

## Mitchell Region Office

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## MEMORANDUM:

**TO:** Craig Smith, Director of Operations

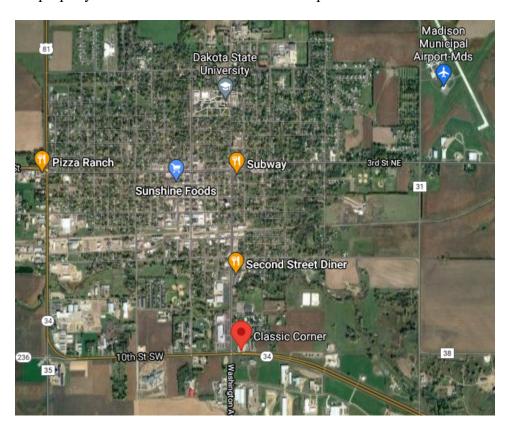
FROM: Joseph Sestak, Access Management Engineer

**DATE:** June 2, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Commission Consideration of Control of Access

Relinquishment in Lake County on SD 34, Classic Corner

SDDOT has received a request for a change of use of an existing access located in the City of Madison on SD 34 east of Washington Ave S. on the north side. The location of the property is shown as Classic Corner on the picture below.



The access to property with the requested change in use does not have a break in the control of access. In addition to the access with the requested change of use the other access to the property does not have a break in control of access either. Permits were issued by SDDOT to allow the construction of the access points, but the access requests were never properly processed to request an approved break in control of access.

The use of the west access to the property will not change. The east access to the property is planned to be used for shared access to the property to the north. In a traffic impact study of the area it was determined the proposed change of use would not adversely affect safety or traffic on SD 34 at the location.

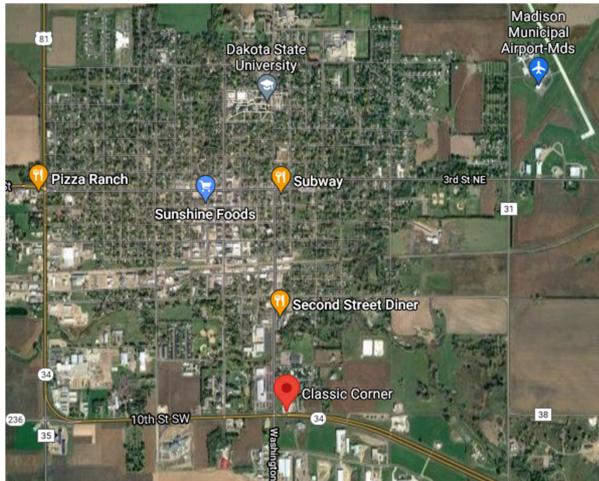
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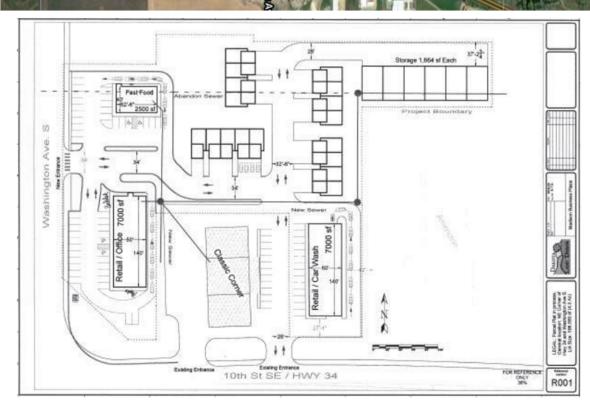
- SDDOT purchased control of access from properties along this section of highway to prevent the proliferation of driveways, except at planned locations. Control of access helps manage crash risk and congestion, thereby preserving the public investment in high-importance facilities. There are no recent crashes at this location and the sight distance is 1000 feet in each direction.
- Since the original purchase of the control of access SD 34 has been reconfigured with a two way left turn lane in the access locations.
- The request is at a location with existing commercial development. The relinquishment, if granted, would simply allow for the approval of a break for the access locations that exist today.
- The proposed access locations meet the access spacing criteria established by SD administrative rule 70:09. This section of highway is classified as urban developed. A classification of urban developed constitutes 100' spacing between access points. Currently, there is Washington Ave approximately 200' west of the west access location, approximately 100' spacing between access locations on the property, and a commercial approach approximately 310' to the east.

This proposal has been discussed with the Right-of-Way Office, Project Development Office, Legal Office, Road Design Office, and Sioux Falls DOT Area Office. All parties concur that the request for the breaks in control of access to maintain the current access locations should be approved.

The Mitchell Region Engineer supports the request for the breaks in the control of access to allow the business to continue to function in the current manner. SDDOT Environmental has no concerns with the current access locations. SDDOT Legal Office concurs with the proposed relinquishments. The FHWA Division approves the request for the breaks in the control of access location and has determined there is no need for an appraisal for the relinquishment of COA.

## Consideration of SD 34 Control of Access Relinquishment in Madison, SD



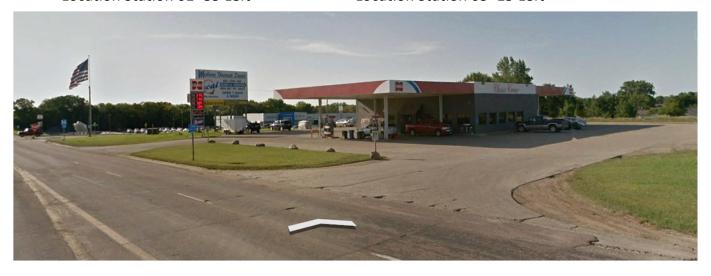


North



Requested Relinquishment Location Station 61+83 Left

Requested Relinquishment Location Station 63+15 Left



Planned possible uses for the development north of Classic Corner include: Storage units, Multi family housing, General office building, Fast food restaurant with drive through, Automated car wash, and the existing convenience store.

