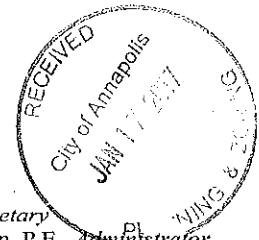


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January 10, 2017

Ms. Sally Nash
City of Annapolis
Department of Planning and Zoning
145 Gorman Street, 3rd Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Anne Arundel County
MD 450
Mile Point: 11.15
West Street Library
SHA Tracking No. 16APAA036XX

Dear Ms. Nash:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) prepared by Lenhart Traffic Consulting, Inc., dated November 22, 2016 (received on November 23, 2016), for the West Street Library commercial development in City of Annapolis, Maryland. The State Highway Administration (SHA) review is complete and we are pleased to respond.

- Proposed access to the existing library, with an 18,347 GSF main floor and 1,500 GSF basement, will be updated to a 32,500 GSF main floor with no basement is via one (1) entrance only and one (1) exit only on MD 450; as well as, one (1) full movement entrance on Poplar Avenue.
- The following intersections were analyzed under existing, background and future conditions:
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with Legion Avenue
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with Existing Site Access (Exit Only)
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with Existing Site Access (Entrance Only)
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with N/S Cherry Grove Avenue
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with Glen Avenue
 - West Street (MD 450) intersection with Russell Street
 - Poplar Avenue & Existing Site Access
- The report concludes that the study intersections will continue to operate at acceptable levels of service under future conditions.

Based on the information provided, please address the following comments in a point-by-point response:

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-841-1000
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

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1. Please explain why MD 450 @ Admiral Dr and MD 450 @ Chinquapin Round Rd were not included in the critical area. The Trip Assignment allocates 55% of new site trips to and from these intersections.
2. Please explain how "the proposed site will add a minimal amount of traffic to the study area and as a result crash activity should not increase at any of the study intersections" while generating 796 net new daily trips to the subject development.
3. A feasibility study should be developed in an effort to consolidate the two existing unsignalized crosswalks located across MD 450 @ Cherry Grove Ave and S Southwood Ave. Additionally, since this is in an urban area, bicycle and pedestrian access should be studied for improvements.
4. SHA requests any modifications to the MD 450 access points to include ADA compliant ramps, crosswalk, and sidewalk patching to connect to existing sidewalk segments.
5. SHA requests that Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plans maintain pedestrian access along West Street during construction of the new facility.

Please submit two (2) copies of the revised traffic impact study and a CD containing the traffic impact study, all supporting documentation, and a point-by-point response addressing the comments noted above to Mr. Tim Smith, P.E., 138 Defense Highway, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401 to the attention of Mr. Erich Florence. Please reference the SHA tracking number on any future submissions. Please keep in mind that you can view the reviewer and project status via SHA Access Management web page at <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/pages/amd.aspx>. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Erich Florence at 410-841-1044, by using our toll free number in Maryland only at 1-800-331-5603 (x1044) or via email at eflorence@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,



Tim Smith, P.E.
Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Operations

TS/wb

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