

# City of Apache Junction



Development Services Department

# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 10, 2025 & June 24, 2025

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

THROUGH: Rudy Esquivias, Development Services

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**CASE NUMBER:** P-25-10-GPA, P-25-11-PZ

OWNER: Horne 1200 LLC

1465 E Motorplex Loop STE 200

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**APPLICANT:** Sundt Construction

Represented by Brennan Ray of Ray Law Firm

**REQUEST:** Proposed planned development rezoning of

approximately 36.60 gross acres currently zoned General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential ("RS-GR") to Industrial by Planned Development ("B-5/PD") with a new planned development overlay to authorize the development of a

construction manufacturing facility.

**LOCATION:** The subject site is located near the

northwest corner of S. Cactus Road & E. Auto Center Drive. (APN 102-20-008C & 102-

20-008A)

GENERAL PLAN/

**ZONING DESIGNATION:** Commercial / General Rural Low Density

Single-Family Detached Residential "RS-GR"

**SURROUNDING USES:** North: US 60 Highway;

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South: Western Industrial contractor's office & yard, zoned "B-5", Pinal County Industrial zoned yards;

East: Vacant Parcels, zoned General Commercial "B-1" and the Apache East Estates Manufactured Home Park in Pinal County;

West: Empire Equipment Rental, zoned Industrial by Planned Development "B-5/PD" in the Baseline Industrial Park.

#### BACKGROUND

Parcels 102-20-008C & 102-20-008A are located at the northwest corner of S. Cactus Road & E. Auto Center Drive, totaling 36.60 acres. Both parcels are currently owned by the Horne Auto-Dealership, located further east on Auto Center Drive & Tomahawk, but no development of the parcels has been planned and they have always been vacant properties.

Sundt Construction, the applicant, is one of the nation's largest general contractors. They have chosen this site in hopes of building a training office and manufacturing facility to support their industrial needs.

#### PROPOSALS

<u>P-25-10-GPA</u> is a proposed Major General Plan Amendment of the Apache Junction General Plan Land Use Map, requesting a change of the 36.60 acre subject site's designation from Commercial to Light Industrial/ Business Park and Industrial. Because the proposed change is over 10 acres, it is categorized as a major amendment.

 $\frac{P-25-11-PZ}{36.60}$  is a proposed planned development rezoning of the 36.60 acre subject site currently zoned General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential ("RS-GR") to Industrial by Planned Development ("B-5/PD") with a new planned development overlay to authorize the development of the manufacturing facility.

#### PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

The applicant requests the use of a planned development (PD) overlay to modify the maximum building height from 35' to 45', noting that the increased height is vital to achieve an interior clear height necessary to their operations.

No deviation to the zoning land uses is requested in this proposal.

#### PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS

Relationship to General Plan:

The subject site is designated by the city's General Plan as "Commercial", while bordered by the "Light Industrial/ Business Park and Industrial" land use designation to the west and south, "Commercial" designated land to the east, and the US 60 to the north of the property.

The "Commercial" General Plan land use designation is generally designed for office, restaurant, retail, service industry type land uses, and the construction-focused land uses and manufacturing land uses are more appropriately categorized under the "Light Industrial/ Business Park and Industrial" designation. Due to this, a General Plan Amendment of the Apache Junction General Plan Land Use Map to modify the land use designation of the subject property from "Commercial", to "Light Industrial/ Business Park and Industrial" is required and requested. As the subject site is over 10 acres, the amendment is subject to the requirements of a Major General Plan Amendment, including extended notification requirements to neighboring municipalities and regional planning agencies, and two public hearings with the Planning & Zoning Commission.

In Staff's analysis of this location and the proposal, Staff believes this proposed development plan utilizes a historically vacant property in a manner that complies with the General Plan by meeting the following General Plan Goals & Policies:

- Policy 5.1.1 Strategically identify infill opportunity sites that can accommodate office, industrial, entertainment, retail, and housing and mitigate barriers to development.
- Policy 5.1.4: Encourage the protection and expansion of the land designated in the general plan specifically for employment and ensure they are preserved along transportation

corridors or in prime business cluster locations that will maximize the impact and economic potential for those businesses and employment centers. Discourage any uses that bring little or no value to the community (such as RV Parks, RV storage, mini storage lots and seasonal residential units).

• Goal 11.2: Provide a balance of Uses throughout the Community. Policy 11.2.3: Attract employment uses to the U.S. 60 corridor.

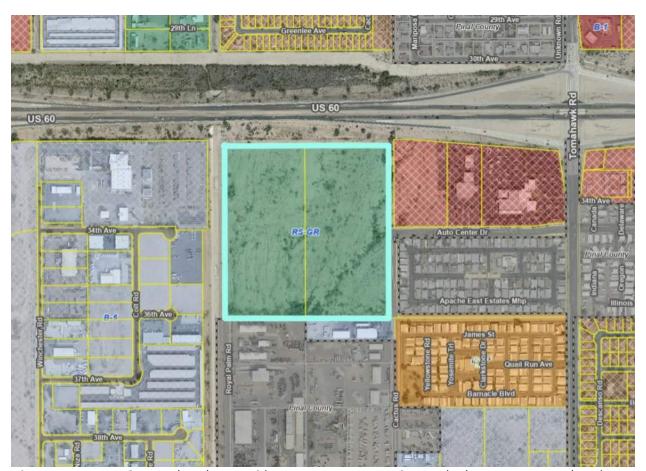


#### Zoning/Site Context:

The subject property is surrounded by several different uses, as noted:

- To the north of the property is the US 60 Highway.
- To the south of the property is a contractor's office & yard for Western Industrial, zoned "B-5" Industrial, as well as a Pinal County island that is zoned Pinal County's Industrial classifications, CI-1 and CI-2.

- To the east of the property are vacant "B-1/PD" General Commercial by Planned Development parcels that are zoned and approved for an expansion of the existing automobile sales complex, as well as the Apache East Estates Manufactured Home Park located in a Pinal County island.
- To the west of the property, beyond the Weekes Wash drainage structure, is the Baseline Industrial Park, and more specifically Empire Equipment Rental on properties zoned "B-5" Industrial, AND "B-5/PD" Industrial by Planned Development.



The property's existing adjacent uses and position near existing and planned uses have been taken into account in making Staff's recommendation.

#### Infrastructure & Site Improvements:

The applicant will be required to connect to all necessary services, including electricity through SRP, water through the Apache Junction Water District, and sewer connections. The necessary infrastructure already exists adjacent to the site.

All other necessary and required on-site and off-site improvements, including retention basins, dust-proof surfacing, perimeter walls, and landscape buffers will be built at the time of development.

#### Public Input:

The applicant sent out neighborhood meeting notification letters to the property owners within a five-hundred (500') radius, per the requirements of an "Industrial" B-5 rezoning, notifying neighbors of the proposed development and providing them contact information to learn more about the project. The advertised neighborhood meeting was held at the Apache Junction High School, 2525 S Ironwood Drive, advertised for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM. One neighbor, a neighboring business owner, attended and expressed support for the rezoning and development.

Staff have not received any comments via phone or e-mail regarding the proposed development at the time of this staff report.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REZONING

As required by the Apache Junction Zoning Ordinance, a Planned Development request may be approved by the City Council after consideration has been given to three different criteria. The criteria is outlined in the text below:

1. That a better design cannot be achieved by applying the strict provisions of the underlying zoning district.

#### Applicant Response:

The increased clear height of the proposed building is essential to accommodate the operational requirements of the development, including the movement of equipment and the provision of additional racking for efficient storage.

2. That strict adherence to the provisions of the zoning ordinance is not required in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the proposed development.

#### Applicant Response:

The additional building height at this location is both

appropriate and justified, given its proximity to the US-60 and its adjacency to other industrial uses.

3. That strict adherence to the ordinance is not required to ensure that property values of adjacent properties will not be reduced.

#### Applicant Response:

Due to the Property's proximity to the US-60 and adjacency to other industrial uses, this change is compatible with the surrounding area and will not impact the values of adjacent properties.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT FOR MINOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

As required by the Apache Junction General Plan, a Minor General Plan request may be approved by the City Council after consideration has been given to specific criteria. The criteria is outlined in the text below:

1. Whether the amendment proposes a land use designation that the Land Use Plan Map does not adequately provide optional sites to accommodate.

#### Applicant Response:

The proposed Light Industrial/Business Park designation addresses a critical shortage of properly located industrial land within the City. While the current General Plan does provide some industrial sites, they are primarily located in areas that lack the superior transportation access and visibility offered by the US 60 corridor. The Site's location along US 60 makes it uniquely suited for industrial development, offering advantages that cannot be replicated at other designated industrial sites within the city.

2. Whether the amendment constitutes an overall improvement to the General Plan, will not solely benefit a particular landowner or owners at a particular point in time, and is consistent with the overall intent of the 2010 General Plan.

#### Applicant Response:

The amendment constitutes an overall improvement to the General Plan in several ways:

• It strengthens the economic development corridor along US 60

- Creates additional employment opportunities for the broader community.
- Enhances the City's tax base through industrial development
- Supports infrastructure improvements that benefit the surrounding area.

The benefits extend beyond the immediate property owner by:

- Creating jobs accessible to the entire community
- Generating tax revenue that supports citywide services
- ullet Contributing to the overall economic diversification of the  ${\it City}$
- ullet Positions the City to capture growing industrial demand in the East Valley
- Creates a visible statement of economic progress along the US 60 gateway.
- Helps establish the corridor as a premier location for employment uses.
- Strengthens the City's competitive position in the regional market.

Additionally, benefit the community by providing job training opportunities for local residents, partnerships with local educational institutions, career advancement pathways, and skill development programs.

3. Whether the proposed amendment is justified by an error in the 2010 General Plan as originally adopted.

#### Applicant Response:

The amendment is not justified by an error in the 2020-2050 General Plan. Rather, it represents a response to evolving market conditions and community needs that have emerged since the plan's adoption. The current Commercial designation was appropriate at the time of adoption but requires updating to reflect current economic opportunities and development patterns.

4. Whether the proposed change is generally consistent with goals, objectives, and other elements of the 2010 General Plan.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The proposed Major General Plan Amendment complies with the following:

Goal 5.1 - Attract all quality private investment that will add value and bring diversification to current and future residents of Apache Junction as a great place to live, work and play.

Policy: Consider alternative zoning or overlay districts for idle infill parcels or redevelopment areas that may inspire a higher and better use based in current market realities.

Policy: Encourage the protection and expansion of the land designated in the general plan specifically for employment and ensure they are preserved along transportation corridors or in prime business cluster locations that will maximize the impact and economic potential for those businesses and employment centers. Discourage any uses that bring little or no value to the community (such as RV Parks, RV storage, mini storage lots and seasonal residential units).

The proposed development aligns with Goal 5.1 by transforming underutilized land into a manufacturing facility that creates jobs, diversifies the economy, and enhances Apache Junction as a place to live, work, and play. By rezoning the property to industrial use near US-60, it maximizes economic potential, encourages business clustering, and avoids low-value uses like RV storage. This project protects employment land, supports sustainable growth, and adds meaningful value to the community.

GOAL 9.3: Encourage Infill Development
Policy: Promote the downtown, U.S. 60 Corridor and Old West
Highway Corridor for infill projects.
The proposed development supports Goal 9.3: Encourage Infill
Development by utilizing a vacant 36.6-acre parcel adjacent to
the U.S. 60 Corridor and surrounded by existing industrial and
commercial uses. This strategic location aligns with the policy
to promote infill projects in key areas, transforming
underutilized land into a productive industrial site. The
manufacturing facility revitalizes the parcel, complements
nearby land uses, and supports broader economic and employment
goals for the city, strengthening the area's appeal for future
development along the U.S. 60 Corridor.

GOAL 11.2: Provide a balance of Uses throughout the Community. Policy: Attract employment uses to the U.S. 60 corridor. The proposed development supports Goal 11.2: Provide a Balance of Uses Throughout the Community by introducing a manufacturing facility to the U.S. 60 Corridor, directly attracting employment uses to this key area. By utilizing a strategically located vacant parcel for light industrial purposes, the project balances the community's mix of residential, commercial, and

industrial uses. This development enhances local job opportunities, promotes economic diversity, and strengthens the corridor's role as a vital employment hub in Apache Junction.

GOAL 11.3: Revitalize older neighborhoods and the Downtown. Policy: Establish functionally compatible uses (uses that are "good neighbors" to each other).

The proposed development supports Goal 11.3 by introducing a functionally compatible industrial use adjacent to existing industrial and commercial areas near the U.S. 60 Corridor. This ensures harmonious integration with neighboring properties, revitalizing the surrounding area by promoting economic activity and attracting further investment while maintaining compatibility with existing uses.

5. Whether the proposed change is justified by a change in community conditions or neighborhood characteristics since adoption of the Plan.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The amendment is justified by several changes in community conditions:

- Increased demand for industrial space in the East Valley
- Evolution of the US 60 corridor as an employment center
- Growing need for local employment opportunities
- · Shift in market demands from commercial to industrial uses
- · Regional growth patterns supporting industrial development
- 6. Whether the amendment will adversely impact a portion of, or the entire community by:
  - a. Significantly altering acceptable existing land use patterns, especially in established neighborhoods.

Applicant Response: The amendment maintains and enhances existing land use patterns through strategic placement and thoughtful transitions. The development continues the established pattern of industrial development to the west and south; creates a cohesive industrial corridor along this section of US 60 by clustering compatible employment uses together; reinforces the area's emerging character as an employment center; and supports efficient goods movement patterns between existing industrial uses. Consistent with good planning principles, Sundt's development also provides a logical transition from industrial uses to the west and south, creates

appropriate buffering to commercial development east of the site, and establishes a gradual intensity transition from US 60 to residential areas.

b. Significantly reducing the housing to jobs balance in the Planning Area.

Applicant Response: The amendment will positively impact the housing to jobs balance by creating new employment opportunities without removing existing housing stock. The current RS-GR zoning has not resulted in residential development, and the area is better suited for employment uses.

c. Substantially decreasing existing and future water supplies.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The proposed industrial development will not substantially decrease existing and future water supplies. Industrial uses typically consume less water than the currently permitted commercial uses, and the development will incorporate water conservation measures.

d. Replacing employment with residential uses.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> Rather than replacing employment with residential uses, the amendment increases employment opportunities by introducing industrial jobs to the area. This strengthens the City's employment base.

e. Requiring additional and more expensive improvements to infrastructure systems and/or proximity to municipal facilities and/or services than are needed to support the prevailing land uses and which, therefore, may impact the level of service for existing and proposed developments in other areas.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The development will utilize existing infrastructure systems and provide improvements that benefit the broader area. The location along US 60 minimizes the need for extensive new infrastructure, and proposed improvements will be sized appropriately for the area's planned development.

f. Increasing traffic (without mitigation measures) on existing roadways beyond the planned level of service, and that negatively impact existing and planned land uses.

Applicant Response: Traffic impacts will be mitigated through direct access to US 60; implementation of required road improvements, if any; and designing an efficient internal circulation system. The development is not anticipated to negatively impact the level of service on surrounding roadways.

g. Affecting the existing character (i.e., visual, physical and functional) of the immediate area.

Applicant Response: This development will not affect the existing character of the area because industrial uses have long been established in the area. The development's character will be influenced by quality architectural design, landscaping, screening and buffering, and lighting controls.

h. Increasing the exposure of residents to aviation generated noise, safety and/or flight operations.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The property is not located within critical aviation corridors and will not increase exposure to aviation-related impacts.

i. Materially diminishing the environmental quality of the air, water, land, or cultural resources.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The development is a low-intensity industrial use with light manufacturing that will not diminish the environmental quality of the air, water, land, or cultural resources.

j. Significantly altering recreational amenities such as open space, parks, and trails.

<u>Applicant Response:</u> The amendment will not significantly alter recreational amenities. The site does not contain existing parks, trails, or open space features, and the development will provide appropriate landscaping and open space as required by the City.

#### PLANNING DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

In review of the project proposal, the conditions and context of the subject site, Staff is supportive of the Major General Plan Amendment Case P-25-10-GPA and the proposed Rezoning by Planned Development Case P-25-11-PZ and respectfully recommends to the Commission a favorable recommendation to the City Council, subject to the conditions of approval noted below. As always, Commissioners may recommend changes or additional conditions which they feel will improve the development plan.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR MAJOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

I move that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend to the Apache Junction City Council the approval of Major General Plan Amendment Case P-25-10-GPA, a request by Sundt Construction, represented by Brennan Ray of Ray Law Firm to amend the General Plan Land Use Map for Parcels 102-20-008A & 102-20-008C, located near the northwest corner of Cactus Road & Auto Center Drive, from Commercial to Light Industrial/Business Park and Industrial.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REZONING

I move that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend to the Apache Junction City Council the approval of the proposed Rezoning by Planned Development Case P-25-11-PZ, a request by Sundt Construction, represented by Brennan Ray of Ray Law Firm to rezone Parcels 102-20-008A & 102-20-008C, located near the northwest corner of Cactus Road & Auto Center Drive, from General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential ("RS-GR") to Industrial by Planned Development ("B-5/PD"), subject to the following conditions of approval:

- 1) The development shall reflect substantial compliance and consistency with the city's zoning ordinance and the planned development plans presented in case P-25-11-PZ, incorporated by reference herein, and as otherwise specified through these conditions of approval.
- 2) The maximum building height shall be 45'.
- 3) The building architecture of any future phases or expansion shall be architecturally consistent with the presented conceptual architecture approved in case P-25-11-PZ and the associated site plan & design review case P-25-12-DR.

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- 4) The north tree line along the US 60 Right-of-Way shall consist of 36" box trees to provide greater buffering of the site.
- 5) Appropriate dedications of public right-of-way shall be made as required by the City Engineer during the civil review process of construction plans.
- 6) All applicable permits shall be applied for and plans shall be designed to current city codes. Inclusively, all applicable development fees, including public art fees, shall be paid at the time of permit issuance.
- 7) Major deviations or proposed changes from the original plans associated with this case will require a major planned development amendment. The Director or their designee shall interpret the proposed modification to be significant/major if, in the Director or Designee's opinion, the quality of project design is diminished, the types of proposed land uses are significantly altered and/or the overall character of the project is contrary to the intent and spirit of the original City Council PD ordinance approval.

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#### Attachments:

Exhibit #1 - Project Narrative Exhibit #2 - Proposed Site Plan

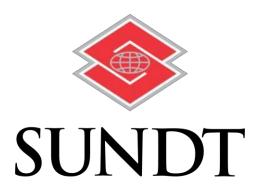
Exhibit #3 - Aerial Map

Exhibit #4 - Proposed Landscape Plan

Exhibit #5 - Proposed Elevations & Floor Plans Exhibit #6 - Public Participation Plan & Report

# Narrative Report for Major General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Site Plan

for



West of the southwest corner of US-60 and Tomahawk Road

Case No.: 1st Submittal: January 15, 2025

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#### I. Introduction

Sundt Construction, Inc. ("Sundt") is one of the country's largest and most respected general contractors. The 134-year-old firm specializes in transportation, industrial, building, concrete and renewable energy work and is owned entirely by its approximately 3,500 employee-owners. Sundt stands apart for its diverse capabilities and experience, unique employee-ownership culture and depth of self-perform expertise across multiple trades. Sundt's workforce is comprised of skilled craft professionals who, together with the company's administrative employees, enable Sundt to fulfill its mission to be the most skilled builder in America. Additional details about Sundt can be found at *Exhibit 1, Sundt Company Overview*.

Building on its reputation as a world-class company, Sundt seeks to develop approximately 36.60 acres located west of the southwest corner of the US 60 and Tomahawk Road (the "Site"). See Exhibit 2, Aerial Map. Sundt plans to develop with Site with an industrial development that will support its construction efforts throughout Arizona and other places. Specifically in the first phase Sundt will construct an approximately 65,740 square foot building that will include state-of-the-art equipment and processes for an onsite manufacturing facility. As a general contractor, Sundt plans to utilize the space to fabricate pipe spools, structural pipe supports, and other small industrial needs. Additionally, the building will allow Sundt to provide onsite craft and administrative training for current and future employees.

To achieve this, Sundt requests a Major General Plan Amendment (GPA) to change the City of Apache Junction's (the "City") General Plan Land Use Map from Commercial to Light Industrial/Business Park, rezone the Site from RS-GR (General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential) to B-5 (Industrial) with a Planned Development (PD) Overlay, and Site Plan approval. These requests and Sundt's proposed development can help shape the future of industrial development in the City. This strategically located parcel and development will be a modern industrial facility that will generate employment opportunities and strengthen the City's economic foundation.

# II. Site and Surrounding Area

The Property is located directly south of the US-60 and is comprised of two parcels. The parcel on the west, Pinal County Assessor's Number 102-20-008A, is 17.36 acres. The parcel on the east, Pinal County Assessor's number 102-20-008C, is 17.64 acres. The parcels are undeveloped.

The Property is uniquely situated between commercial, industrial, and mobile home uses. The east side of the property is adjacent to commercial uses and southeast is a mobile home park in unincorporated Pinal County.

	Future General Plan Land Use Designation	Current Zoning	Existing Use
Site	Commercial	RS-GR	Vacant
North	n/a	n/a	US 60
East	Commercial (north)	B-1/PD (north half)	Auto Related Uses (north half)
	High Density Residential (40 du/ac max) (south)	Pinal County (south half)	Mobile Home Park (south half)

Table A: Surrounding GP Designation, Zoning, and Uses

South	Light Industrial/Business Park & Industrial	Pinal County	Industrial Uses
West	Light Industrial/Business Park & Industrial	B-5	Various Industrial Uses

#### III. Request

The Site has an existing General Plan land use classification of Commercial and is requesting a change to Light Industrial/Business Park and Industrial. A zone change request from RS-GR (General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential) to B-5 (Industrial) is also being requested for development of an onsite manufacturing facility.

The current General Plan designation and residential zoning reflects the area's historical development pattern. However, as the City continues to grow and evolve, the US 60 corridor has emerged as a natural location for employment-generating uses that can benefit from the superior transportation access and visibility this major highway provides. Amending the General Plan designation acknowledges the Site's potential to contribute to the City's employment base. This amendment aligns with the City's broader economic development goals and recognizes the changing character of the US 60 corridor.

The Rezoning request to the B-5 zoning district provides the necessary framework for industrial development, while the PD Overlay allows an increase in the building height to accommodate modern development trends by increasing the interior clear heights necessary for today's industrial buildings. This combination will create a high-quality industrial project that sets a positive precedent for future development along the corridor.

## IV. Development Overview

#### A. Site Plan

The site plan is set up in such a way to orient the building to the primary site access and allow room for future operational building expansion. Site circulation is set up in a loop for trucks to have maximal accessibility and a conscious effort has been made to try to limit exposure of passenger vehicles to the operational component(s) of the site. See Exhibit 3, Site Plan.

#### B. Design and Architecture

The building design is straightforward and lends itself to the functional aspects of the facility. The massing of the building seeks to make the most use of the interior space of the building. The clear height is derived from the minimum operating height of the equipment that will be housed in this facility. The primary building material is tilt concrete with integrated reveal patterns to promote visual interest and express variable frequencies and try to create motion across the facade. There are also metal canopy accents as well as glazing, particularly on the east elevation. The west side of the building is intentionally the most basic as there is an intent to expand this building at a future date, thus making this an interior wall at that juncture. The paint color palette is straightforward with light, medium, and dark grays with a tasteful pop of color coming from Sundt's iconic and proprietary red color to accent the building. The building is proposed to be approximately 66,000 gross square feet. There is approximately 11,000 square feet of office space proposed, which occurs both on the ground floor and a second-floor mezzanine. See Exhibit 4, Elevations and Floorplans.

#### C. Access & Parking

Access to the site can occur from Auto Center Drive and Cactus Road. This drive leads into a loop around the Site which attempts to segregate truck and passenger vehicle circulation and parking to the extent that is possible. Passenger vehicle parking is largely provided at the east side of the building with some trailer parking to the north and south. The parking count is adequate per City Standards considering the size and scope of the building. Accessible parking is also provided according to code.

#### D. Landscaping

The Landscape Plan has been designed in accordance with the City's standards with an approved plant list for this application. Size and frequency of trees and shrubs are also per City standard. Current on-site landscape coverage is proposed at 35%, which is appropriate for a site of this kind. Trees are a mix of 24" Box and 15-Gallon trees of a variety of species. Accents and shrubs are 5-Gallon and represent a broad variety of species to promote visual interest and a symbiotic visual and physical environment. Some ground cover species are also proposed. Decomposed granite is proposed for the bulk of the ground cover on the site including all landscape areas as well as on-site retention. See Exhibit 5, Landscape Plan.

#### E. Lighting

Site lighting has been designed in accordance with the applicable requirements, complying with the Dark Sky Ordinance and necessitating the selection of fixtures that are downlit and fully shielded. Building-mounted fixtures are a mix of wall pack, emergency and can light fixtures at the front canopy, while site lighting is designed with 25' pole fixtures that are arranged to provide adequate lighting levels on-site with negligible spill over into adjacent properties.

#### F. Permitted Uses

Permitted uses are limited to those allowed in the B-5 zoning district.

#### G. Development Standards

Development of the Project shall conform to the standards set forth in the B-5 Zoning District of the Apache Junction Zoning Ordinance except as modified by *Table B* on the following page.

Table B: Development Standards

	B-5 Zoning Districts	Proposed Development Standard
Max. Height	35 ft.	45 ft.

#### V. Infrastructure

#### A. Sewer and Water

The proposed development will have a fire line loop around the proposed building and provide the Site fire hydrants and building fire line. The site will have a dedicated domestic water line and meter to provide service to the building, and a landscape service and meter for the site. The fire line loop and services will connect to the existing public waterline located at the E Auto Center Dr. And S Cactus Rd.

Sewer service will be provided via a sewer lateral that will connect to the public main on S Cactus Road.

#### B. Grading and Drainage

The onsite grading and drainage will be conveyed into the proposed retention basins. Site will be graded to ensure positive flow away from the building. Drainage will be conveyed via roof drains that will overland flow across the parking lot and drives into catch basins and curb openings and finally into the permanent retention basins. The stored storm water will drain via percolation and drywells. Drywells will be utilized if the basins cannot drain within 36 hours by natural percolation.

#### C. Required Off-Sites

There is an existing natural wash of significant offsite flow that runs through the property. The development will reroute the existing wash onsite via a proposed offsite drainage channel for offsite flows. The offsite drainage channel will be located on the east side of the property and out fall at the southeast corner of the site via a culvert under the proposed site driveway.

# VI. Major General Plan Amendment

The City's General Plan Future Land Use Map designates the Property as Commercial. See *Exhibit 6, General Plan Future Land Use Map*. The Property is adjacent to industrial land use designation on the west and commercial and high-density land uses on the east. The applicant proposes a Major General Plan amendment to Light Industrial/Business Park for development of an onsite manufacturing facility.

This exciting development is supported by the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan. Amending the General Plan will expand employment opportunities on this site to support the adjacent commercial and employment in the area.

The Light Industrial/Business Park and Industrial land use designation represents areas where manufacturing is appropriate. These uses generally occur in a business park type environment with clustered buildings and inward focuses activity which can include light and heavy industrial, professional office, warehouses and other similar uses. The General Plan Criteria is included in the submittal under separate cover.

# VII. Zoning

The City's Zoning Map designates the Property as RS-GR. See Exhibit 7, Existing and Proposed Zoning Map. The Property is adjacent to industrial land use designation on the west and commercial and high-density land uses on the east. The applicant proposes a rezone to B-5 for development of an onsite manufacturing facility and meets the PD Overlay criteria as required in § 1-4-3 of the Apache Junction Zoning Ordinance.

- a) If a better design can be achieved by not applying the strict provisions of the zoning district.
  - The increased clear height of the proposed building is essential to accommodate the operational requirements of the development, including the movement of equipment and the provision of additional racking for efficient storage.
- b) If adherence to the strict provisions of the zoning district is not required in order to ensure health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the development.

- The additional building height at this location is both appropriate and justified, given its proximity to the US-60 and its adjacency to other industrial uses.
- c) If adherence to the strict provisions of the zoning district is not required in order to ensure that property values of adjacent properties will not be reduced.

Due to the Property's proximity to the US-60 and adjacency to other industrial uses, this change is compatible with the surrounding area and will not impact the values of adjacent properties.

#### VIII. Conclusion

Sundt's proposed development represents a transformative opportunity for the City that aligns market demands with community needs while advancing the City's economic development goals. As a 134-year-old, employee-owned company with a proven track record of excellence, Sundt brings not just a development proposal, but a commitment to becoming an integral part of the City's future.

The proposed land use changes - from Commercial to Light Industrial/Business Park and from RS-GR to B-5 with a PD Overlay - represent thoughtful planning that responds to evolving market conditions while respecting established development patterns. The development's location along US 60 creates natural synergies with existing industrial uses to the west and south, while providing appropriate transitions to the commercial development to the east. This strategic positioning strengthens the corridor's emergence as a premier employment center while maintaining compatibility with surrounding properties.

By transforming vacant land into a productive employment center, the development supports the City's infill objectives while strengthening its competitive position in the regional market. The fabrication facility will serve as more than just an industrial building - it will become a center for innovation, training, and economic growth. Through its on-site manufacturing capabilities and craft training programs, Sundt will create meaningful employment opportunities that benefit the entire community. The commitment to workforce development through training programs and partnerships with local educational institutions ensures that its benefits extend far beyond the property boundaries.

Most importantly, this development represents an investment in the City's future. Sundt's reputation for excellence, combined with its employee-ownership model and commitment to being "the most skilled builder in America," brings a development partner whose interests align perfectly with the community's long-term success. The requested land use changes will enable the creation of a landmark project that not only meets today's needs but also sets the stage for continued economic growth and prosperity in the years to come.

Exhibit 1 – Sundt Company Overview





# THE COMPANY

Sundt Construction, Inc. is one of the country's largest and most respected general contractors. The 134-year-old firm specializes in transportation, industrial, building, concrete and renewable energy work and is owned entirely by its approximately 3,500 employee-owners. Sundt stands apart for its diverse capabilities and experience, unique employee-ownership culture and depth of self-perform expertise across multiple trades. Sundt's workforce is comprised of skilled craft professionals who, together with the company's administrative employees, enable Sundt to fulfill its mission to be the most skilled builder in America. Sundt has 13 offices throughout Arizona, California, Washington, Utah, Texas, North Carolina, and Florida and is currently ranked the country's 51st largest construction company by ENR, the industry's leading trade publications.

# OFFICE LOCATIONS

• Arizona: Tempe, Phoenix, Tucson

• California: Sacramento, Irvine, San Diego

• Florida: Tampa

• North Carolina: Charlotte

• Texas: San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso

Utah: Salt Lake CityWashington: Vancouver

# LANDMARK PROJECTS



Los Alamos New Mexico (1943)



Launch Pad 39-A
Cape Canaveral, Florida (1965)



London Bridge
Moved from Britain to Arizona (1968)



Kitt Peak Observatory
Southern Arizona (1968)



Reunion Tower
Dallas (1978)



Los Alamos Dam
New Mexico (2000)





# SUNDT HIGHLIGHTS

Safety

Our people-based approach to safety emphasizes good choices and provides immediate recognition to those who make them, supporting and maintaining a positive culture while improving Sundt's safety record. Sundt is a two-time winner of the AGC National Construction Safety Excellence Award (CSEA) and our industry-leading 'Stop the STCKY' safety program received the grand prize in the 2024 AGC Innovation Awards.

Responsibility

Sundt builds sustainable, inclusive environments where everyone can prosper. Ranking amongst the top most sustainable large contractors in the country, we integrate sustainability best practices within our own business efforts and for our clients. We're also committed to strong principles of diversity, equity & inclusion, ensuring that we are removing obstacles and creating opportunities to give everyone a seat at the table.

**Technology** 

رها Sundt is at the forefront of new technologies and approaches that are revolutionizing how we build. We utilize technology and data analytics to monitor changes in the industry, allowing us to stay ahead of a quickly evolving landscape. We invest in the kinds of exploratory endeavors that lead to innovation, and encourage and reward our people for bringing new ideas to the table.

**Awards & Recognition** 

Sundt builds a variety of both public and private projects throughout the United States. The company has won 25 Build America awards from the Associated General Contractors of America, most recently for the San Pedro Creek Cultural Park in San Antonio, Texas. Other notable recent award-winning projects include Sellwood Bridge in Portland, Oregon, GO-10 collector-distributor lanes in El Paso, San Diego International Airport Terminal 2 Landside Modifications, Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building in Phoenix, Arizona, the West 7th Street Bridge in Fort Worth and more.

Workforce Development

We invest in our employee-owners' professional development. Sundt's Talent Development Program has been carefully developed to provide our employee-owners numerous ways to grow. Additionally, we offer three NCCER-accredited apprenticeships, additional programming and benefits to support our craft professionals on their journeys.

Top 100 Largest Majority Employee-Owned Companies 1890

The year Sundt was founded by M.M. Sundt

ENR Top 400 Contractors *Ranking (2023)* 

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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# THE SUNDT FOUNDATION

The Sundt Foundation was formed in 1999 to offer employee-owners opportunities to give back to the communities where they live and work. Since the Foundation's inception, employee-owner giving, combined with matching funds from the company, has reached over \$11 million nationwide in grants awarded to thousands of nonprofit organizations. The grants are making a positive difference by supporting charities that improve the lives of numerous disadvantaged children and families in places where we conduct business.

# MISSION

The Sundt Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation founded in 1999. Its purpose is to make a meaningful impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and families through grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve them.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Guiding the Foundation's mission is a board of directors, comprised of employee-owners. The Board meets quarterly to act on grant requests and conduct other Foundation business. The 2022 Board of Directors includes:

Madison Jones, President (Sacramento)
Stefanie Teller, Executive Director
Joseph Riccillo, Vice President (El Paso)
Lisette Guevara. Treasurer

Michelle Arnesen, Secretary

Mike Hoover, Member, the Sundt Companies, Inc.
Nicole Calamaio, Member, the Sundt Companies, Inc.
Jesse De Haro, Member, the Sundt Companies, Inc.

Rick Buchanan, Member at Large (Tucson)

Barbara Terry, Member at Large (Fort Worth)
Chad Yount, Member at Large (San Antonio)
Jasen Bennie, Member at Large (Salt Lake City)
Rachel Perez, Member at Large (Irvine)
Ryan Nessen, Member at Large (San Diego)
Scott LaPoint, Member at Large (Tempe)
Andre Castaneda, Member at Large (Charlotte)
Ken Kubacki, Member at Large (Portland)

"The impact of Sundt's support goes far beyond the program's day-to-day activities. The real impact is realized 20 years from now when the course of lives is changed, and generational poverty is overcome."

- Laura Bode, Director of Community Engagement, A New Leaf – Mesa Campus, Mesa, Arizona

\$12M +

Total grants to date

11

Giving areas

25,000+

Total volunteer hours





### FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

#### Grants

Annual grant awards are approximately \$750,000 each year, which includes contributions from our employee-owners and the company match. The grants are distributed quarterly and range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The Foundation receives most of its funding through employee-owner contributions, which are matched dollar-for-dollar by the company. The grants are awarded in the communities where the employee-owners work. Local committees, made up of employee-owners, review their corresponding grant requests and determine funding within their communities prior to passing their recommendations to the Board of Directors. To apply for a grant, click here.

#### Mike Gaines Memorial Events

Since 2001, the Sundt Foundation has championed a special fundraising effort in memory of one of its employee-owners. Mike Gaines was a member of the Sundt family for two decades before losing his life to complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. These annual golf tournament fundraisers are held in Tucson, Phoenix, San Diego, Sacramento and San Antonio. Additionally, the Sundt Foundation holds annual skeet shoots in Tucson and Irvine. All the events combined have raised over \$2 million for ALS research.

#### **Volunteer Projects**

The Sundt Foundation supports individual volunteer projects undertaken by our employee-owners, including the annual Thirst Aid Water Drive, which provides bottled water to the homeless in the Phoenix metro area. The first Thirst Aid event was held in 2010 and since then has donated more than 1.5 million bottles of water to St. Joseph the Worker in Phoenix. In the spirit of volunteerism, the Foundation also provides matching funds for any employee-owner's time volunteered with a recognized 501(c)3 organization.

"Support from the Sundt Foundation has helped us fulfill our mission by providing vital financial and supportive services to families in the NICU. The majority of NICU stays are unexpected, overwhelming and often life-changing"

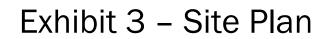
- Joelle Felton Lackey, Director of Operations, Miracle Babies, San Diego, California

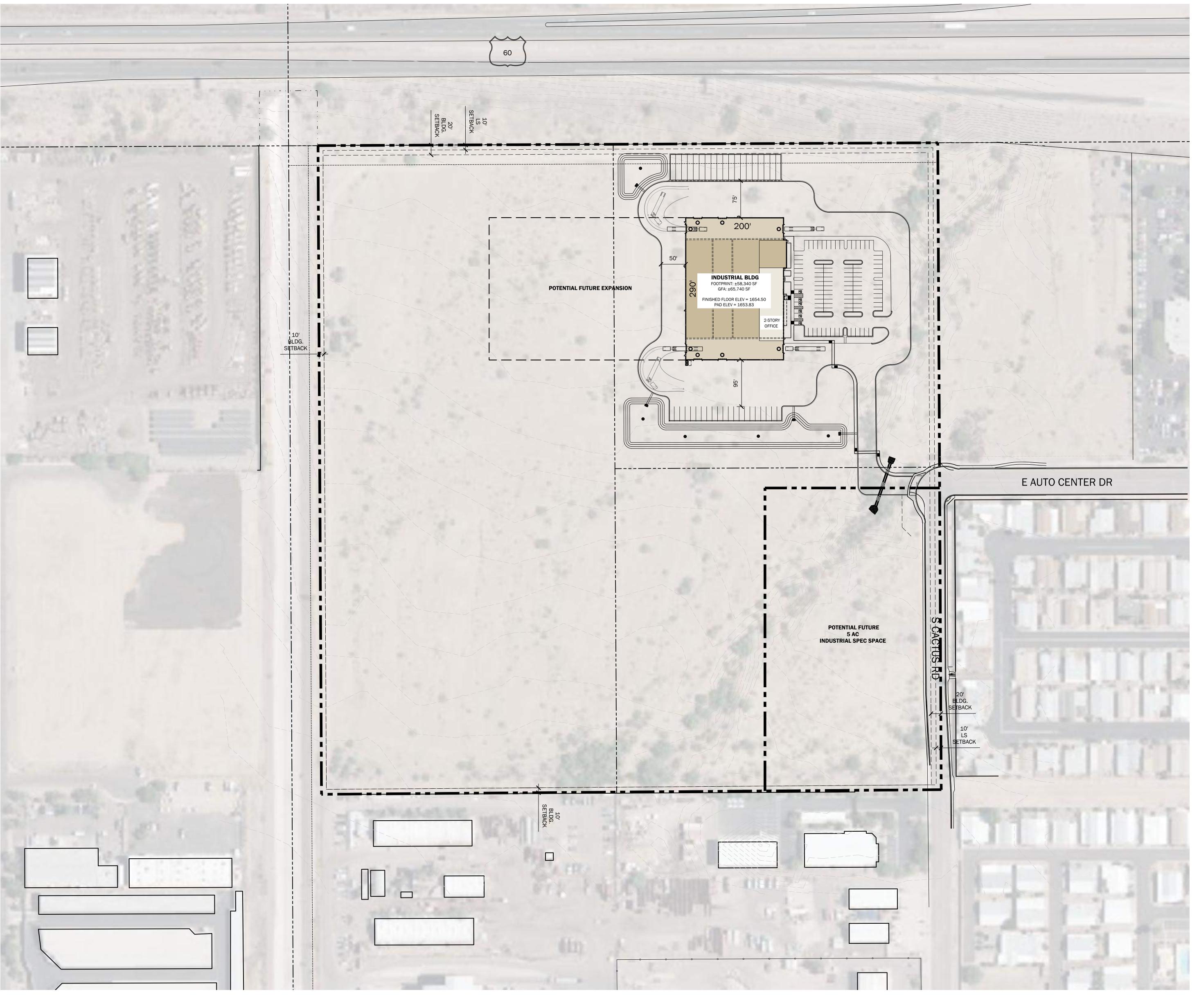
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Exhibit 2 – Aerial Map





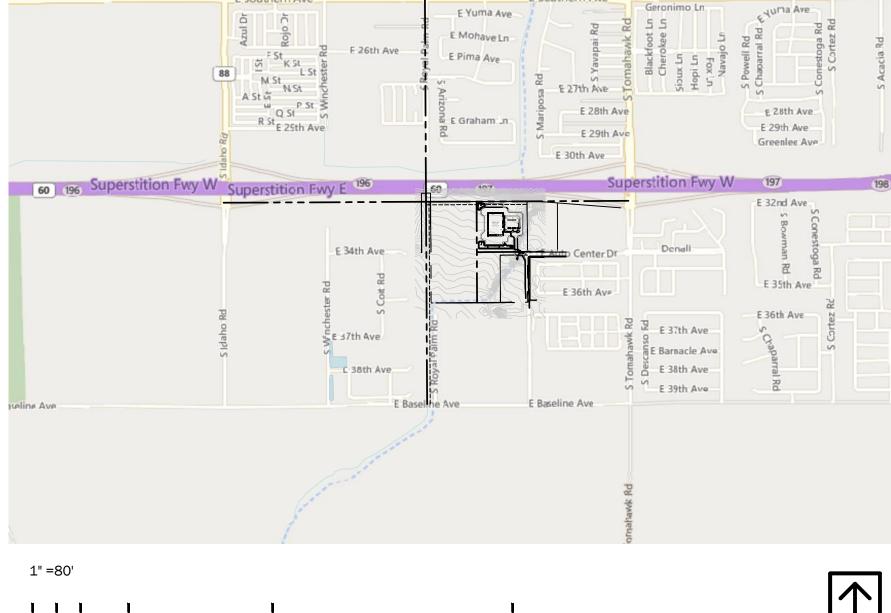


**DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** 

Zoning		
Jurisdiction		Apache Junction, AZ
Zoning Designation		B-5
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Reg. Landscape		10%
Building Setbacks		
	Front	20 FT
	Side	10 FT
	Rear	10 FT
Landscape Setbacks		
	Front	10 FT
	Side	TBD
	Rear	TBD
Parking Standards		
G	Min Stall Size	9x18
	Drive Aisle	24 FT
	Fire Lane	20 FT
	Landscape Islands	5 FT
Required Parking	·	
	Office	1/300 SF
	Manufacturing	1/1000 SF
	Warehouse	1/1000 SF
PROJECT DATA		
Site Summary	APN(s): 102	20008C & 10220008A
Gross Site Area	1,594,330 SF	36.60 AC
Total Building Area(s)	Gross Floor Area	65,740 SF
	Footprint	58,340 SF
Coverage	Gross	4%
FAR	Gross	0.04
Industrial Building		
Building Area(s)	Footprint	58,340 SF
<u> </u>	Second Level	7,400 SF
	<b>Gross Floor Area</b>	65,740 SF
Cars Required	@23% Office	100 Stalls
Cars Provided	@1.54/1,000 SF	101 Stalls
	Req. Accessible	5 Stalls
Van Parking		21 Stalls
Trailer Parking		19 Stalls
Drive-in Doors		8
Notos		_

1. Existing zoning: RS-GR. Rezoning to B-5: Industrial use.

- 2. Parking lots containing 10 or more parking spaces shall comply with the following: A minimum of 10% of the parking lot shall be landscaped.
- 3. Required trees and shrubs shall be planted within a 10 foot wide planting strip adjacent to and parallel with the street right-of-way. Also 10 ft min. front setback for parking is required.
- 4. Landscape islands or peninsulas shall be installed at least every 12 consecutive parking spaces with a minimum 5 foot width and minimum 50 square foot area.



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Exhibit 4 – Elevations and Floorplans

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OPEN OFFICE CONFERENCE OFFICE CONFERENCE OFFICE
205 204 203 SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

Exhibit 5 – Landscape Plan

COLLABORATIVE

**DESIGN STUDIO** 

Design Studio Inc. 7116 E. 1st Ave., #103

Scottsdale, AZ 85251 office: 480-347-0590

fax: 480-656-6012

EXPIRES  $\underline{06}$  /  $\underline{30}$  /  $\underline{2025}$ 

PRELIMINARY

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

PROJECT DATA APN(S): 10220008C & 10220008A

APACHE JUNCTION, AZ ZONING B-5

GROSS SITE AREA:

REQUIRED LANDSCAPE

1,594,330 SF (36.6 AC)

397,265 SF (9.12 AC) *BEING DEVELOPED* 

TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA: 138,276 SF (35%)

# PLANT PALETTE

-		BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANTING SIZE	QTY	COMMENT
		TREES				
+ )		Acacia salicina	Willow Acacia	24" Box	52	Standard Tru Dense Cano
		Caesalpinia gilliesii	Yellow Bird of Paradi	se 15" Gal.	30	Multi - Trun Dense Cano
	<u></u>	Chilopsis linearis 'Arts Seedless'	Seedless Desert Wille	ow 15" Gal.	38	Multi - Trun Dense Cano
Mary		Cercidium hybrid 'Desert Museum'	Desert Museum	24" Box	26	Multi -Truni Dense Cano
W. Committee		Prosopis hybrid 'Rio Salado' ACCENTS/VINES	Thornless Mesquite	24" Box	31	Multi -Trun Dense Cano
· Man		Agave desmettiana	Smooth Agave	5 Gal.	7	As Per Plan
		Hesperaloe parviflora	Red Yucca	5 Gal.	173	As Per Plan
		Muhlenbergia rigida 'Nashville'	Nashville Grass	5 Gal.	117	As Per Plan
		SHRUBS				
	(3)	Callistemon 'Little John'	Little John Bottlebrush	n 5 Gal.	129	As Per Plan
	$\bigcirc$	Eremophila glabra 'Winter Blaze'	Winter Blaze	5 Gal.	86	As Per Plan
		Leucophyllum frutescens 'Rio Bravo'	'Rio Bravo' Sage	5 Gal.	180	As Per Plan
	7.4 7.4	Rosmarinus officinalis 'Upright'	Upright Rosemary	5 Gal.	203	As Per Plan
		Tecoma hybrid 'Lydia'	Yellow Bells	5 Gal.	135	As Per Plan
		GROUND COVERS				
	$\bigcirc$	Eremophila glabra 'Mingenew Gold'	Outback Sunrise	1 Gal.	145	As Per Plan
	G	Lantana montevidensis	Purple Trailing Lantar	na 1 Gal.	12	As Per Plan

MISCELLANEOUS

Decomposed Granite - 5/8" Screened Mahogany Brown or equal 2" Depth In All Planting Areas (Typ) - 131,760 SQ. FT.

# APACHE JUCNTION LS REQUIREMENTS

	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
US-60 STREET FRONTAGE (595 LF)	1 Tree/5 Shrub per 30 LF	
TREES	20	20
SHRUBS	100	106
PARKING LOT (141 SPACES)	1 Tree/5 Shrub per 10 stalls	
TREES	15	16
SHRUBS	75	100

1 Tree/5 Shrub per 1,000 SF

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NOTES

- OWNER, TENANT, OR THEIR AGENT, IF ANY, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL LANDSCAPING WITHIN THEIR OWN PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ON THE ADJOINING RIGHT OF WAY.
- 2. ALL TREES AND PLANTS SHALL CONFORM TO THE CURRENT RECOMMENDED LOW WATER USING PLANT LIST OF THE ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION 3. EXISTING NATIVE ON SITE WILL BE FORMALLY NOTED WITH NATIVE PLANT
- PRESERVATION PLANS IN SEPARATE SUBMITTAL. 4. ALL REQUIRED TREES SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE REQUIRED 10' LANDSCAPE
- BUFFER LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY.

### CONCEPTUAL NOTES

OPEN SPACE (135,086 SF)

**TREES** 

SHRUBS

- 1. CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN IS SCHEMATIC IN NATURE. AT THE TIME OF LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS ACTUAL LOCATIONS, QUANTITIES, SIZES, AND SPECIES SHALL BE DETERMINED AND WILL BE PER CITY CODES.
- 2. ALL TREES USED WITHIN THIS PROJECT SHALL BE NURSERY GROWN OR SALVAGED FROM ON SITE. EXACT LOCATIONS AND QUANTITIES SHALL BE DETERMINED ON LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. ALL EXISTING TREES SHALL BE PROTECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- 3. ALL PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE INSTALLED PER CITY REQUIREMENTS. PLANT MATERIAL INSTALLED WITHIN SIGHT DISTANCE TRIANGLES SHALL BE OF A SPECIES THAT DOES NOT GROW TO A HEIGHT OF MORE THAN 30" AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED PER CITY REQUIREMENTS.
- 4. ALL NON-TURF AREAS SHALL RECEIVE A 2" DEPTH OF DECOMPOSED GRANITE.
- 5. THE RETENTION SHOWN ON THE PLANS IS CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE. REFER TO THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR ACTUAL GRADING AND DRAINAGE CONFIGURATIONS.
- 6. ALL EARTHWORK WILL BE DONE TO DRAIN AWAY FROM SIDEWALKS AND STRUCTURES.
- 7. FINAL SITE CONFIGURATION MAY VARY AT THE TIME OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL.
- 8. ADDITIONAL PLANT MATERIAL MAY BE INTRODUCED AS DIFFERENT VARIETIES BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL NURSERIES AND IF THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL THEME OF THIS

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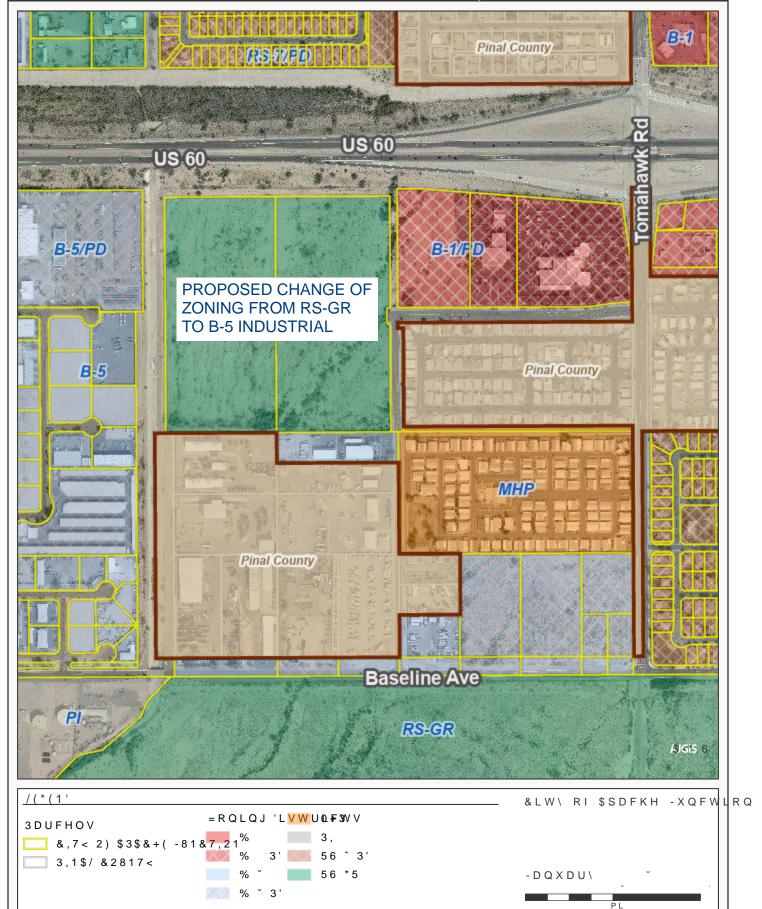
> SUNDT OSM FACILITY CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE

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# Exhibit 6 – Existing and Proposed General Plan Map

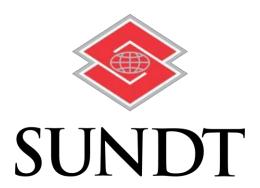
# Exhibit 7 – Existing and Proposed Zoning Map

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### General Plan Criteria

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## West of the southwest corner of US-60 and Tomahawk Road

Case No.:

1st Submittal: January 15, 2025

The City's General Plan Future Land Use Map designates the Property as Commercial. The Property is adjacent to industrial land use designation on the west and commercial and high-density land uses on the east. The applicant proposes a Major General Plan amendment to Light Industrial/Business Park for development of an onsite manufacturing facility. The General Plan Criteria is included in the submittal under separate cover.

This exciting development is supported by the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan. Amending the General Plan will expand employment opportunities on this site to support the adjacent commercial and employment in the area.

The Light Industrial/Business Park and Industrial land use designation represents areas where manufacturing is appropriate. These uses generally occur in a business park type environment with clustered buildings and inward focuses activity which can include light and heavy industrial, professional office, warehouses and other similar uses.

1) Whether the amendment proposes a land use designation that the Land Use Plan Map does not adequately provide optional sites to accommodate.

The proposed Light Industrial/Business Park designation addresses a critical shortage of properly located industrial land within the City. While the current General Plan does provide some industrial sites, they are primarily located in areas that lack the superior transportation access and visibility offered by the US 60 corridor. The Site's location along US 60 makes it uniquely suited for industrial development, offering advantages that cannot be replicated at other designated industrial sites within the city.

2) Whether the amendment constitutes an overall improvement to the General Plan, will not solely benefit a particular landowner or owner at a particular point in time, and is constituent with the overall intent of the 2020-2050 General Plan.

The amendment constitutes an overall improvement to the General Plan in several ways:

- It strengthens the economic development corridor along US 60
- Creates additional employment opportunities for the broader community
- Enhances the City's tax base through industrial development
- Supports infrastructure improvements that benefit the surrounding area

The benefits extend beyond the immediate property owner by:

- Creating jobs accessible to the entire community
- Generating tax revenue that supports citywide services
- Contributing to the overall economic diversification of the City
- Positions the City to capture growing industrial demand in the East Valley
- Creates a visible statement of economic progress along the US 60 gateway
- Helps establish the corridor as a premier location for employment uses
- Strengthens the City's competitive position in the regional market

Additionally, benefit the community by providing job training opportunities for local residents, partnerships with local educational institutions, career advancement pathways, and skill development programs

# 3) Whether the proposed amendment is justified by an error in the 2020-2050 General Plan as originally adopted.

The amendment is not justified by an error in the 2020-2050 General Plan. Rather, it represents a response to evolving market conditions and community needs that have emerged since the plan's adoption. The current Commercial designation was appropriate at the time of adoption but requires updating to reflect current economic opportunities and development patterns.

## 4) Whether the proposed change is generally consistent with goals, objectives, and other elements of the 2020-2050 General Plan.

The proposed Major General Plan Amendment complies with the following:

Goal 5.1 - Attract all quality private investment that will add value and bring diversification to current and future residents of Apache Junction as a great place to live, work and play.

Policy: Consider alternative zoning or overlay districts for idle infill parcels or redevelopment areas that may inspire a higher and better use based in current market realities.

Policy: Encourage the protection and expansion of the land designated in the general plan specifically for employment and ensure they are preserved along transportation corridors or in prime business cluster locations that will maximize the impact and economic potential for those businesses and employment centers. Discourage any uses that bring little or no value to the community (such as RV Parks, RV storage, mini storage lots and seasonal residential units).

The proposed development aligns with **Goal 5.1** by transforming underutilized land into a manufacturing facility that creates jobs, diversifies the economy, and enhances Apache Junction as a place to live, work, and play. By rezoning the property to industrial use near US-60, it maximizes economic potential, encourages business clustering, and avoids low-value uses like RV storage. This project protects employment land, supports sustainable growth, and adds meaningful value to the community.

#### GOAL 9.3: Encourage Infill Development

Policy: Promote the downtown, U.S. 60 Corridor and Old West Highway Corridor for infill projects.

The proposed development supports **Goal 9.3: Encourage Infill Development** by utilizing a vacant 36.6-acre parcel adjacent to the U.S. 60 Corridor and surrounded by existing industrial and commercial uses. This strategic location aligns with the policy to promote infill projects in key areas, transforming underutilized land into a productive industrial site. The manufacturing facility revitalizes the parcel, complements nearby land uses, and supports broader economic and employment goals for the city, strengthening the area's appeal for future development along the U.S. 60 Corridor.

GOAL 11.2: Provide a balance of Uses throughout the Community.

Policy: Attract employment uses to the U.S. 60 corridor.

The proposed development supports **Goal 11.2: Provide a Balance of Uses Throughout the Community** by introducing a manufacturing facility to the U.S. 60 Corridor, directly attracting employment uses to this key area. By utilizing a strategically located vacant parcel for light industrial purposes, the project balances the community's mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. This development enhances local job opportunities, promotes economic diversity, and strengthens the corridor's role as a vital employment hub in Apache Junction.

GOAL 11.3: Revitalize older neighborhoods and the Downtown.

Policy: Establish functionally compatible uses (uses that are "good neighbors" to each other).

The proposed development supports **Goal 11.3** by introducing a functionally compatible industrial use adjacent to existing industrial and commercial areas near the U.S. 60 Corridor. This ensures harmonious integration with neighboring properties, revitalizing the surrounding area by promoting economic activity and attracting further investment while maintaining compatibility with existing uses.

5) Whether the proposed change is justified by a change in community conditions or neighborhood characteristics since adoption of the Plan.

The amendment is justified by several changes in community conditions:

- Increased demand for industrial space in the East Valley
- Evolution of the US 60 corridor as an employment center
- Growing need for local employment opportunities
- Shift in market demands from commercial to industrial uses
- Regional growth patterns supporting industrial development
- 6) Whether the amendment will adversely impact portion of, or entire community by:
  - a. Significantly altering acceptable existing land use patterns, especially in established neighborhoods.

The amendment maintains and enhances existing land use patterns through strategic placement and thoughtful transitions. The development continues the established pattern of industrial development to the west and south; creates a cohesive industrial corridor along this section of US 60 by clustering compatible employment uses together; reinforces the area's emerging character as an employment center; and supports efficient goods movement patterns between existing industrial uses. Consistent with good planning principles, Sundt's development also provides a logical transition from industrial uses to the west and south, creates appropriate buffering to commercial development east of the site, and establishes a gradual intensity transition from US 60 to residential areas.

Significantly reducing the housing to jobs balance in the Planning Area.

The amendment will positively impact the housing to jobs balance by creating new employment opportunities without removing existing housing stock. The current RS-GR zoning has not resulted in residential development, and the area is better suited for employment uses.

c. Substantially decreasing existing and future water supplies.

The proposed industrial development will not substantially decrease existing and future water supplies. Industrial uses typically consume less water than the currently permitted commercial uses, and the development will incorporate water conservation measures.

### d. Replacing employment with residential uses.

Rather than replacing employment with residential uses, the amendment increases employment opportunities by introducing industrial jobs to the area. This strengthens the City's employment base.

e. Requiring additional and more expensive improvements to infrastructure systems and/or proximity to municipal facilities and/or services than are needed to support the prevailing land uses and which, therefore, may impact the level of service for the existing and proposed developments in other areas.

The development will utilize existing infrastructure systems and provide improvements that benefit the broader area. The location along US 60 minimizes the need for extensive new infrastructure, and proposed improvements will be sized appropriately for the area's planned development.

f. Increasing traffic (without mitigation measures) on existing roadways beyond the planned level of service, and that negatively impacts existing and planned land uses.

Traffic impacts will be mitigated through direct access to US 60; implementation of required road improvements, if any; and designing an efficient internal circulation system. The development is not anticipated to negatively impact the level of service on surrounding roadways.

g. Affecting the existing character (i.e., visual, physical, and functional) of the immediate area.

This development will not affect the existing character of the area because industrial uses have long been established in the area. The development's character will be influenced by quality architectural design, landscaping, screening and buffering, and lighting controls.

h. Increases the exposure of residents to aviation generated noise, safety and/or flight operations.

The property is not located within critical aviation corridors and will not increase exposure to aviation-related impacts.

i. Materially diminishing the environmental quality of the air, water, land, or cultural resources.

The development is a low-intensity industrial use with light manufacturing that will not diminish the environmental quality of the air, water, land, or cultural resources.

j. Significantly altering recreational amenities such as open space, parks, and trails.

The amendment will not significantly alter recreational amenities. The site does not contain existing parks, trails, or open space features, and the development will provide appropriate landscaping and open space as required by the City.



Boundary Source: This conceptual design is based upon a preliminary review of entitlement REGRID PARCEL DATA www.regrid.com requirements and on unverified and possibly incomplete site and/or building information, Stormwater Management Design: and is intended merely to assist in exploring TO BE DETERMINED how the project might be developed.

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**Conceptual Site Plan Sundt OSM Facility** 

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	Office SF	14,800 SF
	Warehouse SF	50,940 SF
Cars Required		100 Stalls

### **Notes**

1. Existing zoning: RS-GR. Rezoning to B-5: Industrial use.

Cars Provided

Drive-in Doors

2. Parking lots containing 10 or more parking spaces shall comply with the following: A minimum of 10% of the parking lot shall be landscaped.

Req. Accessible

101 Stalls

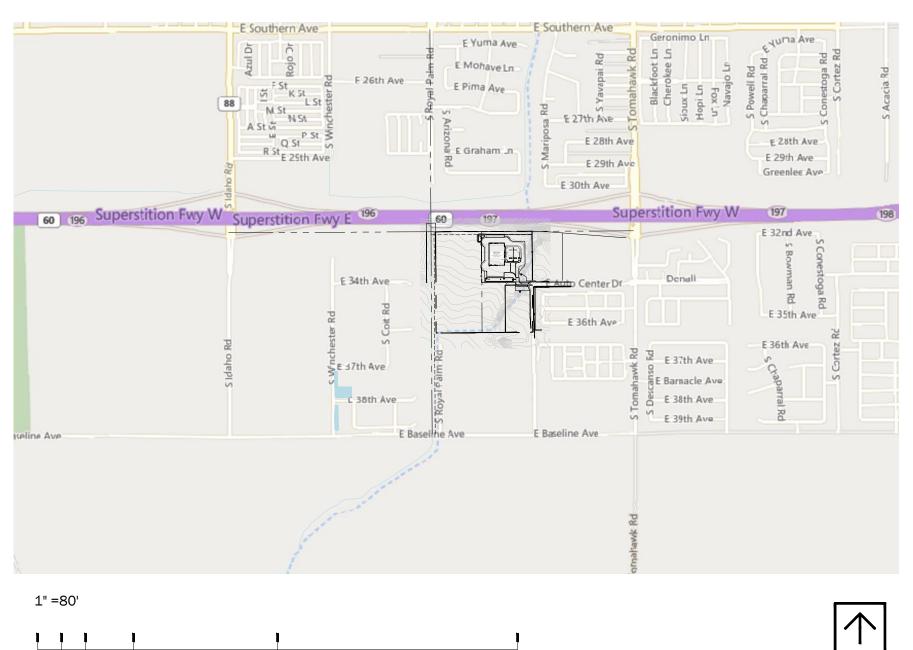
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3. Required trees and shrubs shall be planted within a 10 foot wide planting strip adjacent to and parallel with the street right-of-way. Also 10 ft min. front setback for parking is required.

4. Landscape islands or peninsulas shall be installed at least every 12 consecutive parking spaces with a minimum 5 foot width and minimum 50 square foot area.

# SITE PLAN NOTES

- 1 PROPERTY LINE 2 RETENTION BASIN 3 STANDARD PARKING STALL 4 ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL 5 9' MASONRY SCREEN WALL 6 FUTURE MONUMENT SIGNAGE LOCATION 7 MATERIAL STAGING 8 6' CHAIN LINK FENCE ALONG PROPERTY LINE AND LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION 9 FIRE HYDRANT LOCATION, TYP. - REFER TO CIVIL DRAWINGS
- 10 REMOTE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION (FDC) WITHIN 100' OF FIRE HYDRANT



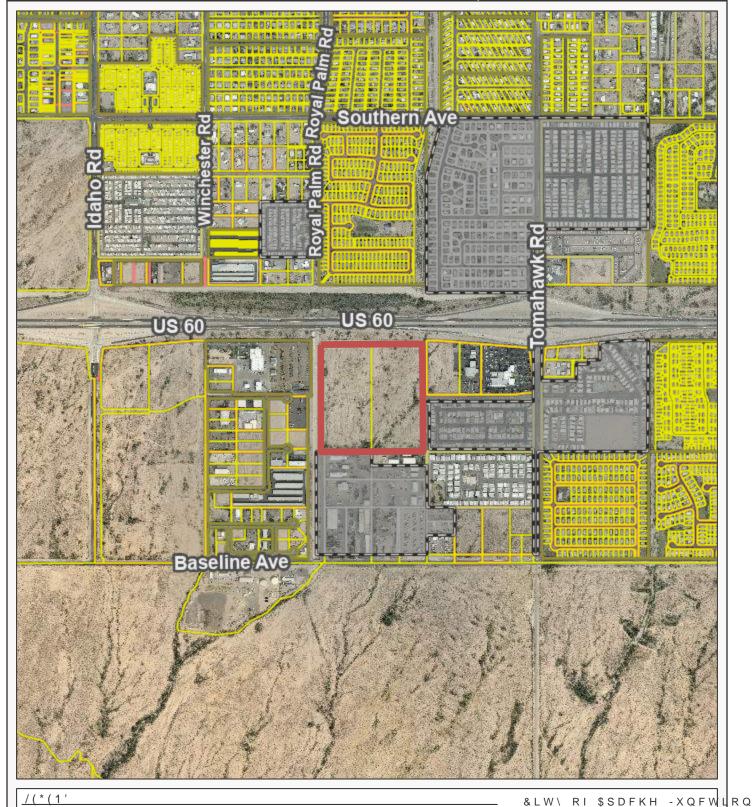
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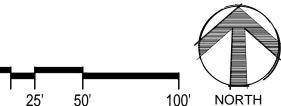
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# CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN



### PROJECT DATA APN(S): 10220008C & 10220008A

APACHE JUNCTION, AZ ZONING B-5

REQUIRED LANDSCAPE

GROSS SITE AREA:

1,594,330 SF (36.6 AC) 397,265 SF (9.12 AC) BEING DEVELOPED

TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA: 138,276 SF (35%)

# PLANT PALETTE

	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANTING SIZE	QTY	COMMENT
<u></u>	TREES				
	Acacia salicina	Willow Acacia	24" Box	52	Standard Tru Dense Cand
	Caesalpinia gilliesii	Yellow Bird of Paradis	se 15" Gal.	30	Multi - Trur Dense Cand
	Chilopsis linearis 'Arts Seedless'	Seedless Desert Willo	ow 15" Gal.	38	Multi - Trur Dense Cand
	Cercidium hybrid 'Desert Museum'	Desert Museum	24" Box	26	Multi -Trun Dense Cand
and the state of t	Prosopis hybrid 'Rio Salado' ACCENTS/VINES	Thornless Mesquite	24" Box	31	Multi -Trun Dense Cand
£3	Agave desmettiana	Smooth Agave	5 Gal.	7	As Per Plan
	Hesperaloe parviflora	Red Yucca	5 Gal.	173	As Per Plan
	Muhlenbergia rigida 'Nashville'	Nashville Grass	5 Gal.	117	As Per Plan
	SHRUBS				
(\$)	Callistemon 'Little John'	Little John Bottlebrush	5 Gal.	129	As Per Plan
$\bigcirc$	Eremophila glabra 'Winter Blaze'	Winter Blaze	5 Gal.	86	As Per Plan
	Leucophyllum frutescens 'Rio Bravo'	'Rio Bravo' Sage	5 Gal.	180	As Per Plan
7+4 7+4	Rosmarinus officinalis 'Upright'	Upright Rosemary	5 Gal.	203	As Per Plan
	Tecoma hybrid 'Lydia'	Yellow Bells	5 Gal.	135	As Per Plan
	GROUND COVERS				
$\bigcirc$	Eremophila glabra 'Mingenew Gold'	Outback Sunrise	1 Gal.	145	As Per Plan
G	Lantana montevidensis	Purple Trailing Lantan	a 1 Gal.	12	As Per Plan

MISCELLANEOUS

Decomposed Granite - 5/8" Screened Mahogany Brown or equal 2" Depth In All Planting Areas (Typ) - 131,760 SQ. FT.

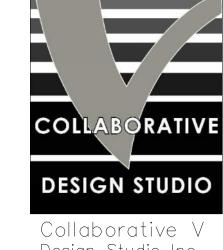
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	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
US-60 STREET FRONTAGE (595 LF)	1 Tree/5 Shrub per 30 LF	
TREES	20	20
SHRUBS	100	106
PARKING LOT (141 SPACES)	1 Tree/5 Shrub per 10 stalls	
TREES	15	16
SHRUBS	75	100
OPEN SPACE (135,086 SF)	1 Tree/5 Shrub per 1,000 SF	
TREES	136	136
SHRUBS	676	709
NOTES		

- 1. OWNER, TENANT, OR THEIR AGENT, IF ANY, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL LANDSCAPING WITHIN THEIR OWN PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ON THE ADJOINING RIGHT OF WAY.
- 2. ALL TREES AND PLANTS SHALL CONFORM TO THE CURRENT RECOMMENDED LOW WATER USING PLANT LIST OF THE ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
- 3. EXISTING NATIVE ON SITE WILL BE FORMALLY NOTED WITH NATIVE PLANT
- PRESERVATION PLANS IN SEPARATE SUBMITTAL.
- 4. ALL REQUIRED TREES SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE REQUIRED 10' LANDSCAPE BUFFER LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY.

### CONCEPTUAL NOTES

- 1. CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN IS SCHEMATIC IN NATURE. AT THE TIME OF LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS ACTUAL LOCATIONS, QUANTITIES, SIZES, AND SPECIES SHALL BE DETERMINED AND WILL BE PER CITY CODES.
- 2. ALL TREES USED WITHIN THIS PROJECT SHALL BE NURSERY GROWN OR SALVAGED FROM ON SITE. EXACT LOCATIONS AND QUANTITIES SHALL BE DETERMINED ON LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. ALL EXISTING TREES SHALL BE PROTECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- 3. ALL PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE INSTALLED PER CITY REQUIREMENTS. PLANT MATERIAL INSTALLED WITHIN SIGHT DISTANCE TRIANGLES SHALL BE OF A SPECIES THAT DOES NOT GROW TO A HEIGHT OF MORE THAN 30" AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED PER CITY REQUIREMENTS.
- 4. ALL NON-TURF AREAS SHALL RECEIVE A 2" DEPTH OF DECOMPOSED GRANITE.
- 5. THE RETENTION SHOWN ON THE PLANS IS CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE. REFER TO THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR ACTUAL GRADING AND DRAINAGE CONFIGURATIONS.
- 6. ALL EARTHWORK WILL BE DONE TO DRAIN AWAY FROM SIDEWALKS AND STRUCTURES.
- 7. FINAL SITE CONFIGURATION MAY VARY AT THE TIME OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL.
- 8. ADDITIONAL PLANT MATERIAL MAY BE INTRODUCED AS DIFFERENT VARIETIES BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL NURSERIES AND IF THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL THEME OF THIS



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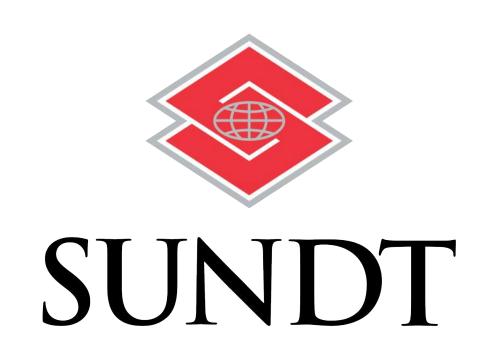
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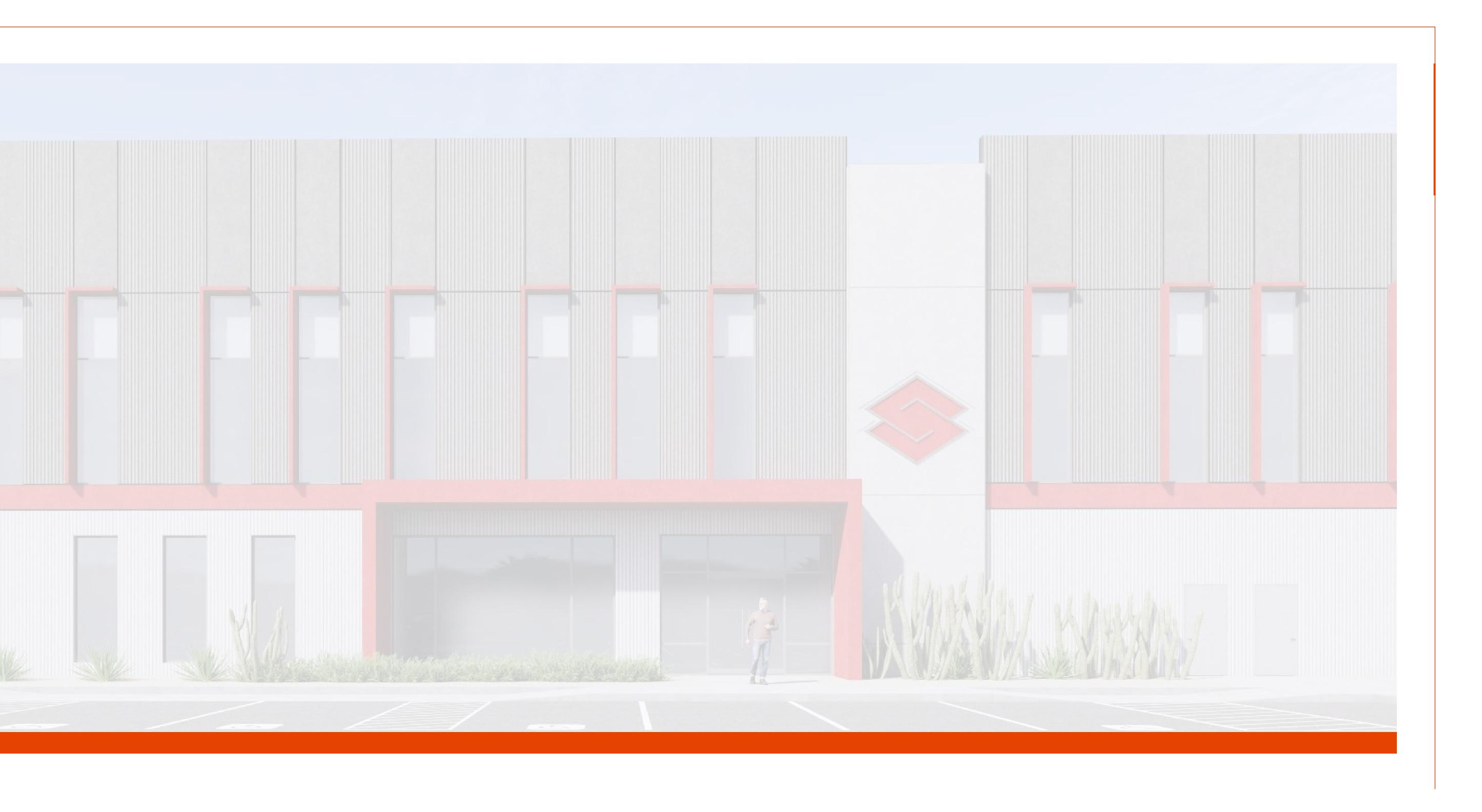
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DRAWN BY: PV/MD 10/17/2024 REVISIONS: 12/18/2024 City Comments

> SUNDT OSM FACILITY CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE

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# SUNDT OSM FACILITY

IDAHO ROAD APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA

CONCEPT DESIGN PHX24-0053-00 05.22.2025

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KEYNOTES: = SEE SHEET A010 FOR GENERAL NOTES 201 STRUCTURAL STEEL COLUMN. 202 CONCRETE SLAB. PROVIDE VAPOR RETARDER OVER SAND BASE AT PROPOSED/FUTURE OFFICE AREA PER SOILS REPORT. PROVIDE SEALER FOR CONCRETE FLOOR AREA IN WAREHOUSE.

204 ROOF ACCESS LADDER. 205 COLUMN-MOUNTED FIRE EXTINGUISHER WITH COLUMN BRACKET. 207 OUTLINE OF CANOPY ABOVE. 208 STEEL BOLLARD, CONCRETE-FILLED PAINTED SAFETY YELLOW.

210 CRANE COLUMNS. SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO.

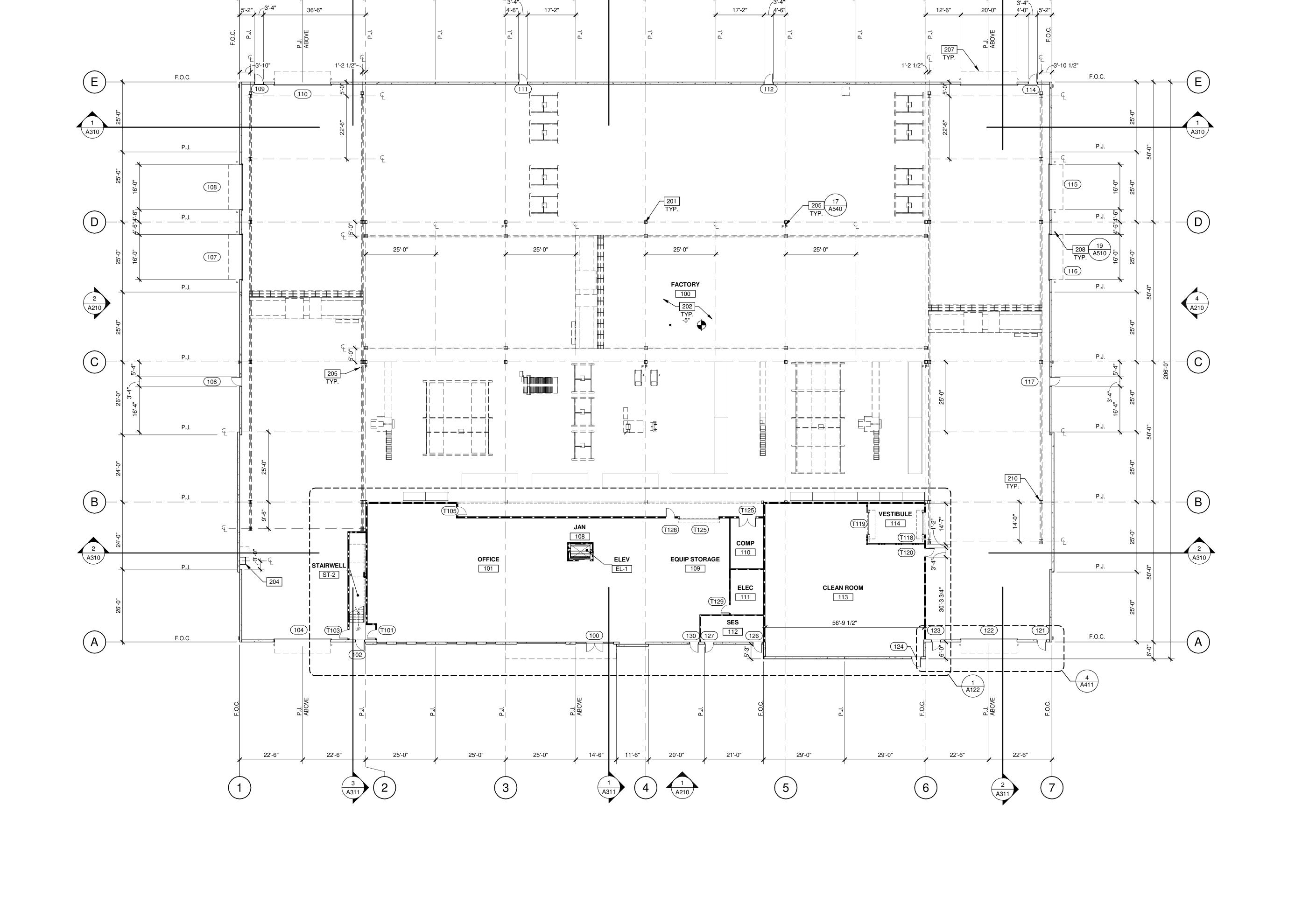
# WALL/ PARTITION LEGEND

INTERIOR NON-RATED PARTITION

1HR FIRE-RESISTANCE RATED 2HR FIRE-RESISTANCE RATED

3HR FIRE-RESISTANCE RATED

SUNDT



0 8' 16'

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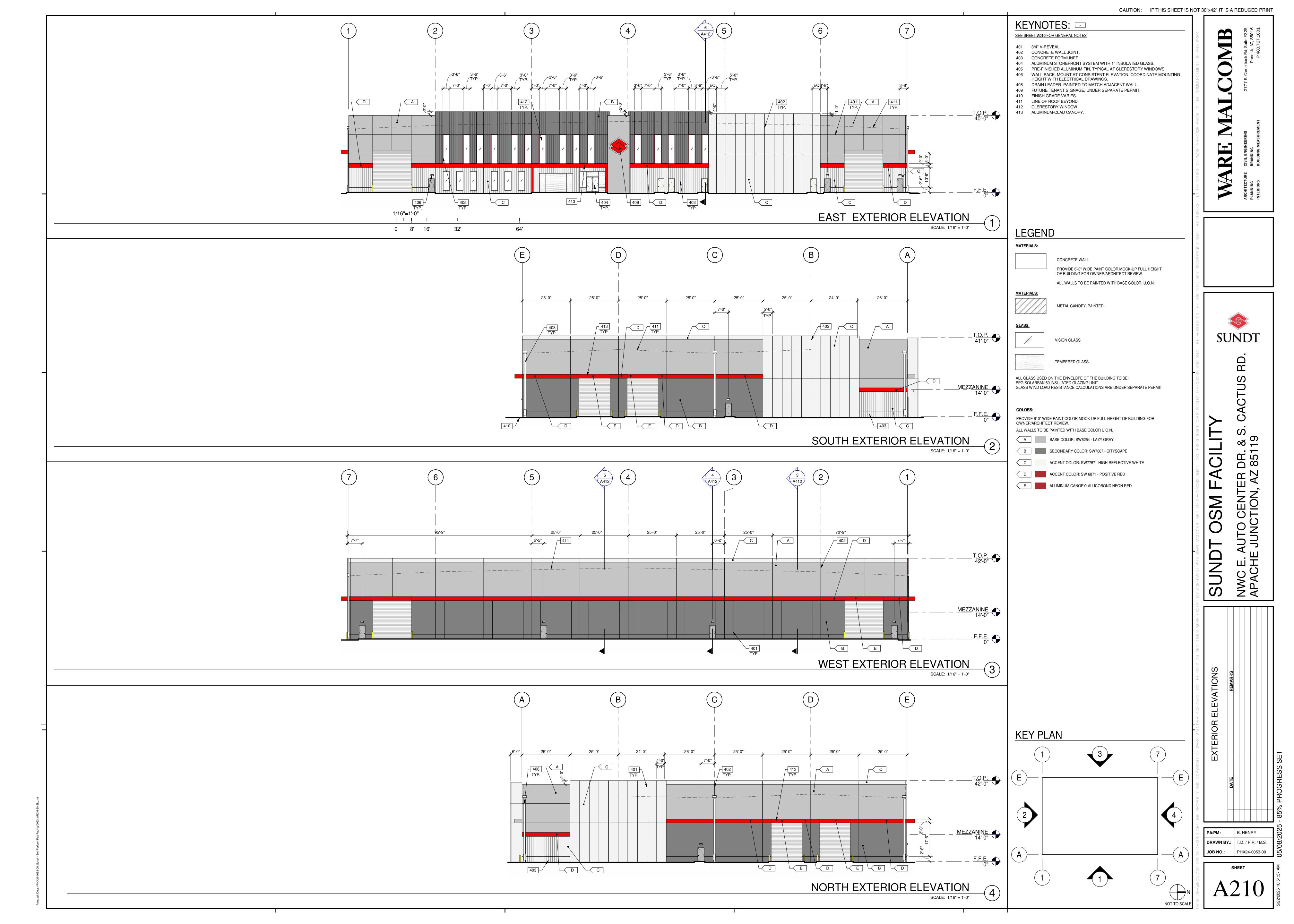
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN







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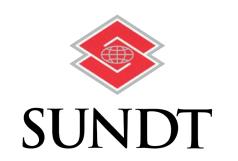
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# Public Participation Plan for Sundt OSM Fab Facility

West of the southwest corner of US-60 & Tomahawk Road

Case No.:

Submitted: January 15, 2025

### **Description of the Project**

Sundt Development Construction ("Sundt") is seeking a Major General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Site Plan approval on approximately 36.60 acres of vacant land located west of the southwest corner of the US 60 and Tomahawk Road (Property or Site) for development of an onsite manufacturing facility. As a general contractor, Sundt plans to utilize the space to fabricate pipe spools, structural pipe supports and other small industrial needs. Sundt also plans to provide needed onsite craft and administrative training. This facility will provide several job opportunities to the City of Apache Junction. The facility will be an inviting and innovative facility which will encourage other similar business sectors to develop their businesses in Apache Junction.

### Ways of Informing the Public

Prior to the first public hearing on the application, notices will be sent to property owners within the public hearing notice area of 300 feet, the nearest school district(s), the head of any homeowners association or registered neighborhood group within the public notice area, and other interested parties who have requested that they be placed on the interested parties' notification list maintained by the Planning and Zoning staff.

A sign will be placed not less than 15 days prior to the first public hearing date on the Site providing notice of the nature of request, date, time, and place of the scheduled hearing. The size, format, placement, and procedure shall meet the requirements described by the Development Services Department.

The Final Public Participation Report will include information regarding the neighborhood meeting, a copy of the neighborhood meeting notification letter, and a summary of the public's concerns and our responses.

### Ray Law Firm

2325 E Camelback Rd. Ste 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016 Office: 602-536-8983

Email: bray@raylawaz.com

TO: Area Neighbors FROM: Brennan Ray DATE: March 6, 2025

RE: West of Northwest Corner Tomahawk Road & Auto Center Drive

**Neighborhood Meeting** 

#### Dear Area Neighbors:

On behalf of Sundt Construction, Inc. ("Sundt"), you are cordially invited to a neighborhood meeting to discuss a proposed Major General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Site Plan applications for 36.60± gross acres located west of the northwest corner of Tomahawk Road and Auto Center Drive (the "Site"). An aerial map of the Site is enclosed.

Sundt is seeking to develop the Site with an industrial development to support its construction efforts throughout Arizona and other places. Sundt is requesting a Major Amendment to the General Plan to modify the exiting land use designation from Commercial to Light Industrial/Business Park and Industrial. They also seek to rezone the site from RS-GR (General Rural Low Density Single-Family Detached Residential) to B-5 (Industrial). A Site Plan application was also submitted seeking approval for an approximately 65,740 square foot building located on the northeast corner of the Site that will include state-of-the-art equipment and processes for an onsite manufacturing facility. As a general contractor, Sundt plans to utilize the space to fabricate pipe spools, structural pipe supports, and other small industrial needs. The proposed site plan and building perspective is enclosed.

A neighborhood meeting will be held at the time and place listed below to discuss the proposed development and to answer questions you may have. The neighborhood meeting will be held:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00pm Apache Junction High School – Library/Multi-Purpose Room 2525 S Ironwood Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85210

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or are unable to attend the neighborhood meeting, please contact Lisa Gage, <a href="mailto:lgage@raylawaz.com">lgage@raylawaz.com</a> or me at 602-536-8983, <a href="mailto:bray@raylawaz.com">bray@raylawaz.com</a>.

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Sincerely,

Brennan Ray

# Sundt OSM Fab Facility – West of the Southwest Corner US 60 & Tomahawk Neighborhood Meeting Summary Tuesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00pm Apache Junction High School – Library/Multi-Purpose Room

### **Attendees**

Alex Charland – Sundt
Cade Rowley – Sundt
Brennan Ray – Ray Law Firm
Laurie Ray – Ray Law Firm
Henry Chan – Ware Malcomb
Nick Leftwich – City of Apache Junction DS Department
Ryan Kaup – City of Apache Junction Economic Development

#### Overview/Introduction

One member of the neighborhood attended the meeting. See Sign-In Sheet Exhibit 1. Mr. Ray did a brief informal presentation describing the proposed development. Other members of the Sundt team offered additional details describing the intended uses for the proposed facility. Information that was shared included:

- Sundt construction, history, efforts with community, culture of Sundt.
- Purposed uses of the facility why Apache Junction and this location is a good fit.
- Current zoning for property and proposed changes the zoning to allow the facility.
- High level explanation of what the process will look like going forward.
- More detailed discussion of types of manufacturing activities proposed and how they see this as an opportunity to partner with the community, offer jobs, training, employment, etc. to community members.

End of meeting – 6:30pm

### Exhibit 1

# Exhibit 1

# Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00pm - Neighborhood Meeting, Apache Junction High School – Library/Multi-Purpose West of Northwest Corner Tomahawk Road & Auto Center Drive (Apache Junction)

# SIGN-IN SHEET (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME (Please Print)	ADDRESS (please include Zip Code)	PHONE NO.
Anthony Nave		
Nick Ceffwirh	City of Apache Junction DS Department	480-474-8575

# **AFFIDAVIT OF SIGN POSTING**

The undersigned Applicant has complied with requirements for Case # P-25-10-GPA/P-25-11-PZ,	Apache Junction's posting
located 3950 S Cactus Rd	, on 05/23/25
See attached photo exhibit.	
For applicant:	
Ray Law Firm	
Dynamite Signs, Inc. Sign Company Name	
Sign Company Representative	
Subscribed and sworn to be on 05/23/25	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Hereto set	my hand and official seal.
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My Commission expires: 10-25-28	



