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MEMORANDUM

TO:

City Council

FROM:

Bob Dominicak, Project Manager

DATE:

January 10, 2005

RE:

Lot 13-14 Less Lot H-1 Jones Tract and Lot 15-20, less Lot H-1 and less Tract A of Jones Tract of Block 2, NW1/4NW1/4 Jones Tract, Section 2, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, also

described as 1935 W. Main Street

A site plan has been submitted by Galloway, Romero and Associates for the proposed construction of a fueling facility on the above legally described property. The site plan identifies closing one approach on Mountain View Road and one approach on W. Main Street. In addition, the site plan identifies a proposed approach to the site from the alley located along the south lot line of the property and an existing shared approach on W. Main Street. The alley approach is located 40 feet from the intersection of Mountain View Road, a principal arterial street. The Street Design Criteria Manual states that a minimum 50 foot separation must be provided between the intersection of an arterial street and a driveway. As such, the applicant has submitted an Exception request to reduce the separation to 40 feet.

Closing the two approaches on W. Main Street and Mountain View Road, respectively, will limit access to the site from the alley and the existing shared approach. The existing shared approach meets the separation requirements between the adjacent intersection and the driveway location on W. Main Street. Staff has also noted that traffic cuts through the site when the traffic light at the intersection is red and during heavy traffic periods. Closing the two approaches as proposed will limit traffic from cutting through the site. The applicant has indicated that the reduction in the separation between the arterial street and the alley driveway will allow tanker truck traffic to safely access the site.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that an Exception be granted to reduce the separation between the arterial street and the alley driveway from 50 feet to 40 feet as per the Street Design Criteria Manual.



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January 4, 2005

Mr. Bob Dominicak City of Rapid City Growth Management Department 300 Sixth Street Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Request for Deviation from Design Criteria, Proposed Fuel Facility

1935 W. Main St., Rapid City, SD

Dear Bob:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this project with me on the phone the other day. I had called you in reference to your review comment made on December 13, 2004 in regards to the new access point along the southerly property line. The comment we discussed was "New access in alley near intersection with Mt. View is too close, needs to be 115 ft from intersection." Per that conversation, this letter will serve to further explain/justify the location of that access point, to provide you with additional information and to request a deviation to Rapid City's design criteria.

- The existing facility consists of a 1730 sf service building with a freestanding canopy that shelters 4 multi-product fuel dispensers. The site is surrounded by public rights-of-way on the north, south and west sides. On the remaining side, the east, there is a shared, common access drive with the adjacent development. The site has a total of 5 curb cuts that provide access to the public rights-of-ways. The site does not have any landscaping and is virtually 100% paved. There are only a few areas at the rear of the building that are not paved and those areas are mulched with gravel.
- The existing site is extremely small, approximately 150' x 120', and contains 0.41 acres in size. At some point in time, a part of the northerly portion of the lots was deeded for right-of-way to accommodate the widening of W. Main Street and to install a right turn lane from northbound Mountain View Road. As the roadway grew by the dedication, the existing setbacks were reduced. Currently, at the closest point, the canopy is approximately 8' to property line. The clearance between pump islands, pump islands to buildings and clearance between other facilities is limited, resulting in a crowded, cramped circulation pattern throughout the site. The lack of defined landscape areas allowed vehicles to drive anywhere the surface is

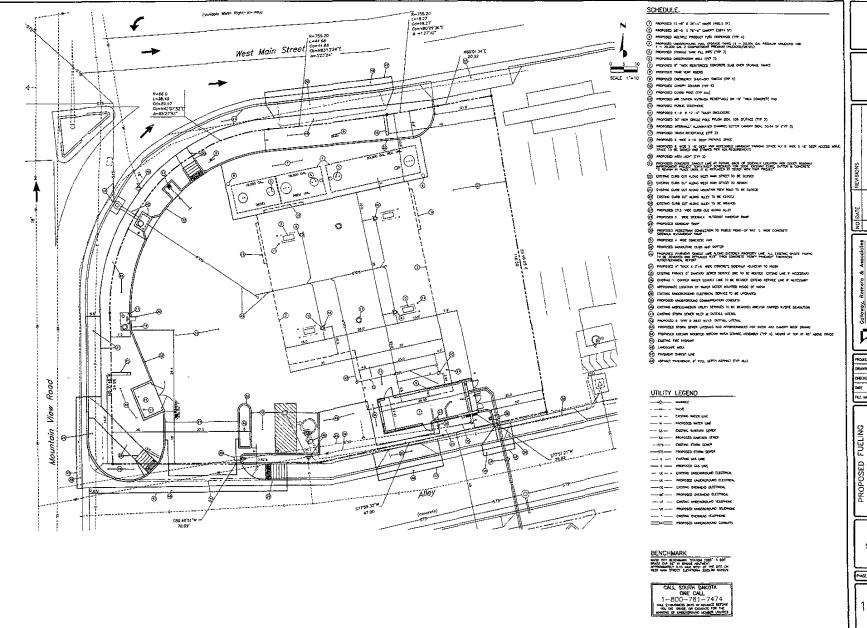
- paved creating a "free for all" affect that often produced conflicts between pedestrian's verses vehicles and vehicles verses vehicles.
- The proposed access point from the alley along the southerly property line will replace an existing access point off of Mountain View Road. That existing access point is a 20' wide full motion curb cut that parallels the existing alley. These two access points are virtually right on top of one another as the distance between the northerly edge of the alley and the southerly edge of the existing curb cut is approximately 6 feet. Both of these access points currently allow both left and right turning vehicles to exit onto Mountain View Road as well as accepting north and southbound turning vehicles off of Mountain View Road. This is a very dangerous situation and while we have to have a means of accepting northbound traffic off of Mountain View Road for tanker fueling purposes, we feel that keeping the existing Mountain View Road curb cut is a less than desirable choice. We thought about relocating this curb cut a little further to the north but realized that we would only be compounding the existing problems. Currently, the northerly line of the existing curb cut is approximately 100' south of the southerly flowline of W. Main Street. This is less than the desired clearance of 115' and relocating the curb cut would only reduce this distance.
- The proposed access point off of the alley along the southerly property line will be the primary access point for tanker fueling and the curb cut is needed for that purpose. We anticipate tankers approaching the site from the south and exiting onto W. Main Street as indicated on the enclosed Tanker Access Plan. The site is too small to accept tankers from the curb cuts along the easterly property lines and have the tankers loop through the site. We anticipate that the underground storage tanks will be filled during non-peak hours.
- We realize that having the proposed curb cut close to Mountain View Road could cause less than desirable situations at times but we feel that closing the existing curb cut onto Mountain View Road outweighs those potential situations. As we discussed, the few vehicles that will exit the site through this proposed curb cut could potentially be blocked by vehicles in then alley that are exiting onto Mountain View Road.

Due to the limited size of the site, redevelopment into a modern fueling facility posed quite a few problems for us. We simply do not have the room to accommodate all the issues we would like to address. We feel that we are improving the access to the site by closing the two curb cuts, one on W. Main Street and one on Mountain View Road. We have improved the internal circulation pattern thorough the site by defining driving areas by the creation of landscape areas. The landscape areas in turn produce an aesthetically pleasing environment where there was none before. We have pushed the structures away from the public rights-of-way by increasing the canopy setback along W. Main Street from 8' to 25'. At the same time we were able to keep desirable separations between fuel dispensers and other structures and have

improved the internal operational circulation of the facility. We respectfully request a deviation from the City of Rapid City's design criteria that will allow us to construct the access point along the southerly property line as shown on the enclosed Enlarged Site Plan.

Sincerely

Enclosures



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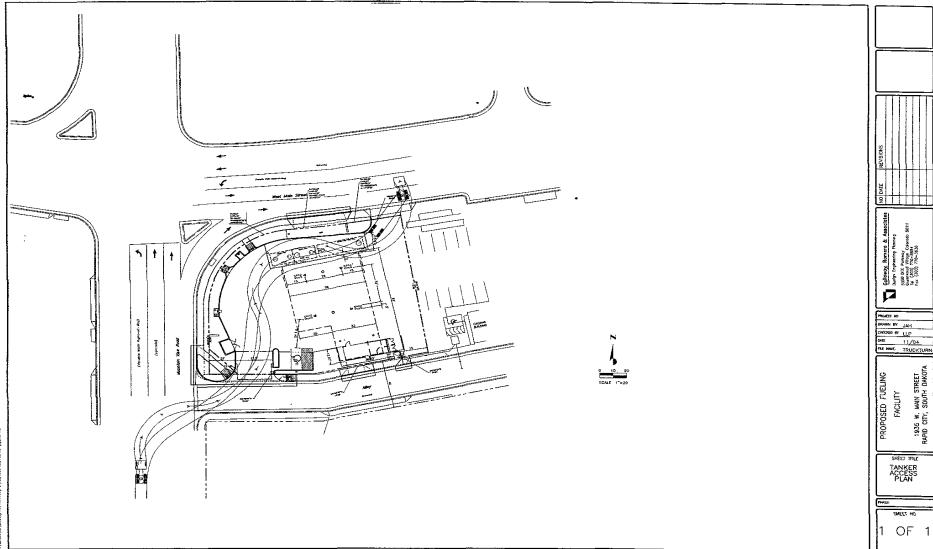
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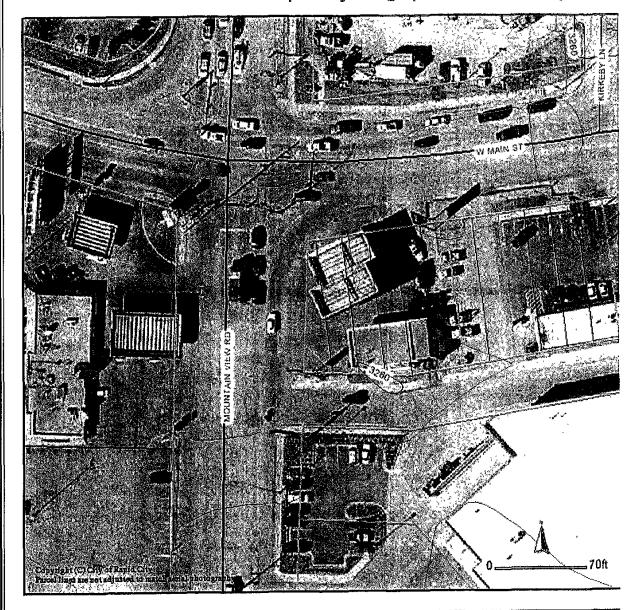
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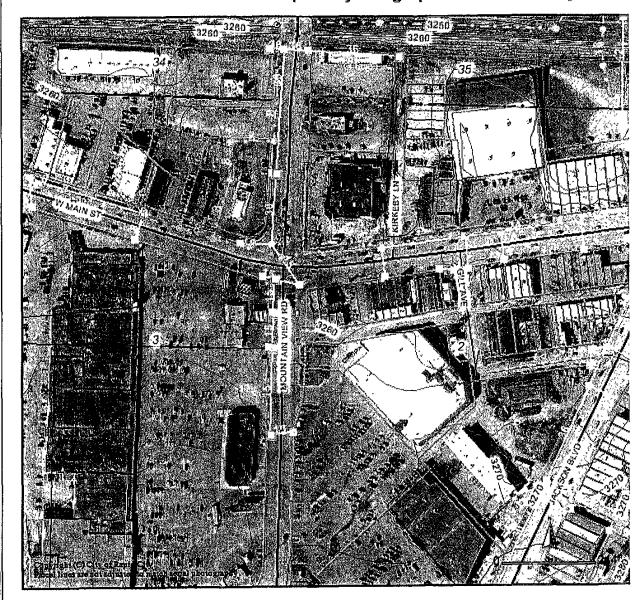


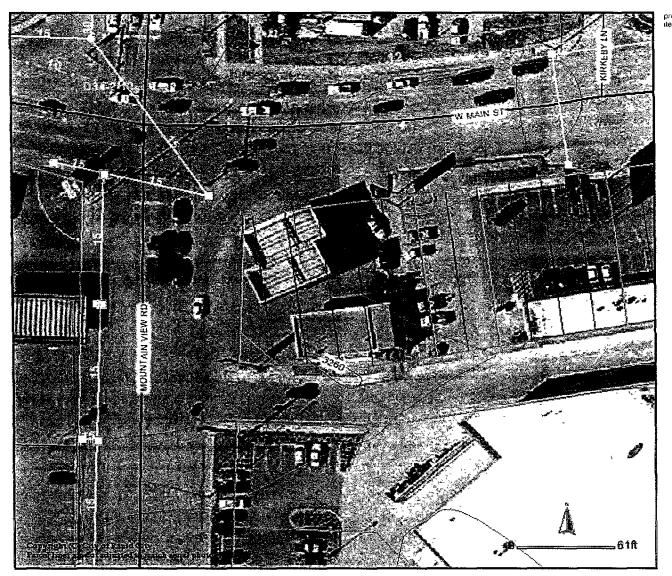
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