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Application for Definitive Plan and Stormwater Management Permit - North Pole Estates

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I have reviewed the *Traffic Impact Study Residential Development North Pole Estates* as provided by McMahan and can provide the following comments.

1. I reviewed the proposed vehicular trip generation (increase) as a result of this development and could not identify any concerns as it relates to the impact of this proposed development.
2. I reviewed the level of service approach for the existing roadways that would be impacted (Sullivan Street and Pearl Street) as well as the new northern and southern approaches from North Pole to Hadley Street. Given the analysis within the traffic study provided I could not identify any concerns as it relates to the impact of existing traffic/(and anticipated non-build traffic growth of 1% per year), on Hadley St.

Further comments:

A Lighting: With increase access/volume in the Hadley St area, I would recommend a lighting needs assessment as it relates to vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist safety. While my perception is just that, perception, this is a dark roadway and could benefit from enhanced lighting.

B. Speeding/Signage: Similarly, a more advanced evaluation regarding speed regulations on Hadley St would be warranted to determine if the posted speed (40 MPH) are appropriate for the increased vehicle trips on the roadway (and even existing vehicle trip activity). The Police Department receives complaints from residents of Hadley St. regarding speeding on this roadway and the Police Department does make efforts to enforce the speeding regulations with personnel, but our opportunities during peak hours are limited given staffing and call volume. Per the traffic impact study, 85% of the traffic is within 47 MPH, but the remaining 15% is travelling in excess of 47MPH is concerning for other motorists, pedestrians/cyclists. This area of Hadley St. may be a good candidate for electronic speed signs, even absent development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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