



January 4, 2024

Mr. Matt Grush, P.E.  
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Re: ABB Expansion; Traffic Impact Study Comment Response Letter

Dear Mr. Grush:

Thank you for the Traffic Impact Study review comments memo dated November 21, 2023 for the ABB Expansion project. The purpose of this letter is to provide responses to the comments to assist the City of Albuquerque with review of the traffic study.

**Comment #1:** The 2025 Implementation Year AM peak hour traffic volume for the westbound right turn movement at the Bluewater East Access to the development traffic exceeds the City's warrant threshold for right turn lanes, see COA DPM Table 7.4.67 Turn Lane Warrants. Assess the available Right-of-Way for a westbound right turn lane at the East Access. Provide a recommendation for the right-turn lane geometry that will fit within the available ROW. The City is willing to accept a reduced length if the existing ROW is limited. A sidewalk easement may be required.

**Response:** The report was updated with a westbound right turn lane at the Bluewater Road East Access. This westbound right turn lane is recommended to be constructed to a maximum length of 100 feet with an 80-foot taper to fit within the existing ROW.

**Comment #2:** The eastbound right-turn lane on Bluewater approaching Coors Blvd. should be reconstructed extending and removing the taper transition to the turn-lane. The left-turn lane for this approach should be extended. The development contributes a small percentage to these movements. The future reconstruction, no project currently planned, of the right-turn lane will not be the responsibility of the development except any pavement striping/markings, and signs required due to the reconstruction. The City asks the developer to provide infrastructure improvements at their expense for the restriping and required signs for the existing right and left turn lanes.

**Response:** This will be a city planned project. However, the updated study shows the recommended turn lane length based on city standards.

**Comment #3:** The Bluewater westbound approach to Unser left-turn lane should be extended.

**Response:** Extension of the westbound left turn lane at the Bluewater Road and Unser Boulevard is recommended in the current traffic study. This will only require a striping modification.

If there are any additional questions or if anything else is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

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