

CITY OF VISALIA
315 E. ACEQUIA STREET
VISALIA, CA 93291

**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title:

The Commons at Visalia Parkway – Tentative Parcel Map No. 2019-13 and Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-31; and

CarMax – Zone Text Amendment No. 2019-13 and Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-42

Project Description:

The Commons at Visalia Parkway

Tentative Parcel Map No. 2019-13: A request by Lars Anderson & Associates, Inc. to subdivide a 28.7 acre site into an 11-lot commercial subdivision in the C-R (Regional Commercial) Zone.

Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-31: A request by Lars Anderson & Associates to establish a master planned commercial development consisting of approximately 138,188 sq. ft. of commercial uses., including the establishment of four retail buildings of varying sizes (56,800 sq. ft., 29,800 sq. ft. and two 10,000 sq. ft. buildings), a 4,088 sq. ft. gas station/convenience store with a 3,060 sq. ft. canopy, a 7,500 sq. ft. sit-down restaurant, two 3,000 sq. ft. drive-thru restaurants, and a 5,000 sq. ft. automotive repair store, on parcels with less than the minimum five acre site area requirement, including a parcel with no public street frontage, affecting 17.43 acres of a 28.7 acre site in the C-R (Regional Commercial) Zone.

CarMax

Zoning Text Amendment No. 2019-13: A request by CarMax to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 17.25.030 (Zoning Use Matrix) Line A22 to establish “Car Sales – New & Used” as a conditional use in the C-R (Regional Commercial) District, Citywide.

Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-42: A request by CarMax to allow an 8,526 sq. ft. used car sales and service center on a 5-acre parcel in the C-R (Regional Commercial) Zone District.

Overall development of the project site will involve two separate improvement actions. The first, proposed by Lars Anderson & Associates, is division of a 28.7 acre parcel into 11 lots for commercial use (TPM No. 2019-13). Nine of the 11 lots (Parcels C through K), consisting of 17.43 acres, are proposed for the master planned 138,188 sq. ft. commercial development, to be known as The Commons at Visalia Parkway (CUP No. 2019-31). This project will include on and off-site improvements pertaining to the development of the commercial center, including but not limited to installation of access drives, parking lots, landscaping, noise restricting block walls, utilities, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, signal lights, and acquisition of and development within public right-of-ways. Right-of-way development will include dedications to the City of Visalia and CalTrans for the widening and placement of raised medians within the existing minor arterial Visalia Parkway (City of Visalia) and Mooney Boulevard / State Route 63 (Caltrans). For purposes of environmental analysis, Parcel A of this development has been analyzed with the presumption that it will be developed with senior housing in the future. However, development of senior housing is not included as an official part of this proposal.

The second action, proposed by CarMax, will be specific to Parcel B of TPM No. 2019-13. The five-acre Parcel B is proposed for entitlement separately through CUP No. 2019-42 for use as a CarMax used auto sales and service center. Additional improvements include a carwash for CarMax use, an above ground fuel tank, a

private oil containment pit, and private fuel dispenser. The project will also include construction of on-site improvements pertaining to installation of access drives, parking lots, landscaping, noise restricting block walls, utilities, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

Parcel B is located within the C-R (Regional Commercial) Zone. The sale of new and used vehicles within the C-R Zone is currently prohibited by the Visalia Zoning Ordinance. In order to establish the used auto sales and service use, the CarMax proposal includes a request for an amendment to the Visalia Zoning Ordinance (ZTA No. 2019-13), requesting the addition of the proposed use within the listing of conditionally permitted uses in the C-R Zone, subject to development standards.

Project Location: The project site is located on the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard (State Route 63) and Visalia Parkway within the City of Visalia, situated in Tulare County. (APN: 126-960-001)

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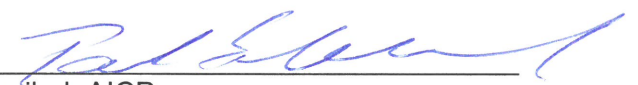
Time and Place of Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission on March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California.

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2388, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Visalia has reviewed the proposed project described herein and has found that the project, with mitigation measures, will not result in any significant effect upon the environment because of the reasons listed below:

Reasons for Mitigated Negative Declaration: Initial Study No. 2019-62 has identified environmental impact(s) that may occur because of the project; however, with the implementation of mitigation measures identified, impact(s) will be reduced to a level that is less than significant. Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the Planning Division in City Hall East, at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA.

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted from February 20, 2020 to March 20, 2020.

Date: 2-12-20

Signed: 
Paul Scheibel, AICP
Environmental Coordinator
City of Visalia