

Proposed Starbucks at Stevens Creek & Harold Project Description

The proposed project is located at 3575 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara, 95117 in the zoning district of CT – Thoroughfare Commercial. The site currently a closed ±7,266 square-foot multi-tenant building used for retail and office. This project proposes to demolish the existing structure to construct a new ±2,300 square-foot Starbucks Cafe with a drive-through facility. Associated site improvements include new driveways, trash enclosure, lighting, storm drainage, utility connections, landscaped areas, and a parking area with 19 spaces.

The design concept centers on creating a high-quality, functional space for a convenient, easily accessible Starbucks location that aligns with the brand's emphasis on quality coffee and service. The site access consists of a full access point (ingress and egress) on Harold Ave and an right-in only on Stevens Creek Boulevard. The drive-through entrance is directly from Harold Ave. Through strategic traffic management, the design aims to minimize traffic impacts while enhancing operational efficiency. The building is located on Stevens Creek and provides outdoor patio seating adjacent to the sidewalk of Stevens Creek. Landscaped buffers along Harold Avenue and Stevens Creek Boulevard provide visual framing and edge definition. The new building is proportioned to suit the site and harmonize aesthetically with neighboring structures. Its modern architecture, featuring decorative wall sconces and high-quality finishes, creates an inviting ambiance, while the building parapet screens all rooftop mechanical equipment from ground-level view.

Proposed operating hours for the store and drive-through are 4 A.M. to 10 P.M., seven days a week. Trash collection is planned 1–2 times per week, Monday to Friday between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M. The project is also anticipated to create 20 to 25 permanent jobs , with 4–6 employees per shift, supporting employment and providing compatible infill development.

As part of the project, Starbucks is proposing to provide funds for traffic calming measures for Harold Ave and the adjacent neighborhood. It has been observed by the Starbucks team that there is an issue with speeding cars from perhaps cut thru traffic. Traffic calming measures that have been discussed have been the installation of speed humps and signage. This would be done in conjunction with the City's engineering department.

In summary, the proposed Starbucks project aims to be a welcoming, accessible commercial destination that integrates well with the surrounding land uses and contributes positively to the community.