May 28, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R Bowen Loftin

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Expansion of Lot 37

At its May 14, 2013 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from Transportation Services and Utilities & Energy Services for the eastward expansion of Lot 37. The project is to be funded by the City of College Station. The cost will be $300,000; it is to be provided from the City as an offset for space lost in Lot 71a resulting from the construction of the Northgate Electrical Substation. The ground lease has been approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and Chancellor John Sharp. An Interlocal Agreement outlines the details and terms of payment and has been filed with the CBE.

The Technical Review Sub-Council supports the proposed project and recommends approval provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded:

Environmental Health & Safety:
The removal of Lot 71a and expansion of Lot 37 should result in a net reduction of hardscape, so surface water drainage should be improved.
An intermediate-high pressure natural gas line runs east of the proposed construction areas, generally parallel to, and west of the nearby railroad tracks. Both projects must follow appropriate procedures for locating the gas line prior to any excavation.

Utilities & Energy Services: TAMU UES supports the expansion of PA 37 and looks forward to working with TAMU TS as the project moves forward. Currently, there is an existing 12” Domestic Cold Water line crossing the site that should be replaced prior to construction; this work will take UES crews approximately 10 days and will need to be coordinated with the project to ensure timing of the work and proper placement of new valves.
An existing 72” storm line, which will serve as a point of discharge for storm water from the proposed lot, borders the south side of the project area.
An abandoned steam manhole is located on the north side of the site. If the manhole is going to be impacted by the project, it should be collapsed in place and filled with stabilized sand.

CIS Networking:
From review of the provided materials, it appears that the expansion of Lot 37 and the build-out of the City of College Station Electrical Substation over much of Lot 71a will not have an impact on any Networking/Telecommunications in-ground facilities. However, prior to construction start, TAMU Telecommunications should be asked to
perform a definitive review of the area for any conflicts involving in-ground fiber and copper communications cables.

The Maintenance Sub-Council supports the proposal as presented and recommends it for approval.

CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval to allow Transportation Services to proceed with the proposed expansion of Lot 37, with attention to the above-stated considerations.

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President

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