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I would first like to commend staff for their efforts in updating the roads section of the APF Manual. In addition to changes in the Comp Plan and changes in the available methodologies to determine adequacy of intersections/road sections, many changes/additions were necessary to the document. With all of the revisions proposed in the current version of the document, there are still areas that require further clarification in order to provide a complete/workable manual. In addition to the minor clarifications, there are major concerns with new requirements proposed in the Manual, which include traffic study parameters, level of service requirements, Saturday peak hour analyses, and school-session traffic counts. First, traffic study parameters should be determined in this Manual and not left to the discretion of the Planning Director. Second, the level of service requirements for State maintained intersections/roadways should adhere to State requirements ("D" or better levels of service) as these roadways are the responsibility of the State Highway Administration. Third, a Saturday analysis should not be required for all projects. Saturday traffic volumes are typically lower than weekday volumes. A request for a Saturday peak hour analysis should be at the discretion of

the Planning Director (as is currently the procedure), which is generally reserved for projects that generate a significant Saturday traffic volume and in urban areas where Saturday peak hour issues may possibly exist. Lastly, summer traffic counts should be allowed as historical data indicates that traffic volumes are not lower during these months. There is no industry standard that prohibits summer counts. For all of these reasons, I would request that the public record be left open for a sufficient time that these issues/items can be discussed and resolved with staff prior to a final document being approved by the Commissioners. Thank you for your time & consideration.

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