

#### TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK 710 HERMANN ROAD NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Steven J. Tripp, Esq.

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. 90 Woodbridge Center Drive

Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900 Box 10

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

FROM:

Sal Profaci, Zoning Officer

DATE:

April 19, 2024

SUBJECT:

Block: 143.13

Lot: 1

Street Address: 1601 Livingston Avenue North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Applicant: CRP/SG 1601 Livingston Industrial Owner L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Tripp:

I have reviewed the application for modification of a previously-granted use variance and amended site plan approval with bulk variances for the above-referenced property, and I am issuing the following report.

## Application Materials Reviewed

- o 4 Sheet Plan Amended Site Plan prepared by Bohler Engineering Group, dated 3/19/2024;
- O Site Plan & Variance application (Form A & C), dated 4/1/2024;
- o Traffic Statement for Sitex Group, LLC prepared by Atlantic Traffic & Design, dated 3/19/2024.
- O Three (3) Prior North Brunswick Township Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolutions adopted August 16th 2005, April 18th 2006 and April 18th 2023.
- o Site Plan Completeness Checklist
- o Bohler Waiver Request Memorandum, dated 3/25/2024.
- o 3 Sheet architectural plans entitled "Tesla Center Collision Center North Brunswick, NJ, prepared by Jacob S. Bush, Casco Architects, Inc., dated March 18th 2024.

#### Project Overview

The applicant is proposing a Tesla, Inc. ("Tesla") collision repair center on the property. Although the collision repair center use is substantially similar to the Toyota service center, it involves body work and painting, which was not part of the 2005 use variance. Therefore, a determination has been made that a modification of the previously granted use variance is required. Township Ordinance 205-74A does not list body shops as a permitted use.

The proposed collision repair center will provide services, including repair or replacement of vehicle frames, body panels, glass, paint, and mechanical and trim components, for Tesla vehicles involved in a collision. The anticipated hours of operation 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday, which could increase as business grows to include Saturday hours and extra shifts in needed. There will be a staff of approximately 45 employees servicing an estimated 60-80 vehicles per week. The collision repair center will primarily accept customers by appointment, with 5-15 appointments and one walk-in anticipated per day. Vehicles will either be driven to the facility by customers, or towed in, depending on the extent of damage to the vehicle. Customers will have the option of obtaining a rideshare voucher or renting a Tesla while their vehicle is being serviced.

#### Amended Site Plan Approval

The applicant is seeking amended site plan approval for site modifications to include the following:

- 1. Striping the recently resurfaced parking lot, to designate separate parking areas for customers, employees and vehicles being repaired.
- 2. Addition of decorative metal fencing along a portion of Livingston Avenue Extension frontage and chain link fencing along the side and rear yards to enclose the western parking area of the site, which contains only employee parking stalls.
- 3. The installation of a new façade sign on the building, which will comply with the requirements of the land use ordinance.
- 4. Removal of the existing Toyota freestanding sign.
- 5. Replacement of the panels on the existing directional signs.
- 6. Installation of a new gate for the existing trash enclosure.
- 7. Addition of two 30 cubic yard dumpsters, to be located within a niche of the building to the east side of the property.

#### Subject Property

The subject property is an odd shaped elongated parcel containing 4.74 acres, and contains an existing building with a footprint of 41,541 square feet and a total floor area of 52,267 square feet, inclusive of a mezzanine, along with parking and other related infrastructure within the I-2 Industrial Zone. The property is located between the elevated portion of northbound US Route 1 and the Livingston Avenue extension.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 the board of adjustment granted a use variance and amended preliminary and final major site plan approval to permit an additional related use of maintenance and storage of vehicles utilized in conjunction with an off-site logistics facility.

Prior to March 2023, the property was used as a DCH Toyota Service Center and a parking/storage area for new Toyota vehicles. Since these uses are not permitted in the I-2 Industrial zone pursuant to 205-74A of the land use ordinance, DCH obtained a use variance, granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and memorialized by resolution adopted August 16<sup>th</sup> 2005. The board also granted site plan approval and bulk variances regarding: (1) the minimum required front yard setback; (2) parking in the front yard and within 150 feet of public access; (3) relief from the requirement of providing loading spaces. A design waiver also was granted to allow undersized parking stalls (8 feet by 16 feet). Since that time, the property has been leased by DCH Toyota which has maintained a service center and vehicle parking/storage area on the property.

Land uses in the site vicinity are predominantly commercial and industrial in nature with residential communities located to the south and east along Livingston Avenue (NJ Route 26) corridor.

#### Variances Required

#### "D" or Use Variance Required:

1. <u>Municipal Ordinance 205-74 (A) Permitted principal uses</u>. A body shop, vehicle collision and repair facility are not a permitted use in the I-2 Industrial Zoning District.

Pursuant to 40:55 D-70 (d) (1). The applicant should justify this variance by presenting testimony sufficient to satisfy the Board that in the context of the proposed use that the subject site continues to be an appropriate site for the non-permitted new use. Testimony that the requested variance can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and will not substantially impair the intent of the zone plan and zoning ordinance as a result of the deviations from the zone requirement.

# "C" or Previously Granted Bulk Variances I-2 Industrial District

#### Existing Nonconformity

- 1. <u>Municipal Ordinance 205-75 (A) Development standards</u> states as follows: Minimum front yard setback: 100 feet from U.S. Route 1 and U.S. Route 130, and sixty (60) feet from all other streets. The minimum front yard setback is currently 32.3 feet from Livingston Avenue, and 29.5 feet from U.S. 1.
- 2. <u>Municipal Ordinance 205-96 (E) Off-Street Parking and Loading</u> states as follows: Parking areas may be located in any rear or side yard, but may not be located in any required front yard area except where specifically permitted elsewhere in this chapter. *All yards on this property contain front yard areas*.
- 3. Municipal Ordinance 205-97 (E) General Provisions states as follows: Required parking area shall be provided within 150 feet of all uses. It shall be measured from the nearest point of public entrance to the building that such facility is required to serve. All parking spaces located to the rear of any commercial use shall have public access to the rear entrances and exits. The parking area is 150 feet away from public access.
- 4. Municipal Ordinance 205-97 (H) General Provisions states as follows: For every building, structure or part thereof having over 5,000 square feet of gross building area erected and occupied for commerce, hospital, laundry, dry cleaning, places of public and quasi-public assembly, industry and other similar uses involved in the receipt and distribution by vehicles of materials or merchandise, there shall be provided and permanently maintained adequate space for standing, loading and unloading services in order to avoid undue interference with the public use of streets or alleys. Every building, structure or addition thereto having a use which complies with the above definitions shall be provided with at least one truck standing, loading and unloading space on the premises, not less than 12 feet in width, 35 feet in length and 14 feet in height. Such buildings that contain in excess of 25,000 square feet of gross building area will be required to provide additional off-street loading spaces as determined by the Planning Board during site plan review. There are no loading areas.

#### New "C" Bulk Variances

- 5. Municipal Ordinance 205-98 (B) (4) Access aisles and driveways states as follows: Driveways shall have a minimum width of 12 feet for one-way traffic and 25 feet for two-way traffic for all other uses. The applicant proposes widths of 20 ft. and 24.7 ft. in areas where vehicles being serviced are parked.
- 6. <u>Municipal Ordinance 205-98 (A) Off-Street Parking and Loading</u> states as follows: Each off-street parking space shall measure not less than none (9) feet wide and not less than eighteen (18) feet deep. *The applicant proposes 8 ft. by 16 ft. and 9 ft. by 16 ft. for vehicles being repaired.*

- 7. Municipal Ordinance 205-93 (A) (1) Fences states as follows: Open fences not exceeding four feet in height above ground level when located in front yard area. The applicant is proposing an 8' ft decorative metal fence along Livingston Avenue.
- 8. Municipal Ordinance 205-105 (A) Permitted signs in nonresidential districts states as follows: Nonilluminated directional signs identifying parking areas, entrances, loading zones, exits and similar locations and not exceeding three (3) square feet in area. The applicant proposes nine (9) square feet.

#### Parking Requirements

Municipal ordinance 205-100 B. (12) Motor vehicle service stations (similar use) states as follows: One parking space for each service bay, plus one parking space for each employee, with a minimum of two parking spaces for employees. There are 23 proposed service bays and 45 employees which would require 68 spaces. A total of 238 parking stalls are proposed (inclusive of 4 ADA parking stalls), which exceed the Townships requirement.

<u>Item</u>	
Minimum # of Stalls	

Required 68 Spaces Proposed

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238 Total Spaces 4 (1 Van Accessible)

#### Miscellaneous

I defer to the Township Engineer as to the waivers requested on the site plan completeness checklist as indicated on the Bohler waiver request memorandum dated March 25th 2024.

The Township reserves the right to further comment based upon the testimony at the public hearing.

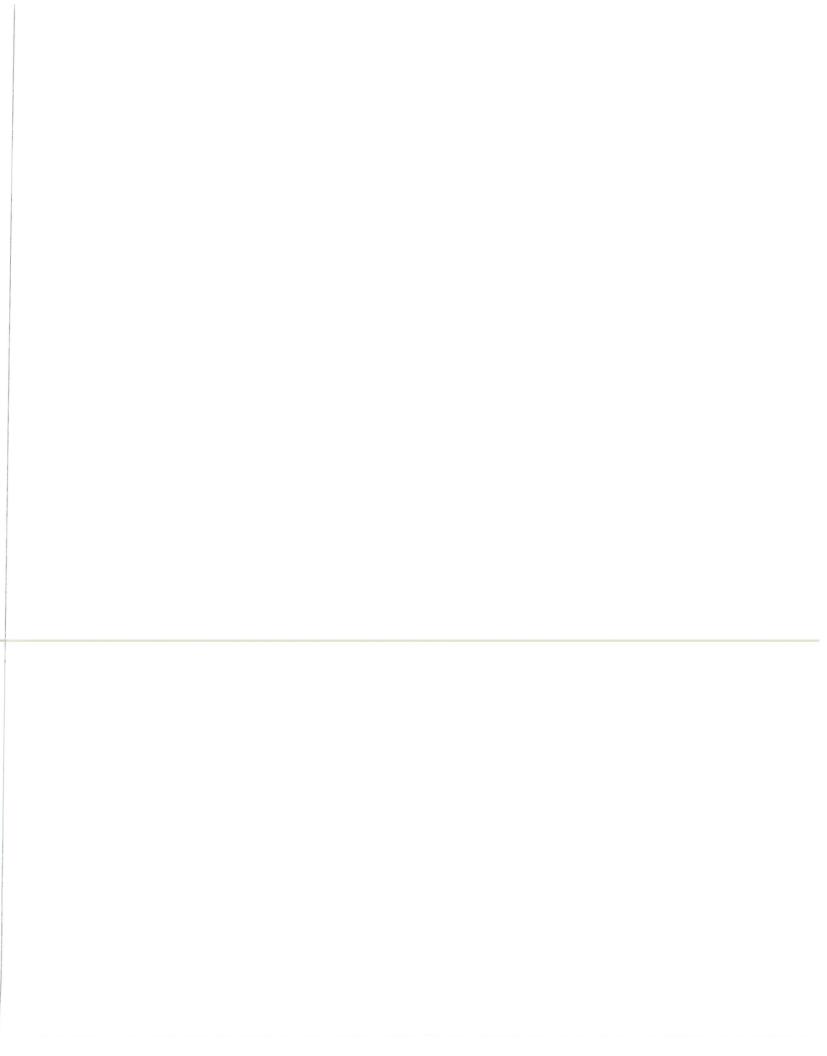
#### Completeness

# 1. Fees and Escrow Deposits (§ 205-139):

The applicant must remit the following application fees and technical review escrow deposits in order for a completeness certification to be issued.

#### Land Use Application Fees:

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Technical Review Escrow Deposit:

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 \$2,000.00

 C Variances \$300 x 4
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 Amended Site Plan
 \$3,944.78

 Total
 \$7,144.78

TOTAL:

\$9,394.78

Please remit two separate checks in the above total amounts and provide the items identified above. Upon receipt and review of the requested materials, you will be notified regarding the status of your application with respect to a Board hearing, for which proper notification will be required. If you have any questions, you may contact Kristen Olcsvay, Secretary to the Zoning Board, at 732-247-0922, extension 440.

Sincerely,

Sal Profaci, Zoning Officer

c: Mayor and Council
Michael Hritz, Director of Community Development
Tom Vigna, Planner
Zoning Board of Adjustment



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FOR ———

CRP/SG 1601 LIVINGSTON INDUSTRIAL OWNER, LLC



## SITE IMPROVEMENTS

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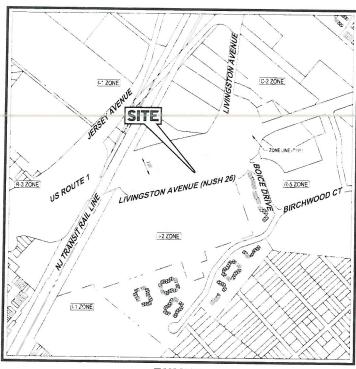
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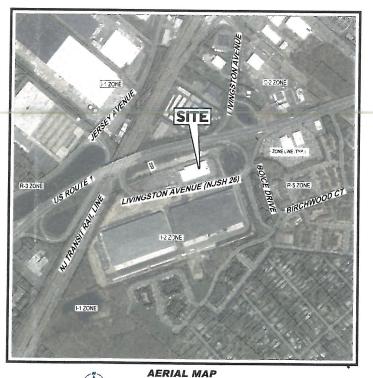
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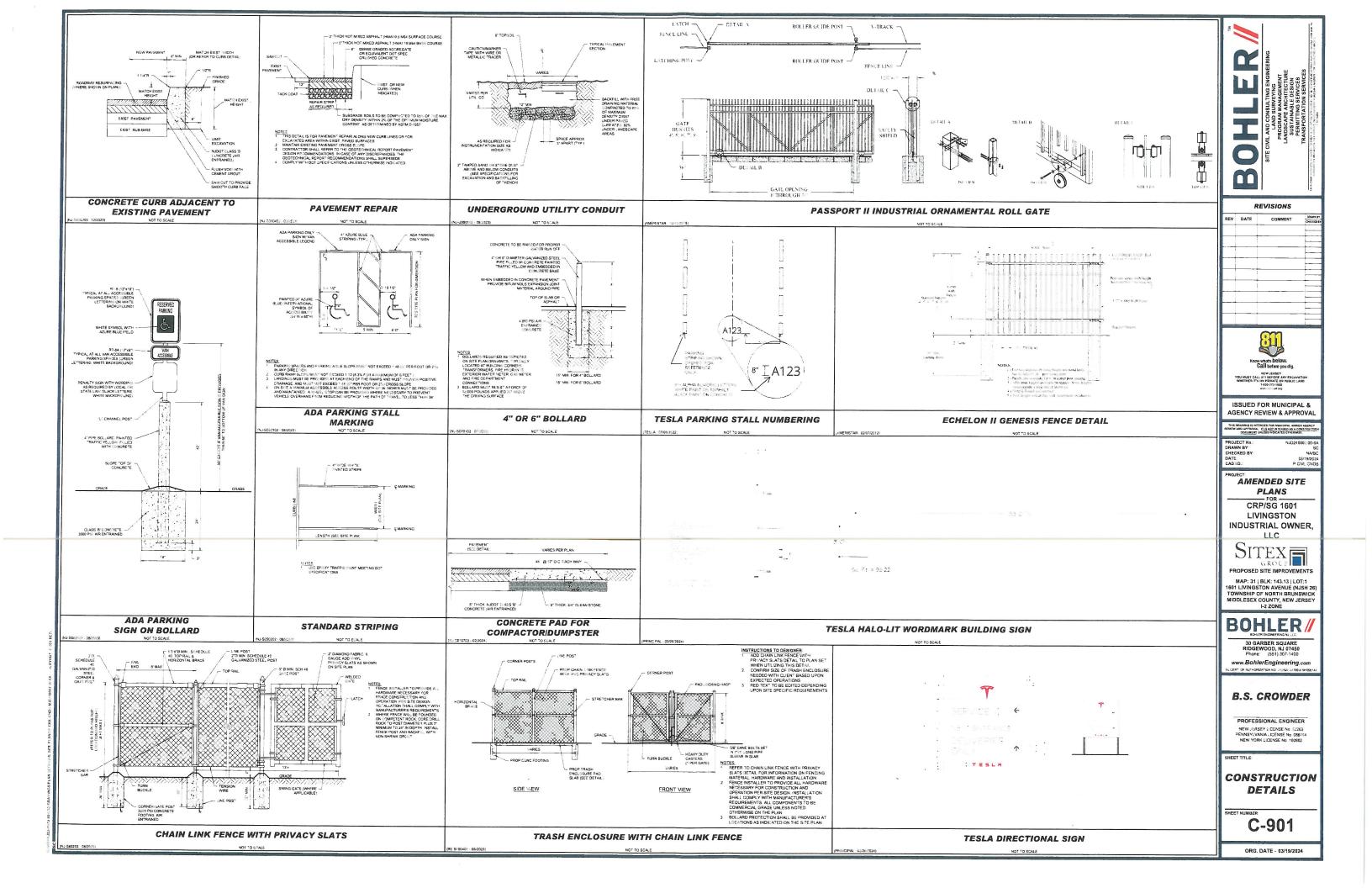
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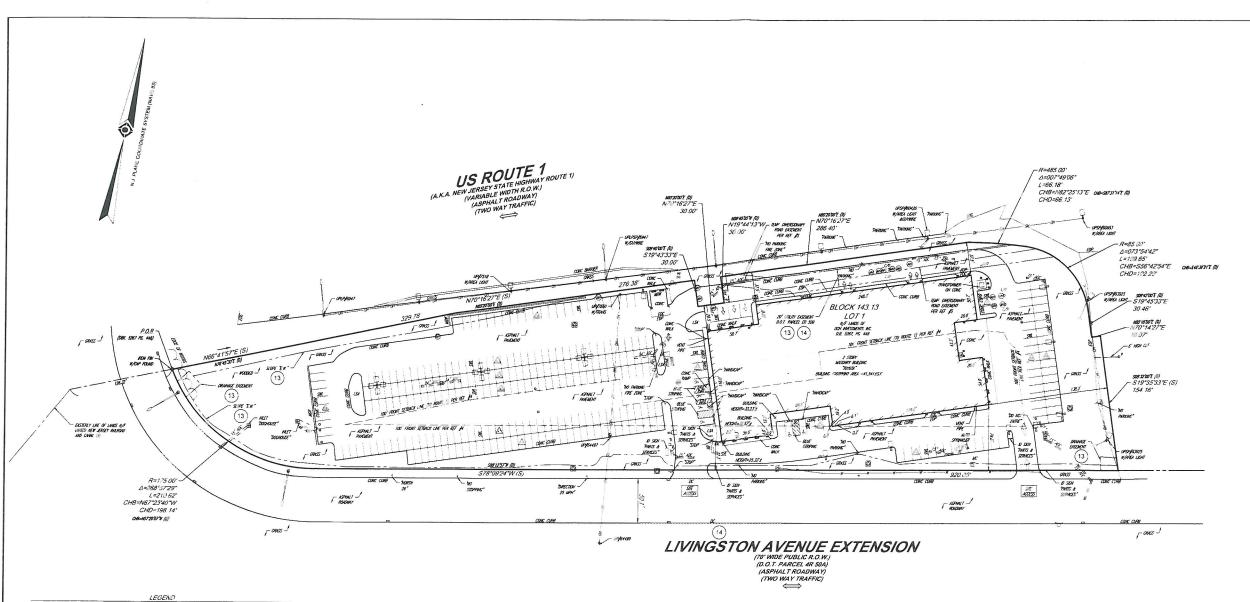
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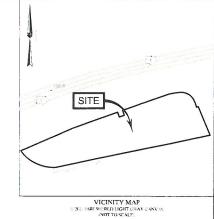
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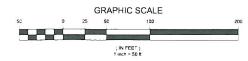
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