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## Subject: Crossroads at Meadowbrook Multi-Use Filing No. 2 Final Plat Review (SF-22-038)

Hello Ryan,

The Park Operations Division of the Community Services Department has reviewed the Crossroads at Meadowbrook Multi-Use Filing No. 2 Final Plat development application and has the following comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks:

This commercial application was submitted by Kimley-Horn Associates on behalf of Crossroads Development Company, LLC, for The Crossroads at Meadowbrook Mixed-Use Filing No. 2 Final Plat, consisting of 2 commercial lots, and 3 tracts designated for private road easements and future development of commercial lots on a total of 12.02 acres. The property is currently zoned CR for the commercial uses and is within a Commercial Aviation District Overlay (CAD-O). The site is located at the intersection of East Highway 24 and Meadowbrook Parkway.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2022) shows no open space, park facilities, or trails directly impacted by or within the project area. The project site is located on the northwest side of Highway 24 East, near the intersection of Highway 94. The proposed Highway 94 Primary Regional Trail and the proposed Highway 94 Bicycle Route begin at this intersection and travel east, away from the project site. Lastly, the Falcon/Garrett Road Candidate Open Space land is located .5 mile to the east of the project site.

The El Paso County Land Development Code (LDC) does not set minimum open space acreage or public recreation facility requirements for commercial applications. As such, landscaping, utility, stormwater detention, and pedestrian mobility (sidewalks) comprise most commercial open space tracts. Moreover, Crossroads at Meadowbrook Filing No. 2 is located immediately adjacent Filing No. 1, in which is situated a proposed 3.1-acre neighborhood park. When completed in full, this park, which will serve primarily the multi-family apartment complex being constructed within Filing No. 1, would also serve as a park and open space facility for the commercial facilities located in Filing No. 2.

No trail easement or park land dedications are required for this application, and the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners has not elected to require regional or urban park fees for commercial subdivisions. These comments are being provided administratively, as commercial applications do not require Park Advisory Board consideration if no park land or trail easements are required.



Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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