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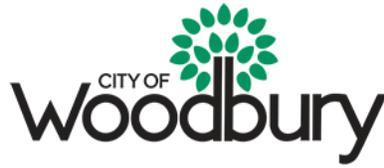
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**City of Woodbury, Minnesota  
Office of the City Administrator**

**Council Workshop Letter 21-138**

**May 26, 2021**

**To:                   The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**From:               Clinton P. Gridley, City Administrator**

**Subject:           Gold Line Master Plan Update**

**Summary**

The METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will connect people across the region to job centers, housing options, transit stations and key destinations along the I-94 corridor. The project will provide an all day, bi-directional BRT service to the cities of St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury. The City Council and Planning Commission held a joint workshop in January, 2020 to kick off the master planning process.

Sara Allen, with Washington County, will present the current status of the 494 Station and Park & Ride. In addition, City staff will present draft land use recommendations for the existing Wells Fargo site and HOM Furniture sites within the master plan area.

**Recommendation**

This item is informational and feedback purposes only, and there is no particular action required.

**Governance Mode**

- Generative - Identifying key questions, anticipating future challenges, framing of issues, development of options. Problem-framing. What to pay attention to, what it means, and what to do about it. How does it fit with our mission, vision and values?

**Fiscal Implications**

Fiscal impacts have been provided as part of previous Council Letters and via the 2022-2026 CIP. There are no new fiscal implications related to this update.

**Policy**

2040 Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 4- Land Use, Gold Line Station Area Goals & Policies, and Chapter 7, Transportation, Guiding Principles:

- Optimize Bus Rapid Transit Oriented Development (BRTOD) through master planning at and around the station areas.

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- Utilize the master planning process to evaluate BRTOD- related comprehensive plan amendments.
- Multi-modal Approach- Support alternative modes of travel, including transit, pedestrian, and bicycle travel, to help Woodbury residents access jobs outside the City, non-residents access jobs and services within Woodbury, and local trips within the City and surrounding area.

### **Public Process**

The process steps below are related to the master plan only:

- August 28, 2019- EDA Meeting authorizing procurement of a consultant
- December 11, 2019- EDA Meeting approving selection of consultant (HKGi) and awarding contract
- January 15, 2020 - Council workshop Kick-off meeting with Planning Commission
- July 22, 2020- Council workshop
- October 21, 2020- Council workshop
- February 17, 2021- Council workshop

The first round of stakeholder engagement included 13 meetings with property owners, business owners, residents, mobility advocates, and the like.

Future stakeholder engagement will include work sessions with the Planning Commission, neighborhood and user groups, and outreach efforts with the broader community.

In addition to this council workshop, there have been 15 Council workshops, 17 Council meetings and 2 EDA meetings regarding the Gold Line project, including the master plan. These meetings date back to 2007, with the discussion of the I-94 Corridor Transit and Transportation Study.

### **Background**

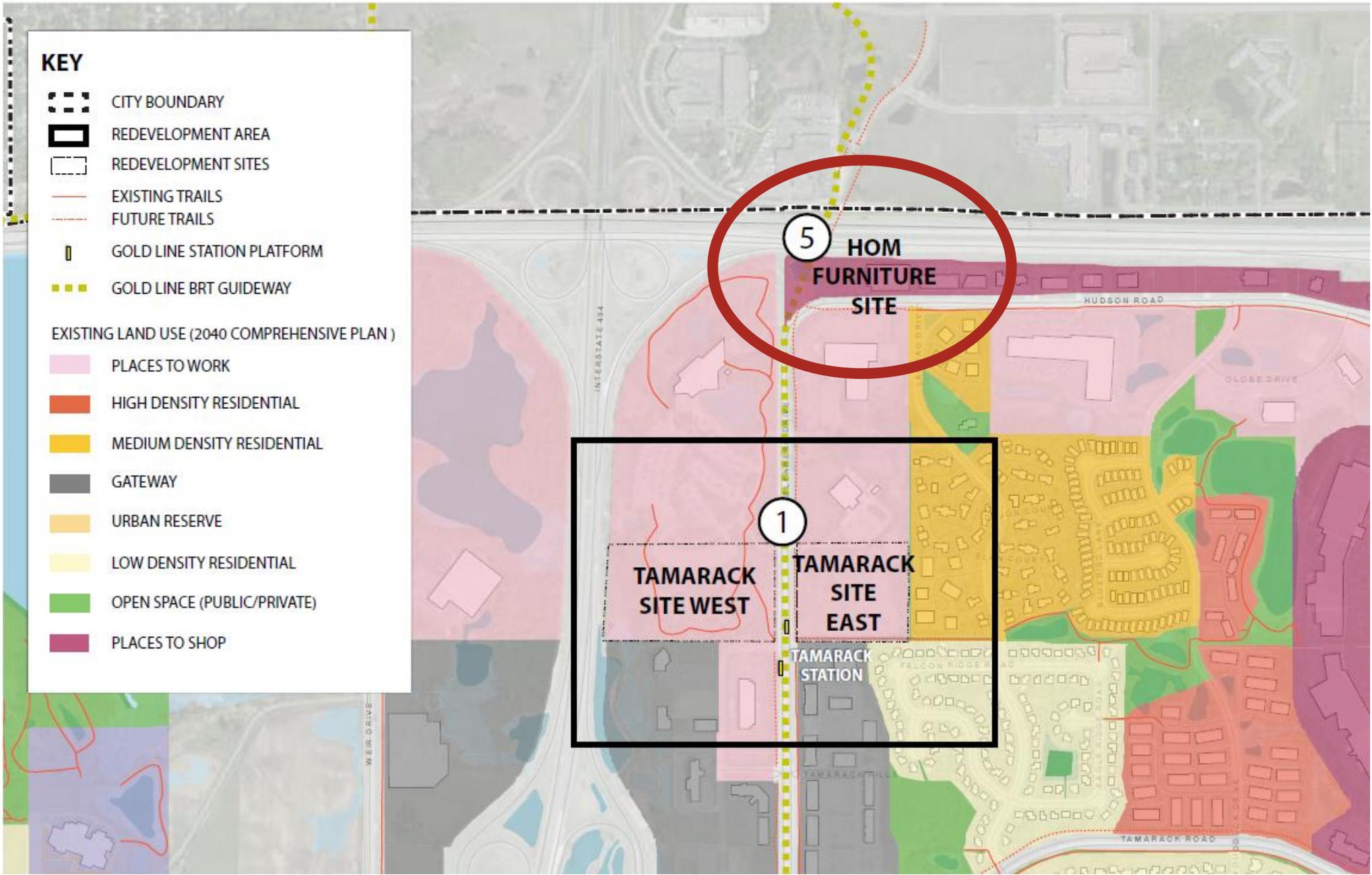
*Timing & Schedule Update:* Staff has worked with HKGi, the consultant, to further refine the schedule for the project which anticipates project completion in early Q4 of 2021. The following schedule includes opportunities for public feedback and Planning Commission and Council review:

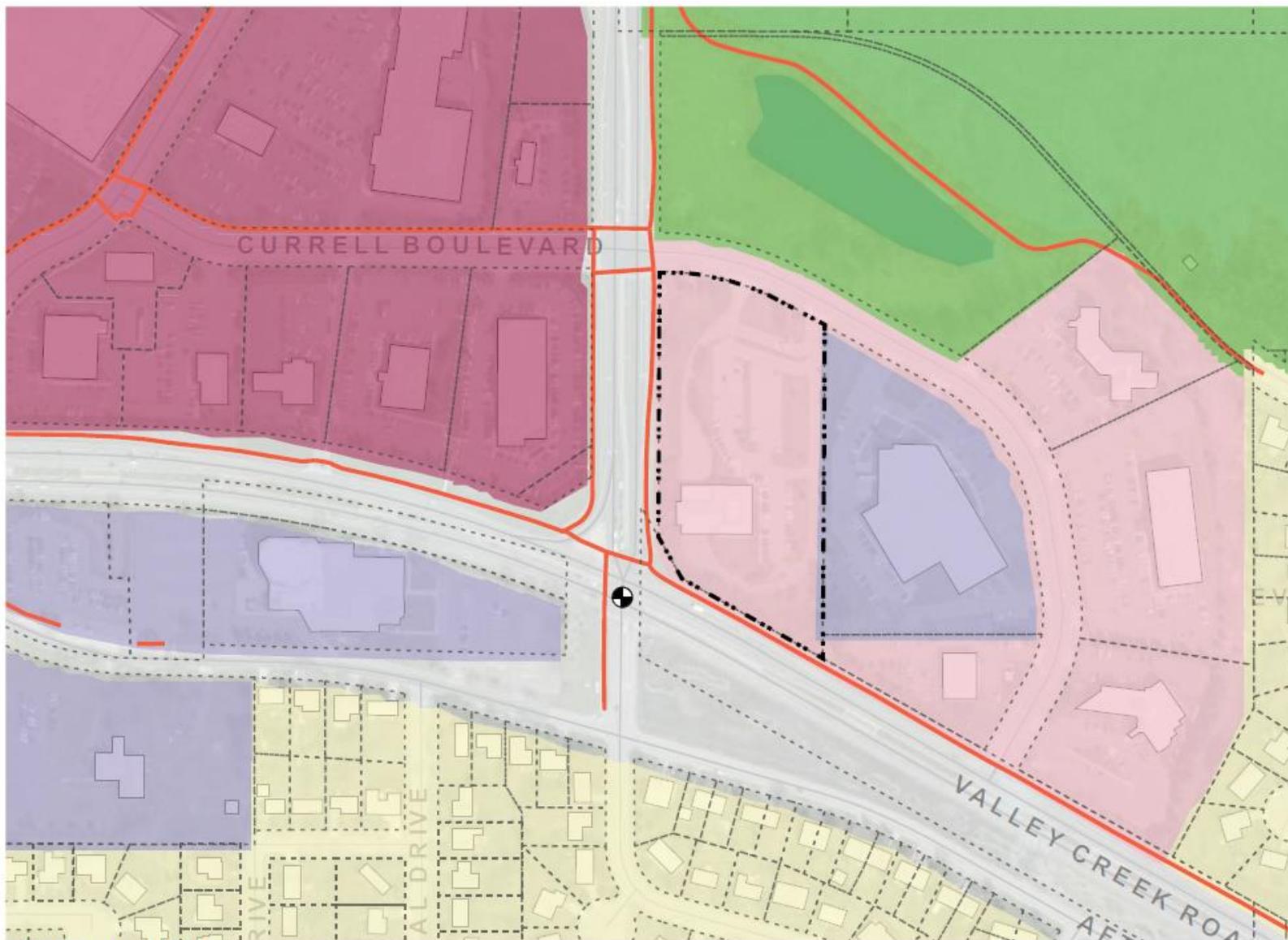
- Public Engagement- June 2021
- Planning Commission workshop- June 2021
- Follow up engagement as needed- July 2021
- City Council Workshop on Density & Financial Tools- August 2021
- Planning Commission workshop of draft report- August 2021
- Planning Commission review of report- Fall 2021
- City Council review of report- Fall 2021

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Attachments: 11 x 17 Plans

**KEY**

-  CITY BOUNDARY
-  REDEVELOPMENT AREA
-  REDEVELOPMENT SITES
-  EXISTING TRAILS
-  FUTURE TRAILS
-  GOLD LINE STATION PLATFORM
-  GOLD LINE BRT GUIDEWAY
  
- EXISTING LAND USE (2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN )
-  PLACES TO WORK
-  HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  GATEWAY
-  URBAN RESERVE
-  LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  OPEN SPACE (PUBLIC/PRIVATE)
-  PLACES TO SHOP

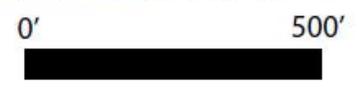


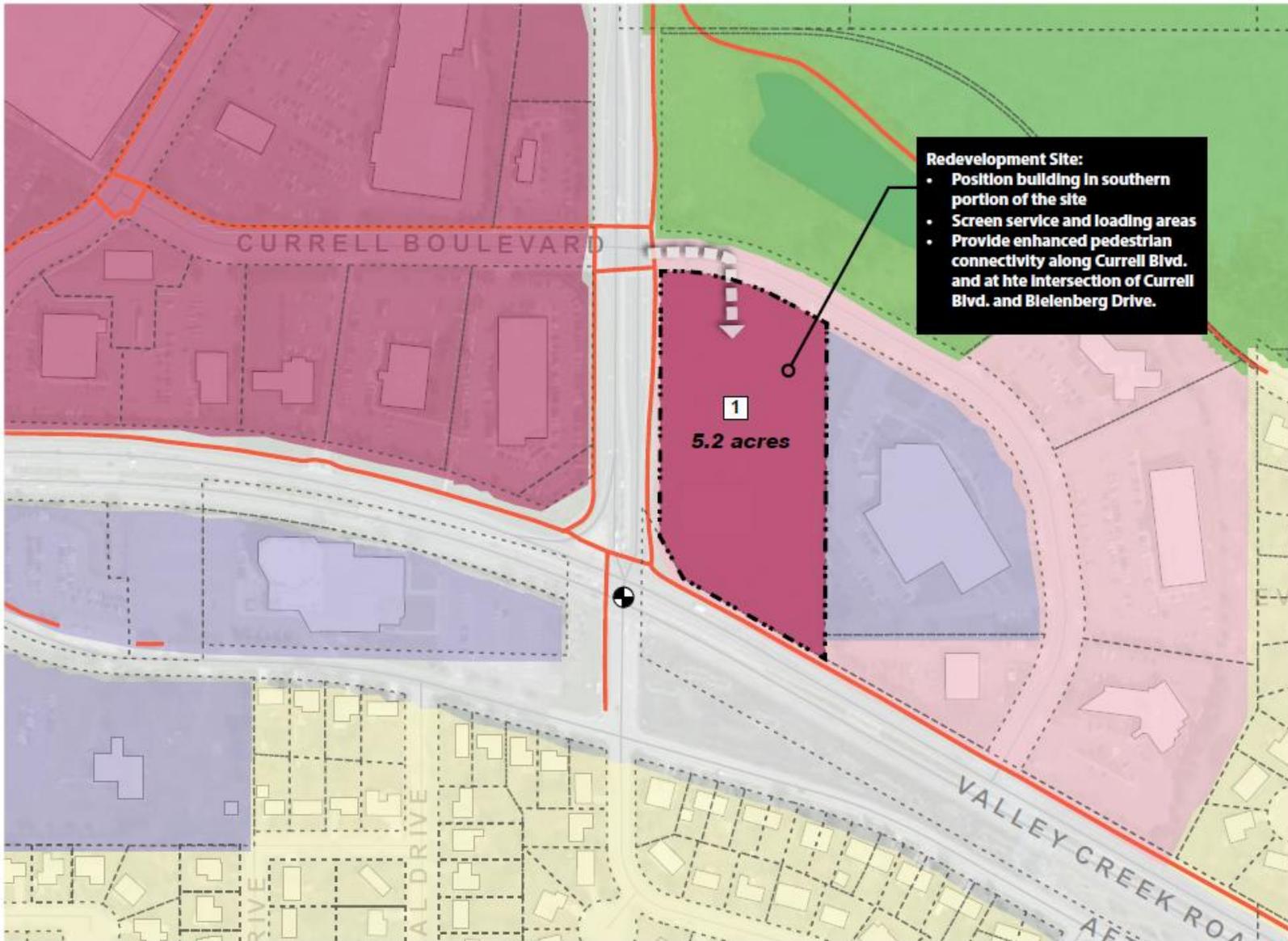


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  - Planned Signaled Intersection
  - Gold Line Station Platform
  - Site Access (Concept)

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- Public / Semi-Public
  - High Density Residential
  - Open Space (Public/Private)
  - Places to Shop
  - Places to Work
  - Low Density Residential

**WELLS FARGO SITE**  
Existing Land Use (2040 Comprehensive Plan)





**Redevelopment Site:**

- Position building in southern portion of the site
- Screen service and loading areas
- Provide enhanced pedestrian connectivity along Currell Blvd. and at the intersection of Currell Blvd. and Bielenberg Drive.

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