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MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Everyone, good morning. I'm Maurene McNeil, I will be the Examiner today. Something I was going to say three sentences from now, I will say at this moment and that is if you're not speaking you need to be muted, because we get feedback. So if everybody would mute their selves. Thank you.

Okay. Today is September 28, 2021, we're here on the virtual hearing of A-9706-C-01. We forgot to add the 01 earlier but because we're revising a condition, that's how we number these cases. The applicant is FV Flowers Road, LLC, and the development name is Vista 95 Logistic Center. It's a request to amend 16 of the 20 conditions imposed by the District Council in its 1989 approval of A-9706-C.

It's a virtual hearing again, if you're not speaking, please remain muted. Please keep your telephone and your TV muted. If for any reason you get bumped out of this hearing, you ought to be able to come back in on the same link. If for any reason we continue the hearing, there will be a different link. And if anyone present is opposed to the request, please go into the chat, let us know you're opposed and let us know if you have any questions of a witness. And just before counsel identifies themselves for the record, Dennis and Naomi, I think you two need to go into the chat just to tell us your last names. So I thank

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you all and will counsel identify themselves for the record?
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             MR. ANTONETTI: Good morning, Madam Examiner,
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   People's Zoning Council, for the record my name is Robert
   Antonetti with the Law Firm of Shipley and Horne.
   pleased to be here on behalf of the applicant, FV Flowers
   Road LLC. I believe Dennis, Madam Examiner, is Dennis
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   Whitley (phonetic sp.).
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   told him to, thank you.
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             MR. ANTONETTI: Fair enough.
             MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown?
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             MR. BROWN: Yes, good morning everyone.
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   Brown, People's Zoning Council.
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             MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Mr. Antonetti, you may
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   proceed.
             MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, thank you very much. Sorry,
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   isn't too hoarse and able to be understood. Again, I'm here
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   from the Law Firm of Shipley and Horne on behalf of the
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   applicant in the case of -9706-C. I have here today with me
   my partner Dennis Whitley, III, and Mr. John Ferrante,
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   Senior Land Planner with the firm. Also we have
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   representing at the Flower Road LLC is Mr. Eric May, who is
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have five other witnesses that will be called in order but

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they're also here to support the application.

Just for a little bit of background and context, Flower Road LLC is the contract purchaser of the property subject to the rezoning that was approved July 10, 1989 with 20 conditions, as Madam Examiner correctly referenced. In our letter dated May 14, 2021, the applicant sets forth its rationale for why good cause exists to amend certain conditions in the original decision, pursuant to Section 27-135(c)(1).

This case is not a rezoning. The property has already been zoned I-1 it is strictly an amendment of conditions associated with that underlying zone. A Preliminary Plan of Subdivision will be required for this case. A Detailed Site Plan will be required for this case. There is no specific development proposal that will be approved as part of this amendment request. However, we will show and present evidence that will give illustrative examples of what the applicant would like to do and will seek to hopefully implement through a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Detailed Site Plan, if this case were to be approved.

The subject property consists of approximately 48 acres of land. It says 47 acres but you'll hear some testimony that due to recent boundary survey information it's actually closer to 48 acres. It is zoned I-1, light

industrial. It has significant frontage on I-495 and is largely only visible from that roadway. It is also in the Military Installation Overlay Zone, and it is in the Accident Potential Zone 2, the Noise Contour Zone and the Height Limitation Zone within the M-I-O-Z.

The applicant intends to develop the property with two modern warehouse logistics buildings, which are permitted by right in the underling zone subject to those other title and applications that I mentioned. The name of the project will be the Vista 95 Logistic Center. In order to do this, the amendments that are requested need to be updated in order to be consistent with modern regulations to facilitate the development of a modern logistics center.

At the time of the approval of this case, you'll hear testimony, this is 32 years ago that the property at the time could have been developed without a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision due to a loophole, we'll call it, in the existing Subdivision Regulations in 1989. That loophole is closed.

At the time of the rezoning in the 2007 Sector

Plan and its recommendations did not exist. Similarly, MC634, the Master Plan Road known as Presidential Parkway, did
not exist either in structure or as a constant. The County
Landscape Manual did not exist at the time this was
approved. Certain environmental regulations such as the

State Forest Preservation Act did not exist. The County
Noise Ordinance did not exist, and the Military Installation
Overlay Zone did not exist, just to name a few examples of
things that have happened since 1989, which impact and
control how a site like this might otherwise develop.

Further, there are several conditions of approval that involve a former local community group known as the Westphalia Community Coordination Council. Madam Examiner, Mr. Brown, you may be familiar with that name, it's something that along the Westphalia Corridor they're somewhat of a legacy where their name is inserted in conditions on other properties and they've been involved historically in other development applications along the Westphalia Corridor. But that group no longer exists. That group no longer is organized and as a result, conditions specify that approvals or monitoring be done by that group or payments be made to that group in association with the development of this site is no longer appropriate.

Specifically, conditions related to, Condition 10, Condition 13, Condition 14, 16 and 17, again, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17, should be modified or deleted as they relate to the Westphalia Community Coordination Council, due to the fact that they don't exist anymore as a functioning entity.

I will point to you in the record what's marked as Examiner's Exhibit 26, which is a screenshot from July 21,

2021 from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation which shows ta the Westphalia Community Coordination

Council, LLC has been forfeited, therefore it's no longer recognized as a legal entity pursuant to state law.

I will also point your attention to the proposed condition revisions included in Exhibit 21. I understand that we are seeking to amend and or delete 16 of the 20 original conditions. But at the end of the day, we will end up, well, Condition 21 goes 11 conditions. I do want to state that there's three conditions we wish to add based on further consultation with the applicant, outreach to the community and other considerations that we'd like to add as well just to make it clear that certain things will remain.

For example, in addition to Exhibit 21 and I could, if the record could be kept open I could submit something typed up that would add these three conditions specifically. But --

MS. MCNEIL: Please do that after the hearing. Thank you.

MR. ANTONETTI: Will do, thank you very much. We would like to add a condition that would state, and this is a modification of existing Condition 1, which in our letter requesting amendment sought to delete the entire condition. But we are looking to resurrect the first sentence of that condition which states, vehicular access to the subject

property shall be prohibited from Oak Street, Poplar Drive and Willow Avenue. This is in recognition that to the south and east of the property there is residential streets which this project when it was zoned in 1989 was not to access, and will continue not to access if this application or request for amendment is approved. So that first sentence we would like to bring back into the fold as part of our amendment request.

Similarly, we would like to request a condition related to noise analysis, consistent with the County Noise Ordinance. It would read, prior to acceptance of a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision a noise analysis shall be provided and shall demonstrate that outdoor noise levels will meet all applicable county noise regulations for the propose industrial use. All required noise mitigation structures shall be reflected on a Detailed Site Plan.

And then lastly, and thank you for your indulgence, we would like an amendment of existing Condition 16, which required coordination of minority participation with the Westphalia Community Coordination Council and other specifics. Where we would, in lieu of deletion of 16, existing Condition 16, we would represent a request that the applicant shall encourage participation in the development of the subject property by minority, women and or disadvantaged business owners in conformance with the

strategies of the 2008 Westphalia Sector Plan. For the record, the applicant is not opposed to minority participation or participation by disadvantaged business entities and looks forward to developing that and developing this site consistent with the goals and strategies of the 2007 Westphalia Sector Plan relative to minority and disadvantaged business participation.

So those would be three, you know, additions to what is now labeled as Exhibit 21, which would be in total 14 conditions if this amendment request were to be approved.

Our team will do its very best and I don't know if I'm doing a good job of it, to be succinct in its collective testimony. Today, I would like to call six witnesses and beginning with Mr. Chris Rizzi, and again we'll move as efficiently as we can to get through this, but I appreciate your consideration of the request and I'm ready to proceed when you feel it's appropriate, Madam Examiner.

MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown, I can't remember were you able to identify yourself for the record?

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes.

MS. MCNEIL: He did? Okay.

MR. BROWN: Yes, I did.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay, Rob. Okay then Mr. Antonetti, you may proceed.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Thank you very much. I call

Mr. Chris Rizzi, please. 2 MR. RIZZI: Good morning. 3 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning. Mr. Rizzi, do you 4 swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the 5 testimony you shall give will be the truth and nothing but the truth? 6 7 MR. RIZZI: I do. MS. MCNEIL: Thank you. 8 9 Thank you. Mr. Rizzi, could you MR. ANTONETTI: please state your professional address for the record, 10 11 please? 12 MR. RIZZI: Sure. I'm with Bohler Engineering at 13 16701 Melford Boulevard, Suite 310 in Bowie, Maryland. 14 MR. ANTONETTI: Great. And have you provided 15 testimony as a landscape architect before any boards, hearing examiners, or commissions? 16 17 MR. RIZZI: Yes, I have. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And in the record marked as 19 Zoning Hearing Examiner Exhibit 16, is a copy of your 20 resume, is that correct? 21 MR. RIZZI: Yes, it is, thank you. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: Have you testified before the 23 Zoning Hearing Examiner as a landscape architect? 24 MR. RIZZI: Yes, I have numerous times. 25 MR. ANTONETTI: I'd like to move Mr. Rizzi as an

expert in the field of landscape architecture. 2 MS. MCNEIL: There's no objection, he'll be 3 accepted as an, Mr. Brown, did you? 4 MR. BROWN: No objection. 5 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. You will be accepted as an expert in the area of landscape architecture. 6 7 MR. RIZZI: Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Rizzi, have you 8 MR. ANTONETTI: 9 prepared entitlement plans in your professional experience 10 pursuant to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and 11 Subdivision Regulations? 12 MR. RIZZI: Yes, I have. 13 MR. ANTONETTI: Are you familiar with the property 14 that is subject to the decision known as A-9706-C? 15 MR. RIZZI: Yes. MR. ANTONETTI: And were you asked by the 16 17 applicant in this case to prepare an Illustrative Concept 18 Plan and Illustrative Landscape Plan in support of today's, 19 or this application's request to amend conditions? 20 MR. RIZZI: Yes, we were. 21 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you reviewed the prior 22 conditions of approval for A-9706-C, the current letter 23 requesting an amendment to conditions and other exhibits in 24 support of this application?

MR. RIZZI: Yes, I have.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Rizzi, what's the current zone 1 2 of the property? 3 This property is currently zoned I-1. MR. RIZZI: 4 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. And Madam Examiner, I 5 would be grateful if your staff could please bring up what is marked as Exhibit 2 on the screen, if possible. you. Excellent. Hopefully everyone can see that. I can see it. Mr. Rizzi, do you recognize what's marked as Exhibit 2C and shown on this screen as Exhibit 2 Concept 10 Plan? 11 MR. RIZZI: I do. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: Can you please tell the Examiner 13 and People's Zoning Council what Exhibit 2C represents? 14 MR. RIZZI: So this exhibit in particular 15 represents a Concept Plan for the subject site that includes 16 both site and layout as well as perimeter landscaping 17 associated with the subject proposal. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: And was Exhibit 2C prepared by you 19 or under your direction? 20 MR. RIZZI: Yes, it was. 21 MR. ANTONETTI: Can you please orient for the 22 Zoning Hearing Examiner and the People's Zoning Council as 23 to where the subject property is within the county? 24 MR. RIZZI: Sure. So just first off, this exhibit

in particular, north is plan left, just to orient everybody

relative to this particular Concept Plan. To the plan right or south of this concept is existing Westphalia Road and this, and to the plan south or east side is the Capital Beltway. So this project is located with a sole access point along Westphalia Road just east of the Capital Beltway and on the north side of Westphalia Road.

MR. ANTONETTI: And could you describe the adjoining properties including zone and any developments existing or proposed that associated with the adjoining properties?

MR. RIZZI: Sure. So the existing zone of this property is I-1, as I had mentioned. Additionally, the sole access point off of Westphalia Road, which is via MC-634, to the west side of that access point is also zoned I-1. To the east side there is a residential portion that is zoned R-R. And then once you come into the wider larger portion of the site itself to the east of that portion the property line the zoning changes to R-18. And then to the very north end of the site, the zoning is also R-R. And to the west is the Capital Beltway as I had mentioned earlier.

MR. ANTONETTI: Does the subject property abut the Capital Beltway?

MR. RIZZI: It does.

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes. And is the Concept Plan marked Exhibit 2C, is this only illustrative of potential

development?

MR. RIZZI: It is, yes, that's correct.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Can you describe the circulation pattern within the Concept Plan?

MR. RIZZI: Sure. The sole access point to this proposed site as illustrated here in this concept is via West Westphalia Road. There is a pipe stem area there MC-634 that is relatively narrow compared to the rest of the site, and that is the sole vehicular access point to the site. It continues into the site approximately halfway as shown past what we're referring to as Building Number 1 and then there is a private access road that continues to the east that crosses over eastward on the site toward what we're referring to as Building 2 and there are associated parking areas with each of those buildings as well, to provide for vehicular circulation for both trucks and cars.

MR. ANTONETTI: Can you describe the proposed development structures that are shown in the Illustrative Concept Plan, they're illustrative intended use, the square footage range, et cetera?

MR. RIZZI: Sure. So both of those structures that are shown are suggested as logistics warehouse uses. They both have vehicular parking for cars on one side as well as truck bays and loading bays on the other side and provide for circulation of both vehicles. The total range

in square footage is maximum of approximately 378,000

between the two buildings. MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And the loading facilities 3 4 on this illustrative, are they facing interior to the site? 5 MR. RIZZI: They both are, that is correct. Yes. 6 MR. ANTONETTI: And, pardon me, thank you. And 7 was it your testimony that the sole access to the site would be from Westphalia Road via future Presidential Parkway? 9 MR. RIZZI: That is correct, Yes. 10 MR. ANTONETTI: Madam Examiner, I'd be 11 appreciative again if your team could bring up Applicant's 12 Exhibit 2D. Excellent. Thank you. Mr. Rizzi, did you 13 prepare an Illustrative Landscape Plan marked as Applicant's 14 Exhibit 2D? 15 MR. RIZZI: Yes, I did. 16

MR. ANTONETTI: And can you describe for the Zoning Hearing Examiner and People's Zoning Council the landscape buffers proposed for the property and whether said buffers meet or exceed the requirements of the Landscape Manual for the development shown in the Concept Plan?

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MR. RIZZI: Sure. So the Landscape Manual requirements in this particular relative to the proposed use and in reference to the adjoining existing uses from Section 4.7 of the Landscape Manual require a landscape buffer yard Type D along the southern property line and the eastern

property line as shown on this exhibit, which are plan north and plan right. We have indicated that that requires a 50 foot building setback as well as a 40 foot wide landscape buffer yard in those areas.

In this particular case, we are indicating via the plant schedules and the planting graphics that are shown on the plan that we are not only meeting that landscape buffer yard requirement but in fact 20 percent in excess of the required landscape buffer yards in these areas, based on the density of the plant material that is proposed as indicated on those schedules. Along both the southern and eastern property lines.

MR. ANTONETTI: And Mr. Rizzi, do the (indiscernible) do the conceptual building locations meet or exceed the building setback requirements of the Landscape Manual?

MR. RIZZI: Both of those buildings as shown on this exhibit exceed the minimum setbacks.

MR. ANTONETTI: And will the proposed landscaping as shown on this Exhibit 2D in your opinion, affectively screen the development shown in the Concept Plan from neighboring properties?

MR. RIZZI: They will. That's exactly the intent of both the location, the density and the types of plant material that we have selected in this exhibit. There is a

combination of both deciduous and evergreen and varying heights of plant material that when clustered in the manner depicted in conjunction with existing plant material and in consideration of the vertical difference between the adjoining properties and the much lower proposed property development will provide a visual screen from the adjoining properties into our site.

MR. ANTONETTI: Very good. And will these landscaping details be confirmed at time of Detailed Site Plan if this application and this development moves forward?

MR. RIZZI: Yes, that would be a requirement of the Detailed Site Plan process.

MR. ANTONETTI: And could you quickly describe the existing and proposed grades for the development in the Concept Plan and how those grades might impact views into the site from adjoining properties?

MR. RIZZI: Sure. In general, both from the southern and from the eastern existing property areas coming into the site, there is a significant topographical drop in elevation. The adjoining properties are substantially higher in grade than the proposed buildings in the existing site. And so I guess in combination with the landscaping that is both existing and the proposed plant material along those southern and eastern buffer yards the eye line of anybody, for example, on the adjoining property would be

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   development within the site.
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             MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And Mr. Rizzi, does the
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   proposed development of the Concept Plan and Landscape Plan
   exhibit as marked in the record, in your opinion as a
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   regulations of the I-1 Zone set forth in the Zoning
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             MR. RIZZI: Yes, it does.
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             MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Madam Examiner, I have
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   no further questions at this point for Mr. Rizzi.
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             MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown?
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             MR. BROWN: Are there any persons in opposition,
   Madam Examiner, that wanted to ask questions?
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             MS. MCNEIL: No one put anything in the chat.
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             MR. BROWN: All right.
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             MS. MCNEIL: So if there is any person in
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   opposition and you would like to question this witness, how
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   would be the time to let us know in the chat. Go ahead, Mr.
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             MR. BROWN: All right. Good morning, Mr. Rizzi,
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             MR. RIZZI: Good morning. Thank you. I'm doing
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MR. BROWN: Doing well. Just a couple of

clarifying questions here in response to your testimony as well as the comments that were made by Mr. Antonetti in his opening. Looking at Exhibit 2C, the Concept Plan, and I see illustrated on that plan the streets of Flowers Road, Poplar Drive, Willow Avenue and Oak Street and turning your attention to Condition Number 1 of the original A-9706 approval in 1989, you guys suggested this Condition Number 1 should be deleted in its entirety as the development will not use Flowers Road for access. My question to you is, looking at that condition I don't have a problem with deleting it. However, do we not still want a condition that prohibits any access to the property from Oak Street, Willow Avenue and Poplar Drive and Flowers Road since you do not anticipate utilizing those streets anyway?

MR. RIZZI: You are correct in that we do not propose access from any of those points. I would defer to Mr. Antonetti regarding implementation of that as a condition. But there is no need for access from any of those roads that you've mentioned to this site that is not part of our proposed development.

MR. BROWN: All right. I mean Mr. Antonetti doesn't need to respond now, but at some point before this hearing is over it would be my suggestion that you replace Condition 1 with a condition that prohibits access or rather ingress and egress to this site from the four roads,

streets, avenue or drives that I just identified. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: For the record, Mr. Brown, we have 3 no objection to that. That would be an appropriate additional condition. 5 MR. BROWN: All right, great. Also, Mr. Rizzi, looking at Condition Number 3, I'm sorry, Condition Number 2 6 it looks like of the original rezoning, I'm looking at Exhibit 1 which was your request to amend conditions. you have that in front of you? 10 MR. RIZZI: Condition Number 2? 11 MR. BROWN: Yes, let's look at Condition Number 2 12 first. 13 MR. RIZZI: Okay. I do have that. 14 MR. BROWN: Mr. Antonetti correctly indicated the 15 Landscape Manual was adopted subsequent to 1989 and so is it your testimony that what is proposed is consistent with the 16 17 current Landscape Manual? 18 MR. RIZZI: The proposal shown in the landscape 19 buffer exhibit that is on the screen currently exceeds the 20 requirements of the Landscape Manual. 21 MR. BROWN: And it is the applicant's intention to 22 adopt both the Concept Plan and the Landscape Plan, which is 23 really a concept as well, as part of any future Detailed Site Plan, is that correct? 24 25 MR. RIZZI: That is correct.

MR. BROWN: Because this is an application to amend conditions and so these conditions, if amended, would have to show up on a future Detailed Site Plan in the form that you have them in the Illustrative Concept Plan and the Illustrative Landscape Plan, is that correct?

MR. RIZZI: That is correct, and just to further clarify that the plant schedules that are shown on this exhibit are the specific plant schedules that would be required during the Detailed Site Plan process as well.

MR. BROWN: All right. Looking at Condition 3 on your Exhibit 1 concerning visible outdoor storage prohibited, are you guys comment and you referenced this a moment ago, that outdoor storage shall not be visible from a street. I don't have 27-469(c) in front of me which is the requirement in the I-1 Zone for outdoor storage. Does this applicant plan to have outdoor storage on this property?

MR. RIZZI: We are currently proposing to have places for trailers to be parked in the interior portion of the site relative to the loading areas. Those are screened by both the buildings and by the topographical difference and the landscape screening that are indicated on this exhibit.

MR. BROWN: That's really my question. One of your witnesses or yourself can correct me if I'm wrong, but parking of trailers is not considered outdoor storage. And

so my question is does the applicant plan to have outdoor storage on this property which begs another question which I think needs to be explained by the applicant and that is you have identified the name of this application as what is it Logistics 95, is that correct?

MR. ANTONETTI: Vista 95 Logistics Center.

MR. BROWN: Right. And there is no use in the Zoning Ordinance defined as a logistics center. And so for the purposes of this hearing, what is the use that is proposed under these proposed conditions, amended condition?

MR. RIZZI: This particular proposal in front of you, Mr. Brown, is warehouse use and this does not propose in either of these exhibits or proposals any additional storage outdoors beyond just the trailer park.

MR. BROWN: All right. I assumed it was a warehouse use. So you don't propose any outdoor storage, so that's the reason we don't have any objection to including Section 27-469(c) a prohibition on outdoor storage from any street, is that correct?

MR. RIZZI: Correct.

MR. BROWN: Looking at Condition Number 4 in your Exhibit Number 1, you, that is the applicant, suggested heights of buildings shall not exceed 50 feet. I know we haven't gotten to the architectural render yet, but what is the height of the proposed two buildings?

MR. RIZZI: So these buildings vary in height and 1 2 I will defer to the architectural exhibits themselves, but I believe on these exhibits they're noted as just over 30 feet, 32 foot height, I believe was what was noted on these exhibits. MR. BROWN: All right. Going down to --6 7 MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown? Mr. Brown, can I stop you one second, I apologize. My dining room table office is 8 full of paper. Our exhibit list has 1 as the letter from 10 the clerk. So what you're really looking at is which exhibit on the exhibit list? 11 12 MR. BROWN: Yes, I'm sorry, I received from Mr. 13 Antonetti as a courtesy, a copy of what he submitted in the 14 file. So it's not going to be consistent with the --15 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. So you're thinking 2A, Mr. 16 Antonetti, the statement of justification or --17 MR. BROWN: It's not the statement of 18 justification, it's the request to amend conditions with his 19 comments to each condition. 20 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Continue, I'll find it. MR. ANTONETTI: I believe 2B, Madam Examiner --21 22 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you. 23 MR. ANTONETTI: -- is (indiscernible). 24 MR. BROWN: All right, 2B.

MS. MCNEIL: Go ahead, I'm sorry.

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MR. BROWN: That's all right. So Mr. Rizzi, going to the original Condition Number 6 which provides heavy truck deliveries shall be prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. along Flowers Road and you guys suggest this condition should be deleted in its entirety. Again, since you don't plan to use Flowers Road, would there be any objection to retaining that condition as part of this proposal?

MR. RIZZI: We don't intend to use Flowers Road, I don't know that there's any opposition to that particular aspect of it, Mr. Brown.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Brown, I would, if you could, either I can ask that question of the applicant or you could as well, who I plan on calling next.

MR. BROWN: All right. That's fine. Because again I just don't want to have an issue where we delete that condition in its entirety now and down the road since looking at the Concept Plan Flowers Road is pretty close to the northwest corner of this property. I don't want trucks to at that point access the property along Flowers Road. Which also is another question with regards to Condition Number 7, the original one, Mr. Rizzi, you testified a moment ago about the future Presidential Parkway and the Master Plan Presidential Parkway. I understand your applicant plans to build the future Presidential Parkway,

but is it accurate that you also plan to build the Master 2 Plan Presidential Parkway up to Westphalia Road? MR. RIZZI: We plan that this proposal proposes to 3 4 connect that Master Plan Road on the north side of 5 Westphalia Road and continue it northward into the site. 6 MR. BROWN: All right. And please tell us, I 7 don't recall that Presidential Parkway exists south of Westphalia Road in any shape, fashion or form, is that 9 correct or not? 10 MR. RIZZI: It does not exist physically at the 11 current time. 12 MR. BROWN: All right. That's what I thought. 13 MR. ANTONETTI: Well, we can ask there's some 14 testimony, there is some small stretch of Presidential 15 Parkway that does exist well south, closer to the town 16 center core, but not abutting this property. 17 MR. BROWN: All right. Looking at Condition 18 Number 9 on Exhibit 2B, Mr. Rizzi, which basically involves 19 the issue of employing WSSC to run a water and sewer line 20 along Flowers Road. I don't have any problem with the 21 deletion of that condition, however, tell me, the people on 22 Flowers Road I'm assuming they have water and sewer now, do 23 they not? UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Hi, how are you? 24

MR. RIZZI: I cannot confirm which of those

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particular houses actively have public water and sewer at this time. I just know that we are not coming through anything to do with Flowers Road with any of our utilities or with our vehicular access or construction for this particular site.

MR. BROWN: Yes. And Mr. Antonetti made comment about the Westphalia Community Coordination Council and asked that document that indicated that entity was forfeited. Mr. Antonetti, when was that entity forfeited?

MR. ANTONETTI: I can, it was some time ago I can pull that up.

MR. BROWN: Just before the record closes, I'd like to know the exact date.

MR. ANTONETTI: Sure.

MR. BROWN: Because my question is whether or not the residents on Flowers Road, Popular Drive, Willow Avenue, Oak Street, Chester Grove Road are members are some type of community organization, even though it may not be Washington Community Coordination Council. And Mr. Rizzi, I think I had one other question, let me just see what it was.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Brown, sorry if I interject.

Based on the SCAT website --

MR. BROWN: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: -- the SCAT Department of Action of Forfeiture occurred on October 7, 2003.

2 questions at this time. Thank you. 3 MR. RIZZI: Thank you. 4 MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Rizzi, just before I call Ms. 5 Brown up, she has one question for you, I note that you're going to exceed the Landscape Manual, but the Landscape 6 7 Manual itself is the minimum that can be imposed, correct? MR. RIZZI: The Landscape Manual establishes a 8 9 minimum building setback, a minimum buffer yard width and a 10 minimum plant density and we exceed all of those in the way 11 of the density, in the way of the building setback. 12 MS. MCNEIL: And if I pull up that document later, 13 I'll be able to read how much you exceed? I can't tell 14 right now. 15 MR. RIZZI: Yes, I can share that with you. exceeds the minimum requirements for both density by 20 16 17 percent of the plant material. So it provides --18 MS. MCNEIL: How about the setback? Okay. 19 ahead. 20 MR. RIZZI: The setback varies depending on the 21 particular point that it's measured from, but it varies at 22 the minimum by just a couple of feet to as much as more than double what the minimum setback is. 23 MS. MCNEIL: So from a few feet to 100? 24 25 MR. RIZZI: Approximately 55 feet, I believe, at

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MS. MCNEIL: Oh to 55 feet. And can you explain then, you know, just give a little testimony as to why you all think you have good cause not to do the 150 foot wide buffer.

Sure, happy to. So, I can't speak to MR. RIZZI: any prior development proposals but in this particular proposal the intent is to provide adequate buffering of the adjoining uses from one another and between the combination of the vertical topographical difference, which is fairly substantial between the adjoining properties that are existing, the residential properties and this proposal as well as the density of the screening and the extensive evergreen material as well as the higher canopy, higher branching deciduous and semi-evergreen material. plant buffer yards as well as the vertical difference between them will provide a sight line that basically looks over top of this development and it will not be visible, so it's essentially less of an issue of the number of feet than the fact that we've effectively screened this proposed use completely from these adjoining residential properties.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. And Ms. Brown wasn't sure if she wants to be opposed but her question is if she's a lower property, she states that she's not one of the higher properties, how will she be protected from any flooding or

other adverse impact, if this change is made. And if that's

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2 not a question for you, we could wait. MR. RIZZI: I'd be happy to look at exactly which 3 4 property she's at if that's clear. 5 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Then wait a second. 6 Brown, could you turn your mic on and camera for a second? 7 MS. BROWN: Good morning. 8 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning. 9 MR. RIZZI: Good morning. 10 MS. BROWN: Yes, I --MS. MCNEIL: Okay, wait a minute. Wait a minute, 11 12 now that I see Ms. Brown, I want to say for the record that 13 I know her, but it would not affect this at all, and I had no idea. So Mr. Antonetti, if you don't have a problem, or 14 15 Mr. Brown? 16 MR. ANTONETTI: No objection. 17 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. 18 MS. BROWN: Okay. Great. 19 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Go ahead, Ms. Brown, tell them 20 your question. And are you opposed or you want an answer 21 before you determine that you're opposed to this? 22 MS. BROWN: Right. I'd like an answer. 23 opposed, I'm just deeply concerned because my property sits 24 at a lower level than others on Willow Avenue. There is a

pond, it seems to be some type of pond directly behind my

house and I'm just concerned that with grading, and you know the, the development that somehow I could experience flooding and sinkholes. Because at one time there was a, a well in my yard and lately --

MS. MCNEIL: Ms. Brown, I have to stop you there for a second. I have to let them answer questions.

MS. BROWN: Oh, okay.

MS. MCNEIL: And you'll be able to testify later if you'd like.

MS. BROWN: All right.

MS. MCNEIL: So Mr. Rizzi, do you think that, can you tell, go ahead Mr. Rizzi, can you address anything from what she's stated thus far?

MR. RIZZI: I will certainly do my best. I don't know exactly which lot but I'm looking at the existing topographical elevations along Willow Avenue right now.

MS. BROWN: Uh-huh.

MR. RIZZI: And those elevations, you are and there is a wetland area existing right now that is on our property that extends kind of in the general direction of that property line. But I can tell you that from a vertical different standpoint depending on which specific lot you're on, you are somewhere between 15 to 25 feet higher than any of those low-lying areas. And still that much above any of the closest areas of the proposed development here.

1 MS. BROWN: Okay.

MR. RIZZI: So there's still a pretty significant vertical difference between where your backyard, so to speak, would be and where the existing topography and the proposed topography would place this relative to your house.

MS. BROWN: Okav.

MR. RIZZI: Does that help?

MS. BROWN: Yes. But I'm going to think about it a little bit more to see if I have any other questions regarding that.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Rizzi, if you could and Fatima, if you could bring up the cursor to show the contour lines on the Landscape Plan between Willow Avenue and the subject property and I think that will give Ms. Brown some comfort when you explain the contour lines between Willow Avenue and this property.

MR. RIZZI: Sure, I'm happy to. I don't know if you can see my cursor moving on the screen.

MR. BROWN: Yes, I do. All right.

MR. RIZZI: But Willow Avenue is right here and the elevations of these homes in this area vary roughly between 270, an elevation of 270 to 280 feet of elevation. And the existing areas, the area that Ms. Brown was referring to is approximately, depending on which lot in particular that is, is in this area right here and that's

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approximately 15 to 25 feet, if not more, below the
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              MS. BROWN: Thank you for that.
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              MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Mr. Antonetti, if you don't
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             MR. ANTONETTI: I have one.
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1 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Go ahead. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: Sorry. Mr. Rizzi, for the record, 3 could you confirm whether this development as illustratively shown if it were to move forward to construction, would it be required to conform to current storm water management requirements, sediment control requirements that would otherwise capture or require the treatment of all storm water runoff generated from the impervious surfaces on the 9 site? 10 MR. RIZZI: Yes, that is correct. 11 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Thank you. I have no 12 further questions. 13 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Then we can remove the exhibit 14 and call your next witness. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, ma'am, thank you. I'd like 16 to call Mr. Eric May, please. 17 MR. MAY: Good morning. 18 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning, Mr. May, do you swear 19 or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the testimony 20 you shall give will be the truth and nothing but the truth? 21 MR. MAY: I do. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. May, could you please state 23 your professional address? 24 MR. MAY: Sure. It's 2201 Wisconsin Avenue,

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MR. ANTONETTI: And are you a representative of 1 2 the applicant, FV Flowers Road, LLC in this case? 3 MR. MAY: I am. 4 MR. ANTONETTI: Are you authorized by FV Flowers 5 Road, LLC to testify today before the Zoning Hearing Examiner regarding this application? 6 7 MR. MAY: I am. MR. ANTONETTI: Does the unanimous resolution 8 9 dated July 20, 2021, provide such authorization for your 10 testimony? 11 MR. MAY: It does. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: And I refer to Exhibit 22 in the 13 Zoning Hearing Examiner's record, such resolution. Mr. May, 14 is FV Flowers Road, LLC the contract purchaser of the 15 subject property? MR. MAY: It is. 16 17 MR. ANTONETTI: In your own words, what are the 18 main reasons FV Flowers Road is requesting amendments to conditions set forth in A-9706-C? 19 20 MR. MAY: Generally, as, as Mr. Antonetti has, 21 has, has mentioned thus far, some of these conditions are 22 either inconsistent or inappropriate as it relates to 23 current development standards. And so the, that 24 necessitates modification as it relates to current

development standards. There are also some environmental

features on this property that we're forced to work around that kind of make navigating development of this site much more difficult with the existing conditions as written. And lastly, you know, this is a, a viable site for warehouse and logistics activities given its proximity to, to the beltway and so you know what we've proffered in terms of proposals for amendments are those changes that will help allow for the appropriate development of, of this property.

MR. ANTONETTI: And Mr. May, are you familiar with the Illustrative Concept Plan that was referred to by Mr.

Rizzi, marked as Exhibit 2C in the record?

MR. MAY: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: And is this plan indicative of the type of development that the applicant would like to build on the property if this application were approved?

MR. MAY: It is.

MR. ANTONETTI: And can you briefly explain the development concept that FV Flowers would like to pursue at the property and in that answer, if you could please identify the type of use, so make it clear what warehouse or logistics might mean in today's market.

MR. MAY: Sure. So we, we are proposing two buildings totaling about 387,000 potential square feet. The larger of the two buildings being pushed up against the beltway, so the further western building. These buildings

will serve for kind of modern logistics warehousing given again the proximity to the beltway and the proximity to the urban core of D.C. and, and the surrounding areas. So we would expect tenancy here to be probably multitenant. Most likely doing short delivery of materials or goods to again the urban core which, which this site is so proximate to.

MR. ANTONETTI: And when you speak of tenants multitenants, single tenants, are there any tenants that are known or identified at this time for this site?

MR. MAY: There are not.

MR. ANTONETTI: And you eluded to this in your two questions back, why are the two proposed buildings on the Concept Plan shown in the location that they're in?

MR. MAY: Right. So we, the, the buildings are shown where they are primarily due to the significant environmental limitations that exist on the site. We did a comprehensive wetlands and floodplain analysis identified areas of, of critical concern and have sited these buildings in a manner to avoid as much as, as much as possible interaction with any of those environmentally sensitive locations. So the buildings themselves sit completely outside of any environmental conditions.

MR. ANTONETTI: Are you aware that the property is impacted by the alignment of Master Plan Road MC-634, Presidential Parkway?

MR. MAY: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: And are you aware that as the developer of the property, the potential developer of the property, that there's a requirement pursuant to County Code Regulations that you build and or pay a fee in lieu for construction of this roadway as it is aligned on your site?

MR. MAY: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Has your layout in the Concept Plan considered surrounding land uses and how does the proposed layout make any design accommodations based on those adjoining land uses?

MR. MAY: Yes, so in addition to the environmental constraints on the property we've been heavily focused on, on siting these buildings in this development in a manner to minimize impact to surrounding properties, both from a, a size configuration and noise abatement standpoint. So as was previously mentioned by Mr. Antonetti, the, the configuration is such that the loading activities of these buildings are inwardly focused. The buildings themselves end up becoming significant sound buffers to existing beltway noise, which as the property currently stands there is no buffering. And so, the reality is these, these buildings in addition to some sound attenuation, fencing and walls that will be constructed, will actually reduce the amount of sound coming off the beltway sheeting up this

property towards the neighboring properties, so will, will benefit the neighbors from a sound attenuation standpoint. And then we've, we've worked with Mr. Rizzi and others to site these buildings and use the grade to our advantage to lower these buildings on the land such that they give the appearance of being much shorter than the 32 foot clear height that they are currently designed to.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And Madam Examiner, I'm going to ask for assistance again, if Exhibit 9A could be brought up on the screen. Okay. I could ask some other questions and come back to that while that's happening, if that's okay?

MS. MCNEIL: Thank you, Mr. Antonetti, we're getting it right to you and I take this opportunity to let the watching world know that the Examiner doesn't know how to pull up anything. So the wonderful staff in the background is handling it. Thank you.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And I --

MS. BAH: My computer just went blank, so I'm not aware what's going on right now. Did you all ask for something?

MR. ANTONETTI: I'm sorry, Exhibit 9A possibly if it could be brought up. Okay. There we go. And could that be rotated, Ms. Bah? Is that possible? There we go. Again, thank you for your assistance with this. I struggle

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just going to suggest if you close Acrobat and then reopen, it just looks like you've probably got too much memory and 3 that happens to me a fair amount. 4 MS. MCNEIL: Everybody back? Okay. 5 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Madam Examiner, should I 6 proceed? 7 MS. MCNEIL: Yes, please. 8 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. And thank you, Ms. 9 Bah, for bringing this up. Again, I apologize for any 10 inconvenience. Mr. May, are you familiar with the 11 illustrative item shown as Exhibit 9A on the screen before 12 you? 13 MR. MAY: Yes. MR. ANTONETTI: And was this exhibit commissioned 14 15 by the applicant to reflect the Concept Plan? 16 MR. MAY: It was. MR. ANTONETTI: And can you quickly describe what 17 18 is illustratively shown in these exhibits for the Zoning 19 Hearing Examiner and People's Zoning Council, and if we 20 could start with this and if, you might be able to control 21 the cursor and pull these slides down in succession. 22 MR. MAY: Okay. Well, we'll start with what's on 23 the screen currently. So what this is meant to show is a 24 view looking from the east to the west towards the beltway,

so kind of oriented from Chester Grove starting at the north

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with Section A, working to the south with Section C, each of which is meant to show a couple of things. One, the landscape buffer, the, the distance to the building face off of the property line which in each instance as it relates to, to Building 2 is 111 feet. The distance then from the property line to the adjoining structure and then probably most importantly, the grade difference that we've been speaking to her intermittently, and as you work from the north to the south you can see the grade delta grows a bit, and it's hard to see but there's a dashed line here on each section that's meant to show a sight line kind of angular towards the building that is, is, is hope, hopefully depicting the fact that these buildings are not going to look and feel as if they're 40 feet. And by the way, the, the 40 feet that we're depicting is 32 feet of clear story building height and then an 8 foot parapet wall to block and screen any roof top equipment that may end up on these roofs. And so this, this imagery is meant to show that despite 40 feet of vertical construction from the neighboring properties to the east they're going to look and feel much shorter than 40 feet.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Can we proceed to the next slide, please?

MR. MAY: Yeah, I, I don't have control. There should be another sight line slide.

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MR. ANTONETTI: Yes I think if we can go to page 2 of 3, just the slide, just before that, Fatima. Great, thank you.

MR. MAY: So this is, this is the one we just, it'll be the next, the next slide, I believe.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ ANTONETTI: Okay. This is 1 of 6, if we can go to 2 of 6.

MR. MAY: Perfect.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you.

MR. MAY: All right. So this is depicting the same conceptual imagery now looking from the south along Willow to the north of the, of the property. And again depicting that here the building face, if you're starting at the Building 2 which is the eastern most of the two buildings, so section, I'm sorry, Section D, the, the western most building, which is Building 1, you'll see that again that you have some gray delta, it's a bit more abrupt here, it kind of falls off as opposed to more of a gradual hill. But significant setback to building face, significant setback to adjoining property structure and same in a, in a greater extent for Section EE, as it relates to Building 2. They are much more gradual reduction. But in all in terms of elevation, but in all instances, elevation of this site works to the benefit of kind of hiding and sinking these buildings from adjoining structures.

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MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. If we could go to the next slide as well, please. Okay.

So these, these are architectural renderings that the architect has prepared to illustrate conceptually what the view shed may look like or should look like from adjacent properties. Again, this is looking off of Chester Grove, the, the townhouse and condo communities that exist there looking from the east to the west towards these buildings and, and illustrates that again these buildings are, are sunk down, there's a great amount of distance between them and the adjacent structures. this, this probably doesn't do quite justice to the amount of foliage that does exist and will be added to, to screen the view shed and what this is missing which we've now certainly agreed to with respect to all neighbors that are, are adjacent to this property is the introduction of a, of a 6 foot board to board visually screening fence that we'll construct and maintain, that will help again to, to shield any views from, from adjacent properties to this, to this development.

MR. ANTONETTI: And the 6 to 7 foot fence and depending on the area where it's located, will that also serve a sound mitigation function for various portions of the boundaries of the site?

MR. MAY: It will.

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MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. If we can go to the next slide as well. Okay.

MR. MAY: So this is just another similar image as we're moving a bit south so now centered on Building 2 looking to the west, again depicting that with the buildings where they're set, that the existing foliage, foliage what's going to be added that the, the view shed is, is more or less fully obstructed.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Here's the next slide.

MR. MAY: Again, similar image now we're at the southern end of Building 2, again depicting here you have a, a great deal of distance from the adjoining structure and, and, and again the, the buildings being virtually not visible from, from this perspective.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. If we can go to the next slide.

MR. MAY: So now, now we're looking from the south on Willow to the north towards, towards the, towards
Building 1, which we, we have a, a good deal of distance again showing that the buildings as sunken into this existing topography are not readily visible.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Madam Examiner, I'd also like to bring up Exhibit 9B in the record, the illustrative building rendered sections, for a quick reference. Thank you, Ms. Bah. Mr. May, for the record, do

you recognize Exhibit 9B and if you do can you explain what that exhibit represents?

MR. MAY: I do recognize the exhibit and so this represents architectural renderings of, of prospective building materials and imagery. Our desire is to create a Class A modern logistics warehouse building using, you know, quality materials, high end materials and so this is meant to illustrate a concept of, of what these buildings could look like.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And if we can go to the next slide.

MR. MAY: Yeah, so similar image now looking at Building 2 from the southeast corner and this is meant to depict again similar imagery in terms of quality of construction, quality of materials, qualities of aesthetic. This is, this would be logically the office portion of whomever takes this portion of the building and so it's meant to show kind of an, an entrance to Building 2.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. All right. I think that covers those two exhibits. And Mr. May can you confirm that the illustrative shows the passenger vehicle parking facing outward towards the east on Building 2 and that the truck courts are reflected or intended to be internal to the site.

MR. MAY: That is correct.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. May, are you aware that your

proposed development, if this application is approved, will require the approval of a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and a Detailed Site Plan?

MR. MAY: I am.

MR. ANTONETTI: Based on your perspective as the applicant and in your words and your experience in the development field, what are the benefits of the proposed development, potentially, of this subject property?

MR. MAY: I think the benefits are multiple. I think the largest being jobs creation. We, we project based on antidotal evidence from similar properties that, that this project can create 300 to 500 permanent jobs out of, out of this development. Obviously, there will be interim job creation through the development and construction of the project. A significant increase in, in tax revenue to, to the county. And, and I think importantly you know the construction of a portion of the Master Plan Roadway and Presidential Parkway. No impacts on schools and, and the ability through development here to actually mitigate sound as it relates to the surrounding neighbors. I think that the summation of those, those benefits are pretty significant.

MR. ANTONETTI: And with regards to a previous question, are you familiar with existing Condition 6 of A-9706-C which you had asked to be deleted, which states heavy

truck deliveries shall be prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. along Flowers Road. Are you familiar with that language?

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MR. ANTONETTI: In your opinion would that condition similarly worded be appropriate for any deliveries along the major collector to be known as Presidential Parkway M-634 on the site?

MR. MAY: Right. The, the, the short answer is we don't believe it's applicable and the reason being is that a master planned public roadway dictated to be a major collector. And so if and when at some point in the future there's connection made for this roadway there will be traffic generated on that roadway that is, is outside of the use of this development. And so obviously there's no ability to control traffic travelling on that road that is outside of, of the development itself. And so we, we've been focused on sound mitigation to ensure that the use of this road does not, does not increase sound as it relates to neighboring properties and have come up with solutions to ensure that doesn't happen. And so the combination of sound attenuation methods that can be implemented, coupled with the fact that it is a public roadway to be maintained and ultimately used by others that don't specifically use this project, we think the, the condition isn't applicable

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MR. ANTONETTI: And Mr. May, are you familiar with what is labeled as Exhibit 21 titled proposed conditions exhibit?

MR. MAY: I am.

MR. ANTONETTI: And does this document reflect revised condition language that the applicant would support for this case?

MR. MAY: It does.

MR. ANTONETTI: Would the applicant also accept an amended condition of approval that would prohibit direct vehicular access from the subject property to the residential streets known as Oak Street, Poplar Drive, and Willow Avenue?

MR. MAY: We will, yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Would the applicant also accept an amended condition of approval that would require that any specific development be compliant with the county's noise ordinance and that any required noise mitigation structures be provided as part of the development and shown at time of Detailed Site Plan?

MR. MAY: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: And would the applicant accept an additional condition or a revised condition of existing

Condition 16 regarding the encouragement and participation

of minority women or disadvantaged business owners in the development of the property and project?

MR. MAY: Yes.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ ANTONETTI: I have no further questions of Mr. May at this time.

MS. MCNEIL: Before I turn to Mr. Brown, Mr. May and is Mr. Rizzo still here? I meant to ask him earlier, whoever can answer this. You all are saying that you're showing that elevation and landscaping et cetera will make the buildings almost invisible from the adjacent residences. But is that true if it were 50 feet tall as proposed? Because you all had mentioned like 32 feet, 36 feet, are we still pretty invisible at 50 feet? Does anybody know?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: (Indiscernible).

MS. MCNEIL: I'm sorry, I said Rizzo, I think that's a character in something I was watching, sorry.

MR. RIZZI: Yes, I'm happy to weigh in on that, certainly. Thank you. So the sight line from the adjoining property would be such whether standing in the backyard or you know in the house would be such that the landscaping itself proposed in the buffer yards as we showed on the exhibit would break the sight line from an individual standing in that area looking towards the site. And if they were to say look over the top of the trees the angle of that sight line would project above the height of the buildings.

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possible to do six buildings and meet everything mentioned in all of the proposed conditions?

MR. ANTONETTI: Madam Examiner, six buildings that was a legacy condition from 1989 and I think is indicative of the lack of or the absence of current regulation, where different parts of the site may have been developed back then. But today, you know the developable areas are essentially where we show them on the Concept Plan, but it was a legacy condition. I was already amending a good amount so we have no opposition to the current language.

MS. MCNEIL: Wait a minute, now. You're amending other legacy conditions, so I'm just asking. Is it going to be two? Because what you're showing is based on two. I guess as long as there's some condition that everything still applies if there were to be six, is that what you want it to be?

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Brown?

MR. BROWN: Yes, good Mr. May, I just have two or three very quick questions.

MR. MAY: Sure.

MR. BROWN: I think you and Mr. Antonetti were confused by my comment concerning Condition Number 6 on the original zoning which is heavy truck delivery shall be prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. along Flowers

Road. I was not suggesting that that condition apply to the Master Plan Presidential Parkway. So no, I'm in agreement, you know, there's no need to have a prohibition for any time slot for heavy trucks on Presidential Parkway. My issue with regards to Flowers Road after the use is up and running, but as you have commented, you are in agreement that Flowers Road shall not be utilized by this property for any truck deliveries, and therefore you don't have any objection to an amendment of the condition that continues to prohibit truck use on Flowers Road, Willow Avenue, Poplar Drive and Oak Street after construction is completed, is that correct?

MR. MAY: That is correct.

MR. BROWN: The other question I had was with regards to the sight lines and Exhibit 9A. You showed us sight lines from the south, east and you didn't show us anything from the north which is probably not necessarily relevant, but I didn't see sight lines from the west which is from the Capital Beltway. And the only reason I raise the issue you guys have placed a noise study in the file, you've commented on the noise mitigation as it impacts residential properties on the south and the east. But it's sort of like talking out of both sides of your mouth in the sense that if the buildings are below grade to improve the sight lines and the view shed from the residential

properties on the south and the east, then the noise from the Capital Beltway will travel, in my commonsense understanding, over top of the structures and toward the properties on the east and the south.

So I was just wondering in your noise study, if you've read it, are the sight lines from the Capital Beltway below grade to your property and the structures, or is it at grade, the same grade level?

MR. MAY: So generally, Mr. Brown, the, the beltway, the Capital Beltway sits lower than our property.

So as you work your way from the east to the west, the grade continues to fall towards the beltway. So the beltway as it relates to our property is, is at the lowest point.

MR. BROWN: All right. So if that's the case then your logic would make sense, so I'm going to take you at your word on that. The other issue I had with regards to minority participation, Mr. Antonetti, I actually believe that all of that should be deleted from any condition. It's really not, those are legal conditions, I don't know why they were placed in there in 1989, as long as the applicant is bound by county law with regards to minority procurement then he doesn't have to put it in this amended condition statement. The same thing with regards to —

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$ ANTONETTI: And that would be Condition 16, $$\operatorname{Mr.}$$ Brown?

MR. BROWN: 16, yes, that's correct. The other question I had still that's sort of just hanging out there is and if you know, Mr. May, and maybe Ms. Brown when she testifies early can tell us I know that there has been a water and sewer issue over there with regards to some of the residents, they've never had public water and sewer, but I'm just wondering whether or not the residents on Flowers Road have public water and sewer at this time. Do you know, by any chance?

MR. MAY: I, I don't know with, with specificity.

We, we have spoken to the majority of, of owners along

Flowers. Much of Flowers is now industrial.

MR. BROWN: Yes.

MR. MAY: There's, there's a number of contractors and commercial parking lots over there. There are four residents that remain and to my knowledge, all four of those residential properties, save for maybe one, has, has full water and sewer access.

MR. BROWN: All right. And at your Exhibit 2C, the Concept Plan, the existing self-storage facility recently built in the last two years, is that west of your property along the beltway, going towards Pennsylvania Avenue?

MR. MAY: The Cube Smart, is that the facility you're referring to?

1 MR. BROWN: Yes. 2 MR. MAY: That, that would be west of our 3 property, correct. 4 West of your property, right. MR. BROWN: 5 right. And so going northeast from your property, I guess that's going to be just primarily forest land. There are no 6 7 additional residential properties up there, are there? North, to the north of our property --8 MR. MAY: 9 MR. BROWN: Running along the beltway. 10 MR. MAY: -- is, that is currently under 11 development as a residential community, called West Ridge, I 12 believe. Is that correct? Yes. 13 MR. BROWN: That's proposed? 14 MR. MAY: It, it is. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: It's under development, Mr. Brown. 16 MR. BROWN: Under development. Are there any 17 issues with regards to sight lines from your property to 18 that proposed development? 19 There, there are not. We haven't MR. MAY: 20 studied it as intensely as, as the other view sheds. 21 are the north end of our property is where the predominance 22 of the environmental conditions exist and those 23 environmental conditions extend over the northern property line. And so they're development is stopping, and I don't 24 25

know the exact location, but something relative to about 300

feet short of their property line. So --1 2 MR. BROWN: Yes, I got you. MR. MAY: -- there's a pretty vast difference 3 4 where their development ends and our starts. 5 MR. BROWN: Right. Because you've got the PMA 6 along that stream on the north side. 7 MR. MAY: Correct. Exactly. MR. BROWN: All right. No other questions, thank 8 9 you. 10 MR. MAY: Thank you, sir. MS. MCNEIL: Wait a minute, you're not off the 11 12 hook yet, gave me time to get my other questions and that is 13 there's a condition saying things won't be visible from any street. Let me find it. And I'm wondering is there any 14 15 property that's not separated from you all by a street that 16 might be impacted by the view shed? 17 There is not any property that, that, MR. MAY: 18 well those, the folks who live along Willow, their street is 19 to the south of them, so their property is fully abut, as is 20 the case on the east side as well with, with those townhouse 21 communities. But beyond that, there, there is no other 22 instance where that would be the case. 23 MS. MCNEIL: And I'm sorry, this is the one about visible outdoor storage. I just wondered why we've changed 24

it from prohibited to not visible from a street.

1 MR. ANTONETTI: Because that's --2 MS. MCNEIL: And maybe that's, go ahead Mr. 3 Antonetti. 4 MR. ANTONETTI: Sorry, Madam Examiner. That's the standard in the I-1 Zone. And I'm not sure if that standard 5 existed at the time of this zoning, but that, as the letter points out, the section dealing with that in the Zoning Ordinance that is the language, I believe it's Section 27-469(c) of the Zoning Ordinance, which prohibits the 10 visibility of outdoor storage from a street. 11 MS. MCNEIL: Yes. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: Just trying to be consistent. 13 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. But also is it your testimony 14 or proffer that there would be no property that is not 15 separated from you by a street currently that could be 16 impacted by outdoor storage? 17 MR. MAY: That is correct. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: That's correct. 19 MS. MCNEIL: Thank you. Now I believe there was 20 an issue in the chat and if Ms. Brown can just wait until, 21 we will get some brief testimony from you because you can't 22 use the chat as part of this record. So it's not really a 23 question, she was answering something one of you all asked, 24 but I'll get her to do it on the record.

Okay.

MR. ANTONETTI:

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. May. 1 2 MR. MAY: Thank you. MR. ANTONETTI: Unless there's any other 3 questions, I have no further questions of Mr. May. 4 5 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. May. Your next witness? 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. I'd like to call Mr. Mike Klebasko (phonetic sp.) please. 8 9 MR. KLEBASKO: Good morning, everyone. 10 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning, Mr. Klebasko. Do you 11 swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the 12 testimony you shall give will be the truth and nothing but 13 the truth? 14 MR. KLEBASKO: I do. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Clabasco, good morning. Can you please state your professional address for the record? 16 17 MR. KLEBASKO: Yeah, I'm with Wetland Studies and 18 Solutions, 1131 Ben Field Boulevard, Suite L, Millersville, 19 Maryland 21108.9 20 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. And what is your 21 position with Wetland Studies and Solutions? 22 MR. KLEBASKO: I'm the manager, manager of our 23 Maryland office's Environmental Science Section. 24 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you provided testimony as 25 an environmental scientist before any boards, hearing

examiners or commissions? 1 2 MR. KLEBASKO: I have. 3 MR. ANTONETTI: Have you testified as an expert before the Zoning Hearing Examiner as an expert in the field 4 of environmental science? MR. KLEBASKO: Yes. 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: Is your resume marked as Exhibit 8 15, representative of your professional and educational 9 experience? 10 MR. KLEBASKO: It is. 11 MR. ANTONETTI: I'd like to move Mr. Klebasko as 12 an expert in the field of environmental science. 13 MS. MCNEIL: Assuming no objection? MR. BROWN: Very quickly, Mr. Klebasko. 14 15 sorry, I don't recall meeting you. You said you've testified before the Examiner as an expert? 16 17 MR. KLEBASKO: I have. It's been some years since 18 I've, I've done it in Prince George's County but I've done 19 it in other counties, like Montgomery and Queen Anne's. 20 MR. BROWN: All right. That's what I thought, you 21 haven't done it in Prince George's County. So you were qualified in another county in what particular field? 22 MR. KLEBASKO: General environmental science, 23 24 wetland delineations, forest stand delineations, critical 25 area studies, basic environmental studies, reports and

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             MR. BROWN: And which counties in particular?
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             MR. KLEBASKO: Montgomery, Prince George's County,
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   Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, and I'm sure there's a few
    others that, that I've done as well. I work all over the
    State of Maryland, I have for 30 years.
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             MR. BROWN: I understand. But when you say Prince
   George's you've never been qualified as an expert before the
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    Zoning Hearing Examiner, is that correct?
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             MR. KLEBASKO: No, I believe I have, but it's
   been, it could be about 20 years ago when that happened.
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    I recall correctly, it may have been for the Beech Tree
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   project a long time ago.
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              MR. BROWN: All right. I'm looking at your resume
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          I only see four projects that you highlight here.
   here.
    I'm assuming you have dozens more projects, is that correct?
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              MR. KLEBASKO: I would say thousands.
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             MR. BROWN: And Mr. Antonetti, you're offering him
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    as an expert in specifically in what field?
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             MR. ANTONETTI: Environmental science,
   particularly wetland delineations and environmental
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             MR. BROWN: Do we really need to qualify him today
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   to talk about that?
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MR. ANTONETTI: To the extent that he's going to

reference a wetland delineation to identify the sensitive features we've heard from some other witnesses.

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MR. BROWN: All right. I will reserving objection, I don't have any strong opinion opposing him as an expert in that field based upon his one-page resume. But Mr. Klebasko, before this record closes, if you could give us a more robust resume that identifies some of the projects you've testified on, that would be helpful.

MR. KLEBASKO: Oh that is no problem at all.

MS. MCNEIL: I'm going to ask this follow up, have you been rejected as an expert in environmental science before anybody?

MR. KLEBASKO: Never.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Then I will accept you as expert in environmental science, understanding that you will be talking about the environmental constraints on the property. Thank you.

MR. KLEBASKO: Thank you.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Thank you for those questions and we will supplement the record after these proceedings to provide that information. Mr. Klebasko, are you familiar with the property subject to A-9706-C?

MR. KLEBASKO: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Were you asked by the property owner in this application to prepare a natural resources

inventory and a wetland delineation for the subject 2 property? 3 MR. KLEBASKO: Yes. 4 MR. ANTONETTI: And what is the current zone of 5 the property? MR. KLEBASKO: It is I-1. 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Klebasko, you've heard testimony and you're aware that the property was zoned in 8 1989 to the I-1 Zone, is that correct? MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, I have. 10 11 MR. ANTONETTI: And has there been in your expert 12 opinion, has there been any increased or altered or 13 different regulations restrictions pertaining to environmental features on the property since 1989? 14 15 MR. KLEBASKO: Oh yes, absolutely. In 1991 the 16 Maryland Forest Conservation Act was passed, which 17 established standards for local agencies to enforce during 18 the development process. And it is a means to protect not 19 only forest and trees but also the environmentally sensitive 20 areas of the site. For instance, in Prince George's County 21 you now have to prepare or perform natural resource inventory studies, and they're required for all projects 22 23 such as this. And the NRI planned that accompanies that study has to show all the significant and sensitive 24

environmental features on the site, wetlands, streams, PMA

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buffers, steep slopes floodplains, specimen trees, et cetera. These features now must generally be avoided for our projects and they can greatly restrict the amount of developable area.

Another piece of legislation that was enacted was the Maryland Nontitle Wetlands Protection Act, and now you need to get authorization from the Maryland Department of the Environment should you impact any wetlands, streams, 25 foot wetland buffers, 100 year floodplain. These stricter regulatory reviews make it much more difficult to obtain permits and to impact wetlands and streams than you would have been able to in 1989.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Mr. Klebasko, Madam

Examiner and Ms. Bah if we could bring up Exhibit 24, the wetlands delineation and I will go through this quickly. I appreciate that if that could be brought up on the screen.

And when it does I'd like to, once it's identified by Mr. Klebasko I'd like to move to Attachment 1, which is at the end of the wetlands delineation. Yes, if we can just keep, yes. Well first of all, Mr. Klebasko, do you recognize what is on the screen and marked as Exhibit 24?

MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, that's our wetlands delineation report.

MR. ANTONETTI: And was this prepared by you or under your supervision?

1 MR. KLEBASKO: It was. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: And has it been submitted to any 3 governmental agency for review and approval? 4 MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, it was submitted to both the 5 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment and representatives from both agencies came out into the field and confirmed our delineation on March 16th of 2021. And then the Corps of Engineers followed up with a formal approval dated April 27, 2021 when they sent 10 us their written jurisdictional determination letter. 11 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And I'd like to, Ms. Bah, 12 if we could scroll to the bottom of that exhibit. 13 MR. KLEBASKO: That's a different exhibit. MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, that's a different exhibit, 14 15 I'm sorry. If we can, there's an appendix or attachment to 16 the back of the report, I'd like to just scroll to that. 17 There we go. Sorry. 18 MR. KLEBASKO: I believe it's the last page of the 19 report. 20 MR. ANTONETTI: Right there. Back up, just 21 attached to one, if we can just go down just slightly. 22 Right there, just, okay, and I'm not sure if we're able to There you go, perfect. 23 see that on the screen entirely. 24 Thank you, Ms. Bah. I need to buy you a cup of coffee when

this is all done, I apologize for the --

1 MS. BAH: You're welcome, it's not a problem.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Klebasko, can you identify utilizing what's known as Attachment A from your wetlands delineation report, can you identify the significant environmental features on the subject property?

MR. KLEBASKO: Yes. They're generally highlighted in green, tan and blue on this plan. If we start in the northeast corner there is a wetland, a big green wetland system with a blue stream running through the center of it, flowing along the northern property line in a westerly direction toward the Capital Beltway. That's the main stream and wetland system that's on this property, or the larger one. There's also a second perennial stream that enters the property down in the southeast corner and flows in a northerly direction where it empties into the larger first stream that I spoke about.

You'll notice that along both of the blue streams are numerous green areas, and those are forested wetlands that are immediately adjacent to and draining into the streams. There's also two smaller wetland areas along the western property line. Along the west central, next to the Capital Beltway is a long skinny green forested wetland and then down in the extreme southwest corner is a small isolated wetland pocket right where existing Flowers Road

intersects the property corner.

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These are the, all this significant wetland and stream features located on this site.

MR. ANTONETTI: And Mr. Klebasko based on your experience, are the areas of the subject property shown in this exhibit and in your wetland delineation report containing environmental features, sensitive environmental features, are they allowed to be developed pursuant to current federal, state or county regulations? And why or why not?

MR. KLEBASKO: Well not without permits, but typically the regulatory agencies will not allow what's called lot fill or the placement of buildings or parking lots, those types of features in any of these jurisdictional areas. And it would be incredibly difficult to be able to do so both from a federal, state and county perspective, all three agencies would be very reluctant to allow that.

MR. ANTONETTI: And that being said, can authorization be obtained from the appropriate federal, state or county agencies to allow minor impacts to environmental areas to allow for things such as utility placement or road crossings?

MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, the agencies do allow for, that would be considered infrastructure, so road crossings, utility lines, storm drain outfalls, those are

jurisdictional impacts that the agencies typically authorize, and I believe would do so for this project as 3 well. 4 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you reviewed the prior 5 Concept Plan marked as Exhibit 2C, prepared by Bohler Engineering for this project? 6 7 MR. KLEBASKO: I did. MR. ANTONETTI: And is the proposed development 8 9 reflected in that Concept Plan located in the areas of the 10 subject property that would largely avoid the sensitive 11 environmental features identified in your wetland 12 delineation report and other studies? 13 MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, most definitely. MR. ANTONETTI: And would you consider the area 14 15 shown on the Concept Plan that are depicting the two warehouse buildings as being the, for lack of a better term, 16 17 the developable areas of the site, at least in terms of 18 avoiding regulated environmental features? MR. KLEBASKO: Yes, they are. 19 20 MR. ANTONETTI: And will future impacts to environmental features on this site be further evaluated as 21 22 part of the required Preliminary Plan of Subdivision or 23 Detailed Site Plan for the property? 24 MR. KLEBASKO: They will.

MR. ANTONETTI: And that's all the questions I

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have right now for Mr. Klebasko.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Klebasko, I guess I just have one question. Looking at Exhibit 2C, the Concept Plan for location of the buildings and the onsite roadways, there appears to be a crossing in the southeast corner of the property proposed and I just have to ask you for the record, I assume you don't anticipate any problems with getting the permits to allow that crossing over the stream and at this point do you anticipate that crossing to be above the stream or what?

MR. KLEBASKO: I don't anticipate any problems. The regulatory agencies allow you road crossings to access developable portions of your property and that's the only access point to get there. So there's no question in mind they would authorize it. What we are proposing to do there is to install a typical culvert in the stream channel and that is also a typical way to install a road crossing and commonly permitted by the agencies.

MR. BROWN: Yes. No other questions, thank you.

MR. ANTONETTI: Madam Examiner, I have no further questions at this point of Mr. Klebasko.

MS. MCNEIL: Thank you. And this is probably in the record and I missed it, but your property will utilize WSSC water and waste? I mean, right, you'll have WSSC access to your property, correct?

1 MR. ANTONETTI: Correct. 2 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. So I'm going to do a proffer for you in case Ms. Brown leaves. Wait a minute, is Ms. 3 4 Brown here? Where is she? 5 MS. BROWN: I am here. MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Can you just state, I'm sorry 6 about this Mr. Antonetti, but it's the best way to do it. Do you swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the testimony you shall give will be the truth and nothing 10 but the truth? 11 MS. BROWN: I do. 12 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. So state your address and then 13 tell them what you wanted to about your access --14 MS. BROWN: All right. 15 MS. MCNEIL: -- to WSSC. 16 MS. BROWN: I'm located at 8612 Willow Avenue, 17 Upper Marlboro. I'm not sure which side I'm on the 18 property, I believe they said I'm east of the property, I'm 19 not sure. But earlier you had asked about sewer, water and 20 gas on Willow Avenue, we have sewer, I mean we have water. 21 We do not have sewer or gas. And I wanted to know although 22 there is sewer on parts of Oak Street, and what I wanted to 23 know is do you have plans to bring sewer and gas into the 24 community? Where we would be able to connect, not for you

to provide it for us, but at a place, at a point where we

would be able to connect. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: I would defer to Mr. May, if he's 3 able to speak to that. I believe the utilities would be brought up along Presidential Parkway, but I could be mistaken there. MR. MAY: That, that's correct, the utilities will 6 7 be, will come up Presidential Parkway and enter our site and so we, we are certainly willing to work with you and the community to figure out how to stub off of those main runs 10 of those utilities to allow for connection along Willow, if 11 that's, if that's of interest. But the utilities that will 12 come to the site will come up Presidential Parkway, which 13 will be proximate to Willow, so it makes sense to utilize that, that, that run of a main that we're going to install 14 15 for these utilities to tap in if that's, if that's of interest. 16 17 MS. BROWN: Great, thank you. 18 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Okay. Mr. Antonetti, your 19 next witness? 20 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. I'd like to call Mr. 21 Michael Lenhart, please, and --22 MS. MCNEIL: Do you need this exhibit?

MR. ANTONETTI: I don't, thank you, Ms. Bah.

MS. MCNEIL: I couldn't see Mr. Lenhart.

MR. LENHART: (Indiscernible).

1 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning. 2 MR. LENHART: Good morning. 3 MS. MCNEIL: Do you swear or affirm under the 4 penalties of perjury that the testimony you shall give will be the truth and nothing but the truth? MR. LENHART: I do. 6 7 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Lenhart, can you 8 MR. ANTONETTI: 9 please state your professional address? 10 MR. LENHART: Yes, 645 Baltimore Annapolis 11 Boulevard, Suite 214, Severna Park, Maryland 21142. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: And are you associated with 13 Lenhart Traffic Consultants? MR. LENHART: That's correct. 14 15 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you been qualified as an expert as a traffic engineer? I know the answer is yes --16 17 MR. LENHART: Yes. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And before the Zoning 19 Hearing Examiner as well? 20 MR. LENHART: Yes. MR. ANTONETTI: I will note that Mr. Lenhart's 21 22 resume is marked as Exhibit 17. I'll just go ahead move him 23 as an expert witness in the area of transportation 24 engineering. 25 MS. MCNEIL: I've got news for you, I always

accept him as an expert in transportation planning. 1 2 MR. ANTONETTI: That would be appropriate as well. 3 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. 4 So if that's okay, I will proceed. MR. ANTONETTI: 5 MS. MCNEIL: Yes, he's accepted as as an expert. I'm sorry, go ahead. 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you very much. Mr. Lenhart, do you recognize Exhibit 23 in the record, which is marked 8 9 as your traffic report? 10 MR. LENHART: Yes, I do. 11 MR. ANTONETTI: And are you familiar with the 12 prior conditions of approval in A-9706-C, concerning the 13 subject property? 14 MR. LENHART: Yes, I am. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Lenhart, will a test for 16 adequate public transportation facilities be required as a 17 part of a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision to support the 18 development of the subject property if today's application 19 is approved? 20 MR. LENHART: Yes, it will. 21 MR. ANTONETTI: For the Zoning Hearing Examiner 22 and People's Zoning Council and others, can you briefly 23 describe your findings regarding traffic facilities as set forth in your traffic study marked as Exhibit 23? 24 25

MR. LENHART: Yes. So we conducted a scoping

agreement with Park and Planning to identify the study intersections, which included Maryland 4 at Westphalia Road, the site access on Westphalia Road and Westphalia Road at Darcy Road and conducted counts, added background developments and then site traffic and the results show that Route 4 at Westphalia fails the adequacy test. However, there's a PFFIP that was adopted at that location by the District Council to accept funding for an interchange and in so doing that allows projects to satisfy the adequacy requirements.

The site access on Westphalia Road and Westphalia at Darcy are both unsignalized intersections and are projected to pass the adequate public facilities test and total total traffic conditions.

MR. ANTONETTI: And would this development be subject to the pro rata contribution requirements established by the District Council PFFIP for the Westphalia Road Route 4 interchange?

MR. LENHART: Yes, it will and there's a fee that will be calculated and conditioned at the time of approval of the Preliminary Plan.

MR. ANTONETTI: Is MC-634 known as Presidential Parkway a currently designated Master Plan Road in the county's Master Plan of Transportation?

MR. LENHART: Yes, it is.

MR. ANTONETTI: And does it impact the subject site?

MR. LENHART: Yes, it does.

MR. ANTONETTI: And are you familiar with the County Code requirements in Section 23-103(a) regarding obligations of a property owner to construct proposed Master Plan Roads that front on land proposed for development?

MR. LENHART: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Did your study assume that the proportion of MC-634 align with the subject property would either be constructed, dedicated or otherwise financially provided for through the development of the site?

MR. LENHART: Yes. We anticipate the study assumed those factors and we anticipate at the time of Preliminary Plan there will be a requirement to dedicate 100 feet of right-of-way through this property and at the time of permitting we will work with DPIE to determine exactly what they want that to look like in terms of their standards and specs.

MR. ANTONETTI: Can you explain the proposed circulation pattern for the ZHE and People's Zoning Council for the conceptual or illustrative uses identified for this property?

MR. LENHART: Certainly. So the site will have access, the development buildings will have access to MC-

634. MC-634 travels through the site from Westphalia Road through Parcel 84 and then through the site to where it ties into the alignment to the north of the property.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And it's your testimony today that this site will have one access point via MC-634 to Westphalia Road?

MR. LENHART: Yes, that's what as anticipated.

MR. ANTONETTI: Can you briefly describe the current condition and dimensions of Flowers Road and whether in your opinion it will be sufficient to support development of a typical industrial road section to support the subject property?

MR. LENHART: Sure. So Flowers Road is a small roughly 20 foot wide roadway that is unmarked, there's no pavement markings, no designations. All of the properties along Flowers Road are zoned industrial, however, some of them are actually residential uses, some are industrial uses. The use of Flowers Road as it is today would be inappropriate for the amount of traffic that would be generated by our subdivision, and it would be insufficient right-of-way to make any substantial improvements. And furthermore, if Flowers Road were to be upgraded like in the prior conditions of approval, it would not replace the future requirement to construct MC-634 in its current alignment. And therefore, if Flowers Road were upgraded as

per the prior condition and MC-634 were constructed it would result in two significant intersections in very close proximity, they would be about 200 feet apart and therefore it would be more appropriate and make sense to leave Flowers Road as it is since we are not generating traffic on that roadway, we're not connecting to it. It will remain as a dead-end road and to simply update or construct MC-634 as required in the Master Plan.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Mr. Lenhart, can you explain for the ZHE and People's Zoning Council in your opinion, why existing Conditions 1, 5, 7 and 15 of the final decision in 1989 for A-9706-C are inappropriate in light of current county transportation related requirements for development of the subject property. And beginning with Condition 1, I will ask you to preface your answer in terms that the applicant has already indicated that they would accept a prohibition of vehicular access after construction from Oak Street, Poplar Drive, Willow Avenue and now Flowers Road.

MR. LENHART: Certainly. So Condition 1, the majority of that condition stipulates the need to acquire right-of-way from property owners in order to widen Flowers Road and so as has been testified by myself and others, Condition 1 must be either deleted in its entirety or everything except for the first sentence. So the first

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sentence is vehicular access to the subject property shall be prohibited from Oak Street, Poplar Drive and Willow Avenue and if that is amended to include Flowers Road, I think that could be appropriate. Everything beyond that will create conflicts and problems as it relates to Flowers Road and we would request it be deleted, to be consistent with our requirement to build MC-634.

MR. ANTONETTI: What about Condition 5?

MR. LENHART: Condition 5 is in conflict with the Master Plan and because this site has no longer access to Flowers Road, it becomes unnecessary to have Condition 5. There is no need to widen Flowers Road and there's no nexus from this development to have that condition because we don't access Flowers Road, we have add no traffic to it. So we would request that 5 be deleted.

Condition 7 the way Condition 7 is worded is not particularly consistent with how adequacy findings and conditions for offsite improvements are worded. This currently states that all required offsite and road improvements shall be completed prior to occupancy of any building permit. Typical language that is established at the time of Preliminary Plan which is when adequate public facilities is tested would typically state that all, any required offsite improvement shall be bonded and permitted prior to the issuance of any building permits within the

1 site. That's standard language, that's something similar to 2 that is what we would request.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Lenhart, just for a second.

MR. LENHART: Yes.

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MR. ANTONETTI: On Applicant's Exhibit 21, under applicant's proposed conditions, the applicant proposed the following language in lieu of existing Condition 7, which would read, all required offsite road improvements shall be with the exception of the ultimate improvements at the intersection of Westphalia Road and Maryland 4 to be funded provided pursuant to CR-66-2010 shall be permitted and bonded prior to issuance of any building permit. Would that language be consistent with the current adequacy findings and conditions typically found for development in Prince George's County?

MR. LENHART: Yes, it would be. And then

Condition 15 states that no development shall take place
unless and until adequate public facilities are deemed to be
adequate by the Planning Board and Park and Planning. So
this language again, it's not consistent with how it's
typically worded. What we would propose something similar
to that is that no development shall take place unless and
until a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision is approved by the
Planning Board of Maryland National Capital Park and
Planning. You know that's a typical entitlement process we

would have to go through the Preliminary Plan anyway. That establishes the adequacy of public facilities and should satisfy the intent of Condition 15 but with better wording. 3 4 MR. ANTONETTI: And would emphasize the need for a 5 Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, correct? MR. LENHART: Yes. Correct. 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Lenhart, in your opinion does 8 the proposed development as set forth in your study satisfy all transportation requirements set forth in the County's 10 Transportation Guidelines and the County's Subdivision 11 Regulations as they pertain to adequate public 12 transportation facilities? 13 MR. LENHART: Yes, it does and it will be tested again in detail at the time of Preliminary Plan. 14 15 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Madam Examiner, I have 16 no further questions at this time for Mr. Lenhart. 17 MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Lenhart, I just have one 18 question. On Exhibit 7 and 15, I understand your all's 19 response and the need you feel to change the language. But 20 if the existing language remains, you would still satisfy

MR. LENHART: Well, I think that Condition 7, that was created, that language created long before the PFFIP was adopted at Maryland 4 and Westphalia. And so the PFFIP

it, correct? I mean can you have an occupancy permit if the

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states that you shall pay your errata share toward those interchange improvements. And so the way it's worded right now would kind of indicate that Maryland 4 at Westphalia has to be completed as an interchange prior to occupancy building permits.

MS. MCNEIL: Okav.

MR. LENHART: That's one drastic example of how this could be problematic.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. I see that one. But on 15?

I'm not saying I won't change it, I just want to be address
on the record exactly, you know, we're not trying to hide
anything, we're just using better language.

MR. LENHART: No, I think 15 probably would not cause any issues, because adequate public facilities are deemed adequate by Planning Board. I mean that will occur at the time of Preliminary Plan. And so it's probably okay, but we think the language we're proposing is a little cleaner.

MR. ANTONETTI: And Madam Examiner, just the language that is being suggested in Exhibit 21 to replace 15 does insert Preliminary Plan as a clear obligation --

MS. MCNEIL: Right, I understand that.

MR. ANTONETTI: -- which may not have been an obligation in 1989. So it's an opportunity to at least reinforce that, that is part of this development moving

forward. 1 2 MS. MCNEIL: And I understand that and I think 3 it's just clearer in the record now, after asking my 4 question. 5 MR. ANTONETTI: (Indiscernible). MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown, do you have any questions? 6 7 MR. BROWN: Yes, just one or two. How are you, 8 Mr. Lenhart? 9 MR. LENHART: I'm good, thank you. How are you? 10 Going back to Condition 15, you MR. BROWN: Good. 11 guys have a proposal there. Refresh my memory, does 12 warehouse development in the I-1 Zone require a Detailed 13 Site Plan? Mr. Antonetti or Mr. Lenhart? 14 MR. ANTONETTI: It does not, but Mr. Brown the 15 existing conditions, while not expressly stating Detailed Site Plan references that Site Plan shall be reviewed by the 16 17 Council. So this applicant has assumed that a Detailed Site 18 Plan would be required and is in fact proposing a clarified condition in Exhibit 21, that review of a Detailed Site Plan 19 20 in accordance with Part 3, Division 9 of the Zoning 21 Ordinance shall be required and that would be I guess 22 proposed Condition 10 on Exhibit 21. But that's the genesis 23 of how we got to that point. 24 MR. BROWN: All right. I thought you were 25 assuming that. So you placed it in Condition 10.

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes. Existing Condition 19, for example states that all Site Plans shall be reviewed for approval by the District Council.

MR. BROWN: All right. If you have it in your proposed Condition 10 then we don't need to add it to Condition 15, because as Mr. Lenhart was suggesting and at your prodding him that I was going to add Detailed Site Plan under Condition 15, but we don't need it since you have it in proposed 10. So that's fine. Mr. Lenhart, looking at the Concept Plan, Exhibit 2C, and several witnesses and yourself have testified to this MC-634 Presidential Parkway Master Plan Right-of-way, does that right-of-way terminate on the subject property, under the county plans?

MR. LENHART: The right-of-way goes through the property, beginning at Westphalia Road it goes through Parcel 84 and then through the property and it continues MC-634 continues further north, it goes beyond the property line, the Master Plan Alignment, through Darcy Road and beyond. And so you know it does continue on but we're only talking about it within the context of our alignment --

MR. BROWN: No, wait a minute, I think you're a little bit confused. When you say continues on Darcy Road that's going south across Westphalia Road though, correct?

MR. LENHART: Bear with me, I'm going to pull up the Master Plan here so I can make sure that I'm speaking.

MR. BROWN: Right, because you're going in the wrong direction.

MR. LENHART: So if you wanted to pull up the Concept Plan again so I can speak to that?

MR. BROWN: Exhibit 2C, Fatima.

MR. ANTONETTI: There you go.

MS. BAH: Can you stop sharing your screen, please? Because I have something up already.

MR. LENHART: Okay. So this you can see the north arrow up in the top left corner of this exhibit. The north arrow is pointing to the left. So if we start down at Westphalia Road which is at the, on the right side of this exhibit in the center, Parcel 84 is the long pipe stem that goes from Westphalia Road up to the property, that alignment of that parcel is the MC-634 Alignment and then as it goes through our site MC-634 ultimately goes around the horizontal curve that's at the first building and then continues on up through Darcy Park, Darcy North and South, and it crosses Darcy Road and then continues north and ties into Sansbury Road (phonetic sp.) and then continues on up Ritchie Marlboro Road at White House Road, up in that area. And ties in where that intersection exists today.

Going to the south, which would be to the right of this exhibit, if you take where MC-634 intersects with Westphalia Road and you continue to the right, which would

be south toward Westphalia Town Center that continues to the south, it weaves through the old Pepco property. It goes 3 down through Cabin Branch Village and intersects 4 Presidential Parkway where Suitland Parkway extended comes across at the interchange there. 6 If you'd like I can share my screen, I can show 7 you the Master Plan Alignment. MR. ANTONETTI: I think (indiscernible). 8 9 MR. BROWN: My question is what you --10 MS. MCNEIL: I would like it. I would like to see 11 that, while you keep asking your questions. 12 MR. LENHART: Oh sure. Can I share my screen, 13 while --14 MS. MCNEIL: If Fatima can give it to you, yes, 15 you have control. 16 MR. LENHART: All right. Where do I ask? 17 MR. ANTONETTI: Sorry, Mr. Brown, I didn't mean to 18 interject --19 MR. BROWN: No, that's all right. That's fine. 20 MR. LENHART: Okay. It looks like I have controls. 21 22 MS. MCNEIL: Yes. 23 MS. BAH: So it looks like you have controls of my

screen, you need to control to share your screen.

MR. LENHART: Oh. Yes, unless --

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1 MS. BAH: Yes. 2 MR. LENHART: -- yes, that's okay. 3 MS. MCNEIL: Wait, I can't see your screen unless 4 it's something in the record. Are you going to show me something in the record? Or will you make it a part of the record? 6 7 MR. LENHART: This is, I'm sharing P.G. Atlas, this is the P.G. Atlas GIS System that is, you know, I think 8 9 you could take administrative notice of this, couldn't you? 10 MR. BROWN: Yes, that's fine. 11 MS. MCNEIL: Probably, if you give enough detail 12 while you're speaking. 13 MR. LENHART: Sure. And so let me turn on 14 imagery, okay, so the property, this is Parcel 84, if you 15 can see my cursor. 16 MS. MCNEIL: Yes. 17 MR. LENHART: Parcel 84 coming up from Westphalia

MR. LENHART: Parcel 84 coming up from Westphalia Road. Our property is right in this area and if you look to the south MC-634 continues south of Westphalia Road, it cuts through, this is the old Pepco building which is going to be redeveloped with warehouse, 360,000 square feet of warehouse, they're dedicating right-of-way through their property. And then it continues south, this property down here is the Cabin Branch property, they've dedicated and constructed a major collector roadway through their project

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and then State Highway Administration is rebuilding the interchange of Route 4 at Suitland Parkway, and as part of that Suitland Parkway extended which is Presidential Parkway as it comes across here will tie into MC-634. So MC-634 will be built up to there and then if you go to the north.

MS. MCNEIL: And show me your property again to the north, showing me how it's cutting through.

MR. LENHART: Yes. Let me do this.

MS. MCNEIL: Oh.

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MR. LENHART: This is a piece of our property, I can't get them all because they're different lots, so I can't get them all to line up. But you --

MS. MCNEIL: That's fine.

MR. LENHART: Yes, this is one and then this piece up here and this piece. So our boundary actually comes up and includes these two pieces as well. And so this is the Darcy project, they're dedicating a building a piece on their site of MC-634. There is existing development at this location and so they're unable to build that connection. But it continues across, this is Darcy Road, continues across Darcy Road, ties into Sansbury Road and goes up Sansbury Road until it then deviates from Sansbury and will meander over to Ritchie Marlboro Road, this is Ritchie Marlboro at White House.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. That's enough for me. Thank

you.

2 MR. LENHART: Yes.

MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown, do you have more? Okay.

MR. BROWN: Yes. So the point I was trying to make, Mr. Lenhart, is Presidential Parkway as illustrated on your Exhibit 2 terminates on the subject property which is not accurate. Presidential Parkway continues up along on your property through the primary management area and then to the proposed residential property to the northeast of your property. Wouldn't it not be more accurate to show on this illustrative exhibit, as well as on the Landscape Plan, the actual proposed Presidential Parkway in its complete form?

MR. LENHART: Well, the Master Plan Alignment have it continuing all the way through, yes. And at the time of Preliminary Plan we'll be required to show the Master Plan Right-of-Way and alignment and any dedication requirements. So it will be shown on future plans.

MR. BROWN: Do you anticipate, I understand the county requires it as a Master Plan Right-of-Way, but do you anticipate problems with crossing those primary management areas on your property for Presidential Parkway?

MR. LENHART: Well that would not be my area of expertise, the primary management area, the environmental impacts, that would be better left to others to discuss, but

there are, when we go through DPIE once this project gets approved, we'll have to dedicate a right-of-way and then we will coordinate with DPIE on what they are going to make us build and what we will pay fee in lieu for or get a waiver for construction based on problems with the PMA or other issues. And so the actual construction will be worked out at time of permitting, and that's normal.

MR. BROWN: I mean, yes, I agree with that. My point is Mr. Antonetti, I think that your Illustrative Plan be clearer so that no one is under the misimpression that Presidential Parkway terminates on your property. It does not. Even though it's not clear exactly where it's going to be on your property and Preliminary Plan will determine that, I think on these Illustrative Plan you ought to at least show that it is proposed to continue along your property and go offsite to the north.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you for that, Mr. Brown. I think that is a detail we can add and for the reasons that were stated by Mr. Lenhart, we are in discussions with DPIE currently about how much more, when or in the alternative you know would we be required to pay for construction in lieu of construction at this point, with DPIE beyond what is shown on the concept. But we could add it as a detail showing, calling it future Presidential Parkway or give it some, you denote it that it's what is extended beyond what

we're proposing to build immediately. But the obligation is there that we have to either build it or pay for it, but the timing and what exactly when it's and how much it's going to cost to build is in discussion with DPIE right now.

MR. BROWN: All right. That makes sense. Thank you. No other questions.

MR. ANTONETTI: I have no further questions of Mr. Lenhart.

MS. MCNEIL: Thank you, Mr. Lenhart.

MR. LENHART: Thank you.

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MS. MCNEIL: Your next witness will be about how long? I'm thinking of breaking at 12:30, if you have many more, but if you're almost finished.

MR. ANTONETTI: I've got two witnesses, my goal is to get through it in 30 minutes, if I can, that'll be it for me.

MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Ferguson is one of them? Okay.
We'll let you try, go ahead.

MR. ANTONETTI: All right. Okay. We'll get as far as we can, but I'll do my best. I'd like to call Mr. Kody Snow from Phoenix Noise and Vibration.

MS. MCNEIL: Good morning, Mr. Snow.

MR. SNOW: Good morning.

MS. MCNEIL: Do you swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the testimony you shall give will

be the truth and nothing but the truth? 2 MR. SNOW: T do. 3 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. 4 MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Antonetti? 5 MR. ANTONETTI: Yes? MS. MCNEIL: If possible, and you probably were 6 7 going to address this, but I would like to know given the extension of Presidential Parkway if that changes anything in the noise study. So if you could work that into your questions, that would be great. 10 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Very good. 11 12 MS. MCNEIL: Thank you. 13 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Mr. Snow, can you please state your professional address? 14 15 MR. SNOW: Yes. Professional address is 5216 Chairman's Court, Suite 107, Frederick, Maryland 21703. 16 17 MR. ANTONETTI: And what is your position with 18 Phoenix Noise and Vibration? 19 MR. SNOW: I am a senior engineer with Phoenix 20 Noise and Vibration. 21 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Have you provided testimony 22 as an engineer or acoustical expert before any boards, 23 hearing examiners, or commissions? 24 MR. SNOW: Yes, I have. 25 MR. ANTONETTI: Have you been qualified as an

expert before any Zoning Hearing Examiner either in Prince George's County or Montgomery County in the field of 3 acoustical testing? 4 MR. SNOW: I have not, no. 5 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And Exhibit 12 is your professional resume. Can you describe for the Zoning 6 Hearing Examiner your educational experience and background in the field of acoustical testing? 8 9 MR. SNOW: Yes. I have a degree in mechanical 10 engineering, which is pretty common in our field. I have 11 also been working with Phoenix Noise and Vibration as of 12 this June for the past eight years. I've worked on 13 numerous, numerous projects through Prince George's County in regard to residential development and other developments. 14 15 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you prepared studies, surveys or reports in the field of acoustical testing? 16 17 MR. SNOW: Yes, I have. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: Do you have any certifications or 19 professional associations in the field of acoustical 20 testing? 21 MR. SNOW: Yes. I'm a member of the Institute of 22 Noise Control Engineering. I'm also a member with the 23 Acoustical Society of America. 24 MR. ANTONETTI: And your resume states you are

also a member of the National Council of Acoustical

Consultants, is that correct? 1 2 MR. SNOW: That's correct, yes. 3 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. I think at this point I'm 4 going to move Mr. Snow as an expert in the area of acoustical testing. 6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Snow, I don't think there's an 7 area Mr. Antonetti, you said acoustical testing, that's really not a discipline. His education and background 9 appears to be in, I guess we could say acoustical 10 engineering, would that be more accurate, Mr. Snow? 11 MR. SNOW: Yes, that would be appropriate. 12 MR. BROWN: All right. It says here that you 13 graduated in 2013, with a Bachelors of Science from 14 University of Maryland in Baltimore, mechanical engineering, 15 is that correct? MR. SNOW: Correct. 16 17 MR. BROWN: Are you licensed in the State of 18 Maryland? 19 MR. SNOW: I, I am not, no. 20 MR. BROWN: Have you sought licensure in the State 21 of Maryland? 22 MR. SNOW: I have not, no. 23 MR. BROWN: Why not? 24 The reason is, is because in our field MR. SNOW:

it's, it's not really that big of a criteria. Honestly,

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there was only one state at one time that offered a
   professional license in acoustical engineering, and they
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   Oregon or Washington. So if there are other engineers in
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             MR. BROWN: All right. Your resume also indicates
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   here, I think I saw, you testified in Washington, D.C.
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   before the Zoning Commission in 2021, were you qualified in
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             MR. SNOW: Yes, I was.
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   Alexandria for a public hearing, since that was a public
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   hearing, it probably did not require a qualification, did
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MR. BROWN: All right. In Fairfax County you
testified before the Board of Zoning Appeals, were you sworn

No, I don't, no.

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as an expert in that proceeding?

MR. SNOW: Yes, I was.

MR. BROWN: And then in 2018 you testified before the Planning Board in Montgomery County, were you sworn in as an expert witness in that proceeding?

MR. SNOW: Yes.

MR. BROWN: Have you ever testified before a court of law in the field of acoustical engineering?

MR. SNOW: I have not, no.

MR. BROWN: Well just tell me generally what are your job duties at Phoenix?

MR. SNOW: It's, it's a very wide variety, I would say related to this. A large aspect of it is measuring and then determining future noise impacts upon proposed residential developments, as well as similar to the analysis that we completed for this site, determining if any proposed alternative use sites other than residential may cause impact on any surrounding areas and determining if they're going to comply with Prince George's County Noise Ordinance, Noise Ordinance requirements as well as other counties within the state, or if that county does not have any jurisdictional requirements, we also, you know, defer to Komar in regard to the state's requirements.

MR. BROWN: So the noise study, I'm just pulling it up on my screen real quick, July 20, 2021, you prepared

that in coordination with Kyle Pritchard (phonetic sp.) is that correct? 3 MR. SNOW: That's correct, yes. 4 MR. BROWN: And did you work under his or her 5 direction, or did you guys just work together to prepare that study? 6 7 MR. SNOW: We worked together to prepare that Honestly, I, I'm the senior engineer and Kyle is 8 just a regular, he's at the standard engineer level, a level 10 below me. So I oversaw his duties. 11 MR. BROWN: All right. Don't say he's the regular 12 engineer, because I think he might get upset. 13 MR. SNOW: Right. Yes, he's on here. 14 MR. ANTONETTI: Strike that from the record. 15 MR. SNOW: Couldn't, couldn't think of the, the 16 appropriate title, just engineer. 17 MR. BROWN: I have no objection to his 18 qualifications. 19 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. You will be admitted as an 20 expert in acoustical engineering. 21 MR. SNOW: Thank you. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Mr. Snow, are you 23 familiar with the property subject to Case A-9706-C? 24 MR. SNOW: Yes. 25 MR. ANTONETTI: Were you asked by the applicant to

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prepare an acoustical noise study for the subject property? 2 MR. SNOW: Yes. 3 MR. ANTONETTI: And what's the current zone of the 4 property? 5 MR. SNOW: I-1, light industrial. MR. ANTONETTI: And have you reviewed the Concept 6 7 Plan marked as Exhibit 2C, referred to numerous witnesses, 8 as prepared by Bohler Engineering? 9 MR. SNOW: Yes. 10 MR. ANTONETTI: Do you recognize what is shown as, 11 marked as Exhibit 18 in the Zoning Hearing Examiner record 12 with Mr. Brown just cited to, the July 20, 2021 Vista 95 Logistic Center Noise Analysis? 13 14 MR. SNOW: Yes. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: And was Exhibit 18 prepared by you or under your direction? 16 17 MR. SNOW: Yes. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: Does your study assess the current 19 impact of sound emanating from I-95 or 495 across the 20 subject property and onto adjoining properties? 21 MR. SNOW: Yes, it does. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: Does your noise study or study 23 assess the sound impact of future Presidential Parkway on 24 the adjacent properties?

MR. SNOW: Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Does your study assess the sound impact of future industrial uses as depicted on the Concept Plan on adjacent properties?

MR. SNOW: Yes, it does.

MR. ANTONETTI: And are the adjacent properties to the subject site utilized for both residential and industrial purposes?

MR. SNOW: Yes, that's my understanding.

MR. ANTONETTI: Can you explain for the ZHE and the People's Zoning Council and others, what does the current County Noise Ordinance require for limits of outdoor noise levels for industrial development?

MR. SNOW: So the current limits are for the proposed development noise generated by the, sorry, by the proposed site upon adjacent industrial use properties is 75 DBA. Whether that is daytime or nighttime and that is an instantaneous noise level. When evaluated upon a residential property it is as a daytime requirement of 65 and a nighttime requirement of 55. And then there are also other regulations in regard to that type of noise and it provides other requirements.

MR. ANTONETTI: And does the County Noise

Ordinance contain requirements for mitigation of noise from sound generated by public roads on existing residential development?

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1 MR. SNOW: No. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: Does your study or report 3 recommend any sound mitigation devices for the proposed development reflected in the Concept Plan, marked as Exhibit 2C? And if it does, can you please explain what types of devices and where are they to be located? And I apologize, 7 I should have done this first, Fatima, if possible could you please bring up Exhibit 18? I'd like to have Mr. Snow refer to the appendix at the end of that exhibit for context. 10 MR. SNOW: If you could, could you go to Drawing 2 11 please? 12 MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, it's at the end. 13 MR. SNOW: It's page 13 of the exhibit. MR. ANTONETTI: You're almost there. 14 15 MR. SNOW: Yes. MR. ANTONETTI: So if you can go back to Exhibit 16 17 Right there. Okay. If those two, the first two sheets 18? 18 are the ones I'm going to refer to, or Mr. Snow will refer 19 to. Mr. Snow, do you want to start with the first sheet and 20 then go to the second, or how would you like to do it? 21 MR. SNOW: In regards to your last question, if we 22 could look at Drawing 2, the second sheet. 23 Okay.

MR. ANTONETTI:

MR. SNOW: So you had asked about mitigation from roadway noise upon the site as well as site generated noise

upon the surrounding residential areas. So as you can see on the exhibit there is multiple locations where we've recommended sound attenuation fencing. Nearest Building 1 there is that diagonal placed sound fence. That one is 15 feet in height. We've also placed one along the eastern retaining wall for a portion of that, which is also 15 feet in height. And then we've also proposed fencing along the property lines for the neighboring residential properties.

Additionally, the construction of the two buildings on the site will also provide shielding from the beltway for those residences further east and north. We've also made an analysis of Presidential Parkway, have looked at the addition of fencing along Presidential Parkway.

MR. ANTONETTI: Can you please refer to your first exhibit and for context sake, please describe the existing noise contours as analyzed by your study, without any development on this site. So and Fatima, if you could go to Sheet 1, the sheet right above this for that discussion? But if you could, Mr. Snow, when we get to that sheet, could you please explain the existing noise levels at the site?

MR. SNOW: Yes, I don't know if I can do this (indiscernible).

MR. ANTONETTI: And again, we're just trying to get to the sheet just before this one that's shown.

MR. SNOW: Okay.

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, great, perfect. Thank you. 1 2 MR. SNOW: One too far. As you can see the 3 property line is shown on this drawing to the east and south of the property line, even you'll notice that a good bit of the residences are in what we would call the light blue or cyan color. This color indicates noise impact from the beltway, I-95, I-495 from these properties in the 60 to 65 DBA LDN range. And as well as south to the site some of these properties are exposed to the little bit higher noise level in the 65 to 70 range. What you'll notice is then if 10 11 you move to Drawing 2 --12 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Snow, before we get off that, 13 could --14 MR. SNOW: Yes. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: -- you please give further context 16 since we're seeing this virtually what the colors mean on 17 this exhibit --18 MR. SNOW: Yes. 19 MR. ANTONETTI: -- and what does the solid blue 20 line reference as well? The solid blue --21 MR. SNOW: Yes, correct. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: -- and light blue reference, 23 excuse me. 24 MR. SNOW: Sorry, yes. So what you can't see is

there is also a legend on this drawing. So the colors are

presenting the level of noise that's generated by the Capital Beltway. The dark blue line is the 65 DBA LDN contour line. This is the contour line that we typically use to evaluate roadway noise within the county. When there's a proposed residential site within the county we're required to develop, or sorry, required to evaluate roadway noise impact upon that site. This is what we would use to determine if mitigation upon that residential development is required or not. Given that this is existing residences, this requirement wouldn't apply to them but it's beneficial to look at to see what the existing levels are relative to noise impact upon them and then what the proposed conditions do in regard to this contour.

MR. ANTONETTI: And is it fair to say from this exhibit in your findings that the most significant current noise generator in this vicinity of the property and on the property is what you have marked as I-95?

MR. SNOW: That's correct, yes. Yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: And what sound levels are experienced in I-95 based on this document (indiscernible)?

MR. SNOW: The noise generated upon the surrounding residential properties ranges between, from the upper, sorry, between 70 to 65 for some residences and then 65 to 60 DBA LDN for others. Whereas those that are even further from the roadway are between 55 and 60.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. So that's the existing situation. If we could go back, Fatima, to the next exhibit, the one that you had previously, just scroll down so we can talk about, Mr. Snow if you could then describe and again point out any color changes or any changes in, you know, basically the condition by placement of these buildings and these mitigation devices. If you could please orient us to what your findings are.

MR. SNOW: Yes. As you'll see from the exhibit, the proposed buildings provide shielding from the Capital Beltway which is indicated as I-95. The amount of area that used to be exposed to the cyan or light blue color, has decreased or has relatively increased overall around the site, but there's also more of the purple color that's indicated which is the lower noise levels, which is the 55 to 60 DBA LDN range. So what this exhibit shows is that the proposed buildings and other mitigation on this site is reducing noise from the beltway upon the existing residences.

MR. ANTONETTI: And can you please explain your analysis regarding proposed Presidential Parkway in terms of the potential noise profile versus the existing noise conditions on surrounding development?

MR. SNOW: Yes. So similar to how we evaluated the Capital Beltway, we also used the same type of analysis

for Presidential Parkway, even though it's not a requirement, just to provide a comparison between existing 3 and future noise levels. What you'll see if you could scroll to Drawing 3, which is the one below this. 5 MR. ANTONETTI: Which is the very next exhibit, Fatima, please. Thank you. Perfect. 6 7 MR. SNOW: So here are what the existing conditions are, due to the Capital Beltway and then if you were to move to the next exhibit right below this one, you can see the addition of Presidential Parkway, which also 10 11 includes the fencing along the parkway. But what you'll 12 notice is that the difference in noise level is at a point 13 where it would be imperceptible between the LDN noise level or the LDN evaluation. So all of those residences that were 14 15 previously in the 60 to 65 noise impact zone, as well as the 16 55 to 60 DBA LDN zone are very similar to what they were 17 previous to the proposed condition. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: And while we're on this exhibit, 19 are you aware that the property to the west of future 20 Presidential Parkway is zoned I-1 as well? 21 MR. SNOW: Yes. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: And to the east is zoned 23 residential.

That's correct.

MR. ANTONETTI: And to the east, are there any

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beneficial changes from the development of this site and or this roadway to the sound profile for the eastern side of 3 future Presidential Parkway pursuant to your study? 4 MR. SNOW: Yes. You'll notice that due to the 6 5 foot vinyl fence that is shown that some of the existing 6 residential properties, the area that is indicated by the 55 7 to 60 DBA LDN range increases by some amount between the existing and proposed conditions. 8 9 MR. ANTONETTI: So it's --10 MR. SNOW: So therefore their noise level decreases in some locations. 11 12 MR. ANTONETTI: So through that decrease it's a 13 slight improvement over existing conditions? 14 MR. SNOW: Correct. 15 MR. ANTONETTI: In your opinion and based on the findings and conclusions of your noise study, will the 16 17 proposed development shown in the Concept Plan as modified 18 by your recommended noise mitigation devices, be in 19 conformance with all applicable noise regulations, both 20 state and county? 21 MR. SNOW: Yes. 22 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. I have no further questions 23 of Mr. Snow at this time. 24 MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown?

MR. BROWN: Yes, just one or two very quick

questions. Looking at the exhibit on the screen now, Mr. Snow --

MR. SNOW: Yes.

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MR. BROWN: -- and the comments that you have project, if you will, does that only take into consideration the trucks that would be coming to and from the subject property and not the additional traffic that would be riding along Presidential Parkway through the property and to the north?

MR. SNOW: I'm sorry, one second. So from my understanding it accounts for just the truck traffic on Presidential Parkway.

MR. BROWN: That's what I thought. So it doesn't take into consideration additional traffic, thru traffic if you will, that will be occurring on Presidential Parkway when it is completed throughout this property. In addition, I notice in your report on page 5, the last paragraph, you said that the proposed uses of the logistic center are currently unknown. I understand that because there are no tenants, therefore you have not taken any measurements of any particular types of trucks to determine what noise they generate, have you?

MR. SNOW: What we have done for this analysis is that we've evaluated other similar proposed condition sites, as far as logistics or shipping sites. Where we have

actually gone to a site and measured noise generated by a tractor trailer. So like a tractor trailer idling, back up beepers and other sources that occurred, we have evaluated those. What we've done is because we've modeled this site in a computer model, we can take those previously measured noise sources and insert them into the model and then evaluate them upon the surroundings.

MR. BROWN: What other sites did you look at?

MR. SNOW: So we evaluated one outside of Prince George's County. I think it was up in Hartford County, where it was kind of similar, they're at an existing shipping facility and then they were expanding it.

MR. BROWN: And so that was the only other site you looked at, is that correct?

MR. SNOW: Correct. That's the only one where we've done existing noise measurements at.

MR. BROWN: And that study in Hartford County was that a measurement of real time or average noise?

MR. SNOW: That is real time. Yes. So the noise levels that we've used for evaluation of the trucks in this report, are instantaneous noise levels. So those are, you know, looking at that one second level as it occurs.

MR. BROWN: All right. So you did not take any measurements of average time to come to the conclusions you've reached in this report?

MR. SNOW: Correct.

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MR. BROWN: Yes. And primarily as I understand your report, it really focuses on mitigating or attenuating noise coming from the Capital Beltway, is that correct?

MR. SNOW: It focuses on that, but it also shows the anticipated impact due to the use of heavy trucks on this site for shipping.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Antonetti, did I hear you earlier indicate that you were proffering to do a noise study at the time of Detailed Site Plan?

MR. ANTONETTI: At time of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, at which as part of the environmental analysis that's a typical point of analysis and then from that any conditions, mitigation devices would then be shown. Say if it was a sound attenuation fence or barrier, that those details will be shown on the Detailed Site Plan, location of materials, things of that nature.

MR. BROWN: Right. So I mean it's sort of conjecture and speculation at this time to really go over this noise study, because the applicable noise study will really be the one that's done at the time of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, is that correct, Mr. Snow?

MR. SNOW: I would say that there is benefit to this study in that with the detail that's presented within it, I would imagine that the additional study would need to

be further evaluated to account for other Site Plan changes. But I would say that this would be a good basis for that analysis.

MR. BROWN: All right. No other questions. Thank you.

MR. ANTONETTI: I just --

MS. MCNEIL: I'm sorry, I had, well it's more of a proffer that I would like from you and that, it touches on what the People's Zoning Council just mentioned. Exhibit 1, existing Exhibit 1 may not be worded as correctly as it should be, but it seems to be the Council's attempt to ensure that there was some type of noise attenuation through the use of wooden barriers. And I noticed elsewhere, it might have been in this report, or Mr. Ferguson's report that you wouldn't want to use wooden barriers. But you would not object to a condition that sort of revises one, similarly to what was just mentioned by Mr. Brown that to just, even though it's surplusage to say that some noise evaluation should be done at the time of Preliminary Plan and that it should take into consideration the extension of Presidential Parkway to the north, if possible.

MR. ANTONETTI: We don't object to that, in fact, in my opening which was a while ago, I apologize, I was going to submit an updated exhibit with additional language and one of the additional conditions would read that prior

to acceptance of a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision a noise analysis shall be provided and shall demonstrate that 3 outdoor noise levels will meet all applicable county noise regulations for the proposed industrial use. All required noise mitigation structures shall be reflected upon a 6 Detailed Site Plan. So that is a proffer we would make and 7 if the record could be kept open we would submit that specific language. 9 MS. MCNEIL: Can you add some reference to the Presidential Parkway continuing to the north? 10 11 MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, we can reference that as 12 well. 13 MS. MCNEIL: Okay. Thank you. MR. ANTONETTI: No issue with that. 14 15 MS. MCNEIL: Thank you. So I have no questions then of the witness. 16 17 MR. ANTONETTI: I was going to redirect and deal 18 with the characterization of the study, but just one 19 question actually, just to sum up. Mr. Snow, did your study 20 look at instantaneous noise events from the industrial use 21 such as trucks idling, latching of trailers, back up

MR. SNOW: Yes, they were.

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MR. ANTONETTI: And were they modeled upon various conditions as reflected on Table 3, page 9 of your study?

1 MR. SNOW: Correct. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: I would also include Table 4, as 3 well on page 9. Okay. And were the findings regarding instantaneous noise levels, did your findings conclude that the industrial use exceeded the County Noise Ordinance 6 requirements? Or were at or below the County Noise 7 Ordinance requirements? MR. SNOW: The findings determined that they would 8 9 be below the County Noise Ordinance. 10 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And at time of Preliminary 11 Plan, would your company, if engaged to prepare the noise 12 analysis, prepare a similar analysis that would look at 13 these events as well as the full extension of Presidential Parkway, if required by condition? 14 15 MR. SNOW: Yes. 16 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. No further questions. 17 MS. MCNEIL: Thank you, Mr. Snow. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: I do have Mr. Ferguson, I know 19 we're on 12:30, but he's my last witness, so I'll leave it 20 to the discretion of Madam Examiner, Mr. Brown, as to how 21 you'd like to proceed. 22 MS. MCNEIL: I would love to see this, but let's 23 call Mr. Ferguson. We're breaking at 1:00.

MR. FERGUSON: So good morning, Madam Examiner.

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seems to have preceded me. 2 MS. MCNEIL: Good morning. Do you swear or affirm 3 under the penalties of perjury that the testimony you shall 4 give will be the truth and nothing but the truth? 5 MR. FERGUSON: I do. MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Ferguson, can you please state 6 7 your professional address and what company you work with? 8 MR. FERGUSON: I work with RDA Site Design at 9500 9 Medical Center Drive, Largo, Maryland. 10 MR. ANTONETTI: And what is your position with 11 Site Design or RDA? 12 MR. FERGUSON: We don't have titles here, but I 13 call myself a senior land planner. 14 MR. ANTONETTI: And have you been qualified as an 15 expert in the area of land planning? MR. FERGUSON: Madam Examiner calls me an expert 16 17 in the field of land use planning. 18 MR. ANTONETTI: Land use planning. I apologize. 19 Mr. Ferguson's resume is marked in the exhibit list as 20 Exhibit 14. I would move Mr. Ferguson in as an expert in 21 the land use planning. 22 MS. MCNEIL: I don't hear anything from Mr. Brown, 23 so he will be accepted as an expert in the area of land use planning. 24

MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Madam Examiner.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Ferguson, do you recognize the exhibit marked as Exhibit 2C, labeled Illustrative Concept

Plan and Exhibit 2D as the Illustrative Landscape Plan?

MR. FERGUSON: I did see those in earlier

MR. FERGUSON: I did see those in earlier testimony, yes.

MR. ANTONETTI: Thank you. Can you briefly describe these exhibits as what they represent?

MR. FERGUSON: Well they illustrated the development that this applicant is going to propose should these amendments be approved.

MR. ANTONETTI: And can you describe the properties including zone of adjoining properties to the site?

MR. FERGUSON: I will. So Mr. Rizzi did describe it, but if we start at the northeast, there is the open space and the platted extension of Presidential Parkway in the West Ridge Development which is principally or maybe even completely townhouses interstitial monitoring the R-R Zone. To the east is single family and apartments in the R-18 Zone in Chester Grove, addition or resubdivision from the last 1970's. To the south are single family detached dwellings in the R-R Zone in the Chester Grove addition. To the southwest along the east side of Flowers Avenue are some nonconforming single family dwellings in the I-1 Zone. To the west is a small contractor I believe he is in the I-1

1 Zone. And then to the northwest is the Capital Beltway, with properties in the I-4 Zone on the other side. MR. ANTONETTI: And would these properties 3 4 constitute the neighborhood for this application? 5 MR. FERGUSON: Well, we're just doing amendments 6 so I don't know that you would need a zoning neighborhood. 7 I don't know what the neighborhood was in 1989. I guess what I would characterize the neighborhood would be the 1994 Master Plan called Employment Area 2, and then I would add in the Chester Grove properties, the abutting Chester Grove 10 11 properties as well. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Ferguson, are you familiar 13 with the applicant's request to amend conditions, and have 14 you reviewed the materials submitted by the applicant as 15 part of this application? MR. FERGUSON: I am and --16 17 MR. ANTONETTI: (Indiscernible). 18 MR. FERGUSON: -- I have. 19 MR. ANTONETTI: Sorry? 20 MR. FERGUSON: I am and I have, yes. 21 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And what is the current 22 zone of the property? 23 MR. FERGUSON: It is I-1 with all three, the triple threat of the M-I-O overlay, both noise and height 24 25 and the safety zones as well. There are two safety zones

that impact this property, the APC-1 as well as the APC-2. 2 MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. Does the property qualify 3 to develop with the uses and standards in the I-1 Zone and 4 the M-I-O-Z Overlay Zone, per the county's (indiscernible). 5 MR. FERGUSON: I mean, it does. 6 MR. ANTONETTI: And what are the uses being sought 7 for the subject property? MR. FERGUSON: So as has been testified, basically 8 9 warehouses. Mr. May calls it a logistic center, but 10 essentially that's warehousing and distribution. 11 MR. ANTONETTI: And are these uses consistent with 12 the uses allowed in the underlying zones? 13 MR. FERGUSON: Yes, they are. MR. ANTONETTI: Are you familiar with the 2007 14 15 Westphalia Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment? MR. FERGUSON: I am. 16 17 MR. ANTONETTI: Is the subject property located 18 within the area governed by this Sector Plan? 19 MR. FERGUSON: It is. 20 MR. ANTONETTI: And what are the current Sector 21 Plan recommendations for this site and how might they 22 compare with the prior 1994 Master Plan recommendations 23 which they replaced? 24 MR. FERGUSON: So the current land use 25 recommendation for the subject property is industrial land

use that's shown on Map 4, page 19 of the 2007 Plan. The '94 Melwood-Westphalia Plan called this light industrial and office or business park use. And in fact, that was the use that had been proposed in 1989, really more of an office use rather than warehousing and distribution that's proposed now.

MR. ANTONETTI: And are you familiar with Section 27-135(c)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to an amendment of conditions of a prior zoning decision?

MR. FERGUSON: I am.

MR. ANTONETTI: And in your opinion, does the instant application represent good cause to justify an amendment of conditions in A-9706-C, as requested by the applicant and as modified by the proffers discussed up into your testimony, today's testimony.

MR. FERGUSON: Well I can speak to most of the conditions. So of the 20, you know five really deal with the community association that no longer exists, and I don't address that in my report, which I do also adopt as my testimony as well. That's Exhibit, I believe 20 in the record. And you have not proposed, altered four of the conditions, so of the remaining 11, I don't believe that good cause does exist to modify those conditions.

MR. ANTONETTI: And can you succinctly explain your specific findings pertaining to the amendment of

conditions set forth in your land planning analysis which you have now adopted as part of your testimony here today and is marked as Exhibit 20 in the ZHE record?

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MR. FERGUSON: I do. And from my perspective, the crux of the amendments that I address is to bring the review of the property and the regulations which apply to it, into line with current law. And there are a number of things that have changed in between the time of the zoning and the present, which really provide the necessary context for that. So I do go over that on the first few pages of my report, really pages 2 through 5 and the things that I highlight, is at the time the subject property was rezoned in 1989, Presidential Parkway now the MC-634 did not exist as a part of the Master Plan of Transportation. only created or initially proposed by the 1994 Melwood-Westphalia Plan which in fact proposed it as an arterial. At that time, the road was the A-66, and it was proposed then to deal with a large amount of planned employment industrial which that plan had proposed along the beltway.

The 2007 Westphalia Sector Plan did reduce some of that planned employment area, most particularly the West Ridge, you know, development had been proposed for industrial development or had planned for industrial development, if the zoning had been retained. But the Westphalia Plan did retain the industrial land use

recommendation and the industrial zoning at the property specifically because of the really severe impacts on the subject property from the safety concerns from Joint Base Andrews operations and the noise impacts, both from Joint Base Andrews and from the beltway. So certainly the Master Plan thought that given those adverse impacts, an industrial use was more appropriate than even the plans previous recommendation for you know office and business park use. And I think there is even larger context, not just in 1989 at the time of the zoning but even through the 2007 Melwood-Westphalia Plan, the M-I-O-Z had not yet been adopted and a lot of county planning had talked about adopting regulations to codify land use restrictions associated with Andrews' operations. But that didn't really make it in until the mid-2010's with the M-I-O-Z.

And when that M-I-O-Z was enacted, it included land use restrictions that hadn't been part of the Master Plan recommendations, specifically including limitations on the density or intensity of office uses, to protect them against, you know, airplanes dropping out of the sky. So not only has the market changed and the desire for a different type of development at the subject property, but also the restrictions on the subject property for the kinds of land uses that had been proposed weren't there 32 years ago.

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Another significant change in development regulations was the adoption of the Landscape Manual. the time of the rezoning the Landscape Manual had not been The Landscape Manual was created by CB-1-1989 but CB-1 wasn't actually adopted until October. There was a lot of wrangling over that which in fact I do remember from the very, very early days of my practice in land development and land planning and engineering. So clearly, the Council was concerned at the time of the adoption of the A-9706-C rezoning to protect the surrounding neighborhood, but there was no standard in place at that time. So now there is and as you heard Mr. Rizzi testify to not only is the applicant proposing to comply but even to exceed the Landscape Manual standards. The Landscape Manual had proposed 120 percent of the planting requirement of a Type D buffer yard but did not in fact even take into account the presence of a fence which one of your proffered conditions will propose, which would reduce the planning requirement by 50 percent, but as the condition is written, you know, wouldn't take credit for that. So there really will not just be a buffer in place under the proposed conditions that does conform to the standard that's been established over the past 30 years, but will in fact exceed that buffering requirement to provide an extra level of protection.

Mr. Rizzi also testified about the elevation

change. One of the things Madam Examiner that's important to bear in mind is that the earlier proposal for office development really is what you know gave rise to the six buildings because the footprints of those buildings are much smaller. What that allows you to do is to utilize the existing topography much better than a large single footprint that is now proposed. And so it's really the modern use that requires you know a more level development site and really creates a lot of the topographic separation that wouldn't have been there under the 1989 proposal.

The third and Mr. Klebasko talked about the change requirements for environmental, so I won't go over that again.

The other major change that's been talked about was the adequate public facilities requirement. So CB-100 of 1989 which was passed at the very end of 1989, is really where the county made the Subdivision Ordinance apply to all new development. Prior to that time and I remember this very vividly because we were doing a project very similar to what's being proposed here, immediately on the other side of the Capital Beltway and that project was caught in a race for a permit, because CB-100 granted essentially a one year grandfathering to allow people to get a building permit before which time the Subdivision Ordinance and the test for adequacy of public facilities was then applied to really all

development above 5,000 square feet that exists today.

So at the time in 1989, CB-100 didn't yet exist and it was possible to get building permits directly without the subdivision process on parcels of record, as long as they had been subdivided by deed prior to July of 1982. So those changes, the creation of the then A-65 followed by becoming in this theory of the project, the MC-634, brings the planned public road through the property down what was then an area that was supposed to be denied in Condition 1.

Condition 2 speaks to a landscape buffer where there was at that time no standard, where there now is one.

Condition 3 speaks to the visible outdoor storage being permitted. That is a condition of the Zoning Ordinance that's been, I don't recall the number, but it's been cited a couple of times already. You know this condition essentially mirrors the existing language that is present as a regulation of the I-1 Zone. Mr. Brown, I believe you said earlier that you know as long as something is already protected by you know the County Ordinance is a supplemental redundant condition necessary. Madam Examiner, that's certainly for you to decide, but that was the question that I had in my report.

Condition 4 speaks to the finish materials and again the change of the market, the change to the M-I-O-Z limiting the kind of development that is, or the change to

the regulations to include the M-I-O-Z, you know really suggests that providing office building material standards 3 is --4 MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Ferguson, can I stop you for a 5 second? MR. FERGUSON: Yes. 6 7 MR. ANTONETTI: In regards to the M-I-O-Z in terms of the materials, given the classification that this 8 property is in, are there any limitations on the types of materials and particularly their reflectivity --10 11 MR. FERGUSON: There are. 12 MR. ANTONETTI: -- (indiscernible). 13 MR. FERGUSON: For properties that are in the 14 safety zones basically you can't have something that would 15 reflect you know lights back into the pilot's eyes. there are limitations on glass on building façades, for 16 17 buildings located in the safety zones. The safety zones 18 don't cover all of the subject property but they do cover 19 some of the development area. 20 MR. ANTONETTI: Sorry, I cut you off as you were 21 going through your --22 MR. FERGUSON: Not at all. So Conditions 5 and 6 23 and 9 speak to the Flowers Road and the inappropriateness of using that as access, given the creation of the MC-634, 24

which did not exist at the time of the rezoning.

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Mr. Lenhart spoke to Condition 7, requiring completion of offsite road improvements. Madam Examiner, this is another one that really speaks to standards that did not exist at the time of the approval of the rezoning. There was no provision that would have required this property to go through the Subdivision Ordinance and face the adequacy of public facilities tests. And now that that is a requirement, I believe that it's appropriate for you know this, the zoning conditions not to conflict with existing law.

Similarly, to Condition 15 and Condition 19 really, Mr. Antonetti spoke to it was unclear to our reading that it was a definitive requirement for a Detailed Site Plan. So the applicant has proposed to clarify that to make that a requirement, but the other provisions of that condition put the review of adequacy of public facilities on the District Council whereas now with the requirement for the application of that tested subdivision process it properly belongs with the Planning Board.

And then finally, Condition 20 is in fact dealt with as well by the Landscape Manual which did not exist at the time of the 1989 rezoning. So that in summary are my findings and you know really from the planning perspective all of the conditions that I address, the modifications are just intended to bring them into line with current

regulation.

MR. ANTONETTI: Mr. Ferguson, have you heard and understood the testimony and provided by other witnesses in this case that have appeared before the ZHE today?

MR. FERGUSON: I have.

MR. ANTONETTI: Have you reviewed the applicant's proposed revisions to conditions including in the ZHE record marked as Exhibit 21?

MR. FERGUSON: I have.

MR. ANTONETTI: Do you agree with the applicant's proposed revisions in Exhibit 21?

MR. FERGUSON: I do, with the potential exception, this is not a planning concern but some of them are redundant to exist in county law. So if Madam Examiner finds that they are not necessary, I think that their belt and suspenders.

MR. ANTONETTI: Okay. And based upon your review of the application materials, the proposed conditions of approval set forth in Exhibit 21 with your current comments noted, your findings set forth in your land planning analysis and your understanding of the testimony from the witnesses that have testified in this case, is it your opinion that this application meets all the requirements for amendment of condition as set forth in Section 27-135(c)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance?

MR. FERGUSON: That is my opinion. And the one requirement is good cause, that I believe that all of the substantive changes and evolutions, really in county law do constitute good cause, particularly given I think you and Mr. May have gone really above and beyond in giving Madam Examiner evidence which would really ordinarily be presented in the future at the time of these reviews to address what the impacts, and the protection against the impacts that these conditions were intended to address and how they would they be resolved at the time of future reviews. I'm not sure if that came out in English, but.

MR. ANTONETTI: It did. Thank you.

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MR. ANTONETTI: I have no further questions of Mr. Ferguson at this time.

MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Brown?

MR. BROWN: Good to see you, Mr. Ferguson, I agree with probably everything you said, so I don't have any questions.

MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Mr. Brown. It's nice to see you as well, as always.

MS. MCNEIL: First off, I have something I'd like Mr. Antonetti to proffer if you can't answer.

Antonetti, does 9D satisfy the prohibitions in the M-I-O-Z Zone? That's the elevation.

1 MR. ANTONETTI: Yes.

MS. MCNEIL: They do? Okay.

MR. FERGUSON: Madam Examiner, I did do a brief analysis, so the subject property is 7,500 feet from the end of the runways, and it's about at the same elevation, you know, give or take 10 feet. So the 7,500 distance would translate to a building height of 150 feet, well 140 I think after you subtract for the elevation difference at the highest point of the property. So yes, it would.

MS. MCNEIL: And the building material, that's the part that caught my eye about no glass, et cetera.

MR. FERGUSON: Well, yes. I mean that would need to be reviewed more precisely at the time of Detailed Site Plan because a lot of those requirements have to do with directionality.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Yes.

MS. MCNEIL: And then my last question, really just to get your thinking and that is if the only amendment before me today was to Condition 15, do you think there is good cause to change it?

MR. FERGUSON: I think Madam Examiner, Condition 15 really states today or states what the facts are today and what the law is today, right.

MS. MCNEIL: Okay. I'm not going to belabor this, but I don't know that there's good cause just for that.

1 MR. FERGUSON: Well, I mean this is --

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MS. MCNEIL: Because the existing language still, you can't do it today unless you know you're looking at a Preliminary Plan, but you're still, that's when adequacy is determined. Okay.

MR. FERGUSON: Correct. Correct.

MS. MCNEIL: I just wanted Mr. Antonetti from having to do this in the future for just one condition like that. He's smiling. Thank you, Mr. Ferguson, you made it.

MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Madam. I did try to be terse, uncharacteristically, perhaps.

MS. MCNEIL: Mr. Antonetti, do you have further witnesses?

MR. ANTONETTI: No, ma'am.

MS. MCNEIL: Can I please just ask this question in an abundance of caution, I know that Ms. Brown was a citizen, is there anybody else here that is a citizen that wanted to testify in this matter? If so you can like turn on your mic, or, going once. Okay. I don't see anyone. Go ahead, Mr. Antonetti.

MR. ANTONETTI: Madam Examiner, thank you for the opportunity today to present this change before you, Mr. Brown and others. Our team appreciates the opportunity and the accommodation to allow us to share our exhibits and findings for each of the experts that testified.

As simply put, well I don't think I can say it any better than Mr. Ferguson, this really is a request to recognize the evolution of regulation and requirements for development in the I-1 Zone such as this property. The conditions that were proposed in 1989 may have been appropriate at the time they were proposed in 1989, but in order to deliver the benefits of this modern warehouse logistic center, we would respectfully request that the conditions be updated to also reflect modern regulations and standards.

But that being said, if Madam Examiner could be so kind to keep the record open, that I could submit an updated Condition 21, or Exhibit 21 with updated conditions, we will do that. We will also endeavor, Mr. Brown, to submit a Concept Plan that shows the future MC-634 through the site at the northern, up to the northern boundary line for clarity and context.

But if it could be kept open for those two items, we would --

MS. MCNEIL: And Mr. Klebasko's robust resume.

MR. ANTONETTI: Yes, I'm sorry. Yes, his CV or more detailed recitation of his experience and the projects he's worked on, yes, we will submit that as well.

But with that, I would conclude our case today and greatly appreciate your attention and consideration of this

1	matter.
2	MS. MCNEIL: I thank you all for being here and
3	we'll hold the record open until you submit those items.
4	MR. ANTONETTI: All right.
5	MS. MCNEIL: Thank you, staff as well.
6	MR. ANTONETTI: Yes.
7	MS. MCNEIL: And have a good day everyone.
8	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Thank you very much.
9	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Thank you much, you as well.
10	MR. ANTONETTI: Well, thank you.
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