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Re: Town of Guilderland Request for Comments - Proposed Costco Special Use Permit

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Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 1:14 PM

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Guy,

Thank you for the comments from DOT related to the proposed Costco site plan. I am following up on your email and have copied the applicant and their traffic engineer from JMT in the email as well.

As DOT may be aware, the Town of Guilderland advanced a comprehensive review under the SEQRA Environmental Impact Statement process specific to the Costco Site (as well as Site 1 and Site 3) commencing in 2019; resulting in the adoption of the DEIS and Findings Statement being issued in August of 2020. Collectively; the town diligently worked to direct traffic to the Crossgates Mall roadway via the new roundabout that is now under construction. Throughout the entire process, the Town and GPI (Town Designated Traffic Engineer) have reviewed all of the submissions for consistency with the aforementioned.

Here is the link to all of the prior diligence completed and approved <https://www.townofguilderland.org/planning-board/pages/environmental-impact-statement-rapp-road-residentialwestern-avenue-mixed-use> including the findings statement which includes the required traffic mitigation.

A couple of comments/questions:

1. Confirming that the two signalized intersections you are referencing in your email below are located at Western Avenue and Crossgates Mall Road/Johnston Road intersection and Western Avenue/English Couplet intersection?
2. Assuming the intersections named above are correct, I am sharing the submission by the applicant dated November 23, 2023 which includes detail on the intersection of Crossgates/Western and Johnston. My apologies, this was not included in the link shared. The 2nd attachment from December 2021 is the diligence submitted for the signal warrant analysis at Western Ave and Gabriel Terrace. Both of these documents include traffic analysis at the two intersections along Western Avenue.

After you review the referenced material please let us know if there are any remaining questions.

Regards.

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On Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 2:52 PM Tedesco, Gaetano (DOT) <Gaetano.Tedesco@dot.ny.gov> wrote:

Ken-

Please see the Departments comments below based on your email dated March 16, 2023:

1. In the link provided, we could not find the Traffic Impact Study that evaluates the two existing signalized intersections of Crossgates Mall Road with Route 20.
2. We would like to see how the additional Costco traffic impacts these two signalized intersections and the proposed mitigation of these impacts.
3. Also, we could not find a queue analysis of the ingress traffic to the gas station, as we are concerned that vehicles NB on Crossgates Mall Rd attempting to enter the southerly Costco entrance (right turn only to gas station) could potentially queue back through the intersection of Route 20 with Crossgates Mall Road. There must be queue data available from Costco gas stations in similar locations.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Guy

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Mr. Tedesco,

The applicant for the Costco project has submitted updated plans and the Town Planning Board will commence the site plan review at their March 22nd meeting. See the link below for the project webpage that has been created on the town website:

<https://www.townofguilderland.org/planning-board/pages/proposed-costco>

The DOT played a critical role during the EIS process for the Costco site and the two other project sites analyzed during the EIS process and subsequent adoption of the EIS by the Planning Board in August 2020. Since that time DOT has played an active role in the design/implementation of the roundabout at the I87 exit/entrance Ramp/Crossgates Mall Rd intersection and review of a proposed signal warrant analysis proposed by the applicant at the intersection of Western Ave/Gabriel Terrace.

The town is now requesting site plan specific comments from DOT on the following and ask if DOT could provide comments within 30 days of this email:

1. Proposed Crossgates Mall Road improvements to be implemented near the intersection with Western Ave/Johnston Rd.
2. Proposed Gabriel Terrace improvements at the intersection with Western Ave.
3. Additional comments DOT may have on the proposed development.

Regards.

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JMT response to GPI 11-15-22 review letter_2022-11-23.pdf

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