

Town of Elon Planning Board Agenda

November 16, 2021 6:00 PM Elon Town Hall with Electronic and Call-in Options

Agenda Items

- A. Call to Order
- **B.** New Business
 - i. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2021 Planning Board Meeting.
 - ii. Review and Recommendation: Consideration of a Major Development Plan (MDP-21-03) Submitted by Elon University for the Conversion of a Portion of the Colonnades Parking Lot to a Pedestrian Walkway
- C. Board of Aldermen Updates
- **D.** Items from Board Members
- E. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes Regular Meeting of the Elon Planning Board

October 19, 2021 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Conducted via Zoom and In-Person Elon, North Carolina

Attendees: Jim Beasley, John Harmon, Karla Leath, Mark Podolle.

Diane Gill and Ralph Harwood joined via zoom.

Staff present: Pamela DeSoto and Mary Kathryn Harward

Community Audience: Aiesha Dawn Leath

<u>Item A</u> - Chairman Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item B – New Business

Item B-i – Approval of Minutes

Ms. DeSoto presented the board with minutes from August 17th and September 21st, 2021, for approval.

- Mr. Podolle made a motion to approve the August 17th minutes, with Mr. Harmon seconding the motion, and was approved unanimously by the board.
- Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the September 21st minutes, with Mr. Podolle seconding the motion, and was approved unanimously by the board.

Item B-ii – Review and Recommendation: Consideration of Replacement Appointments for Two Planning Board Regular Member Seats, Reappointment of Diane Gill to Continue Serving as the Planning Board ETJ Representative, and Possible Appointment to Fill the In-Town Alternate Planning Board Member Position

Consideration of the following appointments and reappointment to the Planning Board as follows:

- To fill the seat being vacated by the mid-term resignation of Ms. Leath due to her relocation outside of the jurisdiction, with a term to expire in December of 2022;
- To fill the seat being vacated by the end of term resignation of Mr. Harwood, with a term to expire in December of 2025;
- To reappoint Diane Gill to fill the ETJ position, with a term to expire in December of 2025;
- Appoint to fill an In-town Alternate position, should the current Alternate Phil Owens be appointed to Regular Member status, with an expiration date of December 2023.

Ms. DeSoto recommended to the board Aiesha Dawn Leath and Phil Owens eligible to occupy the two open positions, and Ralph Harwood to take the alternate position that Phil Owens currently occupies, as no additional applications are on file. Chairman Beasley suggested that due to Mr. Owen's history as an alternate and accumulation of experience with town procedures, he be chosen to fill the seat expiring in 2025 and Aeisha to fill the seat expiring in 2022 to gain experience as a board member, and then be moved to a longer-term position if desired. Mr. Harmon motioned to approve Mr. Beasley's suggestion, and Mr. Podolle seconded the motion. The motion was then approved unanimously by the board. The appointing of Aeisha Leath and

Phil Owens will be sent to the Board of Alderman, and Ms. DeSoto voiced her plans to meet with Aeisha to give her more information about membership on the board.

<u>Item C – Items from Board Members</u>

There were no items from Board members.

Item D – Board of Aldermen Updates

Ms. DeSoto briefly reviewed the Board of Alderman meeting that occurred on October 12th, 2021.

Item E - Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Podolle and seconded by Mr. Harmon. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Mary Kathryn Harward, Planner Minutes were completed in Draft form on October 26th, 2021 Jim Beasley, Planning Board Chair Minutes were approved on November 16, 2021



Agenda Item #_B-ii. Town of Elon Planning Board 104 S. Williamson Avenue PO Box 595 Elon, NC 27244

MEMORANDUM TO THE PLANNING BOARD - November 16, 2021

Applicant:

Elon University

Request:

Major Development Plan (Major Site Plan) Review and Recommendation

Location:

Elon University Campus Between Harper Hall and Danieley Commons

Parcel ID:

115649

Site Acreage:

Parcel = 83.5, Project Area = +/- 1.07

Zoning:

Public Institutional (PI)

Prepared by:

Pamela DeSoto

Background and Description of Request

Elon University Architect Brad Moore has submitted an application for a major site plan for review and recommendation by the Planning Board. The project proposes to create a pedestrian walkway by converting a portion of the Colonnades parking lot to a linear landscaped walkway that will connect the Colonnades Neighborhood with the Danieley Center. The project is currently moving through the Technical Review Committee (TRC) process, with comments currently being addressed by the applicant and with the potential for final approval following the next resubmittal.

Procedural Information

Elon's Land Development Ordinance (LDO) specifies that Major Development Plans receive a recommendation from the Planning Board prior to a final decision by the Town Board of Aldermen. The LDO places Major Site Plans, which include proposals involving any non-residential development, under the category of a Major Development Plan. The proposal will be required to receive approval from the TRC and from the Board of Aldermen prior to issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Planning Department.

Applicant's Statement of Intent

In accordance with LDO Subsection 6.4.1, the applicant has provided a Statement of Development Intent, as follows:

Elon University is a series of outdoor spaces connected by pedestrian paths. This is not the case between Danieley Center and Colonnades Neighborhood. This project sets out to convert a portion of the existing Colonnades Parking Lot into a pedestrian connection between these two neighborhoods and provide our campus community a safer and more enjoyable path to and from the Danieley Center.

Zoning (Exhibit Attached)

The project area is encompassed by the Elon University campus, the entirety of which is zoned Public Institutional (PI), under the specific use category of College or University Administrative and Classroom Uses. The PI District is described in the LDO as being intended to accommodate primarily large-scale public, educational and institutional uses. The proposed use constitutes a use by right and will be confirmed to comply with all relevant LDO requirements prior to TRC approval.

Existing Site Conditions (Exhibit attached)

The development site for the project is located on Dalton McMichael Drive, in a recently expanded parking lot.

Parking Counts

Elon's LDO calculates parking requirements in Section 5.6.2.2. For University uses, the minimum requirement is 1 space for every 2 students and 1 space for every employee/university staff, applied to the campus as a whole. This project will result in a reduction in the overall parking count by 95 spaces. However, the campus currently provides parking spaces in excess of the requirement by more than 1,000. Staff will continue to monitor parking counts as development continues on campus to ensure there is no risk of the University falling below the minimum requirement. The current calculation is as follows:

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Number of Faculty/Staff = 1,650 (1 space per person required)

Number of Students = 6,700 (1 space per 2 students required – 6,700/2 = 3,350)

1,650 + 3,350 = 5,000 spaces

Current parking space count = 6,165 – 95 (reduction from project) = 6,070 (1,070 above minimum)
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Additional Considerations

Comments from members of the TRC at this stage are mostly limited to technical issues related to landscaping and avoiding impacts to an existing water line, and are expected to be addressed in revised drawings to be reviewed at an upcoming TRC meeting.

Recommendations and Suggested Motions

Staff recommends that the Planning Board consider this Major Development Plan proposal, accept public comment during the scheduled meeting, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen on the proposal at their earliest convenience. Staff recommends approval of the request.



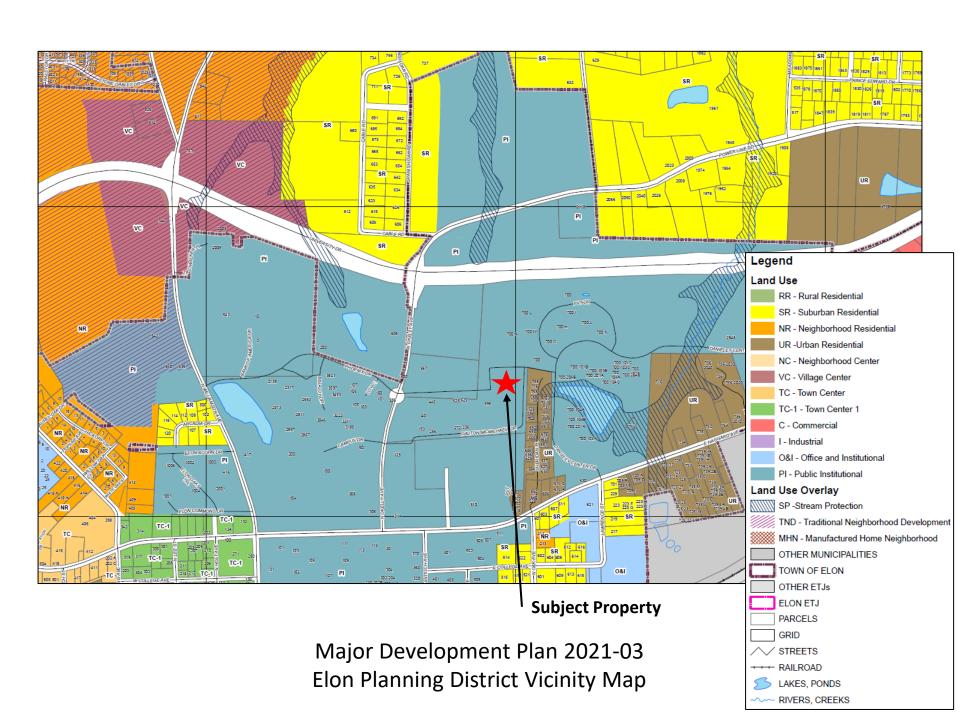
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW APPLICATION FORM

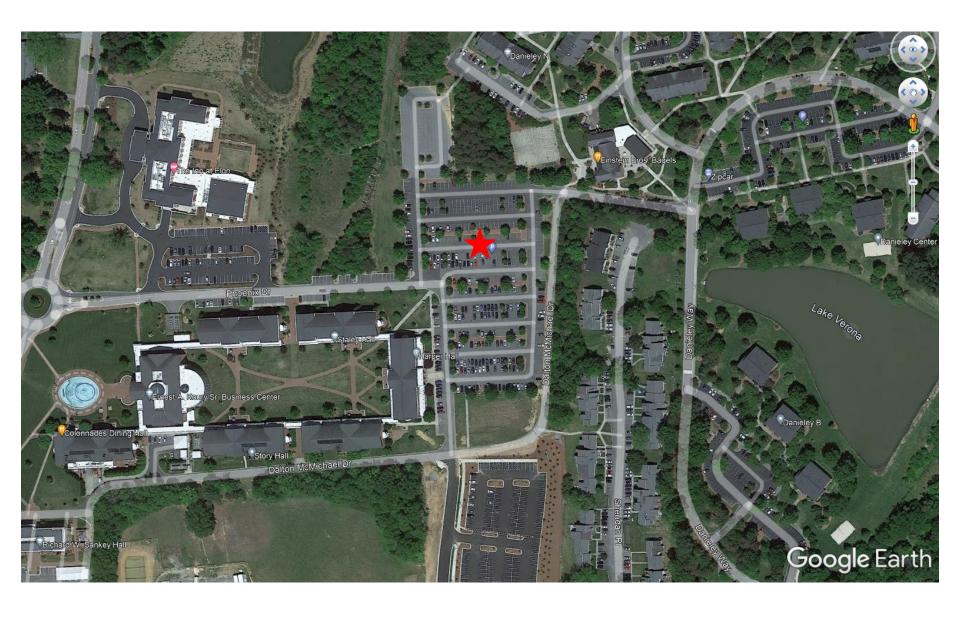


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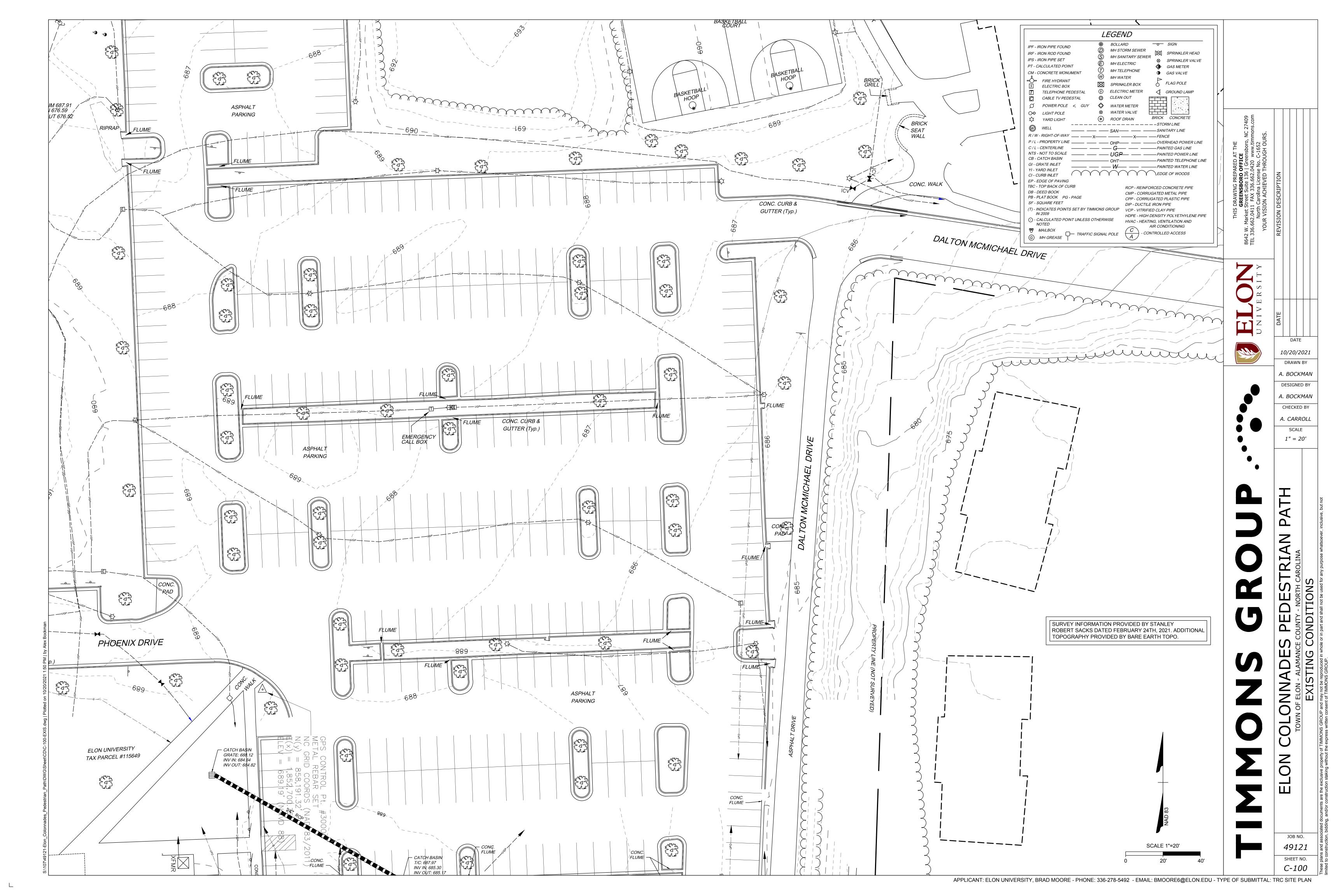
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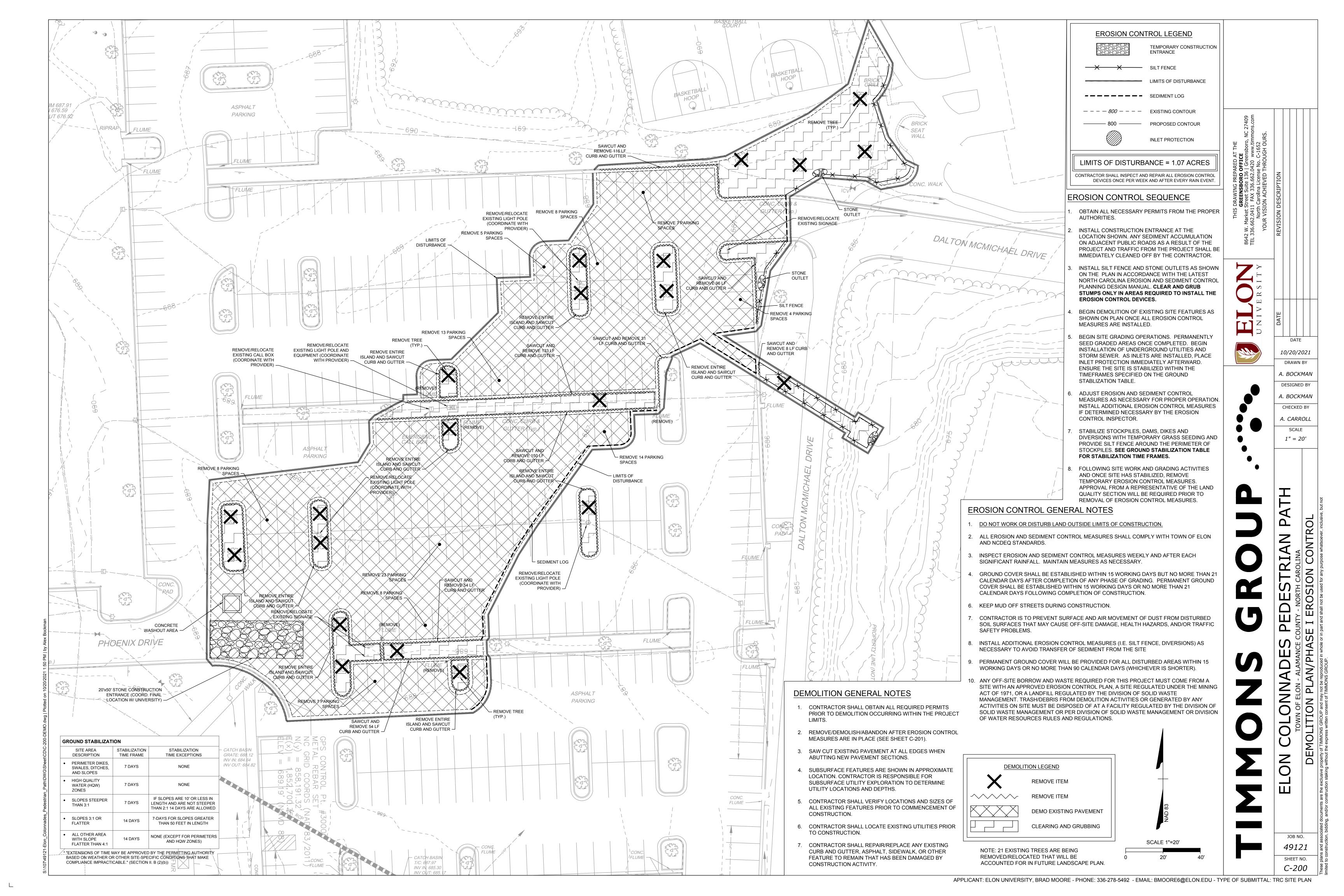
PLAN TYPE: REVIEW FEE:	
Development Plan or Subdivision - Minor \$250.00	
	alculated based on # of adjoining properties)
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Final Plat \$100.00 (Exempt s/d, recombination	
); \$150.00 (per each submittal over two)
Traffic Impact Analysis Review \$300.00	
Minor Subdivision = less than 5 SF lots; Major Subdivision = 5 or more SF lots or any number of non-residential lots.	
Minor Development Plan = Minor subdivision or development of up to 2 individual building or building additions associated with single-family residential uses on existing lots, not requiring the dedication of new streets or rights-of-way.	
Major Development Plan = Major subdivision or any of the following: Multi-family uses, Mixed-use, Non-residential development, where more than 2 individual buildings or building additions are proposed for single-family residential property, where the development requires dedication of new streets or rights-of-way, or development plans associated with special use permits.	
Submit three (3) printed copies and an electronic set of plans to the Planning Office for review.	
PROJECT SUMMARY:	
A. Project Name: Elon Colonnades Pedestrian Path	
B. Type of Plan: Minor Development Plan X Major Develo	ppment Plan Special Use
Final Plat TRC Review Traffic Impact Analysis	
C. Property Street Address: Dalton McMichael Dr	
Property Description: On the Campus of Elon University between Harper Hall and Danieley Commons	
D.Owner/Applicant: Elon University: Brad Moore, University Architect	
E. Report Commentsto: Adam Carroll, Timmons Group	
Telephone Number: 336-478-3346 Fax Number: 336-662-0420	
E-Mail: adam.carroll@timmons.com	
Report Comments to (additional contact): Brad Moore, Elon University	
Telephone Number: 336-278-5492 Fax Number:	
E-Mail: bmoore6@elon.edu	
F. Tax Map / Block / Parcel # (s): Parcel ID #: 115649, PIN #: 885-38-8672	
G. Total Tract Acreage: 83.53	
H. Zoning District: PI - Public Institutional	
I. Flood Plain:yes _X_ no (A Floodplain Development Permit may also be required if property is in the Floodplain)	
J. Proposed Use: Institutional - parking facility	
K. Number of Lots: 1	
L. Multifamily Developments: # of Units	
Type:ApartmentsTownhomesCondominiums	
M. Non-Residential Developments: Existing Gross Floor Area (GFA): Proposed GFA:	
N. Amount of Existing Built-upon Area (BUA): 34,585 sf (0.79 ac) Amount of Proposed BUA: 23,545 sf (0.54 ac)	
PLAN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES	
Plans submitted for Major Development Plan Review must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the desired Planning Board	
meeting in order to be included on the agenda. Final Decision by the Board of Aldermen shall be provided at their next available	
meeting. Plans submitted for TRC Review must be submitted seven (7) days prior to the desired TRC meeting (TRC meetings	
may be scheduled for the 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of each month). Submittals must be complete in order to be scheduled for review,	
I have read, understood and completed the attached plan to the best of my knowledge and ability.	
Applicant Signature: Phone: 25%	278549Bate: #/10/21

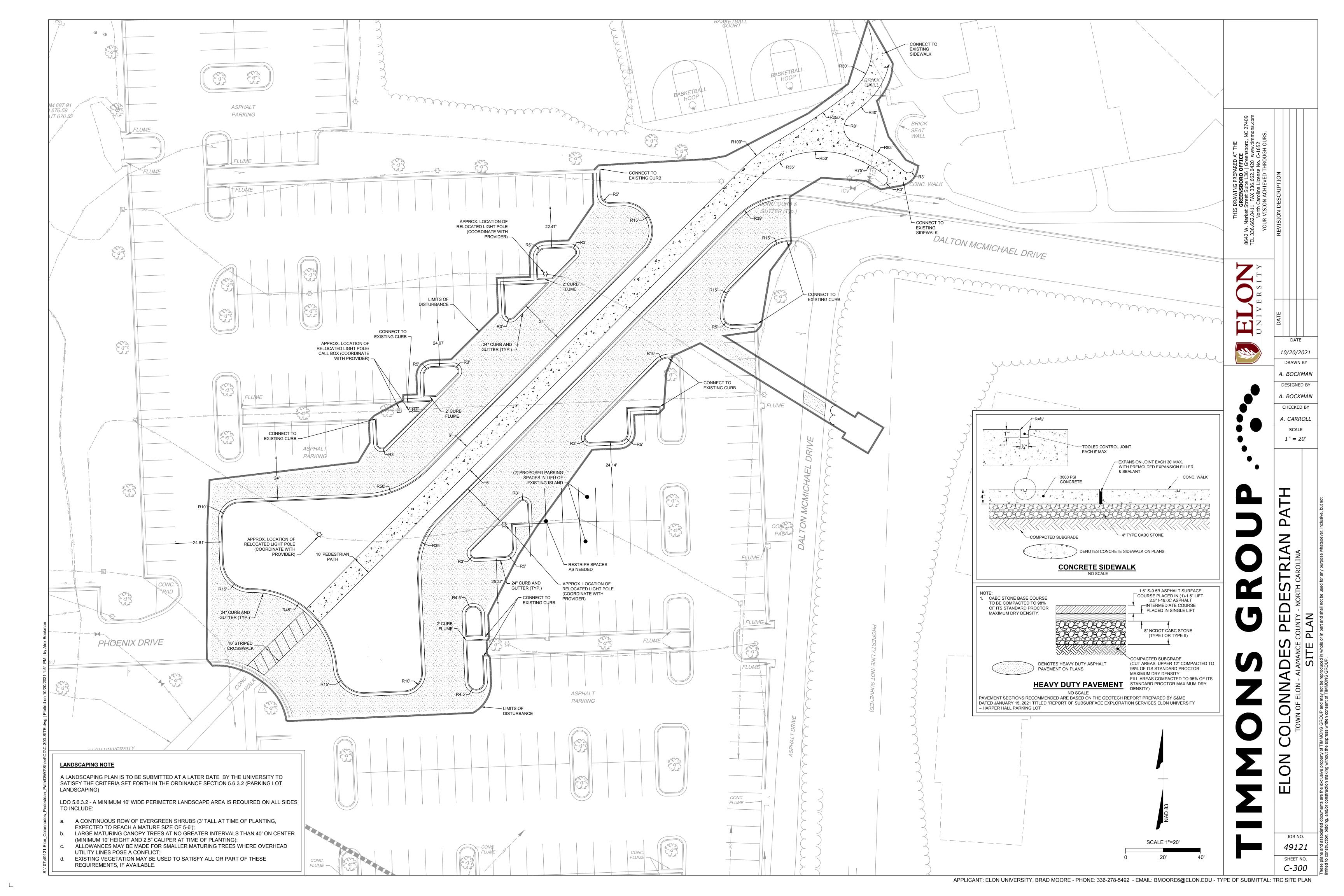




Major Development Plan 2021-03
Aerial Image
(Project Area Indicated by Star)







Town of Elon Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

November 9, 2021 Municipal Building, 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MOTION TO APPROVE BY REFERENCE THE ITEMS LISTED WITHIN THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes Town Clerk
 - October 4, 2021 Agenda Session Minutes
 - October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Planning Board Appointments Asst. Town Manager/Planning Director APPROVED

III. PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Fire Chief Retirement
- B. Special Recognition
- C. Annual Audit Review Becky Loy, Cobb Ezekiel Loy & Company

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

- The public may speak on any non-agenda item up to three minutes.
- An agenda item will only be discussed at its appropriate time.
- Public Hearing items can only be discussed during the public hearing.
- Be sure to sign in, stand, and state your name and address for the Minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. W College Avenue Gathering Space Design Downtown Development Administrator APPROVED
- B. Bid Award for E. Haggard Water Line design services Town Manager APPROVED
- C. Adoption of ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan Asst. Town Manager/Planning Director **APPROVED**

VI. REPORTS

- A. Town Manager
- B. Mayor and Board of Aldermen

VII. ADJOURNMENT