SIDEWALK WAIVER REQUEST

STAFF REPORT Date: November 1, 2018

NAME Mobile County Commission

LOCATION 3725 Halls Mill Road & 2801 and 2951 Lees Lane

(Southeast corner of Halls Mill Road and Lees Lane, extending to the West side of Interstate 65 and the North

side of Interstate 10).

PRESENT ZONING R-1, Single Family Residential

ENGINEERING

COMMENTS Due to the size and location of the existing roadside

drainage ditch along the east side of Lees Lane it is

recommended that this request be approved.

URBAN FORESTRY

COMMENTS Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties (State Act 2015-116 and City Code Chapters 57 and 64). Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from a commercial site will require a tree removal permit.

REMARKS The applicant is requesting a waiver for the construction of a sidewalk along Lees Lane.

This site appeared before the Planning Commission at its June 7, 2018 meeting as part of a 4-lot Subdivision.

The subject site fronts Halls Mill Road, Lees Lane, Interstate 65, and an unnamed, unimproved right-of-way. The site plan submitted with the application depicts a sidewalk to be constructed along Halls Mill Road, as well as a proposed interior access labeled "Soccer Complex Access Road"

The applicant states the following rational to justify the sidewalk waiver request:

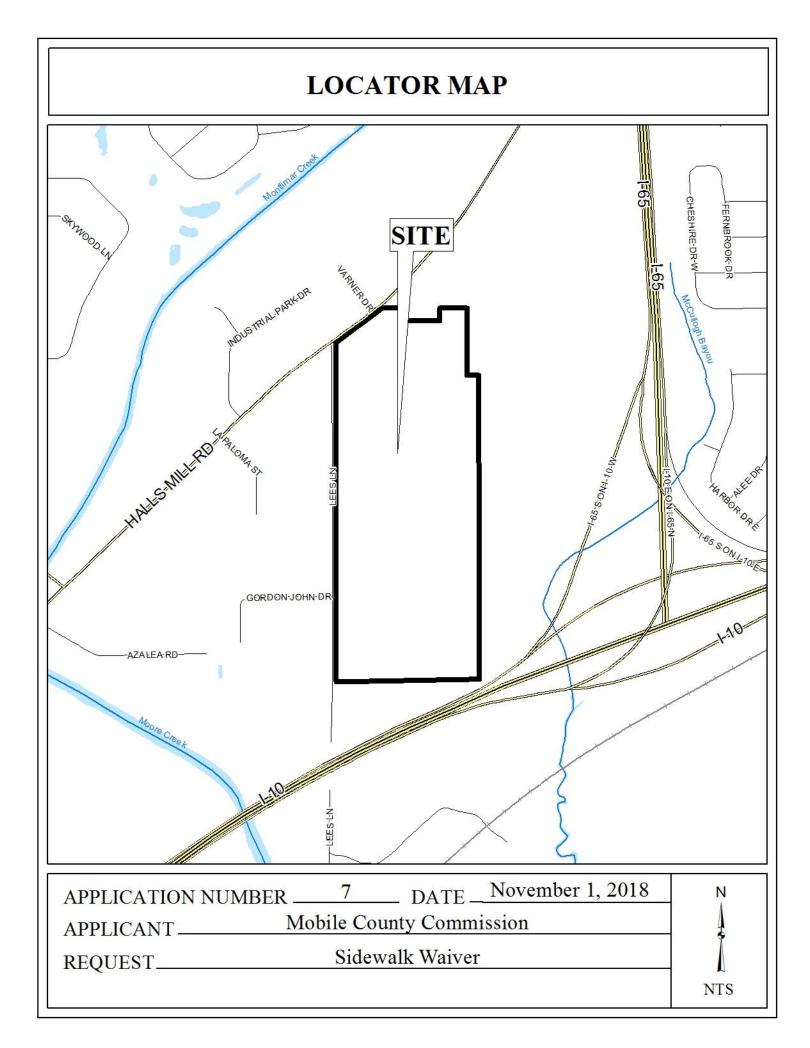
Proposed Mobile County soccer complex. Request of Waiver for sidewalk construction along Lees Lane due to limited room within Lees Lane right of way resulting from existing concrete paved ditch and existing utilities. New ADA compliant public sidewalk, 5 feet wide, will be constructed on Mobile County property and will run throughout the new existing soccer complex. Construction of the new sidewalk will be a part of each phase of construction of the soccer complex.

It should be pointed out that the Mobile City Council adopted a "complete streets" policy on May 31, 2011. The purpose of the complete streets policy is to support the design and

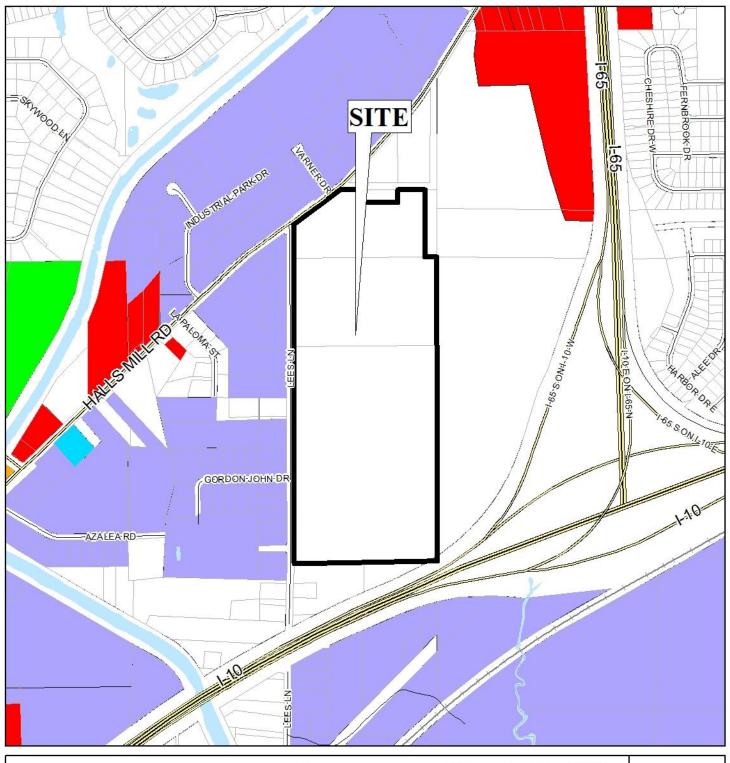
construction of streets to enable safe access to all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles, and for people of all ages and abilities.

Given that there are physical limitations to the construction of a sidewalk in the right-of-way, and that sidewalks are planned throughout the proposed development, it may be appropriate to approve the sidewalk waiver.

RECOMMENDATION Based upon the preceding, the request to waive construction of a sidewalk along Lees Lane is recommended for approval.



LOCATOR ZONING MAP



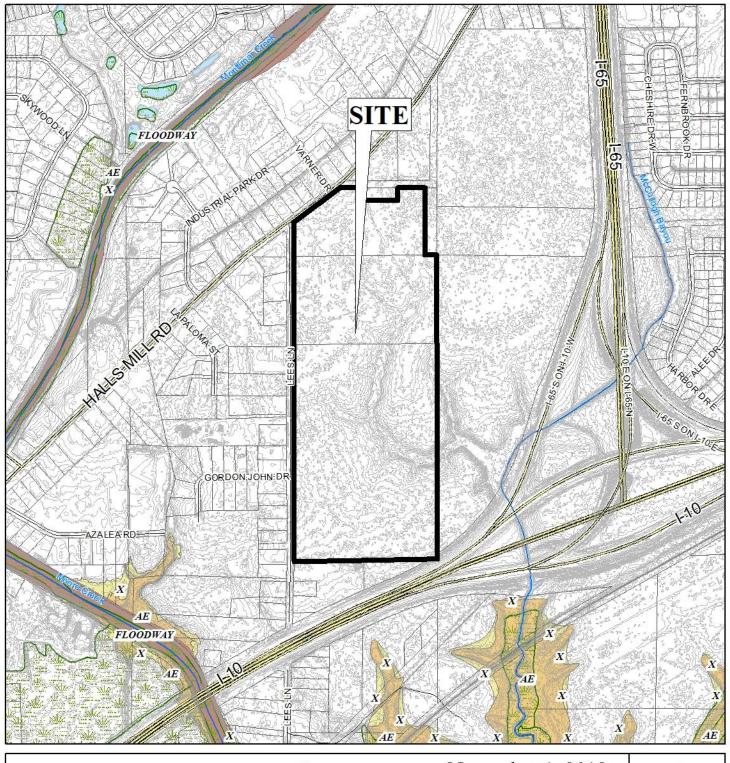
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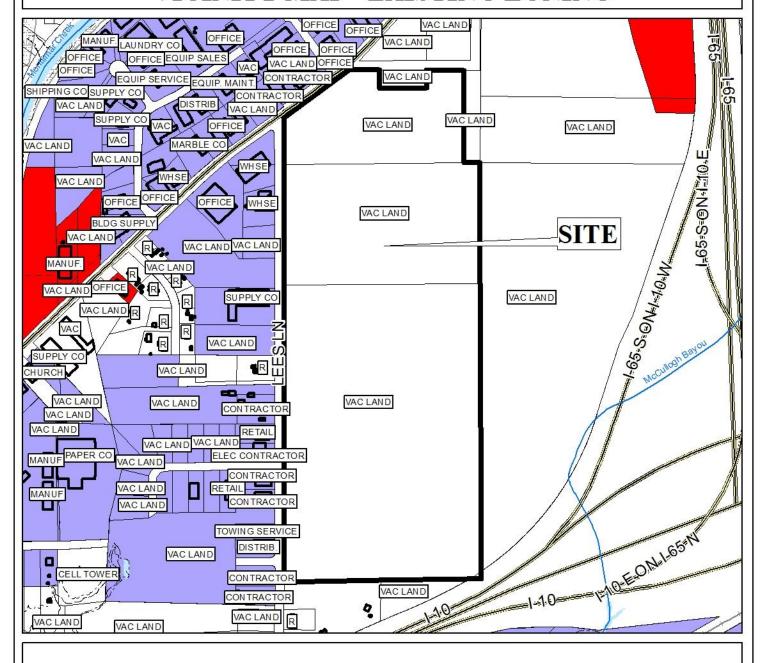


ENVIRONMENTAL LOCATOR MAP

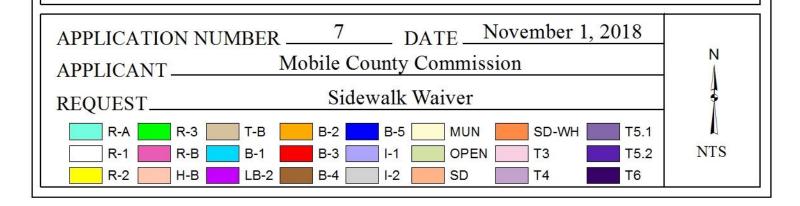


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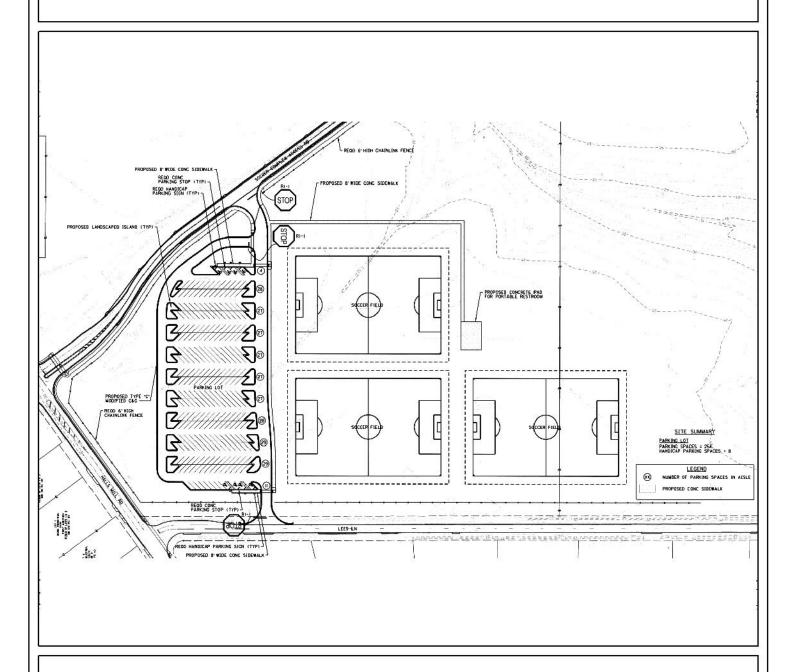
PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING AERIAL



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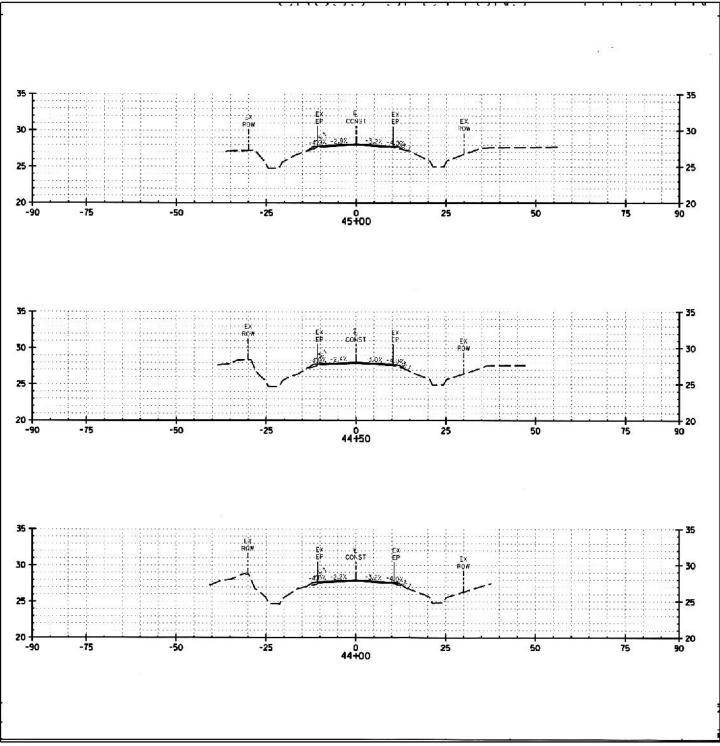
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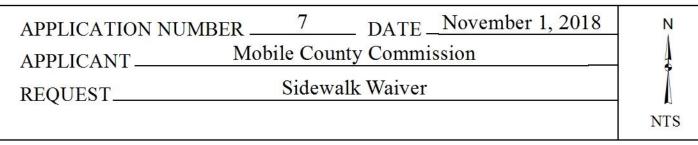
SITE PLAN

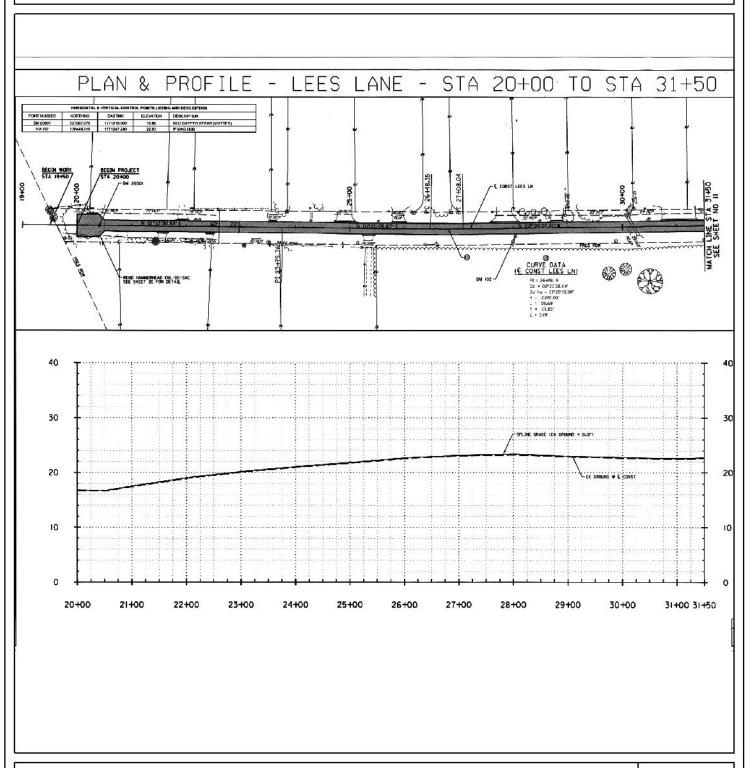


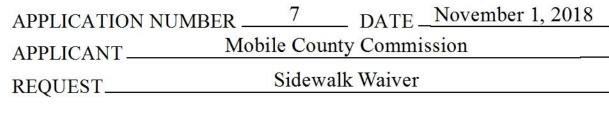
The site plan illustrates the proposed soccer fields, proposed parking, and proposed drives.

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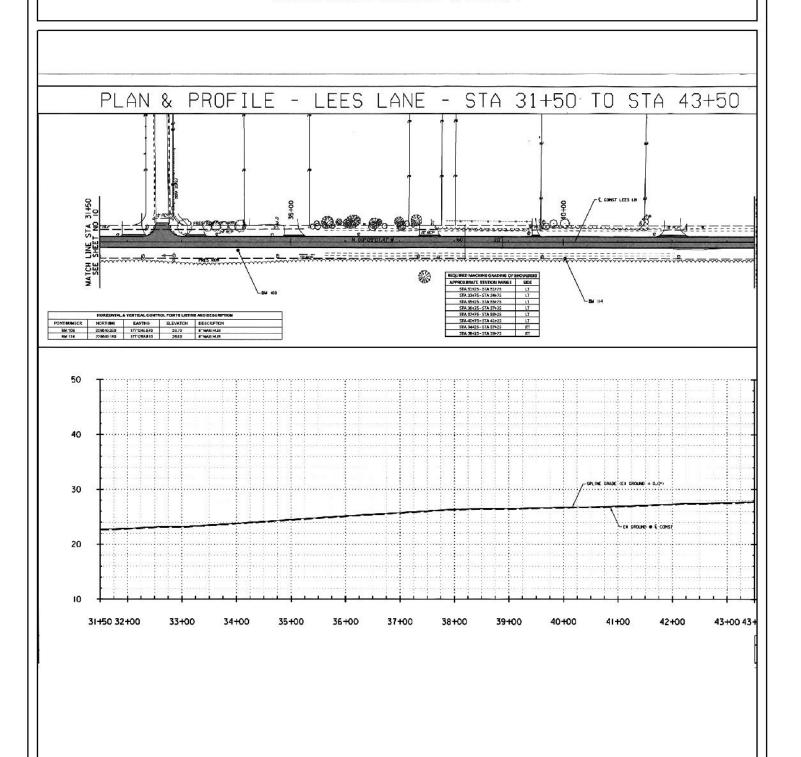


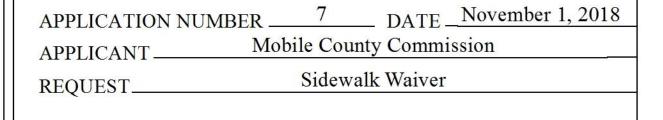




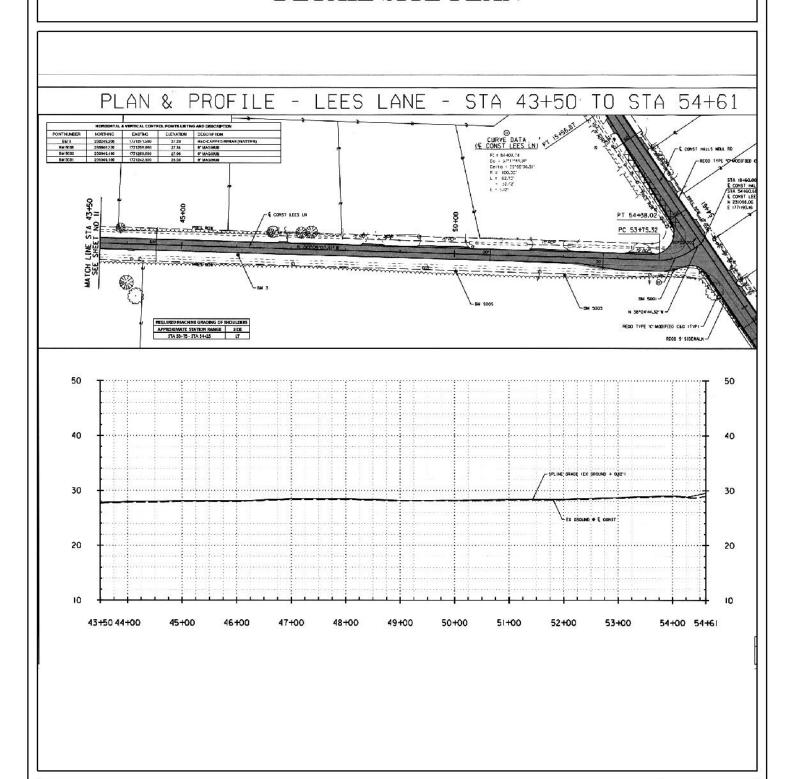


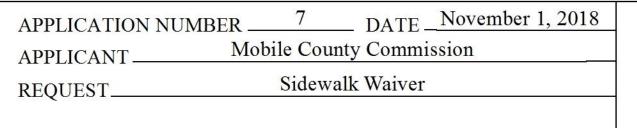












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