Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency Article 80E, Small Project Review Application, Proposed Renovation and Expansion Project for Self-Storage, 44 Lochdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts

May 1, 2017



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Re: Article 80E Small Project Review Application -

44 Lochdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Director Golden:

This office is counsel to Roslindale Storage Holdings LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (the "Proponent"), the owner of 44 Lochdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts (the "Property"). The Proponent proposes to renovate the existing building located at the Property and construct a new three (3) story addition containing approximately 49,822 square feet of gross floor area for self-storage use together with thirty five (35) below grade parking spaces and two (2) interior loading areas (the "Proposed Project"). On behalf of the Proponent, we are pleased to submit the enclosed Small Project Review Application (the "SPRA") in accordance with Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code with respect to the Proposed Project.

Situated in the Roslindale Neighborhood of Boston, the Proposed Project will be located on an approximately 59,677 square foot parcel of land that currently contains an existing building containing approximately 44,384 square feet of gross floor area for storage use. The Property is bounded on the north side by Lochdale Road, on the south side by Mahler Road, on the west side by the MBTA rail line, and on the east side the Property is located two lots in from Washington Street.

The Proposed Project will provide a modern, safe and convenient storage facility. The incorporation of a new modern facade and other streetscape improvements including new plantings will greatly enhance the aesthetics of the Property. The Proposed Project will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and will include features such as a white roof to reduce heat island effects.

Mr. Brian Golden, Director

Attn: Mr. Michael Rooney, Project Manager

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The Proposed Project is located within the Roslindale Neighborhood District and further located within a Local Industrial ("LI") Zoning Subdistrict in accordance with Article 67 of the Boston Zoning Code (the "Code"), as shown on Maps 10A-10B, Roslindale Neighborhood District, of the Boston Zoning Maps. The immediate area contains a number of other industrial uses. The Proposed Project will require zoning relief from the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal ("ZBA") with respect to certain dimensional violations of the Code.

Prior to submitting the SPRA, the Proponent conducted multiple pre-filing meetings with the Boston Planning & Development Agency and also met with Boston District 5 City Councilor Timothy McCarthy. In addition, the Proponent also conducted a pre-filing Abutter's Meeting sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. The SPRA reflects modifications and design changes that were made as a direct result of these preliminary meetings and discussions.

We look forward to working with you and the Roslindale community on this exciting project.

Very truly yours

Andrew H Kara

AHK/mk Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jonathan Greeley, Director of Development Review

Mr. Michael Rooney, Project Assistant

Boston District 5 City Councilor Timothy McCarthy

Mr. Daniel Murphy, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

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Attention: Andrew Kara

Small Project Review Summary:

This Small Project Review Application ("SPRA") is being submitted to the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") by Roslindale Storage Holdings LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (the "Proponent") in accordance with Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code (the "Code"). The Proponent is proposing to renovate and expand the existing storage building located at 44 Lochdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts (the "Property"). The Property contains approximately 59,677 square feet of lot area and an existing building that is two (2) stories containing approximately 44,384 square feet of gross floor area for storage space use (including the storage space currently used by Autopart International) plus parking for approximately fifteen (15) vehicles (the "Existing Building").

Project Description:

The proposed project includes the renovation of the Existing Building and the construction of an addition containing approximately 49,822 square feet of new gross floor area containing three (3) stories for self-storage use (the "Project"). In addition, new interior parking will be created in the basement for approximately thirty five (35) vehicles. Furthermore, there will be a speed ramp incorporated within the Project to allow for more control and better access to the parking and loading areas located with the basement of the Project. Finally, the access to the Property off Mahler Road will be discontinued with all access occurring off Lochdale Road to allow for safer, more convenient access by the community.

Project Summary:

Project Description: Renovation of Existing Building and construction of a new three

(3) story addition containing approximately 49,822 square feet of gross floor area for self-storage use (the "Building Addition"). The lot area of the Property contains approximately 59,677 square

feet.

Parking and Loading: Thirty five (35) parking spaces and two (2) loading docks located

in the basement of the Project. Four (4) additional loading docks located at the exterior of the Property and fronting on Lochdale

Road will remain in place.

Floor Area Configuration:

Building Addition

• 35 parking spaces, loading and mechanicals in Basement

• 17,380 sf 1st Floor (new storage)

• 17,380 sf 2nd Floor (new storage)

• 15,062 sf 3rd Floor (new storage)

49,822 sf of new storage use

Proposed Building Height:

35'-8" feet typically, 41'-2" at elevator shaft

Number of Stories:

Three (3) stories

Developer:

The Proponent is an affiliate of The Grossman Companies, Inc. ("TGCI"). TGCI is a family owned and operated real estate company that provides real estate investment/acquisition, private lending, brokerage, and property management services. TGCI currently owns and manages a diverse portfolio of properties located in New England containing approximately 2.5 Million square feet spanning all major property types including office, industrial, retail, storage and residential uses. TGCI previously developed a high quality self-storage facility located in East Boston, Massachusetts. TGCI was founded in 1980 and is based in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Architect:

The architect for the Project is SN Consulting Group ("SNCG"). SNCG is a multidisciplinary architecture and consulting firm that combines each aspect of the commercial property development process into a unified approach for greater efficiency and value. From due diligence and master planning to tenant coordination and construction management, SNCG concentrates on all phases of the development process, empowering its clients to visualize the potential of their capital assets and create revenue-generating investments.

Description of Property:

The Property currently contains an existing two (2) story storage facility containing approximately 44,384 square feet of gross floor area together with fifteen (15) parking spaces and four (4) loading bays. The Existing Building is approximately 23'-4" in height. The Property is bounded on the north side by Lochdale Road, on the south side by Mahler Road, on the west side by the MBTA rail line, and on the east side the Property is located two lots in from Washington Street.

Zoning:

The Project is located within the Roslindale Neighborhood District and further located within a Local Industrial ("LI") Zoning Subdistrict in accordance with Article 67 of the Code, as shown on Maps 10A-10B, Roslindale Neighborhood District, of the Boston Zoning Maps. The Project will require zoning relief from the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal ("ZBA") with respect to certain dimensional violations of the Code. The zoning relief required for the Project will be confirmed by the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department ("ISD") through the issuance of a "Turndown Letter".

Landscaping:

The proposed landscape design along the new building frontage on Mahler Road includes new planting areas and greening. The existing five (5) foot sidewalk will be improved. Paving improvements will be made to the sidewalk and new planters will be added within the building footprint and a new planter will be created bordering the adjacent building.

Neighborhood context:

The design of the Project compliments the other commercial and industrial buildings located within the immediate area. Lochdale Road currently consists of a number of other industrial buildings and uses including but not limited to Cataldo Ambulance and Kinetic Systems. In addition, Mahler Road is also predominately industrial and contains a number of diverse uses including but not limited to the Boston's Animal Care and Control.

Parking and Transportation:

Access to the Property will be provided off Lochdale Road. The Project will contain thirty five (35) parking spaces located in the basement. There will be a new speed ramp incorporated within the Project to allow for more controlled and better access to the parking and loading areas located with the basement of the Project. The Project will result in a lower amount of vehicle trips generated at the Property because of the conversion of the Autopart International storage space. The existing parking at the Property is currently more than adequate to meet the existing demand which is not parking intensive. As a result, the Project will not negatively impact parking and traffic in the immediate area.

Loading and Service Access:

The loading will occur both inside the Property through two (2) interior loading docks and outside the Property through four (4) existing exterior loading docks. The Proponent will implement measures to handle the anticipated generation, storage, and disposal of solid waste generated by the Project. Operational measures will be been considered that will be employed to promote waste reduction and recycling. In addition, the disposal and construction contracts will include specific language to ensure the contractor's compliance with City and State regulations. Construction debris will be recycled to the maximum extent possible. The new speed ramp will allow for a more controlled and better access to the interior parking and loading area for customers and vehicles.

Public Benefits:

The Project will result in a number public benefits for the Roslindale Neighborhood, as well as for the City of Boston. These benefits will include but are not limited to the following:

- New façade for Existing Building and Project;
- New streetscape improvements;
- New LEED certified improvements;
- Improved storm water drainage;
- · New construction Jobs and
- New property tax revenue.

Job creation:

The construction process will last for a period of 12 months and will employ approximately one hundred (100) people over the course of construction. One (1) new full time job will be created from the Project. The number of construction workers will vary over the duration of the construction of the Project which is estimated to cost approximately \$4.25 Million Dollars based on current construction estimates reviewed by the Proponent.

Environmental:

The Project will employ many smart choices and strategies to ensure a green and energy efficient building that is responsive to the environment. The Project will be LEED certifiable and will include features such as a white roof to reduce heat island effects. The Project is being built primarily over existing impervious surface and will not adversely affect any nearby water bodies. To reduce neighborhood stormwater issues, stormwater will be infiltrated onsite or retained onsite and released after storm events. The Proponent's engineer will review specific stormwater requirements with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission following submission of the Site Plan Review Application with that Agency. There is no portion of the Property within the one hundred (100) year flood elevation as neither indicated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, nor are there wetland resource areas regulated by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act on or within one hundred (100) feet of the Property. Solar panels are being reviewed for inclusion in the Project. The Project will use materials with recycled content where possible. Shadow

impacts will be minimal as the Building Addition is on the southeast side of the Property and shadows will fall onto the Existing Building.

Public Review Process:

The Project Team has meet with Boston District 5 City Councilor Timothy McCarthy, held multiple pre-filing meetings with the BPDA, met with various stakeholders within the community and conducted a pre-filing Abutter's Meeting sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. The Project Team will continue to meet with the community and other stakeholders during the Article 80E review process.

Project Design:

The Project's design, including a new building façade, is intended to enhance the aesthetics of both the Property and street in general. The Project is consistent and generally harmonious with the surrounding area which is predominately industrial. The creation of the new building façade allows for a better visualization of the Project from both Mahler and Lochdale Roads and frames the Existing Building

The proposed building designs relate well to the scale and materials of the neighborhood. The Building Addition massing is set back on both sides at the third level which is behind the adjacent Cataldo building which limits visual impact from street level. The facade consists of fiber cement panels and unit masonry which are materials that harmonize with the adjacent buildings. Within the major façade along Mahler Road typical industrial-type windows have been included and on the first floor planter wells have been inset for building interest and additional landscaping.

The brick of the Existing Building will be updated to be consistent with the Building Addition's colors and design.

Exhibits

- BPDA Article 80 File Submission 1.
- **Existing Conditions Ariel Photograph** 2.
- Existing Conditions Photographs
 Existing Site Plan 3.
- 4.
- Concept Plan 5.
- Basement Floor Plan 6.
- 7. Main Floor Plan
- Second Floor Plan 8.
- Third Floor Plan 9.
- 10.
- East and South Conceptual Elevations West and North Conceptual Elevations 11.
- Mahler Road View 12.



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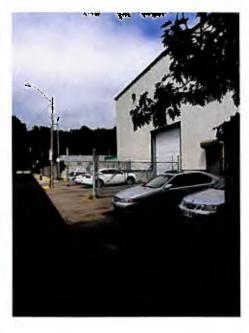




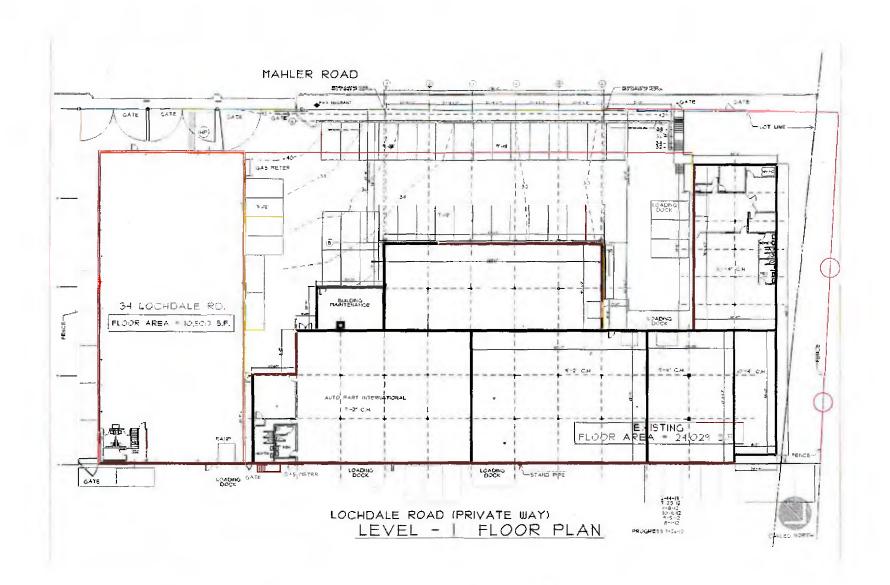




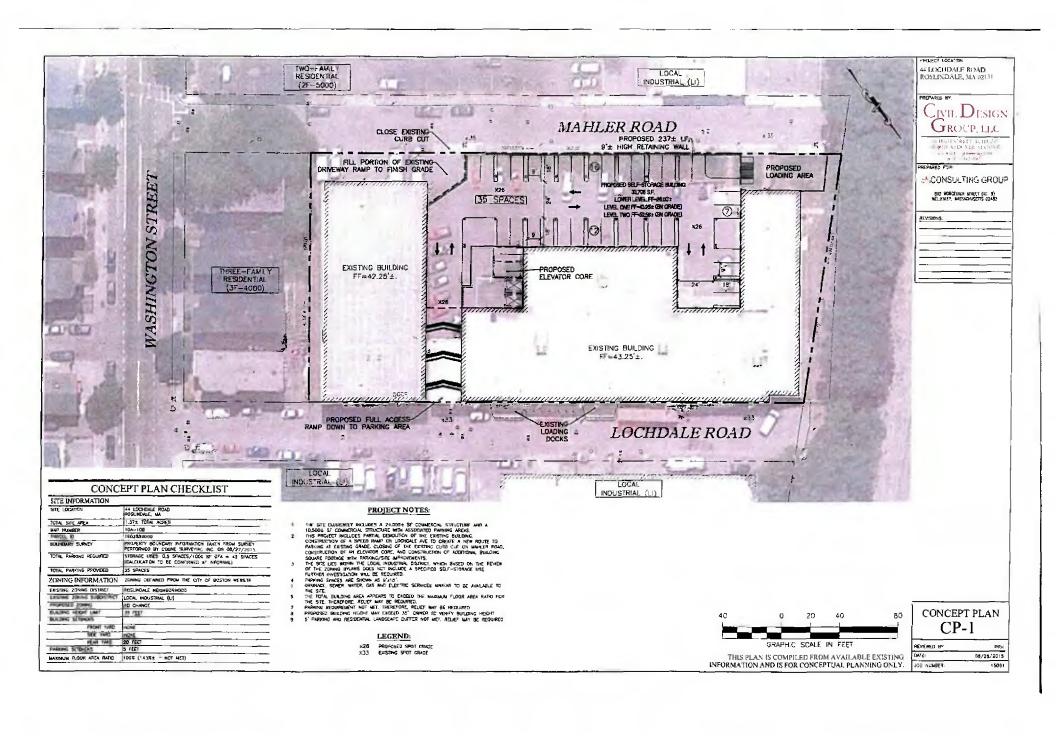


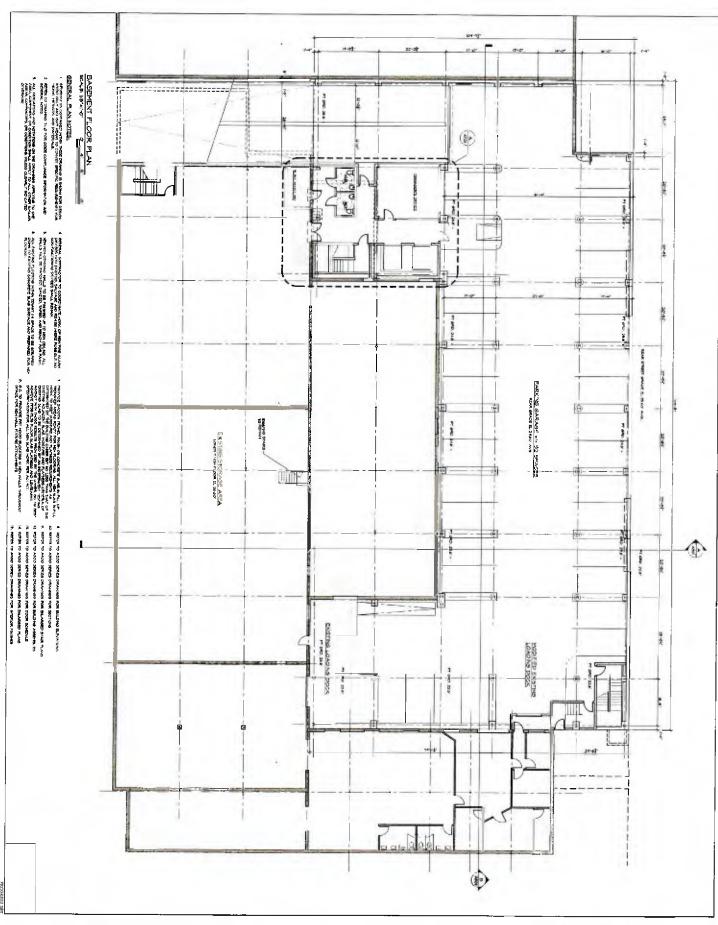




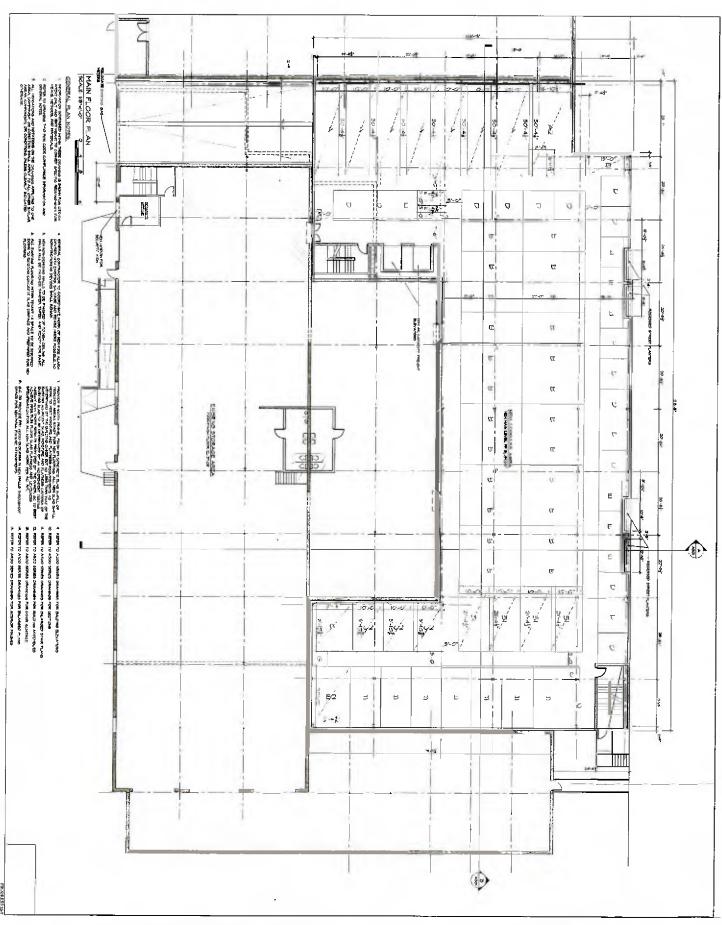




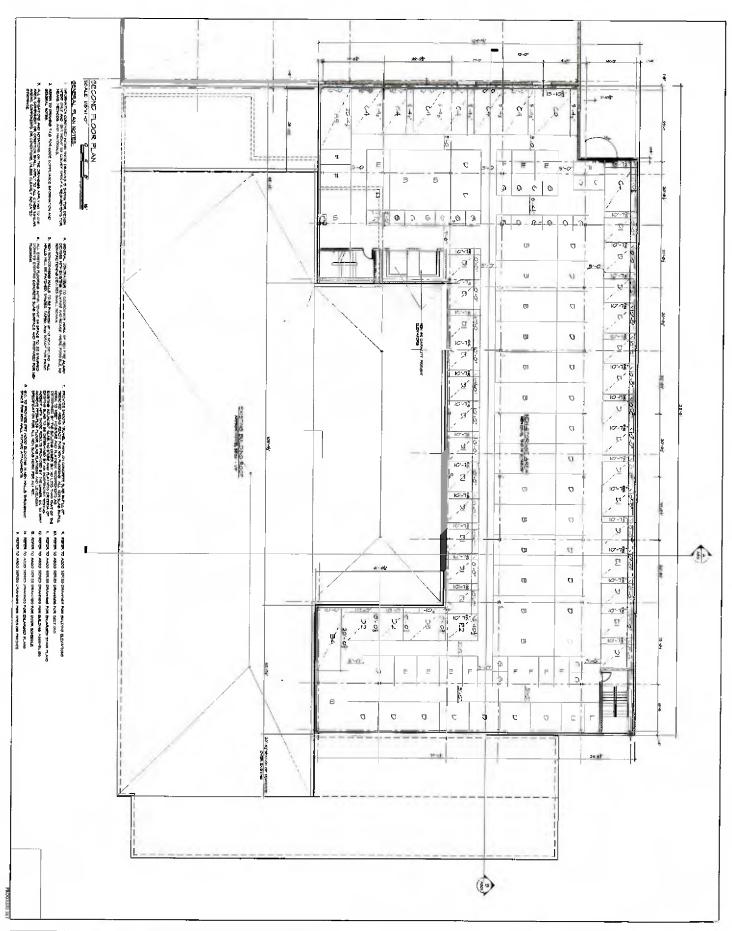








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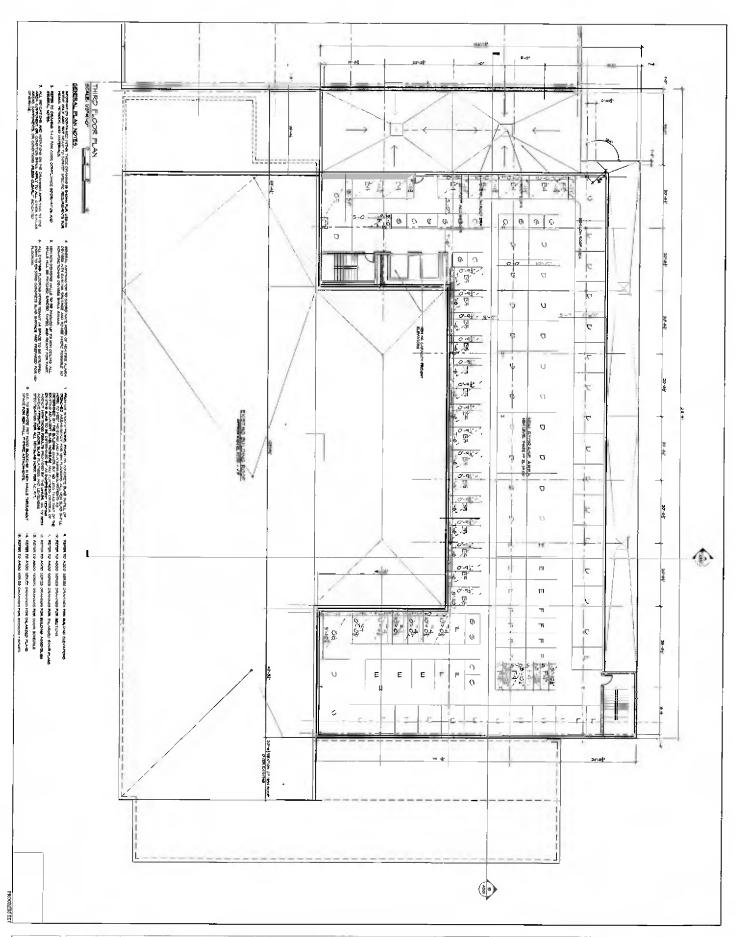


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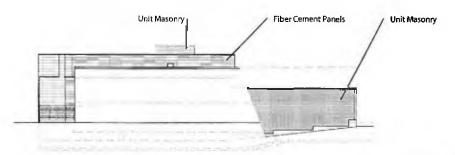




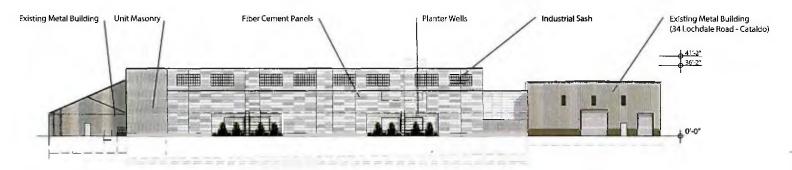








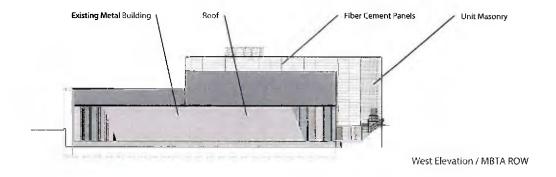
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South Elevation / Mahler Road









North Elevation / Lochdale Road







