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RE: Request for Expedited Review for DRI#3208

Dear Mr. Spiliotis:

Our firm represents READ Holding LLC in its request for Rezoning and a Special Use Permit for a Construction Material Recycling Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 1527 & 1537 Beaver Ruin Road in Gwinnett County. It is our understanding that the Gwinnett County Department of Planning and Development submitted our project to the ARC and GRTA for review as a potential DRI. After a review of the Procedure and Principles for GRTA DRI Review, we believe our project qualifies for an expedited review, pursuant to Section 3-102 B, as the project will generate less than one thousand, (1,000) gross daily trips as will be described further in this Memorandum. The calculations below are extrapolated from experience with a similar, but smaller, operation in DeKalb County which is currently operated by the same operator our client is proposing to utilize for the proposed development.

Materials Receiving:

The proposed development will receive “roll-off” dumpsters containing construction materials. These dumpsters contain between three (3) and five (5) tons of construction materials. The processing capacity of the proposed facility will be three (3) to four (4) trucks per hour, with an absolute maximum of five (5) trucks per hour. The proposed facility will only operate between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Therefore it is anticipated that even in the unlikely event of maximum processing during the entire period of daily operation, there would be no more than forty-five (45) trucks entering and exiting the facility for a maximum daily trip count of ninety (90) trips.

Employees:

It is anticipated that the average daily complement will be seven (7) employees. However, if operating at maximum capacity, there would be no more than fifteen employees present on a given day. Fifteen (15) employee vehicles would amount to a maximum daily total of thirty (30) trips in and out of the facility.

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Total Daily Trips:

Based upon the above calculations, the proposed facility would generate no more than one hundred and twenty (120) daily trips and that would only occur if operating at full capacity for an entire day, an unlikely occurrence. Although the idea of allowing the public to enter and bring materials has been discussed, such activity is not part of the current plan and would only be considered if required by Gwinnett County. Even if this were to become the case, there would still be nowhere near the threshold number of trips approached. It is our belief that this limited trip generation is such that the number of trips generated by the proposed development is likely to have minimal impact on the road network.

Also of particular note, and as evidenced on the site plan, is that there is an entry drive over five hundred, fifty feet (550') in length, so there would never be a concern regarding any backup upon Beaver Ruin Road. It is also believed that there will actually be a net decrease in daily trips with the proposed development as opposed to the existing use.

My clients and I look forward to meeting on Monday and answering any questions that you might have. In the interim, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-962-0100.

Sincerely,

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