

FDP-Case No. FDP-2-15

Applicant: Texas Roadhouse  
Location: 231 W. 104th Ave.  
Ordinance: 11-6.5-1 through 11-6.5-5 and 11-33-1(b)

## MARKETPLACE AT NORTHLAND/TEXAS ROADHOUSE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

### **REQUEST:**

The applicant, Catherine Otis of Greenberg Farrow, as representative for Texas Roadhouse, requests Planning Commission approval for the Final Development Plan to redevelop the existing Bennigan's Grill and Tavern site at 231 W. 104th Ave., Northglenn, CO, 80234 (ATTACHMENT A).

### **REASON FOR REQUEST:**

Section 11-6-5-4(b) – Final Development Review / Procedures for Review / Planning Commission. Section 11-6.5 requires that all redevelopment projects apply for a final development plan review, which must be approved by the Planning Commission.

### **PROPOSAL:**

This proposal is for the Final Development Plan approval, as required by ordinance, to demolish the existing structure on the property constituting the Bennigan's Grill and Tavern and construct a new 7,900 SF Texas Roadhouse, on the site located at 231 W. 104th Ave., Northglenn, Colorado, 80234. One (1) building currently exists on the 0.46 acre site.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The parcel is zoned C-5 Commercial and was originally operated as a Bennigan's Grill and Tavern. Benningan's Grill and Tavern closed on December 31, 2007, and this building has been vacant since that time. The existing building will be demolished and replaced with a new building for Texas Roadhouse.

### **SURROUNDING LAND USES:**

North:	C-5 Commercial – The Marketplace at Northglenn
South:	C-5 Commercial – The Marketplace at Northglenn
West:	C-5 Commercial – The Marketplace at Northglenn
East:	Interstate 25 (I-25)

## **APPROVAL CRITERIA:**

Section 11-6.5-5-2(b) of the Zoning Ordinance, planning Commission criteria for final development plan approval. This includes checks for master plan conformance and certain site specific characteristics.

## **CASE ANALYSIS:**

### Compliance with Master Plan

Staff finds that the proposed plan complies with the City's adopted Comprehensive (Master) Plan. The Future Land Use map depicts the site a Commercial Center described as the following:

*"Commercial Center – Large land use assembly that provides commercial retail services to a regional sub-market. Centers are typically formed around a large anchor retail store with ancillary uses containing a mixture of retail, restaurant, personal services, offices and auto-oriented uses in the surrounding area. The commercial uses often share joint parking and loading area facilities."*

### Building Footprint/ Site Plan

The information submitted for the Final Development Plan depicts construction of a 7,900 sq. ft. structure that will house a Texas Roadhouse restaurant.

The proposed application shows that there will be 131 parking spaces (ATTACHMENT B). Staff has conducted a parking analysis and determined that the proposed parking is adequate for the use under the following scenario:

Use	Proposed Number of Seats and Employees	Parking Requirement	Proposed Spaces	Parking Required By Code
Restaurant	332 Seats and 40 Employees	1 Space per 3 Seats and 1 Space per 2 Employees on Largest Shift	131	111 Customer Spaces Required 20 Employee Spaces Required
<b>Total</b>			<b>131</b>	<b>131</b>

Please note that Texas Roadhouse, through its lease agreement with the property owner, has no control over the land outside its lease agreement area. The lease agreement area is only for the building envelope and does not include the parking area.

### Architectural Style

The elevations provided by the applicant for depict exterior materials primarily consisting of concrete masonry unit and wood veneers. The applicant used variation in height, colors, wall depth, and roof lines to prevent the appearance of featureless walls pursuant to the architectural standards detailed in Section 11-19-5 of the Zoning Ordinance. Staff recommended and the applicant agreed to install a façade sign on the building's rear elevation that faces Interstate 25 to add visual interest. Additionally, the applicant applied enhanced landscaping, above the specifications required by the Code, to all elevations of the site to create visual interest and buffering the building's façades.

### Drainage

The Marketplace at Northglenn was constructed prior to the City's adoption of Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. For the applicant to comply with these standards, the applicant would be required to bring either its lease area or the entire Marketplace into compliance with the City's urban drainage standards. Since this provision would place an undue hardship on the applicant due to the relative size of their building envelope versus the large size of the Marketplace at Northglenn, the applicant will be applying for a waiver from the City's adopted urban storm water standards. The City Manager will make the final determination on whether or not to grant this waiver. The applicant would have to mitigate storm water runoff issues.

### Signage

The Marketplace at Northglenn signage operates under a Comprehensive Sign Plan, which is separate from the City's Sign Code. Section 21-1-7.3. of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code states a Comprehensive Sign Plan "provides a means for the flexible application of sign regulations for developments that require multiple signs due to multiple tenants or lots; CSP are used to provide incentive for latitude in the design and display of multiple signs." After a review of the applicant's elevation plans and the Marketplace at Northglenn Comprehensive Sign Plan, the applicant's signs meet the standards of the Plan. The applicant is proposing two (2) wall mounted signs while the Plan allows up to four (4) wall mounted signs, comprising up to ten (10%) of the exposed building frontage. In addition, the Plan allows this site one (1) free standing monument sign. However, the applicant is not requesting this type of sign at this time.

### Landscape

Provided landscaping will cover 29.9% of the Texas Roadhouse lease area site, which is a standard well above the City's requirement. Trees provided for the site are in excess of the requirement per the City's ordinance. An enhanced landscaping buffer is provided around the majority of the building elevations.

### Administration

The Final Development Plans have been reviewed and approved by the Development Review Committee and a City Planner in accordance with Section 11-6.5-5 of the City of

Northglenn Zoning Ordinance. Proposed circulation and parking configurations were reviewed and approved by the City's Traffic Engineer.

Property owners surrounding the proposed facility were notified via mail of the proposal, as required by Section 11-41-3(a) of the City's Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the property in question was subject to a sign posting as required by Section 11-41-3(b).

#### **COMMISSION OPTIONS:**

The Commission's options in this case are as follows:

- 1) Approve this request, with or without conditions;
- 2) Deny this request for reasons stated; or
- 3) Table the request for further consideration.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Final Development Plan as submitted based on the following recommended findings of fact and with the prescribed conditions at the end of this report.

#### **STAFF'S RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- 1) The development substantially complies with the current Master Plan;

*The applicant's proposal for a Texas Roadhouse restaurant matches the Master Plan's long range goals of utilizing the Marketplace at Northglenn as a Commercial Center. The Bennigan's Grill and Tavern restaurant site has been vacant since December 31, 2007. The replacement of the vacant restaurant with a new restaurant will reactivate this site.*

- 2) The development is integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, and is designed to protect abutting properties and community amenities. Building sites are, to the extent feasible:
  - a) minimizing use of wetlands, steep slopes, floodplains, hilltops;
  - b) minimizing obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;
  - c) preserving unique natural or historical features;
  - d) minimizing tree, vegetation and soil removal and grade changes;
  - e) maximizing open space retention; and
  - f) screening objectionable features from neighboring properties and roadways.

*Since this proposal would redevelop an existing site, minimal impacts on topography, scenic views, natural and historic features, vegetation, open space, and objectionable features are anticipated.*

- 3) The architectural style is designed in harmony with the prevailing character and scale of buildings in the neighborhood and the City through the use of appropriate building materials, screening, breaks in roof and wall lines, landscaping, and other architectural techniques. The development meets the architectural and site design standards set forth in Section 11-25-6 of the Northglenn Zoning Ordinance.

*The applicant has used a variety of building materials, signs, and breaks in roof and wall lines, and landscaping to integrate this proposal with the surrounding Marketplace at Northglenn. In addition, the applicant agreed to staff's request to add a second wall mounted sign facing Interstate 25 to add visual interest to the site. Because of these factors, staff has determined that this development meets the architectural and site design standards set forth in Section 11-25-6 of the City of Northglenn Zoning Ordinance.*

- 4) The development will be served with adequate water supply and waste disposal systems including storm water facilities.

*The City of Northglenn Department of Public Works and Stormwater Coordinator have reviewed this Final Development Plan. Demand on City utility systems will be similar to the previous development. No adverse impacts are anticipated.*

- 5) The development maximizes the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent public rights-of-way.

*Texas Roadhouse will utilize existing vehicular and pedestrian infrastructure. The Marketplace at Northglenn contains ample parking opportunities for this development. Since existing infrastructure will be utilized, it is anticipated that there will be no new impacts to the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site.*

- 6) The development plan shows adequate measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, minimizes erosion and sedimentation, and prevents changes in groundwater levels, increased run-off and potential for flooding. Drainage has been designed so that run-off shall not be increased, groundwater recharge is maximized, and neighboring properties will not be adversely affected.

*This redeveloped site will utilize the existing drainage system if the applicant is successful in obtaining a waiver from the City's urban drainage standards from the City Manager.*

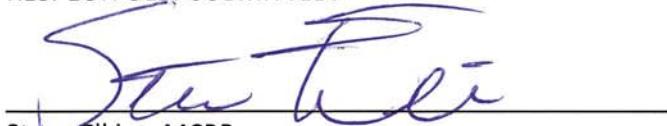
- 7) The development does not place excessive demands on City services and infrastructure.

*The City of Northglenn Department of Public Works, Fire District, and Stormwater Coordinator have reviewed this Final Development Plan and have not indicated that this project will cause any excessive impacts.*

**RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

- 1) The applicant shall apply for and secure a waiver from the City of Northglenn's urban drainage standards from the City Manager.

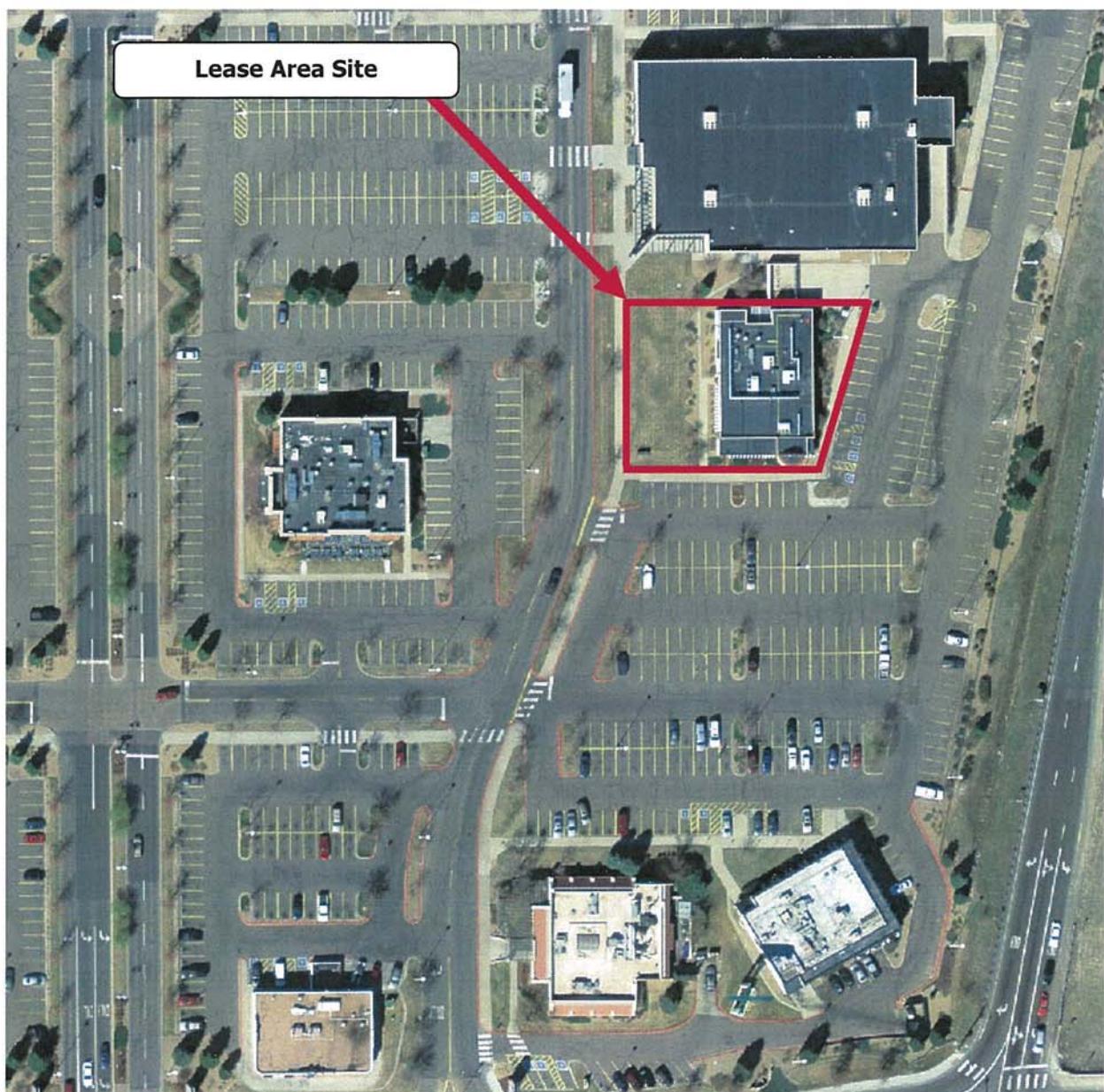
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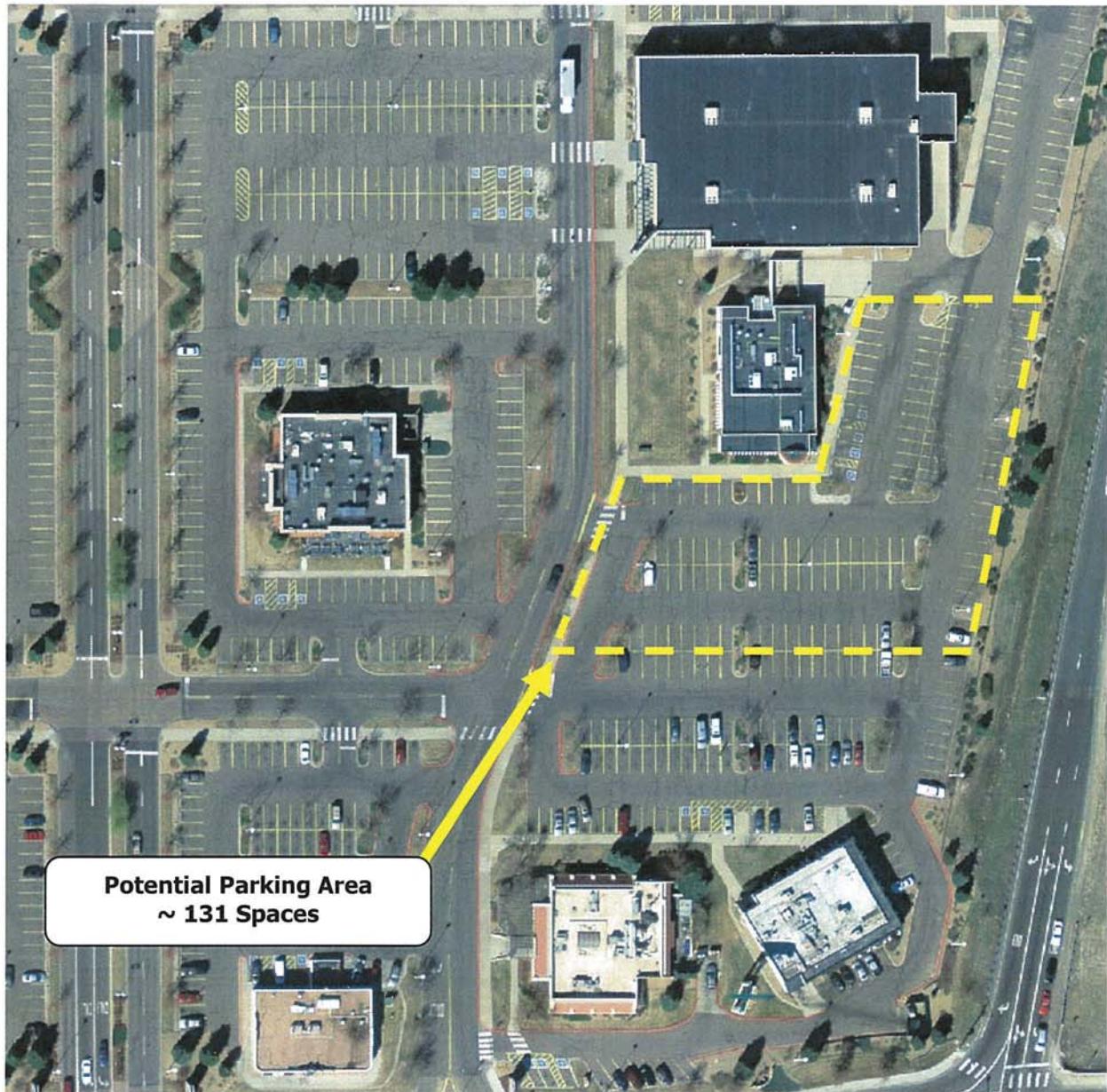
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***WHAT'S NEXT: Upon approval, civil and architectural plans will be submitted to the Development Review Committee (DRC) for review by staff. Upon DRC approval building permits will be issued and construction will begin.***

## ATTACHMENT A



**ATTACHMENT B**













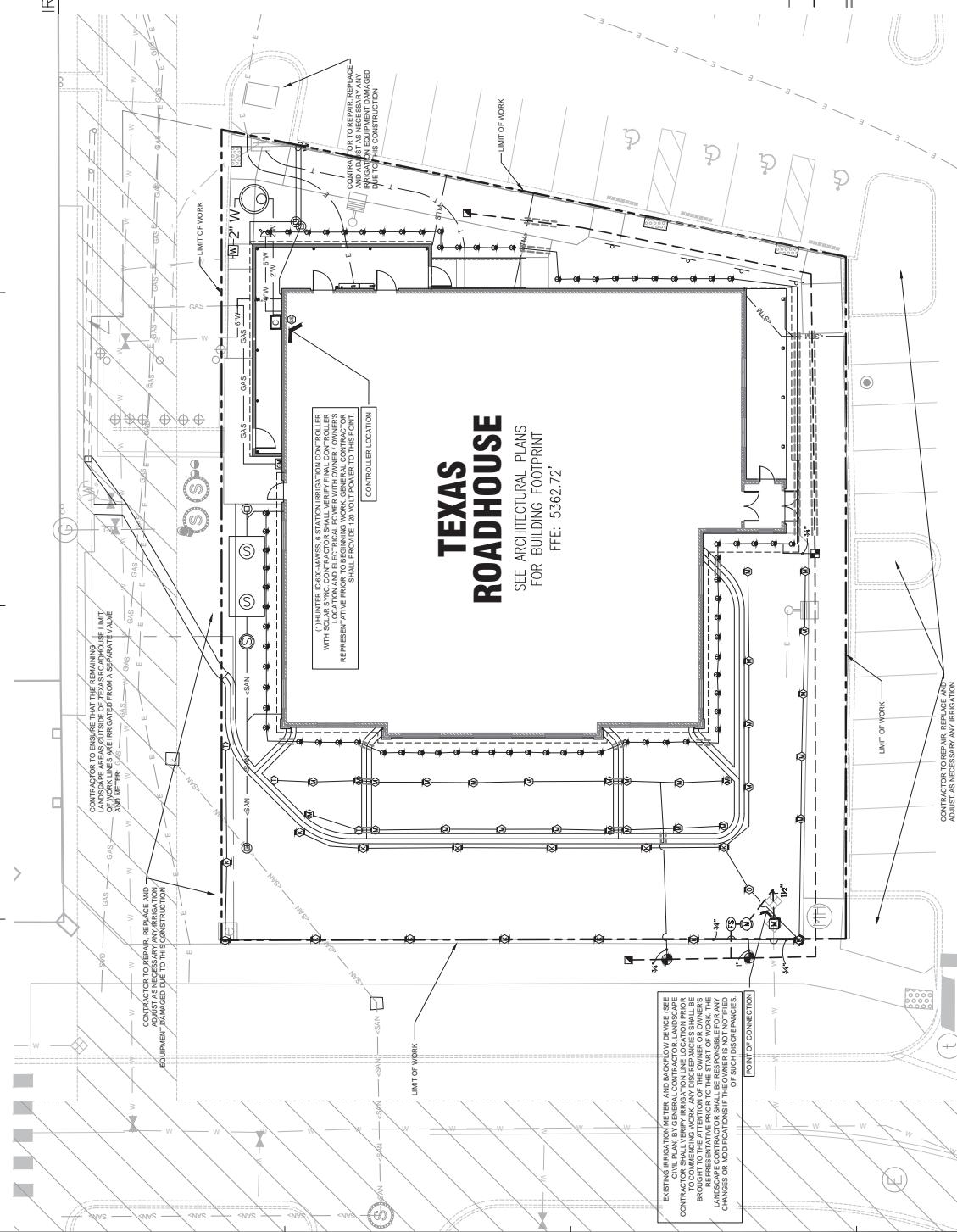


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## IRRIGATION SCHEDULE



'AS BUILT NOTE

During the construction, landscape contractor shall take field notes of actual locations where irrigation equipment has been installed on a daily basis, to reflect work completed. Rodline field notes indicating A.S.B.I.L.L information shall be submitted to the landscape architect for review and approval prior to final A.S.B.I.L.L plans on file, and preparation of contract plan and submittal to owner.

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