September 4, 2012

### **LETTER OF INTENT**

To:

City of Madison Plan Commission

Re:

West Towne Retail District

Developer:

CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

Included in this submittal is information pertaining to a redevelopment project by CBL & Associates within the West Towne Mall development, generally located between the existing Toys-R-Us and the mall ring road (West Towne Way). The project is consistent with the <u>City of Madison Comprehensive Plan</u> by creating "Regional Mixed-Use" for the property and replaces two vacant, non-operating buildings with new retail construction which will add both temporary construction and full-time retail service employment opportunities to the local job market. Two existing parcels are currently being combined into one parcel through the City's subdivision process.

# **Existing Conditions**

The current site contains a 7,075 SF vacant single-story concrete block and steel frame building previously occupied by Nation Tire & Battery retail store, a 5,767 SF vacant single-story wood frame building previously occupied by Mountain Jack restaurant, asphalt paved parking containing 156 parking spaces and associated infrastructure. A perimeter 5' wide concrete sidewalks extends around the site adjacent to the mall ring road (West Towne Way). The two buildings are not connected by a vehicular way. There are two existing curb cuts to the NTB paved area and one curb cut from ring road to the Mountain Jack paved area.

## **Project Details**

The redevelopment project includes the following:

- Demolition of existing buildings, selective paving, and infrastructure (excluding underground public utilities and easements).
- New construction of 22,500 SF of multi-tenant single-story retail buildings with maximum height of 30' above finished grade elevation.
- 149 new automobile parking stalls including 8 accessible spaces; facilities for parking of 15 bicycles distributed in 3 separate locations within site; and 2/ 10' x 35' off-street loading berths.
- Vehicular access will be provided at 3 locations: southeast property corner from ring road (no change/existing); northern property (existing location/internal modification); and southwestern property (new location/ single curb cut versus two existing curb cuts)
- Pedestrian features to include expanded perimeter sidewalks at 6' wide (existing 5'); new sidewalk/crosswalk connection from southeast corner of new building to Toys-R-Us; offsite sidewalk/crosswalk connection from existing sidewalk from Dick's Sporting Goods across mall ring road to development's building sidewalk; and sidewalk passage/node between new buildings.
- Landscaping per attached Landscape Plans

- Site Lighting to include relamping/reuse of existing area light poles; building
  mounted sconce lighting and ornamental light poles for building sidewalk lighting;
  and a combination of ornamental light poles and string lights at sidewalk
  passage/node between new buildings.
- Signage: Specific tenants are not identified. A signage package will be submitted as tenants are secured and proposed signage will be consistent with Chapter 31 and other City Ordinances.
- Two outdoor seating areas containing 490 SF/69 seats and 990 SF/116 seats respectively in locations shown on plans. \*Use and hours of operation to be determined.
- Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 0.15 [22,500sf/146,773sf(3.3695ac)]
- Zoning: C-3L "Commercial Service & Distribution District"
- Hours of Operation: Retail operation 10:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Sunday
- Construction Schedule (\*):

Demolition of existing buildings

o Site Preparation

o Building Construction

Tenant FixturingGrand Opening

January-February, 2013

February-March, 2013 March-October, 2013

October-November, 2013

November, 2013

(\*) Pending Construction Contract with General Contractor

### Parties Involved

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# Summary

The redevelopment of this site will accomplish the removal of existing vacant and deteriorating properties within West Towne Mall and the creation of a vibrant and distinctive shopping district that enhances pedestrian movement and reconnects the Toy-R-Us store with the remainder of the mall. We look forward to working with the City to make the West Towne Retail District project a successful addition to the City of Madison's retail experiences.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Artech Design Group, Inc.

#### **Enclosures**

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