

of recycled wood mulch, colored brown or red as indicated, spread to a 3" depth over pre-emergent herbicide.

B) Individual trees (and shrub groupings) found along p property as well as those found within lawn areas to mulch rings (and wood mulch beds) consisting of a mi recycled wood mulch, colored brown or red as indicate minimum 3" depth (3' wide beds for shrub groupings).

C) "Vinyl Edging" to be Valley View Black Diamond Vinyl Edging or equivalent.

D) Areas labeled "washed stone" to receive 1-1/2" washed stone spread to a 3" depth over fabric weed barrier.

E) "Seed" areas shall be finish-graded and seeded at a rate of 4 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

F) Seed shall consist of the following mixture: 10% Palmer IV Perennial Ryegrass

- 20% Dragon Kentucky Bluegrass
- 20% Diva Kentucky Bluegrass 20% Foxy II Creeping Red Fescue
- 15% Vail II Perennial Ryegrass 15% Ginney Kentucky Bluegrass

G) Areas labeled "Seed/Mat" shall be seeded with the above-noted premium lawn seed mixture and overlaid with DS75 straw erosion control netting that is then pegged into the soil with metal staples. H) Areas labeled "Sod" shall receive only No. 1 grade nursery-grown bluegrass sod.

I) Plant beds adjacent to building foundation to be mulched with 1-1/2" diameter washed stone mulch spread to a 3" depth over fabric weed barrier.

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# Memo

#### December 30, 2014

- TO: Mike Grulke, PE, PTOE, City of Waukesha Traffic Engineer
- **FR:** Pat Hawley, P.E., PTOE Justin Schueler, P.E.
- CC: Jon Hepner, T. Wall Enterprises, LLC Zi Sen Chong, T. Wall Enterprises, LLC Mark Herr, AIA, NCARB, Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP
- RE: Fox Head Residences Waukesha, WI Traffic Impact Analysis

#### Introduction

Fox Head Residences is a 245-unit apartment development proposed on Maple Avenue in the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin. R.A. Smith National was retained to conduct a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the proposed development. This memorandum documents the procedures, findings, and recommendations of the analysis.

#### Study Area

The proposed development will be generally located north of College Avenue, east of Maple Avenue, and south of Williams Street, as shown in Exhibit 1.

#### Site Access

Development access will be provided with two full-access driveways on Maple Avenue. Based on the anticipated impacts of the development, the study area included the following intersections.

- Maple Avenue with College Avenue
- Maple Avenue with Williams Street
- Maple Avenue with proposed access driveway
- Williams Street with Grand Avenue

*Maple Avenue* is a two-lane, undivided local roadway with a north-south orientation. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hours (mph). Annual average daily traffic (AADT) volumes were not available. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the roadway. Parking is allowed on the northbound side, except near the railroad crossings. No parking is allowed on the southbound side.

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*Grand Avenue* is a two-lane, undivided collector roadway with a north-south orientation. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hours (mph). Year 2012 AADT volumes were 5,900 vehicles per day (vpd). Sidewalks and on-road bike lanes are provided on both sides of the roadway. Parking is allowed on the southbound side south of Williams Street and on the northbound side to the north, except near the railroad crossings.

*College Avenue* is a two-lane, undivided collector roadway with an east-west orientation. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hours (mph). Year 2012 AADT volumes ranged from 8,000 vpd east of Grand Avenue to 8,800 vpd west of Maple Avenue. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the roadway. Parking is allowed on the eastbound side. No parking is allowed on the westbound side.

*Williams Street* is a short, two-lane, undivided local roadway with an east-west orientation (extends one block from Maple Avenue to Grand Avenue). The statutory speed limit is 25 miles per hours (mph). AADT volumes were not available. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the roadway. Parking is allowed on both sides of the roadway.

## **Existing Conditions**

The development site currently has several vacant buildings that previously housed office and light industrial land uses. A recent site aerial is shown in Exhibit 2. R.A. Smith National collected existing roadway geometrics, speed limits, and traffic control information in the study area, as shown in Exhibit 3.

Weekday peak period turning movement counts were collected at the study intersections in October of 2014. The weekday morning and evening peak hours were found to be 7:00 am to 8:00 am and 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm, respectively. The existing 2014 traffic volumes were used to represent Year 2015 background traffic, as shown in Exhibit 4.

Les Paul Middle School is located two blocks to the north of the proposed Fox Head Residences. The school starts at 7:30 am and releases at 2:36 pm. Therefore, the morning peak traffic hour used in the study overlaps with the school arrival period. The afternoon peak hour used in the study occurs after the school release.

Background traffic information including volume parameters (peak hour factor, heavy vehicle percentage) and existing traffic counts is provided in Appendix A.

### Year 2015 Background Traffic Conditions

The Year 2015 background peak hour traffic and existing geometrics were analyzed at the study intersections in Synchro using the procedures set forth in the *2010 Highway Capacity Manual* (HCM). Level of Service (LOS) is a quantitative measure from the HCM referring to the overall quality of flow at an intersection. LOS ranges from very good, represented by LOS "A," to very poor, represented by LOS "F." For analysis and design purposes, LOS "D" was used to define acceptable peak hour operating conditions. Table 1 summarizes the results of this analysis.

			Level of Service per Movement by Approach											
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	Stop Control	PM	-	-	-	В	-	В	А	А	-	-	Α	Α
Maple Avenue with	One-Way	AM	-	А	А	А	Α	-	I	-	-	Α	-	Α
Williams Street	Stop Control	PM	1	А	А	Α	А	1	I	-	-	А	-	Α
Williams Street with Grand Avenue	Two-Way	AM	А	Α	А	Α	А	А	В	В	В	В	В	В
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Table 1Year 2015 Background TrafficWeekday Peak Hour Operating Conditions

The (-) symbol represents movements that are not possible

As shown in Table 1, all movements operate acceptably at LOS B or better at the study intersections under the Year 2015 background conditions. Year 2015 background traffic 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queues at the study intersections are shown in Exhibit 5. Queues are minimal at the study intersections under background conditions. Note that queues were observed at the railroad crossings when a train was present and when a school bus stopped at the crossing. At times, these queues would reach up to 12 vehicles long and extend through the adjacent study intersection. However, these queues would dissipate quickly once the crossing was clear.

Year 2015 background traffic Synchro analysis output reports are provided in Appendix B.

#### Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity

Pedestrian and bicycle peak period crossing volumes were collected at the study intersections and along Grand Avenue (Arlington Street to the second driveway south of Williams Street). The peak hour pedestrian and bicycle volumes at the study intersections and midblock area are shown in Exhibit 6.

The majority of pedestrians cross Grand Avenue at unmarked, midblock locations. The primary midblock crossing locations and routes are shown in Exhibit 7.

#### Railroad Crossings

Two separate railroad lines, Wisconsin and Southern (WSOR) and Canadian National (CN), pass through the study area (see Exhibit 3). The WSOR line crosses both Maple Avenue (110 feet south of Williams Street) and Grand Avenue (75 feet south of Williams Street). About two trains travel through the study area per day on this line. The crossing on Maple Avenue is equipped with railroad crossing signals but no gates. The crossing on Grand Avenue operates in conjunction with the closely spaced CN railroad line and is equipped with one set of railroad crossing signals and gates.

The CN line also crosses both Maple Avenue (70 feet north of College Avenue) and Grand Avenue (140 feet south of Williams Street). About 25 trains travel through the study area per day on this line. The crossing near College Avenue is equipped with railroad crossing signals, gates, and a median restriction device. As previously noted, the Grand Avenue crossing operates in conjunction with the closely spaced WSOR line.

Crossing gates (when present) extend over the approach travel lanes only and do not extend over the sidewalk.

#### **Future Conditions**

The following sections summarize the expected traffic impacts associated with the proposed Fox Head Residences development.

#### Proposed Development

The proposed development will include a single, 245-unit apartment building. The existing onsite buildings will be removed. Access will be provided with two full-access driveways on Maple Avenue. The southern driveway will be the primary access, and it is proposed to be located approximately 500' north of College Avenue. The northern driveway will be used as a secondary access. Due to the location of the parking in relation to the northern driveway and the internal roadway layout, the northern driveway is expected to have minimal traffic. All parking will be accommodated onsite with surface lots and an underground garage. A pedestrian railroad crossing is proposed at the northeast corner of the site to provide connection to sidewalk along Grand Avenue. One emergency vehicle access point is proposed to Grand Avenue. The proposed site plan is shown in Exhibit 8.

#### Trip Generation

Proposed development traffic was estimated using ITE *Trip Generation*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition. Table 2 summarizes the new development trips. Due to the development's proximity to Carroll University, heavy pedestrian activity is expected. For purposes of this vehicular analysis, 20% of the trips were assumed to be pedestrian trips.

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Total New Vehicular Trips			1305	20	80	100	75	45	120

## Table 2Trip GenerationFox Head Residences

Note: The mode split reduction reflects pedestrian trips associated with student tenants. Actual pedestrian trips may be greater; however conservative vehicular volumes were used for this analysis.

As shown in Table 2, the apartment building development is expected to generate 100 vehicular trips (20 in/80 out) during the weekday morning peak and 120 vehicular trips (75 in/45 out) during the weekday evening peak.

#### Trip Distribution and Assignment

The trip distribution pattern was developed based on daily traffic on the surrounding street network, existing turning movements, general development in the area, and input from the City. Trip distribution used for the development is provided below and in Exhibit 9.

- To/from the north on Maple Avenue: 20%
- To/from the north on Grand Avenue: 20%
- To/from the west on College Avenue: 25%
- To/from the east on College Avenue: 15%
- To/from the south on Grand Avenue: 20%

New trips generated by the proposed development were assigned to the study area intersections based on the trip distribution and are shown in Exhibit 10.

#### Year 2015 Total Traffic Conditions

Year 2015 total traffic volumes were determined by summing the Year 2015 background traffic volumes (Exhibit 4) and the development new trips (Exhibit 10), and are shown in Exhibit 11.

Year 2015 total traffic volumes and existing geometrics were used to evaluate the study intersections during the weekday morning and evening peak hours. Table 3 summarizes the results of this analysis.

			Level of Service per Movement by Approach												
	Traffic	Peak	Nor	thbo	und	Sou	thbo	und	Ea	Eastbound			Westbound		
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Maple Avenue with	One-Way	AM	-	А	А	Α	Α	-	-	-	-	Α	-	Α	
Northern Driveway	Stop Control	PM	-	Α	А	А	Α	-	-	-	-	Α	-	Α	
Maple Avenue with	One-Way	AM	-	А	А	А	Α	1	-	-	-	В	1	В	
Southern Driveway	Stop Control	PM	-	Α	Α	Α	Α	-	-	-	-	Α	-	Α	
Williams Street with	One-Way	AM	А	А	А	А	Α	А	В	В	В	В	В	В	
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Table 3Year 2015 Total TrafficWeekday Peak Hour Operating Conditions

The (-) symbol represents movements that are not possible

As shown in Table 3, all movements are expected to operate acceptably at LOS C or better at the study intersections under the total traffic conditions. Year 2015 total traffic 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queues are shown in Exhibit 12. Queues are expected to remain minimal at the study area intersections. Queues at the railroad crossings are expected to continue to occur when a train is present or a school bus stops at a crossing.

Year 2015 total traffic Synchro analysis output reports are provided in Appendix B.

#### Proposed Development Pedestrian Traffic

Traffic is expected to be generated between the Fox Head Residences apartments and Carroll University. Existing pedestrian facilities along Maple Avenue, Williams Street, and College Avenue provide a connection between the development site and the university. A more direct route involves the proposed pedestrian railroad crossing at the northeast corner of the site to

reach Grand Avenue. Under either scenario, pedestrians traveling between the development site and the university will encounter at least one railroad crossing.

#### Railroad Crossings

TerraTec Engineers, Inc. is conducting two railroad evaluations. The first assesses the impact of the proposed building on driver sight lines at the adjacent at-grade railroad crossings on Maple Avenue and Grand Avenue. The sight line evaluation has been completed and results were summarized in a separate memo completed November 5, 2014. Generally, the proposed building is not expected to negativity impact driver sight lines at the adjacent railroad crossings.

The second evaluation assesses the potential of the pedestrian railroad crossing to provide a safe crossing to reach Grand Avenue. This evaluation is ongoing and results will be summarized in a separate memo.

#### **Recommendations and Conclusions**

#### Roadway Improvements

The existing intersections are expected to have sufficient capacity to accommodate vehicular traffic associated with the proposed development. Recommended improvements at the proposed site access are summarized below.

#### Proposed Access Driveway

- Construct a full-access, stop control driveway approximately 500' north of College Avenue
- The east (exiting) approach shall be stop controlled with a single travel lane. Maple Avenue shall remain free-flow.

#### Railroad

TerraTec is currently evaluating the pedestrian railroad crossing, and their results will be summarized separately in a future memo.

#### Pedestrian Improvements

The majority of pedestrians currently cross Grand Avenue at unmarked, midblock locations (see Exhibits 6 and 7). Independent of the Fox Head Residences development, the City and Carroll University could evaluate a midblock pedestrian crossing along Grand Avenue.

TerraTec's future report will identify potential pedestrian crossing options and their feasibility.

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## Legend

= Fox Head Residences Redevelopment Site

**Recent Site Aerial** 

Exhibit 2

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Fox Head Residences

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