

# Staff Report: Z-SP-6-16-5

September 12, 2016

Alhambra Village Planning Committee Hearing Date	September 27, 2016	
Planning Commission Hearing Date	October 6, 2016	
Request from:	R-5 (Pending C-2) (0.18 Acres), C-2 (0.17 acres)	
Request to:	C-2 SP (0.35 acres)	
Proposed Use	Special Permit to allow a new and used motor vehicle dealership and all underlying C-2 uses.	
Location	Approximately 107 feet south of the southeast corner of Black Canyon Highway (I-17) and Glendale Avenue.	
Owner	Lola K Rifley Trustee	
Applicant	Jessi Thornton, Withey Morris PLC	
Representative	Jessi Thornton, Withey Morris PLC	
Staff Recommendation	Approval	

General Plan Conformity		
General Plan Land Use Designation Residential 3.5 - 5 du/acre		
CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES CORE VALUE; OPPORTUNITY SITES; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Support reasonable levels of increased intensity, respectful of local conditions and surrounding neighborhoods.		
The subject properties are located adjacent to the North Black Canyon Highway (I-17) and Glendale Avenue, a major arterial street, thereby warranting reasonable levels of increased intensity required to bring the existing land uses into conformance		

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CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS CORE VALUE; CERTAINTY AND CHARACTER; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: New development and expansion or redevelopment of existing development in or near residential areas should be compatible with existing uses and consistent with adopted plans.

The subject properties are remnant parcels on the perimeter of an existing residential neighborhood previously bisected by the construction of the Black Canyon Highway (I-17). Commercial uses on the subject properties have buffered the existing residential to the east since the 1960s due to the difficulty of establishing residential uses along the Black Canyon Highway (I-17) frontage road. The request is consistent with the adopted Black Canyon/Maricopa Freeway Specific Plan which shows the site designated as Neighborhood Retail per the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) land use designations.

#### Area Plan

Black Canyon/Maricopa Freeway Specific Plan study area is 32 miles long from Pinnacle Peak Road at I-17 in the north, to Pecos Road at I-10 in the south. The Plan covers the following elements: Existing Zoning and Land Use, Circulation, Noise, Neighborhood Safety and Stabilization, Landscape Enhancement, Neighborhood Enhancement, and Bicycle Paths and Recreational Trails. The Black Canyon/Maricopa Freeway Specific Plan designates the subject site as Neighborhood Retail land use. See discussion in number 5 below.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning			
	Land Use	<u>Zoning</u>	
On Site	Used Car Dealership	C-2 and R-5 (Pending C-2)	
North	Vacant	C-2	
South	Office Uses	R-5 (Pending C-2)	
East	Single-Family Residential	R1-6	
West	Black Canyon Highway (I-17)	Not Applicable	

Intermediate Commercial (C-2) Special Permit			
<u>Standards</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	Proposed	
Landscaped Setbacks			
Streetscape – Black Canyon Highway Frontage	Average 25 feet	Not Met – Existing 0 feet	
Property lines not adjacent to street – Rear	Minimum 10 feet	Not Met – Existing 0 feet	
Building Setbacks			
Adjacent to Streets - Black Canyon Highway Frontage	Average 25 feet	Met - Existing 38 feet	
Not Adjacent to Street	10 feet	Met - 20 feet	
Lot Coverage	50% maximum	Existing Not Shown	
Building Height	30 feet maximum	Existing Not Shown	

# Background/Issues/Analysis

#### SUBJECT SITE (REQUEST)

- This is a request to rezone 0.35 acres located approximately 107 feet south of the southeast corner of Black Canyon Highway (I-17) and Glendale Avenue. The request would rezone the subject parcel from C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) and R-5 (Multiple Family Residence), pending C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) to C-2 SP (Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit) for a special permit to allow a new and used motor vehicle dealership and all underlying C-2 uses. The proposal will utilize the existing buildings on the site.
- Rezoning case Z-45-16-5 is a companion case running concurrently with this request. Z-45-16-5 is a request to rezone the south half of the subject site along with the 5 parcels (Lots 4 through 9) directly south from R-5 to C-2 to allow commercial, office, and retails uses.

#### GENERAL PLAN

3. The General Plan land use designation for the subject site is Commercial and Residential 3.5-5 du/acre. The south half of the request is not in conformance with the General Plan designation however, the subject site is less than 10 acres and therefore does not require a General Plan Amendment.

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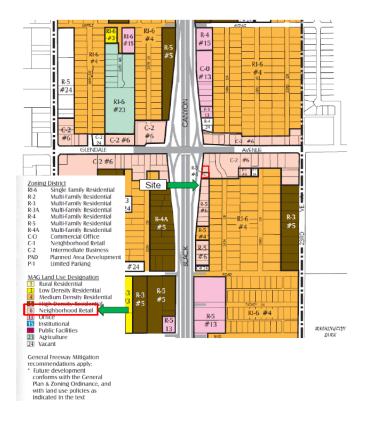
# SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE

 The subject site is currently developed and utilized with a used car dealership. To the north is an undeveloped property along Glendale Avenue. To the south are office and multifamily residential uses. To the east are single family residential uses and to the west is the North Black Canyon Highway (I-17).

#### ADOPTED AREA PLANS

The Black Canyon/Maricopa 5. Freeway Specific Plan designates the subject site for Neighborhood Retail land use. The subject site is within segment 8: Northern Avenue to Maryland Avenue (Map 8). The physical features of this segment include a variety of residential and commercial uses, more specifically a "blend of residential zoning and uses in the interior portions between the arterials and collector streets. while commercial areas are found near the major arterials and the I-17 freeway." The request for a Special Permit at this location is consistent with the Black Canyon/Maricopa Freeway Specific Plan.





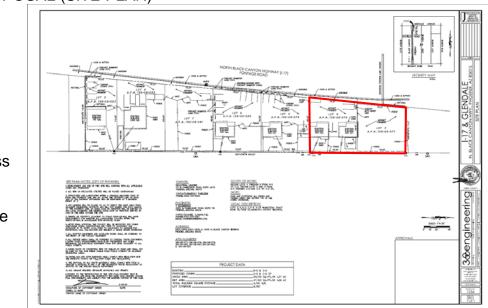
# ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL (USE)

 The proposal seeks to bring the existing Used Car Dealership use into conformity with the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance. The proposal will allow the existing use to continue to provide specialized commercial services adjacent to the North Black Canyon Highway (I-17). Staff Report: Z-SP-6-16-5 September 12, 2016 Page 5 of 6

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# ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL (SITE PLAN)

The Site plan depicts all existing buildings, parking areas, fences, signs, and utility locations to remain. Ingress and egress will continue to be provided via the North Black Canvon Highway (I-17) frontage road.



- 8. Future development and/or redevelopment of the subject properties shall conform to section 623 Commercial C-2 District standards of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance. Buildings with a maximum height of two (2) stories (or 30') shall have an average 25-foot setback adjacent to streets and a 50-foot setback when adjacent to R1-6. The subject properties' proximity to single family residential limits their ability to develop at the maximum height allowable while conforming to the building setbacks established in the C-2 District of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance. These standards ensure that development will be compatible in scale and intensity to adjacent zoning districts. As a result of these standards staff has no recommended stipulations.
- 9. The subject properties shall conform to the parking requirements outlined in Section 702 of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance thereby limiting the amount of display parking allowable on site.
- 10. The subject properties shall conform to the Automobile retail sales provisions in Section 647 Special Permit Uses of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance regarding body repair and painting in a closed building, dust-proofing of display parking, properly enclosed wall/fencing, and artificial lighting.

#### WATER

11. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department has noted the potential need to up size existing water and sewer infrastructure mains so that any remodels or new buildings will be able to meet domestic and fire code requirements.

#### FIRE

12. No fire code issues are anticipated with this case and the site and/or buildings shall comply with the Phoenix Fire Code.

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#### FLOODPLAIN

 The City of Phoenix Floodplain Management division of the Street Transportation Department has determined that this parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in a Shaded Zone X, on panel 1740 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.

#### ARCHAEOLOGY

14. No known archaeological work is necessary for this project. In the event archaeological materials are encountered during construction, all ground disturbing activities must cease within 10-meters of the discovery and the City of Phoenix Archaeology Office must be notified immediately and allowed time to properly assess the materials.

#### OTHER

15. Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements. Other formal actions such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonments, may be required.

# **Findings**

- 1. The proposal is compatible with the existing commercial uses along Glendale Avenue.
- 2. The request is consistent with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) land use designation of Neighborhood Retail in the adopted Black Canyon/Maricopa Freeway Specific Plan.
- 3. The proposal will bring existing uses into conformance and continue to allow specialized commercial services adjacent to the Black Canyon Highway (I-17).

#### **Stipulations**

Staff has no recommended stipulations.

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# **Attachments**

Zoning sketch Aerial Site plan dated September 09, 2016

