

REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING

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DATE: March 7, 2016 ARC Review Code: R1602161

TO: Mayor Kasim Reed, City of Atlanta

ATTN TO: Jonathan Lewis, Assistant Director of Planning, Transportation

FROM: Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARC RE: Development of Regional Impact Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). Below is the ARC finding. ARC reviewed the DRI with regard to its relationship to regional plans, goals and policies – and impacts it may have on the activities, plans, goals and policies of other local jurisdictions as well as state, federal and other agencies. The finding does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

<u>Name of Proposal:</u> Civic Center Mixed-Use <u>Submitting Local Government</u>: City of Atlanta

Review Type: Development of Regional Impact Date Opened: Feb. 16, 2016 Date Closed: March 7, 2016

<u>Description</u>: This proposed development is located in the City of Atlanta on the site of the present-day Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center, bounded by Pine Street on the north, Piedmont Avenue on the west, and Ralph McGill Boulevard on the south. The proposed project represents a total redevelopment of the site into a mixed-use development, consisting of 765 residential units, 246,000 square feet of commercial space, 700,000 square feet of office space, and a 300-room hotel.

Comments: In terms of regional context, according to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM) and Regional Development Guide (RDG), the proposed development is located within the Region Core area of the region. The UGPM and RDG state that the Region Core is the major economic, cultural and transportation hub of the region. This area is the densest in terms of employment, residential, and cultural offerings throughout the region, with the most developed transit service in the region. The Region Core can handle the most intense development due to the amount of infrastructure already in place; however this infrastructure may need improvements due to its age. The Region Core is in competition with other central city areas in the southeast. The region must work together to keep this area as competitive as possible in order to lure additional jobs and residents. With a growing regional population and growing congestion, this center needs to maintain easy accessibility by expanding multi-modal transportation options and housing options. The lack of accessible public greenspace within the Region Core affects the area's aesthetics and overall quality of life for residents and workers.

The proposed development is located within the Downtown Atlanta Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study area. As a result, the development plan should be consistent with the recommendations of the LCI plan and any plan updates or supplemental studies.

The current development plan proposes a total of approximately 5,000 parking spaces, primarily concentrated in two parking structures. In keeping with the goals of ARC's LCI program, the developer and City staff should work together to reduce the amount of parking on the site to reinforce and encourage the use of alternative transportation modes such as transit, bicycling and walking. Use of these modes is already present in the area, and parking reductions can be accomplished, at least in part, through shared parking strategies and tools such as Transportation Management Plan.

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Comments received during the review echo the recommendations related to parking. Other comments also express a need to reconsider the site design in terms of reducing block sizes to improve internal circulation and pedestrian through-movement, and to better integrate with the character of the surrounding area. These comments are included in this report.

Additional ARC staff comments, related to natural resources and transportation, are also included in this report.

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARC Transportation Access & Mobility Division ARC Aging & Health Resources Division Georgia Department of Transportation Central Atlanta Progress/ADID

ARC NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MIDTOWN ALLIANCE

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at (404) 463-5581 or asmith@atlantaregional.com. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at http://www.atlantaregional.com/land-use/planreviews.



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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The project described below has been submitted to this Regional Commission for review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). A DRI is a development of sufficient project of sufficient scale or importance that it is likely to have impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is actually located, such as adjoining cities or neighboring counties. We would like to consider your comments on this proposed development in our DRI review process. Therefore, please review the information about the project included on this form and give us your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to the RC on or before the specified return deadline.

Preliminary Findings of the RDC: Civic Center Mixed-Use See the Preliminary Report.

Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed):

Per the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Planning's review, the Civic Center Mixed-Use DRI (#2542) does not appear to affect any GDOT projects currently programmed in the immediate area, other than those already mentioned in the DRI preliminary report.

Individual Completing Form: Julia Billings

Local Government:

Department: GDOT, Office of Planning

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Telephone: (404) 631-1774

Signature:

2-22-16 Date:

Please return this form to:

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Return Date: March 2, 2016



February 23, 2016

Andrew Smith Senior Planner Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Avenue Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: MARTA response to DRI #2542 Civic Center

Hello Andrew.

This development is located along Route 16 Noble on Ralph McGill Boulevard. In December of 2015, the development team contacted MARTA about relocating the existing near side bus stop at the intersection of Ralph McGill Boulevard and the Georgia Power Western Driveway to the far side of the intersection. In January 2016, MARTA responded to the development team and granted conditional approval. The current site plan does address the conditions outlined.

Upon further review of the site plan, MARTA finds that the presence of a bike lane between the curb and the bus loading zone presents reason for further coordination between MARTA, the City of Atlanta, and the Civic Center development team as the Civic Center Mixed-Use development and the bike lane projects come closer to construction.

MARTA proposes that the following conditions be incorporated in the design of the bus stop area:

- The new bus shelter must be installed roughly 100 feet west of the intersection. Additionally, "No Parking Bus Stop" signs (MUTCD R7-7) should be installed at the bus stop.
- The 150 feet bus lane must be clearly marked Bus Loading Zone.
- To prevent bike/bus conflicts, bike lane stripping should be dashed for the length of the bus stop zone, with shared lane markings (MUTCD 9C-9) painted in the bike lane.
- There cannot be a barrier serving the bike lane between the curb and the bus loading zone.

At least 6-months prior to relocation and/or construction, you will need to coordinate with MARTA Bus Stop Planner Mr. Charles Rosa at crosa@itsmarta.com.

Sincerely,

Gregory 7. Floyd, AICP Senior Land Use Planner

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Andrew Smith

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Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 5:52 PM

To: Andrew Smith

Cc: Jennifer Ball; Angie Laurie

Subject: RE: ARC DRI Review Notification - Civic Center Mixed-Use (DRI #2542)

Andrew,

Central Atlanta Progress and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (CAP/ADID) offer the following comments regarding the ARC's review of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) for Civic Center Mixed-Use (DRI #2542).

CAP/ADID requests that the following conditions apply to the Civic Center redevelopment:

- **Shared parking** CAP/ADID advocates for any measures that further reduce the total amount of on-site parking through the adoption of flexible parking policies, in particular site-wide shared parking and unbundling parking from residential and office development.
- Transportation Management Plan (TMP) CAP/ADID requests that a transportation management plan (TMP) be developed for the purpose of enhancing the usage of alternative modes of transportation at the site. Per the SPI-I zoning code Sec. 16-18A.018, a TMP is a requirement for any development that has an office component greater than 25,000 square feet of total gross leasable floor area of space.

Furthermore, CAP/ADID offers the following comments and suggestions regarding the project site plan:

- **Stormwater management** CAP/ADID requests that the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management review the site plan in order to identify approaches to reduce and mitigate stormwater impacts on the site and in the surrounding community. This area is prone to flooding during storm events, and community members have voiced concerns regarding stormwater management. In addition to the proposed stormwater vault, the open-space, roadway surface and building designs should be evaluated for their inclusion of best-practice mitigating design features.
- On-street Parking –CAP/ADID supports the addition of on-street parking on Ralph McGill Boulevard, Piedmont Avenue and Pine Street and suggests that this parking be provided on-street in the existing right-of-way so that it is incorporated into the City of Atlanta's publically-managed inventory.
- **Bike lanes and travel lanes on Piedmont Avenue** CAP/ADID supports reducing the number of travel lanes on the segment of Piedmont Avenue that is adjacent to the study site in order to provide the suggested on-street parking and bike lanes.
- **Site Plan Street network** CAP/ADID supports a site plan that provides ease of access for pedestrians and inter-parcel connectivity. CAP/ADID recommends further subdividing the planned street network with a goal of reducing block sizes to a more typical Downtown block size of 350' to 400' in length and to promote better connectivity through and around the site. Block A is particularly problematic. It blocks connectivity and pedestrian access from the south end of the site to Pine Street and Renaissance Park to the north. The block face along Piedmont Avenue is too long to support a quality pedestrian experience.

Please let me know if yo	u have any duestions.
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Best,

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Cc: Community Development; Jonathan Tuley; David Haynes; Daniel Studdard; Leslie Caceda; Jim Skinner; Jim Santo;

Renee Ray

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Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Request for Comments

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We request that you or a member of your staff review the attached Preliminary Report and provide comments to ARC by 5:00 PM on March 2, 2016. You may also view the preliminary report by visiting the ARC Plan Reviews webpage and searching for "Civic Center Mixed-Use" in the field at the bottom of the page. The report will be available online as of tomorrow, February 17.

Review opened on: February 16, 2016 Comments due on: March 2, 2016 Review will close by: March 7, 2016

For more information regarding the DRI process or other DRIs reviewed by ARC, please see the ARC DRI webpage.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Andrew Smith Senior Planner, Community Development Division

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To: Andrew Smith

Subject: RE: ARC DRI Review Notification - Civic Center Mixed-Use (DRI #2542)

Attachments: image002.jpg; image004.jpg; Civic Center DRI - Street Grid Recommendations.pptx;

image001.png; image003.png

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Andrew,

The City of Atlanta, Office of Planning recommends the development plan include or be modified to include the following:

- 1. The site be further divided by fully publicly accessible streets to divide the site into smaller, more pedestrian-friendly blocks. Downtown Atlanta typically has block faces of between 350 and 400 feet and the the Civic Center site should reflect a similar grid pattern. Attached, find a conceptual diagram of how the site could be further divided by streets.
- 2. Pine St should be reconfigured with parallel parking on both sides of the street and one travel lane in each direction. The slip lane at the intersection of Pine St and Piedmont Ave should be closed. The intersection of Pine St at the Piedmont Ave should be realigned (the intersection is slightly offset). Finally, the development should not introduce a new traffic signal on Pine St serving either of the development driveways.
- 3. Piedmont Ave should be reconfigured. Looking north, beginning at the western curb line: parallel parking lane three 10' wide travel lanes parallel parking lane 3' wide protected buffer 6' wide bicycle lane. See: http://streetmix.net/JonathanSLewis/45/piedmont-ave--currier-st<http://streetmix.net/JonathanSLewis/45/piedmont-ave--currier-st#_blank>
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- 4. R. McGill Blvd should be reconfigured. See page 78 of the Cycle Atlanta: Phase 1.0 Study (minor revisions should be considered to create consistent 10' travel lanes on R. McGill Blvd, along these lines, looking west: http://streetmix.net/JonathanSLewis/46/r-mcgill-blvd--civic-center-driveway<http://streetmix.net/JonathanSLewis/46/r-mcgill-blvd--civic-center-driveway#_blank>). [cid:image004.jpg@01D174AE.E666BFC0]
- 5. The slip lane at the intersection of R. McGill Blvd and Piedmont Ave should be closed.
- 5. Unsignalized driveways should be limited to one ingress lane and one egress lane. Signalized driveways should be limited to one ingress lane and two egress lanes.
- 7. Applicant should work to reduce the overall parking on the site through shared parking arrangements, unbundling of parking from specific units, leases, or uses, and the expectation that many trips may be made through transit, walking, and bicycling.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Lewis, AICP Assistant Director of Planning - Transportation

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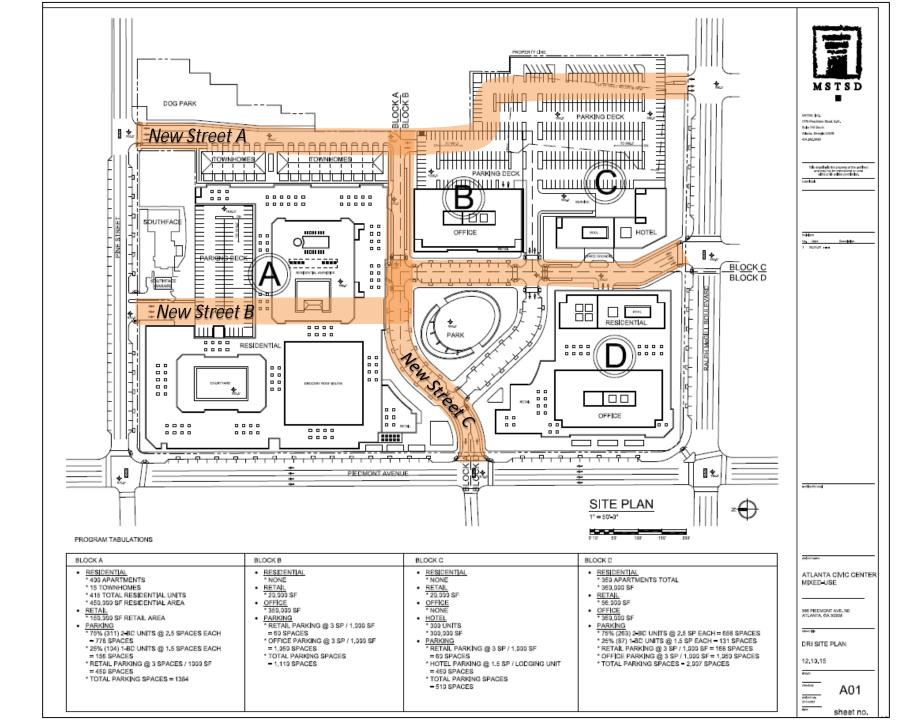
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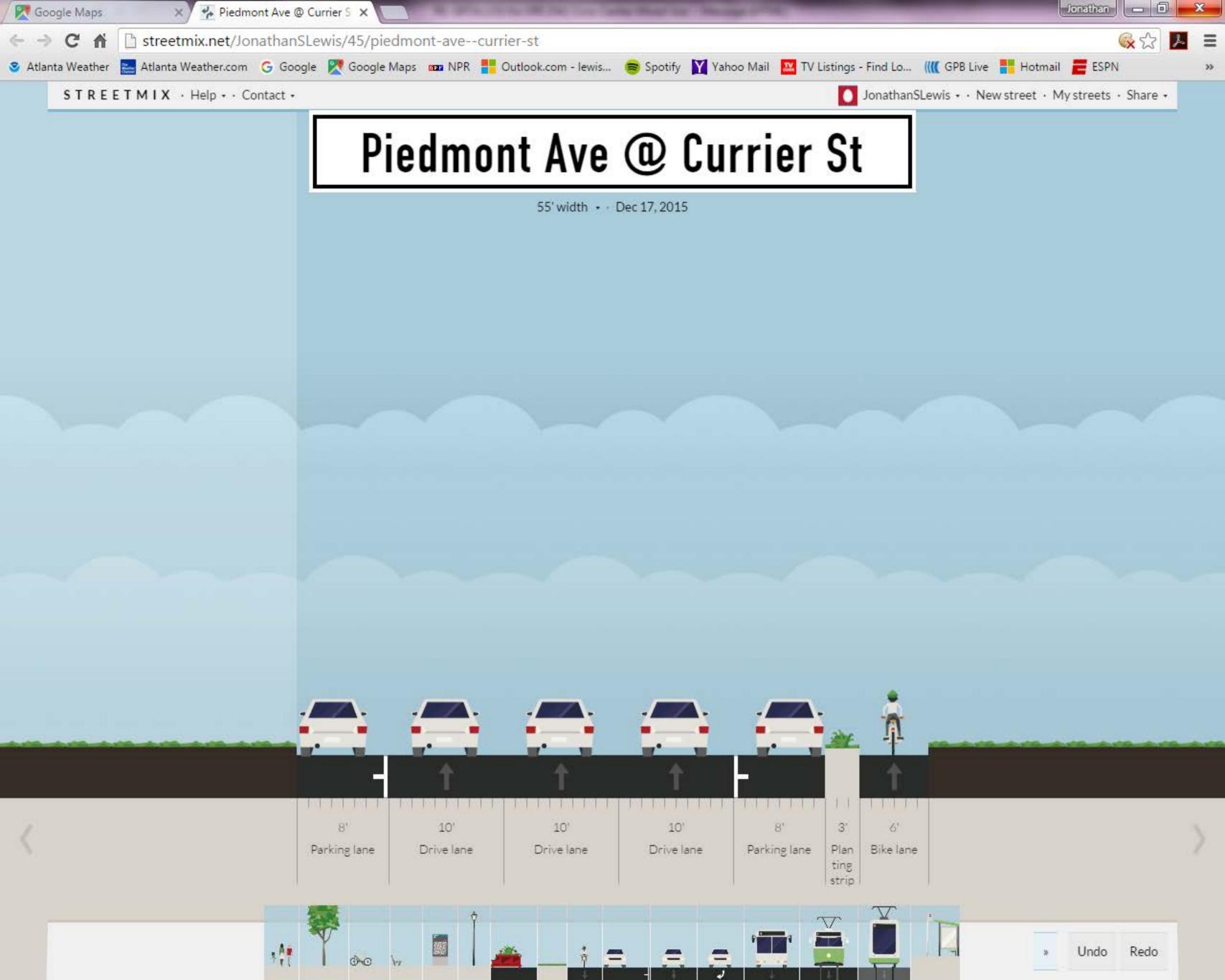
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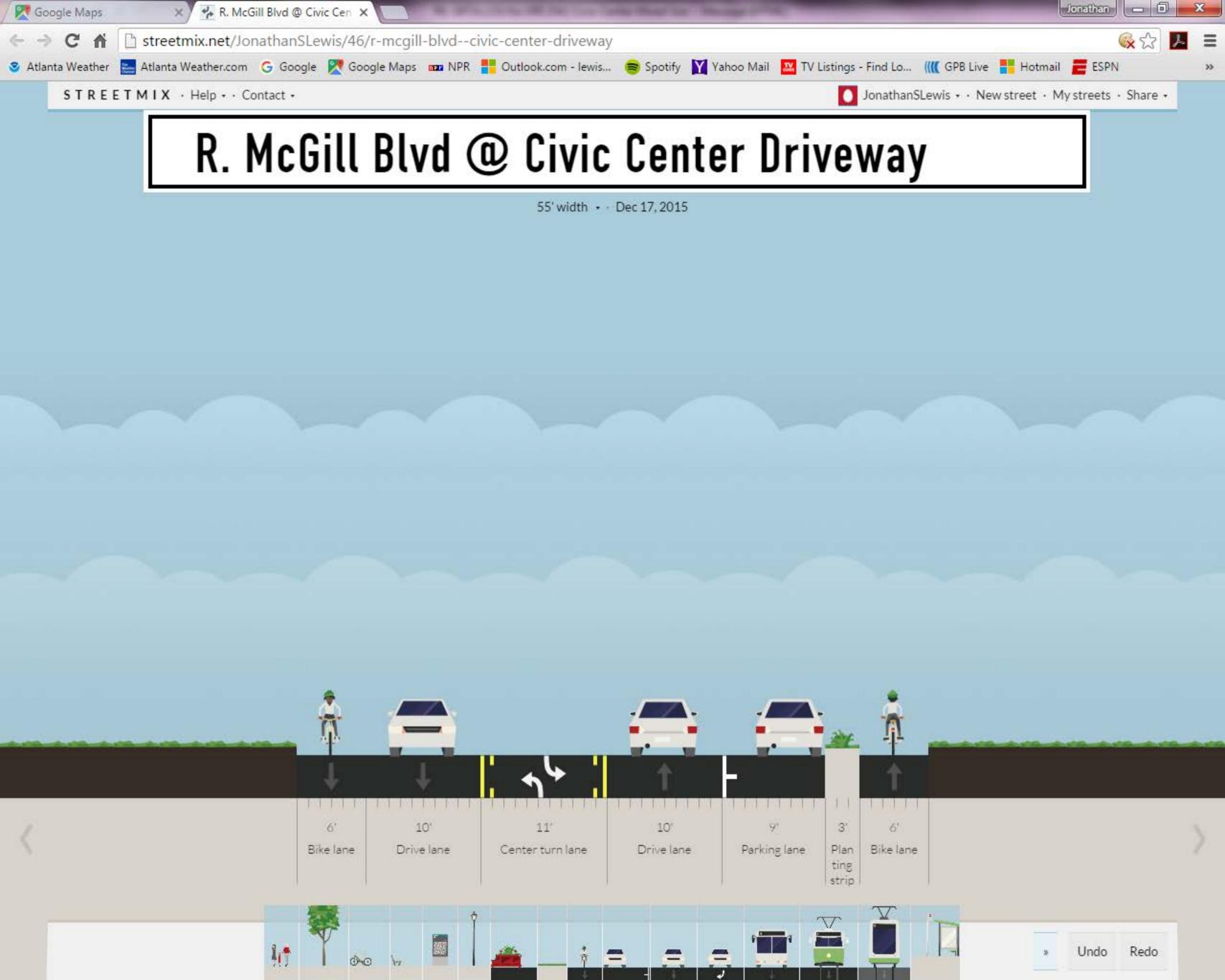
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March 2, 2016

Mr. Andrew Smith Atlanta Regional Commission Community Development Division 40 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30303

Ref: Civic Center Mixed-Use DRI #2542

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Civic Center Mixed-Use DRI project. As you know, this project falls within Midtown's LCI/Blueprint Midtown area and is of critical importance to the southern end of our district. Given the scale of this project, the transportation, economic, and quality of life impacts will be felt well-beyond the surrounding blocks of this project.

After reviewing the DRI application and associated traffic study, Midtown Alliance has the following comments and recommendations:

Site Design

While presented with limited information, the site plan seems to reflect a more suburban, auto-based design and is not in keeping with the vision of Blueprint Midtown. Interior circulation within the development is lacking, particularly the east/west connections. Additionally, the number of curb cuts seems excessive.

Parking

We believe that the amount of parking spaces being provided at this development is excessive and will serve to encourage SOV trips to and from the site. This site is located in close proximity to the Civic Center MARTA rail station which provides regional access via MARTA and regional express buses. The mix of office and residential development provides a tremendous opportunity to reduce the amount of parking through shared parking arrangements. We recommend that the amount of parking be significantly reduced.

Transit

To encourage transit usage, Midtown Alliance recommends that the applicant pursue a partnership with Georgia Power to gain access to and expand the existing shuttle operation that runs to and from the Civic Center MARTA Station.

Site Access

Midtown Alliance recommends that the applicant pursue the conversion of Pine Street between Courtland Street and West Peachtree Street to two-way operation. Realigning Pine Street at Peachtree Street would be beneficial as well.

Piedmont Avenue

Piedmont Avenue has plenty of excess capacity that can be repurposed for other uses. Midtown Alliance supports the repurposing of a through lane on Piedmont Avenue for on-street parking as shown on the plan. We recommend that the applicant also pursue the development of a barrier separated one-way bicycle facility adjacent to the onstreet parking. The City of Atlanta in partnership with Midtown Alliance plans to build a one-way bicycle facility north of this site as part of the Renew Atlanta Bond Projects. Additionally, we recommend that the applicant consider the addition of a protected midblock pedestrian crossing on Piedmont Avenue between Currier Street and Pine Street. The block length is approximately 700' which is excessive for an urban area.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Dan Hourigan

Director - Transportation & Sustainability

cc: Kevin Green, Midtown Alliance Shannon Powell, Midtown Alliance Ginny Kennedy, Midtown Alliance Jonathan Lewis, City of Atlanta

CIVIC CENTER MIXED USE DRI

City of Atlanta

Natural Resources Division Review Comments February 9, 2016

Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The USGS coverage for the area shows no streams on or near the property. The property is in the Peachtree Creek watershed, which is part of the Chattahoochee watershed that is downstream of the Region's water intakes. Therefore it is not in a water supply watershed for the Atlanta Region.

Any unmapped streams that may be located on the property would be subject to the requirements of the City of Atlanta stream buffer ordinance. Any state waters that may be on the property are subject to the State 25-foot erosion and sedimentation buffer requirements.

Stormwater / Water Quality

The project is in an area served by the City of Atlanta stormwater system. The project should still adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements. After construction, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. The amount of pollutants that will be produced after construction of the proposed development has been estimated by ARC. These are based on some simplifying assumptions for typical pollutant loading factors (lbs/ac/yr) from typical land uses in the Atlanta Region. The loading factors are based on regional storm water monitoring data from the Atlanta Region with impervious areas based on estimated averages for land uses in the Atlanta Region. Because of the impervious coverage shown on the site plan, commercial land use was used for this calculation. If actual impervious percentages are higher or lower than the estimate, the pollutant loads will differ accordingly. The following table summarizes the results of the analysis:

Estimated Pounds of Pollutants per Year

Land Use	Land Area (ac)	Total Phosphorus	Total Nitrogen	BOD	TSS	Zinc	Lead
Commercial	19.75	33.77	343.65	2133.00	19414.25	24.29	4.35
TOTAL	19.75	33.77	343.65	2133.00	19414.25	24.29	4.35

Total Impervious = 85%

If new or upgraded on-site detention is required, the design should include stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (www.georgiastormwater.com) and meet the stormwater management quantity and quality criteria outlined in the Manual. Where possible, the project should utilize the stormwater better site design concepts included in the Manual.

We also suggest the following additional measures to help reduce stormwater amounts and provide for its reuse:

- Consider using green spaces and tree planting beds as stormwater controls. These can be designed to provide maximum aesthetic value while also providing for water quality treatment and run-off reduction, potentially reducing the need for larger stormwater facilities and helping to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff on streams and water quality.
- Consider using pervious concrete or other pervious materials in parking areas and other paved open areas. With the proper substrate, such materials can provide a large storage capacity, which will further help to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Consider including rainwater capture in the project design to provide for landscape irrigation during dry periods.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Andrew S	mith, Community	Development Division			
FROM:	Leslie Cac	eda, Transportation	Access and Mobility Division			
DATE:	February 1	1, 2016				
SUBJECT :	Transport	tation Division Rev	view of DRI # 2542			
	Project:	Civic Center				
	County:	Fulton				
	Location:	East of I-75/85 connector, bounded on the west by Piedmont Ave., on north by Pine St., and on the south by Ralph McGill Blvd.				
	Analysis:	Expedited	X			
		Non-Expedited				
cc:	David Hay	nes, Daniel Studdar	rd			

The Transportation Access & Mobility Division has reviewed the traffic study performed by Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. on behalf of Weingarten Realty Investors. The following input is provided for the Traffic Impact Study section of the DRI Report. This DRI proposal is being considered for review under the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Expedited Review Process.

The proposed development is proposed to be completed by 2020 and consists of 4 blocks.

· Block A (SW corner)

TAMD

- o 450,000 SF Residential Area
- o 150,00 SF Retail Area
- o 1,384 Parking Spaces
- · Block B (NW corner)
 - o 0 SF Residential Area
 - o 20,000 SF Retail Area
 - o 350,000 SF Office
 - o 1,110 Parking Spaces

- Block C (NE corner)
 - o 0 SF Residential Area
 - o 20,000 SF Retail Area
 - o 300,000 SF Hotel Area
 - o 510 Parking Spaces
- · Block D (SE corner)
 - o 350,000 SF Residential Area
 - o 56,000 SF Retail Area
 - o 350,000 SF Office Area
 - o 2,007 Parking Spaces

INFRASTRUCTURE Transportation

How many site access points and parking facilities will be associated with the proposed development? What are their locations?

The project site is currently served by two (2) existing driveways along Pine Street, two (2) existing driveways along Piedmont Avenue, and one (1) existing driveway along Ralph McGill Boulevard. As currently envisioned, the proposed development will be served by two (2) full-movement driveways along Pine Street, one (1) full-movement driveway along Piedmont Avenue, and two (2) full-movement driveways along Ralph McGill Boulevard. One existing driveway located on Piedmont Avenue is proposed to be closed and one new driveway on Ralph McGill Boulevard is proposed to be constructed. A summary of the proposed site access points follows:

Driveway 1 – an existing driveway located as the east leg of the intersection Piedmont Avenue at Currier Street. Driveway 1 is located at an existing signalized intersection. However, the westbound approach (existing the site) does not have signal control. Under the proposed conditions, this westbound approach will be added to operate under signal control and will be reconfigured to have two egress lanes.

Driveway 2 – an existing driveway located approximately 100 feet east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue at Pine Street. Driveway 2 is currently a stop controlled full-movement driveway. Driveway 2 is proposed to be relocated to approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue at Pine Street and will remain a stop controlled full-movement driveway.

Driveway 3 – an existing driveway located approximately 570 feet east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue at Pine Street. Driveway 3 is currently a stop controlled full-movement driveway. Driveway 3 is proposed to remain as a stop controlled full-movement driveway.

Driveway 4 – a proposed driveway located approximately 760 feet east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue at Ralph McGill Boulevard. Driveway 4 is proposed to align with the existing Georgia Power Eastern Driveway. Driveway 4 is proposed to be a stop controlled full-movement driveway. Driveway 5 – an existing driveway located approximately 420 feet east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue at Ralph McGill Boulevard. Driveway 5 is currently a signalized full-movement driveway aligned with the Georgia Power Western Driveway. Driveway 5 is proposed to remain a signalized full-movement driveway.

Parking provide on the site, unless a shared parking study can support lowering the parking need, will be as follows:

Parking Provided: 1,723 spaces for residential

738 spaces for retail 2,100 spaces for office 450 spaces for hotel

Total: 5,011 spaces

Parking Required per SPI-1 Zoning: 5,011 spaces total

How much average daily traffic will be generated by the proposed project?

The *Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Handbook*, 9th edition, was used to conduct trip generation for this development. The trip generation was based on the following ITE Land Uses:

• 220 – Apartment

· 222 - High-Rise Apartment

· 230 – Residential Condominium/Townhouse

· 310 – Hotel

• 710 – General Office Building

• 820 – Shopping Center

• 850 - Supermarket

• 931 – Quality Restaurant

· 932 - High-Turnover (Sit-

Down) Restaurant

Table 1. DRI# 2542 Civic Center Mixed Use Transportation Analysis

Table 6 Net Trip Generation									
	Da	aily Traf	fic	AM	Peak H	lour	PM Peak Hour		
	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Ente r	Exit	Total	Ente r	Exit
Gross Project Trips	28,59 1	14,29 5	14,29 6	1,89 9	1,26 8	631	2,86 5	1,25 5	1,61 0
Mixed-Use Reduction	- 11,87 4	-5,937	-5,937	-420	-210	-210	-958	-479	-479
Alternative Mode Reduction	-3,343	-1,672	-1,671	-295	-211	-84	-381	-155	-226
Pass-By Reduction	-2,039	-1,019	-1,020	-0	-0	-0	-204	-102	-102
Net New Trips	11,33 5	5,667	5,668	1,18 4	847	337	1,32 2	519	803

^{*}pass-by trips (AM) PM; 24-hour pass-by trips estimated by considering PM pass-by as 10% of daily

Table 2. DRI# 2542 Civic Center Mixed Use Transportation Analysis

Table 7 Existing 2015 Intersection Levels-of-Service LOS (delay in seconds)						
Intersection	Control	LOS Std.	AM Peak Hour	PM Peak Hour		
Piedmont Avenue at Currier Street/Driveway 1	Signal	D	B (12.5)	B (11.9)		
2. Piedmont Avenue at Pine Street	Signal	D	A (7.8)	B (14.5)		
Pine Street/Angier Avenue at Central Park Place	Signal	D	B (13.3)	B (12.8)		

Ralph McGill Boulevard at Central Park Place	Signal	D	B (14.4)	B (14.3)
Piedmont Avenue at Ralph McGill Boulevard	Signal	D	C (25.5)	C (28.1)
6. Pine Street at Driveway 2	NB Stop WBL Yield	D	*	*
7. Pine Street at Driveway 3	NB Stop WBL Yield	D	A (9.0) A (1.5)	A (9.4) A (0.3)
Ralph McGill Boulevard at Driveway 4/ Georgia Power Eastern Driveway	NB Stop WBL Yield	D	B (10.2) A (2.7)	B (11.5) A (1.6)
Ralph McGill Boulevard at Driveway 5/ Georgia Power Western Driveway	Signal	D	A (5.9)	A (8.9)

Summarize the transportation improvements as recommended by the traffic study consultant

The recommendations proposed by the consultant includes:

- A 2020 no-build scenario incorporating project AT-2277 which reconfigures Ralph McGill Blvd from the existing five travel lanes to one bike lane, three travel lanes, one lane of on-street parking, and one barrier separated bike lane in the vicinity of the site.
- Piedmont Avenue at Currier Street/Driveway 1 (Int. #1)
 - o Construct one ingress lane along Driveway 1.
 - o Construct two egress lanes along Driveway 1 one exclusive westbound through lane and one exclusive westbound right-turn lane.
 - o Add traffic signal control for westbound approach along Driveway 1.
 - o Convert the easternmost northbound lane along Piedmont Avenue into an on-street parking lane.
 - o Reconfigure the northbound approach along Piedmont Avenue to one shared left-turn/through lane, two exclusive through lanes, and one shared through/right-turn lane.
- Piedmont Avenue at Pine Street (Int. #2)
 - o Convert the easternmost northbound lane along Piedmont Avenue into an on-street parking lane.
 - o Reconfigure the northbound approach along Piedmont Avenue to one shared left-turn/through lane, two exclusive through lanes, and one shared through/right-turn lane.
 - o Reconfigure the westbound approach along Pine Street to one shared through/right-turn lane.
 - o Remove the right-turn channelization island on the westbound approach along Pine Street.

- Ralph McGill Boulevard at Central Park Place (Int. #4)
 - o Reconfigure the eastbound approach along Ralph McGill Boulevard to one exclusive left-turn lane, one exclusive through lane, and one exclusive right-turn.
- Piedmont Avenue at Ralph McGill Boulevard (Int. #5)
 - o Reconfigure the northbound departure lanes to four travel lanes and one on-street parking lane.
- Pine Street at Driveway 2 (Int. #6)
 - o Relocate Driveway 2 to approximately 300' east of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Pine Street.
 - o Reconfigure Driveway 2 to consist of one ingress lane and two egress lanes one exclusive northbound left-turn lane and one exclusive northbound right-turn lane.
 - o Reconfigure the eastbound approach along Pine Street to one shared through/right-turn lane.
 - o Reconfigure the westbound approach along Pine Street to one shared left-turn/through lane.
 - o Convert the southernmost eastbound lane into an on-street parking lane.
 - o Convert the northernmost westbound lane into an on-street parking lane.
- Pine Street at Driveway 3 (Int. #7)
 - o Reconfigure Driveway 3 to consist of one ingress lane and two egress lanes one exclusive northbound left-turn lane and one exclusive northbound right-turn lane.
 - o Reconfigure the eastbound approach along Pine Street to one shared through/right-turn lane.
 - o Reconfigure the westbound approach along Pine Street to one shared left-turn/through lane.
 - o Convert the southernmost eastbound lane into an on-street parking lane.
 - o Convert the northernmost westbound lane into an on-street parking lane.
- Ralph McGill Boulevard at Driveway 4/Georgia Power Eastern Driveway (Int. #8)
 - o Construct one ingress lane along Driveway 4.
 - Construct two egress lanes along Driveway 4 one shared southbound left-turn/through lane and one exclusive southbound right-turn lane.
- Ralph McGill Boulevard at Driveway 5/Georgia Power Western Driveway (Int. #9)
 - o Reconfigure Driveway 5 to consist of one ingress lane and two egress lanes one shared southbound left-turn/through lane and one exclusive southbound right-turn lane.

List the transportation improvements that would affect or be affected by the proposed project.

Projects included in the model for the future conditions include:

Table 3. DRI# 2542 Civic Center Mixed Use Transportation Analysis

	Table 11 Programmed Improvements					
#	# Year Project ID Project Description					
1	2015	AT-276	Pedestrian Mobility Improvements – Boulevard from US- 278 (Ponce de Leon Avenue) to Woodward Avenue			
2	2015	AT-278	Midtown Atlanta Regional Activity Center – Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvements			
3	2018	AT-269	Ponce de Leon Avenue Complete Street Retrofit from Boulevard/Monroe Drive to Freedom Parkway			
4	2020	AT-277	Cycle Atlanta: Phase 1.0 – Bicycle Mobility Improvements – Includes a route on Ralph McGill Boulevard, Peachtree Street, Juniper Street, and Baker/Highland Street			
5	2040	AR-490	Atlanta Streetcar Expansion – Phase 1 – Includes a route on North Avenue			

Is the site served by transit? If so, describe type and level of service and how it will enhance or be enhanced by the presence of transit? Are there plans to provide or expand transit service in the vicinity of the proposed project?

The Civic Center MARTA station is an 11 minute (0.5 miles) walk from the site. The red and gold transit lines run from the Civic Center MARTA Station. The MARTA bus 16 makes stops along Ralph McGill Blvd adjacent to the site. This bus route connects passengers from North Druid Hills to the Five Points MARTA stations. MARTA bus route 110 makes stops 0.03 miles from the site and connects passengers from Downtown to Buckhead along Peachtree Road; both bus routes provide service seven days a week. Lastly, GRTA Xpress buses currently stage at the Ralph McGill Boulevard at Driveway 4/Georgia Power Eastern Driveway location.

What other issues should be considered during the traffic study or in general for the proposed development?

The team should conduct the shared parking analysis to reduce the 5,011 parking spaces. The ratios of 1.5 spaces per 1 bedroom unit and 2.5 per 2 bedroom unit are high for the area and the manner in which a development should fit in here. The increased use of car-sharing should also influence a decrease in retail and office parking. Bicycle parking facilities, including but not limited to fix-it-stands, lockers, showers (for office employees) should be added around the site buildings and/or parking decks to provide a convent destination for bicyclists visiting the site. Lastly, the parking deck to be located south of Southface should be minimized in height so as not to affect the solar panels Southface harnesses much of its energy from.

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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information						
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide basic project information that will allow the RDC to determine if the project appears to meet or exceed applicable DRI thresholds. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.						
	Local Government Informa	ition				
Submitting Local Government:	Atlanta					
Individual completing form:	Jonathan S. Lewis					
Telephone:	404-865-8593					
E-mail:	JLewis@atlantaga.gov					
herein. If a project is to be loca	*Note: The local government representative completing this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a project is to be located in more than one jurisdiction and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which the largest portion of the project is to be located is responsible for initiating the DRI review process.					
	Proposed Project Information	tion				
Name of Proposed Project:	Civic Center Mixed-Use					
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	395 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30308					
Brief Description of Project:	This project is a mixed-use development located in proposed development will feature residential, reta					
Development Type:						
(not selected)	O Hotels	Wastewater Treatment Facilities				
Office	Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities				
○ Commercial	O Airports	○ Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs				
O Wholesale & Distributio	Attractions & Recreational Facilities	O Intermodal Terminals				
Hospitals and Health Ca Facilities	re Post-Secondary Schools	○ Truck Stops				

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Housing	○ Waste Handling Facilities ○ Any other development types						
O Industrial	Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants						
If other development type, des	If other development type, describe:						
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.):	765 residential units; 700,000 SF Office; 300 Hotel Rooms; 246,000 SF Retail						
Developer:	Weingarten Realty Investors						
Mailing Address:	2600 Citadel Plaza Drive						
Address 2:	Suite 125						
	City:Houston State: TX Zip:77008						
Telephone:	713-866-6968						
Email:	acleator@weingarten.com						
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No						
If yes, property owner:	City of Atlanta						
Is the proposed project entirely located within your local government's jurisdiction?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No						
If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	n/a						
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No						
If yes, provide the following	Project Name:						
information:	Project ID:						
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other n/a						
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No						
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?	n/a						
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: 2020 Overall project: 2020						
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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information					
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide information needed by the RDC for its review of the proposed DRI. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.					
Local Government Information					
Submitting Local Government:	Atlanta				
Individual completing form:	Jonathan S. Lewis				
Telephone:	404-865-8593				
Email:	JLewis@atlantaga.gov				
	Project Information				
Name of Proposed Project:	Civic Center Mixed-Use				
DRI ID Number:	2542				
Developer/Applicant:	Ann Cleator, Weingarten Realty Investors				
Telephone:	713-866-6968				
Email(s):	acleator@weingarten.com				
	Additional Information Requested				
Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, proceed to Economic Impacts.)	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?	◎ (not selected) ○ Yes ○ No				
If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.					
	Economic Development				
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	\$300 million				

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Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:						
Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?	sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed					
Will this development displace any existing uses?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No					
	g number of units, square feet, etc): The exisitng Atlanta Civic Center will be demolished for the se development. The Atlanta Civic Center is approximately 466,000 SF.					
	Water Supply					
Name of water supply provider for this site:	City of Atlanta, DWM					
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.52 MGD					
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No					
If no, describe any plans to expa N/A	and the existing water supply capacity:					
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No					
If yes, how much additional line N/A	(in miles) will be required?					
	Wastewater Disposal					
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	City of Atlanta, DWM					
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.44 MGD					
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No					
If no, describe any plans to expa	If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity: N/A					
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No					
If yes, how much additional line	(in miles) will be required?N/A					
Land Transportation						

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How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	Approximately 11,335 daily trips, 1,203 AM peak hour trips, and 1,526 PM peak hour trips.
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	○ (not selected) Yes No
If yes, please describe below:Pl	ease refer to Transportation Analyses completed by Kimley-Horn.
	Solid Waste Disposal
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	13,780 tons
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No
If no, describe any plans to expa	and existing landfill capacity:N/A
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No
If yes, please explain:N/A	
	Stormwater Management
What percentage of the site is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?	90%
impacts on stormwater manager	ed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's ment:First 1" will be infiltrated via City approved green stormwater infrastructure. Underground uce runoff flow rate by approximately 40% of the existing conditions.
	Environmental Quality
Is the development located with	in, or likely to affect any of the following:
Water supply watersheds?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No

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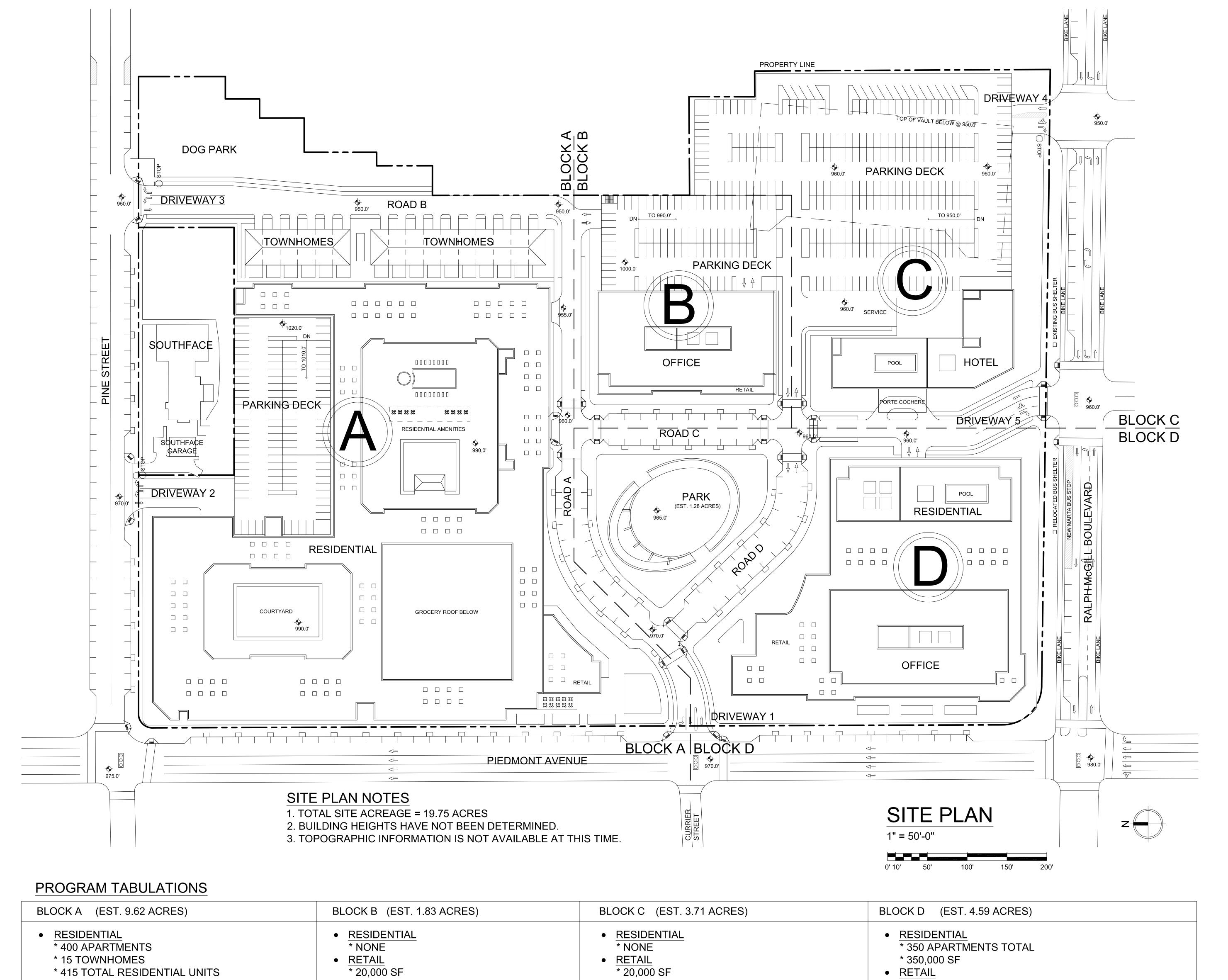
2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
3. Wetlands?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
4. Protected mountains?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ○ No				
5. Protected river corridors?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
6. Floodplains?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
7. Historic resources?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
If you answered yes to any question above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: N/A					
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BLOCK A (EST. 9.62 ACRES)	BLOCK B (EST. 1.83 ACRES)	BLOCK C (EST. 3.71 ACRES)	BLOCK D (EST. 4.59 ACRES)
 RESIDENTIAL * 400 APARTMENTS * 15 TOWNHOMES * 415 TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS * 450,000 SF RESIDENTIAL AREA RETAIL * 150,000 SF RETAIL AREA PARKING * 75% (311) 2-BD UNITS @ 2.5 SPACES EACH = 778 SPACES * 25% (104) 1-BD UNITS @ 1.5 SPACES EACH = 156 SPACES * RETAIL PARKING @ 3 SPACES / 1,000 SF = 450 SPACES * TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 1,384 	 RESIDENTIAL * NONE RETAIL * 20,000 SF OFFICE * 350,000 SF PARKING * RETAIL PARKING @ 3 SP / 1,000 SF = 60 SPACES * OFFICE PARKING @ 3 SP / 1,000 SF = 1,050 SPACES * TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 1,110 SPACES 	 RESIDENTIAL * NONE RETAIL * 20,000 SF OFFICE * NONE HOTEL * 300 UNITS * 300,000 SF PARKING * RETAIL PARKING @ 3 SP / 1,000 SF = 60 SPACES * HOTEL PARKING @ 1.5 SP / LODGING UNIT = 450 SPACES * TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 510 SPACES 	 RESIDENTIAL * 350 APARTMENTS TOTAL * 350,000 SF RETAIL * 56,000 SF OFFICE * 350,000 SF PARKING * 75% (263) 2-BD UNITS @ 2.5 SP EACH = 658 SPACES * 25% (87) 1-BD UNITS @ 1.5 SP EACH = 131 SPACES * RETAIL PARKING @ 3 SP / 1,000 SF = 168 SPACES * OFFICE PARKING @ 3 SP / 1,000 SF = 1,050 SPACES * TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 2,007 SPACES