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The future of the CasinoView travel center was sent to the Cattaraugus County Planning Board Thursday night.

(Drawing courtesy of Roosa Corporation)

More improvements possible for West End

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SALAMANCA — Plans for the site on West Hetzel Street, in the City's west end, were unveiled to the City Planning Commission and the public Thursday night, at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

Dave Wylier, principle architect of the project, presented the plans for the three-building travel center to the commission on behalf of the John family, owners of the proposed center, and Joseph Roosa, developer of the site and owner of

Roosa Corporation.

Armed with sheets upon sheets of schematics for the different levels of design, Wylier made his plea for the project.

One of the three buildings on the site will be a Tim Horton's, according to Roosa. The second structure would be a larger building that will house a retail store, five court-style food vendors and seating for 180 people. The third building would be another restaurant, Roosa said.

Vendors for the main building either have not committed or were not named by the parties involved.

The travel plaza would

encompass nearly 10 acres along West Hetzel Street.

The plaza would have 214 total parking spaces, with 38 designated for truck traffic. Trucks would also be diverted to an area separate from the passenger vehicle parking area.

"This is not a truck stop," Mike John, one of the owners, said during the meeting. "We would like to limit trucks to one hour. That gives them time to rest, eat, clean up, gas up and get back on the road."

"We [the commission] didn't have any concerns last night," Mike Zaproski, chairman of the Planning Commission, said.

"All the details were hammered out earlier."

The commission voted unanimously to send the matter to the Cattaraugus County Planning Board on Feb. 22. That would give the City planning board time to hold a public hearing March 6, before making a final decision on the project.

"If all goes well, we are hoping to start work in the first week of April," Roosa said.

The project is expected to take six months to complete.

The Tim Horton's facility is expected to be a full 3,210 square foot restaurant, with the

main building encompassing 15,400 square feet.

"This is a perfect match for the community," John said.

The Commission also approved a proposal to a remodeling of the Antone's II facility at 721 Broad St., to include the addition of a Dunkin' Donuts satellite.

The new portion would be primarily a drive-though facility, but would have limited seating as well.

The remodel will include renovation of the facade of the building to include the colors of Dunkin' Donuts.