

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION Office of the Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board

AGENDA ITEM #8

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

Donald K. Cochran, Director

FROM:

Terry H. Brooks, Program Coordinator

Office of the Director of Farks

SUBJECT: Maryland Community Baseball -Silver Spring / Takoma Thunderbolts Proposal for

Phase II Improvements to Create a Stadium Baseball Field at Blair Senior High

School

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

BACKGROUND:

On January 29, 2001 Maryland Community Baseball, Inc. (MCB) a non-profit 501 (c)3 Tax-Exempt corporation submitted a formal proposal and use agreement to reserve baseball league game dates to use the Blair High School baseball field. MCB owns the franchise rights to a team under the name Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts in the Clark Griffith Collegiate Baseball League (CGCBL). (see Thunderbolts Brochure summary-attachment # 1)

The League recruits the top collegiate baseball players to play a 40 game schedule from May through July each year. MCB has been formed to promote youth baseball in the Silver Spring / Takoma Park Area, improve local baseball fields in the Down County area and provide youth scholarship opportunities.

On March 23, 2001 the Montgomery County Planning Board granted MCB conditional approval to enter a two phased baseball field use and facility improvements agreement with the Park and Planning Commission.

The Planning Board conditions for approval included:

- (1) Allowing MCB to proceed to implement their Phase I development proposal for the Blair Senior High School Ballfield;
- (2) Granted a one year use agreement allowing MCB to use the Blair Senior High School Ballfield for their scheduled league games;
- (3) Allowed MCB to raise funds to develop a baseball stadium facility at their own risk and expense;
- (4) Prohibited MCB to proceed to develop their proposed 710 seat stadium Phase II development proposal without: (a) completing a traffic study which determined there would be no adverse impact upon surrounding streets as a result of the proposed development as defined by the Montgomery County Council's guidelines for donations on public property; and
- (5) Required MCB's Phase II proposal must be approved by the Montgomery County Council prior to executing their request for a 20 year lease agreement.

The Commission supported MCB last year in their efforts to request State Bond funding and again this year (see attachment # 2).

Project Development Update:

MCB has operated under the Phase I development portion of this agreement for approximately one year. MCB has received an annually allotted number of reserved ballfield dates at Blair High School from the Park Permits Office in exchange for their development of the proposed ballfield improvements.

Over the course of the past year MCB has also developed limited ballfield improvement pursuant to their approved Phase I ballfield use agreement. MCB has installed a new knee wall and safety

netting and padding behind home plate. MCB has also contributed approximately \$ 3,000 in building material for the construction of dugouts as well.

The second phase of MCB's proposal requests the Commission to enter into a 20 year lease with the Commission, allow them to spend \$200,000 to erect a 710 stadium style seats and allow MCB to use the Blair High School baseball field as a home team stadium.

In order to develop and use the proposed 710 stadium style seats MCB was required to retain the services of a transportation consultant and conduct a Local Area Transportation Review (LATR)-type analysis of the affects of the introduction of a 710 seat stadium facility on the surrounding roadways. The Commission's Transportation Planning staff have reviewed MCB's consultant's findings and concur with the finding that there are no increased adverse traffic congestion affects resulting from the development of the stadium. (see attachment #3)

Basic License Agreement Terms:

A few of the key ballfield use license agreement terms are:

MCB will improve the existing baseball field by funding and creating a baseball stadium. Proposed improvements include the construction of: (a) 710 stadium seats; (b) dugouts; MCB has requested to use the Blair High School baseball field for a total of 26 games or 52 game slots each year for their league home games. c) a kneewall; (d) safety netting; (e) a concession stand/announcer's booth, requesting the right to sell food and souvenirs; (f) a sound system; (g) enhanced lighting; and (h) a scoreboard. The estimated cost to develop the facility is \$ 200,000.

Ballfield Maintenance-

MCB is requesting no more than our normal level of standard ballfield maintenance for their operations. MCB has also made a commitment to pay the Commission for any additional service requests above and beyond our normal ballfield maintenance standards per our standard fee payments for ballfield use for services schedule.

Project Funding-

The initial \$200,000 budget required to fund the development of the project is and support the continued operations of the facility are proposed to be funded from a combination of County Bonds, corporate donations, concession sales, stadium style seat sales and sponsorship banners erected on the outfield fence.

Ballfield Schedule Fees-

MCB also proposes to pay the established fee of seventy dollars (\$ 70.00) per game to rent the field. MCB is requesting no more than normal maintenance for their fee payment.

General Public Benefits & Community Outreach:

MCB met with and obtained local community support for their project from the Woodmore Civic Association who's members reside immediately adjacent to Blair High School.

MCB proposes the upgraded facility to be available for high school teams, youth baseball teams and men's and women's leagues throughout the year. MCB is also requesting the Planning Board's approval to allow them the latitude to have less than the required two thirds minimum of Montgomery County residents on their team.

The Thunderbolts recruit the top collegiate players from across the country to play in June and July. This year the Thunderbolts have sent out 85 recruitment letters to college baseball coaches across the country and recruited and signed six (6) players who live in the state of Maryland (3 of which live in Montgomery County). In September 2000 MCB also initiated a local recruitment program by sending recruitment letters to seven local four year and two year college baseball coaches. MCB will also be conducting baseball team tryouts for an additional 5 slots in Montgomery County on April 29th for local players as well.

MCB has also met with both the Montgomery County Recreation Department as well as other league user groups in order to avoid conflicts in play dates at Montgomery Blair High school such as: The Ponce DeLeon League, Montgomery County's Women's Baseball League, the Washington Area Men's Baseball League and Montgomery County Men's Senior Baseball League.

Montgomery County Council Public Agency Donations Policy Compliance:

Two years ago the Montgomery County Council (MCC) adopted a policy governing the terms and conditions by which private donations for capital projects on public property must be reviewed and evaluated. The MCC allows donations, but has placed their public review threshold on capital projects which affects 2 or more of the following conditions: (1) of at least \$100,000 in value; (2) has an annual operating budget impact equal to or greater than 10% of capital cost and /or (3) generates at least 25 vehicle trips during the peak one hour period in the vicinity of the project, (4) contains a lease period of 20 years or more. 11

Staff has reviewed MCB's proposed two phased project proposal and found the first phase to be in compliance with MCC's donations policy. MCB's proposed Phase II project will require MCC review.(i.e. items 1 and 4 above).

M-NCPPC Public / Private Partnership Guidlines:

On March 8, 1996 The Commission adopted guidelines for the review and evaluation of both solicited and unsolicited proposals for the use of park property. The development guidelines required, among other things, an identification of the entity making the proposal, a description of the proposal in sufficient detail to evaluate the proposed project and a budget with a plan of action on how the project was to be developed. Staff has reviewed MBC's proposal and supports the second phase of the proposed project as being in compliance with the Commission's Public / Private Development Guidelines.

Legal Agreement Review::

The Commission's Legal staff have reviewed MCB's proposed 20 year use license agreement. Legal staff has been working with MCB and has approved a modified draft license agreement. The license agreement will serve as the basis for the possible execution of a 20 year lease agreement with MCB.

The final approval of a lease agreement with MCB will be subject to the normal terms and conditions executed with similar leases covering such areas as liability, compliance with facility construction standards, and facility use, management and maintenance terms and conditions.

Legal staff is fully prepared to execute the appropriate agreement documents subject to Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve MCB's request for their Phase II project to develop the baseball field into a baseball stadium facility at Blair High School as described in this memorandum by allowing the staff to execute a 20 year use license agreement with MCB subject to County Council approval.

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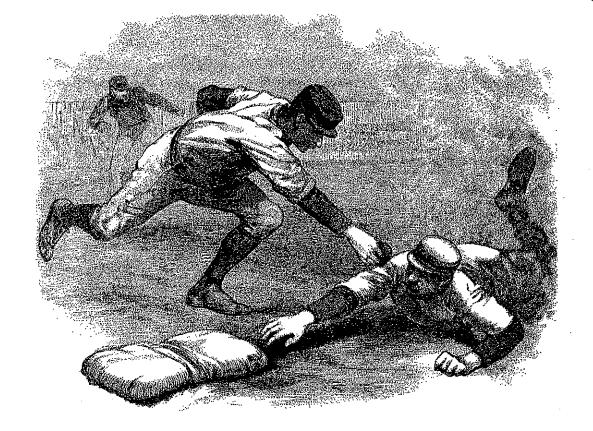


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Welcome to the second season of the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts. The Thunderbolts and Maryland Community Baseball, Inc. (MCB) are proud to bring quality wooden bat baseball to the Silver Spring-Takoma Park community. The organization is thrilled to make Blair Stadium our new permanent home. The upgrade to the field this winter has produced one of the finest playing surfaces in the Metropolitan Washington area and this is only the beginning. The Thunderbolts plan on building a 710-seat community baseball stadium and improving the area surrounding the stadium. Profits from our baseball games will help to provide youth baseball clinics, assist in restoration and maintenance of local ballfields and establish a scholarship program.

MCB has recently been designated as a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service. All donations to MCB are tax deductible. I hope that you will become involved in Thunderbolts Baseball by volunteering at a game, purchasing a seat plaque, hosting a player next summer or donating to our program. Please support our sponsors and advertisers. Let them know that you saw their ad or sponsor's logo each time you patronize their business. The Thunderbolts are your community baseball team for the Silver Spring-Takoma Park area. Thank you for coming tonight and enjoy the thrill and excitement of wooden bat baseball in our own backyard. I look forward to your comments on our activities this season.

Sincerely,

Richard O'Connor

President and Founder

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THUNDERBOLTS 2001 ROSTER

HEAD COACH



Fred Rodriguez

Fred is a graduate of Northwestern High School and East Carolina University. The Chicago Cubs drafted him in 1966. Fred has taught in Prince George's County for 31 years. He is the former head baseball coach at Bowie State and enters his fourth year as assistant coach at Riverdale Baptist High School. Fred is a member of the Washington D.C. Homeplate Club Hall of Fame and received the "Brick Neuman" Award for contributions to youth baseball in 1999.



ASSISTANT COACHES



Jeff Palumbo

Jeff is the Associate Athletic Director at DeMatha Catholic High School. He was the head baseball coach at Bowie State University from 1992 - 1997. He has served since 1991 as the Director of the Bowie Babe Ruth Baseball program and played baseball at Bowie High School and High Point University. He resides in Bowie with his wife Theresa and has four sons.



Chris Smith

Chris teaches in the Fairfax County school system and finished his third year as the coach of the freshman baseball team at DeMatha Catholic High School. He has also coached baseball at Pallotti High School, Bowie State University, Prince George's County Babe Ruth League and Greenbelt American Legion Association. Chris resides in Herndon, Virginia with his wife Amy.



Nick Adams

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky College: Eastern Kentucky University Stats: 6'0", 185 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Nick graduated from Bryan Station High School in Lexington, Kentucky. In 2000 he was named to the All-City team. He had a 0.92 ERA his senior year in high school. He plans to major in broadcasting and electronic media.



Travis Brown

Hometown: Brandon, Florida College: University of South Florida Stats: 5'10", 180 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Travis graduated from Bloomingdale High School in Brandon, Florida. His senior year he was selected to the All-County Team, and high school MVP. He is a business major.



Tony Cardone

Hometown: Shreveport, Louisiana College: Centenary College Stats: 5'9", 175 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Tony graduated from Southwood High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was named to the All-District team his senior year, played all four years as a starter, and his senior year was a member of the state championship runner-up team. He is majoring in business.





Scott Carmichael

Hometown: Orlando, Florida College: University of Central Florida Stats: 6'0", 175 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Scott graduated from University High School in Orlando, Florida. He played varsity all four years in high school and played on seven AAU teams that went to national tournaments. He is a computer science major.



Eric Cloninger

Hometown: Denver, North Carolina College: Liberty University Stats: 5'11", 185 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Eric graduated from East Lincoln High School in Denver, North Carolina. He lettered his four years in high school, batted .420 his senior year and was named for two years to the All-Conference Team. He is majoring in business administration.



Jason Connell

Hometown: Huntington, Maryland College: Hofstra University Stats: 6'3", 215 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Jason graduated from St. John's
College High School in Washington
D.C. In 1999 he was named to The
Washington Post All-Met team, and in
2000 was named to the Second Team
at 3rd base. He has played with the
Maryland Orioles, Calvert American
Legion and Riverdale Baptist High
School. He is undecided on a major.



Edward Cook

Hometown: Bowie, Maryland College: Hofstra University Stats: 5'10", 188 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Ed graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. As a freshman he had a batting average of .270 and received the Student Athlete Scholar Award. In 1999 he was selected as a High School "All American" by the Baseball Factory. He is a business major.



Joey Cress

Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina College: Wofford College

Stats: 5'10", 180 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Joey graduated from Vance High Scho®ä in Charlotte, North Carolina. He had a 0.86 ERA his senior year, holds his high school record for most wins, and Legion Post 321 record for most wins. He is majoring in education.



Dan Grybash

Hometown: Palatine, Illinois College: Western Illinois University Stats: 6'1", 205 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Dan graduated from Palatine High School in Palatine, Illinois. He was named to the league All-Star team and his senior year he had a 6-3 record as a pitcher. He is undecided on a major.



Travis Hill

Hometown: Rock Hill, South Carolina College: Presbyterian College Stats: 6'2", 180 lbs., Th: L, Bats: R

Travis graduated from Rock Hill High School. He was a member of the All-Area York County All-Star Team, and played last summer for the Monroe Bulldogs in Monroe, North Carolina. He is a physics and math major.



THUNDERBOLTS 2001 ROSTER



Michael Johnson

Hometown: Gnithersburg, Maryland College: University of Maryland at Baltimore County

Htata: 6'0", 195 lbs., Th: R, Bats: S

Mike graduated from Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was the Pitcher of the Year his senior year, selected to play for Tham Maryland 2000, posted a 1.43 ERA his senior year and played for American Legion Post 295. He is undecided on a major.



Jason Jones

Hometown: Pasadena, Maryland College: Liberty University Stats: 6'4", 215 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Juson graduated from Arlington
Baptist High School in Baltimore,
Maryland. He was named to the AllState All-Star Team his senior year,
First Team All-Conference Team his
junior year, and was named team
MVP his junior and senior years. He
is majoring in sports management.



John Lentz

Hometown: Manheim, Pennsylvania College: College of William and Mary Stats: 6'0", 190 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

John graduated from Manheim Central High School in Manheim, Pennsylvania. In 1999 and 2000 he was named All-State Honorable Mention, batted .507 in 2000, selected League All-Star in 1998, 1999 & 2000, received leading hitter award in 1999 and 2000. He is majoring in business.



Chris Morgan

Hometown: Cape Coral, Florida College: Presbyterian College Stats: 6'0", 165 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Chris graduated from Bishop Verot High School in Ft. Myers, Florida. In 1998 & 1999 he was named to the All-Conference team and was a member of the 2000 state high school runnerup team. He is majoring in secondary education.



Chris Page

Hometown: Plymouth, Massachusetts College: College of William and Mary Stats: 6'3", 190 lbs., Th: L, Bats: L

Chris graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was named to the League All-Star team his senior year, member of the AAU team which went to the NIT Tournament, varsity lettered for four years. He is taking a liberal arts program and is undecided as to a major.



Jeff Palumbo

Hometown: Bowie, Maryland College: George Mason University Stats: 5'9", 160 lbs., Th: R, Bats: S

Jeff graduated from St. John's College High School in Washington D.C. His senior year he was Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Player of the Year and selected to 1st team Washington Post All-Met Team. His senior year he batted .465. He started at second base this year at George Mason. He is undecided on a major. He is returning for his second season with the Thunderbolts.



Brian Prahl

Hometown: Peachtree City, Georgia College: Presbyterian College Stats: 6'3", 200 lbs., Th: R, Bats: L

Brian graduated from McIntosh High School in Peachtree City, Georgia. Brian has completed his second year at Presbyterian College and has a 338 college batting average. His senior year in high school he was named to the All-Region Team, MVP offensive player and finished with a 479 batting average. He is majoring in business administration and minoring in English.



Ben Snare

Hometown: Palatine, Illinois College: Lincoln Trail College Stats: 6'2", 192 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Ben graduated from Palatine High School in Palatine, Illinois. He was named to the All-Conference Team and was #3 all time hit leader for his high school. In 1999 he was selected to Northwest All-Star Team with a 408 batting average in high school. He is majoring in special education.



Garrett Weir

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York College: Seton Hall University Stats: 6'0", 175 lbs., Th: R, Bats: L

Garrett graduated from Canarsie
High School in Brooklyn, New York.
He was named his senior year to the
All New York All-Star Team, his
senior year had a .536 batting average
and played varsity all four years. He
is majoring in business and sports
management.



Jeff Whitfield

Hometown: Anderson, South Carolina College: Lander University Stats: 6'0", 205 lbs., Th: R, Bats: R

Jeff graduated from T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, South Carolina. His senior year he batted .397 and received Co-MVP and Offensive Player Award, named in 1998 to Preseason All-American team, ranked #3 catcher in state by High School Sports Reports, selected to South Carolina State Top 100 Showcase Team. He is majoring in exercise science and physiology.



Joe Wilson

Hometown: Fairfield, Connecticut College: St. John's University Stats: 6'3", 180 lbs., Th: L, Bats: L

Joe graduated from Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Connecticut. He has a current ERA of 1.73 and during high school threw two one-hitters, back-to-back. He is undecided on a major.

William Bradley

Hometown: University Park, MD College: West Virginia University Stats: 6'3", 180 lbs., Th: R, Bats: L

Matt Werts

Hometown: Wellsboro, Pennsylvania College: Millersville University Stats: 6'0", 175 lbs., Th: R, Bats: L

NEW FIELD AT BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

The first phase of a three part renovation of the Blair High School baseball field has been completed. During the winter, a new playing surface has been built, the field has been reoriented, a new irrigation system has been installed and a new backstop has been constructed. In addition, preliminary concrete work has been completed for new dugouts and a proposed 710-seat stadium. In June, 2000, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) assumed maintenance and ownership control over the baseball and softball fields at Blair. During the summer, large rocks and debris began to appear in the outfield. In September, MNCPPC decided that the field was too dangerous to play on for another season.

MNCPPC retained the services of Alpine Services, Inc, a national leader in ball field construction, for the renovation process. Alpine Services has recently completed renovation work at Coors Field (the home of the Colorado Rockies) and constructed the baseball fields used by the Bowie Baysox and Salisbury Shorebirds. Grove Teates, President of Alpine Services said, "We had to chisel plow the field because it was so tightly compacted. We found large chunks of rock, parts of tires, steel rods and wheel parts in the outfield. This was a very dangerous condition." The field required extensive roto tilling and sifting to remove all the debris. Alpine regraded the field using a state of the art laser transit and deposited sand and

compost to aerate the soil. A new automated sprinkler system and drainage system were installed. The final step was the installation of new sod.

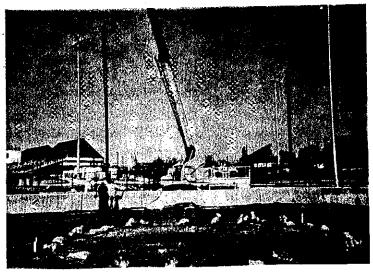
The pitcher's mound has been built using a special mound clay and the infield base paths and batter's box use a mix of martin limestone and vitrified clay. These materials were selected for durability and maintenance. Tim Moore, Ballfield Coordinator for Montgomery County stated, "The ballfield has been vastly improved and the key in the future is in the maintenance of the field. We have a committed maintenance staff at the Blair Field to ensure that this field remains one of the best fields in the county."

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts have contributed materials and manpower to construct a new backstop, fan friendly screening and demolition of the existing fencing and construction of a new perimeter fence. The Thunderbolts propose to build on the site a 710seat stadium, new dugouts, and concession stand/announcer's

booth, and to install ugraded lighting and a new scoreboard. The preliminary engineering and site preparation were completed in this first phase of the renovation. On March 22, 2001, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Thunderbolts' concept plan.

The Board conditioned final approval of the project on completion of a traffic analysis, coordination with neighborhood groups and completion of final engineering plans.

The Thunderbolts have launched a fund raising program to raise \$250,000 to build the new stadium. The T-bolts are selling permanent individualized plaques for seats in the stadium and sponsorship plaques for the dugouts and concession stand/ announcer's booth. Phase Two of the project will include construction of the dugout's and a portion of the new seating in Fall, 2001 with Phase Three completed in 2002. Sponsorship brochures can be obtained by calling 301-270-0598. Leave your name and address and a sponsorship form will be mailed to you.



Blair High School baseball field renovation



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Office of the Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board

March 5, 2002

The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee Maryland State Senate 3 West Miller Senate Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Howard P. Rawlings Chairman, House Appropriations Committee Room 130 Maryland House of Delegates Lowe House Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

> Re: Letter of Support for Senate Bill # 529, House Bill # 929

Dear Senator Hoffman and Delegate Rawlings:

I am writing on behalf of the Commission in support of Senate Bill 529 and House Bill 929, a request for a \$200,000 grant to the Board of Directors of Maryland Community Baseball, Inc.(MCB) for improvements to Blair Senior High School baseball stadium.

The Commission conducted a formal public hearing on this proposal and approved the concept presented by MCB.

The Commission shares and endorses MCB's objective to create new and improved baseball facility opportunities for our down county youth. MCB's proposal also creates a showcase for local collegiate level baseball games at reasonable prices at an easily accessible location while at the same time improving the quality of play and public spectator enjoyment by developing as a public donation several ballfield improvements on Commission property at Blair Senior High School (Blair).

Over the course of the past several years the growing need for baseball fields to accommodate the high demand among baseball field users in general, and baseball league participants in particular, has been inadequately served. This is especially true in the down county area of Montgomery County where available park ballfield sites are scarce to non-existent. The MCB proposal to upgrade the existing ballfield at Blair by providing future stadium style seats, dugouts, a score board, etc. provide both enhanced and extended ballfield play opportunities and therefore serve to support our public ballfield needs.

The Commission is in the process of negotiating a 20-year lease of the facility with MCB. The lease may allow MCB to lease several dates per year in support of league level play for home games, as well as accommodate nominal fees in support of facility development and/or ongoing maintenance and other public benefit programs such as youth baseball scholarships, etc.

MCB has also met with local community groups surrounding the field and other league teams using the field to discuss their project and address any conflicts between these groups as part of their lease negotiation considerations. It is my understanding that MCB has successfully addressed these issues.

In closing, I believe this is a very worthy project warranting positive consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Arthur Holmes, Jr

Chairman

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FACT SHEET

SENATE BILL #529 and HOUSE BILL # 929 CREATION OF A STATE DEBT- MONTGOMERY COUNTY-MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

BACKGROUND OF GRANTEE

- Maryland Community Baseball, Inc. (MCB) is a franchisee in the Clark Griffith Collegiate Baseball League (CGCBL)
- The 47-year-old league recruits top collegiate amateur baseball players to play a 42-game schedule every June and July
- MCB operates under the trade name Silver Spring/Takoma Thunderbolts. MCB is a community-based nonprofit corporation which promotes youth baseball in the Silver Spring/Takoma Park area, works to improve local baseball fields and plans to provide scholarship opportunities
- The organization is approved as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation by the IRS.

PROPOSED PROJECT

To date, the following have been built:

- Concrete knee wall
- · Pro-style, fan-friendly, netting
- Concrete pad for stands
- Dugouts (under construction)

To be built:

- 710-seat stadium
- Concession stand
- Announcers booth
- Upgrade to lighting system
- New sound system
- New scoreboard

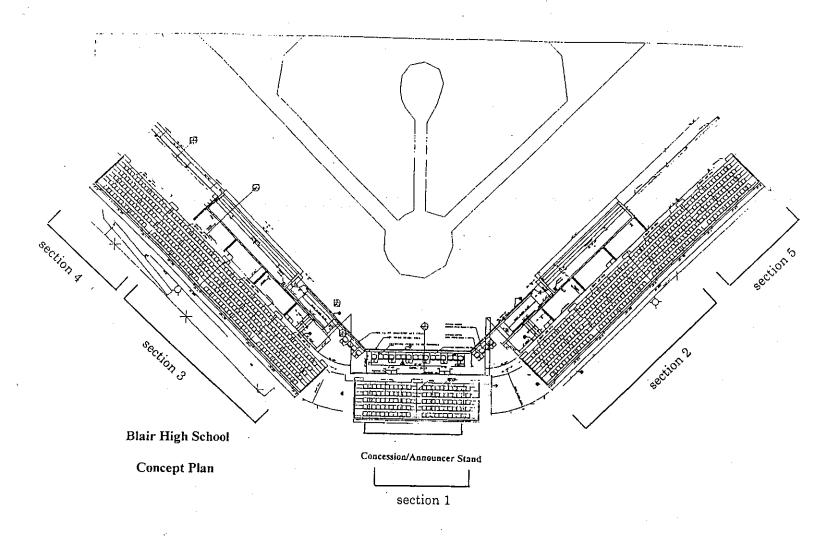
FACILITY USER GROUPS

- 17 league and divisions (high school teams, youth teams, and men's and women's leagues) use the baseball field
- Estimated that nearly 14,000 players and fans will use Blair field in 2002
- User number estimated to rise to over 25,000 players and fans in 2003

MATCHING FUNDS

- MNCPPC has spent approximately \$130,000 on stadium renovations which are available for match
- MCB has spent approximately \$5000 on stadium renovations
- MCB has an on-going capital fund-raising program selling seat plaques for seats in the stadium.







ATTACHMENT #3



April 23, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Terry Brooks, Special Projects Coordinator

Office of the Director of Parks

FROM:

Ronald C. Welke, Superviso

Transportation Planting

SUBJECT:

Silver-Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts Baseball Team's

Use of Blair High School Baseball Field

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts are a 501©(3) organization that sponsors a baseball team in the Clark-Griffith League. The players are college-eligible 18 to 20 year old boys. The team plays about 20 home games a year during the months of June, July and August at the Blair High School field. About half of the games are played on weekdays, and the rest are played on weekends, all starting around 7:00 p.m. The Thunderbolts are planning to expand the seating area at Blair High School from 200 to 710 seats.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) maintains and controls use of all public school fields in the County, including the field at Blair High School. Based on guidance from the County Council, a Local Area Transportation Review (LATR)-type traffic analysis is required in conjunction with the proposal to increase the seating capacity.

CONCLUSION

Transportation Planning staff has reviewed the traffic study prepared by Integrated Transportation Solutions, Inc. (ITS) and concurs with the conclusion that all local intersections studied will continue to operate within the congestion standard of 1,650 critical lane volume (for the Kensington-Wheaton policy area) during the peak hour of site traffic that coincides with the highest hour of street traffic, i.e. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Five intersections were studied, as follows:

- 1. Colesville Road (US 29) and University Boulevard (MD 193) South
- 2. Colesville Road (US 29) and University Boulevard (MD 193) North
- 3. University Boulevard (MD 193) and Lexington Drive (Eastbound)
- 4. University Boulevard (MD 193) and Lexington drive (Westbound)
- 5. University Boulevard (MD 193) and Williamsburg Drive

Existing traffic volumes were counted on June 19 and 20, 2001, in keeping with the schedule of when games are played. All intersections operate within the 1,650 congestion standard.

Based on the January 17, 2002 letter (attached) from Richard O'Connor, President of the Thunderbolts, the two teams arrive about three hours before game time and the spectators arrive from just before game time to 30 minutes after the game has started. Games start at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, team arrivals would occur before the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekday peak period. Traffic data for the 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. period was used as the peak hour of site activity, and 300 spectator vehicles were assumed to arrive during this one hour period. The direction of approach was based on the survey information summarized in Mr. O'Connor's letter.

All intersections were found to operate within the 1,650 congestion standard. Therefore, Transportation Planning staff concludes that the local traffic impact of the additional attendance at Thunderbolts baseball games can be accommodated on nearby intersections, as required in the LATR Guidelines.

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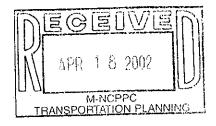


C. CRAIG HEDBERG

President

Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts

LOCAL AREA TRANSPORTATION REVIEW (LATR)



Prepared for

The Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts

April, 2002

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Γ)	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts Description of Operations

INTRODUCTION

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts baseball team is planning to expand the seating area at Blair High School, where the team plays about twenty (20) home games a year during the months of June, July, and August. Blair High School is located in the southeast quadrant of the Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) intersection, within the Kensington-Wheaton Policy Area (see Exhibit 1). The baseball field itself is situated in the eastern section of the Blair High School campus, and access to the field will be from the School driveway on University Boulevard opposite Williamsburg Drive.

The Silver Spring-Takoma Tunderbolts are a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes baseball, and includes as part of its mission sponsoring a team in the Clark-Griffith league. The players are college-eligible boys within the 18-20 age range. As stated in the Thunderbolts letter describing the operations (see Appendix D), about half of the 20 home games occur on weekdays, and the remaining games occur on weekends. The games generally start around 7:00 PM, with one to two games per week, although there could be as many as four games in one week.

The M-NCPPC maintains and controls usage of all fields in Montgomery County, including the field at Blair High School. Based on guidance from the Montgomery County Council, a Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) is required in conjunction with the proposal to increase the seating to approximately 710 seats.

The following traffic scenarios are examined in this analysis:

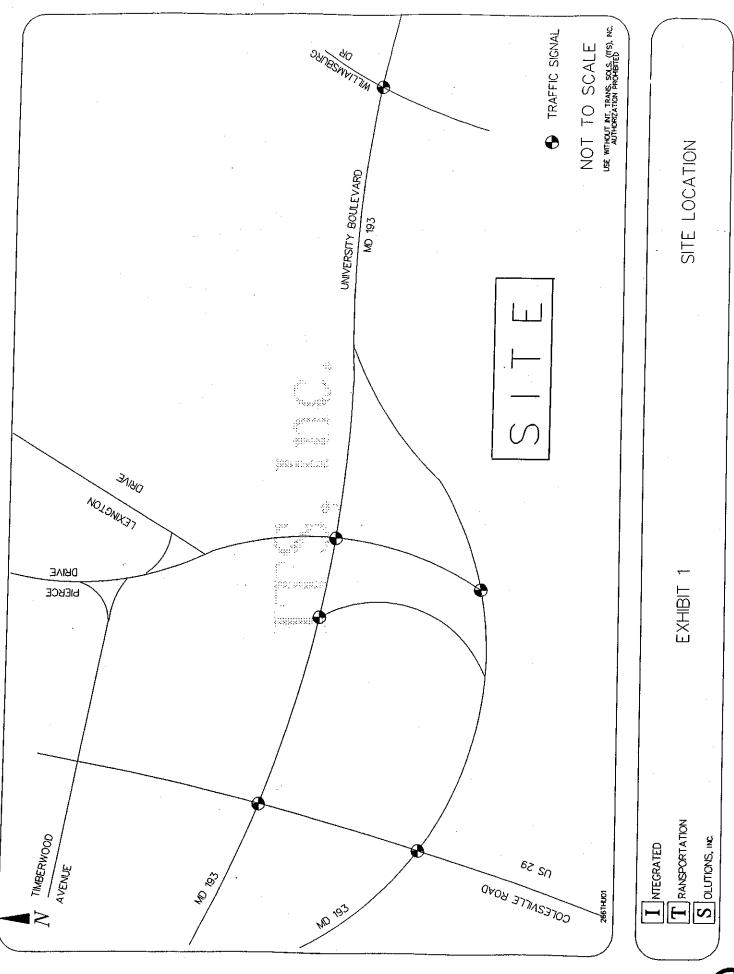
- a). Existing Traffic/Existing Roadway Network;
- b). Background Traffic/Existing Roadway Network;
- c). Total Traffic (i.e., w/ Site Developed)/Existing Roadway Network.

The analysis has shown that, based on the description of operations provided by the Thunderbolts, all intersections will operate within the Critical Lane Volume (CLV) standard shown in the Annual Growth Policy for the Kensington-Wheaton Policy Area (CLV = 1650).

EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

As seen in Exhibit 1, regional access to the site will be via Colesville Road (US 29) and University Boulevard (MD 193). A description of the roadway network in the vicinity of the site follows:

- 1. <u>Colesville Road (US 29)</u> is a six lane major highway which links the District of Columbia and points south with Montgomery County and Howard County to the north. The posted speed along US 29 in the vicinity of the site is 40 mph.
- 2. <u>University Boulevard (MD 193)</u> is a six lane major highway which links Kensington and the Wheaton CBD with Prince Georges County to the east. There is a wide median between the eastbound and westbound lanes of University Boulevard on the approaches to Colesville Road, sufficient to accommodate a church and retail establishments. There are signalized intersections on



MD 193 at US 29, Lexington Drive, and Williamsburg Drive. There are also traffic signals at the jug handles which accommodate left turns between Colesville Road and University Boulevard.

- 3. <u>Lexington Drive</u> is a two lane residential roadway which provides access to the Woodmoor Shopping Center at its southern end. The intersection of Lexington Drive/University Boulevard is signalized, facilitating access to eastbound and westbound University Boulevard.
- 4. <u>Williamsburg Avenue</u> is a residential street which aligns with the eastern driveway to Blair High School in the vicinity of the athletic fields. The intersection of Williamsburg Avenue/Blair High School driveway with University Boulevard is signalized.

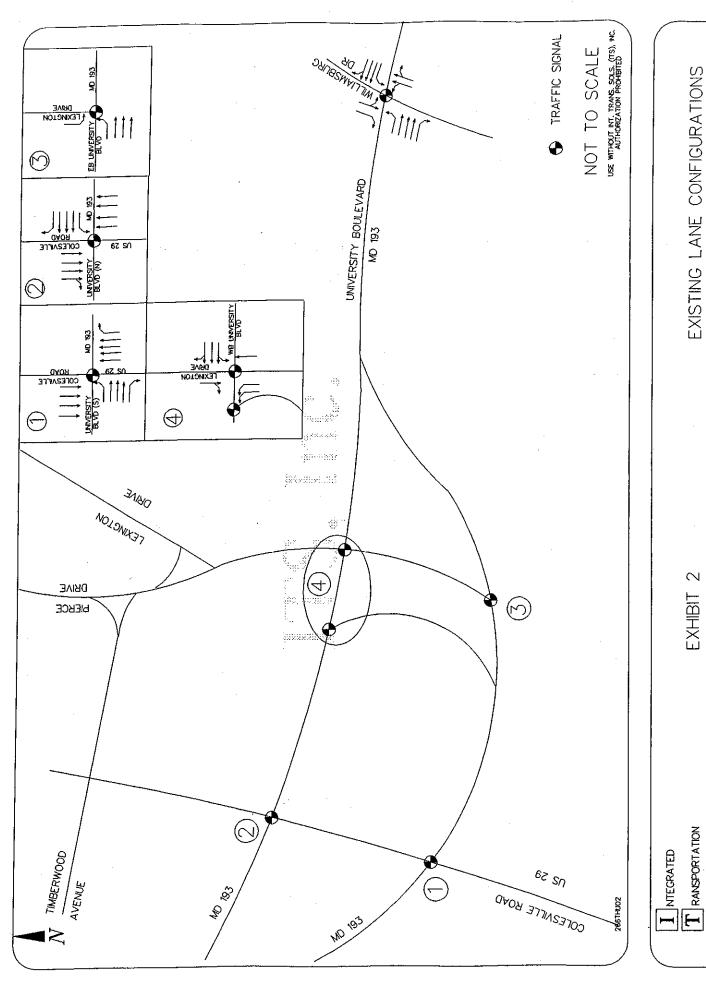
The M-NCPPC transportation staff indicated that the following intersections should be examined in this analysis:

- 1). Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard Eastbound {South}
- 2). Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard Westbound {North}
- 3). Eastbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive
- 4). Westbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive
- 5). University Boulevard (MD 193)/Williamsburg Drive

Existing lane configurations are presented in Exhibit 2.

The PM peak volumes during the site peak (6:00 - 7:00) were gathered at the intersections listed above, with the PM peak hour volumes displayed in Exhibit 3. The existing Critical Lane Volumes were calculated using the lane configuration shown in Exhibit 2, with the results summarized in Table A. The traffic count data are contained in Appendix A, with the Critical Lane Volume calculations for all scenarios analyzed included in Appendix C.





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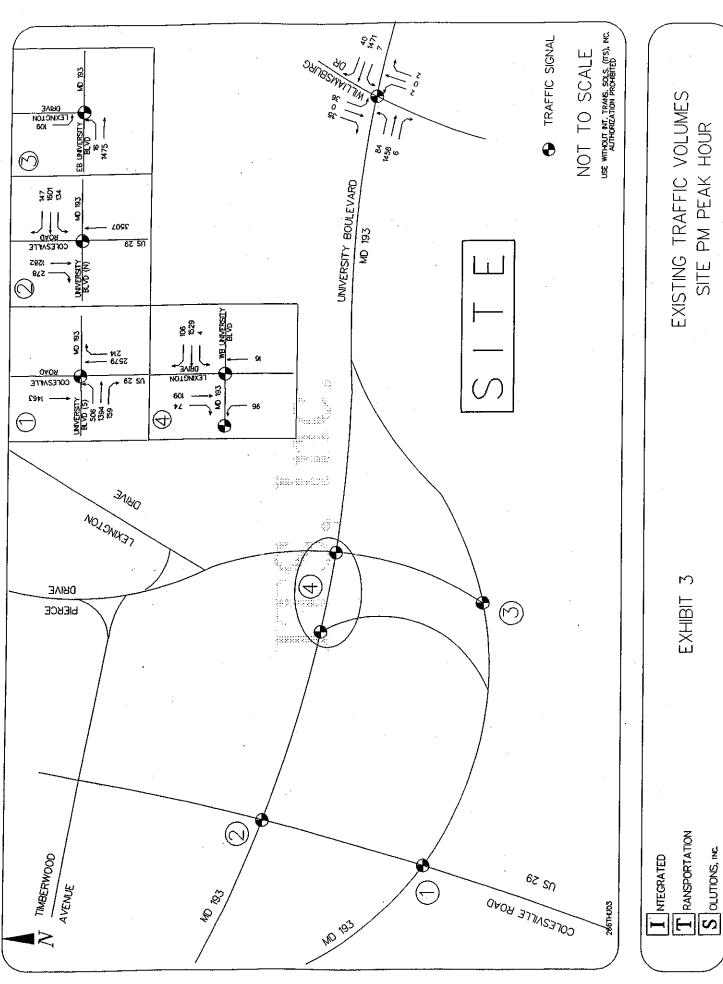


Table A
Intersection Critical Lane Volumes
Existing Traffic Conditions

Intersection	Site PM Peak Hour (6:00 - 7:00 PM)
	CLV 1
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {S}	1289
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {N}	1532
Eastbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	655
Westbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	840
University Boulevard (MD 193)/Williamsburg Drive	681

¹ CLV = Critical Lane Volume

All intersections are seen to operate within the M-NCPPC subdivision standard for the Kensington-Wheaton Policy area (CLV = 1650) under existing traffic conditions during the site PM peak hour.

BACKGROUND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Background traffic conditions reflect traffic from other approved developments which will impact the intersections to be analyzed, along with any programmed improvements which will result in additional capacity being available at those intersections. M-NCPPC transportation planning staff indicated that there were no approved (and unbuilt) developments or programmed roadway improvements that should be reflected in this analysis. Therefore the background traffic conditions are the same as the existing traffic conditions, and are presented in Table B.



Table B
Intersection Critical Lane Volumes
Background Traffic Conditions
Existing Lane Configurations

Intersection	Site PM Peak Hour (6:00 - 7:00 PM)
	CLV ¹
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {S}	1289
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {N}	1532
Eastbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	655
Westbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	840
University Boulevard (MD 193)/Williamsburg Drive	681

¹ CLV = Critical Lane Volume

Once again, all intersections are seen to operate within the M-NCPPC subdivision standard for the Kensington-Wheaton Policy area (CLV = 1650) under background (and existing) traffic conditions during the Site PM peak hour.

SITE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

The Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts plan to play about 20 home games at the Blair High School field during the months of June, July, and August. Based on the January 17, 2002 letter (see Appendix D) from the President of the Thunderbolts, these games occur during the week and on weekends. Furthermore, the letter states that two teams generally arrive about three hours before game time and the spectators generally arrive from just before game time to 30 minutes after the game has started. Even after the stands have been expanded to approximately 710 seats, the letter states that the Thunderbolts do not anticipate more than about 300 cars.

Based on this information, the team arrivals would then occur before the 4:00 - 6:00 PM commuter peak. For this analysis, traffic data for the 6:00 - 7:00 PM data were used as the surrounding "Street Traffic" when peak site conditions occur. The 300 spectator vehicles were then assumed to arrive only during this one hour period. In addition, the direction of approach for the spectator vehicles was based on the survey information summarized in the January 17, 2002 letter.



A. Site Trip Generation

The trip generation for the site PM peak hour, based on the schedule of operations provided by the Thunderbolts, is presented in Table C.

Table C Site Trip Generation

	Site PM Peak Hour (6:00 - 7:00)			
Density	In	Out	Total	
710 Seats	300	0	300	

B. <u>Site Trip Distribution</u>

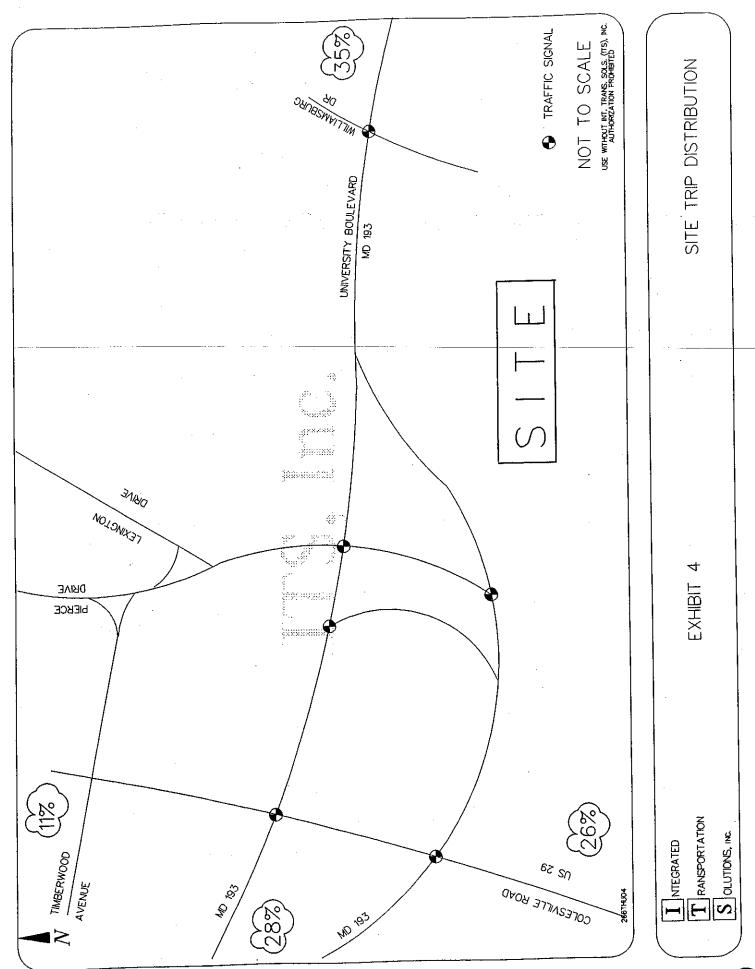
The trips from Table C were assigned to the roadway network using a trip distribution provided by the Thunderbolts based on the survey described in their letter of January 17, 2002. That trip distribution is displayed in Exhibit 4.

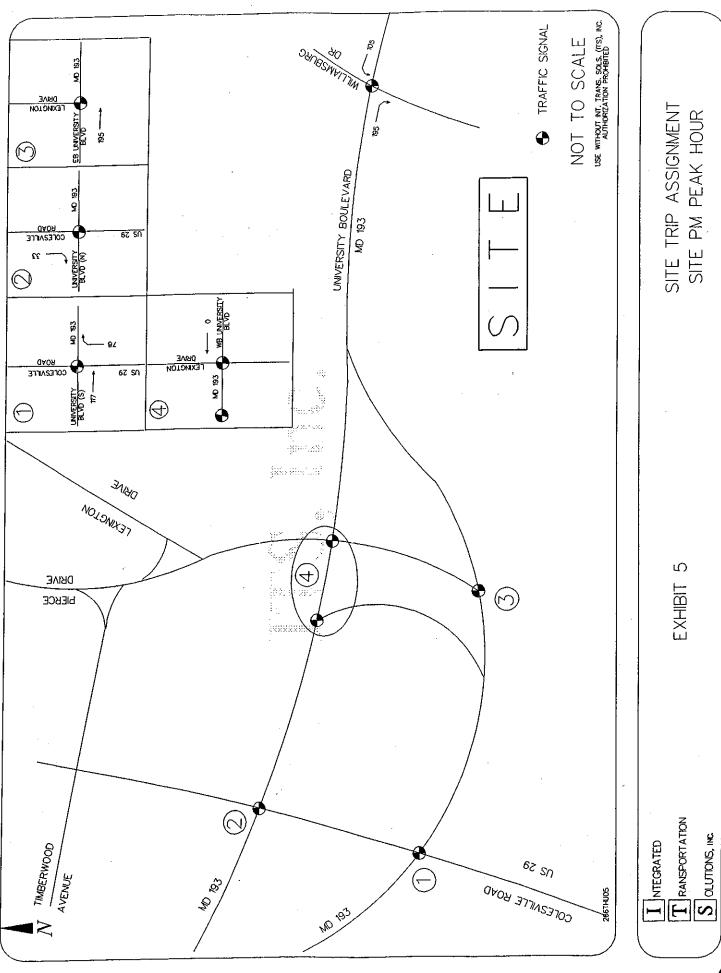
The assignment of site trips displayed in Table C using the distribution percentages from Exhibit 4 is presented in Exhibit 5.

C. Total Traffic Volumes/Critical Lane Volumes

The Total Traffic Volumes were determined by combining the existing traffic volumes from Exhibit 3 with the site trips from Exhibit 5. The results are shown in Exhibit 6.

Total Traffic Critical Lane Volumes for the site peak were calculated using the Total Traffic Volumes from Exhibit 6 with the existing lane configurations from Exhibit 2. The results are summarized in Table D.





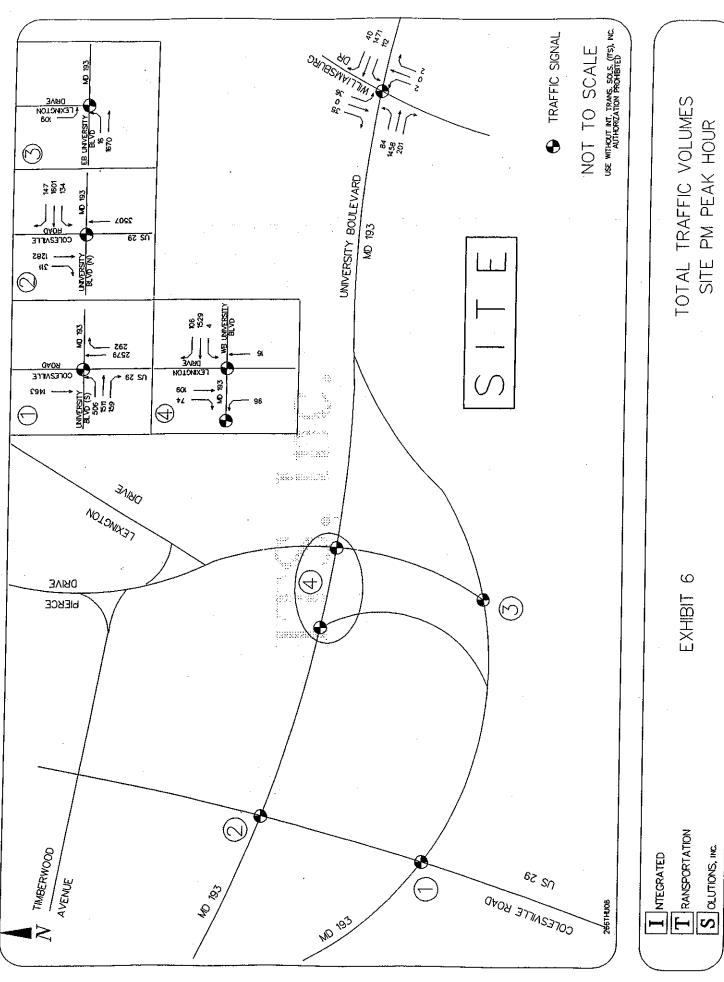


Table D Intersection Critical Lane Volumes Total Traffic Conditions (Site PM Peak Hour)

Intersection	Site PM Peak Hour	
	CLV ¹	
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {S}	1333	
Colesville Road (US 29)/University Boulevard (MD 193) {N}	1532	
Eastbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	727	
Westbound University Boulevard (MD 193)/Lexington Drive	840	
University Boulevard (MD 193)/Williamsburg Drive	690	

¹ CLV = Critical Lane Volume

Under total traffic conditions during the site peak hour, all intersections are seen to operate within the M-NCPPC subdivision standard for the Kensington-Wheaton Policy area (CLV = 1650).

CONCLUSION

This traffic analysis has examined intersection operations at the locations identified by M-NCPPC transportation staff in the vicinity of Blair High School where the Clark-Griffith league team sponsored by the Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts plays its home games. The Thunderbolts intend to expand the stands to accommodate approximately 710 seats. Based on the projected number of vehicles anticipated by the Thunderbolts with this expansion, the impacts on congestion at surrounding intersections has been evaluated. The summary of intersection operations under alternate development/improvement conditions is presented in Exhibit 7.

All intersections are seen to operate within the M-NCPPC subdivision standard for the Kensington-Wheaton Policy Area (CLV = 1650). Therefore the provisions of the Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) are satisfied for the proposed expansion to approximately 710 seats.

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INTERSECTION CRITICAL LANE VOLUMES

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APPENDIX B

Intersection Volume Summaries

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Existing Traffic Volumes	0	1463	0	214	2579	0	0	0	0	159	1394	506
Recorded/Approved Development Traffic	 								•	 		
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Sum of Rec./App. Development Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,	. 0	0	0	0	(
Background Traffic Volumes	0	1463	0		2579	0 	0	0	0	159	1394	506
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Recorded/Approved Development Traffic		••••••••		 		 	***************************************					***********
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Sum of Rec./App. Development Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-,	0	0	0	0	0
Background Traffic Volumes	278	1282	0 	0	3507	0	147	1601	134 	0	0	0
Site Traffic Volumes 300 IB SITE TRIPS	33					.			 			
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INTERSECTION OF: EASTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULE										OUNT DAT		
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Existing Traffic Volumes	0	0	109	0	0	i	0	0	0	i I 0	1475	1
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Sum of Rec./App. Development Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0 j	0	0	0	0	0	
Background Traffic Volumes	0	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1475	1
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INTERSECTION OF: UNIVERSITY BOU	LEVARD (M	D 193) AI	ND WILL	IAMSBURG	DRIVE				(COUNT DAT	E: JUNE	20, 2001
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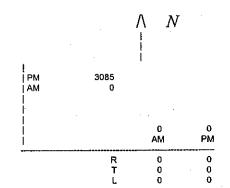
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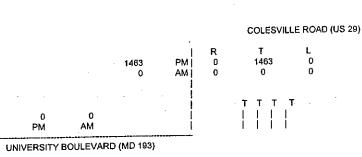
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INTERSECTION OF: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (SOUTH)
AND: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
CONDITIONS: EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES (6:00 - 7:00 PM)
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

DATE OF COUNT: JUNE 19, 2001 DAY OF WEEK: TUESDAY ENTERED BY: CCH





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AM PEAK HOUR

DIRECTION	THRU V	OLUME + O		LEFTS IE x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	AM CLV	
NB	0	0.30	0	1.00	0	0	
SB	0	0.30	0	1.00	0	•	
EB	0	0.37	0	1.00	0	0	
WB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	•	
LEVEL OF SERVICE = A					CLV TOTAL =	0	
			PM PE	AK HOUR			
DIRECTION	THRU VOLUME	OLUME + O	PPOSING L VOLUM	EFTS E x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV	
NB	2579	0.30	0	1.00	774	774	
SB	1463	0.37	0	1.00	541		
EB	1394	0.37	0	1,00	516	516	
wв	0	1.00	506	1.00	506		
LEVEL OF SERVICE = C/D)				CLV TOTAL =	1289	



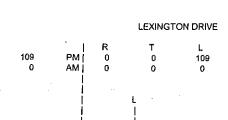
INTERSECTION OF: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (NORTH)
AND: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
CONDITIONS: EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES (6:00 - 7:00 PM)
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS DATE OF COUNT: JUNE 19, 2001 DAY OF WEEK: TUESDAY ENTERED BY: CCH Ν COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) į РМ. 3654 1560 278 İΑΜ 1882 1879 ΑM PM РМ 147 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 1601 0 134 0 0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 0 R PM PM 0 0 0 T R 0 0 AM İ PM İ 0 3507 3507 0 įРМ 1416 COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) AM PEAK HOUR THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL AM CLV DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 1.00 0 0 0.30 NB 0 0 0.30 0 1.00 0 SB 0 1.00 0 1,00 0 EВ 1.00 WB 0 0.30 0 0 CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV SUB-TOTAL THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 1052 3507 0,30 0 1.00 NΒ 1052 468 0 1,00 1560 0.30 SB 1.00 134 0 1.00 134 ΕВ 480 480 0 1.00 0.30 WB 1601 1532 CLV TOTAL =

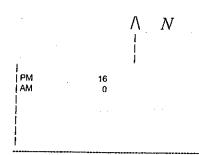


LEVEL OF SERVICE = E

INTERSECTION OF: EASTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
AND: LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS: EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES (6:00-7:00 PM)
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

DATE OF COUNT: JUNE 19, 2001 DAY OF WEEK: TUESDAY ENTERED BY: CCH





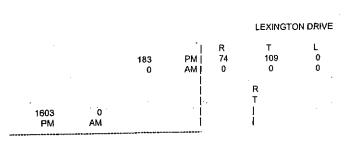
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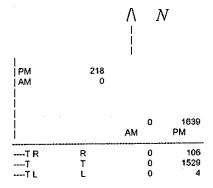
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DIRECTION	THRU V VOLUM	/OLUME + (E×LUF		LEFTS ME x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	AM CLV
· NB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	
SB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	0
EB	0	0.37	. 0	1.00	. 0	•
WB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	0
LEVEL OF SERVICE = /	4				CLV TOTAL =	0
			PM PE	AK HOUR		
DIRECTION	THRU V VOLUME	OLUME + O		LEFTS 1E x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV
NB	0	1.00	109	1.00	109	400
SB	109	1,00	0	1.00	109	109
€B	1475	0.37	0	1.00	546	540
WB	0	1.00	16	1.00	16	546
LEVEL OF SERVICE = A					CLV TOTAL =	655



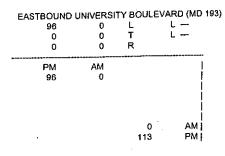
INTERSECTION OF: WESTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
AND: LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS: EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES (6:00-7:00 PM)
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

DATE OF COUNT: JUNE 19, 2001 DAY OF WEEK: TUESDAY ENTERED BY: CCH





WESTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)



LEVEL OF SERVICE = A

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AM PEAK HOUR

DIRECTION	THRU VOLUME	OLUME + OF	PPOSING I VOLUM	SUB-TOTAL	AM CLV	
NBT	0	1.00	0	1.00	. О	0
SB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	-
EBL	0	0.53	0	1.00	0	0
WB	0	0.37	0	1.00	0	. 0
LEVEL OF SERVICE = A					CLV TOTAL =	0

PM PEAK HOUR

DIRECTION		THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF			SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV
NBT	16	1.00	0	1.00	16	183
SB	183	1.00	0	1.00	183	,,,,,
EBL	96	0.53	0	1.00	51	51
WB	1639	0.37	0	1.00	606	606
LEVEL OF SERVICE	= A				CLV TOTAL =	840



DATE OF COUNT: JUNE 20, 2001 DAY OF WEEK: WEDNESDAY INTERSECTION OF: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) AND: WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE ENTERED BY: CCH CONDITIONS: EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES (6:00-7:00 PM) EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS Ν WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE PМ 124 PM 35 0 36 71 0 AM 0 0 MA 0 R L 1518 1508 AΜ PM PM ΑM 0 40 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 84 1458 0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 R 6 AM РМ ΑМ 1496 1548 Т R 0 2 AM 0 0 0 PM 13 PM i WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE AM PEAK HOUR THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL AM CLV DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 0 1.00 NB 0 0 1.00 0 1.00 SB 1,00 0 ĒΒ 0.37 0 0 1.00 WB 0.37 CLV TOTAL = 0 LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR SUB-TOTAL PM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 38 1.00 0.53 36 NB 38 38 1.00 2 SB 36 1.00 7 1.00 546 1458 0.37 EΒ 643 1.00 643 1511 0.37 84 WB 681 CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A



INTERSECTION OF: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (SOUTH)
AND: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
BACKGROUND TRAFFIC VOLUMES DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS Ν COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) R 1463 1463 PM 0 AΜ 0 0 PM ΑМ ΡМ ΑM 0 O UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 0 0 0 0 506 1394 Ō UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) R ----0 R 159 ΡМ AΜ R 0 İΑΜ 0 214 PM 2793 2579 COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) AM PEAK HOUR AM CLV SUB-TOTAL THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 1.00 0.30 0 NB 0 0.30 0 1.00 0 SB 0 1.00 0 0.37 0 EΒ 0 1.00 0 0 0 1.00 WB CLV TOTAL = 0 LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV SUB-TOTAL THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 774 1.00 2579 0.30 0 NΒ 774 439 1.00 0 0.30 1463 SB 1,00 516 0 1394 0.37 EΒ 516 506 506 1.00 1.00 0 WB



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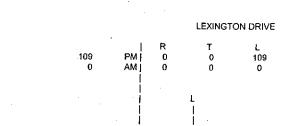
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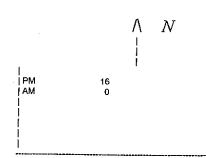
INTERSECTION OF: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (NORTH)
AND: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
CONDITIONS: BACKGROUND TRAFFIC VOLUMES DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS N COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) ј РМ 3654 1560 PM i 278 1282 0 į AM 0 1882 0 1879 PM AM ΑM R T 147 Ð UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 1601 0 ---- T 134 --- T 0 0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) Ó R 0 PΜ AM ΑМ PM Т R 0 3507 3507 1416 PM [COLESVILLE ROAD (U\$ 29) AM PEAK HOUR THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL AM CLV DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 1.00 0.30 NB 0 1.00 0 0 0 0.30 SB 1.00 0 0 1.00 ЕΒ 0 0.30 0 1.00 WB CLV TOTAL = 0 LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 1052 1.00 3507 0.30 NΒ 1052 0 1.00 385 0.30 1282 SB 134 1.00 134 1.00 0 EΒ 480 480 0.30 0 1.00 1601 WB CLV TOTAL = 1532 LEVEL OF SERVICE = E



INTERSECTION OF:
AND:
LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS:
BACKGROUND TRAFFIC VOLUMES
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH





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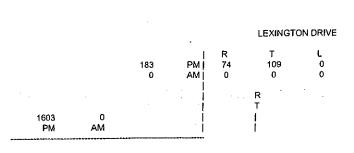
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DIRECTION	THRU V VOLUME	OLUME + 6		LEFTS ME x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	AM CLV
NB	0	1,00	0	1.00	0	0
SB	0	1.00	0	1.00	. 0	U
€B	0	0.37	0	1.00	0	0
WB	0	1.00	0	1,00	0	U
LEVEL OF SERVICE =	Α				CLV TOTAL =	0
			PM PE	AK HOUR		
DIRECTION	THRU VOLUME	OLUME + C x LUF		LEFTS IE x LUF	SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV
NB	0	1.00	109	1.00	109	109
SB	109	1.00	0	1.00	109	108
EB	1475	0.37	0	1.00	546	546
WB	0	1.00	16	1.00	16	946
LEVEL OF SERVICE = :	A				CLV TOTAL =	655

INTERSECTION OF: WESTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)

AND: LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS: BACKGROUND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH



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AM PEAK HOUR

DIRECTION	THRU VO	LUME + O	PPOSING L VOLUM		SUB-TOTAL	AM CLV
NBT	0	1,00	0	1.00	0	0
SB	0	1.00	0	1.00	0	Ū
EBL	0	0.53	0	1.00	0	0
WB	0	0.37	. 0	1.00	0	0

CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A

PM PEAK HOUR

DIRECTION	THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF			SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV	
NBT	16	1.00	0	1.00	16	183
SB	183	1.00	0	1,00	183	103
EBL	96	0.53	0	1,00	51	51
· WB	1639	0.37	0	1.00	606	606
LEVEL OF SERVICE = A	4				CLV TOTAL =	840



INTERSECTION OF: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH AND: WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE CONDITIONS: BACKGROUND TRAFFIC VOLUMES EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS NWILLIAMSBURG DRIVE ĺРМ 35 36 124 0 71 PM [0 [AM 0 0 AM j 0 R L 1518 O 1508 AM PM AM R T o 40 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 1471 84 L 1458 0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) R ----0 R 6 PM AM РМ 1496 1548 R 0 2 ÍАМ 0 0 0 PM 13 PM | WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE AM PEAK HOUR AM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 0 0.53 0 1.00 NΒ 0 0 0 0 1.00 1,00 SB 1.00 0.37 ЕΒ 0 0 0.37 0 1.00 WB 0 CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR SUB-TOTAL PM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 38 1.00 0.53 36 NB 38 38 2 1.00 36 1.00 \$B 0,37 7 1,00 546 1458 EΒ 643 0.37 1.00 643 1511 WB 681 CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A



DATE OF COUNT: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (SOUTH) INTERSECTION OF: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS DAY OF WEEK: AND: ENTERED BY: CCH CONDITIONS: N COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) R 1463 РМ 0 1463 0 į PM 3085 įΑΜ 0 PM PM ΑM ΑМ 0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) R 0 ō 0 ō 0 506 0 1511 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 R 159 PM AM PM ΑM 2176 T R AM PM 0 ам ј 0 O ٥ 2579 292 2871 1622 PM į 0 COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) AM PEAK HOUR THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL AM CLV DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 0 0.30 0 1.00 NB 0 0 0 1.00 SB 0 0.30 1.00 0 0 0.37 ĘΒ 0 1.00 0 0 1.00 WB LEVEL OF SERVICE = A CLV TOTAL = 0 PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF **VOLUME x LUF** 774 2579 0.30 0 1.00 NB 774 439 0 1.00 SB 1463 0.30, 1.00 559 1511 0.37 Ð EΒ 559 506 Đ 1.00 506 1.00 WB CLV TOTAL = 1333 LEVEL OF SERVICE = D



DATE OF COUNT: COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) (NORTH) UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) INTERSECTION OF: DAY OF WEEK: AND: ENTERED BY: CCH TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES CONDITIONS: EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS Λ N COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) R iрм 3654 РМ 311 1282 1593 0 AM AM 0 1882 1912 0 ΑM PM AM R 147 n UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 1601 0 134 0 0 Ω UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 0 0 PM AM PM AM 0 0 T 0 0 0 AM I 3507 Ó јРМ 3507 1416 PM i COLESVILLE ROAD (US 29) AM PEAK HOUR **SUB-TOTAL** AM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 0 1.00 0.30 0 NΒ 0 0 0 1.00 0.30 SB 0 1.00 0 1.00 EΒ 0 0 0.30 0 1.00 WB CLV TOTAL = 0 LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS SUB-TOTAL DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 1052 1.00 0.30 3507 NB 1052 478 0 1.00 0.30 1593 SB 134 1.00 134 1.00 0 €B 480 480 1,00 1601 0.30 0 WB 1532 CLV TOTAL =



LEVEL OF SERVICE = E

INTERSECTION OF: EASTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)

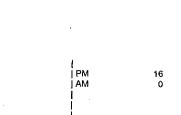
AND: LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS: TOTAL TRAFFIC VO

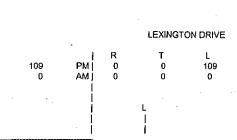
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES

DATE OF COUNT: DAY OF WEEK: ENTERED BY: CCH

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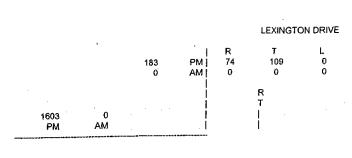
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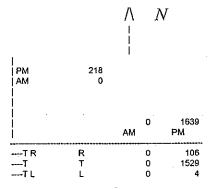
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NB	0	1.00	109	1.00	109	109
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EB	1670	0.37	0	1.00	618	618
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LEVEL OF SERVICE = A					CLV TOTAL ≈	727



INTERSECTION OF: WESTBOUND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193)
AND: LEXINGTON DRIVE
CONDITIONS: TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES
EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS

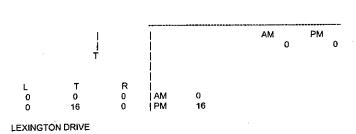
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EBL	0	0.53	0	1.00	0	0
WB	0	0.37	0	1.00	0	0
LEVEL OF SERVICE = A				-	CLV TOTAL =	.0
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DIRECTION	THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS VOLUME × LUF VOLUME × LUF				SUB-TOTAL	PM CLV
NBT	16	1.00	0	1.00	16	183
SB	183	1.00	0	1.00	183	
EBL	96	0.53	0	1.00	51	51
WB	1639	0.37	0	1.00	606	606
LEVEL OF SERVICE =	: A				CLV TOTAL =	840



DATE OF COUNT: UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) INTERSECTION OF: DAY OF WEEK: AND: CONDITIONS: WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE ENTERED BY: CCH TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES **EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATIONS** N WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE PM 124 36 71 PM j 35 AM 0 ΑM 0 0 R L 1623 0 1508 0 AM PM PM 40-0 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD (MD 193) 1471 0 0 112 1458 0 UNIVERSI'WESTERN AVENUE R 201 0 РМ AM PM 1496 1743 T İΑΜ 0 0 AM İ 0 PM I 313 WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE AM PEAK HOUR AM CLV SUB-TOTAL THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 1.00 0 0.53 0 NB 0 0 1.00 0 1.00 SB 0 1.00 0.37 0 ΕB 0 0 1.00 0 0.37 WB 0 CLV TOTAL = LEVEL OF SERVICE = A PM PEAK HOUR PM CLV SUB-TÖTAL THRU VOLUME + OPPOSING LEFTS DIRECTION VOLUME x LUF VOLUME x LUF 38 0.53 36 1.00 NB 38 38 1.00 2 1.00 36 SB 651 1.00 1458 0.37 112 ЕΒ 651 643 1.00 1511 0.37 84 WB CLV TOTAL = 690 LEVEL OF SERVICE = A



APPENDIX D

Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts

Description of Operations





January 17, 2002

Mr. CRAIG HEDBERG ITS 10480 LITTLE PATUXENT PKWY STE 400 COLUMBIA MD 21044

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Thank you for agreeing to add the planned expansion of the Blair H.S. baseball field to the traffic study. As you may recall, Blair H.S. was built at its current location (Colesville Rd and University Ave) about four years ago. The baseball field currently has seating for approximately 200 people (including the open areas) and we are proposing improvements to the seating area that would replace the existing seating plus add about 500 additional seats, for a total of about 710 seats. Even though the field is at Blair H.S., MNCPP-C now maintains and controls usage of all fields in Montgomery county.

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts are a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes baseball in our area. Part of our mission involves sponsoring a team in the Clark-Griffith league. The league is comprised of eight teams in the metro area. All players are college eligible boys, between ages 18 and 20. We play about 20 home games at Blair Field during the months of June and July, with playoffs in the first week of August. About half of the games are weekday, and half are weekend. Generally speaking, both weekday and weekend games start at 7:00 p.m., with one to two games per week of each type. Occasionally, there might be as many as four games in one week.

During the 2001 season, we conducted traffic counts at 13 games. Our average attendance was 200-250 per game. We found that the two teams (25 players, plus about 3 coaches) generally arrive about three hours before game time, and they generally require about ten cars. Our players live with community members in the Takoma Park area, so they generally approach Blair by going west on University Blvd. Of course, the opposing team may be coming from a variety of places, but they will generally be coming around the beltway.



Our analysis (made by querying people as they came through the gate) indicates that spectators generally arrive from just before game time to 30 minutes after the game has started. We found that there are about 50 cars for weekend games and 44 cars for weekday games, including spectators, people working at the concessions, and other officials working the game.

We asked people which of four directions they traveled from: Colesville Ave. Northbound; Colesville Ave. Southbound; University Blvd. from Wheaton; and University Blvd. from Takoma Park. The distribution is fairly similar for both weekday and weekend games, though there is some variation. For Weekday evening games, we recorded (on average) 11.4 (26%) cars from Colesville Ave. Northbound; 5 (11%) cars from Colesville Ave. Southbound; 12.2 (28%) from University Blvd. from Wheaton; and 15.6 (35%) from University Blvd. from Takoma Park.

For weekend evening games, we recorded (on average) 16.2 (32%) cars from Colesville Ave. Northbound; 8.1 (16%) cars from Colesville Ave. Southbound; 7.2 (14%) from University Blvd. from Wheaton; and 18.7 (37%) from University Blvd. from Takoma Park.

Of course, we hope new stands will encourage more people to come out to the games, but we still only expect about 300 cars total if we fill the stands (710 seats). We only use the field for two months (June and July) each year, and the stands (and the field) will be available for other uses the remainder of the year.

Park and Planing has requested that we provide a traffic impact analysis for the proposed use of the facility as outlined above. The high school has averaged over 1,000 fans per game on Friday evenings for their 6:30 p.m. football games. The football stadium is adjacent to the baseball field and shares the same parking lots. I have never witnessed a parking or traffic problem for their games.

I would appreciate if you could provide an analysis of our proposal and your opinion on the impact or lack of impact on traffic for this proposal based on your study of the Four Corners area. We will need this analysis completed by the end of February as we have a hearing scheduled before the Commission to approve the plan in mid-March. Please call me if there are any questions. My office number is 301-762-8860 and email is

Sincerely,

Richard O'Connor

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President



