

To: Hanover County Planning Commission

Cc: Hanover County Board of Supervisors

From: Concerned Members of the Community

Re: Proposed use of Air Park Associates LLC Site and traffic impact on neighboring properties

Date: 19 February 2020

It is the position of the undersigned that the current proposal for the Wegmans distribution center poses substantial traffic impacts in proximity to the site. The risk of negative traffic impacts is substantial enough to merit further and specific consideration by the Hanover County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. We request that a new detailed traffic analysis be commissioned to inform the site's development to consider the health and welfare of all citizens impacted by the proposed development.

1. The Wegmans Project estimates 500-600 heavy trucks initially entering/departing the facility each day, seven days a week. This number will increase in subsequent years as operations ramp up to serve additional stores.
2. Main truck traffic will use Sliding Hill Road to I-95. However, Wegmans expects some % of trucking to utilize New Ashcake, Ashcake and Peaks Road.
3. Significant safety and geometric issues exist on these alternate routes to include: sight distance and roadway alignment, turning radius (Sliding Hill and Ashcake intersection), pavement structure, drainage, etc., not addressed as part of this project.
4. The 2015 Traffic Analysis performed related to the widening of Sliding Hill currently underway shows traffic volumes increasing steadily to 2035 which will result in levels of service ranging from Level C to F which indicates significant delays in traffic flow. This study does not reflect the impact of the Wegmans project which will increase the impacts to level of service along Sliding Hill.
5. The VDOT and Kimley Horn reviews of the county's Traffic Impact Study, identified inconsistencies in the methodology and data presented. This inconsistent information is the basis for the county moving ahead with the project and needs to be corrected so accurate information on traffic impacts is provided.
6. Cyclist use and safety along the US Route 76 Bike Route will be impacted by the project and has not been accommodated.
7. Road and Lane truck restrictions on impacted roadways would improve traffic and safety issues and have not been considered as part of this project.
8. Trucking entering and departing the Wegmans facility do not have sufficient room for safe turning movements. Turn lanes and an acceleration lane should be included in the project to ensure safe turning and merging into Sliding Hill traffic going towards I-95
9. Traffic delays occur regularly on I-95 and these will impact traffic flows to and from the Wegmans facility, thus hampering its operation and normal traffic flows in the area.
- 10. These and other issues have not been adequately considered, studied and mitigated by the county and Wegmans. The project should be deferred until such due diligence can be performed.**