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DATE: February 24, 2016 ARC REVIEW CODE: R1602241

TO: Mayor Eric Clarkson, City of Chamblee
ATTN TO: Gary Cornell, Director of Development
Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARC
Development of Regional Impact Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed a preliminary regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). 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. This preliminary report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

Name of Proposal: Jim Ellis Parking Structure

Review Type: DRI Submitting Local Government: City of Chamblee

**Date Opened**: Feb. 24, 2016 **Deadline for Comments**: March 10, 2016 **Close By**: March 15, 2016

<u>Description</u>: This proposed development is located in the City of Chamblee at 5625 and 5665 New Peachtree Road, between Brogdon Court and Kristie Way. The proposed project is a parking facility with 1,538 spaces, consisting of a multi-level parking deck (ground level plus 5 levels of structured parking) and an adjacent surface lot. The purpose of the facility is to store inventory vehicles for multiple Jim Ellis Automotive Group dealerships located in the Cities of Chamblee and Doraville until they are sold to individual buyers in a dealership. Once a vehicle is sold, it will be driven to the appropriate dealership.

#### PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM) and Regional Development Guide (RDG), the proposed development is located within the Maturing Neighborhoods area of the region.

The UGPM and RDG state that Maturing Neighborhoods are areas in the region characterized by older neighborhoods that include both single and multi-family development, as well as commercial and office uses at connected key locations. Though commercial and office buildings are aging, they nonetheless are often incorporated into neighborhoods, providing an active mix of uses and amenities. Maturing neighborhoods are denser than established suburbs, and the development pattern is more similar to that of pre–1970s urban development. These areas represent the part of the region that is facing infill and redevelopment pressures. In many cases, infrastructure is in place to handle additional growth, but in some areas, infrastructure is built out with limited ability to expand. This may constrain the amount of additional growth possible in certain areas. Many arterial streets in this area are congested due to their use as regional routes for commuters. Limited premium transit service is available in these areas.

The demand for infill development, redevelopment and adaptive reuse of existing buildings in this area should be balanced with the preservation of existing single family neighborhoods. Consideration should be given to the need for additional usable parks and greenspace close to residents, as well as developing and maintaining pedestrian-friendly amenities such as trails and sidewalks. Maturing Neighborhoods are areas where people are aging in place. These areas should integrate Lifelong Communities principles to ensure options for housing and transportation in the community that support older adults that want to remain in their communities for a lifetime.

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The intensity of this proposed project generally aligns with the RDG's recommended range of densities and building heights in the Maturing Neighborhoods area. The height of the parking deck will be greater than the context of the surrounding area, which primarily features building heights of 1 to 2 stories. The development team should follow through with its documented plans for grading, buffering and landscaping around the site and "green screening" on the deck itself. These treatments will minimize the facility's visual impact on its surroundings. The project's use is in keeping with existing uses in the immediate area.

### 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

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

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



## REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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# DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Instructions: 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 scale or importance that it is likely to generate impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is located, for example in 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 in this packet and offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline.

proposed development in our DRI review process. Therefore, please review the information about the project included in this packet and offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline. Preliminary Findings of the RDC: <u>Jim Ellis Parking Structure</u> See the Preliminary Report. Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed): Individual Completing Form: Local Government: Please return this form to: Andrew Smith, Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Street NE Department: Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph. (404) 463-5581 Fax (404) 463-3254 asmith@atlantaregional.com Telephone: ( Return Date: March 10, 2016 Signature: Date:

### ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

DATE: February 24, 2016 ARC REVIEW CODE: R1602241

TO: ARC Division Managers

FROM: Andrew Smith, Ext. 3-5581

### Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

Community Development: Smith, Andrew Transportation Access and Mobility: Studdard, Daniel

Natural Resources: Santo, Jim Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim

Aging and Health Resources: Ray, Renee

<u>Name of Proposal:</u> Jim Ellis Parking Structure <u>Review Type:</u> Development of Regional Impact

<u>Description:</u> This proposed development is located in the City of Chamblee at 5625 and 5665 New Peachtree Road, between Brogdon Court and Kristie Way. The proposed project is a parking facility with 1,538 spaces, consisting of a multi-level parking deck (ground level plus 5 levels of structured parking) and an adjacent surface lot. The purpose of the facility is to store inventory vehicles for multiple Jim Ellis Automotive Group dealerships located in the Cities of Chamblee and Doraville until they are sold to individual buyers in a dealership. Once a vehicle is sold, it will be driven to the appropriate dealership.

**Submitting Local Government:** City of Chamblee

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	Response:
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- 1)  $\Box$  Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.

- 4) 
  □ The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 5) 

  The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
- 6) 

  Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

COMMENTS:
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#### DRI #2560

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information				
determine if the project appear	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 Inform	ation		
Submitting Local Government:	Chamblee			
Individual completing form:	Gary Cornell			
Telephone:	(470) 395-2333			
E-mail:	gcornell@chambleega.gob			
*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		ation		
Name of Proposed Project:	Jim Ellis Parking Structure			
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	5265 & 5665 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, G	SA		
Brief Description of Project: This is a parking facility with 1,392 spaces consisting of a su parking deck. The purpose of the facility is to store inventory dealerships located in Chamblee and Doraville until they are dealership. Once a car is sold it is driven to the appropriate of		e inventory vehicles for several ntil they are sold to individual buyers in the		
Development Type:				
(not selected)	O Hotels	<ul> <li>Wastewater Treatment Facilities</li> </ul>		
Office	Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities		
Commercial	O Airports	Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs		
Wholesale & Distributio	n Attractions & Recreational Facilities	O Intermodal Terminals		
O Hospitals and Health Ca Facilities	Post-Secondary Schools	○ Truck Stops		
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Housing	Waste Handling Facilities	Any other development types
O Industrial	O Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants	
If other development type, des	scribe:	
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.):	1,392 spaces	
Developer:	Jim Ellis, JBE Realty LLLP	
Mailing Address:	5901 Peachtree Boulevard	
Address 2:		
	City:Chamblee State: GA Zip:30341	
Telephone:	770 458-6811	
Email:	jimmye@jimellis.com	
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ® No	
If yes, property owner:		
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?		
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No	
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name:	
iniomation.	Project ID:	
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other	
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?		
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: May, 2017 Overall project:	
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#### DRI #2560

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:	Chamblee			
Individual completing form:	Gary Cornell			
Telephone:	(470) 395-2333			
Email:	gcornell@chambleega.gob			
	Project Information			
Name of Proposed Project:	Jim Ellis Parking Structure			
DRI ID Number:	2560			
Developer/Applicant: Jim Ellis, JBE Realty LLLP				
Telephone:	770 458-6811			
Email(s): jimmye@jimellis.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.)				
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:	\$7 million			

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Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:  \$134,600			
Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?	Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed (not selected) Yes No		
Will this development displace any existing uses?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No		
If yes, please describe (including	g number of units, square feet, etc):		
	Water Supply		
Name of water supply provider for this site:	DeKalb County		
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	.01		
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No		
If no, describe any plans to expand 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 (in miles) will be required?			
Wastowater Disnosal			
Wastewater Disposal			
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:			
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?			
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?   (not selected)   Yes   No			
If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:			
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?			
Land Transportation			
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per			

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day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)					
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:					
	Solid Waste Disposal				
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	project expected to generate				
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:				
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?   (not selected) Yes No					
If yes, please explain:					
Stormwater Management					
What percentage of the site is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?					
Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management:Underground stormwater management facility with approved water quality device					
Environmental Quality					
Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:					
1. Water supply watersheds?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No				
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?	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:			
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# J.B.E. REALTY HOLDINGS, LLLP

5901 Peachtree Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30341

PROPOSED STORAGE PARKING DECK

DRI PROJECT SUMMARY

AREAS - 11.71 ACRES

Existing Zoning Light Industrial - I

5625 & 5665 New Peachtree Road

Chamblee, Ga.

2/18/2016

Jim Ellis Automotive is proposing to construct a storage parking deck and revised surface parking on property they currently own known as Jim Ellis University. The proposed 6 story parking deck (ground level plus 5 levels of structured parking) will be attached to the existing building on the site (currently used for car storage/warehouse (80,552 s.f.) and Jim Ellis University/Office (7,470 s.f.). There will be 1,146 spaces in the structure, 228 spaces under the structure and 164 spaces outside the structure. The portions of the storage parking deck visible from New Peachtree Road after completion of site grading and landscaping will have architectural treatments along with green screening. The construction of this deck will allow new car inventory from various surface lots around Chamblee to be consolidated in one secure location.

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The deck and surface areas are abutted by a New Peachtree Road and warehouses to the west, a large warehouse to the north, an apartment complex to the east and the existing Jim Ellis University building to the south.

The proposed storage deck and surface storage area (with no public access) is an allowed use in the light industrial district. Most of the new impervious surfaces are located in areas currently paved or occupied by abandoned railroad spur lines. In addition, the view of the new construction from New Peachtree Road will be blocked by:

- Large trees that will remain in front of the existing building
- A new berm along New Peachtree Road
- Architectural finishes and "green screens"
- The existing large warehouse building to the north

There is very little traffic associated with the storage of new car inventory. On average there will be 150 car trips and 15 tractor trailer trips for a total of 165 trips per day when operating at full capacity. The trips will be generated from the north entrance. There is a designated tractor trailer turn around area within the surface storage lot.

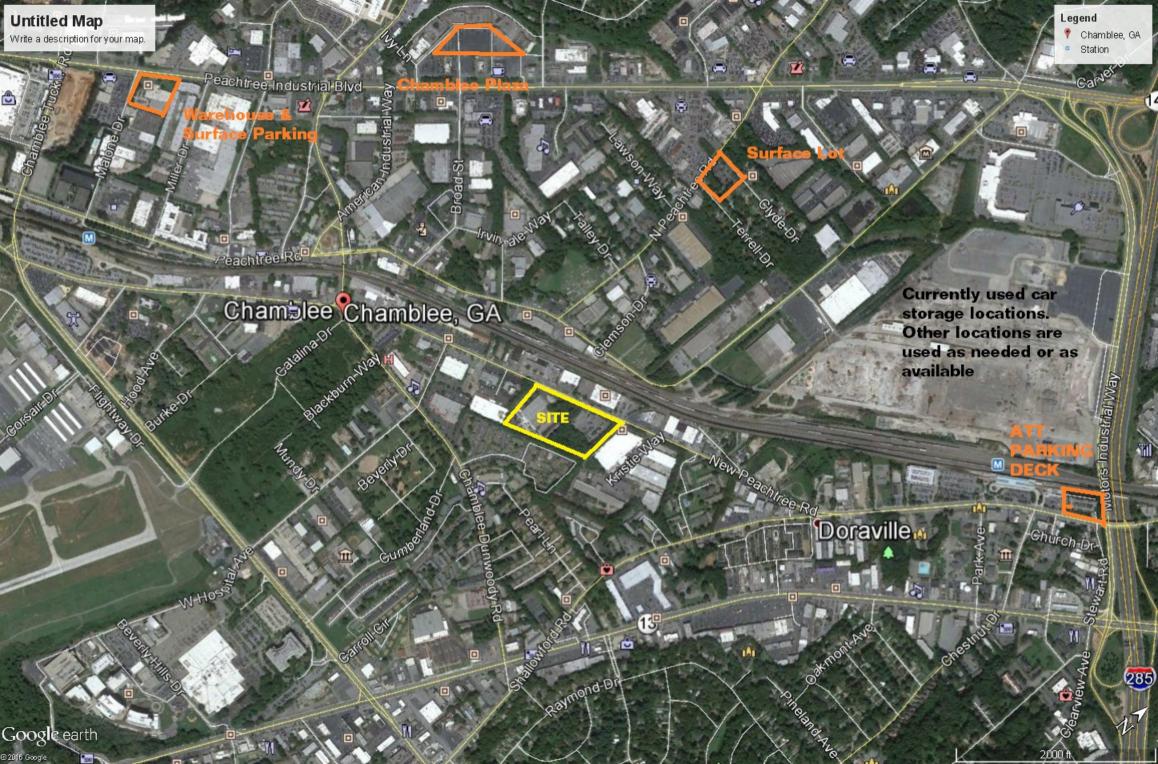
James E Ellis

President and CEO

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## **VARIANCE NOTES:**

1. SECTION 230-5 STREET TYPE DIMENSIONS TABLE - ELIMINATE THE 7' LANDSCAPE ZONE LEAVING THE EXISTING 5' SIDEWALK AND LANDSCAPE STRIP IN PLACE. 2. SECTION 230-5 STREET TYPE DIMENSIONS TABLE - ELIMINATE 8' SIDEWALK CLEAR ZONE, LEAVING THE EXISTING 5' SIDEWALK AND LANDSCAPE STRIP IN PLACE.

3. SECTION 230-33 (A) (1) C. - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A 10' SETBACK FOR ANY PART OF THE PARKING STORAGE STRUCTURE ABOVE 50' TALL. 4. SECTION 240-13 (H) (1) B. - ELIMINATE LINEAR BUILDING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW ARCHITECTURAL FACADE AS SUBMITTED.

5. SECTION 240-13 (H) (1) D. - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A 5' WIDE SIDEWALK PASSING THROUGH THE STORAGE PARKING STRUCTURE

6. SECTION 240-13 (H) (1) F. & SECTION 240-13 (H) 1 (DIAGRAM) - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR 40% LANDSCAPE SHADE REQUIREMENT AND/OR 40% SURFACE

7. VARIANCE #7 FROM SECTION 250-2(A) (4) B. - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR "GRASSCRETE" IN THE AREA OF PARKING SPACES OVER 100% OF THE MINIMUM

14. SECTION 350-25. - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT TO PLACE ALL UTILITIES UNDERGROUND. REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, IF THE PARKING LOT IS REPURPOSED IT WILL BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE.

8. VARIANCE #8 FROM SECTION 250-7 (A) (4) A. - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUB-COMPACT PARKING SPACES. HOWEVER, IF THE PARKING LOT IS REPUR-POSED IT WILL BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLINACE.

9. A MINIMUM OF FIVE SPACES, OR TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES (WHICHEVER IS GREATER) SHALL BE SET ASIDE FOR COMPACT CARS. HOWEVER, IF PARKING LOT IS REPURPOSED IT WILL BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE.

10. VARIANCE #9 FROM SECTION 300-17(C). ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A NEW 400' X 600' STREET GRID.

11. SECTION 320-21. (A) (1) - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LANDSCAPE ISLAND EVERY 10 SPACES. HOWEVER, IF PARKING LOT IS REPURPOSED IT WILL BE

12. SECTION 320-21. (A) (2) - ELIMINATE THE ASSOCIATED PLANTING REQUIREMEN

13. SECTION 320-21. (A) (4) - ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A 5' GRASS STRIP ON HEAD TO HEAD PARKING. HOWEVER, IF PARKING LOT IS REPURPOSED IT WILL

**NEW PARKING DECK:** 

**PARKING TOTAL** 

GROUND LEVEL PLUS 5 ELEVATED LEVELS ± 61,188 SF FOOTPRINT

GROUND LEVEL LEVELS 1-4 LEVEL 5 234 SPACES PARKING DECK SUBTOTAL 1146 SPACES SUBTOTAL

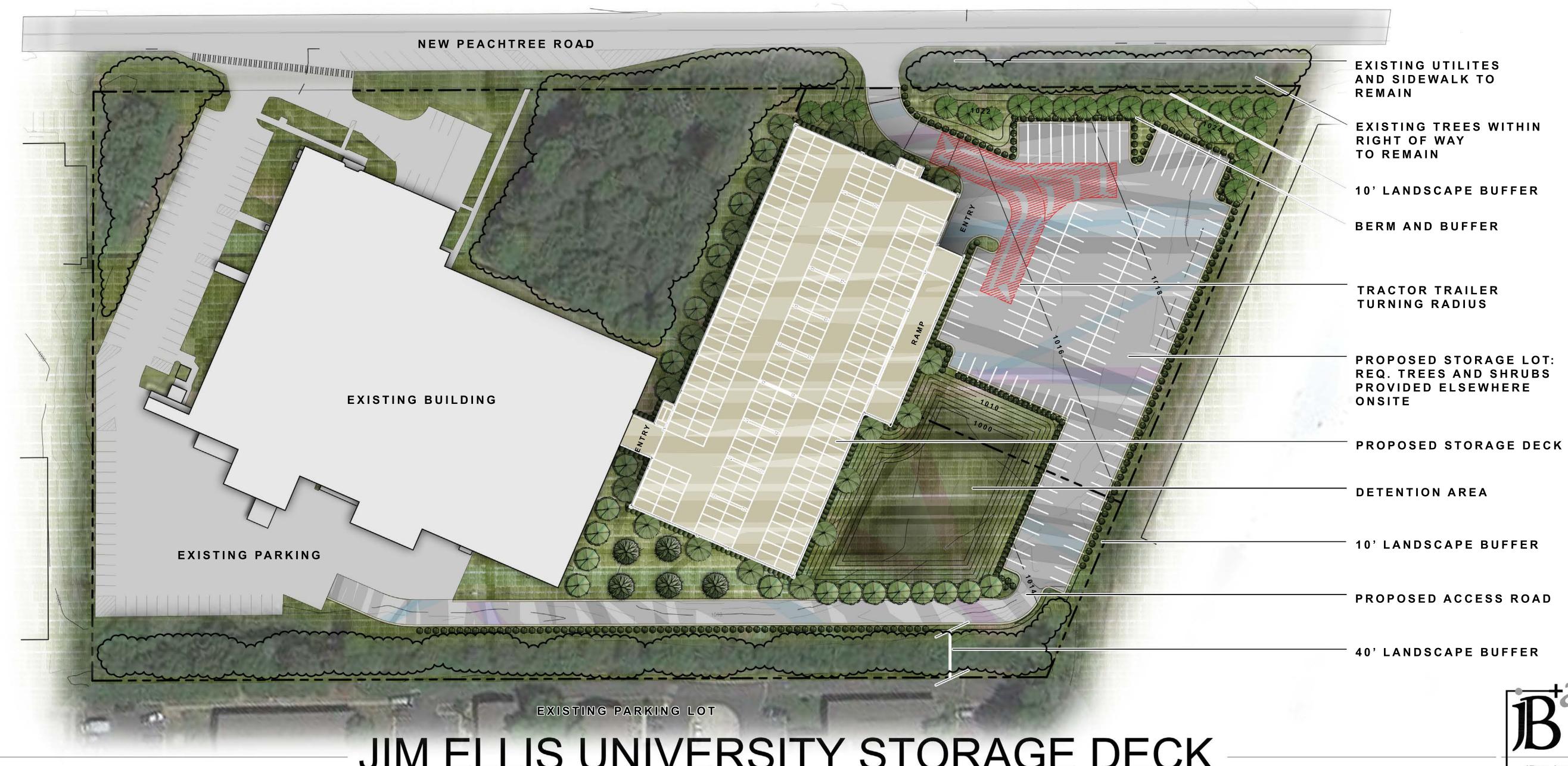
COMBINED SITE AREA:

± 484,264 SF (± 11.1 AC)

**EXISTING PAVING** 61,188 SF

TOTAL IMPERVIOUS AREA: 290,484 SF

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE:

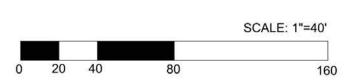


DATE: 13 JANUARY 2016

REVISION DATE: FEBRUARY 02, 2016

JIM ELLIS UNIVERSITY STORAGE DECK CONCEPTUAL VARIANCE PLAN





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