

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT



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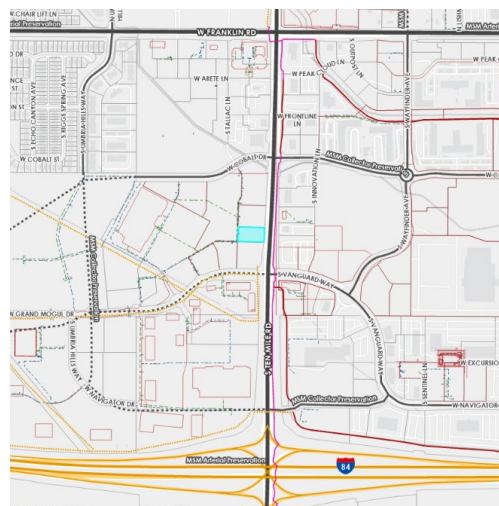
TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

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APPLICANT: Julie Benintendi

SUBJECT: Taco Bell at Ten Mile
H-2026-0040 CUP

LOCATION: Located at 3272 W. Grand Mogul Dr.



I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

A. Summary

The applicant requests a conditional use permit for a Tier two (2) drive through establishment on 0.802 acres of land in the C-G zoning district.

B. Recommendation

Planning Division: Approval

C. Decision

Planning and Zoning Commission: Pending

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II. COMMUNITY METRICS

Table 1: Land Use

Description	Details	Map Ref.
Existing Land Use(s)	Vacant	-
Proposed Land Use(s)	Restaurant w/ tier 2 drive-through	-
Existing Zoning	C-G (General Retail and Service Commercial District)	VII.A.2

Description	Details	Map Ref.
Proposed Zoning	C-G (General Retail and Service Commercial District)	
Adopted FLUM Designation	Commercial	VII.A.3

Table 2: Project Overview

Description	Details
History	H-2023-0071, DA - Instrument #2025-022884, FP-2025-0009, & A-2026-0055
Acreage	0.80 of an acre

Table 3: Process Facts

Description	Details
Preapplication Meeting date	5/19/2026
Neighborhood Meeting	6/3/2026
Site posting date	7/6/2026

Table 4: Agency Comments

Agency / Element	Description / Issue	Reference
Ada County Highway District		IV.K
• Comments Received	Yes; Staff Report	-
• Commission Action Required	No	-
• Access	W. Grand Mogul Dr. and W. Cobalt Dr via a commercial drive aisle	-
ITD Comments Received	No	IV.L
Meridian Public Works Wastewater		IV.B
• Distance to Mainline	Available at Site	
• Impacts or Concerns	No	
Meridian Public Works Water		IV.B
• Distance to Mainline	Available at Site	
• Impacts or Concerns	None	

Note: See section IV. City/Agency Comments & Conditions for comments received or see the public record. Paste the following link into your browser to access the public record:
H-2026-0040 - [Taco Bell at Ten Mile](#)

STAFF ANALYSIS

Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code (UDC)

A. History

In 2023, the subject property received CPAM, RZ, PP and MDA approval. As part of this approval a new overall conceptual development plan and use area plan were to serve as a guide for development of the property. The use area plan for this portion of the development includes a mix of large anchor retail, restaurants, recreation, and hospitality uses. Recent deviations have occurred since this approval but general consistency with the plan has been maintained. The site where the proposed drive-through is located is one of those minor deviations that was allowed by the Director.

In 2025, the first final plat was approved and recorded as the District Ten Mile Subdivision No. 1. The proposed drive-through is located on Lot 6, Block 1 approved with this subdivision.

B. General Overview

This property is designated as Commercial on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). This designation provides a full range of commercial uses to serve area residents and visitors. Desired uses may include retail, restaurants, personal and professional services, and office uses, as well as appropriate public and quasi-public uses. Multi-family residential may be allowed in some cases but should be careful to promote a high quality of life through thoughtful site design, connectivity, and amenities.

The subject site is among a wide range of commercial uses approved with the District development. The proposed uses of a restaurant with a drive-through aligns with the desired uses specified within the Commercial designation in the Comprehensive Plan. In conjunction with the already approved retail, restaurants, recreation facilities, etc. in the broader area, the proposed use satisfies the general Commercial future land use designation for this area.

The restaurant use is permitted in the C-G zoning district however, the Tier two (2) drive through requires a conditional use permit. The proposed restaurant and drive-through is required to comply with the specific use standards in accord with UDC 11-4-3-11 and 11-4-3-49.

C. Comprehensive Plan Policies

Policy	Analysis
“Promote area beautification and community identity through context sensitive building and site design principles, appropriate signage, and attractive landscaping.” (5.01.02C)	A 35-foot wide landscape buffer is required along S. Ten Mile Road. In addition, the parking lot landscaping is designed to meet the UDC.
“Reduce the number of existing access points onto arterial streets by using methods such as cross-access agreements, access management, and frontage/backage roads, and promoting local and collector street connectivity.” (6.01.02B)	The design of the building has obtained approval from the District’s design review board.
“Require all development to be consistent with Future Land Use Map designations for the property.” (3.03.03D)	No new access points are proposed with this development. Access to this lot is provided by the commercial drive aisle which is currently under construction.
“Require pedestrian circulation plans to ensure safety and convenient access	The proposed restaurant with drive-through is consistent with the FLUM and contributes to the mix of uses in the area.
	With the approval of the District at Ten Mile development, the City approved a pedestrian circulation plan for the overall development.

across large commercial and mixed-use developments.” (3.07.02A).

Compliance with this plan is required. See exhibit F for the pedestrian circulation plan.

D. Site Development and Use Analysis

1. Proposed Use Analysis (*UDC 11-2*):

H-2026-0040 – Lot 6, block 1 is proposed to develop with a 2,053 square foot restaurant building with a Tier 2 drive-through. The site provides twenty-six (26) parking stalls and includes the applicable parking lot landscaping.

2. Dimensional Standards (*UDC 11-2*):

Development of the site shall comply with the dimensional standards of the C-G zoning district in UDC Table 11-2B-3. *Staff has reviewed the proposed plans and building elevations and they comply with the required standards.*

3. Specific Use Standards (*UDC 11-4-3*):

Drive-Through Establishment UDC 11-4-3-11 and Restaurant UDC 11-4-3-49:

Drive-Through Establishment: The proposed drive-through establishment is subject to the specific use standards listed in UDC 11-4-3-11, Drive-Through Establishment. All establishments providing drive-through service are required to identify the stacking lane, menu, and speaker location (if applicable), and window location on the site plan. The site plan is also required to demonstrate safe pedestrian and vehicular access and circulation on the site and between adjacent properties. At a minimum, the plan is required to demonstrate compliance with the following standards:

1) Stacking lanes have sufficient capacity **to prevent obstruction of driveways, drive aisles**, and the public right-of-way by patrons. Designated pick-up or pull forward parking stalls may be required if the decision-making body determines that the stacking capacity is insufficient.

The proposed restaurant features a drive-through lane with space to queue nine (9) vehicles along with an escape lane, outside of the drive-through lane as required.

2) The stacking lane shall be a separate lane from the circulation lanes needed for access and parking, except stacking lanes may provide access to designated employee parking.

The stacking lane is separate from the circulation lane for parking.

3) The stacking lane shall not be located within twenty (20) feet of any residential district, use or dwelling;

The stacking lane is not located within 20’ of any residential district or residence.

4) Any stacking lane greater than one hundred feet (100) in length shall provide for an escape lane. Each stacking lane and designated escape lane shall have a minimum width of ten feet (10’).

The stacking lane exceeds 100’ in length therefore an escape lane is required. The site also meets the dimensional standards of 20 feet as required.

5) The site shall be designed so that the drive-through is visible from a public street, or other readily accessible public space, for surveillance purposes.

The drive-through is visible from S. Ten Mile Road for surveillance purposes as required.

6) The minimum stacking lane capacity shall be six (6) vehicles per lane for tier 2 or tier 3, and two (2) vehicles per lane for tier 1.

The proposed Tier 2 drive through has a proposed capacity of nine (9) vehicles exceeding the minimum stacking requirements of the UDC.

7) All drive-throughs shall submit a queuing exhibit demonstrating vehicle stacking per the lane capacity standards in subsection (D)(6). Each vehicle space within the stacking lane shall be based on a vehicle length of twenty feet (20').

The requirement will be verified during the review of the certificate of zoning compliance application.

Restaurant: The proposed use is also subject to the specific use standards listed in UDC 11-4-3-49 Restaurant, which requires at a minimum, one (1) parking space to be provided for every 250 square feet of gross floor area. *The site exceeds the minimum parking standards as noted below.*

E. Design Standards Analysis

1. Landscaping (UDC 11-3B):

i. Landscape buffers along streets

UDC Requirement	Proposed/Analysis
Entry Way Corridor: 35 Feet	The 35' landscape buffer along S. Ten Mile Road is not shown on the site plan and will be required as part of the conditions of approval.

ii. Parking lot landscaping

Landscaping is required to be provided along all parking areas per the standards listed in UDC 11-3B-8. *The applicant is providing the required parking lot landscaping.*

iii. Storm integration

An adequate storm drainage system shall be required in all developments in accord with the city's adopted standards, specifications and ordinances. Design and construction shall follow Best Management Practice as adopted by the city.

2. Parking (UDC 11-3C):

i. Nonresidential parking analysis

UDC Requirement	Proposed/Analysis
Specific Use Standards: Restaurants: 1 Parking Stall per 250 Square Feet of Gross Floor Area	The building is 2,053 square feet which requires a minimum of nine (9) parking stalls. The proposed site plan shows twenty-six (26) new stalls.

- ii. Bicycle parking analysis
A minimum of one (1) bicycle parking space must be provided for every 25 vehicle spaces or portion thereof per UDC 11-3C-6G; bicycle parking facilities are required to comply with the location and design standards listed in UDC 11-3C-5C. *The applicant is providing two (2) bicycle parking spaces meeting the UDC standard for bicycle parking.*
- 3. Building Elevations (*Architectural Standards Manual*):
Goal 2.09.03A of the Comprehensive Plan highlights establishing distinct, engaging identities within commercial and mixed-use enters through design standards to integrate commercial, multifamily, and parking areas with existing neighborhoods. In response, the developer has submitted conceptual building elevations for the proposed structure as shown in Section VII.C. Building materials consist of stucco, stone veneer, aluminum panels, and glazing. *Elevations within the District at Ten Mile development are subject to review and approval of the District's design review board. As noted above Staff is reviewing the CZC application for the site and the required letter has been provided as required.*

F. Transportation Analysis

- 1. Access (*UDC 11-3A-3, UDC 11-3H-4*):
Access is proposed off a commercial drive aisle that connects to W. Grand Mogul Drive and W. Cobalt Drive in accord with UDC standards.
- 2. Pedestrian Connectivity (*UDC 11-3A-5, UDC 11-3A-8, UDC 11-3A-17*):
The applicant has provided a pedestrian connection to the perimeter sidewalk on the west side of the building to the eastern edge of the commercial drive aisle per the approved pedestrian circulation plan. These crossings must be scored concrete to delineate them from the primary driving surface in accord with UDC standards.

III. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

A. Meridian Planning Division

- 1. Future development of this site shall comply with the previous conditions of approval and terms of H-2023-0071, DA Instrument #2025-022884, FP-2025-0009, A-2026-0055 and the conditions contained herein.
- 2. The site plan and/or landscape plan, as applicable, shall be revised with the certificate of zoning compliance application as follows:
 - i. All mechanical equipment on the back of the building and outdoor service and equipment areas should be incorporated into the overall design of buildings and landscaping so that the visual and acoustic impacts of these functions are fully contained and out of view from adjacent properties and public streets as set forth in UDC 11-3A-12.
 - ii. Depict signage ahead of each pedestrian crossing in the drive-through lane notifying drivers to watch out for pedestrians.
 - iii. The applicant shall comply with the overall pedestrian plan approved with the District at Ten Mile project. Compliance with this plan shall be reviewed and approved with the Certificate of Zoning Compliance application.
 - iv. All pedestrian crossings through the parking lot shall be distinguished from the primary driving surface through the use of pavers, colored or scored concrete, or bricks in accord with UDC 11-3A-19B.4b.

- v. Depict a 35-foot wide landscape buffer adjacent to S. Ten Mile Road as required with FP-2025-0009.
- 3. Compliance with the standards listed in UDC 11-4-3-49 and 11-4-3-11 is required. This project is approved with a Tier 2 drive through and shall comply with the tier 2 standards.
- 4. A Certificate of Zoning Compliance applications shall be submitted and approved for the proposed use prior to submittal of building permit applications. The design of the site and structure shall comply with the standards listed in UDC *11-3A-19*; the design standards listed in the Architectural Standards Manual and with the Development Agreement.
- 5. The conditional use permit is valid for a maximum period of two (2) years unless otherwise approved by the City. During this time, the Applicant shall commence the use as permitted in accord with the conditions of approval, satisfy the requirements set forth in the conditions of approval, and acquire building permits and commence construction of permanent footings or structures on or in the ground as set forth in UDC *11-5B-6*. A time extension may be requested as set forth in UDC *11-5B-6F*.

B. Ada County Highway District (ACHD)



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July 10, 2026

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Subject: MER26-0040, MER26-0056, MER26-0055 / H-2026-0040, H-2026-0033, H-2026-0039
3272 W Grand Mogul Drive
Taco Bell and District Drive-Thrus

As part of ACHD's action on The District at Ten Mile (MPP24-0006/H-2023-0071) a signal warrant analysis for the Grand Mogul/Villagio/Black Cat Road intersection was required to be provided as part of the first phase of development. The first final plat has been recorded, and some commercial businesses are under construction as part of the first phase of the development, however, the signal warrant analysis was never provided.

Prior to issuance of an ACHD impact fee assessment for the following applications, either provide a signal warrant analysis for the Grand Mogul/Villagio/Black Cat Road intersection or install a signal at the intersection without the warrant analysis.

- MER26-0040 / H-2026-0040, A-2026-0055 – Taco Bell
- MER26-0056 / H-2026-0033, A-2026-0045 – Ten Mile District Retail Building 1
- MER26-0055 / H-2026-0039, A-2026-0046 – Ten Mile District Retail Building 2
- MER26-0053 / A-2026-0047 – Ten Mile District Retail Building 3
- MER26-0054 / A-2026-0048 – Ten Mile District Retail Building 4

See finding 3 on page 12 and site specific condition of condition 3 on page 3 of the attached staff report for guidance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 387-6391.

Sincerely,

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Standard Conditions of Approval

1. All proposed irrigation facilities shall be located outside of the ACHD right-of-way (including all easements). Any existing irrigation facilities shall be relocated outside of the ACHD right-of-way (including all easements).
2. Private Utilities including sewer or water systems are prohibited from being located within the ACHD right-of-way.
3. In accordance with District policy, 7203.3, the applicant may be required to update any existing non-compliant pedestrian improvements abutting the site to meet current Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) requirements. The applicant's engineer should provide documentation of compliance to District Development Review staff for review.
4. Replace any existing damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk and any that may be damaged during the construction of the proposed development. Contact Construction Services at 208-387-6280 (with file number) for details.
5. A license agreement and compliance with the District's Tree Planter policy is required for all landscaping proposed within ACHD right-of-way or easement areas.
6. All utility relocation costs associated with improving street frontages abutting the site shall be borne by the developer.
7. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify all existing utilities within the right-of-way. The applicant at no cost to ACHD shall repair existing utilities damaged by the applicant. The applicant shall be required to call DIGLINE (1-811-342-1585) at least two full business days prior to breaking ground within ACHD right-of-way. The applicant shall contact ACHD Traffic Operations 387-6190 in the event any ACHD conduits (spare or filled) are compromised during any phase of construction.
8. Utility street cuts in pavement less than five years old are not allowed unless approved in writing by the District. Contact the District's Utility Coordinator at 208-387-6258 (with file numbers) for details.
9. All design and construction shall be in accordance with the ACHD Policy Manual, ISPWC Standards and approved supplements, Construction Services procedures and all applicable ACHD Standards unless specifically waived herein. An engineer registered in the State of Idaho shall prepare and certify all improvement plans.
10. Construction, use and property development shall be in conformance with all applicable requirements of ACHD prior to District approval for occupancy.
11. No change in the terms and conditions of this approval shall be valid unless they are in writing and signed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized representative and an authorized representative of ACHD. The burden shall be upon the applicant to obtain written confirmation of any change from ACHD.
12. If the site plan or use should change in the future, ACHD Planning Review will review the site plan and may require additional improvements to the transportation system at that time. Any change in the planned use of the property which is the subject of this application, shall require the applicant to comply with ACHD Policy and Standard Conditions of Approval in place at that time unless a waiver/variance of the requirements or other legal relief is granted by the ACHD Commission.

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IV. FINDINGS

A. Conditional Use (UDC 11-5B-6E)

The commission shall base its determination on the conditional use permit request upon the following:

1. That the site is large enough to accommodate the proposed use and meet all the dimensional and development regulations in the district in which the use is located.
Staff finds the site is large enough to accommodate the proposed use and meets all dimensional and development regulations of the recommended C-G zoning district.
2. That the proposed use will be harmonious with the Meridian comprehensive plan and in accord with the requirements of this title.
Staff finds the proposed restaurant and drive through use will be harmonious with the Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with applicable UDC standards with the conditions noted in Section IV of this report.
3. That the design, construction, operation and maintenance will be compatible with other uses in the general neighborhood and with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and that such use will not adversely change the essential character of the same area.
Staff finds the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed use should be compatible with other uses in the general neighborhood, with the existing and intended character of the vicinity and will not adversely change the essential character of the area.
4. That the proposed use, if it complies with all conditions of the approval imposed, will not adversely affect other property in the vicinity.
Staff finds the proposed use will not adversely affect other properties in the vicinity if it complies with the conditions in Section IV of this report.
5. That the proposed use will be served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as highways, streets, schools, parks, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water, and sewer.
Staff finds the proposed use will be served by essential public facilities and services as required.
6. That the proposed use will not create excessive additional costs for public facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.
Staff finds the proposed use will not create additional costs for public facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.
7. That the proposed use will not involve activities or processes, materials, equipment and conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any persons, property or the general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, glare or odors.
Staff finds the proposed use will not be detrimental to any persons, property or the general welfare by the reasons noted above.
8. That the proposed use will not result in the destruction, loss or damage of a natural, scenic or historic feature considered to be of major importance.
Staff finds the proposed use will not result in the destruction, loss or damage of any such features.
9. Additional findings for the alteration or extension of a nonconforming use:
This finding is not applicable.

10. That the proposed nonconforming use does not encourage or set a precedent for additional nonconforming uses within the area; and,
This finding is not applicable.
11. That the proposed nonconforming use is developed to a similar or greater level of conformity with the development standards as set forth in this title as compared to the level of development of the surrounding properties.
This finding is not applicable.

V. ACTION

A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed CUP application and finds it in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, UDC with the conditions included in Section IV. and Findings in V.

B. Commission:

The Meridian Planning & Zoning Commission heard this item on [date]. At the public hearing, the Commission moved to approve the subject [app] request.

1. Summary of the Commission public hearing:

- a. In favor:
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: None
- d. Written testimony: None
- e. Staff presenting application:
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: None

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:

- a. None

3. Key issue(s) of discussion by Commission:

- a. None

4. Commission change(s) to Staff recommendation:

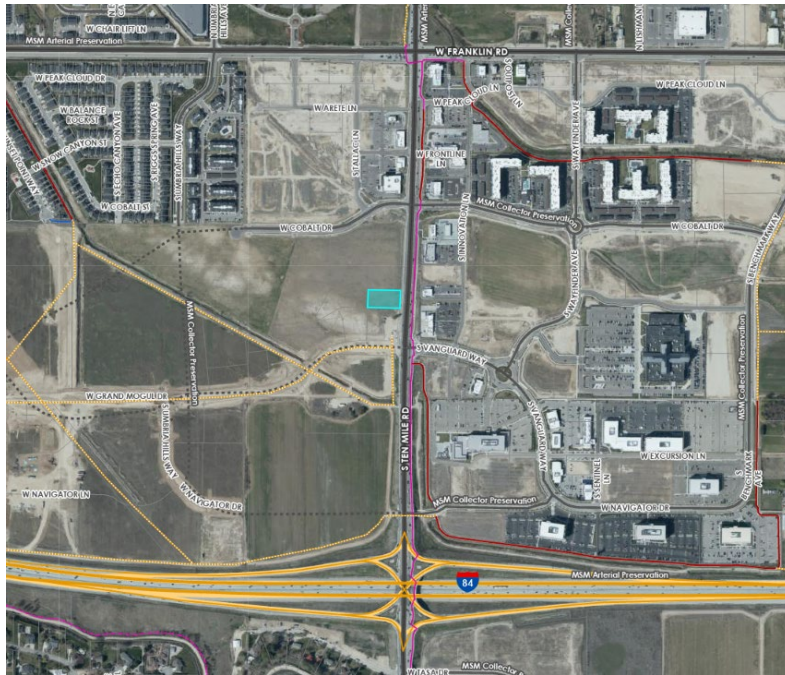
- a. None

VI. EXHIBITS

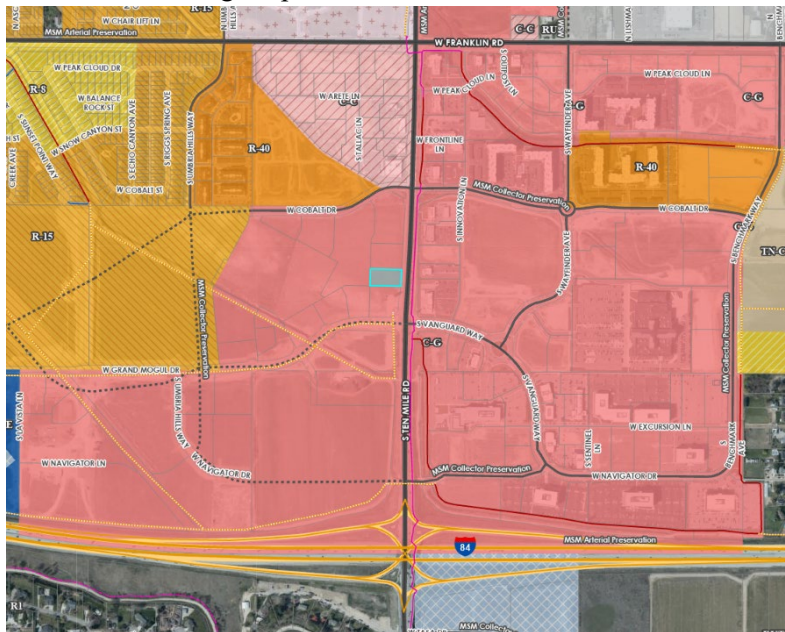
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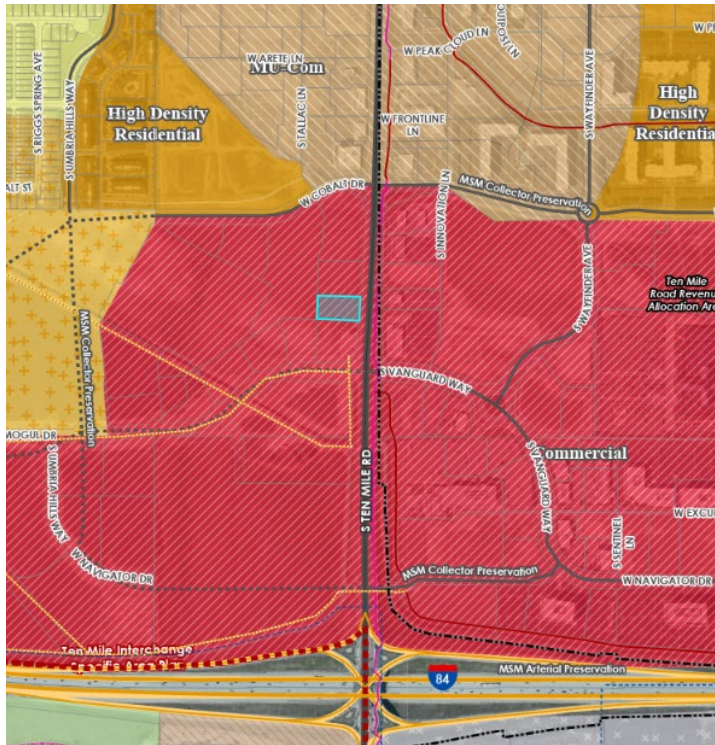
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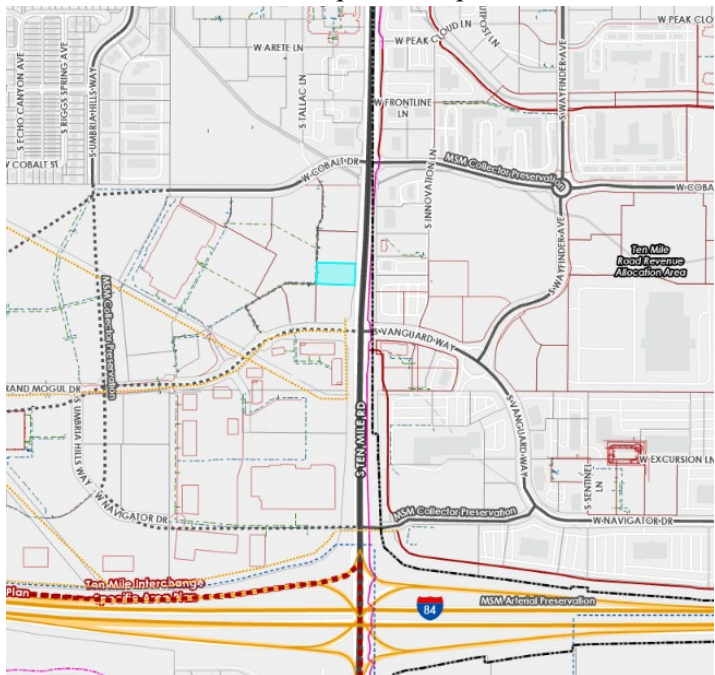
2. Zoning Map



3. Future Land Use



4. Planned Development Map

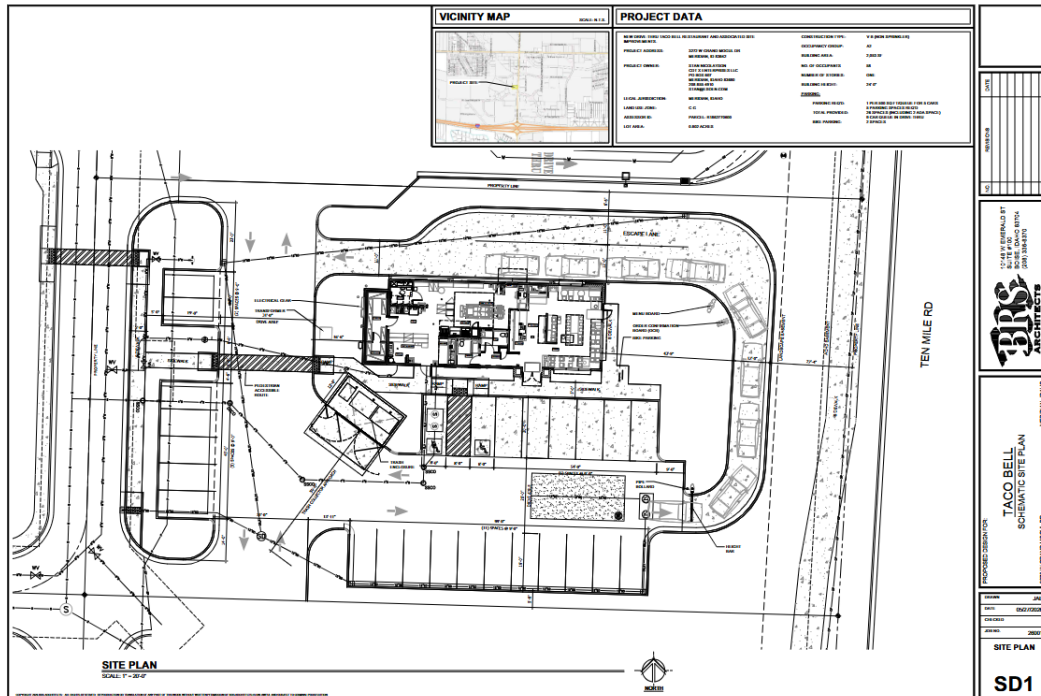


B. Subject Site Photos

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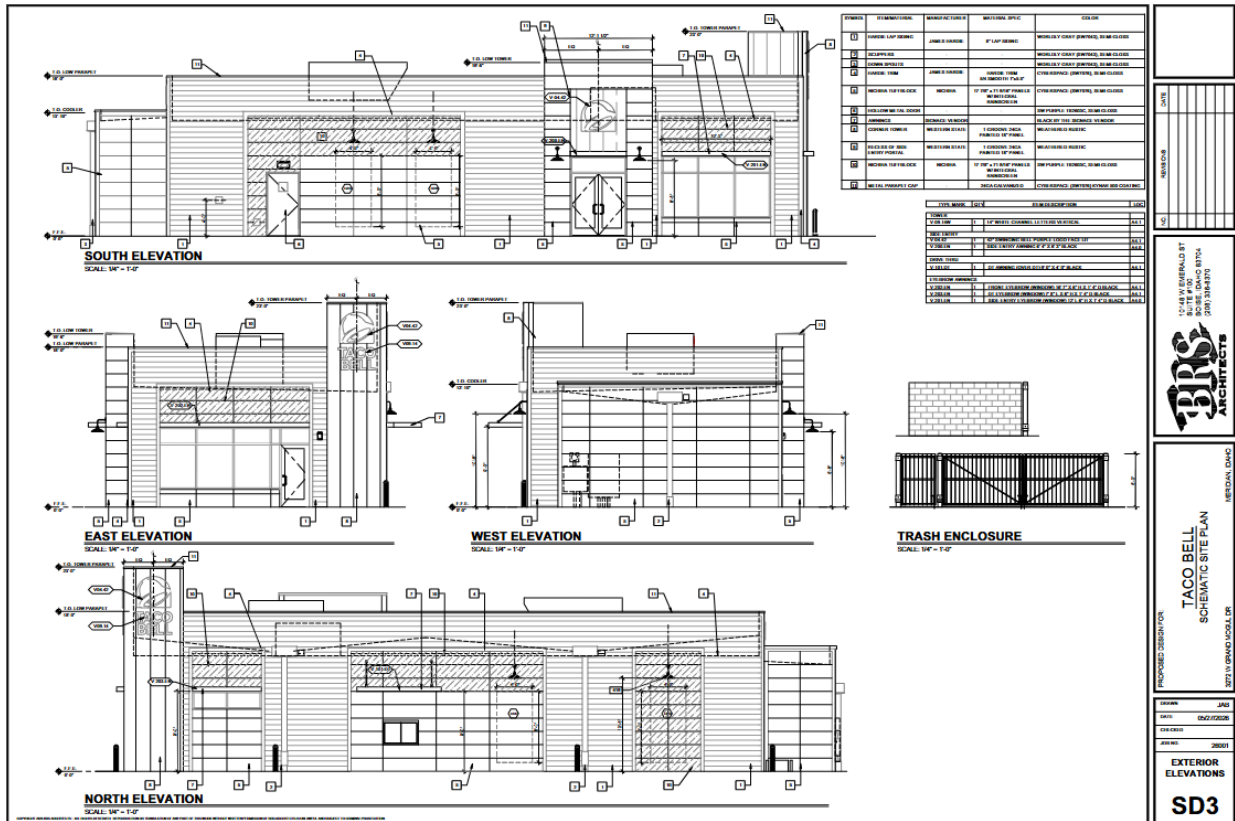
C. Site Plan (date: 5/27/2026)



D. Landscape Plan (date: 6/11/2026)



E. Building Elevations (date: 5/27/2026)



F. District Ten-Mile Pedestrian Circulation Plan

