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Subject: Westgate Shopping Center -- Dunkin Donuts

Jean - I find the project to be acceptable and that it meets TMP requirements with my final comments noted below.

- A traffic assessment was conducted for the project by Maine Traffic Resources and determined that the project would be expected to increase traffic from Westgate Shopping Center by 131 vehicles entering and exiting the site during the AM peak hour. This projected increase in traffic requires a modification to the existing MaineDOT Traffic Movement Permit. The applicant has complied with submitting an application for the Traffic Movement Permit Application.
- The applicant has conducted a traffic assessment that evaluated the impact of the increased traffic on the Congress Street/Stevens Avenue/Westgate Shopping Center intersection. The analysis indicates the intersection will operate at an acceptable level of service C overall with some movements operating at level of service D.
- I have reviewed the traffic analysis and site plan graphics as it relates to the drive-through lane for the project. In my professional opinion the drive-through will operate safely and is not expected to create any traffic circulation issues. I find site conditions to be acceptable.
- The City is planning on implementing pedestrian improvements at the Congress Street/Stevens Avenue/Westgate Shopping Center intersection in conjunction with the Outer Congress Street Improvement Plan. The improvements are expected to consists of bringing the intersection up to ADA compliance with respect sidewalk ramps. Additionally, minor geometric improvements are being proposed in an effort to reduced crossing distances for pedestrians. Given that some of these improvements will be located on the Westgate Shopping Center intersection approach, the City is requesting a contribution of \$5,000.00 towards implementation of these improvements. The scope of these improvements mesh well with the installation of the METRO bus stop implemented by Westgate Shopping Center under prior approvals, so that transit riders can safely access the bus stop.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Best regards,

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