



Via Email

October 7, 2019

Wayne Platte Jr., Chairman
City of Kingston Planning Board
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

*Re: The Kingstonian – Review of Traffic Impact Study
9-21 North Front Street
City of Kingston, Ulster County, New York*

Dear Mr. Platte:

HVEA Engineers reviewed the following documents associated with the proposed Kingstonian project:

- Traffic Impact Study, prepared by Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP dated July 23, 2019

Having reviewed the document provided we find the same to be consistent with current standards and guidelines regarding applied methodology. While we concur in general with the Conclusions and Recommendations offered in Chapter V (page 32), we offer the following as confirmation of proposed mitigation of potential traffic impacts:

1. The closure of Fair Street Extension is a critical component of the proposed development. It has been adequately demonstrated that this action shall have no significant adverse traffic impact on the adjacent roadway network.
2. We defer to the City's Planning Department regarding parking requirements under existing and proposed conditions.
3. We agree that the projected overall operating conditions at the Washington Avenue/Hurley Avenue/Schwenk Drive intersection may be improved via a review and revision of prevailing timing parameters and/or phasing.

4. The reactivation of the signal at Schwenk Drive/Fair Street Extension/Kingston Plaza intersection should be made a condition of project approval. The safe and efficient passage of project related traffic is dependent upon this mitigation action.
5. We concur that the operating conditions at both the Clinton Avenue/John Street and Clinton Avenue/Westbrook Lane may be improved via signalization and we agree that any such assessment should incorporate the signal operation at Clinton Avenue/Albany Street.
6. Again, we defer to the City's planning group for an evaluation of the proposed off-street deliveries and refuse collection.
7. We agree that the DRI initiative shall result in poor operating conditions at the Clinton Avenue/Main Street intersection (LOS F on Main Street) and concur that this condition may be improved via signalization.

In addition to the above, we suggest the following:

- a. The applicant be required to undertake an assessment of sight lines at the southern garage ramp on Schwenk Drive demonstrate conformance with current standards.
- b. In lieu of the "relocation" of the flashing beacon at N. Front Street/Wall Street consideration should be given to a 3-Color signal to better facilitate the safe and efficient flow of traffic at the proposed ingress to the development.

We trust this letter adequately conveys HVEA's review of the Traffic Impact Study. Please contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Suzanne Cahill
Planning Director