

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 3, 2021 **TG:** 19082.00

To: Morgan Bartlett

From: Dan McKinney, Jr and Kassi Leingang – Transpo Group

Subject: Response to Cityview Transportation Comments

The following memo provides responses to transportation comments received for the Cityview project located at 1433 Consolidation Avenue. This includes public comments regarding the two topics of Trip Generation and Traffic Volumes.

Trip Generation

Comments were received related to the use of the ITE land use category used for calculating trip generation.

Response: Trip generation for the proposed project was calculated based on the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition (2017). This is the current edition of ITE's Trip Generation Manual, a nationally recognized source for calculating trip generation rates and utilizes data collected throughout the county. The proposed project is a multifamily residential development with 106 units with no restriction to residents. The most applicable land use to the proposed development was ITE's Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise) (Land Use 221) which has the following description:

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).

The weekday PM peak hour Multifamily Housing trip rate is based on a robust dataset with 60 studies of other multifamily projects across the nation with numerous similarly sized projects and therefore provides the best information available to estimate trips for this proposed multifamily development. Additionally, ITE is the typical source utilized for calculating trip generation for developments within the City of Bellingham and both the use of ITE and the Multifamily Housing residential trip rate were coordinated with City of Bellingham staff for this development.

Traffic Volumes

Comments were received questioning the timing of traffic counts relative to Western Washington University's academic calendar.

Response: Existing weekday PM peak period (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) turning movement counts were conducted at the study intersections on June 5, 2019. These counts were collected while school was in typical session (prior to finals week) as the Spring quarter for Western Washington University went through June 14, 2019.