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June 7, 2012

Chris Beale
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City of Puyallup
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Re: Terragon Puyallup
Traffic Impact Analysis

Dear Mr. Beale:

The Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Traffic Engineering Division reviewed the Terragon Puyallup Traffic Impact Analysis and MDNS received on June 4th, 2012 that was provided for this project and have the following comments:


Prior to the issuance of the MDNS for this project, Pierce County was not afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed development and its impact on the County road network. Given the size of the proposed project, there is insufficient information contained in the traffic impact analysis and MDNS checklist to adequately determine that this project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the County roadway system. In specific, the traffic impact analysis provided for the development did not contain an intersection capacity and delay analysis for the intersection of Valley Avenue East at Freeman Road East. The traffic impact analysis that was provided to our office indicates this development will contribute 638 daily trips and 56 pm peak hour trips through this intersection. Based upon previous traffic analysis conducted for this intersection, and combined with the proposed new vehicle trips, this intersection will be negatively impacted by the proposed development. In order to mitigate this impact, Pierce County requests the developer improve Valley Avenue East by increasing from one eastbound through lane to two eastbound through lanes at the intersection while maintaining the existing shoulder width. This widening will create an additional eastbound through lane at the intersection and tie into the existing two eastbound through lanes located approximately 550 feet to the east on Valley Avenue. This additional lane will increase the capacity of the intersection and work well with the newly constructed City of Fife project that widened Valley Avenue East west of Freeman Road East.



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If you should have any questions regarding these comments please contact Brian Churchill, P.E.
at (253) 798-2259 or me at (253) 798-2275.

Sincerely,



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County Traffic Engineer

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