AUDI SIGN PROGRAM AND SIGNS



CITY of CALABASAS

File Nos. SGNP-2021-003, SGN-2021-008 and MSCP 2021-005

Project Description

- Establish a new sign program; and
- Install nine (9) new signs including:
 - One (1) 62.64 s.f. building-mounted franchise sign
 - One (1) 49.08 s.f. primary building-mounted retail tenant identification sign
 - One (1) 2.7 s.f. secondary building-mounted <u>retail tenant identification sign</u>
 - One (1) 6 s.f. building-mounted <u>special-service sign</u>
 - One (1) 150 s.f., 25 foot high monument sign
 - Three (3) 2.95 s.f. window <u>informational signs</u> (exempt)
 - One (1) 2.44 s.f. building-mounted <u>informational sign</u> (exempt)



Requested Applications

Sign Program

To establish a new sign program

Sign Permit

- For the installation of nine new signs
 - Four informational signs are exempt from Code requirements
- Includes a request that the City Council grant an exception for the height and area of the monument sign up to the maximum allowable of 25 feet high and 150 sq. ft. within the Calabasas Road District

Minor Scenic Corridor Permit

Installation of signs within a Scenic Corridor



Project Location







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Project Site





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History

- Site was first developed in 1987 (Acura).
- June 6, 2019, Planning Commission adopted PC Resolution No. 2019-687, approving a remodel and addition, including façade improvements to update the design of the dealership structure to Audi's corporate branded image.
- Project is currently under construction.
- Applicant is now requesting approval to update the on premise signs to Audi's corporate approved sign design.



2019 Approved Project Rendering



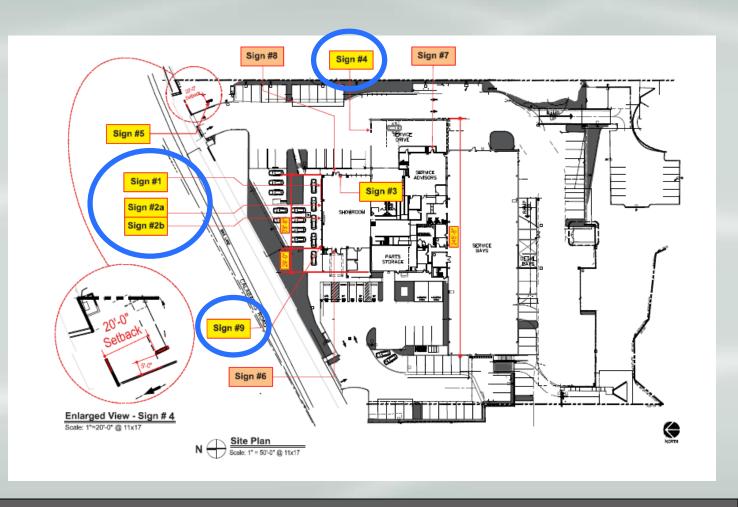


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Proposed Signs

<u>Sign #1, #2a, #2b, Sign</u> #4, and #9

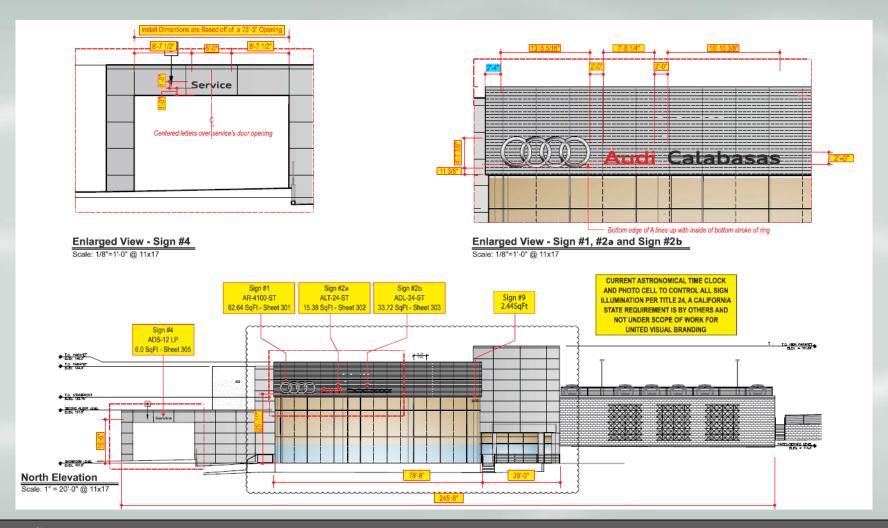
- 1 Franchise sign (#1)
- 1 Primary Retail Tenant Identification sign (#2a and #2b)
- 1 Special Service sign (#4)
- 1 informational address sign (#9)
- · Building-mounted
- Face northward toward Calabasas Rd and US 101 Freeway
- Acrylic sign faces and returns (except #9)
- Internally illuminated (except #9)





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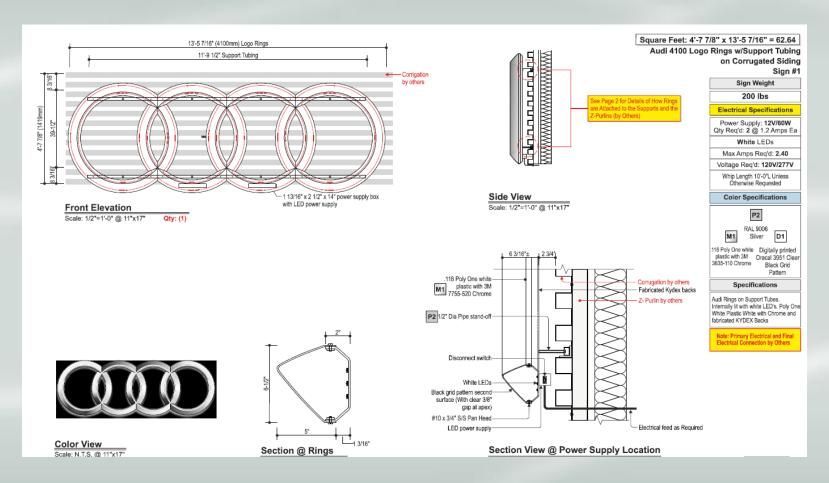
North Elevation





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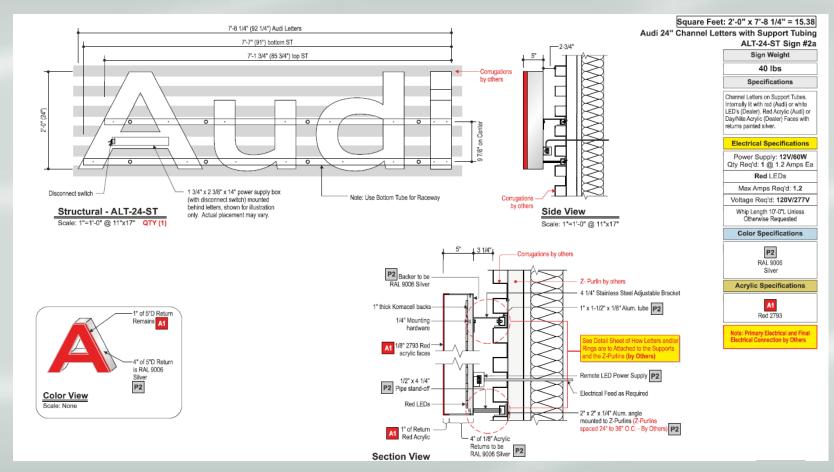
Sign #1 – Franchise Sign





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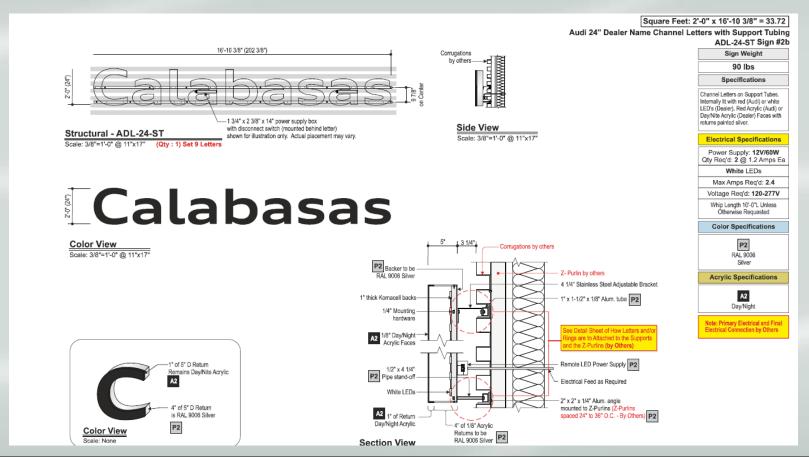
Sign <u>#2a</u> and #2b – Primary Tenant Identification Sign





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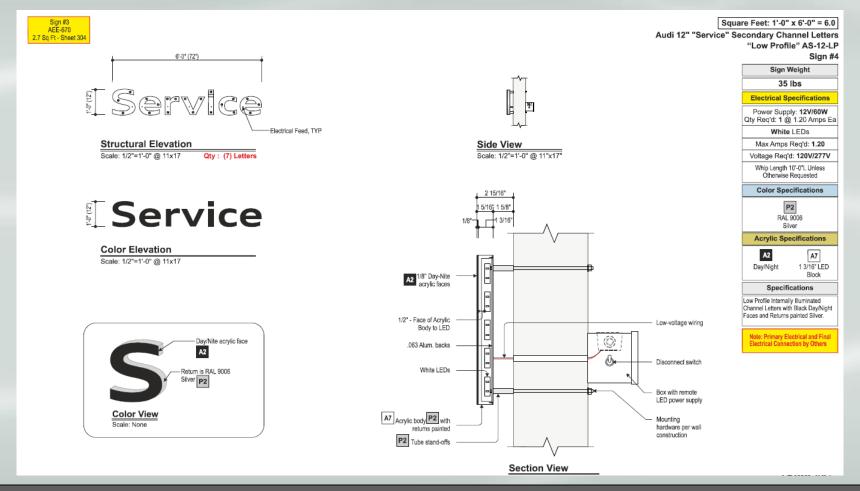
Sign #2a and <u>#2b</u> – Primary Tenant Identification Sign





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Sign #4 – Special "Service" Sign



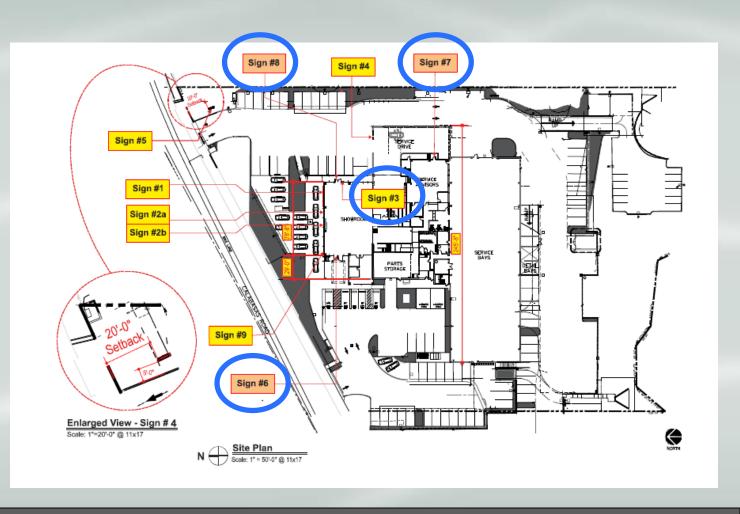


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Proposed Signs

Signs #3, #6, #7 and #8

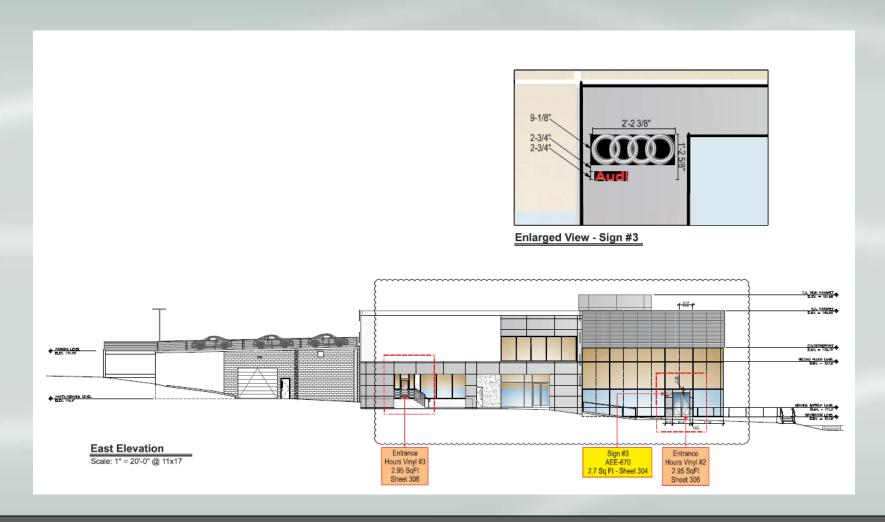
- 1 Secondary Retail Tenant Identification sign (#3)
- 3 informational window signs (#6, #7 and #8)
- Building-mounted
- Sign #3, #7 and #8 Face eastward toward customer parking
- Sign #6 faces westward toward customer parking
- Acrylic sign face for secondary retail tenant identification sign
- Vinyl for window informational signs
- Non-illuminated





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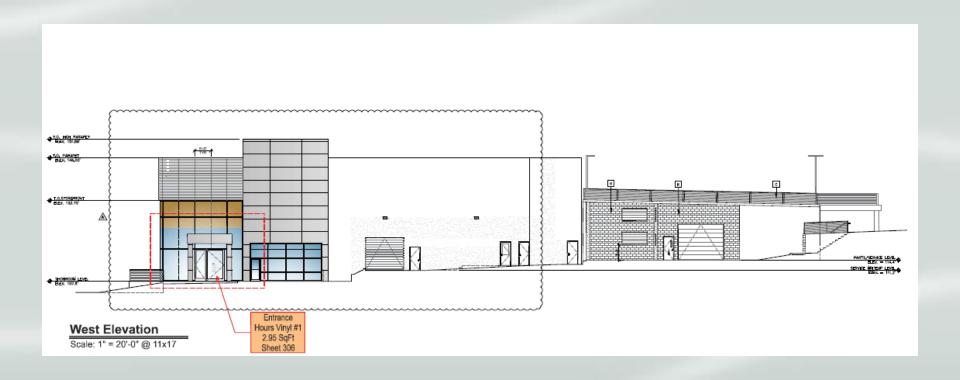
East Elevation





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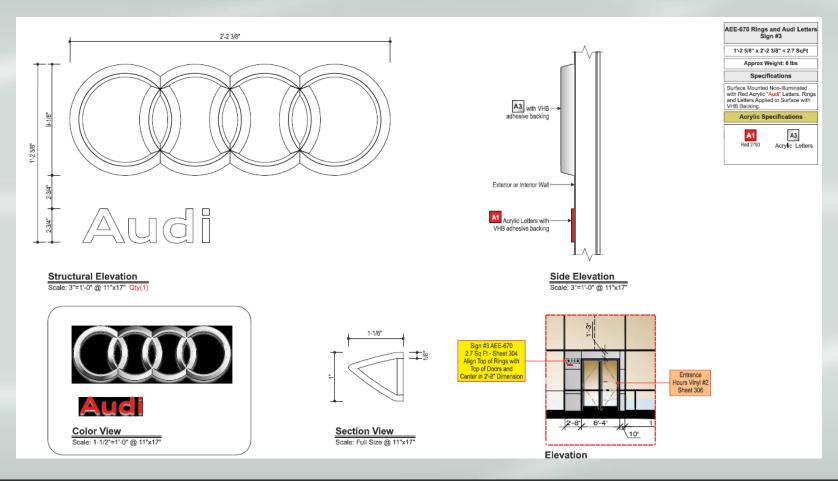
West Elevation





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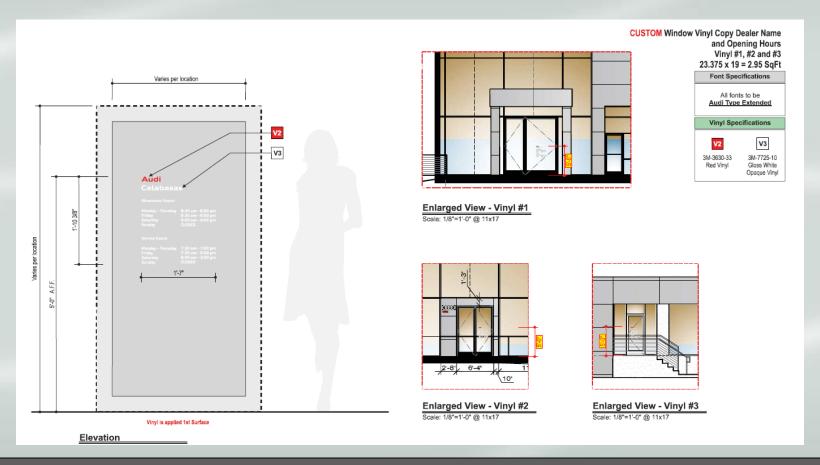
Sign #3 — Secondary Retail Tenant Identification Sign





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Signs #6, #7 and #8 — Informational Window Signs



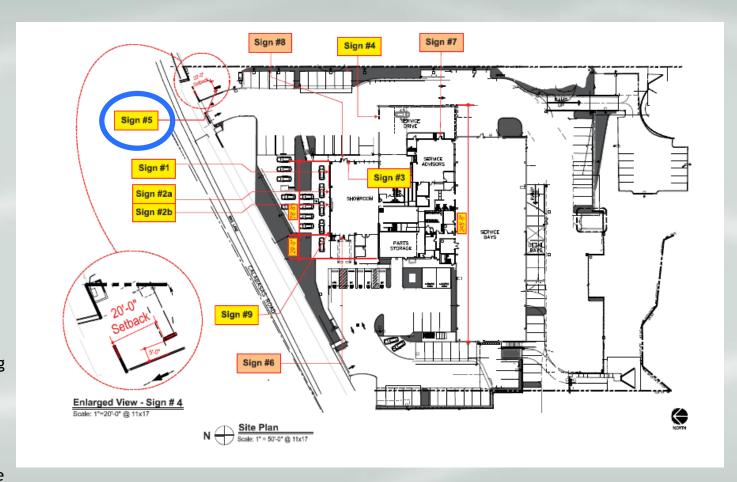


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Proposed Signs

Sign #5

- 1 monument sign (#5)
- 25 feet in height and 150 sq. ft. in area.
- Sited in a landscaped area adjacent to the eastern driveway entrance and setback 20 feet from the right-ofway.
- Sign faces both east and west.
- Alucobond metal paneling with acrylic sign copy faces for retail tenant identification and logo, and the address in vinyl.
- Tenant name and logo are Internally illuminated

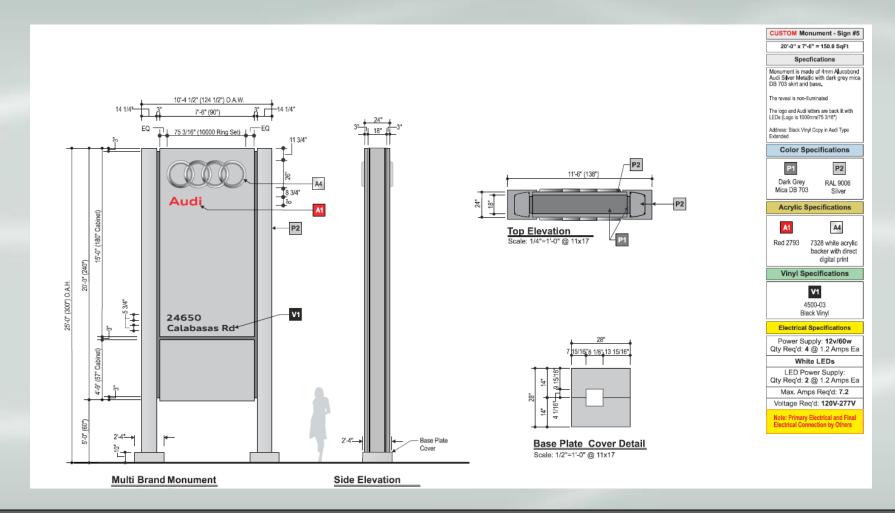




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Sign #5 – Monument Sign





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Monument Sign Justification

- Per CMC Section 17.30.080(B)(3), monument signs in the Calabasas Road District may be approved by the City Council up to a maximum of 25 feet high and 150 sq. ft. in area if the Council finds that it is necessary to allow the applicant visibility comparable to other properties in the Calabasas Road District.
- Visibility of the subject property is more limited to eastbound travelers on US 101 compared to other properties within the Calabasas Road District due to topography associated with the Mureau Road bridge overpass and related embankments, and mature landscaping.
- Furthermore, both the BMW and Mercedes automobile dealerships enjoy monument signs that are 25 feet high and up to 150 sq. ft. area.



Visibility Limitations

(Eastbound US 101)



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Scenic Corridor / Design Guidelines

Scenic Corridor

- Goal is to protect the visual qualities / view from 101 Freeway
- Scenic Corridor Design Guidelines (Signs)
 - Signs to be visually proportionate to building façade and have balance and scale to building mass
- West Calabasas Road Master Plan (WCRMP)
 - Wall signs mounted flat on prominent site on the building
 - Use of legible, brief messaging, and to avoid intricate typefaces
 - Use of natural colors and materials
 - Use of contrasting colors (for better visibility)
 - Use of either direct source illumination, or halo (backlit) lighting
 - Wall sign colors that complement building



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Proposed Design

- Approved (Audi) structure design (2019)
 - Modern Style
 - Gray colored honeycomb metal cladding
 - Floor to ceiling glass that wraps around the building
 - Rear portions of the structure feature gray-colored CMU block
- Proposed signs
 - Use of corporate branded colors (silver, gray, red, and day/night)
 - Materials include acrylic sign faces/returns for building mounted signs, and metal paneling with acrylic sign faces for the monument sign
 - Internal illumination
 - Proportional to building mass and scale
- Architectural Review Panel (ARP) unanimously recommended approval of the design on September 24, 2021
 - Consistent with Scenic Corridor Design Guidelines and West Calabasas Road Master Plan
 - Supports increase in monument sign height and area



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CEQA

- The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to the following:
 - Class 1 (New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures) because the project proposes only appurtenant structures
 - Class 11 (Accessory Structures) for on-site signs



Staff Conclusions

- All proposed signs meet the standards specified in CMC Chapter 17.30 (Signs)
- All proposed signs meet the design criteria contained in the Scenic Corridor Design Guidelines and West Calabasas Road Master Plan
- The requested increase in height and area of the monument sign is warranted due to limitations on visibility, and is consistent with the size and height of other monument signs within the Calabasas Road District.
- The project is exempt from CEQA



Recommended Action

 That the Planning Commission adopt Resolution No. 2021-734, approving File Nos. SGNP-2021-003, SGN-2021-008 and MSCP-2021-005.

