

TO: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

THROUGH: BRETT BURNINGHAM, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

FROM: ERIK SWANSON, PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR, MALLORY RESS, PLANNER II

PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UHAUL ON OCOTILLO

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN (CASES P22-0042 AND P22-0043), A REQUEST FROM JEROD NEGRETTE, RKAA ARCHITECT INC., FOR A CUP AND SITE

PLAN APPROVAL FOR A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY AND OUTDOOR VEHICLE

STORAGE, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OCOTILLO AND CRISMON

RE: ROADS.

DATE: December 14, 2022

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of cases P22-0042 and P22-0043 Uhaul on Ocotillo CUP and Site Plan, subject to the Conditions of Approval included in this report.

Proposed Motion:

Staff recommends approval of cases P22-0042 and P22-0043 Uhaul on Ocotillo CUP and Site Plan, subject to the Conditions of Approval included in this report.

Summary:

This proposal consists of a request for CUP and Site Plan approval for a self-storage facility and outdoor vehicle storage, located at the southeast corner of Ocotillo and Crismon roads.

History:

June 4, 2003: Town Council approved Ordinance No.: 250-03, rezoning approximately 23 acres, including the subject site, from R1-43 to Industrial I/PAD. (Case RZ02-10)

Project Information:

Project Name: Uhaul on Ocotillo CUP and Site Plan Site Location: SEC of Ocotillo and Crismon roads Current Zoning: EMP-A (Office/Industrial Park)

General Plan Designation: Industrial Surrounding Zoning Designations

North: Ocotillo Road, Crismon Heights PRC/R1-7

South: EMP-A East: EMP-B West: EMP-A Building Area

3-story climate controlled building: 122,340sq.ft. Single-story drive-up storage buildings: 5,000sq.ft.

Total: 127,340sq.ft.

Lot Coverage Provided: 28%

Maximum Allowed: 80% Open Space/Landscaping Required: 10% (23,427sq.ft.) Provided: 20% (46,822sq.ft.)

Parking

Required: 33

Provided: 33 (2 accessible)

Discussion:

The proposed project is for a three-story climate controlled self-storage facility and two single-story drive-up storage buildings with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for exterior vehicle storage on approximately 5.4 net acres, located at the southeast corner of Ocotillo and Crismon roads. The 3-story building is 122,340sq.ft. with a 22,240sq.ft. footprint and a top height of 48'. The single-story buildings total approximately 5,000sq.ft. with a top height of 11'4". The maximum allowed height in the EMP-A zoning district is 48'. The climate controlled building will provide an approximately 2,900sq.f.t showroom/retail area that offers moving supplies and allows customers to work directly with a service representative to complete their rental transactions and a 10,639sq.ft. warehouse. The balance of the building will provide 1,078 individual customer secured storage lockers, a storage area for U-boxes or portable containers and a bay that provides for the installation of personal vehicle and truck hitches. A total of 33 parking spaces are provided along with 2 accessible spaces, meeting code requirements.

The equipment rentals that will be offered include vans, pickup trucks, box moving trucks ranging in size, trailers (open and closed) and vehicle dollies. All rental equipment will be staged within the noted "Equipment Staging" area for each work day transaction, located on the west side of the building. A block wall is provided at the west property line beginning at 6' in height at the north end and increasing to 8' in height at the start of the equipment staging area. The 8' high wall continues to the south to meet the proposed 8' high wall at the south property line. Additional walls proposed include a 3' high screen wall located at the front of the property adjacent to the display stalls. A 3' high tall screen wall is also proposed along the northeast frontage of the property then turning at the east property line and extending approximately 190' to meet the existing 6' tall fence.

The three-story building is setback from the north property line approximately 115'9", with a depressed loading area setback 88'4". At the north edge of the loading area a 6' high wall and landscaped area is proposed. The roll top door at the loading area is oriented at the west elevation,

recessed 12", and will be painted to match the building. The 3' high screen walls and 40' landscape buffer provide additional screening of the loading area from Ocotillo Road. Plant materials proposed within the landscape buffer include a total of 14 trees including Red Push Pistache and Desert Museum Palo Verde and approximately 140 shrubs. The single-story drive up buildings are located approximately 300' from the north property line at the southwest corner of the subject site and are screened by the 8' high wall at the west property line.

The project's design concept will complement the surrounding neighborhood utilizing similar colors, textures and materials, desert themed landscaping and varied building massing to provide architectural enhancements visible along Ocotillo Road. The proposed building materials include stucco panels on concrete tilt walls, lap siding, metal cap cornices and a brick veneer wainscot. Awnings and canopies over doors and windows will provide shade and a covered walkway area.

Access is provide by an entry drive located at approximately the mid-point of the site. The site provides approximately 46,822sq.ft. (20%) of landscaping, where 23,427sq.ft. (10%) is required. Landscaping material is primarily low water use and desert themed to match existing and proposed plantings within the immediate vicinity. The project meets all zoning ordinance requirements.

Public Participation:

The applicant held a neighborhood meeting on October 20, 2022, no members of the public were in attendance. To date staff has not received any public comments related to the project.

Analysis:

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Review: The proposed outdoor vehicle storage in an EMP-A zoning district requires the processing of a CUP according to Table 4.6-1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance lists nine criteria for evaluating a proposed Conditional Use Permit. The criteria were established to ensure that the use does not negatively impact the surrounding community by examining sufficient infrastructure, access, potentially offensive operations that can impact the general welfare of the community, and that orderly development of the adjacent area is not impacted. The proposed CUP satisfied the requirements.

General Plan Review: The current General Plan designation for this property is Industrial. 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.

Adequate 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.

Conditions of Approval:

- 1. This project shall be developed in accordance with the plans attached to cases P22-0042 and P22-0043 and all the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to these cases.
- 2. Mechanical equipment, electrical meter and service components, and similar utility devices whether ground level, wall mounted, or roof mounted, shall be screened from public view and designed to appear as an integral part of the building.

Attachment(s):

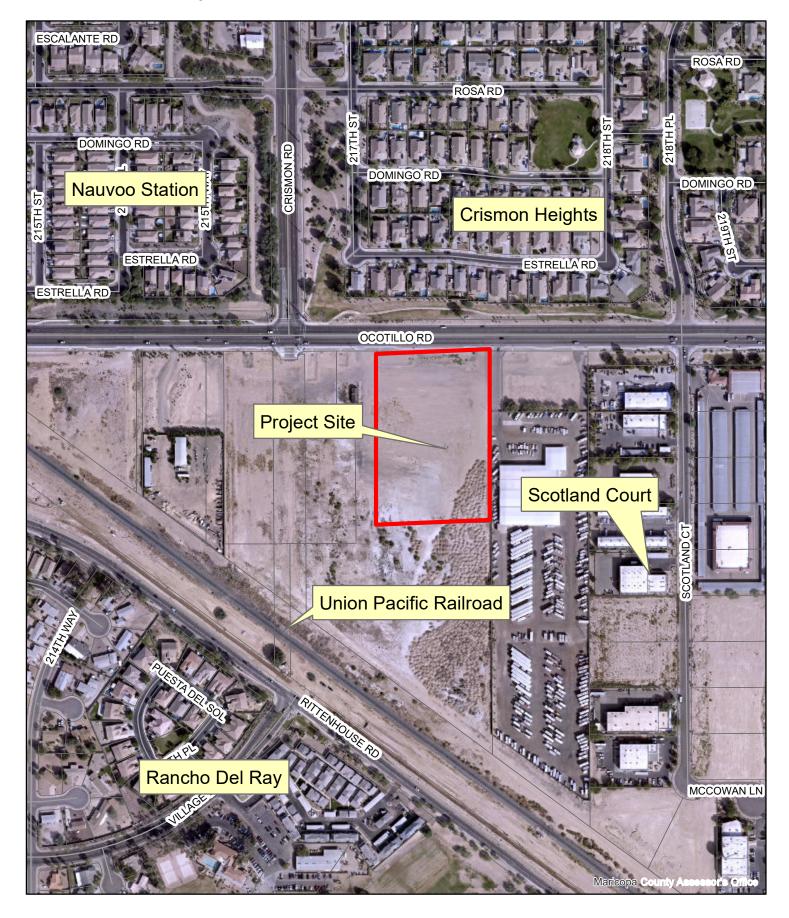
- 1. Aerial Exhibit
- 2. General Plan Exhibit
- 3. Zoning Exhibit
- 4. Site Plan
- 5. Landscape Plan
- 6. Elevations
- 7. Project Narrative

Project Name: Uhaul Aerial Exhibit Case Numbers: P22-0042 & P22-0043

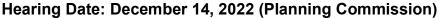
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January 18, 2023 (Town Council)



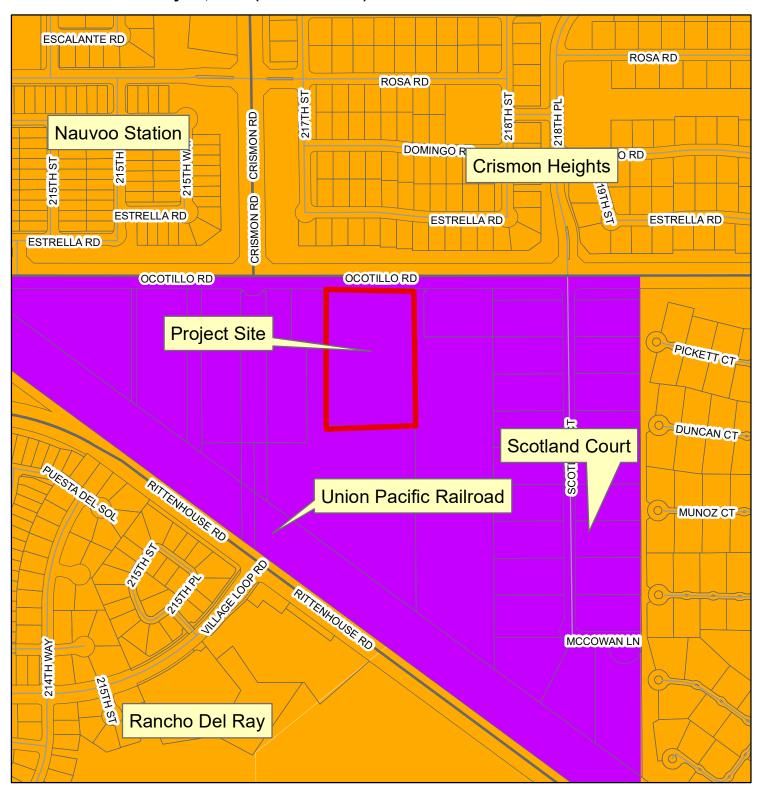


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January 18, 2023 (Town Council)





General Plan Land Use

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Neighborhood Industrial Special District 2

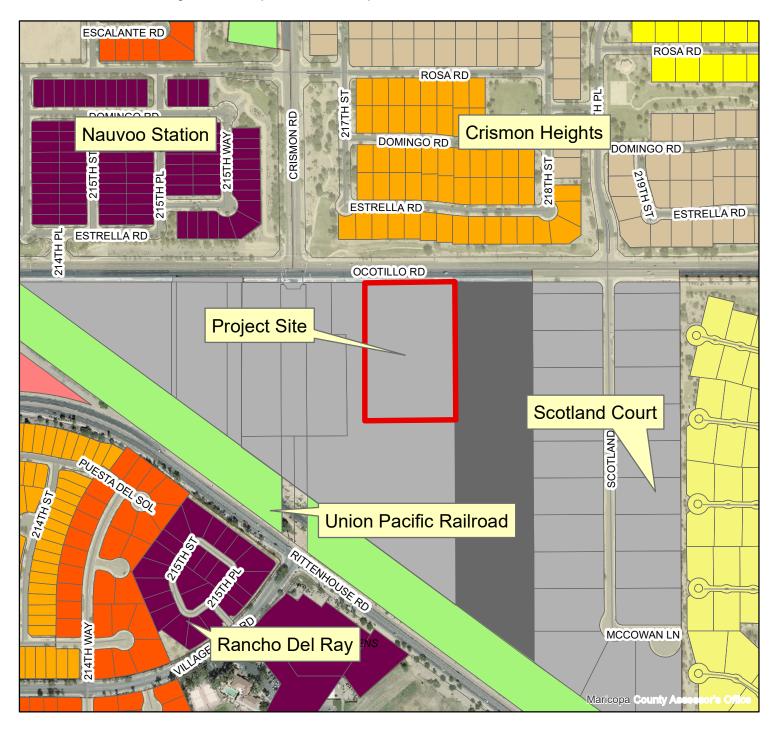
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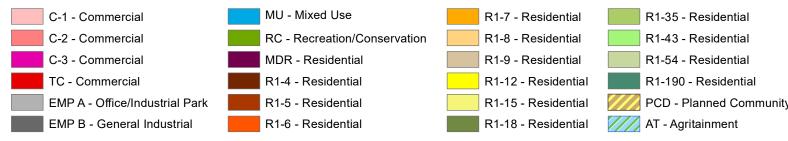
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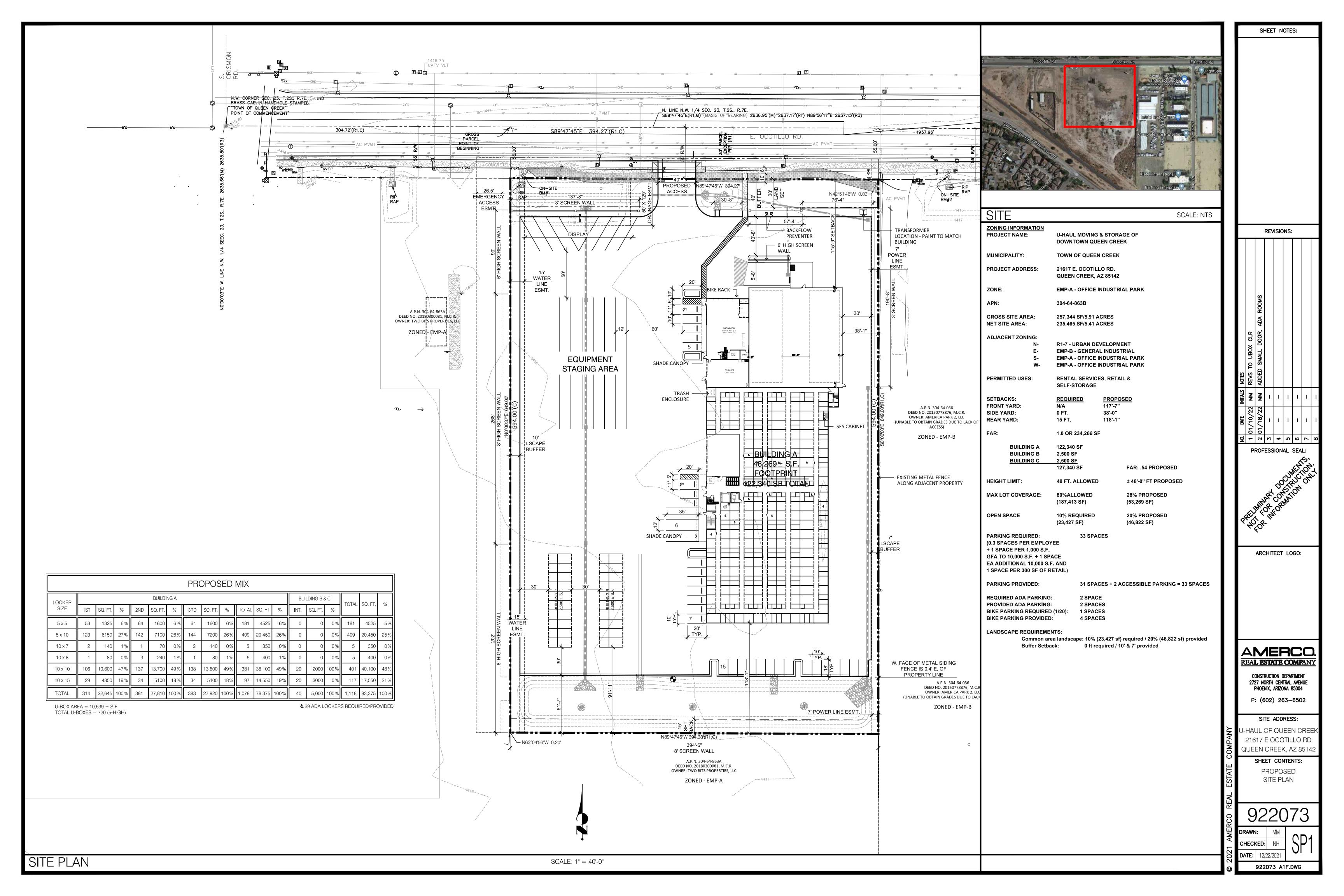
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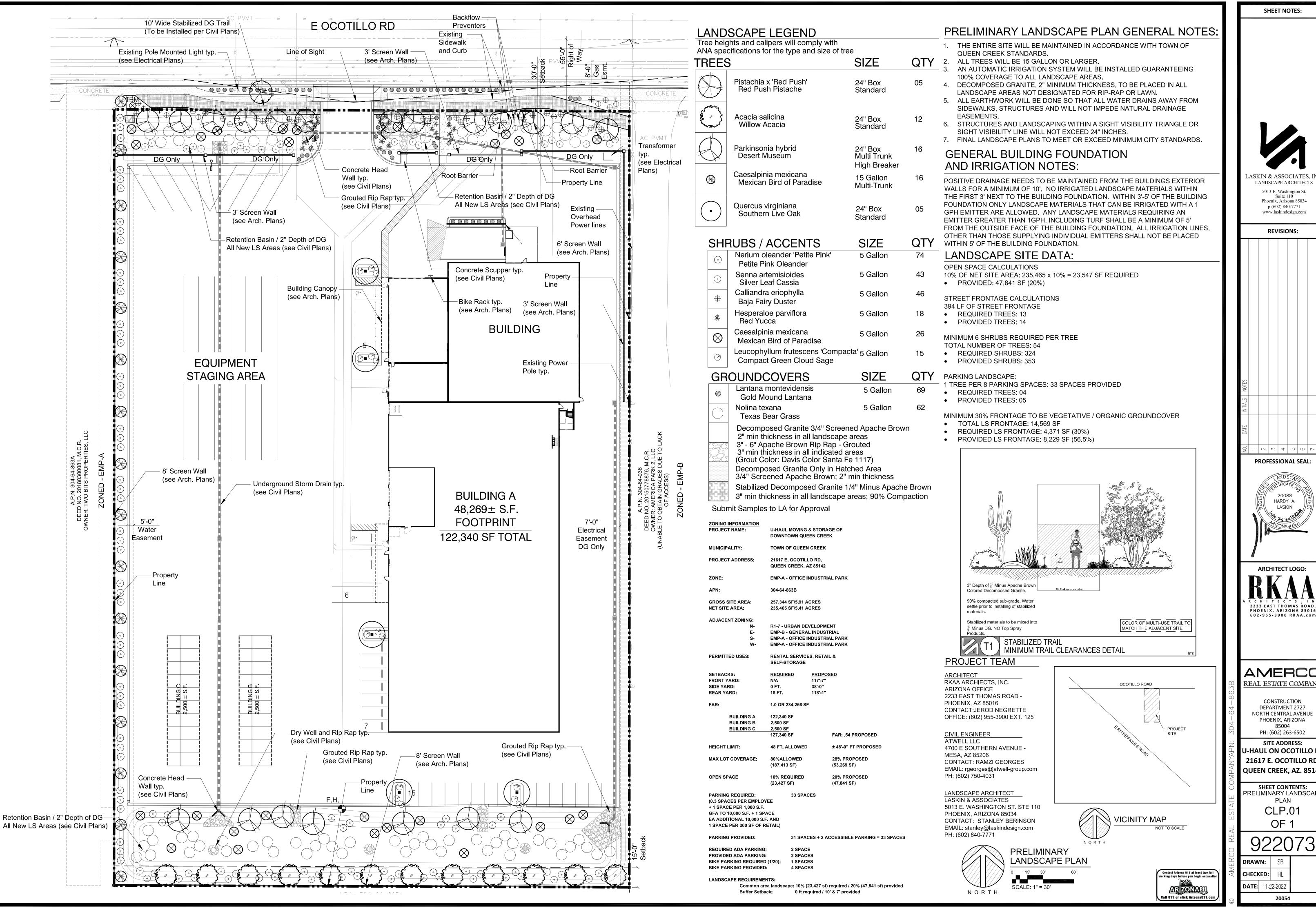












SHEET NOTES:

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PROFESSIONAL SEAL:



ARCHITECT LOGO:

AMERCO REAL ESTATE COMPAN

> CONSTRUCTION **DEPARTMENT 2727** NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004

SITE ADDRESS: -HAUL ON OCOTILLO RD 21617 E. OCOTILLO RD. QUEEN CREEK, AZ. 85142

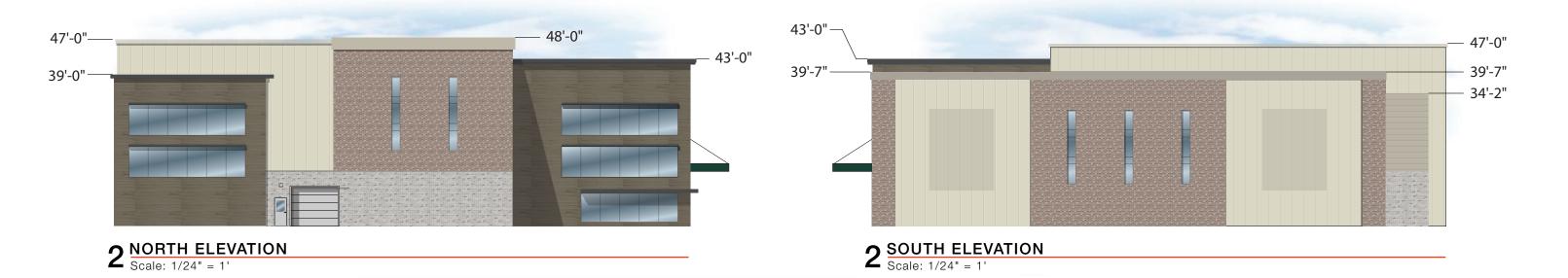
SHEET CONTENTS: RELIMINARY LANDSCAF PLAN **CLP.01**

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MOVING & STORAGE OF QUEEN CREEK AT OCOTILLO 21617 E. Ocotillo Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85142



WEST ELEVATION Scale: 1/24" = 1'





4 EAST ELEVATION
Scale: 1/24" = 1'

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MOVING & STORAGE OF QUEEN CREEK AT OCOTILLO

STRUCTURAL EMPHASIS ON
THE MAIN CORNER PROVIDING
ARTICULATION TO THE BUILDING

12" Recessed Bay Doors
LOCAL TRANSPORATION

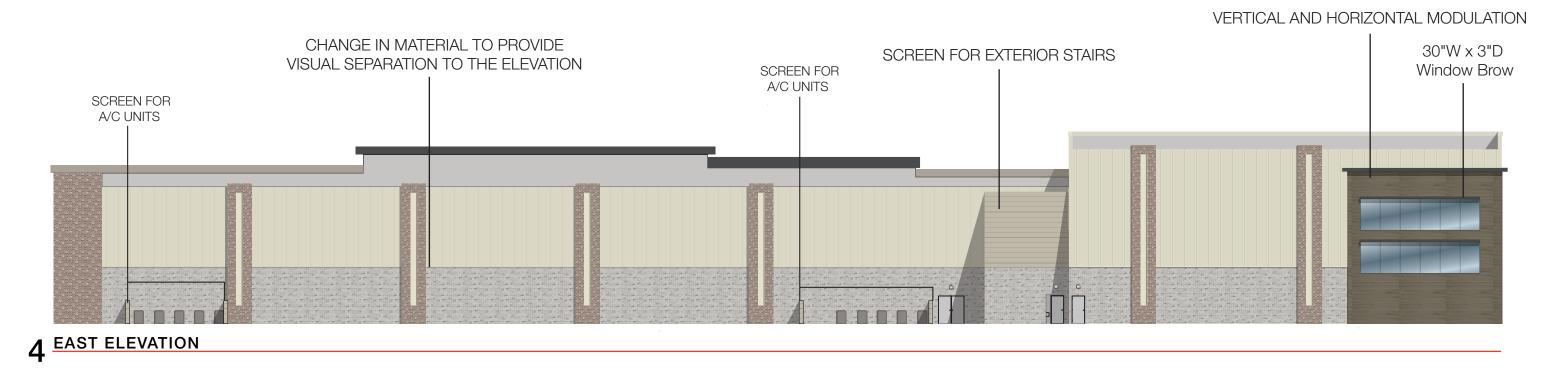
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VERTICAL MODULATION EXTENDING
THE PARAPET ABOVE THE ROOFLINE

CHANGE IN MATERIALS TO PROVIDE
ARTICULATION TO THE ELEVATION
12" Recessed Bay Doors

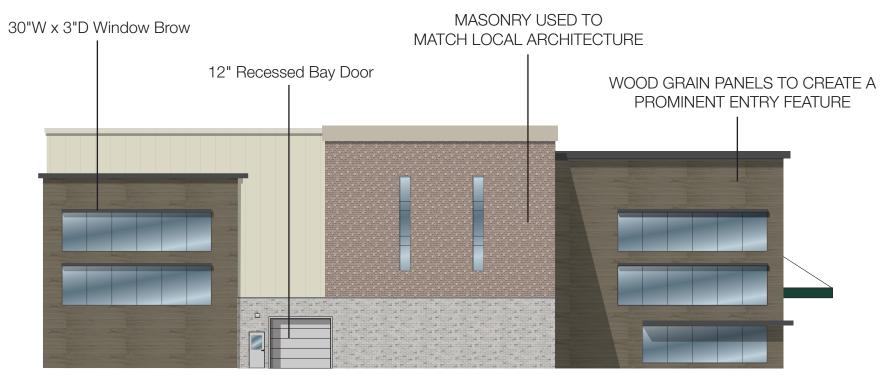
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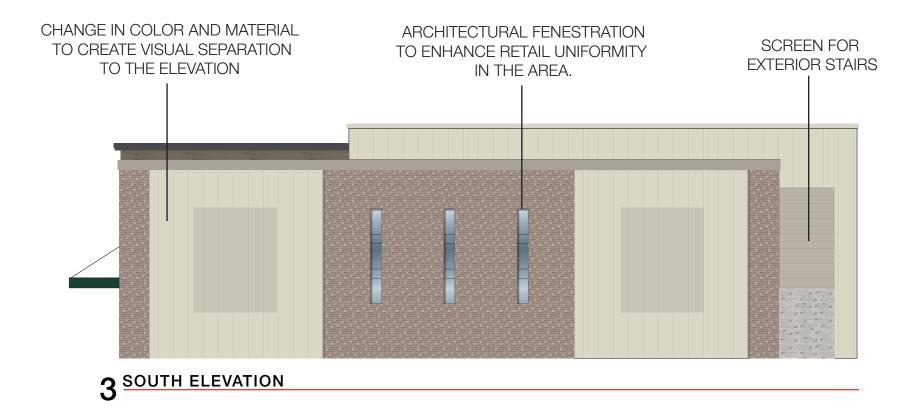


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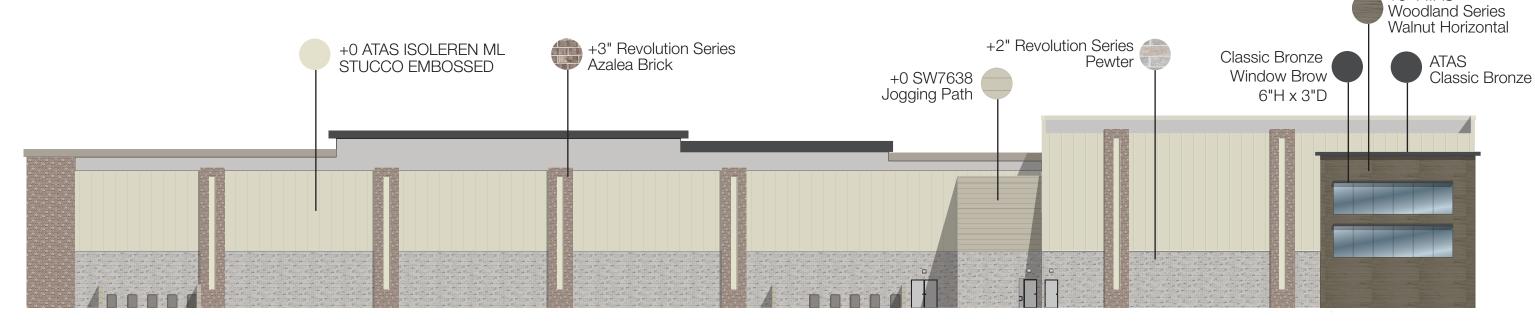


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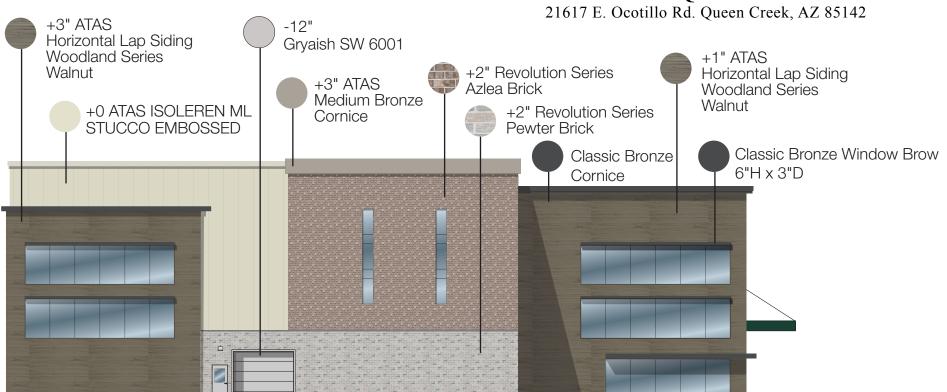
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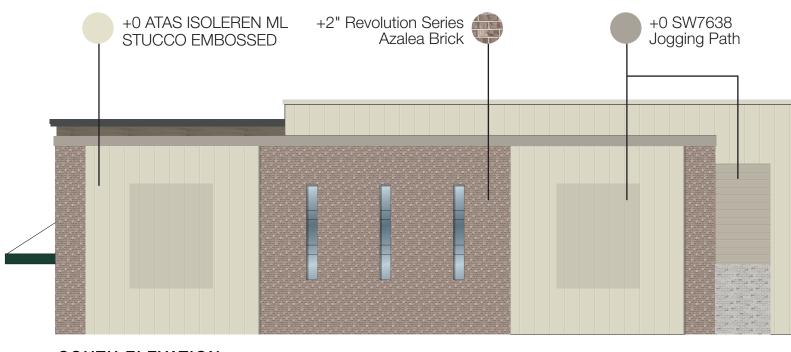
4 EAST ELEVATION

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MOVING & STORAGE OF QUEEN CREEK AT OCOTILLO



2 NORTH ELEVATION



3 SOUTH ELEVATION



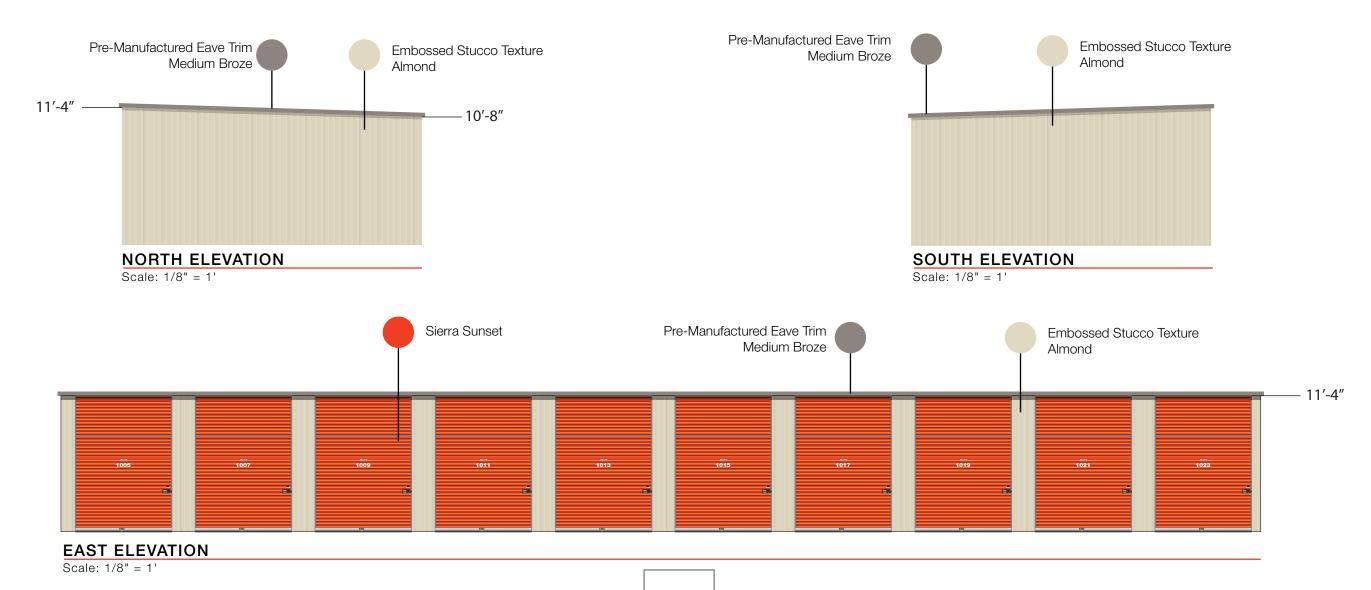
■ MOVING & STORAGE OF QUEEN CREEK AT OCOTILLO

21690 E. Ocotillo Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142



WEST ELEVATION

Scale: 1/8" = 1'





Project Narrative
For
U-Haul on Ocotillo in Queen Creek
21617 E. Ocotillo Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85142
Apr 14, 2022





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Site Location & Size:

The proposed development area for U-Haul Power Ranch is 5.378 acres of vacant land located at 21639 E. Ocotillo Road, Queen Creek AZ. This property is noted with the County Assessor's as Parcel (APN) 304-64-863B. The property is currently zoned EMP-A, Office/Industrial Park.

General Description of Proposal:

U-Haul on Ocotillo Road in Queen Creek is proposing a new 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 122,340 square feet. This building will provide a 2,902 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 and an 10,639 square foot warehouse. The balance of the building will provide 1,078 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. Two drive-up one-story self-storage buildings of approximately 5,000 square feet are also proposed, a conditional use permit is required for outdoor storage. We are proposing a 5ft striped pedestrian connection from Ocotillo Road to the main entrance into the building.

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 Staging "area for each work day transaction. Located on the east of building A. The surface parking area shall be asphalt.

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, 10 total customer parking spaces are required per town code and 17 spaces including 2 accessible spaces are being provided. U-Haul operations do require the need for a loading area. The proposed loading area is in the North of the building. It is depressed rather than raised and will not visible from both street and public view.



Loading operations will not provide service windows or bays. Landscape screening will be provided along the Right-of-Way.

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.

Fire:

Fire protections shall provide sprinklers on all floors.

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 on Ocotillo 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 Ocotillo Road and create a welcoming environment. Screen walls and landscaping will create additional buffer between the uses along Ocotillo Road. Additionally, trees are proposed to screen the south side of the property. The proposed climate-controlled building (Building A) will be three stories high. 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 40-foot-wide drive is proposed along Ocotillo 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. The property is adjacent to the railroad on the south 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.

Sincerely,

Jim Lorimer
AMERCO Real Estate Company