

## EXHIBIT B

October 14, 2022

Proposed parking lot tree:

At the Design Review Board meeting, 6 - 8x8' tree wells were requested in the northwest corner of the parking lot, where 16 spaces are eliminated. Given the tree well spacing alongside the large trees already proposed in this area, the best tree choice will have a smaller ultimate height and canopy width. The selected species should also be able to do well in the hot, harsh summer conditions of a tree well surrounded by paving and should not have an aggressive root character.

A crape myrtle is proposed given these parameters. This species can withstand heat and is drought tolerant. It is frequently planted along streets in confined situations, and root damage to pavements is not an issue. The 'Natchez' variety selected is expected to grow to an approximate 20' height with a 12-14' canopy spread. With this narrower canopy, it will better suit this setting with the large canopy trees already proposed for the surrounding planted areas.

Although a Coast Live Oak was proposed by the Design Review Board for these tree planters, we do not support this tree choice. It is an exceptionally large tree that has uplifting roots in confined situations. A healthy long-lived oak requires greater soil volume for rooting. And the close spacing of the tree wells, along with the proximity of other proposed large trees does not allow adequate space for optimal canopy spread. Several Coast Live Oaks have been integrated into the planting scheme, but in larger planting areas where it can successfully establish and thrive.



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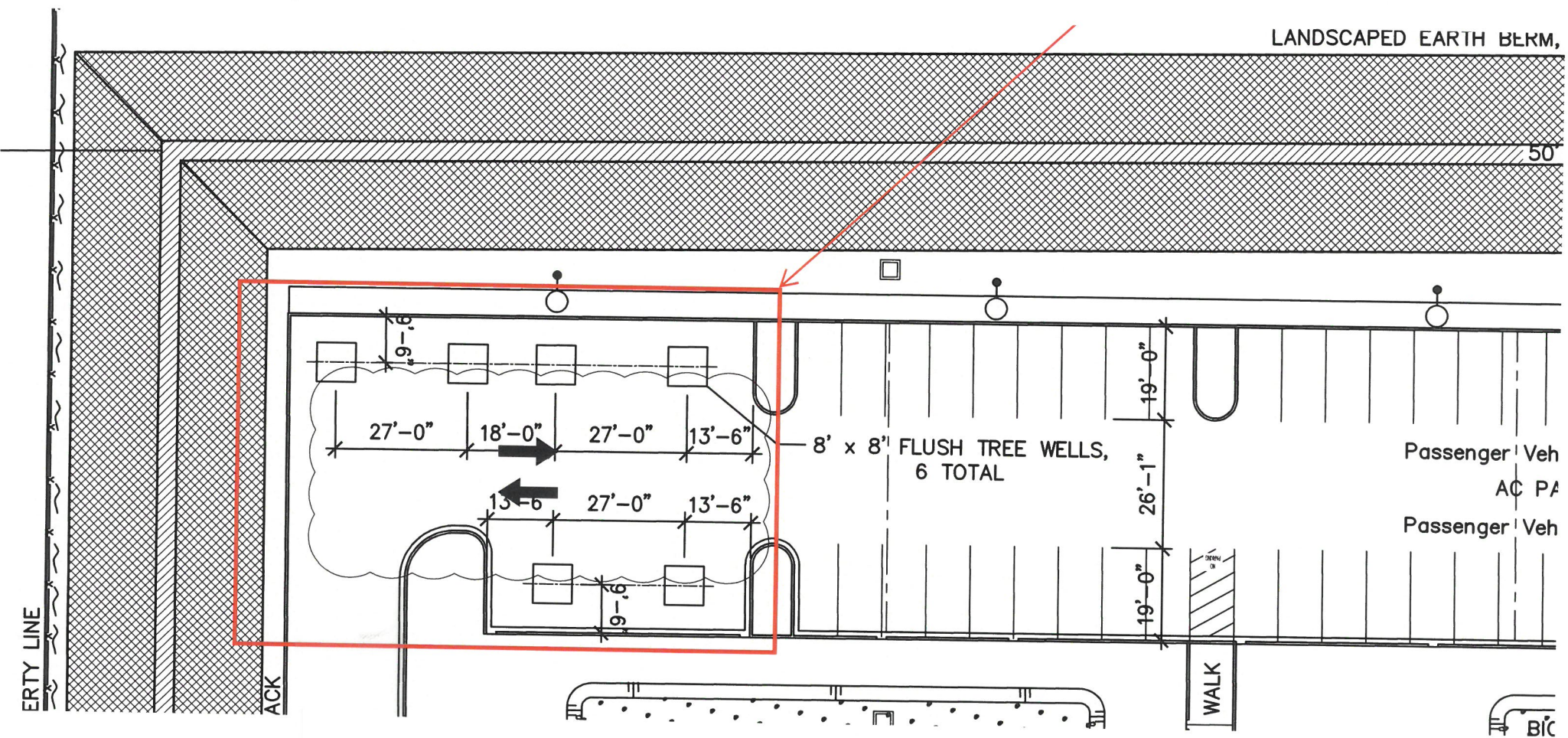


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