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**LACKAWANNA ZONING & PLANNING BOARDS APPROVE SITE PLAN
FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1361 ABBOTT ROAD**

Long vacant zombie gas station to become a new full-service Taco Bell Restaurant

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (Thursday, July 27, 2023) – The City of Lackawanna today announced that the city’s Zoning and Planning Boards approved a site plan at their respective July 25th meetings to allow for construction of a ~ 2,100 sq. ft. full- service Taco Bell restaurant with dine-in and drive-through accommodations on a long vacant zombie gas station at the southeast corner of Abbott Road and Ridge Road.

Developer Quick Service Realco, LLC and their partner Marathon Engineering of Rochester will construct the new restaurant on a former Sunoco gas station parcel at 1361 Abbott Road plus two parcels immediately west at 1271 and 1265 Ridge Road, which was formerly a podiatry office with parking.

“After over a decade of this property being a community eyesore, I’m excited by Quick Service RealCo’s plan to construct a new Taco Bell restaurant at this prime business corner in our city,” said Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo. “In 2018 when I was a City Councilmember, I joined a press conference on this very site by Sen. Chuck Shumer where he called upon owners of these zombie gas stations throughout New York State to assist impacted communities in productively redeveloping these sites. While this process took a long time to materialize for Lackawanna, I’m happy that my administration was able to assist the developer team in getting to this point and we look forward to construction starting as soon as possible.”

Quick Service RealCo and Marathon Engineering approached the City of Lackawanna in April of this year about their proposed plan and continued to work with the city’s Code Enforcement team and other departments to refine the plan in advance of the July 25th board meetings. By year-end, Quick Service plans to close on the sale transactions of these privately owned parcels and finalize all necessary permits/other approvals with the goal of starting construction in early spring of 2024.

A rendering of the new Taco Bell restaurant along with an aerial view of the 1361 Abbott Road development site are attached to this release.





PROPOSED TACO BELL DEVELOPMENT SITE
1361 Abbott Road – 1271 & 1265 Ridge Road
City of Lackawanna

