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Ms. Azita Behmardi, PE
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P.O. Box 229045
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Re: Hollywood Private School - Methodology Requirements

Dear Ms. Behmardi:

The Hollywood Private School project is proposed to be located at 1720 Harrison Street in an existing building. In reviewing the site plan provided and the site plan for the project site (under construction) to the immediate west, the access to the building for a school use will be problematic. The two (2) site plans are included with this letter.

The two (2) drop-off and pick-up lanes that enter form Harrison Street, have the child exiting on the wrong side of the building and will have to cross in front of vehicles to access the building. Children are required to be dropped off at the building sidewalk, from the passenger side, to avoid conflicts with vehicles for their safety. Crossing in front of the vehicles is dangerous and will not be permitted.

The trip generation for 650 students during the AM Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic is 324 inbound vehicles. The distance form Harrison Street to the crosswalk is 70', which is less than three (3) vehicles. The queue at this location will extend out into the signalized intersection of South Young Circle and Harrison Street.

In addition, realizing that grades 10 through 12 will most likely drive, they will need to park their vehicles near the site. The access and parking for these students will need to be identified with the methodology.

The following comments for the methodology requirements are based on my review of the information provided:

### **Required Methodology Components**

- 1. A Pre-Application meeting with FDOT will need to be scheduled and held, with the determination letter included with the methodology submittal. The FDOT Pre-Application letter shall approve the Harrison Street driveway connection, as an entrance, as opposed to the existing exit condition.
- 2. Existing and Proposed Conditions
  - a. Provide existing and proposed site conditions in the area surrounding the project.
- 3. Surrounding Roadway Conditions
  - a. Provide existing and proposed roadway conditions in the area surrounding the project.
  - b. Include any future roadway improvements in the area surrounding the project.
  - c. The project to the west of this project will be closing the alley just west of the proposed projects driveway connection to the alley.

#### 4. Data Collection

- a. The intersections to be evaluated are:
  - i. US 1/Van Buren Street
  - ii. US 1/South Young Circle
  - iii. South Young Circle/Harrison Street
  - iv. Harrison Street/South 17 Avenue
  - v. South 17 Avenue/Alley
  - vi. South 17 Avenue/Van Buren Street
  - vii. Harrison Street/Alley
  - viii. Harrison Street/Project Drive
  - ix. Alley/Project Drive
- b. Traffic count data and pedestrian data will be collected at the above intersections during the AM and PM Peak Hours and during the peak hours for the two existing schools, the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science and Hollywood Central Elementary, during the morning drop-off and afternoon pickup times. These existing times will be need to be provided by both schools.
- c. Traffic count data and pedestrian data will be required to be done with cameras and the files provided to the City for review.

d. The pedestrian data will need to include student walking to the two (2) nearby schools, the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science and Hollywood Central Elementary.

## 5. Trip Generation

- a. The trip generation will include the current existing uses for the entire building. Credit for the existing uses being removed will only be permitted for uses still operating or that have closed within the past year. These uses will need to be documented.
- b. The trip generation will be determined using the latest edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) TripGen Web-Based App, currently it is the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- c. The trip generation will use the Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic for the AM and PM Peak Hours and the Peak Hour of Generator during the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science and Hollywood Central Elementary AM drop-off and PM pick-up times.

## 6. Trip Distribution

- a. The trip distribution will be determined form existing data, area FDOT sites and any knowledge of the existing area. The information will be documented.
- b. The distribution will be shown globally and then assigned to the roadways around the project.
- c. Figures will need to be provided.

### 7. Background Growth Rates

- a. Please use the FDOT historic data for 2017 to 2022 and use the FDOT Trends Analyses for each site to determine the growth rate. Please provide the FDOT site information and historic data sheets to verify.
- b. If the calculated growth rate is less than one percent (1%), a one percent (1%) growth rate will be applied.

### 8. Committed Development

a. The committed development, projects that are under construction and those that have been approved, within a one (1) mile radius of the site will need to be obtained through a Public Records Request.

b. For the committed development projects, please include each project as a separate line item for each intersection volume development. Please include a location map of those projects.

# 9. Intersection Analyses

- a. The intersections listed above will be evaluated during the required times (2b.) for the existing condition, the future without the project and the future with the project conditions. Provide the buildout year.
- b. The analyses will be done using the Synchro software and the files provided to the City.
- c. The intersection volume development tables will be included for each location.
- d. Figures will be provided for all conditions and times.
- e. The driveway and queuing analyses will include the volumes for all of the existing and proposed trips with no deductions.
- f. The Broward County Traffic Engineering Division Timing (BCTED) Sheets and Sequence of Operations sheet for the signalized intersections will be provided.
- g. The Level of Service, delay, volume to capacity ratios, queues for all movements, approaches as well as the intersection as a whole will be provided.
- h. The pedestrian data will need to be included.
- i. The results will be provided in tabular form.

### 10. Future With the Project Analyses

- a. The roadways surrounding the project are proposed to be redesigned in the near future with the addition of committed developments. The constraints based on the proposed construction will impact the traffic and pedestrian circulation of the proposed project. The future with the project condition will need to be evaluated with the existing roadway conditions and the proposed future roadway conditions in order to evaluate the impacts of the future traffic and pedestrian circulation with the project.
- 11. Based on the results of the analyses, any roadway or intersection improvements will need to be evaluated and discussed with the City.

#### 12. Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation

a. The traffic and pedestrian circulation for the proposed project will be included as a section in the report. A figure detailing the routes will be provided.

## 13. Parking

- a. Provide a section in the report on the existing available parking for the exclusive use of the building and the location of the parking.
- b. Include the required parking for the proposed project, including students driving to school, and the location of any additional spaces needed.

# 14. General Requirements

- a. Provide a Table of Contents.
- b. Include all documentation for parcels, trip generation, trip distribution, growth rates, etc.
- c. Please use figures and tables to show distribution, turning movements (all conditions).

Please have the applicant provide the methodology letter per the above comments and submit for review.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Attachments



