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**Re: [#2023123] - Mountain Rd. Rehab Facility**

Margaret:

Transmitted herewith is an electronic copy of the FINAL Traffic Impact Study for your review and approval of the Referenced project. I have addressed your comments in your letter dated August 26, 2024 as follows:

**Comment 1:** Can you create a bar graph of total crashes at I-25 SB and Mountain similar to the graph below? Please include disregarded traffic signal as part of the breakdown. 2013-2022 data. I can provide summary data if your team doesn't have it. I need more documentation of decreased crash severity and overall crash numbers.

**Response:** Complied with comment.

**Comment 2:** Please include breakdown summary by crash time to include K (Killed), A (incapacitated carried from scene), B (visible injury), C (complaint of injury but not visible), and O (No apparent injury).

**Response:** Complied with comment.

**Comment 3:** Page 3 – The original request was one access on Mountain OR full access via Embassy Suites easement. The request is now three access points. NMDOT recommends access to be limited to one access point. Please provide additional support for request of three access points.

**Response:** The proposed right-in, right-out driveway on Mountain Rd. (Driveway "B" in the Traffic Study / Safety Study) is located approximately 300 feet west of the I-25 W. Frontage Rd. Thus it meets the minimum criteria established in the City of Albuquerque's Development Process Manual (DPM) in Table 7.4.45 (Minimum Distance Between Commercial Site Access and Intersection) and Table 7.4.46 (Maximum Number of Commercial Site Access Points per Site). It seems prudent to assume that the tables in the City of Albuquerque DPM require the spacing of access for the primary purpose of providing safe access to a project. Therefore, we maintain that the proposed driveway on Mountain Rd. is safe and the developer desires the driveway to serve their facility. Additionally, Mountain Rd. is classified as a collector roadway on the Mid-Region Council of Governments' Futures 2040 Long Range Roadway System Map. As a collector road with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, the proposed Driveway "B" also meets the NM DOT's criteria (Table 18.C-1 – Access Spacing Standards for Intersections and Driveways) for minimum driveway spacing.

**Comment 4:** Page 4 – How is the development accommodating bicycle traffic on Mountain?

**Response:** The revised site plan shows that the bicycle lane on Mountain Rd. will be striped along the frontage of the project.

**Comment 5:** Page 32- Please provide site plan with access spacing labeled from proposed access to I-25 Southbound FR and Woodward.

**Response:** Complied with comment (see Appendix Page A-3).

**Comment 6:** Various – remove all horizon year references.

**Response:** Complied with comment.

I believe that this should address all of your comments in your August 26, 2024 letter.

Please call me if you have questions.

Best Regards,

*Terry O. Brown*

Terry O. Brown, P.E.

Cc: Curtis Cherne, City of Albuquerque Transp. Development w/attachment

Transmittal as noted