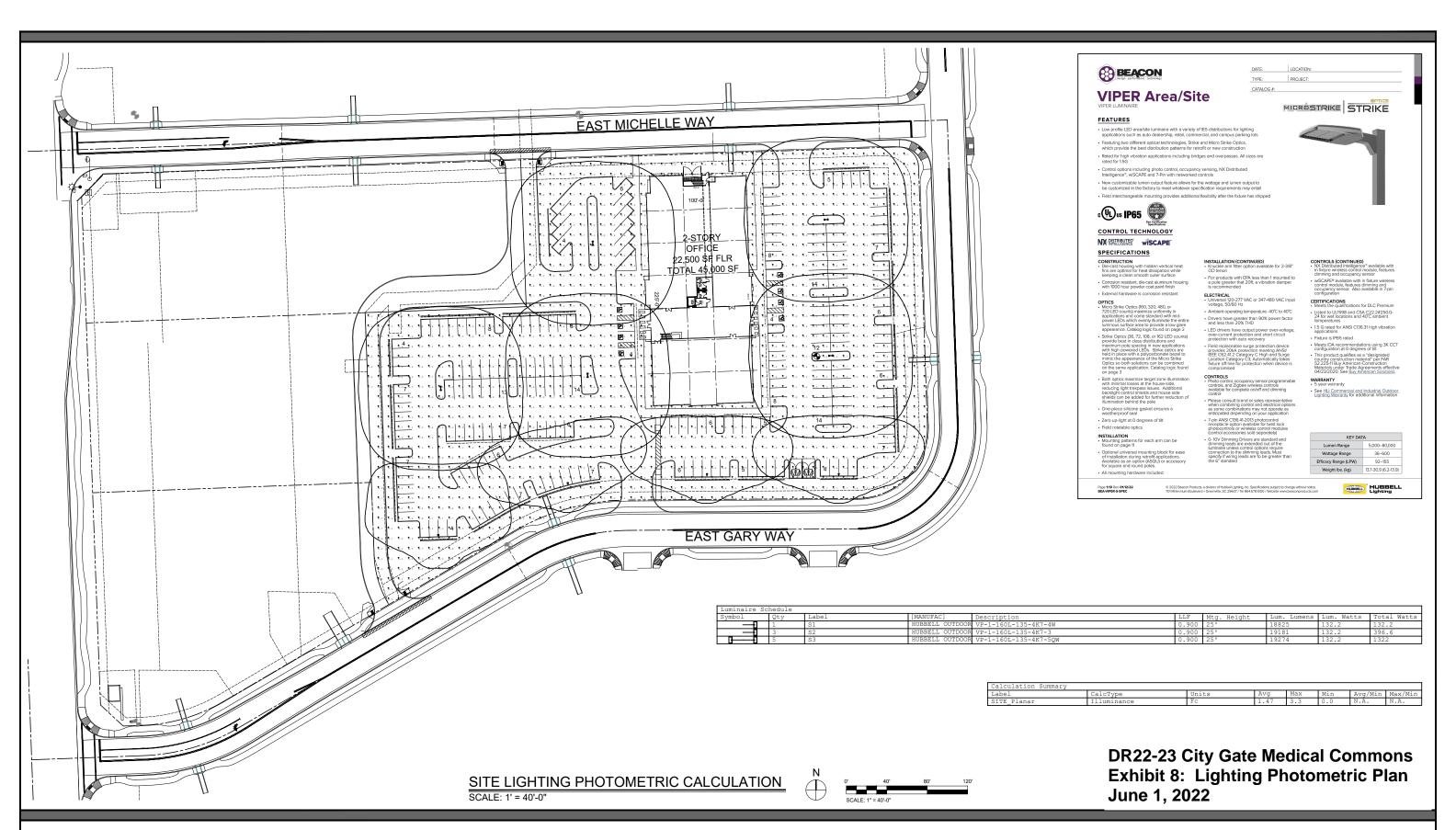


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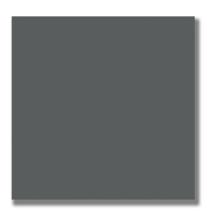
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By Sherwin Williams SW 7018 "DOVETAIL"



By Arizona Tile
TILE "SILVER BEIGE VEIN CUT"



By Reynobond METAL PANEL "PEWTER"



By Oldcastle Alumium Storefront "CLEAR ANODIZED"





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