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 to: Kathryn Lyon, Planning Director
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 project #: 3896*76
 subject: Cutler Gate Traffic Impact Study

MEMORANDUM

The Corradino Group, Inc (Corradino) has been requested to review a "Traffic Impact Statement" for the "Cutler Gate" development (the report) submitted by Richard Garcia & Associates (RGA), dated January 23, 2018. As reported, the proposed Cutler Gate development is sited at 8495 SW 200th Street in Cutler Bay, and will be comprised of a 36-unit, mid-rise, multi-family housing complex, and a retail element of 4,186 square feet (ft²). The following are our comments:

Roadway Analysis – LOS & Capacity

- Despite the one-day data collection performed at the site, based on information readily available from the FDOT website [Florida Traffic Online \(2016\)](#), the AADT on Old Cutler Road at Site 878310 – Old Cutler Road, 200' South of Franjo Rd, is 17,900, with a K factor of 9%. Performing the proper calculations on these data indicate that the peak hour traffic on Old Cutler Road is approximately 1,611 vehicles per hour (vph). The report references the [2013 FDOT Quality/Level of Service \(QLOS\) Handbook](#) as the standard for determining Level of Service versus traffic volumes. Because the speed limit on Old Cutler Road is 40 mph, the report places this roadway in the "State Signalized Arterials" category, with a two-lane Level of Service (LOS) D capacity of 1,600 vph. Although we disagree with this categorization, giving the benefit of the doubt, Old Cutler Road currently operates at LOS F. References given above are attached.

Trip Generation

- The site plan provided does not provide sufficient detail to determine which area is being used for retail as opposed to housing. This, in turn will govern the types of land use classifications used to determine trip generation. The description given for ITE Trip Generation Land Use Code (LUC) 221, Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise) indicates "Mid-Rise Multifamily Housing includes apartments, townhouses, and condominiums located within the same building with at least three other dwelling units and that have between three and 10 levels (floors)."

It is unknown if the dwelling units in this development occupy two or three floors, internally or separately, excluding the retail space which is assumed to occupy the street level. If the housing element of the development occupies only two floors of the buildings, LUC 220, Multifamily Housing (Low-Rise) should be used.

- The use of Land Use Code (LUC) 820 – Shopping Center for 4,186 ft² of retail is questionable. The additional data description given for LUC 820, Shopping Center states "Shopping centers, including neighborhood centers, community centers, regional centers, and super regional centers, were surveyed for this land use. Some of these centers contained non-merchandising facilities, such as office buildings, movie theaters, restaurants, post offices, banks, health clubs, and recreational facilities (for example, ice skating rinks or indoor miniature golf courses)." The average size of shopping centers surveyed for the ITE AM peak trip generation rates was 251,000 ft², and 327,000 ft² for the PM peak, with a daily survey representing shopping centers of 435,000 ft². Because the retail use (4,186 ft²) is minimal, trip generation should be calculated for each shop individually, based on anticipated uses.
- If it is acceptable to Cutler Bay, trip generation calculations based on LUC 820, Shopping Center, should be calculated using fitted curve equations rather than on average rates. Using the fitted curve equations, our analysis indicates that there should be a total of 101 trips in the AM peak and 69 trips during the PM peak. Calculations reflecting these results are attached.
- Once an accurate accounting of trip generation is presented, allowances should be made for multimodal trips, internal capture using NCHRP 684 methodology, and pas-by capture based on ITE Trip Generation Handbook, 3rd Edition.


Trip Distribution

- Trip distribution will require recalculation based upon actual trip generation results.

Proposed Future Conditions

- Proposed future conditions will require recalculation based upon actual trip generation results.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this traffic impact statement. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Site Information	
Feature	1
Road Name	OLD CUTLER RD
Site	878310
Description	OLD CUTLER RD, 200' SOUTH OF FRANJO R D
Section	87067500
Milepoint	2.222
AADT	17900
Site Type	Portable
Class Data	No
K Factor	9
D Factor	56.1
T Factor	13.5
TRAFFIC REPORTS (provided in  format)	
Miami-Dade County	Annual Average Daily Traffic
	Historical AADT Data
	Synopsis 878310

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TABLE 1 - WEEKDAY AM PEAK HOUR TRIP GENERATION

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT								
ITE TRIP GENERATION CHARACTERISTICS				DIRECTIONAL DISTRIBUTION		GROSS VOLUMES		
Land Use	LUC	Qty	Units	Percent		AM Peak		AM Total
				In	Out	In	Out	
Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise)	221	36	DU	26%	74%	3	9	13
Shopping Center (LUC 820)	820	4,186	sq ft	62%	38%	55	34	89
TOTALS						58	43	101

Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition

TABLE 4 - WEEKDAY PM PEAK HOUR TRIP GENERATION

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT								
ITE TRIP GENERATION CHARACTERISTICS				DIRECTIONAL DISTRIBUTION		GROSS VOLUMES		
Land Use	LUC	Qty	Units	Percent		PM Peak		PM Total
				In	Out	In	Out	
Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise)	221	36	DU	61%	39%	10	6	17
Shopping Center (LUC 820)	820	4,186	sq ft	48%	52%	25	27	52
TOTALS						35	33	69

Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition