

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 11, 2025 August 26,2025

**To:** Saba Hatami, BOE

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Transportation and Public Works Department

**Reference: 500 S Congress PUD Traffic Impact Analysis** (C814-2024-0001) – 500 S Congress Ave,

Austin, Final Memo

### **Summary of the Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA):**

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the updated 11/6/2024 submittal of "500 S Congress TIA", prepared by BOE. The proposal is for 950 dwelling units of high-rise multifamily, 225 hotel rooms, 600,000 square feet of general office space, 90,000 square feet of shopping plaza, 25,000 square feet of supermarket, and 30,000 square feet of high turnover sit-down restaurant. It will be located at 500 S Congress Ave, Austin. The site location is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Site Location

The project proposes access to the surrounding roadway network via one RIRO driveway along W Riverside Dr, two RIRO driveways one RIRO driveway and one RI driveway along S Congress Ave, and two full access driveways along Haywood Ave. The proposed development will be built in one phase and is anticipated to be completed in 2028.

As a transportation condition of approval for the above-referenced site plan rezoning application, the applicant shall comply with the following:

- 1. The applicant shall design, and construct improvements identified in Table 2 below prior to the issuance of the temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) or certificate of occupancy (CO). Cost estimates should not be assumed to represent the maximum dollar value of improvements the applicant may be required to construct.
- 2. The applicant has the option to design and construct improvements identified in Table 3 below at the time of site plan application. Any improvements from Table 3 that are constructed by the applicant shall qualify for a Street Impact Fee credit and must be documented via an Offset Agreement at the time of building permit.
- 3. The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) identifies 116 feet of right-of-way (ROW) for W Riverside Drive and 140 feet for S Congress Avenue. Staff recommends that the development plans for 58 feet of ROW from the centerline along W Riverside Drive and 70 feet from the centerline along S Congress Avenue. ROW or easement along W Riverside Dr shall be dedicated as per Figures 5 and 6 below. The ROW, or an equivalent easement acceptable to the TPW, shall be finalized with the coordination of TPW either through the formal Planned Unit Development (PUD) exhibits or at the time of the subdivision or site plan application, whichever occurs earlier.
- 4. The site must achieve a minimum TDM threshold of 30% using various measures. The applicant has the flexibility to substitute and/or add other relevant TDM measures as per the TCM at the time of the site plan as long as the overall TDM reduction is achieved. TDM measures will be further reevaluated and approved by COA during the site plan review.
- 5. The proposed development is subject to the City of Austin Street Impact Fee (SIF) (Ordinance # 20201220-061 & 20201210-062). The final SIF will be calculated and invoiced for this development at the time of building permit and will satisfy the mitigation requirements of this site. No building permit shall be issued until the total required SIF collection amount is paid in full. The SIF study identifies that the projected future developments can require improvements to the transportation network. Street impact fees help fund roadway capacity projects necessitated by new developments. Payments to the SIF to build these projects/improvements, which are identified in the Roadway Capacity Plan, will satisfy the mitigation requirements. The rough proportionality of this development shall be evaluated based on the proposed land uses and development intensities within the full extent of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) boundary.
- 6. If the applicant constructs any SIF offset-eligible improvements with this site plan, the cost incurred for construction may be considered as an offset toward the final SIF collection amount through an Offset Agreement. If constructed before building permit issuance, actual construction costs may be used; otherwise, a signed and sealed cost estimate will be required.
- 7. Development of this property should not vary from the approved uses or deviate from the approved intensities and estimated traffic generation assumptions within the finalized TIA document, including land uses, trip generation, trip distribution, traffic controls, driveway locations, and other identified

- conditions. Any change in the assumptions made to the TIA document shall be reviewed by TPW and may require a new or updated TIA/addendum.
- 8. Approval of this TIA does not grant nor guarantee approval of proposed driveway locations or driveway types. An updated TIA or addendum may be required at the time of the site plan when more details about the site are available.
- 9. The findings and recommendations of this TIA memorandum remain valid until five (5) years from the date of the traffic counts in the TIA or the date of this memo, whichever comes first, after which a revised TIA or addendum may be required.

### **Trip Generation and Land Use:**

Based on the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual (11th Edition), the development will generate 13,354 adjusted daily trips, 863 trips during the AM peak hour and 884 trips during the PM peak hour, details are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Trip Generation

Land Uses	ITE	Quantity	Units	Daily	AM Peak Hour		PM	PM Peak Hour		
	Code			Trips	In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
Multifamily	222	950	Dwelling	3,949	59	169	228	167	103	270
Housing			Units							
(High-Rise)										
Hotel	310	225	Rooms	2,015	59	46	105	71	68	139
General Office	710	600,000	Square Feet	5,516	688	94	782	125	610	735
Shopping Plaza	821	90,000	Square Feet	6,077	97	59	156	229	238	467
Supermarket	850	25,000	Square	2,624	42	30	72	126	125	251
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High	932	30,000	Square	3,216	158	129	287	166	106	272
Turnover Sit-			Feet							
Down										
Restaurant										
Total Unadjusted Daily Trips			23,397	1,103	527	1,630	884	1,250	2,134	
TDM (30% Reduction)			7,019	331	158	489	265	375	640	
Pass-By Trips*			-	-	-	-	135	120	255	
Existing Trips			3,022	207	71	278	126	228	354	
Total Adjusted Daily Trips			13,354	566	297	863	356	528	884	

<sup>\*40%</sup> in the PM peak for shopping plaza, 24% in the PM peak for supermarket, 43% in the PM peak for high turnover sit-down restaurant

# **Summary of Required Improvements:**

Table 2. Requi	ired Improvements		
Name	Improvement		
Haywood Ave from W Riverside Dr to southern	Eliminate existing on-street parking on the east side		
Haywood Ave bend (See Figures 2 and 3 for	of Haywood Ave to restripe the roadway to extend the		
improvement extent)	NB right and left turn bays to provide additional		
	storage		
Construction of Barton Springs Rd – Congress Ave	Design and construct a connecting roadway including		
Road (See Figures 2 and 4 for the improvement	bicycle and pedestrian facilities		
extent)			
PHB on S Congress Ave near East Bouldin Creek	Design and construct a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon		
(See Figure 2 for the improvement extent)	with the coordination of TPW in connection with a		
	site plan for development of the parkland		
	improvements (or any other timeline approved by		
	TPW)		
Back-of-curb Improvements (See Figures 2, 3, and	Design and construct back-of-curb improvements		
5 for the improvement extent)	with the coordination of TPW with corresponding site		
	plans (or any other timeline approved by TPW) that		
	include site frontages on Haywood Ave, W Riverside		
	Dr, and S Congress Ave		

### **Summary of Other Identified Improvements:**

Table 3. Identified Improvements				
Name	Improvement			
Congress Ave & Riverside Dr* (See Figure 2 for the	Install 1 additional LTL to create dual left turn lanes			
improvement extent)	along EB Riverside Dr approach			
	Install 1 additional LTL to create dual left turn lanes			
	along WB Riverside Dr approach			
	Install 1 RTL along WB Riverside Dr approach			
	Modify the signal phasing to provide permissive +			
	overlap phase for the EB right-turn movement along			
	Riverside Dr approach			
	Signal re-timing, lane assignment sign, signal head			
	modification as needed to align with modified			
	geometry			
Riverside Dr & Barton Springs Rd* (See Figure 2	Re-stripe NB Barton Springs Rd to convert the second			
for the improvement extent)	through lane to a shared through-right turn lane			
	Install 1 additional LTL to create dual left turn lanes			
	along WB Riverside Dr approach			
	Install 1 RTL along SB Barton Springs Rd approach			

	Modify the signal phasing to remove permissive +		
	overlap phase for the right turn movement along NB		
	Barton Springs Rd approach		
	Signal re-timing, lane assignment sign, signal head		
	modification as needed to align with modified		
	geometry		
Riverside Dr & 1st St* (See Figure 2 for the	Install 1 RTL along WB Riverside Dr approach		
improvement extent)	Install 1 additional LTL to create dual left turn lanes		
	along SB 1st St approach		
	Modify the signal phasing to provide permissive +		
	protected phase for the WB left-turn movement along		
	Riverside Dr approach		
	Signal re-timing, lane assignment sign, signal head		
	modification as needed to align with modified		
	geometry		
Barton Springs Rd & 1st St* (See Figure 2 for the	Install 1 RTL along EB Barton Springs Rd approach		
improvement extent)	Install 1 additional LTL to create dual left turn lanes		
	along WB Barton Springs Rd approach		
	Signal re-timing, lane assignment sign, signal head		
	modification as needed to align with modified		
	geometry		
*This will be reevaluated at the time of site plan who	en more information about the site and ROW constraints		

## **Summary of Identified TDM Measures:**

	Table <mark>4</mark> . TDM Measures			
(This will be reevaluated at th	he time of the site plan when more inform	ation about the site is available.)		
Category	TDM Measure	Details		
Contextual Trip Reduction	Internal Trip Capture	20%		
Measures	Transit Proximity	At least half of the development site		
		falls within ¼-mile of a High		
		Capacity transit stop, or 1/8-mile		
		of a High Frequency (15 min)		
		transit stop; and a complete		
		sidewalk network is in place		
		between the development site and		
		the nearest transit stop.		
Parking Measures	Reduced Parking Supply	21% to 50% of the Parking Ratio		
		Identified in the LDC		
	Unbundled Parking	Equal or exceed the CapMetro		
		unlimited 31-Day Pass "commuter"		
		fare (\$96.25)		

becomes available.

	Visitor Parking Pricing	Are at least \$1 per hour during	
		identified congestion-pricing	
		periods, including the first hour	
Amenities, Programs, and	Transportation Management	Yes	
Incentives Measures	Association Membership		
	Designated Mobility Coordinator	Yes	
	Marketing and Information	Yes	
	Universal Transit Pass	25% Subsidy for All Site Employees	
		and Residents	
	Telecommuting Work Option	Yes	
	Delivery-Supportive Amenities	Yes	
Sustainable Mode Improvement	Pedestrian Access and	Identified improvements in the	
Measures	Connectivity Improvements	TDM plan with this TIA will be	
	Bicycle Access and Connectivity	reevaluated at the time of the site	
	Transit Access and Connectivity	plan (See Figure <del>6</del> 7 for	
	Site Plan Access and Connectivity	Improvement Extent)	

### **Assumptions:**

- An annual growth rate of 2.00%
- Minimum 30% trip reduction for TDM

Please contact me at (512) 974-7265 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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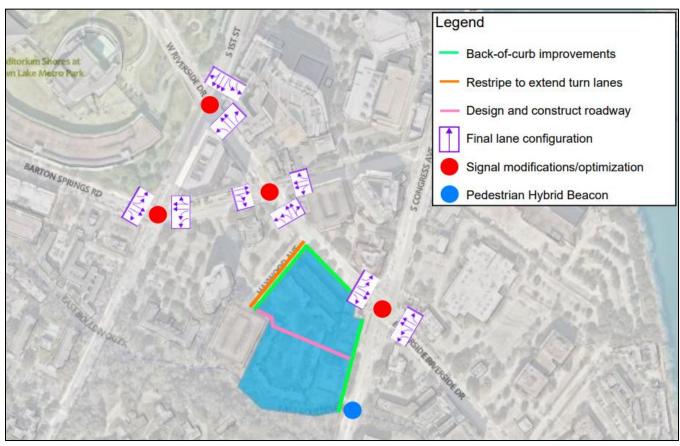


Figure 2. Improvement Extent

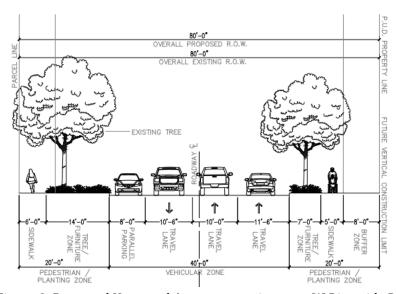


Figure 3. Proposed Haywood Ave cross-section near W Riverside Dr

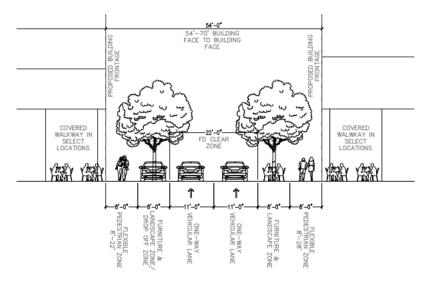


Figure 4. Proposed Barton Springs Rd – Congress Ave Road cross-section

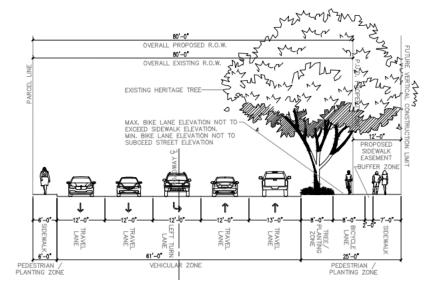


Figure 5. Proposed Riverside Dr cross-section near Haywood Ave

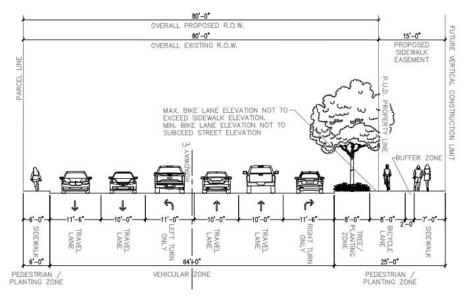


Figure 6. Proposed Riverside Dr cross-section near Congress Ave

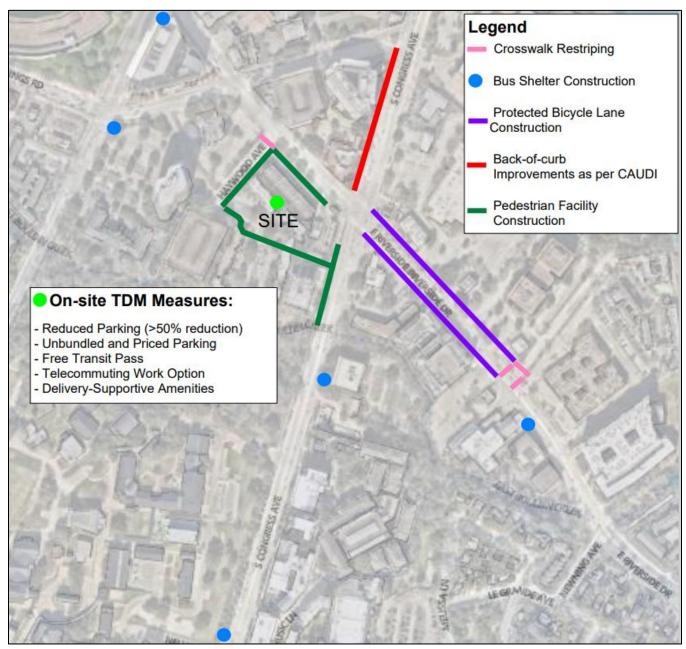


Figure 67. TDM Improvements