

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 3/11/2010

► APPLICANT: THE KROGER COMPANY

OWNER(S): GRAHAM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

TAX ID NUMBER: 93 F B 6.06

JURISDICTION: City Council District 3

► LOCATION: Southwest side of Western Ave., southeast of Hinton Dr.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 3.88 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Northwest City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Western Ave., a major arterial street with a five lane section,

which includes a center turn lane, within a 100' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Third Creek

ZONING: SC-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center)

EXISTING LAND USE: Supermarket and shopping center

PROPOSED USE: Kroger Fuel Center

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND North: Mixed commercial / SC-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) & C-3

USE AND ZONING: (General Commercial)

South: Trucking company / I-3 (General Industrial)

East: Shopping center / SC-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center)
West: Shopping center / SC-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The site is located in the commercial corridor along Western Ave., on the

north side of a major industrial area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

▶ APPROVE the development plan for a 6 pump / 12 bay gas fueling station, subject to 5 conditions:

- 1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering.
- 3. Installing all landscaping, as shown on the development plan, within six months of the issuance of occupancy permits for this project.
- 4. Meeting all applicable requirements and obtaining any required permits for the proposed signage from the Knoxville Sign Administrator.
- 5. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.

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With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval in the SC-1 zoning district and all criteria for approval of a use on review.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to construct a gas fueling station with 6 pumps and 12 fueling bays in front of the existing Kroger supermarket located on the south side of Western Ave., just east of Hinton Dr. The station will also have a kiosk in the middle to house the station attendant and will include a restroom for the attendant. The fueling center will be located on the west side of the main access drive off of Western Ave. that serves the supermarket and shopping center.

A total of 51 parking spaces will be removed in order to accommodate this project. The revised parking layout provides for 191 parking spaces on the Kroger property which complies with the required parking. Trees and shrubs will be added along the southern perimeter of the fueling center which will enhance the aesthetics of this almost fully paved area.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The proposed fueling center will have minimal impact on local services since all utilities are available to serve this site.
- 2. The Traffic Impact Study prepared for the proposed fueling center indicated that all intersections should have excess capacity to absorb the new traffic generated by the fueling center and all driveways should operate with acceptable service levels.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. The proposed fueling center meets the standards for development within the SC-1 zoning district and all other requirements of the Zoning Ordinance..
- 2. The proposed fueling center is consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the area where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw additional traffic through residential areas.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

- 1. The Northwest City Sector Plan and the One Year Plan propose commercial uses for this site. The gas fueling center is consistent with both the Sector and One Year plans.
- 2. The site is located within the Urban Growth Area of the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan.

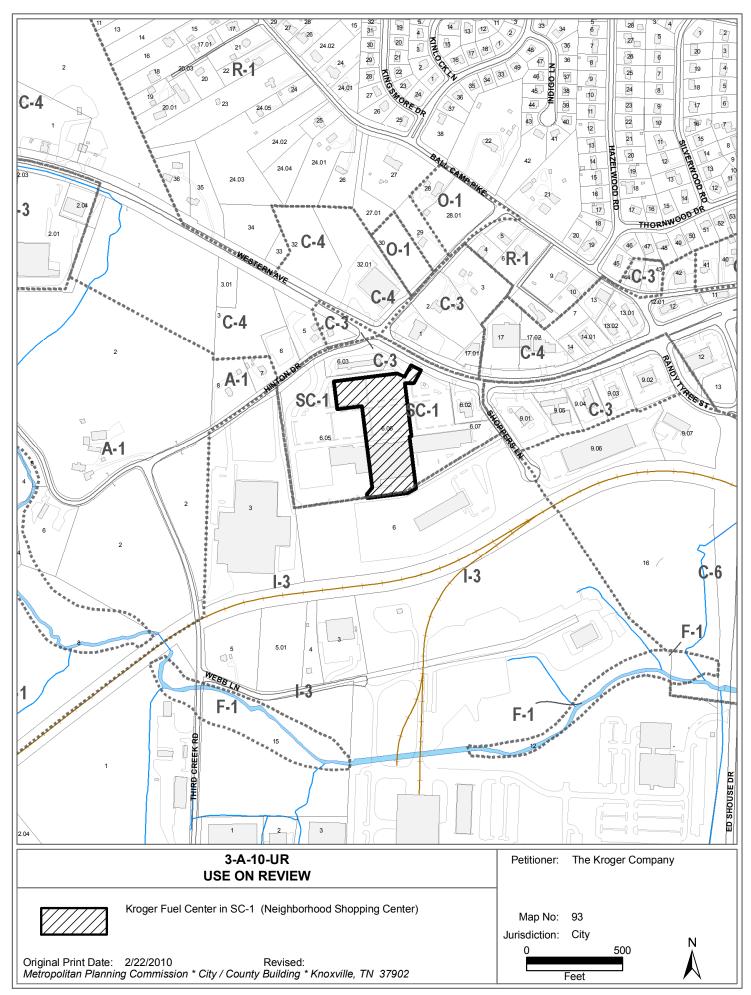
ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 1953 (average daily vehicle trips)

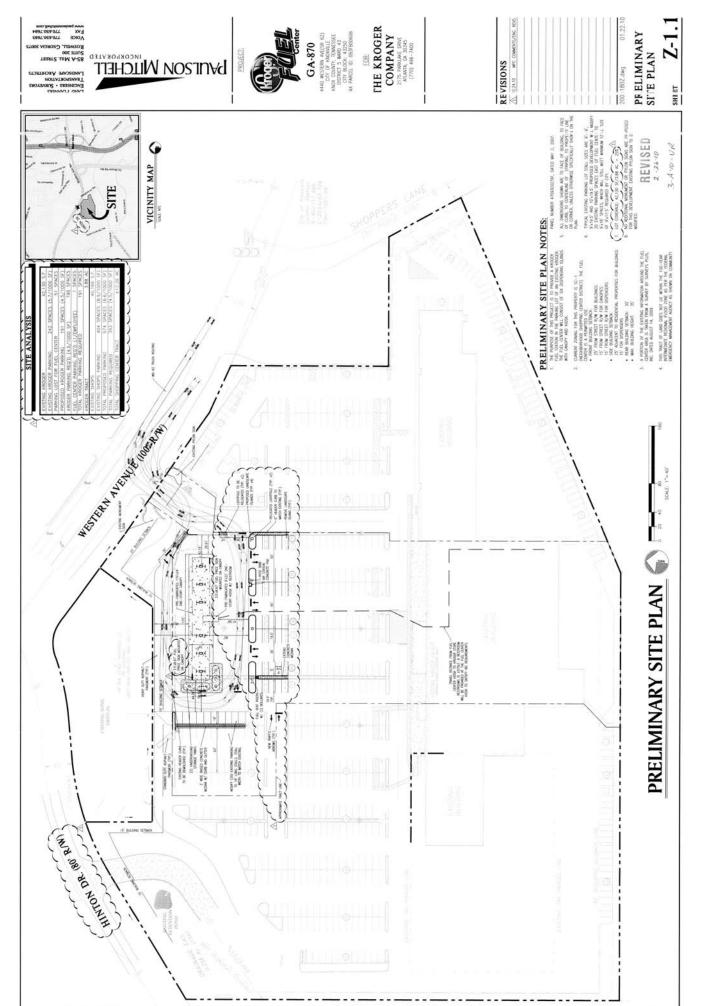
Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate during a 24-hour day (Monday through Friday), with a "trip" counted each time a vehicle enters or exits a proposed development.

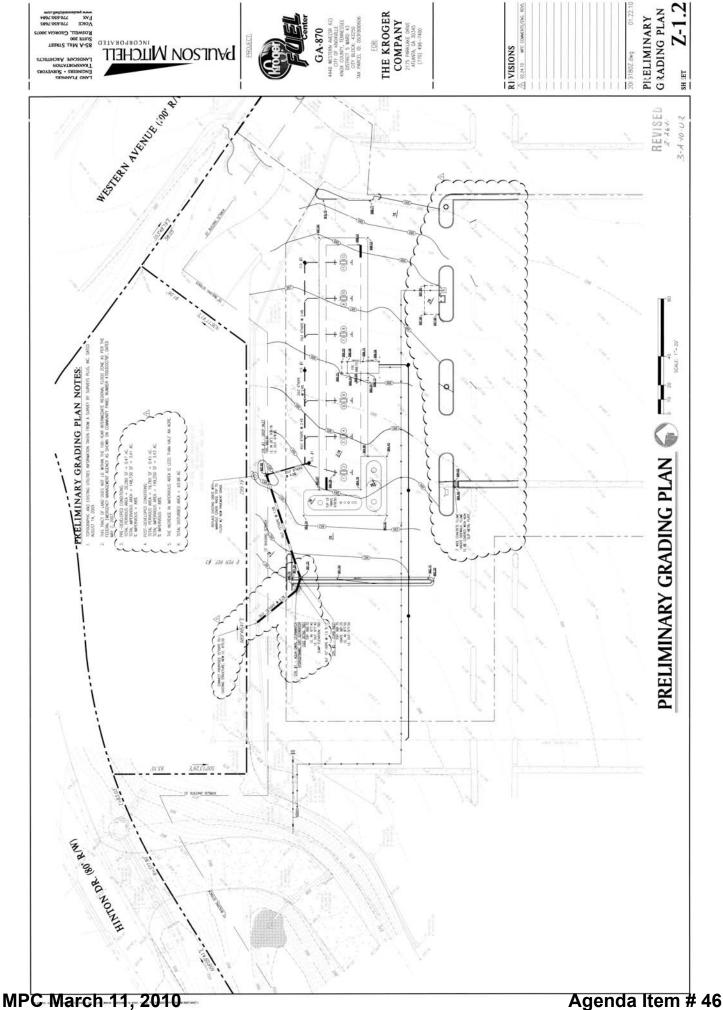
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: 0 (public and private school children, ages 5-18 years)

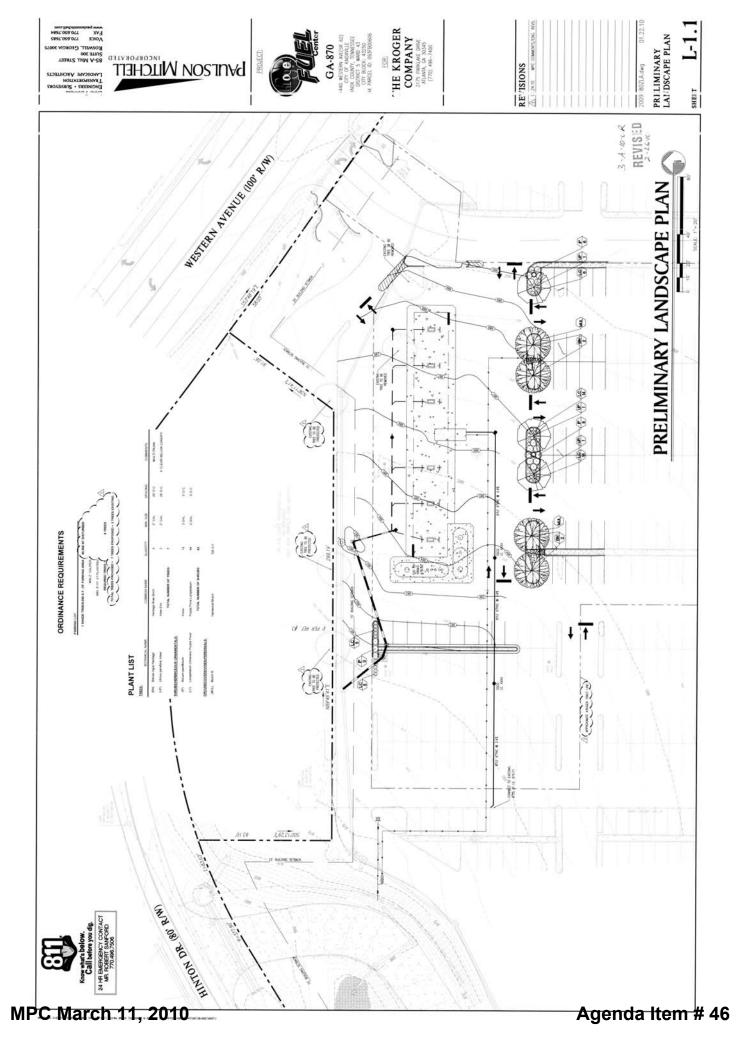
MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

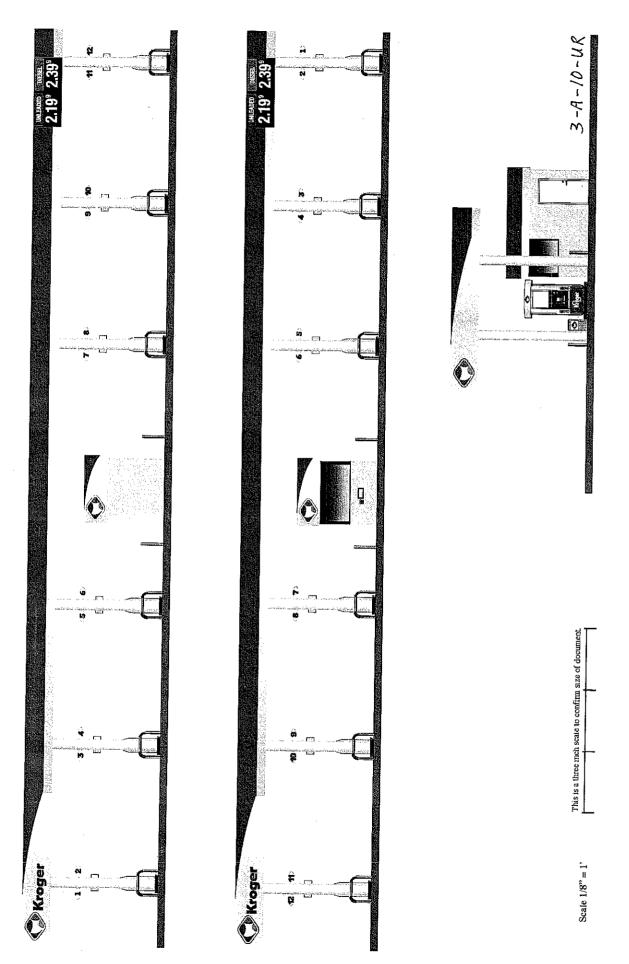
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