

# **REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION**

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DATE: July 3, 2019

#### ARC REVIEW CODE: R1907031

TO:Mayor Jason Lary, City of StonecrestATTN TO:Chris Wheeler, City PlannerFROM:Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARCRE:Development of Regional Impact Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed a preliminary regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). ARC reviewed the DRI with regard to its relationship to regional plans, goals and policies – and impacts it may have on the activities, plans, goals and policies of other local jurisdictions as well as state, federal and other agencies. This preliminary report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

Name of Proposal:Lithonia Distribution Center (DRI 2961)Review Type:DRISubmitting Local Government:Date Opened:July 3, 2019Deadline for Comments:July 18, 2019July 18, 2019Date to Close

**Description:** This DRI is on approximately 102 acres in the City of Stonecrest, west of Lithonia Industrial Boulevard, southwest of Rogers Lake Road and northeast of South Stone Mountain–Lithonia Road and the CSX rail line. The project is proposed to consist of approximately 614,676 SF of warehouse/distribution space in one building. Site access for vehicles is proposed via one driveway on Lithonia Industrial Blvd. Rail access is planned from the adjacent CSX line via two new spurs. The estimated buildout year is 2021. The local trigger for this DRI review is a land disturbance permit application.

<u>PRELIMINARY COMMENTS</u>: According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, this DRI is in the Developing Suburbs Area of the region. ARC's Regional Development Guide (RDG) details recommended policies for areas and places on the UGPM. General RDG information and recommendations for Developing Suburbs areas are listed at the bottom of these comments.

This DRI manifests certain aspects of regional policy. The plan contemplates a warehouse/distribution facility, supporting regional economic development. It also offers the potential for efficiencies and connectivity in intraregional, interregional and interstate freight movement given its proposed connection to the adjacent CSX rail line; its direct access to Lithonia Industrial Blvd., which connects to SR 124 (Rock Chapel Rd.) to the east and to US 278/SR 12 (Covington Hwy.) and I-20 to the south; and its proximity to existing industrial and warehouse/distribution uses to the south along Lithonia Industrial Blvd.

The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design best practices throughout the site in general, in parking areas, on site driveways, in stormwater detention facilities, and as part of any improvements to site frontages. In addition, ARC encourages the applicant team to ensure that the development promotes a functional, safe, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all proposed driveways, paths and parking areas on the site. This framework can offer the potential for safe internal site circulation for employees on foot or by another alternative mode.

Additionally, the applicant team should ensure that project driveways and any associated improvements are implemented in full coordination with the City of Stonecrest, the DeKalb County Transportation Division (the City of Stonecrest's border with unincorporated DeKalb County is 0.3 miles from the site to the east, at Rogers Lake Road), and GDOT (SR 124-Rock Chapel Road is 1.5 miles from the site to the east), in order to

safely and efficiently accommodate the DRI's projected traffic, especially trucks. This is particularly important given that the applicant team is proposing a median break and north/eastbound left turn lane to provide site access at Driveway 1. Finally, the DRI's site design should provide sufficient truck parking to prevent trucks from queuing or waiting on any adjacent or nearby roads. Trucks parking in and along public roadways – typically while waiting for an available dock at a nearby facility – is an identified issue in many areas of the region that negatively impacts roadway operations, safety and congestion.

The intensity of this DRI generally falls within with the ARC RDG's recommended development parameters for density and building height for Developing Suburbs. In terms of land use, the project is in a part of the region that is experiencing rising demand for warehouse/distribution development. The site is also in close proximity to existing industrial and warehouse/distribution uses to the south along Lithonia Industrial Blvd. The City's comprehensive plan indicates that the DRI site is in an industrial area in terms of future land use. However, many areas adjacent to and near the site – particularly to the west, north and northeast – are unlike this DRI in that they are predominated by single-family residential uses and lightly developed properties, some of which are outside the City of Stonecrest's jurisdiction (e.g., unincorporated DeKalb County to the northeast). In view of these factors, it will be critical for Stonecrest leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, to collaborate to the greatest extent possible to ensure maximum sensitivity and mitigate potential impacts to nearby local governments, neighborhoods, natural resources and land uses.

Additional preliminary ARC staff comments, focused on transportation and water resources planning, are attached to this report.

Further to the above, Developing Suburbs are areas that have developed from roughly 1995 to today and are projected to remain suburbs through 2040. General policy recommendations for Developing Suburbs include:

- New development should connect to the existing road network and adjacent developments and use of cul-de-sacs or other means resulting in disconnected subdivisions should be discouraged

- Maximize the usefulness of existing recreational facilities in addition to providing new recreational opportunities

- Eliminate vacant or under-utilized parking areas through mechanisms such as out-parceling or conversion to community open space

- Use rain gardens, vegetated swales or other enhanced water filtration design to enhance the quality of stormwater run-off

- Identify other opportunities to foster a sense of community by developing town centers, village centers or other places of centralized location

#### THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY DEKALB COUNTY CITY OF LITHONIA EAST METRO DEKALB COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY ARC AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GEORGIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION ROCKDALE COUNTY CITY OF STONECREST ARC NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SRTA/GRTA METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY CITY OF CONYERS CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at (470) 378-1645 or <u>asmith@atlantaregional.org</u>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <u>http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</u>.



# DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Instructions: The project described below has been submitted to this Regional Commission for review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). A DRI is a development of sufficient scale or importance that it is likely to generate impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is located, for example in adjoining cities or neighboring counties. We would like to consider your comments on this proposed development in our DRI review process. Therefore, please review the information about the project included in this packet and offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline.

Preliminary Findings of the RDC: Lithonia Distribution Center See the Preliminary Report.

Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed):

Individual Completing Form:

Local Government:	<i>Please return this form to:</i> Andrew Smith
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Telephone: ( )	Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Ph. (470) 378-1645 <u>asmith@atlantaregional.org</u>
Signature:	Return Date: July 18, 2019
Date:	

## ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

**DATE**: July 3, 2019

ARC REVIEW CODE: R1907031

**TO:** ARC Group Managers **FROM:** Andrew Smith, 470-378-1645

<u>Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:</u>		
Community Development: Smith, Andrew	Transportation Access and Mobility: Mangham, Marquitrice	
Natural Resources: Santo, Jim	Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim	
Aging and Health Resources: Perumbeti, Katie		
<u>Name of Proposal:</u> Lithonia Distribution Center (DRI 2961)		
<b><u>Review Type:</u></b> Development of Regional Impact		
Description: This DRI is on approximately 102 acres in the City of Stonecrest, west of Lithonia Industrial Boulevard,		

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southwest of Rogers Lake Road and northeast of South Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road and the CSX rail line. The project is proposed to consist of approximately 614,676 SF of warehouse/distribution space in one building. Site access for vehicles is proposed via one driveway on Lithonia Industrial Blvd. Rail access is planned from the adjacent CSX line via two new spurs. The estimated buildout year is 2021. The local trigger for this DRI review is a land disturbance permit application.

Submitting Local Government: City of Stonecrest

Date Opened: July 3, 2019

Deadline for Comments: July 18, 2019 Date to Close: July 22, 2019

#### Response:

- 2) □ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.

#### **COMMENTS:**





#### **Developments of Regional Impact** DRI Home <u>Tier Map</u> View Submissions Apply <u>Login</u> **DRI #2961 DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information** This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide basic project information that will allow the RDC to determine if the project appears to meet or exceed applicable DRI thresholds. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information. Local Government Information Submitting Local Government: City of Stonecrest Individual completing form: Nicole Dozier Telephone: 7702240205 E-mail: ndozier@stonecrestga.gov \*Note: The local government representative completing this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a project is to be located in more than one jurisdiction and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which the largest portion of the project is to be located is responsible for initiating the DRI review process. **Proposed Project Information** Name of Proposed Project: Lithonia Distribution Center Location (Street Address, GPS 33 44'30.73" N, 84 07'04.11W between Lithiona Intl Blvd and Coffee Rd Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description): Brief Description of Project: 614,676 sq. Ft. Distribution Center with rail service. **Development Type:** Hotels (not selected) Wastewater Treatment Facilities Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Airports Commercial Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs Wholesale & Distribution Attractions & Recreational Facilities Intermodal Terminals Truck Stops Hospitals and Health Care Facilities Post-Secondary Schools Housing Waste Handling Facilities Any other development types Industrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants If other development type, describe: Project Size (# of units, floor area, otc ): 1 BLD 614, 676 Sq.Ft. Developer: Trammell Crow Company Mailing Address: 3550 Lenox Rd Address 2: Ste. 2200 City:atlanta State: GA Zip:30326 Telephone: 4048125039 Email: dfredrick@trammellcrow.com Is property owner different from (not selected) Yes No developer/applicant? If yes, property owner: Under contract with Multiple owners Is the proposed project entirely (not selected) Yes No located within your local government's jurisdiction?

If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	(not selected) Yes No
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name: Project ID:
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	(not selected) Yes No
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?	
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: 11/2020 Overall project: 11/2020
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#### DRI Additional Information Form

If yes, please explain:		
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No	
If no, describe any plans to expand existing landfill capacity:		
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No	
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	432 tons	
	Solid Waste Disposal	
If yes, please describe below	r.	
project? Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this	◯(not selected) Yes ● No	
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.) Has a traffic study been	1016 Daily Trips / 28 in & 74 out peak hour max	
1 January and 100 - 100 - 1	Land Transportation	
If yes, how much additional li	ine (in miles) will be required?	
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
	xpand existing wastewater treatment capacity:	
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No	
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.055MGD	
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Snapfinger Water Waste Treatment Plant	
	Wastewater Disposal	
project? If yes, how much additional	line (in miles) will be required?	
Is a water line extension required to serve this	(not selected) Yes●No	
the proposed project?	xpand the existing water supply capacity:	
generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)? Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve	(not selected) Yes No	
What is the estimated water supply demand to be	0.0070MGD	

What percentage of the site 43.7 % is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?

Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the
project's impacts on stormwater management:Buffers, detention and water quality ponds

	Environmental Quality	
Is the development located w	thin, or likely to affect any of the following:	
1. Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No	
2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No	
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No	
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No	
5. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes No	
6. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes No	
7. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
If you answered yes to any q	estion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be	affected:
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#### LITHONIA DISTRIBUTION CENTER DRI City of Stonecrest ARC Natural Resources Group Comments June 28, 2019

### Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The proposed project is located in the Yellow River Watershed, which is not a water supply watershed in the Atlanta Region and no Part 5 Environmental Minimum Planning Criteria for water supply watersheds apply.

Both the submitted site plan and the USGS coverage for the project area show Swift Creek, a blue-line stream and tributary to the Yellow River, running through the western portion of the project property and along the northwestern side of the property, away from the proposed development. The submitted site plan also shows an unnamed tributary to Swift Creek and three unnamed tributaries along the eastern portion of the project property, close to the proposed development area. The site plan shows the County 75-foot stream buffer along all the streams shown on the property. Although the development shown comes to the edge of the buffer in places, no intrusion into the buffers is shown. Any unmapped streams on the property may also be subject to the requirements of the DeKalb County Stream Buffer Ordinance. The mapped streams, any unmapped streams and all waters of the state on the property are also subject to the State 25-foot Erosion and Sediment Control Buffer, which is not shown on these plans, but should be shown. Any intrusions into the buffers may require variances.

#### Stormwater / Water Quality

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements. After construction, as with all development, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. The amount of pollutants that will be produced after construction of the proposed development are dependent on the type and intensity of the use and the impervious coverage, which will affect the design of stormwater controls for the project.

In order to address post-construction stormwater runoff quality, the project should implement stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (<u>www.georgiastormwater.com</u>) and meet the stormwater management quantity and quality criteria outlined in the Manual. Where possible, the project should utilize the stormwater better site design concepts included in the Manual.

We also suggest the following additional measures, where applicable, to help reduce stormwater reduction and provide for its reuse:

- Use green spaces and tree planting beds as stormwater controls. These can be designed to provide maximum aesthetic value while also providing for water quality treatment and run-off reduction, potentially reducing the need for larger stormwater facilities and helping to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff on streams and water quality.
- Include rainwater capture in the project design to provide for landscape irrigation during dry periods.



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# **Development of Regional Impact** Assessment of Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

#### **DRI INFORMATION**

DRI Number	#2961		
DRI Title	Lithonia Distribution Center		
County	DeKalb County		
City (if applicable)	Stonecrest		
Address / Location	North of Lithonia Industrial Boulevard, west of Rogers Lake Road, East of South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road		
Proposed Development Type: +/- 102 acres for 616,676 square foot warehouse distribution center			
Review Process			
	NON-EXPEDITED		
REVIEW INFORMATION			
Prepared by	ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Division		
Staff Lead	Marquitrice Mangham		
Copied	Click here to enter text.		
Date	June 28, 2019		
TRAFFIC STUDY			

### **TRAFFIC STUDY**

Prepared by	Calyx
Date	June 19, 2019

#### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS**

- 01. Did the traffic analysis incorporate all projects contained in the current version of the fiscally constrained RTP which are within the study area or along major transportation corridors connecting the study area with adjacent jurisdictions?
  - YES (provide the regional plan referenced and the page number of the traffic study where relevant projects are identified)
    - NO (provide comments below)

The project is an expedited review which allows for a reduction in the network study area. A review of the TIP Interactive map shows no proposed project in the study area, consistent with the traffic analysis.

#### **REGIONAL NETWORKS**

02. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Thoroughfares?

A Regional Thoroughfare is a major transportation corridor that serves multiple ways of traveling, including walking, bicycling, driving, and riding transit. It connects people and goods to important places in metropolitan Atlanta. A Regional Thoroughfare's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Thoroughfares serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Thoroughfare, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

The project proposes one access point on Lithonia Industrial Blvd.

#### 03. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Truck Routes?

A Regional Truck Route is a freeway, state route or other roadway which serves as a critical link for the movement of goods to, from and within the Region by connecting airports, intermodal/multimodal facilities, distribution and warehousing centers and manufacturing clusters with the rest of the state and nation. These facilities often serve a key mobility and access function for other users as well, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users. A Regional Truck Route's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Truck Routes serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Truck Route, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

### NO 🔀

#### **YES** (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

The project proposes access from Lithonia Industrial Blvd, a heave freight roadway, however it is not classified as a Regional Truck Route.

# 04. If the development site is within one mile of an existing rail service, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (nearest station more than one mile away)

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RAIL SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE	(provide duditional in	ijoimution below	/

Operator / Rail Line

Nearest Station

## Click here to enter name of operator and rail line

Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
	0.10 to 0.50 mile
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete

	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	Click here to provide comments.
Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
	Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
	Route follows high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
Transit Connectivity	Fixed route transit agency bus service available to rail station
	Private shuttle or circulator available to rail station
	No services available to rail station
	Not applicable (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	Click here to provide comments.

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

**05.** If there is currently no rail transit service within one mile of the development site, is nearby rail service planned in the fiscally constrained RTP?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and expansion plans are being considered in the general vicinity of the development site, the agency should give consideration to how the site can be best served during the evaluation of alignments and station locations. Proactive negotiations with the development team and local government(s) are encouraged to determine whether right-of-way within the site should be identified and protected for potential future service. If direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) are encouraged to ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and the future rail line. These improvements should be considered fundamental components of the overall transit expansion project, with improvements completed concurrent with or prior to the transit service being brought online.

- NOT APPLICABLE (rail service already exists)
- ] NOT APPLICABLE (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
- NO (no plans exist to provide rail service in the general vicinity)
  - YES (provide additional information on the timeframe of the expansion project below)
    - CST planned within TIP period
    - CST planned within first portion of long range period
    - CST planned near end of plan horizon

06. If the development site is within one mile of fixed route bus services (including any privately operated shuttles or circulators open to the general public), provide information on walking and bicycling accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the connection a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.			
	NOT APPLICABLE (neare	st bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)	
$\square$	SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)		
	Operator(s)	MARTA	
	Bus Route(s)	86, 115, 116	
	Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)	
		0.10 to 0.50 mile	
		🔀 0.50 to 1.00 mile	
	Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity	
		Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete	
		Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)	
		Click here to provide comments.	
	Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity	
		$\bigotimes$ Low volume and/or low speed streets provide sufficient connectivity	
		Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets	
		Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)	

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

07. Does a transit agency which provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within the jurisdiction in which the development site is located?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and a comprehensive operations plan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to serving the site during the evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the nature of the development is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and any routes within a one mile radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make these connections a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

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#### MARTA

08. If the development site is within one mile of an existing multi-use path or trail, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and walking/bicycling facilities provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If connectivity with a regionally significant path or trail is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and those facilities is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

$\square$	NOT APPLICABLE	(nearest path	or trail more than	n one mile awav)
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YES (provide additional information below)

Name of facility	Click here to provide name of facility.		
Distance	Within or adjacent to development site (0.10 mile or less)		
	0.15 to 0.50 mile		
	0.50 to 1.00 mile		
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide connectivity		
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete		
	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)		
Bicycling Access*	Dedicated lanes or cycle tracks provide connectivity		
	Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity		

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Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets

Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

#### **OTHER TRANSPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**09.** Does the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible local road or drive aisle connections with adjacent parcels?

The ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent arterial or collector roadway networks can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.

- YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
- YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
- NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
- OTHER ( Please explain)

The project proposes no stubouts or access to adjacent undeveloped sites however, site connections are available via local roadways.

# **10.** Does the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the development site safely and conveniently?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site plans should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key destinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large acreage sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.

- YES (sidewalks provided on all key walking routes and both sides of roads whenever practical and bicyclists should have no major issues navigating the street network)
- PARTIAL (some walking and bicycling facilities are provided, but connections are not comprehensive and/or direct)
- NO (walking and bicycling facilities within the site are limited or nonexistent)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development does not lend itself to internal walking and bicycling trips)
  - OTHER ( Please explain)

**11.** Does the site plan provide the ability to construct publicly accessible bicycling and walking connections with adjacent parcels which may be redeveloped in the future?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.

- YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
- YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
- NO (the development site plan does not enable walking or bicycling to/from adjacent parcels)
- NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
- NOT APPLICABLE (adjacent parcels are not likely to develop or redevelop in the near future)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development or adjacent parcels does not lend itself to interparcel walking and bicycling trips)
- 12. Does the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, from the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding road network?

The ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is often key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move around safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be segregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, sidewalks, paths and other facilities.

- YES (truck routes to serve destinations within the site are clearly delineated, provide ample space for queuing and turning around, and are separated from other users to the extent practical)
- PARTIAL (while one or more truck routes are also used by motorists and/or interface with primary walking and bicycling routes, the site plan mitigates the potential for conflict adequately)
- NO (one or more truck routes serving the site conflict directly with routes likely to be used heavily by pedestrians, bicyclists and/or motorists)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development will not generate a wide variety of users and/or very low truck volumes, so the potential for conflict is negligible)

Trucks and vehicles access the site at the same points however driveways diverge internal to the site to separate designated parking areas.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Do the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffic study appear to be feasible from a constructability standpoint?



- UNKNOWN (additional study is necessary)
- $\bowtie$  YES (based on information made available through the review process; does not represent a thorough engineering / financial analysis)

NO (see comments below)

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- 14. Is ARC aware of any issues with the development proposal which may result in it being opposed by one or more local governments, agencies or stakeholder groups?
  - $\bowtie$  NO (based on information shared with ARC staff prior to or during the review process; does not reflect the outcome of an extensive stakeholder engagement process)

YES (see comments below)

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15. ARC offers the following additional comments for consideration by the development team and/or the applicable local government(s):

None

