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June 20, 2019

Ms. Lauren Leeper
Pearsons Ministries International, L.P.
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Re: Green Mountain Fall Church
Traffic Study and Turn Lane Assessment Letter
Green Mountain Falls, Colorado
Dear Ms. Leeper:
The purpose of this letter is to provide trip generation, trip distribution, and project traffic assignment for a proposed Green Mountain Falls Church redevelopment project to determine the increase in traffic attributable to the proposed project for purposes of applying for an access permit application from CDOT for the existing US-24 project access. Green Mountain Falls Church is proposed to be located within the existing building at 10460 West Highway 24 in Green Mountain Falls, Colorado. Project traffic was assigned to the US-24 access intersection. This traffic study identifies the amount of traffic associated with this proposed church. A vicinity map illustrating the location of the project is attached in Figure 1.

## Existing Roadway Network and Traffic Counts

Existing peak hour of the generator vehicle counts were conducted at the US-24 access intersection during the identified Sunday peak hour of the generator for Green Mountain Falls Church. Regional and direct access to the proposed church will be provided by US Highway-24 (US-24). The existing direct access is located approximately 1,670 feet east of the US-24 and Green Mountain Falls Road intersection.

US-Highway 24 is a four-lane divided roadway that provides two through lanes in each direction, eastbound and westbound, with a 55 mile per hour speed limit throughout the study area. Eastbound and westbound US-24 are separated by an approximate 100 -foot wide grass median at the access location. The project site has an existing unpaved driveway with direct access to US Hwy 24. The driveway serves multiple buildings on the subject parcel of land as well as an unpaved surface parking lot. The site area, land uses, and roadway network surrounding the site are shown in Figure 2.

The T-intersection of US-24 Westbound and the project access is unsignalized with stop control on the southbound access approach and is restricted to right-in/right-out movements only for turns to and from US-24. Westbound US-24 includes two through lanes, with the outside lane serving as a shared through/right turn lane. Additionally, an acceleration lane along westbound US-24 does not exist at this access location. An existing lane configurations figure for the access intersection is attached as Figure 3.

The future Green Mountain Falls Church plans to have one Sunday morning service beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding at 12:00 PM. Based on the anticipated service time,

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existing peak hour turning movement counts were conducted at the study key intersection of 10460 W Hwy 24 Westbound right-in/right-out access intersection on Sunday, June 9, 2019 during the anticipated peak arrival and departure hours. Turning Movement Counts were conducted in 15-minute intervals from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the 10460 W Hwy 24 right-in/right-out access intersection. Existing turning movement counts are illustrated in Figure 4 with count sheets attached as well.

## Unspecified Development Traffic Growth

According to information provided on the CDOT transportation information website, the 20year growth factor along US-24 in the vicinity of the project is 1.26 . This equates to an annual growth rate of approximately 1.16 percent. US-24 traffic information from the CDOT Online Transportation Information System (OTIS) website is attached. Due to this, a rounded annual growth rate of 1.25 percent was used to calculate future through traffic volumes along US-24. No additional traffic volume growth is expected into or out of the proposed site area using the access. The annual growth rate was used to estimate near term 2020 and long term 2040 traffic volume projections at the key intersection. Background traffic volumes for 2020 and 2040 are shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectively.

## Trip Generation

Site-generated traffic estimates are determined through a process known as trip generation. Rates and equations are applied to the proposed land use to estimate traffic generated by the development during a specific time interval. The acknowledged source for trip generation rates is the Trip Generation Manual published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). ITE has established trip rates in nationwide studies of similar land uses. Trip generation is based on the ITE Trip Generation, $10^{\text {th }}$ Edition (most current edition) average rate equations for Church (ITE Code 560) for traffic associated with this development. Trip generation was calculated for the church based on the anticipated number of seats in the worship space. The following Table 1 summarizes the anticipated trip generation for the proposed redevelopment (trip generation calculations are attached). Project generated traffic volumes are identified on a Sunday daily basis as well as on for the anticipated Sunday service peak arrival and departure hours.

Table 1 - Green Mountain Falls Church Traffic Generation

| Land Use |  | Peak Arrival Hour |  |  | Peak Departure Hour |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Daily | In | Out | Total | In | Out | Total |
| Church (ITE 560) - 500 Seats | 606 | 132 | 0 | 132 | 0 | 138 | 138 |

As summarized in the table, the proposed Green Mountain Falls Church is anticipated to generate 606 Sunday daily trips with 132 trips into the site during the arriving peak hour and 138 trips out of the site during the departing peak hour on Sundays. It was assumed that no trips would occur into or out of the project site during the actual church service.

## Distribution, Assignment, and Total Traffic

Distribution of site traffic was based on the area street system characteristics, existing traffic patterns and volumes, and the proposed access system for the project. The directional distribution of traffic is a means to quantify the percentage of site-generated traffic that

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approaches the site from a given direction and departs the site back to the original source. The project traffic was distributed and assigned to the project access intersection along westbound US-24. Since US-24 is a divided highway with a 100 -foot wide grass median separating the opposing lanes of traffic, all project traffic will arrive to and depart from the project site along westbound US-24. Arriving eastbound project traffic is anticipated to conduct a U-turn movement at the intersection of US-24 and Lucky 4 Road located approximately 1,800 -foot east of the project site, in order to access the right-in/right-out restricted access. Similarly, eastbound destined project traffic departing from the project site is anticipated to U-turn at the intersection of US-24 and Green Mountain Falls Road located approximately 1,670 -foot west of the project site to proceed eastbound on US-24 back to their original source.

Figure 7 illustrates the expected trip distribution for the proposed Green Mountain Falls Church. Traffic assignment was obtained by applying the project trip distribution from Figure 7 to the estimated traffic generation of the development shown in the trip generation table. The traffic assignment is shown in Figure 8. Site traffic volumes were added to the 2020 and 2040 background volumes to represent estimated build-out year and long-term traffic conditions. These total traffic volumes for the site are illustrated in Figure 9 and Figure 10.

## Traffic Operations Analysis

Kimley-Horn's analysis of traffic operations in the site vicinity was conducted to determine potential capacity deficiencies at the project key intersections for the 2020 build-out and 2040 long term horizon of the proposed Green Mountain Falls Church. The acknowledged source for determining overall capacity is the Highway Capacity Manual'.

Capacity analysis results are listed in terms of Level of Service (LOS). LOS is a qualitative term describing operating conditions a driver will experience while traveling on a particular street or highway during a specific time interval. It ranges from A (very little delay) to F (long delays and congestion). For intersections and roadways in this study area, typical traffic study practice identifies overall intersection LOS D and movements or approaches LOS E as the minimum thresholds for acceptable operations. The following Table 2 shows the definition of level of service for signalized and unsignalized intersections.

Table 2 - Level of Service Definitions

| Level of <br> Service | Signalized Intersection <br> Average Total Delay <br> (sec/veh) | Unsignalized Intersection <br> Average Total Delay <br> (sec/veh) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | $\leq 10$ | $\leq 10$ |
| B | $>10$ and $\leq 20$ | $>10$ and $\leq 15$ |
| C | $>20$ and $\leq 35$ | $>15$ and $\leq 25$ |
| D | $>35$ and $\leq 55$ | $>25$ and $\leq 35$ |
| E | $>55$ and $\leq 80$ | $>35$ and $\leq 50$ |
| F | $>80$ | $>50$ |

Definitions provided from the Highway Capacity Manual, Sixth Edition, Transportation Research Board, 2016.

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## US-24 Westbound Access LOS

The T-intersection of the existing westbound US-24 right-in/right-out access is unsignalized with stop control on the southbound access approach due to the absence of an acceleration lane along westbound US-24 for free right turn movements. This project access is located approximately 1,670 feet east of the US-24 and Green Mountain Falls Road intersection (measured center to center). With this configuration and control in the opening year of 2020 as well as the long-term 2040 horizon, the southbound right turn movement at this access intersection is anticipated to operate with acceptable level of service during the Sunday morning peak hours of generator assuming the stop control on this approach remains. Table 3 provides the results of the level of service at this intersection.

Table 3 - US-24 Westbound Right-In/Right-Out Access LOS Results

| Scenario | Sunday Arrival Peak Hour |  | Sunday Departure Peak Hour |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Delay (sec/veh) | LOS | $\begin{gathered} \text { Delay } \\ \text { (sec/veh) } \end{gathered}$ | LOS |
| 2019 Existing <br> Southbound Right Turn | 11.2 | B | 0.0 | A |
| 2020 Background Southbound Right Turn | 11.2 | B | 0.0 | A |
| 2020 Total <br> Southbound Right Turn | 12.6 | B | 19.4 | C |
| 2040 Background Southbound Right Turn | 12.0 | B | 0.0 | A |
| 2040 Total <br> Southbound Right Turn | 14.1 | B | 28.0 | D |

## Project Access and CDOT Access Permits

Direct access to the site will be provided from westbound US-24 at the existing right-in/rightout access located approximately 1,670 feet east of the US-24 and Green Mountain Falls Road intersection.

The threshold for requiring an access permit along CDOT roadways occurs when project traffic is anticipated to increase access traffic volumes by more than 20 percent over existing. Based on traffic projections, the addition of Church traffic at the intersection of westbound US-24 right-in/right-out access is anticipated to increase traffic volumes by more than 20 percent; therefore, it is believed that an access permit will be required by CDOT for this existing access intersection in association with this project.

Since US-24 is a state owned and maintained facility, it is recommended that auxiliary turn lanes along US-24 be constructed in accordance with the current CDOT State Highway Access Code (SHAC). CDOT categorizes the segment of US-24 through the study area as E-X: Expressway. According to the State Highway Access Code for category E-X roadways, the following thresholds apply:

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- A left turn deceleration lane and taper with storage length is required for any access with a projected peak hour left ingress turning volume greater than 10 vehicles per hour (vph).
- A right turn deceleration lane and taper is required for any access with a projected peak hour right ingress turning volume greater than 10 vph .
- A right turn acceleration lane and taper is required for any access with a projected peak hour right turning volume greater than 10 vph .

Based on traffic projections and the above thresholds, auxiliary turn lane requirements were calculated for the westbound US-24 right-in/right-out project access intersection. US-24 provides two through lanes of travel in each direction and has a posted speed limit of 55 miles within the study area. Additionally, US-24 is a divided highway with a 100 -foot wide grass median separating the opposing lanes of traffic. As such, turn lane requirements at the study area access intersection along westbound US-24 are as follows:

- An eastbound left turn deceleration lane is not warranted as this intersection is restricted to right-in/right-out movements only.
- A westbound acceleration lane from the southbound right turn is warranted based on projected 2020 background plus project traffic being 138 southbound right turns during the peak hour and the threshold being 10 vph . Since US-24 has a category of $\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{X}$, the acceleration lane requirement is acceleration length plus bay taper length. Based on a speed limit of 55 mph , the total required southbound to westbound right turn acceleration length is 1,180 feet (a 960 -foot acceleration length plus a 220 -foot taper length, 18.5 to 1 ratio). There is an existing driveway for Leggett's RV Storage located approximately 825 feet west of the project site access. Therefore, it is recommended that a continuous right turn auxiliary lane be constructed from the right-in/right-out project access to this RV Storage lot driveway for approximately 825 feet with striping to include deceleration and acceleration turn lanes. However, it is important to note that SHAC standards aren't met for combination auxiliary acceleration/deceleration turn lane lengths, it isn't certain if a right turn deceleration lane is warranted for the RV storage facility.
- A westbound right turn deceleration lane is warranted based on projected 2020 background plus project traffic being 133 westbound right turns during the peak hour and the threshold being 10 vph . Since US-24 has a category of E-X, the right turn lane requirement is a deceleration length plus taper length. Based on a speed limit of 55 mph , the required total westbound right turn deceleration length is 820 feet (a 600 feet deceleration lane plus a 220 -foot taper length, with 18.5 to 1 ratio).

Based on the results of the intersection operational and turn lane queuing analysis, the recommended lane configurations and control of the study key intersections is shown in Figure 11.

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## Recommendations and Conclusions

Based on the analysis presented in this report, Kimley-Horn believes Green Mountain Falls Church, proposed within the existing building located at 10460 West Highway 24 in Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, will be successfully incorporated into the existing and future roadway network. The proposed project development resulted in the following recommendations and conclusions:

- The addition of project traffic at the existing westbound US-24 right-in/right-out project access is anticipated to increase traffic volumes by more than 20 percent over existing; therefore, it is believed that CDOT will require an access permit in association with this project. An Access Permit Application was prepared for the access intersection as part of this project for submittal to CDOT.
- Based on the State Highway Access Code (SHAC) guidelines, a westbound acceleration lane from the southbound right turn and a westbound right turn deceleration lane are warranted at the existing right-in/right-out access intersection of westbound US-24. The total required westbound right turn deceleration length is 820 feet (a 600 feet deceleration lane plus a 220 -foot taper length, with an 18.5 to 1 ratio). The total required southbound to westbound right turn acceleration length is 1,180 feet (a 960 -foot acceleration length plus a 220 -foot taper length, 18.5 to 1 ratio). There is an existing driveway for Leggett's RV Storage located approximately 825 feet west of the project site driveway. Therefore, it is recommended that a continuous right turn auxiliary lane be constructed from the right-in/right-out access to this RV Storage lot entrance.
- Any on-site and off-site roadway improvements should be incorporated into the Civil Drawings and conform to standards of El Paso County, The Town of Green Mountain Falls, The Colorado Department of Transportation, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and the Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) - 2009 Edition.

If you have any questions or require anything further, please feel free to call me at (303) 228-2304.

Sincerely,
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Vice President


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GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS CHURCH
FIGURE 2
SURROUNDING SITE AREA


LEGEND
Study Area Key Intersection
Signalized Intersection
Stop Controlled Approach
Roadway Speed Limit

FIGURE 3


LEGEND
Study Area Key Intersection
Weekday AM(Midday)
Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

Estimated Sunday
Daily Traffic Volume


LEGEND
Study Area Key Intersection
Weekday AM(Midday)
Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

Daily Traffic Volume


LEGEND
Study Area Key Intersection
Weekday AM(Midday)
Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

Daily Traffic Volume


## LEGEND



Study Area Key Intersection




LEGEND
Study Area Key Intersection
Signalized Intersection
Stop Controlled Approach
Improvement
-100' Turn Lane Length (feet)
FIGURE 11

## Green Mountain Falls Church Traffic Projections:

| ROUTE | R | ENDREP | IENGIH | AADT | AADTYR | COUNTYEAR | PKIRK | OFFPKIRK | YR20FACTOR | DHN | AADTIRUCK | DVMI | VMI | LOCATION |
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| 024A | 285.843 | 289.538 | 3.668 | 26000 | 2018 | 2017 | 0.21 | 3.3 | 1.26 | 10 | 860 | 95368 | 95368 | ON SH 24 SE/ O SHERIDAN AVE WOODLAND PARK |
| 024A | 289.538 | 293.645 | 4.203 | 25000 | 2018 | 2018 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 1.24 | 11 | 660 | 105075 | 105075 | ON SH 24 SE/OUIE PASSAVE GREEN MOUNTAIN FAШS |

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## TRIP GENERATION MANUAL CALCULATIONS

ITE Trip Generation 10th Edition, Average Rate Equations
Land Use Code - Church (560)
Independant Variable - Seats (X)
Seats $=\quad 500$
$X=500.0$
T = Average Vehicle Trip Ends
Sunday (page 500-198)
$\mathrm{T}=1.21(\mathrm{X})$
$\mathrm{T}=1.21^{*} \quad 500.0$


Sunday - Peak Hour of Generator (page 500-199)
$\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{T}=0.54(\mathrm{X}) & \\ \mathrm{T}=0.54 \text { * } & 0.0\end{array}$
Directional Distribution: 49\% ent. 51\% exit.
T = $\quad \underline{270} \quad$ Average Vehicle Trip Ends
132 entering 138 exiting
$132+138=270$

| Intersection |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Major/Minor | Major2 | Minor2 |  |  |
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| Conflicting Flow All | - | 0 | - | 552 |
| Stage 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Critical Hdwy | - | - | - | 6.94 |
| Critical Hdwy Stg 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Critical Hdwy Stg 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Follow-up Hdwy | - | - | - | 3.32 |
| Pot Cap-1 Maneuver | - | - | 0 | 477 |
| Stage 1 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Platoon blocked, \% | - | - |  |  |
| Mov Cap-1 Maneuver | - | - | - | 477 |
| Mov Cap-2 Maneuver | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Approach | WB |  | SB |  |
| HCM Control Delay, s | 0 |  | . 6 |  |
| HCM LOS |  |  | B |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Minor Lane/Major Mvmt | WBR |  |  |  |
| Capacity (veh/h) | - | 77 |  |  |
| HCM Lane V/C Ratio |  |  |  |  |
| HCM Control Delay (s) |  | . 6 |  |  |
| HCM Lane LOS | - | B |  |  |
| HCM 95th \%tile Q(veh) |  | 0 |  |  |


| Intersection |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Intersection |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Int Delay, s/veh | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Movement | EBL | EBT | WBT | WBR | SBL | SBR |
| Lane Configurations |  |  | 个 |  |  |  |
| Traffic Vol, veh/h | 0 | 0 | 901 | 133 | 0 | 2 |
| Future Vol, veh/h | 0 | 0 | 901 | 133 | 0 | 2 |
| Conflicting Peds, \#/hr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sign Control | Free | Free | Free | Free | Stop | Stop |
| RT Channelized | - | None | - | None | - | None |
| Storage Length | - | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| Veh in Median Storage, $\#$ | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| Grade, \% | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| Peak Hour Factor | 92 | 92 | 84 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Heavy Vehicles, \% | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Mvmt Flow | 0 | 0 | 1073 | 266 | 0 | 4 |



| Intersection |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Major/Minor | Major2 | Minor2 |  |  |
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| Conflicting Flow All |  | 0 |  | 630 |
| Stage 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Critical Hdwy | - | - | - | 6.94 |
| Critical Hdwy Stg 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Critical Hdwy Stg 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Follow-up Hdwy | - | - | - | 3.32 |
| Pot Cap-1 Maneuver | - | - | 0 | 424 |
| Stage 1 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | 0 | - |
| Platoon blocked, \% | - | - |  |  |
| Mov Cap-1 Maneuver | - | - | - | 424 |
| Mov Cap-2 Maneuver | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Stage 2 | - | - | - | - |
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| Approach | WB |  | SB |  |
| HCM Control Delay, s | 0 |  | 28 |  |
| HCM LOS |  |  | D |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Minor Lane/Major Mvmt | BT WBR |  |  |  |
| Capacity (veh/h) |  | 24 |  |  |
| HCM Lane V/C Ratio | - - |  |  |  |
| HCM Control Delay (s) | - - | 28 |  |  |
| HCM Lane LOS | - - | D |  |  |
| HCM 95th \%tile Q(veh) | - - | 4.5 |  |  |

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