### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

ZONING CASE FINAL REPORT

DATE:	December 19, 2023
то:	Honorable Mayor & City Council
FROM:	Planning & Zoning Commission
VIA:	Mike Bell, AICP, Development Review Manager acting as Secretary of the Planning & MB Zoning Commission Christina D. Day, AICP, Director of Planning
SUBJECT:	Results of Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of December 18, 2023

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#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3A - ZONING CASE 2023-026 PETITIONER: SRHC PLATINUM PARK PHASE II, LP

Request for a Specific Use Permit for New Vehicle Dealer on 5.4 acres located at the southwest corner of Tennyson Parkway and Dallas Parkway. Zoned Commercial Employment and located within the Dallas North Tollway Overlay District. Tabled on December 4, 2023. Project #ZC2023-026.

APPROVED: 7-1

Speaker Card(s) Received:	Support:	5	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0
Letters Received Within 200' Notice Area:	Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0
Petition Signatures Received:	Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0
Other Responses:	Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0

Commissioner Olley voted in opposition.

#### **RESULTS:**

The Commission recommends the item for approval subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. Minimum height for office and showroom portions of the dealership: 2 stories, 24 feet
- 2. Minimum height for service area and parking structure portion of the dealership: 5 stories, 60 feet
- 3. Vehicle service bays shall not be oriented towards Dallas Parkway or Tennyson Parkway, except that:
  - a. Transparent roll-up doors may be used for vehicle display areas;
  - b. Roll-up doors for drive-in entrances to the customer registration area shall have a minimum of 50% glazing; and

- c. One roll-up door may be used on the north side of the building for drive-in access to the photo showroom area.
- 4. No canopies or other shade structures may be constructed above any parking stalls located within 60 feet of Dallas Parkway or Tennyson Parkway.
- 5. At least 65% of parking spaces shall be located interior to a parking structure.

To view the hearing, please click on the provided link: https://planotx.new.swagit.com/videos/291663?ts=1220

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### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3B

PUBLIC HEARING: Zoning Case 2023-026

PETITIONER: SRHC Platinum Park Phase II, LP

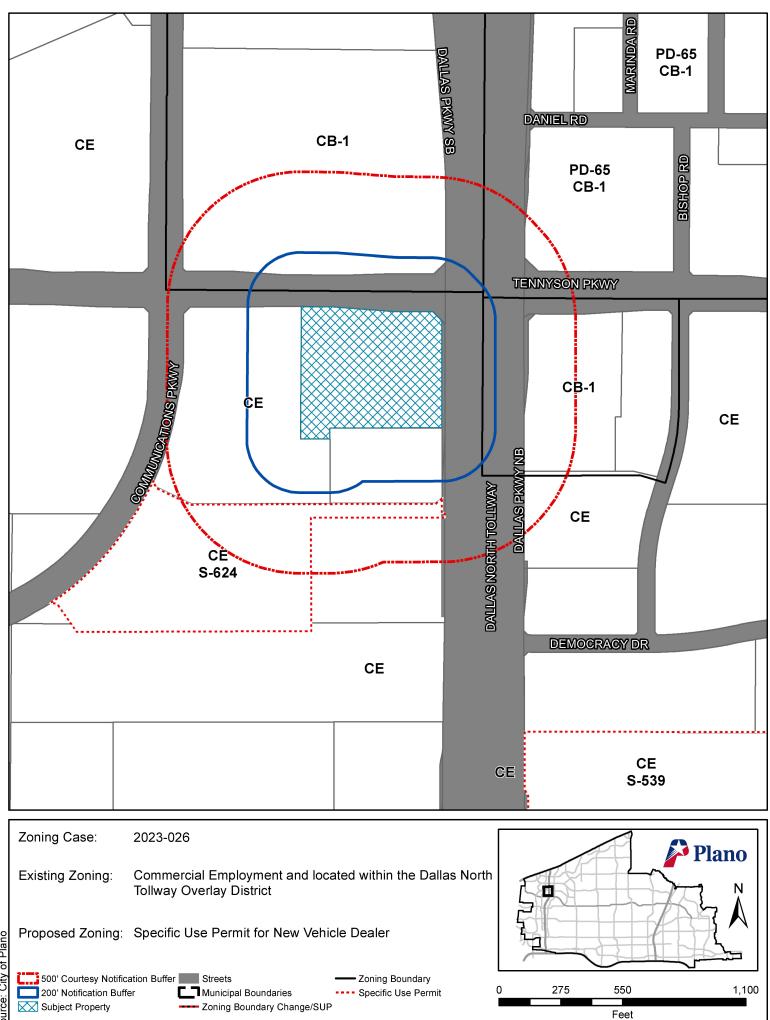
**DESCRIPTION:** Request for a Specific Use Permit for a New Vehicle Dealer on 5.4 acres located at the southwest corner of Tennyson Parkway and Dallas Parkway. Zoned Commercial Employment and located within the Dallas North Tollway Overlay District. Tabled on December 4, 2023. Project #ZC2023-026.

### SUMMARY:

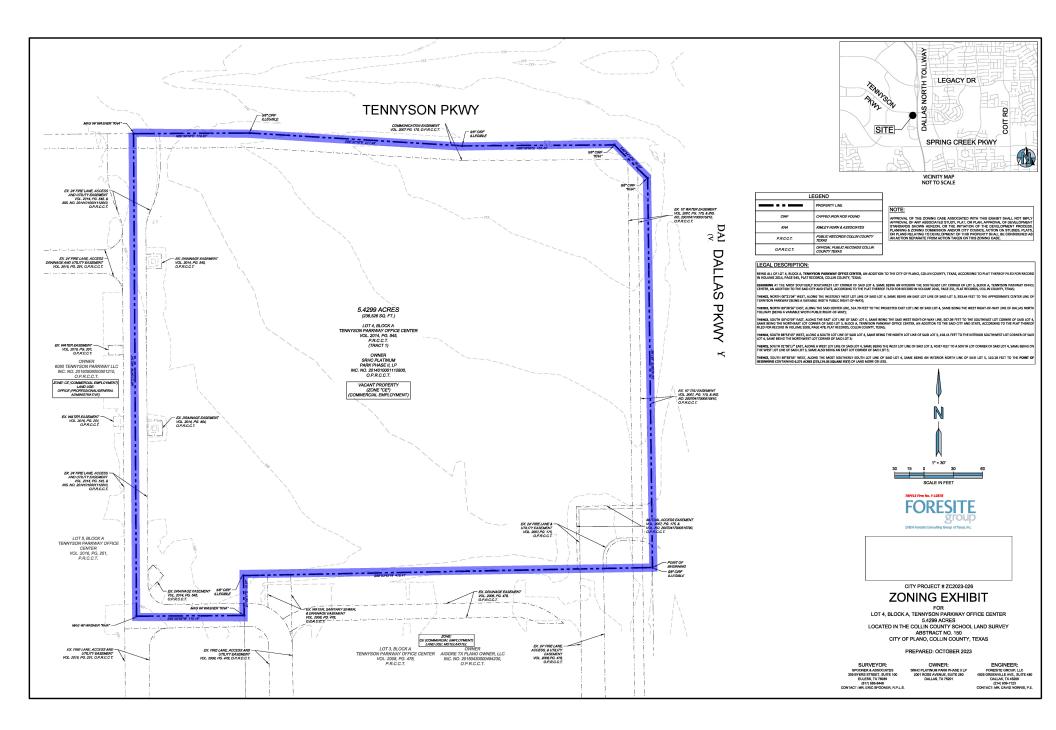
The applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a New Vehicle Dealer on an undeveloped parcel of land along the Dallas North Tollway. Major topics of consideration in this request include:

- "Vertical" Dealership Design The associated preliminary site plan includes a 2- and 5-story, approximately 250,000-square-foot building to create what the applicant describes as a "vertical" dealership. The building will include a 2-story showroom and service area below a 3-story parking garage. Most vehicles for sale will be stored within the parking structure instead of on-surface lots, which is typical of most vehicle dealerships. This verticality is a critical element of the design, distinguishing it from other dealerships in the area and supporting the general "campus-like setting" intended for the Commercial Employment (CE) zoning district.
- Concentration of Dealerships The subject property is located along a corridor with a high concentration of new vehicle dealers. While these uses present no significant concerns individually, a concentration of new vehicle dealers may be inconsistent with the city's economic development goals and present long-term redevelopment challenges. Staff urges caution in considering SUPs for additional new vehicle dealers along this corridor. However, staff supports this specific request due to the unique vertical development concept presented by the applicant that mitigates some of these concerns.
- Conformance to the Comprehensive Plan The subject property is located within the Employment Centers (EM) category of the Future Land Use Map. A new vehicle dealership is partially consistent with the EM Dashboard and the Undeveloped Land Policy, both of which prioritize maintaining land for high-quality development with high-skilled employment. Staff finds the request to provide a high-quality design, although the employment opportunities provided may not meet the city's traditional definition of skilled employment. In the absence of a definition regarding this term, staff finds the request generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

For these reasons, staff recommends approval of the request subject to stipulations to ensure the resulting development matches those within the preliminary site plan accompanying this request as Agenda Item No. 3B.







The applicant requests a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to construct and operate a New Vehicle Dealer on a vacant property.

Specific Use Permit – Section 6.100 (Specific Use Permits) of the Zoning Ordinance states:

The purpose and intent of an SUP is to authorize and regulate a use not normally permitted in a district, which could benefit the general welfare in a particular case, provided that adequate development standards and safeguards are established.

Additionally, Section 6.100 (Specific Use Permits) states the following:

The Planning & Zoning Commission in considering and determining its recommendations to the City Council on any request for a specific use permit may require from the applicant plans, information, operating data, and expert evaluation concerning the location, function, and characteristics of any building or use proposed. The City Council may, in the interest of the public welfare and to insure compliance with this ordinance, establish conditions of operation, location, arrangement, and type and manner of construction of any use for which a permit is authorized. In authorizing the location of any of the uses listed as specific use permits, the City Council may impose such development standards and safeguards as the conditions and locations indicate important to the welfare and protection of adjacent property from noise, vibration, dust, dirt, smoke, fumes, gas, odor, explosion, glare, offensive view, traffic, or other undesirable or hazardous conditions.

Proposed Uses – The Zoning Ordinance defines new vehicle dealer as follows:

New Vehicle Dealer – Retail sales and/or leasing of new personal vehicles or light commercial vehicles, including, as a minor part of the business, the sales and/or leasing of used personal vehicles or light commercial vehicles.

<u>Zoning</u> – The subject property is currently zoned Commercial Employment (CE). Section 10.1000.1 of the Zoning Ordinance states the purpose of the CE district is as follows:

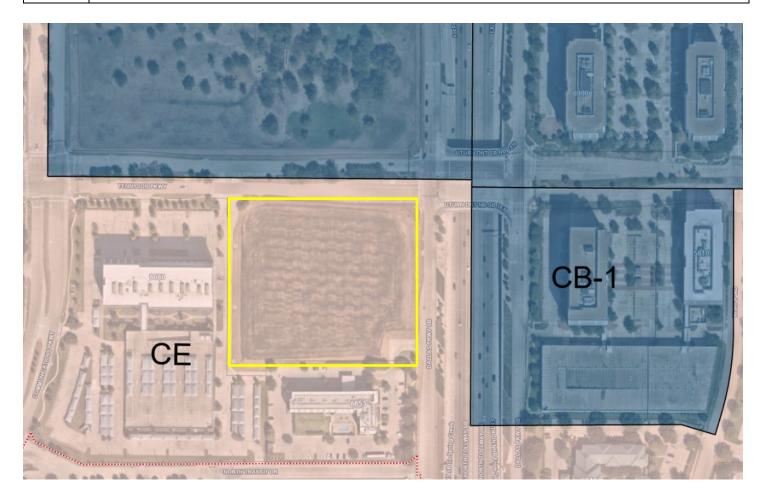
The CE district is intended to provide the flexibility for an integrated development that may include retail, office, commercial, and light manufacturing. The major focus of the CE district is to be corporate headquarters and research facilities arranged in a campus-like setting.

<u>Dallas North Tollway Overlay District</u> – The subject property is located within an overlay district that includes supplemental landscaping and signage regulations. Section 11.300.1 of the Zoning Ordinance states the purpose of the Dallas North Tollway Overlay District is:

To provide appropriate design standards for the development of properties within the Dallas North Tollway corridor. These standards recognize the significant of the tollway as a regional traffic artery and as a primary entry for the city of Plano. These standards provide for coordination between the various zoning districts and categories of uses within the corridor.

### Surrounding Land Use and Zoning

North	The property to the north across Tennyson Parkway is zoned Central Business-1 (CB-1) and is undeveloped.
East	The property to the east across the Dallas North Tollway is zoned CB-1 and is developed with an office (professional/general administrative).
South	There are two properties to the south zoned Commercial Employment (CE). The property directly south is developed with a hotel. The property to the southwest is developed in accordance with SUP No. 624 as a Transit Center/Station.
West	The property to the west is zoned Commercial Employment (CE) and is developed with an office (professional/general administrative).



## City of Plano COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2021

Zoning Case Number: Z

Date Prepared:

ZC2023-026 November 17, 2023

Findings Required

Findings Not Required

VISION: "Plano is a global leader, excelling in exceptional education, abounding with world class businesses and vibrant neighborhoods" GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Plano Today. Plano 2050. Plano Together.

# 1 | Future Land Use Map



### **Employment Centers (EM)**

The Employment Centers future land use category applies to the business centers in the Legacy area and along the Plano Parkway/President George Bush Turnpike. The primary uses for Employment Centers are corporate office campuses, medical centers, educational facilities, technology centers, and research facilities. Limited manufacturing and warehouse uses may be allowed to support the employment centers.

*Evolving Trends In Office* - Much of the Legacy area Employment Center was developed with large corporate campuses. Although these provide desirable open space and urban tree canopy, these sprawling office complexes are often isolated from supporting restaurants, entertainment, service uses, and transit connections that many large businesses are seeking in today's office environment. With improved access to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport through the DART Silver Line Rail and recent widening of the PGBT and Sam Rayburn Tollways, the city should evaluate what is needed to sustain the attractiveness of these areas to large corporations.

*Residential Development* - Residential uses are not appropriate within these centers in order to ensure the city's ability to attract and maintain employment generating uses.

### PRIORITIES

- 1. Maintaining Land for employment generating uses
- 2. Evaluating policies to sustain long-term viability of corporate campuses
- 3. Updating the Legacy Area Master Plan



# 2 Mix of Uses



If approved, the request would result in the following Mix of Uses:



Land Use Mix (acres)	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Recommended	Proposed
Employment							100%	97.5% No change
Housing							0%	2.5% No change
Employment Mix (acres)	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Recommended	Proposed
Retail							0-25%	8.7% (+0.1%)
Office							50-100%	39.0% No change
Institutional							0-25%	8.9% No change
Industrial							0-35%	30.6% No change
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Housing Mix (units)	0%	20%	40% :	60%	80%	100%	Recommended	Proposed
Detached SF							0%	4.0% No change
Attached SF							0%	0.0% No change
Multifamily							0%	96.0% No change
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# **3 | Desirable Character Defining Elements**



DESIRABLE CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENT	RECOMMENDED BY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	APPLICANT PROPOSAL
Building Heights	1 to 20 stories	A new 5 story building is proposed
Density	N/A	N/A
Intensity	Moderate to High (50 to 75% Lot Coverage)	Low: 26.9% Lot Coverage
Open Space	10% to 35% Passive Open Space	21.9% Passive Open Space
Parking Orientation	Structured parking preferable to surface lots	A 5 story structured parking garage and a surface parking lot is proposed
VVIDE DIOCKS		The proposed development meets the description for Corporate Corridor Streets
Multimodal Access	:	: 
1. Automobiles	HIGH: Direct access from major streets	HIGH: The site has direct access from Dallas parkway and Tennyson Parkway.
2. Transit	MEDIUM: Commuter Bus Ser- vice	MEDIUM: The site is served by DART Bus Routes #308, #241, #239, and #234 and is approximately 0.10 miles from the Northwest Plano Park & Ride Station.
3. Micromobility	MEDIUM: Connected to trails and bike routes	MEDIUM: The site has direct access to On-Street Bike Route 60 and is approximately 0.10 miles east of On-Street Bike Route 13.
4. Pedestrians	LOW: Mostly served by perimeter sidewalks	LOW: There are proposed 6 foot sidewalks along Dallas Parkway and Tennyson Parkway that will serve the perimeter of the subject property.

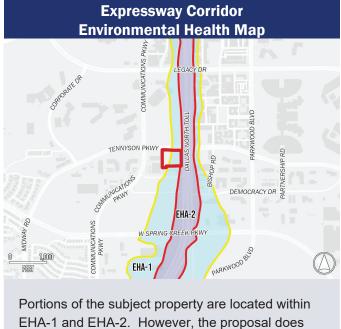
# 4 | Other Comprehensive Plan Maps



Tennyson Parkway, north of the site, is designated as a Type C Major Arterial (Mixed-Use Context). Dallas North Tollway is designated as a Type A Expressway and is located east of the site.



The site is directly south of On-Street Bike Route 60 and is approximately 0.10 miles east of On-Street Bike Route 13.



EHA-1 and EHA-2. However, the proposal does not include a request to add any sensitive land uses, therefore an EHA Site Analysis is not required.

EHA-1 EHA-2 Not Applicable



The site is adjacent to two trails, Bluebonnet Trail is approximately 0.35 miles south of the subject property. A proposed trail is located approximately 0.10 west of the subject property.

# 5 Comprehensive Plan Policies & Actions

CORE POLICIES: The following policies are applicable to all zoning cases. No specific analysis of these policies are provided in the staff report as these serve as the fundamental basis for all staff recommendations.



Land Use: Plano will support a system of organized land use to provide housing and employment choices aligned with the market, where new and redevelopment areas respect the viability and quality of life for existing neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions.



Redevelopment & Growth Management: Plano will protect and preserve the well-established built environment of Plano and prevent overcrowding by requiring new growth and redevelopment to respect the unique development patterns, suburban character, housing needs, infrastructure capacity considerations, and fiscal constraints of our community.

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**LAND USE-RELATED POLICIES:** The following policies are applicable on a case-by-case basis depending upon the type, location, and general nature of the request. Refer to the staff report for analysis of these policies with the respect to the proposed zoning change, where applicable.



Redevelopment of Regional Transportation Corridors: Plano will encourage reinvestment and redevelopment of identified regional transportation corridors to create cohesive developments that incorporate well-designed commercial, retail, and housing opportunities, where those uses are appropriate according to the Future Land Use Map and other related Comprehensive Plan standards.



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Revitalization of Retail Shopping Centers: Plano will encourage reinvestment, revitalization, and redevelopment of underperforming neighborhood retail corners to accommodate a viable combination of local commercial, retail, and entertainment uses. Where appropriate transitions can be maintained, redevelopment may present opportunities to introduce residential uses and improve access.



Special Housing Needs: Plano will support the special housing needs or residents including seniors, people with disabilities, and low- to moderate-income households through inclusive regulations and programs and actions furthering the goals stated in the Consolidated Plan. Proposed locations for special housing needs should be afforded the same health and safety considerations as other housing.



Applicable Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Applicable

Not Applicable



Transit-Oriented Development: Plano will proactively encourage development within walking distance of existing and planned transit stations to create an integrated mix of uses including residential, employment, retail, and civic spaces.

**Undeveloped Land:** Plano will reserve its remaining undeveloped land for high quality development with distinctive character, prioritizing businesses offering skilled employment. New housing in these areas will only be considered appropriate where it is consistent with the Future Land Use Map and other related Comprehensive Plan standards.

**OTHER POLICIES/DOCUMENTS:** Additional policies may apply where applicable:

No other policies are applicable to this request.

Envision Oak Point (2018)



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Downtown Vision & Strategy Update (2019)

Spring Creekwalk Master Plan (1990)



**FOR RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS ONLY:** The following actions from the Redevelopment & Growth Management (RGM) Policy are applicable to requests for mixed-use developments:

**RGM5:** Ensure that any rezoning requests for multiuse development include:

- A) No more than 50% square footage for residential uses. Requests should also conform with other identifying elements (density, building heights, etc.) in the applicable Dashboard descriptions.
- B) Phasing requirements that prevent the disproportionate completion of residential uses prior to nonresidential uses within the development. Nonresidential square footage must constitue a minimum of 33% of all square footage approved for occupancy during development (e.g., every 2 square feet of residential development requires at least 1 square foot of nonresidential development; and
- C) Key design features provided prior to, or concurrent with, the construction of any residential uses. These include elements of the development supporting the long-term value to the overall community, and specificially any new residents, such as open/green space, amenities, street enhancements, and trails.

**RGM8:** Limit new residential development to areas that are appropriate based on individual site considerations and consistency with the Future Land Use Map and Dashboards. Multifamily developments should also meet a housing diversification or economic development need of the city, including transitoriented development, special housing needs (as defined by the city's Considated Plan), or be constructed as part of a high-rise 10 stories or greater.



Applicable Not Applicable

## 6 | Findings Policy

#### RGM1: Mix of Uses, Density, & Building Height

In accordance with the Redevelopment and Growth Management (RGM) Policy Action 1, zoning change requests that do not conform to the mix of uses, density, and building heights as described in the Dashboards are **disfavored**. Requests that do not conform to these criteria may be occasionally allowed when found:

Consistent with the Guiding Principles of the Comprehensive Plan; and

Substantially beneficial to the immediate neighbors, surrounding community, and general public interest.

#### **RGM5: Mixed-Use Developments**

In addition, the Redevelopment and Growth Management (RGM) Policy Action 2 requires findings when approving a mixed-use development that exceeds 50% square footage for residential uses and/or does not conform to other identifying elements (density, height, etc.) in the applicable Dashboard.

Are Findings R	equired?
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- Yes, because the request does not comply with the Mix of Uses of the associated Dashboard.
- Yes, because the request does not comply with the Building Heights of the associated Dashboard.
- Yes, because the request does not comply with the Maximum Density of the associated Dashboard.
- Yes, because the request dis inconsistent with Action RGM5 (for mixed-use developments).
- No, findings are not required.

### STAFF PRELIMINARY REPORT – CONFORMANCE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The proposed request has been reviewed for conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. Major factors included in the analysis are provided below, but the Comprehensive Plan Fact Sheet has more specific details about the request.

<u>Guiding Principles</u> – This set of Guiding Principles to the Comprehensive Plan establishes overarching themes that apply to all policies and actions and express values for Plano Today, Plano 2050, and Plano Together. Since the principles do not stand alone but are used in concert with one another and carry across the Plan as a whole, each principle must be judged through a lens that incorporates all other principles to be fully and accurately understood. As such, the Commission is encouraged to review the full list of Guiding Principles and judge zoning requests through the lens of all principles.

#### Future Land Use Map Category & Dashboard

<u>Future Land Use Category</u> – The subject property is located in the <u>Employment Centers (EM)</u> category of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The request is not consistent with a priority of the EM category of "*maintaining land for employment generating uses*" because the EM category lists specific primary land uses, which include corporate office campuses, medical centers, education facilities, technology centers, and research centers, with supporting uses such as limited manufacturing and warehouse uses. While the request is for a commercial use that will provide employment, the requested use is not part of the desired uses.

	FLUM – EM Description and Priorities					
Description	Description Neutral					
Priorities	Maintaining land for employment-generating uses	Neutral				
Evaluating policies to sustain long-term viability of corporate N/A						
	campuses					
	Updating the Legacy Area Master Plan	N/A				

<u>Mix of Uses</u> – A new vehicle dealer would be classified as *Industrial Types* in the Mix of Uses. The request would increase the percentage of *Industrial Types* for this area to approximately 31%, which is consistent with the 0-35% recommendations for the EM Dashboard.

FLUM – EM Mix of Uses	
Land Use Mix	Meets
Employment Mix	Meets
Housing Mix	N/A

<u>Desirable Character Defining Elements</u> – The request is consistent with the Desirable Character Defining Elements of the EM Dashboard, with the exception of Intensity. A moderate-to-high intensity of 50-100% lot coverage is recommended in EM areas to encourage the most efficient and productive use of land. Development on this site is restricted to a maximum lot coverage of 40% for non-retail uses, which cannot be increased through the SUP process. For this reason, staff finds the request neutral for this specific element.

FLUM – EM Desirable Character Defining Elements					
Building Height	Meets	Multimodal Access			
Maximum Density	N/A	Automobiles	Meets		
Intensity	Neutral	Transit	Meets		
Open Space	Meets	Micromobility	Meets		
Parking Orientation	Meets	Pedestrians	Meets		
Block Pattern & Streetscape	Meets				

#### Other Comprehensive Plan Maps

The request is in conformance which would not require improvements applicable to the Thoroughfare Plan Map, Bicycle Transportation Plan Map, Parks Master Plan Map, or Expressway Corridor Environmental Health Map.

Other Comprehensive Plan Maps	
Thoroughfare Plan Map	Meets
Bicycle Transportation Plan Map	Meets
Parks Master Plan Map	Meets
Expressway Corridor Environmental Health Map	Meets

#### **Policies & Actions of the Comprehensive Plan and Other Studies**

<u>Undeveloped Land Policy</u> – This policy recommends that the city reserve its limited undeveloped land for high-quality development with distinctive character, prioritizing businesses offering skilled employment. A new vehicle dealer use is inconsistent with this goal, especially in EM areas with tollway frontage and close proximity to the Legacy Business Park. Although the applicant is proposing a unique, non-traditional form of dealership that resembles the office park character of the area, it does not maximize the employment opportunities that may be provided if the site was reserved for alternative uses. For this reason, staff finds it only partially consistent with the Undeveloped Land Policy.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Summary**

A new vehicle dealer does not meet the general description and priorities of the EM category. Still, the applicant's unique design concept is compatible with the general form and character desired for these areas. It meets the Undeveloped Land Policy's goals for high-quality development but may not fit the city's traditional definition of high-skilled employment. Given the unique design offered by the applicant, staff finds the request generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Policy Summary**

Policy or Study	Analysis
Future Land Use Map and Dashboards	
Description & Priorities	Neutral
Mix of Uses	Meets
Character Defining Elements	Mostly Meets
Thoroughfare Plan Map	Meets
Bicycle Transportation Plan Map	Meets
Parks Master Plan Map	Meets
Expressway Corridor Environmental Health Map	Meets
Undeveloped Land Policy	Partially Meets

### **STAFF PRELIMINARY REPORT – ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATION**

#### Building Design

As shown in the associated preliminary site plan, the proposal includes a 2-5 story, approximately 250,000-square-foot building to create what the applicant describes as a vertical dealership. The building will include a 2-story showroom and service area below a 3-story parking garage. Most vehicles for sale will be stored within the parking structure instead of on-surface lots, which is typical of most vehicle dealerships. This verticality is a critical element of the design, distinguishing it from other dealerships in the area and supporting the general campus-like setting intended for the Commercial Employment (CE) zoning district. Of note, at least two other dealerships in Plano utilize parking garages for inventory. These are located at 6888 State Highway 121 and 6455 Dallas Pkwy.

For these reasons, staff recommends any approval of the request be accompanied by associated stipulations to require this unique dealership design, including:

- 1. Minimum height for office and showroom portions of the dealership: 2 stories, 24 feet
- 2. Minimum height for service area and parking structure portion of the dealership: 5 stories, 60 feet

These will ensure that the building heights are taller than the typical vehicle dealers and reflect the campus-like setting of the CE district.

- 3. Vehicle service bays shall not be oriented towards Dallas Parkway or Tennyson Parkway, except that:
  - a. Transparent roll-up doors may be used for vehicle display areas;
  - b. Roll-up doors for drive-in entrances to the customer registration area shall have a minimum of 50% glazing; and
  - c. One roll-up door may be used on the north side of the building for drive-in access to the photo showroom area.

Seven roll-up style doors are proposed on the north and east sides of the building facing Tennyson Parkway and the Dallas North Tollway, respectively; however, none of these doors serve as direct entrances to vehicle service areas. Two doors on the north side are entrances to the vehicle showroom, and the other is the entrance to the room, where 360-degree photos are taken for online advertising. The three doors on the east side are the drive-in entrances to the customer registration area, from which employees will drive the vehicles through another set of interior roll-up doors to get to the service area. Glazing and transparency requirements have been added to the proposed stipulation to maintain building aesthetics.

4. No canopies or other shade structures may be constructed above any parking stalls located within 60 feet of Dallas Parkway or Tennyson Parkway.

This is intended to maintain the aesthetics and character of the CE district.

5. At least 65% of parking spaces shall be located interior to a parking structure.

This ensures that the proposed parking structure, a key element of the vertical development concept, is provide for this development and any future redevelopment.

#### Concentration of Vehicle Dealerships and Undeveloped Land Policy

A concentration of new vehicle dealerships has been approved along the Dallas North Tollway located north of Windhaven Parkway, including:

- 2004 SUP No. 539 for the current BMW of Plano located at 6800 Dallas Parkway
- 2011 SUP No. 615 for the current Park Place Lexus located at 6785 Dallas Parkway
- 2012 SUP No. 633 for the current Mercedes Benz of Plano and Ewing Buick/GMC located at 6455 Dallas Parkway
- 2016 SUP No. 11 for the current Tesla showroom in Legacy West located at 7500 Windrose Avenue, Suite B185
- 2018 Tesla occupied an existing building at 5800 Democracy Drive, but this did not require an SUP
- 2021 SUP No. 186 for the current Lucid Motors showroom in Legacy West located at 7700 Windrose Avenue, Suite G172
- 2021 SUP No. 170 for the current Park Place Acura located at 645 Dallas Parkway



The city has limited availability of undeveloped land, with approximately 1,900 acres remaining. A map of undeveloped land is attached for reference, showing the location of these parcels. Few remain with frontage along regional expressway corridors that provide the desired visibility and access for the most desired projects.

This request should be carefully considered. Some land use and planning considerations related to this property are as follows:

- The majority of vehicle dealers along the Dallas North Tollway are in the Expressway Corridors future land use (FLU) category rather than Employment Centers future land use category.
- Adjacent uses such as the hotel, DART property, and office building, combined with this parcels corner location and access, may provide a desirable location for future development of another use that supports the adjacencies and is a better fit for the Employment Center FLU category.
- The majority of land with Dallas North Tollway frontage along the west side of the Tollway is located between Legacy and Spring Creek. The only other parcels are near Plano Parkway.
- Land in these corridors provides convenient access and visibility for higher-density employment uses, and preservation of land for future development opportunities is important for the city's long term economic vitality.
- SUPs may be required because vehicle dealership sites can be difficult to reuse and/or redevelop long-term. There are limited land uses that can occupy a former vehicle dealer site that requires large, expansive parking areas. However, given the unique vertical design of the proposed development that could be more effectively repurposed in the future and the practical considerations of the site and adjacent properties, staff is supportive of the request in this instance.

#### **Residential Adjacency Standards**

Section 21.500 (Standards) of Article 21 (Residential Adjacency Standards) of the Zoning Ordinance states that vehicular service bays within 150 feet of a residential district shall face away from the adjacent residential districts unless separated by a building or permanet architectural feature of minimum height matching the height of the service bays. The nearest residential development and residential zoning district is located at the southwest corner of Corporate Drive and Montmartre Way, which is approximately 2,650 feet to the west, exceeding this requirement.

#### SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit for a New Vehicle Dealer utilizing 5.4 acres of undeveloped land at the southwest corner of the Dallas North Tollway and Tennyson Parkway. As shown on the associated preliminary site plan, the development incorporates a unique vertical concept that is not customary for traditional vehicle dealerships. The form and architecture are aligned with the vision for the area, however, the use as a dealership may not meet this city's long-standing goal of maintaining undeveloped land for highly-skilled employment. Staff supports the request due to the unique design approach, subject to stipulations associated with this design.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the request subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. Minimum height for office and showroom portions of the dealership: 2 stories, 24 feet
- 2. Minimum height for service area and parking structure portion of the dealership: 5 stories, 60 feet
- 3. Vehicle service bays shall not be oriented towards Dallas Parkway or Tennyson Parkway, except that:
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- 5. At least 65% of parking spaces shall be located interior to a parking structure.

### **Applicant Land Use Statement**

This 5.4 acres site sits at the southwest corner of Tennyson Parkway and the Dallas North Tollway. Well situated along and highly visible from this major thoroughfare, a thoughtful and well-designed development is critical. This proposal is for a new and innovative concept for Porsche USA.

Given the relatively small size of this site compared to other sites of luxury car dealerships, the design for this proposal envisions a vertical component where the luxury cars will be located in a structured garage with enhanced façade treatment. This innovative concept, being called "Destination Porsche", has only been done in a handful of locations around the world with much success and Porsche is thrilled to be bringing this to Plano. "Destination Porsche" unites people's imagination for the future, representing a new design concept, enhanced customer experience and an exciting digital lifestyle, meeting the evolving needs and expectations of more consumers.

As you may know, a Porsche dealership currently exists at the northeast corner of Dallas North Tollway and President George Bush Turnpike. However, given the limited size of the current facilities and the need for expansion of the existing Audi dealership adjacent to the Porsche dealership, the Porsche facility will need to relocate operations. Porsche has valued its presence in Plano and looks forward to continuing at this new proposed location which allows for the creation of the state-of-the-art Porsche destination built to a minimum of LEED Silver standards, better location and visibility, and advancement of Porsche's electrification and carbon neutral strategies, helping the brand to achieve long-term sustainability. Unfortunately, if this new proposed Plano location is not feasible, Porsche will be looking to alternatives sites, including areas outside of the City of Plano.

Given the innovative vertical dealership design, a substantial investment of over \$40 million dollars is expected to complete this project. More importantly, this new Porsche dealership will employ over 80 employees with an average annual salary of over \$96,000 and serve the citizens and business leaders who call Plano home.

From a comprehensive plan compliance perspective, this land is designated as Employment Center per the Future Land Use maps of the Comprehensive Plan. Directly adjacent to the south is an Aloft Hotel and within a little over a quarter of a mile are two other luxury car brands, Tesla and BMW, all of which are located within the designated Employment Center designation as well.

The Future Land Use Dashboard for Employment Centers indicates that the primary uses for this designation are "corporate office campuses, medical centers, educational facilities, technology centers, and research facilities. Limited manufacturing and warehouse uses may be allowed to support the employment centers." Given the proposed vertical structure with enhanced façade treatment this proposed development more resemble a traditional office building as opposed to a traditional dealership. Also, the Dashboard indicates the "city should evaluate what is needed to sustain the attractiveness of these areas to large corporations." Built to museum-like quality which offers luxury retail sales and services, the applicant feels that this innovative vertical Porsche dealership is a highly desired use and brand which will be patronized by many of the corporate business leaders working or relocating to this area. In addition, the "Destination Porsche" aims to be just that, a destination which people throughout the Metroplex will come to patronize providing another reason for visitors to spend time in the City of Excellence.



