

Wal-Mart Distribution Center Information Points

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LAND USE

What does Wal-Mart want to do?

It proposed building a distribution center in the University Industrial Park. It is not proposing a retail or super center operation. The proposed facility is 1.2 million square feet.

Is the land zoned appropriately?

Yes, the site is zoned heavy industrial and is within the current Merced City limits.

PERMITS

What approvals are required for the project?

Wal-Mart must get a Site Plan Review, which includes an Environmental Impact Report. There also will be a general plan amendment to abandon the unbuilt southern extension of Kibby Road.

Did Wal-Mart get any fees waived?

No, Wal-Mart is paying all of the required fees, which is expected to be over \$5 million. Area schools should receive over \$400,000 in fees from the Wal-Mart project.

INCENTIVES

Did Wal-Mart get subsidies from the City for its project?

No, the City did not offer any financial relief. Subsidies -- none. Property tax rebates -- none. Fee waivers -- none. Sales tax rebates -- none. Tax-free land -- none.

TRUCK TRAFFIC

How much traffic would the project create?

Wal-Mart said there would be up to 450 truck trips into the facility a day, and 450 truck trips leaving the facility each day.

What route will the trucks take?

The trucks will leave from one of the two gates on Gerard Avenue, going to the Campus Parkway and then onto Highway 99.

JOBS

How many people will the center employ?

Wal-Mart says there will be 600 full-time employees at the plant.

When will the center be operating?

The center will operate 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. There will be two operating shifts and the overnight shift will perform maintenance on the facility.

How much will the jobs pay?

Wal-Mart said the starting pay will between \$13.00 to \$14.00 an hour.

What is the typical starting pay in Merced?

According to the state Employment Development Department, the average starting pay in Merced is \$8.05 an hour.

IMPACTS

Did Wal-Mart get CalTrans to put in the Mission Interchange on Highway 99?

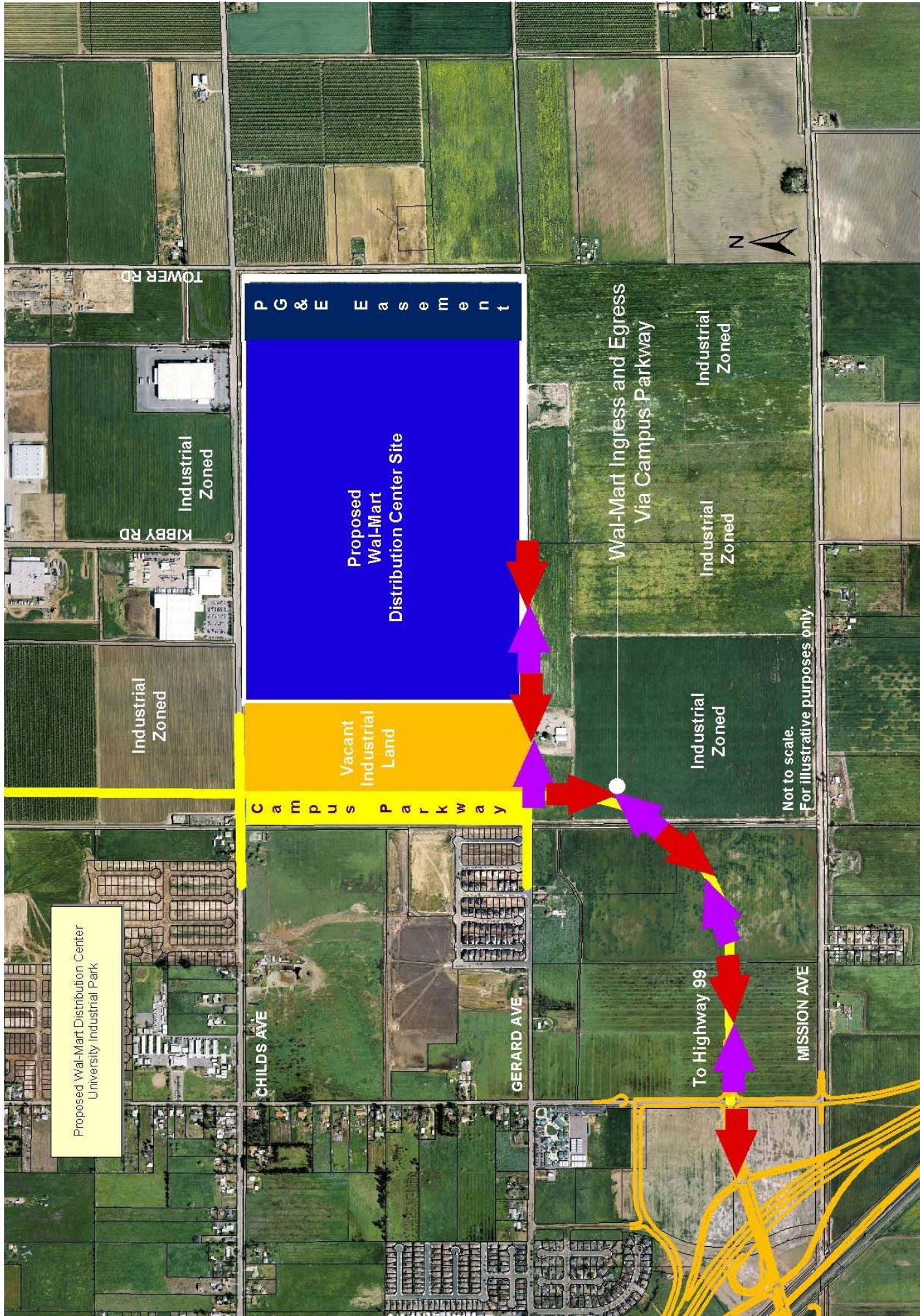
No, the Mission Interchange was first designated in 1963 during the Kennedy Administration. The Campus Parkway is part of a traffic loop around the City of Merced that was first discussed in the 1980s and added to the General Plan in the 1990s.

Is condemnation necessary?

No, the proposed site is vacant industrial zoned land.

Will the public have an opportunity to comment on the project?

Yes, there will be several opportunities available for public comment during the Environmental Impact Report phase on items such as traffic, noise, and glare.



Proposed Wal-Mart Distribution Center
University Industrial Park

P & G & E E a s e m e n t

Proposed
Wal-Mart
Distribution Center Site

Vacant
Industrial
Land

C a m p u s P a r k w a y

TOWER RD

KIBBY RD

CHILDS AVE

GERARD AVE

To Highway 99

MISSION AVE

Wal-Mart Ingress and Egress
Via Campus Parkway

Industrial Zoned

Industrial Zoned

Industrial Zoned

Industrial Zoned

Not to scale.
For illustrative purposes only.

