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Kittelson & Associates, Inc.  
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Re: Willow Brook Golf Community – Amended TIS Acceptance Letter

Dear Mr. Markosian,

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has reviewed the response to ITD's comments on Willow Brook Golf Community's Traffic Impact Study (TIS) dated December 11, 2022. The proposed development is located east of the intersection of Purple Sage Road and N Can-Ada Road, Star, Idaho. This TIS is for the first phase of the development, consisting of 285 residential lots, 45 townhomes, and an 18-hole public golf course. This letter acknowledges ITD's acceptance of Willow Brook Golf Community's TIS.

Since the applicant is not currently requesting any direct access from ITD, the following are ITD's comments and recommendations to the City of Star.

**State Highway 44 (SH-44)**

The City of Star is widening one mile of State Highway (SH-44) to a 5-lane cross-section from Star Road to Can-Ada Road, with the outside eastbound lane introduced to the east of the intersection. The outside westbound lane will trap as a right turn at Can-Ada Road, and there will be a two-way left turn lane through the intersection.

The TIS indicates that per a SH-44 Corridor Plan, ITD will construct improvements at the Can Ada Road/SH-44 intersection in 2025. The referenced plan was being developed at the time and never adopted by the department, or approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). ITD does not have an approved corridor plan for this section of the roadway. ITD has started a new SH-44 Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study from Interstate 84 to Can Ada Road. It could be several years before a plan is adopted. Based on the future needs identified in the TIS, ITD recommends that the applicant design and build a signalized intersection at the corner of SH-44 and Can Ada Road to mitigate this development.

**Aerie Way and SH-16**

Once the Applicant builds and extends the local road Aerie Way to SH-16, ITD will recommend Applicant design and build the following improvements on the west side of the highway:

- The Applicant shall design and construct a 14-foot-wide southbound SH-16 acceleration lane to meet current AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets Standards.
- Applicant shall design and construct a southbound right turn lane onto Aerie Way to ITD's right turn lane design standards for 65 MPH. (See Figure 3B-4 of the ITD Traffic Manual).



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- Right-of-way dedication/donation will be required as necessary for all the above improvements to accommodate pavement widening and drainage needs that do not fit into ITD's existing right-of-way.
- Coordinate with the Spring Valley Development to construct these improvements for access at Aerie Way and SH-16. Design and construction of the planned grade separated bridge over SH-16 will need to be done in conjunction with permitting the right-in, right-out (RIRO) access off Aerie Way.

ITD would recommend developing a Transportation Mitigation Agreement (TMA) with the Applicant that would include all mitigations to SH-16 and SH-44, along with any applicable extraordinary share and proportionate share agreements developed in conjunction with the City of Star. In addition, all future phases of Willowbrook will need an updated TIS to be reviewed and approved by ITD.

In addition, it's important to note that the department will soon begin the evaluation of the 2004 State Highway 16 (SH-16) environmental study from SH-44 to SH-52 in Emmett. This process is estimated to take approximately 24 months to complete. Given the growth during the last 20 years, we expect the analysis to result in an official corridor plan, particularly within the four miles north of the SH-44 and SH-16 intersection in Star. A new corridor plan may result in updated access mitigation in the future.

Maintaining safety and mobility for Idaho's motorists is of utmost importance to ITD. Your development will bring a significant impact to the transportation system within the Star community and surround areas. We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations, as we want all residents to travel safely and efficiently around the Treasure Valley. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at [vincent.trimboli@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:vincent.trimboli@itd.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

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