

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

►	FILE #: 2-C-11-UR	AGENDA ITEM # 34					
		AGENDA DATE: 2/10/2011					
►	APPLICANT:	THE KROGER COMPANY					
	OWNER(S):	Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial					
	TAX ID NUMBER:	105 092					
	JURISDICTION:	County Commission District 3					
►	LOCATION:	Northeast side Middlebrook Pike on the north side of the intersection of Middlebrook Pike and N. Cedar Bluff Rd.					
►	APPX. SIZE OF TRACT:	8.94 acres					
	SECTOR PLAN:	Northwest County					
	GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Planned Growth Area					
	ACCESSIBILITY:	Access is via Middlebrook Pike, a major arterial street that is a four lane divided highway with turn lanes within a required right-of-way of 112'.					
	UTILITIES:	Water Source: West Knox Utility District					
		Sewer Source: West Knox Utility District					
	WATERSHED:	Turkey Creek					
►	ZONING:	PC (Planned Commercial)					
►	EXISTING LAND USE:	Shopping center					
►	PROPOSED USE:	Kroger expansion into existing space for pharmacy with drive through.					
	HISTORY OF ZONING:	None noted					
	SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING:	North: Residences / RA (Low Density Residential)					
		South: Mixed businesses / PC (Planned Commercial)					
		East: Mixed businesses / CA (General Business)					
		West: Mixed businesses / CA (General Business)					
	NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:	The site is located in the center of commercial core area located at the intersection of Middlebrook Pike and N. Cedar Bluff Rd.					

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the development plan for the addition of a drive-through pharmacy and revised drive lanes at an existing shopping center, subject to 5 conditions:

1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.

2. Installation of the revised drive lanes as identified on the approved development plan prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the pharmacy addition.

3. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.

4. Meeting all applicable requirements and obtaining any required approvals from the Knox County Fire Marshal.

5. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.

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

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to convert an existing retail space within the shopping center to a pharmacy for the Kroger store located on the northeast side of Middlebrook Pike at the north end of N. Cedar Bluff Rd. The proposed pharmacy will be located on the southeast side of the existing store and adjoins an existing driveway that provides access to the service area behind the shopping center. The pharmacy will include a covered drive-through area. The proposed drive-through will require modifications to the existing driveway.

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

1. The proposed pharmacy will have minimal impact on local services since all utilities are available to serve this site.

2. The proposed improvements to the existing internal intersection and driveway will improve circulation through the center.

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

1. With the recommended conditions, the proposed pharmacy meets the standards for development within the PC zoning district and all other requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

2. The proposed pharmacy 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 County Sector Plan identifies this property for commercial use.

2. The site is identified as being within the Planned Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan.

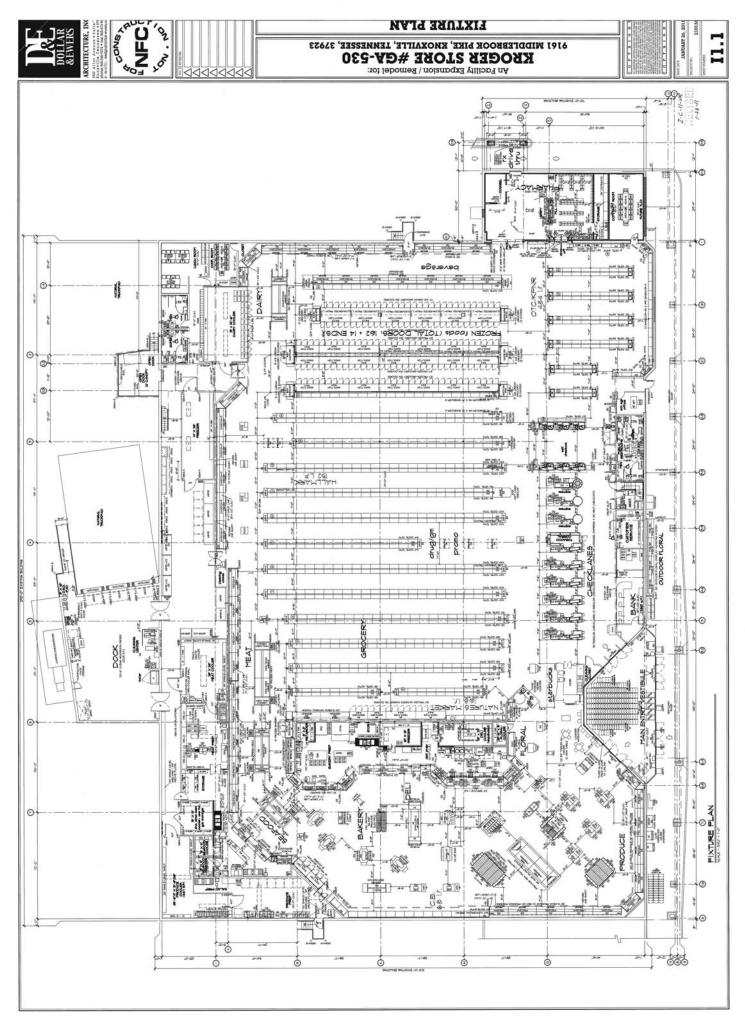
ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not calculated.

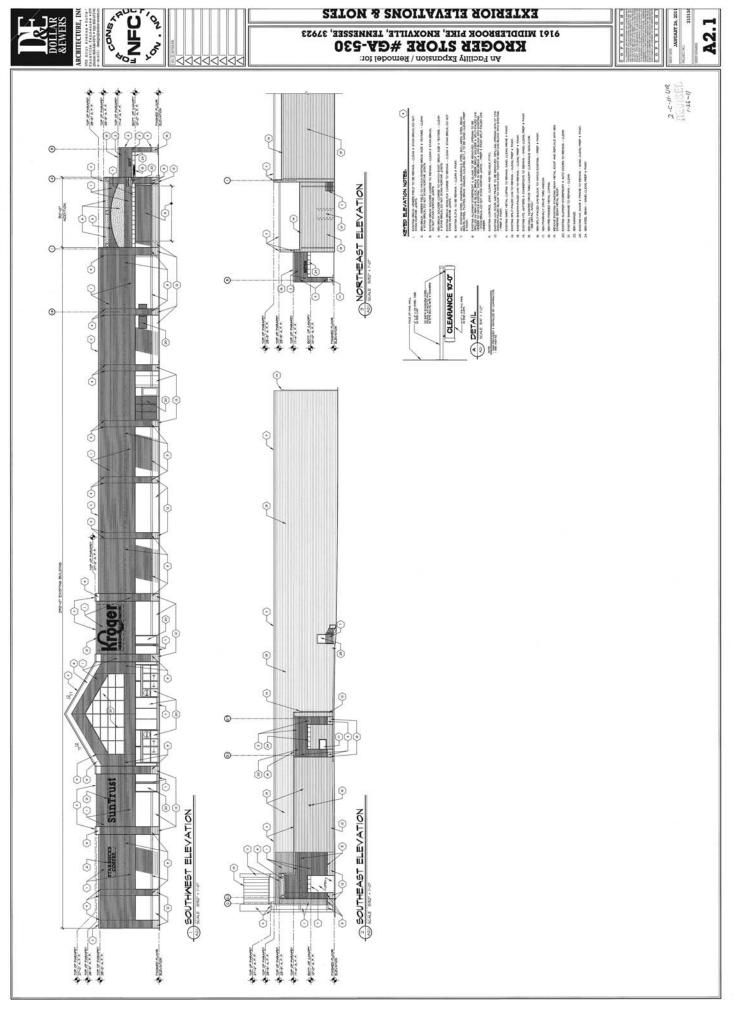
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

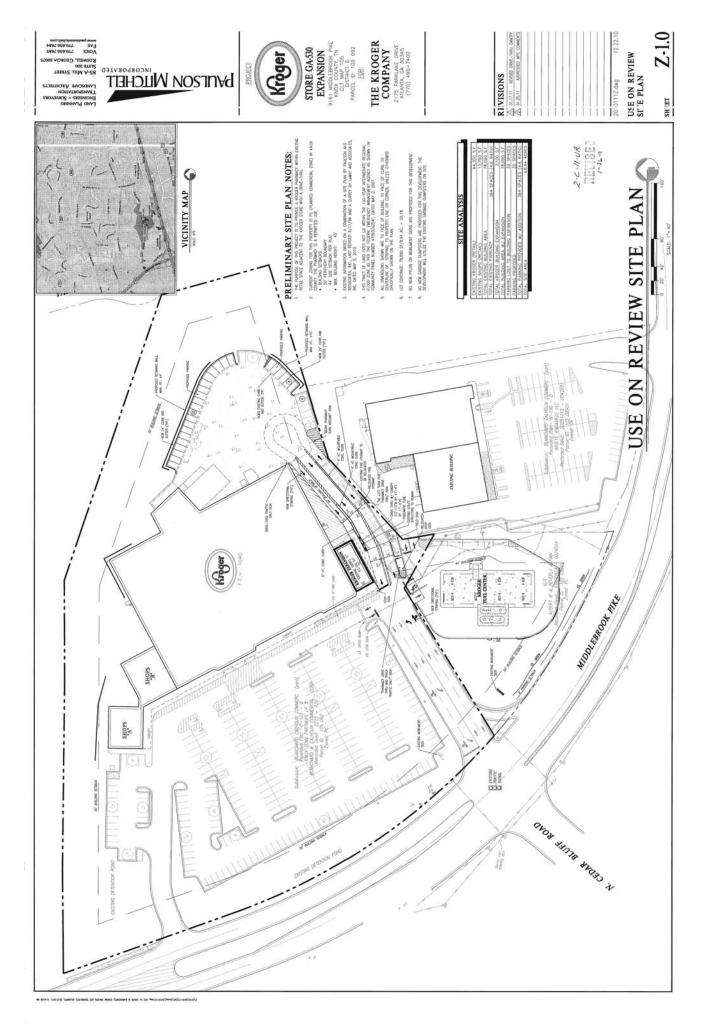
MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. The date of the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal an MPC decision in the County.

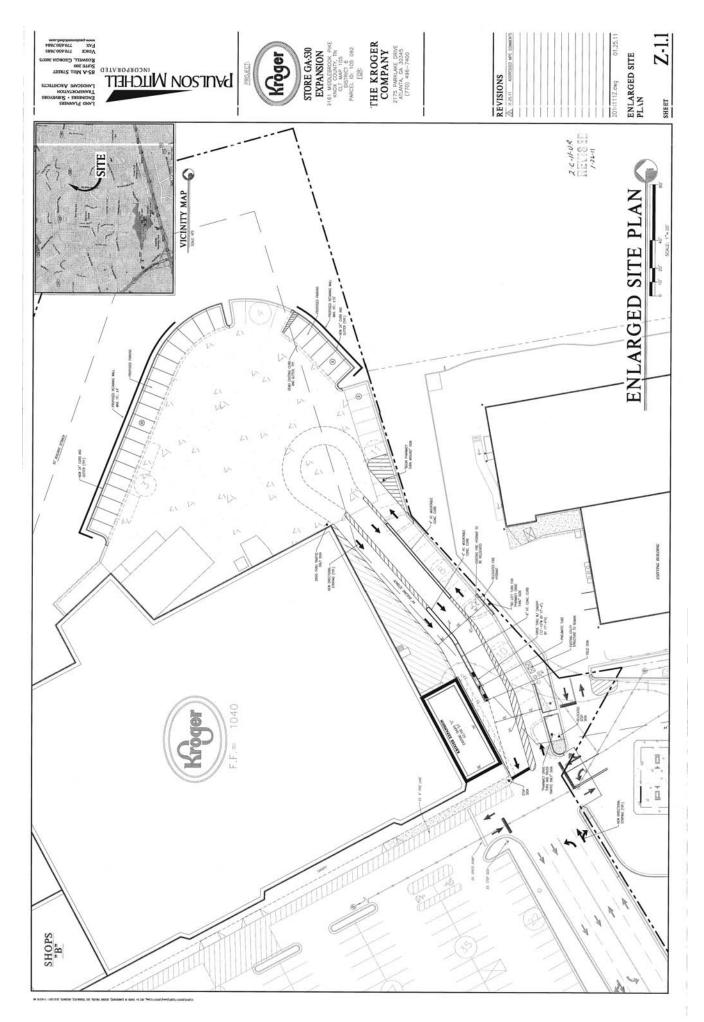
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