



City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Staff Report – RZ 24-07, 5500 C.W. Post Rd
300 S. Church Street/Municipal Center
For Consideration by Planning Commission on April 23, 2024

REQUEST: To consider a rezoning of one tract of land containing 33.47+/- acres

PURPOSE: A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “R-1”, single family medium density district, to “C-3” general commercial district.

APPLICANT: R. Scott Troutt, Attorney for Owner, 247 S. Main St. Jonesboro, AR
OWNER: Katsina Holdings, LLC, 11 Katsina Cir. Cherokee Village, AR

LOCATION: 5500 C.W. Post Rd

SITE DESCRIPTION: **Tract Size:** Approx. 33.47Acres
Street Frontage: Approx. 1239 ft. on C.W. Post Road

Existing Development: Vacant

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

ZONE	LAND USE
North	I-2 – Industrial
South	C-3 - Commercial
East	C-3 – Commercial
West	I-1 – Industrial

HISTORY: Property has been vacant for several years.

ZONING ANALYSIS:

City Planning Staff has reviewed the proposed Zone Change and offers the following findings:

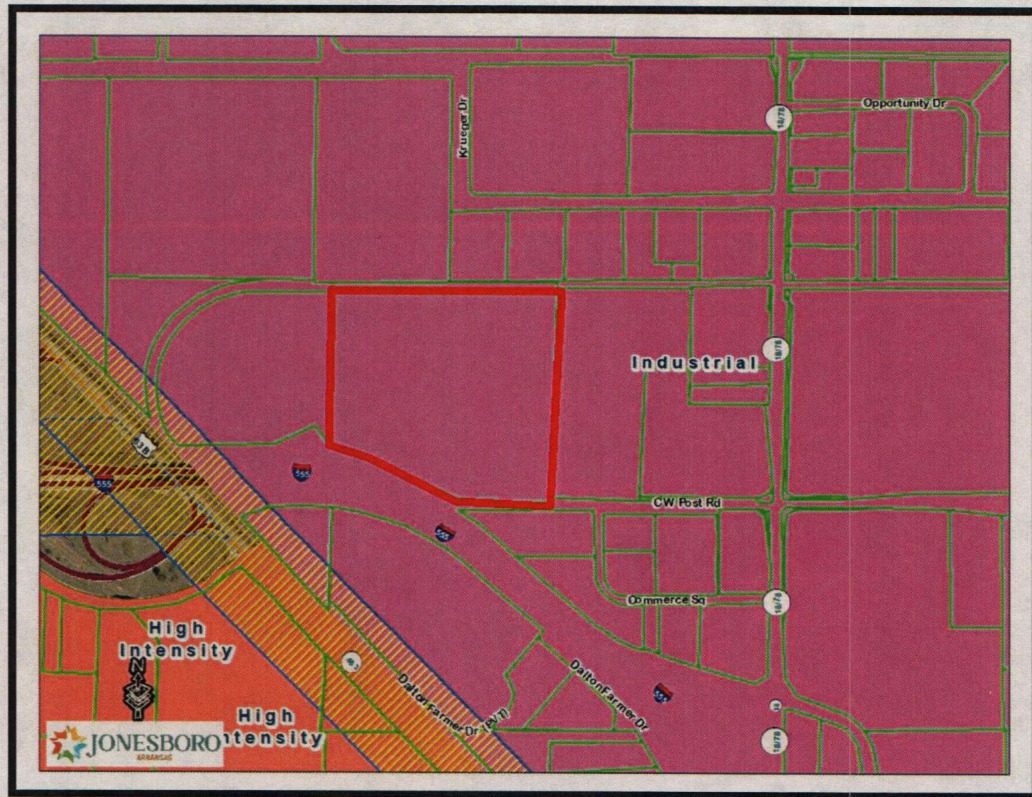
Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map:

The Current/Future Land Use Map recommends this location as an **Industrial** Growth Sector.

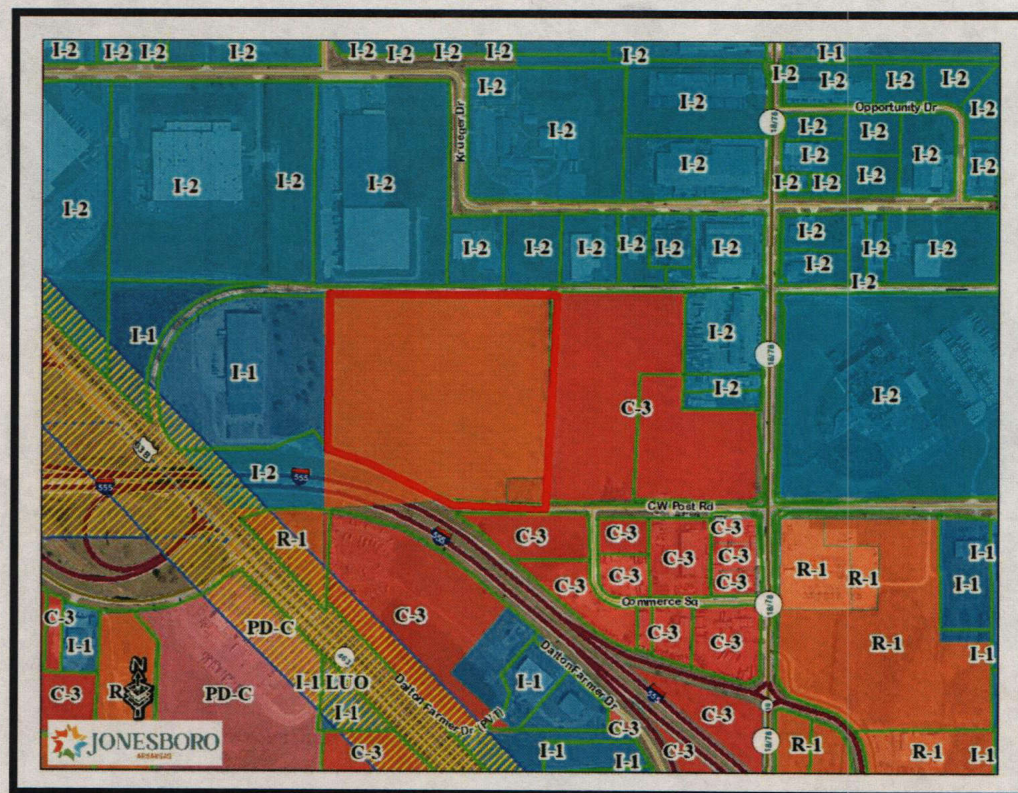
Industrial uses include those considered "heavy," such as large-scale manufacturing and production concerns, including assembly and processing, regional warehousing and distribution, bulk storage and utilities. These areas are located in close proximity to the major transportation corridors, and should generally be buffered from surrounding development by transitional uses or landscape areas that increase in size as development intensity increases. Heavy industrial centers may require larger sites because activities are not confined entirely to buildings. Conveyor belts, holding tanks, smoke stacks, or outdoor storage all may be present in a heavy industrial center.

Smaller scale "light" industrial uses include warehousing, storage, limited manufacturing, research and development, laboratories, transportation terminals, and wholesale activities in enclosed facilities without offensive emissions or nuisance.





Land Use Map



Zoning Map

Master Street Plan/Transportation

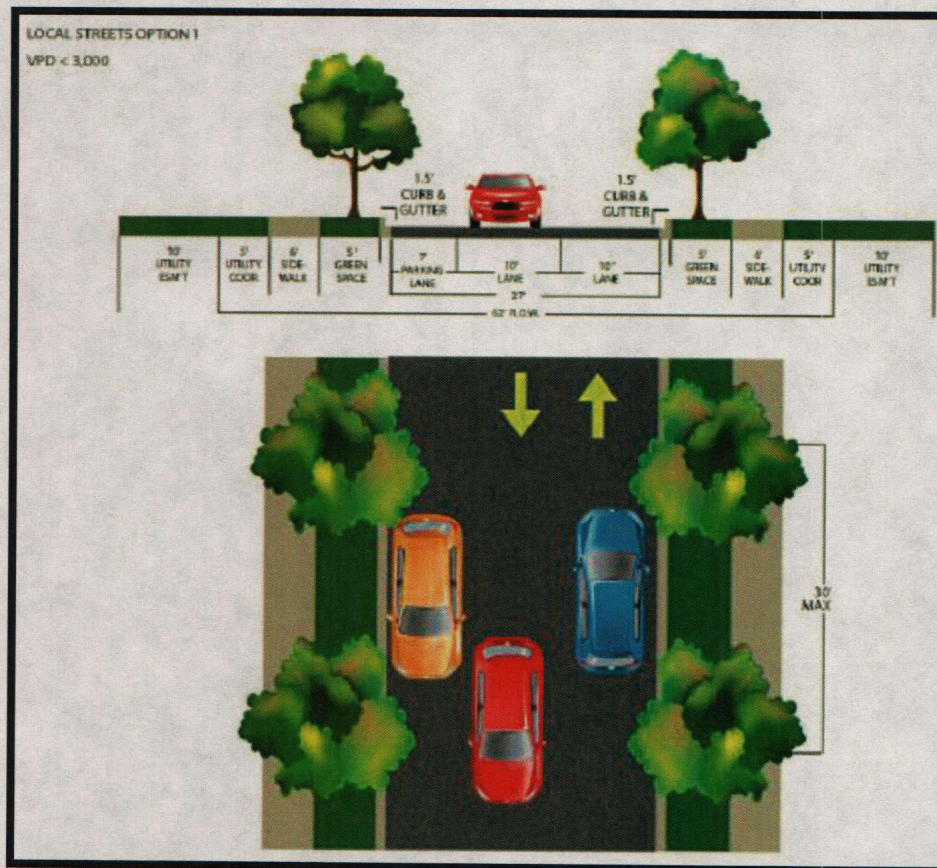
The subject property will be served by C.W. Post Rd. The Master Street Plan classifies this road as a Local Street.

Local Streets serve the lowest traffic volumes. Low traffic volumes combined with slow travel speeds help to create a good residential setting. New developments should be reviewed to avoid creating cut-through streets that become commuter routes that generally lower quality of life for residents.

FUNCTION: The Local Street function is to provide access to adjacent property. The movement of traffic is a secondary purpose. The use of a Local Street in a residential area by heavy trucks and buses should be minimized.

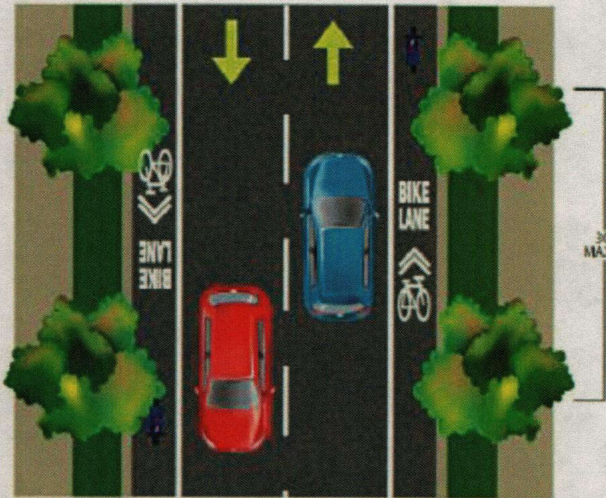
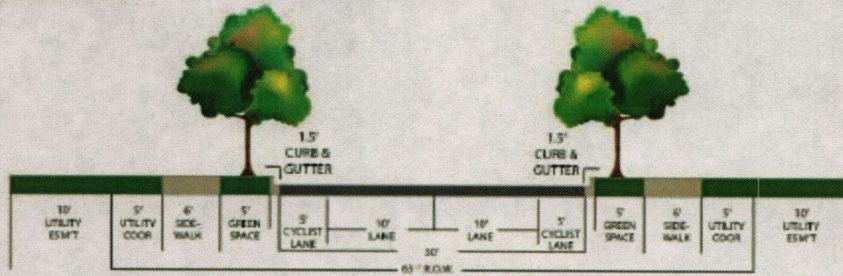
DESIGN: Local Street Option 1 is to be used when on-street parking is provided within the development. Option 2 is to be used when on-street parking is not provided within the development. Option 3 is to be used in commercial mixed use areas.

Local Street

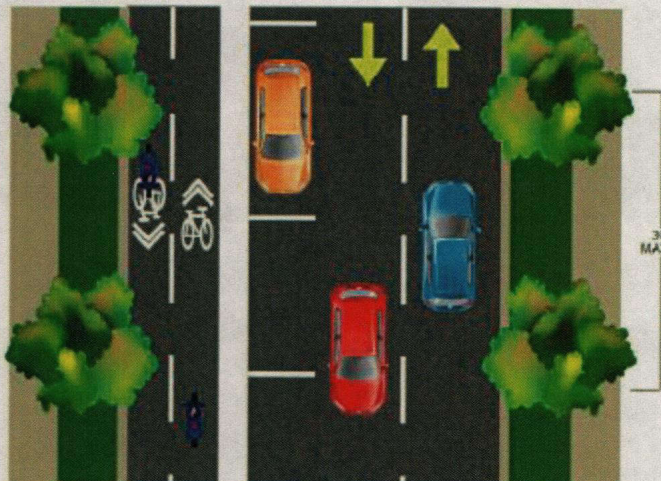
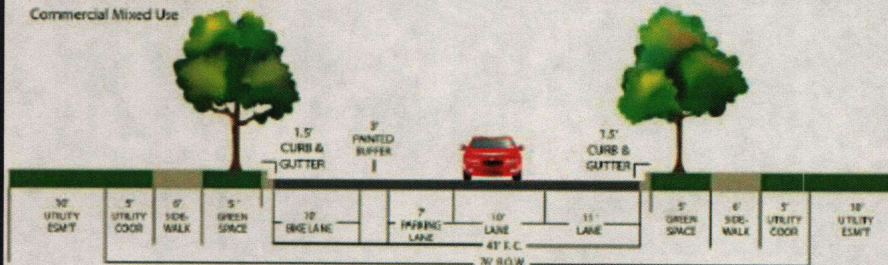


Local Street Cont.

LOCAL STREETS OPTION 2



LOCAL STREETS OPTION 3
Commercial Mixed Use



Approval Criteria- Chapter 117 - Amendments:

The criteria for approval of a rezoning are set out below. Not all of the criteria must be given equal consideration by the MAPC or City Council in reaching a decision. The criteria to be considered shall include, but not be limited to the following.

Criteria	Explanations and Findings	Comply Y/N
(a) Consistency of the proposal with the Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map	The proposed district rezoning is not consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan. The property is located in the industrial growth sector.	
(b) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of Chapter 117-Zoning.	The proposal will achieve consistency with the purpose of Chapter 117, with compliance of all District standards.	
(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.	Compatibility is achieved with this rezoning considering the surrounding area includes commercial zonings and uses.	
(d) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment;	Without the proposed zoning map amendment, this property cannot develop as a commercial use.	
(e) Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property;	With proper planning there should not be any adverse effects caused by the property.	
(f) Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets, drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services	Minimal impact if rezoned due to the fact that the area is already equipped to handle commercial and other high intensity uses.	

Staff Findings:

Applicant's Purpose

The proposed area is currently classified as "R-1" single family medium density district. The applicant is applying for a rezoning to allow commercial uses at this location.

Rezoning this property is not consistent with the *Jonesboro Comprehensive Plan* and the *Future Land Use Plan*.

Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ordinances/Zoning defines C-3 as follows:

C-3, general commercial district. The purpose of this district is to provide appropriate locations for commercial and retail uses which are convenient and serve the needs of the traveling public. The district also provides locations for limited amounts of merchandise, equipment and material being offered for retail sale that are more suitable for storage and display outside the confines of an enclosed structure. Appropriate locations for this district are along heavily traveled arterial street. Development of groupings of facilities shall be encouraged, as opposed to less desirable strip commercial.

Departmental/Agency Reviews:

The following departments and agencies were contacted for review and comments. Note that this table will be updated at the hearing due to reporting information that will be updated in the coming days:

Department/Agency	Reports/ Comments	Status
Engineering	No issues were reported	
Streets/Sanitation	No issues were reported	
Police	No issues were reported	
Fire Department	No issues were reported	
MPO	No issues were reported	
Jets	No issues were reported	
Utility Companies	No issues were reported	CWL
Code Enforcement	No issues were reported	

Conclusion:

The Planning Department Staff finds that the requested zone change submitted for the subject parcel should be evaluated based on the above observations and criteria of Case RZ 24-07 a request to rezone property "R-1", single family medium density district, to "C-3" general commercial district; the following conditions are recommend:

1. The proposed site shall satisfy all requirements of the City Engineer, all requirements of the current Stormwater Drainage Design Manual and Flood Plain Regulations regarding any new construction.
2. A final site plan subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Planning Department, prior to any redevelopment of the property.
3. Any change of use shall be subject to Planning Department approval in the future.

Respectfully Submitted for Planning Commission Consideration,
The Planning and Zoning Department

Sample Motion:

I move that we place Case: RZ 24-07 on the floor for consideration of recommendation by MAPC to the City Council with the noted conditions, and we, the MAPC find that to rezone property from "R-1", single family medium density district, to "C-3" general commercial district will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.