## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of July 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Kroger Grocery Store Site Plan for Planning Commission Approval

400 South Maple Road (Project No. SP10-007)

## PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the Kroger Grocery Store Site Plan for Planning Commission Approval, subject to removal of construction material and equipment prior to finalization of building permits or certificate of occupancy as applicable.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the petition be proposed **approved** because the contemplated development would comply with all applicable state, location and federal laws, ordinances, standards and regulations; no natural features would be disturbed; and the development would not cause a public or private nuisance and would not have a detrimental effect on the public health, safety or welfare.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PETITION**

This petition was postponed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of July 8, 2010 to allow additional time to address outstanding issues identified by staff. The issues and a summary of how they have been addressed are described below.

<u>Site Plan Layout Revisions</u> – Staff noted that the aisle along the south side of the building was being widened in excess of 24 feet to accommodate truck access, which caused a significant amount of off-site grading. Staff and Commission encouraged the petitioner to reduce the aisle width as much as possible and adjust the west landscape island radius and eliminate parking spaces if needed.

The revised layout cuts away some of the west landscape island, making it easier for delivery trucks to turn the corner around the building, and narrows the aisle adjacent to the drive-thru window to 20 feet. With the revisions, the west half of the aisle will remain as existing and the east half will be expanded southward to accommodate the new landscape island separating the drive-thru lane from the general circulation aisle.

Off-site Grading Easement – As of Wednesday, July 14, 2010, the petitioner has received a verbal agreement with the south adjacent property owner for a temporary grading easement to construct the proposed project.

<u>Systems Planning</u> – A *City of Ann Arbor Geodetic Reference System (AAGRS) Coordinate Transformation Worksheet* has been submitted for review and approval.

<u>Existing Conditions</u> – The existing conditions sheet of the site plan set has been corrected to accurately show all existing conditions and note all variances previously granted to the site.

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Attachments: Revised Site Plan

7/8/10 Planning Staff Report

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