



March 6, 2019

Mr. Todd K. Evans  
Deputy City Manager  
116 S. Main Street  
Fountain, CO 80817

Dear Mr. Todd Evans:

Thank you for meeting with members of our project team on March 5, 2019 regarding our Palmer Solar Project. As we discussed, our project is in late-stage development and has secured major land use approvals from El Paso County, including a WSEO and the Aligned 1041. Our project is scheduled to begin this month and to be completed by the end of the year. We understand we have a mutual goal of minimizing traffic impact to your community.

We appreciate that the City of Fountain brought to our attention that it is undertaking a multi-year construction project on a portion of our project's access route, with the goal of maintaining the existing 2-lane access. Our project is expected to generate approximately 8 large (semi-truck) deliveries to the Squirrel Creek access point each workday. This delivery schedule is considered minor in comparison to the existing heavy loads generated for the Waste Connection facility. Accordingly, we understand the primary concern is traffic generated from the daily commuting of construction workers in light duty, personal vehicles. In a good faith effort, we propose the following approach to minimize traffic impacts to the Squirrel Creek access:

- *Timing:* Construction workers will be instructed to be east of the Link Rd./Squirrel Creek Road intersection by 6:00 a.m., which we understand is before the current peak trip time in the morning
- *Personnel:* 80% of construction workers will be brought to site by bus or van from off-site employee housing and will also follow 6:00 a.m. arrival stipulation above (particularly during higher volume months of June – September)
- *Planning:* For challenging deliveries, flagmen and logistics coordinators will be placed at the intersection of Link Rd and Squirrel Creek Road. Delivery schedules will target non-peak hours and project deliveries will not create “unsafe conditions” for traffic at the intersection of Link Rd and Squirrel

In reviewing this plan, please consider that the bulk of our company's external engagement has been structured around the permitting process with El Paso County, which notifies relevant agencies and jurisdictions of land use applications. In January, the project proceeded through the El Paso County process with an affirmative “no comment or concerns” from the City of Fountain. This was an expected comment as our project follows [publicly-available](#) and designated truck routes for the City of Fountain, there are no permitting/notification requirements for haul routes on City of Fountain roads, and the Project's routes avoid the most populous portions of the City. A major modification to our project at this stage of development is not feasible as the routes identified have been studied by third-party consultants, reviewed in a public process, and considered in conjunction with the land use approval.

It is our priority to be a good neighbor throughout the project development stage of the Palmer Project. We hope you consider our solutions given the timing that this issue was raised and our current project schedule. We commit to continued communication during construction, notification of challenging deliveries, and discussions on ways to adapt our approach.

Sincerely,

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