## Transportation Engineers

October 1, 2018

Mr. David Mohlenbrok City of Rocklin 4081 Alvis Court Rocklin, CA 95677

# RE: PLACER CREEK APARTMENTS: UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION SCHEDULE.

Dear Mr. Mohlenbrok:

As requested, this letter supplements our February 16, 2018 Traffic Assessment for the Placer Creek Apartments to address your questions regarding the possible schedule for installing the traffic signal planned for the apartments' University Avenue access. Our earlier analysis addressed the operation of the traffic signal under long term conditions with buildout of the Northwest Rocklin Area General Development Plan (NRGDP). You have asked how much local development may proceed before peak hour traffic signal warrants are satisfied at the intersection.

**Approach.** Our approach to addressing this question was to identify the traffic volumes accompanying incremental development, superimpose those trips onto existing p.m. peak hour background traffic and determine the combinations of background growth and local development that could trigger satisfaction of warrants.

Peak hour traffic signal warrants make use of traffic volume forecasts for both the "major" street (i.e., University Avenue) and the minor (apartments-retail-office access) approaches. New p.m. peak hour traffic counts were conducted at the Whitney Ranch Parkway / University Avenue intersection to establish the background major street volume on University Avenue south of the intersection. The peak hour traffic contribution at the intersection from the apartments and from the neighboring retail (195 ksf), hotel (120 rooms) and office uses (410 ksf) were taken from our original report.

**Results – Local Development Alone.** Table 1 summarizes the traffic contributions from each local development assumed in our analysis. The table also indicates the combinations of development that result in satisfaction of peak hour warrants. Clearly, the contribution of the apartments alone is very small, and the resulting volumes would not approach the level of satisfying warrants. Conversely, the addition of all the traffic associated build out of local development yields volumes that clearly do satisfy warrants. However, because the current background volume is very low, if no change in background traffic on University Avenue occurred, the apartments could proceed and roughly 95% of the other local development could occur before warrants are met, as noted in the attached warrant worksheet.

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**Results** – **Local Development Plus Balance of NRAGDP.** Our previous work allowed us to identify the volume of through traffic at the intersection suggested by the Fehr & Peers analysis of the NRAGDP. The through traffic increase was roughly 800 vehicles per hour. While the extent to which this volume will be realized is dependent on actual development occurring, we have assumed that this increment is caused by development in the NRAGDP. For simplicity we assumed this increase will occur uniformly over ten years. Table 1 shows the effects of this additional traffic on the status of peak hour traffic signal warrants.

As indicated, the level of local development occurring prior to satisfaction of peak hour warrants will be less than without background growth and will theoretically decrease over time. For simplicity I have assumed that the other local elements (hotel, office, retail) proceed uniformly. As indicated, the effects of background growth are initially minor, and the allowable local area development level would only decrease to 90% with 1 year of background growth. The allowable development level drops by about 5% each year, and when all background growth has occurred in ten years, the apartments plus about 45% of the local development could proceed before the warrants are met, as noted in the attached warrant worksheet.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely Yours,

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Kenneth D. Anderson, P.E.

President

Attachments: Table 1, Warrant Worksheet

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### TABLE 1 DEVELOPMENT LEVELS SATISFYING PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANTS **Major Street (University) Minor Street** Warrants Met? **Background Exist Apartments** Retail / Hotel Office **Total Apartments** Retail / Hotel Office **Total** Growth Local Development Alone 100% 43 0% 0 194 $37^{1}$ 0 0 151 0% 100% 0% 0% 37 No 151 100% 43 100% 306 100% 245 745 100% 24 100% 221 100% 302 547 Yes 151 100% 43 100% 306 90% 221 721 100% 24 100% 221 90% 272 517 Yes None 24 151 100% 43 90% 275 100% 245 685 100% 90% 199 100% 302 525 Yes 151 100% 43 95% 291 95% 233 100% 24 95% 229 95% 287 540 686 Yes with the project alone the westbound approach is the larger minor street volume, the eastbound approach is applicable under all other scenarios All Development 80 151 100% 43 90% 275 90% 221 770 100% 24 90% 199 90% 272 495 Yes 1 year 100% 43 260 208 822 100% 24 188 257 160 151 85% 85% 85% 85% 469 Yes 2 year 24 242 3 year 240 151 100% 43 80% 245 80% 196 875 100% 80% 177 80% 443 Yes 320 230 172 24 227 151 100% 43 75% 75% 916 100% 75% 166 75% 417 Yes 4 year 172 24 5 year 400 151 100% 43 70% 214 70% 980 100% 70% 155 70% 211 390 Yes 480 151 100% 43 65% 199 65% 159 1,032 100% 24 65% 144 65% 196 364 Yes 6 year 147 24 560 151 100% 43 60% 184 60% 1,085 100% 60% 133 60% 181 338 Yes 7 year 8 year 640 151 100% 43 55% 168 55% 135 1,137 100% 24 55% 122 55% 166 312 Yes 123 1,190 720 151 100% 43 50% 153 50% 100% 24 50% 111 50% 151 286 Yes 9 year

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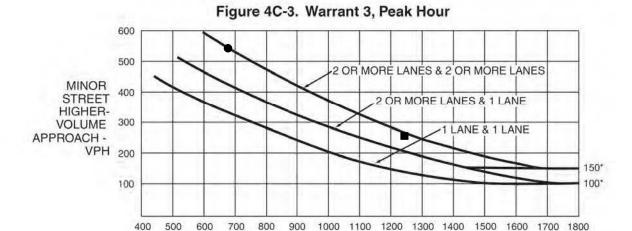
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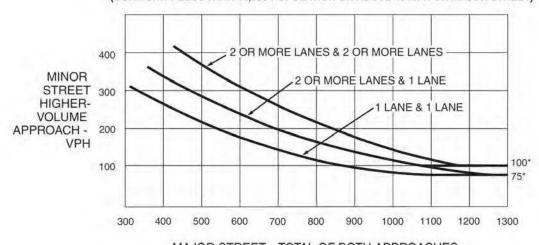
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### MAJOR STREET—TOTAL OF BOTH APPROACHES— VEHICLES PER HOUR (VPH)

\*Note: 150 vph applies as the lower threshold volume for a minor-street approach with two or more lanes and 100 vph applies as the lower threshold volume for a minor-street approach with one lane.

Figure 4C-4. Warrant 3, Peak Hour (70% Factor)
(COMMUNITY LESS THAN 10,000 POPULATION OR ABOVE 40 MPH ON MAJOR STREET)



MAJOR STREET—TOTAL OF BOTH APPROACHES— VEHICLES PER HOUR (VPH)

\*Note: 100 vph applies as the lower threshold volume for a minor-street approach with two or more lanes and 75 vph applies as the lower threshold volume for a minor-street approach with one lane.

## UNIVERSITY AVENUE - ACCESS

EX PLUS 95% (•): MAJOR 686 MINOR 540 10 YRS PLUS 45% (•): MAJOR 1242 MINOR 259