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June 13, 2003

Mr. Tom Folkestad 2457 Industrial Blvd Grand Junction, CO 81505

RE: TEDS Exception No. 21-03 to Access Spacing at 2321 Logos Drive

Dear Tom;

Please find attached the committee's decision on the above request. You may use this decision to proceed through the development review process.

If you have any question concerning this decision, please feel free to contact the Development Engineer in charge of your project or me at (970) 256-4047.

Sincerely,

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Michael G. McDill, P.E. City Engineer

C: Eric Hahn, Development Engineer (244-1443) Pat Cecil, Development Services Supervisor

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DESIGN EXCEPTION #DE21-03

To: Mark Relph, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Thru: Tim Moore, Public Works Manager
Copy to: Eric Hahn, Development Engineer Pat Cecil, Development Services Supervisor
From: Mike McDill, City Engineer
Date: May 30, 2003

RE: Exception from Access Spacing for 2321 Logos Drive

DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION

Applicant is planning to construct an office and warehouse at the above location. They are proposing to construct a single driveway along the south side of Logos Drive 47 feet east of 23 ¹/₄ Road (center to center), which tees to the north. Access to this site is constrained by the location of a fire hydrant, street light and electrical pedestal immediately opposite the centerline of 23 ¹/₄ Road. Section 4.1.2, *Offsets*, requires that accesses either be opposite each other or be separated by at least 150 feet along commercial streets.

The applicant requests exception from Section 4.1.1, *Spacing*. The applicant will need that exception for the 130 separation between this driveway and the next one to the east. They will also need an exception to Section 4.1.2, *Offsets* for the separation between the proposed driveway and 23 ¼ Road. The proposed changes to TEDS would reduce both the separation and the offset requirements on Commercial Streets to only 50 feet.

EXCEPTION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Will the exception compromise safety?

This portion of Logos Drive is classified as a Commercial Street. Traffic on this street will continue to grow as development and re-development occur in the area. However, it is not expected to exceed 1,000 ADT.

The location and proposal for this to be a common access for two lots make this a viable solution. Moving this access farther east by three feet will not substantially improve traffic safety. In fact the added difficulty in truck turning maneuvers might increase hazards. It should not compromise safety to any measurable extent.

2. Have other alternatives been considered that would meet the standard?

The applicant provides two other alternatives. Both would create more difficult truck turning maneuvers and interfere with the proposed parking plan without reducing the size of the buildings. The plan could be modified to meet the TEDS, but I judge that the effort here is not justified to provide an additional three feet of separation.

3. Has the proposed design been used in other areas?

There are many existing examples of accesses separated by about fifty feet, specially in the vicinity of tee intersections.

4. Will the exception require CDOT or FHWA coordination? No.

5. Is this a one-time exception or a manual revision? Both of these exceptions would be in substantial compliance with the proposed change to TEDS.

Staff Recommendation

I recommend approval of the required Design Exceptions to Sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 to allow a reduced offset between the proposed driveway and existing alignment of 23 ¹/₄ Road and reduced spacing from the next driveway to the east at the above location.

Recommended by: Mulla Auleh

Approved as Requested:

Denied:

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Mike McDill

REQUEST FOR TEDS EXCEPTION

May 21, 2003

Project:Folkestad Office/WarehouseLocation:2321 Logos DrivePetitioner:Tom Folkestad2457 Industrial BlvdGrand Junction, CO 81505

Representative: David Smuin/HydroTerra, Inc.

TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Per Chapter 14 of the City of Grand Junction Transportation Engineering Design Standards (TEDS), we are requesting a one-time, single-location, exception to the TEDS for a driveway on the above referenced project. The project involves two lots, both of which currently have individual driveway cuts granted when the subdivision was approved in 2002. We are requesting an exception that will allow for a combined driveway for the two lots. The property is located on the south side of Logos Drive opposite of the 23 1/4 Road intersection. The original submittal, January 10, 2003, for this project showed a proposed driveway with a center to center offset to the 23 1/4 alignment of 11 ft to the west. The driveway could not be aligned with 23 14/ Road due to the existence of a fire hydrant and an electrical box. Based on the recommendation of Eric Hahn, City Development Engineer, the driveway was moved to the east on the other side of the utilities. The resulting driveway spacing, center to center, it now 47 ft east of 23 1/4 Road. Other options considered include moving the driveway further east, however, that alignment would infringe on required parking and make it difficult for large trucks to turn into or out of the site. Moving the driveway to the west would likewise make it difficult for large trucks to turn into or out of the site. The proposed alignment provides a single turning movement in and out for truck traffic and will facilitate vehicle movement in and out of the site without creating a possible bottleneck at the driveway.

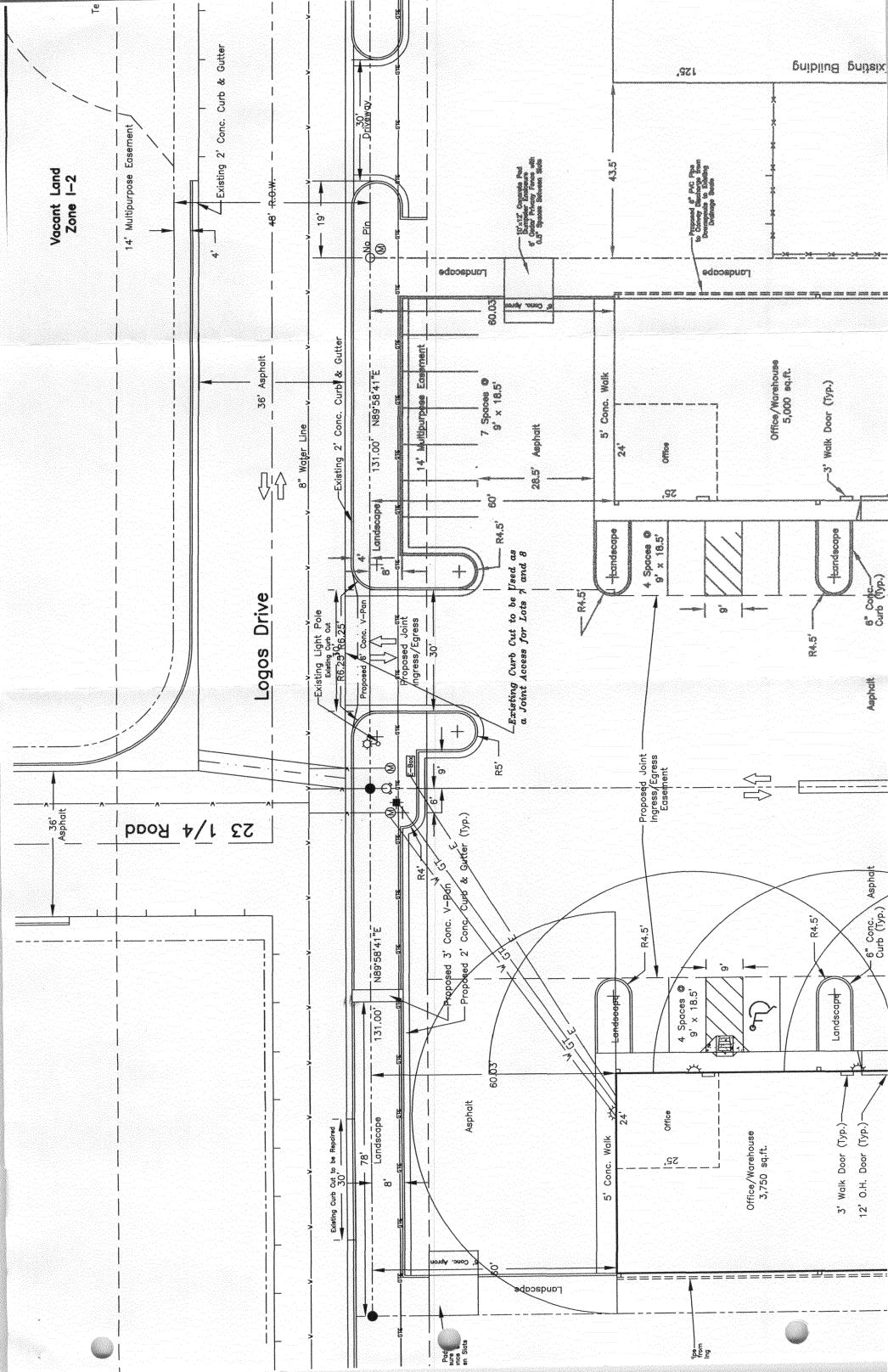
It is our understanding that the TEDS standard, section 4.1.1, has been revised to a 50 ft spacing, center to center, for adjacent and opposite driveways and intersections. Thus, we are requesting an exception of 3 ft to the spacing requirement.

It seems that the requested exception to TEDS is outweighed by the advantage of combining 2 existing accesses into 1 and placing the driveway in a location which will facilitate large truck access to the site.

The existing and proposed accesses are shown on the attached drawing. Please consider this request for exception and let us know your decision at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

David Smuin



Memo

To:	Mike McDill	
CC:		
From:	Eric Hahn 44	
Date:	05/30/2003	
Re:	TEDS Exception Request – Folkestad Office/Warehouse	

This request appears to be appropriate and warranted. I agree with the applicant's reasoning that is expressed in the request. The combined access will probably cause less problems than two individual accesses to these lots that may or may not be able to meet TEDS spacing requirements. The applicant is striking middle ground that is probably the best possible solution given the proposed building sizes and site layout. In addition, this is an industrial street that will have very low traffic volumes. In summary, I recommend that this exception be granted.

Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.





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From:George MillerTo:McDill, MikeDate:5/29/03 3:30PMSubject:2321 Logos

Mike, I have no comment on this exception application.

CC: Kliska, Jody

MEMORANDUM



Date: June 4, 2003

To: Bob Blanchard, Community Development Rick Beaty, Fire Department

From: Sandi Nimon, Sr. Administrative Assistant Junio

Subj: DE21-03 Exception from Access Spacing for 2321 Logos Drive

> Please make your comments on the above design exception no later than Friday, June 6, 2003. I would appreciate it!

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From:Bob BlanchardTo:Mark Relph; Rick BeatyDate:6/5/03 1:55PMSubject:TEDS Exception DE21-03 - Logos Drive

I concur with Mike's recommendation of approval.

CC: Mike McDill; Sandi Nimon

From:	Sandi Nimon
To:	McDill, Mike
Date:	6/11/03 9:35AM
Subject:	Design Exception DE-21

Mike, Rick Beaty was just in my office and says he just reviewed this design exception and concurs with your recommendation - Folkestad Office, 2321 Logos Drive.

Bob, I don't see that we've received a response from you on this one.

Now, we just have one other exception out there, which is DE22-03 at 3150 27 ½ Road. (Mailbox). If you can send your responses as quickly as possible, it would be appreciated!

Sandi

CC:

Beaty, Rick; Blanchard, Bob; Relph, Mark