



August 24, 2020

Dave DeGrandpre, Planning Supervisor
City of Missoula
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Grant Creek Village TIS Public Comment Responses

Dear Dave,

Below please find the responses to specific public comments regarding the traffic on and around Grant Creek Road as it relates to the July 2020 TIS for the Grant Creek Village project in Missoula. These responses are for the public questions and comments from the City Council meeting on August 24, 2020.

Public Comment- The traffic data used in the report was collected in 2020 during the Covid pandemic

All of the traffic data used for this project was collected by ATS and MDT in 2017 and 2019. No traffic data was collected in 2020 and no data used in the project was affected by the current Covid pandemic. All of the data was collected while school buses were running under 'normal' traffic conditions. This information is detailed in Section C of the Traffic Impact Study.

Public Comment- The Grant Creek Village development will produce 10,000 vehicle trips per day and the existing 560 homes in Grant Creek produce 5,715 vehicle trips per day.

The presentation from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation suggested that the existing 560 homes on Grant Creek Road currently produce 5,715 trips per day. This is verifiably incorrect. The official MDT traffic counts collected on Grant Creek Road report less than 2,000 daily trips north of Stonebridge Road and less than 6,000 trips per day north of the I-90 interchange. Traffic on the southern segment of Grant Creek Road also includes vehicles from all the commercial properties along Grant Creek Road, the Expo Parkway businesses, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Traffic from these commercial land uses equals 2,000 to 3,000 trips per day. At most the existing 560 homes in Grant Creek produce 3,000 to 4,000 vehicle trips per day, or 5-7 trips per unit, which is similar to the trip generation rate anticipated for the Grant Creek Village Apartments.

Apartment complexes typically produce vehicle trips at a lower rate than single-family homes. According to the ITE Trip Generation Manual, apartment complexes produce vehicle trips at a rate of 5.44 daily trips per unit. Based on this rate, the trip generation for this project would be less than 5,200 trips per day. This information is detailed in Section E of the Traffic Impact Study.

If you have any questions about these questions or responses, please feel free to contact me at 406-459-1443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Abelin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Abelin" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Abelin, P.E. PTOE
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