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HR Green Project Manager El Paso County Development Services Department

Subject: District 49 Transportation Center (PPR2236)

HR Green,

The Community Services Department has reviewed the District 49 Transportation Center Plot Plan Review application and is providing the following comments on behalf of El Paso County Parks.

This is a request by RTA Architects on behalf of El Paso County School District 49 for approval of the location for a school transportation center. The transportation center will be located to the east of Swingline Road between Falcon Highway to the south and Highway 24 to the north.

The site is 39.37 acres. Proposed Facilities include a 34,000 square foot office and maintenance building and 12 acres of bus parking. The eventual maximum bus parking is planned for 300 units plus necessary support facilities including a bus wash and bus fueling. The entire facility will be enclosed in a security fence.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2013) identifies the proposed Falcon Highway Bicycle Route to the south of the property. This route will be accommodated within the public right of way and will not impact the development. The proposed Falcon Vista Secondary Regional Trail is shown to the west of the property and is located within the parcel to the west so trail easements will not be required.

The parcel to the west #4307305012 is a 14 acre county owned open space that contains a wetland and is a part of the 100-year flood plain. The floodplain extends into the west side of the D49 property. According to the plan for the transportation facility, there will be no development or improvements inside the floodplain. It is recommended that when the transportation center is developed that erosion control measures and BMP's are used to ensure no impacts from runoff to this sensitive area.

No regional park fees are required for the application, as the Board of County Commissioners has elected to not require park fees for commercial subdivisions. These comments are being provided administratively, as this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



Sincerely, Greg Stachon Landscape Architect Community Services Department <u>GregStachon@elpasoco.com</u>

