Requesting Department:

Development Services



TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

THRU: Brett Burningham, Development Services Director

FROM: Erik Swanson, Planning Administrator

Christine Sheehy, Principal Planner

RE: Public Hearing and Possible Action on cases P19-0191 and P19-0192 U-

Haul Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan, a request from Joe Krueger (U-Haul) for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for exterior vehicle storage and Site Plan approval on approximately 4.96 acres located south of the southeast corner

of Pecos and Power roads.

DATE: October 14, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of cases P19-0191 and P19-0192 U-Haul Outdoor Storage Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan, subject to the Conditions of Approval included in this report.

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to recommend approval of cases P19-0191 and P19-0192 U-Haul Outdoor Storage Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan, subject to the Conditions of Approval included in this report.

SUMMARY

This proposal consists of a request for Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan approval for a self-storage building and outdoor vehicle storage north of the existing U-Haul facility, located south of the southeast corner of Pecos and Power roads.

HISTORY

May 31, 1990: The subject site was provided the equivalent Maricopa County

industrial zoning designation of EMP-A (Office/Industrial Park)

when the Town incorporated (Ordinance 7-90).

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name	U-Haul Site Plan (P19-0191) and Conditional Use Permit (P19-0192).		
Site Location	South of the SEC corner of Power and Pecos roads.		
Current Zoning	EMP-A (Office/Industrial Park)		
General Plan Designation	Commercial		
Surrounding Zoning Designations:			
North	Union Pacific Railroad, Pecos Road, City of Mesa, P1 (Public and Semi-Public) and LI (Light Industrial)		
South	Existing U-Haul Moving and Storage Center (EMP-A)		
East	Union Pacific Railroad, EMP-A, City of Mesa, LI (Light Industrial)		
West	Power Road, Town of Gilbert, SC (Shopping Center)		
Net Acreage	4.96 acres		
Building Area (Total)	112,802 s.f. (approx.)		
Lot Coverage	24% (51,881 s.f) provided		
	80% (172,846 s.f). allowed		
Open Space/Landscaping	38,312 s.f. (17%) provided		
	21,606 s.f. (10%) required		
Parking			
Required:	23 spaces		
Provided:	28 spaces and 2 accessible		

DISCUSSION

The proposed project is for a self-storage building with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for exterior vehicle storage on approximately 4.96 acres located south of the southeast corner of Pecos and Power roads. This proposal is an expansion of the adjacent U-Haul Moving and Storage Center located at 7175 S. Power Road south of the subject site. The proposed project consist of a (3) three-story climate-controlled building totaling 112,802 square feet (approx.). The height of the building is 44-feet to the top of the tallest parapet, which is below the EMP-A ordinance allowed height of 48-feet. This building will provide a 2,945 s.f. showroom/retail area that offers moving supplies and allows customers to work directly with a service representative to complete their rental transactions. The balance of the building will provide 938 individual customer secured storage lockers, a storage area for portable containers and a bay that provides for the installation of personal vehicle and truck hitches. A total of 28 parking spaces are provided along with 2 accessible spaces, meeting code requirements.

The equipment rentals that will be offered includes vans, pickup trucks, box moving trucks in a variety of sizes, trailers (open and closed) and vehicle dollies. The provided equipment for this location is used for in-town and one-way customer moves. All rental equipment shall be staged within the noted "Equipment Sharing" area for each work day transaction on the north side of the building in front of the entrance to the building. The proposed loading dock is in the far northeast corner of the site and is screened from public view.

Located behind this building and screened from street view by a 8-foot wall is asphalted surface parking with 10 uncovered and 10 covered outdoor storage spaces for customer vehicles, RV's and/or boats. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required for the outdoor storage of vehicles. Standard hours are Monday through Thursday 7am to 8 pm, Friday 7am to 9 pm, Saturday 8 am to 6 pm and Sunday 9 am to 5 pm.

The project's design concept will complement the surrounding neighborhood by utilizing similar colors, textures, materials, desert themed landscaping and varied building massing to provide architectural enhancements visible along Power Road and create a welcoming environment. The proposed building materials include stucco panels on concrete tilt walls, metal accent panels, a stone wainscot and metal cap cornices. Awnings and canopies over doors and windows will provide shade and a covered walkway area. The architecture of the proposed building is consistent with the existing U-Haul building to the south that includes a stucco finish, brick wainscot and metal awnings.

Three-foot screen walls and landscaping along the west property line will create additional buffers between the site's parking areas and Power Road. Additionally, an 8-foot-high wall is proposed to screen the east side of the property along the railroad. A six-foot screen wall will run along the north parking lot area and step down to the 3-foot screen wall to create additional screening of the parking and vehicle staging areas in front of the entrance to the building. The proposed climate-controlled building will be three stories high and will screen the covered RV parking canopies that are 17.66-feet tall on the east side of the property.

Access is provided by an entry drive at the end of a deceleration lane on Power Road and is situated at approximately the mid-point of the site. The site provides 38,312 square feet of landscaping (17% of the site, where 10% is required). Landscaping material is primarily low water use and desert themed to match the adjacent property. The tree planting along the frontage of the property is consistent with the planting materials used along Power Road that will continue the existing street tree planting them.

ANALYSIS

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Review: The proposed outdoor vehicle storage in an EMP-A zoning district requires the processing of a Conditional Use Permit according to Table 4.6-1 of the Zoning Ordinance. Article 3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance lists nine (9) criteria for evaluating a proposed Conditional Use. The following summarizes how the proposed outdoor vehicle storage meets the ordinance criteria.

- 1. The proposed conditional use for exterior vehicle storage is in compliance with all regulations of zoning district (EMP-A), provisions of Article 4 and Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The proposed exterior vehicle storage conforms to the industrial and commercial character of the neighborhood as demonstrated with the landscape and architectural materials illustrated on the site plan included with the CUP.
- 3. Adequate water and wastewater infrastructure will be connected to the subject property. Access and circulation for the public and for emergency vehicles is provided as illustrated on the site plan. The project will also meet all fire safety requirements of Town codes and State Law.

- 4. A driveway on Power Road provides ingress and egress to the site and a deceleration lane along Power Road is designed to minimize traffic hazards and traffic congestion.
- 5. The proposed use is not noxious or offensive by reason of vibration, noise, odor, dust, smoke, or gas.
- 6. There is no information to indicate that the proposed use will be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the property in the immediate vicinity, nor substantially diminish or impair the property values within the neighborhood.
- 7. The establishment of the proposed use will not impede the orderly development and improvement of the surrounding commercial and industrial properties for the uses permitted within those zoning districts.
- 8. As demonstrated in the application the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the proposed use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.
- The public interest and welfare supporting the proposed conditional is sufficient. There is no evidence that individual interests would be adversely affected by the establishment of the proposed use.

General Plan Review: The current General Plan designation for this property is Commercial. The request is in conformance with the property's General Plan Land Use designation.

Zoning Review: This property is zoned EMP-A (Office/Industrial Park). The proposed exterior vehicle storage is permitted within the EMP-A zoning district with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

Ade quate Public Facilities: In accordance with Article 5.1 (Adequate Public Facilities) provision of the Zoning Ordinance, the applicant has provided information regarding the project's potential impact on public facilities. Staff's review of those reports indicates that adequate public facilities will be provided by the project.

Signage: Proposed signage will be reviewed and approved as part of a separate Sign Permit application.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With the outbreak of COVID-19, in-person Neighborhood Meetings have been temporarily suspended. Input from the surrounding community is important to the overall public hearing process, and the Town recognizes the vital importance that public comment provides. As such, the applicant sent a notification letter to all property owners within the 1200-foot notification area along with specific details of the case. On July 21st a sign was posted on the site with information pertaining to the proposed application, including contact information for the applicant and the Town representative, and a link to Town's Planning website that had the proposed project's information.

Staff received two calls from the public one was for general information and the other was concerned about how U-Haul's vehicles would be screened from view along Power Road. The staff worked with the applicant to ensure that the storage of vehicles would be screened with landscaping and 3-foot walls along Power Road in addition to screen walls along the north and

east parking areas ranging from six (6) to eight (8) feet in height. Staff has received no other public input to date.

CONDITION OF APPROVAL

1. This project shall be developed in accordance with the plans attached to cases P19-0191 and P19-0192 and all the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to these cases.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Aerial Exhibit
- 2. General Plan
- 3. Zoning Exhibit
- 4. Site Plan
- 5. Landscape Plan
- 6. Elevations
- 7. Project Narrative

Project Name: U-Haul Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit Aerial Exhibit

Case Numbers: P19-0191 and P19-0192

Hearing Date: October 14, 2020 (Planning Commission)

November 4, 2020 (Town Council)





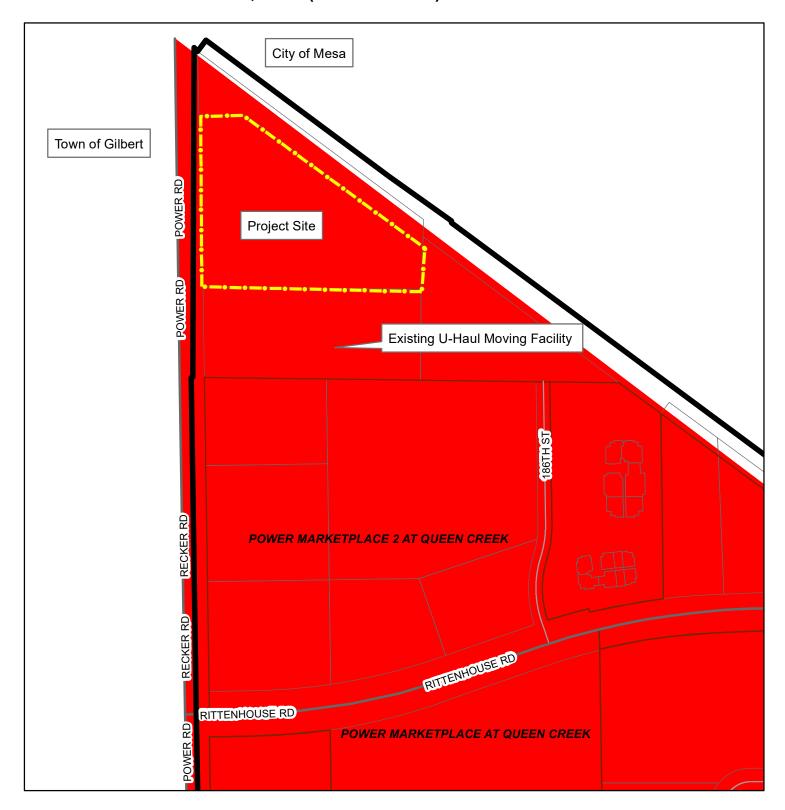
Project Name: U-Haul Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit General Plan Exhibit

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General Plan Land Use



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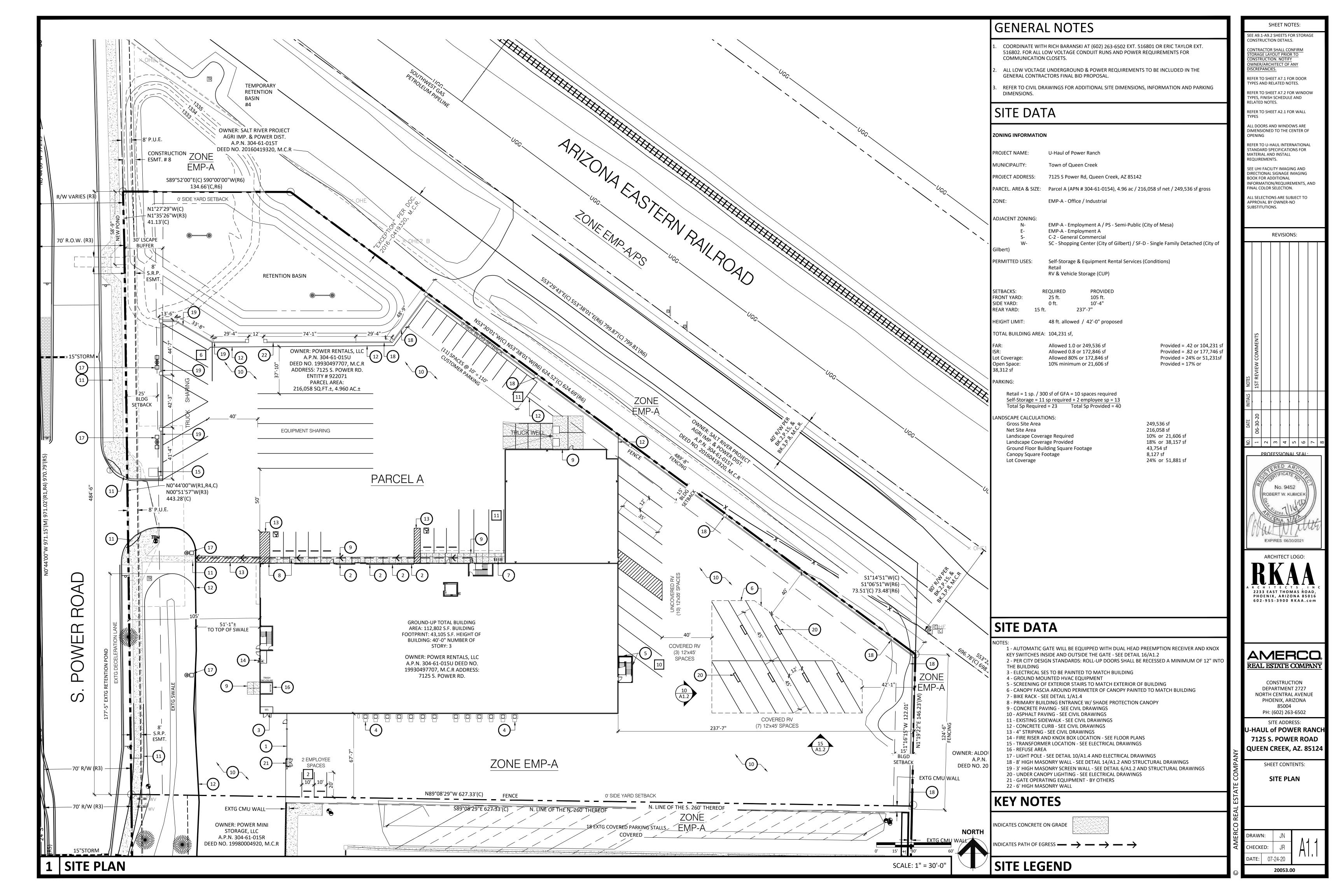
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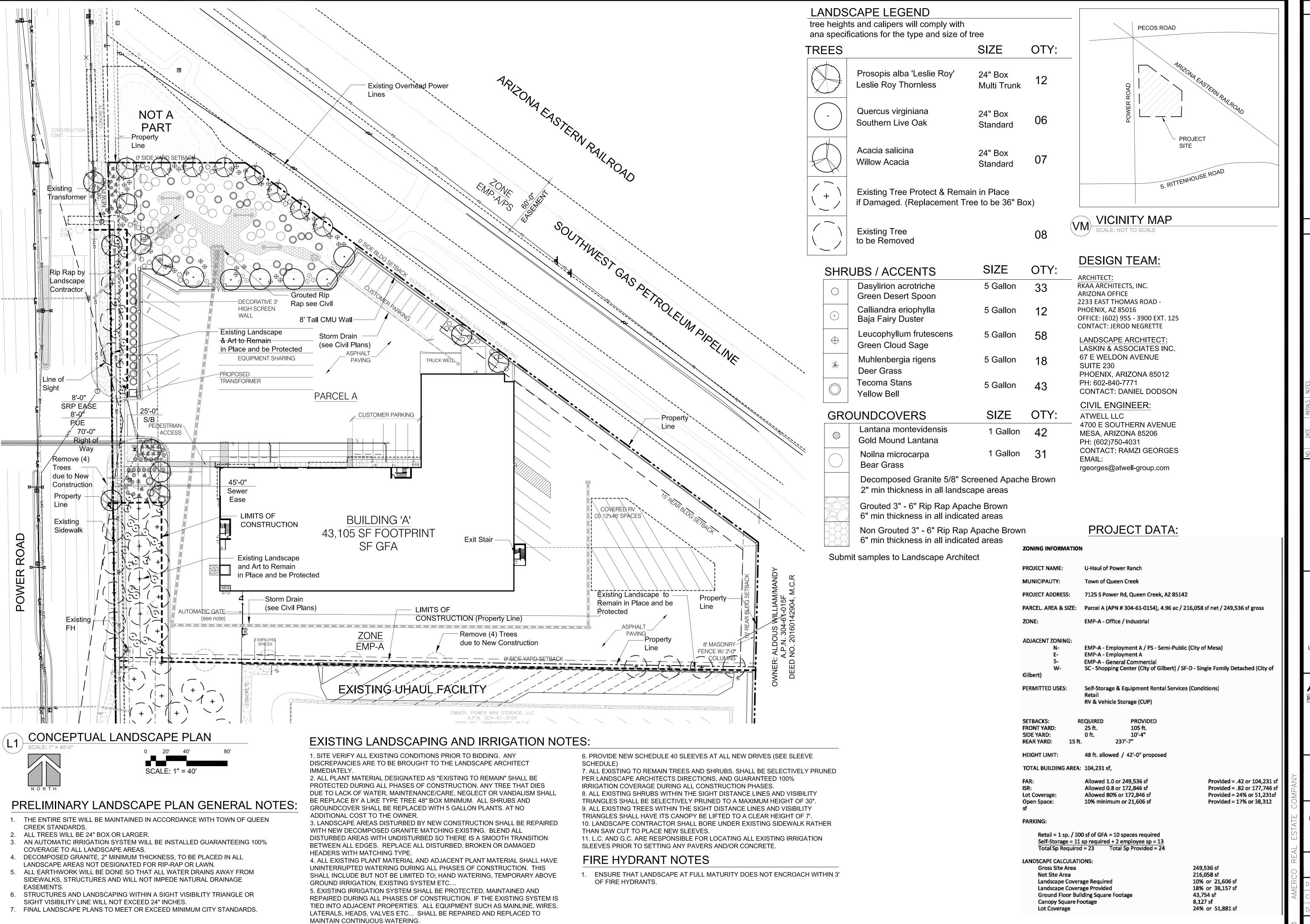






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C-3 - Commercial	MDR - Residential	R1-9 - Residential	R1-54 - Residential
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EMP A - Office/Industrial Park	R1-5 - Residential	R1-15 - Residential	PCD - Planned Community
EMP B - General Industrial	R1-6 - Residential	R1-18 - Residential	AT - Agritainment





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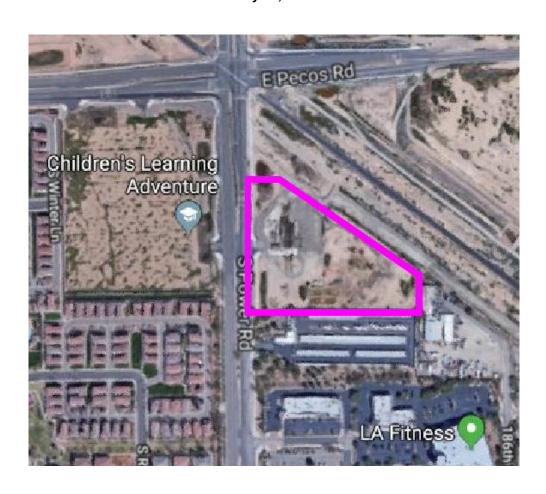
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Project Summary Narrative

for

U-Haul of Power Ranch 7125 S Power Road Queen Creek, AZ 85142 Project No 922071 July 14, 2020



Site Location & Size

The proposed development area for U-Haul Power Ranch is 4.96 acres of vacant land located adjacent to the existing U-Haul Moving and Storage Center located at 7175 S. Power Road, Queen Creek AZ. This property is noted with the County Assessor's as Parcel (APN) 304-61-015U adjacent to the existing U-Haul center. The property is located within the Commercial Business District and is zoned EMP-A.

General Description of Proposal

U-Haul at Power Ranch is proposing to expand its current business operation with development of a state-of-the-art Moving and Self-Storage center. This development is requiring an application for Site Plan approval and a Conditional Use Permit for Outdoor Storage.

As part of the development we are proposing to build a (3) three-story climate-controlled building totaling 114,907 square feet. This building will provide a 2,945 SF Showroom / Retail area that offers moving supplies and allows our customers to work directly with service representative to complete their rental transactions of specific equipment needed for their move. We are proposing a 5ft striped pedestrian connection from Power Road to the main entrance into the building. The balance of the building will provide 837 individual customer secured storage lockers, a storage area for our U-Boxes or portable containers and a bay that provides the installation of personal vehicle and truck hitches.

The equipment rentals that we offer range from vans, pickups, box moving trucks ranging in a series of different sizes, trailers (open and closed) and vehicle dollies. The provided equipment for this location is used for in-town and one-way customer moves. Local demand and traffic control will determine what equipment will be needed for the next business day. All rental equipment shall be staged within the noted "Equipment Sharing" area for each work day transaction.

Located behind this building and screened from street view by 8ft CMU walls are 10 uncovered and 10 covered outdoor storage spaces for customer vehicles, RV's and/or boats. The surface parking area shall be asphalt. A conditional use permit application is being provided for this use.

Display spaces for 6 pieces of U-Haul equipment is located adjacent to the entrance of our site. This display area provides the drive-by awareness of our business.

Customer parking spaces are provided at strategic location. 23 total customer parking spaces are required per town code and 23 spaces including 2 accessible spaces are being provided. Per landscape requirements, we are providing landscape islands per 12 parking stalls. Landscape island are a min. size of 10'x20'.

U-Haul operations do require the need for a loading dock. The proposed loading dock is in the far northeast corner of the site and will not visible from both street and public view. We have expanded the landscape area to add additional screening next this loading

dock. Operations will not provide service windows or bays that are visible from the rightof-way; hence no added screening is required.

Policy prohibits for a business to be operated from a U-Haul storage unit. Our trash and recycling containers are located within a secure area of the building and will be placed for pick-up the day of and immediately returned after pickup. Policy requires that both customers and community residents who wish to use the on-site dumpsters for disposing of refuse must gain permission to do so and are assessed a fee. Other policies include strict adherence that items which may not be stored include chemicals, flammables and paints. Consequently, all storage centers are non-smoking facilities. Standard hours are Monday through Thursday 7am to 8pm, Friday 7am to 9pm, Saturday 8am to 6pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm.

Engineering;

The retention basin has been designed per the Towns design standards. Parking areas have a min. 1% pavement slope conveying water to the basin. Preliminary Grading and Drainage plans have been submitted with this narrative. These plans show the locations of basins, easement and flows. We are also providing our Preliminary Drainage report, Geotechnical report, Title report, Phase 1 Environmental and ALTA Survey.

As requested from the Pre-application review comments, coordination with the City of Gilbert has begun, Approval documents shall be provided from the City of Gilbert during the construction plan submittal.

Fire:

Fire protections shall provide stand pipes on both the second and third floors. Covered parking greater than 3,000 square feet shall be provided with fire sprinkler systems and our proposed automatic entry gate into the covered parking area will be equipped with dual head preemption receiver and Knox key switches inside and outside the gate.

In conclusion, for more than 75 years, U-Haul has incorporated sustainable practices into its everyday operations. Today we remain focused on reducing waste and are dedicated to manufacturing reusable components and recyclable products. Our commitment to sustainability, through our products, services, and design philosophy, has helped us to reduce our impact on the environment. At U-Haul, we are committed to sustainable development through environmental protection, social responsibility, and economic efficiency.

Every year U-Haul develops many properties across the United States and Canada – from ground-up projects to existing building remodels. All projects utilize sustainable building techniques – from site selection in high-growth areas to using recyclable building materials where possible. We have made much headway into introducing sustainable building practices in the building and remodeling of our projects and more innovative design techniques available for our site planning. The use of this existing in-fill property is a prime example.

In conclusion, U-Haul is excited to continue its services to the Town of Queen Creek. We look forward to receiving support and development feedback for our Site Plan and CUP request for Outdoor Storage.

Conditional Use Criteria:

U-Haul of Power Ranch satisfies the conditional use permit requirements for conditional use permit approval as proscribed in the following Conditional Use Criteria:

1. The proposed Conditional Use shall be in compliance with all regulations of the applicable zoning district, the provisions of Article 5 of this Ordinance, and any applicable performance standards as set forth in Article 6 of this Ordinance.

Response: This project will adhere to all regulations of the applicable zoning district, the provisions of Article 5 of this Ordinance, and any applicable performance standards as set forth in Article 6 of this Ordinance.

2. The proposed Conditional Use shall conform to the character of the neighborhood, within the same zoning district, in which it is located. In making such a determination, consideration shall be given to the location, type and height of buildings or structures and the type and extent of landscaping and screening on the site.

Response: The project's design concept will complement the surrounding neighborhood by utilizing similar colors, textures, materials, lush desert landscaping and varied building massing to provide architectural enhancements visible along Power Road and create a welcoming environment. Screen walls and landscaping will create additional buffer between the uses along Power Road. Additionally, an 8-foot-high wall is proposed to screen the east side of the property along the rail road. The proposed climate-controlled building (Building A) will be three stories high and screens the covered RV parking canopies a clear height of 14 feet on the east side of the property. As the demand for residential and commercial storage has increased, so has the need for facilities that supply it. The proposed storage and RV parking facility will add value to a long-standing vacant Property and will galvanize the community with an attractive and refreshing neighborhood-friendly service that has little impact on the area.

3. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, fire protection, and other necessary facilities shall be provided.

Response: This project will adhere to the Town of Queen Creek guidelines and requirements. The project will provide retention for the 100-year, 2-hour storm event. Water and wastewater infrastructure requirements will be determined, designed and constructed in accordance with the city's code requirements. Utilities, access roads and fire protection are provided and designed to code.

4. Adequate measures shall be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic hazards and to minimize traffic congestion on the public roads.

Response: The proposed use of this project is a low-traffic generating use. One new 38-foot-wide drive is proposed along Power Road.

5. The proposed use shall not be noxious or offensive by reason of vibration, noise, odor, dust, smoke or gas.

Response: The proposed use will not generate noxious or offensive vibration, noise, odor, dust smoke or gas. The proposed use will not generate significant activity, light or noise. Furthermore, the proposed buildings, screen walls and enhanced landscaping will vastly improve the site's current vacant condition.

6. The proposed use shall not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted nor substantially diminish or impair the property values within the neighborhood.

Response: The proposed use will not cause harm to any of the properties in the immediate vicinity. The proposed use will not diminish the property values within the neighborhood.

7. The establishment of the proposed use shall not impede the orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted within the zoning district.

Response: The proposed use will not impede the orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted within the zoning district.

8. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the proposed use shall not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.

Response: The establishment, maintenance or operation of the proposed use will not affect or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the area.

9. The public interest and welfare supporting the proposed conditional use shall be sufficient to outweigh the individual interests which are adversely affected by the establishment of the proposed use.

Response: The proposed project shall benefit the public interest and welfare of the neighboring community. The proposed use is ideal for the location of the property, it is an expansion to the south adjacent parcel. The property is adjacent to the railroad on the north with surrounding industrial uses. The development proposed will incorporate safe and convenient walking and biking connections. Additionally, the proposed use will provide a valuable service to support the needs of area residents and commercial users that comply with the Town's General Plan.

